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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Committee Members

**FROM:** Lynn Palensky, Program Development Manager

**SUBJECT:** Update on Geographic Review

The proposals for the Geographic Review were due on February 28<sup>th</sup> and 83 proposals were submitted. We applaud the sponsors for once again working diligently to submit their updated proposals on time. This review includes all of the ongoing habitat projects in the anadromous areas of the Columbia Basin, under the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. Nine of those projects represent *umbrella projects* – larger habitat projects that identify, rank, select, and in some cases fund habitat projects and are considered “programmatically” in nature. The ISRP is now reviewing the 83 proposals.

Background: Beginning in 2009, the Council and Bonneville, with advice from the ISRP, decided to review projects funded under the Fish and Wildlife Program in functional categories (i.e., wildlife, monitoring, evaluation and research, artificial production, resident fish in the areas impassible for anadromous fish) to be followed by a review of habitat actions, organized by subbasin and province, commonly referred to as the Geographic Review. The Geographic Review includes then includes the ongoing habitat projects in areas of the basin which are currently accessible to anadromous fish. Once this review is complete, the Council will have completed reviews in this manner for the entire portfolio of projects in the program.

### Next steps for this review

- ISRP site visits and project presentations (see schedule on next page)
- Preliminary ISRP Review of proposals and responses requested on **June 6, 2013**
- Responses from the project sponsors due by **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**
- Final ISRP Report complete by **August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## Site Tour and Presentations Schedule

The most updated itineraries for each tour will be posted on the Council's website over the next month at: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/reviews/2014/geographic-review/>.

We encourage the sponsors to attend as many of the presentations as possible to facilitate interaction/information exchange with other sponsors working in their area. Also, we invite Council members and staff to attend the presentations and site visits.

Review and Site Visit Location	Projects	Start	End	Meeting Location
Estuary, Lower Columbia	6	3/19 - 8:00 a.m.	3/21 -11:00 a.m.	Portland
Gorge and Columbia Plateau - Deschutes, John Day	13	4/15 - 8:00 a.m.	4/19 2:00 p.m (back in PDX @4:00 pm)	The Dalles
Gorge and Columbia Plateau - Wind, Klickitat, Hood, Fifteenmile	6	4/17 - 7:00 a.m.		
Columbia Plateau - Umatilla, Walla Walla, Tucannon	13	4/22 - 1:00 p.m.	4/26 2:00 p.m. (back in PDX @ 5:30 p.m.)	Pendleton
Blue Mountain - Grande Ronde	6	4/23 - 1:00 p.m.		
Mountain Snake - Clearwater; Blue Mountain - Asotin	15	4/30 - 8:00 a.m. (arrive Lewiston)	5/3 - noon	Lewiston
Columbia Cascade - Wenatchee, Entiat, Methow Okanogan	5	5/13 - noon (ARR Wenatchee)	5/17 - 9:30 a.m. (flight to SEA 11:00 a.m.)	Wenatchee
Yakima	6			
Mountain Snake - Salmon	13	20-May	5/23 or 5/24	Salmon? TBD