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July 9, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members
FROM: John Shurts, General Counsel
John Harrison, Information Officer
SUBJECT: Presentation by the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT)

At this meeting, executives of the Columbia Basin Trust will meet with the Council. Representing the CBT are Board Chair Greg Deck, President and Chief Executive Officer Neil Muth, CBT Liaison to the Council David Raven, and Director of Special Initiatives Kindy Gosal.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce Mr. Raven, a CBT Board Member and Mayor Revelstoke, who recently was appointed to the liaison position, and also Chair Deck and members of the CBT staff. Staff of the CBT and Council also will update the Council on our work on a proposal to convene a conference on the Columbia River in its international dimensions in the fall of 2014. The conference is one element of the work plan approved by the Council and CBT in October 2012 under our Memorandum of Agreement, which commits the two agencies to pursue work projects of mutual interest in the transboundary area of the Columbia River Basin.

The CBT has committed \$30,000 to the conference has asked that the Council commit a similar amount. With these funding commitments, CBT and Council staff will proceed to form a steering committee to develop and manage the conference. CBT and Council staff have prepared a draft prospectus for the conference that includes the following initial list of issues:

- Management of transboundary fish (including anadromous and resident species) and wildlife species, and associated habitats
- Science and policy issues, including water quality, subbasin/watershed planning
- International water governance arrangements including the Columbia River Treaty
- Energy issues including long-term plans for generation and efficiency measures
- Climate change-related impacts on Columbia River water resources and resulting impacts on ecosystems, the economy and hydropower generation
- Interests and issues of First Nations/Tribes
- Youth engagement

With your approval of the Council's share of initial funding, staff will proceed to form a steering committee. We will provide regular updates as the work progresses.

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