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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee members

FROM: Patty O'Toole

SUBJECT: Discussion of comments received on the Council's draft research plan

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Patty O'Toole

Summary: Staff will briefly review the comments received on the Council's draft research plan.

Relevance: The Council's 2014 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program calls for an updated research plan, this task is relevant to Fish and Wildlife Program Priority 2: Implement adaptive management (including prioritized research on critical uncertainties).

Background: The Council has been working over the last year to revise the research plan and released a draft research plan for public comment on January 17th of this year. The Council received ten sets of comments as of March 7, 2017. Staff is reviewing the comments and will provide a brief summary at the March committee meeting. The purpose of the plan as stated in the draft plan is to help the Council, Bonneville, project sponsors and the independent science panels: 1) continue to improve organization of research conducted under the Program and reporting of results and conclusions; 2) identify critical uncertainties for the Program; 3) identify priority areas of current and future research; 4) inform adaptive management and 5) along with other considerations, guide funding recommendations. For more information see the [draft research plan](#).