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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Erik Merrill, Manager, Independent Scientific Review

SUBJECT: ISRP Review of Umbrella Habitat Restoration Projects

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Steve Schroder, ISRP Chair, and Dave Heller, ISRP

Summary: At the Council's request the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) reviewed six umbrella habitat restoration projects. The ISRP will present its findings on each of the six projects and on programmatic issues that apply across the projects. The ISRP's report is scheduled for completion by March 9, 2017.

Relevance: This Umbrella Project Review addresses the Council's 2013 Geographic Category Review recommendation: "Funding recommendations beyond 2016 will be based on a Council-facilitated performance/effectiveness review every two to four years using the tailored questions from the Geographic Review's proposal form for umbrella projects. The review also will include a workshop with presentations for sponsors and partners. The first review will take place early-mid 2016."

Workplan: Project reviews are an integral part of the Fish and Wildlife Program's workplan.

Background: The Council's Fish and Wildlife Program supports landscape-level habitat projects that identify, rank, select, and fund habitat projects in specific

geographic areas. A subset of these projects (listed below) solicit proposals and offer funding in the form of a targeted grant program for their area. The Council refers to these as *umbrella* projects.

Umbrella projects included in this review:

1. Project #1992-026-01: Grande Ronde Model Watershed
2. Project #2010-077-00: Tucannon River Programmatic Habitat
3. Project #2010-001-00: Upper Columbia Programmatic Habitat
4. Project #2003-011-00: Columbia River Estuary Habitat Restoration
5. Project #2009-012-00: Willamette Bi-Op Habitat Restoration
6. Project # 2007-397-00: John Day Habitat Flow and Habitat Enhancement

More Info: The ISRP's report will be posted on the ISRP's web page by March 10, 2017: www.nwcouncil.org/fw/isrp.