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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Bruce Suzumoto

SUBJECT: Fish Passage Center Oversight Board nomination

Background

In the 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program the Council established an oversight board for the Fish Passage Center. The primary responsibility of the board is to "provide policy guidance and assure regional accountability and compatibility with the regional data management system." Rob Walton, formerly with the Public Power Council, resigned from the Fish Passage Center Oversight Board leaving one of the two public-at-large seats vacant. The current board membership is as follows:

Frank L. Cassidy, Jr - Northwest Power & Conservation Council (Council seat)
Greg Schildwachter- Office of Species Conservation - State of Idaho (science seat)
John Ferguson- NOAA Fisheries (NOAA seat)
Liz Hamilton- Northwest Sportsfishing Industry Association (public-at-large seat)
Tim Peone- Spokane Tribes (Upper Columbia River tribal seat)
Tony Nigro- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (fish and wildlife manager seat)
Vacant- Lower Columbia River tribal seat
Vacant- public-at-large seat (previously held by Rob Walton)

On May 2, 2003 the Council publicly solicited nominations to the board and closed nominations on May 30, 2003 (see attached letter). The Council received two nominations. The Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee (PNUCC) nominated Shauna McReynolds and Tom Kovalicky was self-nominated. Ms. McReynolds is Deputy Director of PNUCC and Mr. Kovalicky is a private consultant. The Council also received letters of support for Shauna McReynolds from Douglas PUD, Franklin PUD, Portland General Electric, Weyerhaeuser, Northwest Requirements Utilities, Umatilla Electric Cooperative and Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative.

Staff Recommendation

Similar to Rob Walton, Shauna McReynolds represents the interests and concerns of many Bonneville customers and utilities. She is familiar with Northwest salmon issues and has participated in many Council processes. Because she is interested in serving and has many strong letters of support, the staff recommends that the Council appoint Shauna McReynolds to fill the public-at-large seat vacated by Rob Walton.

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Dear Interested Party:

The Northwest Power Planning Council is an agency of the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, created by Congress through the 1980 Northwest Power Act to balance the region's energy needs with fish and wildlife resources.

To that end, the Council develops a program to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by hydroelectric dams in the Columbia River Basin. The Council's 2000 program calls for the continued operation of the Fish Passage Center to provide technical assistance and information to fish and wildlife agencies and tribes in particular, and the public in general, on matters related to juvenile and adult salmon and steelhead passage through the mainstem hydrosystem. This information relates to the implementation of the water management measures in the Council's fish and wildlife program.

The program also designates a Fish Passage Center Oversight Board to provide policy guidance and assure regional accountability and compatibility with the regional data management system. Board members include: one Council member or Council representative; one member representing NOAA Fisheries; one member representing upper Columbia River Basin tribes; one member representing lower Columbia River Basin tribes; one non-tribal member representing fish and wildlife managers; one member from the scientific community; and one member from the public-at-large. The Council is currently seeking nominees to serve as the member representing the-public-at large. The oversight board meets approximately four to eight times per year either in person or via conference calls. A time commitment of at least two years is requested.

Please submit a letter expressing your interest and a short resume describing your experience to: Mark Walker, Director of Public Affairs, Northwest Power Planning Council, 851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97204, mwalker@nwppc.org, Fax: 503-820-2370.

The submittal deadline is May 30, 2003.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Fish Passage Center Oversight Board.

Sincerely,

Steve Crow