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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patty O'Toole

SUBJECT: Business Practices Committee - Update

The Business Practices Committee is an interagency committee of representatives from Bonneville, CBFWA, fish and wildlife managers, and the Council staff. The committee was formed to make recommendations to implement the best possible business practices in the management of the Fish and Wildlife program within the Columbia Basin. The committee began to meet in March and was established initially for six months, after which the committee will review its progress and determine if a longer term of existence is warranted.

The committee is drafting a white paper outlining recommendations to Bonneville and the Council on best business practices for the Fish and Wildlife Program. At the Council meeting in July, representatives from Bonneville will present progress towards improving contract management to date.