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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Doug Marker

**SUBJECT:** NOAA Community Based Restoration Program Grants

Attached is a description of a national NOAA grant program that we investigated as potential partnership funding for projects in the Fish and Wildlife Program. The program supports grants to regional scale watershed programs addressing multiple species and Chair Danielson asked us to investigate whether the Council could sponsor a grant application that would fit with projects in the Program.

We concluded that we would need to do more work with NOAA to determine whether existing projects in the Council Program could qualify for additional funding from these NOAA grants. The initial response we received from staff of this grant program was that they could not. However, we will brief you on what we learned about the program, potential future courses of action and generally discuss the role of the Council in seeking additional funding sources for specific projects in the Program

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