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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Doug Marker

**SUBJECT:** Status report on a long term agreement for Bonneville fish and wildlife program funding

This agenda item is a brief update from staff on the progress of establishing a long term fish and wildlife program funding agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration. There may be comment from Bonneville and other involved parties.

Last month the staff briefed the Council on a proposed work plan for estimating funding requirements for the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program in the next Bonneville rate case. The staff has completed an initial analysis of the current costs of projects with established operating, maintenance and monitoring requirements. This analysis is being reviewed and the staff expect to present the results to the Council next month. The next step in the current work plan is the definition of proposed levels of implementation accomplishments for 2007 to 2012 as a basis for evaluating long term program funding requirements.

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