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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee

FROM: Bruce Suzumoto

SUBJECT: Mainstem implementation update

The federal action agencies will release their 2004 summer spill, reservoir operations and biological offsets proposal for public comment on March 30, 2004. The proposal will be posted on federal salmon recovery website: http://www.salmonrecovery.gov. Staff will discuss the primary elements of the proposal with the Committee. It is anticipated that the federal agencies will accept public comments on the proposal until April 7. A regional executives' meeting to discuss the proposal and public comments is tentatively scheduled for April 16. An announcement and final decision on summer hydrosystem operations and offsets is currently scheduled for April 23, 2004.

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