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May 4, 2004

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Bruce Suzumoto

**SUBJECT:** Status report on 2004 summer spill and reservoir operations

Greg Delwiche of the Bonneville Power Administration will brief the Council on the status of the 2004 summer spill proposal and Libby and Hungry Horse reservoirs operations. On April 21 Bonneville and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that more time was needed to decide whether or not a summer spill test should be implemented. The meeting with regional executives originally scheduled for April 23 was postponed until the action agencies could provide an amended proposal that would provide sufficient offsets for fish impacts. Offset recommendations still being discussed include changes in harvest activities, hatchery production and flow augmentation operations for outmigrants. No official date has been set for the release of an amended summer spill proposal but it is anticipated that a proposal will be released sometime during the week of May 4. A regional executives' meeting would then be held soon after to discuss the proposal and receive comments. A final decision on the summer spill operations will be made approximately one week after the regional executives' meeting.

Discussions on Libby and Hungry Horse reservoir operations are continuing but at this time there is nothing substantial to report. Mr. Delwiche will update the Council on the latest developments regarding both summer spill and reservoir operations.

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