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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Mark Fritsch

SUBJECT: Presentation on *Yakama Nation Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP)*
Yakima Side Channels, Project 1997-051-00

At your meeting in Spokane a presentation regarding the Yakima Side Channels Project (#1997-051-00) will be made by Scott Nicolai, Yakama Nation's Yakima Subbasin Habitat Coordinator and William Meyer, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Habitat Biologist.

The goal of the Yakima Side Channels project is to protect and restore some of the most productive stream reaches in the Yakima Subbasin. The project is co-managed by the Yakama Nation (YN) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Nine parcels encompassing 850 acres of productive floodplain habitat have been protected thus far. Currently, the YN and WDFW are working to resolve crediting issues in an attempt to protect an additional 200 acres of high quality habitat for salmon and ESA-listed steelhead