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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

**FROM:** Mark Fritsch, Project Implementation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on Klickitat Subbasin Anadromous Fishery Master Plan

At your meeting in Vancouver the Yakama Nation (YN) will be presenting an overview of their revised Master Plan (step 1) to address passage improvements and upgrading existing production facilities (i.e. Klickitat Hatchery) in the Klickitat subbasin (see attachment copy of power point presentation). The YN submitted their revised Master Plan on November 12, 2004 to initiate Step 1 review of the Major Project Review Process.

### General Background

As part of the Council decision on March 16, 2001 for the Columbia Gorge province the Council outlined a "three-step" review sequence encompassing the proposed passage and production facilities in the Klickitat subbasin.

The master plan (step 1) is intended to provide information to address passage improvements and upgrading existing production facilities (i.e. Klickitat Hatchery) in the Klickitat subbasin to implement an artificial production program (supplementation and augmentation) for spring Chinook, fall Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead. Spring Chinook and steelhead production is aimed at increasing natural spawners, while the coho and fall Chinook elements are primarily aimed at augmenting harvest opportunity.

In addition, the program proposes improvements to existing passage facilities that would increase the ability of spring Chinook and steelhead to access additional habitat, thus improving natural production, and allow for the collection of spring Chinook and steelhead broodstock to meet supplementation goals as well as monitoring associated with these two species.

A previous master plan was submitted to the Council on May 11, 2004 but was pulled from the review process by the Yakima Nation on June 30, 2004 due to new information regarding the Spring Chinook supplementation numbers.

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