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January 5, 2005

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Update on Subbasin Plan Adoption Process

PROPOSED ACTION: No

BACKGROUND: Since the last RCG meeting in November, the Council has taken the following action on subbasin plans:

Track 1 ("green") plans

At its December meeting, the Council voted to adopt 23 subbasin plans (management plan element, with other elements as appendices) into the 2000 fish and wildlife program:

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| Asotin | Lake Chelan | Spokane |
| Bruneau | Lake Rufus Woods | Tucannon |
| Coeur d'Alene | Lower Snake | Umatilla |
| Columbia Gorge | Malheur | Upper Columbia mainstem |
| Fifteenmile Creek | Owyhee | Upper Mid-Columbia mainstem |
| Flathead | Pend Oreille | Willamette |
| Hood | Salmon | White Salmon |
| Kootenai | San Poil | |

Track 2 ("blue") plans

The Council voted to release for public review and comment a second set of 29 subbasin plan recommendations as draft amendments to the Council's fish and wildlife program. (See the attached hearings schedule for these subbasins.) The comment period will be open through January 31st. The goal is to have this set of plans presented at the February Council meeting for consideration as final fish and wildlife program amendments.

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| Boise | Kalama | Powder |
| Burnt | Klickitat | Snake Hells Canyon |
| Clearwater | Little White Salmon | Upper Mid-Snake |
| Columbia Estuary | Lewis | Walla Walla |
| Cowlitz | Lower Columbia | Washougal |
| Deschutes | Lower Mid-Columbia | Weiser |
| Elochoman | Lower Mid-Snake | Wenatchee |
| Entiat | Methow | Wind |
| Grays | Okanogan | Yakima |
| Imnaha | Payette | |

Track 3 (“red”) plans

These five subbasins (Upper Snake, Closed, Headwaters, Grande Ronde, and John Day) were on an extended timeframe for plan revision. The planning groups had contracts with the Council through December 31, 2004 to revise the plans. All but the John Day has been completed and resubmitted for review. The staff will initiate the review of the three Upper Snake subbasins and the Grande Ronde revised plans and complete the required processes on a schedule that should make the recommended plans available for Council consideration as draft amendments at its March meeting. If adopted as drafts at that March meeting, we would seek to have those plans ready for consideration as final amendments at the April or May meeting.

The John Day subbasin plan will undergo further revision under a funding agreement with OWEB and be resubmitted on March 15th. The Council will initiate the public review and comment period as part of the adoption process at that time.

“Process Issues”

A significant body of comment was received through November 22nd on the broader process issues on how subbasin plans will be used, next possible planning steps, and relationship of subbasin plans to recovery plans. The Council staff is continuing to work with tribes, states, Bonneville, NOAA, and the Council on proposals for scope and timing of technical and planning aspects of province planning.

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**Subbasin planning hearings (blues)/court reporter arrangements
Naegeli Court Reporting, Portland, OR, 800-528-3335**

Subbasin

| Date | Time | Place | Court reporter | Contact person | Council Members attending |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Thursday, January 6, 2005 | 6:30 p.m. | Joe R. Williams Bldg Hall of Mirrors 700 W. State St Boise, ID | Naegeli Reporting | John Harrison | Danielson |
| Wednesday, January 12, 2005 | 6:30 p.m. | Quality Inn Suites Riverboat Room 700 Port Drive Clarkston, WA | Naegeli Reporting | | Cassidy |
| Tuesday, January 18, 2005 | 6:30 p.m. | Heathman Hotel 7801 NE Greenwood Drive Vancouver, WA | Naegeli Reporting | Tony Grover | All |
| Monday, January 24, 2005 | 6:30 p.m. | Best Western Hood River Inn 1108 E. Marine W (Exit 64 - off I-84) Hood River, OR | Naegeli Reporting | Karl Weist | Eden, Dukes |
| Wednesday, January 26, 2005 | 6:30 p.m. | Wenatchee Convention Cntr Gala 1 and 2 201 N. Wenatchee Wenatchee, WA | Naegeli Reporting | Stacy Horton | Cassidy |
| Thursday, January 27, 2005 | 6:30 p.m. | Hampton Inn 100 Highway 2 West Kalispell, MT | Naegeli Reporting | Kerry Berg | |

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