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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Steve Waste, Manager Program Analysis and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Convocation of the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership

Action

This is an informational briefing and no action is required by the Council.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Council continue to support the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) initiative to develop a coordinated approach to monitoring in the region.

Background

A panel drawn from the membership of the PNAMP Steering Committee will brief the Council on the past accomplishments, current activities, and future plans of PNAMP. Council staff participating in the PNAMP Steering Committee will explain how and why we joined PNAMP, our role in the group, and future opportunities for Council participation. PNAMP Coordinator Jen Bayer, of the U.S. Geological Survey, will brief the Council on progress made during the last year as the group has evolved from an ad hoc, technical work group into a formal organization with a Charter, business operating procedures, and a Strategic Plan. Jim Geiselman of Bonneville Power Administration will explain how and why the federal action agencies have joined PNAMP. Finally, Steve Leider of the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (Washington) will brief the Council on PNAMP workgroup activities for 2005 e.g., the development of "Guidance for Networking Intensively Monitored Watersheds," and the field-testing of the Study Design for Comparing Monitoring Protocols.

Following the conclusion of the briefing, there will a reception to recognize and thank the members of the PNAMP Steering Committee for their hard work. The reception will be hosted by the Council, and officiated by the Council Chair and a representative from the tribes and one from the Federal Caucus. The Executives from all the entities signatory to the Charter have been invited to attend. This is an opportunity for the Council members to meet their counterparts from the other entities comprising PNAMP.