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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee

FROM: Patty O'Toole

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2006 budget development

At the May Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting staff will provide a status update on the fiscal year 2006 budget development process.

A budget workgroup consisting of Council and Bonneville staff reviewed the status of projects in the Fish and Wildlife Program and assembled a list of current projects. The group also reviewed project implementation status and assigned budgets to projects that in most cases, reflects the final (third) year-budget recommended by the Council during the provincial review.

The preliminary list of projects and budgets were circulated to project sponsors on April 25th. Sponsors are being asked to a) provide comment on the preliminary list of projects and budgets, 2) describe how their project is consistent with subbasin plan priorities and 3) describe accomplishments to date and what would be accomplished with another year of funding. Comments are due to the Council by May 20, 2005.

Following the comment period, Council and Bonneville staff will review the responses and develop a draft program budget and project budgets. These will be reviewed with the Fish and Wildlife committee in June and presented to the Council at the July meeting.

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