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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patty O'Toole

SUBJECT: Presentation by the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority on fish and wildlife program implementation accomplishments report

Staff from the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority will present the "Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, Rolling Province Review Implementation: 2001-2004 (Volume II)" and provide the following introduction.

Volume II of the annual implementation report from the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) summarizes accomplishments from 2001-2004 for projects recommended for funding through the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) Rolling Provincial Review (RPR). The report highlights the region's efforts to restore fish and wildlife habitat and populations impacted by Federal hydroelectric development and operations. This ongoing effort provides a detailed review, at a subbasin scale, of the numbers, kinds, locations, and results of projects recommended for funding by the Council. For Volume II, CBFWA members reviewed the implementation of anadromous-fish-oriented projects, specifically projects with monitoring and evaluation components, that were funded through the Program in the Blue Mountain, Columbia Plateau, Lower Columbia/Estuary, and Mountain Snake provinces. In addition, a comprehensive review of the funds spent from 2001-2004, by the Bonneville Power Administration, on all projects funded through the Program is presented in this report.

This report, coupled with Volume I that was produced during 2004 (available at www.cbfwa.org), represents a summary of location-based accomplishments and population data that should be useful to subbasin planners, fish and wildlife managers, federal regulators, and the power industry to more precisely identify restoration and investment priorities for each subbasin. Volume I provided detailed accomplishments for resident fish projects, wildlife projects, and anadromous fish projects in the Columbia Cascade and Columbia Gorge provinces. It is anticipated that Volume III will complete the programmatic review of the RPR by focusing on Systemwide projects preceding the FY 2007 project selection process.