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To: Fish and Wildlife Committee

From: Doug Marker, Director
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Subject: Update on the Council's Fish and Wildlife Division Work Plan

The Fish and Wildlife Division met yesterday to review the status of our work towards objectives for 2005. I'll brief you on some significant issues that we will work on in the remainder of the year at the August Committee meeting. I'd appreciate your response on the general direction of our work.

We use a summary of objectives and milestones to track our work. I am still making revisions based on yesterday's meeting for reporting to you and posting on the Council website. The current milestones are also helpful for coordinating with Bonneville, NOAA's ESA recovery planning and with the regional fish and wildlife managers. Major issues include:

- The work to propose a provincial objectives amendment process is on track. We need to develop an outreach plan to collaborate with interested parties on the possible scope and function of the amendments. The Council must still decide to open the Program for provincial objective amendments and that decision this fall.
- We are completing the basic outlines of the 2007-2009 project selection process for continued discussion with the Council and regional parties. The selection process incorporates much of the Council's staff work of the last two years in integrated monitoring and evaluation, hatchery reform, a research plan, and, of course, implementing subbasin plans.

Some specific assignments to call to your attention include:

- When the Council confirms the scope and process of the next project selection process, staff work on a regionally integrated monitoring and evaluation framework will intensify. This will draw on the collaborative work we participated in PNAMP but will require

more Council staff time and decisions by the Council at several points. We will have to work hard at collaboration because a fully integrated effort requires sharing effort with other programs and funding sources such as the Forest Service and the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.

- We are working with the federal action agencies and other participants to continue our efforts to implement the Mainstem Amendment's call for an improved regional executive forum for mainstem operations and construction decisions. Last year there was resistance from participants in the current forums, but there is some new support to improve participation and long range planning in response to the Council's measure. This has been stalled somewhat during the Bi-Op remand and ensuing litigation.
- We need to work with NMFS and regional managers to define the next steps for hatchery reform, using the products of the Artificial Production Review and Evaluation. NMFS' release of its hatchery policy and recovery planning inform prioritization and we expect the results of the analysis of hatchery objectives with subbasin plan objectives will also help.

NPCC Fish & Wildlife Division 2005 Workplan
Draft of 4/02/05
August 9, 05 Partial Update

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NPCC Fish & Wildlife Division 2005 Workplan Draft of 1/11/05

#	Task Name	Team	Start	Finish	Description & Objectives
I	Review current work schedules & Commitments		12/21/04	11/2/05	Confirm timelines for F&W Division work that is in progress. Briefly describe the products expected during 2005 and critical dependencies (funding, completion of related work, Council approval, etc.). Identify issues for discussion with the Fish and Wildlife Committee
A	<i>Adoption of subbasin plans</i>	<i>L. PALENSKY – lead, P. PAQUET State Staff, J. OGAN</i>	<i>12/21/04</i>	<i>6/16/05</i>	<i>Completion of \$13.6 million, four year project to develop and adopt 58 subbasin plans as amendments to the Program by May 2005. These plans will help Palensky guide BPA's off-site mitigation funding for habitat and artificial production activities through provincial review process. Complete</i>
1	January - Hearings		1/3/05	1/28/05	Blue – 23 plans
2	Adoptions - blue plans		12/22/04	2/15/05	
3	Council policy issues		1/15/05	3/15/05	Findings on process issues outlined in October Notice to comment letter
4	Receive last plan (John Day)		4/1/05	4/1/25	
4	Hearings		TBD	TBD	
6	Prepare findings		1/22/05	5/31/05	

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7	Council decision		6/05	6/05	Final decision on adoption of subbasin plans and findings
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B	<i>Participate in Bonneville implementation and process improvement process</i>	<i>P. O'TOOLE – lead, M. FRITSCH, State Staff</i>	<i>5/31/05</i>	<i>11/2/05</i>	<i>Contract management, procedures and data management. This also includes performance metrics and monitoring.</i>
1	FY 2005 Statements of Work into PISCES				BPA Task
2	Create FY06 contracts with PISCES				BPA Task
3	Biological metrics		11/1/05	11/1/05	BPA Task
4	Project management reorganization		5/31/05	5/31/05	BPA Task
5	Identification of project work elements		5/31/05	5/31/05	BPA Task
C	<i>Long term Bonneville funding agreement</i>	<i>D. MARKER – lead, J. OGAN, P. O'TOOLE</i>	<i>2/16/05</i>	<i>6/15/05</i>	Bonneville is preparing its program cost assumptions for the 2007-2009 rate period. The four Governors directed the Council to seek an agreement to stabilize program implementation funding and improve the transparency of program management
1	Budget & Management Agreement		2/16/05	6/15/05	
2	Regional hearings		3/1/05	5/1/05	
a	Power function review workshops		4/5/05	5/15/05	

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D	PNAMP	S. WASTE -lead, E. MERRILL, P. PAQUET	12/21/04	6/16/05	<i>Integration of West Coast Monitoring & Evaluation initiative to develop standard protocols. Council is taking on a facilitation role in the Columbia Basin.</i>
1	Charter				
a	Public Rollout			3/15/05	
2	Strategic plan			3/15/05	
3	Workshop fish pop RM&E			1/12/05	
4	Project effectiveness workgroup document				
a	List of High-level indicators			10/1/05	
b	IMW draft			10/1/05	
5	Data Dictionary			7/15/05	
6	Testing protocols in the field		7/1/05	1/30/06	
7	Link to subbasin planning M&E			TBD	
8	Catalog of population methods			9/1/05	Publication date

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<i>E</i>	<i>Research plan</i>	<i>S. WASTE – lead, E. MERRILL, M. FRITSCH</i>	<i>3/10/05</i>	<i>4/14/05</i>	<i>Finalize and adopt the draft regional research plan. The 2000 Program called for development and adoption of such a plan. This work is needed to inform the project selection process.</i>
1	Plan to Science Group		4/27/05	5/31/05	
2	Final report		6/1/05	7/30/05	
3	Report to Council			8/15/05	
4	Adoption by Council			10/15/05	
5	Issues from comments				
7	Prioritization				
8	Partnership				
9	FEMAT process				

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F	<i>Data Management</i>	<i>P. PAQUET – lead, S. WASTE</i>	<i>2/16/05</i>	<i>9/30/05</i>	<i>Regional Data management and protocol development. This effort will seek to develop housing and access for related data in the Columbia basin.</i>
1	Data Management Protocols		1/5/05	9/16/05	
A	Workshops		5/25/05	5/26/05	Scheduled at Portland Hilton - Completed
2	Subbasin Planning, APRE, Harvest & Data		2/16/05	9/30/05	Archive, maintain and make available for use
a	Short-term		1/5/05	5/15/05	These products are necessary for “rollup” process
i	EDT		1/5/05	5/15/05	Contracting completed
ii	QHA		1/5/05	5/15/05	Contracting completed
iii	Population info		1/5/05	5/15/05	Contracting completed
iv	APRE		1/5/05	5/15/05	Contracting completed
v	Local Subbasin Data		1/5/05	5/15/05	Contracting completed
vi	Terrestrial		1/5/05	5/15/05	Contracting completed
vii	GIS		1/5/05	5/15/05	Contracting completed
b	Long-term				
3	Regional Data Portal				

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G	<i>Support of ISRP and ISAB reviews</i>	<i>E. MERRILL – lead, S. WASTE, M. FRITSCH, B. SUZUMOTO</i>			<i>Required by the 1996 amendment to the Power Act as Council makes funding recommendations to BPA.</i>
1	3 step reviews				
2	M&E reviews				
3	Manage contracts				
4	2007-2009 review process		5//1505	6/15/05	Schedule participation
5	Reimbursable review				
a	AFEP, etc. integration				
H	<i>Bi-Op implementation and ESA recovery planning</i>	<i>D. MARKER, lead, Division, State Staff</i>			<i>Council has sought the implementation of Bonneville's ESA requirements in integration with implementation of the Council program.</i>
1	BPA BiOp proposed actions				These were revised in the Updated Proposed Action released on November 30, 2004
A	Needs			4/15/05	
b	Funding approach			4/15/05	

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I	Major project reviews	M. FRITSCH – lead, E. MERRILL, State Staff, J. OGAN			Periodic review of major projects to maintain efficiency and effectiveness Other pending reviews include SAFE, Sekokanee Springs and Chief Joseph Dam Hatchery and will be added to the task list.
1	NEOH		Ongoing	Ongoing	
2	Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project		Ongoing	Ongoing	
J	Mainstem amendment implementation	B. SUZUMOTO – lead, D. MARKER			The Council adopted the mainstem amendments to the fish and wildlife program in 2003. Implementation efforts have been focused on measures requiring determined effort by the Council.
1	Montana SOR				Revise summer operations at Libby and Hungry Horse Dams
2	Summer Spill Evaluation				Develop an experimental approach to evaluate alternative summer spill operations
4	Review implementation priorities with Council		5/15/05	6/15/05	

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II	Proposed new work for 2005		12/21/04	7/20/06	These are potential objectives for redirected work in 2005. Define scope of potential work to review with the Fish and Wildlife Committee. Sharpen proposed objectives, describe required resources and establish timelines.
<i>A</i>	<i>Provincial Objectives/APRE</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>12/21/04</i>	<i>7/31/05</i>	<i>Called for in the Program, this work would draw directly from the subbasin plans and other technical sources and help to further define and aggregate objectives and strategies at the province level for implementation. Work toward 2007 schedule.</i>
1	Planning		1/01/05	4/1/05	Completed
2	Technical analysis proposal		4/15/05	9/30/05	
3	Develop Guidance Document		10/1/05	11/15/05	
4	Call for Amendment Recommendations			11/15/05	
5	Develop Recommendations		11/15/05	2/27/06	
6	Deadline for Recommendations			2/28/05	
7	Public Review of Recommendations		3/1/06	4/28/06	
8	Council Review of Recommendations		3/1/06	4/28/06	
9	Release Draft Program Amendments			5/18/06	

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10	Public Comment on Amendments		5/19/06	7/31/06	
11	Council Review of Comments		5/19/06	7/31/06	
12	Adoption of Final Amendments			9/14/06	
5	Pilot				
a	Columbia Cascade		1/1/05	6/30/05	
5	Schedule				
b	AHA demo to Council		1/1/05	Done	
c	Washington Recovery Process		1/1/05	6/30/05	
d	Prepare sample objectives		3/15/05	6/30/05	
e	NOAA Recovery Process		1/1/05	12/16/05	
B	<i>FY 2006 F&W Program Workplan and Budget Development</i>	<i>P. O'TOOLE – lead, M. FRITSCH, State Staff</i>	<i>1/1/06</i>	<i>7/20/06</i>	<i>Staff will propose scope and budget for approval for FY 06</i>
1	Develop schedule		1/5/05	1/20/05	
2	Review existing projects against adopted subbasin plans			3/1/05	
3	Complete draft workplan & budget			3/15/05	
4	Public Review			4/15/05	

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3	Review comments & revise workplan and budget			5/15/05	
4	Recommendation on workplan and budget to Council			6/15/05	

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C	<i>Develop a workplan to perform provincial/mainstem/other reviews in FY 2006 to develop recommendations to implement in FY 2007</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>1/1/05</i>	<i>10/1/05</i>	<i>Begin the implementation of subbasin plans.</i>
1	Develop schedule				
2	Develop sequence				
3	Determine review elements		1/05	6/30/05	
4	Develop process for local input/prioritization	<i>L. PALENSKY</i>			
5	Determine funding allocation (region or category)				
6	Confirm ISRP timeframe/availability for review				
7	Integrate BiOp needs				
8	Determine Council decision process				

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D	<i>Address Bonneville's policy objectives.</i>	<i>Staff</i>			<i>Bonneville is seeking the Council's input on issues of Program delineation and implementation. A process for regional decisions needs to be established.</i>
1	Cost sharing 2007-2009 process				Discussed in "E" below
2	Hydrosystem obligations				
3	Provincial objectives				
4	Shift to on-the ground implementation				
E	<i>Expanding implementation partnerships</i>	<i>L. PALENSKY lead, P. PAQUET, P. O'TOOLE, M. FRITSCH</i>			<i>Improve integration of Program implementation with federal, state and private initiatives.</i>
1	Can we add more coordination with other programs and implementation partners				
a	Review current partnerships				
b	Review potetnial funding sources (private, state & federal)				
c	Review existing non-BPA implementation				

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