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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Judi Hertz

SUBJECT: Discussion of project evaluations by utility customers

Terry Flores, Northwest River Partners; Lee Corum, PNUCC; and Kevin Banister, PNGC, will brief the Council on project evaluations by utility customers in Coeur d'Alene.

Northwest RiverPartners is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing public and private utilities, large and small businesses, farmers, navigation and maritime interests in the Pacific Northwest. Their goal is to help ensure that salmon recovery efforts in the Northwest are science-based and cost-effective and promote the best biological results for salmon runs, while also balancing the costs to regional consumers. As part of working towards this goal, Northwest RiverPartners reviewed the Council's 2006 fish and wildlife program, which helped them identify some important principles that could be used to inform future project selection.

They will share these principles with the Council as it embarks on its 2007-2009 planning process, and they look forward to continuing the dialogue with the Council and its staff.

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