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To: Fish and Wildlife Committee

From: Doug Marker, Director
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Subject: Discussion of the Program's role in regional monitoring and evaluation

During the development of the FY 2007-09 project selection process the Committee members asked for monthly briefings on regional implementation of an integrated monitoring and evaluation framework. We are organizing a panel presentation involving Bonneville and the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority.

You have received several presentations on several parts of the regional effort to integrate monitoring. This panel presentation will try to present a thorough overview of the areas of focus and the entities involved in the regional framework.

Much of the work occurs with partners up and down the West Coast and with funding from outside of the Council's Program. The work responds to different mandates, including state directives, ESA recovery planning and Biological Opinions, forest planning and the Council Program. We will explain how those entities are working together and the scope and schedule of their assignments. Their objectives are consistent methods and protocols for monitoring on the West Coast and a linked system to access and analyze the information obtained from monitoring.

Attached are some reference materials illustrating the relationship of these efforts with the Council's Program and terms and definitions that are used in the discussion.

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