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To: Council Members

From: Doug Marker, Director
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Subject: Briefing on planning for a multi-year evaluation of fall Chinook survival

Paul Ocker of the Pacific Northwest Division of the Corps of Engineers will present a status report on planning for studies to evaluate survival of fall Chinook using different passage strategies. The Council's Mainstem Amendments call for research on the effectiveness of flow, spill and transport for Snake River juvenile fall Chinook.

Planning and design for such evaluations occurs through the Study Review Workgroup (SRWG) of the Columbia River Regional Forum. The evaluations are funded by the Corps of Engineers as part of the Columbia River Fisheries Management Plan.

Participants in the regional forum have held several workshops to plan for the initiation of a multi-year experiment. This presentation is an opportunity to hear the status of that work and issues that may need attention from the Council.

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