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To: Council Members

From: Doug Marker, Director
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Subject: Review of the Fish and Wildlife Division work plan for 2006

PROPOSED ACTION:

That the Council review and endorse the Fish and Wildlife Division work plan for 2006 with discussion of specific amendments.

DISCUSSION:

In February I presented a proposed work plan for the Fish and Wildlife Division to the Fish and Wildlife Committee. State and Central staff participated in planning meeting to define the proposed work schedule. Chairman Karier has proposed revisions to the sections on research, monitoring and evaluation; and data management and I am attaching those proposed changes for your discussion. In another agenda item, we are discussing more specific tasks and prioritization for monitoring and evaluation guidance by the Council that bear on this work schedule.

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Define regional monitoring framework-Develop Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

<u>COUNCIL STAFF</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Steve Waste; Peter Paquet other staff	PNAMP; NED ;

<u>TIMELINE</u>	<u>1st Quarter 2006</u>	<u>2nd Quarter 2006</u>	<u>3rd Quarter 2006</u>	<u>4th Quarter 2006</u>	
<u>MILESTONES</u>	<u>1. Confirm substance of Regional Framework</u> <u>2. Continue development of Regional Data Portal</u> <u>1) Identify M&E actions currently funded by the Council</u> <u>2) Develop a Draft M&E Plan</u> <u>3) Submit draft Plan to the ISAB for review and concurrently to the Council for comment</u> <u>4) Develop guidelines appropriate for the collection and reporting of data.</u>	<u>1) Confirm Council Support for Regional Framework</u> <u>2) Define High Level Indicators</u> <u>3) Develop Organizational & Administrative Arrangements for Regional Data Network</u> <u>4) Identify Sources & Mechanisms for Funding Data Management</u> <u>1) Revise draft based on Council and ISAB input</u> <u>2) Put draft out for public comment (30 days)</u> <u>3) Provide finalized draft to the Council for adoption</u> <u>4) Continue the development of guidelines appropriate for the collection and reporting of data.</u>	<u>Report on Consistency of Proposals with the Framework</u> <u>2) Draft Regional Data Sharing Agreements</u> <u>3) Complete subbasin data retrieval and archiving</u> <u>1) Use the M&E Plan to guide ISRP recommendations for FY 07-09 funding.</u> <u>2) Use the M&E Plan to inform final Council recommendations for FY 07-09 funding.</u> <u>3) Submit the development of guidelines appropriate for the collection and reporting of data to the ISAB. Consider comments and revise guidelines.</u>	<u>1) Guidance for future RM&E Implementation</u> <u>2) Complete draft plan for regional data networking center</u> <u>1) Council considers adoption of guidelines appropriate for the collection and reporting of data.</u> <u>2) Council works with BPA to ensure that project contracts require the data guidelines adopted.</u>	
<u>STATUS</u>	<u>1. In Process</u> <u>2. In Process</u>				
<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>Source: Council F&W Program (2000), p. 33.</u>				

Implement research plan

<u>COUNCIL STAFF</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>			
<u>Steve Waste, other staff</u>		<u>Regional research partners, ISAB</u>			
<u>TIMELINE</u>	1st Quarter 2006	2nd Quarter 2006	3rd Quarter 2006	4th Quarter 2006	
<u>MILESTONES</u>	<u>Approval of Research Plan</u>	<u>1) Use the Research Plan to guide ISRP recommendations for FY 07-09 funding.</u> <u>2) Use the Research Plan to inform final Council recommendations for FY 07-09 funding.</u>	<u>1. Convene regional research partnership</u> <u>2. Application in AFEP review</u> <u>1) Council staff will establish a schedule for reviewing the state of the science through conferences and reports.</u> <u>2) Contracts issued for state of science reports.</u>	<u>1) Conference for BPA funded research projects.</u> <u>2) Conference proceedings assembled for publication as a Web-based Journal.</u>	
<u>STATUS</u>	<u>Complete (@ February mtg)</u>				
<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>Source: Council F&W Program (2000), p. 33.</u>				

Regional Data Center

<u>COUNCIL STAFF</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>			
<u>Steve WastePeter Paquet</u>		<u>NED</u>			
<u>TIMELINE</u>	1st Quarter 2006	2nd Quarter 2006	3rd Quarter 2006	4th Quarter 2006	
<u>MILESTONES</u>	<u>1) Develop a proposal for a comprehensive data center that will resolve issues/gaps raised in ISRP report (2000).</u> <u>2) Submit proposal for ISAB review.</u>	<u>2) Issue RFPs for data center, incorporating ISAB comments.</u> <u>3) Establish review process with BPA to consider RFPs for data center.</u>	<u>4) Integrate recommendation on funding for new data center with other existing data collection functions through the FY 07-09 project review. Avoid duplication.</u>		
<u>STATUS</u>					
<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>Source: Council F&W Program (2000), p. 33 and ISRP 2000-3: Review of Databases Funded through the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program (May 2000).</u>				