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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mark Walker, Director of Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Federal Agency Appropriations Requests for Fiscal Year 2007

I will present a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations requests of the federal agencies that implement programs and projects in the Columbia River Basin pertaining to fish and wildlife. The agencies relying on annual appropriations that are of most interest to the Council are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The tables below provide both the appropriations requests and enacted levels for the current year (FY 2006), as well as the requests for Fiscal Year 2007. The projects included in the tables are the ones the Council has considered to be priorities in recent years.

The most significant change for Fiscal Year 2007 is that the Corps of Engineers is proposing to move the Columbia River Fish Mitigation, Chief Joseph Gas Abatement and Willamette River Temperature Control projects from the *Construction, General* appropriations account to *Operations and Maintenance*. This is a development the Council may want to address in its annual funding recommendations to the Northwest congressional delegation.

The first table, which provides a basin wide summary of funding, was compiled by the Administration and was not accompanied by additional explanatory information. Therefore, the totals for the individual agencies do not necessarily match the totals in the other agency tables that I have compiled.

Columbia River Federal Basin Wide Salmon Funding

(\$ in millions)

	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
<i><u>Discretionary Funding:</u></i>			
<u>Department of the Army</u>			
Army Corps of Engineers	116.6	109.0	119.8
<u>Department of the Interior</u>			
Bureau of Land Management	11.4	11.9	11.9
Bureau of Reclamation	40.5	40.5	44.2
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	15.5	16.1	14.2
Bureau of Indian Affairs	3.2	3.2	3.2
U.S. Geological Survey	4.4	3.7	3.2
<u>Department of the Interior Total</u>	75.0	75.3	76.7
<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
NOAA Fisheries	41.4	41.0	41.0
<u>Department of Agriculture</u>			
U.S. Forest Service	41.5	40.0	40.0
Natural Resources Con. Svc.	42.4	39.4	39.4
<u>Department of Agriculture Total</u>	83.9	79.4	79.4
<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>	17.3	17.2	17.2
Total Discretionary Appropriations	334.2	321.9	334.1
<i><u>Mandatory Funding:</u></i>			
Bonneville Power Administration	238.0	237.2	244.0
Total Funding	572.2	559.1	578.1

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

General Investigations (i.e., studies) (\$\$ in thousands)

<u>Senate</u>	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
Lower Columbia R. Ecosystem Rest.	300	150	100
Walla Walla River Watershed	500	300	-----
Willamette River Floodplain Rest.	436	400	-----

Construction General (\$\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
Columbia River Fish Mitigation	102,000 ¹	85,000	(see O&M)
Chief Joseph Gas Abatement	-----	8,000	(see O&M)
Lower Columbia R. Ecosystem Rest.	-----	2,000	2,200
Willamette River Temperature Control	1,000	1,000	(see O&M)
Lower Snake River F&W Compensation	900	675	850
Columbia R. Channel Improvements	15,000	15,000	15,000

Operations and Maintenance (\$\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
Columbia River Fish Mitigation	-----	-----	95,000
Chief Joseph Gas Abatement	-----	-----	8,000
Willamette River Temperature Control	-----	-----	2,470

¹ Included in the CRFM line are Chief Joseph Gas Abatement and the Lower Columbia River Ecosystem Restoration projects.

Bureau of Reclamation

Water and Related Resources (\$\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
Columbia & Snake River Salmon Recovery Project	17,500	16,748	17,325
Deschutes Ecosystem Restoration	-----	1,000	-----
Umatilla Basin Project Phase III Study	200	191	-----
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement	8,500	8,500	11,484
Yakima River Basin Water Storage (i.e., Black Rock Reservoir)	-----	1,500	-----

NOAA Fisheries

Columbia River Basin Salmon (\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
Columbia River hatcheries (Mitchell Act) Operations, Maintenance & Screens	14,900	16,522	14,674
Hatchery Reform	1,700	500	1,690
ESA Recovery and Research (Base)	9,400	9,400	9,384 ²
Columbia River BiOp Imp. (Includes RM&E, Recovery plans, etc.)	15,100	15,100	14,952
Endangered Species Studies	300	300	300

Other Pacific Coastal Salmon Activities (\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	90,000	67,500	66,825
Pacific Salmon Treaty	5,600	7,000	5,555

² An approximation, due to the lack of specificity in the NOAA Fisheries budget regarding Columbia Basin operations.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Construction (\$ in thousands)

	<u>FY2006 Proposed</u>	<u>FY2006 Enacted</u>	<u>FY2007 Proposed</u>
Pacific Northwest Fish Screens (Fisheries Restoration & Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000)	-----	2,000	-----

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Operations and Maintenance Columbia River Fish Mitigation Project Fiscal Year 2007 Proposed Budget

(\$ in thousands)

Lower Granite Dam	3,500
Little Goose Dam	13,000
Lower Monumental	14,800
Ice Harbor Dam	2,800
McNary Dam	8,400
John Day Dam	7,500
The Dalles Dam	36,300
Bonneville Dam	8,700
Total	95,000

Proposed Council Action

1. Support the funds requested by the Administration in all agency budgets
2. Request additional funds for:
 - Corps' *Walla Walla Watershed Study* (\$598,000)
 - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's *Pacific Northwest Fish Sceens* (\$2,000,000)
3. Request specific line item either under Construction or O&M for the Corps' *Columbia River Fish Mitigation Project* (\$95,000,000)