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To: Fish and Wildlife Committee

From: Doug Marker

Subject: Discussion of Fish and Wildlife Division Work Plan for 2006

When the Committee reviewed the Division's proposed work plan in February, Chairman Karier proposed specific revisions to the work plan in the areas of research, monitoring and evaluation and data management. At last month's Council meetings, both the committee and the Council discussed tasks in these areas in more detail.

We reviewed more specific tasks for reviewing and prioritizing monitoring and evaluation in the Program. These tasks are incorporated into the "rolling issue memo" for the 2007-2009 project selection process as well. These tasks cover data management as well.

We have also provided a draft guidance document for monitoring and evaluation in the Program for discussion with the Committee and Council for referral for regional and ISRP review.

Another area of our work to discuss with you is the completion of data verification for the AHA database. We expected to contract for assistance with that effort. However, NOAA's hatchery reform initiative is conducting the same work and we are coordinating with NOAA's staff on contractor to combine our efforts. We expect to have a more definite work plan from them this week and will be ready to discuss that schedule with the Committee. That topic is also on the Council agenda.

The project selection process for 2007-2009 is on schedule. We are conducting the Mainstem/Systemwide proposal review in coordination with CBFWA and Bonneville through April with a goal of bringing the committee initial recommendations in May.

There are three attachments: Our division work plan as presented in February, Chairman Karier's proposed revisions and a summary of major fish and wildlife agenda items in 2006.

Fish & Wildlife Division Workplan Tracking and Assessment - 2006

Complete recommendations for Fiscal Year 2007-2009 Project Recommendations and Funding

COUNCIL STAFF	OTHERS
Patty O'Toole; Mark Fritsch; Erik Merrill	BPA; CBFWA; ISRP; Provincial Groups

TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES	1. Outline and develop recommendations for existing and new programmatic and project issues (discuss relevant issues w/ committee) 2. Draft and distribute guidance doc. 3. Sort and distribute proposals 4. Outline and schedule for mainstem/systemwide 5. Support local review processes as requested	1. Develop recommendations for existing and new programmatic and project issues (discuss relevant issues w/ committee) 2. Mainstem draft recommendations to Committee 3. Support local review processes as requested	1. Complete recommendations for existing and new programmatic and project issues (discuss relevant issues w/ committee) 2. Develop FY 07-09 funding decision document 3. Support local review processes as requested 4. ISRP final recommendation	Complete FY 07-09 funding decision document and submit recommendations to BPA
	1. In process 2. Complete 3. Complete 4. In process 5. Ongoing			
COMMENTS				

Open Program for provincial objective amendments

COUNCIL STAFF		OTHERS		
Lynn Palensky; Peter Paquet		Contractors; NOAA; BPA; F&W Managers		
TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES	Begin work for AHA data management and data verification (contracts)	1. Complete Data Verification 2. Generate results and aggregate to province 3. Complete “derived objectives”	1. Finalize issue paper 2. Call for recommendations	1. Review public comments and recommendations 2. Draft Amendment Document
STATUS	In process			
COMMENTS				

Define regional monitoring framework

COUNCIL STAFF	OTHERS
Steve Waste; Peter Paquet	PNAMP; NED;

TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES	1. Confirm substance of Regional Framework 2. Continue development of Regional Data Portal	1) Confirm Council Support for Regional Framework 2) Define High Level Indicators 3) Develop Organizational & Administrative Arrangements for Regional Data Network 4) Identify Sources & Mechanisms for Funding Data Management	Report on Consistency of Proposals with the Framework 2) Draft Regional Data Sharing Agreements 3) Complete subbasin data retrieval and archiving	1) Guidance for future RM&E Implementation 2) Complete draft plan for regional data networking center
STATUS	1. In Process 2. In Process			
COMMENTS				

Implement research plan

COUNCIL STAFF	OTHERS
Steve Waste	Regional research partners

TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES	Approval of Research Plan	Application of Research Plan in 07-09 Project Selection	1. Convene regional research partnership 2. Application in AFEP review	
STATUS	Complete (@ February mtg)			
COMMENTS				

Incorporate Bi-Op requirements and ESA recovery planning through Council process

COUNCIL STAFF	OTHERS
Palensky, O'Toole	NOAA Fisheries, FWS, Bonneville; local project reviewers

TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES	1. Support BiOp requirements through clear communication of schedules, process products from provincial review 2. Continue to encourage PWG to look at other programs for filling gaps	1. Possibility in March for NOAA/BPA to present to Council their BiOp workplan and schedule '07-09 schedule 2. Support BiOp requirements through clear communication of schedules, process products from provincial review	Identify potential gaps in implementation and BiOp requirements	Incorporate strategy to address implementation gaps in '07-09 decision document
STATUS	1. In process (briefing material) 2. In process (last mtg - 2/1/06)			
COMMENTS	Recovery planning will be coordinated with RM&E and AHA			

Major project reviews

COUNCIL STAFF	OTHERS
Mark Fritsch	

TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES	Klickitat master plan review	NEOH	Revisions to major project review process	
STATUS	Being proposed	(expected)		
COMMENTS	Revisions to review process are a topic for the FY 07-09 project selection process			

Mainstem amendment implementation

COUNCIL STAFF	OTHERS
New staff member	Regional Forum participants

TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES		1. Establish issue priorities for Regional Forum agenda 2. Council support for System Flood Control Study feasibility stage 3. Support 07-09 project selection coordination with AFEP program 4. Support new fish passage model development 5. Ongoing analytical support for system operation alternatives	1. Support Libby/Hungry Horse operations consistent with Mainstem Amendments 2. Initiate fall Chinook transport evaluation	TBD
STATUS				
COMMENTS	Need to reconcile priorities in the context of BiOp litigation -- Long term issue planning occurs in Regional Forum			

Implement recommendations of Artificial Production Review and Evaluation (APRE)

COUNCIL STAFF	OTHERS			
Palensky (for coordination)	NOAA Fisheries; Fisheries managers			

TIMELINE	1 st Quarter 2006	2 nd Quarter 2006	3 rd Quarter 2006	4 th Quarter 2006
MILESTONES		Complete AHA data verification and determine fit with congressional guidance to NOAA for hatchery integration	TBD	
STATUS				
COMMENTS	Work would follow Council recommendations to Congress. NOAA Fisheries currently outlining proposed approach			

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

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March 28, 2006

To: Fish and Wildlife Committee

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Subject: Major Policy Issues for 2006

Our division work plan schedules objectives and tasks for the staff. This table summarizes the how that work is likely to appear on the committee and Council agendas through the year. These are major decisions and presume continuation of our current schedule. There will be more agenda items than these. In some cases I'm picking a month when the schedule could be a month earlier or later.

Month	Potential discussion or decisions
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee recommendation on Northeast Oregon Hatchery• Committee and Council decisions on 07-09 issues
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council decision on NEOH• Committee and Council decisions on 07-09 issues• Discussion of mainstem/Systemwide projects
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee and Council decisions on 07-09 issues• Comments on monitoring and evaluation guidance paper• Discussion of "high level indicators" for program monitoring• Review results of AHA data verification
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee and Council decisions on 07-09 issues• Review of ISRP recommendations and local priorities for 07-09• Discussion of provincial objectives amendments
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call for provincial objective amendment recommendations?• Project sponsor responses to ISRP review• Discussion of project-specific issues and proposed resolutions• Discussion of regional research partnership
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee recommendations for 07-09• Develop RFPs or other mechanisms for data management
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Council recommendations on 07-09
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of proposed provincial objective amendments• Committee recommendation of guidelines for data management

December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee review of draft provincial objective amendments• Council approval for data management guidelines for BPA contracting
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council review and release of draft provincial objective amendments