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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: John Ogan

SUBJECT: Update on State efforts to Address Marine Mammal Predation at Bonneville

As the Council members are likely aware, the states of Oregon and Washington have been exploring options for addressing marine mammal predation of salmon and steelhead at and near Bonneville dam. As reported in the news media, the States of Oregon and Washington are pursuing specific exemptions provided within the Marine Mammals Protection Act that would transfer authority to the states to remove particularly identified animals preying on salmon at or near the Bonneville dam. We have had some discussions with state representatives about their plans and progress. We will report the same to the Council in Walla Walla.

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