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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Wild Salmon Center - Salmon Stronghold

Paula Burgess and Malin Pinsky of the Wild Salmon Center will be at the meeting to present their work on the Pacific Salmon Conservation Assessment; an in-depth review of the most important salmon rivers of the North Pacific. They are looking at the conditions of rivers in the Columbia River Basin as part of this work. The Wild Salmon Center focuses on healthy stocks and intact ecosystems. The Center prioritizes localized conservation work based on these principles and bases its level of activity in particular areas on a number of factors.

The Wild Salmon Center is a non-profit international Pacific salmon organization, based in Portland with offices in Port Angeles, Seattle, and Russia. The Wild Salmon Center is dedicated to working with partners in the United States and Russia to protect salmon, steelhead, char, and trout stocks and their ecosystems across the entire Pacific Rim. The Center's mission is to identify, understand, and protect the best wild salmon ecosystems of the Pacific Rim. The Center devises and implements practical strategies, based on the best science, to protect forever the most intact ecosystems and their biodiversity. The Wild Salmon Center published the March 2005 book *Atlas of Pacific Salmon*, the first map-based status assessment of salmon in the North Pacific.

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