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DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Presentation and recommendation on fish and wildlife manager coordination funding

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Fish and Wildlife Committee and Council will hear presentations from the five sponsors of coordination proposals that were in the Basinwide budget category. The Committee will discuss a funding recommendation to bring to the Council at this meeting.

Background

This memo summarizes the previous draft recommendations and issues for the five coordination-funding proposals before you for decision. The table on the following page shows the current Council recommendations for the five proposals from the September meeting. At the October meeting, the Council decided to set aside a placeholder for these projects in a lump sum amount for final decision at the November meeting. The placeholder total is \$2,351,044.

The project sponsors from the five proposed projects are on this meeting agenda to provide an overview of their proposed work. The presenters include representatives from:

Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
Upper Columbia United Tribes
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Kalispel Tribe
Spokane Tribe

Funding requests and Council draft recommendations from the September meeting

Project number	Sponsor	Funding request	MRST Recommendation	Draft Council Recommendation
198906201	CBFWA Total	\$2,253,787	\$2,071,450	\$1,885,250
200710800	UCUT	\$74,331 ¹	\$74,331	\$69,594
200716200	Kalispel Tribe	\$93,100 ¹	\$30,000	\$93,100
200710600	Spokane Tribe	\$93,100	\$30,000	\$93,100
199803100	CRITFC	\$234,205	\$210,000	Need to review workplan

Labeling

All of these five coordination proposals have been labeled as “coordination projects” and placed in a category of regional coordination that has a fairly broad definition. While all the projects have coordination elements, that label lacks enough description to capture the nature of the individual projects. I have re-labeled them below. Using these alternative descriptors might help in decision-making as the proposals then become more individualized and less connected to each other. I offer the following descriptions to help organize your thinking and decision making for these proposals:

1. **Regional Coordination (CBFWA):** An entity that involves the state, federal and tribal manager participation, coordination and data collection and management. The entity provides a forum in which each member can participate and collaborate to provide collective input regarding the work of the Program. Staff worked with CBFWA and the Member Advisory Group to define the elements of regional coordination for the Council to confirm as appropriate tasks to fund under the program. They are listed on page four.
2. **Sub-Regional Tribal Coordination (UCUT and CRITFC):** Through this process, UCUT and CRITFC coordinate the work of several member tribes in a limited geographic area on Fish and Wildlife Program activities. They review technical and policy issues, among and/or on behalf of several member tribes. They can provide a forum in which the member tribal entities can collaborate to provide collective input regarding the work of the Program.
3. **Member Participation (Spokane and Kalispel tribes):** Individual manager participation and attendance in program-related processes and forums.

The next section looks at each proposal individually. Regardless of the final funding recommendations for the five proposals, the Council members have expressed the desire to fund these on a one-year basis with an in-depth review of tasks and deliverables prior to renewing funding for subsequent years. That will also allow the Council to be more strategic in planning for changing program needs and direction.

¹ This is an average over three years where funding request for each year increases, or otherwise varies.

A. Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

Annual Funding request	MRST Recommendation	September Draft Council Recommendation
\$2,253,787	\$2,071,450	\$1,885,250
		This figure represents MSRT level minus the requested annual amount from both the Spokane and Kalispell proposals-\$180,000

- Member participation (time and travel) for the Kalispel and Spokane tribes was not included in the original CBFWA budget. (see next page for summary of member budgets)
- Current CBFWA contract expires March 31, 2007.

Below are the overarching regional coordination needs that staff anticipates for Fiscal Years 2007-2009, which the Council should confirm. These largely apply to CBFWA's work.

1. Information dissemination:

- Provide a clearinghouse of Program-related information to managers and the region

2. Coordination:

- Provide a forum for coordinated manager collaborative participation in regional mitigation activities directly related to Program activities including research monitoring and evaluation, project and program review, subbasin plan implementation and program amendment recommendations.
- Facilitate and participate on several standing committees and several ad-hoc committees that are formed to address specific issues for the Program as needed

3. Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

- Assist with efforts and processes that support: data management and storage, monitoring and evaluation, and provincial objectives, based on subbasin plans and in coordination with the regional hatchery review

4. Provincial objectives development:

- Assist with facilitation, participation, data verification, funding the process
- Develop strategy for provincial objectives for resident fish and wildlife

5. Technical and Policy Reviews:

- Provide technical analysis as requested/needed on Program-related topics such as research monitoring and evaluation plans and mainstem plan implementation

6. Program Implementation:

- Participate in future Council review and evaluation of Program components
- Support of coordination with Bonneville on contract administration and reporting
- Work with Council and Bonneville staff on *operations and maintenance* issues; including wildlife acquisition, and establish a basis for those activities that are appropriate for Bonneville funding.
- Work with Council and Bonneville staff to develop the future project selection process

7. Project proposal review:

- Coordinate and facilitate manager reviews of project and Program proposals through provincial review processes (may include within year requests) and ad-hoc review processes (i.e., AHA process) and provide recommendations to Council.

**CBFWA 2004-2007
Annual Expense Summary**

	FY04 Actual Expense 4/04 - 3/05	FY05 Actual Expense 4/05 - 3/06	FY06 Planned Expense *1 4/06 - 3/07	FY07 MSRT Recommendation *3 4/07 - 3/08
Total CBFWA Staff and Facilities	1,251,992	1,308,985	1,730,999	1,710,450
Member				
Reserve	0	0	30,166	0
BPT	9,492	9,492	12,000	10,000
Coeur	21,806	36,330	20,000	28,000
CRITFC	6,434	6,925	6,000	10,000
CSKT	4,281	6,761	6,000	7,000
CTCR	6,034	11,919	6,000	20,000
CTUIR	6,013	12,601	6,000	12,000
CTWSR	2,905	13,260	12,000	15,000
IDFG	19,286	8,073	20,000	12,000
Kalispel	0	678	0	0
Kootenai	6,241	17,446	12,000	15,000
MDFWP	4,259	7,560	10,000	8,000
NMFS	0	0	0	5,000
NPT	46,532	42,206	40,000	35,000
ODFW	29,408	29,764	33,000	28,000
SBT	12,206	23,337	20,000	25,000
SPT	1,466	1,650	6,000	12,000
Spokane	1,208	0	0	0
USFWS	0	0	6,000	6,036
UCUT	16,793	10,700	7,000	10,000
WDFW	33,316	50,239	30,000	40,000
Yakama Nation	40,026	8,820	12,000	12,000
Meeting Costs	7,068	4,441	15,000	10,000
Indirect Costs ²	35,229	31,083	39,573	40,965
Total Members	310,003	333,285	348,739	361,000
Total (Staff plus Members)	1,561,995	1,642,270	2,079,738	2,071,450
Total BPA	1,562,707	1,745,270	2,079,738	
Contracted Budget				

1: The difference in Staff between FY 05 and FY 06 is a result of: 1) FY 05 is actual spending and was low due to employee turnover, 2) FY 06 has a within year adjustment of \$177,000 to support the Status of the Resource Project – web support and outreach, and 3) FY 06 is planned not actual expenditures and includes a 18-20% increase in insurance premiums (our contract starts in April).

2: Indirect Cost rates are 29.36% for Staff and 12.8% for Members.

3: Members distribution for FY 07 has not been approved by CBFWA Members.

B. Upper Columbia United Tribes

Annual Funding request	MRST Recommendation	September Draft Council Recommendation
\$74,331 ¹	\$74,331	\$69,594

While the UCUT budget increased slightly over three years, \$74,331 is an average for three years. Presuming the Council funds for one year to start, \$69,594 is the precise number to use for first-year funding.

C. Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Annual Funding request	MRST Recommendation	September Draft Council Recommendation
\$234,205	\$210,000	Need to review workplan

Current CRITFC contract expires 6/30/2007.

D. Kalispel and Spokane tribes

	Annual Funding request	MRST Recommendation	September Draft Council Recommendation
Kalispel	\$93,100 ¹	\$30,000	\$93,100
Spokane	\$93,100	\$30,000	\$93,100

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