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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Lynn Palensky

**SUBJECT:** Update on process for amendments of the Fish and Wildlife Program, including the Science Policy Conference

### PURPOSE:

Lynn Palensky and Peter Paquet will provide an update on the current schedule and process for proposed program amendments that we have been discussing with Council members and fish and wildlife managers in the last month. Attached is the presentation that we have been using for our discussions. It includes the amendment schedule and process requirements, development of biological objectives, issue development for the amendment guidance document, and topics for the science-policy conference.

### BACKGROUND:

Briefings with Council members: We have met with several of you individually to discuss our current thinking and direction and will continue until we have met with each of you. The meetings have been very beneficial for us and we will continue to try to capture your thoughts and adapt this schedule and approach as appropriate, based on your collective direction.

Science Policy Conference: The memo attached (also included as a separate item for the Fish and Wildlife Committee) describes the status of planning for the conference.

Development of Provincial Objectives: Staff continues to meet with the tribes, Bonneville, utility customers, and others on provincial objectives. Our discussions include possible alternatives for objectives as well as using the All-H Analyzer (AHA) as a tool to help in the development of provincial objectives.

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