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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager

SUBJECT: Follow up actions/tasks from Fiscal Year 2007 - 2009 project recommendations

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Council's recommendations for 2007-2009 fish and wildlife project funding conditioned a number of requests for project specific submittals, reviews, and decisions. At your committee meeting in March, Council staff will provide a summary and update on these deliverables. The Council staff also wants to ensure that the committee members are comfortable with the treatment of the conditions. This agenda item is for information only and no decision is requested.

BACKGROUND:

The Council decided on its final project funding recommendations to Bonneville for FY 2007-09 at the Council's October 2006. As part of these recommendations, the Council provided comments that were project specific as a condition to funding (see Attachment 1). These comments generally addressed concerns raised by the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) for the particular projects. Other project-specific comments addressed other needs of the Council and the program (i.e., step review), giving direction to Bonneville and the project sponsors. In addition, comprehensive and workshop approaches were defined for the projects in the Yakima Subbasin, Umatilla Subbasin, and in Lake Roosevelt.

The Council staff will continue to track, follow-up, and facilitate issue resolution for 2007-2009 projects that had conditional funding approval. The established review process (e.g., step review) will be used, and items that need a Council decision will be brought back for a recommendation.

Follow-up actions addressing additional information needs and not requiring a Council review will be addressed by state and central staff. These recommendations will be summarized stating the adequacies of the information received in addressing the conditions of the ISRP and the Council. This staff report will be distributed to Council members for review prior to being sent to Bonneville and the sponsor.

Attachment 1: Project specific conditions as part of the Council's 2007-2009 fish and wildlife project funding decision.¹

Project number, Title	Description of follow-up action/ tasks	Status
Mountain Columbia		
2007-265-00, <i>Complete and Coordinate a Subbasin Plan for the Bitterroot Watershed</i>	Funding for two fiscal years only, second year contingent on first year success, plan to be delivered by end of fiscal year 08.	BPA one year of funding
2007-235-00, <i>Proposal to Create a Sub-Basin Plan for the Blackfoot River Sub-Basin</i>	Funding for two fiscal years only, plan to be delivered by end of fiscal year 08.	BPA one year of funding
1991-019-03, <i>Hungry Horse Mitigation Program</i>	Work elements associated with Sekokini Springs Natural Rearing Facility and Educational Center are dependent on favorable step review . Master plan submittal due by May 2007.	
1991-019-01, <i>Hungry Horse Mitigation/Flathead Lake</i>	Funding contingent on ISRP, Council review of revised proposal . Revised proposal due end of December 06.	On January 9, 2007 the submittal was sent to the ISRP for their review.
1988-064-00, <i>Kootenai River Native Fish Restoration and Conservation Aquaculture</i>	The expansion (for sturgeon and burbot) Work Element 5a, dependent upon favorable step review , Council 3-step Process: Step 1. Deliverable (Master plan) due July 20, 2007.	Submittal scheduled for September
2002-003-00, <i>Secure & Restore Resident Fish Habitat</i>	Funding contingent on Council review of revised proposal , with improved selection criteria and objectives. Revised proposal due end of December, 06	On January 2, 2007 a submittal was received. Internal review is near completion

¹ Shaded items reflect the type of follow up actions/tasks.

2002-008-00, <i>Reconnect Kootenai River with the historic floodplain</i>	Fund completion of planning and design per ISRP comments. Out year funds dependent on favorable review by ISRP and Council.	
Intermountain		
1991-046-00, <i>Spokane Tribal (Galbraith Springs) Hatchery</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns.	Working session is scheduled for May 2-3, 2007
1991-047-00, <i>Sherman Creek Hatchery</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns	Working session is scheduled for May 2-3, 2007
1995-011-00, <i>Chief Joseph Kokanee Enhancement</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns. If project sponsor decides to pursue artificial production (Obj 1, work element 3) then implementation is dependent upon favorable step review .	Working session is scheduled for May 2-3, 2007
2001-029-00, <i>Ford Hatchery Operations & Maintenance</i>	Funding continues but part of funding contingent on outcome of a workshop with the ISRP to address ISRP concerns.	Working session is scheduled for May 2-3, 2007
1995-027-00, <i>Lake Roosevelt White Sturgeon Recovery Project</i>	ISRP fundable (qualified): sponsors should consider the ISRP comments for the next project review. Work element associated with artificial production triggers step review (see project 2007-372-00).	
2007-372-00, <i>Lake Roosevelt White Sturgeon Conservation Hatchery Project</i>	Council Three-Step Process: Step 1. Deliverable (Master plan) due by end of FY '08, out year funds dependent upon favorable step review .	
Columbia Cascade		
2003-023-00, <i>Chief Joseph Hatchery Program</i>	In Step. Capitalize construction and land acquisition. Out year funding dependent of step review .	Submittal scheduled for June

2007-034-00, <i>Columbia Cascade Pump Screen Correction</i>	Funding is conditioned upon favorable ISRP and Council review of a response to the ISRP concerns.	Response received from the sponsors on 2-15-07. Sent to ISRP on 2-22-07
2007-212-00, <i>Develop a locally-adapted summer steelhead program to supplement natural production throughout the Okanogan River basin</i>	Funding contingent on favorable step review .	Agreement on 2007 FCRPS operations and transition funding.
2007-325-00, <i>UPA Wenatchee Subbasin Complexity Proposal</i>	Funding is provided for securing land owner agreements and implementation plans. Funding for implementation is contingent for favorable ISRP and Council review of implementation plans .	
2007-237-00, <i>UPA Project - Elbow Coulee Floodplain Restoration</i>	Sponsors must submit a brook trout impact analysis to the Council and if the Council decides it is warranted, develop and submit a management plan for Council review before receiving any funds.	BPA not recommended
Upper Snake		
1995-057-02, <i>Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation</i>	Funding contingent on favorable ISRP and Council review of revised proposal that is responsive to ISRP concerns. Interim funding pending wildlife o&m review.	
Middle Snake		
2007-210-00, <i>Mores Creek Watershed Floodplain and Habitat Restoration: Design and Implementation</i>	Fund completion of planning work and step submittal to address ISRP implementation issues, contingent upon favorable step review by ISRP and Council	BPA not recommended

<p>2007-120-00, <i>Malheur Subbasin Habitat Restoration and Fish Enhancement/Logan Valley Project; Middle Snake</i>).</p>	<p>Funding for the element of the project that would construct fishery ponds is contingent upon favorable ISRP and Council review of a revised proposal.” The ISRP gave this project a favorable recommendation for most elements, but recommended against funding for the portion of the project that would develop put and take fishery ponds.</p>	<p>BPA not recommended</p>
<p>Mountain Snake</p>		
<p>1999-016-00, <i>Protect & Restore Big Canyon Creek Watershed</i></p>	<p>Funding in FY 2007 to complete reports on abundance, habitat status and a comprehensive presentation of prioritized restoration projects. Funding for restoration actions in 08 and 09 is conditioned on favorable ISRP and Council review of revised proposal linked to completed reports (per ISRP comments)</p>	
<p>1999-017-00, <i>Protect & Restore Lapwai Creek Watershed</i></p>	<p>Funding in FY 2007 to complete reports on abundance, habitat status and a comprehensive presentation of prioritized restoration projects. Funding for restoration actions in 08 and 09 is conditioned on favorable ISRP and Council review of revised proposal linked to completed reports (per ISRP comments)</p>	
<p>2002-059-00, <i>Yankee Fork Salmon River Dredge Tailings Restoration Project</i></p>	<p>Fund completion of planning work for step submittal to address ISRP concerns. Funding for implementation contingent upon favorable ISRP and Council review.</p>	
<p>Blue Mountain</p>		
<p>1984-025-00, <i>ODFW Blue Mountain Oregon Fish Habitat Improvement</i></p>	<p>Sponsor should complete accomplishments report as called for in ISRP recommendation. Funding in FY08 and 09 contingent upon favorable review by ISRP and Council.</p>	
<p>1992-026-01, <i>Grand Ronde Model Watershed Program Habitat Restoration - Planning, Coordination and Implementation</i></p>	<p>Sponsor should complete report as called for in ISRP recommendation. Funding in 08 and 09 contingent upon favorable review by ISRP and Council.</p>	
<p>Columbia Plateau</p>		

<p>YKFP: 1988-120-25, 1995-063-25, 1995-064-25 and 1997-013-25</p>	<p>ISRP review seeks an organized funding review of the various YKFP pieces in the Yakima. The Council’s draft funding recommendation calls on the sponsor to consider adapting and using the annual Yakima project review be adapted to this end. ISRP associated a number of Fundable (Qualified) ratings with these comments, but not in expectation that funding be put on hold pending the review. As Council has asked for in the past, a Master Plan is needed for fall Chinook and coho elements of the project.</p>	
<p>Umatilla Subbasin: 1983-435-00, 1983-436-00, 1987-100-01, 1987-000-02, 1988-022-00, 1989-027-00, 1989-035-00, 1990-005-00, and 1990-005-01</p>	<p>ISRP Not Fundable (Qualified) and Fundable (Qualified). Most of the habitat, production, o&m and m&e projects in the Umatilla received these ratings from the ISRP based on comments from the ISRP that projects in the subbasin need a thorough review of how they work together (in a basin with a subbasin plan ISRP approved of). ISRP does not appear to recommend limiting funding at this time, but strongly recommending review. Council’s draft recommendations call on the project sponsor to work with the Council and others to structure a Council/ISRP review of the subbasin effort in the Umatilla at some point in the next year or two, a review that might also be useful for insights into things the Council needs to accomplish in next program amendment process.</p>	<p>Umatilla Projects Review (UPR) summary document submitted on May 1; ISRP review/site visit and review May/June; Council action August/September</p>
<p>1984-021-00, <i>Mainstem, Middle Fork, John Day Rivers Fish Habitat Enhancement Project</i></p>	<p>Sponsor should complete accomplishments report as called for in ISRP recommendation. Funding in FY08 and 09 contingent upon favorable review by ISRP and Council.</p>	
<p>Columbia Gorge</p>		
<p>1988-115-35, <i>Klickitat Fishery YKFP Design</i></p>	<p>Construction dependent upon favorable step review.</p>	
<p>1995-063-35, <i>YKFP - Klickitat Subbasin Monitoring and Evaluation</i></p>	<p>Dependent upon step review (see project 198811535).</p>	
<p>1997-013-35, <i>Klickitat Fishery YKFP O & M</i></p>	<p>Dependent upon step review (see project 198811535).</p>	

<p>2007-077-00, <i>Hemlock Dam Removal</i></p>	<p>Produce an updated streambank stabilization plan prior to dam removal.</p>	
<p>Columbia Estuary</p>		
<p>1993-060-00, <i>Select Area Fisheries Enhancement Project</i></p>	<p>Joint proposal from OR and WA. Funding conditioned on the sponsors completing their submission of information to the ISRP and IEAB to address the biological and economic issues raised in the recent ISRP/IEAB joint review (ISRP and IEAB Document 2005-8), and on a favorable economic review of that information by the IEAB within one year.</p>	<p>Submittal received on 12-11-06 and sent to ISRP/IEAB on same day.</p>

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