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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager

SUBJECT: Update on Chief Joseph Hatchery Program (Step 2), Project 2003-023-00

PROPOSED ACTION

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Tribe) are near completion of the Council's Three Step Process (*Major Project Review*) Step 2 requirements associated with the Chief Joseph Hatchery Program (CJHP). The Colville Tribe plan to submit a completed Step 2 document to the Council in September 2007. At the August Council meeting Joe Peone, Fish and Wildlife Director for the Colville Tribes, will present an overview of the Step 2 submittal.

BACKGROUND

On May 26, 2004, the Colville Tribes submitted the *Chief Joseph Dam Hatchery Program Step 1 Master Plan* (Volumes 1 and 2) to the Council and Bonneville.

On March 15, 2005 the Council approved the CJHP Step 1 Master Plan. At that time the Council authorized the Colville Tribes to move forward with CJHP Step 2 planning and preliminary design for the summer/fall and spring Chinook components of the CJHP and two critical research studies (radio-telemetry research and testing of live-capture, selective fishing gear). In approving the Step 2 work the Council also requested that additional information be submitted as part of the final Step 2 CJHP submittal that addresses issues that were raised in the ISRP Review of the Chief Joseph Dam Hatchery Program Master Plan (ISRP 2005-2).

On October 10, 2005 the Council and Bonneville issued a solicitation for proposals for the FY 2007 through FY 2009. Ongoing and new projects, including projects routed through the Council's *Major Project Review*, were required to submit proposals in response to this solicitation. The Colville Tribes submitted a proposal related to continuation of the CJHP Step 2 activities on January 10, 2006. At this time, the Colville Tribes also submitted a FY 2005 Step 2

Progress Report, which summarized project progress between the Council's approval of the Step 1 Master Plan in March 2005 and December 2005.

Presentation Overview

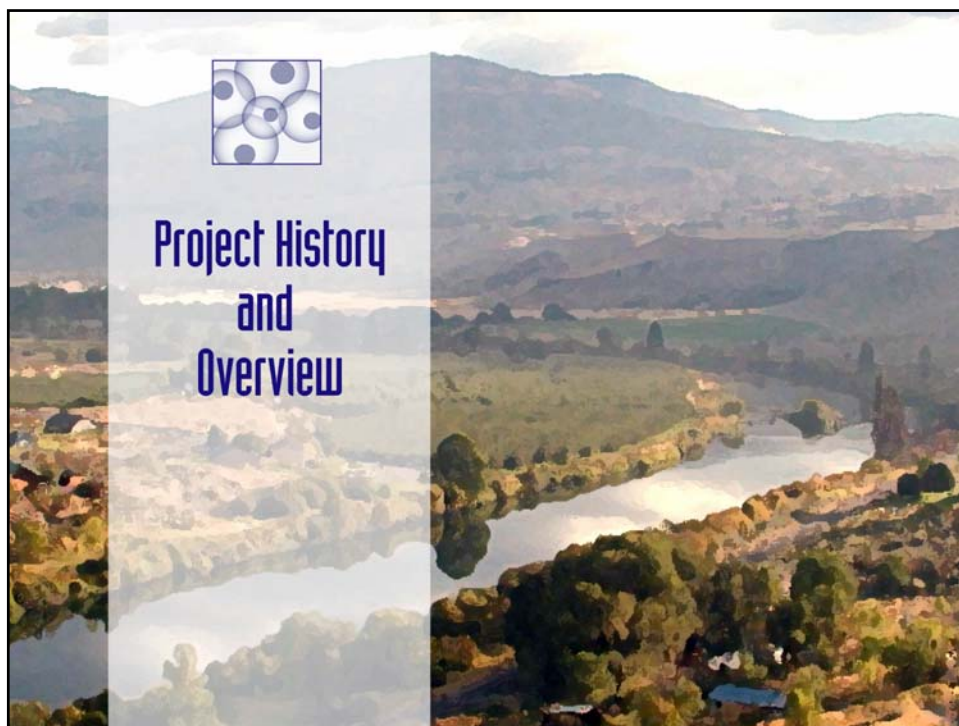
The Colville Tribes' presentation will include: 1) a summary of the project history, need for the project, and proposed programs; 2) an overview of the contents of the Step 2 document; and 3) an update on efforts to secure cost share agreements for the CJHP. Copies of the presentation will be handed out prior to the presentation.



Presentation Overview

1. Briefing on September 2007 Step 2 Submittal
 - a) Project History
 - b) Summary of Program
 - c) Step 2 Accomplishments
2. Cost Sharing
3. FCRPS BiOp
4. Next Steps





Project History

- December 2001**
 Colville Tribes submits proposal #29040
Develop and propagate local Okanogan River summer/fall Chinook
- May 2004**
 Colville Tribes submits *Step 1 CJHP Master Plan*
- January 2005**
 ISRP completes review of *Step 1 CJHP Master Plan*
- March 2005**
 Council approves Master Plan, initiation of *Step 2 planning* for CJHP, including the summer/fall and spring Chinook components and two critical research studies
- January 2006**
 Colville Tribes submits *FY 2007-2009 Project Proposal* and *FY05 Step 2 Progress Report* including responses to ISRP questions
- September 2007**
 Colville Tribes submits Step 2 CJHP document



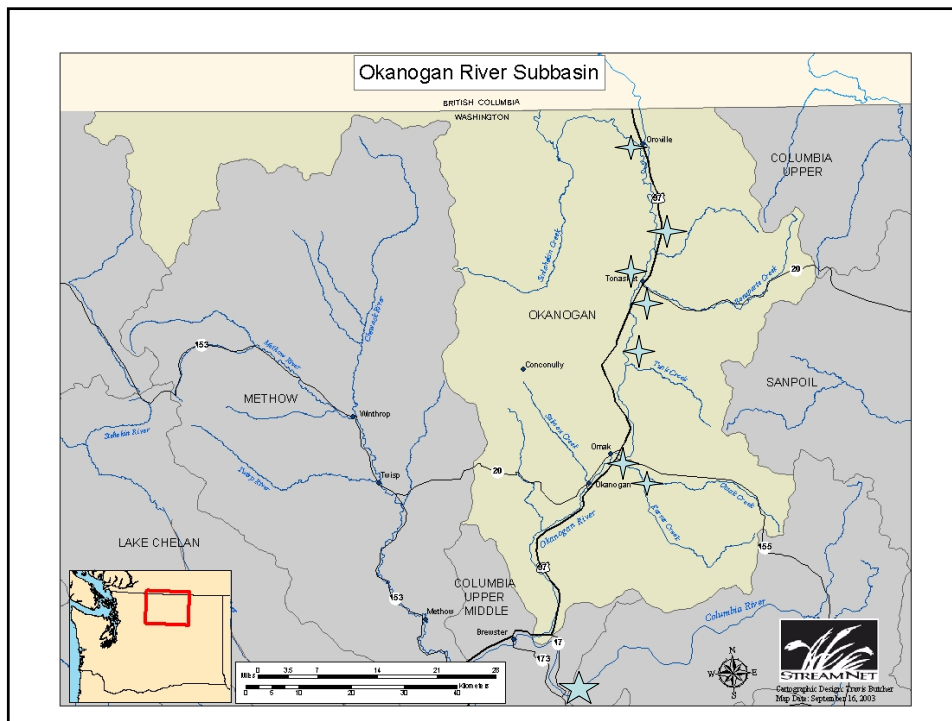
Program Overview - Goal

Summer/fall Chinook

- ☐ **Integrated recovery program:** increase abundance, productivity, distribution, and diversity of naturally spawning populations within historical habitat
- ☐ **Integrated harvest program:** support tribal ceremonial and subsistence fishery; provide increased local recreational fishing

Spring Chinook

- ☐ **Integrated recovery program:** reintroduce spring Chinook to historical habitats
- ☐ **Isolated harvest program:** restore stable ceremonial and subsistence fishery and increase recreational fishing opportunities





Step 2 Accomplishments

1. Critical research – successful completion brood behavior study, definitive results on FY 2006 brood collection study
2. ISRP and Council - completed responses to comments and concerns
3. NEPA - draft EIS completed, public review, no major concerns identified, completion of ROD in 2007
4. ESA consultation - active and ongoing, positive letter from NOAA Fisheries
5. M&E - new draft plan developed, designed to be staged with cost increments based on Council and ISRP direction
6. Engineering - preliminary engineering complete, value engineering complete
7. Cost estimates - have been refined and updated (world-wide escalation of construction costs)

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Step 2 Accomplishments

8. Development of conceptual cost share agreements
9. Completion of Step 2 document which includes:
 - a) Project overview
 - b) Responses to Step 1 ISRP and Council comments and questions
 - c) Overview Step 2 activities
 - d) Status and summary of critical research
 - e) Status and summary of environmental compliance
 - f) Engineering and design (35-50%)
 - g) Status of land acquisition and leases
 - h) Revised monitoring and evaluation plan
 - i) Updated cost estimates (capital and annual by species)
 - j) Discussion of conceptual cost sharing agreements
 - k) Report on value engineering results



Cost Sharing Progress

- ☐ Chelan and Grant PUD - completing conceptual agreement for 35% of total production
- ☐ Douglas PUD – recent discussions to participate in CJHP cost sharing
- ☐ details on additional cost sharing (e.g., irrigation district) will be presented in the CJHP Step 2 document





FCAPS BiOp



- Chief Joseph Hatchery Program being included in **Proposed Action** to assist in avoiding jeopardy and achieving recovery for UCR spring Chinook



Next Steps

1. Chief Joseph Hatchery Program **Step 2 Document** will be submitted to the Council in September 2007
2. Colville Tribes will seek **approval to proceed to Step 3** pending approval of Step 2
3. Efforts to **secure and formalize cost sharing** will continue
4. Colville Tribes will respectfully request decision to **proceed to Step 3** design by Feb 1, 2007



