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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Stacy Horton

SUBJECT: Washington State's Fish Passage Program

Barb Aberle, manager of the Ecological Retrofit Program for the Washington State Department of Transportation, will be presenting information regarding the State of Washington's Fish Passage Program. The Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) formed a cooperative program in 1991 to inventory and assess WSDOT fish passage barriers statewide. WSDOT contracts with WDFW to inventory and prioritize for correction fish passage barriers at state highway crossings. WDFW identifies WSDOT culverts that are barriers to fish passage, assesses and quantifies the habitat upstream of each barrier and prioritizes barriers. WSDOT and WDFW coordinate on the identification, scoping, design and construction of barrier correction projects. WDFW and WSDOT also evaluate and monitor the post construction effectiveness of all WSDOT fish barrier correction projects.

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