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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager

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SUBJECT: Umatilla Subbasin Project Review

On November 12, 2007, the Council recommended Bonneville fund a series of habitat and production projects associated with the Umatilla Subbasin Project Review, a follow-up item from the Fiscal Year 2007 - 2009 project selection process.

The Council, based on the ISRP review and its "Meets Criteria (Qualified) recommendation," (ISRP document 2007-15) believed that the project sponsors had satisfied the programmatic and project-specific issues associated with the Umatilla. As a follow-up to its recent decision, the Council requested a response from the Umatilla fish and wildlife managers on how they plan to address the ISRP's concerns regarding the fall Chinook hatchery program.

At the January Council meeting Gary James (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation) and Kevin Blakely (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) will discuss how the managers plan to address the fall Chinook issues.

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