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TO: Council Members

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SUBJECT: Update on Fish and Wildlife Program amendment process

The state staffs developed a tentative list of public hearing locations, presented below. The current schedule for amending the program targets the August Council meeting as the estimated release date for the draft amended Program. A public comment period will follow, from mid-August to mid-October. During that comment period the Council plans to hold public hearings in each state. Tentative locations for the hearings are:

Idaho: Boise, Lewiston

Washington: Yakima, Spokane, Seattle (tentative) and Tri-Cities (tentative)

Montana: Missoula, Kalispell

Oregon: Pendleton, Portland, Astoria

We will continue to work with state staff on a coordinated approach for the hearings, as specific locations and dates are finalized. Notice of the hearings will be sent out and posted on the Council's website.

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