

**Independent Scientific Review Panel** 

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Wildlife Category Review Presentation: Final Review of 2009 Proposals

Dr. Linda Hardesty will present the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) and Peer Review Groups' programmatic comments and final recommendations on 36 proposals submitted for the 2009 Wildlife Category Review to implement the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. The ISRP found that 22 proposals fully meet scientific review criteria, 11 meet criteria with some qualifications, and 2 do not meet scientific review criteria. The presentation will focus on the ISRP's programmatic comments covering the Habitat Evaluation Procedure (HEP), wildlife monitoring, invasive species control, and wildlife management plans.

Overall, after reviewing proposals, visiting wildlife areas, and meeting with wildlife managers, the ISRP was impressed with the dedication and responsiveness of all of the wildlife program managers. The wildlife program has made progress in many areas since the ISRP began its reviews in 1997. Consistent with its charge, the ISRP hopes that its reviews and comments move the program forward especially in the area of adaptive management.

The ISRP's full report is available at www.nwcouncil.org/library/isrp/isrp2009-17.htm.