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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairman Booth and Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

**FROM:** Tony Grover

**SUBJECT:** Update on wildlife category review

Bill Maslen and Bonneville staff will update the fish and wildlife committee on progress made with implementing the Council Recommendation from the July 2009 Council meeting.

Following is a link to the Wildlife Category Review agenda item of July of 2009:

<http://www.nwcouncil.org/news/2009/07/5.pdf>

**Update from BPA  
on  
Contract Implementation  
of  
Wildlife Categorical Review  
Recommendations**

June 7, 2011

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**BILL MASLEN**

## Review and follow-up "principles"

- Programmatic approach, address cross-cutting and consistency issues for all projects; i.e. HEP
- Multi-year, continuous improvement, driven by Council recommended 5 year avg (Expense), 3 year avg (Capital)
- Performance-based
- Incremental changes in collaboration with partners as we work through programmatic issues.

## Additional Actions

- Funding baseline = 2009 funding level.
- Depending on conditions at the time of annual funding renewal (i.e., FY 2010 & '11 received 2.5% adjustment) BPA may add an inflation adjustment.
- As contracts are renewed BPA's COTR/Project Managers are discussing ISRP and Council recommendations with each sponsor.
- BPA is in the process of developing a land acquisition manual where policy statements for several issue areas raised by the Categorical Review are addressed.  
e.g., HEP, Management Plans and Regional coordination

## Categorical Review process "lessons learned"

Categorical Review process was new and different from past program reviews

- Consistent with our incremental approach to development of [www.cbfish.org](http://www.cbfish.org), we rolled out very basic functionality in support of the wildlife categorical review. Based on feedback we got from users, we were able to provide more robust support for the RME review.
- Use of TAURUS to track progress of a categorical review and subsequent ISRP and Council recommendations, and BPA implementation decisions in transition. Tracking of these issues enabled TAURUS functionality to be developed benefiting the RM&E categorical review.
- Experience with Wildlife Categorical Review led to developing proposal template in TAURUS for RME Categorical Review

Programmatic issues raised are being address in the follow manner by BPA

### HEP Participation Funding

- Audits of all HEP work elements are occurring each year as part of SOY budget development
- Project managers are evaluating need and utility for the HEP support in light of the role of the Regional HEP team.

## Funding for Regional and Other Involvement in HEP Analysis and Reporting

- BPA is evaluating the role of the regional HEP team pending Wildlife Crediting Forum recommendations.
- BPA is working with the resource managers in assessing the HEP workload tied to new properties under the program and those in need of follow-up HEPs.
- Presently there is agreement that funding for a second HEP team in 2012 is warranted, especially with the need by BPA for HEP accounting for recent fish habitat acquisitions.
- BPA will establish funding rules regarding support for HEP activities that align with outcomes from the Wildlife Crediting Forum, including the possible expansion of HEP to fisheries habitat acquisitions.
- BPA is evaluating efforts of the regional HEP team, project sponsors, and/or their contractors to determine the level of redundancy in funding technical/field work, analysis or reporting. CBFWA WAC supports the continued use of HEP as the basis for documenting wildlife benefits from past, current and future acquisitions.

## Regional Coordination Funding

- Review regional and local coordination, education and outreach, and data and information sharing Work Elements and associated contracts
- Update policy guiding funding for project-specific coordination.
- Future funding criteria will ensure value-added products and service

## Management Plans

- Systematic review underway to identify status of management plans. (See figures below.)
- BPA’s contract process has a renewed emphasis on timely development of land management plans.
- A template for land management plans to improve consistency has been under development in collaboration with Council, CBFWA, and Wildlife Managers.
- BPA asking sponsors to develop land management plans (for those that don’t exist) within 12-24 months.

Figure 1.

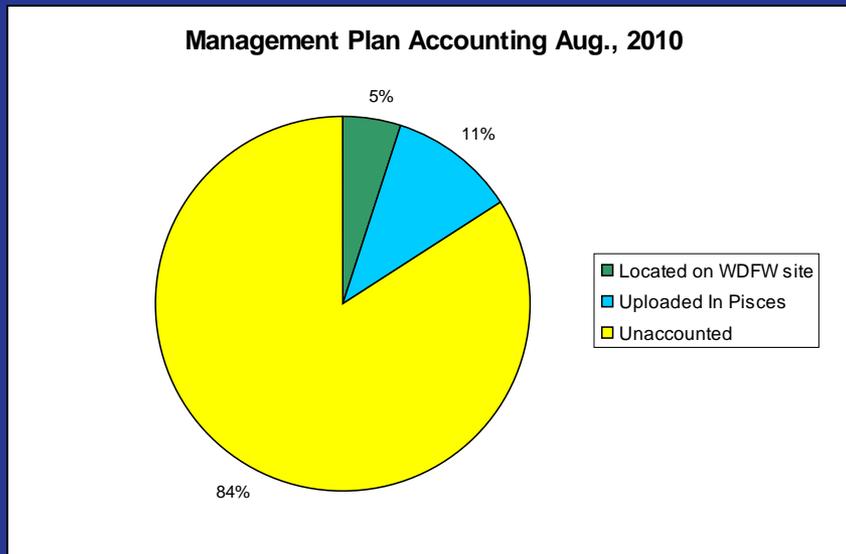
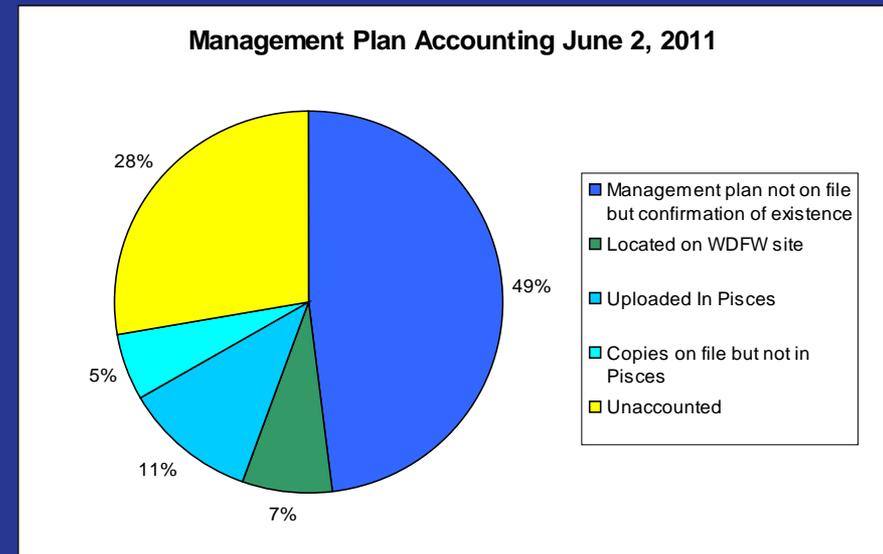


Figure 2.



## Implementation Budgeting

- Council recommend multi-year project budgets tied to proposals, resulting in overall increases in annual funding.
- Project level recommendations reflected Council assumptions of project budget growth.
- BPA adopted a different budget assumption tied to 2009 funding levels, with adjustments for inflation for the period of review.
- A result of the different approaches is that the magnitude of the savings raised in Council recommendations were not realized in implementation.

## Implementation Budgeting

- Implementation within budget
- TAURUS documentation in development.

Wildlife Program Funding June, 2011 ( \$ in Millions)										
	Expense					Capital				
	2010	2011	2012 (draft)	2013 (draft)	2014 (draft)	2010	2011	2012 (draft)	2013 (draft)	2014 (draft)
<b>Working Budget</b>										
<i>Accord</i>	\$5.3	\$3.4	\$2.9	\$3.4	\$3.4	\$0.0	\$5.0	\$1.6	\$1.6	\$1.6
<i>Non-Accord Program</i>	\$8.4	\$8.4	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$15.9	\$31.8	\$11.0	-	-
<i>BOG Fund</i>	\$0.4	\$0.3				\$0.0	\$0.0	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14.1</b>	<b>\$12.1</b>	<b>\$11.5</b>	<b>\$12.0</b>	<b>\$12.0</b>	<b>\$15.9</b>	<b>\$36.8</b>	<b>\$12.6</b>	<b>\$1.6</b>	<b>\$1.6</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>										
<i>Accord</i>	\$4.2	\$0.9	-	-	-	\$0.0	\$0.0	-	-	-
<i>Non-Accord Program</i>	\$7.0	\$3.1	-	-	-	\$15.9	\$31.8	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.2</b>	<b>\$4.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$15.9</b>	<b>\$31.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	5-year Average					3-year Average				
<b>Council</b>	\$13.9	\$13.9	\$13.9	\$13.9	\$13.9	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	-	-

# TAURUS Reporting For Transparency

## Council Recommendations & BPA Decisions Broadsheet

Inspired by recent email threads between Dick Wallace and Greg Delwiche, this broadsheet proposes a way to make the Council Recommendations and associated BPA Decisions more transparent.

New high-level view of a Review. Could link to this page from the cdfish.org home page to improve access to this info.

New navigation option, available to public

New meta-level review Summary information previously only captured in PDF memos. (We need to provide ability to add this content; same functionality could also be leveraged to collect global ISRP comments for all the projects reviewed).

Details on the selected project display below the grid.

Click on Issue or Condition provides all the details.

Displays the full Council Comments for the selected project.

Click on Budget Decision displays details of that decision

Home > Reviews > Categorical RM&E / Artificial Production / + Review > Council Recommendation and BPA Decision

### Council Recommendation and BPA Decision

This view combines project budget/scope recommendations and conditions from both the Northwest Power & Conservation Council with the downstream decisions made by BPA. The goal is to provide simpler, more transparent access to this information.

Review Summary  
Council Rec. / BPA Decision  
View Scenario  
View Assessments  
Back to Reviews

Review "Categorical RM&E / Artificial Production / +"

Council Recommendation Summary: In keeping with Program goals, we maintained level funding for RME projects the following Provinces: ...  
[Memo to BPA on 4/14/2010.pdf](#)

BPA Decision Summary: In almost all cases BPA accepted Council's recommendations, acknowledging their Conditions and responding to their Programmatic Issues...  
[Memo to Council on 5/3/2010.pdf](#)

PROJECTS (VIEWING 27 of 33 PROJECTS) Download

Project	Title	Portfolio	NPCC FY10-12 EXP	NPCC FY10-12 CAP	Conditions	Comments	Programmatic Issues	BPA FY10-12 EXP	BPA FY10-12 CAP	BPA Response
1991-078-00	John R. Palensky Wildl...	RME Cat: RME and Data...	\$0.81 M	\$0				\$0.81 M	\$0	
1992-058-00	Willamette Basin Mitigat...	RME Cat: RME and Data...	\$3.96 M	\$9.00 M		Willamette BiOp Project Progr...	1	\$3.96 M	\$9.00 M	Agreed this budget is adeq...
2000-018-00	Tualatin River National ...	RME Cat: Artificial Prods...	\$2.42 M	\$3.50 M				\$2.50 M	\$3.50 M	Added DOI to cover extra ...
1992-058-00	Amazon Basin/Westbid...	RME Cat: Regional Coord...	\$0.84 M	\$0	1	Programmatic Issues #0-3	2	\$0.60 M	\$0	Decreased by 4K since NE...

**PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES & CONDITIONS:**  
[10. Regional Coordination Funding](#)

**Council Comments:**  
Willamette BiOp Project. Programmatic issues on the project include # 10. Specifically, we're concerned about sustained cost share dollars necessary to make this project a success. BPA, please work with the Proponent to secure additional funding.

**BPA Response:**  
Agreed cost share partnering is critical to this project's ability to deliver on its commitments. We will encourage the ODFW to obtain more solid cost share pledges from the Meyer Memorial Trust and other entities in the region.

**BPA Budget Decisions:**  
[17163](#), [17168](#), [17175](#)

Primary value of the BPA Response text is to explain any variance from Council's Recommendation.

Not to be confused with the current "Rationale" captured at the individual budget transfer level. This Response text applies to the project's budget decision for multiple years (and covers both Expense and Capital).