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September 30, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Council Staff

SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Program Amendments

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Council staff

Summary: The staff proposes the Council work through any additional proposed revisions of the draft program (September 26th 2014 draft copy) at the October 6th Council meeting with the goal of adopting an amended Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program at the October 10th Council meeting.

Relevance: Amending the fish and wildlife program is called for in the Northwest Power Act.

Workplan: This task is called for under Objective 2 (*Promote regional fish and wildlife recovery – implement Program and adopt new Fish and Wildlife amendments*), Action B (*Develop and complete 2014 program amendments*) of the Council's Annual Work plan for 2014.

Background: The Council met for several days in September to consider revisions to the draft fish and wildlife program. Following the September Council meeting, the staff incorporated the changes made by the Council and further editing for consistency and style was conducted by public affairs division staff, working with fish and wildlife division staff.

On Monday October 6th, staff recommends the Council consider if any further revisions to the draft fish and wildlife program are warranted. Staff recommends that the Council consider adopting a final fish and wildlife program on October 8th (see separate decision memorandum).