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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Jim Ruff – Manager, Mainstem Passage and River Operations

SUBJECT: Briefing on the December 2014, Washington D.C. trip

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Tony Grover and Mark Walker

Summary: Tony Grover and Mark Walker will report to the Council on discussions during their recent visit to various Congressional offices in Washington D.C. on December 2-3, 2014.

Relevance: Periodic trips to Washington D.C. to discuss priority fish and wildlife issues with Congressional staff will assist in program implementation and our outreach efforts.

Workplan: The Fish and Wildlife Division 2014 work plan calls for the Council to inform and involve stakeholders in regional fish and wildlife and energy issues. More specifically, it calls for us to implement a communications plan with key political leadership, including Congress and federal agencies, on trips to Washington D.C.

Background: The Council and staff recognize a range of legal, social and political factors influence how the natural resources of the Columbia River Basin are managed, and how the Council shapes the program. These factors also influence what actions and strategies are feasible to implement to achieve the program vision.

More Info: None.