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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Discussion on the draft fish and wildlife annual work plan

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Lynn Palensky and Tony Grover

Summary: Staff will work through the format and elements of the Division's work plan and seeks confirmation from the Committee on priority work that the division is engaged in.

Relevance: Reviewing the annual work plan and priorities will help confirm priorities and sequencing for the Fish and Wildlife division work in 2015.

Work plan: This is a discussion of the work plan.

Background: Continued development of the division work plan has occurred since the new program was adopted. The Committee members have seen various versions of the plan in November, December and January. The 2015 Fish and Wildlife Division work plan is derived from the Fish and Wildlife Program. Generally, the work plan is organized by the Council's implementation priorities list on page 116 of the Program, and then by important ongoing work.

Based on timing, sequencing and staffing capacity, the list below outlines the primary processes/ tasks that staff is working on 2015; over and above ongoing work (*not in any particular order*):

Task/Process	Purpose	Program Page #
Long term O&M inventory and prioritization	Develop O&M strategic plan to protect past investments	114, 199
Objectives for adult salmon and steelhead	Develop quantitative biological objectives to help guide work and measure program success	29
Revise research plan	Update and revise 2006 research plan to guide how we address critical uncertainties in the program	103
Project review	Renew Council funding recommendations for research and wildlife projects	119
Wildlife Advisory Committee	Develop recommendations for wildlife operational losses and future HEP needs	72
Eulachon science policy forum	Work with others to better understand the biological requirements of eulachon	97
Convert program for web-accessibility	Improve accessibility and search ability of web-based program	N/A
Annual forum with regional coordinators	Provide a forum for fish and wildlife managers to discuss annual Program work priorities	121
Program Cost Savings	Explore Program areas in which savings can be generated to fund high priority investments	114
Reintroduction of anadromous fish in blocked areas	Pursue a science-based, phased approach to investigate the potential for reintroduction	84

We continue to refine the plan as necessary, now in a collaborative, user-friendly format called SmartSheet (see excerpt below):

Process/Work Summary
Emerging Program Priorities (pg 116)
Long Term O & M
Adaptive Management
Anadromous Fish Mitigation (Grand Coulee & Chief Joe)
Flood Plain Habitat Strategies
Sturgeon and Lamprey Measures
Subbasin Plan Updates
Threats to Investments
NEW* Existing Program Review - Savings
Staff Recommended Priorities
High Priority Work
Program Coordination - annual forum
Project Review Process
Science Policy forum on Eulachon
Convert final program to web platform
Wildlife Advisory Committee and HEP subcommittee
Ongoing Work

More Info: The 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program. Also see [SmartSheet View](#).