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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Council staff

SUBJECT: Three Step Review - history and use in the Program

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager
Tony Grover, Fish and Wildlife Division Director

Summary: Council staff will review the history and use of the step review process that has been used for proposed production and large complex projects for implementation under the program. In addition, staff will discuss how this tool could be used as it relates to potential large scale reintroduction efforts.

Relevance: The step review is part of the 2014 F&W Program implementation procedures is outlined (Part Six; Section III, subsection A., 2).

Workplan: Step reviews are a sub element of project reviews in the workplan tasks.

Background: The Council developed the three-step review in response to recommendations in the first report of the Independent Science Review Panel in 1997. The Council originally conceived of the three-step review as an interim process pending the completion of a comprehensive review of artificial production policy across the basin. The Council conducted that Artificial Production Review, adopted the final report, and embedded the recommendations from the review in the 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program. Following that, the Council decided (in 2001) that it made sense to

continue the three-step review sequence for all new proposed production, and large complex projects for implementation under the program.

More Info: http://www.nwcouncil.org/media/29255/2006_21.pdf