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### DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

**FROM:** Tony Grover, Patty O'Toole and Lynn Palensky

**SUBJECT:** Introduction to implementation of 2014 Program Priorities

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Staff will present a series of memos to prepare the Committee to begin implementing the 2014 program emerging priorities.

**SIGNIFICANCE** Supports 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program priority work.

### BUDGETARY/ECONOMIC IMPACTS

If staff are directed to further develop a request for proposals or a solicitation processes to begin in early FY 2016, the effort would commit substantial staff resources for an extended period of time up to a year or more, increase sponsors' attention to, and possible level of participation in, the processes.

### BACKGROUND

The Council has extensive experience working with the region's fish and wildlife managers, Bonneville and others to organize, execute and follow up on processes designed to generate reviewable proposals that lead to fundable recommendations. Following are several memos that describe what work could be done, when it could be done, how to encourage development of proposals to do the work, and how to identify scientifically valid proposals and recommend them for Bonneville funding.

Staff will present program priority implementation related information in several areas, and will then conclude with a summary document of all staff recommendations with a request for several Committee decisions. Staff will use the Committee's decisions to develop a detailed set of proposals for the September meeting of the Committee. A summary of today's discussion will be presented to the full Council in September. Based on Committee and Council decisions and input received in September, staff will bring a detailed proposal to the Council meeting in October to start immediately on identified work. Based on Council decisions about priorities and timing, staff will develop the details of subsequent phases of this work later in calendar year 2015 and into 2016.