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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Peter Paquet, Wildlife Advisory Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC) draft recommendations on operational losses definition and ending of Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP)

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Peter Paquet and Mark Fritsch

Summary: Peter Paquet will brief the Council on the Wildlife Advisory Committee's (WAC) progress on developing recommendations on how to proceed with addressing operational losses and their definitions and the schedule for providing recommendations to the Council in November. The WAC will hold its final meeting on October 15th.

Relevance: As part of the 2014 Program strategies the role of the Wildlife Advisory Committee is outlined (Part Three; Section IV; A; 11. Wildlife Mitigation, page 75).

Workplan: This work is being tracked in the annual Fish and Wildlife Work Plan and the Council's Annual Work plan, Section 2b.

Background: The 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program directs the Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC) to examine the existing options and alternatives for

providing mitigation for wildlife operational losses and to provide a recommendation to the Council for resolving the issue by October, 2015. In addition, the committee has been charged to make recommendations on the need for additional HEP reports and future HEP Team funding. In addition, the Council charged the WAC with developing definitions for “operational” and “secondary losses”.

More Info: <http://www.nwcouncil.org/media/7085451/wildlife-advisory-charter-signed.pdf> - Charter of the Wildlife Advisory Committee