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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Stacy Horton, Policy Analyst/Biologist, Washington

SUBJECT: Presentation by the Reardan, Washington Future Farmers of America Agricultural Issues Team on the Reintroduction of Salmon above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Rick Perleberg, Reardan Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor.
Student Presenters: Alizabeth Williams, Kaylene Kuykendall, Ruger Lillengreen, Justis Anderson, Josey Anderson, Nathan Kieffer.

Summary: The Reardan FFA Chapter Agricultural Issues team has developed a presentation about reintroduction of salmon above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams. The presentation is about 15 minutes long and afterwards, they ask that you question the students about the content of their presentation to test their depth of knowledge and soundness of their arguments. As part of the requirement for state and national level competition, teams are required to build a portfolio of public presentations. Please be willing to share information with the students that can help them in their future presentations.

These students are currently in first place for their District.

Following are some potential questions for your consideration that you may want to ask the students. Please do not hesitate to ask more controversial or challenging questions than those provided below.

1. Why did you select reintroduction as a topic? Why do you think it's such a controversial issue?
2. Some people say that salmon can't survive above Grand Coulee Dam. How would you respond to that?
3. We've heard from some in the region that reintroduction will be too costly. What do you think about that?
4. Critics say that we can't get salmon above a dam as high as Grand Coulee Dam. How do you respond to that?
5. Some have suggested Whooshh technology as a way to get salmon above Grand Coulee Dam. What do you think of this idea?
6. We've heard it suggested that even if it's possible to get adult salmon above Grand Coulee Dam, the real challenge is how to collect the juveniles and move them below the dam. How do you respond to this aspect of reintroduction?
7. What's next for this group in terms of your competition?