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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Jeff Allen, Idaho Office

SUBJECT: Idaho Department of Fish & Game Update

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Virgil Moore, Director, IDFG

Summary: Director Moore will brief the Council on agency organization, priorities, and areas of special interest. Director Moore will also provide an overview of IDFG's Fish and Wildlife program, as well as the Idaho's Columbia River Fish Accord program.

Background: Virgil Moore is Director for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (2011 to present). Virgil began work for IDFG in 1977 as a fisheries research biologist working on Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the South Fork Snake River. He has held multiple management and research positions including Chief of Fisheries and Chief of Information and Education. Virgil was Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife from 2006-2007 before returning to Idaho as Deputy Director in 2007.

Virgil received a BS Degree in Biology from Northwest Missouri State University in 1973 and taught high school in Missouri prior to moving to Idaho for graduate work on steelhead at Idaho State University where he received an MS degree in Zoology in 1977. Virgil is active in fish and wildlife professional organizations both at a state and national level and has served as chair of several national committees.