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June 7, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Nancy Leonard and Tony Grover

SUBJECT: Discussion of 3rd NOAA Regional Partnership Workshop

BACKGROUND:

NOAA Fisheries convened a 'Columbia Basin Partnership Workshop on February 7, 2016. While NOAA is assessing how Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements might influence the process, they held the first gathering of the full Partnership as a workshop as opposed to a formal meeting. Since then NOAA convened a second workshop on May 4th, and a third workshop on June 7th. The purpose of the third workshop was to continue to share existing technical information for the purposes of getting all participants to a common level of basin understanding concerning Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead and their limiting factors.

Presenters: Participating Council members, Nancy Leonard, Tony Grover

Summary: The third NOAA regional partnership workshop focused on the following topic areas concerning salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin:

- Harvest
- Hatcheries
- Hydropower

Relevance: Implements the Council's 2014 emerging priority 2, adaptive management, through setting program objectives for natural spawning salmon and steelhead.

Background: The purpose of the Columbia Basin Partnership (Partnership) is to lead a science-based, results-driven, transparent, and publicly-embraced effort to establish integrated goals for listed and non-listed Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead that optimally balance long-term conservation and harvest and integrate and support regional and local efforts.

NOAA Fisheries envisions this process to generate quantitative, adult return goals at the species, stock, major populations group, and population levels for both listed and unlisted stocks. The goals would address both conservation and harvest/fishing aspirations, hatchery mitigation goals and others. The process would also consider habitat capacity and climate change.

In addition to enhanced engagement and understanding among members, the outcome of shared goals will be a concise, common definition of success. Numerical adult return goals would allow a means to measure progress, and a clear way to maintain public support for regional efforts. Additionally, chances of achieving success will be enhanced through better coordination and effective use of resources.

While the Columbia Basin Partnership will not result in a regulatory decision or commit any party to a set of activities, it is NOAA's hope that the prospect of a common, long-term set of goals for salmon and steelhead would inspire the region's partners to integrate efforts and seek efficient ways to achieve common goals.

More Info: The agenda for the June 7th workshop is attached.

COLUMBIA BASIN PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

JUNE 7, 2016; 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

AMBRIDGE EVENT CENTER, MARQUAM ROOM
1333 NE MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR BLVD.
PORTLAND, OR 97232

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:30 *Coffee and Sign-In*
- 9:30 – 10:00 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions, Agenda, and Materials
 - Welcome, opening remarks, and introductions – *Barry Thom, NOAA Fisheries*
 - Review proposed agenda, materials, and ground rules – *Deb Nudelman, Kearns & West (K&W)*
- 10:00 – 11:45 Harvest Information/Presentations - *Brent Hall, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Peter Dygert, NOAA Fisheries, Stuart Ellis, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Guy Norman, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*
 - Treaties/agreements
 - Management process/allocation
 - Fisheries/gear types
 - Spawner/recruit relationship
 - Fisheries management tools and monitoring/surveys/enforcement
 - Challenges (mixed stock fisheries, gear conflict, and climate)
 - Clarifying questions/answers
- 11:45 – 12:45 *Break for lunch*
- 12:45 – 2:00 Hatcheries Information/Presentations - *Rob Jones, NOAA Fisheries, Becky Johnson, Nez Perce Tribe, and Paul Kline, Idaho Fish and Game*
 - Production numbers/types of programs/locations
 - Mitigation agreements
 - Hatchery process/cycle/capacity
 - Hatchery science
 - Hatchery management tools
 - Challenges (hatchery/wild interactions, over escapement, and climate)
 - Clarifying questions/answers
- 2:00 – 2:15 *Break*
- 2:15 – 3:45 Hydropower Information/Presentations – *Ritchie Graves, NOAA Fisheries*
 - Types of dams/locations/blocked areas
 - General effects of dams (flows, turbidity)
 - Adult and juvenile passage routes/structural modifications
 - Operations (flow, spill, transport, temperature control)
 - Monitoring survivals
 - Challenges (fish passage, latent mortality, and climate)
 - Clarifying questions/answers
- 3:45 – 4:00 Next Steps and Summary
 - Review next steps
 - Acknowledgements and summary
- 4:00 Adjourn