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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council members

**FROM:** Tony Grover

**SUBJECT:** Decision to use Cost Savings funds for Northern Pike control efforts in Lake Roosevelt

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Presenters:** Committee Chair Anders, Bryan Mercier, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Kerry Berg, Lynn Palensky, Laura Robinson and Tony Grover, all Council staff.

**Summary:** The Cost Savings Workgroup recommends the Council support the use of \$40,000 of identified cost savings for FY2017 northern pike predator control efforts in Lake Roosevelt.

**Relevance** The cost saving workgroup implements the language on page 116 of the 2014 fish and wildlife program: *'Bonneville should fund any new fish and wildlife obligations from identifying savings within the current program...'*

**Background:** Council member Anders chairs the cost saving workgroup, which is composed of Bryan Mercier and Peter Cogswell of BPA and Kerry Berg, Lynn Palensky, Laura Robinson and Tony Grover, all Council staff. The cost savings workgroup initially developed a cost savings methodology, which was approved by the Council at the regular July 2015 meeting in Spokane, (<http://www.nwcouncil.org/media/7149359/1.pdf>). Additional information about the cost savings workgroup and the methodology can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/cost-savings-group/>, including a 'frequently asked questions' document that

explains what the cost savings workgroup does and how it goes about identifying and vetting potential cost savings.

Recommendation to redirect funds:

Consistent with the Fish and Wildlife Program, cost savings will be available for emerging priorities. The first approved expenditure from cost savings of \$100,000 was committed to the habitat assessment study in blocked areas above Chief Joseph dam. The recommendation, supported by the Committee, now is to redirect cost savings to continue the Northern Pike suppression work proposed by the Spokane Tribe in Lake Roosevelt (1994-043-00, Lake Roosevelt Data Collection). This work was approved at the April 2016 Council meeting. The funding required from cost savings to continue work in FY 2017 would be \$40,000. If approved, the remaining balance of cost savings would be approximately \$510,000.

Additional information:

August 2, 2016 memorandum to the Fish and Wildlife Committee:  
<http://www.nwcouncil.org/media/7150477/f4.pdf>