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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Cost Savings Workgroup Update

BACKGROUND:

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

Summary: The Cost Savings Workgroup (CSW) will provide to the committee: a cover letter, summaries and questions regarding the ten relative reproductive success (RRS) projects. The CSW plans to distribute the packages of information, including any committee edits, to the RRS sponsors on September 16th.

RRS: The CSW has worked with the sponsors of the RRS projects to schedule a one-day workshop for these projects on October 13, 2016 at the Council's Portland office. This workshop has two purposes:

- Knowledge sharing and retention
- Cost savings that can be identified and repurposed for other emerging priorities

The CSW will share with the Committee members short summaries of each RRS project, along with a set of questions for project sponsors based on the summaries and associated documents. These summaries and questions are designed to better understand each project and its

value to Fish and Wildlife Program. Following committee discussion, the summaries and questions will be sent as a package to the sponsors of the RRS projects, to review for completeness and accuracy prior to the October 13 workshop. Following the October workshop with sponsors the CSW will then submit to the Committee its findings and recommendations regarding the future policy direction of the RRS projects.

Relevance: The CSW 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 CSW, 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 CSW initially developed a cost savings methodology, which was approved by the Council at the regular July 2015 meeting in Spokane. Additional information about the [CSW](#) and the [methodology](#) can be found on the Council’s website including a ‘frequently asked questions’ document that explains what the CSW does and how it goes about identifying and vetting potential cost savings.

Relative reproductive success project list:

The following are the projects identified as all or partially focused on relative reproductive success:

Proj Num	Title
199506325	Yakima River Monitoring and Evaluation-Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP)
199604300	Johnson Creek Artificial Propagation Enhancement
200900900	Basinwide Supplementation Evaluation
200303900	Monitoring the reproductive success of naturally spawning hatchery and natural spring Chinook salmon in the Wenatchee River
200305000	Evaluate the Reproductive Success of Wild and Hatchery Steelhead in Natural and Hatchery Environments
200305400	Evaluate the Relative Reproductive Success of Hatchery-Origin and Wild-Origin Steelhead Spawning Naturally in the Hood River
200306300	Natural Reproductive Success and Demographic Effects of Hatchery-Origin Steelhead in Abernathy Creek, Washington
200729900	Investigation of Relative Reproductive Success of Stray Hatchery & Wild Steelhead & Influence of Hatchery Strays on Productivity in the Deschutes
201003300	Study Reproductive Success of Hatchery and Natural Origin Steelhead in the Methow
198909600	Genetic Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Program for Salmon and Steelhead