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### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Council members

**FROM:** Jeff Allen, Idaho Staff

**SUBJECT:** Briefing on fish and wildlife projects in Northern Idaho and the Kootenai Tribe Burbot Hatchery

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Presenters:** **Chip Coris, IDFG Regional Manager**  
**Sue Ireland, Fish & Wildlife Department Director of Kootenai Tribe**  
**Angelo Vitale, Fisheries Manager for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe**

**Summary:** Chip Corsi from IDFG, will provide brief updates on three Council funded programs IDFG is heavily involved in: Lake Pend Oreille Fishery program, Kootenai River Fishery Program, and Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program. Lake trout suppression and other measure continues to be a useful tool in restoring kokanee numbers in Lake Pend Oreille, which in turn supports both a popular sport fishery for kokanee, and also the prey base for bull trout and the trophy rainbow trout fishery. The Pend Oreille summary will include an update on population trends, BPA funded work, and some discussion on the future. The Kootenai River updates will highlight trout, sturgeon and burbot responses to BPA funded work efforts. For Albeni Falls, Chip will largely focus on initial success of the Clark Fork Delta phase 1 project, plans for Phase 2, and a quick overview of IDFG managed lands acquired through BPA program.

Sue Ireland of the Kootenai Tribe, will speak about the Kootenai's integrated fish and wildlife program and how it reflects the Tribe's emphasis on landscape scale restoration actions designed to enhance the resilience and adaptability of ecosystems. The integrated program fosters ecosystem-based management and recognizes that fish and wildlife and their habitats exist within a larger interdependent landscape. Implementation of the six projects that make up the Tribe's integrated fish and wildlife program is necessary to meeting Power Act requirements to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the development and operation of Federal hydroelectric projects of the Columbia River and its tributaries. The Tribe's program is also consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program and the goals and objectives in the Kootenai River Subbasin Plan.

Angelo Vitale of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, will give a status update covering the period since the last project solicitation (2012-present) for Coeur d'Alene Tribal projects focused on 1) resident fish conservation and recovery in the Coeur d'Alene Subbasin (BPA Project #199004400); and 2) Hangman Creek Fisheries Restoration as part of the Spokane River Subbasin (BPA Projects #200103200 and #200103300). This will be a high level overview highlighting some lessons learned and accomplishments.