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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Patty O'Toole, Program Implementation Manager

SUBJECT: Research Plan discussion

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Patty O'Toole

Summary: Continuing with the discussion about the revised research plan task, called for in the 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program, staff will be presenting a draft plan for discussion. The draft plan builds on the guidance received from past discussions during committee and council meetings. The draft will be emailed to Committee members and posted online as part of this agenda item prior to the Committee meeting.

Relevance: A revised research plan is called for in the Council's 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program and is relevant to Program Priority 2: Implement adaptive management (including prioritized research on critical uncertainties).

Background: At past meetings the staff and Committee have reviewed and discussed: general challenges associated with Program research, key concepts from other research plans and program around the country, draft critical uncertainties for the program, options for identifying priority uncertainties for the program. At the November Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting, Committee members will have the opportunity to review and discuss a staff draft of a research plan, informed by these earlier discussions.

More information: [October](#), [August](#) and [July](#) Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting materials.