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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Stacy Horton

SUBJECT: Update on Phase 1 Investigations Related to Reintroduction of Anadromous Fish above Grand Coulee Dam

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Casey Baldwin, Senior Research Scientist for the Colville Confederated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department and
Conor Giorgi, Anadromous Program Manager for the Spokane Tribe.

Summary: The 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program calls for a science-based, phased approach to investigate the reintroduction of anadromous fish above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams. Part of the work required of Phase 1 is an investigation of habitat availability, suitability, and salmon survival potential in habitats above Grand Coulee. Casey Baldwin and Conor Giorgi will provide the Fish and Wildlife committee with an update on habitat investigations, risk assessment, and donor stocks.

Relevance: Investigating the feasibility of reintroduction above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams is a priority of the 2014 Program. Subsequent work to advance the fish planning process will be based on the results of the Phase 1 investigations.

Workplan: This work applies to the fish and wildlife workplan item, *Anadromous Fish Mitigation (Grand Coulee & Chief Joe)*.