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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee members

FROM: Patty O'Toole

SUBJECT: Update on the Fish and Wildlife Program amendment process

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Staff

Summary: The staff will discuss the amendment schedule, tasks and methods for reviewing the draft amendments with the Committee, as well as another set of recommendations and issues.

Relevance: The Council is in the midst of its Fish and Wildlife amendment process. The Council called for recommendations to amend its Program in May of 2018 and recommendations were due on December 13, 2018.

Workplan: Related to the Program amendment process described in the Fish and Wildlife Division workplan

Background:

At the March 26 Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed two possible approaches for how the Council could move forward with the Program amendments: amend the 2014 Program via an addendum or amend the text of the 2014

Program. The Committee recommended that the Council use the approach of an addendum to amend the 2014 Program. The text of the 2014 Program would be retained, and the addendum would focus on a subset of issues raised in the recommendations that require further refinement. Upon review and confirmation of this approach by the Council at the April meeting, the staff will begin drafting the addendum.

Several focus issues have been identified and discussed by the Committee to date. Staff will review additional recommendations and issues that need to be discussed before drafting amendments. These recommendations were under staff review at the time of preparing the packet, and additional information will be shared with Committee members before the April meeting.

At the April Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting the staff will review the amendment schedule, tasks and methods for reviewing the draft amendments with the Committee. The current schedule includes reviewing draft amendments with the Committee through the month of May, with the intention of bringing a draft to the full Council in June.