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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Erik Merrill and Nancy Leonard

SUBJECT: ISAB Review of Predation Impacts and Management Effectiveness for the Columbia River Basin

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Dr. Stan Gregory, ISAB member, and other ISAB members on the phone

Summary: In a [November 20, 2018 letter](#), the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) requested the Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) to provide a review of the biological and economic impacts of native and non-native predators, the effectiveness of predator management control efforts currently implemented, and the potential impacts from the introduction and spread of northern pike on the Columbia River Basin (Basin). The request included six science questions and two initial economic questions. The ISAB's report addresses the science questions. The Council obtained the assistance of economists, who will address the economic questions in a separate companion report.

The ISAB report is scheduled to be completed and posted on May 3, 2019. See the [ISAB's web page](#) for access to reports. Dr. Gregory's presentation will highlight the ISAB's key findings and answers to the Council's six questions.

Workplan: ISAB reviews are called for in the Council's work plan and the Fish and Wildlife Program.