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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

**FROM:** Lynn Palensky

**SUBJECT:** Update on Resident Fish and Sturgeon Category Review

### BACKGROUND:

**Presenter:** Lynn Palensky

**Summary:** The Resident Fish and Sturgeon Project Review process began in early November. Staff will provide a brief status report on the process, schedule (attached), and our effort to help improve project objectives.

**Relevance:** Section 4h(10)(D) of the Northwest Power Act directs the Council to review projects proposed for funding by the Bonneville Power Administration to implement the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program (Program). The Council engages in this review with the assistance of the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP). The Council, Bonneville, and ISRP work together to develop the information necessary to make the review process successful. Project reviews increase Fish and Wildlife Program accountability and transparency; improve project design, implementation, and overall effectiveness; help track project and program performance; and facilitate information sharing and adaptive management.

Many Program-funded projects have been implemented for over a decade and have been reviewed multiple times. So, an important function of the reviews is to evaluate project results and how well the projects have adapted proposed future work based on those results, and how well the project sponsors have responded to the scientific and management issues identified in previous reviews. In addition, it is important to understand projects in the context of the larger administrative and policy issues. The project review process gives the Council a vehicle to assess implementation

performance, adaptively manage within program areas, and make large and small course corrections. (Project list attached.)

## **Background**

At the October committee meeting, staff identified a small set of additional objectives for the upcoming review, beyond the essential objectives of a review process. One of those described was the need to improve the quality of project objectives in the proposal forms. This has been a long-standing need through several reviews as reported by the ISRP. Council staff and the ISRP have discussed various ways to help sponsors develop quantifiable, time-bound objectives for project review. In addition to guidance in the sponsor information packet, we are testing a new opportunity to improve objectives during this review process.

During the proposal writing phase in December and January, the ISRP and Council offered to provide informal feedback on draft objectives ahead of the proposal form deadline. The goal of this is to improve the overall quality of quantitative, time-bound (SMART) biological and implementation objectives. This assistance is optional for sponsors and intended to help get the objectives section on the right track for the full, formal proposal review. The Council will still rely on the formal ISRP review to evaluate projects and the response loop to address potential concerns.

## **Important Dates**

January 10	Deadline for sponsors to submit draft objectives for early review
January 30	Proposal submittal deadline
March 3-5	Project presentations (at Council offices)
April 2	ISRP preliminary report due

**Resident Fish and Sturgeon Project Review Set**

	<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
1	2019-005-00	Lake Pend Oreille/Dworshak	IDFG
2	2019-001-00	Sekokini Springs Hatchery	MFWP
3	2017-004-00	Northern Pike Suppression and Monitoring	Colville Confederated Tribes WDFW STOI
4	2011-018-00	Pend Oreille River Basin Initiative: Land Acquisitions, Watershed Restoration, Conservation Hatchery	Kalispel Tribe
5	2008-455-00	Sturgeon Management	Yakama Confederated Tribes
6	2008-116-00	White Sturgeon Enhancement	Colville Confederated Tribes
7	2008-115-00	Lake Roosevelt Burbot Population Assessment	Colville Confederated Tribes
8	2008-109-00	Resident Fish Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RM&E)	Colville Confederated Tribes
9	2007-405-00	Rufus Woods Habitat/Passage Improvement, Creel and Triploid Supplementation	Colville Confederated Tribes
10	2007-372-00	Lake Roosevelt Sturgeon Hatchery	Spokane Tribe
11	2007-246-00	Restoration of Bull Trout Passage at Albeni Falls Dam	Kalispel Tribe
12	2007-170-00	South Fork Snake River Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Recruitment and Survival Improvement	Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)
13	2007-157-00	Bull Trout Status and Abundance on Warm Springs Reservation	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
14	2007-155-00	Develop a Master Plan for a Rearing Facility to Enhance Selected Populations of White Sturgeon in the Columbia River Basin	Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)
15	2007-149-00	Non-Native fish Suppression	Kalispel Tribe
16	2007-024-00	Coeur D'Alene Trout Ponds	Coeur D'Alene Tribe
17	2002-003-00	Secure and Restore Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Montana	Salish and Kootenai Confederated Tribes
18	2002-002-00	Restore Natural Recruitment of Kootenai River White Sturgeon	Kootenai Tribe
19	2001-033-00	Hangman Creek Fish & Wildlife Restoration	Coeur D'Alene Tribe
20	2001-032-00	Coeur D'Alene Fisheries Enhancement-Hangman Creek	Coeur D'Alene Tribe
21	2001-031-00	Resident Fish Symposium	Lake Roosevelt Forum
22	2001-029-00	Ford Hatchery Operations and Maintenance (O&M)	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
23	2001-028-00	Banks Lake Fishery Evaluation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
24	1997-019-00	Evaluate Life History of Native Salmonids in Malheur River Subbasin	Burns-Paiute Tribe
25	1997-011-00	Duck Valley Reservation Habitat Enhancement	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
26	1997-004-00	Resident Fish above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams	Kalispel Tribe
27	1995-027-00	Lake Roosevelt Sturgeon Recovery	Spokane Tribe

28	1995-015-00	Duck Valley Reservation Reservoir Fish Stocking Operations and Maintenance (O&M)	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
29	1995-013-00	Nez Perce Trout Ponds	Nez Perce Tribe
30	1995-011-00	Chief Joseph Kokanee Enhancement	Colville Confederated Tribes
31	1995-009-00	Lake Roosevelt Rainbow Trout Net Pens	Lake Roosevelt Development Association
32	1995-004-00	Libby Reservoir Mitigation Restoration and Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RM&E)	Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP)
33	1995-001-00	Kalispel Tribe Resident Fish Program	Kalispel Tribe
34	1994-049-00	Kootenai River Ecosystem Restoration	Kootenai Tribe
35	1994-043-00	Lake Roosevelt Data Collection	Spokane Tribe
36	1992-010-00	Fort Hall Habitat Restoration	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
37	1991-047-00	Sherman Creek Hatchery Operations and Maintenance (O&M)	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
38	1991-046-00	Spokane Tribal Hatchery Operations and Maintenance (O&M)	Spokane Tribe
39	1991-019-04	Hungry Horse Mitigation-Creston Hatchery	US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
40	1991-019-03	Hungry Horse Mitigation Habitat Restoration and Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RM&E)	Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP)
41	1991-019-01	Hungry Horse Mitigation/Flathead Lake Restoration and Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RM&E)	Salish and Kootenai Confederated Tribes
42	1990-044-00	Coeur D'Alene Reservation Fisheries Habitat	Coeur D'Alene Tribe
43	1990-018-00	Lake Roosevelt Rainbow Trout Habitat and Passage Improvement	Colville Confederated Tribes
44	1988-065-00	Kootenai River Fishery Investigations	Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)
45	1988-064-00	Kootenai River White Sturgeon Aquaculture Conservation Facility	Kootenai Tribe
46	1986-050-00	Evaluate Sturgeon Populations in the Lower Columbia River	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
47	1985-038-00	Colville Hatchery Operation and Maintenance (O&M)	Colville Confederated Tribes

# RESIDENT FISH AND STURGEON PROJECT REVIEW TIMELINE

OCTOBER 2019

