MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members
FROM: Leslie Bach and Patty O’Toole
SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Program amendment: Discussion on Part I of the Program Addendum

BACKGROUND:
Presenter: Leslie Bach and Patty O’Toole

Summary: Staff will provide an update on the ongoing process of refining the program goals, objectives and strategy performance indicators. They will discuss the current status of revisions to the Part I document and provide a summary of the discussion and outcomes from the first salmon and steelhead indicator workshop.

Relevance: The Council is currently in a Program amendment process.

Workplan: Amending the Fish and Wildlife Program is described in the Fish and Wildlife Division Workplan.

Background: During the public comment period on the draft 2020 Addendum, the Council received comments from some of the state fish and wildlife agencies and tribes asking the Council not to adopt Part I. They asked the Council to begin a process to work together to determine the most appropriate goals, objectives, and indicators for the program. At the December Council meeting, the Council members made a decision to extend the time for completing Part 1 of the program addendum and
approved a workplan proposed by staff. This plan includes a set of workshops to refine and revise the program goals, objectives and strategy performance indicators. A draft schedule was provided in the December packet memo. A revised list of the workshop dates is provided below. All workshops will have webinar/call-in options. Additional meetings, webinars and calls will be scheduled as needed.

The first workshop was held January 8 – 9, 2020 and focused on the program goals and objectives. Approximately 80 people attended in person or on the phone/webinar over the 2-day workshop. The attendees suggested edits to the goal statements and provided a number of additional objectives. Staff incorporated the changes into a revised draft document, which was emailed to the workshop attendees and posted on the Council’s website. There is still work in progress on some of the objectives, and those additions and edits will be incorporated into the document when available.

Updated schedule of meetings:

February 10, 2020, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. - 1st salmon and steelhead strategy performance indicator workshop
February 12, 2020, 1:00 – 4:30 pm. - Sturgeon strategy performance indicator workshop (note that resident fish are no longer part of this afternoon workshop)
March 11, 2020, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Wildlife goals and objectives continued, and wildlife strategy performance indicators
March 16, 2020, morning – 2nd salmon and steelhead strategy performance indicator workshop
March 16, 2020, afternoon - Resident fish strategy performance indicator workshop
March 18, 2020, afternoon – lamprey strategy performance indicator workshop
April 13, 2020, all day – 3rd salmon and steelhead strategy performance indicator workshop