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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Mark Fritsch

SUBJECT: Briefing on Columbia River Basin salmon and steelhead returns for 2019 and run forecasts for 2020

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Bill Tweit (WDFW), Art Martin (ODFW), Chris Kozfkay (IDFG)

Summary: The Council will be briefed on the 2019 returns and 2020 run forecasts of adult salmon and steelhead

Bill Tweit, (Special Assistant, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) and Art Martin (Columbia River Coordination Section Manager, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), will present the latest information on adult Chinook, coho, sockeye, and chum salmon and steelhead run forecasts for the Columbia rivers, and expectations for the 2020 fisheries. The presentation will also include a retrospective review of the 2019 adult salmon and steelhead returns and fisheries in the Columbia River excluding the Snake Basin.

Chris Kozfkay, (Natural Resource Program Coordinator, Idaho Department of Fish and Game) will provide the recent and historical returns of salmon and steelhead to the Snake River Basin along with the forecasted returns for 2020, focusing on the species/run groupings of spring, summer and fall Chinook salmon; summer steelhead; and sockeye salmon. Numbers of fish passing Lower Granite Dam comprise the aggregate count of adult salmon and steelhead destined for eastern Oregon's Grande Ronde and Imnaha river drainages and Idaho's Clearwater and Salmon River drainages.

Relevance: This information is relevant to our high-level indicators. It gives the region a preview for what is expected for adult returns in the current year.

Workplan: This task is captured in the Division's work plan under Adaptive Management - Annual Reports.

More Info: Links:
Columbia River Forecasts: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/forecasts>
[2019 Forecast](#) Report to Council
[Joint State Staff Reports](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/) <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/>
Columbia River DART: <http://www.cbr.washington.edu/dart>