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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

**FROM:** Mark Fritsch

**SUBJECT:** Impacts of Covid-19 on the Fish and Wildlife Program

### BACKGROUND:

**Presenter:** Mark Fritsch will be joined by Scott Donahue (Bonneville Power Administration)

**Summary:** Council and Bonneville staff will present an update on the implications of the COVID-19 situation on the implementation of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

### *Update*

- The effects of the COVID -19 situation remain very fluid and are changing daily, and it's too early to truly understand the full ramifications that will result.
- Most sponsors and fish and wildlife managers are now able to conform to the appropriate guidelines and are conducting office and field activities. The one exception is the Confederate Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation – only limited office and field work.
- Certain activities have been canceled for this year (e.g., taking brood for white sturgeon, data gathering (spawning and out-migration)) – activities that would have occurred during the initial period of the pandemic.
- Due to the initial delays and postponement of planned activities there is now a backlog of activities (e.g., maintenance, field activities, fish marking, plan development) that seem to be the biggest challenge at this point.

**More Info:**

- [May 2020 packet memo to F&W Committee](#)
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife COVID-19  
site: <https://myodfw.com/COVID-19>
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game COVID-19  
site: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/covid19>
- Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks COVID-19  
site: [http://fwp.mt.gov/news/newsReleases/covid19/nr\\_0020.html](http://fwp.mt.gov/news/newsReleases/covid19/nr_0020.html)
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife COVID-19  
site: <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/erule.jsp?id=2490>
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland  
District: <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Media/News/Article/2136443/agencies-encourage-outdoor-enthusiasts-to-do-the-right-thing/>
- NOAA Fisheries: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/noaa-fisheries-coronavirus-covid-19-update>