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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mark Fritsch

SUBJECT: Briefing on Columbia River Basin salmon and steelhead returns for 2020 and forecasts for 2021

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Tim Sippel (U.S. v Oregon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) chair) and Charlene Hurst (Columbia River Management Unit Lead Fish Program) of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Chris Sullivan (TAC representative and Anadromous Fisheries Program Coordinator, Idaho Department of Fish and Game), and Art Martin (Columbia River Coordination Section Manager, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife).

Summary: The Council will be briefed on the latest information on adult Chinook, coho, sockeye, and chum salmon and steelhead run forecasts for the Columbia rivers, and expectations for the 2021 fisheries. The presentation will also include a retrospective review of the 2020 adult salmon and steelhead returns and fisheries in the Columbia River excluding the Snake Basin.

For the Snake River Basin information will be provided on the recent and historical returns of salmon and steelhead along with the forecasted returns for 2021, 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 the Council's high-level indicators, the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program objectives and the strategy performance indicators. It gives the region a preview for what is expected for adult returns in the current year.

Workplan: Fish and Wildlife Division work plan 2021; Program Implementation (2014 Program and 2020 addendum); Other program implementation.

More Info:

- 2020 [Packet Memo](#), [Columbia River](#) and [Snake River](#) Presentations to the Council
- [Joint State Staff Reports](#)
- Columbia River DART: <http://www.cbr.washington.edu/dart>