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October 5, 2021

### MEMORANDUM

**TO: Committee Members**

**FROM: Council staff**

**SUBJECT: Update on Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery Project Review**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

**Presenter:** Mark Fritsch and Maureen Hess

**Summary:** Council staff will provide a brief update on the *Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery* (AFHH) Project Review. On September 24<sup>th</sup> the ISRP provided their preliminary report regarding the projects in the AFHH review. This review category is the last category of projects to be reviewed in this cycle and was initiated in early February 2021. Staff will provide a brief overview of the ISRP's preliminary report and the AFHH review schedule. The Council decision associated with this category of projects is anticipated to be made in April 2022.

**Relevance:** Section 4h(10)(D) of the Northwest Power Act directs the Council to review projects proposed for funding by Bonneville to implement the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. The Council engages in this review process with the assistance of the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP). The Council and Bonneville work together to develop the information necessary to make the review process successful.

**Workplan:** Fish and Wildlife Division: Program Implementation (2014 Program and 2020 addendum); Project review.

**Background:** In 2017, the Council initiated the second cycle of category-based reviews.

The review schedule for four different project categories (*Wildlife, Mainstem/Program, Resident Fish and Sturgeon Support*) reflected the order and timing of the previous reviews and accounted for field season, public comment period, and time necessary based on the number of projects within each category.

The [Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery Project Review](#) (AFHH) is the last and largest category of this current review cycle and was initiated on February 2, 2021. The 124 projects in this review include hatchery operation and maintenance (O&M), fish screen O&M, habitat restoration and the monitoring and evaluation activities associated with these project types.

On September 24, 2021 the Council received the ISRP's preliminary report for the review of 122 projects (note that review materials for two projects from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have not been submitted). Through this report the ISRP provides preliminary information regarding the projects and requests "responses" from select projects to complete their science review that is anticipated in their final report in February 2022.

The ISRP found that, of the 122 projects in the review, 73 "meet science review criteria," of which 41 projects have conditional review comments. There are 37 projects that need to provide additional information (i.e., "response requested") to determine if they fully meet scientific review criteria. In addition, the ISRP found that 12 projects are not amenable to science review and received a "not applicable" comment.

Public comment of the projects and ISRP preliminary review was initiated on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Following is the anticipated schedule associated with the AFHH review.

<b>Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery Review Steps</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Review Process Start Date</b>	<b>February 2, 2021</b> ✓
<b>Review Materials Due</b>	<b>May 3, 2021</b> ✓
<b>Project Sponsor Presentations</b>	<b>June and July 2021</b> ✓
<b>ISRP Preliminary Report</b>	<b>September 23, 2021</b> ✓
Public Comment begins	September 24, 2021
Responses Due	November 22, 2021
Final Report	February 10, 2022
ISRP Presentation to Council	February 2022
Public Comment ends	February 21, 2022
Committee Recommendations	March 2022
Council Recommendations	April 2022

# Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery Project Review (AFHH)

October 2021

# ISRP Preliminary Report

- Total projects in AFHH Review = 124
- Review materials received and reviewed = 122

<b>ISRP category</b>	<b># of Projects</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Meets Criteria</b>	32	Meets Scientific Review Criteria
<b>Meets Criteria - Conditional</b>	41	Meets scientific review criteria but additional information or detail may be needed as determined by Council as part of the final recommendation
<b>Response Requested</b>	37	Additional information needed before the ISRP can make a final decision
<b>Does Not Meet</b>	0	Does not meet the criteria for scientific review
<b>Not Applicable</b>	12	Objectives not amenable to scientific review

# Review Schedule

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