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**TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members**

**FROM: Patty O'Toole**

**SUBJECT: Draft 2022 Fish and Wildlife Division Workplan**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Presenter: Patty O'Toole and staff

Summary: Staff will review Fish and Wildlife Division workplan highlights for 2022

Relevance: The workplan will guide division work for the remainder of 2022.

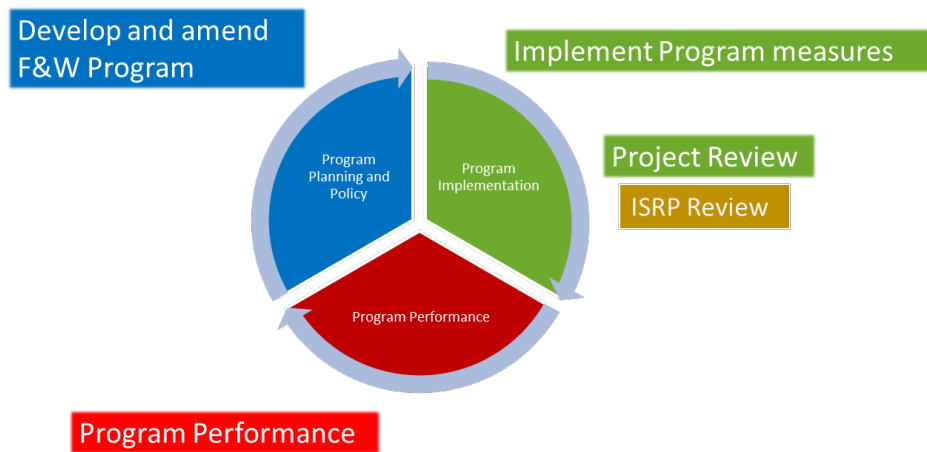
Workplan: Draft plan for 2022

### Background:

At the February Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting, staff will review the Fish and Wildlife Work Division Plan highlights for 2022. Staff will distribute the work plan to members before the meeting by email.

The work of the staff is generally organized into three major areas (see figure 1): 1) Program policy development and planning; 2) Program Implementation including the major task of periodic review of projects and tracking implementation by others; and 3) Program performance, although there is overlap between these three areas.

Figure1: Organization of major areas of staff work.



A major task for the division this year is the completion of the review of current Fish and Wildlife Program anadromous fish habitat and hatchery projects. This review, consisting of 124 projects, began in February of 2021 and is expected to wrap up in April of 2022. This will complete the current cycle of reviews that began in 2017 with the review of the Program’s wildlife projects. Following completion of the current review, the staff will continue to develop an updated approach for reviewing projects in the future. The review and recommendation of projects by the Council and review by the Independent Scientific Review Panel are required under the Northwest Power Act, but the Council can exercise flexibility around *how* the review occurs. Preliminary concepts for an approach to future project review will be discussed with the Committee with the current project review staff recommendation and more details will follow later in 2022.

In 2022, we will continue to expand our work on Program performance by continuing to compile data and information on the strategy performance indicators described in the Council’s 2020 Fish and Wildlife Program Addendum Part I. A report on the first full year of work on the indicators will be presented to the full Council in February. The effort carries on in 2022 with continuation of data compilation and migration to the program tracker, and work group meetings to review and discuss data assessment and reporting. Additionally, the staff has refined its framework for describing various aspects of program performance and will sequentially focus on reporting on the history and evolution of the Fish and Wildlife Program, assessing implementation of the major program strategies and reporting on progress and accomplishments.

Staff will briefly review these, and other tasks anticipated for 2022 at the February Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting.