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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Lynn Palensky

**SUBJECT:** Update on Geographic Review

The Geographic Review includes all of the ongoing habitat projects in the anadromous areas of the Columbia Basin, under the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. The review is in full swing. The ISRP members have been reviewing the 83 proposals since they were received on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Part of this review includes site visits and project presentations, which are in progress now through the end of May (see schedule below).

Background: Beginning in 2009, the Council and Bonneville, with advice from the ISRP, decided to review projects funded under the Fish and Wildlife Program in functional categories (i.e., wildlife, monitoring, evaluation and research, artificial production, resident fish in the areas impassible for anadromous fish) to be followed by a review of habitat actions, organized by subbasin and province, commonly referred to as the Geographic Review. The Geographic Review includes then includes the ongoing habitat projects in areas of the basin which are currently accessible to anadromous fish. Nine of those projects represent *umbrella projects* – larger habitat projects that identify, rank, select, and in some cases fund habitat projects and are considered “programmatic” in nature. Once this review is complete, the Council will have completed reviews in this manner for the entire portfolio of projects in the program.

### Next steps for this review

- Continued ISRP site visits and project presentations (see schedule on next page)
- Preliminary ISRP Review of proposals and responses requested on **June 6, 2013**
- Responses from the project sponsors due by **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**
- Final ISRP Report complete by **August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## Site Tour and Presentations Schedule

We encourage the sponsors to attend as many of the presentations as possible to facilitate interaction/information exchange with other sponsors working in their area. Also, we invite Council members and staff to attend the presentations and site visits.

Review and Site Visit Location	Projects	Start	End	Meeting Location
Estuary, Lower Columbia	6	3/19	3/21	Portland
Gorge and Columbia Plateau - Deschutes, John Day	13	4/15	4/19	The Dalles
Gorge and Columbia Plateau - Wind, Klickitat, Hood, Fifteenmile	6	4/17		
Columbia Plateau - Umatilla, Walla Walla, Tucannon	13	4/22	4/25	Pendleton
Blue Mountain - Grande Ronde	6	4/23		
Mountain Snake - Clearwater; Blue Mountain - Asotin	15	4/30	5/3	Lewiston
Columbia Cascade - Wenatchee, Entiat, Methow Okanogan	5	5/13	5/16	Wenatchee
Yakima	6			
Mountain Snake - Salmon	13	5/20	5/23	Salmon and Stanely, ID

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