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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Erik Merrill, Manager, Independent Scientific Review

SUBJECT: ISRP Final 2017 Wildlife Project Review

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Steve Schroder, ISRP Chair, and Dave Heller, ISRP

Summary: At the Council's request the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) reviewed 29 wildlife mitigation projects. The ISRP will present its findings on the projects and on programmatic issues that apply across the projects ([ISRP 2017-7](#)). Six projects met scientific review criteria, 21 projects met criteria with some qualifications, and 2 projects did not meet criteria. The programmatic issues include adaptive management, program integration and analysis, weed management, and future project reviews. Overall, after reviewing project documents and meeting with wildlife managers, the ISRP was impressed with the wildlife managers' dedication and knowledge.

Relevance: Section 4(h)(10)(D) of the Northwest Power Act guides the Council in recommending projects to implement the Fish and Wildlife. Over the next two months, the Council will develop initial recommendations that take into account 1) the ISRP's review of the projects, 2) public comments on the projects and ISRP review, 3) administrative review by Council staff, 4) the requirements of Section 4(h)(10)(D) and other provisions in the Act, and 5) consistency with the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program.

Workplan: Project reviews are an integral part of the Fish and Wildlife Program's workplan.

More Info: The complete ISRP report is posted ([link](#)) and a Word version is available on BOX ([link](#)).