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TO: Council Members

FROM: Tony Grover
Fish and Wildlife Division Director

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint Dr. Terry Morlan to the Independent
Economic Analysis Board

PROPOSED ACTION: Consistent with the Independent Economic Analysis Board (IEAB) Charter, staff recommends the Council appoint Dr. Terry Morlan to the Council's IEAB, for a term of four years, to serve along with the other four current sitting members of the IEAB.

BACKGROUND

Members of the Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference (PNREC) Board, have assessed eleven candidates for the IEAB. The PNREC screening committee used the following criteria for their evaluation:

- Academic and/or research credentials in economics and/or the application of economics to natural resource policy decision-making.
- Evidence of being an "independent" professional in the area of Northwest fish, wildlife and related ecosystem issues. That is, IEAB members should be free of conflicts of interest or bias.
- Some familiarity with Northwest fish and wildlife or natural resource issues is desirable.
- A diversity of expertise among board members within the sub-disciplines of economics.

One candidate was ranked highest by the PNREC review committee, Dr. Terry Morlan. Dr. Morlan is the former director of the Council's Power Division and was a long serving member of the Council's staff until his retirement.

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