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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Patty O'Toole, Fish and Wildlife Division Director

SUBJECT: Report on progress of communication/information sharing with Bonneville

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Patty O'Toole
Jason Sweet – Executive Manager of Fish and Wildlife

Summary: Council staff and Jason will provide an update to members on developments since the last discussion in December of 2023, to improve how Bonneville reports, tracks, and shares Program implementation information with the Council

Relevance: Reporting and tracking of the implementation of the Fish and Wildlife Program are important to the Council.

Workplan: This item addresses the Program Implementation section of the workplan.

Background: At the November and December Fish and Wildlife Committee meetings the staff discussed the need for improving how Bonneville reports, tracks, and shares Program implementation information with the Council. The staff noted the need for more systematic information as to what is being implemented and especially information about and explanations for changes at the project level over time.

At the December meeting, the Chair asked for a report in February on progress on staff work with Bonneville to develop improvements for information sharing.

Following the committee meeting in November, Council staff met with Bonneville division staff and attorneys. Bonneville staff have committed in general to working out an appropriate information sharing arrangement with the Council. We understand from Bonneville staff that they are working on the details and will share those soon. We are pleased with the general commitment and urge Bonneville staff to provide us something soon.

More information:

- December Fish and Wildlife Committee Meeting [memo](#)
- November Fish and Wildlife Committee Meeting [memo](#)