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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Laura Robinson

SUBJECT: Update on Fish and Wildlife Program Outreach Schedule

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Council staff

Summary: At the July Council meeting, the Council approved to release the draft 2020 Addendum to the 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program for public comment. On July 19, the Council released the draft addendum and opened the public comment period, which closes on October 18. At the August Council meeting, staff will review the upcoming opportunities for public comment.

Relevance: Draft 2020 Addendum to the 2014 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program

Workplan: March 2019 Fish and Wildlife Division Workplan item *Program amendment: hearings and consultations with states, Tribes, federal agencies, and public*

Background: Public comment is taken through a variety of forums. In addition to written comment that can be submitted on the [Council's website](#) and [via email](#), the Council offers many opportunities for oral comment. Public hearings will be held in each state throughout the Basin and consultations can be scheduled with interested regional partners such as the Tribes, states, agencies, and utilities and other groups. In addition, the Council provides

a portion of each Council meeting during the program amendment process to comment on the addendum.

The Council members are encouraged to attend hearings held at Council meetings and at least one hearing outside of their state. Members are also encouraged to engage with interested groups in their state through consultations. The public comment period is a time to connect and ensure open dialogue with those affected by and interested in the Fish and Wildlife Program. Throughout the program amendment process, exchanges related to the program must be entered into the administrative record.

More Info:

August	September	October
13 th : Portland, OR Council Central Office	17 th : Corvallis, OR CH2M HILL Alumni Center (OSU)	1 st : Spokane, WA Spokane City Council Chambers
21 st : Kalispell, MT Red Lion Hotel		15 th : Seattle, WA Hyatt Regency Seattle
22 nd : Bonners Ferry, ID Kootenai River Inn		
<i>The Council plans to hold additional hearings in Idaho – more info to come.</i>		
<i>All hearings are scheduled to run from 5-630pm.</i>		