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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Leslie Bach and Patty O'Toole

SUBJECT: Update on Amendment Process

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Leslie Bach and Patty O'Toole

Summary: Staff will provide an update on the status of the public review process for the Revised Draft Part I Program Addendum to the 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program. They will review the comments received to date on the revised draft and provide an overview of the public hearing on June 15, 2020. They will also summarize the discussion of abundance goals from the Columbia Basin Partnership meeting on June 2 and 3, 2020 and discuss the relationship to the abundance objective in the draft Part I addendum.

Relevance: The Council is currently in a Program amendment process.

Workplan: Amending the Fish and Wildlife Program is described in the Fish and Wildlife Division Workplan.

Background: During the public comment period on the draft 2020 Addendum, the Council received comments from some of the state fish and wildlife agencies and tribes asking the Council not to adopt Part I. They asked the Council to begin a process to work together to identify a set of goals, objectives, and indicators for the program. At the December Council meeting, the Council members made a decision to extend the time for completing Part I of the program addendum and approved a workplan proposed by staff. This plan included a set of workshops to refine and

revise the program goals, objectives and strategy performance indicators. Eight workshops were held between January and April 2020, and covered technical and programmatic topics related to goals, objectives and strategy performance indicators.

With the completion of the workshops, staff developed a revised draft of Part I of the Addendum and presented the revisions to the Fish and Wildlife Committee and the Council. At the May Council meeting, the Council approved release of the Revised Draft Part I for public review and comment through June 22, 2020. The Council is holding a public hearing on the Revised Draft Part I on Monday, June 15, 2020 from 3:30 – 5:30 PM PDT (4:30 – 6:30 Mountain).