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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Nancy Leonard and Tony Grover

SUBJECT: Update on NOAA Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force Provisional products

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Katherine Cheney (NOAA), and Council members and staff engaged in the Task Force.

Summary: Columbia Basin Partnership (CBP) Task Force members have agreed in principle to a vision statement and provisional goals. These will be shared with Council members along with a brief update on the Task Force process to-date, current outreach effort, and next steps. The provisional qualitative and quantitative goals for the 24 stocks are included in Attachment 1 and are also available on the [CBP Task Force Member Outreach Package Summer 2018](#). Input received from council members will be shared with the CBP Task Force during the August and October CBP Task Force meetings.

Relevance: Contributes to the 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program task for refining natural origin adult salmon and steelhead abundance quantitative objectives.

Background: The NOAA Fisheries' Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee's (MAFAC) Columbia Basin Partnership ([CBP](#)) Task Force met on June 19-20, 2018 and reached agreement, in principle, on the [provisional goals](#) and [vision statement](#), and other elements included in the CBP Task Force Member Outreach Package Summer 2018. A subset of the CBP Task Force members provided an update on the Task Force's

progress to the MAFAC committee meeting on June 27, 2019 in Portland Oregon. The next meeting for the CBP Task Force is scheduled for October 2-3, 2018 in Portland Oregon, with a tentative webinar scheduled for August 22, 2018 to check-in on the outreach progress made by CBP members with their constituents.

The input received from CBP Task Force members' constituents during the June-October 2018 outreach period will be discussed during the October 2-3, 2018 Task Force meeting and will inform recommendations submitted to the MAFAC in January 2019. By the end of the October meeting the CBP Task Force members will finalize what elements they support moving forward as part of their Recommendations Report to MAFAC. This Recommendation Report may include a description of the Task Force process, related work products, provisional goals, vision statement, and description of a Phase 2 process to continue the Task Force's work in integrating the goals across species and to begin analyzing how these goals can be achieved.

The Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force is a task force organized under NOAA Fisheries' Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. The CBP task force consists of [28 members and 1 ex-officio](#) representing states, tribes, and diverse stakeholder groups. The CBP is focused on developing goals for 24 stocks. These stocks represent groupings of the recognized 331 salmon and steelhead populations in the Columbia Basin, consisting of the 214 extant, 117 extirpated, and 22 reintroduced populations. 186 of the extant populations are ESA listed. The CBP workgroups, comprised of the region's tribal, state and federal fish managers, and NOAA staff have been instrumental in drafting (see first link below) provisional low, medium and high potential goal ranges for natural and wild components of these 24 stocks, leveraging the objectives compiled in the Council's Fish Objective Mapping tool. The CBP Task Force has met 5 times during 2017 ([January](#), [April](#), [June](#), [September](#), and [December](#)) and 3 times in 2018 ([February](#), [April](#), and [June](#)). Two more meetings are currently scheduled during 2018, an August 22, 2018 webinar and an October 2-3, 2018 meeting in Portland, Oregon. The CBP Task Force Recommendations Report is anticipated to be submitted to MAFAC by the end of January 2019.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council agreed to merge their efforts of refining Program salmon and steelhead quantitative goals with the NOAA'S Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force effort. The Council has been providing update of the Task Force effort and progress through its Council meetings. The Council is currently engaged in its Program amendment process and looks forward to [recommendations submitted by September 14, 2018](#) from state and federal fish and wildlife agencies and the region's Indian tribes, as well as other interested parties, about whether some or all of these provisional quantitative goals should be considered for amendment into the Program.

More Info:

- Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force membership and meeting materials [web-page](#)
- CBP Task Force Member Outreach Package Summer 2018 available [here](#)
- Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program amendment process [web-page](#).

Attachment 1: Columbia Task Force Member Outreach Package Summer 2018

The Outreach Package provided to the Columbia Task Force Members to communicate with their constituents during the June-October 2018 outreach period consists of 8 documents.

- [MAFAC CBP Task Force Vision & Proposed Guiding Principles - 6.21.2018 \(1 page\)](#)
- [MAFAC CBP Task Force Qualitative Goals Matrix - 6.21.2018, revised draft 6.28.2018 \(4 pages\)](#)
- [MAFAC CBP Task Force Prototype Team Leads and Members - 10.4.2017 \(2 pages\)](#)
- [CBP Task Force Talking Points Summer 2018 \(2 pages\)](#)
- [CBP Task Force Members \(1 page\)](#)
- [CBP Overview Slides for Summer 2018 \(24 PowerPoint slides\)](#)
- [CBP Task Force Backgrounder - 6.19.2018 \(4 pages\)](#)
- [CBP Quantitative Goals Methodology Summary 07.02.2018 \(14 pages\)](#)

The content of the outreach package is included in this attachment for your review.