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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: John Shurts
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SUBJECT: FY 2007-2009 project review: Mainstem on-the-ground/Multi-province category: summary of Committee action on August 31, 2006

The Fish and Wildlife Committee met on August 31 at the Council offices in Portland. The Committee reviewed the project proposals in the Mainstem on-the-ground/Multi-province group and decided on project funding recommendations to the full Council. Attached is a table depicting the projects and budgets recommended by the Committee. It also includes the projects proposed in this category that the Committee did not recommend for funding.

Sponsors submitted 19 project proposals (15 on-going, 4 new), totaling more than \$19 million. The Council set an allocation target for this group at \$13,400,000 per year for the three years, or a three-year total of \$40.2 million.

In its deliberations, the Committee considered the project proposals, the ISRP's preliminary report, several staff scenarios and recommendations, a proposal from the Washington members, the MSRT recommendations, comments from project sponsors, past budget information and other project information in the record.

The Committee recommended funding for 12 of the projects totaling \$13,355,639 in FY07; \$13,196,558 in FY06; and \$13,132,926 in FY09, for a three-year total of \$39,685,123. The Committee left \$514,877 unallocated. It did not recommend what to do with that amount.

Most of the projects recommended by the Committee had received Fundable, Qualified Fundable or Fundable in Part recommendations from the ISRP in the panel's preliminary report. For three projects (pikeminnow control; wild kelt reconditioning; and Nez Perce harvest monitoring), the ISRP requested a response. The Committee's recommendations should be considered tentative in that it will need to consider the ISRP's ratings and comments in the panel's final report before the Committee finalizes its recommendations for this group at the Astoria Committee meeting. The Committee did not consider projects that received a Not Fundable from the ISRP. [NOTE: In the just-received final report, the ISRP rated the

pikeminnow and harvest monitoring projects as “Fundable” and the kelt reconditioning project as “Fundable in Part.” The table has been adjusted to reflect the final ISRP recommendations. We will discuss the implications of these ratings and any comments with the Committee in Astoria.]

Other key elements of the Committee’s recommendation:

- Five on-going projects sought to expand their scope in significant ways from their previous work elements, with corresponding significant increases in requested funding. This was not an automatic issue as in years past, but still it presented a question of priority. The Committee did not accept the expansions of these projects as a priority under this budget. For four of these projects, the Committee then recommended holding the funding to the FY06 level (avian predation; evaluate spawning of fall chinook and chum; kelt reconditioning; and HEP). The fifth project (focus watershed coordinator) received a 5% increase over FY06. (The distinction does not appear to be intentional, but instead an artifact of the evolving nature of the discussion.)
- The Committee recommended two projects at the funding level requested by the project sponsor, in both cases at or nearly at what was the FY06 level. One was the water/land easement acquisition entity, recommended at the same \$5million per year as in the past. The other was the Manchester spring chinook captive broodstock project, with a slight increase in FY07, but then a decline in the next two years. (The decline in the funding for this project in FY08 and FY09 is the reason for the decline over the three years in the total group budget.) The Committee similarly recommended one other project in the consistent scope proposed (Nez Perce harvest monitoring), but recommended holding it to its FY06 level rather than the funding increase requested.
- The Committee recommended the pikeminnow predator control project at \$3 million per year (agreeing with both the staff and MSRT recommendations), rather than the requested \$3.8 million (and up to \$4.1 million by FY09).
- For the other three projects in the budget table with recommended budgets, the Committee recommend a reduction in funding over what was proposed and also what the projects had in FY06, with comments to the project sponsors to reduce the work elements to what the Committee concluded were the priority elements at this time. This includes the white sturgeon project (recommended at \$1.1 million per year rather than the requested \$1.6 million); the hatchery reform research project (recommended at \$1 million per year rather than the requested \$1.5 million); and the listed stock gamete preservation project (recommended at an o&m level of \$65,000 per year rather than the requested approx. \$340,000, which represents the continuation of active collection).
- The Committee deleted one on-going project that had been in the MSRT recommendation *and* the staff scenario -- Duncan Creek chum -- on the preliminary information that Washington will recommend this project in the Lower Columbia province.

Please let us know if there are errors in this summary or if Committee members feel we have not accurately captured the Committee’s deliberations and recommendations.

Mainstem on-the-ground and multi-province, FY 2007-2009 Project recommendations

(revised Sept. 2, 2006)

	Proposal Number	Title	Sponsor	FY 2006 SOY1	FY07 Req	FY08 Req	FY09 Req	Final ISRP Comment	Committee Recom. FY2007	CommitteeR ecom. FY2008	Committee Recom. FY2009	Committee Recom. FY 2007-2009 total	Comments from 8/31/06 Committee meeting
1	198605000	White Sturgeon Mitigation and Restoration in the Columbia and Snake Rivers Upstream from Bonneville Dam	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)	\$1,431,916	\$1,613,363	\$1,591,637	\$1,613,212	Fundable	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$3,450,000	Committee recommended reduction in budget over proposed level and from 06 levels, reduce the work elements to what the Committee concluded were the priority elements at this time.
2	199305600	Research to advance hatchery reform, including captive broodstocks	Northwest Fisheries Science Center	\$1,468,100	\$1,474,045	\$1,512,513	\$1,567,424	Fundable (Qualified)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	Committee recommended reduction in budget over proposed level and from 06 levels, reduce the work elements to what the Committee concluded were the priority elements at this time.
3	199007700	Dev Of Systemwide Predator Control for Northern Pikeminnows.	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)	\$3,700,000	\$3,884,045	\$3,990,748	\$4,102,784	Fundable	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$9,000,000	Committee supported staff and MSRT recommendation.
4	199606700	Manchester Spring Chinook Captive Broodstock Project	Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	\$767,200	\$795,407	\$636,326	\$572,694	Fundable (Qualified)	\$795,407	\$636,326	\$572,694	\$2,004,427	
5	199702400	Avian Predation on Juvenile Salmonids in the Lower Columbia River	Oregon State University	\$470,000	\$700,000	\$860,000	\$900,000	Fundable (Qualified)	\$470,000	\$470,000	\$470,000	\$1,410,000	Committee supported staff and MSRT recommendation, budget at the FY 2006 level. Scope expansion not accepted.
6	199703800	Listed Stock Chinook Salmon Gamete Preservation	Nez Perce Tribe	\$308,477	\$339,525	\$354,522	\$362,233	Fundable (Qualified)	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$195,000	Committee recommended reduction in budget over proposed level and from 06 levels, reduce the work elements to what the Committee concluded were the priority elements at this time (maintain current inventory, no new collection)
7	199706000	Focus Watershed Coordinator - Nez Perce Tribe	Nez Perce Tribe	\$140,000	\$411,315	\$431,469	\$459,510	Admin (see	\$147,000	\$147,000	\$147,000	\$441,000	Committee supported staff and MSRT recommendation, budget at FY 2006 level. Expansion of scope not supported.

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8	199900301	Evaluate Spawning of Fall Chinook and Chum Salmon Just Below the Four Lowermost Mainstem Dams	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)	\$779,586	\$1,183,925	\$1,216,893	\$1,263,378	Fundable	\$779,586	\$779,586	\$779,586	\$2,338,758	Committee supported at FY 2006 budget level. Expansion of scope not accepted.
9	200001200	Evaluate Factors Limiting Columbia River Chum Salmon	USFWS-Columbia River Fisheries Program Office	\$263,888	\$304,626	\$319,879	\$335,131	Fundable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
10	200001700	Recondition Wild Steelhead Kelt	Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)	\$400,000	\$945,906	\$953,835	\$985,931	Fundable in part	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$1,200,000	Committee supported staff and MSRT recommendation, budget at FY 2006 level. Expansion of scope not supported.
11	200105300	Reintroduction of Chum Salmon into Duncan Creek	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)	\$294,949	\$326,113	\$350,266	\$375,029	Fundable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Committee suggests funding from Lower Columbia
12	200201301	Water Entry (RPA 151) NPCC	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	Fundable (Qualified)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000	
13	200206000	Nez Perce Harvest Monitoring	Nez Perce Tribe	\$326,646	\$336,447	\$346,538	\$356,934	Fundable	\$326,646	\$326,646	\$326,646	\$979,938	Committee supported at the FY 2006 budget level.
14	200306500	Klickitat River Cooperative Evaluation Program (Formerly Bull Trout Presence, Origin, and Movements In Bonneville Reservoir)	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$320,249	\$336,261	Not fundable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
15	200600600	Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP)	Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority (CBFWA)	\$187,000	\$341,828	\$348,308	\$364,036	Fundable in part	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$666,000	Committee supported staff and MSRT recommendation, budget at FY 2006 level. Expansion of scope not supported.

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16	200714600	Bull Trout Population Status Monitoring in the Snake River Basin of Southeast Washington	Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)	\$0	\$129,372	\$129,991	\$125,590	Response requested	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
17	200718300	Restoration of Historical Salmonid Habitat in South West Idaho	Southwest Idaho RC&D	\$0	\$382,000	\$336,000	\$338,000	Not fundable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
18	200723800	Providing Services to Assist Record Keeping of Over the Bank Sales in Zone 6 Tribal Fisheries	Steven Vigg & Company	\$0	\$74,027	\$74,027	\$74,026	Response requested	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
19	200703600	Mid-Columbia Trophic Dynamics Project	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)	\$0	\$633,000	\$533,000	\$533,000	Not fundable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
20	Total:				\$19,179,944	\$19,306,201	\$19,665,173		\$13,355,639	\$13,196,558	\$13,132,926	\$39,685,123	

¹FY 2006 Start of Year Budget, not including any within year budget adjustments
Budget allocation = \$13.4 million