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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Coordination Group

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Subbasin Planning Update

Workplans and Contracts

Since the last update in July, workplans for plan development in all 58 subbasins have been submitted to and approved by the Council. Subbasins that will not be developing a plan within our current planning timeframe are the Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Clark Fork and the Sandy. To date, we are administering or negotiating 83 contracts for subbasin planning including those at the statewide and regional levels. Table 1. (attached) lists the entities that we are working with either contractually or as an oversight group for plan development for each subbasin.

Budget

There are \$15.2 million available for subbasin planning for FY03/04. The amount of subbasin planning funding actually spent to date is \$1.56 million. We are asking our contractors to give us their best estimate of subbasin planning performance through September 30, 2003 that will be billed to accrue in FY 03. We are asking that those estimates be provided to the Council by the first week of September so we can report to Bonneville by September 16.

Subbasin Assessment Status

Table 2. (attached) is a summary of the status of Subbasin Assessments by province as of August 20, 2003. The summary gives a very general picture of the assessment work in progress and what tools planners are either using or intending to use to complete their aquatic and terrestrial assessments. There is considerable variability between subbasins within a province; additional detail will be gleaned as technical teams progress with this work.

Table 1. Subbasin planning: Contractors & coordinating groups

Subbasin	Contractors	Coordinating Groups
Asotin	Asotin County Conservation District Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Nez Perce Tribe Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
Big White Salmon	Normandeau Associates, Inc. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Yakama Nation	Washington Council Members
Boise	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley	
Bruneau	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley	
Burnt	Baker County Association Conservation District	
Clearwater	Nez Perce Tribe	Clearwater Policy Advisory Committee
Coeur d'Alene	Ferry Conservation District GEI Consultants	Intermountain Province Oversight Committee
Columbia Estuary	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership	
Columbia Gorge	Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District
Cowlitz	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board	
Crab Creek	Normandeau Associates, Inc. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Yakama Nation	
Deschutes	Deschutes Resources Conservation	Deschutes Coordination Group
Elochoman	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board	
Entiat	Chelan County North Central Washington Resource Conservation District Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Yakama Nation	Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Fifteenmile Creek	Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District	Fifteenmile Coordination Group
Flathead	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	
Grande Ronde	Grande Ronde Model Watershed Foundation	Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program
Grays	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board	

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Hood	Holly Coccoli Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District	
Imnaha	Nez Perce Tribe, Ecovista	
John Day	Columbia/Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.	John Day Coordination Team
Kalama	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board	
Klickitat	Yakama Nation	Washington Council Members
Kootenai	Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	
Lake Chelan	Chelan County North Central Washington Resource Conservation District Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Lewis	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board	
Little White Salmon	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board	
Lower Columbia Mainstem	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership	
Lower Mid-Columbia Mainstem	Normandeau Associates, Inc. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Yakama Nation	Washington Council Members
Lower Mid-Snake Mainstem	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley	
Lower Snake Mainstem	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Nez Perce Tribe Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Pomeroy Conservation District	Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
Malheur	Malheur County Soil and Water Conservation District	Malheur Watershed Coalition
Methow	Okanogan County Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Okanogan	Colville Confederated Tribes Okanogan County Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Owyhee	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley	Owyhee Watershed Council
Palouse	Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District	

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Payette	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley	
Pend Oreille	Ferry Conservation District GEI Consultants	Intermountain Province Oversight Committee
Powder	Baker County Association Conservation District	
Salmon	Nez Perce Tribe Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	
San Poil	Ferry Conservation District GEI Consultants	Intermountain Province Oversight Committee
Snake Headwaters	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	
Snake Hells Canyon	Nez Perce Tribe Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Clearwater Policy Advisory Committee
Spokane	Ferry Conservation District GEI Consultants	Intermountain Province Oversight Committee
Tucannon	Columbia Conservation District Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Nez Perce Tribe U.S. Forest Service Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
Umatilla	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Umatilla Willow Core Partnership
Upper Closed Basin	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	
Upper Columbia Mainstem	Ferry Conservation District GEI Consultants	Intermountain Province Oversight Committee
Upper Mid-Columbia Mainstem	Douglas County Transportation and Land Services (with WDFW) North Central Washington Resource Conservation District Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Upper Mid-Snake Mainstem	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley	
Upper Snake	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	
Walla Walla	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Walla Walla County	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Walla Walla Watershed Planning Unit
Washougal	Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership	

Subbasin	Contractors	Coordinating Groups
Weiser	Idaho Department of Fish and Game Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley	
Wenatchee	Chelan County North Central Washington Resource Conservation District Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Yakama Nation	Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
Willamette	Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments	
Wind	Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board	
Yakima	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Yakama Nation Yakima County	Yakima Subbasin Fish and Wildlife Planning Board

Table 1. Subbasin Assessment Status, by Province As of August 20, 2003

Note: This is a general summary. In some provinces there is considerable variation among subbasins.

Province	Aquatic Team	Aquatic Methods	Aquatic Assessment Status	Terrestrial Team	Terrestrial Methods ¹	Terrestrial Assessment Status
Blue Mountain	Coordinators and teams in place	EDT in Asotin, QHA in Imnaha, custom in Hells Canyon; older EDT exists for Grande Ronde, may be updated	Near completion in Asotin, Hells and Imnaha in progress, Grande Ronde discussions underway but not started	Team in place in Asotin, Imnaha, and Hells. Unknown in Grande Ronde	IBIS in Asotin, custom in Imnaha and Hells; IBIS anticipated in Grande Ronde	Asotin, Imnaha, and Hells in progress IBIS data in progress
Columbia Cascade	Coordinator and team in place	EDT, QHA depending on area	QHA portion completed; EDT portion just starting	Coordinator and team in place	IBIS, SITES	Assessment just starting IBIS data in progress
Columbia Estuary	Coordinator and team in place	Custom methods	In progress	Coordinator and team in place	Custom methods	In progress IBIS data will not be prepared unless requested
Columbia Gorge	Coordinators and teams in place (several entities involved)	EDT anticipated in Hood River, professional judgment in mainstem	In data collection phase	Coordinator and team in place	Probably IBIS	Not started IBIS data slated for next month
Columbia Plateau	Coordinators and teams in place in both states	EDT in WA; Condensed EDT planned in OR for anadromous, QHA for resident	In progress or completed in WA (Yakima - update; Klickitat-?); in data collection phase in OR	Coordinators and teams mostly in place in both states	IBIS in both OR and WA	Assessment initiated in WA, not started in OR IBIS data complete
Inter-mountain	Coordinator and team in place	QHA	In final review	Coordinator and team in place	Mostly custom, some IBIS	In progress IBIS data complete

¹ Many Idaho, Washington, and (possibly) Oregon subbasins will also use SITES. It is not listed above as it is more of a planning tool than a biological assessment tool

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Lower Columbia-- WA	Coordinator and team in place	EDT, PVA, BRAP, IWA, FIA, QHA	Nearing completion	Coordinator and team in place	Custom method, aquatic species only?	In progress IBIS data will not be produced unless requested
Lower Columbia -- Willamette	Coordinator and team in place	EDT, QHA, depending on area	In initial organization phase	Unknown	Not decided, good habitat data available for IBIS	Not started
Middle Snake	Coordinators in place, teams not yet formed	QHA anticipated but not yet decided	In initial stages	Coordinators in place, teams not yet formed	IBIS anticipated but not yet decided	Not started
Mountain Columbia	Coordinator and team in place	QHA	In final review	Coordinator and team in place	IBIS and custom method	In progress IBIS data complete
Mountain Snake	Coordinator and team in place (Salmon)	QHA	In progress	Coordinator and team in place for Salmon	IBIS and custom	In progress IBIS data available soon ²
Upper Snake	Coordinator in place	Undecided, probably will use QHA in select areas	Not started, will be last to start in ID	Coordinator in place	Undecided, probably will use probably IBIS, at least in select areas	Not started, will be last to start in ID

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² IBIS information is being processed in consultation with planners to ensure availability when needed.