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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Peter Paquet

SUBJECT: Update on the Comprehensive Plan for Data Management

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Council members with an update on regional efforts to develop a comprehensive data management plan that establishes a coordinated fish and wildlife data management system that addresses regional needs for monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

SIGNIFICANCE:

In its 2007-2009 project funding recommendations the Council stated that it considered project funding recommendations regarding all data management projects to be interim until a coordinated data management plan is developed and comprehensive recommendations can be made in this area. Efforts are underway to develop such a plan and to identify necessary funding requirements.

BACKGROUND:

At the March Council meeting the staff presented a framework describing the various elements related to monitoring and evaluation and data management and their relationships to a number of regional coordination efforts. At this meeting staff will be presenting a proposed framework for developing the comprehensive strategies called for in the Council's FY 2007-2009 recommendations. Attached is a schematic depicting the the general outline we intend to follow.

NED

Northwest Environmental Data Network

Mission: Improve the quality, quantity, and availability of regional data and related information on fish, wildlife & their aquatic and terrestrial habitats using a publicly supported approach to information systems management.

PNAMP

PNW Aquatic Monitoring Partnership

The purpose of the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) is to provide a forum for coordinating state, federal, and tribal aquatic habitat and salmonid monitoring programs.

