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TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)

FROM: Neil Ward

SUBJECT: Revised Agenda and Support Material for the October 22, 2002, RFC Phone Conference

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

Resident Fish Committee Meeting
(Phone Conference)

Tuesday, October 22, 2002
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Pacific)

Conference Number: (503) 229-0191 x 7099

ITEM 1: Review Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Request for Unallocated Placeholder Funds to Complete Project 199405300 "Middle Fork Willamette Bull Trout Re-Introduction and Basinwide Monitoring"

In deliberations on Project 199405300, the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) recommended that the ODFW resubmit the proposal through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) to prioritize from the Unallocated Placeholder, stipulating that the project would only be prioritized for the ongoing work contained in objectives 4 and 5 of the project. The NWPPC also stipulated that in order for the NWPPC to consider the project for funding (CBFWA recommendation notwithstanding) the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) would have to find that objectives 4 and 5 of Project 199405300 (available on CBFWA website) see attachment) were worthy of a "Fund" recommendation.

Per the NWPPC request, the ISRP re-reviewed objectives 4 and 5, and also tasks 2.1 and 2.3 under Objective 2, and all of Objective 3 of Project 199405300 "Middle Fork Willamette Bull Trout Reintroduction and Basinwide Monitoring." The ISRP concluded that the proposed ongoing work should not be funded. The ISRP suggested that "little new information will be gained from additional funding of fieldwork." In addition, the ISRP stated that "there is considerable interest in bull trout in the basin, and based on the list of past accomplishments the sponsors should have significant information from their studies that should be made available to other workers in the basin." The ISRP recommended that "effort should now be devoted to analyze and synthesize the data" and subsequently recommended that the "sponsors could be given limited funding to analyze data and prepare a final report and peer-reviewed publications."

In an effort to analyze and synthesize the data and prepare a final report and manuscript, the ODFW is requesting a transfer of \$38,744 (see attachment additional information) from the Unallocated Placeholder to complete the activities as suggested by the ISRP.

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