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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Lynn Palensky

**SUBJECT:** Update on RM&E and Artificial Production Category Reviews

Staff will provide an update on the progress and schedule for the RM&E and artificial production review. Since the last update in May, the Bonneville/Action Agency/Council workgroups continue to work on analysis of work elements, BiOp requirements, and program gaps. In addition, a related process was established that involves stakeholder involvement and validation of the works groups' product through a series of four sub-regional workshops, followed by a focused regional workshop. On the artificial production side, NOAA is interested in coordinating their process to update and complete Hatchery Genetic Management Plans with our categorical review process. Staff will walk through an updated draft schedule that begins to map the course over the next year.