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TO: Resident Fish Committee (RFC)
 FROM: Neil Ward, Resident Fish Technical Analyst
 SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for an Emergency RFC Meeting Scheduled for September 11, 2003

**Emergency Resident Fish Committee Meeting
(Phone Conference)**

Thursday, September 11, 2003

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<p>ITEM 1:</p>	<p>Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s (NWPCC) Recommendation to Terminate Project 199004402, titled “Coeur d’Alene Tribe Trout Production Facility”</p> <p>On September 9, 2003, the Fish and Wildlife Committee of the NWPCC is scheduled to review a NWPCC staff recommendation that suggests the Master Plan for Project 19904402 should not be approved. During earlier meetings among NWPCC, Coeur d’Alene Tribe (CDAT), Bonneville Power Administration, and Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority staffs, several topics were discussed relative to the NWPCC staff recommendation. Included in these discussions was the need to provide funding for activities associated with maintaining and developing a total of five put-and-take trout ponds. Although the NWPCC staff recommendation relative to addressing future pond-related requests represents an approach that is understood by the CDAT, the NWPCC staff recommendation that pond-related funding requests should be submitted and reviewed under Project 199004400, titled “<i>Implement Fisheries Enhancement Opportunities on the Coeur d’Alene Reservation</i>” is a topic that was debated and an understanding was not reached. The CDAT suggested that the construction and O&M of the ponds should remain under Project 19904402, an arrangement that would be parallel to comparable projects in the region. Finally, during these meetings, CDAT and Idaho Fish & Game staffs described a <i>potential</i> arrangement in which the CDAT would be provided an opportunity to use an existing hatchery in Mullan, ID to culture westslope cutthroat trout for an experimental study that would likely address concerns previously identified by the Independent Scientific Review Panel. The CDAT requested that the NWPCC provide an opportunity to submit the revised study as a within-year request, comparable to the approach the NWPCC staff recommended for the pond-related activities; however, the NWPCC staff suggested the request to initiate the revised fish culture and survival study should not be pursued at this time. Instead, the NWPCC staff suggested that if this proposal (i.e., Project 1990004402) or a similar proposal was submitted, the assessment, goals and strategies associated with a Subbasin Plan must support the request.</p> <p>Ron Peters will provide an update of the Fish and Wildlife Committee’s decision. It is anticipated the CDAT will request the RFC to develop a position statement that would be forwarded to Members Management Group for approval and subsequent submittal to the NWPCC.</p>
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