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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager

SUBJECT: Quarterly Review of Within-year Project Funding Adjustments for Implementation

PROPOSED ACTION

At your meeting in October, Council staff will review the schedule and timeframe associated with the funding adjustment requests for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2009. This agenda item will be for review and discussion only and no committee action is requested. After an opportunity for comment, these requests will come back to the committee and Council for a decision at the November meeting.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, Bonneville and the Council formed a budget oversight group (BOG) to conduct a budget tracking process. A principle role of the BOG is to validate whether the requests are a reschedule or within-year request (i.e., scope change, budget change, scope/budget change, reschedule, and new request) and to place the within-year requests into one or more of the sorting categories (1-5). Reschedules are forwarded to Bonneville for assessment and funding as funds become available, and within-year requests are also forwarded to Bonneville for recommendation on the availability of funds as identified at the quarterly reviews.

The BOG uses the quarterly reviews to initiate a prioritization process to establish which budget adjustment requests can be met with the available funding in the current fiscal year project budget. This process also includes a public comment period.

Of the seven requests reviewed by the BOG during the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2009, four requests will need a decision in November. These requests, reviewed in July, August, and September, will be treated as an amendment to the start-of-year budget for Fiscal Year 2010. As

outlined in the attached table (see Attachment 1), one request was withdrawn by the sponsor, and two requests triggered the threshold adjustment as part of the budget-tracking process.

The requests are categorized by category (1 - 5) per the BOG review. Based on staff review and comment received, the staff will bring to the committee and the Council a recommendation at the November meeting.

Attachment 1: Within-year project funding adjustments received as part of the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2009.

Category	Project #	Project Title	Sponsor	FY 2010 Budget (BPA)	Request	Status
3a						
	1988-115-25	Yakima River Design and Construction- Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP)	BPA	\$6,000 (capital)	\$200,000 ¹ (capital)	November Decision
4						
	1995-057-00	Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation	Idaho Dept of Fish and Game	\$422,260	\$50,000	November Decision
5						
	New Project 2009-025-00	Grand Ronde Tribe Coordination	The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde	NA	\$129,474	November Decision
	2007-394-00	Idaho Watershed Habitat Restoration-Lemhi District	Idaho Office of Species Conservation	\$420,000 ²	\$243,059	November Decision
Threshold						
	1996-021-00	Gas Bubble Disease Monitoring	USGS Columbia River Research Lab	\$21,478	\$663	Threshold, approved 8-6-09
	1984-025-00	Blue Mountain Fish Habitat Improvement	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$365,000	\$26,369	Threshold, approved 7-31-09
Withdrawn						
	2007-535-00	Physical and Biological Testing of a Flow Velocity Enhancement System (FVES)	Natural Solutions	\$318,310 ³	NA	Withdrawn by sponsor

¹ This request addresses administrative needs associated with the Cle Elum Hatchery to fulfill water permits that require well field monitoring at \$50,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2009 thru 2012.

² This is Bonneville's FY 2009 budget. - the contractual period associated with this project runs from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

³ This is the innovative budget that was provided to this project as part of the Innovative Project Review in 2007.