# Draft Direct Fish and Wildlife Costs for the BPA Rate Case

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#### **Purpose of Presentation**

Background

 Summarize Process to develop fish and wildlife costs

Discuss key issues

Seek expedited consent mail process

## **BPA** Funding vs. Needs

**Funding Needs vs. BPA Cap** 





#### Fish and Wildlife Cost Process

- Council and BPA projected changes
  - Reviewed each component
    - » Factors that would increase and decrease costs
  - Habitat and production needed more analysis
    - » CBFWA formed workgroup
- Managers developed costs for subbasin plans
- CBFWA Review and approve draft: February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Reviewing feasibility, checking costs and assumptions
- Consult with Council, BPA, others: February 4<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking for better information and assumption
- CBFWA adopts fish and wildlife costs: Mid-February
- BPA management decisions: late-February
- BPA Fish and Wildlife Workshops: March ? April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Draft Assumptions for Future F&W Program Costs**

F&W Program Compartment	Recent Spending (FY01-04 Avg.)	"Ongoing" (from Project Appraisal)	Budget Drivers (UP)	Budget Drivers (DOWN)	Net Change Assumption
M&E	\$30 M	\$9.3 M	Bi-Op driven large-scale monitoring; Mainstem evaluations; Future subbasin planning; Fall chinook monitoring (?)	Efficiencies in project scale monitoring from regional M&E plan; Reprogramming short-term assessments	No net change
Research	\$11 M	\$2.1 M	Bi-Op life-stage research; NPCC Research Plan; Innovative category	Better focus, less opportunistic research; Emerging issues (e.g., toxics, invasive species)	Minor Reduction
IMCA	\$11.7 M	\$10.9 M	Watershed coordination support (~\$2M); Regional data mgmt. (~\$2M); Harv/Hab/Prod integration (~\$0.5)	Little opportunity	Increase
Production	\$39.6 M (includes some capital)	\$32.5 M	O&M for new facilities (Chief Joe, NEOH, Klickitat, Mid-C coho, Walla Walla, Klickitat), not including capital, (~\$3M); Bi-Op hatchery improvements (~\$2M)	Efficiencies in project-scale operations; Completion of some construction	Increase
Mainstem	\$6 M	\$4.6 M	BiOp increases in predator control (~\$1M); Lamprey work (~\$1M)	Little opportunity	Increase (+\$2M)
Habitat	\$35.8 M	\$12.1M	Subbasin plans; BiOp off-site mitigation	Reprogramming based on subbasin plans	Increase (+\$\$??)
Total	\$134 M	\$71.5 M			Increase from recent spending



Level of effort – Subbasin plans Address all habitat and production needs Pace of Implementation – Ten, Twenty-five, or 100 years? BPA hydro responsibility – How much should BPA pay for? Mainstem configuration

### Level of Effort

Subbasin Plans – Developed costs to implement plans - Comprehensive? » Some plans do not include biological modeling » Some plans are being revised All Habitat - Developed costs to protect and enhance » Based on stream miles, habitat conditions, costs

## Subbasin Plan Cost Methodology

• Costs for 30 subbasin plans – 28 from fish and wildlife managers – 2 from Council • Assigned costs to each budget category – Habitat and production Compiled subbasins into Provinces - Extrapolated costs to include all subbasins Also developed wildlife costs Total subbasin plan costs: \$2.6 billion

## Habitat Costs Methodology

#### Protection

- Number of stream miles in subbasin plans
- Costs of purchase or easements for buffers
  - » Assumed payments not regulation
- Enhancement
  - Number of miles in fair and poor condition
  - Costs for habitat treatment
- In-stream flows
  - Assumptions about increasing flows
  - Costs of acquiring water

### Pace of Implementation

- Alternatives: 10, 25, 100 years
- Biological risks increase if protection and mitigation are delayed
- Costs of land and mitigation increase with inflation
- Rate impact of increase: \$2 per month
- Other considerations
  - 20 years since Pacific Salmon Treaty
  - 25 years since Northwest Power Act
  - 155 years since Treaties signed

## Costs of Alternatives

**Annual Costs of Alternatives** \$350 \$300 \$250 \$200 Million \$150 \$100 \$50 \$0 10 Years 25 Years 100 Years Current

#### Costs of Alternatives w/Barrowing

#### Annual Costs of Alternatives w/o using BPA Borrowing Authority



#### Comparison of Recent F&W Costs





#### Salmon Losses

Salmon Returning to Columbia River (millions)



## **BPA Hydropower Responsibility**

Dams were responsible for 5 to 11 million of the salmon and steelhead loss

Interim Goal: Double the Runs
From 2.5 to 5 million returning to Columbia

 Council would review goal once interim level achieved

## Progress Toward Doubling Goal

**Returns vs Interim Goal** 



#### Hydro Responsibility Assumptions

- BPA relying on off-site mitigation to address damage caused by dams
  - In some basins, this will require protection and enhancement of federal and private land
  - In other cases, managers assumed no funds for federal lands
  - Managers did not include costs for litigation or other management

 Managers recommend biological modeling of plans

- BPA should fund up to 5 million salmon
  - » Support other funding where it is available
- If runs exceed 5 million
  - » Council should review in a Program Amendment

### Recommendations

• Implement subbasin plans in ten years - \$340 million per year\* with ramp up: » \$200 FY 06, » \$250 FY 07, » \$300 FY 08, » \$350 FY 09 – Assume current dam configuration Develop comprehensive habitat plan Address all habitat needs Develop workplan and budget Analyze expected and actual results Provide flexibility to address additional needs \*Assumes BPA capitalizes production and habitat

## Next Steps

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