

April 24, 2006

TO: MAG

FROM: Tom Iverson, CBFWA

SUBJECT: Update on DRAFT Preliminary Review Results by the MSRT

The Mainstem Systemwide Review Team (MSRT) completed the review of proposals on April 18, 2006. The results are being sent to the main review group for final edits this week and final comments are due by Thursday at 5:00 p.m. April 27, 2006. All comments will be incorporated into a Draft Recommendation that will be forwarded to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council staff. The recommendations will serve as a basis for the staff's development of recommendations for full Council consideration.

The proposal reviews were attended by staff from BPA, CTCR, CRITFC, CTUIR, IDFG, KT, NOAA Fisheries, NPT, NPCC, ODFW, SBT, UCUT, USACE, USFWS, and WDFW. Many projects sponsors participated over the phone and in attendance.

The MSRT reviewed a total of 161 proposals. The proposals were prioritized into four categories: 28 projects were placed in the Core Program category (\$41M), 32 were placed in the High Priority category (\$20M), 55 were placed in the Recommended Action category (\$17M) and 21 were ranked as Do Not Fund (\$2.9M). Ten on-the-ground projects were deemed better suited to a local review and not prioritized by the MSRT (\$2.7M). Several projects were not given a final ranking, pending a review in special categories (i.e., fish passage monitoring, database management, and fish and wildlife manager coordination).

Depending on the comments that are received this week, there may be an emergency conference call on Friday April 28 reconcile any disparate comments.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Tom Iverson at (503) 229-0191.

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