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To Workshop Participants (and Interested Parties):

Thank you for participating in the Phase II Coordinated Assessments (CA) Workshop in Portland on April 21. We realize this is a very busy time of year and the fact that you all attended demonstrates a strong interest in this subject. The meeting notes and revised timeline are attached for your review.

In summary:

Data Technicians' Lessons Learned

The workshop presented preliminary results from the temporary data technicians' application and development of Data Exchange Templates (DETs) and Data Analysis Flow Diagrams (DAFDs):

- The definition of populations is not consistent across the basin
- The three indicators are not calculated for every population
- The indicators are not always calculated at the full population scale
- The data storage formats for the indicators vary widely (spreadsheets, databases, paper forms, reports)
- The agencies and tribes currently lack database systems that would allow rapid conversion to the DET format or automated sharing
- The DAFDs serve different purposes within different entities and may not need to be regionally consistent

A report on the preliminary lessons learned will be available on the PNAMP website by May 10, 2011.

Gaps, Needs, and Priorities (GNP) Assessment

A new tool was presented at the workshop, a Gaps, Needs, and Priorities (GNP) Assessment template, for summarizing lessons learned from the application of DETs and DAFDs and informing the development of Data Sharing Strategies for the agencies and tribes.

- The GNP Assessment template is a draft format that is expected to be modified as you apply it within your agency or tribe
- The GNP Assessment template is formatted to address each individual population and indicator; however, it is anticipated that a single GNP Assessment may adequately cover multiple populations or indicators
- The purpose of the GNP Assessment is for the agencies and tribes to thoughtfully review their current data sharing systems and characterize their gaps, needs, and priorities in common terminology and context
- The GNP Assessment(s) will be included as an appendix to the Agency/Tribe Data Sharing Strategies

Per the schedule described below we will be looking for initial drafts of your Agency/Tribe Data Sharing Strategies by June 1.

Agency/Tribe Data Sharing Strategies

The participants agreed to develop their agency or tribe's Data Sharing Strategies to identify gaps and needs for data management necessary to support sharing the three high level indicators and supporting metrics, at the population scale, using a defined DET.

- Use the template provide here [<http://www.pnamp.org/document/3355>] as the starting point for your strategy
- Keep the strategies narrowly focused on applying the DET for these three specific indicators
- CA Planning Group will check-in with individual agencies and tribes during the first week of June
- First drafts are due July 1

- Near-final drafts are due July 31
- We anticipate that the final Data Sharing Strategies will be used to support funding decisions beyond the NPCC review process therefore it is important that they have your agency's/tribe's full support

Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy

The CA Planning Group will develop a Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy that combines the agency and tribe's Data Sharing Strategies into a unified strategy that can be used to inform the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Data Management Category Review.

- The CA Planning Group will collate and organize the individual needs to determine where shared infrastructure and collaboration may focus investments for efficiency and effectiveness
- The participating agencies and tribes will have opportunities to review and comment on the draft Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy as it is developed
- A draft Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy will be available for review on August 1
- The final Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy will be distributed for review and comment three weeks prior to a regional workshop in September

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us immediately.

Thanks again for your efforts to coordinate data sharing in the Columbia River Basin.

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Links to meeting documents:

Meeting notes - <http://www.pnamp.org/document/3413>

Coordinated Assessment Timeline - <http://www.pnamp.org/document/3402>

GNP Assessment – <http://www.pnamp.org/document/3355>

Data Sharing Strategy Outline – <http://www.pnamp.org/document/3354>

Coordinated Assessments Phase II Work Plan - <http://www.pnamp.org/document/3258>

Coordinated Assessment Webpage - <http://www.pnamp.org/project/3129>