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198605000	White Sturgeon Mitigation and Restoration in the Columbia and Snake Rivers Upstream from Bonneville Dam	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)	Multi-province	Core Program	\$1,431,916	\$1,431,916	\$1,431,916	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	Reduce the work elements to priority elements. Need to confirm what work can be accomplished at this budget level.	The White Sturgeon Mitigation and Restoration Project provides information needed to maintain commercial and sport fisheries and population viability of white sturgeon populations negatively impacted by impoundments created by the construction of the Columbia River hydropower system. This project has been deemed vital to continued management of white sturgeon in these impoundments by the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, NOAA Fisheries (at the time, National Marine Fisheries Service), multiple sub-basin plans, as well as the states of Oregon and Washington and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Results of this project from 1986-1992 indicated markedly reduced productivity in the Zone 6 reservoirs, and highlighted the need for intensive, reservoir-specific management. These studies also indicated a need for continued monitoring over long periods of time, due to the protracted life cycle of the species. During the 2003-2005 proposal process, tribal and state representatives reinforced this issue by supporting the project's recommendations to change the periodicity of surveys in the Zone 6 reservoirs. Without the information provided by this project, the co-managing agencies would have had a much more difficult time managing these populations to allow sustainable harvest. This project has been highly successful in managing these populations to allow sustainable harvest.	
198810804	StreamNet (CIS/NED)	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)	Basinwide	Core Program	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,315,033	\$2,315,033	\$2,315,033	Interim funding pending Council review of data priorities. Council draft recommendation is to hold to FY 2006 level. ISRP fundable (qualified): address in programmatic issue in the decision document.	A recent workshop to identify priorities for the StreamNet project indicated that additional funding may be necessary to support comprehensive data coverage and improved timeliness in data reporting. The Council recommendation to reduce the MSRT recommended budget will not support a renewed reliance on StreamNet. Inclusion of tribal data and improved timeliness will require additional funding. Reduced funding for existing data management projects force them to choose between updating existing databases or addressing additional regional needs expressed in the Council's Data Center concept paper. Either way the data sharing gap will widen. We recommend the Council restore funds cut from these projects and provide additional funds from the placeholder amount to improve data sharing functionality as described in the Data Center concept paper. The regional Data Workshop held on September 20 and 21 identified the lack of tribal data sharing capacity as a critical data gap. Cuts to existing tribal programs at the provincial level have reduced the existing minimal tribal data management capacity, thus widening this critical gap. We recommend the Council use placeholder funding to address this critical gap.	-\$281,916
198811525	YKFP - Design & Construction (Nelson Springs replacement facility)	Yakama Nation	Columbia Plateau	Core Program	\$628,701	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ISRP - Fundable (Qualified)		-\$628,701

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198812025	YKFP Management, Data, Habitat	Yakama Nation	Columbia Plateau	Core Program	\$1,237,239	\$1,268,041	\$2,284,582	\$266,666	\$266,666	\$2,66,666	ISRP fundable qualified: ISRP recommends that the broader YKFP program be the subject of an organized program review. Project sponsor should consider focusing the next annual review for this purpose, otherwise review will need to occur as part of the ne	The reduction in funding of approximately \$1M per year would result in the loss of 10-20 FTEs. It is unclear at this time exactly which positions and tasks would be eliminated to meet the reduced budget. However, the project's ability to meet management, administrative, data management, habitat, biological, and/or programmatic objectives identified in the proposal and/or the subbasin plan would very likely be compromised. Key habitat acquisition or enhancement planned for FY2009 would not be implemented.	-
198906201	Annual Work Plan CBFWA	Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority (CBFWA)	Basinwide	Core Program	\$2,071,450	\$2,071,450	\$2,071,450	\$1,885,250	\$1,885,250	\$1,885,250	Interim funding pending further Council review of the appropriate coordination activities. Council draft recommendation is an interim budget level that represented the MSRT recommendation, minus the Kalispel and Spokane requests. Council requests a recommendation from staff in October 06 re tasks, deliverables.	The current Council draft recommendation fully funds the Kalispel and Spokane tribes coordination projects at \$90k. The CBFWA budget has a corresponding reduction of \$180k per year. The Council has not determined what part of the CBFWA budget should be reduced by \$180k or what tasks are no longer priorities. This recommendation is inconsistent with the MSRT's efforts at transparency and equity among the participating fish and wildlife managers participation in regional activities. The Spokane and Kalispel tribes are not proposing to perform similar work as funded through the CBFWA project, and therefore their funding should not require a decrease in funding for CBFWA. See separate CBFWA comments.	-
199101901	Hungry Horse Mitigation/Flathead Lake	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	Mountain Columbia	Urgent or High Priority (Provin. Group did not assign U,H, or RA but this project was amongst 5 others that received the highest possible score)	\$174,000	\$408,000	\$412,000	\$139,000	\$338,000	\$412,000	Funding contingent on ISRP, Council review of revised proposal. Revised proposal due end of December, 06.	The Council recommended a reduced budget for FY07 & 08 for ongoing project 199101901. The amount they recommended for FY07 is actually less than that funded for each year in FY02-06. Like many other projects in the basin, the budget for project 199101901 was "capped" since 2002 which has not permitted the Tribes to adjust for inflation and has restricted our ability to implement on-the-ground habitat projects and leverage cost-share opportunities. The Council's recommended budget of \$139,000 will further restrict the accomplishments this project can report. The Council reduced the budget request for project 199101901 by \$70,000 in FY08. As described in the project proposal, the budget increases submitted for project 199101901 in FY08 and FY09 are associated with the need to conduct restoration activities and maintenance activities on properties acquired under Secure and Restore Critical Fisheries Habitat (200200300). If project 199101901 is not made whole, restoration and maintenance activities are at risk on parcels acquired under project 20020300. State and tribal mitigation efforts will suffer if project 199101901 i	-
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199206200	Yakama Nation Riparian/Wetlands Restoration	Yakama Nation Wildlife Resource Management	Columbia Plateau	High Priority	\$ 1,575,163	\$ 1,623,313	\$ 1,673,842	\$0	\$0	\$0	ISRP Comments: Fundable. This is an important project working toward habitat conservation goals in some critical areas of the Yakima Basin. Missing from the proposal was evidence of a strong biological monitoring component. The proposal stated that th	This comprehensive project protects and restores floodplain habitats along anaromous fish-bearing streams in the agricultural portion of the Yakama Reservation. The Yakima Subbasin Assessment identified the loss of floodplain function in these watersheds as a critical factor limiting the production and survival of salmonid and wildlife populations. The protection and restoration of the floodplain habitats in these watersheds has been identified as high priority in the Fish and Wildlife Management Plan portions of the Yakima Subbasin Plan. Overall objectives include the protection, restoration and management of 27,000 acres of floodplain lands along the Yakima River, Satus and Toppenish Creeks. Methods used include securing large contiguous lands, along with their associated water rights. Restoration of these lands emphasizes the return of normative hydrologic processes and ecological functions. Management and monitoring activities ensure that the restored conditions persist into the future. This project only funds the land securing, restoration planning, and management/monitoring aspects of this comprehensive project. This is one of the most cost-effective floodplain habitat projects in the northwest. At This project and the Yakama Reservation Watersheds Project (199603501) complim	
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199305600	Research to advance hatchery reform, including captive broodstocks	Northwest Fisheries Science Center	Multi-province	Core Program	\$ 1,468,100	\$ 1,468,100	\$ 1,468,100	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Reduce the work elements to priority elements. Need to confirm what work can be accomplished at this budget level.		
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199402600	Pacific Lamprey Research and Restoration	CTUIR	Columbia Plateau		528000			0				The CBFWA members are concerned by the Council's disregard for lamprey projects within the Columbia River Basin. This project has been a leading Columbia Basin lamprey project. This will remove funding for tribal involvement in lamprey research and restoration efforts. This project was the first lamprey project in the Program and was responsible for delivering the first status report and collaboration among lamprey project sponsors, which evolved into the multi-agency Lamprey Technical Workgroup. Lamprey are heavily impacted by the Columbia hydro system. This project received a favorable ISRP science review. Several subbasin plan objectives would not be met by not funding this work.	
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199405400	Migratory Patterns, Structure, Abundance and Status of Bull Trout Populations in Subbasins of the Columbia Gorge, Columbia Plateau and Blue Mountain Provinces	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)	Basinwide	Core Program	\$367,500	\$367,500	\$367,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	ISRP questioned the linkage between research and management actions.		
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199601100	Walla Walla Juvenile and Adult Passage Improvements	CTUIR	Columbia Plateau		775000			387000				Two major irrigation diversion screens in the mainstem Walla Walla River (Old Lowden and Bergevin-Williams) need to be upgraded/replaced in order to stop the loss of salmon and steelhead smolts that currently occurs at these sites. Passage concerns at these two diversions would not be fully addressed at the reduced project budget level proposed by the Council. In the May 2004 version of the Walla Walla Subbasin Plan, the Old Lowden and Bergevin-Williams ditches are the listed imminent threats under section 7.3.1 "Management Plan – Aquatic Strategies - Imminent Threats and Passage Barriers" (pages 147-151). These two diversions are also referenced in the Final Addendum of the Walla Walla Subbasin Plan (Nov 2004). These are the last two major passage threats located in the mid mainstem Walla Walla River and are described as "sites of significant water withdrawals along the reach without having screening or screening believed to be effective".	-388,000
199602000	Pit Tagging Spring/Summer Chin	Columbia River Fisheries Program Office	Basinwide	Core Program	\$1,365,000	\$1,365,000	\$1,365,000	\$765,000	\$765,000	\$765,000	Interim funding pending further Council consideration of regional monitoring and evaluation framework. ISRP fundable (qualified): address ISRP concerns during further consideration.	At the reduced funding level (from the MSRT recommendation), the CSS project sponsors will focus on maintaining the wild salmonid marking program in the Snake, John Day and Warm Springs rivers. At this funding level, we can complete the 10-year summary report requested by the ISRP and the ISAB. However, project sponsors would not be able to maintain the time series of marking for the Snake and down-river Chinook salmon hatchery programs, or implement the Snake River hatchery steelhead program (as recommended by the ISRP). The loss of these hatchery groups would have a major impact on a variety of management issues concerning listed and non-listed stocks of Pacific salmon and steelhead.	-600,000
199602100	Gas Bubble Disease Research & Monitoring of Juvenile Salmonids	Columbia River Research Laboratory	Basinwide	High Priority	\$23,946	\$25,081	\$26,906	\$17,311	\$17,311	\$17,311	Need to revisit prior to expiration of state water quality waivers (review during fall 07).		-6,635
199603501	Yakama Reservation Watersheds Project	Yakama Nation	Columbia Plateau	High Priority	\$1,074,742	\$1,140,151	\$1,211,446	\$0	\$0	\$0	The Council in their draft 2007-09 recommendations made no comments. However, the ISRP in their FY 2007-09 Final Review of Proposals said the following: "This ongoing project is very well described in the proposal. The sponsors are to be commended for t	The YRWP takes a comprehensive approach to restoration and monitoring for fisheries resources including ESA listed steelhead and bull trout in four important tributaries of the Yakima River. The Satus, Toppenish and Ahtanum watersheds together represent an average of 50% of the total steelhead spawning in the entire Yakima Subbasin, and harbor two of the four distinct steelhead populations in the subbasin. YRWP provides nearly all the population and habitat quality data for steelhead in these three watersheds and allocates a substantial portion of its budget and effort to increasing steelhead production through watershed restoration activities, in addition to monitoring populations, habitat and restoration efforts. The project was listed as High Priority by the local project review panel. This project is consistent with and addresses Tier 1 habitat limiting factors as described in the Yakima Subbasin Plan Supplement, table 2, pg.11-13. It is difficult to understand how implementation of the Yakima Subbasin Plan and recovery of Yakima subbasin steelhead can be achieved without this project.	-\$1,074,742

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199604000	Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration	Yakama Nation	Columbia Cascade	Ranked 5th in overall Province evaluation out of 47 projects submitted for 07-09	\$3,500,945	\$2,962,228	\$2,884,222	\$0	\$0	\$0	ISRP - Fundable in Part. The ISRP recommends funding this project at a base level in order to proceed with the Three-Step process and development of the Step 1 documents and analysis. NPPCC - Funding only ESA projects in "expense category" in Province plu	Since project implementation in 1996, the total investment in Mid-Columbia coho reintroduction has been \$13.8M. The Wenatchee and Methow subbasin plans both identify coho as a focal species. In the Wenatchee plan, Goal 3 is to "[r]estore, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife populations to sustainable and harvestable levels, while protecting biological integrity and the genetic diversity of the species." The Plan's Guiding Principle 10 states "Restoration of individual populations may not be possible without restoration of other fish and wildlife populations with which they co-evolved." In the Methow plan, "[t]he goal for coho salmon includes re-establishment of run sizes that provide for species recovery, mitigation of hydro-system losses, and harvestable surpluses. As the recovery program continues, reintroduction of coho to tributaries within the Methow Basin will aid in species dispersal." This project has met every goal and scientific test to date that has been asked of it from Policy makers to independent and agency scientists. It has significantly increased salmon numbers to the Columbia Cascade Province and is be	-
199604601	Walla Walla Fish Habitat Enhancement	CTUIR	Columbia Plateau		321000			0				This project is a priority base habitat enhancement effort in the Walla Walla subbasin and targets stream improvements that are consistent with subbasin plan priorities. The project has been ongoing for about ten years and has numerous completed stream projects which require maintenance commitments to maximize fisheries benefits from initial investments. The South Fork of the Walla Walla River is identified as "priority" for restoration and protection in the Walla Walla Subbasin Plan (page 59). Out of 26 priority areas in the basin, the South Fork of the Walla Walla River ranked number 3 in "restoration" potential for spring Chinook and number 7 for summer steelhead (Tables 3-2 and 3-4). The EDT predictions for "protection benefit" ranked the South Fork of the Walla Walla (mouth to Elbow Creek which includes the proposed project areas) as number 1 for spring Chinook and summer steelhead. Proposed work includes riparian and upland restoration and instream aquatic habitat enhancement.	-
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