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February 3, 2006

TO: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC)

FROM: Lawrence Schwabe, Chair

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the February 7, 2006, RFAC Meeting

Resident Fish Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2006 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Pacific)

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Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Action Notes from the October 24, 2005 Meeting

ITEM 2: Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (NPCC) Draft Columbia River Basin Research Plan (Attachments)

The NPCC is scheduled to adopt the Draft Columbia River Basin Research Plan (Research Plan) during their February meeting. The Research Plan that the NPCC will be considering for adoption is the "Example Summary Plan" that the ISAB and ISRP developed by extracting and adapting information presented in an earlier draft authored by NPCC staff. Presently, the "Critical Uncertainties" section of the Example Summary Plan does not adequately represent the needs of resident fish. Attached, are comments relative to the Critical Uncertainties section of the Research Plan that would ensure resident fish inclusion. Steve Waste (NPCC) will be available to discuss these comments and any other comments you may have regarding the Research Plan.

ITEM 3: Project Proposal Reviews (Attachments)

The RFAC will discuss the utility and potential schedule of providing technical/management reviews of resident fish proposals submitted for consideration for funding during fiscal years 2007-2009.

ITEM 4: 70/15/15 Allocation and Proposed Implementation of Project-Type Placeholders: Update

During the October 25, 2005, Members Advisory Group (MAG) meeting, Lawrence Schwabe presented the RFAC's proposal that recommends establishing placeholders for each project category (i.e., anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife). The RFAC has proposed that funds that are de-obligated from a particular project within each of the three categories (i.e., anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife) should be assigned to that category's placeholder. The RFAC has recommended that the funds should be used to fund within-year requests or new projects that have previously received favorable recommendations within that category. The MAG advised the RFAC, Anadromous Fish Advisory Committee, and Wildlife Advisory Committee Chairs to meet with Neil Ward and Brian Lipscomb to develop a proposal, for discussion at the next MAG meeting (December 8, 2005), that provides recommendations for managing the allocation and maintenance of funds, associated with the NPCC's Fish and Wildlife Program, per the 70/15/15 objective.