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## Response to ISRP Review

The ISRP expressed several concerns with this proposal: 1) project sponsors provided insufficient justification for the need for formally funded coordination; 2) level of support for such activity among other lamprey researchers in the Columbia River Basin was unclear; 3) task of planning integrated basinwide lamprey research was unclear; 4) the proposal is excessive, expensive and that most tasks could be undertaken as components of currently funded lamprey projects; (5) the ISRP felt the Lamprey Program Summary submitted in February 2002 adequately addressed previously stated concerns about the level of program coordination among this group.

Our responses are below:

(1) We feel that lack of formal coordination among this group has resulted in lost opportunities, inefficient use of limited resources, and frustration on the part of parties seeking information about lampreys and efforts undertaken on the behalf of lampreys in the Columbia River Basin. We acknowledge the efforts by some parties to address coordination (especially considering these activities can tax the resources of some currently funded projects) but without explicit agreements among all interested parties, coordination is haphazard and some activities are nonexistent. In particular, we feel the annual workshop is a critical element, which cannot be accomplished without supporting funds.

(2) The project sponsors regret that we did not include in the proposal formal support for this concept from lamprey researchers and managers in the Columbia River Basin. We have informally discussed this with several other parties and have received their support for the concept. We concur with the ISRP that success of this activity strongly depends on the support of this group and we attempted to describe the importance of seeking consensus before actions are taken in the proposal.

(3) The annual workshop described in the proposal is intended to be the vehicle to accomplish the task of planning integrated basinwide lamprey research. The project sponsors regret the lack of clarity on this point.

(4) The tasks outlined in the proposal are suggested activities based on our experiences at the USGS. We feel the costs estimated for these tasks are appropriate. However, we recognize that not all interested parties may support all tasks described. We would be willing to modify or eliminate tasks and adjust the budget as necessary. We disagree with the statement that with the exception of an annual meeting, all these tasks could be

performed within the existing lamprey projects. These projects have explicit objectives and tasks and associated budgets, none of which include the tasks outlined in this proposal. The approach suggested by the ISRP is what has occurred to date, yet the ISRP, BPA, and some project sponsors of currently funded lamprey work have indicated coordination could be improved. We suggest one alternative to this proposal may be to modify existing projects (and associated budgets) to include these tasks.

(5) We appreciate the ISRP's satisfaction with the Lamprey Program Summary as prepared in 2002. We agree that it is a substantial milestone for the Lamprey Technical Workgroup. However, we would like to suggest that this product could have been even better had more parties participated in its preparation.