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### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members**

**FROM: Patty O'Toole, Fish and Wildlife Division Director**

**SUBJECT: Draft 2023 Fish and Wildlife Division Workplan**

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Presenter:** Patty O'Toole, Fish and Wildlife Division Director, and staff

**Summary:** Staff will review Fish and Wildlife Division workplan highlights for 2023

**Relevance:** The workplan will guide division work for the remainder of 2023

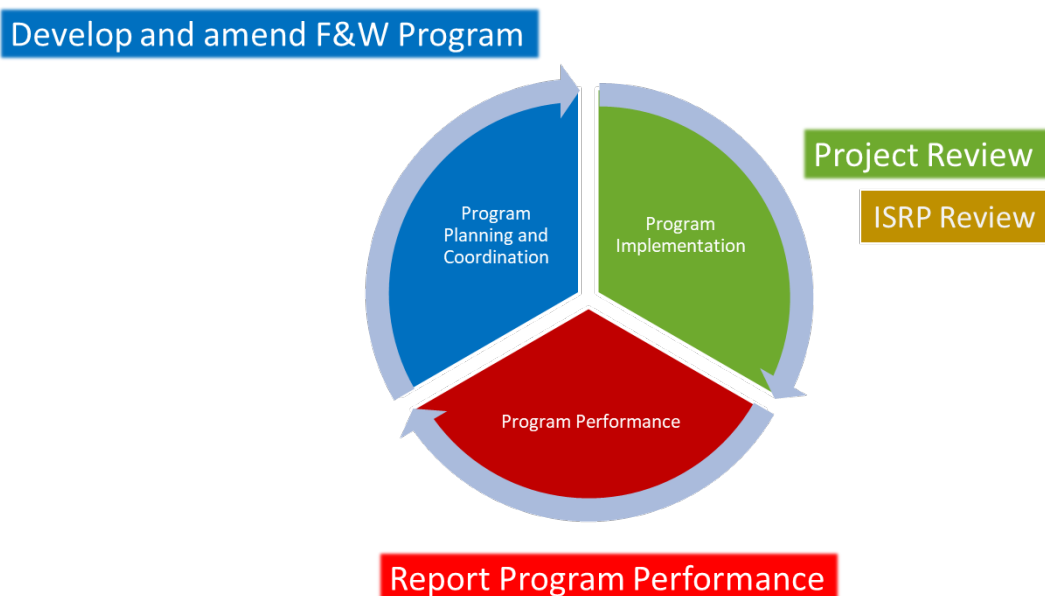
**Workplan:** Draft plan for 2023

**Background:**

At the March Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting, staff will review the Fish and Wildlife Work Division Plan highlights for 2023. Staff will distribute the work plan to members before the meeting by email.

The work of the staff is generally organized into three major areas (see figure 1): 1) Program policy development and planning; 2) Program implementation including the major task of periodic review of projects and tracking implementation by others; and 3) Program performance, although there is overlap between these three areas.

Figure1: Organization of major areas of staff work.



A major task for the division this year is to complete planning for an updated approach for reviewing projects in the future. The review and recommendation of projects by the Council and review by the Independent Scientific Review Panel are required under the Northwest Power Act, but the Council can exercise some flexibility around *how* the review occurs. Preliminary concepts for an approach to future project review were included in [2022 Anadromous Habitat and Hatchery Review](#) decision. More details will be discussed with the Committee later in 2023. Additionally in 2023, the Review Panel will complete a review of the spring/summer Chinook program for the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan.

This year will also feature continued implementation of the Council's Asset Management Strategic Plan for identifying and addressing non-recurring maintenance needs of prior Program investments, such as hatcheries and fish screens.

The staff will continue to develop products related to understanding the overall performance of the Fish and Wildlife Program. In early 2023, work to compile data and information on the strategy performance indicators described in the Council's 2020 Fish and Wildlife Program Addendum Part I reached an important milestone of completing work on the initial set of indicators, and those [indicators](#) are now found on the Council's website. In 2022, a retrospective look at the Programs' history, influences and implementation was presented to the Fish and Wildlife Committee over two separate Committee meetings. This year, the corresponding documentation of the retrospective will be reviewed, and its final format discussed and selected for sharing the retrospective with a broad audience (for example, a report, a white paper, or a website).

Finally, the staff has refined its framework for describing various aspects of program performance by major program topics and will sequentially focus reporting on (1) what

the Program has called for, (2) what was implemented and (3) progress and accomplishments.

The staff will also report on estimates for timing of the next amendment to the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program.