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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Maureen Hess and Leslie Bach

SUBJECT: Report on follow up Regional Coordination Forum meeting May 23rd

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Fish and Wildlife Division staff

Summary: The Regional Coordination Forum (RCF) met on May 23rd to complete agenda items (below) that were carried over from the April RCF meeting. Staff will brief the committee members on highlights from the meeting.

Agenda items:

- Opening remarks & Introductions
- Follow up discussion/questions on the project review process
- Update on the Governors Report and future reporting discussion
- Discussion on flat funding
- Other topics if time allows

Relevance: Part six, section III B. of the 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program calls for the Council to convene a forum of regional coordination representatives and other interested parties to discuss the upcoming years' issues of regional significance. The RCF provides an important mechanism for the Council to engage with the fish and wildlife managers on the priority work in the Fish and Wildlife Program. It also provides a forum in which the managers can interact and discuss general issues of regional importance or interest.

Workplan: The RCF is a component of the 2023 Fish and Wildlife Division Work Plan.

Background: The last RCF was held in January 2021. In 2022, regional coordinators helped support the development of the Strategy Performance Indicators. RCF agendas and meeting notes are posted on the Council's website [here](#). Also see the Fish and Wildlife Program on Regional Coordination - [page 121](#).