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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee

FROM: Nancy Leonard, Fish, Wildlife, Ecosystem Monitoring and Evaluation Manager

SUBJECT: Update on PNAMP's Monitoring Resources website

Jennifer Bayer, PNAMP Coordinator (USGS), will present on the development of www.MonitoringResources.org and how the resulting tools are integrated with and complimentary to other regional systems (Pisces, cbfish.org), as well as with other ongoing processes such as the Coordinated Assessments Project, to improve documentation and sharing of information among monitoring programs in the Pacific Northwest.

The Monitoring Resources website provides a network of information and tools to support many facets of ecological and biological monitoring. These resources include orientation and educational materials (Monitoring Advisor), a community forum, a place to document and share methods and protocols (Monitoring Methods), the ability to describe monitoring projects and upload sample sites (Site Manager), and tools for creating sample designs based on a master sample (Sample Designer). Monitoring Resources also includes a Glossary of monitoring terms to facilitate communication among practitioners.

The goal of the Monitoring Resources website is to provide a place where monitoring practitioners can easily document once and share many times, and where funders and managers can review existing and proposed monitoring projects and better understand gaps and overlaps at a regional scale. These resources are intended to promote better documentation and enable more efficiency in collaboration and data sharing between programs. By providing these tools online, we are facilitating transfer of information and supporting collaboration between projects and programs. This suite of tools is championed by the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP). Funding has been provided by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (GBMF).

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