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To: Nancy Molina, IMST Co-Chair  
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From: Bruce McIntosh, Assistant Conservation and Recovery Program Manager

Date: March 15, 2007

Re: IMST Review of Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Planning in Oregon

In June 2005 the State of Oregon, in cooperation with NOAA Fisheries, committed to completing federal recovery plans for all ESA-listed salmon and steelhead in Oregon over the next two years. These plans are intended to meet the requirements of federal recovery plans as well as State conservation plans. Under the requirements of the Native Fish Conservation Policy, ODFW is required to solicit peer review by the IMST and other independent scientists when developing conservation plans. This memo is intended to solicit IMST's review of pending ESA recovery plans and outline timelines for this task over the next 18 months.

With ODFW in the lead (Bruce McIntosh) and oversight by the GNRO (Sue Knapp), recovery plans are being developed in the following areas with the associated timelines (best estimates). We propose to deliver the final draft plan to the IMST at the same time as we deliver it to NOAA Fisheries. NOAA Fisheries will need 30+ days to prepare a federal register notice and then the plan would go out for 30 days of public review, leaving the IMST a minimum of 90 days to complete their review.

### **Proposed Schedule:**

1. Mid Columbia Steelhead (1 species)
  - a. Plan Lead – Rich Carmichael (ODFW)
  - b. Timeline for Public/Peer Review – July 2007 (60-90 day review period)
2. Lower Columbia River Recovery Domain (4 species)
  - a. Plan Lead – Bruce McIntosh (ODFW)
  - b. Timeline for Public/Peer Review – February 2008 (60–90 day review period)
3. Upper Willamette Recovery Domain (2 species)
  - a. Plan Lead – Jay Nicholas (ODFW)
  - b. Timeline for Public/Peer Review – April 2008 (60-90 day review period)

4. Southern Oregon Northern California Coho (1 species)
  - a. Plan Lead – Tom Satterthwaite and Kevin Goodson (ODFW)
  - b. Timeline for Public/Peer Review – Summer/Fall 2008? (60-90 day review period)
5. Snake Recovery Domain (2 species)
  - a. Plan Lead – NOAA Fisheries
  - b. Timeline for Public/Peer Review – Unknown, Summer 2007 ((Federal Register Notice, 60 day review period)

We recognize the compressed timelines and workload this may impose on the IMST and appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or suggested modifications to ODFW's request, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Cc:

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