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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Tony Grover

SUBJECT: Bonneville Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Dorie Welch, Bonneville Power Administration and Sue Ireland, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho (phone)

Summary: Bonneville Power Administration ("**Bonneville**") and the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho ("**KTOI**") have been negotiating a four-year bi-lateral memorandum of agreement for addressing the direct effects of construction, operation, inundation and maintenance of the Columbia River System on fish and wildlife resources of the Columbia River Basin, with a focus on Kootenai River subbasin. The agreement builds on the solid partnership that Bonneville and KTOI have formed over many years of working together, and helps both organizations by providing certainty and predictability during the term, and helps BPA achieve its goals under the 2018 Strategic Plan. Bonneville will be opening the public comment period on Friday, November 9 for two weeks for interested parties to review the agreement prior to a final decision.