

Agenda Item H.1 Council Action:

Consider comments and recommendations developed by the Habitat Committee.

Approve the letter in Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1, with Pete Hassemer's modifications. (Sommer/Anderson) Motion carried; Mr. Lockhart abstained.

Recommendations: This EIS should consider a comprehensive full suite of hydrosystem configurations and operations to assess conditions against a standard that will allow delisting and recovery of Columbia River salmon ESUs. Alternatives to evaluate should encompass aggressive reconfiguration of long-standing operations that improve migration conditions and would lead to improvements in the full life-cycle survival of anadromous species in the Columbia River up to and including additional drawdown of reservoirs, breaching of the four lowermost dams on the Snake River, and seasonal flow augmentation. (strikeout/highlight – Pete Hassemer's changes to the letter).