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TO: SRFB MEMBERS AND DESIGNEES

FROM: Laura E. Johnson, Director 

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SUBJECT: Department of Fish and Wildlife Juvenile and Adult Salmon Monitoring Request

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has requested that the SRFB fund adult and juvenile abundance monitoring at a cost of \$208,000.

Background

This proposal if funded would help implement the listed salmon and steelhead population monitoring components of the Monitoring Forum's *"Washington State Framework for Monitoring Salmon Populations Listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act and Associated Freshwater Habitats"*. The requested funding would fill gaps in the monitoring framework and ensure that representative data is available to make de-listing decisions for all population segments in salmon and steelhead ESUs.

A funding decision package was submitted to the Governor as part of the current biennial budget request. It failed to make the Governor's budget. Subsequently, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Forum on Monitoring have prepared a request for funding in the FY-08 supplemental budget. The results of that endeavor will not be known until March 2008.

This request would continue to fund ongoing WDFW juvenile salmon abundance monitoring currently conducted under contract 07-1042. This contract expires on September 30, 2007 and is in the amount of \$358,044.

If the SRFB does not fund this request juvenile and adult monitoring will probably not occur in 2008 for the identified waters.

Request that the SRFB take action on this agenda item.

