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Subject: May 22nd Working Group Meeting

Dear Participants,

As you know, the next meeting of the Skagit Flood Risk Management Working Group meeting will be held on May 22, 2001 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and directions are enclosed.

The enclosures for this mailing include:

- Ø Directions to the May 22nd meeting place,
- Ø Agenda for the May 22nd Working Group meeting
- Ø Draft notes from the April 26th Working Group meeting
- Ø Approved notes from the May 5th agency meeting on environmental issues

- Ø Draft notes from the May 11th agency meeting on environmental issues
- Ø Letter from Fish and Wildlife Service to the Corps

During the April 26th meeting, the Working Group requested more information from the resource agencies about their ideas regarding potential impacts and benefits to natural resources. The Working Group also asked that the agencies identify the alternatives that they prefer. Since the April meeting of the Working Group, the agencies have held two very productive meetings and reviewed the four main elements incorporated in the suite of alternatives: the Swinomish diversion, levee setbacks, overtopping and the Samish diversion. For each element, the agency representatives formulated a list of questions regarding design clarification and potential resource impacts. Additionally, they made suggestions about the project design. To provide you with a better understanding of the outcomes from the agency meetings, the approved notes from the agency representatives' first meeting and the draft notes from the second meeting are enclosed for your review.

Also enclosed is a letter from the Fish and Wildlife Service to the Corps. It was sent to several members of the Working Group, and the County thought it might be of interest to the entire Working Group.

At the meeting on Tuesday, Lou Ellyn Jones and Mike Scuderi will present an overview of the agency representatives' discussion. Dave Brookings will present information from the County regarding recent activities and the Corps will respond to issues raised in the last Working Group meeting.

The goal of this meeting will be to share additional information and begin the process of identifying the alternative the Working Group prefers. Since the County wishes to learn the Working Group's alternative by the end of June, they have asked that you come to the meeting prepared to rank the alternatives based on the information provided.

I am looking forward to a productive meeting on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Valerie Lee

Please note that we only have the FWS letter to the Corps in hard copy. As a result, you will receive a copy of it with your information packet sent out today. The other enclosures are attached to this email as well as included in the hard copy mailing.