Proposed Land Transaction

Chinook/Martin in Pacific County

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Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: June 15-16, 2018

Agenda item: Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing, and Decision

Presenter(s): Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Services Section Manager, Lands

Division, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Chinook/Martin: This proposal is to acquire 2 (+/-) acres in Pacific County for the reconnection of Chinook Unit estuary wetlands to the Columbia River. This project is part of a larger restoration effort to provide access for adult and juvenile salmonids through increased tidal flows onto the Chinook Wildlife Area. Acquisitions are a critical step toward providing more flexibility in tide gate management at the State Route 101 and Chinook River culverts.

The property is valued at \$170,000 and the fund source for the transaction is the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). We have a Memorandum of Understanding with BPA, which also covers operation and maintenance costs. Operations and Maintenance costs are anticipated to be minimal for this small property.

Staff recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the Chinook/Martin transaction.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat and providing public recreational opportunities.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

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Public involvement process used and what you learned:

This project was approved through the agency's Lands 20/20 process.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Approval of the Land Transaction as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to approve the transaction as presented by staff.

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed

Post decision communications plan:

News Release

Form revised 2-15-18



