MEMORANDUM

TO: Josh Williams, WDFW

FROM: Brandon R. Chockley

DATE: December 29, 2016

RE: Use of surplus PIT-tags for marking of Wenatchee River sockeye for 2017 out-migration

Upon the request of the Washington Department of Fish and Game (WDFW), the Comparative Survival Study (CSS) Oversight Committee has agreed to provide up to 5,000 PIT-surplus CSS PIT-tags from previous years’ marking on the Wenatchee, Methow, and Entiat rivers to WDFW to explore the feasibility of trapping and PIT-tagging sockeye juveniles out-migrating from the Wenatchee River in 2017. Permitting for handling and tagging associated with this transfer will continue to be handled by WDFW staff.

CC: Bill Tweit, WDFW