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TO: Science Advisory Board Members

FROM: Dawn Hooper, Toxics Cleanup Program

SUBJECT: Materials for the March 11, 2008, Science Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting

Enclosed are the draft agenda and discussion materials for the March 11, 2008 MTCA SAB meeting. Here is a reminder of the meeting logistics:

March 11, 2008 (Tuesday)
8:30-3:30 p.m.
University of Washington
Graham Visitor Center
2300 Arboretum Dr. E
Seattle, WA

The key topic for the meeting is a continued, and perhaps concluding, discussion on establishing fish consumption rates for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. As time permits, we will provide updates on current legislative issues and the status of the five-year MTCA rule review.

Fish Consumption Rates for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

At the December 14, 2008 meeting, Ecology presented a proposal to consider an alternate fish consumption rate for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT). The Tribe presented a report and recommendations on tribal fish consumption rates applicable to the Port Angeles area. The LEKT has recommended that Ecology use a fish consumption rate of 583 grams/day when establishing cleanup requirements for the former Rayonier mill site located in Port Angeles, Washington. The LEKT believes this value is appropriate because it takes into account the tribe's treaty reserved rights, customs and fishing habits. EPA representatives presented the EPA Region 10 Framework for fish assessment of tribal fish consumption rates as a point of departure. The SAB considered this information and recommended further refinement of the questions posed to the board as well as a need for additional information.

Science Advisory Board Review: Ecology has prepared a revised list of questions for the Board's review. The revised questions are included in the background document attached to this memorandum. The Department requests that the SAB review the additional background information and provide advice and opinions on whether Ecology's proposal is consistent with current scientific information.

- ❑ **Information Materials to Support the Board's Review:** Ecology has compiled supplemental informational materials and revised its questions to the SAB to support the SAB's review of this issue. These materials are attached to this memorandum. The attached materials include:
- Site-Specific Proposal for Modifying the Default MICA Fish Consumption Exposure Parameters – Questions and Background Information.
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- Scientific Considerations for Identifying Subsistence User Ingestion Rates in Port Angeles, Washington. Prepared by Malcolm Pirnie (February 2008). [This was sent to the Board members in an earlier mailing.]
- ❑ **The March 11 Science Advisory Board Meeting:** We have three main goals for the fish consumption discussion on March 11. First, we want to provide you with additional background information on this issue. Second, we will provide you with an opportunity to hear the perspective from the audience regarding Ecology's proposal. Third, we want to get the Board's responses to the ten questions identified in the attached background document.

Finally, the December 2007 meeting summary was approved through email review. We are willing to reopen the enclosed summary for further review if necessary.

We look forward to meeting with you again. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please contact Dawn Hooper (360/407-7182), Pete Kmet (360/407-7199), or Dave Bradley (360/407-6907).

Enclosures