

## GNLCC FY16 Funding Recommendation

### Decision:

- If feasible and acceptable, GNLCC SC is asked to approve the below FY16 budget as a 'gap-year' continuation of FY15 projects and capacity grants.

### Background:

- FY16 was identified as a 'Gap Year' –approved by the Steering Committee in Nov, Dec 2015
- Gap Year approach is to evaluate projects funded in FY15 and support/fun project with objectives that align with ongoing analysis for high level direction
- Justifications:
  - Steering Committee initiated a “discussion on strategic direction” (Spring 2015 SC Meeting Notes) which continued through the Fall 2015 Meeting, where the SC directed staff to “Develop an improved process for funding to strategically align with SC priorities” ... “within the context of Strategic Framework”; Staff led AT and partners through the Crosswalk exercise (improved process)
  - Advance the annual funding timeline (initiate funding cycle in summer for FY17)
  - Congressional budgeting process throughout 2015 left uncertainty as to available funds for FY16 until January 2016.

### Opportunities:

- \$600,000 is available for GNLCC Strategic Science Support Program in FY16
- We recently learned an additional \$35K will be available; GNLCC staff is proposing to use this for information and outreach which has never received dedicated funding (outreach proposal will include website upgrade for better functionality, story lines, video and other information outreach strategies)
- Crosswalk portion of setting high level strategic direction was completed in February 2016 ([http://greatnorthernlcc.org/sites/default/files/documents/GNLCC\\_Crosswalk\\_Exercise\\_January\\_2016\\_FinalReport\\_Draft1.pdf](http://greatnorthernlcc.org/sites/default/files/documents/GNLCC_Crosswalk_Exercise_January_2016_FinalReport_Draft1.pdf))
- Staff reviewed FY15 funded proposals to assess need (FY15 Budget request and stated Objectives), match with Crosswalk exercise outcomes, and assess efficiencies within FY15 proposals (i.e., where stated objectives extended beyond FY15 allocations)
- Staff contacted FY15 funded PIs to assess progress and objectives for FY16 and confirm their intention to continue work
- A small interagency panel reviewed proposals to ensure projects proposed for FY16 funding were consistent with ongoing development of high level direction
- The GNLCC AT approved this budget with the caveat that a small increase be made to the Columbia and Cascadia Partner Forums which are prepared to undergo a ground-level cross-walk analysis which will provide feedback and input on local needs to accomplish the GNLCC goals and vision.
  - Recommend adding \$15K to Columbia Partner Forum (for total of \$30K)
  - Recommend adding \$10K to Cascadia Partner Forum (for total of \$25K)
  - The \$25K was deducted from the Connor (Pacific Salmon Foundation) project for a pilot to expand the NorWeST model in British Columbia