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First Research Agenda – Framework

AMPC report to the Board on the research agenda

Rule specifying research agenda, OAR 629-603-0200(5)
    (a)   "The AMPC shall develop a multi-year research agenda that includes:
        (A)   Prioritized research projects;
        (B)   Key milestones for each research project;
        (C)   A timeline for progress on research projects; and,
        (D)   A comprehensive IRST budget, including annual budget for each year of each project."

Considerations:

A. Keep the AMPC report on the research agenda brief (4-8 pages) think executive summary.
B. The prioritized research projects can be used to request which ones to start in the RFP process first.
C. In addition to minimum requirements in rule (see above), I suggest including brief explanations of the reasoning for AMPC decisions [this isn't required, but I think it makes sense so the Board understands some of the thinking that went into the AMPC decisions]
D. Mention that the AMPC will likely come back to the Board in 6-12 months to amend the research agenda because several important projects (Amphibians, effectiveness monitoring strategy) aren't far enough along to include in the Sept. research agenda because it's still at the beginning of the process. If there's sufficient funding from the legislature, it makes sense to have an explicit amount of the research agenda budget reserved for these future projects.
E. Want to build in some flexibility re: research projects' budgets (ideally, don't want to put too precise a number because that's what consultants will do, also want flexibility should it be more expensive than anticipated)
F. Probably best to have information in a table or chart that touches on each of the rule points above, and have the document formatted to include headings related to each of these rule items.

Commented [TF1]: This detail will be hard to do, at least given what was in eastern Oregon slopes scoping proposal (the IRST was supposed to detail that for every year, but I get that's quite challenging). Perhaps the best approach there is to take the entire budget and divide by number of years, and also have a caveat that flexibility is granted to IRST to manage that budget appropriately.

Commented [TF2]: This part is complicated by current uncertainty about how this will be addressed in HCP