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TO: SRFB Members and Designees
FROM: Steve Martin, Chair Council of Regions
SUBJECT: Council of Regions Report

Since the last Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) meeting, members of the Council of Regions have:

- Actively exchanged information with LEAG
- Drafted the "Structure and Roles of the Council of Regions" and distributed to LEAG for review and comment
- Coordinated budgets and work plans within regions with lead entities
- Identified common needs across regions and assessed combining resources to achieve those needs
- Finalized biennial regional work programs consistent with the State's salmon recovery strategy and attempted to achieve a combined 6-region biennial request that is within 10% of the prior biennial budget. Regions will be in attendance on March 8 to discuss their individual work programs with the Board.

"Regional organizations have worked to achieve a chemistry like we have never had before and we couldn't have ever imagined that we would be where we are today" - Elizabeth Gaar, NOAA Fisheries