

Program Coordination and Data Management
Category Review
For Fiscal Year 2013 and Beyond

Dear Project Proponents:

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will soon be embarking on a science review of projects in the Resident Fish/Blocked Areas, Regional Coordination (Program Coordination) and Data Management categories under the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program (Program). You are receiving this letter because you are listed as a project lead on one or more projects included in this review.

The portfolio for the program coordination and data management review includes: projects that, in the past, have been referred to as "regional coordination"; and data management projects that address data collection, storage, analysis and dissemination needs at a basin-wide scale.

The list of all projects included in this review is available at <http://www.cbfish.org/Portfolio.mvc/Display/989>. The list encompasses all projects relevant to the category topics including related projects that have undergone recent ISRP review since the 2007-09 review processes. Recently reviewed projects are included to provide context for the other projects that have not been reviewed recently. If your project is included for contextual purposes, the ISRP will use the most recent review as reference. However, if your project is not already in Taurus, you may need to update project information in Taurus with the assistance of your COTR. Projects included for contextual purposes will be listed two places: in the main portfolio (above); and at <http://www.cbfish.org/Portfolio.mvc/Display/1033> which lists contextual projects separately.

While new projects identified under Biological Opinions and the Accords are included, and the Council may be asking for specific project adjustments to meet Program needs, this process is not an open solicitation for *new* projects.

Look for a complete and detailed Project Review Information Packet to arrive via e-mail on September 1st. This packet will contain the information you and your staff will need to complete the project proposal(s), as well as other guidance, tips, important dates and contact information. Proponents will have three months to complete their proposals beginning September 1st. Proposals will be due by midnight on Tuesday, November 22.

Web-based and in person workshops will be scheduled to assist project proponents in completing the proposal form for the new Taurus system.

What you can do before September 1:

1. Verify your projects are included in this review from the portfolio in Taurus. No log-in is necessary to view the list.
2. Verify your contact information in Pisces so that the right person receives the September 1, e-mail communication.
3. Consider options for attending a workshop or scheduling technical assistance (see next page) Contact Lynn Palensky at lpalensky@nwcouncil.org, 503-222-5161 with any questions.

4. Consider whether you would like to participate in a project presentation as part of this review process. Council staff will contact project proponents in early fall to begin developing a schedule for ISRP presentations for late fall and winter 2011, weather permitting. Contact Lynn Palensky with any questions.
5. Please indicate in any of your correspondence regarding this review, your project number(s) so we know which project you are working for and referring to.

Technical assistance workshops

The Council and Bonneville will offer opportunities to assist project proponents in completing the proposal form in Taurus. The workshops will also provide information about the review process and programmatic level guidance for each category of projects. All project proponents are welcome to attend any of the workshops. Please bring a laptop to work on if you are able.

<p><u>September - Spokane</u> Specific date and location to be determined</p>	<p><u>Web-based tutorial</u> To be announced</p>
<p>On-site technical assistance by request <i>If the workshop in Spokane or the web-based tutorial won't work for your group, you can request a special training session. We ask that the requesting party set up the venue with reliable wireless, projector and Infocus, and space for other outside of your group/organization to attend.</i></p>	<p>Items to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of schedule and process • Overview Programmatic level Guidance • Overview of cbfish.org • Overview of proposal form • User testing on proposal form

