

Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 8:30am

Council Central offices Central Office 851 SW 6th Ave, Suite 1100 Portland, Oregon (map)

Join by GotoMeeting or call 800-786-1922, code 25249455.

Purpose: Identify priority tasks to be completed by 2014

Follow up on RME and AP category review

Tagging Forum

Sturgeon

Estuary

Ocean

Lamprey

CHaMP

CHREET - clarification from NOAA-Fisheries

Recovery planning

Update from NOAA on the status of Recovery Planning for ESA-listed Salmon and Steelhead populations in the Columbia basin (Tentative - Dr. Scott Rumsey, NOAA-Fisheries)

Prioritize Program Amendment preparation tasks for 2012-13

The committee and staff will have a 'zero-base' discussion of the requirements of the Northwest Power Act, its amendments, and significant interpretations of key elements of the Act by the courts. This discussion will serve to orient the Committee in preparation for the next Program amendment. The Committee and staff will also discuss existing Fish and Wildlife Program goals and objectives.

1. Overview of biological objectives

- a. Coordination with the FCRPS BiOp, other BiOps and Recovery Plans
- b. Relationship to the MERR and HLIs
- 2. Subbasin Plans
 - a. Status and future plans for 'mining' the plans and making the information easily accessible on the Council's website
 - b. Updates to subbasin plans
- 3. Habitat restoration. Consider ties to:
 - a. CHaMP, ISEMP, IMWs and Tetra Tech's work for WA, OR and BPA
 - b. Geographic review and Expert Panels
- 4. Supplementation
 - a. Wild and hatchery fish interactions
 - b. Idaho Supplementation Study and Hatchery Scientific Review Group results
 - c. Council criteria resulting from the recent RM&E / AP category review
- 5. Predation
 - a. Current conditions
 - b. Native fish versus non-native fish including lake trout
- 6. Integration of the ISAB's Food Web report into the Council's evaluation and decision-making processes
- 7. Update the Council's Fish and Wildlife Research Plan

Project reviews for 2012-13

Completion of category review on Resident Fish/Blocked Areas/Data/Coordination Initiation of Geographic Reviews - Fall 2012 - link to BPA's Expert Panels

There will be space provided at the Council's central office for those who wish to listen to the conference call at the Council offices. Public comment will be taken on each issue as time allows.

