

FISH SCREENING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

VISION

The Fish Screening Oversight Committee envisions all stream diversions within the Columbia River Basin properly screened to prevent loss of juvenile salmonids and other species of fish.

CHARTER

BACKGROUND

In 1995 the existing Fish Screening Oversight Committee (FSOC) of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) was expanded to incorporate the membership requirements of Section 7.10 of the Northwest Power Planning Council's (NWPPC) December 14, 1994 Fish and Wildlife Program. At that time all interested "state, federal (including Bonneville), Council, tribal and irrigation representatives" were invited to participate in FSOC activities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the FSOC (spelled out in Section 7.10A1 of the 1994 Fish and Wildlife Program) is to provide overall direction, set priorities and ensure oversight of objectives, funding opportunities, standards, biological criteria and evaluation relative to fish screening activities in the Columbia Basin.

ACTIVITIES

1. Provide technical liaison between cooperating agencies, organizations, groups and individuals for fish screening activities in the Columbia River Basin.
2. Educate water users and the public on the impacts of improper screening and the methods and procedures that can be used to provide adequate screening to meet established criteria and standards.
3. Develop uniform criteria and standards for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of fish screens.
4. Develop, maintain, and update annually, a prioritized list of tributary screening improvements for stream diversions (including pump diversions) affecting salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River Basin. Establish priorities based on parameters mutually agreed to by committee members.
5. Inventory and distribute information to project sponsors on funding availability from all sources and develop equitable methods for implementing projects and approving screen

funding applications.

6. Oversee monitoring and evaluation activities to determine the success of screening improvements in the Columbia River Basin.
7. Prepare annual reports to the NWPPC on FSOC activities and accomplishments.
8. Oversee the conduct of the Annual Pacific Northwest Fish Screening and Passage Work Shop.
9. Consider and approve experimental fish passage technology as proposed by any committee member as based on evidence provided to the committee. Evidence will include a summary of the process used to validate the success of the technology (e.g. American Fisheries Society or the National Marine Fisheries Service process for developing experimental technology).

ORGANIZATION

1. Membership in the FSOC shall be available to each member of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority. Participating CBFWA members will have voting privileges on FSOC.
2. Other federal, state, tribal or private entities that are not CBFWA members shall be able to participate in the FSOC in a nonvoting capacity.
3. FSOC members shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson by majority vote annually to be responsible for the following:
 - a. Scheduling and conducting meetings, meeting notification, preparing agendas and approving draft action notes.
 - b. Attending CBFWA meetings and summarizing pertinent actions to FSOC members.
 - c. Assuring that assigned correspondence is drafted and circulated.

PROCEDURES

1. The committee shall prepare written technical and policy analyses for CBFWA review as needed.
2. The committee shall see that significant fish screening issues are submitted to the CBFWA consent calendar in time for CBFWA deliberation and action.
3. The committee shall function under Robert's Modified Rules of Order as applicable.
4. The chairperson will provide a written agenda for the committee meeting at least two weeks prior to a meeting and provide action notes for committee review prior to the next meeting.
5. The committee shall meet at the request of the chairperson or a majority of its members.
6. The FSOC chairperson (or chairperson designee) shall attend the CBFWA meetings and

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provide FSOC members with a summary of actions affecting FSOC issues.

7. The committee shall appoint subcommittees and work groups as needed to perform committee business.
8. The committee shall develop an annual work plan for CBFWA review.
9. Committee decisions shall be made through consensus of the designated voting representatives. Members unable to attend a particular meeting may participate in the decision-making process by telephone on the scheduled meeting day. The committee shall attempt to resolve issues through consensus (i.e., those in the minority vote do not raise an objection).
10. The committee may amend or modify this charter on its own motion by two-thirds majority for approval by the Authority.

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