**Regional Coordination Functions**

**Goal:** To facilitate coordination between the Federal and the region’s State wildlife agencies and the appropriate Indian tribes to support development of common methodologies and business practices that provide continuity and uniformity of input, information, and recommendations that enable efficient and cost effective development and implementation of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

**Objectives:** To coordinate and facilitate the efforts of the fish and wildlife managers, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the Columbia River Basin to ensure the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) Fish and Wildlife Program-oriented adaptive management processes and products are addressed and implemented for 2013-2015.

**Program Language:**

“The Council benefits from the coordinated efforts of many groups, committees and organizations in implementing the Council’s Program on an ongoing basis. Continued coordination of various Program elements is expected, supported, and in some cases financed by Bonneville. The elements below represent the key areas in which the Council seeks continued coordinated efforts from fish and wildlife managers and interested parties throughout the region. Coordination funding should be focused on the following activities that support Program implementation:

* Data management (storage, management, and reporting)
* Monitoring and evaluation (framework and approach)
* Developing and tracking biological objectives
* Review of technical documents and processes
* Project proposal review
* Coordination of projects, programs and funding sources within subbasins
* Facilitating and participating in focus workgroups on Program issues
* Information dissemination (technical, policy, and outreach)

Any entity or organization receiving funding for coordination of Program activities must develop a work plan detailing the coordination elements, objectives, deliverables, and budget.”

**Focus Areas:**

Anadromous Fish: Anadromous Salmonid Monitoring Strategy, Collaborative Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy, Habitat Effectiveness Evaluations, Hatchery Effectiveness Evaluations, Lamprey Technical Work Group, Fish Screen Oversight Committee

Resident Fish: Resident Fish Monitoring Strategies (~9 species) and resident fish loss assessments

Wildlife: Wildlife Implementation Strategy, Wildlife Operational Loss Assessments, Implementation of wildlife crediting

Reporting: Status of the Fish and Wildlife Resources Report and website

**Regional Coordination: Wildlife**

**Objective:** To facilitate the efforts of the wildlife managers, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the Columbia River Basin to ensure the Fish and Wildlife Program-oriented adaptive management processes and products are addressed and implemented for 2013-2015.

**Coordination Elements and Deliverables:**

1. Continue development and implementation of a Wildlife Implementation Strategy to coordinate projects and direct data management and reporting for the wildlife portion of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

*(Data management; Monitoring and Evaluation; Developing and tracking biological objectives; Coordination of projects, programs, and funding sources; Facilitating focus workgroups on Program issues; Information dissemination)*

1. Facilitate discussion and development of wildlife operation loss assessment methodologies and work with the NPCC to convene a series of workshops to gain region- and agency-wide support.

*(Monitoring and Evaluation; Facilitating and participating in focus workgroups on Program issues)*

1. Prepare and support the wildlife managers for their participation in the upcoming Program amendment process by facilitating better decision support tools and greater transparency in data collection, data management, and reporting.

*(Data management; Monitoring and Evaluation; Developing and tracking biological objectives; Coordination of projects, programs, and funding sources; Facilitating focus workgroups on Program issues; Information dissemination)*

1. Development of standard business practices and protocols for BPA funded wildlife mitigation projects (e.g., Land Management Plan template).

*(Monitoring and Evaluation; Review of technical documents and processes; Coordination of projects, programs, and funding sources; Facilitating focus workgroups on Program issues; Information dissemination)*

1. Provide oversight and guidance to the Regional HEP Team project and facilitate collaboration among participating project managers in regards to wildlife crediting issues.

*(Review of technical documents and processes; Coordination of projects, programs, and funding sources; Information dissemination)*

1. Face to face and on-line communication between wildlife project sponsors to share current information in all aspects of managing BPA funded mitigation properties (e.g., site visits, settlement agreement program reviews, etc.).

*(Review of technical documents and processes; Project proposal review; Coordination of projects, programs, and funding sources; Facilitating focus workgroups on Program issues, Information dissemination)*

1. Web-based access to information pertaining to the wildlife elements of the Fish and Wildlife Program, including communications, meeting notes, documents, etc. created by the wildlife managers and others.

*(Data management; Facilitating focus workgroups on Program issues; Information dissemination)*

1. Collaboration, communication, and synthesis of wildlife products with the anadromous and resident fish aspects of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

*(Information dissemination)*

**Function/Mechanism:**

Provide a centrally located staff person assigned to facilitate wildlife management issues and products with a working knowledge of the Fish and Wildlife Program, established professional relationships with the wildlife managers, and an ability to communicate effectively with and between science and policy level staff. This position could be co-located with anadromous fish and resident fish coordinators to provide consistency, efficiency, and synergy among the coordinated processes and products.

**Budget:**

This function would require 0.5 FTE with adequate support services.

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