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January 8, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Patty O'Toole, Program Implementation Mangers

SUBJECT: Briefing and discussion on Fish and Wildlife amendment process

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Staff

Summary: Staff will brief the Fish and Wildlife Committee on the amendment schedule and recommendations.

Relevance: The Council called for recommendations to amend its Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program in May of last year. Recommendations were due on December 13th, 2018, two days after the December Committee meeting.

At the January Committee meeting, the staff will review several amendment related topics with the Committee:

- 1- amendment process steps and timeframe
- 2- information on the recommendations received
- 3- next steps

The Program amendment recommendations were due to the Council on December 13, 2018. The Council received 51 sets of recommendations. These are available on the [Council's website](http://www.nwcouncil.org) along with instructions to provide comments on the recommendations,

which the Council is now accepting. Although the Council encourages public comment and discussion throughout the amendment process, we ask comments on the recommendations to be submitted by February 8th, 2019. At that point the Council will begin to work with the recommendations and the comments received to begin to draft amendments.

At the January Committee meeting the staff will present observations about the recommendations reviewed thus far and welcomes questions and discussion from the Committee members.

Staff will also review the planning calendar with the Committee and identify current and next steps for the members and staff.



COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

AMENDMENT PROCESS 2018/19

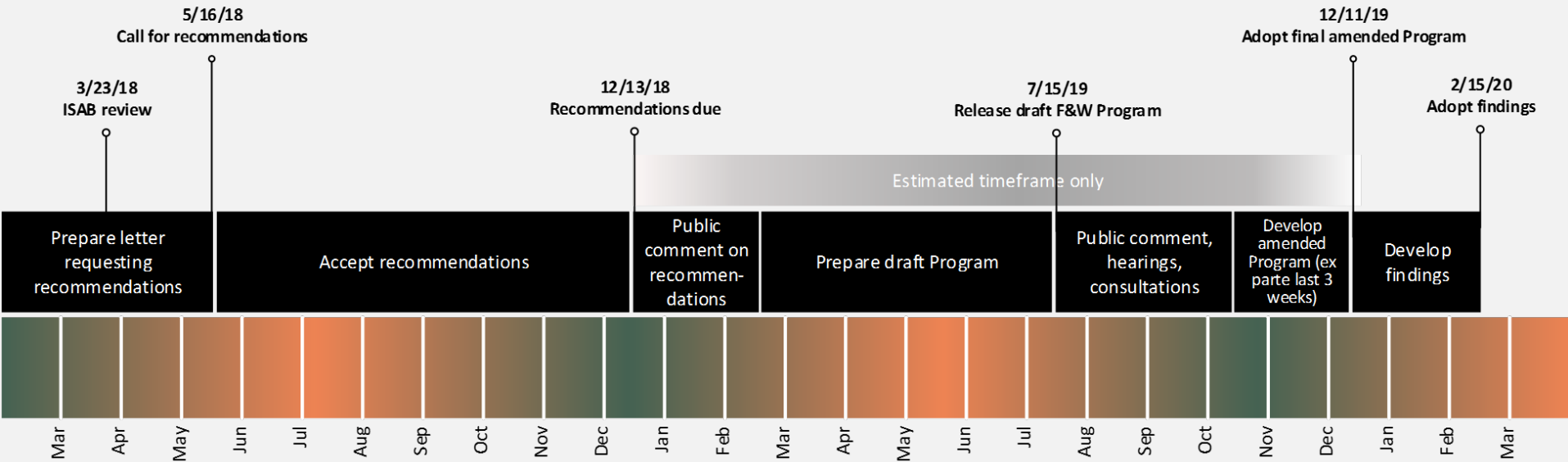
Fish and Wildlife Committee - January 15, 2019

- Check in on amendment process and timeline
- About the recommendations – general, specific
- Next steps

2018/2019 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program

Amendment Process

Draft timeline



Where?

www.nwccouncil.org/fish-and-wildlife

Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment Process

Share     

The Council invites your review and comment on the [recommendations](#) the Council received to amend its 2014 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Please submit your comments on the recommendations no later than **February 8, 2019**.

Consistent with the Northwest Power Act of 1980, the Council develops and periodically amends its fish and wildlife program for the Columbia River Basin to protect and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the development and operation of hydroelectric facilities, while assuring the Pacific Northwest an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply. The Act requires the Council to call for recommendations to amend the program at least every five years prior to the Council's review of its regional electric power and conservation plan.

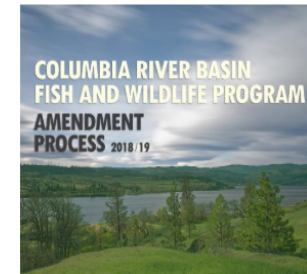
Last May, the Council issued a [call for program amendment recommendations](#). The deadline for submissions was December 13, 2018. The Council now seeks public comment on the recommendations, as required by the Northwest Power Act.

We appreciate your interest in the Council's fish and wildlife program.

[SUBMIT A COMMENT ON A RECOMMENDATION](#)

TOPICS [FISH AND WILDLIFE](#)

TAGS [COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM](#), [PROGRAM AMENDMENT](#)



Key Documents:

- Letter from Council requesting recommendations
- ISAB review of the 2014 Program
- 2014 Program and amendment process
- Past Programs

Contacts:

- Process: Patty O'Toole, Laura Robinson
- Legal: John Shurts
- Technical (web): Eric Schrepel

51 recommendations

- 11 state and state supported agencies
- 16 tribes and tribal organizations
- 4 federal agencies
- 3 Bonneville customers, utilities, user groups
- 8 environmental, fishing or similar NGOs
- 5 program implementation entities
- 4 individuals

Highlights



What to expect in the coming months <i>(C) = All Council Members</i> <i>(c) = Fish and Wildlife Committee Members</i>	Fish and Wildlife Committee <i>*times and work items are approximate and subject to change if needed</i>	Full Council <i>*times and work items are approximate and subject to change if needed</i>
November	15 minutes at Committee meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive an overview from staff on amendment process schedule, work flow, upcoming tasks, and how our work links with the Program framework 	
December ✓ Recommendations are posted online Dec 13 <i>(C)</i> Prep: read recommendations	30 minutes at Committee meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive an update from staff on amendment process schedule, upcoming tasks, and staff tools 	30 minutes at Council meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a briefing from staff on amendment approach and upcoming tasks
January <i>(C)</i> Prep: read recommendations	2 hours at Committee meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive an overview of recommendations from staff Begin to identify main issues in recommendations with staff 	45 minutes at Council meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive an overview of recommendations from staff Receive a briefing from staff on the AEERPS analysis Receive public comment at Council meeting
February ✓ Comments period closes early February <i>(C)</i> Prep: read comments <i>(c)</i> Central and state staff collaborate to schedule additional committee meetings for this month	2 hours at Committee meeting + 1 additional work day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and discuss recommendations in further detail and comments on the recommendations with staff 	30 minutes at Council meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review recommendations with staff Receive public comment at Council meeting
March <i>(C)</i> Prep: work with other state member on draft amendment language <i>(c)</i> Central and state staff collaborate to schedule additional committee meetings for this month	3 hours at Committee meeting + 2 additional work days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion with staff on recommendations and refine main issues Begin to draft amendment language Receive an update from staff on outreach plan 	30 minutes at Council meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive an update from staff on amendment process schedule and outreach plan Receive public comment at Council meeting

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