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To whom it may concern:

The Council invites your review and [comment on recommendations](#) for amendments to the Council's [Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program](#).

Please submit your comments on the recommendations by the end of the day July 3, 2025. To submit a comment on one or more recommendations, please go to the [Council's website and follow the instructions for submitting a comment](#). You may type your comment into the site or attach a separate document with your comments. You may also submit a comment by email to comments@nwcouncil.org, although submitting through the website form is preferred.

The Council began a [Fish and Wildlife Program amendment process](#) in January 2025 by requesting recommendations for Program amendments from the region's state and federal fish and wildlife agencies, Indian tribes, and others, as required by the Northwest Power Act. The Council received a number of recommendations by the May 19, 2025 deadline – see them at the Council's [website](#).

Under the Northwest Power Act, the next step is for the Council to provide broad public notice of the recommendations and an opportunity to comment on them. Notice must go to the public in general as well as specifically to the Bonneville Power Administration, the region's state and federal fish and wildlife agencies and Indian tribes, the federal agencies responsible for managing, operating, or regulating hydroelectric facilities located on the Columbia River or its tributaries, and the Bonneville customer utilities and any other electric utility which owns or operates any hydroelectric power facility on the Columbia River and its tributaries.

With this letter, the Council is providing public notice of the submitted Program amendment recommendations. The Council invites your review and comment on those recommendations, and whether and how they should become part of the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. We look forward to receiving your comments by **July 3, 2025**.

Thank you for your interest in the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.

Sincerely,

Mike Milburn, Chair