

Council Meeting Summary

June 26, 2025

Webinar

This is a summary of the Council's June 26, 2025, public meeting and the actions the Council decided upon. The meeting agenda and presentation materials are posted at <https://www.nwcouncil.org/calendar/council-meeting-2025-06-26/>. The meeting recording and a copy of this summary will also be posted on that page.

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Council Chair Mike Milburn brought the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Pacific Time. Council Members Jeff Allen, KC Golden, Margaret Hoffmann, Thomas L. (Les) Purce, Charles F. Sams III, Ed Schriever, and Doug Grob were in attendance virtually. The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 15 & 16, 2025, in Portland, Oregon, and via webinar.

Council Meeting Agenda Items

1. Council Work Session for the Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment

a. Amendment process check-in

Fish and Wildlife Division Director Patty O'Toole provided an overview of the structure and purpose of this meeting; a reminder of the Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment steps and the Amendments web page; and some expectations for upcoming work sessions.

b. Review and discuss recommendations

Director O'Toole then introduced Fish and Wildlife Habitat Specialist Heather Hendrixson, who listed today's topics, then summarized amendment recommendations for ecosystem function, habitat measures, water quantity, water quality, and the estuary. Biologist for Program Performance Kris Homel discussed the ocean and related subtopics, climate change, and wildlife. General Counsel John Shurts then presented recommendations for protected areas/future hydroelectric power development. Hendrixson covered strongholds. Fish and Wildlife Program Scientist Maureen Hess rounded out the panel with a discussion on recommendations for hatchery mitigation. Finally, Director O'Toole explained perspectives and nuances within the development of the next Program.

Discussion included Total Dissolved Gas (TDG); restoration quantification and qualification in the estuary; context around and improvements to ocean survival; how many topics are interrelated; the legal framework for wildlife settlements; Bonneville's role in artificial production; funding challenges and efficiencies; discussion of priorities; and more.

Presentation materials are available at

<https://www.nwcouncil.org/f/19458/20250626%20packet%20memo%20summary%20of%20recs.pdf>

Public comments

Chair Milburn adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Pacific Time.