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## **Council Meeting Summary**

**November 18 & 19, 2025**

**Council Central Office and via Webinar  
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100  
Portland, OR 97204**

This is a summary of the Council's November 2025 public meeting and the actions the Council decided upon. The meeting agenda and presentation materials for each agenda item during the meeting are posted at <https://www.nwcouncil.org/calendar/council-meeting-2025-11-18/>. The meeting recording and a copy of this summary will also be posted on that page.

## **November 18, 2025**

Council Chair Mike Milburn brought the Council Meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Pacific Time. Council Members Jeff Allen, KC Golden, Thomas L. (Les) Purce, Charles F. Sams III, and Ed Schriever were in attendance in person. Doug Grob and Margaret Hoffmann attended virtually. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 16 via webinar.

## **Report from the executive director and state updates**

Executive Director Peter Cogswell introduced the Council's new accountant Jennifer Nash. He announced that the comment period for the annual report to Congress closed on November 13, and the report will be submitted to Congress in the next week or so. Cogswell shared that there will be an update to the central office's lobby using tenant improvement dollars. Lastly, he spoke about the Council meeting schedule for 2026.

There were no state updates.

## **Council Meeting Agenda Items**

## **1. Power Plan update**

Director of Power Planning Jennifer Light provided updates on the Power Plan timeline and where the division is in the scenario modeling process.

Presentation materials are available at [https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19667/2025\\_11\\_1.pdf](https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19667/2025_11_1.pdf).

## **2. Results of market availability studies**

Director of Power Planning Jennifer Light and Manager of Planning and Analysis John Ollis presented the results of the market availability studies that were conducted for the two scenarios included in the Council's Ninth Power Plan, walked through the results of eight of the nine market availability studies currently planned, and discussed next steps.

Presentation materials are available at [https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19671/2025\\_11\\_2.pdf](https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19671/2025_11_2.pdf).

## **3. Council Work Session for the Fish and Wildlife Program amendments**

### **a. Amendment process check-in**

Fish and Wildlife Division Director Patty O'Toole provided a check-in on the amendment schedule. Staff are currently preparing a draft amended Program for discussion and planning for the public hearings and other steps that will occur after the Council votes to adopt the draft Program. Director O'Toole discussed possible timelines for public comments on the draft Program and noted that the goal for adoption of the final amended Program is May 2026.

### **b. Draft language for amendments**

Director O'Toole provided context and suggestions for the draft amendments. Council Members, General Counsel John Shurts, and staff discussed the draft amendments.

Briefing memo available at [https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19670/2025\\_11\\_3.pdf](https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19670/2025_11_3.pdf).

Chair Milburn adjourned the work session at 4:33 p.m. Pacific Time.

## **November 19, 2025**

Council Chair Mike Milburn brought the Council Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Council Members Jeff Allen, KC Golden, Thomas L. (Les) Purce, Charles F. Sams III, and Ed Schriever were in attendance in person. Doug Grob and Margaret Hoffmann attended virtually.

## **Continued Council Work Session**

Director O'Toole provided context and suggestions for developing draft amendments. Council Members, General Counsel John Shurts, and staff discussed the draft amendments.

### **4. Council business**

#### **Motion to approve summary of the October 2025 Council Meeting**

Member Purce moved that the Council approve for the signature of the Vice-Chair the official summary of the October 2025 Council Meeting held in Donnelly, ID and via webinar, as presented by staff.

Member Allen seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote - all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The approved summary of the October 2025 Council meeting and other materials from that meeting are at [https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19668/2025\\_11\\_4minutes.pdf](https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19668/2025_11_4minutes.pdf).

#### **Motion to approve summary of Oct. 28 & 29, 2025, Council Work Sessions**

Member Purce moved that the Council approve for the signature of the Vice-Chair the official summary of the Oct. 28 & 29, 2025, Council Work Sessions held via webinar, as presented by staff.

Member Schriever seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote - all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The approved summary of the Oct. 28 & 29, 2025, Council Work Sessions are at [https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19669/2025\\_11\\_4worksession.pdf](https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19669/2025_11_4worksession.pdf).

### **Public comments**

Joseph Bogaard of Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition provided public comment.

Damon Motz-Storey of Sierra Club provided public comment.

Scott Levy of Blue Fish provided public comment.

Liz Hamilton of NW Sportfish Industry Association provided public comment.

### **Council Work Session for the Fish and Wildlife Program amendments continued**

The work session reconvened at 2:11 p.m. Discussion continued on draft amendments. Director O'Toole and staff re-introduced the work session and continued discussing the draft amendments. Feedback from today's work session will be incorporated into draft amendments, which will be discussed at a future meeting. The next work session will be held via webinar on December 3 & 4, 2025.

Briefing memo available at [https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19670/2025\\_11\\_3.pdf](https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19670/2025_11_3.pdf),

Chair Milburn adjourned the work session at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time.