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To whom it may concern:

The Council invites your review and comment on the Council's draft 2026 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. The draft Program is on the Council's [website](#).

Please submit your comments on the draft Program by the end of the day on March 2, 2026. To submit a comment, 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 as required by the Northwest Power Act by requesting recommendations for Program amendments from the region's state and federal fish and wildlife agencies, tribes, and others. The Council received many recommendations by the May 19, 2025, deadline – see them at the Council's [website](#).

The Council then released the recommendations for public review and comment, as also required by the Northwest Power Act. The Council received more than 1000 comments by the comment deadline of July 3, 2025 – they are also available on the Council's [website](#).

The Council has now developed a draft revised Fish and Wildlife Program based on the recommendations, supporting documents, and the comments on the recommendations. Under the Power Act, the Program is to consist of measures and objectives to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the development, operation, and management of the hydroelectric facilities on the Columbia River and its tributaries while assuring the Pacific Northwest an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply.

With this letter, the Council is providing public notice of the draft Fish and Wildlife Program. The Council invites your review and comment on the draft Program, which can include further comments on the recommendations and how the draft program amendments relate to the recommendations. We look forward to receiving your comments by March 2, 2026.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Milburn', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Mike Milburn, Chair