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Council Meeting Summary June 16 & 17, 2026 Council Central Office and via Webinar 851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100 Portland, OR 97204

This is a summary of the Council's June 2026 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-2026-06-16/>. The meeting recording and a copy of this summary will also be posted on that page.

June 16, 2026

Council Chair Mike Milburn brought the Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Pacific Time. Council Members Jeff Allen, KC Golden, Doug Grob, Margaret Hoffmann, Thomas L. (Les) Purce, Chuck F. Sams III, and Ed Schriever were in attendance in person. The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 14, in Portland, OR, and via webinar.

Executive director report, Public Affairs committee report, and state updates

Executive Director Peter Cogswell shared a few administrative updates including, the central office lobby update has been completed, 2027 Council meeting dates are set, state locations are yet to be determined, and the Council just welcomed a new Public Affairs intern, June Campbell. Peter highlighted that tomorrow the Council will be voting on releasing the draft Council budget for public comment.

Member Purce provided some thoughts and concerns on data centers and the environmental impact. Member Hoffmann shared that she's looking forward to joining the Warm Springs Tribal Community Energy Fair. Member Golden shared that he attended the Colville Confederated Tribes First Salmon Ceremony Coldwell near the Chief Joseph Dam.

Member Sams provided an update from the Public Affairs committee meeting on May 21, highlighting that a presentation was provided by Chris Huckleberry, of Bluestone Strategies, discussing information on Washington DC, and planning of a September Council trip to meet with the Northwest delegation. Lastly, Member Sams announced that there has been updates made to the Regional Technical Forum (RTF) website.

Council Meeting Agenda Items

1. Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program amendments

Fish and Wildlife Division Director Patty O'Toole provided an amendment process check-in, a review of the final draft Program and gave a staff recommendation that the Council consider adopting the 2026 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Comments pertaining to the adoption of the 2026 Fish and Wildlife Program and the process were made by members Milburn, Schriever, Purse, Allen, Sams and Grob.

Motion to approve the 2026 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program

Member Purse moved that the Council approve the 2026 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program as presented by staff [with the changes agreed to by the Members during this June 2026 Council meeting], and direct staff to prepare the necessary findings on the recommendations and responses to comments for subsequent decision by the Council as part of the 2026 Fish and Wildlife Program.

Member Sams seconded.

Member Schriever, Chair Milburn, Member Purse, Member Sams, Member Allen, and Member Golden, provided comments.

Roll call vote – all members voted aye.

Motion was approved.

Presentation materials are available at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19921/2026_06_1.pdf.

2. Ninth Power Plan Development

Director of Power Planning Jennifer Light discussed next steps in preparing for release of the draft, the process between draft and final, and timeline options for finalizing a Power Plan. Director Light and staff also provided a first look at drafts of Chapter 4, Action Plan, and Chapter 5, Conservation Program.

Presentation materials are available at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19920/2026_06_2.pdf.

Member Milburn adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m. Pacific Time

June 17, 2026

Council Chair Mike Milburn brought the Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

Council Members Jeff Allen, KC Golden, Doug Grob, Margaret Hoffmann, Thomas L. (Les) Purce, Chuck F. Sams III, and Ed Schriever were in attendance in person.

3. Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program – 16 Years of Partnerships and Conservation

Fish and Wildlife Policy Analyst Rudy Salakory introduced Kelly Reis, with Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Reis discussed lessons learned, success stories, and how the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP), over the last 16 years, has been implemented and how it is transitioning into its next phase.

Presentation materials are available at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19914/2026_06_3.pdf.

4. Regional Technical Forum (RTF) annual report

Regional Technical Forum Manager Laura Thomas presented the highlights captured in the 2025 Annual Report including updating and expanding the measure library, demand response, and other projects.

Presentation materials are available at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19918/2026_06_4.pdf.

5. Council business

Motion to approve summary of the May 2026 Council Meeting

Member Purce moved that the Council approve for the signature of the Vice-Chair the official summary of the May 2026 Council Meeting held in Pendleton, Oregon and via webinar, as presented by staff.

Member Sams seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote - all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The approved summary of the May 2026 Council meeting and other materials from that meeting are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19915/2026_06_5a.pdf.

Motion to approve summary of May 27, 2026 Council Work Session

Member Purse moved that the Council approve for the signature of the Vice-Chair the official summary of May 27, 2026, Council Work Session held via webinar, as presented by staff.

Member Sams seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote - all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The approved summary of the May 27, 2026 Council Work Session and other materials from that meeting are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19916/2026_06_5b.pdf.

Motion to approve power division advisory committee charter renewals

Member Purse moved that the Council approve the renewal of the charters for the following advisory committees, as presented by staff:

- Climate and Weather Advisory Committee (CWAC)
- Conservation Resources Advisory Committee (CRAC)
- Demand Forecast Advisory Committee (DFAC)
- Demand Response Advisory Committee (DRAC)
- Fuels Advisory Committee (FAC)
- Generating Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC)
- Resource Adequacy Advisory Committee (RAAC)
- System Analysis Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Member Hoffmann seconded.

Member Golden provided comments.

Voice vote - all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The decision memorandum is available at:

https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19917/2026_06_5c.pdf.

Motion to release for public comment the draft 2025 annual report

Member Purse moved that the Council approve for release the draft 2025 annual report to Congress for a public comment period through September 16, 2026, as presented by staff.

Member Grob seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote - all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The memorandum is available at: https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19922/2026_06_5d.pdf.

Motion to release for public comment the draft fiscal year 2028 and fiscal year 2027 revised budgets

Member Purse moved that the Council approve for release the draft Fiscal Year 2028 budget and Fiscal Year 2027 revised budget for a public comment period through July 27, 2026, as presented by staff.

Administrative Division Director Sandra Hirotsu provided further information to the Council.

Member Hoffmann seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote - all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The decision memorandum is available at:

https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19919/2026_06_5e.pdf.

Angus Duncan, Natural Resources Defense Council, provided comment.

Fred Heutte, NW Energy Coalition, provided comment.

Nancy Hirsh provided comment.

Scott Levy, Blue Fish, provided comment.

Chair Milburn adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m. Pacific Time.