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Dear Interested Party:

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council), in coordination with the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) is currently seeking proposals for projects to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the development and operation of the Columbia River hydroelectric system as presented in the Council's adopted 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program (Program). Implementation of the Program integrates other fish and wildlife obligations such as those required by the Endangered Species Act.

The Council and Bonneville are requiring proposals for all projects **currently funded** under the Fish and Wildlife Program and for **newly** proposed projects. The Council is soliciting for projects that can be recommended to the Bonneville Power Administration for funding during **fiscal years 2007 through 2009**. We ask that sponsors of project proposals be specific about anticipated accomplishments or objectives that the project is intended to achieve. We are jointly endeavoring to develop and implement a performance-based fish and wildlife program, with biological, environmental or population performance measures clearly set forth in proposals and projects consistent with priorities identified in the recently adopted Subbasin Plans.

To the extent that new information becomes available or additional requirements are identified, Bonneville will work with the Council and others to explore ways to respond to changed circumstances, should they arise.

The Council and Bonneville will continue to provide up-to-date information related to this solicitation and review process. We direct your attention to the Council's website for project selection at [www.nwccouncil.org/fw/budget/2007](http://www.nwccouncil.org/fw/budget/2007). Here you will find the Council's **general project selection guidance** document that describes the project selection process and links to the **project proposal form**. You will also find **contact information** and the **schedule** for the solicitation and review. Be advised that all proposals must be submitted by **5:00 PM on January 10, 2006**.

Sincerely,

D. Marker signed 10/21/05

Doug Marker  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gregory K. Delwiche".

Gregory K. Delwiche  
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