

Agenda

Northwest Power and Conservation Council Program Evaluation and Reporting Committee

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The Council is offering the following two opportunities to provide input to the PERC Review process.

Meeting Date: August 22, 2012 10am to 4pm

Meeting Location: Northern Quest Resort & Casino – Spokane Washington

AND

Meeting Date: September 13, 2012 10am to 4pm
Meeting Location: NPCC Offices – Portland Oregon

Overview: The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) has instituted a Program Evaluation and Reporting Committee (PERC) to engage in a regional discussion of how existing data management systems, tools and processes support the Council's evaluation and reporting of their F&W Program performance and progress to the Governors, Congressional Staff, Rate Payers, and the General Public.

As part of a trial assignment approved by the Council in July 2012, the PERC will review Status of the Resource (SOTR), Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP), StreamNet, and Northwest Habitat Institute (NHI) to confirm how these Bonneville funded projects support the Council's information needs, including the ongoing initiative to develop High Level Indicators. Additionally, the PERC intends to use this review to identify opportunities to streamline the Council's data management and synthesis processes. The PERC will present its recommendations to the full Council at the October 10, 2012 meeting in Whitefish, Montana.

Focus: Input from regional fish and wildlife managers, involved entities, and interested parties is critical to ensure that any recommendations that PERC may make as a result of this review are based on an accurate understanding of existing data management systems and processes, and not in conflict with other regional data management needs. To gather this input, the PERC will be hosting two meetings where representatives from SOTR, PNAMP, StreamNet, and NHI will discuss how their data management activities support the synthesis of high level summary information in the following four areas for which the Council needs to report performance and progress:

- 1. Habitat Improvement and Protection for Mainstem (e.g., passage improvements) and Tributaries (e.g., habitat restoration);
- 2. Species Status (e.g., listed and non-listed fish and wildlife) and Contributing Actions (e.g., conservation hatcheries);
- 3. Harvest Opportunities and Contributing Actions (e.g., augmentation hatcheries);
- 4. Recent Accomplishments and Emerging Science and Tools (e.g., independent science advisory panel recommendations, project accomplishments, innovative tools).

The meetings are designed to allow significant time for all attendees to discuss opportunities for the Council to streamline the management, synthesis and accessibility of information it needs to report to Governors, Congressional Staff, Rate Payers, and the General Public.

Agenda: The agenda for each meeting is as follows:

10:00am to 10:30am	Introductions; Discussion of PERC Process, Expected Outcomes, and Relationship to other Regional Efforts
10:30am to 12:00pm	Presentation #1 (45minutes) and Discussion (45minutes). - August 22 nd – SOTR - September 13 th - PNAMP
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Presentation #2 (45minutes) and Discussion (45minutes). - August 22 nd – NHI - September 13 th - StreamNet
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Other presentations upon request. *
3:00pm to 3:30pm	Open Discussion
3:30pm to 4:00pm	Wrap-up and discussion of next steps.

^{*}Other parties interested in presenting information related to data management and synthesis of information related to these four areas of interest can request time on the agenda by contacting the meeting facilitator: Kevin Kytola (kkytola@sapereconsulting.com or 509.524.2343).