

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER AND CONSERVATION PLANNING COUNCIL

Northwest Power and Conservation Planning Council Subbasin Plan; Draft Amendments

AGENCY: Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council (Northwest Power and Conservation Council; Council).

ACTION: Notice of availability and opportunity to comment on subbasin plan draft amendments to the Council's Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program (program).

SUMMARY: Following the mandate set out in the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.*) (the Act), in November 1982 the Council adopted a regional program, the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. The Act requires the program be designed to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife of the Columbia River Basin affected by hydropower dams, while also assuring the region of an adequate, efficient, economical and reliable power supply.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2000, the Council began a comprehensive revision of the program. First, the Council amended the program by adopting a framework of vision, objectives and strategies at different geographic scales (basinwide, ecological province, subbasin), tied together with a consistent scientific foundation. The Council also adopted basinwide provisions and described how it proposed to add more specific objectives and measures to the program through integrated subbasin plans for the tributary subbasins of the Columbia and for specific mainstem reaches. The draft amendments now proposed for adoption will add subbasin plans to the general, basinwide provisions of the program as the next step in the comprehensive revision.

On August 12, 2002, the Council solicited recommendations for amendments to the program at the subbasin level from the region's State and Federal fish and wildlife agencies, Indian tribes, and others, as required by the Act. At the same time, the Council worked with a broad range of interests in the region and developed a "Technical Guide for Subbasin Planners" to help ensure that plans had a consistent format and content. The Council also worked with the Bonneville Power Administration to secure funding support for planning groups, the first time that funding has

been made available to help develop fish and wildlife program amendment recommendations. Subbasin planners were asked to develop subbasin plans that incorporate a technical assessment, an inventory of past and present activities, and a management plan consisting of a vision, biological objectives and implementation strategies for the subbasin.

On May 28, 2004, the Council received 59 recommendations for subbasin plans in 58 subbasins from various planning entities. The Council made those recommendations available for public review and comment, including review by a team of independent scientists. The public comment period on the recommendations ended on August 12, 2004. The Council received an extensive set of comments. The Council staff and Council also reviewed the plans during the comment period for consistency with standards in the Act for program amendments and with the provisions in the 2000 Program.

After its review of the recommendations and the comments on recommendations, on October 13, 2004, the Council concluded that 29 of the 59 subbasin plan recommendations were ready for release for public review as draft amendments to the fish and wildlife program. The Council proposes to adopt the management plan portions of these subbasin plans as parts of the program. The underlying technical assessments and inventories will be placed in an appendix to the program.

The Council has scheduled public hearings in the following locations to accept oral and written comments on draft subbasin plan program amendments. Wednesday, October 27: Wenatchee, Washington, and Eugene, Oregon; Thursday, October 28: Kalispell, Montana; Wednesday, November 3: Pendleton, Oregon; Thursday, November 4: Ontario, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho; Monday, November 8: Vancouver, Washington; Tuesday, November 9: Portland, Oregon; Wednesday, November 10: Hood River, Oregon; Monday, November 15: Clarkston, Washington; and Tuesday, November 16: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. For precise times and locations, please contact the Council's central office or consult the Council's Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like a copy of the Subbasin Plan Draft Amendments on a compact disc or in printed form, please contact the Council's central office. The Council's address is 851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204 and its telephone numbers are

(503) 222-5161; (800) 452-5161. The Council's fax number is (503) 820-2370. The Subbasin Plan Draft Amendments are also found on the Council's Web site: www.nwccouncil.org.

If you are submitting comments on the draft amendments, please note prominently which subbasin plan you are commenting on and address them to Mr. Mark Walker, Director of Public Affairs. Comments may be submitted by mail, by facsimile transmission (fax), or by electronic mail at: comments@nwccouncil.org. All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on November 22, 2004.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 25-14 and RI 25-14A

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 25-14, Self-Certification of Full-Time School Attendance for the School Year, is used to survey survivor annuitants who are between the ages of 18 and 22 to determine if they meet the requirements of section 8341(a)(4)(C), and section 8441, title 5, U.S. Code, to receive benefits as a student. RI 25-14A, Information and Instructions for Completing the Self-Certification of Full-Time School Attendance, provides instructions for completing the Self-Certification of Full-Time School Attendance for the School Year survey form.

Approximately 14,000 RI 25-14 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 12 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 2,800 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, fax (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.