

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

(CBFWA) was chartered in 1987 by the region's fish and wildlife managers.

The managers, including Tribes and state and federal agencies, established the Authority to coordinate the efforts of its Members to protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources of the Columbia River Basin through joint planning and action. The Authority provides a forum for the exchange of information among Members on matters affecting anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife resources and their habitat.

The activities of CBFWA create better informed, coordinated decisions and joint actions by the Members in relation to fish and wildlife. The Authority is a consensus-based organization, and the Members pledge to cooperate in good faith to participate in the consensus process.

Coordination of management activities is important because no single agency or tribe has authority over habitat necessary for all phases of the life history of a species or over all species within a particular ecosystem. The CBFWA Members are united in their desire to establish and maintain a mechanism to coordinate their management activities.

Objectives of CBFWA

- Coordinate interagency activities among federal and state fish and wildlife management agencies and Indian tribes.
- Support development and implementation of cost-effective fish and wildlife programs.
- Prioritize fish and wildlife management needs while developing and coordinating mitigation activities associated with hydroelectric development and operations.
- Coordinate the development of cost-effective research, monitoring, and evaluation projects.
- Encourage effective communication and involvement with stakeholders, including the publication of the annual Status of the Resource report.
- Coordinate fish and wildlife managers' implementation of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program.
- Coordinate activities among Members and the land and water agencies.



Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin

The Authority includes the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Idaho Department of Fish & Game
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
National Marine Fisheries Service
Nez Perce Tribe
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Upper Columbia United Tribes



Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Foundation

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Foundation (CBFWF) is a non-profit corporation formed in 1993 to serve as the administrative-fiscal arm of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority. Contracts managed by the Foundation support the goals and objectives of CBFWA to restore, protect, mitigate, and enhance the fish and wildlife resources in the Columbia Basin.



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