

Resident Fish and Blocked Areas
Project Category Review
For Fiscal Year 2013 and Beyond

Dear Project Proponents:

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will soon be embarking on a science review of projects in the Resident Fish/Blocked Areas, Regional Coordination (Program Coordination) and Data Management categories under the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program (Program). You are receiving this letter because you are listed as a project lead on one or more projects included in this review.

The portfolio for the resident fish and blocked areas review includes habitat restoration, RM&E, and artificial production projects intended to benefit resident fish with a majority of the projects located in areas that are inaccessible by anadromous fish.

The list of all projects included in this review is available at <http://www.cbfish.org/Portfolio.mvc/Display/989>. The list encompasses all projects relevant to the category topics including related projects that have undergone recent ISRP review since the 2007-09 review processes. Recently reviewed projects are included to provide context for the other projects that have not been reviewed recently. If your project is included for contextual purposes, the ISRP will use the most recent review as reference. However, if your project is not already in Taurus, you may need to update project information in Taurus with the assistance of your COTR. Projects included for contextual purposes will be listed two places: in the main portfolio (above); and at <http://www.cbfish.org/Portfolio.mvc/Display/1033> which lists contextual projects separately.

While new projects identified under Biological Opinions and the Accords are included, and the Council may be asking for specific project adjustments to meet Program needs, this process is not an open solicitation for *new* projects.

Look for a complete and detailed Project Review Information Packet to arrive via e-mail on September 1st. This packet will contain the information you and your staff will need to complete the project proposal(s), as well as other guidance, tips, important dates and contact information. Proponents will have three months to complete their proposals beginning September 1st. Proposals will be due by midnight on Tuesday, November 22.

Web-based and in person workshops will be scheduled to assist project proponents in completing the proposal form for the new Taurus system.

What you can do before September 1:

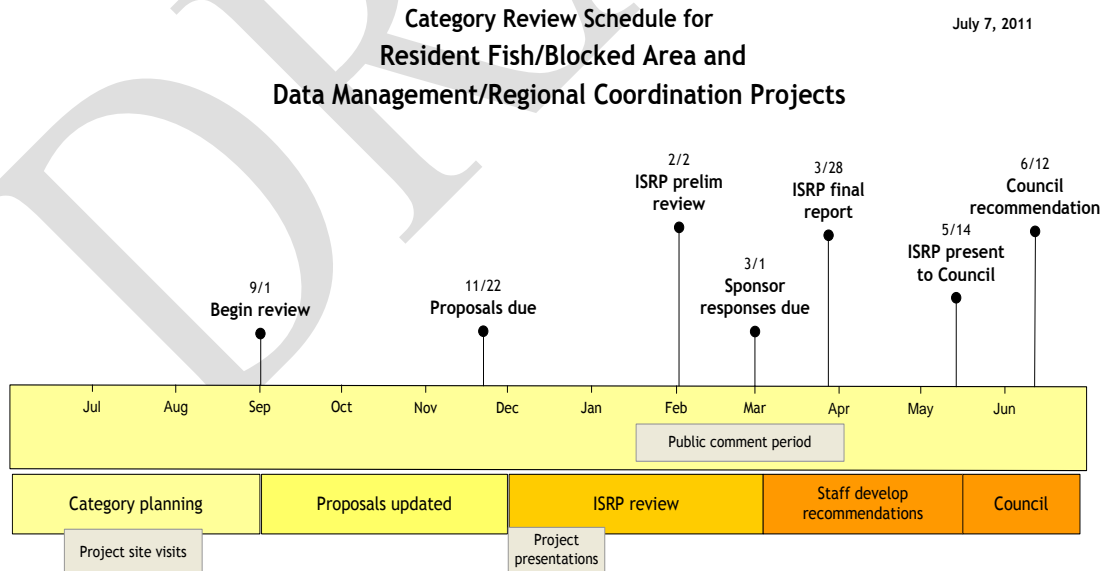
1. Verify your projects are included in this review from the portfolio in Taurus. No log-in is necessary to view the list.
2. Verify your contact information in Pisces so that the right person receives the September 1, e-mail communication.
3. Consider options for attending a workshop or scheduling technical assistance (see next page) Contact Lynn Palensky at lpalensky@nwcouncil.org, 503-222-5161 with any questions.

4. Consider whether you would like to participate in a project presentation and/or site visit as part of this review process. Site visits may need to precede completion of proposal forms to avoid winter weather conditions. Attached is a calendar of possible dates for site visits, beginning in July and going through October. We encourage proponents to coordinate dates and possible itineraries for ISRP visits in their local geographic areas to the extent possible. We are polling the ISRP members on the proposed dates, so final date selection will need to be confirmed with all involved. Council staff will contact project proponents over the next month to develop a schedule for Council/ISRP site visits between now and the end of October, weather permitting. Contact Lynn Palensky with any questions.
5. Please indicate in any of your correspondence regarding this review, your project number(s) so we know which project you are working for and referring to.

Technical assistance workshops

The Council and Bonneville will offer opportunities to assist project proponents in completing the proposal form in Taurus. The workshops will also provide information about the review process and programmatic level guidance for each category of projects. All project proponents are welcome to attend any of the workshops. Please bring a laptop to work on if you are able.

<p>September - Spokane Specific date and location to be determined</p>	<p>Web-based tutorial To be announced</p>
<p>On-site technical assistance by request <i>Your group can also request a special training session at the location that provides reliable wireless, projector and Infocus, and space for others outside of your group/organization to attend.</i></p>	<p>Items to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of schedule and process • Overview Programmatic level Guidance • Overview of cbfish.org • Overview of proposal form • User testing on proposal form



Possible Dates for Site Visits with ISRP

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Since we have ISRP members traveling from outside of the region, ideally we would group particular areas in one trip like we've done in the past (e.g. Intermountain, Upper Snake, Kootenai, etc). We will likely fly/drive to a central location and pick up a large van or two for local transport.

July 25-28 (4 day window)

August 2-3 (2 day window)

August 29- Sept 1 (4 day window)

September 19-22 (4 day window)

October 17-20 (4 day window)

October 24-27 (4 day window)