

Summary

The basic requirements for project selection are presented in the Council's 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program. The Council and Bonneville jointly solicited proposals for fiscal years 2007 through 2009 in October of 2005 and the proposal deadline was January 10, 2006. A total of 542 proposals were submitted under this process. The proposals submitted are broad not only in the geographic scope (entire Columbia basin) but in topic. Topics include artificial production, habitat protection and restoration, research, monitoring and evaluation, data management and coordination efforts. Proposals have been submitted in all 13 ecological provinces and the mainstem/systemwide.

Key elements

1. A rigorous science review by the Council's Independent Scientific Review panel (ISRP).
 - The ISRP was created by 1996 Amendment to the NW Power Act
 - It reviews projects for consistency with the Council's program and in regard to whether they:
 - are based on sound science principles;
 - benefit fish and wildlife; and
 - have a clearly defined objective and outcome with provisions for monitoring and evaluation of results
 - The Council must explain in writing when they diverge from ISRP Recommendations.
2. The purpose and capacity as part of Power Act mitigation obligation and authority to address needs and priorities resulting from the Endangered Species Act requirements on Bonneville.
3. Input from state-recognized groups that includes Fish and Wildlife managers, watershed boards, recovery boards (where applicable) and others. These groups will form locally prioritized recommendations that are consistent with subbasin plan priorities.

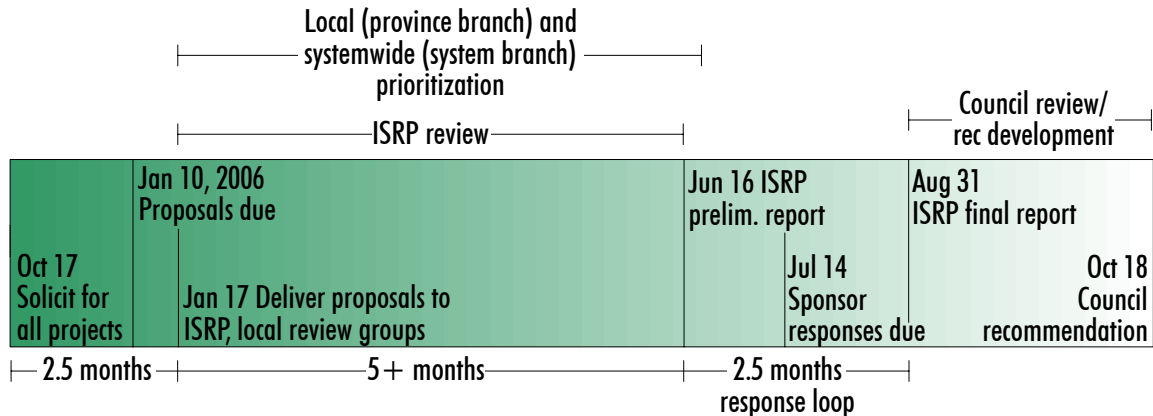
Input from Bonneville (and the COE and NOAA when needed) and Fish and Wildlife managers regarding the priorities in the mainstem Columbia River and projects of a "systemwide" nature. Priorities for recommendations for these areas are guided by the Council's F&W Program (including the Council's 2003 Mainstem Amendments and the 57 locally developed subbasin plans adopted into the Council's program in 2004 and 2005).

5. A public comment period.
6. Meanwhile, Council is continuing its work to develop quantitative biological objectives for the program and an associated regional RM&E framework.

Schedule

October 2005	Request for proposals
January 2006	All proposals due
January - June 2006	Science review and local and systemwide prioritization
Mid June 2006	Preliminary science review report to the Council (may be earlier)
Mid July 2006	Responses for prioritized projects due
Mid August 2006	Final science review report to the Council
October 2006	Council recommendations for funding to Bonneville

Timeline



Number of proposals with ESU species as either primary or secondary focal species (draft information)

Location/ESU	primary focal species	secondary focal species
Chinook: Deschutes River Summer/Fall ESU		2
Chinook: Lower Columbia River ESU (threatened)	24	11
Chinook: Mid-Columbia River Spring ESU	24	11
Chinook: Snake River Fall ESU (threatened)	24	11
Chinook: Snake River Spring/Summer ESU (threatened)	66	19
Chinook: Upper Columbia River Spring ESU (endangered)	22	5
Upper Columbia River Summer/Fall ESU	14	7
Upper Willamette River ESU (threatened)	7	4
Chum: Columbia River ESU (threatened)	12	15
Coastal Cutthroat: Southwest Washington/Columbia River ESU	2	12
Coastal Cutthroat: Upper Willamette River ESU	1	12
Coho: Lower Columbia River ESU (proposed threatened)	20	12
Sockeye: Lake Wenatchee ESU	1	1
Sockeye: Okanogan River ESU	4	3
Sockeye: Snake River ESU (endangered)	6	2
Steelhead: Lower Columbia River ESU (threatened)	21	8
Middle Columbia River ESU (threatened)	63	11
Snake River ESU (threatened)	61	15
Upper Columbia River ESU (endangered)	27	10
Upper Willamette River ESU (threatened)	2	4

