

Issue Briefing Paper

September 26, 2008
Comprehensive Workplan
Consultation Meeting
Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes
with NPCC and BPA

August 7, 2008 - The Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes, “request consultation on the development of comprehensive work plans to implement the Fish and Wildlife Program, Biological Opinions, and Columbia Basin Fish Accords for FY09-17.”

June 12, 2008 - In comments to the NPCC “We encourage you to continue the effort that BPA initiated in the development of the Columbia River Basin Fish Accords, by developing multi-year implementation work plans for the entire geographic scope of the Program.the agencies and Tribes are prepared to work with the Council to develop appropriate subbasin and systemwide work plans for inclusion in the amended 2008 Fish and Wildlife Program.”

September 2, 2008 Draft Program - The Council states that they will be working with locals to develop implementation plans similar to the Columbia Basin Fish Accords in areas where accords do not exist (Page 8 line 18). The Council will work with Bonneville and other partners to develop multi-year implementation plans in areas lacking funding commitments (page 24 line 15 and page 106 line 39). The Council will work with recommending entities, Bonneville and others to shape the measures recommended for these areas of the program into multi-year implementation plans similar to the implementation plans represented in the 2008 Biological Opinion and the Accords (page 106 line 7).

June 2008 Bonneville Power Administration Integrated Program Review - BPA, through the IPR, has provided their projected rate collections needed to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2009, 2010, and 2011 which represent a significant increase in funding for the Program.

July 2008 BPA FY 2009 Start of Year Budget - BPA provided their project funding table for FY08-09 for public review. Approximately \$46 million in FY09 project funding does not carry a commitment beyond FY09 (although much of this is operations and maintenance activity). A total of \$31 million of the budget is for new BiOp work not identified in the fish Accords. Most of this work is for monitoring and evaluation and has not been allocated to specific projects. Working with NOAA, the Council and BPA anticipate a mini-project selection process based on a request for proposals for M&E work in the fall of 2008.

Draft Comprehensive Work Plan – In response to the development of the Columbia Basin Fish Accords, the Bonneville Power Administration FY09 and

FY10-11 rate cases, and the amendment of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, the Members of CBFWA directed staff to develop a comprehensive work plan that represented each of the Agencies' and Tribes' priority BPA funding needs for the next ten years. The intention of this analysis was to ensure that these priorities were included as measures in an amended Fish and Wildlife Program, and that the BPA rate cases were collecting adequate funds to implement those priorities.

Table 1. Total funding proposed by BPA and the Agencies and Tribes for the 10-year period of FY09-18.

	Expense			
	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12-18
BPA Draft Budget	\$211,276,609	\$230,000,000	\$236,000,000	\$273,996,000
Agencies' and Tribes' Priorities	\$245,236,519	\$267,771,907	\$269,840,802	\$272,522,898
	Capital			
	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12-18
BPA Draft Budget	\$104,015,371	\$ 70,000,000	\$ 60,000,000	?
Agencies' and Tribes' Priorities	\$ 88,018,625	\$ 98,917,658	\$ 65,107,724	\$ 47,311,533

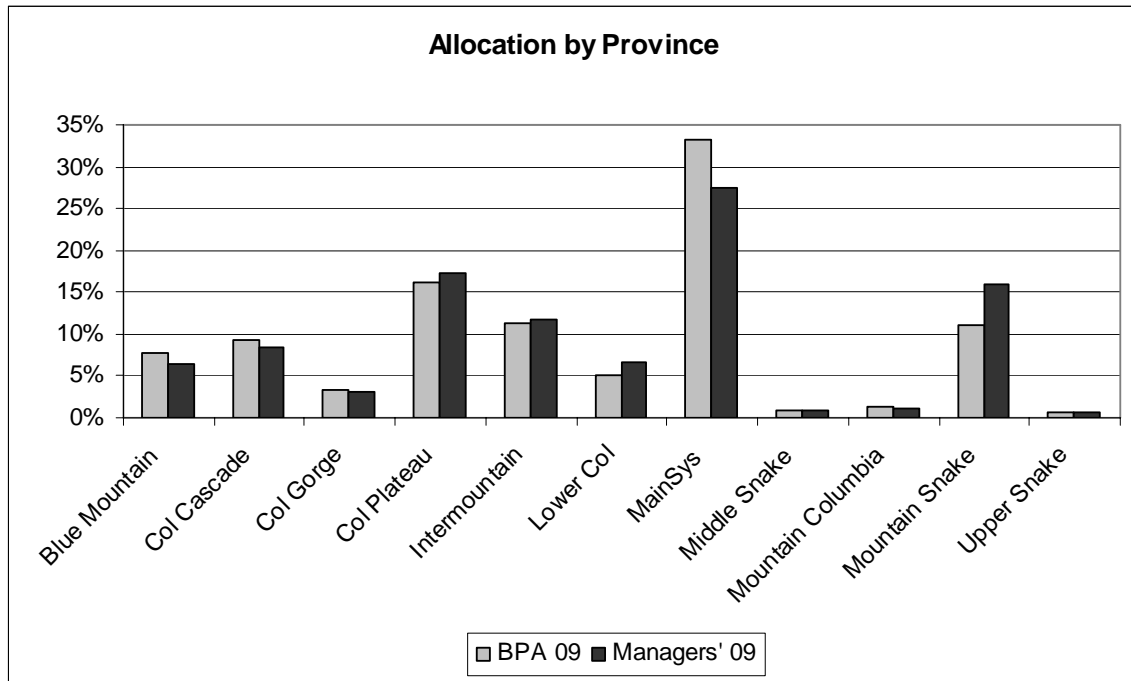


Figure 1. Allocation by province for FY09.