



Department of Energy

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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: KEW-4

Dear Project Sponsor,

At its February 23 meeting, the Power Planning Council approved a process to renew funding for **ongoing** fish and wildlife projects in Fiscal Year 2001. This process will apply to all projects approved by the Council for funding in FY 2000 and which propose to continue work next year. We are writing to ask you to submit a proposed scope of work and budget estimates for your projects that you expect to continue in FY 2001. These projects and their embedded objectives received a thorough technical review by both Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) and the Independent Science Review Panel (ISRP) for FY 2000. No new objectives will be funded unless they were identified during that technical review. This ongoing fish and wildlife project renewal process is designed as a component of the three-year province based "rolling" review being initiated by the Northwest Power Planning Council. It is designed to provide the means for managing and funding ongoing project contracts until the rolling review covers all eleven provinces over a three-year cycle.

You must complete and return the enclosed electronic form to establish a budget for your project in FY 2001. Only projects approved for Bonneville funding in Fiscal Year 2000 will be reviewed in this interim process. New project proposals will be reviewed in the Council's "rolling" project review process (for more information see Council staff memorandum entitled "Province Based Project Review Process For Fiscal Year 2001 (www.nwppc.org)). Project budgets must be returned to Bonneville on the enclosed form no later than 5:00 p.m., May 1, 2000.

This interim process is to recommend scopes of work and specific project budgets for funding by Bonneville in FY 2001. After proposals are received they will be reviewed by CBFWA for an initial budget recommendation and then by the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) for final budget recommendations for Bonneville funding in FY 2001. CBFWA will complete its recommendations in July and the Council will complete its recommendations in September. Because this process is limited to renewing already approved ongoing projects with specific objectives, these scopes of work and budgets will not be submitted to the ISRP. Instead the ISRP will focus its efforts on reviewing projects in each of the eleven provinces over the next three years in the "rolling" review. The ISRP will review, on average, three provinces per year in this cycle, and will begin with the Columbia Gorge and Inter-Mountain provinces. The renewal form is focused on project tasks and budgets to be completed in FY 2001. It uses a similar budget format to last year's project proposal form but asks project sponsors to define their proposed work by phase:

- planning/design
- construction/implementation
- operations and maintenance
- monitoring and evaluation

The Council has asked Bonneville to manage project budgets by these phases to improve project oversight and fiscal accountability in program implementation. This information is also essential to defining the program's long term funding requirements and determining what funds will be available to allocate to new projects in FY2001. You should determine how you will define your project by one or more of these four phases.

In this package are instructions and a budget submission form. The instructions detail the specific steps you must take to complete the form and submit your project for approval to be renewed in Fiscal Year 2001. A completed form must be submitted for each project by the May 1, 2000 deadline. There will be no exceptions.

Send completed project proposals to:

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Sincerely,

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Attachments