

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION  
FISH and WILDLIFE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN EIS

**NEED STATEMENT**

Multiple Federal, State and Tribal entities in the Pacific Northwest manage the Columbia River Basin's fish and wildlife resources. Each entity has its own legal constraints, policy directives, and jurisdictional limitations. This makes the development and implementation of a regional plan for the mitigation and recovery of Columbia River Basin fish and wildlife very difficult. This lack of coordination caused significant duplication and delay and detracts from the region's ability to achieve a common goal.

However, the region is working towards a policy that recognizes the Columbia River Basin and its fish and wildlife resources as interrelated parts of a single ecosystem. This long-term multi-species policy will guide fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery decisions.

***BPA needs such a comprehensive and consistent policy to guide its implementation and funding of the region's fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery efforts.***