

# Washington

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Mr. Jeff Breckel, Executive Director  
Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board  
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Dear Mr. Breckel:

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council recently accepted project proposals following its solicitation for projects that mitigate for impacts caused by the construction and operation of the Federal hydropower system. These projects will allow us to implement subbasin plans for fiscal years 07-09. As expected, we have project proposals in excess of the available budget. We must now work to identify which projects provide the best mitigation and protection for fish and wildlife.

You have been identified as the contact person to coordinate local project review on behalf of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board for the Columbia Lower, Estuary, Grays, Elochoman, Cowlitz, Kalama, Lewis, Washougal, Wind, Little White Salmon, and Columbia Gorge subbasins. We would appreciate your assistance in working with the board to develop a list of priority projects consistent with the Lower Columbia province plan for the Columbia Lower, Cowlitz, Kalama, Lewis, Washougal and subbasins; for the local priorities as identified in the Columbia Gorge Province for the Wind, Little White Salmon, and Columbia Gorge subbasins; and finally for the local priorities as identified in the Columbia River Estuary Province Plan for the Estuary, Grays, and Elochoman subbasins. The subbasins you are coordinating are part of the Lower Columbia Province, which has a total allocated budget of \$2,492,862; the Columbia River Estuary Province, which has a total allocated budget of \$3,662,490; and the Columbia Gorge Province, which has a total allocated budget of \$5,312,554 (See attachment). The projects your group prioritizes will be a subset of these allocated provincial budgets. This provincial budget will also be used to fund proposals being prioritized by local groups in subbasins in Oregon and is not all available for proposals for the subbasins you will be considering. We will need to have your list of recommendations submitted electronically to [mdorsey@nwcouncil.org](mailto:mdorsey@nwcouncil.org) by close of business on June 16, 2006. Please provide a short description of the process and criteria you used to develop your priorities.

Our staff is working to package the proposals we would like you to review. We will provide these electronically, but can also provide CD's if you request this format. We will also provide a simple spreadsheet that may help you to configure your recommendations. The Council will post updates on

its website at [www.nwcouncil.org](http://www.nwcouncil.org). Please contact Tony Grover [tgrover@nwcouncil.org](mailto:tgrover@nwcouncil.org) at (360) 513-6801, or Stacy Horton [shorton@nwcouncil.org](mailto:shorton@nwcouncil.org) at (509) 623-4376 with any questions.

We certainly appreciate your assistance with this task. Recommendations from your group, along with scientific reviews, and all other comments will help to inform Council recommendations for funding to BPA in October 2006, and will serve to help ensure we do the best work for fish and wildlife in the State of Washington.

Sincerely,

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Tom Karier

Frank L. Cassidy, Jr.

**Attachment**

Table 1. Annual Program Planning Budget for FY 2007 - 2009

<b>Budget Step</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Program Planning Budget	\$153,000,000
Bonneville Program Support	\$11,000,000
IRSP/ISAB	\$1,050,000
Placeholders	\$2,000,000 (planning estimate)
Province Allocation	\$92,894,502
Multi-Province Allocation	\$13,411,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$106,305,840</b>
Basinwide Allocation	\$32,644,160

Table 2. Province/other allocation

<b>Province/Group</b>	<b>Subbasins within the Province</b>	<b>Percent of Allocation</b>	<b>\$ Allocation</b>
Blue Mountain	Asotin, Grand Ronde, Imnaha, Snake Hells Canyon	6.7	\$7,127,528
Columbia Cascade	Entiat, Lake Chelan, Methow, Okanogan, Wenatchee, Columbia Upper Middle	2.8	\$3,001,663
Columbia Gorge	Big White Salmon, Fifteenmile, Hood, Klickitat, Little White Salmon, Wind, Columbia Gorge	5.0	\$5,312,554
Columbia Plateau	Crab, Deschutes, John Day, Palouse, Tucannon, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Columbia Lower Middle, Snake Lower, Yakima	20.5	\$21,748,203

Intermountain	Coeur d'Alene, Pend Oreille, San Poil, Spokane, Columbia Upper	14.3	\$15,248,105
Lower Columbia	Cowlitz, Kalama, Lewis, Sandy, Washougal, Willamette, Columbia Lower,	2.3	\$2,492,862
Estuary	Elochoman, Grays, Columbia Estuary	3.4	\$3,662,490
Middle Snake	Boise, Bruneau, Burnt, Malheur, Owyhee, Payette, Powder, Weiser, Snake Lower Middle, Snake Upper Middle	3.2	\$3,374,079
Mountain Columbia	Bitterroot, Blackfoot, Clark Fork, Flathead, Kootenai	11.8	\$12,590,537
Mountain Snake	Clearwater, Salmon	15.8	\$16,761,459
Upper Snake	Upper Snake, Upper Closed Basin, Headwaters of the Snake	1.5	\$1,575,022
		<b>Percent of Allocation</b>	<b>\$ Allocation</b>
Systemwide (on the ground)		6.3	\$6,709,515
Mainstem		6.4	\$6,701,823
Total:		100	\$106,305,840