



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

February 13, 2024

In reply refer to: ECF-4

To: People interested in BPA's Continued Funding for Umatilla Hatchery Programs (Umatilla River Spring Chinook, Fall Chinook, and Coho)

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for BPA's proposal to continue funding for Umatilla Hatchery Programs (Umatilla River spring Chinook, fall Chinook, and coho). The EA describes BPA's proposed program funding and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts that would result, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the next steps for the project.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at the project website at www.bpa.gov/nepa/umatilla-hatchery. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 70 pages), please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

Please send your comments on the EA by **March 14** and reference the Umatilla Hatchery Programs EA. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	Toll-free: 800-622-4519 FAX: 503-230-4019 Online: www.bpa.gov/comment
---	---

Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Comment scoping period	October 2 through Nov. 1, 2023
Draft EA available for public comment	February 13, 2024
Final EA	Spring 2024
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Spring 2024
If decision to build, construction start	Summer 2024

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-3928, or by e-mail at jjmaslow@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey A. Maslow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jeff Maslow
Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures:

Draft EA (if requested)

Comment Form

Return Envelope