

Department of Energy

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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

April 10, 2023

In reply refer to: ECF-4

To: People interested in the Klickitat Hatchery Spring Chinook Upgrades Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Klickitat Hatchery Spring Chinook Upgrades Project. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA, announces a public meeting, and outlines the next steps for the project.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at the project website at <u>www.bpa.gov/nepa/klickitat-hatchery-upgrades</u>. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 225 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 **May 9, 2023**, and reference the Klickitat Hatchery Spring Chinook Upgrades Project. 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	Toll-free:	800-622-4519
	Public Affairs – DKE-7	FAX:	503-230-4019
	P.O. Box 14428	Online:	www.bpa.gov/comment
	Portland, OR 97291-4428		

Public Meeting: We scheduled a web-based virtual public meeting to answer questions and accept comments on the EA. See the Project website for details on how to access the virtual public meeting and how to participate during the following meeting date and time:

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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

Draft EA available for public comment	April 10, 2023 – May 9, 2023	
Public meeting	April 25, 2023	
Final EA	Summer 2023 (expected)	
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Summer 2023 (expected)	
If decision to build, construction start	Summer 2023 (expected)	

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-5206, or by e-mail at *casharp@bpa.gov*. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

<u>/s Carolyn Sharp</u> Carolyn Sharp Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures: Draft EA (if requested) Comment Form Return Envelope