



BPA to discuss how this year's spring fish operations will affect the Pacific Northwest hydro system

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Who: Robyn MacKay, BPA Team Lead for Short Term Operations Planning.

What: BPA representatives will answer questions from the media via teleconference. To participate, you must dial 503-230-3344, wait for the double beep then enter the passcode, which is 3961.

When: Thursday, March 13, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Why: The 1997 fish operation begins April 10. Flows are projected to be the fourth highest on record for the Snake River, and in the top 10 of the historical records for the Columbia River. Such conditions could require large amounts of water to be spilled over the dams. Large amounts of spill increase gas levels in the river, a condition that can be harmful to migrating smolts. BPA representatives will describe how the agency is working with other regional interests to minimize spill during the 1997 fish operation.

* The date of the teleconference has been changed from previous announcements.

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