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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION

Proposed Action: Umatilla Hatchery Programs (Umatilla River Spring Chinook, Fall Chinook, and Coho)

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Location: Umatilla and Morrow Counties, Oregon

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to continue funding Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and Westland Irrigation District to implement ongoing Umatilla Hatchery Production Program (Umatilla River Spring Chinook, Fall Chinook, and Coho) activities such as broodstock collection, egg incubation, juvenile rearing, and release to support the three programs. Other elements under consideration for BPA funding related to the ongoing operations of these hatchery programs include the development of new long-term hatchery water sources at the Umatilla Hatchery; routine facility maintenance; equipment upgrades; and research, monitoring, and evaluation activities.

Class of Action to be Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): Appendix C8 Protection of cultural resources and fish and wildlife habitat

We have determined that the proposed action is within the class of actions normally requiring an environmental assessment (EA), but not necessarily requiring an environmental impact statement (EIS) (see Appendix C to Subpart D of 10 C.F.R. Part 1021). Therefore, we have determined that an EA will be prepared to assess the impacts of the proposed action. On the basis of the analysis in the EA, BPA will likely either prepare a finding of no significant impact and proceed with the action or will prepare an EIS if the EA analysis reveals the potential for significant environmental impacts.

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