

2025-2026 Amendment Process Update

March Council Meeting

Portland, Oregon

Council staff

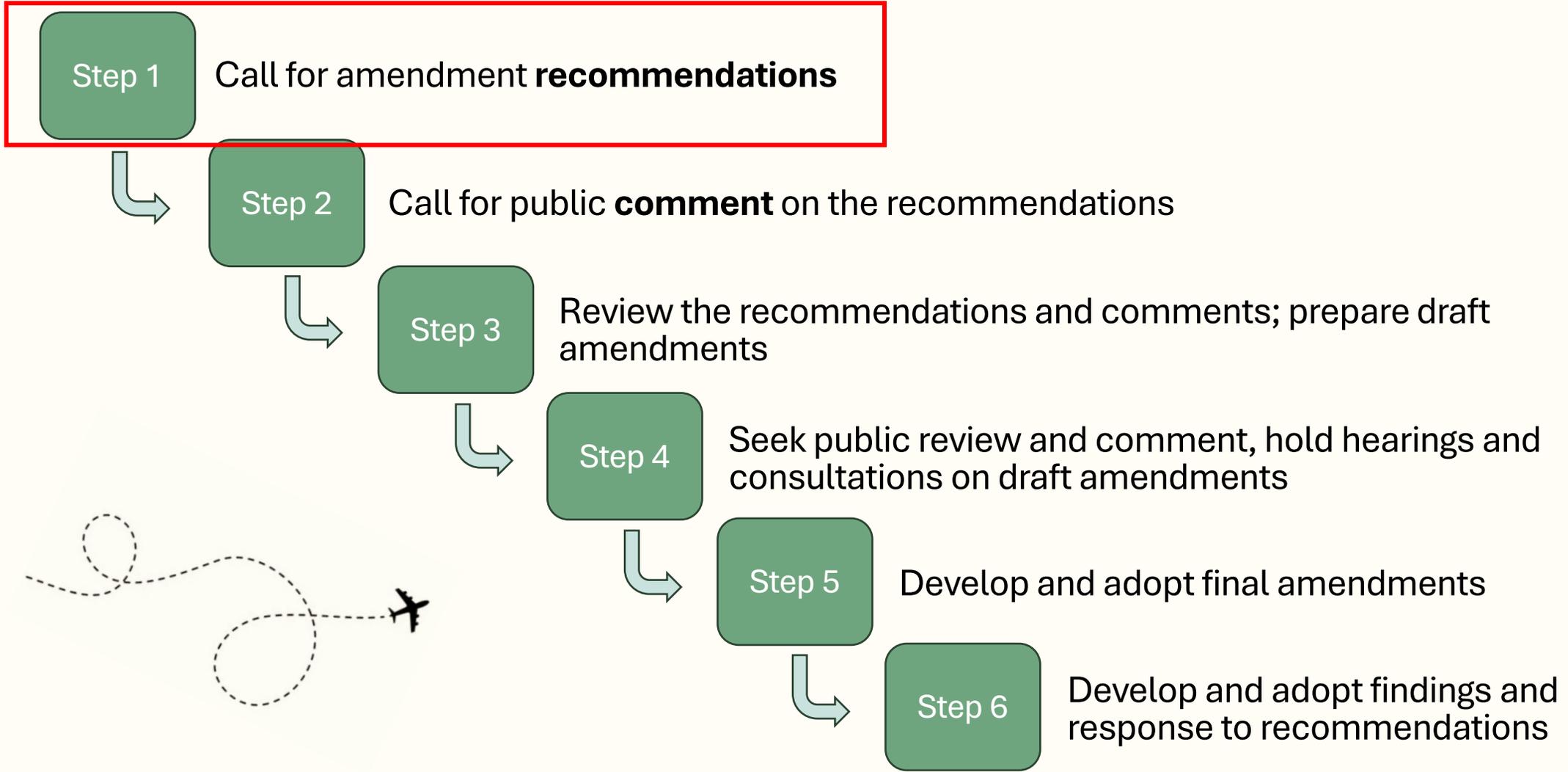


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Welcome aboard!

Overview of Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment steps



Month	Council meeting agenda items
March 11-12 (Portland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program briefing (topics flexible) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adaptive management – Subbasin Plans
April 8-9 (Portland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implementation provisions – Appendices • Recommendation period closes April 17* • Immediately release for public comment, 30-day public comment period • Begin reading recommendations
May 13-14 (Pasco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment work sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Will need multiple days: Extra work session likely May 28 (Webinar) • Comment period closes May 30*
June 10-11 (Missoula)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All day amendment work sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Will need multiple days
July 15-16 (Portland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All day amendment work sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Will need multiple days, Extra work session or more likely July 29 (Webinar)
August 12-13 (Portland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All day amendment work sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Will need multiple days, Extra work session or more likely August 26 (Webinar)

Fish and Wildlife Amendments



Prepare modeling inputs: Load Forecasting, Generating Resource Options, Demand Side Resource Options

Conduct Scenario Modeling: Assessing Needs, Testing Resource Strategies, Developing Strategy and Recommendations

Prepare draft Power Plan

Public comment period

Final Plan

Est. February 2025
Official Power Plan Kick-Off

Est. June 2025

Est. April 2026

Two-month public comment period

Est. July 2026
Draft plan done, open public comment period

Est. end of 2026
Adopt final plan

Power Plan

Upcoming important dates (planned)

- **April 17, 2025** – Close of **recommendation** period
- **April 18, 2025** – Open public comment on the recommendations
- **May 30, 2025** – Close of comment period



**Columbia River
Basin Fish and
Wildlife Program**

Progress in reviewing 2014/2020 Program content and organization



Part One: Overview

- I. The Columbia River Basin
- II. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council and the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program

Part Two: Introduction

- I. The program framework
 - A. Geographic structure
- II. **Legal and social context of the program**
- III. **Assuring the Pacific Northwest an adequate, efficient, economic and reliable power supply**
- IV. Program progress
 - A. Program successes
 - B. Program challenges

March

Part Three: Basinwide Vision, Scientific Foundation, Goals, Objectives, Strategies

I. Vision for the Columbia River Basin

II. Scientific foundation and principles of the program

III. Goals and Objectives - the changes we want to achieve

A. Program goals and quantitative objectives

1. Refining program goals and quantitative objectives

IV. Strategies – how the program will achieve the changes

A. Ecosystem function

1. Habitat

2. Strongholds

3. Non-native and invasive species

4. Predator management

5. Protected areas and hydroelectric development and licensing

6. Water quality

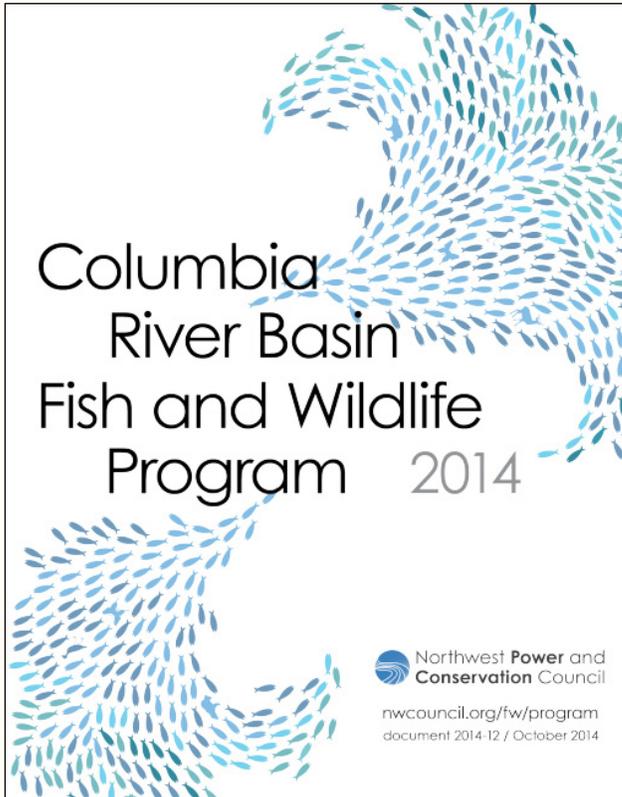
7. Climate change

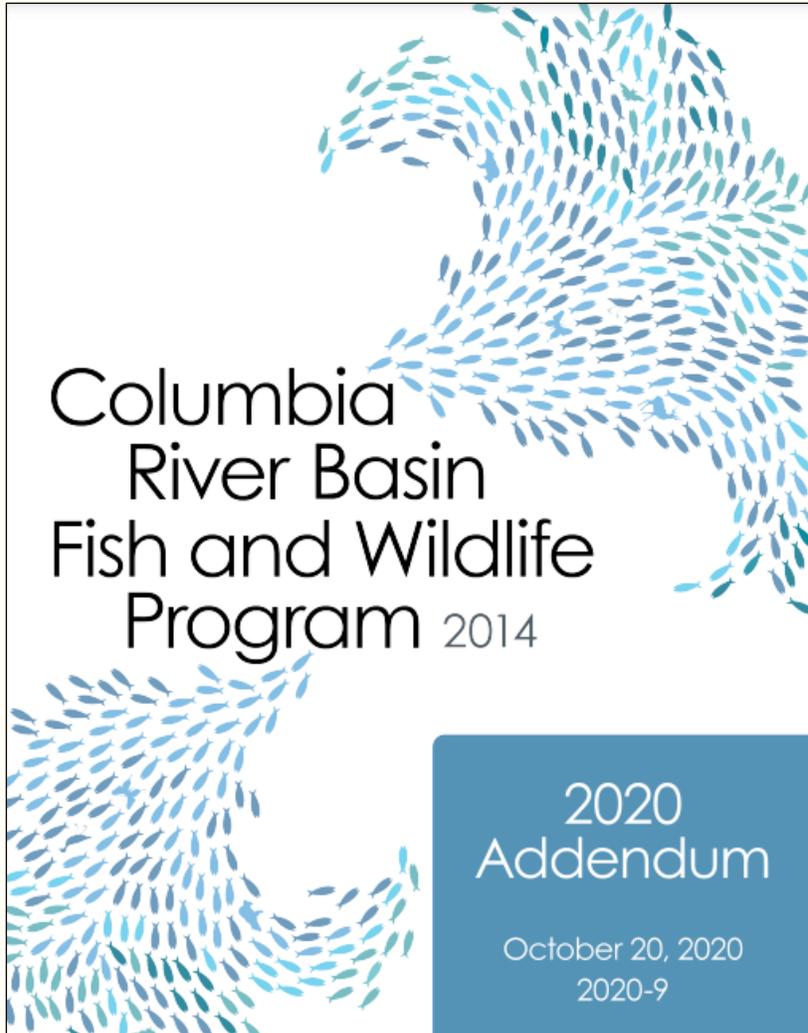
8. Mainstem hydrosystem flow and passage operations

9. Estuary

10. Plume and nearshore ocean

11. Wildlife mitigation





2014 Part Four: Adaptive Management **March**

Part Five: Subbasin Plans **March**

Part Six: Program implementation **April**

2020 Part I. Program performance and adaptive management **March**

- Goals, objectives and performance indicators, organized by biological category
- **Assessing, monitoring and reporting** **March**

2020 Part II. Program Implementation **April**

- Near term priorities
- How the Program is implemented

Today's topics:

Review of 2014 Program and 2020 Addendum

- AEERPS (Part Two)
- Adaptive Management (Part Four)
- Subbasin Plans (Part Five)

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Assuring the region an adequate, efficient,
economic and reliable power supply



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Northwest Power Act, Section 4(h)(5):

“The [fish and wildlife] program shall consist of measures to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the development, operation, and management of such facilities while assuring the Pacific Northwest an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply.”