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Council Meeting Summary **February 11 & 12, 2025** **Council Central Office and via Webinar** **851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100** **Portland, Oregon 97204**

This is a summary of the Council's February 2025 public meeting and the actions the Council decided upon. The meeting agenda and presentation materials for each agenda item during the meeting are posted at <https://www.nwcouncil.org/calendar/council-meeting-2025-02-11/>. The meeting recording and a copy of this summary will also be posted on that page.

February 11, 2025

Council Chair Mike Milburn brought the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. Pacific Time. Council Members Jeff Allen, Ginny Burdick, Doug Grob, Louie Pitt Jr., Thomas L (Les) Purce, and Ed Schriever were in attendance in Portland, Oregon. Member KC Golden attended virtually. The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 11 & 12 in Portland, Oregon and via webinar.

Chair Welcome and Remembering John Harrison

Chair Milburn expressed gratitude for being in the new role of Council Chair and thanked Member Jeff Allen for his two years serving as Council Chair. He also recognized and expressed appreciation to Members Louie Pitt Jr. and Ginny Burdick for their time serving as Council members. Chair Milburn spoke about the future of the

Council and the work that needs to be done together to accomplish the goals of the organization.

General Counsel John Shurts announced the passing of John Harrison, who worked as the Council's Public Information Officer from 1990 until he retired in 2023 and spoke to his large contribution to the Council over the years. Remarks were also made by Council member Jeff Allen.

Council Meeting Agenda Items

1. Ninth Power Plan Kick-off Discussion

Director of Power Planning Jennifer Light provided an overview of the overall power plan development process, with a focus on the near-term scoping steps required to guide future analysis and modeling. Key elements discussed included global assumptions, environmental methodology, and scope of the resource and transmission risk scenario.

Presentation materials are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19088/2025_02_1.pdf.

2. Proposed Natural Gas and Coal Price Forecast for Ninth Plan

Senior Power Analyst Tomás Morrissey presented on the recent work conducted through the Fuels Advisory Committee to create a natural gas price forecast for the Ninth Power Plan. Morrissey discussed power generation trends, fuel production trends, fuel price forecasts, price volatility forecasts and a coal price forecast that is largely derived from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA). Feedback and support from the Council was sought on both proposed forecasts.

Presentation materials are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19091/2025_02_2.pdf.

3. Proposed Reference Plants for the Ninth Plan (Part 1)

Resource Policy Analyst Annika Roberts started the process of reviewing proposed reference plants to be analyzed in the Ninth Plan. This presentation covered the many components of a reference plant and the development process. Roberts also shared the proposed technologies to be covered by a reference plant for the plan. Council member's feedback on the methodology and proposed technology options to be considered will help guide this work as complete reference plants are developed for discussion at the March meeting.

Presentation materials are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19087/2025_02_3.pdf.

February 12, 2025

Council Chair Mike Milburn brought the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time. Council Members Jeff Allen, Ginny Burdick, Louie Pitt Jr., Thomas L (Les) Purce, and Ed Schriever were in attendance. Member KC Golden attended virtually. Member Doug Grob was absent. The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 11 & 12 in Portland, Oregon and via webinar.

Council Meeting Agenda Items Continued

4. Council Work Session Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment

a. Amendment Process Check-in and Overview of Amendment Web Page

Fish and Wildlife Division Director Patty O'Toole and Public Affairs Division Director Kym Buzdygon presented and update on the 2025-2026 Amendment Process. An overview was provided of the amendment process, briefly highlighting key steps and dates. Details of the review amendment webpage, including where and how to submit a recommendation, were provided.

Presentation materials are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19095/2025_02_4a.pdf.

b. Briefing on Fish and Wildlife Program – Part Three: Strategies

Fish and Wildlife Staff provided an overview of the strategies in Part Three of the Fish and Wildlife Program. Staff outlined each strategy as written in the Program, summarized the relevant measures, and identified key issues.

Presentation materials are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19094/2025_02_4b.pdf.

Council Meeting Agenda Items Continued

5. Council Business

Motion to Approve Summary of December 2024 Council Meeting

Member Purce moved that the Council approve for the signature of the Vice Chair the official summary of the January 2024 Council Meeting via webinar, as presented by staff.

Member Allen seconded.

No discussion.

Voice vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion was approved.

The approved summary of the January 2024 Council meeting and other materials from that meeting are at https://www.nwcouncil.org/fs/19090/2025_02_5.pdf.

Public Comments

Clark Mather, Executive Director at Northwest River Partners, provided a statement to address statements made to the Council by representatives of the Six Sovereigns on January 14, 2025.

Presentation materials are at: <https://vimeo.com/1056158074#t=183m33s>

Chair Milburn adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Pacific Time.