



**State of Washington**

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL/STATE EIS**

**Name of Proposal:** DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program.

**Description of Proposal:** The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) describes proposed changes to production programs for four anadromous fish species sponsored by the Yakama Nation and WDFW in the Klickitat river basin in south central Washington. BPA proposes to assist with funding the construction, operation, and maintenance of the programs to help mitigate for anadromous fish affected by the Federal Columbia River Power System dams. The Yakama Nation and WDFW want to produce harvestable numbers of spring and fall Chinook and coho salmon, and steelhead while achieving self sustaining native fish populations and minimizing the effects of introduced species. The DEIS discloses the environmental effects expected from three alternatives: the No Action Alternative, the Full Master Plan Buildout Alternative, and the Klickitat Hatchery Buildout Alternative.

Modifications to the existing Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program are proposed to better employ “state of the art” artificial propagation methods. The proposal includes construction at the existing Klickitat Hatchery, plans to develop new hatchery and acclimation facilities at Wahkiacus (approximately 26 river miles downstream of the existing hatchery), and possible construction of a steelhead acclimation facility on McCreedy Creek, which is a tributary to the Klickitat River upstream of the Klickitat Hatchery.

**Proponent:** U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**Location of Proposal:** Klickitat River Basin. The proposed action is to implement changes to the existing fish production programs as outlined in the Klickitat Basin Anadromous Fishery Master Plan (Yakama Nation 2008b). This would include modifications to the Klickitat Hatchery, a new hatchery/acclimation facility in Wahkiacus, and an acclimation facility at McCreedy Creek, should it be deemed necessary.

- Klickitat Hatchery: Township 6 North; Range 13 East; Section 4
- Wahkiacus Hatchery: Township 4 North; Range 14 East; Section 19
- McCreedy Creek acclimation facility: Township 10 North; Range 12 East; Section 25

The Klickitat and McCreedy sites are on the reservation. See map attached.

**Affected Counties:** Klickitat County and Yakima County

**Lead Agency:** Lead federal agency: U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); cooperating federal agencies: National Marine Fisheries Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Lead state agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW); cooperating tribe: Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation).

Public review of and comment upon this Draft EIS will continue through **September 12, 2011**. Responses to comments will be made part of the Final EIS, which is scheduled for completion in January, 2012. BPA expects to issue a Record of Decision whether to implement the project in February, 2012.

**The Draft EIS is now also available on WDFW's website at:**

[http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa\\_comment\\_docs.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html) All comments need to be sent to BPA.

- **CURRENT STATUS:**

BPA expects to complete and publish the final EIS in early 2012, and then issue a record of decision that will explain BPA's decision about whether to fund the project. If you would like to receive a copy of the draft EIS please call BPA's toll-free document request line at 1 800-622-4519. Please leave a message naming this project and give your complete address.

- **PUBLIC MEETING:**

BPA will host an open house style meeting to take comments on the DEIS. The meeting will be held:

Wednesday, August 10, 2011  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Lyle Community Center  
5th Street and State Highway  
Lyle, WA 98635

- **COMMENTS:**

All comments and your responses to comments will be published in the final EIS. The final EIS will also include any changes to our proposal or analysis. Comments may be submitted online at: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment>; via mail by using the form below to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428; or faxed to 503-230-4019. Please reference "Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program" with your comments. BPA will post all comments we receive on the [Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program comments page](#). If you have other questions or comments do not hesitate to call BPA toll free at 1-800-622-4519. **Comments will be accepted through September 12, 2011.**

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- **DOCUMENTS:**

[DEIS Public Letter](#) (134Kb pdf) (7/18/11)  
[DEIS Comment Form](#) (73Kb pdf) (7/18/11)  
[DEIS](#) (11.4MB pdf) (July 2011)  
[Program Overview Map](#) (1.4MB pdf) (May 2011)  
[Notice of Intent](#) (52Kb pdf) (07/17/09)  
[Public Scoping Letter](#) (31Kb pdf) (07/10/09)  
[Comment Form](#) (11Kb pdf) (07/10/09)  
[Project Vicinity Map](#) (236Kb pdf) (July 2009)

For additional copies of the DEIS document, please call 1-800-622-4520 and ask for the document by name. The DEIS and comment forms and maps are also on the Internet at: [http://efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/Document\\_Library/Klickitat\\_Hatchery\\_Program/](http://efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Klickitat_Hatchery_Program/).

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