

Key Federal Documents Related to Recovery of Columbia Basin Fish
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Documents/ Issues	Key Points	Lead Agency	Process	Involvement Opportunities
All-H Paper	Relies on a comprehensive strategy integrating hydropower, habitat, hatcheries, and harvest	9 Federal Caucus Agencies	Completed in December 2000	Federal caucus periodic open meetings; Federal Habitat Team
2000 NMFS Biological Opinion	Relies on All-H approach Establishes Performance Standards for migration through the hydropower corridor and for off-site mitigation with check-ins at 3, 5 and 8 years Requires COE, BOR, and BPA to develop 1-year and 5-year implementation plans. Requires COE, BOR, and BPA progress reports.	NMFS	Completed in December 2000	.
2000 FWS Biological Opinion	FCRPS operations for sturgeon and bull trout Establishes Performance Standards	FWS	Completed in December 2000	
Action Agency Decision Documents	Records Action Agencies' commitments to implement 2000 NMFS and FWS Biological Opinions and describes plan to meet Clean Water Act requirements. Detailed implementation actions found in Action Agency Implementation Plan.	COE, BOR, BPA	COE: completed in May 2001; BPA: soon to be completed; BOR: soon to be completed	
FCRPS Implementation Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describes structure and approach for implementing 2000 NMFS and FWS Biological Opinions: Goals; Performance Standards; Strategies; Priorities; and Research. Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) 2. 2002-2006 Action Plan describes specific actions in hydro, habitat, hatcheries, harvest, and RME 3. 2002 Annual Plan will provide specific workplans for 2002 actions 	COE, BOR, BPA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft released July 31 2. Draft released July 31 3. Draft to be released in fall 2001 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment period August 1-September 7, 2001 2. Comment period August 1-September 7, 2001 3. Comment period TBD <p>In addition to the above formal comment periods, discussions at NMFS Regional Forum teams; Federal Caucus; Federal Habitat Teams, and others.</p>

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2001 FCRPS Operations Plan	Establishes principles and criteria for FCRPS operations in 2001 under emergency conditions	COE, BOR, BPA	Process completed	
Environmental Compliance: BPA Fish and Wildlife Implementation EIS	<p>Programmatic EIS and Tiered Record of Decision (ROD) structure to efficiently implement actions in 2000 NMFS and FWS Biological Opinions. Power Council's F&W Program and any other program and projects related to BPA's overall F&W program.</p> <p>Additional site-specific environmental information will be used to clarify the programmatic environmental analysis for specific projects</p> <p>Includes cultural resources impacts</p>	BPA	Draft released June 13, 2001	<p>Public comment period June 22-August 31, 2001</p> <p>Public meetings & workshops: Portland, OR (7/9); Astoria, OR (7/16); Clarkston, WA. (8/14); Seattle, WA. (8/15); Boise, ID (8/21); Kalispell, MT (8/22)</p> <p>Additional state and Tribal meetings upon request</p>
Environmental Compliance: Upper Columbia Flood Control (VAR Q) EIS	<p>Joint Corps/ BOR EIS for environmental compliance of VAR Q and fisheries operations in NMFS and FWS BiOps</p> <p>Includes cultural resources impacts</p>	COE, BOR	FEIS/ROD 2004	Scoping 2001; DEIS 2003
Environmental Compliance: Banks Lake EIS	<p>BOR EIS for environmental compliance on Banks Lake operations in NMFS BiOP</p> <p>Includes cultural resources impacts</p>	BOR	To be completed by June 2002	Specific schedule for public involvement TBD
Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Study EIS	Corps study examines four alternatives for future operation/configuration of four major Federal dams on the lower Snake River.	COE	Final EIS Fall 2001	Public comment period on the draft EIS closed 30 April 2000. A 45-day comment period will follow release of the final EIS.
Cultural Resources Compliance		COE, BOR, BPA	<p>For FCRPS operations, use of existing reservoir-based groups</p> <p>For offsite actions, compliance on a case-by-case basis through environmental analyses</p>	Ongoing through Tribal consultations and NHPA Section 106 compliance processes

NOTE: Other specific projects and programs for implementing the biological opinions may have action specific NEPA and environmental reviews which will involve public and agency coordination. Specific projects and programs for implementing the biological opinions may also require action-specific ESA consultation.