

Department of Fisheries Resources Management
and
Department of Natural Resources

Meeting with John Ogan, Northwest Power and Conservation Council
Subbasin Plans

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1. Will the Council provide a written response to these questions on subbasin planning process?
2. In every previous major amendment process, the NPCC, consistent with its authorizing statute, directed a written request to the fish and wildlife agencies and tribes, requesting recommendations for measures to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife. If the Council intended to incorporate the subbasin plans into the Fish and Wildlife Program why did it then not make such a written request to the fish and wildlife agencies and tribes in this amendment process?
3. In its website planning guidance issued in 2002, why did the NPCC specifically guide planners to not include projects and budgets when the 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program specifically required short-term and long-term budgets?
4. How will the NPCC, in its effort to incorporate subbasin plans into the Program ensure that the Program complements the plans and programs of the Tribes specifically after both the Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes, in comments to the Council, state that the tribal governing bodies had not approved the subbasin plans?
5. Will the NPCC solicit recommendations for subbasin measures as requested in CRITFC's August comment letter?
6. How will the Council ensure that the agency and tribal recommendations are paid due deference when the recommendations sought by the Council were not authoritatively approved and submitted by the agencies and tribes?

7. Does the NPCC believe that the subbasin plans meet the requirements of section 4(h)(6) that require consistency with treaty rights and the future activities of the tribes? How will it make that determination?
8. Does the reliance upon appointed, often self-appointed, watershed councils by the NPCC for subbasin plans dilute the deference required for agency and tribal recommendations under the Act?
9. Now that the Council has spent over \$15 million on the subbasin planning process, why wouldn't the NPCC issue a written request to the agencies and tribes for recommendations for measures in order to ensure that the provisions of the Regional Act are carried out and that the amendment process is authoritative?
10. How will the Council address and integrate out-of-basin affects?
11. How will the Council ensure that there are some numerical goals for rebuilding salmon runs incorporated in the plans and that the numbers can be accomplished with the strategies presented in the plans?
12. How will the Council integrate the various subbasin plans into a systemwide plan?
13. How will the Council address the interim objectives for biological performance described in the 2000 plan:
 - Halt declining trends by 2005
 - Restore the widest possible set of healthy naturally reproducing populations by 2012
 - Increase total runs above Bonneville Dam to 5 million salmon and steelhead annually by 2025.