

KLAMATH DAM REMOVAL UPDATE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved the removal of four dams on the Klamath River which flows from south-central Oregon through northern California to the Pacific Ocean. Dam decommissioning will include reservoir drawdowns and deconstruction of the dams which is currently underway. It is important for the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to understand the implications of the dam removals as it relates to stock assessments, management frameworks, data collection, monitoring, and other issues related especially to Klamath River fall Chinook.

Under this agenda item, Jim Simondet, the Klamath Branch Supervisor from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), will provide an update to the Council on the status of the Klamath Dam removal project. It is anticipated that as this project progresses, additional updates may be warranted to ensure the Council is kept informed on the status of the dam decommissioning, habitat improvements, and any unforeseen issues that may arise.

Council Action:

Council discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. *Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1.*
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.3 Klamath Dam Removal Update
- a. Status of the Klamath Dam Removal Project
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate

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