



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Portland District

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**THE DALLES DAM
BAY 8/9 SPILLWALL PROJECT
Klickitat County, Washington**

30 Day Notice

CENWP-PM-E-08-03

Issue Date: March 12, 2008

Expiration Date: April 11, 2008

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, proposes to construct a spillwall at The Dalles Dam between spillbays 8 and 9. The purpose of the wall is to increase juvenile fish survival during spill at the dam by improving the flow pattern. The spillwall will extend downstream from the spillway and will direct the water that is spilled over the dam to the river's thalweg (deepest part of the channel). This will move the juvenile salmonids that are carried downstream by the river flow, away from the shallow areas where predatory fish and birds are most abundant. The proposed spillwall will be 10 ft wide and approximately 850 ft long. The first 200 ft of wall (nearest the dam) will be 43 ft high and the remainder 25-30 ft high. The spillwall will be built in sections and will require two 6-month-long construction seasons for completion. The work is scheduled for October 1, 2008 to April 10, 2009 and October 1, 2009 to April 10, 2010. All construction and staging of the project will be within the State of Washington and is being coordinated with the State and Federal fish agencies.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations [Federal Register 40 CFR 1508.9(a)], a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed federal action. At the end of the 30 day public comment period, the Corps will consider all comments received and make a determination of the significance of impacts resulting from the proposed action.

Environmental Document: A draft Environmental Assessment addressing the impacts associated with the activity is enclosed for public review and comment. The draft is also available on the Corps website at https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e/en_plan_assess.asp.

State Water Quality Certification: Pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, a State Water Quality Certification has been requested from the Washington Department of Ecology. A State of Washington public notice is enclosed.

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972: Not Applicable.

Additional Information and Comments: Questions or comments regarding the draft EA should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Schneider, Environmental Resources Branch, telephone (503) 808-4770, or via email at Carolyn.B.Schneider@usace.army.mil or at the address below. Mailed comments on this notice must be postmarked by the above closing date and sent to:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District, Portland
Attn: CENWP-PM-E/Carolyn Schneider
P.O. Box 2946
Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

In your response, please refer to the above public notice number, title and date.
Should no response be received by the above closing date, a "no comment" response will be assumed.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION for
STATE OF WASHINGTON WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Date: March 12, 2008

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number CENWP-PM-E-08-03 will comply with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to compliance with water pollution control laws may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

401 Permit Coordinator
Washington State Department of Ecology
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98504-7703