

Project Name	Use of Lower Columbia River Fish Recovery Board, Technical Advisory Committee for Cowlitz Restoration & Recovery (CRR) evaluations
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FTC Decision and Justification

The Cowlitz Fisheries Technical Committee (FTC) agrees to coordinate with the LCFRB TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) to evaluate projects to potentially be funded through the CRR Fund Project Evaluation Process. The LCFRB TAC will serve in an advisory role only and will base their recommendations on the technical requirements defined by the FTC, which will include habitat information provided in the Recovery Plan and evaluation criteria set forth for other Lower Columbia habitat improvement projects (e.g. review of projects requesting Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) dollars) at a minimum.

Proposed Decision or Consideration

The LCFRB TAC will provide project review support including setting up site visits and reviewing relevant materials. The LCFRB will provide evaluations of all projects requesting CRR Fund dollars, including a funding recommendation for each project and the information supporting that funding recommendation. None of the LCFRB TAC recommendations will be in any way binding as the ultimate decision making will remain with the FTC.

Background

The LCFRB TAC has considerable expertise with evaluating and prioritizing the types of projects the FTC will seek to fund through the CRR Fund Project Evaluation Process. They will provide recommendations for consideration by the FTC at no charge, except for limited administrative costs (e.g. additional site visit costs, document copying).

Coordination Need

The LCFRB and Tacoma Power will agree to a Memorandum of Agreement between the two parties that will outline obligations and expectations of each party in support of this decision.

Summary of Potential Impacts

With assistance from the LCFRB TAC the FTC will be able to render timely and well informed decisions on which projects to fund. Additionally, there will be improved coordination between CRR and SRFB funding.

