

Project Name	2016 Cowlitz Fisheries & Hatchery Management Plan Issue papers 1 – 3
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FTC Decision and Justification
Approved Issue papers 1-3 at the June 7 Cowlitz FTC meeting.

Proposed Decision or Consideration
The three (3) issue papers listed below have been drafted by the Cowlitz Fisheries Technical Committee (FTC) and address topics to be included in the 2017 Fisheries and Hatchery Management Plan (FHMP). The recommendation section of each issue paper reflects the consensus of the FTC.

Background
<p>The 2011 FHMP identified a number of issues that had not reached resolution by the FTC and therefore were deferred for future decision making. Prior to commencing work on the 2016 FHMP, Tacoma Power developed an initial list of 14 topics encompassing the unresolved issues as well as other key decision points needing FTC guidance. Three of these topics are listed below. These papers were drafted by subcommittees of the FTC and following extensive consultation and review, the FTC has endorsed the recommendations listed in each paper. The three papers subject to this decision are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satellite Rearing Facilities 2. Hatchery Programs 3. Mayfield Net Pens

Coordination Need
Tacoma Power will seek input on each of the issue papers from the public and from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Cowlitz Ad Hoc Committee and the public. Additional opportunities for the public to provide input will be available during the 2016 Cowlitz Annual Project Review process, and during the 2016 FHMP update public meetings.

Summary of Potential Impacts
Issues left unresolved upon submission of the 2017 FHMP to FERC can invoke uncertainty for the FTC and resource agencies, and a lack of trust from the public.