

<b>Project Name</b>	2016 FHMP update extension request to FERC
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#### **FTC Decision and Justification**

*FTC supports Tacoma's request to FERC to extend the FERC deadline for the 2016 Fisheries and Habitat Management Plan (FHMP) update to February 15, 2019. The current due date is 2/15/18. This support for this decision was developed through electronic mail and finalized 1/24/18.*

#### **Proposed Decision or Consideration**

The FTC supports the decision to request of FERC an extension to complete the 2016 FHMP Update by February 15, 2019.

#### **Background**

The 2016 FHMP update process has been adjusted to reflect recovery goals and program targets. The FHMP format has been revised. The fisheries and habitat program components are under review and will be adjusted as needed to meet program goals and objectives.

Tacoma Power has invested a great deal of time into addressing concerns and modifying the plan based on input from our stakeholders. However, during this timeframe, key participants from the FTC have been in and out of the process due to pending retirements, staff reassignments, and unforeseen circumstances.

The loss of participation from these key stakeholders has disadvantaged the process and caused delays in completing work products related to the FHMP within the previously estimated timeframe.

This additional time will allow for the development of a product work schedule, consensus building, and developing comprehensive strategies for managing species included in the FHMP.

#### **Coordination Need**

Tacoma will continue to engage the FTC to coordinate review and input on "draft" FHMP materials, working within established deadlines.

#### **Summary of Potential Impacts**

The 2016 FHMP date of completion will be delayed to February 15, 2019.