

<b>Project Name</b>	Public FTC Meetings
<b>Date Proposal Submitted</b>	8/30/2022
<b>Date of Requested Decision</b>	10/4/2022
<b>Requested By</b>	Travis Nelson
<b>Date of Decision<sup>1</sup></b>	10/11/2022

<sup>1</sup> Decision will become final if committee members who were not present at this meeting do not oppose this proposed decision within 7 days

**FTC Decision and Justification**

FTC supports the proposed decision. Representatives present included NOAA, WDFW, Trout Unlimited, and Tacoma Power.

**Proposed Decision or Consideration**

Propose opening the Cowlitz Fisheries Technical Committee (FTC) Meetings to the public on a monthly basis, effective January 2023. The FTC will retain the option to have closed committee meetings as needed.

**Background**

The FTC has traditionally been limited to Settlement Agreement signatories and their technical representatives. In November of 2018, the FTC initiated quarterly Public meetings to increase participation with Cowlitz River Project stakeholders. This has proven to be an effective means of sharing information and hearing perspectives from the public. The FTC has developed and maintained as a living document Protocols for Public Participation. – see attached

**Coordination Need**

Public advertisement of meeting dates, times, and locations.

**Summary of Potential Impacts**

Increased participation and collaboration between the Public and the FTC. Working to make these meetings open and accessible to as many people as possible.



# Cowlitz FTC Public Meeting Protocol

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Thank you for your interest in attending a Cowlitz Fisheries Technical Committee (FTC) meeting. This is an opportunity to learn more about what the FTC is working on, and a chance for the FTC to receive your feedback. You will have two ways to provide feedback:

- 1) **Public Comment Session** – 30 minutes near the end of the meeting
  - a. In-Person Meeting: Write down which topic you'd like to address on a Comment Card and provide it to the moderator at least 15 minutes before the start of the session.
  - b. Remote Meeting: Do the same using the Microsoft Teams Chat Function.
- 2) **Additional Feedback**
  - a. In-Person Meeting: If you wish to provide written feedback, please use a Comment Card, and indicate if you would like a response. These will be collected at the close of the meeting.
  - b. Remote Meeting: Do the same using the Microsoft Teams Chat Function.

## GROUND RULES

- **You will have 3 minutes max to speak.** Consider others' time by limiting your comments to new issues. Your comment time cannot be given to another speaker. (Note: Some flexibility may be provided here per the FTC Chair.)
- Address the FTC and the issues, not the other speakers or attendees in the room.
- Refrain from using profanity or insults when speaking.
- Questions, verbal and written, may be addressed by the FTC during or after the meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT EXPECTATIONS

In an effort to have a productive and meaningful exchange of information consistent with existing FTC practice, we ask that you agree to the following:

- **Be positive**
- **Be respectful**
- **Do not interrupt**
- **Limit side discussions during meeting**
- **Silence devices**
- **Remote meetings: Please remain on Mute until the Public Comment Session begins**

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your feedback.