

Washington State Department of Ecology Public Meeting on FERC Legislation

November 5, 2014 ~ 10:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST) - Lacey, WA

The Department of Ecology and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) are holding a public meeting with interested stakeholders to discuss potential Agency Request Legislation affecting water power license fees required for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensed hydropower projects in Washington. These FERC fees are currently set to expire June 30, 2017. This requested legislation proposes to eliminate the sunset date while maintaining the current assessment of fees established under State Senate Bill (SSB) 5881 in the 2007 legislative session.

To Attend:

The public meeting will be held at the Ecology building in Lacey and will be conducted as an interactive webinar on **Wednesday, November 5, 2014, from 10:00am to 12:00pm (PST)**.

By Interactive Webinar: Webinar participants will be able to ask questions, participate in discussions, and watch presentations from any online computer and phone. Free registration for the webinar is available online at: <https://customer.accuconference.com/Registration/index.aspx?pkRegQG=87a11dcb-b49d-4052-97ca-8b1291c3b095>

In Person: Participants can join the meeting in person at Ecology Headquarters Auditorium in Lacey, [300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503-1274](#). To ensure adequate seating, please confirm that you will be attending in person by sending an email to chad.brown@ecy.wa.gov. You do not need to register for the webinar if you plan to attend in person.

Agenda (draft)

10:00 a.m.	Introduction (Heather Bartlett, Water Quality Program Manager, Ecology)
10:15 a.m.	Overview of 2011-13 Biennial Report to the Legislature (Chad Brown, Water Quality Program, Ecology)
10:45 a.m.	Work that needs to be done for FERC hydro licenses (Justin Allegro, Habitat Division, WDFW)
11:05 a.m.	Legislation being requested by Ecology and WDFW (Don Seeberger, Water Quality Program, Ecology)
11:25 a.m.	Discussion with Stakeholders on legislation (Susan Braley, Water Quality Program, Ecology)
11:55 a.m.	Meeting Adjourned

Additional Resources

More Information

Maintain Water Power License Fees Focus Sheet:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/1410046.pdf>

2011-13 Biennial Water Power License Fee Report to the Legislature:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/1410048.pdf>.

RCW 90.16.050, Use of water for power development-Annual license fee:

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.16.050>

Ecology 401 Certification for Hydropower web page: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ferc/index.html

WDFW hydroelectric power webpage: wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/habitat/planning/energy/hydro.html

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