DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be made in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, September 8, 2005, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.; Friday, September 9, 2005, 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

ADDRESS: DoubleTree Hotel, Lloyd Center, 1000 Northeast Multnomah, Portland, Oregon, phone number: (503) 281–6111, Fax number: (503) 284–8553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Sherman, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7–75, Richland, WA 99352; phone: (509) 376–6216; Fax: (509) 376–1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:


• Board Priorities for Fiscal Year 2006.

• Estimate at Completion for the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (if information is available).

• Advice from the Health & Safety Committee on Records Management.

• Advice from the Budgets and Contracts Committee on Contracts.

• Complex-Wide Waste Disposition.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Yvonne Sherman’s office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Erik Olds, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7–75, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling him at (509) 376–1563.

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### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Chief Joseph Dam Hatchery Program

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).  
**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).  
**SUMMARY:** This notice announces BPA’s intention to prepare an EIS on a comprehensive management program for summer/fall Chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River between the confluence of the Okanogan River and Chief Joseph Dam including construction, operation, and maintenance of a hatchery and acclimation ponds. While the focus of the Chief Joseph Dam Hatchery Program (CJDHP) is on the propagation of summer/fall Chinook salmon, the EIS will also consider the use of the proposed facilities to reintroduce extirpated spring Chinook salmon to their historical habitats in the Okanogan subbasin.

**DATES:** Written comments are due to the address below no later than September 19, 2005. Comments may also be made at one of the EIS scoping meetings to be held on August 24, 2005, and August 25, 2005, at the address below.  
**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS for this project, and requests to be placed on the project mailing list, may be mailed by letter to Bonneville Power Administration, Communications—DM-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97292–4428. Or, you may FAX them to 503–230–3285; or submit them on-line at [http://www.bpa.gov/comment/](http://www.bpa.gov/comment/). Public scoping meetings will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2005, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Okanogan PUD in the Auditorium, 1331 2nd Avenue, Okanogan, Washington 98840, and Thursday, August 25, 2005, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Wenatchee Convention Center in the Golden Delicious Room, 201 W. Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington 98801. At these informal open house meetings, we will provide information about the project, including maps, and have members of the project team available to answer questions and accept oral and written comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mickey Carter, Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC–4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208–3621; toll-free telephone number 1–800–282–3713; fax number 503–230–5699; e-mail address macarter@bpa.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BPA shall be the lead Federal agency in preparing and issuing an EIS for this project. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Tribe), although not a Federal agency, are a primary proponent and cooperating entity for this EIS and would be operating and maintaining the program and facilities if implemented. Additional cooperating agencies on this EIS may include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries, and Public Utility Districts.

**Proposed Action:** The Proposed Action is to develop a comprehensive management program for summer/fall Chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River between the confluence of the Okanogan River and Chief Joseph Dam including construction, operation, and maintenance of a hatchery (at the base of the Chief Joseph Dam) and acclimation ponds (throughout the Okanogan subbasin), broodstock collection, egg incubation, rearing, release, and selective harvest. While the focus of the CJDHP is on the propagation of summer/fall Chinook salmon, the EIS will also consider the use of the proposed facilities to reintroduce extirpated spring Chinook salmon to their historical habitats in the Okanogan subbasin. To ensure programmatic flexibility and cost effectiveness, the CJDHP proposes to make use of a combination of new and existing fish production facilities. The summer/fall Chinook component of the CJDHP is designed to increase the abundance, distribution, and diversity of naturally-spawning summer/fall Chinook salmon within their historical Okanogan subbasin habitat, which will support recreational, ceremonial and subsistence fisheries. The summer/fall Chinook population in the Okanogan River is at present supported by a single hatchery program that produces 576,000 yearling smolts annually.

The proposed CJDHP will increase production of juvenile summer/fall Chinook by 2,000,000, including 1,100,000 fish primarily for conservation purposes and 900,000 fish primarily for harvest purposes. This increased production level is expected to result in an adult return to the Okanogan subbasin of approximately 6,000 to 29,000 summer/fall Chinook salmon. The spring Chinook component of the CJDHP is designed to introduce naturally-spawning spring Chinook populations to their historical Okanogan subbasin habitat, which will support stable ceremonial, subsistence, and recreational fisheries. The CJDHP spring Chinook component proposes to initially increase production of Carson stock spring Chinook destined for the Okanogan subbasin to 900,000 smolts. This increased production level is expected to result in an adult return to the Okanogan subbasin of approximately 2,700 to 9,000 spring Chinook. As surplus Upper Columbia

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