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**Applicants Sought for Klamath River Coho Habitat Restoration Projects**  
*Up to \$1 million available for projects in 2018; Public RFP Webinar on May 8*

YREKA, Calif. – The Bureau of Reclamation, PacifiCorp and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in close coordination with NOAA Fisheries, are seeking applications for funding to implement coho habitat restoration projects within the Klamath River and its tributaries downstream of Iron Gate Dam.

The joint Request for Proposals (RFP) will make available up to \$1 million in grants during 2018 through Reclamation's Klamath River Coho Habitat Restoration Program (up to \$500,000, contingent upon appropriations) and PacifiCorp's Klamath River Coho Enhancement Fund (\$500,000). The pre-proposal deadline is Friday, June 1. The RFP is available on NFWF's website at <http://www.nfwf.org/klamathbasin/klamathcoho/Pages/2018combinedrfp.aspx>.

Reclamation, PacifiCorp, NOAA Fisheries, and NFWF will host an RFP Webinar for the public, which will include an overview of the programs, details regarding the types of projects that will be given priority, and an overview of the proposal process and requirements. The Webinar will be held:

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 10 am to 12 noon PST

Register for the Webinar here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8159851112933824514>

The program aims to fund projects that meet the requirements outlined in the 2013 Biological Opinion on Reclamation's Klamath Project Operations and to achieve conservation objectives contained in PacifiCorp's Klamath Hydroelectric Project Interim Operations Habitat Conservation Plan for Coho Salmon. Both programs enhance the survival and recovery of coho salmon in the Klamath River, where coho are listed as threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act.

Successful proposals will provide access to cold water habitat, create or enhance instream habitat, remove barriers or otherwise improve access, or provide water conservation. Regardless of the project type, successful proposals must demonstrate direct benefits for coho salmon. The geographic focus of these programs is within the mainstem Klamath River and tributaries below Iron Gate Dam.

Since 2009, PacifiCorp and Reclamation have contributed a combined \$6.3 million toward habitat restoration for coho salmon in the Klamath River.

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