



## **NEWS: Announcing Appointments to the new Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force**

**(December 2, 2016)** The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) and NOAA Fisheries are pleased to announce the establishment of the new Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force (CBP Task Force), a special task force organized under MAFAC. Today, we are formally inviting 20 individuals who represent a variety of regional stakeholder interests to serve alongside Columbia Basin sovereigns as part of this important partnership.

Protecting, restoring, and effectively managing our salmon and steelhead is one of the Northwest region's greatest responsibilities, and one of our greatest challenges. The challenge is so great, it warrants a more comprehensive and integrated approach to crafting common goals for both listed and non-listed Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead. The CBP Task Force will be making recommendation on common goals and helping to define a shared path to long-term salmon recovery. The Task Force will recommend a shared vision for Columbia Basin salmon and quantitative goals to meet conservation needs and provide harvest opportunities. These goals will be developed in the context of habitat capacity, climate change, and other factors that affect natural production.

The new stakeholder members of the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force are

- Bert Bowler, Idaho Rivers United, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Wildlife Federation, International Federation of Fly Fishers, Idaho Sierra Club, and Snake River Waterkeeper
- Urban Eberhart, Kittitas Reclamation District
- Mike Edmondson, Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation
- Ben Enticknap, Oceana
- Steve Fick, Fishhawk Fisheries
- Jeff Grizzel, Grant County Public Utility District
- Jess Grove, Portland of Cascades
- Liz Hamilton, Northwest Sport Fishing Industry Association
- Marla Harrison, Port of Portland
- Heath Heikkila, Coastal Conservation Association, Pacific Northwest Fisheries
- Joel Kawahara, Coastal Trollers Association
- Joe Lukas, Western Montana Electric Generating and Transmission Cooperative
- Rob Masonis, Trout Unlimited
- Deb Marroitt, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
- Steve Martin, Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
- Liza Jane McAlister, 6 Ranch, Inc.
- Kristen Meira, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
- Kevin Scribner, Salmon Safe
- Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
- Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association

State and Tribal Representatives include:

- Jennifer Anders, Northwest power and Conservation Council, Montana, Salish-Kootenai Tribes and Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Bob Austin, Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation, Shoshone-Bannock, Burns-Paiute and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
- Randy Friedlander, Colville Tribes
- BJ Keiffer, Spokane Tribe
- Guy Norman, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Washington
- Zach Penny, Columbia Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Nez Perce, Yakama, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes
- Jim Yost, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Idaho
- [Placeholder], Oregon

Background information can be found at the West Coast Region's webpage:

[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/columbia\\_river/index.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/columbia_river/index.html). Additionally, for more information about the Task Force, please contact Katherine Cheney ([Katherine.Cheney@noaa.gov](mailto:Katherine.Cheney@noaa.gov), 503-231-6730) or Heidi Lovett ([heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov](mailto:heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov), 301-427-8034).