

Charter of the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership

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BENEFITS

PNAMP:

- Provides a forum to coordinate monitoring activities and develop common monitoring approaches.
- Acknowledges different mandates, jurisdictions, issues and questions of its partners.
- Focuses coordination effort on shared interests and needs.
- Coordinates programs and schedules to avoid duplication.
- Applies common guiding principles to provide significant support to policy and management with scientifically valid monitoring.
- Provides the framework for coordinated monitoring that each **PNAMP** partner may implement within its legal and jurisdictional boundaries.

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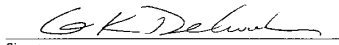


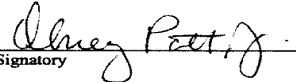
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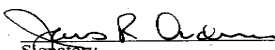

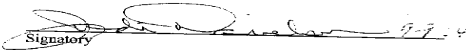
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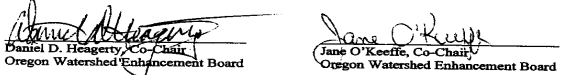

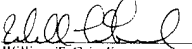

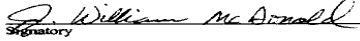
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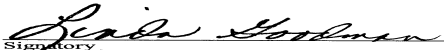
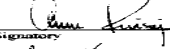


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March 11, 2005
Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership Charter Signatories

PNAMP Partners	PNAMP Steering Committee Representative	Executive Signatory to PNAMP Charter	Signature
Bonneville Power Administration	Jim Geiselman	Greg Delwiche VP, Environment, Fish and Wildlife	 Signatory <u>Greg Delwiche, BPA</u> Name and Agency
California Department of Fish and Game	Scott Downie	Don Koch CDFG Manager Northern CA-North Coast Region	
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority	Frank Young	Gary Aitken Sr. Co-Chair Columbia River Fish & Wildlife Authority	 Signatory <u>Gary Aitken Sr. Co-Chair CBFWA</u> Name and Agency
Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission	Phil Roger	Olney Patt, Jr. Executive Director	 Signatory <u>Olney, Patt J. Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission</u> Name and Agency

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Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Keith Wolf	Joe Peone Director, Fish and Wildlife Department	
Environmental Protection Agency	Dave Powers	Ron Kreizenbeck Regional Administrator	 _____ Signatory _____ Name and Agency
NOAA Fisheries	John Stein	Usha Varanasi Science Director	 _____ Signatory Usha Varanasi, Science Director Northwest Fisheries Science Center National Marine Fisheries Service
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission	Bruce Davies	James R. Anderson Executive Director	 _____ Signatory  Executive Director _____ Name and Agency
Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Steve Waste	Judi Danielson Chair	 _____ Signatory _____ Name and Agency

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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (also representing ODFW, ODEQ, ODF)	Greg Sieglitz	Dan Heagerty Co-Chair Jane O'Keeffe Co-Chair	 Daniel D. Heagerty, Co-Chair Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Jane O'Keeffe, Co-Chair Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board September 14, 2004 Date
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	Bruce Schmidt	Randy Fisher Executive Director	 Signatory PSMEC Name and Agency
US Army Corps of Engineers	Paul Ocker	William T. Grisoli Brigadier General, U.S. Army Division Engineer	 William T. Grisoli Brigadier General, U.S. Army Division Engineer 9/14/04 Date
US Bureau of Land Management	Al Doelker	Elaine M. Brong State Director Oregon/Washington	 Signatory Cathy L. Harris, Acting State Director Name and Agency for Elaine Brong, State Director
US Bureau of Reclamation	Michael Newsom	J. William McDonald Regional Director	 Signatory J. William McDonald, Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation Name and Agency

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US Forest Service	Linda Ulmer	Linda Goodman Regional Forester Pacific Northwest Region	 Signatory Linda Goodman, FS Name and Agency
US Geological Survey	Dave Busch	Anne Kinsinger Regional Biologist	 Signatory Anne Kinsinger U.S. Geological Survey Name and Agency
Washington Department of Ecology	Steve Butkus	Bill Backous Environmental Assessment Program Manager WA Department of Ecology	
Washington Governor's Salmon Recovery Office	Steve Leider	Chris Drivdahl Team Leader	 Signatory Washington Governor's Salmon Recovery Office Name and Agency
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