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Events

January

Jan 13-14: [100th Meridian Columbia River Basin Aquatic Invasive Species Team Meeting \(Vancouver, WA\)](#)

Jan 13-15: [Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting \(Portland, OR\)](#)

Jan 15: [PNAMP Fish Monitoring Work Group Meeting \(virtual\)](#)

Jan 21-22: [2026 Upper Columbia Science Summit \(Leavenworth, WA\)](#)

Jan 22: [Sucker Technical Symposium \(Klamath Falls, OR\)](#)

Jan 27: [Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Meeting \(virtual\)](#)

February

Feb 2-6: [2026 River Restoration Symposium \(Stevenson, WA\)](#)

Feb 10-12: [Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting \(Portland, OR\)](#)

If you have an upcoming event that you would like to add to the PNAMP website and newsletter, please reach out to mdethloff@psmfc.org.

Job Openings

[Fisheries Technician 2- Harvest Monitoring Project \(Lewiston, ID\)](#) - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission - Closes: December 31, 2026

[Fisheries Technician 2- Idaho Steelhead Monitoring \(Salmon, ID\)](#) - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission - Closes: December 31, 2025

[Fisheries Technician 1 - Chinook and Steelhead Monitoring \(Lewiston, ID\)](#) - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission - Closes: January 5, 2026

[Fisheries Technician 1 - Tacoma Power Cushman Hydroelectric Project \(Shelton, WA\)](#) - Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission - Closes: January 11, 2026

[Fisheries Data Management Project Leader \(Sweetwater, ID\)](#) - Nez Perce Tribe - Open Until Filled

[Fisheries Research Scientists \(Sweetwater, Orofino, McCall, ID; Joseph, OR\)](#) - Nez Perce Tribe - Open Until Filled (2 positions)

[Fisheries Research Evaluations Biologist \(McCall, ID\)](#) - Nez Perce Tribe - Open Until Filled

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Announcements

Happy New Year from the PNAMP Team! Wishing You a Bright 2026!

Updates to the PNAMP Newsletter in 2026

Beginning in 2026, the PNAMP newsletter will adopt a new format designed to provide timely, relevant information in a more streamlined manner and reduce inbox fatigue.

At the start of each month, you will still receive the newsletter, but the format will alternate between even (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) and odd months (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov).

Even Months: Concise version featuring upcoming events, job opportunities, and time-sensitive announcements.

Odd Months: A more comprehensive newsletter with all the above items, as well as articles and expanded regional updates.



We remain committed to keeping our community informed and engaged. We will maintain

flexibility for time sensitive information so expect that an article may end up in an even month, if necessary.

If you have events, publications, job openings, or announcements to share, please contact Meg at mdethloff@psmfc.org for inclusion in the newsletter and on PNAMP.org.

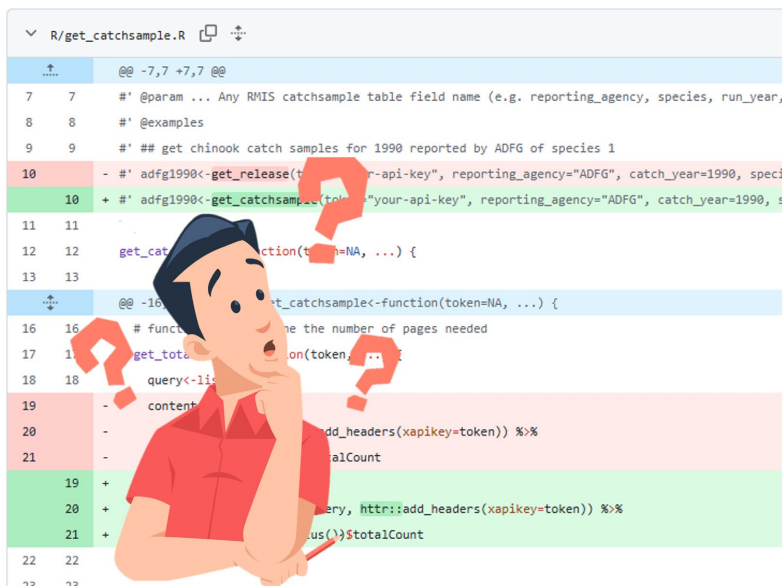
Need help with the RMIS R package? Never fear, the PNAMP Fish Monitoring Work Group is here!

You asked, we listened. A request for help with the Regional Mark Information System (RMIS) R package came from the Fish Monitoring Work Group (FMWG) survey that was sent out earlier this year.

At the upcoming PNAMP FMWG January meeting, users of this [RMIS R package](#) will demonstrate how they use the code and then we will talk about what improvements you would like to see and other ways to make the package more user-friendly. Developers will be on hand to assist and gather feedback. Help us improve the product for you!

Join us on Thursday, January 15th from 10:00 - 11:30 am (PST) for the next Fish Monitoring Work Group meeting. Check out the event page for more details on the presentation and join information.

Reach out to Meg Dethloff, mdethloff@psmfc.org, if you have questions or would like to be added to the FMWG distribution list.



Northwest Power and Conservation Council Releases for Comment Draft Amendments to Columbia River Basin Fish/Wildlife Program

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council released the [Draft 2026 Fish and Wildlife Program](#) for public comment through March 2, 2026. Read the [letter from Chair Mike Milburn](#) inviting public comment.

The Council amends its Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program every five years based largely on recommendations from the federal and state fish and wildlife agencies and the region's Indian tribes. Other federal and state agencies, the Bonneville utility customers and other regional utilities, river users, local governments, and the general public may also submit program amendment recommendations that the Council must consider.

In 2025, the Council requested [recommendations](#) in its [January solicitation](#), and [comments](#) on those recommendations in its [May solicitation](#). Since July, the Council has been working to develop a draft amended Fish and Wildlife Program based on the recommendations and comments. [Search all Council meetings](#) to see amendment work sessions.

Public hearings will take place in each of the four Northwest states in January and February. Details on locations, dates, and times will be added when they are finalized.

Visit the NPCC Program Amendments page to submit comments: [Program Amendments | Northwest Power and Conservation Council](#)

Highlights

ICYMI: December Fisheries Events: Shaping Management and Conservation Practices



*Top left: 2025 Pacific Coast Steelhead Management Meeting
Top right: Northwest Fish Culture Concepts 74th Annual Meeting;
Bottom: 9th Annual Lamprey Information Exchange
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Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission/PNAMP staff attended 3 different conferences on December 9th-11th: the 2025 Pacific Coast Steelhead Management Meeting, Northwest Fish Culture Concepts 74th Annual Meeting, and the 9th Annual Lamprey Information Exchange.

The **9th Annual Lamprey Information Exchange** hosted by the Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative kicked the first day off with a workshop and Portland General Electric (PGE) led a walking tour of the Willamette Falls PGE west side facilities. The tour provided an opportunity to learn about PGE's facilities and operations, including the powerhouse, fish ladder, and a view of the falls. Afterwards, participants attended a presentation and discussion on traditional ecological knowledge and the cultural significance of the Willamette Falls to the regional tribes at the new Tryon Creek Education Pavilion. Wednesday and Thursday were packed with informative sessions like Lamprey Passage, Restoration & Reintroduction, Status & Distribution, and Genetics & Contaminants. The Exchange was educational, fun, and the community working together on lamprey science were welcoming and knowledgeable. Learn more and get involved at: [Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative | Collaborative conservation of Pacific Lamprey](#)

The **74th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Fish Culture Concepts** was held in Pendleton,

Oregon and was hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT). It is supported by the Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society. The meeting began with a Tribal blessing and dancing and keynote speakers Jeremiah Bonifer and Joseph Oatman representing CTUIR and NPT respectfully. The program was fast paced, mixing quick ten-minute updates and more in-depth 20-minute talks, and raffle drawings at every break. With a lot of hatchery infrastructure at or over 40 years old, presenters shared lessons learned during renovations, repairs, and modifications to manage a decreasing water supply in a warming climate. Talks given on species cultured included chinook, coho, steelhead and rainbow trout, sockeye, lamprey, freshwater mussels, white sturgeon, burbot, and walleye. Other talks discussed controlling disease and parasites and adopting technological advances to improve workflow and data management as smart hatcheries evolve. Attendees were encouraged to visit the Tamástsiikt Cultural Institute while at the meeting at the Wildhorse Casino.

Every two years, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission sponsors meetings and discussion on steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) management at the **Pacific Coast Steelhead Management Meeting**. The 19th iteration of this meeting was held in Boise, Idaho and provided a platform for steelhead managers and researchers on a coastwide basis to discuss common problems and to share insights into possible solutions. This year's Steelhead Meeting set the scene with stock status reviews from Idaho, Washington, British Columbia, Oregon, California, and Alaska. The meeting then dove into specific steelhead management issues like adaptive management practices and collaborative efforts. Researchers also had the opportunity to showcase several emerging technologies and practices for monitoring steelhead like E-reporting, E-creel surveys, and parentage-based tagging (PBT). Discussions *spawned* from every session with lively conversation concerning the future of steelhead management and reflections on the past.



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