

Cowlitz Hydroelectric Project
FERC No. 2016
Cowlitz Fisheries Technical Committee
Final Meeting Summary
September 3, 2024 from 9:30 – 2:30

FTC Representative Attendees:

Melora Shelton	TPU
Bryce Glaser	WDFW
Amy Kocourek	NMFS
Jonathan Stumpf	TU

Additional Attendees:

Thomas Starkey-Owens	ECY
Josua Holowatz	WDFW
Brian Gale	WDFW
John Serl	WDFW
Kris Warner	WDFW
Kevin Young	WDFW
Jenise Bauman	TPU
Chris Vaughn	TPU
Matt Bleich	TPU
Eric Shoblom	TPU
Scott Gibson	TPU
Steve West	LCFRB
Ann Weckback	Lewis County
Michael Boyles	BPA
Russell Page	LCPUD
Lyn Wiltse	PDSA Consulting / Facilitator

Public Attendees: Larry Pryor, Randy LeDuc, and Jack Tipping

2024 FTC Meeting Dates: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3 (in person with a remote option)

Approval of August Meeting Summary

The revised version of the August FTC Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved with clarifying edits and will be posted for public review.

Updates

Hydro Operations (presentation emailed on September 2)

Melora described the following:

- Inflows: Inflows below or well below normal since May. August mean daily flow 1,593 (76% of historical average) despite above-normal precipitation.
- Storage: Riffe Lake drafted from 742 ft on August 1 to 732 ft on September 1 (729 ft recent average).
- Outflow: See [hydrograph](#), minimum flow 2K cfs. No flow or ramp exceedances.
- 10-day Forecast: Warm and dry. Inflows remain low, continued draft. Outflows as high as 6.5 K cfs by the end of the week.

