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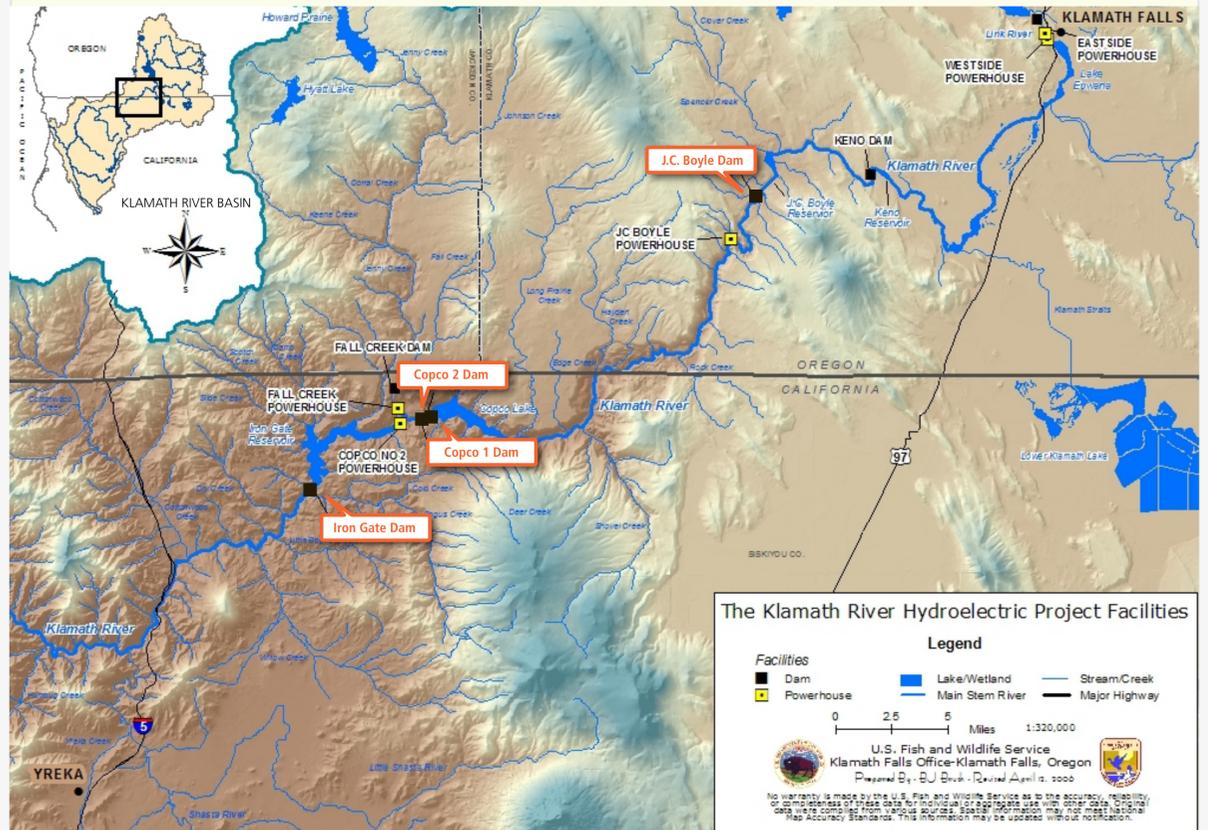
What is the Klamath Settlement EIS/EIR Process?

As part of the implementation of the Klamath Agreements, an environmental analysis will be conducted on the potential removal of four dams on the Klamath River (Iron Gate, Copco 1, Copco 2, and J.C.Boyle). This analysis will be conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), which will evaluate potential effects of the proposed dam removal, as specified in the Klamath Agreements.

The Proposed Action

The proposed action is to make a determination, pursuant to the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA), as to whether removal of the four lower dams on the Klamath River to achieve a free-flowing condition and allow full volitional passage of fish is in the public interest, will advance restoration of the salmonid fishery and is consistent with statutory obligations and tribal rights.

Excerpted from the Notice of Intent (NOI)



Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA)

The KHSA calls on the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a thorough scientific review of existing science, data and other information in order to be fully informed of the potential costs, benefits and liabilities associated with removing four Klamath River dams. The Secretary must determine whether, in his judgment, removal of the dams:

1. Will advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries of the Klamath Basin
2. Is in the public interest, which includes but is not limited to consideration of potential impacts on affected local communities and tribes

The information gained from these studies will also be utilized in the EIS/EIR analysis.

Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA)

The Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement is intended to result in effective and durable solutions which will:

1. Restore and sustain natural fish production and provide for full participation in ocean and river harvest opportunities of fish species throughout the Klamath Basin
2. Establish reliable water and power supplies which sustain agricultural uses, communities, and National Wildlife Refuges
3. Contribute to the public welfare and the sustainability of all Klamath Basin communities

