

Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Klamath Settlement EIS/EIR Process

Public Scoping Meetings
July 2010

Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Today's Agenda

- **Registration and Open House**
- **Welcome and Introduction**
- **Presentation on Project and Scoping Process**
 - **Dennis Lynch**, USGS, Program Manager for the Klamath Basin Secretarial Determination
 - **Mark Stopher**, Acting Regional Manager for the California Department of Fish and Game
- **Open House Stations**
 - Visit stations and talk to federal agency team and CA DFG team
- **Public Comment Forum**
 - Verbal and written comments

Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Meeting Objectives

- **Provide you information about the environmental review process for the two connected Klamath Agreements* and how you can be involved and informed**
- **Specifically, get your input to help us determine the scope and significant issues for environmental review**

*Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA)

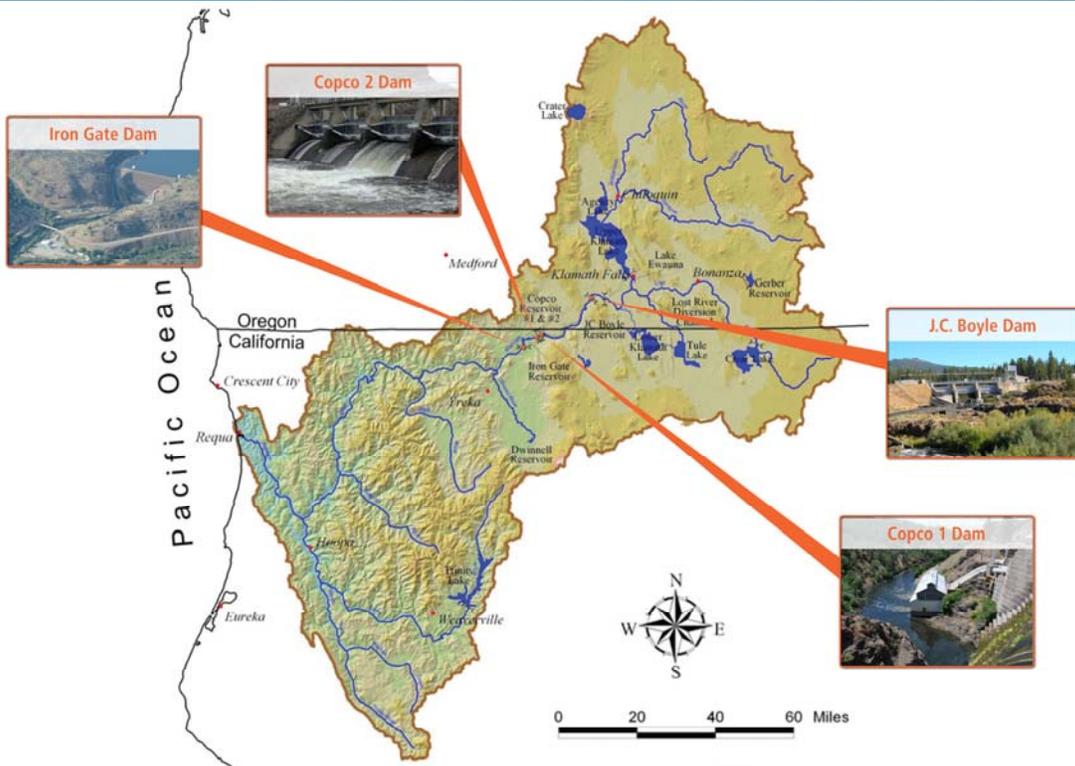
*Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA)

Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Klamath Basin Map



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

How did the Klamath Agreements come about?

- 2001 - Water deliveries to farmers were substantially reduced**
- 2002 - Major salmon die-off in lower Klamath River**
- 2005 - Limited commercial salmon fishing season**
- 2006 - Commercial salmon fishing season closed**
- 2007 - Limited commercial salmon fishing season**

Natural Resource Challenges Persist...

- 2010 - Irrigation shortages due to drought**
- 2010 - Klamath Tribes' c'waam fishery closed for 24th year**
- 2010 - Insufficient water to support the Klamath Basin wildlife refuges**



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement

The Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) lays out the process for studies, environmental review, and a Secretarial Determination as to whether removal of four dams owned by PacifiCorp:

- Will advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries of the Klamath Basin
- Is in the public interest, which includes local communities, tribes, and the nation



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement

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

- Restore and sustain natural fish production and provide for full participation in ocean and river harvest opportunities
- Establish reliable water and power supplies which sustain agricultural uses, communities, and National Wildlife Refuges



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

KBRA Components

- **Fisheries Restoration Plan**
- **Fisheries Reintroduction Plan**
- **Fisheries Monitoring Plan**
- **Water Diversion Limitation and Pumping Plan**
- **Water Rights Purchase Plan**
- **Drought Plan**
- **Environmental Water Plan**
- **Counties' Impacts-Mitigation and Benefits Program**
- **Tribal Programs**
- **Establishment of wildlife refuge water allocation**
- **Additional water conservation and storage actions**

Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

The Proposed Action

- *“The proposed action is to make a determination, pursuant to the KHSA, as to whether removal of the four lower dams on the Klamath River to achieve a freeflowing 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.”*
- *“The potential impacts of any connected actions, including any such actions under the KBRA, will be analyzed.”*

Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

What is the Purpose and Need of the Proposed Action?

- *“The purpose of the proposed Federal action is to advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries in the Klamath Basin that is in the public interest, and is consistent with the KHSA and the KBRA.”*
- *“... the Secretary needs to make a determination whether to proceed with the removal of the four PacifiCorp Dams on the Klamath River.”*



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Environmental Review Process

To determine whether these agreements will move forward, an environmental analysis must be conducted by both the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the California Department of Fish and Game.

The environmental analysis will comply with:

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Developing the EIS/EIR

The outcome of NEPA/CEQA compliance is an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).

The EIS/EIR will:

- Evaluate reasonable **alternatives** to the proposed project
- Identify significant **environmental effects**
- Propose **mitigation** to reduce or avoid environmental impacts
- Provide information for **public review** and comment
- Inform **decision makers**



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Public Input During Scoping

Your input will help shape the EIS/EIR.

- Alternatives to the proposed action
- Topics of concern to you
- Questions you want us to answer in the EIS/EIR
- Ways to minimize or avoid negative effects of the proposed action
- Suggestions of information sources





Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

How to Provide Comments

- **Comments for inclusion in the Scoping Report are due by July 21, 2010**
- **To provide comments today**
 - Comment Cards
 - Computer Stations
 - Oral Comment
- **To provide comments after today**
 - Online: KlamathRestoration.gov
 - Fax: (916) 978-5055
 - Mail/Email (send to one of the following):

Ms. Tanya Sommer	Ms. Caitlin Bean
Bureau of Reclamation	CA Department of Fish and Game
2800 Cottage Way, MP-152	601 Locust Street
Sacramento, CA 95825	Redding, CA 96001
Email: KlamathSD@usbr.gov	Email: KSDcomments@dfg.ca.gov

Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Open House Stations

- **Overview**
- **Maps**
- **Environmental Review Process and Timeline**
- **Topics to be Analyzed**
 - Cultural & Historic Resources
 - Economics
 - Engineering & Sediment
 - Fish & Wildlife (biology)
 - Real Estate
 - Recreation
 - Water Quality
- **Comments**



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Making Comments

- **What topics are of greatest concern to you and why?**
- **Are there additional topics that should be evaluated?**
- **What alternatives or mitigation measures do you think would help lessen or avoid impacts?**
- **Can you suggest information resources?**



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

Guidelines for Oral Comments

- **Fill out a speaker card.**
- **Everyone will be heard.**
- **Please be respectful.**
- **Agencies are here to listen. They will not be answering questions.**
- **Limit your comments to 3 minutes so others can speak.**

Thank You



Klamath Settlement



EIS/EIR PROCESS

For More Information

KlamathRestoration.gov

