

# Public Notice

## Proposed Removal of J.C. Boyle Dam: Extension of Public Comment Period

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is extending the public comment period for the draft section 401 water quality certification for the removal of the J.C. Boyle Dam on the Klamath River. DEQ will accept comments on the draft water quality certification from the public through 5 p.m. Monday July 23, 2018.

DEQ released a draft section 401 water quality certification on May 22, 2018. On June 12, 2018, DEQ held two public hearings in Klamath Falls, Oregon. DEQ has extended the public period to provide the public more time to consider DEQ's evaluation of the project and the conditions in the certification.

### Summary

On Sept. 23, 2016, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation applied to DEQ for Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the removal of the J.C. Boyle hydroelectric development. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation proposes to remove all physical features of the hydroelectric facility, revegetate the reservoir embankment, mitigate for impacts to affected resources, and monitor the effects on water quality.

DEQ expects dam removal to temporarily reduce water quality. However, DEQ also expects dam removal will result in a net ecological benefit and improved long-term water quality. For this reason, DEQ has completed a draft Section 401 Water Quality Certification that includes a time schedule for compliance. The certification establishes a time compliance schedule of 24 months after which DEQ expects project will no longer cause violations of water quality standards. To verify this expectation, DEQ will require the Klamath River Renewal Corporation to monitor water quality, consult with resource agencies, and perform corrective actions if impacts persist beyond the compliance time schedule.

### How can I submit written comments?

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Comments due: 5 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2018.

### About the Project

PacifiCorp Energy currently owns and operates the Klamath Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission No. 2082), a project that includes hydroelectric facilities on Link River and J.C. Boyle Dams

in Oregon and on Fall Creek, Copco No.1, Copco No.2, and Iron Gate Dams in California. On September 23, 2016, PacifiCorp and the Klamath River Renewal Corporation jointly applied to FERC to designate the J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate developments as a new FERC project (the "Lower Klamath Project," FERC No.14803) and transfer this license to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation simultaneously filed with FERC an application for license surrender and request to decommission the project.

Before FERC can issue a license authorizing removal of J.C. Boyle Dam, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation must first receive a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from DEQ. The Clean Water Act allows the states to determine if the activity will comply with state water quality rules and authorizes states to include conditions, as necessary, to ensure compliance with water quality standards.

### Where can I get more information?

View the draft certification and evaluation report at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Section-401-Hydropower.aspx>,

or contact Chris Stine, Hydroelectric Specialist

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