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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

September 25, 2024

In reply refer to: ECF-4

To: People interested in the Select Area Fisheries Enhancement (SAFE) Program

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed partial funding of the SAFE Program. The EA describes the project and why it is needed and discusses the environmental impacts the project would create. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the next steps for the project.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at the project website at *www.bpa.gov/nepa/SAFE*. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 65 pages), please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520.   Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

Please send your comments on the EA by **October 25, 2024** and reference the SAFE Program. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail:	Bonneville Power Administration	**Toll-free:**	800-622-4519
	Public Affairs – DKE-7	**FAX:**	503-230-4019
	P.O. Box 14428	**Online:**	*www.bpa.gov/comment*
	Portland, OR 97291-4428		

Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Comment scoping period	January 2 – February 2, 2024.
Draft EA available for public comment	September 25 – October 25, 2024
Final EA	Winter 2025
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Winter 2025

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-3493, or by e-mail at *dagambetta@bpa.gov*. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
Draft EA (if requested)
Comment Form
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