

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-303

AMEND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEWIS, CLARK, COWLITZ, SKAMANIA AND
WAHKIAKUM COUNTIES FOR THE LOWER
COLUMBIA FISH RECOVERY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) entered into an interlocal agreement with Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties to create a management board known as the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board via Resolution 99-494 on October 18, 1999, and amended to extend the contract duration via Resolutions 99-488, 99-494, 10-357, 15-249 and 20-413; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) is a 15-member board that works with technical experts to help develop habitat recovery plans for salmon determined to be at risk of extinction; and

WHEREAS, the board includes individuals who represent local governments, the state Legislature, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, a hydropower company, environmental interests, landowner interests and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board has proposed an additional amendment to the multi-county interlocal to extend the duration of the contract to December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the public's best interest to amend the interlocal agreement to extend the duration of the contract to December 31, 2030.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC hereby approves Amendment 6 to the interlocal agreement with Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties for the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board and authorizes the BOCC Chair - or his designee - to sign on behalf of Lewis County.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 28th day of October, 2025.

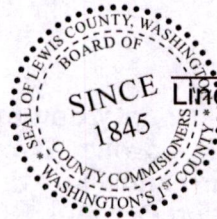
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

David Bailey
By: David Bailey,
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Scott J. Brummer
Scott J. Brummer, Chair

ATTEST:



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, CMC
Rieva Lester, CMC,
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of
County Commissioners

Sean D. Swope
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

**Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Interlocal Agreement Between
Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties**

Amendment #6

Amendment Type: Change in Duration

Background:

The counties represented on the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (Board) entered into an agreement for the purpose of providing for the operation, funding, and support of the management board established by RCW 75.56.050 (subsequently changed to RCW 77.85.200).

Under the original Interlocal Agreement, the Board was expected to sunset on June 30, 2002.

- Amendment #1: During the 2001 legislative session, the Governor signed a bill extending the sunset date of the Board to June 30, 2006.
- Amendment #2: During the 2005 legislative session, the Governor signed a bill extending the sunset date of the Board to June 30, 2010.
- During the 2009 Regular Legislative Session, House Bill 1063 was signed by the Governor on April 24, 2009 to remove the sunset date clause from the legislation.
- Amendment #3: In 2010, the counties agreed to amend the interlocal agreement to be reconsidered no later than July 1, 2015.
- Amendment #4: In 2015, the counties agreed to amend the interlocal agreement to be reconsidered no later than December 31, 2020.
- Amendment #5: In 2020, the counties agreed to amend the interlocal agreement to be reconsidered no later than December 31, 2025.

Given the Board continues to secure funding for their staff and operations from federal and state agencies to implement the salmon recovery and watershed management plans, the counties agree to continue the Interlocal Agreement.

It is agreed by the counties that the Interlocal Agreement shall be amended as follows in Section 10 to read:

Section 10. Duration. Given that the sunset date has been removed from the law, the counties agree to enforce this agreement and shall reconsider it no later than December 31, 2030.

In all other respects the Agreement, to which this is an amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this amendment,

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
FOR CLARK COUNTY

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
Prosecuting Attorney

Date: _____

By: _____

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COWLITZ COUNTY**

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
Prosecuting Attorney

Date: _____

By: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR LEWIS COUNTY

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

By: Stow T. Bunn
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
Prosecuting Attorney

Date: 10-28-25

By: DBay



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SKAMANIA COUNTY**

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
Prosecuting Attorney

Date: _____

By: _____

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WAHIAKUM COUNTY**

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
Prosecuting Attorney

Date: _____

By: _____

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LOWER COLUMBIA FISH RECOVERY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT is entered into under the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Chapter 39.34 RCW) by the counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania, and Wahkiakum.

Section 1. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Interlocal Agreement to provide for the operation, funding, and support of that certain management board established by RCW 75.56.050 and supersedes any prior agreement entered into between these parties related to such purpose.

Section 2. Management Board. The Management Board created by RCW 75.56.050 shall be known as the "Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board," which is hereby declared to be a local agency under state law. Appointments to the Board shall be made as provided for in RCW 75.56.050.

Section 3. Functions. The Management Board shall undertake those functions provided for in RCW 75.56.050. In particular, the Board shall undertake the following roles:

3.1 *Habitat Preservation and Restoration.*

- a. The Management Board will solicit, evaluate, rank, and pursue funding for fish habitat preservation and restoration projects. The Management Board will receive and disburse funds for such projects and will administer project contracts, monitor progress, and evaluate results.

- b. To facilitate habitat preservation and restoration work, the Management Board will conduct an assessment of the factors of decline on a stream-by-stream basis. The Management Board will maintain a technical advisory committee to assist in the assessment of habitat preservation and restoration needs and in the evaluation of projects and other fish recovery proposals.

3.2 *Recovery Planning.*

1. The Management Board will work with the National Fisheries Service, the state Salmon Recovery Office, and other local, state, and federal agencies and affected Indian tribes to develop a lower Columbia regional recovery plan for fish species listed or proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Key functions will include coordinating local efforts in developing habitat portions of the plan, coordinating local participation in the development of federal and state plan elements, and working with state and federal agencies to ensure elements form an integrated and comprehensive regional plan.
2. The Management Board may work with cities and counties to develop plans and ordinances and incentive programs for fish recovery. The Board will participate in hydro-project relicensing efforts to secure appropriate measures for fish recovery.

3.3 *Watershed Planning.*

The Management Board will serve as lead agency for watershed planning efforts for Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 25, 26, 27, and 28. In this capacity, the Management Board will provide staff and administrative support to the watershed planning group. The Management Board shall also work to ensure that watershed management and fish recovery plans are consistent and compatible with each other. To this end, the Management Board shall also participate in watershed planning efforts for WRIA 29 and others as deemed appropriate by the Board.

3.4 *Public Education and Involvement.*

The Management Board will work with state and local governments to develop and implement coordinated regional public education and involvement efforts. These efforts shall help inform the public of fish recovery issues, solicit public input on recovery plans and efforts, and promote volunteer participation in recovery and restoration activities.

Section 4. Bylaws. The Management Board shall adopt bylaws, policies, and procedures to govern its operations which are consistent with state law and this Interlocal Agreement.

Section 5. Staff. The Management Board may employ an executive director and other necessary employees.

Section 6. Administrative Support. The Management Board shall contract with one or more of the counties to this Interlocal Agreement or a council of governments to obtain accounting, purchasing, contracting, and other administrative support services. *Management Board shall be authorized to contract for independent legal counsel.*

Section 7. Budget/Assessments. The Management Board shall each year, in accordance with the county budget timetable, adopt a budget of revenues and expenditures for operations for the next calendar year. Such budget may include revenues from assessments to the participating counties only if such assessments have been unanimously agreed to by such counties.

Section 8. Insurance. Notwithstanding the immunity provided for in RCW 75.56.050(2), it is declared that acquisition of liability insurance is an appropriate expenditure for the Management Board.

Section 9. Reports. As provided for in RCW 75.56.050(4), the Management Board shall report on its progress on a quarterly basis to the five participating counties.

Section 10. Duration. Unless extended, this Interlocal Agreement shall terminate on July 1, 2002.

Section 11. Property. Upon termination, equipment or other property provided by a participating county shall be returned to such county. Assets acquired by the Management Board shall be equitably divided between the participating counties in accordance with the relative financial contributions made by each county.

Section 12. Authority. This Interlocal Agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 39.34 RCW. Its duration is set forth in Section 10; its purpose is set forth in Section 1; the manner of financing and establishing a budget is set forth in Section 7; provision for termination and disposal of property is set forth in Sections 10 and 11 and a joint board is provided for in Section 2.

ENTERED into on the dates shown interim below.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR CLARK COUNTY**

Attest:

Terrie Richards
Clerk to the Board

By:

Judith Stanton
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

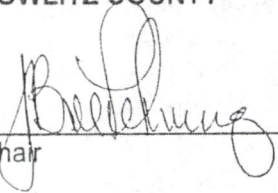
Robert J. Kow
Prosecuting Attorney

Date: 10-26-99

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COWLITZ COUNTY WASHINGTON

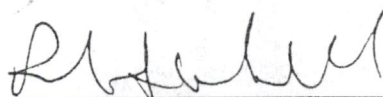
Attest:


Vickie M. Thurgate
Clerk of the Board


Chair

Date: Nov. 1, 1999

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:


Prosecuting Attorney - Dep.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LEWIS COUNTY AND CLARK,
COWLITZ, SKAMANIA AND WAHKIAKUM
COUNTIES REGARDING THE LOWER
COLUMBIA FISH RECOVERY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 99- 494

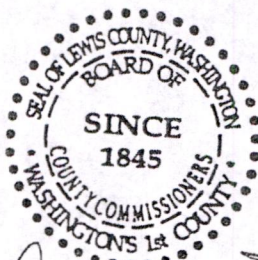
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis County has reviewed an Interlocal Agreement between Lewis County and Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties for a management board known as the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB), and

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest to authorize the execution of said Agreement for Lewis County; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves said Interlocal Agreement with Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties, and the Chairman is authorized to sign the same.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION, this 18th day of October, 1999.

ATTEST:



Kariss Duffley
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY WASHINGTON

Richard Graham
Richard Graham, Chairman

Russ Wigley
Russ Wigley, Member

Dennis Hadaller
Dennis Hadaller, Member



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY WASHINGTON

Attest:

Judy A. Carter
Chair

G. M. Olson
Clerk of the Board

Date: October 25, 1999

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Bruce J. [Signature]
Prosecuting Attorney

(131)
RESOLUTION NO. 131 -99

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAHIAKUM COUNTY
AND CLARK, COWLITZ, SKAMANIA AND LEWIS
COUNTIES REGARDING THE LOWER COLUMBIA FISH
RECOVERY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Wahkiakum County has reviewed an Interlocal Agreement between Wahkiakum County and Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Lewis Counties for a management board known as the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest to authorize the execution of said Agreement for Wahkiakum County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED, as follows:

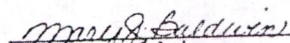
First: That the Inter-Local Agreement for Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board as set for in "Exhibit A" hereto is hereby authorized and approved.

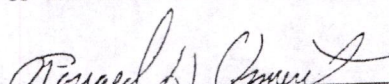
Second: That the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the originals of said Inter-Local Agreement on behalf of Wahkiakum County.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED in Regular Session this 26th day of October, 1999.

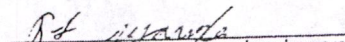
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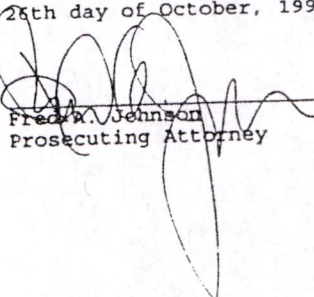
ATTEST:

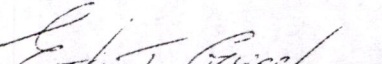

Mary J. Baldwin
Clerk of the Board


Ronald D. Ozment, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM this
26th day of October, 1999:


R.L. Marsyla, Commissioner


Fred A. Johnson
Prosecuting Attorney


Esther T. Gregg, Commissioner

Resolution No. 131 -99

BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution: 25-303

BOCC Meeting Date: Oct. 28, 2025

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Deliberation

Amend interlocal agreement between Lewis, Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties for the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

Contact: Rieva Lester

Phone: 360-740-1419

Department: BOCC - Board of County Commissioners

Description:

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