



and managed by the Bureau of Reclamation. This action has triggered Oregon's fish passage laws. The Applicant has requested a fish passage waiver in lieu of providing passage at Bowman Dam. In exchange for not providing fish passage at the Dam, the Applicant has proposed mitigation actions identified in the waiver application.

According to Greg Apke, ODFW Fish Passage Program coordinator, the Department or the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) may authorize a fish passage waiver if there are appreciable benefits to native migratory fish greater at the mitigation site(s) compared to if passage were provided at Bowman Dam.

ODFW has completed a net benefit analysis and a recommendation to the Commission that the proposed mitigation actions will not provide greater benefits than if passage were provided at the Dam. This fish passage waiver application along with the ODFW net benefit analysis and public comments will be presented to the Oregon Fish Passage Task Force for their recommendation at an upcoming virtual public meeting on Friday June 26, 2020. In addition to the Task Force Meeting, ODFW anticipates this action will be considered by the Commission at a future meeting date yet to be determined.

In the meantime, members of the public will have until June 22, 2020 to submit written comments on the proposed request and the Department's benefit analysis. The fish passage waiver application, the Department's benefit analyses and additional documentation provided by the Applicant are available at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/passage/>.

Members of the public can send written comments to or request additional information from Ted Wise, ODFW East Region Hydropower Program Coordinator at 61374 Parrell Road Bend, OR 97702, by e-mail, [ted.g.wise@state.or.us](mailto:ted.g.wise@state.or.us), or by calling (541) 633-1115. Comments are due June 22, 2020. Task Force and Commission meetings are open to the public and public testimony on this action can be provided.