

Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative

FY21 Regional Implementation Plan - Project Proposal Guidance

Each year, the Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative's (PLCI) Regional Management Unit groups (RMUs) meet to revise their Regional Implementation Plans (RIPs). These RIPs summarize the status and local threats to Pacific Lamprey and identify on-the-ground projects (e.g., habitat restoration, passage improvements, research, etc.) needed to address threats or information needs to Pacific Lamprey and their habitats in each RMU. The purpose of this process is to encourage communication and collaboration among partners, and facilitate the funding and implementation of high priority conservation and research projects that directly benefit Pacific and other lamprey species.

Overview of Annual Project Proposal Process

- Projects submitted through the RIP process must complete the accompanying project proposal template and submit to the appropriate RMU by date determined by RMU lead.
- RMUs review submitted proposals for technical soundness and feasibility and submit them to the Conservation Team by August 12, 2020
- Conservation Team members will review, score and rank project proposals from all RMUs
- The highest ranked projects will be recommended for funding through BPA, NFHP and other PLCI funding sources (depending on geographic restrictions and criteria set by funding entities).

FY21 Funding Opportunities

PLCI currently has three annual funding sources dedicated to supporting high priority lamprey projects submitted in RIPs. The following outlines specific project criteria, timelines, and reporting requirements for each funding source.

1. Northwest Power & Conservation Council – Bonneville Power Administration - Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative Columbia River Basin Projects

- **Who can apply:** Partners in Columbia River basin (CRB) RMUs (i.e., Willamette, Lower Columbia, Mid-Columbia, Upper Columbia, Snake basin and Mainstem RMUs), and partners proposing projects that span multiple RMUs so long as they include at least one CRB RMU
- **Funding amount:** Up to \$300K total annually (divided among multiple projects)
- **Projects eligible for funding:** Passage or infrastructure improvements, habitat restoration, assessments that inform range-wide or site-specific guidance that will lead to future on the ground projects or best management practices, research questions that inform management (e.g., acoustic tagging and migration, translocation, population structure, etc.).

- **Project implementation period:** Variable, depending on project goals (~12-18 months). Projects longer than 12 months must contract directly with BPA instead of PSMFC.
- **Important dates to remember: These dates are FIRM!**
 - Project template due to RMU lead.....July 2020 or TBD by RMU Lead
 - All projects presented to Conservation Team.....August 19, 2020
 - Conservation Team Review PeriodSeptember 2020
 - Conservation Team Project Selections.....Oct/Nov 2020
 - Results available to project leads.....January 2021
 - Environmental compliance and contracting.....Feb-April, 2021
 - Begin project implementation.....June 1, 2021
 - Mid-term update.....Nov/Dec, 2021
 - Project completion.....May 31 – Dec 30, 2022
 - Final written report due.....May 31 – Dec 30, 2022

2. National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) funding

- **Who can apply:** Partners in any RMU
- **Funding amount:** FY2021 –TBD
- **Projects eligible for funding:** Habitat restoration (including passage or infrastructure improvements) or habitat assessments, stakeholder outreach (including workshops), and monitoring.
- **Project implementation period:** ~18 months or until September 30th of next fiscal year
- **Important dates to remember:**
 - Project template due to RMU lead.....July 2020 or TBD by RMU Lead
 - All projects presented to Conservation Team.....August 19, 2020
 - Conservation Team Review PeriodSeptember 2020
 - Conservation Team Project Selections.....Oct/Nov 2020
 - Eligible projects submitted to NFHP board in Annual Workplan (dependent on project funding).....January 2021
 - Results available to project leads.....Feb/March, 2021
 - Contracting.....March, 2021
 - Begin project implementation.....March - May, 2021
 - Project completion.....Sept. 30, 2022
 - Final written report due.....Oct. 31, 2022

3. Miscellaneous end of year funding

- **Who can apply:** Partners in any RMU
- **Funding amount:** Varies, *typically* less than \$25K

- **Funding source(s):** Various agencies often have excess end of year funding that can be applied to “shovel ready” projects.
- **Projects eligible for funding:** All project types (including research and monitoring)
- **Project implementation period:** Varies, depending on funding source.
- **Work with PLCI coordinator to assist with funding opportunities**
- **Important dates to remember:**
 - Project template due to RMU lead.....July 2020 or TBD by RMU Lead
 - All projects presented to Conservation Team.....August 19, 2020
 - Timelines are variable for these contracts when awarded. The RMU lead (or person they direct you to) can provide more information once the Conservation Team has reviewed your project proposal.
 - Timelines from implementation to project completion are typically three years or less, with annual reporting requirements.

Project Proposal Criteria

These criteria will be used by the RMUs and Conservation Team to review, score and rank project proposals.

1. Detailed Project Description:

The proposed work, including specific objectives and goals, is clearly described.

2. Linkage of actions to Identified Threats for lampreys in RMU:

The threat(s) the project addresses and how these threats will be addressed by implementing the project is clearly stated.

3. Species/Habitat Benefits:

The proposal cites data that lamprey species are either currently and/or historically present in the project area.

4. Measurable Results:

The proposal clearly states how the project will provide meaningful measurable results to improve lamprey populations (clearly indicating at which life stage(s)) and/or habitat conditions.

5. Priority Objectives and Goals:

The proposal clearly states which and how the project directly addresses objectives and goals from relevant strategies and/or restoration/management plans (e.g., PLCI Conservation Agreement, BPA/NWPCC Fish, NFHP National Conservation Strategies, USFWS Climate Change Strategies, CRITFC Tribal Restoration Plan, US Army Corps Lamprey Passage Improvement Implementation Plan, PUD Management Plans, etc.)

6. Project Design / Feasibility:

The designs for the project are complete already or will be completed before planned project implementation.

The appropriate permits are in place already or will be in place before planned project implementation.

The project will be implemented within the defined timeframe (see funding criteria).

7. Partner Engagement and Support:

The partners who are supporting and implementing the project are clearly stated.

There are matching funds or in-kind services that directly contribute to the project.

8. Monitoring and Reporting:

It is clearly stated how the project's benefits to lampreys will be monitored over time.

9. Budget and Timeline:

The budget and timeline are clearly stated and meet funding criteria.