

MAFAC CBP Task Force
Proposal: Engaging Students and the Next Generation
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Objective and rationale:

The Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force developed a long-term vision for salmon and steelhead recovery in our Phase 1 Report. A key driver of the Task Force is to ensure that future generations enjoy healthy, abundant, and harvestable salmon and steelhead runs in the Columbia River Basin. This proposal seeks to create an opportunity to engage college-level students to provide input into the Task Force work prior to completion and the Phase 2 Report. With Task Force vision and goals extending out over 100 years, it will be up to the next generation to interpret, mobilize and adapt achieve those goals. However, it is also important for Task Force members to listen and hear what expectations our future leaders have for them. Seeking their views now will enhance the likelihood of buy-in and future success, but perhaps more importantly help the current Task Force develop the map that they need to get to a world with healthy and harvestable salmon and steelhead populations.

Proposed approach:

Given limited time and resources, we propose the following steps and activities:

1. Outreach to students around the Columbia Basin. NOAA Fisheries staff will organize a list of university and other organizations with input from CBP Task Force members and others. (February)
2. Send notice to notice describing CBP Task Force effort, products and list of questions for students to respond. See proposed questions below. (Early March)
3. Create opportunities for student input. Consider introductory webinar (late March) and second webinar to collect input (late April). Include as many CBP Task Force members as can attend. Accept written comments anytime through early May.
4. Consolidate all input for CBP Task Force consideration. (Mid-May)

Proposed questions to prompt input:

- How do you view the CBP vision and (qualitative and quantitative) goals for Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead in the Phase 1 Report?
- How would you describe the key challenges, priorities and opportunities you see for salmon and steelhead recovery into the future?
- What suggestions do you have for the CBP Task Force to make our work meaningful, implementable, and achievable?
- What sort of Columbia Basin do you want to see in the next 10-30 years?

Sample outreach list

Seek input from Task Force & to be further organized by NOAA staff.

Target university undergraduate and graduate students, but not limited to those groups:

- Fisheries, natural resources, agriculture and environmental policy departments at universities in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho; and Tribal colleges
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Youth Council
- NOAA & other programs – Hollings scholars, Sea Grant, Knauss Fellows
- Summer outdoor camps?
- Others?