



YAKAMA NATION – YAKIMA KCLICKITAT FISHERIES PROJECT

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Wanawish Dam Improvements – Request for Proposals

September 15th, 2025

Yakama Nation - Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP) is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to develop alternatives for the Wanawish Dam Improvement project. The project entails developing alternatives that improve irrigation reliability, fish passage, fish harvest, and minimizes operation and maintenance costs. Wanawish Dam is in Benton County, WA, on the Yakima River at 46°22'42.8"N 119°25'03.0"W. We are inviting interested parties to submit proposals in accordance with specifications outlined in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

Proposals will be accepted electronically until 4 pm PST on October 31, 2025.

Inquiries and clarifications about this RFP may be directed to YKFP via email at favs@yakamafish-nsn.gov (cc Chris Perra at perc@yakamafish-nsn.gov and Michael Porter at portm@yakamafish-nsn.gov) no later than **4 pm PST on September 23, 2025**. YKFP will answer each inquiry and electronically provide a copy of all questions and answers by 5 pm PST on **October 15, 2025**.

The consultant will be required to obtain an annual Yakama Nation Business License and provide a copy of the certificate to YKFP upon signing the applicable Contract. Additionally, the contractor shall submit a copy of the renewed license each year by **January 31** for the duration of the Contract's performance period. The contractor must contact the Yakama Nation Department of Revenue directly for questions and to apply: revenue@yakama.com. The successful contractor will be required to comply with federal laws and regulations and applicable provisions of the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (YN), in conjunction with Columbia Irrigation District (CID), Barker Ranch, Washington State Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and other project partners, are designing and constructing improvements to Wanawish Dam on the Yakima River, located at river mile 18 to the northwest of the City of Richland, WA. Wanawish Dam was originally constructed in 1892 and is the primary point of diversion for CID and Barker Ranch. The CID and Barker Ranch canals have a combined capacity of approximately 210 cubic feet per second (cfs). The facility comprises a low-head diversion dam structure across the Yakima River, fish ladders, and canal headwork structures on both riverbanks with their associated ancillary features such as fish screening and bypass systems. Wanawish Dam and the right bank diversion and canal is owned by CID, the left bank diversion is owned by Barker Ranch, while the fish ladders, and fish screen and bypass system are owned and operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

YN, CID, Barker Ranch, and WDFW desire to improve passage and operations at the Wanawish Dam through design and construction/reconstruction of headworks, spillway, and fish

passage improvements to achieve long-term, multidisciplinary objectives. The project is expected to span over 6 years through multiple phases of design and construction.

Overarching goals:

- Eliminate or substantially reduce mortality and injury to juvenile and adult salmonids occurring at the Wanawish Diversion facility.
- Significantly reduce the impact of water stargrass on CID and Barker Ranch irrigation diversion operations.
- Maintain CID and Barker Ranch diversion capacities.
- Identify and assess opportunities for adult and juvenile fish monitoring at Wanawish Dam.
- Enhance Tribal fish harvest opportunities.

Project Objectives:

- Substantially reduce the predation rate of juvenile and adult salmonids by piscivorous birds and fishes.
- Reduce entrainment and mortality of juvenile fish as fish pass through the existing headgates, by redesigning headgates and placing them parallel to the riverbank, or, if feasible, eliminate entrainment by using in-river fish screens.
- Improve sediment transport, reduce aquatic vegetation entrainment and help sweep juvenile fish past the diversion intake to improve irrigation water delivery reliability and reduce smolt mortality.
- Reduce facility maintenance needs.
- Ensure the uninterrupted supply of water to CID and Barker Ranch during construction.
- Reduce the hazard that the dam presents to recreationalists by addressing the severe hydraulics beneath the dam.
- Ensure that fish passage and water delivery objectives can be met, including during extreme low flow conditions.
- Identify and assess opportunities for adding fish monitoring capabilities to Wanawish Diversion.
- Enhance Tribal fish harvest opportunities by improving fishing access and considering adult fish migration routes through the diversion.

PROJECT APPROACH AND SCOPE

This scope of work (SOW) describes the conceptual design phase of the project to be completed by the consultant.

SUMMARY SCOPE OF WORK

- Task 1 – *Alternatives Analysis, Stakeholder Coordination, Technical Assistance and Project Management*. To provide facilitation and coordination of stakeholder meetings and communicating technical information and project updates to stakeholders.
 - Task 1.1 Project Management
 - Task 1.2 Project Coordination Meetings
 - Task 1.3 Facilitate Alternative Formulation Workshop
 - Task 1.4 Facilitate Alternative Selection
- Task 2 – *Site Investigations and Objectives Development*. To refine the goals and objectives of the project and to develop the information needed to adequately evaluate conceptual design alternatives.
 - Task 2.1 Review and refinement of Goals and Objectives
 - Task 2.11 Obtain and Review Available Background Information
 - Task 2.12 Formalize Project Goals and Objectives, working with project partners
 - Task 2.2 Site Investigations
 - Task 2.21 Topographic and Bathymetric Surveys
 - Task 2.22 Initial Field Investigations
 - Task 2.23 Physical Monitoring Activities (water level, debris, withdrawal efficiency, etc.)
- Task 3 – *Design Alternative Criteria Development and Assessment*. To generate multiple ideas and approaches that meet the goals and objectives of the project and ultimately assess the developed concepts against each other.
 - Task 3.1 Develop Initial Range of Potential Alternatives
 - Task 3.2 Formulate and Evaluate Preliminary Alternatives
 - Task 3.3 Develop criteria and a decision process for selecting a preferred alternative
 - Task 3.4 Prepare Draft and Final Conceptual Design Alternatives Formulation and Assessment Report

FULL SCOPE OF WORK

TASK 1. ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS, STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Contractor will facilitate and coordinate the development of conceptual level alternatives for Wanawish Dam, ensuring satisfactory engagement from project partners as well as with the broader stakeholder group. Contractor will provide periodic progress reports to support Yakama Nation (YN) submittal of reports required by funders.

It is expected during this conceptual phase of design development that there will be a significant need for partner and stakeholder coordination and facilitation. Regular meetings, phone calls, other communications with YN and project partners will be required to maintain partner and stakeholder agreement, capture project vision/goals/objectives, clearly understand constraints, and incorporate feedback that arises as part of the project alternatives analysis process. Coordination activities, including regularly scheduled progress updates and coordinated design updates or reviews at major project milestones or levels of completion, are expected to continue throughout the design process. Specific technical discussions occurring at different phases of the project will be included as part of other specific subtasks.

As part of alternatives development, which is further discussed under Task 3, the contractor shall develop and hold an alternative development workshop. This workshop will take place over the course of several days and will solicit the participation of not only the project partners, but also project stakeholders. The workshop will provide attendees with a summary of the information compiled under Task 2 to give the group the same foundational understanding of the project. Workshop participants will then be expected to contribute to the development of different conceptual ideas or design elements that address project goals and objectives. Finally, participants will contribute to the development of a scoring rubric by which the alternatives could be compared. As the contractor works through Task 3, there shall be at least three additional meetings to provide updates on the alternatives development, including a final meeting presenting the Final Conceptual Design Alternatives Formulation and Assessment Report at a Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Workgroup Meeting.

Task 1.1 Project Management

Services

- Initiate internal project management communications and controls to effectively manage scope, schedule, budget, and quality.
- Prepare invoices and contribute to progress reporting documentation as stipulated by grant requirements. Typically grants require bi-annual progress reports, and the contractor would be expected to provide reporting at least three weeks prior to the due date. The due dates are expected to fall on March 9th and October 10th of each year.
- Carry out regular administrative activities, provide guidance, and coordinate multi-disciplinary integration of the project team.
- Perform regular coordination, information sharing, schedule management, risk register

updates, etc.

- Prepare a Project Management and Quality Plan outlining the project scope, team organization, schedule, budget, and quality control review schedule for anticipated deliverables.
- Initiate and maintain an electronic file sharing directory. Collaborate with all stakeholders in ensuring that the YN provided project management software platform is maintained and up to date with current budgets, schedules and documents. Yakama Nation currently uses Procore project management software.

Assumptions

- Project duration is anticipated to be approximately 18 months from when initial contracting is completed.
- All reports and deliverables shall be completed in accordance with YN and NOAA requirements.

Deliverables

- Monthly invoices and progress reports.
- Action item and risk register.

Task 1.2 Update and Coordination Meetings

Services

- Develop list of Technical Working Group (TWG) participants.
- Coordinate and facilitate monthly project progress meetings with YN, CID, Barker Ranch, USBOR, and WDFW (Management Team).
- Prepare and distribute quarterly progress reports to TWG.
- Schedule and facilitate at least two remote and two in person quarterly meetings for TWG (Coordination Meetings). The in-person meetings will have a maximum of 40 attendees. The contractor shall provide the venue and refreshments for the two in person meetings
- Coordinate and facilitate a one-time Project kick-off meeting with the TWG onsite at Wanawish Dam.

Assumptions

- The project kick-off meeting will occur onsite at Wanawish Dam.
- In person TWG Coordination Meetings will be in Yakima, Toppenish, or Tri-Cities. The selected consultant will secure the meeting venues.
- Monthly project progress meetings with the Management Team will be remote with the consultant providing the virtual software platform.
- Monthly project progress meetings will be one hour in duration.

- Kick-off meeting with the TWG will be up to four hours in duration.
- Quarterly meetings with TWG will be up to four hours in duration.
- Draft agenda and meeting notes shall be provided to the Management Team for review and approval 10 days prior to meetings with TWG.
- After each TWG Coordination Meeting, the consultant will prepare a draft quarterly progress report that incorporates meeting minutes and summary of the meeting discussion. This report should include, at a minimum, details about project progress, accomplishments, funding updates, and an updated timeline for project implementation. The draft progress report will be provided to the Management Team electronically for review. The final progress report will be distributed by the consultant to TWG.

Deliverables

- Meeting agenda, meeting notes, and record of meeting attendance for all meetings.
- Quarterly progress reports to TWG in PDF format.
- PowerPoint presentations made to TWG during quarterly meetings in Microsoft PowerPoint format, and other illustrations, and technical content as needed.

Task 1.3 Perform Alternative Formulation Workshop

Services

- Upon completion of Task 2.0 activities, develop and facilitate a multi-day Alternative Formulation Workshop that will perform a functional analysis of potential project elements and incorporate those elements into a wide range of project alternates that address project objectives, goals, and risks.
- Identify a venue that can comfortably host a maximum Workshop participant size of 40. Provide refreshments and lunch at the Workshop.
- Identify TWG participants that will attend the Alternative Formulation Workshop and identify a date and time for the workshop.

Assumptions

- The final format of the workshop shall be formalized at the discretion of the Management Team and the selected consultant.
- The Alternative Formulation Workshop could occur over the course of one multi-day workshop or over the course of multiple workshop meetings spread across a timespan of a few months.
- Up to 20 different alternatives will be considered during the Alternative Formation Workshop. Alternatives identified but not included in this list will be recorded with reasons for dismissal.

Deliverables

- Workshop plan that outlines the Workshop agenda, goals and objectives, and instructions to be provided to participants during workshop activities in PDF format.
- Meeting agenda, notes, and record of attendance in PDF format.
- Draft and final report summarizing the alternatives developed during the Alternatives Formulation Workshop delivered in PDF format.

Task 1.4 Facilitate Alternative Selection

Services

- Schedule and facilitate at least one remote and two in person meetings during the completion of Task 2. This shall include a presentation of the Final Conceptual Design Alternatives Formulation and Assessment Report at a Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Workgroup Meeting. The contractor will not need to secure a venue or provide refreshments for the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Workgroup Meeting, but will be expected to do so for the other in person meeting (maximum of 40 attendees).

Assumptions

- For budgetary purposes, it is assumed that up to twenty potential options will advance to be included in the initial qualitative summary (Task 3.1). Options identified but not included in the list will include reasoning for dismissal.

Deliverables

- Monthly invoices and progress reports.
- Action item and risk register.
- Meeting agenda, notes, and record of attendance.

TASK 2. SITE INVESTIGATIONS AND OBJECTIVES DEVELOPMENT

Contractor will collect existing information about the dam, work with the project partners to develop goals and objectives for the project, identify existing data gaps, and prepare a data collection plan that upon completion will provide a suitable baseline level of technical understanding of the site setting to begin alternatives development. Because Wanawish Dam was rebuilt in 1997 after the Yakima River experienced a 100-year flood that destabilized the previous dam structure, there is a good existing record of design plans and reports for the current structure. In addition, there are several previous and ongoing studies that help provide insight regarding issues related to fish passage, predation, and aquatic vegetation at and around the study site.

Once the contractor can adequately summarize the existing information about the dam, the contractor will facilitate the development of project goals and objectives with project partners. This will involve soliciting project priorities from each partner and synthesizing that information into a set of goals and objectives that best reflect those priorities. These goals and

objectives will be integral to shaping all future stages of the design process and may be revisited as new substantial information becomes available. Upon comparing available information to project goals and objectives, the contractor will be responsible for identifying existing data gaps to be addressed to enable TWG to begin developing informed conceptual alternatives under Task 3.

The contractor will conduct site investigations to review and collect information as necessary to complete work under Task 3. These site investigations will include topographic surveys, hydrographic surveys, geotechnical investigations, sediment continuity and geomorphic assessments, review fish behavior and mortality studies, and physical monitoring activities. These site investigations include both physical and biological assessments of conditions at and near the dam. Existing data will be obtained from the USGS, USBOR, USACE, and other sources where available.

Task 2.1 Formulation of Goals and Objectives

Task 2.1.1 Obtain and Review Available Background Information

Services

- Review historical records about Wanawish Dam, including records about the previous structure and fish passage facilities.
- Work with Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program and Yakama Nation Fisheries archeologists to compile non-sensitive information about historical and contemporary use of the area around Wanawish Dam to harvest tribal treaty trust resources.
- Develop a formal request for information from potential entities that may have useful information about Wanawish Dam or the surrounding area. Organize and file information into an electronic document directory accessible by the Management Team.
- Review of previous design reports of the existing structure and all associated facilities including fish passage facilities.
- Review of existing as-built drawings for Wanawish Dam and all associated facilities.
- Review previous biological studies that may contain relevant information about Wanawish Dam especially as they relate to fisheries and aquatic vegetation.
- Identify key data gaps that need to be filled prior to developing alternatives.
- Prepare a report that summarizes results of the background review and data gaps assessment.

Assumptions

- Management Team will assist in acquiring available information about the site. If a piece of identified information is not available, it will be noted as a data gap.
- The draft and final report will include the following types of information:
 - Overview of the historical operation of the facility.
 - Risks and uncertainties for the project.
 - Known data gaps in the historical record for Wanawish Dam and their influence

on project advancement.

- This report is expected to be around 30-50 pages, including all figures, attachments, etc.

Deliverables

- Draft and final report that provides a history of Wanawish Dam, an overview of the current structure, and an overview of the structures existing performance related to the delivery of water, fish passage, and fish harvest in PDF format.
- Information and data tracking log of identified existing reports and information.

Task 2.12 Formalize Project Goals and Objectives

Services

- Facilitate discussions with project partners to synthesize individual partner priorities into a focused list of goals and objectives for the project during initial monthly project progress meetings with the Management Team and quarterly meetings with the TWG.
- Summarize project goals and objectives in a draft and final report.

Assumptions

- The draft and final report will include the following types of information:
 - Summary of project goals and objectives covering physical, biological, and operational elements.
 - Summary of operational and maintenance targets along with their constraints.

Deliverables

- Brief draft and final report with a length of 10-20 pages summarizing individual project priorities, the discussions about how those were distilled into a focused list of goals and objectives, and the agreed upon goals and objectives for the project in PDF format.

Task 2.2 Site Investigations

Task 2.21 Topographic and Hydrographic Surveys

Services

- Assess whether existing publicly available lidar is suitable for use at the site.
 - If there are no recent surveys of the site, survey elevations at key points on the dam and associated infrastructure.
- Produce a digital elevation model of the entire project area including Yakima River bathymetry.
 - Use Washington State Plane South, NAD83 (HARN), NAVD88 (Geoid 12b), US Survey Feet unless otherwise specified.
 - Area of interest covering at least two miles upstream and one mile downstream of Wanawish Dam.

- Include additional bathymetric ground, water column, water surface classifications.
- Review the calibration used in the data acquisition.
- Assessment of accuracy that meets the guidelines of the National Standard for Spatial Data Accuracy (FGDC 1998 and ASPRS 2014).

Assumptions

- Contractor can use bathymetric lidar, rod shots, and single beam sonar or a combination thereof for data collection, whichever is deemed most cost effective.
- Should the extent of the proposed survey require expansion beyond the original scope, a contract amendment will be provided to accommodate the additional data collection requirements.

Deliverables

- Digital elevation model of the site delivered in raster format.
- A report shall be written that provides an overview of the data collection efforts, documents calibration procedures, analyzes data accuracy, and provides metadata for all geospatial deliverables in pdf format.
- Location and orthometric height of all ground control points in shapefile format.
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- Interpolated bathymetric surface with any data voids identified in raster format.
- PDF copy of basemap and contours depicting collected survey data.

Task 2.22 Initial Field Investigations

Services

- Conduct a multi-day field investigation attended by a multi-disciplinary team including engineers, biologists, and geomorphologists.
- Document key observations related to physical, biological, and operational characteristics of the Project site.
- Provide recommendations for key field investigations that may be required as part of future Project efforts.
- Prepare and submit a Draft and Final Field Investigation Report.

Assumptions

- All costs associated with travel and lodging to be included as part of this task.
- Consultant to establish and review with YN an investigation plan and agenda prior to deployment.

Deliverables

- Draft Field Investigation Report in Microsoft word format.
- Final Field Investigation Report in PDF format.

Task 2.23 Physical Monitoring Activities (water level, debris, withdrawal efficiency, etc.)

Services

- Establish water surface elevation monitoring points (stilling wells) at locations around the project area such as the diversion forebay, below fish ladders.
- Assess the withdrawal efficiency of the existing two diversions.
- Document debris accumulation on the dam, within the diversions, and at fish passage structures.
- Monitoring of any other physical attributes of the dam that were identified in the data gaps analysis.

Assumptions

- All costs associated with travel and lodging to be included as part of this task.
- Consultant to establish and review with YN an investigation plan and agenda prior to deployment.

Deliverables

- Report that documents the physical monitoring activities, presents the methodologies used in conducting the monitoring, reviews the qa/qc of the collected data, and summarizes the results in PDF format.

TASK 3. CONCEPTUAL DESIGN ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT

Contractor will summarize background data, new data, project goals, and previous discussions among stakeholders so that the TWG may readily synthesize all available information to assess conceptual design alternatives. Alternatives will be assessed against each other potentially using a matrix or other evaluation process. Results, conclusions, and feedback obtained during this task will be documented and reflected in a Draft and Final Preliminary Alternatives Formulation and Evaluation Report as part of Task 3.3.

Task 3.1 Develop Initial Range of Potential Alternatives

Services

- Review the concept alternatives and design elements that were initially developed during the alternative formulation workshop.
- Produce draft technical drawings that help provide an overview of the identified alternatives.

- Synthesize the discussion and produced materials from the Alternatives Formulation Workshop into a report that summarizes the outcomes of the workshop.
- List of additional information necessary to reduce uncertainty or risks associated with each concept.
- A discussion of any high level initial fatal flaw analyses discussed during the workshop and documentation of concepts eliminated from further consideration at this time.

Assumptions

- The level of effort to prepare for, coordinate, and facilitate engagements with the TWG are accounted for in Tasks 1.3 and 1.4.
- For budgetary purposes, it is assumed that the qualitative summary of initial project options will compare up to twenty potential options. Options identified but not included in the list will include reasoning for dismissal.

Deliverables

- Draft and final report summarizing the alternatives developed during the Alternatives Formulation Workshop delivered in PDF format.

Task 3.2 Formulate and Evaluate Preliminary Alternatives

Services

- Further evaluate each concept to better understand its hydraulic and operational characteristics.
- Draw and define each of the concepts such that the design intent is clearly communicated using a common drawing format.
- Summary describing each concept's key characteristics and operations.
- List of pros and cons for each concept.
- Incorporate feedback obtained from the TWG during Coordination Meetings to refine the alternatives, along with their illustrations and narratives.
- Develop evaluation criteria that best reflects the project goals and objectives and use it to construct an evaluation matrix to assess each alternative.
- Engineer's Opinions of Probable Construction Costs (OPCC) for up to four alternatives.
- Eliminate and document any alternatives that are identified to have fatal flaws that can't be addressed.

Assumptions

- Up to four alternative concepts will be advanced to a concept level of design.
- Illustrations at the initial alternative formulation stage will be made to a preliminary, illustrative level of detail.

- Cost data for each of the four initial alternatives shall be developed to a Class 5 level of detail per AACE guidelines. Class 5 Cost Opinions will have a range of accuracy based upon AACE International Recommended Practice No. 18R-97, Class 5, 0- to 2- percent project definition, +60% to -35% Range of Accuracy.

Deliverables

- Illustrative drawings of each alternative.
- Evaluation matrix or other comparative tool displaying evaluations for each alternative
- Electronic .pdf version of cost data tables summarizing results of OPCC development and O&M level of effort

Task 3.3 Prepare Final Conceptual Design Alternatives and Assessment Report

Services

- Identify any uncertainties and/or risks associated with each alternative, and a means to address these issues.
- Prepare and submit draft conceptual design and assessment report and associated appendices.
- Prepare and submit final conceptual design and assessment report and associated appendices.

Assumptions

- Up to four alternative designs shall be evaluated
- Comments received from TWG participants shall be recorded
- The Alternatives Formulation and Evaluation Report should include sections detailing a summary of the key biological, physical, and operational conditions that influence alternative formulation, the key remaining limitations and uncertainties, and opinions of probable construction costs

Deliverables

- Draft Conceptual Design and Assessment Report and associated Appendices
- Final Conceptual Design and Assessment Report and associated Appendices

*Comment-response tracking log to record comments received by the TWG as part of each document review.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals shall be no more than 20 pages, including a cover letter and attachments, and must comprehensively address the following:

Qualifications & Relevant Experience:

- Describe the overall experience of your firm working on this type of project and working with Washington State Tribes.
- Identify the consultant team and each member's technical expertise, years of experience working on dams that have intentionally designed fish passage elements, experience working in the Yakima Basin, and relevant certifications and licenses. Resumes and/or general statements of qualification can be included as an appendix.
- Identify the project manager and describe their relevant skills and experience.
- Provide evidence of the consultant team effectively working together on past projects.
- Characterize expertise in salmonid fish biology, predation by piscivorous birds and fish of native species, and fish population monitoring.
- Describe at least three completed projects that demonstrate experience in:
 - Improving the reliability of irrigation diversions.
 - Relevant infrastructure design, including fish passage structures and bypass systems.
 - Finding consensus amongst a large project team composed of many stakeholders.
 - Working within budgets and timeframes.
 - Planning for and adapting to project contingencies.

*Please provide references for these projects, including current contact information.

*While an understanding of the Lower Yakima River must be demonstrated, scoring will not give preference for in-watershed experience.

Technical Approach:

- Describe your approach to accomplishing the proposed project activities and services.
- Outline approach for facilitating a collaborative environment to develop and assess alternatives.
- Describe how you would mitigate significant entrainment of aquatic vegetation and other debris into diversions and fish passage structures.
- Describe how geomorphologic and hydrologic context will be incorporated into assessing alternatives.
- Address how alterations to the dam could reduce predation around the site by piscivorous birds and fish and improve fish survival.
- Detail methods for reducing operation and maintenance costs at the facility.
- Outline approach for incorporating traditional Yakama Nation fish harvesting opportunities into design.
- Describe how you would incorporate construction expertise into your design team.

Budget, Scope and Schedule:

Provide detailed descriptions of the scope of work for the identified tasks, including a concise budget narrative and cost proposal. Include a proposed schedule for the tasks described. A final budget will be agreed upon during contract negotiations.

Proposal term:

Proposal cost shall be valid until **June 1, 2026**.

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

Funding for the project detailed in this solicitation is provided in part with Federal NOAA Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal grant funds. Recipients of these grants and their subcontractors are required to meet certain contract requirements including federal requirements (www.SAM.gov). It is highly recommended that the applicant review the relevant CFR sections available on the US Government Publishing Office's webpage: (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-41>).

NOAA explicitly specifies that a "Buy America Preference" requirement is associated with NOAA Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal grant funds. Applicants must incorporate NOAA's "Buy America Preference" requirements into submitted proposals (<https://www.commerce.gov/oam/policy/financial-assistance-policy>).

*Currently, additional funding for this project is being solicited, by Yakama Nation, from the Washington State Department of Ecology through the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

SUBMITTAL

Please submit your proposal electronically to Chris Perra at perc@yakamafish-nsn.gov (cc Scott Favrot at favs@yakamafish-nsn.gov and Michael Porter at portm@yakamafish-nsn.gov) no later than **4 pm PST on October 31, 2025**. Late submissions will not be considered. We will schedule follow-up video conferences to discuss the proposed scope and methodology with respondents. Consultant selection shall be on or before **November 19, 2025**. Final conceptual designs and assessment report for the final four selected alternatives shall be completed by **October 31, 2027**.

Proposal Scoring

The grant recipient(s) will be selected based on the methodology and scope of work proposed, strength of project team, and demonstrated commitment to process-based restoration. At least three Yakama Nation staff will independently score each proposal. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Firm expertise and regional experience	10
Project understanding	15
Team qualifications	10
Relevant experience	10
Technical merit/scope of work	30
Cost competitiveness	15
Proposed timeline for project execution	10
Total	100

Key Dates

RFP Release Date	9/15/2025
Deadline for Questions	9/23/2025
Question Responses Supplied	10/15/2025
Proposal Submission Deadline	10/31/2025
Contract Award Date	11/19/2025
Earliest Anticipated Notice to Proceed	6/1/2026
Site Investigations Completed	10/31/2026
Final Conceptual Designs Report	10/31/2027
Performance Period Expiration Date	3/31/2028

*We look forward to receiving your proposal and collaborating on this important project.

PROPOSAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Consultants are responsible for knowledge of the project area and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the proposal and contract documents. Consultant failure to address and include the foregoing shall not relieve the consultant from any obligation in respect to its proposal. The contract documents contain the provisions required for the work of the project. Information obtained from an officer, agent, or employee of the Government or any other person shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the consultant or relieve the consultant from fulfilling any of the conditions of the contract.

Prospective proponents may not condition their proposal. The award will be based on a best value approach. Any proposal may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for proposal submission. Any proposal received after the date and time specified shall not be considered. No consultant may withdraw a proposal within 60 days after the actual date of submission. Should there be reasons why the contract cannot be awarded within the specified

period, dates may be extended by mutual agreement between YKFP and the successful proponent.

Rejection of Proposals: YKFP reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to not make an award. The award of the contract, if made, will be made to the consultant submitting the best-value proposal. YKFP reserves the right to waive any informalities or errors in the proposal that, in the sole opinion of YKFP, do not materially affect the proposal.

Notice To Proceed: A Notice to Proceed will be issued after the execution (i.e., signing) of the Yakama Nation Consultant Agreement by the successful proponent and the Yakama Nation. The following documents must be in-place before a Notice to Proceed is issued:

1. Signed Yakama Nation Consultant Agreement,
2. Signed TERO Compliance Plan (if applicable),
3. Yakama Nation Business License,
4. Proofs of Insurance,
5. Form W-9, and
6. Consultant's stationary with letterhead.

Licenses and Permits: The successful proponent shall acquire and/or possess all licenses and permits, which may be required to fulfill obligations of the Contract. Owner shall provide ESA, NEPA, Clean Water Act (401 and 404), Cultural Resource (NHPA Section 106), and other State permits as required.

INDIAN PREFERENCE

If multiple best value proposals are received from consultants, Yakama Nation will give preference to and select the lowest best value proposal received from:

1. A certified 100% Yakama owned business ("Yakama Preference Contractor"); or if there are no such bidders, then
2. A certified Indian owned business that is at least 51% Indian-owned ("Indian Preference Contractor"); or if there are no such bidders, then
3. A non-Indian owned business.

*To receive preference as a Yakama Preference Contractor or Indian Preference Contractor, a contractor's bid package must include a Yakama Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office certification of such status.

Disqualification of Bidders: Yakama Nation may, at its discretion, determine that a contractor is not responsible and reject their proposal for any of the following reasons:

1. More than one proposal submitted on the same project from a contractor under the same or different name.

2. Evidence of collusion on prior or present proposal process.
3. Contractor not qualified for the work involved or to the extent portrayed in proposal.
4. Unsatisfactory performance record, judged from the standpoint of conduct of work, workmanship, or progress as shown by past or current work for the Yakama Nation.
5. Incomplete work, whether for the Yakama Nation or otherwise, that might hinder or prevent the timely completion of project work.
6. Failure to pay or settle bills for labor or materials on any former or current contracts.
7. Contractor has previously defaulted in performance of or failed to complete a written public contract, or has been convicted of a crime arising from a previous public contract.
8. Any other inability, financial or otherwise, to perform the work.
9. Active or previous litigation between the Yakama Nation and contractor.
10. Any reason deemed proper by the Yakama Nation.

*Yakama Nation will check State and Federal Debarred Lists to ensure contractors are not debarred.

Yakama Nation Business Licensing Application: To obtain a business license application and fee schedule contact:

Yakama Nation Department of Revenue
401 Fort Road, Room #205
P. O Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948
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