



Cowlitz Indian Tribe Natural Resources Department

Request for Proposals (“RFP”) West Fork Grays River Hatchery Intake Removal and Fish Passage Barrier Removal Project

Addendum 2 – March 17, 2026

The following documents are attached below and provided as part of Addendum 2. All Addendum 2 documents are available on the Cowlitz Indian Tribe’s website: www.cowlitz.org/request-proposals-rfp

- Responses to Questions
- As-Built information from WDFW
- Bridge As-Built Information from WDFW
- Additional site photos from Project Engineer

With this Addenda, we are revising the following due dates:

- **Extending the Request for Clarification/Question Submittal period until March 23, 2026.**
- **Extending the Tribe’s Response to Questions to March 26, 2026**
- **Extending the Proposal/Bid Submission Deadline to March 30, 2026 at 2:00 PM PST.**

Please email any additional questions by close of business on March 23rd. If you have any trouble downloading these documents from our website, please give me a call.

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Sign and return this Addenda with your Proposal and Bid:

Contractor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Addendum #2 – Questions and Answers

- 1) Is any as-built information available?
 - a. Please see attached for as-built documents provided by WDFW.
- 2) What is the status of the bridge?
 - a. Please see attached bridge sheets for rating (H-20 live load) and attached email for information from WDFW.
- 3) What do we need to do to protect the bridge if crossing with machinery?
 - a. See bridge status and rating. If tracking across appropriately sized machinery, bridge deck needs to be protected (e.g., steel plates, boards/plywood, tires or approved equivalents).
- 4) Can you let us know about the status of utilities? Is anything active - do we need to get an electrician?
 - a. The WDFW Hatchery has been shut down. We have been told that the utilities are not active. Contractor required to call 811 prior to construction.
- 5) What is required for us to drive through the recently repaired area on Shannon Road?
 - a. The Construction Contractor will be accessing the site via the Tribe's easement with WDFW. Contractor/Tribe will use the road at their own risk. When construction is complete, Contractor needs to leave the road in equal or better condition. At this time, WDFW has mentioned plating the repaired area (e.g., steel plates or equivalent), putting up cones along the edge, and monitoring road condition during construction. Please assume plating the recently repaired road segment and include under temporary access bid item. We will provide additional information from WDFW as soon as they complete their review.
- 6) Can we blade the road?
 - a. Yes – you can blade the road to clean it up – this and associated access efforts should be included in the temporary access bid item. When construction is complete, the road needs to be left in equal or better condition. We will work with the selected contractor to document road condition prior to construction.
- 7) What condition do we leave the road in?
 - a. Contractor will be accessing the project site via the Tribe's construction access agreement with WDFW (forthcoming). Road needs to be left in equal or better condition after construction. The Tribe will coordinate with the Contractor to document road conditions prior to contractor mobilizing in.
- 8) What do we do with the grubbed tree/shrubs?
 - a. Contractor will stockpile trees/shrubs off the road and out of the way. Tribe will work with the contractor to use grubbed trees and shrubs for erosion control/habitat/etc. These efforts are incidental to other bid items. Note that trees/shrubs won't be hauled offsite.
- 9) What constitutes change of condition with respect to the road? Could the job get delayed?

- a. If future flood events this spring compromise the road, then the project may get delayed. If WDFW determines the road is not accessible, then the project may get delayed. However, we anticipate WDFW will authorize the Tribe and Contractor to access the site at our own risk to complete the project.
- 10) Can you explain the Force Account bid item?
- a. The Force account bid item has been included in case the Tribe requests additional services from the selected contractor to facilitate the upcoming Phase 1 project (e.g., help with additional access, materials offload/staging/etc.). All force account work requires written pre-approval by Tribe PM and if approved, shall be documented on Daily sheets.
- 11) Where can we stage materials by the footbridge?
- a. Staging can occur within the WDFW property limits in the vicinity of the footbridge (as shown on plans) and within the limits of the existing access road. Additional staging can occur at the hatchery facility within previously disturbed areas. The Tribe will work with the selected contractor to flag out approved staging areas and avoid adjacent wetland areas.
- 12) You talked about the small side channel flowing during summer. What do we have to do with that channel?
- a. The side channel typically has a small amount of flow during the summer months. Contractor will need to isolate/divert/dewater only the portion of the side channel area required for construction (and to contain debris/turbid water), and maintain some clean flow through the side channel (e.g., a 2 inch trash pump) for the duration of construction.
- 13) How far back do we need to chase and then decommission the pipe?
- a. The pipe will need to be chased back approximately 10 feet beyond the existing vent that we pointed out during the job walk, plugged per specifications and backfilled. Additional information on pipe/intake structure is on the As-Built Intake Plan & Sections sheet that is attached.
- 14) What do we do with all the wood within the disturbance limits?
- a. Alder trees/brush, slash and accumulated wood from the river shall be salvaged and dispersed after project construction as directed by Tribe PM/Engineer. No hauloff of salvaged trees/shrubs required.
- 15) BioHydraulic fluid is required. What does that mean?
- a. Based on regulatory permit requirements, machines working within the OWHM requires bio-hydraulic fluid and certification. This means it needs to be filled and flushed with biohydraulic fluid. Contractor to provide documentation/certification of biohydraulic fluid in machines and inspect daily for leaks.
- 16) Load tickets are required, but the bid item shown is lump sum. When we haul off materials what is required?
- a. The bid item is paid lump sum; however, Load Tickets are required for recycled material and debris based on grant requirements to ensure material is properly recycled/disposed of.

Additionally, if contractor salvages steel items (e.g., sheet pile/h-pile) to their yard, just provide load ticket. All infrastructure shall be removed and recycled/properly disposed of.

- 17) What depth do we have to remove sheetpile/concrete/deadmen/etc.?
- a. Infrastructure needs to be removed in its entirety. Tribe will work with the contractor to document full removal before backfilling and apex log jam installation.
- 18) Can you clarify fish salvage? If we divert flow and dewater in phases like on Option 1, will the Tribe do fish salvage for each side?
- a. Yes – the Tribe will work with the Contractor to do fish salvage based on Contractor’s approach to isolation/diversion/dewatering. The Tribe will also perform fish salvage activities in the portion of the small side channel that the contractor will need to dewater to remove concrete in that vicinity. Per the Bid Sheet/Specials, the Contractor is to provide two laborers and small (e.g., 2 to 3-inch) trash pumps with appropriate sized fish-screens to draw down the plunge pool and other pools within the contractor’s isolation area to facilitate fish salvage. Contractor shall coordinate with Tribe/Engineer for controlled drawdown to allow for appropriate fish salvage. Provide details in your proposal/approach.
- 19) We noted that there is a specific number of projects like this required in the past 5 years. As long as we have the relevant project experience, can some of our relevant projects be from more than 5 years ago.
- a. Yes, as long as the contractor provides sufficient proof of the required experience. Specifically, contractor needs to demonstrate experience with dewatering, diversion and isolation within streams with ESA-listed fish and placing logs/log habitat structures in streams.
- 20) What do we do with any dirty water?
- a. As discussed at the job walk, any turbid (dirty) water from localized isolation needed to remove infrastructure or other contractor activities has to be treated before getting back into the river or the side channel. We anticipate that turbid water can be pumped and discharged into nearby vegetated upland areas for infiltration. Discharge sites will be marked in the field. Depending on construction approach and quantity of turbid water, it is likely that contractor will have to install additional measures to treat turbid water like staked straw bales, straw wattles, using a dirtbag, or similar methods to capture fines, facilitate infiltration and maintain permit compliance. Treatment methods depend on contractor isolation/dewatering/diversion and construction methods. Contractor is required to maintain permit compliance and provide daily turbidity monitoring logs as is standard practice for these types of in-water projects.
- 21) Is the only project access through Shannon Road and the locked gate?
- a. Yes. Shannon Road provides the only access for this project. Also, based on WDFW and landowner requirements, contractor shall be required to keep gate closed/locked during working hours.
- 22) What are the working hours for this project?
- a. Approved work days are Monday through Friday. Based on requirements from USFWS, contractor will need to conduct all work with a start time of 2 hours after sunrise, and stop work

2 hours before sunset to address potential marbled murrelet concerns. Weekend work requires written pre-approval from CIT PM/Engineer.

- 23) You talked about equipment cleaning and inspection. What do we have to do and where would you inspect excavators/etc.?
- a. Equipment must be power washed clean of all mud and debris. Tribe or Engineer will conduct equipment inspection at a mutually agreed upon location offsite (e.g., along the Highway prior to mobilizing in or at another mutually agreed upon location).
- 24) What do we do with the fill or material within the sheetpile abutments for the bridge?
- a. If material is native, (e.g., boulders/stream gravel), it would remain onsite and would be used during construction of the large wood structure or used to restore the stream banks. Boulders would be salvaged for use in the apex large wood structure. If it is concrete or steel or other manmade material(s), it would be hauled off and appropriately recycled.
- 25) Do you know how big the suspension bridge deadman anchors are?
- a. No – the Engineer anticipates they are less than 10CY per deadman. All deadman material would need to be hauled off and recycled.
- 26) Can we cut the cables on the bridge and let the bridge fall in the water?
- a. No – Contractor has to conduct work area isolation/diversion/dewatering and have the Tribe conduct fish salvage prior to removing the bridge. Bridge removal shall be done in the dry after contractor isolation/diversion/dewatering of the area.
- 27) The Cowlitz Tribe is requiring Loggers Broad Form coverage of \$1M/\$2M. We currently do not have this coverage. Will you be enforcing this coverage for the West Fork Grays River Hatchery Intake and Fish Passage project?
- a. Loggers broadform insurance with the coverages as shown in the contract is required.
- 28) The staging areas on the plans and the revegetation areas on the plans appear to be different or have changed?
- a. Yes – the staging areas were adjusted to avoid wetlands. The contractor is responsible for seeding/stabilizing and (mulching) all temporarily disturbed areas with the specified seed mix. The Tribe/Engineer will work with the selected contractor to confirm and flag staging areas that avoid any wetland/water features.
- 29) What happens if the project gets delayed after award?
- a. We don't anticipate the project getting delayed; however, if the project gets delayed due to access issues on Shannon Road, we will work with the selected contractor to re-schedule, or obtain an in-water work window extension if conditions allow.
- 30) IWWW – you mentioned anticipated work window of July 15 to September 1. Is this the case – could it change?
- a. The project's in-water work window (IWWW) is July 15 to September 1. Contractors shall bid accordingly. Please note that any exceptions/extensions to the IWWW would require written

approval by CIT PM, coordination with the regulatory agencies, and would be subject to suitable weather. For example, it is possible that if weather conditions allow, the work window could be extended into early September.

31) What is required for fire prevention during construction?

- a. The standard DNR requirements for fire prevention will be required including appropriately sized water wagon onsite, extinguishers, fire cache/tools, etc.

32) Where can we fuel machines?

- a. Equipment fueling can be done in nearby upland areas (e.g., road) at least 150 feet away from wetlands/water features. Specific distance will be stated in project permits when issued.

33) My bonding agency is asking me if the Tribe is going to waive its Sovereign Immunity for this project.

- a. No, just like with our other stream restoration construction projects, the Tribe will not be waiving its sovereign immunity.

34) Can you clarify how big the rootwads need to be on the wood we have to supply. Is there a dimension requirement for diameter of rootwads?

- a. The requirements are stated in the Special Provisions 8-27.2.1, as follows: "Log With Rootwad – A trunk of a Douglas-fir with length of 40 FT stem length minimum (plus full rootwad) and trunk diameter at breast height (DBH) of 18-24 IN (measured from the cut end of the log to the start of the rootwad mass). DBH measured 4.5-feet from the start of the rootwad mass. Total length of Log With Rootwad to be at least 45 feet. The rootwad diameter shall be a minimum of 3 times the DBH with roots intact. Woody Material shall be free of soil and rocks, rot and disease, and shall be structurally sound. Cleaning shall not strip logs of bark and roots."

35) Is the contractor required to submit a bid bond?

- a. Yes – please refer to RFP for submittal requirements.

36) Can you provide any additional site photos?

- a. Yes – please see additional photos provided by Project Engineer.















