



# Cowlitz Indian Tribe

## *Natural Resources Department*

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**Date:** August 31, 2022

**To:** Interested Contractors

**From:** Pete Barber / Justin Isle (Natural Resources Department)

**Project:** Kwoneesum Dam Removal Project

**Purpose:** Pre-Solicitation Opportunity for Site Visit and Value Engineering/Constructability-Feasibility Reviews

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The Cowlitz Indian Tribe (Tribe - CIT) has secured funding through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the removal of Kwoneesum Dam to restore fish passage and then enhance Wildboy Creek and other associated tributaries located northeast of Washougal in Skamania County, Washington. The Kwoneesum Dam project site is located on Columbia Land Trust (CLT) property and is accessed via Skamania Mines Road and the 1200 Road (Weyerhaeuser Property), roughly 18 miles above Washougal.

The 55-foot-tall and 425-foot-long rock fill embankment dam creates a roughly 9-acre reservoir and blocks all fish passage to 6.5 miles of productive tributary habitat. The Tribe plans to remove the dam during summer 2023, immediately restoring fish passage and reestablishing downstream geomorphic processes to support the recovery of Washougal River coho salmon and summer steelhead populations. Project restoration work will include instream placement of large wood structures after the dam removal. The Tribe is currently developing the final design planset to remove Kwoneesum dam and restore fish access for listed salmonids as well as resident trout and other native fish species.

In support of this effort, CIT is providing a pre-solicitation opportunity for Contractors to preview the project site and plans, and then provide Value Engineering input including general constructability and feasibility recommendations and a high-level cost estimate. The Tribe's goal is to receive feedback from Contractors to improve and refine the plans and confirm adequate funding for project construction.

Draft-Final Plans and the Engineer's draft bid sheet for the Kwoneesum Dam Removal Project have been attached. For additional information please contact:

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Contractors must **RSVP** via email if interested in attending the optional Job Walk on **Tuesday 9/20 at 10:00AM** at the site.