

**Focus Area:** Water, Power, Dams

**Champion:** Jim Toomey

**Key Accomplishment Plans by 12/31/03**

- Continued focus and interaction on the state Department of Ecology's Columbia River Regional Initiative. Anticipate increasing degree of community awareness and involvement with any proposed changes to current rules relating to water usage.
- Continued efforts to hold forums for local water interests to increase the breadth and depth of understanding of challenges a multi-purpose river system.

**Key Accomplishments since last workshop**

- Continued regional outreach program to insure that agencies, associations, and groups representing and supporting a multi-purpose river system are coordinated and working together on critical issues.
- Key issues addressed were: provide coordinated input to NW Power Planning Council regarding proposed amendments to fish and wildlife plans.
- Introduced incoming National Marine Fisheries Director to a broad cross section of community members
- Facilitated community river users interaction with State Department of Ecology's director in their upcoming Columbia River Regional Initiative, CRI, efforts.
- Continued with an ongoing speakers bureau to broaden the available information and understanding of local water user interests for the complexity and diversity of managing a multi-purpose river system.