

SKAGIT HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING
DRAFT LICENSE APPLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

City Light has filed a Draft License Application (DLA) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The DLA provides key information about the Project that FERC and others will use for relicensing, such as a description of how the Project is managed and what the power is used for. It also includes a detailed environmental analysis that was informed by scientific study and extensive collaboration with our partners.

The proposed protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PME) measures included in the DLA have been informed by extensive engagement with Tribes, Canadian First Nations, federal and state agencies, and other LPs. Continued engagement with partners and the implementation of FERC-approved studies will inform further revisions. The Final License Application is on track to be submitted in April 2023.

Below is a general summary¹ of some of the proposed PME measures in the draft:

Fish and Aquatic Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement instream flow measures to enhance salmon and steelhead resources and minimize downstream effects of the Project. • Implement aquatic habitat projects throughout the Skagit River downstream of the Project to contribute to salmon and steelhead recovery. • Implement a fish passage program at Gorge Dam if NMFS, USFWS, Treaty Tribes and others decide to proceed with fish passage. • Prevent and minimize stranding and trapping in Ross, Diablo, and Gorge Lakes. • Continue to supplement Gorge Lake and Diablo Lake Rainbow Trout fisheries. • Remove potential upstream fish migration barriers at the mouths of Ross Lake tributaries. • Prevent and detect the introduction of invasive species.
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a flow regime for the Gorge Bypass Reach. • Refine the Project’s flood risk management benefits. • Monitor and protect water quality to ensure water quality standards are met.
Cultural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and mitigate potential adverse effects on historic and potential historic properties.
Geology and Soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and manage erosion in Project reservoirs. • Protect natural and cultural resources from the impacts of road and transmission line activities and recreational uses.
Botanical Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage vegetation, protect plants, streams, wetlands, riparian areas and other priority habitats. • Manage invasive, non-native plant species. • Provide wildfire management within the Project boundary and support broader regional efforts. • Protect or enhance wetland habitats.
Wildlife Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement management measures for wildlife and birds within the Project boundary. • Enhanced wildlife mitigation lands in collaboration with Treaty Tribes and other licensing participants. • Establish a fund to enhance wildlife management, education and research. • Continue support of wildlife research grants.
Recreation and Aesthetic Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage recreation in consultation with NPS and other LPs to address accessibility, improve the visitor experience, and support ongoing maintenance and other recreational resource needs. • Continue to implement successful programs from the current license including the Environmental Learning Center, Skagit Tours and the Skagit Information Center. • Enhance visual resources and the scenic environment. • Develop best management practices around sound protection.

¹ A more detailed description of the PME measures can be found within the DLA. The DLA is available via the [Skagit Relicensing Public Documents Library](#).