



# Office of Energy Projects

## Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance

**DHAC Division Director: CarLisa Linton**

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**Oversee the operation and maintenance of hydropower infrastructure under the Commission's jurisdiction.**

**Ensure compliance with the project's requirements, the Commission's regulations, and the Federal Power Act.**

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## **DHAC's Mission Statement**





**Throughout the license term, evaluate proposals to amend hydropower licenses in a timely and efficient manner giving equal consideration to energy production and the scenic, recreational, and environmental values of project lands and waters.**

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## **DHAC's Mission Statement (con't)**





- **Provide guidance to licensees, resource agencies, and the public to assist with fulfilling project requirements and to foster communication among stakeholders and Commission staff;**
- **Evaluate hydropower compliance filings and amendment applications;**
- **Conduct environmental inspections;**
- **Investigate allegations of non-compliance and steward licensees into compliance, or pursue enforcement actions as needed;**

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## **DHAC's Mission Statement – How we accomplish it**





- **Comply with applicable federal statutes including but not limited to: the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and**
- **Issue qualifying and conduit exemptions from licensing, and license term extensions; make jurisdictional determinations; verify designation of power site lands; and assess headwater benefits.**

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## **DHAC's Mission Statement – How we accomplish it (con't)**







**Environmental and Project  
Review Branch**

**Engineering Resources Branch**

**Aquatic Resources Branch**

**Land Resources Branch**

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**DHAC's 4 Branches**





# Environmental and Project Review Branch

**Branch Chief: Shana Wiseman**

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**Maryam Akhavan**  
**Jennifer Ambler**  
**Ashish Desai**  
**Marybeth Gay**  
**Rebecca Martin**  
**Jeff Ojala**  
**Elizabeth Osier-Moats**  
**Jennifer Polardino**  
**David Rudisail**  
**Diana Shannon**

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**DHAC/EPRB Staff**







- **Non-Capacity Amendments**
- **Surrenders**
- **Non-operating Projects**
- **License Term Extension Requests**
- **Jurisdictional Determinations**
- **Historic Management Properties Plans/  
Cultural Management Plans/MOAs**
- **Production Tax Credits**
- **Noxious Weeds/Invasive Species Plans**

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## **EPRB – Functional Distribution**





# Engineering Resources Branch

**Branch Chief: Kelly Houff**

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**Zeena Aljibury**  
**Christopher Chaney**  
**Jeremy Jessup**  
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**Anum Purchiaroni**  
**Steven Sachs**  
**Selina Sumi**

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- **Non-capacity and capacity amendments of license/exemption- engineering**
- **Qualifying conduits/conduit exemptions**
- **Exhibits A, F, and G**
- **Headwater benefits**
- **Mining/federal land reviews**
- **Transfers of license/exemption**
- **Start/completion of construction**
- **Operation plans and reports**
- **Erosion and sedimentation plans and reports**
- **Financing Plans**
- **Complaints- flooding, reservoir elevation, ramping rate, shoreline erosion**

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## **ERB – Functional Distribution**





# Aquatic Resources Branch

**Branch Chief: Andrea Claros**

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**Robert Ballantine**  
**Brian Bartos**  
**Alicia Burtner**  
**Mike Calloway**  
**Holly Frank**  
**Erich Gaedeke (PRO)**  
**Erik Hazelton (NYRO)**  
**Jason Krebill**  
**Joy Kurtz**  
**Jonathan Schram**  
**Katherine Schmidt (SFRO)**

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## **DHAC/ARB Staff**





- **Water Quality Compliance**
- **Fisheries and Aquatic Resources**
- **Fish Passage**
- **Flow Compliance**
- **Flow Amendments and Variances**
- **Non-project Use of Project Lands and Waters – Water Withdrawals**
- **Dredging Plans**
- **Drought Plans**

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## **ARB – Functional Distribution**





# Land Resources Branch

**Branch Chief: Bob Fletcher**

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**Mark Carter (ARO)**  
**Jon Cofrancesco**  
**Shawn Halerz**  
**Shana High**  
**Mark Ivy**  
**Sophie Katz**  
**Mary Karwoski (ARO)**

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## **DHAC/LRB Staff**





- **Shoreline Management**
- **Recreation**
- **Article 5/Property Rights**
- **Non-project Use of Project Lands and Waters**
- **Wildlife/Terrestrial**
- **Whitewater – Recreational Flows**
- **Complaints – Docks, Public Access, Property Rights, Marinas**
- **Conveyance Reports**

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## **LRB – Functional Distribution**







**Questions?**

