

the survival, distribution, growth, and health of outplanted abalone. Captive-reared larval abalone would be outplanted using polyvinyl chloride (PVC) larval pump modules into plankton net “tents” designed to retain larvae until settlement. Captive-bred juveniles and small adults would be outplanted using semi-protected, non-permanent cages to provide temporary shelter and initial protection from predators. Captive-bred adults would be hand-placed in aggregations. All outplanting would be conducted within the Southern California Bight and would use white abalone maintained and collected under Enhancement Permit 14344–3R, issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to the University of California, Davis—Bodega Marine Laboratory. Growth, survival, genetics, health, and habitat quality would be monitored at regular intervals following outplanting. Post-outplant monitoring would primarily consist of observing, counting, and measuring the abalone, and collecting tissue and fecal samples using non-lethal methods. The researchers do not intend to kill any white abalone, but some may die as an inadvertent result of the research and enhancement activities. Dead and obviously unhealthy abalone as well as empty shells may be collected for further analysis and for use in research, education, and outreach.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decision will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 30, 2025.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Scoping Period Extension for the Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Columbia River System Operations

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD; Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation (co-lead agencies) are further extending the scoping period and re-scheduling public meetings for the notice of intent entitled, “Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Columbia River System Operations,” published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 2024. The revised scoping period will end on August 15, 2025. Information on the public meetings is provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

DATES: The co-lead agencies invite Federal and State agencies, Native American Tribes, local governments, and the public to submit scoping comments relevant to the supplemental National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process no later than August 15, 2025. Information also will be provided at public meetings. Information on the public meetings is provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, requests to be placed on the project mailing list, and requests for information may be mailed by letter to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division Attn: CRSO SEIS, P.O. Box 2870, Portland, OR 97208–2870; or by email to columbiariver@usace.army.mil. All comment letters will be available via the project website at <https://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/columbiariver/>. All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. Interested parties should not submit confidential business or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Fleegeer, Columbia River Basin Policy and Environmental Coordinator, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1 (800) 290–5033 or email columbiariver@usace.army.mil. Additional information can be found at the project website: <https://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/columbiariver/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The scoping period for the notice of intent published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 2024 (89 FR 102869) was originally extended to May 9, 2025, but is now extended to August 15, 2025. The co-lead agencies invite all affected federal, state, and local agencies, affected Tribes, other interested parties, and the general public to participate in the NEPA process during development of the SEIS. Three (3) virtual public scoping meetings will be held prior to the end of the public scoping period. The specific dates, times, and meeting information will be published on the project website: <https://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/columbiariver/>. Additional public meetings will be scheduled after release of the draft SEIS.

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Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Deputy Division Commander.

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DENALI COMMISSION

Denali Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Draft Work Plan

AGENCY: Denali Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Denali Commission (Commission) is an independent Federal agency based on an innovative Federal-State partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and support for economic development and training in Alaska by delivering Federal services in the most cost-effective manner possible. The Commission is required to develop an annual work plan for future spending which will be published in the **Federal Register**, providing an opportunity for a 30-day period of public review and written comment. This **Federal Register** notice serves to announce the 30-day opportunity for public comment on the Denali Commission Draft Work Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026).

DATES: Comments and related material to be received by June 16, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Denali Commission, Attention: Anne Stanislawski, 550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1230, Anchorage, AK 99501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Stanislawski, Denali Commission, 550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1230, Anchorage, AK 99501. Telephone: (907) 271-1414. Email: astanislawski@denali.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Denali Commission's mission is to partner with Tribal, Federal, State, and local governments and collaborate with all Alaskans to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government services, to build and ensure the operation and maintenance of Alaska's basic infrastructure, and to develop a well-trained labor force employed in a diversified and sustainable economy.

By creating the Commission, Congress mandated that all parties involved partner together to find new and innovative solutions to the unique infrastructure and economic development challenges in America's most remote communities. Pursuant to the Denali Commission Act, the Commission determines its own basic operating principles and funding criteria on an annual Federal fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) basis. The Commission outlines these priorities and funding recommendations in an annual work plan. The FY 2026 Work Plan was developed in the following manner.

- A workgroup comprised of Denali Commissioners and Commission staff developed a preliminary draft work plan.

- The preliminary draft work plan was published on *Denali.gov* for review by the public in advance of public testimony.

- A public hearing was held to record public comments and recommendations on the preliminary draft work plan.

- Written comments on the preliminary draft work plan were also accepted.

- All public hearing comments and written comments were provided to Commissioners for their review and consideration.

- Commissioners discussed the preliminary draft work plan in a public meeting and then voted on the work plan during the meeting.

- The Commissioners forwarded their recommended work plan to the Federal Co-Chair, who then prepared the draft work plan for publication in the **Federal Register** providing a 30-day period for public review and written comment. During this time, the draft work plan will also be disseminated to Commission program partners including, but not limited to, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Agriculture—Rural Utilities Service (USDA/RUS), and the State of Alaska.

- At the conclusion of the **Federal Register** public comment period Commission staff provides the Federal Co-Chair with a summary of public comments and recommendations, if any, on the draft work plan.

- If no revisions are made to the draft, the Federal Co-Chair provides notice of approval of the work plan to the Commissioners, and forwards the work plan to the Secretary of Commerce for approval; or, if there are revisions the Federal Co-Chair provides notice of modifications to the Commissioners for their consideration and approval, and upon receipt of approval from Commissioners, forwards the work plan to the Secretary of Commerce for approval.

- The Secretary of Commerce approves the work plan.

- The Federal Co-Chair then approves grants and contracts based upon the approved work plan.

FY 2026 Appropriations Summary

The Commission has historically received Federal funding from several sources. The three primary sources at this time include the Energy & Water Appropriation Bill (“base” or “discretionary” funds), transfers from the Department of Transportation and an annual allocation from the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability (TAPL) fund. The proposed FY 2026 Work Plan assumes the Commission will receive \$17,000,000 of base funds and a \$3,500,000 TAPL allocation based on discussions with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The total base funding shown in the Work Plan also includes an amount typically available from project closeouts and other de-obligations that occur in any given year. Absent any new specific direction or limitations provided by Congress in the current Energy & Water Appropriations Bill, these funding sources are governed by the following general principles, either by statute or by language in the Work Plan itself:

- Funds from the Energy & Water Appropriation are eligible for use in all programs.

- TAPL funds can only be used for bulk fuel related projects and activities.

- Appropriated funds may be reduced due to Congressional action, rescissions by OMB, and other Federal agency actions.

- All Energy & Water and TAPL investment amounts identified in the work plan, are “up to” amounts, and may be reassigned to other programs included in the current year work plan, if they are not fully expended in a program component area or a specific project.

- Energy & Water and TAPL funds set aside for administrative expenses that subsequently become available, may be used for program activities included in the current year work plan.

DENALI COMMISSION FY2026 FUNDING SUMMARY

Source	Available for program activities
Energy & Water Funds:	
FY 2026 Energy & Water Appropriation ¹	\$17,000,000
Subtotal	17,000,000
TAPL Funds:	
FY 2026 Annual Allocation	3,500,000
Grand Total	20,500,000

Notes:

¹ If the final appropriation is less than \$17 million the Federal Co-Chair shall reduce investments to balance the FY 2026 Work Plan.

	Base	TAPL	Total
<i>Energy Reliability and Security:</i>			
Diesel Power Plants, Interties, Distribution, Emerging Technologies, Maintenance & Improvements, Technical Assistance, Training, Generation and End-Use Efficiency Improvements, and Energy Audits	\$6,000,000	.....	\$6,000,000
Subtotal	6,000,000	.....	6,000,000
<i>Bulk Fuel Safety and Security:</i>			
New/Refurbished Facilities, Maintenance and Improvement Projects, and Training .....	.....	\$3,500,000	3,500,000
Subtotal	0	3,500,000	3,500,000
<i>Critical Infrastructure Needs:</i>			
Construction Projects, Repair and Maintenance, and Protection of Public Infrastructure, including but not limited to Community Facilities such as Housing, Health, and Safety	5,500,000	.....	5,500,000
Subtotal	5,500,000	.....	5,500,000
<i>Job Training and Other Rural Development:</i>			
Workforce and Economic Development, Communications, Cybersecurity, Cold Weather and Technology Innovation	3,000,000	.....	3,000,000
Subtotal	3,000,000	.....	3,000,000
<i>Water Sanitation:</i>			
Public Water and Wastewater, Solid Waste	1,500,000	.....	1,500,000
Subtotal	1,500,000	.....	1,500,000
<i>Transportation:</i>			
Surface Transportation	200,000	.....	.....
Waterfront Improvements	800,000	.....	.....
Subtotal	1,000,000	.....	.....
Totals	17,000,000	3,500,000	20,500,000

Note: In the past several fiscal years Congress appropriated Transportation funds for Surface and Waterfront Improvements. The Commission does not anticipate this appropriation will continue in FY 2026, however, if Congress does appropriate these funds in FY 2026 then those funds will be added to the Transportation program.

John Whittington,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Request for Nominations; National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality, and Integrity

AGENCY: Department of Education, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality, and Integrity (NACIQI).

ACTION: Request for nominations for appointment to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI).

SUMMARY: Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon, is seeking nomination(s) for appointments to fill at least six upcoming vacancies on the NACIQI. One of the six must be a student who, at the time of the appointment, is attending an institution of higher education. The terms of service for these vacancies would begin October 1, 2025, and expire on September 30, 2031.

DATES: Nominations must be received no later than June 6, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nomination(s), including attachments, via email to: naciqinominations@ed.gov (please specify in the email subject line "NACIQI Nomination" or "NACIQI Student Nomination").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions, please contact George Alan Smith, Designated Federal Official, U.S. Department of Education, Telephone: (202) 453-7757, Email: george.alan.smith@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Function

The NACIQI is established under section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA). The NACIQI meets at least twice a year and advises the Secretary of Education with respect to: the establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA; the recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations; the preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations; the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvements in such process; the

relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe by regulation.

NACIQI is composed of 18 members, of which: six members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Education; six members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, three of whom shall be appointed on the recommendation of the majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives and three of whom shall be appointed on the recommendation of the minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; and six members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, three of whom shall be appointed on the recommendation of the majority leader of the U.S. Senate and three of whom shall be appointed on the recommendation of the minority leader of the U.S. Senate. Per 20 U.S.C. 1011d, at least one member of the Committee must be a student who, at the time of appointment by the Secretary of Education, is attending an institution of higher education.