



Covid-19 Prevention and Safety

First and foremost, we hope that you and your families are safe and healthy. By now, we are all aware of the actions we can take to help prevent the spread of this outbreak. This list is a good reminder that can be printed and posted around the plant, office, or home.



In line with COVID-19 prevention actions, many of our Certified facilities will be closing their recreational facilities temporarily. While open and free recreational access to rivers is one of our qualifying criteria to achieving Low Impact Certification, we also allow for safety to be considered in the type of and amount of recreation supported at any given site. Closing recreation facilities to support social distancing and limiting gatherings is in line with safety considerations. Please check to see if a recreation facility is still open before venturing out; we will do our best to post on our project webpages any updates to recreational facilities.

The entire LIHI family hopes that you are all staying healthy, safe, and distant.

Certification Handbook Revision 2.04

On April 1st, LIHI published Revision 2.04 of the Low Impact Hydropower Certification Handbook. The revision includes minor edits focused primarily on clarifying the initial application process and simplifying language throughout. The changes are non-material and were approved by the LIHI Governing Board and Technical Committee. A red-line version detailing the revisions can be viewed [HERE](#) and the finalized version can be viewed [HERE](#).



Julie A. Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship Fund

Applications for the Julie A. Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship are currently being accepted until April 17, 2020. The scholarship celebrates Julie Keil, a passionate, innovative, and influential member of the hydropower industry. The award recognizes those who exemplify Julie's passion for the hydropower industry and effecting positive change therein. The scholarship

is open to women enrolled in an accredited college or university majoring in a discipline relevant to entering the hydro industry. Grants are also provided to those who plan to enter the hydro industry to assist in attending industry events. The scholarship will be awarded in July. Applications can be found [HERE](#).

Donate to the Julie A. Keil Scholarship Fund

EPA Suspends Enforcement of Environmental Standards

On March 26th, the Environmental Protection Agency issued [amemo](#) suspending the enforcement of environmental standards. As a response to the global coronavirus pandemic, the agency expressed that environmental rules and regulations noncompliance would not be penalized for the duration of the public health emergency. While identified as a temporary measure, the notice lacks detail concerning the reinstatement of standard enforcement. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Dam Removal on Klamath River

The [Klamath River](#), running through California and Oregon, may be the site of the largest dam removal project in American history. The demolition project represents a balancing of conflicting interests: stakeholders from tribal communities, agriculture, the hydro industry, and local residents all vying for their voices to be heard. The four dams were constructed primarily for hydroelectric generation, without fish passage or flood control measures and are not used for irrigation. Tribal interests focus on returning salmon populations to further reaches of the river, which the dams have impeded since the early 1900s. Decisions are set to be made by FERC concerning the future of these dams this spring. For more information, please see the story reported by the Associated Press [HERE](#).



News of Note

- **[American-Made Challenges Fish Protection Prize](#):** The American Made Challenge - Fish Protection Prize is currently seeking proposals for the Concept Stage of the competition. Open through April 24, 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy, along with the Bureau of Reclamation, aims to catalyze the innovation of fish exclusion technology. Up to three prizes will be awarded with a total \$700,000 in prize money made available. More information and submission instructions can be found [HERE](#).

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