

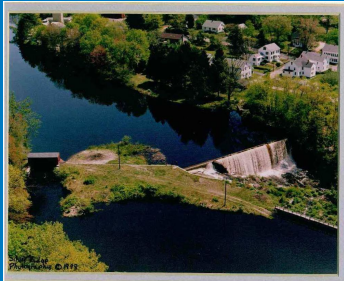


## Clean Peak Standard Webinar

With the advent of the Massachusetts Clean Peak Standard, LIHI will be hosting a webinar discussing the CPS and its implications for hydropower in Massachusetts. The webinar will be hosted by LIHI Executive Director Shannon Ames on September 9th at 10 am. Panelists include: Will Lauwers, Director of Emerging Technology at Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Judith Judson, Vice President of Distributed Energy Systems at Ameresco, and John Keene of Sustainable Energy Advantage. The conversation is geared towards eligible generators in Massachusetts but if you would like to attend please email [sames@lowimpacthydro.org](mailto:sames@lowimpacthydro.org) for more information.



## To Dam or Not to Dam



Larry Fisher of the Milken Institute Review adds his take on the issue in his article *To Dam or not to Dam?* Fisher explores hydropower's many facets in this holistic review of hydro's past, present, and future as a global renewable resource. The analysis includes insight into the shortcomings and benefits of dams, their international issues, and the growth of low impact hydropower around the world. Read [HERE](#) for the full article.

## National Environmental Policy Act Rollback

In July, the Trump administration announced a new rule attempting to streamline the NEPA environmental review process. This rule takes effect on September 14 and will weaken the scope and reach of the review process for federal projects. For an in-depth analysis of the major changes taking effect, please see [this article](#) from Davis Wright Tremaine Wright LLP.





## Stage Winners

The Fish Protection Prize competition has progressed to its next stage. The challenge, proposed by the U.S. Department of Energy's Water Power Technologies Office in collaboration with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, has narrowed down its competitors to nine teams.

The teams now will receive support from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory to refine their ideas and prepare for the next competition stage. Congratulations to the Concept Stage winners! Learn more about their projects [HERE](#).

## Department of Interior Webinar Series

On August 26, Certification Program Director Maryalice Fischer met with representatives of the US Department of Interior and other state and federal agencies to discuss the LIHI program as a part of their Turbine Talks webinar series. The webinar introduced the LIHI Certification program and described the certification process, the LIHI criteria, as well as the opportunities available for public engagement and input by agency staff.



## Changes to Certificate Billing

For our Certificate Holders, you may have noticed a difference in your billing emails. LIHI has now implemented online bill pay and can accept credit card payments as well as Electronic Fund Transfers. As the United States Postal Service faces cutbacks and regulatory issues, mail delivery has slowed down. Please email [Whitman Constantineau](mailto:Whitman.Constantineau) if you have any questions or would like to learn more about alternative payment options.

## Happy Labor Day

Autumn is right around the bend, signaling the end of one of the most unique summers any of us can remember. On this Labor Day, a special thank you to those still working on the front lines against COVID-19, keeping us safe and helping us recover - be it through health care, food, or keeping the lights on. Happy Labor Day.



