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Northwest RiverPartners Recognizes Idaho Leaders for Hydropower Leadership

Idaho Northwest Power & Conservation Council Members Receive NW RiverPartners' Top Award

Vancouver, Washington–November 5, 2026–The Northwest RiverPartners Board has selected the Northwest Power & Conservation Council's Idaho Council Members, Ed Schriever and Jeffrey Allen, as the 2026 'Champions of Hydropower.'

Since 2024, Northwest RiverPartners has awarded a "Champion of Hydropower" to recognize advocacy and achievements for hydropower in the Northwest.

Following an open invitation for nominations, Member Schriever and Member Allen were selected by the Northwest RiverPartners Board for their unwavering dedication to safeguarding hydropower during the Council's Fish & Wildlife Program amendment process, which concluded in June of this year. Despite tremendous pressure, Idaho's Council Members prevailed in opposing the incorporation of harmful hydropower operations—including mandatory spill requirements through August 31 for the 8 dams on the lower Columbia and Snake rivers.

Both Members heard a variety of concerns from public utilities, ports and navigators, agriculture, labor, and low-income assistance leaders, and ultimately advocated for critical changes during the final amendment process that led to more balanced outcomes.

Northwest RiverPartners also recognizes the important work of the Montana Council Members and staff, Idaho Council staff Nate Clayville and Windy

Schoby, and appreciates the valuable contributions of the entire eight-person Council and staff.

NW RiverPartners remains committed to strengthening our relationship with the Northwest Power & Conservation Council and our broad, diverse membership, which serves and empowers millions of people throughout the region.

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About Northwest RiverPartners

Northwest RiverPartners (NWRP) is a not-for-profit, member-driven organization. We represent not-for-profit, community-owned utilities across Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, and Northern California. We also proudly represent farmers, ports, and businesses across the region that support clean energy and low-carbon transportation.

NWRP is focused on raising awareness about how the Northwest's hydropower system improves communities and the natural environment, and we encourage science-based solutions that help hydropower and salmon coexist and thrive.