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# ASSOCIATION OF POWER BIOLOGISTS



## *2014 Annual Meeting Announcement* *September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Boise, Idaho*

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### **55<sup>th</sup> Association of Power Biologists Annual Meeting**

Dear APB Members,

We are finalizing plans for the Association of Power Biologists 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be hosted by Idaho Power. Attendees will be exposed to presentations and social opportunities with industry professionals around the region engaged in aquatic and terrestrial resource management.

The 2014 APB Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will start with registration from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. President's opening remarks will be at 12:00 p.m. The afternoon session is scheduled for presentations by utility professionals engaged in project research, protection, mitigation, and compliance. That evening, the APB opening night social will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Big Al's with bowling, appetizers and beverages.

On the morning of September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will depart for a tour of Idaho Power's Mid-Snake River Hydroelectric Project. The tour will highlight fisheries issues at the Project as well as habitat and wildlife management issues (see full tour summary below). The tour will conclude with a banquet at Crooked Fence Brewing in Boise.

The meeting will continue on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with a roundtable discussion (topic TBD) and business meeting. The meeting will wrap up at noon.

The Edison Electric Institute has graciously offered to provide financial support to our organization again this year. With their support, the annual meeting fee this year will be only \$65.

APB is excited to now offer online meeting registration and payment options. Please visit <http://www.powerbiologists.org/register/> to register. Once there, you

may pay either by PayPal, request to have an invoice sent, or commit to paying by cash or check at the meeting.

## **Presentations and New Membership**

If you would like to be a presenter at the 2014 APB Annual Meeting, please start thinking about topics to present. We encourage existing and potential members to step forward to discuss topics relevant to utility relicensing and compliance. A lot of new and interesting challenges have been met by utility resource managers in recent years and APB membership is anxious to hear about your successes (and failures☺). If you are interested in presenting, please contact Nick Ackerman at 503-630-8232 or [nick.ackerman@pgn.com](mailto:nick.ackerman@pgn.com).

New members are encouraged to apply and are welcome to attend the 2014 APB Annual Meeting. An application and membership requirements are appended to this announcement. New applications can be mailed to Nick Ackerman, APB Secretary (Portland General Electric, Co., 33831 S. Faraday Rd., Estacada, OR 97023 or [nick.ackerman@pgn.com](mailto:nick.ackerman@pgn.com)).

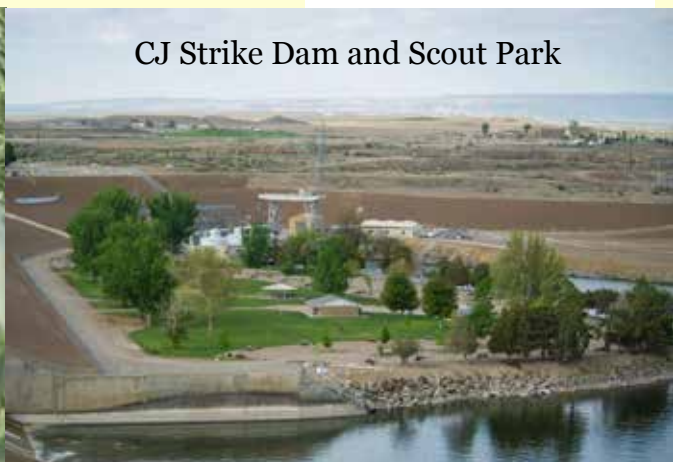
## **2014 APB Annual Meeting Tour Idaho Power's Mid-Snake River Hydroelectric Projects**

Idaho Power's Mid-Snake River hydroelectric projects include C. J. Strike, Swan Falls, Bliss, Upper and Lower Malad River, Upper and Lower Salmon Falls, Twin Falls, Shoshone Falls, and Milner. Thirty year licenses were issued for many of Idaho Power's Mid-Snake projects during the early 2000s. On this year's APB meeting tour you'll visit both aquatic and terrestrial mitigation projects in south-central Idaho.

At C. J. Strike dam you'll see where Idaho Power fish biologists use sonar to monitor white sturgeon presence near the penstock and spillway in order to avoid entrainment. Just down the road you'll visit the C. J. Strike Wildlife Management Area and see how Idaho Power partners with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to manage terrestrial wildlife habitat and recreational access on 3,400 acres of project properties.

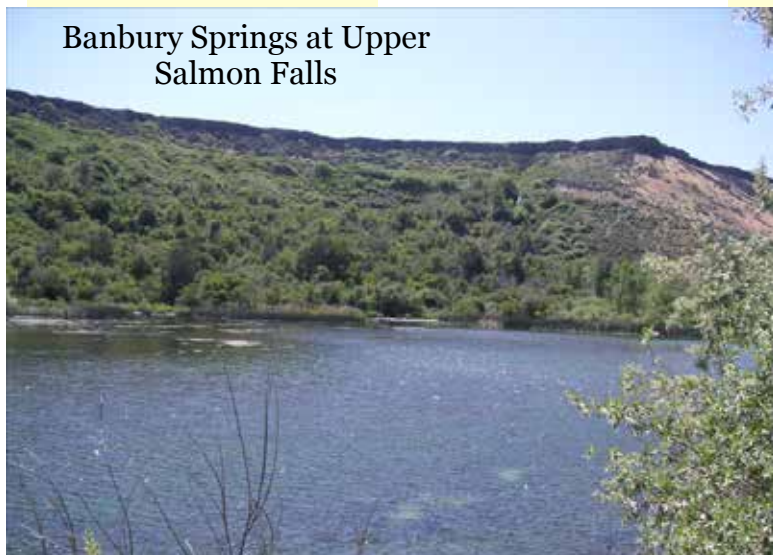


Whitetail deer fawn at the C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area



CJ Strike Dam and Scout Park

From C.J. Strike you'll travel to the Hagerman Valley to see additional mitigation projects, including trout passage on the Malad River and habitat management areas at Upper Salmon Falls.



# *Lodging*



The Riverside Hotel is holding a limited number of rooms for the Association of Power Biologists September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the discounted rate of \$97.00/night (plus taxes and fees). **Please call (208) 343- 1871 no later than September 2<sup>nd</sup> to guarantee your room with credit card information.** Be sure to ask for the APB Idaho Power room discount. The Riverside Lodge is located just off I-184 in Boise near the Boise River. The Hotel has a pool, fitness center, hosts live music, and has on-site dining. You can learn more about the hotel by visiting their website at [www.riversideboise.com](http://www.riversideboise.com).

For those of you who choose to fly to Boise, the Riverside offers a shuttle service between the Boise Airport and hotel. Once you arrive and have gathered your luggage call the Riverside and they'll send a shuttle. The ride from the airport to the hotel is only 10-15 minutes.

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We look forward to seeing you in September!

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### NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

#### INSTRUCTIONS

APB members are encouraged to apprise other professional utility biologists of the role and function of APB which is reflected in the following four basic principles of the Association's Constitution:

1. To render maximum service to the power production and distribution industry through the application and practice of fish and wildlife science in accordance with the highest biological principles.
2. To encourage the employment of qualified practicing biologists with power companies.
3. To assemble and disseminate information of value to the membership.
4. To promote understanding and cooperation between fish and wildlife agencies and power producers.

Pursuant to Section II of the Constitution, persons interested in becoming members of APB must then meet the requirements as stated below:

1. Any person gainfully employed by an industry engaged in the active production and/or distribution of electricity.
2. Holding at least a Bachelors of Science Degree in a recognized discipline of the biological sciences.
3. Actively working on the solution of biological problems or the study of biological factors that are or may be affected by an existing or proposed industry facility.
4. Have been employed in the utility industry for not less than two years or have attended two meetings.
5. Prospective member must be in attendance at the annual meeting in which proposed for membership.

An APB member in good standing must sponsor prospective members who either meet the above qualifications or wish to attend a meeting as a guest. The sponsor must complete the attached application form and submit it to any APB Officer prior to the annual meeting.

Questions may be directed to any APB Officer.

#### REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE AT APB MEETING BY NON-MEMBER

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Recommended for Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ Recommended for Membership Candidate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Request for invitation as guest
- II. Request to attend:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Opening session only (Wednesday)  
\_\_\_\_\_ All sessions including tour

III. Information on non-member

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Title:

How long with organization?

Present responsibilities and project:

Educational History:

Title of presentation (if appropriate):

IV. Name of Sponsoring APB Member: