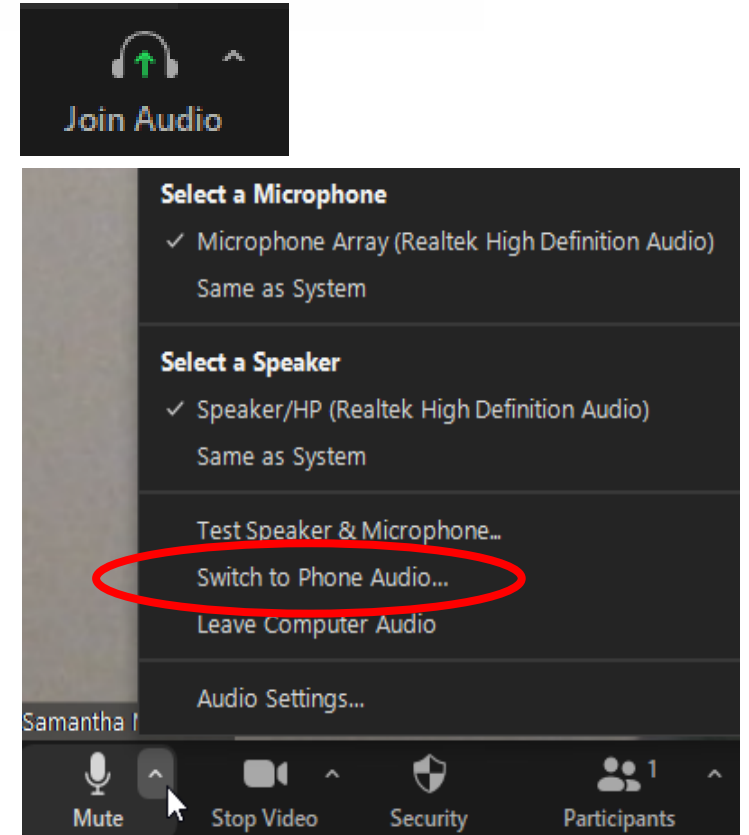


# **Columbia Basin Collaborative Hydropower & Blocked Areas Work Group**

**December 1st, 2022  
9:00am-12:00pm**

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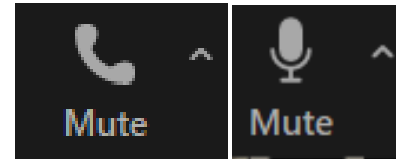
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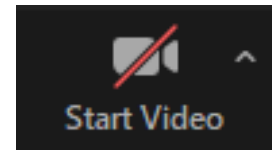
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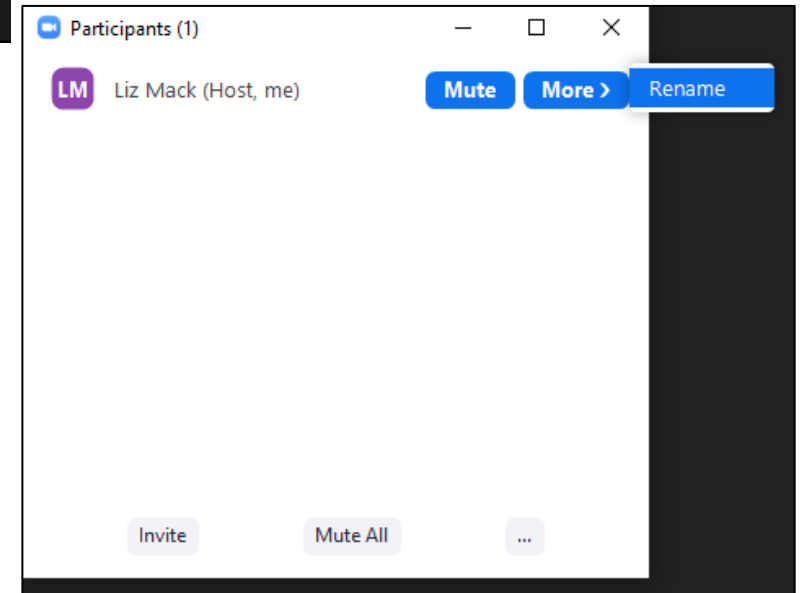
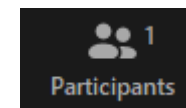
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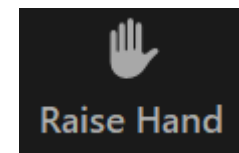
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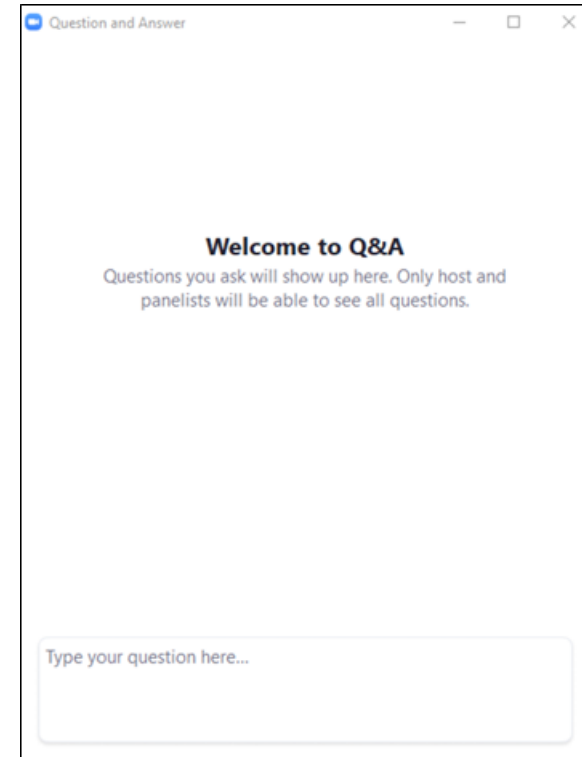
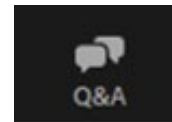
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# **Welcome, Meeting Guidelines, and Proposed Agenda**

# Meeting Guidelines

- Honor the agenda
- Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify
- Balance speaking time
- Don't pile on
- Be hard on the problems, soft on the people
- Seek alignment and common ground wherever possible
- Be present



# Agenda Review

Time (PT)	Topic
9:00 – 9:10 am	Welcome, Agenda Review, Updates, and Introductions
9:10 – 10:25 am	Hydropower – Actions to Address Needs
10:25 – 10:35 am	Break
10:35 – 11:50 am	Blocked Areas – Actions to Address Needs
11:50 – 12:00 pm	Confirm Next Steps, Upcoming Meeting Topics, and Summary

# **Hydropower – Actions to Address**



# Hydropower Tier 1 Needs

- Modernize and fully fund detection and monitoring in mainstem to address gaps and allow for more accurate data collection.
- Need to establish base starting point that is at least adequate/sufficient for fish relative to CBPTF abundance goals and NPCC survival rate goals.
- Ways (methods, infrastructure) to improve downstream passage for juveniles and kelts.
- What operational changes are we talking about and what are the impacts? - Need to understand the specific operations of projects/across the systems?
- Dams are managed for ESA goals (at best), not Partnership goals.
- Energy producers should not be managing restoration work; put fish recovery in the hands of Fish & Wildlife managers.
- Urgency is lacking for actions to achieve success that include fish goals
- Begin funding infrastructure to support services currently provided by lower Snake River dams.



# Break 10 minutes



# **Blocked Areas – Actions to Address**

# Blocked Areas Tier 1 Needs

- Are downstream fisheries impacts on upstream/blocked areas well understood and managed? Where downstream fish may seem abundant, those fish are destined for upstream areas where they may not be abundant.
- There is a gap in understanding the feasibility of achieving self-sustaining populations in some blocked areas.
- Perhaps there needs to be a discussion regarding the legal/policy differences on blocked areas between states, basins, etc. Some explanation by state representatives may be helpful.
- The major challenge in most reintroduction efforts into blocked areas is how to provide effective downstream passage for juvenile fish.
- Understand the impacts of Columbia River Treaty modernization.
- Little to no regional effort for blocked areas above Hells Canyon Complex. This includes the federal dams above Hells Canyon Complex.
- Resource gap: financial support for UCUT Phase 2 Implementation Plan – which will fill gaps in understanding specific to the upper Columbia blocked area.
- Limited resources (flat funding) from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Fish/Wildlife mitigation program.



# Next Steps

- Small groups: Work to develop more complete recommendations and bring them forward for the next meeting
- KW: Reach out to schedule January meeting
- KW: Draft a meeting summary and circulate to the group by 12/20



# Thank you ~



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