

Contractor sought to remove Elwha River dams

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SEATTLE -- The National Park Service is ready to hire a contractor to remove the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams on the Olympic Peninsula.

The Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce reports Park Service plans to issue a request for proposals about March 31. The construction contract is expected to be awarded by the end of September. Work is scheduled to start in 2011 and finish in 2014. The cost of removing the 210-foot Glines Canyon Dam and the 105-foot Elwha dam is estimated at \$40 million to \$60 million.

The Park Service has three projects to help restore the salmon river: a \$16 million fish hatchery on the lower Elwha, a \$24 million water treatment facility in Port Angeles and a \$70 million Elwha water facilities project near Port Angeles.

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