

# Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award



## NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

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## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

The Pamela E. Klatt Annual Award is presented to an individual within the regional hydro industry who:

- Exemplifies the mission of NWAHA:

“NWAHA is dedicated to the promotion of the region’s waterpower as clean, efficient renewable energy while protecting the fisheries and environmental quality which characterize our Northwest region.”

- Approaches each project with a strong commitment to the balance between resource protection and resource development;
- Demonstrates a true appreciation for the views and responsibilities of everyone involved;
- Demands the best work, always, from themselves and others; and
- Encourages others’ professional development as mentor and colleague.

## RECOMMENDATION

### **Summary of Nominee's career / actions exemplifying the criteria standards:**

Chick has been working in the hydroelectric industry since 1974, when he was a project hydraulic engineer for the last major hydroelectric projects developed in the Pacific Northwest: Site 1 on the Peace River, 7-Mile Project on the Pend d'Oreille River, and Revelstoke Project on the Columbia River. He has 40 years of experience in hydraulic and fisheries engineering consulting focusing mainly on dams and hydro facilities in the Northwest. Chick contributed to the development of habitat protection measures for almost all of the hydropower facilities in the Columbia, Snake, and Willamette River basin. His role on these projects has ranged from providing respected technical expertise as a hydraulic consultant to facilitating design development and communication with the project owner, resource agencies, and design and permitting teams to find common ground on difficult projects. Chick is a very familiar name in the Northwest Hydropower family among federal and private hydropower owners, resource managers, and engineers. I have known Chick since 1995 and have witnessed his tremendous passion and energy for the hydro industry, demonstrated by his actions to support renewable and clean hydro power by advancing the state-of-the-art for protecting natural resources and the environment. I see him working with firm commitment and dedication towards that goal on a daily basis. Chick is a caring mentor committed to sharing his knowledge with future generations of hydro professionals.

### **Criteria For Nomination**

In the interest of keeping this short, following are brief statements against each nomination criteria. I will be happy to provide testimonies from many individuals among hydropower generators, consultants, and resource agencies involved in the NW hydropower industry. I encourage the selection committee to solicit thoughts and comments on Chick from anyone who has been involved in this industry for a long time.

***Exemplifies the Mission of NWA:*** Chick has dedicated his entire professional life to pursuing ways to help efficient generation of hydropower in the Northwest in harmony with protection and enhancement of fisheries and environmental resources. He brings outstanding commitment to every project he works on and energizes every person he comes across in the hydro industry.

***Approaches each project with a strong commitment to the balance between resource protection and resource development:*** Chick has worked on a great many of the hydropower projects in the Pacific Northwest. His main focus in the last 20 years has been resource protection and resource development at the NW hydropower facilities. He is often the "voice of reason" in the room when owners, resource agencies, and consultants meet, and finds ways to resolve conflicting interests and personalities, always with the goal of achieving the best outcome for the generation of renewable energy while protecting fisheries and other natural resources. Chick is well respected by his peers and professionals involved in the NW hydro industry.

***Demonstrates a true appreciation for the views and responsibilities of everyone involved:*** Chick frequently plays the role of facilitator in fisheries and fish passage team meetings with the power producers, regulatory agencies, tribes, and other consultants. He considers every comment and every question as valuable input and everyone can make a difference.

***Demands the best work, always, from themselves and others:*** Chick puts forward his best efforts in every project he touches and every assignment he is asked to work on. He generates quality products and expects quality products from others. Within Alden, Chick is a symbol of a committed consultant and mentor who has outstanding technical and human skills, and is an inspiration for his peers to do the same.

***Encourages others' professional development as mentor and colleagues:*** Chick has mentored many generations of hydraulic/fisheries engineers who are now very successful in their careers. He advises and mentors people at all stages of their professional development, including peers, junior staff, and professionals working at other companies and agencies. He has been my mentor for the last 20 years. Chick's technical and ethical excellence in combination with his love and passion for the hydro industry has shaped my professional career as a lifelong steward of hydro industry. Please let me know if you need specific examples or testimonies from his peers.

**RECOMMENDATION (CONTINUED)**

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