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Mr. Jack Tuomikoski
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Dear Mr. Tuomikoski:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) supports and seconds the request by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (letter to you from Mr. Pete Hassemer, dated October 12, 2010) that the 2010 Comparative Survival Study (CSS) annual report, and future annual reports include annual estimates of adult upstream passage success rates by return year for the CSS PIT tag groups. We agree with Mr. Hassemer that this additional analysis should represent the best annual estimate of upstream passage success for the run at large from Bonneville Dam to Lower Granite Dam, based on the appropriate weighted detections of PIT-tagged transported and in-river fish. The upstream passage success rates should be calculated and reported at the finest possible scale for the CSS wild and hatchery groups for spring/summer Chinook and steelhead.

ODFW considers the CSS time series of upstream passage success rates by run year critical information for managing commercial and recreational fisheries, evaluating survival through the Federal Columbia River Power System, and for run reconstructions and population viability analyses.

Sincerely,

Signature on original

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Nigro, ODFW

FROM: Michele DeHart

DATE: November 18, 2010

RE: Response to review comments on the DRAFT CSS Annual Status Report for 2010

In response to your review comments on the Draft Status Report, and also similar comments by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, we have included annual estimates of adult upstream passage success rates by return year in Chapter 5 of the report. Subsequent, CSS Annual Status reports for future years will include upstream passage success rate by return year for CSS groups, to maintain a long time series data base as requested for fishery management agencies applications.

The CSS Oversight Committee appreciates your review of the draft Report and your thoughtful comments.