

September 2011 FISHWAY INSPECTION SUMMARY

Fishway Inspections were conducted at all Columbia and Snake River Dams fitted with adult fish passage structures over September of 2011.

Overall, few problems were encountered; most fishways appeared to be in satisfactory or better operation. The problems encountered are listed below.

Bonneville Dam: The Bradford Island B-Branch fishway went out of service in mid-September due to an inspection discovering several areas of erosion that have undermined the integrity of the ladder. B-Branch will remain closed through the winter maintenance period (through the end of February)

Lower Monumental Dam (September 28, 2011): Fishway collection channel velocity below criteria.

Wells Dam (September 22, 2011): Staff gauges were not readable.