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MEMORANDUM

TO: FPAC

FROM: FPC Staff

DATE: June 24, 2015

RE: Action Notes from June 24, 2015, FPAC conference call

On June 24, 2015, FPAC met via conference call for a meeting regarding Little Goose operations. Present for the meeting were: Paul Wagner (FPAC Co-Chair, NOAA), Tom Lorz (FPAC Co-Chair, CRITFC), Russ Kiefer (IDFG), Kathryn Kostow (ODFW), Erick Van Dyke (ODFW), Sheri Sears (Colville Tribe), Dave Statler (Nez Perce Tribe), Joe Skalicky (USFW), Brandon Chockley (FPC), Erin Cooper (FPC), and Dave Benner (FPC).

Agenda Items

Little Goose Spill

- Russ Kiefer (IDFG) raised concerns that the low flow “flat operation” for Little Goose Dam has changed between 7, 9, and 11 Kcfs spill over the past several days. This has been discussed in previous years with low flows, but a lack of documentation has created confusion about the spill operations.
- FPAC proposes:
 - At flows of ≥ 28 but ≤ 32 Kcfs, spill will be 11 Kcfs.
 - At flows of ≥ 24 Kcfs but < 28 Kcfs, spill will be 9 Kcfs.
 - At flows < 24 Kcfs, spill will be 7 Kcfs.
- FPAC did not reach consensus on the methodology used to determine the daily average flow used to set spill levels. Two possibilities discussed were to use the daily average flow from the previous day at Little Goose Dam, or to use a forecasted flow. If a forecast is used, FPAC requests that there be clear language stating the methodology for that forecast.
- FPAC does not anticipate this change to impact adult passage, but will monitor adult counts throughout the season to confirm this.
- Data provided by Brandon Chockley prior to meeting assumed incorrect flow bands in modeled FPAC proposal and do not reflect discussions above. Modeled values should

not be used for TMT discussion tomorrow. For this reason the document is not attached to these notes.