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MEMORANDUM

TO: FPAC

FROM: FPC Staff

DATE: May 11, 2015

RE: Action Notes from May 1, 2015, FPAC Conference Call

On May 1, 2015, FPAC met via conference call to discuss Dworshak operations. Present for the meeting were: Paul Wagner (FPAC Co-Chair, NOAA), Tom Lorz (FPAC Co-Chair, CRITFC), Charlie Morrill (WDFW), Russ Kiefer (IDFG), Kathryn Kostow (ODFW), Erick Van Dyke (ODFW), Joe Skalicky (USFW), Brandon Chockley (FPC), Erin Cooper (FPC), Dave Benner (FPC), and Margaret Filardo (FPC).

Agenda Items

Dworshak Operations

- The current operations at Dworshak are to operate at 7.5 Kcfs through Monday May 4th, with a review by FPAC on Tuesday, May 5th.
- Steve Hall (COE) has expressed concern that this operation will deplete water supply in the reservoir, resulting in flows of only 2.5 Kcfs going forward from Monday May 4th. Given expected precipitation levels, flows of 2.5 Kcfs will be required to reach refill levels at Dworshak.
- Dave Benner (FPC) provided an assessment of reservoir status at Dworshak which differed from Steve Hall's assessment. By Dave Benner's calculations, more water will be available for spring flows while still meeting refill requirements.
- Margaret Filardo (FPC) provided data indicating that fish passage has plateaued since a reduction in flows through Dworshak, from 9.6 to 7.5 Kcfs and 9.3 to 8.6 Kcfs at Hell's Canyon.
- Paul Wagner (NOAA), Dave Statler (Nez Perce) and Russ Kiefer (IDFG) expressed concerns about not reaching refill requirements, thereby limiting the amount of water available for temperature control during the summer season.

- FPAC members agreed to reduce flows at Dworshak to 5 Kcfs. This action was carried out at 23:00 on May 1st.