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MEMORANDUM

To: Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC)

From: FPC Staff

Date: March 16, 2018

Subject: Action Notes from March 15, 2018, FPAC meeting

On March 15, 2018, FPAC met via conference call for a special meeting to discuss Dworshak Operations. The following people participated in the meeting:

Paul Wagner (FPAC Co-Chair NOAA)	Jay Hesse (Nez Perce Tribe)
Tom Lorz (FPAC Co-Chair CRITFC)	Erin Cooper (FPC)
Brandon Chockley (FPC)	Michele DeHart (FPC)
Dave Benner (FPC)	Russ Kiefer (IDFG)
Dave Swank (USFWS)	Jennifer Graham (Warm Springs Tribe)
Erick Van Dyke (ODFW)	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dworshak Operations (00:01)

- Paul Wagner (NOAA) noted that the COE posted new proposed operations for DWOR on TMT agenda website for meeting on March 16th.
- Dave Swank (USFWS) noted his surprise that the COE used the STP outflows instead of actual outflows from analog years, which what they typically do in their modeling exercises. Paul Wagner noted he was surprised by this too. Dave Benner (FPC) noted that is looks COE used STP flows through end April while May-June are actual flows from the analog water years. Dave Swank stated he thinks STP flows were used through May.

Dave Swank noted that, what seems clear is that outflows needed to get to April 15th flood control will be dependent on inflows, which nobody knows at the moment.

- Dave Swank (USFWS) stated that he is inclined to ask for 14 Kcfs as soon as possible. Recognized that may require increases in outflows after April 1st but willing to risk.
 - We have problems with hatchery fish now with fish showing signs of going off feed. We have the opportunity to alleviate some of these issues now, should go with it as soon as possible and for as long as possible.
 - Once Clearwater Hatchery releases their Chinook, will be able to move more reservoir water to Dworshak NFH. Steelhead remaining at Dworshak NFH (system 1) will have higher proportion of water supply coming from reservoir and also have degassers.
- Paul Wagner (NOAA) and Russ Kiefer (IDFG) support reduction of outflows to 14 Kcfs as soon as possible.
- Tom Lorz (CRITFC) noted that the newest Clearwater inflow forecast doesn't show peak in inflows until March 24th or 25th and that peak is expected to be ~14 Kcfs. Asking for 14 Kcfs now seems reasonable. Tom also mentioned that he has been talking to Steve Bruenell (NWRFC) and he will work with Steve Hall (COE) to improve STP.

SOR - RSW Operation at LGR (14:30)

- Jay Hesse (Nez Perce Tribe) asked whether FPAC will highlight the pending SOR. Paul Wagner (NOAA) noted that he let the COE know that an SOR for RSW operation at LGR would be coming. Didn't get the sense that there was a lot of resistance.
- Tom Lorz (CRITFC) noted that the bigger lead time FPAC gives the action agencies the better things are likely to turn out.

Transport Proposal (17:30)

- Tom Lorz (CRITFC) asked Paul Wagner whether he was or was not going to provide a write-up of NOAA transport proposal (was confused by what was said at TMT this week). Paul clarified that he will provide write-up for FPAC. TMT will be the discussion.

TMT Process Meeting (March 21, 2018) (18:07)

- Paul Wagner (NOAA) noted that the next week's TMT process meeting has a lot on the agenda, including an agenda item for Methodologies to Monitor Adult Passage in the Snake River. Are people under the impression that materials will be available for this meeting? Tom Lorz (CRITFC) asked if Paul has heard from DART. Paul noted that he contacted DART and asked if they could meet March 21st date and provide materials. DART will target presentation of their product to FPAC at March 20th meeting and to TMT on March 21st. Does not know where FPC stands on theirs.

These minutes have been reviewed and approved by the Fish Passage Advisory Committee.