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MEMORANDUM

To: Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC)

From: FPC Staff

Date: March 28, 2018

Subject: Action Notes from special March 27, 2018 (afternoon), FPAC meeting

On March 27, 2018 (2:30 pm), FPAC met for a special conference call to discuss and finalize a Draft SOR (2018-2). The following people participated in the meeting:

Tom Lorz (FPAC Co-Chair CRITFC)
Brandon Chockley (FPC)
Charlie Morrill (WDFW)
Dave Benner (FPC)
Dave Swank (USFWS)

Erick Van Dyke (ODFW)
Russ Kiefer (IDFG)
Sheri Sears (Colville Tribes)
Trevor Conder (NOAA)

AGENDA ITEMS

Update of Dworshak Operations and Discussion of SOR 2018-2

- Tom Lorz (CRITFC) provided update to FPAC on discussions he had with COE and BPA regarding SOR to request 20 Kcfs spill at LGR due to delay in screen installation. COE and BPA understood concerns over screens. Currently have unit 1 screened, units 5 and 3 will likely be screened by end of Thursday (Mar. 29). By Friday (Mar. 30) will have three screens + RSW spill. BPA and COE thinks this will be enough to cover expected flows through April 3rd. If not enough to cover flows, will commit to spilling flows in excess.
- Tom Lorz (CRITFC) also provided update on Dworshak Operations. Current STP was slightly wrong, flows would be increased to ~16 Kcfs on April 3rd. COE believes that

forecast will stay above 3.0 MAF, which means that April 15 FC elevation would stay at 1,445'. Depending on inflows, COE thinks 16 Kcfs on April 3rd will be necessary.

- Dave Swank (USFWS) provided update that Dworshak Hatchery has decided to delay Chinook release to April 2nd and 3rd.
 - April 2 – System II and III on-site steelhead released in morning, Chinook in B-bank released in afternoon
 - April 3 – A-bank Chinook released in morning
- Brandon Chockley (FPC) noted that April 3 release may coincide with increase in outflows at DWOR. Dave Swank (USFWS) clarified that desire to reduce outflows during release was mostly to accommodate release from Clearwater Hatchery. Clearwater Hatchery will still be releasing Chinook on March 29th and 30th. Charlie Morrill (WDFW) asked if should consider asking COE to delay increase in outflows on April 3rd until afternoon or maybe even April 4th. May not be necessary since hatchery is planning to release on March 29th and 30th but could still request at tomorrow's TMT to delay increase in outflows until noon on April 3rd.
- FPAC discussed and edited draft SOR (2018-2) that was circulated prior to meeting. Major edits included:
 - *Subject*: Changed to "Spill flows in excess of screened units at Lower Granite Dam".
 - *Specification*: Added statement to clarify that flows through LGR powerhouse should not exceed capacity of screened units. Specification no longer calls for operation of 20.4 Kcfs spill. Instead, specify operation of spill all flows in excess of screened units. No longer specifies start date of March 30th. Instead, specify start date as soon as reasonably possible.
 - *Justification*: Added impact of not having operating JBS will lead to delay in gatewells. Removed 20.4 Kcfs limit to spill amount and replaced with spill of all flows in excess of screened units at LGR.
 - Table 1 was included in error and was deleted.
 - Replaced references to hatchery and wild Chinook and steelhead to hatchery and wild salmonids and steelhead juveniles.
- Trevor Conder (NOAA) called in to discuss SOR. Question about whether fish are present at LGR in large enough numbers to warrant action.
- NOAA, CRITFC, ODFW, WDFW, USFWS, and Coleville Tribes will be signing. Nez Perce were not on the call to specify one way or the other. Tom Lorz (CRITFC) will note this at TMT (or Jay can specify Nez Perce position during call). IDFG will not be signing.
- FPC will finalize SOR and submit to COE Walla Walla distribution list as soon as possible.

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