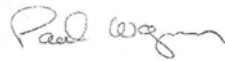


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TO: SMP Program Leaders
Russell Porter, PSMFC



FROM: Paul Wagner, Chair
Fish Passage Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Smolt Monitoring Program

DATE: April 18, 2011

The Columbia River Smolt Monitoring Program has long been established under the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program as a program measure. The 2009 Amendments to Council's Fish and Wildlife Program state that "The Fish Passage Center (FPC) coordinates the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP), and data from this program is intended to provide the information basis for federal, state and tribal recommendations for anadromous fish passage in the Federal Columbia River Hydro-electric System (FCRPS)."

The Smolt Monitoring Program has been under the direction of the Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC). The current Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority charter directs the Fish Passage Advisory Committee, "To assist the Fish Passage Center and develop the annual Smolt Monitoring Program, which integrates all of the Fish Passage Center activities and support work by others." All changes and directions relative to the program are reviewed and acted on by the FPAC before implementation.

SMP site biologists provide FPC with the daily sample information, and also provide valuable information regarding site activities. It is essential that these staff members communicate issues, questions and/or requested changes in project or facility operations that impact the routine or scheduled site SMP tasks and activities to the FPC liaison, and their respective Agency leads and or liaisons for coordination with FPAC. Jerry McCann of the Fish Passage Center staff is the acting liaison for FPAC for all matters relative to the SMP. Agency or tribal liaisons may also bring questions or considerations directly to FPAC for discussion, but notification to Jerry should occur at the same time.

cc: SMP Staff
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