

SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2000-5

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DATE: **March 17, 2000**

SUBJECT: **Flood Control Operations**

SPECIFICATIONS: The goal of the fishery agencies and tribes through submittal of this SOR is to store as much water as possible to allow flexibility in affecting fish passage conditions basinwide. Therefore, until otherwise notified:

1. Immediately decrease outflow from Dworshak Dam to an instantaneous flow of 4 Kcfs. Store this saved water for a potential flood control shift allowing its use during the fish migration period.
2. Reduce flows at Bonneville Dam to no more than that necessary to maintain a tailwater elevation of 15.7 feet (see SOR #2000-1). It is expected that this will require flows in the range of 160 to 180 Kcfs. Store the additional water in Grand Coulee Reservoir for use during the fish migration period.

JUSTIFICATION: The fishery agencies and tribes are presently considering the implications and ramifications of a flood control shift from Dworshak to Grand Coulee. Present flood control operations could jeopardize the potential benefits of this action by releasing that water now, preventing it from being available later. Please contact the Fish Passage Center regarding the intended implementation of this SOR.