


SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2000-8

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FROM: 
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DATE: **April 4, 2000**

SUBJECT: **Weekend Mid-Columbia Operations**

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Weekend daily average flows at Priest Rapids dam should not fall below the previous five days average flow.
- Until further notice, weekend daily average flows at Grand Coulee should be managed to provide adequate inflow through the Mid-Columbia projects, to allow the Mid-Columbia parties to maintain the requested weekend flow levels.
- A 20 Kcfs variation around the daily average flow is acceptable according to the terms of the Hanford Reach Juvenile Fall Chinook Protection Program.

JUSTIFICATION: Recent reductions of flows during the weekends have resulted in the stranding of newly emerged fall chinook on the Hanford Reach. The stranding has been of sufficient magnitude to request emergency re-wetting operations to be invoked on April 3. The stranding could be significantly reduced by maintaining weekend flows at the average of the previous five day's flow. This operation will require coordination between releases from Grand Coulee Dam and regulation through downstream reservoirs.