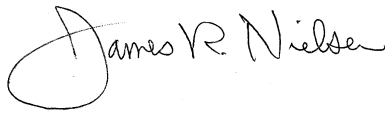


SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2000-17

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DATE: **May 2, 2000**

GOAL: 1) To achieve daily average flows of at least 100 Kcfs at Lower Granite Dam for the spring migration.
 2) To avoid stranding fish on the Hanford Reach by augmenting flows at Priest Rapids Dam during the peak emergence period.
 3) To achieve daily average flows of at least 260 Kcfs at McNary Dam for the spring migration.

SUBJECT: System Flow for the week ending May 14, 2000.

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Use water from Brownlee and Dworshak reservoirs as necessary to augment natural flows to achieve the goal of daily average flows of at least 100 Kcfs at Lower Granite Dam as modeled in the May 1st SSARR. A higher priority should be placed on using water from Brownlee Reservoir than Dworshak Reservoir.
- Use water from Grand Coulee Reservoir as necessary to augment natural flows to achieve the goal of daily average flows of at least 170 Kcfs at Priest Rapids Dam as modeled in the May 1st SSARR.
- Use water from Grand Coulee, Dworshak and Brownlee reservoirs as necessary to augment natural flows to achieve the goal of daily average flows of at least 260 Kcfs at McNary Dam as modeled in the May 1st SSARR.

JUSTIFICATION:

This time period is consistent with historic peak passage dates for yearling chinook and steelhead through the system.