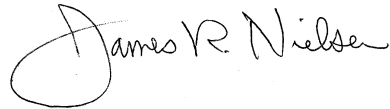


## **SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2000-27**

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**FROM:**        **Jim Nielsen, Chairperson, Salmon Managers**

**DATE:**        **July 26, 2000**

**SUBJECT:**    **Grand Coulee Reservoir Elevation**

**GOAL:**        **To provide flow augmentation to improve conditions for migrating juvenile fall chinook in the Lower Columbia River**

### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

Utilize a portion of the available volume in Grand Coulee Reservoir during the first week of August, reaching elevation 1282 feet on August 6.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Flows are projected to be significantly below the Biological Opinion flow targets and have been that way thus far the entire summer migration period. Given the current numbers of juvenile migrants in the lower Columbia River flows are necessary at this time.