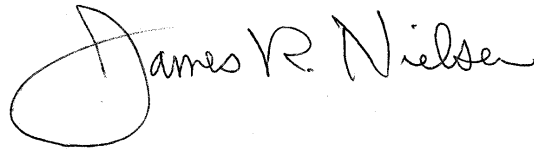


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FROM: **Jim Nielsen, Chairperson, Salmon Managers**

DATE: **September 17, 1998**

SUBJECT: **Operations at Bonneville Dam September 18 until further notice.**

SPECIFICATIONS:

Maximize Powerhouse II operation. At a minimum, the USFWS requires the operation of Bonneville Powerhouse II Units 11, 17 and 18 from 0600 to 1700 hours daily, September 18 until further notice, for the purpose of facilitating tule fall chinook trapping. The recommended operation of the Bonneville project, to maximize both juvenile and adult survival during this time period, is to operate Powerhouse II to full capacity and to avoid operation of Powerhouse I.

JUSTIFICATION:

USFWS has been trapping tule fall chinook for Spring Creek Hatchery since September 1. The goal of this trapping operation is 2,000 fish. The rationale and basis for this trapping was included in SOR #98-33 submitted on August 25, 1998. As of September 17, 1998, the USFWS has not reached the 2,000 fish goal. At present, trapping operations have averaged 40 fish per day. This has resulted in less than half of the 2,000 fish goal captured. The US vs. Oregon Technical Advisory Committee has recommended continuation of trapping.