

COLUMBIA RIVER REGIONAL FORUM

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

May 4, 2001 Conference Call

FACILITATOR'S NOTES

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The following notes are a summary of issues that are intended to point our future actions or issues that may need further discussion at upcoming meetings. These notes are not intended to be the record of the meeting, only a reminder for TMT members.

Spill:

The Executives are considering spill on the lower Columbia River and have requested TMT to indicate what should be the timing of such potential spill to provide maximum fish benefit. NMFS has previously reported planning that the Dalles would be the first place for spill (30% for a 24-hour period, minimum 50kcfs), then Bonneville (50 kcfs), for 30 or 31 days with several Megawatt-month options (200, 400, 600, 800) developed. There was a salmon managers conference yesterday and Rod Woodin (WDFW), Christine Malette (ODFW) and Paul Wagner (NMFS) reported their recommendation that for maximum benefit under current circumstances the spill should commence on May 9. Further discussion established a 6pm (Wednesday) starting time, unless a different time is suggested by FPAC meeting, with due consideration given to the lead time necessary to commence spill operations. Rudd Turner, on behalf of COE indicated, based on past experience, the need to monitor water quality (dissolved gas) at the Camas/Washougal gage. This may necessitate some adjustments, such as less than 24 hour continuous spill. **Conclusion:** There was no disagreement with commencing the spill at 6pm on May 9th, at Bonneville and The Dalles under the 400 megawatt option, with the contingencies indicated: monitoring for water quality and time alteration based on FPAC meeting early next week.

Next Meeting:

The next TMT meeting will be face-to-face, held **May 9 from 9-12**, followed by a Regional Executives meeting May 11.