

COLUMBIA RIVER REGIONAL FORUM

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

June 2, 2006 Meeting

FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY NOTES ON FUTURE ACTIONS

Facilitator: Donna Silverberg

Notes: Robin Harkless

6/2 Conference Call UPDATE: TMT reviewed information sent via email from Cathy Hlebechuk regarding spill patterns and volumes: 'Spill discharge is the same for both treatments. The spill discharge through 21 June is 20 Kcfs. The spill discharge for the rest of the summer is 18 Kcfs. The spill discharge and timing matches the Spill Implementation Plan. The proposal is to begin the alternating treatments on 8 June not 21 June: no other change in the Spill Implementation Plan.'

The reason for the change in test date was to take advantage of fish numbers passing now and promote a better test. The test was for egress conditions of the dam, taking normal spring spill and adding '4' step on June 8. The COE has been coordinating with both SRWG and TMT on this. TMT members present responded:

- NOAA – Does not see this as a major or worrisome change. Supports the test/change.
- USFWS – Supports.
- Oregon – Supports.
- BPA – Supports.
- COE – Supports.

For Salmon Managers not on the conference call, an e-mail was sent - to Jim Litchfield (Montana rep), Cindy Lefluer (Washington rep), Russ Kiefer (Idaho rep) and Tony Norris (BOR rep). Litchfield, Kiefer and Norris responded they support the change. Lefleur's e-mail came back saying she was gone until June 15. In addition, SWRG did not voice any objections to the change.

Technical Management Team Conference Call

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1. Greetings and Introductions.

Today's Technical Management Team conference call was chaired by Cathy Hlebechuk and facilitated by Donna Silverberg. The following is a summary (not a verbatim transcript) of the topics discussed and decisions made at this meeting. Anyone with questions or comments about these notes should contact Hlebechuk at 503-808-

3945.

2. Lower Granite Summer Research Operations.

Bern Klatte prefaced this agenda item by explaining that the researchers are seeing earlier fish numbers than expected, and they want to jump on that now and get the study going earlier than proposed – originally, the study was going to start on June 21. The question is, do we continue to spill 20 Kcfs until the 21st, or go to 18 Kcfs spill now? Paul Wagner observed. We need to coordinate this with the region, because it is a slight change to the court-ordered spill, Klatte said, because there are fish available now. They would be changing the spill pattern for half of the study period ending June 21, he said, and starting the summer spill treatment earlier. According to the Fish Passage Plan, that change would need to be coordinated through TMT and SRWG. The SRWG has been notified, and will provide a response by Monday. Wagner said NOAA Fisheries is fine with this change.

So we would have slightly less spill during the test period? Rick Kruger asked – that seems like a very minor change. It's not a big deal, Wagner replied – this proposal modifies the proposed pattern to add another stop in Bay 4, which would make the spill volume 20 Kcfs rather than 18 Kcfs. It's a very minor tweak, Wagner said. The group devoted a few minutes of discussion to the details of the spill pattern that would be implemented under this proposal. Basically, we're looking at egress conditions, Klatt said; the theory is that bulk spill will provide better egress conditions. The spill volume is essentially the same, he said – it's just the pattern that's different.

David Wills said the Fish and Wildlife Service is supportive of this change in operation. Kruger said Oregon is OK with the change as well, but said that, if any problems occur, he will notify the SRWG by Monday. Scott Bettin said BPA has no objection to the proposed change in spill operations; the Corps agreed.

If the consensus is to go ahead with this, and the SRWG is also in agreement, we'll make it part of our monthly report to the court, Hlebechuk said. We will email Cindy LeFleur and Russ Kiefer, communicating the TMT's recommendation, Silverberg said.

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TMT Conference Call Participants June 2, 2006

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