

# **COLUMBIA RIVER REGIONAL FORUM**

## **TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM CONFERENCE CALL**

November 17, 2006 Meetings

### **FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY NOTES ON FUTURE ACTIONS**

Facilitator: Robin Harkless

Notes: Erin Halton

The following notes are a summary of issues that are intended to point out 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.

#### **Chum Update**

As of 11/17, 71 chums were sighted in section 3, with half of those sighted above the 12' water line. The COE reported that elevations on 11/15 were in the 12.1' – 12.3' range and on 11/16 were in the 12' – 12.3' range. TMT members noted that the spawning was at an unusually high elevation this year, and expressed interest in a pulse “as high as possible for as short of a time as possible” night time (not before 1900, with pulse centered around midnight). Pulse is to be above a 13.5' elevation, and the rest of the time a target elevation of 12' around the clock, or as constant as possible. The COE clarified that the elevation range would be 11.8' - 12.3'.

**Next Steps:** TMT will have an update on chum at the meeting on 11/22, when new GPS information will be available.

#### **Dworshak Update**

Jim Adams, COE, reported that as of 11/17, Dworshak was going to overshoot mode, and that a temperature change would be likely.

#### **Next TMT Face-to-Face Meeting, November 22nd, 9:00-noon**

Agenda Items Include:

- Fall/Winter Operations at Vernita Bar
- Chum Operations Update
- Lake Pend Oreille Research wrap-up
- 2007 WMP – reminder to submit comments by 12/15!
- Operations Review

# Technical Management Team Conference Call Notes

November 17, 2007

## **1. Greetings and Introductions.**

The November 17 Technical Management Team conference call was chaired by Cathy Hlebechuk and facilitated by Robin Harkless. 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 503-808-3942.

## **2. Chum Update.**

The most recent survey results are hot-linked to today's agenda on the TMT homepage. Rick Kruger said this morning's survey found a total of 49 live chum, 85 redds and two dead chum, as well as 506 live fall chinook, 340 redds and 46 dead chinook. The majority of the chinook were found in section 1; the majority of the chum were found in sections 2 and 3 on the north side of Ives Island. A total of 28 live chum and 71 redds were located in section 3. About half of the chum redds in section 3 were located above the 12-foot elevation level.

The group devoted a few minutes of discussion to this information; one participant noted that the chum are spawning at unusually high elevations this year. The salmon managers reiterated their recommendation that the action agencies keep the nighttime high-flow period as short as possible, and maintain a target tailwater elevation as close as possible to 12 feet for as long as possible during the day. They requested a daytime range of 11.8 – 12.3 feet starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. if possible. The salmon managers also requested the project provide a pulse with a minimum tailwater of 13.5 feet at night. They requested the pulse be as high as possible for as short of a time as opposed to a low pulse for a long time. They requested the pulse start no sooner than 7 p.m. and be centered around midnight if possible. The action agencies agreed to implement the requested operation. A further chum update will be provided at the November 22 TMT meeting.

## **3. Other.**

Jim Adams reported that Dworshak will be going to overshot mode later today; this is expected to result in a discharge temperature of 52-53 degrees F.

## **4. Next TMT Meeting Date.**

The next face-to-face meeting of the Technical Management Team was set for Wednesday, November 22. Meeting summary prepared by Jeff Kuechle.

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