

**Columbia River Regional Forum
Technical Management Team Conference Call
April 2, 2008**

1. Introduction

Today's unscheduled TMT call was chaired and facilitated by Jim Adams (COE) with representatives of BPA, BOR, NOAA, COE, FPC, CRITFC, Idaho, and others attending in person or by phone. The following is a summary (not a verbatim transcript) of the topics discussed and decisions made at the meeting. Anyone with questions or comments about these notes should provide them to the TMT chair or bring them to the next meeting.

2. Ice Harbor Operations

Dan Feil (COE) and Tim Dykstra (COE Walla Walla) discussed the reason for today's call with TMT. Problems have arisen with the seals of the RSW to Ice Harbor Dam, meaning that repairs will be required. Spill at Ice Harbor is scheduled to start at midnight tonight, but the start of any repair work will only be able to start by Monday. The planned operation was to spill, with the spill alternating between 30% spill and 45 kcfs spill during the day and to the gas cap at night.

However, the repairs will require changing these spill levels. The revised Ice Harbor operations plan is as follows:

From now until Monday, April 7, spill 45 kcfs at Ice Harbor during the day (instead of 30% spill) and to the gas cap at night through bays 3-10, using the spill pattern for no RSW found in the Fish Passage Plan (Table IHR-9).

Beginning Monday, April 7, limit spill to bays 6-10 while the RSW is moved away from the dam. This will take all day Monday. Spill on Monday through bays 6-10 will continue to be 45 kcfs and to the gas cap at night unless increased flows change the gas cap spill levels.

Beginning Tuesday, April 8, limit spill to 18.7 kcfs through bays 6-10 until close of business Friday, April 11, while divers are in the water for an average of 10 hours per day. At night, spill will return to the gas cap. It could take another day or two of 45 kcfs daytime spill after the seals are repaired and divers are out of the water to reposition the RSW against the dam and to inspect the new seals. Planned operations at Ice Harbor will most likely resume on Monday, April 14.

Representatives of NOAA, Idaho, BPA, and BOR found this operation acceptable. The spill patterns will be linked to today's agenda when they are finalized later today.

3. Next Meeting

The next regular TMT meetings will be on April 9 and April 23. The April 9 agenda will include a review of the TMT guidelines, the next Spring Creek Hatchery release, John Day spill patterns, spring transportation planning, and follow-up reports on Little Goose, Lower Granite, and MOP operations. This summary prepared by consultant and writer Pat Vivian.

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