

COLUMBIA RIVER TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

March 4, 2015

Facilitator's Summary

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The following Facilitator's Summary is intended to capture basic discussion, decisions and actions, as well as 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 Spawning Operation

Paul Wagner, NOAA, reported that the chum incubation period and temperature units are continuing to be tracked. The incubation and pending emergence will continue to be tracked. There is no new information to report regarding redd locations. An update will be provided at the next TMT meeting.

Dworshak Operation Update

Steve Hall, USACE- Walla Walla, reported that Dworshak ended February at 1,565.7ft; which was 5.7ft above the end of February flood control elevation. As discussed at the February 18th TMT meeting, the USACE requested and received a deviation for the end of February flood control elevation.

Steve shared that although not finalized, the March forecast will be out soon and is likely to be 75% of normal; a slight decrease from the February forecast. The project is planning to operate at minimum flows for most of March, starting as soon as Thursday, March 5th. Paul Wagner, NOAA, noted that FPAC had discussed Dworshak flows and was in favor of decreasing outflow to minimums.

The next TMT meeting will be a face to face on March 18th at 9:00am. The meeting will be at the Portland State Building.

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1. Introduction

Doug Baus, COE, chaired this TMT meeting facilitated by Emily Plummer, DS Consulting. Representatives of BPA, BOR, Washington, Montana, USFWS, NOAA, Oregon, and others participated. This summary is an official record of the proceedings, not a verbatim transcript.

2. Chum Spawning Operation

Temperature units will continue to be tracked and emergence dates estimated as chum incubation season progresses, Paul Wagner, NOAA, reported. Nothing new has been noted in terms of chum redd locations this year.

3. Dworshak Operations

Dworshak Dam forebay ended February at elevation 1565.7 feet, Steve Hall, COE Walla Walla, reported. This is 5.7 feet above the end of February flood control elevation that was set by the February water supply forecast, in response to the flood control deviation request that was made and granted as discussed previously at TMT. The March final water supply forecast for Dworshak, due out in a few days, is expected to be approximately 75% of normal, which represents a decline in the water supply forecast from last month. As a result, Dworshak will most likely go to minimum flows for most of March.

FPAC discussed the current situation yesterday and expressed a collective desire to see outflows trimmed to minimums, or as close as possible to minimums, within the next week, Wagner said. Hall confirmed that will most likely happen within a day or two, as soon as the March final forecast is released.

4. Next TMT Meeting

TMT will meet next on March 18 in the Portland State Building near Lloyd Center.

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