

COLUMBIA RIVER TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

May 27, 2015

Facilitation Team's Summary

Facilitator, Emily Plummer; Notes, Tory Hines DS Consulting

The following Facilitation Team'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.

Operations Update

Mary Mellema, BOR, provided an update on Grand Coulee operations. She noted midnight elevation was at 1,248.9ft and the project is transitioning from targeting McNary flow objectives through the end of May to targeting July refill of Grand Coulee. The current plan is to begin refill on May 29th and fill the reservoir to 1,287ft by July 1st, then to full pool of 1289.7ft sometime after the July 4th holiday weekend. Charles Morrill, WA, asked when Grand Coulee elevation will reach 1,250ft; Mary noted this will likely occur by the end of this week. Mary clarified that 1,290ft equates to a full reservoir at Grand Coulee, but due to the Lake Roosevelt incremental storage project, 1,289.7ft constitutes full this year. Paul Wagner, NOAA, inquired about McNary flow expectations for the next 10 days, Mary noted that outflows are expected to be between 170 and 200kcfs. Mary also noted that the Grand Coulee will target 1,287ft for the 4th of July holiday weekend, however, following the 4th, the project will target 1,289.7ft.

Treaty Fishing SOR 2015-C2 (May 27-30)

Tom Lorz, CRITFC, presented SOR 2015-C2 on behalf of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's members. The SOR requests holding the Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools with a 1.5ft band during the spring treaty fishing season from Wednesday, May 27 through Saturday, May 30. Doug Baus, COE-NWD, noted that the Corps will implement the SOR as discussed. He also explained that the Corps is managing several operations and would appreciate advanced notice of any upcoming treaty fishing SORs for next week. Tom noted that he will coordinate with the Corps as early as possible, likely on Friday.

- **ACTION:** The Corps will implement SOR 2015-C2; beginning on May 27th at 0600 hours, through May 30th at 1800 hours.

The next TMT meeting will be a face to face meeting on June 3rd at 9:00am.

Columbia River Regional Forum
TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM—OFFICIAL MINUTES

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Minutes: Pat Vivian

Representatives of USFWS, CRITFC, Oregon, BPA, BOR, COE, Montana, Colville Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe and Washington participated in today's TMT meeting. Doug Baus, COE, chaired the discussion, with facilitation by Emily Plummer, DS Consulting. This summary is an official record of the proceedings, not a verbatim transcript.

2. Operations Update

Midnight elevation at Grand Coulee is 1248.9 ft, Mary Mellema reported. The project is transitioning from targeting McNary flows through the end of May to beginning refill at the end of this week, with a target of 1287 ft by July 1 in preparation for July 4 recreational operations. Charles Morrill, Washington, asked how quickly the project is expected to reach 1250 ft; Mellema said by the end of this week. Typically full pool is 1290 ft, but this year it will be 1289.7 ft due to the Lake Roosevelt incremental storage project. Over the next few weeks, flows at McNary will probably be in the range of 170-200 kcfs.

3. Treaty Fishing SOR

Tom Lorz, CRITFC/Umatilla, presented SOR 2015-C2, which requests the typical 1.5 ft operating bands at Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day pools from 6 am, May 27, to 6 pm, May 30.

Baus asked what next week's operation might look like because the Action Agencies need advance notification for planning purposes. There will be multiple operations going on at Bonneville at the same time. The current SOR will be implemented through May 30.

The Tribes will meet at the end of this week to talk about adult catch numbers, Lorz said. If they don't catch their allotment, there will be a conference call June 1 to determine whether there will be another treaty fishery. It will be a challenge to maintain a hard constraint in the Bonneville forebay at the same time flows are needed for FGE testing of the juvenile bypass. The Action Agencies may reset to a lower Bonneville forebay overnight Wednesday, June 3, if necessary to get the lower project head needed for FGE testing, Bettin added. Lorz said he will look at fish data and get back to the Action Agencies on May 29.

4. Next TMT Meeting

The next TMT meeting will be in person on June 1. There will be an update on refill at Coulee and the treaty fishery SOR.

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| Joe Skalicky | USFWS |
| Tom Lorz | CRITFC |
| Erick Van Dyke | Oregon |
| Tony Norris | BPA |
| Mary Mellema | BOR |
| Lisa Wright | COE |
| Doug Baus | COE |
| Michael Bryant | CBB |
| Don Tinker | SCL |
| Steve Lyman | PGE |
| Shane Lawson | Thompson-Reutters |
| Jim Litchfield | Montana |
| Sheri Sears | Colville Tribe |
| Dave Statler | Nez Perce Tribe |
| Tory Hines | DSC |
| Charles Morrill | Washington |