

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Draft minutes for the 27 July 2016 Willamette FPOM meeting. The meeting was held at USACE NWP HQ, Block 300. Portland, Oregon. In attendance:

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Couture, Garletts, Graham-Hudson, Helm, Kremer, Sharpe and Spear called in.

All documents may be found at [http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Willamette\\_Coordination](http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Willamette_Coordination)

## 1. Final actions

### 1.1. June 2016 W-FPOM meeting minutes approved.

### 1.2. MOCs/MFRs

- 1.2.1. 16WVP05 MFR Flow Targets for Willamette Mainstem at Salem and North Santiam-WFPOM concurred. Walker will continue doing monthly MFRs for July, August and September.

## 2. Action Items

- 2.1. [June 2016] North Santiam temperature targets. **ACTION:** Walker to coordinate an additional meeting with key players to discuss this in detail. **Walker will send a doodle poll out.**
- 2.2. [June 2016] Fish Facility dewatering plans. **ACTION:** Walker to have dewatering plans for the October WFPOM to review. NMFS recommended reconvening as a small group to go over each plan.
- 2.3. [May 2016] Chub post – delisting monitoring. **ACTION:** Hudson to ask Chris Allen about Chub post-delisting monitoring requirements. Hudson commented that Brian Bangs with

ODFW is finishing a report and as soon as it is available it will be distributed to the group. Pending. **Walker received the final version and will distribute.**

### 3. Updates

#### 3.1. HMT Updates: Traylor recapped the meeting from last week

- 3.1.1. North Santiam – In order to stop the spread of disease, weir panels are used to block adults from migrating up stream reaches above water intake for the Marion Forks Hatchery. ODFW can't out plant adult fish until the panels are in place. ODFW is having the panels fabricated and are almost completed. The plan is to install the panels on July 28 and out plant the first spring chinook by next week. There is interest in putting winter steelhead in the upper basin but it is not going to happen with the current weir. The project is considering a juvenile steelhead plan for next year. The Dry Creek out planting site has been installed and is ready to go.
  - 3.1.2. South Santiam – No updates
  - 3.1.3. McKenzie- They are at 80% of their brood needs. There are about 160 pairs for out planting above Cougar which is below the target number. Currently, 100 fish in trap and hoping for 190-200 pairs for out planting. The goal is 400 females. At the Cougar trap, 150 spring chinook returned. Out of those 150 fish, twelve fish returned and were transported above dam. Last year, more fish returned towards the end of the season. Fall Creek collection has dropped, so far they have had 370 non-marked spring chinook adults that were placed above the dam.
  - 3.1.4. Middle Fork – no update on hatchery activities. The goal has almost been met for the North Fork and Middle Fork with 687 fish transplanted. Some fish may have been transplanted above Hills Creek but the project is concerned with brood needs more right now.
  - 3.1.5. Leaburg dam trapping operations began on July 26 but since there were not enough clipped fish, they stopped trapping and will try again next week. The project is monitoring fish counts weekly.
- 3.2. HGMP updates- Traylor noted that the technical team wrapped up work months ago and is now waiting on several people to return from vacation. The next manager level meeting is scheduled for August 23.
- 3.3. Research/FPT updates – No updates. The team is still in FY17 planning phase.
- 3.4. Water Quality Updates – At Detroit Dam, the project will most likely lose the spillway crest in a week or so due to low water levels. Cougar is currently at 260-270 cfs. The plan is to operate the tower for temperature management through October 1.
- 3.5. Flow update - Scullion said the overall system is low but trying to maintain 4500 cfs at Albany and 6,000 cfs at Salem. To accomplish this, they had to bump up releases at Fall Creek and further increases at Cottage Grove and Dorena. The system will be right on edge of the minimum flows.
- 3.6. BPA updates- No updates
- 3.7. Cougar Fish Facility- Helm reported that 159 fish returned to the facility. They were double floy tagged and recycled to the mouth of the Blue River. Out of those fish, 15 returned a second time and were hauled above dam. Two of the fish were hatchery fish and the rest were non-marked.
- 3.8. Fall Creek Fish Facility- Richards said that contracting won't award the job or notice to proceed until August due to a protest. This means that the team will be three months behind on the start of the contract which affects the in-water work periods. Instead of finishing the contract in March 2018, the contract will most likely end in 2019. After the contract is awarded, fish managers can be updated on issues at WFFDRWG. For the Blue River spill gate repair, the contractor has requested early start date.

- 4. Coordination/Notification forms (need concurrence/discussion)**
  - 4.1.** 16WVP05 MFR Flow Targets for Willamette Mainstem at Salem and North Santiam-**WFOP concurred.** Walker will continue doing monthly MFRs for July, August and September.
  
- 5. Fish Operations Plan:** WFOP homepage: [http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Willamette\\_Coordination/WFOP/](http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Willamette_Coordination/WFOP/)
  - 5.1.** No pending change forms this month.
  - 5.2.** Status of the 2016 WFOP. Walker is taking over this task from Dalgliesh. He is creating a map of the thirteen projects and reviewing the changes forms submitted by NMFS and ODFW. The project should be completed by the October WFOP.
  
- 6. Task Group Updates.**
  - 6.1.** Active Task Groups.
    - 6.1.1.** North Santiam temperature targets (Walker) Walker will send out a Doodle Poll within the next week.
    - 6.1.2.** Flow task group/workshop (Piaskowski) A meeting was held on July 27 to discuss a couple research proposals.
  - 6.2.** Not yet Active Task Groups.
    - 6.2.1.** Summer Steelhead (Traylor/Taylor)

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Block 300 conference room.