

## **FPP Change Form**

**Change Request Number: 10APPB001**

**Date: November 4, 2009**

**Proposed by:**

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**Proposed Change (underlined):**

**Appendix B**

**3. Program Duration:**

d. Emergency Notification Criteria: Project Biologists will report to the CENWW Transportation Coordinator when high water temperatures or other factors increase collection mortality to 6 percent of daily collection for 3 consecutive days or if daily collection mortality exceeds 10,000 fish. Mortality rates of 6% or greater do not need to be reported when 50 or fewer fish are reported in the daily collection. The Transportation Coordinator will evaluate the situation and shall notify NOAA Fisheries and may arrange a conference call, if needed, with TMT to discuss the options of continuing collection and transportation or to bypass fish. In the event of a fish loss exceeding conditions set forth in the ESA Section 10 Permit for the transportation program, the Corps shall notify NOAA Fisheries and reopen consultation as needed. If icing conditions threaten facility integrity or present unsafe conditions on the transport route, transport operations may be terminated early by the project's Operations Manager. Emergency termination or modification of the transportation program will be coordinated by the CENWW Transportation Coordinator with NOAA Fisheries and TMT.

**Reason for Change:**

During late summer collection and transport truck operations, daily fish collection numbers in most locations drop considerably. Lower Monumental and Little Goose facilities have at times recorded less than 10 fish per day in during daily collection over the course of 3 days. Incurring 1 fish mortality per day under this situation would produce a reportable 10% mortality rate which would be true but misleading as to the seriousness of the problem as only 3 mortalities would be involved. Requiring a minimum of 50 fish in the daily collection when reporting a 6% mortality rate will reduce the number of multiple reports on a very small number of fish mortalities. Most late summer mortalities are thought to be disease related during exposure to higher water temperature, not as a result of fish facility operations.

**Comments from others:**

Issue discussed at the 06October 09 FPOM meeting under item 4.13 in the minutes. Fish Passage Plan Change form drafted at FPOM request for latter consideration. Tom Lorz (CRITFC) suggested there will be a lot of discussion about what minimum number is acceptable.

**Record of Final Action:**

**Approved at the November FPOM meeting**