

FPP Change Request Form

Change Request Number & Title: 14BON011 SLEDS installation

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Project: Bonneville Dam

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Location of Change - FPP Project and Section:

BON 2.5.1.1.h Adult Fish Passage Facilities Operating Criteria – Winter Maintenance period

Proposed Changes (in track changes to existing section):

2.5.1.1. Adult Facilities – Winter Maintenance (Dec 1-end of Feb).

h. Sea Lion Exclusion Devices (SLEDs) will be installed at all ~~8-main-adult~~ fishway entrances ~~and B2 FOGs on or before~~ no earlier than October 1 and no later than February 1 and will be removed by ~~June 15-August 1~~ each year. season. ~~SLEDs may be installed earlier or kept in place later if significant numbers of pinnipeds are present at Bonneville outside of these dates.~~ All floating orifice gates (FOGs) can be left installed year-round.

Justification for Change:

Sea lions are now present at Bonneville Dam for 11 months of the year. There have been observations of sea lions foraging in close proximity of fishway entrances during periods when SLEDs are not installed. These animals could easily enter the adult fishways if SLEDs are not installed.

Comments from others:

1/22/14 FPOM: Lorz and Conder expressed concerns about impacting adult salmon when there are larger numbers of fish entering the fishways. They would like to see some flexibility on install/removal dates. Bettin asked if a biological trigger based on fish numbers would be preferable to a calendar date. FPOM requests further discussion at Feb FPOM. ***Pending.***

2/13/14 FPOM: Remove SLEDs from August 1 to October 1. Edited text to include this recommendation.

Record of Final Action:

2/13/14 FPOM: Approved with edits.