

Fish Passage Plan (FPP) Change Request Form

Change Form # & Title: 15AppB001 – Truck Transport Minimum #s
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Project: Transport Collector Projects (LWG, LGS, LMN)
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Final Action:

FPP Section: Appendix B - section 3.3. Ending Operations.

Justification for Changes: Provide guidance on sample size of collected fish that justifies transport to provide for improving SARs and simultaneously improve the economic efficiency of the transport program. A similar FPP change form was introduced in 2012 and not approved. Some of the feedback received on that FPP change form has been incorporated into this revision and resubmittal.

Fall Chinook returns are meeting recovery goals?? And the contribution from small numbers of late season transported fish is assumed to be minor.

When the transported fish load is <100 fish/trip, on average, we do not provide for the return of a single adult (this assumes overall average $\leq 1\%$ SAR).

Proposed Changes:

3.3. Ending Operations.

~~Transport operations are anticipated to continue through approximately September 30 at Lower Monumental and through October 31 at Lower Granite and Little Goose. During late season alternate-day truck transport, when transport numbers are ≤ 100 fish for 3 consecutive trips, the collector project will alternate between 2 days of primary bypass and 2 days of collection for transport. If transport numbers fail to reach over 100 for 3 consecutive rotations, then primary bypass will be maintained with sampling for fish condition monitoring until either the end of that facility's scheduled transport season or such time when collected fish numbers increase to greater than 100 /day for 4 consecutive days.~~

Comments:

16-Jan-2015 NOAA memo: "This change form should be accompanied by supporting data. The data should include the projects that would be affected by this action and the frequency at which this action would occur based on historic data. This would require providing the historic data (2005 and forward) and demonstrate what the effect would have been if the action proposed in the change form had been enacted during that time. The analyses should include the frequency and duration of the action's effects i.e., when transport would have been terminated and then reinitiated by project and year."

22-Jan-2015 FPOM: Wagner called in to discuss. What would not have been transported if this had been the operation in previous years? More analysis is needed. Setter said it comes

down to whether or not this is still perceived as a benefit when numbers are low. **ACTION ITEM:** Wagner will request NOAA Montlake to look at data to support the change form. This change form shelved for now, will re-visit at a later date.

Record of Final Action: