

Fish Passage Plan (FPP) Change Request Form

Change Form # & Title: 15AppB004 – Collection Facility Operations
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FPP Section: Appendix B – Section 4.3.4. Collection Facility Operations.

Justification for Change: Revise the language of this section to reflect current operations which is to be spilling during the spring season. This section was added when the default plan was to not have spill during low flow years.

This section was added to avoid the situation of collecting fish in the raceways and then releasing them because the raceway holding capacity criteria would be exceeded if additional collection occurred. This situation occurred several times when there was no spill occurring at the collector projects. This situation is highly unlikely to occur with spill at the project. However this section has been reworded to allow for a process to add additional spill in the unlikely event the raceways would exceed holding capacity.

Proposed Change:

4.3.4 Collection Facility Operations.

Fish collection numbers at Lower Granite, Little Goose, and Lower Monumental dams may exceed facility and barge capacities for short periods of time. ~~This is most likely to happen during low flow years when the project is not spilling. During low flow years when there is no spill, CENWW will coordinate with RCC at the beginning of the transport season for permission to spill if a facility appears to be exceeding its carrying capacity. During low flow years, if it appears that holding capacity may be exceeded on a given day, the project biologist shall immediately inform CENWW. The project biologist will report the hourly fish collection numbers, barge arrival time or holding capabilities, along with facility descaling and mortality information. The CENWW Transportation Coordinator shall promptly coordinate this information with RCC and NOAA Fisheries. Additional Sspill through the RSW/spillway at the affected project may be requested if it appears that holding capacity will be exceeded or fish condition information indicates that spill passage is a better passage route than bypassing through the facility. If it is determined that the best course of action is to increase spill, spill operations shall begin prior to the facility reaching its holding capacity (around when the eighth of 10 raceways is filled). This level of Sspill may continue until holding capacity becomes available or fish condition improves.~~

Comments:

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