

Fish Passage Plan (FPP) Change Request Form

Change Form # & Title: 15AppI001 – DWR Unwatering Protocol
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Project: Dworshak Dam
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FPP Section: Appendix I. Dworshak Dam Fish Protection Procedures for Turbine Maintenance.

Justification for Changes: The change is due to new high intensity lighting installed overlooking the tailrace and attraction of smaller fish into the draft tube.

Proposed Changes:

7. The night before a unit is to be unwatered, the operator will turn off the lights overlooking the tailrace to reduce the attraction of smaller fish. Several hours before the unit is to be unwatered the DWR Operations Section will contact BPA to get final approval for the outage and make sure all the clearance tags are ready to be placed. Early on the day of the unwatering, the mechanics and operators will coordinate to lower the emergency gate and/or install the intake bulkhead. This will isolate the intake water passage from the forebay. A least one day in advance the LWG Fisheries Biologist will ensure that adequate fish recovery equipment and personnel trained in fish handling are available for the unwatering and fish recovery event. Trained personnel to assist in the salvage procedure may come from local fish facilities and/or district operations division.

Comments:

1/16/15 NOAA memo: “No objections to the new language requiring turning off the tailrace lights.”

Record of Final Action:

1/22/15 FPOM: APPROVED.