

Fish Passage Plan (FPP) Change Request Form

Change Form # & Title: 15MCN002 - Add Section for Work Near Fishways
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FPP Section: Section 2. Project Operations.

Justification for Change: The Walla Walla District projects do not have FPP language stating that construction activities will not occur near an adult fishway unless coordinated through FPOM. We suggest adding the proposed change below to these projects as a conservative measure so potential impacts to fish are minimized through regional coordination. Further research and literature review are ongoing and may provide more specific guidance on activities and distances as these data are made available.

Proposed Change: Add new section 2.1. General.

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2.1.1. Research, non-routine maintenance activities and construction will not be conducted within 100' of any fishway entrance or exit, within 50' of any other part of the adult fishway, or directly in, above or adjacent to any fishway, unless coordinated by the Project, Walla Walla District (NWW) Operations and/or Planning or Construction office through FPOM or FFDRWG. Currently coordinated special operations related to research are described in *Special Project Operations & Studies (Appendix A)*. These distances are approximate and will be updated after data are collected and analyzed to understand where the threshold for adversely impacting adult fish behavior occurs. Alternate actions will be considered by District and Project biologists in conjunction with the Regional fish agencies on a case-by-case basis.

2.1.2. Emergency situations should be dealt with immediately by the Project in coordination with the Project and/or District biologist. If unavailable, the biologists will be informed of steps taken to correct the situation immediately following the incident. All activities within boat restricted zones (BRZ) will be coordinated with the Project at least 2 weeks in advance, unless it is deemed an emergency (see also **FPP Chapter 1 - Overview** for coordination guidance). On a monthly basis, as appropriate, the project biologist will provide a summary of any emergency actions undertaken for review by FPOM.

Comments:

1/16/15 NOAA memo: "Approval pending final change form development from the FPOM subcommittee."

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