

Fish Passage Plan (FPP) Change Request Form

Change Form # & Title: 18MCN001 – Remove Section for Work Near Fishways
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Project: McNary Dam
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Final Action:

FPP SECTION: Section 2. Project Operations.

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE: In the FPP, a paragraph was added beginning in 2015 FPP in the general section 2.0 indicating that construction activities will not occur within 100 ft of fish ladders during the fish passage season unless coordinated. Research was undertaken at Lower Granite to determine if there was merit to the assumption that non routine maintenance work within 100 ft of fishways was discernable over routine baseline noise and vibration. Study findings did not detect any difference in transit rate through the adult ladder, and activity specific to the operation of the adult trap has emerged as a factor with a higher likelihood of promoting passage delay. Due to this finding, NWW would like to have the language added in 2015 removed at all NWW projects.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Remove section 2.1.1 General.

REMOVE:

2.1. General.

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 with FPOM or FFDRWG by the Project, District Operations and/or Planning or Construction office. These distances are approximate and will be updated after data are collected and analyzed to determine the threshold for adverse impacts to adult fish behavior. Alternate actions will be considered by District and Project biologists in conjunction with the Regional fish agencies on a case-by-case basis.

LEAVE:

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 the **FPP Overview** section 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:

RECORD OF FINAL ACTION: