

FPP Change Form

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Proposed by: CRITFC, WDFW, IDFG

Location of Change- 09AppG_ BON 1.2 and 1.14

Current Language:

1.2. The Corps reserves the right to terminate trapping operations at any time.

1.14. Fish greater than 100 cm in length **will not** be diverted into the anesthetic tank. These fish will be allowed to return to the ladder untouched.

Proposed Change:

1.2. The Corps reserves the right to halt trapping operations in cases of emergency or temporary maintenance measures. The corps will coordinate with researchers and regional managers for alterations in trap use.

1.14. Remove

Reason for Change:

1. It is understood the Corps has the right to halt trapping operations, but it would be better to clarify the procedures for doing so. In cases of emergency or unforeseen maintenance measures it's understood, but in cases of fish passage issues the Corps should be required to consult with regional managers.
1. It is impossible for the trap operators to visually determine length. Excluding fish of any length group biases the sample. An attempt to exclude fish over 100 cm would also inevitably exclude fish approaching the 100 cm length. Especially important are the Group B steelhead that are most likely to fall within this slot length. Supporting a protocol to avoid (minimal) handle of salmonids >100cm only contributes to a poor sample size and adds further uncertainty in abundance estimates for salmonids stocks comprised of fish falling within this slot length. Maximum length restrictions should not be imposed in order to collect unbiased and statistically viable data.
2. This monitoring supports the data needs of the Pacific Salmon Commission's U.S. Chinook Technical Committee, U.S. v. Oregon's Technical Advisory Committee, Harvest Biop, 2008 FCRPS BiOp, and 2009 Adaptive Management Implementation Plan and the Columbia River Accords for monitoring ocean abundance, in-season harvest, run reconstruction and forecasting, and stock specific escapement of Chinook and sockeye salmon, and steelhead. Sampling at BON allows for fisheries agencies to meet international treaty obligations (Pacific Salmon Treaty), federal court decision (US V Oregon), and develop the best available science for fisheries management, ESA risk assessments, and many other purposes. We need to continue to work together to meet joint goals such as recovering salmon and steelhead populations and using the best available science for extinction risk, harvest, hydro, and other assessments

Comments from others:

Record of Final Action: change form not approved. Large fish will not be sampled until a larger tank can be installed. A separate meeting will be held to discuss a new tank size.