

CENWP STAFFING SHEET

Office Symbol: CENWP-OD
 Initiating Office: For Tammy Mackey, CENWP-OD-SRF
 SUBJECT: Letter to Guy Norman, TAC Response
 DESIRED ACTION: COL Miles Signature

DATE: 3-May-10

RETURN TO: CENWP-OD, Tina O'Connor, x4302 -

DETAILED SUMMARY:
 1. Purpose: agreement regarding sampling protocols
 2. History: operation of the Adult Fish Facility (AFF) at Bonneville Dam
 3. Reason:
 4. Background:

REMARKS: PLEASE CIRCLE O'Connor/x4302

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 CENWP-DD Neal
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MAY 18 2010

Executive Office

Guy Norman
Vice Chair, US v Oregon Policy Committee
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Dear Mr. Norman:

Thank you for your February 4, 2010 letter requesting the Corps assistance in promoting coordination and resolution of Adult Fish Facility (AFF) operations at Bonneville Dam. The Corps understands the importance of the sampling conducted at the AFF, and has strived to meet State, Tribal, and our own sampling requirements while maintaining safe adult fish passage conditions at Bonneville Dam.

Regarding your request, USACE Fisheries Biologists have been working with the Fish Passage Operations and Maintenance work group (FPOM) and the U.S. v Oregon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to come to agreement regarding sampling protocols. We met on February 4, March 5, and April 8, and developed new procedures in the following areas:

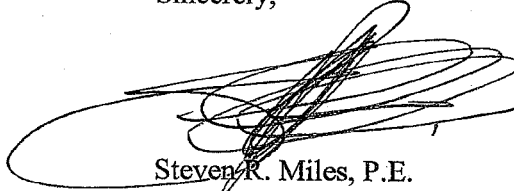
- a. Number of adult salmonids allowed in the anesthetic tank.
- b. Maximum temperature threshold for normal and modified sampling.
- c. Temperature requirement to resume normal and modified sampling following a temperature related shut-down.
- d. Criteria and protocols for operating the trap's picketed leads.

Details for these new procedures are described in Appendix G of the Fish Passage Plan, available at http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/tmt/documents/fpp/2010/changes/APPG_TRAP_Revised_20100419_23.pdf. FPOM and TAC agreed to evaluate the new procedures for this year. At the end of the passage season, FPOM and TAC will discuss if any further changes are needed.

We understand and concur with the importance of improved harvest estimates. We believe it is best practice to weigh the costs and benefits from changes to facility protocols against potential negative effects on BiOp adult performance through the hydro-system as we all work

toward recovery of ESA listed species. We look forward to working with FPOM and TAC in the future to assess the effectiveness of these new protocols, and develop further modifications if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and lines, positioned above the typed name.

Steven R. Miles, P.E.
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander