

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 22BON066 PH1 Forebay Gill Net and Buoy Removal

In the afternoon of both 25 and 26 July, Bonneville Fish Biologist, Park Rangers, and Riggers removed several buoys attached to net lines and a larger ghost gill net in the Bonneville Powerhouse 1 (PH1) Forebay.

One buoy and partial net was removed on 25 July near the BON Nav Lock with the markings “Sonny Berry NP-3558”.

On 26 July another buoy attached to a float line and anchor without any net attached was removed from the PH1 Forebay BRZ with the markings “NP 3563”

Also on 26 July, a large gill net was removed from the PH1 Forebay BRZ near the Bradford Island Fishway exit. This net only had the marking of “NR-22” on most buoys, but no other distinguishing features. This net contained 2 confirmed fish mortalities that were extremely decayed. This net was taken to CRIT PD by BON Rangers.



Figure 1. Location of large string of gillnet in front of the Bradford Island Fishway exit.



Figure 2. Removal of large gill net in PH1 Forebay BRZ



Figure 3. Removal of large gill net from PH1 Forebay BRZ



Figures 4 and 5. Two decayed fish mortalities from large gill net in PH1 Forebay BRZ



Figure 6. Buoy removed from PHI Forebay BRZ on 26 July

- A. Species – 1 shad, 1 unknown
- B. Origin – N/A
- C. Length – N/A
- D. Marks and tags – N/A
- E. Marks and Injuries found on carcass – Decayed
- F. Cause and Time of Death – Ghost gill net
- G. Future and Preventative Measures – proper anchorage and removal of all gill nets used upstream.

Sincerely,
Project Fisheries