

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: 22BON091 MFR AFF Picket Leads Left Down After Sampling**

On the morning of 23 September, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) Biologists notified Bonneville Project Biologists that the Adult Fish Facility sampling pickets in the Washington Shore Ladder were in the down position when they arrived at the facility. CRITFC staff believe that all pickets were raised on 22 September after the conclusion of daily sampling. There was a problem with a weir door pulley that prevented placing the facility in the normal bypass mode (fish are still able to pass normally), and it is possible that this distraction resulted in the pickets not being raised at the end of the sampling day on 22 September. No fish mortalities were observed during this timeframe. Bonneville Project Fisheries conducted a fishway inspection that included this area, but the inspection was during the time CRITFC was still sampling (11:00 hrs on Sept 22). Bonneville operators also conducted an afternoon fishway inspection that included this area but believed to have checked this location while CRITFC was still in sample mode.

- A. Species – All species between Sept 22 at 12:45 through Sept 23 at 08:21 when the facility went back into sampling mode.
- B. Origin – NA
- C. Length – NA
- D. Marks and tags – NA
- E. Marks and Injuries found on carcass – NA - No mortalities discovered or observed.
- F. Cause and Time of Death – NA – No mortalities discovered or observed.
- G. Future and Preventative Measures – CRITFC will make sure that raising pickets at the end of the day will be top priority.

Sincerely,  
Bonneville Project Fisheries

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is reporting on the incident reported by CRITFC and the potential impacts to fish and/or fish passage conditions at Bonneville Lock & Dam. This incident is not the responsibility of the Corps. We report it here for regional awareness.