

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 15JDA02 MFR Unit 9 draft tube dewatering delay

17 March – tail logs and bulkheads were installed in Main Unit (MU) 9. The unit was spun prior to installing bulkheads.

18 March - The scroll case was dewatered and fish salvage activities occurred. No fish were found.

19 March – due to the slow dewatering associated with draining both MU9 and an emergency dewatering of MU14, the draft tube was not ready for fish salvage activities prior to the four day holding limit (21 March). This delay, while a violation of the FPP, was not anticipated to have negative impacts on salmonids, lamprey, or sturgeon. In 2013 and 2014, for draft tube dewaterings that occurred prior to May, there were either no fish found or the fish that were salvaged were catfish.

23 March – Project Fisheries was able to conduct fish salvage activities in MU9 draft tube. One juvenile salmonid was found and released in good condition.

- A. Species – juvenile Chinook
- B. Origin – unclipped
- C. Length – juvenile size
- D. Marks and tags – NA
- E. Marks and Injuries found on carcass – juvenile Chinook was alive and well.
- F. Cause and Time of Death – No death to report.
- G. Future and Preventative Measures – Under normal conditions, the draft tube would have been dewatered within the four day period. Due to the emergency dewatering of MU14, the draft tube dewatering for MU9 took longer than anticipated. A safety pool was maintained and, based on previous dewatering results, JDA Fisheries was confident there would be very few salmonids in the draft tube.

Sincerely,
JDA Project Fisheries