

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 15TDA15 MFR – North Fish ladder dewatering mortality

The north fish ladder was originally scheduled for 3 December but it was delayed due to weather conditions. The north fish ladder was dewatered on 4 December for annual fishway inspection and maintenance. As water levels receded and fish salvage operations began, abnormally high numbers of salmonids, lamprey and large sturgeon were found. Due to time concerns and the potential of losing many of these fish during the salvage operation, the fish ladder was immediately watered back up as soon as all personnel could be evacuated. This resulted in one adult Chinook mortality, stranding occurred in the lower section of the fishway on top of diffuser grating.

- A. Species –Chinook
- B. Origin - unknown
- C. Length –NA
- D. Marks and tags - NA
- E. Marks and Injuries found on carcass – NA
- F. Cause and Time of Death – stranding during dewatering
- G. Future and Preventative Measures – No changes. Attempts are always made to get to stranded fish as soon as possible, but this operation was changed in the middle of procedures.

Thank you,
The Dalles Project Fisheries

Comments from agencies

