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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: 22 LWG 09 Adult Chinook Salmon Mortalities

SUBJECT: Two adult Chinook salmon mortalities

Two clipped adult Chinook salmon mortalities were observed on upper fish ladder control section walkway July 11. Both fish apparently jumped from the ladder landing on the walkway where they were found (Photo 1). Fish jumping from the fish ladder at this location has not been observed in the past.

- A. Species Adult Chinook salmon.
- B. Origin Hatchery.
- C. Length N/A
- D. Marks and tags Adipose clipped

E. Marks and Injuries found on carcass – Carcasses were in different stages of decomposition.

F. Cause and Time of Death - It is believed that both fish jumped through the safety chains onto the walkway where the expired.

G. Future and Preventative Measures – Removable jump screens will be fabricated and installed to prevent fish from jumping through the chains in the future.

Sincerely,

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Photo 1: Adult Chinook salmon mortalities observed at Lower Granite Dam July 10, 2022.