

**Columbia River Regional Forum
System Configuration Team Meeting
November 15, 2018
Final Notes**

1. Introduction

Representatives of NOAA, NPCC, Corps, OR, ID, BPA, Yakima Nation Fisheries, and others participated in today's SCT meeting chaired by Blane Bellerud, NOAA, and facilitated by Ian Chane, COE. See the last page of these minutes for a list of attendees at today's meeting. Today's meeting centered on updating FY19 rankings with additional information updates on FY18 and FY19 projects.

2. Revisit of FY 19 Rankings and Re-Ranking as Necessary:

Members of SCT reviewed their rankings for FY19 projects. During this time, several agencies updated their rankings and Tom Iverson, Yakima Nation Fisheries, provided initial rankings on behalf of Yakima.

Items are ranked on a scale of 1 (low priority) to 5 (high priority).

A few of the line-item ranking changes included:

Line 8, Lower Columbia River Juvenile Survival Studies – Washington increased its ranking from a 3 to a 5.

Line 12, Reservoir Temperature Monitoring at Lower Columbia River Dams – While it would not be a huge savings, the Corps may update its ranking to be lower after AFEB.

Line 15, McNary Top Spill Weir (TSW) Permanence – This project must be initiated before the McNary overshoot study can be started. Washington elevated its ranking from a 4 to a 5.

Line 31, Snake River Adult Sockeye Passage Initiatives – Oregon placed a ranking of 3.

Line 39, The Dalles Sluiceway PIT Detection Feasibility Evaluation (Placeholder) – Washington and Oregon both raised their ratings to a 5.

Line 51 McNary Steelhead Overshoot – BPA changed its rating to be a 3.

Charles Morrill, WA, noted that it did not seem like there was a lot of flexibility in the budget. Ian Chane, Corps, said that Morrill was correct. This year a lot of funding is required to close out projects.

3. Project Updates:

Derek Fryer, COE Walla Walla, will send out the preliminary report on the Lower Granite Survival Study. Work on the Lower Monumental Outfall Primary Bypass Pipe Expansion Joint Deficiency Correction has been funded and is scheduled to be completed on time. Currently, there is a temporary fix at Lower Monumental to secure the failing joint that cost approximately \$25,000. The repair should last through winter. Freezing will be an issue. The Corps is working on a permanent fix and should have a contract awarded this year. Designs have been resolved for the Lower Granite Spillway Pit Tag Detector (Line 21). Ian Chane, Corps, will provide information on if the sea lion exclusion device modifications can be funded at the next meeting.

4. Other:

Ian Chane, Corps, will be providing the SCT rankings to NWD/SERG tomorrow (11/16). From there, he will report back to SCT. Because of this, SCT members chose to rank Line 50 Little Goose Adult Ladder PIT Feasibility, given the information that was available at the time of the meeting.

5. Next Meeting:

The next SCT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 20.

Today's Attendees:

Ian Chane, COE
Brad Eppard, COE
Leslie Bach, NPCC
Blane Bellerud, NOAA
Leah Sullivan, BPA
Russ Kiefer, ID
Erick Van Dyke, OR
Shane Scott, PPC
Christine Peterson, BPA
Derek Fryer, COE Walla Walla
Margie McGill, COE
Charles Morrill, Washington
Tom Iverson, Yakima Nation Fisheries

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