

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: DRAFT minutes for the 13 March 2014 Avian Task Group meeting.

The meeting was held in the Theater at McNary Dam meeting. In attendance:

Last	First	Agency	Office/Mobile	Email
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No one called in because the phone didn't work.

1. Action and Monitoring Plans.

- 1.1. Fredricks said he went through each Monitoring and Action plan with a fine tooth comb. He provided a spreadsheet of what NOAA would like to see in the Monitoring and Action Plans. He said he doesn't want to get into a really intensive program, but he does want some minimum standardization across projects. He said one inspection a day at the peak.
- 1.2. Fredricks said USACE cannot meet performance standards and then walk away from avian hazing/monitoring.
- 1.3. NWW is still seeking lethal take. The group discussed how lethal take could be used.
- 1.4. A stepped approach is preferred when ramping up hazing activities.

2. Reporting.

- 2.1. Fredricks said he would like to see a table in the weekly reports that details the daily counts of gulls, cormorants, and terns. He does not want the estuary avian issues transferred to the Projects; he believes the estuary team should be monitoring up and down the river.
- 2.2. White birds will be counted and reported. There was discussion about whether or not that was a professional approach. It was noted that there are not many white birds that are not of concern. However, Fredricks did say that it would probably be best to keep terns and gulls separate to the extent possible^[gf1], and for now we should probably keep tabs on cormorant activity.
- 2.3. Fredricks said he doesn't see a need to count every bird. Binoculars are probably more of a hindrance than a help. Zorich suggested binoculars would provide a more accurate count.

3. Next Steps.

- 3.1. Project bios will monitor actively feeding birds.
- 3.2. Project bios will include a table detailing daily counts of gulls, cormorants and terns.

- 3.3.** Projects will fill out the spreadsheets and provide them prior to the April Avian Task Group meeting. Project plans should be structured to include main categories and items in the table provided by Fredricks. Fredricks said the table is a tool to compare plans between projects but the written plans (not the table) are what would be included in the FPP.
- 3.4.** Review updated plans and discuss the differences between the projects in an effort to standardize as much as possible. Discuss any perceived weaknesses or gaps.

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Corps Project Level Avian Management Actions										
Monitoring										
	Monitoring Dates	Gulls/Terns	Cormornats	Other Sp.	X/Day	Days/week	Forebay	Tailrace	Foraging/Resting	Binoculars
Lower Granite	Apr 1 - Jun 30?	y/?	?	?		2	7 n	y	?	?
Little Goose	Apr 1 - Dec 15?	y/y	y	y	3+		7 yes	y	y	?
Lower Monumental	Apr 1 - Jun 30	y/y	y	y	?		4 yes	y	y	y
Ice Harbor	Apr 1 - Jun 30?	?	?	?		1	4 ?	?	?	?
McNary	not specific	?	?	?	1+	?	?	?	?	?
John Day - no plan!										
The Dalles	?	y/?	n?	n?	?	?	?	y	?	?
Bonneville	not specific	y/n	y	y	?		7 yes	y	?	?
Base Actions										
	Hazing Dates	Daily Hazing Hrs	PH Lines	Spill Lines	Outfall Protection	Active Hazing	Boat Hazing	Lethal Hazing	Other	
Lower Granite	Apr 1 - Jun 30		?	?		?	?	?	porpane, distress sounds	
Little Goose	?	?	?	?		as needed	n	may occur	std hazing methods	
Lower Monumental	Apr 2-Jun 30	8 (16 after May 5)	?	?		y	?	may occur	std hazing methods	
Ice Harbor	Apr 1 - Jun 30?	16	?	?		y	?	y	std hazing methods	
McNary	not specific	16?	?	?		y	y	y	std hazing methods, hydro cannon	
John Day										
The Dalles	?	?	y	y	NA	y	n	n	propane?, distress sounds?	
Bonneville	Apr 1 - Jul 31		8 y	y	y	y	n	n	hyro cannon, propane	
Incident Response										
	Gull Trigger	Response				Lethal				
Lower Granite	95	Propane, more hazing, distress sounds				y				
Little Goose	100	Propane, more hazing				y				
Lower Monumental	320	Propane, more hazing				y				
Ice Harbor	not specific	more hazing				assumed?				
McNary	200,300,400	stepped, more hazing, propane, boat				y				
John Day										
The Dalles	250	nothing				n				
Bonneville	?	?				?				
Reporting										
	Weekly	Annual	Effectiveness Assessment							
Lower Granite	?	?	n							
Little Goose	?	?	n							
Lower Monumental	y	y	n							
Ice Harbor	?	?	n (internal?)							
McNary	?	?	n							
John Day			n							
The Dalles	y?	y?	n							
Bonneville	?	?	n							