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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: DRAFT minutes for the 11 January 2018 Avian Task Group meeting.

The meeting was held in the Columbia Room, CRITFC office, Portland, OR.  In attendance:

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On the phone: Morrill, Trachtenbarg and VanDyke.

1. Final Decisions made at this meeting
2. The following documents are provided or discussed at this meeting. All documents can be found at: <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/Task%20Groups/Task%20Group%20Avian%20Hazing/>.
	1. 180111 ATG PowerPoint Presentation.
3. After the last meeting, the task group is taking a new direction to compare the practices at all the dams and see what further steps can be taken. Miller Island gulls are still a major concern. One of the suggestions of the last meeting was to include Miller Island in the Inland Avian Predation Work Group Plan. However, the IAPWG is terminating in 2018. Cordie showed slides of the avian line coverage at all the dams noting the other avian deterrents used. Setter noted that MCN is considering avian lines even though the project had previously been against this idea. LWG will also have a water cannon on the new outfall. Morrill suggested using “commercial sprinkler head” instead of cannon due to the connotation. Bettin asked about using a programmable timer for the cannon and regulate to the daylight hours. On slide 11 Dam Comparisons, there is a column called Trigger for Increased Action that listed the trigger numbers for lethal take at each project but Setter said that there is not a trigger number instead it is solely up to APHIS. NWW feels that lethal take saves a lot of money in avian deterrents. Bettin suggested the use of drones but Trachtenbarg noted that there are several laws that prohibit the use of harassing birds with drones. Trachtenbarg asked about the difference between the line spacing at TDA compared to JDA. He recommends adding additional lines at TDA to decrease the amount of space between lines. Lorz suggested a crisscross grid using the spill wall as an attachment point. Installation would be very hard. The biggest problem at TDA is downstream of the bridge and lines cannot be attached to the bridge. Zyndol suggested long distance rockets. If the TG would like to recommend lethal take for Portland District, then a letter would need to be written to upper management. ODFW is not ready to recommend lethal take but will consider it as a management action for the future.
4. The next meeting will be after the March FPOM meeting.