

MEMORANDUM FOR Biologist, Operations Division (CENWP-OD)

SUBJECT: Bonneville Project, Fishway and Fish Activities for **Week 18** of 2021, which covers the period from **25 April to 01 May 2021**.

1. OPERATION SUMMARY:

- a. Daily average river flows ranged from 175.9 to 201.3 kcfs. Daily average powerhouse forebay elevation ranged from 74.1' to 75.5' msl. Daily average project tailwater ranged from 15.3' to 16.7' msl. Secchi disk measurements ranged 5.0' to 7.0'. Daily average water temperature ranged 51 to 53°F.
- b. Daily average spill ranged from 120.3 to 132.5 kcfs. Spring spill season began on 10 April and will continue through 15 June in accordance with FOP guidelines.
- c. Unit Operation. PH2 remains the priority powerhouse. Main unit drawdowns are measured every Monday and more frequently as needed.

- **Table 1.** *Main Unit Outages*

Unit	OOS	RTS	Reason
16	0701 on 15 Mar	---	P.O., 4-Yr Overhaul
10	0007 on 12 Apr	---	P.O., Annual Overhaul
9	1000 on 12 Apr	---	P.O., 5-Yr Overhaul
8	1000 on 12 Apr	---	P.O., Station Service Work
7	1000 on 12 Apr	---	P.O., Station Service Work
17	0001 on 26 Apr	1758 on 29 Apr	P.O., Annual Overhaul/QTCI
11	1049 on 26 Apr	1254 on 26 Apr	P.O., Trash Raking
18	1255 on 26 Apr	1347 on 26 Apr	P.O., Trash Raking
17	1051 on 01 May	1057 on 01 May	F.O., Low Turbine Bearing Flow

- d. Fish Units. Second Powerhouse fish units provide attraction flow for the Washington Shore (WS) fish ladder.

Fish Unit Outages. Fish Units are periodically placed into reserve service (RS) to float trash when debris differentials become excessive and trash raking is not possible.

- **Table 2.** *Fish Unit Outages*. Nothing to report.
- **Table 3.** *Fish Unit Drawdowns, in Feet*.

Date	F1	F2
04/25	0.2'	0.5'
04/26	0.4'	0.7'
04/27	0.4'	0.6'
04/28	0.3'	0.6'
04/29	0.4'	0.7'
04/30	0.4'	1.0'
05/01	0.8'	1.0'

2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES:

- a. Auxiliary Water System Closures. Nothing to report.
- b. STS/VBS Inspections. Nothing to report.

- c. Dewatering and Fish Salvages. Nothing to report.

3. RESEARCH:

- a. Four Peaks Environmental - Fish counting contract: Daytime visual counting (0500 to 2100) began on 01 April. Fish counts can be viewed [here](#).
- b. USFWS – Lamprey Metamorphosis Study: Juvenile lamprey researchers are onsite, and the work is underway.
- c. Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission - Smolt Monitoring: Sample collections at the SMF began at 0700 on 02 March. Debris at the primary dewatering structure (PDS) and fish/debris separator was light consisting mostly of sticks. Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) examinations began on 10 April and are typically performed 2 days/week through the end of spill season. Results from this week’s GBT examinations: 200 yearling Chinook and steelhead examined with no GBT symptoms. Fallbacks observed this week included 4 steelhead and 1 salmon. No fish collections for research purposes were conducted this week. More details can be found on the [FPC web page](#).
- d. USDA – Pinniped and Avian Hazing: Deck-based hazing continues.
- e. State Agency Pinniped Trapping: Sea lion trapping began on 05 April.
- f. WDFW/ PSMFC – Pikeminnow Sampling: Hook and line angling activities for Northern Pikeminnow within the BONBRZ began as a constituent of Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) monitoring.
- g. CRITFC – Adult Salmonid Sampling: Adult Salmonid sampling in the AFF began on 20 April and typically occurs 5 days per week.

4. FISHWAYS:

- a. Project biologists inspected 25 April to 01 May.
- b. Fish Passage Plan observations.

• **Table 4. FPP Items Out of Criteria.**

Date	Location	FPP Violation	Cause	Response
PH1				
04/25-05/01	PH1 ITS	S. End Gate Inoperable and Chain Gates 1a & 1b Closed	S. End Gate Inoperable, 1a and 1b Closed for Safety Reasons	W.O.
Bradford Island				
04/25-05/01	A-Branch	FG3-4 Partially Open	FG3-4 mechanically bound partially open	W.O.
04/25-26,28-30, 05/01	A-Branch	Weir Staff Gauge >1.1’	Unknown	NA
Cascades Island – Nothing to Report				
Washington Shore – Nothing to Report				
04/27	PH2 SUE Monolith	SUE Ent/TW Diff <1.0	Unknown	NA

- c. Adult Fishways.
 - (1) The AFF remains in service.
 - (2) Sensor calibration occurred on 27 April.
 - (3) SLEDs are installed at all locations.

d. Juvenile Fishways.

- (1) The ITS remains in service (auto-chain gates 3B, 6C, & 10B only).
- (2) The hydro-cannon remains in service.
- (3) The B2CC remains in service.
- (4) The DSM remains in service.
- (5) STS's remain in service.

e. Lamprey Fishways.

- (1) Bradford Island and Cascades Island LPS's were put into service on 06 April. WA Shore LPS remains out of service, currently.
- (2) The Bradford Island Wetted Wall (BIWW) remains out of service.
- (3) The PH2 Lamprey Flume Structure (LFS) remains out of service.
- (4) The AFF lamprey trap remains out of service.
- (5) The CI Lamprey trap remains out of service.

f. Avian Monitoring. Avian counts are recorded 01 April – 31 October.

Table 5. Avian Counts 25 April – 01 May.

Date	Gulls	Cormorants	Terns	Wh. Pelicans	Grebes
04/25	7	0	0	0	0
04/26	3	5	0	0	0
04/27	1	3	0	0	0
04/28	4	1	0	0	0
04/29	1	0	0	0	0
04/30	3	4	0	0	0
05/01	3	0	0	0	0

5. WATER QUALITY MONITORING:

a. Fishway Temperatures. Temperature logs began on 28 February and will continue through 30 November.

Table 6. Bonneville Fishway Temperatures 25 April – 01 May.

Date	A-Branch	B-Branch	BI Exit	WA Entrance	CI Entrance	WA Exit	CI LPS	WA LPS	BI LPS	AFF	SMF	Forebay
25-Apr	51.6	51.7	51.8	51.8	51.7	51.7	51.9	---	52.1	51.6	---	51
26-Apr	52.0	52.1	52.1	52.2	52.1	52.1	52.3	---	52.3	52.0	---	51
27-Apr	52.5	52.6	52.6	52.7	52.6	52.7	52.9	---	52.9	52.5	---	51
28-Apr	53.1	53.2	53.2	53.2	53.1	53.1	53.3	---	53.5	53.0	---	52
29-Apr	53.6	53.7	53.8	53.7	53.6	53.7	53.9	---	54.1	53.5	---	52
30-Apr	54.1	54.3	54.3	54.3	54.2	54.2	54.5	---	54.6	54.1	---	53
1-May	54.5	54.8	54.6	54.8	54.8	54.8	54.9	---	54.8	54.6	---	53

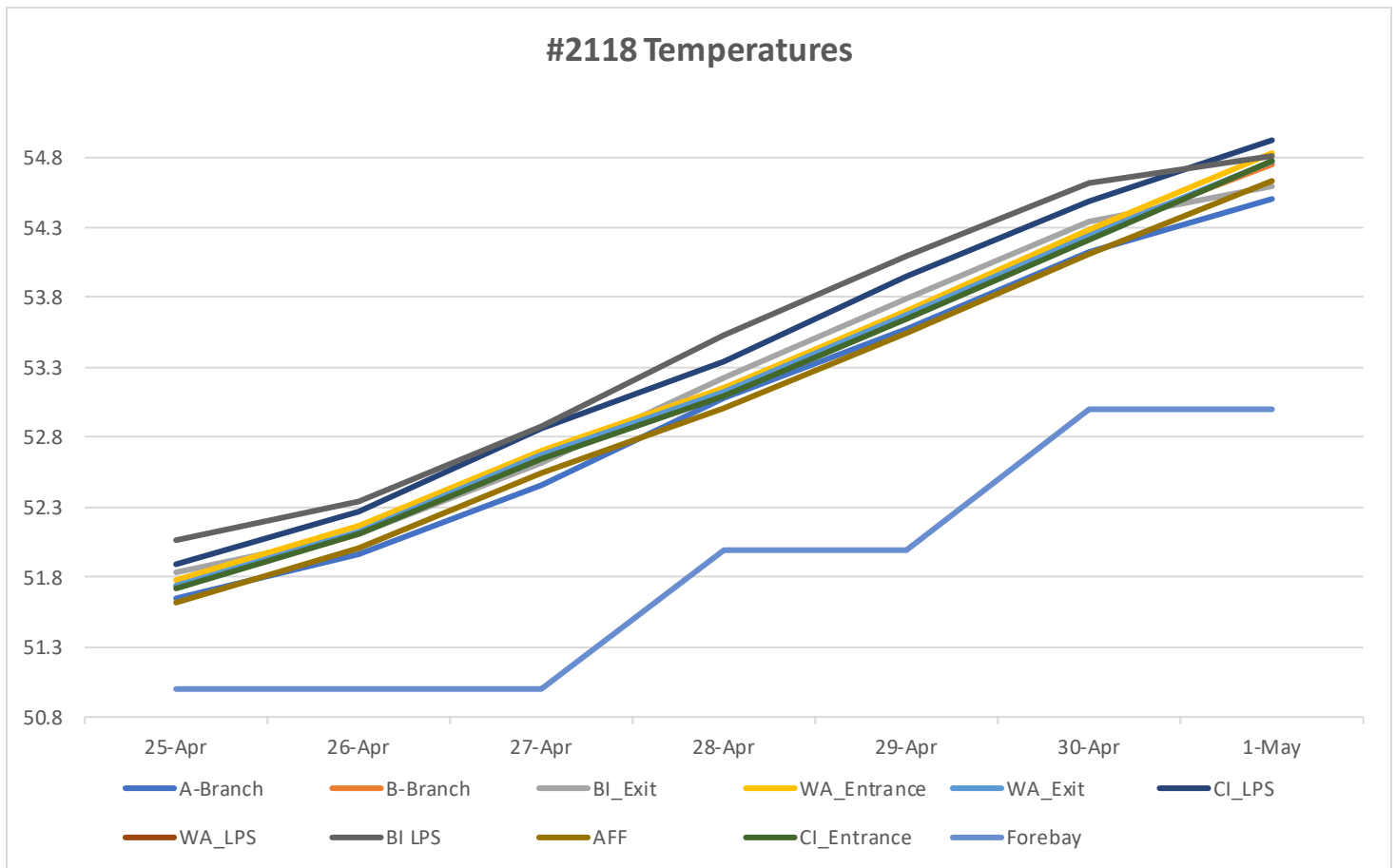


Figure 1. Average fishway temperatures from 25 April to 01 May.

b. Zebra Mussel Monitoring. No signs of colonization were observed this reporting week.

6. CONSTRUCTION:

a. USACE: Work continues to upgrade to the Washington Shore LPS pumps.

7. HAZMAT, SPILLS AND CLEANUP: Nothing to report

8. TELETYPE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT:

- A teletype sent on 05 April states that effective 10 April through 15 June, Bonneville Dam operate in accordance with FOP to Spring Spill for Juvenile Fish Passage. See teletype BON R 040521 0912 for details.
- A teletype was sent out on 07 April for all Columbia and Snake River Projects and BPA giving revisions to the Lack of Load Spill Priority List. Please see teletype BON R 040721 1225 for details.

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