

**MEMORANDUM FOR Biologist, Operations Division (CENWP-OD)**

**SUBJECT:** Bonneville Project, Fishway and Fish Activities for **Week 29** of 2021, which covers the period from **11 to 17 July 2021**.

**1. OPERATION SUMMARY:**

- a. Daily average river flows ranged from 127.6 to 166.4 kcfs. Daily average powerhouse forebay elevation ranged from 74.8' to 75.4' msl. Daily average project tailwater ranged from 11.4' to 14.1' msl. Secchi disk measurements remained at 7.0'. Daily average water temperature ranged from 70 to 71°F.
- b. Daily average spill ranged from 84.6 to 95.0 kcfs. Summer spill season began on 16 June and will continue through 31 August 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	Duration
5	0911 on 14 June	---	P.O., 5-Yr Overhaul/PT Install/Transformer Maint	---
6	0003 on 12 July	---	P.O., Annual/PT Install/Transformer Maint	---
9	0624 on 12 July	---	P.O., 115 kV Switchyard Maint.	---
7	0653 on 12 July	---	P.O., 115 kV Roof Disconnect Maint/Transformer Maint	---
8	0653 on 12 July	---	P.O., 115 kV Roof Disconnect Maint./Transformer Maint	---
18	0754 on 13 July	0852 on 13 July	P.O., Trash Raking	58 mins
12	1303 on 13 July	1420 on 13 July	P.O., Trash Raking	1 hour, 17 mins
11	1422 on 13 July	1615 on 13 July	P.O., Trash Raking	1 hour, 53 mins

- 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.**

Unit	OOS/RS	RTS	Reason	Duration
F1	2259 on 10 July	0544 on 11 July	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	6 hours, 45 mins
F2	2259 on 11 July	0529 on 12 July	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	6 hours, 30 mins
F2	2300 on 12 July	0532 on 13 July	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	6 hours, 32 mins
F1	2300 on 13 July	0530 on 14 July	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	6 hours, 30 mins
F2	2300 on 14 July	0531 on 15 July	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	6 hours, 31 mins
F1	2302 on 15 July	0531 on 16 July	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	6 hours, 29 mins
F2	2259 on 16 July	0530 on 17 July	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	6 hours, 30 mins
F1	2257 on 17 July	---	R.S., Nighttime Lamprey Ops	---

- **Table 3. Fish Unit Drawdowns, in Feet.**

Date	F1	F2
07/11	0.1'	0.2'
07/12	0.2'	0.2'
07/13	0.4'	0.2'
07/14	0.1'	0.6'
07/15	0.3'	0.2'
07/16	0.2'	0.5'
07/17	0.2'	0.2'

## 2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES:

- Auxiliary Water System Closures.
  - FV 3-7 (Bradford Island) was placed in manual and pinched down to reduce flow in the BI AWS to prevent blown diffuser grating and further damage to FG 3-3. FG 3-4, FG 3-5, and FG 3-6 are all OOS due to mechanical failure. These settings for the A-Branch AWS and diffusers will likely remain until the problems can be addressed during the 2021-2022 winter maintenance period. Please see 21BON014 MFR A-Branch FV 3-7 and FG 3-4,5,6 OOC for further explanation. <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/FPOM/2010/>
- STS/VBS Inspections. Nothing to report.
- Dewatering and Fish Salvages. Nothing to report.

## 3. RESEARCH:

- Four Peaks Environmental - Fish counting contract: Daytime visual counting (0500 to 2100 PDT) began on 01 April. Night video (2100 to 0500 PDT) counting began 15 May. Fish counts can be viewed [here](#).
- USFWS – Lamprey Metamorphosis Study: Juvenile lamprey researchers are onsite, and the work is underway.
- 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 aquatic macrophytes, a few sticks and dead adult American shad. Higher temperature sampling protocols were initiated on 07 July (sample end-date of 08 July) when water temperatures ascended to 70°F. Modified sampling during higher temperatures means Index/Condition sampling will take place every other day until the daily average descends to 69.5°F. Sample and bypass mode will occur on alternating 24 hour periods (0700-0700). Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) examinations began on 10 April and are typically preformed 2 days/week through the end of spill season. Results from this week’s GBT examinations: 200 subyearling Chinook examined with no GBT symptoms observed. No fallbacks were observed this week. Truck releases of summer/fall out-migrants originating from Little Goose and Lower Granite dams began at Bonneville this week and occur every other day. No fish collections for research purposes were conducted this week. More details can be found on the [FPC web page](#).
- USDA – Pinniped and Avian Hazing: Deck-based hazing continues.
- State Agency Pinniped Trapping: Sea lion trapping has concluded for the spring season.
- WDFW/ PSMFC – Pikeminnow Sampling: Hook and line angling activities continue for native non-salmonid fish species within the BON BRZ as a constituent of Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) monitoring.
- 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 11 to 17 July.
- b. Fish Passage Plan observations.

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

Date	Location	FPP Violation	Cause	Response
PHI				
07/11-17	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				
07/11-17	A-Branch	FG 3-4 Partially Open	FG 3-4 mechanically bound partially open/closed	W.O.
07/15-17	A-Branch	Weir Staff Gauge >1.1'	NA	NA
07/11	B-Branch	FG 3-27 Open, Should be Closed	FG 3-27 mechanically bound in the open position	W.O.
Cascades Island				
07/11-12	Cascades Island Fishway	FG 3-18 Open, Should Be Closed	Unknown	Troubleshooting
07/14	Cascades Island Fishway	FG 3-18 Closed, Should Be Open	Unknown	Troubleshooting
Washington Shore				
07/12,17	WA Shore Fishway	Weir 38 Low <0.9'	Unknown	N/A

- FV 3-7 (Bradford Island) was placed in manual and pinched down to reduce flow in the BI AWS to prevent blown diffuser grating and further damage to FG 3-3. These settings for the A-Branch AWS and diffusers will likely remain until the problems can be addressed during the 2021-2022 winter maintenance period.
- FG 3-4 (A-Branch) was found mechanically bound and unable to move from the "almost closed" position in December of 2020. This diffuser will likely remain in this position until the 2021-2022 winter maintenance period.
- FG 3-5 (A-Branch) was not operating correctly on 07 June 2021 and was banging heavily underwater due to an assumed broken fish gate. To prevent further damage to the fishway and equipment, a clearance has been issued for FG 3-5 to be closed and taken out of service until the winter maintenance period.
- FG 3-6 (A-Branch) was found mechanically bound in the closed position on 07 June 2021. This diffuser will likely remain in this position until the 2021-2022 winter maintenance period.

c. Adult Fishways.

- (1) The AFF remains in service.
- (2) Sensor calibration occurred on 14 July.
- (3) SLEDs are installed at all locations.

- (4) Cascades Island Fishway and Washington Shore Fishways were taken out of “Shad Mode” and placed back into “Salmon Mode” on 07 June.
  - (5) Bradford Island Fishway was taken out of “Shad Mode” and placed back into “Salmon Mode” on 12 July.
- 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) BI, CI, and WA Shore LPS’s remain in service.
  - (2) The Bradford Island Wetted Wall (BIWW) remains out of service.
  - (3) The PH2 Lamprey Flume Structure (LFS) remains in service.
  - (4) The AFF lamprey trap remains in service.
  - (5) The CI Lamprey trap remains in service.
- f. Avian Monitoring. Avian counts are recorded 01 April – 31 October.

**Table 5.** *Avian Counts 11 to 17 July.*

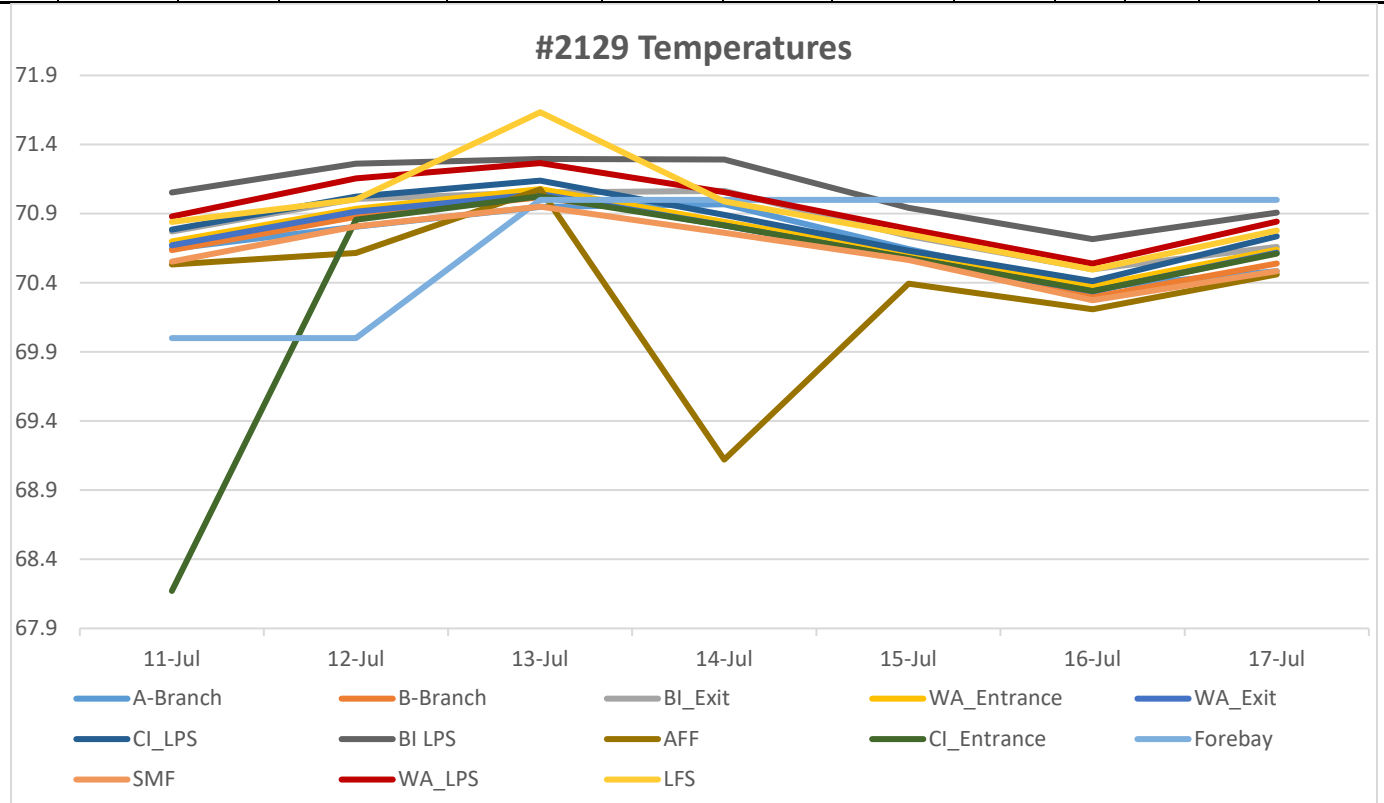
<b>Date</b>	<b>Gulls</b>	<b>Cormorants</b>	<b>Terns</b>	<b>Wh. Pelicans</b>	<b>Grebes</b>
07/11	9	2	0	0	0
07/12	18	1	1	0	0
07/13	4	2	0	0	0
07/14	16	15	0	0	0
07/15	12	4	0	0	0
07/16	29	2	0	0	0
07/17	5	3	0	0	0

**5. WATER QUALITY MONITORING:**

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

**Table 6.** *Bonneville Fishway Temperatures for 11 to 17 July.*

Date	A-Branch	B-Branch	BI Exit	WA Entrance	CI Entrance	WA Exit	CI LPS	WA LPS	BI LPS	AFF	LFS	SMF	Forebay
11-Jul	70.6	70.6	70.8	70.7	68.2	70.7	70.8	70.9	71.1	70.5	70.8	70.6	70
12-Jul	70.8	70.9	71.0	70.9	70.9	70.9	71.0	71.2	71.3	70.6	71.0	70.8	70
13-Jul	70.9	71.0	71.1	71.1	71.0	71.0	71.1	71.3	71.3	71.1	71.6	71.0	71
14-Jul	71.0	70.8	71.1	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.9	71.1	71.3	69.1	71.0	70.8	71
15-Jul	70.6	70.6	70.7	70.6	70.6	70.6	70.6	70.8	70.9	70.4	70.8	70.6	71
16-Jul	70.4	70.3	70.5	70.4	70.3	70.3	70.4	70.5	70.7	70.2	70.5	70.3	71
17-Jul	70.5	70.5	70.7	70.6	70.6	70.6	70.7	70.8	70.9	70.5	70.8	70.5	71



**Figure 1.** *Average fishway temperatures for 11 to 17 July.*

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

**6. CONSTRUCTION:** Nothing to report.

**7. HAZMAT, SPILLS AND CLEANUP:** Nothing to report

**8. TELETYPES CURRENTLY IN EFFECT:**

- A teletype sent out on 11 June stating effective 16 June at 0001 hours through 31 August at 2359 hours, Bonneville Dam is to operate in accordance with the 2021 Fish Operations Plan to provide summer spill for fish passage. Please see teletype BON R 061121 1732 for more details.
- A teletype sent out on 15 June provided guidance for summer spill caps for MCN, JDA, TDA, and BON

starting at 0001 on 16 June and until further notice. Please see teletype BON R 061521 1307 for more details.

- A teletype sent out on 09 July requested that the Bonneville Pool operate within a 1.5 ft band, hard constraint from 0600 Monday 19 July to 1800 Thursday 22 July. The purpose of this forebay operation is to limit pool fluctuation for the treaty fishery. Please see teletype BON 07092021 1447 for more details.

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