

MEMORANDUM FOR Biologist, Operations Division (CENWP-OD)

SUBJECT: Bonneville Project, Fishway and Fish Activities for Week 14 of 2022, which covers the period from 27 March to 02 April 2022.

1. OPERATION SUMMARY:

- a. Daily average river flows ranged from 158.3 to 178.5 kcfs. Daily average powerhouse forebay elevation ranged from 73.3’ to 74.4’ msl. Daily average project tailwater ranged from 14.2’ to 15.5’ msl. Secchi disk measurements ranged from 5.0 to 6.0’. Daily average water temperature ranged from 45 to 46°F.
- b. Daily average spill ranged from 1.3 to 1.4 kcfs.
- 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
13	1628 on 18 Feb	---	F.O., Generator Ground	---
3	0748 on 29 Mar	1537 on 29 Mar	P.O., Trash Raking	7 hours, 49 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.* Nothing to report.
- **Table 3.** *Fish Unit Drawdowns, in Feet.*

Date	F1	F2
03/27	0.4’	0.2’
03/28	0.3’	0.2’
03/29	0.1’	0.1’
03/30	0.2’	0.1’
03/31	0.4’	0.2’
04/01	0.4’	0.2’
04/02	0.3’	0.2’

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 PDT) 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 Smolt Monitoring Facility (SMF) began at 0700 on 02 March. Debris at the primary dewatering structure (PDS) and fish/debris separator was light consisting mostly of sticks. Two steelhead fallbacks were observed this week. No collections for research purposes were conducted this week. More details can be found on the [FPC web page](#).
- d. USDA – Pinniped Hazing: Deck-based pinniped hazing started 14 March.
- e. USGS – Bass Sampling: Smallmouth bass tagging and sampling for tissue analysis and acoustic telemetry monitoring began on 14 March and continues through 09 April. This study is an extension of a study started in 2020 and is in support of a broader effect being conducted by USACE under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act at Bradford Island.

4. FISHWAYS:

- a. Project biologists inspected from 27 March – 02 April.
- b. Fish Passage Plan observations:

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

Date	Location	FPP Violation	Cause	Response
03/27 – 04/02	BON	Unit Priority	U13 F.O., Generator Ground	Repairs in Process
PH1				
03/27 – 04/02	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.
03/27 – 04/02	PH1CC	FG 2-19 Stuck in the Mostly Closed Position, Should Be Open	Mechanically Bound	W.O.
Bradford Island				
03/30,31	A-Branch	Weir Staff Gauge >1.1'	Unknown	N/A
Cascades Island				
03/27 – 04/02	CI Fishway	FG 6-11 Mechanically Bound in the Closed Position, Should Be Open	Mechanically Bound	W.O.
Washington Shore				
03/29	PH2	Weir 37 Staff Gauge High, >1.1'	Gear box failure	Closed and pending repair
04/01	PH2	Weir 38 Staff Gauge Low, <0.9	Unknown	Monitoring

- PH1 Collection Channel diffuser FG 2-19 was found mechanically bound in the mostly closed position on 02/24/22 by PH1 Mechanics. No repairs can be made until the PH1CC can be dewatered in the next Oregon Fishway Winter Maintenance Period (winter 2023/2024).
- The Cascades Island Fishway diffuser FG 6-11 is mechanically bound in the closed position due to stripped shaft threads. A work order has been created and repairs will be made during the next Washington Shore/Cascades Island Fishway Winter Maintenance Period (winter 2022/2023).

- c. Adult Fishways:

- (1) The AFF was watered up on 14 March.

- (2) Sensor calibrations were conducted on 30 March.
- (3) SLEDs are installed at all locations.
- (4) Bradford Island, Cascades Island, and Washington Shore Fishways remain in service.

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) STSs remain in service.

e. Lamprey Fishways:

- (1) BI, CI, and WA Shore LPS's remain out of service.
- (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 and CI lamprey traps remain out of service.
- (5) Avian Monitoring: Avian counts are recorded 01 April – 31 October.

Table 5. Avian Counts.

Date	Gulls	Cormorants	Terns	Wh. Pelicans	Grebes
04/01	3	2	0	0	0
04/02	2	0	0	0	0

5. WATER QUALITY MONITORING:

- a. Fishway Temperatures: Temperature monitoring concluded for the season on 09 October 2021.
- 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 was distributed on 01 March detailing a “no spill operation” for Bonneville Lock & Dam. This teletype requests BPA to not spill at Bonneville for the following dates and times:
 - 14 March – 17 March, 0600 – 1900 HRS
 - 21 March – 24 March, 0600 – 1900 HRS
 - 28 March – 31 March, 0600 – 1900 HRS
 - 04 April – 07 April, 0600 – 1900 HRS

If spill is necessary during these times, the Corps requests that BPA makes best efforts to shape spill outside the dates and times above. This request is to provide safe working conditions for USGS conducting fish tissue sample study in the Main Dam Forebay BRZ. The PH2 Corner Collector (B2CC) will continue

to operate as described in the 2021 Fish Passage Plan, see section 2.3.2.5.V. For further details, please see teletype BON R 030122 0834.

- A revision to this teletype was sent out on 31 March. This revision edits the end dates to now extend through Saturday, 9 April to 1900 HRS. Please see teletype BON R 033122 0823 for further details.

- A teletype was sent out on 18 March to replace the previous teletype (BON R 031622 1208). This teletype states that effective immediately and continuing until further notice, BON is to continue operation of the B2CC continuously. Please see teletype BON R 031822 1410 for further details.

- A teletype was sent out on 30 March revising spill caps and lack of load spill priority lists for Columbia and Snake River Projects and BPA. This teletype guidance is to be used from 3 April at 0001 HRS until further notice. Please see teletype BON R 033022 1602 for a table with details.

- A teletype was sent out 04 April regarding Bonneville Spring Spill for Juvenile Fish Passage. Effective Sunday, 10 April at 0001 HRS through Wednesday 15 June at 2359 HRS, Bonneville Dam is to operate in accordance with the 2022 Fish Operations Plans (FOP) to provide spring spill for juvenile fish passage, as described below:
 - Pursuant to FOP Table 3, the 2022 spring spill operation at Bonneville is as follows:
 - 125% gas cap, 24 HRS/Day:
 - The spill rate for the 125% gas cap is defined in the current spill priority list teletype, Level 1. This spill rate is estimated to meet but not exceed 125% TDG in the Bonneville Dam Tailrace, unless otherwise determined based on current conditions or Project constraints. The spill cap for BON will not exceed a MAX of 150 kcfs to avoid causing erosion in the spillway stilling basin.
 - Distribute spill according to spill patterns in the 2022 Fish Passage Plan (FPP) Table BON 16. Actual spill may range up to +/- 3 kcfs from the target due to project operational limits described in the FOP Sections 3 and 8.8.3.
 - Operate PH2 Units within the restricted operating ranges defined in the FPP Section 4.2.2.2, unless otherwise instructed via teletype.
 - During periods of high spill, there may be a need to temporarily reduce spill or modify patterns to maintain safe navigation in the tailrace (per FOP Section 4.6).
 - Spill adjustments for navigation safety may be made at the discretion of the Project Operator based on current conditions and the navigation situation. Make best efforts to minimize the magnitude and duration of the adjustment to the extent possible
 - Coordinate all spill adjustments with BPA Hydro Scheduling
 - If river flow is too low to maintain FOP spill and minimum generation requirements in FOP Table 1, operate at minimum generation and spill the remainder of outflow.
 - If notified that BPA has declared a “Transmission System Reliability Need” or “Transmission System Emergency”, adjust operations as instructed by BPA Hydro Scheduling or Transmission Dispatch (per FOP Section 4.4)

- A teletype was sent out on 05 April to provide an update to teletype message BON R 121521 1449 regarding tailwater operation for chum flow incubation. Effective Sunday 10 April at 0001 HRS, end the previously mentioned teletype operation and Bonneville Dam may resume normal tailwater operations.

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