

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

**SUBJECT:** Bonneville Project, Fishway and Fish Activities for Week 17 of 2022, which covers the period from 17 to 23 April 2022.

**1. OPERATION SUMMARY:**

- a. Daily average river flows ranged from 132.0 to 169.1 kcfs. Daily average powerhouse forebay elevation ranged from 74.7' to 75.8' msl. Daily average project tailwater ranged from 12.2' to 15.0' msl. Secchi disk measurements ranged from 5.0' to 6.0'. Daily average water temperature remained at 47°F.
- b. Daily average spill ranged from 87.8 to 124.2 kcfs. Spring Spill Season for juvenile passage started on 10 April.
- 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	0920 on 04 Apr	---	P.O., 5-Year Overhaul	---
17	0719 on 18 Apr	---	P.O., 4-Year Overhaul	---

- 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
04/17	0.5'	0.4'
04/18	0.5'	0.2'
04/19	0.5'	0.2'
04/20	0.4'	0.2'
04/21	0.5'	0.3'
04/22	0.3'	0.5'
04/23	0.5'	0.3'

**2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES:**

- a. Auxiliary Water System Closures: Nothing to report.
- b. STS/VBS Inspections: Nothing to report
- c. Dewatering and Fish Salvages:
  - Fisheries biologists assisted in the dewatering and fish salvage of the Unit 17 scroll case on the afternoon of 18 April. No fish were observed.

- Fisheries biologists assisted in the dewatering and fish salvage of the Unit 17 draft tube on the morning of 19 April. 1 adult Chinook and 1 adult lamprey were recovered. Both fish were in great condition and released upstream of the Nav Lock.

### 3. RESEARCH:

- Four Peaks Environmental - Fish counting contract: Daytime visual counting (0500 to 2100 PDT) began on 01 April. 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 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. Three steelhead fallbacks were observed this week. Separation by Code was active for Round Butte Hatchery this week.  
Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) examinations began on 12 April and are typically performed two days per week through the end of spill. Results of this week’s GBT examinations: 189 yearling Chinook and steelhead examined with no GBT symptoms observed. Please follow this link <https://www.fpc.org/currentdaily/gbtsumbybatchdate.pdf> to the FPC web page for more details.  
For research purposes, a total of seven fin clips were obtained from Pacific lamprey macrophthalmia for Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission’s (CRITFC) genetic studies this week.
- USDA – Pinniped and Avian Hazing: Deck-based pinniped hazing started 14 March and avian hazing started 01 April.
- USGS – Bass Sampling: Smallmouth bass tagging and sampling for tissue analysis and acoustic telemetry monitoring began on 14 March. BRZ boat fishing in the Main Dam Forebay was concluded on 08 April. Efforts now focus on different zones of the Bonneville Forebay. 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.
- State Agency Pinniped Trapping: Sea lion trapping started on 04 April.
- ODFW SMF Sampling: ODFW began sampling at the SMF using the sort-by-code system to target juvenile spring Chinook from the Round Butte Hatchery for post-release pathogen screening.
- USGS TDG Monitoring: USGS placed TDG monitoring equipment back in service on Cascades Island above and below the Main Dam on 31 March. Water-quality data collection will continue through the end of spill season.
- CRIFC – Adult Salmonid Sampling: Adult salmonid sampling in the Adult Fish Facility (AFF) began on 21 April and typically occurs 5 days per week.

### 4. FISHWAYS:

- Project biologists inspected from 17 – 23 April.

b. Fish Passage Plan observations:

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

Date	Location	FPP Violation	Cause	Response
PH1				
04/17 – 23	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.
04/17 – 23	PH1CC	FG 2-19 Stuck in the Mostly Closed Position, Should Be Open	Mechanically Bound	W.O.
4/17	PH1CC	N. Ent/TW Diff <1.0'	Unknown	N/A
4/19	PH1CC	S. Ent/TW Diff <1.0'	Unknown	N/A
Bradford Island				
04/21	A-Branch	Weir Staff Gauge >1.1'	Unknown	N/A
Cascades Island				
04/22	CI Fishway	FG 6-11 Mechanically Bound in the Closed Position, Should Be Open	Mechanically Bound	W.O.
Washington Shore				
04/20,21	PH2CC	SDE Ent/TW Diff <1.0'	Unknown	N/A
04/21	PH2CC	SUE Ent/TW Diff <1.0'	Unknown	N/A

- 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 remains in service.
- (2) Sensor calibrations were conducted on 20 April.
- (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 in 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 17 to 23 April.**

Date	Gulls	Cormorants	Terns	Wh. Pelicans	Grebes
04/17	43	0	0	0	0
04/18	26	0	0	0	0
04/19	13	2	0	0	0
04/20	19	0	0	0	0
04/21	5	0	0	0	0
04/22	41	2	0	0	0
04/23	15	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 sent out 07 April regarding Bonneville Spring Spill for Juvenile Fish Passage. This teletype is a revision to the original Spring Spill for Juvenile Passage teletype (BON R 040422 1038) with revisions to include the current location of the 125% gas cap spill rate, which is now in the Level 2 of the spill priority list.

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 Plan (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 2. 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)

Please see teletype BON R 040722 1620 for more details of this teletype. Please see teletype BON R 04072022 1525 for specifics on the 125% Gas Cap in Level 2 for fish passage projects pursuant to the 2022 FOP.

- A teletype was sent out on 27 April for the Columbia and Snake River Projects and BPA regarding revisions to the order of lack of load spill priority. Please see teletype BON R 04272022 1439 for more details.

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