

MEMORANDUM FOR Biologist, Operations Division (CENWP-OD)

SUBJECT: Bonneville Project, Fishway and Fish Activities for Week 45 of 2022, which covers the period from 30 October to 05 November 2022.

1. OPERATION SUMMARY:

a. Daily average river flows ranged from 97.2 to 130.2 kcfs. Daily average powerhouse forebay elevation ranged from 74.6’ to 76.0’ msl. Daily average project tailwater ranged from 9.2’ to 12.3’ msl. Secchi disk measurements remained at 7.0+’. Daily average water temperature ranged from 58 to 59°F.

b. Daily average spill ranged from 0.9 to 1.3 kcfs.

- Spill bay 18 was closed for a hydrosurvey on 02 November at 1017 and was brought back to 0.5’ at 1343 for normal attraction flow operations.

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 and BPA Work – Grounded Clearance	---
3	0620 on 01 Nov	0646 on 03 Nov	P.O., Generation Lineup	2 days, 0 hours, 26 mins
5	0623 on 01 Nov	---	P.O., Generation Lineup	---
4	0646 on 03 Nov	---	P.O., Generation Lineup	---

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
10/30	0.2’	0.3’
10/31	0.1’	0.3’
11/01	0.1’	0.4’
11/02	0.2’	0.5’
11/03	0.1’	0.6’
11/04	---	---
11/05	0.5’	1.7’

2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES:

a. Auxiliary Water System Closures:

- FV 3-7 and 3-9 were closed for cleaning from 1305 to 1335 on 03 November.

- FV 1-1 was closed for cleaning from 1450 to 1515 on 03 November.
- 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. Night video counting (2100 to 0500 PDT) began on 15 May. 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 to moderate consisting mostly of aquatic macrophytes, a few sticks, and terrestrial vegetation. Fallbacks observed this week: 6 salmon and 1 steelhead. Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) examinations have concluded for the season. Please follow this link <https://www.fpc.org/currentdaily/gbtsumbybatchdate.pdf> to the FPC web page for more details. No fish collections for research purposes were conducted this week. Truck releases of summer/fall out-migrants originating from Little Goose and Lower Granite dams continued at Bonneville every other day and ended on 01 November.
- d. USDA – Pinniped and Avian Hazing: Pinniped hazing concluded for the 2022 year on 31 October.
- e. WDFW – Bright and Tule Chinook Stock Observation: Observation research of fall Chinook at Bonneville Dam started 01 August.

4. FISHWAYS:

- a. Project biologists inspected from 30 October to 05 November

b. Fish Passage Plan observations:

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

Date	Location	FPP Violation	Cause	Response
PH1				
10/30 – 11/05	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.
10/30 – 11/05	PH1CC	FG 2-19 Stuck in the Mostly Closed Position, Should Be Open	Mechanically Bound	W.O.
Bradford Island				
11/2, 11/4	A-Branch	A-Branch Staff Gauge High, >1.1'	Unknown	N/A
Cascades Island				
10/30 – 11/05	Cascades Island Tailrace	1 B2CC Avian Array Line is Broken	High Tailwater Elevations	N/A
10/30 – 31	CI Fishway	FG 6-12 Stuck in the Open Position, Should Be Closed	Mechanically Bound	W.O.
Washington Shore				
10/30 – 11/05	PH2CC	A2 Diffuser Stuck Mid-Travel	Unknown	W.O.
10/30, 11/02-03	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 occurred on 02 November.
- (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 was closed for the season 01 September when spill season ended but remains available to reopen for passing trash or to provide surface passage for fish if spill occurs outside fish passage spill season.
- (4) The DSM remains in service.

- (5) STSs remain in service.
- e. Lamprey Fishways:
 - (1) BI, CI, and WA Shore LPS's were taken out of service for the season on 01 November.
 - (2) The Bradford Island Wetted Wall (BIWW) remains out of service.
 - (3) The PH2 Lamprey Flume Structure (LFS) remains out of service for the year.
 - (4) The 2022 lamprey trapping and translocation activities have concluded for the year.
 - (5) Avian Monitoring: Avian counts are recorded 01 April – 31 October.

Table 5. *Avian Counts for 30 – 31 October.*

Date	Gulls	Cormorants	Terns	Wh. Pelicans	Grebes
10/30	9	31	0	0	0
10/31	4	22	0	0	0

5. WATER QUALITY MONITORING:

- a. Fishway Temperatures: Fishway temperature monitoring has concluded for the 2022 season.
- b. Zebra Mussel Monitoring: No signs of colonization were observed this reporting week.

7. CONSTRUCTION: Nothing to report.

8. HAZMAT, SPILLS AND CLEANUP: Nothing to report.

9. TELETYPES CURRENTLY IN EFFECT:

- A teletype was distributed on 31 August regarding the Snake and Columbia River Projects fall/winter spill priority list and fall/winter spill caps. This teletype provides the order that projects spill for lack of load conditions and is to be used until further notice. Outside of the fish passage season, all state TDG standards are 110%. The lack of load spill level and the order in which to spill from top to bottom and other details can be found in the teletype BON R 082122 1615.
- A teletype was sent out on 07 October regarding Bonneville minimum forebay level for operations being conducted with the White Salmon Fish Hatchery. This teletype states from 15 October through 15 November 2022, the BON forebay is to remain above a minimum for 74 feet, soft constraint. This operation is to support the Hatchery in providing water levels for improved access to the ladder system at the hatchery during the peak of the fall Chinook run. Please see teletype BON R 100722 1000 for more details.
- A teletype was distributed on 19 October regarding Bonneville tailwater operation for chum spawning. Effective Tuesday, 1 November at 0600 HRS, and until further notice, Bonneville Lock and Dam is to operate its tailwater in the following order of operating ranges as project outflow increases:
 - During all hours, operate project outflow to provide a tailwater elevation in the range of 11.3 ft to 12.0 ft.
 - Then, if necessary to increase project outflow, the tailwater may be operated up to 16.5 ft during nighttime hours (1700-0600), with concentrating the highest elevations around 2400 HRS.
 - Then, if necessary to increase project outflow, the tailwater may be operated up to 18.5 feet during nighttime hours (1700-0600).
 - Then, if increasing river flow precludes the ability to manage the tailwater within the steps above, operate to provide a tailwater in the range of 13.0-16.5 ft during daytime hours (0600-1700) and up to the maximum within project 24-HR ramp rate limits during nighttime hours (1700-0600).

The goal of this operation is to improve conditions at the Ives/Pierce Island Complex for chum salmon spawning. Please see teletype BON R 101922 1348 for more details.

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