

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

**SUBJECT:** Bonneville Project, Fishway and Fish Activities for **Week 50** of 2022, which covers the period from **04 to 10 December 2022**.

**1. OPERATION SUMMARY:**

- a. Daily average river flows ranged from 121.9 to 138.9 kcfs. Daily average powerhouse forebay elevation ranged from 72.8’ to 75.3’ msl. Daily average project tailwater ranged from 11.6’ to 12.1’ msl. Secchi disk measurements ranged from 5.0 to 7.0+’. Daily average water temperature ranged from 41 to 44°F.
- b. Daily average spill ranged from 0.5 to 0.6 kcfs.
  - Spillbay 1 was placed on seal at 1335 on 01 December when Cascades Island was placed into orifice mode preceding the 2022-2023 Winter Maintenance Season. Spillbay 18 continues to operate for attraction flow.
- c. Unit Operation: **PH1** became the priority powerhouse on 01 December when Washington Shore and Cascades Island Fish Ladders were dewatered for the 2022-2023 winter maintenance period. 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	---
11	0740 on 30 Nov	---	P.O., FGE Gatewell Improvement	---
10	0015 on 05 Dec	---	P.O., U10 Trash Rack Dive Ops and Replacement	---
9	0015 on 05 Dec	---	P.O., U10 Trash Rack Dive Ops and Replacement	---

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

• **Table 2. Fish Unit Outages.**

Unit	OOS/RS	RTS	Reason	Duration
F1	1330 on 01 Dec	---	P.O., 2-Year Overhaul	---
F2	1330 on 01 Dec	---	P.O., Annual Overhaul	---

**2. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES:**

- a. Auxiliary Water System Closures:
  - FV 1-1 was closed for cleaning from 0722 to 0835 on 07 December.
  - FV 3-7 and 3-9 were closed for cleaning from 0855 to 1140 on 07 December.
  - FV 1-1 was closed for cleaning from 1014 to 1038 on 09 December.
  - FV 1-1 was placed into manual for cleaning from 1246 to 1257 on 09 December.
- b. STS/VBS Inspections: Nothing to report.
- c. Dewatering and Fish Salvages:
  - The Washington Shore Fishway was dewatered to tailwater elevation on 05 December. Fish salvaged included 30 adult salmonids (mix of steelhead and Chinook), 40 juvenile salmonids, 1 lamprey, and a mix of >1,000 other fish consisting of peamouth, pikeminnow, shad, suckers, and sculpin. Fish were

in mostly good condition and released upstream of the navlock.

- The PH2 Underground Migrant Tunnel (UMT) was partially dewatered and salvaged on 05 December. 5 adult steelhead, 10 juvenile salmonids, and a mix of >500 other fish consisting of peamouth, pikeminnow, shad, suckers, and sculpin were salvaged in good condition and released upstream of the navlock.
- The final dewatering and salvage of the PH2 UMT occurred on the morning of 06 December. Fish salvaged at this time included about 200 non-salmonids, including peamouth, pikeminnow, shad, suckers, and sculpin. The fish were recovered in good condition and released upstream of the navlock.
- The Cascades Island Fishway was dewatered to tailwater elevation on 06 December. Fish salvaged included 15 lamprey, 1 steelhead, and a mix of about 500 pikeminnow and peamouth. All fish were in good condition and released upstream of the navlock.

**3. RESEARCH:**

- Four Peaks Environmental - Fish counting contract: Daytime video counting (0400 to 2000 PDT) began on 01 December. 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: Smolt monitoring operations concluded for the season at Bonneville Juvenile Fish Monitoring Facility at 0700 on Monday, 31 October. The system was placed in bypass mode at that time. Full flow PIT tag interrogation will remain active until the 2-mile pipe is dewatered.

**4. FISHWAYS:**

- Project biologists inspected from 06 to 08 December.
- Fish Passage Plan observations:

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

Date	Location	FPP Violation	Cause	Response
<b>PH1</b>				
12/04 – 12/10	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.
12/04 – 12/10	PH1CC	FG 2-19 Stuck in the Mostly Closed Position, Should Be Open	Mechanically Bound	W.O.
<b>Bradford Island: Nothing to Report</b>				
<b>Cascades Island</b>				
12/04 – 12/10	Cascades Island Tailrace	1 B2CC Avian Array Line is Broken	High Tailwater Elevations	N/A
<b>Washington Shore</b>				
12/04 – 12/10	PH2CC	A2 Diffuser Stuck Mid-Travel	Unknown	W.O.

- 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 full

dewater of the Cascades Island Fishway.

- Cascades Island Fishway diffuser FG 6-12 is mechanically bound in the open position for unknown reasons. A work order has been created and repairs will be made during the next full dewater of the Cascades Island Fishway.

c. Adult Fishways:

- (1) The AFF was taken out of service on Monday, 21 November for the winter maintenance period.
- (2) Sensor calibrations did not occur this week.
- (3) SLEDs are installed at all locations.
- (4) Bradford Island Fishway remains in service. Washington Shore Fishway was dewatered to tailwater elevation on 05 December and Cascades Island Fishway was dewatered to tailwater elevation on 06 December, beginning the 2022-2023 winter maintenance period.

d. Juvenile Fishways:

- (1) The ITS remains in service (auto-chain gates 3B, 6C, & 10B only).
  - ITS auto-chain gate 10B was closed on 05 December for dive operations and trashrack replacement for U10. Auto-chain gate 10B will remain closed until trashrack replacement operations are complete.
- (2) The hydro-cannon is out of service for the year.
- (3) The B2CC was closed for the season 01 September when spill season concluded 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.

**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:**

- U11 outage began on 30 November and Northbank contractors began work in the U11 gatewells on 05

December.

**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 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.
- A teletype was distributed on 05 December regarding a Bonneville low pool operation scheduled for 06 December. On 06 December from 0700-1700 HRS, the BON Forebay is to remain below a maximum elevation of 73.0 feet, soft constraint. This low pool operation supports a request from Oregon State Parks to provide low water levels for boat ramp work near Mayer State Park. Please see teletype BON R 120522 1330 for more details.
- A teletype was distributed on 14 December outlining tailwater operations for chum spawning. Effective Saturday, 31 December 2022 at 0001 HRS, until further notice, the Bonneville Dam minimum tailwater elevation will remain at 11.8 ft at all hours. The intent of this operation is to ensure sufficient tailwater elevation to protect chum redds in the Ives/Pierce Island area during the egg incubation period. The official project tailwater elevation gauge is located on the Oregon Shore at River Mile 144.5, 0.9 miles downstream of PH1 and 50 ft upstream of Tanner Creek. This teletype replaces BON R 101922 1348 Tailwater Operation for Chum Spawning 1. Please see teletype BON R 121422 1154 for more details.

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