# The Dalles Dam Fishway Status Report

Date: 9/15/2013 Inspection Period: 9/8-14/2013

### THE DALLES DAM



The Dalles Project-Fisheries P.O. Box 564

Fishways are inspected twice daily. Additional daily monitoring done via automation system in fisheries office

| The Dalles Dam                  | Inspections     | Criteria     | Total Number of Inspections: 21 Temperature: 72.2 F                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
|                                 | Out of Criteria | Limit        | Comments Secchi: 5.0 Ft.  |
| NORTH FISHWAY                   |                 |              | ·   |
| Exit differential               | 0               | ≤ 0.5′       |   |
| Count station differential      | 0               | ≤ 0.3′       | Window washed on 9/13/13  |
| Weir crest depth                | 0               | 1.0' ± 0.1'  |   |
| Entrance differential           | 0               | 1.0' - 2.0'  | Average 1.3   |
| Entrance weir N1                | 0               | depth (≥ 8') | Average 9.6   |
| Entrance weir N2                |                 | Closed       | Bulkhead installed.   |
| PUD Intake differential         | 4               | ≤ 0.5′       | Out of criteria at 0.7 - 0.9'. Structural crew has notified to rake the intake. |
| EAST FISHWAY                    |                 |              |   |
| Exit differential               | 0               | ≤ 0.5′       |   |
| Removable weirs 154-157         | 0               | Per forebay  | Auto adjusts 1' increments.   |
| Weir 158-159 differential       | 0               | 1.0' ± 0.1'  |   |
| Count station differential      | 0               | ≤ 0.3′       | Picketed leads are raked everyday due to high debris. Window washed on 9/13.    |
| Weir crest depth                | 0               | 1.0' ± 0.1'  |   |
| Junction pool weir JP6          | 0               | depth (≥ 7') | Manually adjusted as needed.  |
| East entrance differential      | 0               | 1.0' - 2.0'  | Average 1.5   |
| Entrance weir E1                | 0               | No criteria  | Average 9.4 Manually adjusted.  |
| Entrance weir E2                | 0               | depth (≥ 8') | Average 13.5  |
| Entrance weir E3                | 0               | depth (≥ 8') | Average 13.5  |
| Collection channel velocity     | 0               | 1.5 - 4 fps  | Average 2.0 See <b>Velocities</b> tab for more complete information.            |
| Transportation channel velocity | 0               | 1.5 - 4 fps  | Average 2.2   |
| North channel velocity          | 0               | 1.5 - 4 fps  | Average 2.4   |
| South channel velocity          | 0               | 1.5 - 4 fps  | Average 2.7   |
| West entrance differential      | 0               | 1.0' - 2.0'  | Average 1.4 Daily differentials & weir depths, see <b>AVGS</b> tab.             |
| Entrance weir W1                | 0               | depth (≥ 8') | Average 8.1   |
| Entrance weir W2                | 0               | depth (≥ 8') | Average 8.1   |
| Entrance weir W3                | 0               | No criteria  | Average closed  |
| South entrance differential     | 1               | 1.0' - 2.0'  | Average 1.1 OOC by 0.1' on 9/11 scada inspection                                |
| Entrance weir S1                | 0               | depth (≥ 8') | Average 8.1   |
| Entrance weir S2                | 0               | depth (≥ 8') | Average 8.1   |
| JUVENILE PASSAGE                |                 |              |   |
| Sluicegate operation            | 0               | units 1,8,17 | MU18 is out of service. The sluicegates have been changed to MU 17.             |
| Turbine trashrack drawdown      | 0               | <1.5', wkly  | Range: 0.4' - 0.6'  |
| Spill volume                    | 0               | 40%, 24hr    | Spilling 3 kcfs for attraction water for the north fish ladder.                 |
| Spill Pattern                   | 0               | per FPP      |   |
| Turbine Unit Priority           | 2               | per FPP      | 9/11/13 and 9/12/13 priority was out of criteria due to maintenance issues .    |
| Turbine 1% Efficiency           | 0               | per FPP      |   |

#### OTHER ISSUES:

#### Birds/Sea lions:

Bird observation data collected twice daily. Bird numbers are low, the majority of birds are cormorants resting on rocks or towers. See avian zones map and distribution tabs. There were no sea lion sightings this week.

#### Operations:

Main Unit 15, 16, and T8 limited to 120 MW & +/- 50MVAR - Through ~ 2016.

MU21 OOS 0600 8/5/2013 to 1700 9/19/2013 for Digital Governor installation.

MU18 OOS 0600 8/26/2013 to 1700 10/3/2013 for Digital Governor Installation.

From 9/14-17/2013, The Dalles Dam is spilling 3kcfs from spill gate 1 to increase attraction water for the north fish ladder.

Note on the fish counts that with most species, the fish are favoring the east ladder by more than 90%.

Gatewell drawdown completed on 9/13. Values ranged from 0.4' - 0.6' and were within criteria.

Calibration completed on 9/9 with minor OOC findings, TDE corrected same day

Fishway grating attachment parts ordered for resecure west entrance grating during winter maintenance dewatering.

West entrance weirs lift beam and weir wheel replacement planned as funding allows. Still operational.

#### Studies:

PIT - Temporary Thin Wall PIT tag Antenna continues to work successfully. Minor shad paneling repair planned for winter.

EFL - Current design 10' intake pipe near fish lock. Value Engineering (VE) study completed and some proposals accepted.

PUD - "Freedom" turbine proposal out for review. Pursuing modification of original FERC license. Public meeting and site tour planned 9/11.

**Lamprey -** Lamprey improvements; PDT developing weir orifice floor plating in lower ladders to improve lamprey passage through high velocity areas. Also investigating feasibility of having a holding tank on project to hold collected lamprey for Tribes.

#### Research/Contractors:

Tribal lamprey trap collection at east count station completed for season. All equipment removed from project. Collected lamprey used to reintroduce into various tributaries to reestablish lamprey populations. Total The Dalles catch were; Yakama Nation - 198, Nez Perce - 54, Umatilla - 97. WDFW Columbia River Northern Pikeminnow Management Program Dam Angling continues with low catch rates. Most fishing primarily from powerhouse deck. Dam angling effort hours - 12, Total NPM - 26, NPM ≥ 26, Game fish - 1, Non-game fish - 2. Season scheduled to end 9/30 or sooner.

Inland Avian Predation Work Group (IAPWG) conference call to occur 9/16.

Derelict USGS I-beams on pier noses removed by project maintenance. Plans to remove remaining pier nose antennas this winter by dive.

USFWS plans to remove all of their old equipment this winter dewatering and maintenance period from the fish ladders.

The second phase utilizing goats for the removal of vegetation near the north fish ladder to occur 9/30 to 10/4.

The first draft has been completed for the winter fishway dewatering schedule. Workload includes; west entrance grating attachment, junction pool lamprey plate installation (contractor), east exit weir guide/wheel rehab, west entrance weir rehab, north ladder vegetation removal.

One more set of derelict Vertical Barrier Screens (VBS) from 1990's research remains in MU 12 gatewell slot; ROV verified location, TDS notified.

The VBS that have already been removed are currently stored on the north side. Investigating if upriver projects can use as spares.

University of Idaho adult RT new antennas both fish ladders completed and operating. Plans to clean up unused antennas this winter.

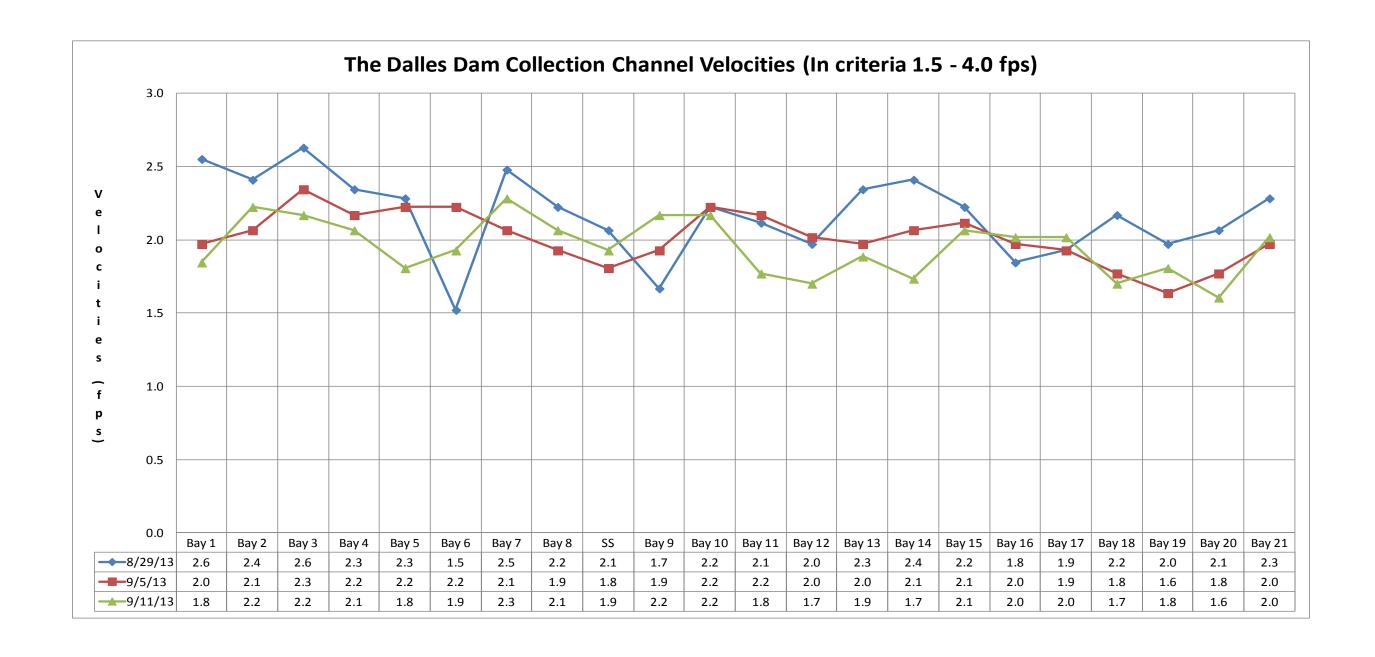
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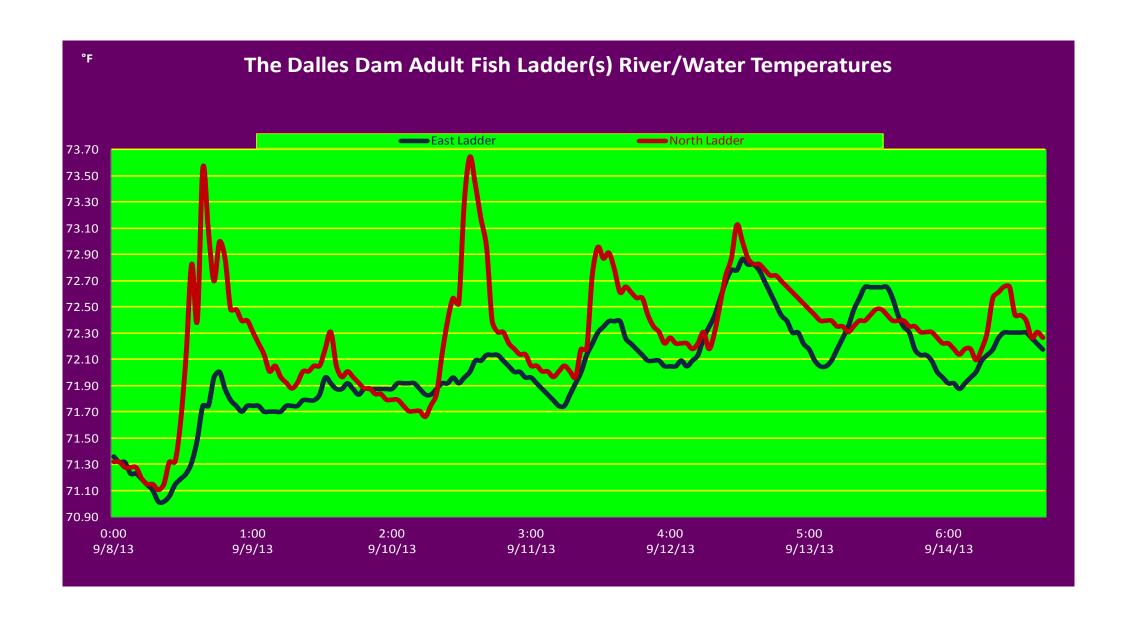
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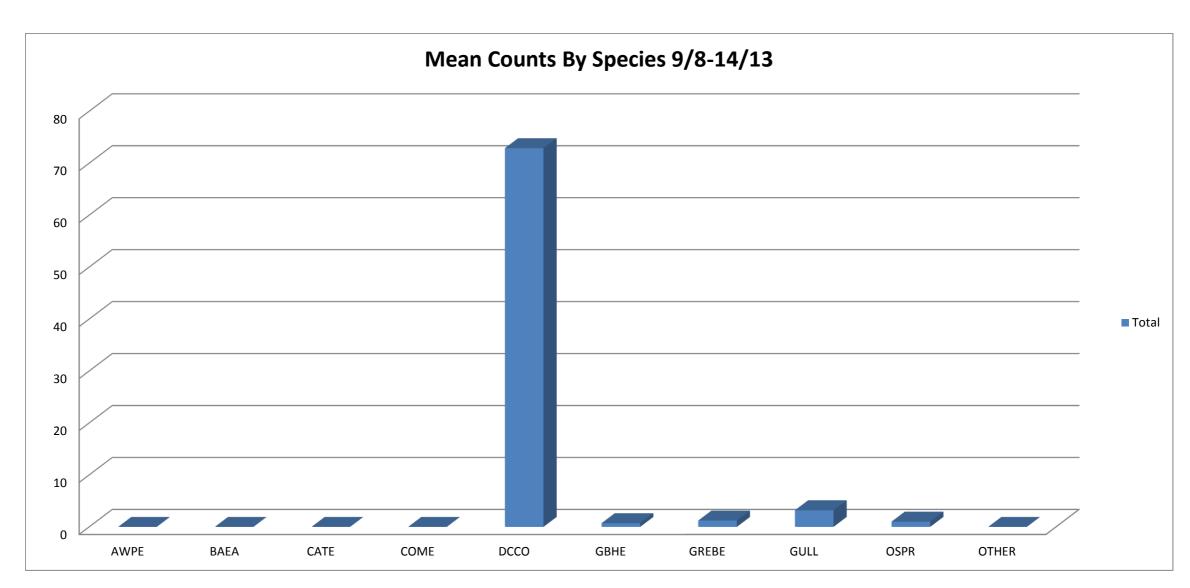
# DART The Dalles Adult Ladders Daily Usage with Spill Percent and Outflow

|           | Chinook        |                      |                 |                 | Jack Chinook   |        |                 | Steelhead      |                |           | Steelhead Wild  |                |                | Sockeye     |                 | Coho                     |                 |   | Jack Coho       |          |                |              | Pink            |    |                          |         | Lamprey   |            |          | Spill     | Outflow   |              |                         |                |            |             |       |  |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----|--------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------|--|
| Date      | Left<br>Ladder |                      | Right<br>Ladder |                 | Left<br>Ladder |        | Right<br>Ladder |                | Left<br>Ladder |           | Right<br>Ladder |                | Left<br>Ladder |             | Right<br>Ladder |                          | Left<br>Ladder  |   | Right<br>Ladder |          | Left<br>Ladder |              | Right<br>Ladder |    | Left Right Ladder Ladder |         |           | Left Right |          |           |           |              | ght<br>dder             | Pct<br>[Right] | (kcfs)     |             |       |  |
|           | Pct            | #                    | Pct             | #               | Pct            | #      | Pct             | #              | Pct            | #         | Pct             | #              | Pct            | #           | Pct             | #                        | Pct             | # | Pct             | #        | Pct            | #            | Pct             | #  | Pct                      | #       | Pct       | #          | Pct      | # P       | ct        | # Po         | :t #                    | Pc             | #          |             |       |  |
| 9/8/2013  | 91.3           | 23386                | 8.7             | 2242            | 92             | 2482   | 7.7             | 208            | 93.2           | 9424      | 6.8             | 685            | 91.6           | 2912        | 8.4             | 266                      | 100             | 1 | 0               | 0        | 79.2           | 293          | 20.8            | 77 | 79                       | 49      | 21        | 13         | 50       | 1 5       | 50        | 1 8          | 241                     | 15             | 44         | 0           | 72.2  |  |
| 9/9/2013  | 89             | 23338                | 11              | 2887            | 91             | 2542   | 8.8             | 245            | 92.3           | 3183      | 7.7             | 266            | 91.6           | 1022        | 8.4             | 94                       |                 | 0 |                 | 0        | 85             | 306          | 15              | 54 | 81.8                     | 36      | 18.2      | 8          | 100      | 2         | (         | 0 62         | 2 38                    | 38             | 23         | 0           | 79.7  |  |
| 9/10/2013 | 91.4           | 24406                | 8.6             | 2304            | 95             | 3440   | 5.2             | 190            | 93.1           | 1928      | 6.9             | 142            | 91.2           | 600         | 8.8             | 58                       |                 | 0 |                 | 0        | 93.3           | 671          | 6.7             | 48 | 88.2                     | 60      | 11.8      | 8          | 100      | 4         | (         | 0 87         | 7 32                    | 14             | 5          | 0           | 113.9 |  |
| 9/11/2013 | 97.3           | 24469                | 2.7             | 671             | 97             | 2630   | 3.2             | 86             | 97.6           | 1785      | 2.4             | 43             | 97.1           | 568         | 2.9             | 17                       |                 | 0 |                 | 0        | 95             | 454          | 5               | 24 | 83.1                     | 49      | 16.9      | 10         | 100      | 0         | (         | 0 69         | 25                      | 31             | 11         | 0           | 124.5 |  |
| 9/12/2013 | 97.8           | 23537                | 2.2             | 534             | 98             | 2845   | 1.7             | 48             | 95.3           | 2368      | 4.7             | 118            | 94.8           | 742         | 5.2             | 41                       |                 | 0 |                 | 0        | 87.7           | 371          | 12.3            | 52 | 87.2                     | 34      | 12.8      | 5          | 100      | 1         | (         | 0 10         | 0 31                    | 0              | 0          | 0           | 106.8 |  |
| 9/13/2013 | 96.6           | 17822                | 3.4             | 619             | 95             | 2069   | 4.7             | 103            | 94.1           | 1709      | 5.9             | 107            | 93.1           | 473         | 6.9             | 35                       |                 | 0 |                 | 0        | 96.3           | 500          | 3.7             | 19 | 93.7                     | 59      | 6.3       | 4          | 100      | 1         | (         | 0 80         | 20                      | 20             | 5          | 0           | 117.4 |  |
| 9/14/2013 | 98.2           | 19685                | 1.8             | 352             | 99             | 3779   | 1.1             | 41             | 98.4           | 3985      | 1.6             | 66             | 98.6           | 1454        | 1.4             | 20                       |                 | 0 |                 | 0        | 98             | 642          | 2               | 13 | 95.5                     | 84      | 4.5       | 4          | 90       | 9 1       | 0         | 1 8          | 17                      | 19             | 4          | 1.3         | 86.7  |  |
| Date      |                | Chinook Jack Chinook |                 | k               | Steelhead      |        |                 | Steelhead Wild |                | Sockeye   |                 |                | Coho           |             |                 | Jack Coho                |                 |   | Pink            |          |                | Lampr        |                 |    | Spill<br>Pct             | Outflow |           |            |          |           |           |              |                         |                |            |             |       |  |
|           | La             | Left<br>Ladder       |                 | Right<br>Ladder |                | Ladder |                 | Left<br>Ladder |                | er Ladder |                 | Left<br>Ladder |                | ght<br>Ider | Left<br>Ladder  |                          | Right<br>Ladder |   | Lad             |          | La             | ight<br>dder | Left<br>Ladder  |    | Right<br>Ladder          |         | Left Rigi |            | der      | Ladder La |           | Righ<br>adde | <mark>der</mark> Ladder |                | La         | ght<br>dder |       |  |
| YTD       |                | 94.2                 |                 | i.8             |                | 95.6   |                 | oct<br>1.4     |                | 4.5       |                 | .5             |                | 3.6         |                 | 9 <mark>ct</mark><br>6.4 | 10              |   |                 | Oct<br>O |                | ct<br>1.9    | Po<br>8.        |    | 87                       |         | 12.       |            | 90<br>90 |           | Pct<br>10 | 1            | Pct<br>81.5             |                | ect<br>8.5 |             |       |  |

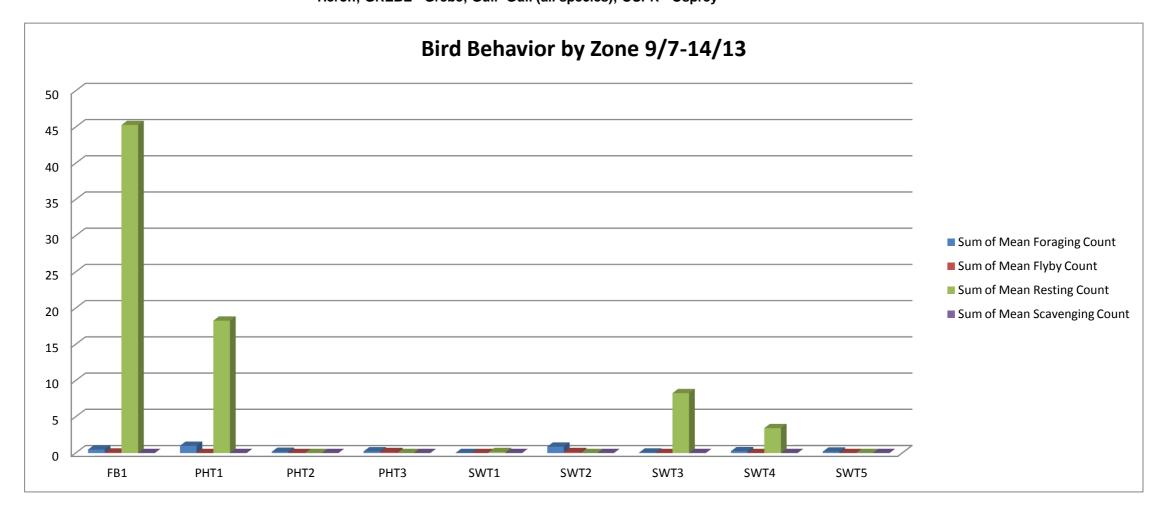
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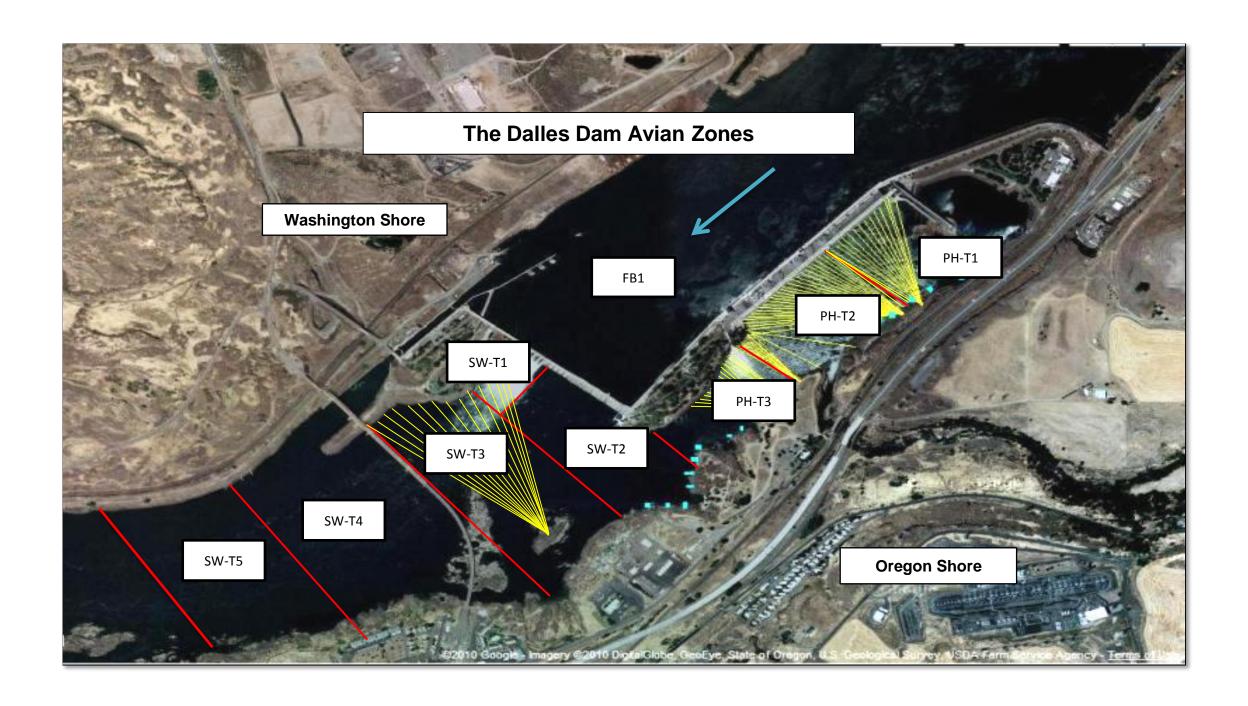
<sup>1.</sup> The species passage percent is not calculated for either ladder on a day, if either the Right Ladder or Left Ladder species count is: negative or null for the day.

<sup>2.</sup> Ladder orientations reference the side of the river when facing downstream.



AWPE - American White Pelican; BAEA - Bald Eagle; CATE - Caspian Tern; COME - Common Merganser; DCCO - double crested cormorant; GBHE - Great Blue Heron; GREBE - Grebe; Gull- Gull (all species); OSPR - Osprey





| Temp: | _    | Secchi: |  |  |  |  |
|-------|------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| 71.4  | SUN  | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |
| 72    | MON  | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |
| 72.1  | TUES | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |
| 72.2  | WED  | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |
| 72.5  | THUR | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |
| 72.6  | FRI  | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |
| 72.4  | SAT  | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |
| 72.2  | AVG: | 5.0     |  |  |  |  |

AVG:

The Dalles Dam Daily Readings and Averages for Temperatures, Secchi, Entrances, and Spill

= out of criteria

|           | North Fis    | h Ladder | East Fish Ladder |         |            |          |      |              |         |          |          |              |          |          |         |  |
|-----------|--------------|----------|------------------|---------|------------|----------|------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|--|
|           | North E      | ntrance  |                  | Ea      | st Entranc | е        |      |              | West En | trance   |          | Sol          | KCFS     |          |         |  |
| Date:     | Differential | N1 Depth | Differential     | E1Depth | E2 Depth   | E3 Depth | JP 6 | Differential | W1Depth | W2 Depth | W3 Depth | Differential | S1 Depth | S2 Depth | % Spill |  |
| 8-Sep-13  | 1.3          | 9.5      | 1.4              | 8.1     | 13.4       | 13.5     | 8.1  | 1.4          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.1          | 8.1      | 8.0      |         |  |
| 8-Sep-13  | 1.3          | 9.6      | 1.6              | 7.6     | 13.5       | 13.4     | 8.0  | 1.3          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.1          | 8.2      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 8-Sep-13  |              |          | 1.5              | 8.9     | 13.0       | 13.1     | 8.2  | 1.5          | 8.0     | 8.0      |          | 1.1          | 8.0      | 8.1      |         |  |
| 9-Sep-13  | 1.3          | 9.5      | 1.6              | 7.4     | 13.5       | 13.5     | 7.6  | 1.4          | 7.5     | 8.0      |          | 1.0          | 8.1      | 8.1      |         |  |
| 9-Sep-13  | 1.3          | 9.6      | 1.5              | 7.4     | 13.5       | 13.4     | 8.4  | 1.3          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.1          | 8.0      | 8.0      |         |  |
| 9-Sep-13  |              |          | 1.6              | 7.4     | 13.6       | 13.5     | 7.6  | 1.4          | 8.0     | 8.0      |          | 1.1          | 8.0      | 8.0      |         |  |
| 10-Sep-13 | 1.4          | 9.5      | 1.5              | 8.9     | 13.6       | 13.6     | 8.9  | 1.4          | 8.0     | 8.1      |          | 1.1          | 8.1      | 8.1      |         |  |
| 10-Sep-13 | 1.4          | 9.6      | 1.6              | 9.0     | 13.5       | 13.6     | 9.6  | 1.6          | 8.0     | 8.0      |          | 1.3          | 8.0      | 8.0      |         |  |
| 10-Sep-13 |              |          | 1.5              | 7.6     | 13.5       | 13.6     | 8.1  | 1.4          | 8.1     | 8.2      |          | 1.0          | 8.2      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 11-Sep-13 | 1.3          | 9.7      | 1.3              | 11.0    | 13.4       | 13.5     | 9.2  | 1.5          | 8.1     | 8.0      |          | 1.1          | 8.2      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 11-Sep-13 | 1.4          | 9.4      | 1.3              | 11.0    | 13.5       | 13.5     | 9.3  | 1.4          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.2          | 8.0      | 8.0      |         |  |
| 11-Sep-13 |              |          | 1.8              | 9.1     | 13.5       | 13.4     | 9.1  | 1.4          | 8.2     | 8.3      |          | 0.9          | 8.2      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 12-Sep-13 | 1.3          | 9.5      | 1.3              | 9.5     | 13.5       | 13.5     | 8.4  | 1.4          | 8.0     | 8.0      |          | 1.0          | 8.3      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 12-Sep-13 | 1.4          | 9.5      | 1.5              | 9.6     | 13.4       | 13.6     | 9.4  | 1.5          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.1          | 8.2      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 12-Sep-13 |              |          | 1.3              | 10.9    | 13.5       | 13.4     | 7.9  | 1.3          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.0          | 8.1      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 13-Sep-13 | 1.4          | 9.6      | 1.5              | 9.5     | 13.6       | 13.5     | 9.0  | 1.5          | 8.1     | 8.0      |          | 1.2          | 8.1      | 8.0      |         |  |
| 13-Sep-13 | 1.4          | 9.5      | 1.6              | 11.2    | 13.5       | 13.5     | 10.4 | 1.6          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.2          | 8.2      | 8.1      |         |  |
| 13-Sep-13 |              |          | 1.5              | 9.4     | 13.4       | 13.6     | 8.8  | 1.5          | 8.1     | 8.2      |          | 1.1          | 8.1      | 8.2      |         |  |
| 14-Sep-13 | 1.2          | 9.6      | 1.4              | 11.2    | 13.5       | 13.5     | 8.4  | 1.5          | 8.1     | 8.0      |          | 1.2          | 8.0      | 8.1      | 3.3     |  |
| 14-Sep-13 | 1.3          | 9.6      | 1.6              | 11.4    | 13.5       | 13.5     | 9.5  | 1.5          | 8.1     | 8.1      |          | 1.2          | 8.1      | 8.0      |         |  |
| 14-Sep-13 |              | •        | 1.4              | 11.4    | 13.5       | 13.5     | 8.4  | 1.5          | 8.1     | 8.0      |          | 1.1          | 8.1      | 8.2      |         |  |
| AVG:      | 1.3          | 9.6      | 1.5              | 9.4     | 13.5       | 13.5     | 8.7  | 1.4          | 8.1     | 8.1      | closed   | 1.1          | 8.1      | 8.1      |         |  |

Third fish way inspection for east fish ladder, east, west, and south entrances completed via automation system in fisheries office (SCADA).

