## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WALLA WALLA DISTRICT FISH FACILITIES WEEKLY REPORT #33-2020

**Project: McNary** 

Biologist: Bobby Johnson and Denise Griffith

Dates: October 9- 15, 2020

#### **Turbine Operation**

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status		
	X	All 14 turbine units available for service. (See table & comments below for details).	Hard	Soft
X		Available turbines operated within 1% peak efficiency? Constraint in effect.	X	

Table 1. McNary Unit Outages (OOS) and Return to Service (RTS).

	00	OS	RT	S	
Unit(s)	Date	Time	Date	Time	Outage Description
4	10/05	0700	10/13	1539	New top plate pump installation.
5	10/14	0700	10/23	NA	New top plate pump installation.
12	10/05	0700	10/23	NA	Annual and other maintenance.
9, 10 & 11	10/13	1000	10/13	1100	ESBS camera inspections.

Comments: The hard one percent peak efficiency constraint continued.

## **Adult Fish Passage Facilities**

McNary fisheries biologists performed measured inspections of the adult fishways on October 9, 11 and 13. Adult fish counting continued.

#### Fish Ladder Exits

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Comments
X		Oregon Exit	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	
X		Oregon Count Station Differential	0.0' to 0.5'	
X		Washington Exit	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	
X		Washington Count Station Differential	0.0' to 0.5'	

Comments: Debris loads were minimal to light near the Oregon and Washington exits. Aquatic vegetation continued to be an issue. The general maintenance staff cleaned the picketed leads frequently, including the on weekend and the holiday. Also, the crew was called in to clean the leads on October 11 at 2000 hours.

At the Oregon exit, the biologist asked for an adjustment to the set points and a traveling screen alarm was cleared on October 11.

## Fishway Entrances and Collection Channel

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Comments
X			North Oregon Entrance Head Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	
X			NFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			NFEW3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			South Oregon Entrance Head Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	
X			SFEW1 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			SFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			Oregon Collection Channel Velocities	1.5 to 4.0 fps	Averaged 1.7 fps.
X			Washington Entrance Head Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	
X			WFE2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			WFE3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	

Comments: There are no problems to report.

#### **Auxiliary Water Supply System**

Operating Satisfactory	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWS)
Yes			WA shore Wasco County PUD Turbine Unit
	Yes		WA shore Wasco PUD Bypass
		Yes	Oregon shore Fish Pump 1, OOS to November 19.
Yes			Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 2, Blade angle: 24 to 25°.
Yes			Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 3, Blade angle: 24 to 26°.
Yes			OR North Powerhouse Pool supply from juvenile fishway

Comments: Repairs to fish pump 1 continued.

## **Juvenile Fish Passage Facility**

The juvenile system remains in primary bypass for the fall season. Cleaning, light maintenance and preparations for winter continued at the facility. There was no fisheries staff member on duty from 0000 to 0800 hours for the remainder of the season starting on October 11. Staffing is down to day shift only.

#### Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	Minimal to moderate.
X			Were trash rack differentials measured?	Daily.
X			Trash rack differentials acceptable?	
	X		Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: Debris loads were minimal to moderate near the powerhouse and minimal to light beside the spillway. Incoming debris loads were minimal. The woody debris and aquatic vegetation continued to move back and forth from the powerhouse to the Oregon shoreline.

No trash rack cleaning or forebay debris removal occurred.

One large piece of wood material was removed from slot 12C this week.

## Extended-length submersible bar screen (ESBSs)/Vertical barrier screen (VBSs)

Yes	No	NA	Item
X			ESBSs deployed in all slots and in service?
X			ESBSs inspected this week?
X			ESBSs inspection results acceptable?
X			VBSs differentials checked this week?
X			VBSs differentials acceptable?

Comments: ESBS's remained deployed in all units. ESBS camera inspections in units 9, 10 and 11 reveal no problems on October 13.

Daily VBS differential monitoring continued. No high differentials were measured. Four VBS's were cleaned on October 15. No fish were observed.

#### Orifices, Collection Channel, Dewatering Structure, and Bypass Pipe

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number of orifices in service		
X			Did orifices operate satisfactory?	42		
X			Were the dewaterer and cleaning systems operated satisfactory?			

Comments: Due to continued concern for the two side dewatering valves, orifices cycling remained once a day. Orifices were adjusted for VBS cleaning as required. Orifice valve operators were repaired as needed.

A water level alarm came in and an orifice cycling issue was resolved quickly on October 13.

The transition screen cleaning brush remained out of service. The air burst system's zone 5 kept the transition screen clean.

The fisheries staff continued to monitor the north and south side dewatering valves with both valves' motor temperatures being recorded. The highest motor temperature we recorded was 108 degrees F. Unit loads generally do not change on day shift and the weather is becoming cooler. Therefore, it is anticipated the motor temperatures we can record will begin to decrease. Future access to the control program is our next step. The north valve still appeared to hang up at times, which causes a "popping" noise with the valve shaking occasionally. This remains as a concern.

#### Bypass Facility

Yes	No	NA	Item		
		X	Sample gates on?		
		X	PIT-tag sampling system on?		

Comments: During fall primary bypass season, all systems remain out of service. Light maintenance continues.

<u>Top Spillway Weir (TSW) Operations</u>: The TSW in bay 19 remained out of service. The TSW in bay 20 is being used for the adult steelhead TSW passage efficiency study and as required by the new Biological Opinion. The TSW will be opened per the study plan.

#### **River Conditions**

Table 2. River Conditions at McNary Dam.

Daily Average River Flow (kcfs)			Daily Average Spill (kcfs)		Water Temperature (°F)		Water Clarity (Secchi disk - feet)	
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	
93.4	68.7	1.7	0.0	65.0	62.0	6.0	6.0	

Comments: The above data comes from the control room. The data day is 0000 to 0000 hours. Spillgate hoist maintenance continued. The spill recorded above was for the TSW study and hoist testing.

#### Other

<u>Inline Cooling Water Strainers</u>: The next cooling water strainer inspections will occur on December 1.

Avian Activity: Casual avian observations continued.

No terns or pelicans were observed on project.

Gull activity fluctuated in the powerhouse zone with birds feeding and roosting. At times, gulls were noted feeding in large numbers. Occasionally, a cormorant was noted.

In the spillway zone, gull and cormorants were observed. The birds were roosting around the spill basin with some feeding activity, especially during TSW use. Feeding activity was found to be very heavy at times.

At the juvenile bypass outfall, gulls and cormorants were noted. Roosting on the bypass pipe was still the primary use of the area. However, with the navigation lock laser removed, more birds appear to be feeding at the outfall.

In the forebay zone, occasional gulls were observed feeding or flying by. A few gulls and cormorants were noted on the roosting rocks along the Washington shoreline. At times, a flock of gulls was observed outside the counting zones, generally near the Oregon boat launch, project helicopter pad or roosting on the water. Occasionally, great blue herons were noted roosting on the floating debris.

The lasers remained out of service and there is no active hazing program.

The bird distress calls deployed along on the navigation lock wing wall and the second large distress call deployed on the juvenile facility barge loading dock appeared to be somewhat effective.

A future LRAD test has not yet been scheduled.

<u>Invasive Species</u>: The next mussel station examinations will occur in late October.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: None occurred this week.

<u>Research</u>: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) continued with the adult steelhead TSW passage efficiency study.

# **Project: Ice Harbor** Biologist: Ken Fone

Dates: October 9, 2020 – October 15, 2020

# **Turbine Operation**

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status		
	X	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table below for details).	Hard	Soft
X		Available turbines operated within 1% peak efficiency? Constraint in effect.	X	

Ice Harbor Unit Outages (OOS) and Return to Service (RTS).

	00	S	RTS		
Unit	Date	Time	Date	Time	Outage Description
3	5/3/19	0641			Turbine runner replacement and stator rewind
5	9/21/20	0900			Annual maintenance and overhaul

Comments: None.

## **Adult Fish Passage Facility**

Ice Harbor Fish Facility staff inspected the adult fishways on October 13, 14, and 15.

## Fish Ladders:

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X		North Ladder Exit Differential	Head $\leq 0.3$ '	
X		North Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head $\leq 0.3$ '	
X		North Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	
X		South Ladder Exit Differential	Head $\leq 0.3$ '	
X		South Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head $\leq 0.3$ '	
X		South Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	

# Fishway Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X			South Shore Entrance (SFE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
X			South Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	
X			South Shore Channel Velocity	1.5 - 4.0  fps	
X			North Powerhouse Entrance (NFE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
X			North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	
X			North Shore Entrance (NEW-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
X			North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	

Comments: None.

## Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWS):

<b>Operating Satisfactory</b>	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWS)
6 pumps	2 pumps		Status of the 8 South Shore AWS Pumps
2 pumps	1 pump		Status of the 3 North Shore AWS Pumps

Comments: None.

#### **Juvenile Fish Passage Facility**

## Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	Average of 27 square yards
X			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
X			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0-10%
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: None.

## STSs/VBSs:

Yes	No	NA	Item
X			STSs deployed in all slots and in service for available units?
	X		STSs in continuous-run mode? (Note: if not, then STSs are in cycle-run mode).
	X		STSs inspected this week?
		X	STSs inspection results acceptable?
		X	VBSs differentials checked this week?
		X	VBSs differentials acceptable?

Comments: None.

## Orifices, Collection Channel, Dewatering Structure, and Flume:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number open and in service
X			Orifices operating satisfactory?	20
X			Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: None.

Juvenile Fish Facility: The Juvenile Fish Facility is operating in primary bypass mode.

Fish Sampling: Fish sampling is done for the year at Ice Harbor Project.

<u>Removable Spillway Weir (RSW)</u>: The RSW is periodically opened for downstream passage of adult steelhead that may have strayed into the Snake River. For the benefit of steelhead, the RSW is scheduled to be operated from 0500 hours to 0900 hours on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from October 1 to November 15.

#### **River Conditions**

River conditions at Ice Harbor Dam.

Daily Average River Flow (kcfs)		Daily Average Spill (kcfs)		Water Temperature* (°F)		Water Clarity (Secchi disk - feet)	
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
29.5	14.6	1.5	0	64	62	9.0	8.2

\*Unit 1 scroll case temperature.

Comments: None.

#### Other

<u>Inline Cooling Water Strainers</u>: Monthly strainer inspections for lamprey will resume in December.

<u>Avian Activity</u>: There were moderate numbers of piscivorous birds seen around the project. Many of the gulls were observed foraging in the powerhouse tailrace, close to the unit 1 discharge. On October 21, an avian deterrent wire will be added to the south end of the wire array to cover the area of the unit 1 discharge.

<u>Invasive Species</u>: No new exotic species have been observed.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: Unwatering activities that involved fish rescue did not occur this week.

Research: No on-site research is occurring at this time.

## **Project: Lower Monumental**

Biologists: Chuck Barnes and Raymond Addis

Dates: October 9 - 15, 2020

# **Turbine Operation**

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status		
	X	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).	Hard	Soft
X		Available turbines operated within 1% peak efficiency? Constraint in effect.	X	

Lower Monumental Unit Outages (OOS) and Return to Service (RTS)

	oos		RTS		
Unit	Date	Time	Date	Time	Outage Description
Unit 1	10/07/2020	1250	10/13/2020	1215	Governor Control Issues
Unit 2	7/15/2019	0720	4/01/2021	ERTS	Annual, Draft Tube Liner
Unit 6	9/28/2020	0725	10/16/2020	ERTS	Annual

Comments: None

#### **Adult Fish Passage Facility**

The adult fishways were inspected by Corps and EAS/Anchor QEA biologists on October 13, 14, and 15.

# Fish Ladder:

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X		North Ladder Exit Differential	Head $\leq 0.5$ '	
X		North Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head $\leq 0.4$ '	
X		North Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	
X		South Ladder Exit Differential	Head $\leq 0.5$ '	
X		South Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head $\leq 0.3$ '	
X		South Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	

Comments: None

# Fishway Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
X			North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'-2.0'	
		X	South Powerhouse Entrance (SPE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
		X	South Powerhouse Entrance (SPE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
X			South Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'-2.0'	
X		X	South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 6.0°	
X			South Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	

#### Comments:

South Powerhouse Entrance (SPE-1) Weir was on sill during all inspections with readings of 7.3, 7.0 and 7.2 feet respectively.

South Powerhouse Entrance (SPE-2) Weir was on sill during all inspections with readings of 7.3, 7.0 and 7.2 feet respectively.

South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir was on sill during the October 14 and 15 inspections with readings of 8.3 and 8.0 feet respectively.

## Auxiliary Water Supply System:

<b>Operating Satisfactory</b>	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWS)
Yes			AWS Fish Pump 1
Yes			AWS Fish Pump 2
Yes			AWS Fish Pump 3

Comments: None

#### **Juvenile Fish Passage Facility**

#### Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	$0 \text{ yds}^2$
X			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
X			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0 – 7%
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: None

#### STSs/VBSs:

Yes	No	NA	Item	
X			STSs deployed in all slots and in service?	
	X		STSs in continuous-run mode (Note: if not, then STSs are in cycle-run	
	Λ		mode)?	
	X		STSs inspected this week?	
		X	STSs inspection results acceptable?	
		X	VBSs differentials checked this week?	
		X	VBSs differentials acceptable?	

Comments: STS's were operating in cycle mode due to average sub-yearling Chinook and sockeye lengths being greater than 120 mm.

## Orifices, Collection Channel, Dewatering Structure, and Flume:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number open and in service
X			Orifices operating satisfactory?	17
	X		Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: None

Collection Facility: The Juvenile collection facility was watered up at 10:00 on March 26.

Everyday collection for sample condition ended at 0700 on October 1. The facility went into primary bypass at that time. The collection facility was dewatered at 1230 on October 5.

Transport Summary: Alternate day barge transport ended June 21.

<u>Spillway Weir</u>: Summer spill ended on August 31 at 23:59:59. Off-season spill began October 1 to facilitate downstream passage of overshoots.

#### **River Conditions**

River conditions at Lower Monumental Dam.

Daily Average River Flow (kcfs)		Daily Average Spill (kcfs)		Water Temperature (°F)*		Water Clarity (Secchi disk - feet)	
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
28.0	16.8	1.7	0	62.0	61.3	4.5	4.0

<sup>\*</sup>Scrollcase temperatures.

#### Other

<u>Inline Cooling Water Strainers</u>: Cooling water strainers were inspected on August 10. No live fish or mortalities were recovered.

Avian Activity: Bird hazing efforts by USDA personnel ended June 2, 2020.

Tailrace bird observations conducted during fish ladder inspections ended for the season September 30, 2020. <u>Invasive Species</u>: No zebra or quagga mussels were observed during monitoring station inspections on September 4.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: No Fish Rescue/Salvage took place during this reporting period.

<u>Research</u>: No research is occurring currently.

**Project: Little Goose** 

Biologists: Scott St. John and Richard Weis

Dates: October 09-15, 2020

## **Turbine Operation**

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status		
	X	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).	Hard	Soft
X		Available turbines operated within 1% peak efficiency? Constraint in effect.	X	

Little Goose Unit Outages (OOS) and Return to Service (RTS)

	oos		OS RTS		
Unit	Date	Time	Date	Time	Outage Description
5	04/14/17	14:11	03/31/21	17:00	Spider and upper guide bearing repair.
3	09/21/20	03:20	10/30/20	17:00	Unit Annual

Comments: None.

#### **Adult Fish Passage Facility**

Little Goose fish facility staff inspected the adult fishway on October 11, 13 and 15.

#### Fish Ladder:

Yes	No	NA	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X			Fish Ladder Exit Differential	Head $\leq 0.5$ '	
X			Fish Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head $\leq 0.3$ '	
X			Fish Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	
	X		Fish Ladder Cooling Water Pump in Servi		
		X	Fish Ladder Exit Cooling Water Pumps Or		

Comments: Adult ladder cooling pump was shut down for the season on September 16.

## Fishway Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	
X			South Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	
		X	North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 7.0' or on sill	
		X	North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 7.0' or on sill	
X			North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'-2.0'	
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 6.0' or on sill	
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 6.0' or on sill	5.9
	X		North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'-2.0'	0.8
X			Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 - 4.0  fps	

Comments: The adult fishway continues to operate in manual mode. Project staff struggled to maintain entrance criteria at the NSE during Spring spill. The fish control system for the NSE weirs was replaced and is functioning satisfactorily. Sub surface channel velocity was performed on October 04 and averaged 2.5 fps. Channel to tailwater at NSE-2 was found out of criteria on the October 13 inspection. Weir depth at NSE-2 was found out of criteria during the October 15 inspection.

#### Auxiliary Water Supply System:

<b>Operating Satisfactory</b>	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWS)
X			AWS Fish Pump 1
X			AWS Fish Pump 2
X			AWS Fish Pump 3

Comments: None

#### **Juvenile Fish Passage Facility**

#### Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comment
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	
	X		Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
		X	Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
	X		Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: There is approximately 300 square feet of floating woody debris currently inside the trash shear boom in the forebay. Drawdowns were not conducted this report period due to plant conditions. Drawdowns were last performed on September 24 on Unit 1 and were in criteria.

#### ESBS/VBS:

Yes	No	NA	Item	
X			ESBSs deployed in all slots and in service?	
	X		ESBSs inspected this week?	
		X	ESBSs inspection results acceptable?	
	X		VBSs differentials checked this week?	
		X	VBSs differentials acceptable?	
	X		VBSs inspected this week?	

Comments: All ESBS screens are in slots and deployed for all available and in-service Units. VBS differentials were not conducted this report period due to plant conditions. VBS differentials were last performed on September 24 on Unit 1 and were in criteria. ESBS/VBS camera inspections were performed on Unit 3 on September 24 and screens were in satisfactory condition.

#### Orifices, Collection Channel, Dewatering Structure, and Flume:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number open and in service
X			Orifices operating satisfactory?	18
	X		Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: The airline for the backflush system on orifice 1C1 was found broken and will need repaired once the juvenile channel is dewatered for winter maintenance (MFR 20 LGS 12). During prior ESBS/VBS inspections, an issue with the orifice liner in 6C2 was observed (MFR 20 LGS 14) and will need repaired during winter maintenance. The limitorque motor that operates the weirs for water elevation at the primary dewatering structure is out of service. Weirs are currently being adjust manually until repairs are made.

<u>Collection Facility</u>: Collection for condition sampling began on April 1. The facility continues to collect for daily sample and was placed in secondary bypass on June 21. Collection for every other day truck transport began on August 01 with the first truck leaving LGS on August 03. The B-side PIT tag gate airline oiler failed on October 14 at 17:10. The gate was repaired and returned to service at 18:15. All fish that encountered the B-side PIT tag gate were routed to the sample and eventually transported during that time.

<u>Transport Summary</u>: The JFF began collecting for truck transport on August 01. The collection and transportation facility operated within criteria this report period. A total of 1,228 fish were collected. Of the fish collected, 76 were sample or facility mortalities, 0 were by-passed and 781 were transported by truck to release site near Bonneville Dam. The descaling and mortality rates were 1.8% and 9.92%, respectively. The increased mortality rate is largely due to high mortality due to *columnaris* disease (*Flavobacterium columnare*) observed on October 12 and 13. There were 0 adult lamprey removed from the separator this report period and released approximately 1-mile upstream of the powerhouse.

<u>Spillway Weir</u>: Summer spill operations began on June 21. The ASW was closed for the season on August 07. Spill for adult steelhead overshoots commenced on October 01. ASW spill operations will continue to be conducted in accordance to the most recent Columbia Basin Teletype.

#### **River Conditions**

River conditions at Little Goose Dam.

Daily Average River Flow (kcfs)		Daily Average Spill (kcfs)		Water Temperature* (°F)		Water Clarity (Secchi disk - feet)	
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
26.7	16.4	1.6	0.0	63.8	62.4	6.0	5.7

<sup>\*</sup>Ladder temperature.

#### Other

<u>Inline Cooling Water Strainers</u>: Inline cooling strainers were inspected and results submitted to district operations every other week for FPOM distribution through mid-June per Fish Passage Plan (FPP) requirements.

Avian Activity: Daily piscivorous bird counts at Little Goose Dam began on April 1.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
10-09	0945	2	17	0	0
10-10	0955	3	9	0	0
10-11	0800	26	1	0	0
10-12	1210	32	17	0	0
10-13	1240	8	31	0	0
10-14	0820	44	4	0	0
10-15	1315	36	25	0	0

<u>Invasive Species</u>: No invasive species have been observed on the mussel station.

<u>Siberian Prawn</u>: Siberian prawns collected in the sample at the Juvenile Fish Facility are humanely euthanized by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Anchor, frozen and properly disposed of in a landfill. Daily and total Siberian prawn counts at Little Goose Dam for this reporting period are reported below.

Date	Sample	Collection*
10-09	492	492
10-10	422	422
10-11	1,338	1,338
10-12	678	678
10-13	938	938
10-14	873	873
10-15	618	618
Totals	5,359	5,359

Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT): GBT monitoring has finished for the season.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: None

Research: The Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) ended steelhead kelt collection on June 25.

**Project: Lower Granite** 

Biologists: Elizabeth Holdren and David Miller

Dates: October 9-15, 2020

## **Turbine Operation**

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status		
X		All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).	Hard	Soft
X		Available turbines operated within 1% peak efficiency? Constraint in effect.	X	

Comments: No units were out of service (OOS) this reporting period.

## **Adult Fish Passage Facility**

Lower Granite and EAS/Anchor QEA staff inspected the adult fishway October 10, 12, 14, and 15.

#### Fish Ladder:

Yes	No	NA	Location	Location Criteria	
X			Fish Ladder Exit Differential	Head $\leq 0.5$ '	
X			Fish Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head $\leq 0.3$ '	
X			Fish Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	
	X		Fish Ladder Cooling Water Pumps in Ser		
		X	Fish Ladder Cooling Water Pumps Opera		

Comments: None

## Fish Ladder Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Comments
	X		South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	6.8
	X		South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0°	6.9
X			South Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0' - 2.0'	
		X	North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
		X	North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0' or on sill	
X			North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'-2.0'	
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 7.0' or on sill	6.7, 6.7,
	Λ				6.7
			North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 7.0' or on sill	Closed
X			North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'-2.0'	
	X		Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 - 4.0  fps	1.1, 1.1,
	Λ				1.0

Comments: FOGs 1 and 10 are in operation. The issue with the control system not being in sync with the physical tailrace readings was adjusted manually as needed and addressed on October 15 by the electrical crew.

# **Auxiliary Water Supply System:**

<b>Operating Satisfactorily</b>	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply (AWS)	
Yes			AWS Fish Pump 1	
Yes			AWS Fish Pump 2	
No		OOS guide bearing	AWS Fish Pump 3	

Comments: AWS pump 3 is in standby.

#### **Juvenile Fish Passage Facility**

<u>Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil</u>: Debris load has picked up this week and is being manages with additional facility rounds. Some woody debris observed in the forebay this season is likely due to the failure in the upriver two sections of the forebay debris boom. Repairs are recommended to prevent further damage to the boom and potential for additional debris in the powerhouse forebay and on unit trashracks.

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	
X			Trash rack differentials measured this week?	
X			Trash rack differentials acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	Ranged from 1-3%
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: Gatewell differentials were measured October 12. Debris is removed from gatewells with a hand dip basket.

#### ESBSs/VBSs:

Yes	No	NA	Item
X			ESBSs deployed in all slots and in service?
	X		ESBSs inspected this week?
		X	ESBSs inspection results acceptable?
X			VBSs differentials checked this week?
X			VBSs differentials acceptable?

Comments: None

Orifices, Collection Channel, Dewatering Structure, Bypass Pipe:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number open and in service
X			Orifices operating satisfactory?	18-24
X			Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: Juvenile collection channel water level and flow is being adjusted using 10" orifices depending on forebay elevations.

<u>Collection Facility</u>: The sample rate is being adjusted daily based on fish passage numbers. Collection for truck transport began at 0700 hours August 1.

<u>Transport Summary</u>: Truck transport for the week of October 9-15 totaled 2,103 fish transported in three trips.

Spillway Weir: The RSW is operating to facilitate adult steelhead passage from 0500-0900 hours Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays October 1 through November 15. RSW PIT tag detections October 9-15 included 12 adult steelhead, 6 adult Chinook, and 43 juvenile Chinook. Of the 12 adult steelhead detected over the RSW, 11 were PIT tagged and recently released from the LWG adult trap. The juvenile bypass PIT tag system detected 6 adult Chinook, 4 adult steelhead, and 46 juvenile Chinook during this same period.

#### **River Conditions**

River conditions at Lower Granite Dam.

Daily Average River Flow (kcfs)		Daily Average Spill (kcfs)		Water Temperature* (°F)		Water Clarity (Secchi disk - feet)	
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
27.8	18.3	1.2	0.0	62.0	61.0	5.0	5.0

<sup>\*</sup>Cooling water intake temperature.

#### Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: N/A

<u>Invasive Species</u>: No zebra/quagga muscles were detected on the trap substrate. There were 452 Siberian prawns collected in the sample and euthanized for disposal.

Avian Activity: Biologist daily piscivorous bird counts at Lower Granite Dam.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
Oct 9	0743	16	0	0	0
Oct 10	1110	0	0	0	0
Oct 11	0818	33	23	0	0
Oct 12	1016	15	27	0	0
Oct 13	0800	17	0	0	0
Oct 14	1442	15	33	0	0
Oct 15	1245	14	29	0	0

<u>Adult Fish Trap Operations</u>: Adult trap sample rate was 18%. Collection of Coho broodstock for NPT started on October 1. During the report week 121 of the Coho collected at the adult trap were transported.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: N/A

Research:

#### USGS Juvenile Fall Chinook Salmon Growth and Origin

USGS collection of previously tagged subyearling Chinook utilizing LWG juvenile collection facility SbyC system began September 8 and will continue through October 31. Previously PIT tagged fish are diverted to the SbyC tanks, weighed, measured, GSI sampled, scanned for PIT tag code, recovered from anesthetic, and released back to the river. The objective of this project is to estimate the growth of PIT-tagged subyearling Chinook salmon from the Clearwater River to Lower Granite Dam.

#### National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Ancillary Adult Passage Monitoring:

Fish that were PIT as juveniles at LWG are monitored as returning adults through the river and LWG facility. For each returning adult the following is estimated; 1) passage time between sets of detection PIT tag coils, 2) whether the fish was handled at the adult trap, 3) duration the fish was held at the adult trap, 4) overall passage time from ladder entrance to exit, 5) whether the turnpool gate was open or closed during passage. This will be the last year of this evaluation.

Sampling of Steelhead, Chinook salmon, and Sockeye salmon by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and NOAA Fisheries for Biological data collection.

Upriver migrating steelhead, spring/summer Chinook salmon, and sockeye salmon are collected from the adult trap beginning April 4 through December 15. The goal is to collect 5-20% of adult steelhead, spring/summer Chinook salmon, and sockeye salmon ascending the ladder April 4-December 15. Data collection includes fish scales, genetics tissue, sex and length, wild/hatchery composition, and non-adipose clipped hatchery fish assessment. All natural origin adult steelhead and spring/summer Chinook salmon trapped will be PIT tagged to estimate headwater tributary escapement. Sockeye salmon may be PIT tagged in the future to estimate metrics regarding conversion rates. Some steelhead and spring/summer Chinook salmon may be radio-tagged or spaghetti-tagged. This

information on adult fish forms the basis for status information used in several forums including BiOp-RPA identified needs.

## PIT Tagging and Genetic Sample Collection from Bull Trout for USFWS:

Bull trout will be collected as part of the normal adult trap daily sample and using the adult SbyC system to recapture previously PIT tagged fish. Untagged bull trout will be PIT tagged, fin clipped for genetic analysis, and have morphometric data collected including weight and length etc. Fin clips will be sent to USFWS to determine the fish's origin. Previously PIT tagged bull trout will only have morphometric data collected. All fish will be released back into the adult fish ladder.