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WALLA WALLA DISTRICT
FISH FACILITIES WEEKLY REPORT
#34-2021

Project: McNary
Biologist: Bobby Johnson and Denise Griffith
Dates: October 15-21, 2021

Turbine Operation

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status
	X	All 14 turbine units available for service? (See table & comments below for details.)

*All available turbine units are operated in accordance with App. C of the Fish Passage Plan.

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

	OOS		RTS		
Unit(s)	**Date**	**Time**	**Date**	**Time**	**Outage Description**
4	8/2	1018	2/ 28/22	N/A	Nine-year overhaul
5, 6 & 8	10/4	0730	11/9	N/A	Lines 3 & 4 outages for BPA relays
7	10/4	0730	12/2	N/A	BPA line outages & 9-yr overhaul
1, 2 & 3	10/19	1000	10/19	1130	ESBS camera inspections

Comments: The one percent peak efficiency constraint and Unit priority are being followed per the 2021 Fish Passage Plan (FPP). RTS dates are subject to change.

Adult Fish Passage Facilities

The fisheries biologist and technician performed a measured inspection of the adult fishways on October 17, 19, and 21. Fish counting will conclude on October 31. Picketed leads will be raised on November 1.

Fish Ladder Exits:

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X		Oregon Exit	Head over weir 1.0’ to 1.3’	1.0’ to 1.2’
X		Oregon Count Station Differential	0.0’ to 0.5’	0.2’ to 0.3’
X		Washington Exit	Head over weir 1.0’ to 1.3’	1.2’
X		Washington Count Station Differential	0.0’ to 0.5’	0.1’ to 0.2’

Comments: Debris loads near the exits were minimal. Picketed leads at both exits were cleaned as needed, including the weekend.

There are no other problems to report.

Fishway Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X			North Oregon Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.2' to 1.3'
X			NFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	8.1'
X			NFEW3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	8.0' to 8.1'
X			South Oregon Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.4' to 1.5'
	X		SFEW1 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	7.9' to 8.2'
	X		SFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	7.9' to 8.2'
	X		Oregon Collection Channel Velocities	1.5 to 4.0 fps	Averaged 1.3 fps
X			Washington Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.4'
X			WFE2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	9.8' to 9.9'
X			WFE3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	9.8' to 9.9'

Comments: SFEW1 was out of criterion on October 17. SFEW2 were out of criterion on October 17 and 19. These out of criteria points could be due to sensor calibration drifts, set point adjustments, hydraulics and/or the general condition of the Oregon shore ladder system. The Oregon ladder south pool sensor was calibrated on October 18. SFEW1 and SFEW2's set points were adjusted on October 21. The channel velocity being out of criterion may be related to the technique the technician used to record the readings. The method will be reviewed with the technician.

Fabrication of the six remaining FOG's is on hold until fish pump 3 repairs are completed.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactory	Standby	Out of Service	Fish Pump Blade Angle	Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWS)
Yes				WA shore Wasco County PUD Turbine Unit
	Yes			WA shore Wasco PUD Bypass
Yes			25°	Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 1
Yes			23°	Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 2
		Yes		Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 3, RTS date is October 29
Yes				OR North Powerhouse Pool supply from juvenile fishway

Comments: Fish pump 3 remained out of service. The estimated return to service date has been moved to May 31, 2023 due to stator replacement being required. There are no other problems to report.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Fall primary bypass season continues. Light maintenance and winterization have begun at the juvenile facility.

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

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

Comments: Current debris loads were light to moderate near the powerhouse and minimal beside the spillway. Incoming debris was minimal. Most of the debris appeared to be moving back and forth from the powerhouse to the Oregon shoreline.

No trash racks were cleaned this week. There are no problems to report.

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: All ESBS's are in place. Camera inspections in units 1, 2 and 3 revealed no issues on October 19.

Daily VBS differential monitoring revealed no differentials out of criteria. One screen was cleaned on October 21. No fish mortalities were observed during cleaning.

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

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number of orifices in service
X			Did orifices operate satisfactory?	42
X			Dewatering and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: With low debris loads and a temporary air supply line, orifice cycling remains at once a day. Water in the air line continues to be an issue. This problem and the temporary air supply line from the north end of the powerhouse will continue to be monitored. Orifices were adjusted for VBS cleaning are required.

The contractor who is reinforcing the intake deck crane's east rail will also continue to be monitored.

There are no problems to report.

Bypass Facility:

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

Comments: All bypass facility systems are down for above water winter maintenance and partial winterization.

Replacement of the separator winterization drains continues. There are no other problems to report.

Top Spillway Weir (TSW) Operations:

A standard spill gate is spill bay 19. The TSW, which is attached to a hoist, in bay 20 is operational for the fall adult fallback season per the FPP and openings are occurring per the schedule released by RCC.

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
84.1	73.3	1.6	0.0	60.0	58.0	6.0	6.0

Comments: The above data is provided by the control room. The data day runs from 0000 to 0000 hours. The records spill was over the TSW.

Though crane 6 is in service, remote operation has yet to be restored. The load limit indicator continues to be an issue. Crane 7 is out of service. However, work on the main hoist gearbox has been completed. The crane's motor starter still needs to be replaced. A contract will be required. The current target date for replacement will be in mid-December. Also, the crane's load limit indicator continues to be an issue.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: The next cooling water strainer inspections will occur on December 7.

Avian Activity: During fall primary bypass season, only casual avian observations are made.

In the spillway zone, gulls and cormorants were observed. The birds were mostly roosting around the basin. Cormorant numbers were moderate and stable. Gull numbers appeared to fluctuate with the out migration of juvenile shad. When the TSW was open, gulls feed heavily.

In the powerhouse zone, very few gulls were observed.

In the bypass outfall zone, gull numbers fluctuated with the birds occasionally feeding. Cormorant numbers remained high with the birds roosting on the pipe and feeding at the outfall occasionally.

In the forebay zone, grebes began to be observed on October 14. These birds were feeding and roosting on the water. Their numbers fluctuated. Outside the zone, a few cormorants were observed along with gull flocks that roosted along the shorelines or on the water.

Two large bird distress calls remain installed on the navigation lock wing wall but will be removed soon for the winter. No other hazing occurred. The lasers on the outfall pipe and navigation lock wing remained off and will also be removed. The use of the LRAD will resume next spring.

Invasive Species: The next mussel station examinations will occur on October 24.

Siberian Prawn: There is nothing to report.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: There in nothing to report.

Research: There in nothing to report.

Project: Ice Harbor
Fisheries Biologist: Ken Fone

Turbine Operation

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status
	x	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).

*All available turbine units are operated in accordance with App. C of the Fish Passage Plan.

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

	OOS		RTS		
Unit	**Date**	**Time**	**Date**	**Time**	**Outage Description**
3	5/3/19	0641	---	---	Turbine runner replacement and stator rewind

Comments: None.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Ice Harbor Fish Facility staff inspected the adult fishways on October 18, 19, and 20.

Fish Ladders:

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Measurements
x		North Ladder Exit Differential	Head ≤ 0.3’	
x		North Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head ≤ 0.3’	
x		North Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0’ to 1.3’	
x		South Ladder Exit Differential	Head ≤ 0.3’	
x		South Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head ≤ 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	≥ 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	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
x			North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	
		x	North Shore Entrance (NEW-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
x			North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	

Comments: None.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactory	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply (AWS) System
5 pumps	3 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 10 square yards
x			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
x			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
x			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0-8%
	x		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: None.

Submersible Traveling Screens (STSs) / Vertical Barrier Screens (VBSs):

Yes	No	NA	Item
x			STSs deployed in all slots that are in service?
	x		STSs in continuous-run mode (Note: if not, then STSs are in cycle-run mode)?
	x		STSs/VBSs inspected this week?
		x	STS/VBS inspection results acceptable?
		x	VBS differentials checked this week?
		x	VBS 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: Orifices are being backflushed once per day. There were no debris obstructions observed at the orifices, as indicated by reduced flow through the orifices.

The replacement actuator for the water regulating weirs in the collection channel is being operated in manual control. An analog controller input was added to the actuator and needs to be programmed to function automatically. Currently, the water level in the collection channel is being visually monitored once per day. The actuator is operated electronically in "local" control to manually adjust the weirs as needed.

The mechanical screen cleaner was found to be inoperable on October 20 due to the bracket for the drive cable sheaves breaking off and the cable wrapping over itself on the drive pulley. The bracket is being repaired and the frayed cable will be replaced. The water regulating weirs will be lowered as necessary to maintain the proper water level as debris accumulates on the inclined floor screen during the outage.

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

Fish Sampling: Sampling at Ice Harbor Dam has concluded for the season.

Removable Spillway Weir (RSW): The RSW is periodically opened for downstream passage of adult steelhead that may have strayed into the Snake River. 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
16.9	12.1	1.6	0.0	62	59	9.9	8.0

*Unit 1 scroll case temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Inspection of turbine cooling water strainers for lamprey will resume in December.

Avian Activity: There were moderate numbers of pelicans and gulls that were resting or foraging at Eagle Island and along the south shore downstream of the dam. Pelicans and gulls were also observed foraging in the tailrace, midway between the dam and Eagle Island.

Invasive Species: No exotic species that are new to the area have been found.

Siberian Prawn: Siberian prawns collected in the sample at the Juvenile Fish Facility are humanely euthanized by the fish sampling contractor, frozen and properly disposed of in a landfill.

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

Research: No on-site research is currently going on.

Project: Lower Monumental
Biologists: Raymond Addis and Paul Bertschinger

Turbine Operation

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status
	X	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).

* All available turbine units are operated in accordance with App. C of the Fish Passage Plan.

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

	OOS		RTS		
Unit	**Date**	**Time**	**Date**	**Time**	**Outage Description**
Unit 2	07/15/2019	0720	12/16/2021	ERTS	Annual, Draft Tube Liner
Unit 5	10/18/2021	0820	10/20/2021	0830	XJ-5 Annual Maintenance
Unit 6	10/18/2021	0815	10/21/2021	1100	Annual Maintenance

Comments: None

Adult Fish Passage Facility

The adult fishways were inspected by Corps and EAS biologists on October 18, 19 and 21.

Fish Ladder:

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X		North Ladder Exit Differential	Head ≤ 0.5’	
X		North Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head ≤ 0.4’	
X		North Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0’ to 1.3’	
X		South Ladder Exit Differential	Head ≤ 0.5’	
X		South Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head ≤ 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	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
X			North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	
		X	South Powerhouse Entrance (SPE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
		X	South Powerhouse Entrance (SPE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 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’ or on sill	
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 6.0’	
X			South Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	

Comments: The south powerhouse entrance weir (SPE-1) was on sill during all inspections with readings of 7.0, 7.3 and 6.7 feet respectively. The south powerhouse entrance weir (SPE-2) was on sill during all inspections with

readings of 7.0, 7.3 and 6.7 feet respectively. The south shore entrance weir (SSE-1) was on sill during the October 18 and 21 inspections with readings of 7.7 and 7.3 feet respectively.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactory	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)	3 yds^2
X			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
X			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0 - 2%
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: None

STSs/VBSs:

Yes	No	NA	Item
X			STSs deployed and in service in operating and 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: STS's were operating on cycle mode during the reporting period due to average sub-yearling Chinook salmon and sockeye salmon 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?	18
X			Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: None

Collection Facility: The fish collection facility out of service for winter maintenance.

Transport Summary: Transport at Lower Monumental ended June 20.

Spillway Weir: Fall spill began at 0001 on October 1.

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
16.1	12.6	1.4	0.0	60.0	59.5	5.7	5.3

*Scrollcase temperatures.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Cooling water strainer inspections will resume in December.

Avian Activity: Highest counts of foraging piscivorous birds in tailrace (SWT1+PH1+PH2) at Lower Monumental Dam are reported in the table below.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Terns	Grebes	Pelicans
10/18/2021	1000	22	85	0	0	0
10/19/2021	1015	38	62	0	0	0
10/21/2021	1100	12	88	0	0	0

Comments: Bird hazing efforts by USDA personnel ended June 2.

Invasive Species: No zebra or quagga mussels were observed during monitoring station inspections on October 18.

Siberian Prawn: Siberian prawn collection ended on October 1.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: No fish rescue or salvage occurred.

Research: No research is occurring currently.

Project: Little Goose
Biologists: Chuck Barnes and Deborah Snyder

Turbine Operation

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status
	X	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).

*All available turbine units are operated in accordance with App. C of the Fish Passage Plan.

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

	OOS		RTS		
Unit	Date	Time	Date	Time	Outage Description
5	04/14/17	14:11	12/31/2022	17:00	Spider and upper guide bearing repair.
6	03/18/21	14:17	N/A	17:00	T2 C phase ground fault
2	10/18/21	07:00	11/05/2021	ERTS	Annual Maintenance

Comments: Little Goose experienced a T2 transformer ground on March 18 at 14:17. T2 transformer and Units 5 and 6 will be out of service until repairs/replacement can be performed.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Little Goose fish facility, Environmental Assessment Services (EAS) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff inspected the adult fishway on October 16, October 18, October 19, and October 21.

Fish Ladder:

Yes	No	NA	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X			Fish Ladder Exit Differential	Head ≤ 0.5’	
X			Fish Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head ≤ 0.3’	
X			Fish Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0’ to 1.3’	
	X		Fish Ladder Cooling Water Pumps in Service		
		X	Fish Ladder Exit Cooling Water Pumps Operating Satisfactorily		

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	≥ 7.0’ or on sill	
		X	North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 7.0’ or on sill	
X			North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 6.0’ or on sill	
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 6.0’ or on sill	
X			North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	
X			Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	

Comments: The adult fishway continues to operate in manual mode. The fish control system still has a faulty hydroranger for the NSE1 weir and is currently awaiting repair. Subsequent faulty NSE fish control system channel and tailwater readings were encountered and remedied with physical staff gauge and water level depth indicator measurements.

Ladder exit cooling pumps were placed into service at 2052 hrs on 12 June when 0.5m forebay temperatures exceeded 64°F. At 16:00 on September 19 the 0.5m forebay temperature met the qualifying criteria to shut down the ladder exit cooling pump for the season.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactory	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: Fish pumps 1 and 2 were returned to service on February 23. Fish pump 3 returned to service April 7.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comment
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	50ft² on 10/15; 900ft² on 10/19
X			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
X			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	1A: 1% 10/18&21; 1C: 1% 10/17&19; 2A: 1% 10/17&18; 2B: 1% 10/15&20; 5C: 1% 10/21
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: There is currently fluctuating minimal to moderate floating woody debris inside the trash shear boom. Gatewell drawdowns for Unit 1 were conducted on October 21 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: ESBS's were installed in Units 2, 3 and 4 on March 22 and 23. VBS differentials for Unit 1 were conducted on October 21 and were in criteria. ESBS/VBS camera inspections for all units took place June 8-10. Unit 2 cameral inspections are scheduled for October 28 in accordance with FPP guidance for unit annual maintenance. Unit 6 has 1 remaining ESBS currently raised and stored within the Unit 5-B slot position. Unit 6 bulkheads are in place; both Units 5 and 6 are out of service.

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 juvenile bypass system was watered up on March 22 and began daily collection for transportation on April 23.

Collection Facility: Collection for condition monitoring in conjunction with secondary bypass commenced on April 1 with the first sample being conducted on April 2. Every other day collection and sampling occurred through April 22. Daily collection for transportation began on April 23 with the first daily barge departing on April 24. The collection and transport facility operated within criteria this report period. A total of 97 fish were collected, 82 were transported via truck, 0 were bypassed, and there were 3 sample or facility mortalities. The descaling and mortality rates were 4.0% and 3.67%, respectively. No adult lamprey were removed from the separator during this report period.

Transport Summary: Daily fish transportation via barge began on April 24. Every other day barge transportation began May 18 and ended June 21. Collection for transport resumed at 0700 hrs July 5 and every other day truck transportation began July 6.

Spillway Weir: Spring spill operations began on April 3 with the ASW in high crest. ASW day surface spill emergency procedure began July 3 at 0900 hours and ceased July 9 at 1600 hours. Off-season surface spill for adult steelhead downstream passage as outlined in the 2020 NOAA Fisheries CRS Biological Opinion took place between 0500 and 0900 hours on October 17, October 19, and October 21.

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
15.9	11.7	1.3	0.0	61.3	60.5	5.6	5.4

*Ladder temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Inspections will resume in December.

Avian Activity: Daily piscivorous bird counts at Little Goose Dam began on April 1. USDA hazing activities began on March 29 and ended June 19.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
10-15	0830	115	35	0	0
10-16	0800	67	42	0	0
10-17	0800	350	8	0	0
10-18	0845	148	37	0	0
10-19	0730	230	75	0	0
10-20	0830	16	9	0	0
10-21	0835	409	40	0	0

Invasive Species: No invasive species have been observed on the mussel station.

Siberian Prawn: Juvenile fish collection began on April 1. 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*
10-15	141	141
10-16	78	78
10-17	127	127
10-18	71	71
10-19	82	82
10-20	103	103
10-21	147	147
Totals	749	749

Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT): GBT monitoring for the 2021 season concluded July 26.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: Unit 2 was dewatered this week for annual maintenance. One sculpin was removed and relocated from the scroll case on October 19. Fish salvage occurred in the draft tube on October 20 and no fish were found.

Research: The Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) began adult steelhead kelt collection on May 3 and ended June 30.

Project: Lower Granite
Biologists: Elizabeth Holdren and David Miller

Turbine Operation

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status
	X	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).

*All available turbine units are operated in accordance with App. C of the Fish Passage Plan.

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

	OOS		RTS		
Unit	Date	Time	Date	Time	Outage Description
3	10/04	0704	10/20	1022	Annual Maintenance and Bearing Indication Work

Comments: None.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Lower Granite Biologists and Anchor QEA staff inspected the adult fishway October 9, 12, and 14.

Fish Ladder:

Yes	No	NA	Location	Criteria	Comments
X			Fish Ladder Exit Differential	Head ≤ 0.5’	
X			Fish Ladder Picketed Lead Differential	Head ≤ 0.3’	
X			Fish Ladder Depth over Weirs	Head over weir 1.0’ to 1.3’	
	X		Fish Ladder Cooling Water Pumps in Service		
		X	Fish Ladder Cooling Water Pumps Operating Satisfactorily		

Comments: None.

Fish Ladder Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Comments
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’	0.9’
	X		North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	7.9’
	X		North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	7.9’
X			North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 7.0’ or on sill	
X			North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 7.0’ or on sill	
	X		North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	0.9’, 0.9’, 0.8’
X			Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	

Comments: Ladder collection channel operation and configuration are being evaluated to resolve ongoing issues. FOGs 1, 4, 7, and 10 are in operation. North shore and north powerhouse channel/tailrace head differential’s ability to maintain criteria range is dependent of tailrace conditions. Lower Granite electrical crew continue to work on the ladder control system issues.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactorily	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply (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)	Weekly average 20.6 yds^2
X			Trash rack differentials measured this week?	
X			Trash rack differentials acceptable	
	X		Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	
	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	

Comments: None.

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
X			Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: None.

Collection Facility: The facility is in collection mode for condition sample and juvenile truck transport.

Transport Summary: A total of 953 smolts were transported this reporting period. There have been 120,938 smolts transported by truck since July 2.

Spillway Weir: A total of 250,442 PIT tagged smolts have been detected over the RSW this season compared to a total of 23,586 smolts detected in the juvenile system. A total of 714 adult PIT tagged steelhead, 89 Chinook salmon, and 2 Sockeye salmon have been detected at the RSW this season compared to 102 adult steelhead and 44 Chinook salmon detected at the juvenile facility. Since October 1, 17 of the 29 PIT tagged fallback steelhead have been tagged at the Lower Granite Adult Trap.

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
17.4	14.8	1.7	0.0	60.0	57.0	5.0	5.0

*Cooling water intake temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: N/A

Invasive Species: No zebra/quagga muscles were detected on the trap substrate. There were 86 Siberian prawns collected in sample and euthanized this week.

Avian Activity:

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
Oct 15	1735	4	26	0	0
Oct 16	1030	6	1	0	0
Oct 17	1540	3	15	0	0
Oct 18	1309	11	40	0	0
Oct 19	1255	22	27	0	0
Oct 20	1230	1	11	0	0
Oct 21	1505	7	9	0	0

Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) Monitoring: N/A

Adult Fish Trap Operations: Trapping 7 days per week at 18%. Coho salmon broodstock collection concluded October 15.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: N/A

Research:

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) PIT tagging of Adult Wild Chinook and Adult Steelhead for ISEMP-Related Dispersal Monitoring:

The goal of this project is to PIT tag up to 4000 unclipped adult Chinook salmon and 4000 unclipped adult steelhead collected in the adult trap daily sample for dispersal monitoring.

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. 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.

USGS Juvenile Fall Chinook Salmon Growth and Origin

USGS began collection of previously tagged subyearling Chinook salmon 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.