

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT
FISH FACILITIES WEEKLY REPORT
#30-2022**

Project: McNary

Biologist: Bobby Johnson and Paul Bertschinger

Dates: September 23 – September 29, 2022

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.

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

Unit(s)	OOS		RTS		Outage Description
	Date	Time	Date	Time	
11	9/26	0648	9/29	1348	Annual maintenance
13 & 14	9/27	1000	9/27	1100	ESBS inspections, rotate through units

Comments: The one percent peak efficiency constraint and unit priority are being followed per the 2022 Fish Passage Plan (FPP). RTS dates are subject to change.

Adult Fish Passage Facilities

The McNary fisheries staff performed measured inspections of the adult fishways on September 23, 25 and 27. In person fish counting continued. Video review of nighttime lamprey passage will conclude on September 30.

Fish Ladder Exits:

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Measurements
	X	Oregon Exit	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	0.9' to 1.0'
X		Oregon Count Station Differential	0.0' to 0.5'	0.2' to 0.4'
X		Washington Exit	Head over weir 1.0' to 1.3'	1.2'
X		Washington Count Station Differential	0.0' to 0.5'	0.2' to 0.3'

Comments: Debris loads were light to moderate near the Oregon exit and minimal near the Washington exit. Most of the debris was residual and circulated from the powerhouse to the Oregon shore depending on the wind direction. The general maintenance staff cleaned both exits' picketed leads as needed including the weekend.

At the Oregon shore exit, the above out of criterion point, possibly due to an exit weir set point drift or change required, occurred on September 23.

At the Washington shore exit, a regulating weir alarm came in and was reset on September 25. Also, a high picketed lead differential alarm was resolved when the leads were cleaned on September 29.

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'	7.9' to 8.0'
X			NFEW3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	8.0' to 8.2'
X			South Oregon Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.3'
	X		SFEW1 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	7.9' to 8.0'
	X		SFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	7.9'
X			Oregon Collection Channel Velocities	1.5 to 4.0 fps	Averaged 1.7 fps.
X			Washington Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.4' to 1.5'
X			WFE2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	9.9' to 10.1'
X			WFE3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	9.2' to 9.3'

Comments: The above Oregon ladder out of criteria points, NFEW2 and SFEW1 were possibly due to set point drifts on September 27. SFEW2 was out of criteria all week possibly due to the set point setting or tailwater conditions. WFE3 still requires calibration, and this will occur in the near future. Currently, the weirs depth is being estimated and appears to be in criterion.

There are four floating orifice gate (FOG) slots that still require future gate replacement. Slots W37 and W 41 remain closed. Ten of 12 slots are open. Eight gates are new or rehabilitated. Two gates are old.

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			22°	Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 1
		Yes		Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 2 RTS date is Sept 30, 2022
Yes			22°	Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 3
Yes				OR North Powerhouse Pool supply from juvenile fishway

Comments: Fish pump 2 remains out of service. Repairs are waiting on funding. The return to service date is has been updated to December 19, 2022.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Every other day sample collection will conclude on September 30 at 0700 hours. There were no interruptions in the sampling schedule this week. Preparations for light winter maintenance has begun.

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	Very light to light
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: Debris loads were very light to light near the powerhouse. Wind direction changes moved the residual debris across the forebay from the powerhouse to the Oregon shore and back. Debris loads beside the spillway were minimal. New debris loads were minimal. Much of the debris was woody material and aquatic vegetation.

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: ESBS's are installed in all units. ESBS camera inspections revealed no issues in units 13 and 14 on September 27. Unit 1's ESBS control panel view continued to be intermittent. When needed, brush motor amp readings were requested from the control room.

Daily VBS differential monitoring revealed no high differentials. A total of four screens were cleaned on September 23 and 29. 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			Dewatering and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: There was a small amount of moisture in the temporary air supply line this week as air temperatures decreased at night. We continued to bleed off the line on every shift. Orifices were adjusted for VBS cleaning.

A low water alarm came in on September 26 at 1800 hours. By the time the technician on duty arrived, the alarm had cleared, and no cause could be found.

Bypass Facility:

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

Comments: All bypass facility systems functioned well. The sample gates were only on during secondary bypass. The PIT-tag system gates remained off as there is no need for that system.

This week, 20 juvenile lamprey and 110 smolts, all sub-yearling Chinook salmon, were bypassed during secondary bypass. The season's last data day, September 30, is included. Juvenile shad continued to be the predominant species. The smolt monitoring staff reports fish data in a separate report.

The facility PIT room air conditioning continued to trip offline and be reset. The new unit is installed with only electrical work to be completed.

Top Spillway Weir (TSW) Operations: Spillbay 19 currently has a standard spillgate installed. The TSW is installed in bay 20 and is being opened per the fall season adult fallback schedule.

River Conditions

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
111.1	68.3	0.9	0.0	66.3	65.8	6.0	6.0

Comments: The above data is provided by the smolt monitoring staff except water clarity, which comes from the control room. The data day runs from 0700 to 0700 hours. The above spill is due to TSW use and testing bays with GDACS programming.

For the above testing, gates were rotated through sequence and were independently opened and closed one foot from 1010 to 1140 hours and from 1230 to 1630 hours on September 27. More testing occurred from 0730 to 0910 hours, from 0935 to 1130 hours, and from 1237 to 1400 hours on September 28.

Crane 7 remains on service. Electrical work was completed crane 6 this week. With limited crane use and hoist issues previously discussed, a crane is required in order to move the gates in bays 2, 6, and 16. The hoist for bay 6 is still out of service until December at the earliest.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: The next cooling water strainer inspections will occur on December 6.

Avian Activity: This is the last week avian counts will be recorded. September 30 was included in the counts reflected in the Table below.

McNary Project's Daily Avian Count.

Date	Zone	Gull	Cormorant	Tern	Pelican	Grebe
September 23	Spill	438	5	0	0	0
	Powerhouse	5	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	14	7	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	0	0
September 24	Spill	137	0	0	0	0
	Powerhouse	2	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	14	28	0	0	0
	Forebay	2	0	0	0	0
September 25	Spill	28	0	0	0	0
	Powerhouse	4	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	2	23	0	0	0
	Forebay	1	0	0	0	0
September 26	Spill	25	1	0	0	0
	Powerhouse	3	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	14	53	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	0	0
September 27	Spill	118	0	0	0	0
	Powerhouse	60	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	13	28	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	0	0
September 28	Spill	547	8	0	0	0
	Powerhouse	48	1	0	0	0
	Outfall	29	42	0	0	0
	Forebay	3	0	0	0	1

September 29	Spill	330	0	0	0	0
	Powerhouse	76	3	0	0	0
	Outfall	10	48	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	0	0

For the outfall, the LRAD has been in place. Over time, the response from the roosting birds has decreased. However, more sounds need to be tested. Ordering parts for the laser is still delayed.

The navigation lock wing wall laser, which is aimed at the outfall, remains in service along with the two large bird distress calls. There was no other hazing.

A falcon demonstration occurred on September 28. There appears to be promise in using falcons as a hazing tool.

In the spillway zone, gulls and cormorants were roosting unless the TSW was open, which encouraged feeding. Gull numbers were high. Cormorant numbers decreased. Many of these birds may be migrating through the area.

In the powerhouse zone, gull numbers increased with the birds roosting and feeding along with an occasion cormorant was observed. The gulls were also noted feeding downstream of the release of juvenile shad from the sample.

In the bypass outfall zone, gull numbers increased, and cormorant numbers were stable. Most of the birds were roosting but feeding was also noted.

In the forebay zone, a few gulls were noted roosting along with one grebe and one great blue heron. Outside the zone, large gull flocks, a great blue heron, and few cormorants were noted. Most birds were roosting.

No pelicans were observed in the ladders and no grebes entered the gatewell slots this week.

Invasive Species: The mussel station examinations revealed no issues on September 25.

Siberian Prawn: No Siberian prawns were removed from the sample this year as of September 30.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: No fish rescue occurred this week.

Research: For a CRITFC study, there were tissue samples removed from two juvenile lamprey collected at the facility as of September 30. For the season, a total of 705 juvenile lampreys have been sampled. All fish were returned to the river unharmed.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife continued their TSW adult fallback study.

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)

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

Comments: None.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Ice Harbor staff inspected the adult fishways on September 24, 26, and 29.

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'	0.4'
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'	2.2', 2.1'
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: The south fish ladder picketed lead differential was out of criteria on September 24 due to the buildup of filamentous algae on the leads. The picketed leads were cleaned immediately after the reading was taken and need to be cleaned every 24 hours to keep the differential in criteria.

The south shore entrance channel/tailwater differential was above criteria on September 24 and 26 because of lower tailwater levels. Five south shore auxiliary water supply pumps have been operating, which are the minimum number of pumps needed to maintain at least 1' of channel/tailwater differential at the north powerhouse entrance as well as maintain at least 1' of depth over the stationary weirs that are just above tailwater level.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactory	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply (AWS) System
5 pumps	2-3 pumps	0-1 pump	Status of the 8 south shore AWS pumps
2 pumps	1 pump		Status of the 3 north shore AWS pumps

Comments: South shore AWS pump #5 was out of service from 1240 hours on September 20 to 1005 hours on September 23 to replace the lower gearbox seal. South shore AWS pump #7 was out of service on September 23, from 1032 hours to 1321 hours, for the same reason.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
x			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	Average of 25 square yards
x			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
x			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
x			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0-5% coverage
	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: The actuator for the water regulating weirs in the collection channel is in local control due to a problem with the automatic control function. The weirs are being operated at the actuator to adjust the water level as needed until the problem can be fixed.

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

Fish Sampling: Juvenile fish sampling is done for the season.

Removable Spillway Weir (RSW): The RSW is periodically opened from September 1 to November 15 for the 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 for that purpose.

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
20.3	13.7	1.6	0	66	66	8.0	7.0

*Unit 1 scroll case temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Unit cooling water strainer inspections for fish are done for the season until December.

Avian Activity: There were low numbers of piscivorous birds observed around the project. Most of the birds were observed foraging near the upstream tip of Eagle Island.

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

Fish Rescue/Salvage: None.

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

Project: Lower Monumental

Biologists: Denise Griffith and Raymond Addis

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)

Unit	OOS		RTS		Outage Description
	Date	Time	Date	Time	
Unit 4	9/26/2022	0805	10/13/2022	ERTS	Annual maintenance
Unit 5	8/22/2022	0645	TBD		T2 repairs
Unit 6	8/22/2022	0645	TBD		Annual/T2 repairs

Comments: Estimated return to service for Units 5 and 6 has yet to be determined, but the target is December 15, 2022.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

The adult fishways were inspected by Army Corps and EAS biologists September 23, 25 and 28.

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	South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir Depth	\geq 8.0'	
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	\geq 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 7.4, 7.0 and 6.5 feet, respectively. The south powerhouse entrance weir (SPE-2) was on sill during all inspections with readings of 7.4, 7.0 and 6.5 feet, respectively. The south shore entrance weir (SSE-1) was on sill during all

inspections with readings of 8.1, 8.0 and 8.5 feet, respectively. South powerhouse tailwater staff gauge's, SG9N, frame was found loose on the April 13 inspections. If the gauge remains unreadable, readings will be taken from the digital readings. The project has ordered new staff gauges and they will be installed during the winter maintenance period.

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)	57 yds ²
X			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
X			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0 – 4%
	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	X		STSs inspected this week?
X			STSs inspection results acceptable?
	X		VBSs differentials checked this week?
		X	VBSs differentials acceptable?

Comments: Powerhouse mechanics dewatered the 4A and 4B gatewell slot to examine the VBS on September 28. The VBS in 4A slot appeared to be missing the sheet of metal that butts up against the concrete wall of the gatewell. The mechanics added a piece of sheet metal over the top of the VBS to cover the ½” gap opening to prevent any future problems from occurring. The VBS in the 4B slot appeared to not be an issue or a site for possible fish injury. The slots were both watered up and are available when the unit returns to service. The VBS in slot 3B will be examined when the unit is dewatered next month for repair. The STSs were running in Cycle-Run mode throughout this 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: Orifice 1A's light was out during the September 7 inspection. Powerhouse operator was informed. There were 21 open orifices found during the September 7 inspection during STS inspections. The water in the collection channel was noted as higher than normal.

Collection Facility: Every-third day condition sampling continued with samples collected on September 24–25, and September 27-28. A total of 4 fish were collected with 4 fish bypassed back to the river during this reporting period. The collection season will end with the September 30 – October 1 sample.

The Smith-Root counter box was replaced for the “A” side count tunnels by powerhouse electricians on September 22. The counter box was borrowed from Little Goose project to test the box for accuracy before this fish season was over. The box appeared to be working, however, the sensitivity is still not accurate. Further testing will be required.

Transport Summary: At this time, there is no transporting of juvenile salmonids occurring.

Spillway: Fall spill for steelhead began at 00:00:00 on September 1. Spillgate 6 went out of service on September 21 with an estimated return of service of September 29 for spillgate trunnion modifications.

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
20.7	13.0	1.2	0.0	66.5	65.5	6.4	5.4

*Scrollcase temperatures.

Other

Cooling Water Strainers: Cooling water strainers inspections will occur again in December. Monitoring is performed from December to June.

Avian Activity: Highest daily counts of piscivorous birds in all zones combined at Lower Monumental Dam are reported in the table below.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Terns	Grebes	Pelicans
9/23/2022	1030	72	19	0	0	0
9/24/2022	1330	35	30	0	0	0
9/25/2022	1200	55	68	0	0	0
9/26/2022	1345	50	44	0	0	0
9/27/2022	803	19	27	0	0	0
9/28/2022	910	49	66	0	0	0
9/29/2022	1320	79	84	0	0	0

Comments: Piscivorous bird observations are occurring daily. Seasonal bird observations will end with the September 30 observation. A broken anti-bird wire was noticed broken/missing on the September 23 inspection. Wildlife Services was contacted and will repair the wire during the second week in October.

Invasive Species: The mussel traps are scheduled to be inspected in October.

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

Research: No research is occurring at this time.

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)

Unit	OOS		RTS		Outage Description
	Date	Time	Date	Time	
5	4/14/2017	14:11	12/31/2022	ERTS	Spider and upper guide bearing repair.
6	4/18/2022	5:10	12/31/2022	ERTS	Rooftop/BUS work replacement; 6-year overhaul

Comments: Previously reported Unit 6 RTS date of 4/21/2022 pertained to station service only, the anticipated RTS for regular service is 12/31/2022.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

EAS Bio staff inspected the adult Fishway on September 24, and September 26.

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 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	\geq 8.0'	
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	\geq 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	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	\geq 6.0' or on sill	5.9 on 9/26
X	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	\geq 6.0' or on sill	5.9 on 9/26
X			North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'–2.0'	
X			Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	

Comments: The adult fishway was returned to service on February 8 with AWS pumps returning to service on February 24. The NSE channel/tailwater differential and NSE weir depths were manually measured, adjusted, and monitored into criteria from February 24 through March 1. The fishway Fish System Control (FSC) was recommissioned on May 5 with NSE weir reading anomalies. NSE weirs 1 and 2 are being monitored with manual measurements as both weir targets enabling the FSC system to accurately read and automatically adjust weir heights were compromised during emergency flood control measures in June, repairs are pending. The Fish Ladder Exit Cooling Water Pump was replaced, installed, and readied for service on April 23. Criteria requiring the activation of

the Fish Ladder Exit Cooling Pump was met during the night hours of June 26, and the system was started at 0800 hours on June 27. The Collection Channel Surface Velocity is measured at NPE.

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, 2, and 3 were returned to service February 24.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comment
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	High 200 ft ² - Low 45 ft ²
	X		Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
		X	Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	2B - 1% 9/23, 9/24; 4B - 1% 9/24, 9/28
X	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	3C - 9/29

Comments: The forebay had minimal floating debris inside the trash shear boom with the highest measurement occurring on September 28. Gatewell 6B remained dewatered for maintenance purposes. Gatewell 3C presented oil sheen spots dotted throughout the surface on 9/29, hypothesized to be deckwash material from the rainfall event of the previous night.

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: Installation of ESBS's began March 21 with most units completed on March 22. Unit 6 ESBS and VBS undergoing work during scheduled maintenance period. 1 ESBS pulled and stored above gatewell 5C.

Orifices, Collection Channel, Dewatering Structure, and Flume:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number open and in service
X			Orifices operating satisfactory?	19
X			Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: The juvenile bypass system was watered up March 23.

Collection Facility: The juvenile collection facility completed water up activities on March 29. Every other day collection for condition monitoring in conjunction with secondary bypass commenced on April 1 with the first sample being conducted on April 2. Everyday collection began April 23 coinciding with every other day barge transportation. This week a total of 233 fish were collected, 0 were bypassed, 204 were transported by truck, and

there were 9 sample or facility mortalities. The descaling and mortality rates were 2.8% and 5.37%, respectively. No adult lamprey were removed from the collection facility; both the collection and transport facility operated within criteria this report period.

Transport Summary: Collection for fish transportation began April 23 with the first barge departure on April 24. Every other day barging transitioned to everyday barging on May 16 due to an increase in fish numbers. Every other day barging resumed on May 24. Barge transportation for the season ended with the final barge departure of June 19. Collection for truck transport operations began on August 1, with the first truck departure on August 3.

Spillway Weir: Little Goose began operation of the adjustable spillway weir (ASW) on March 2 to facilitate passage of adult steelhead overshoots. Operation occurred three days each week on non-consecutive days for four hours in the morning on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday each week, through March 31. Spring spill operations began as scheduled on April 3 with the ASW in high crest. The ASW was positioned in low crest on May 28. Summer spill operations began as scheduled on June 21, and the ASW was repositioned into high crest on June 28. The ASW was closed for the spill season at 10:00 on August 1. Summer spill concluded for the season at 2357 hours on August 31. Surface spill to facilitate downstream passage of pre-spawn adult steelhead as natal stream overshoots commenced at 0500 hours on September 1. The ASW was positioned at an elevation of 639 feet and is scheduled to spill from 0500 hours through 0900 hours every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday through the month of October, with an anticipated slight schedule change to occur early November.

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
20.1	13.9	1.3	0.0	65.9	65.2	6.0	5.0

*Ladder temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Inline cooling strainer inspections commenced on December 9, 2021. Inspections will continue in accordance with the Fish Passage Plan (FPP) and results will be submitted to the District.

Avian Activity: Daily piscivorous bird counts at Little Goose Dam began April 1 with hazing beginning on March 29. Hazing ended on June 18.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
9-23	7:45	18	0	0	0
9-24	8:30	17	4	0	0
9-25	7:15	11	4	0	0
9-26	8:00	24	5	0	0
9-27	9:50	22	2	0	0
9-28	8:00	20	2	0	0
9-29	8:30	16	2	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 listed below.

Date	Sample	Collection
9-23	249	249
9-24	243	243
9-25	224	224
9-26	99	99
9-27	129	129
9-28	108	108
9-29	326	326
Totals	1378	1378

Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT): The last GBT monitoring event occurred August 24.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: No fish rescue – salvage activities transpired during this report period.

Research: The Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) began adult steelhead kelt collection efforts on April 1 and concluded June 29.

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)

Unit	OOS		RTS		Outage Description
	Date	Time	Date	Time	
5	08/22	0746			Annual Maintenance/Overhaul

Comments: None.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Lower Granite Biologists and Anchor QEA staff inspected the adult fishway on September 24, 26, and 28.

Fish Ladder:

Yes	No	NA	Location	Criteria	Comments
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 Service		
X			Fish Ladder Cooling Water Pumps Operating Satisfactorily		

Comments: Fish ladder cooling water pumps were returned to operation at 0845 hours September 25 due to temperatures increasing over 68°F. Ladder temperature data can be found at <https://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/dd/common/dataquery/www/>.

Fish Ladder Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Comments
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir Depth	\geq 8.0'	
X			South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	\geq 8.0'	
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	6.8'
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	\geq 7.0' or on sill	6.9'
	X		North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0'–2.0'	0.9'
X			Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	

Comments: The fish ladder control system continues to be evaluated to resolve ongoing issues. FOGs 1, 4, 7, and 10 are in operation. Although both NSEs and all four FOGs are in operation, the north shore has not consistently met channel/tailwater head differential criteria. This may be related to the operations of all four FOGs.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactorily	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply (AWS)
	X		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)	28.6 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?	
X			Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: None.

Collection Facility: There were 705 fish collected this week. A stick allowing fish to skip into the raceway collection flume at the separator B exit gate was observed September 26. The 20-30 fish were diverted back to the river through the barge load line the same day.

Transport Summary: Truck transport continues even days. There were 664 fish transported this week.

Spillway Weir: Overshoot spill was modified September 22 to spill two hours per day, six days per week (Sunday-Friday) from 0700-0900 hours and will continue to the end of the overshoot spill season November 14. There were 20 PIT-tagged adult steelhead fallbacks at LWG this report week with 7 detected at the RSW and 13 detected in the JBS full flow array.

There were 106,463 juvenile and 207 PIT-tagged adult Chinook salmon, 72,882 juvenile and 579 PIT-tagged adult steelhead, 10,826 juvenile and 4 adult sockeye salmon, and 4,064 juvenile and 1 adult coho salmon detected over the RSW spillway since March 1. There have been 39,424 juvenile and 31 adult Chinook salmon, 28,754 juvenile and 145 adult steelhead, 2,124 juvenile and 1 adult sockeye salmon, and 951 juvenile coho salmon detected at the JBS full flow PIT tag detection array since March 14 (DART).

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
18.6	15.9	0.8	0.0	64.5	62.0	5.0	5.0

*Cooling water intake temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: N/A

Invasive Species: No zebra/quagga muscels were detected on the trap substrate. There were 4,668 Siberian prawn in the condition sample this report week.

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

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
Sept 23	1446	14	42	0	0
Sept 24	1100	0	28	0	0
Sept 25	0935	14	36	0	0
Sept 26	0825	18	42	0	0
Sept 27	1005	31	52	0	0
Sept 28	1540	25	24	0	0
Sept 29	0840	36	34	0	0

Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) Monitoring: N/A

Adult Fish Trap Operations: LWG Adult trap is in 24/7 collection for WDFW broodstock ended September 15 for NPT broodstock ended September 27. Run reconstruction data collection will continue through October 7.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: N/A

Research:

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) PIT tagging of Adult Wild Chinook salmon 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. 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.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission (CRITFC) Pacific Lamprey Genetic Study:

CRITFC has requested that the SMP collect non-lethal tissue samples from up to 1,000 juvenile and 2,230 larval Pacific lamprey, not to exceed 20 juvenile or 10 larvae daily, during the routine smolt monitor condition sampling from March through October. The purpose of this study is to fill two objectives; 1) Determine relative proportion of translocation offspring among the total abundance of larval and juvenile lamprey passing the juvenile bypass systems at BON, JDA, MCN, and LWG. 2) Describe life history characteristics of larval and juvenile lamprey emigrating from the Columbia and Snake River basins. The genetic information collected will be used to evaluate the tribal Pacific lamprey programs efficacy and assist with guiding future management. There have been 862 macrophthalmia (juvenile) and 1,647 ammocoete (larval) lamprey samples collected this season.

Idaho Power Hells Canyon Sturgeon Recruitment:

LWG Corps bio techs continue collecting passage and estimated lengths and of White Sturgeon prior to removing them from the separator in support of Idaho Power Sturgeon program. A PIT-tagged sturgeon was released from the juvenile separator August 8.