Out of Criteria – NWW Weekly Report #22 – July 26 – August 1, 2024

1. McNary

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
	X		NFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’	7.9’ to 8.0’
	X		NFEW3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’	7.9’ to 8.6’
	X		Washington Entrance Head Differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	1.7’ to 2.1’
	X		WFE3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’	7.4’ to 8.4’

NFEW2 and NFEW3 were out of criteria on July 31. These out of criteria points may be due to low tailwater elevations and calibration drifts. NFEW2 and NFEW3 were found in manual mode on July 26 and 28, respectively. The weirs were immediately returned to automatic mode.

WFE3 and the Washington entrance pool differential were out of criteria July 26. This could possibly be calibration issues related to the spill season.

Fish pump 1 remained out of service for a scheduled 5-year overhaul. Return to service dates are subject to change.

2. Ice Harbor

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
			South shore channel velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	OOS
	x		North fish entrance (NFE-1) weir depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	5.8’, 6.1’, 6.6’
	x		North fish entrance channel/tailwater differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	2.2’

The water velocity meter reading was observed to not be updating on July 24. An electrician rebooted the meter on August 1 to get it working again.

The north fish entrance (NFE-1) weir depth was below criteria on July 29, 30, and 31. The north fish entrance channel/tailwater differential was above criteria on July 29. The channel and tailwater elevation readings on the PLC have been significantly higher than the physical readings obtained on the inspections. The discrepancies were partly due to turbulent water from spill making accurate measurement of the tailwater difficult. Also, the channel and tailwater elevation transducers appear to have drifted out of calibration. An electrician recalibrated the transducers on August 1.

South shore AWS pump #6 has been out of service since March 1, 2024, due to high vibration readings coming from the motor and gearbox. The gearbox is being replaced with a refurbished one.

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number open and in service
	x		Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

The replacement actuator for the water regulating weirs in the collection channel is in local control due to a problem with the actuator being undersized for this application. The actuator will be rebuilt to enable it to work in automatic mode. The weirs are being operated at the actuator to adjust the water level as needed until the problem can be fixed.

3. Lower Monumental

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	

North Shore Entrance NSE-2 weir was out of criteria during the July 31 inspection with a reading 7.8 feet. The powerhouse operator was informed and adjusted the system to bring back into criteria.

The readings from the South ladder exit temperature probe were not seen on the temperature database starting July 21. Hydrology personnel determined the temperature is working but its base station is not transmitting the temperatures to the database. The issue turned out to be caused by the datalogger programming not giving a long enough time interval for the radio transmission between temp stations and base station. Parameters were adjusted and the issue was corrected on July 30

4. Little Goose

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comment
X	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	7/29-4B

An EAS Bio juvenile inspection of July 29 reported potential oil sheen residue in gatewell 4B. JFF personnel dispatched to gatewell 4B for further documentation and reporting purposes, however found no detectable sheen. It was noted that the crane was parked nearby during hot summer day temperatures, and likely a repeat occurrence of EAL cable grease lubrication drip. The gatewell continued to be monitored, however there were no further occurrences.

5. Lower Granite Dam

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Comments
	X		South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0’	7.5’
	X		South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 8.0’	7.5’
	X		North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	0.8’
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 7.0’ or on sill	6.4’
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	$\geq$ 7.0’ or on sill	6.4’
	X		North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	0.8’, 0.7’, 0.7’
	X		Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	0.7, 1.1, 1.1, 1.2

Fish ladder control system operation and configuration is an ongoing issue that began when the system was installed in 2016. LWG is moving forward with inhouse design and install of fish ladder control system based of the system used at LMN. Efforts of the electrical crew continue to bring the ladder back into criteria however the control system drifts out of calibration shortly after. The fish ladder was designed to operate between 633’ and 638’ MSL with a minimum operating elevation of 633.0’. Fish ladder control system was recalibrated again this week.

AWS Pump 1 remains in slow mode due to the inability to operate in fast mode while operating at MOP elevation. The fish ladder was designed to operate within the 633’ and 638’ MSL range with a minimum operating elevation of 633.0’. AWS pump 2 was returned to service August 1 at 1208 hours. AWS pump 2 supplies the collection channel with the same flow as pump 1 in fast. It is recommended that pump 2 be brought online with AWS pump 1 in standby as soon as operationally possible. An MOC will be submitted as soon as the work can be scheduled.

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WALLA WALLA DISTRICT
FISH FACILITIES WEEKLY REPORT
#22-2024

Project: McNary
Biologist: Bobby Johnson and Paul Bertschinger
Dates: July 26-August 1, 2024

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)

	OOS		RTS		
Unit	Date	Time	Date	Time	Outage Description
14	5/13	1232	11/18	NA	Isophase replacement and headgate work
13	5/21	0955	11/18	NA	Isophase replacement and headgate work
3 & 4	5/29	0634	11/15	NA	Control system upgrades
11 & 12	7/8	0630	8/24	NA	Transformer 6 re-gasketing
10	7/29	0640	8/1	1530	Annual maintenance
8 & 9	7/30	1000	7/30	1101	ESBS camera inspections, rotated through units

Comments: RTS dates are subject to change. The hard one percent criteria remained in place. The sawtooth unit priority pattern for temperature abatement continued.

Adult Fish Passage Facilities

McNary fisheries staff performed measured inspections of the adult fishways on July 26, 28 and 31. Adult fish counting, and video review of nighttime lamprey passage continued.

Fish Ladder Exits:

Yes	No	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X		Oregon Exit	Head over weir 1.0’ to 1.3’	1.0’ to 1.1’
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’	1.1’
X		Washington Count Station Differential	0.0’ to 0.5’	0.2’ to 0.3’

Comments: Debris loads were light to moderate (mostly woody material and aquatic vegetation) near the Oregon exit and minimal (mostly aquatic vegetation) near the Washington exit. Due to increased aquatic vegetation, the general maintenance staff come in on Saturday and Sunday to clean the picketed leads this week.

At the Washington shore exit, weir 339 and the regulating weir tripped alarms and were reset on July 26 and 31, respectively.

Fishway Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Measurements
X			North Oregon Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.2' to 1.4'
	X		NFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	7.9' to 8.0'
	X		NFEW3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	7.9' to 8.6'
X			South Oregon Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.5' to 1.6'
X			SFEW1 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	8.0' to 8.1'
X			SFEW2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	8.0' to 8.2'
X			Oregon Collection Channel Velocities	1.5 to 4.0 fps	2.3 fps
	X		Washington Entrance Head Differential	1.0' – 2.0'	1.7' to 2.1'
X			WFE2 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	8.6' to 9.6'
	X		WFE3 Weir Depth	≥ 8.0'	7.4' to 8.4'

Comments: NFEW2 and NFEW3 were out of criteria on July 31. These out of criteria points may be due to low tailwater elevations and calibration drifts. NFEW2 and NFEW3 were found in manual mode on July 26 and 28, respectively. The weirs were immediately returned to automatic mode.

WFE3 and the Washington entrance pool differential were out of criteria July 26. This could possibly be calibration issues related to the spill season.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactory	Standby	Out of Service	Blade angle	Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWS)
X				WA shore Wasco County PUD Turbine Unit
	X			WA shore Wasco PUD Bypass
		X	NA	Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 1, return to service August 8
X			22°	Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 2
X			24°	Oregon Ladder Fish Pump 3
X				OR North Powerhouse Pool from juvenile fishway

Comments: Fish pump 1 remained out of service for a scheduled 5-year overhaul. Return to service dates are subject to change.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

The juvenile system alternates between primary and secondary bypass every 24 hours at 0700 hours. This scheduled was resumed on July 25 at 0700, with the start of a 24-hour sample collect in secondary bypass. With the sawtooth pattern in effect, sample tank mortality reduced, a general decline in air temperatures and a decline in water temperature gradients, it seemed reasonable to resume 24-hour sampling.

For the data week, only one day had a sample tank mortality over three percent. The rate was 4.0 percent (3 smolts) on August 1.

For GBT, heat stress is still a concern. Of the 60 smolts sampled on July 29, four mortalities were collected for the recovery raceway for a 6.7 percent mortality.

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	Minimal to light near the powerhouse
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: The powerhouse debris was minimal to light. Debris (woody material and aquatic vegetation) did move from the Oregon shore and back. Spillway debris remained minimal due to much of it being spilled. New debris loads (mostly aquatic vegetation) were minimal.

No trash rack cleaning is scheduled.

The emergency bulkhead remained in 14A slot. In order to improve deck access for contractors and project staff, the slots in unit 7, 11C slot, 12A and 12B slots remined covered. Algae blooms remained in units 3, 4 and 13 along with slot 14C slot having blooms.

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 except 14A slot. With the emergency bulkhead in 14A slot, the ESBS remained uninstalled. The control program for the fish screens in unit 10 is not currently communicating with the panel view on the 8th floor. When the unit is in service, the brush cycle sequences will be monitored in the control room until repairs can occur in the future. With units 3, 13 and 14 being out of service, the ESBS's remained in manual mode so the brush cycle sequence would not occur. Camera inspections in units 8 through 10 revealed no issues on July 30. Examination of ESBS screen brush programming continued with the screens in unit 4.

Daily VBS monitoring continued, and no high differentials were recorded with no screens being cleaned.

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

Yes	No	NA	Item	Number open and in service
X			Orifices operating satisfactory?	42
X			Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: With headgate testing in 14A slot, the orifices in unit 14 and in 13C slot remained closed. Make-up north orifices were opened in 12B, 12C, 13A, and 13B slots.

One high water alarm came in on July 31, at 0730 hours. No issues were found, and the alarm was cleared. The channel elevation and the transition screen brush will be monitored.

Bypass Facility:

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

Comments: The sample system is being used when in secondary bypass for sample collection. The PIT tag system will not be in use again this season, which is similar to past years.

There were 44 juvenile lamprey and 3,279 smolts bypassed this week with subyearling Chinook being the dominate race/species. Juvenile shad were the predominate overall species seen.

A drain line in the wet lab sample system was repaired in two places on July 30.

TSW Operations: The TSW's in bays 19 and 20 remained open. Both TSW's are attached to a hoist. New this year, both TSW's will remain open through the spill season. No switch to standard gates will occur.

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
145.0	114.7	80.5	52.5	69.2	68.1	6.0	6.0

Comments: The above data is from the smolt monitoring staff, with the data day starting at 0700 hours. Water clarity comes from the control room.

The smolt monitoring staff continues to monitor water temperature throughout the juvenile system. Their results are stated daily and weekly in separate reports. Adult ladder water temperatures are reported by an automated system year-round.

Bays 6 and 9 were not adjusted this week.

The summer spill season continued with the reduction to 20 kcfs (both TSW's open in bays 19 and 20) beginning on August 1, at 0001 hours. All bays were initially closed except 1, 2 and 6. Bays 1 and 2 require an engineered lift, this would be the second of the year. Bay 6 requires one of the spillway cranes. All three bays require project personnel to perform the closures. Initially, there was 39 kcfs of spill. Bays 6, 2 and 1 were closed on August 31, at 0845, 0906, and 0920 hours, respectively. After, there was flow in excess of powerhouse capacity for seven hours with bays 17 and 21 being open for a total of 30 kcfs. Then, spill was reduced to the 20 kcfs requirement.

The rehabilitation of the downstream wall dogs for bays 21 and 22 is completed. Reinstallation will begin the week of August 5.

Other

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

Avian Activity: Bird counting continued, and the results are reflected in Table 3 below.

In the spill zone, pelicans, gulls, and terns along with one cormorant were noted in fluctuating and decreasing numbers. Most birds were feeding though some were roosting or flying by. One pelican was roosting on the Washington ladder wall, and one was inside the ladder on July 28.

In the powerhouse zone, an occasional pelican was noted roosting on the water or feeding at the Oregon ladder floating orifice gates.

In the outfall zone, gulls, cormorants, and terns in low numbers were noted roosting on the pipe. The pelicans were noted drifting by the outfall. No feeding was observed. An osprey pair has nested on the outfall pipe where the walkway ends. This may have affected the numbers of birds roosting as the osprey also roosted at the end of the pipe at times.

For the forebay zone, grebes in low numbers along with a few pelicans and juvenile gulls were observed. Birds were roosting and feeding with the gulls scavenging. A few terns, gulls, pelicans, cormorants, and ospreys were noted outside the zone.

The LRAD remains out of service until the osprey are done nesting.

The laser on the navigation lock wing wall opposite the outfall is in storage waiting shipment to the manufacture for a repair evaluation.

The two distress calls on the navigation lock wing wall remained in service and have been functioning well.

USDA Wildlife Services concluded shore hazing on July 27.

Table 3. McNary Project's Daily Avian Count.

Date	Zone	Gull	Cormorant	Tern	Pelican	Grebe
July 26	Spill	0	0	2	8	0
	Powerhouse	0	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	2	0	0	0	0
	Forebay	1	0	0	1	8
July 27	Spill	0	0	0	11	0
	Powerhouse	0	0	0	1	0
	Outfall	5	2	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	0	8
July 28	Spill	4	0	4	16	0
	Powerhouse	0	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	10	3	1	1	0
	Forebay	1	0	0	1	6
July 29	Spill	5	0	7	15	0
	Powerhouse	0	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	2	1	2	2	0
	Forebay	2	0	0	3	0
July 30	Spill	0	0	4	5	0
	Powerhouse	0	0	0	1	0
	Outfall	5	2	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	1	5
July 31	Spill	0	0	1	2	0
	Powerhouse	0	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	2	0	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	1	0
August 1	Spill	0	1	2	5	0
	Powerhouse	0	0	0	0	0
	Outfall	9	1	0	0	0
	Forebay	0	0	0	1	2

Invasive Species: The next mussel station examinations will occur in late August.

Siberian Prawn: Two prawns were observed in the sample this week. This brings the season total to seven.

Fish Rescue/Salvage**:** None occurred this week.

Research: PNNL will begin removal of study equipment from their three trailers on August 5. The trailers and powerhouse equipment will be removed the week of August 12.

For a CRITFC study, there were tissue samples removed from 11 juvenile lamprey collected at the facility this week. The yearly total is 486 fish, which were returned to the river unharmed.

Due to previous high mortality, gas bubble trauma examinations occurred once this week, with fish examinations on July 29. The data was reported the next day. No smolts showed signs of trauma. There were four mortalities (a rate of 6.7 percent) removed from the recovery raceway. Heat stress is the likely cause of this mortality.

Project: Ice Harbor
Biologist: Ken Fone
Biological Science Technician: Ben McArthur
Dates: July 26– August 1, 2024

Turbine Operation

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status
	x	All 6 turbine units available for service (see table & comments below for details).
x		All available turbine units are operated in accordance with Appendix 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**
1	6/27/23	0708	---	---	Turbine runner replacement and stator rewind
5	7/15/24	0700	---	---	Annual maintenance and Doble testing
6	7/29/24	0724	7/30/24	1146	Place ground on line 3 to replace XW5 breaker

Comments: None.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Ice Harbor Fish Facility staff inspected the adult fishways on July 29, 30, 31.

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 fish entrance (SFE-1) weir depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
x			South fish entrance channel/tailwater differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	
			South shore channel velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	OOS
		x	Central fish entrance (CFE-2) weir depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
x			Central fish entrance channel/tailwater differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	
	x		North fish entrance (NFE-1) weir depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	5.8’, 6.1’, 6.6’
	x		North fish entrance channel/tailwater differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	2.2’

Comments: The water velocity meter reading was observed to not be updating on July 24. An electricians rebooted the meter on August 1 to get it working again.

The north fish entrance (NFE-1) weir depth was below criteria on July 29, 30, and 31. The north fish entrance channel/tailwater differential was above criteria on July 29. The channel and tailwater elevation readings on the PLC have been significantly higher than the physical readings obtained on the inspections. The discrepancies were partly due to turbulent water from spill making accurate measurement of the tailwater difficult. Also, the channel

and tailwater elevation transducers appear to have drifted out of calibration. An electrician recalibrated the transducers on August 1.

Auxiliary Water Supply (AWS) System:

Operating Satisfactory	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply System
6 pumps	1 pump	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 #6 has been out of service since March 1, 2024, due to high vibration readings coming from the motor and gearbox. The gearbox is being replaced with a refurbished one.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
x			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	Average of 0 square yards
x			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
x			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
x			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0-3% 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 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: The replacement actuator for the water regulating weirs in the collection channel is in local control due to a problem with the actuator being undersized for this application. The actuator will be rebuilt to enable it to work in automatic mode. The weirs are being operated at the actuator to adjust the water level as needed until the problem can be fixed.

Orifice 1BN light burned out over the weekend of July 19. Orifice 1BS was opened in place of orifice 1BN until the light was replaced on July 30.

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

Fish Sampling: Juvenile fish sampling has ended for the season.

Removable Spillway Weir (RSW): Summer spill for fish passage is occurring. The RSW was closed on July 27 at 0108 hours due to project outflows being below 30 kcfs, per the Fish Passage Plan, Ice Harbor section 2.3.2.6.iii.

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
28.0	21.3	9.0	6.4	72	72	8.2	6.8

*Unit 1 scroll case temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Monthly inspections of turbine unit cooling water strainers for lamprey ended in July and will start up again in December.

Avian Activity: There were relatively high numbers of piscivorous birds seen around the project (see table below). The number of gulls, cormorants, and terns counted on July 29 slightly exceeded the threshold number for initiating additional avian deterrent actions (Fish Passage Plan, Appendix L, section 7.4). Most of the gulls and pelicans were roosting on the upstream tip of Eagle Island. Additional avian deterrent actions did not occur, because bird hazing by USDA Wildlife Services ended for the season on July 25. Other actions, to include using propane cannons and bird distress calls, cannot be safely and securely deployed in areas open to the public, such as Eagle Island.

Daily maximum piscivorous bird counts at Ice Harbor Dam.

Date	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Grebes	Pelicans
July 26	---	---	---	---	---
July 27	---	---	---	---	---
July 28	---	---	---	---	---
July 29	58	3	7	0	20
July 30	39	4	2	0	21
July 31	55	4	0	2	20

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 sampling has ended for the season.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: None.

Research: No on-site research is occurring.

Project: Lower Monumental
Biologists: Denise Griffith and Raymond Addis
Dates: July 26 – August 1, 2024

Turbine Operation

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

Comments: See Unit Outages and Return to Service comments below.

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

	OOS		RTS		
Unit	**Date**	**Time**	**Date**	**Time**	**Outage Description**
Unit 5	5/01/24	0624	8/31/24	ERTS	T2/Rooftop bus out of service due to BPA Line outage
Unit 6	5/01/24	0624	8/31/24	ERTS	T2/Rooftop bus out of service due to BPA Line outage

Comments: BPA line tripped at 0624 hours on May 1. Units 5 and 6 remain out of service until T2 line is repaired. Estimated return to service date is August 31.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Lower Monumental fish facility and EAS staff inspected the adult fishways on July 26, 27, 28, and 31.

Fish Ladder Exit:

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	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: North Shore Entrance NSE-2 weir was out of criteria during the July 31 inspection with a reading 7.8 feet. The powerhouse operator was informed and adjusted the system to bring back into criteria. South Powerhouse Entrance SPE-1 weir was at sill during all inspections with readings of 5.6, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 feet respectively. South

Powerhouse Entrance SPE-2 weir was at sill during all inspections with 5.6, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 feet respectively. South Shore Entrance SSE-1 weir was at sill during all inspections with readings of 6.5, 7.2, 7.0 and 6.9 feet respectively.

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: None

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	20 yrd²
X			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
X			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X			Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	0 – 5%
		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 mode)?
	X		STSs inspected this week?
		X	STSs inspection results acceptable?
		X	VBS screens checked this week?
		X	VBS screens acceptable?

Comments: STSs were running on cycle-run mode due to the 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?	18
	X		Dewaterer and cleaning systems operating satisfactory?	

Comments: Orifice 1C5's actuator arm to gate bolt during the powerhouse operator's July 29 fishway inspection. With that orifice being closed, the operator opened orifice 1C6 and turned on its attractant light. The trouble report was issued, and powerhouse mechanics replaced the broken bolt. Orifices were switched back from 1C6 to 1C5 on July 30.

Collection Facility: The facility has been running in primary bypass for one day and secondary bypass for condition sampling the next day for the entire reporting period. A total of 44 fish were collected with 44 being bypassed.

The flush water pipe for the truck transport recovery tank was removed during a repair and the truck tank cannot be used until this is addressed.

Due to the issues with the lamprey overshoot system, raceways 2 through 4 were drained to take the pressure off the system. An engineer from the powerhouse said the lamprey overshoot pipe adds so much water to the main flume piping that it creates a pressurized system. This issue will move forward with plans to work on funding and plans to repair in the future. It is not deemed as a critical issue and will not impede fish passage.

The HVAC system for the second floor of the JFF building is no longer functioning and parts have been ordered. Two swamp cooler type devices were placed in the wet lab to lower the temperature on the second floor until the system can be repaired.

Transport Summary: Transport at Lower Monumental has ended for the season.

Spillway Weir: The RSW was taken out of service at 1300 on July 26 due to low flows, to maintenance minimum generation flow, and high-water temperatures. Summer 17 kcfs spill as lowered to approximately 12 kcfs during this time. The Summer 17 kcfs spill ended and Summer 8 kcfs began at 00:00:00 on August 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
27.8	23.4	14.6	8.0	70.5	69.9	6.8	5.0

*Scrollcase temperatures.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Cooling water strainers inspections are done until December.

Avian Activity: Tailrace counts of foraging piscivorous birds at Lower Monumental Dam began on April 1.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Terns	Grebes	Pelicans
7/26/2024	1320	7	3	0	0	0
7/27/2024	1300	15	1	2	0	0
7/28/2024	1040	27	5	2	0	4
7/29/2024	1120	26	4	0	0	4
7/30/2024	930	16	0	0	0	4
7/31/2024	1300	3	0	0	0	0
8/1/2024	1230	0	0	0	0	4

Comments: Bird hazing by USDA personnel ended on June 30.

Invasive Species: Zebra or quagga mussel traps will be examined in August.

Siberian Prawn: Siberian prawns collected in the sample at the Juvenile Fish Facility are humanely euthanized by EAS personnel, frozen and properly disposed of in a landfill. Daily and total Siberian prawn counts at Lower Monumental Dam for this reporting period are reported below.

Date	Sample (euthanized)	Collection*
7/26/2024	---	---
7/27/2024	20	40
7/28/2024	---	---
7/29/2024	20	40
7/30/2024	---	---

7/31/2024	30	30
8/1/2024	---	---
Total	70	110

*Collection refers to extrapolated values based on sampling percent.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: No fish rescues were performed during this reporting period.

Research: The collection of lamprey for the PNNL study of the behavior and survival of Pacific lamprey has ended.

GBT examinations occurred on July 30. A total of 4 unclipped subyearling Chinook smolts were examined. No gas bubble trauma was detected. Due to extremely low fish numbers, decreasing forebay gas levels and possibly rising river temps, GBT sampling has been concluded for the 2024 season.

The Nez Perce steelhead kelt study and rehabilitation collection ended on for the season.

Temperature Probes: The readings from the South ladder exit temperature probe were not seen on the temperature database starting July 21. Hydrology personnel determined the temperature is working but its base station is not transmitting the temperatures to the database. The issue turned out to be caused by the datalogger programming not giving a long enough time interval for the radio transmission between temp stations and base station. Parameters were adjusted and the issue was corrected on July 30.

Project: Little Goose Dam
Biologist: Deb Snyder, Brooke Gerard
Dates: July 26 – August 1, 2024

Turbine Operation

Yes	No	Turbine Unit Status
	X	All 6 turbine units available for service? (See table and comments below for details)

*All available turbine units are operated in accordance with Appendix 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
2	7/29/2024	06:30	8/15/2024	1700	Unit annual maintenance
5	4/14/2017	14:11	11/30/2024	ERTS	Spider and upper guide bearing repair.

Comments: Contractual obligations, performance issues, and projected flow data once again realigned the Unit 5 ERTS date into late fall 2024.

Adult Fish Passage Facility

EAS Bio staff inspected the adult Fishway on July 27, 29, 31.

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 was returned to service on February 15. The AWS pumps returned to service on February 22. The Collection Channel Surface Velocity is measured at NPE. Rickly channel velocity measurements were completed and met criteria on July 25. The fish system control program is proving unreliable and inadequate to balance the adult fishway in “automated” mode. Biologist personnel are manually adjusting and balancing the adult fishway with increasing frequency. EAS Bio personnel report the FSC board reflects weir and channel height readings with notable discrepancies compared to actual physical hand measurements taken during inspection periods. FSC board readings of SSE Channel elevation continue to report discrepancies an average of 8.2 feet below

physical staff gauge measurements documenting the same channel elevation. Criteria evaluations default to physical staff gauge measurements in this area. All other channel staff gauge and NPE and NSE FSC board channel heights reflect similar and corresponding readings. On May 29 the new fish ladder cooling pump installation was completed. The newly installed pump unit was commissioned for seasonal use June 9 at 1420 hours upon reaching criteria per FPP 2.4.2.14.i the prior evening of June 8 at 1900 hours.

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 3 were returned to service February 22. Fish pump 2 was returned to service on February 28.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comment
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	High 30 ft² - Low 10 ft²
X			Gatewell drawdown measured this week?	
X			Gatewell drawdown acceptable	
X	X		Any debris seen in gatewells (% coverage)	7/26-3A:2%, 4B:5%, 4C:1%, 5C:1%, 6A:1% 7/27-2C:1%, 3B:1% 7/31-5C:1% 8/1-4B:1%
X	X		Any oil seen in gatewells?	7/29-4B

Comments: The forebay had minimal floating debris inside the trash shear boom with the highest measurement occurring on July 31 at 20 ft². The overall total forebay debris high also occurred on July 31 at 30 ft^2. Drawdown measurements for Unit 1 were completed on July 30. An EAS Bio juvenile inspection of July 29 reported potential oil sheen residue in gatewell 4B. JFF personnel dispatched to gatewell 4B for further documentation and reporting purposes, however found no detectable sheen. It was noted that the crane was parked nearby during hot summer day temperatures, and likely a repeat occurrence of EAL cable grease lubrication drip. The gatewell continued to be monitored, however there were no further occurrences.

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 were fully functional and deployed the week of March 18. The third round of gatewell camera inspections was completed July 8-11. Per FPP chapter 8 section 2.3.2.3.vii camera inspections were completed July 31 for unit 2 during annual inspection and maintenance outage.

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 on March 7 without incident.

Collection Facility: The juvenile collection facility was successfully watered up on March 20. Every other day collection for condition monitoring in conjunction with secondary bypass commenced March 25 with the first sample being conducted on March 26. Every day collection began April 23 coinciding with barge transportation operations. Every-other day collection was initiated on July 8 due to water temperatures above 68°F. Every day collection resumed at 0700 on August 1st corresponding with the start of every other day trucking operations as per the FPP. During this reporting period a total of 752 fish were collected, 0 were barged, 737 were bypassed, and there were 15 sample or facility mortalities. The descaling and mortality rates were 1.7% and 2.0%, respectively. The collection and transport facility operated within criteria; 24 adult lampreys were removed from the collection facility during this report period.

Transport Summary: Collection for fish transportation began April 23 with the first barge departure on April 24. Every day barging continued through May 16 upon transition to every other day barge operations. The last barge for the season departed on June 19. Collection for truck transport operations began August 1 with the first truck departure scheduled for August 3.

Spillway Weir: Little Goose began operation of the adjustable spillway weir (ASW) on March 1 to facilitate passage of adult steelhead overshoots. On March 21, the ASW transitioned to 625 ft. crest height spilling 24 hours 7 days per week per CBR LGS R 022724 1735. Spring spill operations began on April 3 spilling 24/7 up to the 125% gas cap. On April 16th we hit the 50 adult Chinook threshold at Ice Harbor and began spilling at performance spill (30% of outflow) from 0400 to 1200 to facilitate adult fish passage. On May 14 the ASW was positioned to Low Crest. On June 13 the ASW position changed to High Crest. Summer spill operations began as scheduled on June 21. On August 1 at 00:15 hours the ASW was closed per FPP Chapter 8 section 2.3.2.7.e.i, diminished outflows below the 35 kcfs threshold.

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
26.9	23.0	10.8	7.4	70.0	68.1	6.0	4.8

*Ladder temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: Inline cooling strainer inspections commenced on December 1, 2023. 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 are scheduled to begin April 1, while USDA-APHIS bird abatement contract services are in place.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
7-26	1230	0	0	0	0
7-27	1030	0	0	0	0
7-28	1100	0	0	0	0
7-29	1115	0	0	0	0
7-30	0800	0	0	0	6
7-31	0800	3	0	0	0
8-1	1130	10	0	0	0

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

Siberian Prawn: Juvenile fish collection will begin March 25. Siberian prawns collected in the sample at the Juvenile Fish Facility will be humanely euthanized by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and EAS Bio personnel, frozen and properly disposed of in a landfill.

Date	Sample	Collection*
7-26	25	25
7-27	0	0
7-28	69	69
7-29	0	0
7-30	57	57
7-31	0	0
8-1	61	61
Totals	212	212

*Collection and sample numbers are equal when sample rates change to 100%

Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT): Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife began GBT monitoring on April 4 and completed final monitoring activities on July 23.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: Fish rescue activities took place on July 29 in gatewell 2B for preparation of unit annual maintenance. No fish were observed. Results were reported and submitted to District.

Research: The Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) commenced adult steelhead kelt collection efforts on March 27 and concluded July 1.

Project: Lower Granite
Biologists: Elizabeth Holdren and Steve Lee
Dates: July 26-August 1, 2024

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

	OOS		RTS		
Unit	**Date**	**Time**	**Date**	**Time**	**Outage Description**
6	07/08	0700			Annual maintenance (tentative RTS 08/08/24)

Comments:

Adult Fish Passage Facility

Lower Granite Biologists and EAS staff inspected the adult fishway July 26, 27, 29 and 31.

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:

Fish Ladder Entrances and Collection Channel:

Yes	No	Sill	Location	Criteria	Comments
	X		South Shore Entrance (SSE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’	7.5’
	X		South Shore Entrance (SSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’	7.5’
X			South Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’ – 2.0’	
		X	North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
		X	North Powerhouse Entrance (NPE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 8.0’ or on sill	
	X		North Powerhouse Entrance Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	0.8’
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-1) Weir Depth	≥ 7.0’ or on sill	6.4’
	X		North Shore Entrance (NSE-2) Weir Depth	≥ 7.0’ or on sill	6.4’
	X		North Shore Channel/Tailwater Differential	1.0’–2.0’	0.8’, 0.7’, 0.7’
	X		Collection Channel Surface Velocity	1.5 – 4.0 fps	0.7, 1.1, 1.1, 1.2

Comments: Fish ladder control system operation and configuration is an ongoing issue that began when the system was installed in 2016. LWG is moving forward with inhouse design and install of fish ladder control system based of the system used at LMN. Efforts of the electrical crew continue to bring the ladder back into criteria however the control system drifts out of calibration shortly after. The fish ladder was designed to operate between 633’ and 638’ MSL with a minimum operating elevation of 633.0’. Fish ladder control system was recalibrated again this week.

Auxiliary Water Supply System:

Operating Satisfactorily	Standby	Out of Service	Auxiliary Water Supply (AWS)
Yes			AWS Fish Pump 1
No	X		AWS Fish Pump 2
Yes			AWS Fish Pump 3

Comments: AWS Pump 1 remains in slow mode due to the inability to operate in fast mode while operating at MOP elevation. The fish ladder was designed to operate within the 633' and 638' MSL range with a minimum operating elevation of 633.0'. AWS pump 2 was returned to service August 1 at 1208 hours. AWS pump 2 supplies the collection channel with the same flow as pump 1 in fast. It is recommended that pump 2 be brought online with AWS pump 1 in standby as soon as operationally possible. An MOC will be submitted as soon as the work can be scheduled.

Juvenile Fish Passage Facility

Forebay Debris/Gatewell Debris/Oil:

Yes	No	NA	Item	Comments
X			Forebay debris load acceptable? (amount)	38 yd^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:

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:

Orifices, Collection Channel, Dewatering Structure, Bypass Pipe:

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

Comments: The bypass system was switched from collection to primary bypass from about 1630 hours July 29 to 0700 hours July 30 due to a mandatory fire evacuation.

Collection Facility: The collection facility was is secondary bypass with the sample off from about 1600 hours July 29 until collection and sampling resumed at 0700 hours July 30. Collection for truck transport at 0700 on Aug 1.

Transport Summary: Truck transport begins August 3.

Spillway Weir: Summer spill ops ran from 0001 hours June 21 through 2359 hours July 31. Late summer spill (24/7 RSW spill) began at 0001 August 1 and will run through August 31.

PIT tag interrogations: RSW detections included 64,353 juvenile and 99 adult Chinook salmon, 48,218 juvenile and 590 adult steelhead, 8,864 juvenile and 3 adult sockeye, and 2,592 juvenile coho salmon. Juvenile bypass system

detections included 10,095 juvenile and 8 adult Chinook salmon, 14,576 juvenile and 44 adult steelhead, 220 juvenile and 4 adult sockeye, and 240 juvenile coho salmon through August 1 (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
27.7	23.7	13.8	6.4	66.0	64.0	5.0	5.0

*Cooling water intake temperature.

Other

Inline Cooling Water Strainers: N/A

Introduced Species: No zebra/quagga muscles were detected on the trap substrate. Siberian prawns collected in the sample included 11,047 live and 1,197 mortalities this report week. All live Siberian prawns are euthanized.

Avian Activity: Biologist daily piscivorous bird counts began April 1. Bird hazing concluded June 30.

Date	Time	Gulls	Cormorants	Caspian Terns	Pelicans
July 26	1350	0	5	0	0
July 27	1100	0	4	0	0
July 28	0645	1	5	0	1
July 29	1400	1	5	0	0
July 30	1335	1	5	0	0
July 31	1128	0	4	0	0
August 1	1510	3	4	0	1

Gas Bubble Trauma (GBT) Monitoring: N/A

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) Adult Fish Trap Operations: Collection for sampling continues with fish being collected 24-hours per day Sunday-Thursday and sampled Monday- Friday at a 25% (18% /week) sample rate. Monday through Friday sample collection will continue until broodstock collection begins August 18.

IDFG adult sockeye salmon collection and transport to Eagle Fish Hatchery due to high river temperature concerns in the Salmon River basin concluded July 25. This effort was conducted in cooperation with USACE Lower Granite Fisheries and NOAA Fisheries. Fish were collected Monday through Thursdays and transported Tuesdays and Thursdays July 9-25. Fish collected on Mondays and Wednesdays were held overnight in an adult holding tank until transport the next day. Through July 25, 254 sockeye (113 clipped and 141 unclipped) were collected and transported from LWG.

Fish Rescue/Salvage: The adult trap was flushed July 28 to remove accumulated American shad and debris that collect on screens and reduce trap operational flows.

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 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 March 1 through November 30. The goal is to collect 5-20% of adult steelhead, spring/summer Chinook salmon, and sockeye salmon ascending the ladder March 1-November 30. 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.

Sampling and PIT tagging of Walleye by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and NOAA Fisheries.

Walleye collected in the adult fish trap will be PIT tagged to investigate movement and ascension rate of walleye that successfully exit the fish ladder into the upstream reservoir. PIT tag data collected will be used to gain an understanding of the potential expansion and threat of walleye upstream of LWG to ESA-listed salmonids and guide future management actions of walleye in the Snake River Basin.

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.

United States Geological Survey (USGS) Wild Juvenile Fall Chinook Salmon Genetics Sampling:

The goal of this study is to determine the origin of unmarked subyearling Chinook salmon in LWG sample. The USGS has developed an approach to estimate the daily abundance of natural origin subyearling Chinook salmon passing LWG each year. The goal is to collect fin clips from 15 unmarked subyearling on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's May 15 to August 31. Genetic samples will be used to determine origin of unclipped subyearling Chinook salmon thus validating estimates of origin and model abundance.

PNNL Juvenile Pacific Lamprey Passage Behavior and Survival study:

Juvenile lamprey (macropthalmia) were collected from LWG sample, as needed, to meet PNNL downriver study objectives. LWG collected a total of 1502 juvenile lamprey this season to support this study.

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 2000 juvenile and 1250 larval Pacific lamprey, not to exceed 10 juvenile and 5 larvae daily during the routine smolt monitor condition sampling from March through September. 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 program's efficacy and assist with guiding future management. LWG SMP have collected genetic samples from 812 juvenile and 488 larval lamprey 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.