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Portland District

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Notes from the March 1, 2016 Meeting

TEAM: Willamette Fish Facility Design Review Group

Location: Conference Call

Meeting Purpose: Review status and current schedules for fish passage projects.

Attending:

Greg Taylor, USACE	Fred Monzyk, ODFW
Mike Hudson, USFWS	Mellissa Jundt, NMFS
Chris Walker, USACE	Tom Skiles, CRITFC
Natalie Richards, USACE	Stephanie Burchfield, NMFS
Bernadette Graham-Hudson, ODFW	Christine Petersen, BPA
Jeff Brown, NMFS	Jim Ruff, NWPCC
Rich Piaskowski, USACE	Tim Kuhn, USACE
Fenton Khan, USACE	Scott Fielding, USACE

Notes:

1. New Fall Creek Adult Fish Facility:
 - a. Will next be going to bid, with plans to begin work this fall. The existing ladder will continue to function during project construction. Goal is commissioning of the new facility in early spring 2018.
2. Cougar Dam Downstream Passage:
 - a. Corps' PDT restarting work on EDR; 90% EDR be sent out for WATER review in summer 2016.
 - b. NMFS recommended/requested WFFDWG discuss the current alternatives, latest RM&E, and the Corps' preferred alternative, before the EDR is sent out for review; the Corps' plans to present this information for discussion at the June 7th WFFDWG meeting (or potentially schedule a special meeting sooner).
 - c. NMFS specifically pointed out RM&E continuing to show fish congregate very close to the tower intake and the EDR alternative needs to consider that before proposing a final preferred alternative.

3. PFFC – 2016 operations plans:
 - a. The PFFC is currently being relocated up Cougar Reservoir during operations to address debris issues at Cougar Dam. The PFFC will be placed back in the Cul-de-sac to be operated during the 2016 fish passage season.
 - b. Greg Taylor discussed that turning the PFFC 180degrees from the previous position was being considered to help evaluate the influence of the pumps relative to the tower intake on juvenile Chinook. Todd Pierce will prepare a proposal for this new position/operation for review and discussion.
4. Foster Dam Downstream Passage:
 - a. EDR will be sent to WFFDWG in April for review.
 - b. Corps described information on downstream fish passage alternatives in the summary document emailed to the WFFDWG prior to the meeting. The Corps suggested a follow up meeting could be scheduled to discuss WFFDWG comments or that WFFDWG could send in written comments.
 - c. **UPDATE:** The Corps prepared an updated summary document addressing several comments made during this meeting, and from ODFW's subsequent emailed written comments. The revised document was emailed to WFFDWG for comment. The Corps will use any additional comments received to prepare the EDR for WFFDWG review in April.
5. Detroit Dam Downstream Passage and Temperature Control
 - a. The Corps' PDT plans to resume work starting at in Oct, the beginning of FY17.
6. Minto and Foster Adult Fish Facilities
 - a. Safety issues at Foster being addressed, and should be operational in next week.
 - b. Safety issues at Minto also to be addressed in March.
7. Next Steps
 - a. Foster EDR Review, April 2016
 - b. Cougar EDR alternatives presentation and discussion (June 7th); EDR to be provided for review in summer, 2016.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Send meeting notes to WFFDRG for review
- Send revised Foster EDR "Udpate" Package for review
- Meeting schedule:
 - June 7,
 - September 6,
 - December 6.
 - As needed we will add meeting dates to supplement these quarterly meetings.