

Fish Passage Plan (FPP) Change Form

Change Form # & Title: 24IHR006 - Fish counting slots
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FPP SECTION: 2.4.2.10. Counting Windows

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE: The counting slots have been at a fixed width for many years, with the back wall being an immovable structure. There is no “crowder” in the counting slot.

PROPOSED CHANGE: *Edits to existing FPP text in “track changes”.*

2.4.2. Adult Fish Facilities – Adult Fish Passage Season (March 1–December 31).

2.4.2.10. Counting Windows. Counting slots at Ice Harbor are fixed at a width of 19.5”. When not counting, ~~open the crowder to full count slot width and~~ remove the picketed leads. ~~During counting, open the crowder as far as possible to allow accurate counting.~~ Maintain all equipment in good condition and clean the counting window and backboard as needed to maintain good visibility.

COMMENTS:

1-FEB-2024 FPOM FPP meeting:

Lorz asked if that’s on the list to be fixed.

Fone is unsure and wasn’t aware that was a need.

Lorz says it’s not critical but could be handy to have more flexibility if we see a crapload more shad.

Peery added that where the capability exists it’s used to narrow down for visibility. Ideally it would be open as much as possible. When not counting they can lift the pickets.

Lorz is fine with that. If they’re able to use the picket leads in that function, that’s great.

Conder is fine with it. Other Snake projects have been fixed and have PIT antennas, and not seeing a problem with that. Fish are hesitant to go thru a narrow slot with bright lights, but the delay is very slight. It’s not optimal but not a concern with the numbers of fish we’re seeing.

RECORD OF FINAL ACTION: Finalized at the FPOM FPP meeting 1-Feb-2024