

**State of Oregon**  
**Comments on 2003 Water Management Plan August 21, 2002 Draft**

Oregon has reviewed the draft 2002 Water Management Plan developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bonneville Power Administration. It is my understanding that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will be providing comments at a later time through the Water Quality Team. We would like to commend the Action Agencies on the many improvements in the plan including organization improvements and additional project detail and operations sections. We do not have any substantive comments beyond those submitted on the 2002 draft plan. We encourage the Actions agencies to reconsider these earlier comments which we have attached in finalization of the 2003 plan. Additional comments and recommendations on the 2003 plan are as follows.

P5 (At project priority)- We question why at project operations are “generally the highest priority and not likely to change.” Operations to meet system needs (ex: meeting lower river flow targets) have at least equal and in some instances higher priority.

P6 (Flood Control Study)- The plan should provide details what tasks will be completed in 2003 under the feasibility study.

P16 (April 10 RC)- The same refill probabilities as the Biological Opinion should be used.

P18 (Water Quality)- Dworshak releases are also be done to meet state and federal WQ standards.

P19 (Chum Flows)- Chum operations are part of the RPA so it is not technically correct to state that chum operations cannot adversely affect implementation of NMFS’ 2000 FCRPS RPA.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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