

USFWS comments on 2004 Appendix 4 of the Water Management Plan  
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In general, there appears to be considerable revision that must be done to this section to reflect the results from the groups addressing RPAs 132 and 143. If time is of consideration, language in Section 6 of the Appendix should be eliminated. References should be inserted to include further discussion in the winter update.

Specific comments include:

Page 1, Section 2.1, para. 3. This entire paragraph is out of context and should be deleted as it is already stated in the Water Quality Section of the Water Management Plan (Section 5.8.4).

Page 4, McNary Dam, 1<sup>st</sup> line. Substitute “will end on June 30” for “will end on August 31”.

Page 4, Section 3.2. While it seems nice to refer to the salmon managers’ recommendations and fish dependency as the reasons why spill is cut, it is not really the defining action. The COE has outlined a procedure they follow for making spill reductions and increases and this procedure (in detail) should be included in this section.

Page 5, first para. bullets. There is overlap between the sections addressing management options taken for controlled versus uncontrolled spill. Distinguish between the two.

Page 5, third para. Explain what is meant by “uniformly low TDG conditions”. In addition, reinsert in the 2004 Plan the paragraph that follows this in the 2003 Plan ... “In general spill will...”.

Check the document and update references to 2004 rather than 2003.

A review of the recommendations from RPA 132 should be incorporated into the final Appendix after those recommendations are reviewed and agreed upon. The text (pages 12 - 14) refers to studies conducted in 2002 for recommendations in 2003, which must be considered.

Page 14. Temperature model and monitoring. This section is out of date and needs to be updated to reflect the results and recommendations from the RPA 143 group after review by the Water Quality Team. In addition, there are references in the last two sentences on page 15 that refer to dates of meetings without specifying the year when the meeting took place.