

NOAA Fisheries comments on the draft 2009 Water Management Plan.

Page 15, Section 4.2.3, line 6. The sentence has a phrase that presently reads: “that can that provides...”. It should read: that can provide.

Page 32, Section 6.4.1, line 2. The sentence has a phrase that presently reads: “the 1938 International Joint Commission order 1938 order on Kootenay Lake...”. It should read: The 1938 International Joint Commission order on Kootenay Lake...

Page 42, Section 6.9, line 2. This section states shifts would occur between January and March. However, in Section 6.8.5 – Flood Control – states flood control shifts will be considered between January and April. Shouldn’t the dates in these sections be consistent – i.e. January to March or January to April?

Page 43, Section 6.10.1, line 4. The sentence states that Lower Granite Reservoir may be raised as needed after September 1, in order to operate adult holding facilities to support brood stock collection. It is my understanding it was found that raising the pool elevation would not benefit this purpose. If this is the case, this sentence should be eliminated.

Page 47, section 6.16 The Dalles Dam. This section should say something about the spill wall construction project occurring this year and the need to hold the pool stable within a narrow range.

Page 48, section 6.17 Bonneville Dam. This section should say something about the spill wall construction project occurring this year and the need to hold the pool stable within a narrow range.

Page 48, section 6.17.3 Chum spawning. This paragraph should include a statement that acknowledges maintaining the Bonneville tailwater elevation within a narrow range will be very challenging this year because of the added constraint of the constant pool elevations at The Dalles and Bonneville dams.

Page 52 1st paragraph, last line. The year stated is 2008, it should be 2009.

Page 52, section 7.1.5 low flow operations, 1st paragraph. A distinction should be made between the operations called for in the Snake and Columbia River projects. This paragraph states that a single turbine unit will be operated. This is the case for Snake River projects; Columbia River projects have stated minimum power generation requirements greater than one turbine unit.

Page 55, section 7.4.1.1, 1st paragraph, 2nd line. This sentence currently reads, "will be held at minimum of 11.3 – 11.7 feet..... The sentence should read, will be held at a minimum....

Page 55, section 7.4.1.1, 1st paragraph, 3rd line. This sentence currently reads, "if needed to past additional water. I suggest this sentence read, "if need to maintain the day time established range."

Page 57, section 7.4.1.4, 1st paragraph, 3rd line. This sentence currently reads, "exclusively from water stored in upstream reservoirs." I suggest this sentence read, "given the water supply forecasts and status of reservoir storage.