

## **COLUMBIA RIVER TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM**

June 16, 2021

DRAFT Facilitator's Summary

Facilitator: Emily Stranz; Notes: Colby Mills

*The following Facilitator's Summary is intended to capture basic discussion, decisions, and actions, as well as point out future actions or issues that may need further discussion at upcoming meetings. These notes are not intended to be the "record" of the meeting, only a reminder for TMT members. Official minutes can be found on the TMT website: <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/agendas/2021/>.*

### **Review Meeting Summaries & Minutes**

TMT members approved the official minutes and facilitator's summaries for the June 2 and June 9 meetings.

### **Treaty Fishing**

Kyle Dittmer, CRITFC, presented SOR 2021 C-1 (posted on the TMT website) for the summer 2021 treaty fishing season. The request on behalf of CRITFC tribes is to operate Bonneville and The Dalles pools within a 1.5-foot band and the John Day pool within a 2-foot band (hard constraint) from June 16 at 0600 hours to June 19 at 1800 hours, and June 21 at 0600 hours to June 24 at 1800 hours for summer fishery. Additional treaty fishing seasons may be determined after the initial catch runs. Kyle noted that forecasted fish runs estimate 78,800 adult summer Chinook (above average), and 155,600 sockeye (below average). Drone flight surveys could occur later this week and may take an extra day or so to get fish net data results to the Corps' RCC office. CRITFC will contact the Corps RCC regulation unit as soon as possible if Tribal Members request more fishing in the coming months.

This fishery will have more emphasis on ceremonial and subsistence fishing, with less focus on commercial. Due to pandemic restrictions and safety regulations, commercial sales were near zero last year. While things are not back to normal this year, fishery is closer to the pre-pandemic norm. Kyle noted that most tribal vendors are back selling fish at their usual locations; more information can be found on the CRITFC website.

Doug Baus, Corps, reported that the Corps and BPA started implementing the operation this morning at 0600 hours as identified in the SOR, and plan on implementing the second treaty fishery session from June 21 through June 24 as described.

### **Juvenile Transportation**

Charles Morrill, WA, reported on FPAC discussions regarding the start of summer transport. The unanimous recommendation is to follow the FOP and resume truck transport on August 1, except at Lower Monumental Dam.

Chris Peery, Corps, confirmed that the Corps will plan on resuming truck transport on August 1 at Lower Granite and Little Goose dams.

### **Gas Bubble Trauma Monitoring**

Doug reported that the Corps continues to post the GBT monitoring data (on the TMT website) in coordination with the Water Quality (WQ) agencies for Oregon and Washington. The Corps will continue to coordinate with these agencies and share information with the TMT. The action criteria have not changed, and if it were to change this would be coordinated with the TMT. This information will continue to be posted through the end of spring spill, which concludes on June 20 in the Snake River and concluded on June 15 in the Lower Columbia River.

**Spill Priority List**

Dan Turner, Corps, reported an updated spill priority list with spill caps following the transition into summer spill on June 21 and the resulting changes to TDG state standards (120% in the tailrace and 115% in the forebays). The order of the projects remains the same as spring season, and any requests to change the order can be made through TMT. Charles noted that FPAC will review the list over the next week and will bring any input to the next TMT meeting.

**Questions or comments from members of the public:** There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

**The next scheduled TMT meeting is a conference call on June 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM.  
A DS Consulting Process Meeting will follow for TMT Members.**

*This summary is respectfully submitted by the DS Consulting Facilitation Team. Suggested edits are welcome and can be sent to Colby at colby@dsconsult.co.*

**Columbia River Regional Forum**  
**Technical Management Team**  
**DRAFT OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**  
**Minutes: Melissa Haskin, BPA (contractor, FLUX Resources)**

Today's TMT meeting was held via conference call and webinar, chaired by Doug Baus, Corps, and facilitated by Emily Stranz, DS Consulting. See the end of these minutes for a list of attendees.

### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Summaries**

Official minutes and summaries from the 6/2 and 6/9 TMT meetings were approved with no additional edits.

### **2. Treaty Fishing Update**

Kyle Dittmer, CRITFC, presented SOR 2021-C1 (posted on TMT website) submitted by CRITFC to the Corps, Reclamation, and BPA this week. The SOR requests to operate the Lower Columbia pools for the summer 2021 treaty fishery. Specifications include operating Bonneville and The Dalles pools within a 1.5-foot band and John Day within a 2-foot band during the time periods of June 16 at 0600 hours through June 19 at 1800 hours, and June 21 0600 to June 24, 1800.

The run sizes this year are expected to be above average for adult summer Chinook in the Upper Columbia (~78,000) and below average for sockeye in the Upper Columbia (155,600). This is the first harvest request of the season. Dittmer noted the tribes may request an additional fishing period in the future and will notify the Corps RCC as soon as a decision is made.

CRITFC will be running a series of net flights with drones and will share the survey data with RCC. This will be the second year CRITFC uses drones. Data transfer takes a day or two between the organizations. Dittmer noted that the drones worked well last year. Charles Morrill, WA asked about specifics of the drone, which Dittmer did not have. Dittmer will reach out to Morrill offline.

Tribal vendors are selling fish at their usual locations. Those wishing to find out more information can find it on the CRITFC website.

The Action Agencies noted they implemented the SOR at 0600 this morning and plan on implementing the SOR as written.

### **3. Juvenile Transportation Update**

Morrill updated the TMT on juvenile transportation, sharing that FPAC is recommending truck transport begin on August 1 at Lower Granite and Little Goose, but not at Lower Monumental.

Chris Peery, Corps, noted the Corps has no objection to the fish managers request and will plan on resuming truck transport, as requested, at Lower Granite and Little Goose on August 1.

**4. Weekly Native Non-Salmonids GBT Report**

Doug Baus, Corps, directed the TMT to a Weekly Native Non-Salmonids GBT Report for June 7-10, available on the TMT website. The data are posted for transparency as the Action Agencies coordinate with states of Oregon and Washington to meet state water quality standards. Any changes to the criteria will be coordinated through TMT. The data will be posted through the end of spring spill, which ended yesterday on the Columbia and continues through June 20 on the Snake River.

**5. Spill Priority List**

Dan Turner, Corps, showed TMT the draft spill priority list for the 2021 summer spill season, attached to today’s agenda. The lists define project priority order for lack of load spill for management of TDG system-wide. In the event of spill due to Lack of Load, spill will occur at projects in the sequential priority order at the spill level defined for incrementally higher levels of TDG. FPAC has not had a chance to review the order and will do so in the next week and report back to the TMT if they recommend any changes. Changes to the project order can be made at any time prior to or during the spill season.

**Today’s Attendees:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>TMT Representative</b>
Army Corps of Engineers	Doug Baus (Chair), Lisa Wright, Julie Ammann
Bonneville Power Administration	Scott Bettin
Bureau of Reclamation	Chris Runyan
NOAA Fisheries	Blane Bellerud
US Fish & Wildlife Service	Dave Swank
Washington	Charles Morrill
Oregon	Absent
Idaho	Absent
Montana	Absent
Nez Perce Tribe	Absent
Umatilla Tribe/CRITFC	Tom Lorz
Colville Tribe	Sheri Sears
Warm Springs Tribe	Jen Graham
Kootenai Tribe	Absent
Spokane Tribe	Absent

**Other Attendees (non-TMT members):**

Corps – Alexis Mills, Dan Turner, David Bogema, Chris Peery, Scott St. John  
 BPA – Melissa Haskin (CONTR, FLUX Resources, Notetaker)  
 DS Consulting – Emily Stranz (Facilitator), Colby Mills  
 CRITFC – Kyle Dittmer