

COLUMBIA RIVER TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

June 17, 2026

Facilitator's Summary

Facilitation Team: Emily Stranz & Colby Mills, DS Consulting

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; it is not intended to be the "record" of the meeting. Official minutes can be found on the TMT website: <https://public.crohms.org/tmt/agendas/2026/>. Suggested edits for the summary are welcome and can be sent to Colby at colby@diconsult.co.

Review Meeting Summaries & Minutes

TMT Members approved the official meeting minutes and facilitator's summaries from May 21, 26, 27, and June 1, 2, and 3. The minutes and summary from June 10 will be reviewed at the next TMT meeting.

Treaty Fishing

Kyle Dittmer, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), presented [SOR-2026-C1](#), for the summer 2026 Tribal Treaty Fishery. The request on behalf of the CRITFC member Tribes, is to operate Bonneville (BON) and The Dalles (TDA) pools within a 1.5-foot band and the John Day (JDA) pool within a 2-foot band from June 16 at 0600 hours through June 19 at 1800 hours, June 22, 0600 hours through June 24 at 1800 hours, and June 29 0600 hours through July 1 at 1800 hours. The summer season includes Chinook, steelhead, coho, and sockeye.

Kyle noted that CRITFC will be sponsoring a series of net flights over the pools, with results from today's flight expected later this afternoon or tomorrow morning. They will coordinate with the Corps on preliminary planning for the fall Treaty Fishery following the summer run, after July 31. Treaty Fishery supports ceremonial, subsistence, and commercial fishing; Tribal fisher vendor locations can be found on the [CRITFC website](#).

Action Agency Implementation

Doug Baus, Corps, reported that the Corps implemented the SOR beginning on June 16, and will continue the operation as written.

Set Agenda for Next TMT Meeting

The group requested the following agenda items for June 24, TMT Members may send additional items to Doug Baus or Emily Stranz. A draft agenda will be posted to the TMT website by Monday COB.

1. Potential FPAC Treaty Flow Augmentation Request (*standing agenda topic*)
2. Other

Questions or Comments from Non-TMT Members

There were no questions or comments from non-TMT Members.

The next TMT meeting will be on June 24 at 9AM PDT.

**Columbia River Regional Forum
Technical Management Team
DRAFT OFFICIAL MINUTES
Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

Today's TMT meeting was held via Microsoft Teams and conference call, chaired by Doug Baus, Corps, and facilitated by Emily Stranz, DS Consulting. Minutes were collected by Andrea Ausmus, BPA (contractor, CorSource Technology Group). A list of today's attendees is available at the end of these minutes.

1. Review Meeting Summaries & Minutes – Emily Stranz, DS Consulting

- a) May 21
 - Approved
- b) May 26
 - Approved
- c) May 27
 - Approved
- d) June 1
 - Approved
- e) June 2
 - Approved
- f) June 3
 - Approved
- g) June 10 (Summary pending)
 - Charles Morrill, WA, asked for another week to review.

2. Treaty Fishing - Kyle Dittmer, CRITFC, and Doug Baus, Corps-NWD

- [SOR 2026-C1](#)
 - Summer Treaty Fishery Season 2026
 - Request is to keep Zone 6 pools at a steady elevation.
 - Bonneville: 1.5-foot band
 - The Dalles: 1.5-foot band
 - John Day: 2-foot band
 - The SOR will run for a 3-week initial opening.
 - June 16, 2026, 6 am – June 19, 2026, 6 pm
 - June 22, 2026, 6 am – June 24, 2026, 6 pm
 - June 29, 2026, 6 am – July 1, 2026, 6 pm
 - Summer Season includes the Summer Chinook, Steelhead, Coho, and Sockeye.

- Throughout the season CRITFC will also be sponsoring net flights over all the pools doing a net count.
 - Currently ongoing.
 - Dittmer said that they were hopeful to get results of the current flight later this afternoon or tomorrow.
- Length of Season
 - Summer management period is from June 16 – July 31.
 - Since the run is just starting to take off, they are unsure of how far into July they will be fishing.
- Fall Treaty Fishery Season
 - CRITFC is already doing preliminary planning
 - Likely will be in discussions with the Corps RCC Staff in late July.
- Tribes
 - This is an important time for the Tribes as far as their fishing. The SOR helps to implement their rights for ceremonial subsistence and commercial fishing.
 - Vendors are on the river.
 - [CRITFC Harvest Link](#)
- SOR Implementation – *Baus*
 - SOR is already being implemented.
 - The Corps is implementing as noted in the SOR beginning on Tuesday June 16 and will continue the operation as requested in the SOR.

Charles Morrill, WA, asked if there were any restrictions on mesh sizes for the Fishery at this point in time.

Tom Lorz, CRITFC, said yes there are. Lorz said that they do not put them in the SORs but TAC issues mesh restrictions sizes for the Tribes because they are targeting Chinook not Sockeye.

Morrill said that was what he had thought. He asked if it was 7 – 9-inch mesh.

Lorz said that he would have to look it up but believed that it was 7 or 9 inch.

Morrill said that fit with his memory.

3. Agenda Items

Next Meeting Scheduled: **Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

Next Week's Agenda Topics

- Treaty Flow Augmentation Update

Future Agenda Topics

- Adult Passage Assessment of LMN and JDA
- DART Presentation

Today’s Attendees:

| Agency | TMT Representative(s) |
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| NOAA Fisheries (NMFS) | Kelsey Swieca |
| Oregon | Erick Van Dyke |
| Washington | Charles Morrill |
| Kootenai Tribe | |
| Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation | |
| Umatilla Tribe (CRITFC) | Tom Lorz, Pete McHugh, Kyle Dittmer |
| Yakama Nation | |
| Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) | Chris Runyan, Eric Rothwell |
| Army Corps of Engineers (COE) | Doug Baus (Chair), Aaron Marshall, Lisa Wright |
| US Fish & Wildlife Service | Dave Swank |
| Idaho | Jonathan Ebel |
| Montana | Brian Marotz |
| Spokane Tribe (STOI) | |
| Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) | Jay Hesse |
| Warm Springs Tribe | |
| Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes | |
| Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) | Tony Norris |

Other Attendees (non-TMT members):

COE – Megan Biljan, Jessika Solleder, Tom Conning, Chris Peery, Tiffany Dixon, Patricia Madson, Eric Chow, Alexis Mills

DS Consulting – Emily Stranz (Facilitator), Colby Mills,

CorSource – Andrea Ausmus (BPA note taker, Contractor)

Oregon DEQ – David Gruen

Washington ECY – Thomas Starkey

FPC – Noah Campbell, Erin Cooper

GCPUD – Eva Stites

PGE – Phil DeVol

Energy EPS – Joshua Rasmussen

AVA – Patrick Maher, Steve Lentini