**Columbia River Regional Forum**

**System Configuration Team Meeting**

**June 18, 2020**

**DRAFT Official Notes**

Representatives of Corps, ID, WA, BPA, NOAA, and others participated in today’s SCT meeting chaired by Blane Bellerud, NOAA. See the last page of these minutes for a list of attendees at today’s meeting.

1. FY20 Budget Update/Reallocation

Ian Chane, Corps, reported that there is additional money available for CRFM. Ian took the rankings from last month’s meeting to the division office. Together, they spread out available funding based on feasibility, regional interest, and division interest. Today’s spreadsheet reflects the final work plan for FY20. Today’s meeting will go over the final work plan for FY20. Highlights of today’s conversation include:

* Total Available in FY20 ~$49.7M; 20M for lamprey.
* **Line 3 Estuary Habitat Studies** was allocated an additional $90k for analysis of samples taken last year and completion of the summer report. These activities had been planned for next year so the additional funding this year puts the project ahead of schedule and will reduce the need for next fiscal year.
* **Avian predation** – received an additional $20k for labor and additional costs related to monitoring.
* **Line 7 The Dalles East Fish Ladder Emergency Auxiliary Water Supply** received $50k more, as noted at the last meeting. This funding is for deciding the need for an automatic trash rake system at the AWS intake. The AWS is currently in operation and the project is monitoring debris load.
* **Line 14 McNary Avian Deterrent Deficiency Correction and Avian Wire Design Feasibility Report** received an addition $10k for labor.
* **Line 15 McNary Top Spill Weir (TSW) Permanence** received an additional $25k, for spare parts for long-term operation impact.
* **Line 23 Lower Granite Juvenile Bypass Facility - Phase 1a (Gatewell to Separator), Phase 1b (Outfall) Close Out** received an additional $750k on top of what was in there to fund lifting mechanisms, which has been planned in out years. Funding this work now moves the need from future years to now and frees up funding in out years.
* **Line 33 Columbia River System Operations (CRSO) EIS: reduced capability**. This line item was decreased by $500k based on an updated schedule provided by the project manage for expenditures for this fiscal year. It provided additional money back at the end of the fiscal year last year. Thus, at the end of this year, more funding could become available for other projects.
* **Line 43 Bonneville Powerhouse 2 Fish Guidance Efficiency**: When CRSO needs went up earlier this year, the budget for B2FGE was reduced and the project was put on hold. Now that there is additional money available, the Corps has decided to move forward with a contract to fix one unit, complete testing on that unit, and, as an option, complete the second unit, if possible. The plan is to issue the contract for that and then in out years fix the remaining 6 units in FY21, FY22, and maybe FY23. This project was increased by $1.2M this year.
* **Line 51, the McNary Steelhead Overshoot**, received an additional $800k. The intent is to move forward with the contract to do both the fall and spring study. This funding also closes out last year’s study as well. Thus far, the draft preliminary report has been distributed. The final report will be available in a few months.
* **The Bonneville PIT project** was put on hold since it was not clear what monitoring would look like. The EDR was wrapped up in FY20 for $10k less than originally planned, which brought money back to the program.

2. Other

Scott Bettin, BPA, asked about the delay in the hoist at McNary. Blane will send Ann an email to follow-up and then update Scott.

June 30 is the signing date for the new BiOp.

3. Next SCT:

The next SCT will be the third Thursday in July. At this point, Ian does not expect to have updates on FY21 until August. If that is the case, the July SCT meeting will be postponed.

4. Today’s Attendees:

Blane Bellerud, NOAA

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Christine Petersen, BPA

Doug Newton, Corps

Ian Chane, Corps

Jacob Macdonald, Corps

Jonathan Ebel, ID

Leah Sullivan, BPA

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