

Notes from FPCOB Meeting
8-6-12Spokane Davenport Hotel

Attendees: Michelle DeHart, Margaret Filardo, Jim Ruff, Karl Weist, Bill Bradbury (Chair), Paul Kline, Dan Goodman, Bill Tweit, Doug Taki, Ritchie Graves,, Raquel Crozier, Laura Robinson, Henry Lorenzen

Presentations –Margaret Filardo presented the Fish Passage Center’s Historical Spill Summary 1981-2011. The report starts from 1981 because that is when the final three units were added to Lower Monumental and goes until 2011, the latest year for which we have complete spill and flow data. As the report notes, you have four periods that you can divide spill into : the pre-program from 1981-82; the Fish and Wildlife Program Water Budget from 1983- 1992; The BiOp years of 1993-2004 ; and the court ordered period of 2005 – present.

The Center produced the report to explain, originally for themselves but now to a broader audience, how the spill program has evolved over time. The report serves as a reference document that consolidates information from a variety of sources, not all of them easily accessible. The Board offered some suggestions for additional data for spill provided at the PUD projects and at Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph. Most discussion revolved around Dan Goodman’s suggestion of moving the document from a reference document to one that adds more in-depth analysis of the results of this comprehensive data set – what are the biologic benefits of spill versus other passage improvements; what are the effects of total dissolved gas on fish from the spill levels provided, etc. Michelle DeHart will provide additional information on the dissolved gas effects and assures us that the other in-depth analysis is ongoing. Perhaps in another iteration of the report, which will probably be updated next year, we will see these additional analyses added to this historical reference document.

Planning for 2013 and Beyond – Michelle DeHart provided an update on where the Center plans to focus its efforts in 2013, such as keeping the Comparative Survival Study’s annual report streamlined and creating efficiency through the provision of data sets for the analysts.

Finally the Board moved to hold one annual meeting in January and other meetings at the Chair’s calling. With the review process established through former Chair Measure, the necessity to meet at other times during the year has diminished substantially. Not all Board members were present so we will poll those absent members to make sure nobody objects to that reduction in meetings.

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