

Agenda for the February 25, 2015 meeting to discuss Baker River basin native char activities and implementation of license article 104: Connectivity.

## **BAKER RIVER BASIN**

### **- Fish Connectivity Implementation Plan -**

## **NATIVE CHAR CONSULTATION**

9:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, February 25, 2015  
Room 223, USFWS Office,  
Lacey, Washington

### **AGENDA**

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*Objective: Summarize the Fish Connectivity Implementation Plan (FCIP), review results of 2014 activities, and confirm activities and approach toward implementation of the FCIP in 2015.*

- 1. Fish Connectivity Implementation Plan**
  - Meeting Objective
  - FCIP overview
- 2. Review Baker River Basin Native Char Protocols**
- 3. Results of 2014 Native Char Activities**
  - Fish collection facilities
  - Angling
  - Char recaptures
  - Snorkel surveys
- 4. Results of WDFW Genetic Analysis**
- 5. Proposed 2015 Activities**
  - Capture and transport at Baker Project facilities
  - Active collection by angling
  - WDFW genetic analysis
  - Sulphur Creek and Upper Baker River snorkel surveys (conditions permitting)
  - Article 104 Annual report
- 6. Fish Connectivity Implementation Plan**
  - O&M Procedures, Standards, Criteria – confirm 2015 protocols
  - O&M Monitoring, Maintenance, Management – confirm 2015 active collection efforts
  - O&M Schedule – confirm 2015 schedule
  - QA/QC – review
- 7. Topics suggested by N. Overman (email 12.15.14)**
  - Is there a need to increase the number of genetics-based transports within the basin?
  - Number of recaptures

- Baker/Shannon origin adult returns to UFT vs: Baker/Shannon origin fish (all ages) passed downstream
- Run timing in 2013 vs: 2014 - Sulphur vs: Baker River snorkel surveys

## **8. Recap Decisions and Action Items**

### **Handouts:**

- Selected slides from PowerPoint file presented at the February 25, 2015 Native Char Consultation meeting at USFWS office in Lacey, Washington.

**Appendix A.** Draft 2015 Annual Fish Connectivity Operation and Maintenance (O&M) and Baker River Basin Native Char Handling Protocols.

**Appendix B.** Draft 2015 FCIP- Fish Connectivity Schedule.

**Appendix C.** Draft 2015 FCIP – Fish Connectivity Quality Assurance/Quality Control.

**Appendix D.** Data summary tables of native char captures or observations at the Baker River Hydroelectric Project during the period 1995 through 2014.