

Policy Committee SOA 2010-2

Priest Rapids Policy Committee Statement of Agreement on Coded Wire Tag Schedule for Priest Rapids Hatchery Programs

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Statement

The Policy Committee of the Priest Rapids Settlement Agreement collectively agrees that the Coded Wire Tagging program portion of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for the Grant PUD Priest Rapids Hatchery fall Chinook releases shall be increased to a release of 600,000 AD+CWT Index group and a release of 600,000 CWT only (no ad-clip) to represent a Double Index Tag group, beginning with the brood year 2009 for release in spring 2010.

Background

The AD+CWT marking level at Priest Rapids Hatchery should be increased immediately from its current 200K level to 600K level, consistent with the recommendations of the U.S. v. Oregon parties (Table B5 in the 2008-2017 Management Agreement). In addition, a minimum of 600K CWT only tags (Double Index Tags) should also be implemented immediately consistent with recommendations by the Pacific Salmon Commission Selective Fisheries Evaluation Committee to include Double Index Tag programs for hatchery production programs where some or all of the production is mass marked with an adipose clip (e.g., 1.7M John Day Mitigation production in this case) and where the returning adults are expected to be subject to mark selective fisheries.