



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Nicole and Michael
Dear Madam/Sir:

On behalf of the FCRPS Action Agencies and NOAA Fisheries, I am responding to your memorandum dated May 8, 2006 regarding Lower Snake River Dam Removal Scenario for Consideration.

The action is necessarily limited to operating the FCRPS consistent with authorized project purposes. Accordingly, the suite of hydro operations includes two base case scenarios and five scenarios that describe a range of options for operating the FCRPS consistent with such purposes. We will be prepared to discuss this suite of operations and the hydroregulation modeling results at the next meeting of the Policy Work Group with Tier 2 parties. I note that several of the components you request in the Lower Snake River Dam Removal scenario are included in the scenarios currently under evaluation.

I also point out that the PWG has not reached full consensus at this time on whether to include additional scenarios for operating the FCRPS beyond those that are presently being evaluated.

Sincerely,

Witt Anderson
Chief, District Support Team
Portland/Walla Walla/Fish