

Fish & Wildlife Program Quarterly Review June 22, 2000

Response to Account Transfers greater than 10%

1. 1999-003-03 Salmon Spawning Below Lower Columbia MS Dams – USFWS. Transfer amount of \$9,697 exceeded 10% of contract amount of \$37,231.
 - This project is a subset of five total contracts. The overall amount originally allocated for these five contracts is \$355,838. The \$9,697 is with 10% of the total project cost.
2. 1998-008-00 Regional Forum Facilitator. Transfer of \$10,012 exceeded 10% of contract total of \$85,012.
 - We are continuing to research this issue and will have a complete report by the Quarterly Review Meeting.
3. 1997-035-00 W/S Evaluation & Habitat Response to Recent Storms. Added \$7,930 from the anadromous fish unallocated placeholder to budget that had been authorized in FY98. Amount was within 10% of original budget, but was not an FY2000 allocation
 - This transfer of funds has been put on hold, pending a request for within-year approval through the regional prioritization process.
4. 1983-350-01 Nez Perce Hatchery Project: \$107,000 was transferred from the Anadromous fish unallocated placeholder.
 - These additional funds were required to finish the final design for the NPTH project; the Council needed this cost information completed to be able to have sufficient detail from which to make a final recommendation about proceeding to the construction phase. Upon receiving the contractor's (FishPro) January invoice, it became apparent that we had overlooked identifying these additional funds required for December's design efforts. Since this was an on-going project and FishPro continued to perform project work required of them, we were obliged to pay the bill. There was no available balance from FY 1999 identified in the project allocation to cover December's efforts.

Project Implementation Issues

1. Delays Due to ESA Consultation With NMFS/USFWS

"Strategies for Riparian Recovery: Plant Succession and Salmon", Project Number 2000-050-00 sponsored by Oregon State This project was recommended for funding on March 28, 2000 as a "innovative" research-oriented proposal.

The reason for the potential delay is that the project will involve take of ESA listed fish. Salmon will be live-captured and their stomach contents sampled. NEPA review is needed

and will require permit(s) and consultation(s) with NMFS and potentially USFWS if bull trout are impacted. Although the sponsor has engaged in consultations, we are awaiting the actual permits and documentation of consultation. Given the length of lead-time for permits, the project will not be implemented this spring and funding may be requested for carry forward to FY 2001.

There are numerous watershed projects awaiting final Biological Opinion(s) from NMFS/USFWS. We have asked these agencies to consider developing a programmatic approach to consultations for similar watershed projects to help resolve potential delays in future project implementation.

2. Projects with delayed processing

Tucannon River Spring Chinook Captive Broodstock project (2000-019-00). Contract processing has not been completed on this project. Project sponsor (WDFW) had made some preliminary budget projections and discovered that costs exceed the allocation for FY 2000. The sponsor is refining the budget to stay within the allocation. Final budget resolution is expected within the next two weeks.

3. Additional Funding Requests

- There may be some additional funding requirements for the Parkdale Fish Facility - O&M Project (88-53-7). The security system for the facility is experiencing some problems and should be replaced. A replacement has been estimated at \$18,343.00 and cost of an extended warrantee the second year estimated at \$1,660.00 with 5% increases in succeeding years. This would likely be submitted to the prioritization process with CBFWA and NPPC for a within year increase.
- Hydrosite Database: This issue remains from the July Quarterly Review. The data from the Pacific Northwest Hydrosite Database has been moved from the Council to a BPA-hosted server to preserve the project's data. BPA estimates that costs for recreating the system (including data structure design, front-end tools for data input, reporting modules, and providing access over the Internet) range between \$150,000 and \$200,000. These funds are not budgeted in the direct program budget and the question for regional discussion is the importance of maintaining the system for the fish and wildlife program and Power Plan needs.

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