National Marine Fisheries Service

Bonneville Dam Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force

Program Evaluation Meeting

January 12, 2022

AGENDA

WebEx Event Information

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09:00 Welcome and Introductions – All

09:15 Review Agenda – Robert Anderson, National Marine Fisheries Service,

09:20 Marine Mammal Protection Act Section 120 Program Evaluation – Robert Anderson, NMFS

Purpose of Convening the Task Force:

MMPA 120(c)(5) ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO APPLICATION. —

After implementation of an approved application, the Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force shall evaluate the effectiveness of the permitted intentional lethal taking or alternative actions implemented. If implementation was ineffective in eliminating the problem interaction, the Task Force shall recommend additional actions. If the implementation was effective, the Task Force shall so advise the Secretary, and the Secretary shall disband the Task Force.

09:25 Pinniped Removal Authority – Robert Anderson, NMFS

- Overview of the MMPA section 120 removal program at Bonneville Dam
- Program Evaluation
- Questions from the Task Force

09:45 History of pinniped removal program at Bonneville Dam – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife/Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Pinniped removal operations and removals at Bonneville Dam Michael Brown and Bryan Wright, ODFW, and John Edwards, WDFW
- Benefits Analysis Bryan Wright, ODFW
- Questions from the Task Force

10:15 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pinniped monitoring program at Bonneville Dam – Kyle Tidwell, Corps

• Questions from the Task Force

10:30 Bonneville Dam in-river hazing and monitoring program – Doug Hatch, Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission

• Questions from the Task Force

 $10:45 \ \text{Task Force deliberation/questions} - \text{Task Force}$

11:30 Closing Comments – Robert Anderson, NMFS

12:00 Adjourn