

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON KLAMATH DAM REMOVAL UPDATE

The Habitat Committee received an update on Klamath River dam removal activities from Jim Simondet (National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)) including dam removal, hatchery construction and operation, other restoration activities, and monitoring. Activities are generally progressing on schedule and short-term sedimentation impacts are within the range anticipated by analyses conducted for the NMFS' Biological Opinion. Upcoming activities include complete removal of the dams, an assessment of fish passage conditions throughout the system, additional fish passage and habitat restoration activities, and monitoring. A data gap continues to exist for the assessment of successful returns of adult fish from Iron Gate Dam to Keno Dam and in the upper basin above Klamath Lake. Cooperating partners developed a monitoring proposal that would rely on SONAR and tangle nets for meeting this key information need, but do not currently have funding to conduct the assessment.

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