

May 18, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Paquet
Duane Anderson

FROM: Bob Lohn *DL*

RE: Entry of Protected Areas Technical Corrections Into the Data Base

On May 10, 1989 the Council concluded the protected areas technical corrections rulemaking. It is now appropriate to enter into the data base the changes approved by the Council.

Those changes are as follows:

1. Idaho Corrections

? A. That portion of Deep Creek in Adams County which is outside the federally-designated wilderness area is now designated as being in unprotected status.

✓ B. The Deadwood River, a 15.7 ^{? 38.4 miles} mile long tributary of the South Fork of the Payette River is now designated as protected for resident fish.

2. Montana Corrections

The Montana corrections were adopted as proposed by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. A copy of their memo detailing the corrections is attached.

3. Oregon Corrections

There were no corrections made to Oregon designations. The Council is aware that Walker Creek is incorrectly listed and will be taking action on it in the next round of general amendments.

4. Washington Corrections

A. The Council approved a change for Canyon Creek, a tributary to the Middle Fork of the Nooksack River in the Puget Sound Basin. The lower portion of the reach (up to river mile 1.9) remains in its present status as protected for anadromous fish and resident wildlife. That portion of the reach which is in the actual area occupied by the Canyon Lake Hydro Project (approximately from river mile 1.9 to river mile 3.66) is now designated as unprotected. That portion of the reach above the Canyon Lake Project (approximately from river mile 3.66 to the headwaters) is now designated as protected for resident wildlife. In addition, our data base should be changed

Fixed 3/25/91

Changes Made → need to update MT

Prot-len changed 11/11/89 have 2 values on 1 reach

to reflect the fact that the Washington Department of Wildlife now agrees that the area of the Canyon Lake Project is not bald eagle habitat.

B. The Council approved the proposed change on Wells Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Nooksack River in Whatcom County in the Puget Sound Basin. The entire reach is now designated for protection of resident wildlife. The change approved by the Council will remove from protected status only the area of Wells Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 4628. The project is located in the 4.8 mile reach of Wells Creek between its mouth and Bar Creek. The remainder of the reach will remain protected for resident wildlife.

In addition to these changes approved by formal rulemaking, the Council previously gave the staff authority to make changes in the location of natural barriers to anadromous fish, when state agencies concur in such changes. Accordingly, there were previously changes in the anadromous barrier location for Glacier Creek (a Puget Sound tributary) and for Diobsud, a tributary of the Skagit River in Puget Sound. I assume you have already entered these changes in the data base. If not, please contact me and I will furnish you the information we have about the exact location of the proposed changes.

In addition, there may be some confusion in our data base about the location of the anadromous barrier on the Canyon Creek mentioned above in the technical corrections approved by the Council. If we do not now show it as such, we should change the location of the anadromous barrier to river mile 1.9.

After you make these changes, I would appreciate it if one or the other of you would send a letter to Tom Pansky, with a cc to John Palensky, informing Bonneville of exactly which changes have been approved by the Council so they can make the appropriate corrections in their intertie access policy data base. I assume you folks will be better able to describe these changes so they are technically correct as Pansky enters them into his list.

The effective date for all of the changes completed by rulemaking is May 10, 1989. The effective date for the changes in anadromous barriers is March 9, 1989.

This concludes the present round of technical changes. If there are any further proposals for staff changes, such as changes in the location of an anadromous barrier, please let me know before they are made. We need to keep an adequate record of any changes which we do make.

As it now appears, I think the Council will be taking up the first general call for amendments to protected areas in about October of this year. We will revisit the status of Walker Creek and Deep Creek at that time. In addition, we now have pending two other proposed corrections which were not included in the last round. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to change the status of the first reach of the White River (mouth to Tygh Creek, 4.3 miles) as protected. The first 1.9 miles are listed as protected for anadromous fish. The Department wants to list the remaining 2.4 miles as protected for resident fish.

The Washington Department of Wildlife wants to show Jordan Creek as protected for anadromous fish (steelhead) above river mile 0.5. This proposed correction would block the Jordan Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 9787, which is located at about river mile 0.6.

If you become aware of any other changes which are begin proposed, please drop me a note and I will stick them in my files so that we can be sure to cover them during the next round of amendments.

Thanks to both of you for your excellent support and advice through all of these protected areas rulemakings. I am impressed with the quality of the data base and with our ability to retrieve information from it on request.

Attachment

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