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Subject: ISAB Review of Flow Augmentation

Mark Walker & Others:

I just finished a cursory review of the ISAB's review of flow augmentation. While many concerns were addressed in the report, one area that I did not see addressed was the benefit of flow augmentation from Dworshak Reservoir in terms of benefits to fish being directly handled (diverted, loaded in raceways, crowded, transported) from the COE collection/transportation facilities on the Snake River. While I realize that the report was prepared from a normative river standpoint, the fact remains that at the present time transportation is being used as a means of moving juvenile salmonids past the hydropower system and the fish (including subyearling chinook) are being handled during the summer months when water temperatures have the potential of becoming quite high. I believe that mitigating with cooler water from Dworshak is highly beneficial and probably worth the expense from that standpoint alone. This is especially true during drought years such as 2001 and the one that we may now be facing.

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