

Fish and Wildlife Capital Project Clarification

Objectives:

- Actions to date
- Review of capital policy
- Capital policy clarification
- Projects proposed for FY07-09

BPA's Capital/Expense Related Actions

- The Council asked BPA to evaluate actions proposed for FY07-09.
- BPA identified a need to provide more detail to the definition and process for tributary passage actions.

Review of BPA's Capital Policy

- This clarification does not change BPA's capital policy.
- An action may be capitalized if all of the following criteria are met:
 - BPA share of project costs must exceed \$1 million.
 - Estimated useful life of 15 years or greater.
 - Provides a measurable future benefit for FCRPS.

Clarification of BPA's Capital Policy

The five types of capital projects are as follows:

- 1) Tributary passage
- 2) Gas abatement
- 3) Hatchery facility construction
- 4) Mainstem passage
- 5) Land acquisition

Clarification of BPA's Capital Policy: Tributary Passage

Tributary passage:

- Activities that enhance fish passage to tributary rivers within a sub-basin designated by the Council.
- One sponsor to lead the project.
- Project duration limited to 3 fiscal years.
- Functional Interdependent examples:
 - Ladders, screens, diversion consolidation, etc.

BPAs Capital Policy Clarification FY07-09 Proposals

- There will be some changes to BPA's preliminary assessment.
- Examples of changes from expense to capital:
 - John Day Screens
 - Idaho Fish Screening Improvements
 - John Day Habitat Restoration

BPA's Capital Policy Clarification Proposal Evaluation

- Capital and expense proposals will be evaluated similarly for biological merit and Program priority.