MEMORANDUM

TO: Dave Wills, USFWS

FROM: Michele DeHart

DATE: February 28, 2006

RE: Changes to the FPC work statement

In response to your request of February 27, 2006, we compiled the following summary of major changes from the Fish Passage Center 2006 Work Statement in PISCES and the Columbia Basin Smolt Monitoring Program (a project that will replace some of FPC functions as of March 1, 2006) work statement in PISCES. We developed this list from review of the PISCES system.

The work elements that are completely eliminated are:
2. Analyze/Interpret Data – FPC analyses of fish passage and other data
3. Coordination – Fish Passage Advisory Committee
4. Develop RM&E Methods and Designs – Design Development for CSS and SMP
5. Produce Plan – Work Plans for CSS and SMP
6. Outreach and education

In general, all references to CSS (even the ESA permitting requirements) and FPAC were eliminated from any work elements, descriptions or milestones. All references to technical service to the agencies and tribes were deleted. Any reference to ‘data’ or ‘reporting’ was qualified with “routine”.

Some specific milestones that were deleted include:
1. Technical support for SOR development (Provide real time and historical data and analysis to the agencies and tribes to provide technical support in their development of System Operations Requests (SOR).
2. Coordinate with regional RME Program
3. Provide technical assistance as requested (Provide technical assistance, analysis, and data as requested for ESA processes, NPPC Fish and Wildlife
Program issues and processes, the state water quality agencies relative to mainstem fish passage…).
4. Plan and implement the CSS – we can do nothing with regard to CSS.
5. Provide Data Analysis to agencies and tribes (Provide data analysis and analysis of alternative operations when requested by the agencies and tribes. At FPAC’s request conduct analyses related to fish passage and possible river operations.).
6. Data Requests to analyze and interpret fish passage and other data – (Respond to data requests from state and federal agencies, tribes private and public utilities, interests groups, and the public-at-large.).
7. River operations and fish migration data (Provide weekly summaries of river operations and fish migration data. Provide data analysis and analysis of alternative operations when requested by the agencies and tribes.).
8. Bull trout data (Maintain Bull trout data repository as per USFWS request and other agencies and tribes.).
9. Lamprey data (Maintain lamprey data repository as per USFWS and other agencies and tribes.).
10. Ives Island water data (Maintain hourly upload as per USFWS request of Ives Island water data.
11. Walla Walla water data (Maintain hourly upload as per USFWS request of Walla Walla water data.).

Many milestones that transferred to the new project are diluted and modified, for example any reference to the agencies and tribes is changed to “system users” or “program stakeholders”. In the old FPC work statement the NPCC mainstem amendment FPC tasks were specifically identified as they were in the RFP for the transfer of FPC work, however, they were removed from the PISCES system for the new project.