

**OFFICIAL COORDINATION REQUEST FOR  
NON-ROUTINE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**COORDINATION TITLE- 23WVP01 FY23 FW budget shortfall**

**COORDINATION DATE- 31 January 2023**

**PROJECT- Willamette Basin**

**RESPONSE DATE- 14 February 2023**

**Description of the problem** - Portland District's Fish and Wildlife Off-site budget Willamette fish production is short by about \$620K for FY23. We propose reducing fish production listed in the Willamette Hatcheries Production Contract (Contract No.: W9127N-21-C0036) to help close the funding gap. Currently, there is funding for all contract line-item numbers (CLIN) except CLIN 2012 and CLIN 2013. CLIN 2012 and CLIN 2013 are for the production and release of 172,000 spring Chinook smolts and 155,300 juvenile summer steelhead respectively, in the Middle Fork Willamette River. If additional funding does become available, it is proposed that spring Chinook salmon are prioritized over summer steelhead. These CLINs, as well as all other CLINs must be awarded by February 28, 2023.

**Table 1. Contract CLIN structure for Willamette Hatcheries spring Chinook, summer Steelhead, and Trout fish production quantities.**

CLIN	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Will. CHk	630K N.S.	74K N.S.	Minto FF	350K S.S.	289K S.S.	FOS FF	360K McK	245K McK	867K W.H.	500K W.H.	500K W.H.	172K W.H		LEA Fish Col.
Will. STHD													155K	

**Type of outage/change required** – If funding does not become available, not all CLINs for the performance period from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024 will be funded. The Middle Fork production will be 172K spring Chinook and 155K summer steelhead less than in previous years.

**Impact on facility operation** – Contractors will be requested to produce, and release, fewer spring Chinook salmon and no summer steelhead funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the performance period from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.

**Duration of impacts** – This will impact the performance period from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024 (12 months) and could impact future performance periods.

**Expected impacts on fish** – There will be less spring Chinook salmon produced and released for the performance period from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024. There could be less adult spring Chinook salmon returning to the Dexter Fish Facility to provide fish for broodstock and outplanting above barriers in the Middle Fork Willamette River.

**Comments from agencies**

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**Subject:** [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] RE: WFPOM: 23WVP01 FY23 FW budget shortfall

Hi Chris,

As a quick follow up on this, ODFW is going to need a fair bit more information to be able to provide useful feedback. A few questions and thoughts:

- Will this affect Spring Chinook releases in 2023?
  - These fish are planned to be released in April 2023 and have been funded to-date. ODFW will need additional funding to rear until release, or USACE will need to identify the disposition of fish prior to March 1.
  - Fry have already been ponded for smolt releases in 2024. These are live animals that will need to be cared for until release or euthanized. USACE will need to identify the disposition of fish prior to March 1.
- Will this affect Summer Steelhead releases in 2023?
  - These fish are planned to be released in April 2023 and have been funded to-date. ODFW will need additional funding to rear until release, or USACE will need to identify the disposition of fish prior to March 1.
  - Fry have already been ponded for smolt releases in 2024. These are live animals that will need to be cared for until release or euthanized. USACE will need to identify the disposition of fish prior to March 1.
- What is the budget picture of the budget situation and what are other potential trade-offs to create savings?
- What are the Corp's plans to provide outreach on this?

Thanks

Ryan

#### **Final results**

Funding was not provided to award CLIN 2013 for summer steelhead, Contract No. W9127N21C0036.

Please email or call with questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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