

OFFICIAL COORDINATION REQUEST FOR NON-ROUTINE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

COORDINATION TITLE - 24DEX03 Dexter Reservoir Boat Ramp Repair

COORDINATION DATE - 23 July 2024

PROJECT - Dexter Dam (reservoir)

RESPONSE DATE - 07 August 2024

Description of the problem

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes the repair and maintenance of the primitive boat launch at South Side Fishing Area below Dexter Dam to provide boating access to the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. South Side Fishing Area historically had a useable gravel boat launch. For at least 10 years, the boat launch has not been accessible due to its deteriorating condition resulting from a lack of maintenance.

Returning the South Side Fishing Area ramp to service will help offset a reduction in river access caused by the closure of the Middle Fork Boat Launch due to the reconstruction of the Dexter Adult Fish Facility on the North Shore.

The boat launch improvement will require the following: one living tree will be removed; the area will be graded to form a ramp with an even grade to the water; fill rock will be brought in after the ramp has been graded; and boulders or premade eco-blocks will be placed upstream to divert high flows away from the ramp for protection.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking concurrence from 'The Services' and comments from other regional entities for this project.

Location

The proposed action is below Dexter Dam, Lane County, Oregon

Latitude: 43°55'24.80"N Longitude: 122°48'28.94"W

Dates of impacts/repairs

September 2024 (approximately two weeks)

Expected impacts on fish

Impacts to fish during the project will be minimized. See attachments, (1) Statement of Findings, Record of Environmental Consideration for Dexter Reservoir South Side Primitive Boat Launch, (2) Portland District's Regional Conditions for the 2021 Nationwide Permits.

Comments from agencies

NMFS Comments

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Thank you, Chris. Jeff's first set of comments seem to have gotten lost in this thread or I cannot find them in my email, but NMFS was able to review the additional details provided regarding this Dexter south shore boat repair work, which were greatly appreciated.

NMFS approves of the proposed plan and work elements as the in-water work is very limited. NMFS has few comments other than that we are supportive of ODFW comments, and hope that the Corps can aim to schedule future projects, even where in-water work is this limited, during the in-water work windows or at times of year when the flow targets can still be achieved (more on that in regard to the Lebanon Dam PIT repair MOC). Lastly, will the tree be felled in the direction of the road and not the river? It seems like that would make removal easier on all accounts.

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Thanks Chris:

After going through the plan, I do have some concerns about how long the ramp will be usable. It is very unusual to construct a ramp in the ordinary high water area using gravel

instead of concrete planks, mainly due to the velocity of the water washing the ramp material away. We have several of these gravel ramps on the McKenzie that have been replaced with concrete slabs over the years because they ended up being a maintenance nightmare. I'm sure planks are more complicated; however, they would certainly be more usable long term.



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The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is very supportive of the proposal to provide access to the south side of the Middle Fork Willamette River below Dexter Dam. If there is a drawing of the proposed ramp and specifications of construction techniques and materials, ODFW would appreciate a copy prior to implementation. Note that in-water work in this area of the Middle Fork Willamette is "by specific arrangement" with ODFW and that we normally do not provide for in-water work after August 31 to protect Chinook salmon spawning. Please have the contractor contact our ODFW office in Springfield for potential in-water work extensions (541-686-7861 or 7862).

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Chris,

The comments I saw were:

1. tree felling to be towards the road and not towards the water
2. the longevity of a gravel ramp- should we consider concrete instead?

Responses:

1. The tree will be felled away from the water if feasible and safe.
2. This project was designed to be a temporary, inexpensive fix to provide river access for boats while the Middle Fork Boat Ramp on the north side of the river is closed for the Dexter Fish Facility Upgrade. We don't have the budget to install and maintain a more permanent ramp on the south side of the river for the long term. However we may consider concrete for future projects.

Construction was completed last week.

Final results

Construction was completed the week of September 17, 2024. See before and after pictures below.

Before:



After:

