

## Emails Regarding Status of the Smolt Monitoring Program Contract

**From:** Dave Statler [mailto:daves@nezperce.org]  
**Sent:** Tue 3/6/2007 11:57 AM  
**To:** Brian Lipscomb  
**Subject:** FW: Status of Smolt Monitoring Contract

Could this be placed on the next MAG meeting for discussion and potential action item?

Dave Statler

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**From:** Michele DeHart <mdehart@FPC.ORG>  
**Subject:** FW: Status of Smolt Monitoring Contract  
**Date:** Tue, 6 Mar 2007 11:18:48 -0800

MAG representatives:

The attached string of emails describes a predicament for the Smolt Monitoring Program. The Smolt Monitoring Program has been a high priority core mainstem project, and it is a measure in the biological opinion. The SMP is now on a two month contract extension but the contract has not been finalized because:

1. The SMP budget fits within the amount recommended for 2007 by the Northwest Power Conservation Council.
2. BPA has flat funded the SMP four over four years.
3. For 2007 BPA has allotted \$112,000 less than the NPCC recommendation for 2007 for the SMP.
4. When we received the BPA decision we looked for opportunities that would allow us to implement the SMP within the BPA allotment for 2007. We deferred the test of video monitoring because the COE advised that they did not have time to make facility modifications. We applied PIT Tags that were left over from 2006 to 2007, thus reducing the PIT tag costs for 2007. This left us with an approximate shortfall of \$12,000 for the SMP in 2007.

I need guidance from you and I need it more quickly than previously thought, since PSMFC as indicated below will not send letters of intent to SMP contractors for implementation and billing.

Keep in mind that the actual cut in the SMP is \$112,000. This equates to eliminating an SMP project such as John Day, Bonneville, Little Goose or Lower Monumental. This is a management decision.

The \$12,000 short fall in 2007 could mean, eliminating sampling days at the projects. BPAs decision to continue flat funding the SMP has serious long term implications for the SMP.

The SMP is one of few joint projects of CBFWA members; I need your guidance as to what to do to get the contract finalized.

1. Should I submit a new budget to BPA including \$12,000 in budget reductions developed by the FPC staff with SMP project managers?
2. Should I submit that budget with a memorandum stating that we will request an in-year budget modification (however there is little chance that that will be granted)
3. Should I reduce sampling days at specific projects, such as John Day, Bonneville, Little Goose and Lower Monumental?

The delay in the process among BPA and the NPCC this year has caused an untenable situation for the SMP which started at Bonneville on March 1.

Michele

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**From:** Dona Watson [ <mailto:dwatson@fpc.org> ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 06, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'McCloud,Jonathan M - KEWL-4'; 'Pam Kahut'  
**Cc:** 'Van Leuven,Kristi J - NSP-4'; 'Michele DeHart'  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Smolt Contract

Jonathan,

This item is on the agenda for the MAG teleconference meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Michele is trying to see if she can call an emergency meeting or something to get an answer sooner. FPC does not make the decisions to cut what was already approved by the agencies and tribes – it has to go back to them. Please let me know the date you need this decision and if there is any way the project can be billed during these two months while waiting for decisions to be made and paperwork processed?

Thanks! Dona

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**From:** McCloud,Jonathan M - KEWL-4 [ <mailto:jmmcccloud@bpa.gov> ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 06, 2007 10:06 AM  
**To:** Pam Kahut; Watson, Dona  
**Cc:** Van Leuven,Kristi J - NSP-4; Michele DeHart  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Smolt Contract

Pam,

After BPA's decision letter was released I requested a 2-month pre-award from Kristi so that Dona and I could rework the SOW and budget to fit the final funding decision. Dona had submitted a budget and SOW using the Council's recommended budget (\$2,351,730 - includes PSMFC, USFWS contracts and all associated PIT tags). This was no fault of Dona, as the Council's budget recommendation was the only budget available for her to plan with and use when she submitted the SMP draft SOW and budget.

Once BPA's decision was released I asked Dona how she'd like to move forward on the SOW and budget using BPA's final funding decision (\$2,239,743). I'm going to assume Dona forwarded my request to Michele Dehart due to the next communication I received was from Michele in which she stated she would need to get guidance from fishery managers and discuss the shortfall in the budget and how to move forward.

From my end, this is where we are at on the SMP contract unless I've been left out of the loop somewhere. If this is the case please let me know.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks Pam.  
Jonathan

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pam Kahut [ [mailto:Pam\\_Kahut@psmfc.org](mailto:Pam_Kahut@psmfc.org) ]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2007 4:56 PM  
**To:** Watson, Dona  
**Cc:** McCloud,Jonathan M - KEWL-4  
**Subject:** Status of Smolt Contract  
Dona:

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Last week I asked Kristi Van Leuven (BPA Contracting Officer) what the status of the Smolt Monitoring Contract was, and she was still waiting for final paperwork. Is everything submitted to BPA? We have a letter of authorization to continue work, but no \$\$ amount in what final contract will be and we cannot invoice until the contract is in place.

Difficult for me to give the subcontractors letters of intent to enter into an agreement without this information. Also, are we getting the full 12 months of funding or partial funding? Many of the projects have only been funded in 2 month increments, which is a lot of work for everyone.

Appreciate any input you have on the situation.

Thanks,  
Pam

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