

Idaho Power was planning to provide a period of low flows this year sometime between May 15 and May 25 on the Snake River below Hells Canyon. The planned flows of 6,500 cfs were to provide an opportunity for jet boaters and outfitters to train boat drivers.

The company received comments on the proposed low flows from several sources including the Nez Perce Tribe. The Nez Perce Tribe is currently using a facility located at Pittsburg Landing to acclimate fall Chinook subyearlings prior to releasing them into the Snake River. The Nez Perce Tribe informed Idaho Power that their operation could be compromised by the planned low flows. Therefore, the company has determined to cancel this year's planned period of low flow.

Idaho Power appreciates the comments we received from all river users on the proposed training flows. The company will continue to work with all interested groups to schedule these training flows and will try to provide more notice for next year's training flows.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at (208) 388-5292 or by email at dblew@idahopower.com

Sincerely,

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