

Independent Scientific Advisory Board

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ISAB Report Presentation: Review of NOAA's 2010 Low Flow Transport Operations Proposal

Dr. Richard Alldredge, ISAB review lead, will present findings from the ISAB's upcoming report: Review of NOAA's 2010 Low Flow Transport Operations Proposal.

The report will be released shortly before the April 14 meeting and posted at: www.nwcouncil.org/fw/isab.

On February 25, 2010 Barry Thorn, NOAA Acting Regional Administrator, asked for ISAB assistance with a question related to a low flow transportation proposal for the spring 2010 juvenile outmigration. The request notes that the latest river forecasts predict a very low flow year for 2010 and that "new information in a 2010 Northwest Fisheries Science Center Report demonstrates there is significant benefit to maximizing the transport of Snake River juvenile steelhead and spring/summer Chinook under low flow conditions in the month of May." The NOAA request asked for a review by early April 2010 to allow the ISAB findings to be considered in final operational decisions for this spring.

Review materials and presentations provided for the ISAB's consideration are posted on the ISAB's webpage: www.nwcouncil.org/library/isab/2010-2.

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