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Answers to Questions/comments from 12/2/2008 public meeting:

- Q: Change site for Tilton River releases? A: Tacoma Power investigated a number of other release sites in 2008. None are suitable or available for adult fish releases. Recommendation: Continue with Gust Backstrom Park and Ike Kinswa Park boat launch releases.
- Q: Settlement Agreement still available for signing? A: No. The agreement can be amended, but no additional signers could be added this late in the agreement term.
- Q: Post AHA model runs for public review and comment? A: No, not the specific model runs rather a synopsis and/or a narrative summary with a table would be more informative and useful. I see this task as being the FTC's role in public outreach.
- Q: Cowlitz Fish Report add broodstock & HOR and NOR releases? A: Tacoma Power has developed the Cowlitz Fish Report as a tool for fishermen looking for additional information for catching the hatchery fish available for harvest in the Cowlitz River. Reporting the broodstock, NOR and HOR fish collected would not enhance their fishing experience or opportunities. That kind of information is reported annually in the Upstream Fish Passage annual report submitted to FERC and publically available each summer.
- Q: Open streams in Tacoma Wildlife area, Davis Lake? A: Tacoma Power investigated the issues with drainage ditches in the Morton Drainage District and found that the WDFW contract crew does clear ditches on Tacoma's property, but the extensive drainage ditches in these wildlife lands, and on surrounding lands, are unstable, full of canary reed grass and almost impossible to keep clear on an annual basis.