SKAGIT RIVER GI
FEASIBILITY LEVEL

1. LOCATION
   a. Principle cities and towns are Mount Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley, Conway, Clearlake and LaConner. County Population is 100,000.
   b. 5 Rivers, Baker, Skagit, Cascade, Suiattle and Sauk. The system is part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers upstream of Sedro Woolley.
   c. There are 5 dams total, 2 on the Baker River, Upper and Lower Baker Dams and 3 on the Skagit, Gorge, Diablo and Ross. There is flood storage on both of the upper most dams. 74k acre-feet at Baker and 120k acre-feet at Ross. 40% of the flows are regulated and 60% are unregulated. (Cascade, Suiattle and Sauk Rivers)
   d. The basin extends into Canada 30 miles.
   e. It drains 3,200 square miles.
   f. Flood inundation is 100 square miles below Sedro Woolley during a 100-year event.

2. STATUS
   a. Completed Stage 1. Alternatives to 10%.
   b. Completed Alternative Analysis.
   c. Starting Stage 2 with 2 alternatives.

3. FUTURE MILESTONES
   a. Site visit with Chief Planning HQ and Division 29 August.
   b. Complete PMP for Stage 2 in September.

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c. Division IPR is scheduled in September.
d. Executive Committee Meeting 11 October.
e. Our target is WRDA 2004 Authorization.

4. UPPER BAKER FLOOD STORAGE (brief Mike White this Friday)

a. HIGHLIGHTS
   i. 25-year FERC License will be renewed 2006.
   ii. 20-year compensation agreement with Dam owner expired last year. Tri-party agreement with PSE, BPA and the Corps.
   iii. BPA offered to continue participation in the compensation if the Corps studied alternative funding.

b. FERC RELICENSING
   i. Seattle staff is actively supporting the continuation of flood storage. The interim agreement is thru October 2003. This activity includes negotiation and a Biological Assessment.
   ii. Seattle staff is actively supporting the inclusion of flood storage in the new FERC license.
   iii. Expenses for these 2 activities amount to an estimated $300,000 over the next 5 years.

c. ISSUES
   i. We have a limited amount of O&M funds to support this process.

d. FUTURE MILESTONES
   i. Renegotiate the contract and prepare a Biological assessment again in 2003.
   ii. Take an active role in the license process.

e. RISK
   i. BPA could pull out of the flood storage compensation. The Corps does not have funds.
   ii. FERC License could exclude flood storage.

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