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Dear Chelan River Fishery Forum: Conditions continue to improve in the Chelan River. Spill was reduced from 6,000 cfs to 5,000 cfs Saturday, May 14 in the afternoon. PUD Operations staff requested spill to be reduced to 4,000 cfs this morning at 9:04 am. Spill reductions are the result of the following:

1. Inflows to Lake Chelan continue to drop off from last Tuesday's projections;
2. The 10 day temperature forecast has cooled even further, to the mid 60's for the second half of this week before returning to the 70's early next week;
3. Some forecasted precipitation may affect inflows; and
4. The current Lake Chelan elevation of 1096.8 has remained basically unchanged since last Friday.

We are waiting for tomorrow morning's inflow estimates. Operations for the rest of this week will be set based on these estimates. The Habitat Channel appears to be holding together very well, but we will not really be able to assess the effects of the high spill until flows are returned to the 80 cfs minimum instream flow level in July.

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