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Dear Chelan River Fishery Forum: Spill continues to be reduced in the Chelan River as temperature and inflow forecasts continue to decline. Spill was reduced from 4,000 cfs to 3,000 cfs on Tuesday, May 17; to 2,000 cfs on Wednesday, May 18; and reducing to 1,000 cfs beginning this morning Thursday, May 19. The current lake elevation is 1097.1. The plan is to increase lake elevation to 1098.0 by Memorial Day weekend (May 28-30). That elevation provides 2 feet of operating room to capture increases in inflows if we experience a sudden heat wave. Structures (log structures, boulder clusters, riparian vegetation) in the Habitat Channel look very good as of 12:30 pm (I just looked at the channel via our security cameras) at an approximately 1,490 cfs spill level. Remaining snowpack is estimated to be between 41% and 45%. Hopefully, the remaining snowpack will continue to come off slowly and evenly. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

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