

Lake Chelan Hydro Project

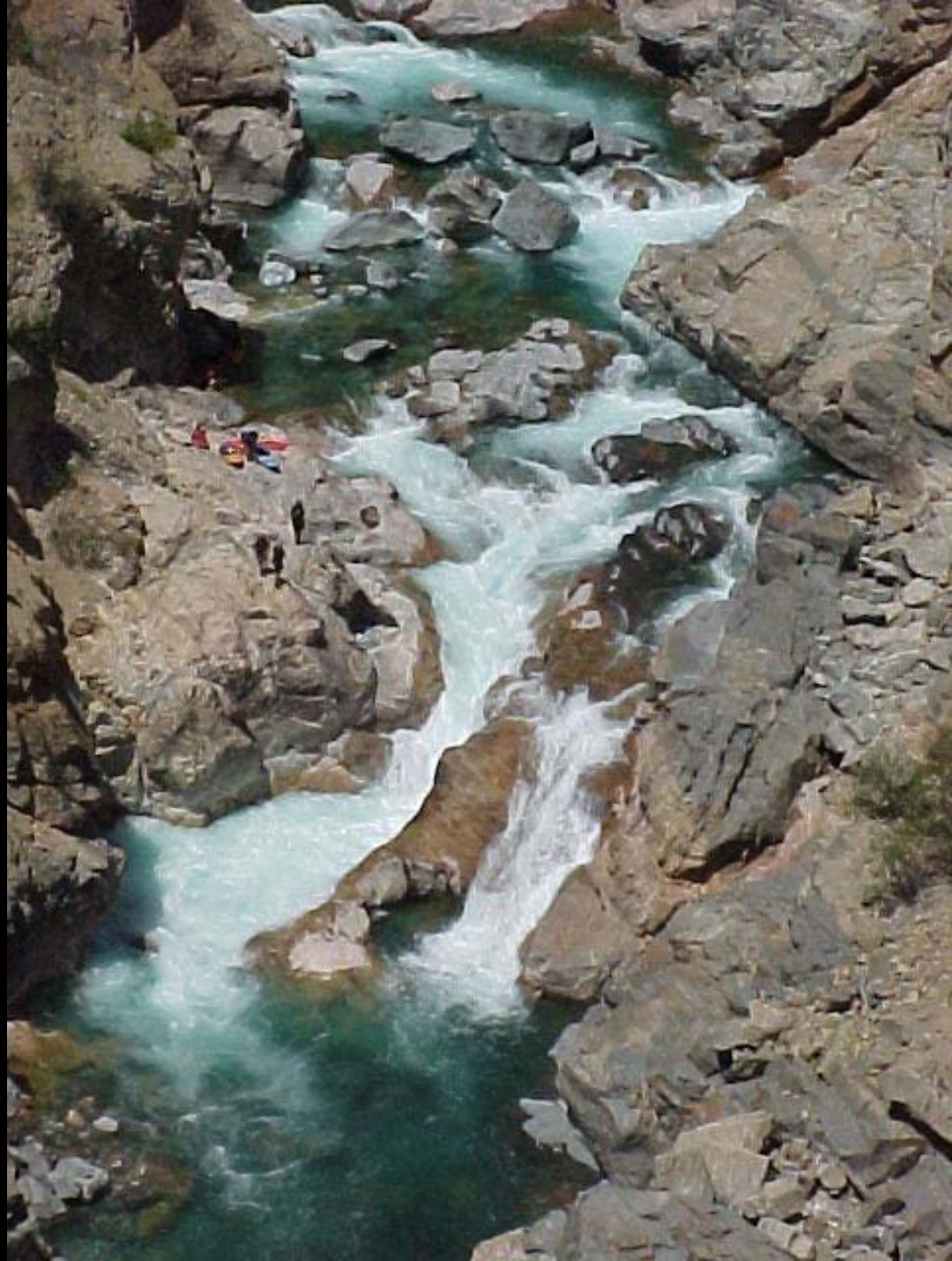
# Whitewater Boating

Chelan County Public Utility District

Lake Chelan License Implementation

May 26, 2009

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# Settlement Agreement

- “ Within one year of the effective date of the New License, Chelan PUD shall file with FERC for approval, plans for a three-year whitewater boating monitoring study in the Chelan River....The whitewater boating monitoring plan shall be developed by Chelan PUD, in consultation with the American Whitewater Affiliation.”
- “ Chelan PUD shall develop a reservation system for the whitewater boating monitoring study, whereby the scheduled water releases are made only if six or more kayakers make a reservation by 5:00 P.M. on the Thursday prior to the scheduled release date.”
- “ Chelan PUD, American Whitewater Affiliation, and other interested parties intend to work collaboratively to seek an amendment to the Washington State Recreational Use Statute (RCW 4.24.210) that expressly extends the immunity protections of such statute to recreational whitewater releases.”



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# ORDER ON REHEARING

Issued April 19, 2007

“ It has long been the Commission’s policy that “licensees whose projects comprise land and water resources with outdoor recreational potential have a responsibility for the development of those resources in accordance with area needs, to the extent that such development is not inconsistent with the primary purpose of the project. When there are safety and liability concerns, it is appropriate to move with caution in order to determine whether whitewater boating releases should be included as part of the license.”

“ [We] agree with the [FERC] Director’s findings in the license order that, given the value of this whitewater resource, the three-year monitoring study is warranted and should not be delayed indefinitely while the licensee seeks to resolve its liability concerns.”

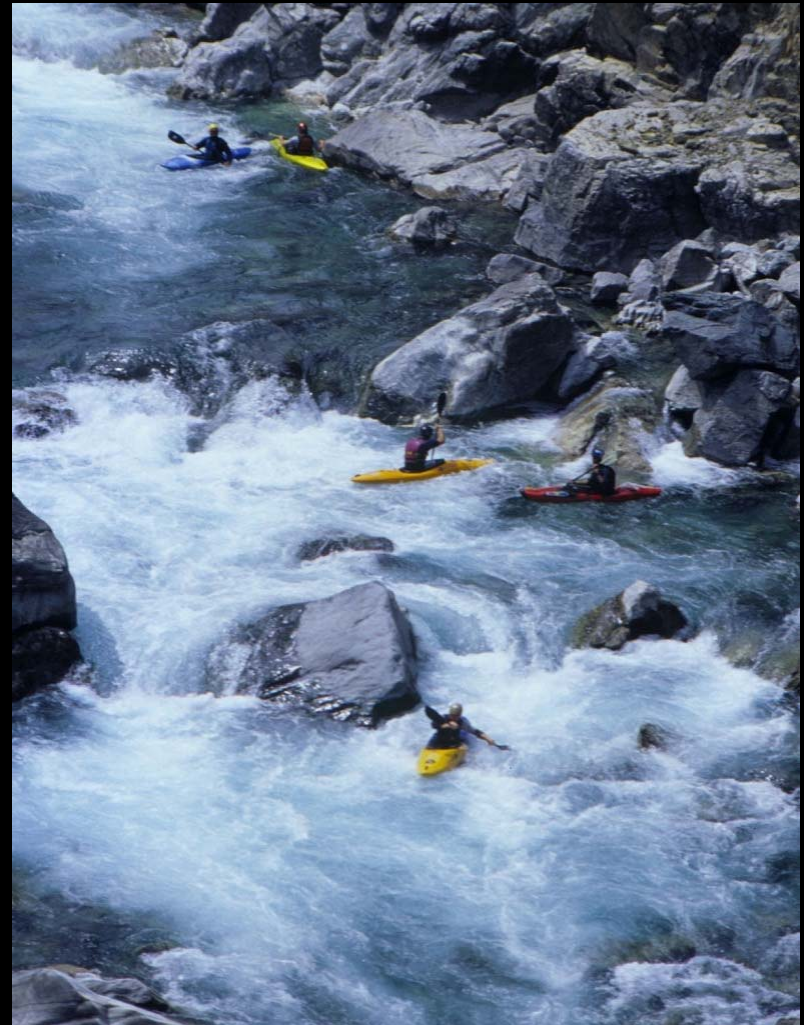
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# Order Granting Extension of Time

Issued September 2, 2008

“ On June 2, 2008, Chelan filed a request for extensions of time to begin spills for the required whitewater boating study at the Lake Chelan Project.”

“ The deadline for starting the whitewater boating study is extended to July 2009.”



# Washington State Recreational Use Statute

In 2009, Chelan PUD requested legislative change to the Recreational Use Statute (RCW 4.24.210) so that the public utility will not be liable for injuries that may be sustained by kayakers who choose to take on dangers associated with whitewater boating in the Chelan River.

This effort was not successful in 2009, but we'll continue to pursue the change in 2010.



# Safety and Liability Management

Signs (entry points and on river)

## Boater Requirements

- Prior registration
- Liability waiver
- Pre-kayaking scouting
- Review 2000 on-water assessment
- Managed check -in, check-out

Boating oversight by American Whitewater

Collaboration with County and local law enforcement

**DANGER**

No Trespassing In River Channel, Keep Out!  
Sudden River Level/Flow Changes  
Dangerous Conditions,  
Currents/Flooding & Footing  
Cell Phone Service Limited

**PELIGRO**

No Se meta En Las Corrientes Del Río  
- ¡Es Entrada Ilegal!  
Cambios Repentinios Pueden Ocurred En El  
Flujo O Nivel Del Río  
Pueden Existir Corrientes O Inundaciones  
Riesgosas Y Áreas De Pisar Resbalosas  
Servicio De Teléfono Celular Limitado

# Whitewater Boating 2009 Schedule



July 11, 12, 25, 26

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday flow: 300 to 375 cfs

Sunday flow: 400 to 450 cfs

Online Registration by 5:00 p.m. Thursday  
prior to release

<http://www.chelanpud.org/whitewater-boating.html>