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Reply to: OOO

Ms. Karin Baldwin
Washington Department of Ecology
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Dear Ms. Baldwin

The following are EPA's comments on the draft Pend Oreille River Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load, they are all editorial comments. EPA would like to acknowledge the great effort that went into developing this Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). It is clearly and concisely written with excellent tables and figures. Below are specific comments on the report.

Comments:

p. 21, Figure 5

There is a discrepancy between the legend and the line in the graph for 50th percentile flow.

p. 36, Figure 8

It would be helpful to have more explanation of the values in this figure. Do they represent modeled data points or actual data collected in the field?

p. 61, Hydroelectric Facilities, paragraph 1, sentence 3

The word "affect" should be changed to "effect".

p.81 Margin of Safety

A margin of safety is described for the Pend Oreille River TMDLs but not for the tributary TMDLs. These TMDLs margin of safety should also be described here.

CONCLUSION

We commend you for the efforts you have made to date and look forward to the submittal of the final TMDLs in the near future. If you have any questions regarding comments on the draft TMDL and Implementation Plan, please contact me at (503) 326-3280, or Don Martin at (208) 665-0548.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Rueda", written in a cursive style.

Helen Rueda
TMDL Project Manager

cc:

Laurie Mann, EPA
Don Martin, EPA