

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Summary of Klamath Project August 2012 Operations

The elevation of Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) decreased from 4,140.02 feet on July 31st to 4138.73 feet on August 31st. The August 31, 2012 UKL elevation is 1.2 feet lower than the elevation at the end of August 2011 (4139.92). Total net inflows to UKL for August were 16.9 Thousand Acre Feet (TAF), which is 48.4% of the Natural Resource Conservation Service average of 35 TAF for the month.

Releases from Link River Dam averaged 974 cfs during the month. The average Iron Gate flow for August was 1,020 cfs, except for August 31 when it was increased as part of a pulse flow release for the Yurok boat dance ceremony downstream on the Klamath River. Consistent with the Variable Base Flow Procedure (VBF), no specific VBF releases were made downstream of Iron Gate Dam during August since the UKL elevation did not exceed the threshold of 4141.0 feet during the month.

Reclamation is dedicated to managing, developing, and protecting water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Reclamation, and Klamath Project stakeholders are working together to manage available water to provide benefits to basin irrigators while protecting Endangered Species Act-listed fish.