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









TO: Flood Authority Members
FROM: Scott Boettcher, Staff
SUBJECT: Skookumchuck







Following is for tomorrow's Flood Authority meeting. Questions: scottb@sbgh-partners.com; 360/480-6600.

A. [New Skookumchuck Gage \(here\)](#)

New Skookumchuck Reservoir Gage

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Fri 4/26/2024 8:13 AM

All – New Skookumchuck Reservoir gage is up and running! Big thanks to WEST and TransAlta (Jeff, Cody, and their respective teams). See https://chehalis.onerain.com/site/?site_id=24639&site=bb7895f9-cdob-42f6-90a5-a8b30e96660a6. NWS now has the new gage data and will be working to finish their internal work so they can provide more accurate Skookumchuck River forecasts. This new gage, the data it provides, and the new river forecasts will be very helpful for Bucoda and Centralia. We're all set for 2024/25 flood season. Thanks for all your interest and support.
Scott

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2. Bucoda and Centralia will benefit as the National Weather Service now has the more accurate and reliable data it needs for improved river flood forecasting this coming flood season.
3. **NOTE:** Attachments A and B show reliability of old gage reporting system versus the new system.

B. [Skookumchuck Legislative Tour](#)

1. Planning is underway for a September legislative tour of Skookumchuck drainage spanning TransAlta reservoir to Centralia.
2. See Attachment C for OCB DRAFT Legislative Tour Agenda/Itinerary.
3. Question -- Should Flood Authority members be included in tour objectives (note yellow highlighted addition to Attachment C).

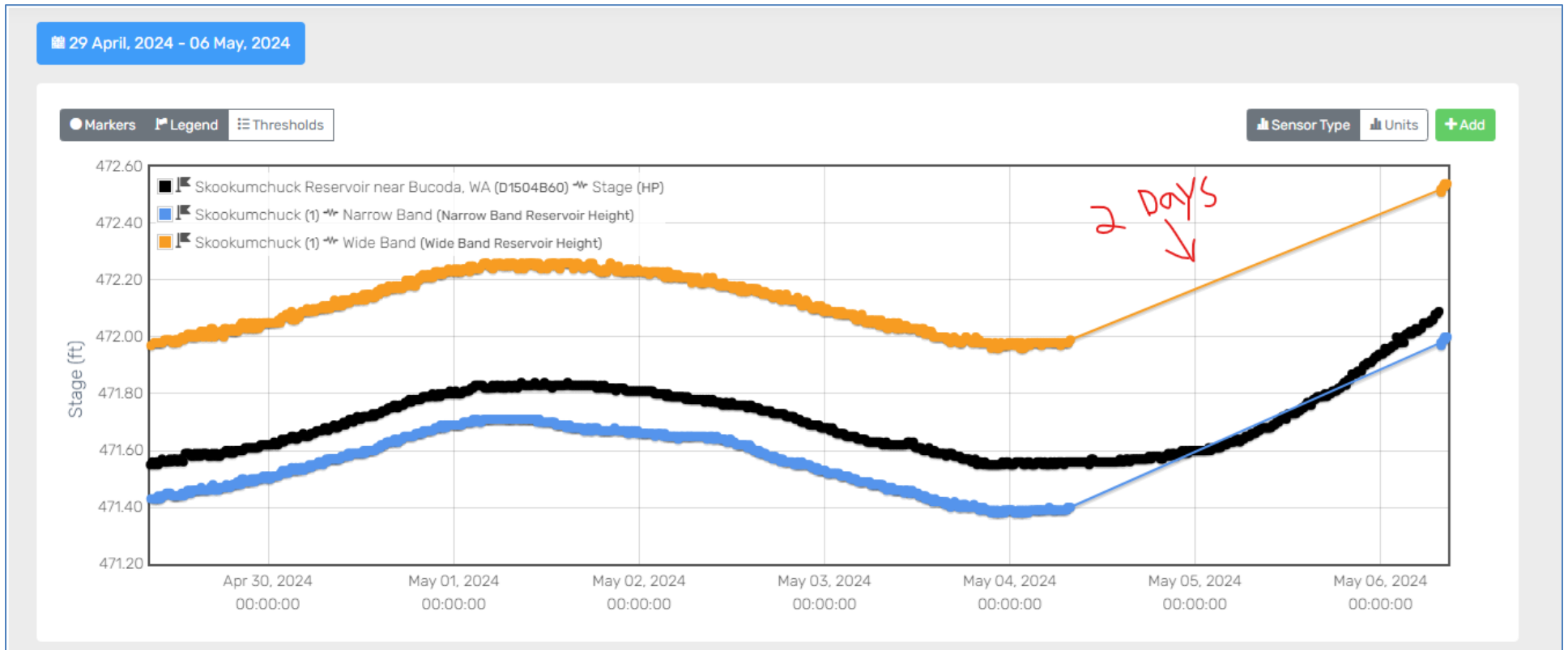
Attachment A – 11-16-2023 Flood Authority Meeting ([here](#))

Skookumchuck gage reporting outages during 2021-22 flood season – 23 days total!



Attachment B – Skookumchuck Gage Reporting outages: Old versus New

4-29-2024 through 5-06-2024



Attachment C
OCB DRAFT Legislative Tour Agenda/Itinerary

Tour objectives

- Provide an opportunity for legislators and legislative staff to learn more about how the state’s investment in the Chehalis Basin Strategy is being leveraged for flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration projects across the basin
- Create a venue for dialogue and discussion between legislators/legislative staff, Chehalis Basin Board members, and Office of Chehalis Basin staff **(and Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority members)**

TIME	ITINERARY ITEM	ADDRESS
8:30-9:00 am	Meet at Centralia College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bus will leave at 9:00 am sharp</i> 	600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia, WA 98531
9:00-9:20 am	Drive to Centralia home elevation project (TBD)	
9:20-9:40 am	Centralia home elevation project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the City of Centralia’s home elevations as well as CFAR’s home elevation efforts across the basin 	TBD
9:40-10:30 am	Drive to Skookumchuck Dam facility entrance and shuttle participants up to dam site (15 per shuttle van trip)	
10:30-11:30 am	Skookumchuck Dam tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk to reservoir and spillway, learn about Skookumchuck Dam analyses (including water rights discussion, as appropriate) • Learn about the Early Warning System upgrade and the facility’s fry trap • <i>Maybe reference hatchery, but note we can’t visit it</i> 	Tenino
11:30-12:00 pm	Drive to Skookumchuck EAR site and/or Riverbend Ranch (lunch provided en route) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EAR - could get there via bus but if rainy that could present challenges</i> • <i>RR only good if September, not good July or August</i> 	
12:00 -1:00 pm	ASRP Skookumchuck Early Action Reach or Riverbend Ranch project tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Insert</i> 	TBD
1:00-1:30 pm	Drive to China Creek project site	
1:30 -2:15 pm	China Creek Flood Damage Reduction project tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Insert</i> 	TBD
2:15-2:30 pm	Drive to Centralia College	600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia, WA 98531
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