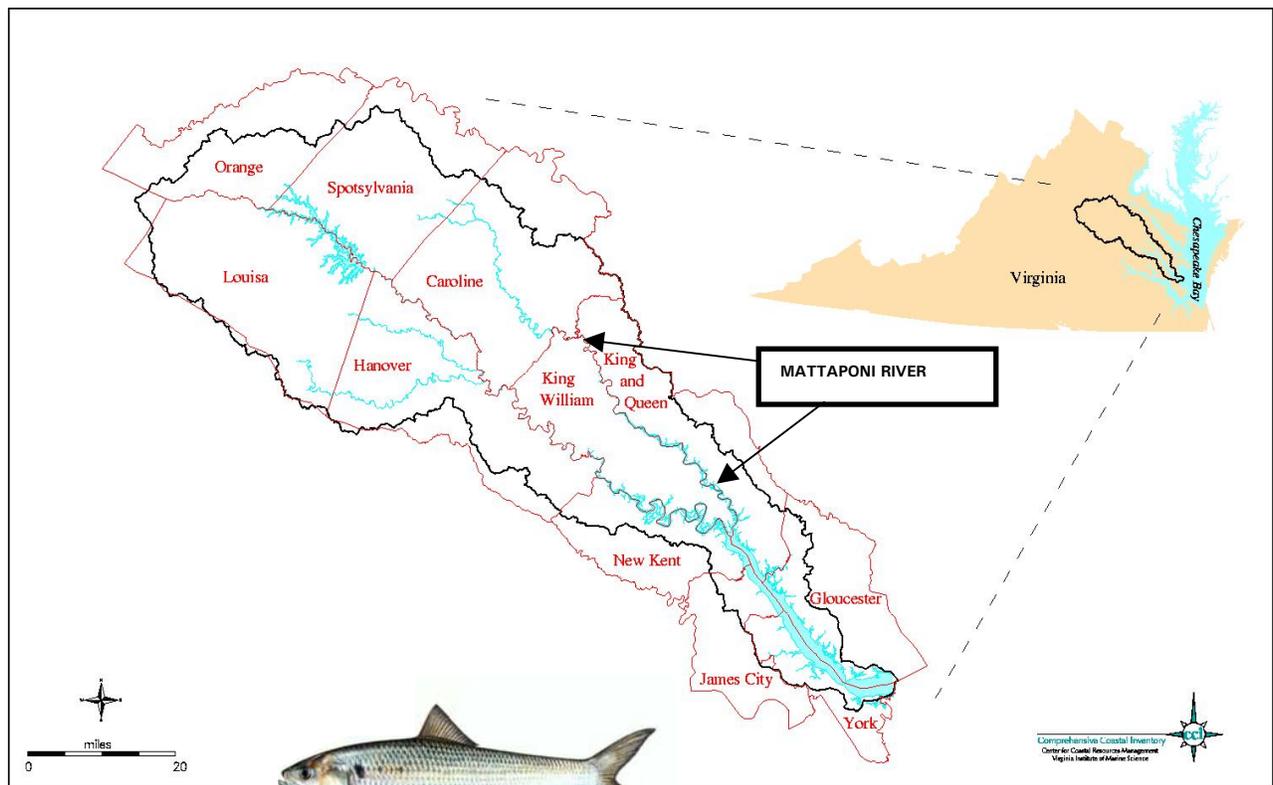


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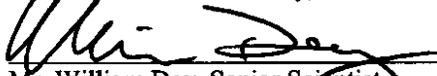
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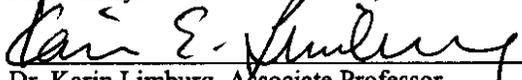
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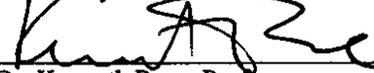
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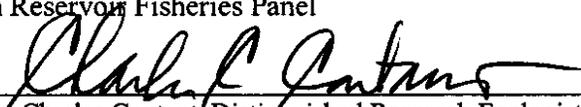
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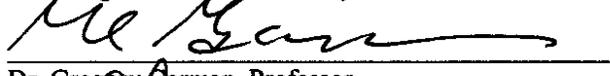

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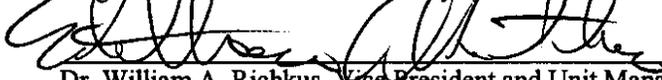

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The potential impacts of the proposed King William Reservoir (KWR) intake on fish populations in the Mattaponi River has been a subject of extensive debate for many years. Over this period of time, stakeholders have offered conflicting opinions on and assessments of those impacts in a number of federal and state forums. The Regional Raw Water Supply Study Group (RRWSG) formed the King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel to conduct an objective and comprehensive review of fish impact issues and develop recommendations that would address the issues identified. This report presents the findings and conclusions of the Panel.

What is the King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel?

The Panel is a group of seven fisheries scientists assembled by the RRWSG who offer demonstrated expertise in all aspects of fish impact assessment and project design and operations that might affect Mattaponi River fish populations, including: wedgewire screen technology and effectiveness of various water intake screening technologies for fish protection, water withdrawal effects on anadromous fish populations and monitoring and mitigating those effects; monitoring and assessment of Virginia riverine anadromous and resident fish communities; American shad and river herring life history and biology; estuarine and anadromous fish monitoring; fish impact assessment and fisheries management; and fish population and impact assessment modeling.

What was the function of the Panel?

The Panel was instructed by the RRWSG to evaluate the potential for the KWR intake to impact Mattaponi River American shad population and other fish species and to provide recommendations on monitoring, operation and mitigation that would ensure that there would be virtually no impact of KWR water withdrawal on the shad population and minimal impacts on other important Mattaponi anadromous and resident fish species.

What was the scope of the Panel's efforts?

The Panel evaluated the potential for impact to Mattaponi River fish species from an intake to be located at Scotland Landing, with intake screens designed as currently proposed for the KWR and operated under the terms of the existing Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ). The project as now proposed employs a pumping hiatus during the American shad spawning period (with the hiatus developed by the Panel) that would be implemented in years of normal operation. The prior KWR project proposal did not include such a hiatus. The RRWSG indicated to the Panel that the project as proposed calls for suspension of the hiatus in years when a drought emergency is declared by the State of Virginia in order to meet projected water supply requirements. Thus, the Panel was required to address potential impacts to fish from spring withdrawals during drought emergency

years. The Panel was not asked to address and did not consider any other impacts of the KWR, any alternative intake locations, or any impacts from elements of the project other than the Mattaponi River intake.

How did the Panel operate and how did they interact with RRWSG representatives and other stakeholders?

The Panel conducted their evaluations and deliberations via e-mail, conference calls and meetings. Representatives of RRWSG's engineering contractor, Malcolm Pirnie, and of the City of Newport News, on behalf of the RRWSG, participated at various times in Panel deliberations and meetings. These representatives responded to Panel questions and requests for information, and also raised questions and offered suggestions regarding draft material provided by the Panel over the course of this effort. However, in no instance was the Panel directed by RRWSG representatives to alter or modify any finding or conclusion. A working draft of this report was provided to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) staff and its technical consultant, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) on March 5 and the Panel met with VMRC and VIMS staff on March 19 to discuss findings presented in the draft report and identify issues that both staffs recommended be addressed in the final report.

What information was provided to and used by the Panel in their assessments and deliberations?

The RRWSG made available to the Panel all documents in the existing KWR permitting record relating to fish impacts, including the comprehensive assessments by VIMS and ASA (Mann 2003; ASA 2003). The Panel also drew upon each Panel member's literature information sources as appropriate to the topic being addressed. In particular, extensive ichthyoplankton data from a 30-year monitoring program in the Hudson River was used to investigate potential temperature triggers for a spawning season pumping hiatus, and Alden Laboratories' extensive literature library on intake screening technologies and their effectiveness was used in assessing the value of wedgewire screens for protecting fish from intake impacts. The RRWSG provided results of salinity and safe yield modeling to the Panel and the Panel used the results to assess potential effects of any changes in flows and salinity on Mattaponi River fish species.

The major supporting information used by the Panel in their deliberations is provided along with this report as Appendices. The Panel collectively developed the material included in Appendices C and D, dealing with the development of pumping hiatus triggers, and the design of preoperational and entrainment monitoring programs. Panel members had an opportunity to review and comment on drafts of Appendix E, which were prepared by Alden Laboratories. The Panel did not review or verify the accuracy of all of the material presented in Appendices F and G, which were provided by the City of Newport News and Malcolm Pirnie, and Appendix H, which was provided by Marine Acoustics. The Panel accepted the material presented in those appendices and used the information in their deliberations and to formulate their recommendations.

What types of impacts did the Panel identify that could be imposed on Mattaponi River fish species by the KWR intake?

The Panel identified four modes of potential impact from the KWR intake installation and operation that warranted assessment: construction (both short-term effects during construction, and long-term effects as a result of the existence of the intake structures in the river); water withdrawal effects (entrainment, impingement and screen contact); changes in flow and salinity; and, noise effects.

What were the Panel's conclusions regarding potential for short-term construction impacts?

In-river construction is prohibited between February 15 and June 30 by the KWR VDEQ Water Protection Permit. Thus, the majority of the more sensitive early life stages of any spring spawning species (i.e., all anadromous species and most resident species) will not be exposed to any construction effects during the spring spawning period. Fish and other aquatic organisms occurring in the vicinity of the proposed intake location outside of this time period could be potentially exposed to effects of construction activities. However, dredging for placement of the intake screen supports (the principal potential construction stressor) will be conducted within a sheet pile enclosure, and loading of dredged sediments into transport barges will be done within a temporary turbidity curtain. The procedures will result in minimal dispersion of suspended sediments and turbidity. No significant impacts would be expected from such minimal environmental perturbation.

What were the Panel's conclusions regarding potential for long-term construction impacts?

Placement of the KWR intake structure in the Mattaponi River is analogous to the addition of any hard structure (e.g., pier, bridge, artificial reef) to a portion of a waterbody in which none had previously existed. While both forage fish and predators may concentrate in the vicinity of such a structure, those concentrations would result from redistribution of existing populations. Fish aggregations around the intake may make fish more vulnerable to exploitation by fishermen. The intake would not hydraulically create concentrations of non-motile life stages (e.g., eggs and larvae) except during infrequent slack tide periods. The creation of increased densities of predators and prey may result in some increase in predation rates, because of their enhanced proximity, but it is the opinion of the Panel that any such increase would likely be small and most likely inconsequential within the context of the Mattaponi River ecosystem.

How did the Panel address the entrainment/impingement impact issue?

The existing KWR record illustrated that there was considerable uncertainty with regard to the magnitude of impacts to the American shad population that would result from KWR water withdrawal and also about the significance of those impacts to that population. In lieu of attempting to scientifically resolve these complex issues and in the interest of moving their project forward, the RRWSG instructed the Panel to develop a means of establishing a pumping

hiatus that would, with a high degree of reliability, encompass the period during which vulnerable early life stages of American shad would be present in the vicinity of the KWR intake. Such a hiatus was anticipated to also provide a high level of protection to early life stages of the other potentially vulnerable species.

How did the Panel develop the protocol for an effective pumping hiatus?

Insufficient American shad early life stage and temperature data were available from the Mattaponi River or other Chesapeake Bay tributaries from which to evaluate potential triggers that could be used to define a hiatus appropriate for protecting American shad. Appropriate data were available from a 30-year sampling program in the Hudson River that could be used as surrogate data for investigating potential temperature triggers and defining an appropriate hiatus period. Eggs and yolk-sac larvae were identified as the vulnerable American shad early life stages that required protection. Temperature was identified as the best trigger for a hiatus because it is easily measurable and a reliable indicator of presence of vulnerable life stages. Exploratory analyses, based on Hudson River data, showed that ceasing pumping when water temperatures reached 10 °C and restarting pumping when water temperatures reached 22 °C would provide absolute protection to 100 per cent of yolk-sac larvae and absolute protection to no less than 97 percent of shad eggs in 18 of 18 years for which complete data were available. The duration of a pumping hiatus defined by those temperature triggers would vary annually from 44 to 83 days, averaging 61 days. The RRWSG determined from safe yield modeling that the KWR would still be capable over the long term of meeting its water supply objectives with hiatuses of that average magnitude during non-drought emergency years. Their explanation for that capability is that water stored in the KWR and other elements of the water supply network would satisfy demand over extended periods of time when no or limited withdrawal from the Mattaponi River would be permitted because of the implemented hiatus or VDEQ permit minimum instream flow constraints.

How can results from Hudson River data be applied to the Mattaponi River American shad population?

The Panel recognized that while analyses of the surrogate Hudson River data established the feasibility of using temperature as a trigger for an effective pumping hiatus, triggers developed from the Hudson data might not be reliable for such use in the Mattaponi. This might occur if temperature trends or American shad spawning behavior differed between the two rivers. Thus, the Panel recommended to the RRWSG the inclusion in the project of an intensive long-term preoperational ichthyoplankton monitoring program. This program would provide 8 or more years of detailed data on water temperature and early life stage density and distribution over time. Those data would then be used, following the same methods used on the Hudson River surrogate data, to establish Mattaponi River-specific temperature triggers that would define the pumping hiatus period.

While the RRWSG desired to provide as close to 100 percent absolute protection to American shad as possible, the Panel recognizes the many uncertainties associated with collection of biological and environmental data in the field and the natural and sampling variability that are likely to be encountered in long term studies of this type. High variability in ichthyoplankton density estimates is to be expected, particularly at the beginning and end of the spawning period when densities of organisms are very low. These factors make accurate assurance of 100 percent absolute protection impossible. Because the magnitude of variability and uncertainty will not be known until a number of years of data are available from the preoperational monitoring program, a priori statistical confidence limits on magnitude of protection cannot be established. Taking these factors into account, the Panel decided that feasible criteria for levels of protection, based on results of analyses of Hudson River data, would be a minimum of 97 percent absolute protection of the standing stocks of eggs and yolk-sac larvae in 7 of 8 years of study, and no less than 95 percent absolute protection of the standing stocks of eggs and yolk-sac larvae in any single year. This latter lower protection percentage is in recognition of potential for unusual, infrequent events impacting study results. To further reduce potential for uncertainty, the Panel has recommended that RRWSG commit to implementation of a pumping hiatus over a temperature range of at least 12 °C, corresponding to the range between the temperatures of 10 °C and 22 °C, even if results from the preoperational monitoring program suggest a smaller temperature range would achieve the protection objectives. Because of the RRWSG commitment, results of preoperational monitoring could potentially result only in an expansion of the hiatus temperature range beyond a 12 °C range. In addition, the Panel is also recommending concurrent implementation of a hatch date study, that will document the “date of birth” of juvenile American shad produced in each year. These data would contribute to verifying the efficacy of the Mattaponi River-specific hiatus temperature triggers derived from the preoperational ichthyoplankton monitoring surveys.

Will the pumping hiatus provide absolute protection to all species vulnerable to intake impacts?

Any vulnerable life stages that may be present in the vicinity of the intake outside of the pumping hiatus time period would have potential for experiencing intake effects. Analysis of the surrogate Hudson River data suggest that the 10 °C to 22 °C hiatus would encompass the period when nearly all American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae would be present, and when high percentages of early life stages of other vulnerable species would be present in most years. The Panel’s review of the most current studies of wedgewire screen effectiveness and hydraulic characteristics of wedgewire intake screens indicated that the intake design provides a high level of protection from impingement, entrainment and screen contact to any relatively immotile organisms that might be present within the area of influence of the intake outside the pumping hiatus. Thus, the project as currently designed provides multiple layers of protection that cumulatively provide to fish a high level of protection from water withdrawal impact.

Are there other circumstances under which vulnerable life stages may be exposed to water withdrawal effects?

The KWR Project, as proposed, includes suspension of the spring pumping hiatus in years when a drought emergency declared by the State of Virginia is in effect in the spring. Safe yield modeling results provided by the RRWSG to the panel indicate that the frequency of occurrence of drought emergency years in which spring withdrawals may be allowed, based on data from 1928 to 2001, is 2 in 74 years. That frequency is projected for conditions under which the KWR supply capacity is fully utilized, in the year 2040. The RRWSG indicates that model runs using the current demand, which is about two thirds of the 2040 demand, produce no spring drought emergencies in the 74 years projected. Thus, probability of a spring drought emergency being declared is likely to be less than 2 in 74 for several decades. In drought emergency years when spring water withdrawal would be allowed, it could only be done in compliance with VDEQ permit minimum instream flow (MIF) requirements. Additional modeling illustrates that, under projected drought emergency conditions, MIFs restrict withdrawals in five of six spring months modeled. The MIF restrictions resulted in monthly withdrawals ranging from 14 percent to 66 percent of the permitted maximum withdrawal rate in those five months. In the one month where maximum withdrawal was projected to occur (March 1955), river flow was 630 mgd and the maximum withdrawal represented only about 12 percent of freshwater flow. Thus, spring withdrawals during drought emergencies are likely to be both infrequent and of limited magnitude. MIFs will also significantly constrain, and in some years preclude, withdrawals in summer and fall of low flow years. The KWR intake design provides a high level of protection from impingement, entrainment and screen contact to any relatively immotile organisms that might be present within the area of influence of the intake when any water withdrawal is occurring, further reducing the potential for impacts in years of spring withdrawals. The RRWSG anticipates that entrainment monitoring will be required as part of the VDEQ permit-mandated biomonitoring program for the KWR. Such entrainment monitoring, to be implemented when water withdrawal is occurring and early life stages are present within the area of influence of the intake, will provide a means of verifying the protection levels afforded by the design and mode of operation of the KWR intake.

Are any other life stages of Mattaponi River fish species vulnerable to water intake effects?

The KWR intake screens have very small (1 mm) slot widths and very low through-slot water velocities (< 0.25 ft/sec). Only totally or nearly immotile life stages (i.e., eggs and early larval stages) would be unable to avoid the intake screens. Thus, juvenile and adult stages of nearly all Mattaponi River species have swimming capabilities sufficient to avoid any contact with or effect from the intake screen.

Why did the Panel not conduct any modeling or analyses to project the potential consequences to adult populations from any losses of early life stages that are anticipated to occur?

Debate concerning population-level significance of losses of early life stages is not unique to the KWR, and has been extensive over decades of regulatory proceedings regarding the consequences of power plant water withdrawal-induced mortalities to early life stages of fish. Such debate arises as a result of many scientific uncertainties, including such factors as biological differences among fish populations in different geographical regions and compensation, the possibility that anthropogenic loss of early life stages may be offset by density dependent increases in survival of the remaining individuals. Any attempt to quantitatively and reliably project effects of early life stage losses to adult population levels would require data and information not currently available for the Mattaponi River American shad population. Thus, as requested by the RRWSG, the Panel sought to develop a pumping hiatus that would provide nearly complete protection to vulnerable early life stages, and thus avoid early life stage losses and obviate the need to assess their population-level significance.

Did the Panel consider how KWR water withdrawals might change Mattaponi River salinity regimes and how such changes might affect fish populations?

The Panel did not undertake independent analyses or modeling to address the salinity issue, but relied on prior modeling conducted by VIMS and safe yield modeling conducted by Malcolm Pirnie for the RRWSG for our evaluation. The potential consequences to salinity regimes from water withdrawals would be migration of the fresh water/salt water interface upstream from where it would naturally occur in the absence of withdrawals, and a change in a portion of the tidal freshwater portion of the river into an oligohaline environment. It is important to recognize that natural annual variability in river flows result in significant changes in the salinity regime from year to year. Implementation of a pumping hiatus in most years precludes any KWR-induced changes in salinity regimes during the spring spawning period in those years. Given the special concern regarding potential project impacts to anadromous fish species, particularly American shad, at issue is whether water withdrawals would alter salinity regimes in summer and fall, when the tidal freshwater portions of the Mattaponi serve as nursery grounds for those species. Our interpretation of the modeling results presented to the Panel indicated that the minimum instream flows (MIFs) imposed on the KWR in the VDEQ Water Protection Permit often preclude and consistently restrict the magnitude of water withdrawal during most summer and fall periods, when river flows are low. These are the periods when salinity regimes are most likely to be affected by withdrawal of the limited freshwater available. The modeling results also indicated that changes would be so small as to be immeasurable, given natural variability and measurement error. An additional level of protection against significant impacts to fish from changes in salinity regimes is provided by conditions D.3 and D.4 in the KWR Water Protection Permit. These permit conditions require the RRWSG to monitor salinity regimes so as to detect any salinity-induced changes in the spawning and nursery grounds used by anadromous fish. Given that no significant changes in salinity regimes are predicted, and that

a comprehensive monitoring program will provide a basis for confirming those predictions, no long-term consequences to fish are anticipated.

Did the Panel consider whether expected magnitude of withdrawals and potential consequences to Mattaponi River salinity regimes would be different when the reservoir is initially being filled?

In response to a question raised by VIMS staff at the meeting with the Panel on March 19, the Panel requested information from the RRWSG on whether the safe yield model predictions of withdrawal magnitudes provided to the Panel encompassed the period of reservoir filling. The RRWSG informed the Panel that the duration of the filling period will be primarily a function of climate variability. VDEQ permit MIFs would be in force during the period of filling. While the calculated minimum fill time would be approximately 175 days if water were withdrawn continuously at the maximum design capacity rate of 75-mgd, the safe yield modeling, which accounts for the effects of the MIFs, indicate that fill time will be on the order of 1,000 days under average to slightly dry conditions. The RRWSG indicated that the modeled seasonal average withdrawal data provided to the Panel would be very close to withdrawals that would be expected to occur during the reservoir filling period. For that reason, the Panel's conclusion regarding lack of impact to salinity regimes is applicable to operations under both normal conditions and the period of reservoir filling..

Did the Panel consider the potential for ecosystem effects to occur as a result of the KWR water withdrawals?

VIMS staff raised the issue of potential for ecosystem effects at the March 19 meeting with the Panel. The Panel has considered this issue from the perspective of how many such effects could be generated by the KWR project. The VDEQ permit MIFs constrain KWR water withdrawals in such a manner as to preclude significant effects to natural salinity regimes in the river, as was already noted. The MIFs also exert greatest constraint on withdrawals during periods of low flow, such as summer and fall. Largest withdrawal rates occur during periods of highest river flow. Thus, most of the water withdrawn from the Mattaponi River comes from "skimming" water off the highest inflows (e.g., pumping at maximum withdrawal rate would be likely to occur during a period of high precipitation and runoff, if the reservoir were not at capacity and if the withdrawal did not violate the MIF). The maximum predicted average seasonal withdrawal rate is 6.3 percent of the Mattaponi River freshwater inflow. Variations in withdrawal rates around the average will obviously occur. The maximum upper quartile value for seasonal withdrawal rate as a percentage of freshwater inflow is 10.9 percent, meaning that the percentage of freshwater withdrawn will be less than 10.9 percent for 75 percent of the time. Given that such withdrawals were not predicted to significantly alter salinity regimes in the river, and that the low percentage of river inflow removed via withdrawals would not significantly affect phytoplankton and zooplankton, which have high population turnover rates, the Panel concluded that ecosystem-level effects were highly unlikely.

How did the Panel address the potential for intake noise to affect fish populations?

The issue of potential impacts to fish populations from noise generated by the KWR water intake was raised by VIMS and by a number of individuals testifying at the VMRC KWR hearing. The implementation of a pumping hiatus during the primary spawning period for all of the Mattaponi River anadromous fish species ensures that anadromous fish will not encounter any KWR intake-related noise during a major part of their spring spawning migrations in years of normal operation. But since no data was available on the magnitude and frequencies of sounds that might be generated by such an intake, the Panel recommended to the RRWSG that a survey be conducted of sounds produced at a similar wedgewire screen intake, located in Lake Gaston, that operates in a manner similar to that proposed for the KWR intake. Based on the sound measurements at the Lake Gaston water intake, we anticipate no effects to fish from additional sounds produced by normal operation of the KWR intake. The results of the field studies indicate that there are no sounds generated by the intake at the high frequencies to which the American shad, blueback herring and alewife are especially sensitive. There may be momentary startle responses from a rapid increase in low-frequency noise due to the cleaning air bursts, which would occur infrequently. Frequency of cleaning air bursts may be as low as once per week to as much as 2 to 3 times per day, depending on site specific characteristics that may vary in response to environmental conditions and season (e.g., amount of suspended debris, such as leaves). Total duration of air burst cleaning of the screen array would be about 90 seconds for any single cleaning event. These brief and infrequent cleaning events would not result in a sustained adverse effect on normal fish behavior.

Did the Panel consider other mitigation measures that should be included in the KWR project?

The procedures to be followed during construction and the imposition of a pumping hiatus during the spring spawning period can be considered impact avoidance measures that have been incorporated into the KWR project. Two mitigation measures previously proposed by the RRWSG were reviewed by the Panel. The RRWSG's offer to provide 1 million shad larvae for release into the Mattaponi River as mitigation for any losses caused by water withdrawals was considered unnecessary with implementation of a pumping hiatus. In addition, issues of genetic bottle-necking that might result from hatchery augmentation programs suggested against implementing that mitigation measure. The RRWSG's offer of funding to VDGIF for construction of fish passage facilities was reviewed and evaluated for the magnitude of potential enhancement of anadromous fish populations that might result. The fish passage measures included in the KWR VDEQ permit could potentially result in the addition of thousands of individuals to the annual production of local populations of river herring, shad, and other anadromous fish species if the newly accessible habitat were fully utilized by those species.

Based on their assessments and deliberation, does the Panel support or oppose the KWR project?

The Panel was not asked to take a position on the KWR project as a whole. We were instructed to review the proposed KWR intake, consider the issues raised, conduct analyses and reviews to help us understand and address those issues, and make recommendations on how to ensure that the KWR intake will have virtually no effect on the Mattaponi River American shad population and minimal effect on all other species that occur in the river. We recommended, and the RRWSG has incorporated into the KWR project, procedures for development and implementation of a pumping hiatus defined by temperature triggers that would be implemented in years of normal operation. We believe that a pumping hiatus implemented following our recommended procedures will assure nearly complete protection to the vulnerable life stages of the Mattaponi River American shad population in years of normal operation. We incorporated hatch date analysis of juvenile American shad in our recommendation to contribute to verification of the efficacy of the pumping hiatus. The hiatus is expected to provide a high level of protection to vulnerable life stages of many other species.

The hiatus would not be implemented in years in which a drought emergency is in effect in the spring, which is projected to occur with low frequency. We have concluded, based on the information provided to the Panel by Alden Laboratories, that organisms present within the area of influence of the intake when the hiatus is not in effect (during drought emergency years and outside the hiatus trigger temperatures) are afforded a high degree of protection by the design of the KWR intake (wedgewire screens in a linear array parallel to the river channel, fine mesh, low through-slot velocities and high sweep velocities) and VDEQ permit minimum instream flows. The magnitude of that protection to the vulnerable life stages of all species is difficult to quantify, but because the benefits of each of the factors are cumulative, the total level of protection is expected to be high. In addition, the RRWSG anticipates that entrainment monitoring will be required as part of the VDEQ permit-mandated biomonitoring program. The entrainment monitoring will allow verification of the protection levels anticipated.

The hydrodynamic modeling results provided to the Panel indicate that salinity changes due to KWR water withdrawal will be very small and most likely immeasurable and thus insufficient to affect fish populations. No significant short-term or long-term construction impacts are likely. Thus, we believe the project as currently proposed, including our monitoring and pumping hiatus trigger development recommendations, will not significantly impact the Mattaponi River American shad population or the other fish species found in the river. Because our assessment is to a great extent based on projections of future events from past data, it must a priori have some degree of associated uncertainty. However, the requirements for biomonitoring and salinity monitoring specified for the KWR project in the VDEQ Water Protection Permit provide the means of continuously assessing whether all the projections used in our assessment prove in fact to be valid. The VDEQ permit must be renewed every five years, thus providing the means of modifying facility operations further should any significant deviations from projections become evident.

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FOREWORD

In order to fully address issues raised concerning the potential for the proposed King William Reservoir water withdrawals to adversely impact Mattaponi River fish populations, the Regional Raw Water Supply Study Group (RRWSG) convened the King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel. The charge to the Panel was to evaluate the potential for the project to impact Mattaponi River fish resources and to provide recommendations on monitoring, operation and mitigation that would minimize or eliminate impacts to fish species. The RRWSG requested that, to the extent possible and feasible, the Panel develop measures that would result in no impact of KWR water withdrawal on the Mattaponi River American shad population and minimal impacts to other important Mattaponi anadromous and resident fish populations. The Panel is composed of fisheries scientists with demonstrated expertise in all aspects of fish impact assessment and project design and operations that might affect Mattaponi River fish populations. Members of the panel include:

- Mr. Stephen Amaral, Director, Fisheries, Alden Research Laboratory, Inc., Holden, Massachusetts; special expertise in wedgewire screen technology and effectiveness of various water intake screening technologies for fish protection
- Dr. Charles Coutant, Distinguished Research Ecologist, Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; special expertise in water withdrawal effects on anadromous fish populations and monitoring and mitigating those effects
- Mr. William Dey, Senior Scientist, ASA Analysis & Communication, Inc., New Hampton, NY; special expertise in fish damage and impact assessments in estuarine habitats
- Dr. Gregory Garman, Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia; special expertise in monitoring and assessment of Virginia riverine anadromous and resident fish communities
- Dr. Karin Limburg, Associate Professor, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse, New York; special expertise in American shad and river herring life history and biology
- Dr. William A. Richkus, Vice President of Versar, Inc., Columbia, Maryland (Fisheries Panel Coordinator); special expertise in estuarine and anadromous fish monitoring, fish impact assessment and fisheries management
- Dr. Kenneth Rose, Professor, Department of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences/Coastal Fisheries Institute, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; special expertise in fish population and impact assessment modeling.

Versar, Inc., an environmental and engineering services firm headquartered in Springfield, Virginia, was contracted to coordinate KWR Panel activities and was responsible for

preparation of this report. Versar's Dr. William Richkus served as primary author for preparing report text, integrating text and material from other documents and incorporating report sections prepared by other Panel members. Mr. William Dey, in addition to his participation as a Panel member, provided analytical support to the Panel, conducting analyses and preparing data presentations requested by the Panel. Mr. Dey also prepared Appendix C of the report, describing the approach for development of temperature triggers for a pumping hiatus as a means of ensuring protection of American shad early life stages. Mr. Stephen Amaral prepared Appendix E of the report section, dealing with wedgewire screen effectiveness for protection of vulnerable life stages of American shad and other Mattaponi River fish species. Other members of the staff of Alden Laboratories contributed to preparation of Appendix E; the qualifications of Alden Laboratories are also presented in this appendix. Dr. Gregory Garman prepared initial drafts of the section of the report that addresses the potential vulnerability of Mattaponi River fish species to water withdrawal entrainment impacts. Dr. Charles Coutant prepared the portions of the report addressing potential impacts of KWR intake noise on fish. Malcolm Pirnie and the City of Newport News prepared Appendices F and G, which present information on safe yield modeling of the proposed KWR project and details on the design and operation of the project as is presently proposed. Marine Acoustics, Inc. conducted the intake sound studies and prepared the reports presented in Appendix H; their qualifications are also included in this appendix. Drs. Kenneth Rose and Karin Limburg participated in Panel discussions and interactions and served as reviewers of draft versions of the report. The Panel met with representatives of the City of Newport News Waterworks Department, representing RRWSG, at the initiation of their effort, during preparation of, and after completing their draft report. In addition, representatives of the RRWSG participated in Panel conference calls during the course of the Panel's evaluations. Through the course of these interactions, RRWSG representatives raised questions and offered suggestions regarding draft material provided by the Panel. However, in no instance was the Panel directed by RRWSG representatives to alter or modify any finding or conclusion arrived at over the course the Panel's deliberations. A working draft of this report was provided to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) staff and its technical consultant, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) on March 5 and the Panel met with VMRC and VIMS staff on March 19 to discuss findings presented in the draft report and identify issues that both staffs recommended be addressed in the final report.

Of the Panel members, Mr. William Dey, Dr. Gregory Garman, and Dr. William Richkus have previously provided contractual support to the Regional Raw Water Supply Study Group (RRWSG) in addressing various aspects of KWR fish impact issues. None of the other Panel members have had any prior involvement with the KWR project, either on behalf of the City or of any other project stakeholders. None of the Panel members have any vested interest in the proposed reservoir project. All panel members were compensated for their time and reimbursed for travel and other incurred expenses. Resumes of the Panel members are presented in Appendix A of this report.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Regional Raw Water Supply Study Group (RRWSG) was created in 1987 to examine the long-term water supply needs of the Lower Peninsula area of southeast Virginia and to develop a plan for meeting those needs (USACOE 1997). To meet anticipated demand increases and after evaluation of options available for meeting those increasing demands, the RRWSG proposed to construct a new 1,526-acre King William Reservoir (KWR) by impounding Cohoke Creek in King William County. Water for the filling of the KWR and for maintenance of its water supply would come from the Cohoke Creek watershed, supplemented by water withdrawn from the Mattaponi River (USACOE 1997). A wide range of issues has been raised concerning the potential adverse impacts of construction and operation of the KWR, from cultural and socioeconomic effects to consequences to natural resources. Included among these many diverse issues is a subgroup of issues relating specifically to the potential impacts of withdrawal of water from the Mattaponi River on anadromous and resident fish populations of that river. The issues in this subgroup pertain to impacts that might be caused by construction of the intake, the design of the intake structure, its modes of operation, and the results of water removal on fish populations and habitat in the river. Commenters have expressed particular concerns regarding the potential for the project to impact the Mattaponi River American shad (*Alosa sapadissima*), a population which has historically been one of the most productive in Virginia waters and which is currently recovering from depressed levels (Mann 2003).

The King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel was formed by the RRWSG to address all Mattaponi River fish impact issues that have been raised about the KWR water intake. Panel members are listed in the Foreword, and their resumes are presented in Appendix A. The Panel's charge was to evaluate the potential for the KWR project to impact the Mattaponi fish populations and to provide recommendations on monitoring, operation and mitigation that would ensure that there would be virtually no impact of KWR water withdrawal on the Mattaponi River American shad population and minimal impacts to other important Mattaponi anadromous and resident fish species. The Panel's evaluations were based solely on an intake in the location that has been proposed by the City. That proposed intake is described in Section 2, below.

This report presents the results of the Panel's discussions and deliberations and is the consensus of panel members on each of the matters addressed. The Panel was apprised of the various fish-related issues raised in the VMRC hearing and also was provided with information on prior assessments of impacts to fish to provide context for their activities and also to identify major issues on which stakeholders had presented differing views. A summary of prior findings considered by the Panel is presented in Appendix B. To the maximum extent possible, the Panel relied on scientific peer-reviewed results and findings as the basis for their deliberations and conclusions. This report also presents the results of unpublished data and analyses that were conducted at and under the direction of the Panel, subject to review by the Panel and revised or modified based on that review. In several instances, published findings and/or relevant data on a particular topic were not available, and detailed analyses to address an issue were not feasible. In these instances, which are identified explicitly in the text, a consensus expert opinion of the

Panel was developed that was based on the combined experience and expertise of the Panel members.

The major supporting information used by the Panel in their deliberations is provided along with this report as Appendices. The Panel collectively developed the material included in Appendices C and D, dealing with the development of pumping hiatus triggers, and the design of preoperational and entrainment monitoring programs. Panel members had an opportunity to review and comment on drafts of Appendix E, which were prepared by Alden Laboratories. The Panel did not review or verify the accuracy of all of the material presented in Appendices F and G, which were provided by the City of Newport News and Malcolm Pirnie, and Appendix H, which was provided by Marine Acoustics. The Panel accepted the material presented in those appendices and used the information in their deliberations and to formulate their recommendations.

The organization of this report is as follows. The proposed design, construction and operation of the KWR Mattaponi River intake are described in Section 2. This information was provided by the RRWSG, and drawn from Appendix G, which was prepared by the City's engineering support contractor, Malcolm Pirnie and the City of Newport News. These descriptions provided the basis for the Panel's evaluation of potential impacts to fish and the Panel's development of modes of operation and mitigation measures necessary to achieve the objectives of minimal impact to American shad and other vulnerable important Mattaponi River fish species. In Section 3, the physical and biological characteristics of the Mattaponi River within the area of influence of the KWR intake are briefly described. These characteristics were taken into account by the Panel in their assessments and deliberations. Section 4 describes the resident and diadromous fish species that are found in the Mattaponi River and evaluates the level of vulnerability of each species to effects of the water intake, based on their biology and life history characteristics and the design and proposed mode of operation of the water intake. In Section 5, the potential impacts of the KWR on potentially major Mattaponi River fish species are assessed, taking into account the mitigation measures incorporated into the project to eliminate or minimize impacts. The discussion of potential impacts is broken down according to potential impact source: construction; impingement on intake screens; entrainment through intake screens; salinity changes; and noise. Detailed analyses and literature reviews that were performed to support the Panel's deliberations are presented in appendices and referenced in the text. Section 6 discusses mitigation measures that have been offered by the RRWSG for this project. Section 7 presents the Panel's findings and conclusions, and Section 8 lists report references.

2.0 PROPOSED KWR MATTAPONI RIVER INTAKE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION

2.1 INTAKE DESIGN

As noted in the Introduction, water from the Mattaponi River will contribute to filling of the KWR and for maintenance of the water supply in the reservoir once it becomes operational. The proposed location for the KWR intake is at Scotland Landing, approximately 24 miles upstream of the mouth at West Point. Water will be withdrawn through an intake structure located approximately 110 feet (at MLW) from the south shore of the Mattaponi River (Figure 2-1; note that all figures in this section are drawn from the Appendix G). This location places the intake along the outside edge of a bend in the river. Along the opposite shore is the Garnetts Creek Marsh.

A total of twelve wedgewire screens, each a maximum of 7 feet in diameter by approximately 7 feet long will be installed. The screens will be constructed to form six tee screen assemblies (Figure 2-2). Three of these tee screen assemblies will be connected to each of the two intake lines. All six tees will be aligned in a single row parallel to the shoreline (see Figure 2-1) so organisms and any debris in the water column will be swept along and then off the surface of the screens and not be forced into the screen face. The screens will be removable (by means of bolted connections) from the intake lines for major maintenance or replacement and flanged plates will be available to plug the resulting open riser pipe. The KWR intake was designed to meet or exceed the water intake screening guidelines established by the Commonwealth (Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, VDGIF) to minimize fish mortality associated with impingement and entrainment (Gowan et al, 1999).

The screens will be located in a naturally deep portion of the Mattaponi River. The existing water depth at the screen location varies from approximately 21 to 23 feet^[MSOffice1] at Mean Low Water (see Figure 2-1). The top of the screens will be set 8 feet below Mean Low Water. This will provide at least 6 feet of vertical clearance between the bottom of the screens and the restored river bottom. Each wedgewire screen will have a slot-width of 1 millimeter (Figure 2-3). This intake configuration would result in maximum through-slot velocities of 0.25 fps if the intake were withdrawing water at its maximum capacity of 75 mgd.

A manually controlled air backwash screen cleaning system will be installed with the screens to allow the screens to be cleaned. This system cleans debris from the screen surface by releasing a burst of compressed air from a small diffuser pipe located within the screen. The water turbulence created by the air bubbles and the rising air bubbles themselves lift debris off the screen, allowing it to be carried away by the natural river current. The screens will likely be cleaned sequentially, starting from one end of the screen array and proceeding to the other in the direction of the tidal flow in the river that exists at the time of cleaning. With this approach, debris lifted off the first screen to be cleaned, which might settle on the next screen, will be removed from the second screen as soon as it is cleaned. After all the screens have been air

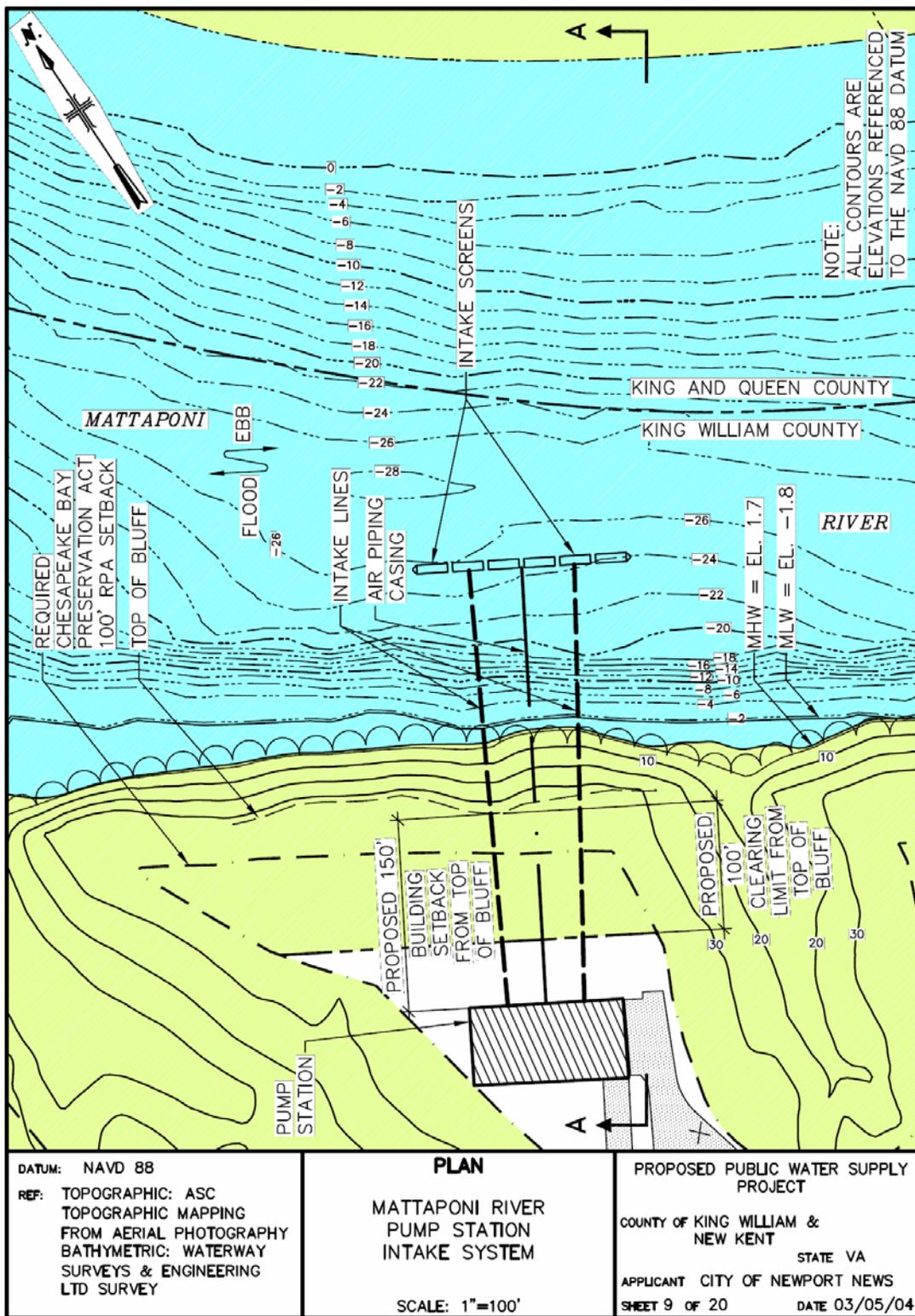


Figure 2-1. Intake screen location

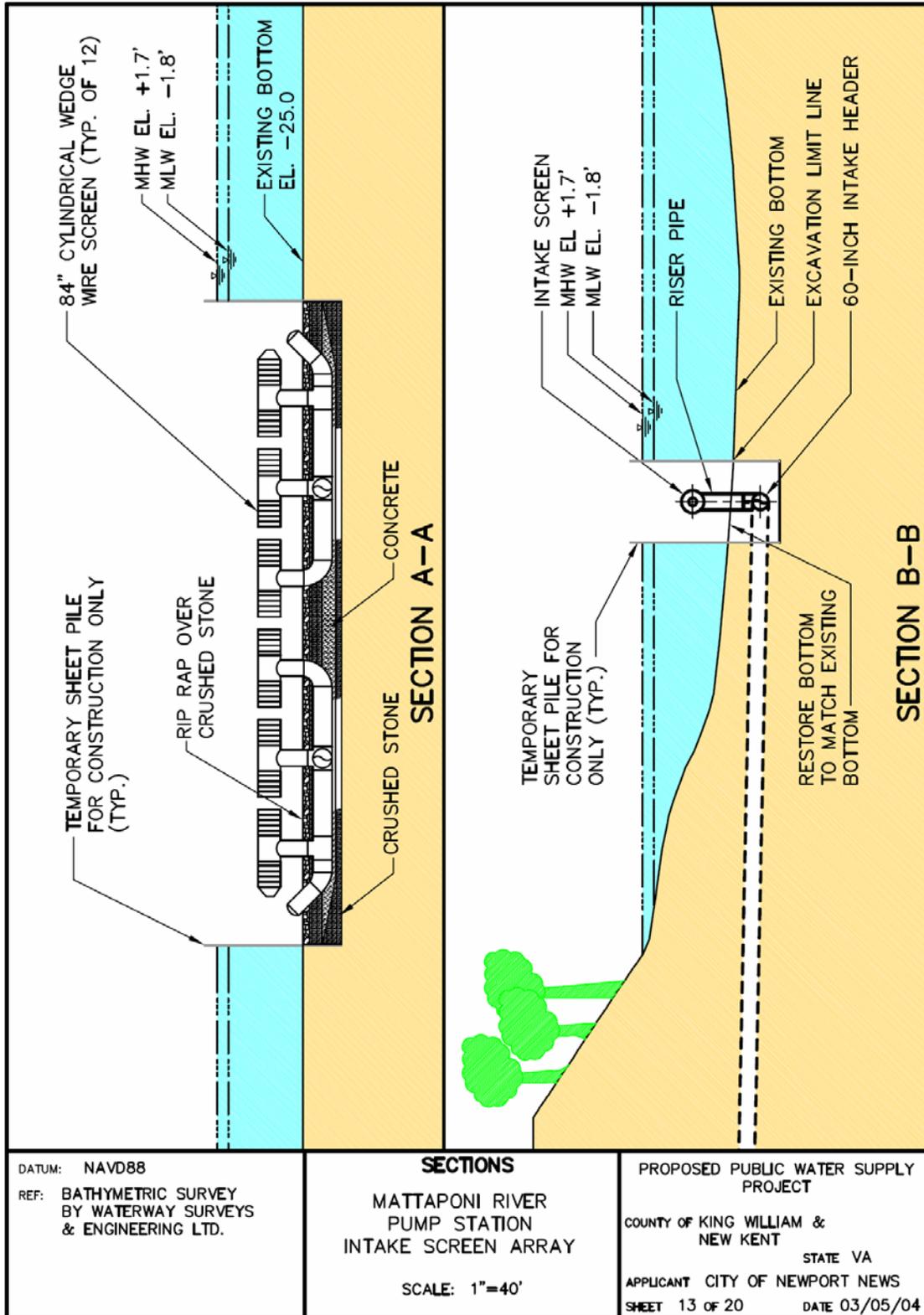


Figure 2-2. Tee screen arrays

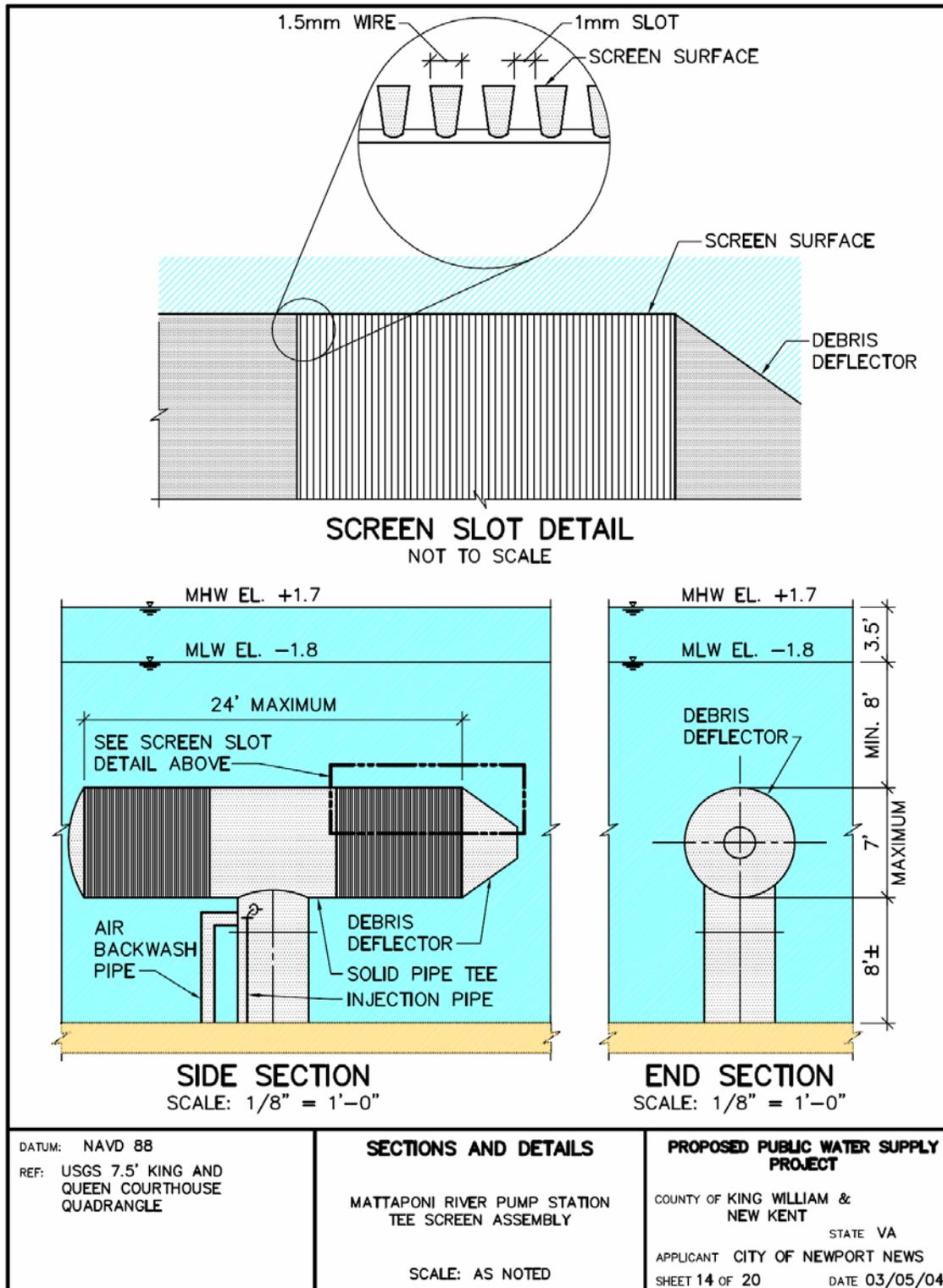


Figure 2-3. Screen mesh and design detail

backwashed, the debris that had settled on the screens will have been returned to the flowing water of the river.

Cleaning is expected to be required on an intermittent basis only, although the exact requirements cannot be precisely predicted because they are a function of site-specific characteristics. Similar installations have reported backwash frequencies varying from once per week to three times a day. The air burst backwash of each tee screen assembly will include approximately 15 seconds of high intensity air release and have a total duration of approximately 90 seconds.

2.2 INTAKE CONSTRUCTION

The VDEQ Water Protection Permit for the KWR (Permit No. VWPP#93-0902) prohibits intake construction activity between February 15 and June 30. Estimated time for the in-river portion of intake construction is 6 months. Dredging and work from barges will be required to construct the buried intake screen header piping, concrete encasement, and riser pipes. Clamshell or backhoe excavator equipment will be used for dredging within a sheet pile enclosure, to minimize the area of disturbance on the bottom and the movement of turbid water created during the excavation phase of the work. Barges will be loaded with the dredged sediments within an area enclosed by a temporary turbidity curtain. (Figure 2-4). The total estimated volume of material to be excavated and disposed of at Craney Island, an existing permitted dredged material disposal site, is 2,500 cubic yards.

During construction, an unobstructed 100 foot wide corridor with a depth of at least 10 feet at MLW will be maintained between the work area and the north shore of the river (Figure 2-4), so that the movement of recreational and commercial boating traffic on the river as well as mobile aquatic biota will not be impeded. The intake facilities will be located in King William County at least 50 feet away from the King and Queen County line. The two parallel 60-inch (internal diameter) intake and other ancillary lines will be installed using microtunneling technology or other trenchless methods. The existing shoreline, any shoreline wetlands that may exist, and the wooded bluff will not be disturbed by the installation of these pipes.

The river bottom will be restored after construction to match the pre-existing bottom contours (see Figure 2-2). The surface will be restored with riprap, in order to minimize the potential for damaging scour to occur around the base of the riser pipes. Only granular and stone materials will be used for backfill of the intake pipes and associated concrete embedment. Dredged sediments will not be reused in any way at the site. The intake piping will extend a total of approximately 140 feet under the river bottom from the mean high water line.

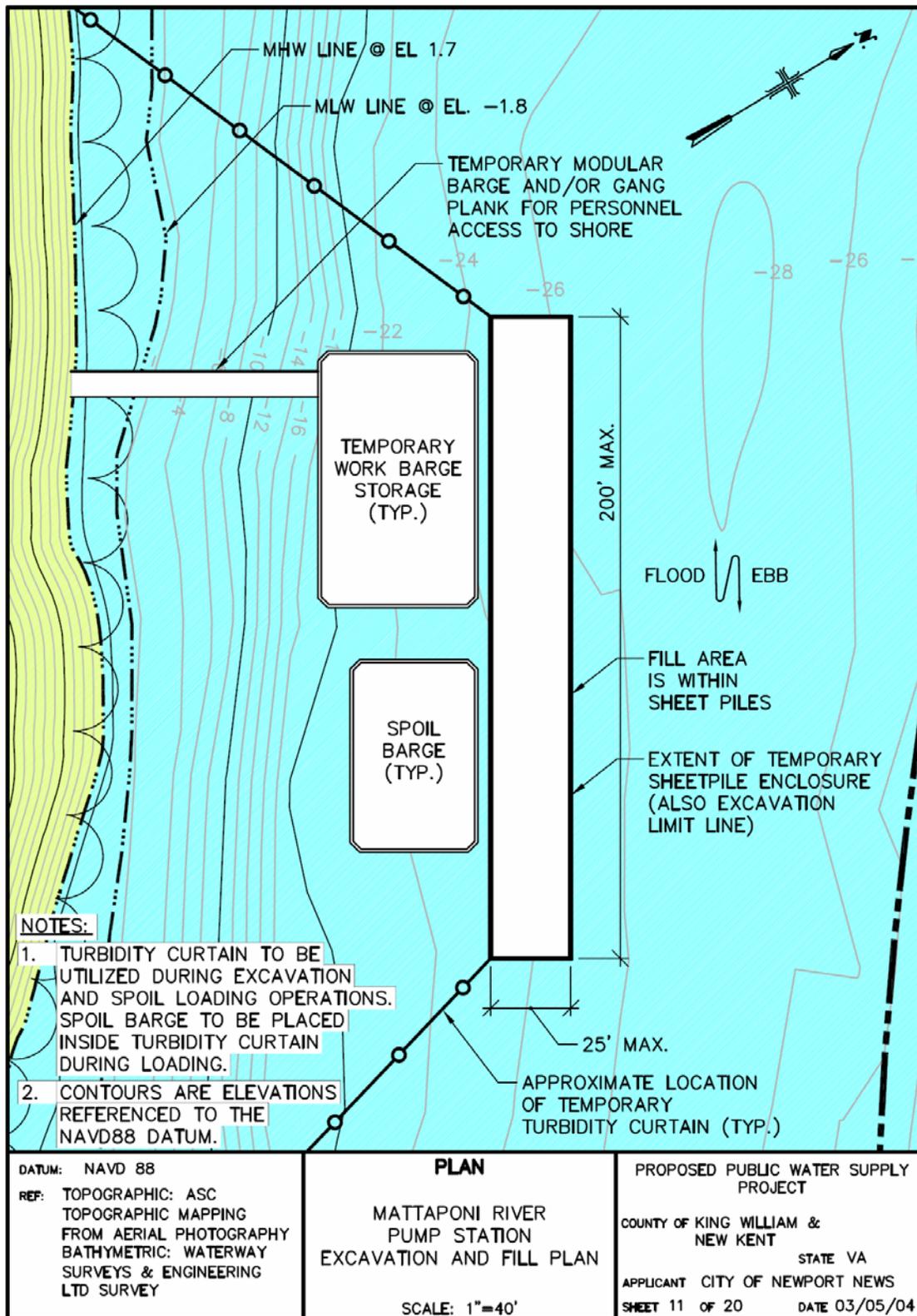


Figure 2-4. Construction mitigation designs

2.3 INTAKE OPERATION

2.3.1 Years of Normal Operation

The KWR Mattaponi River intake will be operated in compliance with a Virginia Water Protection Permit issued for the project by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ). This permit specifies minimum instream flow (MIF) requirements for the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing that constrain the amount of water that can be removed from the river during most times. These MIF values are termed the “80 percent exceedance” MIFs. KWR water withdrawals that would result in freshwater flow to the river downstream of the intake to drop below these MIF levels are not allowed (Table 2-1).

As second set of MIFs, termed the “40/20 Tennant” MIFs are implemented at any time when the City has implemented mandatory conservation measures. Under these MIFs, flowby can be reduced to 98.8 mgd from June 1 to November 30 and to 197.6 mgd from December 1 to May 30. These less stringent MIFs apply when water use conservation measures mandated in the VDEQ permit are instituted, i.e., when system water supply storage levels drop below certain specified levels.

In addition to the constraints on withdrawal imposed by the VDEQ permit MIFs, a pumping hiatus will be implemented during the spring spawning season during years of normal operation as a means of avoiding potential impacts to fish. This pumping hiatus is described in more detail below.

Because river flows vary naturally over both short and long terms in response to climatic changes, the amount of water withdrawn from the Mattaponi River will also vary over both the short and long terms. This variation would occur in response to changes in river flow as well as to changes in water demand, changes in reservoir capacity and the minimum flow requirements specified in the VDEQ permit that vary over the course of the year. To assess potential for impact to fish populations, it is necessary to estimate the levels of withdrawals most likely to occur, particularly during spawning periods for fish species of concern. Such estimation was done through water supply simulation modeling by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., the RRWSG’s engineering contractor for this project. Appendix F is a Technical Memorandum provided to the Panel by the City of Newport News and Malcolm Pirnie that summarizes the water supply simulation modeling methods and results. The Panel did not conduct an independent evaluation of the water supply modeling and thus accepts the modeling results as valid for use in the fish impact assessment.

Safe yield modeling of the proposed project was conducted using hydrologic data from the period October 1929 to September 1987¹ and anticipated 2040 to 2050 water demand conditions, together with the mandated minimum instream flow requirements. The specific instream flow constraints incorporated into the safe yield modeling varied in response to the modeled system storage levels.

Summary statistics on the anticipated withdrawals based on safe yield analysis on a seasonal basis are as shown in Table 2-2. Model results show that withdrawals will, on average, be less than 7.5 mgd more than half the time and less than 33.2 mgd 75 percent of the time. Average seasonal withdrawals range from 12 percent to 25 percent of the design capacity of the system (75 mgd), with median flows being 6 percent to 11 percent of capacity. The fact that the median (50th percentile) withdrawal rates are substantially lower than the average rates demonstrates that in most years withdrawal will be at levels well below the overall average rates. These projected spring withdrawals do not take into account the spawning season pumping hiatus, which would last an average of about 60 days and reduce the average spring percentage by about two thirds.

Table 2-1. Minimum in-stream Mattaponi River flow-by (80 percent exceedance MIF) at Scotland Landing mandated by the VDEQ Water Protection Permit for the King William Reservoir project	
Month	Minimum flow (million gallons per day)
January	329
February	423
March	434
April	347
May	206
June	115
July	115
August	114
September	114
October	114
November	125
December	231

¹ Two models used in these analyses used two different series of time series of data, one extending to 1987 and the other to 2002; see Appendix F for details.

Season	Average	Median	Upper Quartile
Winter	16.2 mgd	5.2 mgd	22.5 mgd
Spring (spawning period pumping hiatus not incorporated)	13.2 mgd	8.0 mgd	10.4 mgd
Summer	9.1 mgd	4.7 mgd	7.5 mgd
Fall	19.6 mgd	7.3 mgd	33.2 mgd

The detailed modeling results presented in Appendix F illustrate the extent to which the VDEQ permit mandated MIFs constrain the extent of water withdrawal from the Mattaponi River in summer months. The significance of the MIFs is evident in Figure 2-5, in which the 80 percent exceedance and 40/20 Tennant MIFs are plotted together with average monthly flows at Scotland Landing for four different years. As is explained in Appendix F, these years follow years of drought conditions between 1929 and the present, and would represent years in which substantial water withdrawal would be desirable in order to refill the reservoir. This figure illustrates that in the four years for which data are plotted here, the average monthly river flows during summer months in each of those years fall consistently below the MIFs. Because the data plotted in the figure are monthly averages, some daily flows within a month may exceed the MIFs during portions of each of the summer months. Thus some withdrawals could occur. However, the data clearly suggest that summer withdrawals will be both limited and intermittent.

During the spring in years of normal operation, water withdrawal will not occur when early life stages of American shad that are vulnerable to entrainment or impingement (i.e., eggs and yolk-sac larvae) are present. Mattaponi River-specific temperature triggers will be established based on 8 or more years of intensive pre-operational monitoring of fish eggs and larvae abundance and distribution in the Mattaponi River, in conjunction with continuous temperature monitoring. The duration of a pumping hiatus in any given year is predicted to range from 44 to 83 days, and to average 61 days over the long term. The basis for selecting temperature as a trigger for pumping hiatus, the methodology to be used in selecting the triggers, the anticipated level of protection afforded by these triggers, and the design of a monitoring program which will provide the necessary data are summarized in Section 5, below, and presented in detail in Appendices C and D.

2.3.2 Drought Emergency Years

The spawning period pumping hiatus will not be implemented in years when a drought emergency declared by the State of Virginia is in effect in the spring. A Virginia Drought Assessment and Response Plan, prepared by a technical advisory committee in consultation with representatives from several State agencies, was submitted to the Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources on March 28, 2003. The plan established regions and protocols for monitoring and

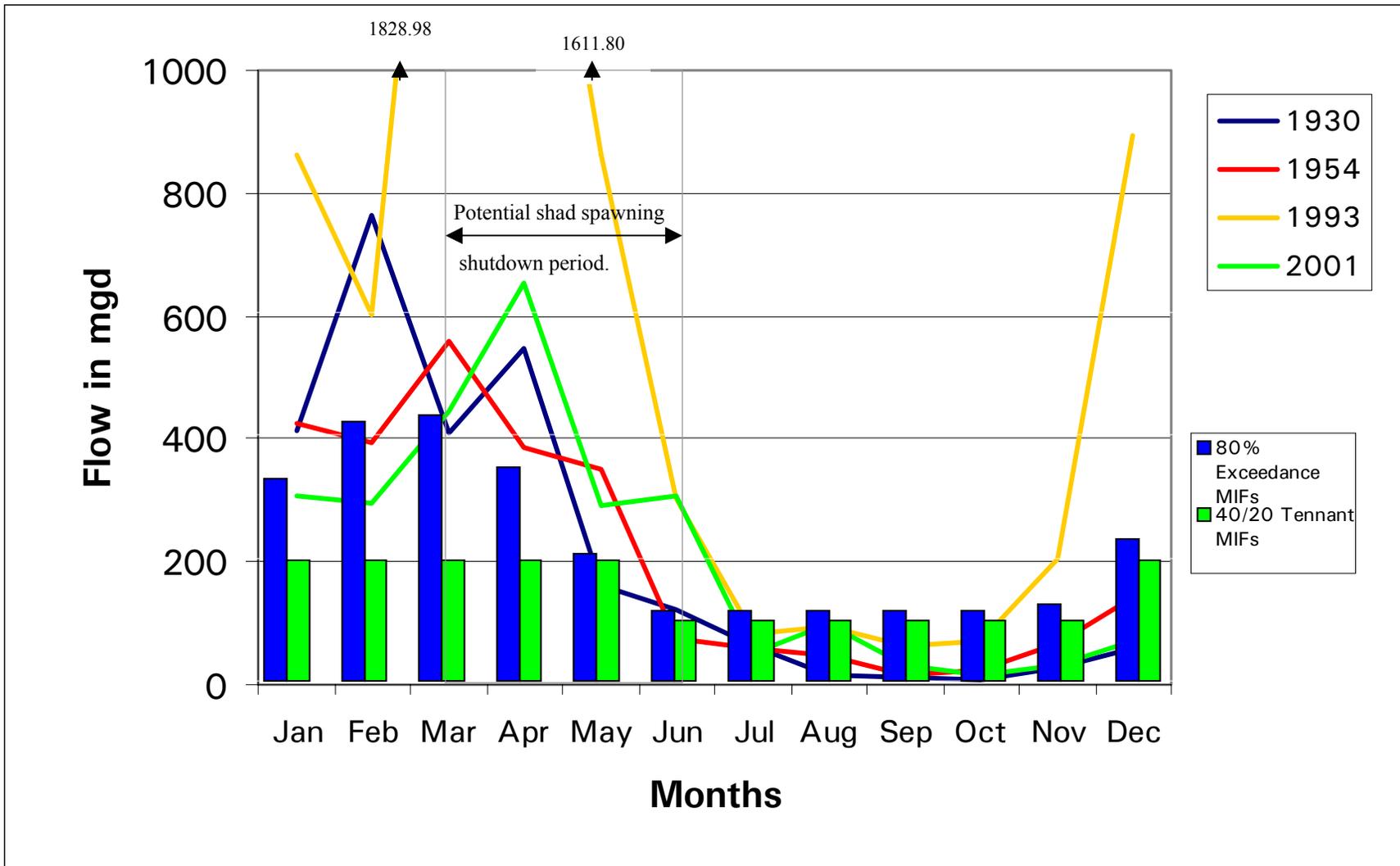


Figure 2-5. Estimated monthly freshwater flows at Scotland Landing for the years indicated, with mandated monthly minimum instream flows indicated.

managing water supply actions under varying water supply conditions. The Peninsula region uses the Newport News Reservoir System as one of the monitoring and trigger levels for actions in response to changes in system water supply. The type of action to be taken is specified in 4 levels or tiers, with emergency conditions being the highest or most severe level. The 60-day water supply level at which an emergency may be declared can vary between 30 percent and 40 percent of Newport News Reservoir System capacity, depending on the actual level of daily demand being experienced in the region.

The project as proposed does not include a KWR pumping hiatus during the spring spawning season under level 4 drought emergency conditions. It is assumed that the declaration of such an emergency would be made by the Governor of Virginia. Appendix F summarizes the safe yield analysis simulations that were run to determine the approximate probability of occurrence of severe drought conditions that would potentially lead to a drought emergency declaration over the period of record for which Mattaponi River flow data was available. Three extended or multi-year drought periods were identified between 1928 and 2002 during which simulated reservoir levels dropped below mandatory drought action trigger levels in the VDEQ permit during the shad spawning period. Only the spring months of 1931 and 1955 were within drought periods capable of depleting reservoir levels to VDEQ drought action trigger levels. Thus, for period of record, water withdrawal during the spring spawning season would have been allowable in 2 of 74 years, and thus be a low frequency event. RRWSG has indicated that these projections were based on model runs employing the 2040 water demand throughout the modeled time period. Current water demand is about two thirds of that level. At this lower demand, model runs show no drought emergency conditions in the 74 year projections. Thus, the probability of drought emergency declarations in the next 30 to 40 years would likely be lower than 2 in 74.

The latest published studies on climate change in the mid-Atlantic (USEPA 2001) predict that it will be somewhat warmer and perhaps wetter in the Mid-Atlantic Region in the future. They predict an increase in average stream flows but also a higher degree of variability in weather, with increased frequency and magnitude of floods and droughts. If the frequency and magnitude of droughts in the future increased, the frequency of drought emergencies might be higher than predicted from the 74-year period of record. However, this outcome was considered uncertain² and no projection of the probable magnitude of the increase in frequency or magnitude of future droughts is provided. Higher occurrence of floods would be likely to contribute to maintenance of high reservoir capacity values over time, a factor that might reduce the probability of a drought emergency being declared even during periods of reduced precipitation.

In years when a drought emergency is declared, water withdrawals can only be made in compliance with the MIFs discussed in Section 2.3.1, above. The only circumstances when spring withdrawals could be substantial would be when spring river flows would be well above

² Predictions in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Assessment report are categorized as “Most Certain,” “Moderately Certain,” and “Uncertain.”

the MIFs at the same time reservoir capacity would be below drought capacity levels specified in the VDEQ permit. In two modeled years in which a drought emergency in spring was likely to be declared, withdrawals were constrained by the MIFs in five of six spring months to 14 percent to 66 percent of design capacity (Table 2-3). Withdrawals at 100 percent of capacity in March 1955 are possible because river flows in that month were exceptionally high (630 mgd monthly average). Even at that high rate, withdrawal would represent only 12 percent of total freshwater flow. As is suggested from Figure 2-5, it is highly likely that mandated MIFs will preclude significant water withdrawal in summer and fall during for low flow years, which are likely to coincide with declaration of a drought emergency. Figures 8 through 11 in Appendix F provide additional illustrations of the impact of the MIFs on projected withdrawals.

Month and Year	Maximum withdrawal (mgd)	Percent of design capacity
March, 1931	20.0	26.7
April, 1931	34.7	46.3
May 1931	41.0	54.7
March 1955	75.0	100.0
April 1955	49.5	66.0
May 1955	10.5	14.0

2.4 INTAKE SCREEN OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

The rate of water withdrawal establishes the through-slot velocity of water passing from the river into the KWR intake wedgewire screens. This through-slot velocity, in combination with slot dimensions and mobility of the life stages, in turn establishes what fish life stages may be vulnerable to being impinged on the screens or entrained through the screens, and thus lost to the ecosystem. The through-slot velocity also establishes the zone of influence of the intake within the water column, and thus what portion of vulnerable life stages within the water column may be subject to intake effects. Based on the estimates of expected average seasonal water withdrawals presented in Table 2-2, the estimated seasonal through-slot velocities for the KWR intake are presented in Table 2-4. Since the figures in this table are based on the predicted seasonal withdrawal rates presented in Table 2-2, they also do not reflect the effect of the spring pumping hiatus, which would result in zero through-slot velocity in the spring.

Through-slot velocities are estimated to be in the range of 10 percent or less of the design value (0.25 fps) half of the time and less than 0.1 fps 75 percent of the time. Of greatest relevance are the estimated through-slot velocities for the spring (spawning) period. These

estimated low through-slot velocities were taken into account in the Panel’s assessment of potential for entrainment and impingement of vulnerable Mattaponi River fish life stages when pumping may occur during the spawning season under drought emergency conditions, as will be discussed in Section 5. An additional factor that influences the interactions of fish early life stages with the screen face is the “sweep velocity” of water passing across the screen face and its magnitude relative to the through-slot velocity. Given the configuration of the intake screens (Figure 2-1), tidal flows will generate the significant sweep velocities. Details of how through-slot velocities, sweep velocities, and tidal transport past the intake screens affect potential for entrainment and impingement are presented in Appendix E and in Section 5.

Season	Average	Median	Upper Quartile
Winter	0.05 fps	0.02 fps	0.08 fps
Spring	0.04 fps	0.03 fps	0.03 fps
Summer	0.03 fps	0.02 fps	0.02 fps
Fall	0.07 fps	0.02 fps	0.11 fps

2.5 OTHER VDEQ PERMIT WATER INTAKE OPERATING CONSTRAINTS

In addition to the MIFs specified in the VDEQ Virginia Water Protection Permit for KWR noted above, there are also requirements for development of an ecosystem monitoring program and a program to monitor salinity within the tidal freshwater portion of the Mattaponi River. Those monitoring programs are to be developed with input from all project stakeholders. One stated objective of the monitoring programs is to detect any salinity-induced changes to the location of spawning and nursery grounds used by anadromous fish. Section D.7 of the permit specifies that, “the conditions of this permit may be modified should the ecomonitoring or salinity monitoring plan results document ecological problems attributable to the withdrawal of water from the Mattaponi River.” Thus, the results of monitoring during facility operation could result in additional changes in intake operation.

3.0 THE MATTAPONI RIVER ECOSYSTEM

This description of the Mattaponi River ecosystem is very brief and addresses only those attributes of the ecosystem that are pertinent to the Panel's assessment of potential impacts on fish and on mitigation measures. Much more extensive characterizations of the ecosystem are presented in prior assessment reports identified in Appendix B and included in references of this report.

3.1 PHYSIOGRAPHY

The Mattaponi River is a lowland coastal river draining the Coastal Plain province of central Virginia (Figure 3-1). It is formed by the confluence of three tributaries, the Matta, the Po and the Ni Rivers in Caroline County, and flows generally southeast to empty into the York River at West Point. The Mattaponi consists of an upper free-flowing section and a lower tidal section. The division between the tidal and non-tidal sections of the River occurs at the fall line, just upstream of Aylett, approximately 41 miles upstream of West Point. The non-tidal Mattaponi is a classic low gradient stream with extensive meanders and forested wetlands. It is approximately 44 miles long and drains a watershed of approximately 620 square miles (Brooks 1983). Surrounding land use in the upper Mattaponi is primarily forested and agricultural (Bilkovic 2000).

The Mattaponi joins the Pamunkey River at West Point to form the York River, which then empties into Chesapeake Bay estuary (Figure 3-2). The tidal Mattaponi, together with the tidal Pamunkey River and the York River, are known as the greater York subestuary. The tidal Mattaponi River is approximately 41 miles long and drains an additional watershed of approximately 300 square miles (Brooks 1983). The York River, into which the Mattaponi River discharges, extends another 30 miles to join Chesapeake Bay at Gloucester Point, Virginia.

The upper tidal Mattaponi is relatively shallow with maximum depths generally less than 10 feet. South of Walkerton (RM 29), the riverbed alternates between shallow and deep areas with shallow areas ranging from 10 to 15 feet deep and deeper areas averaging from 20 to 30 feet deep (Figure 3-3). Cross-sectional area of the tidal river gradually increases moving downstream as the river both widens and deepens. The tidal Mattaponi is surrounded by extensive wetlands in many areas and there are no major tributaries draining into this section of the river. The tidal Mattaponi River has a total water surface area of 6.3 square miles and a total volume of 16,458 million gallons at mean low water (Brooks 1983). Most of the tidal volume is located near the lower end of the River; less than 15 percent of this volume is located upstream of Scotland Landing.

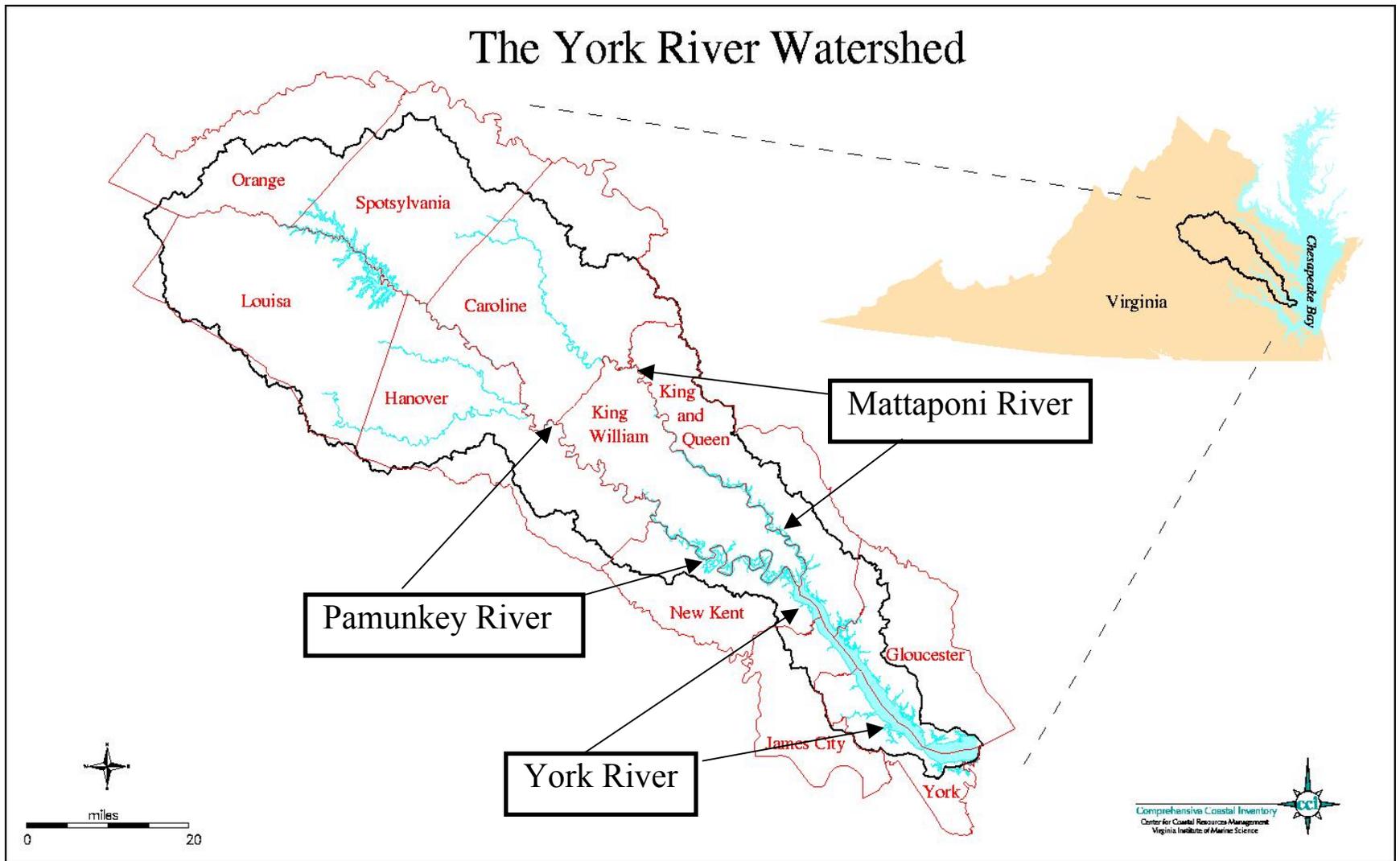


Figure 3-1. The York River watershed.

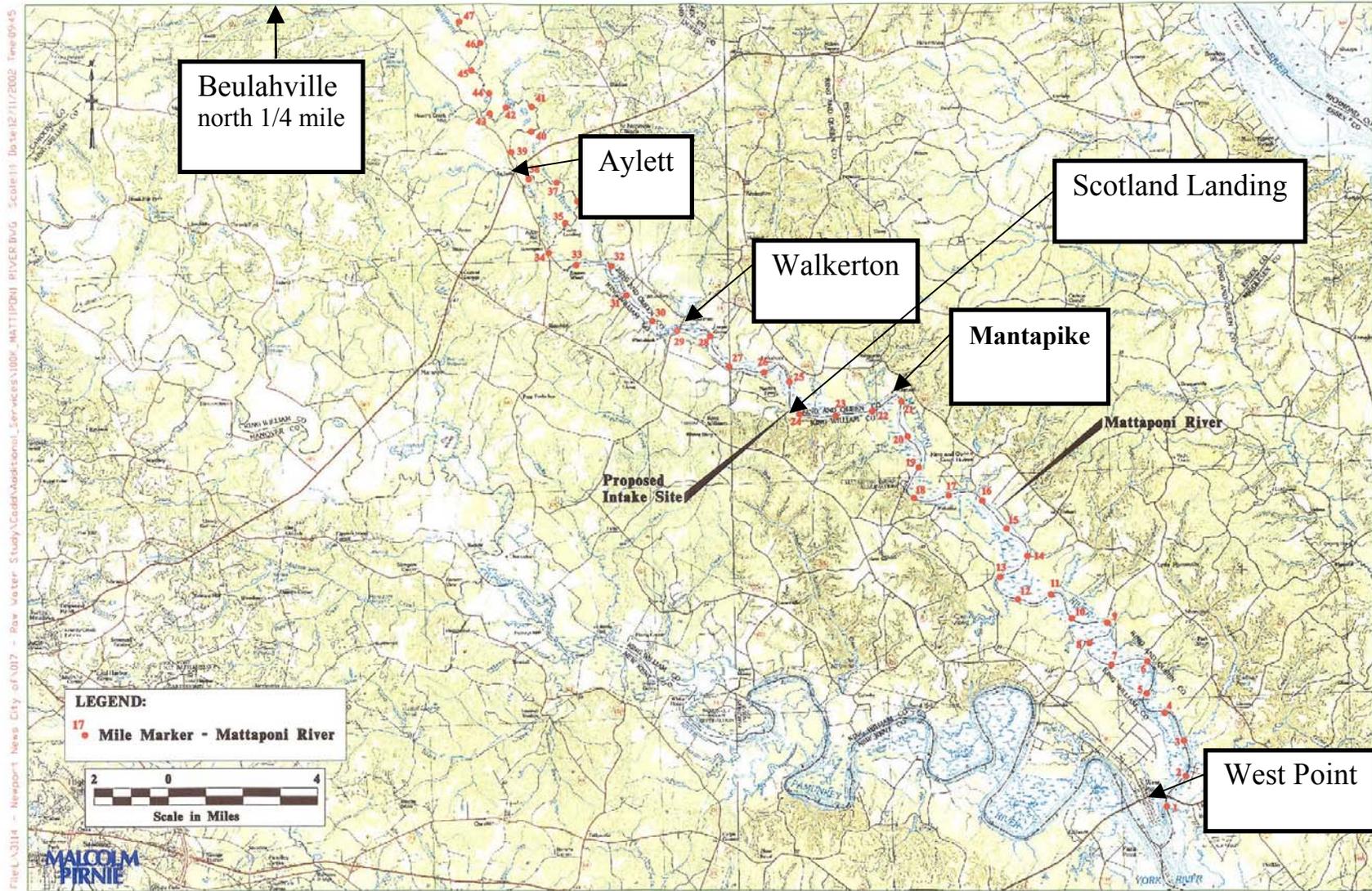


Figure 3-2. Proposed location of the KWR water intake in the Mattaponi River.

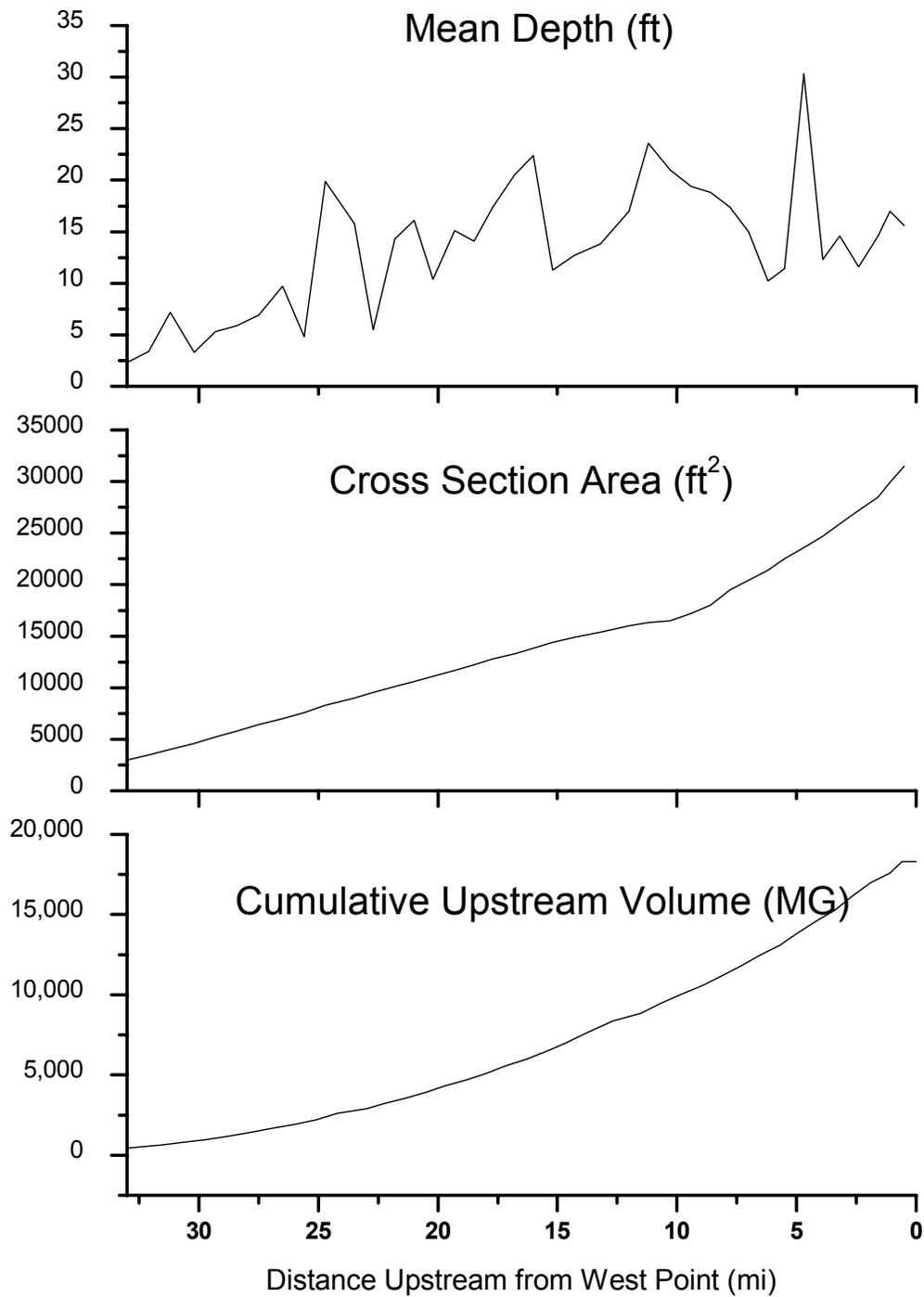


Figure 3-3. Bathymetric characteristics of the Mattaponi River.

3.2 HYDROLOGY

3.2.1 Freshwater inflow

Freshwater flows in the non-tidal section of the Mattaponi River have been monitored at the USGS gauging station near Beulahville, Virginia since 1941. They exhibit a seasonal pattern typical of most temperate estuaries, with higher flows in the later winter and spring and lower flows during later summer and early fall (Figure 3-4). Highest daily flow within the time period record used in safe yield modeling was 10,470 mgd on 25 June 1972 (Hurricane Agnes) while the lowest flow within that time period was 0.5 mgd on 13 August 1999. The lowest flow ever recorded for the Mattaponi River was 0.26 mgd in August 2002.

The KWR intake is located at Scotland Landing, approximately 48 km downstream of Beulahville. Freshwater flows at Scotland Landing are higher than at Beulahville as a result of the total watershed being approximately 30 percent larger at Scotland Landing. The safe yield modeling work conducted by the City included estimation of Scotland Landing flows. VDEQ water withdrawal permit restrictions are based on flows at Scotland Landing.

3.2.2 Tides and Tidal Currents

The Mattaponi River experiences tidal cycles typical of most Atlantic coastal estuaries, having two high tides and two low tides each day. The time between successive high and low tides is approximately 6.5 hours. Tides progress up the Mattaponi with slack tide occurring at the upper end of the tidal river approximately 4 to 5 hours later than those observed at West Point. Owing to the narrowing of the River, tidal amplitude increases from an average of 3 feet at West Point to an average of almost 4 feet at Walkerton. Tidal fluctuation at Scotland Landing is approximately 3.5 feet, and maximum tidal velocities at that location range from 2.5 to 2.9 fps. Tidal velocities are of significance to potential for impact since they provide the “sweep velocities” of water across the wedgewire screen face.

The maximum excursion of water within the river over a tidal cycle is a function of tidal velocities and available cross-sectional areas. Maximum tidal excursion within the Mattaponi is highest (3 to 5 miles) in the upper tidal reaches where the River is relatively shallow and narrow (Figure 3-5). The tidal excursion decreases rapidly downstream through Walkerton where it averages 2 to 2.5 miles. Further downstream the tidal excursion again increases to almost 4 miles at Heartquake Creek (RM 10) and then declines to 2.5 miles at West Point. The magnitude of this tidal excursion is directly proportional to tidal velocity; areas of high tidal excursion also have high tidal velocities. The magnitude of the tidal excursion is one factor establishing what proportion of a total population of planktonic organisms within the Mattaponi River may be vulnerable to impacts from the water intake. Because net tidal movement is downstream, organisms located more than one tidal excursion distance downstream of the intake will not be

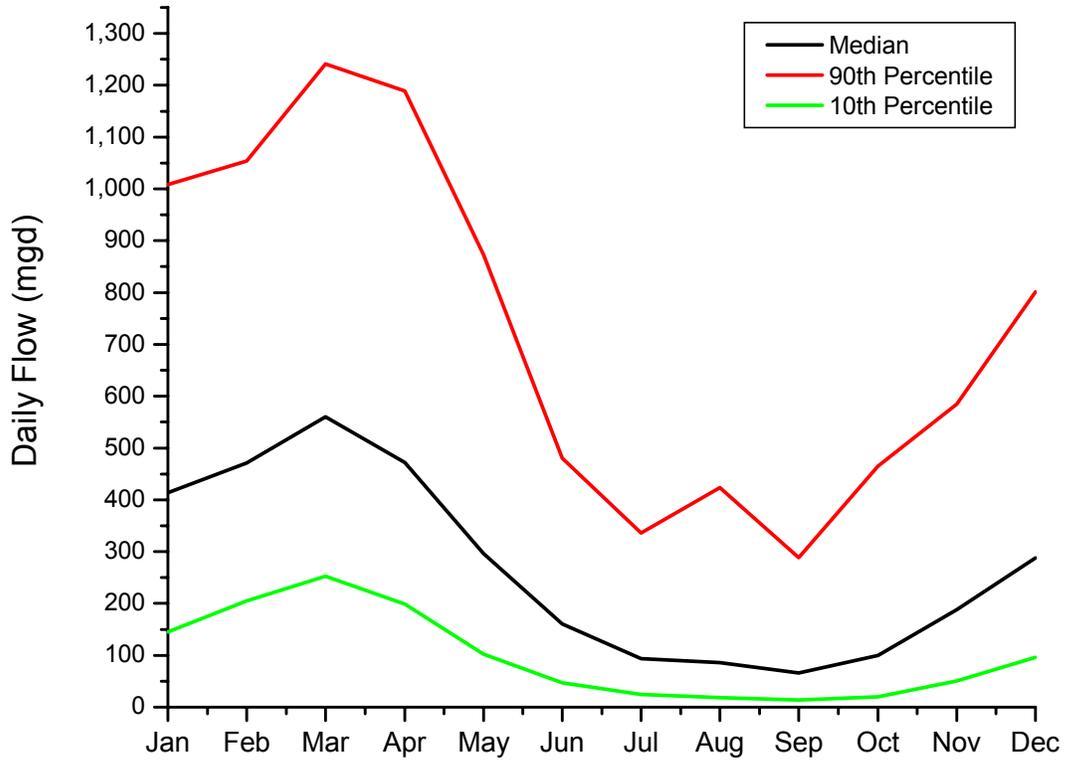


Figure 3-4. Mattaponi River freshwater flows as recorded at the USGS Beulahville gauging station.

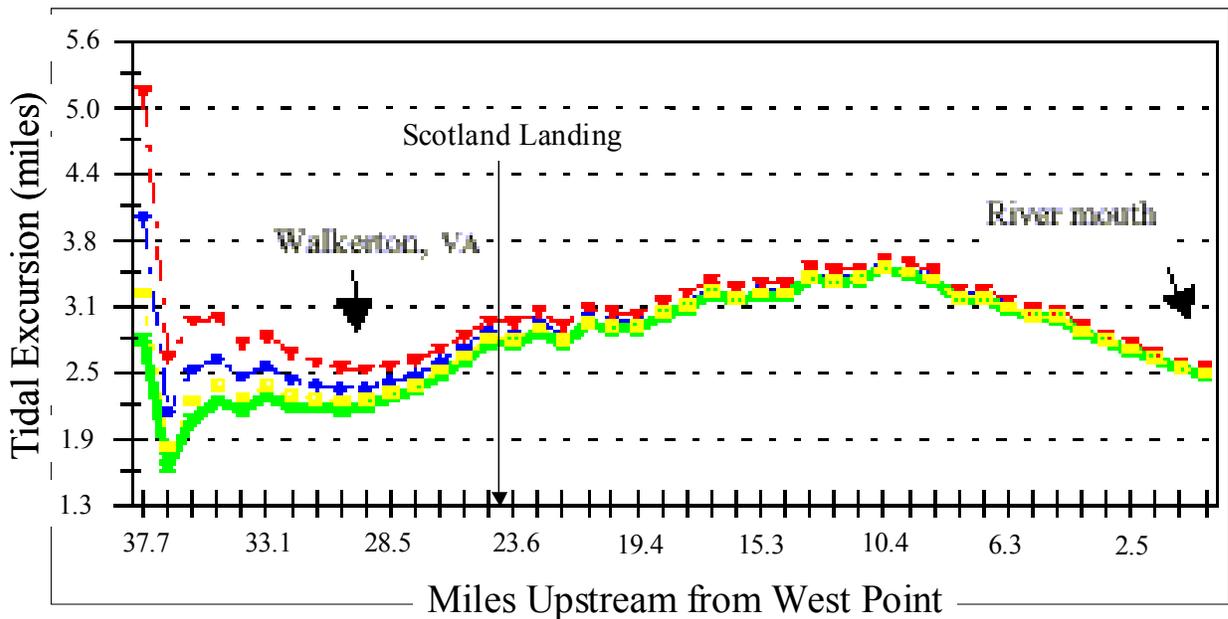


Figure 3-5. Tidal excursion distances as a function of location within the Mattaponi River

transported past the intake on flood tides, and will be displaced further downstream on each successive tidal cycle. They will thus not be exposed to water withdrawal effects.

3.3 SALINITY

As previously described, the tidal Mattaponi is part of the greater York subestuary to Chesapeake Bay. Within this system, freshwater flows are gradually mixed with the more saline waters of the Chesapeake Bay. The location of the transition between fresh and brackish waters varies depending on the volume of freshwater entering from upstream. For much of the year, most of the tidal Mattaponi River is freshwater. However, during low flow periods (typically late summer and fall) brackish waters can enter into the lower tidal Mattaponi. During extreme low flow events, this brackish water can extend as far upstream as Courthouse Landing (RM 18) or even farther. On the other hand, during rainy summers, the Mattaponi can remain exclusively freshwater throughout the year.

Field surveys of salinity within the lower Mattaponi River (Brooks 1983) reveal that brackish waters with a salt content of 5 parts per thousand (ppt) rarely intrudes more than 10 miles upstream of West Point. For the most part, areas upstream of Davis Beach (RM 15) remain exclusively freshwater throughout the year. At issue is whether water withdrawals would result in encroachment of saline waters farther up the Mattaponi, altering the salinity characteristics of habitats there, and whether salinity changes of the magnitude predicted would adversely affect any vulnerable life stages of any species of concern.

3.4 WATER QUALITY

There are currently no major municipal or industrial discharges into the Mattaponi River basin and no point source discharges of any kind in the vicinity of the proposed intake. However, there is a growing concern about nutrient input within the tributaries to the York River, principally through non-point sources (VSNR 2000). Currently, the lower Mattaponi River (Clifton to West Point) and the entire York River downstream are listed as nutrient enriched. Recent water quality monitoring reveals improving trends for nitrogen and phosphorous, which are the two nutrients of greatest concern (Langland et al. 2001). These concerns have led to efforts to reduce such enrichment through nutrient reduction strategies (VSNR 2000). Currently, the upper Mattaponi River barely meets habitat objectives for submerged aquatic vegetation for phosphorous and available light. The lower Mattaponi River fails to meet these objectives for available light and suspended solids, and is borderline for phosphorus and phytoplankton. There are no water quality issues associated with the KWR water intake.

3.5 THE AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM

The Mattaponi River provides a wide variety of aquatic habitats that support a diverse biological community. In the upper, non-tidal Mattaponi River, aquatic habitats include the free-flowing stream and tributaries, slow moving backwater areas, and surrounding non-tidal wetlands. The tidal Mattaponi River provides additional habitat types, including shallows and deeper channel areas, tributaries, and surrounding tidal wetlands. The tidal Mattaponi River, and the greater York River subestuary of which it is a part, contain a diverse biological community comprised of thousands of individual species as a result of the salinity gradient ranging from fresh to mesohaline and the habitat diversity described above. The portion of the river within a tidal excursion distance of the proposed KWR intake location supports tidal-freshwater and oligohaline aquatic communities similar to those found throughout the Chesapeake Bay's major tributaries.

4.0 MATTAPONI RIVER FISH COMMUNITY AND IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES VULNERABLE TO POTENTIAL KWR WATER INTAKE EFFECTS

4.1 COMMUNITY COMPOSITION

The fish community in the tidal Mattaponi River is typical of similar lowland streams and rivers in the mid-Atlantic region and throughout the Chesapeake Bay. Thirty-five fish species have been documented as being present in the Mattaponi River in the vicinity of the proposed intake location at Scotland Landing based on electro-fishing sampling programs (Dowling 1994; VDGIF, pers. comm.) or are known or believed to occur within tidal, freshwater reaches of Chesapeake Bay tributaries in Virginia such as the Mattaponi (Jenkins and Burkhead, 1994) (Table 4-1). This community assemblage includes 24 year-round resident, freshwater species, 10 diadromous and semi-migratory species, and one estuarine-dependent species. Numerically dominant species in VDGIF samples were generally resident freshwater species such as redbreast sunfish (Dowling 1994).

Table 4-1. Fish species present in the Mattaponi River in the vicinity of the KWR intake at Scotland Landing their exposure to KWR effects			
Life History Category	Species	Potentially Exposed Life Stages And Their Seasonal Exposure	
Anadromous/ Semi- Migratory	Sea lamprey	Adults	Spring
	Atlantic sturgeon	Early life stages	Spring
	Blueback herring		
	Alewife	Juveniles	Summer/Fall
	American shad		
	Hickory shad		
	Striped bass		
	White perch		
Yellow perch			
Catadromous	American eel	Juveniles (glass eel, elver)	Spring
		Sub-adult	All seasons
Estuarine Dependent	Bay anchovy	All	All seasons
Resident	Longnose gar	All	All
	Bowfin		
	Gizzard shad		
	Common carp		
	Satinfin shiner		
	Eastern silvery minnow		
	Spottail shiner		
	Shorthead redhorse		
	White catfish		
	Channel catfish		
	Blue catfish		
	Brown bullhead		
	Inland silverside		
	Tessellated darter		
Banded killifish			
Eastern mosquitofish			
Redbreast sunfish			
Bluegill			
Pumpkinseed			
Bluespotted sunfish			
Redear sunfish			
Black crappie			
Largemouth bass			
Walleye			

The exposure of individual fish species to potential effects of the water intake varies as a result of their different life history characteristics. Resident species are present in the Mattaponi River year around and complete their entire life cycle within the river, although not necessarily within the area of influence of the KWR intake. Any life stage of resident species that might occur in the vicinity of the intake in any season could potentially be affected by water withdrawal. Anadromous alosine species (American and hickory shad, blueback herring, alewife) migrate into tidal and non-tidal fresh waters to spawn in the spring, with surviving adults returning to the ocean after spawning and early life stages and juveniles utilizing the tidal freshwaters as nursery grounds until migrating seaward in the late summer and fall (Funderburk et al, 1991). Adults of other anadromous species (striped bass, Atlantic sturgeon, sea lamprey) make spring spawning migrations similar to alosines, but juveniles of these species may spend several years in estuarine or fresh waters before migrating to the ocean (Funderburk et al, 1991; Bigelow and Schroeder, 1953). The single catadromous species, American eel, spawns in the Atlantic Ocean, with juveniles (glass eels, elvers) migrating into estuarine and fresh waters in the spring and early summer, where they may remain until reaching sexual maturity, which is usually from 15 to 24 years (Haro et al., 2002). Semi-migratory species (white perch, yellow perch), make spawning migrations into suitable spawning areas within tidal freshwaters, and then migrate to seasonal habitats while remaining for their entire life cycle within estuarine waters (Richkus and Stroup, 1987a,b). The single estuarine dependent species, bay anchovy, lives its entire life cycle in estuarine waters, with only marginal use of tidal freshwater habitats by juvenile stages. Detailed descriptions of the life histories of many of these species and the status of Mattaponi River fish populations that are exploited are presented in other reports (e.g., ASA 2003; Mann 2003) and are not duplicated here.

During the summer months, it is likely that the lower Mattaponi River also provides nursery habitat for a variety of juveniles of amphidromous³ species, such as spot, Atlantic croaker, and Atlantic menhaden. These species are common inhabitants of Chesapeake Bay and can be seasonally abundant in Bay waters. However, their salinity requirements likely limit their distribution to the brackish waters of the lower Mattaponi. None of these species were reported in the results of electrofishing surveys at Scotland Landing conducted by the VDGIF .

4.2 SPECIES VULNERABILITY TO POTENTIAL MODES OF IMPACT

As briefly noted in the Section 1.0, above, and as will be discussed in more detail in Section 5.0, below, potential modes of impact to fish populations from the KWR water intake include: construction (e.g., physical changes to the environment, turbidity); impingement (i.e., trapping of fish on intake screens and consequent mortality during water withdrawal); entrainment (i.e., passage of early life stages through intake screens and their loss to the ecosystem during water withdrawal); salinity changes (e.g., habitat changes that could adversely affect the use of that habitat by fish populations); and noise (e.g., any anthropogenic sounds produced by the water intake when operating that could alter normal fish behavior). Each of

³ Amphidromous species migrate from freshwater to the sea and vice versa but not for breeding

these potential impact modes will be described here in order to identify those members of the fish community that could potentially be vulnerable to intake effects. The species and life stages identified as being potentially vulnerable are the focus of the assessments presented in Section 5.

4.2.1 Vulnerability to Construction Impacts

Construction is prohibited between February 15 and June 30, which completely encompasses the majority of the spawning period for all anadromous and most resident species that inhabit the Mattaponi River. Thus, impacts to most early life stages of these spring-spawning species as a result of construction activities cannot occur. Early life stages of species such as bay anchovy, that spawn into the summer months, could be exposed to effects of construction activity. The RRWSG's engineering contractor, Malcolm Pirnie, indicated that in-river construction will take 6 months or more, so some activity is likely to be on-going through the summer, fall and winter. Thus, the life stages and species potentially exposed to impacts would include juvenile anadromous fish and all life stages of all other species that may occur in the Scotland Landing area of the Mattaponi. From a long-term perspective, the construction of the KWR intake results in permanent placement of a large physical structure in the water column, and some changes in substrate, as described in Section 2.2. All species and life stages that occur in the Mattaponi River would be subject to any effects resulting from those habitat changes

4.2.2 Vulnerability of All Life Stages to Impingement Impacts

Impingement occurs when aquatic organisms are trapped (impinged) against the intake screens or related structures at the entrance of a facility's water withdrawal intake by the velocity of the intake flow. This occurs when the intake velocities exceed the swimming speed of the organism. Aquatic organisms trapped on the screen may die of exhaustion, suffocation or other injuries (Nagle and Morgan 2000). Impingement is of particular concern at facilities that withdraw large volumes of water for cooling purposes, such as power generating facilities, and has been extensively studied at such facilities throughout the United States (e.g., Wisniewski, 2000). However, volumes of water withdrawn at such facilities and velocity of water as it passes through their protective screens are much higher than what will occur at the KWR wedgewire screens. In guidelines for the power industry for best available technology for minimizing impacts to fish, Boreman (1977) suggested the criterion for minimizing impingement impact potential was through-screen velocities less than 0.5 ft/sec, a criterion which has been adopted and maintained in USEPA's new Clean Water Act Section 316(b) rules. Extensive laboratory and real-world experience with low through-screen velocity screening technology has demonstrated that impingement of larger aquatic organisms (those greater than about 1 inch [25.4 mm] long) is virtually eliminated by low (<0.5 fps) through-slot velocities (e.g., Veneziale 1992; Zeitoun et al 1981). The USEPA-recommended criterion is double the design maximum through-slot velocity for the KWR intake screens. Furthermore, many of the general findings regarding protective value of these higher through-screen velocities are for conventional flat

screens, with all flow passing through the screen. Such screens pose greater risk for impingement and impingement mortality than cylindrical screens aligned parallel to river flow as proposed for the Mattaponi intake.

The USEPA concluded that cylindrical wedgewire screens are an effective technology for substantially reducing the impingement of aquatic organisms, with reductions of up to 99 percent over conventional intake screens (USEPA 2002). This conclusion is supported by experiences with similar intake structures operating within nursery habitats of many species (e.g., Ehrler and Raifsnider 1999; Lifton 1979).⁴ As will be discussed in detail in Section 5 and Appendix E, wedgewire screens of the type proposed for the KWR intake have a number of attributes in addition to low through-slot velocities that significantly reduce or eliminate potential for impingement. These additional attributes include small mesh, high sweep velocities, and mid-water location. The benefits of each of these attributes will be discussed in detail below.

The swimming speed of fish varies by species and by size within species, and two types of speeds commonly documented in experimental studies are burst speed and sustained speed (Videler 1993). Another term used is critical speed, which is a speed that can be maintained for a specified period of time (Gowan et al, 1999). Sustained swimming speeds of fish are particularly important relative to impingement in circumstances such as intake embayments, where fish are restricted to an area immediately in front of an intake screen and may swim until becoming fatigued and falling back onto the screen when the water velocity exceeds their sustained swimming speed capability. Because the KWR intake screens are cylindrical, suspended vertically in the water column, and subject to nearly continual tidal flows across the screen face, fish will not be constrained such that they would have to continuously swim against intake screen intake flows. Thus, sustained swimming speeds are of lesser importance to impingement assessment in this instance and would be of significance only during the relatively short slack tide periods when sweep velocities may be lower than through-slot velocities. Burst speeds are those exhibited when fish encounter an object, such as an intake screen, or perceive a threat (e.g., from a predator), and move rapidly away. Burst speeds are not sustainable for more than very brief time periods. Burst speeds are likely to be of greater relevance than sustained swimming speeds to potential for impingement at the KWR intake screen when high sweep velocities are occurring.

Figure 4-1 presents fish swimming speeds relative to body length for a wide range of species of varying sizes (note that the graph is in log:log scale). The smallest fish for which data are presented in this figure are on the order of 3 cm (1.2 in) in length, with swimming speeds on the order of 63 cm/sec (approximately 2 ft/sec). Thus, the data shown do not include swimming speeds of any larval fish. This graph, while including data from a wide range of fish species and

⁴ The majority of studies of effectiveness of different screening technologies has been funded by industry, particularly the power generation industry, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of those technologies for use at their facilities to meet regulatory requirements. Very few intake technology papers have appeared in peer-review journals. However, studies published in many proceedings of symposia dealing with screening issues have been subjected to peer review. For example, EPRI-sponsored publications typically require two outside peer reviews of each contribution (D. Dixon, EPRI, pers. comm.).

sizes not native to Chesapeake Bay waters, illustrates several general relationships between fish size and fish speeds. All swimming speeds are consistently greater than a body length per second, and burst speeds tend to be about 10 times sustained swimming speeds for most species and sizes. The data also illustrate that all fish greater than 3 cm in length for which data are plotted have swimming speeds many times greater than the maximum KWR slot velocities of 0.25 fps.

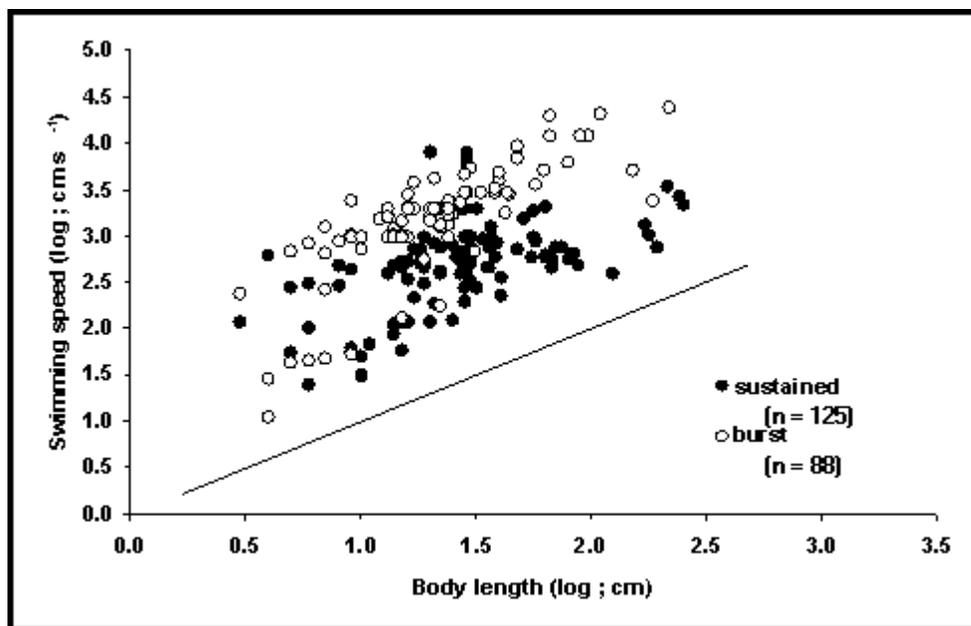


Figure 4-1. Relationship between swimming speed and body length of fishes (from http://www.fishbase.org/manual/FishbaseThe_SWIMMING_and_SPEED_Tables.htm). Note that both the axes are log scale.

Data on swimming speeds of larval fish are more limited than data for juvenile and adult life stages. Table 4-2 presents larval burst swimming speeds for three marine species, one of which is herring, a species related to American shad and river herring. For herring larvae averaging about 10 mm in length, mean burst swimming speeds were about 0.2 fps (61 mm/sec). Initial flexion of the body for herring larvae resulted in movement of about 1 body length in 80 milliseconds, with somewhat lower speeds exhibited in subsequent milliseconds. Yin and Blaxter (1987) also reported that escape movements were not directional until the post-yolk sac larval stage, which would constrain the likelihood that yolk-sac larvae escape movements would always result in displacement of the larvae away from the screen face. Note that these swimming speeds were recorded for larvae experiencing starvation, so normal larvae may be capable of higher speeds. Gowan et al (1999) present additional data on critical swimming speeds of larvae of twelve species that were taken into account in their recommendation of 0.25 fps as a design criteria for through-slot velocities of intake screens. However, that recommendation also takes into account engineering constraints on achieving lower velocities.

Table 4-2. *Clupea harengus*, *Gadus morhua* and *Platichthys flesus* larvae maximum and mean speeds (ft s⁻¹) during starvation (body lengths per second, BLs⁻¹, given in parentheses). Speeds are means ± 95% confidence limits. “Probe” and “Pipette” were two different devices used for stimulating escape. (Converted from Yin and Blaxter 1987.) (Table taken from Henderson and Seaby, 2000.)

	Probe		Pipette	
	Max	mean	max	mean
Yolk-sac larvae				
Clyde herring	0.443 ± 0.069 (13.2 ± 2.1)	0.217 ± 0.062 (6.5 ± 1.9)	0.499 ± 0.043 (14.9 ± 1.3)	0.24 ± 0.033 (7.2 ± 1.0)
Baltic herring	0.423 ± 0.039 (14.9 ± 1.4)	0.197 ± 0.013 (6.9 ± 0.8)	0.456 ± 0.043 (16.1 ± 1.5)	0.203 ± 0.033 (7.5 ± 1.2)
Cod	0.226 ± 0.023 (13.2 ± 1.3)	0.118 ± 0.016 (7.2 ± 1.0)	0.262 ± 0.026 (15.1 ± 1.5)	0.141 ± 0.016 (8.6 ± 1.0)
Flounder	0.184 ± 0.03 (13.0 ± 2.1)	0.098 ± 0.02 (6.9 ± 1.4)	0.213 ± 0.049 (15.1 ± 3.5)	0.115 ± 0.03 (8.1 ± 2.1)
Older larvae				
Clyde herring				
36 d-old	0.577 ± 0.135 (12.1 ± 2.8)	0.269 ± 0.075 (5.7 ± 1.6)	0.643 ± 0.079 (13.5 ± 1.6)	0.328 ± 0.046 (6.9 ± 1.0)
60 d-old	0.81 ± 0.161 (13.0 ± 2.6)	0.417 ± 0.095 (6.7 ± 1.5)	0.84 ± 0.128 (13.5 ± 2.0)	0.476 ± 0.049 (7.6 ± 0.8)

While the maximum design through-slot velocity of the KWR intake screens is 0.25 ft/sec (76 mm/sec), through-slot velocities of less than 0.1 ft/sec (30.5 mm/sec) are expected to occur at least 75 percent of the time (see Table 2-4). At a burst speed of 6 times body length, the mean for herring larvae in Table 4-2, fish as small as 13 mm would be capable of avoiding impingement at the maximum through-slot velocity, with even smaller fish being capable of avoidance at the predominant 0.1 ft/sec through-slot velocity. This would occur even if they encountered the screen with no sweep velocities, as would occur near and during brief slack tide periods. The literature cited above confirms that only very small fish (only larval stages for large species such as American shad and striped bass but including juveniles of some small species such as silversides and bay anchovy), would be potentially susceptible to impingement at the KWR intake screens even at the maximum through-slot velocities. The same literature also supports the conclusion that juvenile and adult life stages of all fish species would not be vulnerable to impingement by the KWR intake. Those species whose earliest life stages may occur in the vicinity of the KWR intake screens and thus be susceptible to both impingement and entrainment are identified in the following section.

4.2.3 Vulnerability to Entrainment and Impingement of Early Life Stages

Only organisms small and flexible enough to be drawn through the 1-mm slots of the KWR wedgewire intake screens and with insufficient motility to escape from intake velocities would be vulnerable to entrainment. The larger organisms within this group would also be the most susceptible to impingement, if they were too large to pass through the 1-mm screen slot but did not have sufficient swimming ability to avoid contact with the screen. Later early life stages (e.g., post-yolk-sac stages of species with larger larvae), juveniles and adults are not susceptible to entrainment, and species with eggs too large to pass through the screen are also not vulnerable. Among the early life stages of the species that spawn in the Mattaponi River, the location and type of spawning, the size of the eggs and larvae, and the behavior of the motile early life stages are all factors that establish their vulnerability.

Although the American shad has been a primary focus of efforts to evaluate potential effects on fish of the proposed project, other migratory and resident fishes that occur in the vicinity of the intake site could also be vulnerable to entrainment effects. In an effort to systematically assess the vulnerability to entrainment effects of the fish species that comprise the Mattaponi River fish community assemblage, biological and ecological attributes were evaluated for 35 resident and migratory species. The assemblage includes 24 year-round resident, freshwater species, 10 diadromous and semi-migratory species, and one estuarine-dependent species. Each of the 35 species has been documented by recent boat electrofishing collections in the vicinity of the proposed intake (VDGIF, unpublished data) or is known or expected to occur within the tidal, freshwater reaches of the Mattaponi river mainstem (Jenkins and Burkhead, 1994). Several amphidromous species (e.g., Atlantic menhaden) that are collected occasionally in the vicinity of the proposed intake site were not included in the analysis. Similarly, fishes that may occur in the drainage, but are generally restricted to smaller tributaries than the Mattaponi River, were not included in the analysis.

The biological and ecological attributes of a species' reproductive behavior are of greatest relevance to the vulnerability of their early life stages to entrainment and impingement impacts. To systematically characterize their potential vulnerability, information on the spawning biology of each species (reviewed by Gowan et al, 1999) was used. Vulnerability scores of 1, 3, or 5, were assigned to each species for each of the six most relevant spawning attributes, based on literature information, data available for the Mattaponi River (e.g., VDGIF survey data) and Panel members' knowledge and expertise (Table 4-3), as will be explained further below. Where data were not available, an intermediate score of '3' was assigned. Where an attribute was not applicable for a particular species (e.g., American eel spawning occurs in the ocean and eggs and larvae would never be present in the Mattaponi River), a score of zero was assigned. Scores were assigned based on the minimum value for a given attribute and all attributes were weighted equally. The sum of scores provides a means of ranking species according to their relative vulnerability and thus establishes which species should be the focus of the Panel's assessment efforts. The rankings of species reflect vulnerability to entrainment and impingement relative to the other species in the analysis; rankings do not necessarily reflect the significance to the population of intake effects.

Table 4-3. Spawning attributes and scoring criteria for entrainment vulnerability assessment of resident and migratory fishes found in the Mattaponi River, Virginia. Where data were unavailable, the attribute was given an intermediate score of '3.' Where an attribute was not applicable to a particular species, a score of zero was assigned.

Metric	Scoring Criteria
Egg diameter (mm) High (5) Moderate (3) Low (1)	<1.0 1.0-2.0 >2.0
Pro-larvae length (mm) High (5) Moderate (3) Low (1)	<4.0 4.0-6.0 >6.0
Post-larvae length (mm) High (5) Moderate (3) Low (1)	<7.0* 7.0-10.0 >10.0
Egg distribution High (5) Moderate (3) Low (1)	buoyant demersal/semi-demersal benthic
Reproductive guild High (5) Moderate (3) Low (1)	broadcaster substrate/crevice nester/livebearer
Reproductive Habitat High (5) Moderate (3) Low (1)	obligate river spawner facultative river spawner non-riverine spawner

* Note that the scores of 5, 3 and 1 are relative within a metric; thus, while post-larvae < 7 mm are at highest risk within this life stage, pro-larvae >6 mm are at the lowest risk within that life stage.

We evaluated vulnerability at three levels. First, the three attributes that would account for the early life stages encountering the intake screen were assessed. These attributes (reproductive guild, reproductive habitat, and egg characteristics) directly establish the likelihood that a species' eggs or larvae could occur in a portion of the river in which they might encounter the intake structure:

- With regard to reproductive guild, probability of early life stages encountering the intake structure is highest for broadcast spawners (i.e., species that release their eggs and sperm into the water column), intermediate for substrate spawners (i.e., species that deposit their eggs on the bottom substrate), and lowest for nest builders and live bearers.
- With regard to reproductive habitat, probability of early life stages encountering the intake structure is highest for obligate river spawners (i.e., those species that spawn only within riverine environments such as the tidal fresh Mattaponi River), intermediate for facultative river spawners (i.e., those species that spawn in riverine as well as other environments) and lowest for non-riverine spawners (i.e., species that spawn in tributaries, marshes, etc.).
- With regard to egg characteristics, probability of eggs encountering the intake is highest for buoyant eggs, intermediate for demersal and semi-demersal eggs, and lowest for benthic eggs (e.g., eggs deposited in nests). The eggs of some species, including several alosine fishes, exhibit adhesive characteristics that may further mitigate vulnerability to entrainment or impingement.

Table 4-4 presents species-specific data on each of these attributes, the vulnerability scores for encountering the intake, and the sums of the vulnerability scores for encountering the intake for each species. The species with the highest total score (15, striped bass) is an obligate river spawner that broadcasts buoyant eggs, representing the worst case scenario with regard to overall vulnerability of early life stages to entrainment and impingement. Eleven of the 35 species comprising the Mattaponi River fish community were assigned total scores greater than 10 and represent those species most vulnerable to entrainment based on their reproductive ecology.

Table 4-4. Spawning characteristics data for resident and migratory fishes, Mattaponi River, Virginia, with assigned vulnerability to encountering the intake scores. Data are from various sources cited in the text. A blank field means data were not available.

Species	Spawning Temperature	Spawning Months	Reproductive Guild	Score	River Spawner	Score	Egg location	Score	Total Score
Alewife	11.0-22.5	MAR-MAY	BROADCAST	5	FACULTATE	3	semi-demersal	3	11
American shad	11.0-20.0	APR-JUN	BROADCAST	5	OBLIGATE	5	semi-demersal/adhesive	3	13
Bay anchovy	15-30	MAY-JUL	BROADCAST	5	NON RIVERINE	1	semi-demersal	3	9
Blueback herring	14-23	MAR-MAY	BROADCAST	5	FACULTATE	3	semi-demersal	3	11
Common carp	15-25	MAY-JUL	BROADCAST	5	FACULTATE	3	Demersal/adhesive	3	11
Gizzard shad	10.0-25.0	APR-JUN	BROADCAST	5	FACULTATE	3	Demersal/adhesive	3	11
Hickory shad	11.0-15.0	APR-JUN	BROADCAST	5	OBLIGATE	5	semi-demersal	3	13
Inland silverside	16-30	MAY-AUG	BROADCAST	5	NON RIVERINE	1	semi-demersal	3	9
Shorthead redhorse	11.0-11.0	APR-MAY	BROADCAST	5	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	9
Striped bass	10.0-25.0	APR-JUN	BROADCAST	5	OBLIGATE	5	Buoyant	5	15
Walleye	2.2-15.6	MAR-MAY	BROADCAST	5	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	9
White perch	10.0-20.0	APR-JUN	BROADCAST	5	OBLIGATE	5	Demersal/adhesive	3	13
Yellow perch	6.8-12	MAR-APR	BROADCAST	1	OBLIGATE	5	Ribbon	0	11
Atlantic sturgeon	13-20	APR	SUBSTRATE	3	OBLIGATE	5	Demersal/adhesive	3	11
Banded killifish	18-25	APR-AUG	SUBSTRATE	3	FACULTATE	3	benthic/adhesive	1	7
Bowfin	16-19	MAY-JUN	SUBSTRATE	3	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	7
Eastern silvery minnow	13-20	APR-MAY	SUBSTRATE	3	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	7
Longnose gar	19-21	MAY-JUN	SUBSTRATE	3	OBLIGATE	5	Demersal/adhesive	3	11
Spottail shiner	18.3-19	APR-JUN	SUBSTRATE	3	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	7
Tessellated darter	6.5-15.0	MAR-MAY	SUBSTRATE	3	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	7
Satinfin shiner	18-30	MAY-JUL	CREVICE	3	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	7
Black crappie	15-20	MAY-JUN	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Blue catfish	21-24	MAY-JUN	GUARDER	1	OBLIGATE	5	Benthic	1	7
Bluegill	18-25	MAY-AUG	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Bluespotted sunfish	20.0-20.0	MAY-JUN	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Brown bullhead	21-25	MAY-JUN	GUARDER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Channel catfish	21-29	APR-JUN	GUARDER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Largemouth bass	15-25	MAY-JUN	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Pumpkinseed	17-30	MAY-AUG	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Redbreast sunfish	20.0-30.0	MAY-JUN	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Redear sunfish	20.0-21.0	MAY-AUG	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
Sea lamprey	14-15	APR-JUN	NESTER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
White catfish	21.0-21.0	MAY-JUN	GUARDER	1	FACULTATE	3	Benthic	1	5
American eel	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	0
Eastern mosquitofish		MAY-JUL	BEARER	1	FACULTATE	3	live-bearer	1	5

The vulnerability index to entrainment and impingement was computed from the three attributes of egg diameter, length of pro-larvae⁵, and length of post-larvae.⁶ Egg diameter and length of pro-larvae directly establish the potential for the early life stage to pass through the intake screen and be entrained through the 1-mm slot width. Length of post-larvae is related directly to swimming performance and a larva’s ability to avoid impingement. Data ranges representing each species and each of these three metrics were derived from various published sources, including Jenkins and Burkhead (1994) and Gowan et al (1999). Vulnerability of these early life stages as a function of their size is based on information presented in Gowan et al (1999). Table 4-5 presents the scores for each of these attributes for the eleven species considered most vulnerable to entrainment and impingement based on their reproductive ecology. American shad, the species of greatest concern in KWR proceedings to date, has a low vulnerability to entrainment and impingement score (due to their relatively large eggs and larvae. However, American shad had a high score for vulnerability to encountering the screens and was considered a species of particular importance in the previous VMRC KWR permit hearing because of its cultural, recreational, and commercial importance. There were also concerns that early life stages of American shad were so fragile that although screens might preclude entrainment, mortality due to impingement and screen contact might still be significant (Mann 2003). We address that issue in detail in Section 5, below.

Table 4-5. Egg and larval characteristics of Mattaponi River fish species considered most vulnerable to entrainment and impingement based on spawning characteristics, with vulnerability scores related to size. A blank field indicates data were not available. Data are from various sources cited in the text.

Species	Egg diameter (mm)	Score	Pro-larvae length (mm)	Score	Post-larvae length (mm)	Score	Total Score
Gizzard shad	0.8-0.8	5	3.5-6.0	5	6.0-12	5	15
White perch	0.8-1.0	5	2.0-4.5	5	4.0-10	5	15
Alewife	1.1-1.2	3	3.9-4.1	5	5.0-16.5	5	13
Blueback herring	0.9-1.2	5	4.4-4.7	3	4.6-18	5	13
Common carp	1.5-1.2	3	4.8-5.1	3	6.5-15	5	11
Striped bass	1.2-4.0	3	2.9-8.0	5	7.0-12	3	11
Yellow perch	1.8-4.0	0	3.7-5.5	5	6.0-11	5	10
Hickory shad	1.1-1.1	3	6.1-6.1	1	6.5-18.0	5	9
Atlantic sturgeon	2.0-2.9	1	11.0-11.0	1		3	5
American shad	2.9-3.4	1	6.5-12.0	1	12.0-30.0	1	3
Longnose gar	3.3-5.0	1	8.0-10.0	1	20.0+	1	3

Six of the eleven species listed in Table 4-5 were identified previously as being the species of greatest concern regarding KWR intake impacts in Mann (2003) and ASA (2003). The species considered most likely to be impacted by the KWR intake in both reports included American

⁵ Pro-larvae is a term synonymous with yolk-sac larvae, and refers to the larval fish from time of hatching until full yolk-sac absorption, i.e., through the time of development of a complete, functional digestive system.

⁶ Post-larvae is a term synonymous with post-yolk-sac larvae, and refers to the transition stage from development of a complete, functional digestive system to the development of a full complement of fin rays and spines identical to that of an adult.

shad, alewife, blueback herring, striped bass, white perch and yellow perch. The data acquired by Bilkovic (2000) provides a basis for considering an additional vulnerability factor, geographical distribution of spawning. However, as can be seen in the figures, the geographical span and timing of sampling differed among the three years of sampling, and it appears likely that the spatio-temporal scope of the sampling did not encompass the entire spawning area in any of the three years. While limited, the data do provide some insight to how geographical location may influence vulnerability to encountering the intake and vulnerability to entrainment and impingement. Figure 4-2⁷ illustrates that nearly all striped bass eggs and larvae taken in three years of sampling were found downstream of the KWR intake location. VIMS, in Mann (2003), concluded that striped bass were at a reduced risk relative to American shad because of their predominant occurrence downstream of the intake. Figures 4-3 and 4-4, presenting a similar plots of American shad and river herring egg and larval distributions, illustrate that eggs of both species are found predominantly upstream of the intake, with larval distributions bracketing the intake area. Figures 4-5 and 4-6 show that white perch eggs and larvae and yellow perch larvae distributions bracket the intake location. These data suggest that all early life stages of striped bass and egg stages of American shad, river herring and yellow perch are likely to have lower probability of encountering the KWR intake than the other life stages of this group of species.

No Mattaponi River-specific data are available on the spatial distribution of early life stages of the other species listed in Table 4-5. Hickory shad appear as vulnerable to both encountering the intake and to entrainment and impingement because of their reproductive biology (Table 4-4) and early life stage characteristics (Table 4-5). However, this species has not been reported in results of the Mattaponi River sampling conducted by VDGIF. Hickory shad tend to spawn in larger tributaries of major rivers (Richkus and DiNardo 1984), but their potential spawning areas within the Mattaponi River watershed are not documented. Similarly, Atlantic sturgeon have not been reported taken in the Mattaponi River in modern times (Jenkins and Burkhead 1993), but a Chesapeake Bay restoration program for Atlantic sturgeon does exist. One factor relevant to sturgeon not accounted for in larval characteristics scored in Table 4-5 is the behavior of the larvae. Recent research on larval shortnose sturgeon behavior indicates that hatchlings are photonegative and vigorously seek cover under any available structure immediately after hatching (Richmond and Kynard 1995). If Atlantic sturgeon larvae behave similarly, this factor would virtually eliminate the potential for the larvae of this species to encounter the KWR intake screen. The common carp (Table 4-5), gizzard shad (Table 4-5) and long-nose gar (Table 4-4) are species with no or very limited commercial and recreational value,

⁷ This and succeeding figures presenting egg and larval distributions in the Mattaponi River are plots of Bilkovic (2000) data presented originally in ASA (2003)

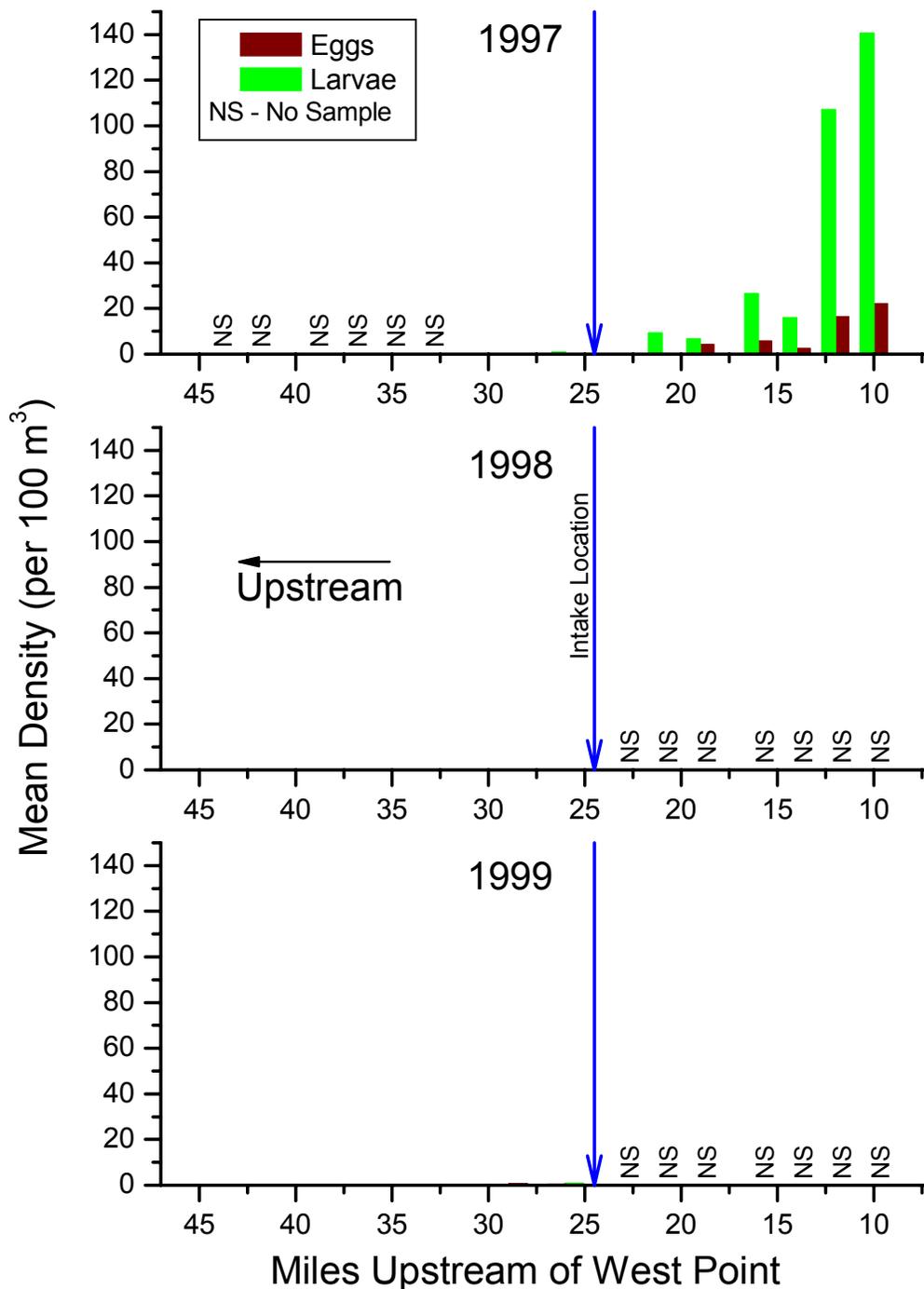


Figure 4-2. Spatial distribution of striped bass eggs and larvae in the tidal Mattaponi River based on sampling conducted by Bilkovic (2000). NS in this and the next four figures indicates no samples taken.

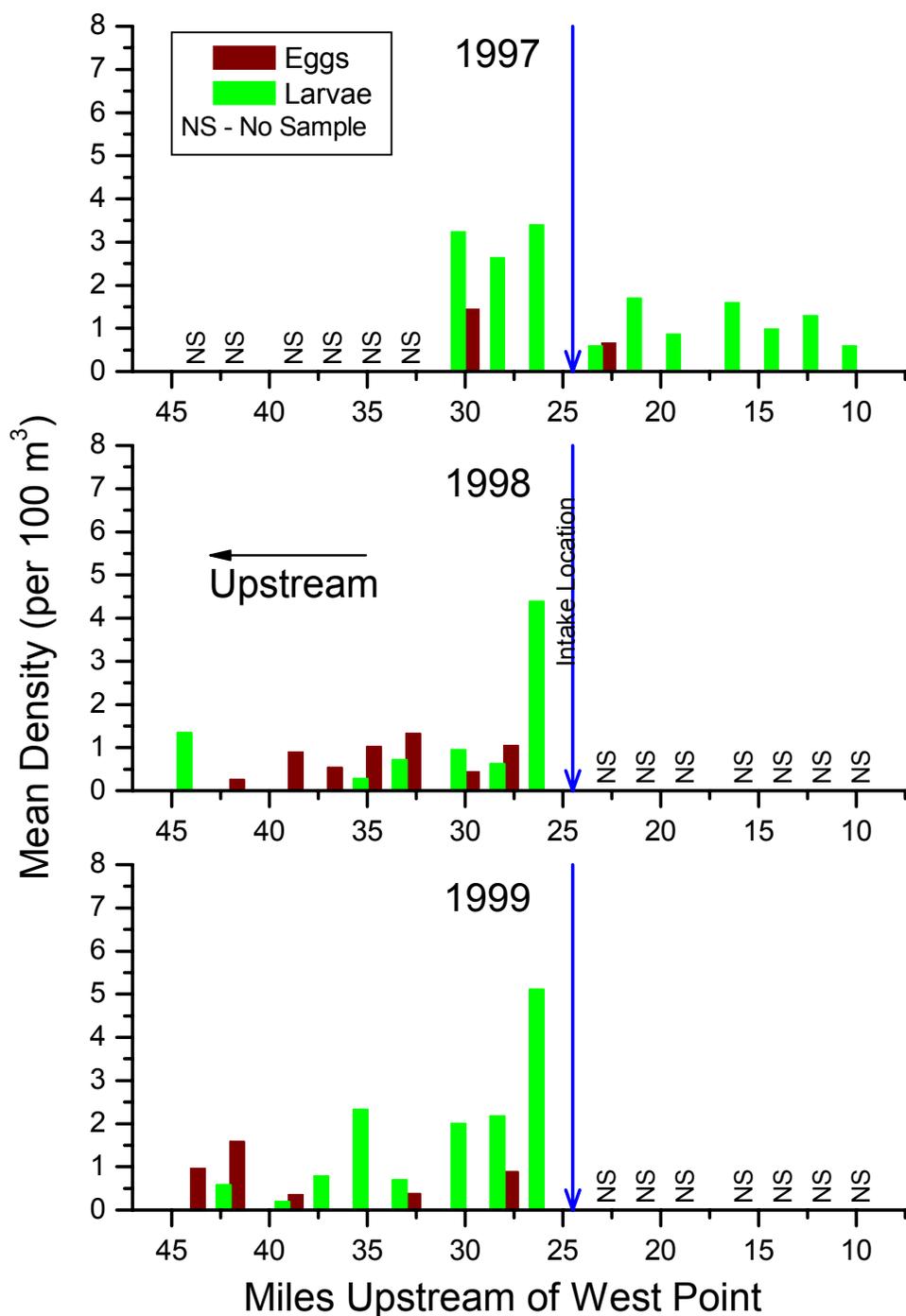


Figure 4-3. Spatial distribution of American shad eggs and larvae in the tidal Mattaponi River based on sampling conducted by Bilkovic (2000).

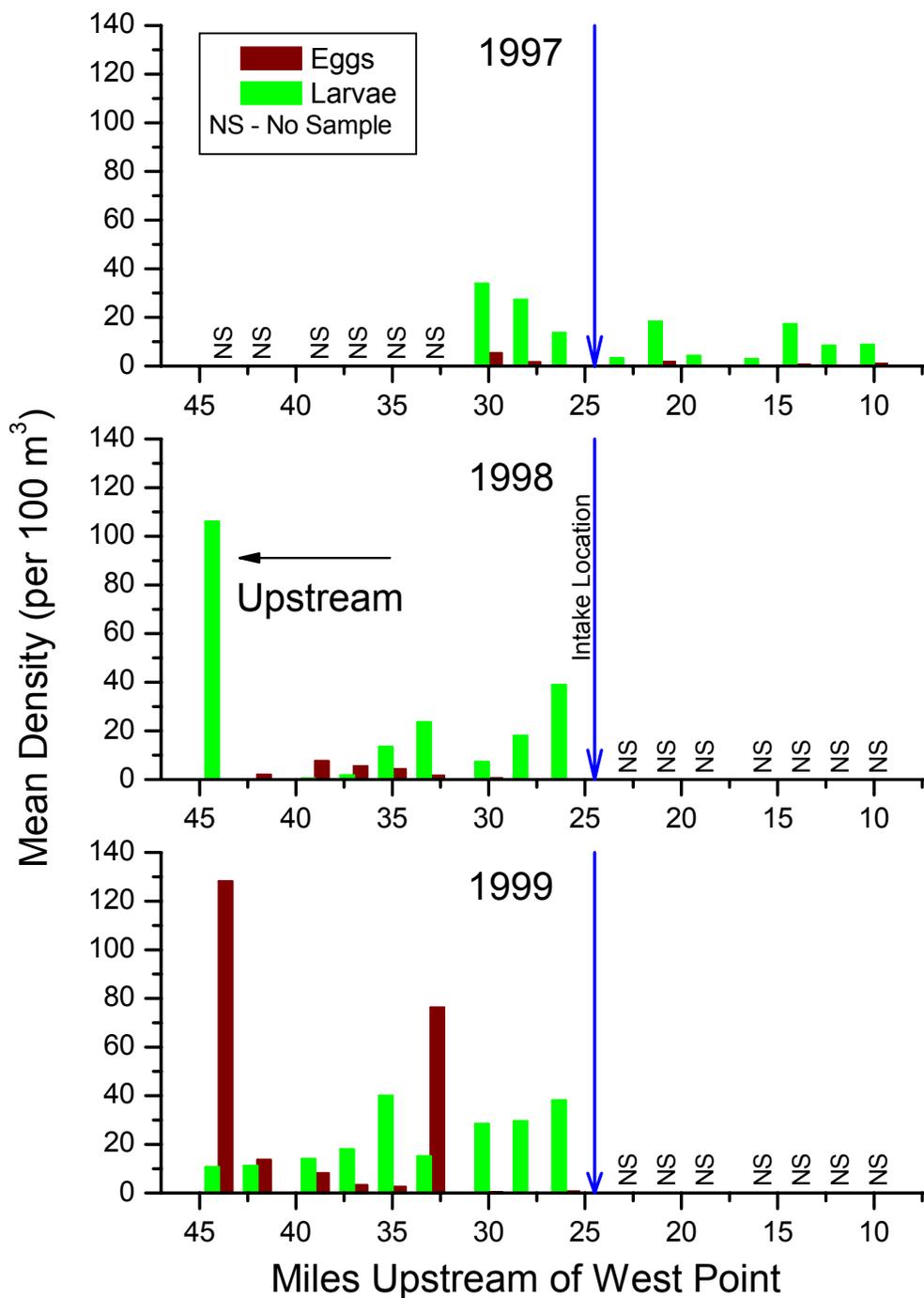


Figure 4-4. Spatial distribution of river herring eggs and larvae in the tidal Mattaponi River based on sampling conducted by Bilkovic (2000).

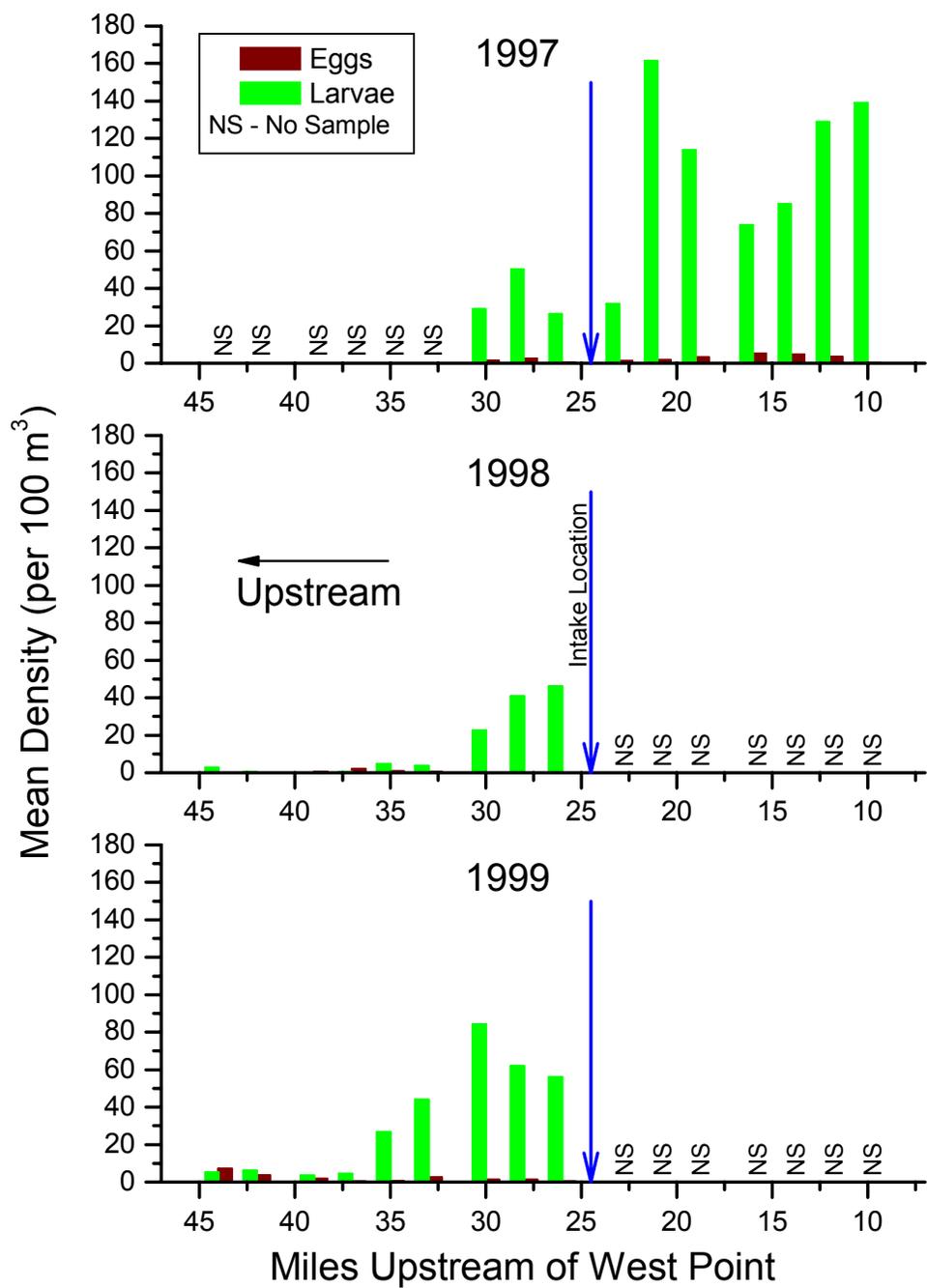


Figure 4-5. Spatial distribution of white perch eggs and larvae in the tidal Mattaponi River based on sampling conducted by Bilkovic (2000).

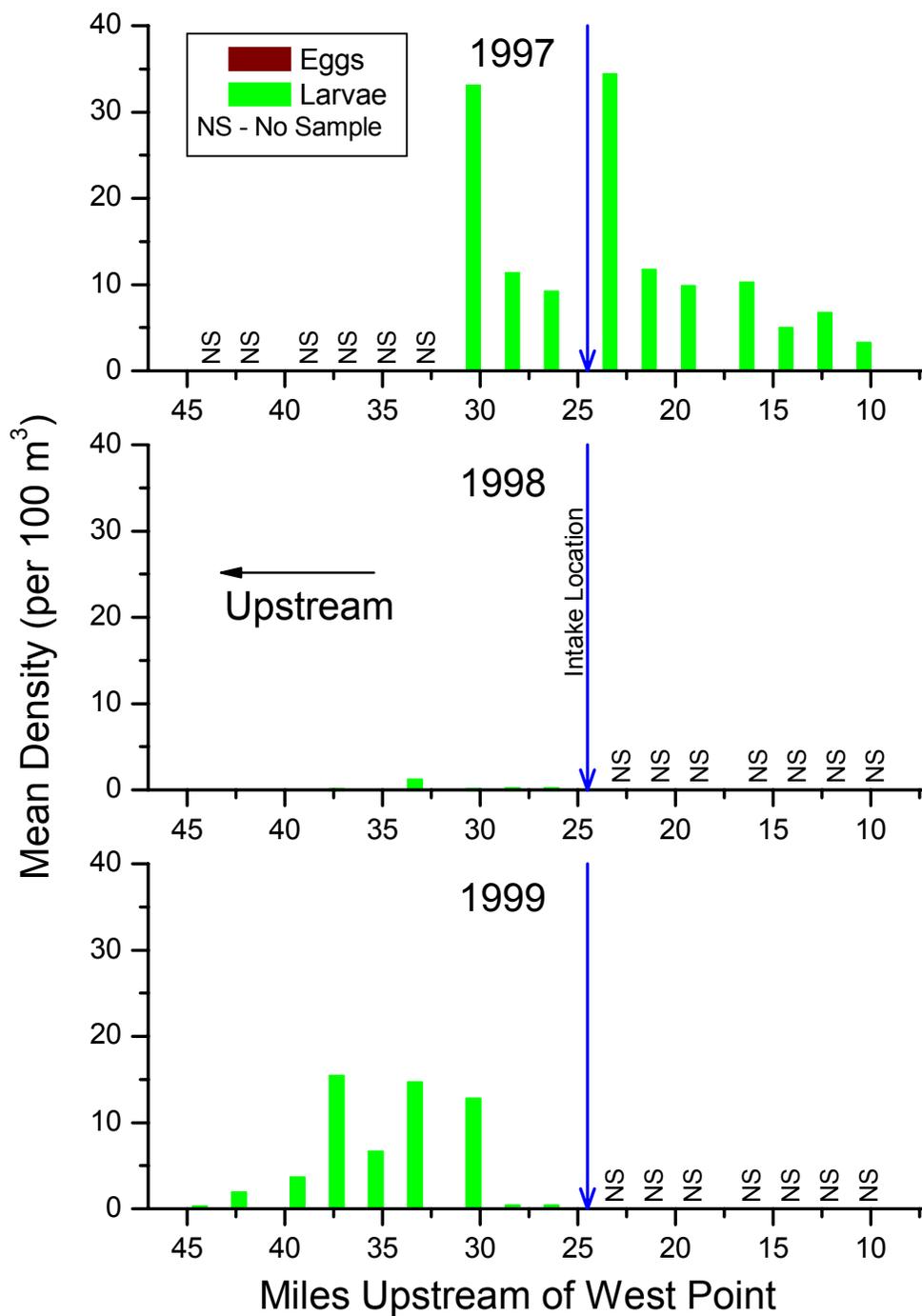


Figure 4-6. Spatial distribution of yellow perch eggs and larvae in the tidal Mattaponi River based on sampling conducted by Bilkovic (2000).

with wide distribution within the York River watershed, and that are considered common and abundant (G. Garman, pers. comm.). Thus, these species were not considered to be of major concern regarding encountering the intake or entrainment impacts and are not addressed further in this report. All of the species listed in Table 4-5 spawn in months that will most likely be nearly completely encompassed by the spring pumping hiatus that will be described in Section 5, below.

4.2.4 Vulnerability to Changes in Salinity Regimes

Changes in freshwater flows within the Mattaponi River are accompanied by changes in the location of the fresh-salt water interface within the river and the steepness of the salinity gradient. All life stages of all species comprising the community that occupy the portions of the river in which that habitat type occurs would be vulnerable to effects of changes of that nature.

4.2.5 Vulnerability to KWR Water Intake Noise

There has been increasing concern in recent years regarding the effect of human-generated (anthropogenic) sounds on aquatic organisms, particularly marine mammals but including fish (Popper 2003). Anthropogenic sounds can range from high intensity (e.g., ship noises, sonar) to low background sounds from machinery. While high intensity sounds may physically injure organisms (e.g., causing loss of hearing), lower intensity noise has the potential for altering normal behavior. Avoidance behavior of fish in response to certain sounds has been actively investigated as a means of directing fish away from potential threats (e.g., from intake screens of power plants) or toward some beneficial location (e.g., entrance to a passage channel around dam turbines). In-river facilities that generate noise could thus inadvertently adversely alter behavior of fish (e.g., interfere with normal migration patterns).

The VIMS staff (Mann 2003) noted that the underwater noise level to be generated by the operation of the KWR intake is unknown, and that little is known about the effects of noise on estuarine fauna. The one-paragraph assessment cited an abstract of a study evaluating the use of hydroacoustic techniques to identify spawning migrations of shad (Gregory 2000). VIMS staff speculated that chronic noise effects on anadromous migratory behavior could affect spawning success. They observed that the Scotland Landing site is fairly narrow, which could increase the potential for noise effects. In the absence of information, VIMS staff judged that adverse effects from noise warranted careful concern.

There is a fairly large scientific literature on aquatic sound and fish, particularly the species of most concern in the Mattaponi River, the American shad and the river herrings. The Panel agreed with VIMS staff that little is known about noise generated by a wedgewire screen intake withdrawing water to a wet-well pumping system, and that this information would be important for evaluating potential KWR effects. The RRWSG contracted for collection of this information at a similar intake located on Lake Gaston, Virginia, operated by the City of Virginia

Beach. The Panel used the sound measurements from the surrogate intake to come to its judgement about the likely impacts of KWR noise (sound) on the key species of concern, especially the American shad, as is discussed in Section 5.

4.2.6 Overview of Vulnerability of Species of Concern

Prior KWR fish impact assessments (Mann 2003 and ASA 2003) were in agreement that the primary species of concern with regard to water intake impacts were American shad, striped bass, alewife, blueback herring, white perch and yellow perch. The intake-encounter and entrainment/impingement vulnerability assessments presented in Section 4.2.3 produced a species list that is consistent with, but somewhat broader than, the prior assessments. A major conclusion from our assessment of potential vulnerability is that juvenile and adult life stages of nearly all species⁸ will not be vulnerable to intake impacts (i.e., entrainment, impingement and screen contact) because of the small slot width and low slow velocity of the intake screen. USFWS, in discussions with RRWSG representatives, expressed concerns about potential for the KWR intake to impact Atlantic sturgeon, sea lamprey and American eel. All three of those species were included in the vulnerability assessment presented in Section 4.2.3. American eel and sea lamprey yield vulnerability scores indicating they would not be subject to water withdrawal effect (Table 4-4). Atlantic sturgeon is briefly discussed in Section 4.2.3 and considered to be at low vulnerability to intake effects. Speakers at the VMRC KWR hearing expressed concerns about other species, such as catfish. Again, the vulnerability assessment has taken into account the life history characteristics of such species to indicate that there is low or virtually no probability of water intake impacts to catfish (Table 4-4). However, all life stages of all species that occur in the Mattaponi River in the area of influence of the KWR intake would be vulnerable to the other potential modes of impact described above, including construction, changes in salinity regimes, and noise. In Section 5, we address the each of those potential modes of impact on a generic and not a species specific basis.

⁸ Exceptions are very small species, such as bay anchovy and silverside, whose juveniles may be the size of early life stages of larger species.

5.0 KWR INTAKE EFFECTS ON VULNERABLE MATTAPONI FISH SPECIES AND LIFE STAGES

5.1 CONSTRUCTION EFFECTS

5.1.1 Short Term

Short-term effects of construction are those that may occur during preparation for and placement of the intake structures. Dredging, handling of dredged sediments, and any manipulation of bottom sediments can result in increases in turbidity and suspended solids. Fish, particularly in their early life stages when they may not be very mobile, can be exposed to and adversely affected by high turbidity levels (Sherk et al. 1975; Wallen 1951; Breitburg 1988). The procedures to be followed in preparation for and installation of the KWR intake screen header piping, concrete encasement, and riser pipes in the Mattaponi River are described in Section 2.2. Conducting the required dredging using clamshell or backhoe excavator equipment within a sheet pile enclosure minimizes the area of disturbance on the natural river bottom and will preclude dispersion outside of the confined area of turbidity generated by the dredging. Barges will be loaded with the dredged sediments within an area enclosed by a temporary turbidity curtain, to ensure confinement of any turbidity that might result from barge overflow or dredged material being accidentally spilled into the river during barge loading (see Figure 2-4).

Because there are no major municipal or industrial discharges into the Mattaponi River basin and there has been no development at the proposed intake locations, it is highly unlikely that any contaminants reside in sediments to be dredged. Thus, there is no basis for expecting the occurrence of impacts from resuspension of toxics or contaminants. The levels of suspended sediments demonstrated to cause fish mortality tend to be quite high (Burton, 1993). For example, Auld and Shubel (1974) reported that blueback herring and yellow perch larvae could tolerate suspended solids concentrations as high as 1,000 mg/l. Morgan et al (1983) reported the 24-hour suspended sediment LC50 for striped bass larvae to be greater than 20,000 mg/l. Older life stages, such as juveniles and adults, can avoid waters with undesirable levels of turbidity. It is not possible to predict the level of suspended solids that might result from leakage from the sheet pile enclosure or escapement from the turbidity curtain. However, tidal currents would result in rapid dispersion and dilution of any suspended sediments that do escape. It appears highly unlikely, given the proposed procedures and protocols for dredging and construction, that any impacts to fish will be caused by increased turbidity and suspended solids resulting from installation of the KWR intake structures.

During construction, an unobstructed 100 foot wide corridor with a depth of at least 10 feet at MLW will be maintained between the work area and the north shore of the river. Tidal velocities past the construction area in this corridor will be higher than normal as a result of the decrease in river cross-section area. However, the obstructed portion of the river will only extend about 200 feet along the length of the river (see Figure 2.4), so that normal velocities will

be attained within a short distance past the construction area, both upstream and downstream. Also, because the currents in the passage corridor are tidal, they reverse direction four times over approximately 26 hours. Thus, elevated unidirectional currents that could adversely affect fish movement will not occur. Juvenile alosines will have to migrate past the construction area during their seaward migration in late summer and early fall. Juveniles of other anadromous species, such as striped bass, will also move downstream into estuarine waters. Most species that do not establish home ranges are likely to exhibit some degree of up and down river movements and are thus also likely to pass the construction area. Because there will be an unobstructed corridor through which movement can take place, no impacts from construction on normal fish movements are expected to occur.

Any impacts that might result from the factors just discussed would be temporary, and would exist for no more than the approximately 6 months of in-river construction in a single year. Single-event impacts of such short duration and so localized in nature, if any were to occur, would not have any significant consequence to sustaining normal populations of any species affected.

5.1.2 Long Term

Long term effects from placement of the KWR intake in the Mattaponi River (separate from those associated with water withdrawal) would result from permanent habitat changes. Two habitat changes occurring would be the creation of large vertical and horizontal physical structures in the water column, and a conversion of some portion of the river substrate from what is most likely silt or silt/clay to stone rip-rap, as was illustrated in Figure 2-3. These types of habitat changes are analogous to what occurs with placement of any hard structure (e.g., pier, bridge, artificial reef) in a water body where none previously existed. Vertical structure and placement of hard substrate in areas of soft substrate result in creation of new epibenthic biomass from organisms that colonize the hard structures (Bohnsack and Sutherland 1985), although such colonization is much lower in freshwaters than in estuarine and marine waters (Bortone and Kimmel 1991). In addition, structure provides cover, which is attractive to many fish species, including forage species, juveniles, and predators that feed on the smaller fish. Creation of structures of this type generally result in concentrating fish in areas where such concentrations did not previously exist. However, there is an unresolved debate among fisheries biologists as to whether such structures merely concentrate fish or actually enhance fish standing stocks (Alevizon and Gorham 1989)

With regard to the KWR water intake structures, epibenthic colonization of the wedge-wire screens themselves will be minimal. The screens are designed and operated to be resistant to fouling so as to permit unobstructed intake flow. However, it is likely that epibenthic organisms will colonize other parts of the structure, as well as the rip-rap placed on the river bottom. It is also likely that the structure itself will attract a variety of fish species that seek structure, such as centrarchids and various species of minnows. Predator species, such as white perch, black crappie and striped bass, may also move into proximity to the structure as a result of

increased prey densities. However, relatively high maximum tidal velocities (2.5 to 3.0 fps; see Figure 5-6) at the intake site may limit the diversity and density of fish able to concentrate at the intake. The relatively small surface area of habitat added by the intake structure would have minimal effects on fish distributions in the freshwater tidal portion of the river.

While the net effect of artificial structures on fish populations and structures remains debatable, a preponderance of literature suggests structures in all environments do create localized fish concentrations that make fish more vulnerable to fishing pressure from fishermen (Pickering and Whitmarsh 1997; Grossman, Jones and Seaman 1997). This literature suggests that the effects of the new physical structures comprising the KWR intake structure may result in a concentration of fish in the vicinity of the structure, and as a result could enhance recreational fishing activity and harvest. The small spatial extent of the intake structure would constrain any potential increase in harvest to small levels when viewed on the scale of the tidal freshwater portion of the river.

Some testimony at the VMRC KWR permit hearing raised concerns that the water withdrawal at the intake would cause early life stages of American shad and other species to concentrate in the vicinity of the intake and thus be more vulnerable to predation from larger fish aggregated around the intake structure. The pumping hiatus that will occur during the American shad spawning period under normal intake operation, as described in Section 2.3.1, will eliminate any possibility of hydraulically-induced effects on eggs and yolk-sac larvae of American shad. In drought emergency years, when pumping during the spawning season might occur, the analysis of the behavior of particles in the water flowing past the screens presented in Appendix E clearly demonstrates that it would be physically possible for particles in the water, including eggs and larvae, to become concentrated near the screens only during low-frequency slack tide periods, when sweep velocities are low.

The literature on freshwater artificial structures cited above suggests that they result primarily in redistribution of fish but not an increase in fish populations. Under such circumstances, the location of predatory activity may change, and it is possible that predation rates might increase due to enhanced proximity of predator and prey around the intake. However, the amount of increased predation, when viewed from the perspective of the tidal freshwater portion of the Mattaponi River, is unlikely to be significant.

Another long term effect of placement of the intake structures is a small decrease in the cross-sectional area of the river channel. The presence of the intake structures (e.g., screens and riser pipes) results in a decrease in cross-sectional area of the river at West Point of 1.1 percent (Basco 1996). This would, in turn, result in a 1.1 percent increase in average tidal velocity at the intake location. This small incremental decrease in river cross section would not result in a measurable change in the tidal hydrology of the Mattaponi River and would have no effect on the water surface elevations that could affect aquatic habitat availability to fish.

5.2 OPERATIONAL EFFECTS – IMPINGEMENT AND ENTRAINMENT

5.2.1 Background

The summary of prior assessments of potential fish impacts of the KWR intake (Appendix B) and testimony at the VMRC KWR permit hearing illustrate a number of points of disagreement among KWR stakeholders with regard to entrainment and impingement impacts to vulnerable early life stages. The ASA assessment conducted for the RRWSG (see Appendix B, Sect. 8) assumed that the KWR wedgewire screens provided increasing levels of protection from entrainment to early life stages of American shad and the other at-risk species as they increased in size. The VIMS assessment conducted for VMRC (see Appendix B, Sect. 7), while acknowledging that early life stages of American shad may be excluded from entrainment by the screens, suggested that these life stages are so fragile that they are likely to suffer intake mortality, regardless of whether or not they pass through, are impinged or simply make contact. For this reason, they used an assumption of zero exclusion efficiency of the intake screens in developing their estimates of losses of American shad early life stages. The two assessments also differed with regard to the consequence to adult populations from any losses of early life stages.

In the absence of studies that could resolve the points of disagreement and in the interest of moving their project forward, the RRWSG offered during the VMRC hearing to modify their proposed project to include a pumping hiatus of 60 days during the American shad spawning season. Cessation of pumping would eliminate impingement and entrainment as well as contact with screens induced by water withdrawal, and thus offer nearly total protection to the American shad early life stages. While indicating general agreement with the concept of a pumping hiatus providing a means of avoiding any impacts, VIMS presented data at the VMRC hearing illustrating that the hatch dates of juvenile shad suggested that significant proportions of individual year classes of American shad may originate from eggs spawned during a small portion of the total spawning period. If that small portion of the total spawn were to occur outside the 60-day pumping hiatus, the organisms comprising that portion would still be vulnerable to potential intake impacts, thus in their view still posing a potential risk to the American shad population.

The RRWSG, in convening the KWR Fisheries Panel, instructed the Panel to develop a means of establishing a pumping hiatus that would, with a high degree of reliability, encompass the period during which vulnerable early life stages of American shad would be present in the vicinity of the KWR intake. Such a hiatus was anticipated to also provide a high level of protection to early life stages of the other species deemed vulnerable. Implementation of such a hiatus would make moot any uncertainties regarding the level of protection afforded by wedgewire screens, the proportion of the early life stages subject to impact, and the significance of losses of early life stages to the adult populations in years of normal operation when a hiatus would be implemented.

As will be discussed further below, small fractions of the total standing stock of early life stages of all vulnerable species may still be present within the area of influence of the intake outside the established hiatus in years of normal operation, and a hiatus will not be implemented in what are likely to be infrequent drought emergency years. In these instances, protection of the vulnerable life stages will be afforded by the location, design and mode of operation of the KWR intake. Screen protection effectiveness was thus another important topic for assessment by the Panel.

In order to provide the Panel with comprehensive background information on the fish protection effectiveness of screens of the type proposed for KWR, the RRWSG requested that Panel member Stephen Amaral, with support from other Alden Research Laboratory (Alden) staff, conduct a thorough review of literature and studies available and summarize findings regarding the effectiveness of wedgewire screens for protection of early life stages of fish. Alden was also asked to search for any studies that might relate specifically to the effects of intake screens on American shad early life stages. The Panel had available the comprehensive review of literature on screen protection effectiveness presented in the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) report, “Design Criteria for Fish Screens in Virginia: Recommendations Based on a Review of the Literature” (Gowan et al, 1999). However, the Alden Laboratory review represented a significant update to that report, since it took into account studies conducted since 1999, studies in the grey literature that may not be widely available, and the results of two of their own major laboratory studies of wedgewire screen effectiveness completed in 2003. As part of their effort, Alden was also requested to evaluate and characterize hydraulic phenomena that influence the probability of water-borne particles to encounter a screen of the type to be employed for the KWR within a tidal environment, and also studies that might provide insight to levels of mortality that might be experienced by organisms making contact with the intake screen. Drafts of the Alden report, included here as Appendix E, were made available to the Panel for review, and Alden’s findings were taken into account in the Panel’s deliberations and conclusions.

The remainder of this section discusses the various factors, including the pumping hiatus, that the Panel believes contribute to a high degree of protection of vulnerable early life stages. Details of the process followed in developing the proposed pumping hiatus are also summarized here.

5.2.2 Concept of “Layers of Protection”

As was discussed in Sections 4.2.2 and 4.2.3, only species whose vulnerable early life stages might occur within the area of influence of the intake will be subject to potential entrainment and impingement impacts from the intake. Low slot velocities and small slot widths of the intake screen provide protection from entrainment and impingement. The geographical and bathymetric location of the KWR intake in the Mattaponi River relative to the life history characteristics and spawning habitat preferences of fish species, previously discussed in section 4.2.3, eliminate the potential for intake impacts to most life stages of most species. As the Panel

evaluated the various factors that could play a role in potential impact to the early life stages of vulnerable species, the Panel developed a concept of “layers of protection.” The “layers” are the various design and operational attributes of the KWR intake that each contribute in different, but cumulative ways, to the avoidance of impacts and redundant protection of the vulnerable life stages. Table 5-1 describes the factors that we considered to be protection layers and how they inter-relate. Each of these factors is addressed in detail in the remaining parts of this section.

Table 5-1. Overview of KWR intake attributes that contribute to layers of protection for Mattaponi River fish populations from intake contact, impingement and entrainment			
Attribute	Categories of Fish and Life Stages Protected	Mode of Protection	Magnitude of Protection
Pumping Hiatus	Early life stages of broadcast spawners that are found in the main stem of the river during the hiatus	Avoidance of potential for impact	Nearly complete in years of normal operation
Minimum Instream Flows	Non- or minimally-motile early life stages of broadcast spawners that can be found in the main stem of the river	Constrains withdrawals to levels below maximum design capacity, with magnitude of constraint dependent on magnitude of river flow	Safe yield modeling projected drought emergency withdrawals are limited in most years to well below maximum withdrawal rates
Hydraulic Zone of Influence (HZI)	Non- or minimally-motile early life stages of broadcast spawners that can be found in the main stem of the river	Probability of experiencing intake effects is zero for organisms outside the HZI, but motile life stages may migrate through the HZI	Varies with channel velocity, withdrawal rate and reversing (e.g., tidal) flows.
Tidal Sweep Velocities	Motile as well as non- or minimally-motile early life stages of broadcast spawners that can be found in the main stem of the river	Removes vulnerable organisms from proximity to the intake screen, and thus reduces potential for screen contact, impingement and entrainment	High level of protection during about 85 percent of a normal tidal cycle in the Mattaponi River
1-mm Slot Width	Organisms too large or too inflexible to pass through a 1-mm slot	Eliminates entrainment (but not impingement); most important when sweep velocities are low	Nearly complete
Low Through-Slot Intake Velocity	All species and motile life stages larger than about 10 mm (about ½ in), with swimming speeds greater than slot velocity	Allows for motile organisms to avoid screen contact, impingement and entrainment; allows impinged organisms to escape from the screen; most important when sweep velocities are low	Nearly complete

5.2.3 Pumping Hiatus

5.2.3.1 Identifying Potential Triggers for Initiation and Termination of a Pumping Hiatus

The concept of a pumping hiatus is that water withdrawal from the Mattaponi River would be terminated during the period when American shad early life stages vulnerable to intake effects were present. Such a hiatus would have to be defined by some type of trigger that would signal plant operators when to cease pumping and when pumping could be reinitiated. The Panel's development of potential triggers began with designation of the life stages that were to be afforded protection. The major fish impact concern expressed during the VMRC hearing was for American shad, and potential for impact to this species was specified in the VMRC denial of a KWR Subaqueous Lands Use Permit. Thus, the instruction of the RRWSG to the Panel was to establish triggers that would assure virtually complete avoidance of any potential intake impacts to American shad early life stages. Avoidance of impacts to other important vulnerable species was desired but not designated as a specific objective of the hiatus.

As was noted in Section 5.1, above, VIMS (Mann 2003) considered American shad eggs to be fragile and subject to mortality from screen contact, thus constituting a vulnerable life stage. VIMS also considered "larval stages" of American shad to be subject to mortality from screen contact, but did not distinguish between yolk-sac and post-yolk-sac. ASA (2003) presented a projection of American shad larval growth based on literature data and projected wedgewire screen effectiveness as a function of larval size. That analysis suggests that wedgewire screens provide 100 percent exclusion for larvae 10 mm in size or larger. A size of about 10 mm is also supported as being a reasonable cut-off criterion for vulnerability (longer larvae are not vulnerable) by Gowan et al (1999) and by the Alden Laboratory literature review (see Appendix E). Such a size corresponds to the post-yolk-sac life stage of American shad, which has a length range of 9 to 27 mm. The discussions of fish swimming speeds in Section 5.2.3, below, and in Appendix E confirm that fish of such length are capable of swimming speeds sufficient to avoid contact with or impingement on the KWR screens. Thus, the two life stages of American shad designated for protection by the pumping hiatus were eggs and yolk-sac larvae.

The Panel next considered variables that would be most feasible for use as triggers. The primary criteria for selection were that they be measurable and strongly predictive of the presence of the vulnerable early life stages. Clearly, the presence or absence of the target life stages themselves would be the most definitive trigger possible. However, "real-time" monitoring for eggs and larvae to serve as an efficient trigger would present numerous logistical challenges: sampling would have to be nearly continuous; sampling would have to be intense to assure detection when densities are low; and samples would have to be processed immediately on a real-time basis. For these reasons, the Panel investigated environmental variables that might serve as reliable surrogates for the presence or absence of the target life stages. Shad spawning behavior is influenced by numerous environmental variables, in particular time of year, water temperature and river flow (e.g., Bilkovic 2000; Limburg et al, 2003). Temperature is widely recognized as the primary factor controlling spawning (e.g., Funderburk et al, 1991; Carlander

1969). The Panel determined that water temperature offered the greatest potential as a trigger that would be measurable and predictive of early life stage presence.

To be used as a trigger, the specific temperatures that would be indicative of the presence or absence of eggs and yolk-sac larvae of American shad in the Mattaponi River would have to be established. The only American shad early life history data available from the Mattaponi River was that from Bilkovic (2000). While 3 years of data were available, it appears that the full spatio-temporal occurrence of the early life stages may not have been covered in all three years. In addition, three years of data would be insufficient for statistically rigorous assessment of potential temperature trigger values. Other researchers in the Chesapeake Bay region were consulted about availability of data from long term studies of American shad early life stages (see Appendix C), and none were identified. However, the Panel was aware of long term, rigorously designed ichthyoplankton surveys of the portion of the Hudson River that encompassed the American shad spawning grounds (the Hudson River fisheries program is described in Appendix C). The Panel determined that this 30-year data set, with accompanying water temperature data, provided a sound basis for investigation of the feasibility of establishing temperature triggers that would achieve the protection levels desired.

Appendix C presents the details of data used in our analyses and the analytical approach taken in investigating potential temperature trigger values. Four steps were followed in assessing the feasibility and merits of temperature triggers:

- Step 1. Compare temperature patterns in the Hudson River estuary with temperature patterns in the Mattaponi River to determine if the Hudson could serve as a reasonable surrogate with regard to rate of change in water temperature over the American shad spawning period.
- Step 2. Determine the relationship between water temperature and the abundance of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae in the Hudson, and use that relationship to identify temperature triggers that might be appropriate to achieve the desired levels of protection of standing crops.
- Step 3. Evaluate the timing (calendar dates) and duration (number of days) of a pumping hiatus associated with selected temperature triggers based on long-term temperature records from the Hudson River estuary. Such information was essential for use by the RRWSG to ensure that the water supply project could still be viable with the recommended pumping hiatus.
- Step 4. Estimate the level of biological protection of early life stages afforded by a pumping hiatus based on various combinations of temperature triggers for four of the vulnerable species in the Mattaponi River that were also taken in the Hudson River sampling program (American shad, river herring, striped bass, and white perch)

As discussed in Appendix C, there were limited but sufficient multi-year continuous spring temperature data available from tidal fresh portions Chesapeake Bay tributaries, particularly for the Pamunkey River, and substantial temperature “grab samples” from the Mattaponi River for use in Step 1. Figure 5-1, from Appendix C, plots Mattaponi River temperature grab sample data versus long-term Hudson River water temperatures for similar Julian dates. These data and other analyses presented in Appendix C illustrate that Hudson River temperature trends (i.e., the rate of warming) over the spring spawning period was very similar to those observed in the Mattaponi River, but offset by about one month. These data and analyses suggested that if American shad spawning was triggered by the same temperature levels in both the Hudson and Mattaponi Rivers, the duration of spawning would be similar, although offset in time by about a month.

As an outcome of Step 2, Figure 5-2, from Appendix C, shows the cumulative percentage standing stock of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae present in the Hudson River spawning area over the range of temperatures recorded over the 30 years sampled. This exploratory analysis suggested that temperatures of 10 °C and 22 °C might reliably predict the occurrence of most of the American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae in the Hudson River in most years.

Analyses performed as part of Step 3 showed that the length of time between the occurrence of 10 °C and 22 °C temperatures in the Hudson River ranged from 44 days to 83 days over the 30-year sampling program. The time period was most commonly 50 to 70 days, and averaged 61 days (see Figure 7 in Appendix C). The RRWSG determined that durations of that average magnitude during non-drought emergency years would not compromise the water supply objectives of the reservoir project, confirming the feasibility of a spawning season pumping hiatus. Their explanation for the fact that a pumping hiatus that varied in duration so substantially from year to year could be accommodated was that water stored in the KWR, as well as the other parts of the Newport News Waterworks water system, provided the means of meeting demand until river flows were sufficient to allow increased withdrawals in accordance with their VDEQ permit requirements.

Attachment 2 of Appendix C presents the levels of protection to the target species provided by different potential temperature triggers. Table 5-2 (Table 1 of Appendix C) shows the outcome of Step 4, the level of protection provided to American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae by application of the 10 °C and 22 °C triggers, as well as the protection provided by the 10 °C and 22 °C triggers for the early life stages of three of the other Mattaponi River vulnerable

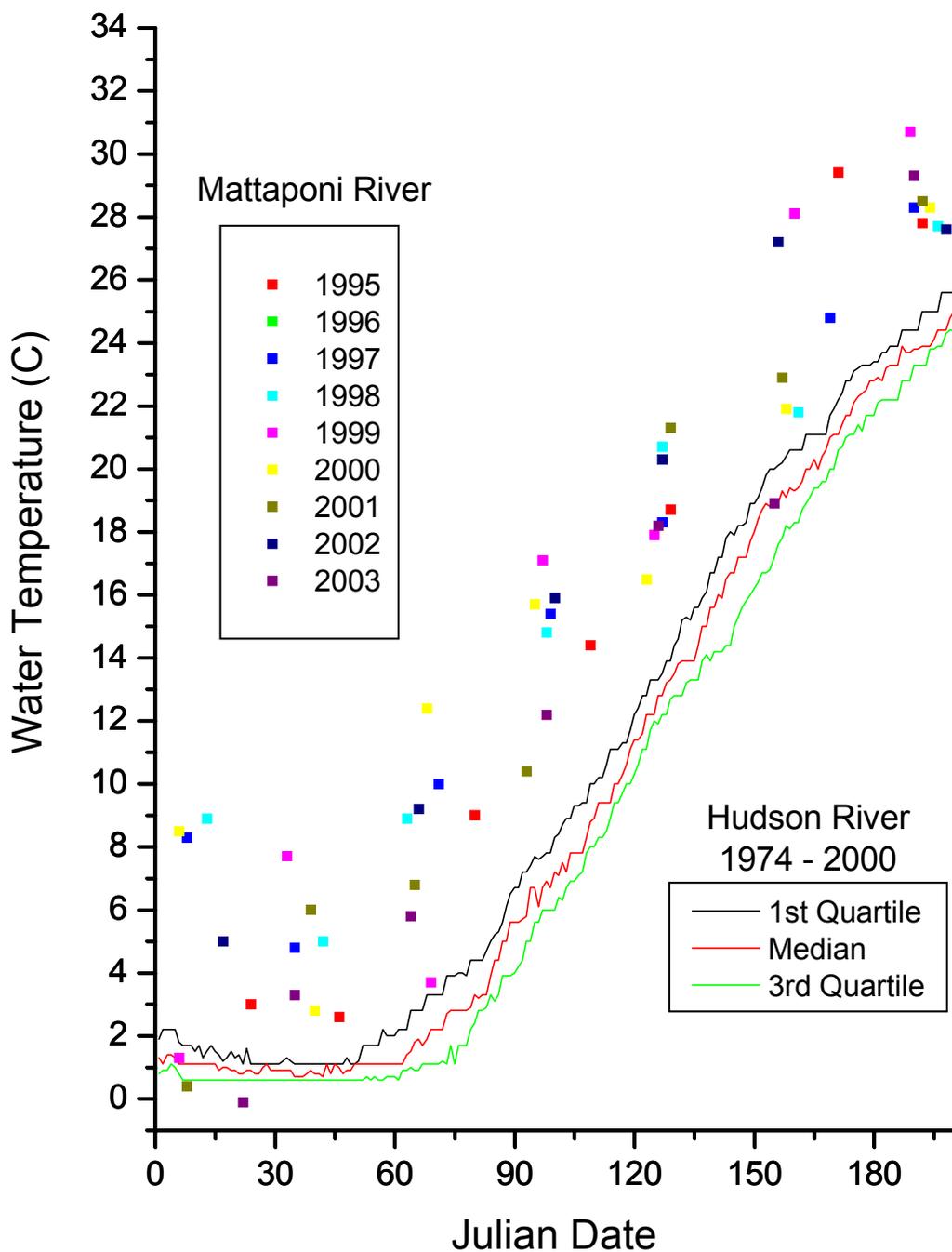


Figure 5-1. Comparison of spring water temperature measurements taken in the Mattaponi River using grab samples just upstream from Scotland Landing to overall patterns in the Hudson River estuary near Poughkeepsie, NY

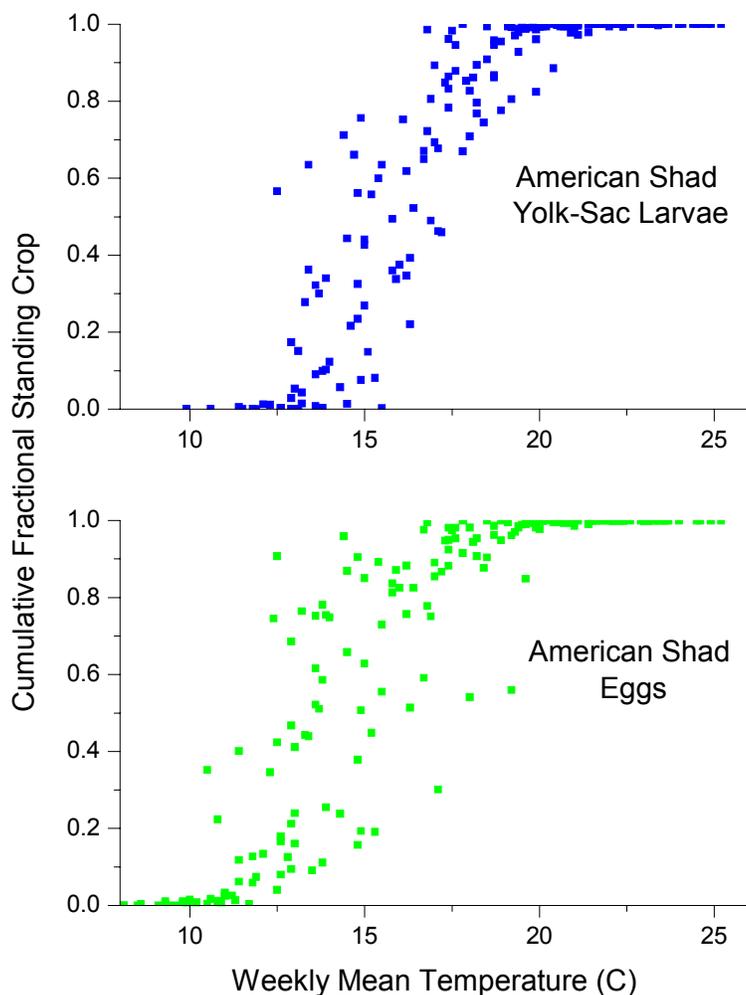


Figure 5-2. Relationship between the cumulative fractional standing crop of American shad eggs and yolc-sac larvae and weekly mean water temperatures in the Hudson River estuary, 1974 – 2000. Cumulative fractional standing crop is computed from weekly standing crop estimates by adding each week’s standing crop to standing crops from previous weeks and dividing by the sum over all weekly standing crops.

species that were also collected in the Hudson River program. These data illustrate that, for those years in which the entire spawning season was covered⁹, the 10 °C and 22 °C triggers would provide 100 percent protection of the standing crop of American shad yolk-sac larvae and no less than 97 percent protection to the standing crop of American shad eggs in any year (100 percent protection in 9 of 12 years). Minimum protection levels with the 10 °C and 22 °C triggers applied to the 18 years of data were 98 percent for river herring eggs and yolk sac larvae, 99 percent for striped bass eggs and yolk sac larvae, and 99 percent for white perch eggs and yolk sac larvae. Protection levels provided to post-yolk-sac stages tend to be lower because this life stage is reached later in the overall spawning period. Most post-yolk-sac larvae that are relatively large, such as those of American shad (9-27 mm) would not be vulnerable to entrainment or impingement. However, the post-yolk-sac larvae of species that have smaller larvae, such as river herring and white perch, would be somewhat more vulnerable to entrainment and impingement. The 10 °C and 22 °C triggers still provide relatively high levels of protection to post-yolk-sac-larvae of river herring and white perch. For both river herring and white perch, post-yolk-sac protection levels were greater than 86 percent in 16 of 18 years, and minimum protection levels in any single year were 73 percent and 75 percent, respectively, for those two species.

5.2.3.2 Implementation of a Mattaponi River-Specific Pumping Hiatus

Having established that water temperature could be used as a trigger for a pumping hiatus to achieve desired levels of protection, the Panel next considered what measures would be required to establish reliable Mattaponi River-specific temperature triggers. Site-specific temperature and biological data are required to establish such triggers. The Panel recommended to RRWSG that collection of such data be initiated as soon as possible, with the objective of acquiring a multi-year, long term data base on temperature and presence and absence of early life stages of American shad and other vulnerable species that could be used to develop appropriate temperature triggers prior to initiation of any water withdrawal for KWR. RRWSG informed the Panel that it would be a minimum of 8 years after the project was fully permitted before any water withdrawal could occur, with the likelihood of that time period being several years longer. Based on this time schedule, the Panel designed a preoperational monitoring program that is

⁹ As explained in Appendix C, years in which sampling started after the 10 °C temperature was reached were not included in this assessment because it could not be assured that the entire spawning period had been covered in the sampling programs in those years.

Table 5-2. Estimates of the percent of the annual standing crop of each life stage that occurs within the period defined by 10 °C and 22 °C in the Hudson River estuary, 1974 – 2000.

Year ^(a)	American shad ^(b)		River herring			Striped bass			White perch		
	Egg	YSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL
1974	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	98.81	100.00	100.00	99.29	100.00	100.00	98.61
1975	100.00	100.00	99.67	100.00	95.94	100.00	99.99	98.89	100.00	99.99	97.85
1976	97.12	100.00	98.20	98.57	74.95	100.00	99.94	88.73	99.85	99.90	80.61
1977	97.35	100.00	99.91	99.99	97.33	99.99	99.99	99.67	99.94	100.00	98.76
1978	99.12	100.00	99.99	100.00	98.63	100.00	99.99	96.08	100.00	100.00	99.53
1979	97.34	100.00	99.91	100.00	99.39	100.00	100.00	99.61	100.00	100.00	99.21
1980	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1989	98.89	100.00	99.47	100.00	98.50	100.00	100.00	99.45	99.98	100.00	98.59
1990	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.21	100.00	99.99	93.30	99.95	99.99	93.98
1992	100.00	100.00	99.98	99.50	96.22	100.00	100.00	99.56	100.00	100.00	98.20
1993	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	88.76	99.97	99.98	97.23	99.91	99.99	94.15
1994	99.92	100.00	99.99	99.99	87.28	99.98	99.91	95.09	99.56	99.96	91.15
1995	98.16	100.00	98.67	99.95	88.68	99.97	99.79	87.55	98.63	99.90	88.28
1996	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.91	81.56	99.95	99.98	95.51	99.98	99.95	86.23
1997	98.85	100.00	98.19	99.99	82.08	99.99	99.80	91.50	99.95	99.92	72.90
1998	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.82	100.00	100.00	99.60
1999	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.85	86.02	100.00	100.00	98.62	99.98	100.00	96.28
2000	99.89	100.00	99.91	100.00	99.84	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.86

^(a) Years from 1981 through 1988 and 1991 not included since sampling was not initiated until after water temperatures had already reached 10 °C.

^(b) American shad post yolk-sac larvae (PYSL) not considered susceptible to entrainment at the KWR intake as a result of large size and strong swimming abilities.

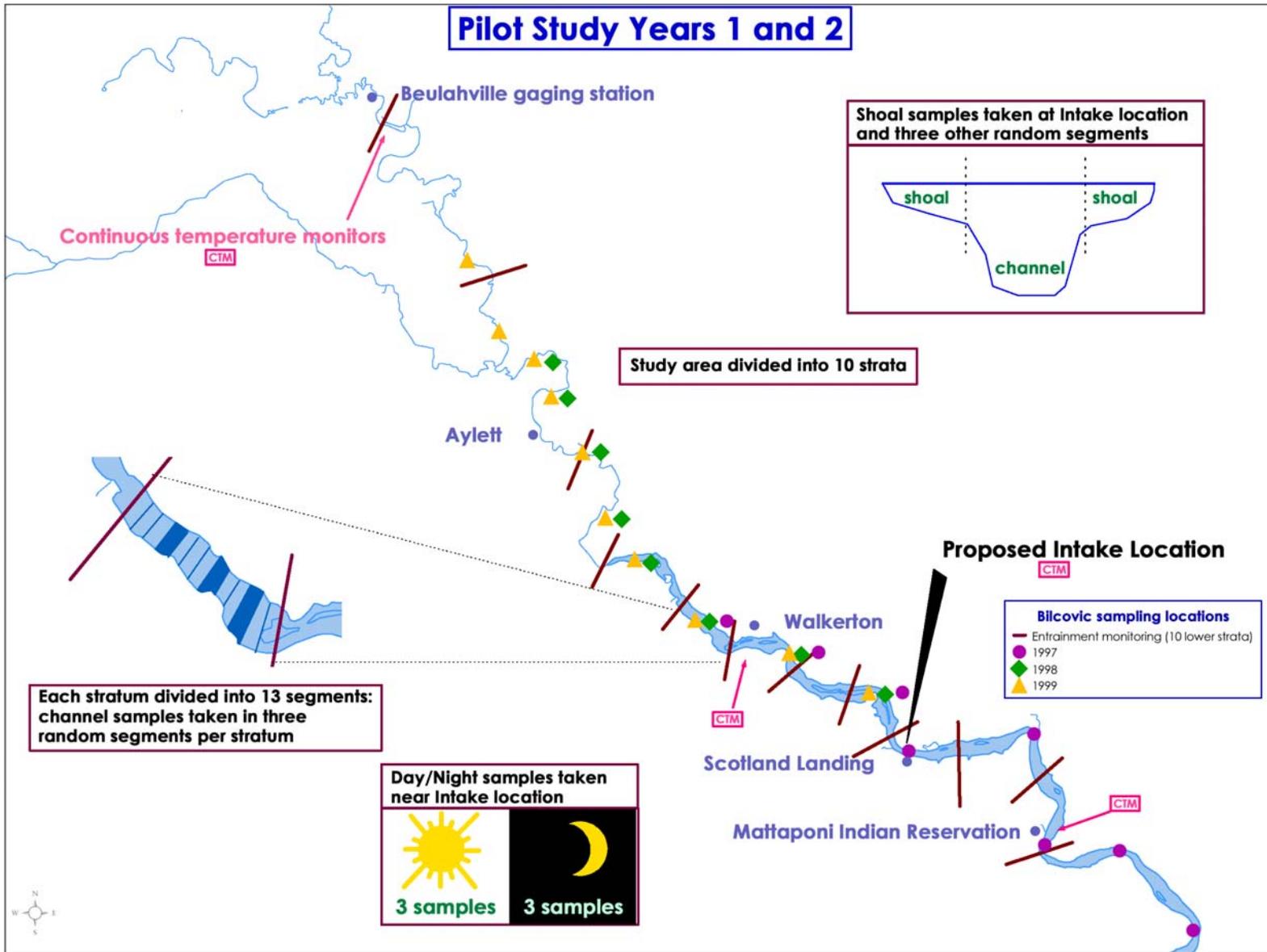


Figure 5-3. Diagrammatic depiction of the KWR preoperational monitoring program (see Appendix D for details)

described in detail in Appendix D. This program, visually depicted in Figure 5-3 which is drawn from Appendix D, includes the following elements:

- Installation of four continuous temperature monitors that bracket the American shad spawning area within the Mattaponi River
- Stratified random sampling over the entire spawning period and over a 60 km reach of the Mattaponi River that encompasses the entire potential spawning area of American shad
- Limited shoal (where applicable) and night sampling to ensure the representativeness of channel, daylight samples
- Continuation of annual sampling for a minimum of 8 years and for all years prior to initiation of water withdrawal
- Concurrent implementation of a hatch-date study on juvenile American shad that will provide data useful for verification of the level of protection afforded to American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae by the temperature triggers

The data analysis methodology for establishment of the Mattaponi River-specific temperature triggers would be similar to that used in exploratory analysis of the Hudson River data, and the suggested approach for doing so is described in Appendix D. However, an important step in the application of the temperature triggers to the Mattaponi is the specification of the level of protection to be achieved by the temperature triggers. The RRWSG requested that the Panel develop triggers that could ensure virtually complete (e.g., 100 percent) protection of the vulnerable early life stages of American shad. However, the Panel recognizes the many uncertainties associated with collection of biological and environmental data in the field and the natural and sampling variability that are likely to be encountered in long term studies of this type. High variability in ichthyoplankton density estimates are to be expected, particularly at the beginning and end of the spawning period when densities of organisms are very low. For example, the protocols employed in analysis of the Hudson data and to be used on Mattaponi data include estimation of standing stock within strata by extrapolating mean densities from three samples per strata to the entire strata volume. Thus, as an extreme example, one egg taken in one sample could result in a standing stock estimate of thousands for a single strata that would be incorporated into trigger development. Such factors make accurate assurance of total protection nearly impossible.

Because the magnitude of variability and uncertainty will not be known until a number of years of data are available from the preoperational monitoring program, a priori statistical confidence limits on magnitude of protection cannot be established. Taking these factors into account, the Panel decided that feasible criteria for levels of protection, based on results of analyses of Hudson River data, would be a minimum of 97 percent absolute protection of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae standing crops in 7 of 8 years of study, and no less than 95 percent absolute protection in any single year. This latter lower protection percentage is in

recognition of potential for unusual, infrequent events impacting study results. To further reduce potential for uncertainty, the Panel has recommended that RRWSG commit to implementation of a pumping hiatus over a temperature range of at least 12 °C, corresponding to the range between the temperatures of 10 °C and 22 °C, even if results from the preoperational monitoring program suggest a smaller temperature range would achieve the protection objectives. Committing to a hiatus duration in terms of temperature range rather than specific temperatures allows for a Mattaponi-specific hiatus that may be initiated at a somewhat higher or lower temperature than the 10 °C if monitoring results indicate that would be appropriate. Because of the RRWSG commitment, results of preoperational monitoring could potentially result only in an expansion of the hiatus temperature range beyond the 12 °C range.

In addition, the Panel is also recommending concurrent implementation of a hatch date study, that will document the “date of birth” of juvenile shad produced in each year. These data would provide a means of verifying the efficacy of the Mattaponi River-specific hiatus temperature triggers derived from the preoperational surveys. However, because of their importance for verification, hatch date analyses must be subject to rigorous quality control and quality assurance measures, as was noted in Appendix D. Aiken (2000) notes that hatch date frequency distributions can be misleading because they are a combined reflection of abundance, natural mortality, and residence time of individual cohorts in the sampling area. Their validity is certainly dependent on the juveniles aged being quantitatively representative of the entire yearclass. Wilhite et al (2003) discuss many of the factors that can affect the representative sampling of juvenile American shad and the validity of juvenile indices of abundance as representing future adult yearclass size. These concerns regarding hatch dates are the basis for Panel’s decision to base the trigger development protocol on a rigorously designed ichthyoplankton sampling program. Detailed analyses of preoperational data, particularly from the more intensive pilot study years, will provide a basis for resolving any discrepancies that may arise between the results of the preoperational ichthyoplankton monitoring program and the hatch date analyses.

5.2.3.3 Minimum Instream Flows

Minimum instream flows (MIFs), considered the second protection layer, act to constrain the volume of water that can be withdrawn to below maximum design withdrawal levels. In the two instances when pumping may occur when vulnerable life stages are present (within the spring but outside the hiatus period in normal years, and in the spring of drought emergency years), the protection of the MIFs will be of greatest significance. While the time of termination of the hiatus will be established based on water temperatures and data acquired in the long-term preoperational monitoring program, based on existing information, it is likely to be at the end of May or beginning of June. As was shown in Figure 2-5 and is discussed in Appendix F, beginning in summer months, the MIFs restrict the volume of water that can be withdrawn from the river to a substantial degree. In drought emergency years, which are expected to be infrequent, safe yield modeling results presented to the Panel and shown in Table 2-3 illustrate

that MIFs restricted withdrawals to less than maximum in five of the 6 years modeled, with the level of restriction ranging from 34 to 86 percent. In the one year in which maximum withdrawal of 75 mgd was predicted, river flows were exceptionally high and the 75 mgd was about 12 percent of flow. As is evident from these figures, the potential level of protection provided by the MIFs will be highly variable, but will be highest under low flow conditions. Coincidentally, American shad larval survival rates have been shown to be inversely proportional to river flow and water temperature (Crecco and Savoy, 1987). Thus, the MIFs may provide the greatest degree of protection under circumstances most favorable to early life stage survival.

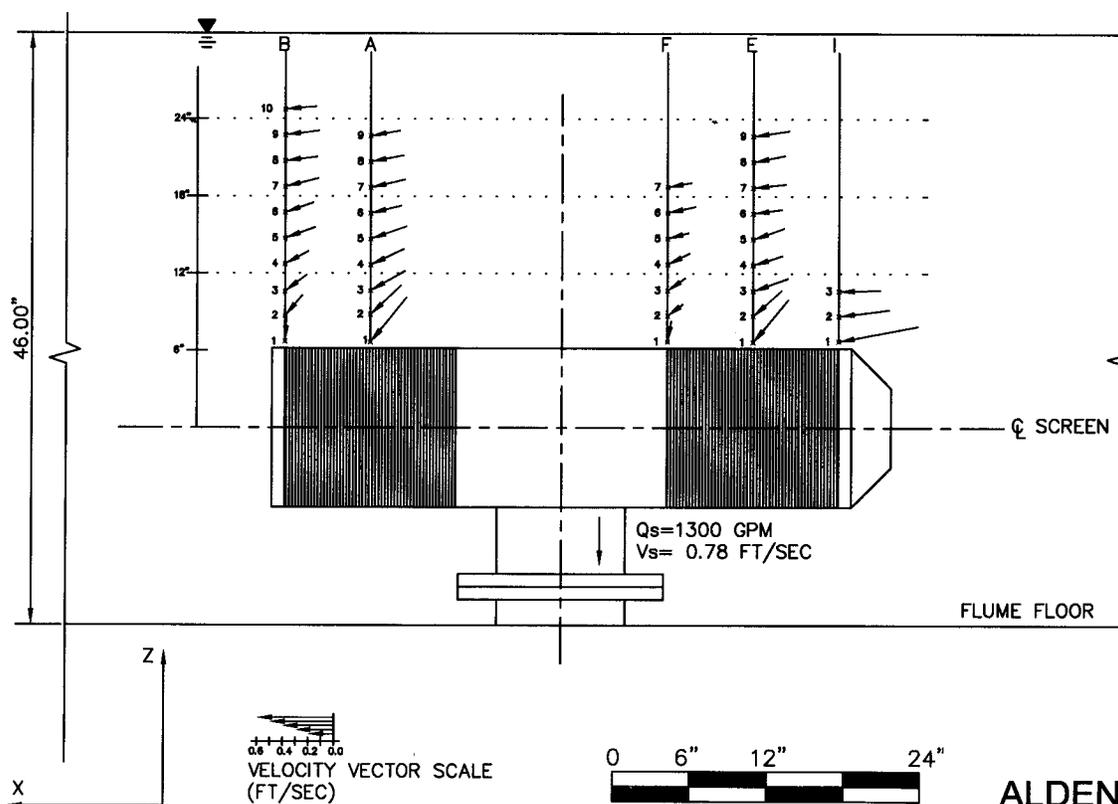
5.2.3.4 Intake Hydraulic Zone of Influence (HZI)

The hydraulic zone of influence (HZI) is defined by the USEPA as that portion of the source water body hydraulically affected by the intake structure's withdrawal of water (see Appendix E). Projections of the fractional loss of American shad and other species early life stages due to KWR water withdrawal (ASA 2003; Mann 2003) assumed that all organisms within a defined portion of the water body from which water is withdrawn have equal probability of entrainment, impingement or screen contact. VIMS, in Mann (2003), considered that portion to be defined by one tidal excursion distance upstream and downstream of the intake. The ASA report (ASA 2003) considered that portion to be the volume of the nursery area as estimated using the geographic range of the larval stages of each species. The Alden report (Appendix E) indicates that the hydraulic characteristics of an intake designed and operated in the manner proposed for KWR do not support the assumption of equal probability of removal. Recent studies demonstrate that only organisms within the hydraulic zone of influence (HZI) have any probability of encountering or passing through the intake screen.

Figure 5-4 (provided by Alden) shows the distribution of velocities measured in a vertical plane, aligned with the centerline of a cylindrical tee screen installed in Alden's fish testing facility as part of the EPRI (2003) study. These data were used to validate the results of a three-dimensional simulation of flow into the intake structure and the results of the computation were used to visualize the movement of flow into the intake as shown in Figure 5-5 (provided by Alden).

Alden's flow field evaluations show that under most tidal conditions, the water entering the intake approaches from a narrow region directly upstream of the structure. In the case of the proposed Mattaponi intake, where sweep velocities would exceed through-slot velocities on the order of 90 percent or more of the time, Alden's experimental results suggest that the intake would withdraw water primarily from the center of the river cross section and that organisms present near surface and bottom and in the shoals would not be vulnerable to entrainment. The measured velocities and simulated streamlines in the Alden study indicate passive particles farther than about one foot from the screen surface would be carried downstream, even in the situation when slot velocity (0.78 ft/sec) was faster than the sweep velocity (0.5 ft/sec).

The size of the HZI and the how it affects probability of entrainment was examined in an extensive Alden study of a Connecticut power plant, described in detail in Appendix E. The facility had a shoreline intake located in a tidal freshwater portion of the river where the tidal excursion distance was similar in magnitude to that at proposed intake location at Scotland Landing on the Mattaponi River. That study found large differences in the probability of



encountering the intake for organisms present in different sectors of the river cross-section upstream of the plant's intake. Probabilities ranged from zero in the sectors farthest from the intake to 26 percent in the sectors nearest (see Figure 14 in Appendix E). Such percentages are not directly applicable to the KWR intake because of the differences in the source water body, and the design and location of the intake. However, the results do illustrate the significance of the HZI concept with respect to the probability of a particle encountering an intake structure.

Figure 5-4. Wedgewire screen flow direction and magnitude measured with an acoustic Doppler velocimeter (EPRI 2003). Flume velocity was set at 0.5 ft/s and through-slot velocity at 0.78 ft/s.

Alden made "back-of-the-envelope" calculations to estimate the probability that organisms passing the KWR intake would encounter the intake screen, as a function of their location in the water column, under a range of operating and tidal conditions (see Figures 15, 16

and 17 in Appendix E). The results presented in those figures are intended to illustrate the role that withdrawal rates, sweep velocities and location in the water column play in affecting the probability of particles occurring in proximity to the intake screen. They do not represent true estimates of entrainment risk, since they depict probabilities only during a single pass of the water by the screen, and assume that particles are evenly distributed throughout the river cross section. However, the results do indicate that it is likely that a substantial portion of the organisms passing the KWR intake screen on any single tidal cycle would not be exposed to intake screen contact and effects. The dimensions of the HZI would be smallest during maximum tidal velocities and largest during zero or low tidal flow periods. Bilkovic (2000) concluded, based on fast sinking rates and lack of later developmental stages in her collections, that American shad eggs reach the bottom soon after spawning and may remain near where spawning occurs. Most eggs reported in her study were found upstream of Scotland Landing, suggesting that this life stage of American shad may be unlikely to occur within the KWR HZI at the intake site under most conditions. Larval behavior described by Bilkovic (2000), consisting of repeatedly swimming to the surface and the passively sinking, would result in larvae being more evenly distributed throughout the water column than eggs, and thus more likely to occur within the HZI.

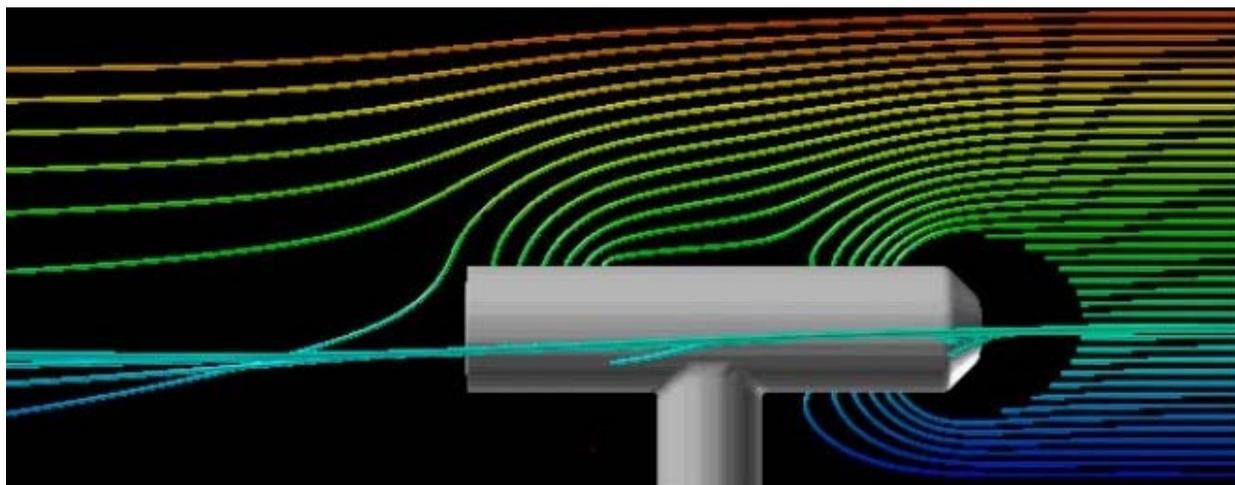


Figure 5-5. Flow streamlines for a cylindrical wedgewire screen generated from a numerical model (EPRI 2003).

While the degree of protection afforded by the HZI at the KWR intake cannot be reliably quantified, some inferences can be drawn from the experimental studies and analyses described in Appendix E. Those vulnerable organisms present in the water column near bottom, near surface and in the shoal areas will have very low to zero probability of encountering the intake screen during the majority of the tidal cycle, when tidal velocities are substantially higher than through-slot velocities. Highest probabilities of screen encounters would occur around slack tide

periods and at highest withdrawal rates. Prior discussions (Section 2.3.1 and 2.3.2) indicate that maximum withdrawal rates are likely to occur infrequently, even in drought emergency years when spring withdrawals will be permitted. Taken together, all these factors suggest that the HZI does provide some level of protection to vulnerable life stages, with that protection level varies with stage of the tidal cycle and the spatial distribution of organisms within the water column. All organisms within the spawning area will not be susceptible to intake effects.

5.2.3.5 Screen Slot Width, Through-slot Velocities and Sweep Velocities

The role of screen slot width, through-slot velocities and sweep velocities in providing protection from intake effects on vulnerable organisms are closely interrelated. Organisms present within the HZI have some probability of being drawn toward, contacting or being drawn through the intake screen. Alden identified nine studies of wedgewire screens (see Table 1 in Appendix E) that demonstrate that these screen attributes, alone or in combination, influence the degree of entrainment and impingement of fish eggs and larvae in different ways: (1) small slot sizes physically block passage of organisms into the intake system; (2) low through-slot velocities provide protection to passive or weak swimming organisms from being trapped on the screen face; and (3) ambient currents (i.e., “sweeping” velocity) carry organisms and debris away from screens and thus beyond the influence of the through-slot velocities. The relative importance of any these attributes in maximizing early life stage protection varies with changes in other attributes. For example, the same levels of protection provided by screens with small slot widths, low slot velocities and modest sweep velocities could be achieved by screens with larger slot widths and higher slot velocities, if sweep velocities were higher. Table 5-3 (data extracted from Table 5 in Appendix E) illustrates this relationship for surrogate striped bass eggs; striped bass eggs have no mobility. No entrainment occurs because of the size of the artificial eggs. Impingement of the artificial eggs was higher at the higher slot velocity, and very high when the sweep velocity was lower than the slot velocity. However, no impingement occurred when sweep velocity was twice the slot velocity (the issue of the magnitude of mortality that might be caused by impingement and/or contact with the intake screen is addressed in a later section), and impingement was less than 1 percent when the sweep and slot velocities were equal.

Appendix E presents much more comprehensive data from the nine studies that strongly confirm that wedgewire screens, when deployed as proposed for the KWR and when significant sweep velocities occur, do not act like a passive sieve, straining out particles and organisms present in the water column. Ambient tidal currents that will provide sweep velocities for the KWR intake screens will range, on average, from 0.0 ft/s during slack tides to 2.5-3.0 ft/s at peak tidal flows (Figure 5-6). Average tidal velocities will be twice or greater than the maximum through-slot velocities for about 85 percent of the tidal cycle. However, the tidal cycle presented in Figure 5-6 is the long term average for proposed intake located at Scotland Landing, and day-to-day tidal flows can vary substantially, depending on such factors as magnitude of freshwater inflow and wind-induced movement of water into and out of the York River estuary. While such

factors would clearly affect tidal velocities at any given time, the long term average velocities suggest that high sweep velocities will occur at the KWR intake for the majority of the tidal cycle under most circumstances.

Table 5-3. Data extracted from Table 5 of Appendix E, illustrating the influence of channel (sweep) velocity on impingement rates of surrogate striped bass eggs. Slot size is that proposed for the KWR intake screen, but the lowest slot velocity is twice the maximum KWR slot velocity. Velocity has been converted to English units for the benefit of the reader. “Imp” is impingement and “Ent” is entrainment.

Slot Size (mm)	Slot Velocity (ft/sec)	Channel Velocity (ft/s)	Mean Percent of Test Organisms that were Impinged or Entrained (SD in parentheses)	
			Surrogate Striped Bass Eggs	
			Imp	Ent
1.0	0.5	0.25	91.0 (14.7)	0.0(0.0)
		0.5	0.3 (0.6)	0.0(0.0)
		1.0	0.0 (0.0)	0.0(0.0)
	1.0	0.25	98.7 (1.2)	0.0(0.0)
		0.5	88.7 (3.5)	0.0(0.0)
		1.0	0.0 (0.0)	0.0(0.0)

In Appendix E, Alden used data from tests with the 1-mm slot screen reported in EPRI (2003) to develop a multiple regression model in which the dependent variable was the mean proportion of fish excluded by the screen and the independent variables were channel to slot velocity ratio and fish length. Use of a model to predict performance of the KWR intake screen was necessary because design maximum slot velocity for the KWR screen was half the lowest slot velocity tested by Alden, and sweep velocities in the tests were lower than what will occur at the KWR intake 80 to 90 percent of the tidal cycle. The multiple regression model was used to predict exclusion efficiencies based on fish size and channel velocity for slot velocities of 0.10 and 0.25 ft/s (i.e., most common operational velocity and maximum for the KWR screens).

As seen in Figure 5-7 (Figure 9 in Appendix E) at a slot velocity of 0.10 ft/s or less, complete exclusion is predicted to occur for larvae 12 mm or greater when channel velocities reach 0.40 ft/s, which occurs over most of the tidal cycle (Figure 5-6). Complete exclusion of larvae greater than 5 mm is predicted to occur at 0.10 ft/s when channel velocities are 0.7 ft/s or greater, which occurs approximately 80 percent of a tidal cycle. The Panel acknowledges that the regression equation results in an extrapolation to KWR design velocities that extends beyond the bounds of the data used in developing the regression. This factor contributes to an unknown degree of uncertainty in the quantitative predictions. However, the test results themselves and the regression predictions strongly support a conclusion that the combination of low slot velocity

and high sweep velocity at the KWR will offer a high degree of protection to organisms exposed to intake effects.

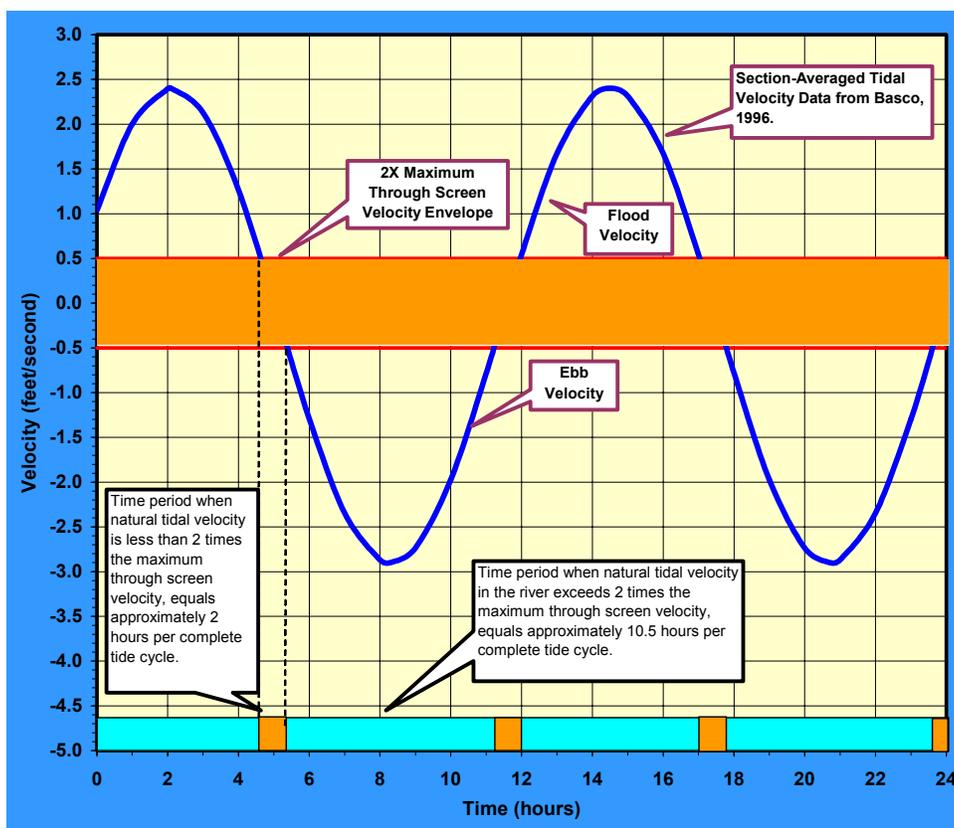


Figure 5-6. Tidal velocities of Scotland Landing (modified from Basco 1996)

The findings of Alden Laboratory studies pertaining to wedgewire screen exclusion from entrainment and impingement of fish eggs result from the hydraulic characteristics of flow fields and the behavior of non-motile particles suspended in those flows. Results with larvae, while being partially a result of hydraulics, are greatly influenced by the motility of the organisms. The fact that fish swimming capability is function of size is the reason that exclusion efficiencies shown in Figure 5-7 increase with fish size under all test conditions. This swimming ability is of particular importance when sweep velocities are low, which in the case of the KWR intake would occur during slack tide periods. At those times, sweep velocities would not be present or sufficient to transport fish away from the screen, and impingement of fish on the screen could occur. Aquatic organisms trapped in such a manner may die of exhaustion, suffocation or other injuries, even if they were later swept away from the screen. However, in the absence of sweeping velocities, approach velocities perpendicular to the screen face will still dissipate rapidly to levels (< 0.1 ft/s) that even small larvae (5-10 mm) should be able to avoid at distances

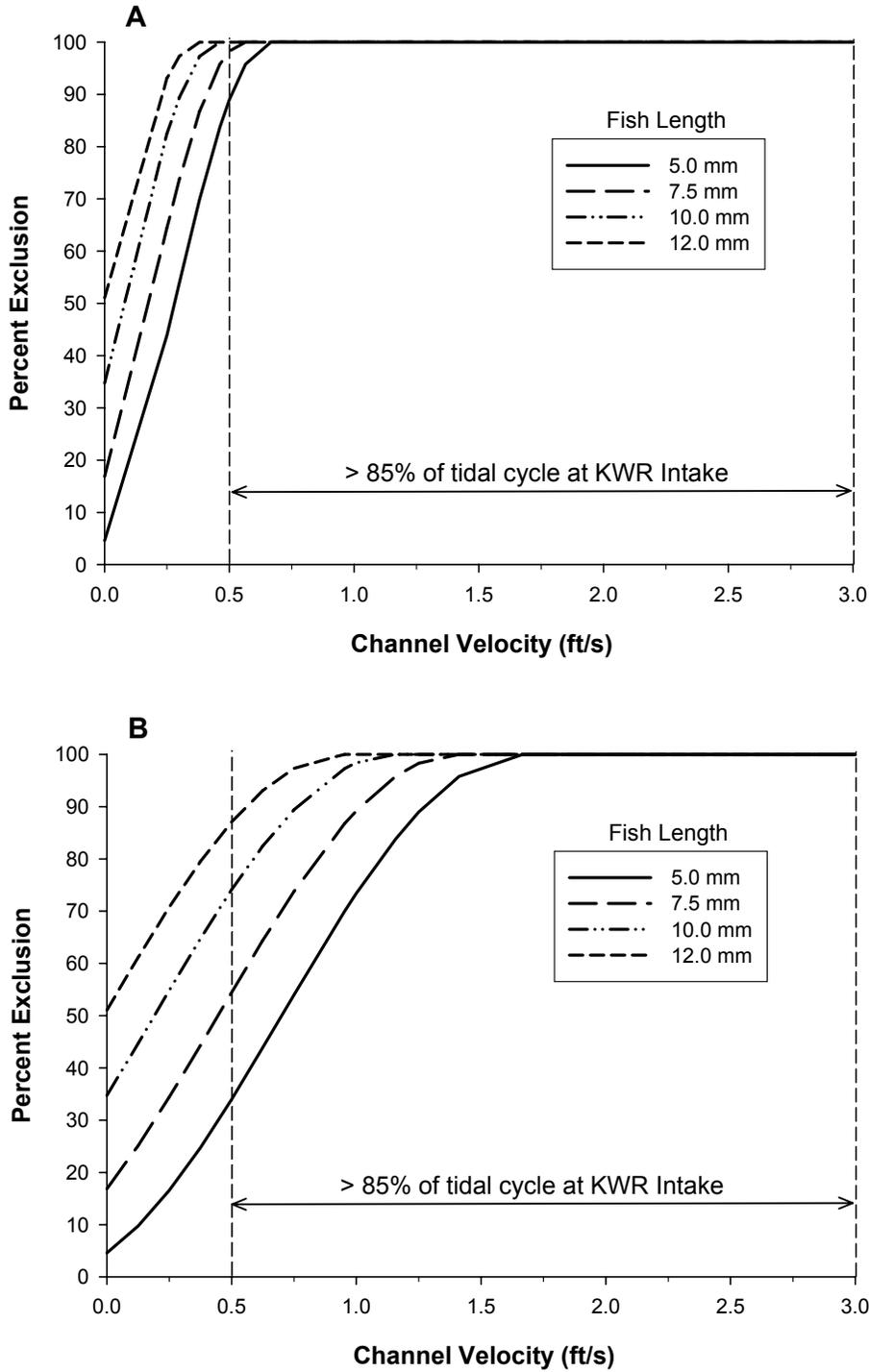


Figure 5-7. Screen exclusions rates by channel velocity for a 1-mm slot screen with through-slot velocities of 0.10 ft/s (A) and 0.25 ft/s (B). Exclusion rates were generated from a multiple regression analysis of entrainment data from EPRI (2003). Independent variables included ratio of channel to slot velocity and fish length. (Figure 9 in Appendix E.)

greater than 1-2 feet from the surface of the screens. Also, at these distances from the screen, semi-buoyant eggs are likely to drop from the water column towards the river bottom during slack tide periods.

Studies described in more detail in Appendix E and summarized here have shown that some larvae small enough to pass through 1 mm screen slots have sufficient swimming ability to avoid entrainment. Hanson et al. (1978) and Hanson (1981) showed that the percentage of striped bass larvae capable of swimming away from an operating screen and avoiding entrainment and impingement in the absence of sweeping flows increased with fish size (i.e., larger fish were stronger swimmers). While the data on swimming speeds of fish larvae are limited, and we could find no specific data on swimming speeds of American shad larvae, the existing data confirm that primarily eggs and yolk-sac larvae, which range in size from about 5 to 10 mm, would be vulnerable to entrainment and impingement by the KWR intake screens, and that vulnerability would increase during slack tides but be much lower during the majority of the tidal cycle when sweep velocities were more than double the maximum through-slot velocity.

5.2.3.6 Potential Impacts to Vulnerable Early Life Stages from Screen Contact

A final issue with regard to potential for intake effects is the fate of eggs and larvae within the HZI that do come into contact with the intake screen. We noted earlier that VIMS was of the opinion that eggs and larvae of American shad were so fragile that they would suffer mortality from screen contact with the KWR, regardless of whether they were impinged. Alden conducted a comprehensive review of screen intake literature to identify any studies that investigated screen contact mortalities with American shad or other fragile species (see Section 4 of Appendix E). While levels of entrainment and impingement at wedgewire screen intakes can be quantified experimentally with relative ease, the indirect effects on remaining organisms are more difficult to ascertain. Differentiating the effects of contact with the structure from the handling effects of collecting specimens for analysis requires a carefully executed experimental design. In Appendix E, Alden notes that there are few studies that directly assess mortality of eggs and larvae that come in contact with wedgewire screens. However, they did identify several studies of impingement-induced mortality at other types of exclusion devices that provide insight into potential effects. The three modes of impact from screen contact are shear, turbulence, and contact abrasion. These modes have not been studied directly as they relate to wedgewire screens, but other exclusion devices have been examined in laboratory tests and those findings are relevant to the issue.

Hanson et al. (1978) quantified potential mortality to striped bass eggs associated with impingement on wedgewire screens. Mortality attributable to impingement ranged in individual trials from 0 percent to 11.9 percent. However, the mean impingement mortality ranged only from 0 percent to 2.0 percent and the overall mean mortality for all developmental stages was 1.4 percent (see Table 6 in Appendix E). Most mortality took place within the first 30 minutes after impingement. Mortality was highest in the earliest stage of development (late-gastrula), which may indicate a higher degree of fragility of that life stage.

An unpublished study by Radle (2001) was conducted to estimate mortality of American shad eggs induced by impingement on the Gunderboom Marine Life Exclusion System (or aquatic filter barrier, AFB). The Gunderboom is a fabric-like material designed to exclude eggs and larvae from entrainment in water intakes. It has very fine mesh and low through-mesh velocities. In experimental jars, 100 live shad eggs were placed on fabric pieces and flow was provided at a velocity of 0.1 ft/sec. The eggs remained impinged for predetermined periods of time, ranging from one to four hours. Only 7 of the 1200 eggs used in the study (including both control and test eggs) had died after 24 hours. Survival rates in all jars were 99 percent or higher.

Laboratory studies were conducted by ESEERCO (1981) to evaluate the mortality of several species of larval fish (including striped bass, winter flounder, and alewife) following impingement on fine-mesh screens. Impingement on 350 or 500 micron mesh screens was evaluated by introducing larvae into a flume upstream of the test screens. Tests were performed at several approach velocities ranging from 0.5 to 2.0 ft/sec and for impingement durations ranging from two minutes to sixteen minutes. This study suggested that mortality rates were highest at the highest approach velocities (i.e., analogous to through-slot velocities and not sweep velocities), and impingement mortalities were consistently high. However, control mortalities were also high, which confirms the difficulties in obtaining reliable mortality data from studies of this nature.

These and other studies summarized in Appendix E provide some indication that contact with, and temporary impingement on, fine mesh screens do not cause total mortality of the affected organisms, and, for some species and life stages (e.g., striped bass eggs), induced mortality may be low. Thus, eggs and larvae that may make contact with the screen, be temporarily impinged during slack tide periods at the KWR intake, and then dislodged when sweep velocities increase, may have some degree of survival. However, the existing literature is not sufficient to quantify the level of survival of American shad larvae that might be expected. In discussing American shad egg and larvae fragility, hatchery procedures used in culturing American shad for restoration programs were described to Panel members. Fertilized shad eggs are placed in hatching jars in which they are kept suspended through use of aerators. Visual observation of these hatchery jars suggest that during their entire incubation period, eggs and newly hatched larvae are exposed to agitation and contact with jar walls and other structures present in the jars, with no significant induced mortality (W. Dey, personal communication). Whether the magnitude and nature of physical contact with structure in such instances is comparable to what may occur at the KWR intake screen is not known. However, these observations do illustrate that American shad eggs and larvae are capable of surviving some degree of physical encounters with objects.

5.2.3.7 Cumulative Protection Benefits of Layers of Protection

Figure 5-8 depicts graphically the KWR intake attributes contributing to protection of vulnerable early life stages. The pumping hiatus to be implemented in accordance with the

recommendations of the Panel, the first protection layer, will provide absolute protection to nearly all but at minimum 97 percent of the egg and yolk-sac-larval stage standing crops of American shad in years of normal operation. It will also provide a high degree of protection to vulnerable life stages of other species. Because the protocol for calculating level of protection afforded by the hiatus is based on standing crops of early life stages calculated for the entire spawning region in the Mattaponi River, some of the vulnerable life stages present when pumping is reinitiated could be in areas not subject to water withdrawal effects (e.g., more than one tidal excursion downstream). The organisms that may be in locations susceptible to withdrawal effects are subject to the remaining protection layers. Those same protection layers apply to vulnerable life stages of all species that may be present in the infrequent drought emergency years when spring water withdrawals might occur.

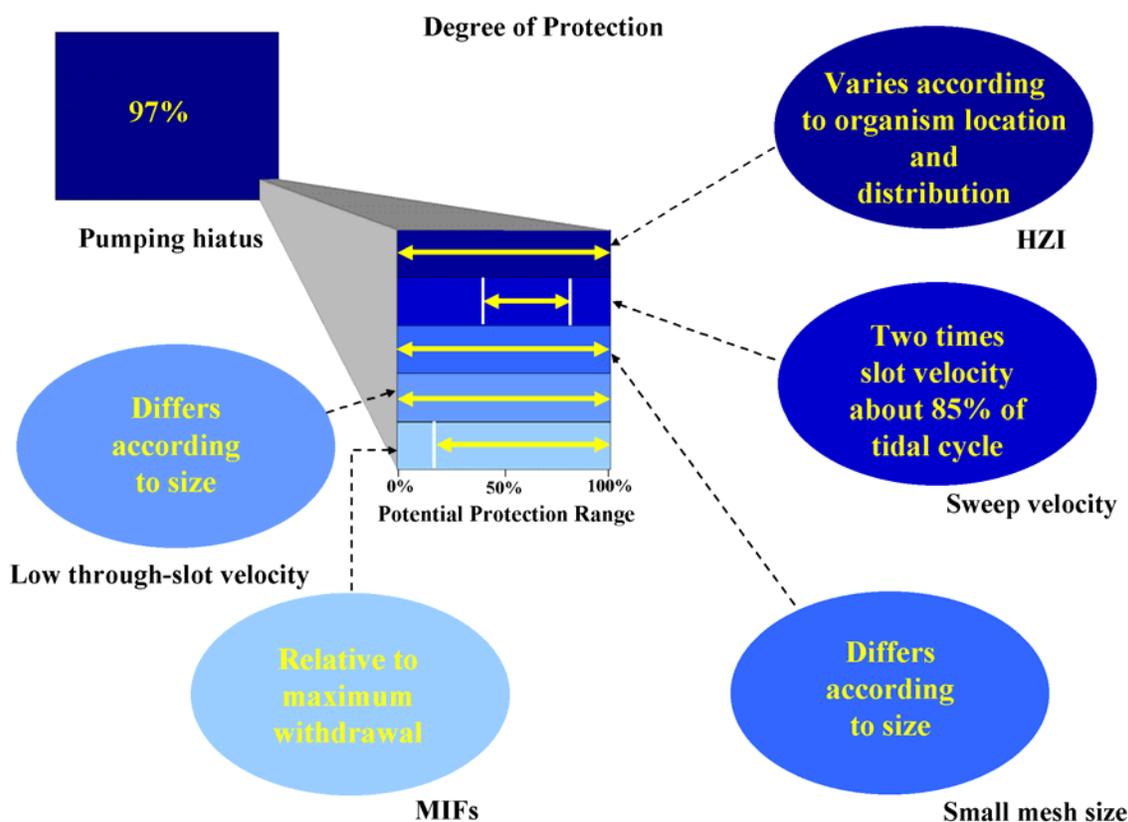


Figure 5-8. Diagrammatic representation of KWR intake layers of protection.

Minimum instream flows (MIFs) offer protection relative to the potential maximum withdrawal rate. As discussed above, safe yield modeling results show that water withdrawals in the spring months in years of drought emergency could regularly be constrained to much less

than maximum. The level of protection provided by MIFs is highest when flows are lowest. But even at high flows, when maximum withdrawal might be permitted, the withdrawals would represent a relatively small proportion of the total water available, and thus potential for impacts even under those circumstances are limited.

The Panel concludes that the studies and findings discussed here, and in greater detail in Appendix E, are sufficient to reject the conservative assumption that wedgewire screens of the design proposed for KWR provide no protection to vulnerable early life stages. The available literature confirms that each attribute of wedgewire screens (hydraulic zone of influence, small slot size, low slot velocity, high sweep velocity, survival after impingement or screen contact) confers some degree of protection to the affected life stage, although the precise quantitative degree of protection provided by each cannot be established. Organisms outside the HZI (e.g., near bottom, near surface, in shoals) would not be subject to encounters with the intake screen. However, the proportion of organisms that may occur in those locations cannot be predicted, and turbulent mixing of waters could result in organisms being moved throughout the water column. Thus, we consider the HZI to have a positive but limited contribution to protection. The greatest contributions to protection from screen effects are provided by the high sweep velocities generated by tidal currents and the low slot velocities. On average, sweep velocities twice the maximum through-slot velocity will occur about 85 percent of each tidal cycle, and through-slot velocities will average well below the design maximum. Analyses by Alden of study data project that exclusion as high as 100 percent can be achieved with wedgewire screens operated as proposed for KWR, when through-slot velocities are low and sweep velocities are relatively high. Thus, sweep velocities, while variable, will provide a high degree of protection from both contact with the screen and impingement on the screen. Small slot widths prevent larger organisms from passing into the intake system, and low through-slot velocities ensure that organisms greater than about 10 mm in size would be capable of escaping from screen contact and impingement.

5.2.3.8 Consideration of Population Level Impacts

A major issue in the previous VMRC KWR permit hearing was what the consequences to the adult population would be of KWR-induced losses of American shad early life stages. Debate concerning population-level significance of losses of early life stages is not unique to the KWR, and has been extensive over decades of regulatory proceedings regarding the consequences of power plant water withdrawal-induced mortalities to early life stages of fish. Such debate arises as a result of many scientific uncertainties, including such factors as biological differences among fish populations in different geographical regions and compensation, the possibility that anthropogenic loss of early life stages may be offset by density-dependent increases in survival of the remaining individuals (Rose et al. 2001). Any attempt to quantitatively and reliably project effects of early life stage losses to adult population levels would require data and information not currently available for the Mattaponi River American shad population. Thus, as requested by the RRWSG, the Panel sought to develop a pumping hiatus that would provide nearly complete protection to vulnerable early life stages, and

thus avoid early life stage losses and obviate the need to assess their population-level significance.

However, there remain two circumstances under which vulnerable life stages could be subject to impingement and entrainment effects from the KWR as currently proposed: 1) when present in the vicinity of the intake outside the pumping hiatus period in years of normal operation; and 2) under drought emergency conditions, when a pumping hiatus is not implemented. The protocol for development of temperature triggers for the pumping hiatus described in Section 5.2.2 is intended to ensure that less than 3 percent of the standing crop (based on weekly densities) of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae would occur outside the period of the pumping hiatus. Thus, only a very small portion of the eggs and yolk-sac larvae in any year would be potentially exposed to any intake effects. As we have repeatedly noted in this report, each of the protective layers contributes to protection, but the degree of protection cannot be rigorously quantified. However, considering the substantial contribution of predominant sweep velocities, and lesser contributions from all of the other layers, we believe that the probability of significant early life stage losses of American shad is vanishingly small.

Regarding the second circumstance, the projected likelihood of a spring drought emergency declaration occurring is expected to be zero over the next several decades and about 2 in 74 years once water demand has reached projected levels for the year 2040 (see Section 2.3.2 and Appendix F). Climate change predictions, while uncertain, suggest the possibility of increased droughts and floods for the mid-Atlantic region. Increased floods could result in reservoir capacities remaining sufficiently high to preclude declaration of drought emergencies in subsequent years of low precipitation. However, more frequent droughts could result in a higher frequency of drought emergency declarations than would be predicted based on the past 74 years of flow data, and several consecutive years of drought emergency under which withdrawal would be permitted would represent a potential worst case scenario with regard to consequences to the American shad population. However, in any year in which withdrawals would be permitted, vulnerable life stages would be protected by all of the protection layers beyond the hiatus, as was discussed for vulnerable life stages present outside the hiatus period. Under a drought emergency declaration, withdrawals would only be allowed if they could be implemented in compliance with VDEQ permit conditions, in particular the MIFs. As was discussed in Section 2.3.2 and shown in Table 2-3, the MIFs would significantly restrict the amount of withdrawal in most spring months of drought emergency years. The degree of restriction is greatest (as much as 86 percent reduction from maximum allowed pumping rate) in years of low flow, which would be the likely condition if several drought years were to occur in succession. All other protective attributes of the intake screen would continue to contribute to enhanced protection. As noted above, uncertainties preclude reliable quantification of the degree of protection, but all information reviewed suggest that the cumulative level of protection is very high.

The RRWSG anticipates that entrainment monitoring will be required as part of their VDEQ Water Protection Permit-mandated biomonitoring program. In anticipation of that requirement, the Panel was instructed to develop a design for reliable entrainment monitoring to

be performed once the intake becomes operational. The program recommended by the Panel is described in detail in Appendix D. Entrainment sampling would be accompanied by sampling throughout the American shad spawning region, in order to allow estimation of the proportion of the standing stock of eggs and yolk-sac larvae that are entrained. Entrainment monitoring would be conducted in any year in which the spring pumping hiatus is suspended. Data from such a program will provide a means of verifying the protection levels that are anticipated, reducing further any uncertainties regarding the magnitude of losses of vulnerable early life stages.

What remains at issue then is the potential consequence of small losses of vulnerable life stages of American shad during infrequent drought emergency years. Data are not available that would allow quantitative estimation of effects of early life stage losses on adult population levels of the Mattaponi River American shad population, estimates of the magnitude of the losses needed for such quantification would be highly uncertain, and there is no basis for predicting the potential frequency of years in which spring drought emergencies would be declared, beyond that used in developing the 2 in 74 year estimate. In addition, the consequences of those losses would also be dependent on the status of the population at the time the losses occurred; small losses would only be of significant concern if the population were at depressed levels. For all these reasons, only professional opinion can be offered regarding this specific issue. Any impact to a population that occurs with as low as or lower than a frequency as 2 in 74 years would be unlikely to have a significant effect on the long-term sustainability of a species such as American shad. Individual annual spawning runs are comprised of multiple year classes, and the sizes of yearclasses vary substantially in response to annually varying environmental conditions during the spawning period (Crecco et al. 1983). Also, the York River shad population exhibits some degree of iteroparity, meaning that adults may survive spawning and spawn multiple times. Walburg and Nichols (1967) reported York River shad repeat spawners averaged about 20 percent of annual spawning runs. Olney and and McBride (2003) reported that 50 percent of the twelve York River females they used in their study were repeat spawners. Based on these factors, the effect of any impact to a single yearclass is dissipated as it is spread across multiple future spawning seasons. This ameliorates the long-term effects of any impacts that may occur during isolated drought emergency years. Safe yield modeling using the existing 74 year data record for Mattaponi River flows showed no occurrence of drought emergencies in springs of consecutive years. USEPA predictions of increased frequency of floods and droughts are specified as being uncertain. The information available to the Panel suggests that a worst case scenario of multiple successive years in which drought emergencies existed in spring, and when spring withdrawals would be permitted, is a very low probability event. Even were it to occur, the layers of protection described above would result in very low levels of losses of early life stages, which would be of significance only if the American shad population were at a depressed level. Taken together, these factors suggest that the suspension of the spring pumping hiatus in drought emergency years does not pose a significant risk to the American shad population.

5.3 OPERATIONAL EFFECTS - SALINITY CHANGES

Concerns have been raised about the potential for KWR withdrawal of freshwater from the Mattaponi River to alter the salinity regime in the river and thus change habitat characteristics, with resultant changes in fish populations. The proposed KWR intake location is within the tidal freshwater region of the river, and any changes in salinity of habitats due to freshwater withdrawal would be seen in the area downstream of the intake, where a change in salinity levels and location and slope of the salinity gradient might occur.

To establish whether any effects on fish may occur, it is first necessary to characterize the nature and magnitude of salinity changes that might be caused by KWR withdrawals. The simulated water withdrawals from the safe yield modeling (Appendix F and Chapter 2) can be compared to the concurrent total freshwater flow at the proposed intake location at Scotland Landing to establish the projected magnitude of change in total freshwater flow from the upper Mattaponi into the lower portion of the river. Table 5-4 shows the projected average percent of seasonal freshwater flows that would be withdrawn by KWR operating within the VDEQ Water Protection Permit withdrawal constraints, in particular the MIFs. These figures do not account for the American shad spawning period pumping hiatus, which would reduce spring percentages by about two-thirds.

For the 30 year period for which freshwater flow records are available from the Beulahville USGS gauging station, KWR withdrawals would have been, on average, less than 6.3 percent of freshwater flow at Scotland Landing throughout the year. For 50 percent of the time period, withdrawals would be less than 4.8 percent of freshwater flow. Withdrawals would be less than 10.9 percent of freshwater flow for 75 percent of the time. Such relatively small withdrawal volumes are unlikely to significantly alter the freshwater hydrology and salinity regimes within the lower Mattaponi River.

Table 5-4. Projected seasonal KWR water withdrawals, from Table expressed as a percentage of total freshwater flow at Scotland Landing (from ASA 2003).			
Season	Average	Median	Upper Quartile
Winter	2.7 %	0.9%	4.2%
Spring	4.1%	2.2%	4.6%
Summer	5.1%	3.4%	7.6%
Fall	6.3%	4.8%	10.9%

Hydrodynamic modeling was conducted by Hershner et al. (1991) to quantify the magnitude of those alterations. However, since this modeling was conducted, the reservoir project has been scaled down in size, and more stringent MIF requirements have been imposed. Thus, RRWSG informed the Panel that the water withdrawals incorporated into the modeling are

approximately three times the magnitude of withdrawals that will be allowed under the VDEQ permit. Hershner et al (1991) showed that, in the absence of any water withdrawal, low salinity brackish water is expected, on average, to intrude very little into the Mattaponi River in the spring, up to Mill Creek (RM 12) in summer, and up to Davis Beach (RM 15) in fall (see Figure 3-6 for named locations). Under extreme low flow conditions, this brackish water may intrude as far upstream as Mill Creek in spring. During summer and fall, salinities at Courthouse Landing could reach as high as 2 to 4 ppt, respectively, under these same extreme low flow conditions. Salinity modeling with the inclusion of Mattaponi River withdrawals for King William Reservoir at approximately three times currently permitted levels, found that freshwater areas of the river remained fresh and that salinity within brackish areas increased, at most, 0.1 to 0.3 ppt, depending on season. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station conducted a technical review of Hershner et al (1991) and concluded that the approach taken was "...essential and technically sound" (Johnson and Wang, 1997). The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality concluded, based on the available modeling results, that the KWR water withdrawals would not significantly alter the salinity regime (Testimony of Mr. Joe Hassell, VDEQ, before the Virginia State Water Control Board, December 16, 1997). With the actual water withdrawals about one third of what were modeled, the effects of the water removals on salinity patterns within the Mattaponi River are likely to be very small and most probably undetectable, because they would be within the range of expected measurement error.

With a pumping hiatus in effect for 40 to 90 days in the spring in years of normal operation, no water withdrawal would occur and there could be no KWR-induced changes to spring salinity regimes throughout the river. Because Mattaponi River anadromous fish populations are of particular concern, special attention can be placed on potential for water withdrawals to affect nursery habitats of juveniles of the anadromous fish populations during the summer and fall periods prior to their seaward migration. Figure 2-5 showed that the MIF constraints are close to or higher than average monthly flows in low-flow years during the summer and early fall. Under such circumstances, no water withdrawals would be permissible over a substantial portion of the summer/fall period, although on a daily basis, some withdrawal would be expected to occur over periods of days when flows are above the monthly average.

This minimal nature of summer and fall water withdrawals is made further evident in Appendix F, where details of the safe yield modeling used to project water withdrawal rates under a wide range of conditions are presented. Figure 5-9, taken from Appendix F, and other figures in Appendix F, show predicted average monthly withdrawals in years following significant droughts, when normal reservoir operation would typically mandate maximum pumping to restore reservoir capacity. The conservative minimum instream flows mandated in the KWR VDEQ Water Protection Permit preclude withdrawals in many summer and fall months and when withdrawals do occur, they tend to be 10 mgd or less.

An additional level of protection against significant impacts to fish from changes in salinity regimes is provided by conditions D.3 and D.4 in the KWR Water Protection Permit. These permit conditions require the RRWSG to monitor salinity regimes so as to detect any salinity-induced changes in the spawning and nursery grounds used by anadromous fish.

Condition B.8 of the permit also states that “This permit may be modified if the DEQ determines that minimum instream flow levels resulting from the permittee’s withdrawal of water are detrimental to the instream beneficial use.....,” indicating that the MIFs could be made more restrictive if any impacts are observed.

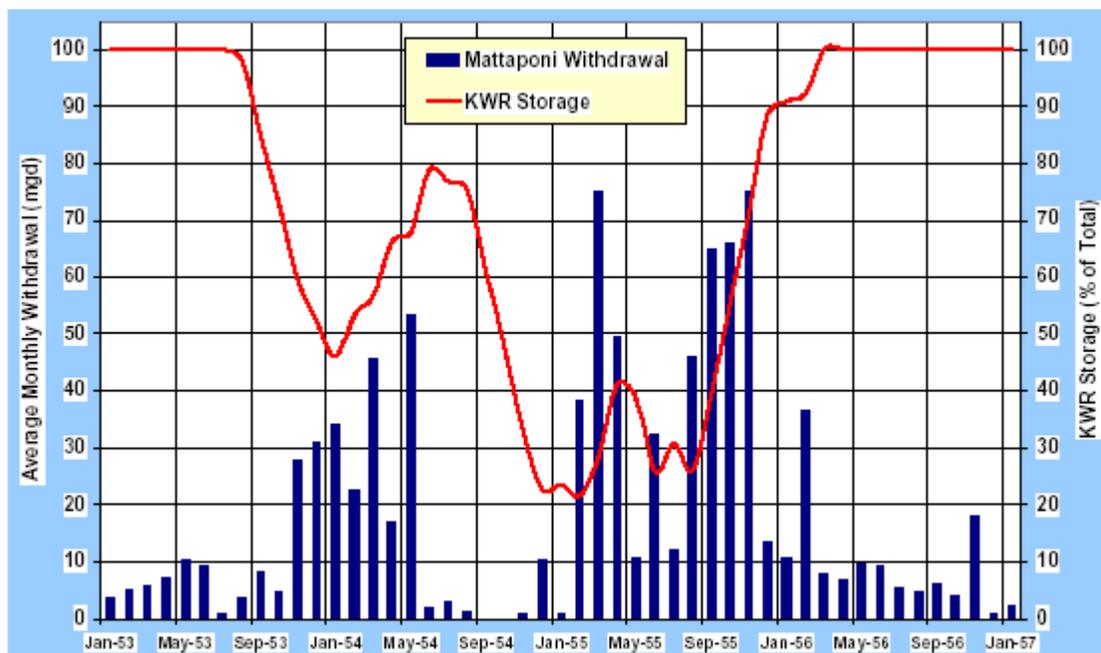


Figure 5-9. Simulated King William Reservoir storage and Mattaponi River withdrawals (Jan 1953-Jan 1957)

All of the modeling results provided to the Panel support the conclusion that the KWR water withdrawals will not substantially alter the natural salinity regimes within the Mattaponi River. VDEQ permit conditions provide for future project modification if any adverse impacts on salinity regimes are observed. With no significant change in the salinity regime, no change can be expected to occur to fish populations and communities that are present in the river. Because the Panel did not conduct an independent review of the salinity and safe yield modeling, our conclusion assumes the validity of those modeling results.

VIMS staff raised the issue of potential for ecosystem effects at the March 19 meeting with the Panel. The Panel has considered this issue from the perspective of how many such effects could be generated by the KWR project. The VDEQ permit MIFs constrain KWR water withdrawals in such a manner as to preclude significant effects to natural salinity regimes in the river, as was already noted. The MIFs also exert greatest constraint on withdrawals during periods of low flow, such as summer and fall. Largest withdrawal rates occur during periods of highest river flow. Thus, most of the water withdrawn from the Mattaponi River comes from “skimming” water off the highest inflows (e.g., pumping at maximum withdrawal rate would be

likely to occur during a period of high precipitation and runoff, assuming the reservoir were not at capacity and if the withdrawal did not violate the MIF). The maximum predicted average seasonal withdrawal rate is 6.3 percent of the Mattaponi River freshwater inflow. Variations in withdrawal rates around the average will obviously occur. The maximum upper quartile value for seasonal withdrawal rate as a percentage of freshwater inflow is 10.9 percent, meaning that the percentage of freshwater withdrawal will be less than 10.9 percent for 75 percent of the time. Given that such withdrawals were not predicted to significantly alter salinity regimes in the river, and the removal of such small percentages of freshwater inflow coupled with the high population turnover rates of phytoplankton and zooplankton, the Panel concluded ecosystem-level effects would be undetectable..

5.4 OPERATIONAL EFFECTS - NOISE

There has been a recent upsurge in interest related to the effects of anthropogenic sounds in the aquatic environment, partly because of concerns for the safety and health of marine mammals (NRC 1994; Richardson 1995; Popper 2003). The sounds of boats (Scholik and Yan 2002a; Wales and Heitmeyer 2002) and seismic exploration (McCauley 1994; McCauley et al. 2003) have been of particular concern. Because the sensory receptors for sound in fish and mammals are similar, many of the concerns for damage have been extrapolated to fish. Despite concerns, aquatic animals live in a naturally noisy environment and are variously adapted to accommodate and use this sensory realm (Myrberg 1980; Popper 2003).

Fish have species-specific hearing ranges in terms of both sound frequency given in Herz (Hz; previously known as cycles per second) and volume given in decibels (dB) referenced to 1 microPascal (Figure 1). The volume reference is used to allow investigators to compare levels recorded in the aquatic environment at different places and times (see www.earthisland.org/immpeii_sonar_chart.pdf). For comparison, the reference value in air is 20 microPascals, which is the threshold level of human hearing at 1,000 Hz. All fish that have been tested are capable of hearing (Popper 2003). Most species detect sounds in the 500 to 1,000 Hz range, with best hearing from 100 to 400 Hz. Besides hearing, many fish produce sounds and use sound for communication (Zelick et al. 1999). Popper (2003) has surmised that fishes, like most animals, glean a good deal of information about their environment from sounds that might include waves, currents, and other diverse sources.

Some species found in the Mattaponi River have especially acute hearing thresholds and sensitivity to frequencies far beyond those of most species. Species like the goldfish and catfish can detect sounds over 3,000 Hz. Most notably, fishes of the family Alosinae, including American shad and blueback herring, can detect ultrasonic sounds to over 200,000 Hz (Mann et al. 2001). These shad and herring appear to have developed such high sensitivity in order to avoid predation by marine mammals, which use high-frequency sounds for locating prey (Mann et al. 1998; Plachta and Popper 2003). The importance of these high frequencies for detecting incoming predators is understandable when we recognize that low frequency sounds are rapidly

attenuated in water and only the high-frequency sounds penetrate more than a few meters from most sources (Rogers and Cox 1988).

The sensitivity of alosines to high-frequency sound has been used to deflect these species from water intakes. Blueback herring avoided sounds of 110,000 and 140,000 Hz at source levels of 180 dB in net pens and at the Richard B. Russell Dam, Savannah River, Georgia-South Carolina (Nestler et al 1992). Broadband sound of 122,000-128,000 Hz at a source level of 190 dB successfully excluded alewife from the intake of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant on Lake Ontario (Ross et al. 1993, 1996), where it is now the accepted control mechanism for minimizing fish impingement on intake screens. Sound of various frequencies is being tested and used for behavioral guidance of several fish species (Coutant 2002).

Exposure to loud noises can reduce sensitivity of a fish's hearing, analogous to the effects in humans. Sholick and Yan (2002a) demonstrated that noise from an outboard boat engine impaired the hearing of a hearing specialist, the fathead minnow. There was less effect on a hearing generalist, the bluegill sunfish (Scholick and Yan 2002b).

This sampling of the recent scientific literature confirms the need to evaluate whether a water intake on the Mattaponi River has the potential to produce sounds that could affect migrating American shad and river herring as well as resident species such as carp and catfishes. The effect likely would be most pronounced if sound is produced in the high-frequency range. Such sound, if present above background levels, could deter adult and juvenile shad and herring from passing the intake in the narrow Scotland Landing site. Even hearing non-specialists might be affected if the sounds are very loud. None-the-less, such sounds should be placed in the context of currently accepted, but demonstrably detrimental, sounds on the Mattaponi River, such as from outboard motors.

On the recommendation of the Fisheries Panel, the RRWSG contracted with Marine Acoustics, Inc. to take sound measurements at an intake similar to the KWR intake on the Mattaponi River. The intake is the raw water intake for the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, located on Lake Gaston, Virginia. Both the proposed KWR intake on the Mattaponi River and the Lake Gaston intake use an underground wet-well design and cylindrical wedgewire screens in the source water body that are connected to the wet well by large piping. The details of the KWR intake are provided in Appendix G; the Lake Gaston intake is described briefly in Appendix H. In a wet-well design, hydraulic lift pumps draw water vertically from the concrete-lined well. The pumps are suspended in the well from an above-ground pumphouse without touching the sides or bottom. The well is connected to the receiving water by piping below the source-water elevation and fills by gravity flow. Much of the noise associated with a pumping operation is associated with water rushing through the pump's impellers and casings at high velocity. The use of submerged, vertical turbine pumps ensures that most of the sound they produce is contained inside the well. A principal difference between the two intakes is that the Lake Gaston wet well is located somewhat closer to the screens and to the source water than is the KWR pumphouse (circa 350 feet). This shorter distance at Lake Gaston would cause more intense water-borne pump sounds in the source water body, and overestimate sounds at the KWR

intake. Each facility uses a periodic burst of compressed air to flush debris from the screen. Both facilities were designed to minimize noise from the pump motors, but the focus was on sound through the air rather than water, to avoid effects on human neighbors.

The pump capacities and operational characteristics at the Lake Gaston intake differ somewhat from those at the proposed KWR intake, but these differences were taken into account in planning the tests. The Lake Gaston pumping station has a 60 mgd capacity (each of five large pump delivers 15 mgd at high speed and 10 mgd at low speed). A sixth pump, operated continuously, delivers 4-8 mgd. Screens at Lake Gaston were designed with 1 millimeter openings and the maximum withdrawal velocity at the screen to not exceed 0.5 feet per second. The intake screens for the proposed maximum capacity 75 mgd Mattaponi River pumping station would be designed to have the same 1 mm slot openings, but a lower 0.25 fps maximum through-slot velocity.

To accurately create KWR-like sounds from the screens, the Lake Gaston pumps were run at 30 mgd to halve their through-slot velocity to 0.25 fps. Two types of reference sound environments were obtained, one being ambient sound levels at a distance from the intake, and the other being sounds at the intake with the minimum pumping rate we could obtain (pumping with the small, 8 mgd pump). The minimum pumping rate yielded a flow rate through the screens of approximately 0.10 fps (first trip) and 0.05 fps (second trip). For further details, see Appendix H. The general study design was to measure sounds at various points on two lines radiating horizontally from the intake (to 100 ft from the intake at the intake depth of 17.5 ft) and vertically (surface to 25 ft, one foot from the intake). Horizontal transects were sampled every 5 ft for about half the distance and then every 20 ft to a total distance of 100 ft. Vertical measurements were taken at 5-ft intervals. These measurements would establish both the source sound close to the intake and quantify the attenuation of sounds with distance from the intake. The sounds of air bursts were recorded, also, at a distance of about 150 ft from the intake (the boat location when the burst was initiated). Air-burst sound at the intake was calculated by assuming spherical spreading followed by cylindrical spreading at two times the water depth (an addition of 18 dB to the measured readings). These sounds were compared to sounds recorded at five sites not in the immediate vicinity of the intake (150 ft from the intake, two small inlets not in direct line with the intake, two sites about one quarter mile across the lake from the intake) (see Appendix H).

Two sampling trips were made, on 19-20 February and 20 March, 2004. The first trip recorded ambient noise, air bursts, and operation of one small pump operating at about 8 mgd. Equipment malfunctions caused this trip to miss recording high frequencies. A second trip was made on March 20, 2004. For this trip, the pump station operators kindly provided the needed pump operating levels and the high-frequency recording equipment functioned properly. The results showed that only the 30-second air burst created sounds that were detected above ambient sound levels at any frequency. The noise levels at the intake with the minimum pumping rate and the 30 mgd rate were indistinguishable from the ambient noise levels at the reference locations away from the intake. That is, any sound from the pumping station and the intake was less than the variation in background noise. The air burst produced acoustic energy primarily in the low

frequencies, amounting to a 10 dB increase above the ambient noise in the frequency band from 110 Hz to about 2 kHz. Above 2 kHz, the airburst noise faded rapidly with increasing frequency and was within 1 dB of the ambient noise by about 12 kHz. The intake produced no sounds in the high frequencies that differed from ambient (erratic peaks of sound were seen at high frequency at both ambient and intake stations, however; Marine Acoustics staff suggested these most likely were the sounds of motor watercraft on the lake).

Based on the sound measurements at the Lake Gaston water intake, we anticipate no effects to fish from additional sounds produced by normal operation of the KWR intake. The results of the field studies indicate that there are no sounds generated at the high frequencies to which the American shad, blueback herring and alewife are especially sensitive. There may be momentary startle responses from a rapid increase in low-frequency noise due to the cleaning air bursts, which would occur infrequently. Frequency of cleaning air bursts may be as low as once per week to as much as 2 to 3 times per day, depending on site specific characteristics that may vary in response to environmental conditions and season (e.g., amount of suspended debris, such as leaves). Total duration of air burst cleaning of the screen array would be about 90 seconds for any single cleaning event. These brief and infrequent cleaning events would not result in a sustained adverse effect on normal fish behavior.

6.0 KWR MITIGATION MEASURES

6.1 BACKGROUND

A number of mitigation measures were incorporated into the KWR project. Measures to minimize construction impacts were discussed in Section 2.2. A pumping hiatus during the American shad spawning period was described in Section 5.2. Two additional mitigation measures previously proposed by the RRWSG that are not integral to the KWR project and constitute out-of-kind mitigation are discussed here.

6.2 MIGRATORY PASSAGE FACILITIES

The RRWSG worked with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) to identify fish passage mitigation measures that would be consistent with those outlined in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for this project. VDGIF identified several sites in the York, James and Rappahannock watersheds as candidates for fish passage facilities, three of which were incorporated into the VDEQ Water Protection Permit (VWPP#93-0902) for KWR. That permit reads in part "The permittee shall cooperate with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to plan and restore anadromous fish passage to at least one currently blocked tributary in the York River Basin. The plan shall include cost sharing provisions. The permittee shall initially investigate the feasibility of restoring fish passage to the following three sites: South Anna River, Herring Creek and Gravatt's Mill Pond." In a May 9, 2003 letter to VMRC, the RRWSG committed to an expenditure of \$450,000 toward provision of fish passage facilities. The Panel was not involved in the selection of these three candidate sites for fish passage mitigation

The Ashland Mill Dam is in Hanover County on the South Anna River near Route 1. The VDGIF has designated the Ashland Mill Dam as the highest priority site for fish passage restoration in the York River watershed (VDGIF, 1998). A fishway project at this location would reopen approximately 10 miles of anadromous fish habitat. The VDGIF and USFWS had collaborated to produce a Denil fishway conceptual plan in 1993 that would have cost between \$300,000 - \$500,000 to install at that time. Since then, a lack of funding has kept the project from moving forward. The VDGIF Fish Passage Coordinator is exploring the possibility of resuming work with RRWSG financial support. Also under consideration is the installation of fish passage facilities at the Ashland Water Supply Dam. Providing passage at this site would restore an additional 28 miles of anadromous fish habitat.

Herring Creek Millpond is also on VDGIF's fish passage priority list. This site is located in King William County in the vicinity of Aylett. Installation of fish passage facilities at this blockage would restore 9.5 miles of anadromous fish habitat. The VDGIF Fish Passage Coordinator and the RRWSG have been investigating the viability of this project in more detail.

The third potential site for fish passage restoration is Gravatt's Millpond, which is located on Millpond Creek at the Bleak Hill Farm in King William County. Fish passage at this site would reopen 4 miles of anadromous fish habitat. Due to the identification of a promising wetland restoration site on the adjacent property, its inclusion in the Mitigation Program is logistically advantageous.

American and hickory shad, blueback herring and striped bass were found below Ashland Mill Dam in VDGIF surveys in the 1990s (Fernald 1998). American shad, striped bass and blueback herring were found in the Mattaponi River near Aylett, at its confluence with Herring Creek in surveys conducted in 1997 (Fernald 1998). All these anadromous species might use passage facilities at the three sites specified in the permit, with river herring (alewife and blueback herring) having the potential for greatest benefit. Provision of passage into impoundments and impounded portions of streams and small rivers has been a major element of anadromous fish restoration along the entire East Coast (ASMFC 1999) and within the Chesapeake Bay (http://www.chesapeakebay.net/c2k_livingresources.htm). Provision for fish passage for anadromous alosines has also been employed as mitigation in permitting of major facilities, such as power plants (PSEG 1999). Major American shad restoration programs in the Bay have involved extensive fish passage construction at dams on major rivers such as the Susquehanna and James.

The potential benefits to river herring runs that would result from provision of migratory passage has been assessed by evaluating river herring production at various locations along the East Coast. Gibson (1984) developed several statistical models to relate spawning/nursery acreage to average river herring population size, using data for both alewife and blueback herring from 18 river herring runs in Canada, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The model he believed to be most appropriate ($Y = 16259.23 [\sqrt{X}] - 46311.3$, where X is acreage and Y is average annual run size) had an R^2 value of 0.687, a significant fit but with substantial unexplained variance.

PSEG (1999) analyzed similar and more recent data to develop an average production of adult river herring per acre in their projection of benefits from fish passage facilities to be installed at tributaries of the Delaware River as mitigation for the permitting of the Salem Nuclear Power Plant. They identified a production figure of 235 fish/acre used by the State of Maine in predicting potential restoration benefits. This production figure is based on commercial landings from six watersheds located in Maine during the period 1971 to 1983. The average yield per surface acre of pond habitat for the six watersheds ranged from 46 to 684 pounds per acre, an arbitrary figure of 100 pounds per acre was chosen as a conservative estimate based on those data for estimating the potential production of alewives in the Kennebec River system. Assuming an average weight of 0.5 pounds per adult and an 85 percent exploitation rate, the estimated production of alewives would be 235 adults per acre. PSEG (1999) noted, however, that the average commercial yield during the 1971 to 1983 period from these six watersheds with relatively unproductive oligotrophic lakes was actually 550 fish per acre. Assuming an 85 percent exploitation rate, they estimated that the average total production of adult alewives would be 647 fish per acre. Because it seemed reasonable to expect that the relatively productive

eutrophic impoundments associated with the Delaware Estuary would produce considerably more than 235 river herring per acre, they used an estimate for total river herring production of 650 fish per acre of rearing habitat to assess potential restoration benefits.

Estimates of potential American shad production have been used in the Susquehanna River American shad restoration program as a basis for establishing the required capacity of fish passage facilities constructed at mainstem dams on that river. St. Pierre (1979) developed an estimate of 48 shad per acre to be used for that purpose, based on historical shad production figures for the Susquehanna River prior to dam construction. This figure can provide a rough estimate of the potential production of American shad that could result from provision of passage at the three dams identified in the KWR permit.

The acreage of Gravatt's Millpond and Herring Creek Millpond were estimated from USGS topographical maps using GIS. The acreage of the 10 miles of impoundment upstream of the Ashland Mill Dam was also estimated. Table 6-1 presents the estimated acreage and the river herring production estimates derived using the methods of Gibson (1984) and PSEG (1999). It is evident that the Gibson (1984) equation yields estimates substantially greater than the PSEG(1999) approach. The estimates of potential American shad production using St. Pierre's (1979) production figure are also presented. All these estimates have a substantial degree of uncertainty inherent in them, but confidence limits around any single projected value cannot be calculated. Also, these figures represent predicted long-term average production levels, and substantial annual variation in run size would be expected. However, the estimates are based on the best data and information available and are reasonable estimates of the potential long-term benefits of provision of passage at the three dams evaluated.

Table 6-1. Estimated average annual river herring and American shad production that would result from provision of fish passage at the sites indicated				
Site	Estimated Acreage	Gibson(1984) Herring Estimate	PSEG (1999) Herring Estimate	St. Pierre (1979) American Shad Estimate
Ashland Mill Dam	124.5	135,108	80,925	5,976
Gravatt's Millpond Dam	19.6	25,671	12,740	941
Herring Creek Millpond Dam	19.8	26,038	12,870	950

The RRWSG has also offered to provide an additional \$250,000 in funding to implement fish passage improvements at roadway culvert blockages within the York River Basin in support of the Chesapeake 2000 Bay program Agreement signed by the Governor of Virginia and the 1999 National Fish Passage Program administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Culverts to be improved would be selected by VDGIF in cooperation with the USFWS and the Virginia Department of Transportation (May 9, 2003 Letter from City of Newport News Waterworks to VMRC). Provision for fish passage through currently impassable culverts would open new spawning grounds to anadromous fish species such as river herring, white perch and yellow perch.

One of the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Program's fish restoration program is to increase the number of stream miles open to anadromous fish migration. However, the Chesapeake Bay Program has not developed estimates of increases in populations that may result from providing access to additional miles of streams. River herring as well as white and yellow perch, are well known to spawn in very small streams, access to which is often blocked by culverts. Herring larvae produced in such streams drift downstream and by the time they reach the lower portions of streams, they have absorbed their yolk sac and begin to feed on their own. Field data indicates that they continue to move downstream into slow moving waters, impoundments and/or freshwater tidal nursery areas, where they may remain until their seaward migrations in late summer and early fall (J. Mowrer, MdDNR, pers. comm.). White and yellow perch early life stages are likely to exhibit similar behavior. While providing passage through culverts will create new areas for spawning, it is unlikely to create new nursery areas. There are no data or literature that provide a basis for quantitatively estimating increases in population size under such circumstances. The additional larvae produced in small streams may not result in population increases when nursery areas are already at carrying capacity, but they would clearly enhance total production under any other circumstance. Thus, improving fish passage through culverts is definitely a desirable mitigation measure, but its fish population level benefits cannot be estimated.

The USFWS has expressed interest in provision of passage for American eel at dams throughout the East Coast of the U.S. to help reverse the continental decline in populations of this fish species (Haro et al 2000). The RRWSG's proposals to provide funding for improved fish passage at both dams and culverts are likely to enhance upstream passage of juvenile American eels (elvers) at the locations where improvements are made. At any of the three dams identified as priorities by VDGIF, passage facilities specifically designed for American eel passage would be of greatest benefit for that species. It is not possible to estimate the potential benefit to American eel populations from passage improvements. It should be noted that decisions on the appropriate type of passage facilities to construct and where they are to be constructed are the responsibility of VDGIF, with the RRWSG only providing funding for those facilities.

6.3 HATCHERY MITIGATION

In a May 9, 2003 letter from Brian L. Ramaley, Director of City of Newport News Waterworks, on behalf of the RRWSG, to Mr. Tony Watkinson, Deputy Chief Habitat Management, VMRC, a list of KWR permit conditions was proposed that included a number of fish mitigation measures. Condition 3 (Shad Hatchery Mitigation) was an offer to produce 1 million juvenile American shad for release annually into the Mattaponi River (later clarified to mean 1 million American shad larvae) to help replenish the Mattaponi American shad population. RRWSG indicated to the Panel that the proposed hatchery mitigation was intended to compensate for any potential loss of American shad early life stages that would be caused by the KWR water intake. The anticipated outcome would be to ensure that the project would have

no net impact on American shad and would not impede the recovery of the Mattaponi River population.

A number of concerns regarding hatchery mitigation were raised at the VMRC KWR permit hearing. One key concern is that hatchery augmentation could result in genetic bottlenecks (i.e., a reduction of genetic variation associated with low number of breeders) in the population being augmented. A decrease in genetic diversity of a population is generally considered to result in decreased fitness. Domestication selection (i.e., the adaptation of a species to an artificially regulated environment) begins immediately through enhanced survival of genotypes that would otherwise perish in nature, and increases during each successive generation in which such artificial population augmentation may occur (Busack and Currens, 1995; Waples 1999). Other issues relating to this proposal would be the source of the required number of brood stock (given the depleted condition of the Mattaponi River American shad population), where, how and when the larvae would be reared, and when and where the larvae would be released.

Given that the project as now proposed includes a pumping hiatus during most of the American shad spawning period and that the intake screens provide a high level of protection to early life stages when pumping is occurring, the Panel concluded that the hatchery mitigation proposal was no longer needed to ensure no net impact to American shad, and that the potential for adverse consequences outweighed the potential benefit to the Mattaponi River American shad population. The Panel thus recommended that that proposed mitigation measure be dropped from the project.

The Panel does recognize, however, that hatchery programs have proven to be an effective means of restoring American shad to rivers in which populations were extirpated in the past, examples being the James River in Virginia, the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania, and the Susquehanna River, which spans the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York (ASMFC 1999). In all such restoration programs, however, the intent is the establishment of self-sustaining populations that would not be dependent on hatchery augmentation in the future.

While the proposal for production and release of 1 million American shad larvae into the Mattaponi River was withdrawn, the RRWSG still includes in their overall KWR project proposal the offer to provide funding of \$300,000 each to the Mattaponi Indian Tribe and the Pamunkey Indian Tribe for improvements and enhancements to their American shad hatcheries. The Indian tribes have a long history of hatchery augmentation of Mattaponi and Pamunkey River American shad populations. The RRWSG has also indicated that if the tribes decline those offered funds, a similar level of funding would be provided to VDGIF for use in their shad hatchery programs. The Panel has not evaluated these programs and offers no opinion on their merits or detriments.

7.0 FINDINGS OF PANEL

7.1 POTENTIAL FOR IMPACTS TO FISH FROM CONSTRUCTION

- Construction is prohibited between February 15 and June 30, which encompasses the majority of the spawning period for the anadromous and most spring-spawning resident species that inhabit the Mattaponi River. Thus, impacts to the majority of the early life stages of spring-spawning species as a result of construction activities cannot occur. Dredging for placement of the intake screen supports will be conducted within a sheet pile enclosure, and loading of dredged sediments into transport barges will be done within a temporary turbidity curtain. Dredged sediment will be disposed of in a permitted disposal facility at Craney Island. These procedures will result in minimal dispersion of suspended sediments and turbidity. No significant impacts would be expected from such minimal environmental perturbation.
- Placement of the KWR intake structure in the Mattaponi River is analogous to placement of any hard structure (e.g., pier, dock, bridge abutment, artificial reef) in a portion of a water body in which none had previously existed. In freshwater systems, such structure results in fish aggregations. Such aggregations may make fish more vulnerable to exploitation by fishermen. The intake would not hydraulically create concentrations of non-motile life stages (e.g., eggs and larvae) except during infrequent slack tide periods. While both forage fish and predators may concentrate in the vicinity of the structure, those concentrations would result from redistribution of existing populations. The creation of increased densities of predators and prey may result in some increase in predation rates, because of their enhanced proximity, but it is the opinion of the Panel that any such increase would likely be small and most likely inconsequential within the context of the Mattaponi River ecosystem.

7.2 POTENTIAL FOR IMPACTS TO FISH FROM INTAKE SCREEN EFFECTS (ENTRAINMENT, IMPINGEMENT AND SCREEN CONTACT)

- The fine mesh size (1 mm) and low through-slot velocities that will occur at the KWR wedge-wire screens (<0.25 ft/sec) eliminate potential for impingement of juvenile and adult stages of nearly all fish species; only very small and immotile or barely motile life stages (e.g., eggs and very early life stages) have potential for experiencing screen effects (i.e., entrainment, impingement and screen contact).
- Three attributes of spawning behavior (reproductive guild, reproductive habitat, and egg distribution) were used to screen 35 species comprising the Mattaponi River fish community to identify species with early life stages with the greatest likelihood of occurring in the water column in the vicinity of the KWR intake (i.e., vulnerability to encountering the intake). Three additional attributes of reproduction (egg diameter,

length of pro-larvae, and length of post-larvae) were then used to evaluate the relative vulnerability of those species to entrainment and impingement. The vulnerability assessment identified a group of vulnerable species that was consistent with but somewhat broader than the groups of vulnerable species identified in prior impact assessments by VIMS and ASA. Species of concern included: American and hickory shad, river herring (alewife, blueback herring), white perch, yellow perch, and striped bass.

- The RRWSG instructed the Panel to develop a means of establishing a pumping hiatus that would, with a high degree of reliability, encompass the period during which vulnerable early life stages of American shad would be present in the vicinity of the KWR intake. Insufficient American shad early life stage and temperature data were available from the Mattaponi River or from other Chesapeake Bay tributaries to allow evaluation of potential triggers that could be used to define a hiatus appropriate for protecting American shad. Appropriate data were available from a 30-year sampling program in the Hudson River that could be used as surrogate data for trigger and hiatus development. Eggs and yolk-sac larvae were identified as the vulnerable American shad early life stages that required protection. Temperature was identified as the best trigger for a hiatus because it is easily measurable and a highly reliable indicator of presence of vulnerable life stages.
- Exploratory analyses, based on Hudson River data, showed that ceasing pumping when water temperatures reached 10 °C and restarting pumping when water temperatures reached 22 °C would provide absolute protection to 100 percent of the standing crop of yolk-sac larvae and no less than 97 percent protection to the standing crop of shad eggs in all 18 of the years for which complete data were available. The duration of a pumping hiatus defined by those temperature triggers would vary annually from 44 to 83 days, averaging 61 days. The RRWSG determined from safe yield modeling that the KWR would still be capable over the long term of meeting its water supply objectives with annual pumping hiatuses within that range.
- The Panel recommended to the RRWSG the inclusion in the project of an intensive long-term preoperational ichthyoplankton monitoring program. This program would provide 8 or more years of detailed Mattaponi River-specific data on water temperature and early life stage densities and distributions over time. Those data would then be used, following the same methods used on the Hudson River surrogate data, to establish Mattaponi River-specific temperature triggers that would define the pumping hiatus period.
- The Panel decided that feasible criteria for levels of protection, based on results of analyses of Hudson River data, would be a minimum of 97 percent protection of the standing crops of eggs and yolk-sac larvae in 7 of 8 years of study, and no less than 95 percent protection of the standing crops of eggs and yolk-sac larvae in any single year. To further reduce potential for uncertainty, the Panel has recommended that RRWSG commit to implementation of a pumping hiatus over a temperature range of at least 12 °C, corresponding to the range between the temperatures of 10 °C and

22 °C, even if results from the preoperational monitoring program suggest a smaller temperature range would achieve the protection objectives. Because of the RRWSG commitment, results of preoperational monitoring could potentially result only in an expansion of the hiatus temperature range beyond a 12 °C span. In addition, the Panel is also recommending concurrent implementation of a hatch date study on juvenile American shad, that will document the “date of birth” of juvenile shad produced in each year. These data would contribute to verifying the efficacy of the Mattaponi River-specific hiatus temperature triggers derived from the preoperational ichthyoplankton monitoring surveys.

- Analysis of the surrogate Hudson River data suggest that the 10 °C to 22 °C hiatus would encompass the period when nearly all American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae would be present, and when high percentages of early life stages of other vulnerable species would also be present in most years.
- The Panel concludes that the studies and findings are sufficient to reject the conservative assumption that wedge-wire screens of the design proposed for KWR provide no protection to vulnerable early life stages. The available literature confirms that each attribute of wedge-wire screens (hydraulic zone of influence, small slot size, low slot velocity, high sweep velocity, survival after impingement or screen contact) confers some degree of protection to the affected life stage, although the precise quantitative degree of protection provided by each cannot be established. Organisms outside the HZI (near bottom, near surface, in shoals) would not be subject to encounters with the intake screen. However, the proportion of organisms that may occur in those locations cannot be predicted, and turbulent mixing of waters could result in organisms being moved throughout the water column. Thus, we consider the HZI to have a positive, but limited, contribution to protection. The greatest contribution to protection from screen effects is provided by the high sweep velocities generated by tidal currents. On average, sweep velocities twice the maximum through-slot velocity will occur about 85 percent of each tidal cycle, and through-slot velocities will average well below maximum. Analyses by Alden project that exclusion as high as 100 percent can be achieved with wedgewire screens operated as proposed for KWR, when through-slot velocities are low and sweep velocities are relatively high. Thus, sweep velocities, while variable, will provide a high degree of protection from both contact with the screen and impingement on the screen. Small slot widths prevent larger organisms from passing into the intake system, and low through-slot velocities ensure that organisms greater than about 10 mm in size would be capable of escaping from screen contact and impingement.
- Safe yield modeling results provided by the RRWSG to the panel indicate that the frequency of occurrence of years in which drought emergency conditions occurred in the spring, when spring water withdrawal would not be prohibited, is on the order of 2 in 74 years, based on data from 1928 to 2001 and using water demand projected for the year 2040. The RRWSG indicates that model runs using the current demand, which is about two thirds of the 2040 demand, produce no drought emergencies in the

- 74 years projected. Thus, probability of a drought emergency being declared in the spring is likely to be less than 2 in 74 for several decades. In drought emergency years when spring water withdrawal would be allowed, it could only be done in compliance with VDEQ permit minimum instream flow (MIF) requirements. Additional modeling illustrated that the MIFs would in most instances restrict withdrawals. The MIF restrictions resulted in monthly withdrawals ranging from 14 percent to 66 percent of the permitted maximum withdrawal rate in five of the six spring months modeled. In the one month where maximum withdrawal was projected to occur (March 1955), river flow was 630 mgd and the maximum withdrawal represented only about 12 percent of freshwater flow. Thus, spring withdrawals during drought emergencies are likely to be both infrequent and of limited magnitude. The KWR intake design provides a high level of protection from impingement, entrainment and screen contact to any relatively immotile organisms that might be present within the area of influence of the intake when water withdrawal is occurring.
- Any impact to a population that occurs with as low as or lower than a frequency of 2 in 74 years would be unlikely to have a significant effect on the long-term sustainability of a species such as American shad. Individual annual spawning runs are comprised of multiple year classes, and the sizes of yearclasses vary substantially in response to annually varying environmental conditions during the spawning period. Also, the York River shad population exhibits some degree of iteroparity, meaning that adults may survive spawning and spawn multiple times. Based on these factors, the effect of any impact to a single yearclass is dissipated as it is spread across multiple future spawning seasons. This ameliorates the long-term effects of any impacts that may occur during isolated drought emergency years. Safe yield modeling using the existing 74 year data record for Mattaponi River flows showed no occurrence of drought emergencies in springs of consecutive years. USEPA predictions of increased frequency of floods and droughts are specified as being uncertain. The information available to the Panel suggests that a worst case scenario of multiple successive years in which drought emergencies existed in spring, and when spring withdrawals would be permitted, is a very low probability event. Even were it to occur, the layers of protection described above would result in very low levels of losses of early life stages, which would be of significance only if the American shad population were at a depressed level. Taken together, these factors suggest that the suspension of the spring pumping hiatus in drought emergency years does not pose a significant risk to the American shad population. The RRWSG anticipates that entrainment monitoring will be required as part of the VDEQ permit-mandated biomonitoring program for the KWR. Such monitoring, to be implemented when water withdrawal is occurring and when early life stages are present within the area of influence of the intake, will provide a means of verifying the protection levels afforded by the design and mode of operation of the KWR intake

7.3 POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT TO FISH FROM KWR WITHDRAWAL-INDUCED SALINITY CHANGES

- Assessment of the salinity issue relied on prior modeling conducted by VIMS and safe yield modeling conducted by Malcolm Pirnie for the RRWSG.
- The major issue of concern was whether water withdrawals would alter salinity regimes in summer and fall, when the tidal freshwater portions of the Mattaponi serve as nursery grounds for important anadromous species.
- Minimum instream flows imposed on the KWR in the VDEQ Water Protection Permit often preclude and consistently restrict the magnitude of water withdrawal during most summer and fall periods, when river flows are low.
- Modeling results indicate that salinity changes would be so small as to be immeasurable, given natural variability and measurement error; given that no significant changes in salinity regimes are predicted, no consequences to fish populations would be expected.
- An additional level of protection against significant impacts to fish from changes in salinity regimes is provided by conditions D.3 and D.4 in the KWR Water Protection Permit. These permit conditions require the RRWSG to monitor salinity regimes so as to detect any salinity-induced changes in the spawning and nursery grounds used by anadromous fish. A comprehensive monitoring program will provide a basis for confirming the predictions of no significant salinity changes predictions.

7.4 POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT TO FISH FROM NOISE

- Because no data were available to address this issue, the Panel recommended to RRWSG that a sound survey be conducted at a water intake with a design very similar to that proposed for KWR. Based on the sound measurements at the Lake Gaston water intake, we anticipate no effects to fish from additional sounds produced by normal operation of the KWR intake. The results of the field studies indicate that there are no sounds generated at the high frequencies to which the American shad, blueback herring and alewife are especially sensitive. There may be momentary startle responses from a rapid increase in low-frequency noise due to the cleaning air bursts, which would occur infrequently. Frequency of cleaning air bursts may be as low as once per week to as much as 2 to 3 times per day, depending on site specific characteristics that may vary in response to environmental conditions and season (e.g., amount of suspended debris, such as leaves). Total duration of air burst cleaning of the screen array would be about 90 seconds for any single cleaning event. These brief and infrequent cleaning events would not result in a sustained adverse effect on normal fish behavior.

7.5 EVALUATION OF MITIGATION MEASURES

- Intake construction procedures and the spawning season pumping hiatus are impact avoidance measures that have been incorporated into the project as presently proposed.
- A previous offer by the RRWSG to produce 1 million shad larvae to mitigate for any water withdrawal-related impacts to the American shad population was considered unnecessary due to the imposition of the spawning season pumping hiatus; in addition, concerns about genetic bottle-necking contributed to the Panel's recommendation to RRWSG that this mitigation measure be dropped.
- An evaluation of the RRWSG offer to fund fish passage construction at stream blockages within the York River watershed indicated that this measure could increase annual anadromous fish production in the watershed, in particular for river herring and American shad.

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APPENDIX A
PANEL MEMBER RESUMES

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EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Mr. Amaral is the Director of fisheries staff and resources for Alden's Environmental Group. Mr. Amaral has extensive experience in the assessment and resolution of fish passage and protection issues at all types of water intakes. This experience has been developed over the past 14 years through the management of laboratory and field evaluations of developing and existing fish passage technologies. Mr. Amaral also performs evaluations of aquatic resource impacts for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Environmental Impact Statements and for meeting Clean Water Act Section 316(b) requirements. Mr. Amaral is the author of several comprehensive reports describing the status of fish passage technologies and he was the lead in the development of a guideline document for turbine entrainment and survival studies. Recent projects that Mr. Amaral has been the lead biologist for include a biological evaluation of a Fish-Friendly Turbine, the development of an entrainment and impingement database for cooling water intakes, estimation of turbine and spillway survival at small hydro plants, laboratory and field evaluations of cylindrical wedge-wire screen entrainment and impingement, and an evaluation of estuarine fish responses to behavioral deterrents.

EXPERTISE

- § Laboratory and field evaluations of downstream and upstream fish passage technologies - responsible for study design, performance, data analysis, and reporting/publications.
- § Design of physical and behavioral fish guidance systems - site-specific designs of fish guidance systems for all types of water intakes with respect to biological considerations and effectiveness.
- § Field Sampling techniques for fisheries applications - experience with various fish collection methods, habitat assessment techniques, and fish-tracking technologies.
- § Literature-based estimates of turbine entrainment and survival at hydro projects - analysis of existing data to develop site-specific estimates of turbine entrainment and survival, eliminating the need for costly field studies.
- § Assessment of aquatic resource impacts for FERC licensing and CWA Section 316(b) permitting requirements.
- § Expert witness for issues related to the application and biological effectiveness of fish passage technologies.

SELECTED PROJECTS - REFERENCE AND GUIDELINE DOCUMENTS

Review of Fish Protection at Cooling Water Intakes (EPRI Report No. TR-114013) - lead author in the development of an EPRI report reviewing the current status of fish protection technologies for

application at cooling water intakes. This report includes an assessment of available technologies and summaries of past research that has evaluated technologies during field and laboratory studies. The final report will serve as a reference and guidance document for the assessment and mitigation of Clean Water Act 316(b) issues.

Review of Downstream Fish Passage and Protection Technologies (EPRI Report No. TR-111517) - lead author in a review of downstream fish protection technologies for application at water intakes. Recent research efforts were summarized and the status of available technologies was assessed. This report was developed as an update to similar reports prepared by the Electric Power Research Institute that were published in 1986 and 1994.

Guidelines for Evaluating Fish Passage Technologies - co-author in the development of guidelines for evaluating fish protection technologies. This document was being prepared by a committee established by the Bioengineering Section of the American Fisheries Society. After public review, the final manuscript probably will be published in the AFS Fisheries magazine.

Nationwide Review of Fish Protection and Passage Technologies (EPRI Report No. TR-104122) - co-author of a comprehensive review of currently available and emerging technologies. This report has been widely utilized as a standard reference source on effectiveness studies conducted since EPRI published its initial review in 1986.

Fish Protection/Passage Technologies Evaluated by EPRI and Guidelines for Their Application (EPRI Report No. TR-104120) - co-author of a guideline presenting extensive information on design considerations, performance testing, and cost data for high velocity screening systems, barrier nets, and behavioral guidance systems.

SELECTED PROJECTS - FISH PROTECTION AND DOWNSTREAM FISH PASSAGE

Evaluation of Wedgewire Screen Entrainment and Impingement (Laboratory and Field Studies) – project manager for laboratory and field evaluations of fish entrainment and impingement associated with the use of cylindrical wedgewire screens. During the laboratory evaluation, fish eggs and larvae of several freshwater and estuarine species were evaluated to estimate entrainment and impingement rates with respect to screen slot size, through-slot velocity, and channel velocity. Field testing will be conducted at two sites using a barge-mounted test facility. The laboratory study was completed in 2002 and field testing will begin in the spring of 2004. Funding for both studies was provided by EPRI and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Evaluation of Behavioral Technologies for Application at a Cooling Water Intake – project manager for a laboratory study examining the ability of strobe light, sound, and an air bubble curtain to repel several estuarine species susceptible to impingement at a cooling water intake. The evaluation of these technologies was performed as part of a multi-phase study that includes the laboratory evaluation, an off-site field evaluation, and, based on the results of the first two phases, an evaluation of effective technologies at the plant's intake.

Evaluation of Alden/Concepts NREC Turbine – project manager for the biological evaluation of a new turbine runner designed to minimize fish injury and mortality. Nearly 45,000 fish were evaluated during a two-year laboratory effort to assess the ability of various species and size classes of fish to

safely pass through the new runner. Fish injury and survival were evaluated for several operating conditions (operating head, turbine rotational speed) and to determine the effects of wicket gates. This study was being sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy as part of their Advanced Hydro Turbine Systems Program (AHTS).

Evaluation of Entrainment and Mortality and the Effectiveness of Downstream Fish Passage Technologies for a Proposed Hydro Project – prepared technical documents that estimated turbine and spillway mortality rates for a proposed hydro project in Alberta, Canada. Also estimated the potential effectiveness of downstream fish passage systems for selected species. Served as an expert witness at a government hearing for determining the environmental and social impacts of the proposed project. Provided testimony on turbine and spillway mortality and effectiveness of proposed downstream fish passage technologies.

Evaluation of Angled Bar Racks and Louvers for Guiding Fish at Hydro Projects – project manager for a laboratory evaluation of angled bar rack and louver fish guidance efficiency. Several riverine fish species and the catadromous American eel were evaluated for their ability to effectively guide along several configurations of angled bar racks and louvers. Tests parameters that were examined included bar slat angle (i.e. bar rack vs. louver), slat spacing, structure angle to the flow, and approach velocity. This study was primarily funded by EPRI with additional support provided by Northeast Utilities, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

Evaluation of Behavioral Guidance Technologies for Diverting Chinook Salmon Smolts at the Roza Dam Screening Facility, Yakima, Washington - assisted with the evaluation of chinook salmon responses to behavioral guidance devices (strobe lights, a drop light, and an infrasound generator). Field efforts included cage testing with each device using a portable test facility constructed by Alden. Conducted data analysis of fish responses and prepared final report.

Evaluation of Fish Behavioral Barriers (EPRI Report TR-109483) - performed field sampling and data analysis and prepared the final report for a study that examined the ability of behavioral devices to elicit avoidance responses during cage tests and to reduce entrainment during field tests at a hydroelectric project on the Menominee River in Wisconsin.

Modular Inclined Screen Biological Evaluations - assisted in the design and implementation of a biological evaluation of the Modular Inclined Screen (MIS) in a laboratory setting for the Electric Power Research Institute. Assisted in the field evaluation of a prototype MIS at the Green Island Hydroelectric Project on the Hudson River. Conducted data analysis and prepared the final reports for both laboratory and field study.

Alternative Fish Protection Technology Assessments - addressed biological issues for alternative fish protection technologies that had potential for application at the Prairie Du Sac Hydroelectric Project (Wisconsin Power and Light), at three steam electric projects located on the Hudson River (Orange and Rockland Utilities), at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District's intake canal on the Sacramento River, and at the St. Anthony Falls and Hennepin Projects (Northern States Power).

Behavioral Barrier/Guidance Testing - conducted cage and field tests and performed data analysis for the following studies: (1) sonic fish deterrence study at the Salem Generating Station (Public Service Electric & Gas Company); (2) strobe light and high-frequency sound diversion of juvenile American

shad at the York Haven Hydroelectric Project (Metropolitan Edison); (3) strobe light diversion of juvenile American shad at the Holtwood Hydroelectric Project (Pennsylvania Power and Light); (4) strobe light diversion of juvenile blueback herring at the Green Island Hydroelectric Project (Niagara Mohawk Power Company).

SELECTED PROJECTS - FERC LICENSING

Environmental Impacts of Hydroelectric Projects - evaluated the impacts of hydroelectric projects on aquatic resources as part of the development of Environmental Assessments for FERC relicensing. EAs were prepared for three projects located on Otter Creek in Vermont and one on the Shetucket River in Connecticut. Each impact assessment included evaluation of instream flow modifications, turbine entrainment and survival, and the need for downstream and upstream passage.

Turbine Entrainment and Survival Study Plans - prepared study plans for turbine entrainment and survival evaluations conducted at the St. Anthony Falls and Wissota Hydroelectric Projects (Northern States Power Company). These studies were conducted as part of the relicensing activities for each project.

EDUCATION

B.S., University of Massachusetts, 1989, Fisheries Biology
M.S., University of Massachusetts, 1996, Fisheries Biology

Additional Training

Massachusetts Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, "Bioenergetics Modeling," 1992
Lotek Engineering, "Radio Telemetry Techniques for Fisheries Application," 1992
Hydroacoustic Technology, Inc., "Using Hydroacoustics for Fisheries Assessments," 1993

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, American Fisheries Society
Editor, AFS Bioengineering Section Newsletter
Co-Chair, Fourth Fisheries Bioengineering Symposium, AFS Annual Meeting, 2002

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Use of Angled Bar Racks and Louvers for Protecting Fish at Cooling Water Intakes, presented at the Symposium on Cooling Water Intake Technologies to Protect Aquatic Organisms, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2003.

Laboratory Evaluation of Wedgewire Screens for Protecting Fish at Cooling Water Intakes, presented at the Symposium on Cooling Water Intake Technologies to Protect Aquatic Organisms, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2003.

Biological Evaluation of Angled Bar Racks and Louvers for Guiding Silver American Eels, (lead author), In: Biology, Management, and Protection of Catadromous Eels, American Fisheries Society Symposium 33, 2003.

Engineering and Biological Evaluation of the Alden/Concepts NREC Turbine, (co-author), In: HydroVision 2002, HCI Publications, St. Louis, MO.

Biological Evaluation of Angled Bar Racks and Louvers for Guiding Lake and Shortnose Sturgeon, (lead author), In: *Biology, Management, and Protection of North American Sturgeon*, American Fisheries Society Symposium 28, 2002.

Assessing Guidance Efficiency of Angled Bar Racks and Louvers, (lead author), Hydro Review, Volume 21, No. 3, June 2002, p. 52-59.

Review of Downstream Fish Passage Technologies Developed for Use at North American Hydro Projects, presented at the Second Nordic International Symposium on Freshwater Fish Migration and Fish Passage, Iceland, 2001.

Reaction of Chinook Salmon, Northern Pikeminnow, and Smallmouth Bass to Behavioral Guidance Stimuli, (lead author), In: *Behavioral Technologies for Fish Guidance*, American Fisheries Society Symposium 26, 2001.

Fish Diversion Effectiveness of a Modular Inclined Screen System, (lead author), In: *Innovations in Fish Passage Technology*, American Fisheries Society, 2000.

Field Evaluations of the New Modular Inclined Fish Diversion Screen, (co-author and presenter), Waterpower 97, Proceedings of the International Conference on Hydropower.

EPRI Guidelines and Database for Turbine Entrainment and Survival Studies, (lead author and presenter), Proceedings of the Fish Passage Workshop, Milwaukee, WI, 1997.

New Concepts for Bypassing Fish at Water Intakes, 1995 International Conference on Water Resources Engineering, Special Section on Fish Bypass Systems, San Antonio, Texas.

Recent Advances in Sonic Fish Deterrence, (co-author), Waterpower '95, Proceedings of the International Conference on Hydropower.

Cost-effective Approaches for Protecting Fish at Hydroelectric Projects, (co-author), 1994 Annual Meeting of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, Boston, MA.

Biological Evaluation of a New Modular Fish Diversion Screen, (co-author), Proceedings of the American Fisheries Society Bioengineering Symposium, Portland, OR, September 1993.

Use of Strobe Light and Sound Technologies for Protecting Juvenile Clupeids at Hydroelectric Projects, presented at the Pennsylvania American Fisheries Society Chapter Meeting, State College, PA, November 1993.

Differences in Stocks of American Shad from the Columbia and Delaware Rivers, (co-author), Transactions of the American Fisheries Society Volume 121, 1992, p. 132.

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Professional Affiliations: American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow); American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists (Fellow); American Fisheries Society (AFS); Presidents of Water Quality Section, Tennessee Chapter, Southern Division, and full Society; Co-Editor of journal *Transactions*; American Society of Limnology and Oceanography; American Society for Testing and Materials (Chair Environmental Fate Models Task Group); Ecological Society of America (Vice Chair Applied Ecology Section); Sigma Xi (Southeast Regional Lecturer, President Oak Ridge Chapter); Water Pollution Control Federation (Literature Review Committee- Thermal Effects).

Honors: Darbaker Prize in Microbiology, Pennsylvania Academy of Science; Director's Award, Battelle-Northwest; Excellence in Fisheries, TN Chapter AFS; Outstanding Publication, Martin Marietta Energy Systems (operator of ORNL); Distinguished Publication, American Society for Information Science; Distinguished Service Award, AFS; Outstanding Achievement Award, Southern Division, AFS; 2002 ORNL Distinguished Scientist.

Publications: refereed articles in journals-48; non-refereed articles in journals-21; book chapters-29, symposium articles-31; laboratory or agency reports-87; book reviews, news articles, editorials-20; contributions to Environmental Impact Statements-9; total 246 (as of 1999; about 50 untallied since then).

Synopsis of Significant Technical Contributions: Field study of thermal discharge effects on invertebrates of Delaware River; Laboratory and field studies of thermal effects of Hanford reactors on Columbia River salmonids and other aquatic life; annual reviews of thermal effects publications 1968-1980; evaluation of aquatic thermal effects information to provide national water temperature criteria recommendations by the National Academy of Sciences; participation in development of EPA guidelines for Clean Water Act §316(a) thermal studies of power stations; development of biological data and criteria for environmental impact assessments of steam electric power plants; participant in the establishment of the Electric Power Research Institute and member of its national Advisory Council; development of electronic temperature telemetry of fishes as a research tool for thermal behavior studies; lead role in developing

guidance for thermal power plant impact assessment for UNESCO and International Atomic Energy Agency; advisor on project evaluation to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Fish and Wildlife Program and member of Scientific Review Group; member of Northwest Power Planning Council's (NPPC) Independent Scientific Group; member National Marine Fisheries Service and NPPC's Independent Scientific Advisory Board for Pacific salmon restoration; member NPPC's Independent Scientific Review Panel for review of projects for BPA's Fish and Wildlife Program; elucidation of the thermal ecology of striped bass through laboratory and field research and its application to management of the species in fresh water and estuaries; evaluation of impacts of hydropower on aquatic systems; review and evaluation of §316(a) study plans, studies, and documents for power companies; new concepts for behavioral guidance of salmon smolts.

Synopsis of Management Experience: Leader of several research teams up to about 15 people; manager of Department of Energy intra- and extramural carbon dioxide research program (\$4 million/yr); manager of ORNL internal funding program (\$6-10 million/yr).

Synopsis of CWA 316(a) and (b) Advisory Roles: Co-author of EPA's 316(a) guidelines (1977); Co-chair of Technical Advisory Committee for Virginia Power Company's North Anna Power Station 316(a) studies (1980s); Co-chair of Technical Advisory Committee for Commonwealth Edison Co. 316(a, b) studies on Upper Illinois waterway (1991-1996); Technical Advisor to Electricity Corp of New Zealand for thermal discharge permitting patterned after 316(a) (1991-1994); Third-party advisor for Georgia Power Co. and the State of Georgia for Plant Branch 316(a) demonstration (1993-1999); Advisor for 316(a) demonstration studies for Carolina Power and Light Co.'s H. B. Robinson Steam Plant (1994-1996); Advisor for 316(a) demonstration by Public Service Electric and Gas Co. for Hudson Station (1995-1998), Mercer Station (1998-2001) and Salem Nuclear Station (1998-2000); Advice for siting a power plant in Portugal (1997); review of Brayton Point Plant 316(a) studies for USEPA (1997-1998 and 2003); Review and testimony on Diablo Canyon thermal effects monitoring for Pacific Gas and Electric (1999-2000); Review and white paper preparation for Hudson River Utilities (2001-2002).

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Senior Scientist/Associate

Mr. Dey has more than 25 years of experience conducting ecological risk, damage, and impact assessments and studies in marine, estuarine, and freshwater aquatic habitats. He has extensive experience in the management, design, data analysis, and technical direction of studies on the potential environmental effects of power plant operation, toxic chemicals, dredging, and ocean dumping.

Education

M.S.; University of Connecticut; Zoology; 1974
B.A.; Lehigh University; Natural Resources; 1972

Professional Affiliations

American Fisheries Society • Estuarine Research Federation • Hudson River Ecological Society
• Society of Environmental Toxicologists and Chemists

Certified Professional Fisheries Scientist – American Fisheries Society

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Experience

Ecological Risk and Impact Assessment—Project manager and senior staff member on comprehensive, multiyear, multiplant impact studies on the effects of power plant operation on fish populations in the Hudson and Delaware River estuaries, Chesapeake Bay and the Southern California Bight under Sections 316(a) and 316(b) of the Clean Water Act. Assessments included population modeling to determine the effects of both thermal pollution and water withdrawals on the early life stages of selected fish species. Served as project manager and principal scientist for an ecological investigation of the effects and independent review of natural resource damage claims of a chemical spill into a high quality trout stream in New York State. Served as a key technical staff member on an independent review of a large CERCLA Type B natural resource claim resulting from sewage treatment effluent, stormwater runoff, and industrial discharges in the Northwest. Served as lead scientist on a study investigating damages due to leachate from a large municipal landfill to the natural resources of Jamaica Bay and adjacent waters of the New York Bight. Project manager and technical director for a research effort to develop a methodology to rank suspected hazardous waste sites according to potential risks to local fish and wildlife resources at suspected hazardous waste sites in New York State. Project manager and lead scientist for a study to assess the ecological risks of chemical treatments to 5 large reservoirs in the New York City Water Supply system.

Aquatic Ecology—Directed a group of research scientists investigating the dynamics of larval and early juvenile fish populations to determine the effects of natural and human-induced stresses on factors such as mortality and growth rates, and subsequent year-class success. Manager and technical director for several large data analysis and report writing projects relating to the spatial and temporal distribution patterns, growth and abundance trends, and

relationships with water quality trends for the early life stages of key fish species within the Hudson River Estuary. Assessed spatial and temporal patterns in abundance and long-term trends in abundance for fish in the Delaware Estuary and for fish and benthic invertebrates in the Arthur Kill and Hackensack River. Assessed trends over a 17-year period in the benthic communities of San Diego Bay. Prepared work plans for field and laboratory studies for the assessment of long-term consequences of power plant operation on Delaware Bay and the Southern California Bight. Assessed long-term trends in the composition and abundance of the fish community in the Hudson River estuary.

Aquatic Toxicology—Served as principal investigator on a research grant studying the incidence of liver cancer in the natural population of Atlantic tomcod from the Hudson River Estuary. Study included extensive histological, ultrastructural, and chemical examinations of this fish in an effort to relate the high incidence of cancer to factors such as fish age and growth as well as exposure to toxic chemicals and other environmental stressors. Principal investigator on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service research grant to study the effects of water quality on the growth, development, and survival of striped bass larvae. Directed bioassay studies on effects of ammonia and high pH discharges on stream fish communities.

Modeling and Biometrics—Participated in the development and implementation of fully stochastic single- and multi-age structural models for the quantitative assessment of the effects of power plant entrainment and impingement on fish populations. Evaluated density-dependent and stock recruitment functions for the assessment of long-term power plant impact. Developed and implemented empirical models to estimate entrainment and impingement losses associated with water withdrawals in the Arthur Kill and Hackensack and Nanticoke rivers. Developed computer-based models to assess the assimilative capacity of streams to oxygen-consuming and ammonia-producing discharges.

Water Quality Assessments—Participated in the assessment of the assimilative capacity of streams in southern New York to receive additional discharges from existing and proposed wastewater treatment facilities. Evaluated impacts of ammonia discharges on stream water quality. Evaluated long-term trends in dissolved oxygen levels within highly impacted areas of the Arthur Kill and Hackensack River as affected by changes in the quality and quantity of effluent from municipal sewage treatment plant. Assessed contaminant concentrations in surface water discharges at 13 facilities owned by a major utility in New Jersey. Provided recommendations for operational changes and modifications to ensure future permit compliance. Project manager and lead scientist for the development of a work plan for establishing a site-specific water quality criteria for dissolved oxygen in South San Diego Bay.

Regulatory Requirements—Experienced in various regulatory environmental exhibits such as 316(a) and (b) demonstrations, FERC exhibits, and natural resource damage assessments. Provided expert testimony at public licensing hearing for siting of a new power plant (CPCN) and for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act. Developed and reviewed testimony and cross-examination questions for major impact assessment cases. Participated in several technical negotiation sessions with regulatory agencies. Provided technical support for operational and mitigative options which could be offered as part of an out-of-court settlement.

Selected Publications and Presentations

Dey, W.P., J.R. Young, S.M. Jinks, N. Decker, J. Black and S. Amaral. 2003. Optimal Slot-Width Selection for Wedgewire Screens Symposium on Technologies for Protecting Aquatic Organisms from Cooling Water Intake Structures, U. S. EPA, Arlington, VA

Dey, W.P. 2002. Use of equivalent loss models under Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act. *The Scientific World*. 2(S1): 254-270.

Young, J. R. and W. P. Dey. 2002. Uncertainty and Conservatism in Assessing Environmental Impact under §316(b): Lessons from the Hudson River Case. *The Scientific World Journal*, 2(S1):30-40.

Waldman, J.R. and W.P Dey. 2002. Response by fishes to cleaner waters. Presented at Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act. Hudson River Environmental Society, New York City.

Dey, W.P, S. Jinks, and N. Decker. 2002. Changes in the fish community in the Hudson River estuary over the past 30 years. Presented at the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. August.

Dey, W.P., S. Jinks., and G. Lauer. 2000. The 316(b) assessment process: evolution towards a risk-based approach. p. S15-S24. In: *Power Plants & Aquatic Resources: Issues and Assessment*. Environmental Science and Policy. Vol. 3 Supplement 1.

Dey, W.P., S. Jinks., and G. Lauer. 1997. The Section 316(b) Assessment Process: Past, Present, and Future. Presented at the International Water Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

Friedman, B.R., W.P. Dey, and S.M. Jinks. 1995. Use of oleophilic pads to achieve high swimbladder inflation percentages among intensively-cultured striped bass, *Morone saxatilis*. Presented at Aquaculture '95. San Diego, CA. 1-4 February.

Dey, W.P., T.H. Peck, C.E. Smith, and G.L. Kreamer. 1993. Epizootology of hepatic lesions in Atlantic tomcod from the Hudson River estuary. *Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci.* 50:1897-1907.

Lauer, G.J., M.V. Bastian, W.P. Dey, R.R. Garton, D.J. Lauren, and A. Pamperl. 1992. Natural Resources Damage Claims. Added new dimensions to "How Clean is Clean?" Presented at DRI Annual Symposium on Environmental, Hazardous Waste, and Toxic Tort Litigation. New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Young, J. R., R. J. Klauda, and W. P. Dey. 1988. Population estimates for juvenile striped bass and white perch in the Hudson River Estuary. *American Fisheries Society Monograph* 4: 89-101.

McLaren, J.B, T.H Peck, W. P. Dey and M. Gardinier. 1988. Biology of Atlantic tomcod in the Hudson River Estuary. *American Fisheries Society Monograph* 4: 102-113.

Young, J. R., T. B. Hoff, W. P. Dey, and J. G. Hoff. 1988. Management recommendations for a Hudson River Atlantic sturgeon fishery based on an age-structured population model. Pages 353-365. In Smith, C. L. (ed.) *Fisheries Research in the Hudson River*. State University of New York Press, Albany.

Dey, W.P. 1981. Mortality and growth of young-of-the-year striped bass in the Hudson River estuary. *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society* 110:151-157.

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Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, Virginia.
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Millersville, Pennsylvania. (1978)

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

Director, Center for Environmental Studies, Virginia
Commonwealth University (1995-present).

Associate Professor of Biology, Virginia Commonwealth
University (1991-present).

Visiting NSERC Postdoctoral Fellow, Fisheries and Oceans
Canada, Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre, St. John's,
Newfoundland (1984-1985).

Research Fishery Biologist (GS-12), NOAA, National Marine
Fisheries Service, Sandy Hook, New Jersey (1983-1984).

SELECTED
GRANTS

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; Co- PI.
Biomonitoring and restoration protocols for coastal plain streams (2001-2004);
\$245,000.

U.S. EPA and NOAA, ECOHAB Program; Co-PI. Distribution of
free-living, pathogenic amoebae in Chesapeake Bay tributaries
(1998-1999); \$50,000.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Science and Technology; PI. Fish tissue analysis for Chlordecone (kepone®) and related analytes in the vicinity of Hopewell, Virginia (1997-1998); \$50,000.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Chesapeake Bay Program Office; PI. Patterns of habitat use by anadromous fishes within a large river drainage -- a GIS analysis (1995-1999); \$204,000.

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PUBLICATIONS

Ettinger, M., S. Webb, S. Harris, S. McIninch, G. Garman, and B. Brown. 2003. Distribution of free-living amoebae in the James River, Virginia. *Parasit. Res.* 89:6-15.

Webb, S., G. Garman, S. McIninch, and B. Brown. 2002. Fish epizootic events in Chesapeake Bay tidal rivers: a role for free-living pathogenic amoebae. *J. Aquatic Animal Health* 14:68-76.

MacAvoy, S., S. Macko, and G. Garman. 2001. Isotopic turnover in aquatic predators: quantifying the exploitation of migrating prey. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 58:923-932.

MacAvoy, S., S. Macko, S. McIninch, G. Garman. 2000. Marine nutrient contributions to freshwater apex predators. *Oecologia* 110:283-293.

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Garman, G. C., and S. Macko. 1998. The possible role of anadromous fishes as vectors of marine-derived nutrients in Atlantic coastal landscapes. *J. North American Benthological Society* 17:1243-1254.

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2003-present Associate Professor, Biology, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
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1997- 1999 Research Assistant Professor, Dept. of Systems Ecology, Stockholm University (Sweden)
1994- 1997 Postdoctoral associate, Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, NY

Professional Affiliations:

AAAS, AIBS, Ecol. Society of America (ESA), American Fisheries Society (AFS), Estuarine Research Federation (ERF), International Society of Ecological Economics, Sigma Xi

Honors and Awards:

SUNY Research Foundation Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Research (2003); Promotion to Docent (roughly equivalent to Associate Professor) in Marine Systems Ecology, Stockholm University (1999); EPRI Graduate Fellowship - Program in Fish Biology (1991-93); Cooperative Education Internship - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1991); Hudson River Foundation Graduate Fellowship (1988); T.T. Polgar Fellowship (1987, 1990).

Synergistic Activities (last 3 years):

National & International: Organizer, “Ecological Economics Approaches to Ecosystem Health, June 2002, International Society of Ecosystem Health conference, Washington, DC; Co-organizer, “SHAD 2001: a Conference on the Status and Conservation of Shads Worldwide” Baltimore, May 2001 (book in progress, to be published by American Fisheries Society); Organizer, “Analysis, Interpretation and Applications of Fish Otoliths and Other Hard Parts: the State-of-the-Art” June 2001 (reviewed in TREE, November 2001); Organizer, thematic session on Ecological Economics of Estuaries, ERF meeting, 1999; Participant, workshop on aquatic ecosystem conservation in the Adirondacks, The Nature Conservancy, June 2002; Participant, workshop on Research Agenda for A Rivers and Estuaries Institute (G. Likens and R. Bell, conveners), West Point, NY, February 2001; Participant, “Valuing the World’s Ecosystem Goods and Services” (R. Costanza and S. Farber, PI’s), National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, Santa Barbara, CA.

Regional: Co-convenor of a workshop on sustainable development in Dutchess County, NY (June 2004).

On campus: Co-convenor of two seminar series; developing interdisciplinary courses in Watershed Ecology; member of Center for Watershed Science and Engineering; member of Urban Ecology Initiative. In addition, I teach Fisheries Biology and graduate seminars.

Selected publications:

- Limburg, K.E., K.A. Hattala, and A.W. Kahnle.** 2003. American shad in its native range, pp. 125-140 *In* K.E. Limburg and J.R. Waldman, editors. *Biodiversity, Status, and Conservation of Shads Worldwide*. American Fisheries Society Symposium 35.
- Limburg, K.E., M. Elfman, P. Kristiansson, K. Malmkvist, and J. Pallon.** 2002. New insights into fish ecology via nuclear microscopy of otoliths. *Proc. 17th International Conference on Applications of Accelerators in Research and Industry* (J.Duggan, editor). AIP Conference Proc. 680: 339-342.
- Limburg, K.E., H. Wickström, H. Svedäng, M. Elfman, and P. Kristiansson.** Do stocked freshwater eels migrate? Evidence from the Baltic suggests “yes.” *Biology, Management and Protection of Catadromous Eels* (D.W. Dixon, editor). American Fisheries Society Symposium 33: 275-284..
- Limburg, K.E.** 2001. Through the gauntlet again: demographic restructuring of American shad by migration. *Ecology* 82: 1584-1596.
- Limburg, K.E., P. Landergren, L. Westin, M. Elfman, and P. Kristiansson.** 2001. Flexible modes of anadromy in Baltic sea-trout (*Salmo trutta*): Making the most of marginal spawning streams. *Journal of Fish Biology* 59: 682-695.
- Limburg, K.E., M.L. Pace, and K.K. Arend.** 1999. Growth, mortality, and recruitment of larval *Morone* spp. in relation to food availability and temperature in the Hudson River. *Fishery Bulletin* 97: 80-91.
- Limburg, K.E.** 1998. Anomalous migrations of anadromous herrings revealed with natural chemical tracers. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 55: 431-437. **Limburg, K.E.** 1996. Modeling the ecological constraints on growth and movement of juvenile American shad, *Alosa sapidissima*, in the Hudson River Estuary. *Estuaries* 19: 794-813.
- Limburg, K.E.** 1996. Growth and migration of 0-year American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) in the Hudson River estuary: otolith microstructural analysis. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 53: 220-238.
- Limburg, K.E., and R.M. Ross.** 1995. Growth and mortality rates of larval American shad, *Alosa sapidissima* (Wilson), at different salinities. *Estuaries* 18: 335-340.
- Limburg, K.E.** 1995. Otolith strontium traces migratory histories of juvenile American shad, *Alosa sapidissima*. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 119: 25-35.
- Limburg, K.E. and R.E. Schmidt.** 1990. Patterns of fish spawning in the Hudson River watershed: biological response to an urban gradient? *Ecology* 71:1238-1245.
- Limburg, K.E., M.A. Moran, and W.H. McDowell.** 1986. *The Hudson River Ecosystem*. Springer-Verlag, New York. 331 pp.

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Oceanography, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, 1974

M.S., Oceanography, University of California (San Diego) Scripps Institute of Oceanography, 1968

B.S., Zoology, University of Rhode Island, 1966

FIELDS OF COMPETENCE AND EXPERIENCE:

Estuarine and freshwater fisheries biology, ecology and management; sampling and analytical methodologies; resource management; power plant impact assessment; NEPA; program design, implementation and management.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

As Operations Manager and Department Director, Dr. Richkus oversees Versar, Inc., ESM Operations activities dealing with:

- ◆ Fisheries resource management and planning
- ◆ Impact assessment, facility siting, and regulatory review
- ◆ Statistical support services
- ◆ Data base management and information management
- ◆ Experimental design and quality assurance analysis services
- ◆ Mathematical and statistical modeling.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Richkus also supports clients in a technical management role, and has directed most of Versar's fisheries and resource management contracts and grants over the past 30 years. His fisheries project experience involves support of USFWS, NMFS, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and the fisheries agencies of all the the mid-Atlantic states. His working experience with all East Coast states began when he served as Plan Writer under contract to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for two major interstate fisheries management plans. He authored ASMFC's Amendment 4 to the Interstate Striped Bass Management Plan and ASMFC's Anadromous Alosid Interstate Management Plan. In preparation of these plans, Dr. Richkus coordinated the activities of technical personnel from as many as 17 state and federal agencies and prepared documents used in guiding the management of resources on an interstate and intrastate basis. He worked extensively with marine fisheries staff of FWS, NMFS and 17 states for a period of 10 years

during and following development of these management plans. At the request of NYDEC, Maryland and New Jersey, he also presented overviews of striped bass management strategies at several public meetings in the coastal areas of these states. He subsequently worked under contract to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to develop state management plans for American shad, hickory shad, alewife, blueback herring, white perch and yellow perch present in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay watershed. All of the management plans prepared by Dr. Richkus included extensive sections dealing with habitat requirements and habitat needs of the species to be managed, as well as management strategies that took into account population dynamics of the species. He also participated in several Maryland DNR-funded projects in which assessment and catch estimation methods for blue crab and soft shell clams were developed.

Dr. Richkus currently participates as a co-Principal Investigator on a project being conducted jointly with the University of Maryland for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to conduct an ecological risk assessment of the State's proposal to introduce the Asian oyster into Chesapeake Bay waters. This project entails the development of demographic population models of both the Asian oyster and the native oyster, the application of those models to project trends in population growth under various conditions, and completion of a risk assessment to be conducted in accordance with USEPA guidelines for such efforts. The risk assessment findings will be incorporated into an Environmental Impact Statement to be issued by the Norfolk District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Dr. Richkus developed an evaluation procedure for establishing the environmental acceptability of dredging throughout Delaware's Inland Bays. Under contract to DNREC, he co-authored a report entitled "Methodology for Evaluation of Proposed Dredging Projects in Delaware's Inland Bays" that will be used by DNREC in reviewing of all applications for dredging permits in the Inland Bays.

Dr. Richkus served as Corporate Principal on Verar's contract with the NYDEC to develop benthic and fish biological indicators for the Hudson River Estuary. These biological indicators will be used by the state in the development of biocriteria for implementation of water quality regulations. These studies included characterization of habitat throughout the Hudson River estuary and descriptions of the fish communities that occupy those habitats. He also contributed to several Versar studies which investigated the role of interactions among environmental conditions in controlling historical Long Island Sound fisheries variability. He served as a consultant on preparation of two FERC Environmental Impact Statements addressing the potential environmental impacts of a proposed gas pipeline crossing in Long Island Sound on essential fish habitat. On this project, his key role was as fisheries assessment reviewer, and he has reviewed and commented on the NMFS Essential Fish Habitat consultation that FERC is required to conduct in compliance with the new NMFS EFH rule.

From 1998 to 2001, he completed several reports on American eel for the Electric Power Research Institute that reviewed current knowledge on life history, behavior, fisheries, and

hydroelectric impacts to stocks, examined abundance trends in stocks throughout North America, and reviewed mitigation measures for minimizing impacts. Under the most recent EPRI contract, he conducted a literature review of behavior specific to mitigation of hydroelectric impacts, and of technologies that could be employed to minimize or avoid impacts. In a related project, he currently serves as technical advisor to the New York Power Authority on studies being conducted at the F.D.R. hydroelectric project on the St. Lawrence River to evaluate means of mitigating impacts of that project on American eel stocks. In that role, he works with representatives of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and staff of Canadian and New York State fisheries management agencies, as well as a number of NGOs.

He was Program Manager and co-author on Versar's NOAA project that entailed an analytical and statistical review of procedures for collection and analysis of commercial data used for management and assessment of groundfish stocks in the U.S. EEZ off Alaska. In this project, he reviewed and summarized currently management procedures applied to in the Northeast Pacific groundfish fisheries and developed recommendations for improved catch reporting to enhance NMFS's evolving ecosystem management approaches. He served as program manager and co-principal investigator on a Maryland Coastal Resources Division project to evaluate the suitability and applicability of fisheries population and yield models for the management of Maryland tidewater fisheries.

Dr. Richkus has for 15 years served as Program Manager of Versar's Maryland Department of Natural Resources Power Plant Siting Program's Biology Integrator contract, and has supported PPRP for nearly 28 years in numerous capacities. In his management role, he has technical, fiscal and administrative oversight responsibility projects that include the design, implementation and interpretation of aquatic and terrestrial studies of impacts of existing or proposed power generation and transmission facilities, licensing and permitting review support (e.g., NPDES and 404 permits, CPCN), and contributing to program strategic development and planning. Areas of special technical expertise that Dr. Richkus contributes to the program include fisheries biology, fisheries management, licensing and mitigation. He has been extensively involved in projects that investigated power generation impacts to major resource species in the Chesapeake Bay, including striped bass, menhaden, blue crab and oyster. He has also directed a wide range of terrestrial and wetlands ecosystem studies and assessments within the Chesapeake Bay watershed to meet PPRP requirements, ranging from site specific wetlands delineations to cumulative impact assessments on watershed and landscape levels. Aquatic studies he has designed and managed have ranged from ichthyoplankton, zooplankton, benthic and fish community field studies, to complex population modeling of consequences of ichthyoplankton entrainment on adult fish stocks. He has participated on behalf of PPRP in NRC licensing activities for the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant, in numerous Maryland Public Service Commission proceedings for new proposed generating facilities in the state (including review of utility submittals, preparation and presentation of testimony, and preparation of certificate articles), and in FERC licensing proceedings for the Conowingo hydroelectric facility as well as numerous small-scale hydroelectric facilities in the state. He is a nationally recognized expert in

assessment of impacts to fish populations from impingement and entrainment and CWA Section 316b compliance, having authored several book chapters and symposium volume sections on these topics.

Dr. Richkus served from 1991 to 1998 as Deputy Program Manager on Versar's NEPA support to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In this role, he directed the preparation of 36 Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements or sections of such documents for the licensing or relicensing of hydroelectric facilities in 11 states throughout the country. Two of his most complex projects involved multi-disciplinary assessments of a variety of modes of aquatic, terrestrial and socioeconomic impacts as well as compliance with all applicable federal, state and local permitting requirements (e.g., NPDES, CWA Sections 401 and 404, NHPA). These projects also required extensive coordination and consultation with a wide range of federal, state and local agency staff (e.g., fisheries agencies, environmental protection departments and agencies) as well as Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and special socioeconomic groups, such as native American tribes.

Dr. Richkus directed the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the USFWS and NJ Division of Fish and Game relating to the proposed introduction of Pacific salmonids to the Delaware River. He also provided extensive technical support to the City of Virginia Beach for assessing potential impacts of a water withdrawal project on anadromous fish, particularly striped bass, in the Roanoke River Basin. For both these projects, he participated in public meetings, often attended by hundreds of interested parties, making technical presentations and responding to participants' questions.

Over a 10 year period, Dr. Richkus managed several major contracts funded by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Department of Environment, and the Maryland Port Administration to evaluate potential impacts associated with open water disposal of dredged material in the Chesapeake Bay. He served as Program Manager of one five year project that entailed the design and implementation of water and sediment quality studies and biological surveys necessary to characterize site status and project potential impacts, work that included the participation of several university and state agencies groups as well as specialty contractors. He worked with state and federal agencies, citizens groups and non-governmental organizations to develop site selection processes and reach consensus on potential optimal disposal sites. The work also included literature reviews, modeling and analyses, and preparation and publication of agency and public reports and documents. He organized and implemented agency and public meetings to present study findings and elicit comments and concerns. These meetings were attended by as many as 400 people. He currently serves as Versar's Corporate Principal on two contracts from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Philadelphia and Wilmington Districts), funded at a level of >\$2M annually, with responsibility for overall contract administration, technical oversight and resource allocation.

As consultant to a national environmental insurance firm, Dr. Richkus participated in Natural Resource Damage Assessment workgroup meetings associated with an acid water spill from a

Mulberry Phosphates mining company containment facility into the Alafia River in Florida. He reviewed impact assessments, resource status reports, and proposed mitigation measures for technical validity and feasibility. Dr. Richkus also served as an Expert Witness for the Department of Justice in a number of Clean Water Act cases, including proceedings against the Smithfield Meat Packing Co (fined \$12.6M as a consequence of the court case) and in two proceedings against water treatment facilities in Florida. Support to DOJ included technical review of all material submitted in the cases, development of evaluation and litigation strategies, preparation of testimony and exhibits, and presentation of testimony. Dr. Richkus also contributed technically to two Versar projects funded by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, one documenting the biota of Tampa Bay, and a second estimating pollutant loadings.

Dr. Richkus has participated in hearings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Maryland Public Service Commission and federal court. Participation included review of submittals and testimony, development of discovery inquiries, development of cross-examination questions, preparation and presentation of testimony and contributions to preparation and revision of briefs.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 1974-Present: Journal Referee, *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*; *Fisheries*; *Fisheries Research Board of Canada*(no longer published); *Canadian Journal of Aquatic Science*; *Estuaries*
 - 1978: Marine Program Chairman, Northeast American Fisheries Society Meeting
 - 1979-1984: Chairman, Current Research Committee, Potomac Chapter, American Fisheries Society
 - 1981-1984: Editor, Proceedings of the Annual Potomac Chapter American Fisheries Society Meeting.
 - 1982: Invited participant, Chesapeake Bay Fisheries - Data Workshop
 - 1982: EPA, Chesapeake Bay Program, Fisheries Management, Peer Review Workshop
 - 1984: Invited Member, Legislative Advisory Committee, Maryland House of Delegates, Environmental Affairs Committee
 - 1984: Program Chairman, Northeast American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting
 - 1984: Appointed Member, Chesapeake Bay Commission Fisheries Management Advisory Group
 - 1985-Present: Proposal Reviewer, Hudson River Foundation (reviews of 8 anadromous fish-related proposals)
 - 1985: President-Elect, Potomac Chapter, American Fisheries Society
 - 1985: Northeast Division Representative, Marine Fisheries Section, American Fisheries Society
 - 1986: President, Potomac Chapter, American Fisheries Society
 - 1986: Invited participant, EPA Estuarine Program, Workshop on Fish as Indicators of Toxic Pollutants
 - 1990: Appointed Member, Communications Work Group, Chesapeake Bay Program
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- 1990: Editorial Advisory Committee, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, State of the Bay Report
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1996 - 2001: Chair, Maryland Environmental Business Alliance
1994-Present: Board Member and Vice Chair: Pickering Creek Audubon Center (an environmental education center)
1996: Invited participant, Maryland Strategic Business Development Environmental Business Sector Working Group
1997: BS Environmental Sciences, Curriculum Development Committee, Towson University, Towson, MD
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1998: Canadian Embassy Invitee and Speaker, Americana Environmental Business Brokerage Event, Montreal, Canada
1999: MS Environmental Sciences, Curriculum Development Committee, Towson University, Towson, MD
1999 - 2000: Reviewer and Selection Panel Member, Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program, AAAS
2002: Symposium Organizer; American Fisheries Society 2002 Annual Meeting; “History of Chesapeake Bay Fisheries” and “Consequences of Beach Nourishment Projects to Atlantic Coast Fish Communities”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Fisheries Society
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PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Dr. Richkus has made over 50 presentations at meetings of the American Fisheries Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Animal Behavior Society, and American Institute of Biological Sciences; at Northeast Fish and Wildlife conferences; and at Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, among others, and has organized and implemented a number of meetings and workshops dealing with resource management and impact assessment. He has authored or co-authored over 100 publications, including peer reviewed journal articles, numerous NEPA documents, and other project technical reports.

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2001-present Professor, Coastal Fisheries Institute and Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, Louisiana State University.
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SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Associate Editor: Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, Ecological Applications, Environmetrics.
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Ad-hoc reviewer for over 25 journals
Member of the Science Advisory Committee, Alabama Center for Estuarine Studies (an EPA Center of Excellence)
Member of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (provides scientific advice to the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council).
Invited Expert as panel member at the EPA Public Meeting of Technical Experts on Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act, Washington, DC, May 2001.
Member of the Science Review Panel of the Environmental Water Account Program, and member of the Independent Science Board, of the CALFED (California-Federal) Bay-Delta Restoration Program, 2001-ongoing.
Member of the Science Review Team of the Modeling Workshop, done as part of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Program, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, May 2002.
Invited reviewer for the San Antonio Guadalupe Estuarine System (SAGES) Modeling Project, San Antonio, TX, February 2003
Chairperson of 10 graduate student committees; member of another 20 student committees.
Speaker of over 35 invited presentations; co-author on over 100 presentations made by others.

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Rose, K.A., C.A. Murphy, S.L. Diamond, L.A. Fuiman, and P. Thomas. 2003. Using nested models and laboratory data for predicting population effects of contaminants on fish: a step towards a bottom-up approach for establishing causality in field studies. *Human and Ecological Risk Assessment* 9:231-257.

APPENDIX B

**SUMMARY OF PRIOR
KWR FISHERIES IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

1.0 Introduction

Environmental impact assessments of the proposed KWR project extend back nearly 15 years, to the time the project was first proposed. Here are summarized the findings of assessments conducted since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Final Environmental Impact Statement for the project was issued. Only those aspects of the assessments that address the potential effects of the KWR intake on Mattaponi River fish populations are summarized. This information, presented in chronological order, provided a context for the Panel's evaluations, and assisted in identifying those issues on which there were differing conclusions drawn in prior assessments .

The RRWSG indicated to the Panel that a number of modifications were made to the KWR project subsequent to the release of the FEIS and before the VDEQ Water Protection Permit was issued. None of those modifications (e.g., a reduction in the size of the reservoir; change in location of the reservoir dam) related to the proposed Mattaponi River water intake structure or its location, but they did include imposition of more stringent minimum instream flow requirements, which are described in Section 2 of this report

2.0 Norfolk District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Final Environmental Impact Statement

The potential fisheries impact of the proposed KWR project were evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) issued by the Norfolk District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE 1997). The conclusions drawn in the FEIS relating specifically to the Mattaponi River intake were as follows:

- With wedge-wire screens having very low entrance velocities (i.e., = 0.25 fps) and very small openings (i.e., 1 millimeter slots), it is unlikely that severe impingement and entrainment impacts would occur.
- Some small fraction of eggs could potentially be damaged while attached to the screens. However, it is expected that eggs which float on the surface over the intake or roll on the bottom would safely pass the intake structures. Also, because American shad, hickory shad, and striped bass eggs are slightly heavier than water, it is likely that the majority of these eggs would be located below the intake entrance and would not be affected.
- While eggs are unable to move away from the intakes, larvae are capable of propelling themselves away from the pull of the intakes. This natural mechanism would help minimize larvae impingement on the intake screens.
- Anadromous fish species should not be measurably affected by any potential changes in Mattaponi River salinity conditions.

3.0 Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Impact Comments and Recommendations

In a letter dated July 14, 1997 to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) offered these comments and recommendations on the Mattaponi River fisheries impacts of the KWR project:

- Supported the use of a 1.0 mm wedgewire intake screen design with through-slot velocities not to exceed 0.25 ft/sec to reduce impacts on anadromous fisheries
- Recommended an anadromous fish instream work time-of-year restriction for all construction activities in the Mattaponi River from 15 February to 30 June to protect spawning individuals
- Recommended hydraulic dredging to reduce suspended sediment (turbidity)
- Supported provision of off-site fish passage to compensate for riverine impacts (in Cohoke Mill Creek) and requested coordination of fish passage site selection and design with VDGIF

4.0 Garman Report on KWR Water Withdrawal Impacts on Mattaponi River Anadromous Clupeids

A report entitled, “Analysis of Potential Effects of Water Withdrawal for the King William Reservoir on American Shad (*Alosa sapadissima*) and Related Anadromous Clupeid Fishes in the Mattaponi River, Virginia” was prepared for Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., the KWR engineering contractor for the KWR project, by Dr. Greg Garman on August 7, 1997, addressing a number of issues raised in comments from the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Indian Tribes on the FEIS. Conclusions presented in this report included:

- There is a paucity of data on anadromous alosids and the ecosystem of the Mattaponi River, which poses a significant constraint on an assessment of potential impacts
 - In considering the likelihood of direct ecological impacts from a range of factors relating primarily to withdrawal of water from the Mattaponi River, and on populations of the genus *Alosa*, including hydrologic regime, salinity intrusion, impingement and entrainment of eggs and larvae, and genetic mixing, the potential for direct impacts from KWR was hypothesized to be minor (i.e., not biologically significant), or likely to be ameliorated by mitigating conditions.
 - Based on the available information, there does not appear to be a substantial or scientific basis to claims of significant and detrimental impacts to migratory fish populations in the Mattaponi River.
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5.0 Virginia Public Interest Review to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

In a Commonwealth of Virginia Public Interest Review for the KWR project sent by Governor James Gilmore to the USACE Norfolk District on April 30, 2001, Governor Gilmore stated, “The stocks of anadromous fishes have dropped significantly over the past century, primarily due to overfishing and the blockage of potential spawning habitat. The State Water Control Board took a conservative approach in permitting the KWR project to ensure that the project will not harm efforts to recover these stocks. Accordingly, the Virginia Water Protection Permit incorporated all recommendations of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) to protect fisheries resources in the Mattaponi River.”

6.0 U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division, Decision Memorandum

In a September 30, 2002 Decision Memorandum on the KWR Project issued by General Rhoades of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division, he states, “...These [fisheries] issues are adequately addressed by special conditions of the Virginia Water Protection Permit/Section 401 Water Quality Certificate issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality on 22 December 1997.”

7.0 VIMS KWR Fisheries Impact Assessment for VMRC

The RRWSG submitted its permit application to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) for a Subaqueous Lands Use Permit in 2003. As part of the application review process, VMRC requested that the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) comment on the KWR permit application. The result of VIMS’ technical review of the KWR application was provided to VMRC on March 12, 2003 (Mann 2003). Their analysis of fisheries and habitat issues within the area of concern was based on VIMS’ anadromous fish monitoring program, the doctoral dissertation *Assessment of Spawning and Nursery Habitat Suitability for American Shad (*Alosa sapadissima*) in the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers* (Bilkovic 2000) and further publications from this work (Bilkovic 2002a, 2002b), and ongoing research. The major conclusions of the VIMS’ review were as follows:

- the loss of subaqueous bottom from KWR intake structure fill would be permanent, but would also be expected to have minimal adverse impact upon the littoral system.
 - VIMS was unsure of the intake’s maintenance requirements and procedures and could not provide guidance on the potential environmental effects associated with that activity.
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- VIMS agreed with the findings of Basco (1996) that the KWR intake structure will result in chronic but localized disturbances of flow and sedimentation with minimal associated adverse environmental effects to the benthos and tidal wetlands in the vicinity of the intake.
- river ecology and fish behavior could be affected by the structure's function as a fish attractant and/or from noise during operation; fish eggs and larvae are a food source for higher predators and predator aggregation could contribute to the loss of eggs, larvae, and other prey in the vicinity of the intake; VIMS considered the potential for adverse impacts to general Mattaponi River ecology associated with alterations in localized predator-prey interactions and food chain dynamics to be significant local to the intake and decrease with distance from the intake.
- In the absence of data on potential noise generated by the intake, VIMS' best professional judgment was that the potential for adverse effects from noise is a concern that warrants careful consideration, since chronic disruption of adult spawning behavior could have significant negative effects on anadromous fish stocks.
- VIMS concluded, based on modeling in 1991, that alterations to the Mattaponi River's normal salinity patterns were insignificant and would not affect tidal wetland vegetation (and presumably fish) communities.
- More recent modeling indicated that tidal freshwater marshes and tidal swamp communities may retreat upstream in the face of continued increases in salinity levels throughout the rivers, a process that may occur regardless of the new reservoir operation.
- Species collected by Bilkovic (2000) from the intake structure's estimated zone of influence included *Alosa aestivalis* (Blueback herring), *Alosa pseudoharengus* (alewife), *Alosa sapidissima* American shad), *Morone Americana* (White Perch), *Morone saxatilis* (Striped Bass) and *Perca flavescens* (Yellow Perch).
- entrainment of American shad eggs (2.5 mm to 3.8 mm) and striped bass eggs (2.4 mm to 3.9 mm) is unlikely due to their size relative to the screen slot width
- impingement will induce mortality due to the fragile nature of the eggs.
- Striped bass are at a reduced risk relative to American shad due to their predominance downstream of the proposed intake.
- some unknown proportion of the eggs of Alewife (0.8 mm to .27mm), blueback herring (0.87 mm to 1.11 mm), and white perch (0.75 mm to 1.09 mm) are considered vulnerable to entrainment
- Yellow perch eggs are semi-buoyant and attach to vegetation or bottom material, making entrainment or impingement less likely.
- Since larval stages of American shad, perches and river herrings are weak swimmers with thin, thread-like and fragile bodies, their vulnerability to impingement and

entrainment during encounters with the intake structure is increased; there is little question that such encounters will result in mortality of these life stages.

- VIMS stated that great uncertainty exists surrounding the [screen exclusion] efficiency factor...There is an indication, however, that fish eggs and early larval stages are often free floating or have minimum swimming ability (Turnpenny, 1983). In the absence of clear guiding information VIMS assumed a conservative screen efficiency factor of zero.
- relatively large proportions of American shad and white perch eggs, and larvae of American shad, herring, white perch, and yellow perch were found within the intake's zone of influence during the 1997 – 1999 sampling period.
- daily estimates of spawning season average loss under a 75 mgd withdrawal scenario range from 255 striped bass eggs and 6,802 American shad larvae to 2,805 white perch eggs and 168,510 white perch larvae. Average daily estimated losses would range from 49 striped bass eggs and 1,315 American shad larvae to 542 white perch eggs and 32,578 white perch larvae under a 14.5 mgd withdrawal scenario.
- VIMS indicated that they could not estimate the probable losses to adult stocks of American shad, white perch, yellow perch, striped bass or river herring based on their analysis of impingement and/or entrainment of eggs and larvae by the intake structure; they indicate that small increases in daily mortality of eggs and larvae of stocks that are low in abundance could result in recruitment failure. VIMS states that the value of methods for projecting early life stage losses to adult life stages (e.g., equivalent adults modeling) to provide recommendations for management decisions is questionable.

8.0 ASA KWR Fisheries Impact Assessment Report

On April 2003 the RRWSG released a report entitled, “King William Reservoir: Potential Impacts of Water Withdrawals on Fish Populations of the Mattaponi River,” prepared by ASA Analysis & Communication, Inc.

Major conclusions presented in the ASA report were as follows:

- the proposed intake design, even at maximum pumping rates, will be sufficiently protective to ensure that biologically significant numbers of fish eggs, larvae, or older stages or larger macroinvertebrates will not be impinged.
- it is likely that the withdrawal of water from the Mattaponi River will result in the removal of a portion of the early life stages of some species of fish.
- only two year-round inhabitants, white perch and yellow perch, have planktonic (i.e. transported about by currents) early life stages and are abundant in the vicinity of the proposed intake; because of their potential involvement with the proposed intake, these two were selected for assessment.
- all four anadromous species (striped bass, American shad, alewife, and blueback herring) have planktonic early life stages and can be found in the vicinity of the proposed intake at Scotland Landing and were also selected for assessment.
- there is little likelihood of any significant entrainment of striped bass eggs or larvae at the proposed Mattaponi River intake
- the potential for entrainment of American shad eggs at the Mattaponi River intake appears minimal
- the annual fractional loss of American shad larvae under the mean withdrawal rate for April and May (14.1 mgd) would be less than 0.2 percent of the population.
- this average rate of loss would range from less than 1 to 6 equivalent adult American shad in each year.
- it is likely that some river herring eggs could pass through the intake screens; however, given that most spawning likely occurs well away from the proposed intake location, the potential for entrainment of river herring eggs is very limited.
- the annual fractional loss of river herring larvae under the mean withdrawal rate for April and May (14.1 mgd) would be less than 0.5 percent of the population.
- Assuming a period of entrainment vulnerability totaling eight weeks, this average rate of loss would equate to 7 to 24 equivalent adult river herring per year.
- the potential population level risk from entrainment of white perch eggs at the Mattaponi River intake is minimal

- the annual fractional loss of white perch larvae under the mean withdrawal rate for April and May (14.1 mgd) would be approximately 0.3 percent of the population;
- assuming a period of entrainment vulnerability totaling eight weeks, this rate of loss would range from 68 to 97 equivalent adult white perch per year
- the potential population level risk from entrainment of yellow perch eggs at the Mattaponi River intake is minimal
- the annual fractional loss of yellow perch larvae under the median withdrawal rate for April and May (14.1 mgd) would be less than 0.1 percent.
- there is no reason to expect that the relatively small changes in salinity distributions within the Mattaponi River expected from the water withdrawals for King William Reservoir will have any affect on habitat availability or spawning and nursery success of fish within the River.

Additional technical information was provided to VMRC by ASA in response to technical comments made by Commissioner Dr. Cynthia Jones on findings presented in the ASA report. Questions were raised by Dr. Jones concerning the validity of the adult loss projections when the population being modeled was not at equilibrium (equilibrium population is an assumption of the Equivalent Adults Model) and when the biological input data were not specific to the stock being modeled, and the level of uncertainty associated with the projections given the uncertainties in model input parameters. In a May 8, 2003 letter from Mr. William Dey of ASA to Dr. Cynthia Jones, VMRC, Mr. Dey addressed these issues by presenting results of a sensitivity analysis using a range of input values for wedgewire screen exclusion efficiency, fishing mortality, and net reproductive rate. The range of lost adults based on the most extreme values of each of those three model inputs was 0 to 50.

9.0 Other Fisheries Assessment Comments and Issues, and Panel Use of Prior Assessment Results

Many individuals and organizations submitted comments on the FEIS, participated in VDEQ permit proceedings, and presented testimony at the VMRC KWR permit hearing that related to fisheries issues. From reviews of submittals and testimony, it appears that the VIMS and ASA documents encompass all the relevant categories of Mattaponi River fisheries impact issues, and thus the details of these numerous hearing comments are not summarized here.

While the VIMS and ASA reports are in agreement on a number of elements of their impact assessments (e.g., identification of species potentially impacted), significant disagreements on some issues are also evident. While the Panel was aware of the positions of the different parties on a number of the most significant fisheries impact issues, our effort in preparing this report was directed at drawing our own conclusions and developing measures to eliminate or minimize fisheries impacts, and not on resolution of conflicting conclusions and

opinions presented in prior assessments. However, where it appeared appropriate, some of the most significant points of disagreement are mentioned in some sections of the report, particularly where useful in examining conflicting technical positions.

APPENDIX C

METHODOLOGY FOR ESTABLISHING TEMPERATURE TRIGGER POINTS FOR PROTECTION OF EARLY LIFE STAGES OF FISH IN THE MATTAPONI RIVER: HUDSON RIVER PROTOTYPE

1. Introduction - Purpose and Objective of Analysis

The purpose of this report is to provide a basis for developing biologically-based triggers to define a pumping hiatus for the proposed Mattaponi River intake for King William Reservoir. These triggers will be designed to provide the maximum practicable protection to the early life stages of American shad, and to provide a high degree of protection to other fish species of concern (river herring, striped bass, and white perch) that utilize the Mattaponi River as spawning and nursery habitat.

Unfortunately, site-specific data to develop technically sound triggers for the Mattaponi River are limited. In 1997 – 1999, sampling of the early life stages of fish in the Mattaponi River was conducted as part of a larger study evaluating the spawning and nursery habitat requirements of American shad in the Mattaponi and Pamunkey rivers (Bilkovic 2000). However, these data did not capture the full temporal occurrence of the key fish species in the river in any single year nor were the number of years covered sufficient to accurately capture the true year-to-year variability in temporal abundance patterns.

A broader review of studies on the temporal patterns in egg and larval fish abundance in tidal freshwaters waters of Chesapeake Bay also revealed only very limited data which we determined was insufficient for the purposes of developing temperature triggers for a pumping hiatus. For example, ichthyoplankton sampling in the Pamunkey River was conducted in 1989 and 1990 (Sismour 1994). However, intensive sampling necessary for this assessment was limited to a single year (1989) and the focus of this study was on river herring not American shad. Extensive multi-year ichthyoplankton sampling programs in the Potomac River in the 1980s targeted striped bass, and the catch of American shad eggs and larvae was too sparse to be of value for this analysis effort (Krainak et al, 1977). Further a field, ichthyoplankton sampling of the upper tidal Delaware River was conducted in 1998 (PSEG 2001). However, this sampling was also limited to a single year and the sampling location was well downstream of primary shad spawning and nursery grounds, so few shad eggs and larvae were collected. American shad scientists in the Chesapeake Bay watershed (R. St. Pierre, USFWS; M. Hendricks, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; D. Weinrich, Maryland Department of Natural Resources) were also contacted to determine if any other useful American shad early life stage data might be available. They indicated they were unaware of data sets other than those we had identified.

Owing to the lack of appropriate data from areas in or near the Mattaponi River, we decided to use an extensive fisheries dataset available for the Hudson River. The Hudson River estuary is located approximately 300 miles north of the Mattaponi River. The Hudson River dataset was found to contain a wealth of information on American shad and the other target species that was sufficient for a scientifically rigorous assessment. The tidal portion of the Hudson River is an estuary that extends more than 150 miles from its mouth at New York City north to the Green Island Dam at Troy. Tidal freshwaters of the estuary are of excellent quality and serve as a source of drinking water for several communities along its banks. The Hudson River estuary also contains a healthy and diverse fish community, including abundant populations of many of the same species that dominate the fish community of the Mattaponi River. Virtually all of the fish species of concern related to the proposed King William Reservoir water withdrawals are also abundant in the Hudson River estuary.

As a result of concerns over the potential effects of cooling water withdrawals by five existing steam-electric generating stations on anadromous and resident fish populations, the Hudson River estuary has been subject to intensive fisheries investigations since 1974. These studies have focused on the early life stages (e.g., eggs and larvae) of fish using the Hudson River as spawning and nursery habitat. The cumulative, almost 30-year dataset compiled as a result of these ongoing studies has yielded an information base on the spatial and temporal patterns of abundance of many anadromous fish species that is unmatched anywhere in the world.

The data collected in the Hudson River estuary provide excellent information on the spatial and temporal occurrence patterns for each of the primary species of concern for the King William Reservoir project. In addition, these studies targeted those life stages most vulnerable to power plant withdrawals (eggs and larvae), and so are directly relevant to an assessment of the proposed water withdrawal intake on the Mattaponi River. We believe that the Hudson River studies provide an invaluable dataset to illustrate how temperature triggers for pumping hiatus can be defined for the Mattaponi River.

We recognize, however, that the actual dates in which the eggs and larvae of the target species are found in the Hudson River will not be the same as the dates in the Mattaponi River. For example, it is reasonable to expect that American shad spawning occurs much earlier in the Mattaponi than in the more northern Hudson. Such a supposition is clearly supported by available data. It is widely recognized that water temperature is an important, and potentially predominant, cue for spawning in American shad and water temperature is an important determinant for subsequent larval development rates (Weiss-Glanz et al. 1986; Collette and Klein-MacPhee 2002). Hence, the abundance patterns of egg and larval fish in systems like the Hudson and Mattaponi should be strongly linked to patterns in water temperature. Therefore, the Hudson data will not be used to define absolute trigger dates for use in the Mattaponi, but rather to identify candidate water temperatures for triggers that can then be later refined with Mattaponi River monitoring data (see Appendix A).

In this document, we use data from the Hudson River estuary to determine possible temperature trigger points for pump shutdown and startup during the spring egg and larval season. The analysis contained herein consists of four discrete steps:

Step 1. Compare temperature patterns in the Hudson River estuary with temperature patterns in the Mattaponi River to determine if the Hudson could serve as a reasonable surrogate.

Step 2. Determine the relationship between water temperature and the abundance of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae in the Hudson and select appropriately protective temperature triggers.

Step 3. Evaluate the timing (calendar dates) and duration (number of days) of a pumping hiatus associated with selected temperature triggers based on long-term term temperature records from the Hudson River estuary.

Step 4. Estimate the level of biological protection afforded by pumping hiatuses based on various combinations of temperature triggers for four target fish taxa (American shad, river herring, striped bass, and white perch) using the long-term fish monitoring database from the Hudson River estuary.

The results of each of these steps are described in the following sections. While the results presented in this document are largely derived from the Hudson River estuary, it is important to recognize that, prior to initial operation of the Mattaponi River intake, intensive multi-year sampling of the Mattaponi River will provide the necessary site-specific information that will be used, if necessary, to refine the temperature triggers in order to provide a specified level of protection. A detailed description of the proposed sampling plan for the Mattaponi River is provided in Appendix A. The Hudson River analysis presented herein quantitatively illustrates how the resulting Mattaponi data will be analyzed to identify temperature triggers in the Mattaponi that provide maximum practicable protection for early life stages of shad.

2. Brief Description of Hudson Studies

Routine fisheries investigations of the Hudson River estuary began in 1974 and have continued annually to the present time. While these investigations address a wide variety of life stages, particular emphasis has been on the ichthyoplankton (fish eggs and larvae) because these life stages are most vulnerable to the power plant cooling water withdrawals. The results of these studies have been summarized in a series of annual “Year-Class” reports, which provide the results of each year’s sampling. Such “Year-Class” reports have been published annually since 1974. Examples of recent “Year-Class” reports include ASA (2000, 2001a, 2001b, 2002).

In these fisheries investigations, sampling of fish eggs, larvae and early juveniles consisted of a complete survey of the entire estuary on a weekly basis during periods of principal ichthyoplankton occurrence. Sampling was conducted using a stratified random design with approximately 200 ichthyoplankton samples being collected each week, although only about 110 have been analyzed per week in recent years. For each annual survey, the Hudson River estuary was divided into 13 geographic regions based on morphometry (Figure 1). Each of these regions was further divided into 3 strata consisting of a shoal stratum (areas of the estuary ≤ 20 deep), a bottom stratum (areas of the estuary > 20 feet deep and encompassing a water column up to 10 feet off the bottom), and a channel stratum (areas of the estuary > 20 feet deep and > 10 feet off the bottom). Sampling locations within each region and stratum were assigned randomly. In addition, sampling depths within the channel stratum were also assigned randomly. A minimum of three samples was collected within each combination of region and stratum.

Samples in the channel stratum were collected using a 1.0- m^2 Tucker trawl, while samples in the bottom stratum were collected using a 1.0 m^2 epibenthic sled. The shoals stratum was sampled by both gear. Both gears were equipped with 505-micron mesh nets and digital flowmeters to record volume sampled. All samples were collected for approximately 5 minutes duration at a tow speed of approximately 1 meter per second, yielding an average of 300 m^3 of water sampled. Samples collected were preserved in 10 percent Formalin and forwarded to the laboratory for processing.

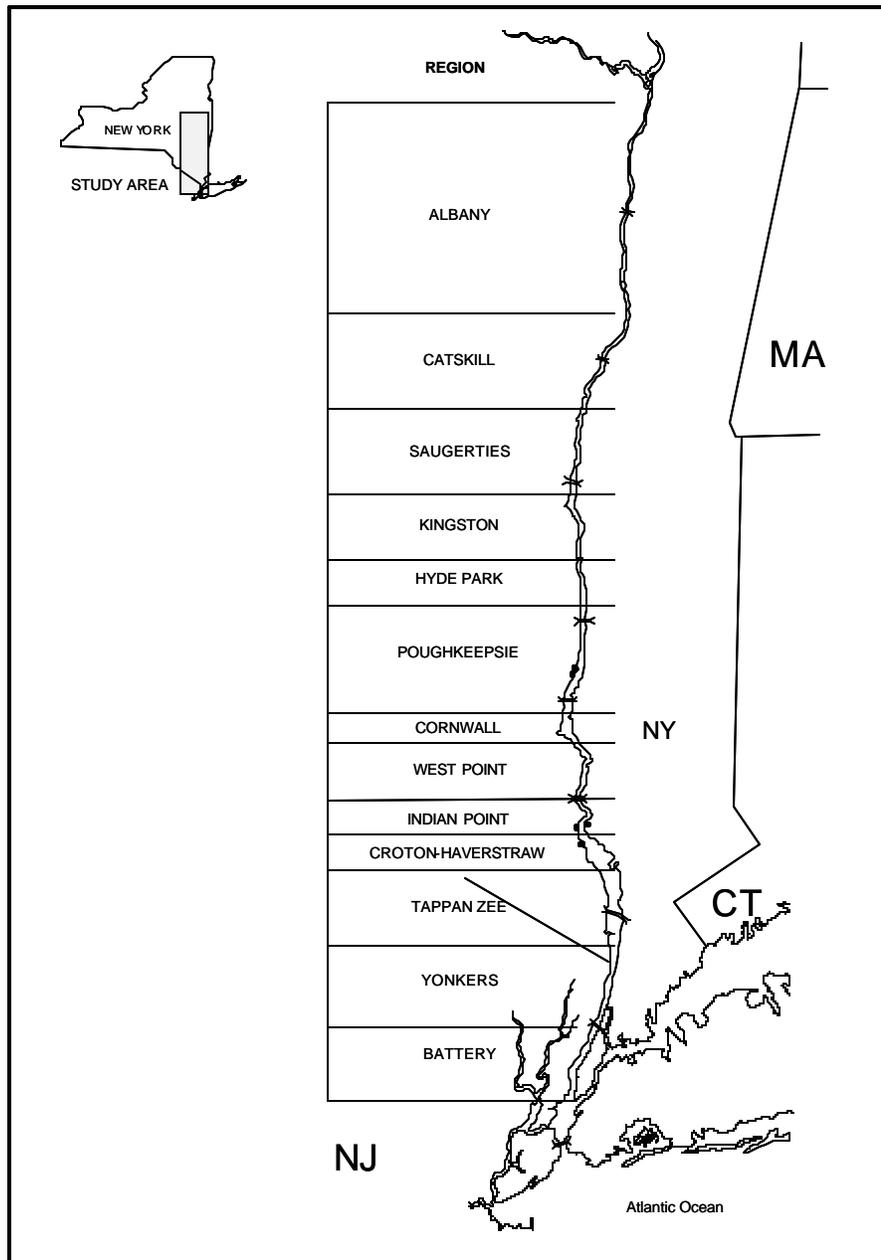


Figure 1 Geographic regions used in the ichthyoplankton surveys of the Hudson River estuary, 1974 – 2000.

In the laboratory, all fish eggs, larvae and early juveniles were removed from each sample selected for analysis, and identified to the lowest practical taxon (usually species, although alewife and blueback herring were collectively identified as river herring). Specimens were also assigned to one of four life stage categories: egg, yolk-sac larva, post yolk-sac larva, or juvenile. The transition from the yolk sac to the post yolk-sac larval stages occurred at the completion of a functional digestive system, while the transition from the larval to the juvenile stage occurred at the acquisition of a full complement of adult fin rays.

3. Step 1: Relationship Between Temperature Patterns in Hudson and Mattaponi Rivers

The first step in the analysis was to compare patterns of water temperature in the Hudson River estuary with those in the Mattaponi River. The focus of this comparison was on the spring spawning and larval nursery period. While it is reasonable to expect water temperatures in the Mattaponi River to increase earlier in the year than in the Hudson, we were interested in knowing if the rates of temperature rise are similar. If so, then it would be reasonable to expect that the periods of egg and larval occurrence would be of similar duration. Further, similar rates of increase in water temperature would increase our confidence on the transferability to the Mattaponi River of temperature triggers for a pumping hiatus developed using Hudson data.

Daily measurements of water temperature in the Hudson River have been collected since 1951 at the Poughkeepsie Water Works (PWW) intake located in the freshwater area of the estuary. Owing to the strong tidal currents and resulting water mixing in the Hudson, the PWW temperature records provide a reliable measure of water temperatures throughout freshwater areas of the estuary (Wells and Young 1992). In the Hudson, water temperatures increase in an almost linear fashion starting at 0 to 2 C in mid-March and rising to 22 to 24 C by late June or early July (Figure 2). While there is variability in the actual water temperatures in the Hudson from year to year, it appears that the same temperatures are reached within a two-week window in approximately 75 percent of the years. This year-to-year variation in water temperature appears to be a major determinant of observed temporal variation in the occurrence of the egg and larvae of many resident and anadromous fish species.

Unfortunately similar long-term records do not exist for tidal freshwater areas of the Mattaponi River¹. Since 1995, the City of Newport News Waterworks has conducted some water temperature monitoring of the tidal Mattaponi River on a monthly basis at a station located approximately 0.5 miles upstream of Scotland Landing. These measurements were part of a larger monitoring of physical and chemical parameters of the Mattaponi River. While these measurements exhibit considerable variability from year to year, comparison to the Hudson data show that both rivers exhibit generally similar rates of increase during spring, with temperatures

¹ Long-term records exist for water temperature measured at the VIMS pier on the lower York River. However, this location is under the direct influence of Chesapeake Bay and is mesohaline. Hence, these records were not considered to be reliable measures of water temperature in the freshwater areas of the Mattaponi River.

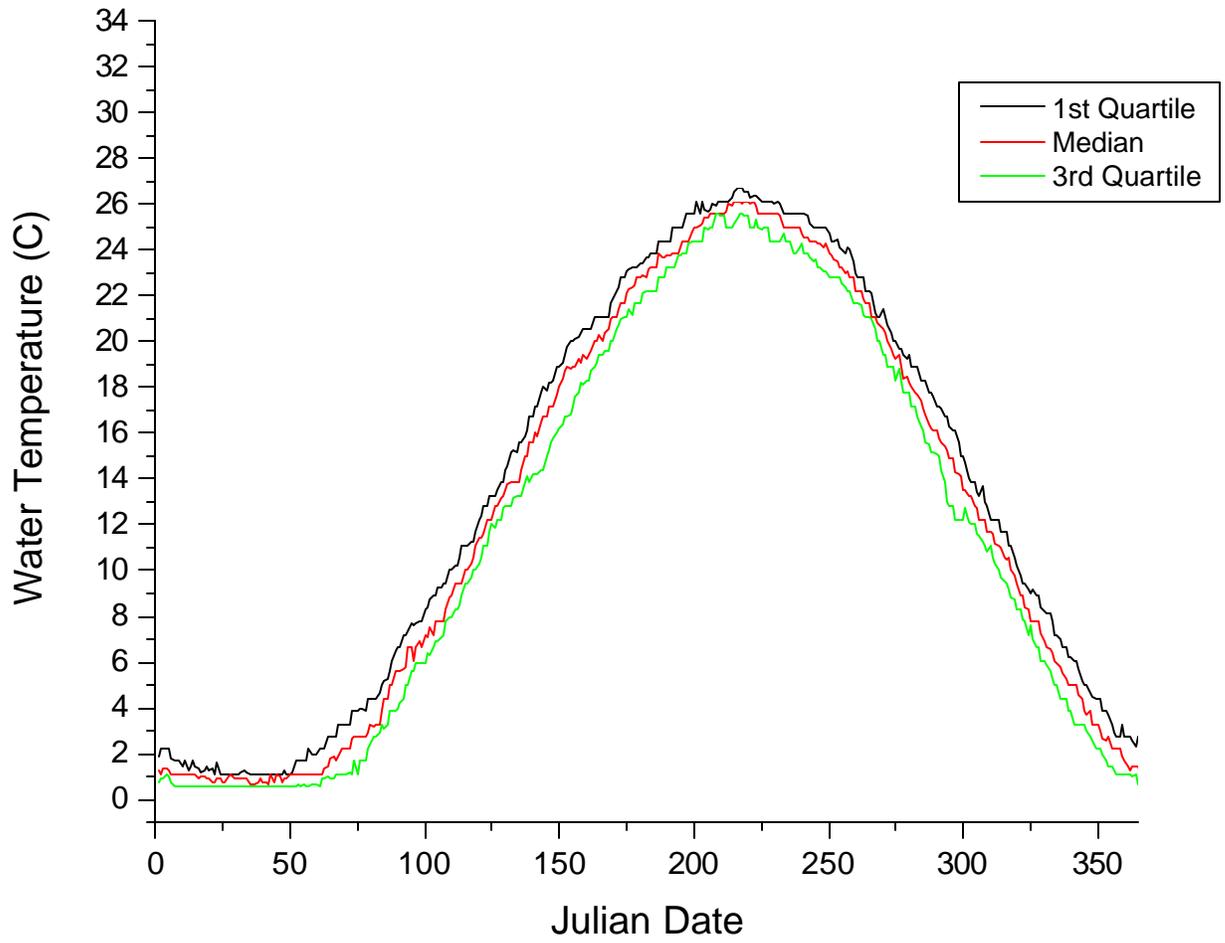


Figure 2 Overall seasonal pattern in water temperatures in the Hudson River estuary near Poughkeepsie, NY, 1974 – 2000.

in the Mattaponi River averaging 4 to 6 C warmer than temperatures in the Hudson at the same time (Figure 3). Water temperatures in the Mattaponi River reached the same temperatures as observed in the Hudson, but approximately one month earlier.

In addition to the grab-sample measurements of temperature in the Mattaponi just upstream of Scotland Landing, continuous monitoring of water temperature was recently initiated at Sweethall on the Pamunkey River on 1 March 2002 and at Walkerton on the Mattaponi River on 24 May 2003. This temperature monitoring provides daily minimum, maximum and mean water temperature records at each location. Unfortunately, temperature records for 2003 from the Hudson are not, as yet, available, so a direct comparison of recent data to the Hudson was limited to the 2002 data from the Pamunkey. Daily water temperatures in the Pamunkey and in the Hudson for spring 2002 showed remarkably similar patterns (Figure 4a). A regression of daily mean water temperatures in the Pamunkey versus the daily temperatures from the Hudson yielded a strong relationship ($R^2 = 0.94$), a slope of almost exactly unity (1.01), and a y-intercept of 6.7 (Figure 4b). This analysis demonstrates that water temperatures during spring in the Pamunkey and Hudson Rivers increase at the same rate with temperatures on the same date being just under 7 C warmer in the Pamunkey than in Hudson.

The final analysis was a comparison of water temperatures in the Pamunkey River to those in the Mattaponi River. This comparison was limited to the period of 24 May through 30 June 2003. As with the comparison between the Pamunkey and Hudson Rivers, the comparison of the May-June 2003 temperatures between the Pamunkey and Mattaponi showed a strong linear relationship ($R^2 = 0.95$), with a slope of almost exactly unity (1.05) and a y-intercept of -2.7 (Figure 5). These results demonstrate that water temperatures in the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers are strongly correlated with each other, with temperatures in the Mattaponi River being slightly cooler. Combining the intercept in the Hudson-Pamunkey analysis (6.7) with the intercept in the Pamunkey-Mattaponi analysis (-2.7) yields an estimated difference between the Hudson and Mattaponi Rivers of approximately 4 C; a result almost identical with the Mattaponi being 4 to 6 C warmer based on the Hudson-Mattaponi temperature comparison of Figure 3, using the grab samples just upstream of Scotland Landing.

These analyses comparing water temperatures among the Hudson, Pamunkey, and Mattaponi Rivers provide strong evidence that rates of temperature increase in freshwater of the Hudson River estuary are similar to those in the Mattaponi River. This supports the assumption that the entrainable stages of American shad would have similar durations of occurrence in both the Hudson and Mattaponi Rivers. In addition, water temperatures on the same dates tend to be in the range of 4 to 6 C warmer in the Mattaponi than in the Hudson. This translates into the Mattaponi reaching the same temperatures as Hudson four to five weeks earlier.

4. Step 2: Relationship Between Temperature and Egg and Yolk-Sac Larval Occurrence for American Shad

Available ichthyoplankton data from the Hudson River estuary were used to define the relationship between water temperature and the abundance of potentially entrainable stages of American shad. Our analysis indicated that these stages were the egg and yolk sac larvae. Post yolk sac larvae are not considered vulnerable to entrainment for the following reasons. The

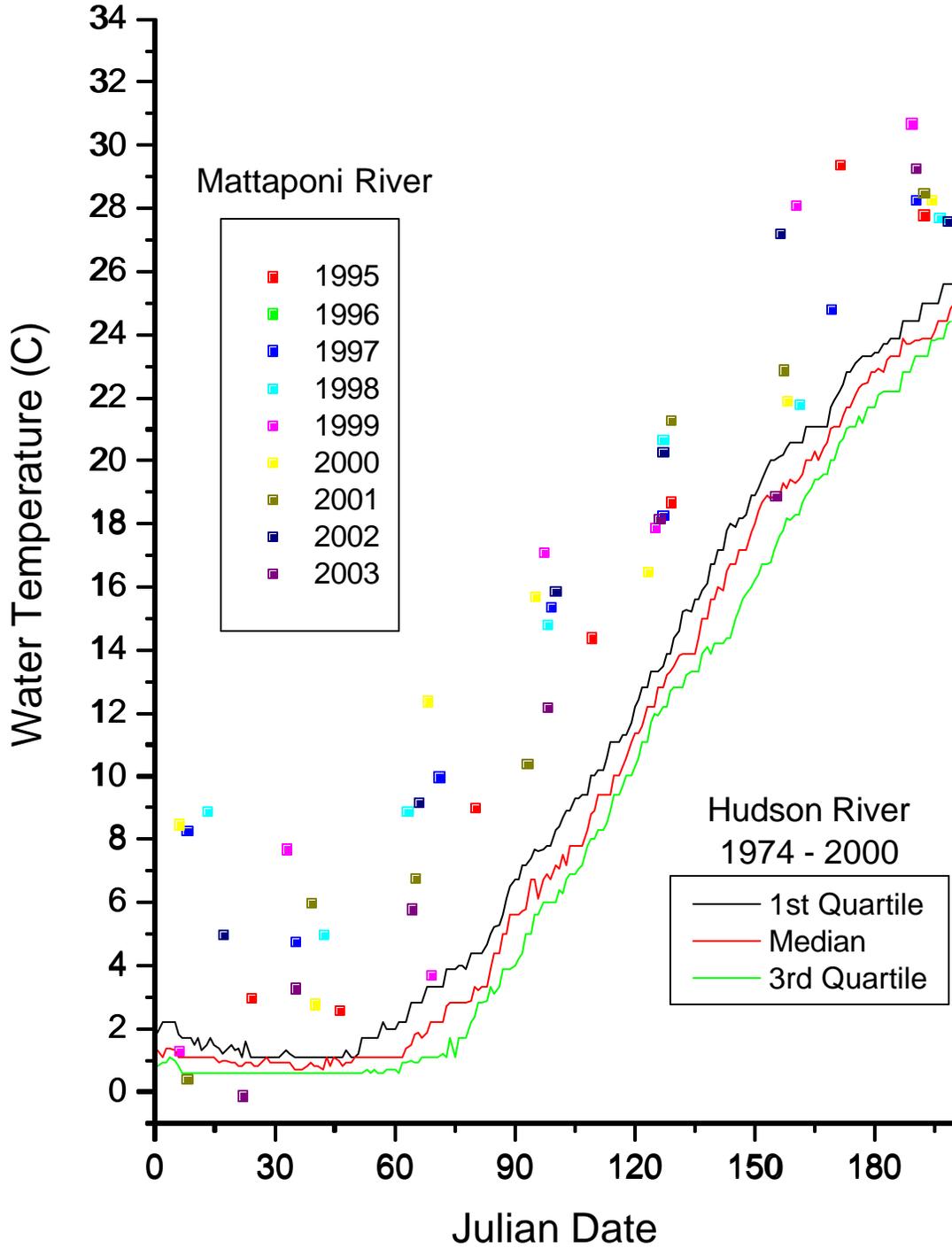


Figure 3 Comparison of spring water temperature measurements taken in the Mattaponi River using grab samples just upstream from Scotland Landing to overall patterns in the Hudson River estuary near Poughkeepsie, NY.

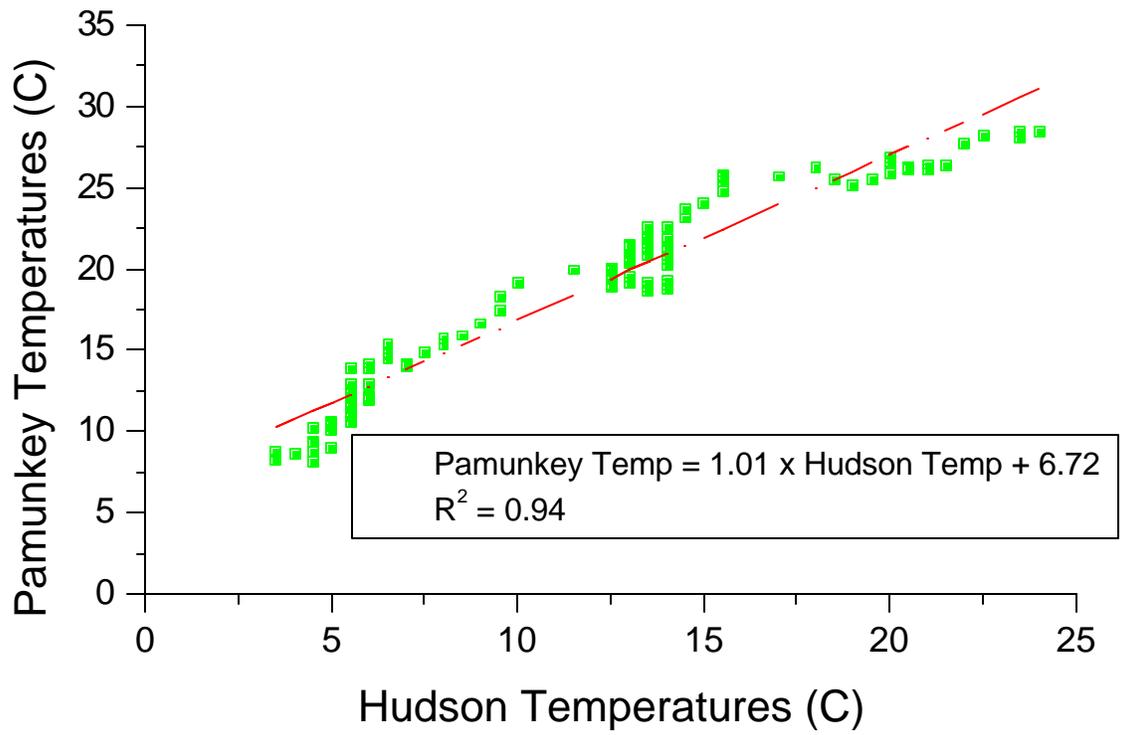
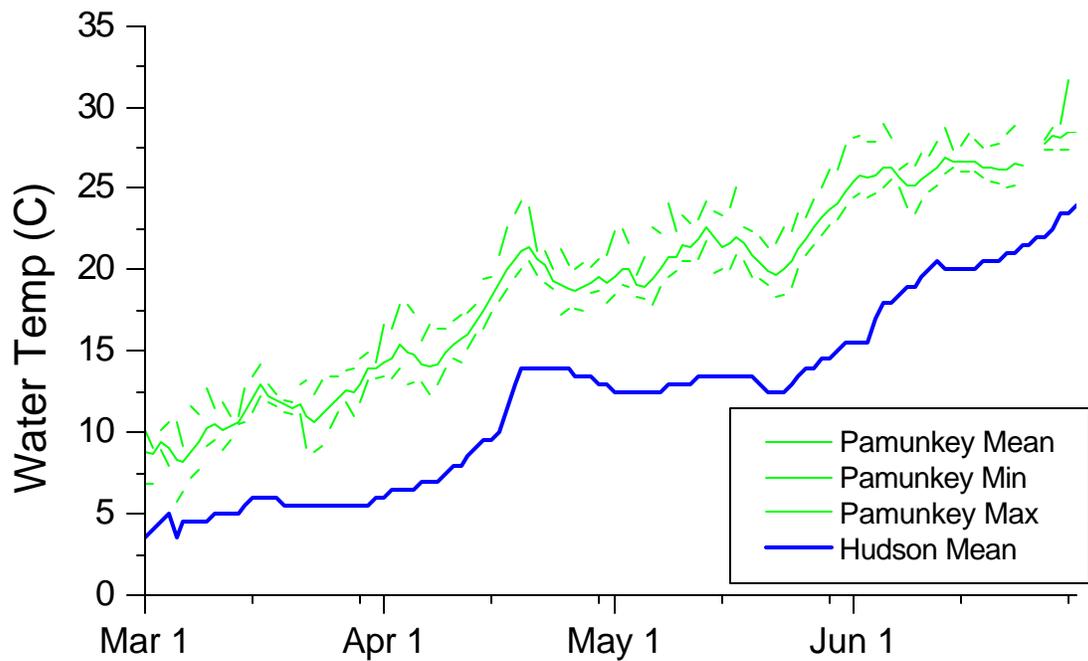


Figure 4 Comparison of daily water temperature measurements from the Pamunkey River near Sweethall, VA to daily water temperatures from the Hudson River estuary near Poughkeepsie, NY, March – June 2002.

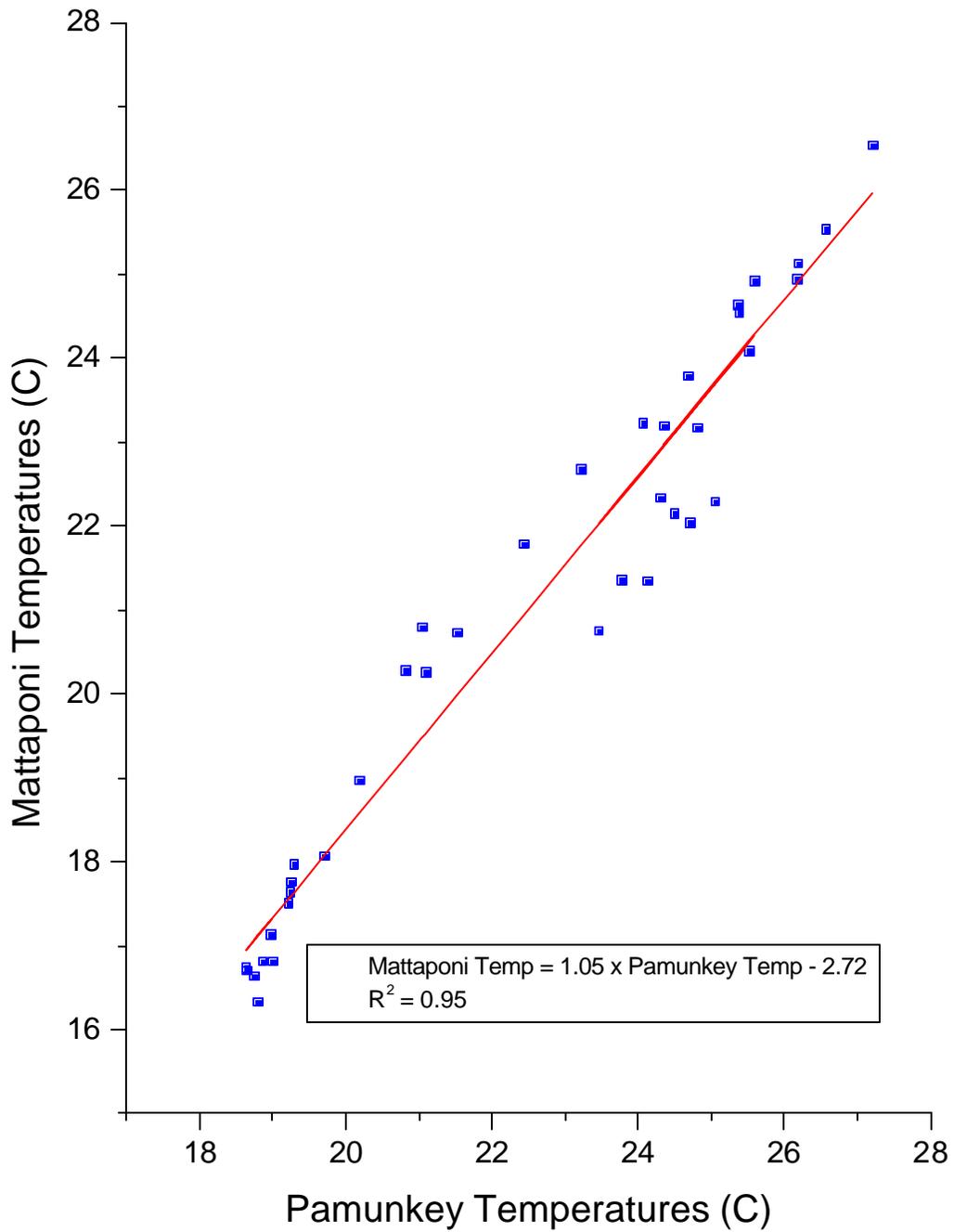


Figure 5 Comparison of daily water temperature measurements from the Mattaponi River near Walkerton, VA to daily water temperatures from the Pamunkey River near Sweethall, VA, May – June 2003.

transition between yolk-sac and post yolk-sac larval American shad occurs when the larvae are approximately 12 mm long (Weiss-Glanz et al. 1986). At 12-mm length, shad larvae are strong and active swimmers and appear to be too large to pass through the 1-mm slots of the proposed KWR Mattaponi River intake (see Appendix B). This contention is supported by independent analysis of wedgewire screen performance conducted by Gowan et al. (1999) and Langhei Ecology (1998). Hence for this analysis, we focused on the relationship between water temperature and the abundance of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae, the only two shad life stages potentially affected by the operation of the KWR intake.

Using data from the Hudson River mean densities of shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae were calculated for each sampling stratum during each sampling week of each year from 1974 through 2000. Next, these densities (i.e., number of individuals/m³) were multiplied by the volume of water in each stratum to estimate the standing crop of eggs and yolk-sac larvae in each stratum (i.e., total number of individuals), and these stratum standing crop estimates were summed to calculate the total standing crop within the entire estuary in each sampling week of each year. Thereafter, the weekly standing crop estimates of each life stage were summed to calculate total annual standing crop of that life stage in each year. Finally, each weekly standing crop estimate of shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae was divided by the total annual standing crop for that life stage to determine the fraction of each life stage that occurred during each week of a given year. A more detailed explanation of these calculations is provided in Attachment 1.

Plots of the cumulative fraction of total standing crop of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae versus mean weekly water temperature revealed a strong influence of temperature on when these life stages occurred in the river (Figure 6). American shad eggs were generally first collected in the Hudson when water temperatures were 10 to 12 C, and generally last collected when water temperatures were 17 to 20 C. These spawning temperatures are consistent with those of Weiss-Glanz et al. (1986), who reported spawning temperatures of 12 – 20 C throughout shad's natural geographic range, and those of Klauda et al. (1991), who reported most spawning in Chesapeake Bay rivers between 12 and 21 C. American shad yolk sac larvae were generally first collected in the Hudson when water temperatures were 12 to 15 C, and generally last collected when water temperatures were 17 to 22 C.

Based on these plots of cumulative fraction of standing crops versus temperature, it appears that a hiatus of pumping when water temperatures are between 10 and 22 C would provide a very high level of protection to the egg and yolk-sac larval stages of American shad in the Hudson River. These temperature triggers appear to encompass the range of spawning temperatures of shad in tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay, and is broader than the observed range of temperatures (12.4 to 20.5 C) over which American shad eggs and larvae were found in the Mattaponi River by Bilkovic (2000). The high level of protection provided by pumping shutdown based on these temperature triggers would be afforded to the eggs and yolk-sac larvae throughout the estuary, regardless of whether or not the eggs or larvae were within the hydraulic influence of the proposed water intake.

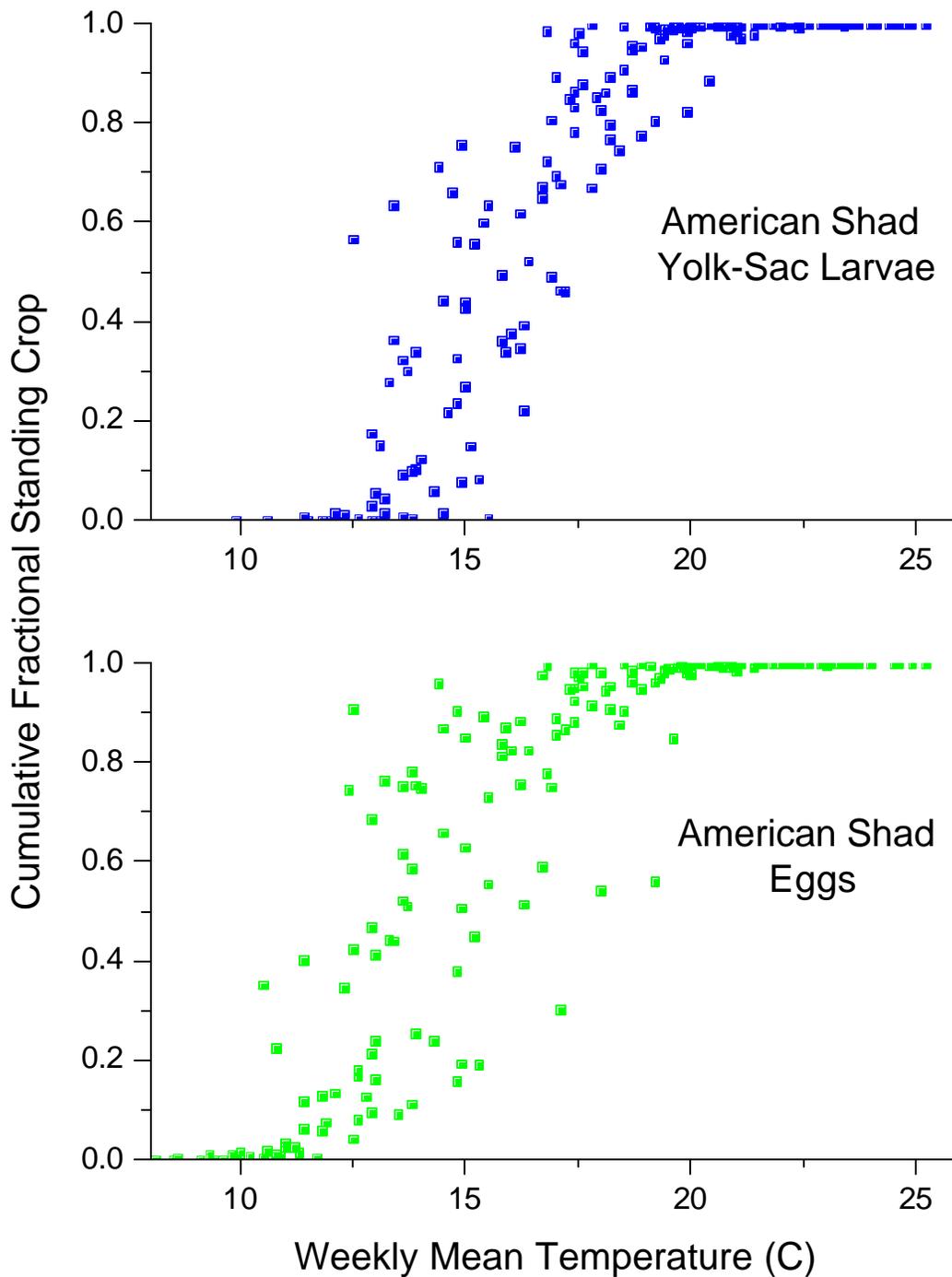


Figure 6 Relationship between the cumulative fractional standing crop of American shad eggs and yolc-sac larvae and weekly mean water temperatures in the Hudson River estuary, 1974 – 2000. Cumulative fractional standing crop is computed from weekly standing crop estimates by adding each week’s standing crop to standing crops from previous weeks and dividing by the sum over all weekly standing crops.

5. Step 3: Timing and Duration of Pumping Hiatus

The available 52-year record (1951 – 2002) of daily water temperatures from the Hudson River estuary were then used to evaluate the timing and total duration of a hypothetical pumping hiatus based on 10 and 22 C temperature triggers. For this evaluation, we have assumed that pumps would be shut off on the first occurrence of 10 C water temperature at the selected monitoring location. These pumps would then be restarted when water temperatures first exceeded 22 C at that same monitoring location.

Based on the Hudson River temperature dataset and the 10 and 22 C temperature triggers, pumping would, depending on the year, be stopped in the Hudson beginning somewhere between early April and mid-May (Figure 7a). In most years, the pumping hiatus would start in the last 10 days of April. Pumping would resume again sometime between the beginning of June and mid-July, again depending on year (Figure 7b). In most years, pumping would begin again in the last 10 days of June. Overall duration of the hypothetical pumping hiatus in the Hudson ranged from 44 to 83 days, with durations from 50 to 70 days being most common (Figure 7c). It is important to remember that the actual dates are specific to the Hudson River estuary. In the Mattaponi River, the actual dates for the stopping and restart of pumping are likely to be approximately one month earlier. However, given that the rate of water temperature increases appear to be similar between the Hudson and Mattaponi Rivers, it is likely that the overall duration of the pumping hiatus in the Mattaponi River would be similar to the 50 to 70 days estimated for the Hudson.

In addition to evaluation of the frequency distribution of the pumping hiatus dates and durations, we considered whether there might have been any long-term trends that might affect the reliability of the application of the current study results to future years. To address this question, we plotted the start dates, stop dates, and overall durations of the pumping hiatus by year to see if there have been any long-term trends. Consistent with observations of generally warmer climatic conditions in recent times, predicted dates for both starting and stopping of the pumping hiatus in the Hudson River have been getting earlier over the past 3 decades (Figure 8). However, the overall duration of the pumping hiatus appeared to have no overall trend.

The results of this analysis suggest that while the actual timing of the pumping hiatus based on temperature triggers might be even earlier in future years, the actual duration of the hiatus would likely remain relatively constant.

6. Step 4: Level of Protection Afforded to Shad and Other Species

The final step in the evaluation of the proposed 10 and 22 C temperature triggers for the pumping hiatus was to use the Hudson River datasets on temperature and egg and larval abundance to estimate the degree of protection that would have been afforded to each of the species of concern in each year of record. As previously noted, post yolk-sac larval American shad were not considered susceptible to entrainment in the proposed fine-mesh, low-velocity water intake owing to their large size and strong swimming ability. Entrainment of the other three species is possible at least part way through their post yolk-sac larval stage. Hence, the post yolk-sac larvae life stage was included for river herring, striped bass, and white perch.

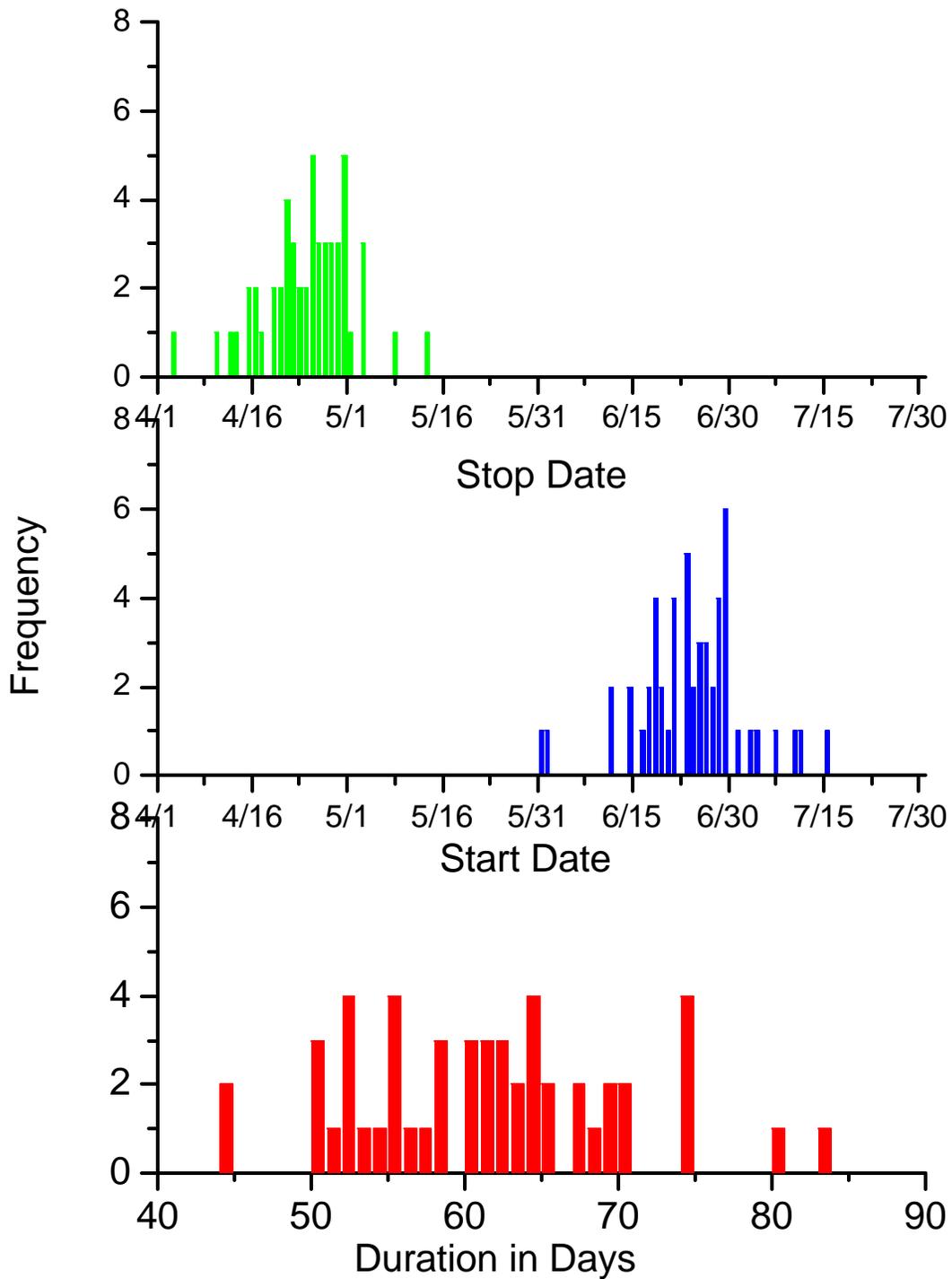


Figure 7 Frequency distributions of beginning dates, ending, dates, and total duration (in days) for when water temperatures first reach 10 C and first drop below 22 C over a 52-year period in the Hudson River estuary, 1951 – 2002.

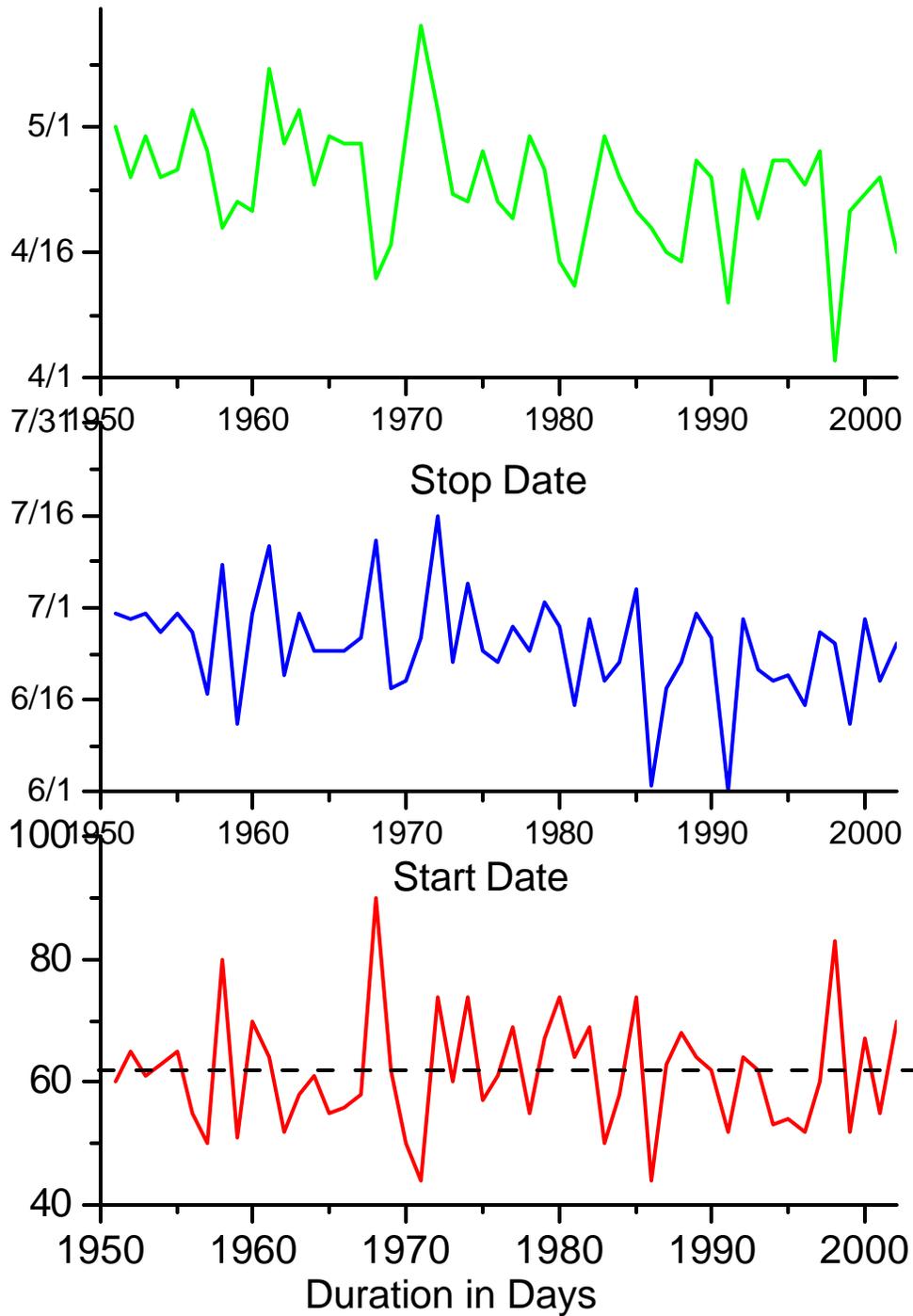


Figure 8 Long-term trends in the beginning dates, ending dates, and total durations of when water temperatures first reach 10 C and first drop below 22 C over a 52-year period in the Hudson River estuary, 1951 – 2002.

Unfortunately in several of the years (1981 through 1988 and 1991), the start of ichthyoplankton sampling in the Hudson River estuary was delayed until after water temperatures had already exceeded 10 C. Hence, it was impossible to determine the level of protection afforded by a pumping hiatus that began with 10 C, and these years were therefore dropped from the analysis. In addition to evaluating the proposed 10 and 22 C temperature triggers, the protection afforded by three other temperature triggers (10 – 23 C; 9 – 22 C, and 9 – 23 C) were also evaluated for the four fish species as part of a sensitivity analysis. The protection afforded the four species by these more conservative temperature triggers using data from the Hudson River estuary are provided in Attachment 2.

For American shad, the 10 and 22 C temperature triggers for a pumping hiatus encompassed 100 percent of the standing crop of yolk sac larvae and from 97 to 100 percent of the standing crop of eggs in the Hudson River across years (Table 1). For river herring, the proposed pumping hiatus included 98 to 100 percent of the eggs and yolk-sac larvae and from 75 to 100 percent of the post yolk-sac larvae across the years. For striped bass, the proposed pumping hiatus protected more than 99 percent of the eggs and yolk-sac larvae and from 88 to 100 percent of the post yolk-sac larvae. For white perch, the proposed pumping hiatus encompassed more than 98 percent of the eggs and yolk-sac larvae and from 73 to 100 percent of the post yolk-sac larvae.

As Table 1 shows, less than 98% protection for most species occurred in only a few years. For the life stages most susceptible to entrainment (eggs and yolk-sac larvae), this temperature-triggered pumping hiatus would protect 97 percent or more of the standing crop of eggs and yolk-sac larvae of all four species in every year. Protection of the post-yolk larval stages was also high, but more variable from year to year. Of the 18 years, protection of post-yolk sac larvae of striped bass exceeded 90% for 16 years and exceeded 85% for all 18 years. Protection of river herring post-yolk sac larvae exceeded 90% for 11 of the 20 years; exceeded 80% for 17 of the years, and the remaining year had a protection value of 75 %. Protection of white perch post yolk-sac larvae exceeded 90% for 14 of the years, 80% for 17 of the years, and the remaining year had a protection level of 73%.

7. Summary and Conclusions

The purpose of this analysis was to identify preliminary water temperature triggers for defining a pumping hiatus that would provide a high degree of protection from potential entrainment at the proposed Mattaponi River intake to the early life stages of American shad, river herring, striped bass and white perch. While data to define these triggers are presently lacking from the Mattaponi or adjacent rivers, our analysis demonstrated that extensive data available from the Hudson River estuary were both relevant and appropriate for defining temperature triggers that could, using future site-specific data, be later transferred to the Mattaponi River. Similar species of fish utilize the Mattaponi and Hudson Rivers as spawning and nursery habitat and the rates of temperature rise in the two rivers during the spring months are comparable.

The results of analysis using 27 years of available data on fish egg and larval abundances in the Hudson River estuary indicated that a pumping hiatus that begins when water temperatures first reach 10 C and continues until water temperatures first reach 22 C would provide a very high level of protection for each of the four fish species of concern. However, any individuals that

Table 1 – Estimates of the Percent of the Annual Standing Crop of Each Life Stage that Occurs Within the Period Defined by 10 and 22 C in the Hudson River Estuary, 1974 – 2000.

Year ¹	American shad ²		River herring			Striped bass			White perch		
	Egg	YSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL
1974	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	98.81	100.00	100.00	99.29	100.00	100.00	98.61
1975	100.00	100.00	99.67	100.00	95.94	100.00	99.99	98.89	100.00	99.99	97.85
1976	97.12	100.00	98.20	98.57	74.95	100.00	99.94	88.73	99.85	99.90	80.61
1977	97.35	100.00	99.91	99.99	97.33	99.99	99.99	99.67	99.94	100.00	98.76
1978	99.12	100.00	99.99	100.00	98.63	100.00	99.99	96.08	100.00	100.00	99.53
1979	97.34	100.00	99.91	100.00	99.39	100.00	100.00	99.61	100.00	100.00	99.21
1980	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1989	98.89	100.00	99.47	100.00	98.50	100.00	100.00	99.45	99.98	100.00	98.59
1990	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.21	100.00	99.99	93.30	99.95	99.99	93.98
1992	100.00	100.00	99.98	99.50	96.22	100.00	100.00	99.56	100.00	100.00	98.20
1993	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	88.76	99.97	99.98	97.23	99.91	99.99	94.15
1994	99.92	100.00	99.99	99.99	87.28	99.98	99.91	95.09	99.56	99.96	91.15
1995	98.16	100.00	98.67	99.95	88.68	99.97	99.79	87.55	98.63	99.90	88.28
1996	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.91	81.56	99.95	99.98	95.51	99.98	99.95	86.23
1997	98.85	100.00	98.19	99.99	82.08	99.99	99.80	91.50	99.95	99.92	72.90
1998	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.82	100.00	100.00	99.60
1999	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.85	86.02	100.00	100.00	98.62	99.98	100.00	96.28
2000	99.89	100.00	99.91	100.00	99.84	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.86

¹ Years from 1981 through 1988 and 1991 not included since sampling was not initiated until after water temperatures had already reached 10 C.

² American shad post yolk-sac larvae (PYSL) not considered susceptible to entrainment at the KWR intake as a result of large size and strong swimming abilities.

occur outside of the pumping hiatus, while potentially susceptible to entrainment, would still be afforded a high degree of protection by the proposed 1-mm slot width screens with low (≤ 0.25 fps) intake velocities and by an intake location with a hydraulic zone of influence that allows most eggs and larvae to pass the intake location without being entrained along with the water withdrawn (Appendix B). This combination of protective measures (pumping hiatus during the major period of occurrence, limited hydraulic zone of influence, low vulnerability to intake screen technology) will ensure that the intake will entrain few of the early life stages of any of the species evaluated.

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ATTACHMENT 1

METHODS USED TO CALCULATE CUMULATIVE FRACTIONAL STANDING CROPS FROM THE HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY DATA

The following describes how the cumulative fractional standing crops were calculated using data from the Hudson River estuary for each species, life stage, and year.

First a mean density (D_{jk}) was calculated for each region and stratum combination (j) and week (k) as follows:

$$D_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{ijk}} C_{ijk}}{n_{jk}}$$

where:

- C_{ijk} = Catch in the i^{th} sample of the j^{th} region and stratum combination in week k.
 V_{ijk} = Volume of water sampled in the i^{th} sample of the j^{th} region and stratum combination in week k.
 n_{jk} = Number of samples collected in the j^{th} region and stratum combination (j) in week k.

Next, a total estuary-wide standing crop was calculated for each week (SC_k) as follows:

$$SC_k = \sum_{j=1}^{13} (D_{jk} \times V_j)$$

where:

- V_j = Volume of the j^{th} region and stratum combination.

Finally, the combined fractional standing crop for each week k ($CFSC_k$) was calculated as follows:

$$CFSC_k = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^k SC_k}{\sum_{k=1}^m SC_k}$$

ATTACHMENT 2

**ESTIMATES OF THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION AFFORDED BY ALTERNATE
TEMPERATURE TRIGGERS BASED ON DATA FROM THE HUDSON RIVER
ESTUARY DATA**

Table 2-1 – Estimates of the Percent of the Annual Standing Crop of Each Life Stage of American Shad that Occurs Within the Period Defined by Alternate Temperature Triggers in the Hudson River Estuary, 1974 – 2000.

Year ¹	9 - 22 C			10 - 23 C			9 - 23 C		
	Egg	YSL	PYSL ³	Egg	YSL	PYSL ³	Egg	YSL	PYSL ³
1974	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1975	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1976	100.00	100.00		97.12	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1977	100.00	100.00		97.35	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1978	100.00	100.00		99.12	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1979	99.95	100.00		97.34	100.00		99.95	100.00	
1980	100.00	100.00		- ²	- ²		- ²	- ²	
1989	100.00	100.00		98.89	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1990	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1992	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1993	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1994	99.93	100.00		99.99	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1995	99.95	100.00		98.16	100.00		99.95	100.00	
1996	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1997	99.95	100.00		98.85	100.00		99.95	100.00	
1998	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
1999	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
2000	100.00	100.00		99.89	100.00		100.00	100.00	

¹ Years from 1981 through 1988 and 1991 not included since sampling was not initiated until after water temperatures had already reached 10 C.

² No estimate for 1980 as sampling was discontinued before water temperatures had reached 23 C.

³ American shad post yolk-sac larvae (PYSL) not considered susceptible to entrainment at the KWR intake as a result of large size and strong swimming abilities.

Table 2-2 – Estimates of the Percent of the Annual Standing Crop of Each Life Stage of River Herring that Occurs Within the Period Defined by Alternate Temperature Triggers in the Hudson River Estuary, 1974 – 2000.

Year ¹	9 - 22 C			10 - 23 C			9 - 23 C		
	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL
1974	100.00	100.00	98.81	100.00	100.00	98.81	100.00	100.00	98.81
1975	99.67	100.00	95.94	99.67	100.00	95.94	99.67	100.00	95.94
1976	99.97	99.64	74.95	99.97	99.64	74.95	99.97	99.64	74.95
1977	100.00	100.00	97.33	100.00	100.00	97.33	100.00	100.00	99.11
1978	100.00	100.00	98.63	100.00	100.00	98.63	100.00	100.00	98.63
1979	100.00	100.00	99.39	100.00	100.00	99.39	100.00	100.00	99.95
1980	100.00	100.00	100.00	- ²					
1989	100.00	100.00	98.50	99.47	100.00	98.50	100.00	100.00	98.50
1990	100.00	100.00	96.21	100.00	100.00	99.93	100.00	100.00	99.93
1992	99.98	99.50	96.22	99.98	100.00	99.97	99.98	100.00	99.97
1993	100.00	100.00	88.76	100.00	100.00	94.82	100.00	100.00	94.82
1994	100.00	99.99	87.28	99.99	100.00	95.90	100.00	100.00	95.90
1995	99.82	99.95	88.68	98.67	99.95	88.68	99.82	99.95	88.68
1996	100.00	99.91	81.56	100.00	99.91	81.56	100.00	99.91	81.56
1997	99.83	99.99	82.08	98.19	99.99	82.08	99.83	99.99	82.08
1998	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.99
1999	100.00	99.85	86.02	100.00	100.00	96.21	100.00	100.00	96.21
2000	100.00	100.00	99.84	99.91	100.00	99.84	100.00	100.00	99.84

¹ Years from 1981 through 1988 and 1991 not included since sampling was not initiated until after water temperatures had already reached 10 C.

² No estimate for 1980 as sampling was discontinued before water temperatures had reached 23 C.

Table 2-3 – Estimates of the Percent of the Annual Standing Crop of Each Life Stage of Striped Bass that Occurs Within the Period Defined by Alternate Temperature Triggers in the Hudson River Estuary, 1974 – 2000.

Year ¹	9 - 22 C			10 - 23 C			9 - 23 C		
	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL
1974	100.00	100.00	99.29	100.00	100.00	99.29	100.00	100.00	99.29
1975	100.00	99.99	98.89	100.00	99.99	98.89	100.00	99.99	98.89
1976	100.00	99.94	88.73	100.00	99.94	88.73	100.00	99.94	88.73
1977	99.99	99.99	99.67	100.00	100.00	99.95	100.00	100.00	99.95
1978	100.00	99.99	96.08	100.00	99.99	96.08	100.00	99.99	96.08
1979	100.00	100.00	99.61	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1980	100.00	100.00	100.00	- ²					
1989	100.00	100.00	99.45	100.00	100.00	99.45	100.00	100.00	99.45
1990	100.00	99.99	93.30	100.00	100.00	99.61	100.00	100.00	99.61
1992	100.00	100.00	99.56	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1993	99.97	99.98	97.23	100.00	100.00	99.20	100.00	100.00	99.20
1994	99.98	99.91	95.09	99.99	99.99	99.15	99.99	99.99	99.15
1995	99.97	99.79	87.55	99.97	99.79	87.55	99.97	99.79	87.55
1996	99.95	99.98	95.51	99.95	99.98	95.51	99.95	99.98	95.51
1997	99.99	99.80	91.50	99.99	99.80	91.50	99.99	99.80	91.50
1998	100.00	100.00	99.82	100.00	100.00	99.82	100.00	100.00	99.82
1999	100.00	100.00	98.62	100.00	100.00	99.75	100.00	100.00	99.75
2000	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.99

¹ Years from 1981 through 1988 and 1991 not included since sampling was not initiated until after water temperatures had already reached 10 C.

² No estimate for 1980 as sampling was continued after water temperatures had reached 23 C.

Table 2-4 – Estimates of the Percent of the Annual Standing Crop of Each Life Stage of White Perch that Occurs Within the Period Defined by Alternate Temperature Triggers in the Hudson River Estuary, 1974 – 2000.

Year ¹	9 - 22 C			10 - 23 C			9 - 23 C		
	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL	Egg	YSL	PYSL
1974	100.00	100.00	98.61	100.00	100.00	98.61	100.00	100.00	98.61
1975	100.00	99.99	97.85	100.00	99.99	97.85	100.00	99.99	97.85
1976	99.85	99.90	80.61	99.85	99.90	80.61	99.85	99.90	80.61
1977	100.00	100.00	98.76	99.94	100.00	99.63	100.00	100.00	99.63
1978	100.00	100.00	99.53	100.00	100.00	99.53	100.00	100.00	99.53
1979	100.00	100.00	99.21	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.99
1980	100.00	100.00	100.00	- ²					
1989	99.99	100.00	98.59	99.98	100.00	98.59	99.99	100.00	98.59
1990	99.95	99.99	93.98	99.95	100.00	99.85	99.95	100.00	99.85
1992	100.00	100.00	98.20	100.00	100.00	99.99	100.00	100.00	99.99
1993	99.91	99.99	94.15	100.00	100.00	98.22	100.00	100.00	98.22
1994	99.56	99.96	91.15	100.00	100.00	98.60	100.00	100.00	98.60
1995	99.97	99.90	88.28	98.63	99.90	88.28	99.97	99.90	88.28
1996	99.98	99.95	86.23	99.98	99.95	86.23	99.98	99.95	86.23
1997	99.97	99.92	72.90	99.95	99.92	72.90	99.97	99.92	72.90
1998	100.00	100.00	99.60	100.00	100.00	99.60	100.00	100.00	99.60
1999	100.00	100.00	96.28	99.98	100.00	99.18	100.00	100.00	99.18
2000	100.00	100.00	99.86	100.00	100.00	99.86	100.00	100.00	99.86

¹ Years from 1981 through 1988 and 1991 not included since sampling was not initiated until after water temperatures had already reached 10 C.

² No estimate for 1980 as sampling was continued after water temperatures had reached 23 C.

APPENDIX D

**KWR PRE-OPERATIONAL ICTHYOPLANKTON SURVEY
AND ENTRAINMENT MONITORING PROGRAMS**

INTRODUCTION

The preoperational monitoring program described here was developed by the King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel to establish the scope of a survey that would provide sufficient data to develop temperature triggers for a pumping hiatus that would achieve the protection goals specified. The entrainment program was designed so as to provide sufficient data to estimate entrainment rates and proportional loss estimates under circumstances when water withdrawal would be occurring when American shad early life stages are present. Both study designs also served as a basis for estimating program costs, information requested by the RRWSG. The Panel considers these to be preliminary designs, and acknowledges that they will be subject to review, comment and revision in accordance with terms of the KWR VDEQ Water Protection Permit. In addition, the Panel anticipates that the study designs will be refined over time, based on each year's study findings.

Pre-operational Ichthyoplankton Survey

- Annual spawning season surveys will be conducted for a minimum of 8 years and until initiation of water withdrawal; continuous temperature monitors will be placed at 4 locations: Beulaville gauging station, Walkerton Bridge, the proposed intake location, and at river km 80 (below Mattaponi Indian Reservation)
- Years 1 and 2: Pilot Study (Figure 1)
 - Sampling in years 1 and 2 will be temporally and geographically intensive in order to provide information needed to refine and make more efficient the survey design for later years of sampling.
 - The pilot survey region will extend from km 80, 5 km below the Mattaponi Indian Reservation, to km 139, Beulaville, an approximately 60 km reach; the locations at which ichthyoplankton samples were taken by Dr. Donna Bilkovic in her thesis studies in 1997, 1998 and 1999 are shown in Figure 1; the pilot survey region encompasses all portions of the Mattaponi River in which American shad early life stages were taken in Dr. Bilkovic's studies.
 - This study reach will be divided into 10 geographical strata; the reach from Beulaville to Aylett will be broken into two strata, and the remaining study reach will be divided into 8 additional strata of equal length
 - Within a stratum, 13 consecutive, equal length segments will be defined;
 - Samples will be collected in a starting segment, selected at random from among the first 3 segments, and at the next two 5th sequential segments

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- In those river segments where water depth and bottom topography permit, one stepped bongo net haul will be made in the channel (i.e., 3 samples will be taken in each of the 10 strata); in those strata and segments in which boat access and use of bongo nets may not be feasible, alternative sampling methods may be used (e.g., push nets, stationary nets, ichthyoplankton seine nets), as appropriate to local conditions; this design will yield a total of 30 channel samples per sampling event.
 - In order to confirm that densities estimated from channel samples are representative of ichthyoplankton densities within a river cross section, samples will be taken in the shoals on either side of the channel within the strata segment nearest to the intake location and at three other segments randomly selected from among the segments at which samples are to be taken in each sampling event; where feasible, sampling will be as conducted in the channel; if not feasible, alternative sampling methods will be employed, as appropriate to local conditions; 8 shoal samples will be taken during each sampling event.
 - For logistical reasons, sampling will be conducted during daylight hours; but to confirm that daylight samples are representative, an additional set of channel samples will be taken at night within the river strata in which the intake will be located, yielding 3 night samples per sampling event
 - Total number of samples per sampling event will be 41
 - Sampling will be conducted twice per week during the first two weeks of the spawning season (starting when water temperature reaches 8 °C) and during the last two weeks of the proposed pumping shutdown period (starting when water temperatures reach 20 °C but continuing until temperatures reach 24 °C); sampling will be conducted weekly during the intervening period (Figure 2)
 - Projecting a total 10 week sampling period, during which twice-weekly sampling will occur for 4 weeks, and weekly sampling for 6 weeks, results in a total of 14 sampling events; with 41 samples per event, total number of samples per year will be 574 during the two years of pilot study
 - All ichthyoplankton taken in samples will be identified to the lowest taxonomic level feasible and life stage (egg, yolk-sac, post-yolk-sac and juveniles) and length frequency data will be collected.
- Years 3 to 8+: Extended Survey
 - Weekly sampling throughout, with start and end temperature triggers for sampling refined based on pilot survey results (anticipate a 10-week sampling period) (Figure 2)
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KWR PRE-OPERATIONAL ICHTHYOPLANKTON SURVEY TIMELINE

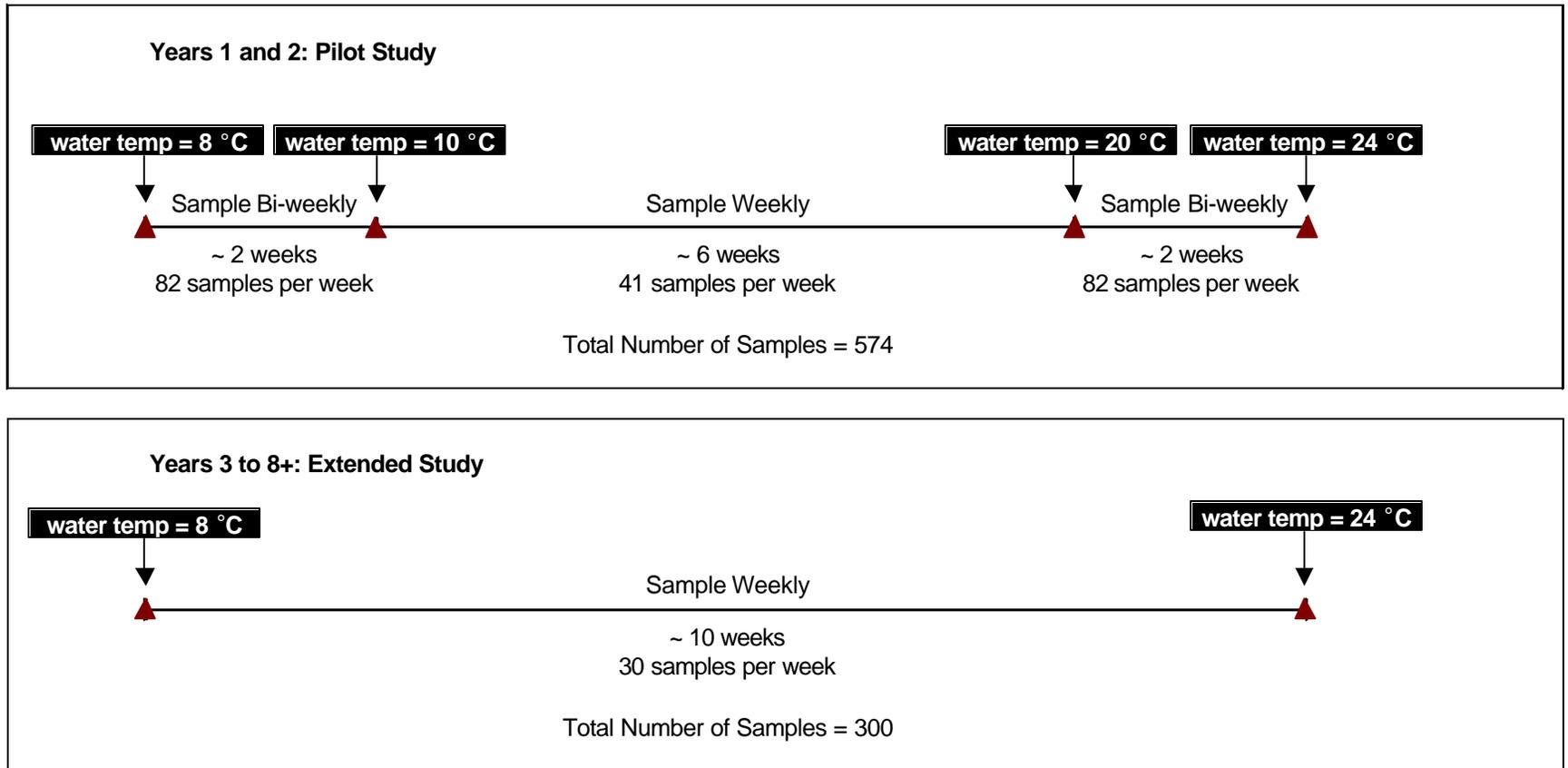


Figure 2.

- Upstream and downstream study boundaries will be refined based on results of the pilot survey results, with the expectation that the upstream boundary will be in the vicinity of Aylett (Figure 1)
 - The number of strata will remain at 10 (with three channel samples per strata), but the boundaries of the strata will be redefined, based on river bathymetry and features, and on ichthyoplankton distributions found in the pilot surveys
 - The revised strata will be of approximately equal volume, to ensure that densities estimated for each will have equal weight in estimating total river ichthyoplankton standing stock and proportion of total standing stock occurring in each strata
 - Assuming that no significant shoal/channel or day/night differences are found in the pilot surveys, only stepped oblique channel samples will be collected (in those segments where such gear can be used; otherwise alternative sampling methods will be used), yielding 30 samples per sampling event; if significant differences are found, the study design will be revised to address those differences, but within the total number of samples defined here (e.g., 30 per event, and a total of 300 per year)
- Data Analysis and Development of Mattaponi-Specific Temperature Triggers; Although Hudson River data on temperature and American shad egg and larval occurrence have guided our analyses of likely relationships on the Mattaponi River, actual Mattaponi River data will be used to select the operational triggers for the pumping hiatus. The following steps will be used in this selection.
 - Step 1. - Ichthyoplankton density data from Mattaponi River field samples will be extrapolated to strata-specific standing stock values (numbers of individuals in each stratum) using river strata volumes; standing crop estimates in each strata will allow calculation of: (a) the percentage of total standing stock within each stratum on each sampling date, and (b) the percentage of seasonal standing stock on any individual sampling date. The method for estimating standing stock for the two pilot study years will take into account the changing sampling frequency at the beginning and end of the sampling period.
 - Step 2. - Continuous temperature data from the four monitoring stations will be examined to determine the optimal means of synthesizing the temperature data for establishing temperature trigger values for the pumping hiatus. Temperature data from each station and from all stations combined will be analyzed to determine the trigger values that provide the highest probability for accurate prediction of the first occurrence of American shad eggs and the last occurrence of American shad yolk-sac-larvae. Examples of the types of temperature data analyses that may be required include: alternative methods for developing location-specific or river-wide daily averages from the
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continuous monitoring data; correlation analyses of data from the four temperature monitoring stations to evaluate the spatial variation in temperature and the consistency among locations; and analysis of short-term temperature trends as forecasters of the time a trigger value would be expected to be attained. The temperature trigger values would be those that accurately and consistently occur over the expected 8 years of pre-operational monitoring data concurrent with: (1) the first occurrence of American shad eggs anywhere within the region of the river being sampled and (2) the last occurrence of American shad yolk-sac larvae anywhere in the sampled area.

- Step 3. - By combining the results of steps 1 and 2, temperature triggers will be established that ensure absolute protection of a certain percentage of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae. The level of protection afforded by the temperature triggers will be evaluated by applying the temperature triggers to each of the eight years of standing crop estimates by strata and date. Selection criteria for the final trigger values (synthesized from the four continuous monitoring data sets) will be that a minimum of 97% of the total standing stock of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae over the entire spawning season would occur between the upper and lower temperature triggers in at least 7 of the 8 years of sampling, and no less than 95% of the total standing stock of American shad eggs and yolk-sac larvae over the entire spawning season would occur between the upper and lower temperature triggers in any single year. The RRWSG has committed to a pumping hiatus between the temperatures of 10 °C and 22 °C in all years, even if the preoperational monitoring data show that a smaller temperature range would provide the targeted level of protection.
 - Exploratory Hatch Date Study
 - Information on hatch dates of American shad juveniles that contribute to yearclasses in each year will be taken into account in establishing the temperature triggers for the pumping hiatus. Hatch date will provide validation of the temperature triggers, since hatch dates for all juveniles would be expected to fall within the temperature triggers established in Step 3, above.
 - An American shad juvenile survey is being conducted in the Mattaponi River by VIMS and is expected to continue, in order for Virginia to meet ASMFC shad management program requirements; thus, juvenile shad should be available for future analyses.
 - The City of Newport News will provide funding to VIMS or another qualified organization (up to a total of \$50K annually) for reading of juvenile otoliths in order to establish hatch dates of juveniles comprising year class production in each of the first four study years.
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- Methods employed will be those generally accepted by the research community for work of this nature, and as used in prior VIMS studies (e.g. Aiken thesis work). However, validation of the use of otoliths to estimate juvenile ages and quality control in reading of juvenile otoliths will be of great importance, because of the intent to use resultant data for temperature trigger verification. Thus, a rigorous quality assurance plan for the hatch date study will be essential. Such a plan would be expected to include hatch date validation and use of multiple readers and blind repeat readings for a subset of otoliths to ensure a high degree of precision in the results of the quality assurance readings.
- Results of the hatch date analysis will be provided to the City of Newport News on a timely basis for incorporation into their analysis and reports; use of the data for theses, dissertations or open-literature publications will not be precluded, with proper acknowledgment.

KWR Entrainment Ichthyoplankton Survey

- Entrainment sampling can be conducted only when pumping is occurring and will be conducted only when early life stages are anticipated to be present
- Years of Normal Operation – No sampling will be conducted in years when spawning season pumping shutdowns are implemented in accordance with temperature triggers established based on the 8+ years of Mattaponi River preoperational ichthyoplankton sampling
- Drought-emergency years:
 - During drought-emergency years when pumping occurs during the normal non-pumping times, screening entrainment sampling, consisting of two samples taken in the vicinity of the intake screens weekly, beginning March 1, will be collected; these samples will be processed as quickly as possible for American shad eggs, and when any American shad eggs are found in a screening survey sample, entrainment sampling will be initiated and conducted until the temperature trigger for pumping initiation is reached.
 - Entrainment sampling will consist of two repeated samples taken simultaneously in the river (adjacent to the intake screens) and within the intake pipe at some point behind the intake screens, every 6 hours over a 24-hour period (Figure 3; note that the figure shows the upper boundary of the sampling area for the pilot pre-operational surveys; the upper boundary for the

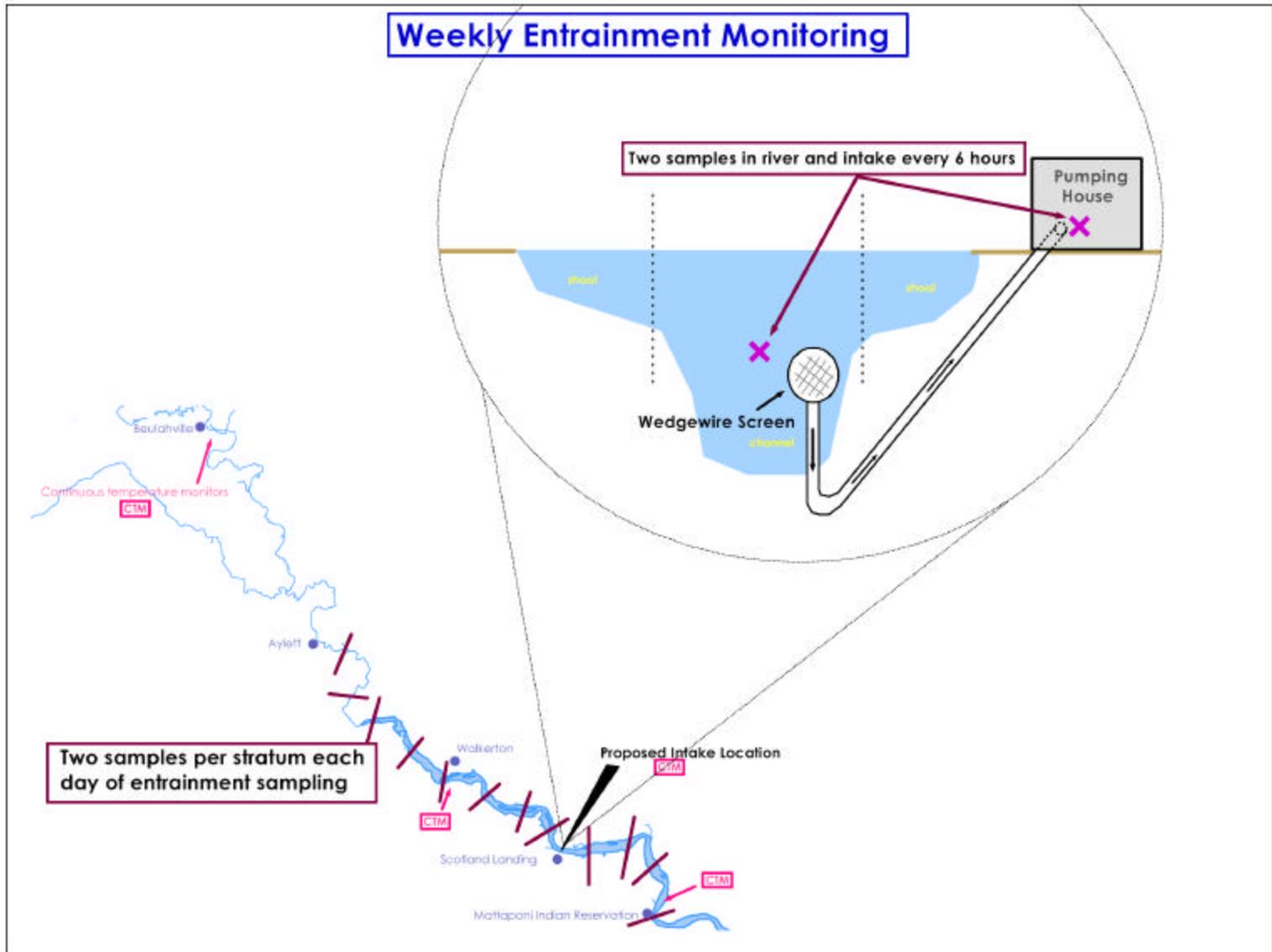


Figure 3.

survey area when entrainment sampling is to be conducted is likely to be much further downstream).

- Two channel samples per pre-operational strata (9 strata, since intake strata is part of entrainment sampling) will be collected weekly whenever entrainment sampling is occurring, yielding 18 samples per sampling event)
- With weekly sampling and assuming a total 8 weeks of sampling over the course of the spawning period, a total of 144 in-river samples and 48 entrainment samples are anticipated, for total of 192 samples per year (Figure 4)
- Estimates will be made of the numbers of eggs and yolk-sac larvae that pass into the piping (and lost to the river) during the drought-emergency pumping for all periods when entrainment sampling is conducted.

KWR ICHTHYOPLANKTON ENTRAINMENT SURVEY

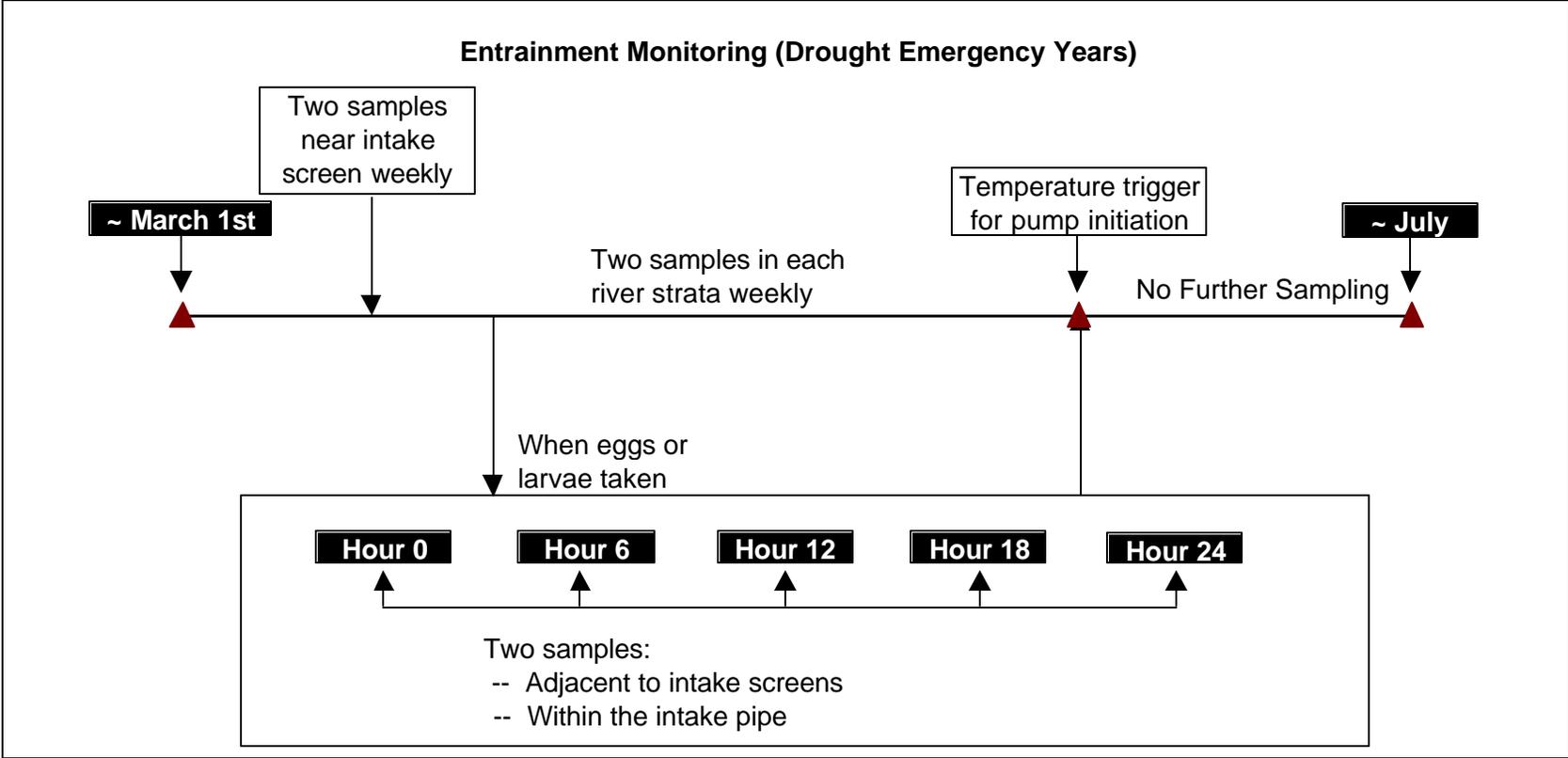


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1 INTRODUCTION

An intake for a municipal water supply (King William Reservoir, King William County, Virginia) has been proposed for construction in the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing. The intake structure incorporates six cylindrical wedgewire "T-screens" designed to minimize the impingement and entrainment of fish eggs and larvae. The T-screens proposed for the KWR intake are horizontal cylinders of fine-mesh screening held in mid water-column (as further described below). Stakeholders have raised concerns regarding the magnitude of potential losses to local fish populations caused by the operation of the proposed intake. To address these concerns, a thorough understanding of the fish protection capabilities of wedgewire screens is needed with respect to biological, hydraulic, engineering, and operational considerations.

Cylindrical wedgewire screens were initially developed and evaluated as a technology for fish protection at electric power plant cooling water intakes following the passage of the Clean Water Act (CWA) amendments in 1972. Initial studies conducted in the nineteen seventies and early eighties assessed the engineering feasibility of the cylindrical screen design and its effectiveness at protecting fish. The engineering studies demonstrated that cylindrical screens could effectively withdraw power plant cooling water depending on environmental conditions and site-specific engineering criteria. Also, early biological studies provided data indicating wedgewire screens were capable of substantially reducing entrainment of fish eggs and larvae and, consequently, should be considered as means to minimize adverse environmental impacts (AEI) at cooling water intakes.

Based on the results of previous studies and the performance of existing installations, cylindrical wedgewire screens are one of several technologies considered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as having potential to meet current performance standards for minimizing impingement mortality and entrainment of fishes (EPA 2002). The performance standards are part of EPA's rule-making for implementing Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), which requires that the location, design, construction, and capacity of a cooling water intake structure (CWIS) reflect the "best technology available" (BTA) for minimizing AEI (EPA 2004). Adverse environmental impacts from CWISs may occur from entrainment of aquatic organisms into the cooling water system and from the impingement (entrapment) of larger life stages on water intake screens. Cylindrical wedgewire screens were cited by the EPA as one of four technologies on which their impingement standards were based (80-95% reduction in impingement mortality from baseline), and one of three technologies for the establishment of entrainment standards (60-90% entrainment reduction from baseline). The final rule, signed into law by the EPA in February 2004, allows existing facilities located on freshwater rivers or streams to meet the impingement mortality and entrainment reduction standards by installing cylindrical wedgewire screens. Under this option, there must be sufficient ambient cross currents to facilitate removal of debris, through-slot velocities must be less than 0.5 ft/s, and screen slot size should be appropriate for the size of organisms targeted for protection. Currently, cylindrical wedgewire screens are the only technology approved by the EPA for meeting the performance standards of the new rule.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has established design criteria for fish screens at water intakes based on a review of relevant literature (Gowan et al. 1999). For

wedgewire screens, these criteria include a maximum slot size of 1 mm, through-slot velocities of 0.25 ft/s or less, sweeping velocities equal to or greater than slot velocities, and position of a screen face parallel to ambient flow. The design proposed for the KWR intake screens meets all of these criteria, except during a small portion of the tidal cycle when channel velocities will drop below the maximum through-slot velocity. The 0.25 ft/s slot velocity criteria recommended by Gowan et al. (1999) is the most conservative through-screen velocity criteria established by any state or federal agency. The EPA based their performance standards for reducing impingement mortality on a through-screen velocity of 0.5 ft/s and federal and state agencies on the west coast have established a maximum approach velocity criteria of 0.33 ft/s at a distance of three inches from a screen face (through-slot velocities corresponding to this approach velocity will be higher) (CDFG 1993; NMFS 1995; WDFW 1995). However, the EPA and west coast agency criteria are for juvenile fishes (e.g., > 25 mm in length). The Virginia screen criteria were developed with consideration for the swimming capabilities of larval fishes.

The City of Newport News specifically selected cylindrical wedgewire screens, in conjunction with the proposed design and operational criteria, for the purpose of minimizing the impact of the King William Reservoir intake on Mattaponi River fish populations. To assess the fish protection capabilities of the selected design, Alden Research Laboratory, Inc. (Alden) has reviewed the results of laboratory and field studies for relevant information on the biological and hydraulic performance of cylindrical wedgewire screens. The goal of this effort was to develop a thorough understanding of wedgewire screen design and operation with respect to fish protection capabilities. This information is then used to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed intake screen design in minimizing fish entrainment and impingement. In addition to the review of wedgewire screen studies, Alden develop an understanding of the likely hydraulic zone of influence (HZI) of the proposed intake in the Mattaponi River and how it would influence risks of fish eggs and larvae to entrainment. Near-field flow conditions (i.e., within several feet of the screens) were also evaluated using available laboratory and numerical data. When considered together, the biological effectiveness data from the literature and far and near-field hydraulic characterizations provide a solid basis for assessing the overall effectiveness of the proposed screen design in minimizing entrainment and impingement of Mattaponi River fishes. Finally, the potential for fish eggs and larvae to be injured or killed during passage across cylindrical screens was assessed using data from studies that have examined the effects of mechanical and hydraulic stressors on ichthyoplankton.

The findings of this report were considered by the King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel in the impact assessment and development of mitigation measures for the proposed intake.

2 CYLINDRICAL WEDGEWIRE SCREEN DESIGN AND OPERATION

2.1 Cylindrical Wedgewire Screen Concept and Design

Cylindrical wedgewire screens have a "V," or wedge-shaped, cross-section wire welded to a framing system that forms a slotted screening element (Figure 1). Screening elements can be deployed as single units or as T-screens (Figure 1). The T-screen has been the most common configuration used for cooling water intake applications of wedgewire screens. However, single units are commonly installed at pump intakes for other types of water withdrawals (e.g., irrigation diversions) as means to prevent juvenile fish entrainment. Cylindrical screens have been considered for application at many types of water intakes because of effective debris management and/or their ability to minimize or eliminate fish entrainment and impingement. The primary mechanisms for minimizing debris loading and fish impacts are: (1) very low approach velocities and (2) sweeping flows that facilitate the movement of debris and organisms past a screen.

For the purposes of our assessment, and to be consistent with other literature and agency criteria, we have defined through-slot velocity as the calculated flow velocity between a screen's wire bars. Estimated slot velocities across a screen's surface are dependent on a screen's percent open area (porosity) and withdrawal flow rate. Slot velocities will decrease with greater porosity and increase with greater flow withdrawal. We consider approach velocity to be the velocity component perpendicular to the screen face and sweeping velocity (also referred to as channel or ambient velocity) as the component parallel to the screen. All established agency velocity criteria recommend that sweeping velocities be equal to or greater than approach (or through-slot) velocities to facilitate the movement of fish past screens (CDFG 1993; NMFS 1995; Gowan et al. 1999; WDFW 2000).

Cook (1978) demonstrated how flow fields associated with cylindrical wedgewire screens generally result in successful debris management and reductions in fish entrainment and impingement. Specifically, a cylindrical screen enclosing an intake pipe will create near-uniform through-slot velocities across a screen's surface and approach velocities that decrease at a rate corresponding to the square of the distance from the point of withdrawal. In the analysis of screen design by Cook (1978), uniform flow distribution and very low approach velocities were considered necessary for minimizing the entrapment of debris and aquatic biota. These conditions are achieved by considering the relationships between screen length and diameter, length of pipe within the screen, and flow velocity (Figure 2). Based on these relationships, Cook (1978) presented two velocity coefficients for assessing screen performance. The uniformity coefficient was defined as the ratio of maximum through-slot velocity to minimum velocity (V_{\max}/V_{\min}) and the performance coefficient was the ratio of maximum to average slot velocity (V_{\max}/V_{avg}). Screen performance is maximized when these coefficients are equal to one, resulting in optimum conditions for preventing debris build-up and entrainment and impingement of aquatic organisms.

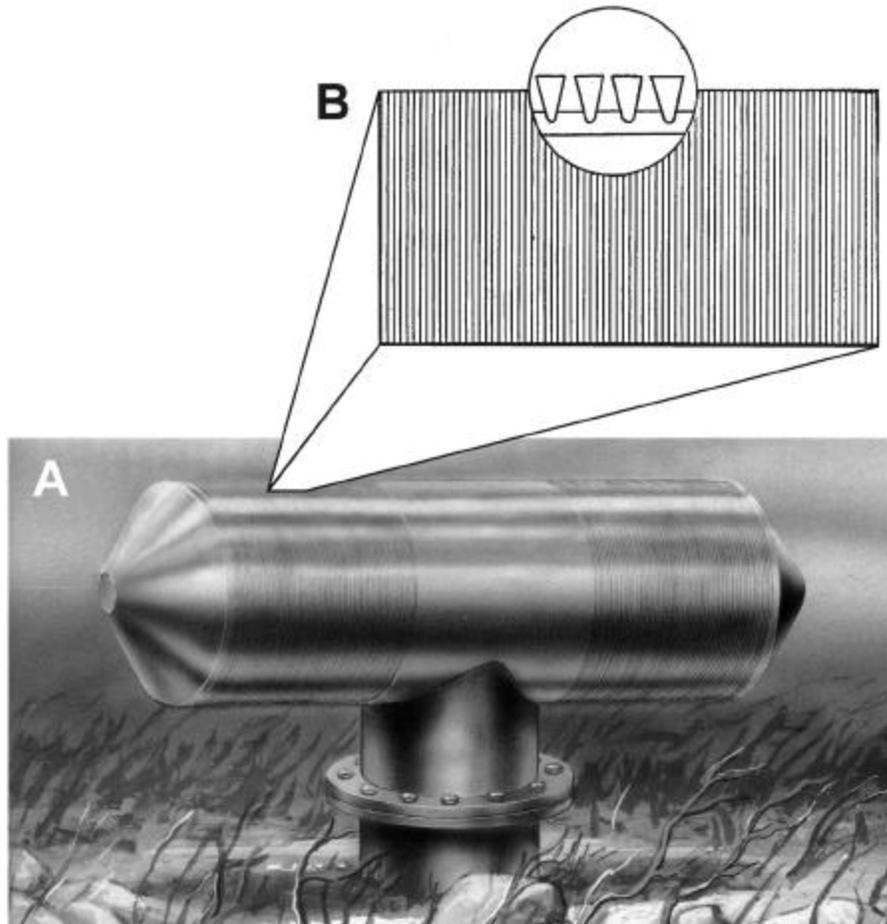


Figure 1. Depiction of a cylindrical wedgewire screen installation (A) and close-up view of slotted wedgewire screen elements (B) (EPRI [2003], modified from Hanson et al. [1978] and EPRI [1999]).

The screen performance analysis presented above was conducted for screens located in waters with no ambient cross flows (i.e., sweeping velocities). Cook (1978) suggested when cylindrical screens are placed perpendicular to approaching flow with velocities of 1 ft/s or less they will appear “invisible” when the percent open area is 40% (this is the approximate open area of 1-mm slot screens with 1.5-mm wire bars, which is the design selected for the KWR intake). However, screens oriented perpendicular to approaching flow have stagnant areas on the upstream face and eddies on the downstream side. Impacts from large debris items also may be a concern. Consequently, Cook (1978) proposed that a T-screen oriented parallel to the flow would improve performance by providing tangential velocities approximately equal to ambient currents with no stagnation points along the length of each screen section (Figure 3). When considering the results of the hydraulic analysis, Cook (1978) cited biological effectiveness data from Hanson et al. (1978) to conclude the probability of larvae and eggs contacting a screen would be lower for the parallel orientation and that the ability of larvae to avoid entrapment increased with distance from the screen due to rapid reductions in approach velocities.

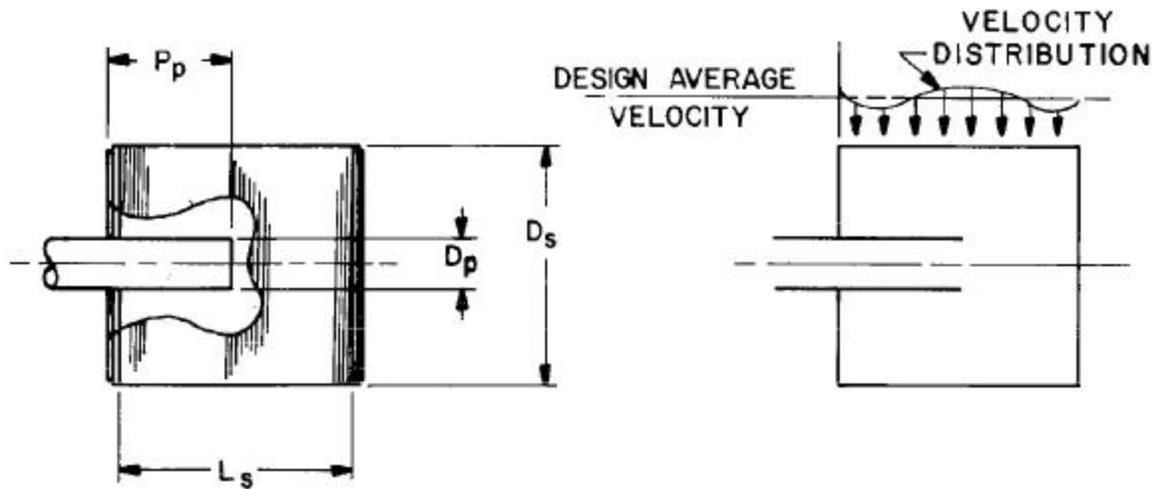


Figure 2. Cylindrical screen design parameters that need to be considered for establishing near-uniform velocity distributions across the surface of a screen (Cook 1978). Design parameters include intake pipe length extending into screen (P_p), pipe diameter (D_p), screen length (L_s), and screen diameter (D_s).

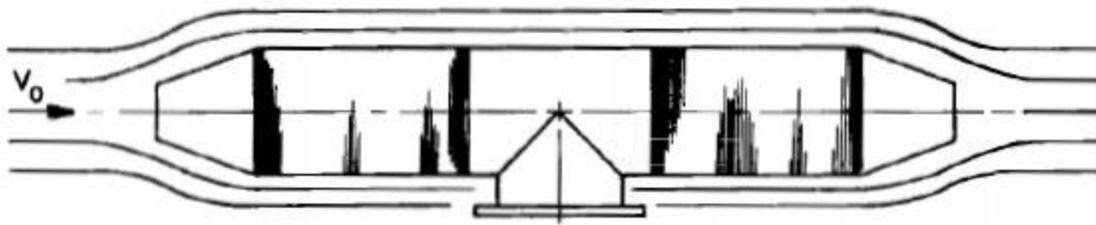


Figure 3. Flow streams approaching and passing a cylindrical wedgewire T-screen oriented parallel to the flow (Cook 1978).

Screen design parameters proposed for the KWR intake meet or exceed important criteria identified by Cook (1978) for effectively minimizing debris loading and entrapment of aquatic organisms. The KWR screens will have a small slot size (1 mm) to physically exclude most ichthyoplankton, they will be oriented parallel to ambient flow, and they will have a maximum through-slot velocity considerably less than 0.5 ft/s. Also, today's screen manufacturers have advanced the design of cylindrical screens to create even greater flow distribution uniformity, further improving screen performance under a wide range of operating conditions.

2.2 King William Reservoir Intake Screen Design

The proposed King William Reservoir (KWR) will be maintained with water withdrawn from an intake structure located on the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing. The design of the KWR intake screens considered in our assessment was based on descriptions and information presented in ASA (2003). Design parameters that are considered pertinent to our assessment of fish protection capabilities are summarized below.

The design for the KWR intake structure includes the use of twelve cylindrical wedgewire screens oriented parallel to river discharge and tidal flows. The twelve screens will comprise six T-screens (i.e., two screens per T) positioned in a single line. Each screen section (i.e., one-half of each T-screen) will be 84 inches in diameter and 84 inches wide. Screen slots will be 1 mm wide with an estimated maximum slot velocity of 0.25 ft/s at the maximum design intake withdrawal rate of 75 mgd. Slot velocities are expected to be less than 0.1 ft/s for 75% of the time the intake will be operating based seasonal withdrawal rates estimated from safe yield modeling and minimum instream flow requirements (Figure 4; King William Reservoir Joint Permit Application). Tidal velocities will range from 0 ft/s at slack tide to about 3 ft/s during the ebb tide; maximum velocities during flood tide will approach 2.5 ft/s (Figure 5; Basco 1996).

As described by Cook (1978), approach velocities (i.e., velocity vector perpendicular to the screen face) will dissipate rapidly with distance from a screen. This means that even at the maximum through-slot velocity expected to occur when the KWR intake is operating at pumping capacity, the approach velocities will be considerably less. For the estimated average monthly withdrawal rate (15 mgd), approach velocities will effectively be 0.05 ft/s or less at any distance from the surface of the KWR screens (Figure 6). Additionally, sweeping velocities created by river discharge and tidal flow will be much greater than approach velocities during a large portion of the tidal cycle. This hydraulic condition (i.e., high sweeping velocities relative to approach velocities) is the primary mechanism by which entrainment and impingement of ichthyoplankton is minimized or eliminated at wedgewire screen facilities.

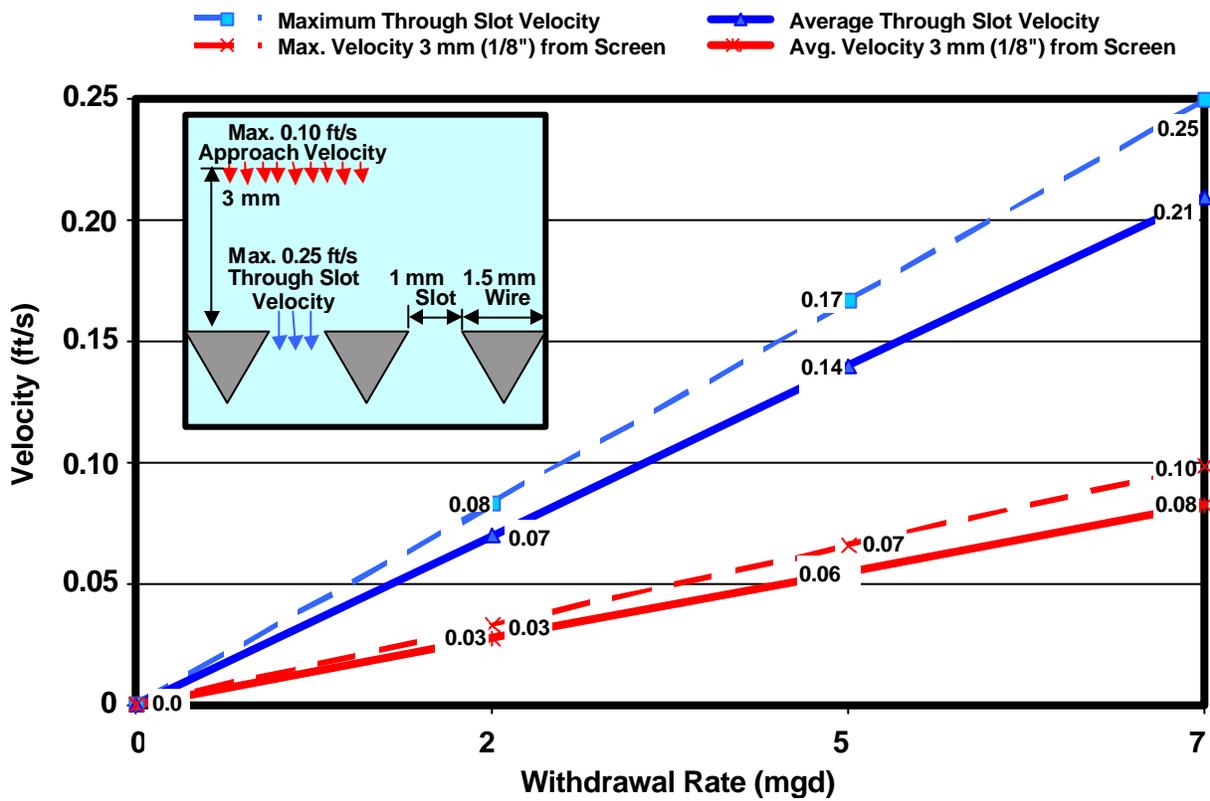


Figure 4. Estimated through-slot and screen approach velocities for the expected operating range (i.e., withdrawal flow rates) of the proposed KWR intake screens (graphic provided by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.).

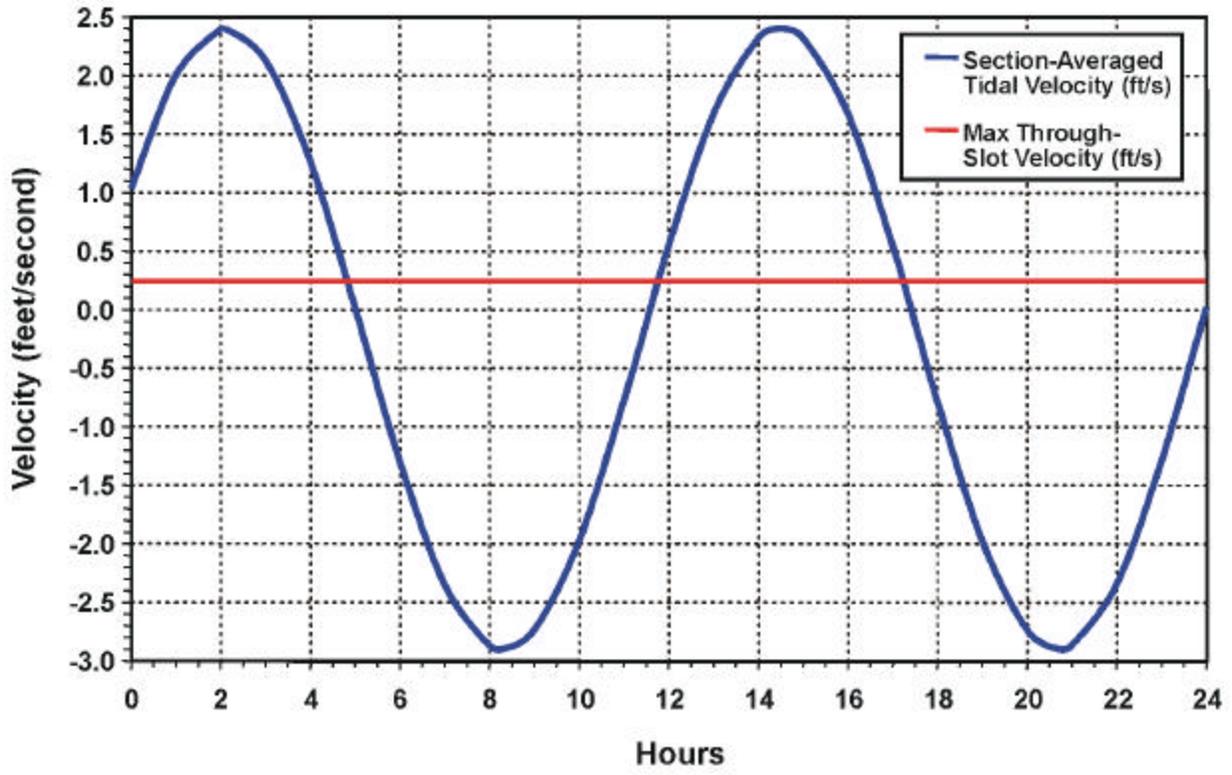


Figure 5. Estimated tidal velocities for the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing (modified from Basco 1996).

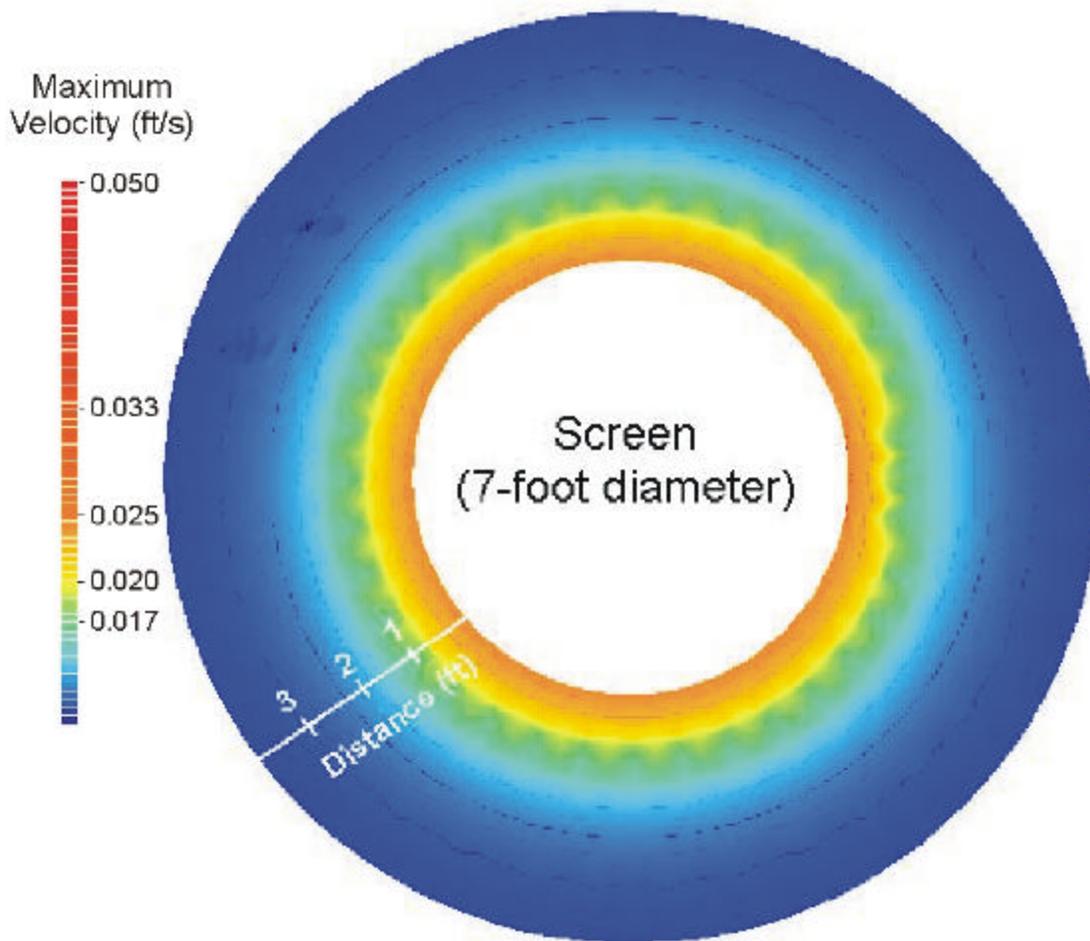


Figure 6. Predicted cross-sectional velocity profile for the proposed KWR intake screens operating at a flow rate of 15 mgd (estimated average monthly withdrawal rate based on minimum instream flow requirements and safe yield modeling; graphic provided by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.).

3 BIOLOGICAL EFFECTIVENESS OF CYLINDRICAL WEDGEWIRE SCREENS

The ability of cylindrical screens to minimize entrainment and impingement of aquatic organisms is mainly dependent on near-field hydraulic conditions (i.e., within several feet of the screen surface) and the sizes and swimming abilities of fish. Specifically, research on cylindrical wedgewire screens has demonstrated that the following conditions, alone or in combination, are important for reducing entrainment and impingement of fish eggs and larvae to negligible levels: (1) a sufficiently small slot size to physically block passage of the smallest lifestages to be protected; (2) a low through-slot velocity to provide protection for passive or weakly swimming organisms; and (3) ambient currents (i.e., “sweeping” velocity) to carry organisms and debris away from screens. When all of these conditions are met, cylindrical wedgewire screens should be capable of protecting a wide range of species and life stages. However, the relative importance of each of these parameters in maximizing exclusion efficiency may vary with changes in other parameters. For example, small slot widths (= 1 mm) and low through-slot velocities (= 0.5 ft/s) may be overly protective at sites where ambient currents are of sufficient magnitude to carry larvae and eggs past a screen or where abundances of ichthyoplankton are low.

Wedgewire screen design and operational criteria that are considered optimal for protecting aquatic organisms have been developed from engineering and biological studies conducted nationwide over the last 30 years. Engineering studies have verified the presence of hydraulic conditions that facilitate the movement of debris and ichthyoplankton past cylindrical screens when they are placed in areas with ambient currents (Cook 1978; EPRI 2003). As discussed in more detail below, biological studies have successfully demonstrated the high efficiency of these screens in reducing entrainment and impingement under a range of hydraulic conditions for a variety of species and life stages. Using available information, wedgewire screens can be designed to achieve a balance between engineering and biological concerns by selecting a slot velocity and slot width that meet operational requirements for water withdrawal and that are protective of species and life stages of interest. For example, the lowest possible slot velocity and smallest slot size attainable may not be any more protective than less conservative designs if other conditions (e.g., fish size and swimming ability and ambient flow velocities past the screens) contribute to very low entrainment and impingement rates.

Using available data and information from past studies, as well as in accordance with regulatory agency recommendations (Gowan et al. 1999; EPA 2002), the proposed KWR intake screens have been specifically designed to provide fish larvae and eggs a high degree of protection from entrainment and impingement. The maximum through-slot velocity of the screens will be 0.25 ft/s at the maximum intake pumping rate of 75 mgd. However, maximum through-slot velocities are expected to be less than 0.10 ft/s for 75% of the time the intake will be operating because water withdrawal will not always occur at the maximum design flow rate (based on an average monthly withdrawal rate of about 15 mgd calculated from safe yield modeling; ASA 2003). Additionally, ambient current velocities at the proposed location for the intake will range from 0.0 ft/s during slack tides to 2.5-3.0 ft/s at peak tidal flows. With the exception of slack tide periods, the natural river currents will likely provide sufficient sweeping velocities (i.e., equal to or greater than through-slot velocities) for carrying ichthyoplankton past the screens (Hanson et al. 1978; Heuer and Tomljanovich 1978; EPRI 2003). Swimming capabilities of larval fish also

will reduce the likelihood of entrainment and impingement, particularly for fish greater than 10 mm in length (Hanson et al. 1978; Weisberg et al. 1984; EPRI 2003).

To support the conclusion that the screen design proposed for the KWR intake is highly protective of ichthyoplankton, a detailed review of wedgewire screen biological evaluations is presented below. This review of past research focuses on entrainment and resulting estimates of exclusion efficiency because several studies have demonstrated impingement of fish larvae does not occur, or is negligible, when wedgewire screens are operated with low slot velocities (0.5 ft/s) (Browne et al. 1981; EA Science and Technology 1986; EPRI 2003). Fish eggs may also experience low impingement rates, particularly in the presence sweeping flows and low slot velocities (Hanson et al. 1978; EPRI 2003).

3.1 Review of Wedgewire Screen Biological Evaluations

There have been a variety of studies that have examined the ability of wedgewire screens to protect ichthyoplankton at water intakes (Table 1). Most of these studies were conducted during the late nineteen seventies and early eighties. Evaluations of biological effectiveness generally have focused on a slot width of 1 mm and a through-slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (twice the proposed King William Reservoir intake slot velocity). Extensive exclusion efficiency data are available for relatively few species, however, with the most comprehensive data being reported for striped bass, yellow perch, and bay anchovy. American shad, the primary species of interest for the KWR intake installation, have not been evaluated with cylindrical wedgewire screens. Other clupeids have been investigated, but the existing data for species in this family of fishes are limited. Also, only one study has evaluated a through-slot velocity as low as 0.25 ft/s, which is the maximum design slot velocity for the KWR intake screens (this research was conducted with flat panel screens, not cylindrical). Despite the lack of information specific to the proposed KWR intake design, the available data provide strong evidence that the KWR screens will be highly protective of ichthyoplankton in the Mattaponi River. This evidence comes primarily from evaluations of screens that have less protective through-slot velocities than those proposed for the KWR screens, yet results from these studies indicate that cylindrical wedgewire screens are an effective method for minimizing impacts of water intakes on aquatic organisms (EPRI 1999; Gowan et al. 1999; EPA 2002).

The first step in designing biologically protective wedgewire screening systems for intakes is to select a sufficiently small slot width to physically exclude a large portion of the organisms that will potentially be exposed to an intake and that also meets engineering criteria for the operation of an intake. Physical exclusion is based on the body width and depth of larvae and the diameter of eggs relative to slot size. Larvae and eggs larger than the slot width of a screen generally will not be entrained. However, if impingement occurs, it is possible that some ichthyoplankton larger than the space between bars could be squeezed through a slot by intake flows. The influence of organism size on entrainment rates with respect to screen slot width has been demonstrated in several studies. Weisburg et al. (1987) determined that exclusion of bay anchovy and round goby larvae from cylindrical wedgewire screens with varying slot widths was generally dependent on fish length. During their study, larvae less than 5 mm were not effectively excluded by any of the slot sizes evaluated (1, 2, and 3 mm), whereas more than 47%

Table 1. Summary of wedgewire screen studies with respect to intake design parameters proposed for the King William Reservoir intake.

Reference	Study Type	1-mm Slot Width	0.25 ft/s Slot Velocity	Striped Bass	Clupeid	Fresh-water Species	Estuarine Species	Lifestage
Browne (1979), Browne et al. (1981)	field	X					X	E/L
EA Science & Tech (1986)	field			X		X	X	E/L
Ehrler and Raifsnider (1999)	field	X		X	X		X	E/L
EPRI (2003)	lab	X		X		X		E/L
Hanson et al. (1978; 1979; 1981)	lab	X		X		X	X	E/L
Heuer and Tomljanovich (1978, 1979)	lab	X	X	X		X		L
Lifton (1979)	field	X						E/L
Otto et al. (1981)	field	X			X	X		E/L
Veneziale (1992)	field				X	X	X	E/L
Weisberg et al. (1984, 1987)	field	X					X	E/L
Zeitown et al. (1981)	field				X	X		E/L

of fish between 5-10 mm and 90% or more of fish longer than 10 mm were excluded by a 1-mm slot screen. Other studies have also demonstrated that fish longer than about 5 mm can be effectively excluded by screens with 1-mm slot widths (Hanson et al. 1978; Hanson 1981; Heuer and Tomljanovich 1978; Otto 1981; EPRI 2003).

The conclusions drawn by Weisberg et al. (1987) regarding relationships between fish length and entrainment are limited to a narrow range of slot velocities that were tested. During their study, through-slot velocity was maintained between about 0.45 and 0.65 ft/s. Ambient channel velocities were not reported, but testing was conducted in a canal leading to a cooling water intake where velocities likely were about 0.5 to 1.0 ft/s or greater. Other studies have shown that larvae less than 10 mm can be protected from entrainment with 1-mm slot screens when sweeping flows (i.e., ambient currents) are relatively high in comparison to through-slot velocity (Hanson et al. 1978; EPRI 2003). The EPRI (2003) study demonstrated that 35 and 83% of fish less than 10 mm in length tested with a 1-mm screen could be excluded when channel velocities were two times greater than a slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (Table 2). Impingement rates for these test conditions were less than 5% for the four species tested (Table 3). Because the maximum slot velocity of the KWR intake will not exceed 0.25 ft/s, and channel velocities will be greater than 0.5 ft/s for about 85% of each tidal cycle (Basco 1996), it is likely that exclusion efficiencies at the KWR intake will be considerably higher than those reported by Weisberg et al. (1987) and EPRI (2003).

Table 2. Mean percent entrainment (SD in parentheses) of fish larvae released upstream of a 1-mm slot screen operated with a through-slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (EPRI 2003). Average lengths of striped bass, winter flounder, and common carp were between 6.0 and 6.5 mm. White sucker larvae averaged 13.9 mm in length.

Slot Velocity (m/s)	Channel Velocity (m/s)	Striped Bass	Winter Flounder	Common Carp	White Sucker	Combined Species Mean
0.15	0.08	41.4 (10.3)	84.6 (5.9)	94.0 (7.8)	12.4 (12.4)	59.7 (36.0)
	0.15	27.0 (5.4)	72.4 (13.1)	81.9 (6.9)	8.3 (5.5)	54.8 (31.7)
	0.30	16.7 (3.5)	61.3 (3.8)	64.5 (5.5)	5.8 (2.3)	39.3 (27.6)

Table 3. Mean percent impingement (SD in parentheses) of fish larvae released upstream of a 1-mm slot screen operated with a through-slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (EPRI 2003). Average lengths of striped bass, winter flounder, and common carp were between 6.0 and 6.5 mm. White sucker larvae averaged 13.9 mm in length.

Slot Velocity (m/s)	Channel Velocity (m/s)	Striped Bass	Winter Flounder	Common Carp	White Sucker	Combined Species Mean
0.15	0.08	0.0 (0.0)	1.1 (1.7)	5.2 (3.0)	10.8 (4.2)	4.7 (5.1)
	0.15	0.0 (0.0)	2.4 (1.1)	6.0 (3.7)	2.7 (3.1)	3.1 (3.2)
	0.30	0.0 (0.0)	1.3 (1.3)	4.8 (3.0)	4.0 (1.4)	2.8 (2.6)

Predictive models (i.e., regression equations) based on the entrainment data reported by Weisberg et al. (1987) were developed by Langhei Ecology (1998) as a means to estimate exclusion efficiencies using fish length and slot size. Their analysis was conducted to assess potential entrainment of *Alosa* species through 1 and 2-mm slot wedgewire screens at a proposed intake. For a 1-mm screen, Langhei Ecology (1998) estimated exclusion efficiencies would be between about 20 and 70% for American shad 5 to 10 mm in length, greater than 70% for fish larger than 10 mm, and 100% exclusion occurring for fish larger than 13 mm. These predictions are very similar to exclusion efficiencies estimated from tests with live fish (EPRI 2003; 100-entrainment percentages reported in Table 2). The Langhei Ecology (1998) predictive models are useful for estimating exclusion efficiencies of 1-mm slot screens that will be operated with similar channel and through-slot velocities as those experienced during the tests reported by Weisberg et al. (1987) (through-slot velocities were between 0.45 to 0.65 ft/s). However, for sites where channel velocities are higher and slot velocities are lower, an analysis using these data would underestimate exclusion rates. Such would be the case for the KWR intake, for which exclusion rates likely will be considerably higher due to the much lower slot velocity and higher channel velocities experienced during most portions of the Mattaponi River tidal cycle at the proposed intake site.

In addition to physical exclusion, the size of fish larvae can influence behavioral avoidance of screens if swimming strength is sufficient for avoiding intake flows that can lead to impingement or entrainment. Differences in exclusion rates observed between smaller and larger sized larval groups evaluated in past studies likely have been the result of differences in both fish sizes and swimming abilities. Visual observations and estimated entrainment rates of fish that are physically capable of passing through slots have demonstrated that swimming ability contributes to effective exclusion, even for smaller larvae (< 10 mm) (Hanson et al. 1978; Zeitoun et al. 1981; Otto et al. 1981). Hanson et al. (1978) and Hanson (1981) showed that the percentage of striped bass larvae capable of swimming away from an operating screen, thus avoiding entrainment and impingement, in the absence of sweeping flows increased with fish size (i.e., larger fish were stronger swimmers).

The ability of larvae to actively avoid entrainment and impingement will be dependent on slot and channel velocities relative to swimming speed. That is, swimming speed must exceed screen approach velocities (which are less than through-slot velocity) or channel velocities need to be high enough to sweep organisms along a screen. Data presented by Gowan et al. (1999) indicate larvae that are about 10 mm in length can maintain swimming speeds of about 1 to 4 body lengths per second (0.03 to 0.13 ft/s) for a minimum of an hour, depending on species and water temperature. For the estimated average monthly withdrawal rate of 15 mgd, approach velocities calculated for the KWR screens are less than 0.05 ft/s at distances greater than 6 inches from the screen face (Figure 6). Therefore, larvae that are beyond this distance from the screens likely will be able to swim away from the KWR intake screens, even at slack tide. Avoidance should be even greater when ebb and flood tides create velocities capable of sweeping fish past the screens. This assessment indicates that fish larvae exposed to the KWR screens will be able to actively avoid entrainment (and be carried downstream in the presence of sweeping flows) and that this ability will increase as fish grow (i.e., greater swimming speeds will result in greater screen avoidance).

As previously mentioned, through-slot velocity and sweeping velocity have considerable influence on impingement and entrainment of fish exposed to wedgewire screens. Impingement and entrainment have been positively correlated with slot velocity and inversely related to sweeping velocity (Hanson et al. 1978; Heuer and Tomljanovich 1978; EPRI 2003). Available data suggest that the ratio of ambient velocity to slot velocity should be maximized for effective exclusion of aquatic organisms (Hanson et al. 1978; EPRI 2003). However, even at a ratio of 1 (i.e., channel velocity is equal to slot velocity), high rates of screen exclusion can occur, depending on species and fish size (Hanson et al. 1978; Hanson 1981; EPRI 2003). The maximum slot velocity for the KWR intake will result in channel-to-slot velocity ratios ranging from 0 (slack tide) to 12 (maximum tidal flow), with a ratio of 2 or greater occurring during about 85% of the tidal cycle. Most previous studies have evaluated channel-to-slot velocity ratios between 1 and 2, often with relatively high exclusion rates (Hanson et al. 1978; Heuer and Tomljanovich 1978; EPRI 2003). The results of studies that have evaluated multiple channel and slot velocities indicate wedgewire screens should be protective (e.g., > 80%) for most species and life stages when channel velocities are equal to or greater than through-slot velocities.

Results from the one study that evaluated a 0.25 ft/s slot velocity demonstrated that larvae of several species of freshwater fish 7-14 mm in length can be excluded from a 1-mm slot screen at rates typically exceeding 80%, and often greater than 90% (Heuer and Tomljanovich 1979). The estimates of exclusion from this study were based on the ability of released larvae to safely pass a 20 ft length of wedgewire screen, which is about 6 ft longer than the total length of screen on each KWR T-screen (i.e., the KWR T-screens are designed to be 24 ft long with two 7-ft screen lengths). Average sweeping velocities tested by Heuer and Tomljanovich (1979) at the upstream end of the test screen section were about 2 ft/s, decreasing to about 1 ft/s at the downstream end. In general, statistical comparisons showed that screen exclusion was significantly greater at a slot velocity of 0.25 ft/s than at a velocity 0.50 ft/s. The results of this study support the conclusion that exclusion efficiencies of larvae greater than about 8 mm in length will likely exceed 80% at the KWR intake when sweeping flows are at least 1 ft/s and the slot velocity is 0.25 ft/s (i.e., at the maximum design pumping rate of 75 mgd). When the pumping rate is 33 mgd or less, which is expected to occur about 75% of the time the screens are operating, slot velocities at the KWR intake will be 0.10 ft/s or less. At these low slot velocities, exclusion rates are likely to exceed 90% for all larvae exposed to the KWR screens, particularly when channel velocities will be greater than the slot velocity.

Several field studies have been conducted with cylindrical wedgewire T-screens installed parallel to ambient currents (Otto et al. 1981; EA Science and Technology 1986; Ehrler and Raifsnider 1999). Tests conducted by Otto et al. (1981) and Ehrler and Raifsnider (1999) were performed with 1-mm slot screens operated at slot velocities of 0.4 and 0.5 ft/s, respectively. EA Science and Technology (1986) reported the results of entrainment and impingement sampling conducted with 0.5-mm slot screens operated at a design slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s. During each of these studies, species and life stage occurrences and abundances in the vicinity of the intakes were determined with concurrent sampling (either towed or fixed net sampling). However, data reported for EA Science and Technology (1986) focused on species composition, abundance, and length (or diameter for eggs) and not any type of measure of exclusion efficiency.

The two field studies conducted with the 1-mm slot T-screens (i.e., same slot width as proposed for KWR screens) demonstrated that entrainment densities of ichthyoplankton were less than the densities of the same species collected during river samples. Based on river densities and expected entrainment rates proportional to flow withdrawn through an open intake, Ehrler and Raifsnider (1999) concluded that two wedgewire intake screens installed at the Logan Generating Plant were effective in reducing entrainment rates of striped bass eggs and larvae to insignificant levels. Otto et al. (1981) reported that clupeid larvae comprised about 7% of the total larvae entrained and about 45% of larvae captured during river sampling. Additionally, the length range of entrained clupeid larvae was 3 to 8 mm, whereas river sampling collected specimens as large as 15 mm. Based on these results, and those for other species collected, Otto et al. (1981) suggested that physical exclusion was only important for eggs because larvae appeared to be capable of detecting and reacting to the flow fields surrounding the test screen. It was further suggested that, based on the size of fish entrained, larvae longer than about 6 to 8 mm had sufficient swimming capabilities to completely avoid entrainment despite being able to fit through the 1 mm slots. These conclusions are important to the assessment of the KWR screens because striped bass and clupeid larvae are of primary concern in the Mattaponi River and the proposed screens have the same slot width as the screen evaluated by Ehrler and Raifsnider (1999) and Otto et al. (1981), but only half the slot velocity. The results of both studies suggest the proposed design for the KWR intake will be highly protective for several species of concern. The study by Otto et al. (1981) also provides additional evidence that fish greater than 10 mm in length will have exclusion efficiencies at or near 100%.

Although several studies have demonstrated the efficacy of cylindrical wedgewire screens in reducing entrainment and impingement of aquatic organisms, it is important to recognize potential weaknesses in the data collected and differences in experimental design that may influence how the results of past studies effect the analysis of impacts of the proposed KWR intake. Most evaluations of cylindrical screens have been conducted with only one screen section (i.e., only half of a T-screen) and with test screens oriented perpendicular to the flow. Manufacturers currently recommend T-screens be positioned parallel with any prevailing currents to facilitate debris removal and bypassing of aquatic organisms. Results from a laboratory study that evaluated striped bass entrainment and impingement with perpendicular and parallel screen orientations support this recommendation, particularly for fish larvae tested with 1 and 2-mm slot widths (EPRI 2003). With respect to species-specific exclusion rates, American shad have not been evaluated with wedgewire screens. However, results from tests with bay anchovy support the conclusion that low rates of entrainment and impingement can be achieved for very fragile species with this technology (Weisberg et al. 1987). Testing with striped bass and yellow perch has demonstrated that these species can also be effectively protected with wedgewire screens (Hanson 1981). Because the results from previous studies have led to the conclusion that a slot width of 1 mm and a through-slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s are sufficient for protecting ichthyoplankton, the screen design criteria selected for the KWR intake should be highly protective of aquatic organisms.

The study reported by EPRI (2003) provides data that may be the most relevant to the KWR intake screens due to the design and operational parameters that were evaluated. The design and results of this study are discussed in more detail below.

3.2 EPRI Cylindrical Wedgewire Screen Laboratory Study

An evaluation of ichthyoplankton entrainment and impingement rates associated with cylindrical wedgewire screens was recently conducted to develop a better understanding of the factors that influence biological effectiveness of this technology and to provide information that would be useful in designing future applications for cooling water intakes (EPRI 2003; Amaral et al. in press). This study was funded by EPRI and the EPA in response to the new rules being developed by the EPA for implementing Section 316(b) of the CWA. Cylindrical wedgewire screens are considered by the EPA to be one of only three existing fish protection technologies with relatively high potential for reducing entrainment mortality at cooling water intakes, and one of four technologies for effectively reducing impingement rates. Of all the previous studies conducted with cylindrical wedgewire screens, the EPRI laboratory study provides data that are probably the most relevant to the KWR intake. The EPRI study evaluated 1-mm T-screens oriented parallel to approaching flow under similar, but less protective, hydraulic conditions using several species that occur in the Mattaponi River. When reviewing these data, it is important to remember that through-slot velocities proposed for the KWR intake are substantially less than the lowest slot velocity (0.5 ft/s) evaluated during the EPRI study. Lower slot velocities were not selected for evaluation by EPRI and the EPA because the test velocities that were selected, 0.5 and 1.0 ft/s, were considered to have good potential for protecting most species and life stages at water intakes based on past research. Slower through-slot velocities would even be more protective.

The EPRI study was conducted in a laboratory flume with flowing water. Screen design and operation parameters selected for testing included three slot widths (0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 mm), two through-slot velocities (0.5 and 1.0 ft/s), and three channel velocities (0.25, 0.5, and 1.0 ft/s). Eight fish species were chosen for the study based on their occurrence at a large number of cooling water intakes with different types of source water (e.g., river, estuary, lake, and coastal). Due to availability constraints and the logistics of testing a large number of parameters and species, not all species were evaluated with every set of test conditions (i.e., all possible combinations of slot width, slot velocity, and channel velocity). Also, only eggs or only larvae were evaluated during testing with some species, and an artificial egg (gelatinous bead) was used to evaluate entrainment and impingement of striped bass eggs.

The biological effectiveness of the test screens was determined by estimating entrainment and impingement percentages for a known number of organisms released about 2 ft upstream of the nose of a test screen. This release location resulted in all organisms passing within several inches of the screen surface. Because intake velocities decrease rapidly with distance from the screen surface, the estimated entrainment and impingement rates from this study are considered to represent minimum exclusion rates. That is, organisms passing by a wedgewire screen at greater distances likely would be excluded at considerably higher rates than was observed during the flume tests. In fact, velocity measurements and computer modeling of flow fields surrounding the test screens indicate larvae and eggs located more than 6 to 12 inches from the screen surface would not be subject to entrainment or impingement in the presence of sweeping flows equal to or greater than 0.5 ft/s and with slot velocities as high as 0.75 ft/s (see next section for more detailed discussion of the effects of near-field flow conditions). Entrained fish were collected in a plankton net prior to flow passing through the intake pump. Impinged fish were

counted using underwater cameras that were manually moved along the screen surface after a test. Three to five trials were conducted for each set of test conditions evaluated and approximately 75 to 100 organisms were released per trial. A mean percent entrained and impinged for each set of test conditions was calculated from the replicate trial estimates.

Several patterns associated with entrainment and impingement rates are evident from the results of the EPRI study, and are pertinent to the biological effectiveness of the KWR intake screens. For 1-mm slot screens operated with a slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (twice that proposed for the KWR screens), impingement rates of larvae were generally about 5% or less, even when the approaching channel velocity was 50% lower than the slot velocity (i.e., 0.25 ft/s versus 0.5) (Table 3). Consequently, the low slot velocities that will be experienced by larvae at the KWR intake (0.25 ft/s maximum and 0.10 ft/s for 75% of the time the intake will be operating) probably will result in larval impingement rates of 1 to 2% or lower. Exclusion rates (i.e., 100-entrainment rate) of four species evaluated with the 1-mm slot screens decreased with increasing channel velocity (Figure 7). Entrainment varied considerably among species, but was less than 30% for striped bass and white sucker larvae when the channel velocity was equal to or greater than the slot velocity (Table 2). Entrainment rates of winter flounder and common carp were considerably higher, exceeding 60% for tests at all channel velocities. Based on these data and the lower slot velocities of the KWR screens, entrainment rates for larvae passing within several feet of the intake screens probably will be between 30 to 50% for fish less than 10 mm (i.e., based on striped bass, winter flounder, and common carp data in Table 2) and less than 10% for fish greater than 10 mm (based on white sucker data). Complete exclusion of larvae in the near-field of the KWR intake (i.e., within several feet of the screen surface) likely will occur for fish greater than about 12 mm in length. These conclusions are also supported by the results of other studies (Hanson et al. 1978; Weisberg et al. 1987) and a review of available data (Gowan and Garman 1999).

For the purposes of this report, a more in-depth statistical analysis of exclusion rates from the EPRI study was conducted to develop estimates of exclusion efficiencies that would likely be experienced by fish larvae exposed to the KWR intake screens. For this analysis, a multiple regression was conducted with data from tests with all species evaluated with the 1-mm slot screen at slot velocities of 0.5 and 1.0 ft/s. The dependent variable for the regression analysis was the proportion of fish excluded by the screen, and the independent variables were channel-to-slot-velocity ratio and fish length. An arcsine transformation was used for the dependent variable (proportion excluded) to approximate a normal distribution (Zar 1984). Using the channel-to-slot velocity ratio instead of the individual velocity variables provides a standardized parameter that can represent a wide range of velocity conditions (e.g., a ratio of 2 can represent a channel and slot velocity combination of 0.50 and 0.25 ft/s, respectively, or a combination of 0.2 and 0.1 ft/s). However, it is important to remember that the data reported by EPRI (2003) represent velocity ratios established with slot velocities of 0.5 and 1.0 ft/s and not 0.25 ft/s (i.e., maximum design slot velocity for the KWR intake screens). This represents a potential weakness in extrapolating the regression results to the KWR intake, but also suggests that the results are conservative because they are generated from tests with less protective slot velocities. Additionally, the EPRI study did not include tests with larvae between about 9.0 and 13.5 mm in length. This is the approximate length range for which complete or near complete exclusion has been reported in the literature. The absence of this data likely result in conservative predictions

for KWR intake screen exclusion rates because larvae of some species that are greater than 8 mm probably have sufficient swimming capabilities to avoid entrainment at slot velocities of 0.5 ft/s or less (Otto et al. 1981; Hanson et al. 1978; Hanson 1981; Weisberg et al. 1987).

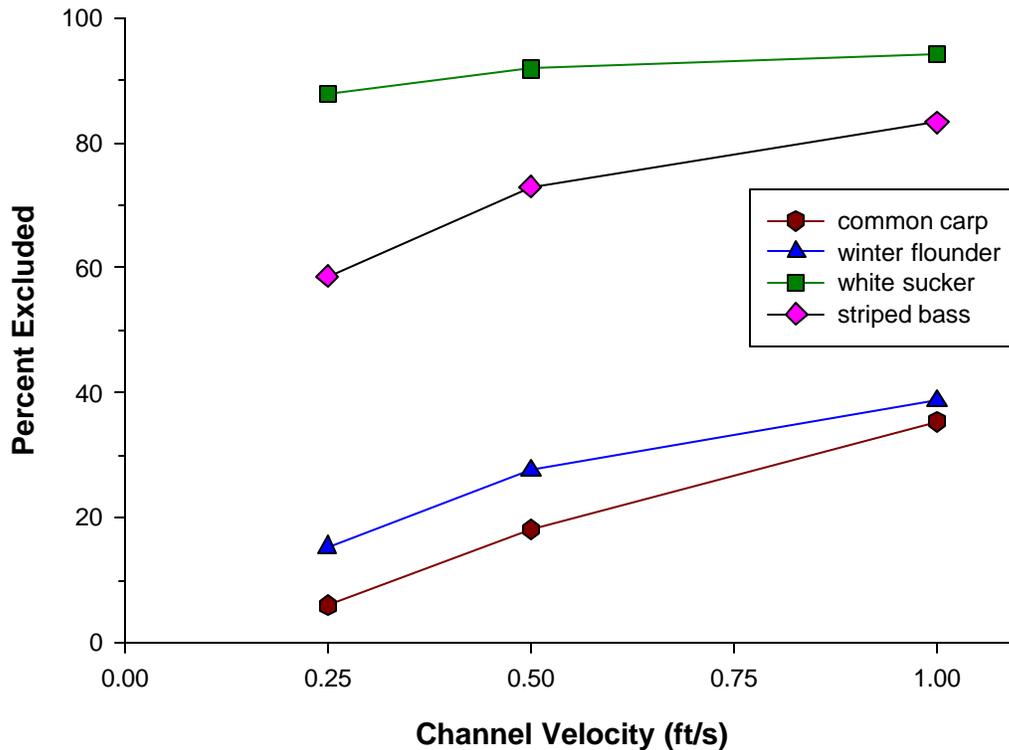


Figure 7. Mean percent larval exclusion by channel velocity for tests with a 1-mm slot screen and a through-slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (EPRI 2003).

The results of the multiple regression were statistically significant for the relationship between proportion excluded and the two independent variables ($P < 0.05$; Table 4). The constant and the independent variable coefficients were also statistically significant ($P < 0.05$; Table 4). The multiple regression equation was used to predict exclusion efficiencies based on fish size (Figure 8) and channel velocity (Figure 9) for slot velocities of 0.10 and 0.25 ft/s (i.e., most common operational velocity and maximum for the KWR screens). At a slot velocity of 0.10 ft/s or less, complete exclusion should occur for larvae 12 mm or greater when channel velocities reach 0.25 ft/s (i.e., greater than 90% of complete tidal cycle). Complete exclusion of larvae greater than 5mm is predicted to occur at 0.10 ft/s slot velocity when channel velocities are 0.5 ft/s or greater (i.e., approximately 85% of tidal cycle). At the maximum slot velocity of 0.25 ft/s, 100% percent exclusion of larvae more than 5mm is likely when channel velocities reach 1.0-1.5 ft/s (larvae 5-12 mm) and 0.5-0.75 ft/s (larvae >12 mm). Complete or near complete exclusion has been reported in the literature for fish between 8 and 12 mm in length, even at channel velocities

less than 0.5 ft/s. This suggests that exclusion predictions generated from the EPRI (2003) data are conservative (larvae between about 9.0 and 13.5 mm were not tested during the EPRI study).

Table 4. Multiple regression results for relationship between entrainment exclusion (dependent variable) and fish length and channel-to-slot velocity ratio (independent variables) using data from tests with a 1-mm slot screen and through-slot velocities of 0.5 and 1.0 ft/s (EPRI 2003).

N: 106

r: 0.765

r^2 : 0.585

SE of estimate: 20.286

Variable	Coefficient	SE	t	P(2 tail)
constant	-11.376	4.524	-2.514	0.013
Length	4.748	0.421	11.272	0.000
Vel ratio	11.644	2.309	-5.043	0.000

Analysis of Variance

Source	Sum-of-Squares	df	Mean-square	F-ratio	p
regression	27213.007	2	13606.504	72.471	0.000
residual	19338.475	103	187.752		

In contrast to larvae, surrogate striped bass eggs and live white sucker eggs (> 2 mm in diameter) evaluated during the EPRI study were more susceptible to impingement than entrainment because their diameters were greater than the slot widths evaluated. Alewife eggs, which were less than 1 mm in diameter, were more susceptible to entrainment than to impingement. Striped bass and white sucker eggs were impinged at high rates when the channel velocity was less than the slot velocity (Table 5; Figure 10). However, at channel velocities equal to or less than the slot velocity, impingement rates dropped drastically and entrainment was 0% with the exception of one series of tests with white sucker (Table 6; Figure 10). Because slot velocities for the KWR screens will be 0.25 ft/s or less and channel velocities will be equal to or greater than this value more than 90% of a complete tidal cycle, the impingement rates for the eggs of most species at the proposed KWR intake (i.e., those with egg diameters greater than the 1-mm slot size) likely will be less than 5%. For eggs with diameters less than 1 mm (e.g., river herring), the closest analog is the entrainment estimates for alewife eggs tested with 0.5 and 2.0-mm slot screens (Table 6). The results of tests with this species indicate impingement of eggs less 1 mm in diameter probably will not occur at the KWR intake and entrainment rates will likely be less than 10% when channel velocities are equal to or greater than the through-slot velocity.

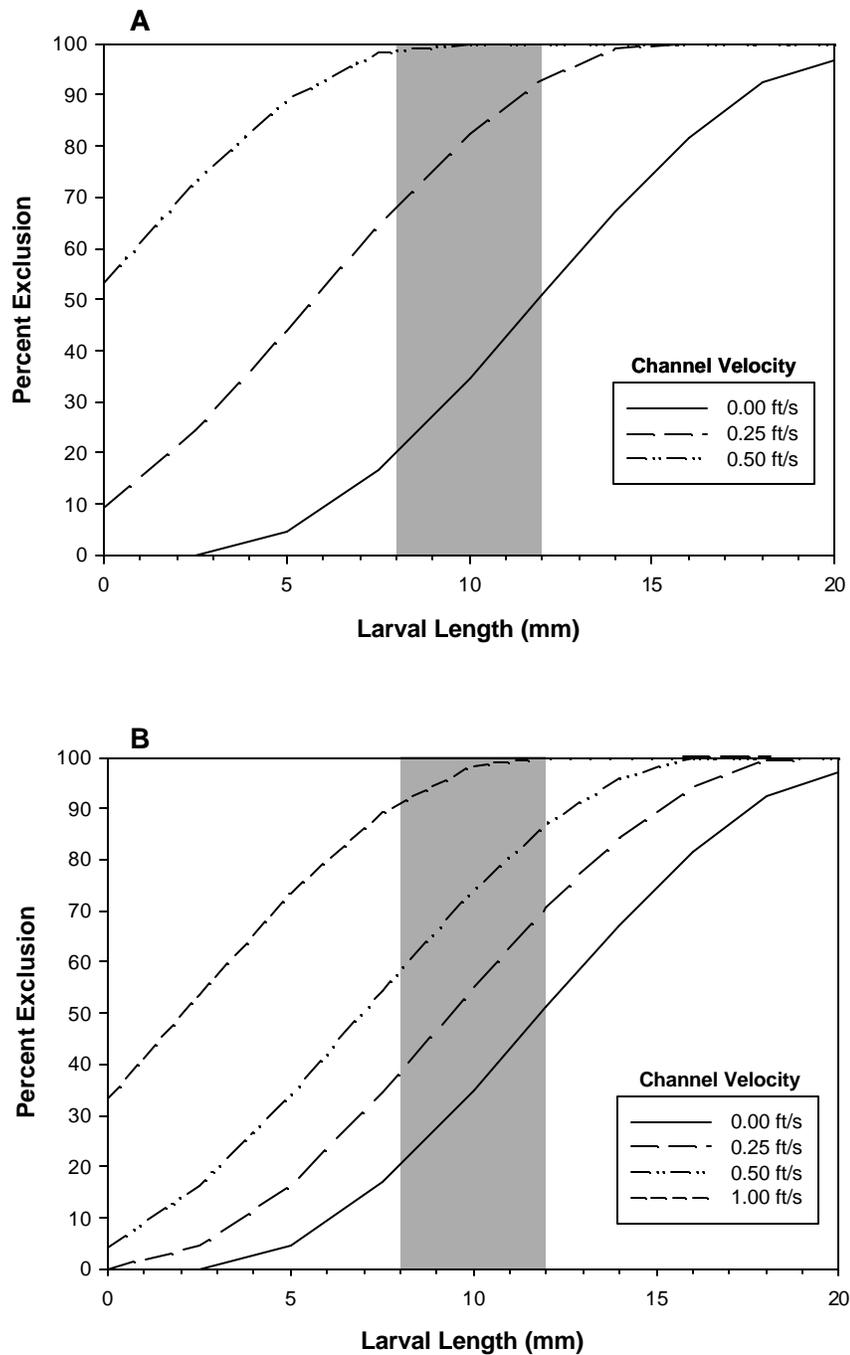


Figure 8. Screen exclusion rates by larval length for a 1-mm slot screen with a through-slot velocity of 0.10 ft/s (A) and 0.25 ft/s (B) and varying channel velocities. Exclusion rates were generated from a multiple regression analysis of entrainment data from EPRI (2003). Independent variables included ratio of channel-to-slot velocity and fish length. Shaded areas indicate length range for which complete or near-complete exclusion has been reported in the literature (i.e., estimates generated from the EPRI data are likely conservative).

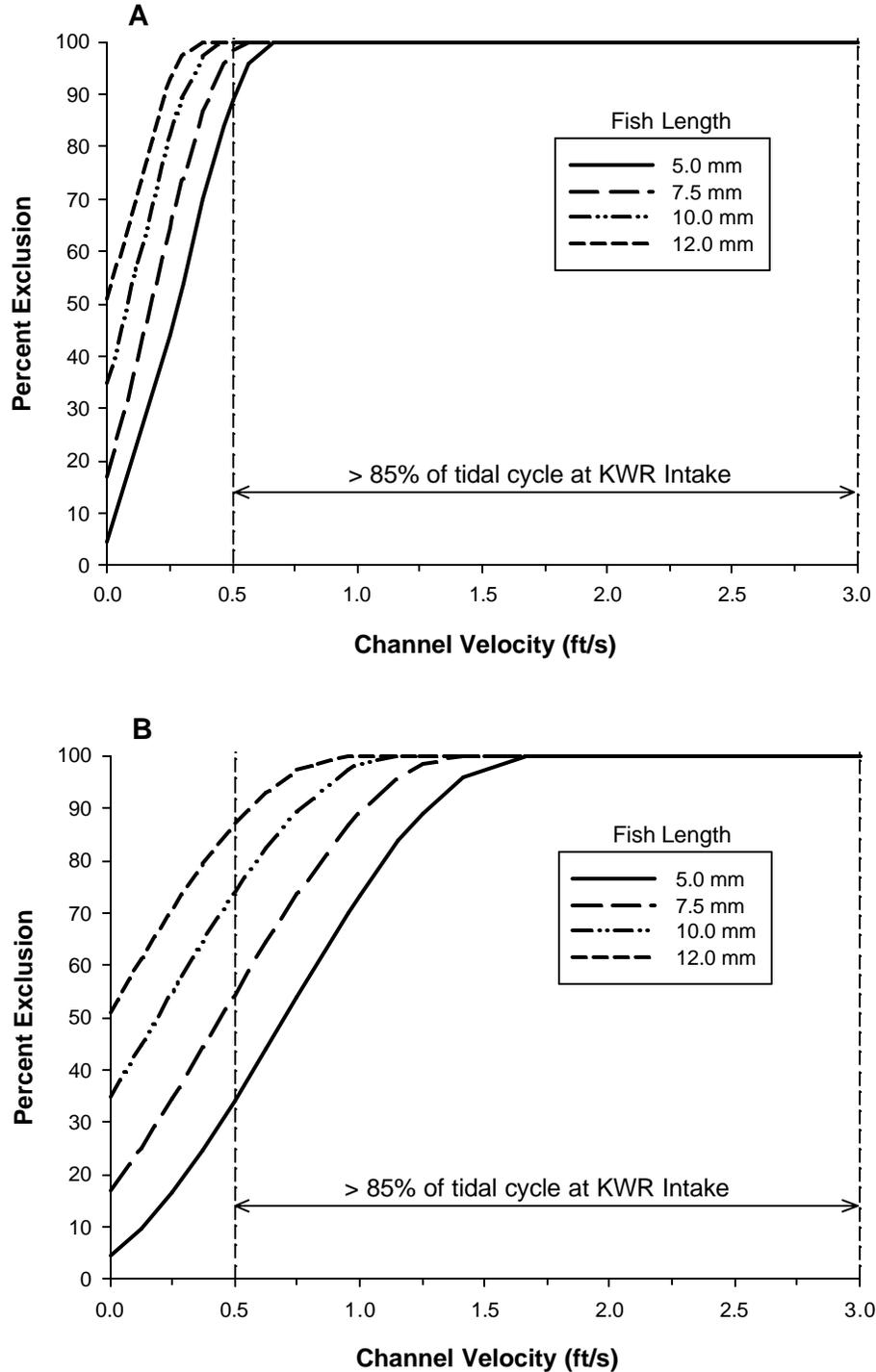


Figure 9. Screen exclusions rates by channel velocity for a 1-mm slot screen with through-slot velocities of 0.10 (A) and 0.25 ft/s (B). Exclusion rates were generated from a multiple regression analysis of entrainment data from EPRI (2003). Independent variables included ratio of channel-to-slot velocity and fish length.

Table 5. Mean percent impingement of fish eggs evaluated during EPRI-EPA wedgewire screen evaluation (EPRI 2003). Mean egg diameters were 4.5 mm for of striped bass surrogate eggs, 3.2 mm for white sucker eggs, and 0.7 for alewife eggs.

Slot Size (mm)	Slot Velocity (m/s)	Channel Velocity (m/s)	Mean Percent Impingement and Entrainment (SD in parentheses)					
			<u>Striped Bass</u>		<u>White Sucker</u>		<u>Alewife</u>	
			Imp	Ent	Imp	Ent	Imp	Ent
0.5	0.15	0.08	13.0 (10.6)	0.0(0.0)	0.5 (0.7)	0.0 (0.0)	--	--
		0.15	0.7 (1.2)	0.0(0.0)	1.1 (1.1)	0.0 (0.0)	--	--
		0.30	0.0 (0.0)	0.0(0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	--	--
	0.30	0.08	97.3 (2.3)	0.0(0.0)	59.8 (25.0)	0.3 (0.6)	0.0 (0.0)	19.7 (8.6)
		0.15	21.3 (16.7)	0.0(0.0)	4.8 (2.8)	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	10.1 (15.2)
		0.30	0.0 (0.0)	0.0(0.0)	0.5 (1.2)	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	--
1.0	0.15	0.08	91.0 (14.7)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
		0.15	0.3 (0.6)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
		0.30	0.0 (0.0)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
	0.30	0.08	98.7 (1.2)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
		0.15	88.7 (3.5)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
		0.30	0.0 (0.0)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
2.0	0.15	0.08	93.7 (4.9)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
		0.15	4.7 (3.2)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
		0.30	0.0 (0.0)	0.0(0.0)	--	--	--	--
	0.30	0.08	--	--	--	--	--	52.8 (31.6)
		0.15	--	--	--	--	--	29.5 (40.1)
		0.30	--	--	--	--	--	26.4 (11.3)

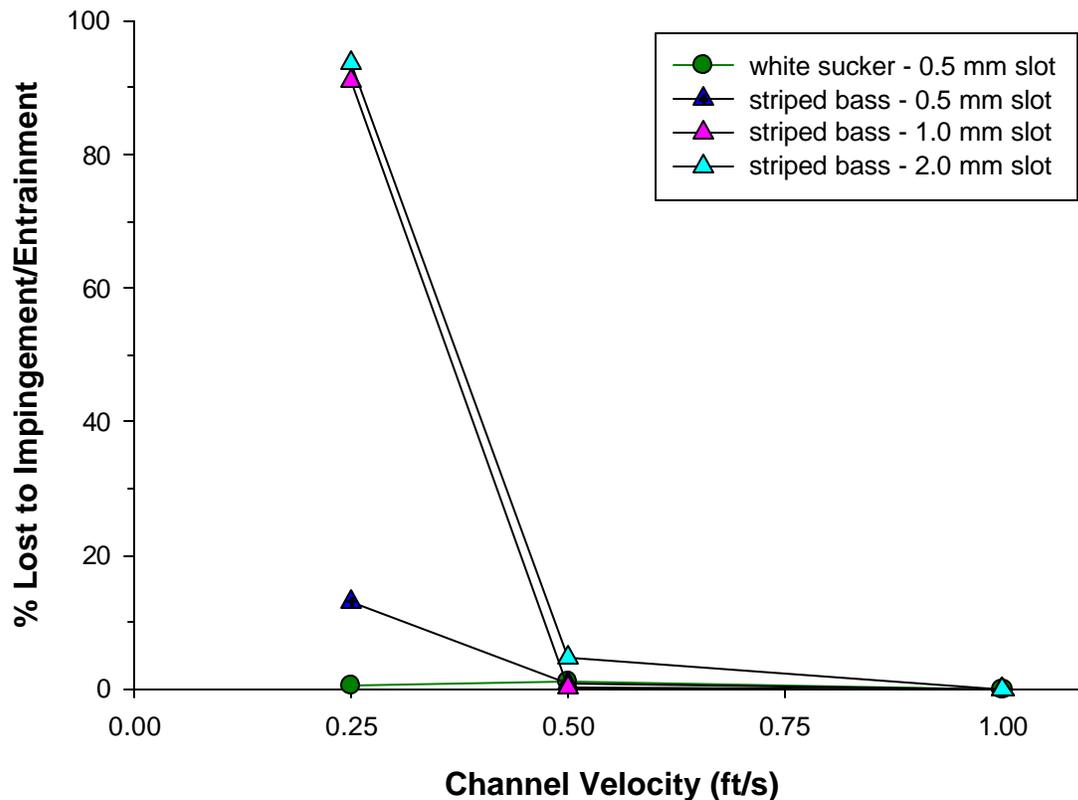


Figure 10. Mean percent of eggs impinged by channel velocity during tests with a 1-mm slot screen and a through-slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (EPRI 2003). Percent lost represents impingement for surrogate striped bass and live white sucker eggs (i.e., entrainment was typically 0% due to their large size) and it represents entrainment for live alewife eggs, which were too small to become impinged

The results of the EPRI laboratory study provide a strong basis for estimating exclusion efficiencies of eggs and larvae that will be susceptible to entrainment and impingement at the proposed KWR intake. Larval impingement was negligible (generally < 5%) for all conditions evaluated during the EPRI study, and impingement of eggs was generally 0% when channel velocities were equal to or greater than slot velocities. Based on these observations and the expected channel and slot velocities that larvae and eggs will experience at the KWR intake, impingement rates of ichthyoplankton likely will be less than 5% and, consequently, should result in the loss of very few fish. Entrainment rates (or exclusion efficiency) will vary with species, size, slot velocity, and channel velocity. The analysis of data from the EPRI study indicates that high rates of exclusion (> 90%) should occur for fish larvae greater than 12 mm in length during 85% or more of the tidal cycle at the intake site when slot velocities are 0.25 ft/s or less. Smaller larvae (5-12 mm) should be excluded at rates in excess of 90% when channel velocities exceed 0.5 ft/s and the slot velocity is 0.10 ft/s or less. These estimates of exclusion are for eggs and larvae passing very close to the screen surface (i.e., within inches) and would

increase with distance away from the screens. Exclusion rates for all ichthyoplankton within a screen's hydraulic zone of influence (i.e., within several feet of a screen's surface) may be very high for all stages of a tidal cycle, including during slack periods.

3.3 Biological Effectiveness Conclusions

The primary conclusions from the fish protection capability assessment of cylindrical wedgewire screens and the proposed screen design for the KWR intake include the following:

- The results from biological evaluations have demonstrated that cylindrical wedgewire screens are viable technology for effectively protecting ichthyoplankton at water intakes. In addition to the literature, this conclusion is supported by established screen design criteria for water intakes developed independently by the U.S. EPA for cooling water intakes and by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fish. Cylindrical wedgewire screens are the only EPA-approved technology that can be used to meet the new national performance standards for reducing impingement mortality and entrainment at existing cooling water intakes located on freshwater rivers.
- Several studies have reported complete or near complete exclusion of larvae between 8 and 12 mm in length. Differences in the minimum length at which complete exclusion was observed are likely due to species-specific swimming capabilities and the hydraulic conditions that were tested (i.e., slot and sweeping velocities).
- High rates of exclusion have been demonstrated during several studies for screens with through-slot velocities of 0.5 ft/s. This slot velocity is twice the maximum design velocity of the KWR screens. Consequently, exclusion rates of larvae at the KWR intake should exceed most previously reported estimates for 1-mm slot screens, particularly when sweeping flows (i.e., channel velocities) are equal to or greater than slot velocities. Tidal channel velocities are expected to be equal to or exceed the maximum design velocity of 0.25 ft/s for more than 90% of the duration of each tidal cycle. These hydraulic conditions should also contribute to very low rates of egg entrainment and impingement (both should be less than 5 to 10% when channel velocities are equal to or exceed slot velocities).
- Results from the one study that evaluated a 0.25 ft/s slot velocity found that exclusion rates were significantly greater for larvae tested with this velocity than for a slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s. Data reported by this study for tests with a 1-mm slot screen were conducted with freshwater fish larvae ranging in length from about 5 to 14 mm. Eighty to 100% exclusion occurred over a screen length of 20 ft for fish longer than 7 mm and with sweeping flows ranging from 2 to 1 ft/s from the upstream to downstream end of the screen. Similar hydraulic conditions are expected to be present at the KWR intake as was tested during this study, indicating that most larvae exposed to the KWR screens will also be excluded at rates exceeding 80% for a large portion of each tidal cycle.

4 ASSESSMENT OF HYDRAULIC ZONE OF INFLUENCE

The natural hydraulic patterns of a water body, and their relationships to intake withdrawals, are important factors for assessing the risk of fish populations to water intake structures. For an organism to be to become impinged or entrained it must enter the hydraulic zone of influence (HZI) of an intake structure. Thus, while the general proximity of a primary spawning or nursery area to an intake structure can be an important influence on the likelihood of a fish population being at risk to entrainment and impingement, hydraulic conditions approaching and surrounding intake screens will determine actual susceptibility to loss. The EPA acknowledges the importance of the HZI in its proposed CWA Section 316(b) implementation rules, defining the HZI as “that portion of the source water body hydraulically affected by the [intake structure’s] withdrawal of water.” For the purposes of our assessment, the HZI is defined as the zone, or volumetric area, of water from which flow is withdrawn.

In rivers, the HZI begins at an upstream point where the entire discharge flow has a relatively low probability of entering an intake. As river’s flow approaches an intake, the HZI decreases in size and the probability of water within the HZI entering an intake increases, whereas flow outside the HZI has a negligible probability of being withdrawn. It is generally assumed that passive particles within a river experience the same probabilities of being withdrawn by an intake as does river flow (EPRI, in press). However, organisms traveling within the HZI of an intake may still have a high probability of avoiding entrainment or impingement due to favorable hydraulic conditions that develop in the near vicinity of an intake (e.g., low slot velocity, relatively high sweeping velocities that result in eggs and larvae being carried past cylindrical screens). Effective guidance can occur even when ichthyoplankton are within close proximity to a screen’s surface (< 1 inch). This is particularly true with cylindrical wedgewire screens (EPRI 2003), which are specifically designed to create optimum hydraulic conditions for debris management and protection of aquatic organisms. Sections 2 and 3 should be reviewed for detailed discussions of screen design and ichthyoplankton exclusion efficiencies.

In separate assessments of fish population impacts, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and ASA Analysis and Communications, Inc. (ASA) prepared independent estimates of average daily ichthyoplankton losses resulting from the operation of the proposed KWR intake structure located at Scotland Landing. Both studies required estimates of screen exclusion efficiency (defined as the percentage of organisms in the withdrawal flow that escape entrainment) and an assumption of uniform larval and egg distributions within the vicinity of the intake screens. Since the VIMS and ASA analyses were performed, two relevant research studies sponsored by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) have been completed (EPRI 2003; EPRI in press). The first study examined impingement and entrainment rates for early life stages or several species (EPRI 2003) and the second study used computer numerical modeling to define the HZI of six cooling water intakes located in various types of water bodies (EPRI in press). Both EPRI studies provide valuable information that can be used to assess the risk of ichthyoplankton to entrainment at the KWR intake.

The VIMS analysis of the impact of the intake structure at Scotland Landing states that:

“For the Mattaponi River, tidal excursion values in the vicinity of Scotland Landing are estimated to be approximately 2.5 nautical miles. We can reasonably assume that the eggs and early larval stages dispersed within the water column are generally subject to the effects of water withdrawal throughout multiple tide cycles within the limits of tidal excursion. Thus, the intake structure’s [hydraulic] zone of influence is taken to be a section of river stretching from 2.5 nautical miles upriver of Scotland Landing to 2.5 nautical miles downriver of Scotland Landing. Eggs and larval densities from this area of the Mattaponi River were used to assess potential impacts (Mann 2003).”

Characterizing the zone of influence of a water intake by equating it to an estimate of tidal excursion is reasonable when considering the total hydraulic effect of the withdrawal on the overall flow of a river. However, an intake will withdraw water preferentially from different portions of a water body according to its design and location within a water body. Passive particles that are outside the portion of a river from which an intake is withdrawing water will have a negligible probability of encountering an intake.

To characterize the HZI of the KWR intake and how it may affect the risk of ichthyoplankton to entrainment and impingement, we reviewed the results of cooling water intake HZI analyses presented in EPRI (in press) and cylindrical screen flow field data from the laboratory study reported by EPRI (2003). The HZI analyses describe far-field flow conditions of water intakes and can be used to develop estimates of an organism’s risk to entrainment based on location relative to an intake and the calculated HZI. The laboratory data describe the near-field flow conditions (i.e., within several feet of screen surface) that facilitate movement of debris and organisms past cylindrical screens. Following the review of the EPRI reports, we characterized near and far-field HZIs for the KWR intake using hand calculations. The results of these analyses were used to generate estimates of entrainment risks for larvae and eggs approaching the KWR intake. Entrainment risk, as discussed in the context of an HZI analysis, only indicates the probability that a passive particle (e.g., fish egg) will be drawn towards an intake with the flow that is being withdrawn. Entrainment risk is not equivalent to screen exclusion efficiency, which was discussed in detail in Section 3. The information and data presented in this section provide a reasonable approach to determining the percent of ichthyoplankton that may be exposed to the KWR screens as the organisms move past the intake.

4.1 HZI Characteristics of Cooling Water intake Flow Withdrawals

4.1.1 General HZI Assessment of Water Intakes

Water movements in the area of tidal excursions (often on a scale of miles) are important for understanding the vulnerability of drifting organisms to entrainment at a water intake. These water movements can be simulated on a computer (i.e., modeled) to estimate the sources and numbers of organism susceptible to being withdrawn. Although modeling has not been

conducted for the KWR intake, there are general lessons and useful information that can be garnered from modeling studies that have been done for cooling water intakes.

EPRI (in press) discusses the application of computational modeling techniques that can be used for characterizing the HZI of an intake. Using the methods described, six case studies of site-specific HZIs were performed. The case studies involved cooling water intakes located on a variety of water body types. Three of the HZI case studies were considered to have some relevance to the KWR intake because they were conducted for sites located on rivers. These sites included the Tanners Creek (Ohio River), Browns Ferry Power Plant (Tennessee River reservoir), and Connecticut Yankee (Connecticut River; tidal reach) power plants. Although these plants have distinct differences in design and location compared to the KWR intake (e.g., much larger rivers, greater water flow withdrawals, and shoreline intakes), the underlying characteristics of the estimated HZIs demonstrate certain principles that are applicable to any water intake. Mainly, water is only withdrawn from a relatively small portion of a source water body and this zone decreases considerably in size as flow approaches and enters an intake. Consequently, only those organisms present in an intake's HZI will bare an appreciable risk to entrainment and impingement, whereas all organisms outside of the HZI will pass safely downstream. Therefore, it is necessary to consider the location of an intake relative to expected fish distributions in order to fully assess potential impacts (Paller et al. 1995). To further explore the importance of intake HZIs, more details of the EPRI case studies that are considered most relevant to the KWR intake are presented below.

The Browns Ferry intake is located on a shoreline of the Wheeler Reservoir, which is impounded by Wheeler Dam on the Tennessee River. Flow through the reservoir is continuous and dependent on inflow and discharge at the dam. The numerical model of the Browns Ferry intake demonstrated that cooling water is withdrawn from a relatively small region along the side of the reservoir leading to the plant (Figure 11). The stream-line characterization of the Browns Ferry intake flow provides a good representation of the decreasing size of an HZI as water moves closer to an intake. This will also occur at the KWR intake, except the location and screen design will allow flow to pass all around the intake screens, potentially producing a narrower HZI with respect to distance from the intake. That is, because water is withdrawn from a 360° radius, the HZI will not extend as far from the screens as it would for a shoreline intake at the same location.

The EPRI analysis of the Tanners Creek intake provided similar information to what was generated for the Browns Ferry Plant. However, a different computational approach was used for the Tanners Creek analysis because it did not involve an assessment of the station's heated discharge, which was a consideration in the model selection for the Browns Ferry intake. The Tanners Creek Plant has a shoreline cooling water intake located on the Ohio River. The HZI analysis for this site was conducted at two river discharge rates and one intake flow rate (about 1,027 mgd). Because an intake's HZI is more pronounced at lower flows (i.e., intake flow is a greater proportion of river discharge), the focus of our assessment was on the results of the model analysis conducted at the lower river discharge, of which the intake flow rate was about 3%.

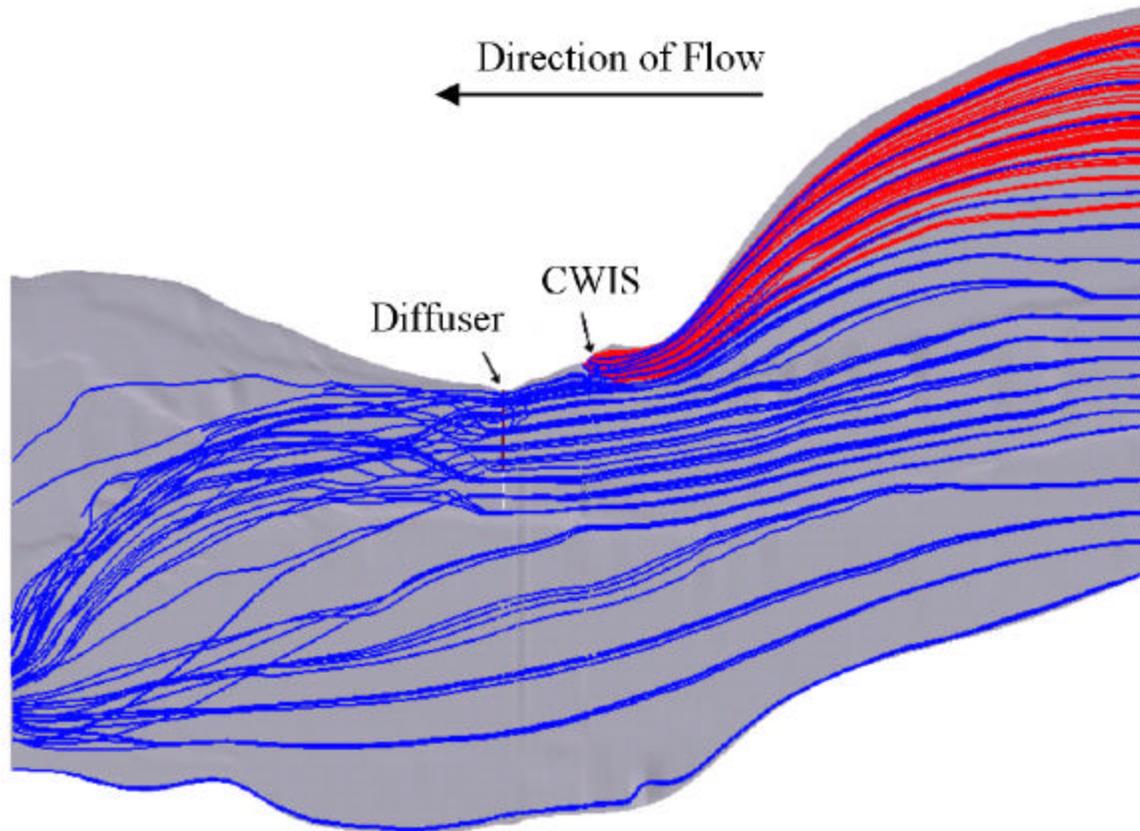


Figure 11. Numerical model results depicting the HZI of the Browns Ferry cooling water intake structure (CWIS). Blue streamlines represent river flow passing by intake and red streamlines represent portion of river discharge withdrawn by the plant's intake.

For the Tanners Creek HZI evaluation, a stochastic computational model was used to simulate the random aspects of passive particles moving downstream in the Ohio River from release points upstream of the intake. Data collected with this model included the downstream movements of 5000 particles released from 560 points upstream of the intake. Using this approach, a probability of entrainment was calculated for particles released from the same location based on the numbers that entered the intake and the numbers that passed downstream.

Entrainment probability contour maps generated from the Tanners Creek analysis demonstrate that the HZI is very small relative to the entire width of the river and that entrainment probabilities are low, even for particles passing downstream close to the shoreline on which the intake is located (Figures 12 and 13). Differences in entrainment probabilities occurred between particles released near the surface and at the river bottom. This was most likely due to the intake configuration, which withdraws water from several distinct depth locations. The Tanners creek analysis also demonstrates that entrainment probabilities decrease with increases in river discharge. This is due to a smaller proportion of river flow being withdrawn. For any given

pumping rate, entrainment probabilities for the KWR intake will also vary with river discharge, being lowest during periods of peak tidal flow and greatest at slack tide (seasonal differences in river discharge will also have the same effect). Thus, the size of the HZI will decrease with increases in flow and increase at lower river discharges (e.g., slack tide).

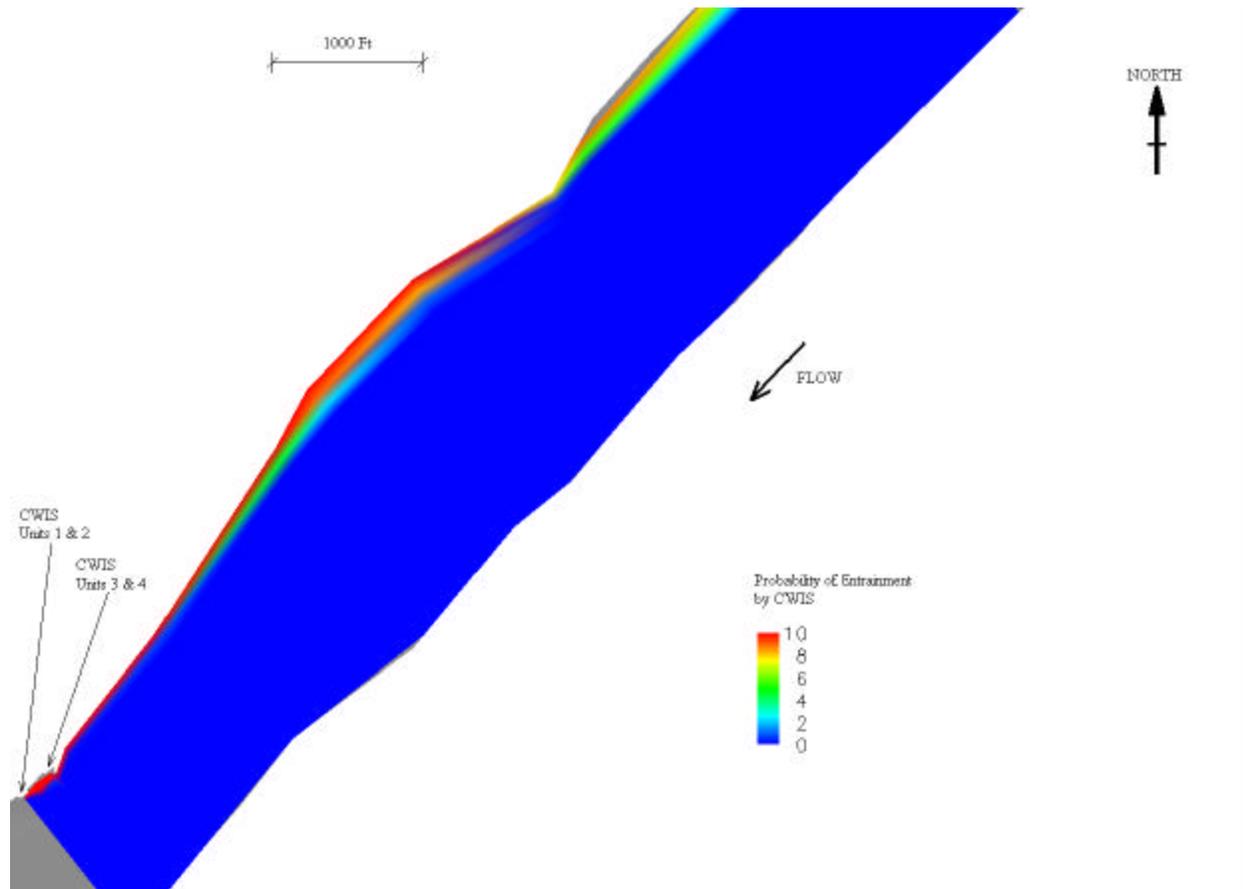


Figure 12. Numerical model results depicting the probability of entrainment for passive particles moving downstream at the water surface as they encounter the Tanners Creek cooling water intake structure (CWIS).

The EPRI case study of the Connecticut Yankee Nuclear Power Plant provides data for the HZI of an intake located within the tidal reach of a large river. The Connecticut Yankee cooling water intake is located on eastern shore of the Connecticut River about 16 miles upstream from Long Island Sound. The study area extends about two miles upstream from the CWIS and about three miles downstream. These distances are the approximate range of the tidal excursion in the vicinity of the plant. Simulation conditions used in the Connecticut Yankee HZI numerical model included a river discharge of 9,700 mgd and an intake withdrawal rate of 585 mgd (6% of river discharge). To calculate the HZI of the Connecticut Yankee CWIS, specified concentrations of passive organisms were released into the modeled flow from different locations

one to two miles upstream of the power plant. An advection/dispersion algorithm was used to calculate the movement of the “numerical surrogate particles” past the CWIS during several successive tidal cycles. The concentration of surrogate organisms entering the intake was recorded during these simulations. The percentage of particles entrained by the CWIS was calculated using this information and the total number released at the beginning of the simulations.

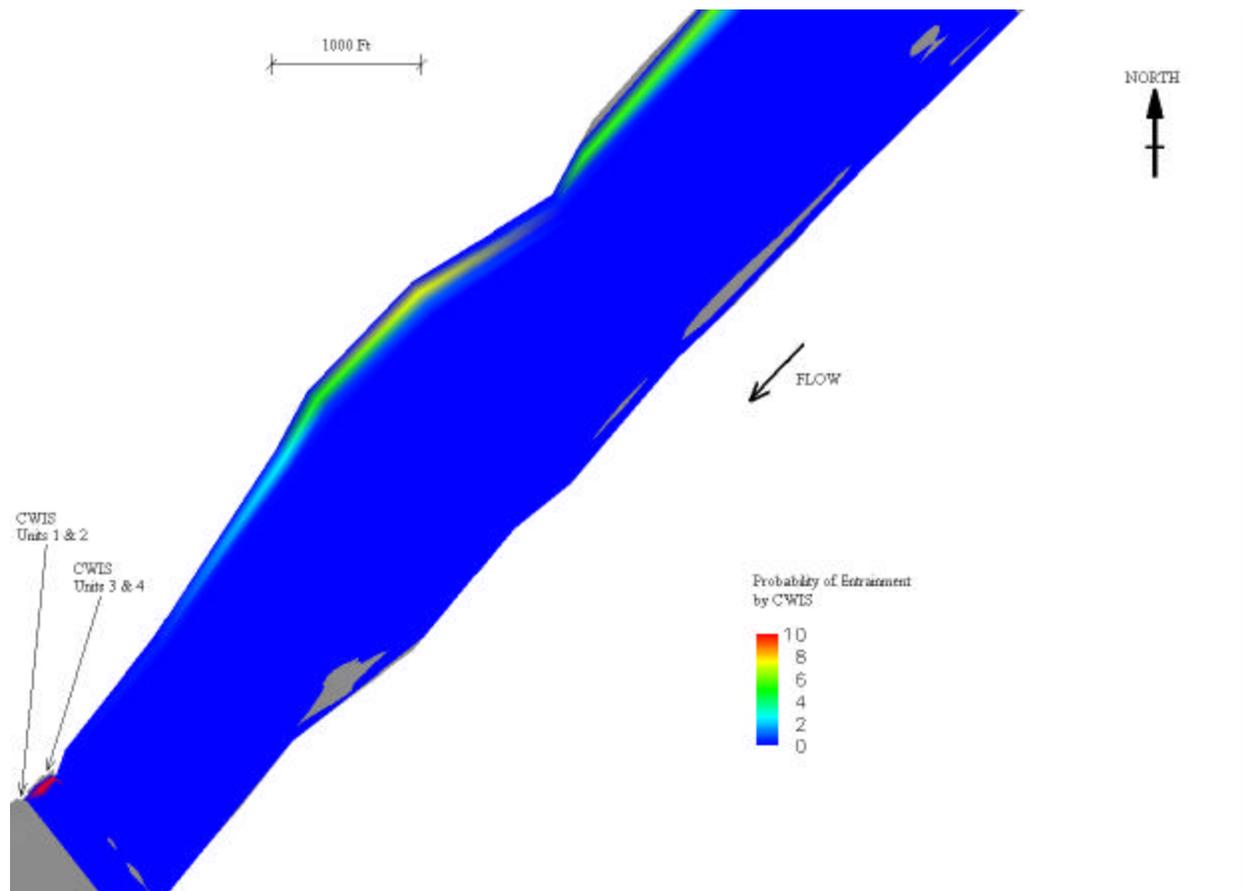


Figure 13. Numerical model results depicting the probability of entrainment for passive particles moving downstream at near the river bottom as they encounter the Tanners Creek cooling water intake structure (CWIS).

Entrainment probabilities estimated for two locations upstream of the Connecticut Yankee intake demonstrated that the risk to entrainment varied with depth and location across the width of the river (Figure 14). These entrainment probabilities were calculated from particles released at 19 different cross-sectional locations. Entrainment probabilities increased with proximity to the intake along the side of the river that the intake was located and decreased on the opposite side. Similar to the other HZI case studies, the increase in entrainment risk along the shoreline leading to the Connecticut Yankee intake and corresponding decreases across the river width towards the

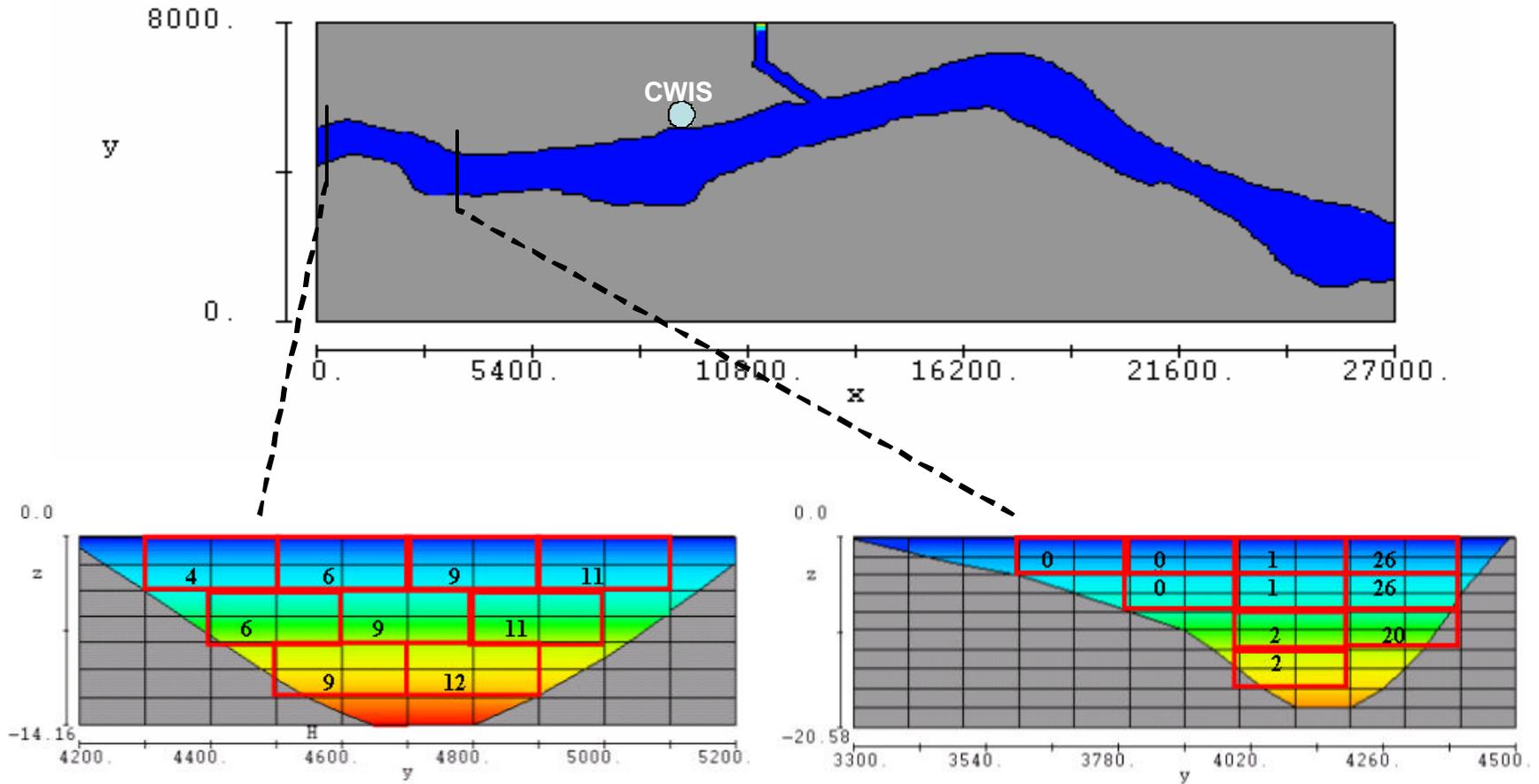


Figure 14. Probability of entrainment (%) for neutrally buoyant particles released upstream of the Connecticut Yankee cooling water intake. The x, y, and z coordinates represent length, width, and depth, respectively.

opposite shore represent a decrease in the HZI of withdrawn water. Entrainment probabilities outside of the HZI drop to zero and the zone in which there is no risk to entrainment expands considerably as river flow approaches the intake. Entrainment probabilities also decrease with depth because the Connecticut Yankee intake withdraws water from near the surface. At the cross-section furthest from the intake, the differences in entrainment risk between water withdrawn from the surface and water withdrawn from bottom is minimal and the HZI is wider at this location.

In contrast to the KWR intake, the Connecticut Yankee power plant has a shoreline water intake. However, as with the other case studies, the same principles associated with HZI size and entrainment risk will hold true for the KWR cylindrical screens and may even be enhanced for better fish protection due to the mid-river and mid-depth location and screen design. Cylindrical screens positioned parallel to ambient currents river are designed to allow fish and eggs to continue downstream in the presences of sufficient sweeping flows, even when organisms are within the HZI and in close proximity to a screen's surface (see Section 3).

The results of the cooling water intake HZI modeling studies provide valuable information for assessing ichthyoplankton risk to entrainment (i.e., probability of encountering an intake). However, because HZI analyses typically rely on the assumption of uniform particle distributions and neutral buoyancy, passive organisms that are not uniformly distributed in a body of water will have entrainment risks that do not correspond to the percentage of water removed by an intake or the volumetric area of the withdrawn flow as it approaches an intake. Ichthyoplankton abundance sampling in the vicinity of water intakes has demonstrated that entrainment rate predictions based on proportion of flow withdrawn may be invalid depending on intake design and location (Paller et al. 1995). Additionally, for some intakes, a certain portion of passive organisms within the HZI will pass by an intake in the presence of ambient river currents. The KWR intake will be located near mid-channel and will withdraw water from the approximate middle of the water column. Thus, the results of the cooling water intake HZI studies indicate that the entrainment of organisms in the Mattaponi River should be mainly from the center of channel and about mid-depth. Eggs and larvae that are located close to the river banks or near the bottom and surface should be outside the HZI of the KWR intake and, therefore, would not be at risk to entrainment. The following section provides more specific information on the KWR intake HZI and probable levels of entrainment risk for organisms approaching the screens.

4.1.2 HZI Analysis of KWR Intake

We developed estimates of the HZI of the KWR intake using hand calculations to define the region of the Mattaponi River in which ichthyoplankton will be affected by intake flows and to provide site-specific probabilities for passive particles encountering the screens. Upstream and downstream limits of an intake HZI can be estimated by applying arguments of continuity and mixing zone concepts (see Fischer et al. [1979], pp. 104 to 120, for a thorough discussion of the methods used to estimate the limits of an HZI). Using this approach, the upstream limit of the

HZI is defined to be the distance required for “complete mixing” of a centerline discharge as defined by Fischer et al. (1979):

$$L = 0.1 u W^2/\epsilon_t \quad (1)$$

where: L = Complete Mixing Length

u = Average Velocity

W = Width of Channel

ϵ_t = Transverse Mixing Coefficient

The mixing length, L , corresponds to the distance required for materials released from a point discharge in the center of a channel to mix uniformly throughout the channel. For this problem, the mixing length can be thought of as the distance “upstream” of the intake beyond which a uniform chance of entrainment for passive organisms in a river exists.

The results of the calculations depend on the choice of the transverse mixing coefficient, ϵ_t and represent the portion of organisms that may encounter the intake screens during a single pass by the intake. The value of this coefficient depends on the shape of the river in the vicinity of the proposed intake structure and can be uniquely identified only by the results of field-testing performed at the site. However, the value of transverse mixing coefficient can be estimated from the results of experimental measurements of transverse mixing in open channels with curves and irregular sides (Fischer et al. 1979). In our evaluation, the transverse mixing coefficient proposed by Jackman and Yotsukra (1977) for the Potomac River was used to support the calculations. The shape of the Potomac River in the location where this study was carried out was described to be, “gently meandering with up to 60 degree bends.”

Our analysis of the KWR intake HZI involved calculating L for three different channel velocities (0.25, 1.5, and 3.0 ft/s) representing approximate average and maximum tidal discharge flow rates. The width of the channel, W , was equal to 450 ft (the approximate width of the channel at the proposed intake site). Between the upstream limit of the HZI and the intake structure the width of the HZI was assumed to decrease linearly (Figures 15 through 17). The chance of encountering the screen was calculated to be the percentage ratio between the intake flow rate and the flow rate carried by the portion of the river within the HZI. The HZI of the KWR intake screens was estimated for three intake flow rates (monthly average, highest seasonal upper quartile, and maximum design capacity). Estimates of the HZI dimensions for ebb and flood tidal flows are similar, but the HZI will be greater during flood tide due to less flow and slightly lower velocities.

The distance upstream from the intake at which complete mixing occurs (i.e., particles located across the entire width and depth of the river have a some small probability of encountering the intake screens) becomes shorter as channel velocities decrease. The upstream limit of the HZI is similar to the distance associated with the tidal excursion (i.e., about 2.5 miles) at the proposed location of the intake for the highest channel velocity evaluated, but is considerable less at the mid and low channel velocities (Figures 15 through 17). As expected, the probability of passive particles encountering the intake increases as flow withdrawal rates increase and decrease with increases in tidal velocities. The estimated HZIs for the different flow conditions demonstrate

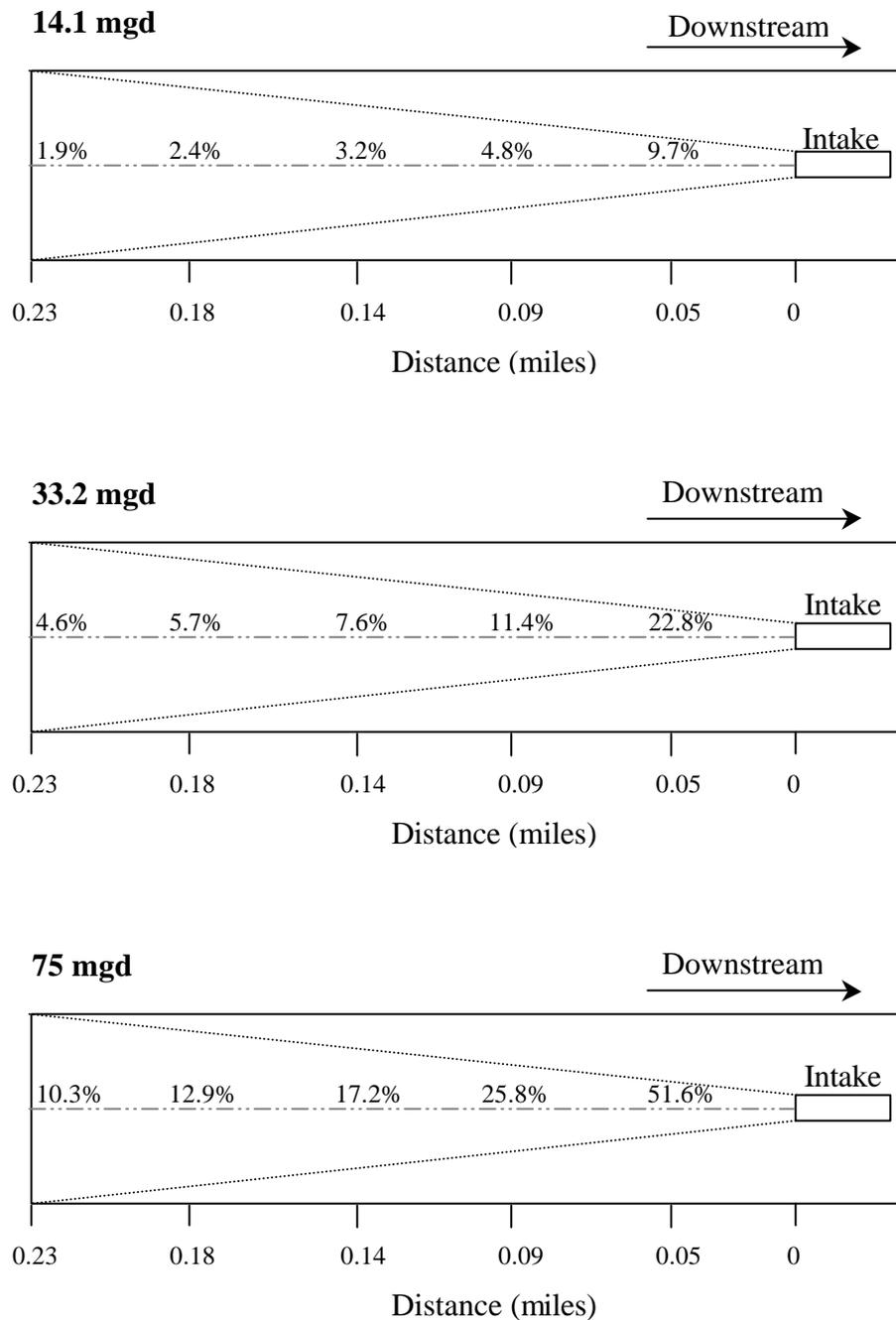


Figure 15. Estimated HZI of the KWR intake at three withdrawal rates and a low ebb tide flow rate. Channel velocity at the screens is approximately 0.25 ft/s. Percentages indicate the probability that passive particles within the HZI will encounter the screens when at the corresponding distances upstream.

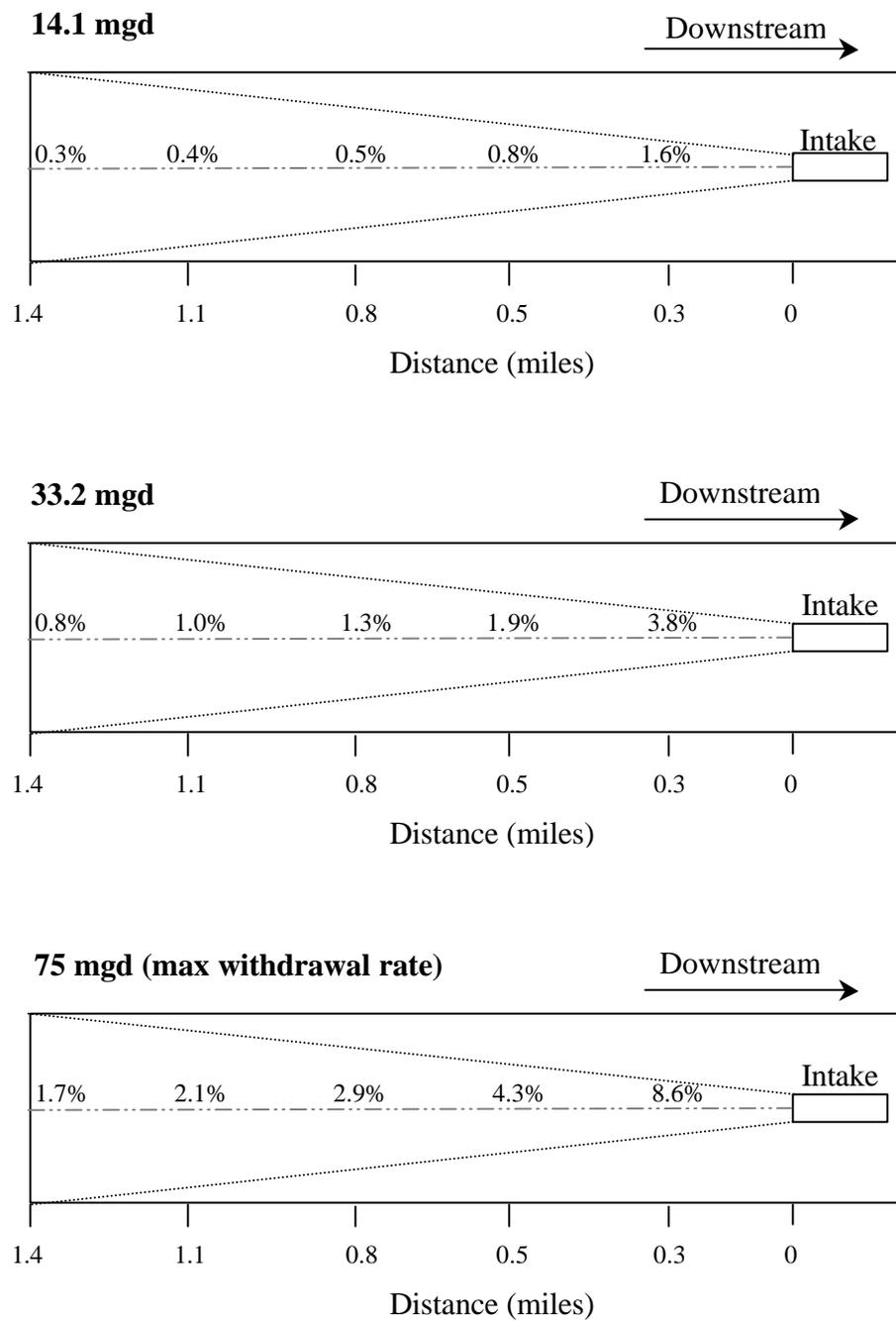


Figure 16. Estimated HZI of the KWR intake at three withdrawal rates and average ebb tidal flow. Channel velocity at the screens is approximately 1.5 ft/s. Percentages indicate the probability that passive particles within the HZI will encounter the screens when at the corresponding distances upstream.

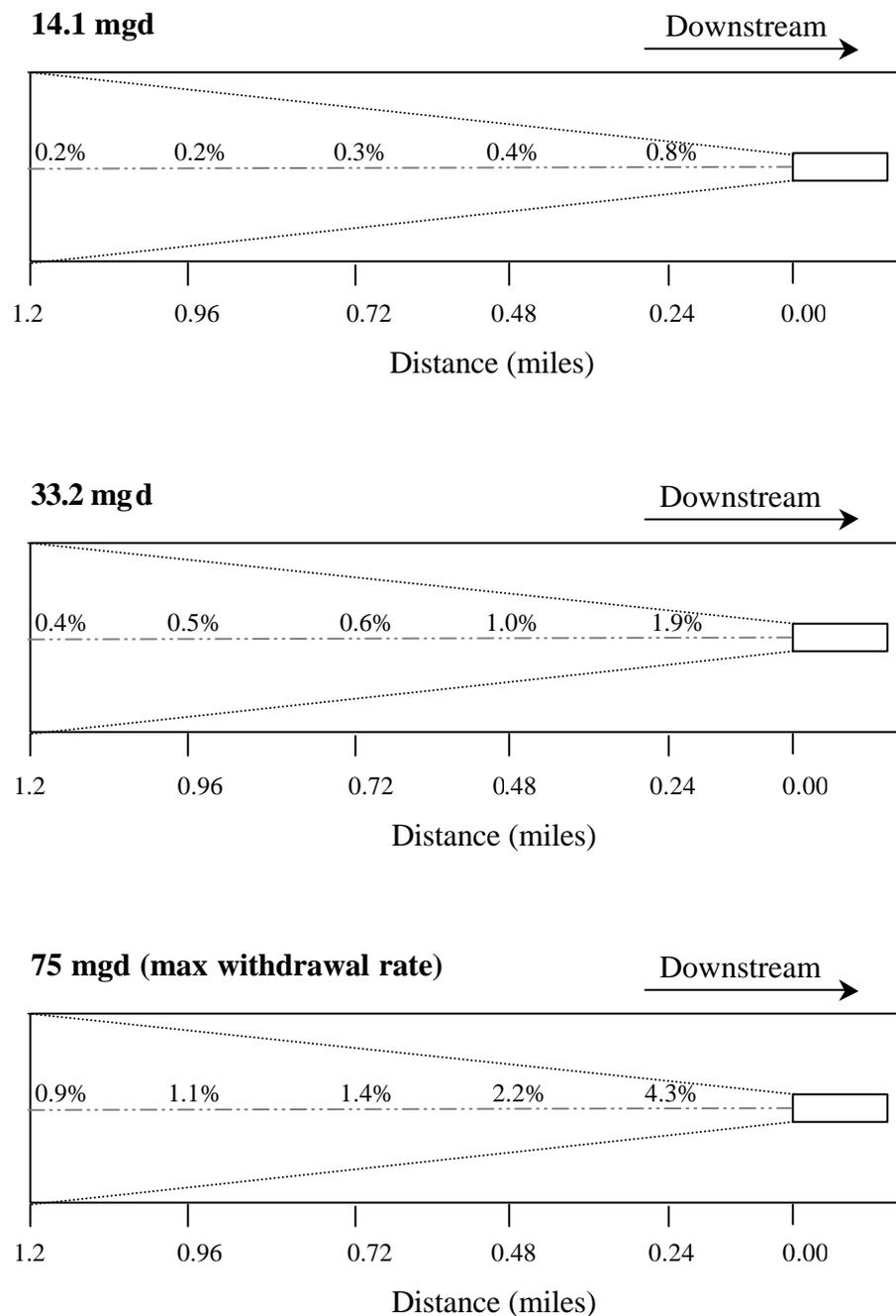


Figure 17. Estimated HZI of the KWR intake at three withdrawal rates and peak ebb tidal flow. Channel velocity at the screens is approximately 3.0 ft/s. Percentages indicate the probability that passive particles within the HZI will encounter the screens when at the corresponding distances upstream.

that passive organisms located in a large portion of the river (i.e., towards the shorelines and near the river surface and bottom) at the intake site likely will not be at risk to entrainment during a large portion of the tidal cycle. that passive organisms located in a large portion of the river (i.e., towards the shorelines and near the river surface and bottom) at the intake site likely will not be at risk to entrainment during a large portion of the tidal cycle.

The results of HZI analysis for the KWR intake indicate that:

- The probability of encountering the KWR intake for passive organisms that originate at the upstream and downstream limits of the HZI is small (about 10% or less).
- The width and upstream extent of the HZI are small (i.e., narrow and short) before the likelihood of encountering the screens is calculated to exceed 5% (within 0.5 miles of intake for withdrawal rates of 33.2 and 75 mgd).
- For most flow conditions, the probability of encountering the intake screens is negligible for organisms located near the river bottom and surface (i.e., outside the HZI at the screens) and towards the shorelines is negligible at the location of the intake.

Even when organisms are within the an intake's HZI at the location of the withdrawal, entrainment of fish eggs and larvae may occur at rates as low as 0 to 10%, depending on the ratio of sweeping- to-slot velocity and organism size.

4.2 Near-Field Flow Conditions of Cylindrical Wedgewire Screens

4.2.1 General Characterization of Cylindrical Wedgewire Screen Near-Field Flows

Results of laboratory studies and computer modeling reported by EPRI (2003) indicate that cylindrical wedgewire screens (i.e., T-screens) withdraw water from a well-defined region based on their design and operation. EPRI (2003) reported velocity measurements and numerical modeling results for a cylindrical wedgewire screen with 2-mm wide slots, a slot velocity of 0.75 ft/s, and a channel velocity of 0.25 ft/s. Flume velocity measurements were recorded in a vertical plane aligned with the centerline of a 12-inch diameter cylindrical T-screen installed in a flow tank. These measurements were used to validate the results of the numerical modeling of flow into the intake screen.

The flow vectors (i.e., magnitude and direction) estimated from the laboratory measurements and numerical modeling indicate that water approaching a T-screen is more likely to enter the intake if it comes from a location close to the centerline of the structure (Figures 18 and 19). The volumetric area of the withdrawn water can be envisioned as a stream-tube (i.e., a bundle of streamlines) extending upstream from the intake structure (Figure 19). Flow patterns within several feet of the screen surface suggest that, for the flow velocities tested, passive particles beyond 1 to 2 ft would safely pass downstream and not be subjected to entrainment or impingement. The distance at which passive organisms will not be drawn towards the KWR screens may be less because the proposed slot velocity is much lower than that evaluated during

the EPRI study and channel velocities will be considerably faster for a large portion of the tidal cycle. Consequently, the near-field zone in which fish eggs and larvae may be drawn towards the KWR screens could potentially be less than 1 ft from surface of the screens. However, organisms within this near-field zone may still be carried downstream of the screens at relatively high rates by ambient currents (i.e., sweeping velocities) which will be equal to or higher than slot velocities during a large portion of each tidal cycle (see Section 3 for discussions of the effects of sweeping flows on screen exclusion rates).

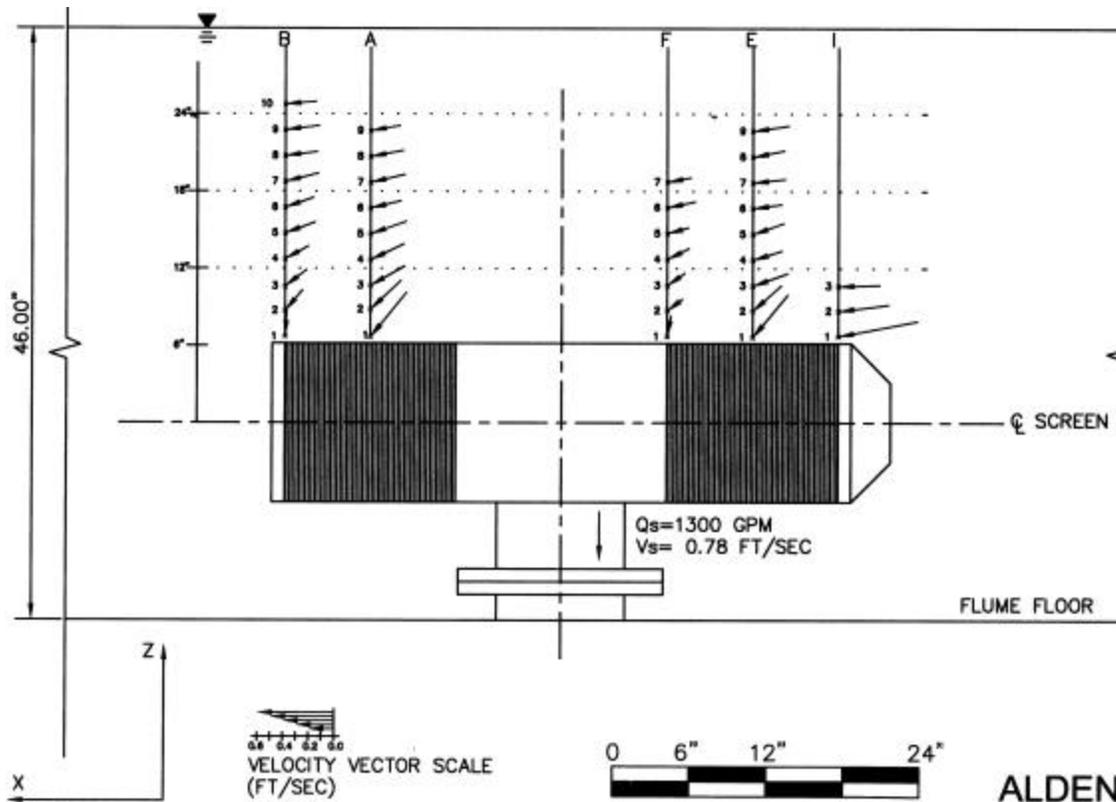


Figure 18. Wedgewire screen (2-mm slot) flow direction and magnitude measured with an acoustic Doppler velocimeter (EPRI 2003). Flume velocity was set at 0.25 ft/s and through-slot velocity at 0.78 ft/s.

The results of the EPRI (2003) flow field evaluation demonstrate that water entering an intake approaches from a narrow region directly upstream of the structure. This is also supported by the intake screen HZI assessment (Section 4.1), which showed that the zone of influence shrinks considerably as water approaches an intake. The computed and measured velocities reported by EPRI (2003) show that velocities induced by a cylindrical screen are markedly lower with increasing distance away from the intake. The rapid dissipation of approach velocities perpendicular to a cylindrical wedgewire screen has been identified in previous studies and is considered a mechanism by which cylindrical wedgewire screens provide effective fish protection (Cook 1978). Aquatic organisms within the near-field zone of influence will be at greater risk to entrainment or impingement than those outside of it, but the velocity vectors and

flow streamlines presented in EPRI (2003) support the conclusion that eggs and larvae in close proximity to the screen can effectively pass downstream under certain hydraulic conditions (i.e., low slot velocity and equal or higher sweeping velocities; see Section 3 for more detailed information on screen exclusion efficiency). Additionally, the flow conditions at the KWR screens will be more favorable than those evaluated in the EPRI (2003) study with respect to fish protection (and debris management).

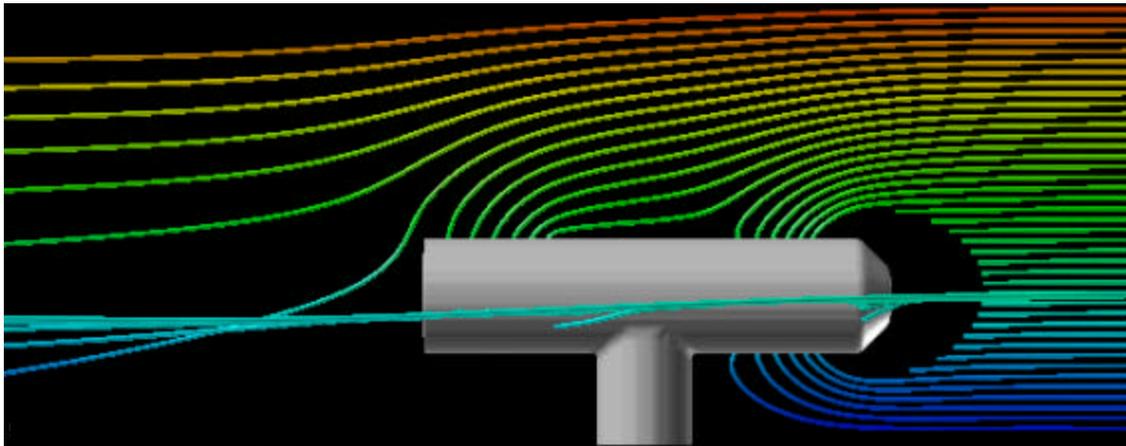


Figure 19. Flow streamlines for a cylindrical wedgewire screen (2-mm slot) generated from a numerical model (EPRI 2003). Flow conditions for the model included a 0.25 ft/s channel velocity and 0.78 ft/s slot velocity.

4.2.2 Near-Field Hydraulic Analysis of KWR Intake

The results of laboratory testing reported by EPRI (2003) indicate that the hydraulic influence of a cylindrical wedgewire screen is felt at a certain radial distance away from a screen (Figure 19) and that this distance (i.e., zone of influence) is dependent on slot and sweeping velocities (which are based on screen porosity, withdrawal rate, and river discharge). To assess the near-field zone of influence surrounding the KWR screens, we calculated the diameter of the “stream-tube” entering a screen located at the proposed intake site. The stream tube diameter, or zone of influence, was calculated for several different operating conditions and approach velocities. The objective of this analysis was to estimate the percentage of the river cross-section that is affected by the intake flows in the vicinity of the intake structure. The results of the near-field hydraulic analysis provide a measure of the cross-sectional area from which water is withdrawn by the KWR intake screens

For T-screens aligned parallel to ambient currents, the estimated dimensions of the flow field entering the KWR intake were based on the continuity of the approaching river flow. The

diameter of this flow field, or stream-tube, was calculated according to the following equation (EPRI 2003):

$$D = 2 * \text{Sqrt}[(Q/V)/\pi] \quad (2)$$

where: D = Diameter of Stream-tube
 Q = Withdrawal Flow Rate
 V = Approach Flow Velocity

The percent of the river cross-section occupied by flow that enters the intake, at the location of the intake can be calculated as follows:

$$\% = [(Q/V)/(d \times W)] \times 100 \quad (3)$$

where: Q = Withdrawal Flow Rate
 V = Approach Flow Velocity
 d = Average River Depth
 W = Width of River (450 ft at intake location)

The average river depth (10 ft) was calculated from bathymetry data presented in Basco (1996). Since the proposed withdrawal structure for the KWR intake involves a row of T-screens aligned parallel to ambient flow direction, Equations 1 and 2 can be used to estimate the size of the near-field HZI at the river cross-section that contains the withdrawal structure.

The diameter of the near-field zone of influence surrounding KWR screens was calculated for three withdrawal rates (14.1, 33.2, and 75 mgd) and a range of channel velocities (0.1 to 3.0 ft/s) that occur throughout each tidal cycle at the location of the intake (Table 6). As expected, the diameter of the near-field zone of influence increases as approach velocity decreases and withdrawal rate increases. The percentage of the cross-sectional area at the intake location that this zone occupies ranges from less than 1% at the highest tidal velocity to about 25% at a tidal velocity of 0.1 ft/s and a pumping rate of 75 mgd (Table 7). The nominal percentage of the river cross-section that is affected by withdrawal flows at the location of the intake over the course of a tidal cycle ranges from 1.0% at a withdrawal rate of 14.1 mgd to 5.2% at a withdrawal rate of 75 mgd (Table 8).

Table 6. Diameter (ft) of the KWR intake near-field zone of influence by withdrawal flow rate and river velocity. The zone of influence is estimated for the area immediately upstream of an intake screen.

Intake Flow (mgd)	Mattaponi River Velocity (ft/s) at Intake Location							
	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
14.1	16.7	11.8	7.5	5.3	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.0
33.2	25.6	18.1	11.4	8.1	6.6	5.7	5.1	4.7
75.0	38.4	27.2	17.2	12.2	9.9	8.6	7.7	7.0

The results of the near-field hydraulic analysis of the KWR intake screens support the following conclusions:

- The diameter of the near-field zone of influence is slightly larger than the diameter of the screening structure for most operating conditions (i.e., range of tidal velocities). The diameter of the zone is greater at lower channel velocities and higher withdrawal rates.
- At an intake withdrawal rate of 14.1 mgd (slightly less than the average monthly withdrawal rate based on safe-yield modeling), the near-field zone of influence will not extend to the surface or bottom of the river. At higher withdrawal rates (33.2 and 75 mgd), the zone of influence will only extend to the river surface and bottom when channel velocities are 0.2 ft/s or less (i.e., within about a 1 hour period surrounding slack tide).
- The nominal percentage of the river cross-section at the proposed KWR intake site that will be occupied by the near-field zone of influence over the course of a complete tidal cycle is 5.2% at the maximum pumping rate of 75 mgd and less than 2.5% at pumping rates of 33.2 mgd or less.

Table 7. Percent of river cross-section within the HZI of the KWR intake for a range of tidal velocities. Tidal velocities less than 0.5 ft/s are expected to occur for about 15% of each complete tidal cycle.

Intake Flow (mgd)	Mattaponi River Velocity (ft/s) at Intake Location							
	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
14.1	4.8	2.4	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
33.2	11.4	5.7	2.3	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4
75.0	25.8	12.9	5.2	2.6	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.9

Table 8. Nominal percent of river cross-section occupied by the near-field zone of influence of the KWR cylindrical wedgewire screens over the course of a complete tidal cycle.

KWR Intake Flow Rate (mgd)	Percent of Cross-Section Occupied
14.1	1.0%
33.2	2.3%
75.0	5.2%

4.3 HZI Assessment Summary

Case study evaluations of cooling water intakes using computational techniques have shown that far-field HZIs comprise a relatively small volume of water approaching an intake. The size of an HZI for a riverine intake will depend the amount of water withdrawn relative to the total river discharge. However, regardless of flow conditions, HZIs decrease in size with increasing proximity to an intake (this also equates to a smaller proportion of total ichthyoplankton being in the HZI) and the percentage of passive particles within an HZI that will encounter intake screens increases. The results of the far and near-field analyses of the KWR screens suggest that the length of the HZI for this site will extend about 2.5 miles in either direction and has a diameter that varies between 3 and 40 ft directly upstream of the intake, depending on tidal velocity and withdrawal flow rate. Although the calculated HZI extends approximately 2.5 miles upstream and downstream of the proposed intake, the probability that passive organisms originating at the upstream and downstream limits will encounter the intake screens is small (typically 10% or less; Figures 15-17). The results of the HZI analysis also suggest that the majority of water entering the intakes will come from the center of the river, rather than from the sides or from near the bottom of the river. At the site of the proposed intake, the nominal percentage of river cross-section occupied by the HZI is calculated to be about 5% or less over a range of withdrawal flow rates (14.1 to 74 mgd). Consequently, assuming uniform distributions of ichthyoplankton, only 5% of fish eggs and larvae present in the vicinity of the intake site would occur within the HZI of the KWR intake as flow encountered the screens. Exclusion efficiencies for ichthyoplankton that encounter the screens should exceed 80% given relatively high channel-to-slot velocity ratios that are expected to occur during greater than 85% of each tidal cycle (see Section 3 for more details on exclusion efficiencies).

5 POTENTIAL INJURY AND MORTALITY OF FISH LARVAE AND EGGS DUE TO SCREEN CONTACT

Despite a limited HZI for the KWR intake and reasonable assurance that the combination of narrow slots, low slot velocities, and adequate sweeping flows minimizes entrainment and impingement, concerns remain that fish eggs and larvae passing along a screen's surface may be susceptible to injury or mortality from contact abrasion or other potential stressors (e.g., hydraulic shear). Whereas rates of entrainment and impingement at wedgewire screen intakes can be quantified experimentally with relative ease, the indirect effects on organisms that only contact a screen are more difficult to quantify. Differentiating the effects of screen contact from handling effects of collecting specimens for analysis requires a carefully executed experimental design. However, a limited number of studies directly related to impingement mortality of eggs and larvae at wedgewire screen intakes have been conducted. In addition, while not directly applicable, studies of impingement-induced mortality associated with other types of fish exclusion technologies can provide further insight into the magnitude of potential indirect effects.

To fully understand potential effects of contact with the KWR intake screens, it is important to recognize the specific stressors that may be acting upon eggs and larvae. In addition to the direct effects of impingement, other stressors include the hydraulic effects of shear and turbulence. Contact abrasion may also act as a stressor upon larvae and eggs interacting with the intake structure. Although the effects of shear, turbulence, and contact abrasion have not been studied directly as they relate to wedgewire screens or other exclusion devices, they have been examined in laboratory tests for other applications. Stressors that were considered relevant to the assessment of the proposed KWR intake with respect to fish contact with wedgewire screens include the following:

- Impingement
When an organism is held against a screen surface by intake flow it is classified as impingement. Varying degrees of impingement can occur, ranging from momentary contact and immobilization to terminal impingement resulting in mortality. The effects of impingement can be described by a subset of other stressors. Impinged organisms experience flow variations and associated shear and turbulence and are held in contact with a foreign object.
- Shear and turbulence
Shear forces occur at the interface between two bodies of water moving at different velocities. Under these conditions, a fish is exposed to differential forces across its body (Killgore et al. 2001) which can cause rotation and deformation and lead to mortality (Morgan et al. 1976). Turbulence reflects a fluctuation in velocity magnitude and direction. Because shear forces are present in turbulent flow, it is often difficult to differentiate between the effects of shear and turbulence. In general, the physical effects of shear and turbulence on an organism are probably similar.

- Contact abrasion

As approach flows carry eggs and larvae downstream, some may come into contact with an intake screen. Given sufficient sweeping velocities and low intake velocities, these organisms may slide or bounce along a screen before progressing downstream. This action could potentially result in contact abrasion that may lead to injury.

A review of the following study types was conducted to determine the potential for the various stressors to injure larvae and eggs exposed to cylindrical wedgewire screens:

- Wedgewire screen impingement studies (both cylindrical and flat panel)
- Fine-mesh screen and aquatic filter barrier (AFB) impingement survival studies
- Laboratory shear and turbulence evaluations
- Cooling water intake entrainment survival studies
- Turbine/propeller damage evaluations

Data from these studies were examined to determine if the stressors evaluated and any estimates of injury and mortality were applicable to cylindrical wedgewire screen applications, or if they could provide insight to the extent of injury, if any, that might be expected at the KWR intake.

5.1 Impingement

In a laboratory study, Hanson et al. (1978) examined the effectiveness of wedgewire screens for reducing entrainment and impingement of striped bass larvae and eggs. Although they subsequently expanded their study to include an *in situ* evaluation with 19 additional species, the majority of these organisms were well past the larval stage and the results are therefore not applicable here. The components of the study most relevant to this discussion focused on identifying the ability of larval striped bass to avoid entrainment or prolonged impingement upon contacting the screens and quantifying potential egg mortality rates associated with impingement. The ability of larvae to avoid entrainment and recover from impingements of varying durations demonstrate that early life stages of fish can swim close to and contact a wedgewire screen without suffering any apparent injuries or mortality.

Larval studies were conducted in a 9.1 by 4.6-m oval flume into which test screens were placed. A 5-hp pump was used to induce flow through a cylindrical Johnson wedgewire screen with slot widths of 1 mm. Intake velocities ranged from 0.5 to 2.0 ft/s. These experiments were conducted in the absence of any channel velocity (i.e. static conditions). Test fish were acquired from an onsite hatchery and were 8 to 17 mm in length when tested. Surviving fish were used for subsequent tests, however, testing was discontinued once surviving larvae reached 33 days of age (up to 17 mm in length). After acclimating to the flume water, the larvae were released to interact with the screen and their swimming ability and behavior were noted.

Avoidance behavior was observed in all trials, however, most entrainment occurred within 1 minute of initial exposure to the test screen. As fish grew, their ability to avoid impingement and entrainment increased. A total of 93 impingements, 75 escapes, and 16 entrainments occurred (Table 9). Larvae that were impinged for longer durations typically entered the screen tail-first

and were held there by their opercula. The authors speculated that the ensuing damage was probably fatal. However, many fish that became impinged were able to eventually escape Table 9). These tests demonstrated the ability of larvae greater than 8 mm in length to actively avoid entrainment and recover from impingement at intake velocities between 0.5 to 2.0 ft/s and without any sweeping flows. With a maximum slot velocity of only 0.25 ft/s and tidal flow velocities reaching 2.5 to 3.0 ft/s, these data indicate impingement of larvae greater than 8 mm on the KWR screens probably will be rare and that fish of this size should also be able to avoid entrainment as well.

Table 9. Escapes of striped bass larvae following impingement on 1-mm slot wedgewire screen with no approach velocity (Hanson et al. 1978).

N	TL (mm)	Age (days)	Intake Velocity (ft/s)	Impingement Occurrences	Escapes	% Escaped
1	8.0-10.0	10-14	0.5	3	3	100
10	9.8-10.9	18	0.5	3	0	0
10	8.6-11.2	18	1.0	10	7	70
10	8.3-12.4	19	1.0	11	4	36
2	13.0-15.4	19-23	0.5	6	4	67
7	10.3-10.9	24	0.5	3	3	100
7	8.3-12.1	26	0.5	0	--	--
11	8.4-13.6	29	0.5	1	0	0
11	9.8-14.5	30	1.0	20	20	100
11	12.5-16.1	30	1.5	24	22	92
10	13.0-17.0	32	2.0	4	4	100
10	13.0-17.0	32	1.5	8	8	100

Experiments to estimate egg mortality caused by impingement were conducted in a smaller 3.0 by 1.5 m oval flume using a 30.5 by 30.5 mm flat panel screen with a slot width of 0.5 mm oriented perpendicular to the approaching flow. Tests were performed with several developmental stages of eggs to identify differences in susceptibility to impingement mortality associated with egg development. Upon initiation of a trial, eggs were released about 1.2 m upstream of the test screen into water flowing at 0.5 ft/s and remained impinged for predetermined periods of time. Trials were conducted for durations of 30, 60, and 120 seconds, after which time the impinged eggs were collected and placed in a jar partially filled with an antiseptic solution. For comparative purposes, control groups were also held in flume water for the same predetermined period of time and then placed in jars. Eggs were periodically monitored for mortality until 60 minutes after termination of the trial. The mortality rates for the control and treatment groups were then compared.

Mortality attributable to impingement ranged from 0% to 11.9%. However, the mean impingement mortality for several trials ranged only from 0% to 2.0% and the overall mean mortality for all egg developmental stages was 1.4% (Table 10). Most mortality took place within the first 30 minutes after impingement. Mortality was highest in the earliest stage of development (late-gastrula), which may indicate a higher degree of fragility. The low rates of mortality that were observed suggest that fish eggs can contact wedgewire screens without

suffering high rates of injury and mortality. These tests also indicate that shear associated with sweeping flows and intake velocities probably is not detrimental to fish eggs for the conditions tested (i.e., intake velocity and channel velocities of 0.5 ft/s).

Table 10. Summary of striped bass egg mortality (%) one hour following impingement on a 0.5-mm slot wedgewire screen at an approach velocity of 0.5 ft/s and a slot velocity of 0.5 ft/s (Hanson et al. 1978). Test groups were impinged for durations of 30, 60, and 120 seconds. Control groups were held in flume water.

	30 seconds	60 seconds	120 seconds	Total
<u>Late gastrula – early embryo (1.8-3.2 mm)</u>				
Test	6.6	5.2	4.3	5.5
Control	4.6	3.4	3.7	3.9
<i>Difference</i>	2.0	1.8	0.6	1.6
<u>Tailbud – free (2.1-2.4 mm)</u>				
Test	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.5
Control	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Difference</i>	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.5
<u>Fully developed embryo (2.0-2.7 mm)</u>				
Test	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.5
Control	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
<i>Difference</i>	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.4
<u>Total (1.8-3.2 mm)</u>				
Test	4.5	3.7	2.9	3.7
Control	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.3
<i>Difference</i>	2.0	1.3	0.9	1.4

In one of the few studies that have evaluated exposure of early life stages of American shad to fish protection technologies, Radle (2001) estimated mortality of eggs impinged on the Gunderboom Marine Life Exclusion System (or aquatic filter barrier – AFB). Although the screening material and hydraulic conditions associated with this exclusion technology differ from that of wedgewire screens, the concerns regarding American shad at the proposed King William intake screens and a lack information on impingement mortality eggs of this species suggest that this study is worth considering because the eggs were exposed to impingement and contact with a potentially abrasive surface. The material comprising an AFB consists of coarse fabric with a pore size of 20 microns. This material, all though soft, is generally rougher than the smooth metal bars that comprise wedgewire screens.

The experimental apparatus used by Radle (2001) consisted of several 14-cm diameter hatching jars that were part of a shad culture facility. Control jars contained a steel mesh near the bottom, onto which incubating eggs are placed. Treatment jars were created by overlaying the steel mesh with one of two types of AFB material (standard pore size or perforated with –mm holes to allow for greater flow rates). After each jar was filled with water, flow was provided at a velocity of

0.1 ft/s and 100 live shad eggs were introduced. The eggs remained impinged for predetermined periods of time, ranging from one to four hours. At the end of a trial, flow to the jars was shutoff and the AFB material was removed, leaving the eggs in the jars to continue incubation.

Following a 24-hour post-impingement period, the eggs were removed from both treatment and control jars and examined to determine the number of mortalities.

Only 7 of the 1200 eggs used in the study (control and treatment combined) had died after 24 hours. Survival rates in all jars were 99% or higher (Table 11). During a large portion of the time the intake is operating, the slot velocities through the KWR screens are expected to be equal to or less than 0.1 ft/s, which is the velocity that was evaluated during the AFB study. The high impingement survival rates observed by Radle (2001) indicate that American shad eggs that come into contact with or become impinged on the KWR screens likely will not suffer injuries that would lead to high rates of mortality. That is, prolonged static contact with a relatively rough material did not appear to affect survival of American shad eggs. Therefore, impingement or contact with smoother materials, such as wedgewire screens, probably would also result in very low mortality rates, particularly at low slot velocities similar to those evaluated during the AFB study.

Table 11. Survival of one day-old American shad eggs following impingement of varying duration on two types of AFB fabric at 0.01 ft/s. Control groups were held on steel mesh according to standard shad hatchery conditions.

Jar Number	Fabric Type	Hours Impinged (#)	Live Recoveries (#)	Dead Recoveries (#)	Survival (%)
10	Lovett	1	100	0	100
11	Lovett	1	99	1	99
12	Lovett	2	100	0	100
13	Lovett	2	100	0	100
14	Lovett	4	99	0	100
15	Lovett	4	100	0	100
24	Perforated	1	99	1	99
25	Perforated	1	98	1	99
22	Perforated	2	100	0	100
23	Perforated	2	100	0	100
20	Control	0	99	0	100
21	Control	0	99	0	100

In another evaluation of impingement effects, laboratory testing was conducted by ESEERCO (1981) to evaluate mortality of several species of larval fish exposed to fine-mesh screens. Impingement on 350 and 500 micron mesh screens was evaluated by introducing larvae into a flume upstream of the test screens. Tests were performed at several approach velocities ranging from 0.5 to 2.0 ft/s and for impingement durations ranging from 2 to 16 minutes. At the end of each test, larvae were removed from the screens and held for up to 96 hours to observe post-

impingement mortality. The species evaluated included striped bass, winter flounder, and alewife. Prolarvae and postlarvae were tested for each species.

Mean impingement mortality rates for each species and larval stage evaluated in the ESEERCO study are provided in Tables 12 through 18. Control mortalities are provided where available. Impingement mortality was nearly always greatest at the highest approach velocity. At 0.5 ft/s, mean impingement mortality was typically greatest for striped bass (43.91 to 91.8%). However, control mortality for striped bass prolarvae was also high (56.5%), suggesting a large portion of treatment fish mortalities were due to handling and/or holding fish. Impingement mortality for winter flounder at 0.5 ft/s ranged from 7.3% (prolarvae) to 72.2% (postlarvae after eight minutes of impingement). Similar to striped bass, control mortality for postlarval flounder was relatively high (33.8%), demonstrating that handling-related injury was contributing to the observed mortality rates of fish exposed to the screens. Prolarval alewife impingement mortality at 0.5 ft/s was 4 to 5%. Mortality of postlarval alewife was much higher (76 to 83%). However, control mortality was also higher (43.3%). These tests show that larval fishes are capable of surviving screen contact and impingement when approach velocities perpendicular to the screens are between 0.5 and 2.0 ft/s. Because through-slot velocities at the proposed King William Reservoir screens will be 0.25 ft/s or less and approach velocities perpendicular to the screens will dissipate rapidly, impingement mortality rates should be considerably less than those reported by ESEERCO (1981) for fine-mesh screens.

Table 12. Mortality of striped bass prolarvae (5.4-6.4 mm) 96 hours after impingement for different durations. Mean control mortality was 56.5%.

Velocity (ft/s)	Two minutes		Four minutes		Eight minutes		Sixteen minutes	
	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.
0.5	72.4	11.0	51.2	24.2	91.8	9.0	84.6	18.6
1.0	63.4	4.9	62.9	6.9	90.7	8.3	96.0	6.9
1.5	70.7	20.5	92.0	8.0	98.7	2.3	100.0	0.0
2.0	97.3	4.6	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0

Table 13. Mortality of striped bass postlarvae (6.5-17.1 mm) 96 hours after impingement for different durations. Mean control mortality was 8.1%.

Velocity (ft/s)	Two minutes		Four minutes		Sixteen minutes	
	Mean	95% CI	Mean	95% CI	Mean	95% CI
0.5	--	--	--	--	43.91	6.63
1.0	--	--	--	--	58.91	7.68
1.5	--	--	--	--	97.6	9.88
3.0	18.35	7.46	49.13	14.9	--	--

Table 14. Mortality of winter flounder prolarvae 96 hours after impingement. Mean control mortality was 4.1%.

Velocity (ft/s)	Mean (%)	95% Confidence Interval
0.5	7.3	3.6 to 13.7
1.0	10.7	5.6 to 19.8
1.5	16.5	8.8 to 30.2
2.0	35.6	19.5 to 64.1

Table 15. Mortality of winter flounder early postlarvae 96 hours after impingement. Mean control mortality was 42.5% (33.8% St. Dev.).

Velocity (ft/s)	Two minutes		Eight minutes		Sixteen minutes	
	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.
0.5	64.9	28.4	72.0	24.0	66.8	18.4
1.0	93.1	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
1.5	93.1	13.9	97.7	2.7	--	--
2.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	--	--

Table 16. Mortality of winter flounder late postlarvae 96 hours after impingement. Mean control mortality was 8.3%.

Velocity (ft/s)	Two minutes		Eight minutes		Sixteen minutes	
	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.
0.5	54.0	19.8	62.0	31.1	28.0	33.9
1.0	22.0	19.8	36.0	28.3	--	--
1.5	34.0	14.1	31.4	4.8	--	--
2.0	16.4	0.5	59.1	6.9	--	--

Table 17. Mortality of alewife prolarvae 48 hours after impingement. Mean control mortality was 0.0%.

Velocity (ft/s)	Two minutes		Eight minutes	
	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.
0.5	5.1	3.8	4.1	4.1
1.0	11.8	14.4	18.9	14.1
1.5	10.5	10.5	44.1	7.4
2.0	28.2	6.9	69.7	6.6

Table 18. Mortality of alewife postlarvae after impingement. Mean control mortality was 43.3% (36.2% St. Dev.).

Velocity (ft/s)	Two minutes		Eight minutes	
	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.
0.5	76.3	25.8	82.7	24.1
1.0	84.0	20.2	92.8	12.3
1.5	92.5	8.6	96.7	5.3
2.0	90.5	12.1	98.6	4.3

Impingement survival studies conducted with various screening technologies provide data that indicate mortality rates of fish eggs impinged on wedgewire screens and aquatic filter barriers are low (typically less than 5%) and that larvae can survive, and often avoid, impingement on wedgewire and fine-mesh screens with approach velocities considerably greater than those proposed for the KWR screens. These results demonstrate that physical contact with screening devices generally does not result in high rates of mortality for eggs and larvae. The studies discussed above typically evaluated early life stages of fish in the absence of any type of sweeping flow. That is, all flow was being withdrawn by the test devices resulting in flow velocities perpendicular to the screening surfaces. This resulted in test organisms striking the screening materials at the speed of the approaching flow and led to greater impingement rates than would be expected in the presence of ambient cross flows. With the exception of slack tide periods, tidal velocities at the KWR intake will prevent ichthyoplankton from striking the screens in this manner, thereby reducing the probability of impingement-related injury and mortality. If eggs and larvae in the Mattaponi River contact the intake screens, they will most likely glance the screens as they move downstream (eggs may roll along the screen surface and the frequency and magnitude of impact for larvae probably will be dependent on swimming ability). This glancing or rolling contact may be less damaging than direct impacts, particularly when it does not result in impingement.

5.2 Shear and Turbulence

Shear and turbulence may occur along the surface of wedgewire screens due to the natural movements of river flows and interactions between sweeping and intake velocities (i.e., varying magnitudes and flow directions). Shear and turbulent forces associated with the operation of wedgewire screens could potentially damage ichthyoplankton if they reach magnitudes that have been shown to cause injury. However, as discussed below, it is unlikely that such hydraulic conditions will exist in the vicinity of the proposed KWR screens, primarily due to low slot velocities (0.25 ft/s or less).

Morgan et al. (1976) reported the results of a laboratory study during which they attempted to separate the effects of shear on fish eggs and larvae from that of other potential stressors. The experimental apparatus used in this study consisted of two concentric plexiglass cylinders (20.3 and 30.5 cm diameter) permanently fixed to a plexiglass base. To replicate shear forces, a third rotating cylinder (25.4 cm diameter) was placed between the other two cylinders, thereby creating two chambers. The middle cylinder was then driven by a pulley system and motor such that upon spinning it induced shear fields in the inner and outer chambers. To identify the effects these shear fields had on early lifestages of fish, white perch and striped bass larvae and fertilized eggs were introduced into the sample chamber. The organisms were then subjected to exposures lasting from 1 to 20 minutes. The apparatus was operated at an rpm that varied by trial, yielding shear levels of 76 to 404 dynes/cm² (this is a standard unit of measurement for shear). Control tests were conducted by placing eggs and larvae in an identical apparatus for the duration of the trial but not activating the motor. Mortality consisted of disruption of the yolk-protein material or total disintegration for eggs and lack of mobility or acute tissue destruction for larvae.

Based on the mortality rates seen at various shear levels and durations of exposure, regression models were created for eggs and larvae of each species. Thus, given an observed level of shear in the environment, the resulting mortality could be predicted for a known exposure duration. Additional regression equations were developed with which LS_{50} (amount of shear required to kill 50% of eggs or larvae within a given time interval) could be estimated. For example, at 1 minute of exposure one would expect 50% mortality of: striped bass eggs at 542 dynes/cm², striped bass larvae at 785 dynes/cm², white perch eggs at 425 dynes/cm², and white perch larvae at 415 dynes/cm² (Table 19).

Table 19. Estimated LS_{50} values at shear exposures of various durations for striped bass and yellow perch eggs and larvae (Morgan et al. 1976).

Species and Stage	Exposure (min)	LS_{50} (Dynes/cm ²)
striped bass eggs	1	542
	2	255
	4	190
striped bass larvae	1	785
	2	510
	4	300
white perch eggs	1	425
	2	415
	5	175
	10	165
	20	120
white perch larvae	1	415
	2	340
	4	125

For the study by Morgan et al. (1976) to provide useful information relevant to contact mortality of eggs and larvae at wedgewire screens, the ambient shear levels must be determined. In an unpublished analysis, Ekholm (2001) provides the shear levels a fish egg would experience while resting on a Johnson Passive Intake Screen during normal operation. At intake velocities of 0.35 ft/s, 0.45 ft/s, and 0.50 ft/s, expected shear levels would be 11.38 dynes/cm², 18.80 dynes/cm², and 23.22 dynes/cm². These shear levels are higher than those that would be experienced with the KWR intake screens, but they also do not account for the effects of sweeping velocities. Ekholm (2001) goes further by applying the regression equations of Morgan et al. (1976) for striped bass and white perch eggs and larvae mortality. The resulting estimates show that shear-induced mortality could range from 0.02% to 25.18% depending on species, life stage, and duration of exposure (Table 20). As expected, the highest mortality would occur over the longest duration of exposure (4 minutes). Other trends suggest that shear induced mortality is consistently higher for eggs than for larvae of the same species, and higher for white perch larvae than striped bass larvae. However, it is important to note that these mortality predictions would act upon only those fish that actually become impinged, and only if they remain impinged for one minute or more. Except during slack tide periods, the hydraulic conditions of the KWR

screens (i.e., low slot velocities and sufficient sweeping flows for carrying organisms past the screens) should result in very low impingement rates (< 5%; see Section 3).

Table 20. Projected egg and larvae mortality rates due to shear forces at a wedgewire screen based on regression equations from Morgan et al. (1976) and calculations from Ekholm (2001).

Species and Stage	Time (minutes)	Velocity		
		Minimum (%)	Average (%)	Maximum (%)
striped bass eggs	1	3.06	4.40	5.12
	2	2.19	3.64	4.5
	4	3.58	5.73	6.97
striped bass larvae	1	0.01	0.02	0.03
	2	0.27	0.55	0.73
	4	0.06	0.17	0.27
white perch eggs	1	0.4	0.78	1.03
	2	0.68	1.23	1.59
	5	4.78	7.34	8.78
	10	4.9	7.59	9.11
	20	11.63	15.9	18.12
white perch larvae	1	0.12	0.28	0.40
	2	0.24	0.53	0.74
	4	18.9	23.13	25.18

In an assessment of the effects of hydro turbine passage on ichthyoplankton, Cada (1990) reviewed several studies that examined injury and mortality of fish eggs and larvae exposed to varying levels of shear and turbulence. Because the studies reviewed were conducted at water velocities greater than about 6 ft/s, the turbulence and shear forces fish experienced were likely much greater than those that would be experienced by fish at the KWR intake. In a study by Kedl and Coutant (1976), in which several species of larval fish were passed through a 12-m long 2.2-cm diameter condenser tube at velocities of 5.8 m/s, less than 5% mortality was observed in all cases. O'Connor and Poje (1979) subjected larval striped bass to velocities up to 3.0 m/s by passing them through a condenser tube. Neither yolk-sac larvae nor 16-day old post-yolk-sac larvae experienced mortality rates that were significantly different from those of control fish. Using a power-plant simulator, Cada et al. (1981) exposed larvae of several species to velocities of 2.4 m/s through 3.2-cm diameter pipes. However, these fish were simultaneously exposed to moderate pressure changes (56-146 kPa) which would not exist at a wedgewire screen intake. Although common carp larvae experienced high mortality (84%), mortality rates of all other species tested (mosquitofish, bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass) were not significantly different from control groups, and were typically less than 2%.

Cada (1990) also discusses the possible synergistic effects of flow-induced stressors with other thermal or chemical stressors often present at power plants. However, these effects are not relevant to fish exposed to cylindrical wedgewire screens. Based on the review of numerous studies and data describing stressors associated with turbine passage, Cada (1990) concluded that

ichthyoplankton would not be subjected to high rates of injury and mortality while passing through turbines. Unlike larvae and eggs encountering wedgewire screens, fish passing through turbines are exposed to physical contact with moving parts and rough surfaces (i.e., mechanical stressors). Additionally, hydraulic conditions throughout a turbine system are much more severe than those surrounding a cylindrical screen. Consequently, the conclusion that ichthyoplankton are not negatively impacted by passage through turbines supports the conclusion that injury and mortality of organisms passing over wedgewire screens is probably very low.

In another study that examined damage caused by high rates of shear, Killgore et al. (2001) evaluated survival of early life stages of fish after entrainment through a scale-model towboat propeller in a circulating water channel. Shovelnose sturgeon (*scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*) larvae, lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) larvae, paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*) eggs and larvae, and blue sucker (*Cycleptus elongates*) larvae were injected 38 cm upstream of the 46 cm-diameter propeller. They were then collected in downstream nets and observed for immediate and delayed mortality (up to 180 minutes after entrainment). The propeller was operated at several different speeds to achieve shear stresses of 634, 1613, 3058, and 4743 dynes/cm². Mortalities observed under these conditions were then compared to control mortality without the propeller activated. At shear forces of 4743 dynes/cm², observed mortality was as high as 86.0% and was significantly greater than control mortality for most species. However, mortality rates were not significantly different from the control mortality at shear stresses below 1613 dynes/cm². Because shear stresses at the surface of wedgewire screens are estimated to be about 23 dynes/cm² or less, these results suggest that mortality from shear at the proposed KWR intake would be very low or unlikely to occur.

The results of studies that have examined the effects of shear and turbulence on early life stages of fish have shown shear rates considerably higher than those that will occur at the surface of the KWR screens are needed to cause significant injury and mortality to fish eggs and larvae. The low through-slot velocities (0.25 ft/s maximum) of the KWR screens should result in shear rates of about 12 dynes/cm² or less. This low rate of shear, combined with potentially low rates of impingement, suggests mortality rates associated with this stressor will be negligible. Additionally, because wedgewire screens are designed to have uniform velocity distributions, larvae and eggs passing by the screens (i.e., avoiding impingement) should not be exposed to larger variations in shear levels regardless of sweeping velocities. Finally, despite a much harsher environment with respect to mechanical and hydraulic stressors, a review of available literature describing the effects of several stressors on eggs and larvae indicated that damage to ichthyoplankton passing through turbines was inconsequential. This provides strong support for the conclusion that organisms passing over the KWR screens will be subject to very low rates of injury and mortality.

5.3 Contact Abrasion

We did not find any studies that directly quantified the frequency of contact abrasion or evaluated subsequent injury and mortality following egg or larval contact with an intake structure. As mentioned above, contact is a component of impingement and it is therefore difficult to differentiate between the effects of contact and impingement. However, because all

impinged fish necessarily contact the intake structure, and because additional stressors act upon impinged fish, injury and mortality induced by contact abrasion alone is expected to be less than that observed for fully impinged fish. In fact, we see that, depending on the species and life stage, impingement survival can be relatively high.

Eggs and larvae transported by tidal or fluvial currents can be expected to make contact with both natural and foreign submerged structures. Because intake velocities may be comparable to ambient velocities, any resulting contact abrasion would likely be similar to that observed under natural conditions. Although injury or mortality associated with contact abrasion may occur, there is no evidence to suggest that it would significantly increase mortality rates.

5.4 Summary of Potential Injury Mechanisms

We reviewed the results of studies that assessed a wide range of stressors to identify information that would help determine potential effects of impingement, shear and turbulence, and contact abrasion on the survival of fish eggs and larvae exposed to wedgewire screens. Most of the information reviewed discussed impingement rates and mortality and the ability of larvae to escape impingement. Several studies have also evaluated the effects of shear and turbulence on ichthyoplankton. However, no information or data directly related to contact abrasion was found. Most of the species evaluated for impingement mortality were estuarine and included striped bass, yellow perch, and winter flounder. With the exception of tests conducted by Radle (2001), there was little information pertinent to American shad, a primary species of concern at the proposed KWR intake. Several studies demonstrated that impingement typically results in low rates of ichthyoplankton mortality, depending on hydraulic conditions and duration of exposure, and even relatively small larvae (< 10 mm in length) have the ability to escape after becoming impinged on wedgewire screens. With respect to hydraulic stressors, some studies have shown that relatively high magnitudes of shear can be lethal for eggs and larvae. However, shear rates along the surface of wedgewire screens typically are much lower than those identified in past studies as damaging to fish. Conclusions regarding the passage of ichthyoplankton through hydro turbines also provide evidence that mortality rates of eggs and larvae exposed to wedgewire screens will be minimal.

6 CONCLUSIONS

The following are conclusions regarding the fish protection capabilities of the cylindrical wedgewire screens proposed for the KWR intake. These conclusions are based on a review of wedgewire screen studies (Section 3), analysis of the probable HZI of the intake at both near and far fields (Section 4), and a review of literature examining the injury and mortality of larvae and eggs exposed to various hydraulic and physical stressors (Section 5).

- Available data from wedgewire screen evaluations demonstrate that, when appropriately designed, cylindrical wedgewire screens are capable of effectively reducing entrainment and impingement of aquatic organisms under a variety of operating conditions. Specifically, a screen slot size of 1 mm and slot velocities of 0.5 ft/s or less have been cited by several studies as being sufficient for effectively protecting ichthyoplankton from entrainment and impingement at water intakes. The maximum design slot velocity for the KWR intake screens is 0.25 ft/s, which is half the 0.5 ft/s velocity that has been evaluated during most studies and that has been concluded to be sufficient for effectively protecting ichthyoplankton.
- Important parameters for minimizing entrainment and impingement that have been identified during biological evaluations of wedgewire screens include small slot width (2 mm or less), low slot velocity (0.5 ft/s or less), and channel velocities equal to or greater than expected slot velocities. The proposed design and operational parameters for the KWR intake screens meet these criteria, indicating the screens will provide a high level of protection for Mattaponi River fishes.
- The proposed maximum and primary operational slot velocities for the KWR intake (0.25 and < 0.10 ft/s, respectively) meet or exceed through-screen velocity criteria established by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for protecting fish at water intakes.
- Fish greater than 5 mm in length have the ability to actively avoid entrainment at low slot velocities (0.5 ft/s or less). As fish grow, this ability increases, resulting in complete or near complete screen exclusion when most fish species attain lengths between 8 and 12 mm.
- Impingement rates of fish larvae and eggs exposed to the KWR intake screens likely will be less than 5% for organisms that pass within a few feet of the screens.
- Entrainment rates will vary with species, size, and slot and channel velocities. However, 90% exclusion for larvae longer than 5 mm is likely for 85% of each tidal cycle when the screens are operated at slot velocities of 0.10 ft/s or less (i.e., 75% of the time that the screens are operational). At the maximum slot velocity of 0.25 ft/s, exclusion rates are likely to be 40% or greater for larvae between 5 and 10 mm in length, 75 to 100% for fish between 10 and 12 mm, and 90 to 100% for fish longer than 12 mm.

- Entrainment of eggs with diameters greater than 2 mm will be highly unlikely at the KWR intake. Entrainment of smaller eggs (<2 mm) should be less than 10% when channel velocities are equal to or more than the slot velocity.
- The near-field zone of influence of the KWR intake screens will only encompass a relatively small cross-sectional area approaching the screens. The effective area of the HZI will decrease with proximity to the intake and will increase with decreasing tidal velocities.
- The diameter of the near-field zone of influence will range from 3 to 40 ft depending on tidal velocities and pumping rate (the largest diameters of this zone will occur around slack tide and at the maximum pumping rate). Based on this range of diameters, the cross-sectional area at the intake location that the near-field zone will occupy will range from less than 1% to about 26%.
- At the maximum pumping rate of 75 mgd, the HZI of the KWR intake will comprise a relatively small proportion (< 5%) of the total cross-sectional area of the Mattaponi River at the location of the screens during a large portion of the tidal cycle (i.e., when tidal velocities exceed 0.5 ft/s). The HZI will be considerably smaller at pumping rates of 33 mgd and less, which will occur approximately 75% of the time the intake is operating. Assuming uniform ichthyoplankton distributions, the proportion of available eggs and larvae that encounter the screens will be directly proportional to the HZI cross-sectional area at the location of the intake. Actual entrainment and impingement rates of ichthyoplankton exposed to the screens will be dependent on local hydraulic conditions (i.e., slot and sweeping velocities) and larval size and swimming capabilities, but likely will exceed 80% during a large portion of the time the intake is in operation.
- Based on a review of several types of studies that have evaluated damage to ichthyoplankton exposed to various stressors, larvae and eggs that contact wedgewire screens probably do not suffer high rates of injury and mortality. Conditions that minimize the potential for contact-related injuries include low slot velocities, sweeping flows that approach and pass parallel to the screens, and the smoothness of the wire metal that comprises wedgewire screens. Also, studies of fine-mesh screens and aquatic filter barriers have shown that eggs and larvae of various species are capable of surviving impingement at relatively high rates over a wide range of intake velocities.

From these conclusions, it is apparent that only a small portion of eggs and larvae within the river will occur within the HZI of the KWR intake for the majority of time that the pumps are operating. Additionally, for a large portion of each tidal cycle (>85%), ichthyoplankton that will be at risk to entrainment and impingement (i.e., those within the HZI that will encounter the intake screens) likely will experience exclusion rates in excess of 75%. Consequently, impacts to Mattaponi River fishes resulting from the operation of the KWR intake (i.e., potential entrainment and impingement losses) should be insignificant. For American shad, and several other species, this low level of impact will be almost completely avoided by a shut down of pumping operations during periods when eggs and larvae are expected to be present in the vicinity of the proposed intake. Even without the pumping hiatus, very low and inconsequential

rates of entrainment and impingement of fish eggs and larvae are likely to occur at the KWR intake. This conclusion is strongly supported by available data from wedgewire screen biological evaluations and Alden's HZI analysis.

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GENERAL CAPABILITIES

Alden Research Laboratory (Alden), located in Holden, Massachusetts, was founded in 1894 as a self-supporting research department of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), and in 1986 incorporated as a private company. Alden has performed applied research and provided testing services to industry and government since its early beginning, making it probably the oldest continuing hydraulic laboratory in the world. A national and international reputation has been earned in precision flow metering, fish passage and protection, machinery performance testing, and hydraulic structures. Both physical and computational modeling are used, including state of the art CFD, as most appropriate. Consulting services are provided in analyzing and solving flow related problems, and field measurements are made for evaluating turbine and pump performance. Developmental and calibration testing of flow meters to an uncertainty of better than 0.25% is conducted in Alden's various flow loops using the gravimetric method traceable to NIST.

Over fifty full-time people with varying training and expertise comprise the total Alden staff. Of the professional staff, a number have Ph.D. degrees and most have Master's degrees with specialization in different areas of hydraulics, fluid mechanics, and fisheries biology. The professional staff is involved in national and international society activities and many staff members have a variety of industrial experience. Testing and data reduction are handled by experienced engineering and biological assistants, and every Alden study is conducted by a team supervised by a full-time professional staff member. Service functions within Alden which support the technical activities include instrumentation, skilled crafts, heavy construction, purchasing, graphic arts, clerical, and accounting. The scope of Alden's capabilities in areas relating to chemistry, materials, and life or earth sciences is enhanced by a continuing working relationship with faculty from various WPI departments.

Alden uses about thirty acres of extensive facilities to conduct testing and hydraulic modeling. Approximately twenty buildings equipped with flow supplies and control offices are available for hydraulic models or other experiments. Biological evaluations of fish passage and protection technologies are supported by state-of-the-art fish culture facilities that have been used to maintain over 30 species of fish for testing purposes. Fully equipped and staffed carpentry, machine, and instrumentation shops provide rapid and efficient model construction services. Extensive equipment is available for the construction and alteration of models and test facilities from wood, plastic, metals or combinations thereof required for the conduct of experimental research in the laboratory or field. An instrumentation department provides a variety of measuring and processing devices appropriate to a modern flow engineering laboratory, including a laser doppler anemometer (LDA), hot-wire and hot-film anemometers, swirl meters, various types of velocity probes, temperature sensors, and pressure transducers, all with appropriate readouts and computerized data acquisition. Alden has a graphics and photography section with experienced staff and all necessary equipment, including high speed and time lapse video, and computerized data displays. In addition to fixed facilities providing air and water flow, an inventory of movable flow related equipment, such as pumps, valves, metering devices, etc., is maintained and available.

FISH PROTECTION AT WATER INTAKES

Alden Research Laboratory, Inc. (Alden) has a team of engineers and scientists that is widely recognized for developing effective fish protection systems and upstream and downstream fish passage facilities, as well as for the resolution of environmental issues associated with project licensing. The team provides extensive experience and capabilities in the development, design, evaluation and construction of fish protection and passage facilities at a variety of water intakes. Team members are recognized in the industry and within regulatory agencies as leaders in the development of innovative technologies and have been instrumental in resolving difficult issues related to 316(b) requirements of the Clean Water Act and the hydroelectric licensing process. In addition to conducting numerous laboratory and field evaluations of existing and developing technologies, Alden's team has authored several authoritative documents on the subjects of fish entrainment and impingement, turbine passage survival, and intake protective measures.

The need for fish protection or passage facilities is often one of the most contentious issues associated with water resource projects. Alden's expertise allows our team to use the best available data to evaluate the cost and potential biological effectiveness of alternative fish protection measures. Biological and engineering evaluations of alternative technologies have been performed for application at many cooling water intakes, conventional hydro sites, pumped storage projects, and irrigation diversions situated in river, lake, and marine environments. Having extensive capabilities for performing hydraulic model studies and laboratory and field biological evaluations has allowed Alden to participate in the development of state-of-the-art fish protection facilities that are in use throughout the United States. Various types of fish screens have been developed and evaluated by Alden, including coarse- and fine-mesh modified traveling screens (Ristroph-type collection screens with fish lifting buckets), fixed and traveling fish diversion screens, cylindrical wedgewire screens, and rotary drum screens. In addition, Alden staff have conducted extensive research on the effectiveness of behavioral barriers for preventing fish entrainment and/or impingement, including strobe lights, sound deterrent systems, air bubble curtains, hanging chains, and water jet barriers. Alden also has been active in a U.S. Department of Energy program that was initiated to develop and evaluate alternative turbine runners designed to reduce injury and mortality of fish.

Alden is dedicated to maintaining a leadership role in continued development of fish protection and passage technologies and to keeping abreast of all ongoing research efforts. The fisheries team has compiled four comprehensive reviews on fish passage and protection technologies for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). The first report, published in 1986, has become a standard reference that describes the advantages and limitations of all applicable technologies, with an emphasis on hydroelectric applications. The next two reviews, published in 1994 and 1998, are updates of the 1986 report and summarize recent developments in the use of technologies such as strobe lights, sound projectors, and high velocity fish screens. In 1999, Alden prepared a comprehensive review of state-of-the-art fish protection technologies for use at cooling water intakes to satisfy requirements of Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act. In 2000, Alden prepared an EPRI report entitled "Procedural Guideline for Evaluating Alternative Fish Protection Technologies to Meet Section 316(b) Requirements of the Clean Water Act."

Our team has also compiled several reviews pertaining to fish entrainment and turbine passage survival. Documents prepared for EPRI include a review of entrainment and turbine passage survival studies published in 1992, a guideline on methodologies used in entrainment and passage survival studies published in 1997, and a database of entrainment and survival studies published in 1997. Alden staff also co-authored a review of entrainment studies and protective measures that was published by FERC in 1995. As a result of these efforts, the Alden staff has compiled entrainment and passage survival data from hundreds of recent studies. Our staff is well positioned to select the most appropriate data sets for estimating entrainment rates and turbine passage survival without conducting costly, site-specific studies.

In addition to monitoring and assessing the status of fish protection and passage technologies, Alden has and continues to perform engineering and biological evaluations of existing and developing technologies. These studies have been conducted for industry groups and resource and regulatory agencies. Technologies such as cylindrical wedgewire screens, angled bar racks and louvers, barrier nets, aquatic filter barriers, traveling screens, and behavioral deterrents have been evaluated in various laboratory and field studies for potential widespread and site-specific applications. The scope of many of these studies have included engineering performance, computational fluid dynamics modeling, and biological assessments. Because Alden was initially established as a hydraulic modeling laboratory, extensive laboratory facilities are available for testing any technology under a wide range of operating conditions. Additionally, Alden scientists maintain several fish culture systems that have been used for holding over 30 species of fish (freshwater, estuarine, marine) for testing purposes. Evaluations of fish protection technologies have been conducted with eggs, larvae, juveniles, and adults.

Alden's team of engineers and scientist understands the importance of involving resource and regulatory agencies in the process of designing fish passage structures, and are able to obtain rapid and meaningful agency interaction and response to permitting issues. Long-standing working relationships have been established with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and many regional, state and local agencies that are based on a history of successful interaction and mutual respect.

APPENDIX F

**KWR SAFE YIELD MODELING
TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**



February 18, 2004

To: King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel

From: Ron Harris, P.G., Chief of Water Resources, Newport News Waterworks
Paul Peterson, Project Manager, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

Re: King William Reservoir Project
Mattaponi River Withdrawal Operations

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the King William Reservoir (KWR) Fisheries Panel with information on how KWR water supply benefits were estimated and how associated Mattaponi River withdrawal operations would vary over time and in response to a proposed American shad spawning season pumping hiatus. This memorandum is organized into four sections as follows:

- Project Water Supply Benefits
- Temporal Variation in River Withdrawals
- Pumping Hiatus Effect on Post-Shad Spawning Withdrawals
- Frequency of Spawning Season Withdrawals Under Drought Emergencies

1.0 PROJECT WATER SUPPLY BENEFITS

Safe yield analysis of the KWR Project provides a measure of the dependable water supply benefit from the project. Malcolm Pirnie developed a raw water supply system model using the STELLA graphical programming language to accomplish this analysis. This model was originally developed in early 1998 to allow simulation of conditions stipulated by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (VDEQ) December 22, 1997 Virginia Water Protection Permit. Assumptions and results from the STELLA safe yield modeling analysis were fully documented in Malcolm Pirnie's October 2000 "Evaluation of Safe Yield Benefits from King William Reservoir Project".

Additional safe yield analysis was performed by Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) using their FORTRAN model of the Newport News Waterworks raw water supply system. The original version of this FORTRAN model was developed in 1989 and was used to evaluate safe yield for many of the alternatives presented in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) January 1997 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Regional Raw Water Study Group (RRWSG). An updated version of the FORTRAN model (SYMDELWIN) was used to develop an independent estimate of safe yield benefits from the KWR Project.

Existing Newport News Raw Water Supply System

The City of Newport News Waterworks operates a regional water supply system serving the cities of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, and portions of York County and James City County. The raw water supply system consists of a raw water intake on the Chickahominy River, three western storage reservoirs, two terminal reservoirs, a raw water transmission system, and a brackish groundwater supply. **Figure 1** summarizes pertinent characteristics of each reservoir in the existing Newport News system.

King William Reservoir Project

The KWR Project would require Mattaponi River withdrawal and transmission facilities, a new reservoir on Cohoke Creek in King William County, KWR withdrawal facilities, and a transmission main from KWR to Diascund Creek Reservoir, that includes a crossing of the Pamunkey River. A 75 mgd raw water intake structure and pumping station would be located on the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing, in King William County. The new reservoir would store 12.2 billion gallons and cover 1,526 acres at a normal pool elevation of 96 feet msl. **Figure 2** summarizes key features of the proposed project.

Mattaponi River Minimum Instream Flow Rules

For safe yield modeling purposes, Mattaponi River withdrawals were simulated in accordance with the minimum instream flow (MIF) conditions stipulated in the VDEQ's December 22, 1997 Virginia Water Protection Permit. The basic permitted MIF condition is a "modified 80 percent monthly exceedance" rule. No Mattaponi River withdrawals are permitted when gaged freshwater flows drop below these permitted levels. Withdrawals are only permitted at more lenient 40/20 Tennant levels if mandatory use restrictions have been imposed. The STELLA model simulates imposition of use restrictions at monthly "conservation triggers" stipulated in the VDEQ permit which correspond to percentages of available system storage remaining. **Figure 3** portrays the Mattaponi River MIF levels as compared to average and median measures of freshwater flow contribution at the proposed intake site.

The modified 80 percent monthly exceedance levels range from 434 mgd in March to 114 mgd in August through October, and are higher than the 40/20 Tennant levels during every month of the year. The modified 80 percent monthly exceedance flows are based on monthly flow rates which have a probability of being exceeded 80 percent of the time during the period of record and are then increased by: (1) setting a minimum flow rate threshold of 108.5 mgd (lowest median monthly streamflow value (September)) and (2) reserving an additional allowance for other projected consumptive use in the Mattaponi River Basin.

The 40/20 Tennant levels provide that withdrawals may not be made from the Mattaponi River during the months of December through May when freshwater flows are below 197.6 mgd (about 40 percent of mean annual flow) or during the months of June through November when freshwater flows are less than 98.8 mgd (about 20 percent of mean annual flow). The estimated average freshwater flow of the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing is 487 mgd based on Mattaponi River (Beulahville) streamflow records for Water Years 1942 through 2001.

Figure 1

EXISTING NEWPORT NEWS WATERWORKS RESERVOIRS

Reservoir	Drainage Area (square miles)	Normal Pool Elevation (feet msl)	Storage Capacity (BG)	Surface Area (acres)
Chickahominy	301	3	0.35	1,095
Little Creek	4.6	60	7.40	917
Diascund Creek	44.6	26	3.49	1,110
Skiffes Creek	6.25	13	0.23	94
Lee Hall	14.6	19.5	0.88	493
Harwood's Mill	8.6	20	0.85	265
Totals				
With Chickahominy	379.7		13.19	3,974
Without Chickahominy	78.7		12.84	2,879

Figure 2

Project Features

- 1 75 MGD Mattaponi R. Pump Station
- 2 1½-mile Mattaponi R. Pipeline
- 3 1,526-acre, 12.2 BG KW Reservoir
- 4 11.7-mile Pipeline to Diascund Reservoir

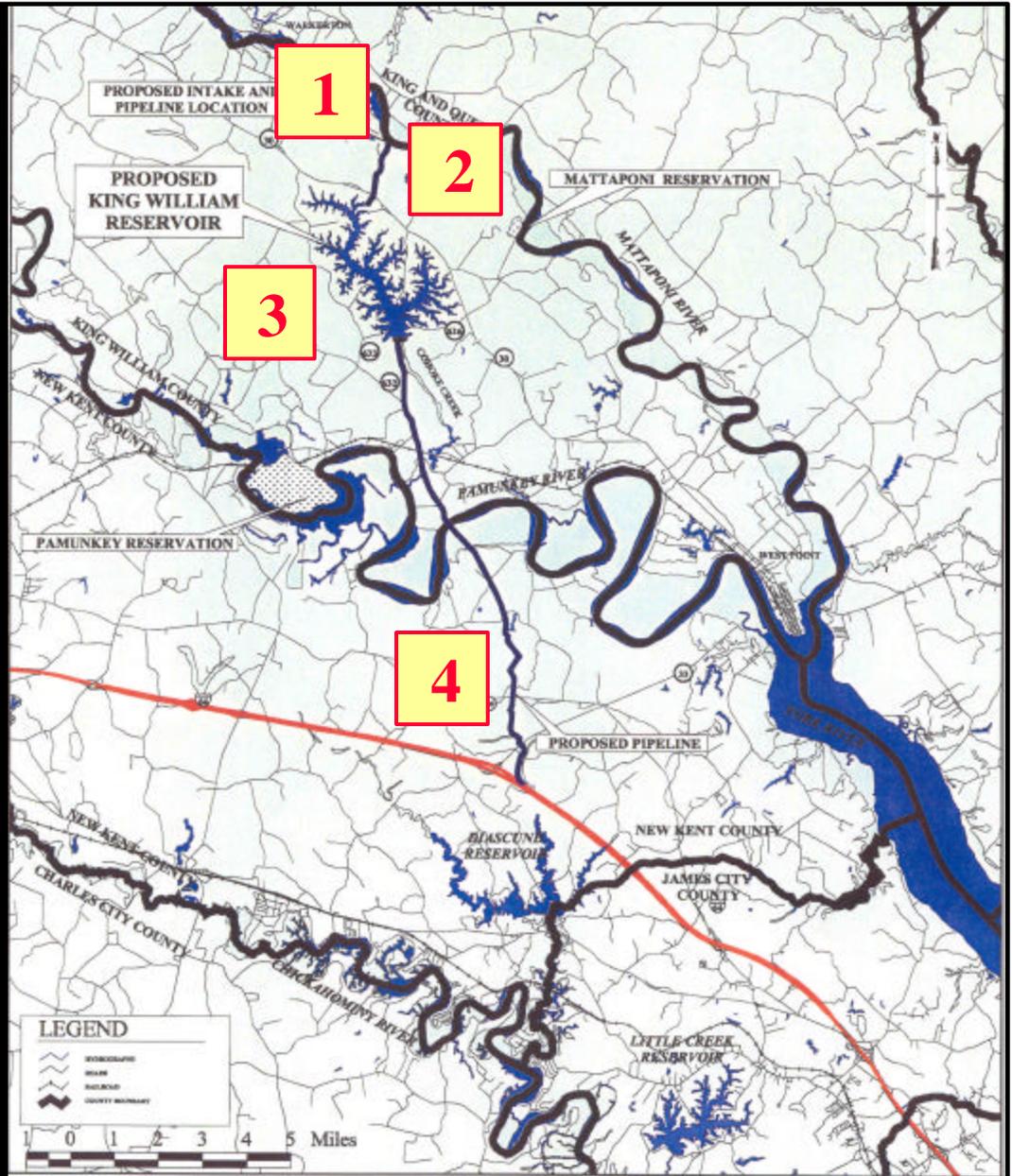
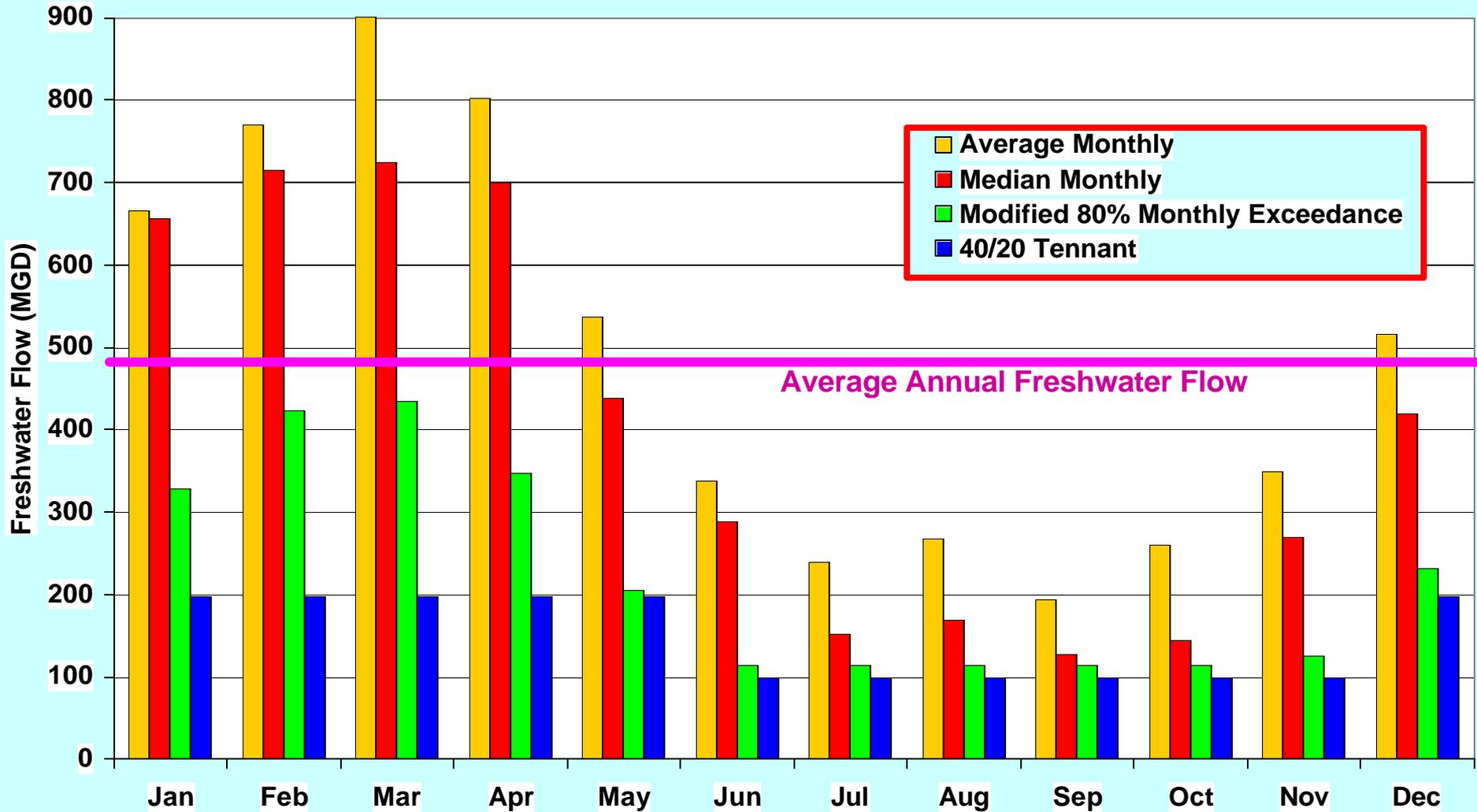


Figure 3

Mattaponi River Flow & MIF Levels Adjusted to Proposed Intake Site (Based on Beulahville Flow Records for Water Years 1942 - 2001)



It is important to note that these Mattaponi River rules are far more restrictive than the 10 cfs instream flow requirement for the Chickahomony River intake, which is currently the largest source of raw water supply for the entire RRWSG service area.

King William Reservoir Transfer Restriction

Another restriction of the VDEQ permit is that transfer rates from KWR to the existing Newport News system must not exceed 26.5 mgd on a 36-month running average basis. Therefore, the STELLA model simulates maximum allowable Chickahominy River withdrawals in order to minimize required withdrawals from KWR and the Mattaponi River. This is consistent with the intent of the VDEQ permit to minimize transfers of water from the Mattaponi River basin to the RRWSG service area on the Lower Peninsula.

In further explanation of this KWR transfer restriction, Dr. Ellen Gilinsky of VDEQ made an oral presentation to VMRC Commission members at their May 14, 2003 meeting. In her remarks she stated that: "... *The permit directs Newport News to exhaust other water sources first before withdrawing from the Mattaponi by limiting inner basin transfer in any given year to a certain amount, so this will be the source of last resort, not first resort.*"

Safe Yield Results

A basic, yet critical measure of the water supply benefit of a reservoir system is its "safe yield". Safe yield is the theoretical maximum rate at which a water supply system could provide water continuously through the most severe drought of record without totally depleting the source of supply (i.e., available reservoir storage). This method assumes that during a drought identical to the worst drought of record, continuous operation of the water system at the "safe yield" rate would nearly exhaust the water supply during the drought.

In developing and testing the STELLA model, one of the model validation steps involved comparing estimated raw water safe yield for the existing Newport News Waterworks system with that derived from a previous model of the system developed by CDM. The safe yield estimates generated using the CDM models differ from the STELLA model result by 1 percent or less. Both the 56.6 mgd (STELLA) and 56.0 mgd (FORTRAN) baseline raw water safe yield estimates were used for this analysis to calculate incremental safe yield benefits from the KWR Project.

Using the STELLA model, total raw water safe yield benefits to the RRWSG were estimated for the combined KWR Project and existing Newport News system. These benefits are in addition to the 4 mgd of combined raw water withdrawals simulated for King William County (3 mgd) and New Kent County (1 mgd). Incremental treated water safe yield benefits to the RRWSG from the KWR Project were calculated as shown below. Treated water supply benefits were computed to allow direct comparison with long-term water demand and deficit forecasts.

0.95 x [Total Expanded System Raw Water Safe Yield - 56.6 mgd]

Where:

- The multiplier 0.95 accounts for raw water transmission losses, existing Newport News reservoir seepage losses, and treatment losses estimated at 5 percent of raw water safe yield benefits. These losses are not accounted for in the STELLA or FORTRAN models.
- 56.6 mgd is the estimated raw water safe yield of the existing Newport News system as determined using the STELLA model. This estimate excludes supply benefits from Newport News' recently implemented brackish groundwater system. A substitute value of 56.0 mgd is used in calculations involving results from CDM's FORTRAN model.

The resulting estimated KWR Project treated water safe yield benefit to the RRWSG is **18.8 mgd** based on a total expanded system raw water safe yield of 76.4 mgd. CDM used its updated FORTRAN model to simulate safe yield for a scenario comparable to the STELLA model scenario. The simulated total expanded system raw water safe yield was 77.6 mgd. Based on CDM's 56.0 mgd raw water safe yield estimate for the existing system, this results in an estimated KWR Project treated benefit to the RRWSG of **20.5 mgd**. Both models predict that the critical drought period occurs during the mid-1950s.

For modeling purposes, a constant 3 mgd withdrawal for King William County was simulated out of KWR, and a constant 1 mgd withdrawal for New Kent County was simulated out of the existing Newport News Waterworks reservoir system. Adding these host jurisdiction allowances to the net RRWSG benefits from the KWR Project results in an estimated total raw water safe yield benefit of between **23.8 and 25.6 mgd** as illustrated in the following table.

<u>Raw Water Safe Yield Benefit Category</u>	STELLA Model (mgd)	FORTRAN Model (mgd)
NN Surface Water System w/ KWR (1, 2)	76.4	77.6
NN Surface Water System w/o KWR (1, 2)	56.6	56.0
Net KWR Benefit to RRWSG	19.8	21.6
Net KWR Benefit to RRWSG and Host Communities	23.8	25.6

Notes: (1) Benefits are in addition to host allowances for King William and New Kent counties.
(2) The Newport News brackish groundwater supply is not included in these figures.

2.0 TEMPORAL VARIATION IN RIVER WITHDRAWALS

Using output from the safe yield analysis described in Section 1.0, analysis of simulated Mattaponi River withdrawals was conducted and compared to the fluctuating KWR storage over simulated historical periods. A 58-year simulation period was considered spanning October 1929 through September 1987. Daily York River Basin streamflow records used to simulate freshwater flow rates at Scotland Landing were from the Beulahville gage on the Mattaponi River and Doswell gage on the North Anna River.

Under 2040 to 2050 population conditions, when RRWSG water demands are projected to require full use of KWR safe yield, the average simulated Mattaponi River withdrawal was 14.5 mgd. **In prior years, when projected demands would be less, Mattaponi River withdrawals would also be less, since the full safe yield capacity of KWR would not yet be needed.**

The simulated Mattaponi River withdrawals vary for each month of the historical record as shown in **Figure 4**. This variation occurs due to fluctuating need for River withdrawals as KWR storage levels vary over the simulated historical record. In addition, the magnitude of Mattaponi River flow available for withdrawal constantly changes since it is a function of daily flow in the River, and the applicable monthly MIF level from the VDEQ permit. In order to more clearly show these withdrawal trends, 12-month running averages were computed and are shown in **Figure 5**.

The highest sustained Mattaponi River withdrawals coincide with reservoir storage recovery following the major droughts of the early 1930s, early 1940s, mid-1950s, 1960s, and 1980-81. During these reservoir storage recovery periods, 12-month running average Mattaponi withdrawals peaked at between 35 and 42 mgd. Individual average monthly withdrawals during these periods only infrequently reached the maximum 75 mgd withdrawal rate. In fact, over the entire 58-year simulation period (696 months), the average monthly withdrawal rate was 75 mgd during only 13 months, or less than 2 percent of the simulated months. Average monthly withdrawals exceeding 50 mgd occurred during 61 months, or less than 9 percent of the simulated months.

In order to show how Mattaponi River withdrawals vary year-to-year, individual average monthly withdrawal rates during the 1950s are shown in **Figure 6** which includes the critical drought period of the mid-1950s. Low withdrawals are typical since KWR storage is not substantially depleted in normal years. However, exceptions occur after periods such as the severe mid-1950s drought when higher withdrawals are needed to refill storage.

Figure 4

Simulated Monthly Mattaponi River Withdrawals from October 1929 to September 1987 (MGD)

Oct-29	0.0	Aug-34	4.0	Jun-39	8.0	Apr-44	76.0	Feb-49	0.9	Dec-53	30.8	Oct-59	3.6	Aug-63	0.0	Jun-68	65.5	Apr-73	2.9	Feb-78	3.5	Dec-82	2.5
Nov-29	6.3	Sep-34	23.7	Jul-39	5.1	May-44	37.1	Mar-49	2.9	Jan-54	34.2	Nov-58	4.8	Sep-63	0.0	Jul-68	2.9	May-73	7.2	Mar-78	0.0	Jan-83	3.9
Dec-29	3.2	Oct-34	5.3	Aug-39	4.0	Jun-44	0.0	Apr-49	5.4	Feb-54	22.7	Dec-58	1.4	Oct-63	0.0	Aug-68	19.2	Jun-73	7.6	Apr-78	1.2	Feb-83	3.1
Jan-30	3.6	Nov-34	22.2	Sep-39	0.0	Jul-44	19.2	May-49	6.8	Mar-54	45.8	Jan-59	2.1	Nov-63	21.8	Sep-68	0.0	Jul-73	6.8	May-78	0.0	Mar-83	1.8
Feb-30	2.7	Dec-34	44.7	Oct-39	7.3	Aug-44	19.8	Jun-49	7.3	Apr-54	17.0	Feb-59	4.9	Dec-63	37.6	Oct-68	0.0	Aug-73	4.7	Jun-78	5.2	Apr-83	0.1
Mar-30	7.9	Jan-35	13.7	Nov-39	19.7	Sep-44	36.5	Jul-49	0.0	May-54	63.4	Mar-59	7.2	Jan-64	69.3	Nov-68	40.2	Sep-73	7.1	Jul-78	5.8	May-83	6.5
Apr-30	6.5	Feb-35	1.6	Dec-39	0.0	Oct-44	69.8	Aug-49	3.2	Jun-54	2.0	Apr-59	2.9	Feb-64	68.4	Dec-68	14.2	Oct-73	29.0	Aug-78	0.4	Jun-83	7.6
May-30	4.4	Mar-35	4.3	Jan-40	7.9	Nov-44	43.2	Sep-49	5.7	Jul-54	2.9	May-59	9.0	Mar-64	57.9	Jan-69	26.2	Nov-73	33.8	Sep-78	7.5	Jul-83	7.6
Jun-30	8.0	Apr-35	0.5	Feb-40	36.3	Dec-44	29.4	Oct-49	6.1	Aug-54	1.3	Jun-59	9.8	Apr-64	5.8	Feb-69	73.2	Dec-73	27.8	Oct-78	0.0	Aug-83	0.0
Jul-30	6.0	May-35	9.0	Mar-40	14.8	Jan-45	2.5	Nov-49	26.2	Sep-54	0.0	Jul-59	0.4	May-64	10.1	Mar-69	75.0	Jan-74	0.0	Nov-78	16.5	Sep-83	0.0
Aug-30	0.0	Jun-35	8.0	Apr-40	63.8	Feb-45	5.6	Dec-49	4.6	Oct-54	0.0	Aug-59	5.4	Jun-64	9.1	Apr-69	75.0	Feb-74	4.2	Dec-78	46.6	Oct-83	18.4
Sep-30	0.0	Jul-35	6.5	May-40	46.3	Mar-45	8.2	Jan-50	5.3	Nov-54	0.7	Sep-59	4.3	Jul-64	6.5	May-69	19.2	Mar-74	5.0	Jan-79	70.3	Nov-83	48.1
Oct-30	0.0	Aug-35	4.0	Jun-40	21.7	Apr-45	8.3	Feb-50	7.3	Dec-54	10.3	Oct-59	7.3	Aug-64	23.1	Jun-69	34.8	Apr-74	4.3	Feb-79	22.5	Dec-83	75.0
Nov-30	0.0	Sep-35	36.5	Jul-40	3.7	May-45	8.3	Mar-50	8.2	Jan-55	1.0	Nov-59	0.2	Sep-64	4.2	Jul-69	22.4	May-74	9.0	Mar-79	0.0	Jan-84	31.3
Dec-30	0.0	Oct-35	5.6	Aug-40	2.9	Jun-45	8.0	Apr-50	10.4	Feb-55	38.2	Dec-59	1.8	Oct-64	36.1	Aug-69	69.3	Jun-74	7.6	Apr-79	3.6	Feb-84	2.4
Jan-31	2.4	Nov-35	14.5	Sep-40	22.0	Jul-45	0.0	May-50	10.8	Mar-55	75.0	Jan-60	3.2	Nov-64	23.8	Sep-69	32.6	Jul-74	5.8	May-79	5.8	Mar-84	0.0
Feb-31	1.4	Dec-35	3.6	Oct-40	17.4	Aug-45	2.9	Jun-50	10.9	Apr-55	49.5	Feb-60	0.2	Dec-64	41.3	Oct-69	6.1	Aug-74	61.4	Jun-79	5.9	Apr-84	0.0
Mar-31	20.0	Jan-36	0.0	Nov-40	33.2	Sep-45	0.7	Jul-50	3.7	May-55	10.6	Mar-60	3.2	Jan-65	4.4	Nov-69	6.2	Sep-74	2.8	Jul-79	3.0	May-84	3.0
Apr-31	34.7	Feb-36	0.0	Dec-40	2.9	Oct-45	5.7	Aug-50	5.0	Jun-55	32.5	Apr-60	1.5	Feb-65	5.9	Dec-69	3.2	Oct-74	6.1	Aug-79	1.8	Jun-84	6.2
May-31	41.0	Mar-36	0.0	Jan-41	3.2	Nov-45	4.8	Sep-50	6.4	Jul-55	12.1	May-60	0.4	Mar-65	6.1	Jan-70	4.6	Nov-74	11.1	Sep-79	0.0	Jul-84	4.0
Jun-31	30.2	Apr-36	4.3	Feb-41	6.1	Dec-45	0.0	Oct-50	17.6	Aug-55	46.0	Jun-60	3.4	Apr-65	9.6	Feb-70	5.2	Dec-74	31.8	Oct-79	0.0	Aug-84	4.0
Jul-31	31.0	May-36	9.4	Mar-41	8.0	Jan-46	2.5	Nov-50	39.7	Sep-55	65.0	Jul-60	3.7	May-65	11.1	Mar-70	7.2	Jan-75	0.0	Nov-79	0.0	Sep-84	6.3
Aug-31	34.2	Jun-36	8.0	Apr-41	5.8	Feb-46	3.1	Dec-50	5.0	Oct-55	66.8	Aug-60	0.0	Jun-65	8.4	Apr-70	5.4	Feb-75	1.3	Dec-79	0.0	Oct-84	43.5
Sep-31	7.7	Jul-36	6.5	May-41	8.1	Mar-46	4.3	Jan-51	6.0	Nov-55	75.0	Sep-60	0.0	Jul-65	2.3	May-70	9.7	Mar-75	0.0	Jan-80	0.0	Nov-84	72.1
Oct-31	0.0	Aug-36	6.0	Jun-41	10.4	Apr-46	6.5	Feb-51	7.3	Dec-55	13.7	Oct-60	1.8	Aug-65	10.3	Jun-70	10.2	Apr-75	0.8	Feb-80	2.8	Dec-84	33.5
Nov-31	0.0	Sep-36	5.0	Jul-41	0.1	May-46	3.7	Mar-51	7.9	Jan-56	10.6	Nov-60	3.4	Sep-65	4.2	Jul-70	6.5	May-75	5.8	Mar-80	1.5	Jan-85	5.3
Dec-31	1.9	Oct-36	7.6	Aug-41	4.3	Jun-46	7.6	Apr-51	10.0	Feb-56	36.7	Dec-60	2.1	Oct-65	7.6	Aug-70	0.0	Jun-75	4.8	Apr-80	2.2	Feb-85	4.5
Jan-32	36.1	Nov-36	0.0	Sep-41	5.3	Jul-46	0.1	May-51	12.5	Mar-56	7.9	Jan-61	1.0	Nov-65	0.0	Sep-70	0.0	Jul-75	0.0	May-80	5.4	Mar-85	9.3
Feb-32	29.5	Dec-36	22.7	Oct-41	0.0	Aug-46	3.6	Jun-51	8.7	Apr-56	6.9	Feb-61	0.0	Dec-65	0.0	Oct-70	0.3	Aug-75	2.5	Jun-80	8.7	Apr-85	2.3
Mar-32	49.5	Jan-37	66.1	Nov-41	0.0	Sep-46	6.4	Jul-51	6.8	May-56	9.7	Mar-61	0.0	Jan-66	0.0	Nov-70	61.3	Sep-75	0.0	Jul-80	1.3	May-85	6.3
Apr-32	55.1	Feb-37	73.4	Dec-41	11.6	Oct-46	6.1	Aug-51	45.1	Jun-56	9.1	Apr-61	2.6	Feb-66	48.0	Dec-70	42.7	Oct-75	0.0	Aug-80	0.0	Jun-85	23.4
May-32	49.9	Mar-37	24.0	Jan-42	12.1	Nov-46	5.1	Sep-51	17.2	Jul-56	5.4	Mar-61	0.0	Mar-66	51.8	Jan-71	66.3	Nov-75	0.9	Sep-80	0.0	Jul-85	2.6
Jun-32	9.3	Apr-37	0.0	Feb-42	11.2	Dec-46	3.9	Oct-51	0.0	Aug-56	4.7	Jun-61	3.4	Apr-66	31.2	Feb-71	64.3	Dec-75	1.0	Oct-80	11.9	Aug-85	29.7
Jul-32	6.1	May-37	7.2	Mar-42	33.9	Jan-47	1.0	Nov-51	71.6	Sep-56	6.0	Jul-61	2.3	May-66	37.9	Mar-71	75.0	Jan-76	0.0	Nov-80	26.0	Sep-85	16.8
Aug-32	0.0	Jun-37	7.3	Apr-42	61.0	Feb-47	6.6	Dec-51	64.8	Oct-56	3.9	Aug-61	2.5	Jun-66	16.7	Apr-71	63.8	Feb-76	0.0	Dec-80	2.4	Oct-85	49.7
Sep-32	0.0	Jul-37	3.3	May-42	0.0	Mar-47	5.7	Jan-52	9.3	Nov-56	17.9	Sep-61	5.0	Jul-66	0.0	May-71	7.5	Mar-76	5.7	Jan-81	0.0	Nov-85	0.0
Oct-32	26.6	Aug-37	3.6	Jun-42	2.3	Apr-47	7.9	Feb-52	4.2	Dec-56	0.7	Oct-61	1.4	Aug-66	0.0	Jun-71	7.5	Apr-76	8.3	Feb-81	12.9	Dec-85	0.0
Nov-32	72.5	Sep-37	2.1	Jul-42	19.8	May-47	9.4	Mar-52	2.5	Jan-57	2.5	Nov-61	4.4	Sep-66	23.8	Jul-71	6.5	May-76	9.0	Mar-81	0.0	Jan-86	2.5
Dec-32	31.3	Oct-37	0.0	Aug-42	68.2	Jun-47	8.0	Apr-52	4.7	Feb-57	0.2	Dec-61	0.0	Oct-66	59.2	Aug-71	3.6	Jun-76	9.1	Apr-81	62.5	Feb-86	2.0
Jan-33	63.5	Nov-37	3.0	Sep-42	22.5	Jul-47	4.7	May-52	8.7	Mar-57	0.1	Jan-62	0.0	Nov-66	59.0	Sep-71	7.5	Jul-76	7.6	May-81	36.8	Mar-86	7.2
Feb-33	71.9	Dec-37	3.2	Oct-42	62.1	Aug-47	4.3	Jun-52	8.7	Apr-57	5.0	Feb-62	0.2	Dec-66	36.3	Oct-71	34.0	Aug-76	6.9	Jun-81	21.8	Apr-86	9.0
Mar-33	19.2	Jan-38	3.2	Nov-42	75.0	Sep-47	22.5	Jul-52	6.8	May-57	9.7	Mar-62	0.0	Jan-67	46.0	Nov-71	2.0	Sep-76	24.2	Jul-81	17.1	May-86	10.8
Apr-33	47.5	Feb-38	3.8	Dec-42	75.0	Oct-47	14.7	Aug-52	5.4	Jun-57	9.1	Apr-62	0.0	Feb-67	34.6	Dec-71	0.7	Oct-76	75.0	Aug-81	0.6	Jun-86	1.3
May-33	7.6	Mar-38	6.1	Jan-43	23.7	Nov-47	75.0	Sep-52	36.5	Jul-57	0.0	May-62	7.9	Mar-67	54.7	Jan-72	1.0	Nov-76	61.5	Sep-81	2.0	Jul-86	3.9
Jun-33	8.0	Apr-38	7.6	Feb-43	1.3	Dec-47	23.4	Oct-52	13.4	Aug-57	16.4	Jun-62	6.9	Apr-67	11.2	Feb-72	0.0	Dec-76	2.5	Oct-81	6.8	Aug-86	19.4
Jul-33	1.6	May-38	9.4	Mar-43	5.4	Jan-48	2.6	Nov-52	46.7	Sep-57	26.3	Jul-62	4.7	May-67	64.8	Mar-72	6.0	Jan-77	2.5	Nov-81	5.2	Sep-86	0.0
Aug-33	2.9	Jun-38	8.0	Apr-43	6.9	Feb-48	2.8	Dec-52	29.7	Oct-57	69.7	Aug-62	4.3	Jun-67	30.3	Apr-72	6.1	Feb-77	4.5	Dec-81	19.2	Oct-86	4.8
Sep-33	6.0	Jul-38	4.4	May-43	8.7	Mar-48	4.6	Jan-53	3.6	Nov-57	24.5	Sep-62	8.4	Jul-67	11.1	May-72	4.0	Mar-77	4.6	Jan-82	16.1	Nov-86	20.0
Oct-33	12.1	Aug-38	4.0	Jun-43	8.0	Apr-48	0.1	Feb-53	5.2	Dec-57	0.0	Oct-62	3.1	Aug-67	23.2	Jun-72	0.2	Apr-77	7.6	Feb-82	73.4	Dec-86	58.2
Nov-33	6.7	Sep-38	7.1	Jul-43	6.1	May-48	4.0	Mar-53	5.7	Jan-58	0.0	Nov-62	65.0	Sep-67	3.0	Jul-72	2.3	May-77	10.1	Mar-82	63.0	Jan-87	65.1
Dec-33	12.3	Oct-38	0.0	Aug-43	0.0	Jun-48	7.6	Apr-53	7.2	Feb-58	0.0	Dec-62	33.7	Oct-67	0.0	Aug-72	2.9	Jun-77	0.0	Apr-82	28.8	Feb-87	72.1
Jan-34	9.7	Nov-38	26.0	Sep-43	0.0	Jul-48	5.8	May-53	10.1	Mar-58	0.0	Jan-63	2.5	Nov-67	0.0	Sep-72	6.0	Jul-77	2.6	May-82	16.6	Mar-87	43.5
Feb-34	0.0	Dec-38	34.2	Oct-43	2.3	Aug-48	0.0	Jun-53	9.1	Apr-58	0.0	Feb-63	4.5	Dec-67	59.0	Oct-72	3.9	Aug-77	0.0	Jun-82	62.1	Apr-87	36.3
Mar-34	31.0	Jan-39	20.0	Nov-43	17.5	Sep-48	6.0	Jul-53	0.6	May-58	1.2	Mar-63	0.0	Jan-68	58.4	Nov-72	0.6	Sep-77	6.3	Jul-82	32.7	May-87	6.8
Apr-34	7.7	Feb-39	19.5	Dec-43	4.8	Oct-48	4.3	Aug-53	3.9	Jun-58	3.1	Apr-63	7.2	Feb-68	0.0	Dec-72	0.0	Oct-77	15.6	Aug-82	49.7	Jun-87	6.9
May-34	9.4	Mar-39	4.3	Jan-44	21.8	Nov-48	2.3	Sep-53	8.0	Jul-58	4.7	May-63	9.0	Mar-68	34.0	Jan-73	1.0	Nov-77	73.6	Sep-82	4.8	Jul-87	6.1
Jun-34	8.0	Apr-39	6.5	Feb-44	13.1	Dec-48	0.0	Oct-53	4.8	Aug-58	0.0	Jun-63	0.0	Apr-68	0.0	Feb-73	0.2	Dec-77	75.0	Oct-82	18.1	Aug-87	0.3
Jul-34	6.1	May-39	9.7	Mar-44	75.0	Jan-49	0.0	Nov-53	27.7	Sep-58	6.4</												

Figure 5

Simulated Mattaponi River Withdrawals 12-Month Running Averages (Sep 1930 - Sep 1987)

Highest sustained withdrawals coincide with reservoir storage recovery following major droughts of early 1930s, early 1940s, mid-1950s, 1960s, and 1980-81.

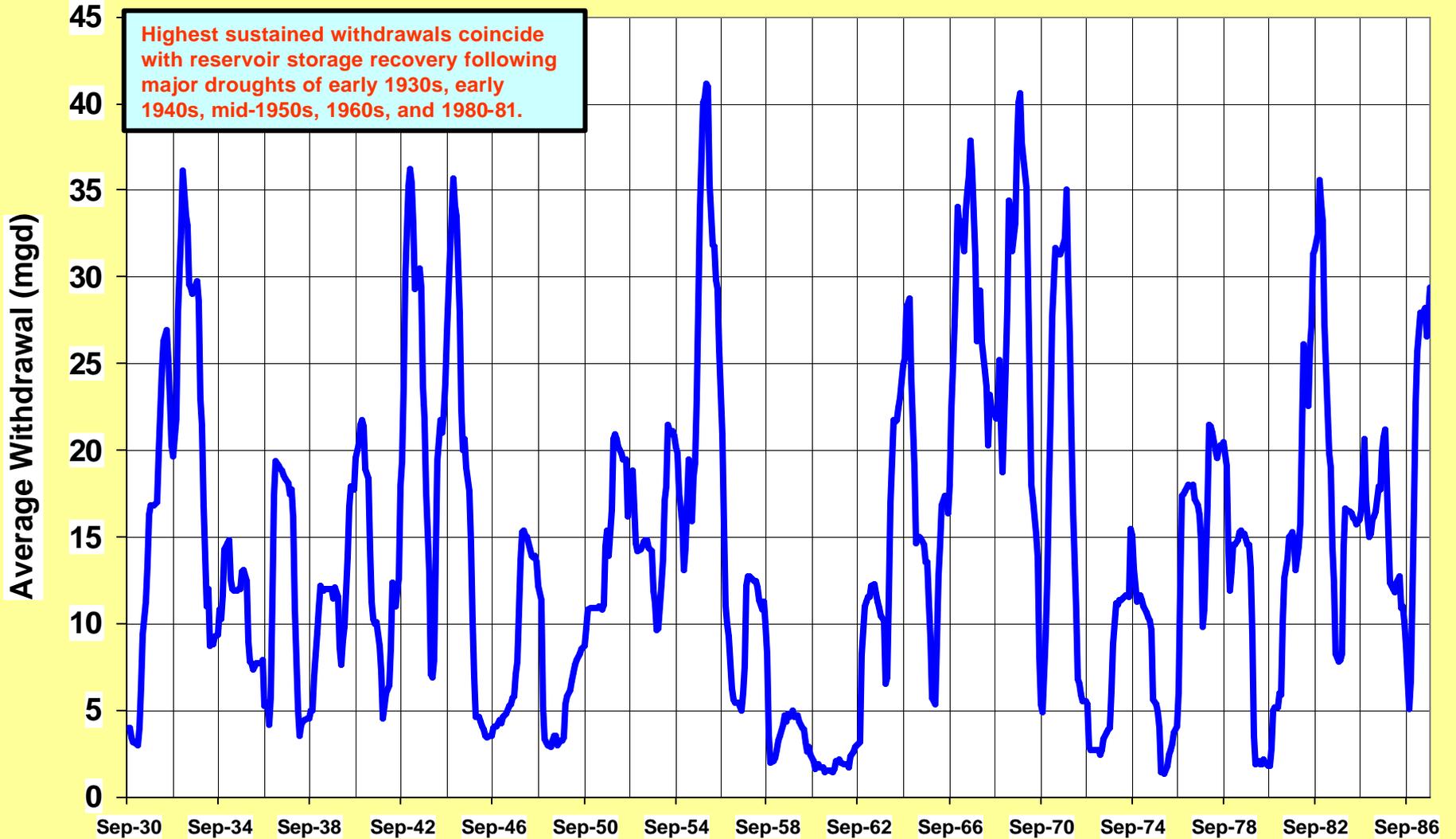
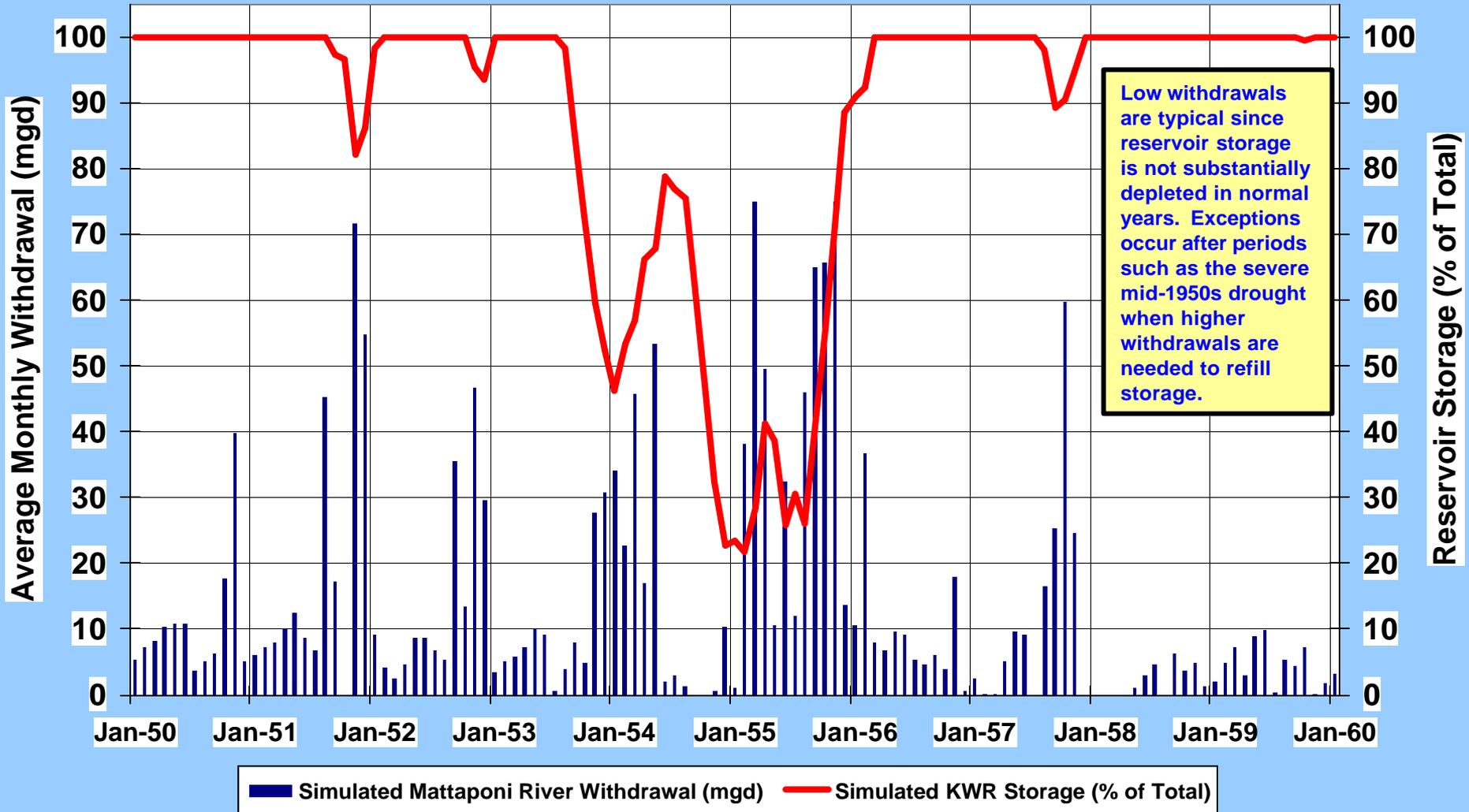


Figure 6

Simulated Mattaponi River Withdrawals and King William Reservoir Storage (Jan 1950 - Jan 1960)



3.0 PUMPING HIATUS EFFECT ON POST-SHAD SPAWNING WITHDRAWALS

The KWR Fisheries Panel is developing recommended protocols for a Mattaponi River pumping hiatus during the American shad spawning season which occurs each Spring. An evaluation was made to determine whether the pumping hiatus would result in greater withdrawals in post-shad spawning months to make up for the pumping hiatus.

In order to evaluate this question, a reservoir storage analysis was first conducted to see how frequently simulated KWR storage was full by March 1 (i.e., approximating the time of year when the pumping hiatus for the American shad spawning season could occur). As shown in **Figure 7**, under projected 2040 to 2050 RRWSG water demand conditions, KWR was full in 67 percent of simulated years by March 1. In those years, there would be much less need for any Mattaponi River withdrawals during the Spring since KWR would start the Spring full and natural inflows to KWR through basin runoff from 9 square miles of contributing watershed would normally be highest. In such years, it is unlikely that substantial KWR drawdown would occur during the pumping hiatus that would require significantly higher summer River withdrawals. In other words, the pumping hiatus is expected to have little effect on Mattaponi River withdrawals during summer months (i.e., post-shad spawning period) in at least two-thirds of years.

The next step in this analysis was to consider the effect of a pumping hiatus during drought periods when KWR would not have been full by March 1. Significant drought periods were evaluated including the early 1930s, mid-1950s, mid- to late-1960s and early 1980s. As shown in **Figures 8 through 11**, although KWR is not full by March 1 in several years of these drought periods, maximum allowable summer Mattaponi River withdrawals are already simulated. In other words, even without the pumping hiatus, maximum summer withdrawals are already made and, in nearly all cases, there is no room to expand these withdrawals since the MIF levels in the VDEQ permit preclude any possible expansion of the withdrawal volumes. Evidence for this conclusion is clearly seen when simulated Mattaponi River withdrawals, despite substantial KWR storage drawdown, are consistently less than 75 mgd.

The VDEQ likewise recognized that MIF levels in the VDEQ permit would preclude expansion of summer withdrawals. In an oral presentation made by Dr. Ellen Gilinsky of VDEQ to VMRC Commission members at their May 14, 2003 meeting she stated that: *"... there's a set amount that can be withdrawn in the summer months. So regardless of the moratorium you're considering on withdrawal, you can't make up the difference in the summer months. It's going to affect the yield of the project. But you will not be able to take more water than our permit allows in the summer months, so that will protect that withdrawal."*

Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) staff also recognized this fact based on the oral statement made by Mr. Tony Watkinson of VMRC's staff to VMRC Commission members at their May 14, 2003 meeting. Mr. Watkinson stated: *"... it was also understood that withdrawals during the remainder of the year outside the spawning window would be controlled by DEQ withdrawal limits. The City would be required to meet these limits regardless of a time-of-year restriction for operating of the intake during the spawning period."*

Figure 7

Simulated King William Reservoir Storage on March 1 (1930 - 1987)

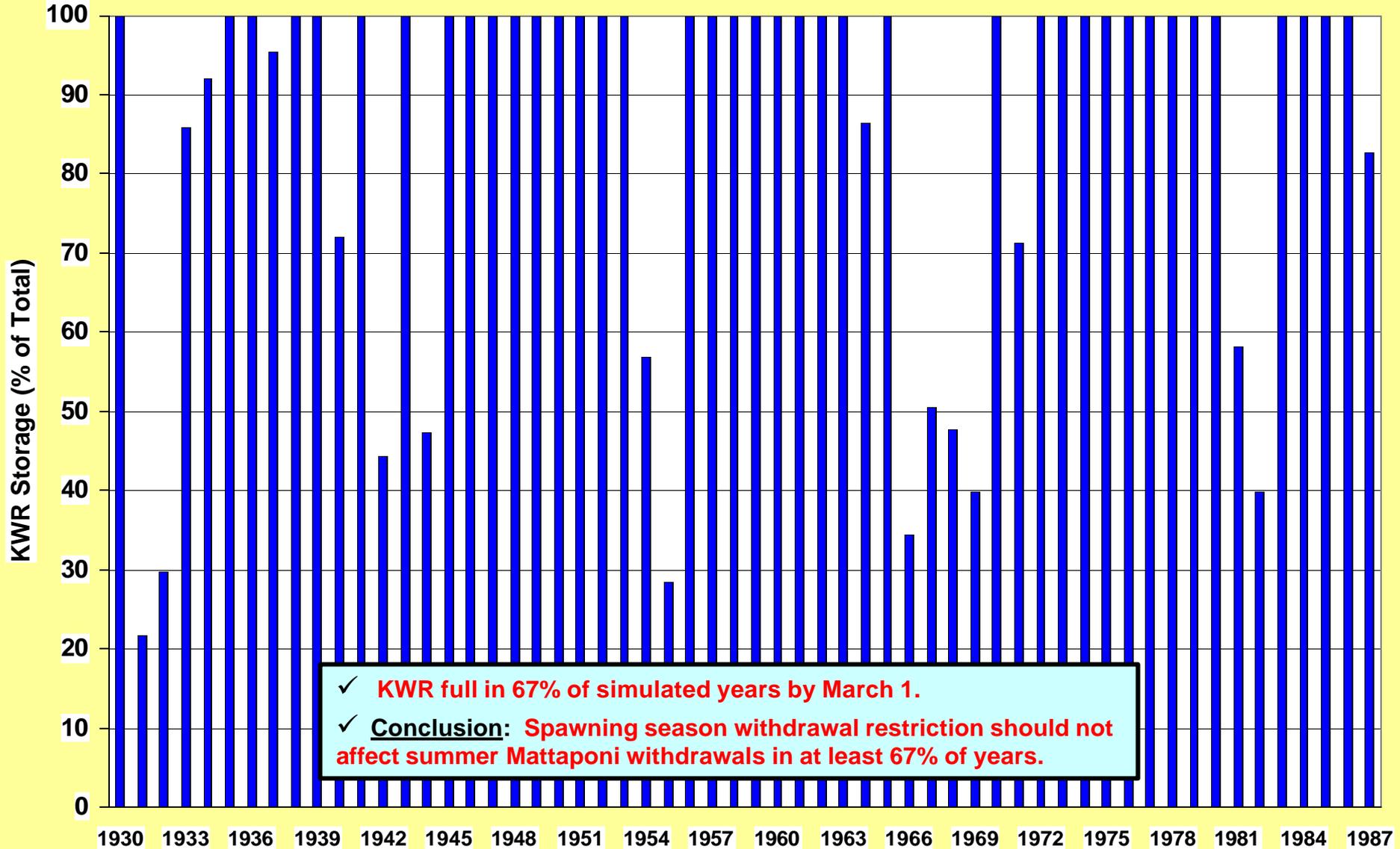


Figure 8

Simulated King William Reservoir Storage and Mattaponi River Withdrawals (Jan 1930 - Jan 1934)

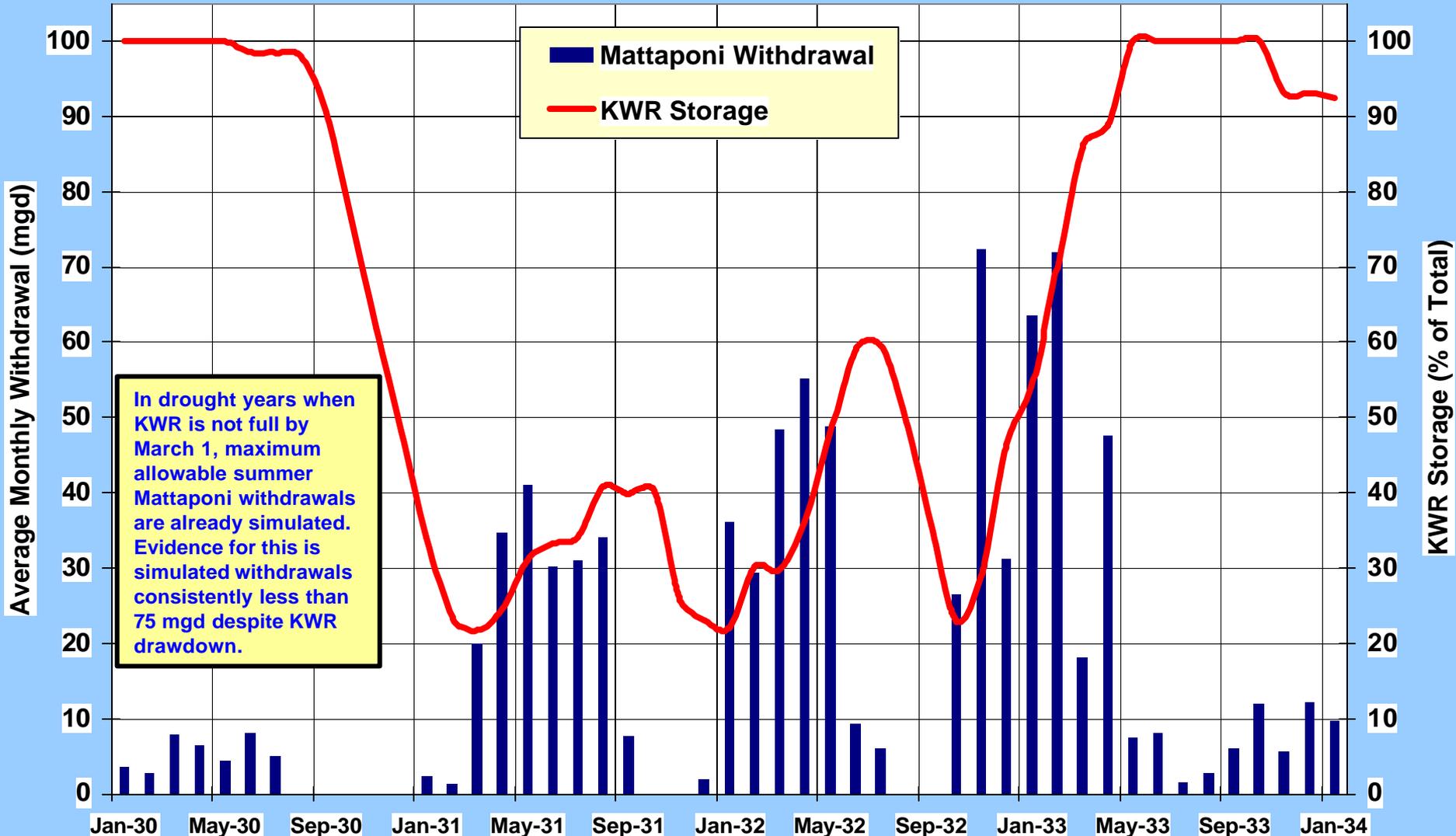


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Simulated King William Reservoir Storage and Mattaponi River Withdrawals (Jan 1953 - Jan 1957)

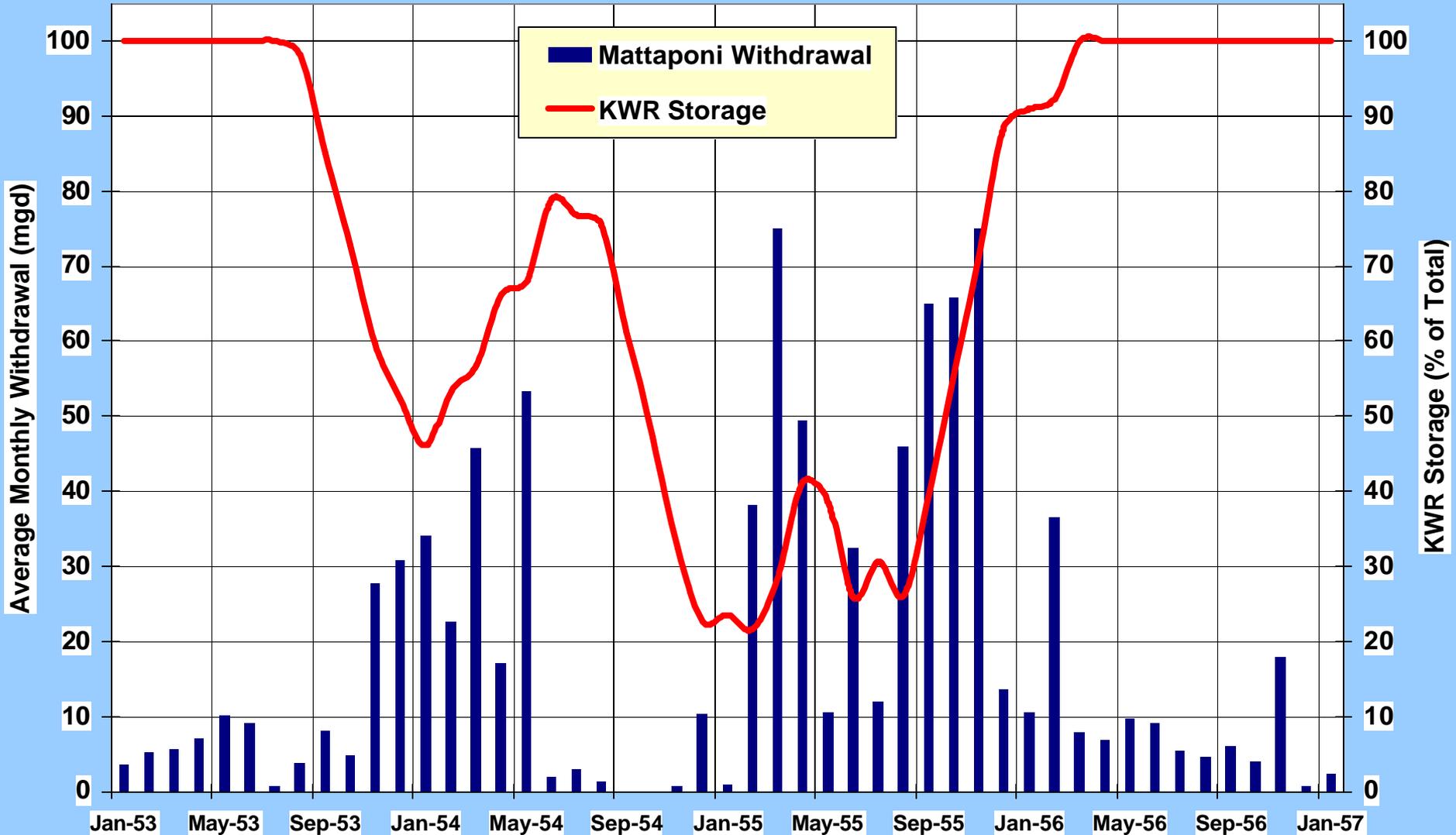


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Simulated King William Reservoir Storage and Mattaponi River Withdrawals (Sep 1965 - Oct 1969)

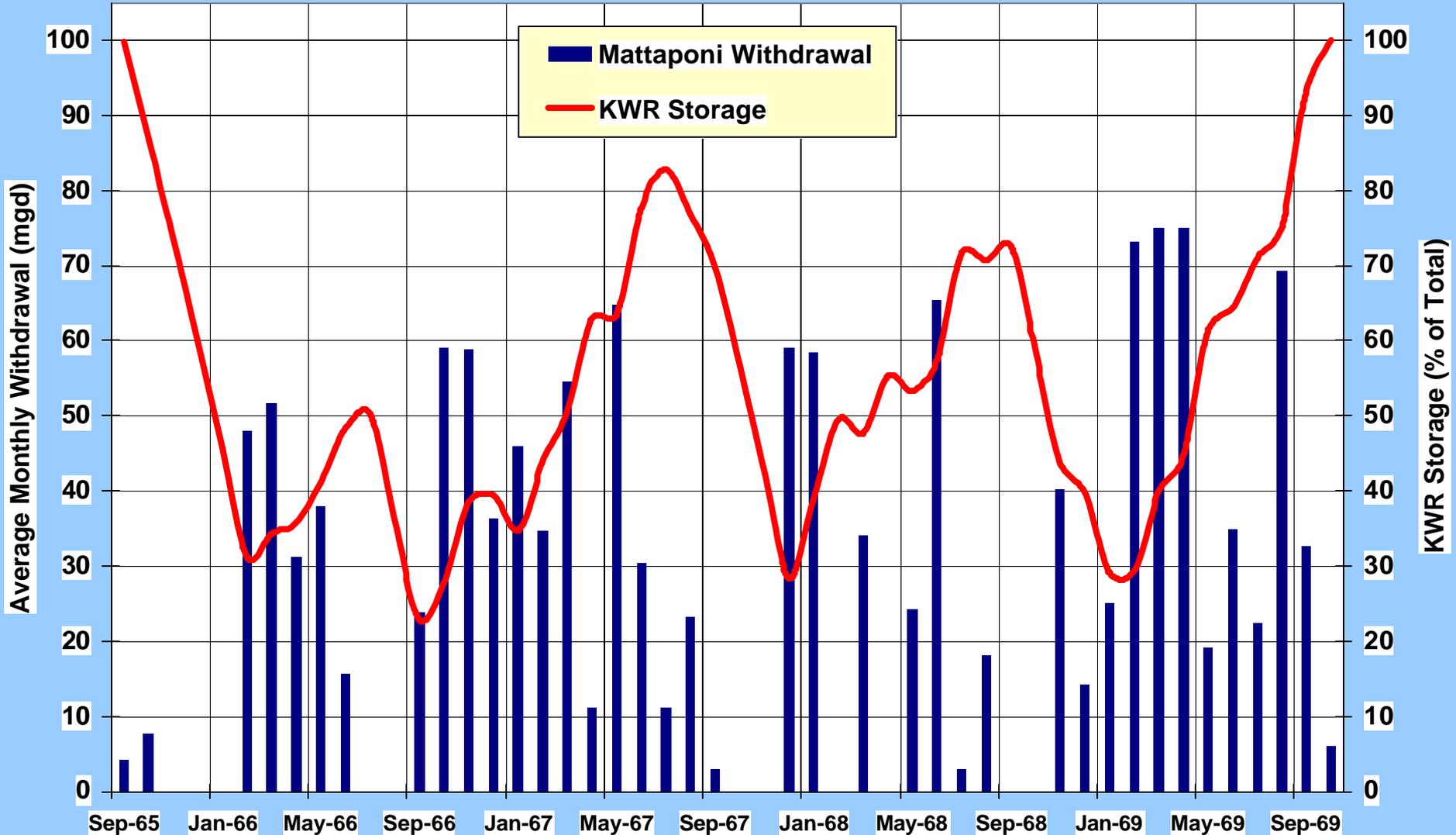
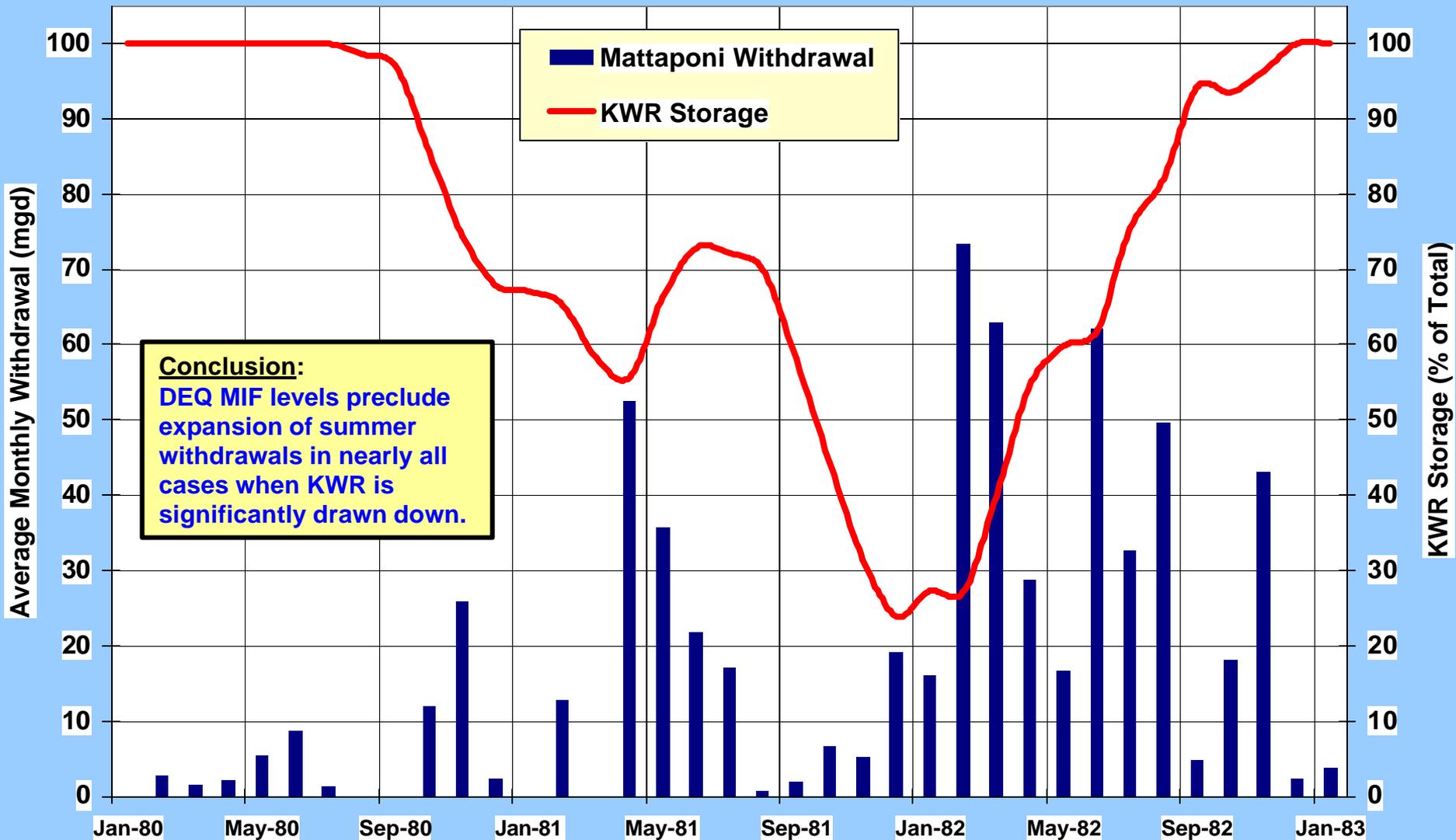


Figure 11

Simulated King William Reservoir Storage and Mattaponi River Withdrawals (Jan 1980 - Jan 1983)



We agree with the above conclusions of VDEQ and VMRC staff since our analysis has shown that in the months following the spawning season pumping hiatus there is not sufficient flow in the Mattaponi River to allow expanded Mattaponi withdrawals during dry years. Owing to the additional pumping restrictions in the VDEQ permit, the pumping hiatus simply means less water to the system (i.e., reduced yield) not a shift toward more intense summertime withdrawals.

4.0 FREQUENCY OF SPAWNING SEASON WITHDRAWALS UNDER DROUGHT EMERGENCIES

In order to protect public health and welfare, the normal pumping hiatus during the American shad spawning season would be lifted if a severe water supply emergency exists. However, during such periods the intake would continue to be operated in full compliance with the Mattaponi River MIF levels, the KWR transfer rate restriction, and all other conditions required by the VDEQ permit.

The spawning season pumping hiatus would remain in place for the duration of the operating life of the Mattaponi River intake facilities. Only during such rare times when a water supply emergency has been declared would the intake be operated during any portion of the spawning season. It is assumed that the declaration of such an emergency would be made by the Governor of Virginia or his appointee. The declaration of a water supply emergency would not necessarily mean that Mattaponi River withdrawals would be made, only that they could be made as long as the operation of the intake continued in accordance with the monitoring and operating conditions outlined in the VDEQ permit. Water quality conditions would also be considered prior to initiating any Mattaponi River withdrawals.

Mattaponi River withdrawals during the normal pumping hiatus would be expected to occur only rarely. In fact, VMRC staff stated in their May 14, 2003 Addendum to their Habitat Management Division Evaluation that: "... *it seems clear that there is only a minimal likelihood that withdrawals would be required during any spawning season restriction as a result of a drought emergency declared by the Governor. Furthermore, any withdrawals would again be controlled by the DEQ restrictions.*" This same statement was made by Mr. Tony Watkinson of VMRC's staff in his oral presentation to VMRC Commission members at their May 14, 2003 meeting.

As further confirmation of VMRC's statement, an analysis was conducted by the RRWSG to address the expected frequency that the spawning period pumping hiatus might be lifted due to a State-declared drought emergency. CDM's updated model of the Newport News Waterworks raw water supply system (i.e., SYMODELWIN) was used for this analysis since it includes a longer period of record (1928-2002) than the STELLA model. Safe yield analysis simulations were run to determine the approximate probability for severe drought conditions occurring coincident with the American shad spawning period. The analyses were run using a water demand value of 75 mgd that corresponds to predicted usage in the 2040-2050 timeframe. **Prior to demand reaching this level, the probability of reservoir levels reaching critical trigger levels in the Spring would be lower than those presented.**

As shown in **Figure 12**, three extended or multi-year drought periods were identified in which simulated reservoir levels dropped below mandatory drought action trigger levels in the VDEQ permit. As shown in **Figures 13 through 15**, these three drought periods were next evaluated to determine if the reservoir levels coincided with the American shad spawning period identified approximately as March-May. Out of the 74-year (1928-2002) historical period, only the Spring months of 1931 and 1955 were within drought periods capable of depleting reservoir levels to VDEQ drought action trigger levels. Our conclusion from this analysis is that the expected probability that the pumping hiatus might be lifted due to a State-declared drought emergency would be on the order of 3 percent or less (2 years out of a 74-year record represents only 2.7 percent of the years).

Figure 12

Simulated Newport News Reservoir Storage Levels at 2040-2050 Demands (75 mgd)

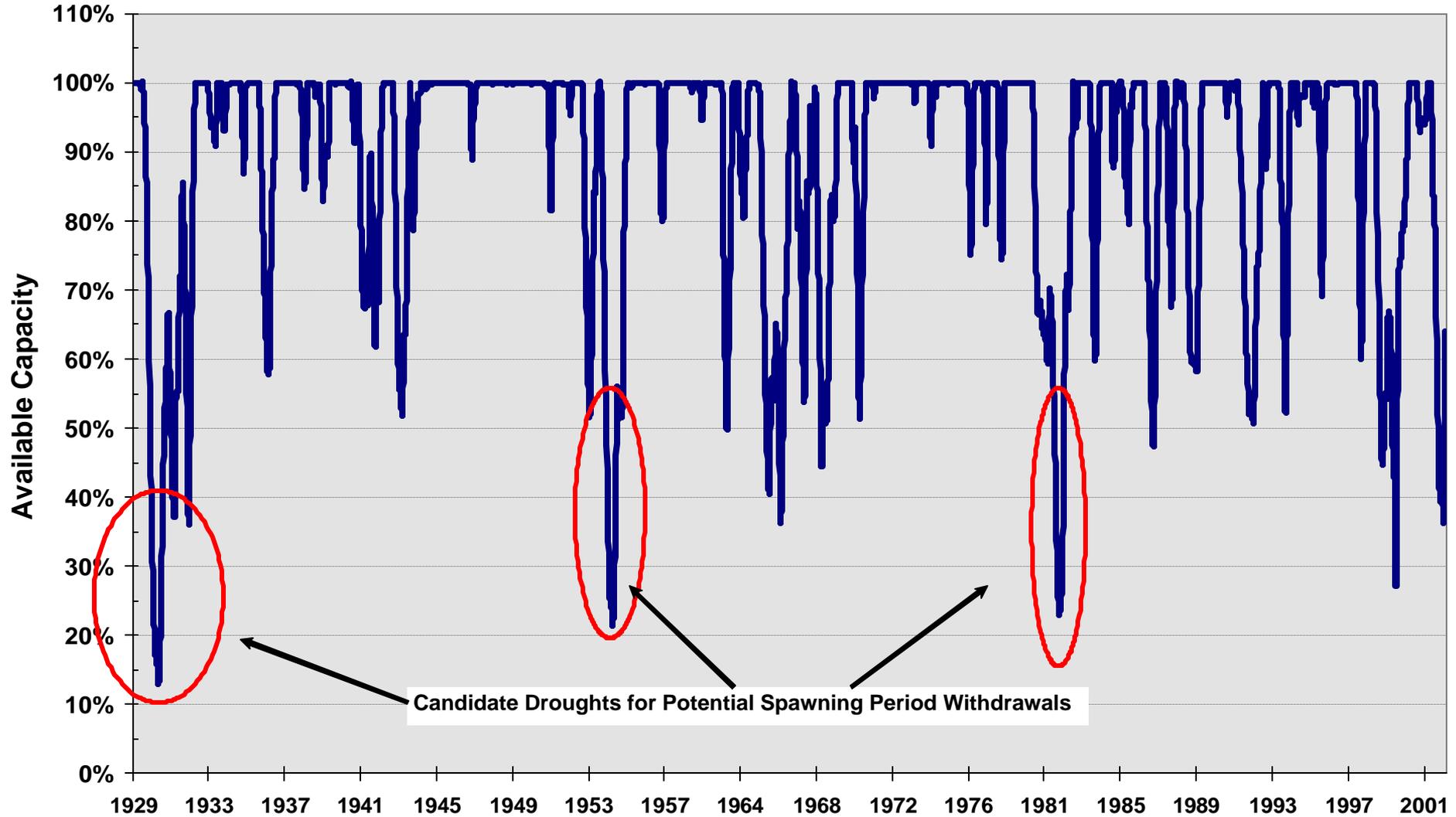


Figure 13

Simulated Newport News Reservoir Storage Levels at 2040-2050 Demands (75 mgd) - 1930 to 1933

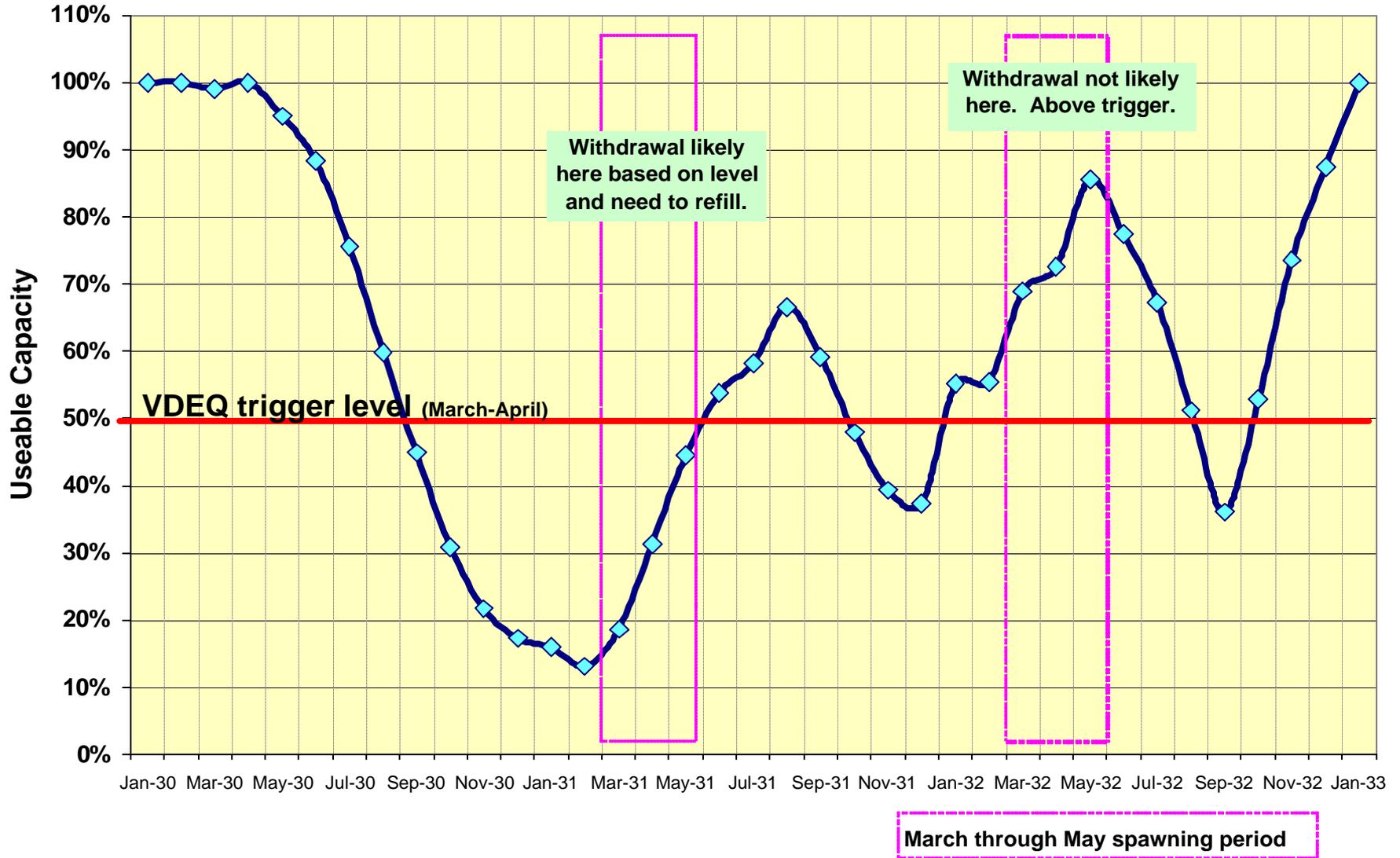


Figure 14

Simulated Newport News Reservoir Storage Levels at 2040-2050 Demands (75 mgd) - 1953 to 1955

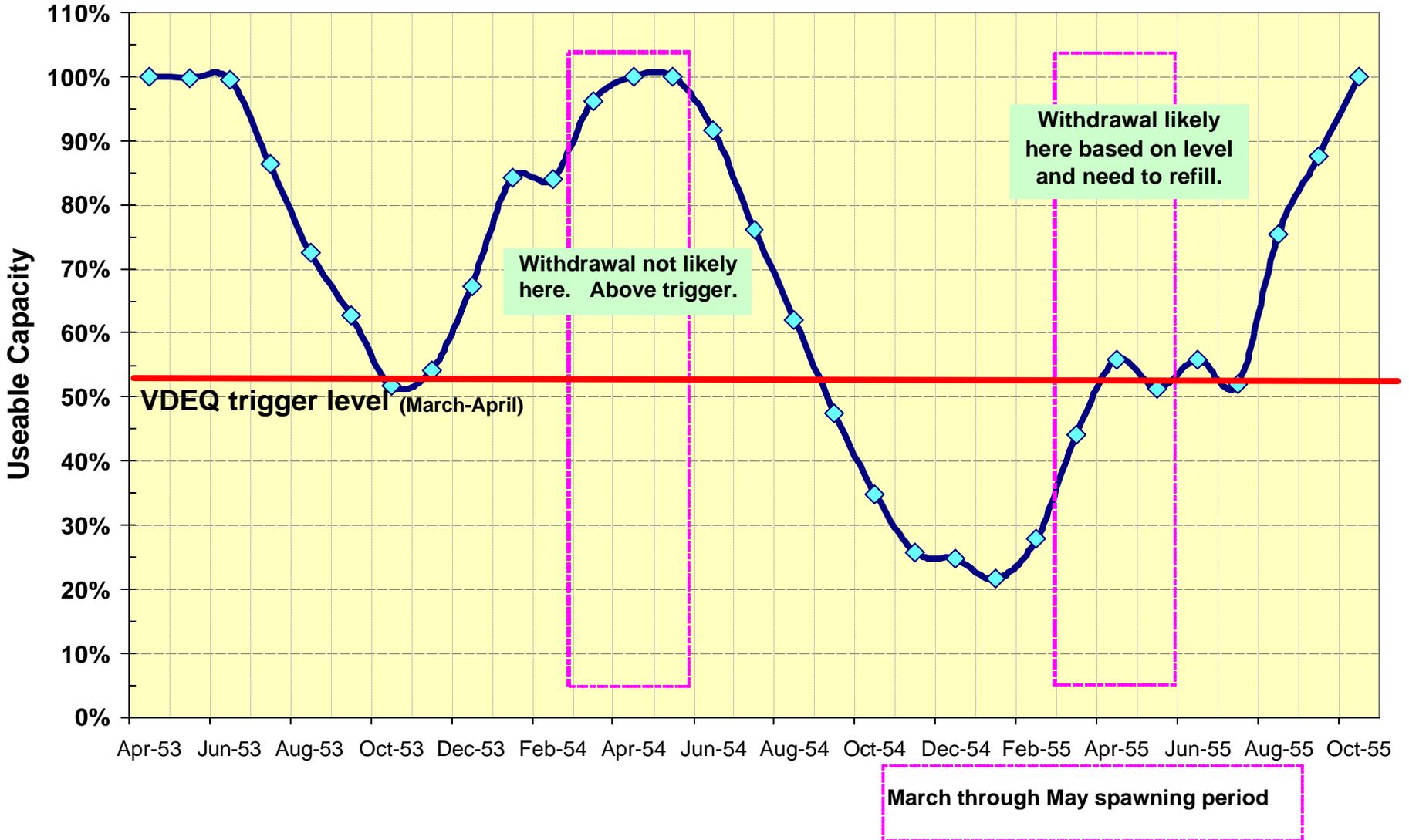
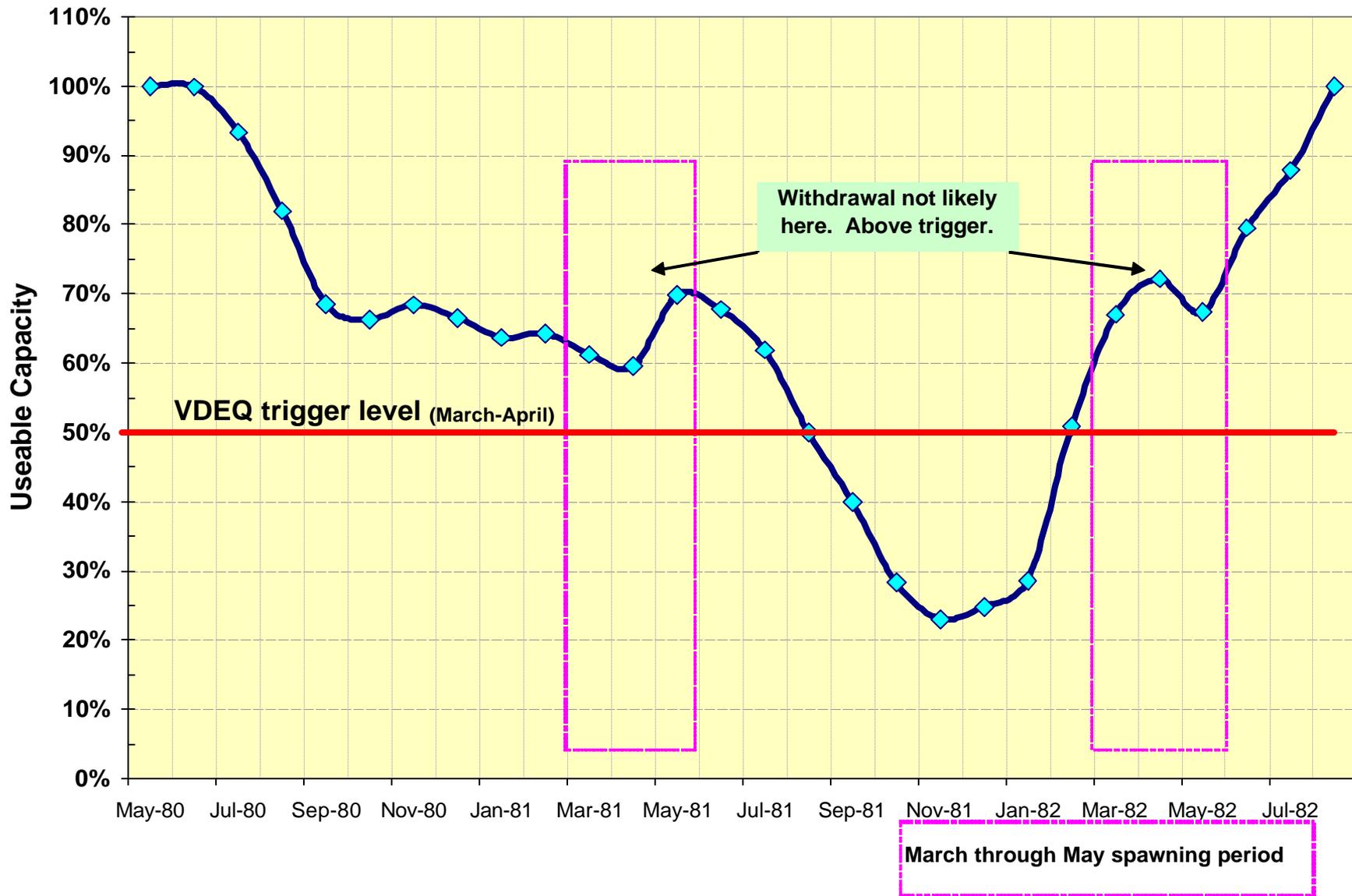


Figure 15

Simulated Newport News Reservoir Storage Levels at 2040-2050 Demands (75 mgd) - 1980 to 1982



The latest published studies on climate change in the Mid-Atlantic Region from Penn State University predict that it will be somewhat warmer and perhaps wetter in the Region. Human activities that release heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere are also expected to continue to accelerate the observed warming trend. Such predictions do not allow us to look at individual extreme or threshold level events such as severe drought periods. However, if these general predictions for wetter conditions mean that future droughts will be less severe, then this suggests that the probability of State-declared drought emergencies and associated relaxation of the pumping hiatus may be even lower than estimated above using historical climate and streamflow records from the past century. It would therefore seem reasonable and appropriate to use the climate and streamflow histories from the 20th Century to make water use predictions for the 21st Century. This is especially true since the 20th Century record contains at least three different, multi-year drought events.

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APPENDIX G
KWR TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2



March 26, 2004

To: King William Reservoir Fisheries Panel

From: Ron Harris, P.G., Chief of Water Resources, Newport News Waterworks
Paul Peterson, Project Manager, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

Re: King William Reservoir Project
Mattaponi River Withdrawal Facilities

As the King William Reservoir (KWR) Fisheries Panel continues to work toward concluding your assessments, findings and recommendations we wanted to ensure that each of you had all of the operating details, assumptions, background project details, and construction data relating to the proposed withdrawal facilities on the Mattaponi River. Some or most of this information has been provided in various formats as you studied these issues over the past several months.

This memorandum is organized into six sections and an attachment containing project drawings as follows:

- 1.0 Project Background and Summary Description
- 2.0 Mattaponi River Withdrawal Rules and Expected Rates
- 3.0 Mattaponi River Intake Design
- 4.0 Mattaponi River Intake Construction and Operation
- 5.0 Mattaponi River Pump Station Design
- 6.0 Mattaponi River Tidal Wetlands and Water Quality
- Attachment: Updated Mapping and Preliminary Engineering Drawings

We thought it would be helpful to consolidate these materials at this time to assist you in preparation of your final report. These materials should also be useful to the Fisheries Panel as we formally restart our permitting process with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) on April 1, 2004. During this phase of the project we expect to continue our deliberations, consultations, and negotiations with the VMRC (and their resources agencies).

Again, thank you for your insights and deliberations. Please contact either of us if you have any questions regarding this information.

1.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

In September 1988, the Regional Raw Water Study Group (RRWSG) commissioned Malcolm Pirnie to prepare a Regional Raw Water Supply Plan "To provide a dependable, long-term public water supply for the Lower Virginia Peninsula, in a manner which is not contrary to the overall public interest." The RRWSG evaluated 35 raw water supply alternatives in order to fulfill the basic project purpose defined above. This evaluation was carried out under the provisions of the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines are the substantive criteria used in evaluating impacts resulting from, and selecting sites for, the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (including wetlands).

The alternatives evaluation process resulted in a decision by the RRWSG in December 1996 to submit a Joint Permit Application (JPA) for the KWR Project with dam site KWR-IV. Since December 1996, significant changes have been made to certain aspects of the Project, resulting in two previous revisions of the JPA. Following the issuance of a Virginia Water Protection Permit (VWPP) by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) in December 2002 for the Project, additional changes and refinements have been made to the project concept. In particular, the conceptual design of the Mattaponi River Pump Station's intake system has been refined and additional detail developed as a result of a new, detailed bathymetric survey of the river bottom at the pump station site.

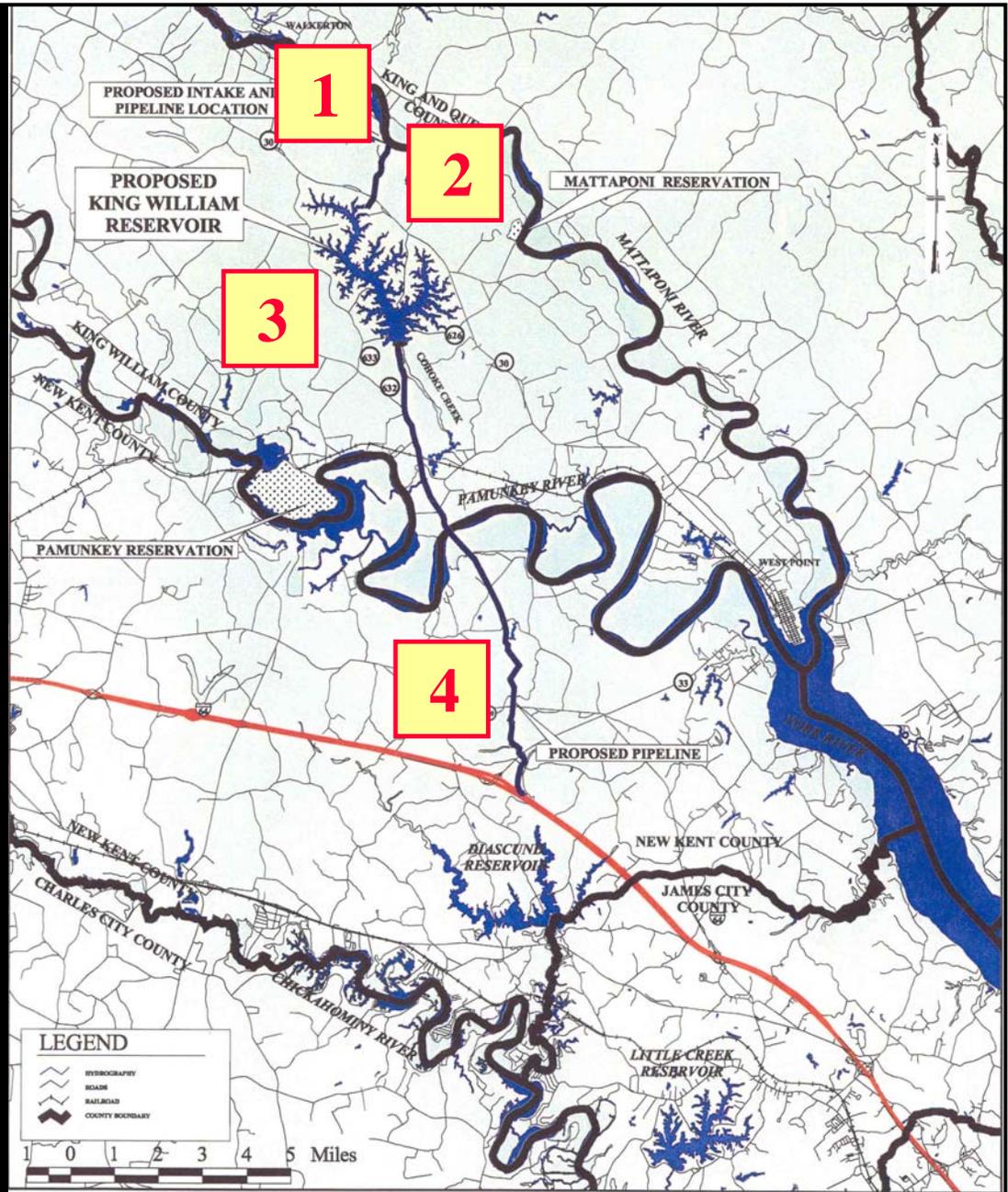
The KWR Project as currently proposed includes (see also **Figure 1**):

- A 75 mgd raw water intake in the Mattaponi River, utilizing an array of twelve submerged wedge wire screens with 1 mm slots, designed for a maximum through slot velocity of 0.25 feet per second (fps).
- The 75 mgd capacity Mattaponi River Pumping Station, located completely on uplands adjacent to the intake screen array.
- Approximately 1.5 miles of 54-inch diameter, 75 mgd capacity, raw water pipeline from the Mattaponi River Pump Station to the King William Reservoir.
- The 12.2 billion gallon (BG) King William Reservoir covering approximately 1,526 acres on Cohoke Creek, impounded by a 1,700-foot long dam located approximately 1,000 feet downstream of County Route 626.
- The 50 mgd capacity King William Reservoir Pump Station, located just downstream of the dam site.
- Approximately 11.7-miles of 42-inch and 48-inch diameter, 50 mgd capacity, raw water pipeline from the King William Reservoir Pump Station to an outfall adjacent to Beaverdam Creek in the Diascund Creek Reservoir basin, including trenchless directional drill crossings of Cohoke Creek and the Pamunkey River.
- A Wetland Mitigation Plan to compensate for affected non-tidal wetlands within the project area.

Figure 1

Project Features

- 1 75 MGD Mattaponi R. Pump Station
- 2 1½-mile Mattaponi R. Pipeline
- 3 1,526-acre, 12.2 BG KW Reservoir
- 4 11.7-mile Pipeline to Diascund Reservoir



- A Fisheries Mitigation Plan being prepared by the Fisheries Panel.
- An Ecological Monitoring Plan to document physical and biological conditions in the Mattaponi River system prior to and following the start of operations of the water supply intake. This plan will be finalized upon completion of the assessment currently being prepared by the Fisheries Panel. It is subject to approval by VDEQ as a condition of the City's VWPP.

The remainder of this memorandum deals exclusively with the proposed Mattaponi River withdrawal facilities.

2.0 MATTAPONI RIVER WITHDRAWAL RULES AND EXPECTED RATES

Minimum Instream Flow Requirements

The King William Reservoir will operate as an off-stream raw water storage reservoir. Because of the reservoirs' small drainage area (8.92 sq. miles), the yield from this project will come primarily from the water withdrawn from the Mattaponi River. Water withdrawals from the Mattaponi River will be restricted by a minimum instream flow requirement (MIF). River withdrawals must be made in accordance with the MIF conditions stipulated in the December 2002 VWPP issued by VDEQ. The basic permitted MIF condition is a "modified 80 percent monthly exceedance" rule. The VWPP allows withdrawals at alternate 40/20 Tennant levels only if mandatory use restrictions have been imposed.

The modified 80 percent monthly exceedance levels range from 434 mgd in March to 114 mgd in August through October, and are higher than the 40/20 Tennant levels during every month of the year. The modified 80 percent monthly exceedance flows are based on monthly flow rates which have a probability of being exceeded 80 percent of the time during the period of record and are then increased by: (1) setting a minimum flow rate threshold of 108.5 mgd (lowest median monthly streamflow value (September)) and (2) reserving an additional allowance for other projected consumptive use in the Mattaponi River Basin.

The 40/20 Tennant levels provide that withdrawals may not be made from the Mattaponi River during the months of December through May when freshwater flows are below 197.6 mgd (about 40 percent of mean annual flow) or during the months of June through November when freshwater flows are less than 98.8 mgd (about 20 percent of mean annual flow). The estimated average freshwater flow of the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing is 487 mgd based on Mattaponi River (Beulahville) streamflow records for Water Years 1942 through 2001.

Figure 2 illustrates the monthly average river flows at the intake site, based on 59 years of flow records and the monthly MIFs below which withdrawals cannot occur. Withdrawals would be made only from the increment of flow that is in excess of the MIF. Withdrawals would not be allowed to reduce the actual flows to below the MIF values. Initial reservoir filling must also be conducted subject to these VWPP conditions. Consequently, the duration of initial filling will depend, in large part, on climatic conditions occurring at that time.

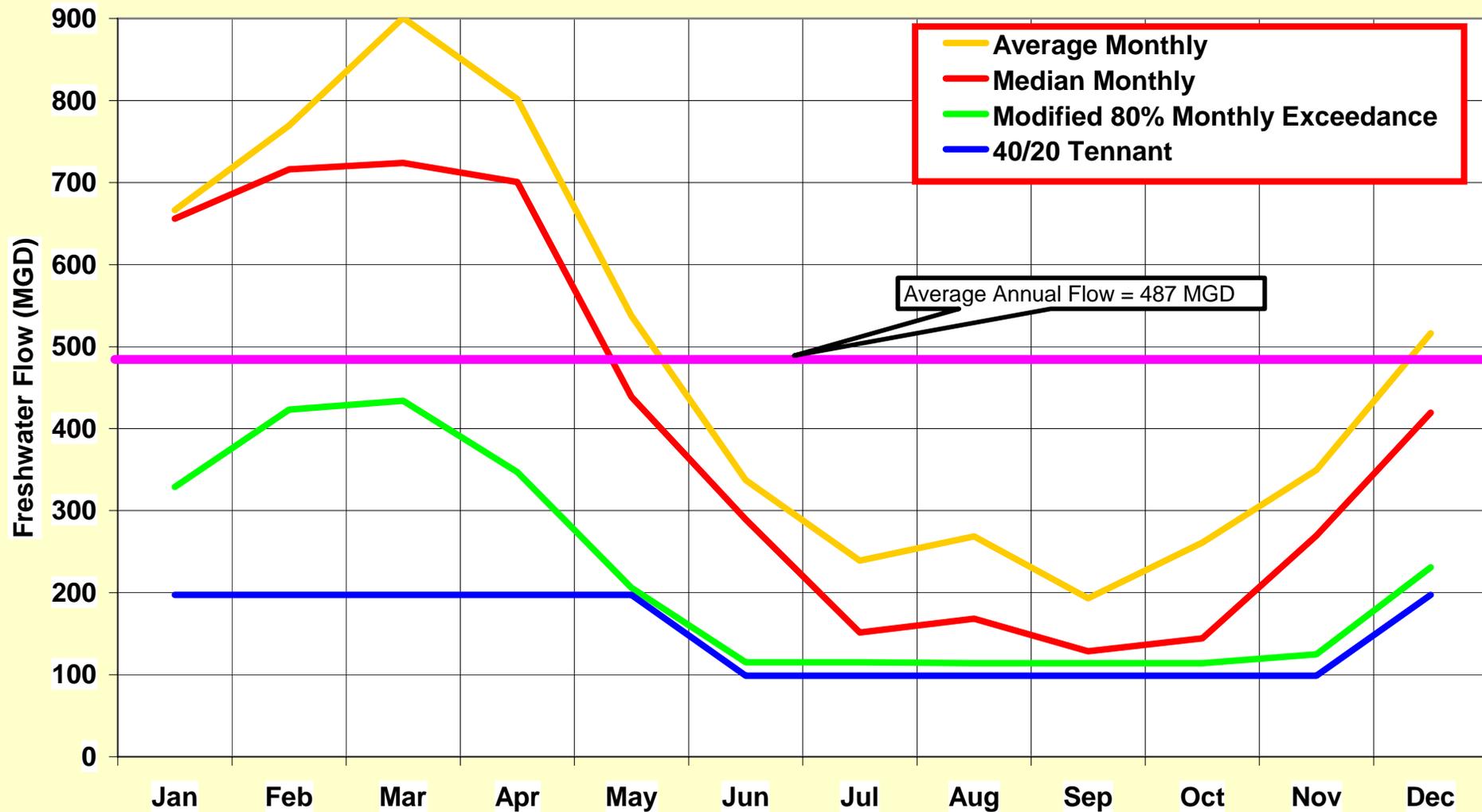
The Mattaponi River intake is designed for a maximum pumping capacity of 75 mgd. However, actual operation will be regulated under the VWPP minimum instream flow requirements for the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing, so actual allowable pumping rates on any given day may be less than 75 mgd. That is, pumping at the Mattaponi River intake shall not be allowed to reduce the actual freshwater flow to the River downstream of the intake to less than the permitted minimum instream flows. The net effect of these strict measures is that this intake will operate primarily during periods of moderate to high river flow.

Expected Future Withdrawal Rates

To estimate the magnitude of expected water withdrawals from the river, safe yield modeling of the proposed project was conducted using hydrologic data from the period October 1929 to September 1987 and anticipated 2040 to 2050 water demand conditions, together with the

Figure 2

**Mattaponi River Flow and MIF Levels Adjusted to the Proposed Intake Site
(Based on Beulahville Flow Records for Water Years 1942 - 2001)**



VWPP permitted MIF requirements for the Mattaponi River. The results of this modeling show that the monthly average withdrawal of water from the Mattaponi River will average only 14.5 mgd, which is less than 20 percent of the intake design capacity. On a seasonal basis, summary statistics of the anticipated withdrawals based on the safe yield modeling are as follows:

Season	Average	Median	Upper Quartile
Winter	16.2 mgd	5.2 mgd	22.5 mgd
Spring	13.2 mgd	8.0 mgd	10.4 mgd
Summer	9.1 mgd	4.7 mgd	7.5 mgd
Fall	19.6 mgd	7.3 mgd	33.2 mgd

Note: These statistics do not take into account effects of a possible spawning season pumping hiatus.

From these statistics, it can be seen that average Mattaponi River withdrawals will be highest in fall and winter, and lowest in summer. The fact that the median (50th percentile) withdrawal rates are substantially lower than the average rates demonstrates that in most years withdrawal will be at levels well below the overall average rates. In fact, average monthly withdrawals will be less than 10 percent of the design capacity (i.e. less than 7.5 mgd) more than half of the time and less than 33.2 mgd more than 75 percent of the time. This safe yield analysis demonstrates that the King William Reservoir withdrawals from the Mattaponi River will rarely occur at maximum pumping capacity. In fact, withdrawals can be expected to be only a small fraction of the intake's design capacity most of the time. In the years prior to 2040, water demands are expected to be less and Mattaponi River withdrawals should be even lower than presumed for this assessment.

These analyses do not take into account any specific pumping restrictions that may be recommended by the Fisheries Panel. Additional safe yield modeling may be prepared following receipt of the Panel's final report.

Since actual water withdrawal rates are expected to be substantially less than maximum capacity much of the time, it is also reasonable to expect that through-slot velocities will also be considerably less under most operating conditions than the maximum design through-slot velocity of 0.25 fps. Using the above estimates of expected water withdrawals, typical through-slot velocities for the Mattaponi River intake will be as follows:

Season	Average	Median	Upper Quartile
Winter	0.05 fps	0.02 fps	0.08 fps
Spring	0.04 fps	0.03 fps	0.03 fps
Summer	0.03 fps	0.02 fps	0.02 fps
Fall	0.07 fps	0.02 fps	0.11 fps

As can be seen above, through-slot velocities are expected to be in the range of 10 percent or less of the maximum through-slot design value (0.25 fps) for 50 percent the time and less than

0.1 fps for 75 percent of the time. Therefore, since through-slot velocity is an important determinant in wedge wire screen performance, it is reasonable to conclude that the overall protection from entrainment and impingement at the Mattaponi River intake afforded by the proposed intake design will be considerably greater than the high level provided under the current Virginia intake screen criteria (Gowan, C., G. Garman, and W. Shuart. 1999. Design Criteria for Fish Screens in Virginia: Recommendations Based on a Review of the Literature. Prepared for Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)).

Clarification of Simulated Withdrawals During Drought Emergencies

Based on the March 5, 2004 working draft of the Fisheries Panel report, it is anticipated that the Panel will recommend a pumping hiatus during the American shad spawning season. In order to protect public health and welfare, a normal pumping hiatus during the shad spawning season would be lifted if a severe water supply emergency exists. Only during such rare times when a water supply emergency has been declared would the intake be operated during any portion of the shad spawning season. A prior Technical Memorandum that we provided to the Panel on February 18, 2004 showed that out of a 74-year historical period, only the Spring months of 1931 and 1955 were within drought periods capable of depleting reservoir levels to VDEQ drought action trigger levels. Our conclusion from that analysis was that the expected probability that a pumping hiatus might be lifted due to a State-declared drought emergency would be on the order of 3 percent or less (2 years out of a 74-year record represents only 2.7 percent of the years).

We have conducted further analysis to determine what might actually occur during a rare drought emergency that coincides with a normal shad spawning season pumping hiatus. We must emphasize that until regional demands exceed 65 mgd, and with the addition of KWR storage, there is almost no risk (less than 1 out of 74 years or less than 1.4 percent) of a drought emergency during this portion of the year. In other words, no shad spawning season withdrawals would be expected prior to approximately 2025. However, even when such rare events do occur in future decades, the Mattaponi River MIF levels would significantly restrict pumping as indicated by our analysis presented in the following table of allowable monthly average Mattaponi withdrawals during the Spring of 1931 and 1955. Although our model simulations to date do not specifically include a pumping hiatus period, these figures clearly show that availability of Mattaponi River withdrawals would still be controlled by the river MIF levels, the KWR transfer rate restriction, and all other conditions required by the VDEQ permit.

Month	1931	1955
March	20.0 mgd	75.0 mgd
April	34.7 mgd	49.5 mgd
May	41.0 mgd	10.5 mgd
Averages	32 mgd	45 mgd
Averages as % of Maximum Withdrawal Rate	43%	60%

3.0 MATTAPONI RIVER INTAKE DESIGN

Design and analysis of the proposed Mattaponi River withdrawal facilities has been carried out only to the extent necessary for the preparation of a Joint Permit Application for the project. Changes to the descriptions presented can be expected once detailed, final design of the components is completed.

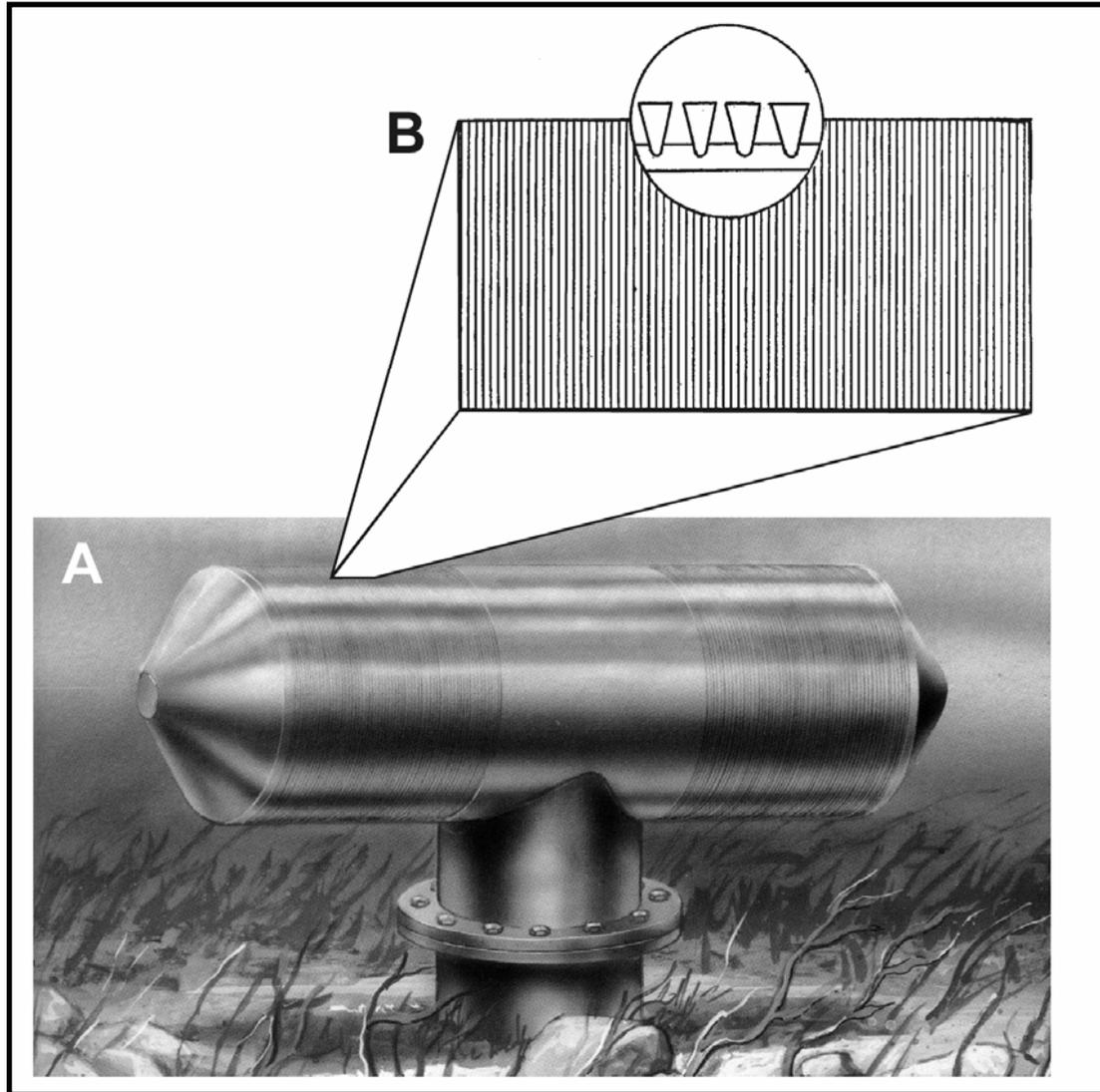
The Mattaponi Intake is designed in accordance with all of the guidelines and criteria contained in the VDGIF's formal recommendations for protecting fish at water withdrawals (Gowan, C., G. Garman, and W. Shuart, 1999). The Mattaponi Intake design also more than satisfies the USEPA 316(b) Track I design through-screen velocity requirements for cooling water intakes.

The intake screens will consist of twelve submerged, cylindrical, wedge-wire screens. The screens will have 1 mm slot openings, a maximum through slot velocity of 0.25 feet per second (fps), and an average approach velocity of 0.08 fps, in accordance with the VDGIF's design criteria recommendations. The approach velocity is the velocity that occurs 3 mm (1/8-inch) from the screen surface. The screens will be installed in the form of tee assemblies, with two screens per tee screen assembly. An internal air burst backwash screen cleaning system will be provided. **Figure 3** illustrates the basic shape of this type of screen assembly and highlights the wedge shape of the screen wires.

The intake screens will have a rated (or firm) capacity of 75 mgd (that is the capacity with one of the six tee screen assemblies out of service). This capacity will be achieved while limiting the maximum through slot velocity to 0.25 fps. With all six tee screen assemblies in service, the maximum through slot velocity at a 75 mgd withdrawal rate will be 0.21 fps. Normally, all six tee screen assemblies will be in service. Individual tee screen assemblies would only be out of service during air backwashing or if they were removed for repair. The following table presents calculated flow velocities at several distances from the screen face for the range of potential withdrawal rates.

Figure 3

Cylindrical Wedge-Wire Tee Screen Assembly Illustration



Flow Velocities vs. Withdrawal Rates

Withdrawal Rate (mgd)	Intake Velocity (Feet per Second)				
	All Tee Screens in Service				
	Average 12-inches from screen	Average Approach	Average Through Slot	Maximum Approach	Maximum Through Slot
15	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.04
30	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.03	0.08
45	0.03	0.04	0.11	0.05	0.13
60	0.04	0.06	0.14	0.07	0.17
75	0.05	0.07	0.18	0.08	0.21
	5 of 6 Tee Screens in Service				
	Average 12-inches from screen	Average Approach	Average Through Slot	Maximum Approach	Maximum Through Slot
	15	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.02
30	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.04	0.10
45	0.04	0.05	0.13	0.06	0.15
60	0.05	0.07	0.17	0.08	0.20
75	0.06	0.08	0.21	0.10	0.25

Average Approach Velocity: Velocity 3 mm (1/8 inch) from face of screen.

Average Through Slot Velocity: Average of through slot velocities along the length of the screen.

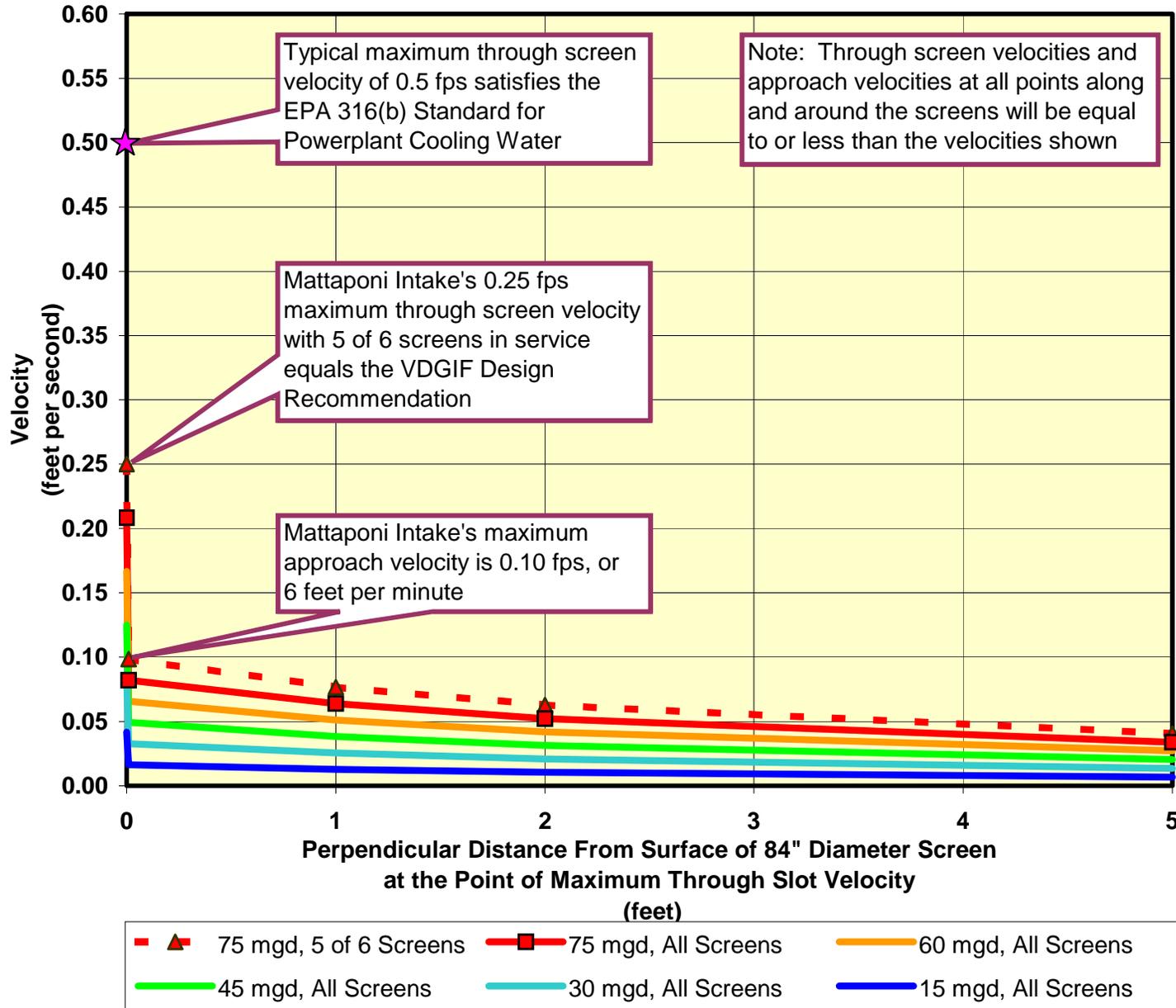
Maximum Through Slot Velocity: Maximum of through slot velocities along the length of the screen.

The velocity values presented above represent the component of velocity perpendicular to the screen surface. The values were calculated based on the assumption that the velocity field around the screen is cylindrically shaped, which is a worst case, conservative assumption. The velocity perpendicular to the surface of the screen decreases very quickly in the first fraction of an inch outside the surface of the screen and then continues to decrease at a reduced, approximately linear rate. **Figure 4** shows this decrease in velocity over a distance of 5 feet, for withdrawal rates between 15 and 75 mgd with all screens in service, and for the worst case design condition of 75 mgd with only 5 of the 6 tee screen assemblies in service.

The highest velocity point plotted is the maximum through screen velocity of 0.25 fps, the second is the maximum approach velocity which occurs approximately 1/8-inch away from the screen surface. The graphed velocities show that even under the maximum, worst-case design condition of 75 mgd and only 5 of 6 tee screens in service, the maximum approach velocity is only 0.10 fps. As previously discussed, the average withdrawal under projected 2040 to 2050 demand conditions is on the order of 15 mgd. At this flow, the maximum approach velocity with only 5 of 6 tee screens in service is only 0.02 fps.

Figure 4

Maximum Velocities Perpendicular to Screen Surface



The Mattaponi Intake screens will be oriented parallel to the river shoreline and thus parallel to the direction of natural tidal velocity, in accordance with the VDGIF's recommendations. **Figure 5** shows the estimated range of tidal velocities in the river over a typical tidal cycle. It also shows a banded area of velocities up to 0.5 fps, which is twice the maximum through screen velocity (0.25 fps) that would occur when pumping 75 mgd with 5 of 6 tee screens in service. Under normal conditions, all 6 tee screens would be in service and the projected average withdrawal rate is only 14.5 mgd, so the period of time when the river velocity is not at least twice the intake velocity would normally be much less than shown in this graph.

The tidal velocity would generally occur parallel to the screen face, which in addition to limiting entrainment and impingement also has the beneficial effect of gently "sweeping" debris and suspended particles across and off the surface of the screens. The natural tidal velocity across the face of the intake screens will vary from near zero during the slack periods at high and low tide to between 2 and 3 fps at the midpoint of the tide. Over the course of a typical tidal cycle, the natural sweeping velocity across the screen will be more than two times the screen intake for over 90 percent of tidal cycle. The predicted tidal velocities are from Basco, 1996.

A total of twelve screens, each a maximum of 7 feet in diameter by approximately 7 feet long will be installed. The screens will be constructed to form six tee screen assemblies. Three of these tee screen assemblies will be connected to each of the two intake lines. All six tees will be aligned in a single row parallel to the shoreline so debris will be swept along and then off the surface of the screens and not be forced into the screen face. This orientation and arrangement is in accordance with the VDGIF's recommendations. The screens will be removable (by means of bolted connections) from the intake lines for major maintenance or replacement and flanged plates will be available to plug the resulting open riser pipe.

The screens will be located in a naturally deep portion of the Mattaponi River. A bathymetric survey of the river at the intake site was performed in November 2003 to determine the bottom elevations in the area of the intake. The elevation contours developed from this survey are shown in **Project Drawing 8** attached to this memorandum. Actual water surface levels at the intake site were recorded with a submerged pressure transducer and an electronic datalogger from January 11, 2004 to February 15, 2004. From the recorded water level data, the actual elevation of Mean Low Water and Mean High Water at the intake site has been determined. **Figure 6** presents the recorded water level data and resulting calculated Mean Low Water and Mean High Water elevations.

Mean Low Water at the intake site is at Elevation -1.8 on the NAVD 88 Vertical Datum. Mean High Water is at Elevation 1.7, resulting in a mean tidal range at the site of 3.5 feet. These elevations are included on the Project Drawings included as an attachment to this memorandum.

The existing water depth at the screen location varies from approximately 22 to 24 feet at Mean Low Water. The top of the screens will be set a minimum of 8 feet below Mean Low Water. This will provide at least 7 feet of vertical clearance between the bottom of the screens and the restored river bottom. The river bottom will be restored to match the pre-existing bottom contours. The surface will be restored with riprap, in order to minimize the potential for damaging scour to occur around the base of the riser pipes.

Figure 5

Estimated Mattaponi River Tidal Velocity at Scotland Landing

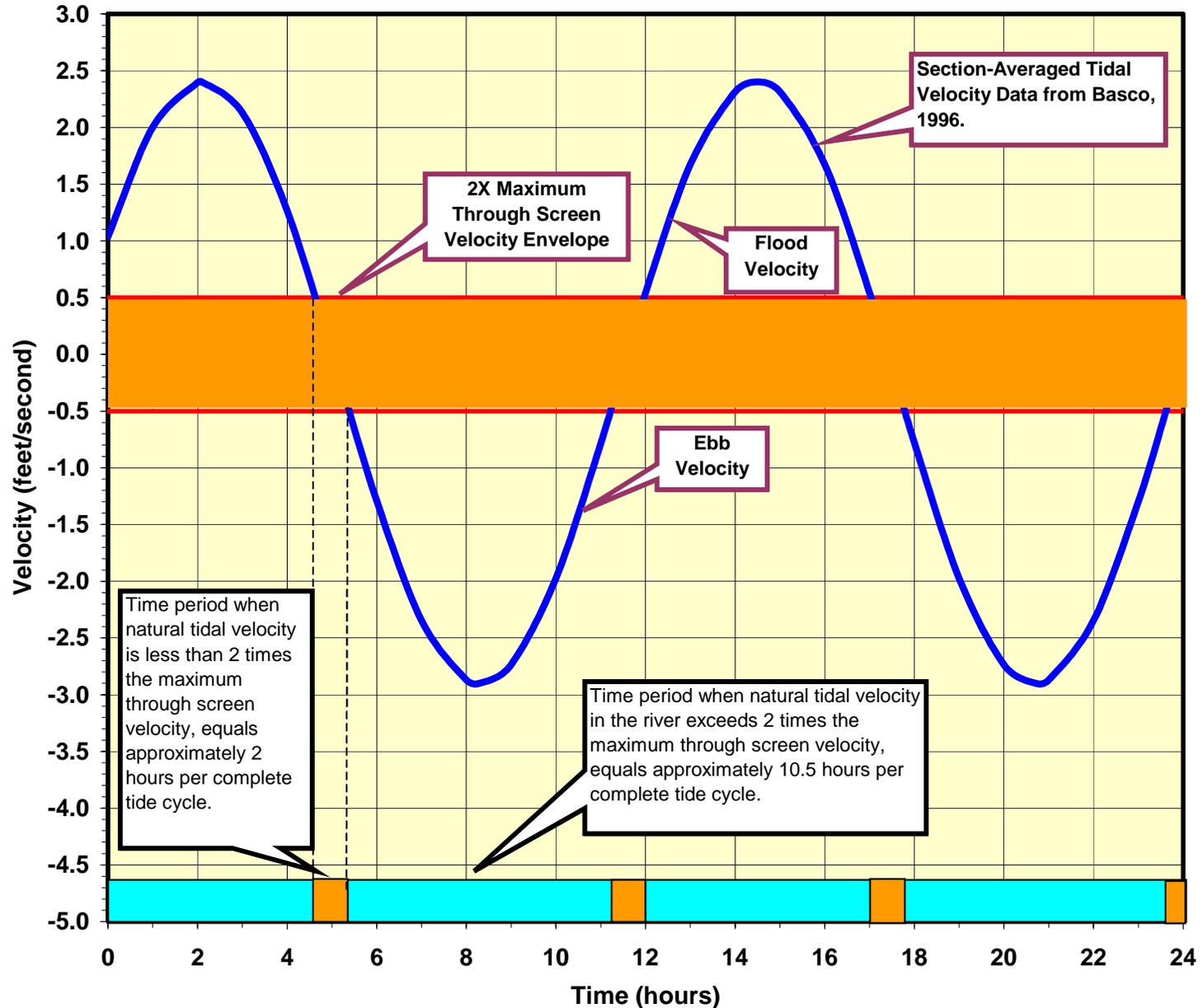
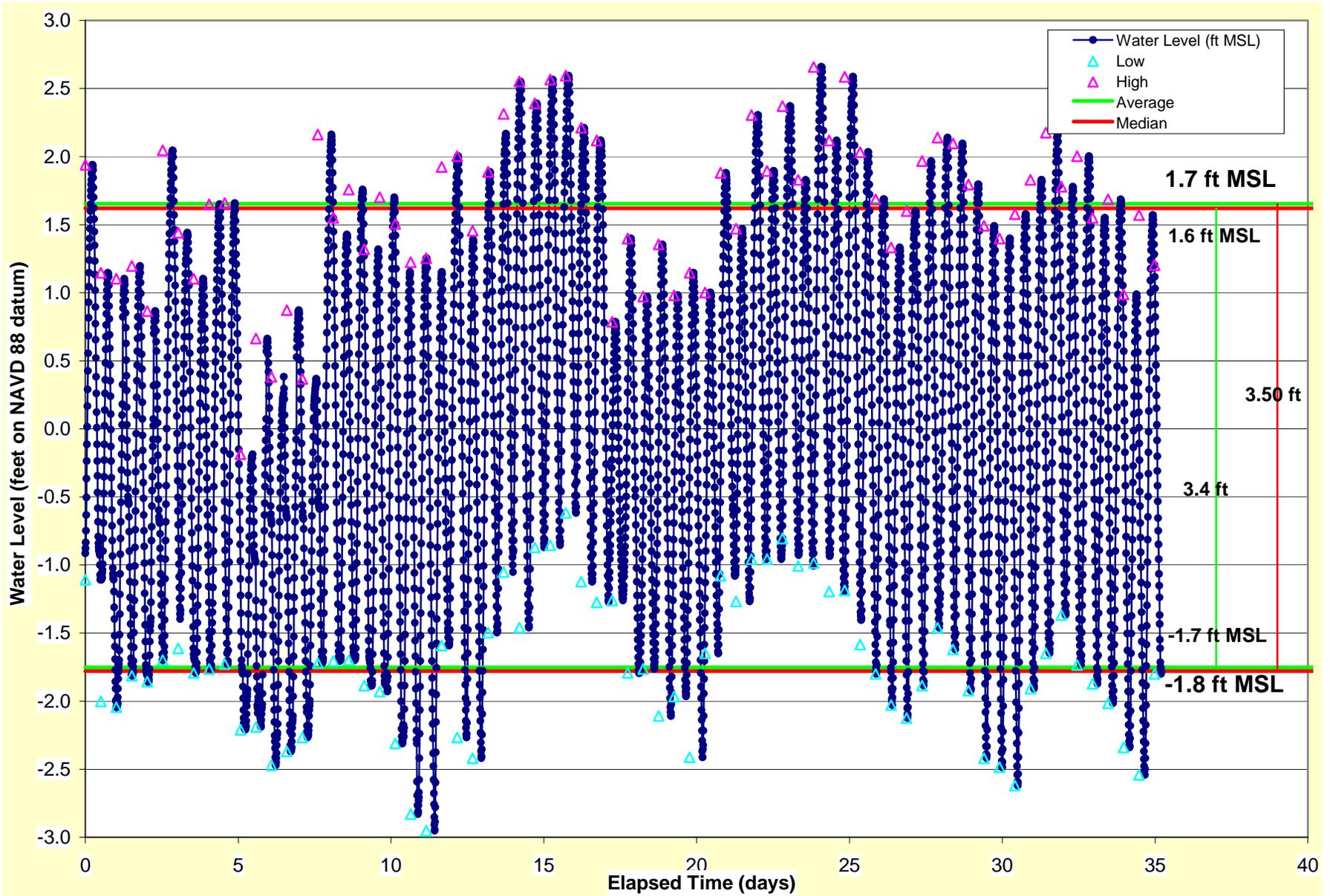


Figure 6

Mattaponi River Water Levels (January 11 to February 15, 2004)



4.0 MATTAPONI RIVER INTAKE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

Dredging and work from barges will be required to construct the buried intake screen header piping, concrete encasement, and riser pipes. Clamshell or backhoe excavator equipment will be used for dredging within a sheet pile enclosure, to minimize the area of disturbance on the bottom and the movement of turbid water created during the excavation phase of the work. Clamshell equipment and excavators also produce a dredge spoil with the lowest possible water content, thus reducing hauling and disposal costs. Barges will be loaded with the dredge spoil within an area enclosed by a temporary turbidity curtain. All dredge spoils will be disposed of at the Craney Island Dredged Material Area or the Craney Island Rehandling Basin. The total estimated volume of material to be excavated and disposed of at Craney Island is 2,500 cubic yards. The sheet piles will be removed after construction of the intake is complete.

During construction, an unobstructed 100 foot wide corridor with a depth of at least 10 feet at MLW will be maintained between the work area and the north shore of the river, so that the movement of recreational and commercial boating traffic on the river will not be impeded. The intake facilities will be located in King William County at least 50 feet away from the King and Queen County line.

The two parallel 60-inch (internal diameter) intake lines, air backwash lines and a chemical feed line casing pipe will be installed using microtunneling technology or other trenchless methods. The existing shoreline, any shoreline wetlands that may exist, and the wooded bluff will not be disturbed by the installation of these pipes.

Only granular and stone materials will be used for backfill of the intake pipes and associated concrete embedment. Dredge spoils will not be used for backfill of the intake screens or header piping. Dredge spoils will not be reused in any way at the site. The intake piping will extend a total of approximately 140 feet under the river bottom from the mean high water line.

The top of the screens will be set a minimum of 8 feet below Mean Low Water and the intake area will be marked by warning buoys, so recreational craft should not interfere with or be endangered by the screens. Approximately 120 feet of unobstructed water at least 20 feet deep at MLW and approximately 200 feet of unobstructed water at least 10 feet deep at MLW will exist beyond the screens once construction is complete. The screens will be positioned landward of the deepest portion of the river at the intake site, so the passage of large commercial or pleasure craft on the river will not be impacted by the intake. Approximately 1.3 miles downstream of the intake site is an area identified on nautical charts as De Farges Bar . The deeper water adjacent to De Farges Bar is indicated to have depths of 11, 17, and 12 feet. The area of water with a depth of at least 10 feet is narrower at De Farges Bar than at the intake site. Based on these observations, the natural river conditions in the De Farges Bar area will be more limiting to the movement of large craft up the river than the intake screens.

A manually controlled air backwash screen cleaning system will be installed with the screens to allow the screens to be cleaned. This system cleans debris from the screen surface by releasing a burst of compressed air from a small diffuser pipe located within the screen. The water turbulence created by the air bubbles and the rising air bubbles themselves lift debris off the screen, allowing it to be carried away by the natural river current. Debris is neither added

nor removed from the river by this system. The air bubbles simply lift debris from the screen surface and return it back to the water column. Installation of a screen cleaning system is in accordance with the VDGIF's recommendations.

The screens will likely be cleaned sequentially, starting from one end of the screen array and proceeding to the other in the direction of the tidal flow in the river that exists at the time of cleaning. With this approach, debris blown off the first screen to be cleaned, which might settle on the next screen, will be removed from the second screen as soon as it is cleaned. After all the screens have been air backwashed, the debris that had settled on the screens will have been returned to the flowing water of the river.

Cleaning is expected to be required on an intermittent basis only. There are very few screen installations with slots as small and approach velocities as low as those proposed in this installation and debris loads in the water column are site specific and vary seasonally. As a result, it is difficult to predict the frequency of air burst backwash screen cleaning that will be required. Similar installations have reported backwash frequencies varying from once per week to three times a day. The air burst backwash of each tee screen assembly will include approximately 5 seconds of high intensity air release and have a total duration of approximately 15 seconds.

An air backwash observation station will be located on top of the bluff at a location with a clear view of the water surface above all the screens and the upstream and downstream approaches to the screens. The six air pipes will be installed below the river bottom to the area of the screens. A separate air pipe will supply each tee screen assembly. The air backwash pipes will be installed by microtunneling, directional drilling, or other trenchless technology, similar to the intake pipes.

The pump station design will include provisions to allow for entrainment sampling of the water withdrawn from the river. The wetwell will include two types of chambers, a stilling well and a pumping well. Provisions will be included in the design of access ports to the stilling well as needed to accommodate entrainment sampling of water flowing from the intake pipes into the stilling wells. This is in accordance with the VDGIF's recommendations.

Zebra Mussel infestation of the Mattaponi River in the future is considered possible. Due to this possibility, the intake screens will be constructed of alloys resistant to zebra mussel veliger attachment and chemical feed piping will be installed from the pump station to the interior of each screen during initial construction. These control methods are listed as appropriate zebra mussel control strategies for water supply intakes in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) zebra mussel control handbook (Zebra Mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) Control Handbook for Facility Operators, first edition, by Shawn F. Boelman, et al.; prepared for the USACE, June 1997).

5.0 MATTAPONI RIVER PUMP STATION DESIGN

The pump station will have a wetwell extending approximately 45 to 50 feet into the ground and will be designed to minimize its above ground area and height. Maximum outside dimensions will be approximately 60 feet by 120 feet. The pump station will be located approximately 150 feet back from the top of the bluff on relatively flat ground at approximate ground surface elevation 36, well above the 100-year flood elevation and outside the 100-foot wide Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Resource Protection Area buffer. The pump station will be approximately 900 feet from the nearest house, which is located downstream across a small creek. This house is on the nearest existing subdivided land in the area.

The pump station and associated structures will be designed to the maximum extent possible in a residential or rural farm style similar to other structures visible along this section of the river. The pumps will be located inside the station. The station will be designed to minimize exterior noise levels due to pump and equipment operation. The pump room and mechanical equipment rooms in the building will include noise reducing and absorbing features, such as acoustical concrete block, acoustical wall panels, insulating sound control glass, acoustical louvers and ducting for external exhaust fans, and acoustical exterior doors.

The pump station site is located on King William County Tax Map Section No. 38, Parcel 79, consisting of 188 acres and currently owned jointly by the City of Newport News and King William County. A low impact, residential style site layout is planned within a 25-acre portion of the parcel. The 25-acre portion of the site will include all the property from the river shoreline to the secondary escarpment, a distance of approximately 800 feet. The existing small pond on the west side of the parcel is not included in the 25-acre site. The access road would be in addition to the 25-acre site.

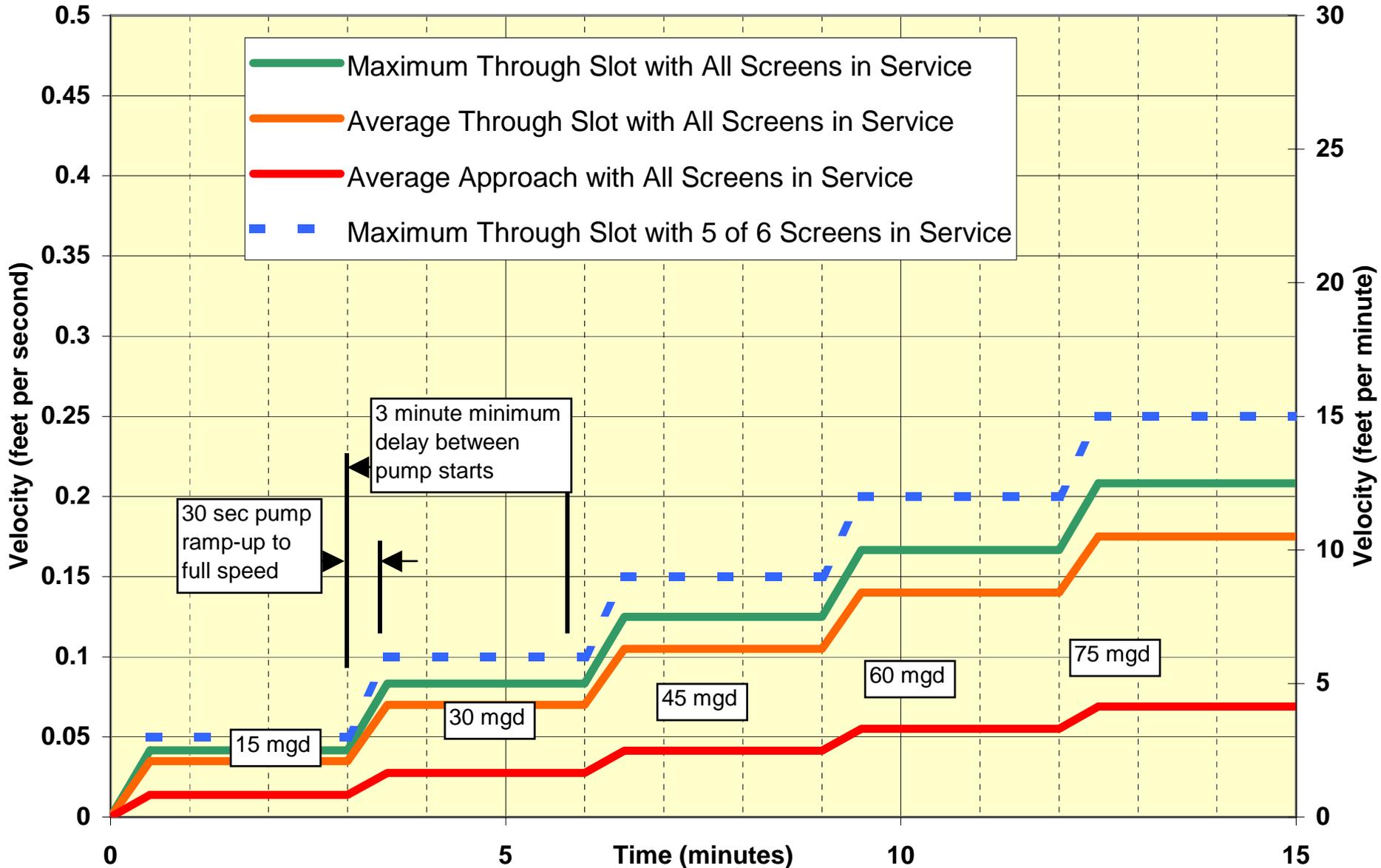
To provide 75 mgd of firm pumping capacity (i.e., the capacity with one pumping unit out of service), a total of six 15-mgd (nominal unit capacity) pumps will be installed. These pumps will be vertical turbine style, with the pump motors, discharge heads and discharge control valves located in a partially below grade pump room in the center of the pump station building. The pumps will extend vertically down into the wetwell below the pump room. Pumps will be operated in order to maintain the desired water level in the King William Reservoir, to the extent allowed by the MIF conditions stipulated in the VDEQ's December 2002 VWPP and any other withdrawal limitations.

Variable pumping rates will be achieved by adjusting the number of operating pumps. Pumps will be started one at a time under normal conditions with at least a three minute delay between pump starts. Based on this minimum delay between pump starts, it will take at least 12 minutes for the station to transition from a no flow condition to the full 75 mgd permitted maximum withdrawal rate. Under normal operating conditions, changes in pumping rates are likely to occur much less frequently than this. **Figure 7** illustrates the minimum pump startup timeline and the corresponding intake velocities. Pumps will normally be stopped one at a time, but emergency conditions and power failures could cause all pumps to stop at once.

Monitoring of the Mattaponi River at the Beulahville gage and computation of the corresponding freshwater inflow at the intake site at Scotland Landing is required by the VWPP. Because the pump station and intake are located on a tidal portion of the Mattaponi River, a gauging station at the pump station site would not be useful. The nearest reasonable

Figure 7

Withdrawal Velocity Changes Due to Variable Pumping Rates



location for measuring flow in the non-tidal portion of the river is the existing USGS gauging station at Beulahville (upstream of U.S. Route 360 off of County Route 628). Flows measured at Beulahville must be adjusted for the 30 percent larger drainage area of the Mattaponi River at Scotland Landing.

An automatic data download system using phone lines or radio telemetry for communication will be used to periodically (at least several times per day) transmit the Beulahville gage data to the pump station computer control system. The corresponding river flow at Scotland Landing and the resulting maximum allowable withdrawal rate will automatically be calculated and saved to a database several times per day by the computer control system. A backup, manual approach (including use of USGS stage/flow curves) to acquire Beulahville gauge data will also be developed. In accordance with the requirements of the VWPP, the VDEQ must approve the entire flow measurement program and method of calculating maximum allowable withdrawal rate.

Measurement of pumped flows will be provided by one or more flowmeters in the discharge piping on the pump station site, and recorded daily in accordance with the requirements of the VWPP. Pumpage will be reported monthly to the VDEQ, in accordance with the requirements of the VWPP.

6.0 MATTAPONI RIVER TIDAL WETLANDS AND WATER QUALITY

Tidal Wetlands

The Scotland Landing intake site consists of a large tract of upland situated on a small bluff well above the floodplain of the Mattaponi River. Site selection criteria included avoidance of tidal wetlands. No wetlands are found within the footprint of the proposed pump station and intake site; scouring on the outside bend of the river has prevented the accumulation of fringe wetlands on the southern bank of the Mattaponi. Location of the intake in a tidal freshwater zone will preclude water level impacts to the Mattaponi River.

An extensive tidal freshwater marsh, Garnetts Creek Marsh, is located directly across from the intake site, on the King and Queen County side of the Mattaponi. A small tidal freshwater marsh is located about 600 feet upstream of the intake site on the south side of the Mattaponi. Changes to these wetland systems are not anticipated as a result of intake operation.

Dr. David Basco, a coastal engineer from Old Dominion University was hired by the applicant to study changes in water velocities and sediment transport associated with the intake. He concluded that the impacts of increased turbulent energy resulting from the water withdrawal at the intake structure would be negligible when compared to natural freshwater floods. The relative changes in water velocities and sediment transport potential would be so small that the possibility for increased erosion on either side of the river, as a result of intake operation, is minimal to nonexistent (Basco, 1996).

Salinity

The water quality characteristic of the Mattaponi River, which is of greatest concern regarding the floral and faunal communities of the tidal wetlands in the river, is salinity. An analysis was conducted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to estimate the impacts of the proposed withdrawal on salinity concentrations in the Mattaponi River (Hershner et al., 1991). VIMS salinity model predictions for tidal freshwater zone transects showed that increases in long-term mean and maximum salinity levels, either on an annual or seasonal basis, should be less than or equal to 0.08 ppt (Hershner et al., 1991). Even the 0.08 ppt figure overestimates the change due to the highly conservative nature of the Mattaponi River MIF and withdrawal assumptions used in the modeling.

The VIMS salinity model is based on the assumption that the Mattaponi River is completely mixed from top to bottom and side to side. Therefore, the salinity value predicted for each transect represents an average of the salinity levels across the river's cross-section. Salinity has been reported to increase with depth along the lower 19.6 miles of the Mattaponi River (Mattaponi River Slack Water Data Report - Temperature, Salinity, Dissolved Oxygen 1970-1978 (Brooks, 1983). The average salinity levels used in the model will tend to slightly overestimate near surface salinity levels. Model predictions are, therefore, considered conservative because the aquatic species that are the most sensitive to salinity variation (i.e., plants) persist in the surface waters.

VIMS concluded that "minimal impact to wetland plant species distributions are anticipated as a result of salinity changes caused by proposed withdrawals" (Hershner et al., 1991). Based in part on VIMS' report, the Norfolk District USACE concluded in its Final EIS that natural

salinity fluctuations in the Mattaponi River greatly exceed any changes predicted due to the proposed withdrawals (USACE, 1997). The VIMS salinity modeling results demonstrate that the applicant's withdrawals, and other existing and reasonably foreseeable consumptive Mattaponi River Basin water uses, would not affect the upstream limits of detectable salinity intrusion. The proposed withdrawals, in combination with other existing and reasonably foreseeable consumptive Mattaponi River Basin water uses, would, however, cause small increases in the frequency of given levels of salinity intrusion at points which already are periodically exposed to comparable salinity levels. The Corps' Waterways Experiment Station (WES) reviewed the VIMS model at the request of the Norfolk District and concluded that it was "essential and technically sound" (Johnson and Wang, 1997).

WES recommended modeling a "Cumulative Effects Scenario," combining projected withdrawals from the Pamunkey River as well as the Mattaponi. The resulting analysis was extremely conservative; projected withdrawals from the two Rivers were overestimated, and several significant freshwater inputs were not included. Nevertheless, results of the Cumulative Effects analysis were quite similar to prior findings – any possible changes to salinity levels will be minimal and overwhelmed by the natural range of salinity concentrations.

The salinity modeling analyses were highly conservative for another reason: they used the less stringent proposed 40/20 Tennant minimum instream flowby requirement in modeling the timing and quantities of Mattaponi River withdrawals. The VDEQ imposed the more restrictive Modified 80% Exceedence MIF requirement as a condition of the VWPP, further ensuring that there will be no adverse effects from salinity intrusion. In times of low freshwater inflows, when salinity levels reach their peak under natural conditions, there will be no impacts at all. Withdrawals will be prohibited.

In December 1997, the VDEQ issued a VWPP for the KWR Project. The permit was modified in 2002 to allow for the time delay in obtaining other necessary project permits. As stated by VDEQ during the May 14, 2003 VMRC Commission Meeting, VDEQ "... did consider project need in relation to other regional water needs in Virginia" and "... decided that there was a reasonable need (for the project)" (VMRC, 2003). VDEQ staff also stated that the VWPP contained specific withdrawal conditions designed to protect the Mattaponi River ecology by keeping salinity within a historical range (VMRC, 2003). The VWPP also requires development of river monitoring plans that will require public notice and VDEQ final approval. As stated in Governor Gilmore's May 2001 Public Interest Review, "The Virginia Water Protection Permit (VWPP) conditions imposed by the State Water Control Board will fully protect the environment and mitigate any potential impact" (Gilmore, 2001).

Governor Gilmore reaffirmed that, "The State took a very conservative stance in issuing its water quality certificate and not only raised the proposed minimum instream flowby levels for the Mattaponi River, but set additional conditions on the total amount of water that could be transferred from the Reservoir in any three year period.... by reversing the simulation model's priority system for taking water, i.e., taking local water first and King William Reservoir water second, the average withdrawal over the period of record would fall from 40 mgd to 18 mgd...(Gilmore, 2001). In further explanation of this King William Reservoir transfer restriction, Dr. Ellen Gilinsky of VDEQ made an oral presentation to VMRC Commission members at their May 14, 2003 meeting. In her remarks she stated that: "... The permit directs Newport News to exhaust other water sources first before withdrawing from the

Mattaponi by limiting inner basin transfer in any given year to a certain amount, so this will be the source of last resort, not first resort” (VMRC, 2003).

Endangered Species

No federally listed endangered species are located in the project area. One species listed as threatened has been found in the tidal wetlands upstream and across the river from the intake site, i.e., sensitive joint vetch. The USFWS has determined, in a formal Biological Opinion under the Endangered Species Act, that the project will not jeopardize this listed species or adversely affect any critical habitat (USFWS, 1998).

A large sensitive joint-vetch population exists along a 15-mile stretch of the Mattaponi River in King and Queen and King William Counties, including a sub-population located across the River from the proposed intake site in Garnetts Creek Marsh, and another approximately 600 feet upstream of the intake site. In a 1993 study of potential sensitive joint-vetch impacts, VIMS concluded “it appears that no existing plant will be impacted within the primary or secondary study areas by the proposed [King William Reservoir] project” (Perry, 1993).

Salinity changes are the primary concern regarding survivability of the sensitive joint-vetch. As stated above, VIMS analyses of potential salinity impacts have shown that salinity changes will be minimal; and it concluded that “minimal impact to wetland plant species distributions are anticipated as a result of salinity changes caused by proposed withdrawals” (Hershner et al., 1991). Under current conditions, the average annual predicted salinity level at the farthest downstream sensitive joint-vetch colony on the Mattaponi is 0.46 parts per thousand (ppt). With expected maximum (Year 2040) withdrawals, the projected average annual predicted salinity level is 0.49 ppt, or 0.03 parts per thousand greater than the baseline value. Sensitive joint-vetch has been found thriving in the Pamunkey River at Sweet Hall Marsh, where the average annual salinity level is 0.67 ppt.

As discussed previously, another study was conducted in response to suggestions that changes in water velocities and sediment transport could alter sensitive joint-vetch habitat (Basco, 1996). The report concluded that any increase in mean velocities and sediment transport potential would be so small that the possibility of erosion of sensitive joint-vetch sites is minimal to non-existent.

The December 2002 VWPP issued by the VDEQ requires detailed monitoring of the vegetative composition and distribution of flora within the tidal wetlands of the Mattaponi River, and it specifically includes monitoring of the condition and viability of the sensitive joint-vetch colony located just upstream of the intake site. In the highly unlikely event that this monitoring should detect adverse impacts to the sensitive joint vetch, the VDEQ can modify the permit to rectify the situation.

Additional protection to the sensitive joint-vetch is afforded by the State-permitted MIF requirements, which would limit or preclude withdrawals from the Mattaponi River during low flow periods when salinity levels may be above normal. Therefore the project will not cause any additional stresses to downstream populations that may be under stress due in part to salinity increases during periods of decreased freshwater flows.

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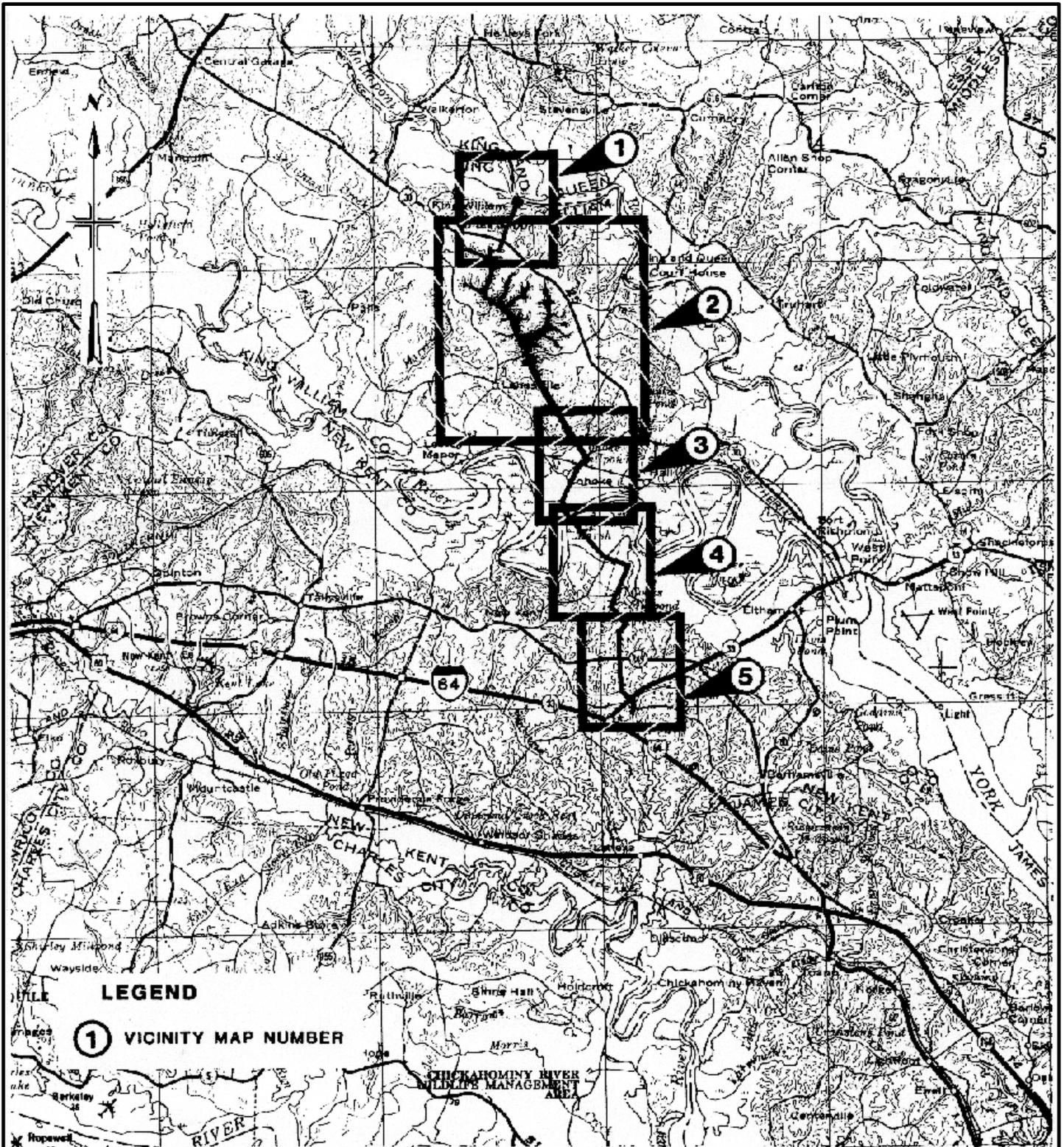
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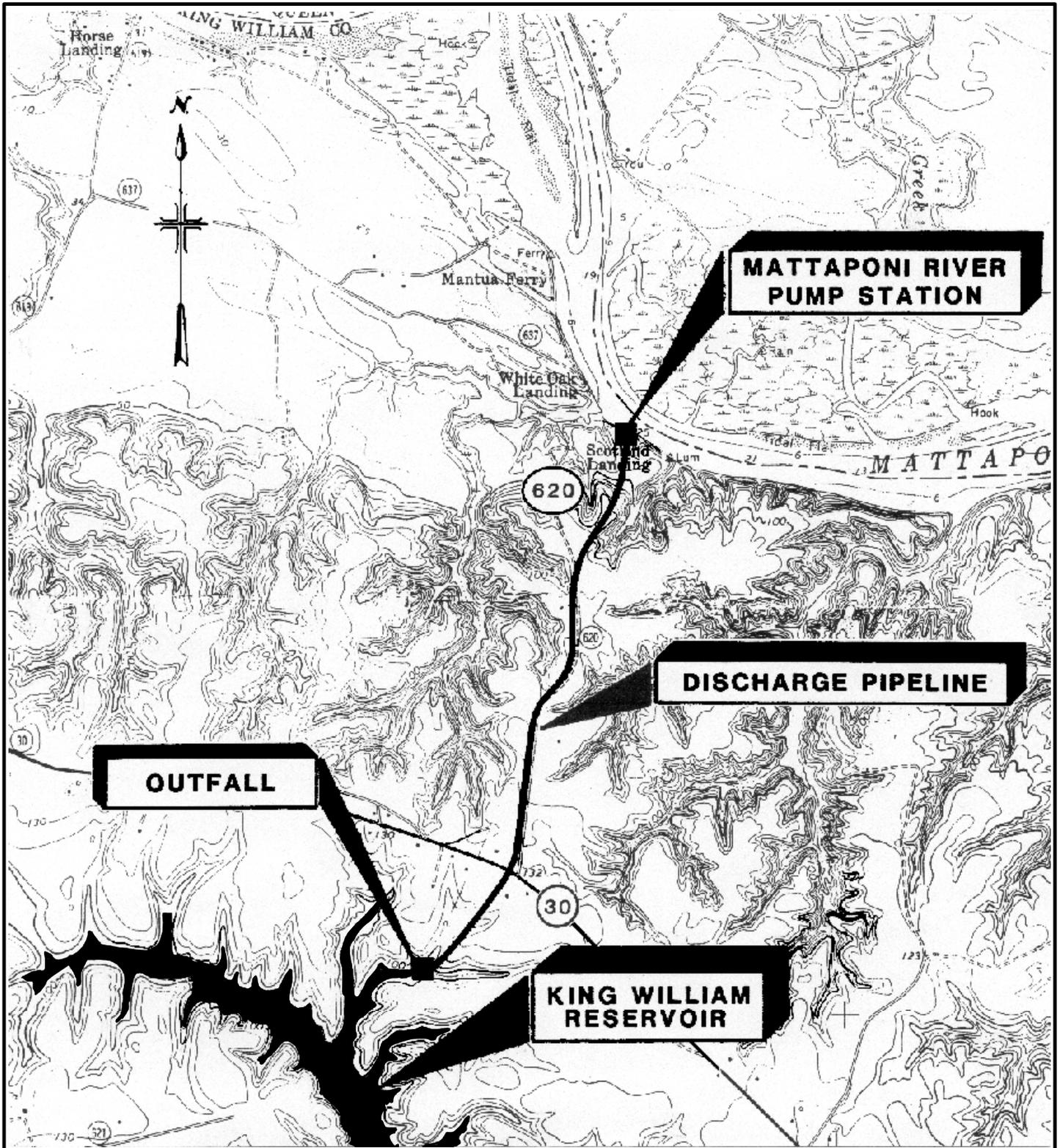
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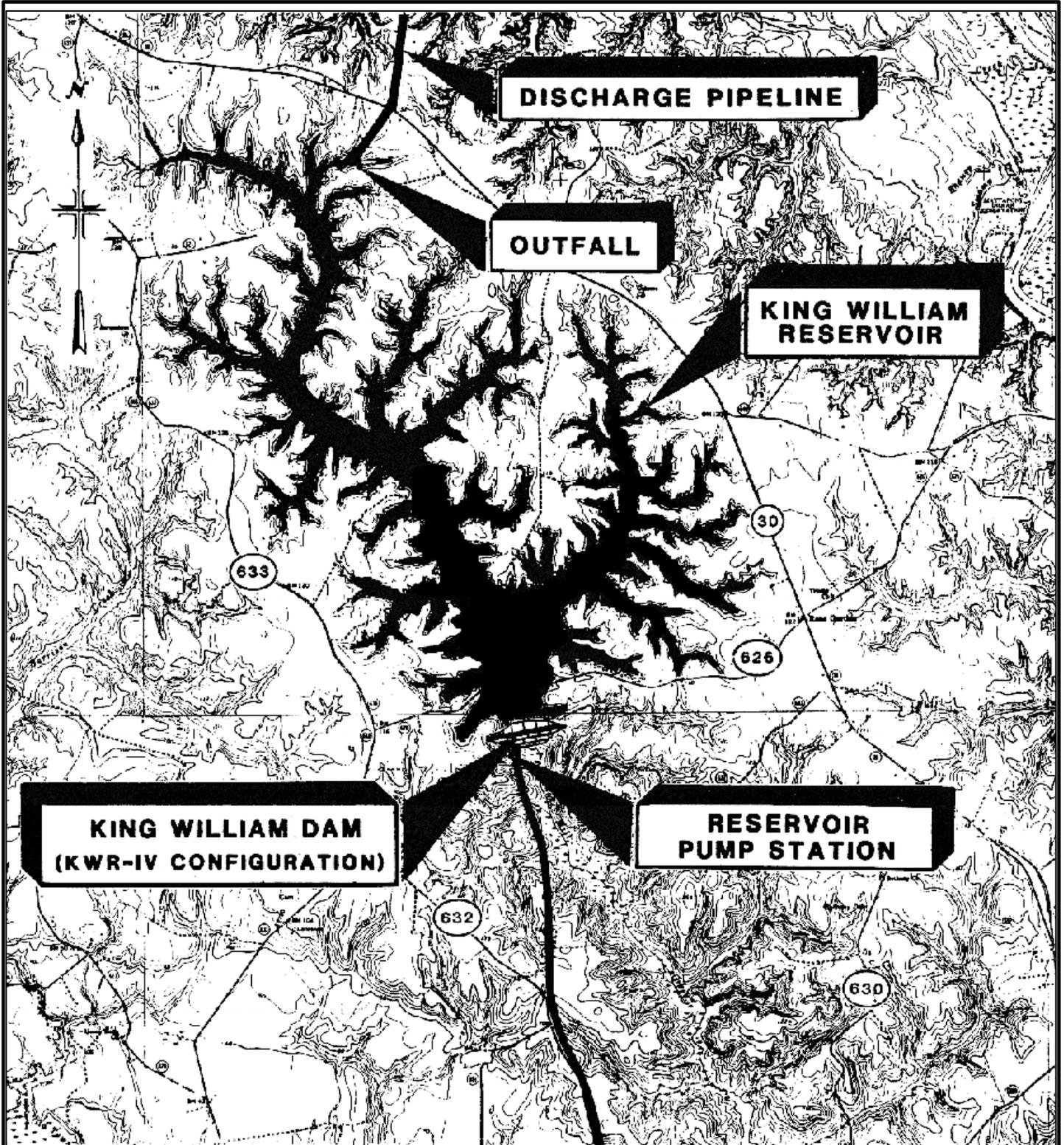


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MATTAPONI RIVER PUMP STATION,
DISCHARGE PIPELINE & OUTFALL

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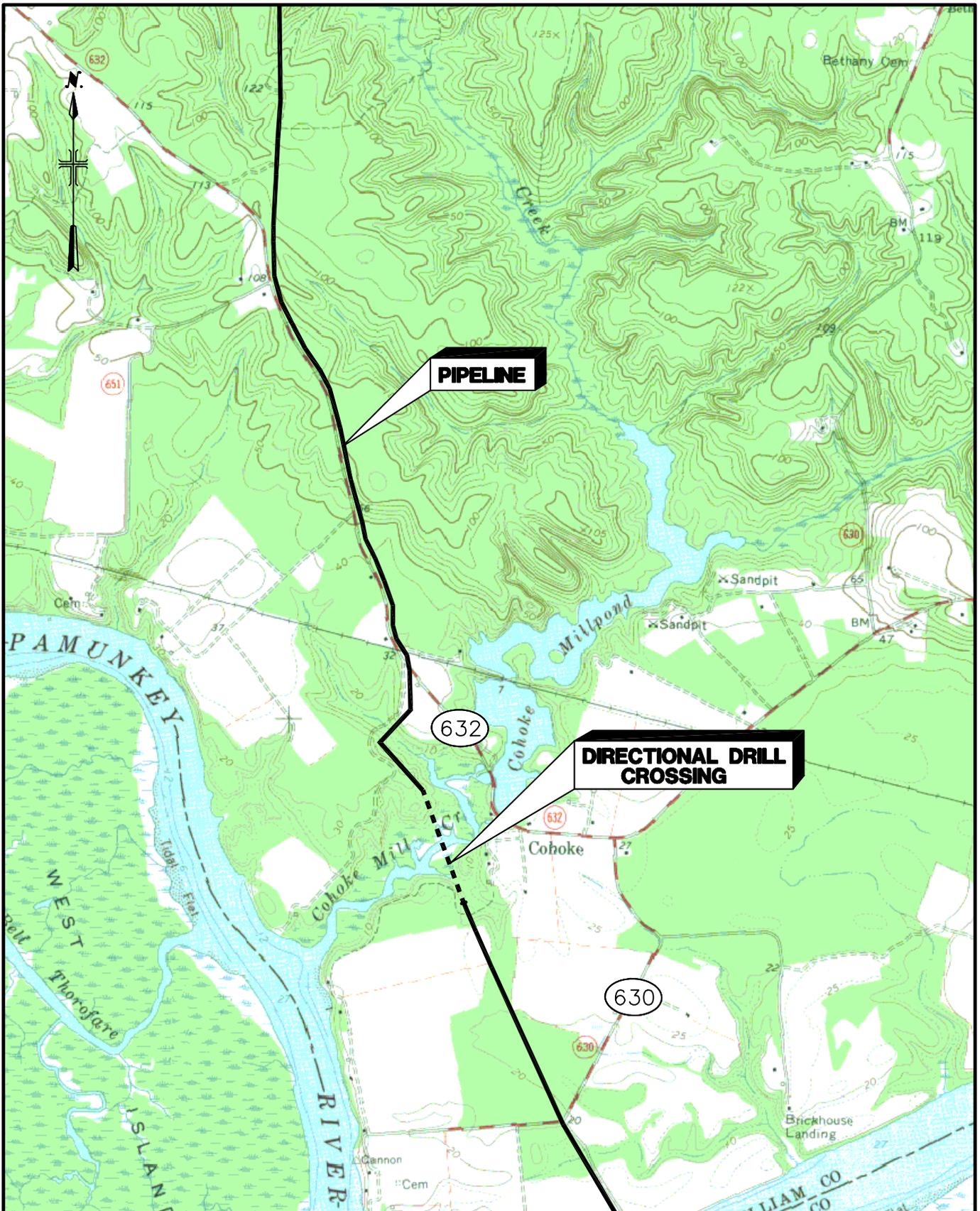
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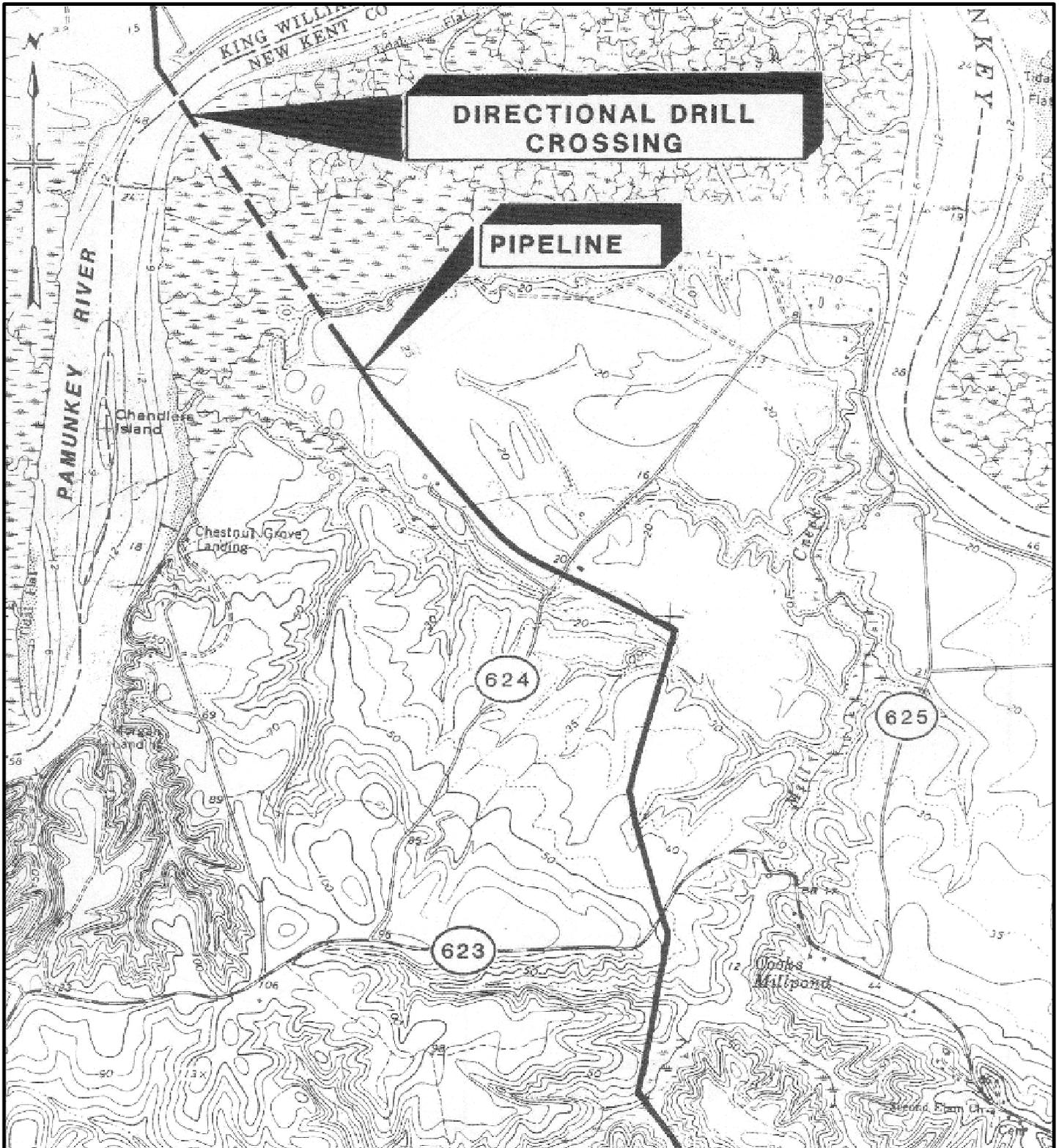
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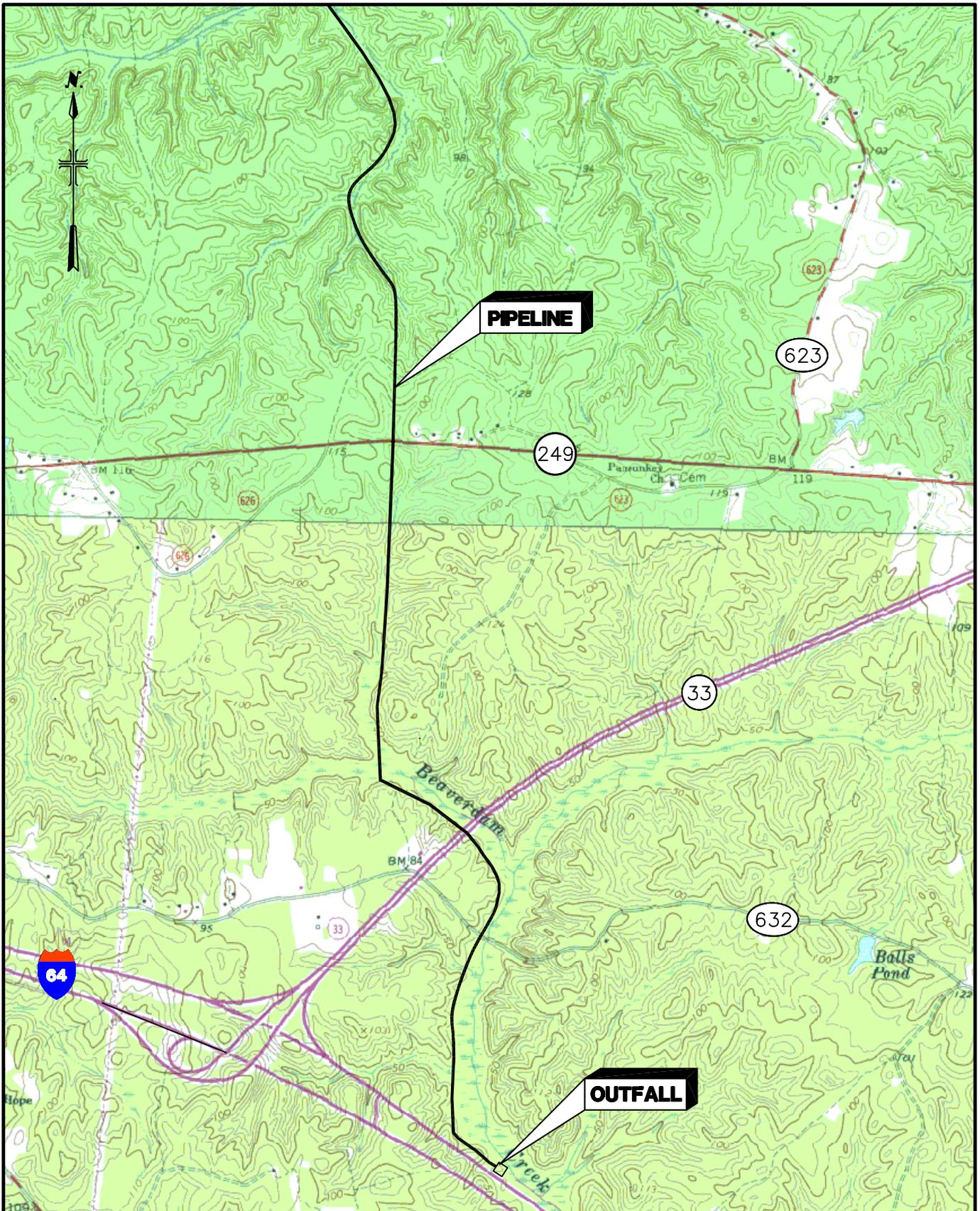


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PIPELINE &
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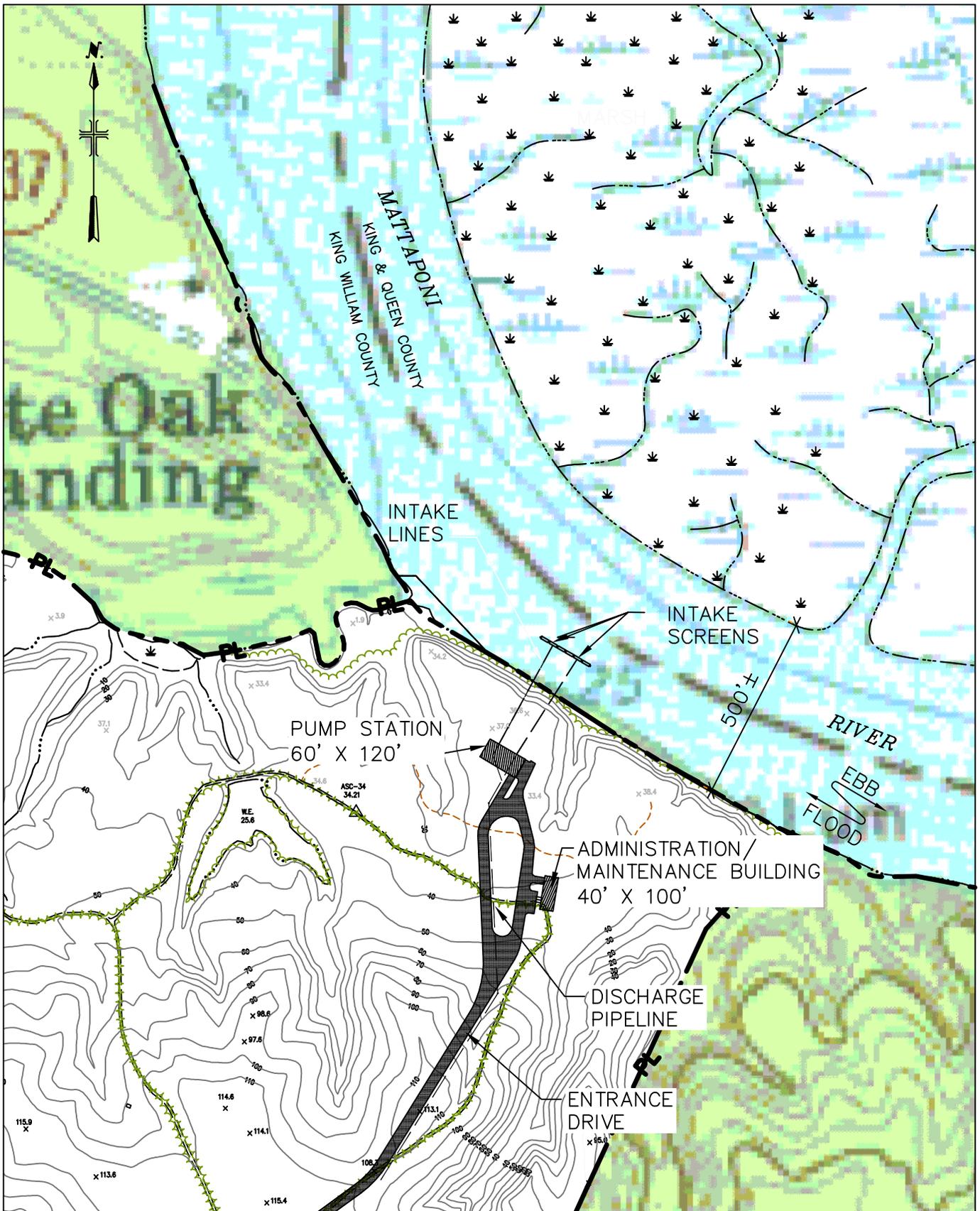


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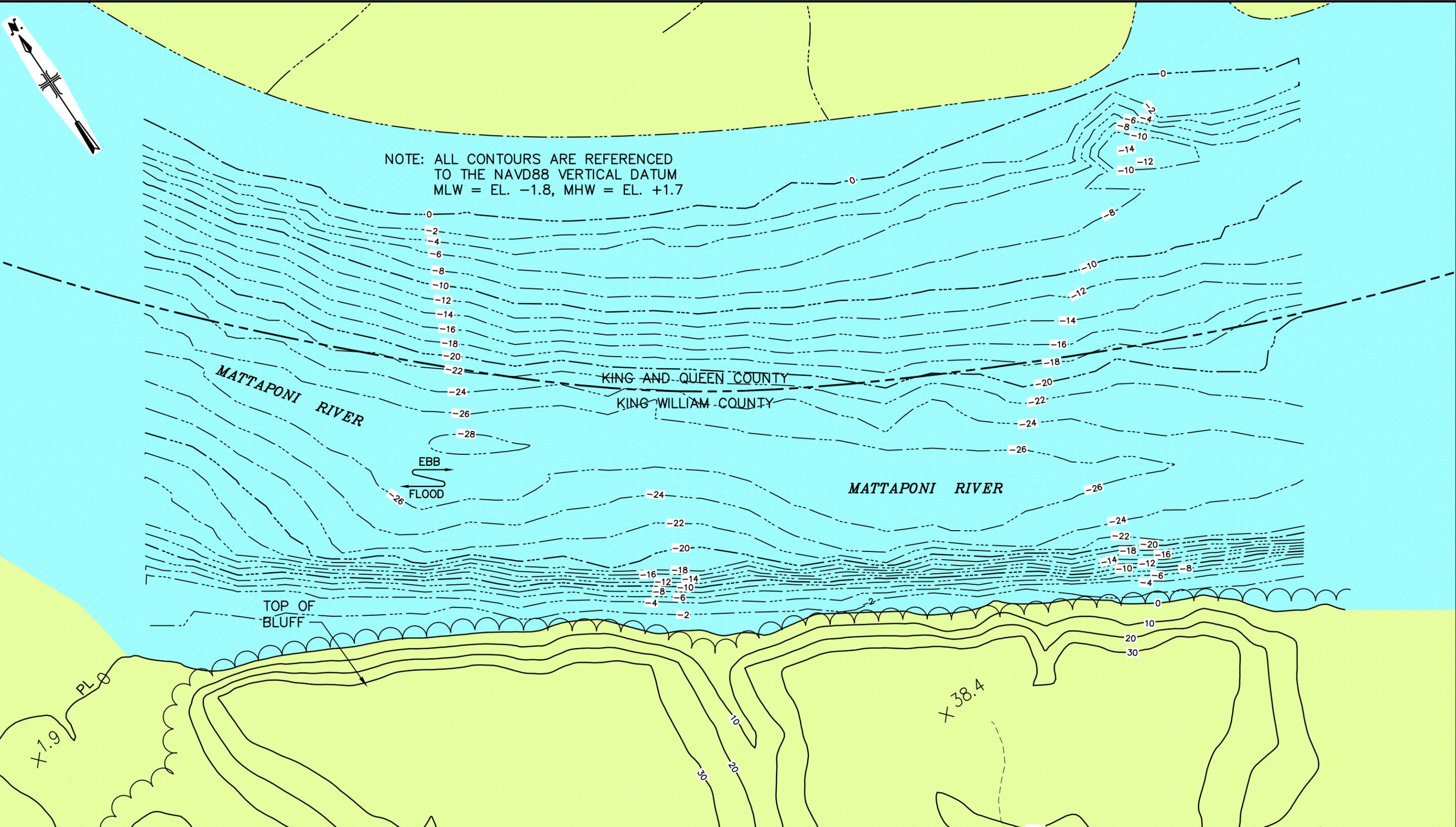
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 MATTAPONI RIVER PUMP STATION SITE

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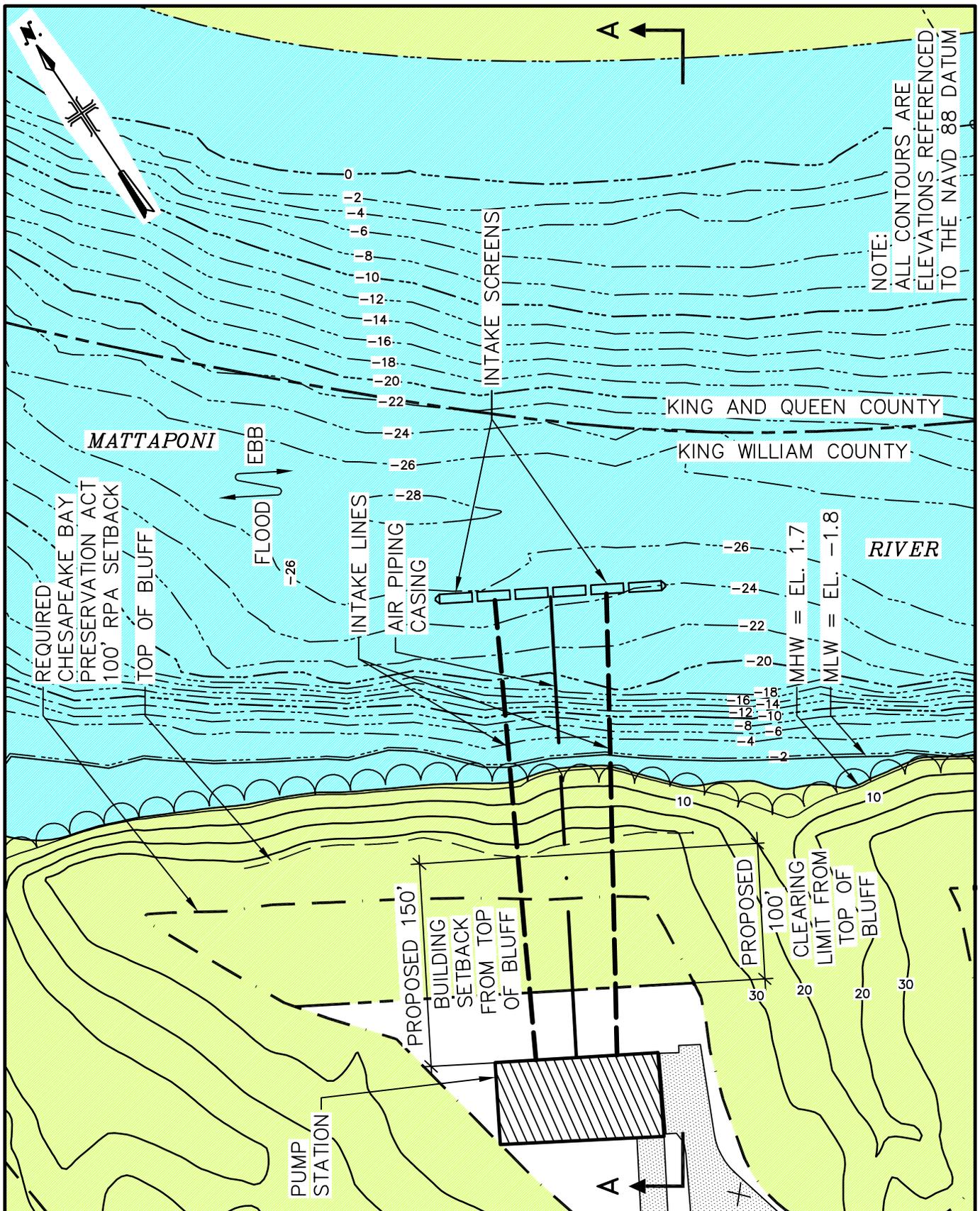
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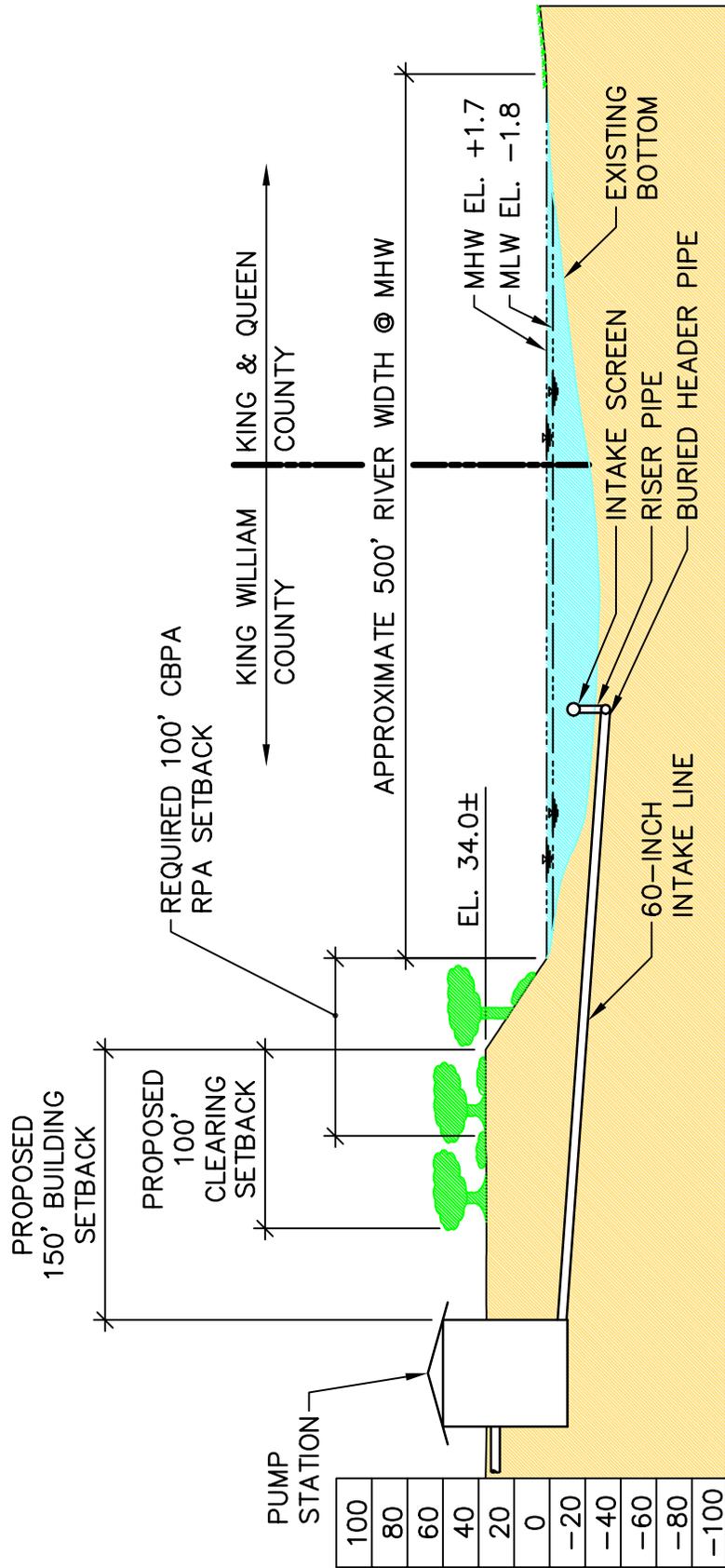
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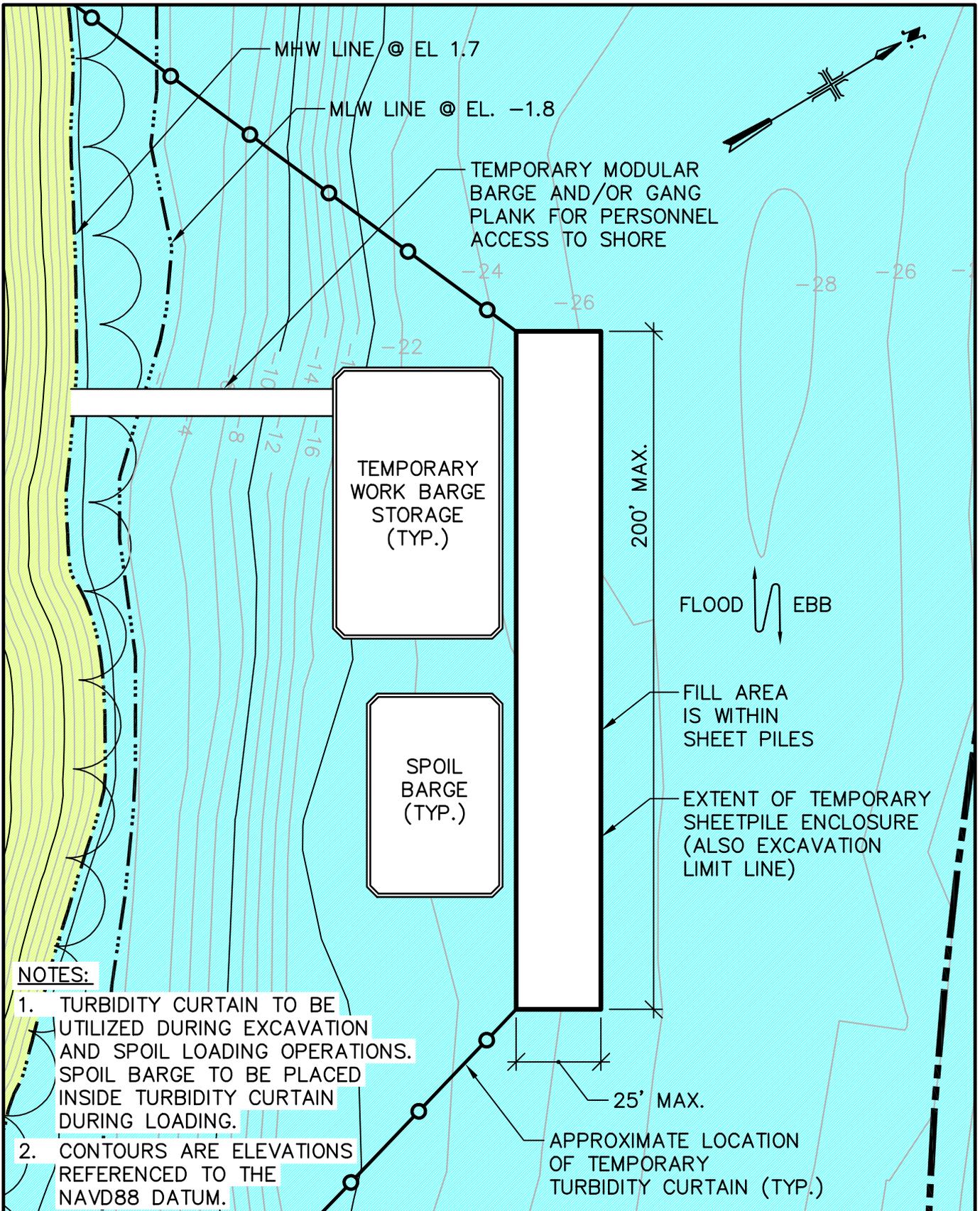


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 LTD SURVEY

PROFILE A-A
 MATTAPONI RIVER
 PUMP STATION
 INTAKE SYSTEM
 SCALE: HORIZONTAL: 1"=100'
 VERTICAL: 1"=100'

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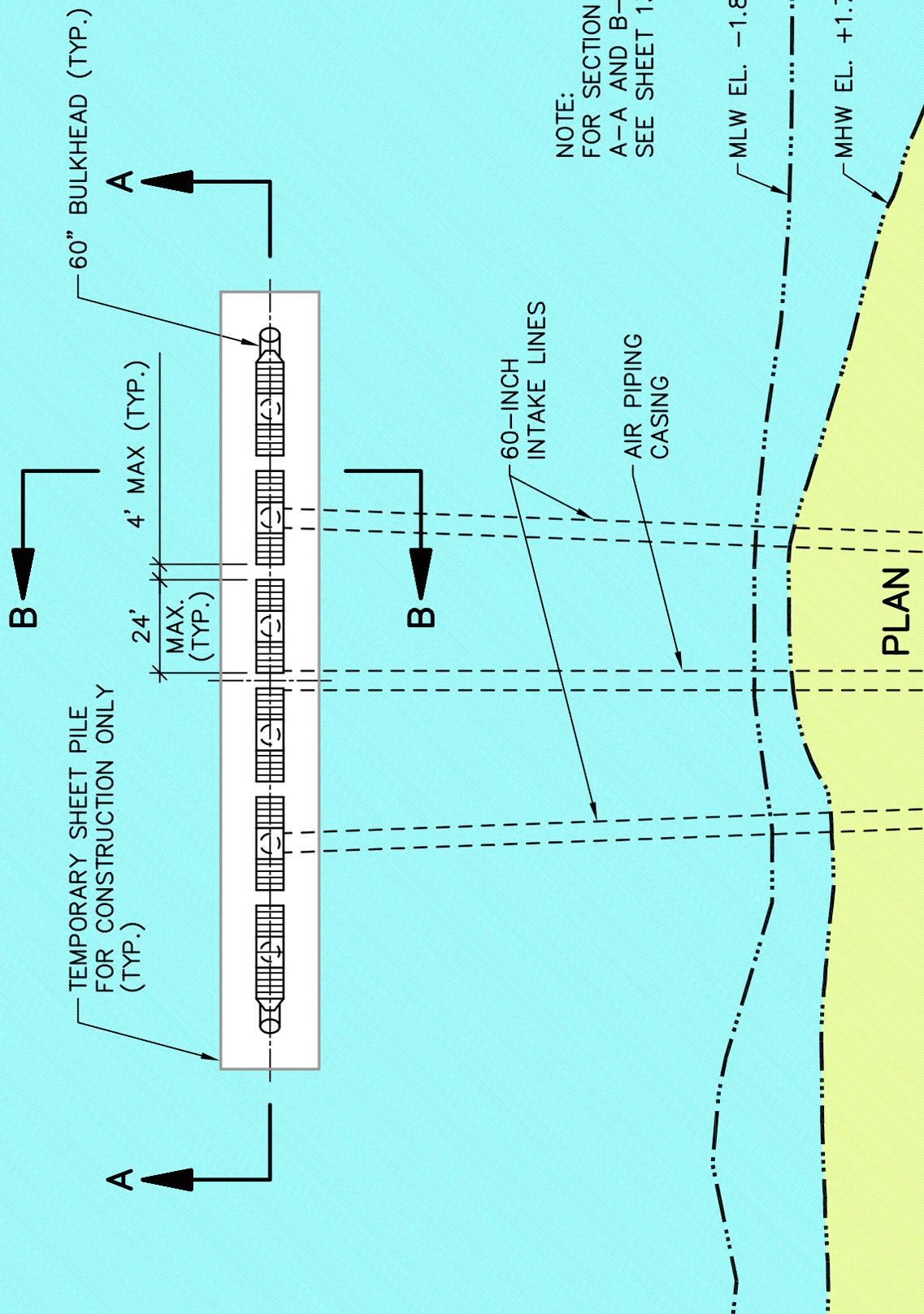
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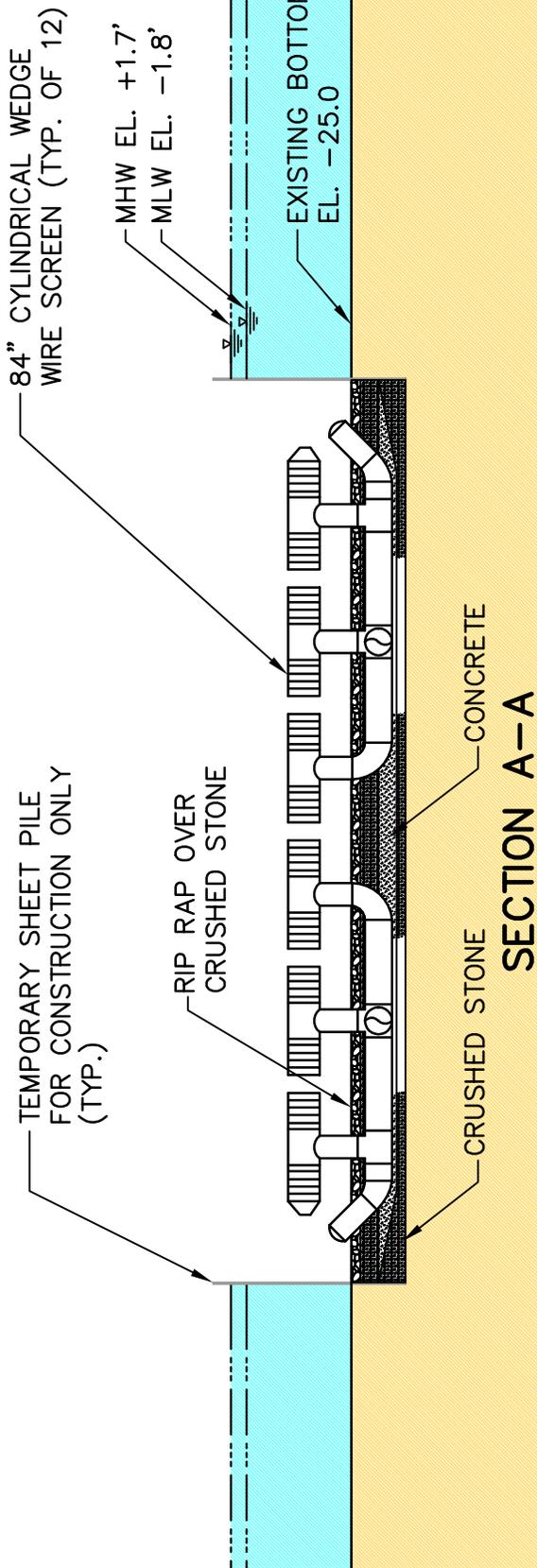


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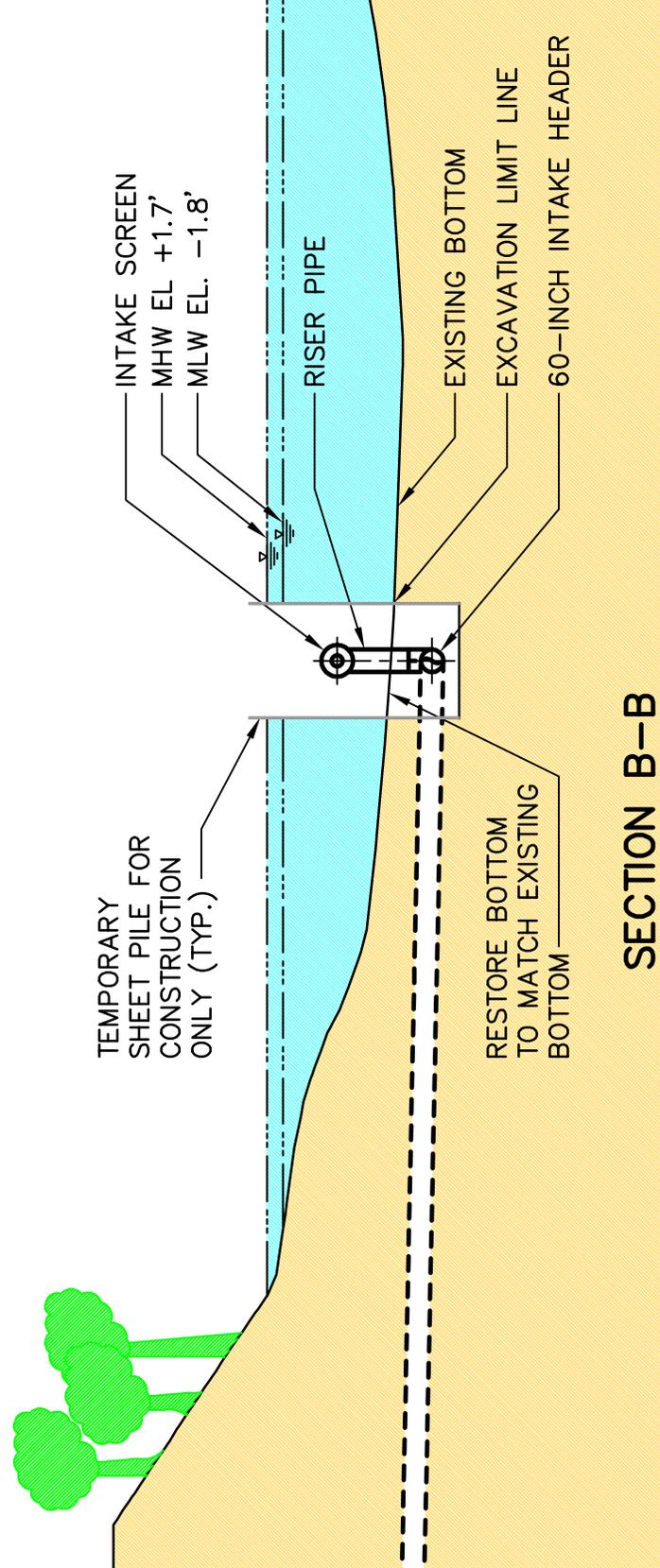
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PLAN

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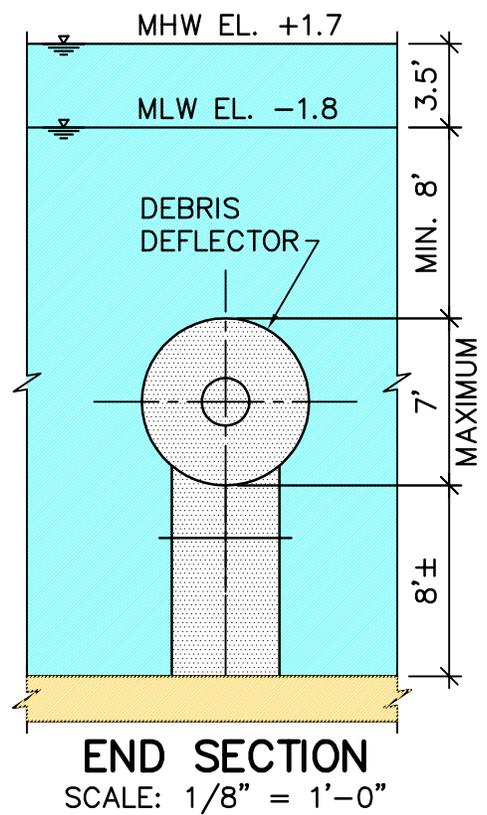
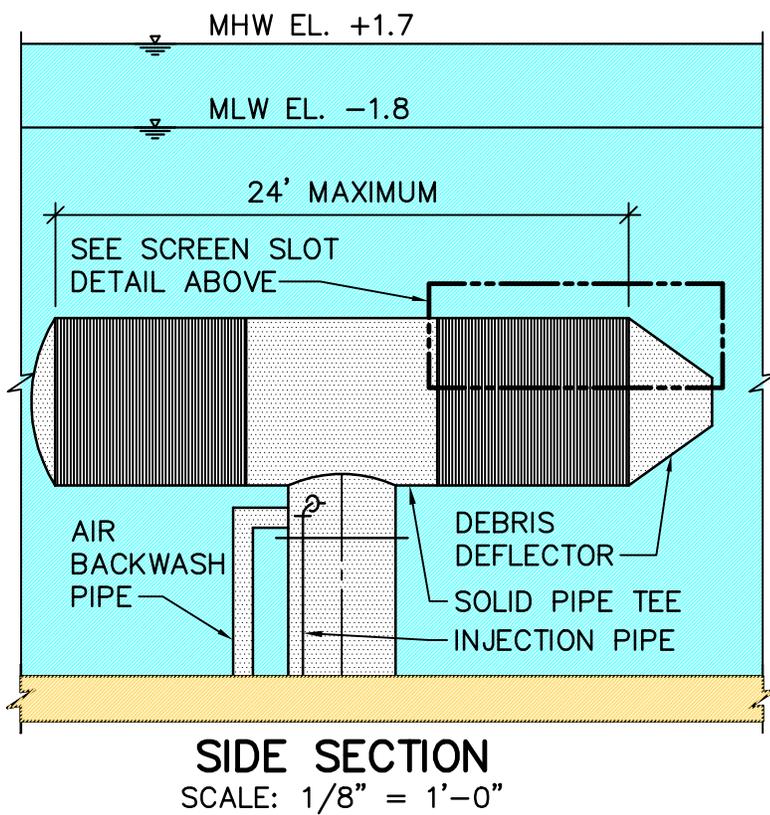
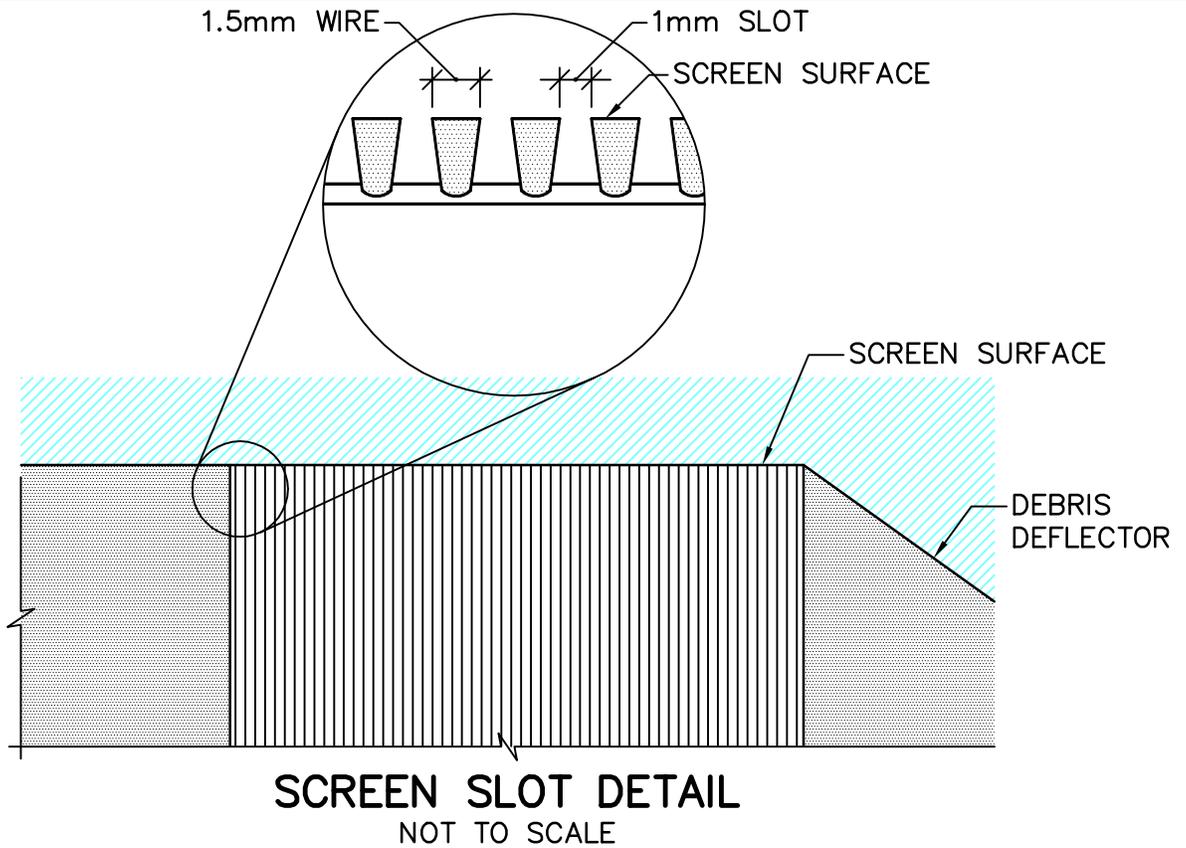
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SECTIONS
 MATTAPONI RIVER
 PUMP STATION
 INTAKE SCREEN ARRAY
 SCALE: 1"=40'

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 REF: USGS 7.5' KING AND QUEEN COURTHOUSE QUADRANGLE

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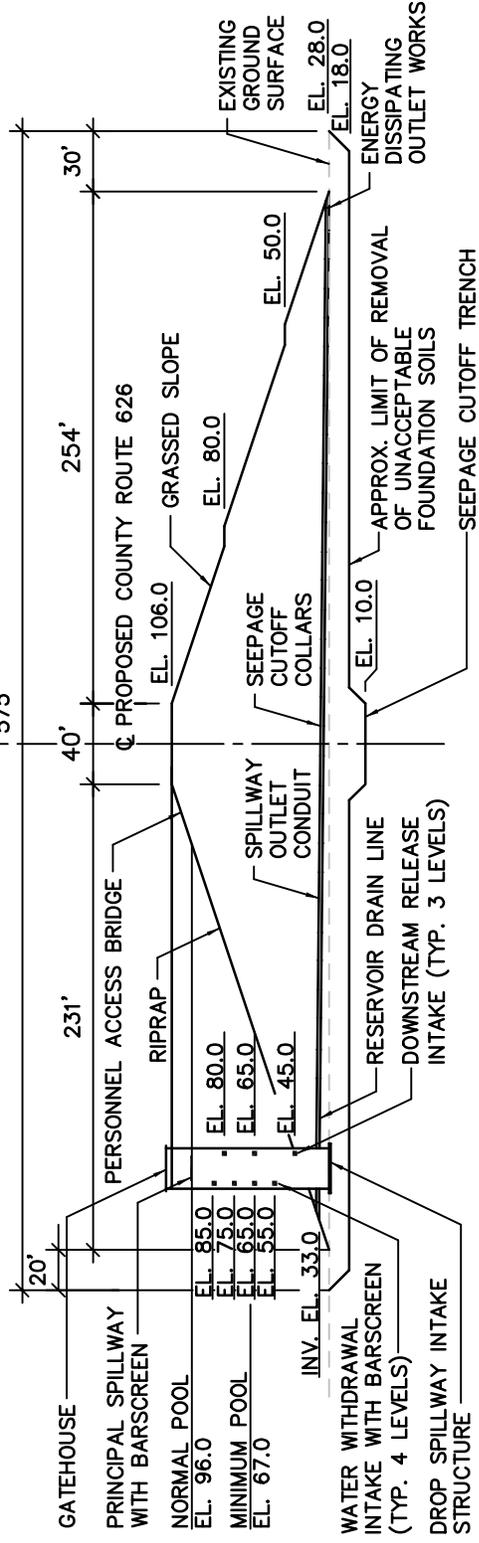
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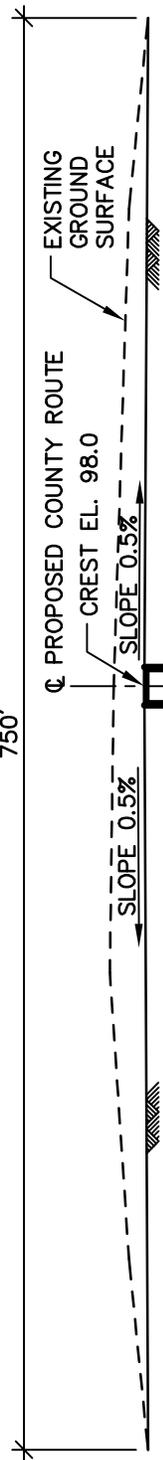
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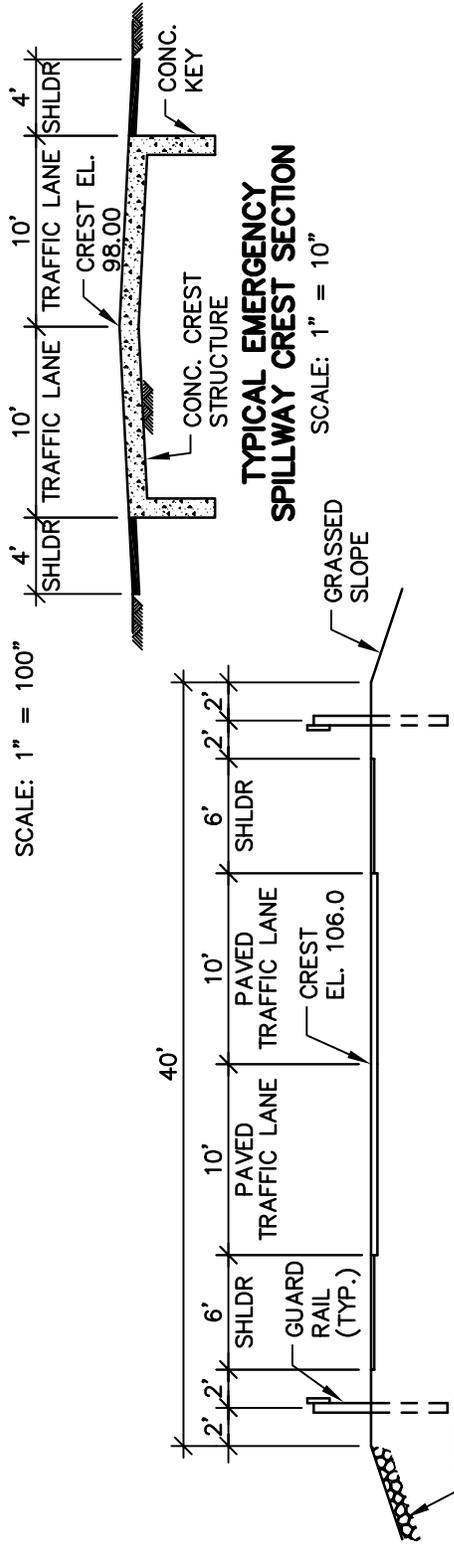
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SCALE: 1" = 100"



TYPICAL EMERGENCY SPILLWAY SECTION

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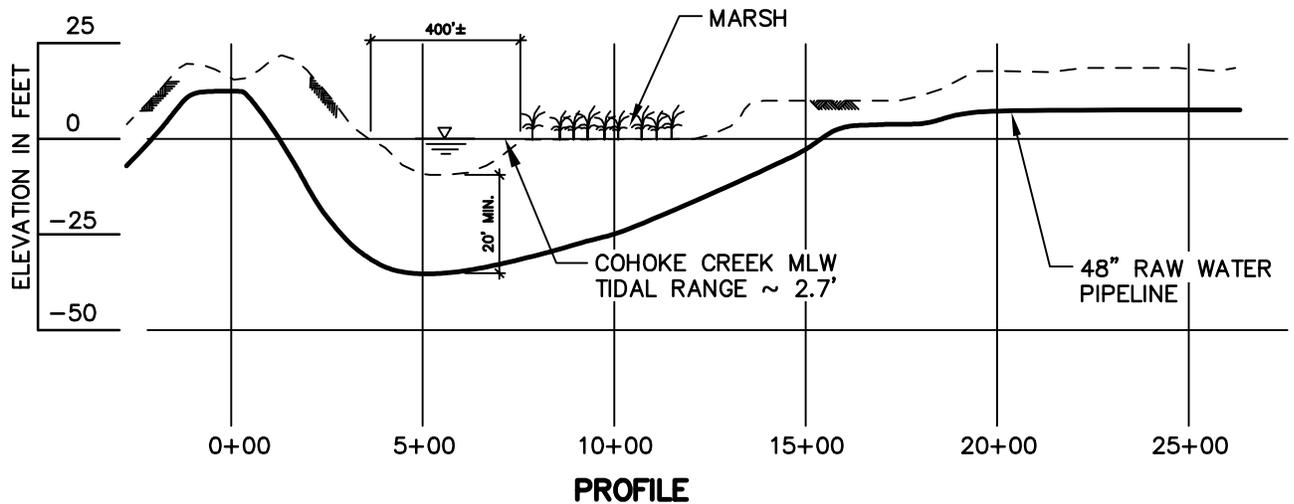
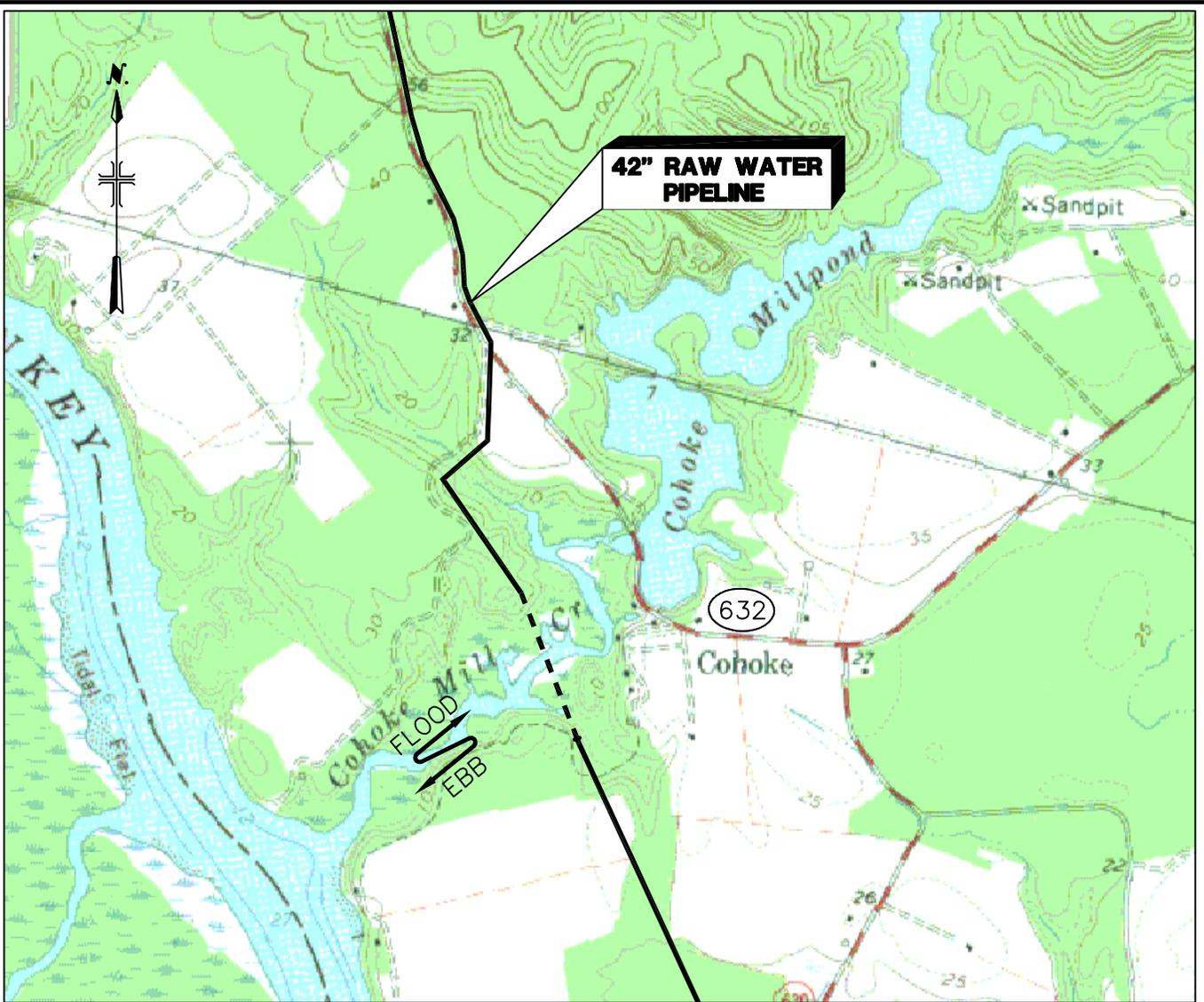
KING WILLIAM
DAM AND EMERGENCY
SPILLWAY

SCALE AS NOTED

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 QUADRANGLE (ENLARGED)

PLAN AND PROFILE

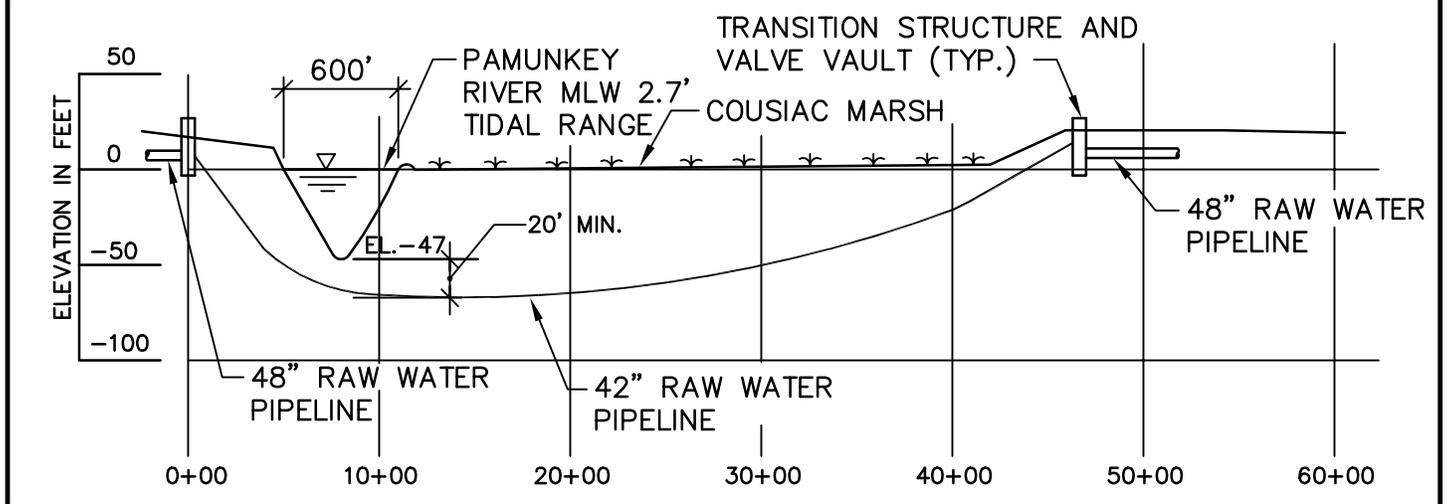
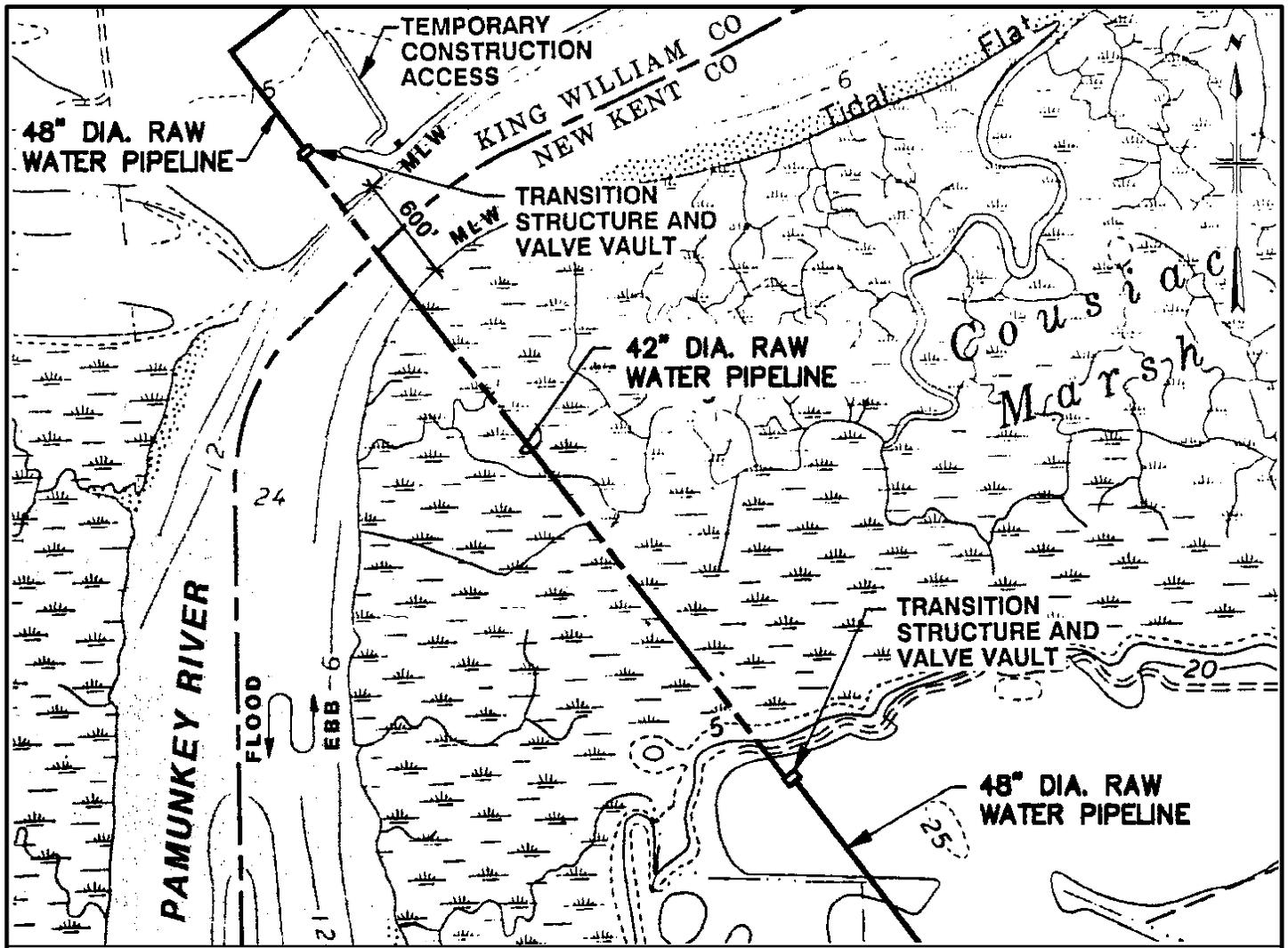
COHOKE MILL CREEK
 DIRECTIONAL DRILL

SCALE: HORIZONTAL: 1" = 500'
 VERTICAL: 1" = 100'

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REF: USGS 7.5' NEW KENT QUADRANGLE (ENLARGED)

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PAMUNKEY RIVER DIRECTIONAL DRILL

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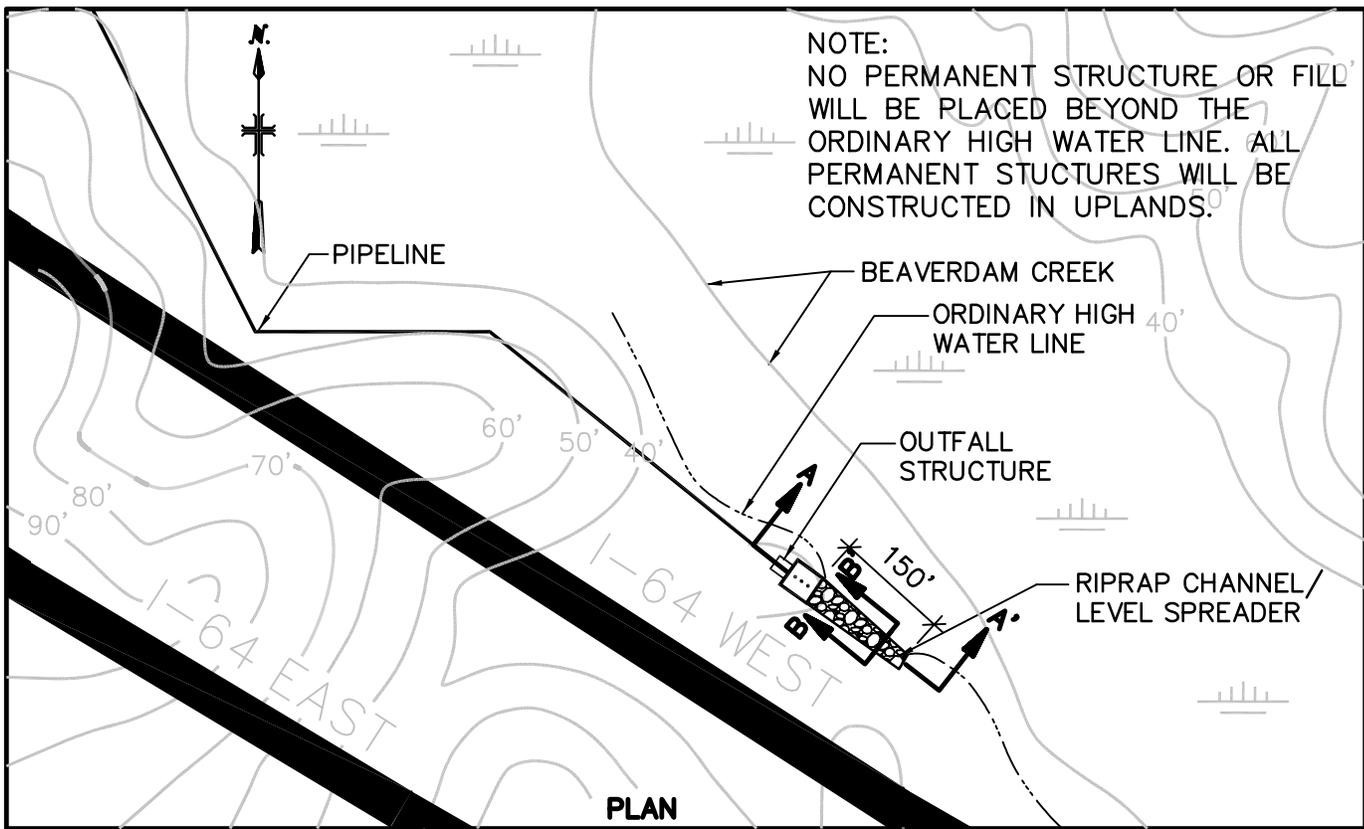
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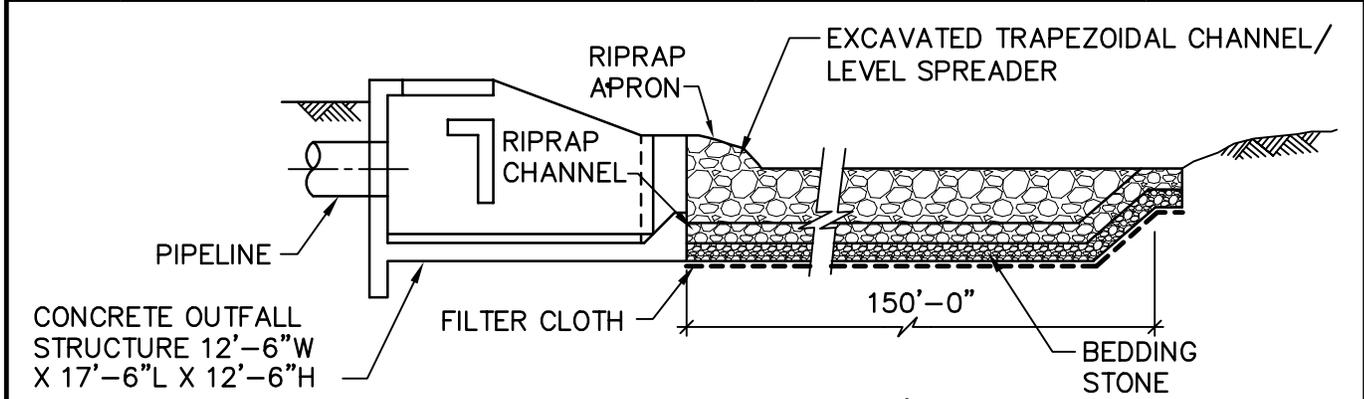
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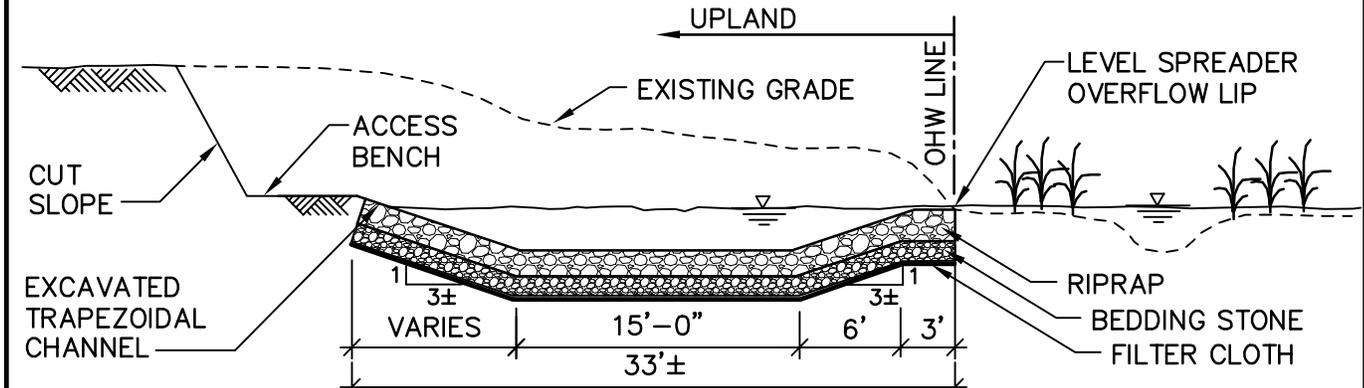


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PLAN

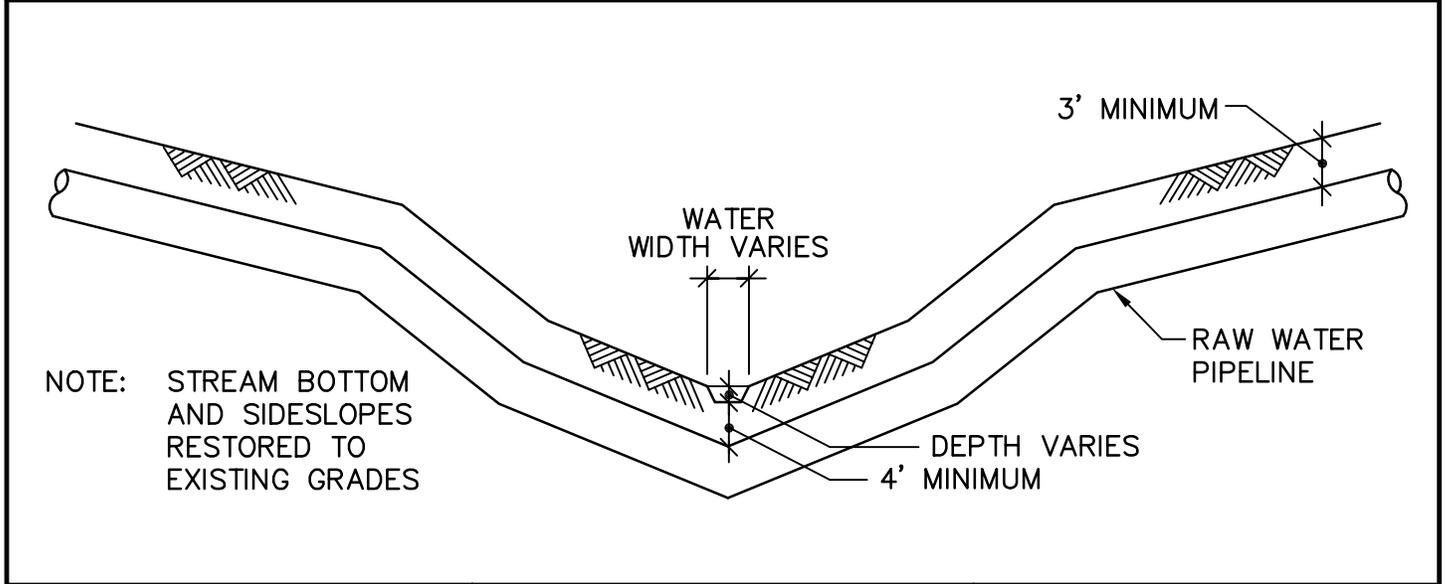
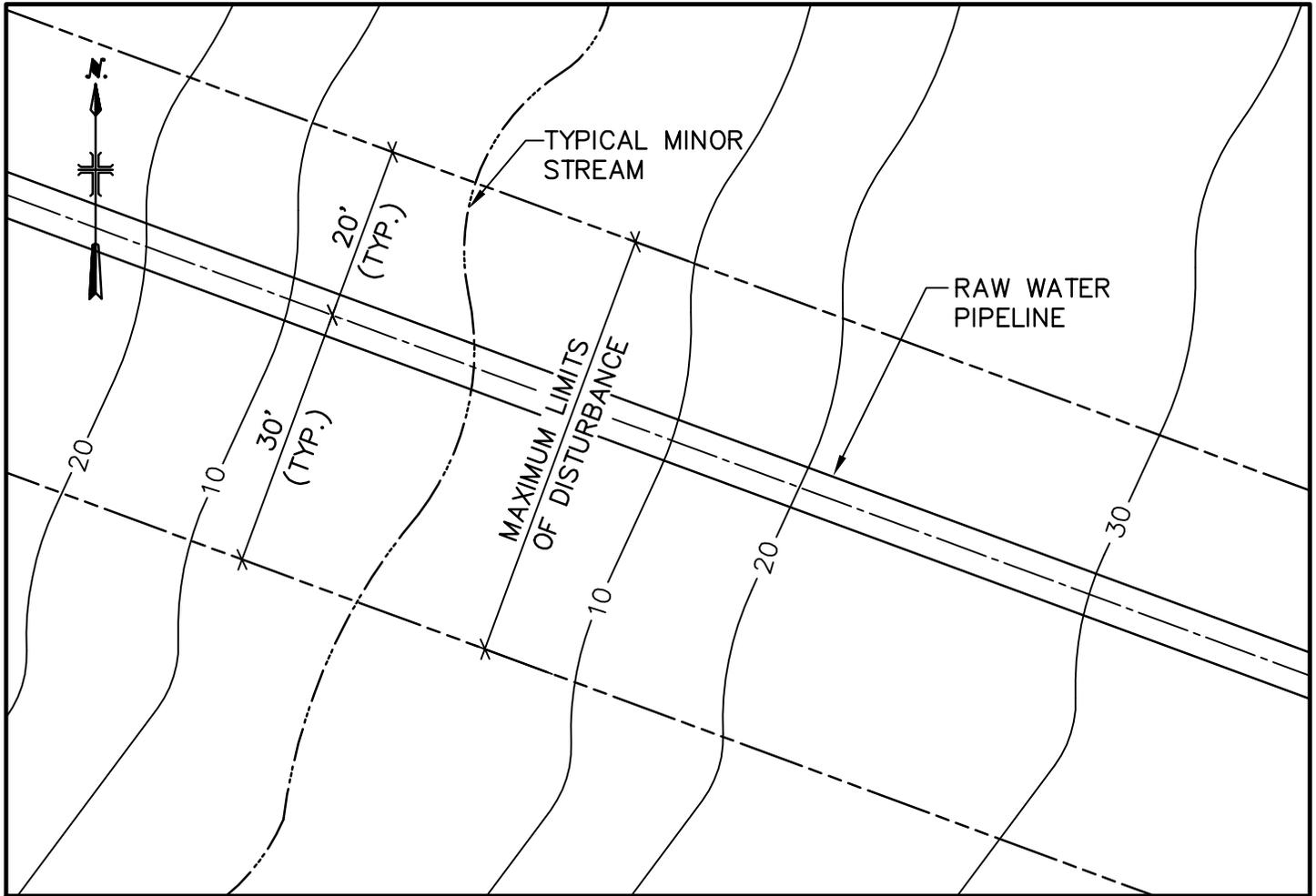


STRUCTURE CROSS-SECTION A-A'



RIPRAP CHANNEL/LEVEL SPREADER CROSS-SECTION B-B'

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<p>DATUM: USGS (ENLARGED)</p>	<p>PLAN AND SECTION</p> <p>TYPICAL PIPELINE STREAM CROSSING</p>	<p>PROPOSED PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY PROJECT</p>
<p>REF: N/A</p>		
<p>SCALE: 1" = 20'</p>		

APPENDIX H
MARINE ACOUSTICS WEDGEWIRE SCREEN
SOUND SURVEY



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23 March 2004

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Attn: Mr. William A. Richkus

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the Lake Gaston Pumping Station Noise Measurement Report, with Addendum. The data provided in the Addendum were obtained on 20 March 2004, and confirm our original report conclusions. The Addendum further describes the recent Lake Gaston data collection effort, the data obtained, results and conclusions.

I want to express our sincere appreciation for your consideration and understanding during our very trying experiences with unanticipated equipment problems and seemingly interminable weather delays. We appreciate your business and look forward to the opportunity to work with you in future endeavors.

Please contact Mr. Jim Messegee or myself if you have any questions or comments regarding the enclosed report.

Sincerely,

Clayton H. Spikes
Chief Operating Officer

Encl: Lake Gaston Pumping Station Noise Measurement Report

Background:

Marine Acoustics, Inc., was contacted to measure the acoustic levels at the Lake Gaston pumping station. These measurements will be used as a measure of acoustic levels expected at the proposed King William Reservoir pumping station. This type of acoustic measurement must first assess the background ambient noise and then determine the acoustic levels above the ambient noise. Since ambient noise can be expected to vary from site to site, several sites clear of the intake screens must be measured to determine a reasonable average background level to determine the pumping station contribution.

The proposed King William Reservoir will employ a water intake using 1 mm (0.04 in) mesh wedgewire screens, 7-ft diameter, that will be situated in the middle of the water column. The pumps will be located on land. The screens will be cleaned by infrequent 15-second air bursts. An issue was raised concerning the potential effects on fish, particularly American shad, from underwater noises associated with the operation of this water withdrawal system. No data are available on the frequency and level of sounds produced by water being withdrawn through wedgewire screens or by the air bursts used to clean the screens.

To assess the potential impacts of sounds generated by the proposed King William Reservoir pumping station, the frequency and level of sounds produced at a similar facility were measured and analyzed. The facility selected for these measurements was the Lake Gaston pumping station, located in Virginia on the shores of Lake Gaston at Pea Hill Creek. Figure 1 shows the facilities location (<http://www.mapquest.com>).

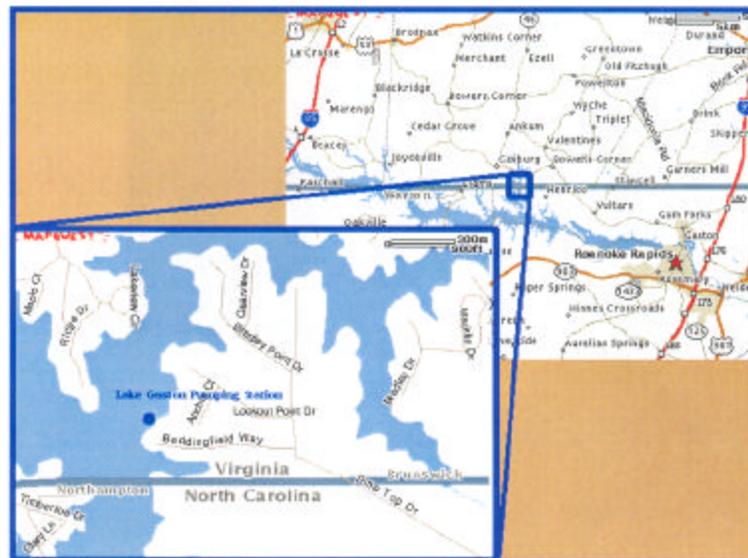


Figure 1: Map of Lake Gaston Pumping Station Location

The following specific data regarding the pumping station's equipment and operations were extracted from the Virginia Beach Public Utilities web site (<http://www.vbgov.com/dept/putility/gaston/lg-facilities.asp#>).

The pumping station contains six vertical-turbine centrifugal pumps. Five of the six pumps are dual-speed, 500/1250 horsepower pump and motor combinations operating at 4,000 volts AC (VAC). The nominal capacity of each of these five pumps is approximately 10 million gallons per day (mgd) at low speed (900 rpm) and 15 mgd at high speed (1200 rpm). The sixth pump is a 250 horsepower, 440 VAC pump and motor combination that can deliver 4 to 8 mgd. This pump is used for filling the line and for

maintaining small flows when larger flows are not necessary. During the data collection this was the only pump being operated at a flow rate of 8 mgd.

The pumping station is based upon a flooded wetwell design. Underneath the pump station is a large, deep basement (i.e., a wetwell), the bottom of which is some 35 ft below the normal pool level of the lake. Two 60 in diameter pipelines connect the wetwell to a series of intake screens, several hundred feet offshore. Water flows through the intake screens and into the wetwell until the water elevation in the wetwell is the same elevation as the lake (hence the term "flooded wetwell"). Vertical-turbine centrifugal pumps, which extend down into the wetwell, pump the water from the wetwell into the pipeline.

The top of the intake screens are 15 ft below the normal pool level of the lake. The screen size is 1 mm (0.04 in), which is slightly less than the thickness of a dime. Maximum velocity at the screen surface is 0.5 ft/sec (one-third of a mile per hour). One inch away from the screen surface the maximum velocity is 0.17 ft/sec (one-tenth of a mile per hour). These maximum velocities exist only when one intake line and one screen array are in service. Most of the time, velocities will be one-half to one-third of the maximum velocities stated above. The withdrawal of water through the intake screens do not disturb the water surface.

The flooded wetwell design for the Lake Gaston pumping station was selected specifically to aid in noise containment. The use of the submerged vertical-turbine pumps keeps much of the noise contained in an underground vault of concrete surrounded by tons of rock and earth. To further reduce noise, maximum allowable noise levels are called out in the motor specifications. The motors installed at the pumping station are among the quietest available for that size and type. Finally, the interior of the pumping station is lined with a special sound-reducing concrete block.

Data Collection

Marine Acoustics, Inc. was charged with obtaining and analyzing sound level measurements at and around the Lake Gaston water withdrawal intake screens. Equipment was set up on 19 February 2004 and data was collected on 20 February 2004. The weather on 20 February was clear. The water surface of the lake was flat calm early in the morning with a very light chop developing as wind speed increased later in the day. Recreational boating activity was very light with only an occasional power boat passing near the site. This infrequent traffic did not impact the data collection effort.

A Model BM 8178-8 wideband, omni-directional underwater hydrophone was used to collect sound level measurements. The frequency response of this hydrophone is from approximately 20 Hz to 200 kHz. The hydrophone itself is a small lead titanate (PZT) spherical sensor. The low-noise hydrophone electronics include a high-pass filter set at 10 Hz to reduce geophysical noise. Calibration curves for the hydrophone are provided in Figure 2.

To prevent aliasing, data from the hydrophone were filtered through a *Frequency Devices, Inc* Model 818 Series 8-Bit Programmable 8-Pole Filter mounted on a *Frequency Dynamics* FMA-04A Single Channel Filter Mounting Assembly. DEP switches on the card's selectable low pass filter were set to filter out sound above 180

kHz. Two 2.2 k Ω resistors were added to the board to increase gain from unity to 11.10. This setup allowed for digital recording from approximately 20 Hz to 180 kHz (110 Hz to 180 kHz required by statement of work).

Analog to digital conversion was accomplished using a *National Instruments* Model 6062E PCMCIA Data Acquisition Card. This analog input 12-bit card is capable of sampling at 500,000 samples per second.

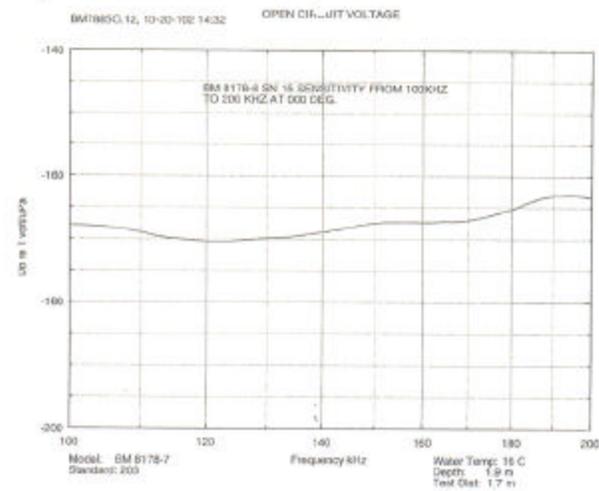
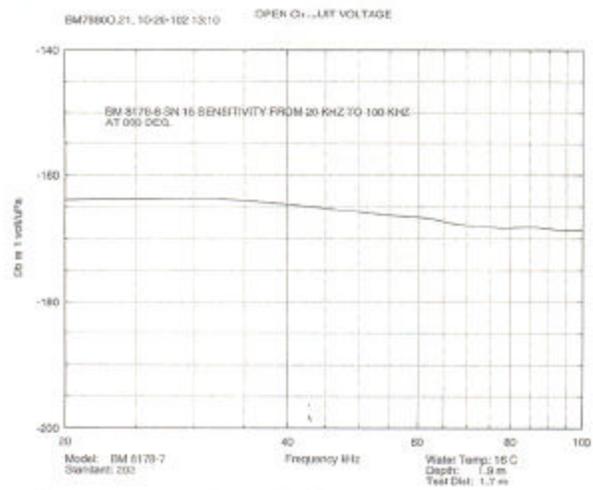
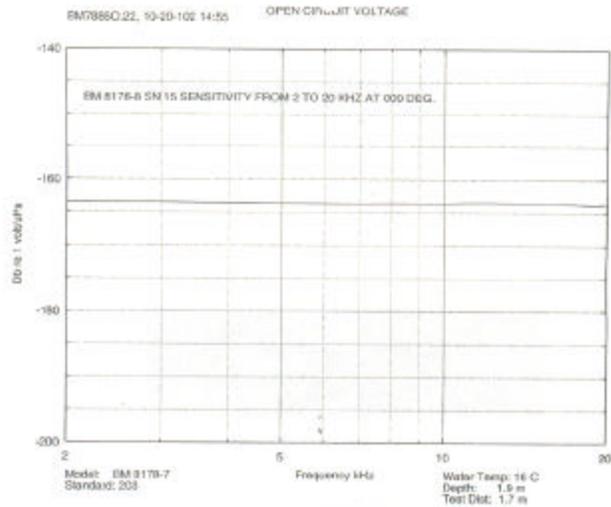


Figure 2: Calibration Curves for Model BM8178-8 Wideband Hydrophone

Sound level measurements were recorded on a Dell Inspiron 7500 laptop computer running the Windows 2000 Operating System. *Ishmael*, a sound recording and analyzing program jointly developed by the Office of Naval Research and the National Marine Fisheries Service, was used as the computer record interface. Data were recorded in WAV File format at 360 samples per second. The laptop computer's built in microphone was

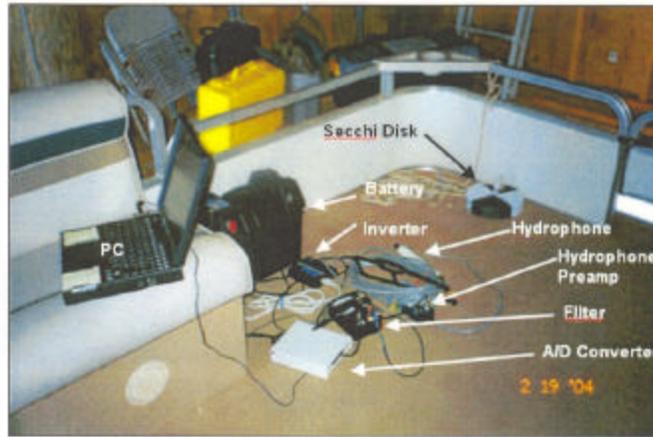


Figure 3: Equipment Setup

disabled to eliminate the possibility of airborne noise contaminating the data. The complete equipment setup is shown in Figure 3.

Initially, background (ambient) noise measurements were obtained at 5 sites not in the immediate vicinity of the withdrawal intake. The first of these sites was just outside the pumping station boathouse about 50 yds from the water intake screen. Two additional sites were in small inlets adjacent to the water intake screen basin; thus, not in a direct line from the screens. Two other measurements were taken across the basin from the intake screen at a distance of about a quarter mile. For record purposes, photographs were taken of these sites (Figure 4).

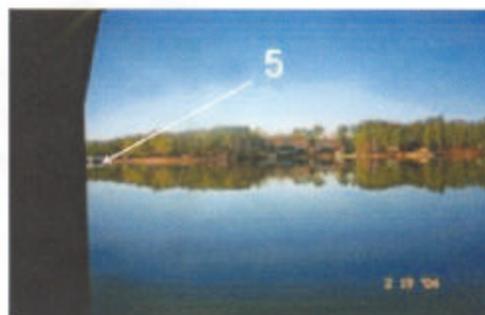
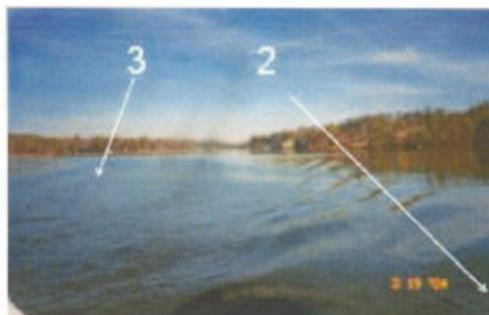
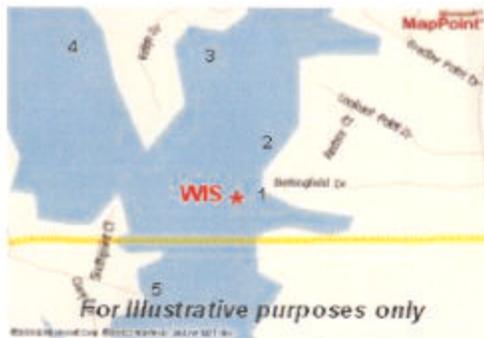


Figure 4: Ambient Noise Measurement Sites

Actual water intake screen sound measurements were recorded along three transects: one vertical (from the surface down, in front of the intake screens), one axial (outbound from the entrance screens along the axis of the intake pipes), and one perpendicular (across the axis of the intake pipes). Measurements were made at regular intervals along each transect. Prior to data collection, a deployable range consisting of 100 and 200 ft sections of polypropylene line, marked at 5 ft intervals was constructed and deployed on Lake Gaston. At each data collection site, both range positions and GPS positions (using a Garmin Model 76 GPS) were recorded.

Water intake sound measurements were first recorded along the vertical transect. Measurements were taken at approximately 1 ft in front of the intake screens at 5 ft depth intervals from the surface to a depth of 25 ft. No measurements at this site were observed to be at higher intensity than those recorded at the ambient noise sites. Detailed laboratory analysis is discussed below.

Next, axial transect (Figure 5) measurements were taken at a depth of 17.5 ft (the depth of the center of the intakes). At the beginning of the transect (3 ft from the intake opening), measurements were taken at 5 ft intervals. This interval spacing was increased to 20 ft as the distance from the intake opening became greater. No measurements along this transect were observed to be at higher intensity than those recorded at the ambient noise sites. However, measurements were continued to a range of 100 ft from the opening. Detailed laboratory analysis is discussed below.

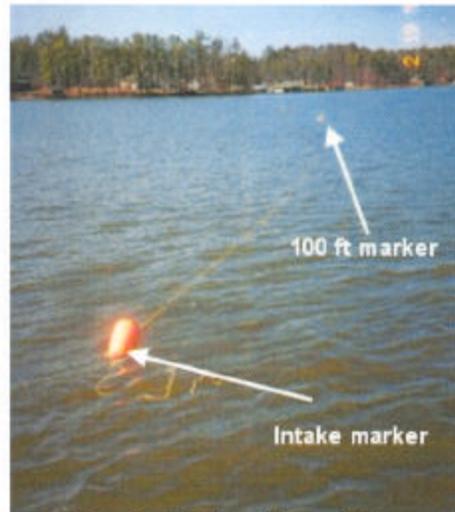


Figure 5: Axial Transit Range Markers

Collection of sound measurements along the transect across the water intake opening was complicated by increasing wind speed. The wind made it difficult for the pumping station's pontoon boat to maintain position (engine was shut down and anchor was dragging). Because the wind was blowing directly down the transect line, it was determined that the best way to proceed was to record data as the boat drifted down the line. During the drift, data were continuously recorded and precise times and positions were logged. As on the other transects, no measurements were observed to be at higher intensity than those recorded at the ambient noise sites.

After intake flow measurements were obtained, pumping station personnel conducted a 30 air burst to clear the water intake screens. A recording of this air burst was made at a distance of approximately 50 yds from the water intake screen opening. A 6 ft plume of water was observed. Acoustic energy produced by the bubbles was clearly visible on the recording and analysis equipment across a wide frequency spectrum.

Temperature, using a digital probe, and turbidity measurements, using a Secchi disk, were taken at all data recording sites. A summary of the data collected by sites is provided in Figure 6.

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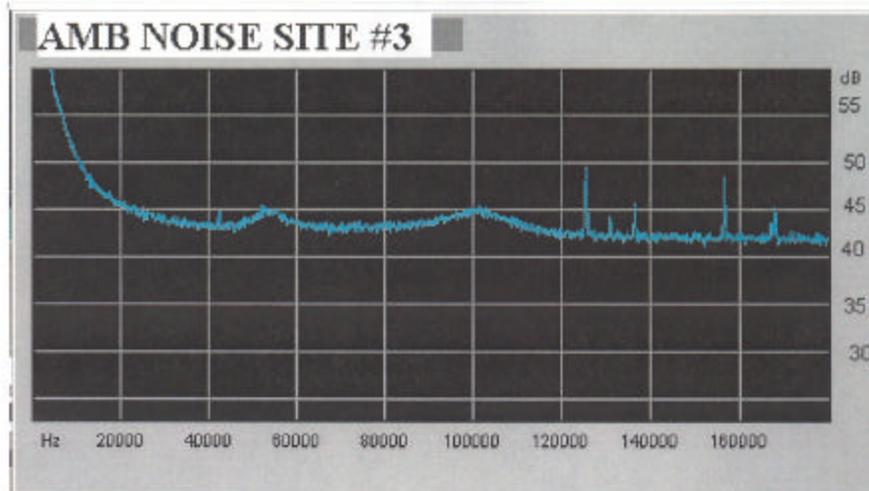


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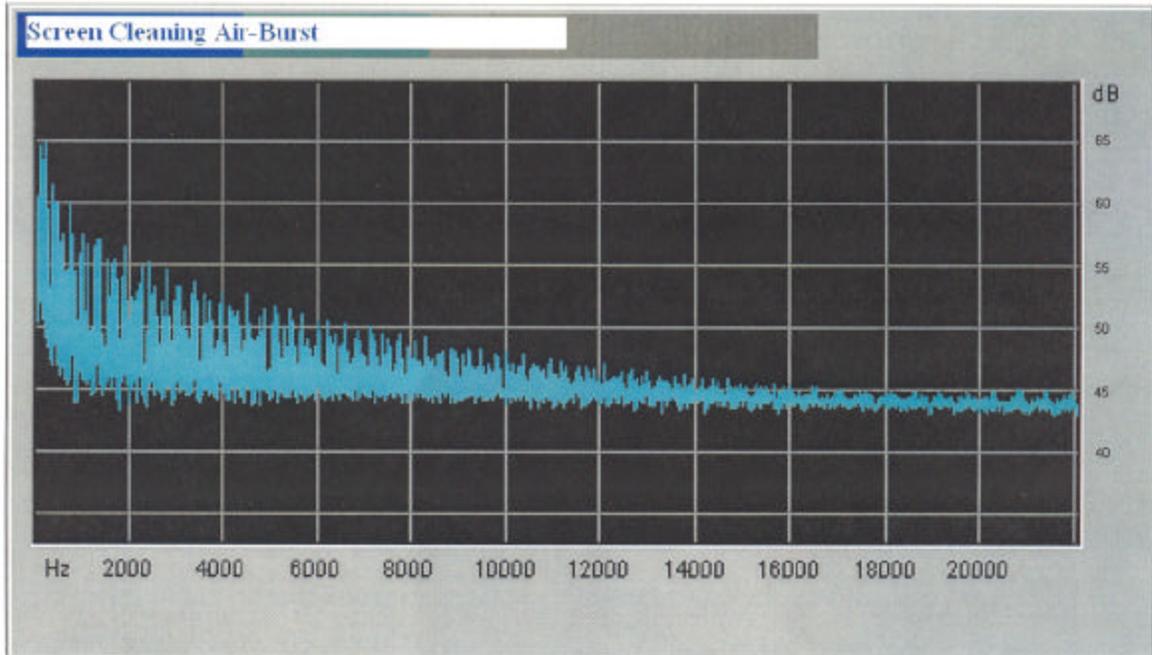


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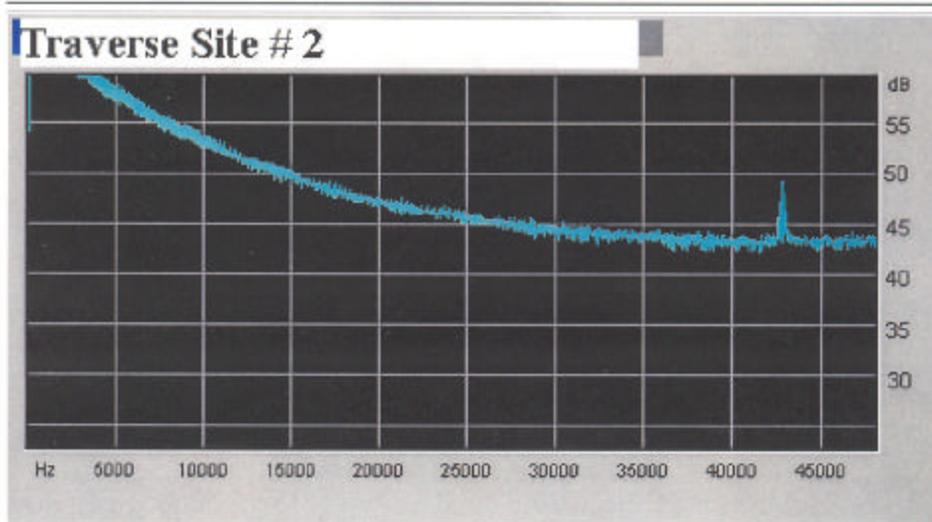


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Recommendations. More measurements could be obtained with one or more large pumps in operation. However, it is not believed to be necessary nor cost-effective due to the extremely good acoustic design of the pumping station. It is believed acoustic detection of the large pumps may be possible if operating at high pumping rates but their acoustic output will still be near the variance seen in the ambient noise and of negligible impact on marine life, particularly when compared to the underwater acoustic energy produced by power boats and jet skis.

Average Ambient Noise Readings by Octave (Average of 15 sites).

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<u>3</u>	400 - 800	76
<u>4</u>	800 - 1600	70
<u>5</u>	1600-3200	64
<u>6</u>	3200-6400	58
<u>7</u>	6400-12800	52
<u>8</u>	12800-25600	49
<u>9</u>	25600-51200	46
<u>10</u>	51200-102400	43
<u>11</u>	102400-204800	43



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Attn: Mr. William A. Richkus

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the Lake Gaston Pumping Station Acoustic Survey Report. As you are aware, difficulties in calibrating hardware and software as well as weather delays has made this report overdue. Your patience has been greatly appreciated and please accept our apologies.

The report is largely self-explanatory, however unfortunately a hardware failure prevented the survey from obtaining good high-frequency data (> 50 kHz) for the transects near the intake screens. We believe we have good high frequency data in the ambient noise surveys at some distance from the screens and we don't believe there would be any significant difference near the screens but due to corrupted files we don't have the data to prove that as fact. However, we are completely confident the acoustic levels produced by the pumping station, for the pump configuration measured, will have negligible effect on marine life. Since we only measured the pumping station acoustic output with the smallest pump in operation, we are unable to say with certainty the effect with one or more large pumps operating. However, by extrapolating the data, even with several large pumps operating it is highly unlikely any acoustic level would be reached that would cause any significant negative effect on marine life. By far the largest normal acoustic effects will be the result of surface craft and jet skis.

Our data acquisition system is currently on a task in Hawaii, but if you desire, upon its return we will conduct a high-frequency survey at our expense to fulfill the contract requirements. If this survey could be coordinated with one or more of the large pumps in operation we would have an important extension to the data.

Thank you again for your patience and your business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. H. Spikes', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Clayton H. Spikes
Chief Operating Officer

Lake Gaston Pumping Station Noise Measurement

Background.

Marine Acoustics, Inc., was contacted to measure the acoustic levels at the Lake Gaston pumping station. These measurements will be used as a measure of acoustic levels expected at the proposed King William Reservoir pumping station. This type of acoustic measurement must first assess the background ambient noise and then determine the acoustic levels above the ambient noise. Since ambient noise can be expected to vary from site to site, several sites clear of the intake screens must be measured to determine a reasonable average background level to determine the pumping station contribution.

The proposed King William Reservoir will employ a water intake using 1 mm (0.04 in) mesh wedgewire screens, 7-ft diameter, that will be situated in the middle of the water column. The pumps will be located on land. The screens will be cleaned by infrequent 15-second air bursts. An issue was raised concerning the potential effects on fish, particularly American shad, from underwater noises associated with the operation of this water withdrawal system. No data are available on the frequency and level of sounds produced by water being withdrawn through wedge wire screens or by the air bursts used to clean the screens.

To assess the potential impacts of sounds generated by the proposed King William Reservoir pumping station, the frequency and level of sounds produced at a similar facility were measured and analyzed. The facility selected for these measurements was the Lake Gaston pumping station, located in Virginia on the shores of Lake Gaston at Pea Hill Creek. Figure 1 shows the facilities location

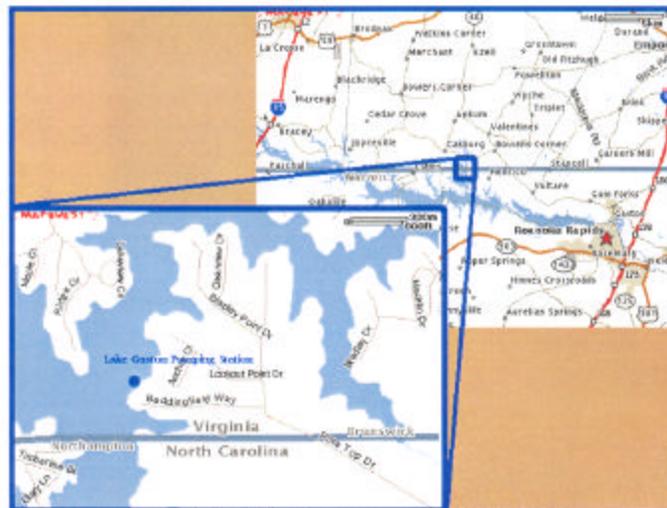


Figure 1: Map of Lake Gaston Pumping Station Location

(<http://www.mapquest.com>).

The following specific data regarding the pumping station's equipment and operations were extracted from the Virginia Beach Public Utilities web site (<http://www.vbgov.com/dept/putility/gaston/lg-facilities.asp#>). The pumping station contains six vertical-turbine centrifugal pumps. Five of the six pumps are dual-speed,

500/1250 horsepower pump and motor combinations operating at 4,000 volts AC (VAC). The nominal capacity of each of these five pumps is approximately 10 million gallons per day (mgd) at low speed (900 rpm) and 15 mgd at high speed (1200 rpm). The sixth pump is a 250 horsepower, 440 VAC pump and motor combination that can deliver 4 to 8 mgd. This pump is used for filling the line and for maintaining small flows when larger flows are not necessary. During the data collection this was the only pump being operated at a flow rate of 8 mgd.

The pumping station is based upon a flooded wetwell design. Underneath the pump station is a large, deep basement (i.e., a wetwell), the bottom of which is some 35 ft below the normal pool level of the lake. Two 60 in diameter pipelines connect the wetwell to a series of intake screens, several hundred feet offshore. Water flows through the intake screens and into the wetwell until the water elevation in the wetwell is the same elevation as the lake (hence the term "flooded wetwell"). Vertical-turbine centrifugal pumps, which extend down into the wetwell, pump the water from the wetwell into the pipeline.

The top of the intake screens are 15 ft below the normal pool level of the lake. The screen size is 1 mm (0.04 in), which is slightly less than the thickness of a dime. Maximum velocity at the screen surface is 0.5 ft/sec (one-third of a mile per hour). One inch away from the screen surface the maximum velocity is 0.17 ft/sec (one-tenth of a mile per hour). These maximum velocities exist only when one intake line and one screen array are in service. Most of the time, velocities will be one-half to one-third of the maximum velocities stated above. The withdrawal of water through the intake screens do not disturb the water surface.

The flooded wetwell design for the Lake Gaston pumping station was selected specifically to aid in noise containment. The use of the submerged vertical-turbine pumps keeps much of the noise contained in an underground vault of concrete surrounded by tons of rock and earth. To further reduce noise, maximum allowable noise levels are called out in the motor specifications. The motors installed at the pumping station are among the quietest available for that size and type. Finally, the interior of the pumping station is lined with a special sound-reducing concrete block.

Data Collection

Marine Acoustics, Inc. was charged with obtaining and analyzing sound level measurements at and around the Lake Gaston water withdrawal intake screens. Equipment was set up on 19 February 2004 and data were collected on 20 February 2004. The weather on 20 February was clear. The water surface of the lake was flat calm early in the morning with a very light chop developing as wind speed increased later in the day. Recreational boating activity was very light with only an occasional power boat passing near the site. This infrequent traffic did not impact the data collection effort.

A Model BM 8178-8 wideband, omni-directional underwater hydrophone was used to collect sound level measurements. The frequency response of this hydrophone is from approximately 20 Hz to 200 kHz. The hydrophone itself is a small lead titanate (PZT) spherical sensor. The low-noise hydrophone electronics include a high-pass filter set at 10 Hz to reduce geophysical noise. Calibration curves for the hydrophone are provided in Figure 2.

To prevent aliasing, data from the hydrophone were filtered through a *Frequency Devices, Inc* Model 818 Series 8-Bit Programmable 8-Pole Filter mounted on a *Frequency Dynamics* FMA-04A Single Channel Filter Mounting Assembly. DEP switches on the card's selectable low pass filter were set to filter out sound above 180 kHz. Two 2.2 k Ω resistors were added to the board to increase gain from unity to 11.10. This setup allowed for digital recording from approximately 20 Hz to 180 kHz (110 Hz to 180 kHz required by statement of work).

Analog to digital conversion was accomplished using a *National Instruments* Model 6062E PCMCIA Data Acquisition Card. This analog input 12-bit card is capable of 500,000 samples per second.

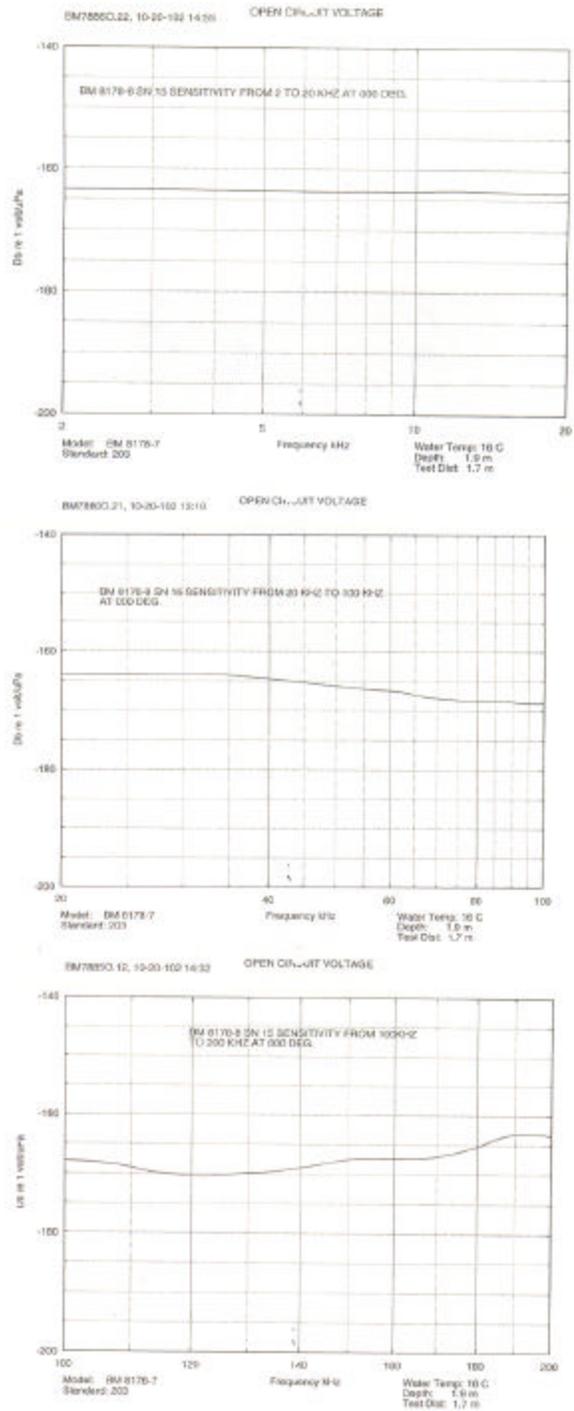


Figure 2: Calibration Curves for Model BM8178-8 Wideband Hydrophone

Sound level measurements were recorded on a Dell Inspiron 7500 laptop computer running the Windows 2000 Operating System. *Ishmael*, a sound recording and analyzing program jointly developed by the Office of Naval Research and the National Marine Fisheries Service, was used as the computer record interface. Data were recorded in WAV File format at 360 samples per second. The laptop computer's built in microphone was disabled to eliminate the possibility of airborne noise contaminating the data. The complete equipment setup is shown in Figure 3.

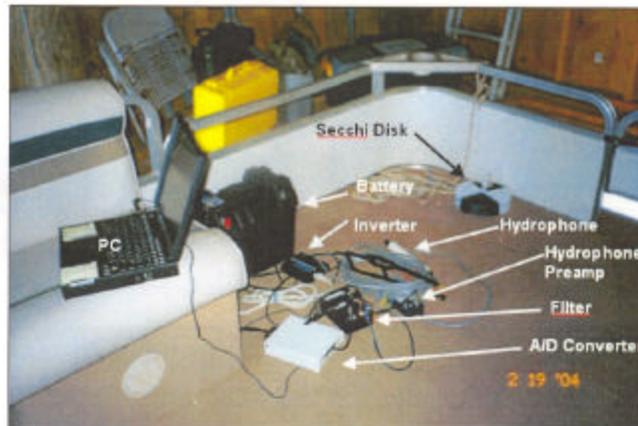


Figure 3: Equipment Setup

Initially, background (ambient) noise measurements were obtained at 5 sites not in the immediate vicinity of the withdrawal intake. The first of these sites was just outside the pumping station boathouse about 50 yds from the water intake screen. Two additional sites were in small inlets adjacent to the water intake screen basin; thus, not in a direct line from the screens. Two other measurements were taken across the basin from the intake screen at a distance of about a quarter mile. For record purposes, photographs were taken of these sites (Figure 4).

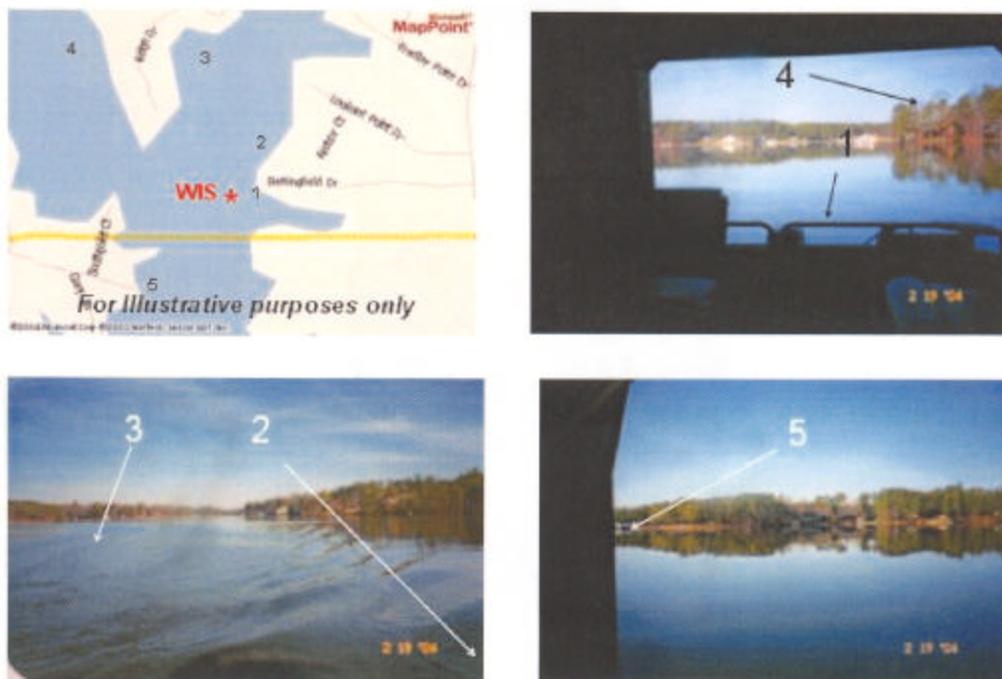


Figure 4: Ambient Noise Measurement Sites

Actual water intake screen sound measurements were recorded along three transects: one vertical (from the surface down, in front of the intake screens), one axial (outbound from the entrance screens along the axis of the intake pipes), and one perpendicular (across the axis of the intake pipes). Measurements were made at regular intervals along each transect. Prior to data collection, a deployable range consisting of 100 and 200 ft sections of polypropylene line, marked at 5 ft intervals was constructed and deployed on Lake Gaston. At each data collection site, both range positions and GPS positions (using a Garman Model 76 GPS) were recorded.

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Next, axial transect (Figure 5) measurements were taken at a depth of 17.5 ft (the depth of the center of the intakes). At the beginning of the transect (3 ft from the intake opening), measurements were taken at 5 ft intervals. This interval spacing was increased to 20 ft as the distance from the intake opening became greater. No measurements along this transect were observed to be at higher intensity than those recorded at the ambient noise sites. However, measurements were continued to a range of 100 ft from the opening. Detailed laboratory analysis is discussed below.

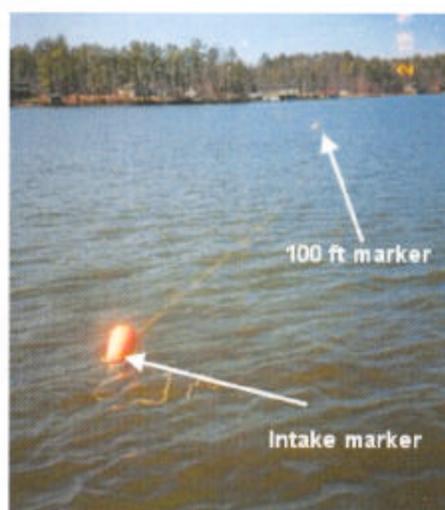


Figure 5: Axial Transit Range Markers

Collection of sound measurements along the transect across the water intake opening was complicated by increasing wind speed. The wind made it difficult for the pumping station's pontoon boat to maintain position (engine was shut down and anchor was dragging). Because the wind was blowing directly down the transect line, it was determined that the best way to proceed was to record data as the boat drifted down the line. During the drift, data were continuously recorded and precise times and positions were logged. As on the other transects, no measurements were observed to be at higher intensity than those recorded at the ambient noise sites.

After intake flow measurements were obtained, pumping station personnel conducted a 30 second air burst to clear the water intake screens. A recording of this air burst was made at a distance of approximately 50 yds from the water intake screen opening. A 6 ft plume of water was observed. Acoustic energy produced by the bubbles was clearly visible on the recording and analysis equipment across a wide frequency spectrum.

Temperature, using a digital probe, and turbidity measurements, using a Secchi disk, were taken at all data recording sites. A summary of the data collected by sites is provided in Figure 6.

Point	Geol Location (ft)			Recorded GPS Location		Data directory file name	Record Time Mark	SECHI Depth	Temp °F	Remarks
	X	Y	Z	Latitude	Longitude					
Intake location	0	0	-17.5							
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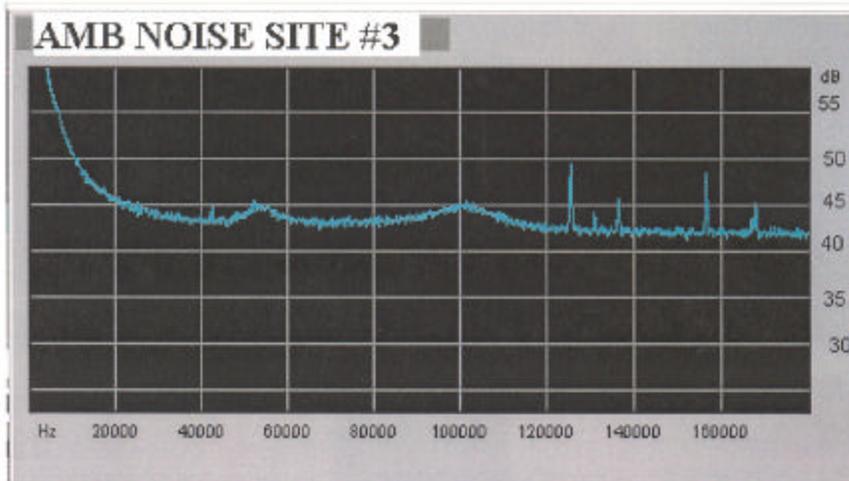


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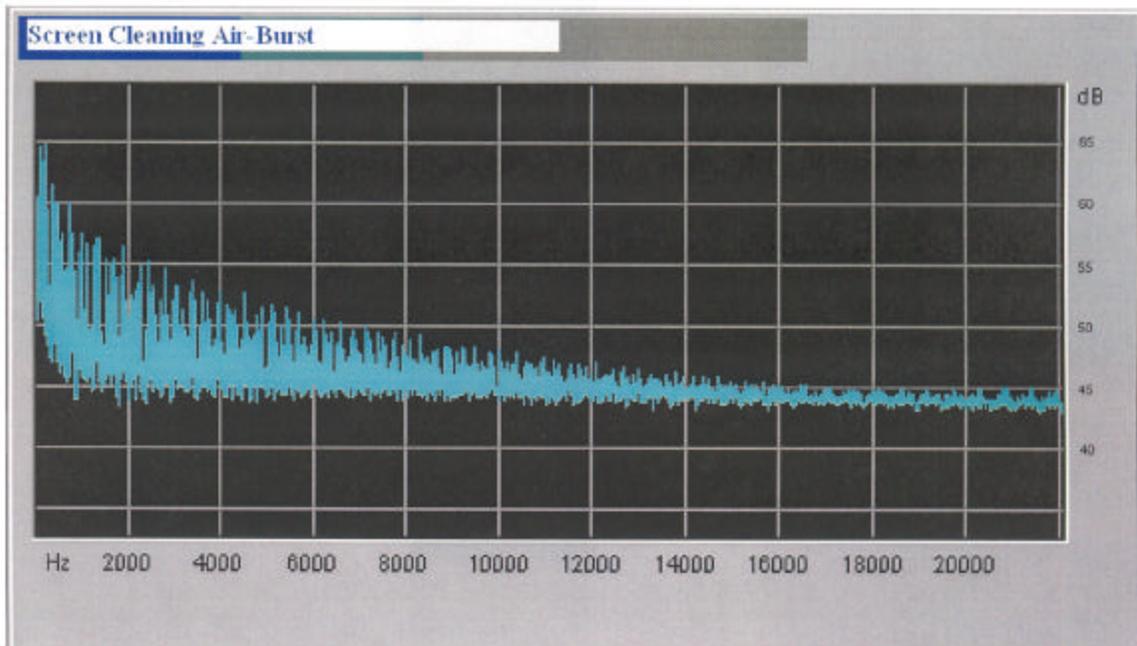


Figure 8. Spectrum of Screen Cleaning Air Burst (Amplitude in dB re 1 μ Pa).

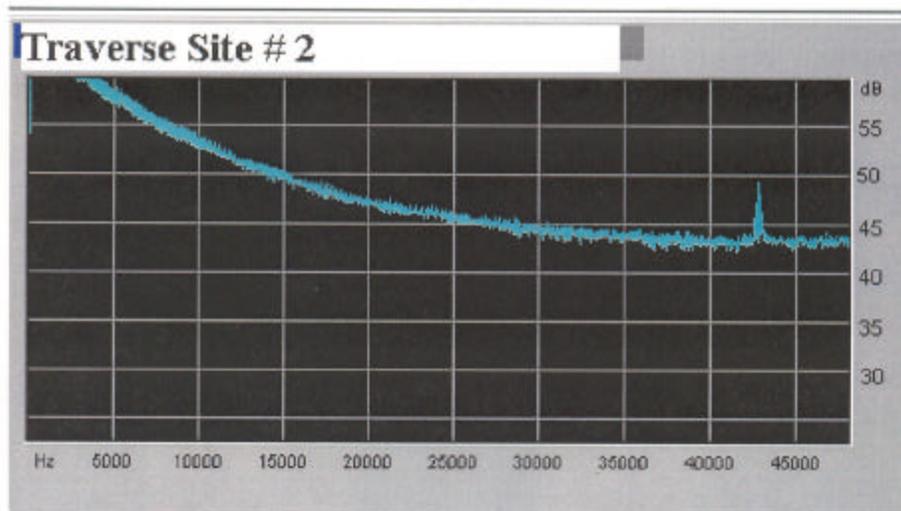


Figure 9. Spectrum of Transect Site #2 (Amplitude in dB re 1 μ Pa).

Recommendations

More measurements could be obtained with one or more large pumps in operation. However, it is not believed to be necessary nor cost-effective due to the extremely good acoustic design of the pumping station. It is believed acoustic detection of the large pumps may be possible if operating at high pumping rates but their acoustic output will still be near the variance seen in the ambient noise and of negligible impact on marine life, particularly when compared to the underwater acoustic energy produced by power boats and jet skis.

Average Ambient Noise Readings by Octave (Average of 15 sites).

Below are the average noise levels for 15 sites rounded to the nearest dB level.

<u>Octave</u>	<u>Frequency Band (Hz)</u>	<u>Average Noise Level (dB re 1 μPa / Hz)</u>
<u>1</u>	100 - 200	85
<u>2</u>	200 - 400	82
<u>3</u>	400 - 800	76
<u>4</u>	800 - 1600	70
<u>5</u>	1600 - 3200	64
<u>6</u>	3200 - 6400	58
<u>7</u>	6400 -12800	52
<u>8</u>	12800 - 25600	49
<u>9</u>	25600 - 51200	46
<u>10</u>	51200 - 102400	43
<u>11</u>	102400 - 204800	43

Addendum

Background

An additional set of data were measured on March 20, 2004. The wind was from 8 to 12 mph and it was determined the anchor line was strumming and thereby generating unwanted noise. By drifting, the quietest conditions could be obtained. Three transects were conducted; all perpendicular to the centerline of the inlet pipes. The hydrophone was at a depth of 15 ft for all data. The first transect was a few feet in front of the inlet screens. The second was 50 ft in front of the inlet screens and the third was 100 feet in front of the inlet screens. Each of the three transects were sampled two times and approximately thirty data points were taken on each transect. The first set of data was conducted with the flow rate stabilized at 0.25 fps and the second set at the minimum flow rate which was approximately 0.05 fps. For reference, the flow rate for the original test was approximately 0.10 fps.

Calibration

The system calibration curves are the same as indicated in the original report.

Results and Conclusions

There was no substantial difference between this data set and the original set and there was no significant difference in acoustic level between the two different flow rates.

It is concluded that the inlet screens do not generate enough noise to be detected above the background noise. Background noise is generated by many sources in and around the lake. These include boats, vehicles on bridges and highways, wind, power lines and many other sources.



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- Environmental assessment and compliance with particular emphasis on the marine environment,
- Acoustic and biologic research into the responses of marine mammals, fish, and other marine life to anthropogenic noise,
- Potential impacts of underwater sounds on human divers, and
- Planning and conducting scientific experiments and sea tests for various Government agencies.

MAI has extensive experience supporting many government agencies with professional support for a variety of environmental compliance issues with specific concentration on the marine environment. MAI provides operational services, advice, and support to agencies from the initial planning stages to the successful completion of complex environmental compliance processes. These services have involved development of regulatory requirements for numerous federal and state regulations including:

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
- Executive Order (EO) 12114 (Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions);
- Endangered Species Act (ESA);
- Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA);
- Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA);
- Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA);
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act;
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- Formulating experiment and test plans, including coordinated tracks, data collection, *in-situ* environmental data collection, at-sea modeling, communications, and reconstruction plans,
- Providing key personnel including chief scientists, test directors, unit coordinators, and project principal investigators for experiments, and
- Coordinating environmental data characterization, collection and analysis efforts.

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for permitting and consultation under the ESA, MMPA, and CZMA. It has been utilized for the analyses of impacts to marine mammals for the Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) sonar, Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) source, North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory (NPAL) Project, and Littoral Warfare Advanced Development (LWAD) sea tests EIS/OEIS/EA/OEAs under NEPA and Executive Order 12114. AIM is currently being integrated with a worldwide marine wildlife database under a multi-year contract with the Office of Naval Research.



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