Eklutna Fish & Wildlife Program Alternatives Analysis - Meeting 2

May 17, 2023



Agenda

11:00 – 11:15 Introduction

11:15 – 11:45 Ph 1 Engineering – Replacement Dam

11:45 – 12:30 Comprehensive Alternatives

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:45 Modeling Results

2:45 – 3:00 Next Steps

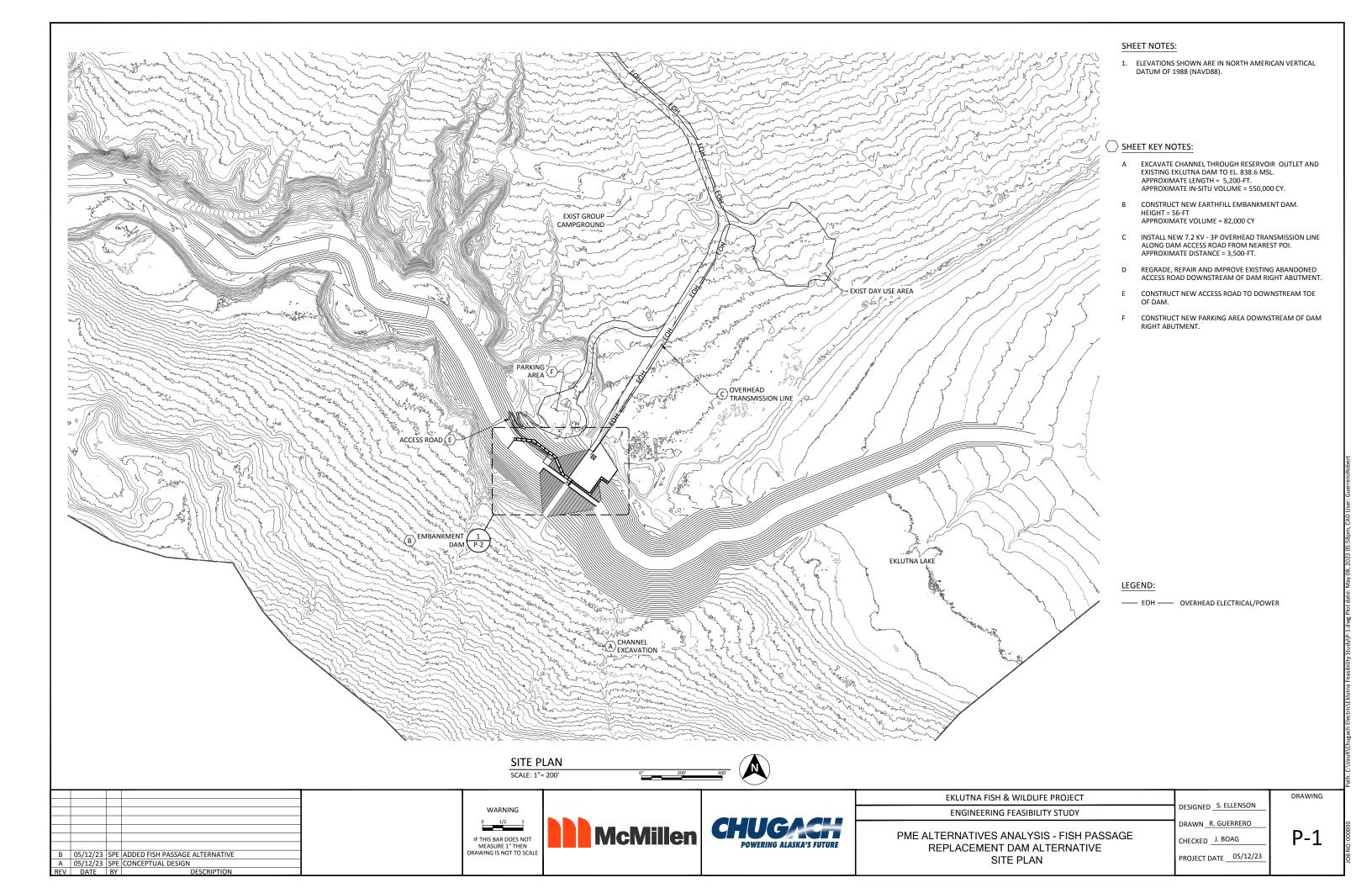
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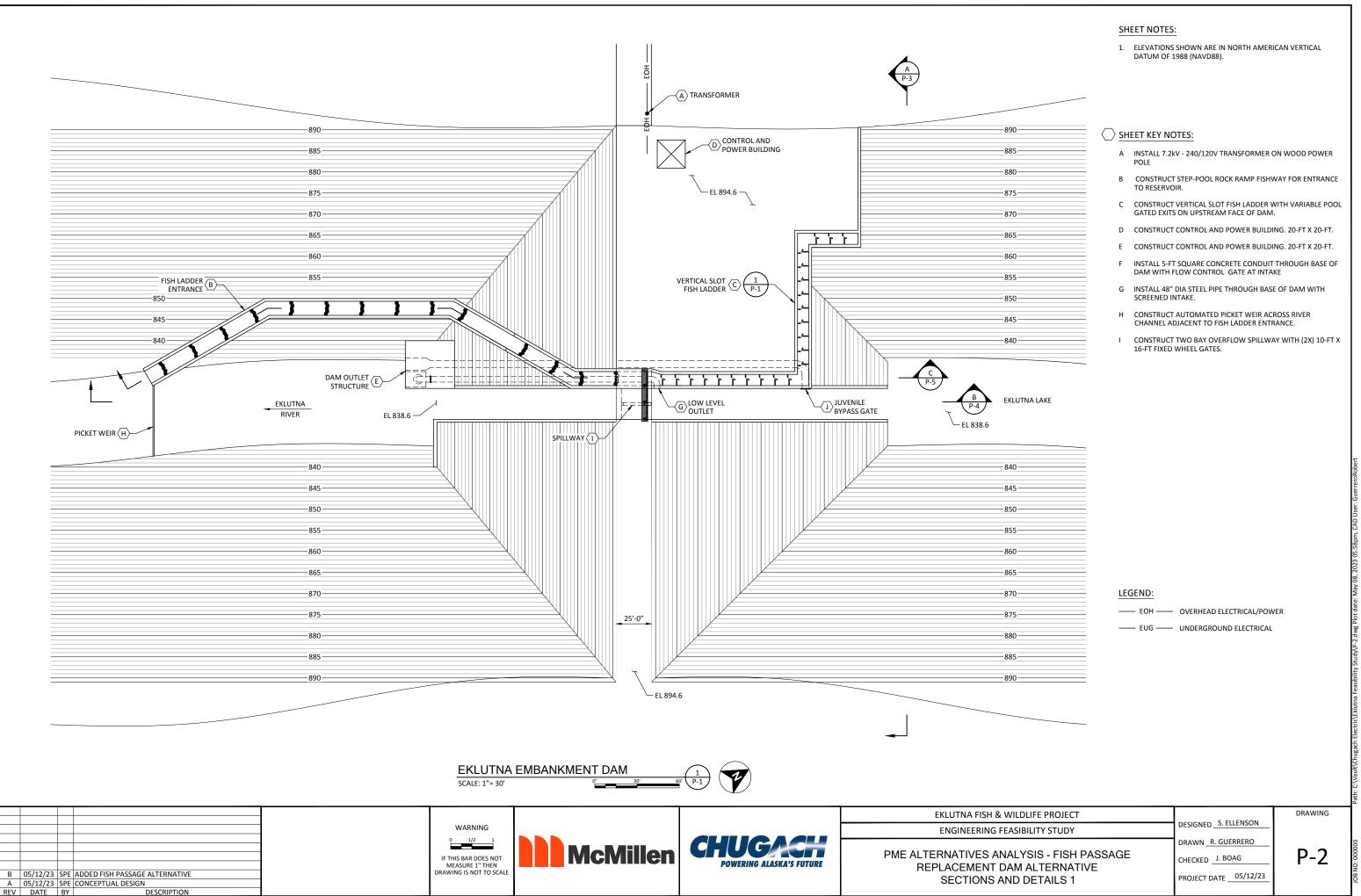


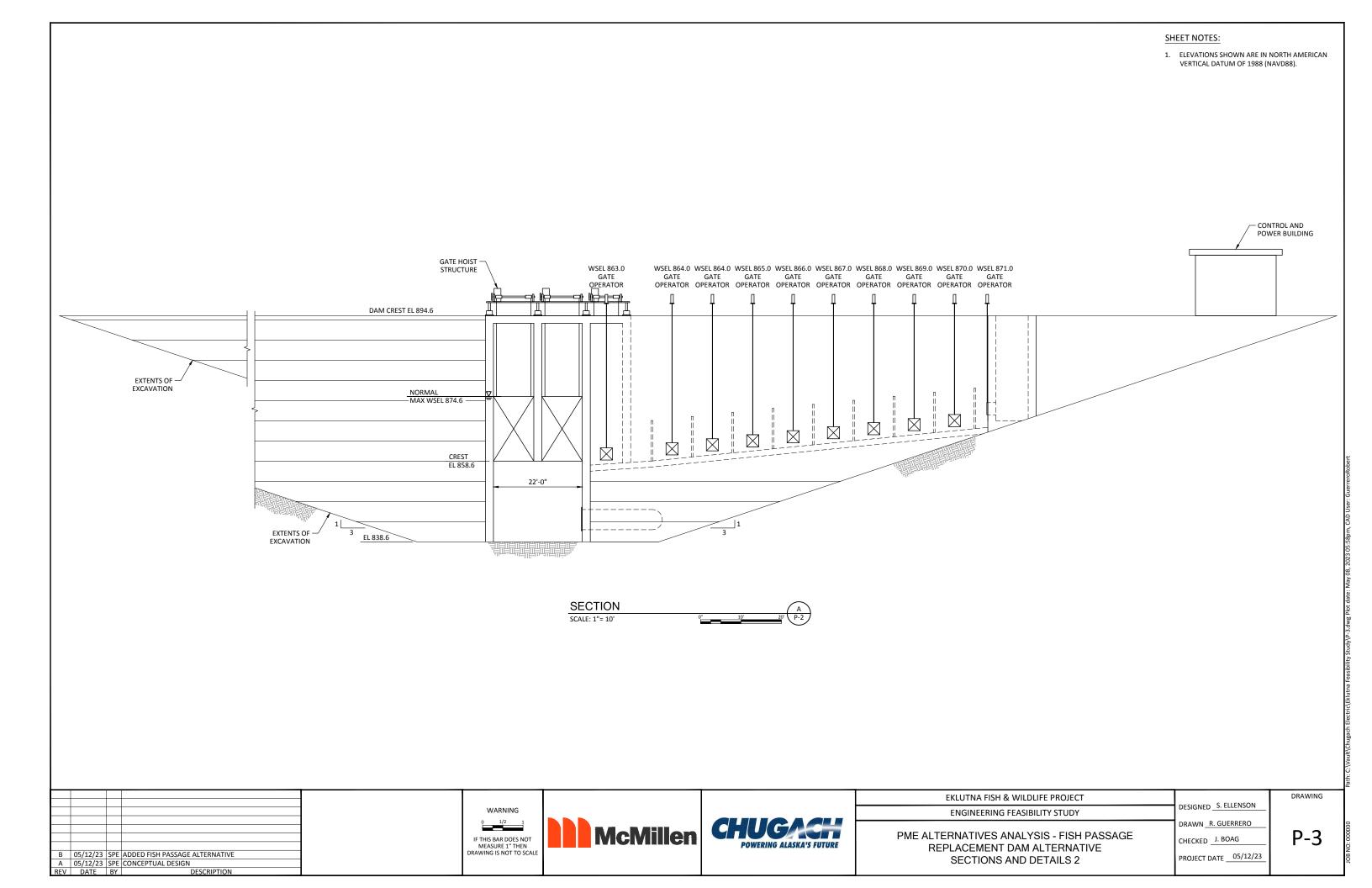




Phase 1 Engineering: Replacement Dam Alternative

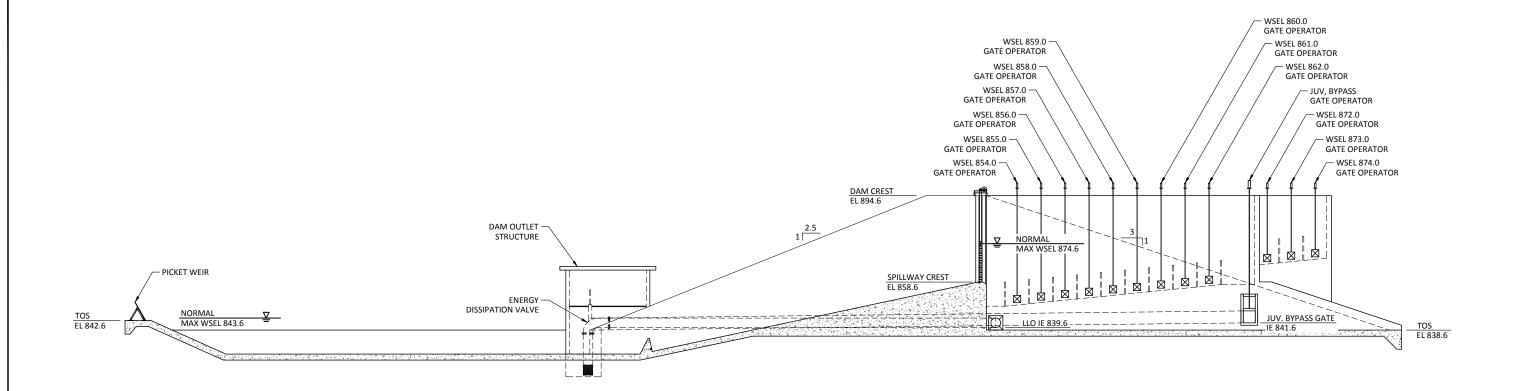






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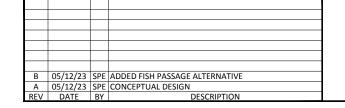
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SCALE: 1"= 20'

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ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY
PME ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS - FISH PASSAGE REPLACEMENT DAM ALTERNATIVE
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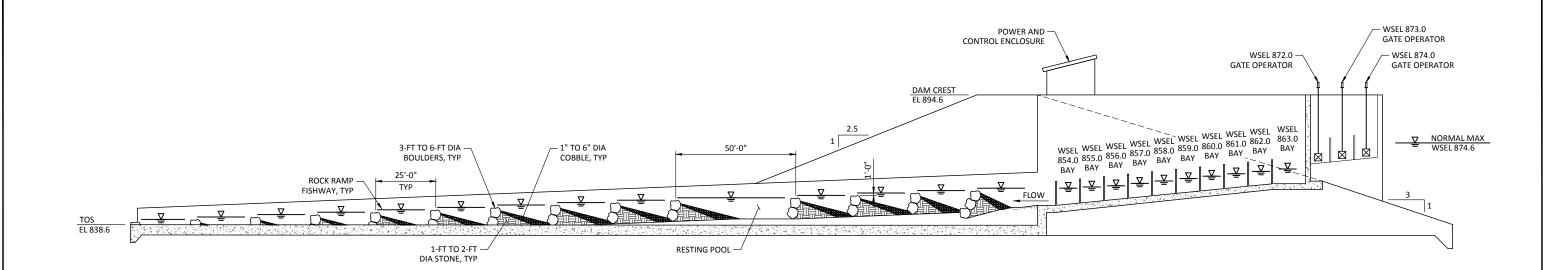
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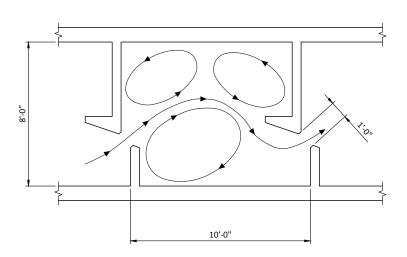
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B 05/12/23 SPE ADDED FISH PASSAGE ALTERNATIVE
A 05/12/23 SPE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
REV DATE BY DESCRIPTION







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Class 5 Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

- Indirect Costs (Mobilization / General Requirements)
 - \$16M
- Site Construction / Access Roads
 - \$1M
- Channel Excavation Haul
 - \$40M
- Dam Construction w/ Fishway
 - \$20M
- Electrical/Transmission
 - \$3M
- Overhead, Profit, & Bonds
 - \$13M
- Contingency
 - \$23M
- Construction Price
 - \$115M (\$60M \$227M)

Comprehensive Alternatives

M Stakeholder Consultation

- Received ~33 total alternatives from the following entities:
 - Native Village of Eklutna
 - Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)
 - Chugach State Park (ADNR)
 - National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
 - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
 - Trout Unlimited
 - The Conservation Fund
 - Hydro Project Owners

Note:

ADNR Dam Safety has no comments on flow regime but will have input on any modifications to the dam and appurtenant structures.

Native Village of Eklutna

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Proposed PME Measures:

Flow Release Measure

Replacement Dam w/ Fixed Wheel Gate & Ladder (Measure P)

Upstream Passage

Naturelike Entrance w/ Variable Exit Ladder

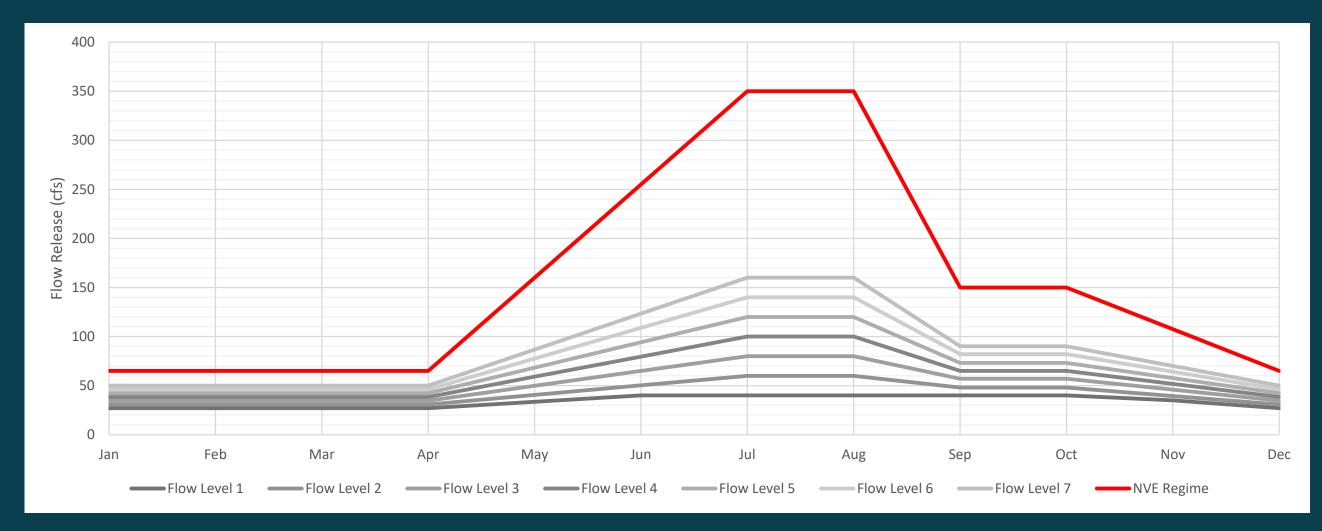
Downstream Passage

• Spill April / May / June

- AWWU Bridge Construction
- Physical Habitat Improvements
- Full Lakeside Trail Improvements

M Native Village of Eklutna

	Eklutna Water Volume (Acre-Ft)												
	Inflows	Powerhouse Water Usage	AWWU Water Usage	Instream Flow Habitat Usage	Peak Water Releases (Gated)	Hydropower	Public Water Supply	Instream Flow					
Baseline	262,456	238,444	24,670	0	0	91%	9%	0%					
NVE Alt	262,456	120,909	24,670	114,207	2,287	47%	9%	44%					



Alaska Department of Fish & Game



Proposed PME Measures:

Flow Release Measure

- Replacement Dam w/ Fixed Wheel Gate & Ladder (Measure P);
- AWWU Portal Release (Measure C);
- Bypass Tunnel (Measure E)

Upstream Passage

- Naturelike Entrance w/ Variable Exit Ladder (Measure P)
- None (Measure C / E)

Downstream Passage

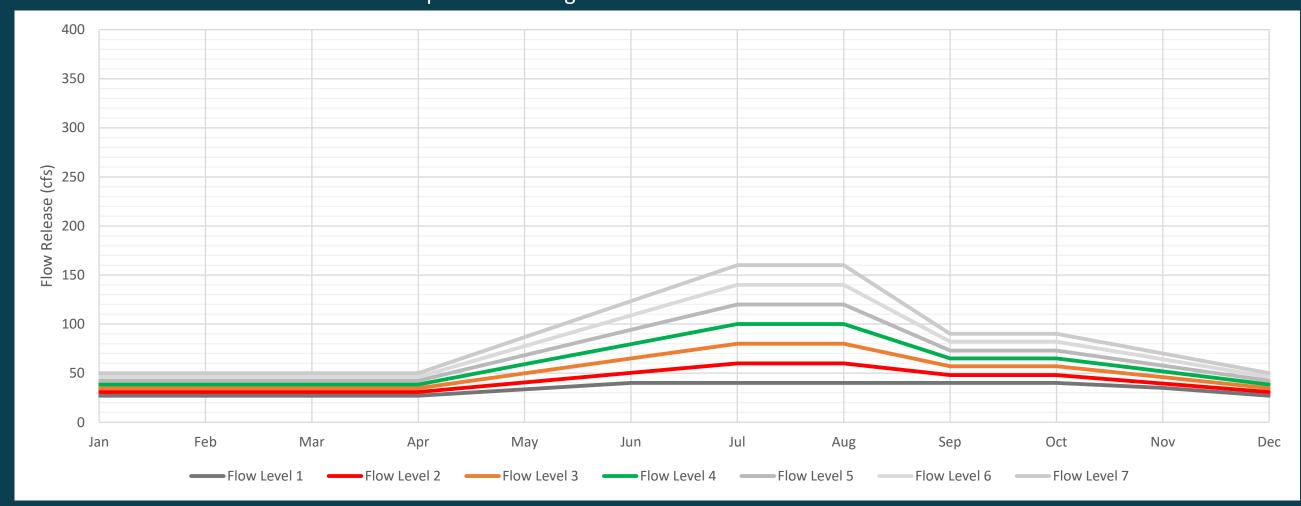
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Flow Level 3	262,456	200,217	24,670	38,048	1,282	76%	9%	14%					
Flow Level 4*	262,456	193,691	24,670	44,574	1,443	74%	9%	17%					

*FL4 not possible through AWWU Portal Valve Alternative



Channel Maintenance Flow = 325/400/450 cfs - 72 Hr - 3 of 10 years

ADNR – State Parks

M ADNR – State Parks

Proposed PME Measures:

Flow Release Measure

AWWU Portal (Measure C)

Upstream Passage

None

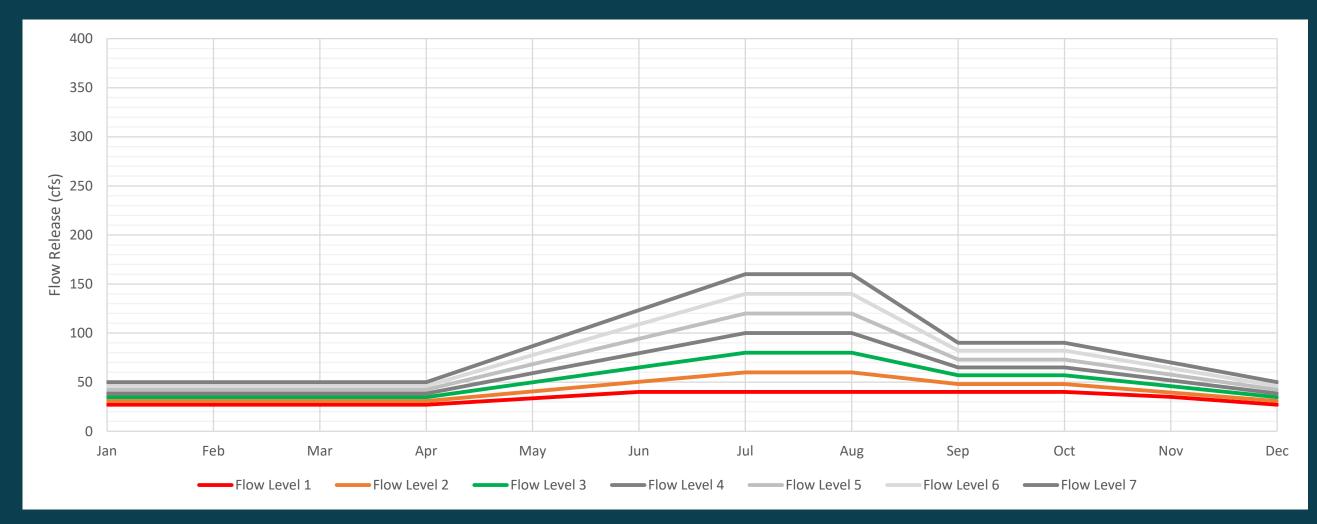
Downstream Passage

None

- AWWU Bridge Construction
- Partial Lakeside Trail Improvements



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Flow Level 3	262,456	199,539	24,670	38,055	1,307	76%	9%	15%				



Channel Maintenance Flow = 200/325/400 cfs - 72 Hr - 3 Years

National Marine Fisheries Service



Proposed PME Measures:

Flow Release Measure

- Replacement Dam w/ Fixed Wheel Gate & Ladder (Measure P)
- Existing Dam Release w/ Fixed Wheel Gate No Fish Passage (Measure A)

Upstream Passage

- Naturelike Entrance w/ Variable Exit Ladder (Measure P)
- None (Measure A)

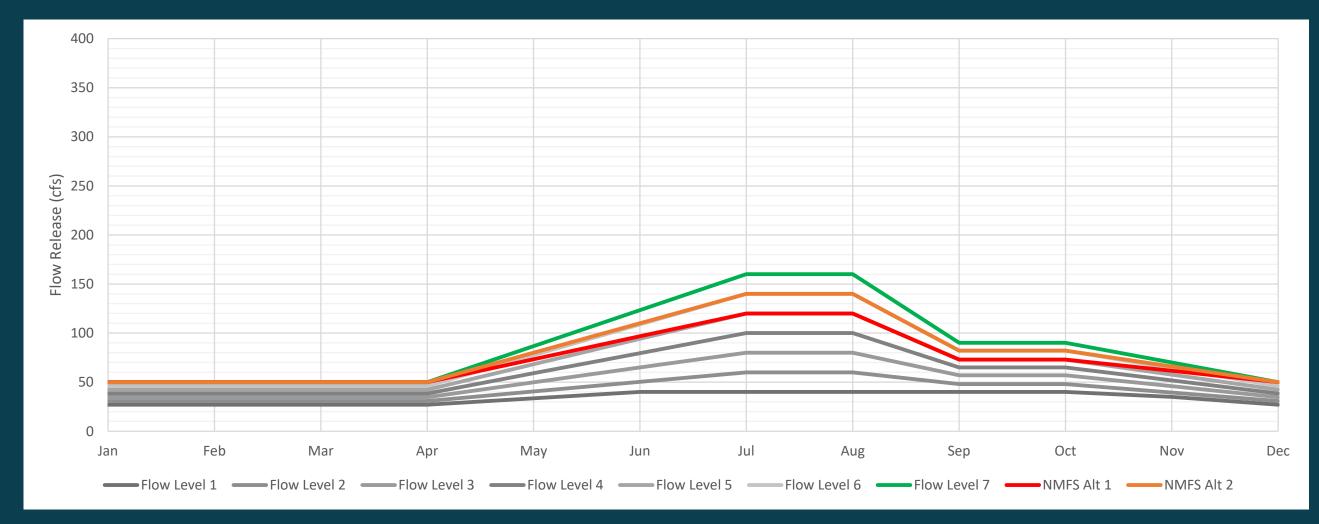
Downstream Passage

- Floating Surface Collector (Measure P)
- None (Measure C / E)

- AWWU Bridge Construction
- Partial Lakeside Trail Improvements
- Physical Habitat Improvements



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FL 5 Modified	262,456	183,064	24,670	54,084	1,634	70%	9%	21%					
FL 6 Modified	262,456	177,836	24,670	59,258	1,797	68%	9%	23%					
FL 7	262,456	172,758	24,670	64,281	1,961	66%	9%	25%					



Channel Maintenance Flow = 500/550/600 cfs - 72 Hr - 3 Years

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



Proposed PME Measures:

Flow Release Measure

- Replacement Dam w/ Fixed Wheel Gate & Ladder (Measure P)
- Existing Dam with Fixed Wheel Gate and Variable Fish Ladder (Measure K)

Upstream Passage

- Naturelike Entrance w/ Variable Exit Ladder (Measure P)
- Variable Exit Fishway (Measure K)

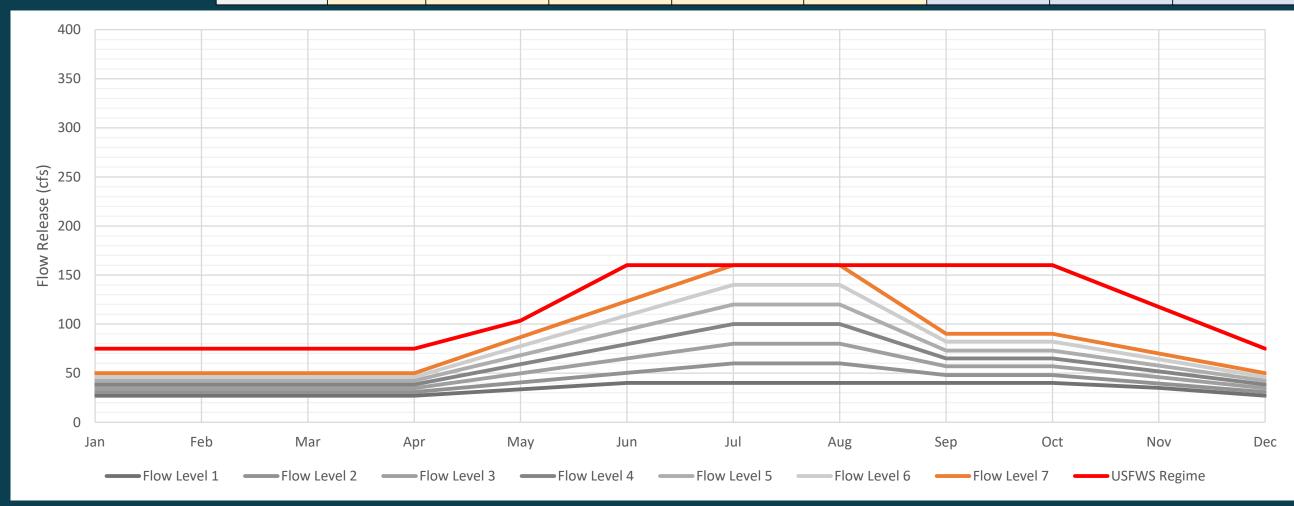
Downstream Passage

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- Spill (April/May/June)

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III USFWS

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FL7 - FSC	262,456	171,191	24,670	64,281	1,961	66%	9%	25%					
FL7 - Spill	262,456	156,269	24,670	79,204	1,961	60%	9%	30%					
Alt 1 - FSC	262,456	149,085	24,670	86,338	1,961	57%	9%	33%					
Alt 1 - Spill	262,456	136,772	24,670	98,651	1,961	53%	9%	38%					



Channel Maintenance Flow = 600 cfs - 72 Hr - Annually

Trout Unlimited

111 Trout Unlimited

Proposed PME Measures:

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Upstream Passage

- Naturelike Entrance w/ Variable Exit Ladder (Measure P)
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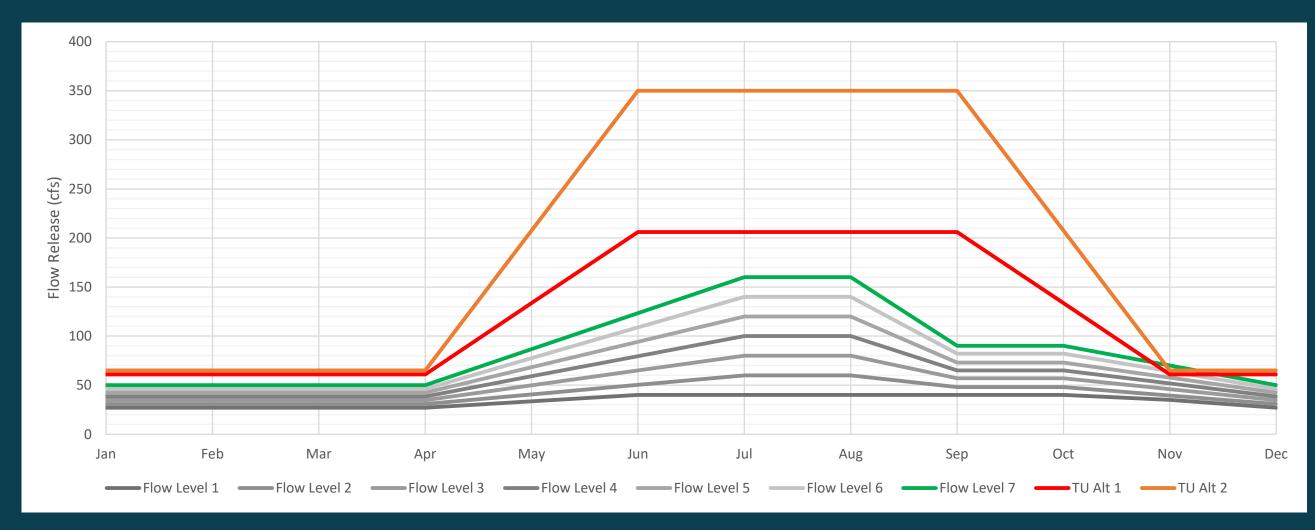
Downstream Passage

Spill (April/May/June)
 *TBD on Timing

- AWWU Bridge Construction
- Partial Lakeside Trail Improvements
- Physical Habitat Improvements



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TU Alt 1	262,456	136,817	24,670	98,307	2,287	53%	9%	38%					
TU Alt 2	262,456	99,282	24,670	135,835	2,287	38%	9%	52%					



Channel Maintenance Flow = 600/700 cfs - 72 Hr - Annually

Hydro Project Owners CEA/MEA/MOA

Hydro Project Owners

Proposed PME Measures:

Flow Release Measure

- AWWU Portal (Measure C)
- AWWU Pipeline (Measure D)

Upstream Passage

None

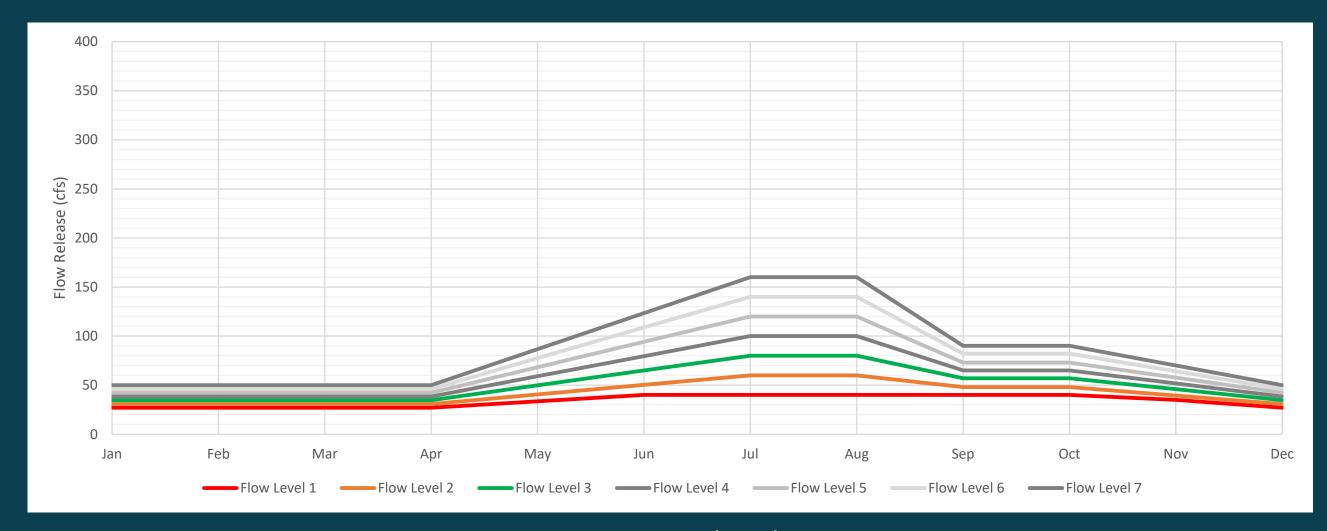
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The Conservation Fund

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Upstream Passage

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Downstream Passage

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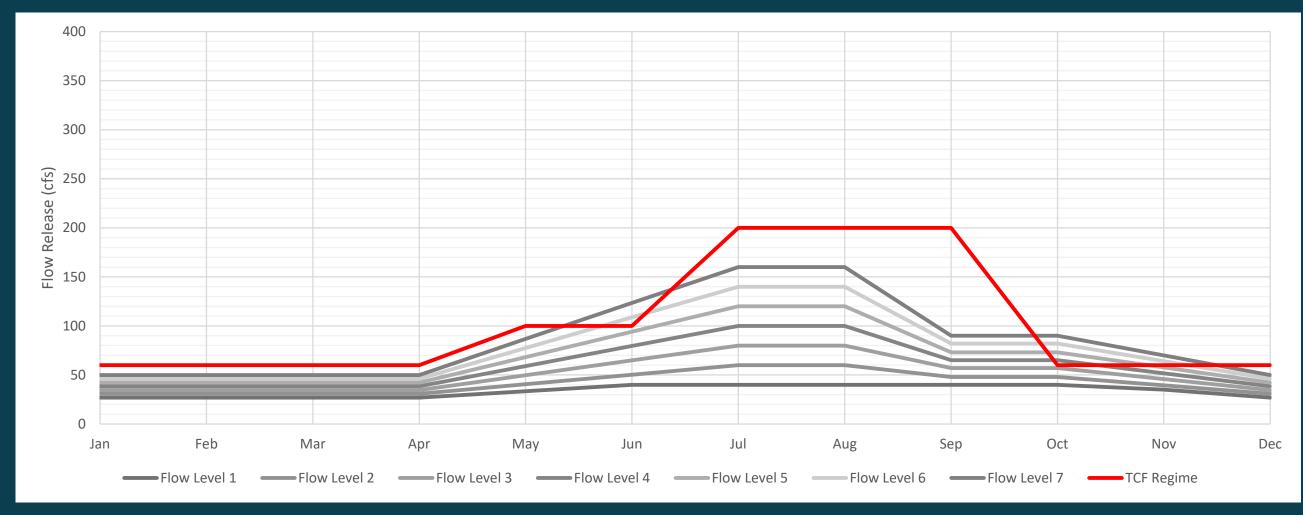
Other Improvements

None*

^{*}Other infrastructural improvement cost should fall outside the scope of this project



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Baseline	262,456	238,444	24,670	0	0	91%	9%	0%						
TCF Alt	262,456	142,850	24,670	91,589	2,975	55%	10%	35%						



Channel Maintenance Flow = 1500 cfs - 24 Hr - Annually

PME Measures Not Considered

- Lach Q'Atnu Re-route
- Siphon Bypass
- Pumped Supply & Slide Fish Ladder
- Gravity Flow Fish Ladder
- Trap and Haul
- Tainter Gate (El. 871)

Geomorphic Considerations

III Geomorphic Considerations

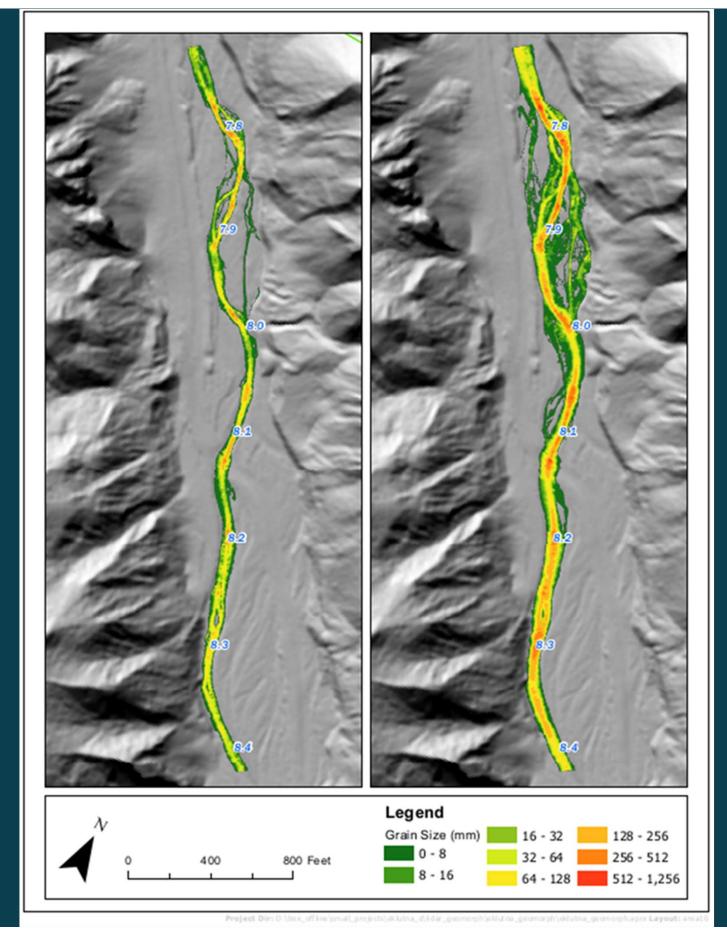
- Effects of flow regime on substrate, channel maintenance
- HEC-RAS 1-D model results (substrate, cross section/profile changes)
 - 35 years
 - Shape of peak flow hydrograph
 (72 hours full peak vs. shaped peak)

 Initial results – can be used to help tweak peak flow proposals

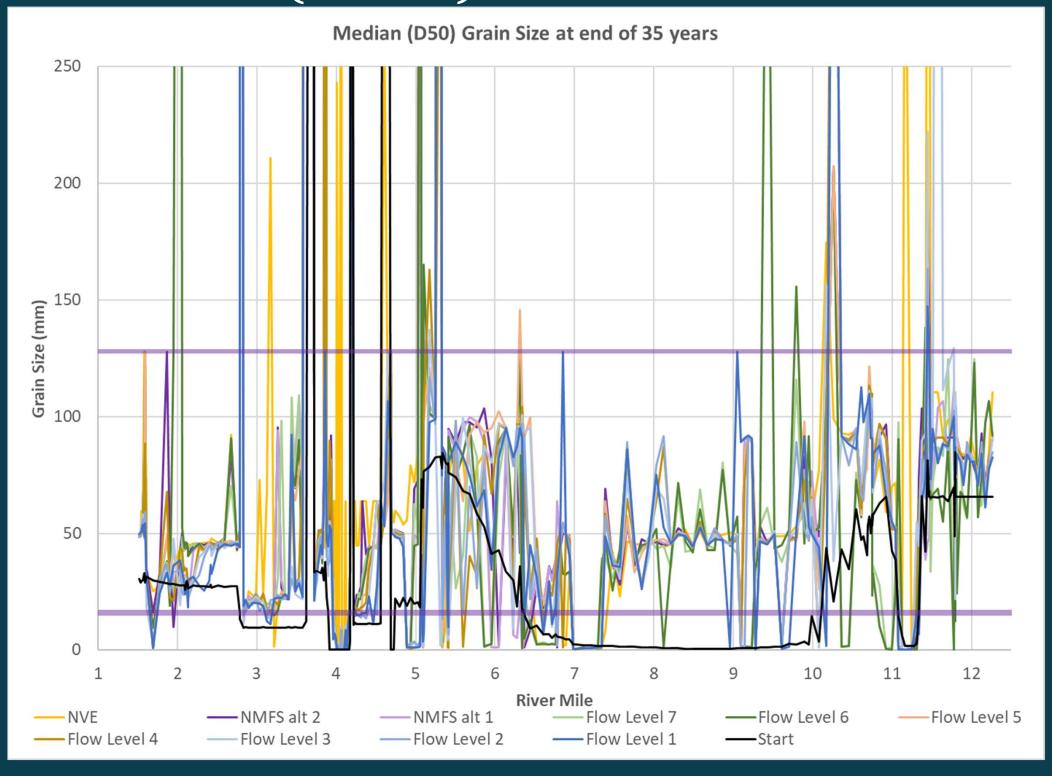


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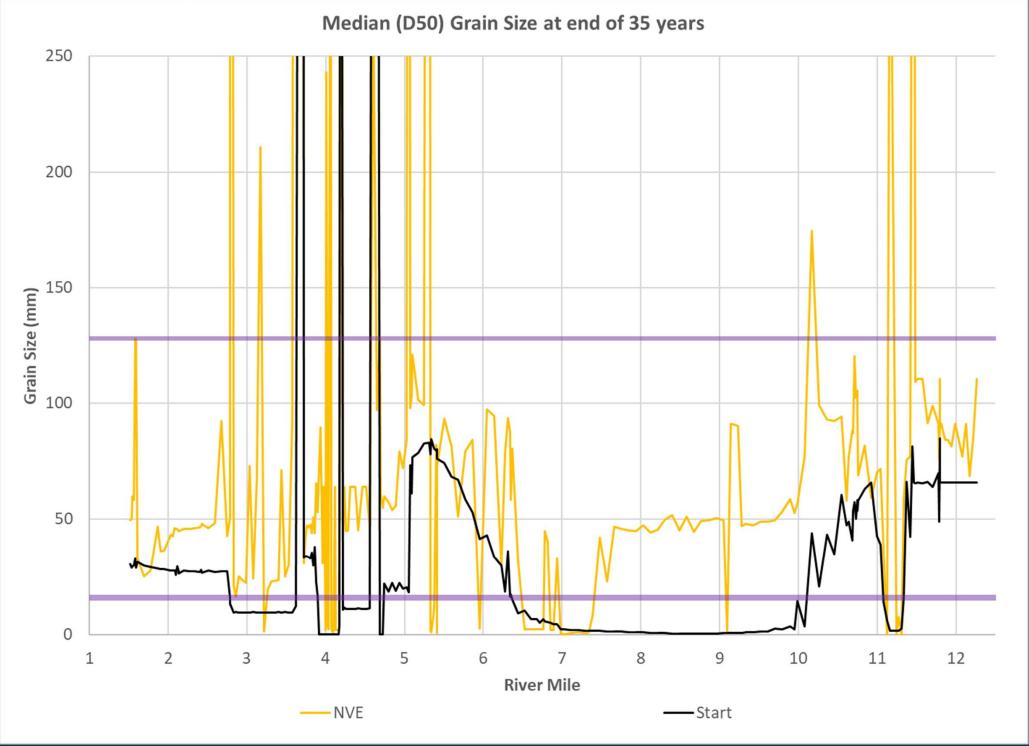
- 2-D model at 4 locations
- Can show more detail of sediment transport capacity across channel area



All Alternatives (so far)

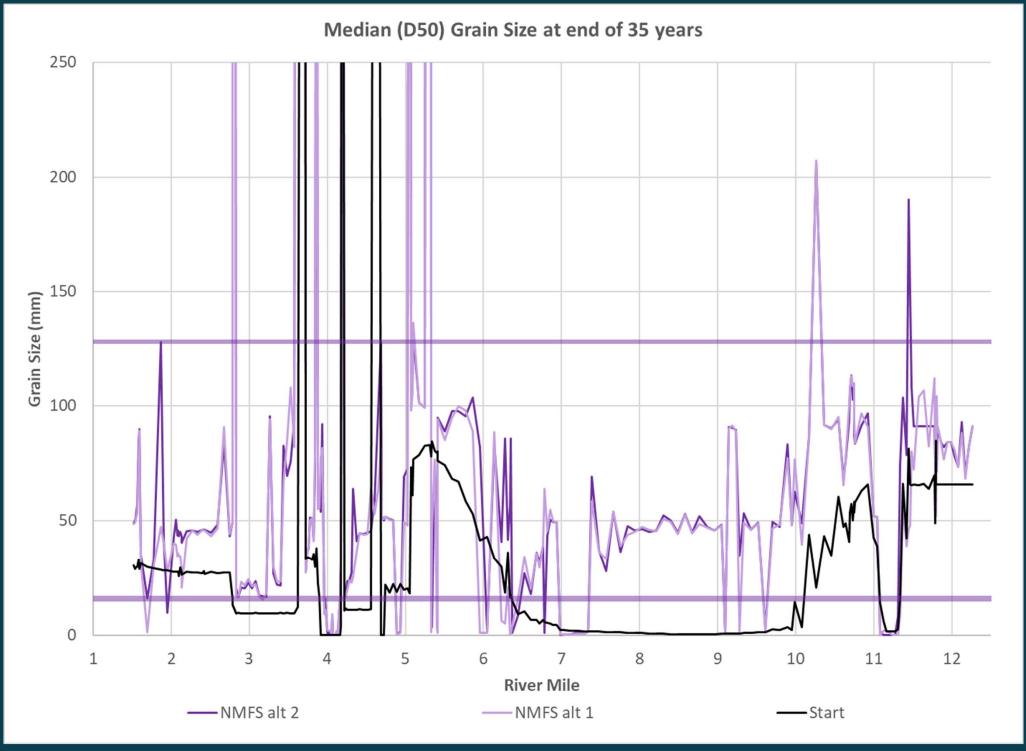


Native Village of Eklutna



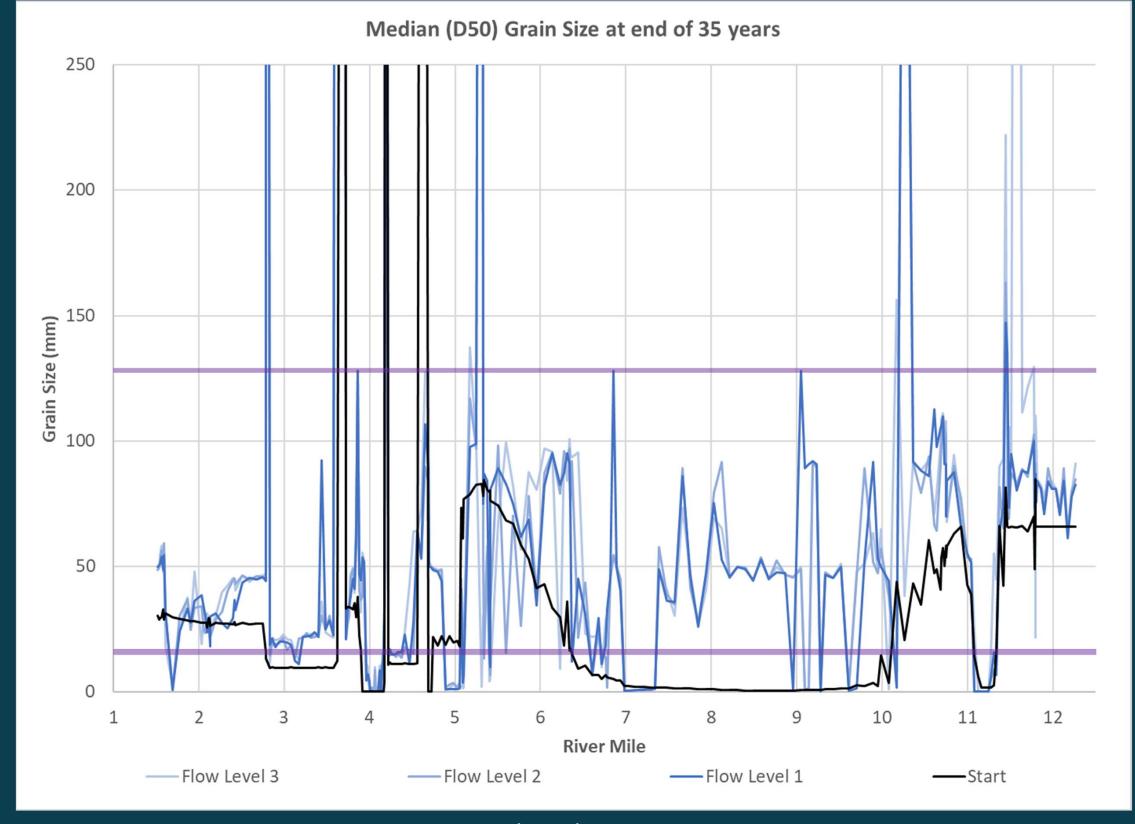
Channel Maintenance Flow = 700 cfs - 72 Hr - Annually

III NMFS



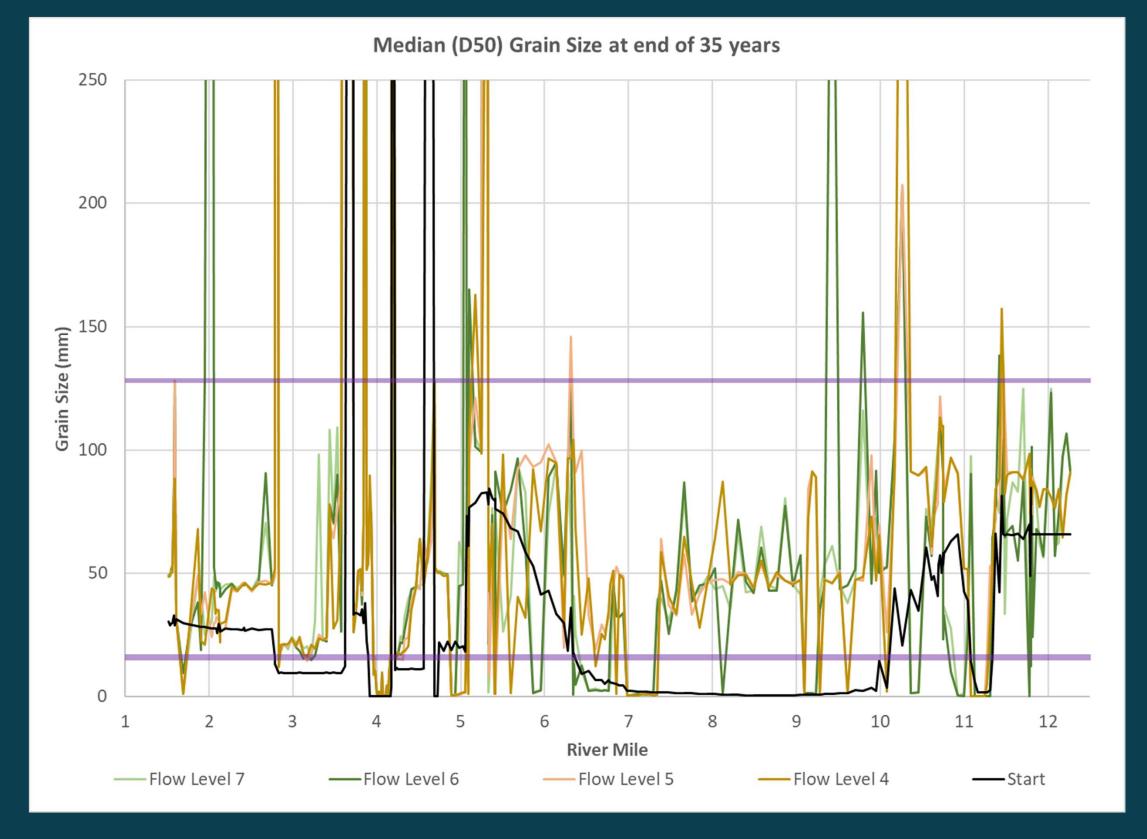
Channel Maintenance Flow = 500/550 - 72 Hr not shaped - every 3 Years

MEA MOA Alts 1-3



Channel Maintenance Flow = 220/325/400 cfs - 72 Hr Shaped - Every 3 Years



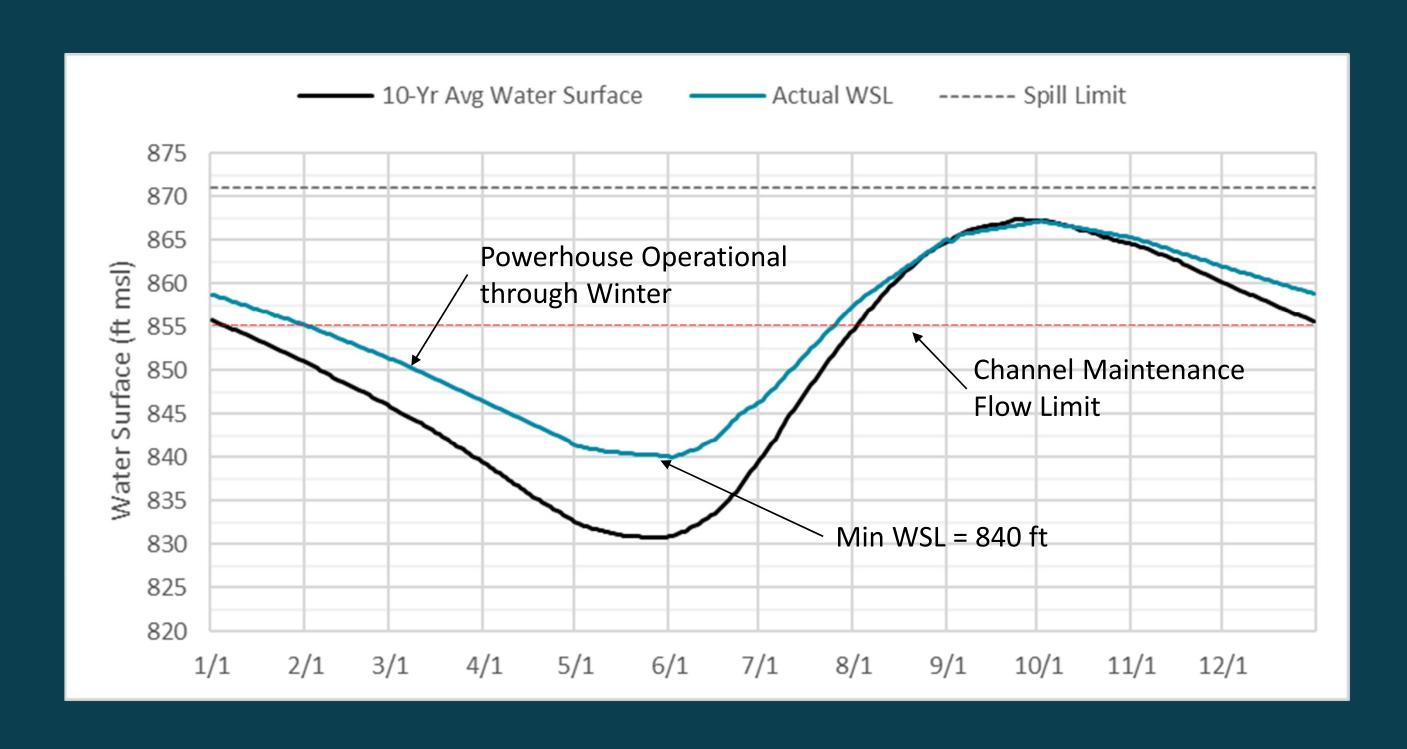


Channel Maintenance Flow = 450/500/550/600 cfs - 72 Hr Shaped - Every 3 Years

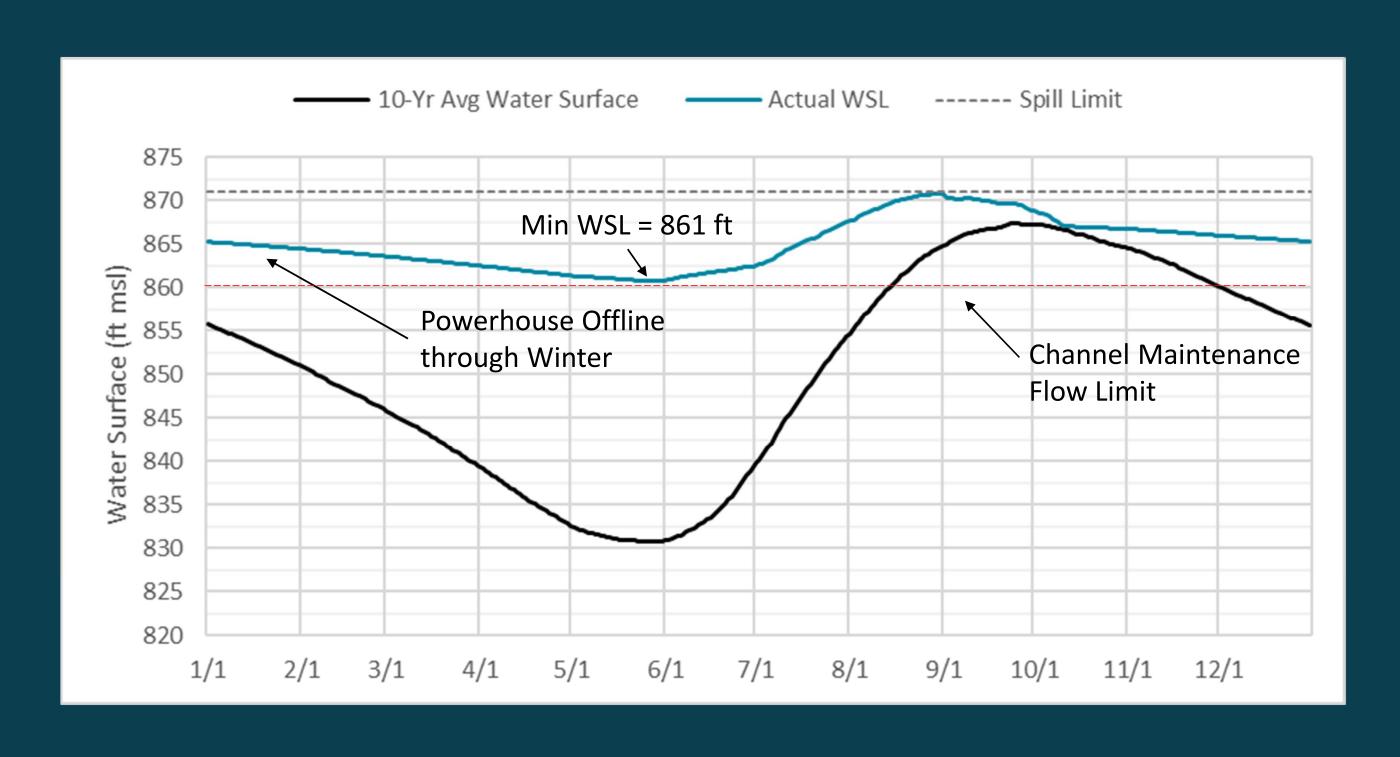
Lunch

Reservoir Operations

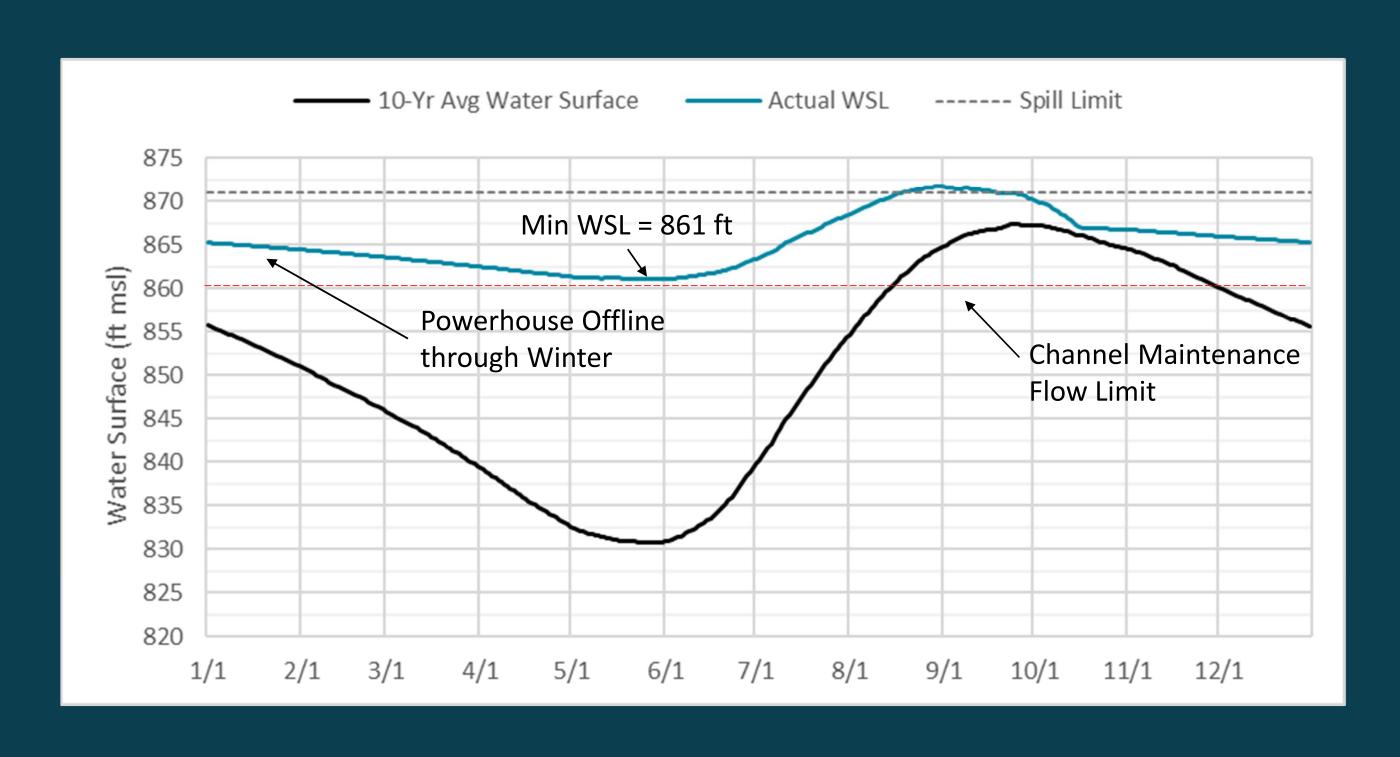
Replacement Dam (Measure P)



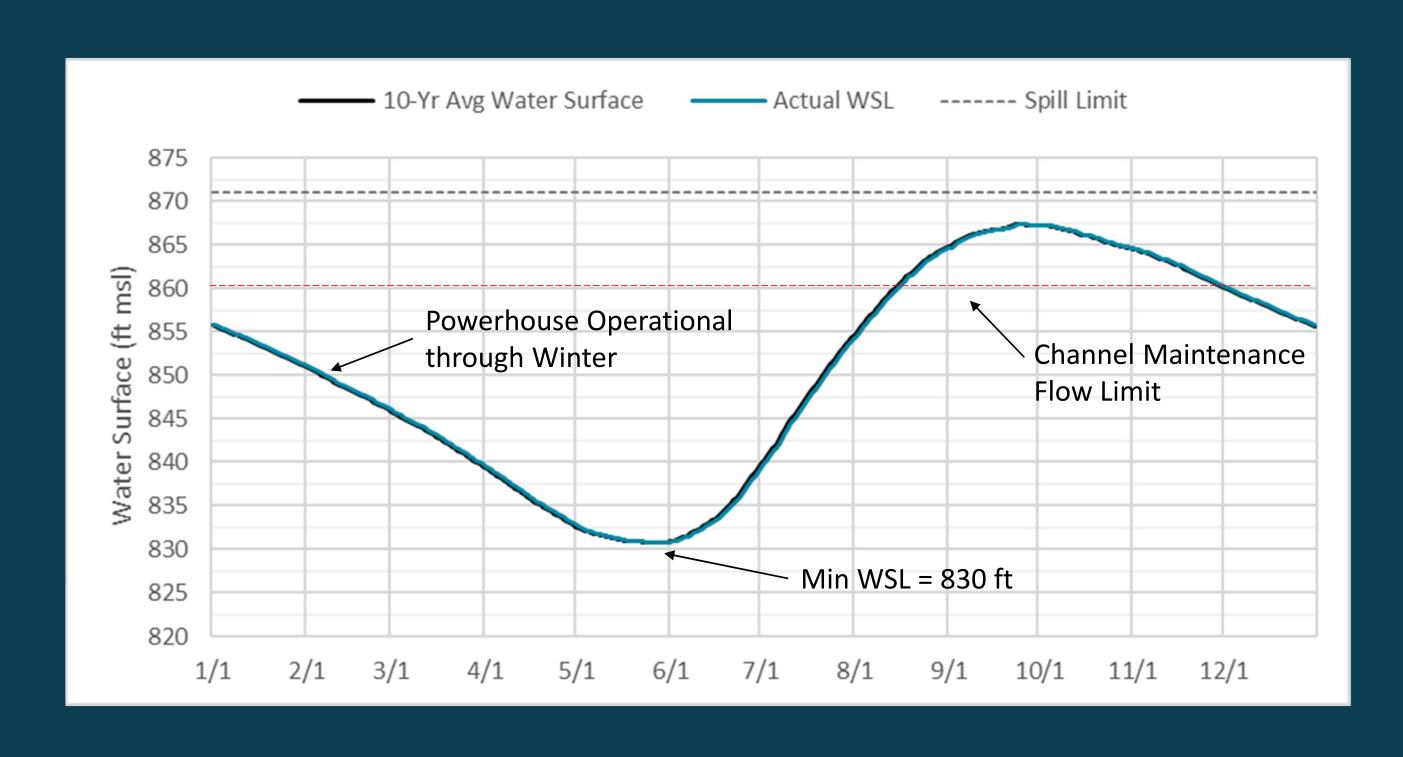
Existing Dam w/ Variable Exit Fishway (Measure K)



Existing Dam Release – No Fish Passage (Measure A)



AWWU Portal/Pipeline & Bypass Tunnel



Cost Effectiveness Inputs

111 Cost Effectiveness

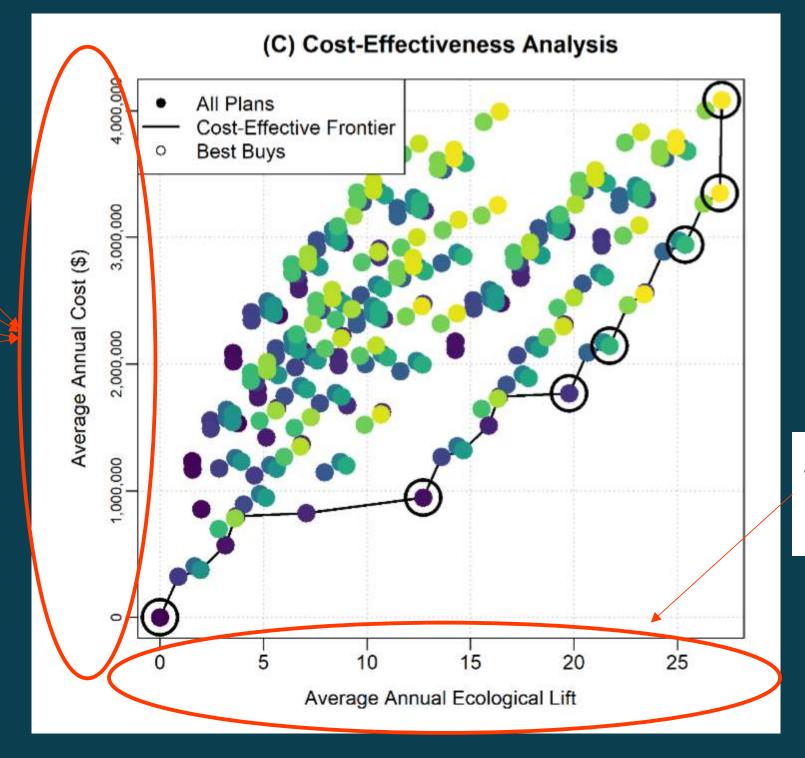
Total CAPEX

Annual O&M

Energy Losses

Carbon Costs

= Average AnnualCosts over 35 Years

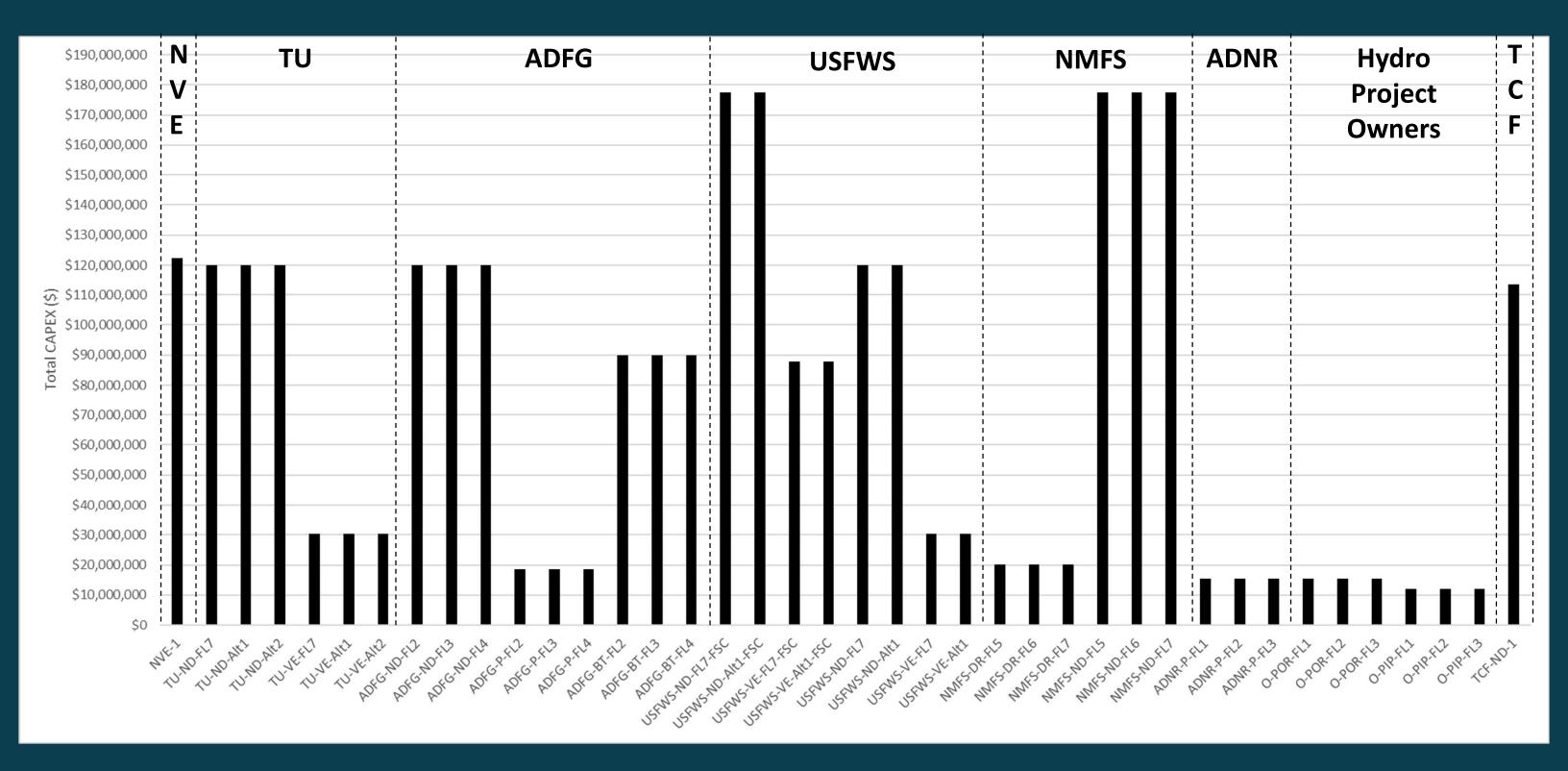


Habitat ImprovementNew Rearing Habitat (Acres)New Spawning Habitat (Acres)

Total CAPEX*

*Excludes costs associated with upgrades at MEA EGS plant for winter shutdown of powerhouse

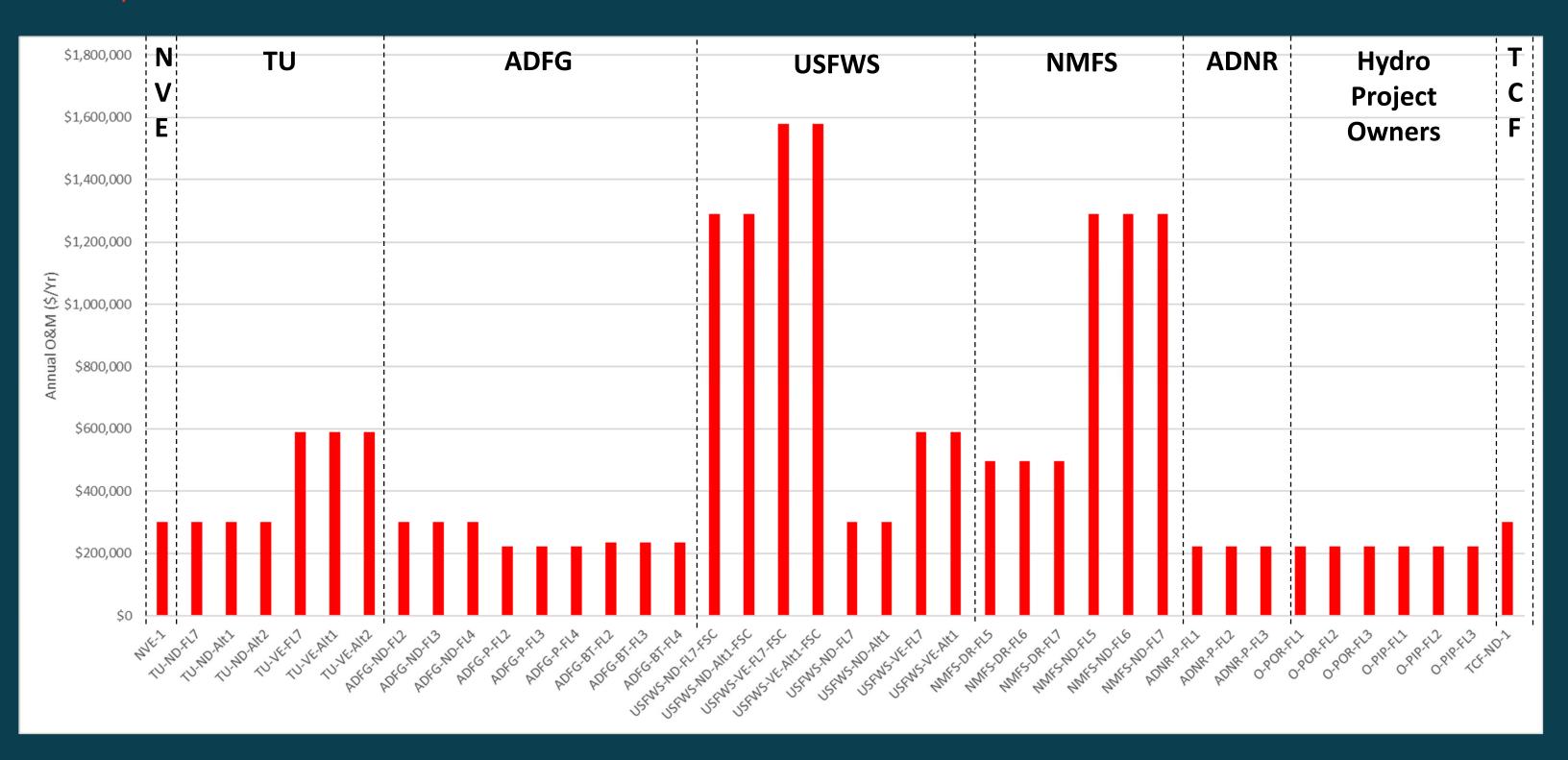
III Total CAPEX



Annual O&M Costs*

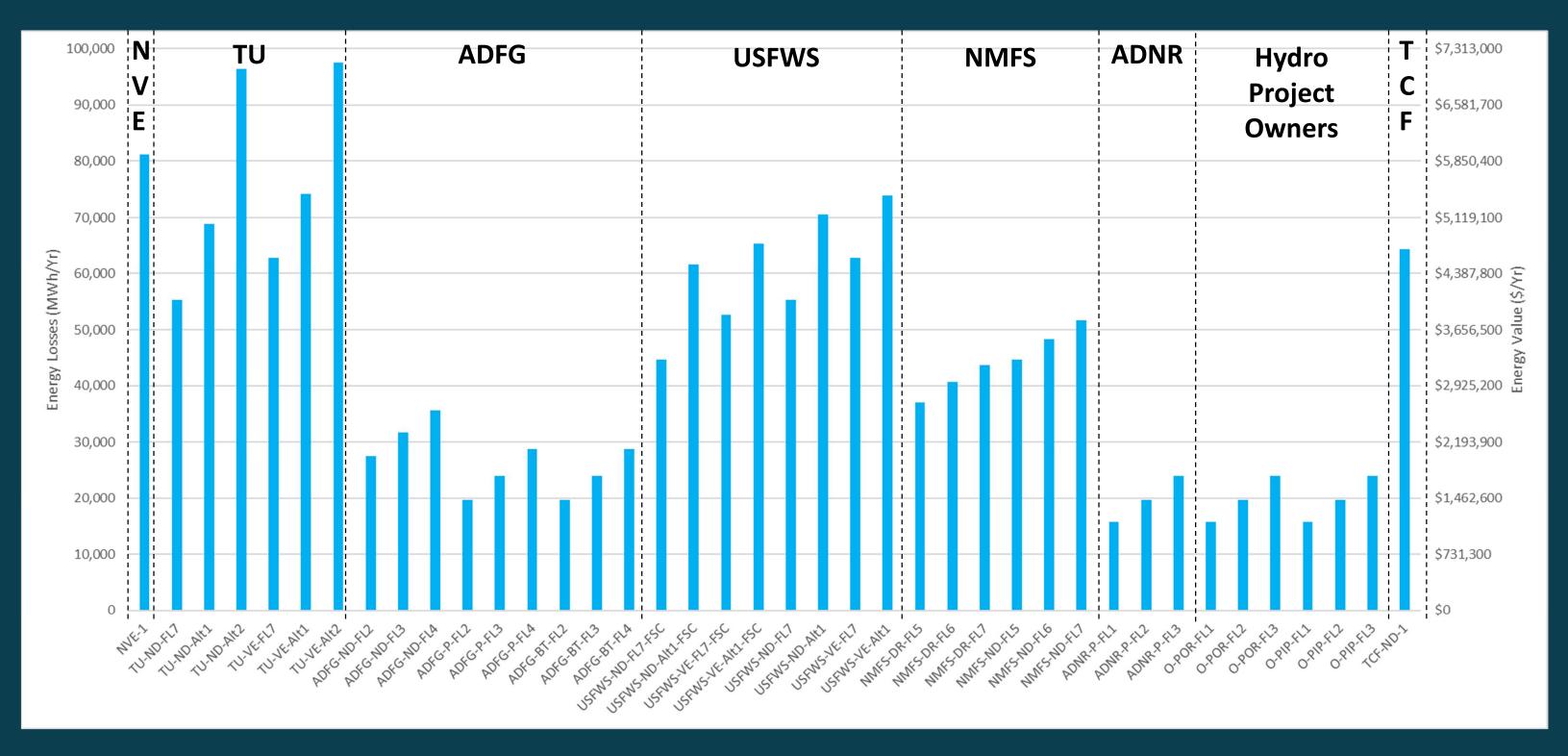
*Excludes costs associated with Adaptive Management

Annual O&M Costs



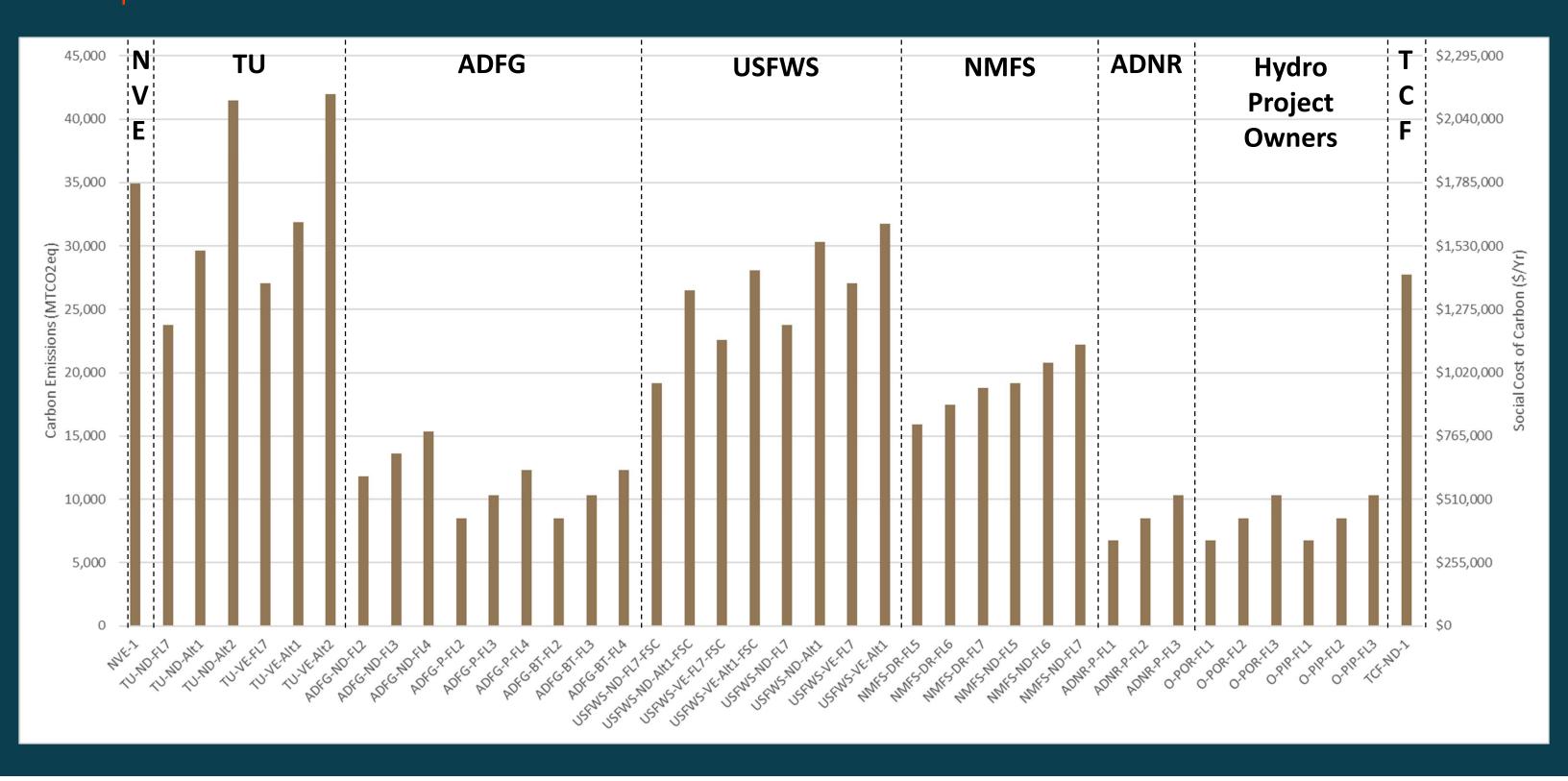
Energy Losses

Energy Losses (MWh/Yr)



Carbon Costs

111 Carbon Emissions



Total Annualized Costs 35-Years

35-Yr Annualized Costs

Input Parameters

- Discount Rate 5%
- Annual Increase in O&M Costs 3%
- Annual Increase in Energy Costs 1%
- Carbon Emissions 0.43 MTCO₂eq/MWh

Utility Pricing

- CEA: \$64.61/MWh
- MEA: \$88.48/MWh

Ratepayer Impacts:

Matanuska Electric:

1.12% Energy Rate Increase /\$1M

Chugach Electric:

1% Energy Rate Increase /\$1M

Municipality of Anchorage:

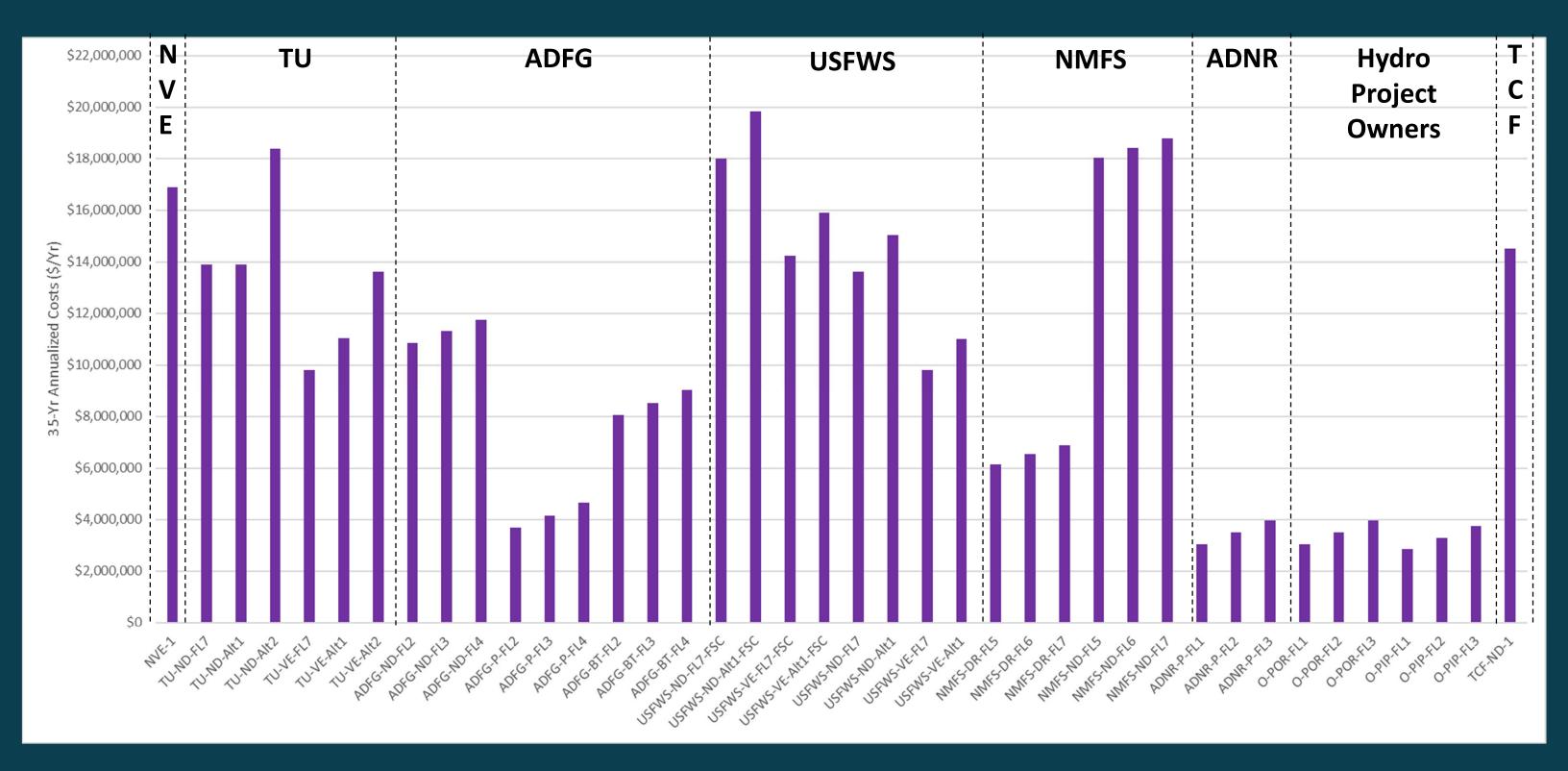
.03 mils / \$1M

(\$3 Increased Property Tax per \$/100k Property Value)

Input Pricing

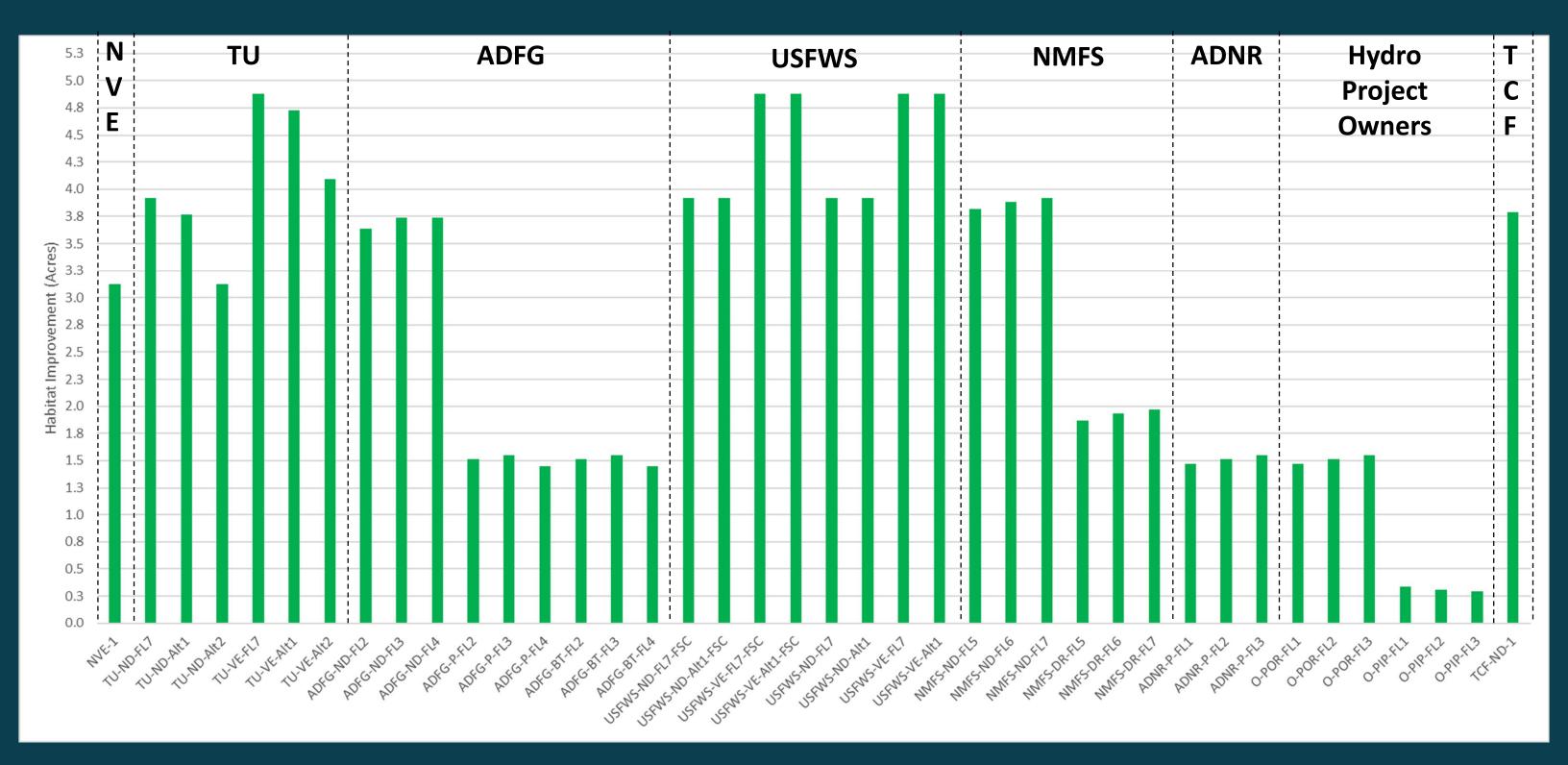
- \$73.13/MWh *Based on 64.29%/35.71% CEA/MEA Split
- \$51/MTCO2eq *Carbon Costs

35-Yr Annualized Costs

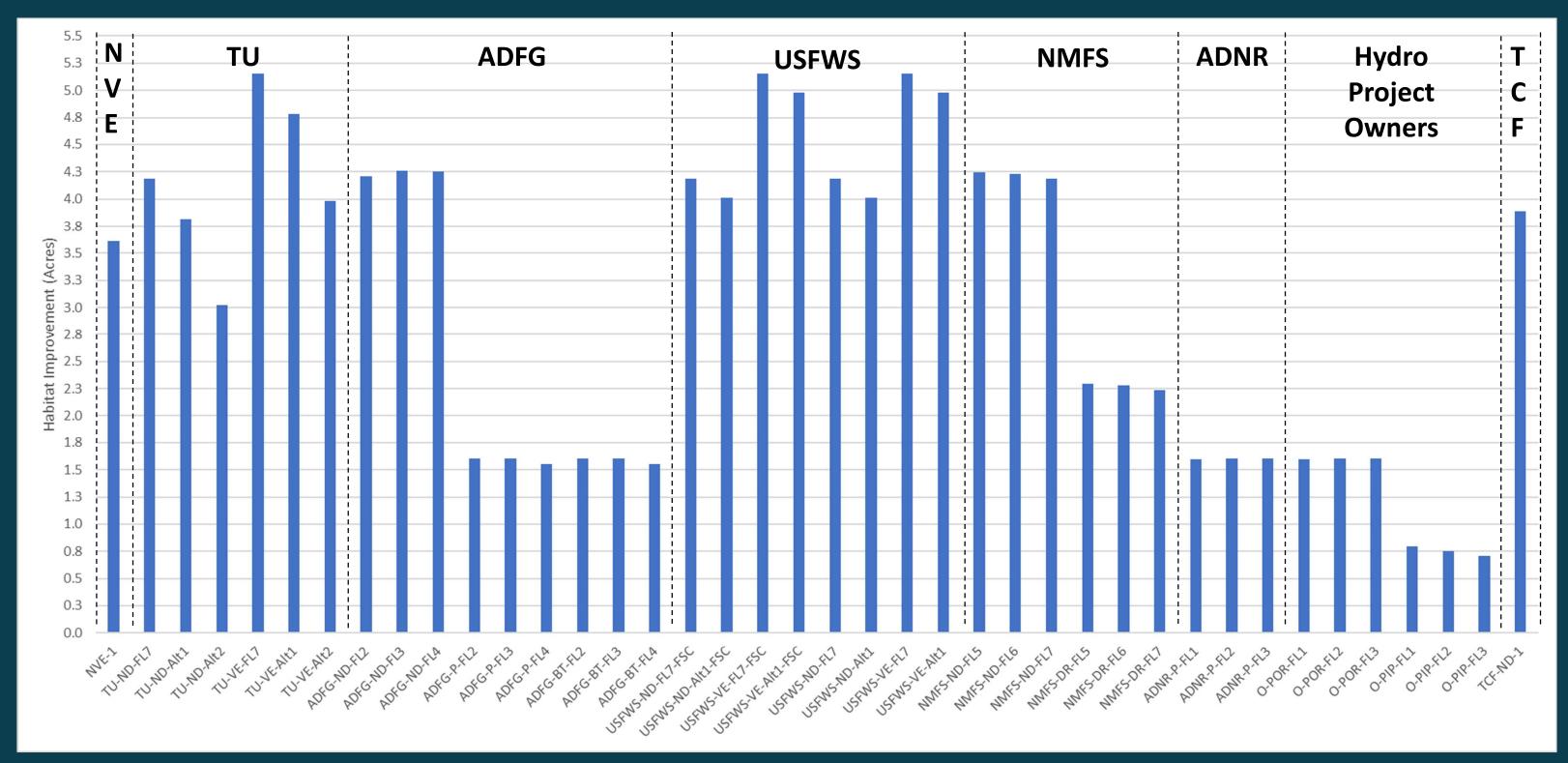


Habitat Improvements

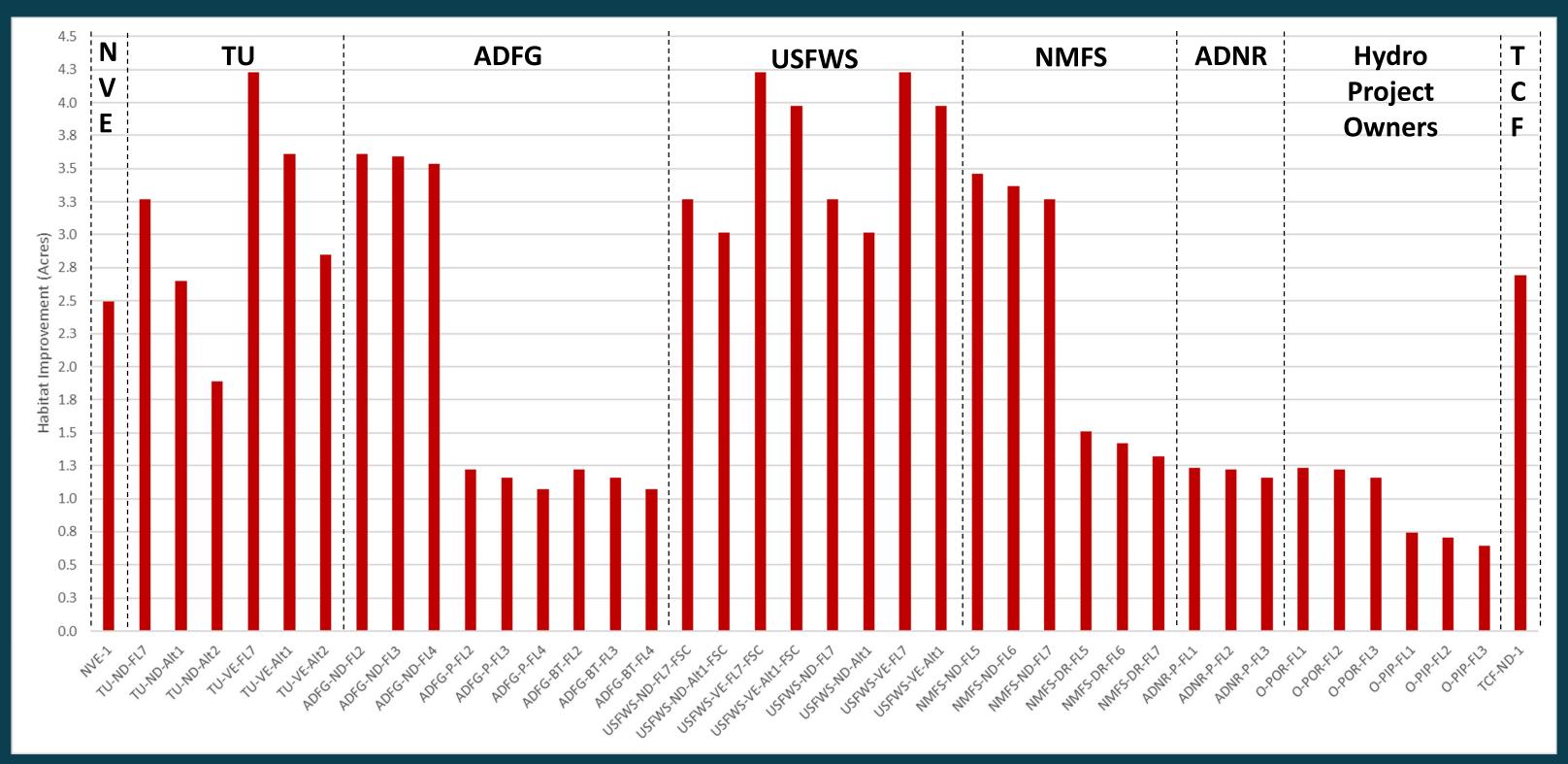
Chinook Spawning Habitat Gains



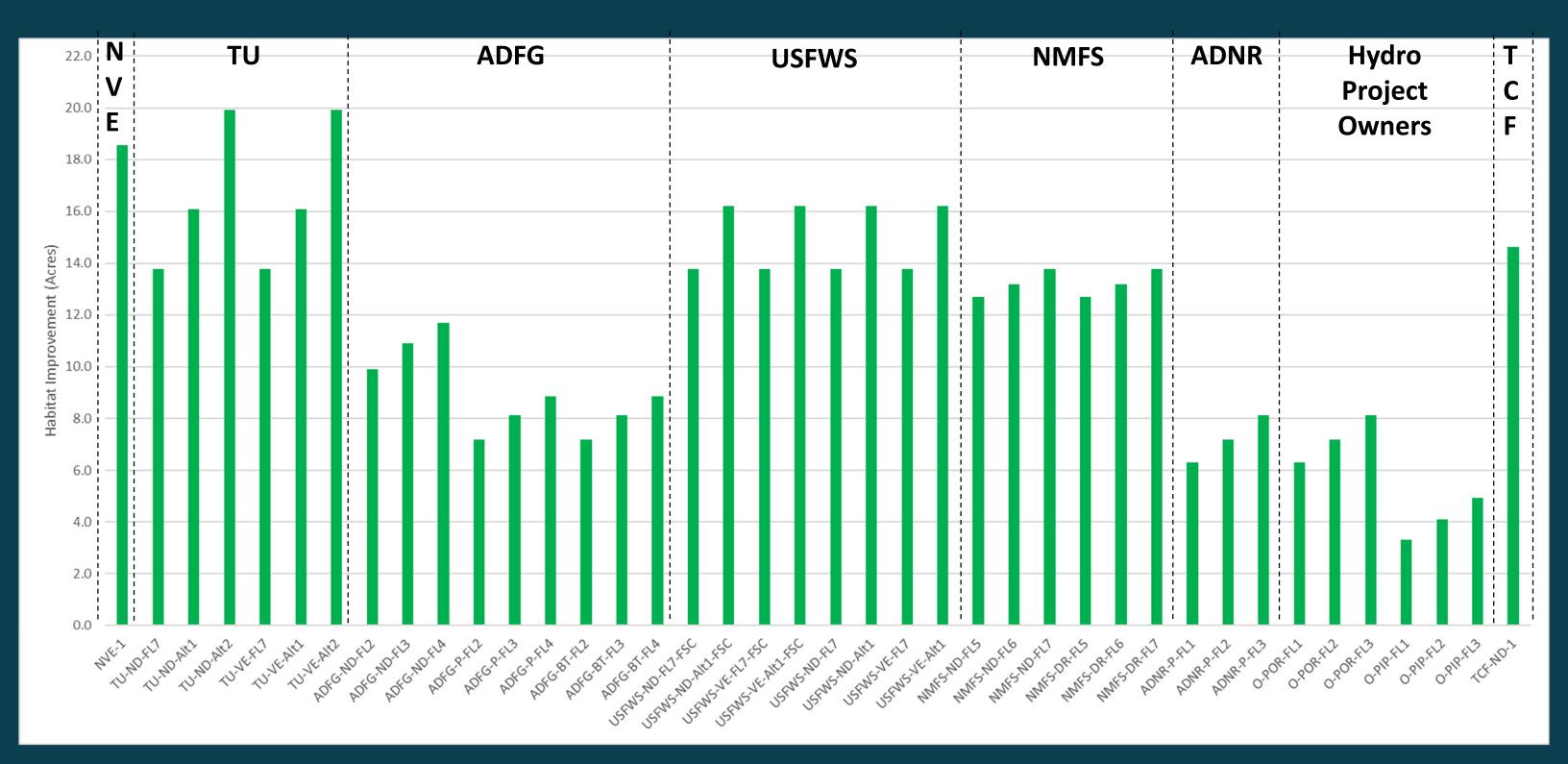
Coho Spawning Habitat Gains



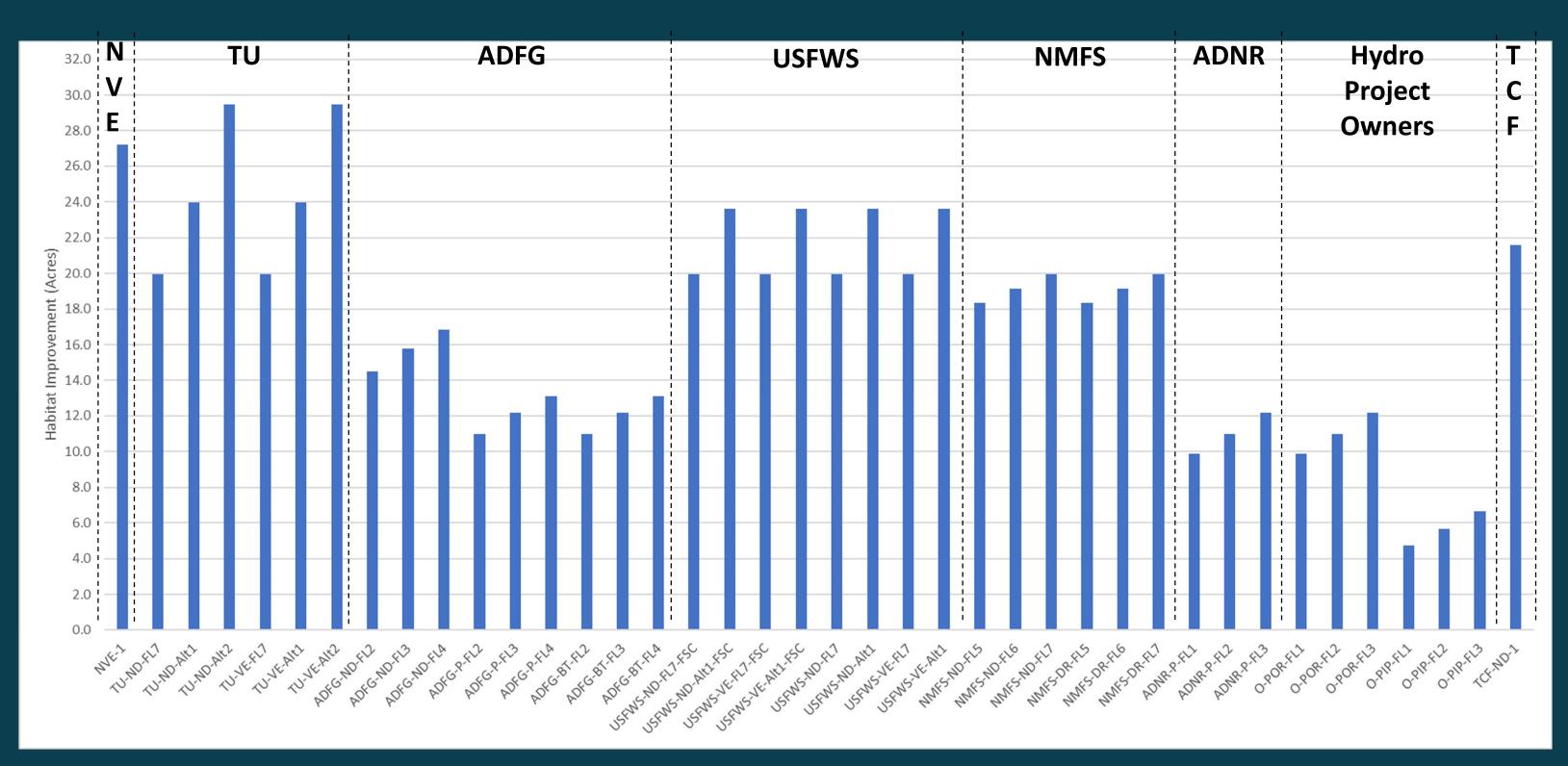
M Sockeye Spawning Habitat Gains



M Chinook Rearing Habitat Gains

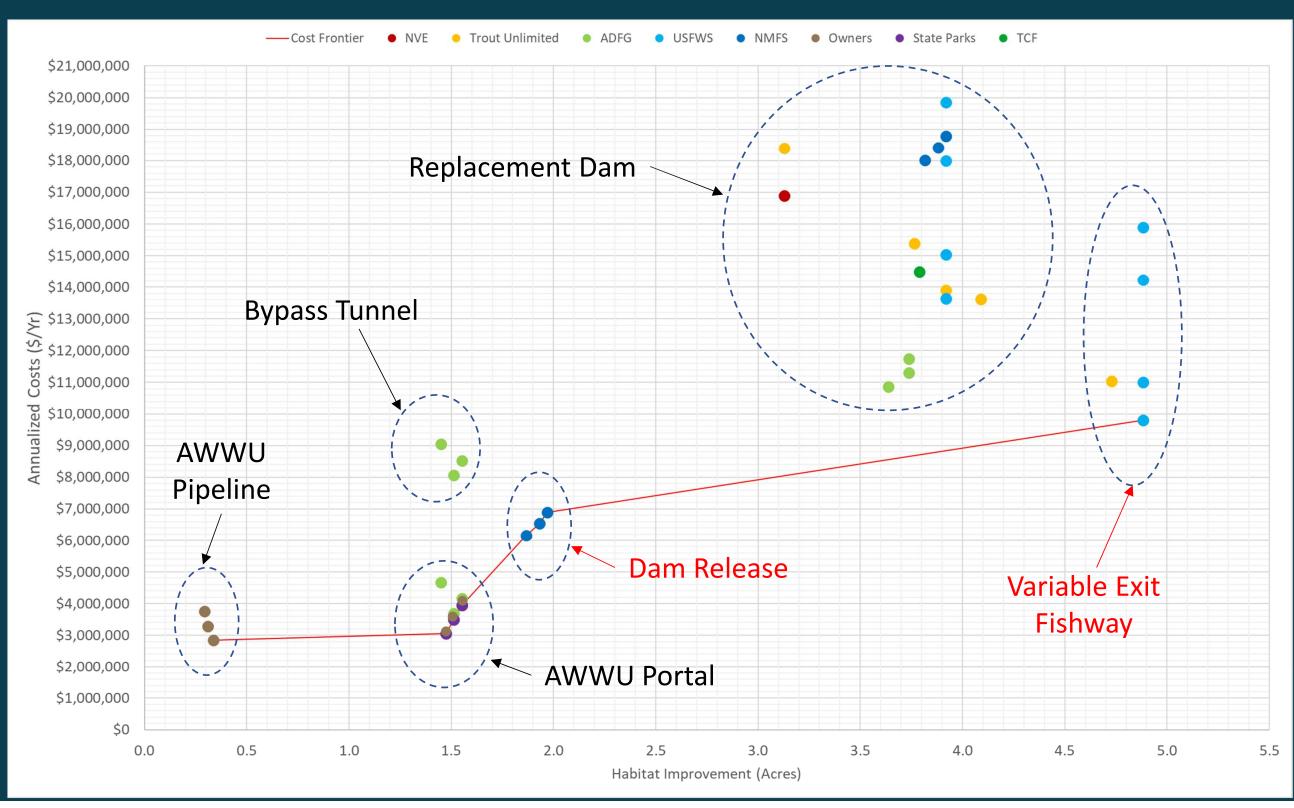


111 Coho Rearing Habitat Gains



Cost Effectiveness Model Results

Cost Effectiveness – Chinook Spawning Habitat



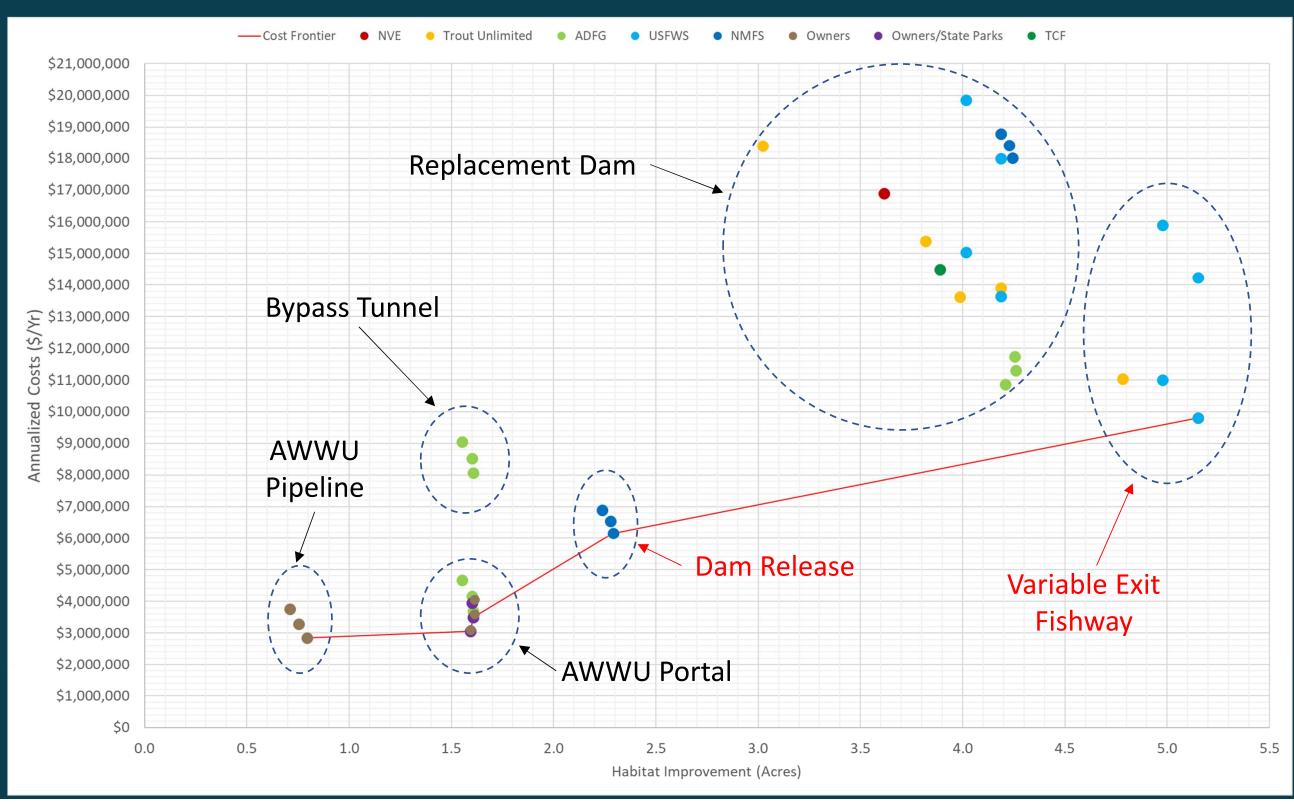
Cost Effectiveness – Chinook Spawning Habitat

Cost Effective Alternatives for Habitat Gains

- AWWU Pipeline Flow Level 1
 - Owner Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$2.9M
 - Habitat Gains 0.3 Acres
 - \$8.5M/Acre
- AWWU Portal Flow Level 1
 - Owner/ADNR Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$3.0M
 - Habitat Gains 1.5 Acres
 - \$2.0M/Acre
- AWWU Portal Flow Level 2
 - Owner/ADNR Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$3.5M
 - Habitat Gains 1.5 Acres
 - \$2.4M/Acre
- AWWU Portal Flow Level 3
 - Owner/ADNR Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$4.0M
 - Habitat Gains 1.6 Acres
 - \$2.6M/Acre

- Dam Release Flow Level 5 Modified
 - NMFS Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$6.1M
 - Habitat Gains 1.9 Acres
 - \$3.2M/Acre
- Dam Release Flow Level 6 Modified
 - NMFS Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$6.6M
 - Habitat Gains 1.9 Acres
 - \$3.4M/Acre
- Dam Release Flow Level 7
 - NMFS Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$6.9M
 - Habitat Gains 2.0 Acres
 - \$3.5M/Acre
- Variable Exit Fishway Flow Level 7
 - Trout Unlimited Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$10.0M
 - Habitat Gains 4.9 Acres
 - \$2.0M/Acre

Cost Effectiveness – Coho Spawning Habitat

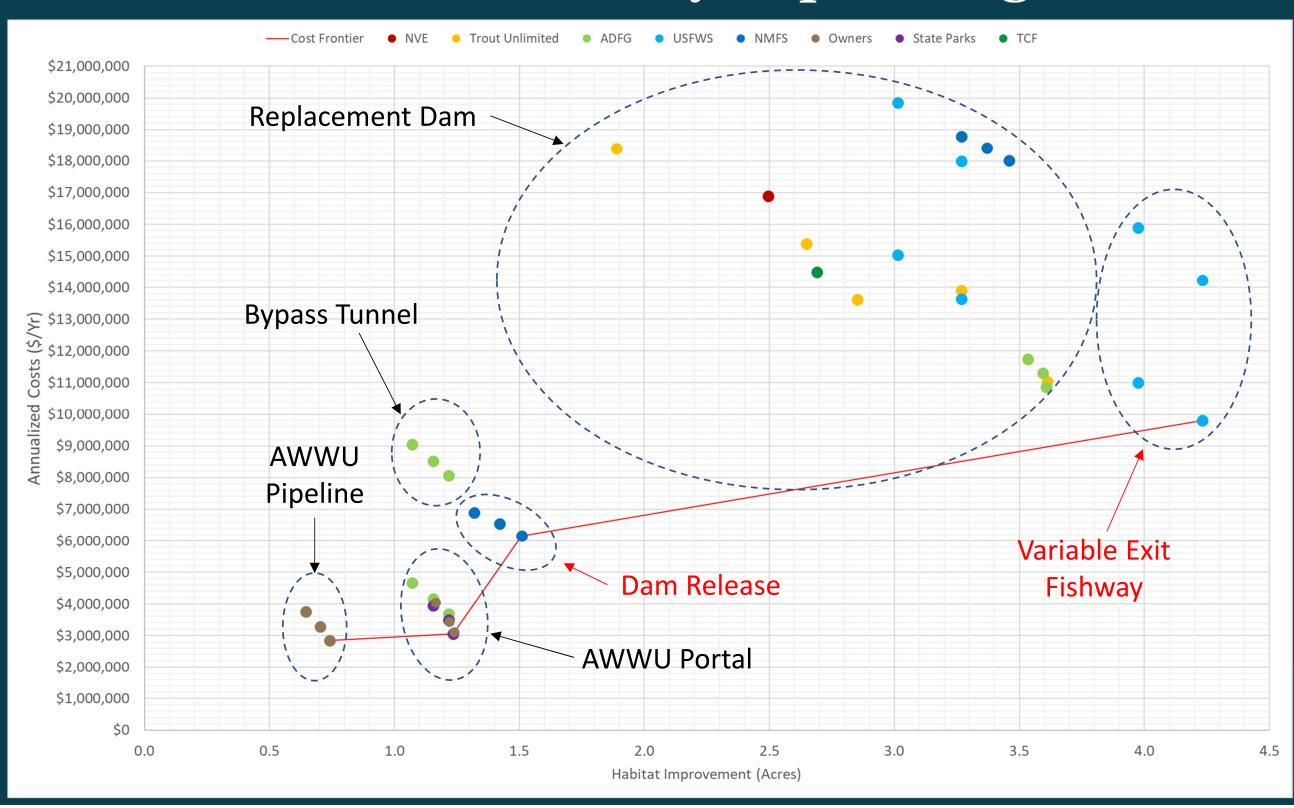


Cost Effectiveness – Coho Spawning Habitat

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- Dam Release Flow Level 5 Modified
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 - \$2.7M/Acre
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Cost Effectiveness – Sockeye Spawning Habitat

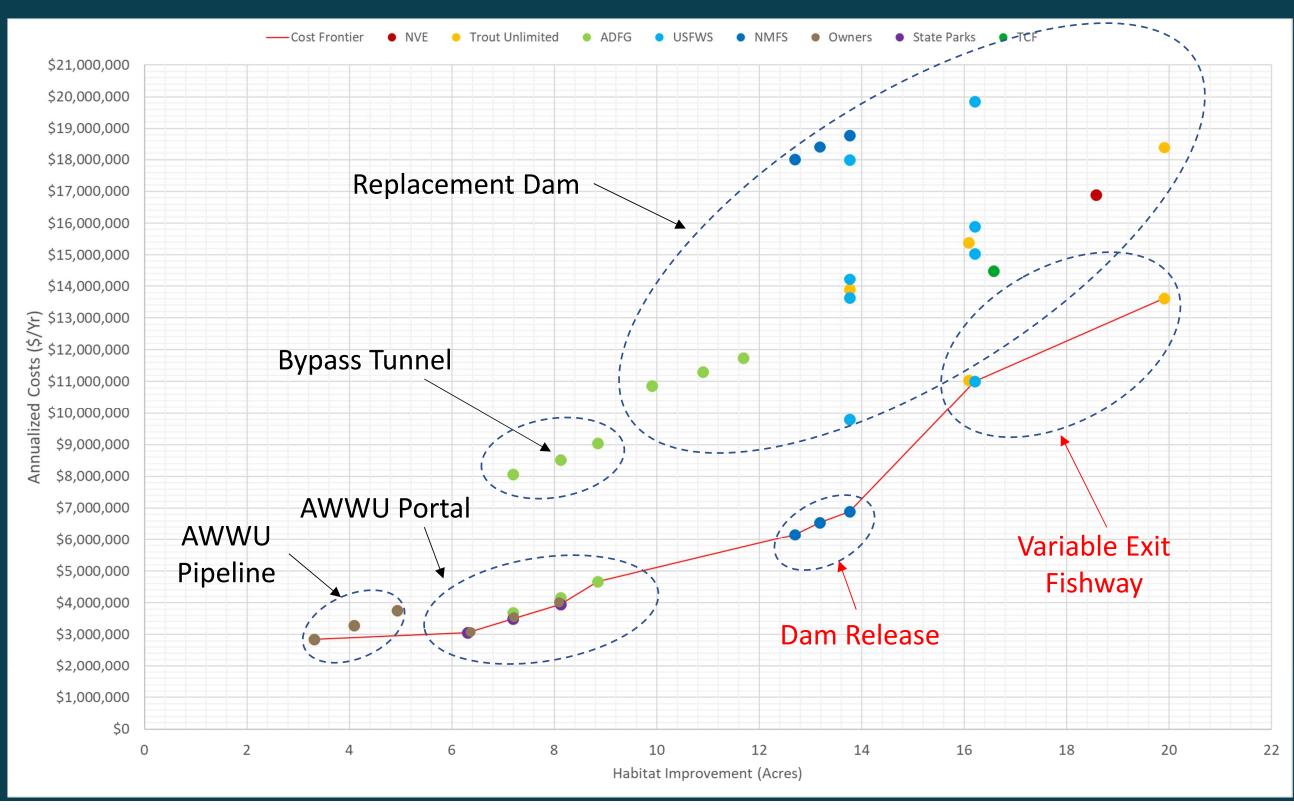


Cost Effectiveness – Sockeye Spawning Habitat

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 - \$4.0M/Acre
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Cost Effectiveness – Chinook Rearing Habitat

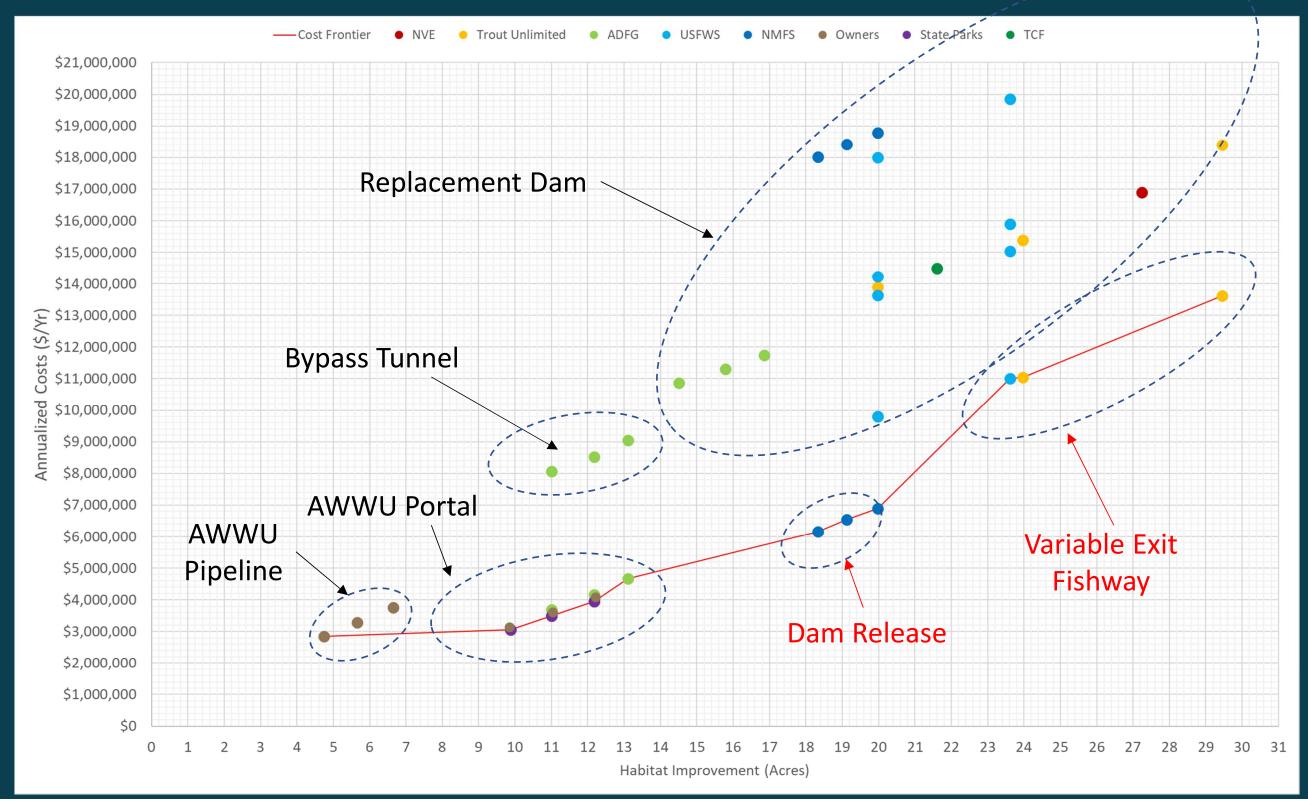


Cost Effectiveness – Chinook Rearing Habitat

- AWWU Pipeline Flow Level 1
 - Owner Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$2.9M
 - Habitat Gains 3.3 Acres
 - \$480k/Acre
- AWWU Portal Flow Level 1 / 2 / 3
 - Owner/ADNR Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$3.0/\$3.5M/\$4.0M
 - Habitat Gains 6.3 / 7.2 / 8.1 Acres
 - \$480k 490k/Acre
- AWWU Portal Flow Level 4
 - ADFG Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$4.7M
 - Habitat Gains 8.8 Acres
 - \$530k/Acre

- Dam Release Flow Level 5 / 6 Modified
 - NMFS Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$6.1M / \$6.6M
 - Habitat Gains 12.7 / 13.2 Acres
 - \$480k \$490k/Acre
- Variable Exit Fishway Alt 1
 - Trout Unlimited Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$11.0M
 - Habitat Gains 16.2 Acres
 - \$680k/Acre
- Variable Exit Fishway Alt 2
 - Trout Unlimited Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$13.6M
 - Habitat Gains 19.9 Acres
 - \$680k/Acre

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- AWWU Pipeline Flow Level 1
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 - Annual Costs \$2.9M
 - Habitat Gains 4.7 Acres
 - \$600k/Acre
- AWWU Portal Flow Level 1 / 2 / 3
 - Owner/ADNR Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$3.0/\$3.5M/\$4.0M
 - Habitat Gains 9.9 / 11.0 / 12.2 Acres
 - \$310k \$320k/Acre
- AWWU Portal Flow Level 4
 - ADFG Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$4.7M
 - Habitat Gains 13.1 Acres
 - \$360k/Acre

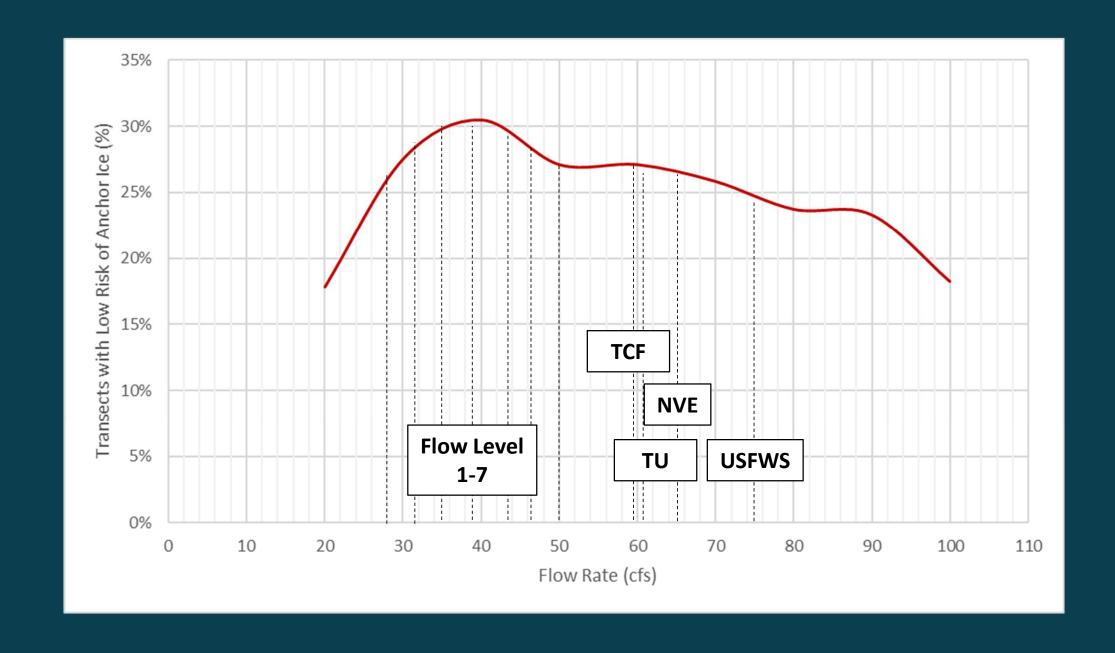
- Dam Release Flow Level 5 / 6 / 7 Modified
 - NMFS Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$6.1M / \$6.6M / \$6.9M
 - Habitat Gains 18.3 / 19.1 / 20.0 Acres
 - \$340k/Acre
- Variable Exit Fishway Alt 1
 - Trout Unlimited Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$11.0M
 - Habitat Gains 24.0 Acres
 - \$460k/Acre
- Variable Exit Fishway Alt 2
 - Trout Unlimited Alternative
 - Annual Costs \$13.6M
 - Habitat Gains 29.5 Acres
 - \$460k/Acre

M Key Takeaways

- Increasing flows beyond Flow Level 7 have negative effects to spawning habitat for Chinook and Coho in Eklutna River
- Replacement dam, bypass tunnel, floating surface collector, and high flow alternatives have significant annualized costs and associated ratepayer impacts
- AWWU pipeline and bypass tunnel alternative are not cost-effective for the habitat gained
- The cost-effective alternatives that provide the most habitat gains for spawning/rearing require winter shutdown of powerhouse

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• Winter flows > 50 cfs may result in increased anchor ice and less surficial ice



M Next Steps

- After Meeting 2 (May)
 - Provide revised alternatives by May 31
 - Present revised results at next meeting on June 14
- Meeting 3 (June)
 - Share and discuss second round of CE/ICA results (narrow down potential alternatives)
 - Reintroduce information matrix (incorporates potential impacts to public water supply, recreation, dam safety, etc.)
- Meeting 4 (July)
 - Share and discuss completed information matrix (narrow down potential alternatives)
 - Discuss appropriate monitoring program and potential adaptive management
- Meeting 5 (August)
 - Continue discussing appropriate monitoring program and potential adaptive management
 - Outline Draft Fish and Wildlife Program

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