GCDAMP Knowledge Assessment: Effects of Experimental & Management Actions

Resource Topic:	Hydropower and energy
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Resource Characteristic	Specific Measure	Management Action	Strength	Direction	Confidence	Rationale: Strength & Direction	Rationale: Confidence	Recommendations
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Spring HFEs ≤ 45,000 cfs in March or April	Moderate	Negative Effect	High	Bypass	Amount of bypass and its cost can be measured	
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Proactive Spring HFEs ≤ 45,000 cfs in April, May, or June	Weak	Negative Effect	High	Bypasses less water	Amount of bypass and its cost can be measured	
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Fall HFEs ≤ 45,000 cfs in October or November	Moderate	Negative Effect	High	Bypass	Amount of bypass and its cost can be measured	
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Fall HFEs > 96-hr duration	Strong	Negative Effect	High	Bypasses more water	Amount of bypass and its cost can be measured	Evaluate whether extended duration HFEs result in larger and longer-lasting sandbars in critical reaches
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Trout management flows	Weak	No Effect	High	Does not affect the amount of electrical generation (no bypass)		
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Macroinvertebrate production flows	Weak	No Effect	High	Does not affect the amount of electrical generation (no bypass)		
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Humpback chub translocation	Weak	No Effect	High	No effect to power production		
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Mechanical removal of rainbow trout from LCR reach	Weak	No Effect	High	No effect to power production		
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Mechanical removal of invasive fish species	Weak	No Effect	High	No effect to power production		
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Larval humpback chub head-start program	Weak	No Effect	High	No effect to power production		
Electric generation (energy production)	MWh generated/year	Riparian vegetation restoration	Weak	No Effect	High	No effect to power production		
Electric generation (energy value)	Market Price/MWh generated/year	Spring HFEs ≤ 45,000 cfs in March or April	Weak	No Effect	High	Bypass, moves water to an off-peak power month	Amount of bypass and costs associated with moving water between months can be measured	
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Electric generation (energy value)	Market Price/MWh generated/year	Trout management flows	Unknown	Unknown	Medium	Depends on how TMFs are designed. Could be done in coincidence to power production or could be deleterious to power production.	Depends on how TMFs are designed.	Design TMFs that are increase power value during the prescribed release.
Electric generation (energy value)	Market Price/MWh generated/year	Macroinvertebrate production flows	Weak	Unknown	Medium	Depends on how experiment is designed. Currently, the design would increase weekday capacity which would increase energy value.	Depends on how Bug Flows are designed.	Design Bug Flows that increase power value during the prescribed release.
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Electric generation (capacity)	Marketable Mw/peak power month (Jul/Aug)	Spring HFEs ≤ 45,000 cfs in March or April	Weak	No Effect	High	Water is not moved from peak power months to cover HFEs		
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Electric generation (capacity)	Marketable Mw/peak power month (Jul/Aug)	Macroinvertebrate production flows	Moderate	Positive Effect	High	Depends on how experiment is designed. Currently, the design would increase weekday capacity.	Depends on how Bug Flows are designed.	Design Bug Flows that increase weekday capacity during the prescribed release.
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