# 2004 Biological Evaluation of the Fish Screens at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District's Sacramento River Pump Station 

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## PROJECT LOCATION

The Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District's (GCID) Sacramento River pumping station is located near Hamilton City approximately 100 miles north of the city of Sacramento on the west side of the main stem Sacramento River and 206 river miles upstream from San Francisco Bay. It is located on an oxbow off the main river channel with fish screens positioned upstream of the pumping plant. A Fish Screen Improvement Project (Project) was recently completed at the site which included (among other features): 1) an extension of the flat-plate screens; 2) upgrading the existing facility; 3 ) an internal fish bypass system to route fish through pipes and back to an oxbow outlet channel a short distance downstream of the new screens; 4) a flow-control weir in the oxbow channel; and 5) reconfiguration of the oxbow outlet channel to route fish back to the Sacramento River. Additionally, a large-scale gradient facility was constructed in 2000 on the main stem Sacramento River near the diversion site to ensure long-term reliability of the fish protective facilities.

## INTRODUCTION

A Fish Protection Evaluation and Monitoring Program (FPEMP) was established prior to completion of the GCID Project. A Guidance Manual was developed for the FPEMP to identify the experimental design, field methods, and equipment necessary to evaluate the biological performance of the new fish screen structure and gradient facility (Montgomery Watson et al. 2000). The cooperating agencies developed and agreed to its contents at the GCID Technical Oversight Committee (TOC) Meeting No. 4 on January 30, 2001. The Guidance Manual outlined studies to evaluate overall fish survival at the fish screens, assess fish passage at the gradient facility, and determine relative abundance and distribution of predatory fish at the gradient site and nearby areas. Specifically, field tests were identified, using live fish, to provide empirical data in determining the effectiveness of the fish screen improvements. Biological field testing at the site is performed under a range of riverine and pumping conditions to ensure the Project provides sufficient protection for fish under future, naturally occurring conditions. The field tests are designed to determine if maximal survival of fish and optimal fish passage conditions are achieved.

As described in the FPEMP, a critical design flow condition was determined during project development: 7,000 cfs in the river upstream of the oxbow and 3,000 cfs pumping flows which produces the greatest flow through the screens at the lowest associated water level resulting in the highest approach velocities and lowest sweeping velocities. Other flows are also of concern since they could produce different sweeping and approach velocity patterns. The screen is tested according to the FPEMP at four combinations of river and pumping flows (Table 1) with the internal fish screen bypasses opened and closed. The main factors affecting juvenile fish at the screen are the approach and sweeping velocities, bypass position, and potential predation throughout the facility. Because of the screen design and subsequent testing, entrainment is no longer considered a source of fish mortality.

| Table 1. Range of river flows and pumping flows (cfs) identified in the FPEMP |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Guidance Manual for the GCID Fish Screen Improvement Project. River flow location |  |  |
| is upstream of the GCID intake channel (i.e., Sacramento River gauge at Highway 32 |  |  |
| plus the GCID pump flow). | Pump Flow (cfs) | River Flow (cfs) |
| Test Condition |  | $500-1,000$ |
| 15,000 |  |  |
| No. 1 Low Pump - High River | $>2,600$ | $7,000-9,000$ |
| No. 2 High Pump - Low River (Design Case) | $1,800-2,600$ | $10,000-13,000$ |
| No. 3 Normal Pump - Normal River | $500-1,000$ | $<9,000$ |
| No. 4 Low Pump - Low River |  |  |

Initial testing of fish survival at the screens was conducted during 2002 and 2003 and reported in Vogel (2003, 2005). This report describes the results of the biological evaluation of the new screens conducted during 2004. Initial results for 2004 were previously reported and discussed at TOC meetings.

## METHODS

## Mark/Recapture Experiments

The biological tests of fish mark/recapture to estimate overall fish survival were performed by releasing a known number of differently marked fish ${ }^{1}$ at locations in the GCID intake and outlet channel, then recapturing portions of all groups in a large fyke net recapture structure and two rotary screw traps in the lower oxbow outlet channel. The numbers of fish used for each experiment were determined from testing conducted during 2001 and 2002. Based on initial testing of fish screen survival conducted during 2002, the TOC decided to add an additional, separate group of fish to be released just downstream from the flow-control weir for each experiment performed during 2003 and 2004. The weir group was added to compare with test group results. It was assumed that the fish released immediately downstream of the weir could not swim upstream past the weir because of high water velocities.

Because pumping and river flow conditions could not be accurately predicted in advance of fish testing, experiments were performed by scheduling two daytime and two nighttime mark/recapture tests each week during spring and summer of 2004 to encompass the range of pumping and river flow conditions available. The number of experiments conducted each week was largely a function of allowing sufficient time for marked fish to move through the system and the number of different marks available to avoid compromising subsequent experiments.

Fish handling protocols are described in the FPEMP Guidance Manual (Montgomery Watson et al. 2000). All Chinook salmon used for individual test, weir, and control groups were identified through use of a photonic marking device. This equipment employs high pressure injection of a

[^0]fluorescent material into specific locations on the fins of the fish (e.g., caudal fin). Different color marks at different fin placements allowed discrimination between test, weir, and control groups of fish.

Test (experimental) groups of fish were released a short distance upstream of the screens and control groups of fish were released downstream of the flow control structure and upstream of the fyke net recapture structure. The additional group of fish was released immediately downstream of the flow-control weir (Figures 1 and 2). The specific locations of the recapture structure and control fish release site were moved slightly upstream of that originally contemplated in the FPEMP Guidance Manual as described in Vogel (2003). During each experiment, control, weir, and test groups of fish were released in sequence from downstream to upstream to minimize disturbance of downstream fish movements. Control fish were released from a boat, weir fish were released from a catwalk suspended over the weir, and test fish were released from buckets gently lowered into the water off the upstream end of the fish screen structure.


Figure 1. Location of three fish release sites: test group, weir group, control group and the recapture location for the three groups of fish in the GCID oxbow channel. Water flow is from lower left to top of picture. The GCID pump station is shown on the far right.


Figure 2. Release locations of the weir and control fish groups and the recapture site in the GCID oxbow channel. Water flow is from left to top of picture. Sacramento River is shown on top of picture and flow is left to right. The GCID pump station is shown on the bottom.

Test, weir, and control groups of fish were recaptured in an $18-\mathrm{ft}$. wide by $10-\mathrm{ft}$. deep by $60-\mathrm{ft}$. long fyke net at the lower end of the oxbow outlet channel. In 2003 and 2004, two additional 8ft . diameter rotary screw traps were added to the site to increase the numbers of fish recaptured for each experiment and to reduce sampling variability observed during the 2002 testing program (Figures 3 and 4). All recaptured fish were examined for marks and portions of each mark group had fork lengths recorded. The numbers of unmarked salmonids ${ }^{2}$ (e.g., wild salmon or unmarked

[^1]hatchery fish) and other fish species captured were also recorded and the data were provided to the California Department of Fish and Game. The estimated survival of test groups of fish was made by comparing the proportion of test fish recovered with the proportion of control fish recovered:
(Number of test fish recaptured/number of test fish released)
Est. Survival (\%) = 100 x
(Number of control fish recaptured/number of control fish released)


Figure 3. Plan-view schematic of the fyke net apparatus and two rotary screw traps used to recapture test, control, and weir groups of fish in the oxbow outlet channel.

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Figure 4. Fyke net and two rotary screw traps used to recapture test, control, and weir groups of marked fish during the 2003 and 2004 biological evaluations at GCID. Prior to release of fish, the $60-\mathrm{ft}$. long fyke net was lowered in the channel current by crane into the H-pile slots. Recaptured fish were accumulated in the floating live box attached to the end of the fyke net and rotary screw trap live boxes, and then examined for marks to identify initial release location.

During late September and early October 2004, after fish screen survival experiments ended, tests of fyke nets placed over the three fish bypass outfalls were conducted to determine the effectiveness of capturing fish exiting the internal fish screen bypass system. The tests sufficiently assessed the equipment and techniques for the TOC in order to recommend and begin evaluating fish utilization of the internal bypasses during 2005. That element of the FPEMP will be addressed during 2005 and is not covered in this report.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Seventy-three mark/recapture tests were conducted from May 6 to September 14, 2004. Results are shown in Figure 5. Juvenile fall-run Chinook salmon from Feather River Hatchery were used for the experiments conducted from May 6 to July 1, 2004 and juvenile late-fall Chinook salmon from Coleman National Fish Hatchery were used for the experiments conducted from July 6 to September 14, 2004. Of those tests, 38 were performed during daytime and 35 during nighttime; 39 tests were performed when the internal fish screen bypasses were closed and 34

[^3]tests when the bypasses were open. Although overall fish recapture efficiency was relatively high for both test and control groups of fish, some variability between tests was evident.


Figure 5. Comparison of the proportion of test fish recaptured with the proportion of control fish recaptured for each of 73 tests conducted during 2004. Labels on the X -axis (in sequence) refer to: experiment number, $\mathrm{D}=$ day and $\mathrm{N}=$ night.

Based on protocols developed by the TOC, only those tests resulting in greater than or equal to $50 \%$ recapture efficiencies were used to compute fish survival. In most instances, recapture efficiencies less than $50 \%$ were attributed to factors such as recapture gear problems (e.g., torn net) or weather conditions causing premature curtailment of the experiments (e.g., lightning). Therefore, 63 of the 73 experiments were used to compare the proportion of test fish recaptured to the proportion of control fish recaptured. Those results are shown in Figure 6 and Appendix A. Among these experiments, 30 tests were performed during daytime and 33 tests during nighttime; 33 tests were conducted with the bypasses closed and 30 tests with the bypasses opened.


Figure 6. Comparison of the proportion of test fish recaptured with the proportion of control fish recaptured for each of 63 tests where recapture efficiencies were greater than $50 \%$ in 2004. Labels on the X-axis (in sequence) refer to: experiment number, $\mathrm{D}=$ day and $\mathrm{N}=$ night, FPEMP test matrix number (based on pump flow) (see Table 1, page 2), followed by bypass setting ( $\mathrm{O}=$ open, $\mathrm{C}=$ closed ).

Figure 7 shows the timing of the 63 experiments in comparison to riverine and pumping flow conditions experienced during 2004. The fish screen survival experiments were delayed until early May to avoid potential conflicts with large fish production releases from Coleman National Fish Hatchery during mid- and late-April.

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Figure 7. Range of river and pumping flow conditions during each of the mark/recapture experiments during 2004. Vertical lines show date of experiments. Some dates designated by a vertical line had a day and night experiment in the same 24 -hour period. Labels on top of the graph represent FPEMP test matrix number (based on pump flow) (see Table 1, page 2) and bypass setting ( $\mathrm{O}=$ open, $\mathrm{C}=$ closed). Sacramento River flow location is upstream of the GCID intake channel.

Fish survival estimates for the 63 experiments are provided in Table 2. There were only four instances where resulting survival rates exceeding $100 \%$ were estimated (i.e., the proportion of treatment fish recaptured was higher than the proportion of control fish recaptured). As suggested by the GCID TOC, data were combined in two ways to estimate overall proportion of test versus control groups of fish recaptured: 1) assuming greater than $100 \%$ test versus control group recapture actually represents $100 \%$, and 2 ) use of the actual proportions, even if the values were greater than $100 \%$. Those values and the range in values for both calculation methods are provided in Table 2. The differences between overall averaged survival estimates between the two methods were minor (1\%).

Table 2. Comparison of the average proportion of test fish recaptured with the average proportion of control fish captured ${ }^{1}$ (all tests weighted equally) and range in results. Nonparenthetical values are computed assuming tests with $>100 \%$ equaled $100 \%$ whereas values in parentheses are computed using actual proportions for those tests $\mathbf{> 1 0 0 \%}$

|  | Bypasses Open | Bypasses Closed | Overall |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Day | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Number of tests = } 14 \\ 78 \%(79 \%) \\ 60 \%-100 \%(60 \%-114 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \hline \text { Number of tests }=16 \\ 75 \% \\ 61 \%-100 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Number of tests = } 30 \\ 76 \%(77 \%) \\ 60 \%-100 \%(60 \%-114 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Night | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Number of tests }=16 \\ 84 \% \\ 68 \%-97 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of tests = } 17 \\ 85 \%(86 \%) \\ \text { 58\%-100\% (58\%-105\%) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of tests = } 33 \\ 85 \% \text { (86 \%) } \\ \text { 58\%-100\% (58\%-105\%) } \end{gathered}$ |
| Overall | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of tests = } 30 \\ 81 \%(81 \%) \\ 60 \%-100 \%(60 \%-114 \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of tests = } 33 \\ \mathbf{8 0 \%} \text { (81\%) } \\ 58 \%-100 \%(58 \%-105 \%) \\ \hline \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of tests = } 63 \\ 81 \%(81 \%) \\ 58 \%-100 \%(58 \%-114 \%) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

(Number of test fish recaptured/number of test fish released)
${ }^{1}$ Est. Survival (\%) = 100 x
(Number of control fish recaptured/number of control fish released)

As compared to test results obtained during 2002, the installation of the two rotary screw traps used simultaneously with the large fyke trap greatly increased sampling efficiencies in 2003 and 2004 and significantly reduced variability between tests. This phenomenon is not readily apparent when examining the individual recapture rates at each trap shown in Figures 8 and 9 because the vast majority of test, weir, and control fish were recaptured in the fyke net. It is hypothesized that the presence of the two rotary screen traps near the channel edges may serve to guide fish toward the center of the channel making the fish more susceptible to the fyke net. This would suggest some gear avoidance of the two rotary screw traps. It was also evident that the rotary screw traps were slightly more effective at capturing fish at night compared to day that may be attributable to either less gear avoidance or different fish distribution in the channel at night compared to day. Regardless of the reasons for the high recapture rates, it is evident that use of the three fish traps in tandem should continue for future fish screen survival experiments.


Figure 8. Proportion of daytime test, weir, and control groups of fish recaptured in the fyke net and right and left bank rotary screw traps.


Figure 9. Proportion of nighttime test, weir, and control groups of fish recaptured in the fyke net and right and left bank rotary screw traps.

Figures 10 and 11 show comparisons between the average fork lengths of test and control fish, upon release and at recapture, for daytime and nighttime experiments during 2004. With the exception of some small differences in several daytime control fish recaptures in June and July, differences were minor or not evident in most instances, indicating that there were no sizeselective differences for within-experiment results.



Figure 10. Comparisons between the average fork lengths of control and test fish at release and at recapture for daytime experiments.

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Figure 11. Comparisons between the average fork lengths of control and test fish at release and at recapture for nighttime experiments.

As noted during 2003 experiments (Vogel 2005), striped bass predation on test fish released just upstream of the fish screens was observed during mid- to late-summer. It was hypothesized that the routine release of test fish four times a week may have caused a buildup of predatory fish at the release site resulting from a conditioned feeding response. Although this assumption is speculative, it is plausible based on experiments during 2003 and fish releases conducted elsewhere (e.g., fish experiments at Red Bluff Diversion Dam and fish salvage releases in the Delta). In 2004, the test fish were not released from a boat (as was done in 2003) under the assumption that it would reduce potential predatory fish conditioned feeding response. This potentially significant issue remains unresolved.

Figure 12 provides a comparison of fish survival estimates based on the variables of fish size, day/night tests, and bypasses open and closed. Figure 13 provides a comparison of fish survival estimates based on the variables of date, day/night tests, and bypasses open/closed. During 2004, fish size was auto-correlated with date because of increase in growth. As mentioned above, it appears that late-season tests occurred with a buildup of predatory fish at or near the release site which could have accounted for the reduced survival rates later in the testing season thereby masking the potential effects of diel and fish size variables.


Figure 12. Fish survival estimates for 63 experiments conducted during 2004. Comparisons are based on fish size, day/night, and fish screen bypasses open/closed.


Figure 13. Fish survival estimates for 63 experiments conducted during 2004. Comparisons are based on day/night, fish screen bypasses open/closed, and date of experiments.

In 2004, there were minimal differences in fish survival when comparing fish bypasses open or closed. However, when comparing day versus night fish releases, the nighttime releases generally showed higher survival rates. This latter phenomenon may be attributable to lower predation at night compared to day.

## Weir Release Groups

As stated in the Methods section, an additional group of differently marked fish was released immediately downstream of the flow-control weir during each experiment in 2004. The intent was to determine potential differences in estimated survival rates of fish released upstream of the fish screens. There was also the concern that a small portion of fish released upstream of the screens could swim in an upstream direction out of the intake channel and not be subject to recapture as compared to control fish released in the oxbow outlet channel. Although this latter possibility cannot be directly tested, it was assumed that releasing an additional group of fish immediately downstream of the weir may provide additional data and insights into fish behavior and potential fish mortality. Figure 14 shows the results. As previously noted for test and control groups, recapture efficiencies of less than $50 \%$ were usually attributed to recapture gear problems (e.g., torn net), or weather conditions causing premature curtailment of the experiments.


Figure 14. Comparison of the proportion of weir fish recaptured with the proportion of control fish recaptured for each of 73 tests conducted during 2004. Labels on the X -axis (in sequence) refer to: experiment number, $\mathrm{D}=$ day and $\mathrm{N}=$ night.

There were 69 experiments where greater than $50 \%$ recapture efficiencies could be used to estimate survival rates for fish released just downstream of the weir (Figure 15). The estimated survival of weir groups of fish were computed in a similar manner as previously described for test groups of fish released upstream of the fish screens. Those results are provided in Table 3. A direct comparison of survival for fish released upstream of the screens and at the weir was made by determining the differences in recapture rates within each experiment where the recapture rate for each group was more than $50 \%$. Of those 63 experiments meeting that criterion, the results suggest that there is an incremental source of fish mortality between the test, weir, and control fish release sites (Table 4). Those results indicate that slightly less than onethird of the fish mortality may occur between upstream of the fish screens and the flow-control weir with two-thirds of the mortality occurring between the weir and the lower oxbow. In 2003, slightly more than one-half of the mortality was estimated between upstream of the fish screens and the weir (Vogel 2005). In both years, predatory fish were observed just downstream of the weir where the concrete structure flares out into the oxbow outlet channel.


Figure 15. Comparison of the proportion of weir fish recaptured with the proportion of control fish recaptured for each of 69 tests where recapture efficiencies were greater than $50 \%$ in 2004. Labels on the X-axis (in sequence) refer to: experiment number, $\mathrm{D}=$ day and $\mathrm{N}=$ night, FPEMP test matrix number (based on pump flow) (see Table 1, page 2 ), followed by bypass setting ( $\mathrm{O}=$ open, $\mathrm{C}=$ closed).

Table 3. Comparison of the average proportion of weir fish recaptured with the average proportion of control fish captured ${ }^{1}$ (all tests weighted equally) and range in results. Non-parenthetical values are computed assuming tests with $\mathbf{> 1 0 0 \%}$ equaled $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ whereas values in parentheses are computed using actual proportions for those tests $>100 \%$

| Day | Night | Overall |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of tests = } 34 \\ \text { 83\% (85\%) } \\ \text { 54\%-100\% (54\%-120\% } \\ \hline \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \hline \text { Number of tests = } 35 \\ 89 \%(90 \%) \\ \mathbf{7 2 \% - 1 0 0 \%} \mathbf{( 7 2 \% - 1 1 6 \% )} \\ \hline \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \hline \text { Number of tests = } 69 \\ 86 \%(87 \%) \\ 54 \%-100 \%(54 \%-120 \%) \\ \hline \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| ${ }^{1}$ Est. Survival (\%) = 100 x | ber of weir fish recaptured/num of control fish recaptured/numb | weir fish released) control fish released) |

Table 4. Comparison of the average proportion of test fish and weir fish recaptured with the average proportion of control fish recaptured (estimated survival of test and weir fish) ${ }^{1}$ (all tests weighted equally) and range in results. Values are computed assuming estimated survival $>100 \%$ equaled $100 \%$.

|  | Test Fish | Weir Fish | Survival Difference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Day <br> Number of tests = 30 | $\begin{gathered} 76.2 \% \\ 59.9 \%-100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 82.9 \% \\ 54.3 \%-100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6.7 \% \\ -9.5 \%-+25.8 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Night <br> Number of tests $=33$ | $\begin{gathered} 84.6 \% \\ 57.6 \%-100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 88.9 \% \\ 71.7 \%-100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.3 \% \\ -17.3 \%-+26.0 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Overall <br> Number of tests $=63$ | $\begin{gathered} 80.6 \% \\ 57.6 \%-100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 86.1 \% \\ 54.3 \%-100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.5 \% \\ -17.3 \%-+26.0 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| ${ }^{1}$ Est. Survival (\%) = 100 x | mber of te------------ | of test fish relea of control fish r |  |

## FPEMP Test Matrix

Table 5 shows the categories where the 63 tests performed during 2004 fit within the FPEMP Guidance Manual testing matrix. During the February 25, 2003 GCID TOC meeting, it was determined that the combination of river flow and pumping flow conditions encountered during most of the tests in 2002 did not fit well into the matrix. Therefore, the TOC decided to use pumping flow as the primary variable to determine where each testing condition fits into the matrix category numbers $1-4$ shown in Table 1 (page 2) of this report.

Table 5. Range of conditions occurring during the fish survival experiments conducted during 2002, 2003, and 2004. Testing categories nos. 1-4 are based on pump flow. All test groups used fish averaging $>50 \mathrm{~mm}$ fork length except those shown in parentheses which used fish averaging $<50 \mathrm{~mm}$ fork length.

| FPEMP <br> Guidance Manual Test Condition (Pump Only) | Bypasses Open |  |  |  |  |  | Bypasses Closed |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Day |  |  | Night |  |  | Day |  |  | Night |  |  |
|  | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| No. 1 <br> $(500-1,000$ <br> cfs) (high <br> river) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } 2 \\ (>2,600 \mathrm{cfs}) \end{gathered}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } 3 \\ (1,800-2,600 \\ \text { cfs) } \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 7 | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & \text { (3) } \end{aligned}$ | 10 | 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & (3) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } 4 \\ (500-1,000 \\ \text { cfs) (low } \\ \text { river) } \\ \hline \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on results of experiments performed during 2002, 2003, and 2004 and discussions with the GCID TOC, the following are recommendations for work activities to be performed for the biological evaluations on the GCID Fish Screen Improvement Project during 2005.

## Mark/Recapture Experiments

- Initiate mark/recapture experiments in April and conduct the tests weekly through August (depending on ESA take limits) to test a wider range of river and pumping flow conditions. It is expected that two daytime and two nighttime tests can be performed each week.
- In addition to use of juvenile fall-run Chinook from Feather River Hatchery, use late-fall Chinook salmon fry from Coleman National Fish Hatchery for the experiments.
- Alternate weeks of opening and closing the internal fish screen bypasses
- Monitor the potential build-up of predatory fish
- Intermittently remove predatory fish at the locations just upstream of the fish screen structure and just downstream of the flow-control weir. Compare fish survival estimates between fish releases before and after predatory fish removal.
- Place covers over the fish screen bypass outfall exits during experiments conducted with the bypasses closed to eliminate potential holding habitat for predatory fish.
- Continue to use the two rotary fish traps in combination with the fyke net at the recapture site
- Measure the flows behind the fish screens using an acoustic Doppler current profiler to determine relative flow distribution through the screens and total pumping flows during the experiments.
- Continue to release a third group of fish at the weir with a different mark than test and control fish
- Perform experiments to determine fish utilization of the internal bypasses by releasing marked fish upstream of the screens and recapturing fish exiting all three bypass outfalls using fyke nets on alternating weeks during the testing season.


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[^6]Appendix A. GCID survival test results for 2004.

| Date | Time of Release | Bypass <br> Position | Screen Group |  | Weir Group |  | Bypass Group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rel. | Recap. | Rel. | Recap. | Rel. | Recap. |
| 5/6/2004 | Day | Closed | 1000 | 499 | 487 | 334 | 462 | 306 |
| 5/11/2004 | Day | Closed | 512 | 170 | 239 | 161 | 244 | 137 |
| 5/11/2004 | Night | Closed | 500 | 337 | 264 | 206 | 257 | 184 |
| 5/13/2004 | Day | Closed | 512 | 221 | 264 | 163 | 238 | 129 |
| 5/13/2004 | Night | Closed | 441 | 333 | 249 | 207 | 256 | 184 |
| 5/18/2004 | Day | Closed | 513 | 273 | 265 | 174 | 251 | 209 |
| 5/18/2004 | Night | Closed | 505 | 429 | 263 | 183 | 263 | 234 |
| 5/20/2004 | Day | Closed | 512 | 216 | 264 | 172 | 261 | 218 |
| 5/20/2004 | Night | Closed | 494 | 378 | 263 | 218 | 248 | 181 |
| 5/25/2004 | Day | Closed | 515 | 329 | 254 | 191 | 258 | 217 |
| 5/25/2004 | Night | Closed | 514 | 383 | 265 | 201 | 265 | 233 |
| 5/27/2004 | Day | Open | 491 | 272 | 257 | 196 | 265 | 214 |
| 5/27/2004 | Night | Open | 486 | 345 | 257 | 191 | 254 | 185 |
| 6/1/2004 | Day | Open | 515 | 357 | 265 | 231 | 264 | 257 |
| 6/1/2004 | Night | Open | 515 | 374 | 265 | 193 | 260 | 228 |
| 6/3/2004 | Day | Closed | 511 | 317 | 264 | 215 | 260 | 215 |
| 6/3/2004 | Night | Closed | 502 | 421 | 265 | 225 | 261 | 228 |
| 6/8/2004 | Day | Closed | 505 | 450 | 260 | 232 | 262 | 233 |
| 6/10/2004 | Day | Open | 514 | 421 | 265 | 211 | 265 | 21 |
| 6/10/2004 | Night | Open | 492 | 341 | 264 | 185 | 265 | 244 |
| 6/15/2004 | Day | Open | 515 | 411 | 263 | 231 | 259 | 243 |
| 6/15/2004 | Night | Open | 503 | 317 | 265 | 163 | 263 | 181 |
| 6/17/2004 | Day | Closed | 515 | 387 | 265 | 214 | 260 | 241 |
| 6/17/2004 | Night | Closed | 515 | 329 | 261 | 187 | 264 | 184 |
| 6/22/2004 | Day | Closed | 510 | 421 | 264 | 216 | 264 | 257 |
| 6/22/2004 | Night | Closed | 514 | 353 | 265 | 195 | 265 | 207 |
| 6/24/2004 | Day | Open | 505 | 432 | 264 | 210 | 264 | 224 |
| 6/24/2004 | Night | Open | 508 | 376 | 261 | 191 | 265 | 219 |
| 6/29/2004 | Day | Open | 514 | 341 | 265 | 174 | 262 | 152 |
| 6/29/2004 | Night | Open | 512 | 317 | 262 | 142 | 264 | 174 |
| 7/1/2004 | Day | Closed | 515 | 318 | 265 | 193 | 265 | 216 |
| 7/1/2004 | Night | Closed | 512 | 370 | 265 | 187 | 262 | 229 |
| 7/6/2004 | Day | Closed | 505 | 404 | 259 | 195 | 261 | 259 |
| 7/6/2004 | Night | Closed | 507 | 327 | 263 | 180 | 265 | 208 |
| 7/8/2004 | Day | Closed | 511 | 410 | 244 | 190 | 263 | 255 |
| 7/8/2004 | Night | Closed | 514 | 354 | 255 | 199 | 250 | 194 |
| 7/13/2004 | Day | Closed | 513 | 333 | 263 | 208 | 258 | 238 |
| 7/13/2004 | Night | Closed | 513 | 325 | 259 | 174 | 263 | 199 |
| 7/15/2004 | Day | Open | 509 | 418 | 256 | 248 | 260 | 260 |
| 7/15/2004 | Night | Open | 503 | 302 | 264 | 176 | 246 | 177 |
| 7/20/2004 | Day | Open | 512 | 352 | 263 | 209 | 258 | 257 |
| 7/20/2004 | Night | Open | 504 | 330 | 260 | 159 | 262 | 186 |
| 7/22/2004 | Day | Closed | 512 | 329 | 264 | 190 | 262 | 259 |
| 7/22/2004 | Night | Closed | 429 | 287 | 263 | 189 | 247 | 182 |
| 7/27/2004 | Day | Closed | 508 | 358 | 265 | 190 | 256 | 245 |
| 7/27/2004 | Night | Closed | 508 | 293 | 261 | 170 | 263 | 185 |


| Appendix A (continued). GCID survival test results for 2004. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Time of | Bypass | Screen Group | Weir Group | Bypass Group |  |  |  |
| Date | Release | Position | Rel. | Recap. | Rel. | Recap. | Rel. | Recap. |
| $7 / 29 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 511 | 412 | 260 | 198 | 260 | 243 |
| $7 / 29 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 510 | 339 | 263 | 162 | 264 | 203 |
| $8 / 3 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 506 | 411 | 265 | 191 | 262 | 252 |
| $8 / 3 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 501 | 356 | 263 | 194 | 255 | 214 |
| $8 / 5 / 2004$ | Day | Closed | 509 | 301 | 264 | 190 | 262 | 253 |
| $8 / 5 / 2004$ | Night | Closed | 502 | 308 | 262 | 189 | 262 | 232 |
| $8 / 10 / 2004$ | Day | Closed | 505 | 338 | 261 | 156 | 264 | 252 |
| $8 / 12 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 511 | 374 | 263 | 206 | 260 | 232 |
| $8 / 12 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 513 | 245 | 263 | 197 | 259 | 223 |
| $8 / 17 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 509 | 313 | 264 | 139 | 260 | 252 |
| $8 / 17 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 498 | 276 | 258 | 198 | 265 | 217 |
| $8 / 19 / 2004$ | Day | Closed | 511 | 301 | 263 | 210 | 265 | 256 |
| $8 / 19 / 2004$ | Night | Closed | 511 | 279 | 259 | 177 | 264 | 224 |
| $8 / 24 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 515 | 329 | 265 | 171 | 260 | 249 |
| $8 / 24 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 512 | 308 | 261 | 174 | 265 | 179 |
| $8 / 26 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 512 | 335 | 263 | 168 | 264 | 235 |
| $8 / 26 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 513 | 331 | 257 | 159 | 258 | 176 |
| $8 / 31 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 504 | 257 | 262 | 154 | 262 | 223 |
| $8 / 31 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 505 | 250 | 265 | 154 | 265 | 194 |
| $9 / 2 / 2004$ | Day | Closed | 512 | 183 | 265 | 128 | 263 | 243 |
| $9 / 2 / 2004$ | Night | Closed | 512 | 264 | 263 | 169 | 259 | 232 |
| $9 / 7 / 2004$ | Day | Closed | 511 | 221 | 264 | 121 | 265 | 248 |
| $9 / 7 / 2004$ | Night | Closed | 514 | 209 | 262 | 144 | 264 | 183 |
| $9 / 9 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 488 | 223 | 259 | 93 | 261 | 130 |
| $9 / 9 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 512 | 258 | 257 | 161 | 265 | 184 |
| $9 / 14 / 2004$ | Day | Open | 512 | 194 | 251 | 151 | 265 | 230 |
| $9 / 14 / 2004$ | Night | Open | 513 | 286 | 264 | 164 | 264 | 206 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Fish used for the 2004 study were obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coleman National Fish Hatchery and the California Department of Fish and Game's Feather River Fish Hatchery.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Up to 25 fish per sampling period were measured for fork lengths.

[^2]:    20004 Evaluation of the $\overline{\mathbf{G}} \overline{\mathrm{C}} \overline{\mathrm{I}} \mathbf{D}$ Fish Screen Improvement Project
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[^3]:    2004 Evaluation of the GCID Fish Screen Improvement Project Page 6

[^4]:    2004 Evaluation of the G $\bar{C} \bar{D}$ Fish Screen Improvement Project
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[^5]:    2004 Evaluation of the $\bar{G} \bar{C} \bar{D}$ Fish Screen Improvement Project Page 13

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