

Powering the Electric Grid and the Nuyakuk Falls Diversion-Hydro Investigation.

BBRSDA Fleet Meeting
March 5, 2025

Nushagak Electric & Telephone
Cooperative

Board of Directors



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Mark Lisac

Retired Fisheries Biologist
– USFWS Togiak NW-
Refuge

NETC member since
1983

Joined NETC Board of
Directors Aug. 2022

Solar Educator



Alternative Title

Who in their right mind would consider a hydro project in the world's largest intact salmon producing ecosystem?

What's wrong w/ burning diesel to generate electricity, forever???



Outline:



NETC
1,507 Member-owners

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- **The Utility Cooperative + misconceptions**
- **Diesel Costs & Security**
- **Power Needs**
- **Options Evaluated**
- **The Nuyakuk Project – 2017 to Present**
- **What's Next – Updated Study Report**
 - **USR submitted to FERC Dec 2, 2024**
 - **Public Review : Dec 2024 to Mar 2025**
 - **USR Public Meetings: Jan 15 & 16**
 - **Risk Analysis**
 - **NETC Board Decision**

How Social Media got it wrong: “big corporation coming to steal our resources” ...



1,507 Member-owners

**Electric meters,
Land-lines,
Internet users**

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IRS 501 (C) (12)

ANNUAL REPORTING

A Cooperative is:

**a NONPROFIT Entity established
for the benefit of it's MEMBERS
(IRS 501 (C) (12))**

Mission

**To provide safe, reliable and affordable
services to support member's quality of
life now and into the future.**

Regulated

**All Cooperatives are Governed by the same
Principles**

Both are COOPERATIVES ... to Benefit members

The screenshot shows the BBRSDA website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header is a large image of a fisherman's hands. A white box in the center contains the BBRSDA Mission Statement: "Maximizing the value of the Bristol Bay fishery for the benefit of our members." Below this, there is a link to the "Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project - Study Report". A blue arrow points from a text box at the bottom to this link.

BRISTOL BAY
Regional Seafood Development Association

ABOUT | PEOPLE | PROJECTS | SUSTAINABLE SALMON | FOR THE FLEET | CONTACT US

BBRSDA Mission Statement

Maximizing the value of the Bristol Bay fishery for the benefit of our members.

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[Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project - Study Report](#)

Hydro project link on the BBRSDA
Web page:::: www.nuyakukhydro.com



Board of Directors

9 Directors **Elected by the Membership**

Purpose

Make informed decisions to ensure the long-term success of the Cooperative.










Strategic Plan – Goal & Objectives

Provide a Secure Energy Future

- Develop an Information campaign, leveraging strategic partnerships
- Evaluate all power resources

About Us - Board of Directors

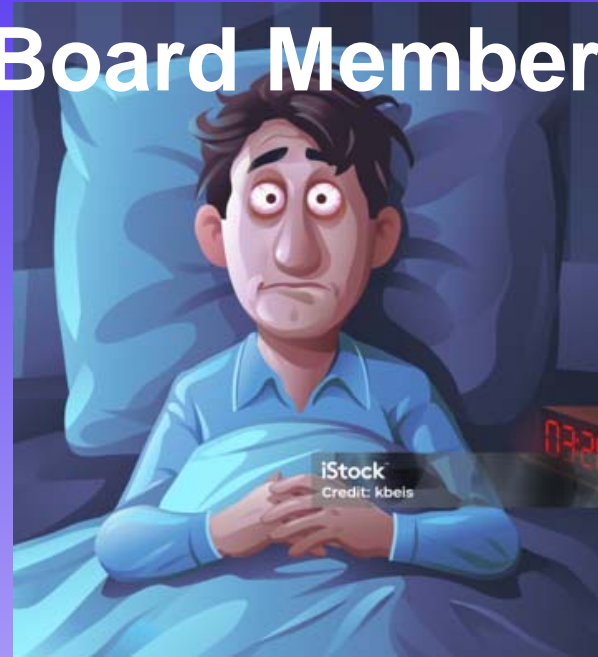
**The regularly scheduled Board meetings are held every third Tuesday*

	PETE ANDREW President 4/22/98 - Current 27 years		HENRY STRUB Vice President 1984 - Current 41 years
	ANNIE FRITZE Secretary 3/24/15 - Current 10 years		JAMES HALL Treasurer 9/19/24 - Current 1.5 years
	BRUCE BALTAR Director 10/18/16 - Current 9 years		JEAN BARRETT Director 3/21/23 - Current 2 years
	SUSAN FLENSBURG Director 3/26/19 - Current 6 years		MARK LISAC Director 8/9/22 - Current 2.5 years
	WANDA WAHL Director 7/21/15 - Current 10 years		

What thoughts keep YOUR Board Members up at night?

When thinking about providing competitive, reliable and safe electricity,

- #1 = The Cost of Energy**
 - The Cost of Producing Energy**
 - The Cost to the Members**



NETC is 100% Diesel Electric Power Generation and Distribution Cooperative

FACTORS EFFECT COST OF DIESEL = COST OF ENERGY = COST OF GOODS & SERVICES

ALL THESE EFFECT THE COST OF DIESEL ENERGY:

- Supply chain
- Transportation
- Insurance
- Natural Disasters
- Fuel cost
- Demand
- Wars
- Labor Cost
- Price Fixing
- Emission Cost
- Environmental Disasters
- **LOSS OF ONSHORE PROCESSING**

Out of Our Control



ALL OF THESE EFFECTED BY THE COST OF ENERGY:

- Air Fare
- Groceries
- Transportation
- Manufacturing
- Interest Rates
- Inflation
- Small Business O&M
- Housing
- Home Heating
- **The PRICE OF FISH**

- **PCE Subsidy**
- More

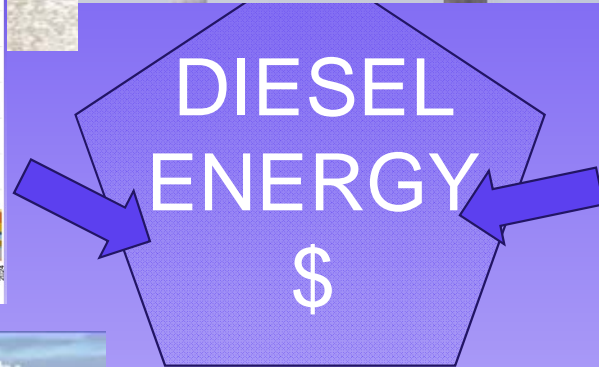
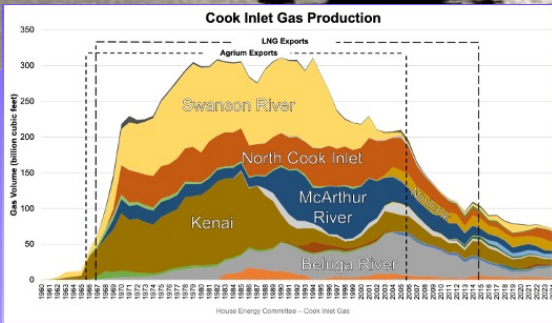
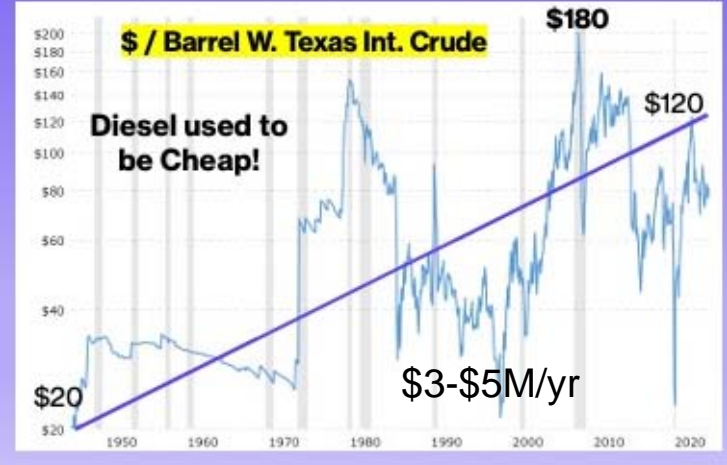
FACTORS EFFECT COST OF DIESEL

COST OF GOODS & SERVICES

Competition
75% of Alaskans on the Railbelt

Burning Carbon & Emissions Costs the Coop (s)
Monitoring Cost + Cost/Ton = **COSTS** for members

Emissions
200 to 376 Tons
NO₂
SO₂
CO
2015 - 2022
\$1,839,299



The DANGERS of Transporting 3 MILLION Gallons of Diesel / YEAR Through BB Waters = Risky Business

**A diesel spill in BB waters & rivers
could harm salmon and the salmon fishery.**

SIX COMMUNITIES

Dillingham + Aleknagik + New Stuyahak + Ekwok + Koliganek + Levelock

Nushagak, Naknek & Kvichak Bays & Rivers



Diesel spills have disrupted Commercial and Subsistence **salmon** fisheries

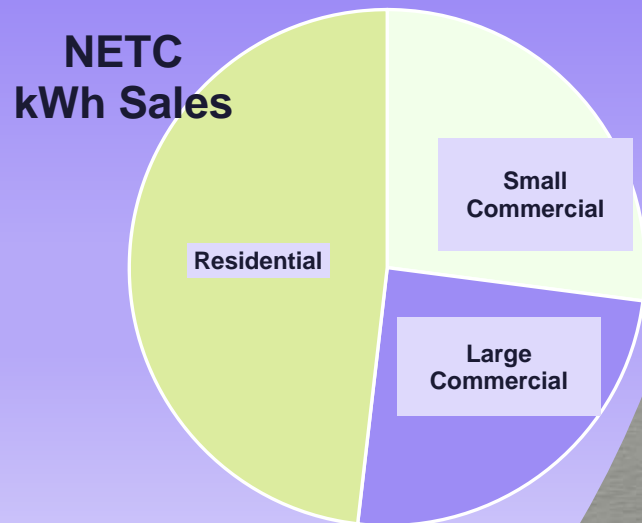
Past Oil Spills in the News - KDLG / BB Times

- Nushagak District closed to fishing because capsized tender is leaking fuel
 - **Jul 26, 2018**
- <https://www.kdlg.org/fisheries/2018-07-26/nushagak-district-closed-to-fishing-because-capsized-tender-is-leaking-fuel>
- Diesel Fuel Spilled in the Nushagak River
 - **May 14, 2014**
- <https://www.kdlg.org/environment/2014-05-14/diesel-fuel-spilled-in-the-nushagak-river>
- More Details About the Diesel Fuel Spill in the Nushagak River
 - **May 17, 2014**
- <https://www.kdlg.org/environment/2014-05-17/more-details-about-the-diesel-fuel-spill-in-the-nushagak-river>
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BB Times & Dutch Harbor Fisherman : Search OIL Spills in W. Alaska = 60+ articles

LOSS OF LARGE onshore electric customers

The Coop survives by selling electricity – and spreading the cost of operation among the Members



Offshore processing:

Peter Pan closures

- King Kove
- Kodiak
- Dillingham
- Port Moller

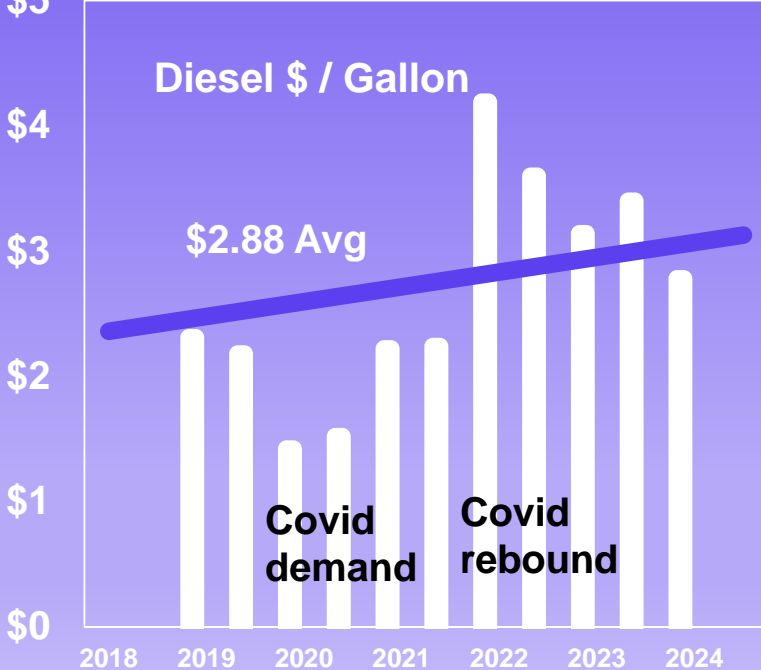


The Hanna in Nushagak Bay 2024 season



Realities of Fossil Fuel Dependency

NETC Coop Recent Diesel Purchases



Date	\$ / gallon	# of Gallons	Total \$\$\$\$
Spring 2024	\$2.78	502,212	\$1,394,090
Fall 2023	\$3.40	1,200,000	\$4,000,000
Spring 2023	\$3.14	200,686	\$629,752
Fall 2022	\$3.60	500,524	\$1,800,000
Spring 2022	\$4.19	693,039	\$2,900,000
Fall 2021	\$2.24	604,222	\$1,300,000
Spring 2021	\$2.22	684,425	\$1,500,000
Fall 2020	\$1.52	522,776	\$794,567
Spring 2020	\$1.42	808,889	\$1,148,460
Fall 2019	\$2.18	551,001	\$1,200,961
Spring 2019	\$2.31	600,229	\$1,388,990
5 years	TOTAL	6,263,781	\$18,056,820

COOP W/ Unalakleet, Naknek, Kotzebue, & Nome

Home heating fuel \$6.85 / gal in Dillingham

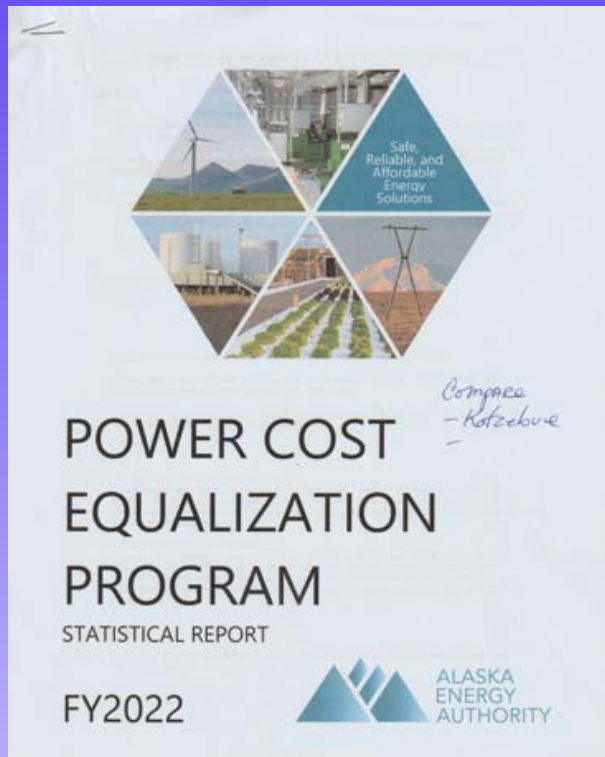
Impacts more than NETC. Members' Cost of Diesel Power Production

(From AEA 2022 Annual PCE report) **

	Dillingham, Aleknagik	AVEC		Koliganek	Levelock	TOTAL		Naknek, S. Naknek, King Salmon
		Ekwok	New Stuyahok					
Population	2,463	107	491	194	60	3,315		868
Members	1,507	80	149	100	78	1,914		1,229
MWh	19,745	452	1,926	695	297	23,116		24,489
Diesel Gal	1,324,448	w/ New Stu	145,709	55,358	23,142	1,548,657		1,648,054
\$/gallon	\$1.91		\$ 3.14	\$ 3.14	\$ 3.14			\$ 1.98
\$ diesel	\$2,532,197		\$485,240	\$ 173,950	\$ 73,727	\$3,265,114		\$ 3,271,326
PCE \$	\$ 727,072	\$62,048	\$170,123	\$ 67,416	\$ 9,636	\$1,036,295		\$ 644,867
COST to MEMBERS	\$ 1,805,125		\$ 253,069	\$ 106,534	\$ 64,091	\$ 2,228,819		\$ 2,626,459

****STATEWIDE Average Price of Diesel (\$/gallon) : 2021 = \$2.63; 2022 = \$3.02; =14.8% INCREASE**

PCE reduces Members' Electric Bills



“PCE reduces the electric rates paid by rural consumers to levels comparable to those paid by consumers in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau.”

***The Base Rate “changes”**

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cook Inlet Nat Gas} \downarrow \\ + \\ \text{Railbelt / Juneau Rates} \uparrow \\ = \\ \text{Base Rate} \uparrow \\ \text{PCE SUBSIDY} \downarrow \end{array}$$

PCE Formula:

95% of the eligible costs per kWh between 20.03 cents/kWh, “the base rate” and \$1.00/kWh, “the ceiling”.

NOT GUARENTEED
CHANGES DEPENDING ON RAILBELT RATES

<https://www.akenergyauthority.org>

How can we fulfill our coop mission?

**"Provide competitive,
reliable services"**

Now & Future

**Continued Economic Sustainability for the communities
w/o Burden to Membership**



The 15+ Year History of Alternatives Evaluated

+ Solar – ongoing

- UAF BBC
- IPP being Considered

+ Wind – Studied 4 Sites

- Wind-diesel hybrid system
- Rejected - minimal wind resource

+ 2 Storage (Dam) Hydro Projects

- Lake Elva & Grant Lakes
 - + Rejected
 - + Impacts > rewards

**ALL HAVE LIMITATIONS
WHEN IT COMES TO
PROVIDING BASE-LOAD
POWER NEEDS**



CHALLENGE: How to -

Provide Base-Load Power Needs
Reduce Diesel Insecurity & Financial Impact

FOR NETC AND MAYBE OTHERS



NEED:
Steady – Reliable- Predictable
Minimize Impacts



Why consider an in-river hydro project?

Looking for a consistent Base Load Power Source

IN 2017 Operations Managers suggested that the Nuyakuk Falls appeared to be an ideal formation for a run -of-river hydro power source



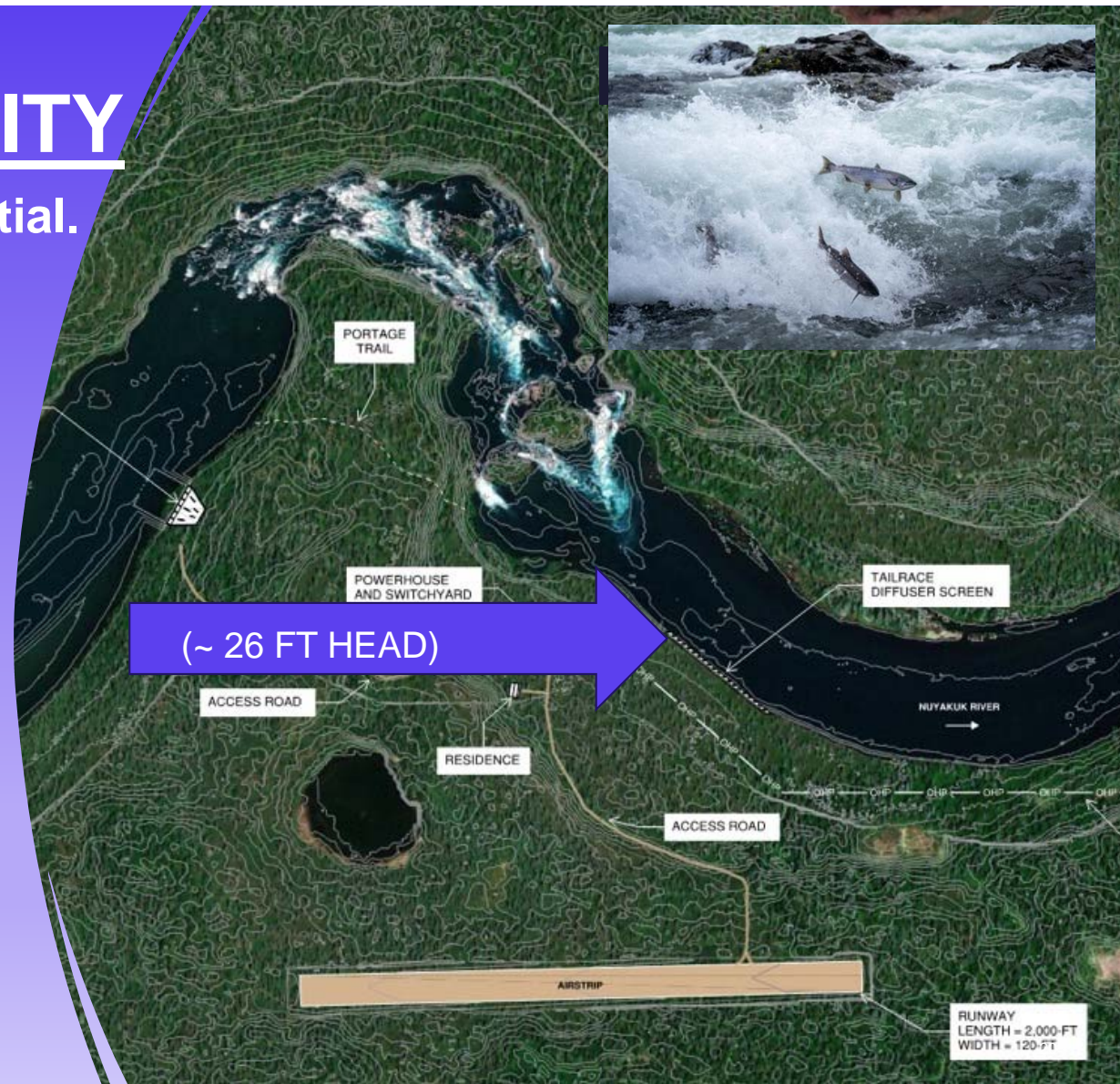
NO DAM OR FISH LADDER REQUIRED

Harnessing GRAVITY

2017 – Nuyakuk Falls potential.

Divert H₂O from top to bottom through a turbine
=
Convert gravity into electricity

NO DAM!
NO FISH LADDER!



The first thing the Board Did:
FISH FIRST
RESOLUTION 2017-30

RECOGNIZE & PRIORITIZE
the importance of salmon to
sustain the areas Culture &
Economy

NUSHAGAK ELECTRIC & TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30

Resource Evaluation and Utilization Resolution: Fish First

WHEREAS, Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("NETC"), is a member-owned cooperative providing electric and telecommunications service in the city of Dillingham and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Members of Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative to commit to the responsible evaluation and utilization of resources in the Bristol Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Bay watershed produces the largest runs of Sockeye Salmon in the world and is the last pristine environment for producing all species of Pacific wild salmon; and

WHEREAS, the Members of Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative have cultural and subsistence ties to these wild salmon runs and that this relationship is of the highest priority to our members and our community; and

WHEREAS, Commercial fishing has provided a sustainable economy in our communities for over 100 years; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Nushagak Cooperative endorses a Fish First directive when evaluating any resource utilization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Nushagak Electric and Telephone Cooperative will use the same values stated in this Resolution before entering into any contract for Resource Evaluation or eventual Utilization

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CERTIFICATION

**Resolutions of support to amend
AS 41.21.167
Wood Tikchik State Park
2019**

**CURYUNG TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2019-05**

SUPPORTING NUSHAGAK ELECTRIC & TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE'S (NETC) CONTINUING STUDY AND EVALUATION EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY ON THE NUYAKUK RIVER AND SUPPORT FOR THE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW ACCESS TO WOOD TIKCHIK STATE PARK (WTSP) FOR THIS EFFORT

**CITY OF ALEKNAGIK
Resolution 19-03**

Support for Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative's (NETC) Continuing Study and Evaluation Efforts for Development of a Hydroelectric Facility on the Nuyakuk River and Support for the Legislation to Allow Access to Wood Tikchik State Park (WTSP) for this Effort

Meeting Date: March 7, 2019

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF NUSHAGAK ELECTRIC & TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE'S (NETC) CONTINUING STUDY AND EVALUATION EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY ON THE NUYAKUK RIVER AND SUPPORT FOR THE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW ACCESS TO WOOD TIKCHIK STATE PARK (WTSP) FOR THIS EFFORT

**BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 310
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576
(907) 842-5257**

Resolution 2019 - 04

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF THE PROPOSED
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AT THE NUYAKUK RIVER FALLS**

(c) "Development and operation of a hydroelectric site at Lake Elva ~~or~~ Grant Lake "or Nuyakuk Falls" is not considered an incompatible use"

2. FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Comm. = Permitting & Oversight



3. CONTRACTOR – McMillen – Project Coordination

Expert Researcher Teams

Engineer Fish Water Cultural Terrestrial

Technical Working Groups

Participants:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| BBNA | ADFG |
| UTBB | DNR – AK State P. |
| BBRSDA | Native Am Rights F |
| BBEDC | USGS |
| BBSRI | USFWS |
| U. Of Washington | NMFS |
| U. Of Alaska | NOAA |
| Concerned Public | Trout Unlimited |
| Sandia Nat Lab | Pacific NW Lab |

Agencies
NGOs
Academics
Public

1. Legislation Modified
AS 41.21.167 (C)

WTSP Use Permit
Camp facilities
Research activities



[www. Nushtel.com](http://www.Nushtel.com)
www.nuyakukhydro.com

Tech Work Groups & FERC approved studies

USR December:

- Falls Fish Passage
- Fish Entrainment & Impingement
- False Attraction
- Future Flows
- Water Quality
- Flow Duration Curve Change Analysis
- Ice Processes
- Botanical & Wetlands Survey
- Caribou Population Evaluation
- Noise Study
- Recreation Inventory by Season
- Aesthetic Study

USR Adendum - February

- Subsistence Study
- Section 106 Evaluation
- Chinook & Sockeye Lifecycle Models
- Fish Population Integrated Risk Assessment
- Decision Support Tool

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO MARCH 20, 2025

UPDATED STUDY REPORT
NUYAKUK RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
FERC NO. 14873



Submitted by:



Nushagak Electric & Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 350
Dillingham, AK 99576

December 2024

Attachments

Attachment A – Characterization of Fish Community Behavior Near the Project Intake Study Report

Attachment B – Nuyakuk Falls Fish Passage Study Report

Attachment C – Fish Entrainment and Impingement Study Report

Attachment D – Assessment of False Attraction to the Tailrace Fish Barrier Study Report

Attachment E – Chinook and Sockeye Salmon Lifecycle Modeling Study Report

Attachment F – Integrated Risk Assessment of Fish Populations Study Report

Attachment G – Future Flows Study Report

Attachment H – Water Quality Assessment Study Report

Attachment I – Flow Duration Curve Change Analysis Study Report

Attachment J – Ice Processes Assessment Study Report

Attachment K – Botanical and Wetlands Survey Report

Attachment L – Caribou Population Evaluation Study Report

Attachment M – Subsistence Study Report

Attachment N – Section 106 Evaluation Report

Attachment O – Noise Study Report

Attachment P – Recreation Inventory by Season Study Report

Attachment Q – Environmental Justice Communities Study Report

Attachment R – Decision Support Tool Study Report

Attachment S – Aesthetic Study Report

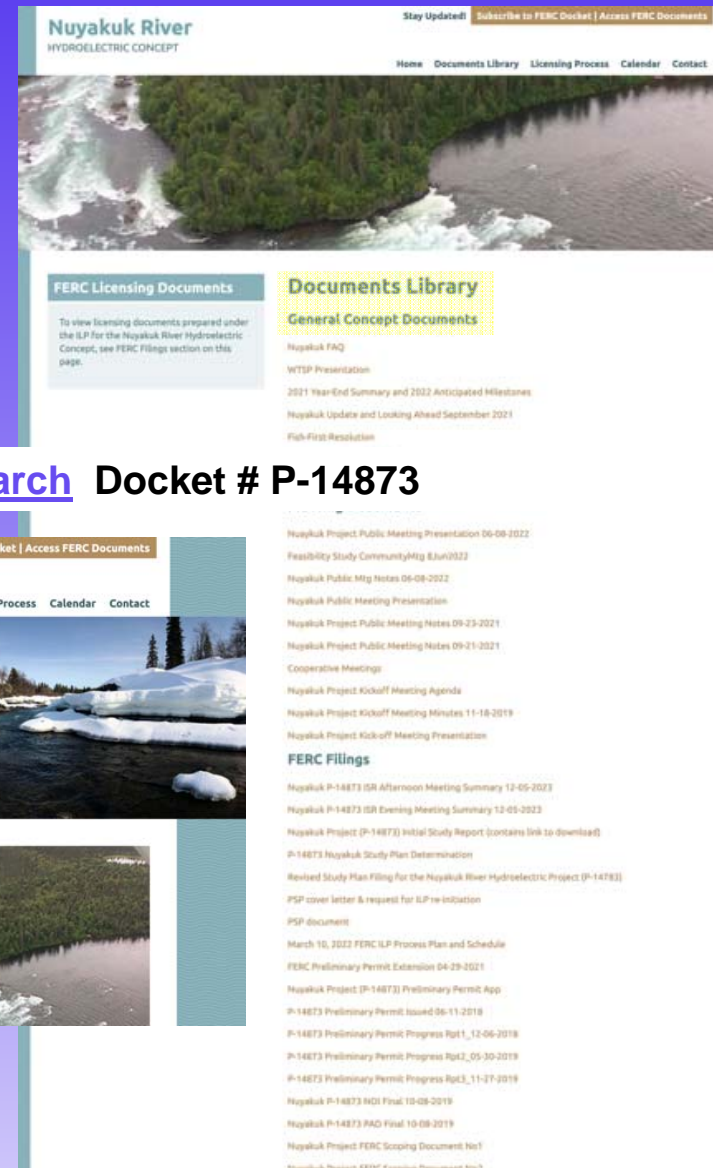
TWGs, FERC - Review, Amend & Approve Study Designs

All Document Library

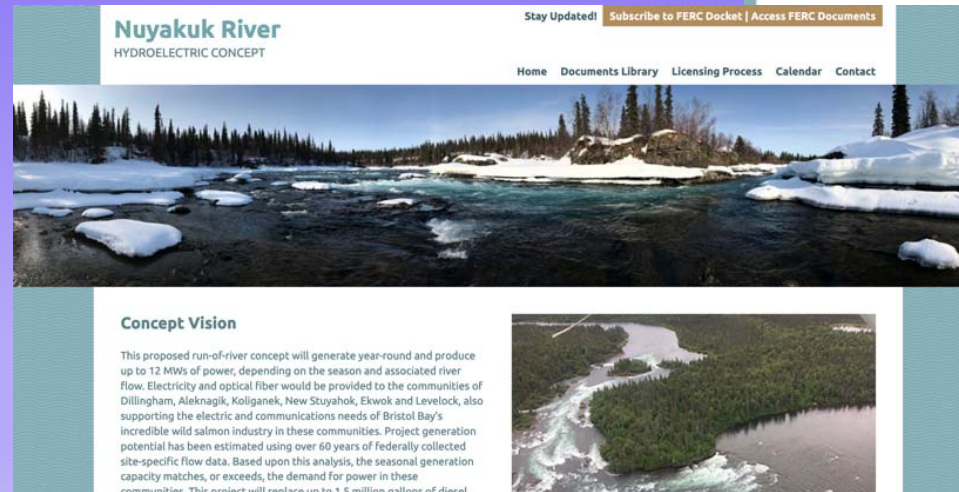
<https://www.nuyakukhydro.com/documents-library/>

- 100 Public & Agency Meetings
- Monthly TWG Meetings

<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search> Docket # P-14873



The screenshot displays the website for the Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Concept. The header includes the project name and navigation links: Home, Documents Library, Licensing Process, Calendar, and Contact. A 'Stay Updated!' section offers options to 'Subscribe to FERC Docket' and 'Access FERC Documents'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'FERC Licensing Documents', contains a link to view licensing documents. The right column, titled 'Documents Library', lists various documents including 'Nuyakuk FAQ', 'WTSP Presentation', '2021 Year-End Summary and 2022 Anticipated Milestones', 'Nuyakuk Update and Looking Ahead September 2021', and 'Fish First Resolution'. Below this, a 'FERC Filings' section lists numerous documents such as 'Nuyakuk Project Public Meeting Presentation 06-08-2022', 'Feasibility Study Community Mtg 8Jun2022', 'Nuyakuk Public Mtg Notes 06-08-2022', 'Nuyakuk Project Public Meeting Presentation', 'Nuyakuk Project Public Meeting Notes 09-23-2021', 'Nuyakuk Project Public Meeting Notes 09-21-2021', 'Cooperative Meetings', 'Nuyakuk Project Kickoff Meeting Agenda', 'Nuyakuk Project Kickoff Meeting Minutes 11-18-2019', and 'Nuyakuk Project Kick-off Meeting Presentation'. The bottom of the page shows a list of 'FERC Filings' with dates and titles, including 'Nuyakuk P-14873 (SR Afternoon Meeting Summary 12-05-2023)', 'Nuyakuk P-14873 (SR Evening Meeting Summary 12-05-2023)', 'Nuyakuk Project (P-14873) Initial Study Report (contains link to download)', 'P-14873 Nuyakuk Study Plan Determination', 'Revised Study Plan Filing for the Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Project (P-14873)', 'PSP cover letter & request for ILP re-initiation', 'PSP document', 'March 10, 2022 FERC ILP Process Plan and Schedule', 'FERC Preliminary Permit Extension 04-29-2021', 'Nuyakuk Project (P-14873) Preliminary Permit App', 'P-14873 Preliminary Permit Issued 06-11-2018', 'P-14873 Preliminary Permit Progress Rpt1_12-06-2018', 'P-14873 Preliminary Permit Progress Rpt2_05-30-2019', 'P-14873 Preliminary Permit Progress Rpt3_11-27-2019', 'Nuyakuk P-14873 RDI Final 10-08-2019', 'Nuyakuk P-14873 PAD Final 10-08-2019', 'Nuyakuk Project FERC Scoping Document No1', and 'Nuyakuk Project FERC Scoping Document No2'.



The screenshot shows the 'Concept Vision' section of the Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric Concept website. The header includes the project name and navigation links: Home, Documents Library, Licensing Process, Calendar, and Contact. A 'Stay Updated!' section offers options to 'Subscribe to FERC Docket' and 'Access FERC Documents'. The main content area features a large photograph of a river flowing through a snowy landscape. Below the photograph, the 'Concept Vision' section contains the following text: 'This proposed run-of-river concept will generate year-round and produce up to 12 MWs of power, depending on the season and associated river flow. Electricity and optical fiber would be provided to the communities of Dillingham, Aleknagik, Koliganek, New Stuyahok, Ekwok and Levelock, also supporting the electric and communications needs of Bristol Bay's incredible wild salmon industry in these communities. Project generation potential has been estimated using over 60 years of federally collected site-specific flow data. Based upon this analysis, the seasonal generation capacity matches, or exceeds, the demand for power in these communities. This project will replace up to 1.5 million gallons of diesel'. To the right of the text is a small map of the project area.

Nuyakuk Falls potential:

ADNR & FERC

70% of water must remain
in the Natural Flow

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USGS stream gage site
70 years of Flow data

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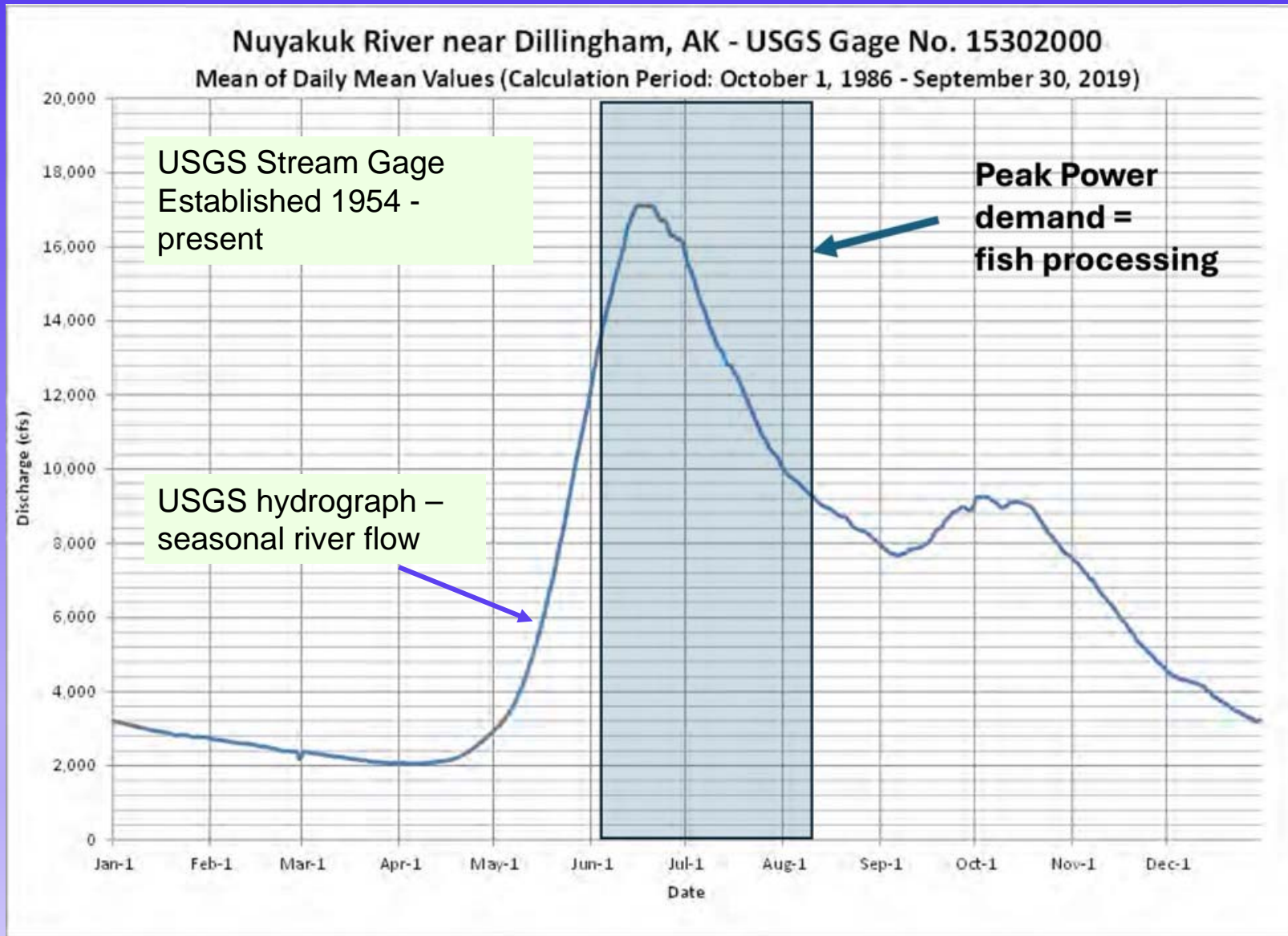
Estimated

=

**10 – 14 MW
potential**



DISCHARGE - CUBIC FEET PER SECOND
(CFS)



DRAFT Layout

Screened Intake

Headrace Tunnel
25 ft x 1,400 ft

Tailrace diffuser structure

Tailrace Diffuser screen

SCREENS

SWITCHYARD

Powerhouse

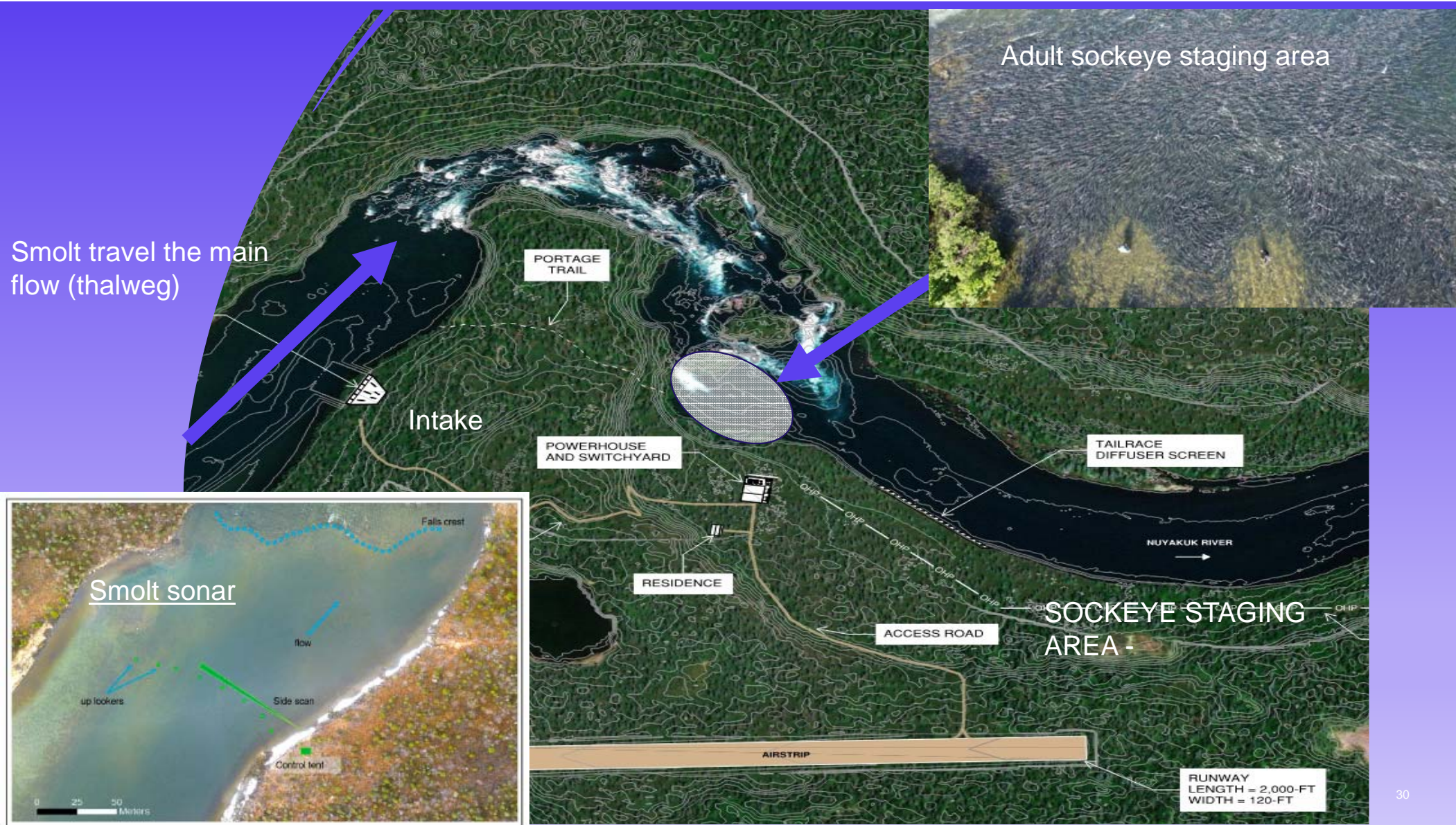
ACCESS ROAD

ACCESS ROAD

NUYAKUK RIVER

Intake design
@ < 1 ft/sec = 0.68 mph
Entrainment/Impingement

Water diversion hydro is possible with proven technology







Previous photo

Adult Sockeye and Chinook Falls Passage Behavior

Radio Tag

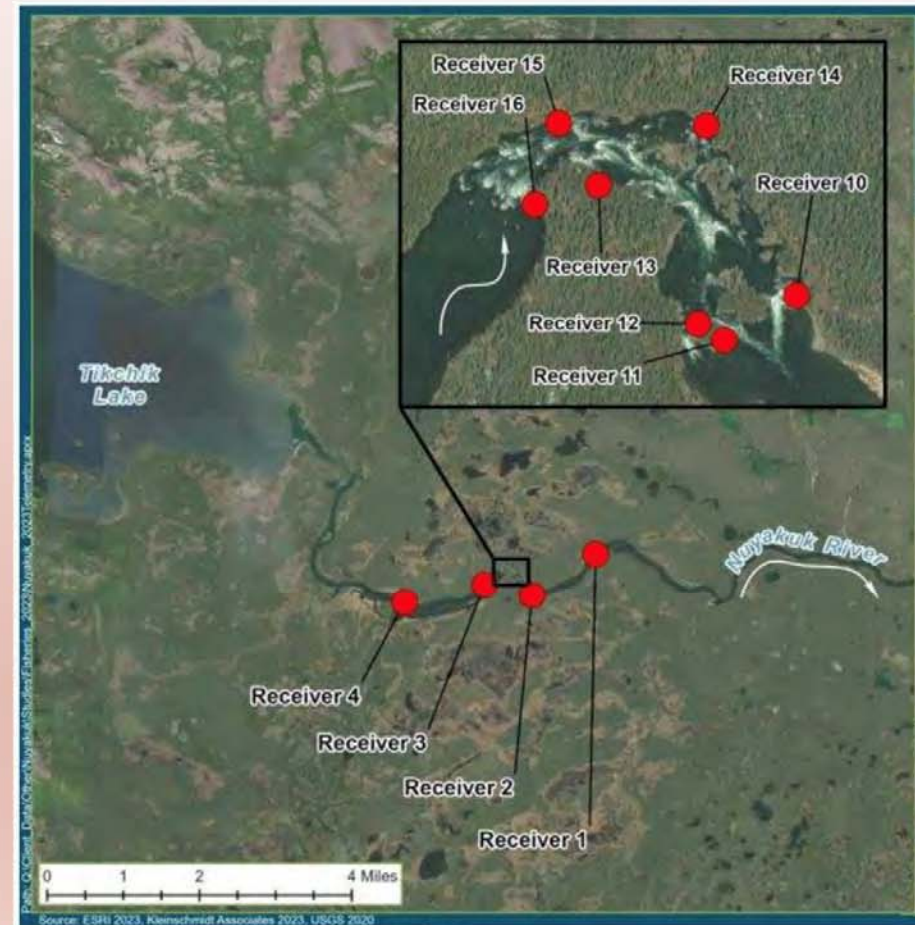


Radio tagged:

- 446 sockeye
- 11 Chinook
- 100 pink
- 3 chum

Predators:

- 140 A. grayling
- 36 rainbow trout
- 4 N. pike
- 9 A. char
- 2 lake trout
- 1 H. whitefish







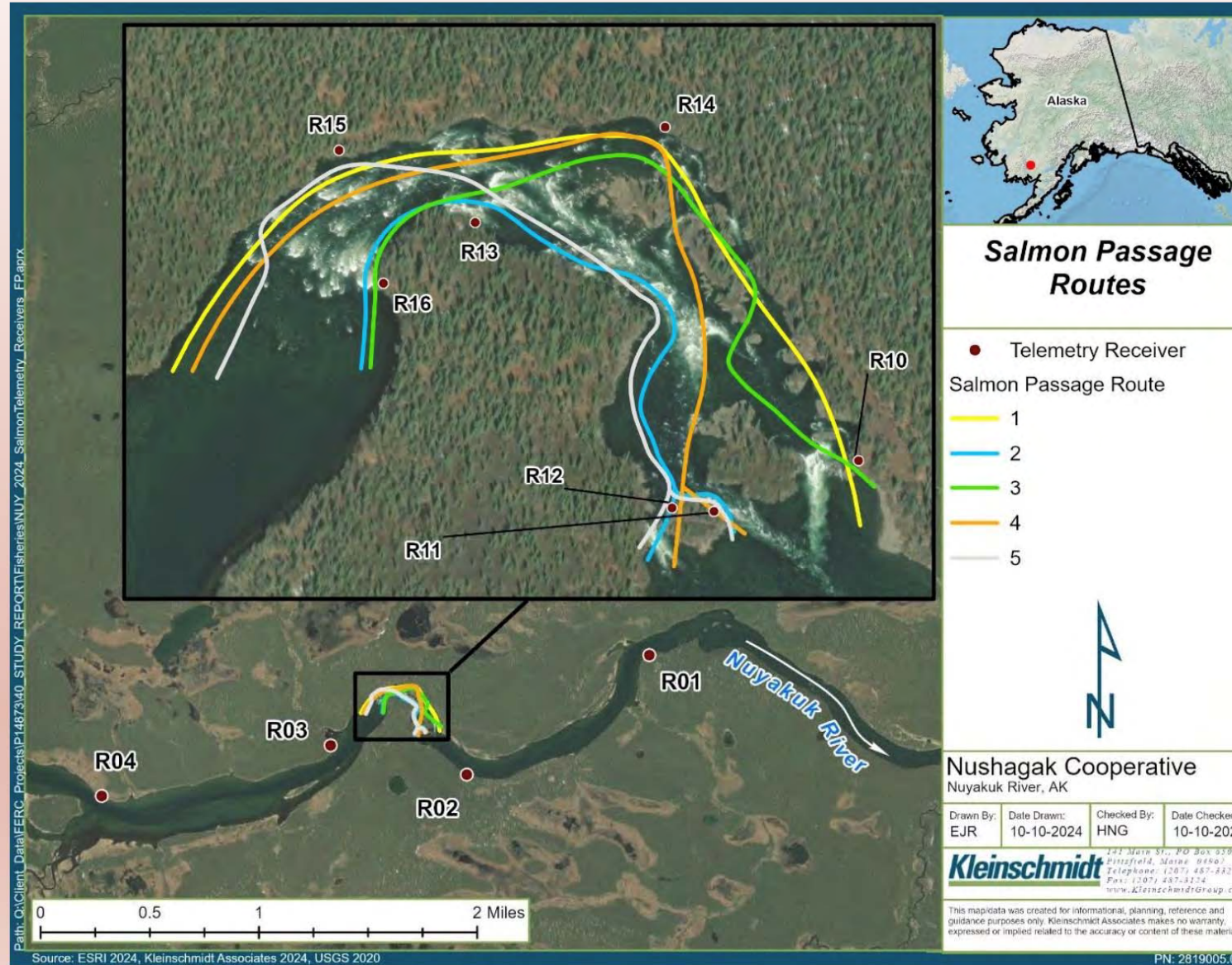
ADULT UPSTREAM PASSAGE

Hold @ Falls 1 – 3 days
Ascend 5 to 44 hours

Try different routes until
successful

92% - 97% success
@ 10,000 to 18,000 cfs

Routes change w/ changing
flows



Smolt Travel Routes

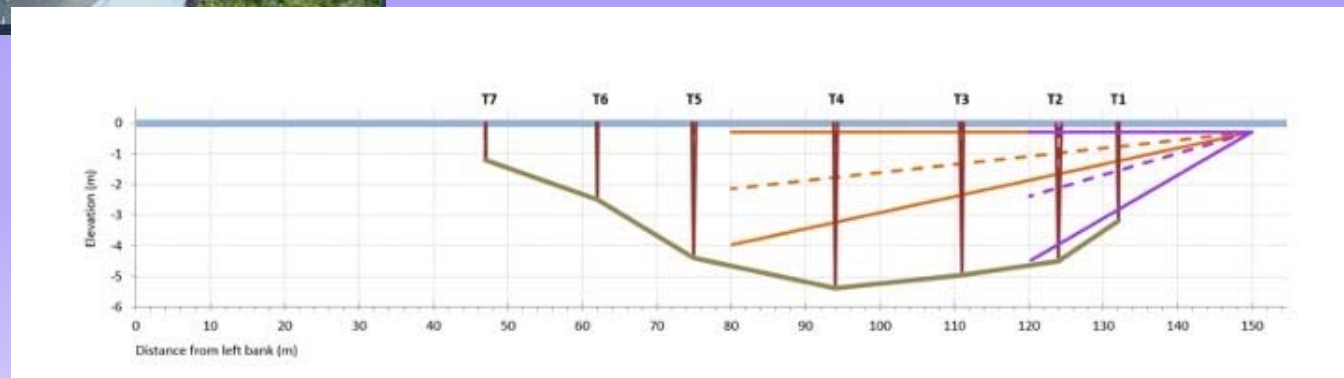
3-D Mapping

- 7 - Up looking sonar
- 2 - Side looking sonar

OPERATED

- 2023, May 27 – July 13
- 2024, May 9 – July 13

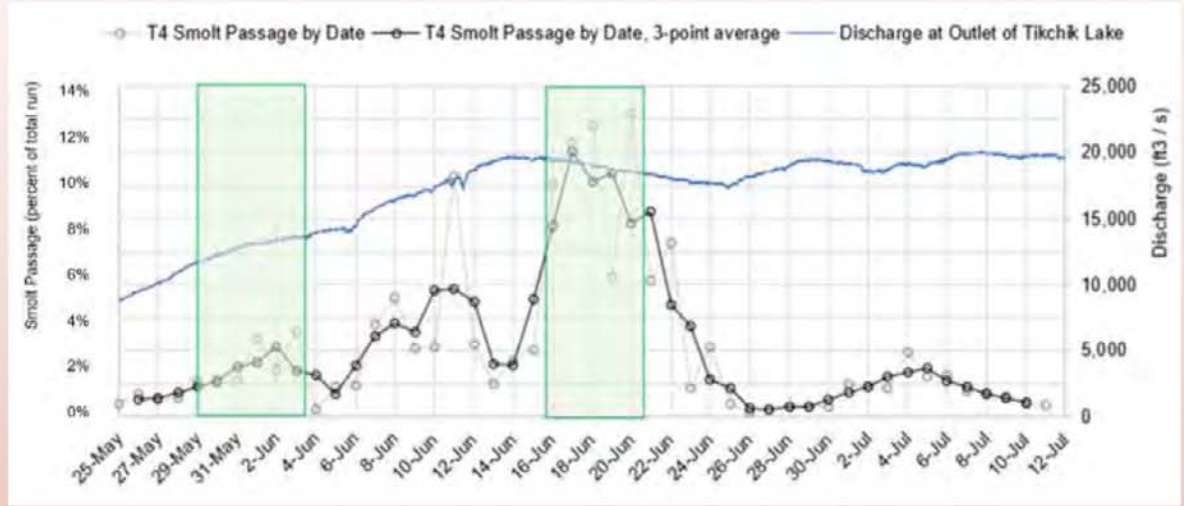
Deployed in May over the snow/ice banks



Juvenile Salmon Migration

**Smolt outmigrating
Late May to mid-July**

2023 Migration Intensity



2024 Migration Intensity

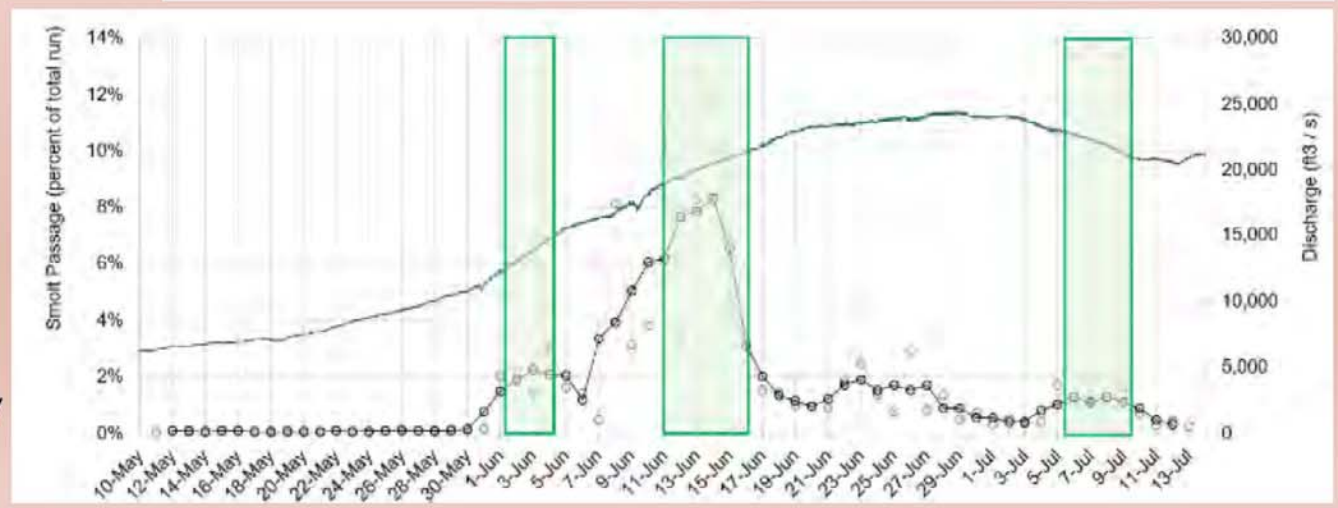
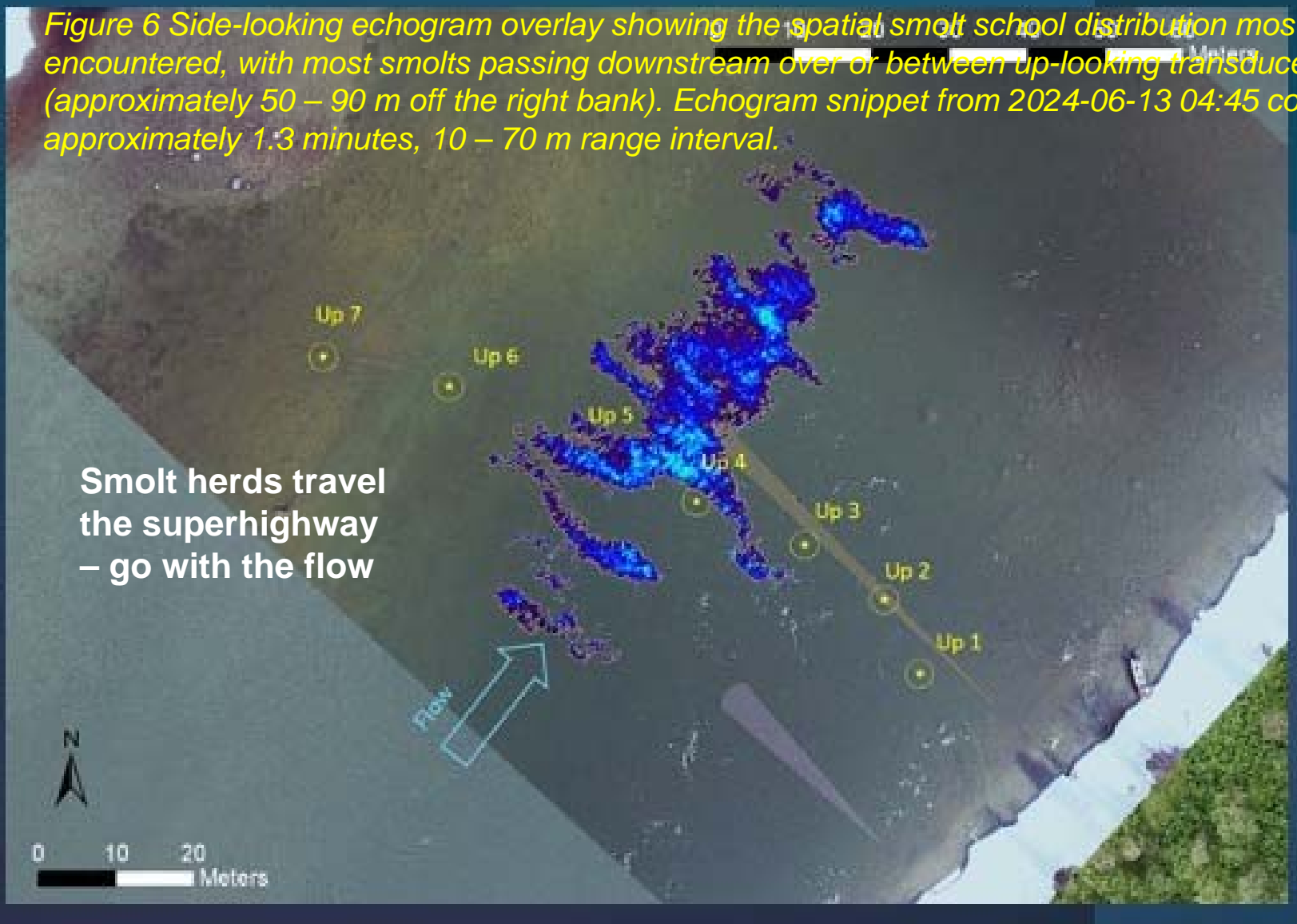


Figure 6 Side-looking echogram overlay showing the spatial smolt school distribution most commonly encountered, with most smolts passing downstream over or between up-looking transducers 3 and 5 (approximately 50 – 90 m off the right bank). Echogram snippet from 2024-06-13 04:45 covering approximately 1.3 minutes, 10 – 70 m range interval.



Smolt herds travel the superhighway – go with the flow

Smolt migrate primarily in the thalweg – main flow.

Design intake was moved to AVOID

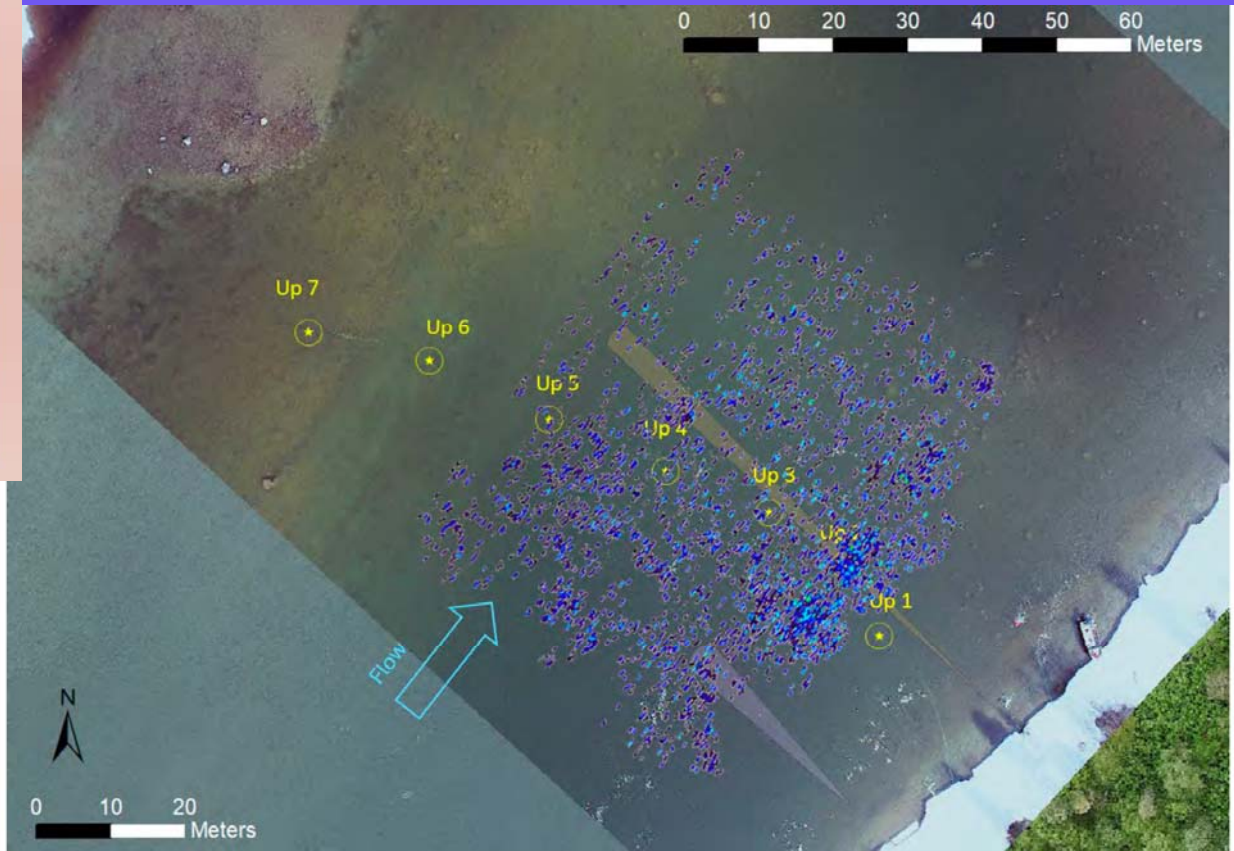
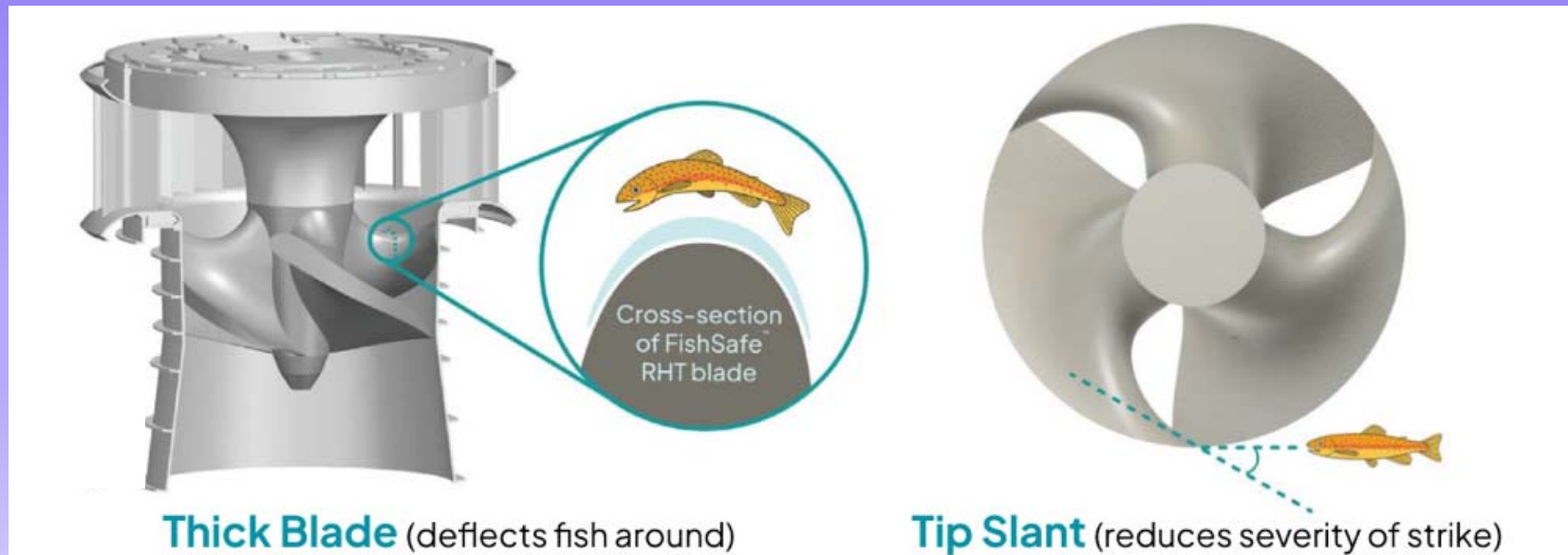


Figure 10 Side-looking echogram overlay showing a spatial smolt distribution similar to the previous example but at a time when schools had broken up (smolt density gradient still skewed towards the right side of the river, relatively close to shore). Echogram snippet from 2024-06-14 02:25 covering approximately 1.3 minutes, 10 – 70 m range interval.

Fish Friendly Turbines have been developed over many years

- If smolts enter intake, design features incorporated to pass fish safely through tunnel
- Turbine blades design: Thicker, Tip Slant, Geared to turn slower
- Testing – shows 95% + Survival



In River Hydro in Alaska Helping to stabilize Electric rates.

50 - 100 year lifespan with regular maintenance



King Cove: (1994 & 2017)

Delta Cr Hydro replacing 23,000 gallons
Water Cr Hydro replacing 60,000 gallons
“... and frequently meets their 2 MW
demand in the silence of diesels-off.”

INN - Illiamna, Nondalton, Newhalen

Tazimin R. Falls (1999) - 824 kW
Replaces 20 – 50,000 gallons
NO SALMON

Gustavus – Falls Cr

Atka – Chunlisax Cr

Chignik Lagoon – Packers Cr

Hoonah - Gartina Falls (2015)

Take – Cannuk Cr (2020)

Angoon – Thayer Cr

<https://www.akenergyauthority.org>

<https://alaskarenewableenergy.org>

IPEC – Inside Passage Electric Cooperative

Jodi Mitchell, CEO – “ADFG has shown that hydro can be salmon friendly”
(Lower Turbidity, Reduced flow, Increased Oxygen Concentration...)

Nuyakuk Falls Hydroelectric Capacity

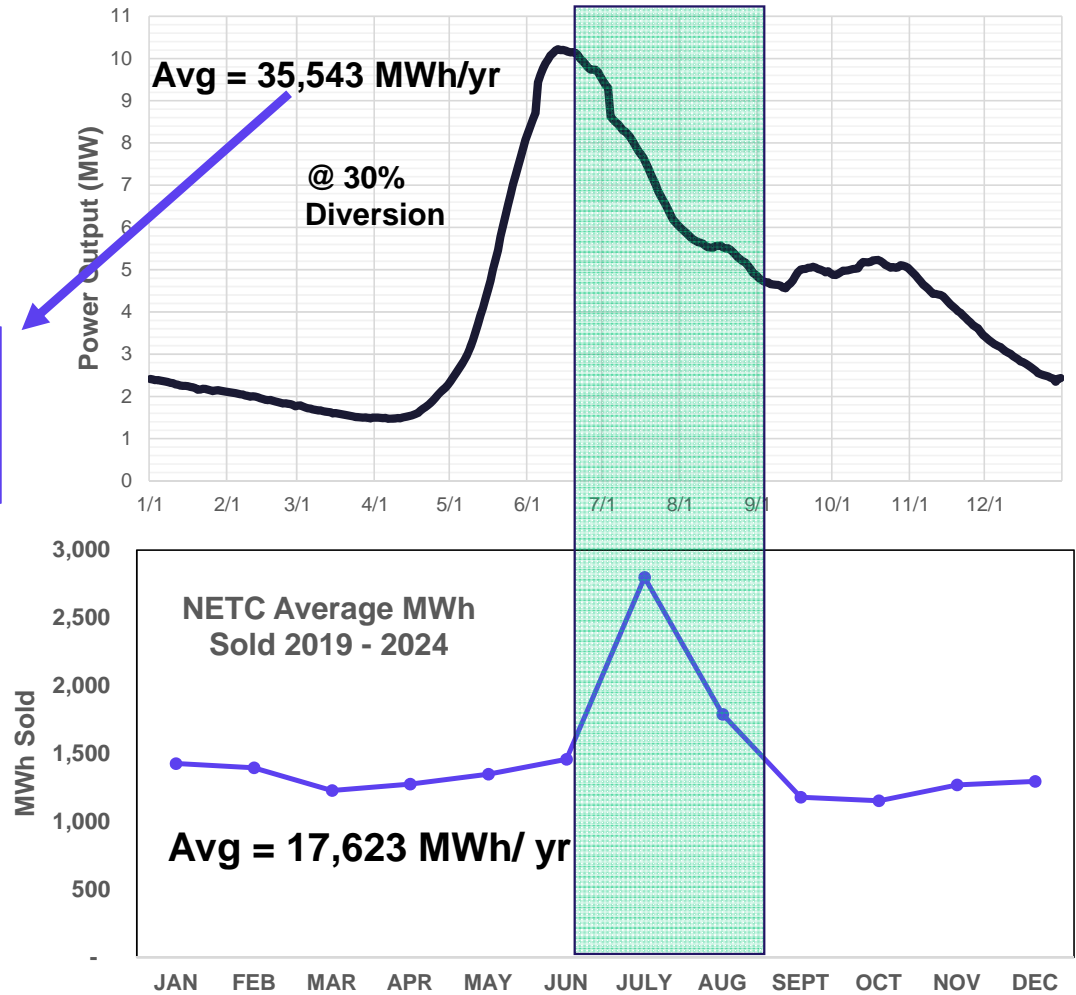
<u>Community</u>	<u>MWh / yr</u>
Dillingham, Aleknagik	19,745
Ekwok	452
New Stuyahok	1,926
Koliganek	695
Levelock	297
Sub total	23,116
Naknek, S. Naknek, King Salmon	24,489
Grand Total	47,605

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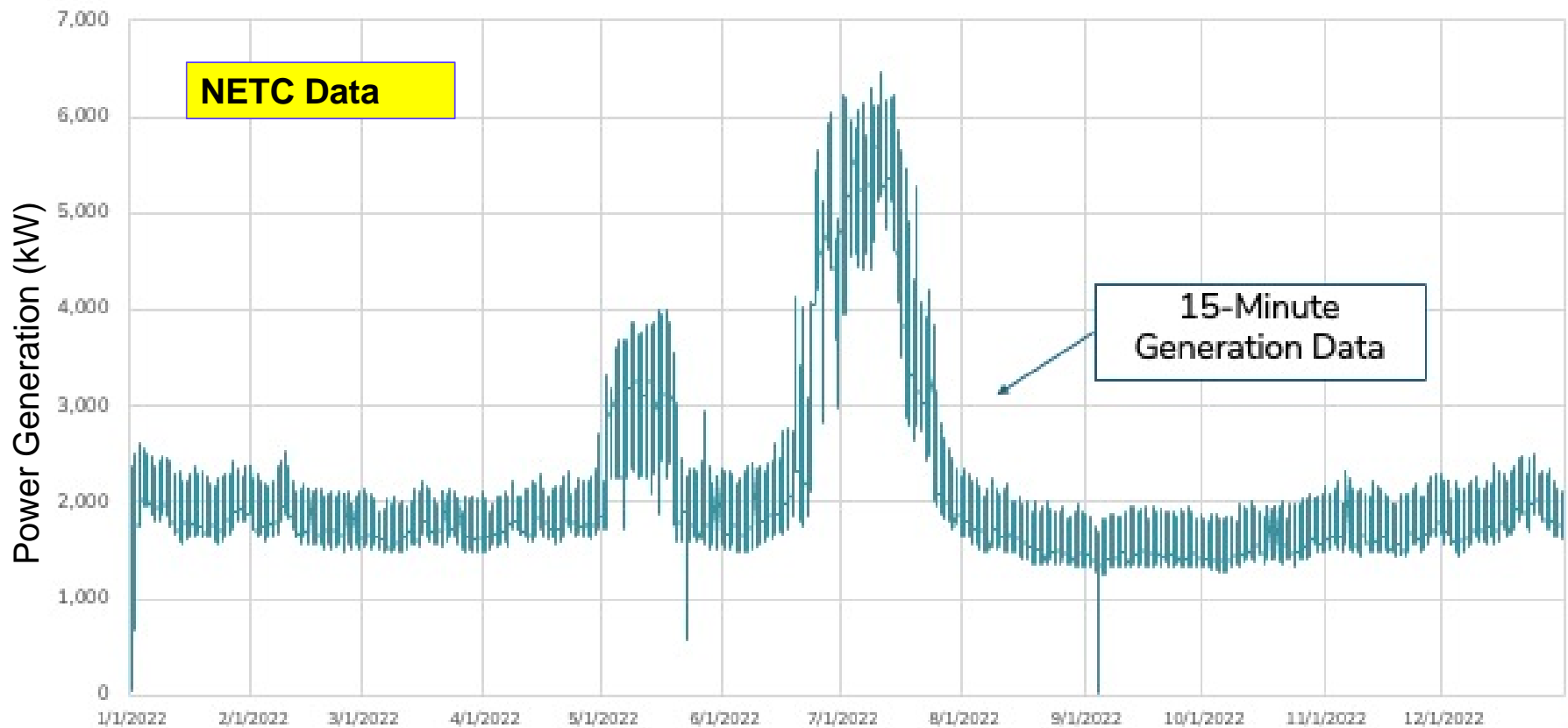
NEED MORE REFINED, MONTHLY, WEEKLY COMPARISON.

MWh / yr
35,543
 -- **23,116**
 = **12,427**

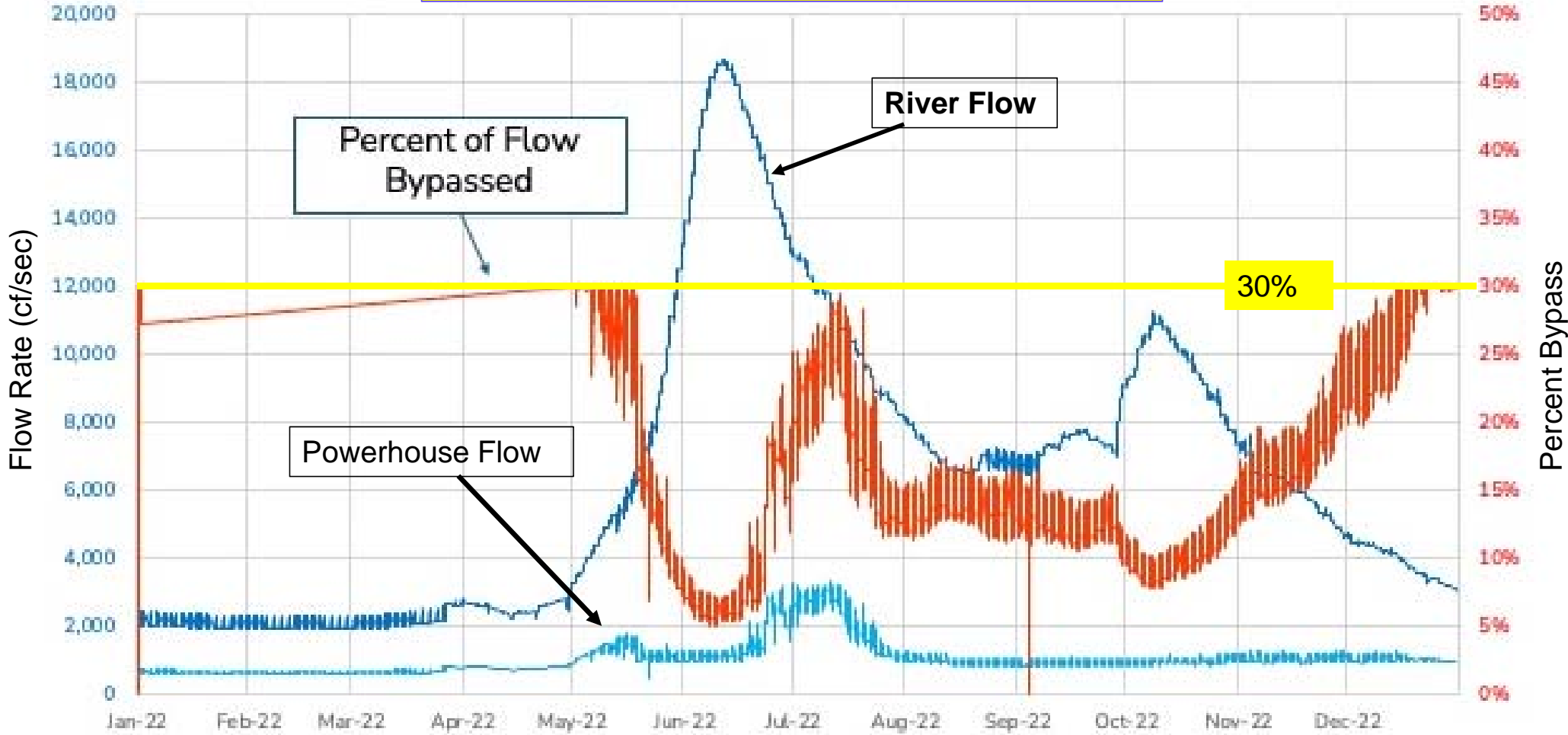
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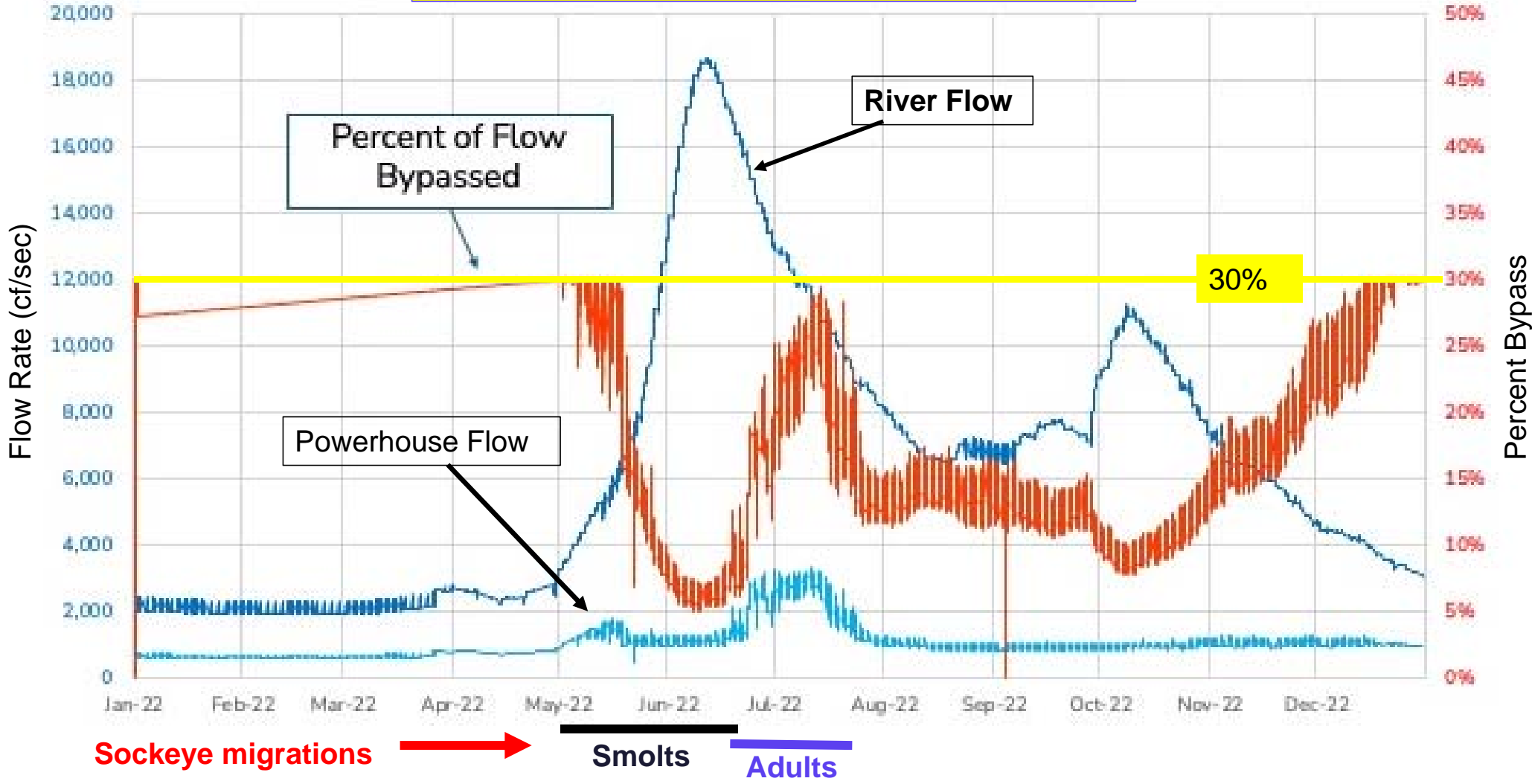
2022 System Demand (Dillingham/Aleknagik)



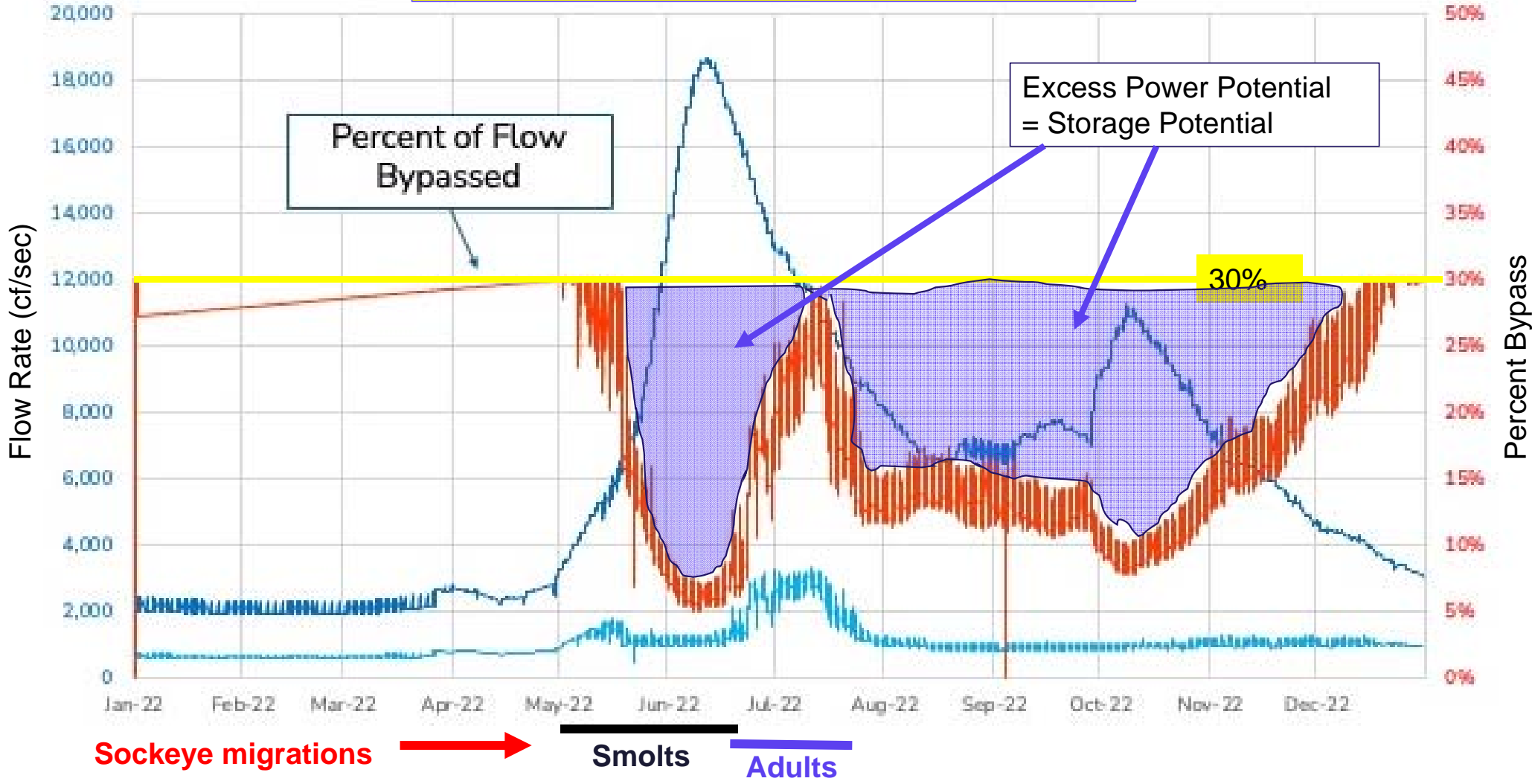
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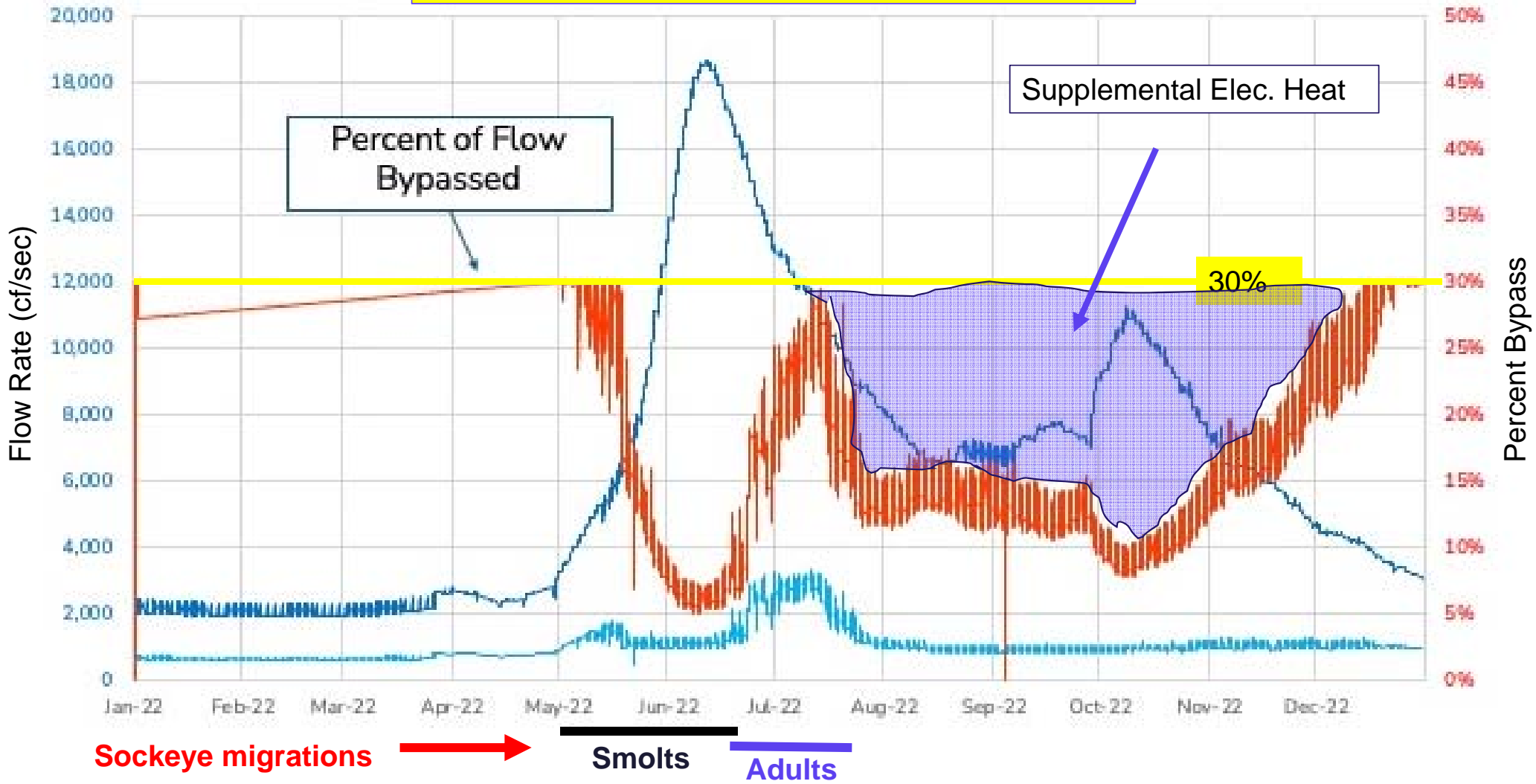
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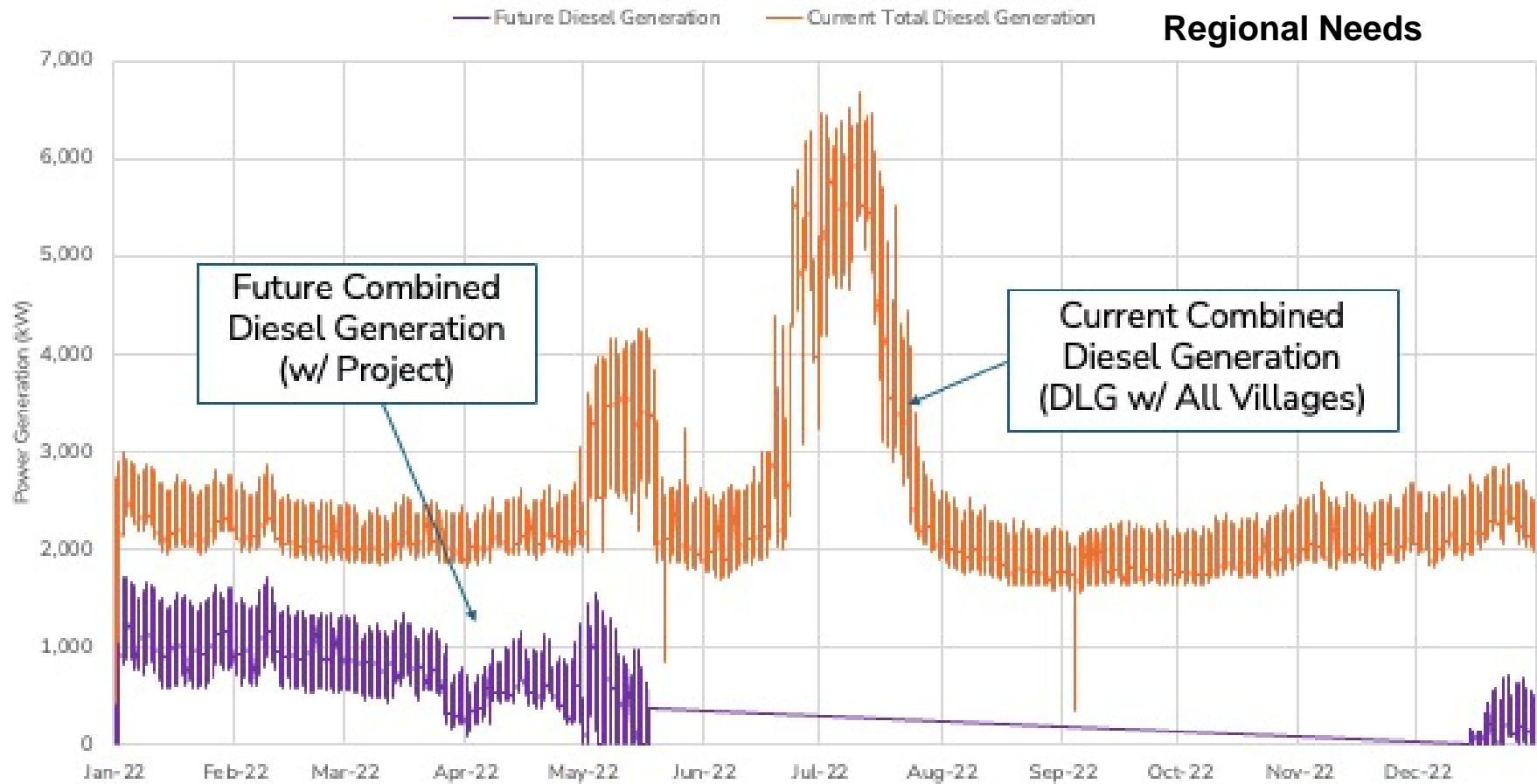
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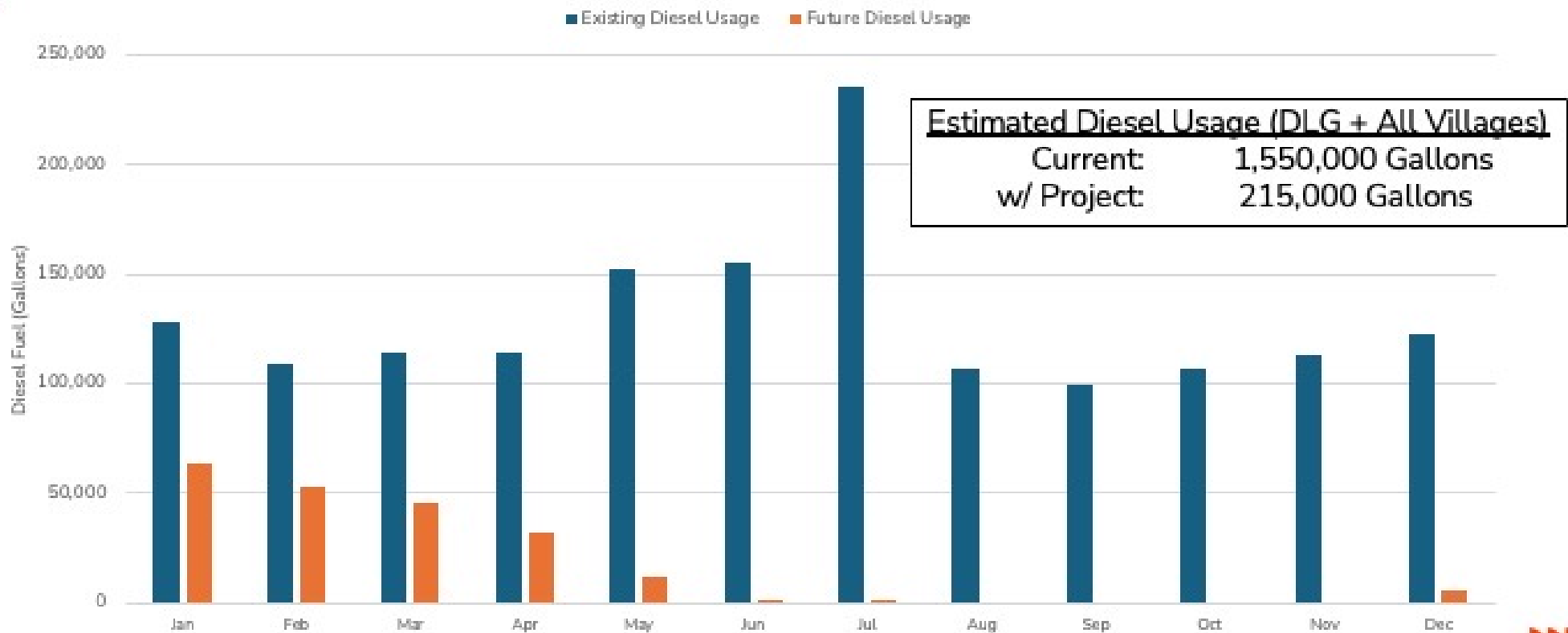
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Diesel Usage

Projected Diesel Consumption



Diesel Fuel Usage Comparison



Annual Diesel Cost Savings

1,298,500 gals.
Diesel saved / year

Combined Six Villages	Current Gals. 1,513,000	Projected Gals. 214,500	Saving / Year \$5,099,000
City/Village	Current Diesel Usage (Gallons/Year)	Projected Diesel Usage w/ Project (Gallons/Year)	Cost Savings (\$/Yr) ²
Dillingham/Aleknagik	1,300,000	180,000	\$3,752,000
New Stuyahok/Ekwok	111,000	18,000	\$732,000
Levelock	40,000	6,500	\$373,000
Koliganek ¹	62,000	10,000	\$242,000

¹ Assumes that transmission line option to Koliganek is approved.

² Assumes reduction in plant operating expenses in addition to fuel expenses for villages



Water diversion hydro could benefit other communities.

OPTIONS

Small Grid ???

Connect with existing distribution Grid

- Dillingham / Aleknagik

Reduce 1,200,000 gals for 1,507 members

Regional Grid ???

Connect with existing distribution Grids

- Dillingham / Aleknagik
- Ekwok / New Stuyahak
 - Koliganek
 - Levelock
- Naknek / S Naknek / King Salmon

Reduce 3,200,000 gals for 3,000 members

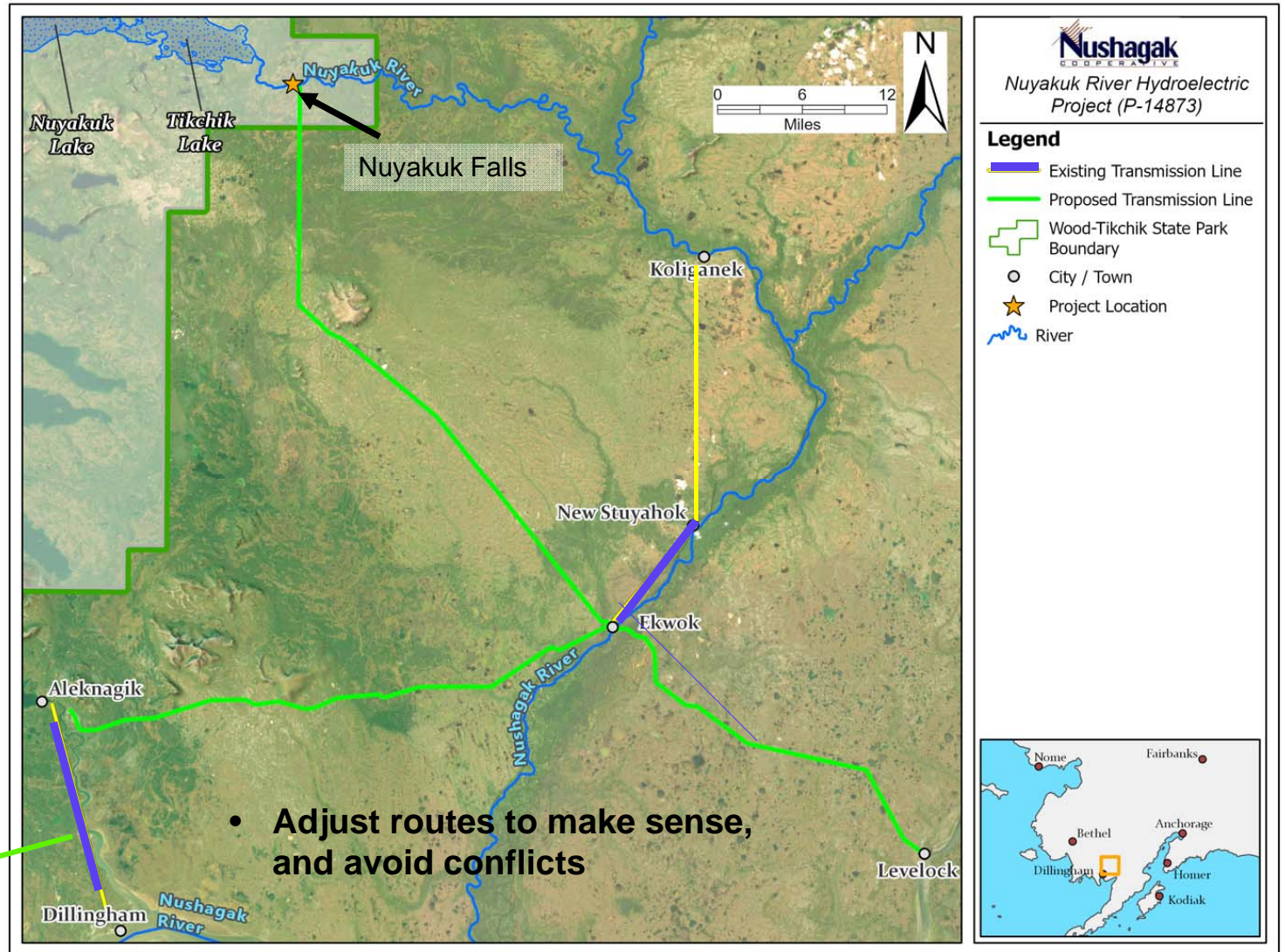
Future Power: Electric heat. Heat Pumps. Electric vehicles.

How can power be shared?

Draft Transmission Routes:

- Finish mapping
- Culturally sensitive
- Private lands
- Corporate lands.

Manokotak



Transmission via Electric power poles or Underground ????

Not the Tenn. Valley Authority transmission tower pictures that others have shared



Transmission Line Design – more like our existing

Type: Overhead Cable (Buried Alternative being Investigated)

Support Structure: FRP / Steel Poles

Pole Height: 100 ft

Span: 200 ft to 800 ft

Right of Way: 100 ft

Distances:

Aleknagik to Ekwok: 41 miles

Ekwok to Levelock: 30 miles

Stuyahok/Ekwok to Falls: 45 to 48 miles

Koliganek: 8 to 20 miles

Total: 127 to 139 miles

**New Stuyahok to Ekwok
Existing Transmission Line**



Next Steps

- **Updated Study Report (USR) – Submitted December 2, 2024**
 - + www.nuyakukhydro.com
 - + FERC portal.
- **Public Review of USR – Due February March 20, 2025**
- **NETC Responses to Comments to FERC & Public – March April 2025**
- **FERC Determination – April May 2025 = Were objectives met??**
 - + **Need for additional work(?) OR**
 - + **Missions accomplished (?)**
- **NETC decides whether to proceed or not**



The NETC Board will have to decide whether to proceed.



End –

Historical Sockeye Counts Nuyakuk Tower 1958 - 2024

