

The Dalles Dam Fishway Status Report

6/25/23

Inspection Period 06/18-06/24, 2023

THE DALLES DAM



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The Dalles Dam	Inspections OOC	Criteria Limit	Total Number of Inspections: 14		Temperature: 64.6 °F
			Comments: flows decrease. Turbidity improving.		Weekly Ave. Secchi: 5.0
NORTH FISHWAY					
Exit differential	0	≤ 0.5'			
Count station differential	0	≤ 0.3'			
Weir crest depth	0	1.0' ± 0.1'			
Entrance weir N1	0	depth (≥ 8')	Average for the week	10.4	
Entrance Differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Average for the week	1.3	
N2		Closed			
PUD Intake differential	0	≤ 0.5'			
EAST FISHWAY					
Exit differential	0	≤ 0.5'			
Removable weirs 154-157	0	Per forebay			
Weir 158-159 differential	0	1.1' ± 0.1'			
Count station differential	0	≤ 0.3'	Increased weir top flow 1.3' due to shad. raked pickets less frequently.		
153 Weir crest depth	0	1' ± 0.1'			
Junction pool weir JP6	0	> 7.0'	Weekly average	11.9	
East entrance differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Weekly average	1.5	
Entrance weir E1	0	No criteria	Weekly average	9.9	
Entrance weir E2	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	11.1	
Entrance weir E3	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	11.1	
Collection channel velocity	0	1.5 - 4 fps	1.94 fps 5/24/23		
Transportation channel velocity	0	1.5 - 4 fps	3.84 fps 6/4/23		
North channel velocity	0	1.5 - 4 fps	2.44 fps 6/5/23		
East entrance	0	1.5 - 4 fps	2.72 fps 5/24/23		
West entrance differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Weekly average	1.5	
Entrance weir W1	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	10.1	
Entrance weir W2	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	10.3	
Entrance weir W3	0	No criteria	Weekly average	-2.5	
South entrance differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Weekly average	1.4	
Entrance weir S1	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	10.3	
Entrance weir S2	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	9.6	
JUVENILE BYPASS					
Sluiceway operation	0	Units 1, 8, 18	1-8-18 gates open.		
Turbine trashrack drawdown	0	<1.5', biwklly	6/12/2023 All in criteria.		
Spill volume/pattern	0	1 to 22	1-8 bays in operation daily		
Turbine Unit Priority	0	per FPP			
Gatewells	0	Weekly	Less fish in gatewells, mostly sub yearlings and adult shad. Misc mortality, MU2, 6, 7 13, 15, 16 su		

Current Outages

MU4 OOS 04/17/2023 0630 – 9/28/2023 1700, ANNUAL
MU12 OOS 04/12/2021 0001 – 9/22/2023 ANNUAL
MU16 OOS 05/22/2023 0630 – 06/29/2023 1700, 6 YR O/H
MU19 & MU20 FOOS 10/07/2018 1205 – 10/31/2025 1700 T10 ACETYLENE
MU1 OOS 06/26/2023 0630 – 07/06/23 1700, ANNUAL
MU2 OOS 06/26/2023 0630 – 07/06/23 1700, ANNUAL

Maintenance

Plan in place for fish unit intake trashrack rake in preparation for potential debris issues. Monitoring fish unit differential. Calibrations at fishways entrances are all within criteria 6/25/2023
Planning spill gates 9 and 10 cable and gearbox swap. Resealing bulkheads.
Spillway assessment; Spillgates 1- 9 rehab 2034. Spillway crane replace first priority. Reviewing gate operation frequency.

Predators

60+ pelicans foraging spillway tailrace eddy line off spillwall and in SW4
40-20 foraging gulls in tailwater zones. DCCO's remain on BPA towers with ~23 nests occupied.
Planning removal of bass/walleye/catfish from all dewaterings for gut sample analysis. Working on permit.
Falconry abatement finished for year. Planning to add RC boat trial July 16th.
Dam angling picked up. June 5-11 = 386 NPM 477 YTD

Research/Construction/Contractors

Installed tori line from NOAA seagrant at east entrance to deter predator birds.
WDFW dam anglers making periodic visits. Catch rates showing dramatic increase, including bass and walleye.
USGS river temperatures link <https://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/ops/temp/202305.lcol.html>
4 Peaks fish counters 16hr/7 day/wk started Apr 1.
Supporting lamprey improvements PDT. Two of 4 exit weir modified with lamprey orifice, other 2 next winter.
ODFW conducting monthly fishway inspections.
PTAGIS fishladder data collection at count stations continues

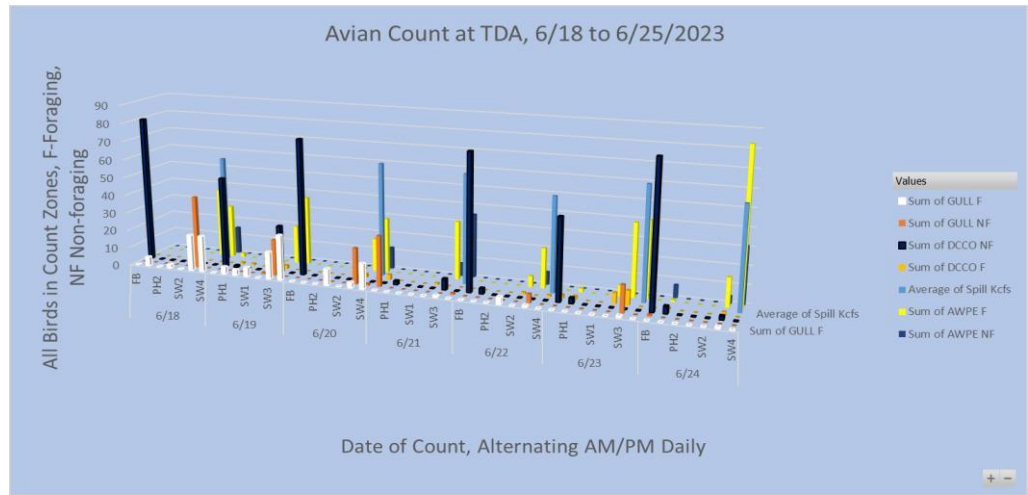
Operations

Sluice gates 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 8-1, 8-3, 18-2 open
West end Gatewells contain significant numbers (20+) of sub yearlings, MU6, 7, 15, 16, 2 had sub mortality.

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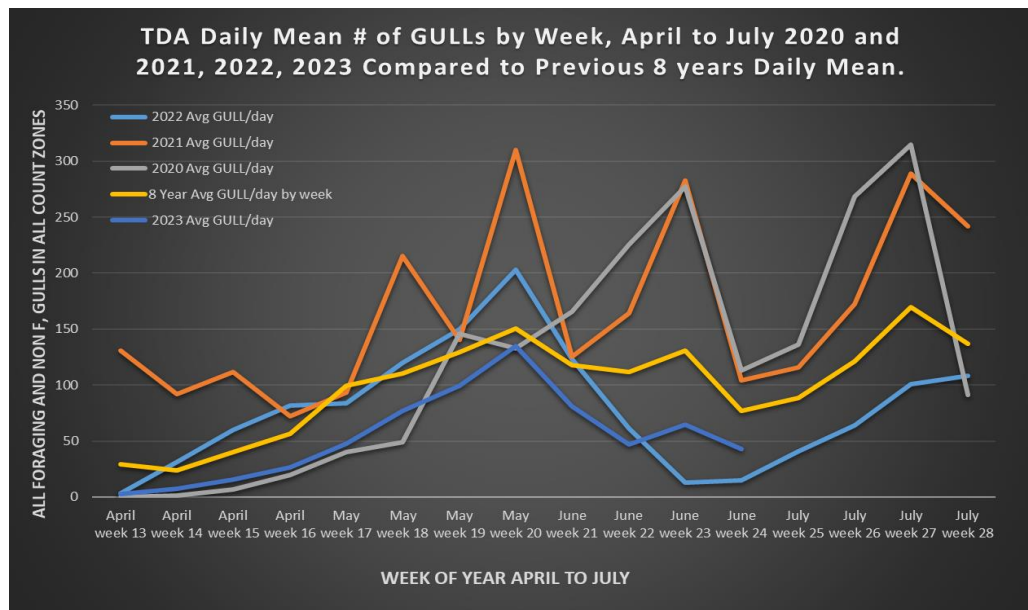
Bird Count Zones, Avian Lines and Laser Deterrent Sites





No falconry this week. Increasing number of pelicans. Tori line installed at east entrance.

Large numbers of foraging pelicans displacing gulls from normal feeding spots.



Secchi:		USGS F°
5.0	Sun	64.5
5.0	Mon	64.0
5.0	Tue	63.8
5.0	Wed	64.1
5.0	Thurs	64.9
5.0	Fri	65.4
5.0	Sat	65.6
5.0	AVG	64.6

Reporting week data

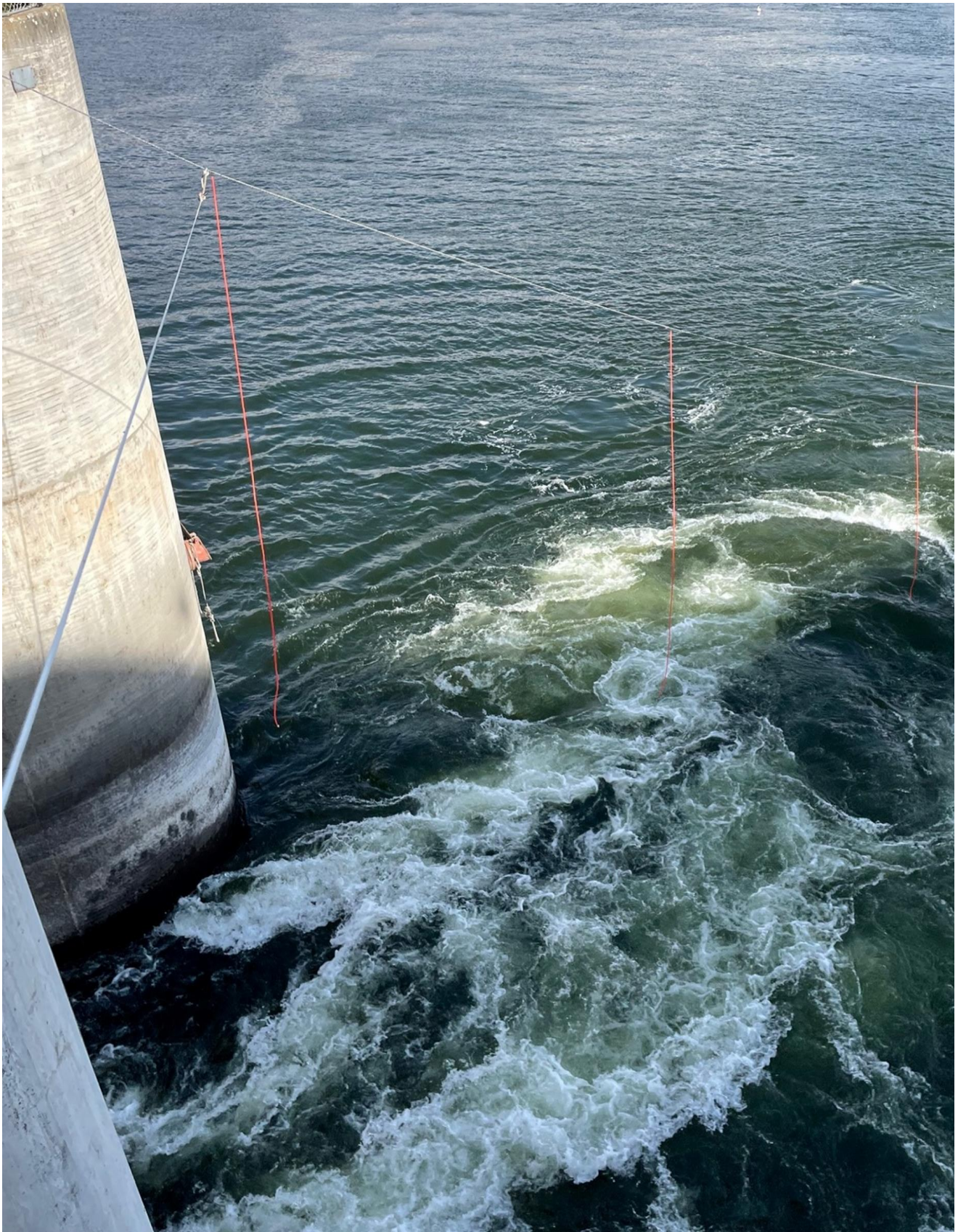
Date:	North Ladder		East Ladder											
	Differential	N1 Depth	East Entrance					West Entrance				South Entrance		
			Differential	E1 Depth	E2 Depth	E3 Depth	JP 6	Differential	W1	W2	W3	Differential	S1	S2
6/18	1.2	10.6	1.4	9.7	11.1	11.5	11.6	1.6	9.7	9.9	-2.8	1.4	10.5	9.7
	1.3	10.5	1.4	9.8	11.3	11.6	11.8	1.5	9.9	10.1	-2.6	1.5	10.3	9.5
6/19	1.3	10.4	1.5	10.0	10.9	11.1	12.0	1.6	10.0	10.2	-2.4	1.4	10.6	9.7
	1.3	10.4	1.6	9.7	10.6	10.8	11.7	1.5	9.9	10.0	-2.6	1.4	10.3	9.4
6/20	1.3	10.4	1.4	10.1	11.4	11.7	12.0	1.5	10.4	10.6	-2.3	1.4	10.5	9.8
	1.2	10.4	1.5	9.7	11.0	11.3	11.7	1.6	9.9	10.1	-2.8	1.5	10.2	9.2
6/21	1.3	10.4	1.4	9.8	11.1	11.4	11.8	1.5	10.1	10.3	-2.7	1.4	10.5	9.3
	1.3	10.3	1.5	9.8	11.1	11.4	11.8	1.5	10.2	10.3	-2.6	1.4	10.5	9.4
6/22	1.3	10.4	1.5	9.8	10.9	11.1	11.8	1.6	10.1	10.3	-2.6	1.4	10.4	9.4
	1.3	10.3	1.5	10.0	11.1	11.3	12.0	1.5	10.3	10.4	-2.5	1.5	10.4	9.0
6/23	1.3	10.4	1.4	10.1	11.2	11.5	12.1	1.5	10.4	10.6	-2.3	1.4	10.1	9.8
	1.3	10.4	1.5	10.1	11.2	11.5	12.2	1.4	10.5	10.6	-2.3	1.3	10.2	10.0
6/24	1.3	10.4	1.5	10.0	11.1	11.3	11.9	1.4	10.4	10.6	-2.3	1.4	10.0	9.9
	1.2	10.4	1.5	10.0	11.0	11.1	12.0	1.5	10.1	10.2	-2.5	1.4	10.1	9.9
AVG:	1.3	10.4	1.5	9.9	11.1	11.3	11.9	1.5	10.1	10.3	-2.5	1.4	10.3	9.6

Fishways inspected twice daily



WDFW dam anglers catch cooler. Yes, there are invasive bass and walleye in there.





Pelicans and cormorants staying clear of tori line 1600hr 6/25/23



