

The Dalles Dam Fishway Status Report

12/3/23

Inspection Period 11/26-12/2, 2023

THE DALLES DAM



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The Dalles Dam	Inspections OOC	Criteria Limit	Total Number of Inspections: 14		Temperature:	#DIV/0!
			Comments: Preparation for east ladder dewater		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	9.7		
Entrance Differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Average for the week	1.4		
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'				
153 Weir crest depth	0	1' ± 0.1'	1.2' per FPP.			
Junction pool weir JP6	0	> 7.0'	Weekly average	11.2		
East entrance differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Weekly average	1.5		
Entrance weir E1	0	No criteria	Weekly average	2.2		
Entrance weir E2	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	10.7		
Entrance weir E3	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	10.7		
East channel velocity	0	1.5 - 4 fps	2.85fps 11/15/23			
Transportation channel velocity	0	1.5 - 4 fps	west 4.10fps 11/15/23			
North channel velocity	0	1.5 - 4 fps	3.05 fps 12/3/23			
South entrance	0	1.5 - 4 fps	3.6 fps 11/14/23			
West entrance differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Weekly average	1.3		
Entrance weir W1	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	9.1		
Entrance weir W2	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	9.5		
Entrance weir W3	0	No criteria	Weekly average	-1.7		
South entrance differential	0	1.0' - 2.0'	Weekly average	1.3		
Entrance weir S1	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	9.0		
Entrance weir S2	0	depth (≥ 8')	Weekly average	9.1		
JUVENILE BYPASS						
Sluiceway operation	0	Units 1, 8, 18	1-8-18 gates open.			
Turbine trashrack drawdown	0	<1.5', biwklly	11/3/23 all in criteria			
Spill volume/pattern	0	1 to 22	Spill closed			
Turbine Unit Priority	0	per FPP				
Gatewells	0	Weekly	11/3/23, No fish or mortality.			

Current Outages

MU4 OOS 04/17/2023 0630 – 1/18/2024 1700, BREAKER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT
MU19 & MU20 FOOS 10/07/2018 1205 – 10/31/2025 1700 T10 ACETYLENE
SS02 OOS 11/27/23 0700 – 12/7/23 1700 – 2yr
MU03/MU04 OOS 11/27/2023 0800 – 12/03/2023 1800, BPA LIMITS LINE 2 TO OMW

Maintenance

Planning spill gates 9 and 10 cable and gearbox swap. Possible this fall/winter.
Spillway assessment; Spillgates 1- 9 rehab 2034. Spillway crane replace first priority. Reviewing gate operation frequency.
Starting contractor lamprey entrance weir mods and trap above water line work. In house 156 157 exit orifice cut this winter.
Winter work plans; select wier motor/brake replace, 158/9 weir reseal, swap south weir gearboxes
East fishway dewater week of Dec 4. North fishway dewater first week of Feb.

Predators

Northern Pikeminnow Management Program concluded with 2421 fish removed from project
Bird Gard sound system being tested at peninsula and east entrance. Appears effective on cormorants and feeding gulls.
Tori lines installed at east, south and west entrances removed during dewatering prep.
100~ WEGU/CAGU gulls on project, mergansers present and 70 some cormorant no longer foraging at east entrances.
Foxpro distress caller appears effective at dispersing gulls feeding when employed daily in PH2 and navlock. On/off testing continues.

Research/Construction/Contractors

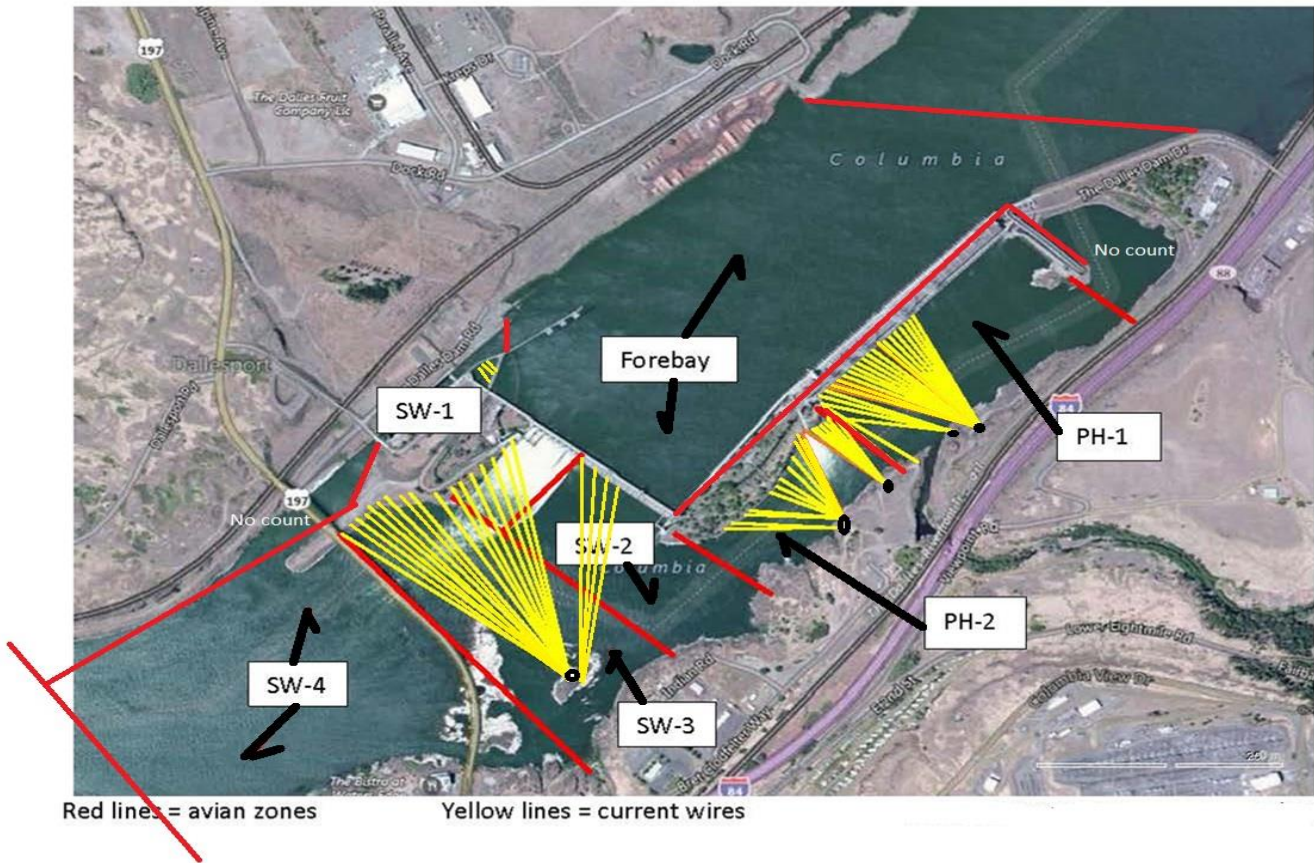
USGS temperature link- [November](#)
4 Peaks fish count ending 10/31
Supporting lamprey improvements PDT. Two of 4 exit weir modified with lamprey orifice, other 2 this winter.
Planning for install of junction pool lamprey trap and entrance weir modifications via contractor this winter.
zebra/quagga mussel samples collected on 10/22/2023, no mussels on substrate. No veligers detected in August samples.
PTAGIS fishladder data collection at count stations continues

Operations

Sluice gates 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 8-1, 8-3, 18-2 in operation
Fish unit flow reduced from 5kcf to 4 kcf rest of season due to grating damage repair.

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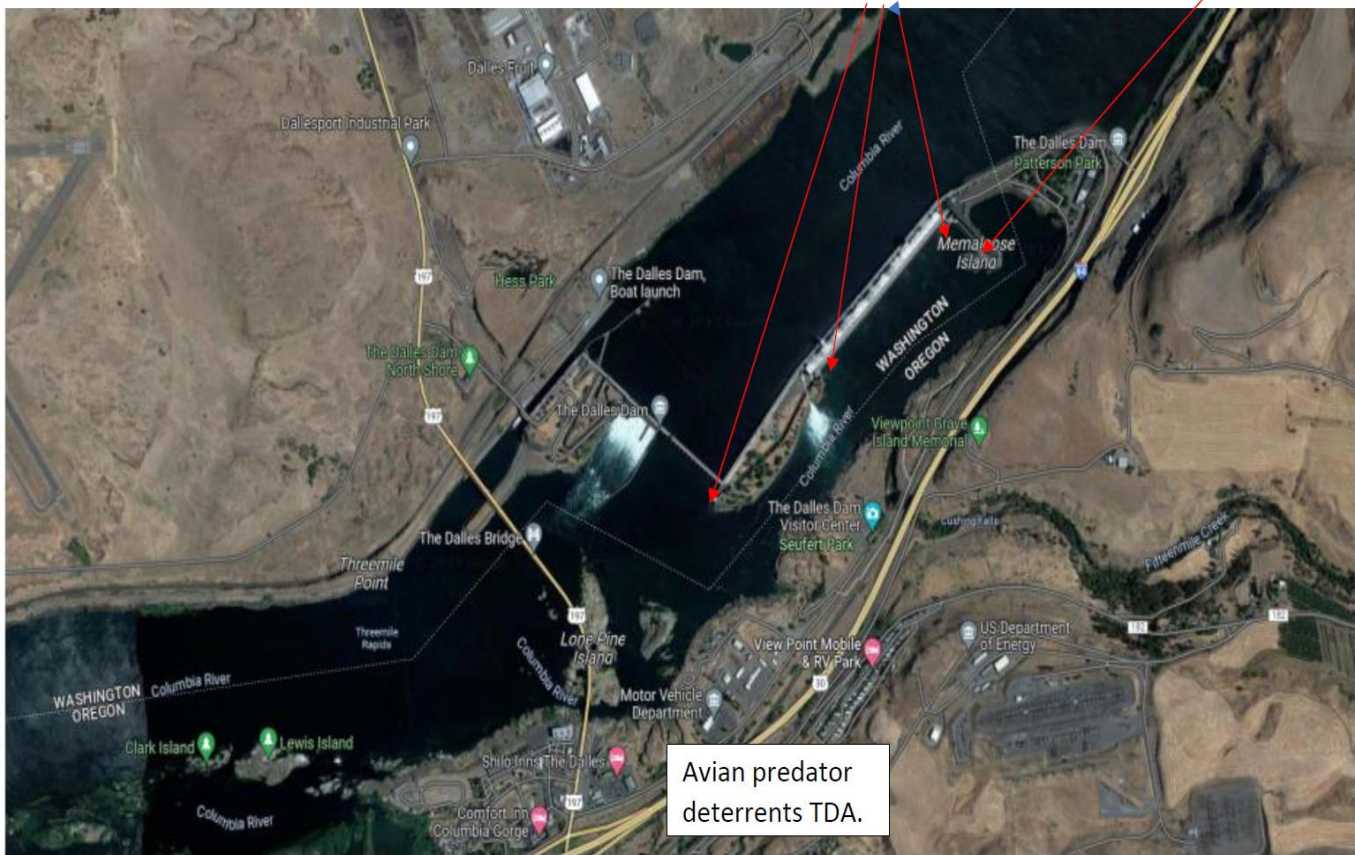
Bird Count Zones, Avian Lines and Deterrent Sites



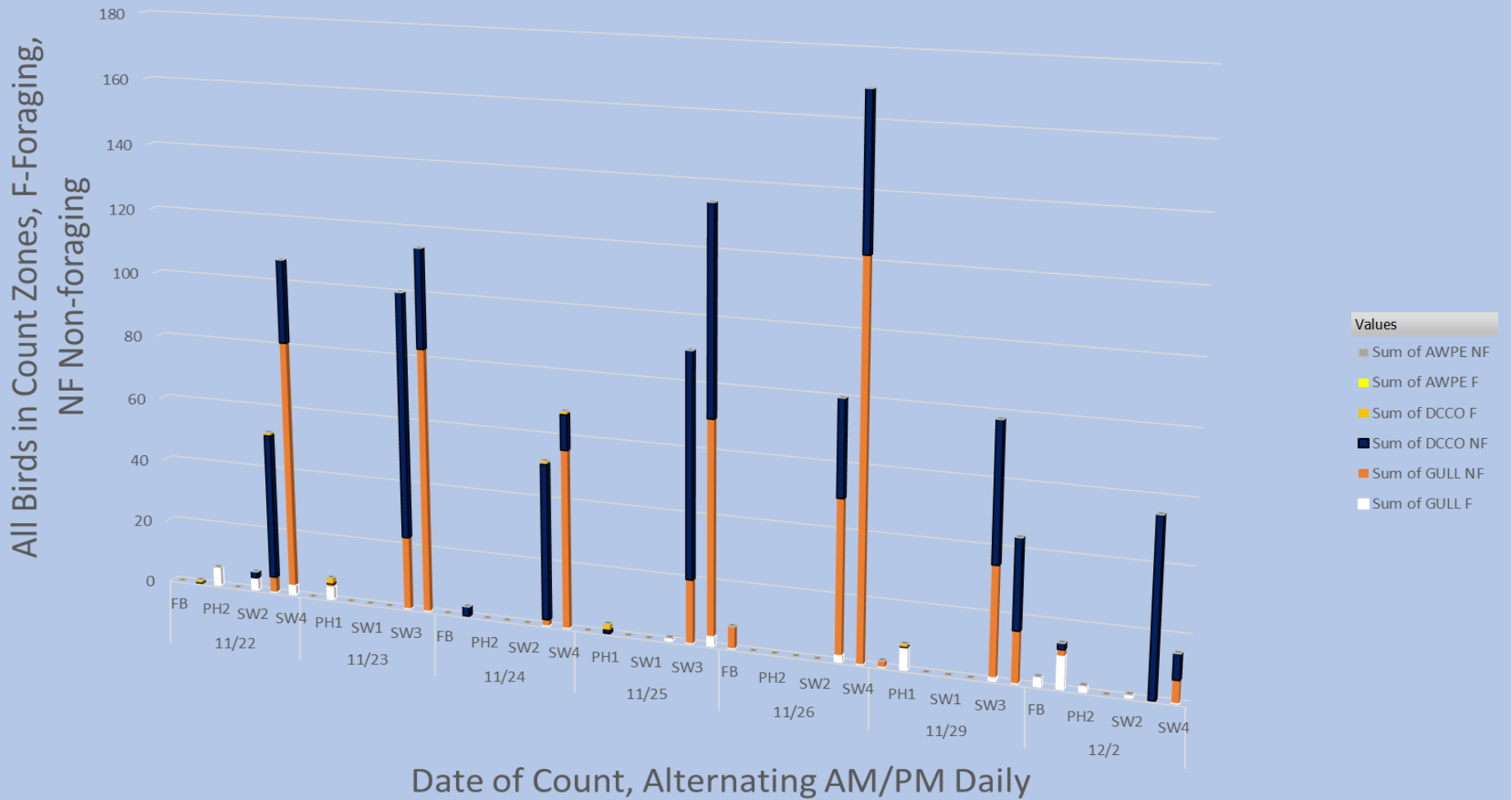
Avian predator tori lines and audio distress Bird Gard. 10/2023

Tori lines at East Ladder entrances.

Bird Gard audio deterrent.

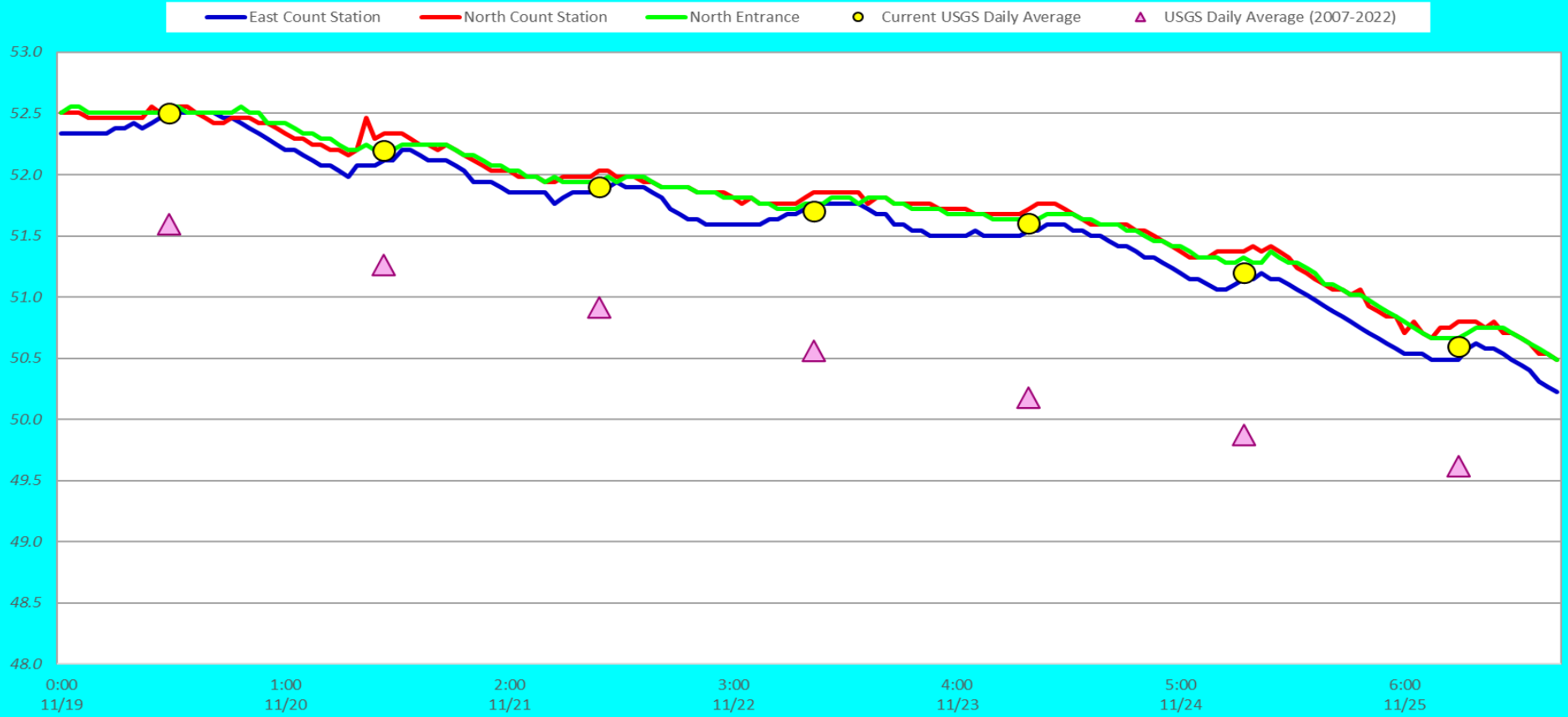


Avian Count at TDA, 11/22 to 12/2/2023



Significant decline in the numbers of foraging and loafing CAGU/WEGU

Adult Fish Ladders-River Temperatures



Secchi:		USGS
5.0+	Sun	
5.0+	Mon	
5.0+	Tue	
5.0+	Wed	
5.0+	Thurs	
5.0+	Fri	
5.0+	Sat	
5.0+	AVG	#DIV/0!

Reporting week data

Date:	North Ladder		East Ladder											
			East Entrance					West Entrance			South Entrance			
	Differential	N1 Depth	Differential	E1 Depth	E2 Depth	E3 Depth	JP 6	Differential	W1	W2	W3	Differential	S1	S2
11/26	1.4	9.5	1.7	1.6	10.3	10.2	10.6	1.4	8.9	9.2	-2.4	1.4	8.6	8.6
	1.5	9.4	1.7	1.1	10.4	10.3	10.1	1.3	8.8	9.1	-2.8	1.4	8.7	8.6
11/27	1.4	9.7	1.3	2.7	11.0	10.9	11.7	1.2	9.5	9.8	-1.4	1.2	9.6	9.8
	1.4	9.6	1.3	2.6	11.0	10.8	11.5	1.2	9.5	9.9	-1.5	1.3	9.5	9.7
11/28	1.3	9.9	1.6	2.1	11.0	11.0	11.1	1.4	8.7	9.0	-1.5	1.4	8.7	8.9
	1.3	9.8	1.7	1.8	9.9	10.9	10.7	1.3	8.8	9.1	-2.0	1.3	8.6	8.6
11/29	1.3	9.8	1.6	2.6	10.4	10.2	11.6	1.3	9.3	9.4	-1.0	1.3	9.5	9.6
	1.3	9.9	1.7	2.3	10.6	10.5	11.2	1.4	9.2	9.3	-1.7	1.3	9.2	9.3
11/30	1.4	9.8	1.4	3.0	11.4	11.3	12.0	1.3	9.4	11.5	-1.1	1.3	9.3	9.4
	1.3	9.9	1.4	2.6	11.5	11.4	11.6	1.4	8.9	9.0	-1.9	1.4	8.8	8.8
12/1	1.3	10.0	Fish Unit flow OOS East fishway flushing for dewatering on 12/5/2023											
12/2														
AVG:	1.4	9.7	1.5	2.2	10.7	10.7	11.2	1.3	9.1	9.5	-1.7	1.3	9.0	9.1

Fishways inspected twice daily



Western hybrid gulls continue to feed near the north navlock
12/3/2023. Not pictured are California and Ring bill gulls