## Fish Benefits Overview

- Temperature Benefits
- Floodplain Benefits
- SalSim


## Ecosystem Benefits of the Flow Proposal

- Restore the pattern and some limited magnitude of flow that are more closely aligned to the conditions to which native fish species are adapted


## Benefits of Flow

- The benefits of increased instream flows expected from this project have a functionally useful effect, and are evaluated and quantified in this SED in two key ways:
- Increased attainment of beneficial water temperatures for salmonids over space (more river miles) and time (more days)
- Increased floodplain inundation, also in space and time, meaning that more acreage is inundated more of the time, thus benefitting growth and survival of juvenile salmonids

Importance of Temperature on Salmonids

- Behavior
- Disease
- Predation
- Migration
- Reproduction
- Growth
- Smoltification


## Evaluation of Temperature Benefits

- USEPA Criteria
- Average Temperature
- $90^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Temperature


## USEPA Temperature Criteria

Tuolumne River
1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1 7-day average daily maximum temperature


Tuolumne River
1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1
7-day average daily maximum temperature


Percent of Time USEPA Temperature Criteria Met in the Tuolumne River in May at RM 28.1


# Increase in Percent of Time Temperature Criteria Achieved - Tuolumne River at River Mile 28.1 

| Life Stage | Month | USEPA Criteria (degrees F) | Base | Unimpaired Flow Percent |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 |
| Reproduction | Feb | 55.4 | 72\% | 5\% | 8\% | 9.8\% | 14\% | 18\% |
| Reproduction | Mar | 55.4 | 54\% | 5\% | 8\% | 14\% | 22\% | 27\% |
| Core Rearing | Mar | 60.8 | 84\% | 9\% | 14\% | 15\% | 15\% | 16\% |
| Core Rearing | Apr | 60.8 | 74\% | 16\% | 22\% | 22\% | 24\% | 25\% |
| Core Rearing | May | 60.8 | 59\% | 21\% | 30\% | 39\% | 41\% | 41\% |
| Smoltification | Apr | 57.2 | 57\% | 3\% | 16\% | 28\% | 34\% | 37\% |
| Smoltification | May | 57.2 | 38\% | 9\% | 26\% | 39\% | 43\% | 46\% |
| Smoltification | Jun | 57.2 | 23\% | -1\% | 6\% | 13\% | 21\% | 23\% |
| Summer Rearing | Jun | 64.4 | 42\% | 24\% | 33\% | 37\% | 45\% | 48\% |

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59 \%+39 \%=98 \%
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## Increase in Percent of Time Temperature Criteria Achieved Tuolumne River - All Times and Locations

| Tuolumne River |  | Confluence (RMO) |  |  |  |  |  | 1/4 River (RM13.2) |  |  |  |  |  | 1/2 River (RM28.1) |  |  |  |  |  | 3/4 River (RM38.3) |  |  |  |  |  | Below La Grange (RM53.5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Base | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  |
| Stage | Criteria ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60 |
| AM | Sep (64.4) | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 3\% | 0\% | 0\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 11\% | 0\% | -2\% | 17\% | 17\% | 16\% | 33\% | 0\% | -3\% | 7\% | 6\% | 6\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| AM | Oct (64.4) | 25\% | 0\% | -1\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% | 37\% | 0\% | -1\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 63\% | 0\% | 0\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 81\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| R | Oct (55.4) | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | -1\% | -1\% | -1\% | -1\% | 85\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% |  |
| R | Nov (55.4) | 27\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | -1\% | 34\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | -1\% | -2\% | 23\% | 0\% | -1\% | -1\% | -4\% | -5\% | 27\% | 0\% | -2\% | -3\% | -9\% | -9\% | 85\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 0\% |
| R | Dec (55.4) | 98\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | -1\% | -1\% | -1\% | 95\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | -1\% | -2\% | 93\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | -2\% | -2\% | 95\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | -2 |
| R | Jan (55.4) | 98\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 98\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 97\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 99\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | -1\% | 99\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| R | Feb (55.4) | 69\% | 2\% | 3\% | 6\% | 8\% | 10\% | 75\% | 3\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% | 9.9\% | 72\% | 5\% | 8\% | 9.8\% | 14\% | 18\% | 79\% | 1\% | 4\% | 9.99\% | 12\% | 13\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| R | Mar (55.4) | 37\% | -3\% | -3\% | -3\% | -1\% | 9\% | 50\% | -1\% | 0\% | 2\% | 7\% | 12\% | 54\% | 5\% | 8\% | 14\% | 22\% | 27\% | 56\% | 9\% | 14\% | 25\% | 30\% | 35\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| CR | Mar (60.8) | 65\% | 6\% | 8\% | 18\% | 24\% | 28\% | 72\% | 5\% | 11\% | 20\% | 23\% | 25\% | 84\% | 9\% | 14\% | 15\% | 15\% | 16\% | 91\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | $0 \%$ |
| CR | Apr (60.8) | 50\% | 0\% | 6\% | 21\% | 35\% | 41\% | 57\% | 4\% | 18\% | 31\% | 36\% | 38\% | 74\% |  |  | 22\% | 24\% | 25\% | 92\% | 6\% | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% | 8\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| CR | May (60.8) | 19\% | 2\% | 20\% | 34\% | 47\% | 37\% | 34\% | 9\% | 32\% | 46\% | 52\% | 58\% | 59\% | 21\% | 0\% | 39\% | 41\% | 41\% | 74\% | 14\% | 24\% | 26\% | 26\% | 26\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| S | Apr (57.2) | 22\% | 0\% | 2\% | 5\% | 9\% | 15\% | 36\% | -2\% | 2\% | 7\% | 21\% | 31\% | 57\% | 3\% | 16\% | 28\% | 34\% | 37\% | 65\% | 14\% | 25\% | 29\% | 30\% | 31\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| S | May (57.2) | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% | 15\% | 3\% | 9\% | 16\% | 30\% | 40\% | 38\% | 9\% | 26\% | 39\% | 43\% | 46\% | 56\% | 14\% | 28\% | 35\% | 40\% | 43\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | $0 \%$ |
| S | Jun (57.2) | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 5\% | 10\% | 23\% | -1\% | 6\% | 13\% | 21\% | 23\% | 34\% | 8\% | 20\% | 31\% | 37\% | 39\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| SR | Jun (64.4) | 30\% | 1\% | 11\% | 24\% | 35\% | 36\% | 34\% | 7\% | 25\% | 33\% | 41\% | 42\% | 42\% | 24\% | 33\% | 37\% | 45\% | 48\% | 46\% | 29\% | 37\% | 45\% | 45\% | 47\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| SR | Jul (64.4) | 6\% | -1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | -1\% | 19\% | 0\% | -2\% | 0\% | -2\% | -4\% | 23\% | 2\% | -2\% | 16\% | 17\% | 14\% | 26\% | 3\% | -3\% | 15\% | 16\% | 16\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| SR | Aug (64.4) | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% | -1\% | -1\% | -2\% | 8\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 9\% | 0\% | -1\% | 8\% | 6\% | 5\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |

## Average Temperature

1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1
7-day average daily maximum temperature


1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1
7-day average daily maximum temperature


1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1
7-day average daily maximum temperature


## Tuolumne River Average Temperature

| Tuolumne Average 7DADM | Confluence (RMO) |  |  |  |  |  | 1/4 River (RM13.2) |  |  |  |  |  | 1/2 River (RM28.1) |  |  |  |  |  | 3/4 River (RM38.29) |  |  |  |  |  | Below La Grange (RM53.5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base ( ${ }^{\circ}$ F) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base <br> ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base <br> ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base ( ${ }^{\circ}$ F) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |
| Sep | 75.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.0 | 74.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -1.2 | -1.2 | -1.1 | 70.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -1.1 | -1.0 | -1.0 | 68.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 53.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Oct | 67.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 66.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 63.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 61.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 53.8 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Nov | 57.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 56.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 56.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 53.7 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Dec | 50.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 49.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 52.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 53.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 52.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Jan | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 49.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 51.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 52.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 51.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Feb | 54.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.7 | 53.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.5 | -0.7 | 53.6 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.8 | -1.0 | 53.1 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -1.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Mar | 58.5 | -0.4 | -0.7 | $-1.2$ | -1.6 | $-2.2$ | 57.2 | -0.5 | -0.9 | -1.3 | -1.7 | -2.2 | 55.7 | -0.8 | -1.2 | -1.7 | -2.0 | -2.4 | 54.5 | -0.8 | -1.2 | -1.6 | -1.9 | -2.2 | 49.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Apr | 61.7 | -0.7 | -1.6 | -2.5 | -3.2 | -3.8 | 60.1 | -0.8 | -1.7 | -2.5 | -3.2 | -3.8 | 57.0 | -0.7 | -1.4 | -2.0 | -2.5 | -2.9 | 55.2 | -0.6 | -1.2 | -1.7 | -2.1 | -2.5 | 49.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| May | 65.9 | -1.7 | -3.8 | -4.8 | -5.6 | -5.4 | 63.8 | -1.9 | -3.9 | -5.1 | -6.0 | -6.6 | 59.6 |  | $8$ | -3.7 | -4.2 | -4.4 | 57.2 | -1.3 | -2.5 | -3.1 | -3.4 | -3.4 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Jun | 72.2 | -2.8 | -4.7 | -6.0 | -7.0 | -7.3 | 70.7 | -3.4 | -5.5 | -6.9 | -8.1 | -9.0 | 67.4 | -4.3 | -6.1 | -7.2 | -8.1 | -8.6 | 65.3 | -4.8 | -6.4 | -7.4 | -8.2 | -8.5 | 50.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Jul | 77.6 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -1.9 | 76.5 | -0.7 | $-0.3$ | $-2.2$ | -2.2 | -2.0 | 72.6 | -0.9 | -0.5 | -2.4 | -2.4 | -2.1 | 69.8 | -0.8 | -0.4 | -2.0 | -1.9 | -1.7 | 51.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Aug | 79.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 78.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 74.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 71.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 52.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 |

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59.6-3.7=55.9
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## 90th Percentile Temperature

1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1
7-day average daily maximum temperature


1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1
7-day average daily maximum temperature


1970-2003 all days in May at RM 28.1
7-day average daily maximum temperature


## Tuolumne River $90^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Temperature

| Tuolumne 90th Percentile 7DADM | Confluence (RMO) |  |  |  |  |  | 1/4 River (RM13.2) |  |  |  |  |  | 1/2 River (RM28.1) |  |  |  |  |  | 3/4 River (RM38.29) |  |  |  |  |  | Below La Grange (RM53.5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base <br> ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base <br> ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base <br> ( ${ }^{\circ}$ F) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | Base <br> ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \text { Base } \\ \left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right) \end{array}$ | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |  | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% |
| Sep | 80.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 80.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 77.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 75.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 55.6 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Oct | 73.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 | 72.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 69.7 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 66.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 56.3 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.4 |
| Nov | 62.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 61.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 60.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 59.7 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.6 | 56.0 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.1 |
| Dec | 53.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 53.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 54.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 55.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 54.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Jan | 53.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 52.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 54.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 54.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 52.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Feb | 59.1 | -0.2 | -0.5 | -0.8 | -1.2 | -1.7 | 58.5 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -1.1 | -1.5 | -2.0 | 57.8 | 0.1 | -0.7 | -1.4 | -1.8 | -2.3 | 56.7 | 0.1 | -0.6 | -1.2 | -1.5 | -1.7 | 51.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Mar | 65.5 | -1.5 | -2.5 | -3.8 | -4.6 | -5.5 | 64.6 | -1.5 | -2.8 | -4.1 | -5.0 | -5.7 | 62.6 | -2.1 | -3.6 | -4.4 | -5.3 | -6.0 | 60.6 | -2.0 | -3.3 | -4.1 | -4.8 | -5.3 | 51.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Apr | 69.0 | -2.5 | -4.5 | -6.1 | -7.5 | -8.5 | 67.4 | -2.6 | -4.5 | -6.2 | -7.4 | -8.3 | 63.4 | -2.5 | -4.2 | -5.6 | -6.5 | -7.1 | 60.6 | -2.1 | -3.4 | -4.6 | -5.4 | -5.8 | 51.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| May | 73.2 | -3.0 | -5.7 | -8.0 | -9.6 | -10.0 | 71.5 | -2.8 | -6.0 | -8.3 | -9.8 | -11.0 | 66.2 |  | 2 | -6.8 | -7.7 | -8.4 | 62.8 | -1.9 | -4.5 | -5.7 | -6.5 | -6.9 | 51.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Jun | 81.2 | -2.5 | -3.7 | -5.7 | -7.7 | -9.4 | 81.0 | -2.9 | -4.7 | -7.3 | -9.5 | -11.5 | 79.0 | -4.9 | -8.5 | -11.5 | -13.3 | -14.7 | 77.0 | -6.1 | -10.8 | -13.1 | -14.4 | -15.4 | 52.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Jul | 83.8 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 84.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 81.2 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 79.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 53.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Aug | 83.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 83.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 80.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 78.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 54.7 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

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66.2-6.8=59.4
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## Temperature Summary

- Big improvements in temperature conditions from increased flows
- These results include no optimization
- Optimized flow shaping would improve temperature for key life stages
- USEPA criteria were used as only as a benchmark, not as proposed objectives


## Floodplain Benefits

- Food availability
- Predator avoidance
- Faster growth
- Better survival
- Some native species spawn on floodplains


## Tuolumne River Floodplain Area



From Figure 19-12 (figure and relationship developed by USFWS (2008) - river mile 52 to 21.5

## Floodplain vs Flow Relationships

- Stanislaus River - USFWS
- Tuolumne River - USFWS
- Merced River - SWRCB
- San Joaquin River - cbec, inc. / FISHBIO


## Tuolumne River Floodplain Inundation

| May |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flow (cfs) | Floodplain Acreage | Base | Percent Unimpaired Flow |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 |
| 75 | 0 | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 150 | 0 | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| 300 | 0 | 95\% | 2\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| 500 | 0 | 66\% | 22\% | 32\% | 34\% | 34\% | 34\% |
| 1000 | 0 | 51\% | 9\% | 32\% | 45\% | 46\% | 48\% |
| 1100 | Initiates | 35\% | 15\% | 45\% | 57\% | 62\% | 63\% |
| 1250 | 56 | 26\% | 22\% | 52\% | 60\% | 72\% | 72\% |
| 1500 | 152 | 20\% | 13\% | 44\% | 63\% | 70\% | 78\% |
| 2000 | 305 | 17\% | 1\% | 29\% | 51\% | 65\% | 68\% |
| 3000 | 520 | 13\% | 1\% | 2\% | 18\% | 45\% | 59\% |
| 4000 | 673 | 11\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 13\% | 38\% |
| 5000 | 791 | 7\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 4\% | 15\% |

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17 \%+51 \%=68 \%
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## Tuolumne River Floodplain Inundation

| Tuolumne River |  | February |  |  |  |  |  | March |  |  |  |  |  | April |  |  |  |  |  | May |  |  |  |  |  | June |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Flow <br> (cfs) | Floodplain Acreage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Base | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% | Base | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% | Base | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% | Base | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% | Base | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60 |
| 75 | 0 | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 78\% | 16\% | 18\% | 18\% | 21\% | 21 |
| 150 | 0 | 93\% | 2\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 91\% | 7\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 100\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 49\% | 38\% | 43\% | 46\% | 48\% | 50 |
| 300 | 0 | 46\% | 9\% | 16\% | 23\% | 34\% | 41\% | 67\% | 5\% | 23\% | 26\% | 30\% | 32\% | 94\% | 2\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 95\% | 2\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 28\% | 46\% | 59\% | 63\% | 67\% | 68 |
| 500 | 0 | 44\% | 4\% | 10\% | 10\% | 18\% | 28\% | 56\% | 4\% | 6\% | 24\% | 30\% | 37\% | 70\% | 12\% | 22\% | 28\% | 30\% | 30\% | 66\% | 22\% | 32\% | 34\% | 34\% | 34\% | 27\% | 40\% | 49\% | 60\% | 63\% | 65 |
| 1000 | 0 | 38\% | 0\% | 0\% | -2\% | 1\% | 11\% | 55\% | -2\% | -2\% | -10\% | 0\% | 15\% | 52\% | 0\% | 13\% | 27\% | 40\% | 45\% | 51\% | 9\% | 32\% | 45\% | 46\% | 48\% | 24\% | 18\% | 37\% | 48\% | 51\% | 59 |
| 1100 | Initiates | 38\% | -1\% | -2\% | -5\% | 0\% | 6\% | 55\% | -4\% | -2\% | -9.8\% | -7\% | 7\% | 44\% | -2\% | 15\% | 33\% | 44\% | 54\% | 35\% | 15\% | 45\% | 57\% | 62\% | 63\% | 24\% | 13\% | 35\% | 48\% | 50\% | 55 |
| 1250 | 56 | 37\% | -1\% | -4\% | -5\% | -1\% | 2\% | 51\% | -4\% | -4\% | -9.8\% | -9.8\% | -1\% | 41\% | -1\% | 11\% | 29\% | 39\% | 50\% | 26\% | 22\% | 52\% | 60\% | 72\% | 72\% | 22\% | 7\% | 34\% | 45\% | 50\% | 54 |
| 1500 | 152 | 34\% | -1\% | -5\% | -9\% | -2\% | 1.2\% | 46\% | -4\% | -7\% | -7\% | -9.8\% | -4\% | 37\% | -1\% | 4\% | 20\% | 38\% | 45\% | 20\% | 13\% | 44 | 30\% | 70\% | 78\% | 22\% | 0\% | 24\% | 38\% | 50\% | 50 |
| 2000 | 305 | 28\% | 0\% | -4\% | -7\% | -5\% | 4\% | 40\% | -2\% | -4\% | -9\% | -9\% | -5\% | 33\% | -1\% | -1\% | 2\% | 18\% | 37\% | 17\% | \% | \% | 51\% | 5\% | 68\% | 21\% | -1\% | 7\% | 23\% | 39\% | 48 |
| 3000 | 520 | 22\% | -4\% | -5\% | -5\% | -6\% | -4\% | 34\% | 0\% | -5\% | -11\% | -12\% | -9.8\% | 21\% | 0\% | 0\% | -2\% | -4\% | 5\% | 13\% | 1\% | 2\% | 18\% | 45\% | 59\% | 15\% | 0\% | 0\% | 2\% | 26\% | 34 |
| 4000 | 673 | 11\% | 0\% | -1\% | -2\% | -1\% | -1\% | 16\% | -2\% | -2\% | -2\% | -5\% | -5\% | 11\% | 0\% | -1\% | 0\% | -1\% | -2\% | 11\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 13\% | 38\% | 10\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 6\% | 22 |
| 5000 | 791 | 10\% | 0\% | -1\% | -2\% | -2\% | -1\% | 7\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | -1\% | 0\% | 5\% | 0\% | 0\% | -1\% | -1\% | -1\% | 7\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 4\% | 15\% | 5\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 9\% |

# Annual Average Floodplain Inundation Tuolumne River, April - June 



## Annual Average Floodplain Inundation Tuolumne River, April - June in Below Normal, Dry, and Critical Years



## Floodplain Summary

- Large increases in floodplain inundation, especially in dry years
- Results are not optimized for floodplain habitat
- Bigger results are possible from flow shaping
- Flows can be optimized to achieve desired water depths and durations of inundation


## SalSim

>Population simulation model for fall-run Chinook salmon in the San Joaquin Basin Developed by California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Region 4
$>$ Tracks daily growth, movement, and survival as functions of flow, temperature, predation, and other factors
$>$ Designed to estimate changes in:

- juveniles produced by each tributary
- total juveniles out-migrating to the Delta
- total juveniles entering the ocean
- total adults returning to tributaries


## Limitations of SalSim

$>$ First 4 years are "priming years"
>Includes an ocean crash which affects adult returns during 2005-2009
$>$ Data used to construct the model has many uncertainties

SalSim has only 7 years that reflect comparative production; first 4 years are "priming years"


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## Last 5 years reflect an ocean crash



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# Average Salmon Production Using SalSim (Total Adult Chinook Salmon Production) 

| SalSim Run | 16-year <br> Average | Difference <br> from <br> Baseline | 7-year <br> Average | Difference <br> from <br> Baseline |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Baseline | 11,373 | 0 | 16,151 | 0 |
| 40\% Unimpaired Flow | 12,476 | 1,103 | 18,210 | 2,059 |
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## Why is SalSim not useful for SED?

$>$ Conditions proposed in the SED are different than conditions used to construct SalSim
$>$ Is inaccurate with regard to temperature:

- It is oversensitive relative to egg mortality during egg incubation
- Juvenile mortality is under sensitive relative to lethal temperatures in SalSim
$>$ Underestimates the benefits of floodplain inundation during the spring time period


## SED Quantified Benefits

$>$ Temperature habitat to evaluate temperature benefits
$>$ Floodplain habitat to evaluate floodplain benefits



Figure 26. Lengths of all sampled juvenile Chinook salmon by day at the Oakdale trap site.

Grayson Chinook Passage and Flow

## during 2006



Figure 10. Daily estimated passage of unmarked Chinook salmon at Grayson and river flow at

Outmigrant Trapping of Juvenile Salmonid in the Lower Tuolumne River, 2006


O. mykiss captured at the Oakdale screw trap on the Stanislaus River $(1995-2009)$



[^0]:    Adapted from Figure 19-14

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