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**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2019 3:15 PM **To:** Brian Ellrott - NOAA Federal

Cc: Cathy Marcinkevage - NOAA Federal; Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal

**Subject:** Re: Flow Survival (what you were thinking?)

Yes.

Based on the modeling of the PA the end of September storage would be less than 2.2 MAF in 20% of years (setting flows at 3,250). However, modeling of the PA also indicates that December flows are 3,250 in 30% of years (40% in the COS).

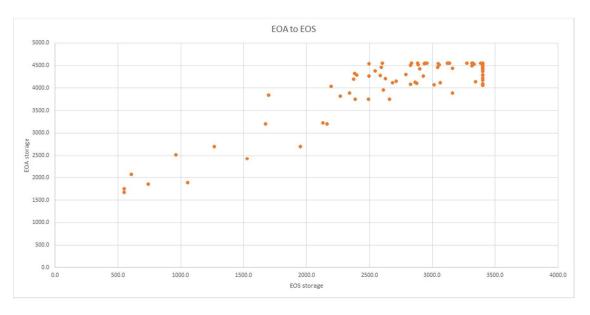
#### Evan

On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 2:58 PM Brian Ellrott - NOAA Federal < brian.ellrott@noaa.gov > wrote: Thanks for putting it into the cohort context. That's a key point I'll add.

Based on the sentence below, it is accurate to say we expect the low flows in 20 percent of years, correct?

"In the "winter minimum flow" and the "fall and winter refill and redd maintenance" sections we point out the [that] in 20% of years modeling indicates EOS storage would trigger the lowest fall, winter and spring flows (3,250)."

On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 2:49 PM Evan Sawyer - NOAA Federal < evan.sawyer@noaa.gov > wrote: Right, I was talking about EOA and EOS in the same year. So if EOA storage is low (like Tier 3 and Tier 4 years less then 3.5 MAF) then the EOS will also be low (less than 2.2 MAF which sets flows at 3,250). So 'yeah' if Reclamation is in a Tier 3 or 4 year, fall, winter and spring flows will be set to their lowest. So the same cohort will likely experience poor egg to fry survival AND poor out-migration survival (based on reservoir releases).



On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 2:30 PM Cathy Marcinkevage - NOAA Federal < <a href="mailto:cathy.marcinkevage@noaa.gov">cathy.marcinkevage@noaa.gov</a> wrote:

We had a plot that had EOA and EOS storage. See Figure 2.5.2-3 here, tracks on:

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p values are low, but there's definitely a relationship.

On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 2:25 PM Evan Sawyer - NOAA Federal < evan.sawyer@noaa.gov wrote: I'm not sure. In the "winter minimum flow" and the "fall and winter refill and redd maintenance" sections we point out the in 20% of years modeling indicates EOS storage would trigger the lowest fall, winter and spring flows (3,250). I haven't look at how end of April storage (which determines Tier) correlates to end of September (which determines fall/winter/spring flow) but there's potential there for operations to have a double hit on that brood year. 1) warmer temperature management tier (lower storage) has increased TDM and lower egg to fry survival, then 2) lower (or lowest) fall and winter flows reduce survival of out migrating juveniles. Ugh. I'll take a look at EOA and EOS storages to see if they do line up (which could be bad for the species).

Evan

On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 12:58 PM Brian Ellrott - NOAA Federal < brian.ellrott@noaa.gov > wrote: Thanks for cleaning up some of the grammar issues I mistakenly brought in.

Is there a more specific condition we can refer to wrt the occurrence of the flow reductions than saying they would happen in years when e-of-sept storage is lowest?

On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 10:37 AM Evan Sawyer - NOAA Federal < <u>evan.sawyer@noaa.gov</u>> wrote: Hey Cathy,

Within the attached document is a brief write-up of the Flow/Survival relationship. I had drafted it thinking it could go right before Table 2.5.2-18 in section 2.5.2.3.4.1 Fall and Winter Refill and Redd Maintenance. Brian has reviewed and I've incorporated his comments and revisions.

Evan

On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 7:51 AM Brian Ellrott - NOAA Federal < brian.ellrott@noaa.gov > wrote: Yes! Looks great. I made some suggestions. Let me know what you think and then I'll work it into the I&S. It will be repetitive with your Effect Section write-up but that's what you get when the ship is sinking.

On Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 10:24 PM Evan Sawyer - NOAA Federal <<u>evan.sawyer@noaa.gov</u>> wrote: Hey Brian,

Can you take a look at the attached?

Thanks Evan --

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