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SERPENTINE WEIR PASSAGE

- Lamprey passage is very low through serpentine weirs. (25-30%)
- Turbulence or Distance through slots.
- Flume designed as a representation of serpentine.
Salmonids are subcarangiform swimmers and move quickly through turbulent conditions.
Anguilliform swimmers may be more affected by turbulence.
In high flow/turbulence conditions, Lamprey go into burst and attach mode.
Flume Setup

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• Developed Robot for precise measurements within the flume.
• Sontek Micro ADV used for measurements.
• Measurements taken at 3 elevations (0 cm, 30cm, and 65 cm)
• Control Treatment
  – Assumed symmetry within flume.
  – Took 17 measurements per elevation for ½ of the flume
• Turbulence treatment – 33 measurements per elevation
• 4000 samples per measurement
VELOCITY AND TURBULENCE

- Average Velocity is computed as the magnitude of the resultant of the three average velocity components.
- The root-mean-square error of the turbulent velocity fluctuations about the mean velocity are computed for use in determining turbulence intensities and levels of turbulent kinetic energy.

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RMS[V_x'] = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Sigma V_x^2 - \left(\Sigma V_x\right)^2}{n}\right)^2}
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- Turbulence is temporal not spatial.
- Turbulence is then normalized by the average velocity of the slot to calculate intensity. (COV)
- Velocity at high flow is 2x velocity at low flow. Intensity will be 2 standard deviations different.
ROBOT FLUME MEASUREMENTS

Go link below for video of flume.

http://youtu.be/xXxp-E4nj4
LAMPREY VIEW IN FLUME

TURBULENCE WAll

FLOW

0.30M 0.30M

0.46M
LAMPREY VIEW IN FLUME

Go link below for GoPro video underwater.

http://youtu.be/KX8Ldo9VPGg
Average Velocity at Floor with Control Treatment

- Low Flow (1.2 m/s)
- Medium Flow (1.8 m/s)
- High Flow (2.4 m/s)

1 Weir
2 Weirs
3 Weirs

Lower Velocity on Edge
Higher Velocity in Center
Average Velocity at Floor with Turbulence Treatment

- **1 Weir**
  - Low Flow (1.2 m/s)
  - Medium Flow (1.8 m/s)
  - High Flow (2.4 m/s)

- **2 Weirs**
  - Low Flow (1.2 m/s)
  - Medium Flow (1.8 m/s)
  - High Flow (2.4 m/s)

- **3 Weirs**
  - Low Flow (1.2 m/s)
  - Medium Flow (1.8 m/s)
  - High Flow (2.4 m/s)
Normalized Turbulence X at Floor with Control Treatment

- **Flow**
  - Low Flow (1.2 m/s)
  - Medium Flow (1.8 m/s)
  - High Flow (2.4 m/s)

- **X-Axis**

- **Weirs**
  - 1 Weir
  - 2 Weirs
  - 3 Weirs

- **Observations**
  - Higher Turbulence on Edge
  - Lower Turbulence in Center
Normalized Turbulence Z at Floor with Turbulence Treatment

Low Flow (1.2 m/s)  Medium Flow (1.8 m/s)  High Flow (2.4 m/s)
Results

- Flows are more turbulent in the control treatment near the walls due to shear.
- Turbulence treatment creates vortices similar to serpentine weirs.
- Higher flows intensify turbulence in all cases.
- Number of Weirs and Discharge do not affect velocity at bottom.
- Heterogeneous flow in turbulence treatment.
- Z-axis turbulence may cause detachment of fish.
- Velocity is lowered by introducing structures that increase turbulence.
What’s Next?

• Monitoring Lamprey behavior in flume.
• 1/3 of Experiments Complete
• Appear to be no differences observed in success across all weir and flow conditions for turbulence treatment.
• Preliminary results show Lamprey are holding attachment much longer with the turbulence treatment.
Video of Lamprey swimming in Control Treatment

http://youtu.be/mHDXdJfjU1c
TURBULENCE

Video of Lamprey swimming in Turbulence Treatment

http://youtu.be/gvWRCPlwbCU
Normalized Turbulence Y at Floor with Control Treatment

Flow

Low Flow (1.2 m/s)  Medium Flow (1.8 m/s)  High Flow (2.4 m/s)
Normalized Turbulence Y at Floor with Turbulence Treatment

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1 Weir

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Y-Axis