

Development of a 1-Dimensional Unsteady State Model of the Lower Columbia River and Application in Determining a 50% Annual Exceedance Stage Profile

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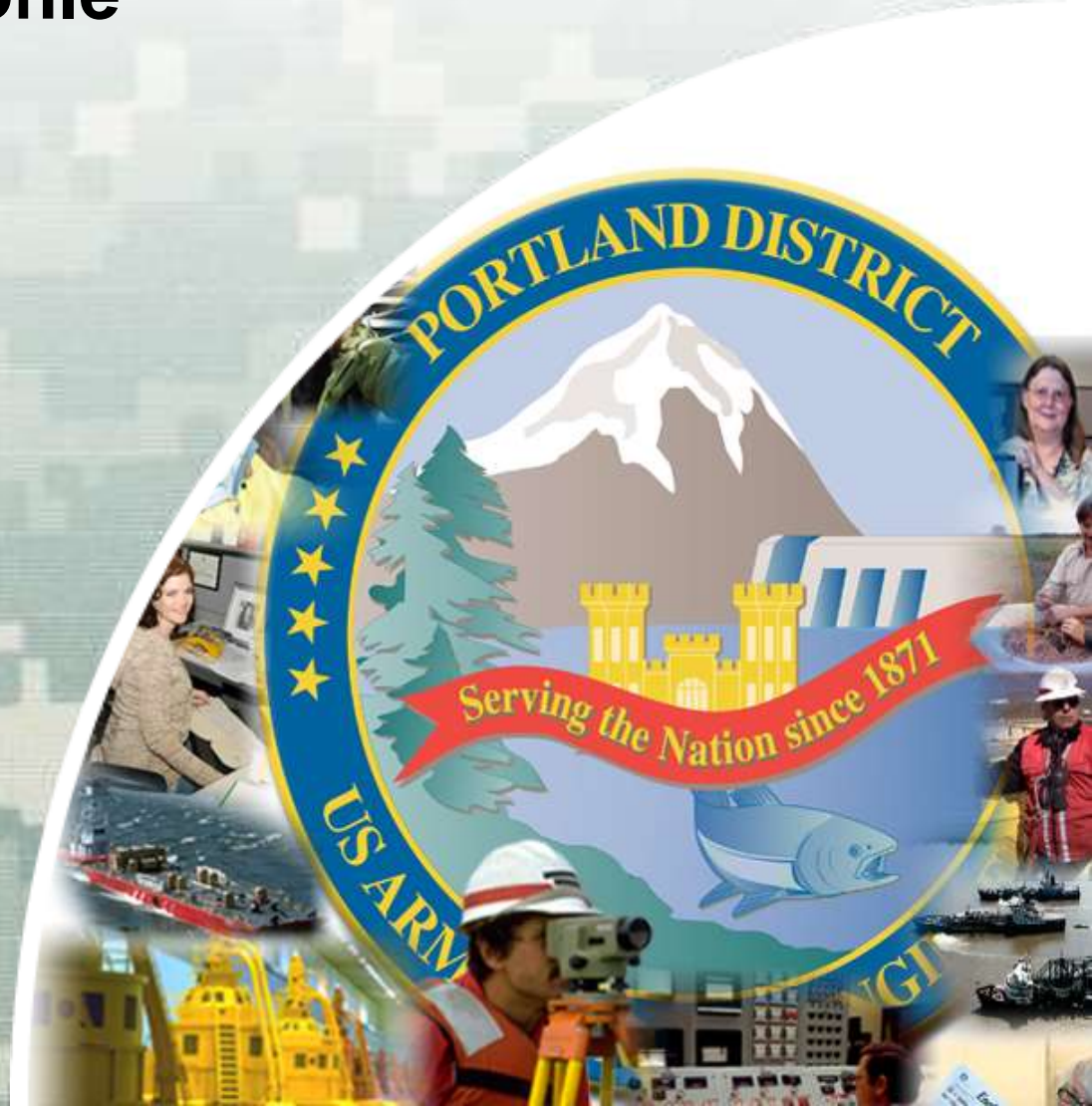
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Topics

- Purpose of Model
- 1-D HEC-RAS Model Development
 - ▶ Terrain
 - ▶ Model Geometry
 - ▶ Inflow Hydrograph
 - ▶ Calibration
- 50% Annual Exceedance Stage Profile Development

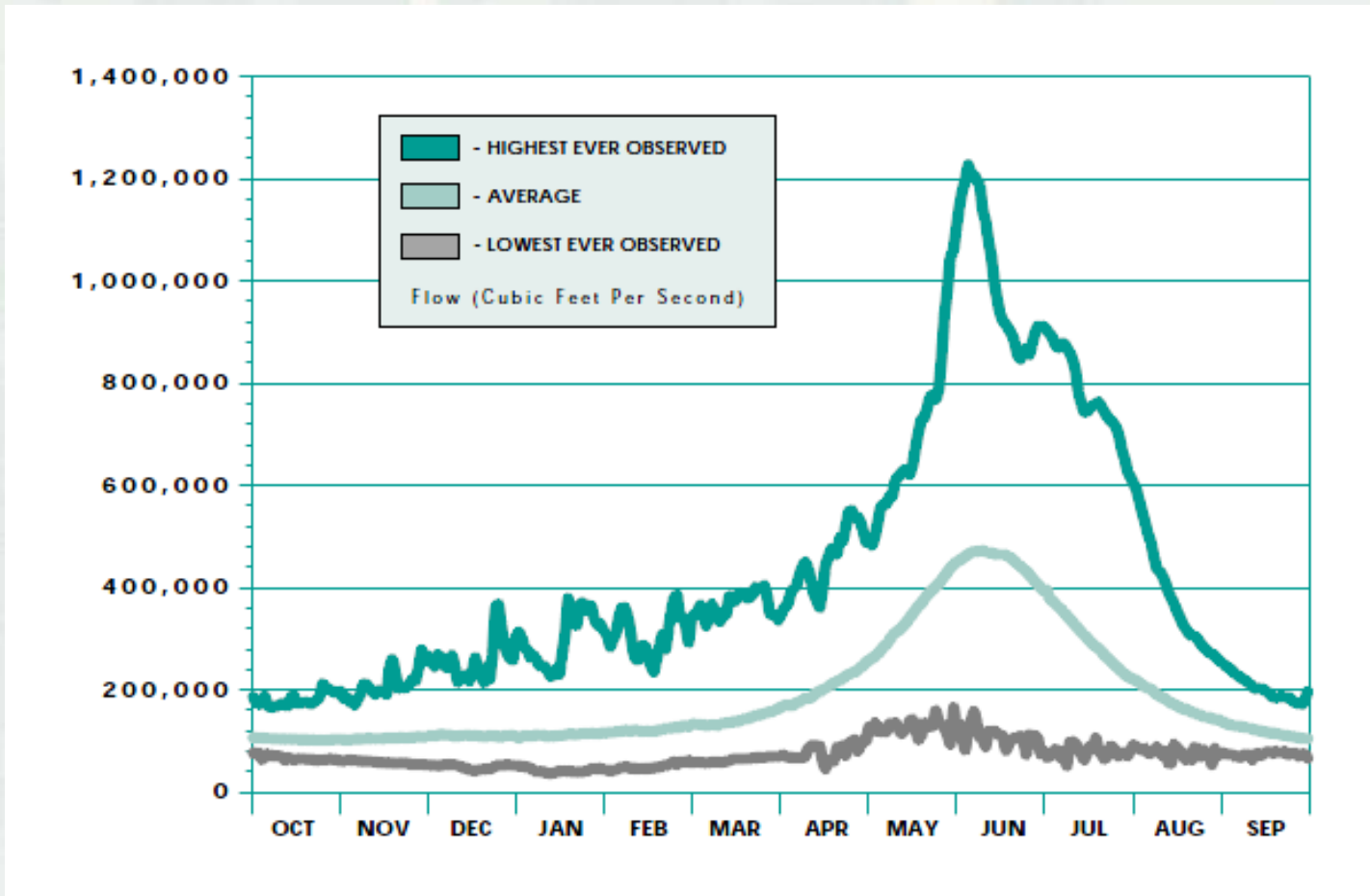


Purpose

- Support the US Entity in the 2014-2024 Columbia River Treaty Review
- Provide hydraulic metrics associated with flood consequences
 - ▶ Inundated Areas
 - ▶ Peak Stages
 - ▶ Stage Duration
- Development was Focused on Damaging Floods



Purpose



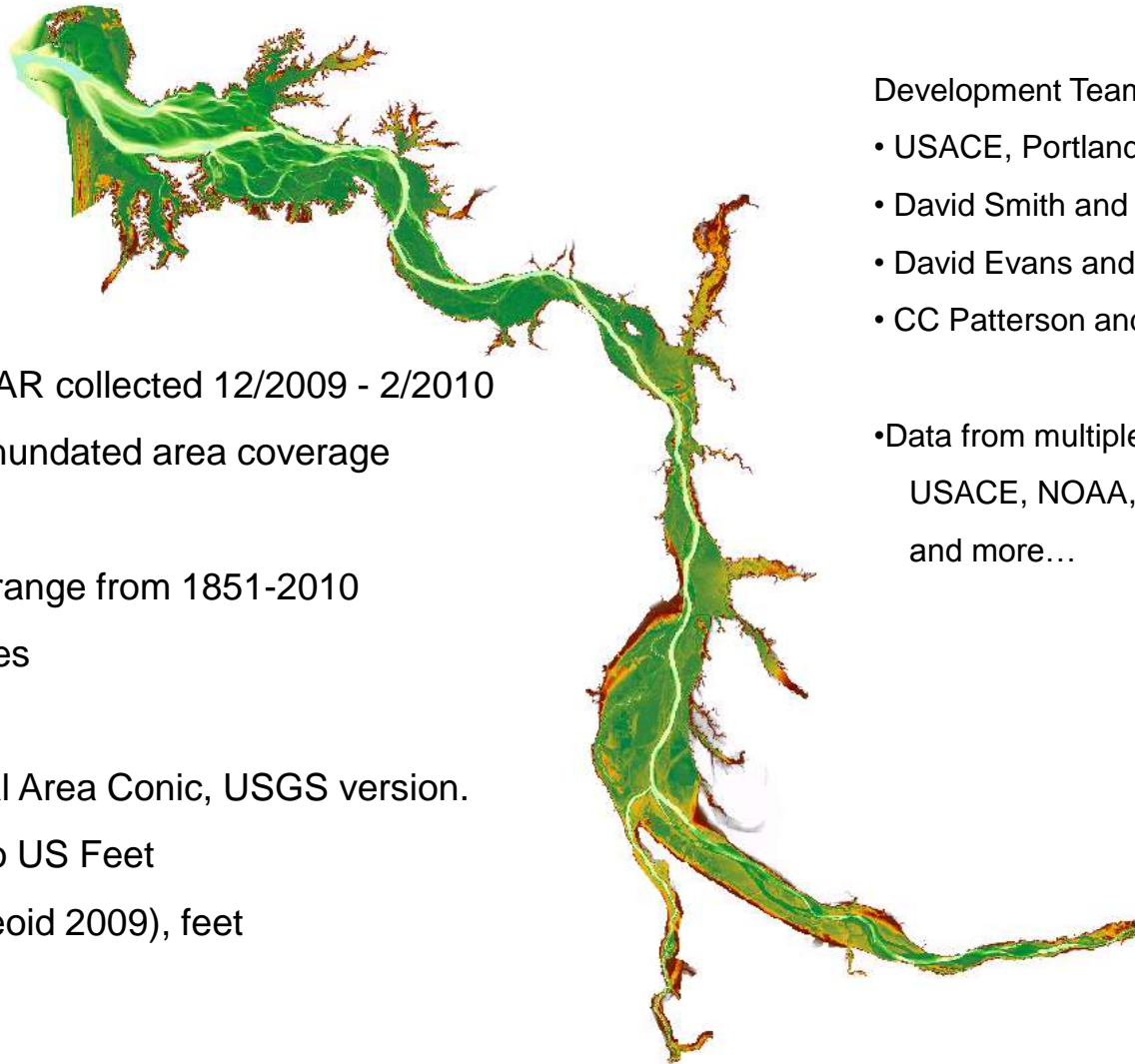
Design Range of Flows



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Terrain Development

Combined 1 meter Topographic and Bathymetric DTM



■ Topographic:

- 1 meter LiDAR collected 12/2009 - 2/2010
- 0.2% AEP inundated area coverage

■ Bathymetric:

- Data dates range from 1851-2010
- Quality Varies

■ Datum:

- Albers Equal Area Conic, USGS version.
Modified to US Feet
- NAVD88 (Geoid 2009), feet

Development Team:

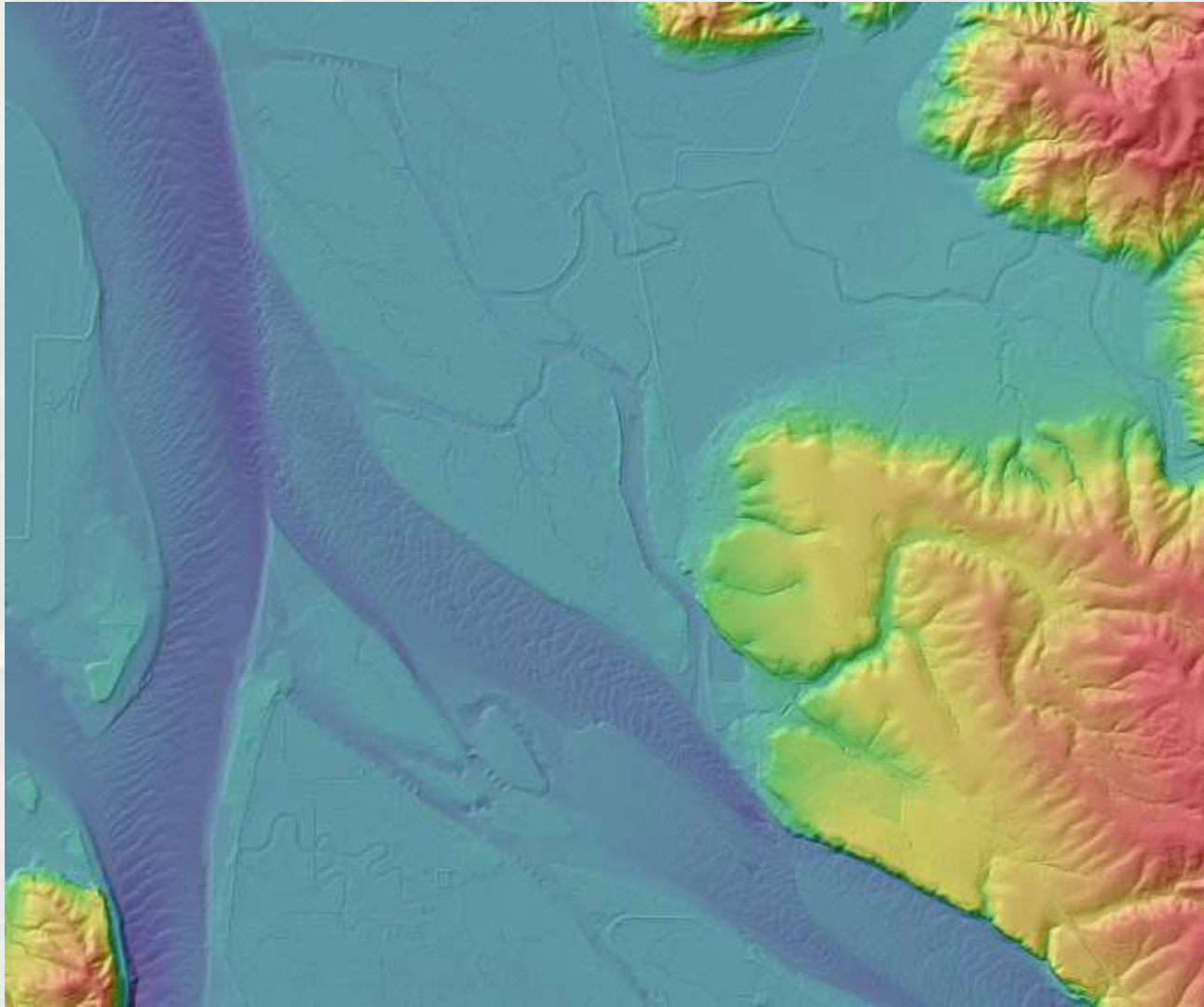
- USACE, Portland District
- David Smith and Associates, Lead
- David Evans and Associates, Sub
- CC Patterson and Associates, Sub

• Data from multiple sources:

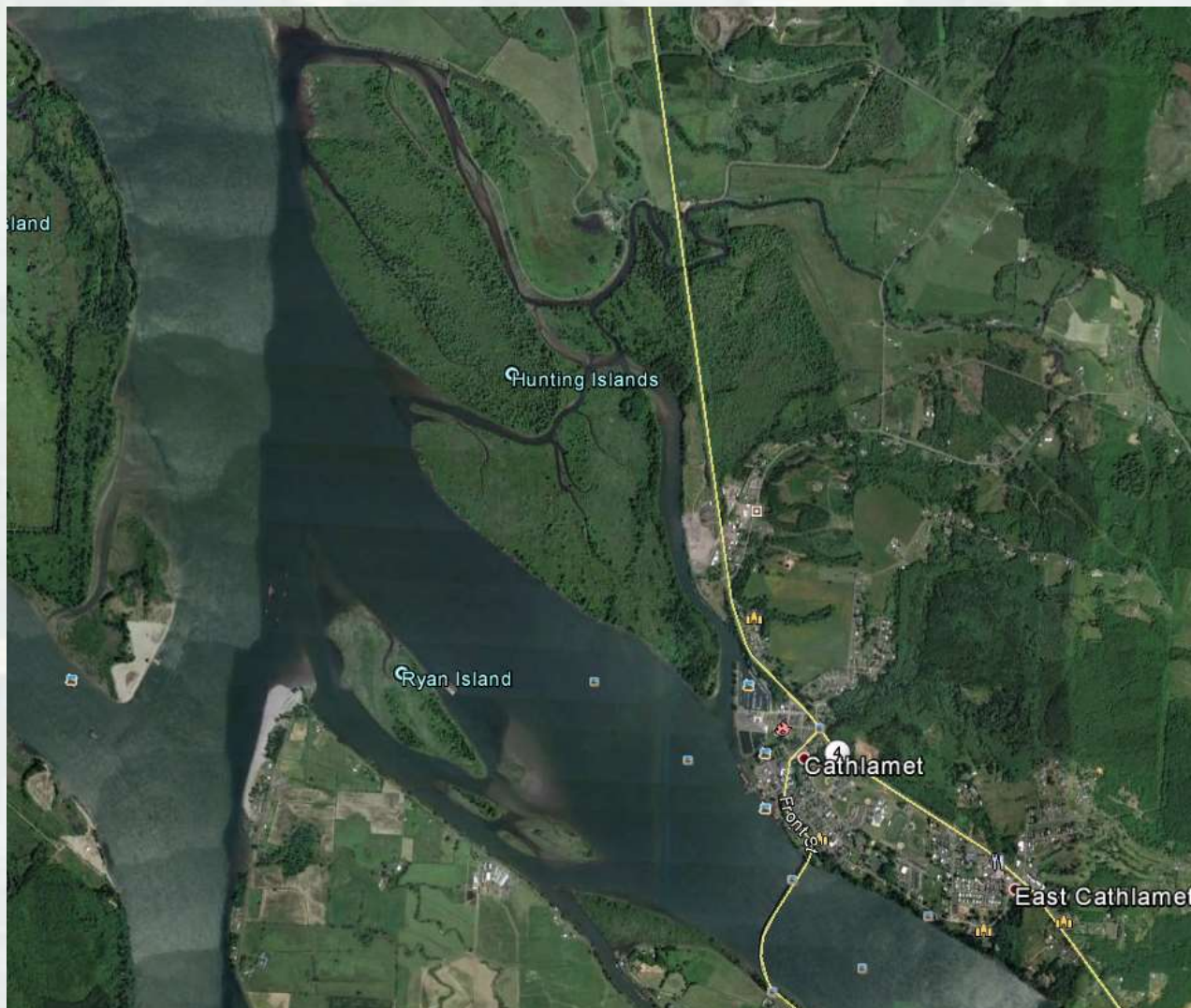
USACE, NOAA, LCREP, US BOR,
and more...



Terrain Development



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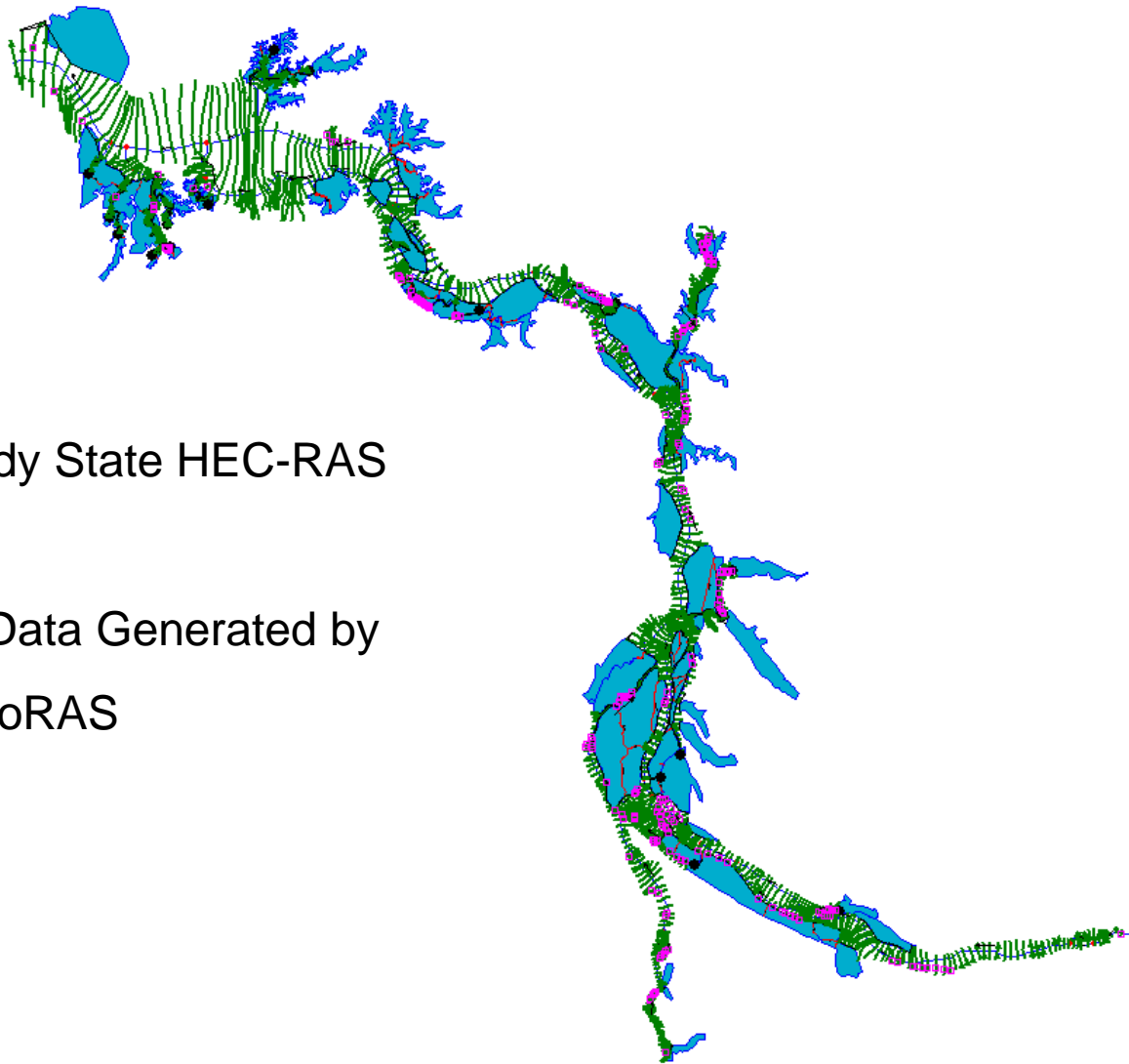


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Model Geometry Development

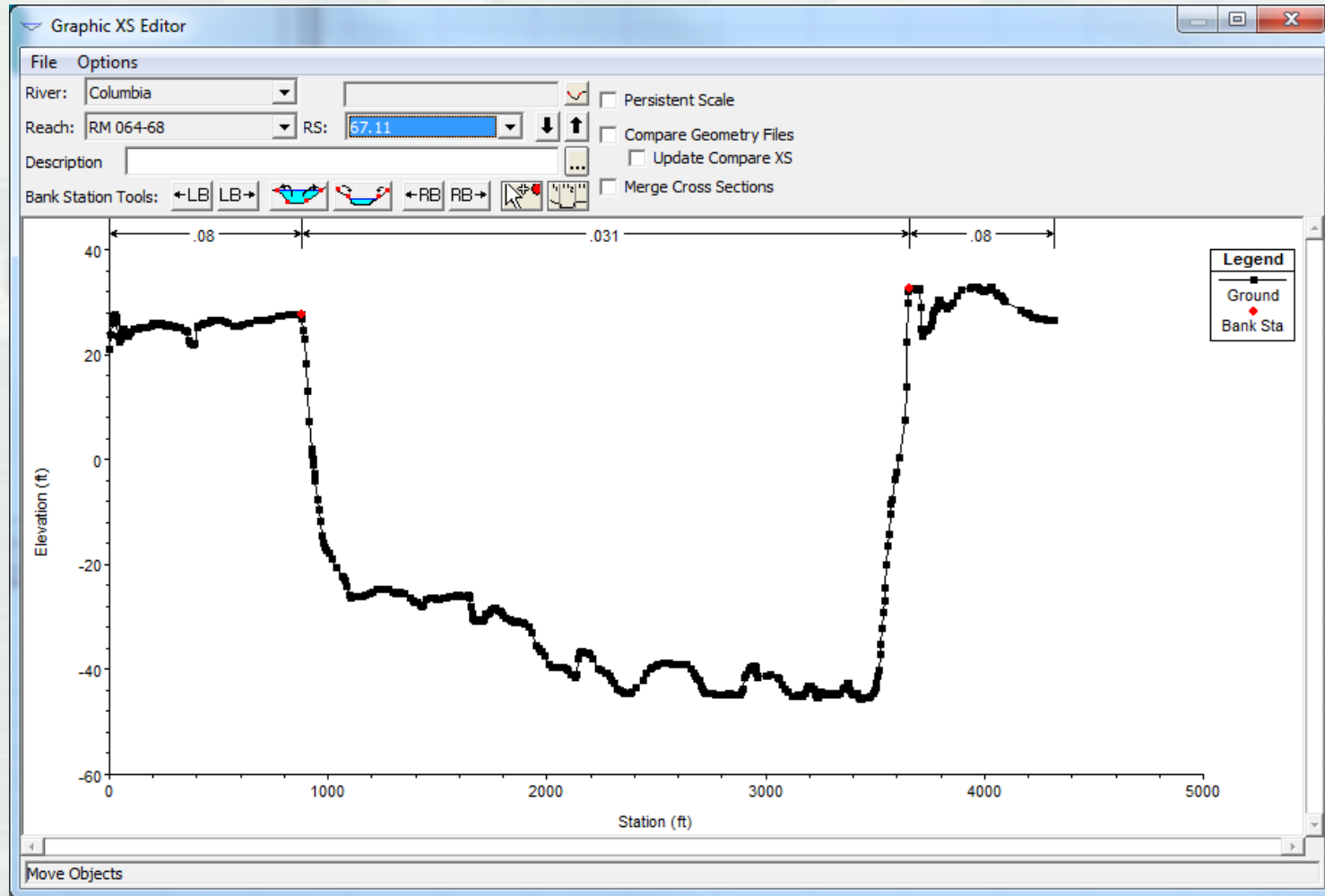


1-D Unsteady State HEC-RAS

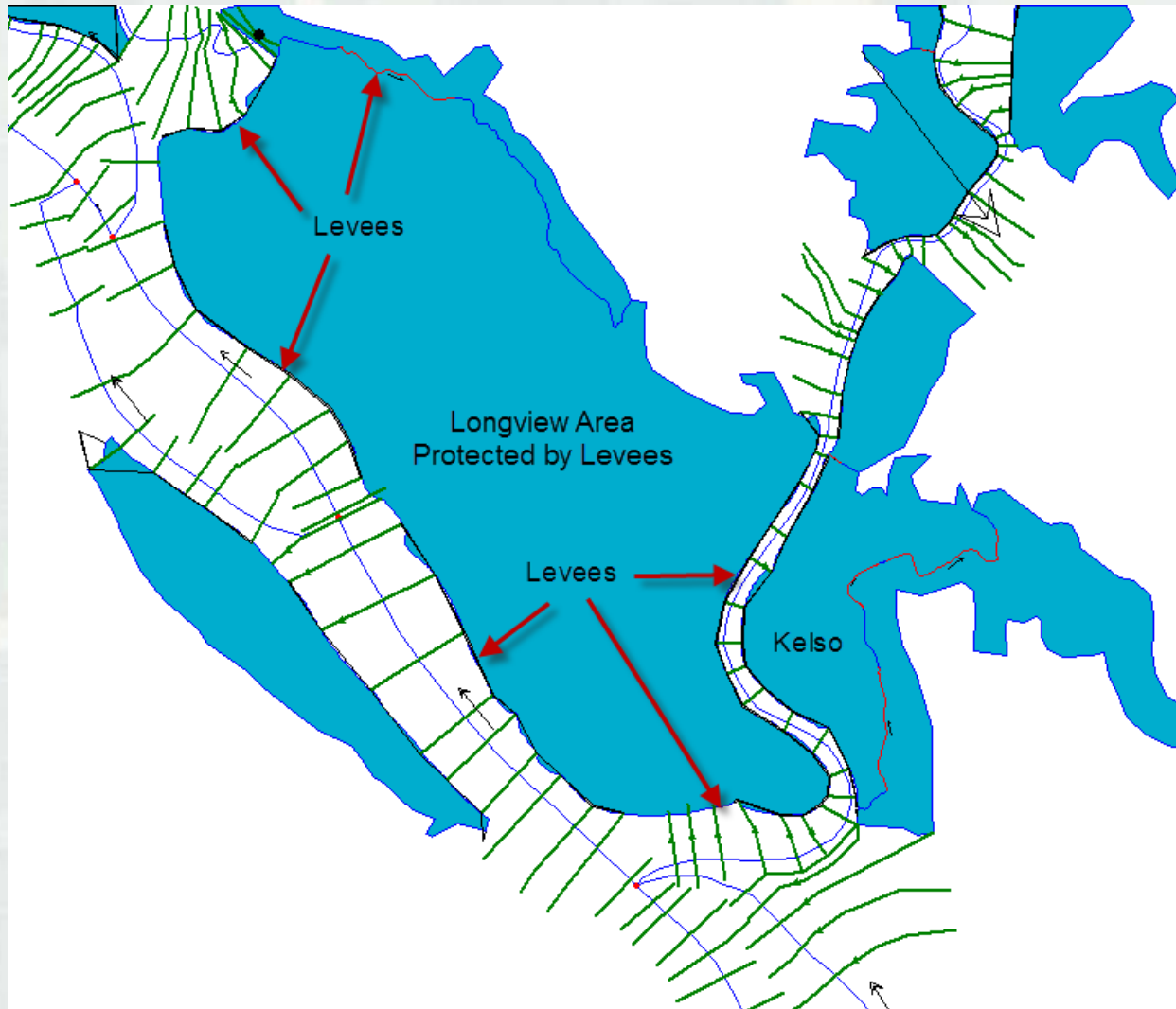
Geometric Data Generated by
HEC-GeoRAS



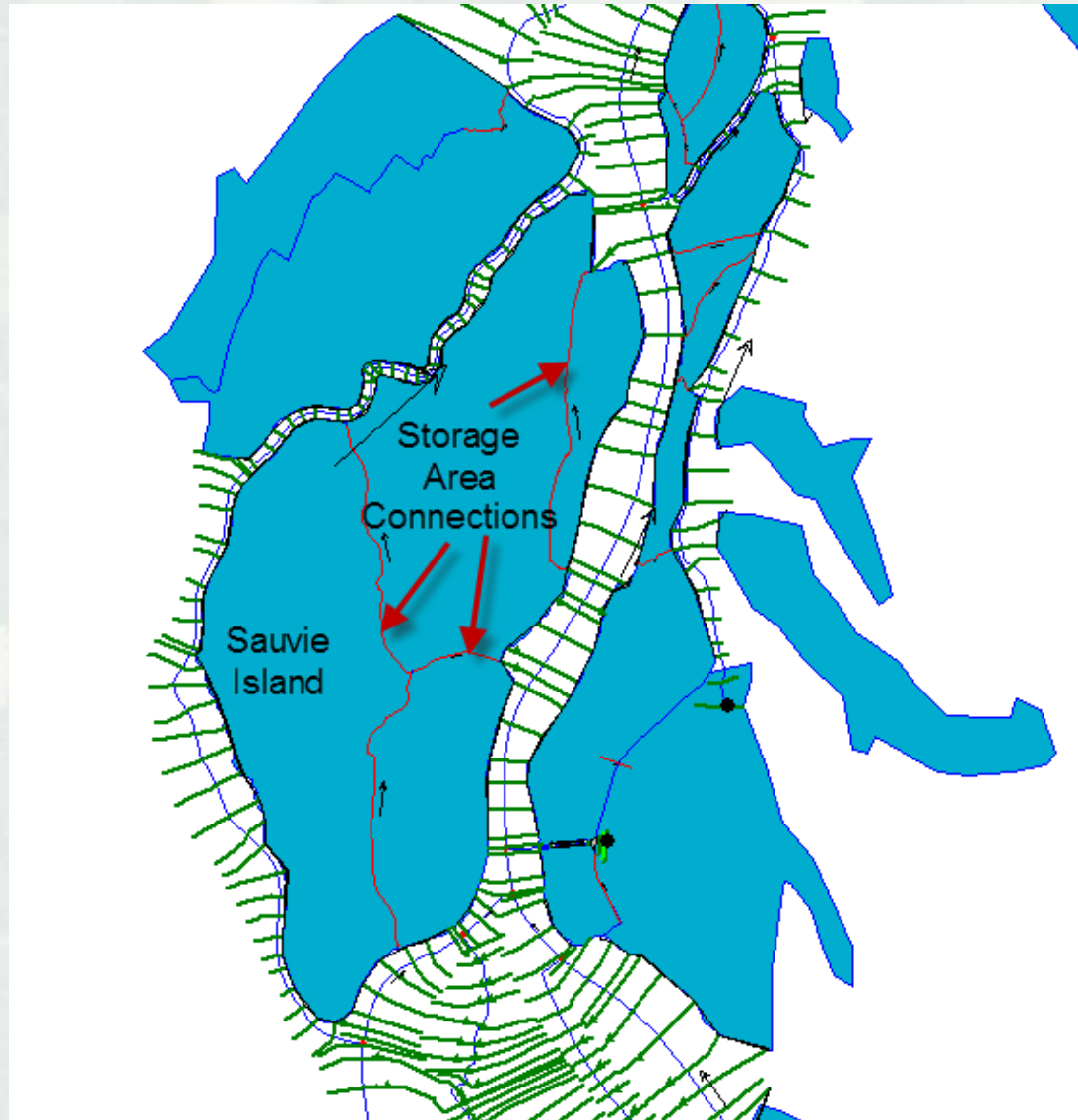
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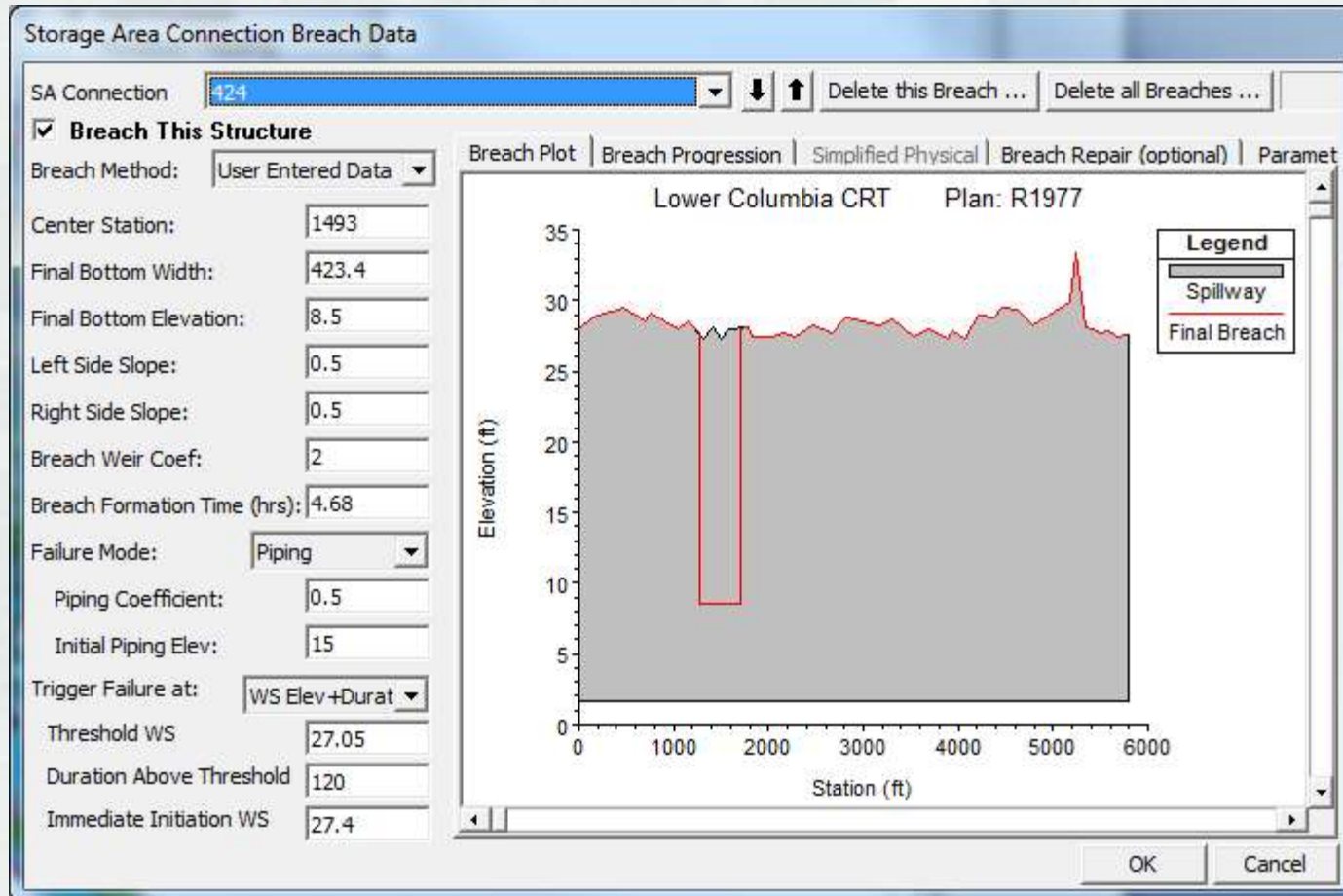
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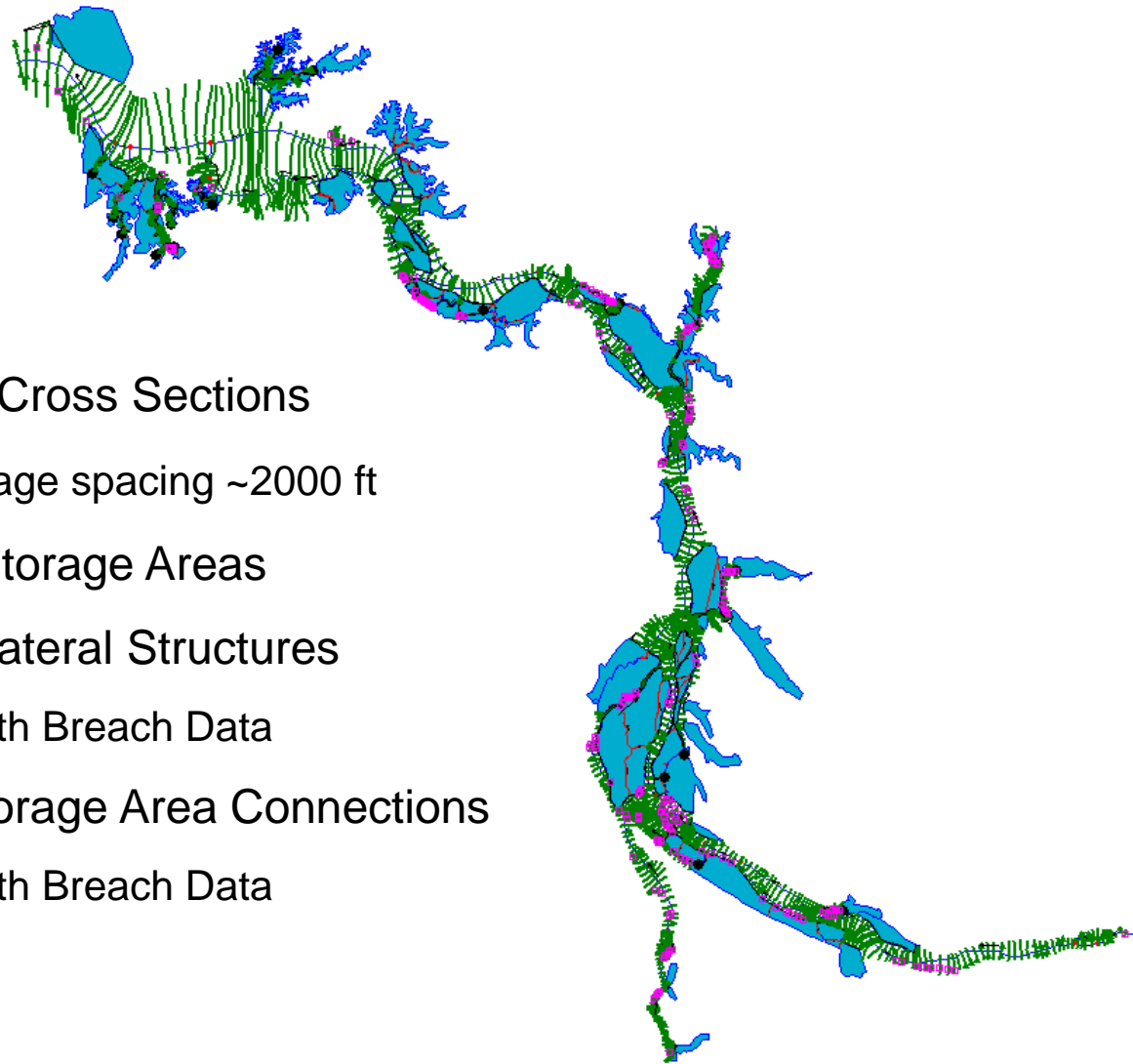
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1449 – Cross Sections

Average spacing ~2000 ft

162 – Storage Areas

208 – Lateral Structures

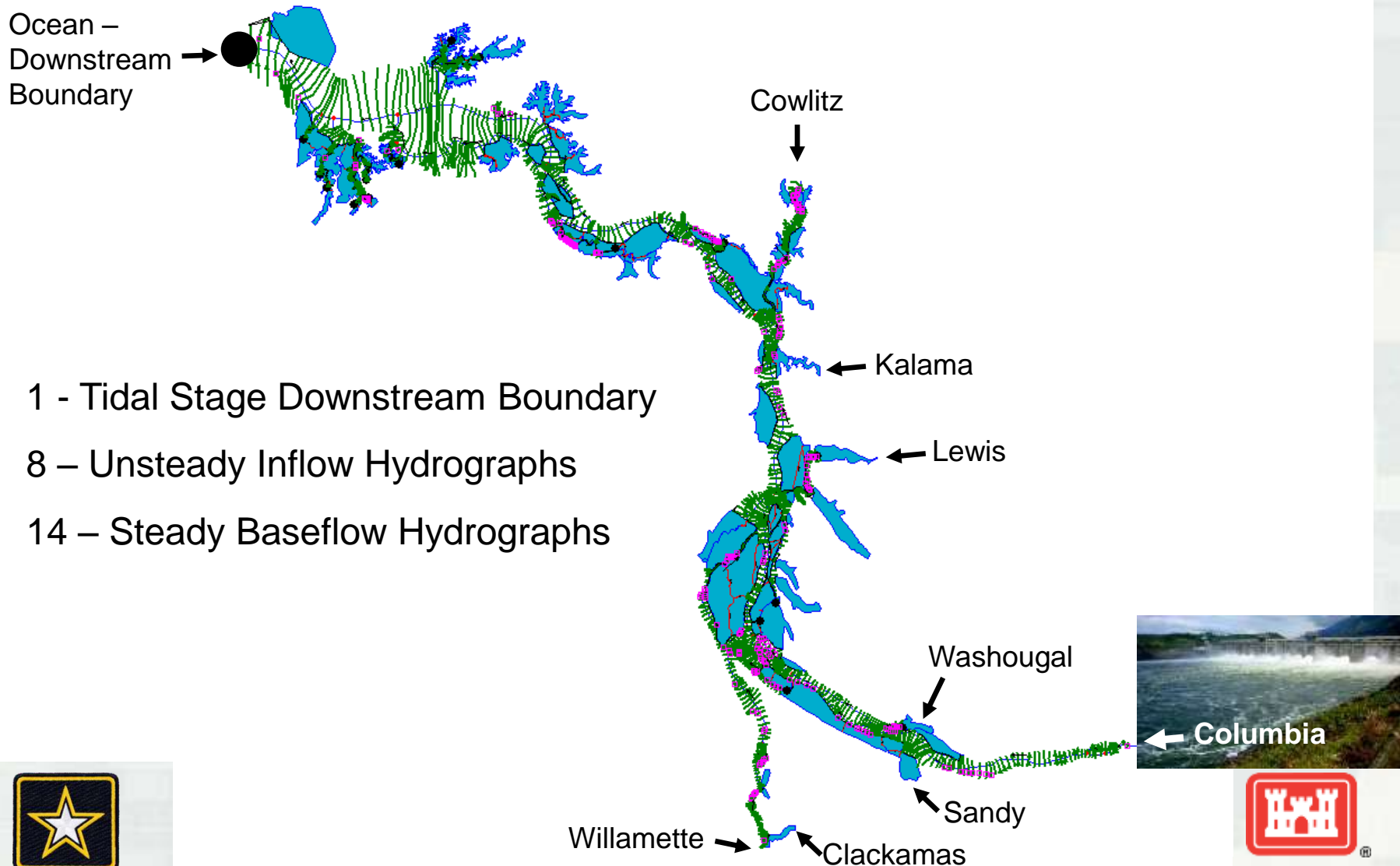
61 with Breach Data

77 – Storage Area Connections

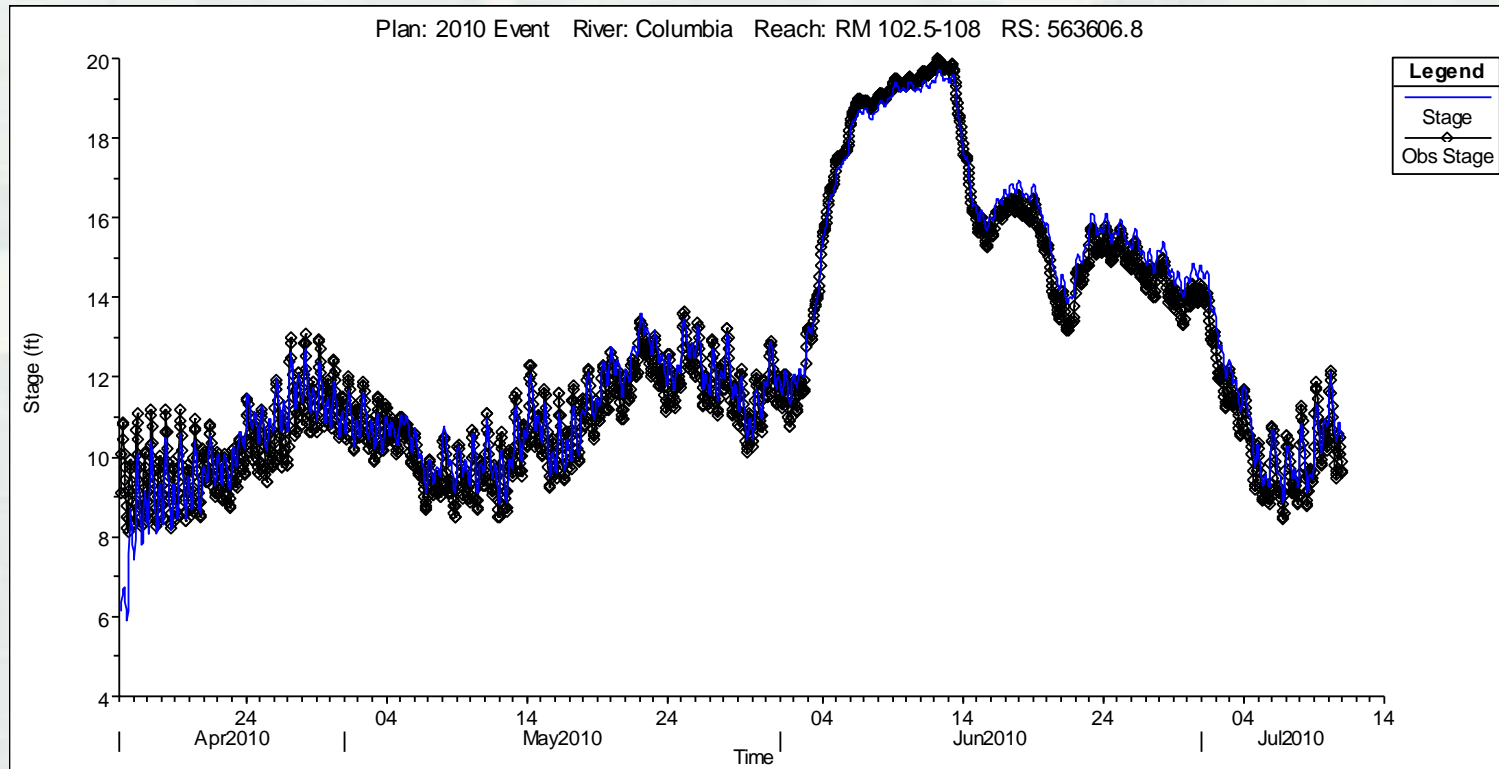
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Inflow Hydrograph Development



Flood Calibration



Computed and Observed Stages on Columbia River at Vancouver for 2010 Event



50% AEP Stage Profile Development

Why develop the profile?

Survival Benefits Unit water surface profile was defined in Section 2., ERTG Document 2011-01; “***Use the 2-year flood elevation or EHHW (mean highest monthly tide), whichever is higher***”.



50% AEP Stage Profile Development

Approach:

- Develop a continuous observed inflow data set that represents the current conditions (1973-2010).
- Calibrate model to annual peak stages
- Calculate annual peak stages for period of record
- Calculate 50% AEP stage



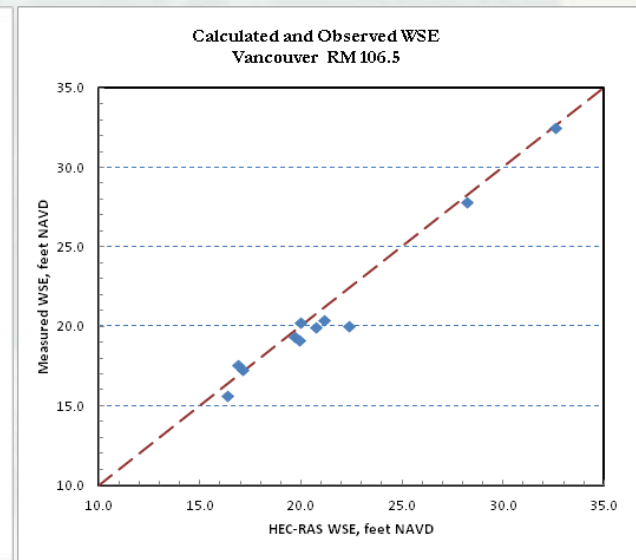
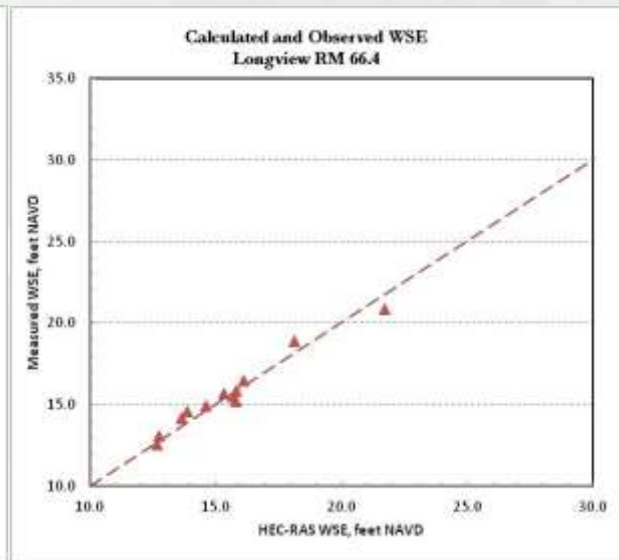
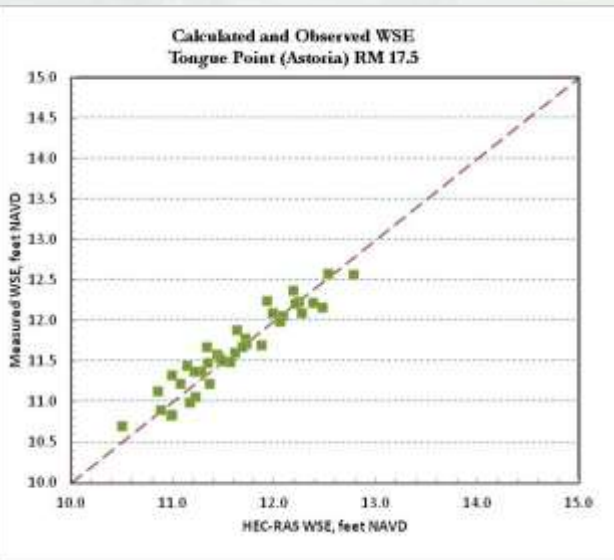
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Annual Peak Calibration

Tongue Point
Tidally Dominated

Longview
Tide-Flow Mixed Peaks

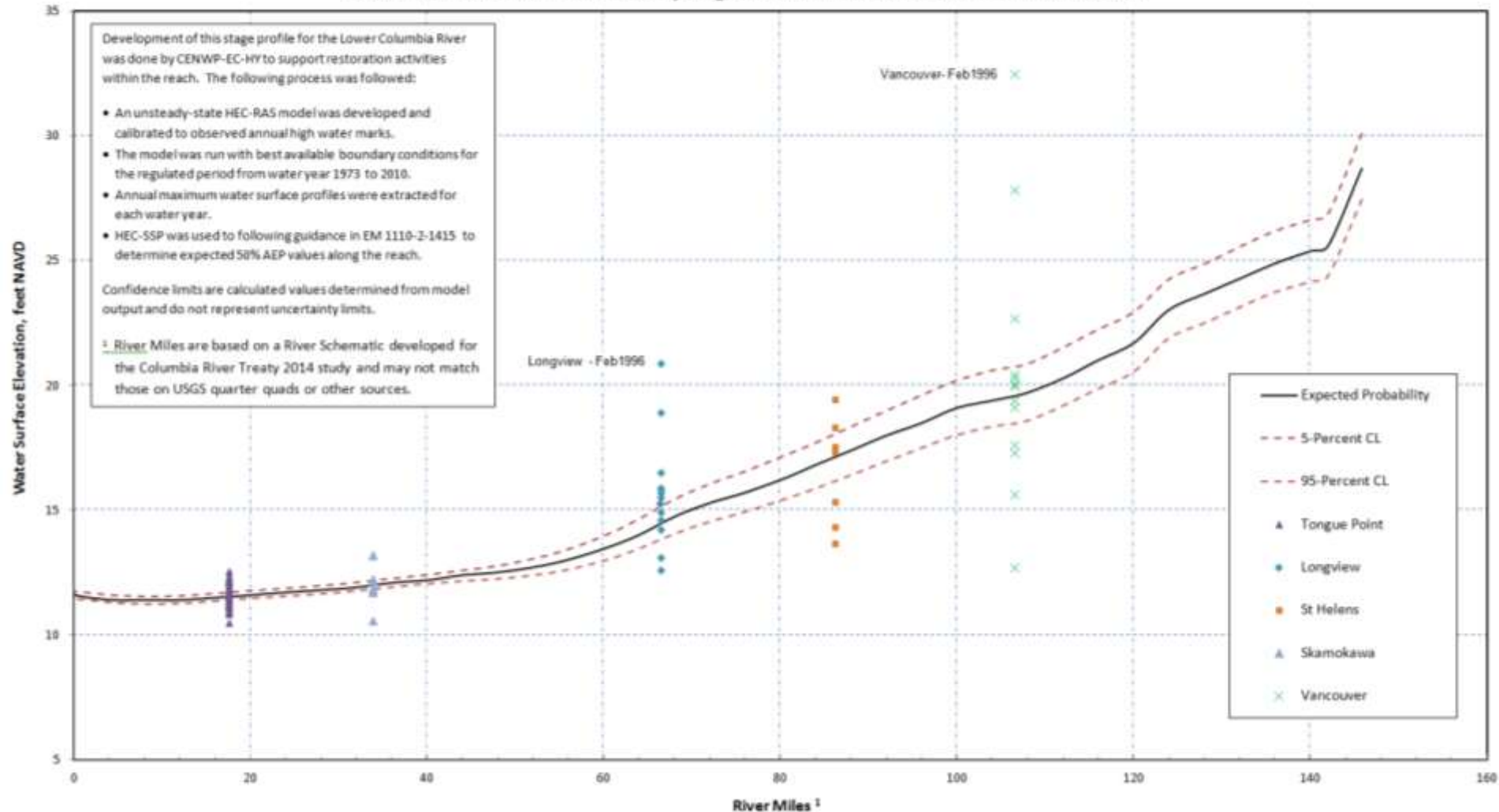
Vancouver
Flow Dominated



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50% Annual Exceedance Probability Stage Profile for Survival Benefit Unit Calculation



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Water Surface Elevation, feet NAVD

RM ¹	Water Surface Elevation, feet NAVD		
	Expected Probability	5-Percent CL	95-Percent CL
145.87	28.7	30.1	27.4
142.04	25.6	26.9	24.4
140.15	25.4	26.6	24.2
136.05	24.9	26.2	23.7
132.13	24.3	25.6	23.2
128.19	23.7	24.9	22.5
123.99	23.0	24.2	21.9
120.07	21.7	22.9	20.6
115.93	21.0	22.2	19.9
112.10	20.3	21.5	19.2
107.86	19.7	20.8	18.6
104.06	19.4	20.6	18.4
100.00	19.1	20.2	18.0
96.06	18.5	19.6	17.5
92.06	18.0	19.0	17.0
88.04	17.4	18.3	16.4
83.92	16.8	17.7	15.9
80.65	16.3	17.2	15.5
75.98	15.7	16.5	14.9
72.12	15.3	16.1	14.6
68.15	14.8	15.4	14.1
63.99	14.0	14.6	13.5
60.41	13.5	14.0	13.0
55.84	13.0	13.4	12.6
51.85	12.7	13.0	12.4
47.70	12.5	12.7	12.2
44.06	12.4	12.6	12.2
40.24	12.2	12.4	12.1
36.35	12.1	12.3	11.9
31.89	11.9	12.1	11.8
28.07	11.8	12.0	11.7
23.76	11.7	11.8	11.6
20.24	11.6	11.8	11.5
16.35	11.5	11.7	11.4
12.18	11.4	11.6	11.3
8.47	11.4	11.5	11.2
4.65	11.4	11.6	11.3
1.70	11.5	11.7	11.4
0.15	11.6	11.7	11.5



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