

# **Fish Passage Performance of Tandem TSW Operation at McNary Dam during 2008**

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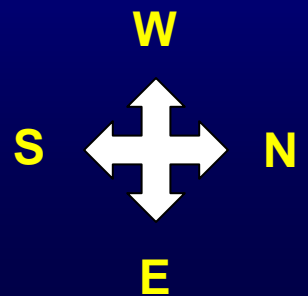
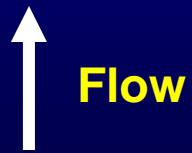
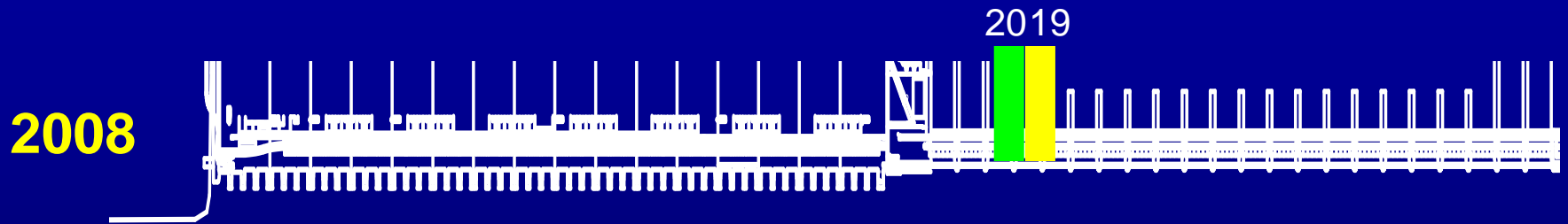
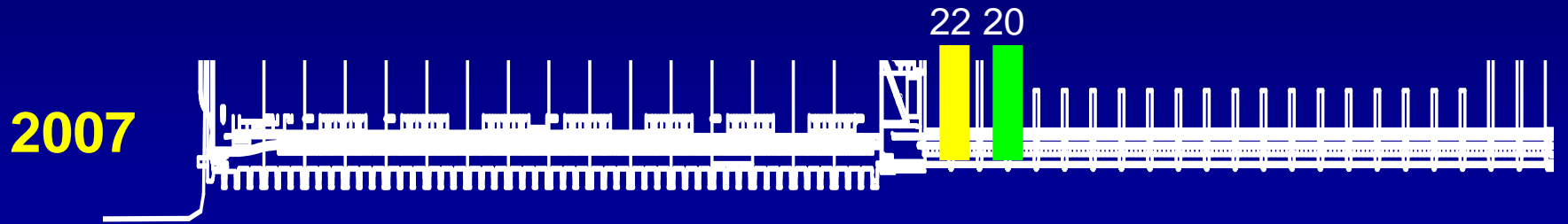


# Presentation Outline

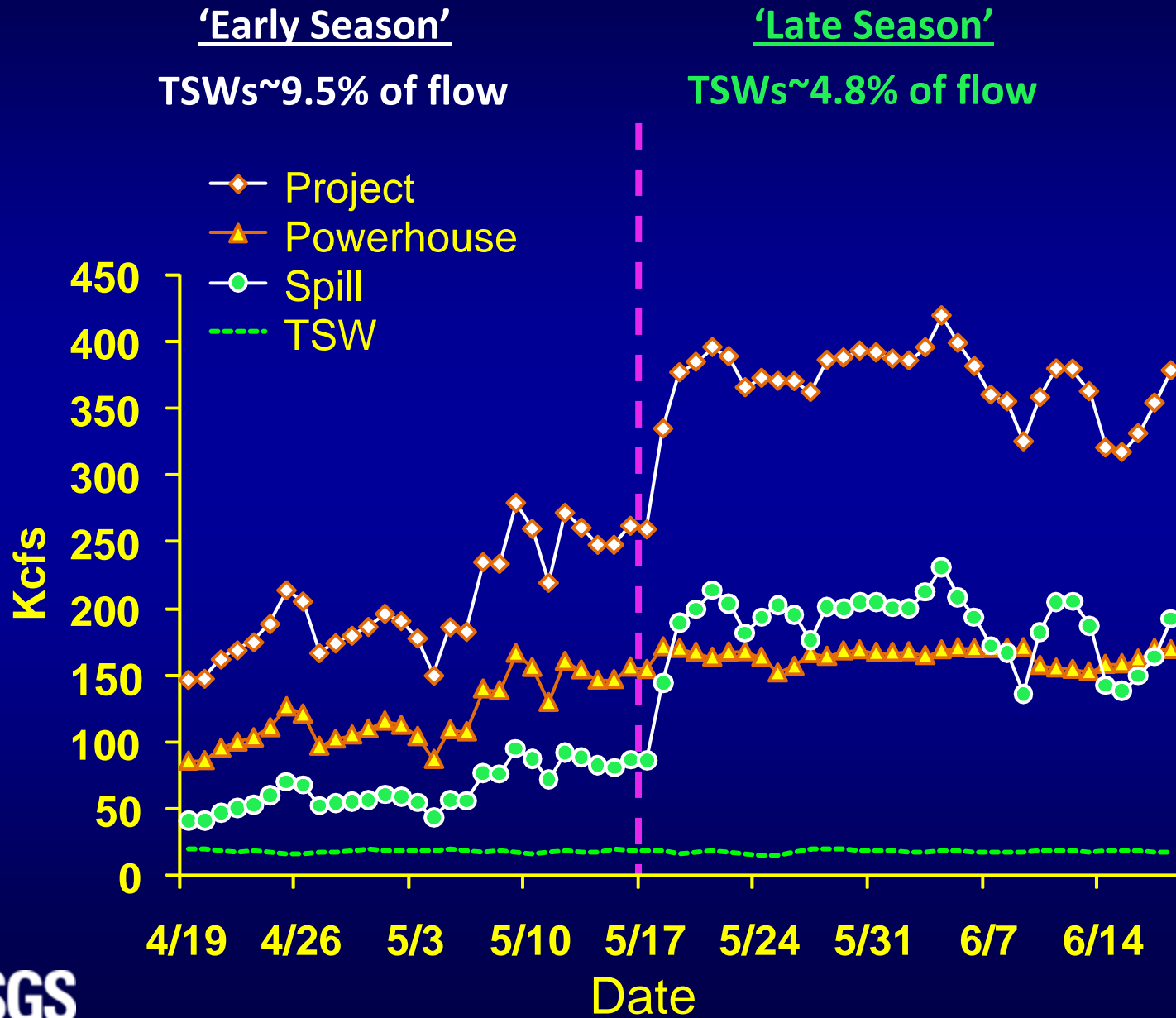
- **Spring study**
  - Treatments & operations
  - Passage & survival
- **Summer study**
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  - Passage & survival
- **Survival comparison 07- 08**
- **Mid-Columbia survival (Sockeye 07)**
- **Forebay behavior**
- **Flow patterns in the tail race**
- **Conclusions**

# TSW Locations

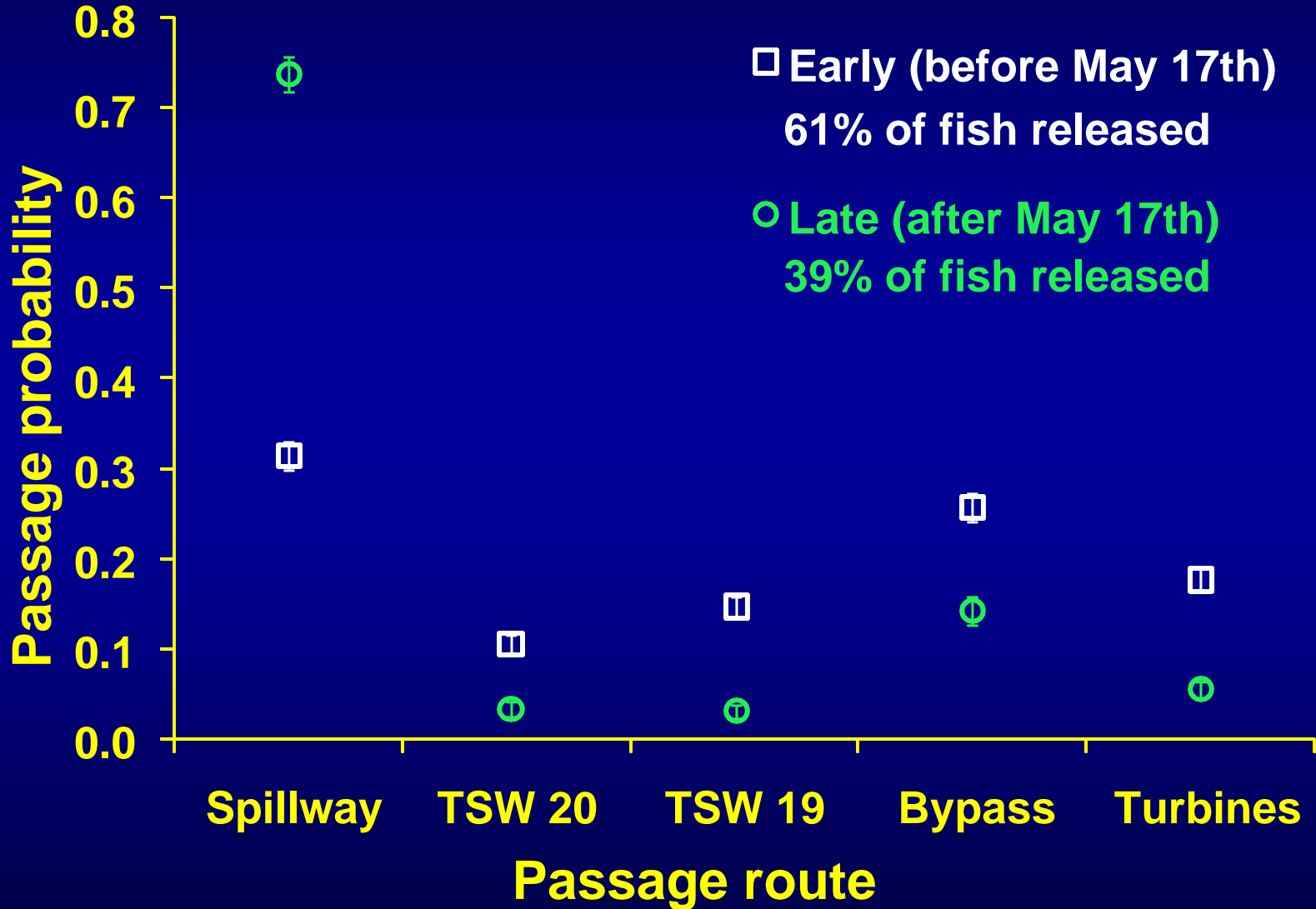
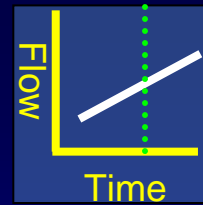
- TSW #1 Flat Crest
- TSW #2 Rounded Crest



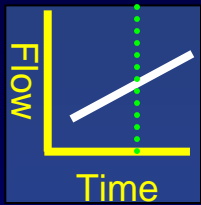
# Spring Treatments & Dam Operations



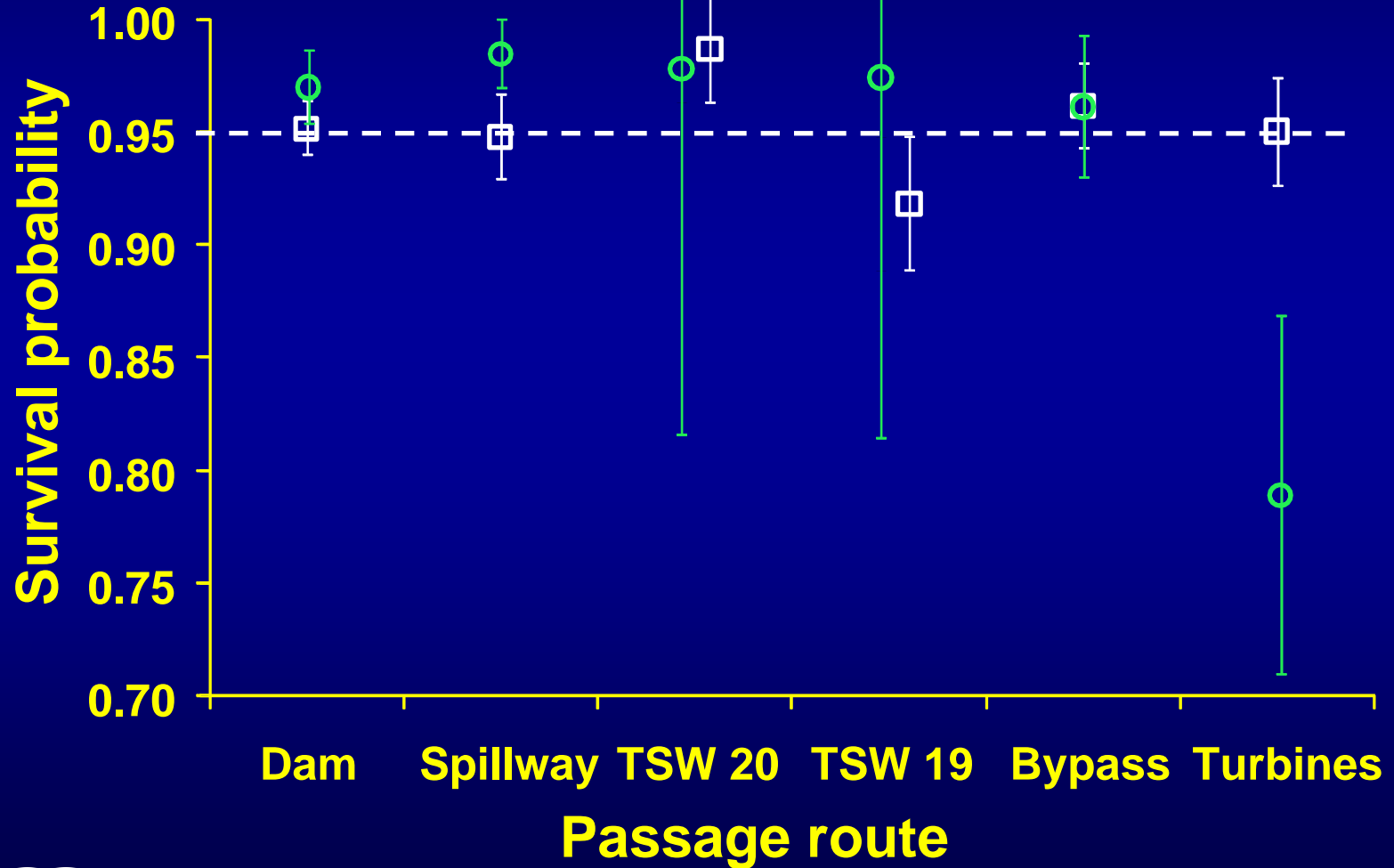
# Passage - Yearling Chinook Salmon



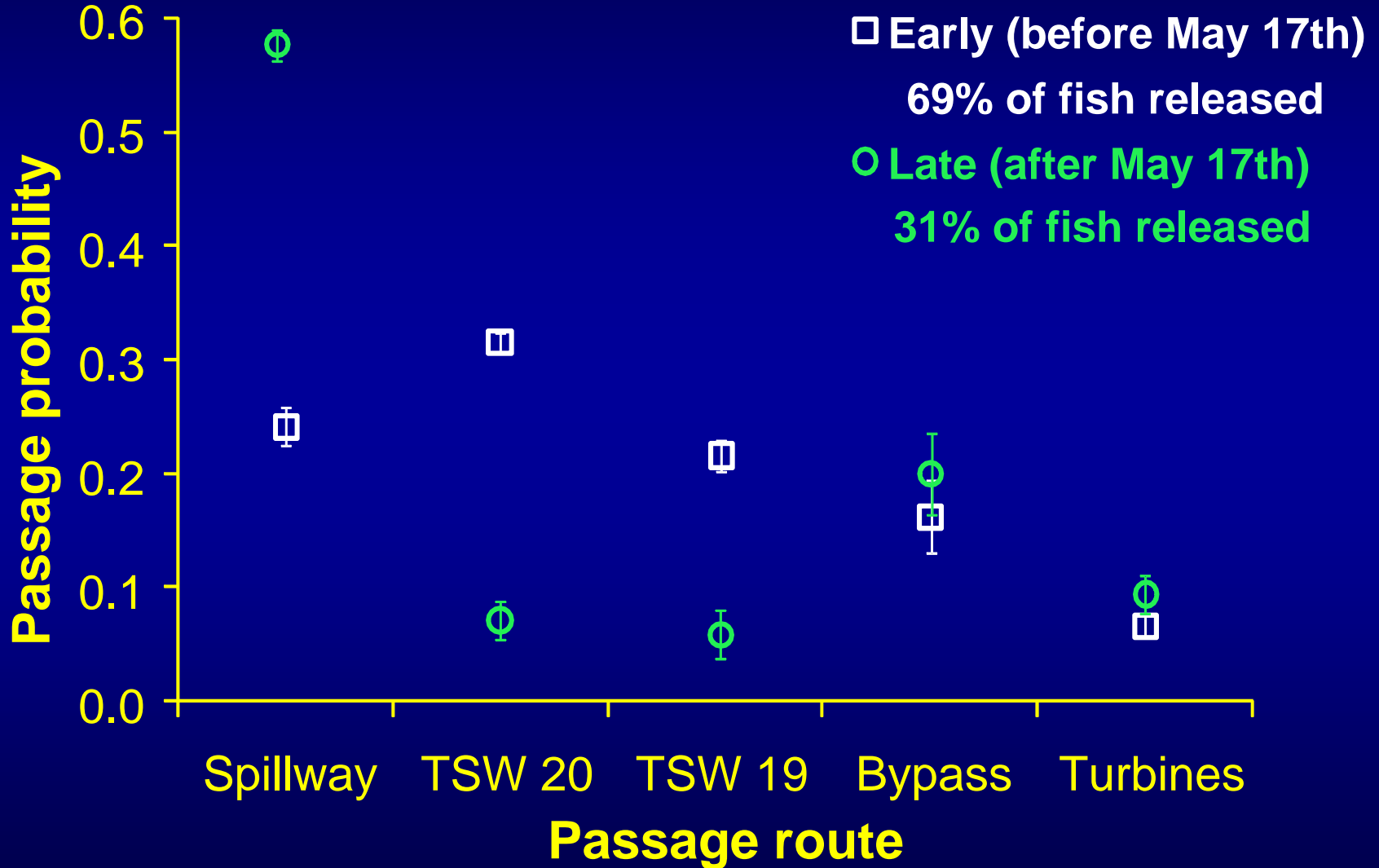
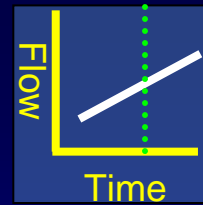
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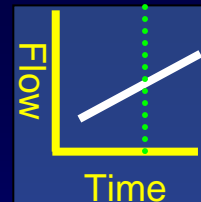
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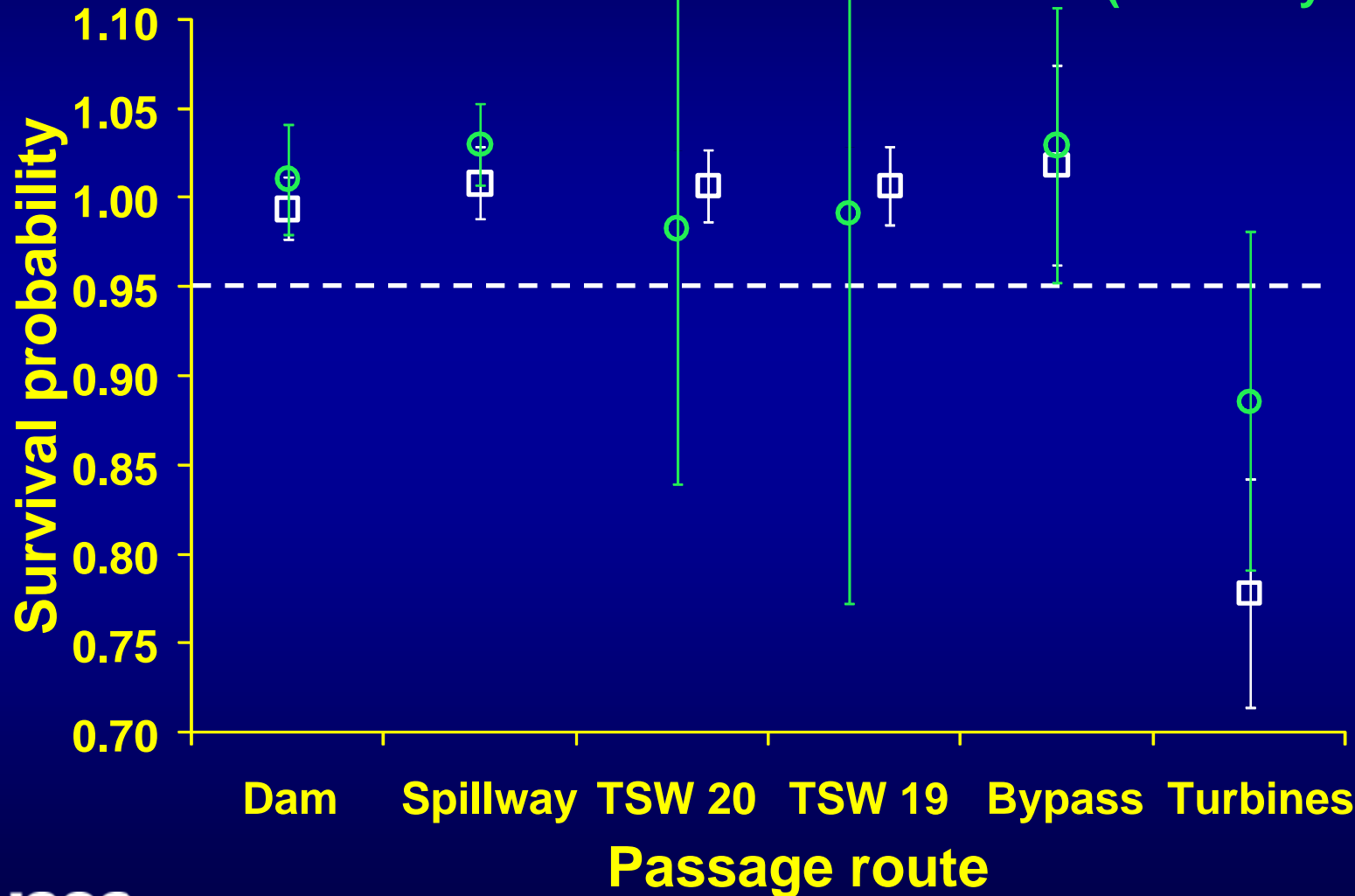
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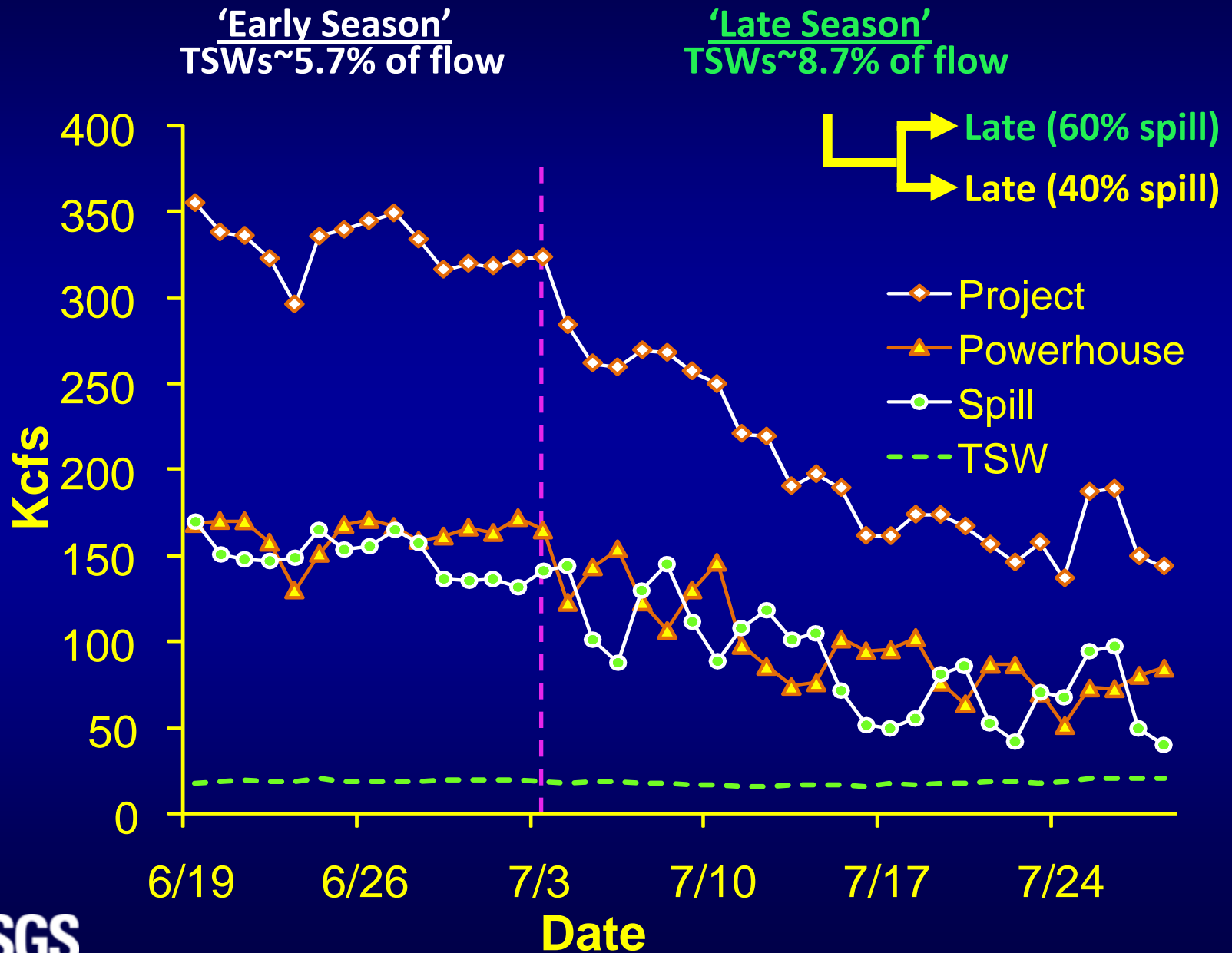
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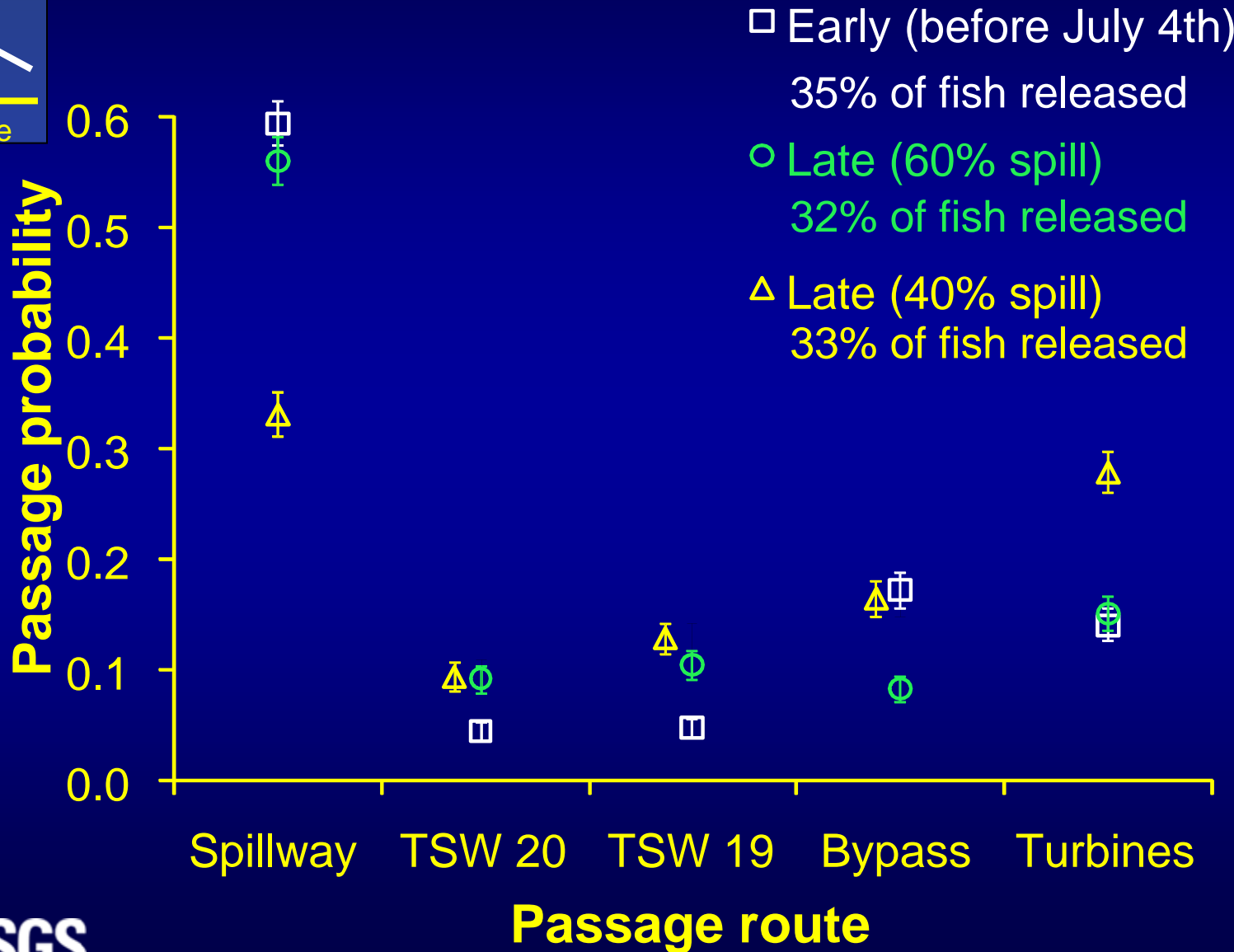
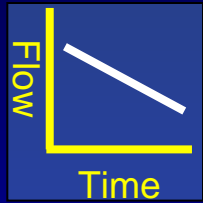
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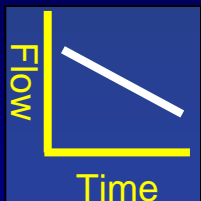
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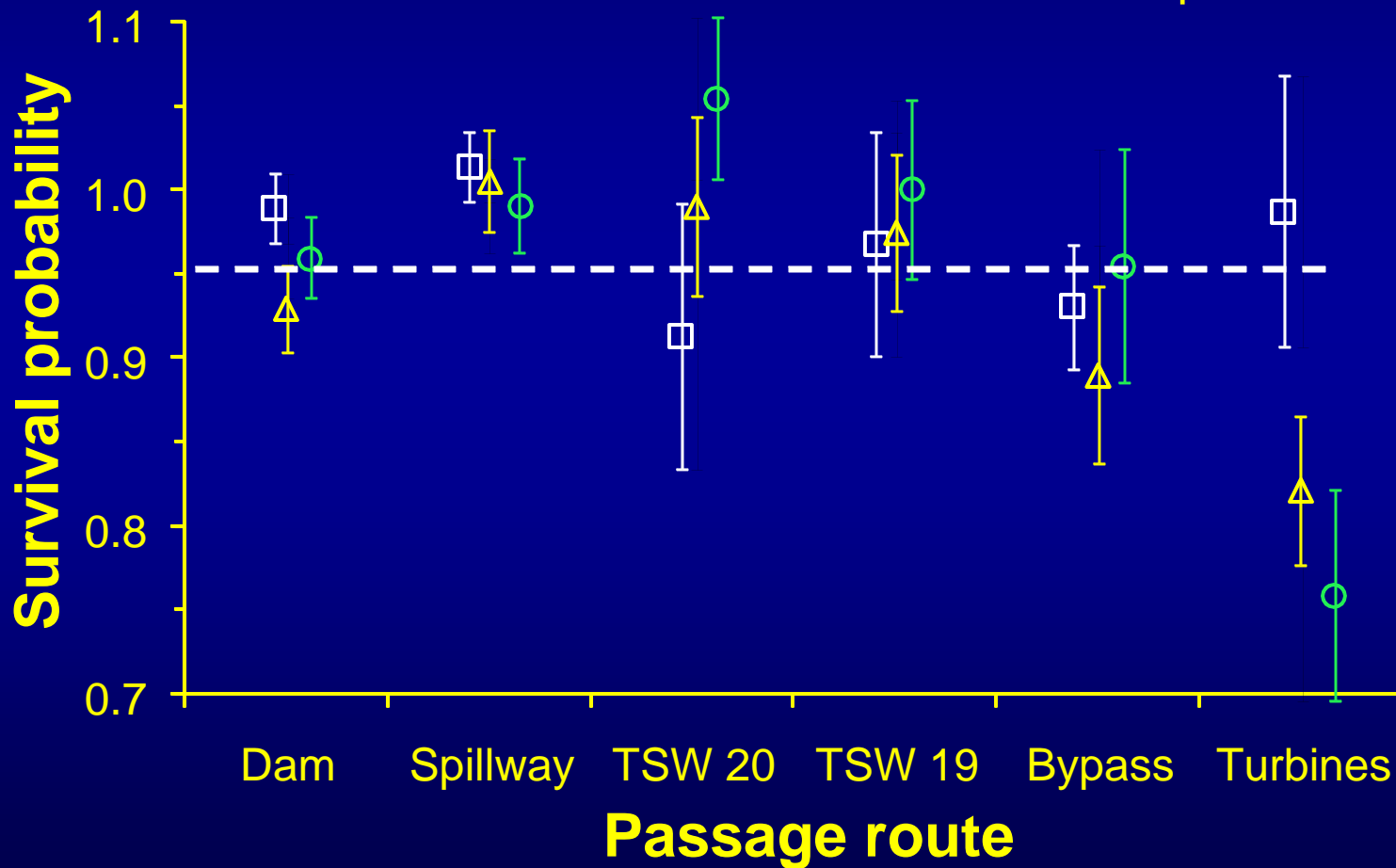
# Passage - Subyearling Chinook Salmon



# Survival- Subyearling Chinook Salmon



- Early (before July 4th)
- Late 60% spill
- △ Late 40% spill



# Annual TSW Survival (Paired-Release) Yearling Chinook Salmon

## 2007

	Bay 22	Bay 21	Bay 20	Bay 19	Bay 18
'06 spill	0.94		0.95		
'07 spill	0.95		0.91		

## 2008

	Bay 22	Bay 21	Bay 20	Bay 19	Bay 18
Early			0.99	0.92	
Late			0.98	0.97	

# Annual TSW Survival (Single-Release) Juvenile Steelhead

## 2007

	Bay 22	Bay 21	Bay 20	Bay 19	Bay 18
'06 spill	0.89		0.98		
'07 spill	0.92		0.95		

## 2008

	Bay 22	Bay 21	Bay 20	Bay 19	Bay 18
Early			0.96	0.97	
Late			0.94	0.96	

# Annual TSW Survival (Paired-Release) Subyearling Chinook Salmon

**2007**

Bay 22

Bay 21

Bay 20

Bay 19

Bay 18

40% spill

0.95

0.84

60% spill

0.95

0.95

**2008**

Bay 22

Bay 21

Bay 20

Bay 19

Bay 18

Early

0.91

0.97

40% spill

0.99

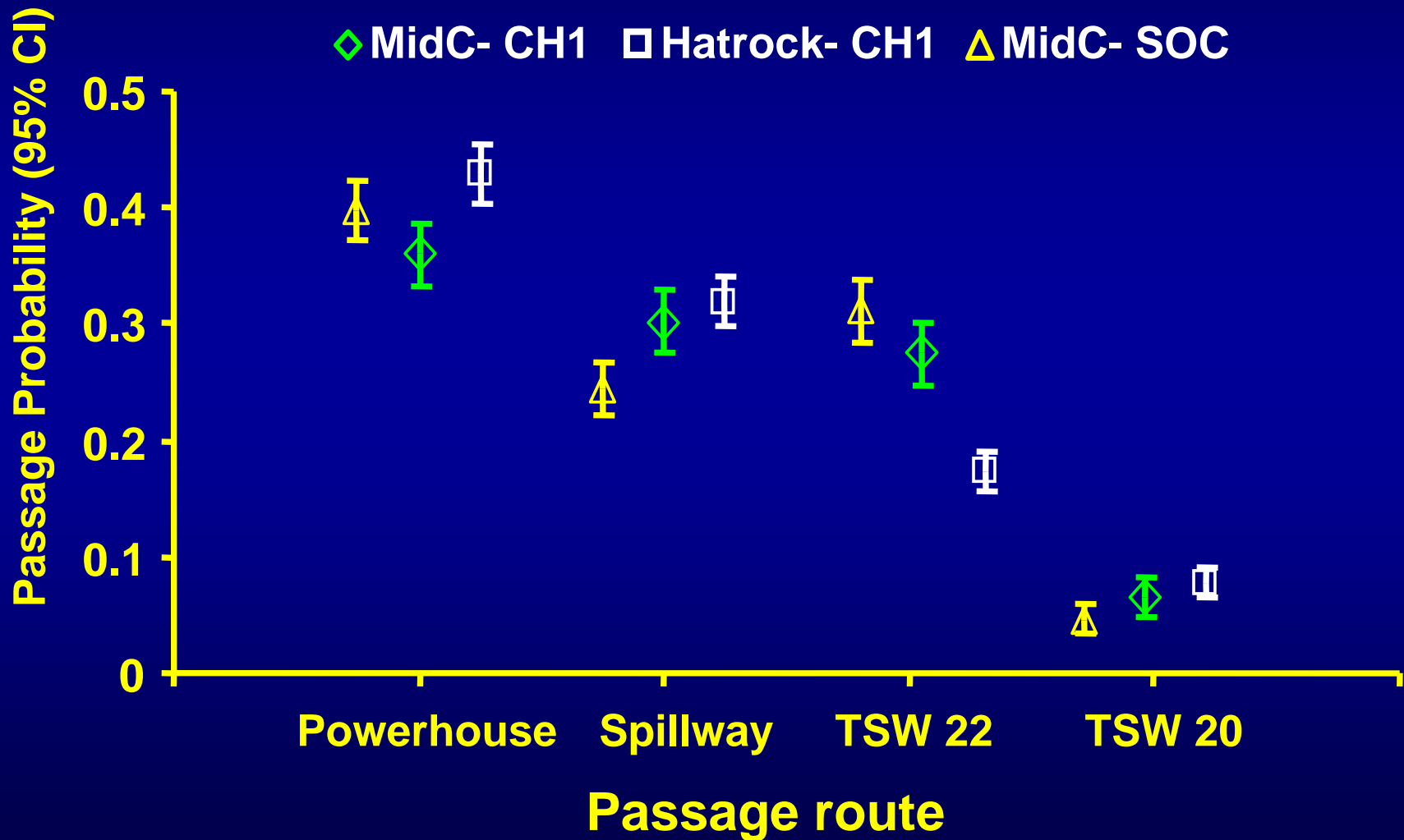
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60% spill

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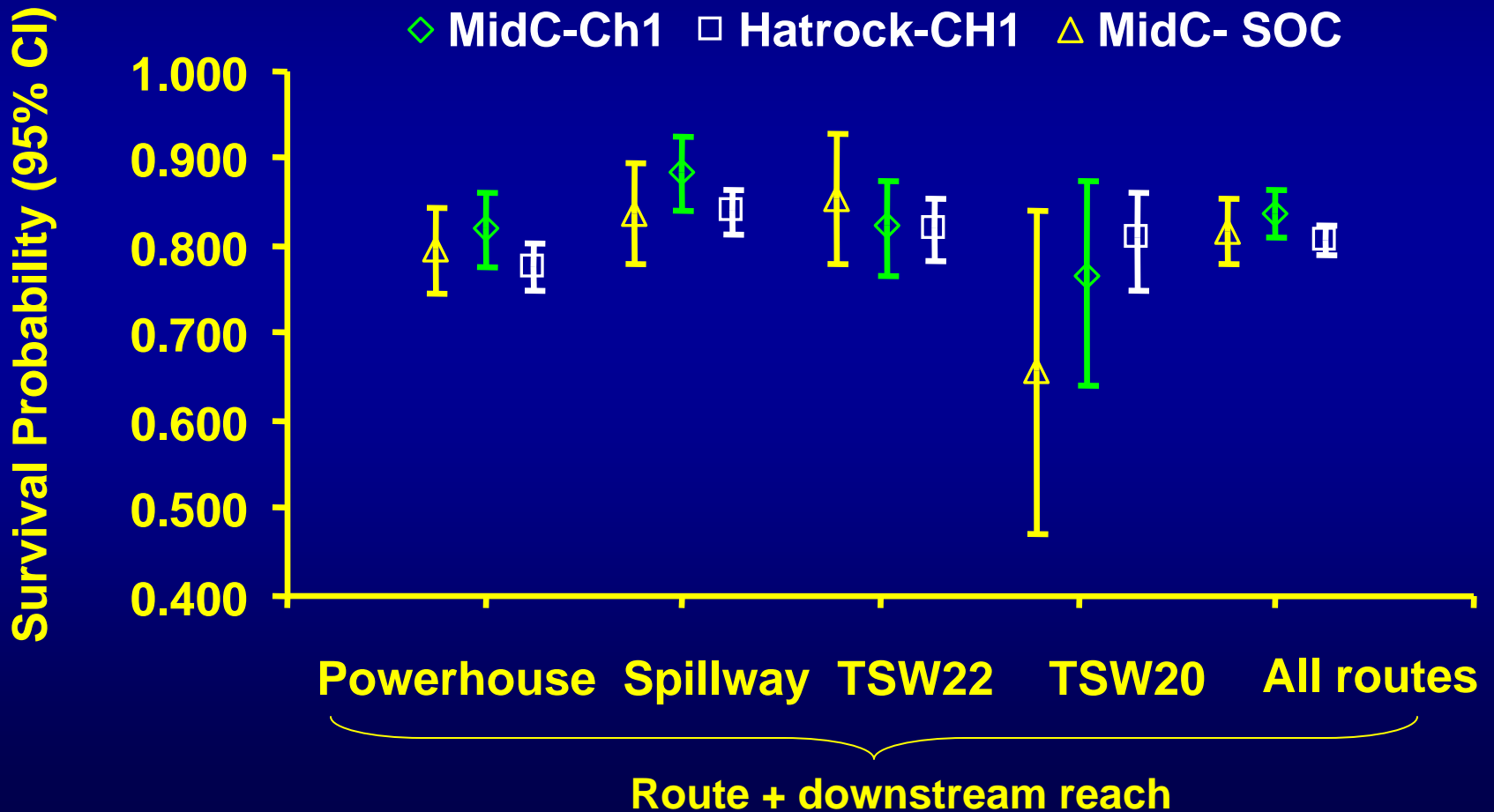
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# Passage by route for Mid-Columbia and Hatrock released CH1 and SOC, 2007

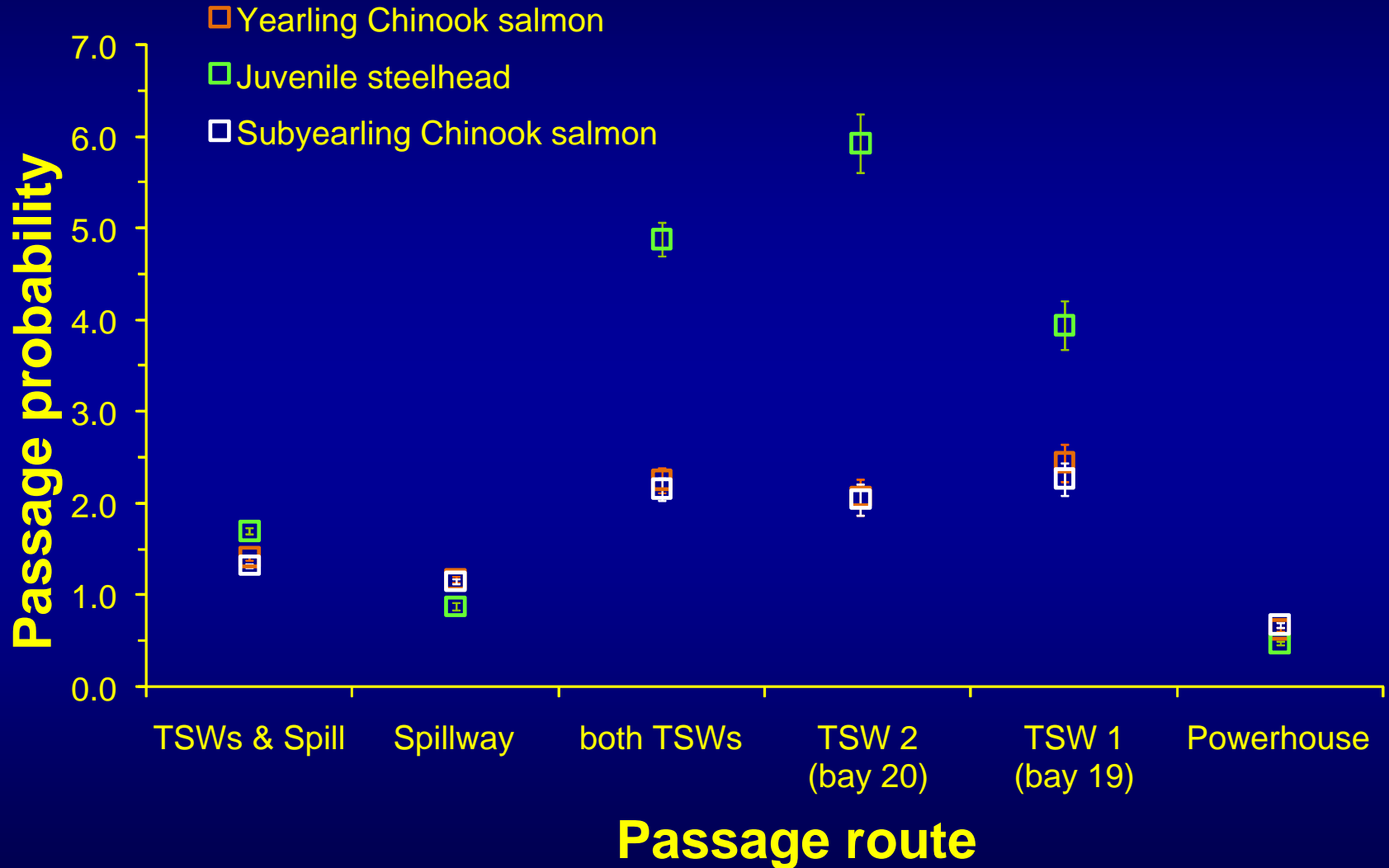


# Survival - Mid-Columbia and Hatrock released CH1 and SOC, 2007

Single Release estimates for CH1 and SOC released in the Mid-Columbia River and CH1 released from Hatrock State Park to 55 rkm downstream of McNary Dam



# Passage Effectiveness in 2008



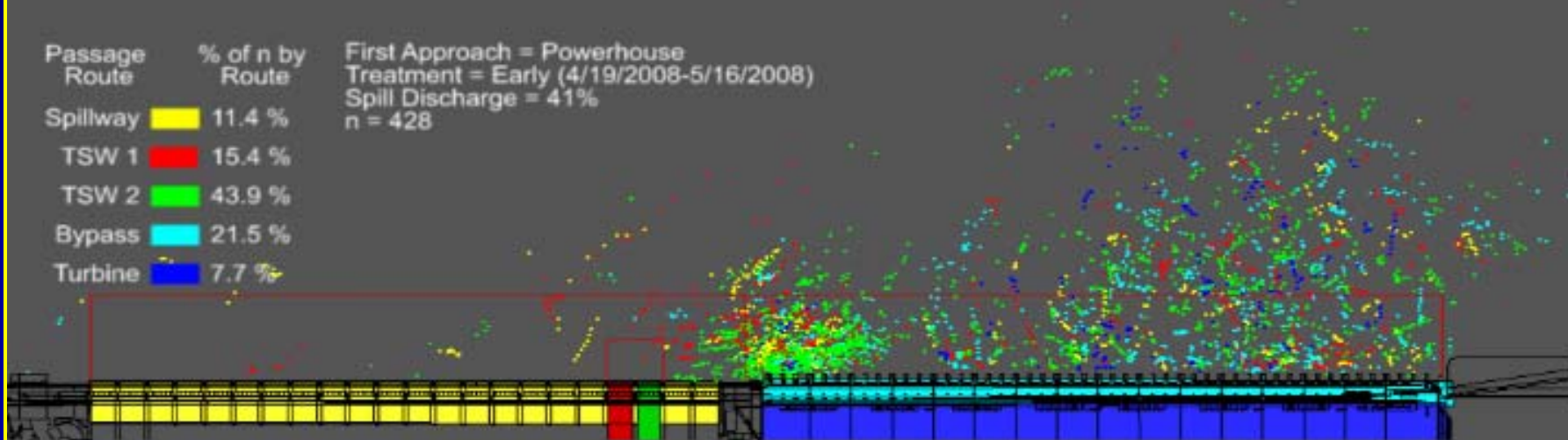
# Steelhead - Early season



McNary Dam 2008  
Hatchery steelhead

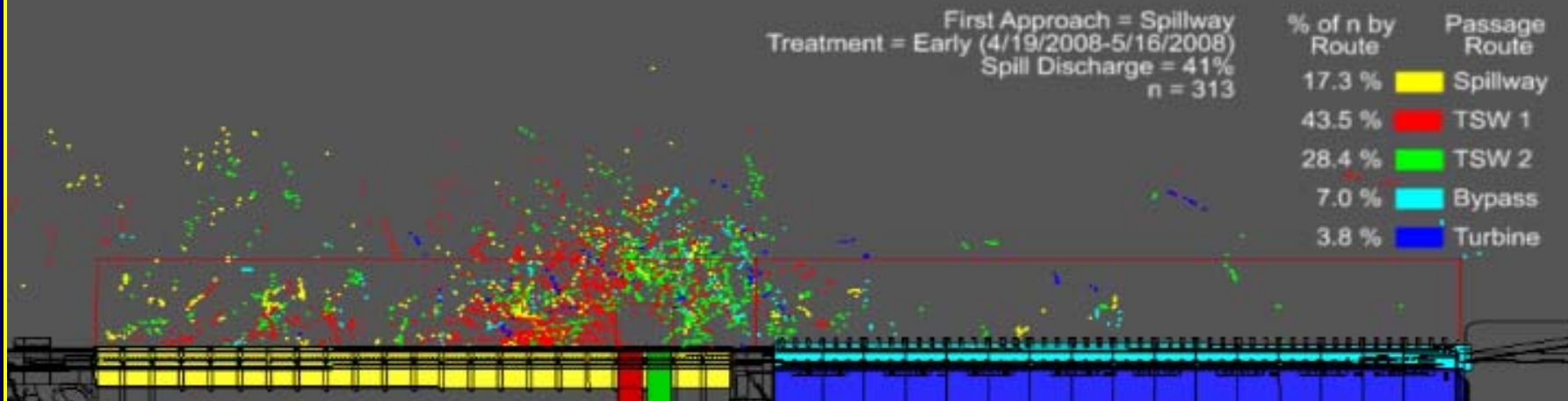
Passage Route	% of n by Route
Spillway	11.4 %
TSW 1	15.4 %
TSW 2	43.9 %
Bypass	21.5 %
Turbine	7.7 %

First Approach = Powerhouse  
Treatment = Early (4/19/2008-5/16/2008)  
Spill Discharge = 41%  
n = 428



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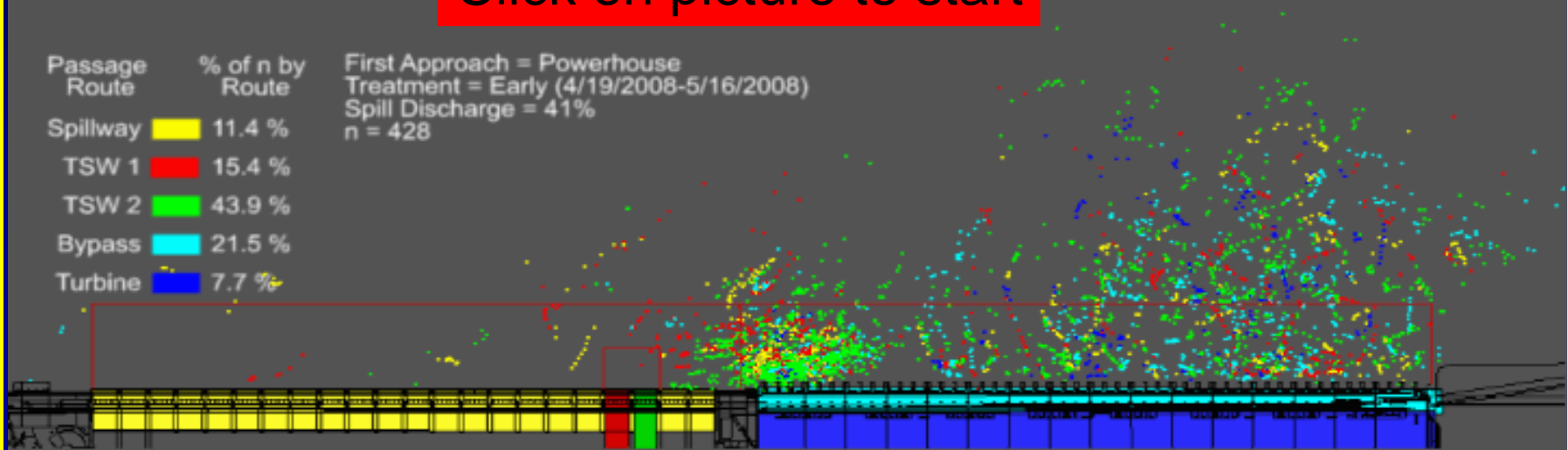


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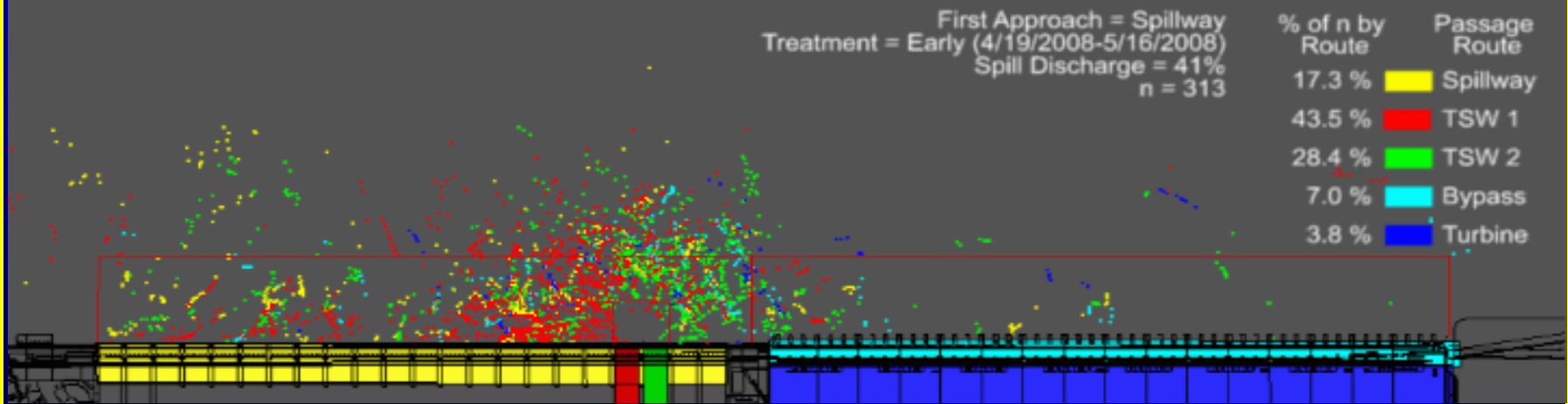
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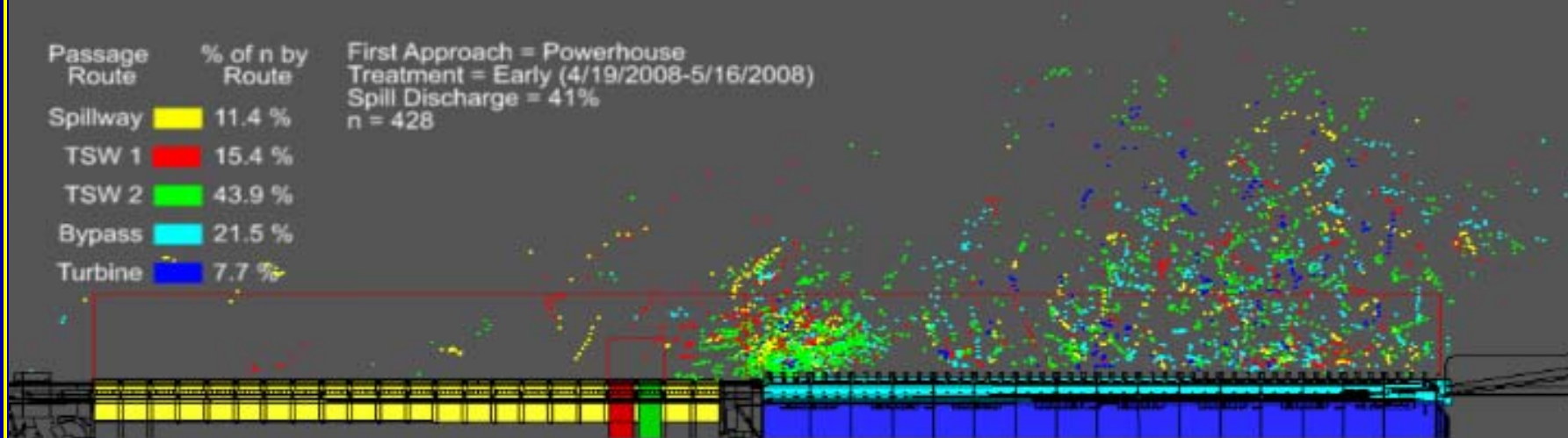
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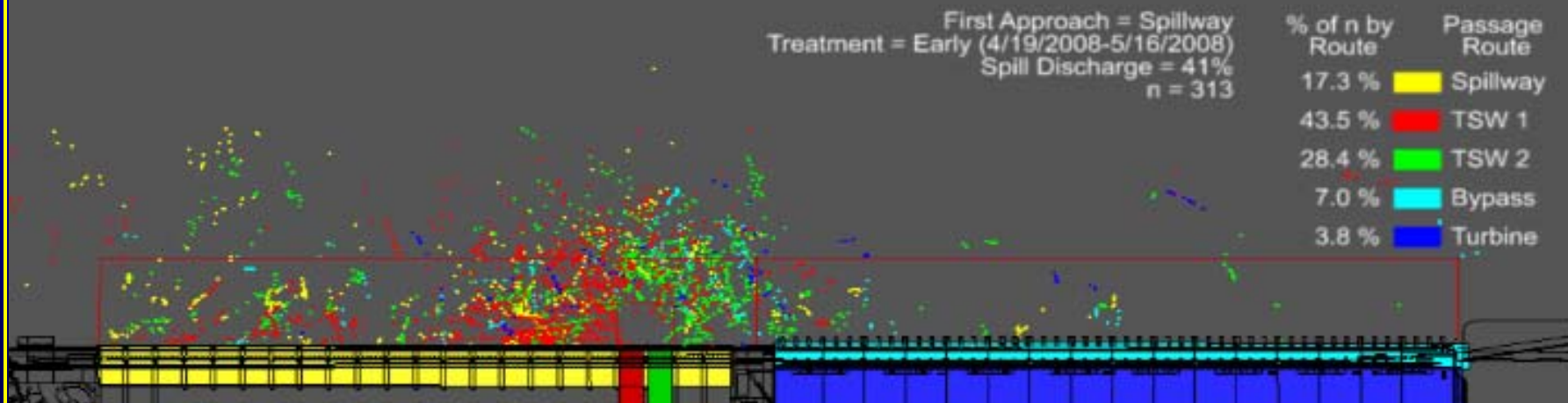
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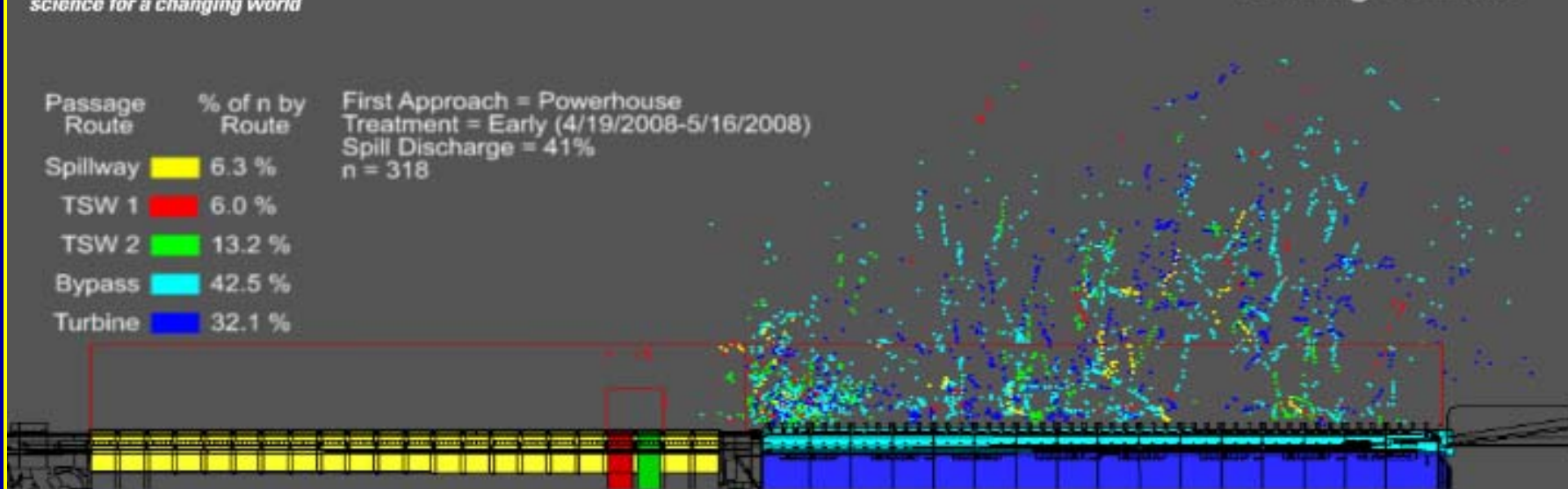
# Yearling Chinook - Early season



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Yearling Chinook

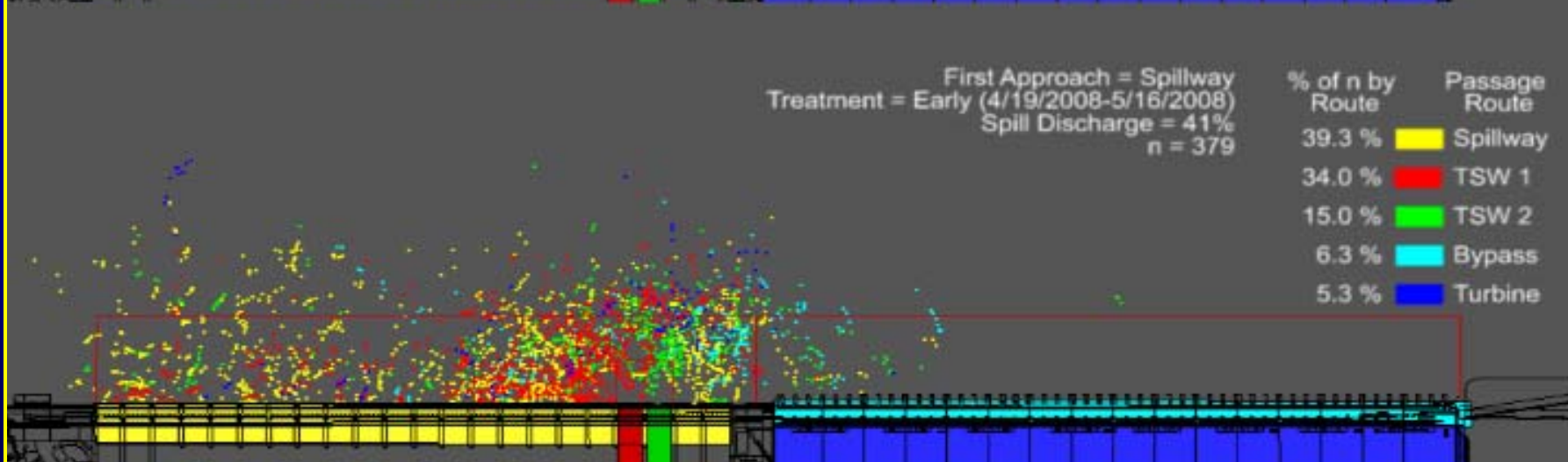
Passage Route      % of n by Route      First Approach = Powerhouse  
 Treatment = Early (4/19/2008-5/16/2008)  
 Spill Discharge = 41%  
 n = 318

Passage Route	% of n by Route
Spillway	6.3 %
TSW 1	6.0 %
TSW 2	13.2 %
Bypass	42.5 %
Turbine	32.1 %



First Approach = Spillway  
 Treatment = Early (4/19/2008-5/16/2008)  
 Spill Discharge = 41%  
 n = 379

% of n by Route	Passage Route
39.3 %	Spillway
34.0 %	TSW 1
15.0 %	TSW 2
6.3 %	Bypass
5.3 %	Turbine



# MCN Drogue Overview 2008

- 12 Release Sites in McNary Dam Tailrace
  - TSW Bay 19 (North, Middle, South)
  - TSW Bay 20 (North, Middle, South)
  - Spill Bay 22 (North, Middle, South)
  - Emergency Bypass Outfall
  - Turbine Unit 08
  - JBS



## Measured Travel Time from Release to the BRZ

- Spring Spill Season
  - April 24 - May 29
  - 254 Drogue Releases During Day Spill
- Summer Spill Season
  - June 4 - July 24
  - 138 Drogue Releases During Day Spill
  - 123 Drogue Releases During Night Spill



# Mid Season 2008 - High Discharge, High Spill

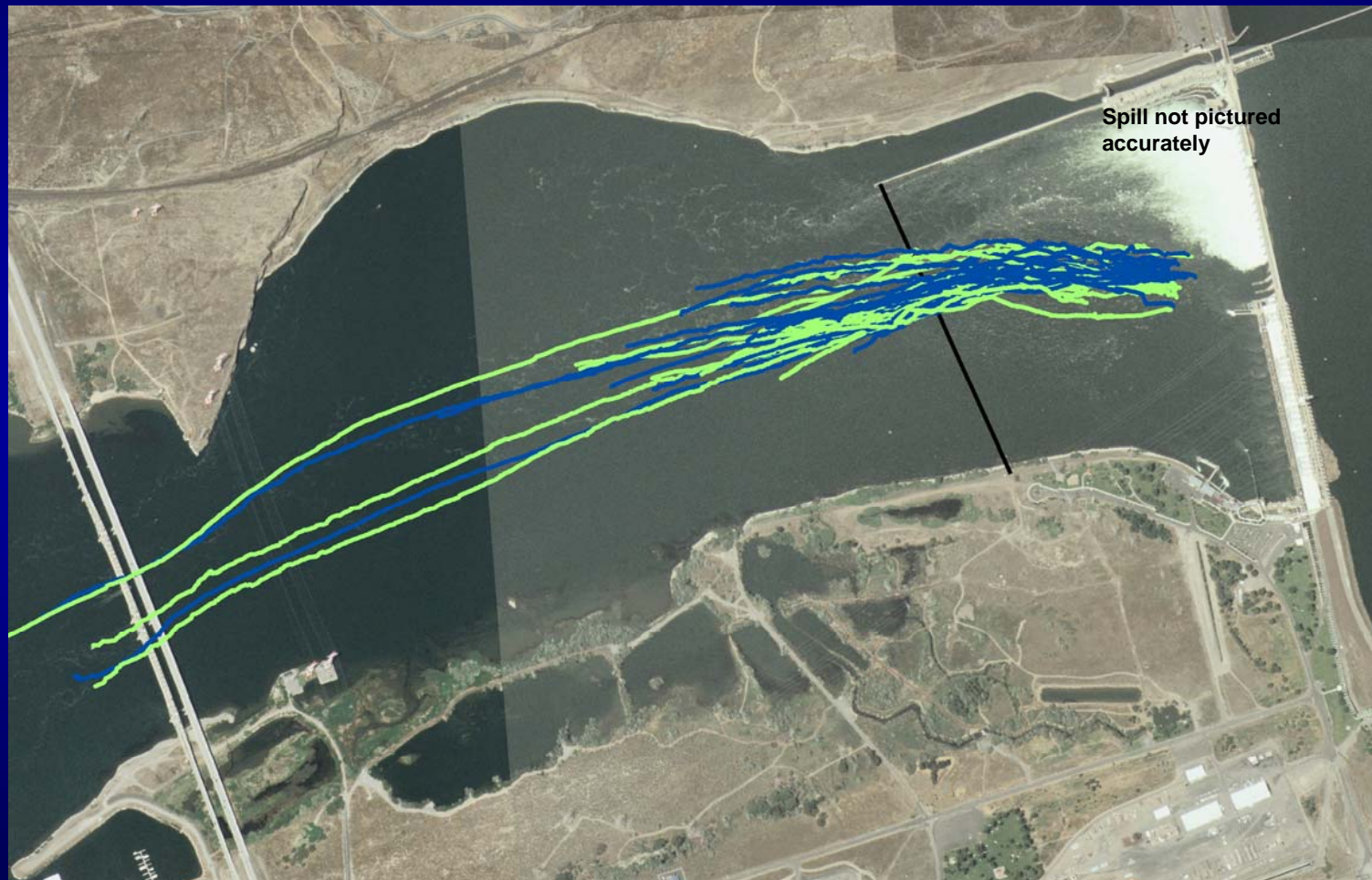
## TSW Releases

Averaged Spill: 55%

Averaged Project Discharge: 367 kcfs

Averaged Tailrace Elevation: 269.6 ft

- Spill Bay 19 n=29
- Spill Bay 20 n=28



**Early Spring 2008 - Low Discharge, 40% Spill**

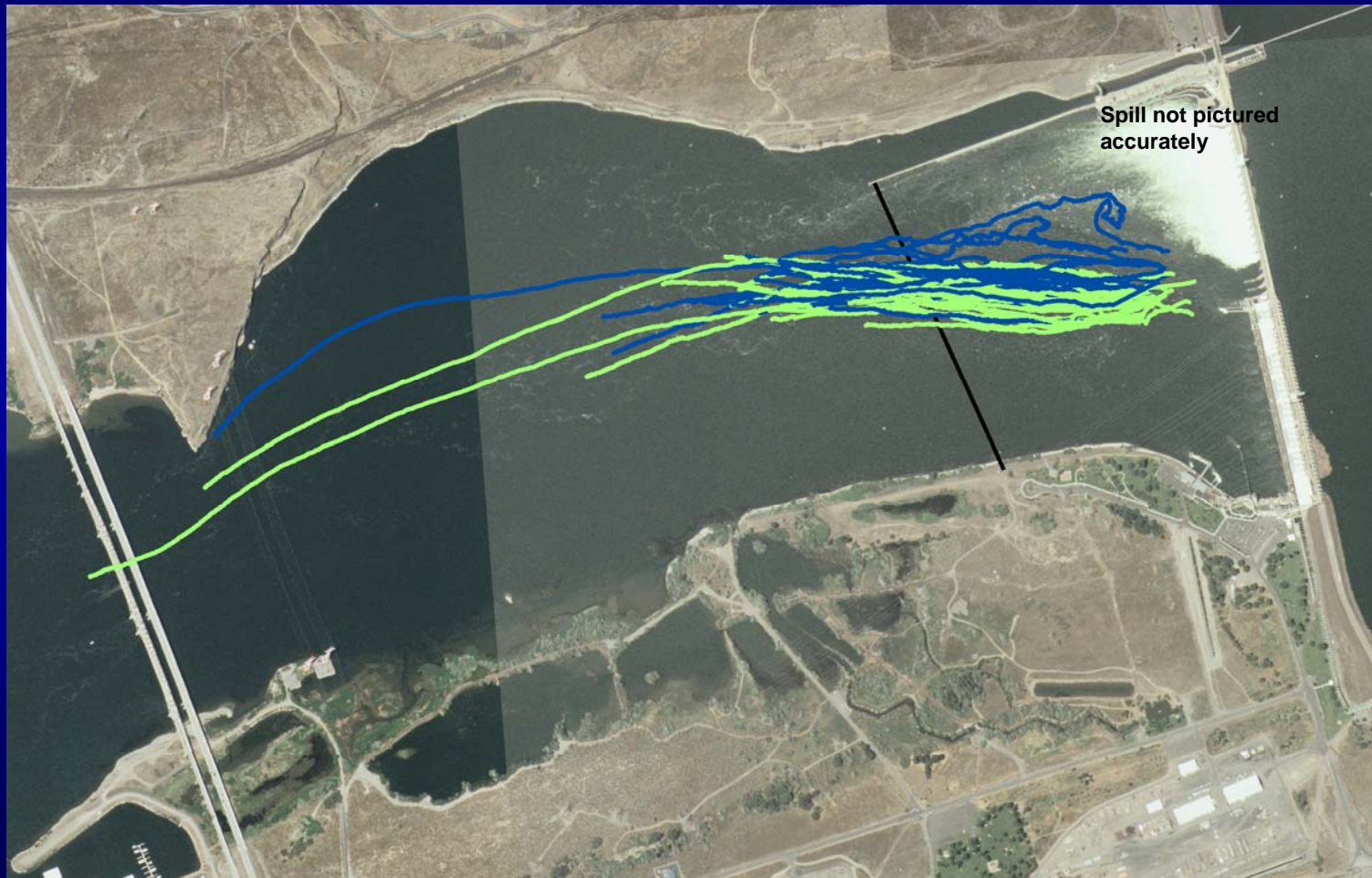
**TSW Releases**

**Averaged Spill: 41%**

**Averaged Project Discharge: 204 kcfs**

**Averaged Tailrace Elevation: 265.7 ft**

- Spill Bay 19 n=23
- Spill Bay 20 n=24



# Late Summer 2008 – High Discharge, 60% Spill

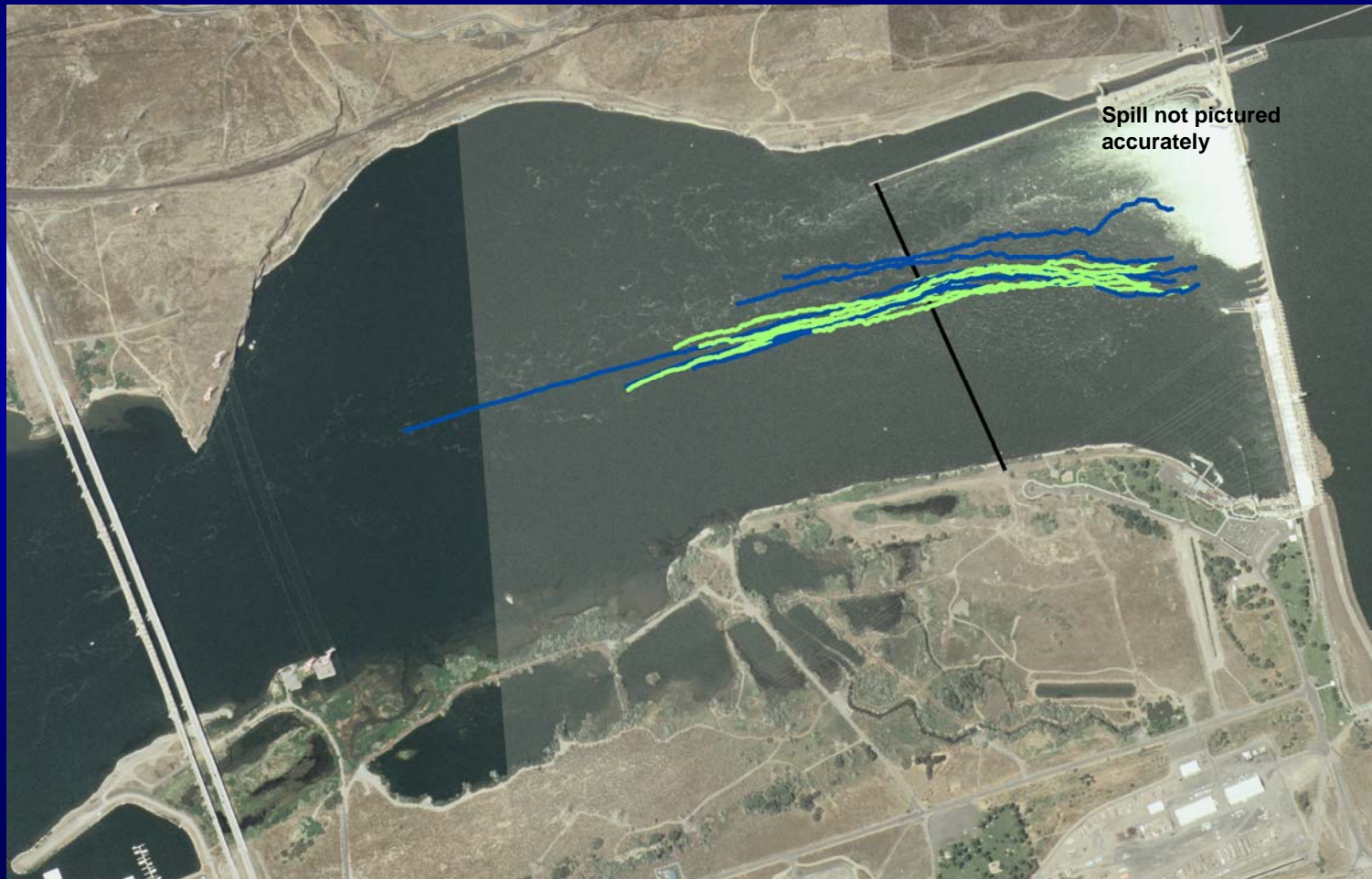
## TSW Releases

Averaged Spill: 62%

Averaged Project Discharge: 230 kcfs

Averaged Tailrace Elevation: 265.5 ft

- Spill Bay 19 n=6
- Spill Bay 20 n=6



# Late Summer 2008 - Low Discharge, 40% Spill

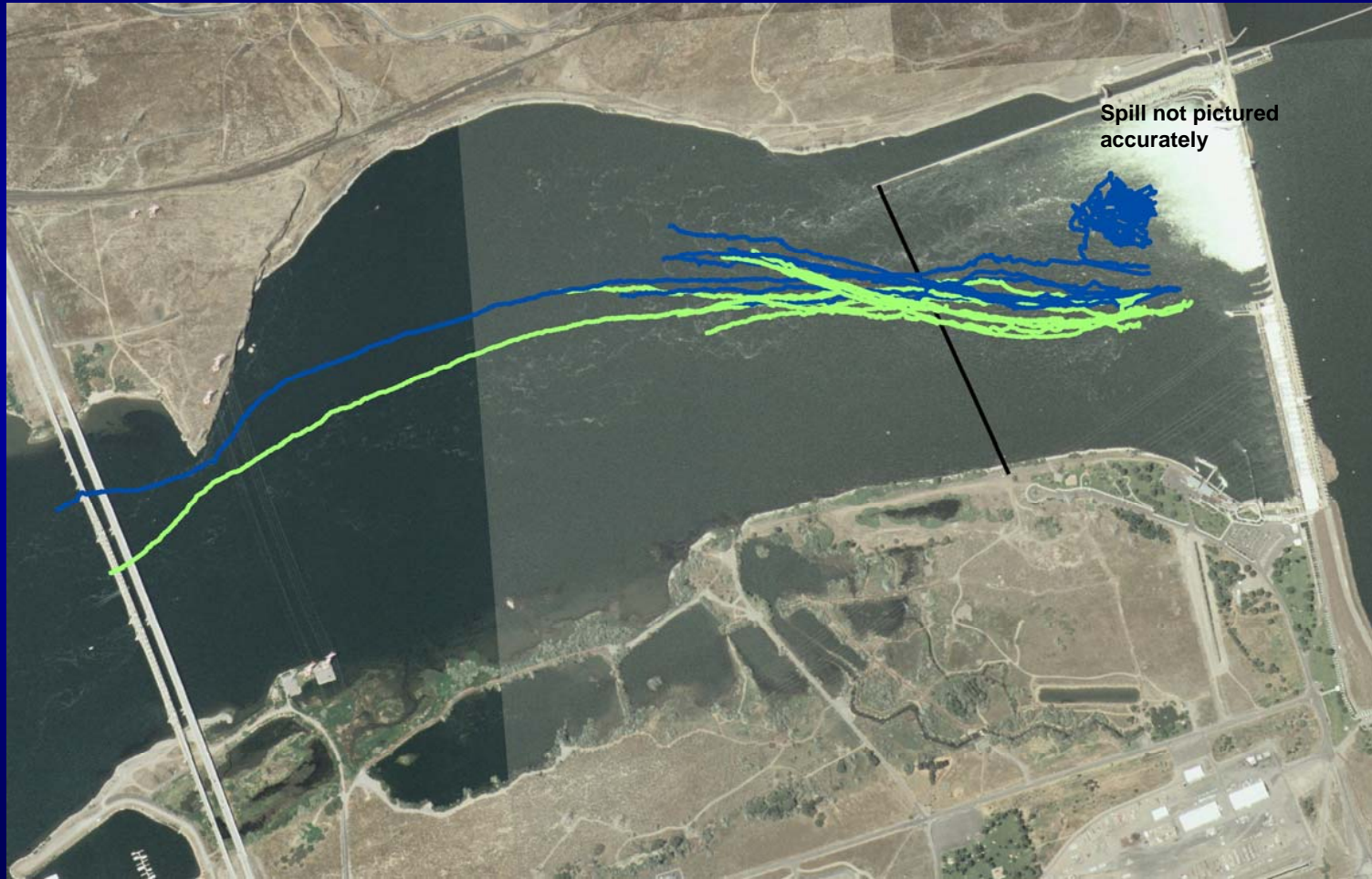
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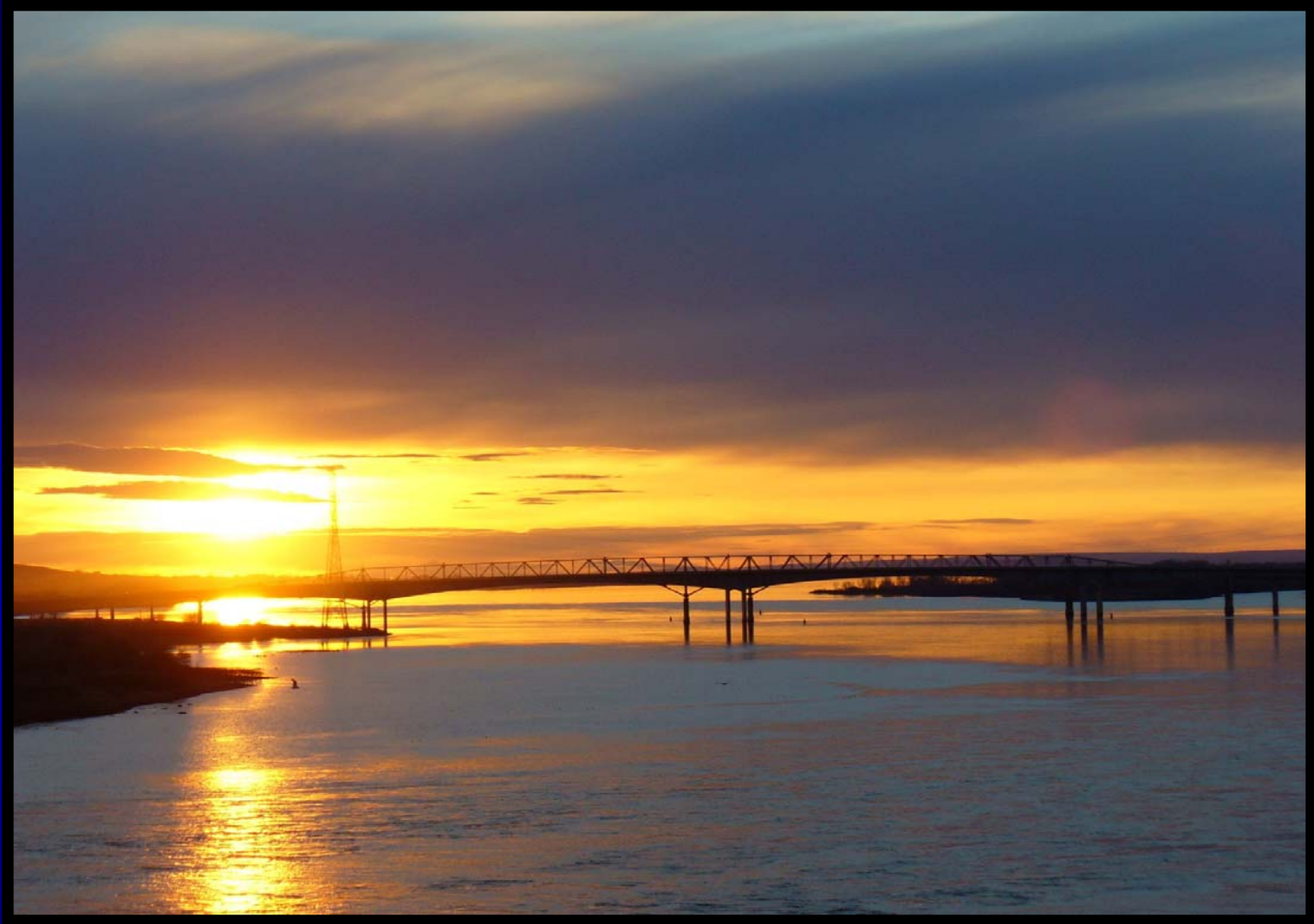
Averaged Spill: 42%

Averaged Project Discharge: 153 kcfs

Averaged Tailrace Elevation: 264.7 ft

- Spill Bay 19 n=19
- Spill Bay 20 n=20





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