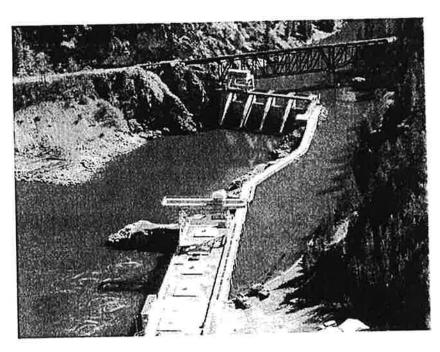
BOX CANYON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC No. 2042

INTERIM TEMPERATURE MANAGEMENT PLAN



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) issued a 401 water quality certification for the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2042), as an amended order dated February 21, 2003. As a condition of certification, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (District) shall prepare an interim temperature management plan. The draft plan shall be submitted to WDOE within thirty days of the date FERC issues a new license for the project. The FERC issued a new license for the Box Canyon Project July 11, 2005. This plan is being submitted to the WDOE as part of the compliance with the 401 certification.

1.1 Water Quality Standards

The Washington State Water Quality Standards, set forth in Chapter 173-201A of the Washington Administrative Code, include designated beneficial uses, water body classifications, and numeric and narrative water quality criteria for surface waters of the state. A revised version of the standards was adopted in 2003 and is currently awaiting approval by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Under the new standards the mainstem Pend Oreille River is protected for "non-core salmon and trout." The new standards contain a special condition of temperature.

Temperature shall not exceed a 1-day maximum (1-DMax) of 20.0° C due to human activities. When natural conditions exceed a 1-DMax of 20.0° C, no temperature increase will be allowed which will raise the receiving water temperature by greater than 0.3 °C; nor shall such temperature increases, at any time, exceed t=34/(T+9). ("T" represents the background temperature as measured at a point, or points, unaffected by the discharge and representative of the highest ambient water temperature in the vicinity of the discharge.)

This new condition is identical to that listed in the previous standards (Chapter 173-201A of the Washington Administrative Code).

1.2 Background

The District has monitored water temperature in the Box Canyon Reservoir, downstream of Box Canyon Dam and in tributaries to the reservoir (District 2000; DE&S 2001a; DE&S 2001b; FADES 2002; EESC 2003; EESC 2005). The District has also researched and reported the limited historical temperature data for Box Canyon Reservoir (DE&S 2000), which document that historical temperatures prior to construction of Box Canyon Dam are very similar to today's water temperatures in the reservoir.

The District modeled with- and without-project water temperatures using the 2-dimensional model, CE-QUAL-W2, developed by the Corps of Engineers. CE-QUAL-W2 was originally developed by Edinger and Buchak (1975). The model was subsequently modified by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterway Experiments Station (Cole and Buchak, 1995) and Portland State University (Cole and Wells, 2000). CE-QUAL-W2 is a vertical two-dimensional hydrodynamic and water quality model for reservoirs, lakes, rivers and estuaries. The CE-QUAL-W2 model has

been under development for many years and is a public-domain code maintained by the Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiments Station (WES), located in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The current version, Version 2 (Cole and Buchak 1995), has been superceded by Version 3 developed by WES and Wells (1997). Version 2 of the model has been successfully used in more than 200 river and reservoir applications. Version 3 has undergone rigorous testing and has been successfully applied to many river basin systems. Primary physical processes modeled by CE-QUAL-W2 include surface heat transfer, short-wave and long-wave radiation and penetration, convective mixing, wind and flow induced mixing. The CE-QUAL-W2 (ver. 3.0) model was selected because it has good hydrodynamic and full thermal dynamic modeling capability. It is a public domain model that is in wide use for similar applications, and is very well suited for application to narrow and long reservoirs, like the one at the Box Canyon Project.

The model was calibrated using 1997 and 1998 observed temperature data. Model results showed very good agreement with the observed data. The model successfully reproduced the seasonal and daily variations of temperature in the reservoir. Model simulations showed that the primary factors controlling temperatures in BCR are the upstream boundary condition (inflow temperature from Albeni Falls) and meteorological forcing.

The calibrated model was applied to simulate the "without project" condition to evaluate the effect of the hydroelectric project on the temperature distributions in the reservoir. Model results indicate that project operation results in slight temperature cooling in the reservoir. The only period of note when the "without" project water temperatures were significantly cooler than the "with" project temperatures was August 5-7, 1998. Modeled water temperatures at Ione were, on average, 1°C warmer for the "with" project scenario. During this period, the total river flow at Box Canyon was rapidly decreasing from approximately 27,700 cfs to about 22,900 cfs. The modeled water surface elevation at Ione without the project dropped about 3.8 ft as opposed to 0.8 ft with the project. Air temperatures were seasonably warm but cooling through this period. It is hypothesized that the smaller water mass without the project was able to respond faster to the short-term cooling climate conditions. The trend in water temperatures; however, reversed itself and the "without" project water temperatures were again slightly warmer than "with" project condition by August 8, 1998. At other times, when cooling air temperatures and dropping flow did not coincide, the "with" project temperatures were cooler; i.e., the trend reversal is dependent upon both contributing factors coinciding with the descending limb of the peak in the heating season. The District concludes that the CE-QUAL-W2 modeling for Box Canyon demonstrates that the project has little to no effect on water temperatures within the Box Canyon Reservoir when model uncertainty is taken into account. A full description of modeling methods and model results is reported in (EESC 2002) and is provided in this plan as Appendix A.

WDOE included the Pend Oreille River on the state's 303(d) list for water temperature higher than the standard. The river is also on Idaho's 303(d) list for temperature. In order to determine the causes of the high river temperatures and correct any human-caused problems, WDOE Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) the EPA and the Kalispel Tribe are in the process of cooperatively determining a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the mainstem Pend Oreille River from the outlet of Lake Pend Oreille to the Canadian border, which includes the Box Canyon reach.

WDOE published a Quality Assurance Plan for the temperature TMDL technical study for the Pend Oreille River (Pickett 2004). As part of the technical work for the TMDL, WDOE, IDEQ and the EPA are applying the CE-QUAL-W2 model to the Pend Oreille River from the outlet of Lake Pend Oreille to the Canadian border.

The WDOE 401 certificate for Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project states that this interim temperature management plan shall be in effect only until WDOE completes a temperature TMDL and its associated implementation plan for the Pend Oreille River.

2.0 MITIGATION AND MONITORING MEASURES

No interim mitigation measures for managing water temperature are scheduled or proposed. The District's modeling and a review of historic pre-project water temperature data support a conclusion that the project does not adversely affect summer water temperatures. Although water temperatures exceed the criteria for non-project-related reasons, the District believes that operation of the Box Canyon Project is in compliance with the water quality standard for temperature. In its Biological Opinion (USFWS 2005), the U.S. Department of Interior states that, "little opportunity exists to dramatically lower summer water temperatures since the project operated in a ROR [run of river] mode and minimal vertical stratification occurs within the reservoir."

The District understands that the CE-QUAL-W2 model for the Box Canyon reach is being revised and updated as part of the technical study for the Pend Oreille River temperature TMDL. If modeling and analysis indicate that human influences cause violations of temperature standards, then the agencies with jurisdiction will work with the TMDL advisory group to develop an implementation plan for the TMDL.

The District will be an active member of the advisory group. The District will review those parts of the implementation plan that address any temperature problems determined to be caused by Box Canyon Dam and its operations. The District will implement those parts of the plan that are consistent with the FERC license and State 401 certificate for the Box Canyon Project

The District understands that monitoring will be an element of the temperature TMDL. In support of WDOE's implementation of the TMDL, the District will participate in a cooperative monitoring network set up by the TMDL advisory group. The District commits to be responsible for equipment, maintenance, and analysis of water temperature data for up to four temperature monitoring stations in addition to a monitoring station in the Box Canyon forebay. One of these four monitoring stations will be located in the Calispell River immediately upstream of the District's pumping station. The location of the other three monitoring stations will be identified by the TMDL advisory group; however, these locations will be within the Box Canyon Reservoir or at the mouths of tributaries to the reservoir. If the TMDL determines that additional monitoring points are needed to document the Project's effect on temperature, then the District will work with the TMDL advisory group to identify additional monitoring stations that the District will be responsible for.

The methods listed are intended to be consistent with TMDLs affecting the Box Canyon reach. The methods will be modified upon concurrence by the WDOE, if necessary, to be consistent with future TMDLs. Continuous recording TIDBIT thermographs will be deployed at the selected locations including the forebay. Thermographs will be programmed to record hourly temperature. All thermographs will be set to real time with data reported on the hour to facilitate analysis among sites. All thermographs will be serviced approximately once per every eightweek period. Servicing and downloading will occur at approximately four-week intervals during July through September to minimize the potential of data gaps due to instrument loss or malfunction. A calibration temperature measurement using a hand-held mercury thermometer will be recorded at each servicing. All thermographs will also be subject to a three-point calibration test prior to deployment and at the end of the study period. The Onset Corporation TIDBIT thermographs have an accuracy of \pm 0.16°C and a resolution of 0.28°C. A calibration factor will be applied to data for any thermographs that are not within \pm 0.3°C of the standardized mercury thermometer used in laboratory calibration.

Thermograph data will be processed through a quality control/quality assurance (QA/QC) procedure. Data from time periods with anomalous patterns, or uncharacteristic spikes will be identified and discarded if data are not reasonable. Thermograph data will be compared to the field and laboratory instrument calibration records. Full documentation of QA/QC procedures, and reasons for not accepting any data, will be provided in the annual water quality monitoring report (see Water Quality Monitoring Plan).

Hourly temperature files will be reduced and analyzed to determine daily and monthly maximum, mean, and minimum temperatures. (Hourly temperature data will still be available for any future modeling application.) In addition, data will be expressed as seven-day averages.

3.0 SCHEDULE

This interim management plan will be implemented upon approval by WDOE and remain in effect until the WDOE completes the TMDL and its associated implementation plan for the Pend Oreille River. Water temperature monitoring is scheduled for April 1 through October 31 of each year the interim plan is in effect.

A draft of the annual report will be filed with the WDOE and FERC no later January 31, which describes activities and monitoring results for the previous field season. A final report will be filed within 60 days of comments received from the WDOE.

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Appendix A

Analysis of Water Temperatures in Box Canyon Dam for With and Without Project Conditions

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1.0 Background and Introduction

Box Canyon Reservoir is located on the Pend Oreille River in northeast Washington. The reservoir is about 55.7 miles in length from the tailrace of upstream Albeni Fall Dam to the forebay of Box Canyon Dam. The Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (District) is applying to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a re-licensing of the Box Canyon Dam (FERC No. 2042). In order to issue a 401 water quality certificate, the State of Washington must determine if the hydroelectric dam operations will comply with the state water quality standards. The river reach impounded by Box Canyon Dam is included on the state's 303(d) list of impaired waters and temperature is one of the listed impaired parameters.

In support of the District's re-licensing application, Foster Wheeler was contracted by EES Consulting in collaboration with Framatome ANP DE&S (FDE&S) to conduct temperature modeling of Box Canyon Reservoir. The overall objective of this study was to develop the Box Canyon Reservoir temperature model to evaluate the effect of the Box Canyon Hydroelectric project operation on the reservoir temperatures.

2.0 Objectives

The specific objectives of this modeling and analysis effort are as follows:

- Select and setup an appropriate water quality/ temperature model for the Box Canyon Reservoir based on the available bathymetry, river inflow and temperature and meteorological data.
- Calibrate the temperature model using continuous record temperature data for the reservoir (data available for the summer and fall periods in 1997 and 1998).
- Apply the temperature model to simulate the longitudinal temperature distribution in the river for the "without project" condition, using the identical meteorological condition and river flows for the same simulation period conducted in the model calibration.
- Compare the model results between "with project" and "without project" scenarios.
- Compare the results of this modeling effort to a similar modeling study recently completed for the Box Canyon Reservoir by the EPA.

3.0 Model Selection

Box Canyon Reservoir temperature model was developed using the CE-QUAL-W2 temperature and water quality model. CE-QUAL-W2 was originally developed by Edinger and Buchak (1975). The model was subsequently modified by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterway Experiments Station (Cole and Buchak, 1995) and Portland State University (Cole and Wells, 2000). CE-QUAL-W2 is a vertical two-dimensional hydrodynamic and water quality model for reservoirs, lakes, rivers and estuaries. The CE-QUAL-W2 model has been under development

for many years and is a public-domain code maintained by the Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiments Station (WES), located in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The current version, Version 2 (Cole and Buchak 1995), has been superceded by Version 3 developed by WES and Wells (1997). Version 2 of the model has been successfully used in more than 200 river and reservoir applications. Version 3 has undergone rigorous testing and has been successfully applied to many river basin systems. Primary physical processes modeled by CE-QUAL-W2 include surface heat transfer, short-wave and long-wave radiation and penetration, convective mixing, wind and flow induced mixing. The CE-QUAL-W2 (ver. 3.0) model was selected for this study because it has good hydrodynamic and full thermal dynamic modeling capability. It is a public domain model that is in wide use for similar applications, and is very well suited for application to narrow and long reservoirs. The model is also capable of simulating multiple water bodies, such as rivers, reservoirs, and estuaries linked in series. The model solves the lateral averaged momentum and continuity equations to predict the water surface elevation, and longitudinal and vertical velocities. A primary advantage of this model relative to steady-state one-dimensional temperature models is that flow and heat transfer processes are hydrodynamic. The time step can be varied and established at very short periods as opposed to daily average conditions. Vertical and longitudinal variability in the heat transfer processes are accounted for in the model.

Some of the model assumptions and limitations are as follows:

- The model assumes in each model cell that variables are laterally and layer averaged.
- The model uses the hydrostatic assumption and therefore does not account explicitly for vertical momentum effects. Even though the model is able to track density inflows and surface cooling accurately, the vertical momentum equation is not used to compute vertical velocities. A flow balance determines vertical velocities over each cell.
- The current release Version 3 does not account for macrophyte growth.
- The wind sheltering coefficient is a correction on the measured wind velocity but is not based on theory.
- The current release Version 3 does not have a sophisticated solar shading algorithm. Since the Pend Oreille River is relatively large, vegetation and topographical shading were ignored in this modeling effort.

4.0 Model Setup

Modeling requires a representation of the physical world in a manner that can be numerically modeled. Model application steps include:

- Data Collection and analysis (existing data available from license application studies (District 2000) as well as published climate records from nearby government climate stations,
- Develop boundary conditions,
- Discretization of the system into river and reservoir model segments,
- Develop model bathymetry,
- Model calibration/verification, and
- Model application

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4.1 Temperature and Meteorological Data

The CE-QUAL-W2 model was setup to simulate the hydrodynamics and temperature distributions for summer and fall of 1997 and 1998 in Box Canyon Reservoir. Water and air temperatures were continuously monitored with thermographs at multiple locations along the reservoir during these periods. Data collection methods are reported in the Box Canyon License Application (Final License Application Appendices E.2-4 and E.2-5: District 2000). All thermograph data were subjected to rigorous quality control/quality assurance procedures. The thermographs were serviced approximately once a month. A calibration temperature measurement using a hand-held mercury thermometer was recorded at each servicing. All thermographs were also subjected to a three-point calibration test using a standardized mercury thermometer prior to deployment and at the end of the study period. The Onset Corporation HOBO thermographs have an accuracy of ± 0.16°C and a resolution of 0.28°C. With one exception, the thermographs were deployed in the river's thalweg at a depth of 1.0 m off the channel bed. Two thermographs were placed in the river at the confluence with Big Muddy Creek (Ione); one of these was 1.0 m off the bottom and the other was approximately 2.0 m below the water surface when the forebay elevation is at 2,030 ft MSL. Falter et. al. (1991) had documented that minimal to no vertical stratification occurs within the main river of Box Canyon Reservoir.

Meteorological data were not available at sufficient time resolution for the immediate project area. The nearest climate station with hourly data for the 1997-1998 period is Spokane, Washington. Hourly data from the Spokane airport NCDC climate station used in modeling included air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, solar radiation and cloud cover. Precipitation data were reviewed but not incorporated into this modeling effort.

4.2 Model Geometry and Boundary Definition

Model boundary conditions specify the geographical area to be modeled and define inputs. Model setup involved the development of the model grid and establishment of initial and boundary conditions. The upstream boundary for modeling Box Canyon Reservoir water temperatures was defined as the tailrace of the Albeni Falls Dam (RM 90.1). The downstream boundary was established at the Box Canyon Dam forebay (RM 34.4). The District (District 2000) documented that water temperatures do not change as water passes through the dam structures so modeling of tailrace temperatures was not necessary.

Only one main branch was specified in the model. The sloughs were not modeled nor were islands. Detailed river bathymetry data were collected at river cross sections longitudinally distributed at approximately one-mile intervals for the reservoir as part of habitat mapping studies (Final License Application Appendix E.3.1-5: District 2000). The cross section data were recorded using Acoustic Doppler technology for the submerged portion of the transect and total station surveying for the above water portion of the transect up to an elevation that exceeds the project boundary. GPS was used to delineate the position of the cross section endpoints. Cross section data were subsequently reduced to channel width at 0.5 m vertical increments. Based on a review of reservoir bathymetry data, the reservoir was discretized into 59 segments (Attachment A). Each segment was subsequently discretized into uniform 1-m vertical layers.

The total number of active vertical layers varies by segment; up to 24 layers were modeled to represent the deepest portions of the reservoir. Figure 3.1 shows a schematic of a typical configuration of model layers. The CE-Qual-W2 model processes temperature transfer and hydrodynamics for each cell (defined by segment and layer) within the model grid (Figure 3.2).

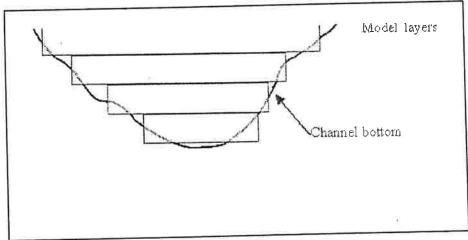


Figure 3.1 Schematic of typical model layers within a channel segment.

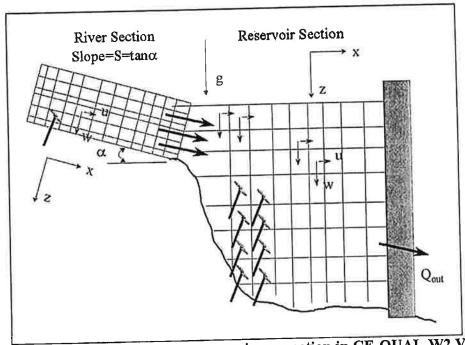


Fig. 3.2 Conceptual schematic of river-reservoir connection in CE-QUAL-W2 Version 3

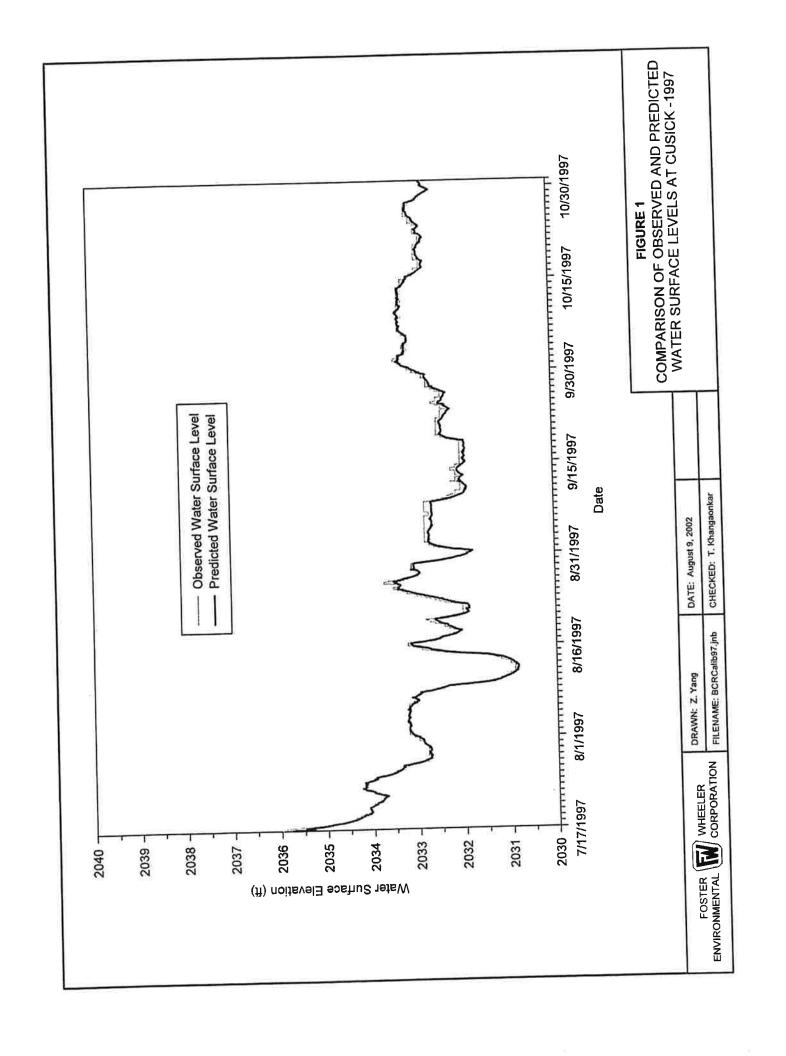
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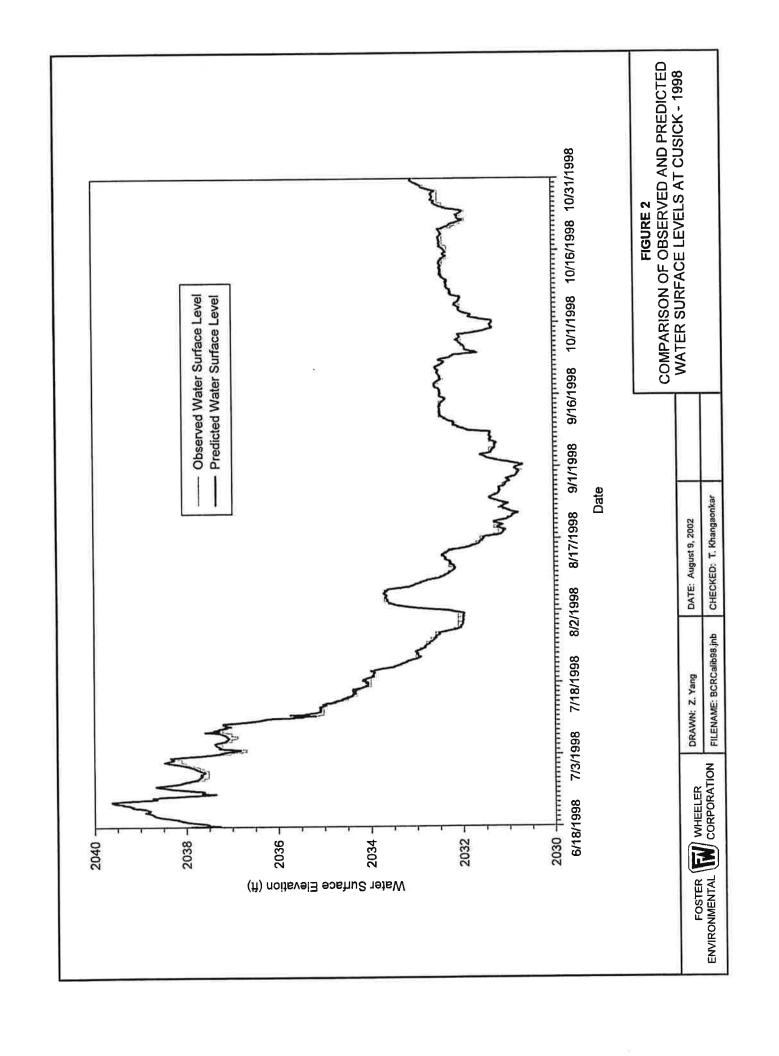
The upstream boundary inflow data are provided from USGS gaging station located at Newport, WA. The downstream boundary river discharge is based on District operational hourly records at Box Canyon Dam. Inflow accretion between Albeni Falls Dam and Box Canyon Dam is minimal during the summer/fall model period (Exhibit B Final License Application – District 2000). Therefore, tributary and groundwater inflow is not of sufficient quantity to significantly affect the modeled water temperatures. The CEQUAL-W2 water balance sub-model calculated the total accretion (difference between inflow and outflow). The computed accretion was then added to the inflow at the most upstream model segment; i.e., accretion was treated as additional inflow from Albeni Falls.

Hourly water surface elevation data for the model period are reported at the USGS Cusick Gage (RM 70). A HEC-RAS model had been previously applied to the Box Canyon Reservoir to estimate the longitudinal reservoir water surface elevation profile for "with project" and "without project" conditions (District 2000 FLA Exhibit B). The HEC-RAS water elevation data (as a function of total river discharge) were used to establish the initial water surface elevation for each model segment.

5.0 Model Calibration

A water balance analysis was completed as a first step in model calibration. Discharge and water surface elevation data from District and USGS records were used in this calibration. The difference in total discharge between the USGS gage at Newport and total discharge at Box Canyon Dam was treated as gaging data (water surface elevation and discharge The water surface elevation (WSL) at Cusick as predicted by the CE-QUAL-W2 model was compared to actual USGS gage WSL data. Upon completion of hydraulic calibration, the CE-QUAL-W2 model successfully predicted water surface elevations (WSL) as evidenced by the close correspondence between measured and predicted WSL at Cusick for 1997 (Figure 5.1) and 1998 (Figure 5.2).





The temperature model calibration consisted of adjusting various model parameters and boundary conditions until the model predicted results matched the observed data in the reservoir. Most of the model parameters are global model parameters; i.e. a single value is applied to the entire model reach. Observed temperature profiles (thermograph data) were used to calibrate the temperature model parameters. Two separate wind sheltering coefficients, one for summer and one for fall season, were required in order to achieve satisfactory calibration. The final calibrated model coefficients and factors are provided in Table 5.1. The calibrated coefficients are all within a reasonable range for that parameter.

Table 5.1 Calibrated Model Coefficients for Box Canyon Reservoir

Model Coefficients	Calibrated Value	Typical Value	
Heat exchange scheme (SLHTC)	ET	TERM or ET	
Wind speed coefficient a (AFW)	9.2	9.2	
Wind speed coefficient b (AFW)	0.46	0.46	
Wind speed coefficient c (AFW)	2.0	2.0	
Transport scheme (SLTRC)	ULTIMATE	QUICKEST or ULTIMATE	
Time weighting for advection (THETA)	0.55	0 - 1	
Wind sheltering coefficient Day (WSCD) Wind sheltering coefficient (WSC)	1 230 0.6 0.2	0 - 1	
Horizontal eddy viscosity (AX)	1	1	
Horizontal eddy diffusivity (DX)	1	1	
Coef. of bottom heat exchange (CBHE)	7x10 ⁻⁸	7x10 ⁻⁸	
Vertical turbulence closure (AZFORM)	W2N	W2, W2N, etc.	
Vertical eddy viscosity scheme (AZC)	IMP	IMP or EXP	
Bottom friction formula (TYPE)	CHEZY	CHEZY or MANN	
Extinction for pure water (EXH2O)	0.3	0.1 - 3	

6.0 Results

6.1 Temperatures for Calibrated Model

Overall, the calibration of the temperature model for Box Canyon Reservoir was completed successfully using the data from 1997 and 1998. Figures 6.1 through 6.9 compare observed and model predicted temperatures at various locations in the reservoir. The locations for thermograph data used in calibration include Pend Oreille River upstream of confluence with Indian Creek (RM 81.2), Skookum Creek RM (74.3), CeeCeeAh Creek (RM 66.6), Mill Creek (RM 58.5), LeClerc Creek (RM 56.5), and Bid Muddy Creek (RM 38.3) in 1997, and at

Skookum Creek, Mill Creek, and Bid Muddy Creek in 1998. Thermograph data from the Box Canyon forebay were also available for 1998. The model reproduces the seasonal changes and daily variations of temperatures in the reservoir very well. The model predicts temperature distributions at different stations in the reservoir with satisfactory accuracy in 1997 and 1998. Statistical analysis of the model calibration shows that the absolute mean errors (AME) for all the stations are bellow 0.5 except at Mill Creek in 1998, which is 0.54. The root mean square errors (RMS) for most of the stations are bellow 0.5 except at LeClerc Creek in 1997 (0.58) and Mill Creek in 1998 (0.66). The AME and RMS of the model calibration results are given in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1 AME and RMS Distributions

Station	A	ME	R	MS	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	
Indian Creek	0.16	No Data	0.21	No Data	
Skookum Creek	0.28	0.28	0.36	0.34	
CeeCeeAh Creek	0.27	No Data	0.35	No Data	
Mill Creek	0.32	0.54	0.42	0.66	
LeClerc Creek	0.44	No Data	0.58	No Data	
Bid Muddy Creek	0.33	0.39	0.40	0.49	
Average	0.33		0.42		

6.2 Comparison of With and Without Project

The calibrated model was applied to simulate the "without project" scenario, i.e., the Box Canyon Dam was removed from the model configuration and the water body was simulated as a run-of-river system with no backwater effect from Box Canyon Dam. Based on the water surface elevation distribution along the river predicted by HEC-RAS model for the "without project" scenario, the river reach was divided into two separate branches with different slopes. The first branch is from segment 2 to segment 32 (RM 90.34 to RM 58.8) with a slope of 0.00005. The second branch starts from segment 33 to segment 58 (RM 58.8 to RM 34.58) with a slope of 0.0001. The initial water surface elevations (WSL at time of model initiation) were interpolated from the HEC-RAS model results.

The CE-QUAL-W2 temperature model for the Box Canyon Reservoir in the "without project" condition was applied using the same hydrological and meteorological forcing and inputs as those used in the model calibration for both 1997 and 1998. It is important to distinguish the "without project" from pre-project since river flow is regulated upstream of Box Canyon Dam.

Model result comparisons indicate that temperatures in the Box Canyon Reservoir are overall slightly cooler for the "with project" condition than the temperatures for the "without project" condition, even though daily variations of warming and cooling are observed. Model results also show that temperature daily variations in the "without project" condition are generally larger than that in the "with project" condition because the water depth is shallower in the "without

project" condition. The predicted water temperatures for the calibrated model "with project" are compared to temperatures for the "without project" scenario in Figures 6.10 and 6.11 for the entire model period in 1997 and 1998, respectively, for the Pend Oreille River at Big Muddy Creek confluence near Ione. The results are similar for other locations along the reservoir. Table 6.2 provides a monthly summary of comparative temperature statistics for each of the temperature monitoring locations.

Temperatures in the Box Canyon Reservoir reach of the river exceed the water quality criteria of 20.0°C from mid-July through early September for both the "with project" and "without project" scenarios. In 1997, mean daily temperatures began exceeding 20.0°C by July 20, 1997 for both the "with" and "without" project scenarios. Daily maximum temperatures remained above 20.0°C through Sept 6 for the "with" project scenario and through September 10 for the "without" project scenario; i.e., standard exceeded for a longer period in the "without" project scenario. In 1998, mean daily temperatures in the reservoir begin to exceed 20°C by July 9 and maximum daily temperatures remained above 20°C for both the "with" and "without" scenarios through September 20. Figures 6.12 – 6.20 provide detailed graphs of temperature patterns during the period when the 20°C criteria was exceeded.

Table 6.2 Monthly Temperature Statistics for CE-QUAL-W2 Model for Box Canyon Reservoir Monthly means of the daily values are report (i.e. Max = monthly mean of daily maximum temperatures). Inst. Max is the highest single hourly record for the month.

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Location	77 1011 1 10 1001						Inst			
Pend Oreille		3.0		X 6			Min	Mean	Max	Max
Rat		Min	Mean	Max	Max	3.446	°C	°C	°C	°C
Big Muddy	Month	°C	°C	°C	°C	Month		21.11	21.67	22.55
Seg 54	July	20.39	20.75	21.17	22.22	July	20.66		22.69	24.11
RM 38.3	Aug	21.60	21.86	22.16	23.74	Aug	21.71	22.18		
	Sept	18.10	18.29	18.52	20.88	Sept	18.11	18.48	18.90	21.34
	Oct	12.08	12.23	12.40	16.64	Oct	12.25	12.46	12.81	17.07
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Pend Oreille		Min	Mean	Max	Max		Min	Mean	Max	Max
R at LeClerc	Month	°C	°C	°C	°C	Month	°C	°C	°C	°C
Seg 35	July	20.35	20.65	21.15	22.11	July	20.31	21.05	21.84	22.82
RM 56.5	Aug	21.44	21.74	22.08	23.81	Aug	21.45	22.13	22.86	24.32
	Sept	17.95	18.20	18.48	20.89	Sept	17.87	18.44	19.04	21.56
	Oct	12.08	12.25	12.45	16.76	Oct	12.07	12.50	12.88	17.01
			ith Proje	ct			Witho	ut Proje	ct	
Pend Oreille					Inst					Inst
R at Mill		Min	Mean	Max	Max		Min	Mean	Max	Max
To the Tyline	Month	°C	°C	°C	l °C	Month	°C	°C	°C	°C
Seg 33	July	20.32	20.70	21.14	22.02	July	20.24	21.04	21.84	22.83
RM 58.5	Aug	21.42	21.72	22.06	23.79	Aug	21.39	22.12	22.88	24.31
KW 50.5	Sept	17.92	18.18	18.48	20.88	Sept	17.78	18.43	19.07	21.58
	Oct	12.08	12.25	12.45	16.77	Oct	12.03	12.50	12.90	17.03
	Oct		ith Proje		10.77	Without Project				
Pend Oreille		· ·	Tim Troje		Inst					Inst
R at		Min	Mean	Max	Max		Min	Mean	Max	Max
CeeCeeAh	Month	°C	°C	°C	°C	Month	°C	°C	°C	°C
	July	20.24	20.68	21.14	21.92	July	20.01	21.00	21.70	22.71
Seg 28 RM 66.6	_		21.68	22.02	23.72	Aug	21.30	22.07	22.78	24.16
KW 00.0	August	17.92	18.16	18.40	20.78	Sept	17.67	18.41	19.03	21.47
	Sept		12.30	12.50	16.83	Oct	12.07	12.52	12.92	16.93
	Oct	12.13	ith Proje		10.65	000		out Proje		1 2 2 2 2
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Pend Oreille		Min	Mean	Max	Max		Min	Mean	Max	Max
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Skookum	Month			21.09	21.88	July	20.12	20.83	21.60	22.50
Seg 19	July	20.29	20.67		23.51	Aug	21.25	21.93	22.60	24.03
RM 74.3	Aug	21.40	21.69	22.02			17.76	18.33	18.90	21.28
	Sept	17.94	18.18	18.44	20.75	Sept	12.26	12.57	12.90	16.67
	Oct	12.27	12.44	12.61	16.64	Oct		out Proje		10.07
		V	Vith Proje	ect	1 -		T	Jul Proje	T	Inst
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Pend Oreille		Min	Mean	Max	Max	X = -1	Min	Mean °C	o [™] C	o [™] C
R at Indian	Month		°C	°C	°C	Month	°C	-		
Seg 11	July	20.17	20.66	21.19	21.97	July	20.12	20.73	21.47	22.37
RM 81.2	Aug	21.32	21.70	22.10	23.55	Aug	21.25	21.83	22.62	23.90
	1 -	1 47 00	1 10 10	1 10 56	120 00	Cont	17.81	18.27	18.95	21.20
	Sept	17.82	18.18	18.56	20.89	Sept Oct	12.29	12.59		

Table 6.3 compares the horizontal velocities at selected points along the reservoir for the "with" and "without" project scenarios as computed by the CE-QUAL-W2 model. The model computes a horizontal and vertical velocity for each model cell (segment and layer). The velocities for all the layers within a segment were then averaged to compute the mean velocity for that segment.

Table 6.3 Comparison of velocities as computed by CE-QUAL-W2 Model

anie on	Comparaco	River Mile	90	73.9	63.7	38.5	
		Segment	2	19	28	54	
Date Discharge		Bogniess	Average velocity (ft/sec)				
Date 9/12/07	9,247 cfs	With Project	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.4	
8/13/97	9,247 013	Without Project	3.0	2.0	3.9	1.4	
		Difference	-2.2	-1.6	-3.7	-1.0	
9/7/97	21,443 cfs	With Project	1.4	0.7	0.5	0.8	
9/ //9/	21,445 015	Without Project	2.7	2.0	3.0	3.1	
		Difference	-1.3	-1.3	-2.4	-2.3	
7/19/97	32,520 cfs	With Project	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	
		Without Project	2.5	1.9	2.2	4.2	
		Difference	-0.7	-1.0	-1.6	-2.9	

7.0 Conclusion

A dynamic, vertical-2D temperature model was developed for the Box Canyon Reservoir on the Pend Oreille River in northeast Washington using the CE-QUAL-W2 model. The model was calibrated using 1997 and 1998 observed temperature data. Model results showed very good agreement with the observed data. The model successfully reproduced the seasonal and daily variations of temperature in the reservoir. Model simulations showed that the primary factors controlling temperatures in BCR are the upstream boundary condition (inflow temperature from Albeni Falls) and meteorological forcing.

The calibrated model was applied to simulate the "without project" condition to evaluate the effect of the hydroelectric project on the temperature distributions in the reservoir. Model results indicate that project operation results in slight temperature cooling in the reservoir. The only period of note when the "without" project water temperatures were significantly cooler than the "with" project temperatures was August 5-7, 1998. Modeled water temperatures at Ione were, on average, 1°C warmer for the "with" project scenario. During this period, the total river flow at Box Canyon rapidly decreased from approximately 27,700 cfs to about 22,900 cfs. The modeled water surface elevation at Ione without the project dropped about 3.8 ft as opposed to 0.8 ft with the project. Air temperatures were seasonably warm but cooling through this period. It is hypothesized that the smaller water mass without the project was able to respond faster to the short-term cooling climate conditions. The trend in water temperatures; however, reversed itself and the "without" project water temperatures were again slightly warmer than "with" project condition by August 8, 1998. At other times, when cooling air temperatures and dropping flow did not coincide, the "with" project temperatures were cooler; i.e. the trend reversal is dependent upon both contributing factors coinciding with the descending limb of the peak in the heating season.

The CE-QUAL-W2 model provides improved model capabilities over steady state 1-dimensional models. The EPA previously modeled temperatures in the Box Canyon Reservoir using the steady state RBM10 model that predicts mean daily temperatures (unpublished data). The EPA model has a one-day time step whereas the CE-QUAL-W2 time step is variable; for this modeling effort the minimum time step was five minutes. Daily averaging in the RBM10 model reduces the model's responsiveness to flow fluctuations. Travel times can be overestimated when assuming steady state, which can result in a net increase in the heat flux. Both model approaches demonstrate that the project has little to no effect on water temperatures within the Box Canyon Reservoir when model uncertainty is taken into account. The steady state model used by EPA suggested a slight increase in temperatures at certain times whereas the hydrodynamic CE-QUAL-W2 model demonstrates a slight decrease in temperature with project operation. The difference in results is attributable to the necessity to simplify the model environment when relying on a steady state condition.

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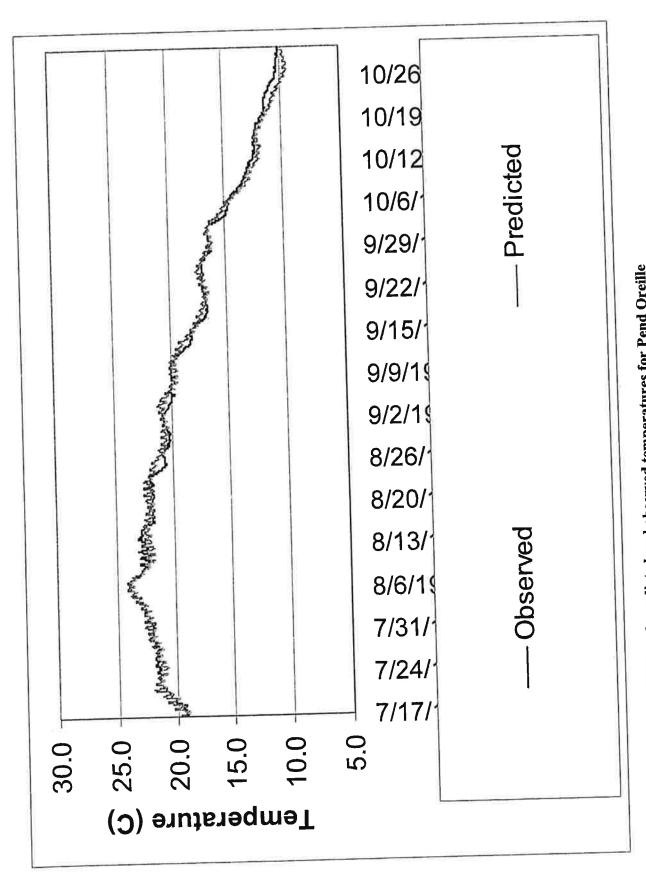


Figure 6.1 Comparison of calibrated-predicted and observed temperatures for Pend Oreille River near Ione at Big Muddy confluence, 1997.

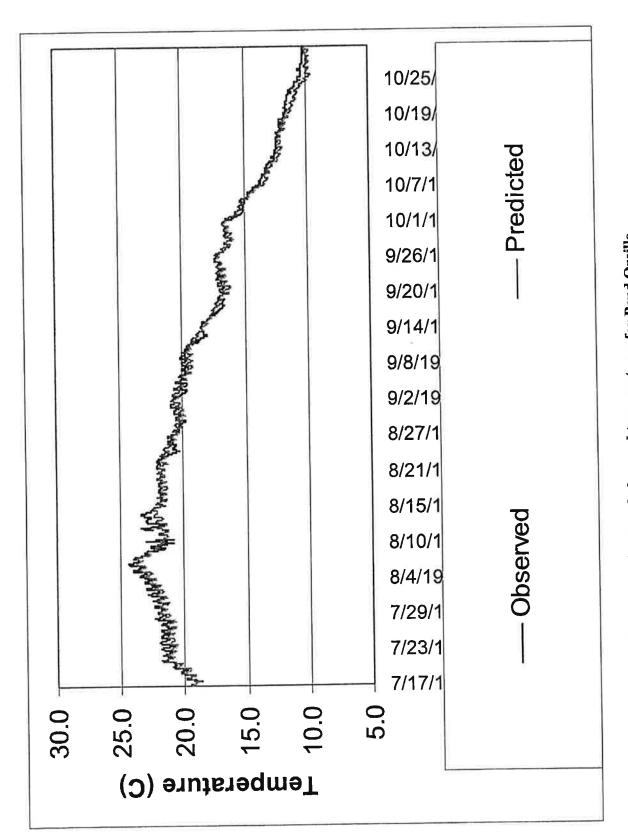


Figure 6.2 Comparison of calibrated-predicted and observed temperatures for Pend Oreille River at LeClerc Cr. 1997.

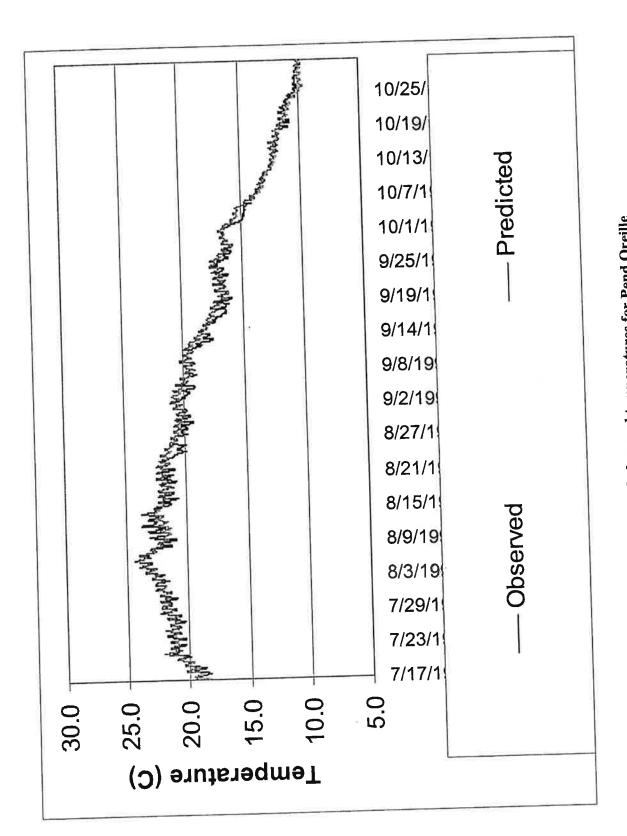


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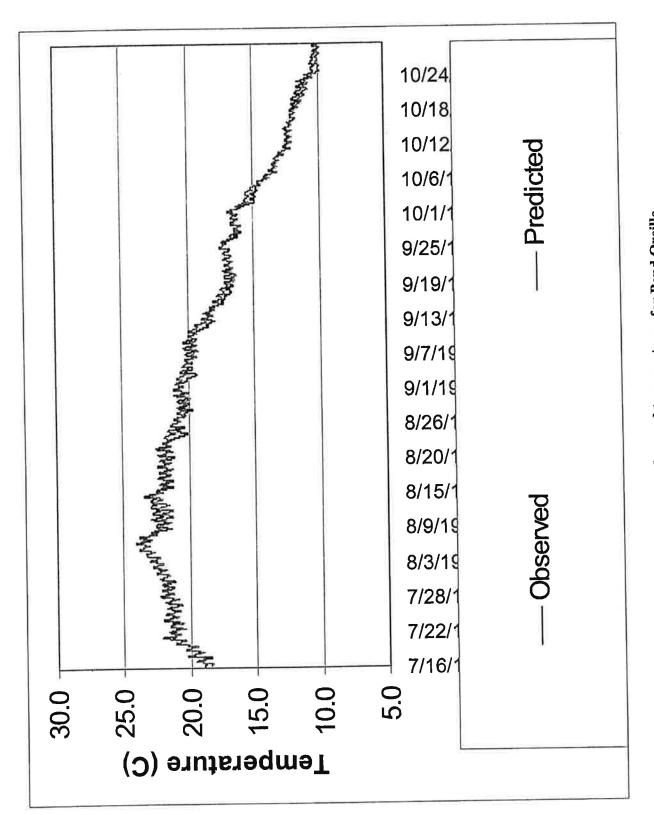


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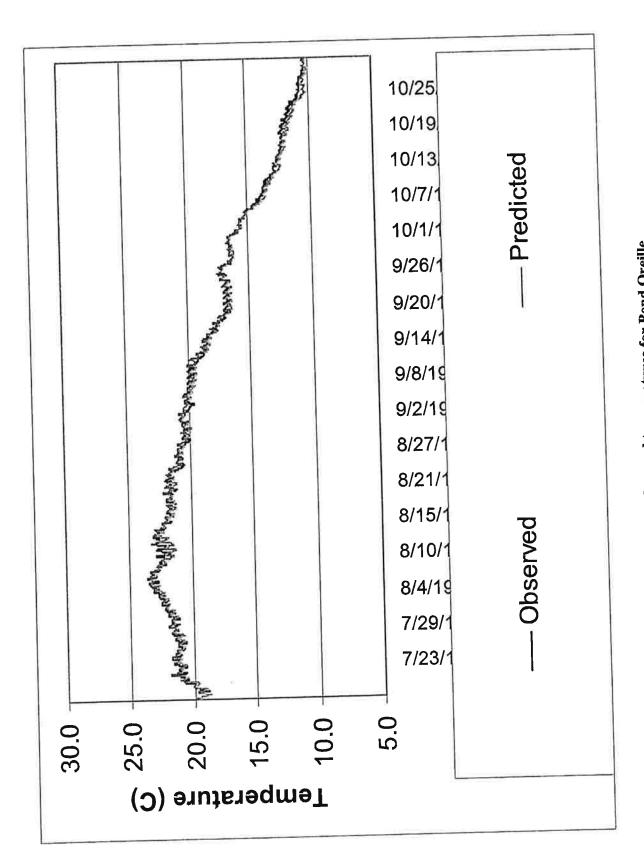


Figure 6.5 Comparison of calibrated-predicted and observed temperatures for Pend Oreille River at Skookum Cr. 1997.

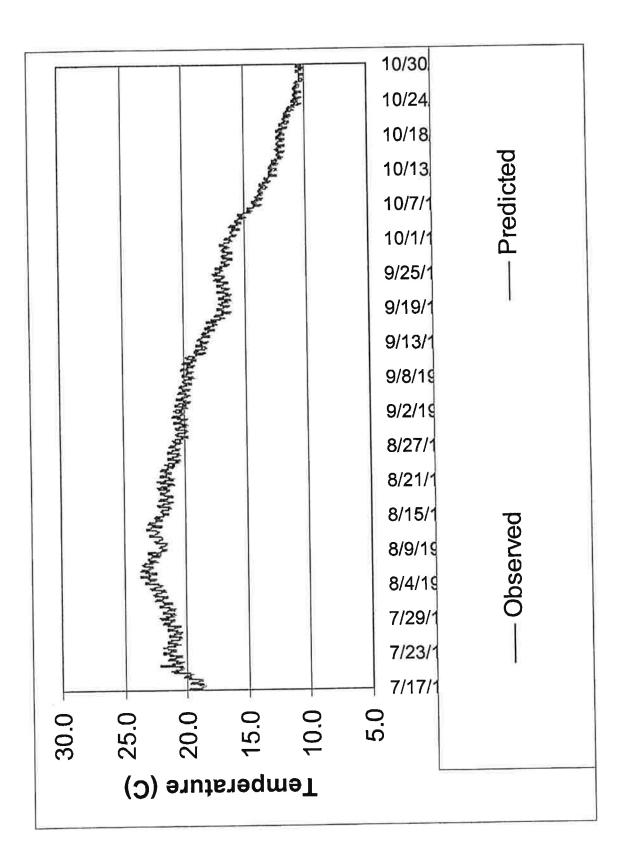


Figure 6.6 Comparison of calibrated-predicted and observed temperatures for Pend Oreille River at Indian Cr. 1997.

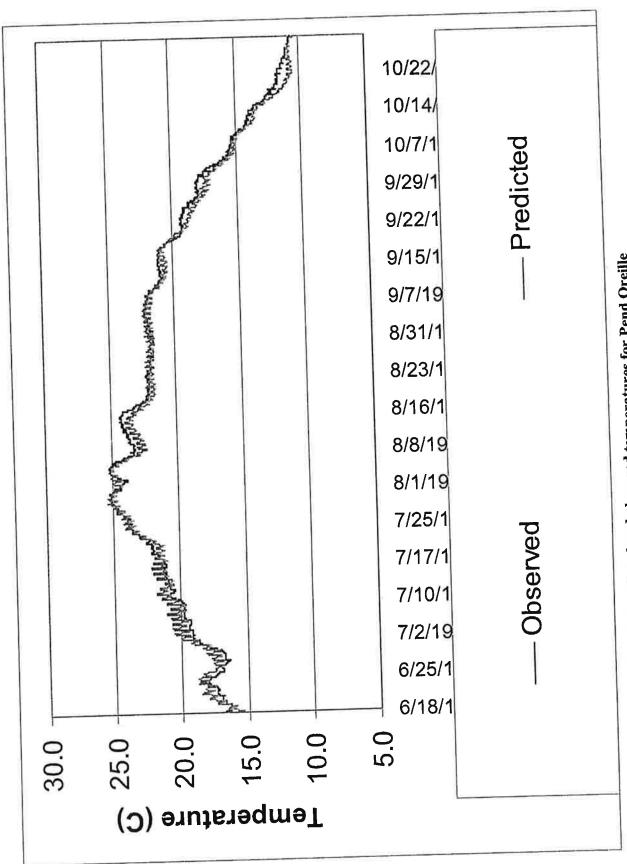


Figure 6.7 Comparison of calibrated-predicted and observed temperatures for Pend Oreille River near Ione at Big Muddy confluence, 1998.

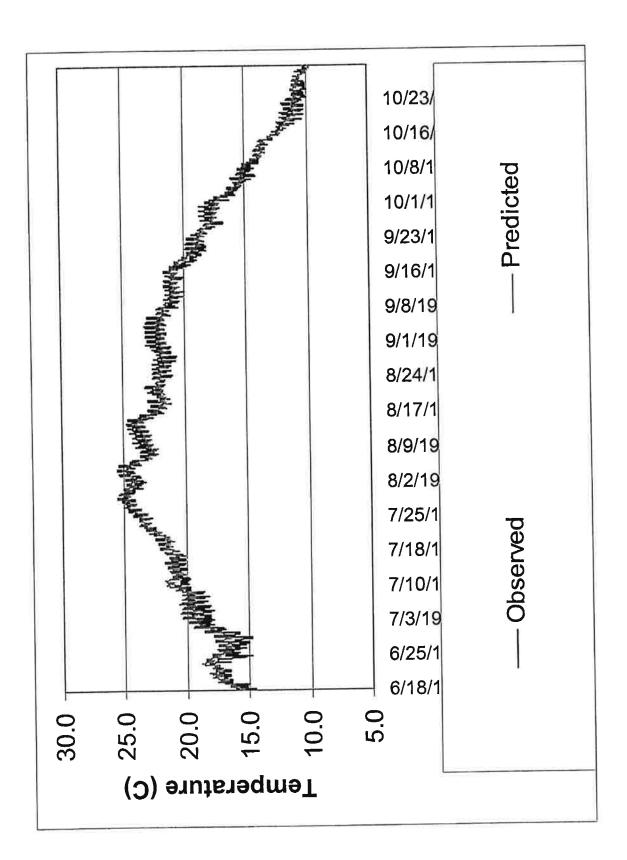


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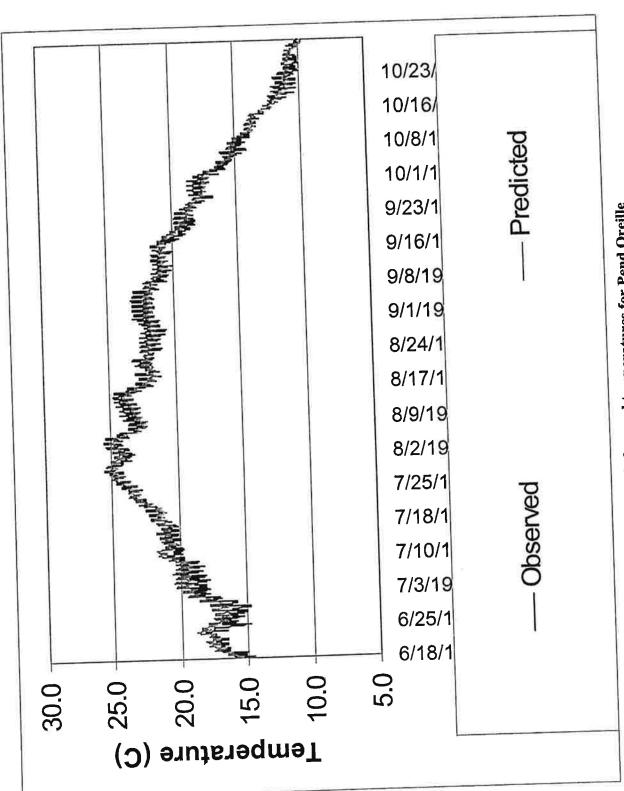


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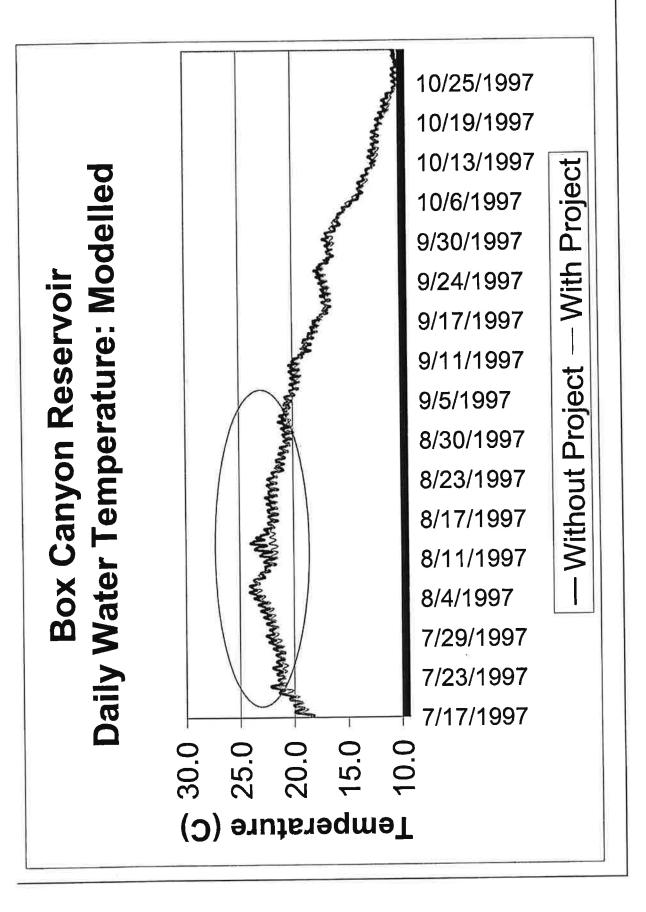


Figure 6.10 Comparison of predicted temperatures for "with" and "without" Box Canyon Dam for Pend Oreille River near Ione at Big Muddy confluence, 1997.

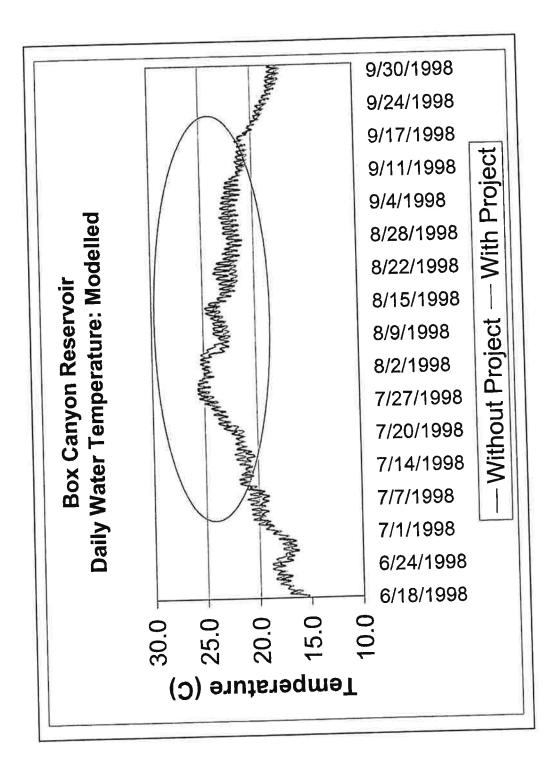


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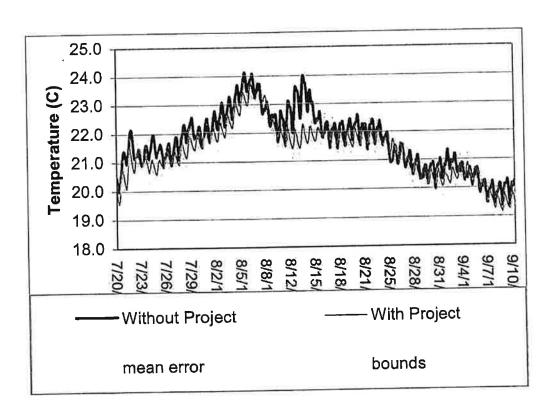


Figure 6.12 Comparison of predicted temperatures for Pend Oreille River at Big Muddy Cr. (RM 38.3) July 20 through September 10, 1997

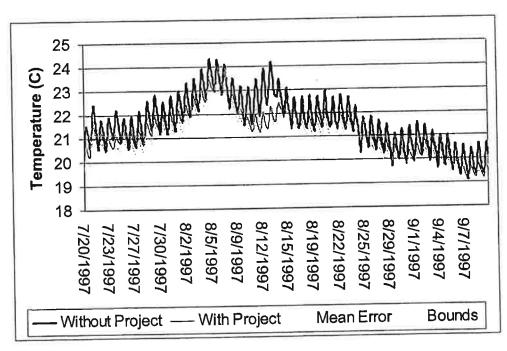


Figure 6.13 Comparison of predicted temperatures for Pend Oreille River at LeClerc Cr. (RM 56.5) July 20 through September 10, 1997

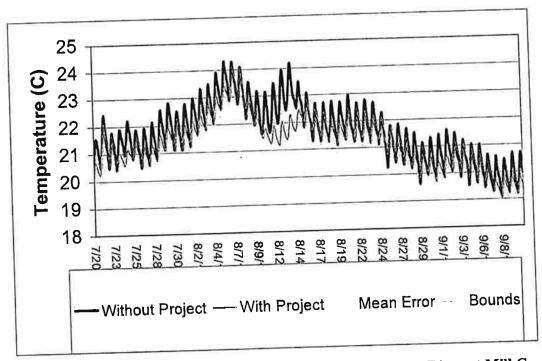


Figure 6.14 Comparison of predicted temperatures for Pend Oreille River at Mill Cr. (RM 58.5) July 20 through September 10, 1997

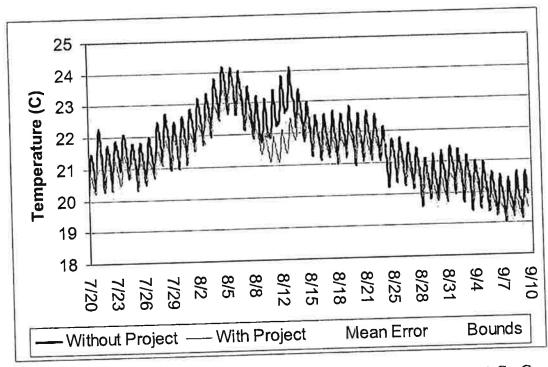


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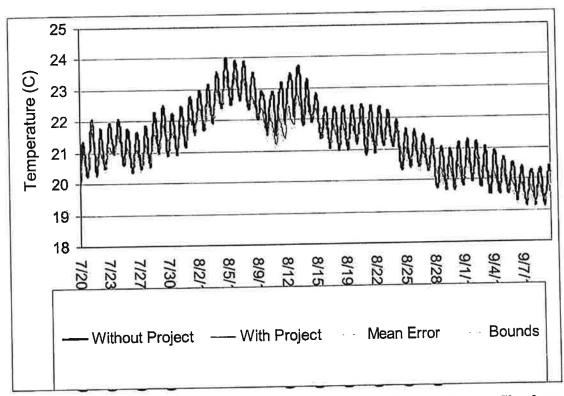


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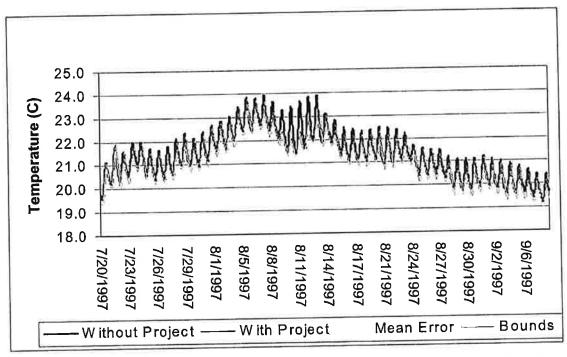


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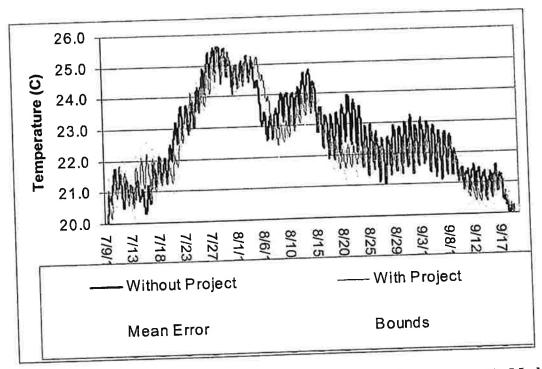


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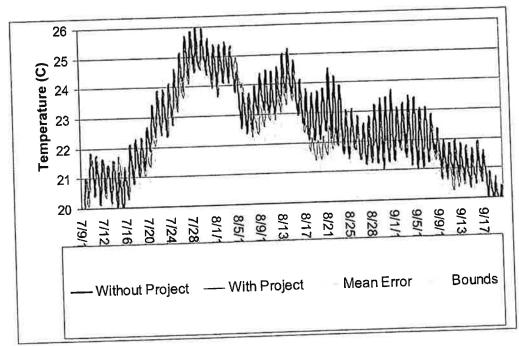


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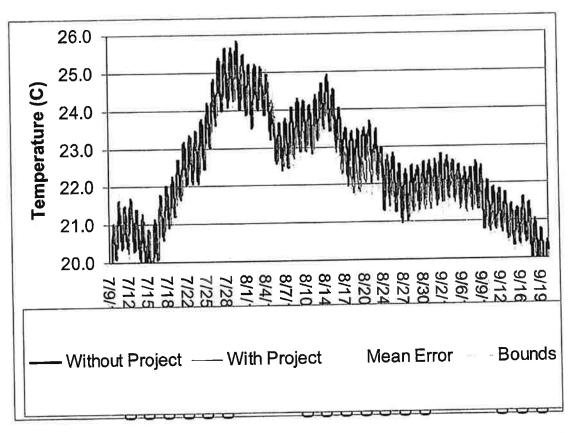


Figure 6.20 Comparison of predicted temperatures for Pend Oreille River at Skookum Cr. (RM 74.3) July 20 through September 20, 1998

ATTACHMENT A CE-QUAL-W2 MODEL SEGMENT BOUNDARIES FOR BOX CANYON RESERVOIR

