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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Exelon Generation Company, LLC, formerly the Susquehanna Electric Company (SECO), has operated a fish passage facility (West lift) at its Conowingo Hydroelectric Station since 1972. Lift operations are part of a cooperative private, state, and federal effort to restore American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) and other migratory fishes to the Susquehanna River. In accordance with the restoration plan, the operational goal had been to monitor fish populations below Conowingo Dam and transport pre-spawned migratory fishes upriver.

In 1988, the former PECO Energy Company negotiated an agreement with state and federal resource agencies and private organizations to enhance restoration of American shad and other anadromous species to the Susquehanna River. A major element of this agreement was for PECO Energy Company to construct an East Fish Passage Facility (East lift) at Conowingo Dam. Construction of the East lift commenced in April 1990 and it was operational by spring 1991.

With the completion of fishways at Holtwood, Safe Harbor, and York Haven dams, the East lift has been operated to pass fish directly into Conowingo Pond since spring 1997.

Objectives of 2010 operation were: (1) monitor passage of migratory and resident fishes through the fishway; (2) assess fishway and trough effectiveness and make modifications as feasible; and (3) assist in the conduction of studies relating to Conowingo Relicensing issues.

2.0 CONOWINGO OPERATION

2.1 Project Operation

The Conowingo Hydroelectric Station, built in 1928, is located at river mile 10 on the Susquehanna River (RMC 1992). The powerhouse has a peaking generating capacity of 549.5 MW and a hydraulic capacity of approximately 85,000 cfs. Flows in excess of station draft are spilled through two regulating and 50 crest gates. The powerhouse contains seven vertical Francis (numbered 1 through 7) and four Kaplan (numbered 8 through 11) turbines. The seven Francis units have been equipped with aeration systems that permit a unit to draw air into the unit (vented mode) or operate conventionally (unvented mode). The four original Kaplan turbines installed in 1964 were replaced over a period of four years (1992 to 1996), with more efficient mixed-flow Kaplan type turbines.

Minimum flow releases from the station during the spring spawning and fishway operating season follow the schedule outlined in the settlement agreement. Minimum flows of 10,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) or natural river flow, whichever is less, as measured at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) gage at Marietta, PA were maintained for the period 1 to 30 April. A minimum flow of 7,500 cfs or natural river (as previously noted) was maintained for the period 1 to 31 May. A minimum flow of 5,000 cfs or natural river (as previously noted) is maintained when fish lift operations occur in June.

2.2 Fishway Operation

The start of operation for the East Fish Lift in 2010 began on 5 April. The first four American shad were passed on 7 April. Everyday operation began on 13 April, and continued to the end of the season on 6 June. The season ended, when a combination of warmer water temperatures, dwindling shad numbers, and the late season condition of the shad ultimately required operations to cease. The lift operated a total of 59 days during the 2010 season.

Daily operation times were planned during optimal fish passage parameters. This year, operational methodologies were influenced by natural river flows, water temperatures, generation schedules, and

daily/hourly fish passage numbers. Fishway operation was conducted by a staff of three people: a lift operator, a supervising biologist, and a biological technician.

The mechanical aspects of East lift operation in 2010 were similar to those described in RMC (1992) and Normandeau Associates, Inc. (1999). Fishing time and/or lift frequency was determined by fish abundance, but the hopper was cycled at least hourly throughout the day. The method of lift operation was also influenced by fish abundance. When a great number of fish were in the fishing channel, the crowder was not operated; instead the crowder screen was raised and then lowered trapping fish over the hopper. This mode of operation, called "fast fish", involved leaving the crowder in the normal fishing position and raising the hopper frequently to remove fish that accumulated in the holding channel.

The specific entrance(s) used to attract fishes was dictated by the station discharge and which turbine units were operating. For example, when turbine units 8, 9, 10, and 11 or any combination of large turbines were operating, entrance C was the primary entrance used to attract fishes. Under these conditions the attraction flow through the other entrances is negated or disrupted. Depending on flow, and or generation, entrance C or A was utilized throughout the 2010 season to attract fishes.

2.3 Fish Counts

Fish that were lifted and sluiced into the trough were guided by a series of fixed screens. The fixed screens directed the fish to swim up and through a 3 ft wide channel and past a 4 ft by 10 ft counting window located on the west wall of the trough. Fish passing the counting window were identified to species and enumerated by a biologist and/or technician. Passage of fish by the window and out of the trough system was controlled by a set of gates located downstream of the counting window. During periods of peak passage, two people were used to identify and count fish.

At the end of each hour, fish passage data were recorded on data sheets and entered into a Microsoft Excel worksheet on a Personal Computer. Data processing and reporting were PC based and accomplished by program scripts, or macros, created within Microsoft Excel software. After the technician verified the correctness of the raw data, a daily summary of fish passage was produced and distributed in hard copy to plant personnel. Each day's data were backed up to a diskette and stored off site. Daily reports and weekly summaries of fish passage were electronically distributed to plant personnel and other cooperators.

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 Relative Abundance

The number of fishes collected and passed by the Conowingo Dam East fish lift is presented in Table 1. A total of 857,263 fish of 36 species and two hybrids passed upstream into Conowingo Pond. Gizzard shad (813,429), American shad (37,757), channel catfish (4,626), quillback (489), and walleye (378), were the dominant species passed. Gizzard shad and American shad comprised 95% and 4% respectively of the season total; the two species together accounted for 99% of the total fish passed. Other common fishes included spotfin shiner (98), comely shiner (92), carp (47), and shorthead redhorse (43). Alosids, (American shad and river herring) comprised 4.4% of the total catch. Peak passage occurred on 11 April when 56,198 fish, (99.9% gizzard shad), were passed.

3.2 American Shad Passage

The East lift collected and passed 37,757 American shad (Table 1). The first four American shad passed on 7 April. Collection and passage of shad varied daily with 2.7% (1,036) of the shad passed from 5 to 18 April, 41% (15,576) passed from 19 to 30 April, 43% (16,361) passed from 1 to 15 May, and 12.7% (4784) passed from 16 May to 6 June (Figures 1 and 2). On 12 of the 59 days of

operation, American shad passage exceeded 1,000 fish. Peak passage occurred on 20 April when 3,272 American shad were passed.

American shad were collected at water temperatures of 56.8 to 80.9°F and at natural river flows of 16,000 to 55,800 cfs (Table 2 and Figure 1). The natural river flow and water temperature during the three highest days of shad passage, (20, 21, and 22 April), ranged from 25,300 cfs to 26,100 cfs and 58.1°F to 58.4°F, respectively. The average daily river flow on those days when American shad passage exceeded 1,000 fish was approximately 29,000 cfs. The average daily river flow during the operational season was 28,570 cfs.

The hourly passage of American shad for the East lift is given in Table 3. Nearly 52% (19,602), of all American shad passed between 1400 and 1759 hours. After 1200 hours, shad passage was consistent with the highest hourly passage rate occurring from 1500 to 1559 hours.

3.3 Alosids

A small number of river herring, (1alewife and 4 blueback herring) were passed during the 2010 season. No hickory shad were collected and passed in spring 2010.

3.4 Maryland tag-recapture

During the 2010 season, the East fish lift passed a total of 115 American shad that were captured, floy-tagged and released downstream of Conowingo dam by the MDDNR. Of these floy-tagged fish, 106 tags were pink (2010 hook and line) and 9 were orange (2009 hook and line).

SUMMARY

East fish lift operation was initiated on 5April with the first four American shad passed on 7 April. The East fish lift passed 37,757 American shad from 7 April through 6 June. The total number of American shad passed during the 2010 season was higher than passage values recorded in 2008 and 2009, (Tables 4 and 5). It is also the fourth consecutive year in which the East lift did not surpass the 50,000 mark.

Modifications made to the fish trough, particularly the valve grating and hopper trough chute since 1999 have diminished the potential for the valve grating to clog with various types of debris and have decreased the number of American shad lift mortalities observed throughout the last several fish passage seasons. Since the valve grating was modified prior to the start of the 2000 season, loss of water flow in the trough has not occurred, particularly during high river flow periods when large amounts of debris may enter the trough through the fish exit area. An aeration system was also installed prior to the 2000 passage season to diminish low dissolved oxygen levels when the American shad population is heavy in the trough. Prior to fishway operations in 2002, a 30 inch diameter fiberglass elbow was attached to the hopper extension chute, which had been installed in 2001. The modification allows fish to enter the trough center stream, instead of being directed toward the east trough wall. A decrease in lift mortalities has also been observed since the fiberglass elbow was installed. A total of 427 American shad lift mortalities, (1.1% of the total shad passed), was observed in 2010, similar to lift mortalities observed in recent years (0.2% to 1.0%) and less than values observed during trap and transport operations (1.5% to 10.5%).

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Continue to operate the East lift at Conowingo Dam per annual guidelines developed and approved by the Susquehanna River Technical Committee. Lift operation should adhere to the guidelines; however, flexibility must remain with operating personnel to maximize fishway performance and fish passage.
- 2) Continue the use of two fish counters during periods of increased fish passage to accurately reflect the number of fish that pass through the East lift.
- 3) Continue to inspect cables, limit switches, and lift components to enhance season operability, and continue to evaluate effectiveness of fish trough modifications.

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Table 1

Summary of the daily number of fish passed by the Conowingo Dam East Fish Passage Facility in 2010.

Date:	4/5	4/7	4/9	4/11	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16
Start Fishing Time:	11:00	9:45	7:00	7:30	8:30	8:00	8:00	8:15
End Fishing Time:	16:00	16:35	16:15	16:55	16:50	16:30	16:30	16:40
Hours of Operation:	5.0	6.8	9.3	9.4	8.3	8.5	8.0	8.4
Number of Lifts:	6	10	13	20	15	15	14	17
Water Temperature (°F):	58.2	59.4	61.7	64.4	62.6	61.5	62.7	63
American Shad	0	4	1	18	626	29	1	5
Blueback herring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alewife	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gizzard shad	6,672	10,863	39,817	56,157	37,948	28,945	54,498	34,363
Striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea lamprey	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	0
Rainbow trout	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown trout	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quillback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White sucker	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shorthead redhorse	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	0
White catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Channel catfish	253	2	8	15	48	17	2	6
Rock bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redbreast sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth bass	0	0	3	0	3	1	2	4
Largemouth bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walleye	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
American Eel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comely Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spottail Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,927	10,872	39,831	56,198	38,628	28,994	54,508	34,378

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Date:	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24
Start Fishing Time:	8:00	13:00	8:00	8:00	8:30	8:00	8:00	8:00
End Fishing Time:	16:30	17:00	18:25	18:15	18:45	18:40	17:45	18:45
Hours of Operation:	8.5	4.0	10.23	10.13	10.3	10.7	9.8	10.73
Number of Lifts:	12	8	15	17	17	17	16	15
Water Temperature (°F):	64.4	60.8	60.4	61.7	61	62.6	62.1	61.7
American Shad	282	70	1,364	3,272	3,097	2,440	1,706	2,171
Blueback herring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alewife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard shad	11,356	10,290	19.413	32,755	19,936	15,790	28,517	12,856
Striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White perch	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea lamprey	0	2	4	1	0	1	1	0
Rainbow trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown trout	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern pike	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quillback	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
White sucker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shorthead redhorse	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
White catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Channel catfish	14	31	14	24	21	18	16	8
Rock bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redbreast sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Bluegill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth bass	2	4	1	4	3	2	0	0
Largemouth bass	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walleye	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Eel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comely Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spottail Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11,656	10,398	20,796	36,060	23,064	18,253	30,241	15,037

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Date:	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1	5/2
Start Fishing Time:	8:15	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	7:30
End Fishing Time:	18:35	16:30	18:20	16:30	16:30	16:40	18:00	18:45
Hours of Operation:	10.3	8.5	10.3	8.5	8.5	8.7	10.0	11.3
Number of Lifts:	15	11	14	11	11	13	14	14
Water Temperature (°F):	61.7	60.5	62.3	61.7	61.7	61.8	61.7	61.9
American Shad	954	77	128	40	201	126	368	1,192
Blueback herring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alewife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard shad	10,502	16,146	15,780	17,787	11,499	14,490	21,373	13,125
Striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sea lamprey	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Rainbow trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carp	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quillback	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
White sucker	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Shorthead redhorse	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
White catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Channel catfish	13	44	17	1	7	26	12	7
Rock bass	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Redbreast sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallmouth bass	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Largemouth bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walleye	1	3	1	3	1	0	0	1
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Eel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comely Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spottail Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11,471	16,276	15,927	17,833	11,709	14,646	21,755	14,327
TOTAL	11,7/1	10,270	10,721	11,000	11,107	11,040	21,100	11,521

Table 1
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Date:	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10
Start Fishing Time:	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	7;45	7:10	8:30
End Fishing Time:	18:30	17:00	16:30	16:30	18:50	16:30	16:40	18:30
Hours of Operation:	10.5	9.0	8.5	8.5	10.8	8.8	9.5	10.0
Number of Lifts:	17	15	10	10	16	10	12	10
Water Temperature (°F):	63.5	65.7	66.3	68.9	70	70.7	68.2	67.1
American Shad	1,000	668	730	695	2,343	2,141	973	744
Blueback herring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alewife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard shad	27,026	25,821	22,544	8,963	26,503	15,121	13,291	1,251
Striped bass	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
White perch	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
Sea lamprey	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Rainbow trout	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brown trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carp	6	1	1	2	4	0	0	0
Quillback	0	0	1	1	5	4	69	2
White sucker	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shorthead redhorse	3	3	0	0	8	0	1	0
White catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Channel catfish	11	11	8	17	66	25	39	50
Rock bass	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2
Redbreast sunfish	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	1	0	1	0	5	2	2	12
Smallmouth bass	2	0	0	2	6	0	2	0
Largemouth bass	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walleye	2	0	0	0	16	5	11	0
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Eel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comely Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spottail Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	28,052	26,505	23,286	9,688	28,958	17,302	14,394	2,065

Table 1
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Date:	5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18
Start Fishing Time:	7:45	7:50	8:00	8:00	8:00	7:45	8:00	8:00
End Fishing Time:	18:00	7.50 18:00	17:00	16:20	16:20	7.43 16:30	18:00	16:30
Hours of Operation:	10.3	10.2	9.0	8.3	8.3	8.8	10.00	8.5
Number of Lifts:	10.5 15	10.2	9.0 12	0.3 12	13	10	10.0	8
Water Temperature (°F):	67.1	65.7	65.3	67.1	64.4	62.6	63.5	63.3
American Shad	1,818	1,968	1,390	77	254	77	527	163
Blueback herring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alewife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard shad	6,127	8,729	1,034	14,681	8,093	8,100	10,251	1,894
Striped bass	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
White perch	0	3	0	0	5	4	0	1
Sea lamprey	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow trout	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carp	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
Quillback	21	21	1	5	3	13	3	4
White sucker	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Shorthead redhorse	2	0	2	1	0	8	1	0
White catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Channel catfish	53	61	3	92	29	43	134	89
Rock bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Redbreast sunfish	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Bluegill	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0
Smallmouth bass	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0
Largemouth bass	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walleye	5	11	0	4	2	7	31	5
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Eel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comely Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spottail Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8,033	10,804	2,432	14,863	8,389	8,260	10,957	2,158

Table 1
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	5/10	5.00	5.01	5 /02	5.000	5.0.4	5.05	5.00
Date:	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26
Start Fishing Time:	8:00	8:00	7:45	8:00	7:00	7;45	8:00	8:00
End Fishing Time:	16:40	18:00	17:20	16:30	17:00	16:30	16:20	16:20
Hours of Operation:	8.7	10.0	9.6	8.5	10.0	8.8	8.3	8.3
Number of Lifts:	10	11	12	8	10	9	8	8
Water Temperature (°F):	64.3	65.7	66.8	67.1	67.5	68	70.3	73.4
American Shad	127	229	774	315	532	352	291	157
Blueback herring	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alewife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard shad	9,830	12,391	15,358	6,650	5,510	4,050	6,729	6,696
Striped bass	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea lamprey	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carp	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Quillback	9	2	14	57	12	32	3	13
White sucker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shorthead redhorse	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
White catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Channel catfish	14	15	65	179	8	59	44	36
Rock bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redbreast sunfish	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
Smallmouth bass	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	0
Largemouth bass	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walleye	1	5	23	122	19	5	9	3
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Eel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comely Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spottail Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9,986	12,644	16,241	7,324	6,084	4,501	7,084	6,909

Table 1
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Date:	5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3
Start Fishing Time:	8:00	7:45	8:00	7:30	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
End Fishing Time:	17:00	16:30	16:20	16:30	16:00	16:00	16:15	16:00
Hours of Operation:	9.0	8.8	8.3	9.0	8.0	8.0	8.3	8.0
Number of Lifts:	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	8
Water Temperature (°F):	73.4	73.1	75.2	75.5	78.8	79.3	80.6	80.6
American Shad	254	147	13	170	235	47	141	59
Blueback herring	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Alewife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gizzard shad	2,350	670	789	262	321	380	220	423
Striped bass	5	1	2	2	1	3	0	1
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White perch	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea lamprey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow trout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown trout	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Northern pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carp	0	4	6	0	2	3	0	0
Quillback	15	5	4	4	1	1	6	60
White sucker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shorthead redhorse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White catfish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Channel catfish	328	561	386	56	133	495	235	341
Rock bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redbreast sunfish	1	0	0	4	3	0	2	0
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bluegill	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Smallmouth bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Largemouth bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walleye	1	24	6	7	4	8	5	6
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Eel	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Atlantic Needlefish	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Comely Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Spottail Shineer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	28
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,957	1,415	1,206	510	703	938	628	940

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Date:	6/4	6/5	6/6	Season
Start Fishing Time:	8:00	8:00	8:00	Total
End Fishing Time:	16:00	16:00	15:00	
Hours of Operation:	8.0	8.0	7.0	<i>526.2</i>
Number of Lifts:	8	8	6.0	685
Water Temperature (°F):	81.5	83.3	83.3	
American Shad	123	31	20	37,757
Blueback herring	0	0	0	4
Alewife	0	0	0	1
Gizzard shad	165	268	60	813,429
Striped bass	0	2	2	34
Hybrid striped bass	0	0	0	2
White perch	0	0	0	21
Sea lamprey	0	0	0	31
Rainbow trout	0	0	0	3
Brown trout	0	0	0	5
Muskellunge	0	0	0	1
Northern pike	0	0	0	1
Carp	0	3	2	47
Quillback	34	56	6	489
White sucker	0	0	0	9
Shorthead redhorse	0	0	0	43
White catfish	0	0	0	1
Yellow bullhead	0	0	0	1
Brown bullhead	0	0	0	1
Channel catfish	74	133	109	4,626
Rock bass	0	0	0	8
Redbreast sunfish	0	0	1	20
Green sunfish	0	0	0	0
Pumpkinseed	0	0	1	6
Bluegill	0	12	2	54
Smallmouth bass	0	1	1	57
Largemouth bass	0	4	1	18
Black Crappie	0	0	0	0
Yellow perch	0	0	2	2
Walleye	2	2	7	378
Tiger Muskie	0	0	0	1
American Eel	0	1	1	4
Atlantic Needlefish	0	2	0	4
Comely Shiner	20	0	50	92
Spottail Shiner	11	0	0	12
Stopfin Shiner	0	0	53	98
Golden Shiner	0	0	0	2
Flathead Catfish	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	429	515	318	857,263

Table 2.

Summary of American shad catch, Maryland DNR recaptures, daily average river flow, water temperature, turbidity (secchi), unit operation, entrance gates utilized, attraction flow, and project water elevations during operation of the Conowingo Dam East fish passage facility in 2010.

	American		Holtwood	Water		Maximum	Entrance	!	Tailrace	Forebay	
	Shad	MD DNR	River	Temp.	Secchi	Units in	Gates	Attraction	Elevation	Elevation	Crest
Date	Catch	Recaptures*	Flow (cfs)	(° F)	(in)	Operation	Utilized	Flow (cfs)	(ft)	(ft)	Gates
5-Apr	0	0	72,100	55.4	8	11	С	310	23.0-24.0	106.9	0
7-Apr	4	0	55,800	59.9	16	11	C	310	22.5-23.5	107.2	0
9-Apr	1	0	45,000	63.7	20	10	A/C	310	18.5-23.0	106.9	0
11-Apr	18	0	40,900	60.1	22	5	A/C	310	18.0-21.0	96.8	0
13-Apr	626	0	37,700	59.7	20	9	C	310	20.5-23.0	107.4	0
14-Apr	29	0	34,600	59.2	22	6	C	310	22.00	107.3	0
15-Apr	1	0	30,900	58.5	28	6	C	310	21.50	106.9	0
16-Apr	5	0	30,300	59.2	27	6	C	310	18.0-21.0	107.2	0
17-Apr	282	0	28,100	60.2	30	5	A/C	310	17.0-18.5	107.7	0
18-Apr	70	0	27,600	60.3	28	4	C	310	19.50	108.3	0
19-Apr	1364	0	26,000	59.5	28	9	A/C	310	19.8-22.8	98.2	0
20-Apr	3272	40	25,300	58.4	27	5	C/A/C	310	19.0-22.0	107.2	0
21-Apr	3097	0	26,100	58.1	30	10	C/A	310	18.5-23.0	107.4	0
22-Apr	2440	20	26,100	58.1	30	9	A/C	310	19.0-22.9	107.4	0
23-Apr	1706	2P	23,500	59.7	28	6	C/A/C	310	19.0-21.0	106.8	0
24-Apr	2171	1P,1O	23,200	60.6	25	2	A	310	18.5-19.0	106.4	0
25-Apr	954	1P,1O	21,100	61.0	24	4	A	310	18.0-19.5	106.2	0
26-Apr	77	0	24,400	60.9	28	6	C	310	21.5-22.0	106.9	0
27-Apr	128	0	26,800	60.6	28	9	A	310	19.0-22.5	106.7	0
28-Apr	40	0	30,000	58.7	28	6	A/C	310	18.5-21.5	106.6	0
29-Apr	201	1P	38,900	56.8	28	10	A/C	310	18.5-23.0	107.5	0
30-Apr	126	2P	45,500	57.1	28-20	10	C	310	22.5-23.0	92.9	0
1-May	368	0	43,400	59.1	25	10	C	310	21.0-23.5	106.7	0
2-May	1,192	1P	37,600	62.5	24	10	A/C	310	18.0-23.0	107.4	0
3-May	1,000	1P	45,700	65.5	26	10	A/C	310	18.5-23.0	107.8	0
4-May	668	1P	45,400	68.1	26	10	A/C	310	20.0-23.5	107.8	0
5-May	730	8P	38,500	69.2	36+	10	A/C	310	19.0-23.0	107.7	0
6-May	695	2P	33,100	69.5	36+	11	A/C	310	18.0-23.0	107.6	0
7-May	2,343	6P	30,400	69.4	36+	9	C	310	21.0-23.0	97.6	0
8-May	2,141	9P	27,200	69.2	30+	6	A/C	310	19.0-22.5	107.4	0

Table 2.
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	American		Holtwood	Water		Maximum	Entrance	!	Tailrace	Forebay	
	Shad	MD DNR	River	Temp.	Secchi	Units in	Gates	Attraction	Elevation	Elevation	Crest
Date	Catch	Recaptures*	Flow (cfs)	(° F)	(in)	Operation	Utilized	Flow (cfs)	(ft)	(ft)	Gates
9-May	973	6P	27,400	67.2	36+	7	A/C	310	18.0-21.5	107.2	0
10-May	744	7P	25,400	64.5	36+	6	C/A/C	310	19.0-20.5	106.7	0
11-May	1,818	8P	26,300	63.2	34	6	C/A	310	19.0-22.0	107.4	0
12-May	1,968	8P	28,600	60.2	34	7	C/A	310	19.3-21.5	107.2	0
13-May	1,390	13P,10	30,200	58.8	32	2	A/C	310	18.5-19.0	96.2	0
14-May	77	1P	39,600	58.4	25	11	C	310	20.6-23.5	105.7	0
15-May	254	3P	46,000	60.4	36	11	C	310	21.5-24.0	107.4	0
16-May	77	1P	47,600	63.6	25	7	C	310	21.50	106.7	0
17-May	527	0	43,500	64.7	24	10	C	310	21.5-23.5	106.8	0
18-May	163	0	40,200	64.5	20	11	A/C	310	18.5-23.5	107.0	0
19-May	127	0	35,400	63.4	22	9	A/C	310	18.5-22.8	106.4	0
20-May	229	2P	34,800	62.5	25	10	C/A	310	19.0-23.0	107.0	0
21-May	774	11P	32,300	63.5	23	11	A/C	310	19.0-23.5	108.2	0
22-May	315	0	29,900	65.4	36	8	A/C	310	19.0-22.5	118.9	0
23-May	532	3P	28,400	67.9	24	6	A/C	310	18.25-22.0	107.4	0
24-May	352	2P	30,300	69.6	24	9	A/C	310	18.5-23.3	108.4	0
25-May	291	3P	37,100	70.2	15	9	A/C	310	19.5-23.0	108.6	0
26-May	157	0	31,100	71.0	27	8	A/C	310	19.0-23.5	107.3	0
27-May	254	1P	27,200	73.1	28	11	A/C	310	18.5-23.5	107.6	0
28-May	147	1P	24,500	74.3	24	8	A/C	310	18.5-22.5	107.9	0
29-May	13	0	22,500	74.7	30	6	A/C	310	18.5-21.5	108.3	0
30-May	170	0	19,000	76.2	30	9	A/C	310	18.3-22.5	108.1	0
31-May	235	1P	20,200	77.4	30	5	A/C	310	17.8-20.6	107.9	0
1-Jun	47	0	20,000	77.3	30	10	A/C	310	17.8-23.0	107.7	0
2-Jun	141	0	17,600	78.0	30	10	A/C	310	18.0-23.0	93.9	0
3-Jun	59	0	16,000	79.0	30	7	A/C	310	18.0-22.5	71.2	0
4-Jun	123	0	16,500	80.2	30	2	A/C	310	17.5-22.0	107.2	0
5-Jun	31	0	18,700	80.7	36+	8	A/C	310	18.0-23.5	107.9	0
6-Jun	20	0	19,600	80.9	36+	5	A/C	310	17.2-20.9	107.4	0

^{*} Tag color: O = orange, P =pink,

Table 3

Hourly summary of American shad passage at the Conowingo Dam East Fish Passage Facility in 2010.

Date:	4/5	4/7	4/9	4/11	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20
Observation Time-Start:	11:30	9:45	9:30	7:45	9:00	8:15	9:00	8:00	8:30	13:00	8:00	8:00
Observation Time-End:	16:30	16:35	16:15	17:20	17:18	17:00	17:00	17:00	17:00	17:15	18:45	18:40
Military Time (hrs)												
0700 to 0759				0								
0800 to 0859				0		6		0	1		2	53
0900 to 0959		0	0	4	0	12	1	1	18		2	16
1000 to 1059		0	0	4	0	7	0	0	12		3	12
1100 to 1159	0	3	0	4	1	3	0	0	2		5	3
1200 to 1259	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	8		9	9
1300 to 1359	0	0	1	0	98	0	0	0	46	51	16	309
1400 to 1459	0	0	0	1	233	0	0	3	47	8	53	841
1500 to 1559	0	1	0	3	220	1	0	0	78	7	288	861
1600 to 1659	0	0	0	1	46	0	0	1	70	2	423	652
1700 to 1759				1	10					2	448	390
1800 to 1859											115	126
1900 to 1959												
Total	0	4	1	18	626	29	1	5	282	70	1364	3272
Date:	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1	5/2
Observation Time-Start:	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:20	8:30	8:15	8:00	8:30	8:00	8:30	8:00	8:10
Observation Time-End:	19:00	19:00	18:10	19:00	19:00	17:00	18:50	17:00	16:50	16:45	18:25	19:00
Military Time (hrs)	17.00	17.00	10.10	17.00	17.00	17,100	10.00	17.00	10.00	101.10	10.20	17.00
0700 to 0759												
0800 to 0859	37	71	5	13	10	50	0	3	3	1	1	110
0900 to 0959	66	51	18	61	76	18	5	2	4	19	3	76
1000 to 1059	39	19	8	19	36	0	6	13	3	38	0	70
1100 to 1159	136	8	1	12	39	2	4	5	26	23	1	16
1200 to 1259	231	1	3	22	48	0	4	8	45	21	2	6
1300 to 1359	623	185	0	101	56	1	3	2	25	8	2	2
1400 to 1459	497	456	154	267	61	4	52	6	74	10	10	13
1500 to 1559	274	673	669	478	86	2	34	1	14	4	32	104
1600 to 1659	251	435	462	372	176	0	6	0	7	2	42	110
1700 to 1759	676	421	309	477	195		7		,		175	246
1800 to 1859	267	120	77	349	171		7				100	439
1900 to 1959 -	207											437
Total	3097	2440	1706	2171	954	77	128	40	201	126	368	1192
101111	3071	2110	1700	21/1	754	- ' '	120	-10	201	120	300	11/2
Date:	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10	5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14
Observation Time-Start:	8:30	8:00	8:00	8:15	8:00	8:00	8:15	9:00	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:10
Observation Time-Surt. Observation Time-End:	18:45	17:12	16:45	17:00	19:20	16:45	17:00	18:45	18:20	18:25	17:25	16:40
Military Time (hrs)	10.75	17,12	10.75	17.00	17.20	10.75	17.00	10.73	10.20	10.23	11.23	10.70
0700 to 0759												
0800 to 0859	21	44	14	17	1	233	87		3	7	45	46
0900 to 0959	140	103	19	28	10	376	156	2	19	29	40	7
1000 to 1059	148	230	203	216	31	677	231	23	23	60	31	2
1100 to 1159	92	96	239	131	44	586	249	15	300	34	56	7
1200 to 1259	81	45	58	86	79	134	73	3	495	400	84	2
1300 to 1359	56	46	75	129	218	75	42	79	343	268	367	1
1400 to 1459	78	34	49	61	144	27	67	302	210	203	411	5
1500 to 1559	132	35	39	5	301	20	40	131	97	256	161	4
1600 to 1659	69	26	34	22	368	13	28	95	122	217	138	3
1700 to 1759	111	9			500			84	145	312	57	
1800 to 1859	72				459			10	61	182	<i></i>	
1900 to 1959					188							
Total	1000	668	730	695	2343	2141	973	744	1818	1968	1390	77

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Date:	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26
Observation Time-Start:	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:00	9:00	8:00	8;00	8:00	8:20	8:00	8:10	8:10
Observation Time-End:	16:30	16:45	18:25	16:55	17:00	18;25	17:35	16:45	17:15	16:50	16:45	16:40
Military Time (hrs)												
0700 to 0759												
0800 to 0859	5	14	6	13		14	16	22	83	17	8	4
0900 to 0959	14	16	33	6	2	15	56	32	79	91	54	0
1000 to 1059	2	10	36	0	8	6	161	67	77	76	27	19
1100 to 1159	15	6	79	20	2	9	108	46	54	49	111	50
1200 to 1259	64	4	39	47	23	3	142	57	50	41	8	36
1300 to 1359	48	6	121	44	9	6	93	20	37	10	10	16
1400 to 1459	44	6	62	19	8	7	62	25	21	3	19	18
1500 to 1559	31	4	31	8	14	4	48	34	37	29	26	9
1600 to 1659	31	11	75	6	61	21	68	12	57	36	28	5
1700 to 1759			25			74	20		37			
1800 to 1859			20			70						
1900 to 1959												
Total	254	77	527	163	127	229	774	315	532	352	291	157
Date:	5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5	6/6	Season
Observation Time-Start:	8:15	8:00	8:10	8:10	8:15	8:00	8:00	8:15	8:15	8:10	8:00	Total
Observation Time-End:	17:25	17:00	16:40	16:40	16:20	16:00	16:35	16:20	16:15	16:10	15:30	
Military Time (hrs)												
0700 to 0759												0
0800 to 0859	0	0	1	13	19	1	23	1	0	0	0	1,144
0900 to 0959	31	3	1	25	8	4	24	13	14	0	0	1,903
1000 to 1059	59	28	0	40	41	1	52	19	17	5	6	2,921
1100 to 1159	35	39	0	12	25	0	21	6	25	10	5	2,870
1200 to 1259	44	15	0	22	46	11	6	6	23	4	4	2,670
1300 to 1359	29	31	2	20	40	0	10	6	20	4	4	3,814
1400 to 1459	32	6	0	14	36	5	3	3	20	7	1	4,802
1500 to 1559	14	17	7	8	16	22	0	4	4	1	0	5,419
1600 to 1659	6	8	2	16	4	3	2	1		0		4,646
1700 to 1759	4											4,735
1800 to 1859												2,645
1900 to 1959												188
Total	254	147	13	170	235	47	141	59	123	31	20	37,757

Table 4

Summary of selected operation and fish catch statistics at the Conowingo Dam East Fish Passage Facility, 1991 to 2010.

	Number of Days	Number of	Operating	Catch	Number of	American	Blueback		
Year	Operated	Lifts	Time (hrs)	(millions)	Species	shad	herring	Alewife	Hickory shad
1991	60	1168	647.2	0.651	42	13,897	13,149	323	0
1992	49	599	454.1	0.492	35	26,040	261	3	0
1993	42	848	463.5	0.53	29	8,203	4,574	0	0
1994	55	955	574.8	1.062	36	26,715	248	5	1
1995	68	986	706.2	1.796	36	46,062	4,004	170	1
1996	49	599	454.1	0.492	35	26,040	261	3	0
1997	64	652	640.0	0.719	36	90,971	242,815	63	0
1998	50	652	640.0	0.713	33	39,904	700	6	0
1999	52	610	467.0	1.184	31	69,712	130,625	14	0
2000	45	570	367.8	0.494	30	153,546	14,963	2	0
2001	43	559	359.8	0.922	30	193,574	284,921	7,458	0
2002	49	560	440.7	0.657	31	108,001	2,037	74	6
2003	44	645	416.6	0.589	25	125,135	530	21	0
2004	44	590	390.3	0.716	30	109,360	101	89	0
2005	52	541	434.3	0.378	30	68,926	4	0	0
2006	61	619	429.8	0.715	32	56,899	0	0	4
2007	39	479	335.3	0.539	31	25,464	460	429	0
2008	51	483	407.0	0.944	29	19,914	1	4	0
2009	57	618	496	0.915	30	29,272	71	160	0
2010	59	685	526	0.857	38	37,757	4	1	0

Table 5
Summary of American shad passage counts and percent passage values at Susquehanna River dams, 1997-2010.

Conowingo		Ho	ltwood	Safe	Harbor	York Haven		
	East	Number	% of C.E.L.	Number	% of Holt.	Number	% of S.H.	
1997	90,971	28,063	30.8%	20,828	74.2%	-	-	
1998	39,904	8,235	20.6%	6,054	73.5%	-	-	
1999	69,712	34,702	49.8%	34,150	98.4%	-	-	
2000	153,546	29,421	19.2%	21,079	71.6%	4,687	22.2%	
2001	193,574	109,976	56.8%	89,816	81.7%	16,200	18.0%	
2002	108,001	17,522	16.2%	11,705	66.8%	1,555	13.3%	
2003	125,135	25,254	20.2%	16,646	65.9%	2,536	15.2%	
2004	109,360	3,428	3.1%	2,109	61.5%	219	10.4%	
2005	68,926	34,189	49.6%	25,425	74.4%	1,772	7.0%	
2006	56,899	35,968	63.2%	24,929	69.3%	1,913	7.7%	
2007	25,464	10,338	40.6%	7,215	69.8%	192	2.7%	
2008	19,914	2,795	14.0%	1,252	44.8%	21	1.7%	
2009	29,272	10,896	37.2%	7,994	73.4%	402	5.0%	
2010	37,757	16,472	43.6%	12,706	77.1%	907	7.1%	

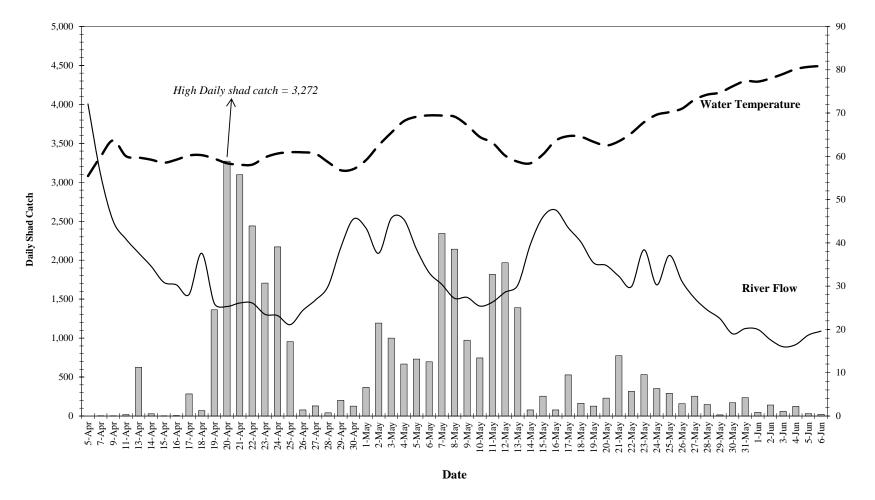


Figure 1 $A \ plot \ of \ river \ flow \ (x\ 1000\ cfs) \ and \ water \ temperature \ (^\circ F) \ as \ measured \ at \ Holtwood \ Dam, \ in \ relationship \ to \ the \ daily \ American \ shad \ catch \ at \ the \ Conowingo \ East \ Fish \ Lift, \ spring \ 2010.$

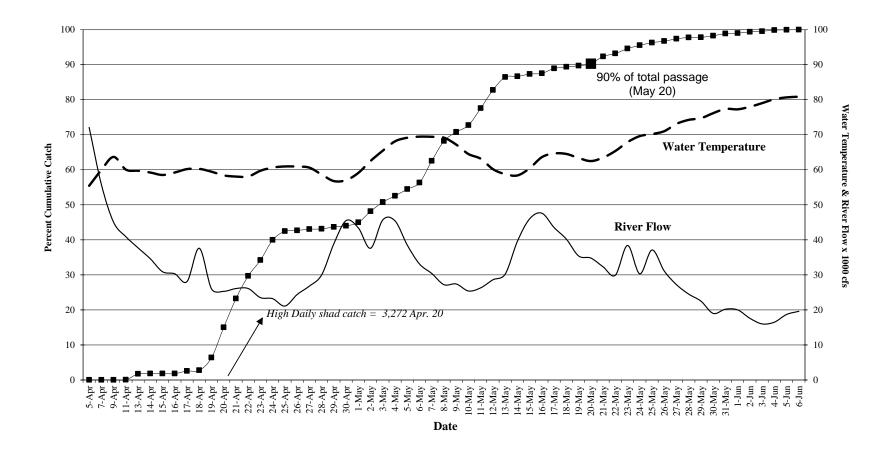


Figure 2

A plot of river flow (x 1000 cfs) and water temperature (°F) as measured at Holtwood Dam,in relationship to the percent cumulative American shad catch at the Conowingo East Fish Lift, spring 2010.