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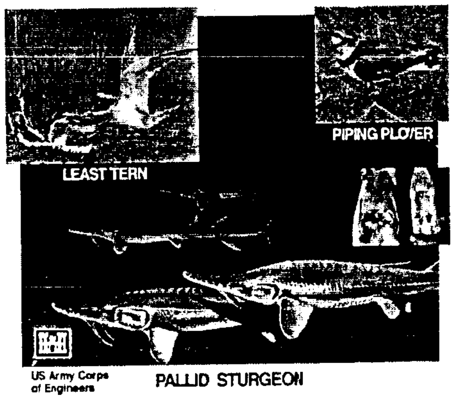

Spring Rise Alternatives
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Presentation Topics
Spring Rise Alternatives Summary

- Summary of alternatives modeled to date for the Spring Rise
- Summary of the effects of various plan components/criteria on system storage, lower river flows, and spawning cues
- Similar data as above for special runs

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Plan Components Analyzed

- First Rise
  - None, 31 kcfs, navigation flow + 5 kcfs
- April Flows between the Rises
  - Minimum service, alternative guide curve, current guide curve
- Second Rise
  - Maximum release = 16 kcfs, duration = 2 weeks
  - Proration based on system storage
  - Spring rise preclude
  - Adjustment of flood control constraints

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Effects Analyzed

- Minimum System Storage during Historic Droughts
- Flows at Nebraska City
- Economic Uses, Environmental Resources and Historic Properties
- Spawning Cue

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Analysis to Determine Trends Associated with Various Components of the Spring Rise Hydrograph

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Table 2

Table 2. Alternatives Formulated from Table 1 Requirements										
Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise	FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs 2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl
<u>Existing runs</u>										
MR16FS									46 MAF	
F1 and F2 lie between										
MR16F3									46 MAF	
MR16MN									48 MAF	
M1 and M2 lie between										
MR16M3									46 MAF	
M16F50									50 MAF	
M16F40									40 MAF	
M16F31									31 MAF	
MRBIO3		31 kcfs							46 MAF	
MRBIO4		31 kcfs								31 MAF
MRBIO5										31 MAF
N at end indicates no first rise										
MBIO53										31 MAF
Special Criteria Identified by the Hydrologic Work Group										
MRBP52 - MRBIO5 w/ shorter 2nd Rise						16 kcfs w/ < 2 wk peak				31 MAF
BIO521 - MRBP52 with 21 kcfs max						21 kcfs w/ < 2wk peak				31 MAF
BIO518 - MRBIO5 with 18 kcfs April			< MS							31 MAF

Table 2 (Revised)

Alternative Name	First Rise: None	First Rise: Nav +5.1 Wk	Drop Between Rises: Min Serv	Drop Between Rises: New GC	Drop Between Rises: Current GC	Max Rise: 16 kcfs 2 wk pk	FC Constraints: Plus 16	FC Constraints: Min. Raise	Max or Prorate during drought: Max w/ Precl.	Max or Prorate during drought: Prorate w/ Precl.
Existing runs										
MR16FS									46 MAF	
F1 & F2 lie between										
MR16F3									46 MAF	
MR16MN									46 MAF	
M1 and M2 lie between										
MR16M3									46 MAF	
M16F50									50 MAF	
M16F40									40 MAF	
M16F31									31 MAF	
MRBIO4		31 kcfs								31 MAF
MRBIO3		31 kcfs							46 MAF	
New Runs										
MRBIO5										31 MAF
MRBI5N										31 MAF
MBIO53										31 MAF
MBI53N										31 MAF
MRBP32 - MRBIO3 w/shorter 2nd rise		31 kcfs				16 kcfs w/< 2 wk peak			46 MAF	
MRBP52 - MRBIO5 w/shorter 2nd rise						16 kcfs w/< 2 wk peak				31 MAF
BIO521 - MRBP52 with 21 kcfs max						21 kcfs w/< 2 wk peak				31 MAF
BIO518 - Run with 16 kcfs April	not done									
BIO500 - only first	not done									
JS Run with 2nd Rise begin July 1										

Impacts on

Minimum System Storage

During Droughts

Impact of First Rise on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

- Looked at two spring rise plans – with and without the first spring rise

Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise		FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs	2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl.
MRBIO5											31 MAF
MRBI5N											31 MAF
MBIO53											31 MAF
MBI53N											31 MAF

- Compared the difference in minimum system storage in each major drought

Impact of First Rise on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

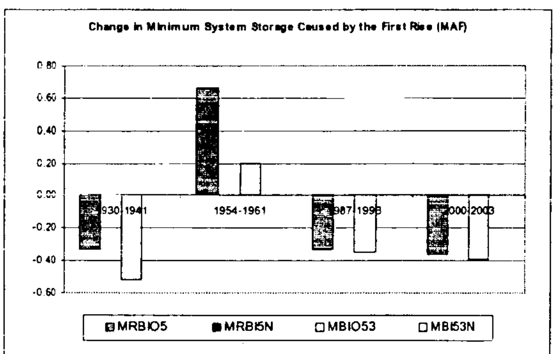

Figure 1

- First spring rise generally reduced the minimum storage during droughts
- Impact during droughts was less than 1 foot in each of the upper three reservoirs
- At full conservation pools, 830 kaf = 1 foot
- At current levels, 560 kaf = 1 foot

Impact of April Flows on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

- Looked at three spring rise plans – with differing April flows
  - Minimum Service
  - Alternative Guide Curve
  - Current Guide Curve

Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise	FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs 2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl.
MR16F3									46 MAF	
MR16M3									46 MAF	
MBI53N										31 MAF

- Compared minimum system storage in each major drought

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Impact of April Flows on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

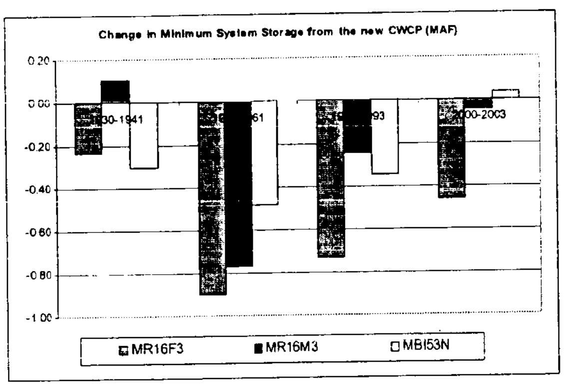

Figure 2

- Comparison is to the current water control plan
- Running minimum service in April uses less water than the current guide curve
- The alternative guide curve also appears to use less water, but some of the impact is likely due to the prorated second spring rise
- Difference between spring rise alternatives was generally less than 1 foot in each of the upper three reservoirs

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Impact of Flood Control Constraints on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

- Looked at four spring rise plans – with varying adjustments to the flood control constraints

Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise	FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs 2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl.
MR16MN									46 MAF	
M1 and M2 lie betweeen									46 MAF	
MR16M3									46 MAF	

- Compared minimum system storage in each major drought

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Impact of Flood Control Constraints on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

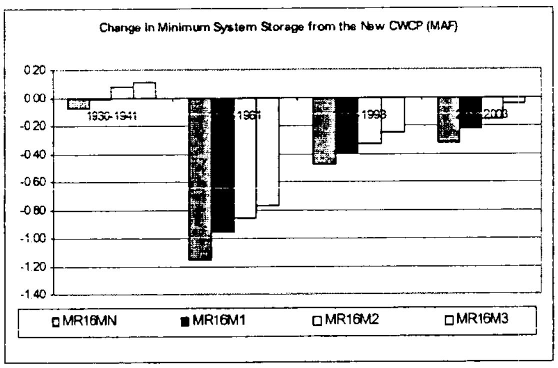

Figure 3

- Comparison is to the current water control plan
- Raising the flood control constraints the full amount of the spring rise uses the most water because it allows the spring rise to be run in many years
- As flood control constraints are reduced, the spring rise gets shuts off more frequently resulting in less water used

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Impact of the Spring Rise Preclude on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

- Looked at four spring rise plans – with Spring Rise precludes ranging from 31 to 50 MAF

Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise	FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs 2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl.
M16F50									50 MAF	
MR16F46 (MR16FS)									46 MAF	
M16F40									40 MAF	
M16F31									31 MAF	

- Compared minimum system storage in each major drought

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Impact of the Spring Rise Preclude on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

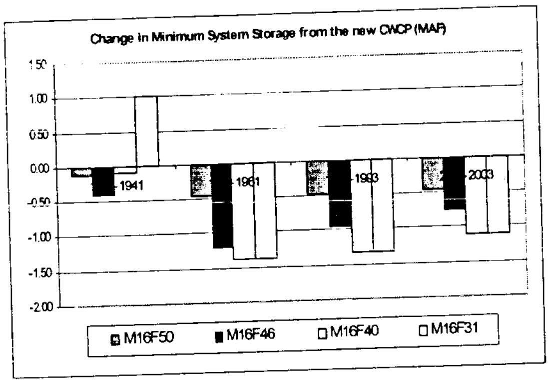

Figure 4

- Comparison is to the current water control plan
- In general, as the spring rise preclude is lowered, system storage during the droughts is lowered due to the ability to run spring rises in more years
- In the 30's drought, the order of non-navigation years changed and an additional non-navigation year was added with the 31 MAF preclude
- In the other 3 droughts, system storage didn't fall below 40 MAF, so the 31 and 40 MAF runs are the same

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Impacts on

Flows at Nebraska City

during May and June

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Impact of April Flows on Flows at Nebraska City

- Looked at the current water control plan and three spring rise plans with differing April flows
  - Minimum Service
  - Alternative Guide Curve
  - Current Guide Curve
- Full increases in flood control constraints

Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise	FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs 2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl.
CWCP										
MR16FS									46 MAF	
MR16MN									46 MAF	
MRBIO5										31 MAF

- Compared the number of days flow would exceed 55 kcfs at Nebraska City

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Impact of April Flows on Flows at Nebraska City

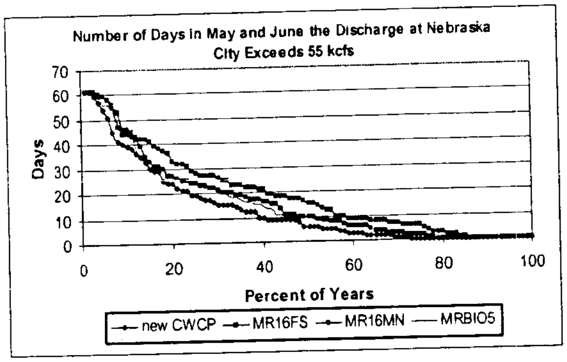

Figure 5

- All spring rise alternatives increase the number of days flow is above 55 kcfs
- Running minimum service between the rises reduces this effect
- Second spring rise is added to existing flow; therefore, the lower the existing flow, the lower the spring rise
- MRBIO5 has prorated spring rise so isn't directly comparable
- Full increases in flood control constraints

Impact of April Flows on Flows at Nebraska City

- Looked at the current water control plan and three spring rise plans with differing April flows
  - Minimum Service
  - Alternative Guide Curve
  - Current Guide Curve
- Minimum increases in flood control constraints

Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise	FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs 2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl.
CWCP										
MR16F3									46 MAF	
MR16M3									46 MAF	
MB153N										31 MAF

- Compared the number of days flow would exceed 55 kcfs at Nebraska City

Impact of April Flows on Flows at Nebraska City

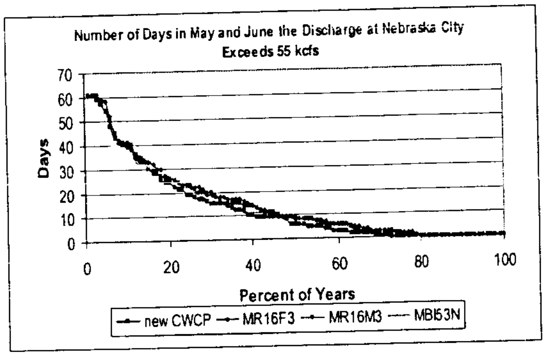

Figure 6

- All spring rise alternatives increase the number of days flow is above 55 kcfs
- Reducing the flood control constraints reduces the difference between the alternatives
- Running minimum service between the rises still reduces the number of days with flow above 55 kcfs
- MBI53N has prorated spring rise so isn't directly comparable

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Impacts on

Average Annual Economic Uses,

Environmental Resources, and

Historic Properties

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Table 4. Economic use and environmental resource impacts of the spring rise alternatives.

Impacts 1898-1997

File Name		FLD CON	NAVIG	HYDRO	WTR SUP	RECR	TOT NED	YOY	CLD RES	COLD RIV	WRM RIV	PHY HAB	T&P HAB R	WET HAB	RF HAB	HIS PROP
1898-2003																
NWCP00	MCP300	410.2	9.35	674.3	611.3	87.4	1792.5	2.13	10.3	185.9	50.4	81.4	304.9	157.6	107.8	4905
MRBI03	MRBIOX	407.6	7.18	673.7	607.7	86.6	1782.8	2.15	10.1	185.8	48.6	82.1	283.9	157.0	106.3	4958
MR16F5	MR160S	408.1	8.47	672.0	607.6	86.4	1782.4	2.13	10.0	185.0	48.8	82.6	298.7	155.7	105.6	5025
MR16F1	MR1601	407.9	8.54	672.3	607.7	86.5	1783.0	2.13	10.0	184.7	49.3	82.5	287.2	154.4	105.9	5017
MR16F2	MR1602	408.1	8.54	672.6	611.2	86.4	1786.8	2.13	10.0	184.7	48.8	82.4	265.6	154.4	106.1	5014
MR16F3	MR1603	407.9	8.55	673.0	607.9	86.4	1783.7	2.13	10.0	184.9	49.3	82.3	251.9	153.1	106.9	5003
M16F50	M16050	408.1	8.25	672.6	607.8	86.6	1783.4	2.13	10.0	184.8	49.2	82.5	295.6	155.9	105.6	5006
M16F46	MR160S	408.1	8.47	672.0	607.6	86.4	1782.4	2.13	10.0	185.0	48.8	82.6	298.7	155.7	105.6	5025
M16F40	M16040	408.1	8.72	671.6	610.9	86.6	1785.9	2.12	9.9	184.4	49.3	82.7	299.8	157.2	105.4	5045
M16F31	M16031	408.1	8.80	671.1	610.6	87.1	1786.3	2.13	10.0	184.7	48.9	82.6	316.5	156.8	105.0	5043
MR16MN	MR16N	407.6	8.37	674.2	608.0	86.9	1785.1	2.14	10.1	186.5	48.4	82.0	277.6	156.4	107.6	4933
NR16M1	MR1611	407.6	8.37	674.3	611.4	86.8	1788.7	2.15	10.2	187.8	47.0	81.9	280.6	154.4	108.1	4927
NR16M2	MR1612	407.5	8.33	674.8	611.4	86.9	1788.9	2.16	10.2	187.5	47.8	81.9	272.0	153.8	108.6	4921
NR16M3	MR1613	407.5	8.35	674.9	611.7	86.9	1789.4	2.16	10.3	187.3	48.3	81.8	277.6	155.1	107.3	4897
1898-2004																
MRBIO4	MJBIO4	407.3	9.5	673.6	607.3	86.3	1784.0	2.16	10.2	186.9	47.1	82.1	293.9	157.3	106.3	4941
MRBIO5	MJBIO5	405.9	10.3	673.1	607.3	86.2	1782.8	2.15	10.1	186.0	48.4	82.1	281.8	158.3	107.0	4964
MBIO53	MJIO53	407.3	10.3	673.9	607.4	86.8	1785.7	2.17	10.2	186.9	48.2	81.9	284.7	154.9	107.9	4933
MRBP52	MJBP52	407.2	9.8	673.4	607.2	86.3	1784.0	2.15	10.1	186.4	48.8	82.1	305.3	157.9	107.0	4962
BIO521	BJO521	407.5	9.5	672.8	610.8	87.5	1788.2	2.15	10.1	185.1	48.7	82.2	297.6	157.5	106.4	5021
MRBBN	MJBBN	405.7	10.3	673.9	607.4	86.8	1784.0	2.16	10.2	186.4	48.7	82.0	305.4	158.1	106.6	4924
MB153N	MJB3N	405.5	9.7	674.7	611.4	87.0	1788.4	2.17	10.3	186.7	47.6	81.8	310.7	154.5	107.4	4897

Percent Change From the Value for the NWCP (MCP300 Run)

	FLD CON	NAVIG	HYDRO	WTR SUP	RECR	TOT NED	YOY	CLD RES	COLD RIV	WRM RIV	PHY HAB	T&P HAB R	WET HAB	RF HAB	HIS PROP
MRBIOX	-1	-23	0	-1	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-4	1	-7	0	-1	1
MR160S	-1	-9	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-3	0	-3	1	-2	-1	-2	2
MR1601	-1	-9	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-3	-1	-2	1	-6	-2	-2	2
MR1602	-1	-9	0	0	-1	0	0	-3	-1	-3	1	-13	-2	-2	2
MR1603	-1	-9	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-2	1	-17	-3	-1	2
M16050	0	-12	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-3	1	-3	-1	-2	2
MR160S	-1	-9	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-3	0	-3	1	-2	-1	-2	2
M16040	-1	-7	0	0	-1	0	-1	-3	-1	-2	2	-2	0	-2	3
M16031	-1	-6	0	0	0	0	0	-3	-1	-3	2	4	-1	-3	3
MR16N	-1	-10	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	1	-4	1	-9	-1	0	1
MR1611	-1	-11	0	0	-1	0	1	-1	1	-7	1	-8	-2	0	0
MR1612	-1	-11	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	-5	1	-11	-2	1	0
MR1613	-1	-11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-4	0	-5	-2	0	0
MJBIO4	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	1	-1	1	-5	1	-4	0	-1	1
MJBIO5	-1	10	0	-1	-1	-1	1	-2	0	-4	1	-8	0	-1	1
MJIO53	-1	10	0	-1	-1	0	2	-1	1	-4	1	-7	-2	0	1
MJBF52	-1	5	0	-1	-1	0	1	-2	0	-3	1	0	0	-1	1
BJO521	-1	2	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	-3	1	-2	0	1	2
MJBBN	-1	10	0	-1	-1	0	1	-1	0	-3	1	0	0	-1	0
MJB3N	-1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-6	0	2	-2	0	0

Comments on Summary of Uses

- Percent changes for all categories except navigation and tern and plover habitat are relatively constant, and are generally in the range of +/–2 percent
- Navigation data for spring rise runs is flawed. Time constraints have not permitted the required hand corrections to the raw data files from the hydrologic model
- Tern and plover habitat results are based on habitat available in the early 1990's and are not representative of the habitat available today

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Impacts on

Spawning Cues

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Indicators of Spawning Cue

- Master Manual EIS used a flow/duration combination as a surrogate for spawning cue
  - 20 percent increase of flow
  - 14 days duration
- Other combinations of magnitude and duration could be used
- Actual spawning cue is likely a combination of many factors such as flow, stage, temperature, photoperiod, etc

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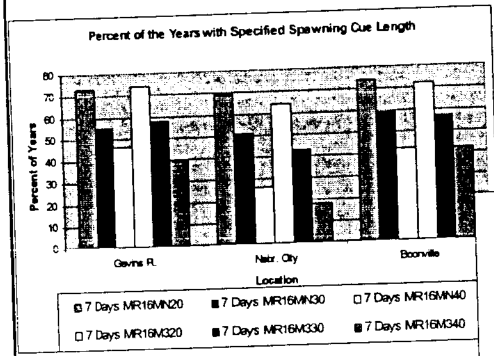
Indicators of Spawning Cue



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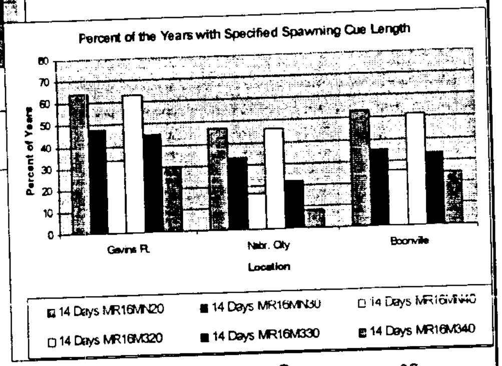

Figure 9

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Impact of April Flows on Spawning Cue

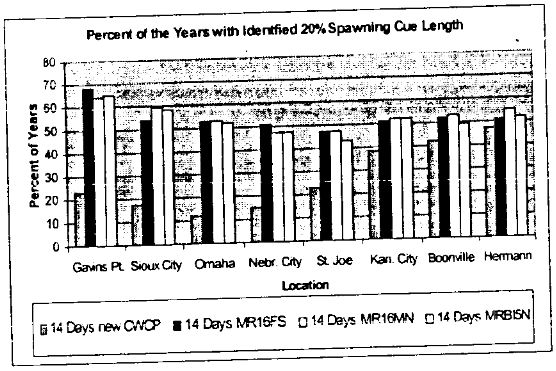

Figure 10

- Higher April flows result in higher magnitude of spring rises, but not necessarily more years with a 20 percent increase in flows
- Relatively little difference between alternatives
- All alternatives meet spawning cue criteria more than 40 percent of the years at all locations

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Impact of Flood Control Constraints on Spawning Cue

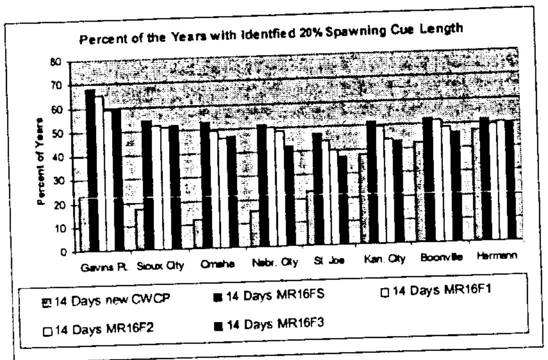

Figure 11

- Number of years meeting spawning cue criteria is generally reduced as flood control constraints become more restrictive
- Difference between alternatives ranges from 2 to 10 percent of years
- All alternatives meet spawning cue criteria more than 35 percent of the years at all locations

Impact of the Spring Rise Preclude on Spawning Cue

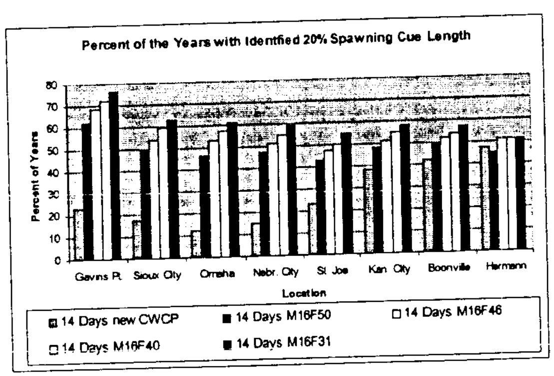

Figure 12

- Number of years meeting spawning cue criteria increases as the spring rise preclude is reduced
- Maximum difference is 11 percent of years
- All alternatives meet spawning cue criteria more than 40 percent of the years at all locations

Analysis of Special Runs Requested by Technical Working Group

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Special Runs Requested by the Technical Working Group

- Requests received for several additional runs
  - ✓ Shorter duration of second rise
    - ➢ *Duration of the spring rise could not be reduced to less than 9 days due to modeling limitations – this is not a limit in real time regulation*
  - ✓ Greater magnitude of second rise (+21 kcfs)
  - First rise followed by 18 kcfs in April
  - No first rise; winter releases until May 1
  - First rise only
  - Second rise beginning on July 1

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Special Runs
Requested by the Technical Working Group

- Alternatives used in Special Run Comparisons

Alternative Name	First Rise		Drop Between Rises			Max Rise	FC Constraints		Max or Prorate during drought	
	None	Nav +5 1 Wk	Min Serv	New GC	Current GC	16 kcfs 2 wk pk	Plus 16	Min. Raise	Max w/ Precl.	Prorate w/ Precl.
CWCP										
MBIO53										31 MAF
MRBP52 - MRBIO5 w/shorter 2nd rise						16 kcfs w/< 2 wk peak				31 MAF
BIO521 - MRBP52 with 21 kcfs max						21 kcfs w/< 2 wk peak				31 MAF

- Compared the difference in minimum system storage in each major drought
- Compared the number of days flow would exceed 55 kcfs at Nebraska City
- Compared the impact on spawning cue

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Impact of Special Runs
on Minimum System Storage During Droughts

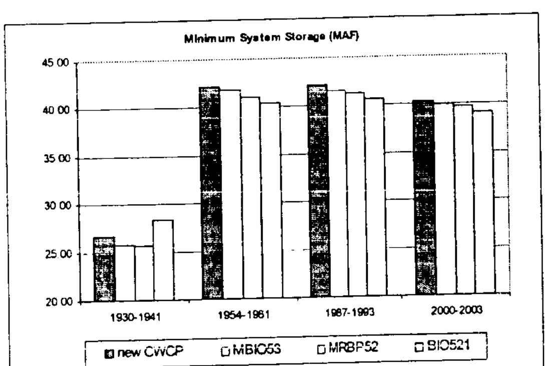

Figure 18

- MBIO53 has different flood control constraints so isn't directly comparable
- Alternatives generally result in lower system storages during droughts than the CWCP
- The higher spring rise (21 kcfs) reduces system storage in 3 of the 4 droughts

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Impact of Special Runs on Flows at Nebraska City

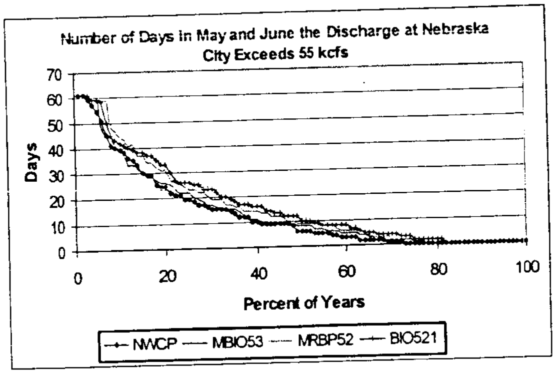

Figure 19

- MBIO53 has different flood control constraints so isn't directly comparable
- All spring rise alternatives increase the number of days flow is above 55 kcfs
- The higher spring rise (21 kcfs) increases the number of days the flow is above 55 kcfs

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Impact of Special Runs on Spawning Cue

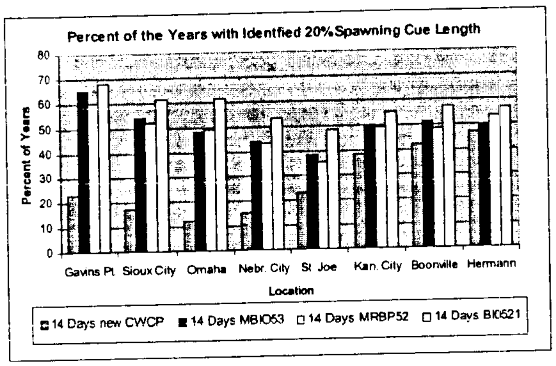

Figure 20

- Spawning cue criteria used was 20 percent increase in flow for 14 days
- All spring rise alternatives increase the percent of years meeting the spawning cue criteria
- The higher spring rise (21 kcfs) increases the percent of years that meet the spring rise criteria
- All alternatives meet spawning cue criteria more than 35 percent of the years at all locations

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