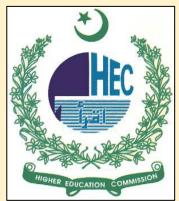
# Bugs pay for days of steady reservoir releases

to reduce costs to hydropower customers and sustain funds to maintain infrastructure

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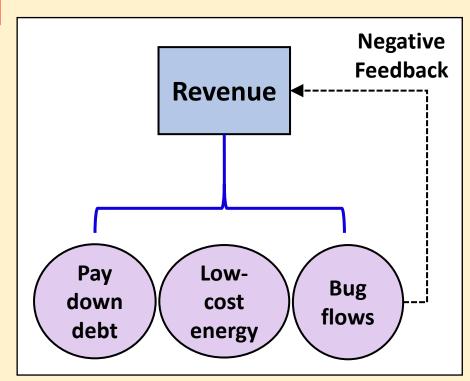
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# **Key Ideas**

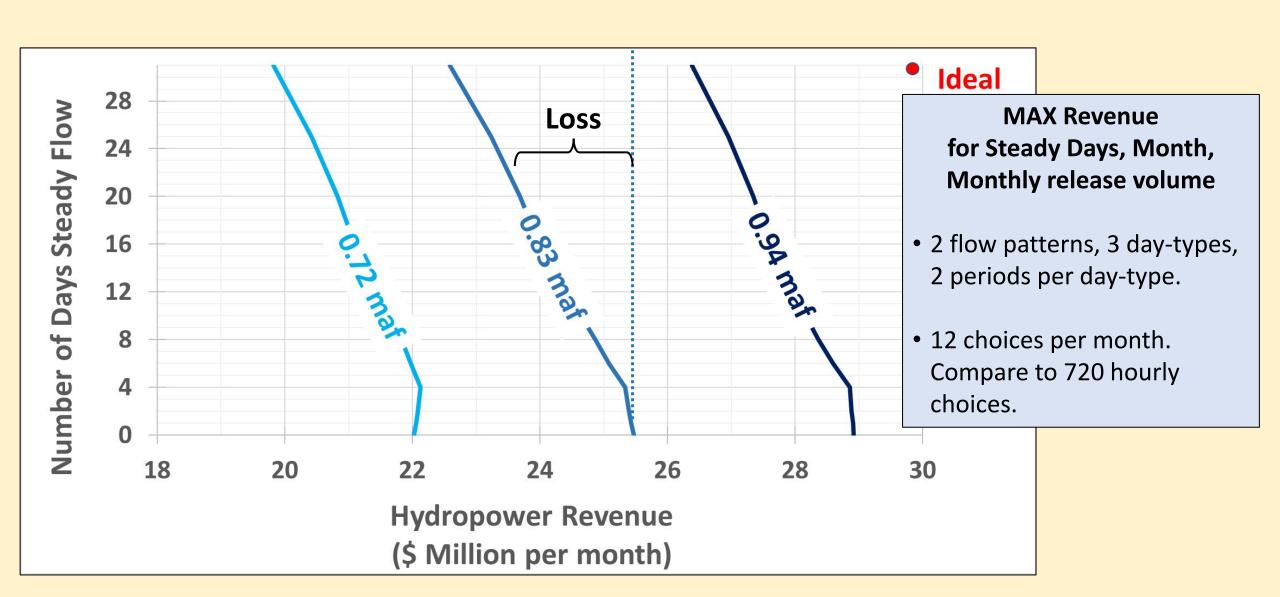
1. Conflict => Time & Stress, Administered

2. Move days of steady flows to Spring/Fall months.

3. Create ecosystem fund to compensate for releases that help bugs.



## Idea 1. Quantify Hydropower – Bug conflict (August)



### Idea 2. Shift Days of Steady Releases to Spring/Fall Months

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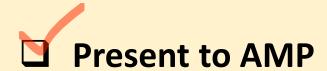
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### Idea 3. Create Eco Budget, Let Ecologists pick Months & No. of Days

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## **Next Steps**



- Update energy prices
- ☐ Validate with GT-Max

May also help move sediment and control invasive fish

Public wants ecosystems and low-cost energy

Save our colleagues time & stress

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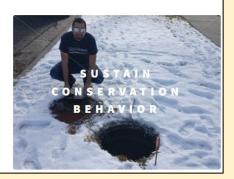
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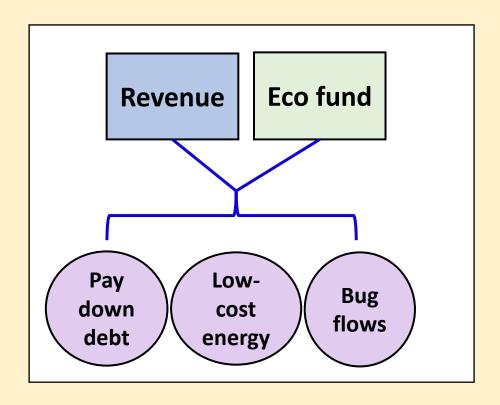
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### Flow offset => point of collaboration

