DOE’s Water Power Technologies Office (WPTO)

Fish Passage and fish monitoring technology

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Outline

• Fish Passage Technologies
  – Innovative designs
  – Applications for automation/enumeration
  – Standard, modular systems

• Fish Monitoring Technologies
  – eDNA
  – Fish Tags
  – Other tools: HydroPASSAGE (Sensor Fish, HBET, BioPA)
2017 Competitive Funding for the Development of Innovative New Technologies:

- Increase and verify performance of passage (safe, timely, effective) compared to best available tech
- Reduce costs:
  - Construction, operation, maintenance goals
  - Manufacturing - utilize standard, modular, scalable elements

**Fish Passage – Support for design, testing, and demos**

*Testing the Effects of Innovative Fish Passage Technologies*

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Advancing Innovative Methods and Technologies to Improve Fish Passage
2019 Competitive Funding for the Development of Standard Module Hydropower (SMH) Modules:

- Three projects recently awarded that focus on module development for integration into an SMH facility
  - Two passage modules & one generation module
- Utilize the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Design Envelop
- Reduce costs
  - Utilize advanced manufacturing

Develop a novel fish passage module for low head hydropower based on Archimedes screw principles.

*Percheron Power, LLC*

Develop a fish passage module that can be used to accommodate multiple species simultaneously.

*Littoral Power Systems*

Advance the design of a fish-friendly horizontal axial-flow low head generation module of a compact bulb.

*Natel Energy*
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- Identify and advance innovative technologies for fish exclusion for water diversions and intakes
- Partnership with the US Department of Reclamation and WPTO
  - Support from Pacific Northwest National Lab and the National Renewable Energy Lab.
- Funding to advance radically new ideas and ready to commercialize improvements to existing technologies
- Phased competition is crowd sourcing innovation and drawing ideas from other industries and the general public

[Image: https://www.herox.com/FishProtection]
What can DOE can bring to the table

- New technologies
  - Innovative up- and down-stream fishways
  - AI/ Machine learning applications
  - Development of novel and advanced monitoring technologies, Instruments and other tools
  - Lab and field demonstrations
- Basic and applied science
- Convening, facilitation, and partnerships with US industry, agencies, institutions

Exchange of knowledge and transfer of experiences between researchers from Norway and USA emerges as a great opportunity for improving scientific knowledge on fish passage and monitoring technology.