ONGOING AND PROPOSED ELOHA RELATED PROJECTS, UPDATED APRIL 2011

Location, Date	Project Title	Science	Staff	Purpose	Objectives	Methods / Databases	Fundina	Progress	Monitorina	Documents	Date up- dated
Arizona (Verde River). Phase I completed Jan 2008. Phase II Oct 2007-Jan 2009 data will be integrated into Phase III: a basin-wide study with USGS	Verde River Ecological Flows Study Phase III: Science to Support Sustainable Water Management	X	Jeanmarie Haney Dale Turner, Dan Campbell, TNC- AZ; Anne Brashe USGS biology; Steve Wiele USGS hydrology.	r, Provide a scientific foundation for ecologically sustainable water management: Improve flow alteration-ecologic response science for a semi-arid watershed; develop quantified relationships; develop techniques and methods that can be applied more widely across the Southwest	Phase III:	Hydrologic analyses of streamflow (regression; HIT/HAT/streamstats); I integrated sw-gw modeling; geomorphology and instream habitat characteristics; flow-ecology models (hydrologic indicators/multi-variate analyses);	Phase 3A (first 2-year USGS contract): \$350,000 (two years of USGS funding); Phase 3B (second 2-year USGS contract) has not yet been scoped.	On track for completion of Phase IIIA end of 2012.	See "Methods/Databases". Study sites will be permanently marked for repeat measurements		Mar-11
Colorado - Fraser River watershed, April 2006 - Dec 2007	A preliminary flow template for high- gradient, subalpine streams in the Fraser Watershed	X	John Sanderson (TNC). Workshop: Tom Iseman, Tim Sullivan David Harrison (TNC); LeRoy Poff (CSU), Steve Dougherty (ERO riparian veg), Denver Water	Help Denver Water reduce ecological impacts of multiple diversions from Fraser River tributaries	Table of 4 levels of ecological condition and 7 associated flow parameters, as hypotheses for further investigation. Jan 2008 mtg concluded template development, discussed spring 2008 pilot implementation.	Natural and current flow data for 6 sites: Denver Water's PACSIM model. Flow alteration: IHA. Flow-ecology relations: Denver Water/TNC workshop 7/06/06. John calc'd monthly flow surpluses, deficits for each site for each level of ecological condition.	to TNC	Used flow assessment tool as basis for spring 2008 spill recommendation s, but don't know whether Denver Water actually changed water management.	Not specified.		2008

Colorado Watershed Flow Evaluation Tool 1/15/2008 - 12/31/2008. W & E slope pilots, ~3750 km2 ea.	Environmen-tal flows char- acterization for the non- consumptive needs assessment	X	X	John Sanderson, coordinator; Tom Iseman (TNC) LeRoy Poff, Brian Bledsoe (CSU), Charles Wilding (CSU grad student), Nicole Rowan (CDM), Bill Miller (FET [Flow Evaluation Tool] consultant)	for assessing flow status for specific	Use existing data and expert opinion to develop flow-ecology curves. Develop a hydrologic foundation of daily natural and altered flows. Assign risk status for specific ecological attributes at a reach or sub-basin scale.	20-yr baseline and current flows for gaged and ungaged sites: existing Colo. River Decision Support System (CDSS) StateMod. Stream classification: TBD. 1-2 day peer-review workshop. Will calc flow alteration throughout study area at 1:100K (preferred) or larger scale.	~\$70K + ~ \$30K in-kind for pilots. CO Water Conservation Board hired CDM, which subcontracted Bledsoe & Poff as part of state-wide water avai-lability study. Additional \$ for western slope.	to basin	Not specified.		2009
Generalized Water Supply Modeling including Connecticut Case Study, 2006-2010	Integrating Water Management and Ecological Flow Requirements (including a case study to support CT e- flow standard)	X	X	Mark P. Smith, Colin Apse (TNC); Richard M. Vogel (Tufts U.), Jack Sieber & Brian Joyce (SEI), Stacey A. Archfield (Tufts University/USGS)	2005 law requiring streamflow std based on natural	Quantified tradeoffs btw different water mgmt objectives for storage releases from reservoirs, considering drought mgmt and conservation. Assisted the development of default reservoir release rule to protect aquatic resources statewide.	Generalized (not geographically based) WEAP model takes unregulated flow data and translates proposed environmental flow policies into regulated hydrographs and water availability indicators in relation to reservoir storage ratio.	Analysis using WEAP model and case studies funded by EPA Collaborative Sustainability Network grant \$287,000.	Completed	N/A	See details & papers at: http://cfpub.epa.g ov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/display.abstractDetail/abstract/7546/report/0; obtain EPA Final Report & CT Case Study by request to Mark P. Smith mpsmith@tnc.org	Mar-11
Connecticut River Basin (VT, NH, MA, CT), began in 2008	Connecticut River Basin Sustainable Water Management modeling: includes unimpaired flow simulation and dam operations modeling	X		Kim Lutz, Julie Zimmerman, Colin Apse (TNC); Chris Hatfield, Townsend Barker, John Hickey, Woody Fields, (USACE), Ina Ferguson (Consensus Building Institute), Stacey Archfield (USGS)	multiple dams. To be informed by flow-ecology relationships & target floodplain	Improve basin water management for multiple goals through re-operation of multiple dams. To be informed by flow-ecology relationships & target floodplain restoration sites.	Routing model (John Hickey). Flow synthesis: Modified QPPQ (See Massachusetts, below). Sediment (in selected locations): Dartmouth University NSF grant. Julie Zimmerman (TNC) modeled sub-daily flows to assess hydropower impacts, and constructed flow-ecology relationships using conceptual models and statistical methods.	appropriation to the USACE as of FY10, awaiting FY11-12 appropriations, TNC has secured	assessment complete (2009), simulation model for basin competed (2/2011) model	sites completed, baseline geomorphic study in two tributaries. Elevation, marked and ID'd tree spp along x- sects, soil, water levels,	TNC-generaed documents on http://conserveonline.org/workspaces/ctriver	Mar-11

Magdalena River Basir Colombia. 2010 - Dic 2010	ELOHA to prescribe Jan environmental flows in the Magdalena River basin, Colombia	x	From TNC: Patricia Téllez, Tomas Walschburger, Rebecca Tharme Paulo Petry, Jos Yunis, Juan Carlos González Consultants: Francisco Guerrero Angelica Ramírez, Cesar Cardona, Jaime Moreno, Federicc González, Nelsor Obregón, Eder Cárdenas Cárdenas Cárdenas, Cesar Garay, Juan		Apply ELOHA framework in the Magdalena Basin. Identify pilot watershed to design and implement a monitoring plan; support the Enviromental Ministry to define criteria for implementing the environmental flow regulation law.	Foundation: IHA, statistical analysis using MATLAP; river	Ministry and 92.000 from TNC. (Does not include WEAP	First phase allowed hydrologic characterization, river type classification (23 families of river types). Currently building hypotheses of flow- ecology relationships and "Ecological – flow curves" for each river type.	Not yet		Mar-11
Massachus , 2006-201	etts Several: incl Sustainable Yield Estimator, MA Index Streamflows Guidance, USGS flow- ecology projects		X Colin Apse, Mark Smith, Alison Bowden (TNC); Stacey Archfield, Dave Armstrong (fish), Peter K. Weiskel (USGS); private, fed, state govt & legislature involved.	Initiative, a state-		foundation." Flow data: Modified QPPQ plus water use information. Instream flow goals can be incorporated into SYE. Index streamflow guidance completed. Dave Armstrong (USGS) et al linked fish community data (fluvial fish relative abundance) to percent alteration of August median flow, categorized for watersheds statewide using biological condition gradient approach	resource agencies funded USGS to develop the SYE software, ~\$450,000. Other state funding for flow-ecology investigations and index	and habitat study" (flow and impervious cover) completed 2010; phase 2 of "fish and habitat" (more variables including dams) underway	specific to SWMI; MA DFW has extensive statewide database of fish sampling locations used as baseline, continued annual sampling of fish communities planned	Weiskel et al 2010, USGS SIR 2009–5272 (http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2009/5272 /); Archfield et al 2010, USGS SIR 2009–5227 (http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2009/5227 /); Armstrong et al 2010, USGS OFR 2010–1139 (http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2010/1139/); see also http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eoe easubtopic&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Air %2c+Water+%26+Climate+Chang e&L2=Preserving+Water+Resourc es&L3=Sustainab le+Water+Manag ement&sid=Eoee a	Apr-11
Chiapas, Mexico	Environ-mental flows for Chiapas costal watersheds	Х	Nélida Barajas, Alejandro Hernandez, Manuel Morales, Rebecca Tharme (TNC)	Demonstrate ELOHA in Mexico.	Propose at national level the use of ELOHA to estimate environmental flows, using Chiapas as pilot project	GIS-complete. Hydrological data compilation: obtained daily streamflow data for fifteen sites. Literature compiled	none	GIS developed and information compiled	None specified.		Apr-11

Michigan, 2/28/06 - 7/1/07	Water Withdrawal Assessment Process, Screening Tool, and Impact Assessment Model	X	X	James Nicholas (USGS); Groundwater Conservation	decision making	Withdrawal assessment tool to be used by person proposing large withdrawal to determine adverse impact on water resources. Council translated flow reduction fish population curves for 11 stream types into screening rules.	Streamflow withdrawal (GW & SW), & fish community models linked thru GIS. 11,000 stream segments. "Index" (median August) flow at 132 long-term gages. Index flows for ungaged sites extrapolated from gaged flows and watershed characteristics. Long-term MDNR, UM, and USDA-FS fish-abundance data for ~1,700 sites.	\$500,000 funded by state legislature.	6/08 law passed creating the nation's first eflows management system, which uses flow alteration-ecological response computer application for permitting water withdrawals.	Recommend ed 5-yr model updates; continue & expand flow gaging; begin statewide GW monitoring; measure 5 environment al, 3 economic, 3 social		
Minnesota 2010-11	Developing Ecological Criteria to Support Environ-mental Flow Protections in Minnesota	×	×	Kristen Blann and Phil Gerla (TNC)	ecology relationships to support existing policy and	Phase I: Literature review, flow-ecology hypotheses; research proposals. Phase II: (a) Quantitative flow-ecology analysis; (b) Development of online water withdrawal screening tool; (c) development of integrated land use-water use management tool for pilot watershed/priority landscapes (e) development of white paper on ELOHA for integrated river, lake and wetland systems (lentic ELOHA)	MPCA biological assessment (IBI) database, USGS and MN DNR hydrologic data; plus site-based studies published in literature	\$100K		-	All available online at http://conserveonl ine.org/workspac es/mn-ecohydro/ (click on "files and pages")	Mar-11
15, 2011 -	Instream flow recommen- dations for the Great Lakes Basin of New York and Pennsylvania.	X	X	and Wildlife Research Unit, Cornell U.);	for evaluating ecological impacts of new withdrawals of water from tribs of Lakes Erie and	Stream classification, flow requirements and hypotheses of response to flow alteration based on expert judgment, test hypotheses of flow alteration with existing databases and data from gaged streams, formulate flow recommendations for each stream type, based on expert judgement, final report to DEC	using HIP, literature review and expert judgment to formulate conceptual models of flow requirements, assess degree to which most-disturbed streams differ from least-disturbed using USGS simulations of monthly	RCN grant \$100,000, foundation grants totaling \$80,000 to date, additional foundation grant of \$100,000 supports USGS Streamflow Estimator Tool (SET) work	searching for			Mar-11

Science completed	Great Lakes (GL) Compact Implemen- tation - Ohio Lake Erie (LE) Streams	X	X	John Stark, Anthony Sasson, Adrienne Dziak (TNC), Midwest Biodiversity (Contractors)	Protect low streamflows in the Lake Erie basin as demonstration project for statewide flow protection.	Ensure science- based low-flow protections for Lake Erie Basin, 2) ODNR adoption of hybrid ELOHA Tool, 3) Eventual expansion to Ohio R Basin	classification using state ALU classes and	40,000 Smith Foundation)	Modeling completed, Report in Progress. State workgroup deadlocked on "sensitive" stream protections	Project design and modeling selected to utilize existing state ecological collections (5 yr intervals)	2010	
Oklahoma, Multi-year proposal	Instream flow management for people and nature: a proposal to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board	X	X	Mike Fuhr, Ellen Tejan (TNC), Rachel Esralew (USGS), Jerry Brabander (USFWS), Bill Fisher (OSU). OWRB contracted USACE, which contracted CDM consultants to update the water mgmt plan.	Integrate environmental flow protection into ongoing update to statewide comprehensive water mgmt plan	Stream prioritization for eflow prescriptions; stream classification; flow-ecology relns by class; proposed limits of hydrologic alteration; hydrologic foundation; site-specific eflows for 1-2 rivers; eflow recommendations; eflows method decision tree.	classes: HIP, using gaged "baseline" sites only, combined with fish	\$200,000 private donation for river prioriti-zation. \$75K? from Oklahoma Water Research Resources Institute to Bill Fisher for HIP.	doing HIP. Ellen Tejan left TNC in May or June	None specified.		
Pennsylvania (with Susque- hanna River basin pilot project). Report finished June 2008.	"Developing instream flow criteria to support ecologically sustainable water resource planning and management"	X	X	Michele DePhilip, Colin Apse, Mark Smith, Julie Zimmerman, Ron Ramsey (TNC). USGS- Ft. Collins. Sponsor: PA DEP and PA Instream Flow Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	and costs for statewide flow management. Recommend tools, models, and approaches to improve PA's instream flow protection	Statewide database of index gages and hydrologic classification of streams statewide. Flow alteration - ecological response curves for Susquehanna macroinverts. Major report with reviews, case studies, costs, recommendations. Developed in collaborative process w/ state, fed agencies; basin commissions (TAC)	classification & flow stat selection via HIP w/ USGS (including EFCs) and spatial transfer of classification to ungaged sites by TNC. Statewide withdrawal data and flow statistics from USGS and DEP	Watershed Protection Grant \$109K. SRBC will likely fund ecological flow recommendations for sub-basins.	6/30/08. Five stream types defined, based on 71 hydro stats for 136 relatively unimpaired gage sites. Linear	None specified.		

Pennsylvania, PROPOSAL	Development of Baseline Hydrologic Conditions in Pennsylvania for Sustainable Water Planning and Management	X	Х	Michele DePhilip, Colin Apse, Ron Ramsey (TNC); Curtiss Schreffler, Ed Koerkle (USGS); Susquehanna River Basin Commission.	Develop and implement an approach to synthesizing baseline hydrologic conditions at a daily time scale across Penn.	Identify index gages and method for translating to ungaged sites; implement statewide baseline hydrologic condition estimator; At least 20 years of synthesized daily flow data	Daily unimpaired flow at ungaged sites: probably modified QPPQ. Susquehanna has OASIS and HSPF models.	UPDATE		None specified.		
Potomac River basin ESWM- ELOHA hybrid, non-Coastal Plain Potomac watershed, April 2009 - Feb 2012	Potomac River Watershed Assessment:	X	X	Stephanie Flack (TNC), Carlton Haywood (Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin), Claire O'Neill (USACE- Baltimore District), Rob Burgholzer (VADEQ)	To protect and restore natural, seasonally variable flow regime in the mainstem Potomac and its tributary streams through a basin-wide environmental flows assessment.	Develop empirical flow alteration-ecological response relationships for smaller streams and gather expert input and best judgement towards defining more quantitative large river flow needs for two large tributaries and three large river segments (from Shenandoah confluence through tidal freshwater Potomac).	modification of Chesapeake Bay program v.5 HSPF model, calibrated and refined to model baseline (relatively intact), current, and projected future flows	ICPRB WRDA Sec. 729 Watershed Assessment, with 3:1 fed/non-fed cost-share, and TNC as non-fed cost-share partner. Additional non- Federal cost- share being provided by states in basin including VA, and ICPRB CO-OP	flow alteration- ecological response relationships (curves) beginning to be developed, for expert review and assessment at Nov. 2011 social process workshop.	. As smaller stream flow recs are developed based on social part of ELOHA, biological indicators	documents, including overarching Corps Project Management Plan, large river flow needs report, archived past webinars on	Mar-11

Tennessee River Valley (106,200 km2), Sept 2006- 2010 (4 years)	Require-ments	X	X	Rodney Knight, Brian Gregory, USGS; Sally Palmer (science) and Marie Stringer (govt relns), TNC; Technical Advisory Committee	Develop a tool to estimate fish community health at unmonitored locations throughout the Tennessee River Valley	Conceptual flow-ecology models. Regional prediction model in FORTRAN. Framework for using regional predictor for decision support. Hoping to inform basin-scale water management planning.	HIP used to select 12 hydro variables based on 41 gaged sites statewide. Ecol. Variables = fish IBI + their component measurements fromTVA. Later, inverts for Cumberland Plateau, which lacks fish data. Correlation analysis of hydrological and ecological datasets. Region-of-influence statistical modeling. (OASIS model of Duck River basin)	by TNC and TN with 50/50 USGS match	Found relns betw flow constancy, moderate floods, & recession rates and insectivorous fish community health & struc- ture. Next: develop and test tool to predict flow stats at ungaged sites.	specified.	Knight, R. R., Gregory, M. B., and Wales, A. K. 2008. Relating streamflow characteristics to specialized insectivores in the Tennessee River Valley: a regional approach. Ecohydrology 1:394-407, doi: 10.1002/eco.32.	2009
Vietnam, 8/1/08-7/31/09	Design of National Environ-mental Flows Framework	Х	X	Eloise Kendy, Rebecca Tharme, Brian Richter (TNC); Viet Hoang, Trine Goan (WWF); Dr. Lai and his 3 Vietnamese consultants (Vietnam Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE))	framework to determine eflow needs and integrate them	Recommend tools, models, experts, methodologies, legal reforms, pilot basins for eflow determination and management	Interviews, database research, expert workshop	\$80K from Danida; TNC salary is in-kind contribution. Entire amount was not spent.	Project completed 2009. Lacking a proof- of-concept demonstration project, MoNRE rejected the holistic approach we recommended.	None.	Draft report available upon request from Eloise Kendy, ekendy@tnc.org. See also Richter, B. D. 2009. Rethinking environmental flows: from allocations and reserves to sustainability boundaries. River Research and Applications 22(8):1052-63.	Apr-11
Virginia, (Proposal partially funded 12/2010- 12/2011)	Development of a systems- based approach to integrated watershed monitoring, assessment, protection,and conservation.	X	X	Judy Dunscomb, (TNC) Robert Burgholzer and Scott Kudlas (VDEQ), Don Orth, (VPI) Scott Simon (VDGIF),	Development of transparent, in- stream flow requirements to maximize success in meeting off- stream needs while preserving healthy watersheds	Assess hydrologic alteration, flow-ecology relations by stream class, determine acceptable degree of flow alteration. EPA grant products: flow-ecology hypotheses, and recommendations for streamflows needed to maintain stream health.	VA WOOOMM Model is hydrologic foundation; INSTAR, DGIF, and Heritage Databases provide starting points for biological data. WOOOMM is an integrated web-based hydro modeling and DSS; it can intergrate with HSPF and dynamically link to data from a variety of web sources, including USGS NWIS and NOAA Gridded Precip.	directed to EPA- approved contractor (Tetra Tech) to work with VDEQ and TNC to assemble database and derive ecology flow relationships	Unified biological data base under assembly.	•		Apr-11

Washington State) (12/01/07- 11/30/09)	Ecologically sustainable water mgmt in WA State: Developing flow mgmt tools for watershed planning	X	Julian Olden (UW); Cathy Reidy Liermann; Chris Konrad (TNC/USGS), Tim Beechie (NOAA). Intended users = WA Dept of Ecology, watershed groups.		Stream classification; flow alternation - ecological response relations; state map of flow alteration; environmental flow standards based on flow-ecology relations by stream type. Detailed assessment of one river per class.	Hydrologic classification using Bayesian clustering; spatial extrapolation using a statistical classifier, present-day and predicted future flow classes under scenarios of climate change; geomorphic classification. Biological data: EPA/USGS chinook salmon abundance or survival per life stage, salmon productivity, native fish abundance and diversity, insect and riparian plant biodiversity, and riparian forest regeneration.	seeking additional funding; legislative earmark unsuccessful	Hydrogeomorphi None c classification of specified. WA rivers completed. Ecological data compiled.	Beechie et al 2010 Bioscience 60:209-22; Olden and Naiman 2010 Freshwater Biology 55:86- 107; Gao et al 2009 J. Hydrology 374:136-147; Reidy Liermann et al in press.	Apr-11
Western United States (Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2011)	Predicting relative risk of invasion by saltcedar and mud snails in river networks under different scenarios of climate change and dam opera- tions in the western US	X	LeRoy Poff, Brian Bledsoe, Denis Dean (CSU); David Purkey (SEI), Jonathan Friedman, Greg Auble, Pat Shafroth (USGS); David Merritt (USDA-FS); David Raff (BuRec); David Lytle (OSU)	framework for evaluating the relative risk of invasive species spread and dominance due to	Model to predict saltcedar, mudsnail distribution; dams + downscaled GCM (12x12km) to predict future daily streamflow; model future saltcedar, mudsnail distribution under climate change. 25,000-mi2 pilot basins.		EPA Star Grant EPA-A-G2007- STAR-H1 \$599,748	Year 1: Collect GIS data for species occurrence and WEAP model; acquire GCM data, downscale to western US; identify WEAP model region.		2008