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Fish Passage at Hydropower Dams 2.0

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Hydropower dams represent barriers for animal movement, in both the upstream and downstream directions. For instance, fish can be blocked or delayed during their spawning migration and can be subjected to injury or death when passing turbines, spillways, or bypasses during their downstream migration, resulting in cumulative negative impacts on individual and population levels.

Fish-friendly turbines, collection systems, sensory barriers, mechanical and behavioral barriers, physical barriers, and fish-friendly operations are widely known technological concepts that can be implemented to mitigate the negative impacts of hydropower dams by protecting and guiding fish that are migrating downstream. Compared to downstream fish passage technologies, upstream fish passage technologies are well advanced but still need to be adapted for multi-species of different biomechanical requirements and attraction flow at the entrance [...]

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