FLOOD-FREQUENCY ANALYSIS FOR THE COLVILLE RIVER NORTH SLOPE, ALASKA

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Colville River is located on the north slope of Alaska (Appendix B, Figure 1). Its drainage basin covers an area on the order of 20,670 square miles, making it the largest river on the North Slope. Portions of the drainage basin are contained within three physiographic regions: the Brooks Range, Foothills, and Coastal Plain.

Understanding the flooding regime of the Colville River Delta is critical to the design and placement of potential oil field facilities. Despite the numerous studies conducted on the delta, there is no long-term record of discharge or water surface elevations. This study uses seven years of peak discharge data collected at the head of the delta and data from two nearby rivers (the Kuparuk and Sagavanirktok rivers) to estimate the flood magnitude and frequency of the Colville River. The adopted flood frequency relationship for the Colville River is presented in Table 3 (Appendix A).

2.0 METHODS

Three methods of estimating the flood-frequency relationship on the Colville River were considered. Each method represents a commonly used means of estimating flood frequency relationships within Alaska, and is briefly described below.

2.1 Method A: Single Station Flood Frequency Analysis

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Based on observations made at the head of the Colville River Delta, approximately 1 mile downstream from the confluence of the Itkillik River, annual flood peak discharges were estimated for the years 1962, 1977, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 (ABR, 1996 and Shannon & Wilson, 1996). Using the seven years of flood peak estimates, a single-station flood-frequency analysis was performed. Details of the method, a list of the data used, and the results of the analysis are presented in Appendix C.

2.2 Method B: USGS Regression Equation Estimate

Estimates of flood magnitude and frequency were made using regional regression equations developed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) (Jones and Fahl, 1994). The equations were adjusted to reflect the annual flood peak experience on the Kuparuk, Sagavanirktok, and Putuligayuk rivers. Details of the method, a list of the data used, and the results are presented in Appendix D.

2.3 Method C: Extrapolation Of Colville River Record Based On Similar Rivers

This method involves extrapolating the flood peak data that have been collected on the Colville River, based on the flood peak data that have been collected on another river with a longer record length. In order for the longer record-length station to be of value, it must be hydrologically similar to the short record-length station (i.e. the Colville River), and there must be annual flood peak data for both stations in at least some of the same years. A relationship is then developed between the flood peak discharge on the short record-length basin and the flood peak discharge on the long record-length basin. Using the relationship, and the data from the long record-length station, flood peaks are estimated for the years in which data are not available for the short record-length station. A single station flood frequency analysis is then conducted based on the extrapolated flood peak record.

The availability of annual peak discharge information on the north slope of Alaska is limited (Appendix A, Table 1). There are only five sites that have drainage basins larger than 1,000 square miles (the Colville River basin is 20,670 square miles in size). In order to extend the flood peak record on the Colville River, it is desirable to use a site in which the flood peak record overlaps the Colville River flood peak record in at least 5 or 6 years. It is also desirable to use a site with a total record length of at least twice the Colville River record.

Only one of the drainage basins larger than 1,000 square miles, the Kuparuk River, has a record length of more than 14 years (Appendix A, Table 1). However, there are two sites on the Sagavanirktok River that have drainage basins in excess of 1,000 square miles and which can be combined to yield a total record length of 23 years: near Pump Station 3 and near Sagwon. Also, data were collected on both the Kuparuk and Sagavanirktok rivers in 6 of the same years it was collected on the Colville River. Thus, the flood peak data collected on the Kuparuk and Sagavanirktok rivers are most likely to provide a meaningful extrapolation of the flood peak record on the Colville River.

Although the Firth River is over 1,000 square miles in size, there are only 12 years of data available on the Firth River. Additionally, only one of those years corresponds to a year in which flood peak data were collected on the Colville River. Therefore, extrapolation of the flood peak record on the Colville River would have to be based on only one year of comparative discharges. For this reason, the Firth River data were not used in this analysis.

In terms of the size of the drainage area, the mean basin elevation, the percent of basin covered with lakes, and the mean annual precipitation, the Kuparuk River basin is somewhat more similar to the Colville River basin than the Sagavanirktok River basin (Appendix B, Figure 2). The Kuparuk River basin may also be more similar to the Colville River basin in terms of the mechanism (i.e. snowmelt, rainfall, or rain on snow) which produces the annual peak discharge.

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Based on past experience and the size of the Colville River drainage basin, we expect that the annual peak discharge on the Colville River will normally be a spring breakup event. We believe that the mechanism producing the event is normally snowmelt and, in some years, possibly rain on snow. We believe that this is also true of the Kuparuk River. Of the 26 years of record on the Kuparuk River, the annual peak discharge has occurred prior to June 15 in every year but one. In 1992, the annual peak discharge occurred on August 28 and was clearly the result of rainfall. Of the 23 years of record on the Sagavanirktok River, the annual peak discharge occurred prior to June 15 in only 9 of the years. At least 12 of the annual peak discharges were clearly produced by rainfall. However, the largest peak discharge of record was probably produced by snowmelt at both the Kuparuk River and the Sagavanirktok River stream gaging sites.

Another consideration is the physiographic regions within which the basins are located (Appendix B, Figures 1 and 2). Portions of the Colville River drainage basin are located in each of the three physiographic regions: the Coastal Plain, Foothills, and Brooks Range. Both the Sagavanirktok and the Kuparuk River basins are located in only two of the three physiographic regions, each in a different pair of regions. Thus, both basins are partially similar to the Colville River basin. However, based on physiographic regions, neither basin is clearly more similar to the Colville river than the other basin.

For this reason two separate analyses were conducted. The first analysis involved extending the Colville River peak discharge record based on the peak discharge data collected on the Kuparuk River. A single-station flood-frequency analysis was performed using 7 years of peak-discharge data collected at the head of the Colville River Delta, and 20 years of peak discharge values extrapolated from observations on the Kuparuk River. Details of the method, a list of the data used, and the results are presented in Appendix E.

The second analysis involved extending the Colville River peak discharge record based on the peak discharge data collected on the Sagavanirktok River. A single-station flood-frequency analysis was performed using 7 years of peak-discharge data collected at the head of the Colville

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River Delta, and 17 years of peak discharge values extrapolated from observations on the Sagavanirktok River. Details of the method, a list of the data used, and the results are presented in Appendix F.

To develop the final flood-peak-frequency relationship for the Colville River, a weighted average of the two sets of results was used. The weighting factors were based on the percentage of the drainage basin in each of the Brooks Range and Foothills physiographic regions (Appendix B, Figure 3). These two physiographic regions were used to compute the weighting factor because it is felt that the flood peaks on the Colville River are primarily generated as a result of conditions within these two regions. Based on the weighting factors, the weighted flood peak estimates were computed as follows.

$$Q_w = (a) (Q_k) + (b) (Q_s)$$

Where:

 Q_w = weighted Colville River flood peak estimate for the T-year event;

a = the weighting factor for the Colville River flood peak estimate based on the extended data set developed from the Kuparuk River data;

$$Q_k$$
 = Colville River flood peak estimate for the T-year event, based on the extended data set developed from the Kuparuk River data;

b = the weighting factor for the Colville River flood peak estimate based on the extended data set developed from the Sagavanirktok River data; and

Q_s = Colville River flood peak estimate for the T-year event, based on the extended data set developed from the Kuparuk River data.

2.4 Expected Probability

All of the single-station flood-frequency analyses presented in this report make use of the guidelines established by the Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data (1982) for the preparation of single-station flood-frequency analyses. All of the analyses also make use of the expected probability adjustment. It has been shown by Beard (1974) that the log-Pearson type

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III distribution with a weighted skew coefficient underestimates the average exceedance probability associated with a specified flow. It has also been shown that use of the expected probability adjustment, in combination with the log-Pearson type III distribution and a weighted skew coefficient, produces an unbiased estimate of the average exceedance probability associated with a specified flow (Beard, 1974). The need for the expected probability adjustment was recognized by the Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data (1982) and is discussed in Appendices 11 and 14 of Bulletin 17B. A brief explanation of expected probability is presented in Appendix G.

3.0 RESULTS

Three methods of estimating the flood-frequency relationship on the Colville River were considered. Each method is briefly discussed below. A summary of the computations associated with Methods A and B is presented in Appendices C and D, respectively. A summary of the computations associated with Method C is presented in Appendices E and F. The results from Method C are adopted as the design flood-frequency relationship for the Colville River. A summary of the results from Methods A and C is presented in Table 2 (Appendix A), and the design flood-frequency relationship for the Colville River A).

3.1 Method A: Single Station Flood Frequency Analysis

Method A involves the development of a flood-frequency relationship based on the flood peak data that are available for the Colville River at the head of the delta. However, it should be noted that only 7 years of annual flood-peak discharges are available with which to estimate the flood-frequency relationship. Particularly in situations where less than 10 years of data are available, it is often considered prudent to develop the final flood-peak-frequency relationship based on more than one method of estimating the relationship. Often a weighted average of the results from the single-station frequency analysis and another method are used. Another commonly used method is to extend the available data based on a similar nearby stream. Extension of the available data, based on a nearby stream, is the approach referred to as Method C in this report.

The data used and the computations conducted for Method A are presented in Appendix C. A summary of the results is presented in Table 2 (Appendix A). The results of the analysis compare favorably with the other methods for return periods of 50-years or less. For return periods of greater than 50-years the base curve compares favorably with the other estimates, but the expected probability estimate is considerably higher. This is to be expected because of the short record length. As more data become available, the confidence limits on the single station frequency analysis will become closer to the base curve estimate and the expected probability estimate will more closely approach the base curve estimate.

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Although the results from Method A generally compare favorably with the results from the other methods, it is felt that Method C produced the most reliable estimate. The Method A results were not weighted with the results from the two data extension analyses used to produce the Method C results, because the data used in Method A were used in the two data extension analyses used to produce the Method C results.

3.2 Method B: USGS Regression Equation Estimate

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Method B involves the use of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) regional regression equations (Jones and Fahl, 1994) that have been developed for the estimation of flood peak discharge on watersheds for which little or no flood peak data exist. As discussed in Appendix D, the quality of the estimates produced with the USGS equations was checked against the single-station flood-frequency relationships developed for several long-term discharge measurement sites on the North Slope. Based on the single-station flood-frequency relationships for the Kuparuk, Sagavanirktok, and Putuligayuk rivers, the USGS regression equations significantly underestimate the flood peak discharge (Appendix D, Table D-1). Additionally, the magnitude of the adjustment factor that was required to increase the regression equation estimate to a value equal to the single-station expected- probability flood-peak estimate varied considerably from one basin to the next (Appendix D, Table D-1), and had a range of from 1.3 to 5.0.

The peak discharge estimates for the Colville River based on the original regression equations, and the regression equations adjusted with the factors computed from the Kuparuk, Sagavanirktok, and Putuligayuk rivers, are presented in Table D-2 (Appendix D). The peak discharge estimates based on the original regression equations, and the regression equations adjusted based on the Sagavanirktok and Putuligayuk river data, appear to be unrealistically low. For example, based on these methods, the 100-year flood is estimated to be on the order of 151,000 to 248,000 cfs. Of the 7 years of flood-peak data collected on the Colville River, a discharge of 151,000 cfs has been exceeded every year, and a discharge of 248,000 cfs has been exceeded twice (Appendix C, Table C-1). In addition, the antilog of the mean of the logs of the 7 years of Colville River data is approximately 233,000 cfs. Therefore, we might expect

the 2-year peak discharge, not the 100-year peak discharge, to be on the order of 200,000 to 250,000 cfs.

The results of the regression equations which were adjusted based on the Kuparuk River data appear to be similar to the results obtained with at least one of the other methods (Appendix A, Table 2). However, because of the large variation in the results obtained using the various adjustment factors and the magnitude of the Kuparuk River adjustment factor, the results of Method C are considered more reliable and will be used to produce the final flood-frequency relationship for the Colville River.

3.3 Method C: Extrapolation Of Colville River Record Based On Similar Rivers

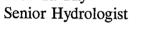
Method C involves extrapolating the flood peak data that have been collected on the Colville River, based on the flood peak data that have been collected at two other rivers with longer record lengths: the Kuparuk River and the Sagavanirktok River. A discussion of the data and the single-station flood-frequency relationship developed from extrapolating the Colville River flood-peak record based on the Kuparuk River flood-peak record is presented in Appendix E. A discussion of the data and the single-station flood-frequency relationship developed from extrapolating the Colville River flood-peak record based on the Sagavanirktok River flood peak record is presented in Appendix F. Because both the Kuparuk and the Sagavanirktok River basins are partially similar to the Colville River basin (see Section 2.3), the adopted flood-peak frequency relationship for the Colville is based on a weighted average of the two analyses. The weighting factors are based on the percentage of the Sagavanirktok and Kuparuk river drainage basins that are contained within the Brooks Range and Foothills physiographic regions. As shown in Figure 3 (Appendix A) the weighting factor associated with the estimate based on an extension of the Kuparuk River data is 0.65. The weighting factor associated with the estimate based on an extension of the Sagavanirktok River data is 0.35. The results of the analyses are summarized in Table 2 (Appendix A), and the adopted flood-peak frequency relationship is summarized in Table 3 (Appendix A). For the adopted flood-peak frequency relationship the discharge estimates were rounded to two significant figures.

4.0 LIMITATIONS

The analyses, recommendations, and conclusions contained in this report are based on the information and data available, and the state-of-the-practice of hydrology, at the time this report was prepared. If additional information or data become available prior to the start of work on the project, we recommend that this report be reviewed to determine the applicability of the conclusions and recommendations considering the new information and/or data.

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APPENDIX A TABLES

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Table 2:	Summary Of Colville River Flood-Frequency Analyses
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		Drainage	Record	Danied Of		Foothills	Plain	Precip- itation	Ponds	Elevation	Caused By
		Area	Length	Period Of	Range						Snowmelt
		(sq. miles)	(years)	Record	(%)	(%)	(%)	(inches)	(%)	(feet)	
Colville River	[1]	20,670	7	[1]	26	64	10	13	3	2,000	100
Kuparuk River	[2]	3,130	26	1971-1996	0	39	61	9	2	9,000	96
Sagavanirktok River											1.5
Near Sagwon	[2]	2,208	11 [3]	1969-1979				22	0	3,220	45
Firth River Near Mouth Near				1972-1973,							
Herschel YT	[2]	2,200	12	1975-1984				18	0	2,630	83
Sagavanirktok River											
Near Pump Station 3	[2]	1,860	14	1983-1996	78	22	0	22	1	3,580	26
Putuligayuk River Near				1970-1980,							
Deadhorse	[2]	176	25	1982-1995							
Kuparuk Trib 1	[3]	92.3	6	1979-1984							
Sakonowyak Creek	[3]	49.5	7	1978-1984							
East Creek	[3]	43.4	7	1978-1984							
Happy Creek at Happy Valley											
Camp Near Sagwon	[2]	34.5	24	1972-1995							1
Atigun River Tributary											
Near Pump Station 4	[2]	32.6	20	1976-1995							
Sagavanirktok River Tributary						· · ·					
Near Pump Station 3	[2]	28.4	17	1979-1995				1			
Ugnuravik River	[3]	26.9	7	1978-1984							
East Kalubik Creek	[3]	25.4	4	1981-1984							
Kalubik Creek	[3]	17.1	4	1981-1984					<u> </u>		
Sagavanirktok River Tributary				1986,							
Near Deadhorse	[2]	12	9	1988-1995			1	1	1		
Nunavak Creek Near Barrow	[2]		24	1972-1995							
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Table 1: Drainage Basin Characteristics For The Colville River And Other North Slope Rivers

Notes:

1. Discharge data have been collected in 1962 by Arnborg et al. (1966), in 1977 by the U.S. Geological Survey, in 1992 by Arctic Hydrologic Consultants (Jorgenson et al. 1993), and in 1993, 1995, and 1996 by Shannon & Wilson, Inc.

2. Discharge data have been collected by the U.S. Geological Survey.

3. Discharge data have been collected by Peratrovich, Nottingham, & Drage, Inc. (1984).

4. There are 11 years of instantaneous peak discharge data, but only 8 years of average daily peak discharge data for the Sagavanirktok River near Sagwon.

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	Discharge (cfs)						
	Method A	Method A Method B Metho					
	Single- Station Frequency Analysis Based On Seven Years Of Colville River Data (Column 1)	USGS Regression Estimate Based On Kuparuk River Adjustment Factor (Column 2)	Single- Station Frequency Analysis Based On Extension Of Colville River Data Using Kuparuk River Data (Column 3)	Single- Station Frequency Analysis Based On Extension Of Colville River Data Using Sagavanirktok River Data (Column 4)	Weighted Average Of Analyses Using Kuparuk And Sagavanirktok River Data (Column 5) ¹		
2-Year Base Curve	225,000		256,000	216,000	242,000		
2-Year Expected Probability	225,000	247,000	256,000	216,000	242,000		
5-Year Base Curve	317,000		403,000	288,000	363,000		
5-Year Expected Probability	336,000	339,000	409,000	292,000	368,000		
10-Year Base Curve	387,000		510,000	343,000	452,000		
10-Year Expected Probability	438,000	402,000	526,000	352,000	465,000		
25-Year Base Curve	485,000		656,000	418,000	573,000		
25-Year Expected Probability	632,000	494,000	695,000	441,000	606,000		
50-Year Base Curve	567,000		773,000	480,000	670,000		
50-Year Expected Probability	851,000	566,000	837,000	520,000	726,000		
100-Year Base Curve	655,000		896,000	547,000	774,000		
100-Year Expected Probability	1,190,000	645,000	997,000	612,000	862,000		
200-Year Base Curve	752,000		1,020,000	619,000	880,000		
200-Year Expected Probability	1,750,000	732,000	1,180,000	720,000	1,020,000		
500-Year Base Curve	893,000		1,210,000	725,000	1,040,000		
500-Year Expected Probability	3,030,000	860,000	1,450,000	896,000	1,260,000		
Notes: 1. This column is based on the	e weighted aver	age of the resul	ts in columns 3	and 4.			

Table 2:	Summary Of	Colville Ri	ver Flood-Freque	ency Analyses
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Return Period	Design Flood Peak Discharge (cfs)
2-Year	240,000
5-Year	370,000
10-Year	470,000
25-Year	610,000
50-Year	730,000
100-Year	860,000
200-Year	1,000,000
500-Year	1,300,000

Table 3: Design Flood-Frequency Relationship

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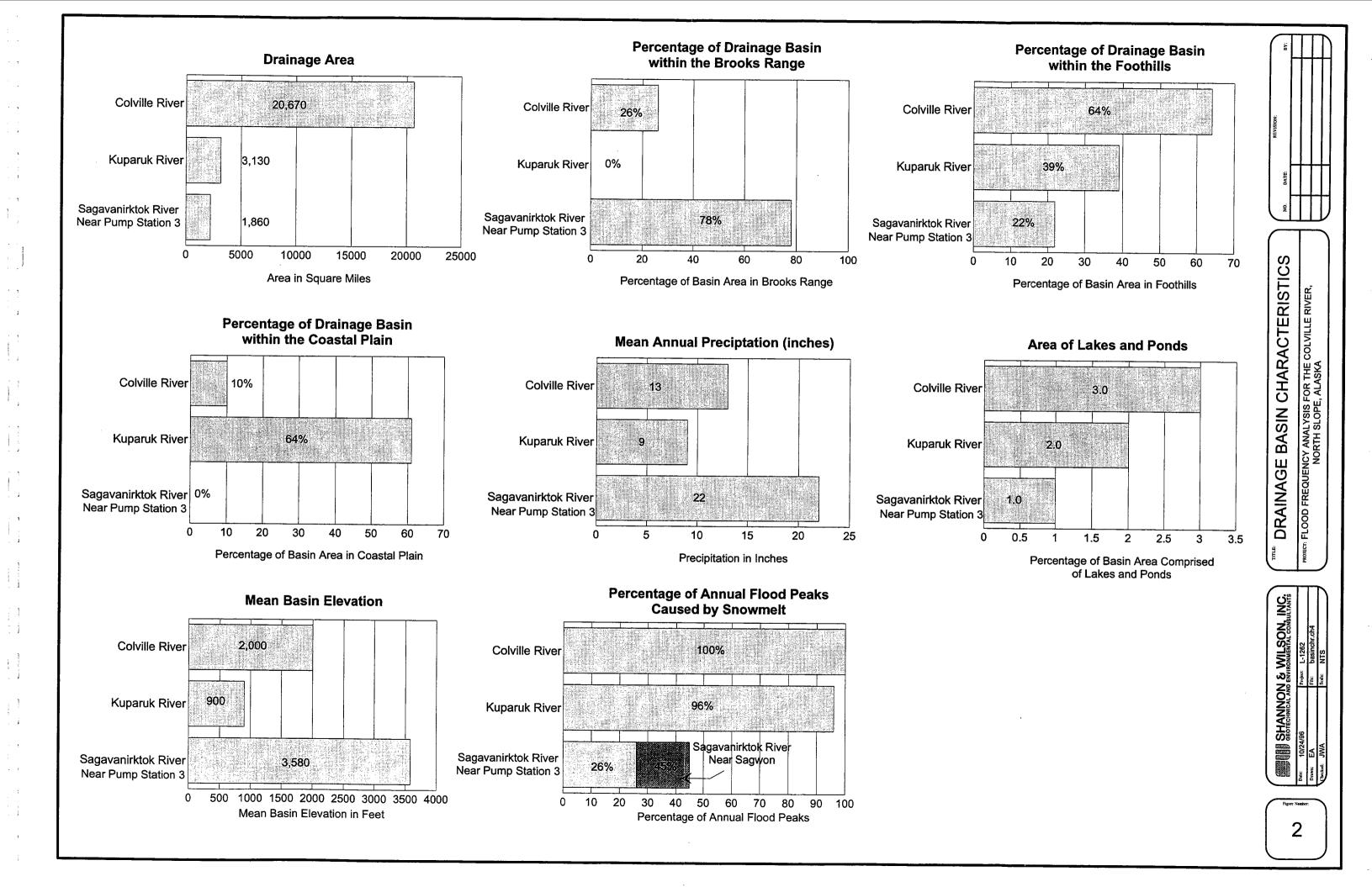
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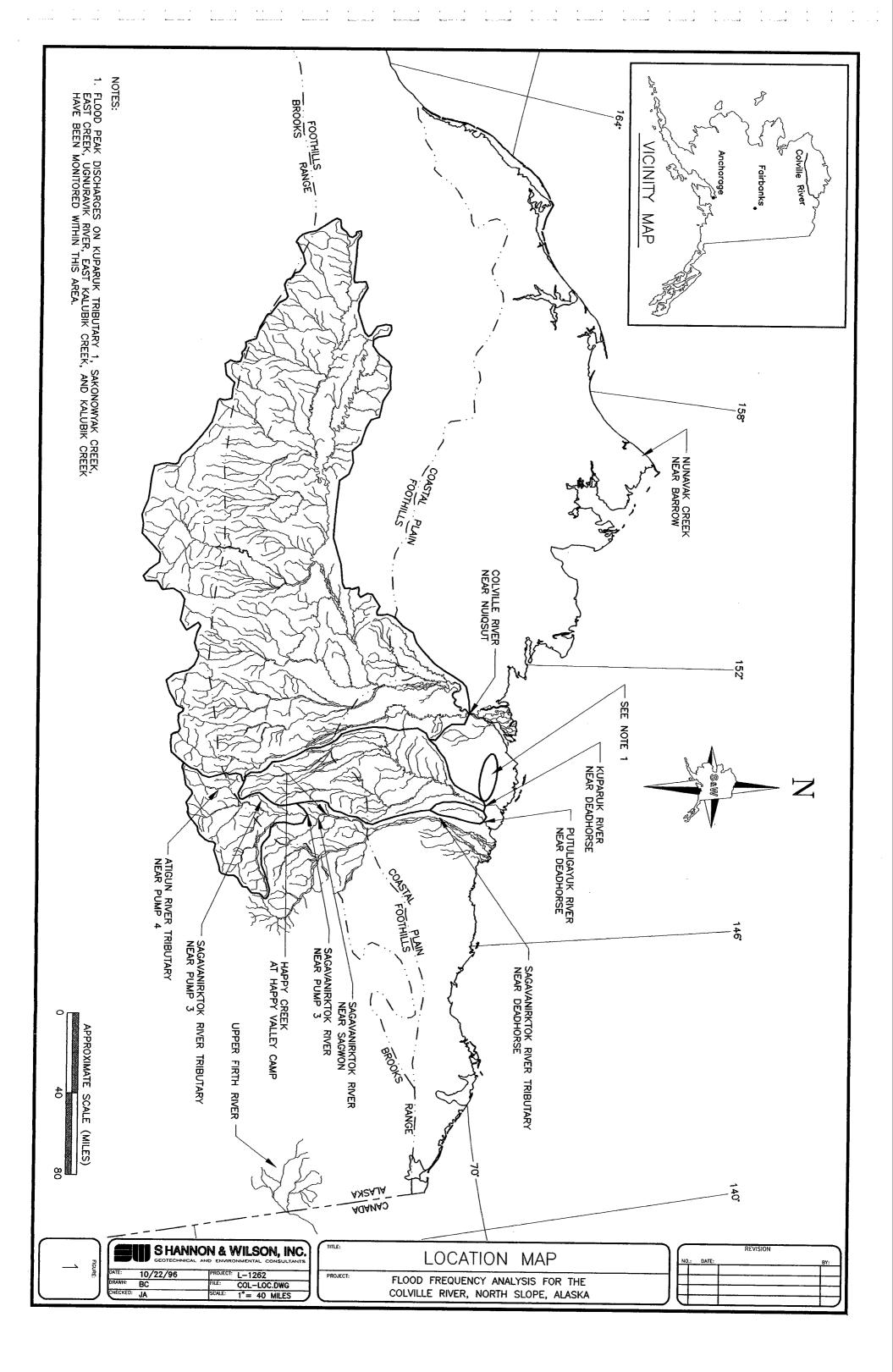
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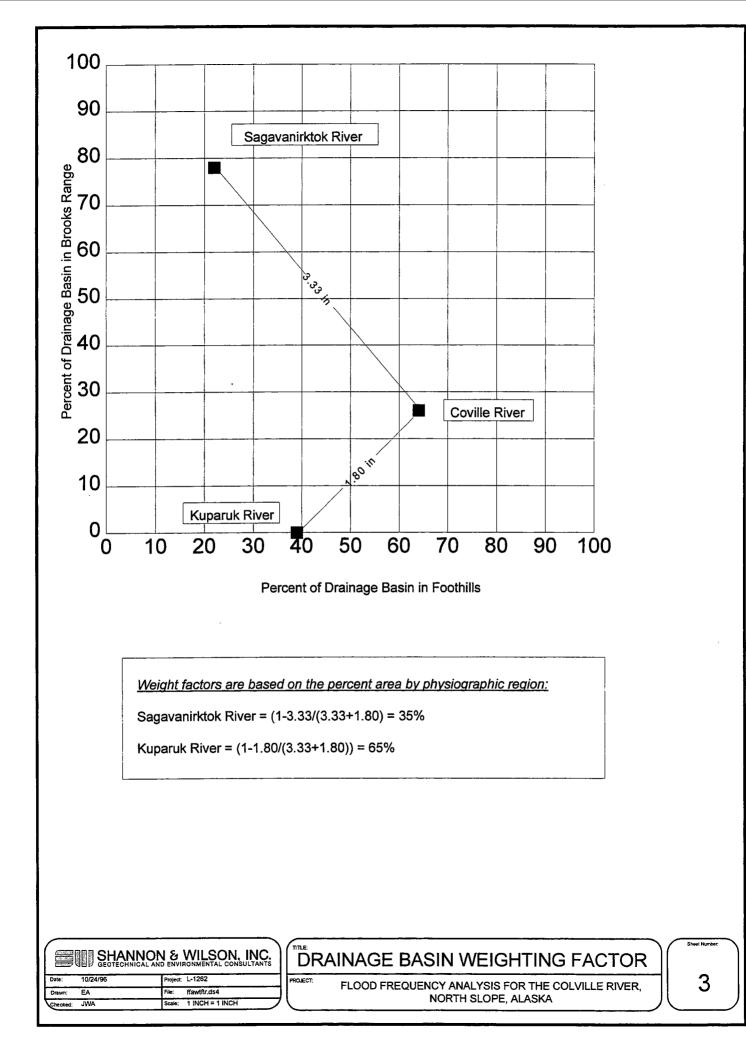
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APPENDIX C SINGLE-STATION FLOOD-FREQUENCY RELATIONSHIP FOR THE COLVILLE RIVER AT THE HEAD OF THE DELTA

Methods And Results

A single-station flood-frequency analysis was performed using the 7 years of peak-discharge data collected at the head of the delta on the Colville River, approximately 1 mile downstream from the confluence of the Itkillik River (Table C-1). The analysis was based on the methods developed by the Interagency Advisory Committee On Water Data (1982). Both the generalized skew (0.13) and the standard error of the generalized skew (1.15), used to produce a weighted skew for the flood-frequency analysis, were taken from the data presented for Region 3 by Jones and Fahl (1994). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Flood Frequency Program HEC-FFA (USACE, 1992) was used to perform the computations. The results of the analysis are presented in Table C-2, and are discussed in Section 3.1.

Year	Annual Peak Discharge (cfs)	Source of Data
1996	160,000	1
1995	233,000	2
1994	159,000	2
1993	379,000	2
1992	188,000	2
1977	407,000	2
1962	215,000	2

Table C-1:	Summary Of Annual Peak Discharge Data For The Colville River At The Head
	Of The Delta

Source of Data:

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 Table C-2:
 Colville River Flood-Frequency Analysis Based On Seven Years Of Data

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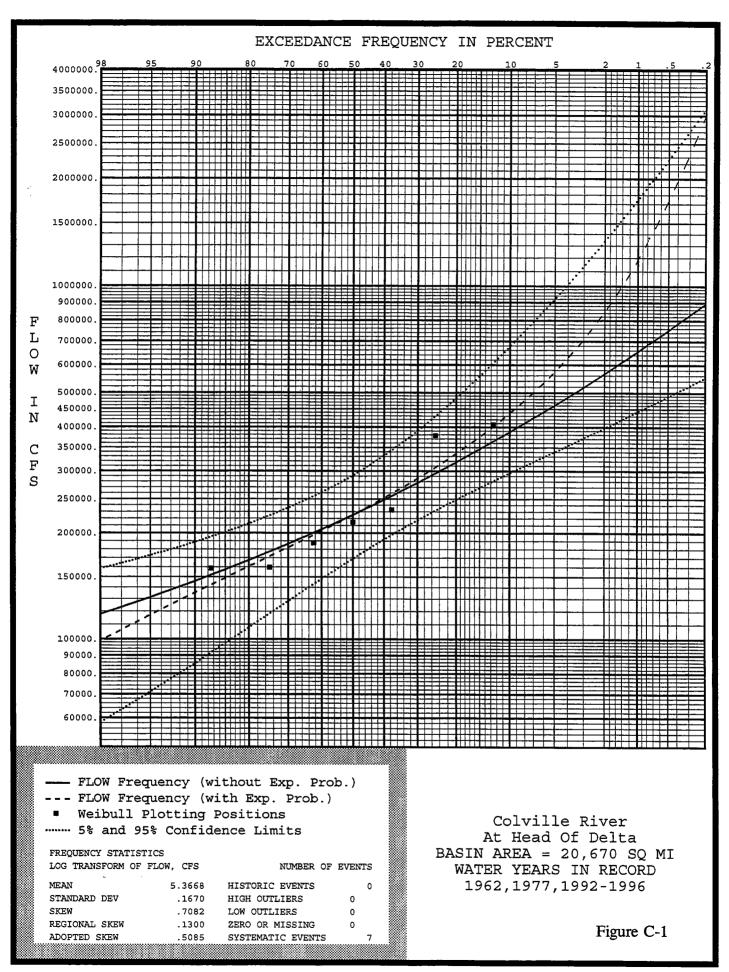
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APPENDIX D

FLOOD-FREQUENCY ANALYSIS BASED ON THE USGS REGRESSION EQUATIONS WITH ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FROM THE KUPARUK, SAGAVANIRKTOK, AND PUTULIGAYUK RIVERS

Method

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Flood peak estimates for the Colville River at the head of the delta were made using regional regression equations developed by Jones and Fahl (1994) for Area 3. Area 3 includes portions of South-central, Interior, and Northwest regions of Alaska, as well as the North Slope. The regression equations were modified to reflect the annual flood peaks experienced on the Kuparuk, Sagavanirktok, and Putuligayuk rivers. The modification was in the form of adjustment factors, which were applied to the original regression equations. A different adjustment factor was developed for each equation. Thus, the flood peak estimates are the result of the product of the adjustment factors and the original regression equations.

The regression equations used to estimate possible flood-frequency-discharge relationships for the Colville River are as follows.

Where:

 Q_T = design discharge for the T-year event, AF_T = adjustment factor for the T-year event, A = drainage area in square miles,

- P = mean annual precipitation in inches,
- ST = area of lakes and ponds as a percent of the total drainage basin area, and

E = mean basin elevation in feet.

Note that the bracketed portion of the above equations represents the original Area 3 regional regression equation developed by Jones and Fahl (1994).

Three sets of adjustment factors were developed based on flood-peak data from each of three Arctic rivers: the Kuparuk (USGS Station 15896000), Sagavanirktok (USGS Stations 15910000 and 15910800), and Putuligayuk (USGS Station 15896700) rivers. The adjustment factors (AF_T) were computed using the following equation.

$$AF_{T} = Q_{ST}/Q_{RT}$$

Where:

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- Q_{ST} = the expected probability discharge estimate for the T-year event, based on a single-station flood-frequency analysis using available annual flood peak data, and
- Q_{RT} = the discharge estimate for the T-year event estimated using the regional regression equations developed by Jones and Fahl.

The single-station flood-frequency analyses for each of the three rivers were conducted using methods developed by the Interagency Advisory Committee On Water Data (1982), and are presented in Tables D-4, D-6, and D-8. All discharges used in the analyses were annual instantaneous peak discharges. Because structures will ultimately be constructed based on the discharge estimates, the flood-frequency relationships used to develop the adjustment factors were based on the expected probability associated with an event of a given magnitude, rather than the computed probability associated with an event of an average magnitude.

Peak discharge data for the Sagavanirktok River have been collected, by the USGS, at two locations. Between 1969 and 1979 data were collected near Sagwon (basin area = 2208 mi^2).

Between 1983 and 1996 data were collected near Pump Station 3 (basin area = 1860 mi^2). To provide as much data as possible for use in the single-station frequency analysis, the data from the Sagwon site were extrapolated to the Pump Station 3 site, using the following equation.

$$Q_{PS3} = Q_{S} * (Area_{PS3} / Area_{S})^{0.833}$$

Where:

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 Q_{PS3} = the discharge for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3,

 Q_s = the discharge for the Sagavanirktok River near Sagwon,

Area _{PS3} = the drainage area for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3 (1860 mi²), and

Area $_{s}$ = the drainage area for the Sagavanirktok River near Sagwon (2208 mi²).

The basis for this relationship is discussed in Appendix F. The data collected at both the Sagwon and Pump Station 3 sites, and the data used in the single-station frequency analysis for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3 are presented in Table D-3.

The USGS regional regression equation computations for each of the three rivers, used in developing the adjustment factors, are presented in Tables D-5, D-7, and D-9. The drainage basin characteristics for the three rivers are summarized in Table 1 (Appendix A).

To estimate the flood-frequency-discharge relationship for the Colville River at the head of the delta, the regional regression equations were then applied to the Colville River using each set of adjustment factors. These analyses are presented in Tables C-10 through C-13. The Colville River drainage basin area (20,670 sq mi), the mean basin elevation (2,000 ft), and the percent of the Colville River drainage basin covered by lakes and ponds (3 percent) were estimated based on USGS topographic maps. Plate 2 contained within the report prepared by Jones and Fahl (1994), and titled *A Map Showing Mean Annual Precipitation Contours*, was used to estimate the mean annual precipitation for the basin (13 inches).

Results

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A summary of the flood-frequency relationships for the three rivers, estimated using both the single-station frequency analysis and the regional regression equations, is presented in Table D-1. The adjustment factors computed using the Sagavanirktok and the Putuligayuk river data are similar in magnitude, ranging from 1.3 to 1.9 based on the Sagavanirktok River and from 1.5 to 2.3 based on the Putuligayuk River. However, the adjustment factors computed using the Kuparuk River data are considerably larger, ranging from 3.4 to 5.0.

The peak discharge estimates for the Colville River based on the original regression equations, and the regression equations adjusted with the factors computed from the Kuparuk, Sagavanirktok, and Putuligayuk rivers, are presented in Table D-2. The peak discharge estimates based on the original regression equations, and the regression equations adjusted with the factors calculated from the Sagavanirktok and Putuligayuk rivers, appear to be unrealistically low when compared to the available data. The results of the regression equations which were adjusted based on the Kuparuk River data appear to be similar to the results obtained with at least one of the other methods (Appendix A, Table 1). However, because of the large variation in the results obtained using the various adjustment factors, and the magnitude of the Kuparuk River adjustment factor, the USGS regional regression equations were not used to estimate the final flood-frequency-discharge relationship for the Colville River.

| | Ku | Kuparuk River Sagavanirktok River | | | | | Putuligayuk River | | | | | | | |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Peak Discha | rge (cfs) | | Peak Discha | rge (cfs) | | Peak Discha | | | | | | | |
| | Based On | Based On | | Based On | Based On | | Based On | Based On | | | | | | |
| Return | Single-Station | USGS | | Single-Station | USGS | | Single-Station | USGS | | | | | | |
| Period | Frequency | Regression | Adjustment | Frequency | Regression | Adjustment | Frequency | Regression | Adjustment | | | | | |
| (years) | Analysis | Equations | Factor | Analysis | Equations | Factor | Analysis | Equations | Factor | | | | | |
| 2 | 45000 | 13200 | 3.409 | 16400 | 13100 | 1.252 | 3130 | 1380 | 2.268 | | | | | |
| 5 | 70700 | 20300 | 3.483 | 23800 | 18300 | 1.301 | 4570 | 2340 | 1.953 | | | | | |
| 10 | 89800 | 24900 | 3.606 | 29200 | 21500 | 1.358 | 5510 | 3020 | 1.825 | | | | | |
| 25 | 117000 | 30600 | 3.824 | 36800 | 25500 | 1.443 | 6680 | 3950 | 1.691 | | | | | |
| 50 | 139000 | 34400 | 4.041 | 43100 | 28000 | 1.539 | 7540 | 4620 | 1.632 | | | | | |
| 100 | 163000 | 38200 | 4.267 | 50100 | 30500 | 1.643 | 8410 | 5330 | 1.578 | | | | | |
| 200 | 190000 | 41500 | 4.578 | 57700 | 32600 | 1.770 | 9270 | 5980 | 1.550 | | | | | |
| 500 | 229000 | 46100 | 4.967 | 69300 | 35600 | 1.947 | 10400 | 6890 | 1.509 | | | | | |

 Table D-1: Comparison Of Flood-Peak-Discharge Estimates Based On USGS Regression Equations And

 Single-Station Frequency Analyses For The Kuparuk, Sagavanirktok, And Putuligayuk Rivers

Notes:

1. Peak discharges based on the single-station frequency analyses are expected probability discharges.

2. The Adjustment Factor for the Sagavanirktok River is based on data collected near Sagwon and near Pump Station 3.

The Sagwon station data were extrapolated to the station near Pump Station 3 based on the function:

Q near Pump Station 3 = Q near Sagwon * $(1860/2208)^{\circ}0.883$.

| Table D-2 : | Summary Of Flood-Peak-Discharge Estimates For The Colville River Based On The USGS |
|-------------|--|
| | Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From The Kuparuk, Sagavanirktok, And |
| | Putuligayuk Rivers |

| | | | | Colville River Peak Discharge (cfs) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | Adjustment Factors | | Based on the USGS Regression Equations | | | | |
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Sagavanirktok
River | With
Adjustment
Factors Based On
Putuligayuk River | |
| 2 | 3.409 | 1.252 | 2.268 | 72,500 | 247,000 | 90,700 | 164,000 | |
| 5 | 3.483 | 1.301 | 1.953 | 97,400 | 339,000 | 127,000 | 190,000 | |
| 10 | 3.606 | 1.358 | 1.825 | 112,000 | 402,000 | 152,000 | 204,000 | |
| 25 | 3.824 | 1.443 | 1.691 | 129,000 | 494,000 | 187,000 | 219,000 | |
| 50 | 4.041 | 1.539 | 1.632 | 140,000 | 566,000 | 216,000 | 229,000 | |
| 100 | 4.267 | 1.643 | 1.578 | 151,000 | 645,000 | 248,000 | 238,000 | |
| 200 | 4.578 | 1.770 | 1.550 | 160,000 | 732,000 | 283,000 | 248,000 | |
| 500 | 4.967 | 1.947 | 1.509 | 173,000 | 860,000 | 337,000 | 261,000 | |
| Note: | | | | | | | | |

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Note:

1. The Adjustment Factor for the Sagavanirktok River is based on data collected near Sagwon and near Pump Station 3.

The Sagwon station data were extrapolated to the station near Pump Station 3 based on the function:

Q nr Pump Station 3 = Q nr Sagwon * (1860/2208)^0.883.

| | Annual Peak Discharge (cfs) [1] | | | | | | |
|------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | Extrapolated | Data Used | | | |
| | Measured | Measured | Sagavanirktok River | Sagavanirktok River | | | |
| | Sagavanirktok River | Sagavanirktok River | Near Pump Station 3 | Near Pump Station 3 | | | |
| Year | Near Sagwon | Near Pump Station 3 | [2] | [2] | | | |
| | (cfs) | (cfs) | (cfs) | (cfs) | | | |
| 1969 | 34900 | | 30000 | 30000 | | | |
| 1970 | 15200 | | 13100 | 13100 | | | |
| 1971 | 19300 | | 16600 | 16600 | | | |
| 1972 | 22200 | | 19100 | 19100 | | | |
| 1973 | 24700 | | 21200 | 21200 | | | |
| 1974 | 28900 | | 24900 | 24900 | | | |
| 1975 | 8340 | | 7170 | 7170 | | | |
| 1976 | 18700 | | 16100 | 16100 | | | |
| 1977 | 29600 | | 25500 | 25500 | | | |
| 1978 | 19800 | | 17000 | 17000 | | | |
| 1979 | 10800 | | 9290 | 9290 | | | |
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| 1983 | | 23000 | | 23000 | | | |
| 1984 | | 13100 | | 13100 | | | |
| 1985 | | 15300 | | 15300 | | | |
| 1986 | | 11600 | | 11600 | | | |
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| 1988 | | 8940 | | 8940 | | | |
| 1989 | | 11500 | | 11500 | | | |
| 1990 | | 9440 | | 9440 | | | |
| 1991 | | 16400 | | 16400 | | | |
| 1992 | | 42900 | | 42900 | | | |
| 1993 | | 26300 | | 26300 | | | |
| 1994 | | 18000 | | 18000 | | | |
| 1995 | | 23100 | | 23100 | | | |
| 1996 | | 16400 | | 16400 | | | |

Table D-3: Flood Peak Data Collected At The Sagavanirktok River Near PumpStation 3 And The Sagavanirktok River Near Sagwon

Notes:

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1. The annual peak discharges are instantaneous peak discharges.

2. Peak discharge data between 1969 and 1979 for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3 were extrapolated from the Sagwon station based on the function:

Q nr Pump Station 3 = Q nr Sagwon * (1860/2208)^0.883.

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TT Jones and Fahl (1994)
TT All data are annual instantaneous flood peaks |
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Table D-4: Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Kuparuk River

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Table D-4:Single-StationFlood-FrequencyAnalysisForTheKuparukRiverTable(continued)

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36500.
27500.
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18.52
22.22
25.93
29.63
33.33
37.04
40.74
44.44
48.15
55.566
62.966
66.67
74.07
77.78
81.48
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82.89
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-PLOTTING POSITIONS- Kuparuk River Drainage Area = 3130 sq mi

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HIGH OUTLIER TEST

BASED ON 26 EVENTS, 10 PERCENT OUTLIER TEST VALUE K(N) = 2.502 0 HIGH OUTLIER(S) IDENTIFIED ABOVE TEST VALUE OF 165590.

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Table D-4: Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Kuparuk River Table (continued)

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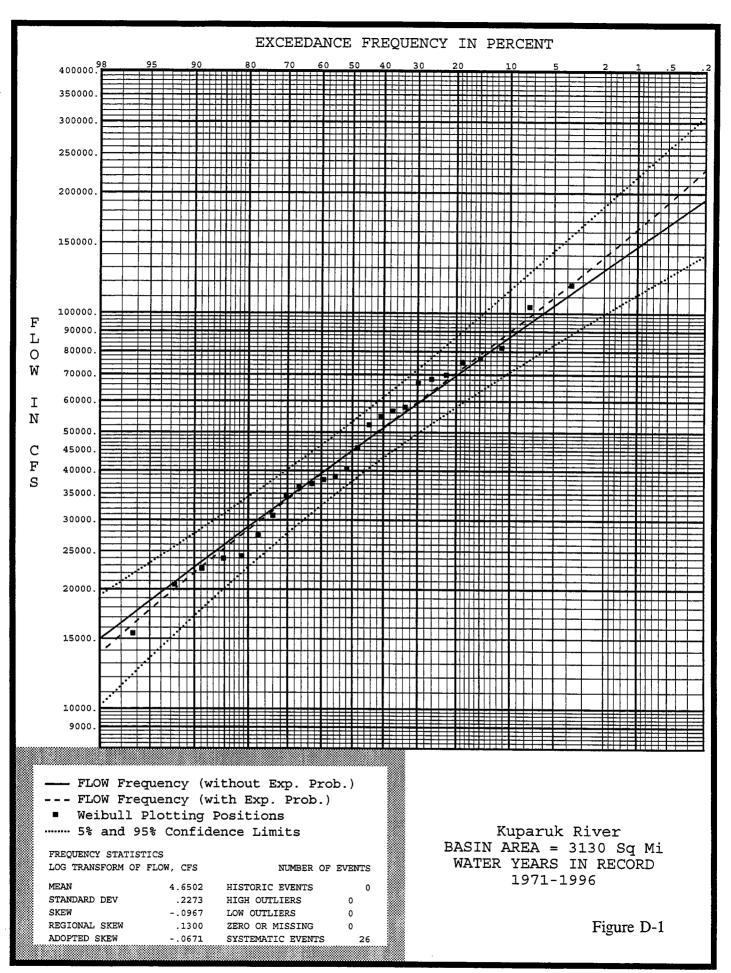
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-FREQUENCY CURVE- Kuparuk River Drainage Area = 3130 sq mi

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Table D-5: Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Kuparuk River Based On USGS Regression Equations

FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGE - JONES METHOD (Area 3)

This program computes the flood peak discharge on ungaged drainage basins using the regional relationships developed for AREA 3 by Stanley H. Jones and Charles B. Fahl.

REF: Jones, Stanley H. and Charles B. Fahl. 1994. Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Alaska and Conterminous Basins of Canada. U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK. Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4179.

PROJECT: L-1262-13

DRAINAGE BASIN: Kuparuk River

TITLE: Peak Discharge Estimates Without Adjustment Factors

INITIALS: SRR

DATE: 12 Sep 1996

FILE NAME: KUPARUK.MCD

Parameters:

| Drainage Area in square miles, | A := 3130 |
|---|-----------|
| Mean basin elevation in feet, | E := 900 |
| Percent of drainage area covered by Lakes,(%) | L := 2.0 |
| Mean Annual Precipitation in inches, | P∶=9 |

Correction Factors:

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| C ₂ = 1.0 | C ₅₀ := 1.0 |
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 $C_5 = 1.0$ $C_{100} = 1.0$

 $C_{10} = 1.0$ $C_{200} = 1.0$

 $C_{25} = 1.0$ $C_{500} = 1.0$

Equations:

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 $Q_2 := C_2 \cdot 16.2 \cdot A^{0.894} \cdot P^{0.949} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.209} \cdot E^{-0.345}$

 $Q_2 = 13218.306$

 $Q_{5} \stackrel{:=}{=} C_{5} \cdot 43.9 \cdot A^{0.843} \cdot P^{0.753} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.206} \cdot E^{-0.305}$

 $Q_5 = 20343.331$

 $Q_{10} = C_{10} \cdot 70.3 \cdot A^{0.818} \cdot P^{0.667} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.202} \cdot E^{-0.288}$

Q₁₀ = 24865.089

 $Q_{25} = C_{25} \cdot 112 \cdot A^{0.793} \cdot P^{0.588} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.194} \cdot E^{-0.272}$

 $Q_{25} = 30631.185$

 $Q_{50} := C_{50} \cdot 147 \cdot A^{0.778} \cdot P^{0.544} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.187} \cdot E^{-0.264}$

Q ₅₀ = 34420.491

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Table D-5:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Kuparuk River Based On USGS
Regression Equations (Continued)

 $Q_{100} = C_{100} \cdot 185 \cdot A^{0.765} \cdot P^{0.509} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.179} \cdot E^{-0.257}$

 $Q_{100} = 38223.245$

 $Q_{200} = C_{200} \cdot 224 \cdot A^{0.754} \cdot P^{0.480} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.171} \cdot E^{-0.252}$

 $Q_{200} = 41482.795$

 $Q_{500} = C_{500} \cdot 275 \cdot A^{0.742} \cdot P^{0.451} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.160} \cdot E^{-0.245}$

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 $Q_{500} = 46053.342$

Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Sagavanirktok River Table D-6: ***** ******* FFA * * U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS * FLOOD FREQUENCY ANALYSIS PROGRAM DATE: FEB 1995 VERSION: 3.1 * * THE HYDROLOGIC ENGINEERING CENTER *

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Table D-6: Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Sagavanirktok River (continued)

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-PLOTTING POSITIONS- Sagavanirktok River, Drainage area = 1860 sq

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-OUTLIER TESTS -

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LOW OUTLIER TEST

BASED ON 25 EVENTS, 10 PERCENT OUTLIER TEST VALUE K(N) = 2.486 0 LOW OUTLIER(S) IDENTIFIED BELOW TEST VALUE OF 5762.7

HIGH OUTLIER TEST

BASED ON 25 EVENTS, 10 PERCENT OUTLIER TEST VALUE K(N) = 2.486 0 HIGH OUTLIER(S) IDENTIFIED ABOVE TEST VALUE OF 47142.

-SKEW WEIGHTING -

| BASED ON 25 EVENTS | S. MEAN-SQUARE ERRO | R OF STATION | SKEW = | . 205 |
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Table D-6: Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Sagavanirktok River (continued)

FINAL RESULTS

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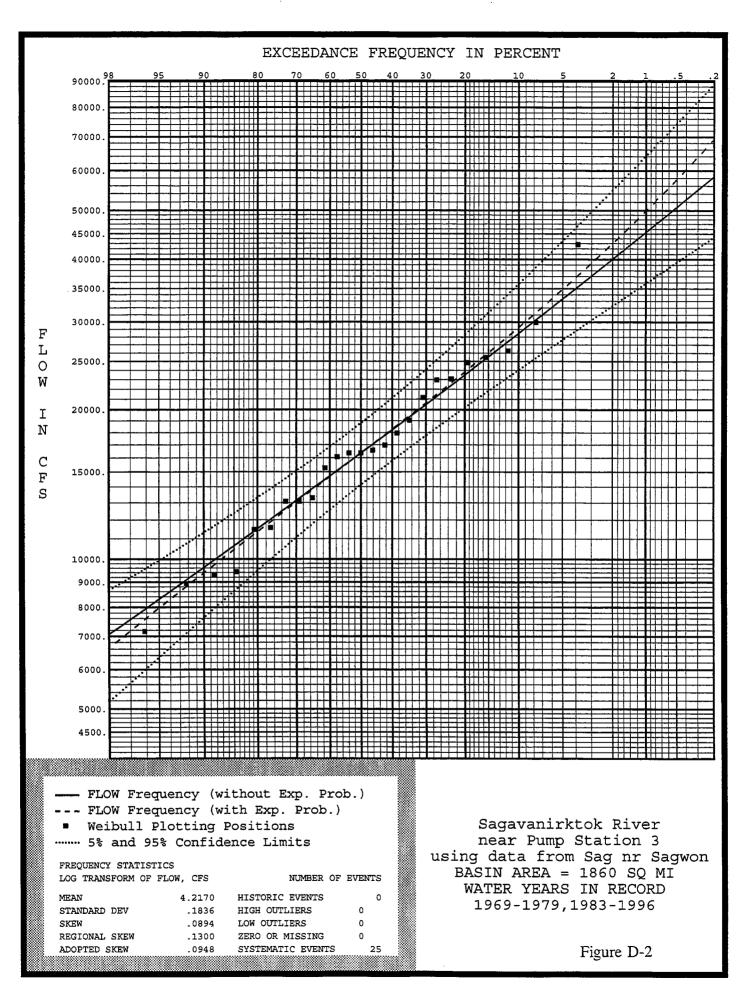


Table D-7:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Sagavanirktok River Based
On USGS Regression Equations

FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGE - JONES METHOD (Area 3)

This program computes the flood peak discharge on ungaged drainage basins using the regional relationships developed for AREA 3 by Stanley H. Jones and Charles B. Fahl.

REF: Jones, Stanley H. and Charles B. Fahl. 1994. Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Alaska and Conterminous Basins of Canada. U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK. Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4179.

PROJECT: L-1262-13

DRAINAGE BASIN: Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3

TITLE: Peak Discharge Estimates Without Adjustment Factors

INITIALS: CJH

DATE: 21 Oct 1996

FILE NAME: SAGP3.MCD

Parameters:

| Drainage Area in square miles, | A :=1860 |
|---|-----------|
| Mean basin elevation in feet, | E := 3580 |
| Percent of drainage area covered by Lakes,(%) | L := 1.0 |
| Mean Annual Precipitation in inches, | P := 22 |

Correction Factors:

| C ₂ := 1.0 | C 50 ^{:=} 1.0 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| C 5 = 1.0 | C ₁₀₀ := 1.0 |
| C ₁₀ := 1.0 | C ₂₀₀ := 1.0 |
| C 25 ¹⁼ 1.0 | C 500 ^{:=} 1.0 |

Table D-7:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Sagavanirktok River Based
On USGS Regression Equations (Continued)

Equations:

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$$Q_2 = C_2 \cdot 16.2 \cdot A^{0.894} \cdot P^{0.949} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.209} \cdot E^{-0.345}$$

Q₂ = 13104.299

 $Q_{5} \stackrel{:}{:}= C_{5} \cdot 43.9 \cdot A^{0.843} \cdot P^{0.753} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.206} \cdot E^{-0.305}$

Q ₅ = 18346.858

 $Q_{10} := C_{10} \cdot 70.3 \cdot A^{0.818} \cdot P^{0.667} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.202} \cdot E^{-0.288}$

 $Q_{10} = 21502.377$

 $Q_{25} := C_{25} \cdot 112 \cdot A^{0.793} \cdot P^{0.588} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.194} \cdot E^{-0.272}$

Q₂₅ = 25481.813

 $Q_{50} := C_{50} \cdot 147 \cdot A^{0.778} \cdot P^{0.544} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.187} \cdot E^{-0.264}$

Q₅₀ = 27974.261

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Table D-7:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Sagavanirktok River Based
On USGS Regression Equations (Continued)

 $Q_{100} = C_{100} \cdot 185 \cdot A^{0.765} \cdot P^{0.509} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.179} \cdot E^{-0.257}$

 $Q_{100} = 30507.735$

 $Q_{200} := C_{200} \cdot 224 \cdot A^{0.754} \cdot P^{0.480} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.171} \cdot E^{-0.252}$

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 $Q_{200} = 32566.345$

 $Q_{500} = C_{500} \cdot 275 \cdot A^{0.742} \cdot P^{0.451} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.160} \cdot E^{-0.245}$

Q ₅₀₀ = 35635.084

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 Table D-8:
 Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Putuligayuk River

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Table D-8: Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Putuligayuk River (continued)

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-OUTLIER TESTS -

LOW OUTLIER TEST

BASED ON 25 EVENTS. 10 PERCENT OUTLIER TEST VALUE K(N) = 2.486 1 LOW OUTLIER(S) IDENTIFIED BELOW TEST VALUE OF 805.9 STATISTICS AND FREQUENCY CURVE ADJUSTED FOR 1 LOW OUTLIER(S)

HIGH OUTLIER TEST

| BASED | ON | 24 | EVENTS. | 10 | PERCENT | OUTLIER | TEST | VALUE | K(N) = | 2.467 |
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-SKEW WEIGHTING -

| BASED ON 25 EVENTS. MEAN-SQUARE ERROR OF STATION SKEW = 240
DEFAULT OR INPUT MEAN-SQUARE ERROR OF GENERALIZED SKEW = 1.323 | |
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Table D-8: Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Putuligayuk River (continued)

FINAL RESULTS

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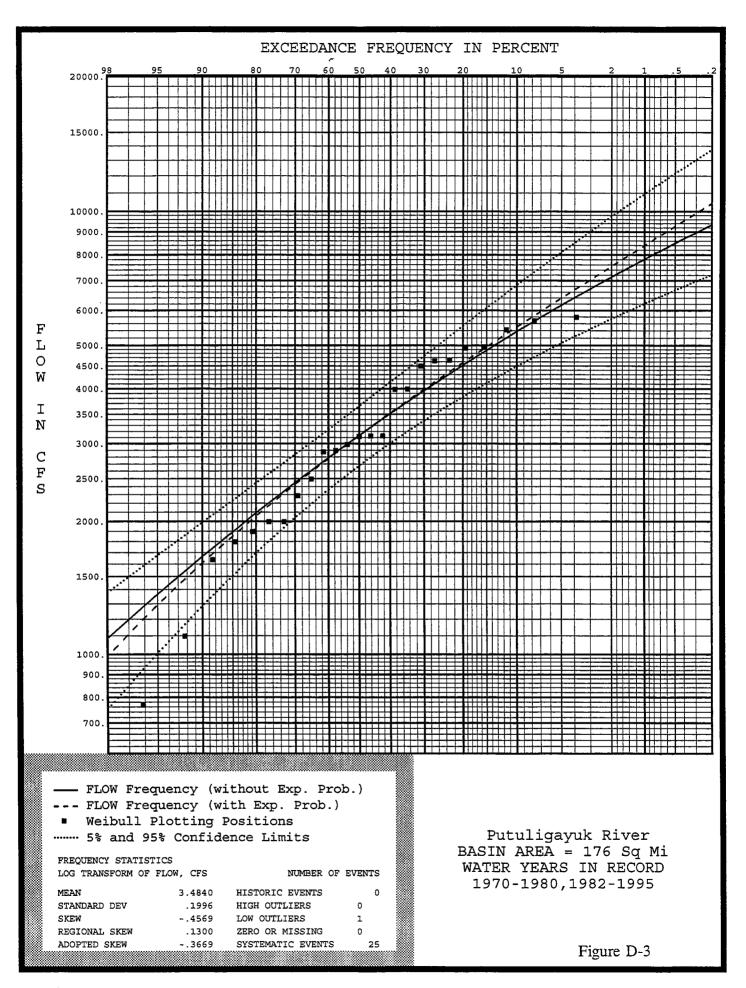


Table D-9:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Putuligayuk River Based On
USGS Regression Equations

FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGE - JONES METHOD (Area 3)

This program computes the flood peak discharge on ungaged drainage basins using the regional relationships developed for AREA 3 by Stanley H. Jones and Charles B. Fahl.

REF: Jones, Stanley H. and Charles B. Fahl. 1994. Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Alaska and Conterminous Basins of Canada. U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK. Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4179.

PROJECT: L-1262-13

DRAINAGE BASIN: Putuligayuk River near Deadhorse AK

TITLE: Peak Discharge Estimates Without Adjustment Factors

INITIALS: SRR

DATE: 12 Sep 1996

FILE NAME: PUT.MCD

Parameters:

| Drainage Area in square miles, | A := 176 |
|---|---------------|
| Mean basin elevation in feet, | E := 135 |
| Percent of drainage area covered by Lakes,(%) | L := 8.0 |
| Mean Annual Precipitation in inches, | P := 8 |

Correction Factors:

| C ₂ := 1.0 | C 50 ^{:=} 1.0 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| C ₅ := 1.0 | C ₁₀₀ := 1.0 |

 $C_{10} = 1.0$ $C_{200} = 1.0$

 $C_{25} = 1.0$ $C_{500} = 1.0$

Table D-9: Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Putuligayuk River Based On USGS Regression Equations (Continued)

Equations:

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 $Q_2 = C_2 \cdot 16.2 \cdot A^{0.894} \cdot P^{0.949} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.209} \cdot E^{-0.345}$

 $Q_2 = 1379.221$

 $Q_5 := C_5 \cdot 43.9 \cdot A^{0.843} \cdot P^{0.753} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.206} \cdot E^{-0.305}$

 $Q_5 = 2339.552$

 $Q_{10} = C_{10} \cdot 70.3 \cdot A^{0.818} \cdot P^{0.667} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.202} \cdot E^{-0.288}$

Q₁₀ = 3018.927

 $Q_{25} := C_{25} \cdot 112 \cdot A^{0.793} \cdot P^{0.588} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.194} \cdot E^{-0.272}$

Q₂₅ = 3947.777

Q₅₀ = 4621.21

 $Q_{50} = C_{50} \cdot 147 \cdot A^{0.778} \cdot P^{0.544} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.187} \cdot E^{-0.264}$

Table D-9:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Putuligayuk River Based On
USGS Regression Equations (Continued)

 $Q_{100} := C_{100} \cdot 185 \cdot A^{0.765} \cdot P^{0.509} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.179} \cdot E^{-0.257}$

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 $Q_{100} = 5325.453$

 $Q_{200} := C_{200} \cdot 224 \cdot A^{0.754} \cdot P^{0.480} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.171} \cdot E^{-0.252}$

Q₂₀₀ = 5981.749

 $Q_{500} = C_{500} \cdot 275 \cdot A^{0.742} \cdot P^{0.451} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.160} \cdot E^{-0.245}$

Q ₅₀₀ = 6889.475

Table D-10:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations Without Adjustment Factors

FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGE - JONES METHOD (Area 3)

This program computes the flood peak discharge on ungaged drainage basins using the regional relationships developed for AREA 3 by Stanley H. Jones and Charles B. Fahl.

REF: Jones, Stanley H. and Charles B. Fahl. 1994. Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Alaska and Conterminous Basins of Canada. U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK. Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4179.

PROJECT: L-1262-13

DRAINAGE BASIN: Colville River

TITLE: Peak Discharge Estimates Without Adjustment Factors

INITIALS: SRR

DATE: 12 Sep 1996

FILE NAME: COLVILL1.MCD

Parameters:

| Drainage Area in square miles, | A = 20670.0 |
|---|-------------|
| Mean basin elevation in feet, | E := 2000.0 |
| Percent of drainage area covered by Lakes,(%) | L := 3.0 |
| Mean Annual Precipitation in inches, | P := 13 |

Correction Factors:

| C ₂ := 1.0 | C ₅₀ ^{:=} 1.0 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| C 5 ^{:=} 1.0 | C ₁₀₀ := 1.0 |
| C 10 := 1.0 | C ₂₀₀ := 1.0 |
| C ₂₅ := 1.0 | C ₅₀₀ := 1.0 |

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 $Q_2 = C_2 \cdot 16.2 \cdot A^{0.894} \cdot P^{0.949} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.209} \cdot E^{-0.345}$

 $Q_2 = 72422.874$

 $Q_5 = C_5 \cdot 43.9 \cdot A^{0.843} \cdot P^{0.753} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.206} \cdot E^{-0.305}$

 $Q_5 = 97332.388$

 $Q_{10} = C_{10} \cdot 70.3 \cdot A^{0.818} \cdot P^{0.667} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.202} \cdot E^{-0.288}$

 $Q_{10} = 111581.268$

 $Q_{25} = C_{25} \cdot 112 \cdot A^{0.793} \cdot P^{0.588} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.194} \cdot E^{-0.272}$

 $Q_{25} = 129301.009$

 $Q_{50} = 140145.86$

 $Q_{50} = C_{50} \cdot 147 \cdot A^{0.778} \cdot P^{0.544} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.187} \cdot E^{-0.264}$

Table D-10:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations Without Adjustment Factors (Continued)

 $Q_{100} = C_{100} \cdot 185 \cdot A^{0.765} \cdot P^{0.509} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.179} \cdot E^{-0.257}$

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 $Q_{100} = 151102.243$

 $Q_{200} = C_{200} \cdot 224 \cdot A^{0.754} \cdot P^{0.480} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.171} \cdot E^{-0.252}$

 $Q_{200} = 159917.403$

 $Q_{500} = C_{500} \cdot 275 \cdot A^{0.742} \cdot P^{0.451} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.160} \cdot E^{-0.245}$

Q₅₀₀ = 173229.492

Table D-11:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From The Kuparuk
River

FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGE - JONES METHOD (Area 3)

This program computes the flood peak discharge on ungaged drainage basins using the regional relationships developed for AREA 3 by Stanley H. Jones and Charles B. Fahl.

REF: Jones, Stanley H. and Charles B. Fahl. 1994. Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Alaska and Conterminous Basins of Canada. U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK. Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4179.

PROJECT: L-1262-13

DRAINAGE BASIN: Colville River

TITLE: Peak Discharge Estimates Using Adjustment Factors Based On Kuparuk River Data

INITIALS: CJH

DATE: 23 Oct 1996

FILE NAME: COLVILL2.MCD

Parameters:

| Drainage Area in square miles, | A := 20670.0 |
|---|--------------|
| Mean basin elevation in feet, | E := 2000.0 |
| Percent of drainage area covered by Lakes,(%) | L := 3.0 |
| Mean Annual Precipitation in inches, | P := 13 |

Correction Factors:

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| C ₂ := 3.409 | C ₅₀ := 4.041 |
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| C 5 = 3.483 | C ₁₀₀ = 4.267 |
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| C 5 = 3.483 | $C_{100} = 4.267$ |

| C 10 = 3.606 | C ₂₀₀ := 4.578 |
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C 25 = 3.824 C 500 = 4.967

Table D-11:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From The Kuparuk
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 $Q_2 \stackrel{:}{:} = C_2 \cdot 16.2 \cdot A^{0.894} \cdot P^{0.949} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.209} \cdot E^{-0.345}$

 $Q_2 = 246889.578$

 $Q_{5} \stackrel{:=}{=} C_{5} \cdot 43.9 \cdot A^{0.843} \cdot P^{0.753} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.206} \cdot E^{-0.305}$

 $Q_5 = 339008.708$

 $Q_{10} := C_{10} \cdot 70.3 \cdot A^{0.818} \cdot P^{0.667} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.202} \cdot E^{-0.288}$

 $Q_{10} = 402362.054$

 $Q_{25} := C_{25} \cdot 112 \cdot A^{0.793} \cdot P^{0.588} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.194} \cdot E^{-0.272}$

Q₂₅ = 494447.059

Q₅₀ = 566329.419

 $Q_{50} = C_{50} \cdot 147 \cdot A^{0.778} \cdot P^{0.544} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.187} \cdot E^{-0.264}$

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Table D-11:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From The Kuparuk
River (Continued)

 $Q_{100} := C_{100} \cdot 185 \cdot A^{0.765} \cdot P^{0.509} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.179} \cdot E^{-0.257}$

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 $Q_{100} = 644753.272$

 $Q_{200} = C_{200} \cdot 224 \cdot A^{0.754} \cdot P^{0.480} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.171} \cdot E^{-0.252}$

 $Q_{200} = 732101.873$

 $Q_{500} := C_{500} \cdot 275 \cdot A^{0.742} \cdot P^{0.451} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.160} \cdot E^{-0.245}$

Q ₅₀₀ = 860430.887

Table D-12:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From the Sagavanirktok
River

FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGE - JONES METHOD (Area 3)

This program computes the flood peak discharge on ungaged drainage basins using the regional relationships developed for AREA 3 by Stanley H. Jones and Charles B. Fahl.

REF: Jones, Stanley H. and Charles B. Fahl. 1994. Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Alaska and Conterminous Basins of Canada. U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK. Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4179.

PROJECT: L-1262-13

DRAINAGE BASIN: Colville River

TITLE: Peak Discharge Estimates Using Adjustment Factors Based On Sagavanirktok River Data

INITIALS: CJH

DATE: 21 Oct 1996

FILE NAME: COLVILL3.MCD

Parameters:

| Drainage Area in square miles, | A = 20670.0 |
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| Mean basin elevation in feet, | E := 2000.0 |
| Percent of drainage area covered by Lakes,(%) | L := 3.0 |
| Mean Annual Precipitation in inches, | P := 13 |

Correction Factors:

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| C ₂ := 1.252 | C ₅₀ := 1.539 |
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| C 5 := 1.301 | C 100 = 1.643 |
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C 10 = 1.358 C 200 = 1.770

C 25 := 1.443 C 500 := 1.947

Table D-12:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From the Sagavanirktok
River (Continued)

Equations:

 $Q_2 = C_2 \cdot 16.2 \cdot A^{0.894} \cdot P^{0.949} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.209} \cdot E^{-0.345}$

 $Q_2 = 90673.438$

 $Q_{5} \coloneqq C_{5} \cdot 43.9 \cdot A^{0.843} \cdot P^{0.753} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.206} \cdot E^{-0.305}$

 $Q_5 = 126629.437$

 $Q_{10} := C_{10} \cdot 70.3 \cdot A^{0.818} \cdot P^{0.667} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.202} \cdot E^{-0.288}$

 $Q_{10} = 151527.362$

 $Q_{25} \coloneqq C_{25} \cdot 112 \cdot A^{0.793} \cdot P^{0.588} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.194} \cdot E^{-0.272}$

 $Q_{25} = 186581.356$

 $Q_{50} = C_{50} \cdot 147 \cdot A^{0.778} \cdot P^{0.544} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.187} \cdot E^{-0.264}$

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Q₅₀ = 215684.478

Table D-12:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationship For The Colville River Based On The
USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From the Sagavanirktok
River (Continued)

 $Q_{100} := C_{100} \cdot 185 \cdot A^{0.765} \cdot P^{0.509} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.179} \cdot E^{-0.257}$

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 $Q_{100} = 248260.986$

 $Q_{200} := C_{200} \cdot 224 \cdot A^{0.754} \cdot P^{0.480} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.171} \cdot E^{-0.252}$

 $Q_{200} = 283053.804$

 $Q_{500} \coloneqq C_{500} \cdot 275 \cdot A^{0.742} \cdot P^{0.451} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.160} \cdot E^{-0.245}$

 $Q_{500} = 337277.821$

Table D-13:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationships For The Colville River Based On
The USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From The
Putuligayuk River

FLOOD PEAK DISCHARGE - JONES METHOD (Area 3)

This program computes the flood peak discharge on ungaged drainage basins using the regional relationships developed for AREA 3 by Stanley H. Jones and Charles B. Fahl.

REF: Jones, Stanley H. and Charles B. Fahl. 1994. Magnitude and Frequency of Floods in Alaska and Conterminous Basins of Canada. U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK. Water-Resources Investigations Report 93-4179.

PROJECT: L-1262-13

DRAINAGE BASIN: Colville River

TITLE: Peak Discharge Estimates Using Adjustment Factors Based On Putuligayuk River Data

INITIALS: SRR

DATE: 25 Oct 1996

FILE NAME: COLVILL4.MCD

Parameters:

| Drainage Area in square miles, | A := 20670.0 |
|---|----------------|
| Mean basin elevation in feet, | E := 2000.0 |
| Percent of drainage area covered by Lakes,(%) | L := 3.0 |
| Mean Annual Precipitation in inches, | P := 13 |

Correction Factors:

| C ₂ := 2.268 | C ₅₀ ^{:=} 1.632 |
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| C ₅ = 1.953 | C ₁₀₀ := 1.578 |
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C ₁₀ := 1.825 C ₂₀₀ := 1.550

C ₂₅ := 1.691 C ₅₀₀ := 1.509

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 $Q_2 := C_2 \cdot 16.2 \cdot A^{0.894} \cdot P^{0.949} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.209} \cdot E^{-0.345}$

 $Q_2 = 164255.078$

 $Q_{5} \coloneqq C_{5} \cdot 43.9 \cdot A^{0.843} \cdot P^{0.753} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.206} \cdot E^{-0.305}$

 $Q_5 = 190090.154$

 $Q_{10} := C_{10} \cdot 70.3 \cdot A^{0.818} \cdot P^{0.667} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.202} \cdot E^{-0.288}$

Q₁₀ = 203635.815

 $Q_{25} := C_{25} \cdot 112 \cdot A^{0.793} \cdot P^{0.588} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.194} \cdot E^{-0.272}$

 $Q_{25} = 218648.007$

Q ₅₀ = 228718.043

 $Q_{50} \mathrel{\mathop:}= C_{50} \cdot 147 \cdot A^{0.778} \cdot P^{0.544} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.187} \cdot E^{-0.264}$

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Table D-13:Flood-Frequency-Discharge Relationships For The Colville River Based On
The USGS Regression Equations With Adjustment Factors From The
Putuligayuk River (Continued)

 $Q_{100} := C_{100} \cdot 185 \cdot A^{0.765} \cdot P^{0.509} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.179} \cdot E^{-0.257}$

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 $Q_{100} = 238439.34$

 $Q_{200} = C_{200} \cdot 224 \cdot A^{0.754} \cdot P^{0.480} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.171} \cdot E^{-0.252}$

 $Q_{200} = 247871.975$

 $Q_{500} := C_{500} \cdot 275 \cdot A^{0.742} \cdot P^{0.451} \cdot (L+1)^{-0.160} \cdot E^{-0.245}$

Q ₅₀₀ = 261403.303

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Although 7 years of peak-discharge data are available for the Colville River, the length of record is considered marginal for a single-station flood-frequency analysis. Consequently, peak discharge data from the Kuparuk River were used to extend the Colville River peak discharge record. A flood-frequency relationship was then developed from the extended flood-peak-discharge record.

Of the North Slope rivers with a significant peak-discharge record, the Kuparuk River, with 26 years of records, is closest to the Colville River in drainage basin size and proximity. Additionally, as we suspect is the case with the Colville River, the annual flood peak discharge is nearly always the result of snowmelt.

To increase the number of annual Colville River flood peaks for use in estimating a flood frequency relationship on the Colville River, a Line of Organic Correlation (Hirsch, 1982) was developed between the magnitude of the Colville River flood peaks and the magnitude of the Kuparuk River flood peaks. Years in which data are available for both rivers included: 1977, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996. The annual instantaneous flood peaks on both the Colville and the Kuparuk rivers were the result of snowmelt runoff in 1977, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996.

However, in 1992 the instantaneous annual flood peak on the Kuparuk River was the result of rainfall, while it is thought that the instantaneous annual flood peak on the Colville was the result of snowmelt. To estimate the peak snowmelt discharge on the Kuparuk River in 1992, the average ratio between the instantaneous peak snowmelt discharge and the average daily discharge occurring on the same day as the instantaneous peak was calculated from the Kuparuk River data. The instantaneous peak snowmelt discharge for the Kuparuk River in 1992 was then

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estimated using the average ratio (approximately 1.08), and the highest average daily discharge that occurred during the spring of 1992.

Although the 1996 annual flood peak was the result of snowmelt, an instantaneous peak discharge estimate is not available for the 1996 spring peak discharge on the Kuparuk River (USGS, personal communication). Therefore the instantaneous spring peak discharge on the Kuparuk River was estimated as described above, based on a USGS estimate of the average daily discharge on the day of the instantaneous peak (USGS, personal communication).

A Line of Organic Correlation was developed to predict the instantaneous peak discharge on the Colville River based on the instantaneous peak discharge on the Kuparuk River, using the data common to both rivers (1977, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996). Because error is associated with both data sets, the use of ordinary least squares (OLS) regression is not appropriate. A better solution is to fit a line that minimizes the deviations of the observations about the line in both the X and Y directions. This method of estimating a "best fit" line is called the Line of Organic Correlation (LOC) or Maintenance of Variance Extension (MOVE.1; Hirsch, 1982). The methods discussed in Hirsch (1982) were used to perform the LOC analysis. The results of the LOC analysis are presented in Table E-1.

It should be noted that there is one datum point in the data set which appears to be an outlier. This point represents the 1996 spring breakup. We believe that it plots as it does because of the sequence of thawing and freezing which occurred this spring. The Colville River experienced two spring flood peaks, while the Kuparuk River only experienced one spring flood peak. An early flood peak on the Colville River depleted much of the snowpack within the Colville River basin before the Kuparuk River started to flow. The second peak on the Colville River was the larger of the two, but was still smaller than the 2-year flood. Flow on the Kuparuk River peaked about the same time as the second peak on the Colville River. Although this doesn't happen every year, we believe that double peaks on the Colville River may not be particularly unusual. Thus, we believe the data point should be retained and it simply shows that there is significant variability within the relationship.

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The LOC equation was then used to estimate peak discharges on the Colville River for the entire period during which data had been collected on the Kuparuk River. The results of this analysis are presented in Table E-2.

Based on the flood peak estimates presented in Table E-2, a flood frequency-discharge relationship was developed based on the methods established by the Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data (1982). Both the generalized skew (0.13) and the standard error of the generalized skew (1.15), used to produce a weighted skew for the flood-frequency analysis, were taken from the data presented for Region 3 by Jones and Fahl (1994). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Flood Frequency Program HEC-FFA (USACE, 1992) was used to perform the computations.

Results

The results of the flood frequency analysis are presented in Table E-3 and summarized in Table 2. The flood frequency curve developed by the analysis is presented in Figure E-1.

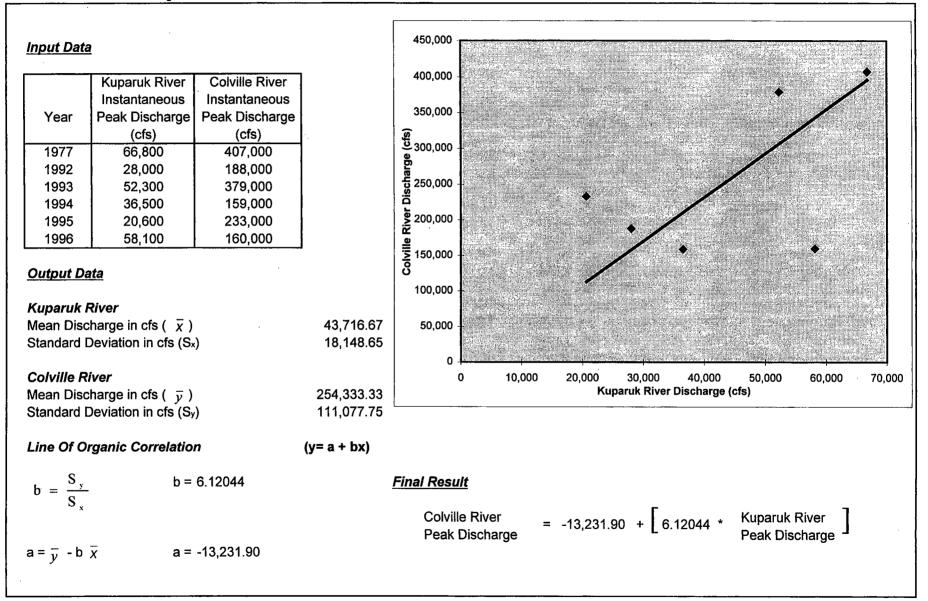


Table E-1: Line Of Organic Correlation (LOC) Relating Peak Discharge On The Colville River To The Peak Snowmelt Discharge On The Kuparuk River

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| | Kuparuk River | Estimated | Measured | Peak Discharge |
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| | Discharge | | i u | Frequency Model |
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| 1962 | | 150.000 | 215,000 | 215,000 |
| 1971 | | 458,000 | | 458,000 |
| 1972 | 45,800 | 267,000 | | 267,000 |
| 1973 | 82,000 | 489,000 | | 489,000 |
| 1974 | 24,000 | 134,000 | | 134,000 |
| 1975 | 22,600 | 125,000 | | 125,000 |
| 1976 | 55,000 | 323,000 | | 323,000 |
| 1977 | 66,800 | | 407,000 | 407,000 |
| 1978 | 118,000 | 709,000 | | 709,000 |
| 1979 | 24,300 | 135,000 | | 135,000 |
| 1980 | 40,500 | 235,000 | | 235,000 |
| 1981 | 27,500 | 155,000 | | 155,000 |
| 1982 | 104,000 | 623,000 | - | 623,000 |
| 1983 | 68,400 | 405,000 | | 405,000 |
| 1984 | 56,800 | 334,000 | | 334,000 |
| 1985 | 34,500 | 198,000 | | 198,000 |
| 1986 | 38,000 | 219,000 | | 219,000 |
| 1987 | 15,500 | 82,000 | | 82,000 |
| 1988 | 38,700 | 224,000 | | 224,000 |
| 1989 | 75,400 | 448,000 | | 448,000 |
| 1990 | 70,000 | 415,000 | | 415,000 |
| 1991 | 37,100 | 214,000 | | 214,000 |
| 1992 | 28,000 | | 188,000 | 188,000 |
| 1993 | 52,300 | | 379,000 | 379,000 |
| 1994 | 36,500 | | 159,000 | 159,000 |
| 1995 | 20,600 | | 233,000 | 233,000 |
| 1996 | 58,100 | | 160,000 | 160,000 |

Table E-2:Colville River Flood Peak Estimates Based OnExtrapolation From The Kuparuk River Data

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Table E-3:Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Colville River Using An
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Table E-3:Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Colville River Using An
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HIGH OUTLIER TEST

BASED ON 27 EVENTS, 10 PERCENT OUTLIER TEST VALUE K(N) = 2.519

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Table E-3:Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Colville River Using An
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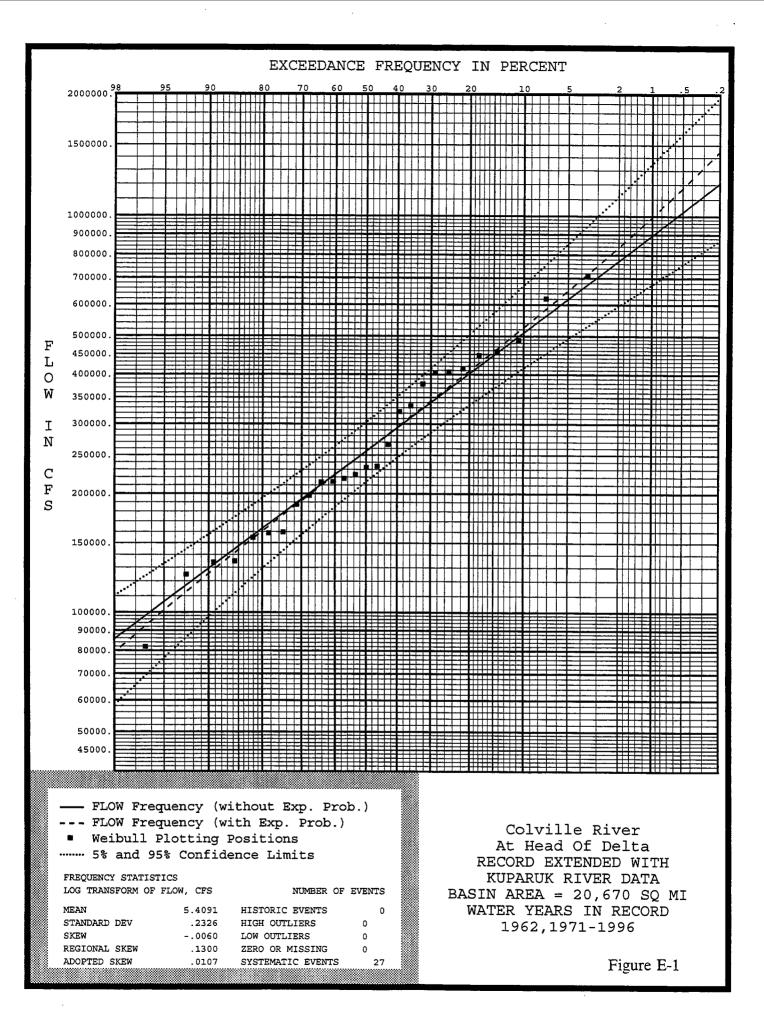
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APPENDIX F SINGLE-STATION FLOOD-FREQUENCY RELATIONSHIP FOR THE COLVILLE RIVER AT THE HEAD OF THE DELTA USING AN EXTENDED DATA SET BASED ON THE SAGAVANIRKTOK RIVER

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APPENDIX F

SINGLE-STATION FLOOD-FREQUENCY RELATIONSHIP FOR THE COLVILLE RIVER AT THE HEAD OF THE DELTA USING AN EXTENDED DATA SET BASED ON THE SAGAVANIRKTOK RIVER

Methods

As discussed in Appendix E, the length of the flood peak discharge record on the Colville River is considered marginal for development of a single-station flood-frequency relationship. As another check on the flood-frequency relationship developed solely with the Colville River data (Appendix C), data from the Sagavanirktok River were used to estimate Colville River flood peak discharges in years when data were collected on the Sagavanirktok River but not on the Colville River. These additional data were used, in combination with the flood peak data collected on the Colville River, to estimate a flood-frequency relationship for the Colville River.

Discharge data have been collected on the Sagavanirktok River, by the USGS, at two locations. Between 1969 and 1979 discharge data were collected near Sagwon (basin area = $2,208 \text{ mi}^2$). Between 1983 and 1996 discharge data were collected near Pump Station 3 (basin area = $1,860 \text{ mi}^2$). To provide as much data as possible for use in extending the Colville River discharge record, a single data set was prepared for the Sagavanirktok River. Since all but one of the Colville River peak discharge measurements were collected during the period when the Sagavanirktok River measurements were being made near Pump Station 3, the measurements made at the Sagavon station were extrapolated to the Pump Station 3 location using the equation:

$$Q_{PS3} = Q_{S} * (Area_{PS3} / Area_{S})^{0.833}$$

where

 Q_{PS3} = the discharge for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3;

 Q_s = the discharge for the Sagavanirktok River near Sagwon;

Area_{PS3} = the drainage area for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3 (1,860 mi²);

Areas = the drainage area for the Sagavanirktok River near Sagwon $(2,208 \text{ mi}^2)$.

The exponent used in the relationship was developed based on equations relating discharge to drainage area found in two previous studies (Office of the State Pipeline Coordinator, 1981; Kane and Janowicz, 1989). In both studies, equations for estimating discharge at specific return periods were presented in the form:

$$Q_{T} = aArea^{b}$$

where

- Q_{T} = the peak discharge having a return period of T-years;
- a = the regression constant; and
- b = the regression coefficient.

The regression coefficients associated with the equations for the 2-, 5-, and 10-year floods, presented in both studies, were averaged to obtain the exponent (0.833) used in the relationship for the Sagavanirktok River. Only the 2-, 5-, and 10-year return periods were used because only one of the measured discharges at each Sagavanirktok River station exceeded the 10-year flood for that station.

Unlike the Colville River, a high percentage of the annual flood-peak discharges on the Sagavanirktok River results from rainfall rather than snowmelt. To make a meaningful correlation to the Colville River, the highest average daily discharge that occurred during each spring on the Sagavanirktok River was used, rather than the instantaneous annual peak discharge. The one exception is the 1979 peak discharge at the Sagawon station. No average daily discharge data were collected that year. However, it is known that the 1979 instantaneous annual peak discharge occurred during the spring snowmelt. Therefore, it was used without adjustment to estimate the average daily peak discharge near Pump Station 3, because the difference between the instantaneous peak discharge and the average daily discharge on the same day is thought to be less than the variability due to extrapolating data from one station to another. No average daily discharges from these years were not used, because it is thought that they probably occurred as a result of rainfall.

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The data collected at both the Sagwon and Pump Station 3 stations, and the extrapolated data for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3, are presented in Table F-1.

A Line Of Organic Correlation (LOC) was developed to predict the instantaneous peak discharge on the Colville River based on the average daily spring peak discharge on the Sagavanirktok River, using the data common to both rivers (1977, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996). Because error is associated with both data sets, the use of ordinary least squares (OLS) regression is not appropriate. A better method is to fit a line that minimizes the deviations of the observations about the line in both the X and Y directions. This method of estimating a "best fit" line is called the Line of Organic Correlation (LOC) or Maintenance of Variance Extension (MOVE.1; Hirsch, 1982). The methods discussed in Hirsch (1982) were used to perform the LOC analysis. The results are presented in Table F-2.

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It should be noted that there is one datum point in the regression data set which appears to be an outlier. This point represents the 1996 spring breakup. We believe that it plots as it does because of the sequence of thawing and freezing which occurred this spring. The Colville River experienced two spring flood peaks. An early flood peak on the Colville River depleted much of the snowpack within the Colville River basin. The second peak on the Colville River was the larger of the two, but was still smaller than the 2-year flood. Flow on the Sagavanirktok River peaked a few days after the second peak on the Colville River. Although this doesn't happen every year, we believe that double peaks on the Colville River may not be particularly unusual. Thus, we believe the data point should be retained and it simply shows that there is significant variability within the relationship.

The LOC equation was then used to estimate peak discharges on the Colville River for the entire period during which data had been collected on the Sagavanirktok River. The results of this analysis are presented in Table F-3.

Using the flood peak estimates presented in Table F-3, a flood frequency-discharge relationship was developed based on the methods established by the Interagency Advisory Committee on Water Data (1982). Both the generalized skew (0.13) and the standard error of the generalized

skew (1.15), used to produce a weighted skew for the flood-frequency analysis, were taken from the data presented for Area 3 by Jones and Fahl (1994). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Flood Frequency Program HEC-FFA (USACE, 1992) was used to perform the computations.

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The results of the flood frequency analysis are presented in Table F-4 and summarized in Table 2. The flood frequency curve developed by the analysis is presented in Figure F-1.

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|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Spring Peak Dis | charge (cfs) [1] | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| | | | Extrapolated | Data Used |
| | Measured | Measured | Sagavanirktok River | Sagavanirktok River |
| | Sagavanirktok River | Sagavanirktok River | Near Pump Station 3 | Near Pump Station 3 |
| Year | Near Sagwon | Near Pump Station 3 | [2] | [2] |
| | (cfs) | (cfs) | (cfs) | (cfs) |
| 1969 | | | | |
| 1970 | | | | |
| 1971 | 15,500 | | 13,300 | 13,300 |
| 1972 | 20,000 | | 17,200 | 17,200 |
| 1973 | 9,000 | | 7,740 | 7,740 |
| 1974 | 10,000 | | 8,600 | 8,600 |
| 1975 | 7,400 | | 6,360 | 6,360 |
| 1976 | 11,500 | | 9,890 | 9,890 |
| 1977 | 22,000 | | 18,900 | 18,900 |
| 1978 | 18,000 | | 15,500 | 15,500 |
| 1979 | 10,800 [3] | | 9,290 | 9,290 |
| 1980 | | | | |
| 1981 | | | | |
| 1982 | | | | |
| 1983 | | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| 1984 | | 7,720 | | 7,720 |
| 1985 | | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| 1986 | | 8,400 | , | 8,400 |
| 1987 | | 6,000 | | 6,000 |
| 1988 | | 7,800 | | 7,800 |
| 1989 | | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| 1990 | | 8,400 | | 8,400 |
| 1991 | | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| 1992 | | 10,000 | <u> </u> | 10,000 |
| 1993 | | 14,000 | | 14,000 |
| 1994 | | 1,700 | | 1,700 |
| 1995 | | 10,100 | | 10,100 |
| 1996 | | 13,800 | <u>.</u> | 13,800 |

Table F-1: Data For The Sagavanirktok River Near Pump Station 3 And For The SagavanirktokRiver Near Sagwon

Notes:

1. The spring peak discharges are average daily discharges.

2. Peak discharge data between 1969 and 1979 for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3 were extrapolated from the Sagwon station based on the function: Q nr Pump Station 3 = Q nr Sagwon * (1860/2208)^0.883.

3. The 1979 discharge at the Sagwon station is an instantaneous peak discharge rather than an average daily discharge. It was used without adjustment to estimate the average daily peak discharge near Pump Station 3 because the difference between the instantaneous peak discharge and the average daily discharge on the same day is thought to be less than the variability due to extrapolating data from one station to another.

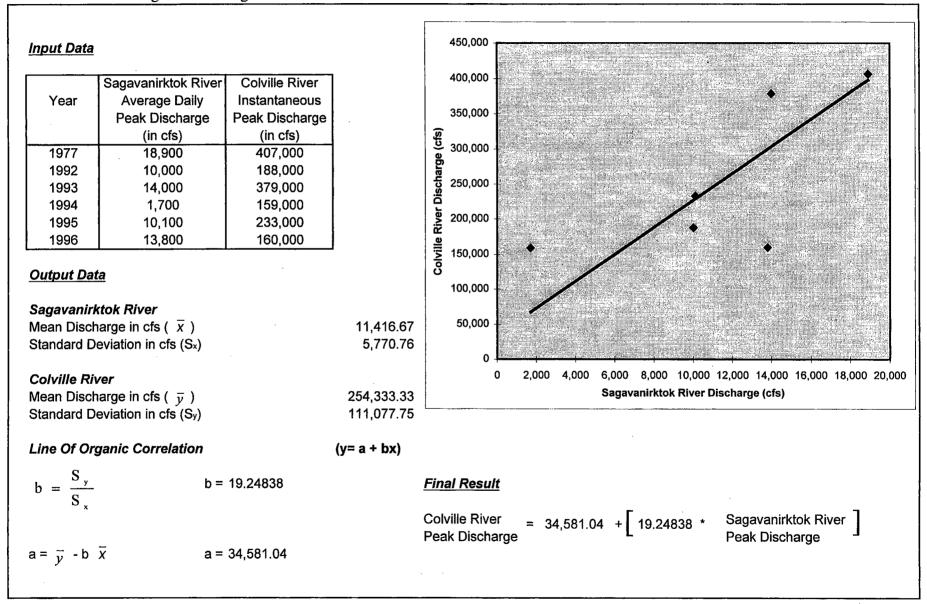


Table F-2:Line Of Organic Correlation (LOC) Relating Peak Discharge On The Colville River To The Average Daily Spring Peak
Discharge On The Sagavanirktok River

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(cfs) Colville River
Peak Discharge
(cfs) Used
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(cfs)Peak Discharge
(cfs)Freque
(cfs)1962 $215,000$ 2197113,300291,0002197217,200366,000319737,740184,000119748,600200,000219756,360157,000119769,890225,0002197718,900407,0004197815,500333,000319799,290213,000219801119821119847,720183,000419852,50083,000419868,400196,000119876,000150,0001 | Discharge |
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| 1987 6,000 150,000 1 | 3,000 |
| | 96,000 |
| 1988 7.800 185.000 1 | 50,000 |
| | 35,000 |
| 1989 10,000 227,000 2 | 27,000 |
| 1990 8,400 196,000 1 | 96,000 |
| 1991 10,000 227,000 2 | 27,000 |
| | 38,000 |
| | 79,000 |
| 1994 1,700 159,000 1 | 59,000 |
| | 33,000 |
| | 50,000 |

Table F-3: Colville River Flood Peak Estimates Based On ExtrapolationFrom The Sagavanirktok River Data

Note:

1. The spring peak discharges for the Sagavanirktok River near Pump Station 3 are average daily discharges.

2. The estimated discharges for the Colville River were based on an "LOC" between spring flood peak discharge data collected on the Sagavanariktok and Colville rivers in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996.

3. The peak discharges for the Colville River are instantaneous peak discharges.

Table F-4:Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Colville River Using An
Extended Data Set Based On The Sagavanirktok River

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Table F-4:Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Colville River Using An
Extended Data Set Based On The Sagavanirktok River (Continued)

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LOW OUTLIER TEST

BASED ON 24 EVENTS, 10 PERCENT OUTLIER TEST VALUE K(N) = 2.467

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HIGH OUTLIER TEST

BASED ON 24 EVENTS, 10 PERCENT OUTLIER TEST VALUE K(N) = 2.467

0 HIGH OUTLIER(S) IDENTIFIED ABOVE TEST VALUE OF 544587.

-SKEW WEIGHTING -

| BASED ON 24 EVENTS, MEAN-SQUARE ERROR OF STATION SKEW = .279 | |
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| DEFAULT OR INPUT MEAN-SQUARE ERROR OF GENERALIZED SKEW = 1.322 | |
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Single-Station Flood-Frequency Analysis For The Colville River Using An Table F-4: Extended Data Set Based On The Sagavanirktok River (Continued)

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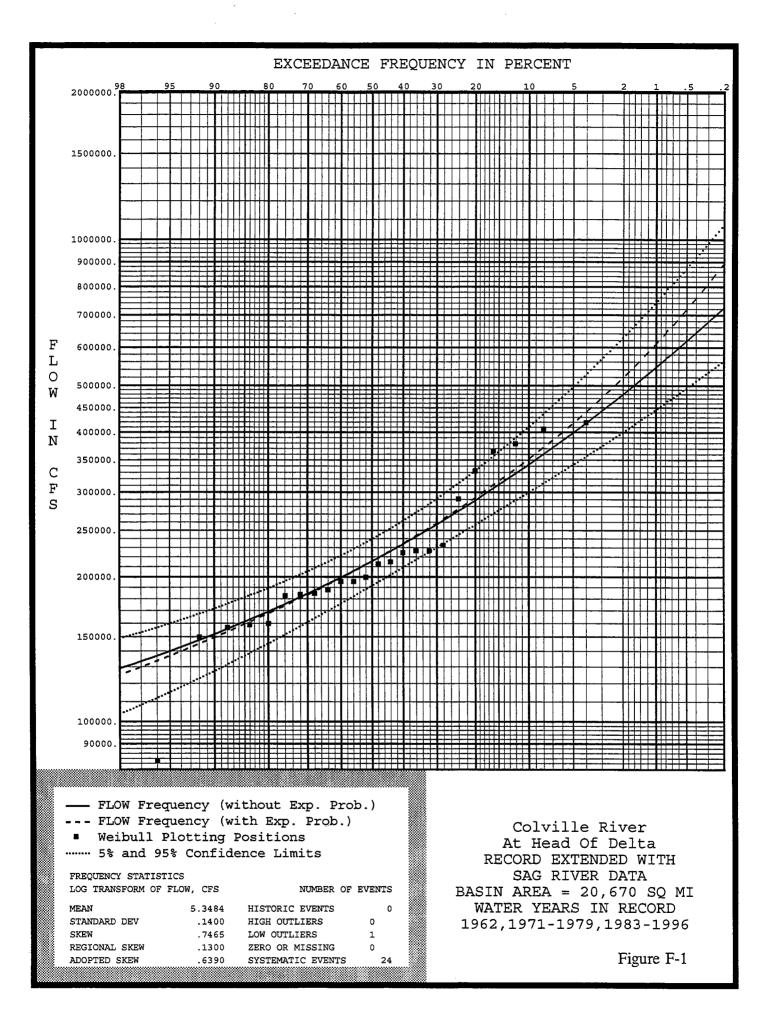
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APPENDIX G EXPECTED PROBABILITY

Expected Probability - What is it?

The base curve of a flood frequency analysis is the average discharge associated with a given exceedance probability.¹ In other words, the base curve presents the average discharge that will be exceeded X or more times per 100 events. However, once a structure is built the discharge which the structure can safely accommodate is fixed. We are not interested in the average discharge the structure can safely accommodate. Instead, we need to know the average number of times the design discharge is likely to be exceeded per 100 events is usually not the same as the exceedance probability associated with the base curve. The average exceedance probability is referred to as the expected probability. The following example will help to clarify the difference between the base curve and the expected probability curve, and demonstrate the need to use the expected probability curve in the design of water resources structures.

Based on the base curve (.50 curve) in Figure G-1, a discharge of 1,140 cfs will be exceeded an average of five times per 100 events. If we build a structure based on a design discharge of 1,140 cfs, what is the average number of times the design discharge is likely to be exceeded per 100 events? Your first answer might be that the design event will be exceeded an average of five times per 100 events. But is that correct?

The average number of times the design discharge will be exceeded per 100 events is computed from the confidence limits on the base curve. For example, at a design discharge of 1,140 cfs there is a 5 percent chance that the design discharge will be exceeded 23 or more times per 100 events (Figure G-1); a 10 percent chance that the design discharge will be exceeded 17 or more times per 100 events; and a 25 percent chance that the design discharge will be exceeded 10 or more times per 100 events. Similarly, there is a 50, 75, 90, and 95 percent chance that the design discharge will be exceeded 5, 2.4, 1.0, 0.6 or more times per 100 events, respectively. The average of the number of times the design discharge will be exceeded is the average exceedance probability (or expected probability). As shown in Table G-1, the design discharge will be exceeded an average of 8.4 times per 100 events, not five times per 100 events as one might have expected.

If the acceptable risk for which the structure was designed is five times per 100 events, the structure was underdesigned. In order for the average number of exceedances to be five times

¹Exceedance Probability is simply the number of times an event will be equaled or exceeded per 100 events.

per 100 events, the design discharge would have to be greater than 1,140 cfs. Use of the mathematically derived expected probability curve will provide an estimate of the discharge for which the average number of exceedances per 100 events is 5. Based on Figure G-1 and the expected probability curve, the discharge with an average number of exceedances of 5 per 100 events is 1,260 cfs. This can be confirmed by following the procedure that is described in the paragraph above, using a discharge of 1,260 cfs. The results of conducting such an analysis are presented in Table G-2. Finally, it should be noted that as the number of years of record increases, the confidence limits on the base curve get tighter and the expected probability curve approaches the base curve.

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| Confidence Interval | Exceedance Per 100
Events |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| .05 | 23 |
| .10 | 17 |
| .25 | 10 |
| .50 | 5 |
| .75 | 2.4 |
| .90 | 1.0 |
| .95 | 0.6 |
| Average $= .50$ | Average = 8.4 |

Table G-1: Exceedance Per 100 Events Based On The Confidence Intervals ShownOn Figure G-1. Design Flow Is 1,140 CFS.

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| Confidence Interval | Exceedance Per 100
Events |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| .05 | 15.9 |
| .10 | 10.4 |
| .25 | 5.6 |
| .50 | 2.3 |
| .75 | 0.7 |
| .90 | 0.3 |
| .95 | 0.1 |
| Average = .50 | Average $= 5.0$ |

Table G-2: Exceedance Per 100 Events Based On The Confidence Intervals ShownOn Figure G-1. Design Flow Is 1,260 CFS.

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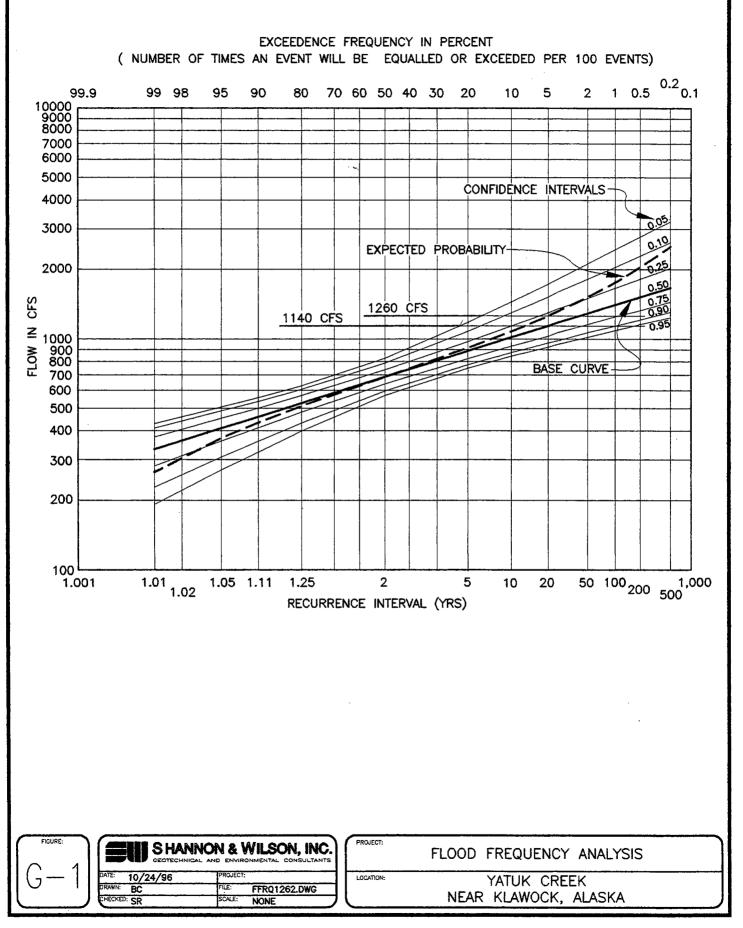
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