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## **11. Fish Stranding**

### **Recommended Actions:**

Minnesota Power should continue to improve operating procedures at dams on the St. Louis River to prevent stranding of fish and eggs.

- (1) Minnesota Power should continue to modify operating procedures of Fond du Lac dam to prevent recurrence of conditions that caused the most recent fish stranding event.
- (2) Minnesota Power conducts on-site physical observations throughout the spawning season. Results will be reported to MDNR and WDNR Area Fish Managers annually, with abnormal conditions reported immediately.
- (3) Minnesota Power and MDNR should develop ramping rates for Thompson and Fond du Lac dams that are operationally feasible and reduce potential for fish stranding. (General guidance = 10% change over six hours).
- (4) Minnesota Power, MDNR and WDNR should establish a system to monitor and evaluate current and future modifications of operating procedures so info is available to continually improve operations.

### **Implementors:**

Minnesota Power, MDNR and WDNR.

### **Actions Taken:**

- 8/95: MDNR summary report in file.  
4/98: Follow-up letters sent to MDNR and WDNR.  
11/00: Letter sent to MDNR.

### **Project Status:**

The CAC office is in the process of researching the status of this recommendation.