

Overall, I would say this is a solid first draft. The opening effectively caught my attention, and set the stage for a well-organized, arguable claim. The argument is well-supported by data and the logic is relatively easy to follow. I would say that this writing meets the blog standard.

Some concerns I have with this paper:

- While the essay does make a claim that relates to hydroelectric power, the focus is definitely on fish passage technology rather than hydroelectric power itself. (If the topic was approved by Prof. Evans ignore this point)
- Pages 3-7 are quite dense. You might want to consider adding some graphics or data tables to make this section a bit easier to read.