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Kendra Phillips  
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Dear Mrs. Phillips:

A new technology is emerging in the effort to find more efficient, lower cost screening methods to keep fish from being entrained in diversions. The technology, Balaton Power Inc's PISCES unit, has shown very good results in preliminary testing. Though it was not ranked by the ISRP, I hope the council will consider the project carefully and fund it.

The PISCES screens the fish without touching them, using directed flows of water. It's power comes from the stream itself— it needs no outside power source. The technology keeps the fish from the kinds of (often severe) injuries we see with conventional screens. It's an effective method that requires far less maintenance and expense than today's screens and truly deserves to be fully investigated and certified.

I hope the Council members will do just that.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Frank Priestley, President  
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