

CHELAN RIVER BASIN

12452500 CHELAN RIVER AT CHELAN, WA

LOCATION.--Lat 47°50'05", long 120°00'43", in SE 1/4 NE 1/4 sec.30, T.27 N., R.23 E., Chelan County, Hydrologic Unit 17020009, at Chelan River powerplant tailrace, 4.3 mi downstream from control dam at outlet of Lake Chelan, and 3.0 mi southeast of Chelan.

DRAINAGE AREA.--924 mi².

PERIOD OF RECORD.--November 1903 to current year. Published as "below Chelan Lake" 1904-05. Adjusted records for October 1903 to September 1911, published in WSP 482, 492, and 870 are unreliable and should not be used.

REVISED RECORDS.--WSP 482: 1904-13. WSP 612: 1924. WSP 1246: 1951. WSP 1286: 1952. WSP 1933: Drainage area. See also PERIOD OF RECORD.

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder and watt-hour meters on each turbine. Datum of gage is 1,074.66 ft above sea level, datum of 1912. To convert to National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929, subtract 1.62 ft. See WSP 1933 for history of changes prior to Mar. 20, 1939. Mar. 20, 1939, to Sept. 30, 1981, gage at site 1.7 mi downstream from the Lake Chelan gage, at same datum, and published as the gage of record, used to determine head and spill discharge.

REMARKS.--Daily discharge determined from flow through turbines computed from relation between loading and head, plus flow through two irrigation pipes which divert water from the penstock just above the turbines, plus spill discharge. Unmeasured water that is diverted for irrigation upstream from station is a small percentage of total runoff. Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County diverts water at Chelan to develop about 40,000 kW and to irrigate 900 acres near Chelan. This quantity is included in records of daily discharge. Diversions for irrigation of about 6,280 acres with an annual depletion of about 11,000 acre-ft, 1946 estimate. Flow regulated by Lake Chelan (station 12452000).

COOPERATION.--Records partially furnished by Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County.

AVERAGE DISCHARGE.--97 years (water years 1905-2001), 2,048 ft³/s, 30.10 in/yr, 1,484,000 acre-ft/yr, adjusted for storage since October 1911.

EXTREMES FOR PERIOD OF RECORD.--Maximum daily discharge, 18,400 ft³/s June 3, 1968; no flow part of day Jan. 30, 1917, when lake outlet was blocked with ice, and at other times owing to artificial regulation.

EXTREMES FOR CURRENT YEAR.--Maximum daily discharge, 2,220 ft³/s May 23, 25, 31, June 1-5, 29, 30, July 1-14, Sept. 29-30; minimum daily discharge, 7.9 ft³/s Feb. 17-28.

DISCHARGE, CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, WATER YEAR OCTOBER 2000 TO SEPTEMBER 2001
DAILY MEAN VALUES

DAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1	2210	2210	2210	109	108	9.2	8.9	1500	2220	2220	1400	1310
2	2210	2210	2210	109	108	9.2	751	1500	2220	2220	1480	693
3	2210	2210	2210	38	108	9.2	1330	386	2220	2220	1520	664
4	2120	2120	2210	9.2	108	9.1	1200	611	2220	2220	1400	1300
5	2210	2210	2210	9.1	108	9.1	1150	482	2220	2220	1440	1350
6	2210	2210	2210	9.1	108	9.0	1160	19	1920	2220	1520	1350
7	2210	2210	2210	9.1	108	8.9	643	1610	1870	2220	1520	1420
8	2210	2210	2210	9.0	108	8.9	10	1870	1240	2220	1540	1340
9	2210	2050	2210	9.1	104	8.8	1300	1860	964	2220	1500	368
10	2070	2210	2210	9.1	108	8.7	1410	1780	439	2220	1520	1340
11	2210	2210	2210	9.1	108	8.7	1430	1930	1290	2220	1500	864
12	2210	2210	2210	9.1	108	8.7	1570	1840	689	2220	1420	864
13	2210	2210	2210	9.0	108	8.6	1490	23	101	2220	1540	921
14	2210	2120	2030	9.0	108	8.7	1480	469	22	2220	1390	942
15	2030	2210	2210	9.0	108	8.7	10	215	668	2150	1450	867
16	2210	2210	2210	8.9	75	8.7	1410	19	443	2000	1390	121
17	2210	2210	2210	8.9	7.9	8.8	1420	1020	522	1540	899	996
18	2210	2210	2210	8.9	7.9	8.8	1480	664	1240	1030	407	1060
19	2210	2210	2210	42	7.9	280	1480	1480	418	1120	57	999
20	2210	2210	2210	8.8	7.9	438	1380	1390	47	1140	537	912
21	2210	2210	2040	8.8	7.9	284	744	1570	22	962	87	1290
22	2210	2210	1500	8.7	7.9	8.8	19	1720	839	24	474	1320
23	2210	2210	1520	8.7	7.9	8.7	1490	2220	21	992	24	120
24	2120	2210	1300	8.6	7.9	8.6	1400	1840	725	1300	241	1360
25	2030	2210	109	8.6	7.9	8.5	1440	2220	1060	1220	437	1240
26	2210	2210	109	8.6	7.9	8.4	1500	811	1270	996	124	1530
27	2210	2210	109	51	7.9	8.3	1400	712	1340	896	662	1520
28	2210	2210	109	109	7.9	8.3	1030	1020	2070	1300	1250	1660
29	2210	2210	101	108	---	8.3	11	1800	2220	1300	1200	2220
30	2210	2210	80	104	---	258	1390	1880	2220	1260	1440	2220
31	2210	---	109	108	---	8.3	---	2220	---	1370	1360	---
TOTAL	67830	65960	51106	974.4	1785.8	1496.0	32536.9	38681	34760	51680	32729	34161
MEAN	2188	2199	1649	31.4	63.8	48.3	1085	1248	1159	1667	1056	1139
MAX	2210	2210	2210	109	108	438	1570	2220	2220	2220	1540	2220
MIN	2030	2050	80	8.6	7.9	8.3	8.9	19	21	24	24	120
AC-FT	134500	130800	101400	1930	3540	2970	64540	76720	68950	102500	64920	67760
MEAN†	659	408	415	257	278	513	1046	3743	2875	1746	948	448
CFSM†	0.71	0.44	0.45	0.28	0.30	0.56	1.13	4.05	3.11	1.89	1.03	0.48
IN.†	0.82	0.49	0.52	0.32	0.31	0.64	1.26	4.67	3.47	2.18	1.18	0.54
AC-FT†	40500	24300	25500	15830	15440	31570	62240	230200	171000	107400	58320	26660

CAL YR 2000 TOTAL 791811 MEAN 2163 MAX 5790 MIN 22 AC-FT 1571000 MEAN† 1929 CFSM† 2.09 IN.† 28.41 AC-FT† 1400000
WTR YR 2001 TOTAL 413700.1 MEAN 1133 MAX 2220 MIN 7.9 AC-FT 820600 MEAN† 1117 CFSM† 1.21 IN.† 16.42 AC-FT† 809100

† Adjusted for change in contents in Lake Chelan.