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Water should not be pumped out of the Columbia river. The Columbia river is affected enough. You should find another way to do energy storage then modifying hydrologic systems and potentially threatening the river even more. You say it's a closed loop but I don't see how it's a closed loop, when you say you're taking water out of the Columbia river. it seems you're going to be taking water out at intervals and there is a chance of leakage and there's also potential damage by building Along the shoreline. There are other more advanced new options to use than this and they should be tried first. The goal should be to reestablish a natural Columbia River rather than continually damaging it shoreline and taking water out of its system and potentially future threatening fish and wildlife. Wild salmon should be allowed to go back to the headwaters in Canada and an operations like this will further create impediments to restoring our salmon to their natural home, and to thrive. Climate is changing and the value of our water and our shorelines are going up and up. Other methods such as hydrogen or distributed energy storage and differential pricing and building a more robust electrical system would be better.