

Interactive comment on “Flood Frequency Analysis supported by the largest historical flood” by W. G. Strupczewski et al.

Anonymous Referee #3

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This paper presents additional material and evidence to the interesting debate concerning the appropriateness of when to state the period of consideration of historical records for inclusion in flood frequency analysis.

Consider including a comment that the presence of smaller flood events within the descriptive accounts (for which no quantifiable discharge may be derived) may help in shaping the selection of an appropriate start date for the analysis, this approach has been used in some of the papers cited in helping select timeframes of study.

In the conclusions you comment that it is a matter of conscience as to whether historical data should be included, I think it is important though that you recognise that the inclusion of historical information is recommended in a number of national and

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international policy documents e.g. EU Flood Directive.

As a native English speaker please see the annotated comments throughout on the attached version of the paper, these will help improve the paper considerably.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.nat-hazards-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/1/C2225/2014/nhessd-1-C2225-2014-supplement.pdf>

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