

# Nature Like Fishways: Modern Perspectives and Techniques Sessions 5 & Project Spotlight



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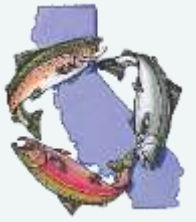


This instructor-led workshop, organized by the American Fisheries Society–Bioengineering Section, with funding from the Resources Legacy Fund, presents a two-day-nature-like fishway workshop. This in-person workshop took place over two days and was instructed by several leading practitioners in the field of Nature Like Fishways (NLF) implementation, including representatives from both private and public agencies. The list of speakers includes Michael Garello (HDR), Michael Love (MLA), Jesus Morales (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Tyler Kreider (Kleinschmidt), Bjorn Lake (NOAA Fisheries), Barry Chilibeck (Northwest Hydraulic Consultants), Brian Cluer (NOAA Fisheries), and Marcin Whitman (retired California Department of Fish & Wildlife). The goal of the workshop was to share knowledge of nature-like fishway design and long-term stability observations among practitioners, regulators, and operators to improve the collective awareness of contemporary NLF science and design methodologies to ultimately provide more effective and sustainable passage for fish. This workshop included the following topics:

- History and state of nature-like fishways
- Application of NLFs to natural and built environments
- Site reconnaissance, project assessment, project development
- Identifying data and modeling needs and necessary in-field data collection
- Example design methods, practices, constraints, and uncertainties—also highlight current/ forthcoming design guidance documents
- Construction methods and oversight
- Monitoring
- Lessons learned from previously constructed NLFs
- Risk evaluation in NLF Design
- Getting the right rocks and placing them for long-term stability



# Presentations



- **Contracting Methods & Construction Documentation**.....Slide 6
- **Contracting Methods, Consideration, & Challenges**.....Slide 42
- **Project Spotlights**.....Slide 56



# Session 5

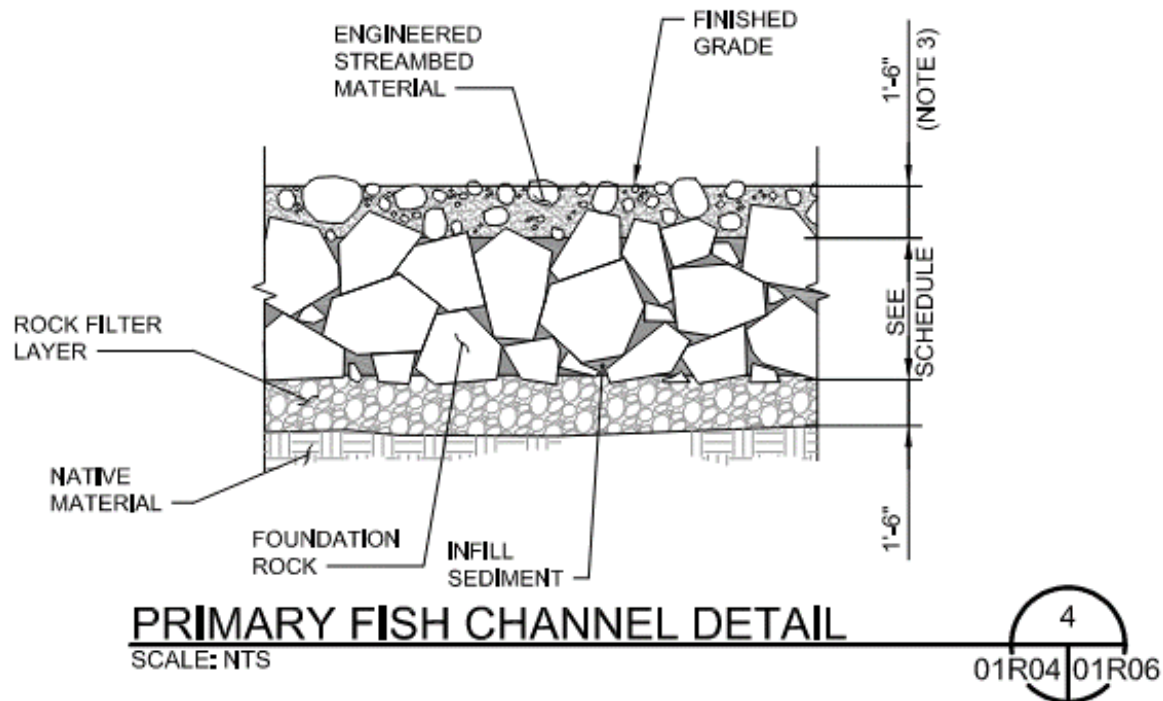
# Contracting and Implementation



## AGENDA

- 01** Contracting methods & construction documentation
- 02** Construction methods, considerations, & challenges
- 03** Project Spotlights
- 04** *Break*
- 05** Project spotlights
- 06** Closing Statements

# 01



## Contracting methods and construction documentation

- Overview of NLF Project Delivery Methods
- Use of contract documents as a communication tool for NLF construction
- Contract execution





# Overview of NLF Project Delivery Methods



# NLF Project Delivery Methods Overview

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Build

Construction  
Manager at  
Risk

Design Build

Progressive  
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Design Build  
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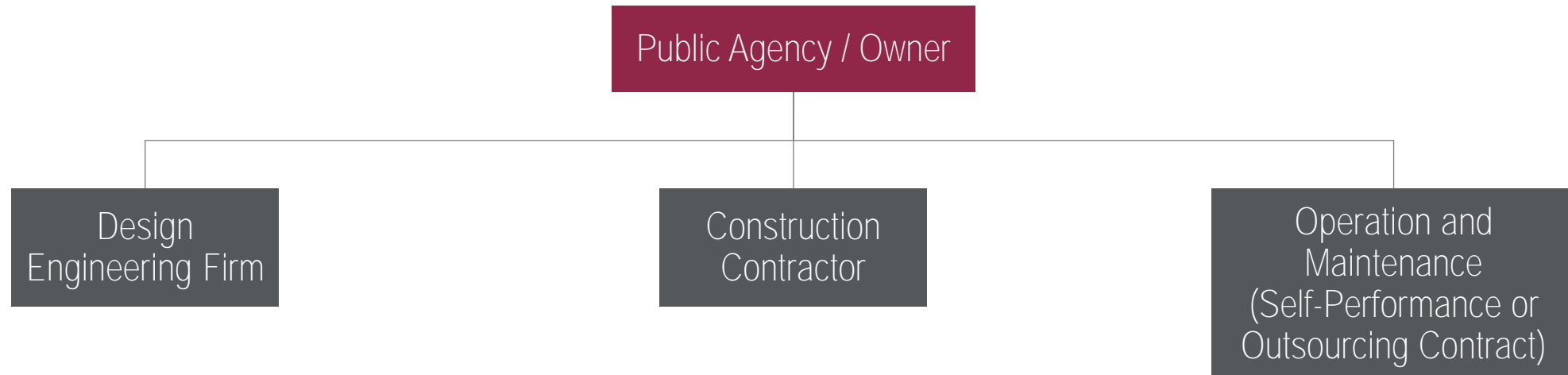
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# NLF Project Delivery Methods Overview

## Design Bid Build

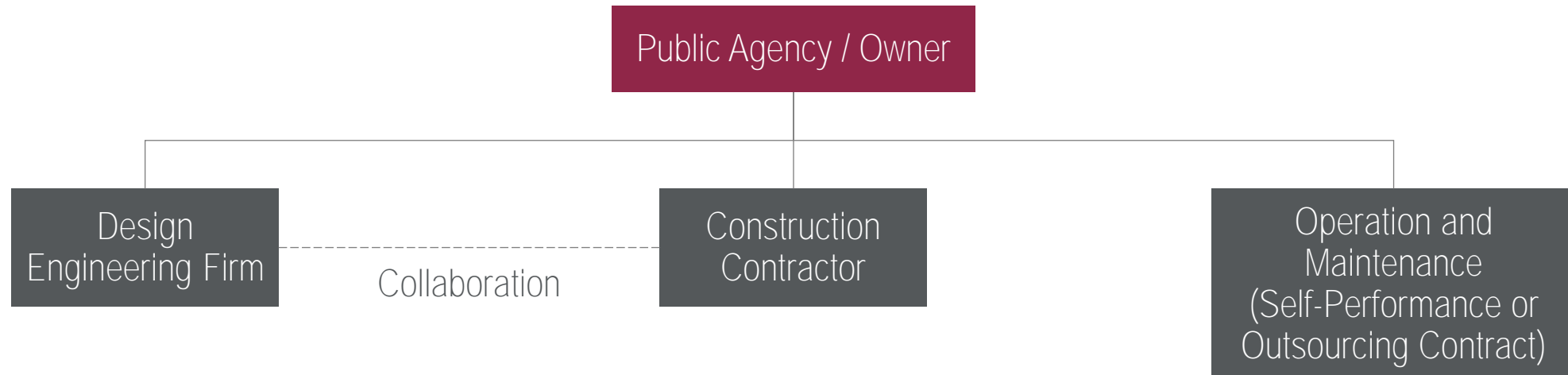
design team and a general contractor working directly for the owner under separate contracts



# NLF Project Delivery Methods Overview

## Construction Manager at Risk

The construction manager acts as a representative for the owner during the design and construction phases, and the CM takes on project risk (usually with a contract that has a guaranteed maximum price).

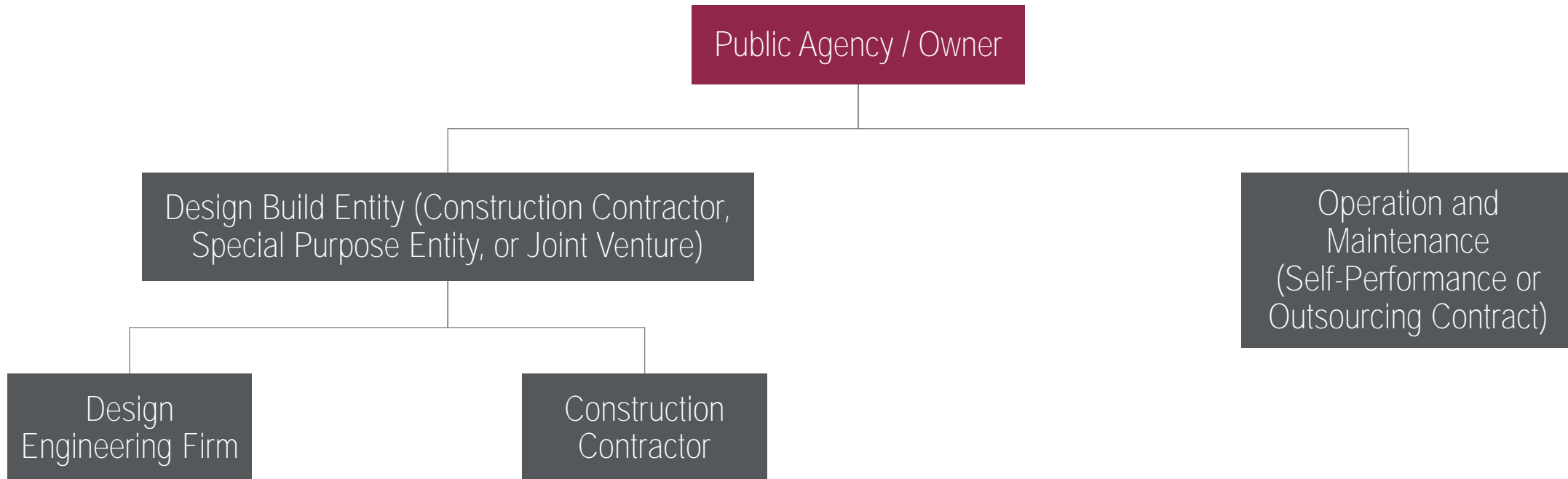




# NLF Project Delivery Methods Overview

## Design Build

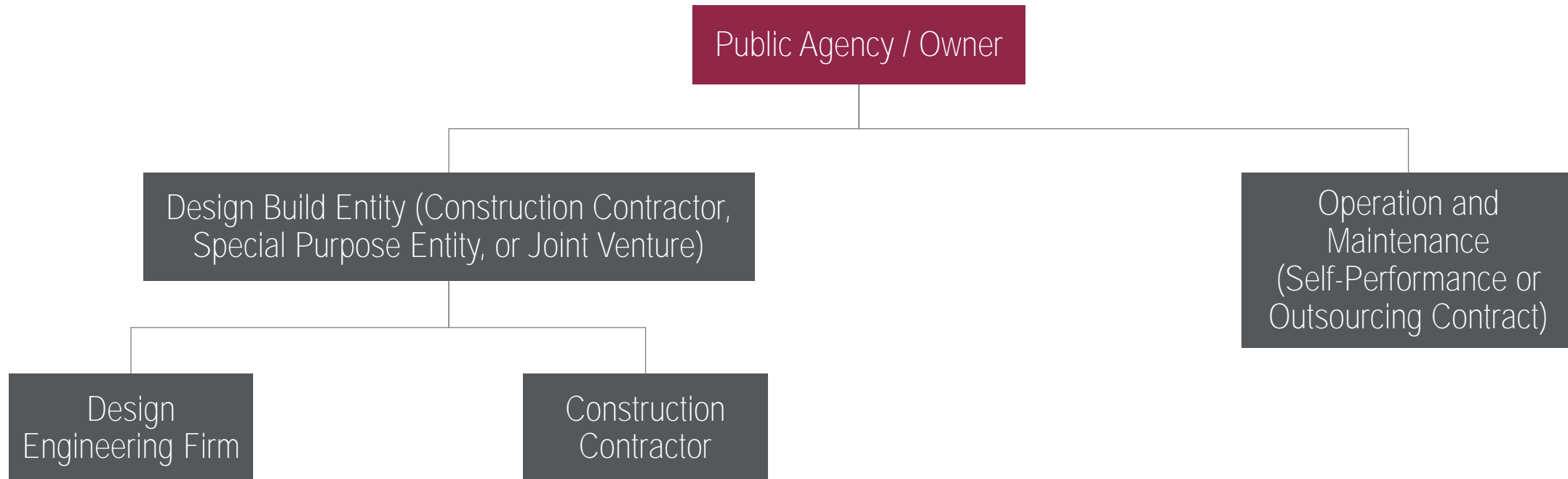
In design-build construction, an owner enters into a single contract to cover both the architectural design services and the physical construction of the build, streamlining the collaboration, communication, and coordination process.



# NLF Project Delivery Methods Overview

## Progressive Design Build

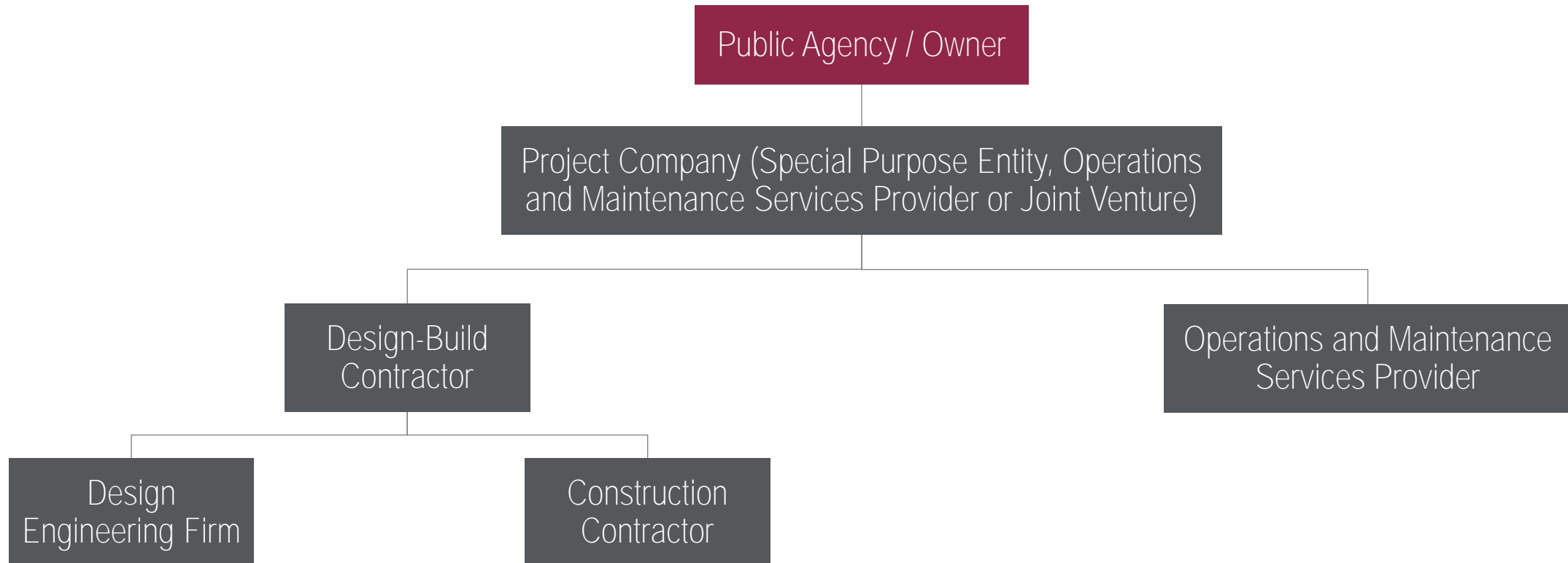
Offramp at 60% level of project definition. If the owner and contractor cannot agree on the design or budget for construction services, the owner can decide to use the “off ramp” built into the PDB agreement.



# NLF Project Delivery Methods Overview

## Design Build and Operate

In design-build operate construction, an owner enters a single contract to cover both the engineering design services, the physical construction of the project, and operation of the constructed project. Operation is paid for a specific duration and then renewed via additional operation contracts by owner and operator.

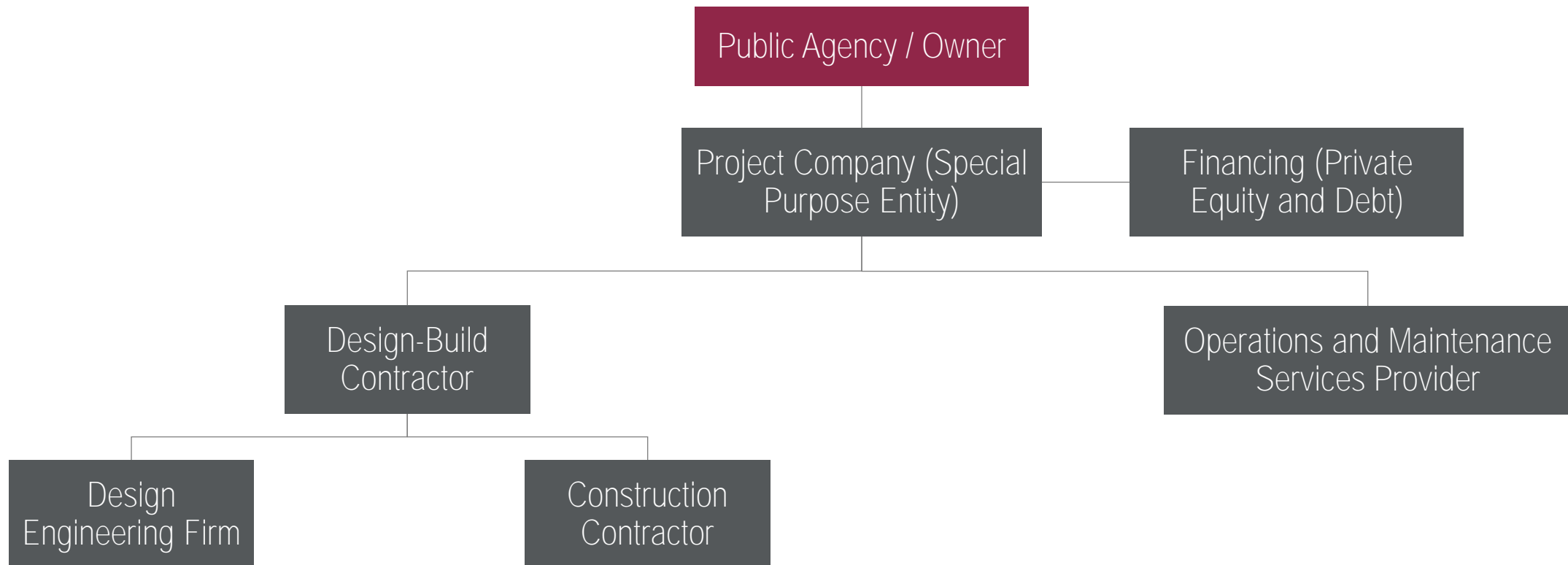




# NLF Project Delivery Methods Overview

## Design Build Finance and Operate, Public Private Partnership (PPP)

A private company and government entity collaborate on a project, typically funded by the government entity and managed by the private company.



# Construction Delivery Methods Overview

- Two Most Common Delivery Methods for NLF Projects



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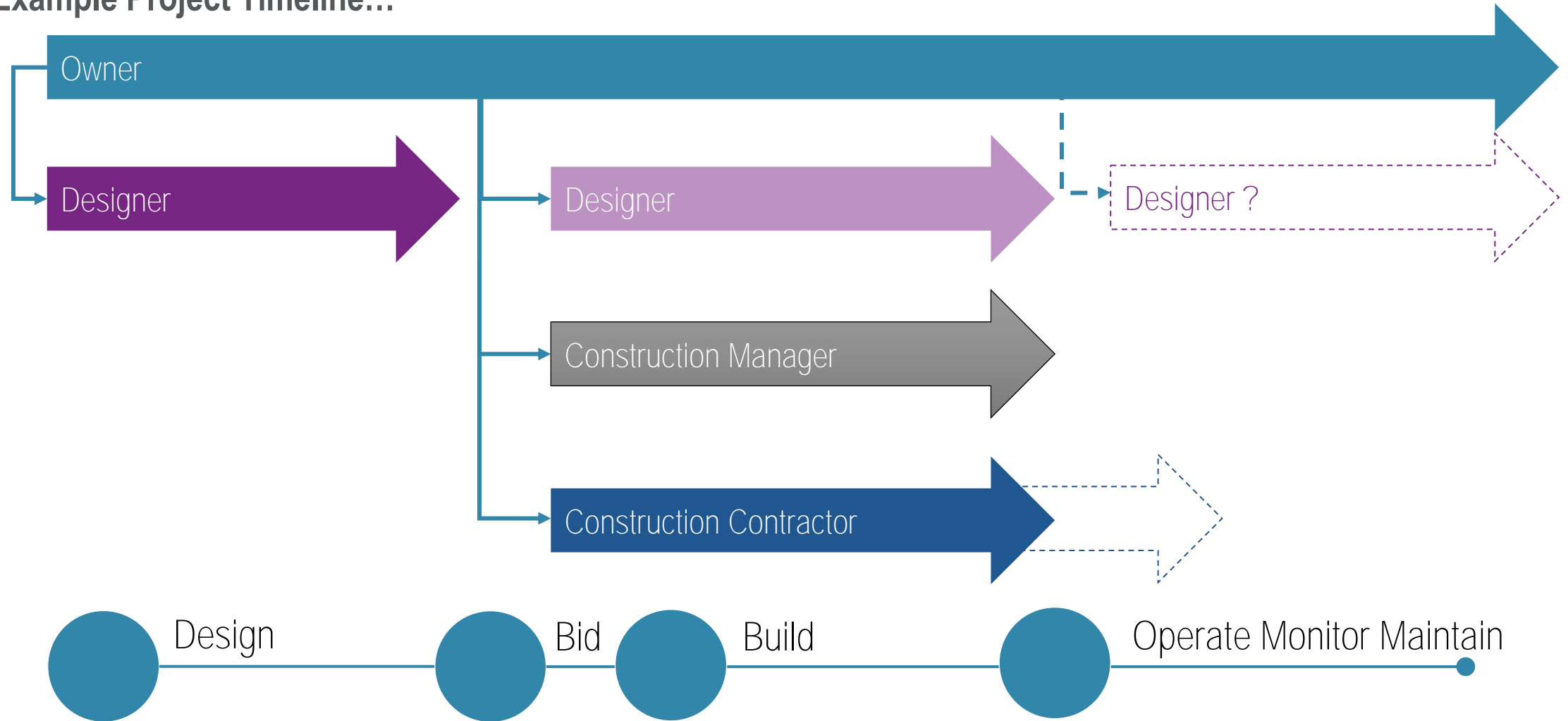
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# Design Bid Build

Example Project Timeline...



# Design Bid Build

## Advantages

- Widely used method for public agency projects
- Agencies typically have developed standard contracts and procedures based on experiences from many projects
- Owners are comfortable with the DBB approach
- Owner maintains a high level of control during the design phase
- Typically, a large pool of contractors
- Owner and contractor familiar with the process
- Ability to attract competition

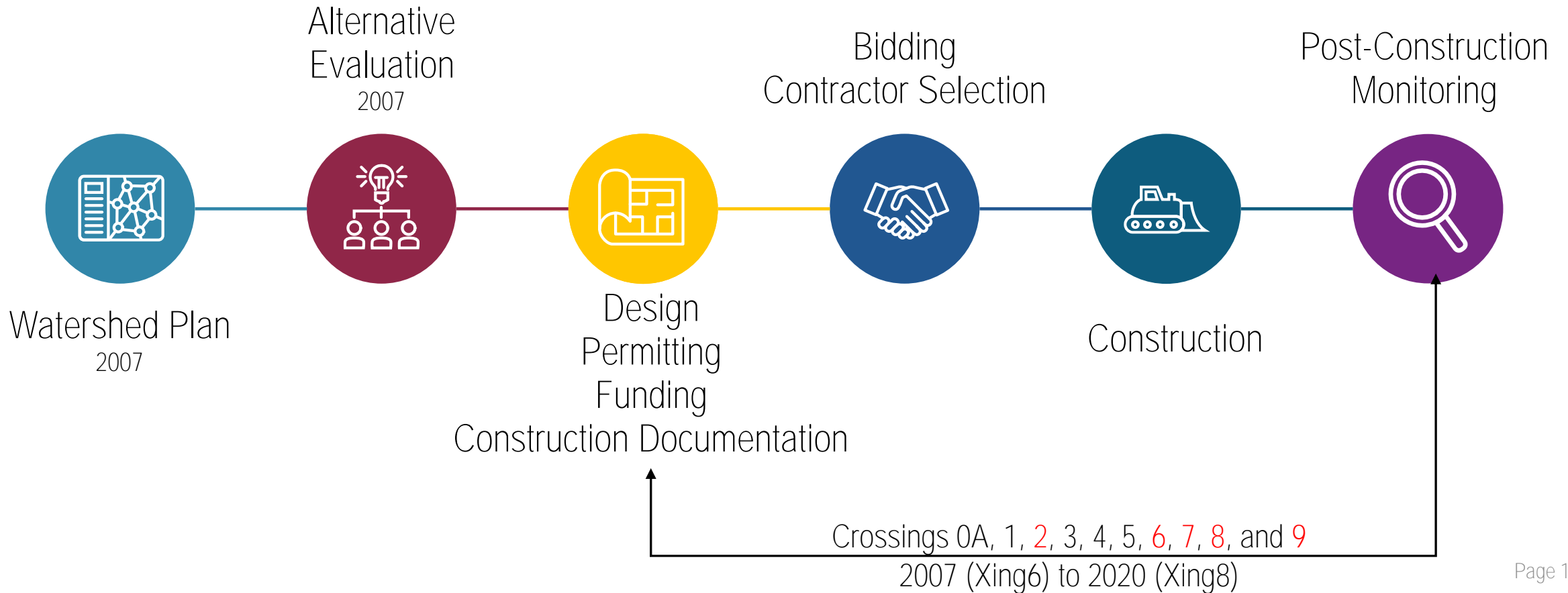
## Disadvantages

- Requires the longest time for design and construction
- No design competition
- Little collaboration between designers, builders and operators
- Lack of emphasis on life cycle costs
- Firm construction costs are not known until bidding process is complete
- Prone to change orders
- Low bid contractor selection increases risk of performance problems
- Owner retains the risk for design errors and project performance



# Design Bid Build

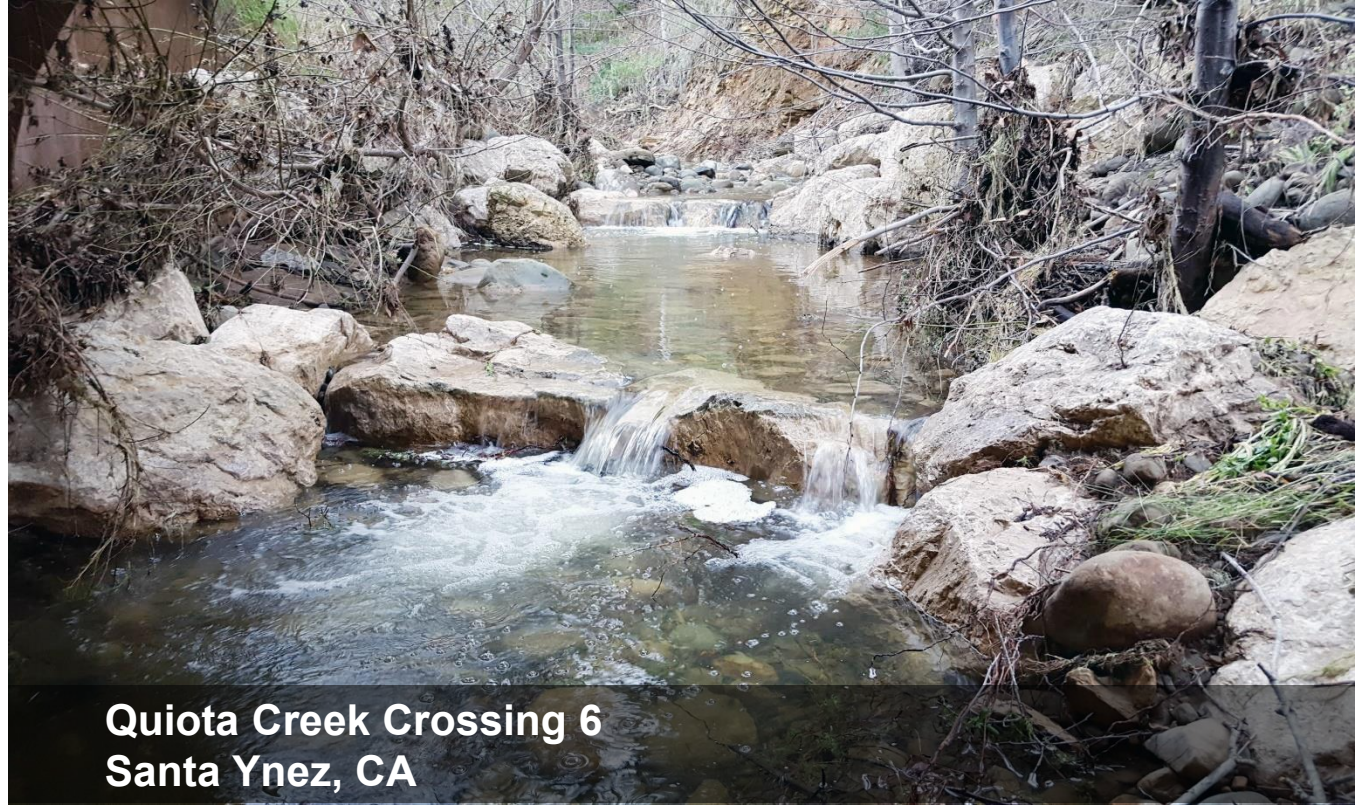
Example Project – Quiota Creek Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Program  
Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board, *Quiota Creek, Santa Ynez, CA*



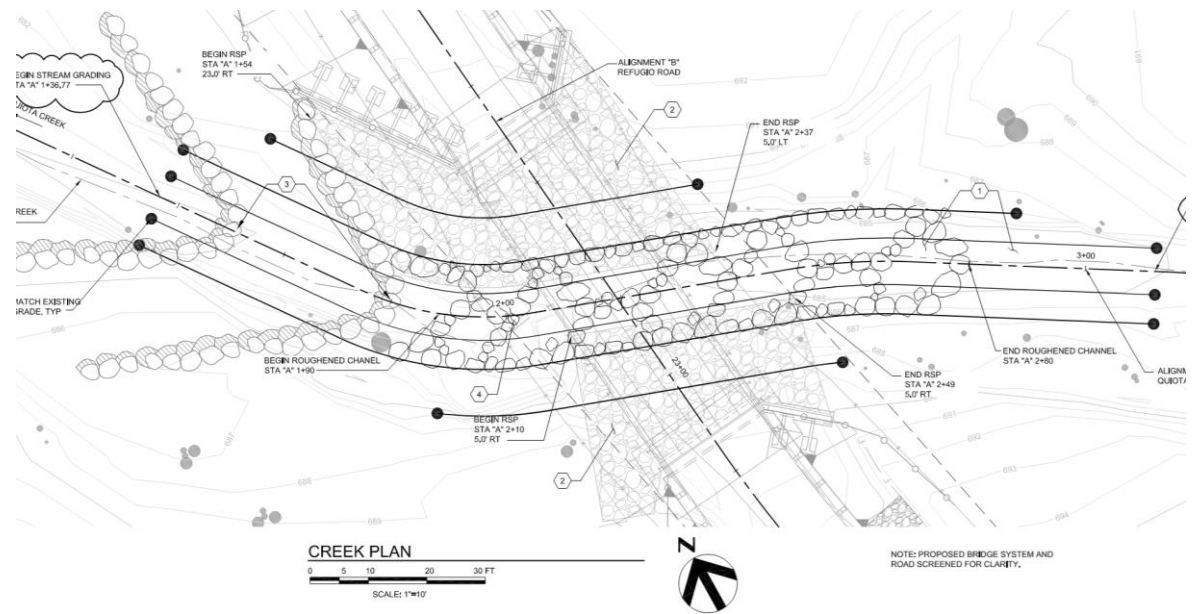




Quiota Creek Crossing 2  
Santa Ynez, CA



Quiota Creek Crossing 6  
Santa Ynez, CA

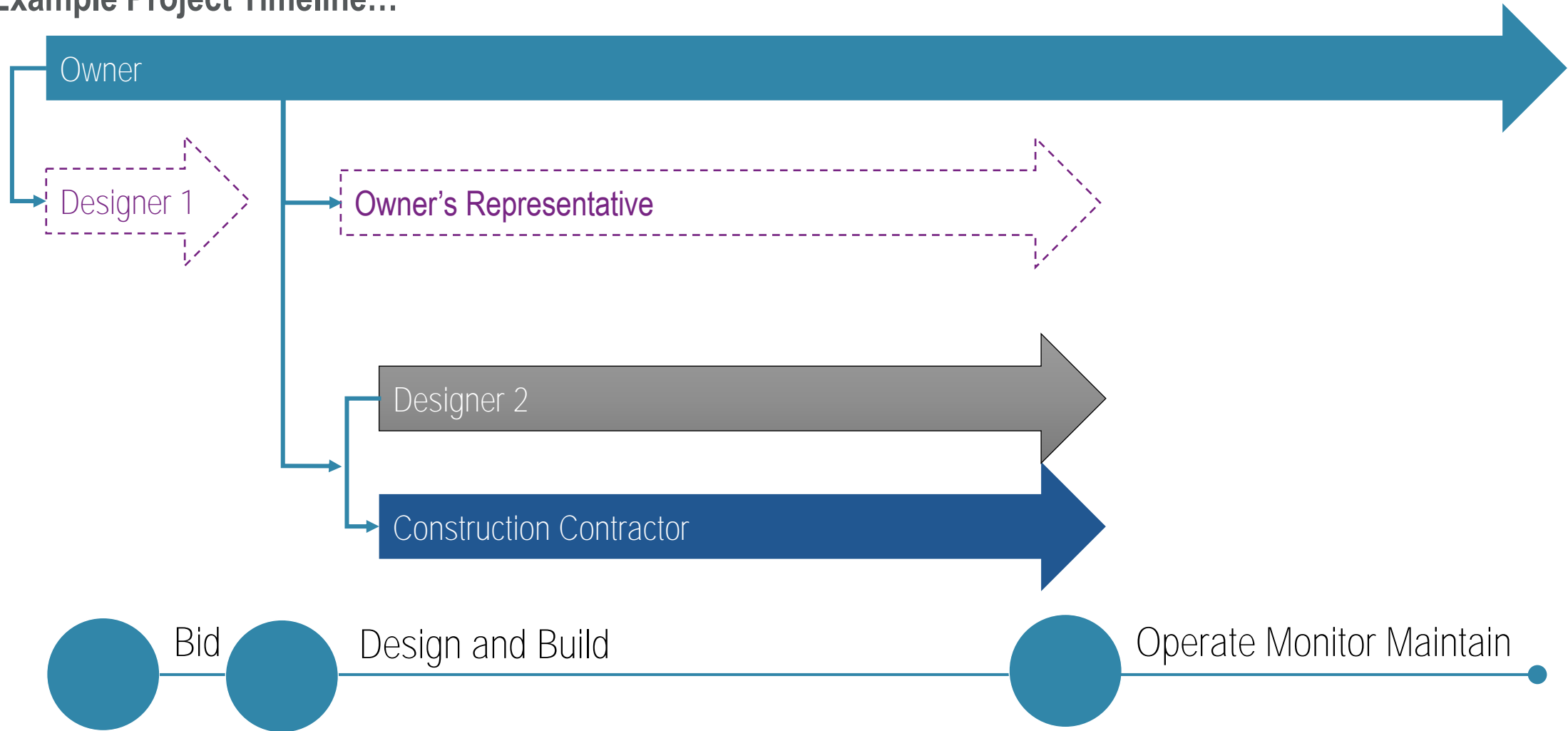


Quiota Creek Crossing 4  
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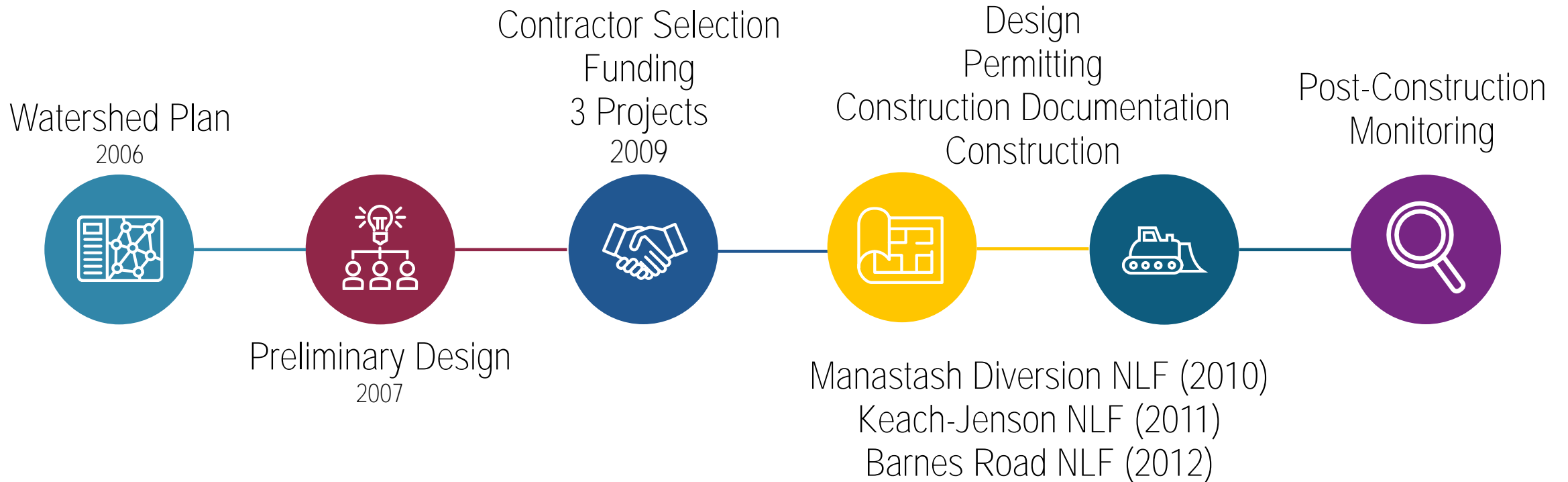
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Example Project Timeline...

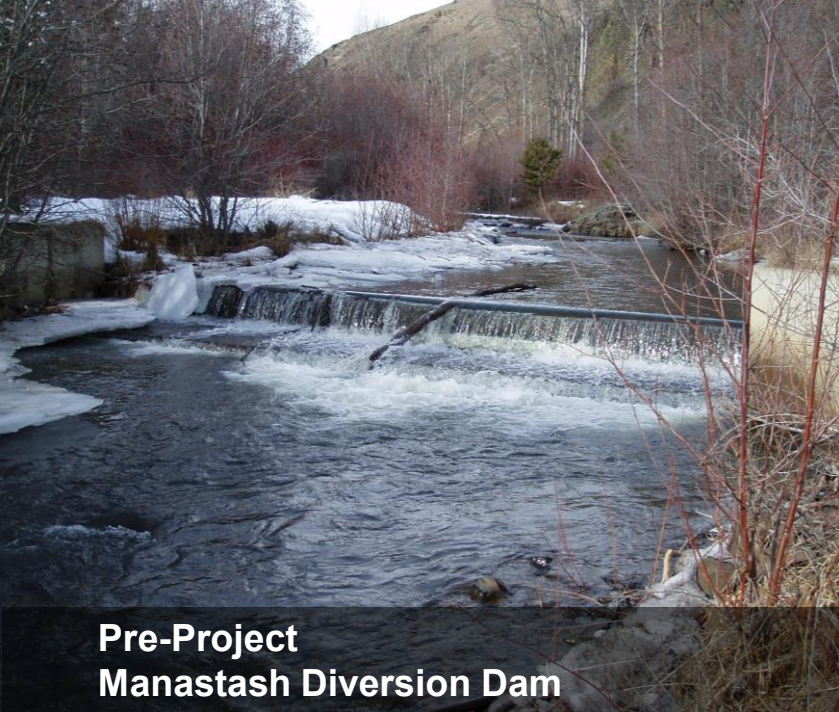


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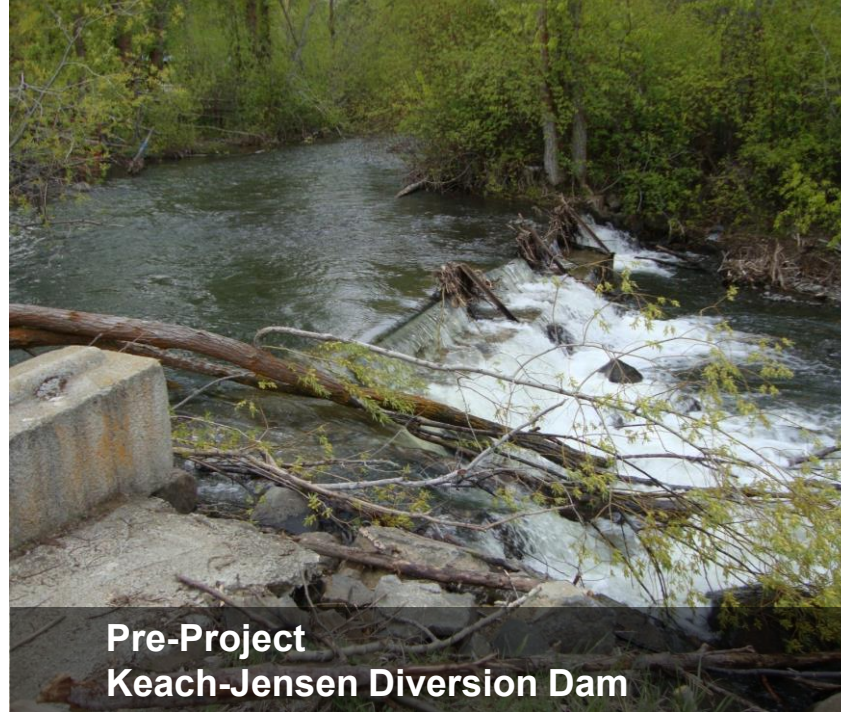
Example Project – Manastash Creek Restoration Program  
Kittitas County Conservation District and Bonneville Power Administration  
Manastash Creek, WA







**Pre-Project  
Manastash Diversion Dam**



**Pre-Project  
Keach-Jensen Diversion Dam**



**Pre-Project  
Barnes Road Diversion**



**Post-Project  
Manastash Diversion Dam**



**Post-Project  
Keach-Jensen Diversion Dam**



**Post-Project  
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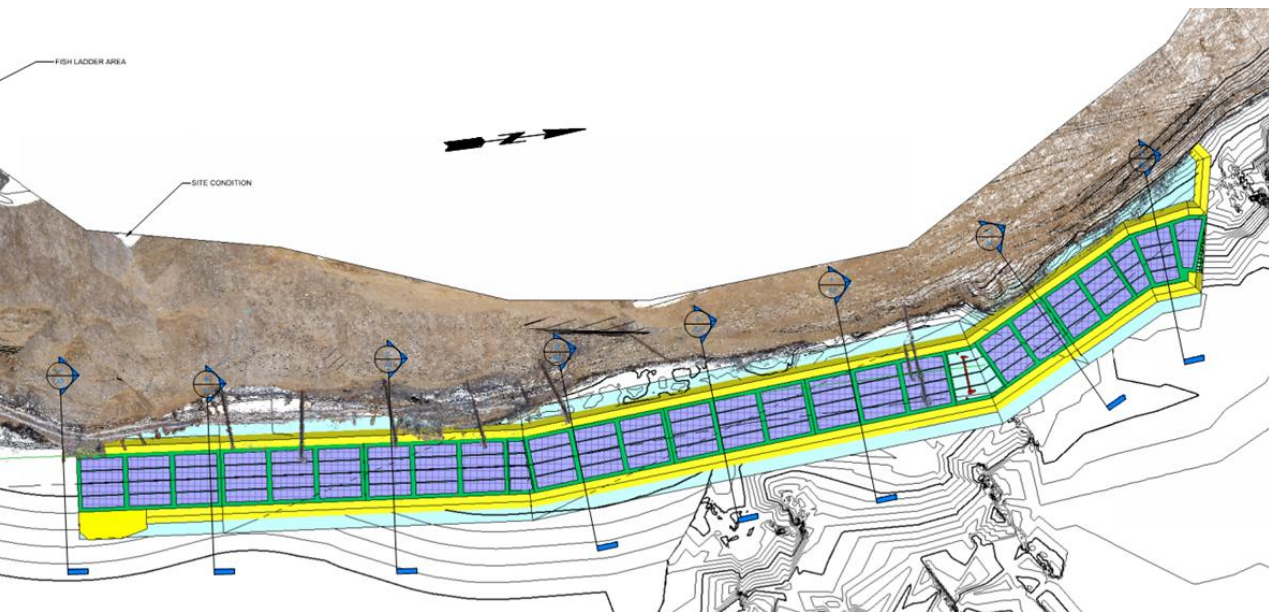




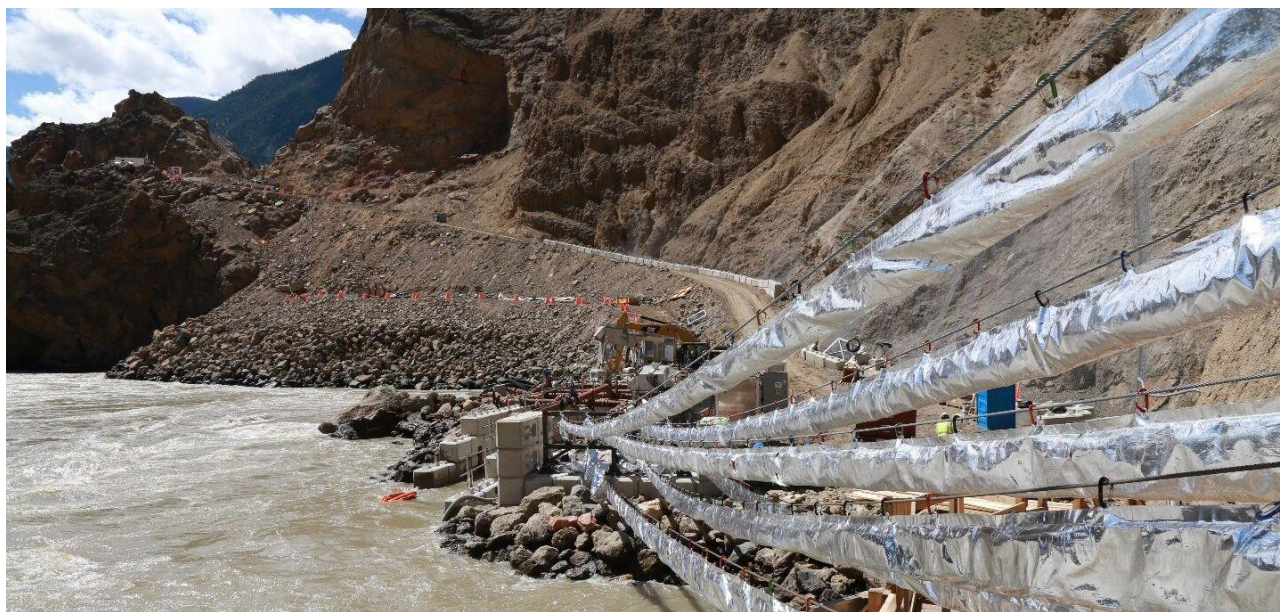
**Pre-Project  
Big Bar, Fraser River, Lillooet, BC**



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Big Bar, Fraser River, Lillooet, BC**



**Reference Design – Permanent Double Vertical Slot Fishway  
Big Bar, Fraser River, Lillooet, BC**



**Temporary Emergency Passage  
Big Bar, Fraser River, Lillooet, BC**



# Design Build

## Advantages

- Builder and designer are selected on qualifications and overall best value
- Can use prequalification to narrow field of proposers to best qualified.
- Builder's and designer's interests are aligned. Limits contract changes.
- Transfer of design, construction and performance risk to the design-builder
- Single contract for design and construction shields the owner from disputes between designer and builder
- Shortens project schedule and potentially reduces overall project cost and cost risk.

## Disadvantages

- Owners have less familiarity
- Best value proposal evaluation can be complex to prepare and select. Longer, more involved procurement phase
- Owner gives up more control of details. Limited opportunity for the owner and DB contractor to collaborate once price is set
- Design drawings are less detailed than in DBB
- Regulatory agencies may not have a procedure in place to review partially complete designs
- Limited focus on life cycle costs. Owner retains the operating risk.

# Construction Delivery Methods Overview

Which delivery methods is right for your project...

- Speed of Delivery – Amount of schedule reduction, inflation
- Risk Allocation – Manage risks, dispute avoidance, transfer of risks
- Owner Control of Design – Which design vision is most critical
- Cost Certainty – Early cost certainty, manage change
- Procurement Considerations – market and political viability, selection system simplicity
- Relative Costs – Is there a potential for substantial savings
- Performance Certainty – Allow for innovation



# Construction Documentation



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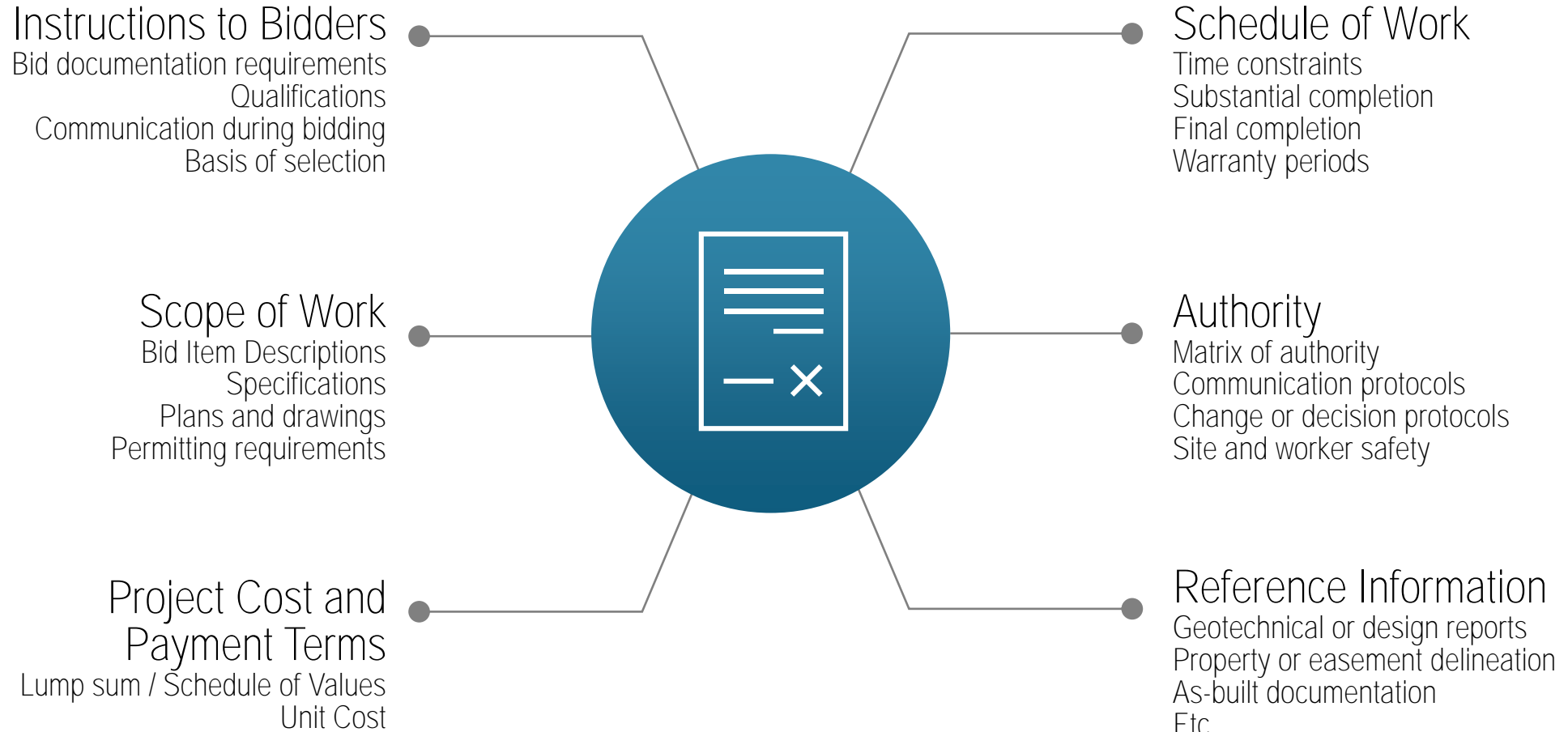
# Construction Documentation

## Overview

- A contractual framework between the Owner and the Builder or Design-Builder composed of multiple parts
- Provides scope of work, payment terms, work timelines, constraints, requirements, guidelines, stipulations, and change management protocol the Owner and the Builder or Design-Builder agree to adhere to.
- Is a communication tool between owner, designer, and builder throughout a construction project
- Not all construction contracts and documentation are assembled the same way
  - Terms and conditions, standards, and overall content vary by Owner and unique project composition
  - Level of detail and complexity can be scaled dependent upon the contract type and situation.

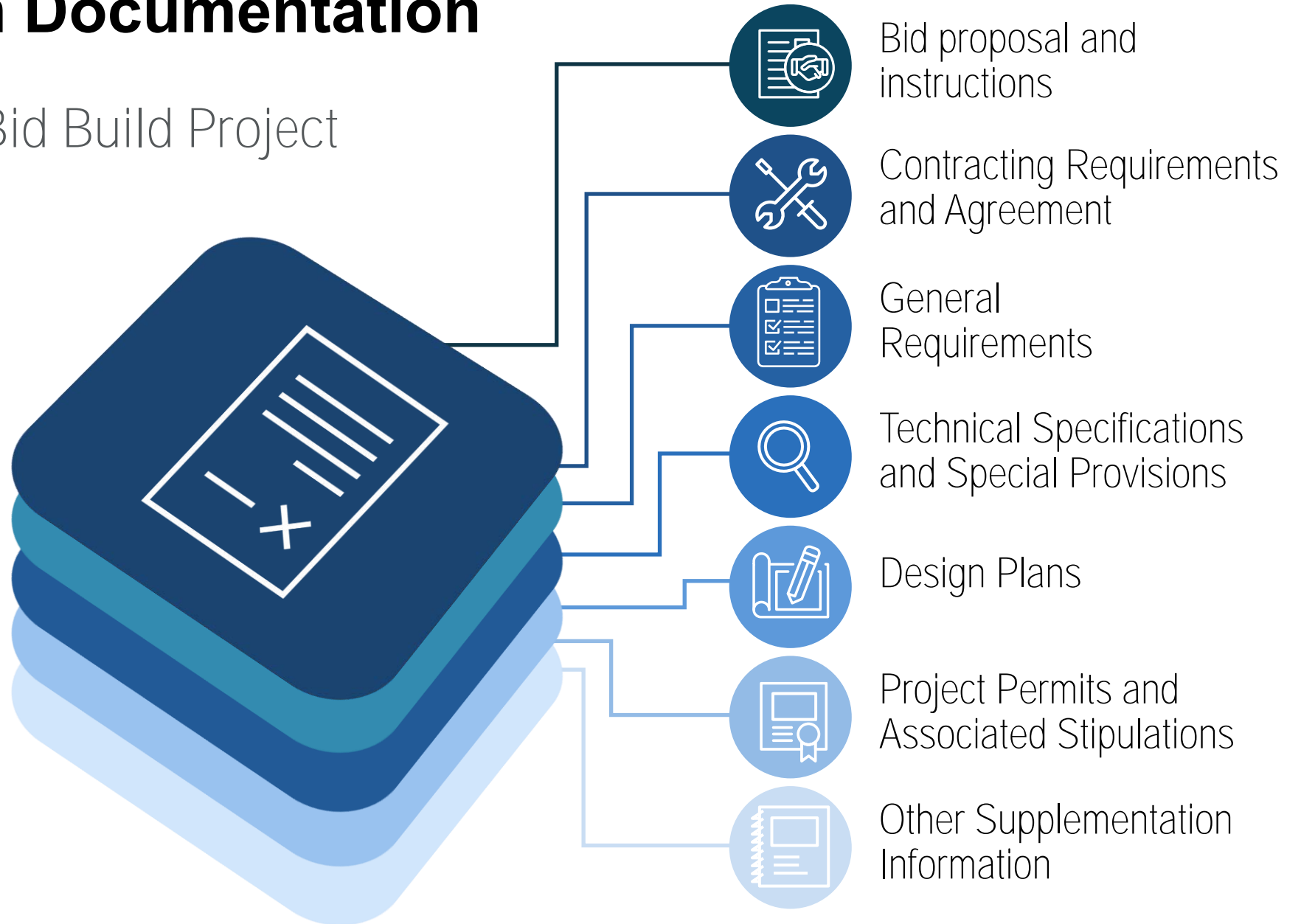
# Construction Documentation

## Summary of Basic Construction Contract Elements



# Construction Documentation

Example Design Bid Build Project



# Construction Documentation

## Scenario 1 - DBB with Low Bidder Selection Requirement

- Requires a higher level of detail with higher level of effort spent on developing linkages between plans, notes, specifications, and contract authority
- Minimum responsive requirements for contractor qualifications and experience must be clearly written into bidding requirements
- Additional clarity required on **material standards, acceptance of materials**, and requirements during **execution of work** – emphasis on notes and specifications within overall contract
- Assume that construction may be executed with or without original engineer of record
- Risk Mitigation strategies include:
  - Execute a prequalification process if possible so that only experienced contractors provide bid proposals
  - Negotiate and plan for a higher level of effort during design to accommodate level of detail
  - Communicate clear recommendations to owner to involve design engineer and or qualified and experienced inspectors during construction
  - Prepare for more cost and schedule overruns – elevate contingency funds – standard of care is ~10%



# Construction Documentation

## Scenario 2 - DBB with Best Value Selection Process

- Contractor qualifications and experience can be evaluated with their price proposal during selection
- Selected contractor may not be the least costly, but may result in the best, most cost-effective project overall
- **Material standards, acceptance of materials**, and requirements during **execution of work** are likely better recognized and understood by the selected contractor
- There is a higher probability that a highly qualified contractor will execute more effective means and methods – less schedule and cost risk
- Risk Mitigation strategies include:
  - Execute a prequalification process if possible so that only experienced contractors provide bid proposals
  - Communicate clear recommendations to owner to involve design engineer and or qualified and experienced inspectors during construction
  - As budget allows, provide a similar level of detail and level of effort spent on developing linkages between plans, notes, specifications, and contract authority.
  - Invite the contractor to provide value proposals during the bidding process

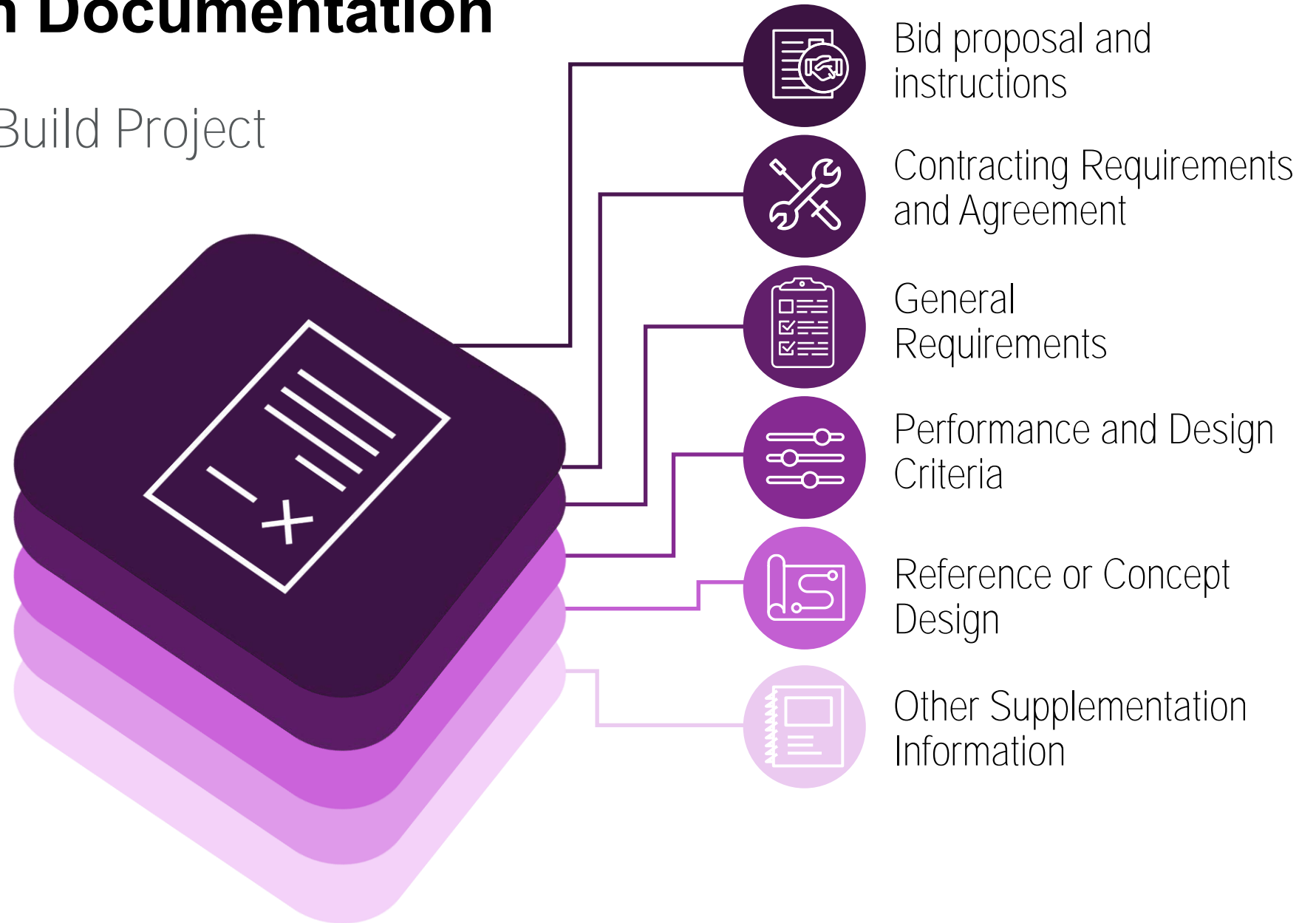
# Construction Documentation

## Scenario 3 - DBB with Engineer of Record as CM

- Involving a highly experienced contractor coupled with the experienced engineer of record provides the greatest likelihood of success.
- **Material standards, acceptance of materials**, and requirements during **execution of work** are likely better recognized, understood, and implemented by the selected contractor. The design intent can be clearly communicated by the design engineer.
- In this case, the level of effort can focus on the scope of work, timeline constraints, and material requirements needed by the contractor to accomplish the work. Execution of work can be communicated by the engineer.
- Decisions are more effectively navigated using the processes provided by the contract authority
- Risk Mitigation strategies include:
  - Execute a prequalification process if possible so that only experienced contractors provide bid proposals
  - Provide adequate time and budget for the engineer of record to participate throughout construction execution
  - Invite the contractor to provide value proposals during the bidding process

# Construction Documentation

Example Design Build Project



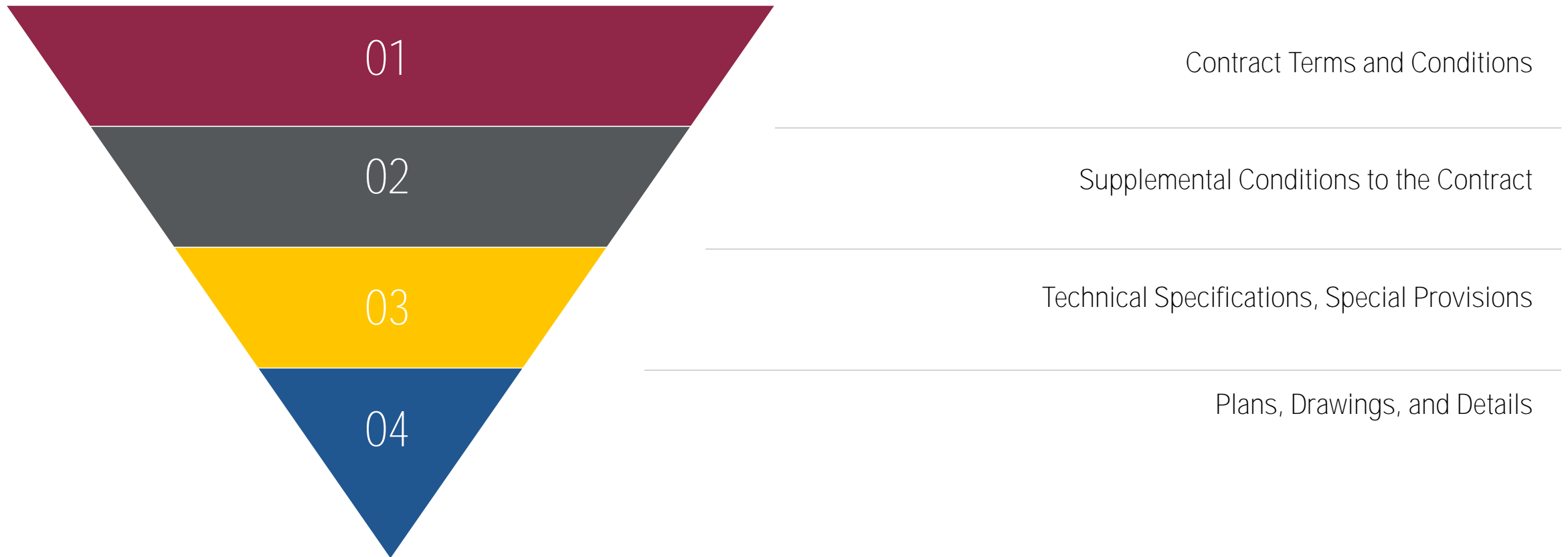
# Construction Documentation

## Scenario 1 - DB with Engineer of Record as Owner Representative

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- Selected contractor may not be the least costly, but may result in the best, most cost-effective project overall
- There is a higher probability that a highly qualified contractor will execute more effective means and methods – less schedule and cost risk
- **Material standards, acceptance of materials**, and requirements during **execution of work** are the responsibility of the design builder after a design has been accepted. They assume the risk.
- Risk Mitigation strategies include:
  - Execute a prequalification process if possible so that only experienced design-builder teams provide bid proposals
  - Provide a clear set of expectations, scope of work, timeline constraints, environmental standards, and any guidelines to be followed by the design-builder. Execution of work is the responsibility of the design-build team.
  - Provide clear expectations regarding the extent and duration of communications and any review and acceptance practices to be followed.

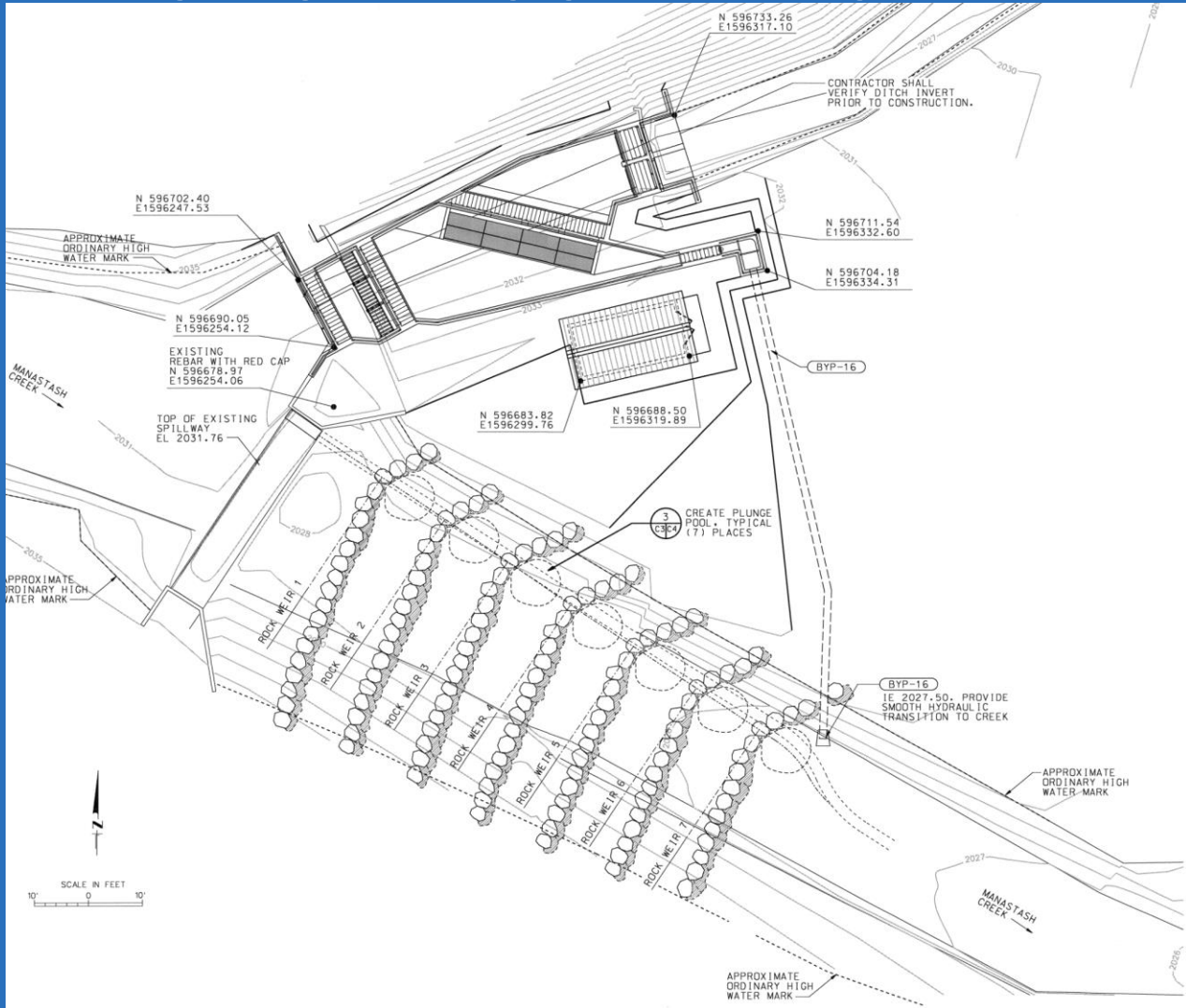
# Construction Documentation

Contract Authority – Resolution of Conflicts or Discrepancies



# Construction Documentation

- Example drawings and specifications
- Lower level of detail
- High engineer engagement during construction



## SPECIFICATIONS

- GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE DEFINED HEREIN AS THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ON SITE INSTALLATION OF ALL ITEMS SPECIFIED AND SHOWN IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
  - UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE THE CONTRACTOR SHALL LIMIT THEIR ACTIVITIES TO THE STAGING AND ACCESS AREAS INDICATED ON THE DRAWINGS.
  - THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING WHATEVER MEASURES ARE NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL EXISTING FACILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH TEMPORARY ACCESS OR STAGING ON ADJOINING PROPERTIES; DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION; ANY REPAIRS, REPLENISHMENTS OR RESTORATION MEASURES MADE NECESSARY BY THE CONTRACTOR'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE MADE AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
  - THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL ON-SITE DIMENSIONS OF EXISTING STRUCTURES PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF SHOP DRAWINGS OR COMMENCEMENT OF STRUCTURAL WORK. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE IMMEDIATELY IF ANY DISCREPANCIES FOUND THAT MAY AFFECT THE INTENDED WORK.
  - THE SAFETY OF ALL ON-SITE WORKERS SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR; USE EXTREME CAUTION AT ALL TIMES WHILE WORKING UNDER, IN AND AROUND THE WATER; CONFORM TO ALL LAWS AND CODES GOVERNING UNDERGROUND WORK.
  - ALL ITEMS ON THE PLANS INDICATED AS NIC (NOT IN CONTRACT) SHALL BE INSTALLED BY THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE'S YAKIMA SCREEN SHOP (YSS). THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION WITH YSS ON ALL COMPONENTS TO BE INSTALLED WITHOUT DELAY AND THAT DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON THESE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. CLOSE COORDINATION IS NECESSARY THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION METHOD FOR INSTALLATION OF ALL ITEMS. PORTIONS OF THE STRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE THE NIC COMPONENTS INDICATED, IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSTRUCT AND COORDINATE ACCORDINGLY. THE CONTACT FOR YSS IS CHUCK LINDBURG, TELEPHONE (509)575-2333, SMALL LUMBER DEPOT, WA, USA.

## CIVIL SPECIFICATIONS

- EXISTING CONTOUR INFORMATION ARE BASED ON SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN 2008-2009 BY NUMBERS, LUSMAN ASSOCIATES, INC. 801 NORTH 39TH AVE. YAKIMA, WASHINGTON 98902 PHONE(509)865-3800
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FURNISHING, INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO CONTROL EROSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
- CLEARING AND GRUBBING SHALL NOT EXCEED LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS; THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPOSAL OF CLEARING DEBRIS; DEBRIS SHALL BE DISPOSED TO A STATE APPROVED OFF-SITE FACILITY OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE OWNER.
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF THE EXISTING DIVERSION STRUCTURE EXCLUDING SILL WITHOUT DISTURBING ADJOINING PROPERTY. MATERIALS FROM DIVERSION STRUCTURE DEMOLITION SHALL BE DISPOSED TO A STATE APPROVED OFF-SITE FACILITY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONTRACTOR; MATERIALS TO BE SALVAGED MAY BE TEMPORARILY STOCKPILED IN A LOCATION ACCESSIBLE TO THE OWNER; HOLES AND PITS CREATED BY REMOVING EXISTING STRUCTURE SHALL BE BACKFILLED AND COMPACTED WITH STRUCTURAL BACKFILL MATERIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH G AND H.
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING A SAFE WORKING AREA. ALL DISCHARGE FROM DEWATERING EFFORTS SHALL BE ROUTED TO THE IRRIGATION CANAL AND SHALL MEET ALL STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS; SHORING, WHERE NECESSARY, SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:
  - IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DESIGN, INSTALL, AND MAINTAIN FUNCTIONALLY EFFECTIVE AND STRUCTURALLY SOUND SHORING; THE FAILURE OF THE SHORING EITHER IN FUNCTION OR STRUCTURALLY FOR ANY REASON, SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS INCLUSIVE, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A FAILURE AND LIABILITY FOR SUCH A FAILURE, SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR; IN THE EVENT THE SHORING HAS FAILED OR IS NOT FUNCTIONAL AS DESIGNED, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPAIR OR REBUILD THE SHORING AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.
  - SHORINGS OR OTHER PROTECTIVE WORKS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED, MAINTAINED, AND REMOVED USING MATERIALS AND METHODS WHICH DO NOT PRODUCE SILTATION OR OTHER DEGRADATION OF THE WATER QUALITY OF THE RIVER OR STREAM WHICH EXCEEDS THE LIMITS OF APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS.
  - THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR SHORINGS AND PROTECTIVE WORKS WHICH SHALL ADDRESS, AS A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
    - TYPE OF SHORING OR OTHER PROTECTIVE WORKS TO BE USED.
    - SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SHORING OR OTHER PROTECTIVE WORKS RELATED WORK ITEMS.
    - PROVISIONS FOR LIMITING SILTATION OR OTHER EFFECTS ON THE RIVERS AND STREAMS.
    - PROVISIONS FOR REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY SHORINGS OR PROTECTIVE WORKS AND REPLENISHMENT OR GRADING OF THE FOUNDATION AREAS FOLLOWING REMOVAL.
    - PROVISIONS FOR EXCAVATING AND DEWATERING INSIDES OF THE SHORINGS OR PROTECTIVE WORKS.
  - ALL CALCULATIONS REQUIRED SUBSTANTIATING THE DESIGN OF THE SHORING AND PROTECTIVE WORKS.
  - THE SUBMITTAL SHALL BE PREPARED AND SIGNED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND EXPERIENCED WITH SHORING DESIGN.

- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PERFORM ALL EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL WORK TO THE LINES, DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATION INDICATED ON THE DRAWINGS; THE CONTRACTOR SHALL THOROUGHLY FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE EXISTING STOCKPILE LOCATION IS SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS AND IS LOCATED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER WORK OR DISTURB ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS.
- STRUCTURAL FILL PIPE BEDDING FILL AND COMMON BACKFILL SHALL MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED HEREIN.
- STRUCTURAL FILL SHALL BE A FREE-DRAINING MINERAL SOIL, FREE FROM ORGANIC MATTER, FROZEN OR LUMPY MATERIALS, VEGETATION, ROOTS, DEBRIS AND ANY OTHER DELETERIOUS MATTER; STRUCTURAL FILL SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WHEN TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM C136.
 

SIEVE	% PASSING (DESIGNATION BY WEIGHT)
2 INCH	100
7/8 INCH	80-100
NO. 4	20-80
NO. 200	0-5

- PIPE BEDDING MATERIAL FOR PIPE SHALL BE CLEAN SAND/GRAVEL MIXTURE FREE FROM ORGANIC MATTER AND CONFORMING TO THE FOLLOWING GRADATION WHEN TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM D 422:
 

SIEVE	% PASSING (DESIGNATION BY WEIGHT)
3/4 INCH	100
7/8 INCH	70 - 100
NO. 4	65 - 100
NO. 10	35 - 85
NO. 40	1 - 10
NO. 100	0 - 5
NO. 200	0 - 3

- COMMON BACKFILL MATERIAL SHALL CONSIST OF ON-SITE UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION MATERIAL FREE FROM ORGANICS, WOOD, BROKEN CONCRETE, FROZEN CHUNKS OR DEBRIS OF ANY KIND AND STONE/FROGS OVER 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER.
- COBBLE FILL SHALL CONSIST OF ROUNDED RIVER ROCK WITH A MINIMUM SPECIFIC WEIGHT (PGF) OF 2.6 AND THE FOLLOWING GRADATION:
 

PERCENT LIGHTER BY WEIGHT	STONE WEIGHT, LBS	MIN.	MAX.
W100	3700	1500	950
W50	2300	860	500
W15	1700	720	400

- GRADE CONTROL ROCK AND RIVER BANK MATERIAL SHALL CONSIST OF ROCK WITH A MINIMUM SPECIFIC WEIGHT (PGF) OF 2.6 AND THE FOLLOWING GRADATION:
 

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- ROCK SLOPE PROTECTION MATERIAL SHALL CONSIST OF ROCK WITH A MINIMUM SPECIFIC WEIGHT (PGF) OF 2.6 AND THE FOLLOWING GRADATION:
 

PERCENT LIGHTER BY WEIGHT	STONE WEIGHT, LBS	MIN.	MAX.
W100	675	1688	860
W50	388	500	250
W15	105	150	250

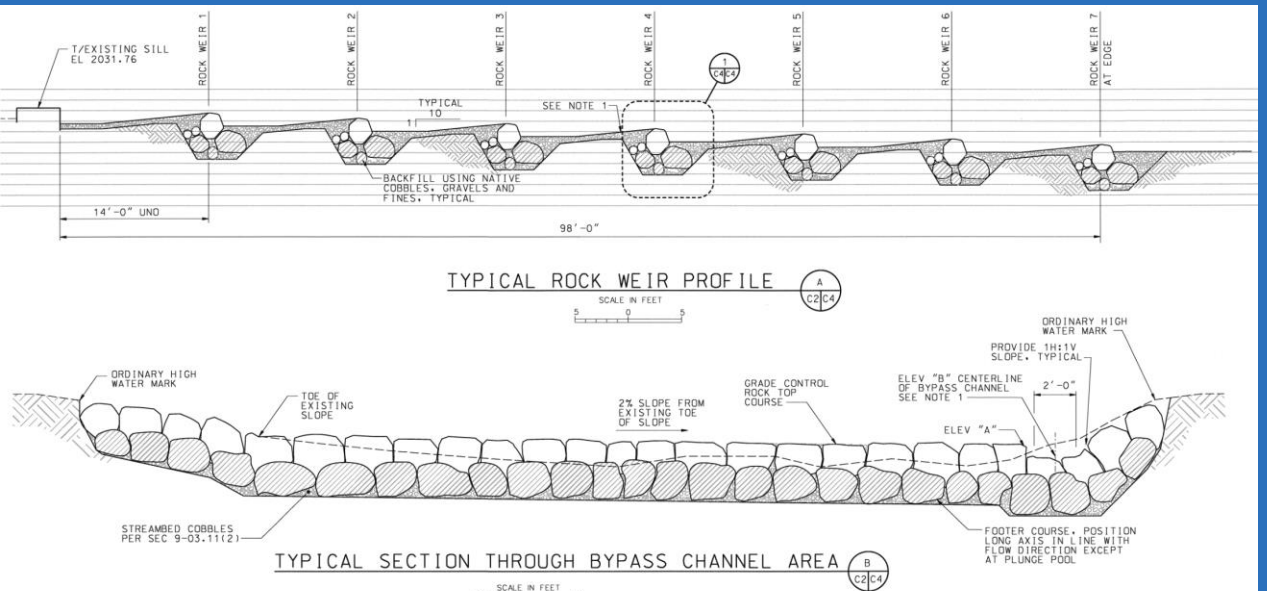
- BACKFILL UPSTREAM FACE OF ROCK WEIR WITH NATIVE MATERIAL AT APPROXIMATELY 10:1 VERTICAL TO 1:1 HORIZONTAL SLOPE. WASH FINES INTO ROCK WEIR FACE UNTIL SPACES ARE PLUGGED TO FINISHED ELEVATIONS INDICATED. NO STONE SHALL HAVE AN O/C RATIO GREATER THAN 3:5

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- COMPACTION SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY APPROVED EQUIPMENT. THE MAXIMUM COMPACTION TEST SHALL NOT EXCEED 4 INCHES LAYER SHALL BE AT LEAST 95 PERCENT OF LABORATORY MAXIMUM DENSITY. A MINIMUM OF ONE SOIL CLASSIFICATION AND ONE MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATION TEST SHALL BE PERFORMED ON MATERIAL USED FOR BEDDING, STRUCTURAL BACKFILL AND COMMON BACKFILL. FIELD COMPACTION TESTING SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM 2922 AT 4% OPTION MOISTURE CONTENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM 1307.1
- AT A MINIMUM, FOUR FIELD COMPACTION TESTS SHALL BE TAKEN AT THE DIVERSION STRUCTURE.
- COPIES OF THE TEST RESULTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE OWNER. ANY LAYER OR PORTION OF A LAYER WHICH HAS NOT ATTAINED THE REQUIRED DENSITY SHALL BE REWORKED. MOISTURE ADDED IF REQUIRED, AND RECOMPACTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED DENSITY IS OBTAINED AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE OWNER.

- SITE RESTORATION:
  - WILLOWS SHALL BE PLANTED DURING CONSTRUCTION IN AREAS INDICATED ON PLANS. PLANTING OF WILLOWS WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE KITITAS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (KCCD) AND WILL NOT BE PART OF THIS CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH KCCD THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF ANTICIPATED WILLOW PLANTINGS.
  - AREAS DISTURBED BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE HYDROSEEDED WITH AN EROSION CONTROL GRASS MAT CONTAINING GRASSES NATIVE TO THE ELLEBOUGH, WA, AREA. THE HYDROSEED MIX SHALL BE APPROVED BY PROJECT ENGINEER PRIOR TO APPLICATION.







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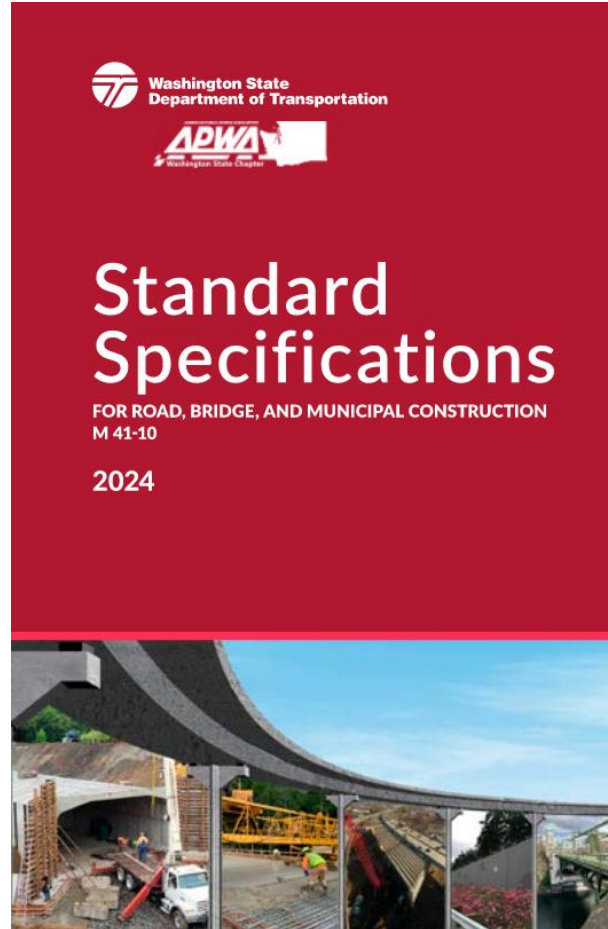
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- excavation, backfilling, grading, compaction, disposal of waste and surplus materials, aggregate, stone, rock, placement of materials, construction of rock features, shoring, bracing, and other Earthwork related work.

# Q&A



# 02

## Construction methods, considerations, and challenges

- An overview of NLF construction considerations, methods, and challenges



# Construction methods, considerations, and challenges

- Rock material properties and gradation
- Material handling
- Material sourcing
- Equipment, equipment limitations, constructability
- Use of hydraulic jetting as a tool for settlement and plugging interstitial space
- Care of water



# Rock Gradation and Quality

- Shape – Angular, Subangular, Rounded
- Specific Gravity – Density
- Hardness – Breaking and fracturing
- Durability – Response to abrasion
- Size and Gradation – Size class and distribution of sizes





# Rock Gradation

## Testing Methods Differentiated



Designation: D 5519 – 94 (Reapproved 2001)

### Standard Test Method for Particle Size Analysis of Natural and Man-Made Riprap Materials<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation D 5519; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

1.3 Three alternate procedures are provided. The procedure used shall be as indicated in the specification for the material being tested. If no procedure is specified, the choice should be selected and confirmed by the testing agency. The procedures and referenced sections are:

1.3.1 *Test Method A: Size-Mass Grading*—Grading of the material based on both the size and mass. See 9.2.

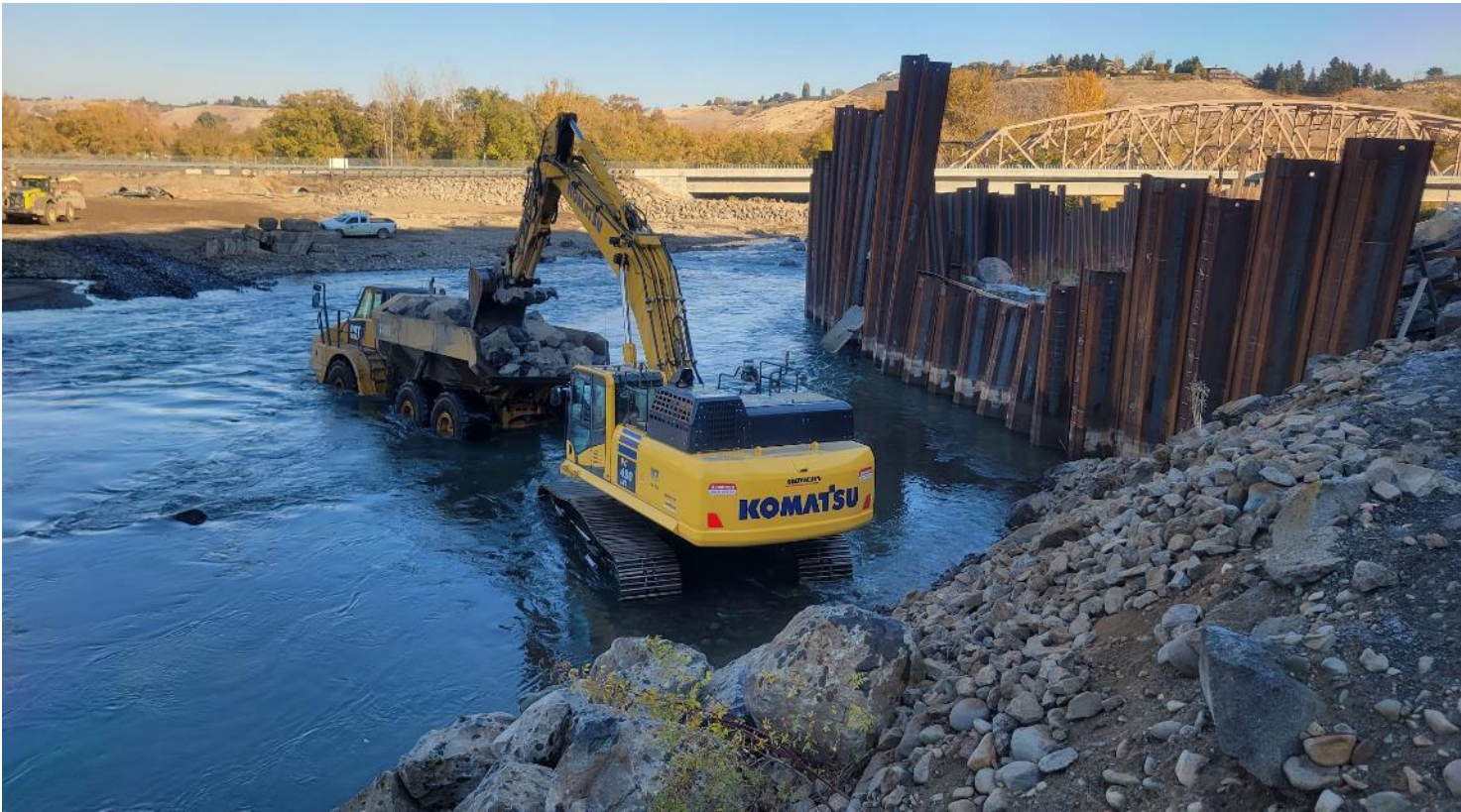
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# Onsite Material Receiving, Sorting, and Handling



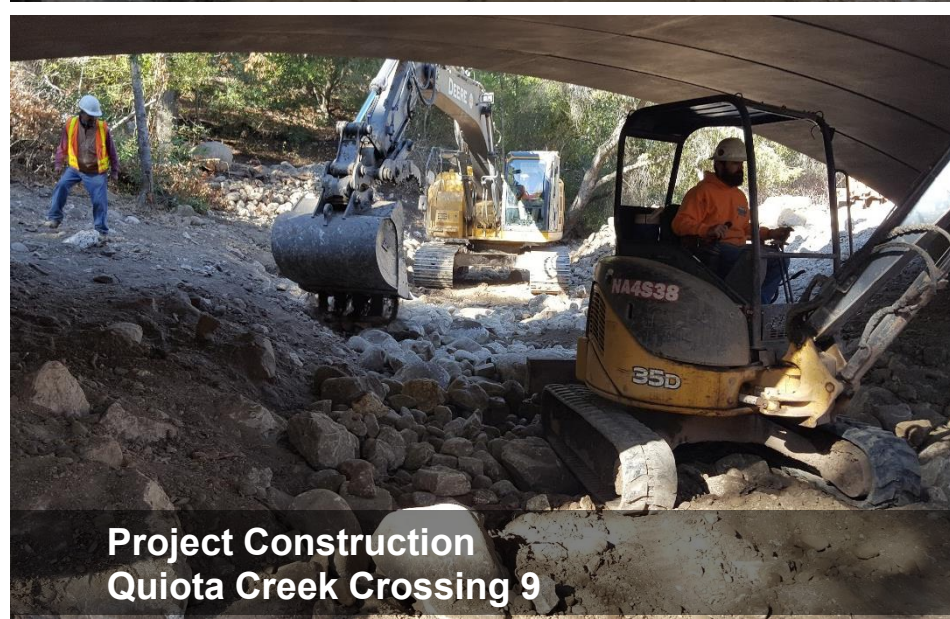




**Project Construction  
Cota Street Bridge NLF**



**Project Construction  
Eagle Creek (courtesy Michael Love)**



**Project Construction  
Quiota Creek Crossing 9**



# Large Rock Handling







**Environmental permitting efforts should consider construction means and methods to the extent possible. Changes in construction tactics not covered by approved permits can result in costly schedule delays.**







# Care of Water, Construction Isolation, Temporary Stream Diversions, and Dewatering



A broad variety of materials can be used to develop coffer dams for temporary stream diversions



Temporary stream diversions are configured to meet the need and complexity of the project to accommodate the anticipated range of flows during construction.







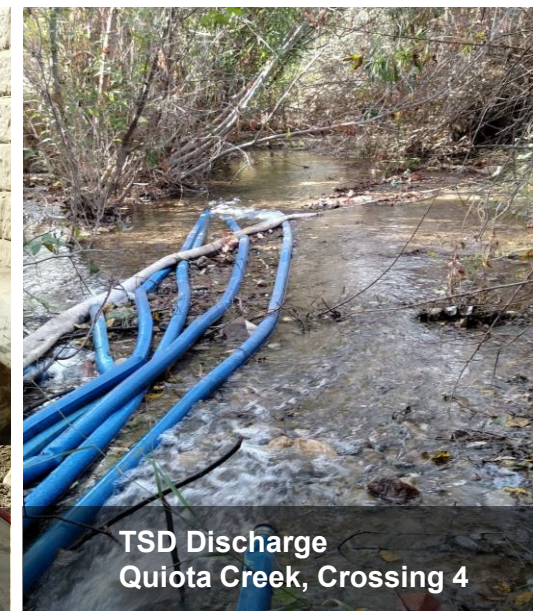
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**Pumped dewatering and discharge pipe networks**  
Nelson Dam Removal and Replacement



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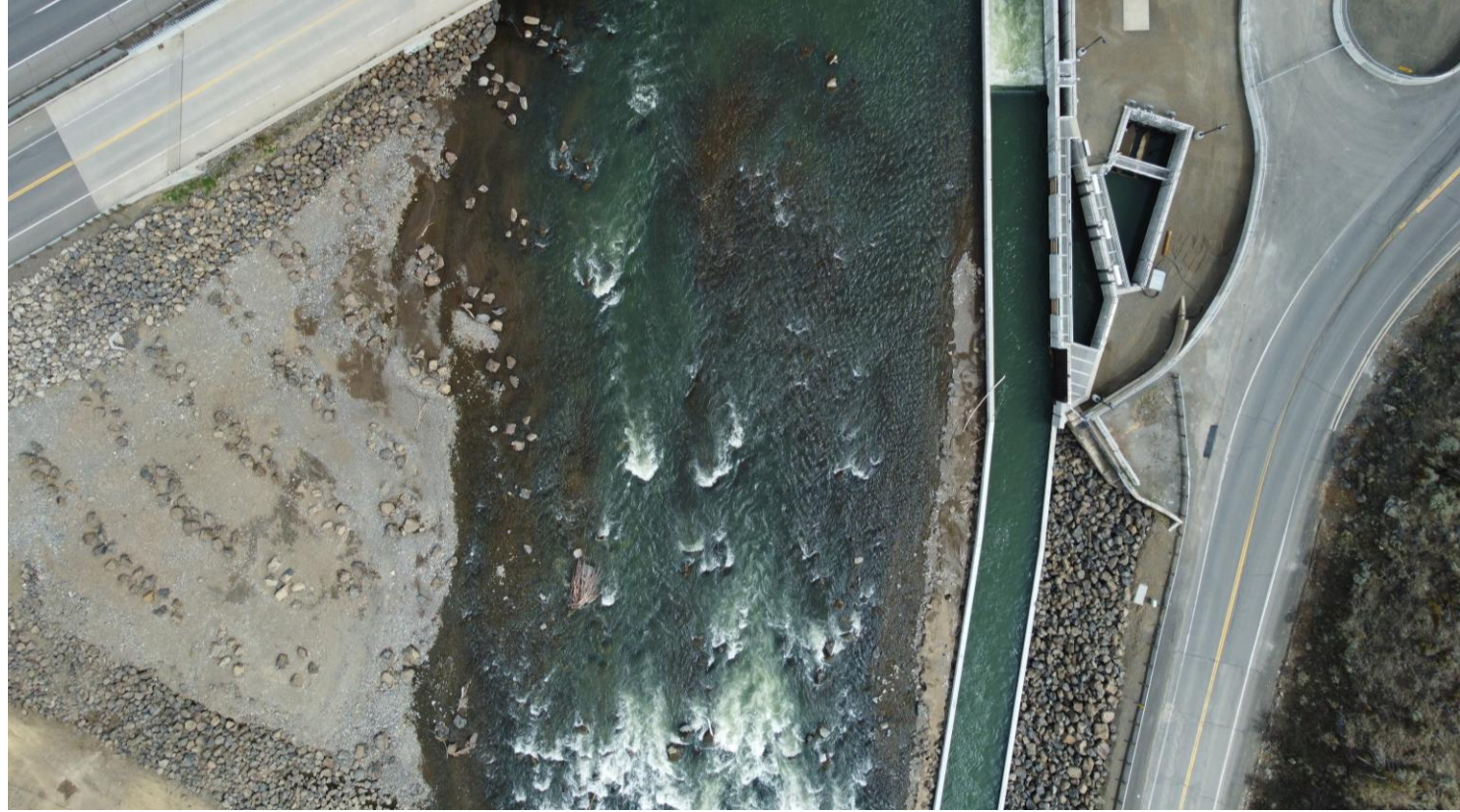


**TSD Discharge**  
Quiota Creek, Crossing 4



# Construction Monitoring

- Traditional survey methods
  - Set project benchmark and reference points
  - Grade rods, transits, and levels
- Modern survey techniques
  - RTK Survey equipment with cell phone capable real-time differential correction
  - Drone LiDar
  - 3D LiDar scanning
  - 3D terrain capable excavators





# Construction methods, considerations, and challenges

*Open Discussion...*

*Successes and failures during construction?*





# Q&A



# Fraser River Big Bar Landslide Fish Passage Mitigation

Barry Chilibeck, PEng  
Northwest Hydraulic Consultants

Wednesday March 27 2024  
SRF 2024











Clearing Rock Slide at Hells Gate, Frazer River  
Rock moved 76,850 cu yds. Drilled 9,534 feet.

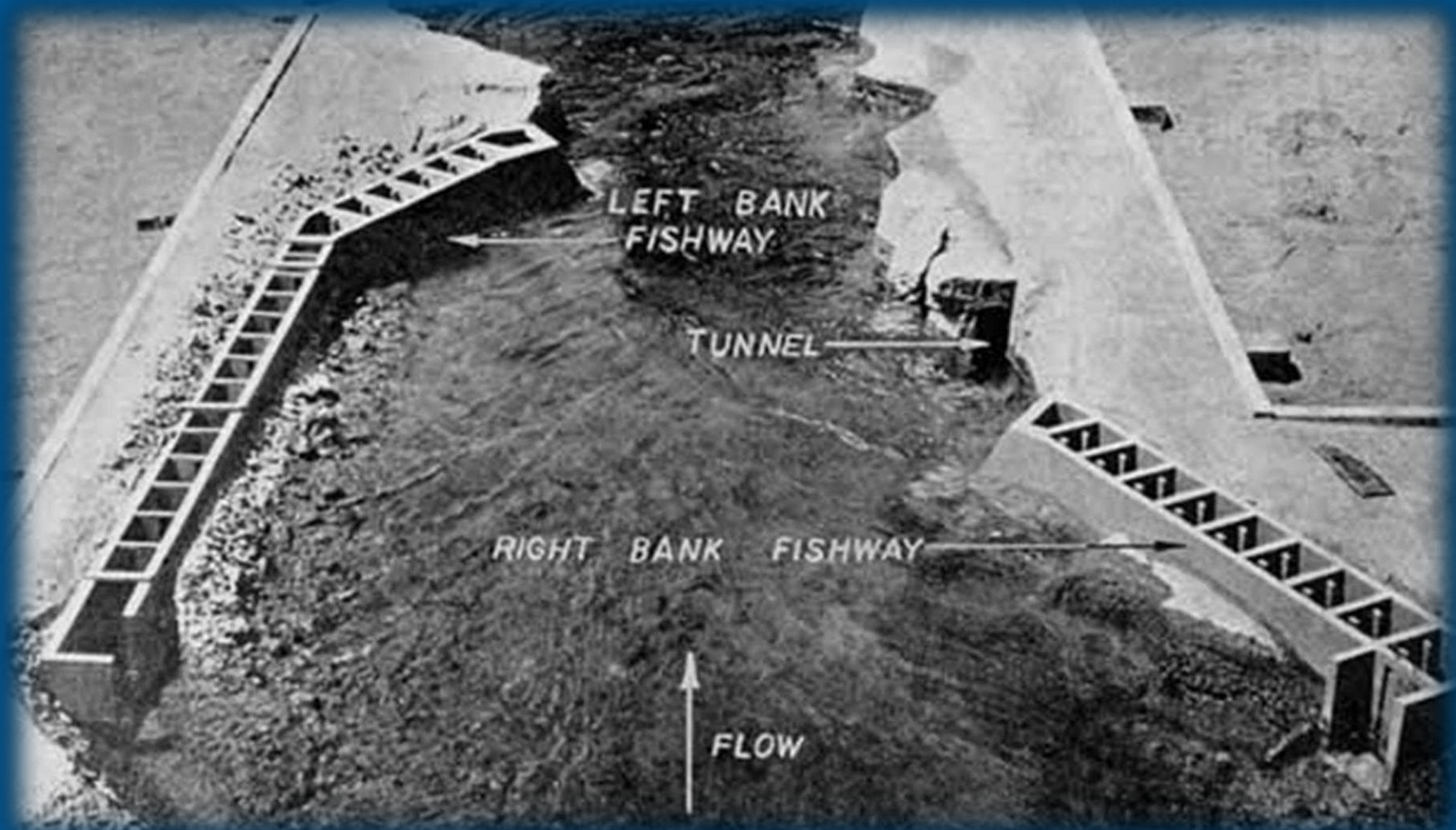












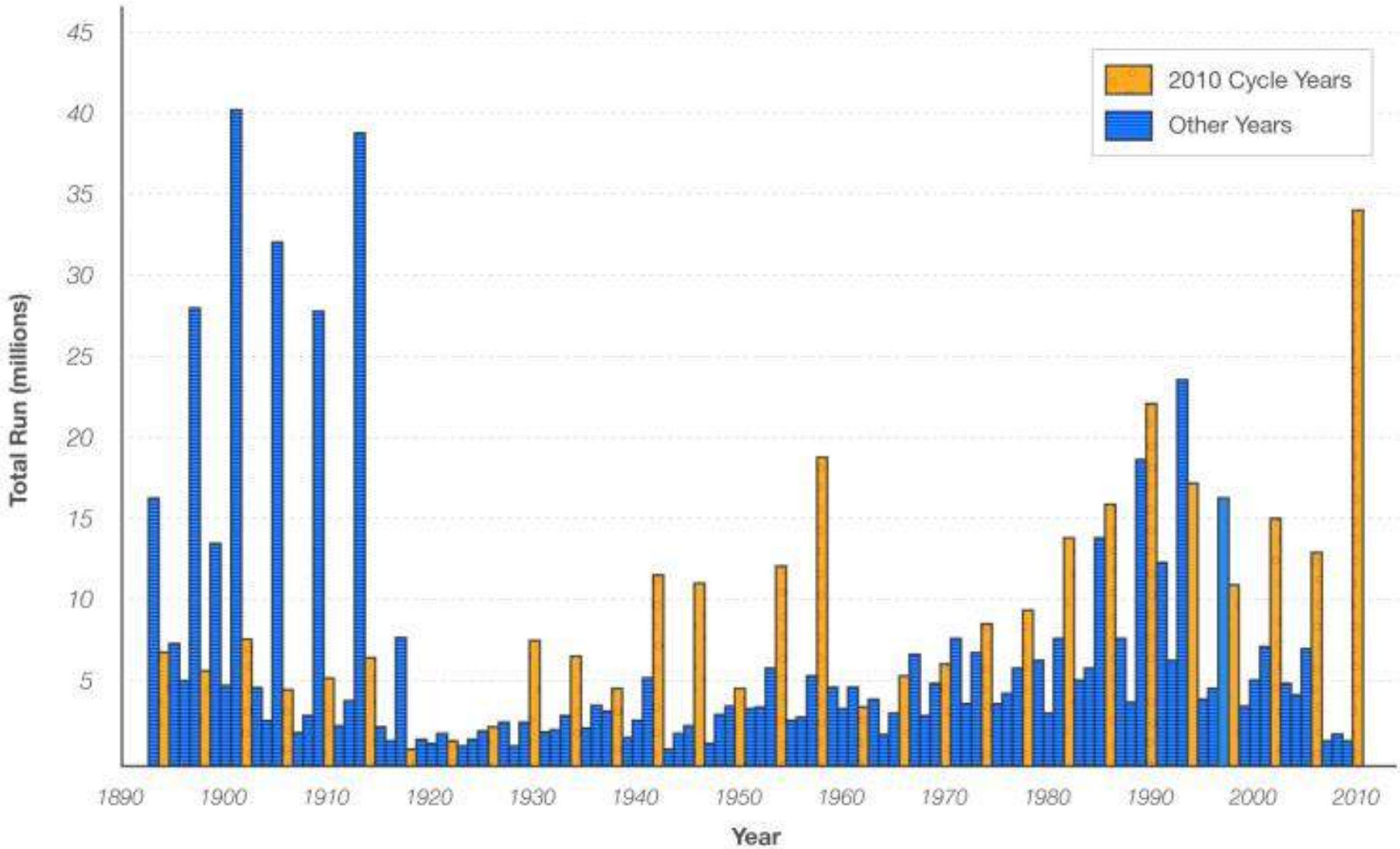




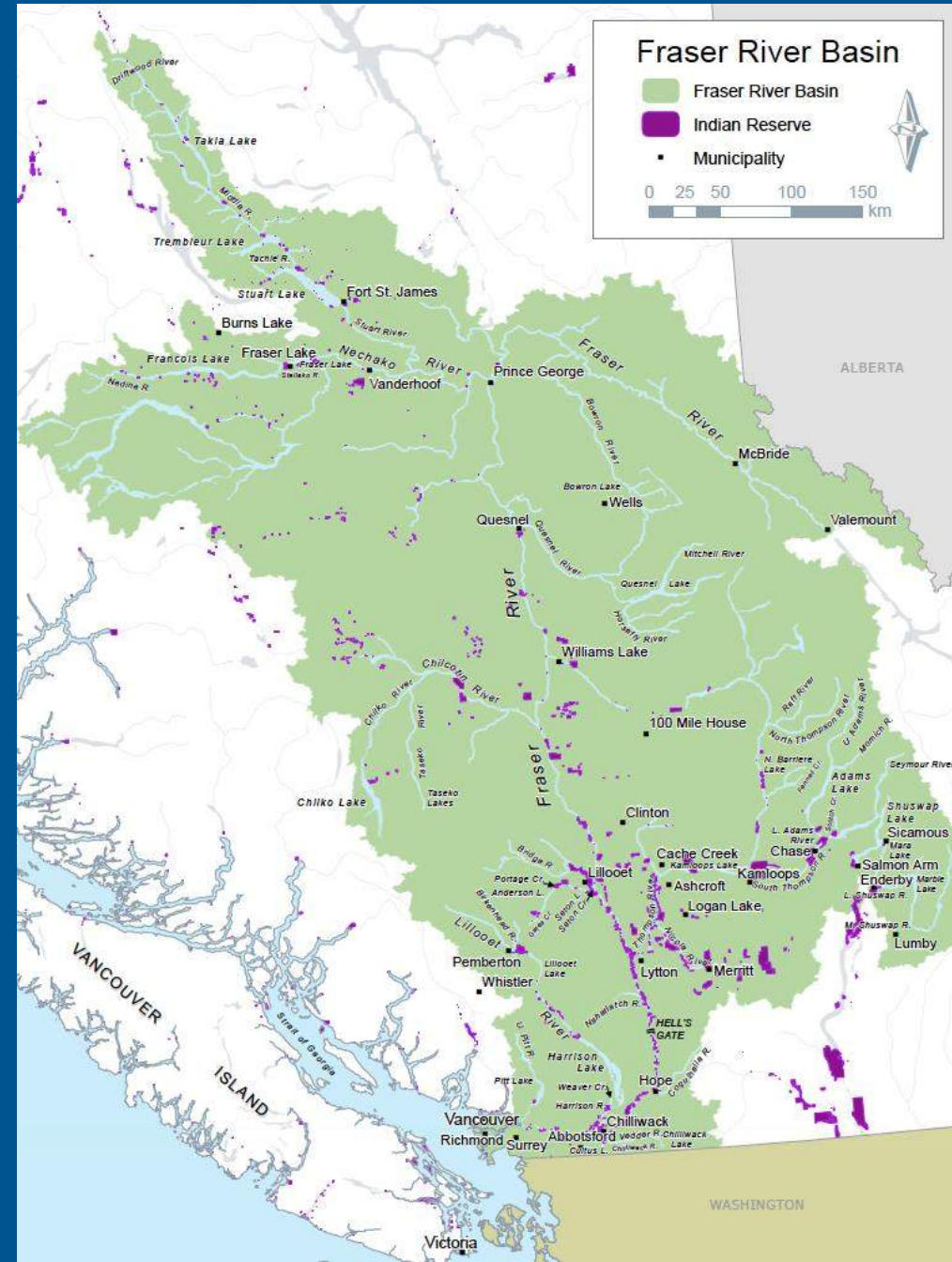
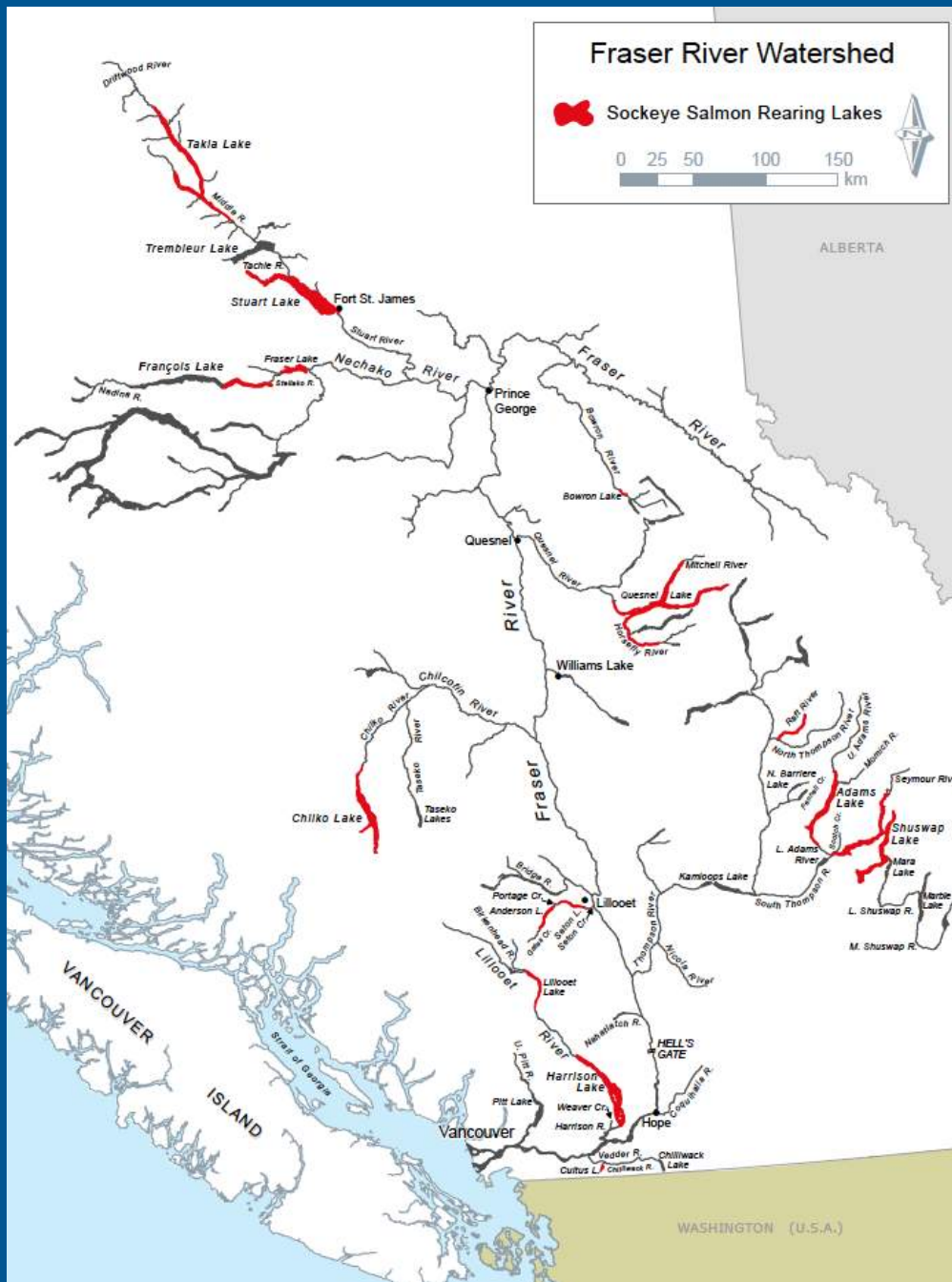




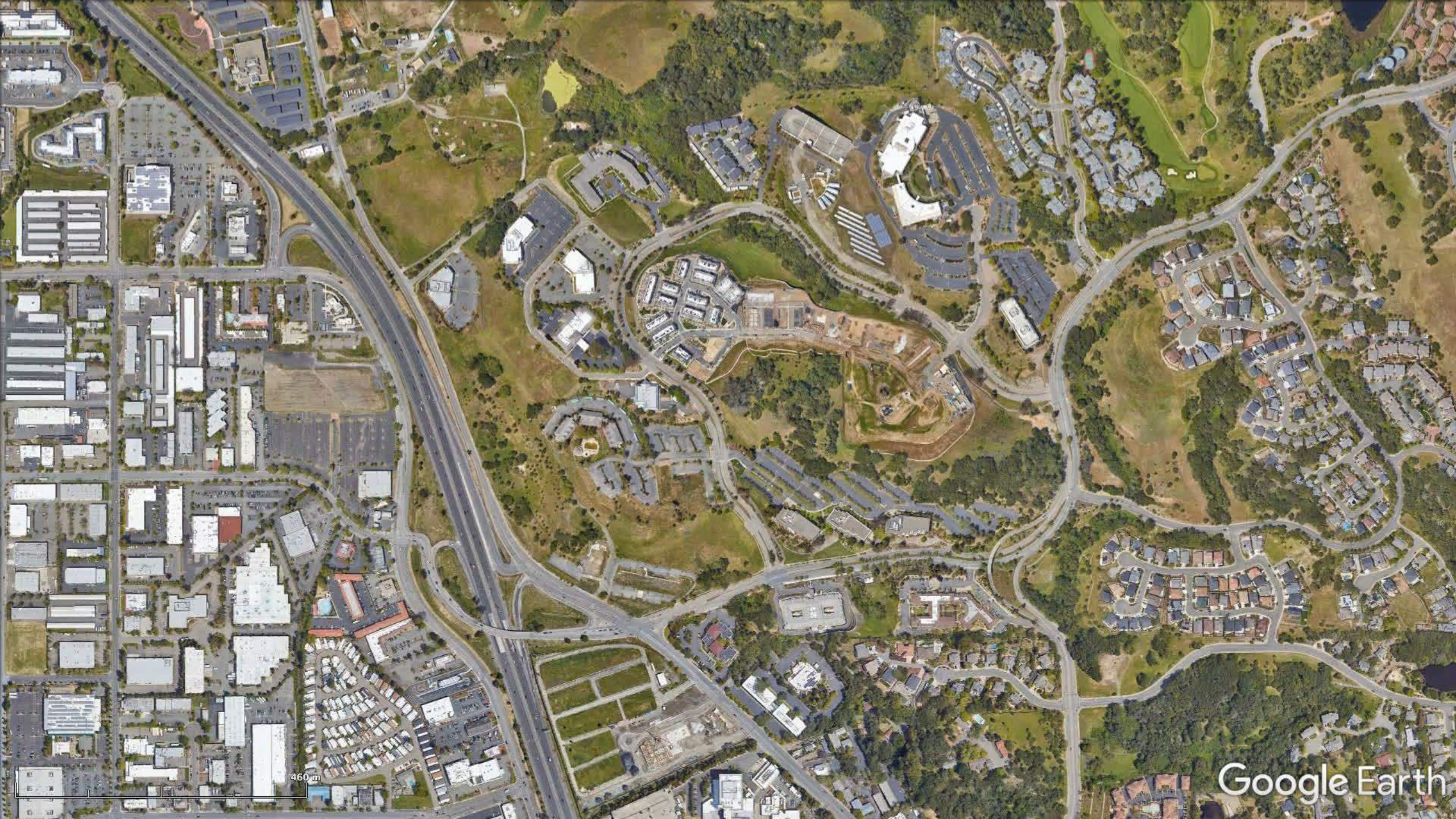
### Fraser River Sockeye Salmon











460 m

Google Earth





**Pre-slide Fall 2017**

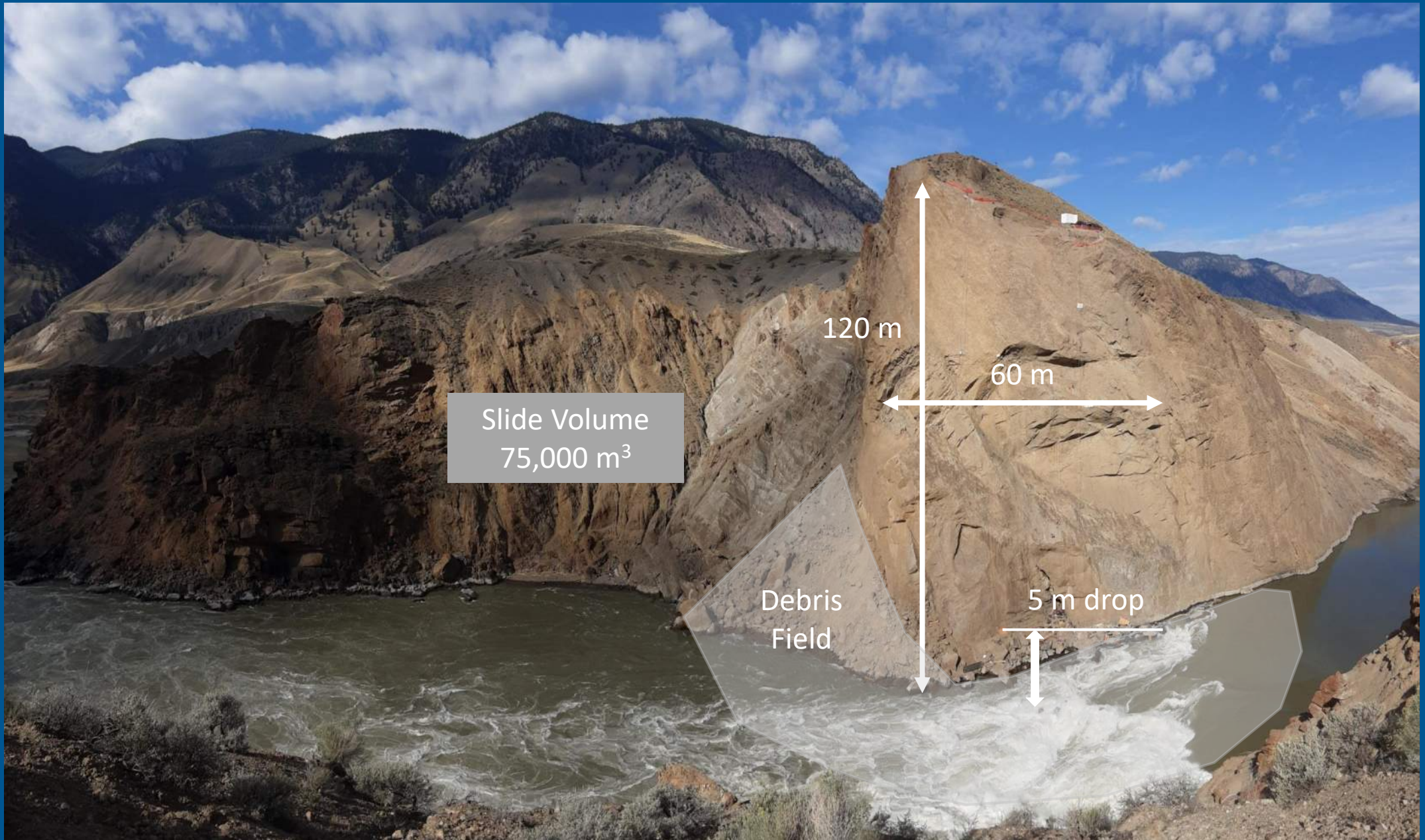


**Post-slide Summer 2019**











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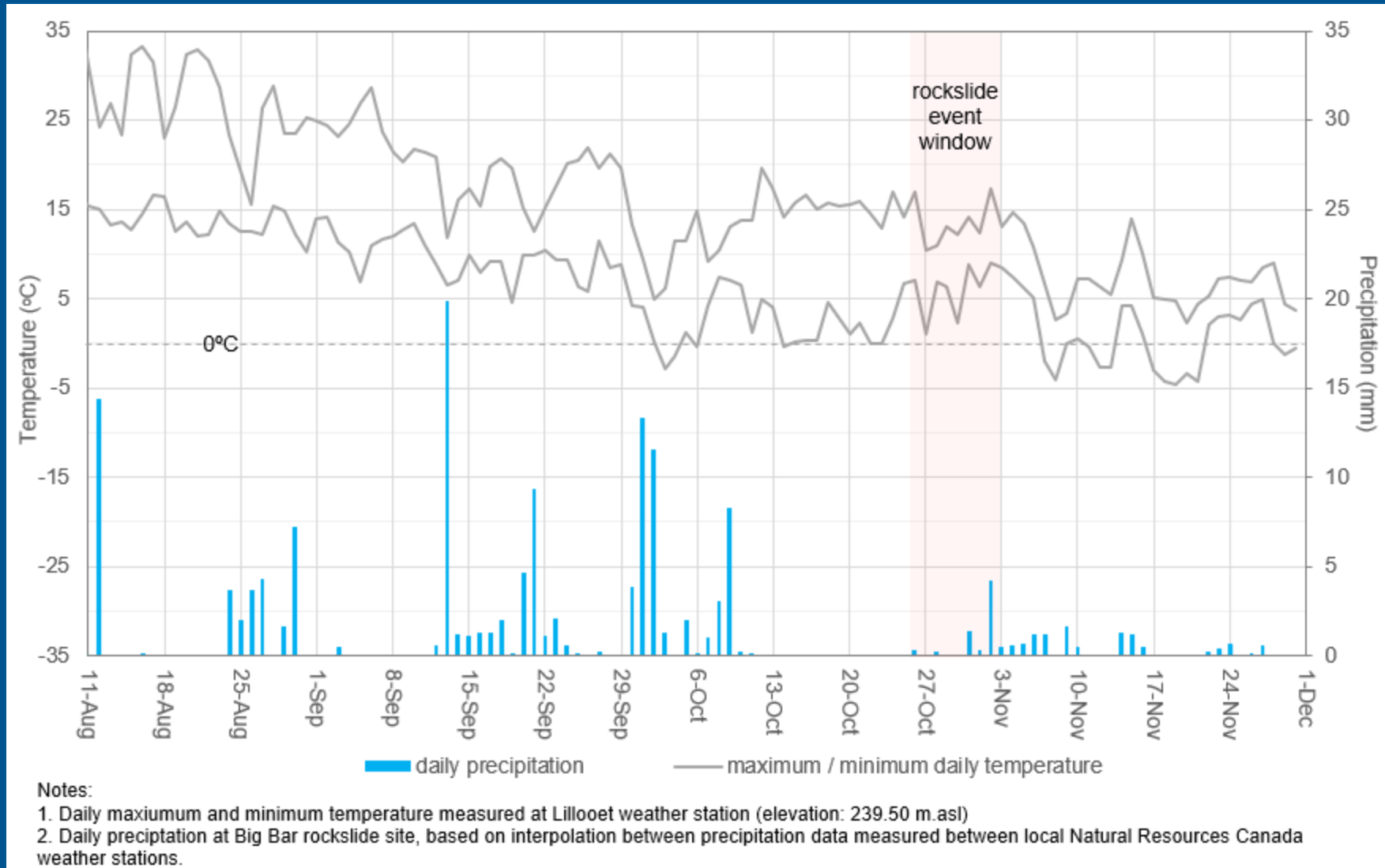
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November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018



# Why did this occur?

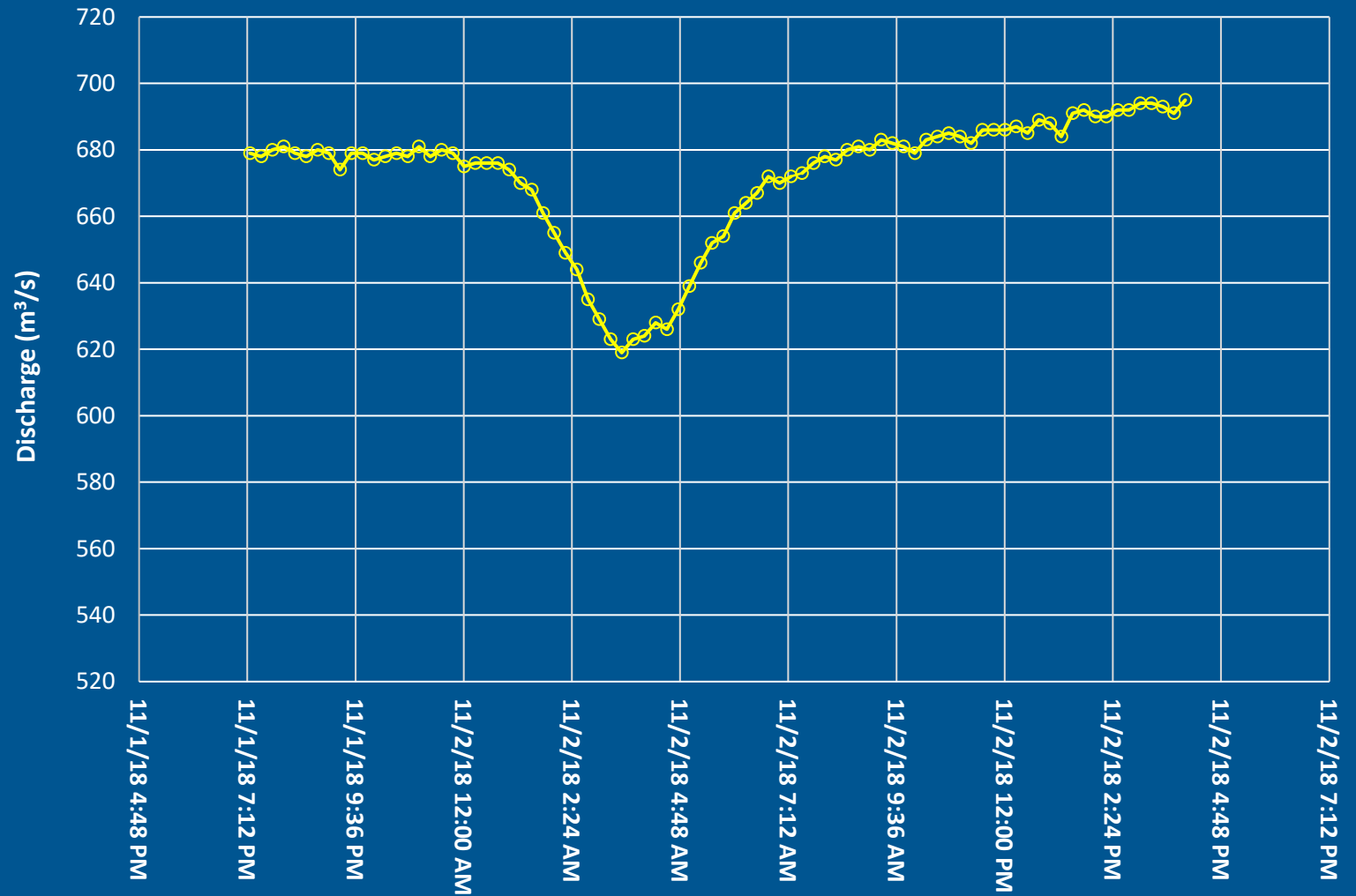


# Big Bar Slide Timing

760,000 m<sup>3</sup> stored  
water behind the slide  
4 m/s kinematic velocity  
at 600 m<sup>3</sup>/s  
Slide occurred at 1900 h  
PST on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

\* 616 ac-ft  
9.7 fps  
21,200 cfs

WSC 08MF040 Fraser River above Texas Creek





# Initial Emergency Response

## Federal Government: salmon and oceans

- DFO – Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- CCG – Canadian Coast Guard

## Provincial Government:

- FLNRORD – Water, Land, Flooding, Wildfire

## Indigenous Groups:

- Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance, High Bar First Nation and others

# Initial Site Assessment





# Fish Monitoring and Transport



# Seining and Heli-Transport

51,000 Sockeye

8,500 Chinook

500 Pink

3 Coho





# Helicopter Transport Above the Slide

- 50 to 65% tagged fish resumed upstream migration after release
- 40% Chinook and 30% Sockeye fell back over the slide
- Multiple transits above the slide were recorded

## Reasons for fall back behaviour:

- Capture and handling stress
- Water temperature
- Fish condition





# Site Access and Rock Scaling





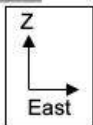
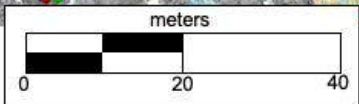
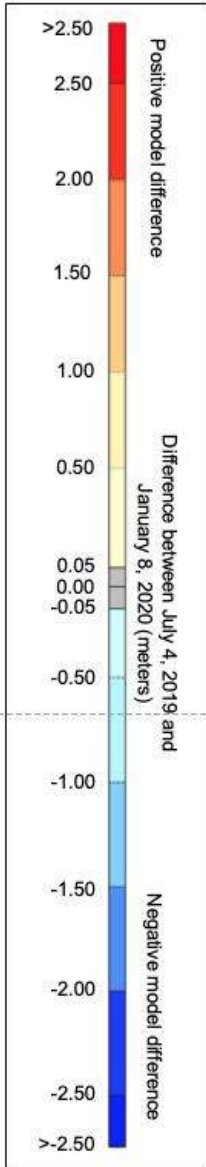
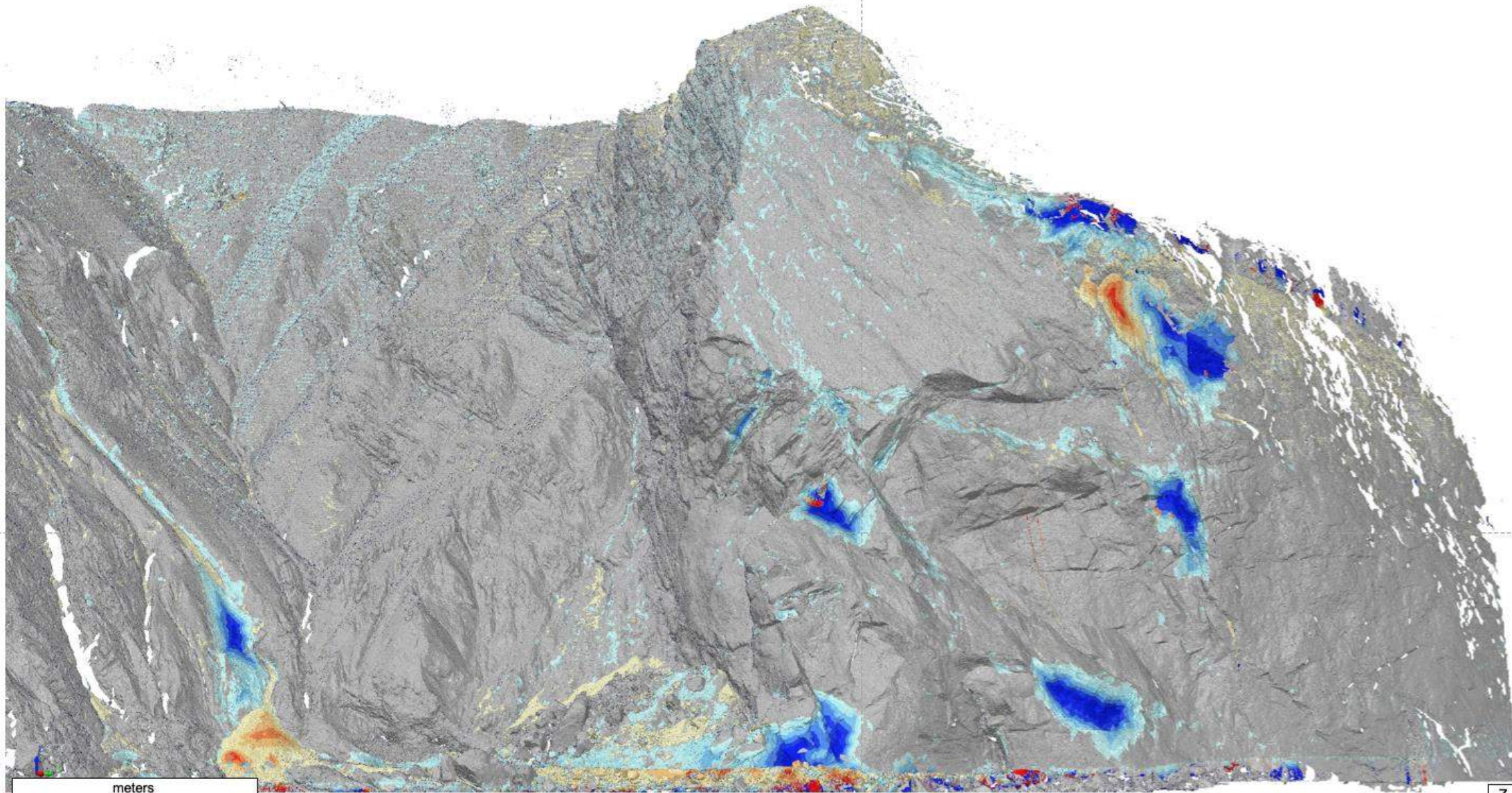
# Site Access and Rock Scaling











NOTES:

1. TLS DATA WERE ACQUIRED BY BGC ON JULY 4, 2019 AND JANUARY 8, 2020 USING A TELEDYNE-OPTTECH POLARIS-LR SCANNER.
2. CHANGE DETECTION RESULTS ARE OVERLAIN ON JANUARY 8, 2020 TLS DATA AND ARE SHOWN WITH A LIMIT OF DETECTION FROM -0.05 M TO +0.05 M.
3. THIS FIGURE IS INTENDED AS A VISUAL REPRESENTATION AND NOT PROVIDED TO MATCH A STANDARD ENGINEERING SCALE.



# Rock Manipulation for Fish Passage





# Not much room to start with....





# “Old Fashioned” Work





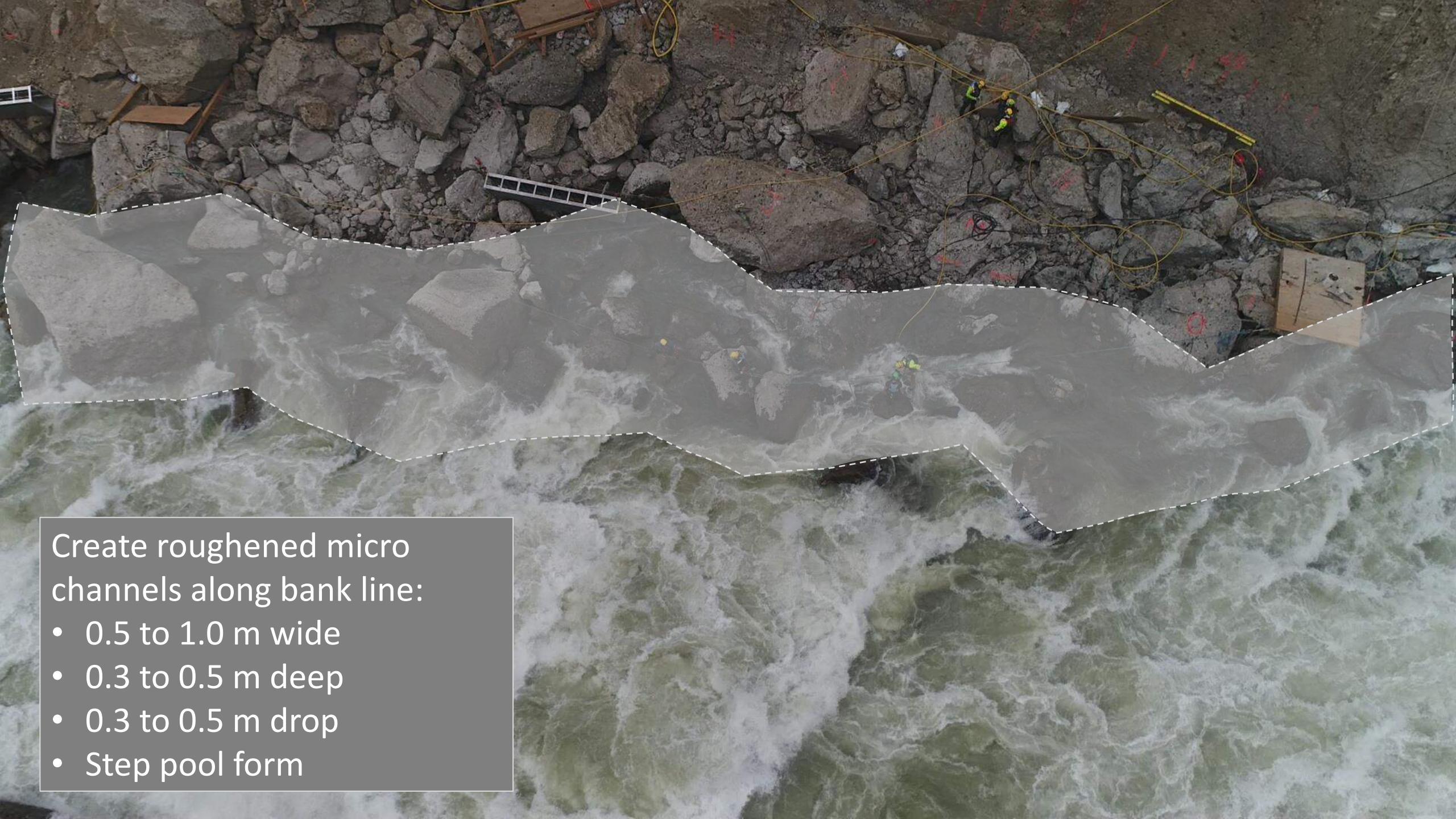
# Rock Breaking and Expanding Grout











Create roughened micro channels along bank line:

- 0.5 to 1.0 m wide
- 0.3 to 0.5 m deep
- 0.3 to 0.5 m drop
- Step pool form

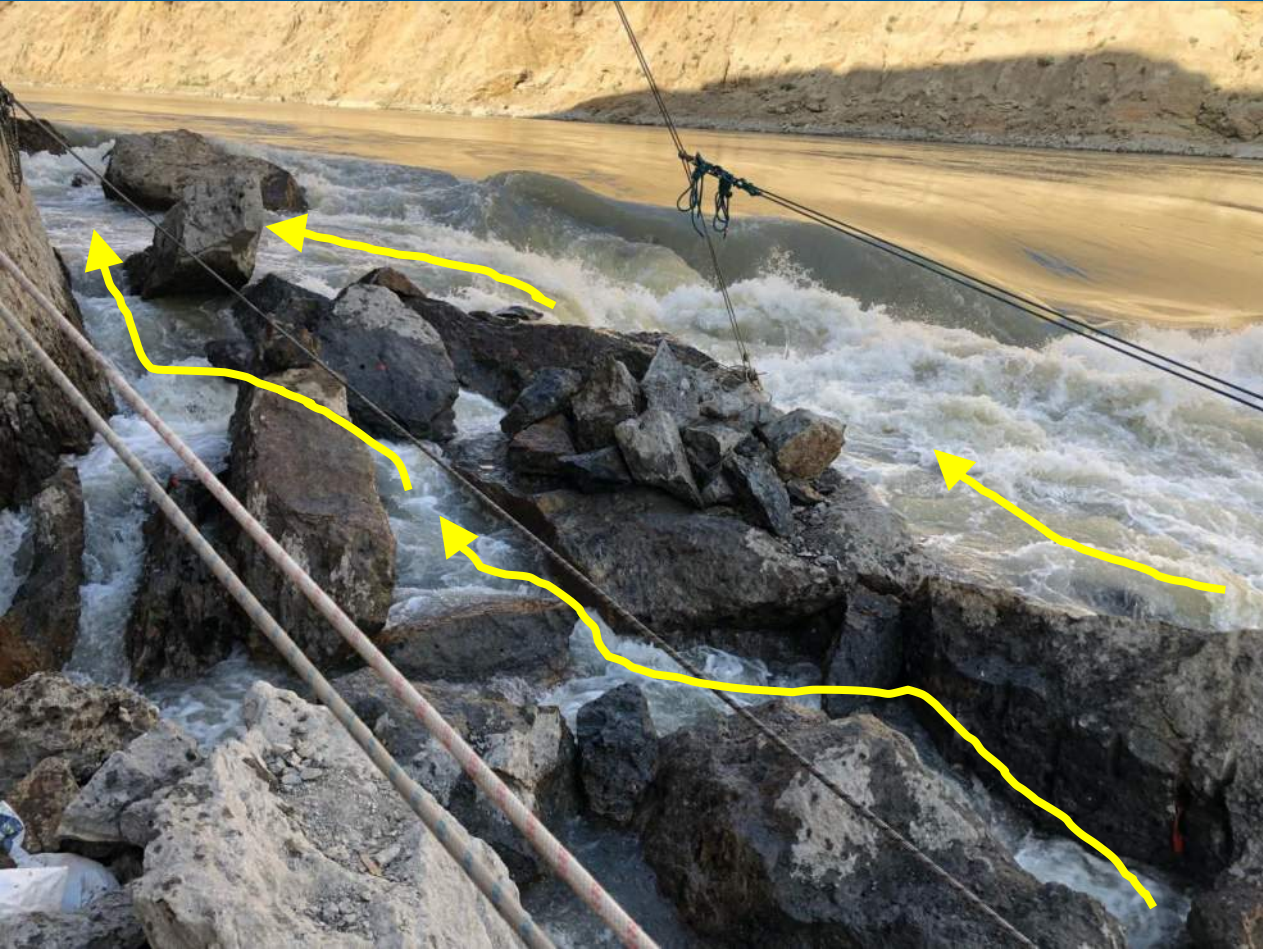


# Rock Manipulation for Fish Passage





# Rock Manipulation for Fish Passage





# Rock “Manipulation” for Fish Passage





# Monitoring and Assessment

Daily video and still imaging

Real-time upstream and downstream  
water level measurements

RTK UAV imaging

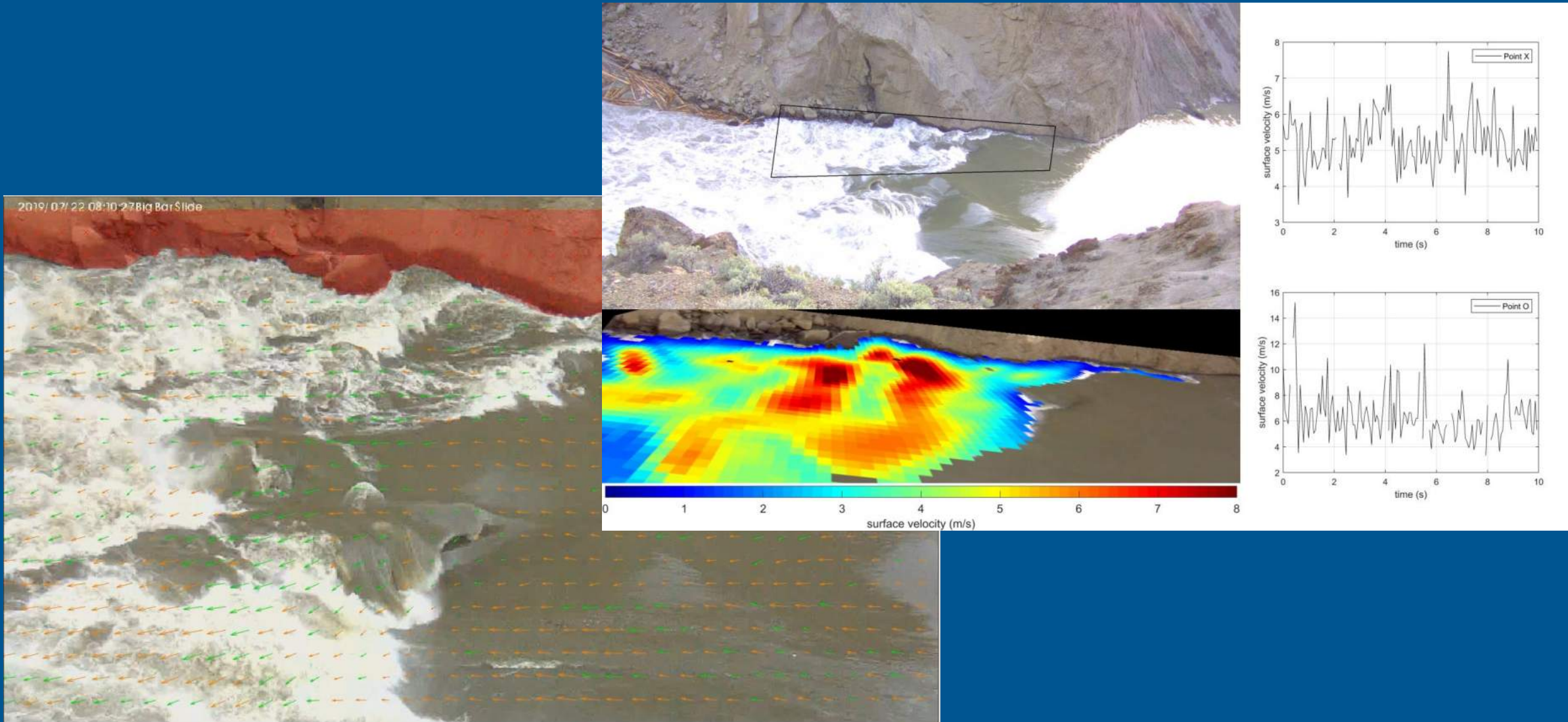
Terrestrial LIDAR

Re-established *WSC 08MD013* Fraser  
River at Big Bar

Hydroclimate Station

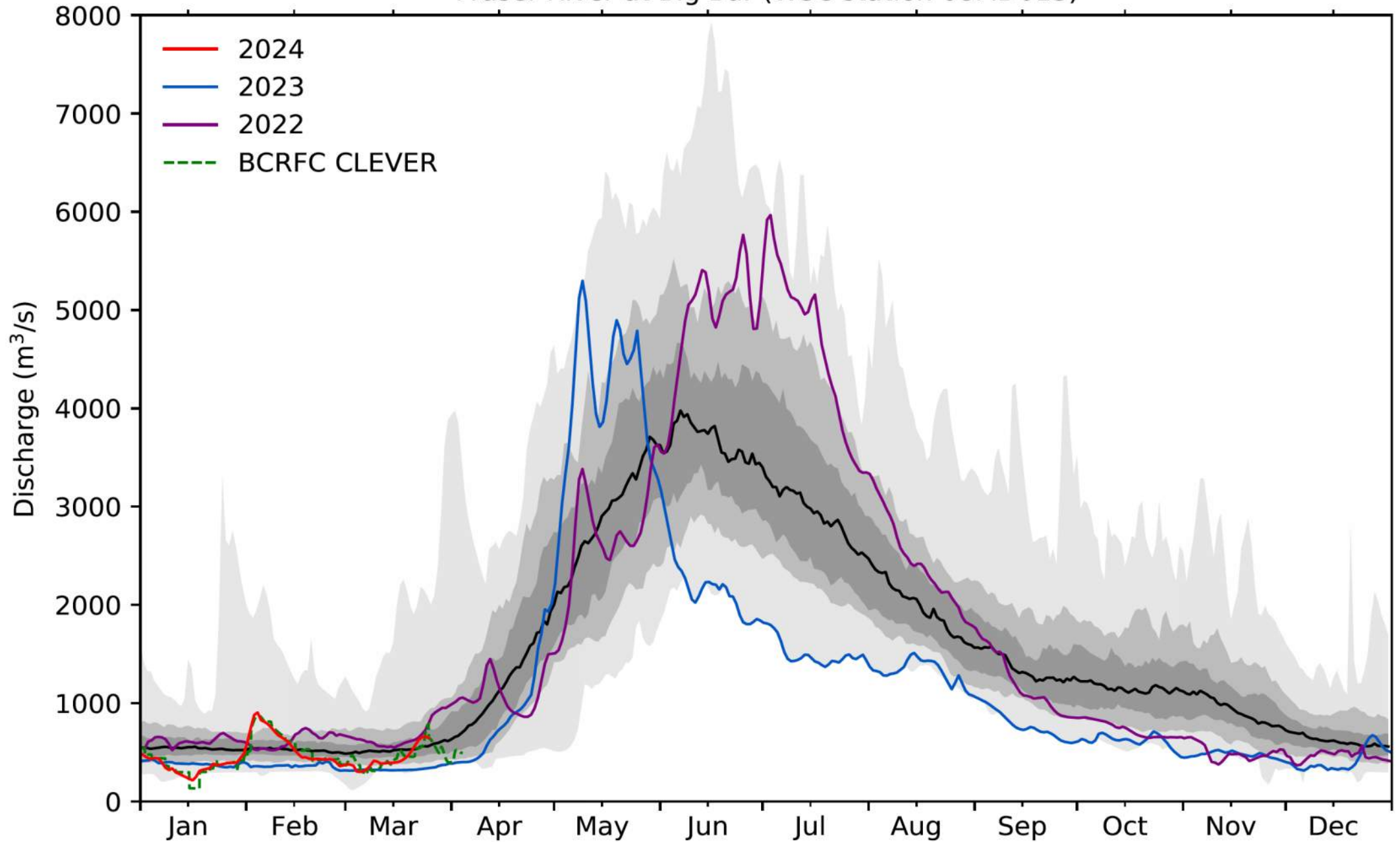


# Particle Image Velocimetry



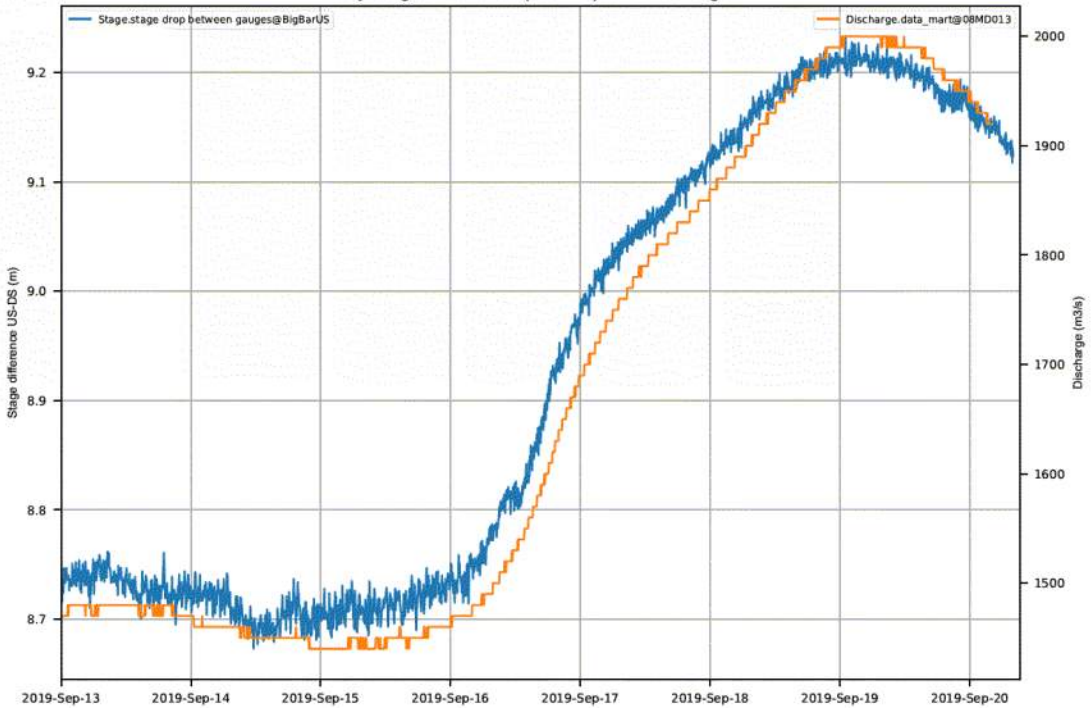


Fraser River at Big Bar (WSC station 08MD013)

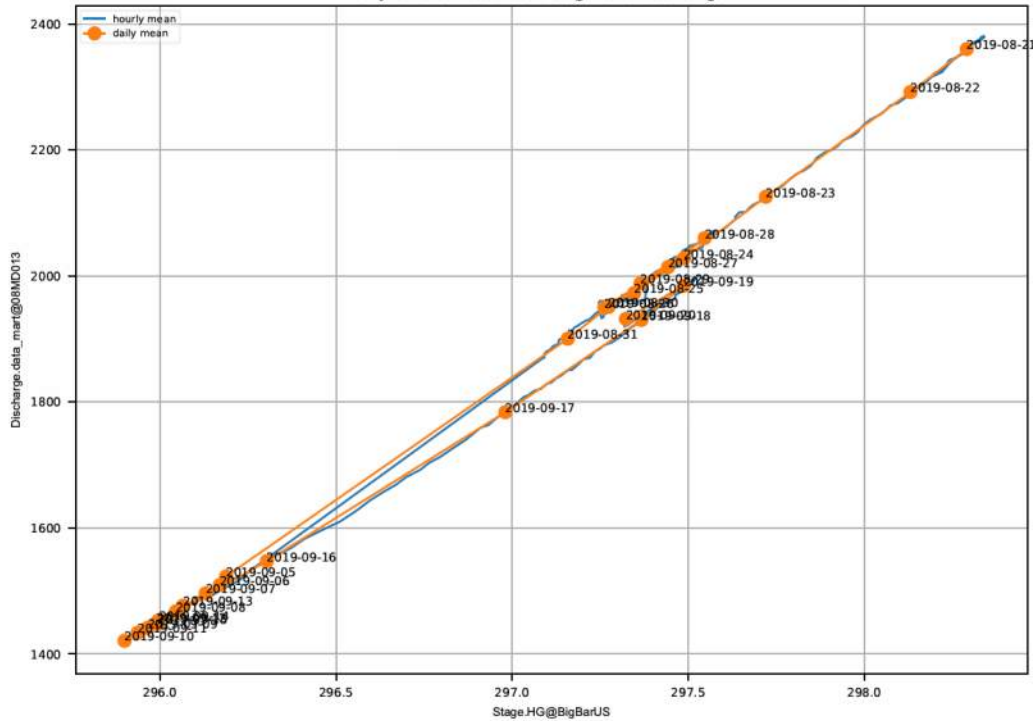


# Big Bar Hydrometrics

7 day stage difference (US-DS) and discharge



Daily relation between stage and discharge





Jul 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

2,800 m<sup>3</sup>/s

99 kcfs





Nov 22<sup>th</sup> 2019

2,290 m<sup>3</sup>/s

81 kcfs





Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

536 m<sup>3</sup>/s

19 kcfs





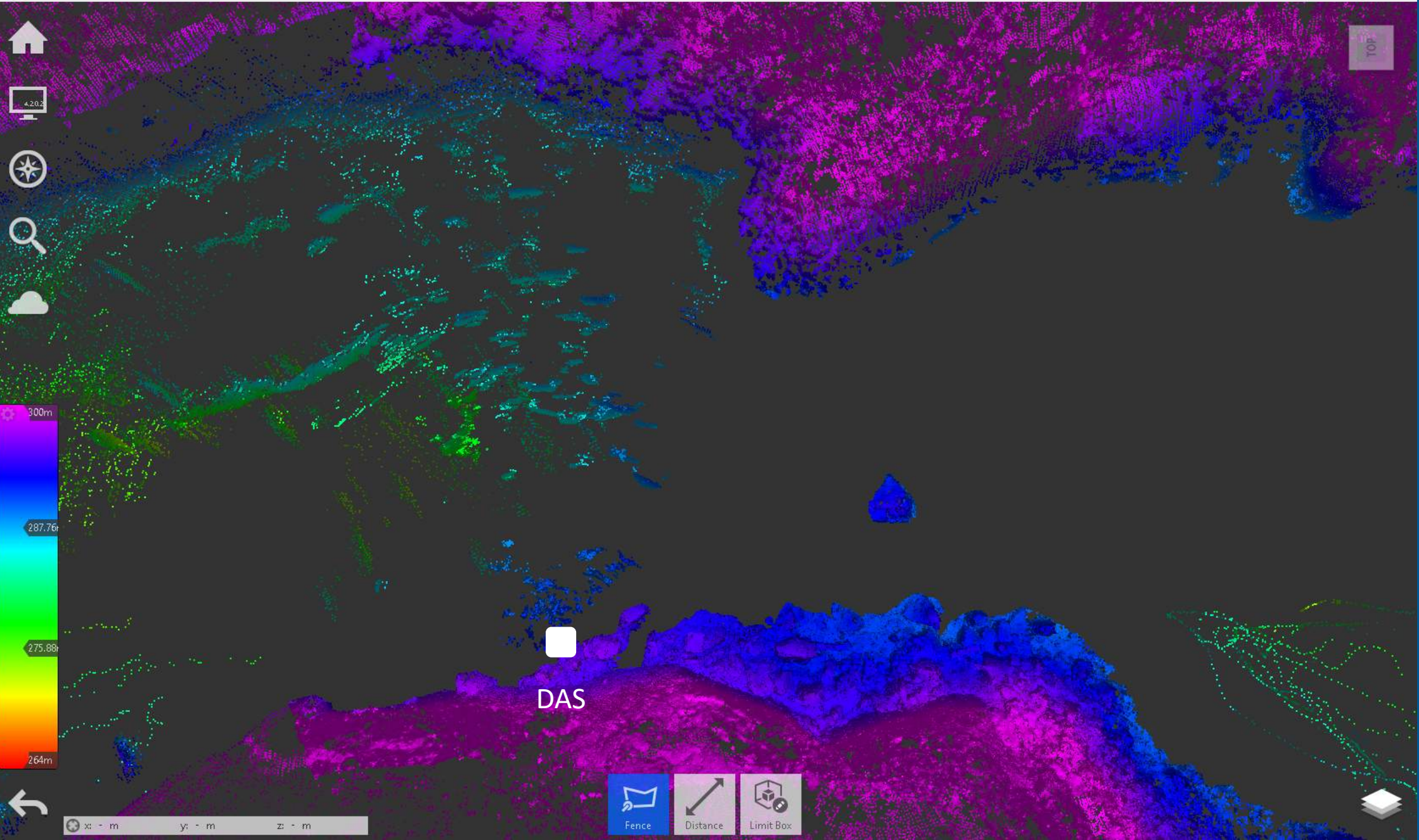
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Bathymetry data below  
high water to assess  
slide rock fill

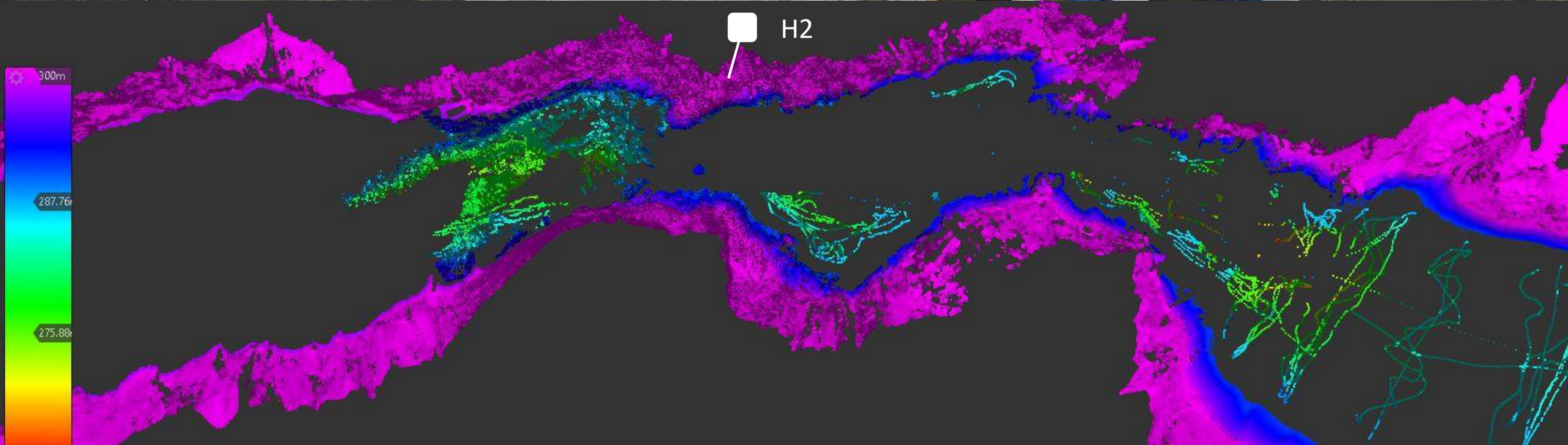
Challenges of safe  
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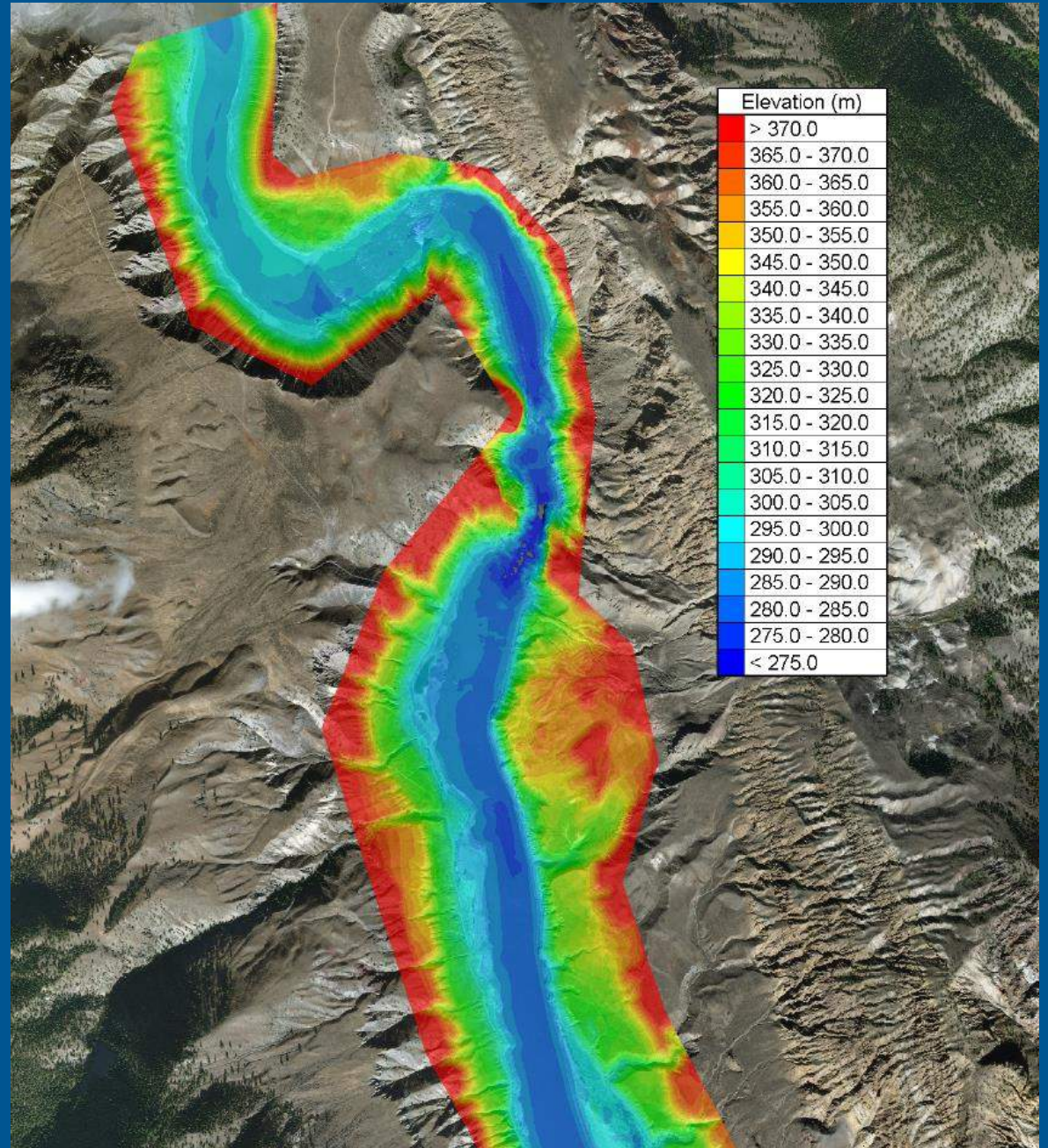




# Hydraulic Modelling

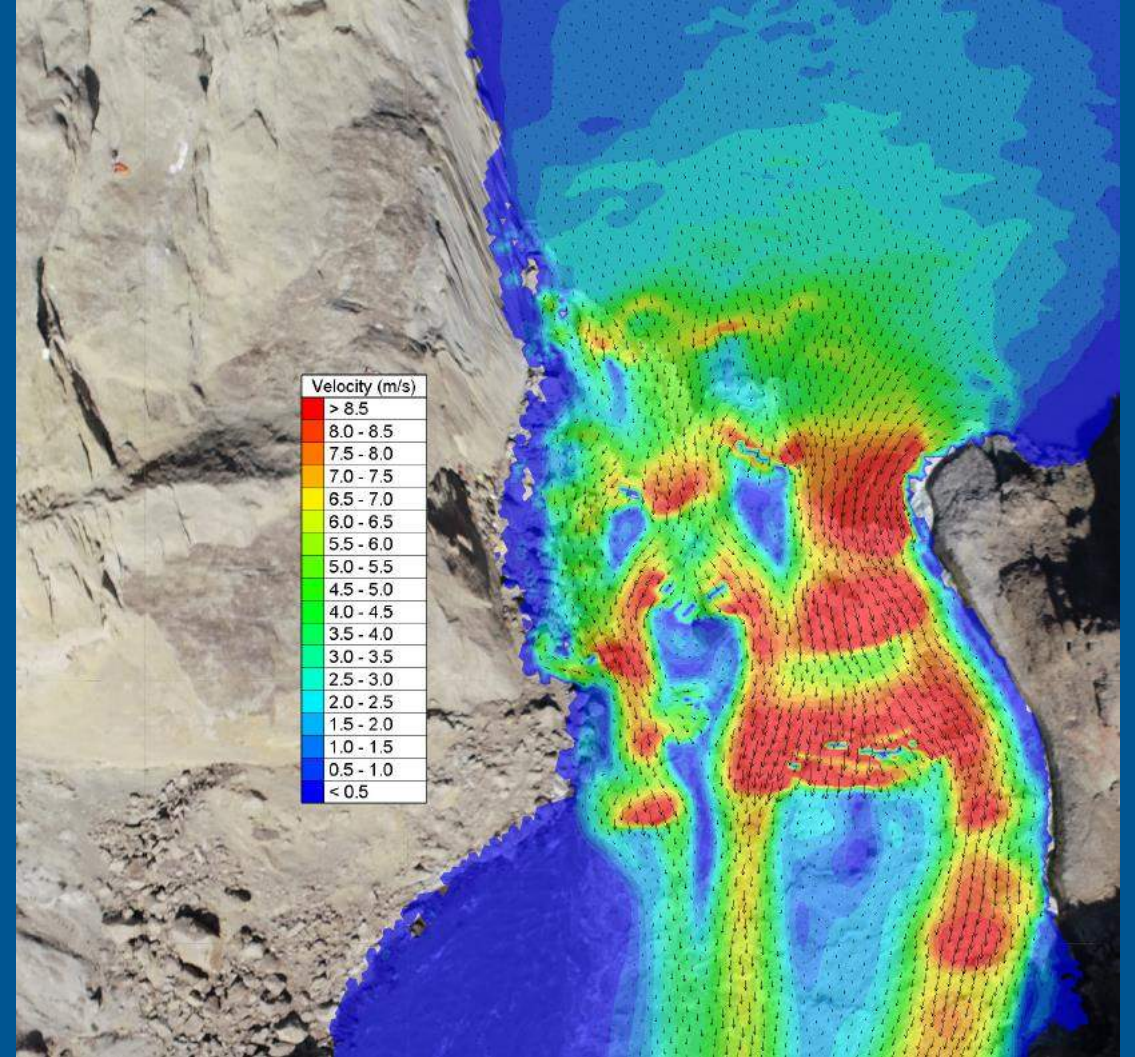
Compiled a preliminary DEM  
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TELEMAC 2D hydraulic  
modelling to look at effects of  
rock removal

- large-scale side rock removal
- Key large boulders
- Slide crest



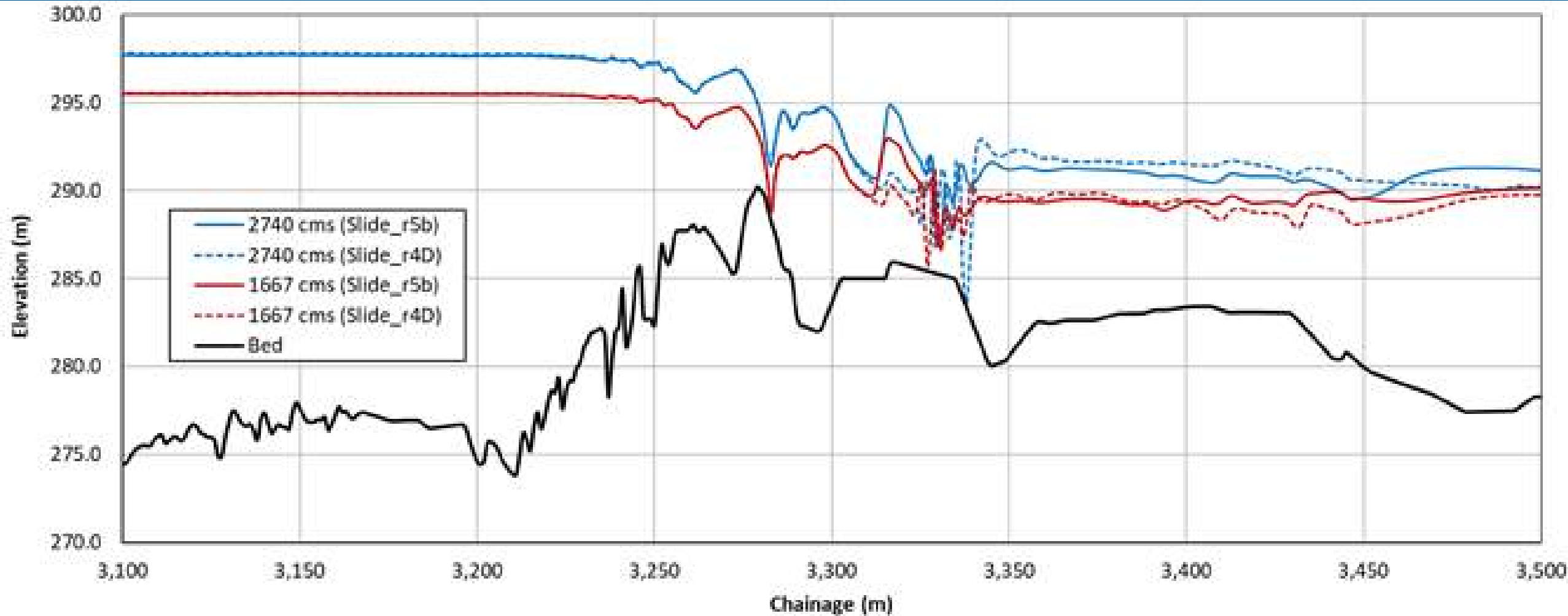


# Hydraulic Modeling





# Slide Hydraulics



# But what were the Fish telling us?





# Observed Fish Movement

## Active

- Cycling
- Resting

## Milling

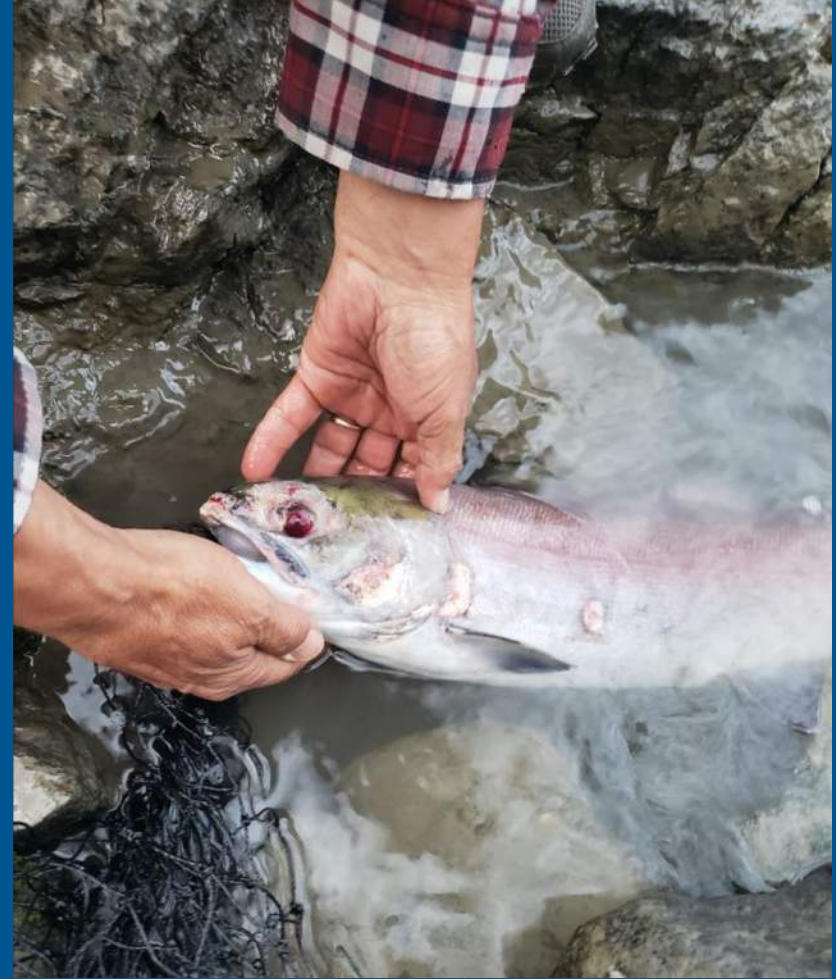
- Zombie Mode

## Fall-back

## Dispersal

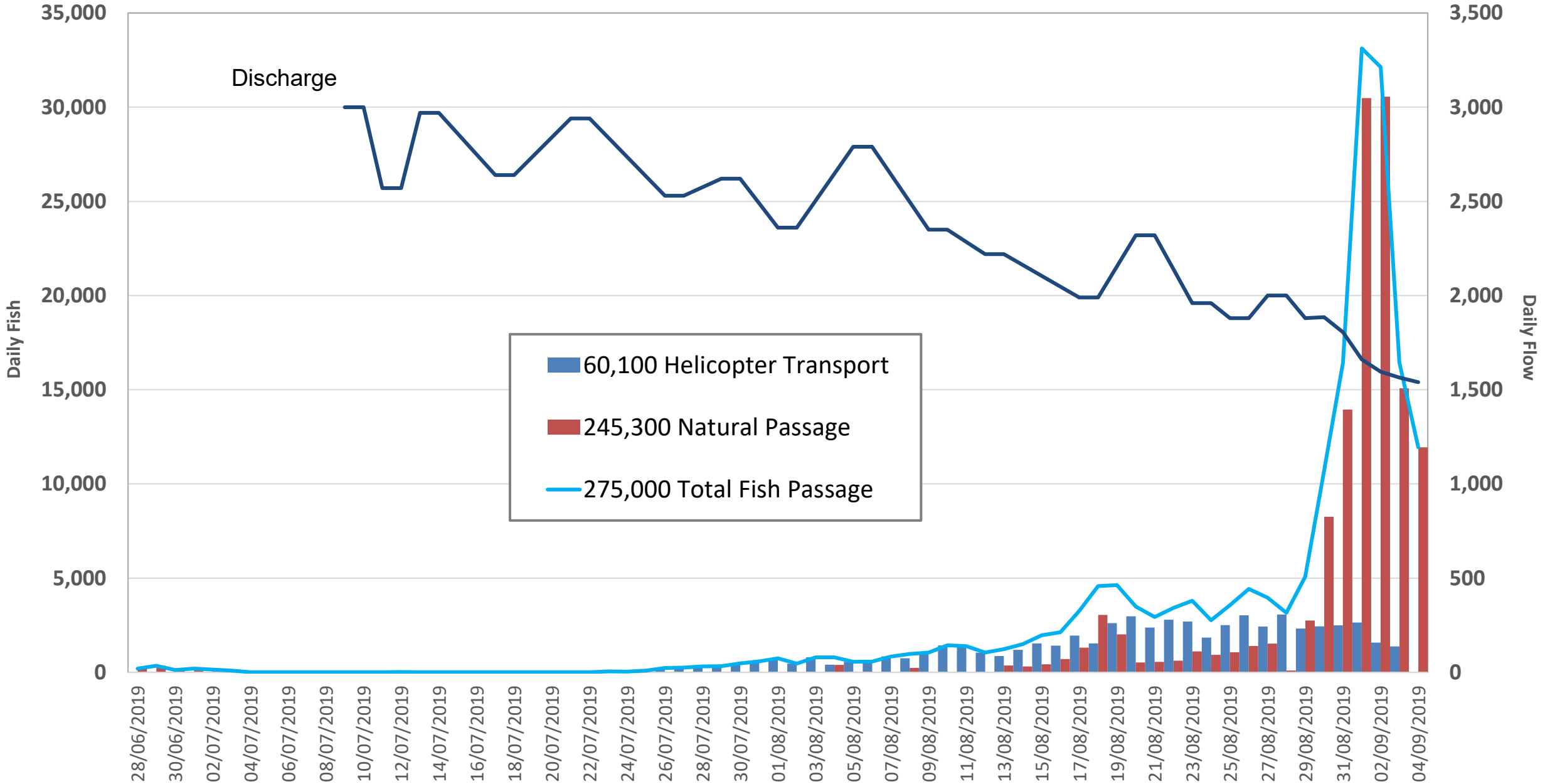


The fish were not happy fish...

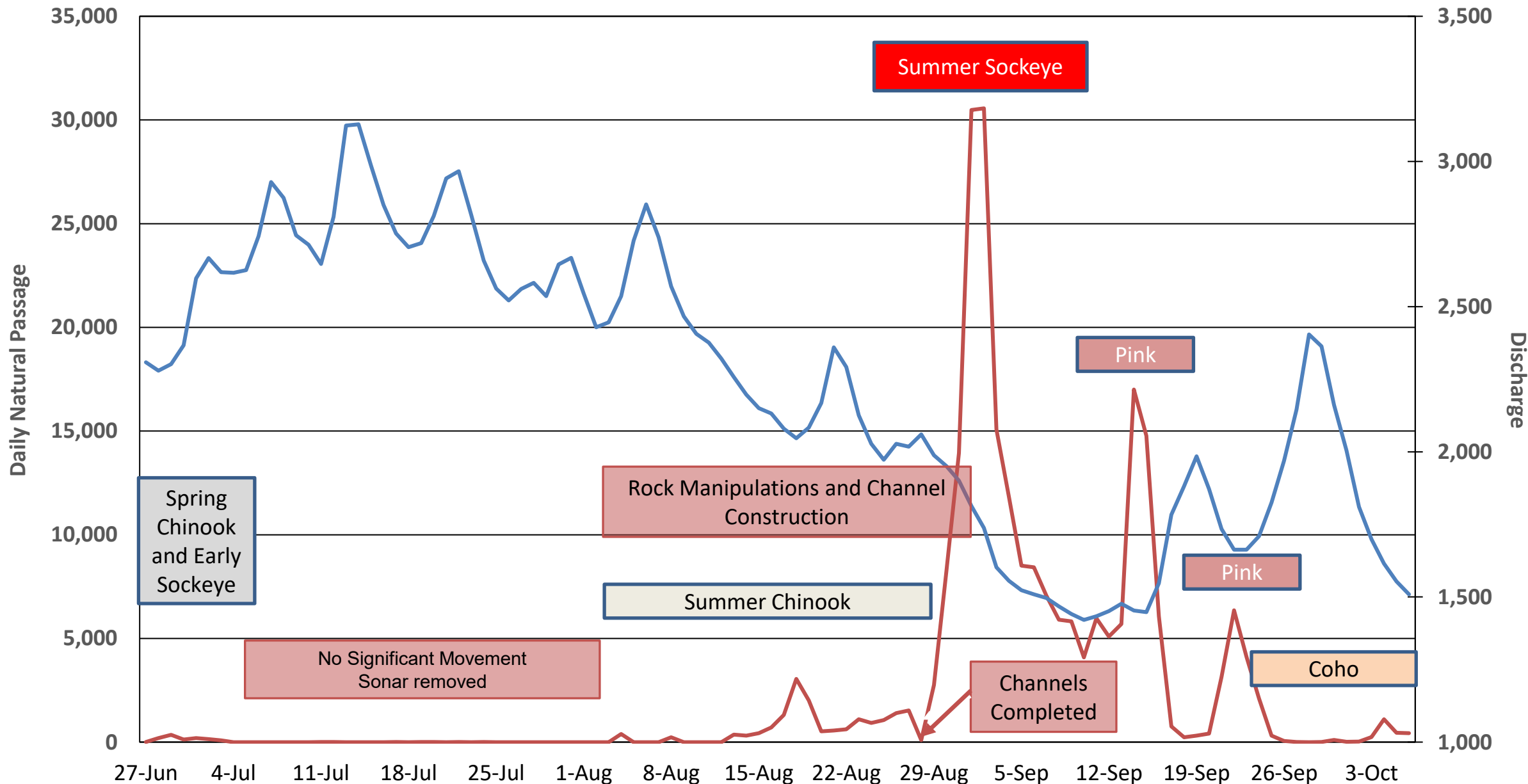




# Salmon Migration Past the Slide

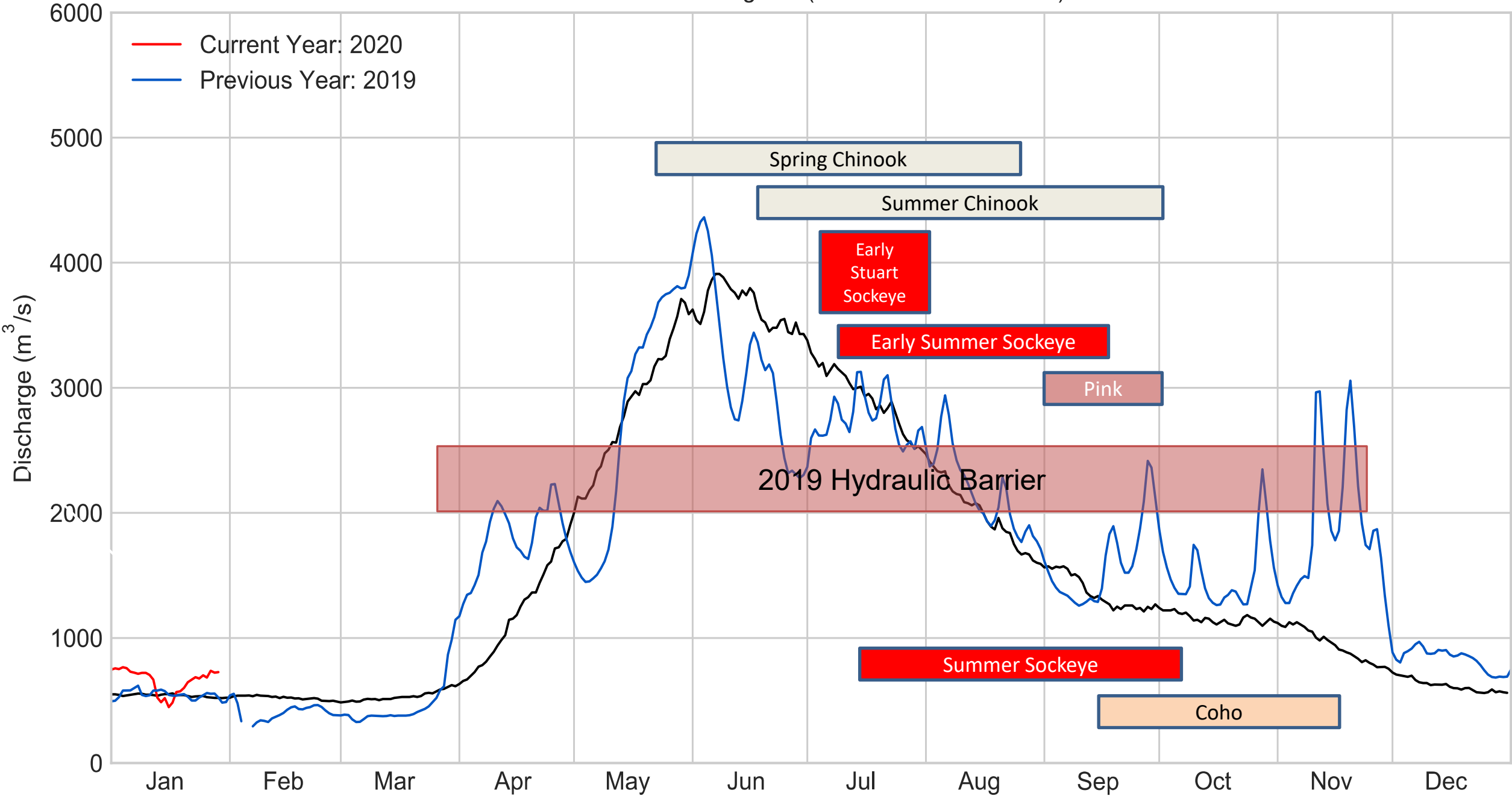


# Volitional Fish Movement at Big Bar Slide





Fraser River at Big Bar (WSC station 08MD013)



— Current Year: 2020  
— Previous Year: 2019

Spring Chinook

Summer Chinook

Early Stuart Sockeye

Early Summer Sockeye

Pink

2019 Hydraulic Barrier

Summer Sockeye

Coho

Discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s)

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

# Significant Losses of Fish to Spawning Grounds

## Spring Chinook

- Many rivers with 0 to 10 spawners, few with 50 or more

## Early Stuart Sockeye

- 26,000 entered the Fraser Canyon
- Less than 100 fish on the spawning grounds

## Summer Chinook

- Better than spring runs
- Some rivers with 2,000 fish



# Impacts beyond the Fraser River

It is not likely possible to remove all the rock in the river.

Volitional fish movement is now a function of Fraser River hydrology and freshet timing.

There is a meaningful chance of extinction for:

- Early Stuart Sockeye
- Mid Fraser and Upper Fraser Spring Chinook.

**Massive negative implications to Fraser Salmon.**

# Bookend Mitigation Options

## Action:

Don't remove additional slide rock

Remove industry-accessible rock and reduce the size of the slide impact

Remove all the rock to completely mitigate impact of slide on river hydraulics



## Reaction:

Prepare site and build a technical fishway

Maximize natural fish passage and minimize fishway structure need

Completely restore natural volitional passage



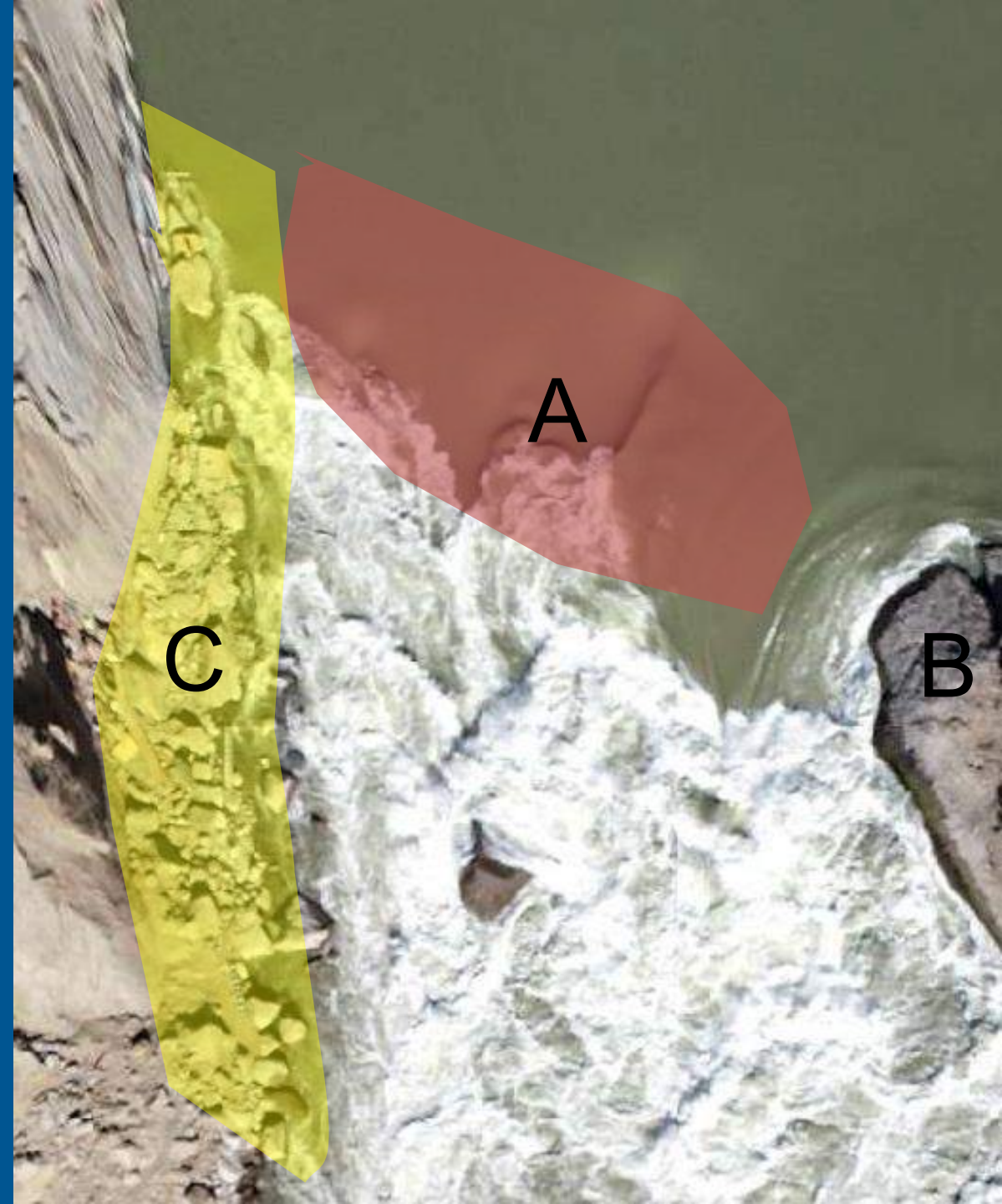
# 2020 Winter Work Program

Mobilizing to remove rock during seasonal low flows

A. Remove Slide crest

B. Remove East toe

C. Modify West Bank

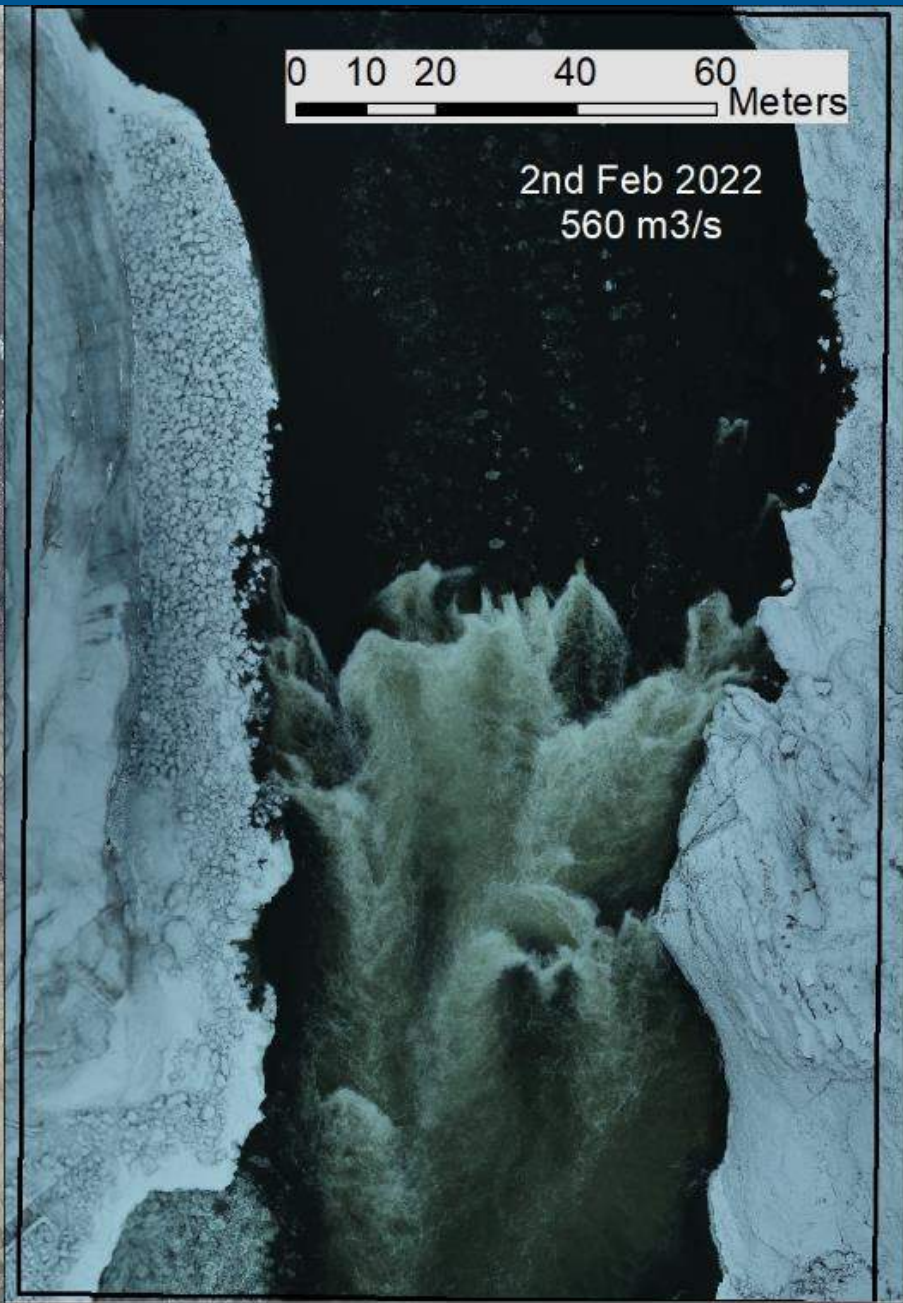




# Work completed: 2020 East Toe Removal



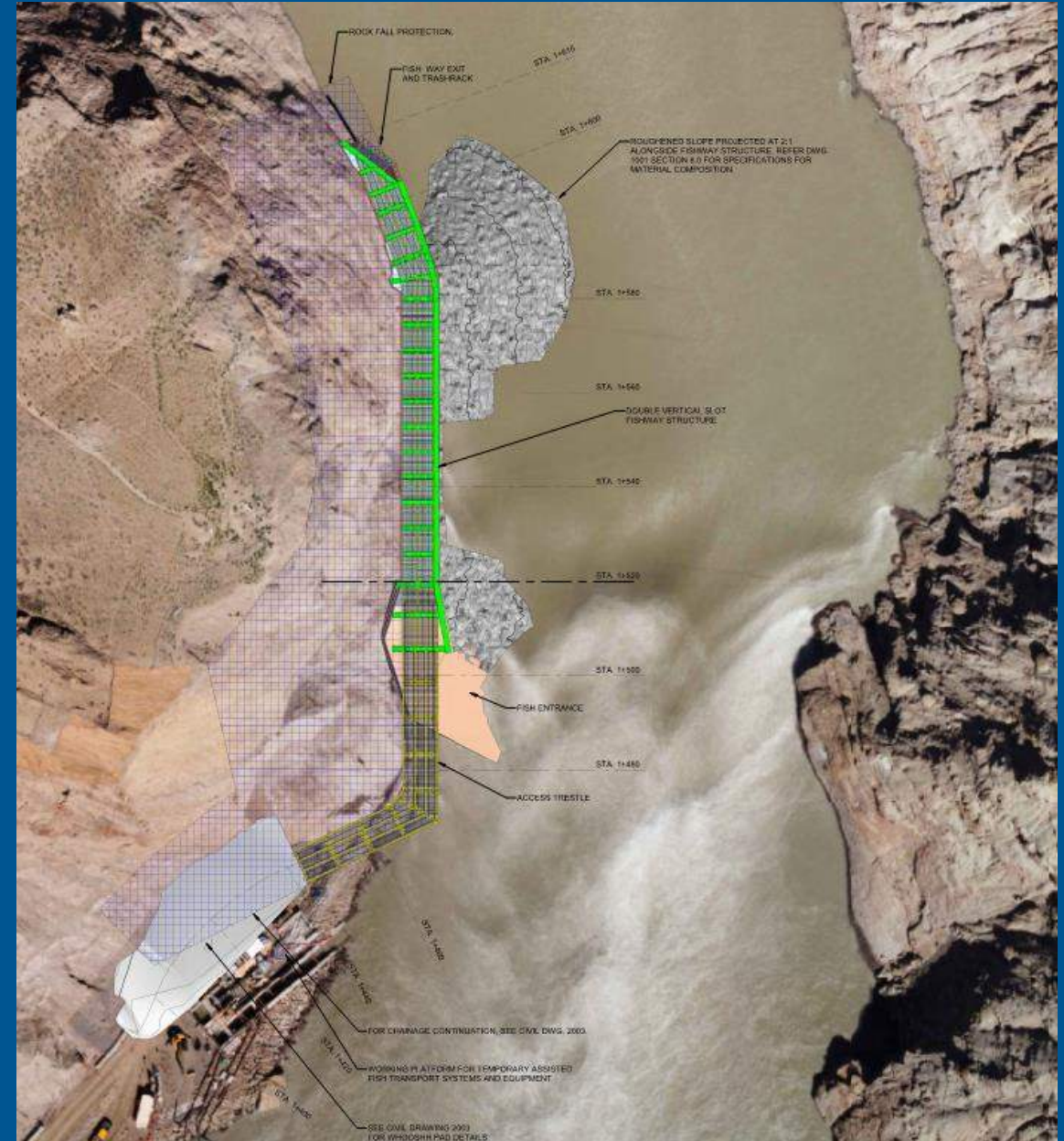






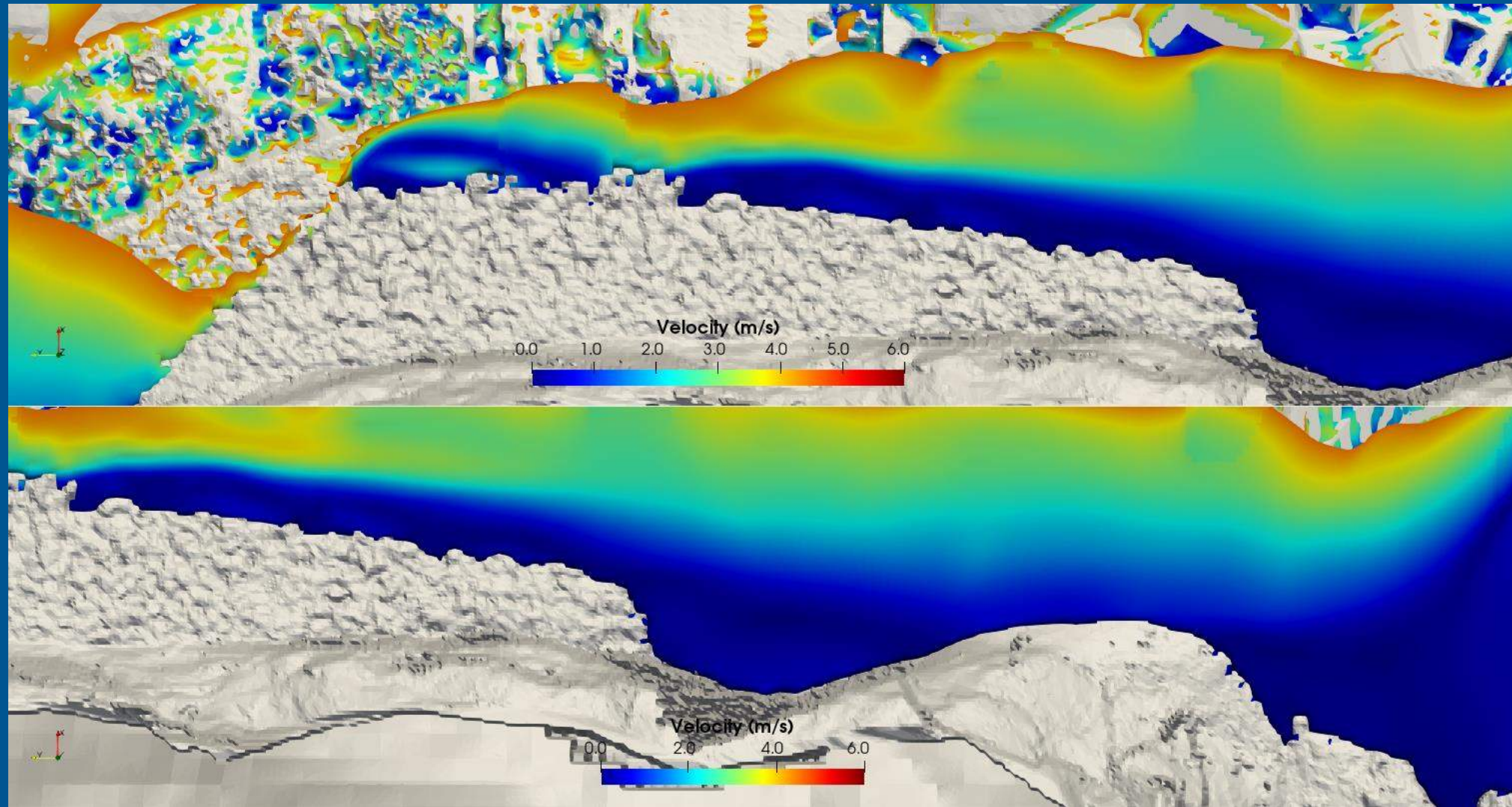
# Fish Passage Planning

1. Volitional (non-directive)
  - In-River Roughened Slope
  - Technical Vertical Slot Fishway
2. Non-volitional / Assisted
  - Whoosh Trail
  - Fish Passage during construction



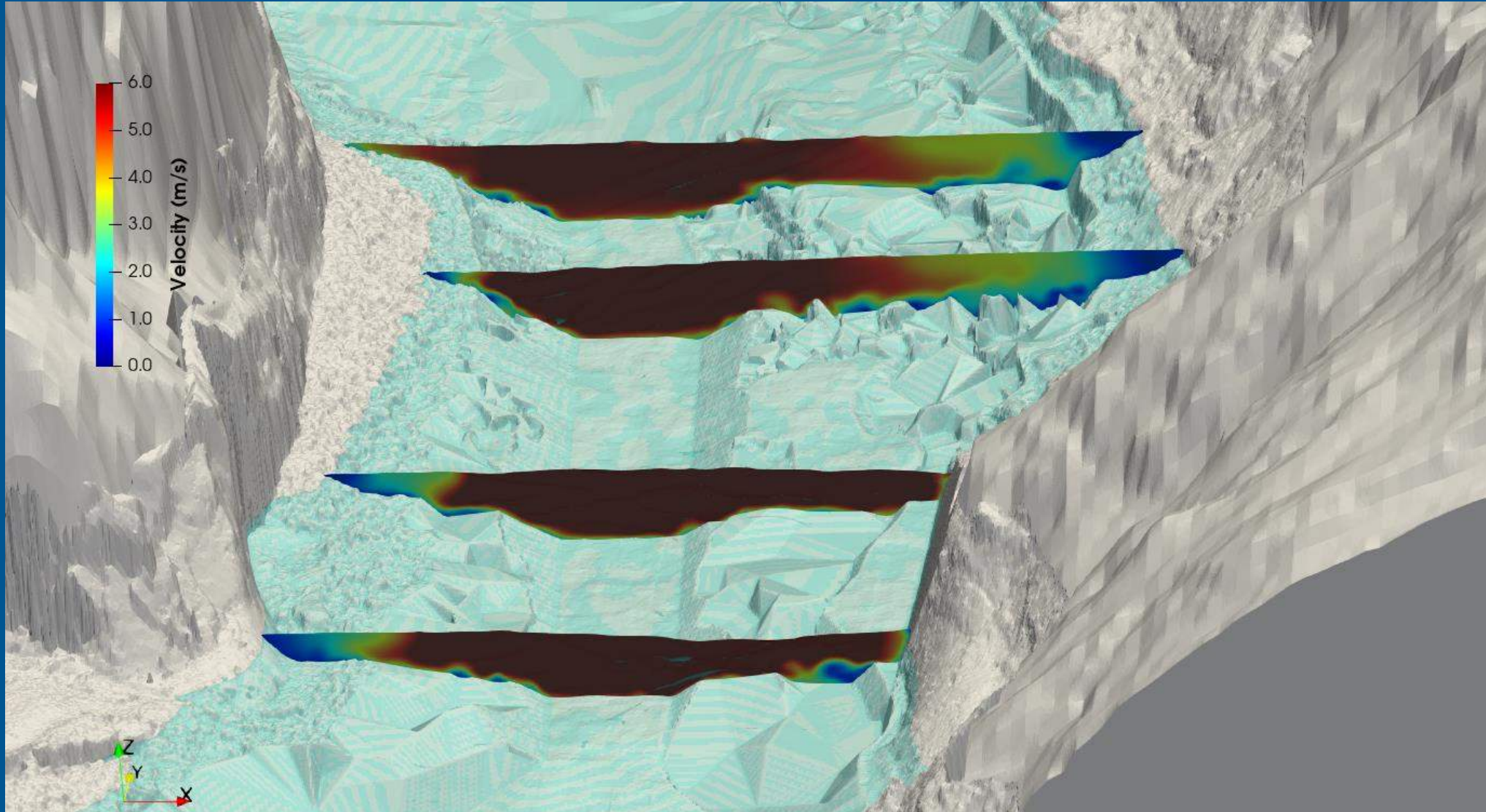


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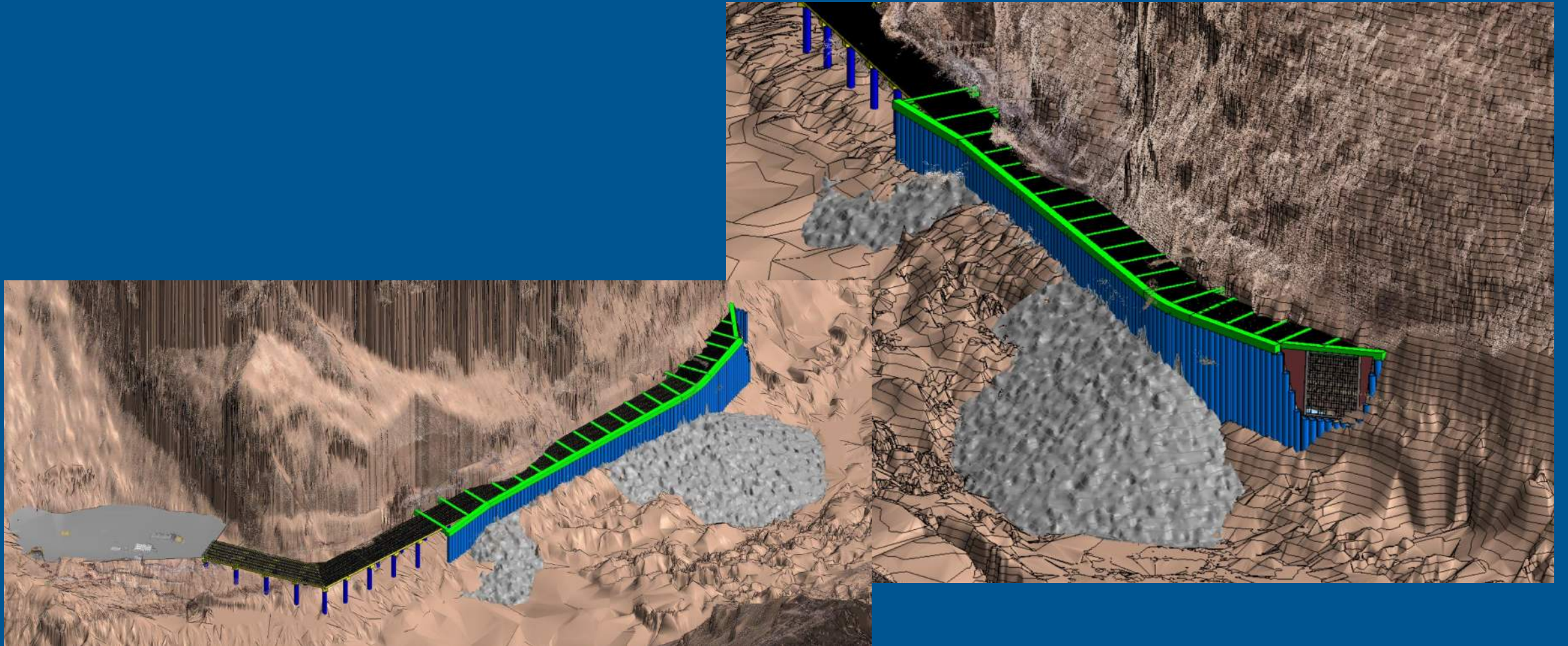


# MOD 4 - 3,500 cms





# Planned Vertical Slot Fishway





# Work completed: 2021 Bench





# 2020 flow conditions at 2,500 m<sup>3</sup>/s





# 2021 NLFW build





# 2022 at 2,500 m<sup>3</sup>/s zoomed in



Small vertical hydraulic separations

NLF roughness creates slower hindered flow zone along edge

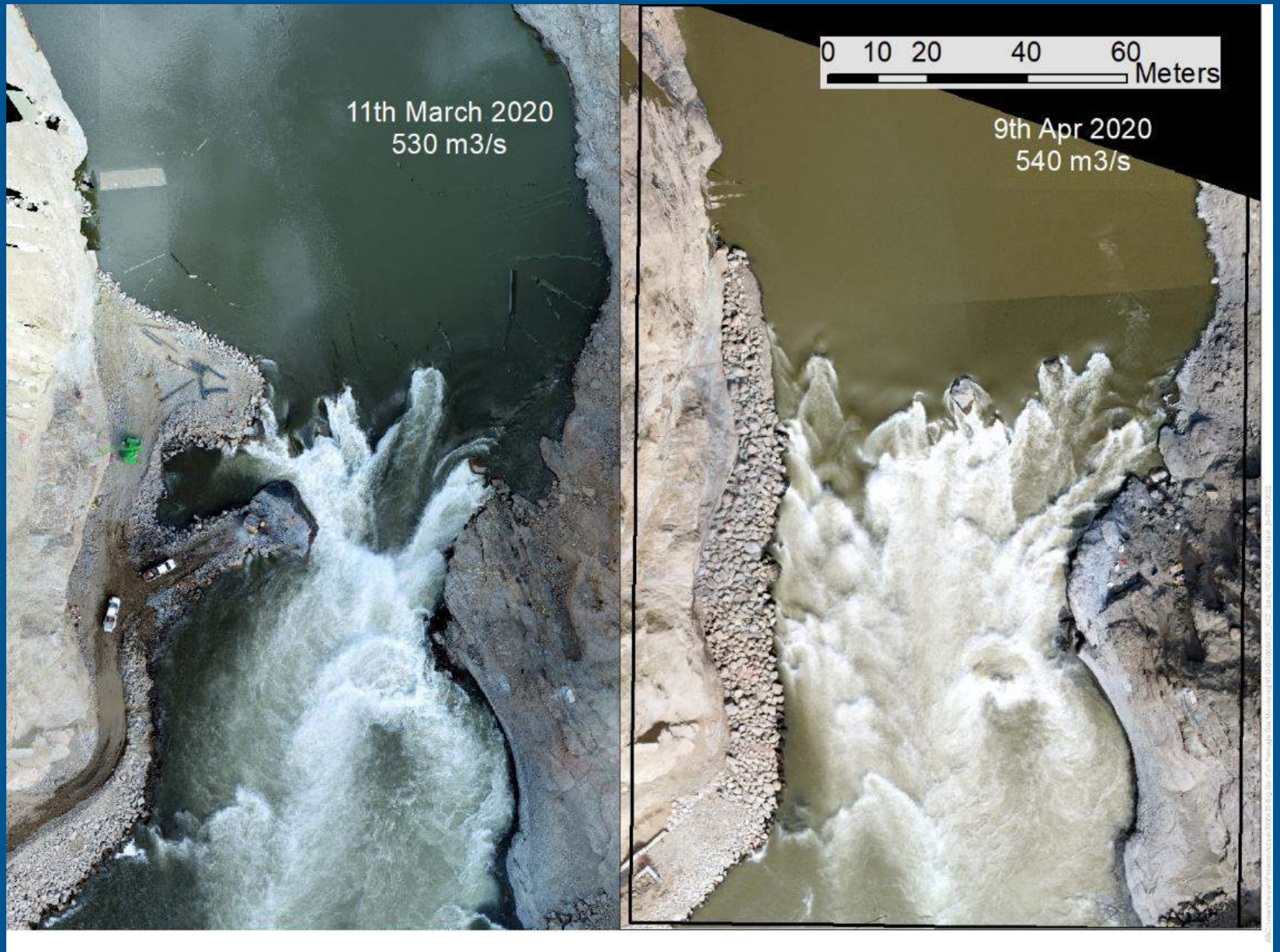
distributed hydraulic drop over length of NLF

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**Work  
completed:  
River rock  
removal with  
'fingers'**





# Current Conditions





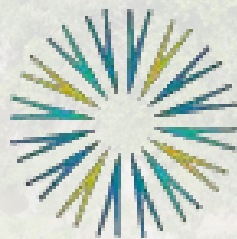
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# NLF Project Spotlight:

North Fork Battle Creek, Eagle Canyon  
Natural Barrier Modification  
Manton, CA



By: Michael Love

3/27/2024

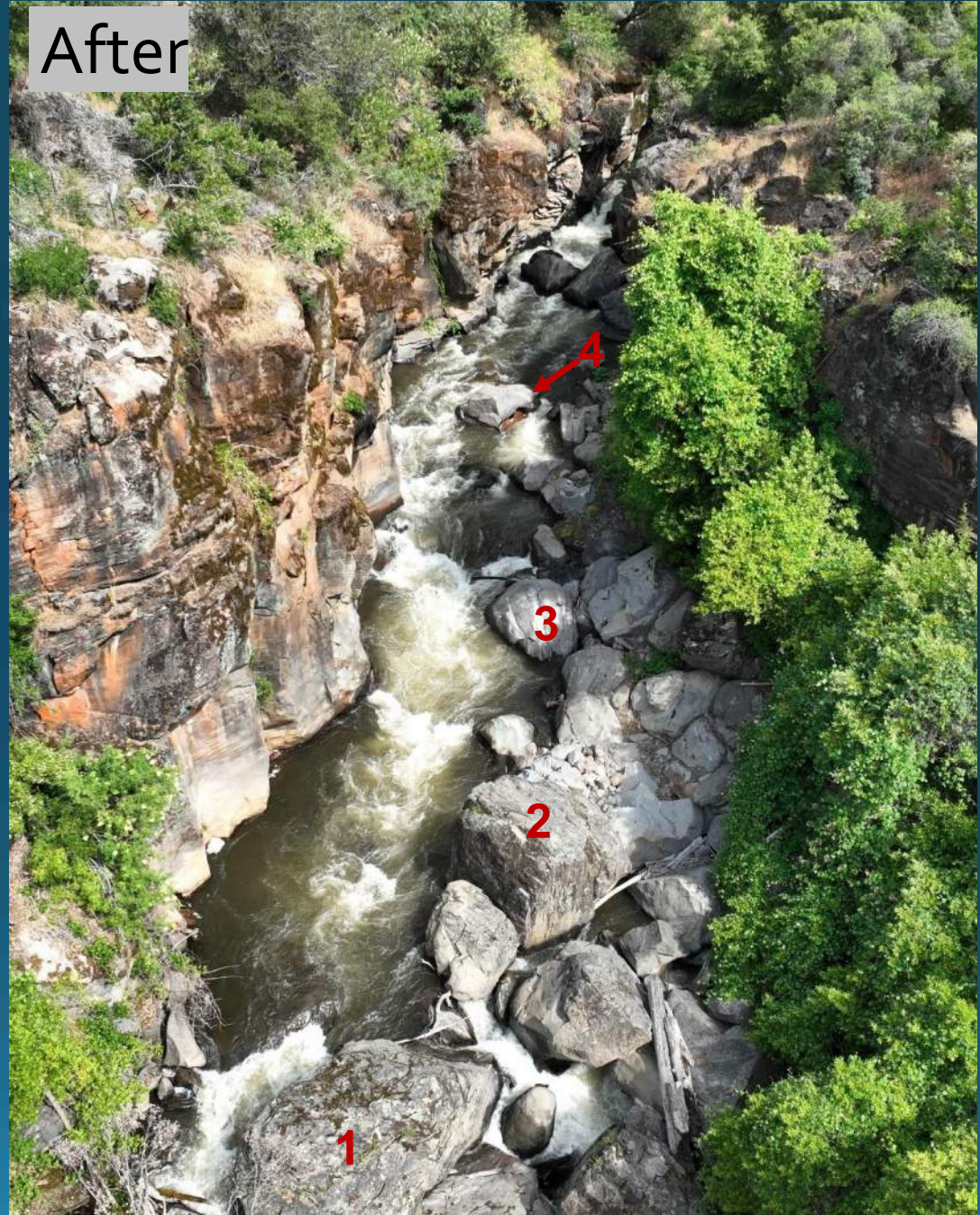


# Eagle Canyon Upper Barrier Modifications

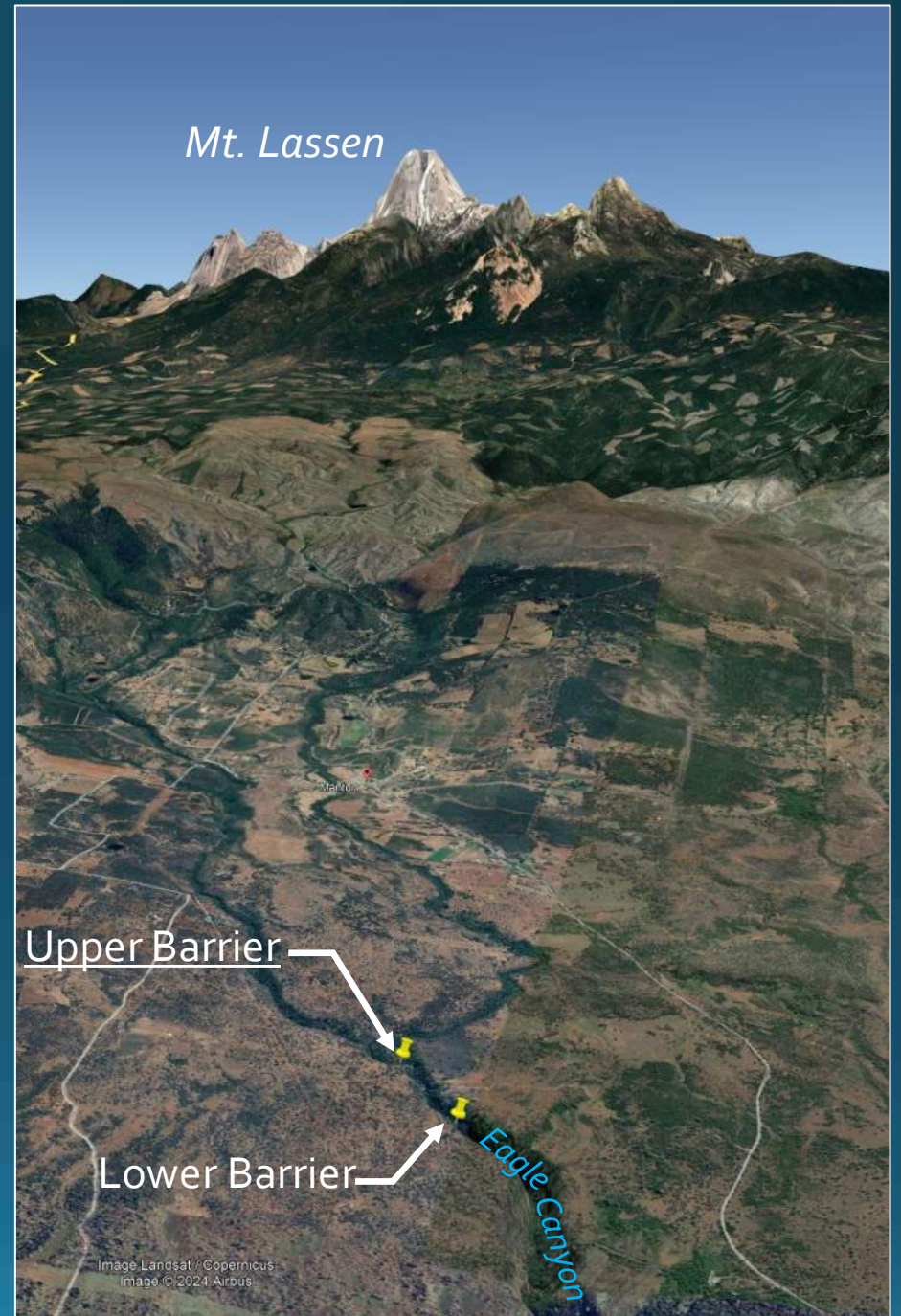
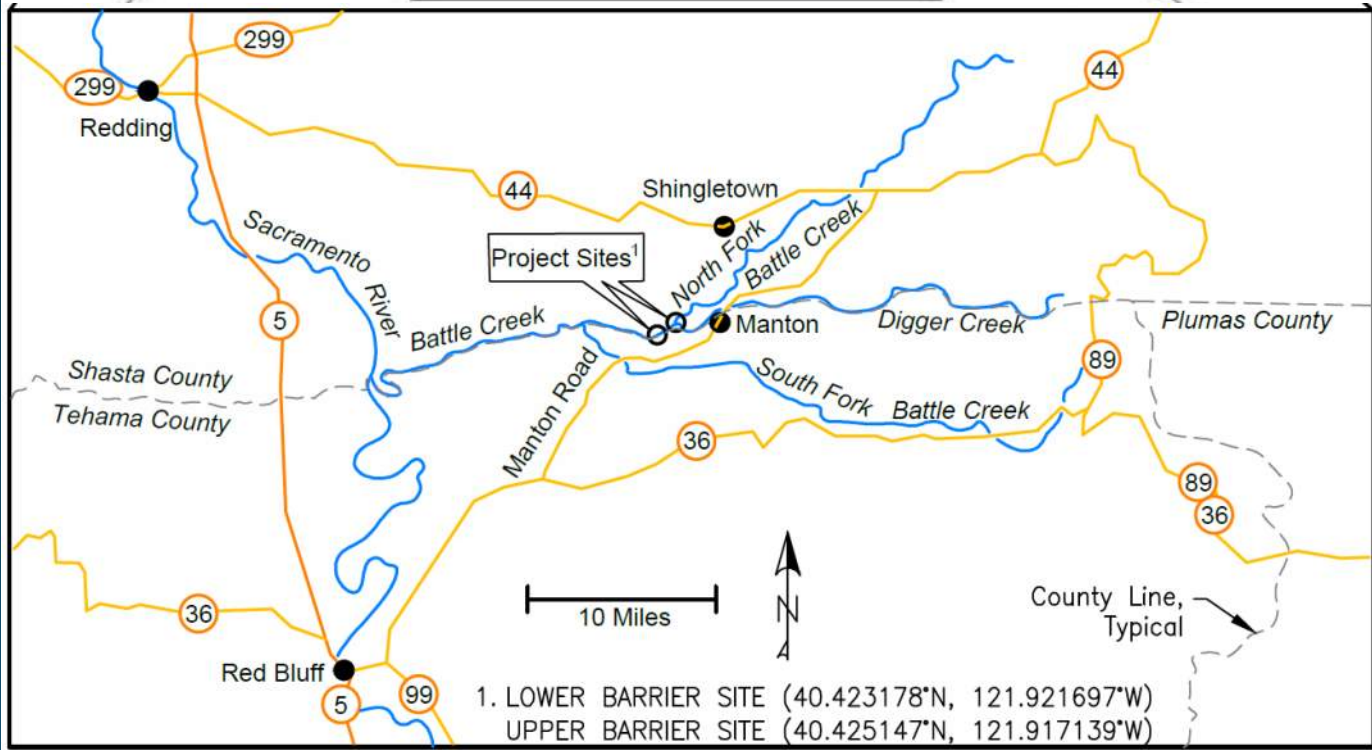
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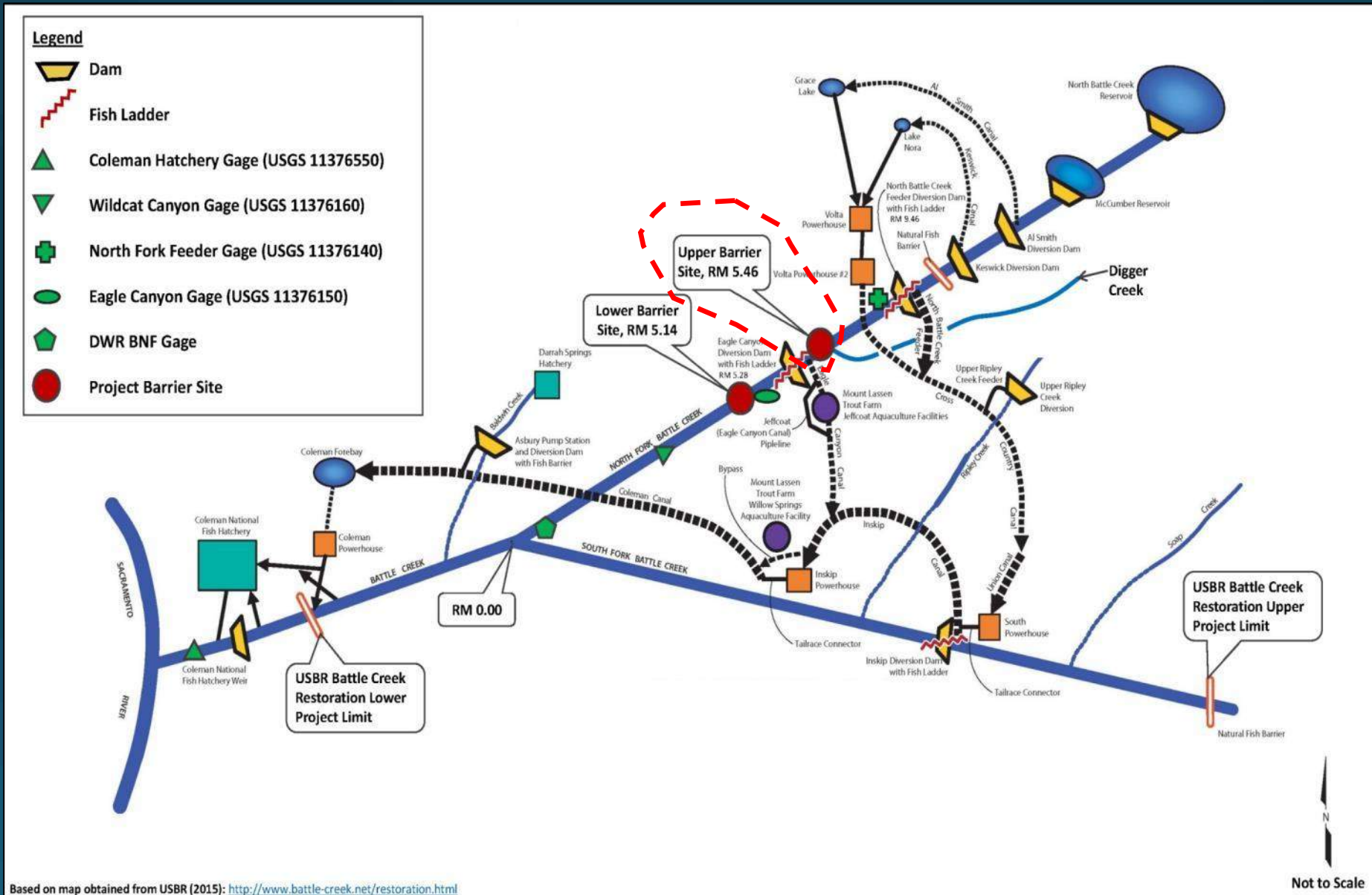








# Battle Creek Hydropower Schematic with Lower and Upper Barriers

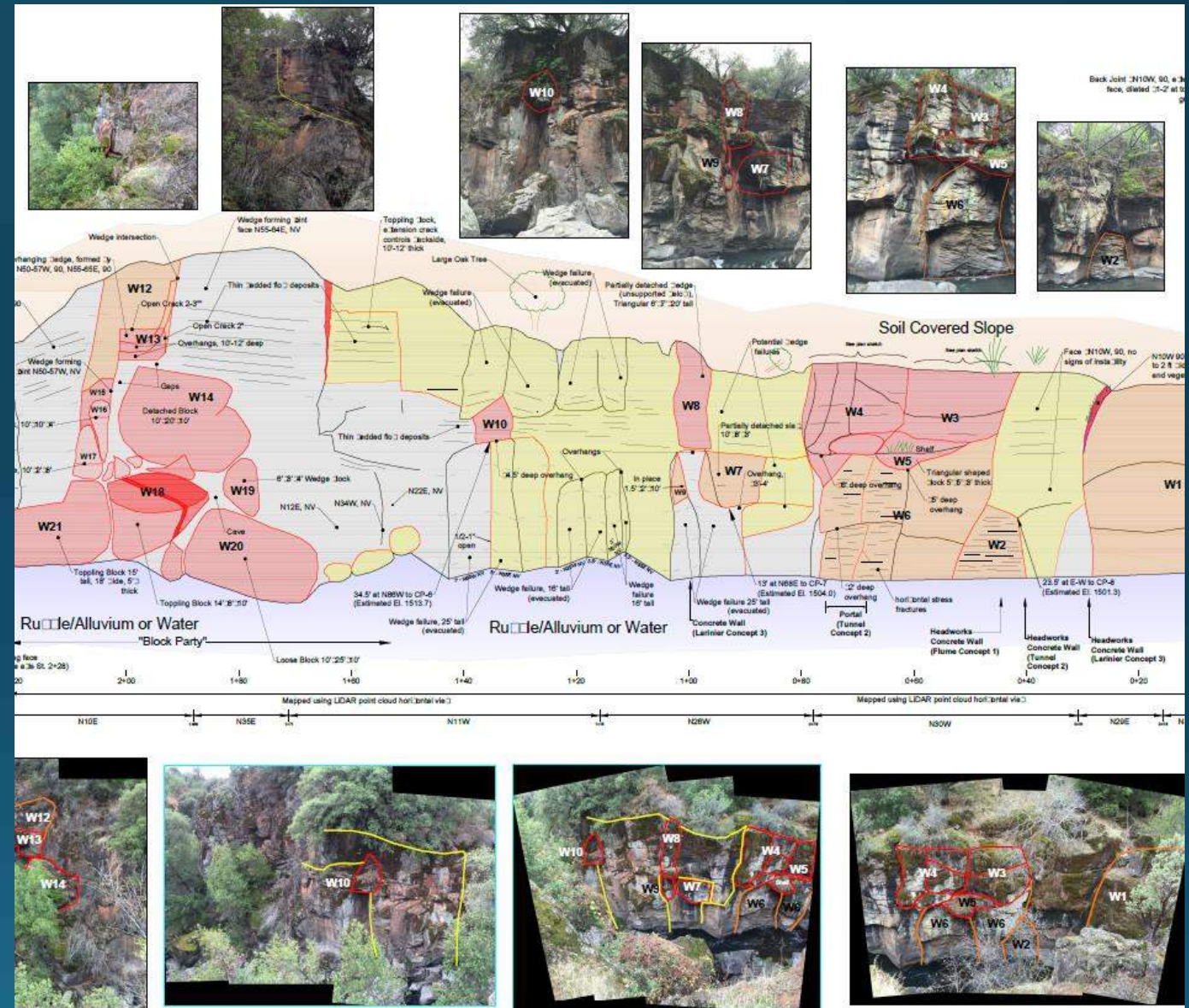


# Design Overview



# Site Characterizations

- Survey (total station, sonar, laser scan)
- Geotechnical investigation
- Boulder mapping
- Flow lines mapping
- Sieve mapping
- Pressure transducers
- Timelapse cameras
- Flow measurements



Geologic Mapping of Canyon Wall  
By Cotton, Shires and Associates

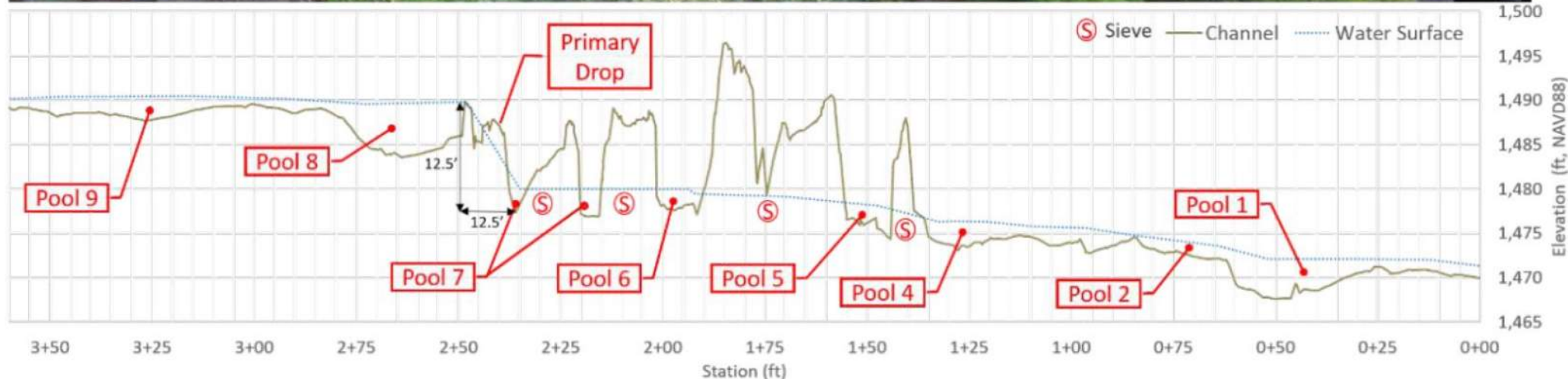
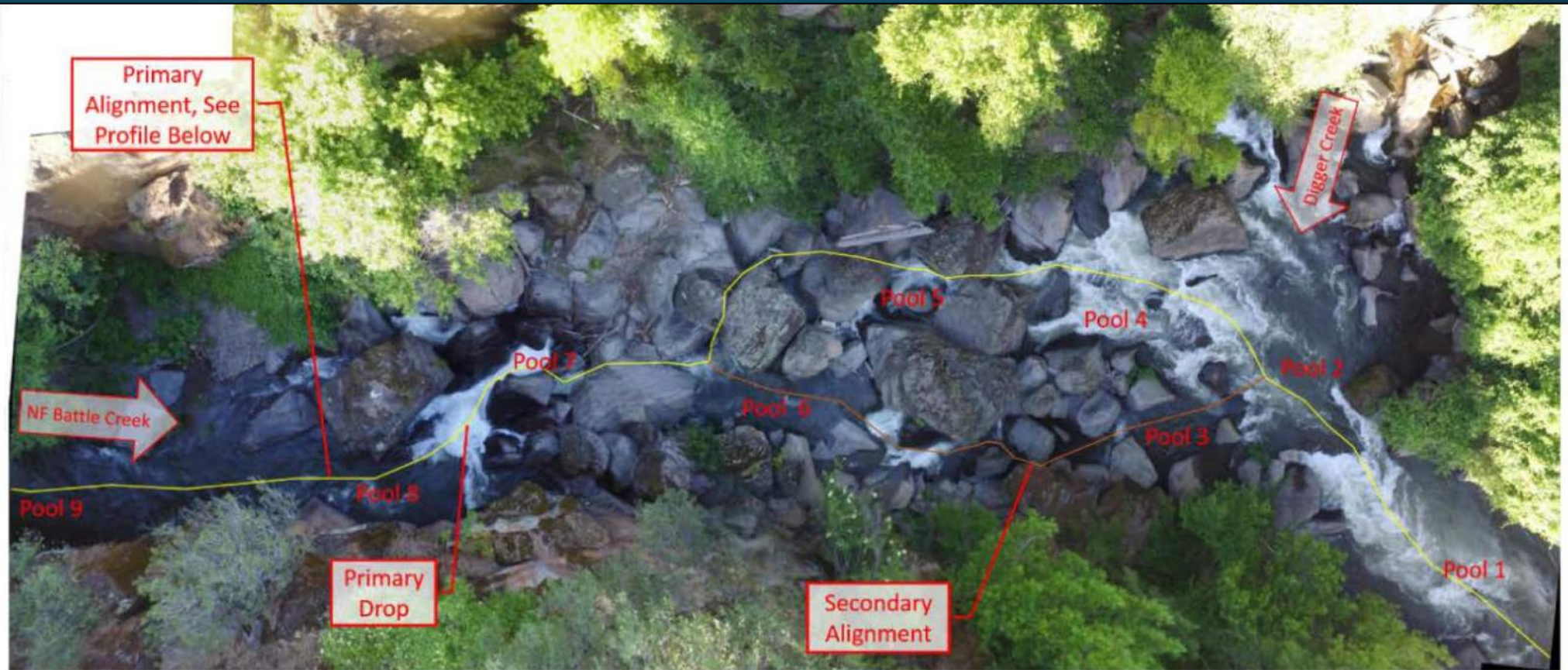


# Scan point cloud





# Upper Barrier Site Profile



## Primary Drop

- ❖ 12.5 ft
- ❖ No pool below



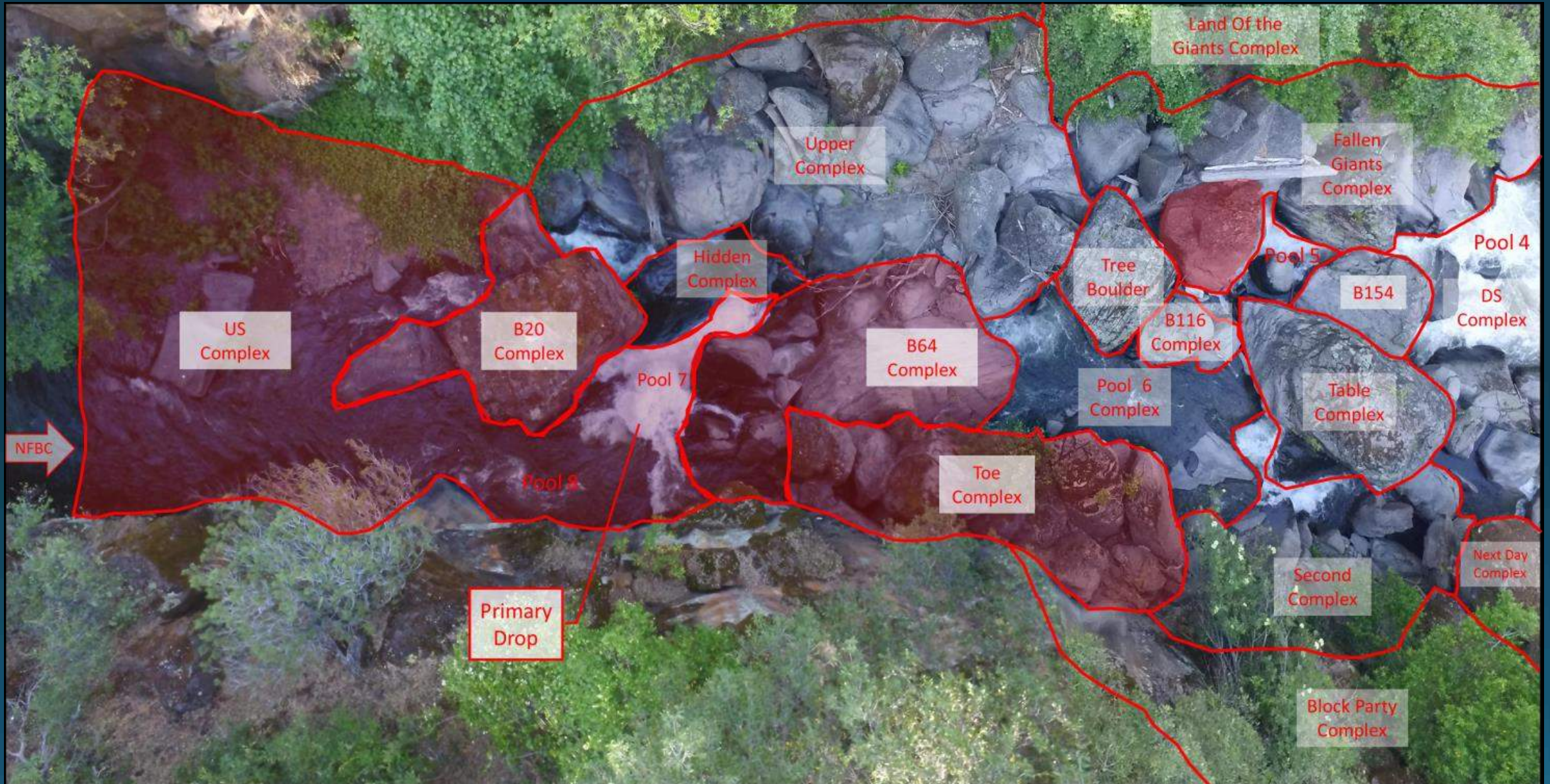
# Upper Barrier Site Flow Paths thru Sieves



- ❖ Primary Drop
- ❖ 12.5 ft
- ❖ No pool



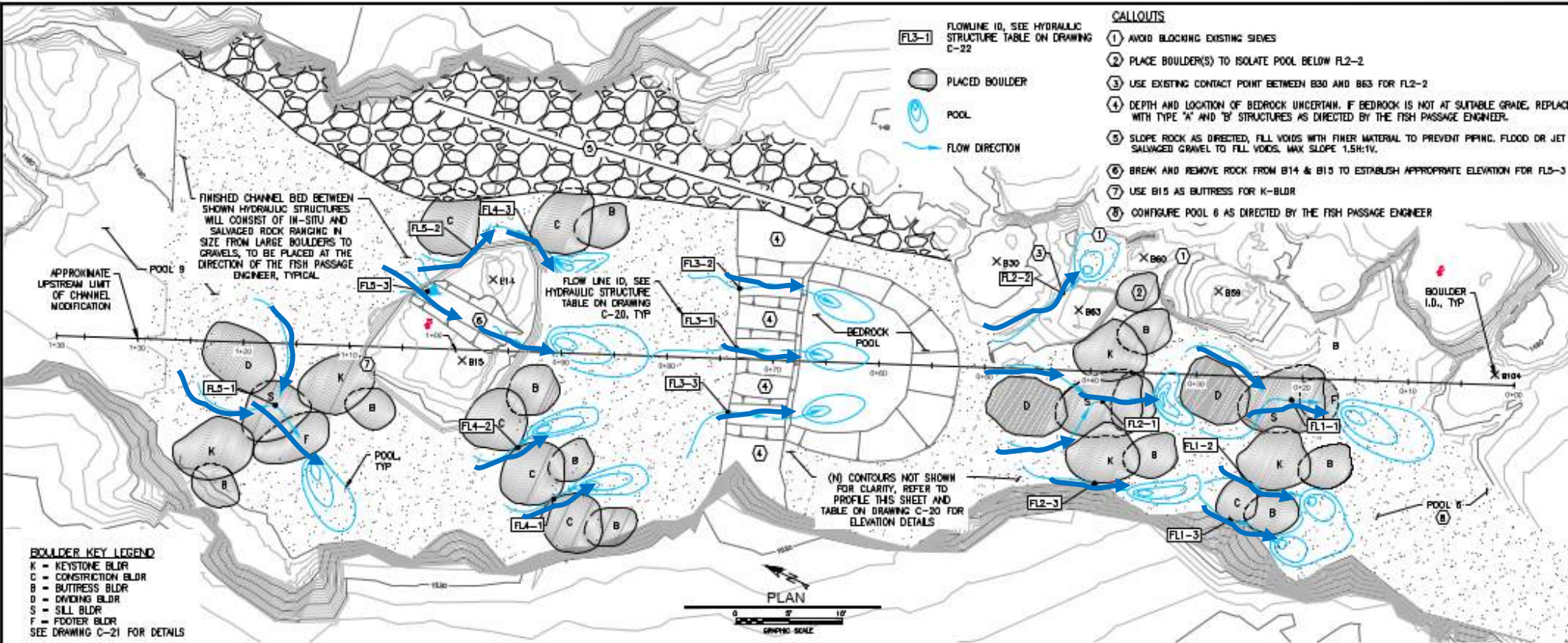
# Upper Barrier Site Boulders and Bedrock to be Removed



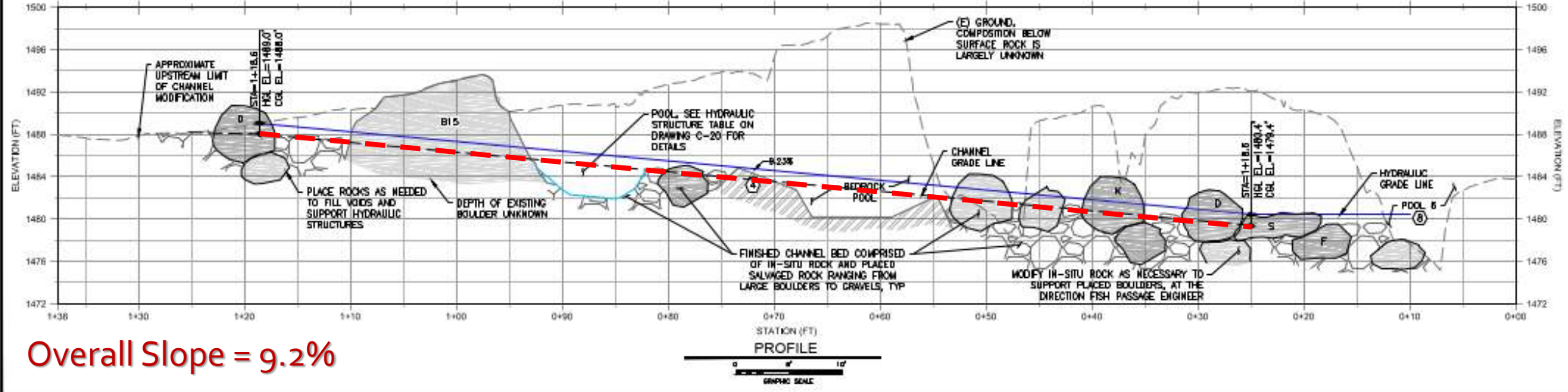


# Channel Reconstruction

## Conceptual Layout



## Reconstruct Channel with Boulder Controls and Bedrock Modifications





2D Hydraulic Simulation  
coupled with  
Fish Energetics and Routing

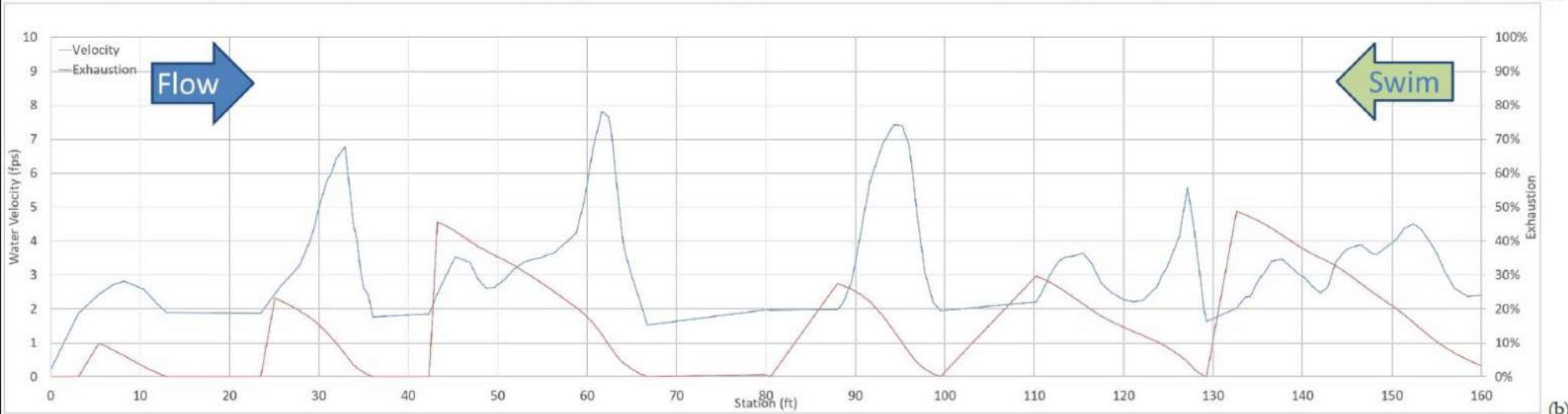
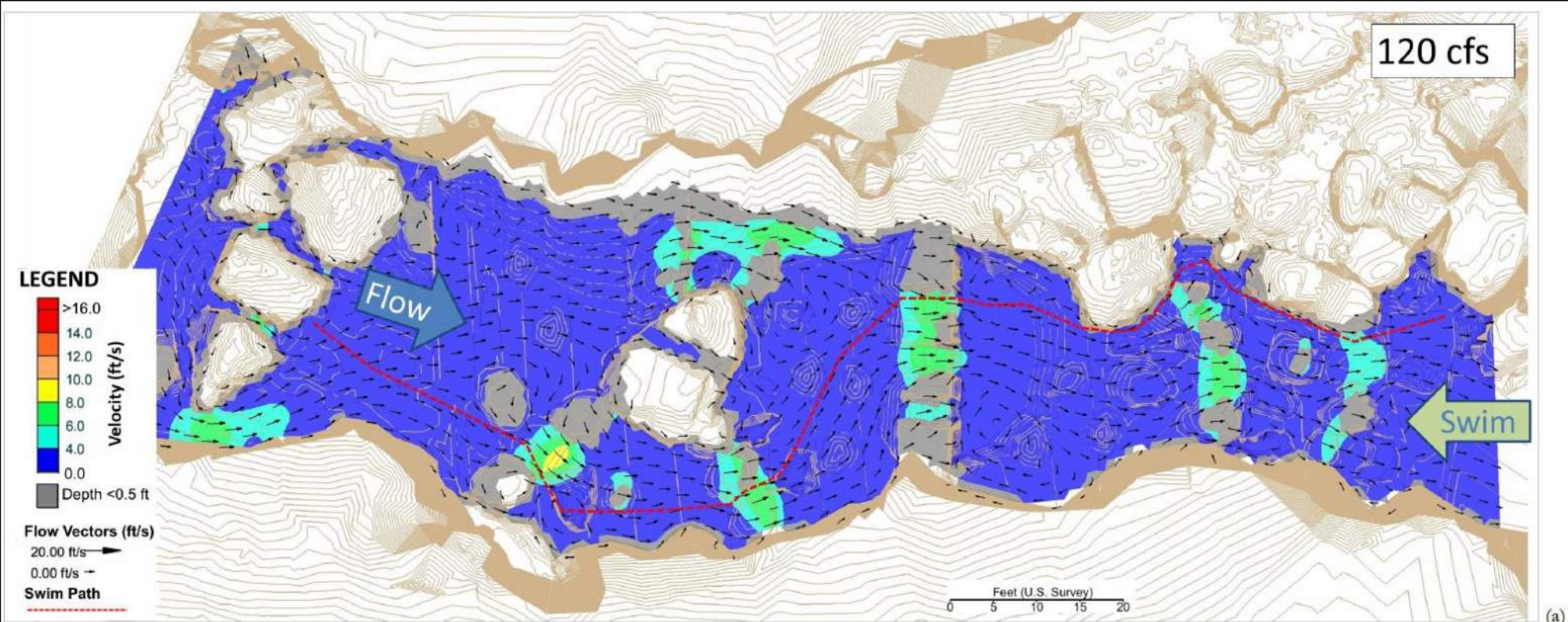


Figure 5-3. Predicted SRH-2D water velocity and fish passage exhaustion results for a 40 cm Chinook salmon at 120 cfs. (a) Plan view (b) Swim path profile.

Implementation  
2021















Lesson: Label what you know















1,800 tons of rock removed  
(3,600,000 lbs)

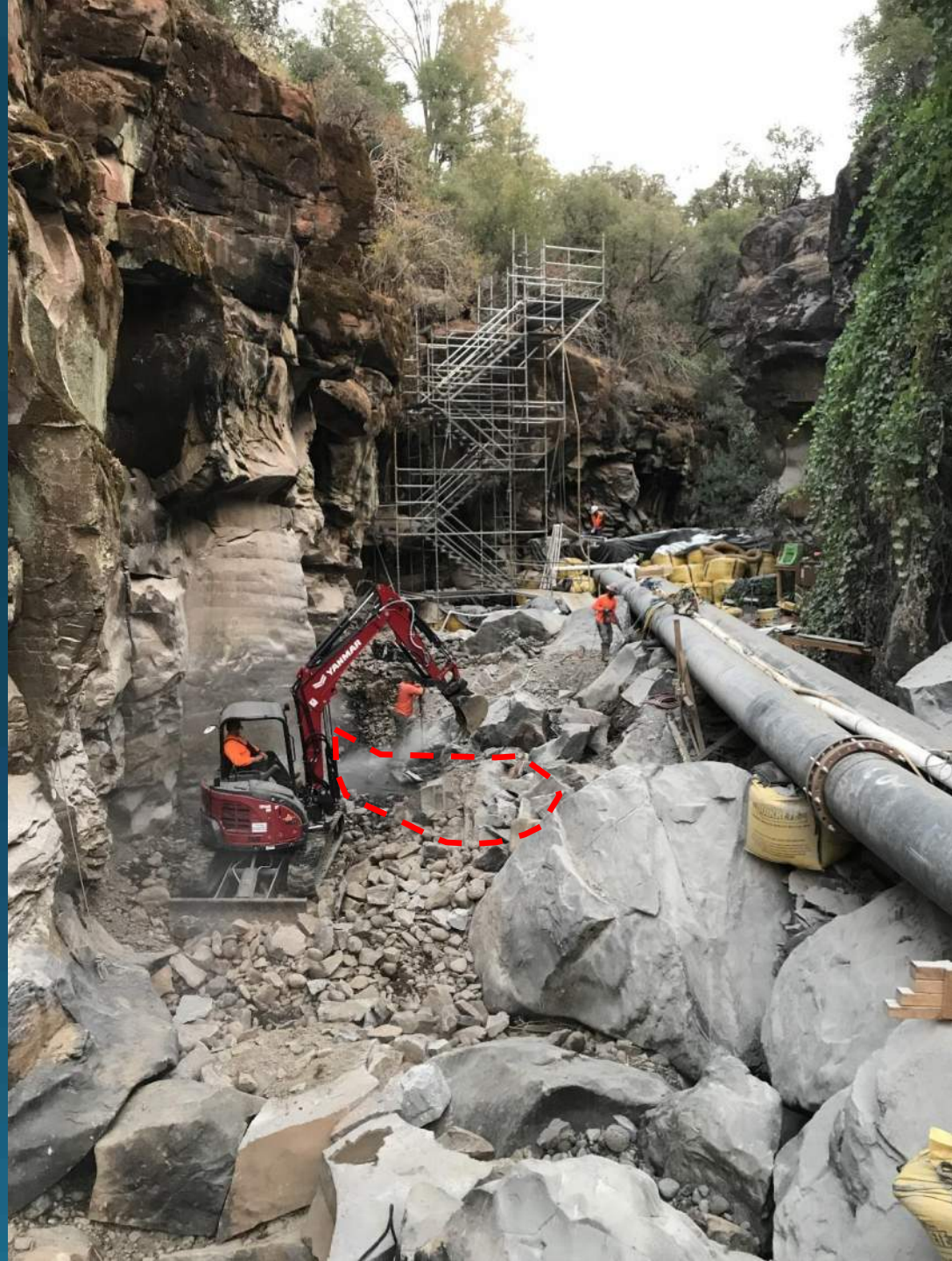






























Implementation:  
Final Outcome











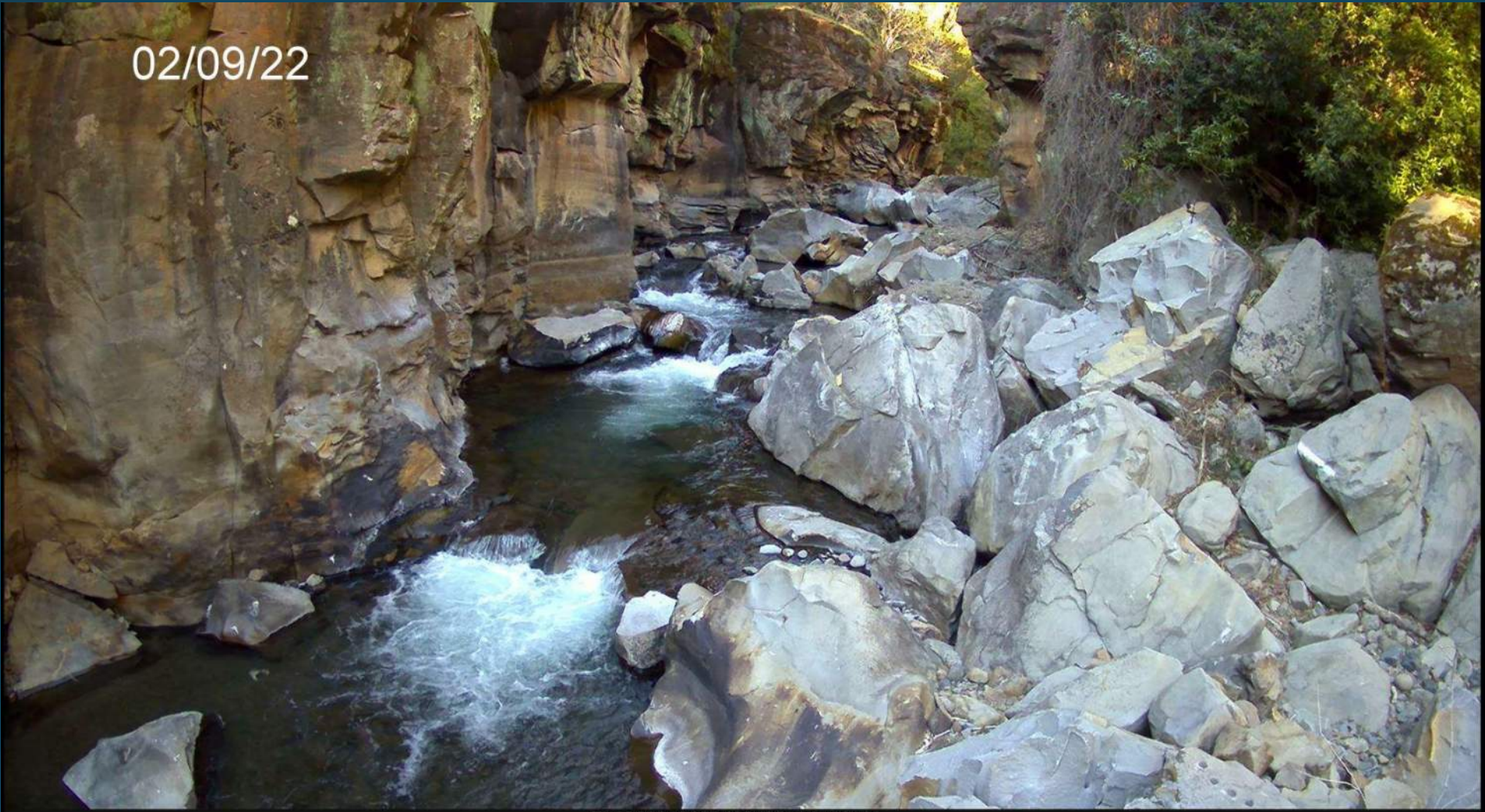
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Project Reach



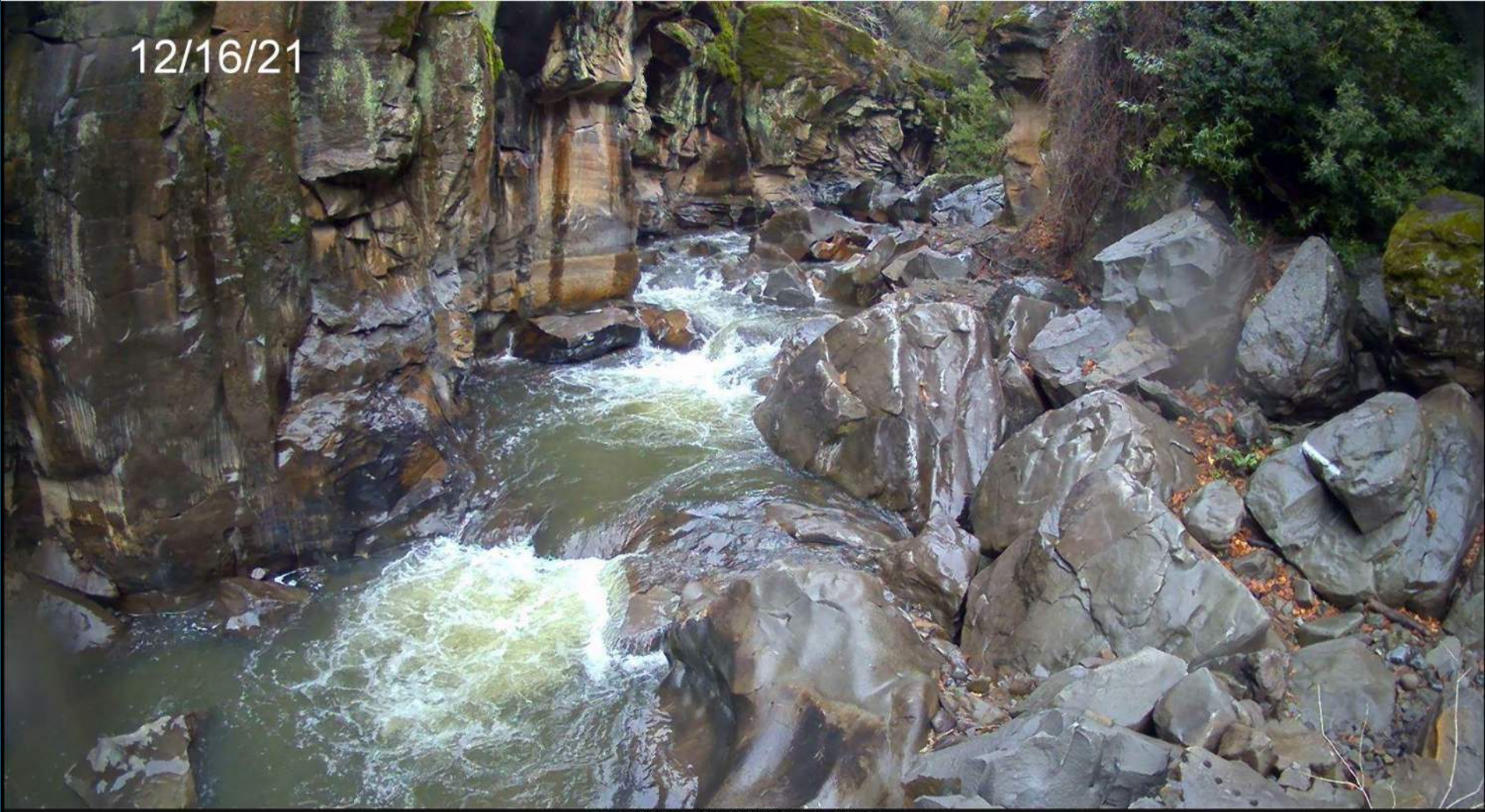
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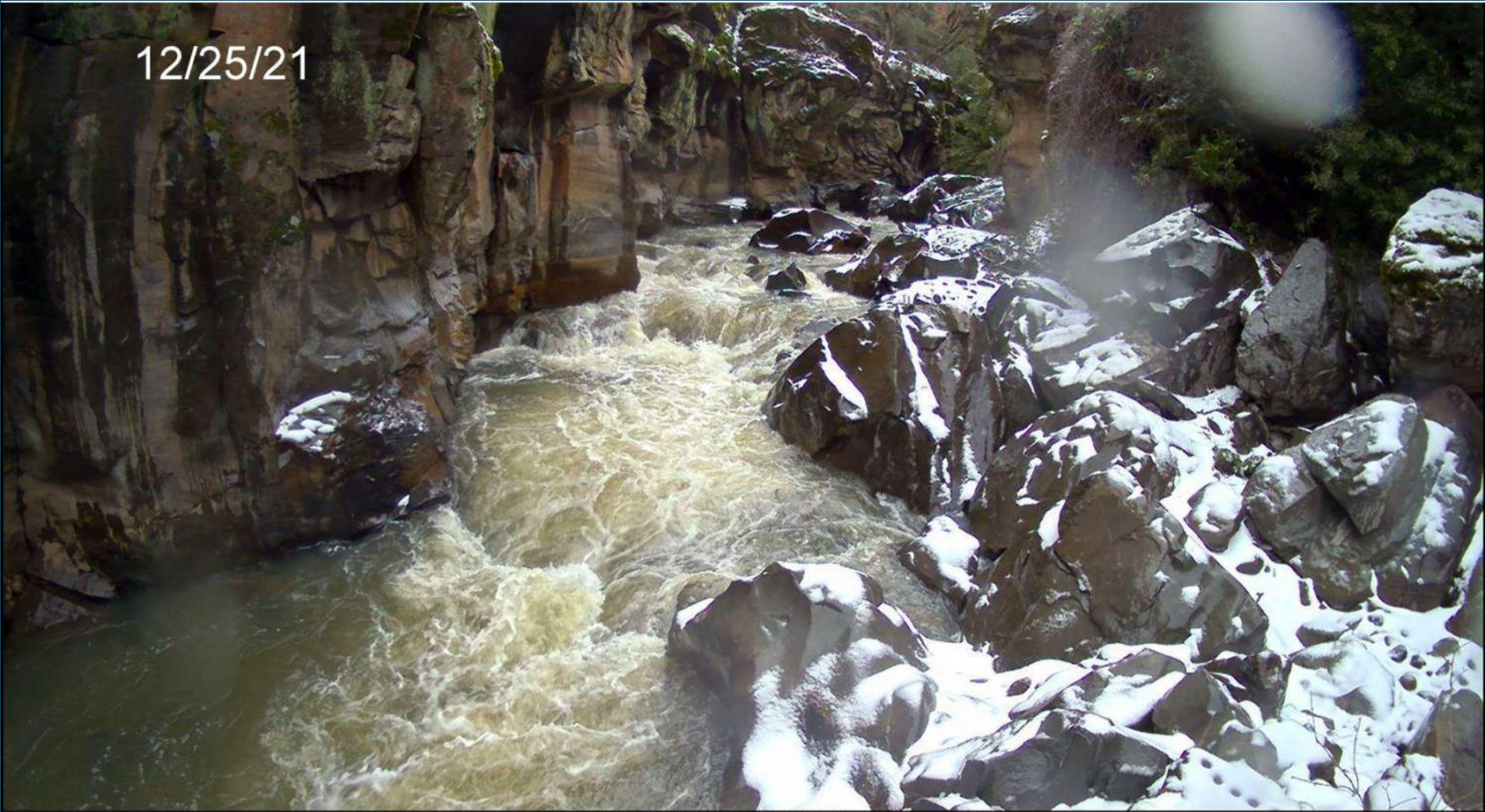
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# Eagle Canyon Team



Landowners:  
David Gamon & April Gamon  
John Gamon & Donnette Thayer



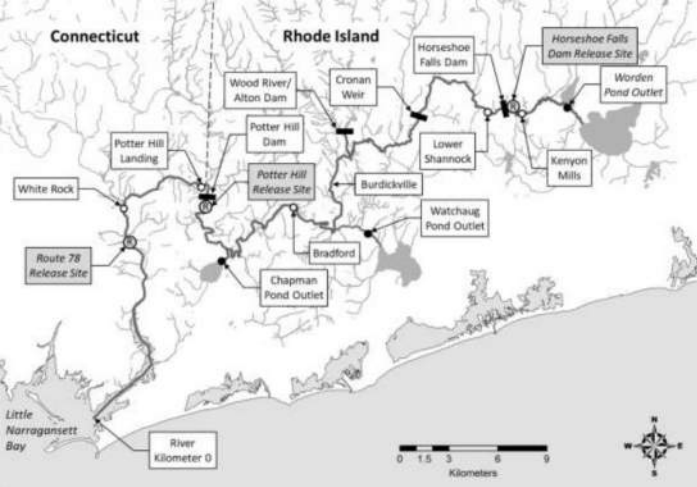


# NLF Project Spotlight:

Pawcatuck River NLF at the Bradford Dam  
Westerly, Rhode Island  
Jesus Morales USFWS







CS-102, CS-103, CS-104, & CL-101



CG-101 & CP-101



Pre-Project Conditions  
2016





# KEY CONSIDERATIONS AND PROJECT GOALS

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Need to maintain unnatural pool elevation upstream of the dam for recreation



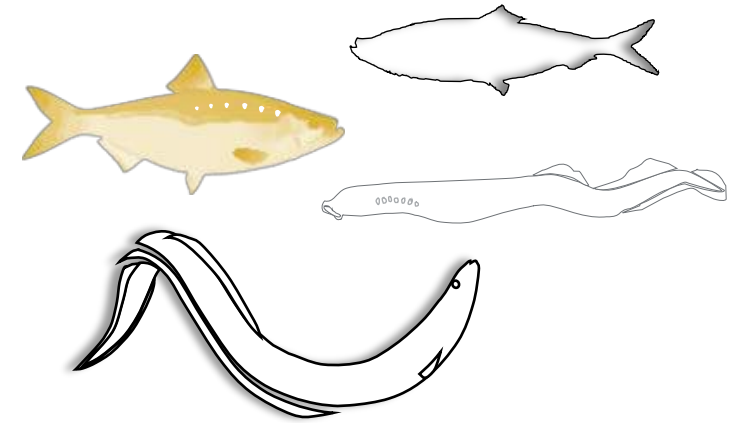
02

Need for slope stabilization and protection of the upstream bridge footers and abutments



03

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# Bradford Dam NLF in Westerly, Rhode Island

## • Purpose and Objectives

- Removal of Dam and Old Denil Fish Ladder
- NLF Construction for Native Migratory Fish Species
- Low-flow Channel Construction and Slope Stabilization

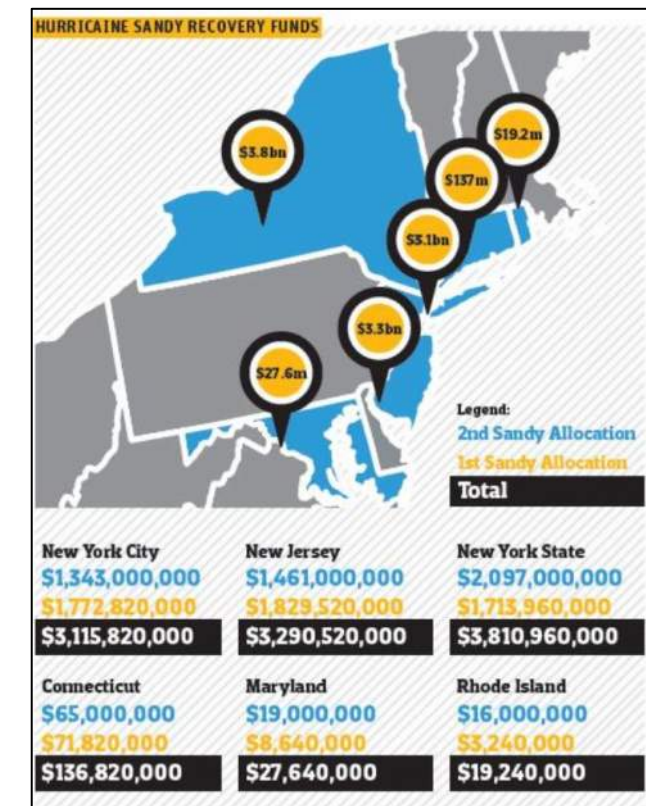
## • Key Features

- Pool & Weir NLF
- Dimensions:
  - Length = 210 FT
  - Overall Slope = 2.8%
  - Width = 160 FT
- Multiple distinct routes of passage at varying elevations and hydraulic conditions
- Adequate submergence depth at each weir notch and energy dissipation at the pools for the full range of fish passage design flows



Rhode Island  
Department of  
Environmental  
Management

Wood-Pawcatuck  
Watershed Association







RIVER CENTERLINE (TYP.)

NO LIVE STAKES WITHIN LIMITS OF NON-DESIGNATED PORTAGE PATH

664+00

665+00

666+00

667+00

BENCHMARK (FND) IN DECK  
ELEV = 43.25'  
DATUM NAVD83  
670+00

ALTON BRADFORD ROAD / RT 91 & 216  
(PUBLIC - VARIABLE WIDTH)

MAP 15  
LOT 14

# Proposed Conditions

EROSION CONTROL BLANKETING ON SLOPES ABOVE BANKFULL ELEVATION (TYP.)

BIODEGRADABLE COIR ROLL AT BANKFULL ELEVATION(S) (TYP.)

CONCRETE (BRIDGE)  
TOP OF SIDE WALL FOOTINGS ELEV



Need to maintain unnatural pool elevation upstream of the dam for recreation

**CHANNEL BED INVESTIGATION/STABILIZATION NOTES:**

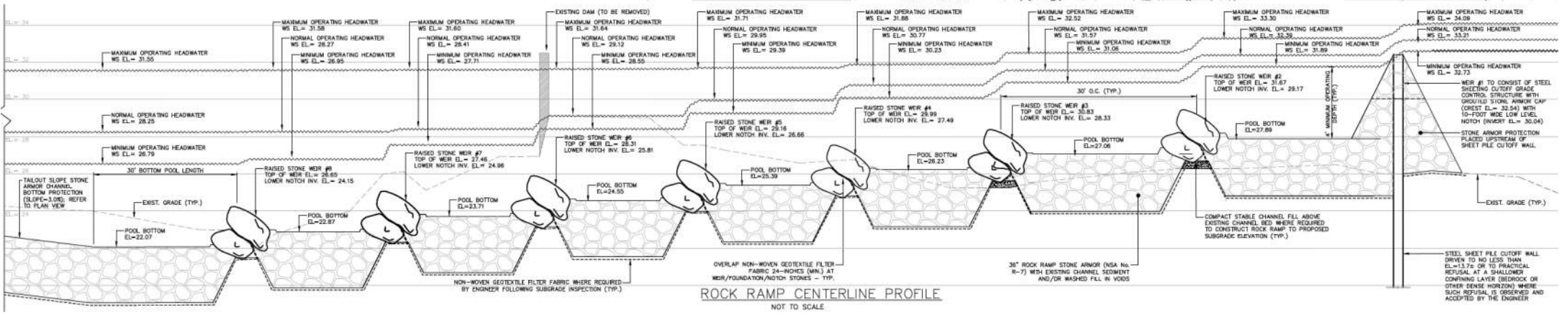
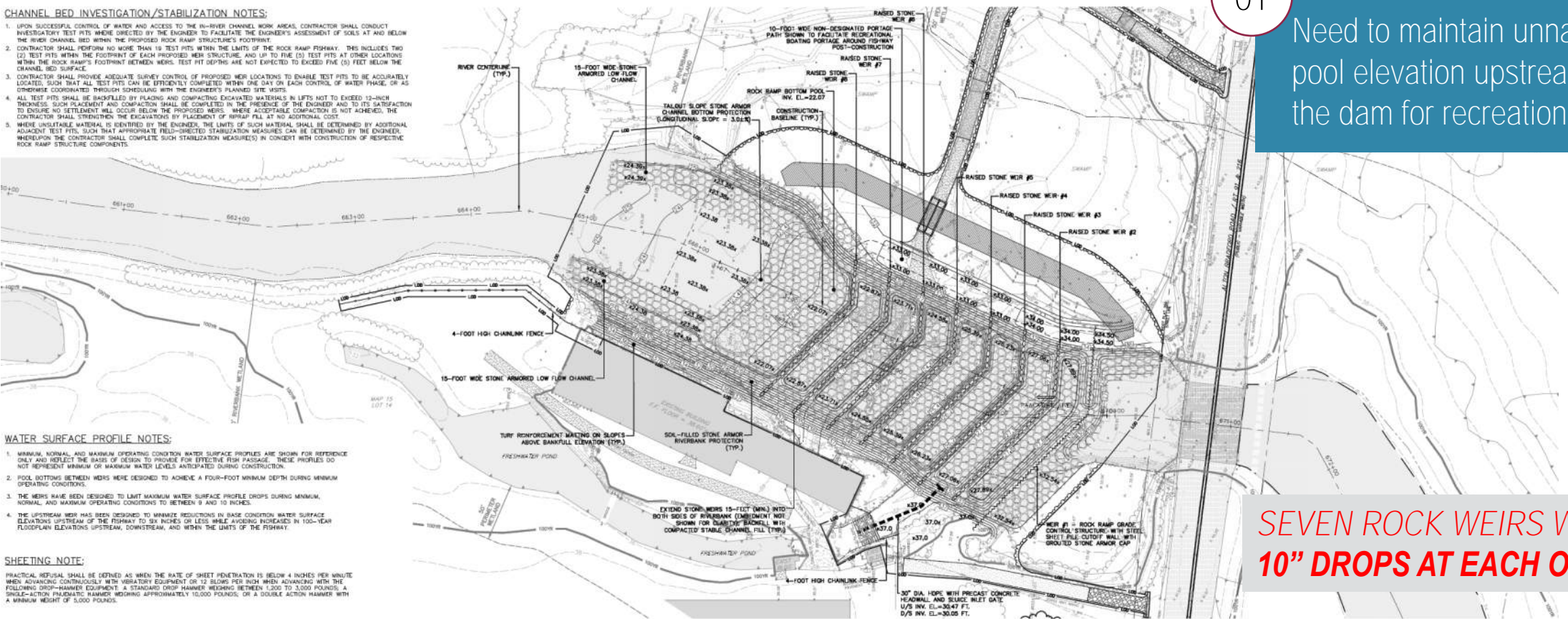
- UPON SUCCESSFUL CONTROL OF WATER AND ACCESS TO THE IN-RIVER CHANNEL WORK AREAS, CONTRACTOR SHALL CONDUCT INVESTIGATORY TEST PITS WHERE DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER TO FACILITATE THE ENGINEER'S ASSESSMENT OF SOILS AT AND BELOW THE RIVER CHANNEL BED WITHIN THE PROPOSED ROCK RAMP STRUCTURE'S FOOTPRINT.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL PERFORM NO MORE THAN 10 TEST PITS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE ROCK RAMP FISHWAY. THIS INCLUDES TWO (2) TEST PITS WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF EACH PROPOSED WEIR STRUCTURE, AND UP TO FIVE (5) TEST PITS AT OTHER LOCATIONS WITHIN THE ROCK RAMP'S FOOTPRINT BETWEEN WEIRS. TEST PIT DEPTHS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO EXCEED FIVE (5) FEET BELOW THE CHANNEL BED SURFACE.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE SURVEY CONTROL OF PROPOSED WEIR LOCATIONS TO ENABLE TEST PITS TO BE ACCURATELY LOCATED, SUCH THAT ALL TEST PITS CAN BE EFFICIENTLY COMPLETED WITHIN ONE DAY ON EACH CONTROL OF WATER PHASE, OR AS OTHERWISE COORDINATED THROUGH SCHEDULING WITH THE ENGINEER'S PLANNED SITE VISITS.
- ALL TEST PITS SHALL BE BACKFILLED BY PLACING AND COMPACTING EXCAVATED MATERIALS IN LIFTS NOT TO EXCEED 12-INCH THICKNESS. SUCH PLACEMENT AND COMPACTION SHALL BE COMPLETED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ENGINEER AND TO ITS SATISFACTION TO ENSURE NO SETTLEMENT WILL OCCUR BELOW THE PROPOSED WEIRS. WHERE ACCEPTABLE COMPACTION IS NOT ACHIEVED, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL STRENGTHEN THE EXCAVATIONS BY PLACEMENT OF RIPRAP FILL AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.
- WHERE UNSUITABLE MATERIAL IS IDENTIFIED BY THE ENGINEER, THE LIMITS OF SUCH MATERIAL SHALL BE DETERMINED BY ADDITIONAL ADJACENT TEST PITS, SUCH THAT APPROPRIATE FELD-DIRECTED STABILIZATION MEASURES CAN BE DETERMINED BY THE ENGINEER, WHEREUPON THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLETE SUCH STABILIZATION MEASURE(S) IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF RESPECTIVE ROCK RAMP STRUCTURE COMPONENTS.

**WATER SURFACE PROFILE NOTES:**

- MINIMUM, NORMAL, AND MAXIMUM OPERATING CONDITIONS WATER SURFACE PROFILES ARE SHOWN FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND REFLECT THE BASIS OF DESIGN TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE FISH PASSAGE. THESE PROFILES DO NOT REPRESENT MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM WATER LEVELS ANTICIPATED DURING CONSTRUCTION.
- POOL BOTTOMS BETWEEN WEIRS WERE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A FOUR-FOOT MINIMUM DEPTH DURING MINIMUM OPERATING CONDITIONS.
- THE WEIRS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO LIMIT MAXIMUM WATER SURFACE PROFILE DROPS DURING MINIMUM, NORMAL, AND MAXIMUM OPERATING CONDITIONS TO BETWEEN 8 AND 10 INCHES.
- THE UPSTREAM WEIR HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE REDUCTIONS IN BASE CONDITION WATER SURFACE ELEVATIONS UPSTREAM OF THE FISHWAY TO SIX INCHES OR LESS WHILE AVOIDING INCREASES IN 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN ELEVATIONS UPSTREAM, DOWNSTREAM, AND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE FISHWAY.

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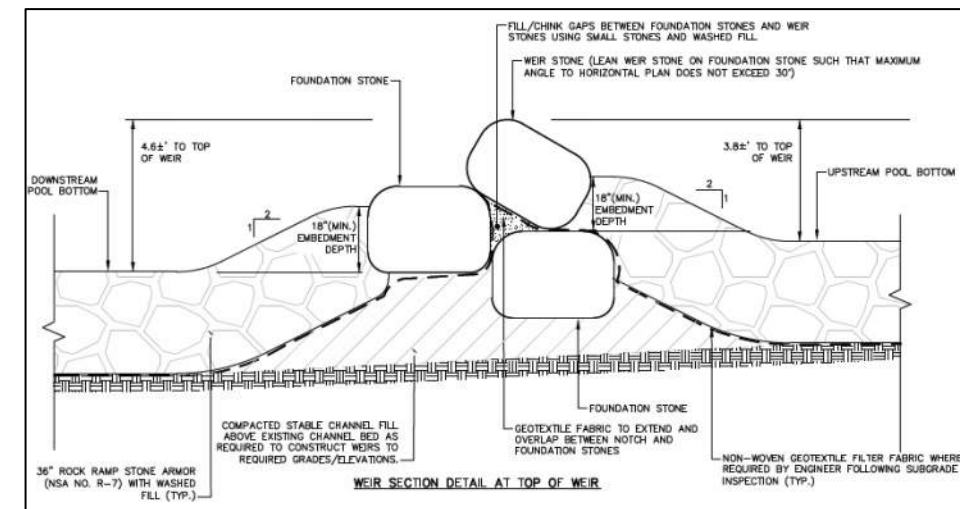
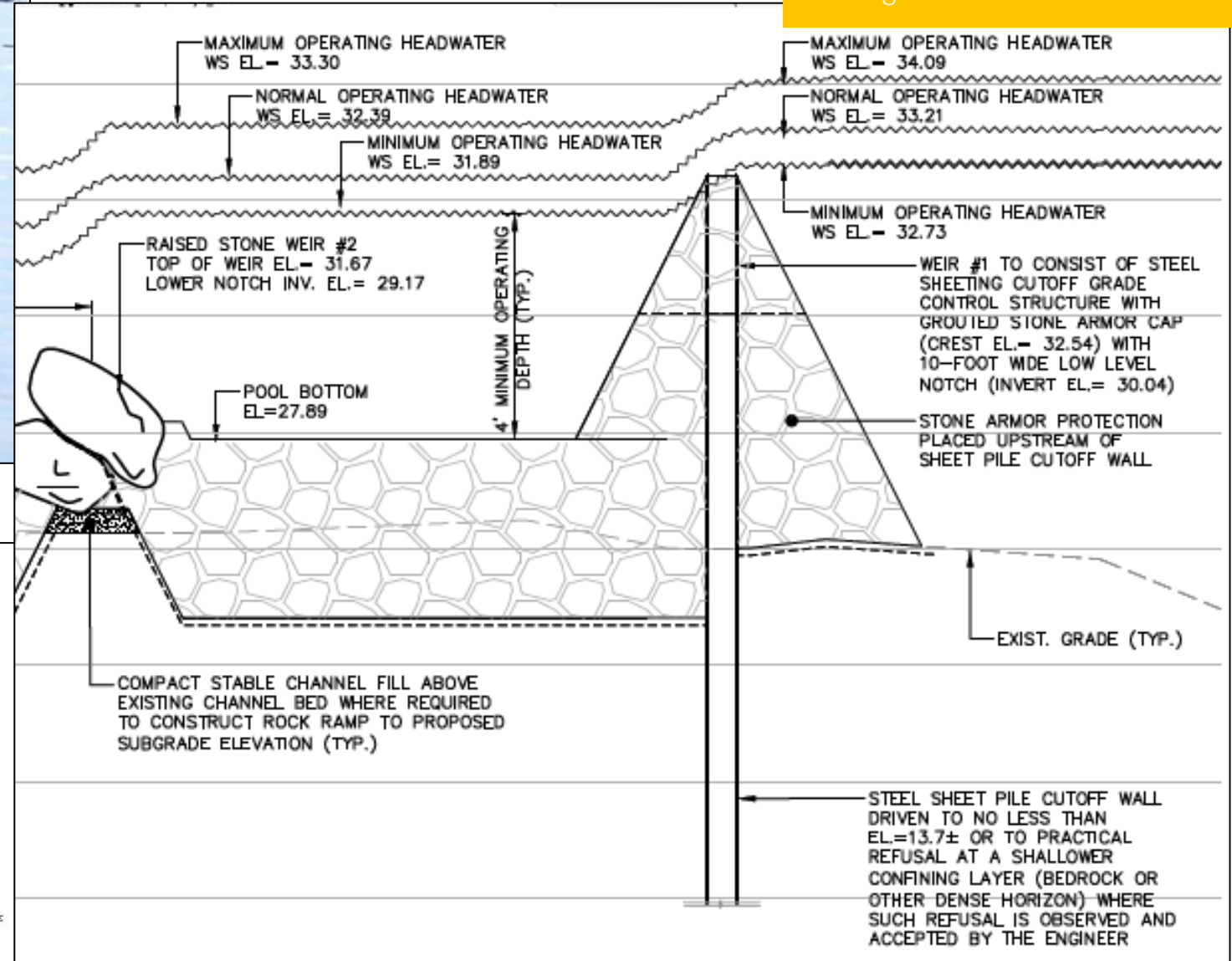
PRACTICAL REFUSAL SHALL BE DEFINED AS WHEN THE RATE OF SHEET PENETRATION IS BELOW 4 INCHES PER MINUTE WHEN ADVANCING CONTINUOUSLY WITH VIBRATORY EQUIPMENT OR 12 BLOWS PER INCH WHEN ADVANCING WITH THE FOLLOWING DROP-HAMMER EQUIPMENT: A STANDARD DROP HAMMER WEIGHING BETWEEN 1,000 TO 3,000 POUNDS; A SINGLE-ACTION PNEUMATIC HAMMER WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 10,000 POUNDS; OR A DOUBLE ACTION HAMMER WITH A MINIMUM WEIGHT OF 5,000 POUNDS.



SEVEN ROCK WEIRS WITH 10" DROPS AT EACH ONE



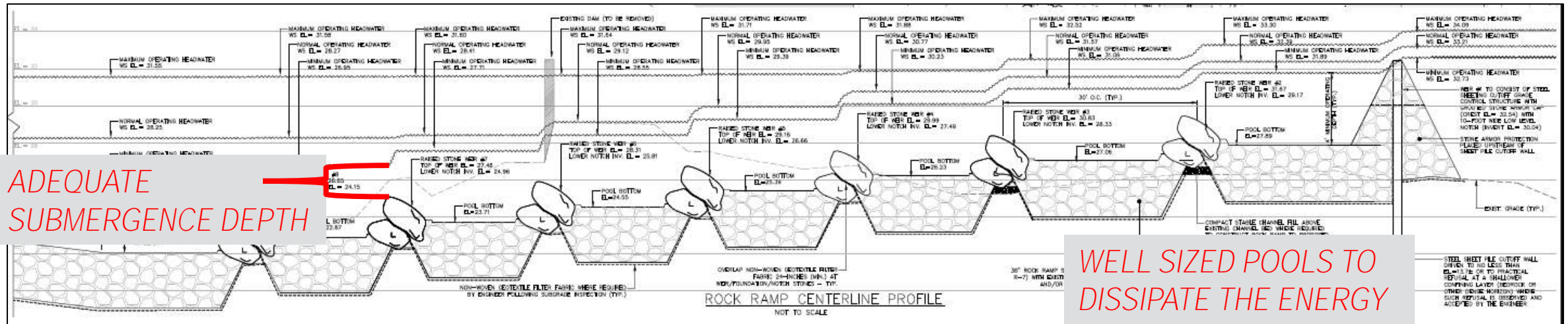
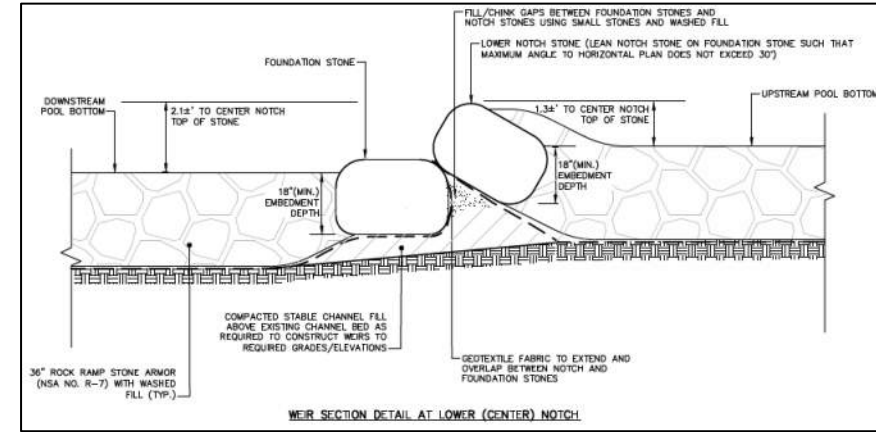
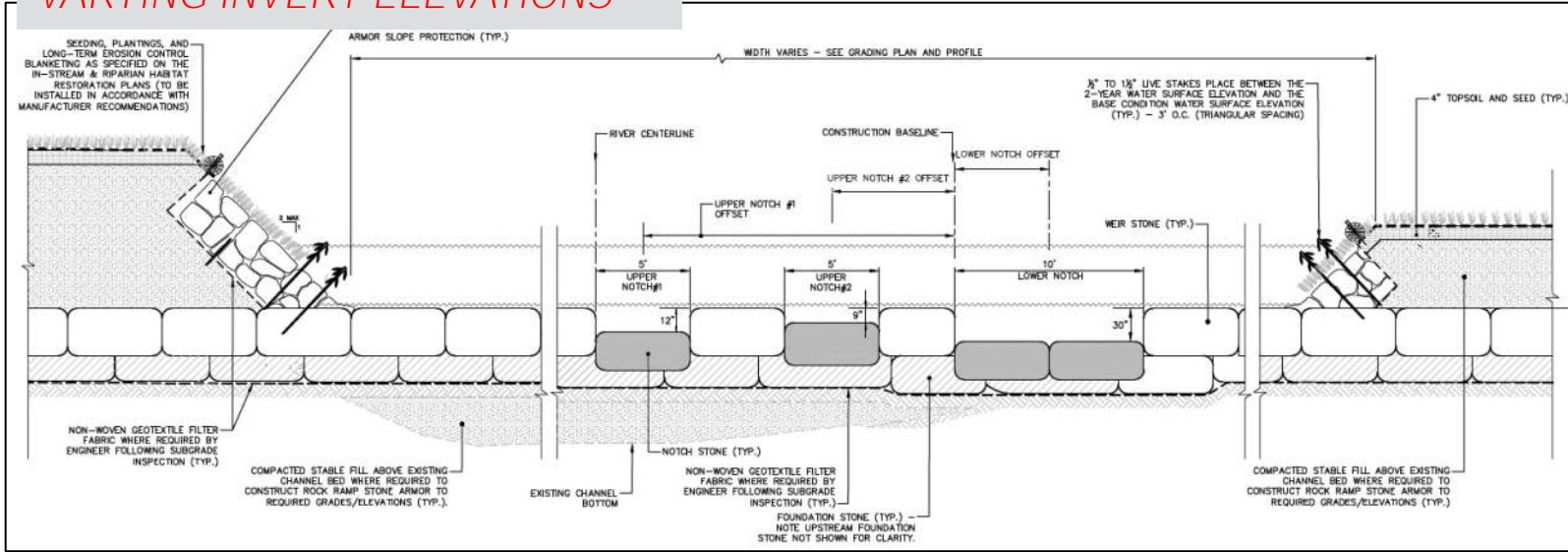
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### THREE ROUTES OF PASSAGE AT VARYING INVERT ELEVATIONS



ADEQUATE SUBMERGENCE DEPTH

WELL SIZED POOLS TO DISSIPATE THE ENERGY

STEEL SHEET PILE CUT-OFF WALL  
SHOWN TO BE LESS THAN  
CL=32.58 OR TO PRACTICAL  
REPAIR AT A SHALLOWER  
COMPARING LAYER (HEADROCK OR  
LOWER) WITH MEANS - WASHES  
SUCH REPAIRS BE OBSERVED AND  
ACCEPTED BY THE ENGINEER.







# ROCKS WEIRS CONSTRUCTION

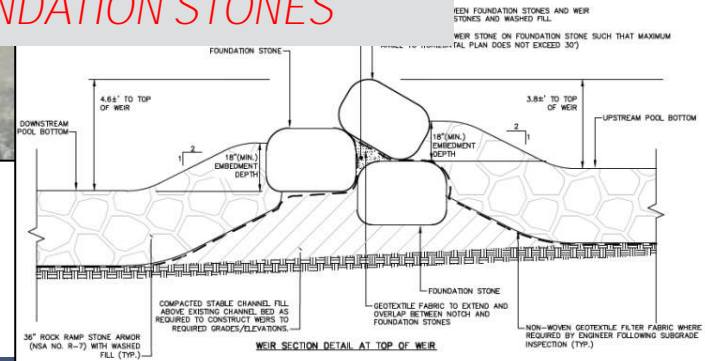
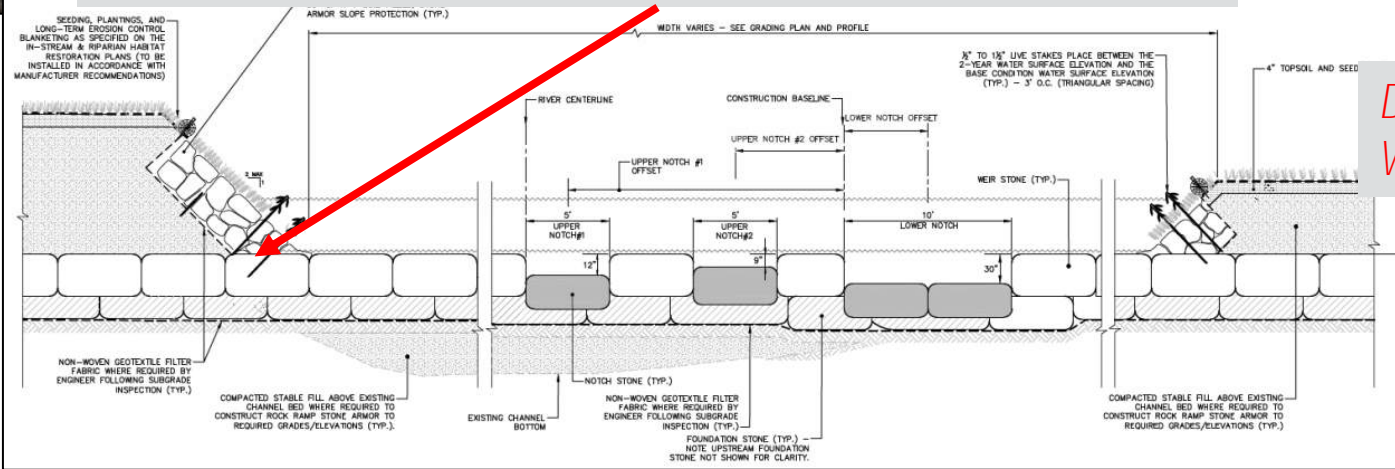
## GRADE CONTROL WEIR

STONE TYPE	STONE LENGTH (A)*	STONE WIDTH (B)	STONE HEIGHT (C)
FOUNDATION STONE	3.0'-5.0'	2.5'-3.0'	2.5'-3.0'
NOTCH STONE	3.0'-5.0'	2.5'-3.0'	3.0'-3.5'
WEIR STONE	3.0'-5.0'	2.5'-3.0'	3.0'-3.5'



ROCKS ABUTTING AGAINST EACH OTHER SHOULD HELP CREATE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY BY TRANSFERRING THE RIVER POWER TOWARDS THE STABLE BANKS

DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF WEIR WITH LARGE, WELL EMBEDDED FOUNDATION STONES





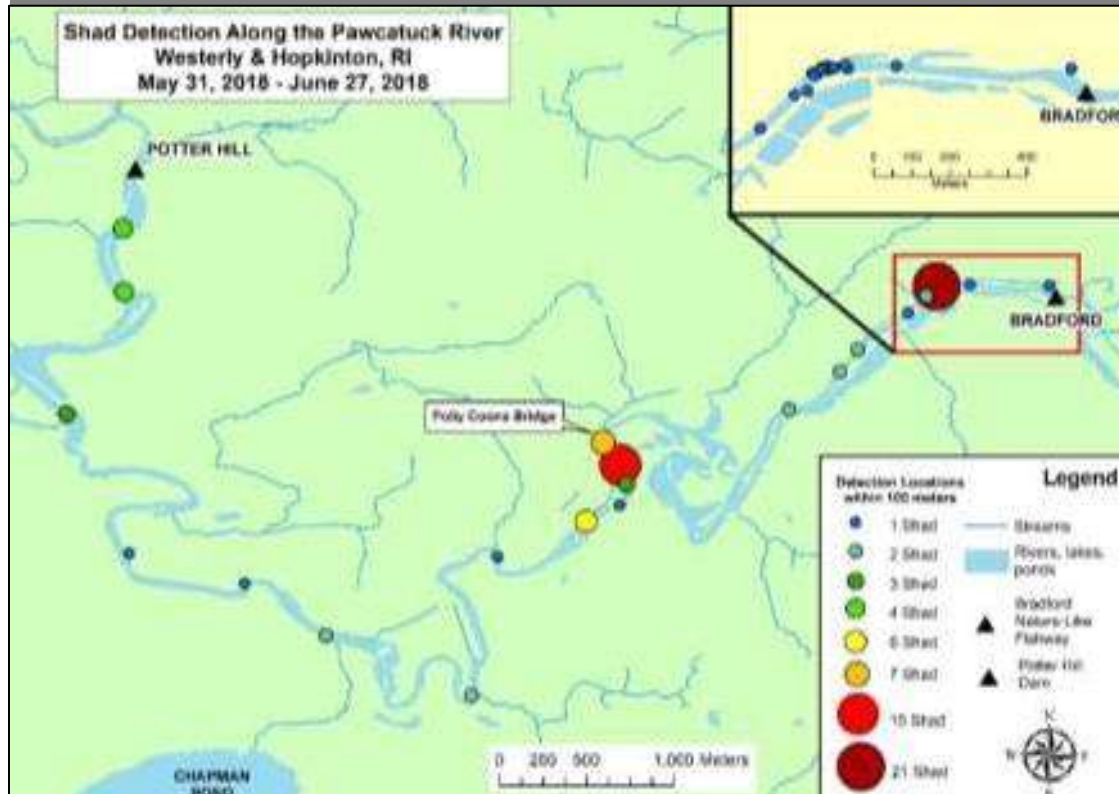


## **BRADFORD NATURE-LIKE FISHWAY**

**FINAL COST: \$1.8 MILLION**



# 2018 & 2019 American Shad and Alewife Biological Performance Evaluation



## Passage Performance of Alewife and American Shad in the Pawcatuck River, Rhode Island



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20 July 2020



# 2018 & 2019 American Shad and Alewife Biological Performance Evaluation

**Table 6:** Number of radio tagged Alewife and American Shad passing and failing to pass a site, and resultant proportion and 95% confidence interval, for 2018 and 2019.

Site	Pass/Fail Proportion	Alewife						American Shad	
		2018 Releases			2019 Releases			2018 Releases	2019 Releases
		Route 78	Potter Hill Dam	Horseshoe Falls Dam	Route 78	Potter Hill Dam	Horseshoe Falls Dam	Potter Hill Dam	Potter Hill Dam
White Rock	N Pass	5			6				
	N Fail	0			0				
	Proportion Passed (95% CI)	1.00			1.00				
Potter Hill	N Pass	0			0				
	N Fail	1			6				
	Proportion Passed (95% CI)	0.00			0.00				
Bradford	N Pass		18			49	2	12	
	N Fail		9			0	20	16	
	Proportion Passed (95% CI)		0.667 (0.529-0.864)			1.00	0.091 (0.038-.309)	0.429 (0.301-0.600)	

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## Passage Performance of Alewife and American Shad in the Pawcatuck River, Rhode Island



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# NLF Project Spotlight:

Santa Paula Fishway

Santa Paula Creek, Santa Paula, CA

Mike Garelo, PE and Marcin Whitman, PE



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# Santa Paula Fishway at the USACE Flood Control Inlet

## Project Objectives and Key Features

- **Purpose and Objectives**

- Provide fish passage for ESA Southern California Steelhead
- Provide hardened, stable, and durable profile control at inlet to USACE Flood Control Channel Sedimentation Basin
- Project was necessitated by previous channel straightening and headcutting

- **Key Features**

- Hardened technical fishway – pool and chute
- 58 feet wide, 250 feet long, gradient of 7.5%
- Inset into 250-foot-wide grouted rip rap inlet apron
- Unit discharge of 160 cfs/ft (0.01 APE, peak discharge of 40,000 cfs) and 20 cfs/ft (0.05 PCE mean daily flow, 1,200 cfs)





**9,270 feet**

**Fishway**

**Flood Control Channel (FCC)**

**Overview of Project Area**

- **Hydraulic Capacity 28,000 cfs**
- **Allowable deposition 120,000 cuy**





**Pre-Project Conditions  
2001**

**A DEEP HEADCUT FORMS AT THE FCC INLET AFTER CONSTRUCTION**



# Key Considerations, Challenges, and Risks

01

Inlet to Essential Flood Control Infrastructure

- Essential flood control facility
- Maintenance and sediment removals are already costly – fish passage costs not a part of the original plan

02

Steep Gradient 7 to 10% w/ Underlying Hardpan

- Steep inlet gradient
- High levels of hydraulic force – velocity, shear, stream power
- Discontinuous channel substrate
- Transition from low gradient non-uniform channel to stabilized channel with uniform geometry

03

Rapid Response Time - Compliance with ESA

- Original funding cap at \$1M
- Short implementation timeline
- Lack of early engagement with CDFW and NMFS
- Lack of clarity regarding fish passage expectations

04

Flashy Hydrologic and Fluvial Watershed

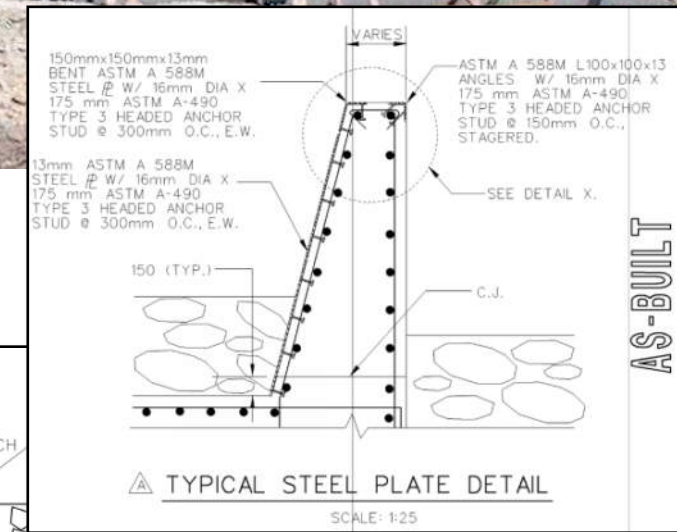
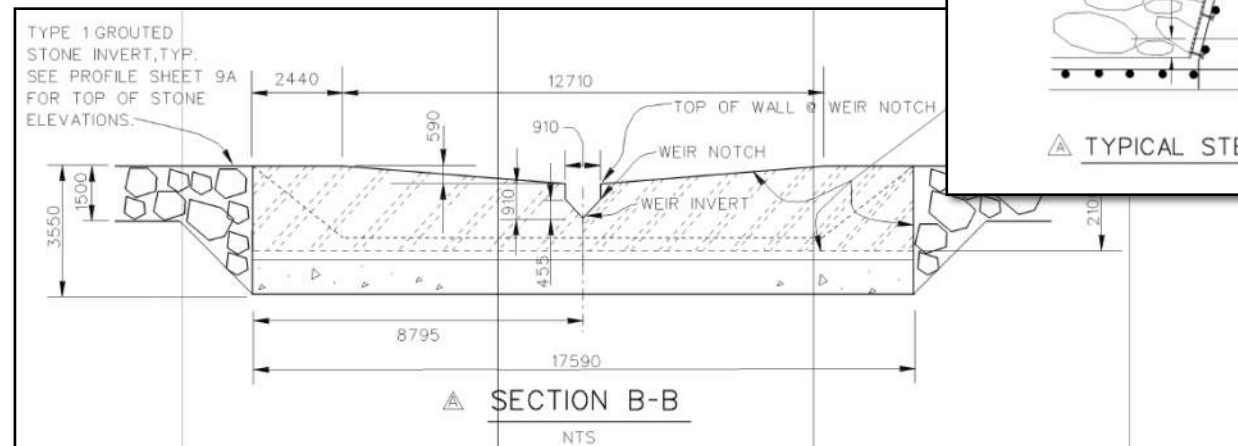
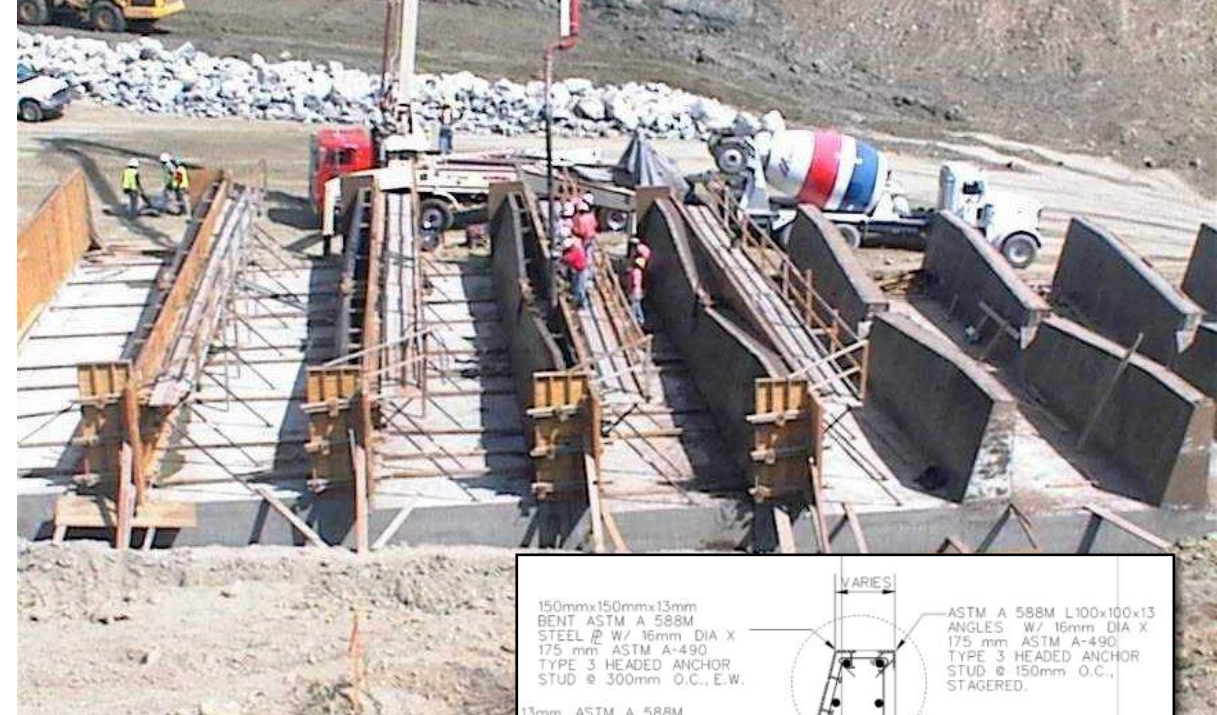
- Project did not take into consideration watershed level geomorphic context, geology, or existing river processes
- Flashy hydrologic response typical of Southern California watersheds

- *Is this a suitable environment for an NLF?*



# Initial Solution

- Lack of adequate communication and consultation with CDFW, NOAA resulting in unclear fish passage expectations
- *USACE originally designed a small technical fishway (10 cfs)*
- *After engagement with CDFW, NOAA, and constrained with \$1M construction cost cap, USACE designed and constructed a highly engineered technical fishway...*
  - 17 Steel Reinforced Weirs
  - Weir Length 57.75 ft
  - Weir Thickness 18-in
  - Design Hydraulic Drop 1-ft
  - 1-D/S Bed Stabilizer
  - Total Vertical Height 16-ft







Post-Project Conditions  
2002

USACE CONSTRUCTS A HEAVILY REINFORCED TECHNICAL FISHWAY



S=3.00%

S=7.50%

S=1.78%

Post-Project Conditions  
2002





Post-Project Conditions  
2002

**BEDLOAD ACCUMULATION AT THE FISHWAY EXIT CREATES HYDRAULIC FLANKING**





Early 2003

Post-Project Conditions  
Early 2003

JUST AFTER CLEANING, SMALL HYDROLOGIC EVENTS MOBILIZE MATERIAL WHICH ACCUMULATES IN POOLS





**Post-Project Conditions  
Late 2003**

Late 2003

**BEDLOAD ACCUMULATION AT THE FISHWAY EXIT CREATES HYDRAULIC FLANKING**





**BEDLOAD DEPOSITS  
REMOVED FROM  
LADDER POOLS**

2004

**Post-Project Conditions  
2004**

**ADDITIONAL CHANNEL INCISION AT THE FISHWAY ENTRANCE. ADDRESSED WITH A CONCRETE BED STABILIZER. MAINTENANCE OF THE FISH LADDER PERSISTS.**





Post-Project Conditions  
2005

2005

THE EFFECTIVE 100-YEAR EVENT INFLICTS SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE FISH LADDER





Post-Project Conditions  
2005

2005

THE EFFECTIVE 100-YEAR EVENT INFLICTS SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE FISH LADDER





Post-Project Conditions  
2005

2005

**AFTER CLEAN-UP AND REPAIRS, THE FISH LADDER IS STILL FUNCTIONAL, BUT SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT ISSUES CONTINUE TO DEGRADE LADDER PERFORMANCE**



# 2009 Feasibility Study

ALTERNATIVE  
FORMULATION AND  
EVALUATION.  
ROUND TWO...

A

## **Like Modifications to the Existing Structure**

Repair with like design features. Longer to address toe degradation.

B

## **Construct a Bypass Fishway along the FCC Inlet**

Design and construct a fishway around the inlet apron.

03

## **Demo and Replace with a Multi-Slope Nature-Like Fishway**

Two to Three 5% Gradient Slopes with transition structures

04

## **Demo and Replace with a Multi-Slope Nature-Like Fishway**

Single 3 to 4% Gradient












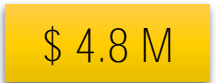












Selection Factors Based on:

- **Perceived Effectiveness**
- **Operation and Maintenance Effort**
- **Flexibility of Design**
- **Nature Like Characteristics**
- **Durability**
- **Capital Cost**



# 2009 Feasibility Study

LOW  MOD  HIGH 

ALT	E1 Performance	E2 O&M	E3 Flexibility	E4 Natural	E5 Durability	E6 Capital Cost
A						 \$ 3.4 M
B						 \$ 4.8 M
03						 \$ 6.8 M
04						 \$ 5.0 M



# 2009 Feasibility Study

- In 2010 Alternative A was developed to a 100% level of design
- Funding and schedule restraints further limited the ability to implement the Alternative with the resources available
- Environmental and co-sponsor concerns favored a more comprehensive approach
- No action has taken place to date...



# Lessons Learned



- Geomorphic and hydrologic context plays a critical role in structure selection and design
- Engage stakeholders and agency representatives early
- Provide sufficient time and effort for engagement and communication
- Funding and schedule constraints introduce significant project risk – plan accordingly





Metrolink Crossing



Metrolink 1:6 Scale Physical Model



I-5 Crossing

# NLF Project Spotlight:

Trabuco Creek at I-5 and Metrolink  
San Juan Capistrano, CA



I-5 1:8 Physical Model

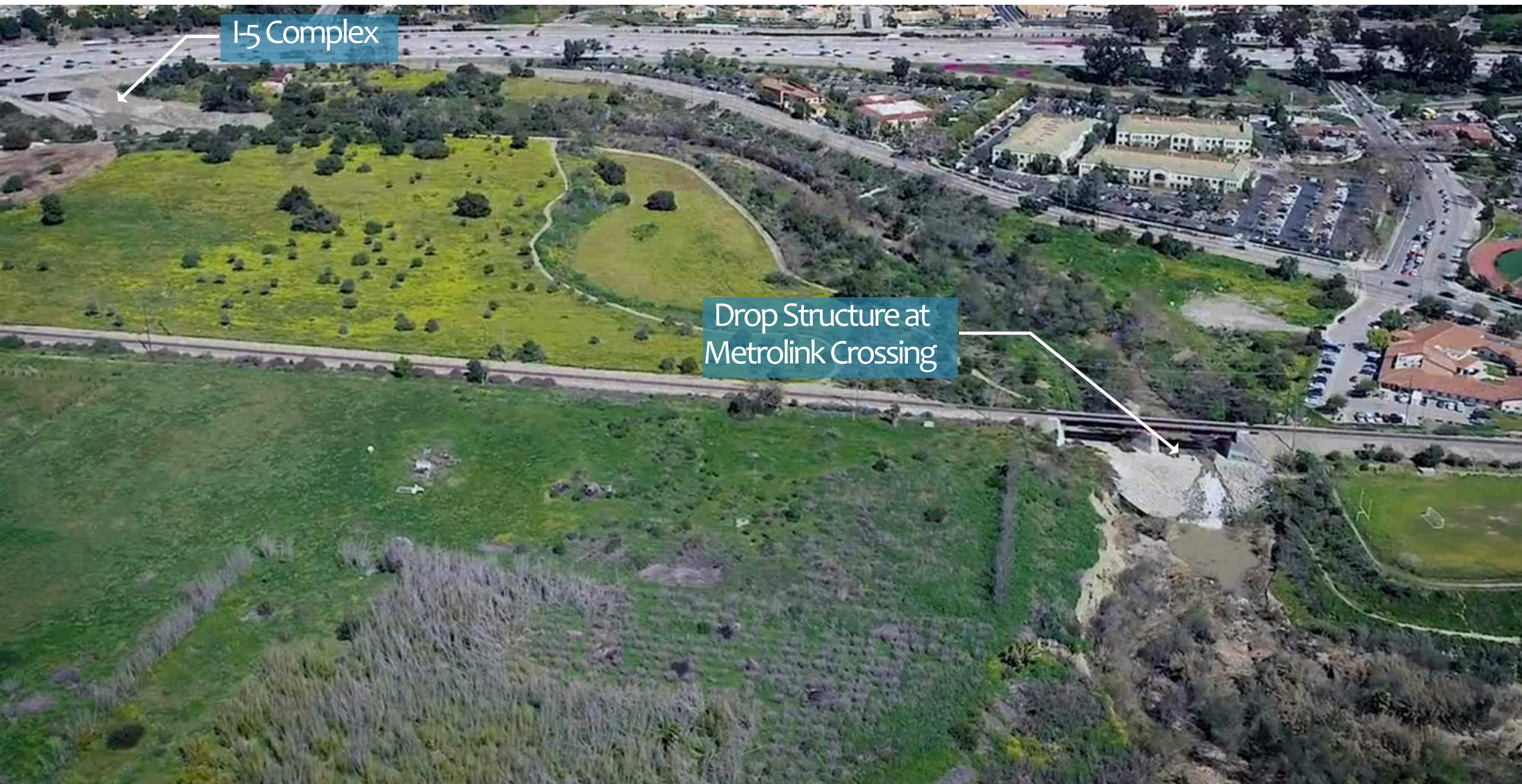
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I-5 Complex

Drop Structure at  
Metrolink Crossing





# Trabuco Creek Historical Incision and Knickpoints

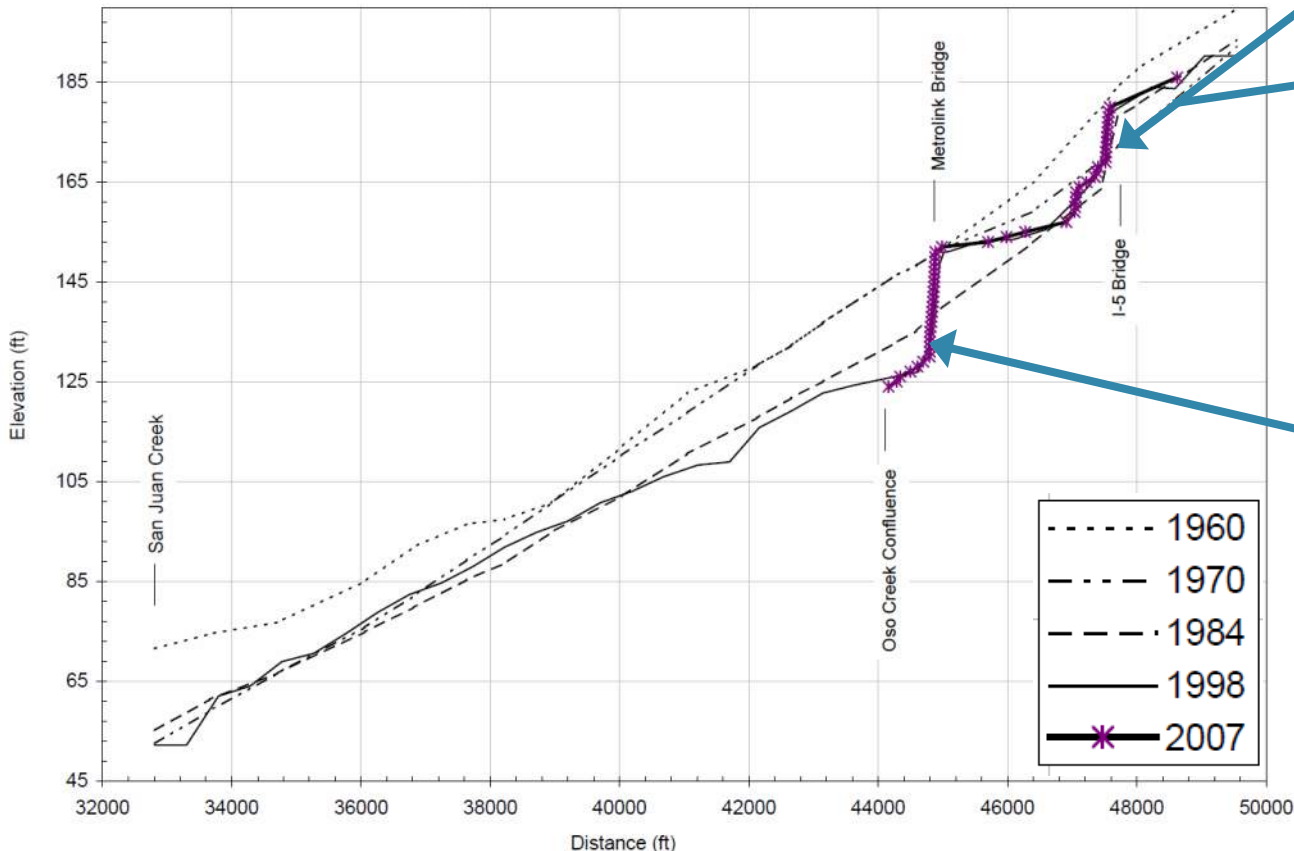
- Up to 20 feet of vertical channel incision
- Drop thru I-5 Complex = 29 feet
- Drop across Metrolink Crossing = 24 feet
- Project Objective – Passage for Adult and Juvenile Steelhead



Camino Capistrano 1969



Camino Capistrano/I-5 Complex (4 bridges/19 lanes)



Metrolink Bridge & Utility Crossing



# I-5 Complex Selected Project

## Key Fish Passage Components (Upstream to Downstream)

### 1. Transport Channel with Corner Baffles

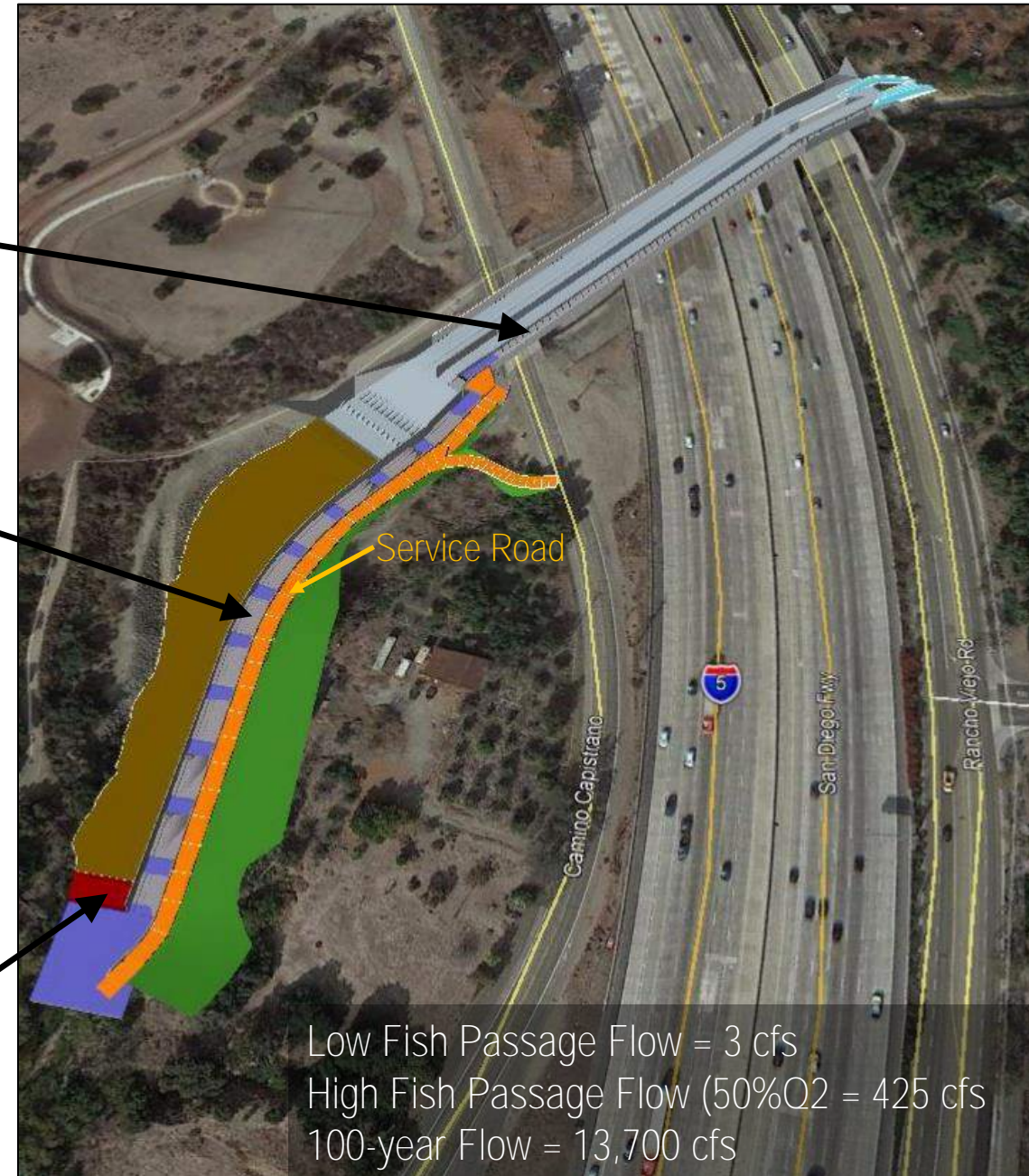
- 12 ft Wide x 3.5 ft Deep
- 0.87% Slope
- Length = 670 ft

### 2. NLF in Concrete Bypass Channel

- Flow Control: Orifice at Fishway Exit
- Type: Chutes and Pools Roughened Channel
- Length = 637 feet
- Width = 20 ft
- Head Drop (Entrance-Exit) = 21 feet
- Overall Slope = 3.3%
- Boulder Chute Slope = 4.5%
- Drop between Pools = 1.9 feet
- Q<sub>hp</sub> Flow in NLF = 89 cfs (21%)

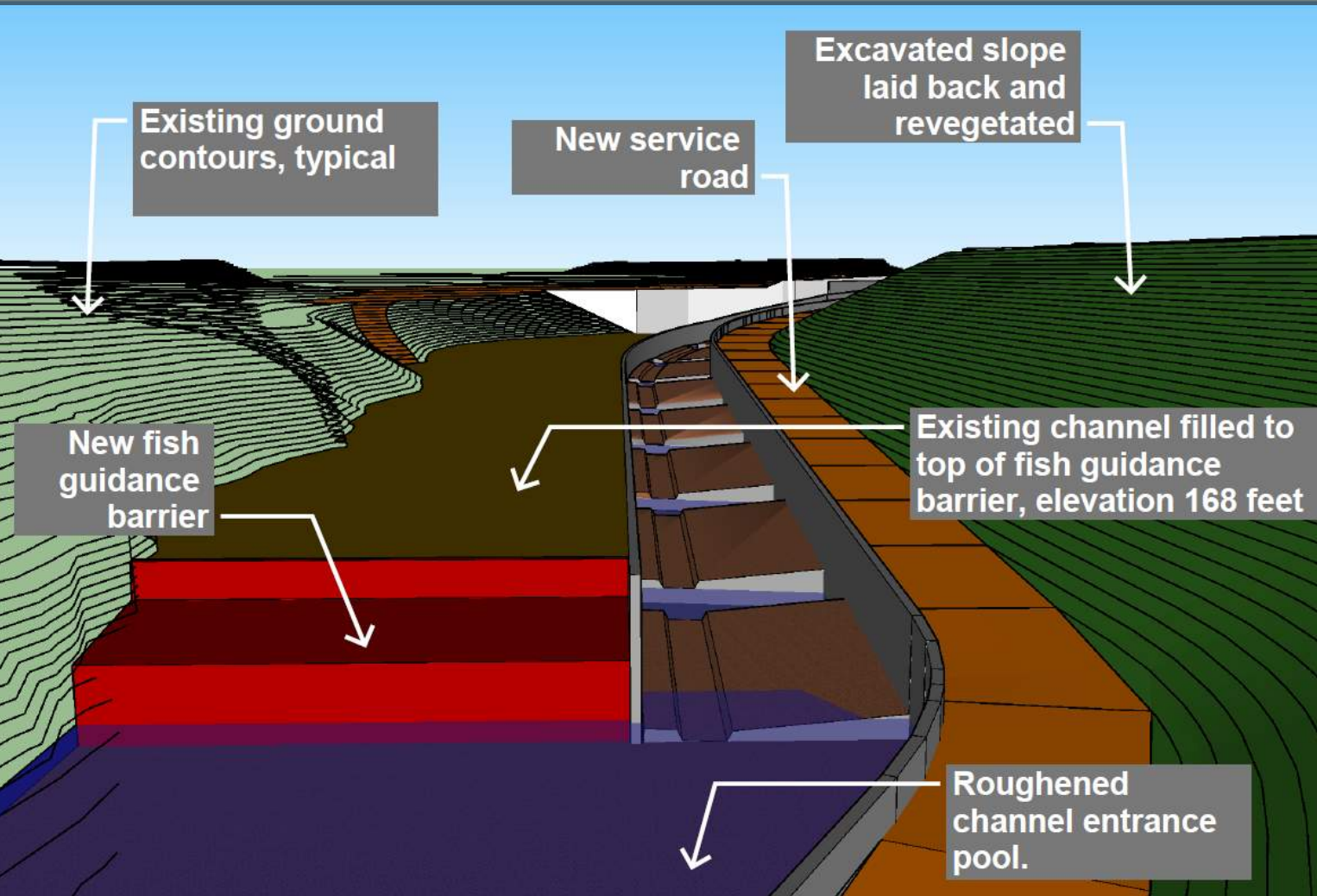
### 3. Fish Guidance Barrier at NLF Entrance

- 10.5 ft tall with sloping apron

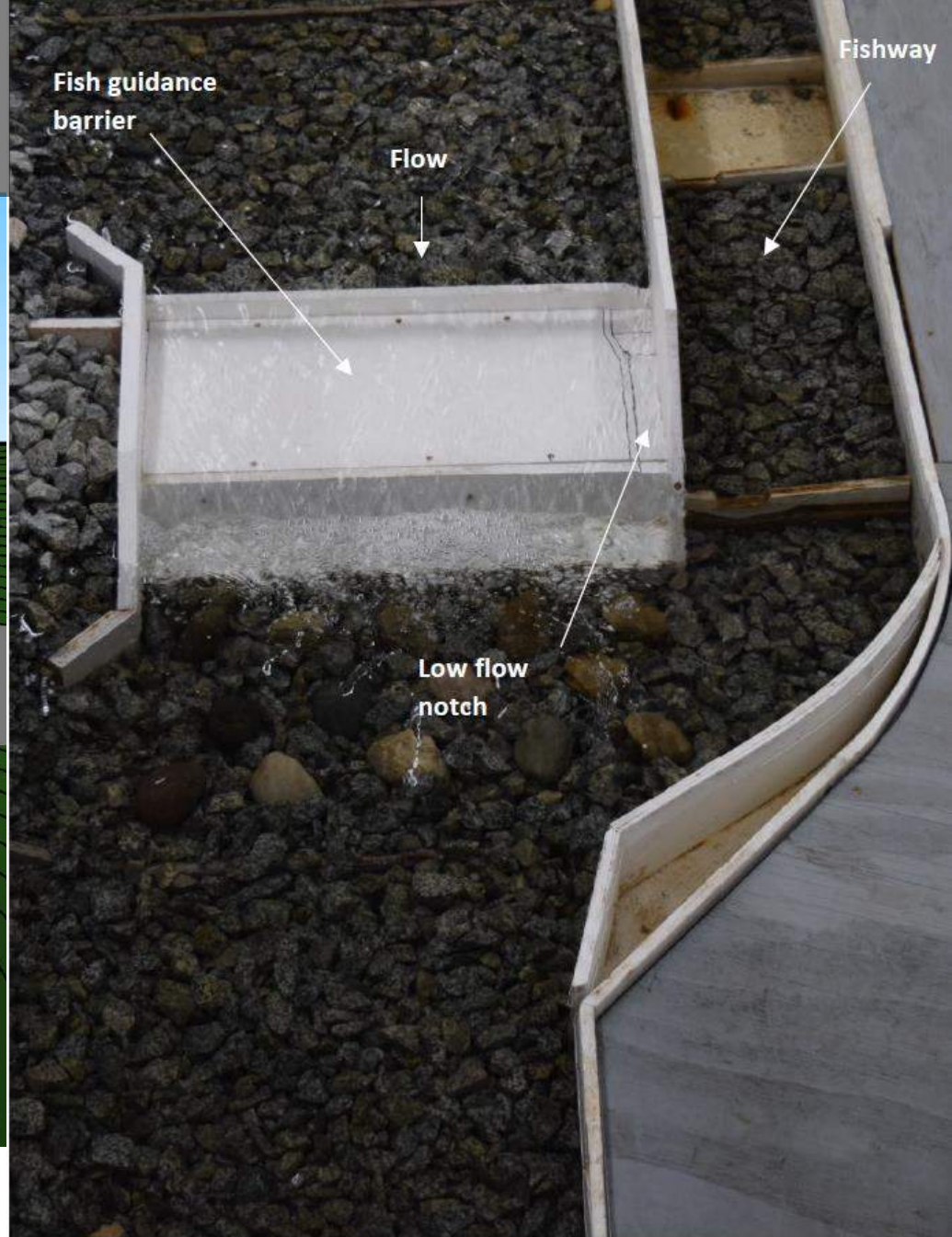




# Fishway Entrance and Guidance Barrier



3D Rendering

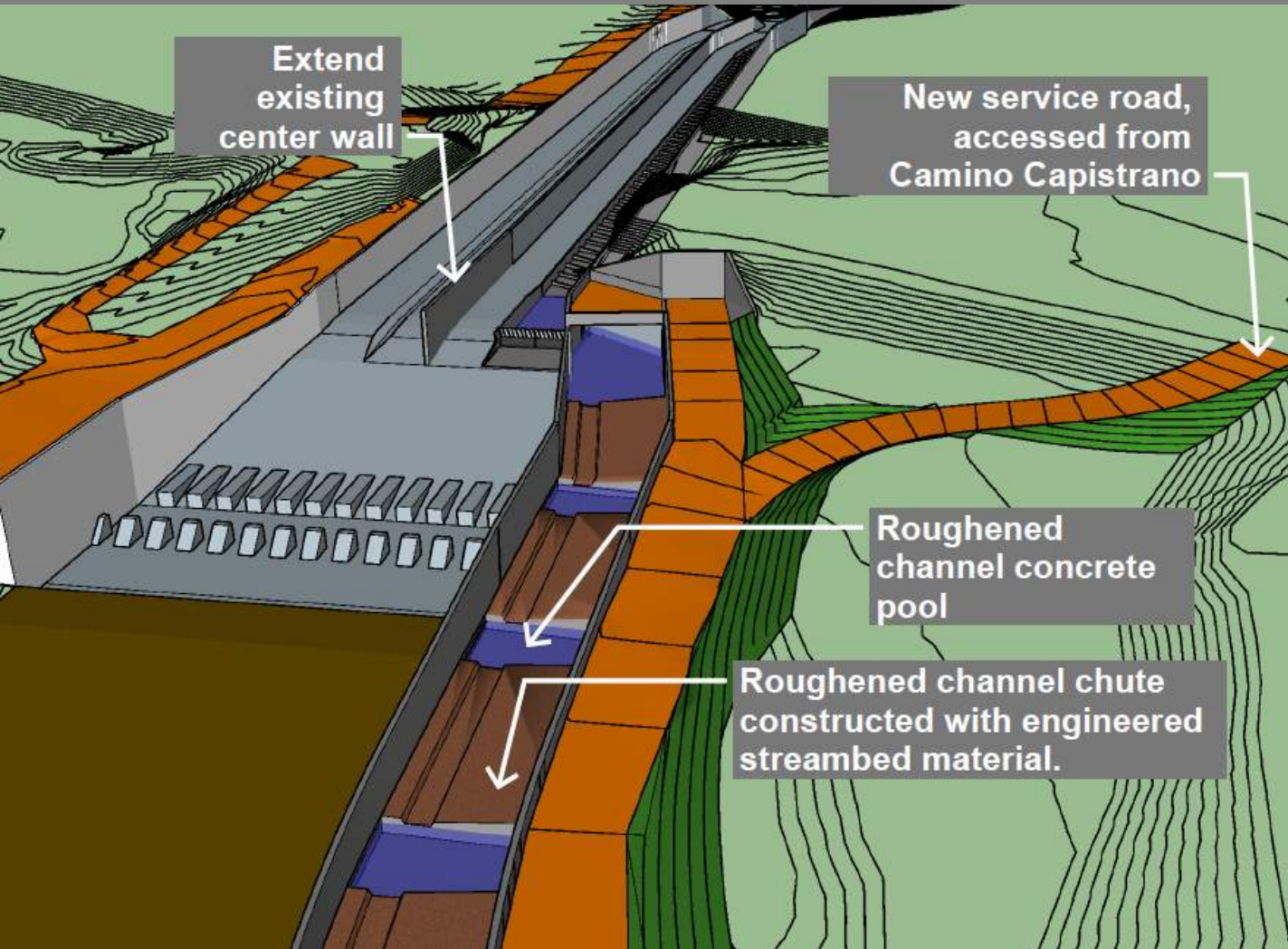


1:25 NHC Physical Model

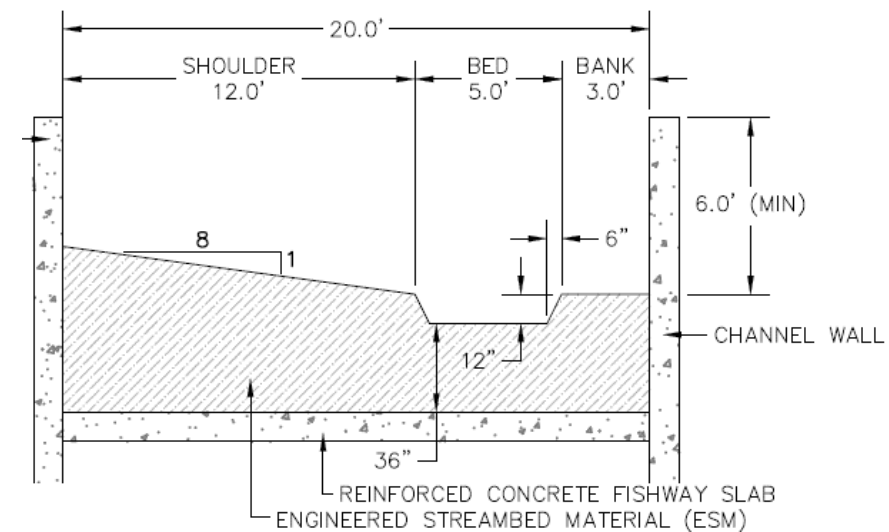
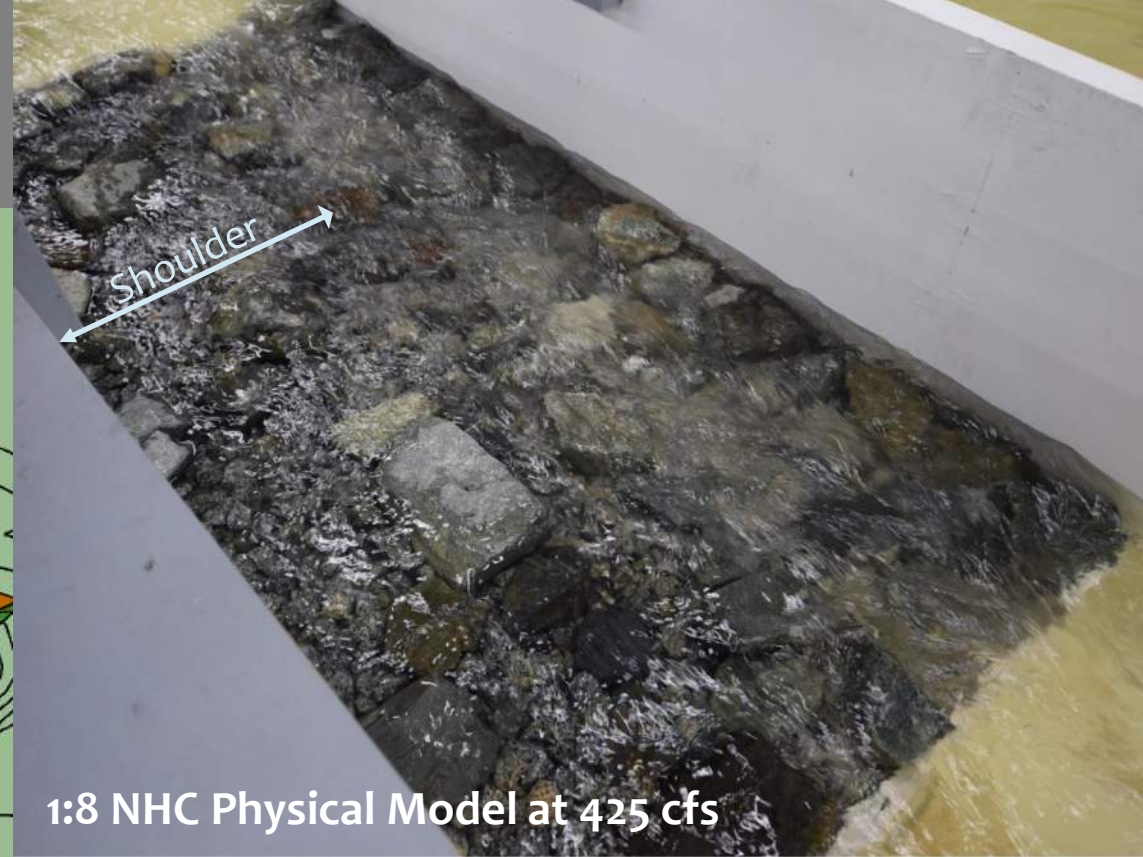
Photo 2. Flow patterns at the fish guidance barrier and fishway entrance at 425 cfs.



# Chutes and Pools Roughened Channel



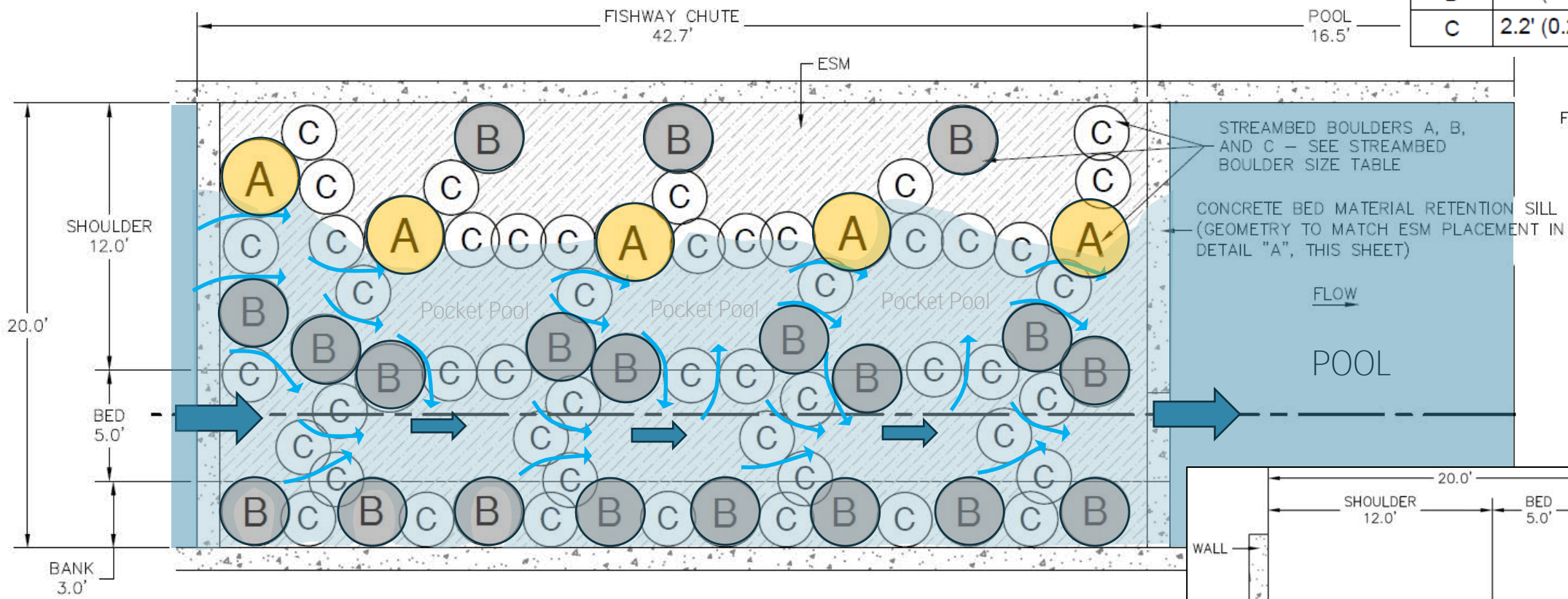
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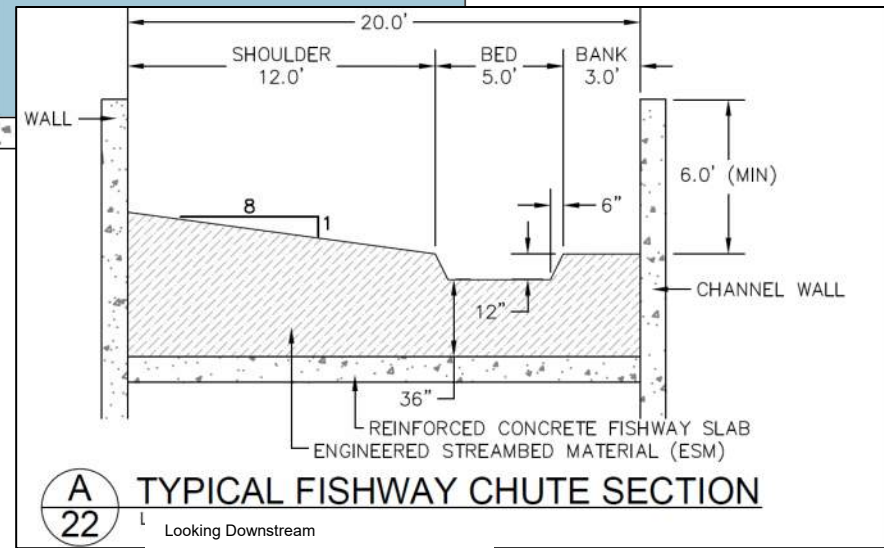
# Rock Placement Plan for Chutes

STREAMBED BOULDER SIZE TABLE		
	SIZE	PROTRUDE
A	3.6' (0.4'±)	~1.4'
B	3.0' (0.4'±)	~1.0'
C	2.2' (0.25'±)	~0.65'



Rock Chute Plan

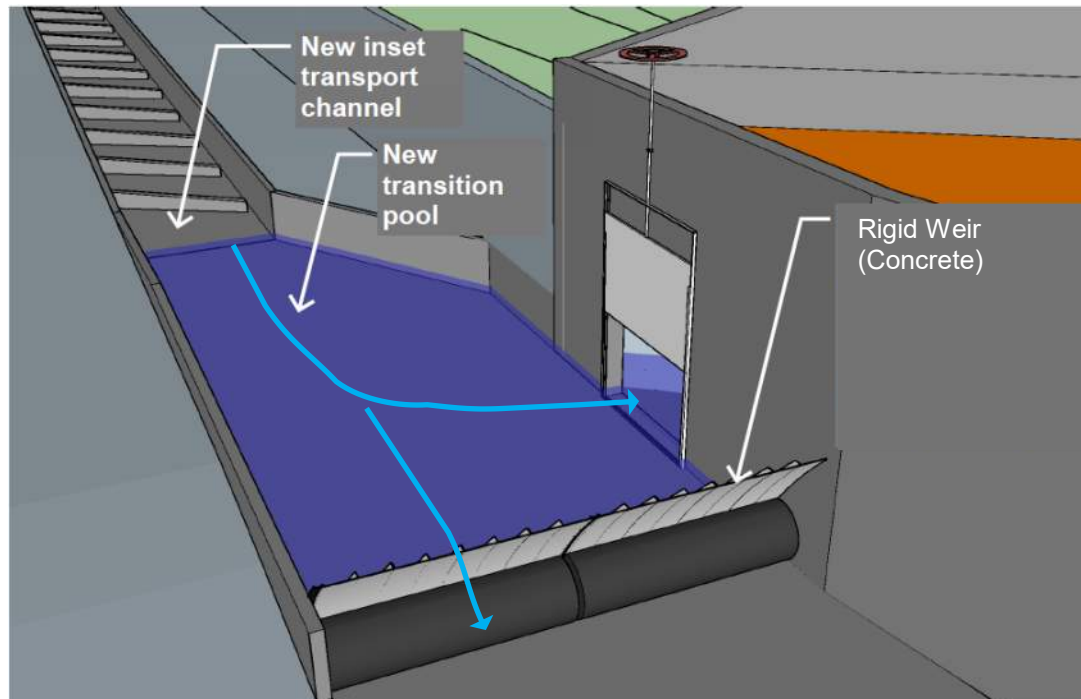
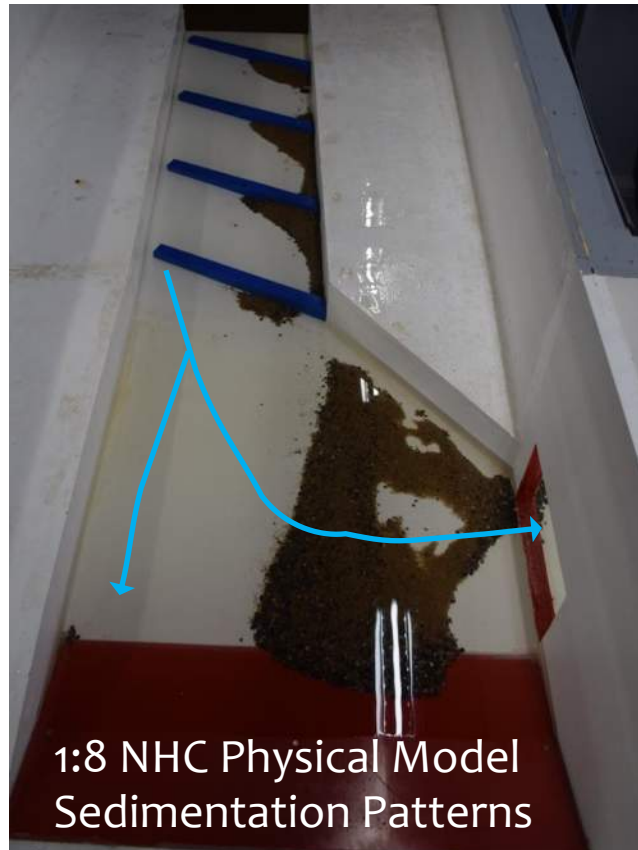
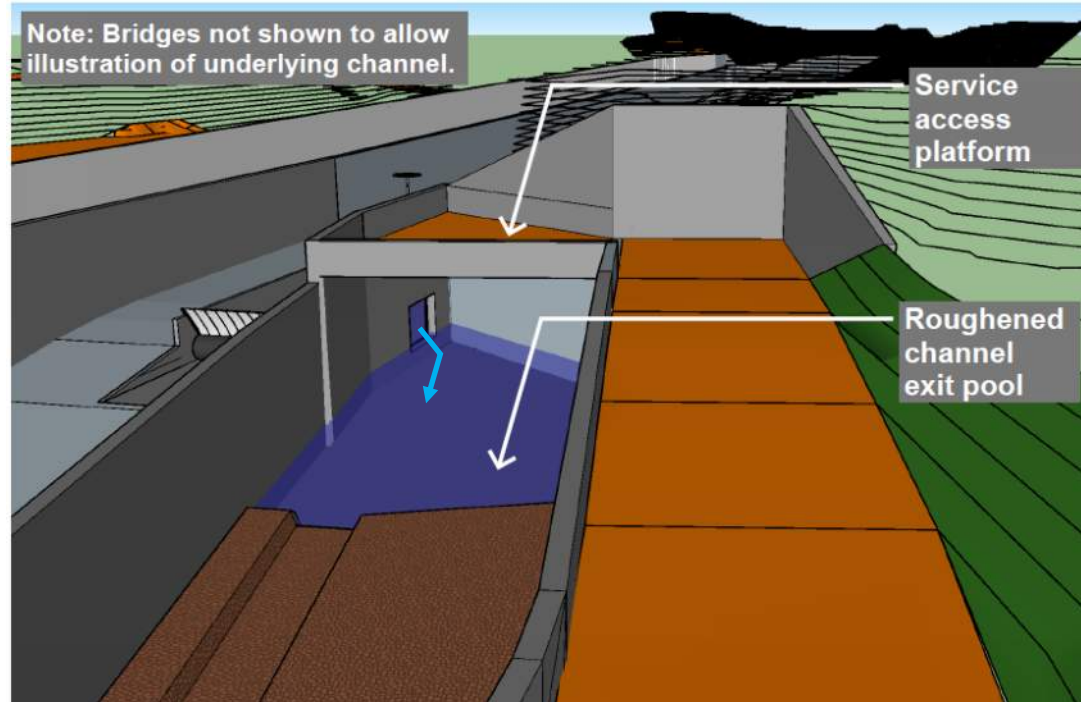
Shoulder provides variable depth and velocity zones over wide range of fish passage flows





# Baffled Transport Channel

## Fishway Exit Pool Downstream of Orifice



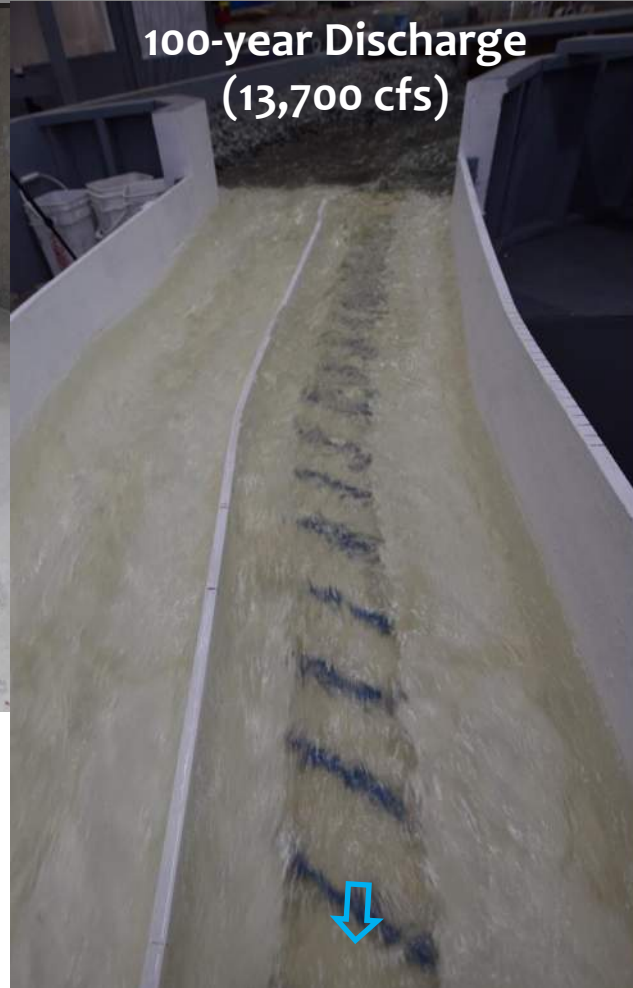
## Transition Pool and Orifice at Fishway Exit



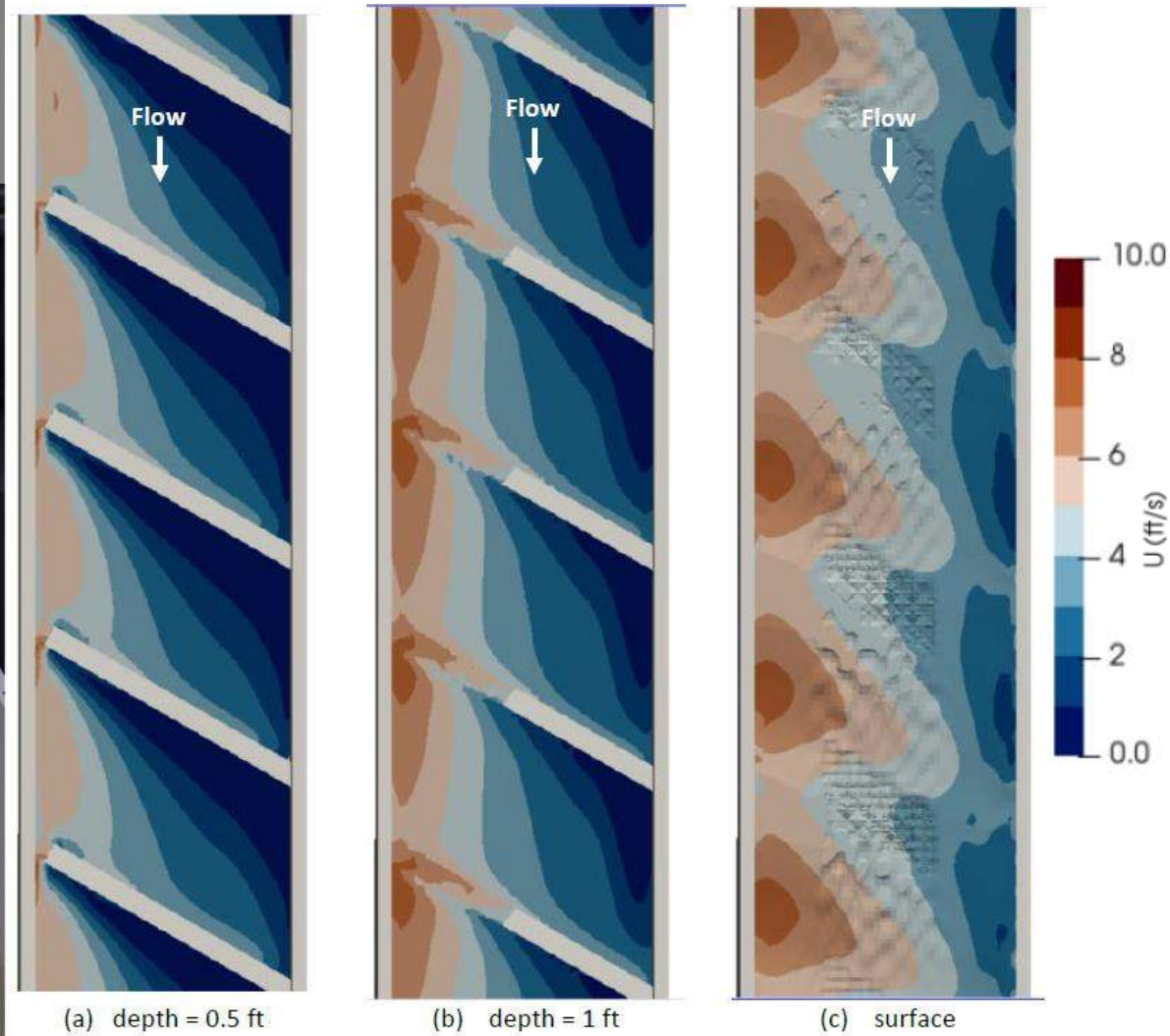
# Baffled Transport Channel



**Example of a Baffled Transport Channel**



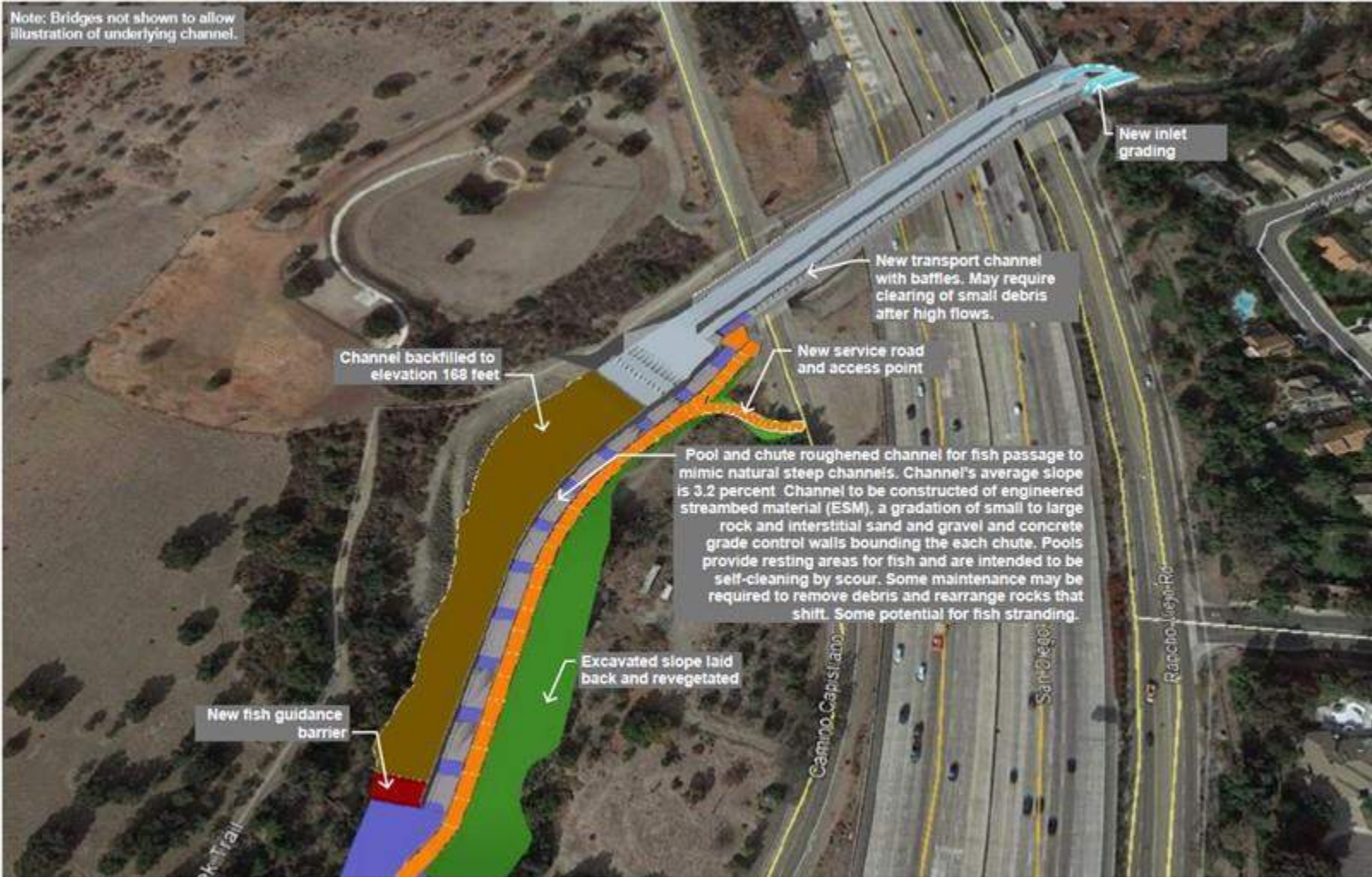
**1:25 NHC Physical Model**



**CFD (3D) Modeling – Velocities in horizontal planes at various depths (206 cfs)**



Note: Bridges not shown to allow illustration of underlying channel.



Perspective view of 3D model with aerial background, flow from top to bottom.

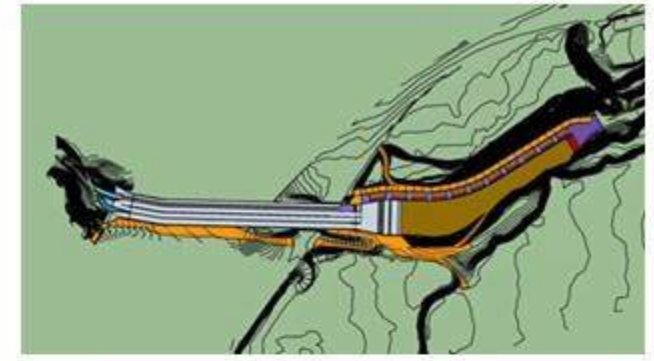
PROJECT: Trabuco Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

Alternative 2 Conceptual Sketch 1 of 5

Legend:

- Fish Guidance Barrier (Red)
- Grouted Channel (Blue)
- Pool (Light Blue)
- ESM Chute (Brown)
- Vegetated Slope (Green)
- Service Road (Orange)

DATE: 10/19/2018



<https://vimeo.com/797822371>



I-5 fish passage  
3D animation



# Metrolink Crossing Downstream of I-5 Complex





# Metrolink NLF Project

## Key Fish Passage Components (Upstream to Downstream)

### 1. Drop Structure with Out-Migrant Channel

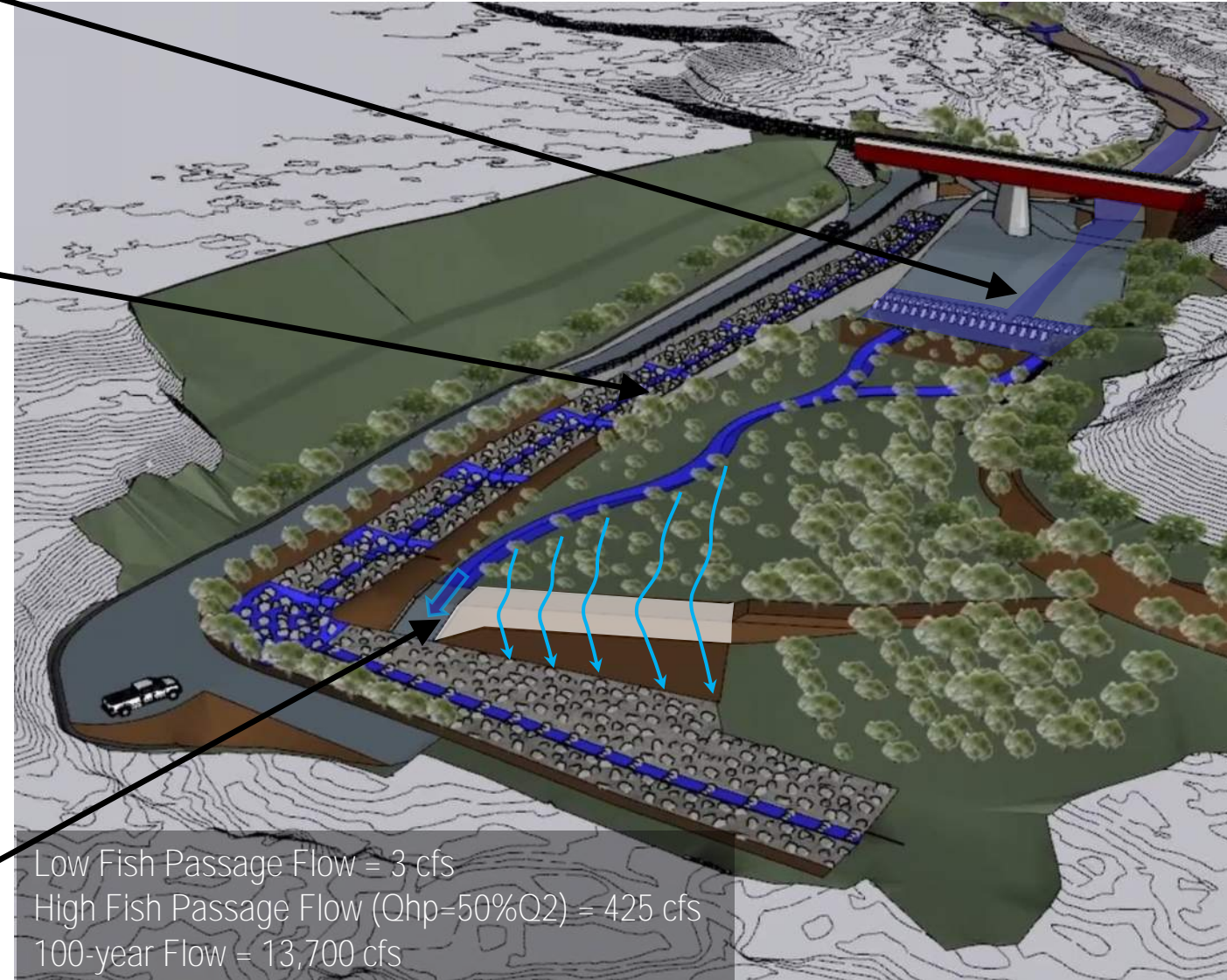
- Head Drop = 14 ft
- Concentrates Flow for Downstream Passage

### 2. NLF Bypass Channel

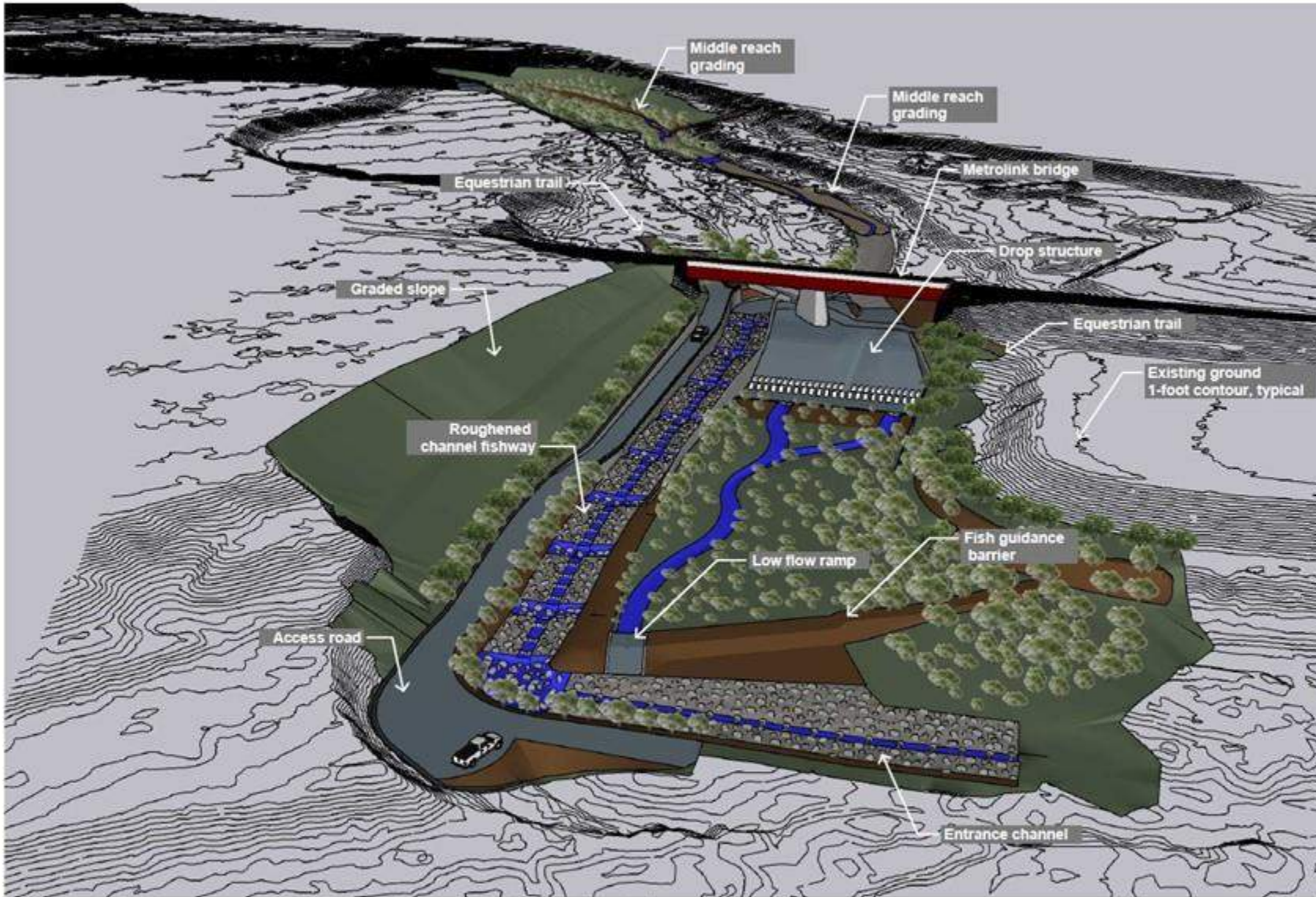
- Fishway Exit Channel: 90° to Flow
- Chutes and Pools Roughened Channel with Asymmetrical Cross Section
- Head Drop (Entrance-Exit) = 26 feet
- Length = 686 feet • Width = 30 ft
- Overall Slope = 3.8%
- Boulder Chute Slope = 5.75%
- Drop between Pools = 2.5 feet
- Qhp Flow in NLF = 212 cfs (50%)

### 3. Fish Guidance Barrier at NLF Entrance

- Low Flow Ramp & Stacked Boulder Weir







Perspective view of 3D rendering showing the proposed project and existing contours, looking upstream

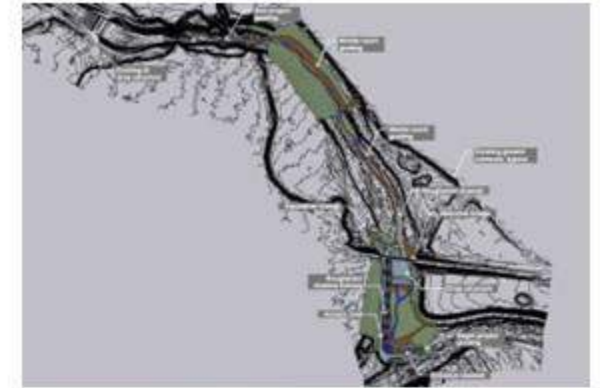
**PROJECT:**  
Fish Passage Design for  
the Metrolink Barrier in  
Trabuco Creek

**Final Design  
Conceptual  
Sketch  
2 of 8**

**LEGEND:**

- Roughened Channel
- Other Channel
- Trail
- Vegetated Grading
- Rock/Rock Slope Protection
- Concrete
- Low Flow Channel/Pool

**DRAWN BY:**  
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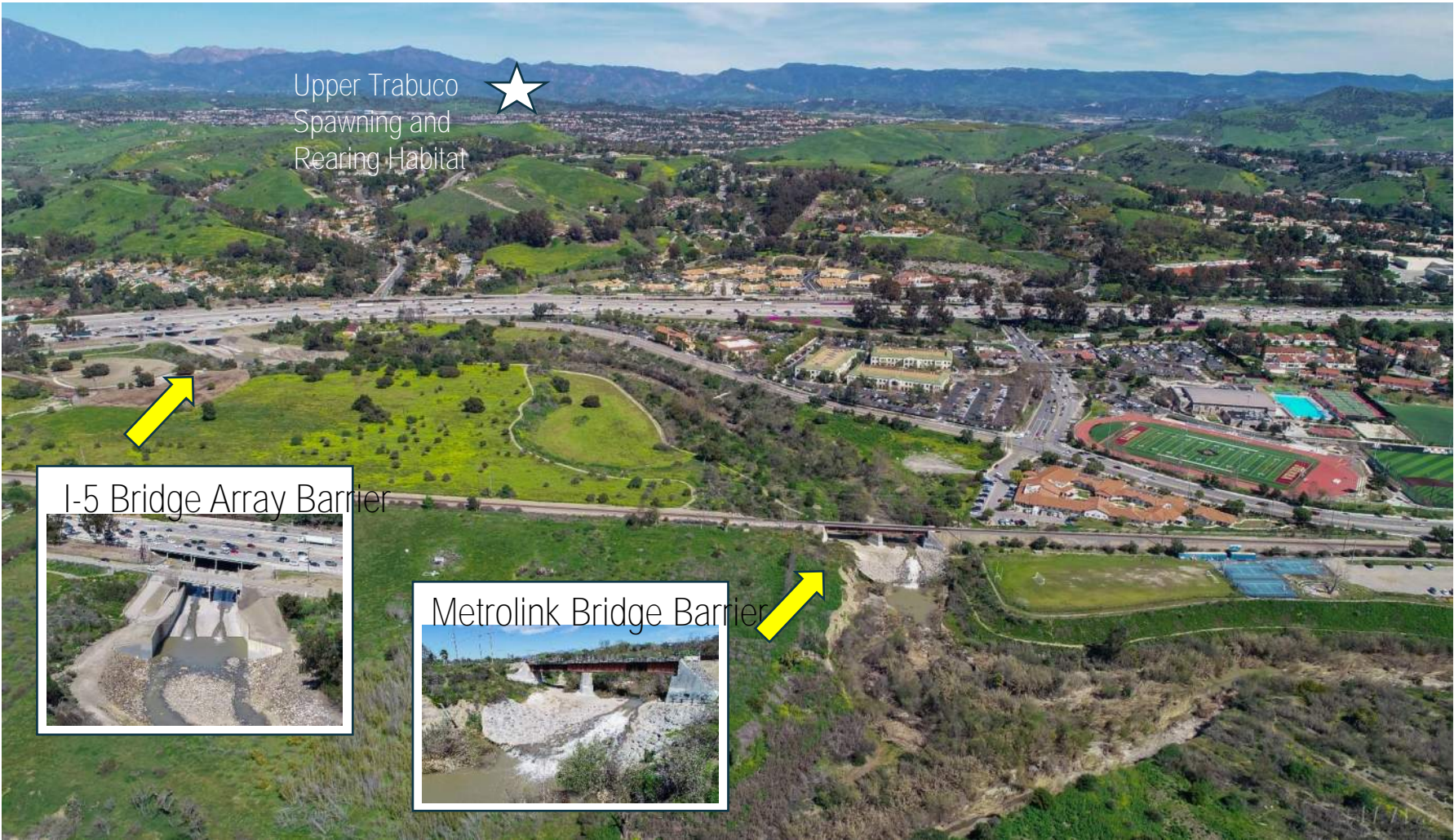
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Metrolink fish passage  
3D animation



# Interstate 5 Bridge Array and Metrolink Railroad Bridge Fish Passage Barriers – Trabuco Creek, Orange County CA



Hydraulic Fishway Solutions  
Status: 90% Design

Project Team  
Engineering: NHC, Mike Love & Assoc., Gannett Fleming  
Permitting: Stillwater Sciences  
Project Lead: California Trout

Project partners/stakeholders include: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service/NOAA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Orange County Public Works, Orange County Flood Control District, City of San Juan Capistrano, Acjachemen, California Department of Transportation, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, Moulton Niguel Water District, Highpointe Inc, and private landowners  
Fundors: CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Board



# Project Partners





# NLF Project Spotlight:

Shikellamy NLF  
Shamokin Dam, PA



By: Tyler Kreider

3/27/2024



# Shikellamy NLF

- Purpose and Objectives

- Allow American Shad & River Herring passage at the dam
- Provide passage when the dam was inflated
- Maintain vehicle access to dam and emergency boat launch

- Key Features

- NLF Type: Roughened Channel Bypass
- Length: 700 feet                      Width: 120 feet                      Head: 8 feet
- Overall slope: 1.3-1.5%                      Riffle Slope: 2.2-2.4%
- Design NLF Flow: 950 cfs,
- Operating range: 95%-5% exc. flow during fish passage season (~2,700-46,000 cfs river flow)





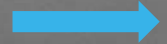


Dam Control Building

7 INFLATABLE BAGS

~0.32 mile

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER



FIXED CREST WEIR

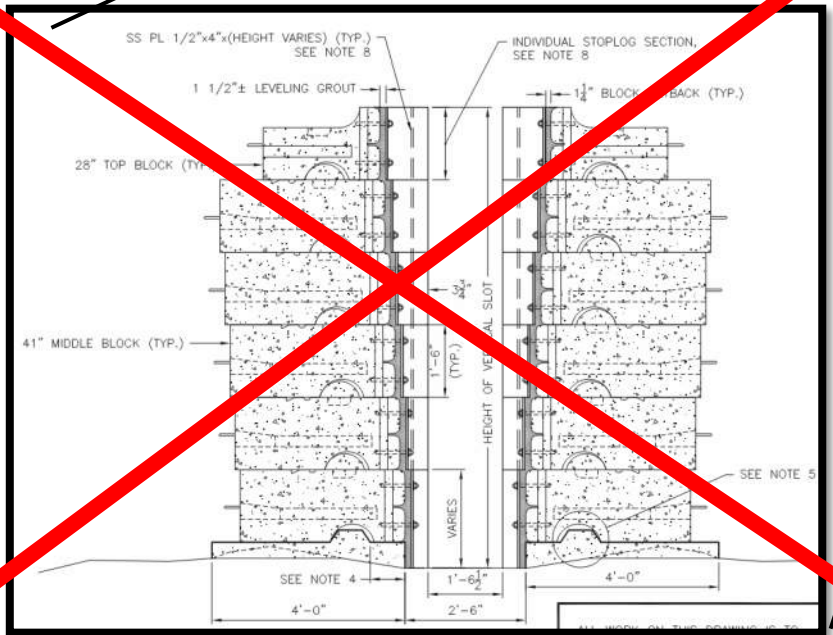
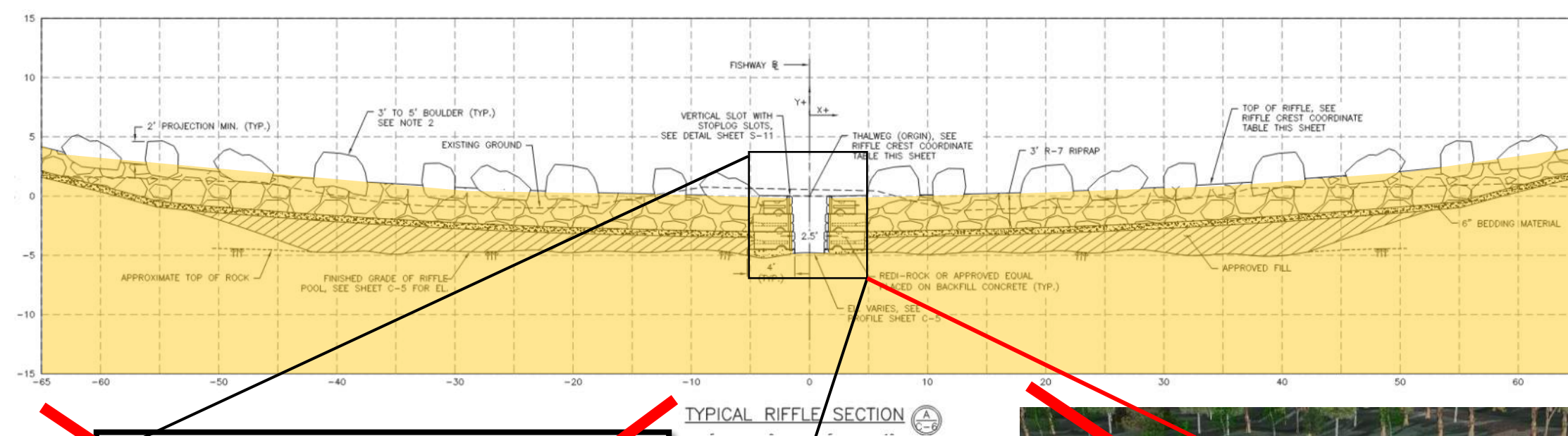


PARK

Pre-Project Conditions Date







**Key Challenge: Right-sizing design criteria**





Pre-Project Conditions  
(2022)

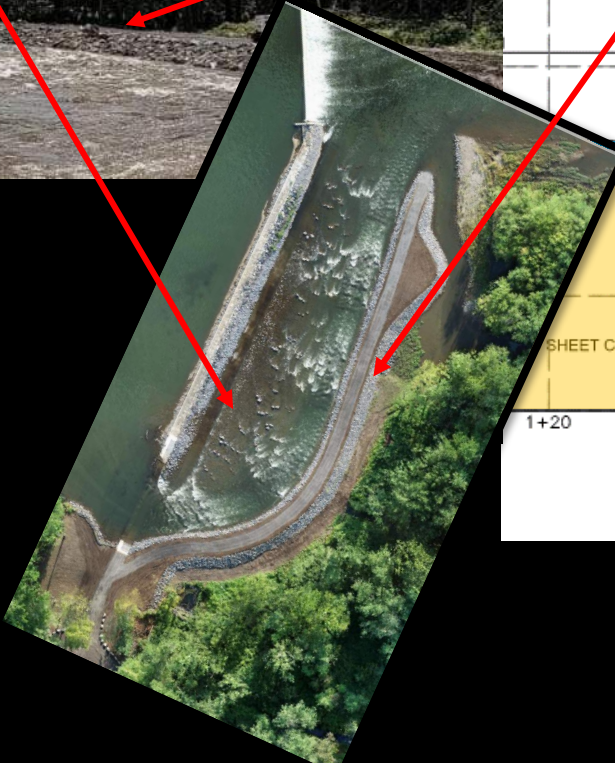
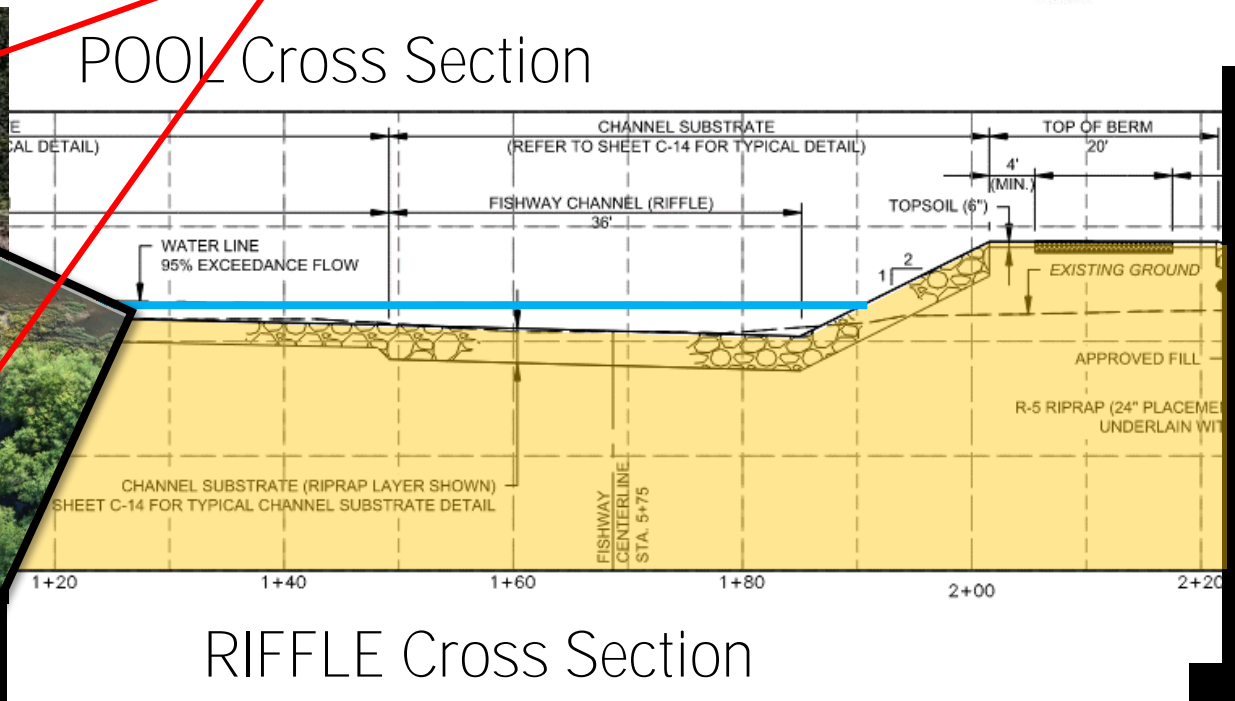
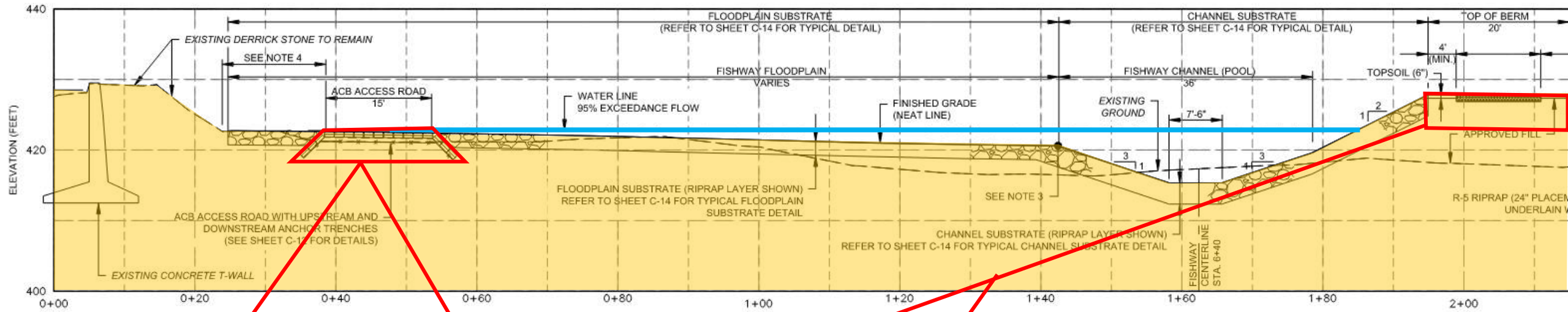
### Challenges & Solutions

- Wetlands → kept NLF up near dam
- Attraction (“detraction”) flow → keep NLF entrance as close to dam as feasible
- Access road → ACB road in floodplain



Post-Project Conditions  
(2023)





**Key Challenge:  
River Access**

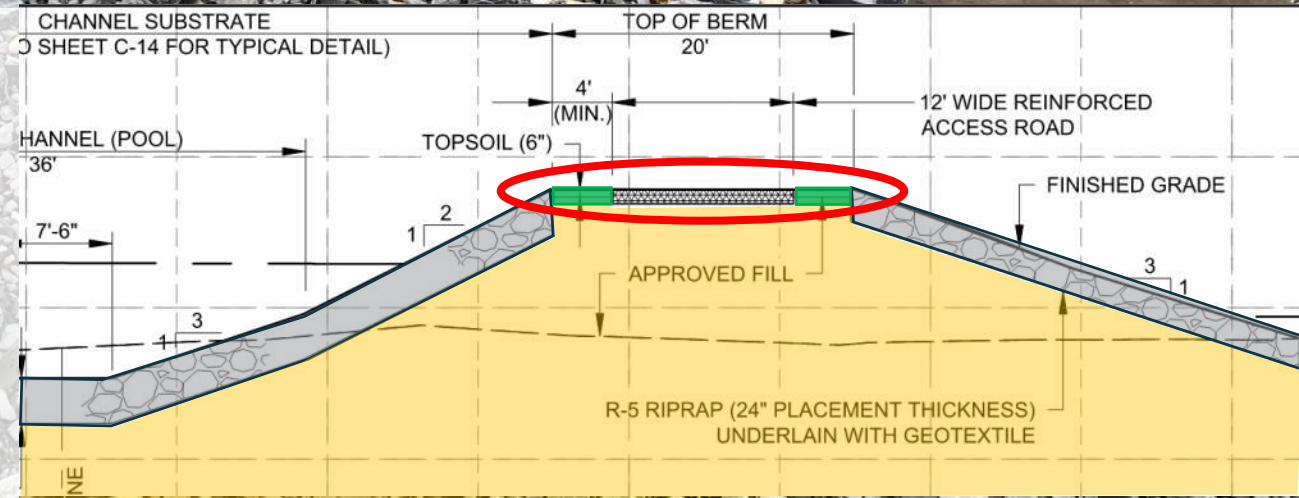




Image: PA DCNR

## Lessons Learned:

- Tie-ins are critical
- Failure at the weakest member = soil
- Reminder that flood flow vectors don't match "typical" flow vectors





# Key Challenge: Watering up & Maintenance

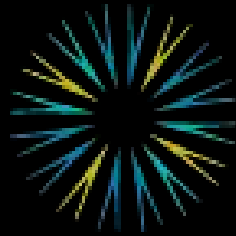


**DEBRIS!**





# Shikellamy NLF – Questions?





# NLF Project Spotlight:

James Creek  
Mendocino County, CA  
Mike Garelo, PE



3/26/2024



# James Creek

## Project Objectives and Key Features

- **Purpose and Objectives**

- Mitigate channel incision associated with encroachment of state highway road embankment spoils
- Provide Passage to Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, and steelhead trout
- Restore access to more than 3 miles of upstream habitat

- **Key Features**

- Channel spanning, step pool roughened channel
- 250 feet long, varies 25 to 50 feet wide, gradient of 6.5 %
- 0.1 APE (100-year peak discharge) = 2,160 cfs
- 0.5 APE (2-year peak discharge) = 630 cfs





**Pre-Project Conditions  
2011**





**Pre-Project Conditions  
2011**



02/23/2011



# Key Considerations, Challenges, and Risks

01

## Delayed Build Due to Funding Constraints

- Original designer advanced the project to a 100% level of definition in 2015
- Was to be constructed in one phase.
- Construction was delayed until additional funding could be obtained
- Risk of losing institutional project knowledge if designer is no longer involved in construction
- Design engineer not present during construction to relay design intent

02

## Remote Site with Limited Access

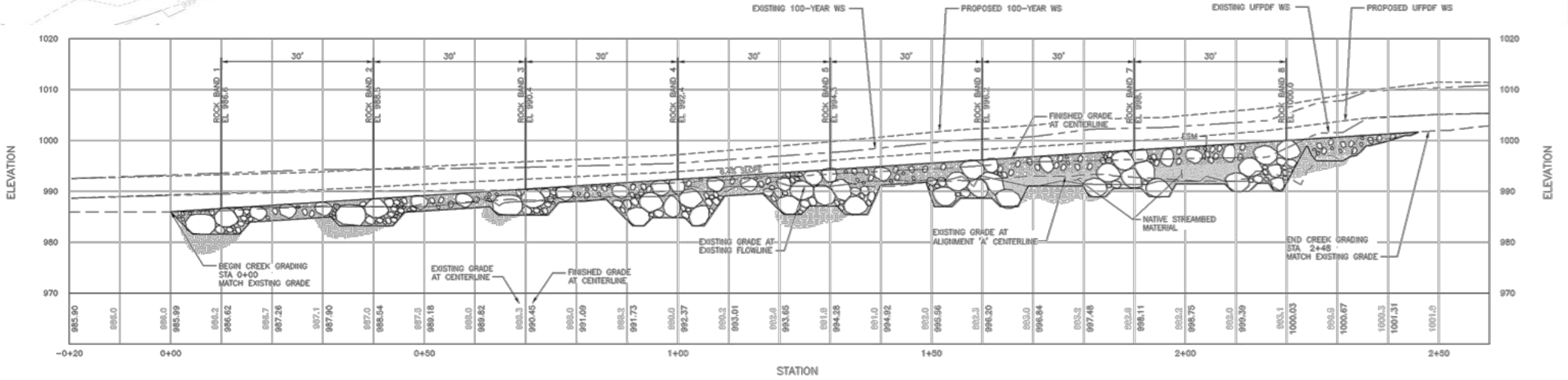
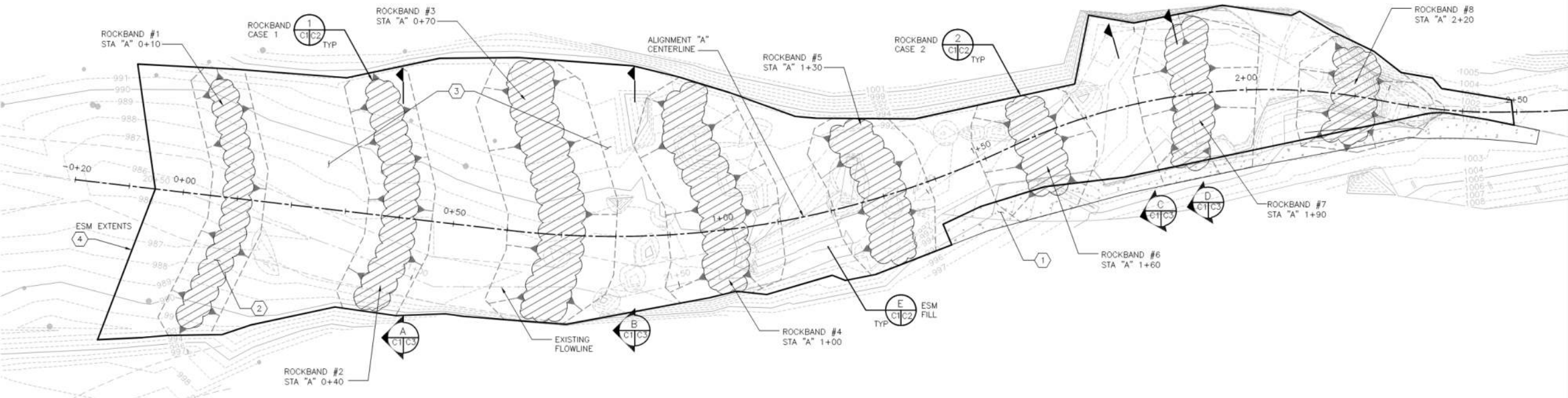
- Limited access for geotechnical investigations
- Extent and nature of bedrock not fully defined
- Pioneered access of construction equipment to site - additional time and temporary construction impacts
- ~2,600 tons of quarried **stone 28"-60" diameter**
- ~2,500 tons of gravel & engineered streambed **material 20" minus**

03

## Two-Phased Construction Process

- Pacific Watershed Associates proposed to perform construction over two seasons
- Winter flow events may mobilize channel-stored coarse sediment
- Risk if bedload mobilizing **event doesn't occur during** winter reduces cost benefits
- Two episodes of disturbance vs. one - - increase in construction equipment/labor costs







# Delayed Construction

- Additional funding made available through CDFW Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP)
- Pacific Watershed Associates were hired to construct the project in 2016
- Proposed construction over two seasons as a potential cost saving strategy



# Benefits

- Reduce construction costs,
- Allow adaptive management during construction,
- Limit the amount of imported alluvium required to construct the project
- Reduce imported gravel costs by up to 50%.
- Reduce transportation-related impacts.
- Reduce risk of introducing non-native species.
- Allow design to “settle in” and adapt design in Phase II if shortcomings are observed.
- Sequester up to 1,000 CY of excess channel-stored sediment.

# Risks

- No bedload mobilizing event during winter reduces cost benefits.
- Slight increase in construction equipment/labor costs.
- Potentially restrict access by steelhead for one winter.
- Two episodes of disturbance vs. one.





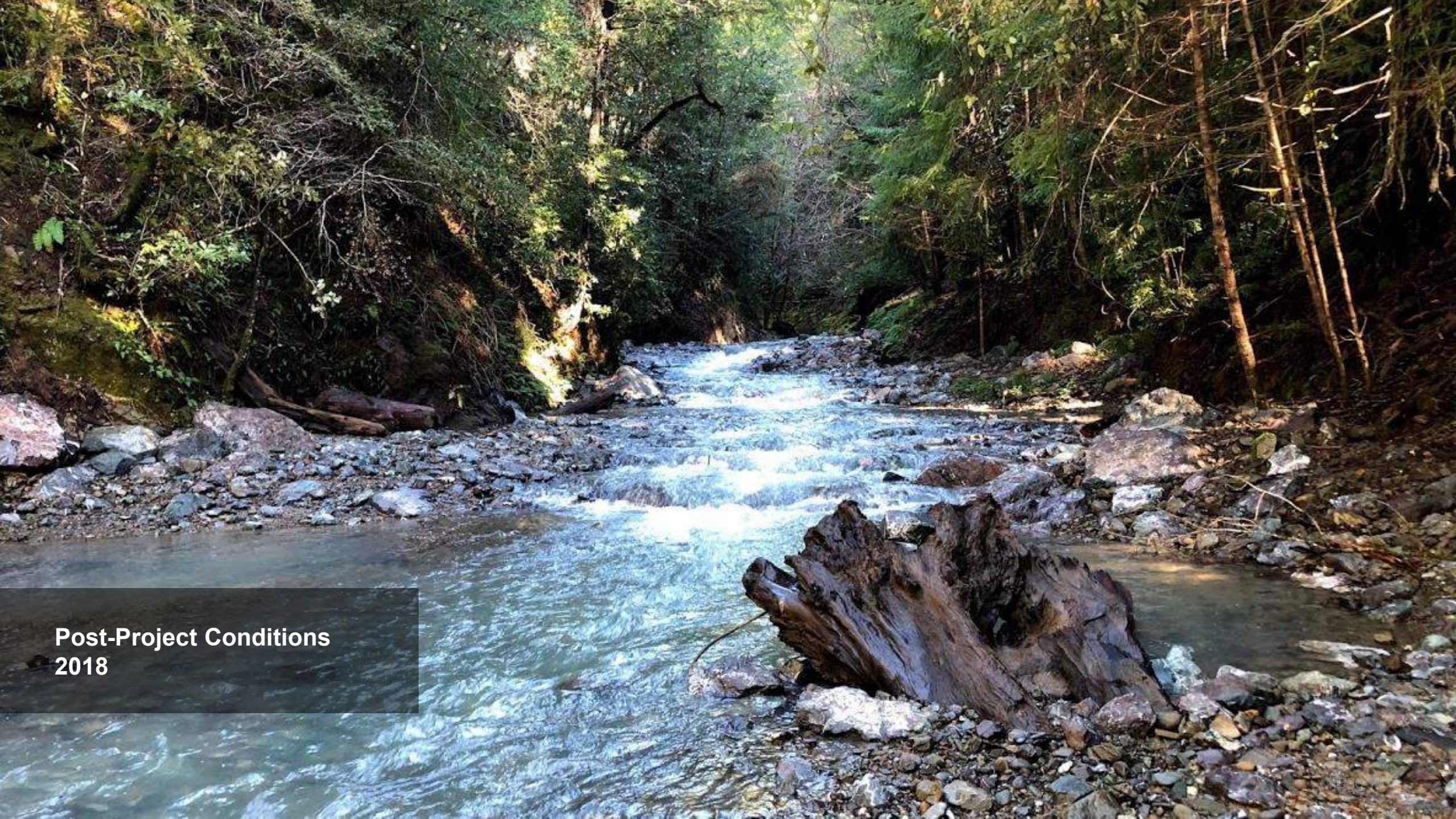
**Two-Phase Construction Strategy: Phase 1 Construction**











**Post-Project Conditions  
2018**







# Lessons Learned



- Construction methodology is critical and there are more ways than one to successfully construct a project
- Use of qualified contractors experienced in similar in-water work provides value and is an asset throughout construction
- Address potential dewatering challenges in the design process
- Interstitial gaps between placed rock can be addressed by hydraulically placed sediment and streambed fill

