

### Fish Passage from the Tidewater to the Sierras Workshop - Fish Passage at High Dams - Part 3

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# Case Study II: Downstream Fish Passage at Shasta Dam

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### Location



## **Project Driver**

2009 NMFS Biological Opinion (ESA)
Fish Passage Program at Shasta, Folsom, and New Melones dams

Authority: Rivers and Harbors Act of 1937 and 1940
Authorized the construction and operation of the Central Valley Project

## **Stepwise Evaluation**



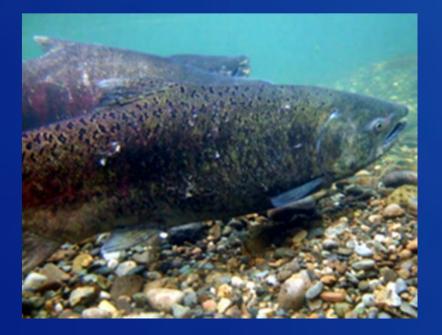
### Near Term - Pilot Fish Passage Program

- Habitat Assessment
- Biological Productivity
- Technical Feasibility Pilot Juvenile Collectors
  - Head of Reservoir
  - In-river
- Feasibility Determination

Long Term - Fish passage program OR other actions

### **Project Purpose**

Evaluate feasibility of passage for ESA-listed Chinook around Shasta Dam to make a well informed decision about initiating a long-term fish passage program.





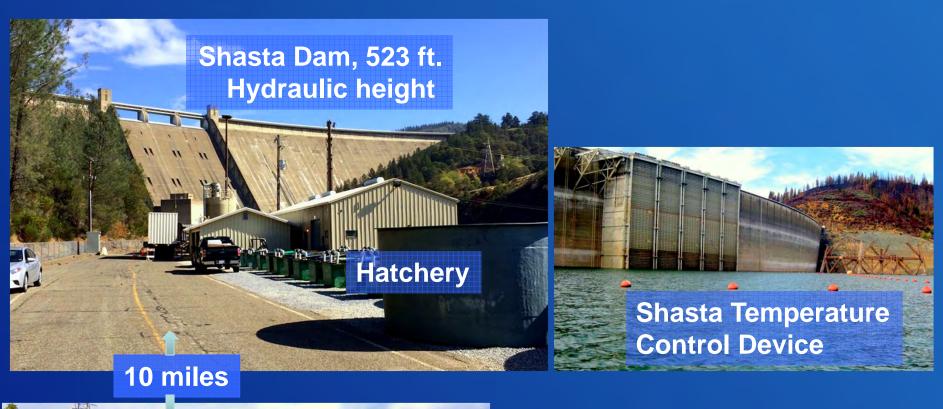


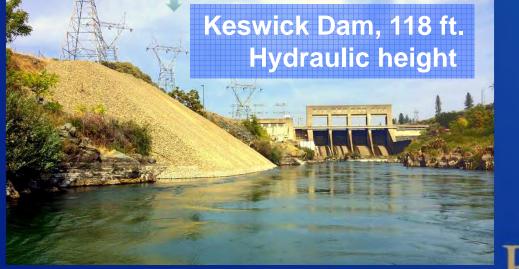
### Participating Agencies and Project Organization

US Bureau of Reclamation CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife US Fish and Wildlife Service CA State Water Board National Marine Fisheries Service CA Dept of Water Resources US Forest Service US Geological Survey



-Fall Run: 33 mm -Spring Run: 40 mm -Winter Run: 81 mm -Late-Fall Run: 130 mm - *O. mykiss*: 162 mm







Keswick Trap

# Salmon die-off fears at heart of latest California water conflict

By Peter Fimrite | December 11, 2015



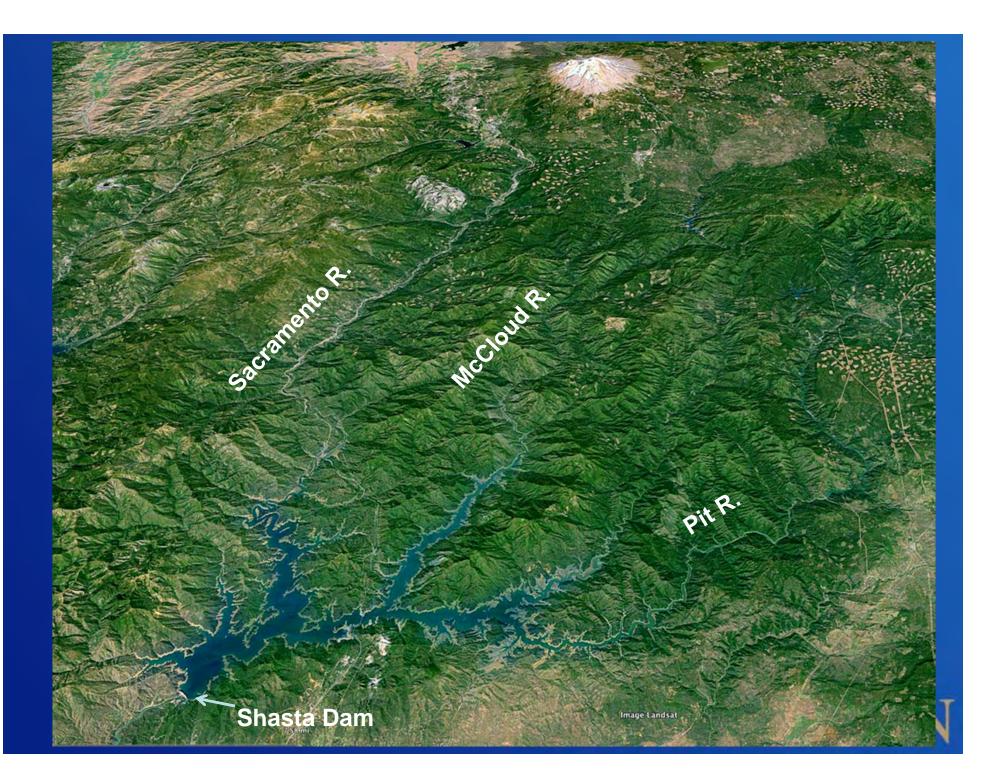


Photo: Michael Macor, The Chronicle

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Assistant Hatchery Manager John Rueth, tends to tanks full of endangered winter run Chinook Salmon, at the Livingston Stone Federal Fish Hatchery at Shasta Lake, Calif., on Wednesday December 9, 2015.





#### **Upper Sacramento River Watershed**

Box Canyon Dam

31 miles habit

Upper Sacramento River

23 miles habitat

McCloud Dam

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McCloud River

Pit River

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20 Miles

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### Land Ownership

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Land Ownership Forest Service = green Reclamation = red State = light green

20 Miles

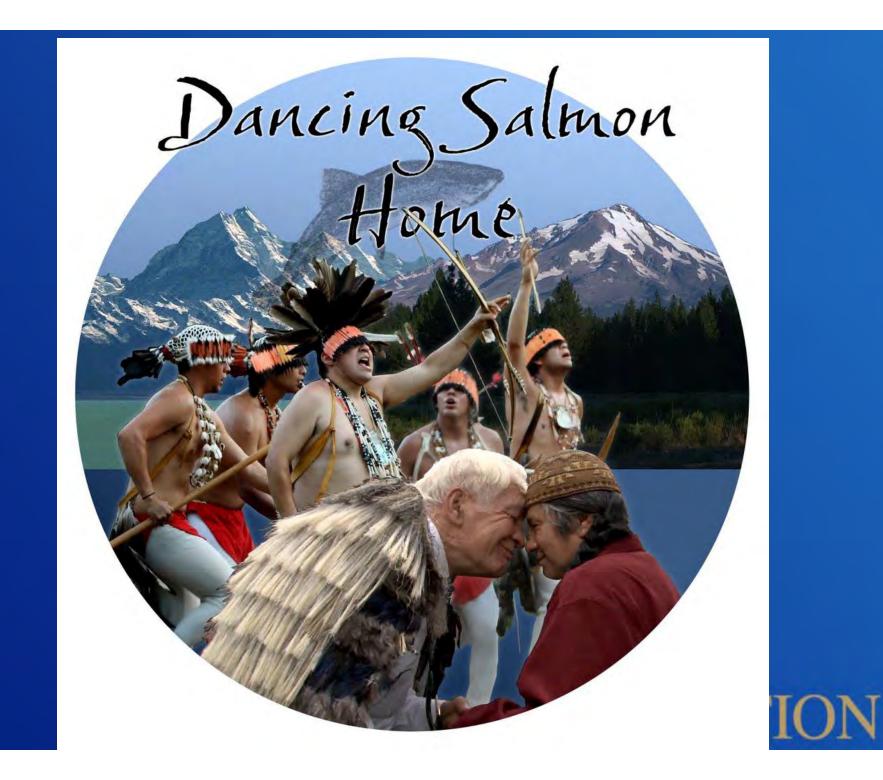
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# **Public and Stakeholder Engagement**

- McCloud River CRMP
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors
- Public Meeting
- Stakeholder Questionnaire
- Caltrout Water Talk
- Habitat Assessment webinar
- Local timber managers
- Winnemem Wintu
- Sweetbriar Cabin Owners
- CA Board of Forestry
- Project Update Webinars
- Professional society talks
- Fishing groups







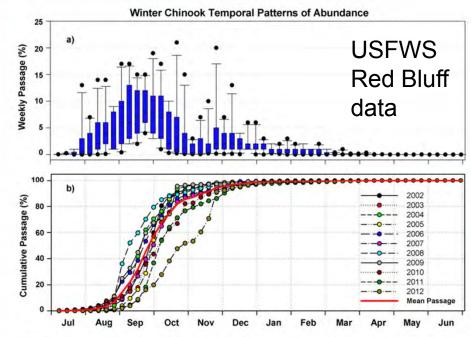


Figure 15. RBDD rotary trap winter Chinook (a) boxplots of weekly passage estimates relative to annual total passage estimates and (b) cumulative weekly passage with 11-year mean passage trend line for the period July 2002 through June 2013.

Winter-run emigrate in the fall when weather is still warm



## **Shasta Lake Salmon**

Pictures from Sacriverguide.com















- 500 750. 1000 m

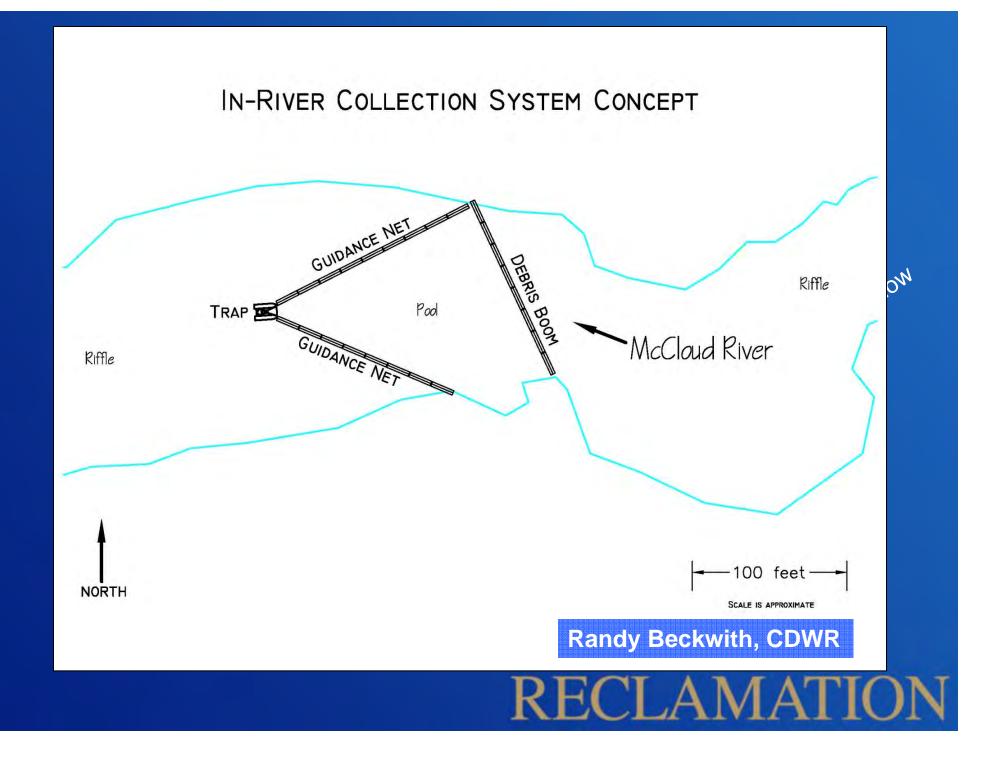
#### Head of Reservoir at

May 2006

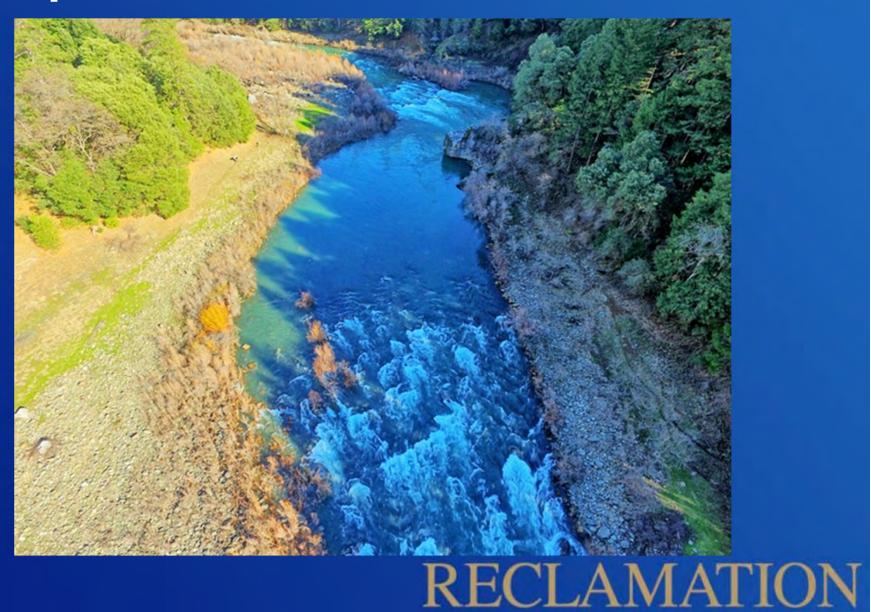
#### Full Reservoir

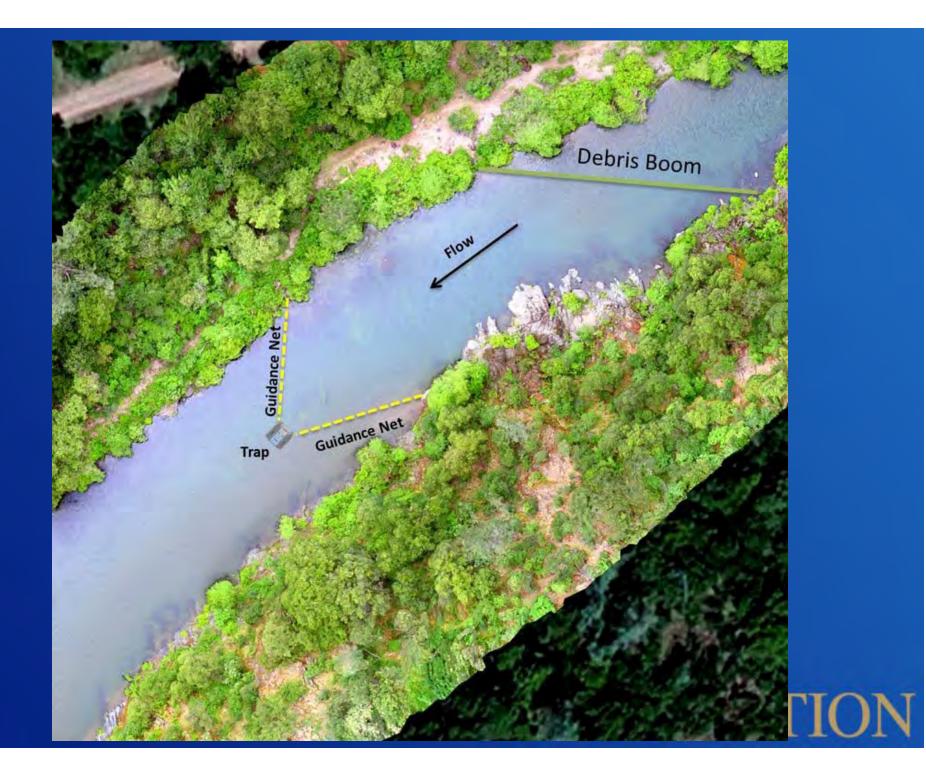
#### Drawn down

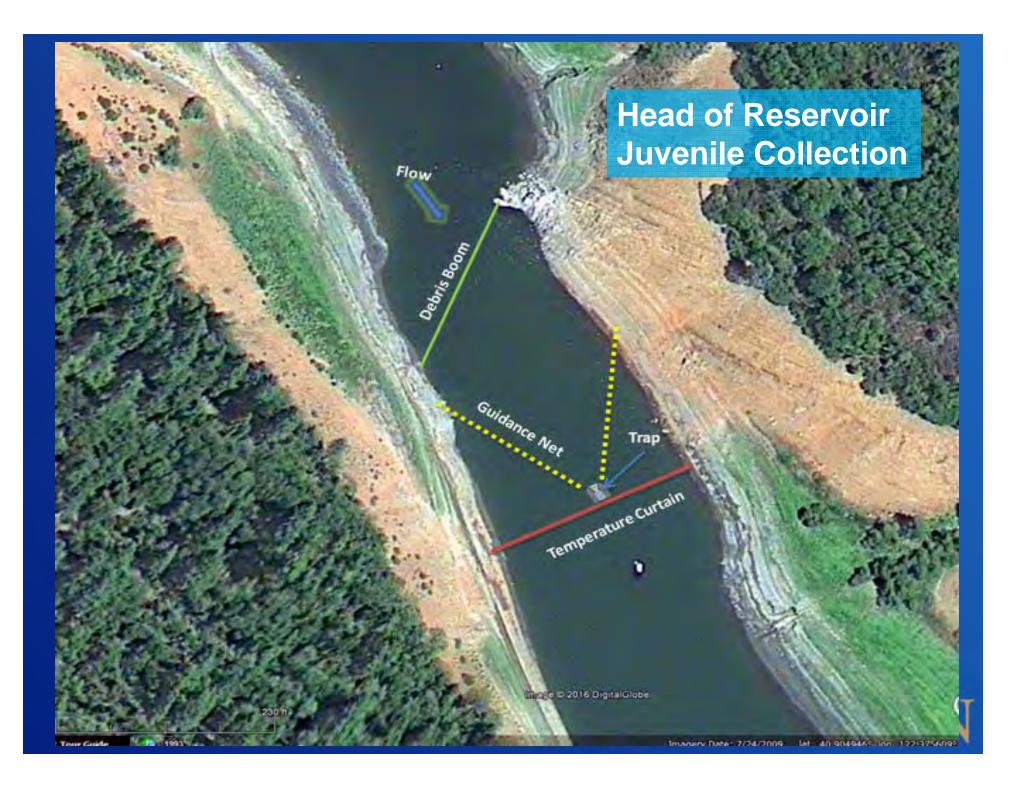




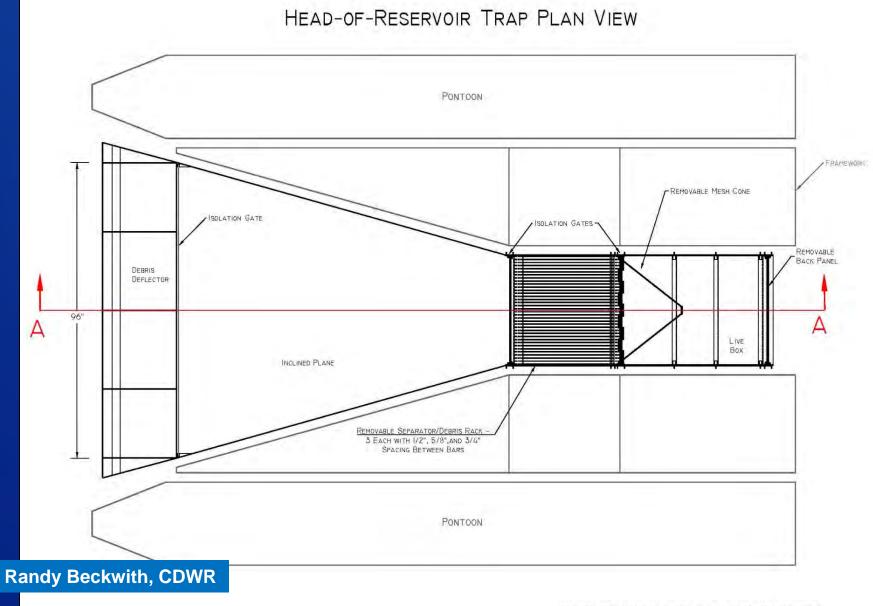
### **Proposed In-River Collection Site**



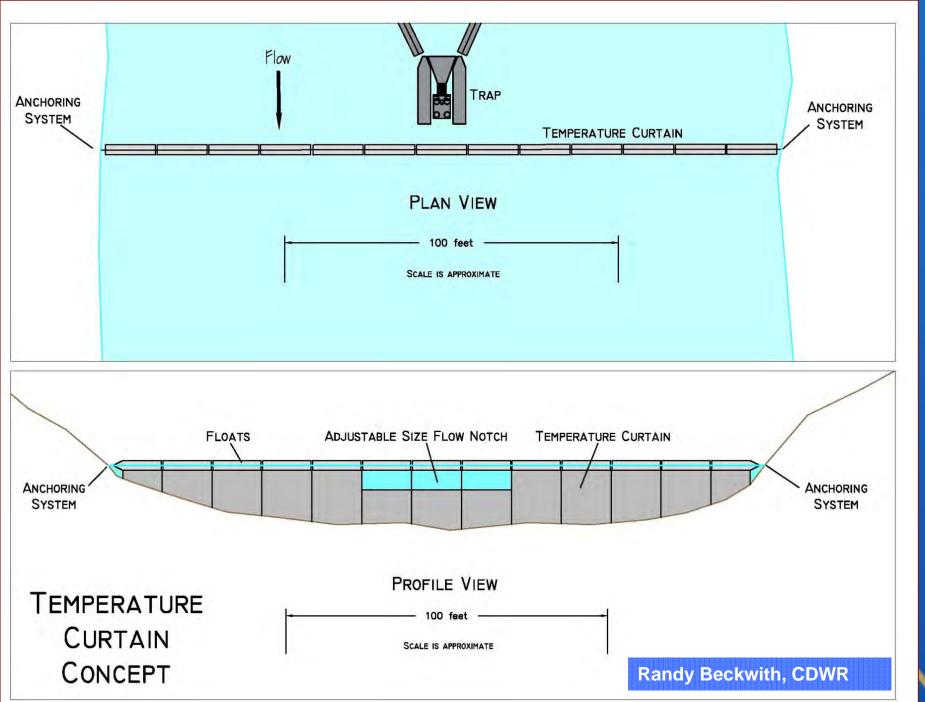


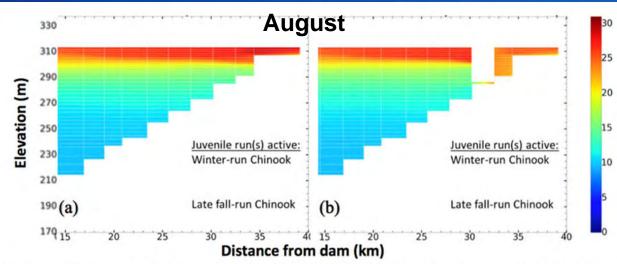


### Head of Reservoir Trap



PONTOONS AND FRAMEWORK DETAILS TO BE DESIGNED BY CONTRACTOR

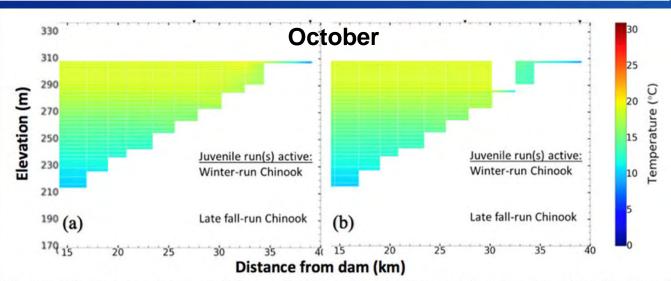




### Temperature Curtain Evaluation Katherine Clancy, UNR

Temperature (°C)

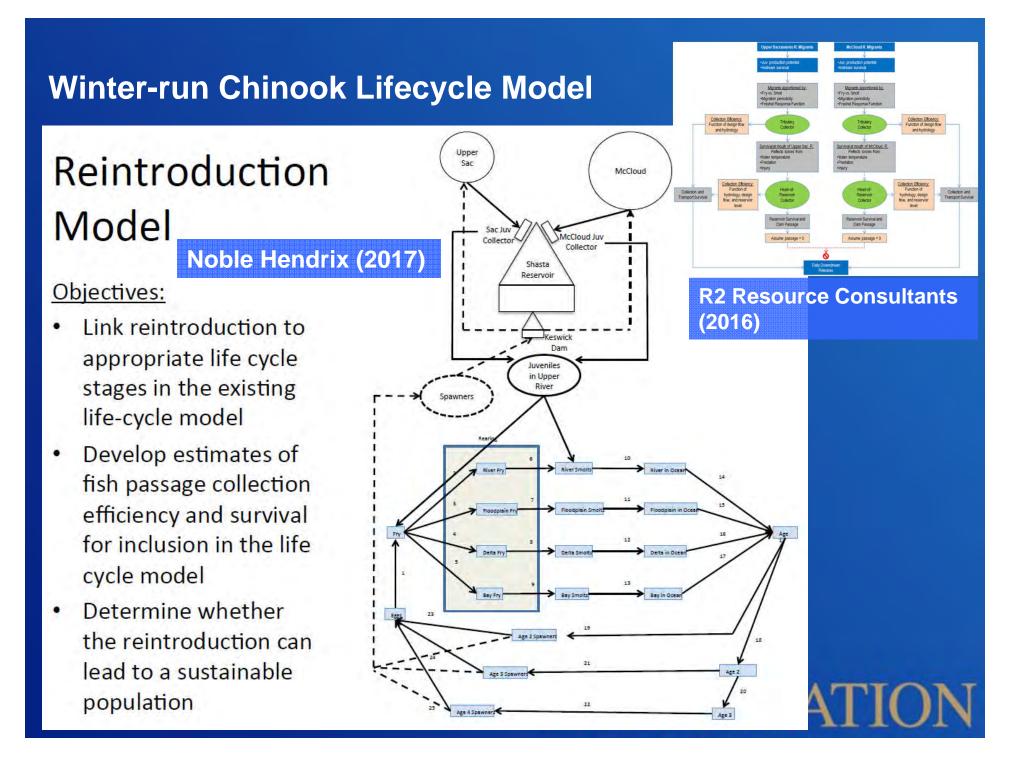
**Figure 47:** Temperature conditions of the McCloud River on August 5, 2001 (dry year simulation) a) without a temperature curtain and b) with a LF curtain at Segment 34. Temperature curtain is illustrated with a white box.



**Figure 48:** Temperature conditions of the McCloud River on October 15, 2001 (dry year simulation) a) without a temperature curtain and b) with a LF curtain at Segment 34. Temperature curtain is illustrated with a white box.

# Temperature Curtain at Whiskeytown Lake





## **Pilot Program Timeline**

RECLAMATIC

Experimental Population and EIS – 2017

- Test juvenile collection device(s) 2017?
- First winter-run Chinook release 2018
- Annual reports of findings 2019, 2020, 2021...
- Feasibility Determination TBD

### 44 entries to juv. passage prize competition

Downstream Juvenile Fish Passage Prize Competition

# Prize Competition Downstream Juvenile Fish Passage

#### RECLAMATION Managing Water in the West

[Music]

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http://www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice/shasta-damfish-pass.html





### **Shasta Fish Passage**

- Feasibility Evaluation
- Trap and Haul fish passage around dam
- Pilot juvenile collectors at head of Shasta Reservoir
- Captive broodstock and New Water Treatment at Livingston Stone NFH
- Experimental Chinook Salmon Population
- Biological Studies of success