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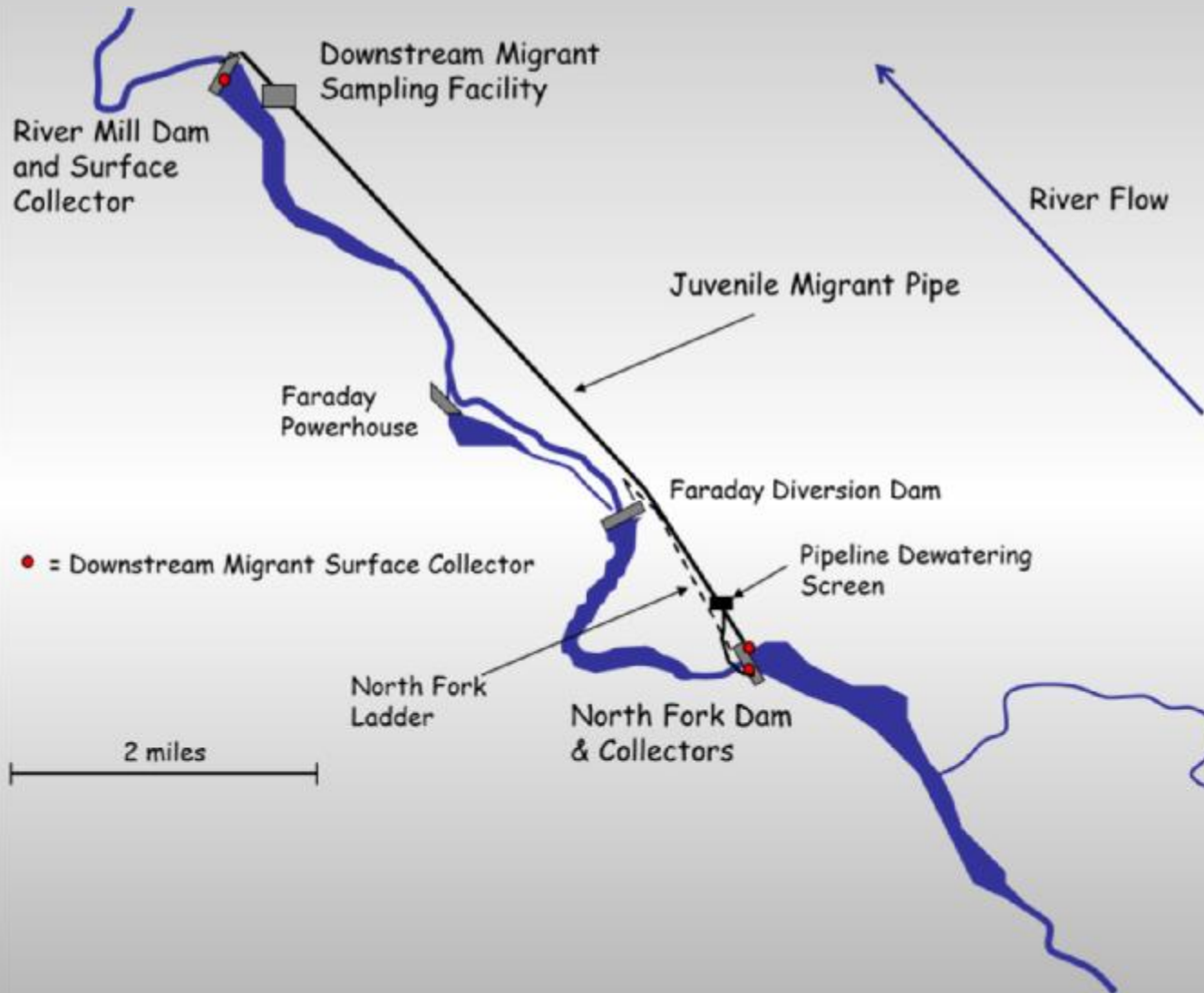
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PGE Clackamas Hydro Project
River Miles 22.3 – 31.7



Clackamas River Hydro Project



**Run-of-River Project
127 MW Capacity**

3 Dam Complex

Built 1906 – 1958

**Mean Daily flow =
1,454 cfs or
41 cubic meter/s (cms)**



FERC License Issued in 2010

Major Downstream Passage Improvements Include:

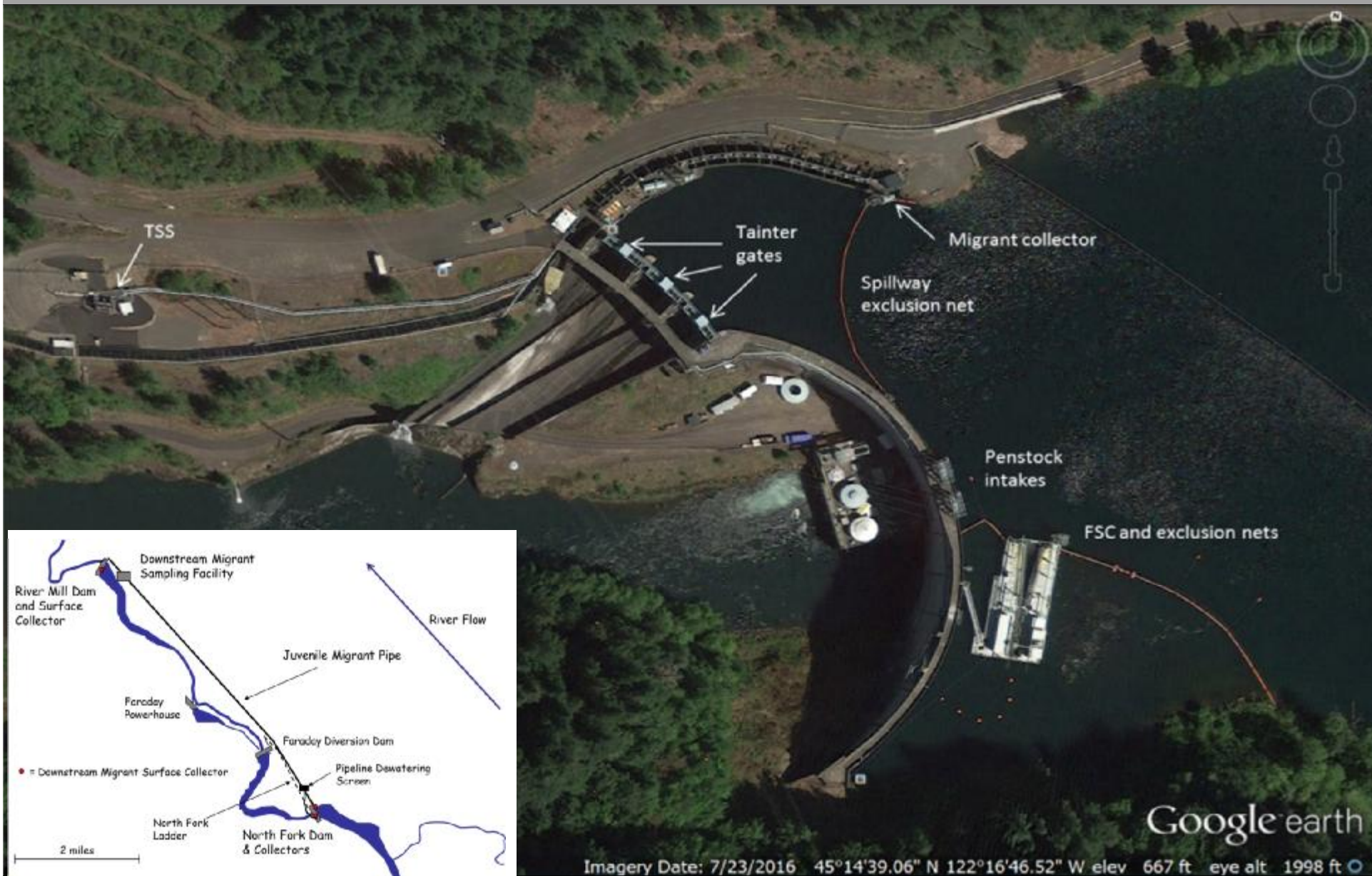
North Fork Floating Collector

North Fork Spillway Exclusion
Net

River Mill Collector

Extension of Downstream
Migrant Pipeline/Sampling
Facility







250 cfs collector (7cms)
Installed with dam in 1958



Spillway exclusion net
Installed 2013



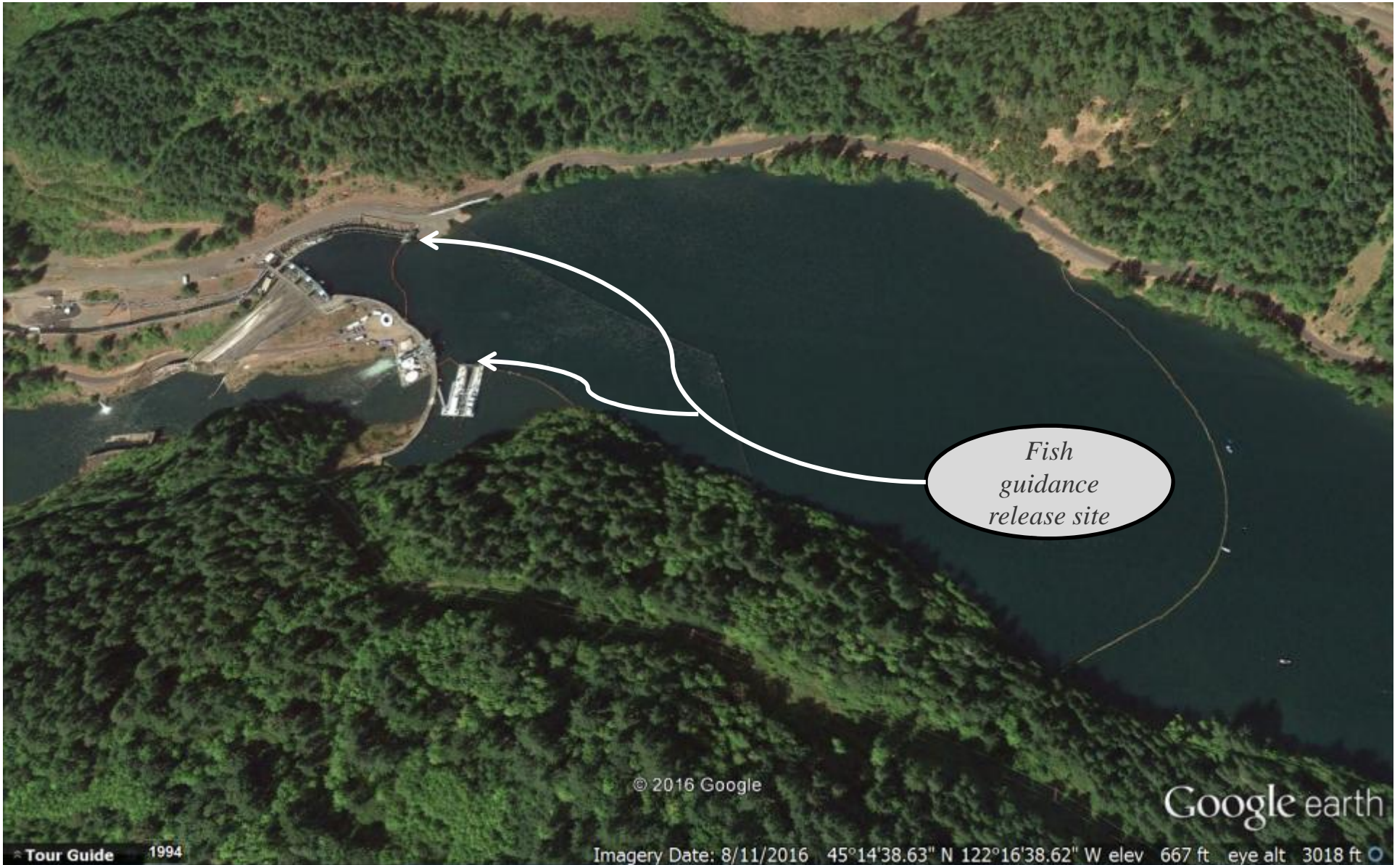
Collector entrance

Juveniles enter pipeline system



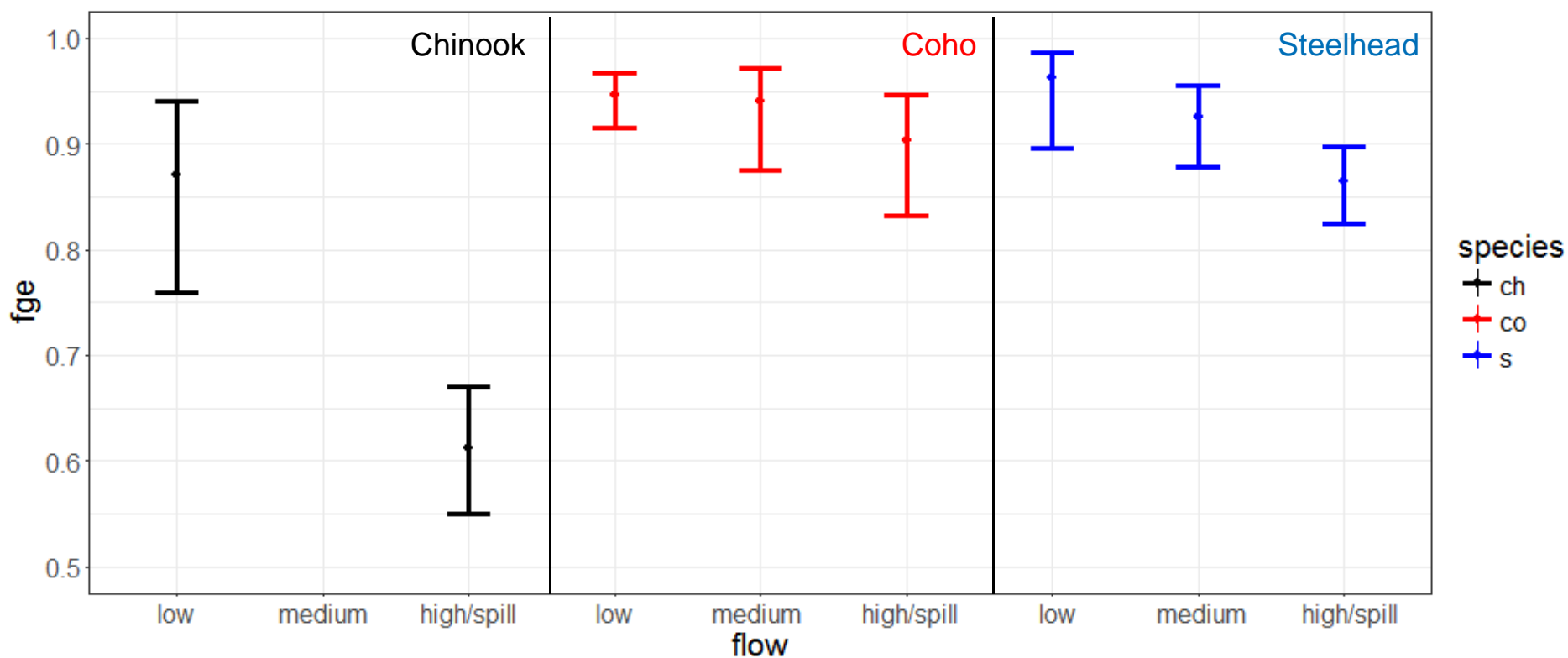
North Fork surface collector
commissioned in 2015
1,000 cfs attraction flow
(28 cms)

North Fork Fish Guidance Evaluation



North Fork Fish Guidance Evaluation

Species	Release Groups	Released	Collected	FGE	95% CI	% FSC
Chinook ¹	1	55	48	0.87	0.76 – 0.94	92%
Coho	5	455	429	0.94	0.92 – 0.96	75%
Steelhead	3	266	249	0.94	0.90 – 0.96	60%



Juvenile Migrant Pipeline



Pipeline Length: 7.1 miles

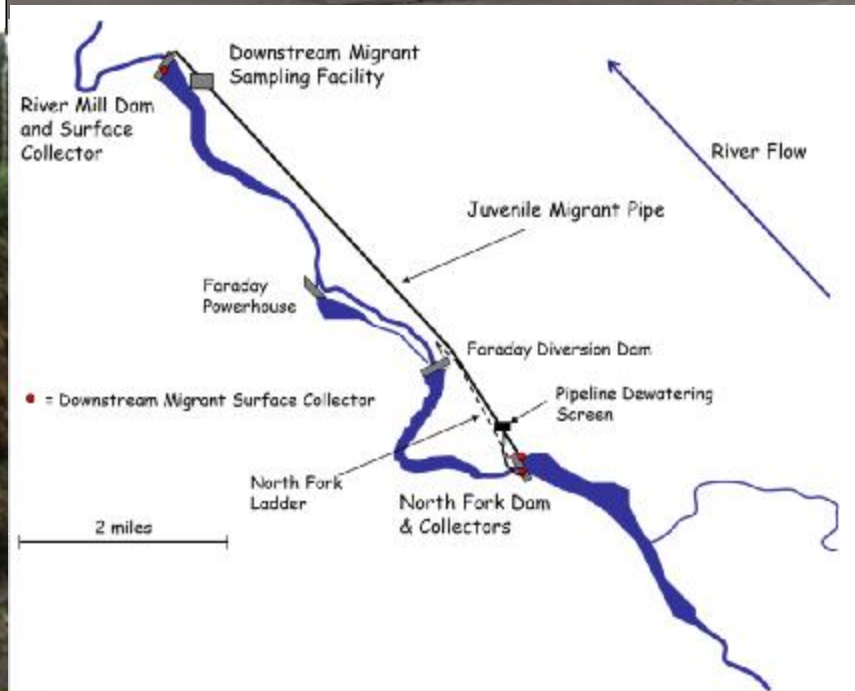
Diameter: 18 inches

Flow: 7 cfs

Water Travel Time: ~ 90 min.

Juvenile Migrant Sampling Facility

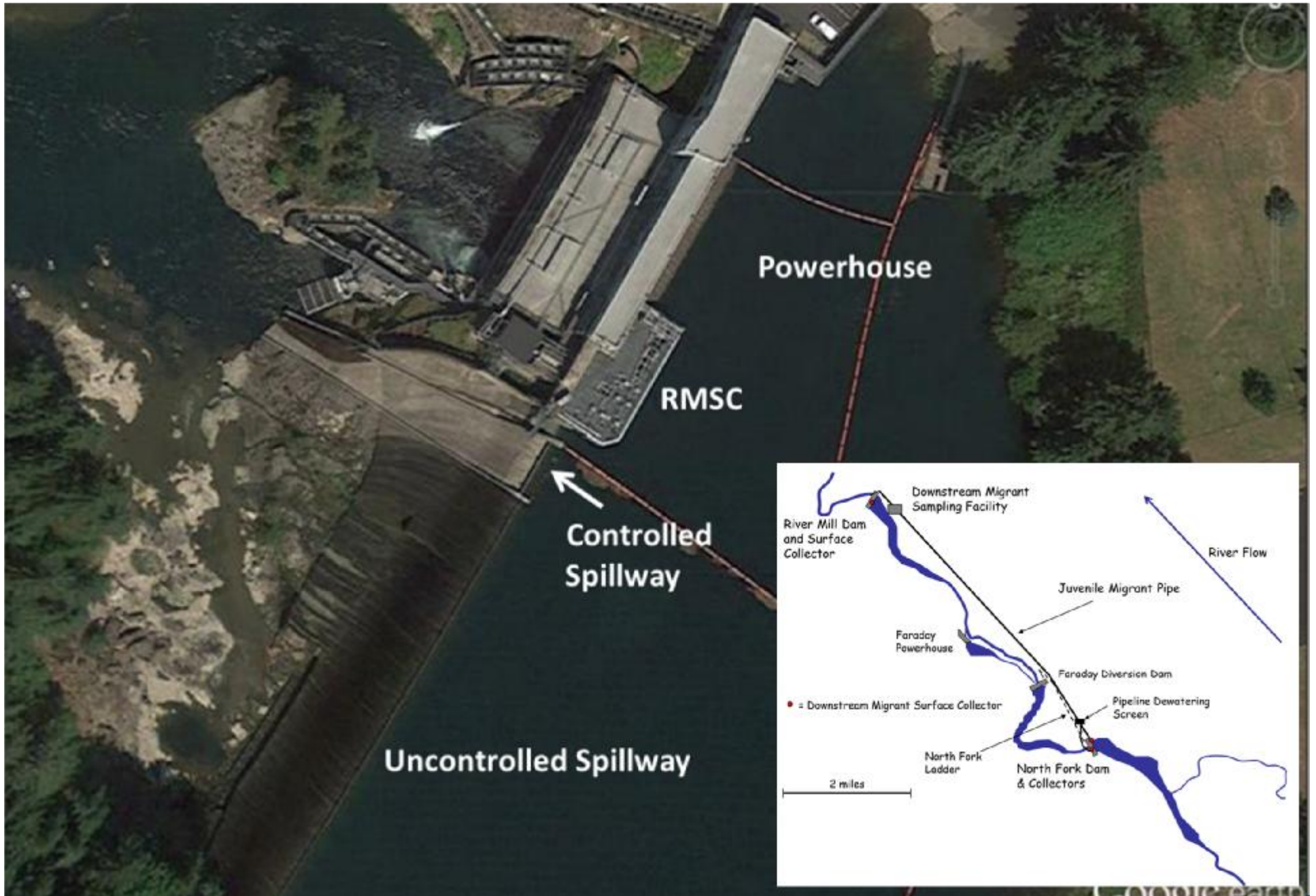
Timer based sampling
Daily enumeration by species
and life stage
Collection of fish for
evaluations
PIT detection array



Juvenile Pipeline Evaluation - 2016

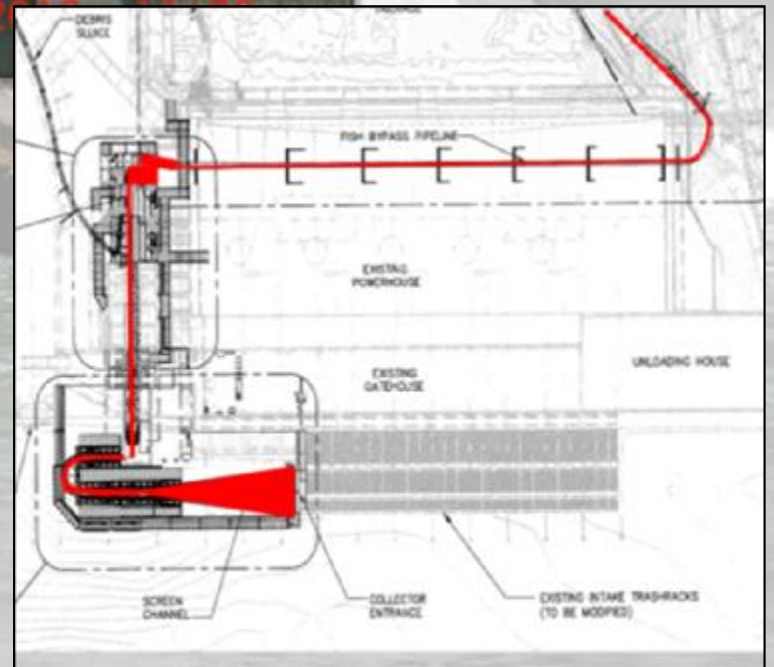
Species	N	Injury	Mortality	Median Travel Time (h)
Coho	137	0.7%	0.0%	2.6 - 4.7
Steelhead	195	0.5%	0.0%	1.9 – 2.0



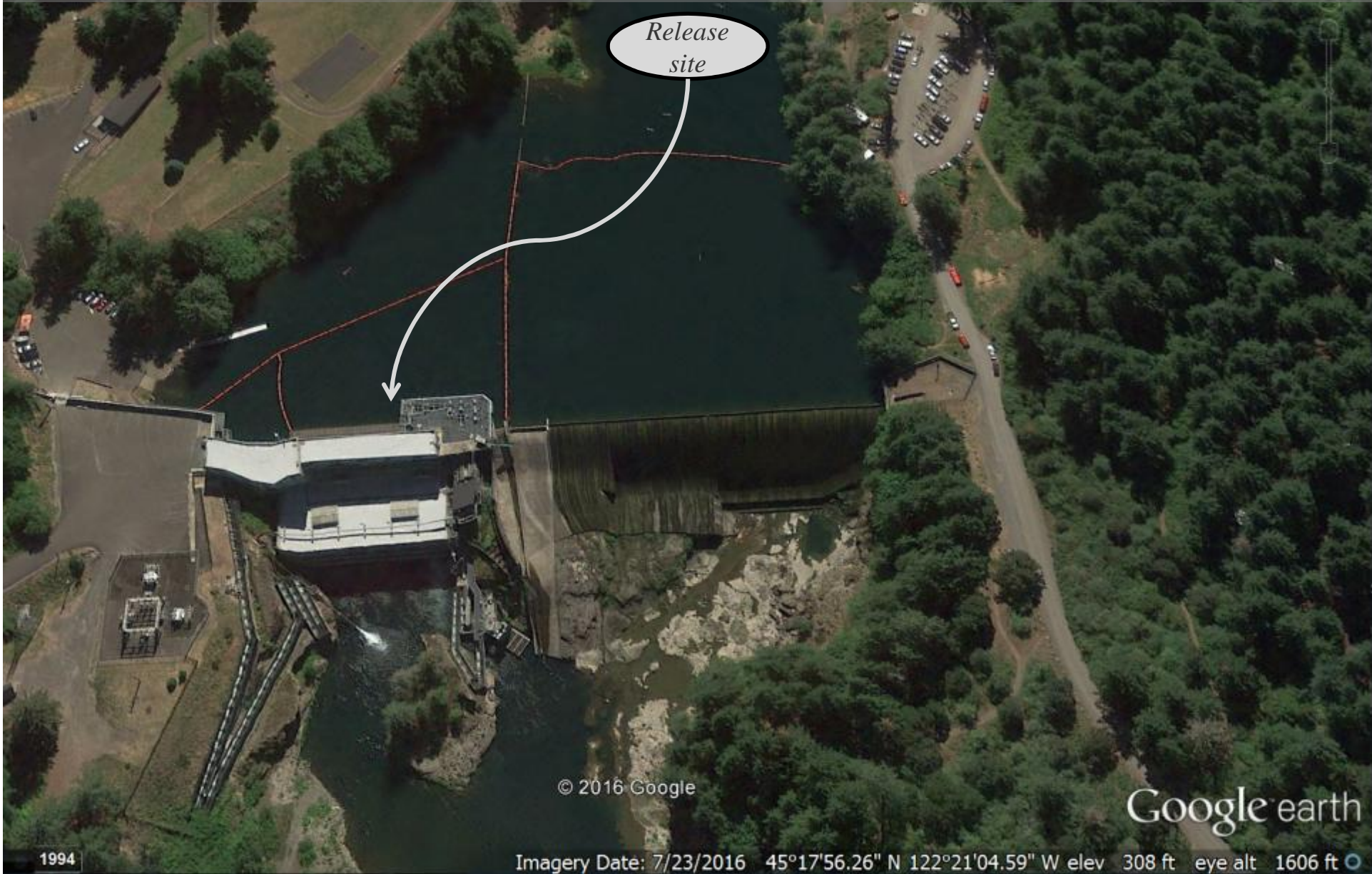




River Mill surface collector
Commissioned in 2012
500 cfs attraction flow tied to PH



River Mill Fish Guidance Evaluation



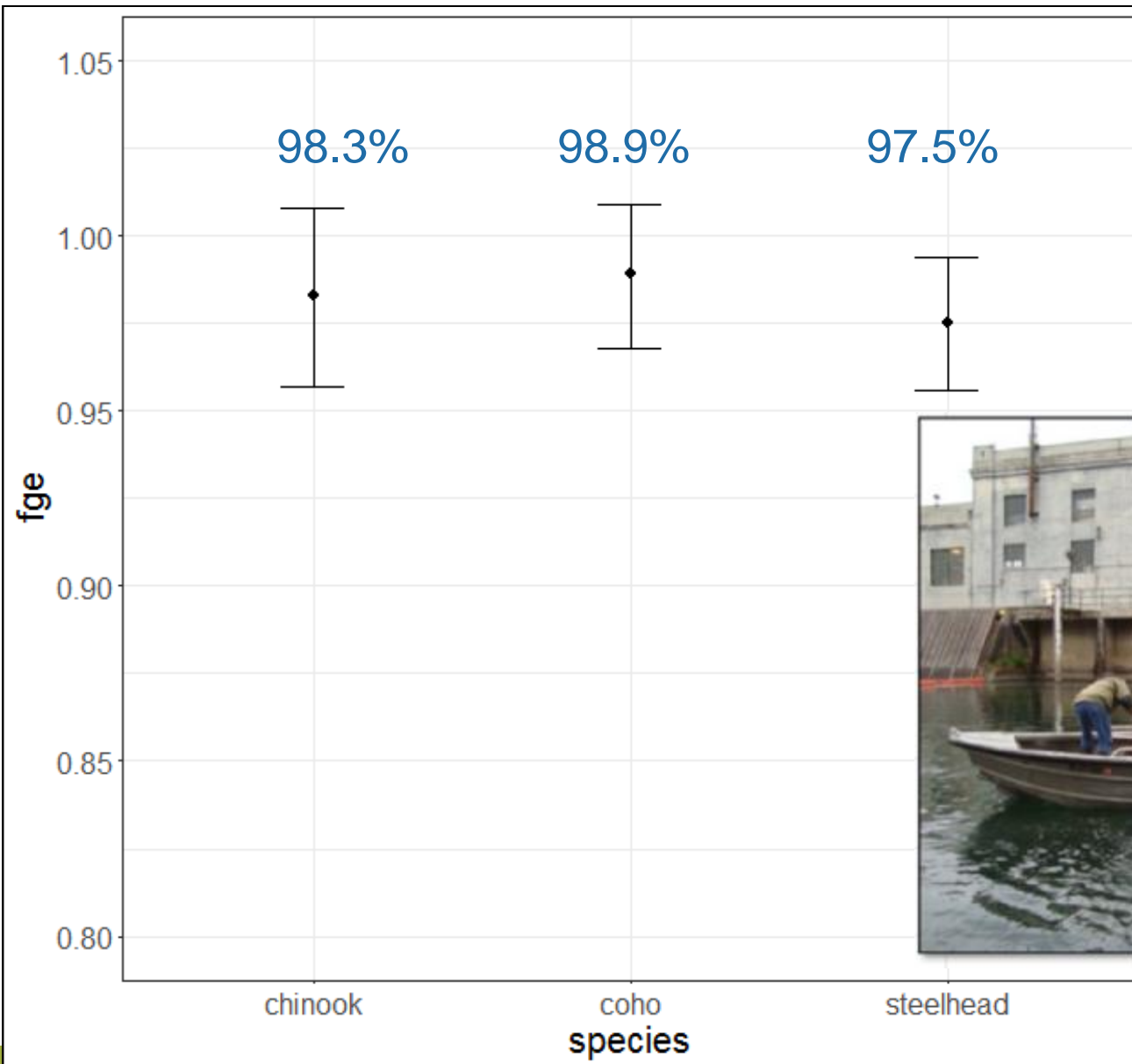
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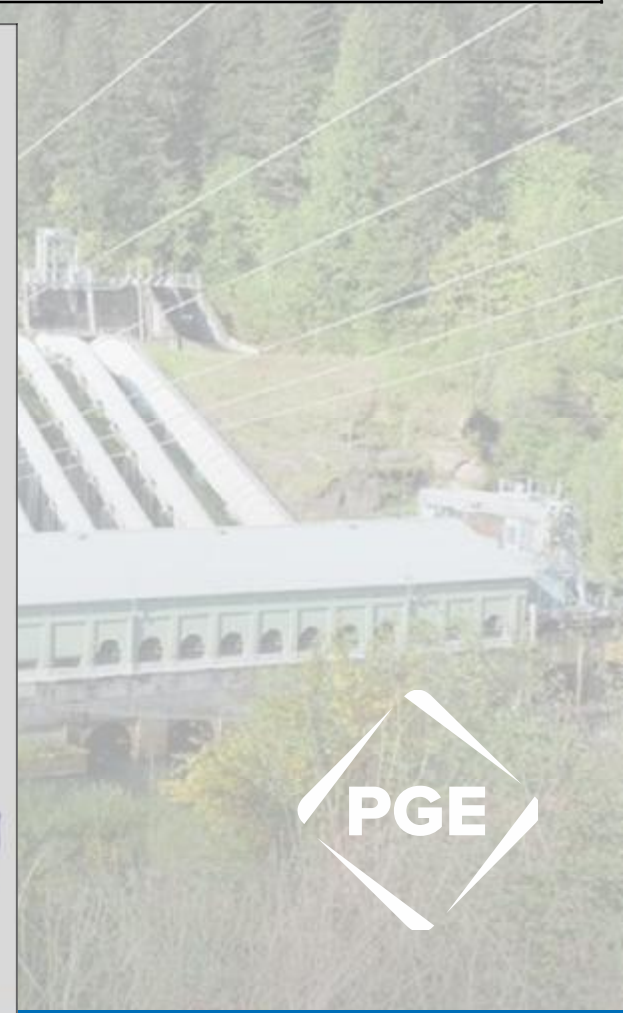
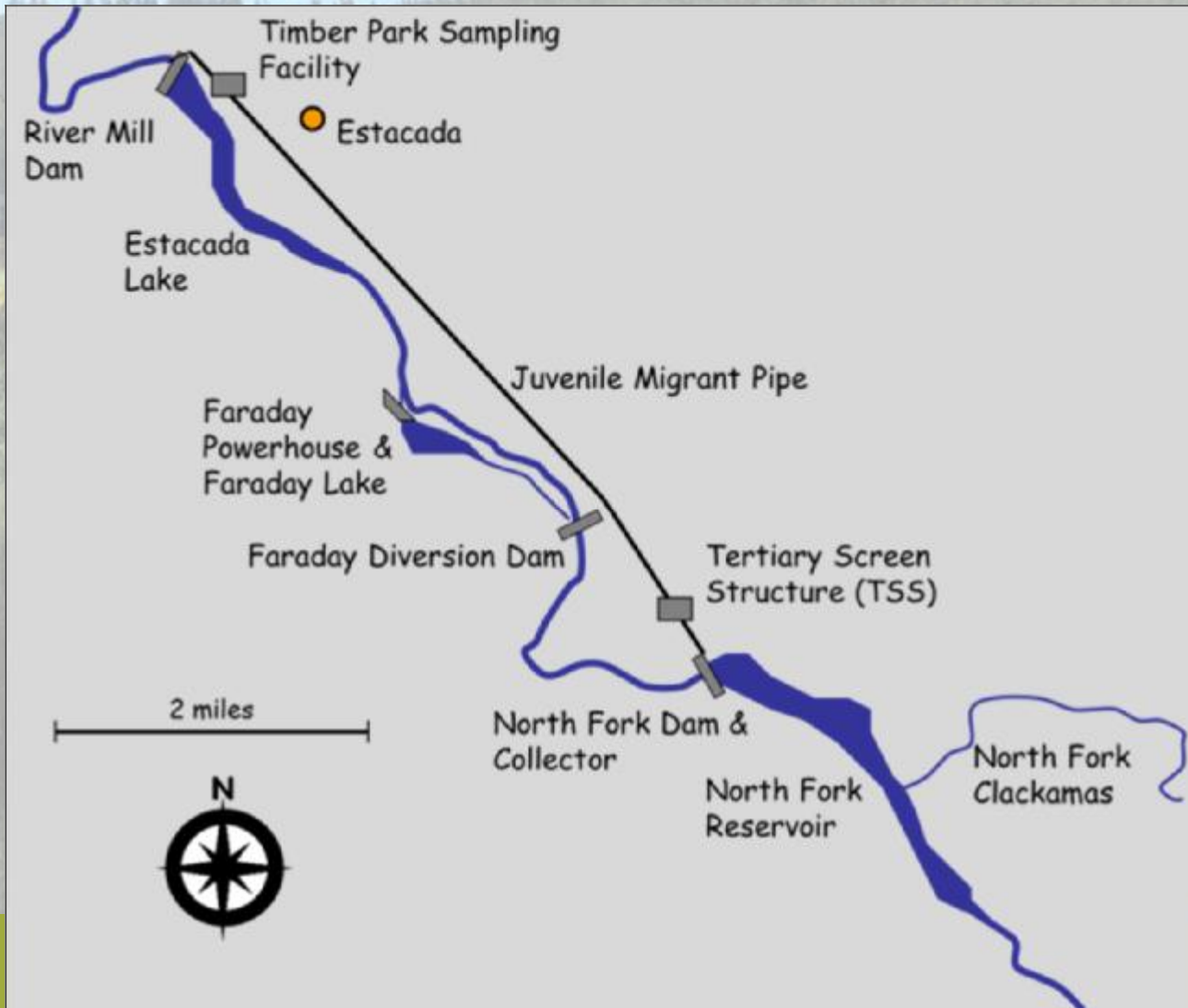
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River Mill Fish Guidance Evaluation



Project-Wide Passage (2016)

Species	Combined North Fork and River Mill Detections		
	d	Est	95% CI
Coho	382	95.3%	92.7-97.0%
Steelhead	254	95.5%	92.3-97.4%



Conclusions

North Fork

High guidance (>85%) all flows tested for coho & steelhead
Chinook guidance high at low flows, moderate at high/spill flows
Further testing planned

River Mill

High guidance under all conditions for all species

Very low injury and mortality rates in both
bypass systems



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