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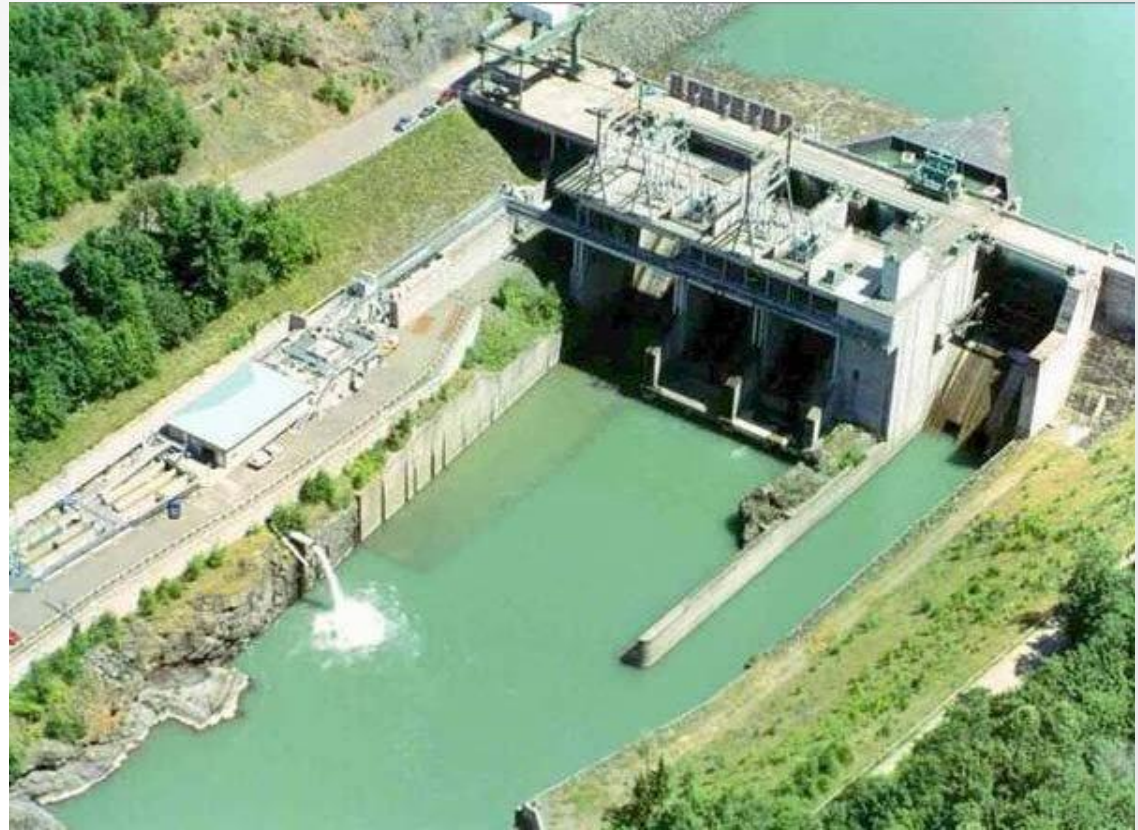
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COWLITZ FALLS NORTH SHORE COLLECTOR DESIGN PROCESS JUNE 26, 2013





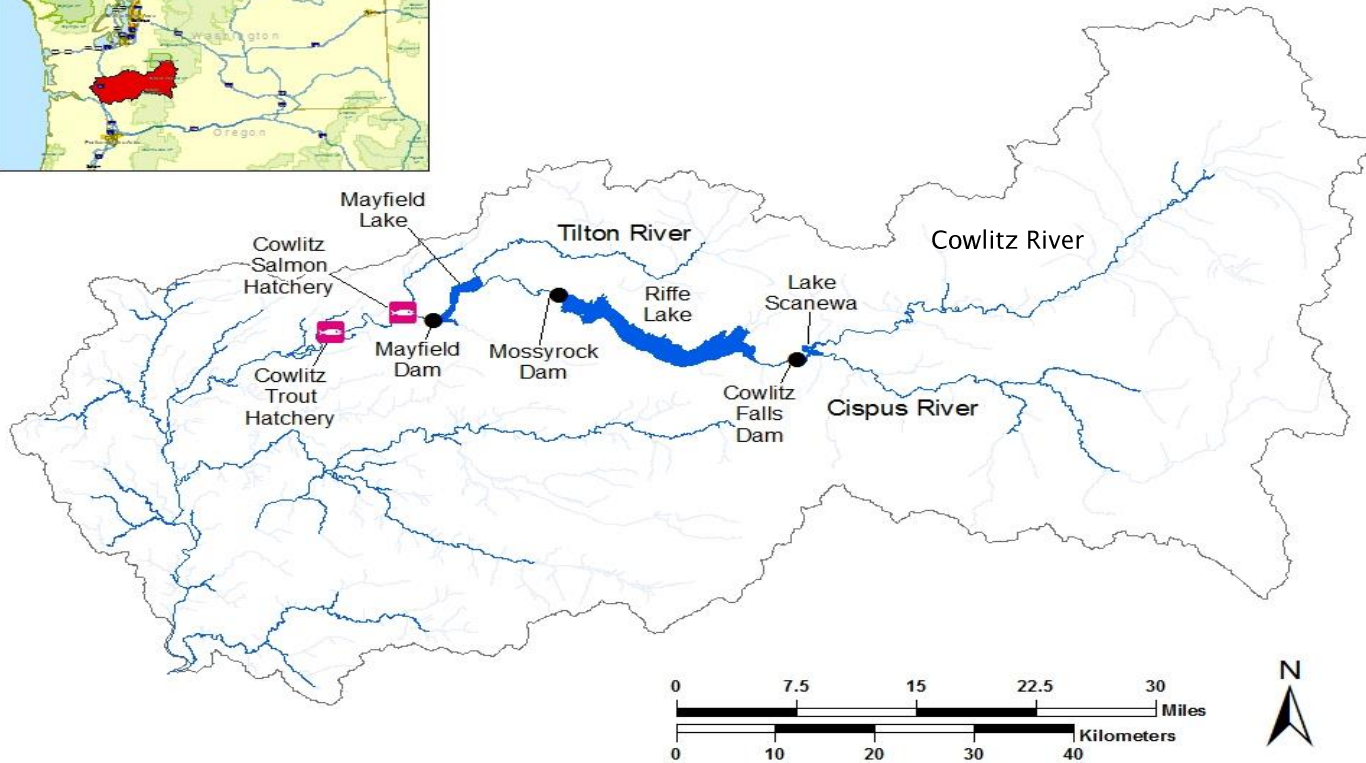
AGENDA

- **Tacoma Power's Cowlitz Project Overview**
- **Cowlitz Falls Dam Overview**
- **Cowlitz Falls Fish Collection Timeline**
 - **BPA Efforts**
 - **Tacoma Power Efforts**
 - **Downstream Fish Passage Team**
- **Conceptual Design Process for the Cowlitz Falls North Shore Collector (CFNSC)**
- **CFNSC Schedule**
- **Design Process Takeaways**

COWLITZ PROJECT OVERVIEW



Cowlitz River Basin





LAKE SCANEWA



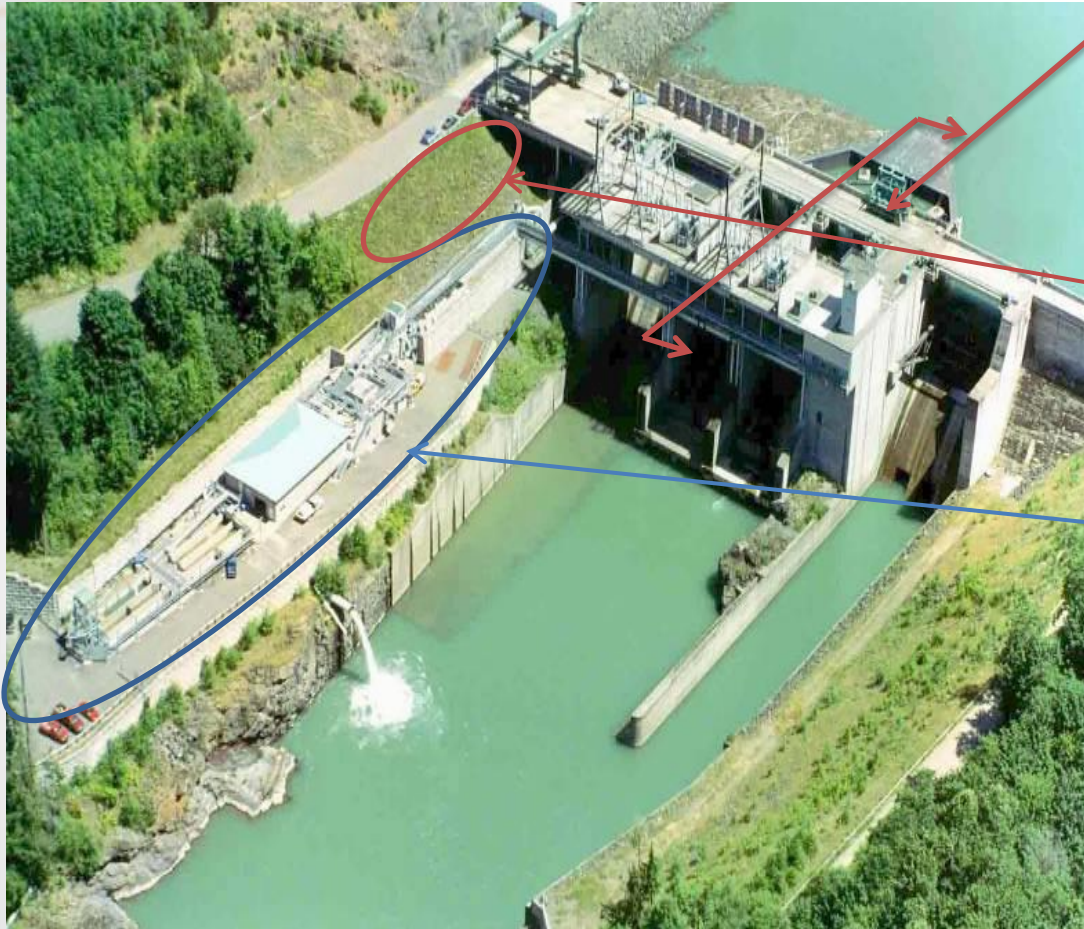


COWLITZ FALLS DAM - 1994

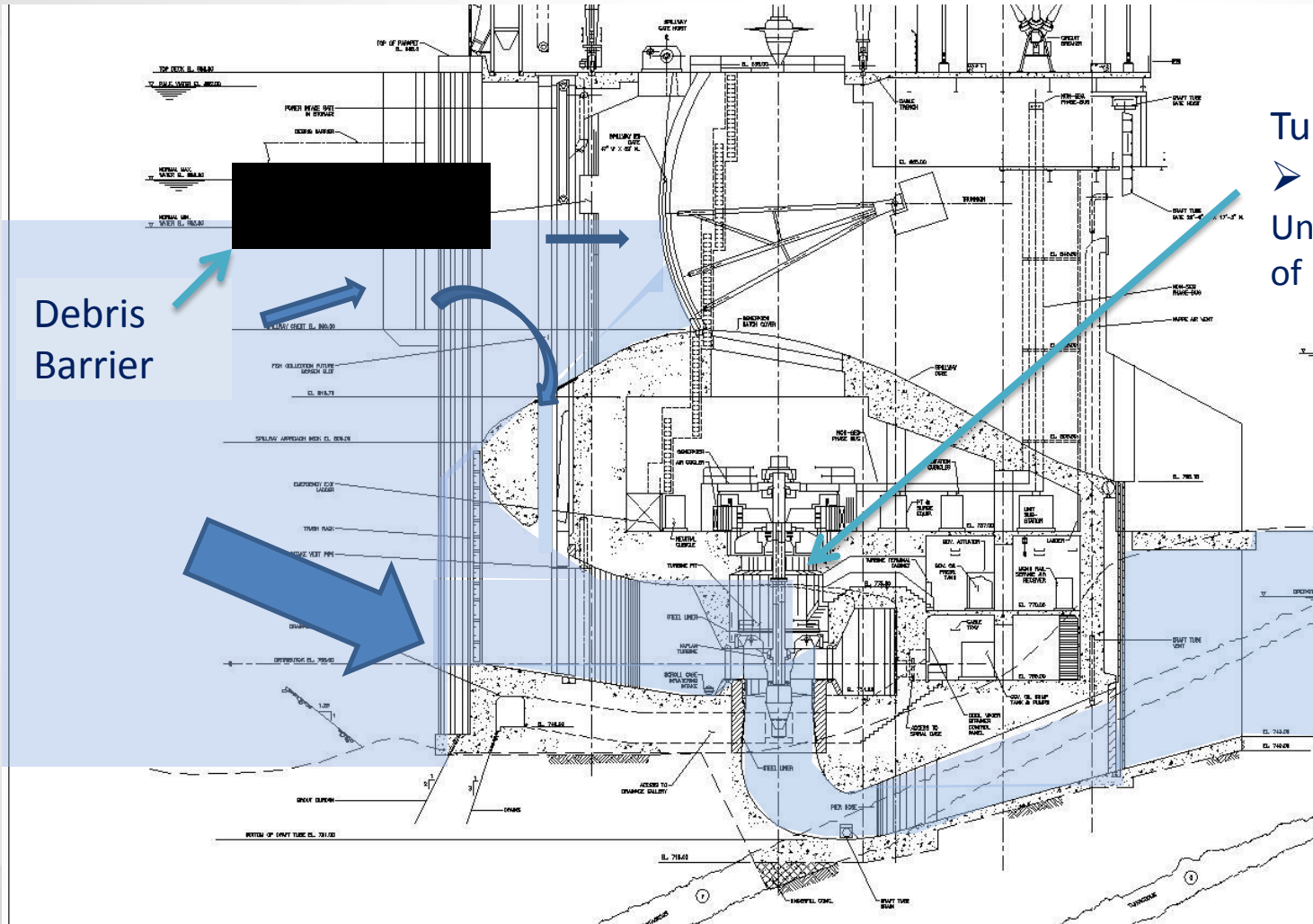
DAM OWNER:
LEWIS COUNTY PUD
(LCPUD)

**PROPOSED FISH FACILITY
OWNER:**
TACOMA POWER

**FISH COLLECTION FACILITY
OWNER:**
BONNEVILLE POWER
ADMINISTRATION
(BPA)
OPERATED BY WDFW



COWLITZ FALLS DAM SECTION VIEW



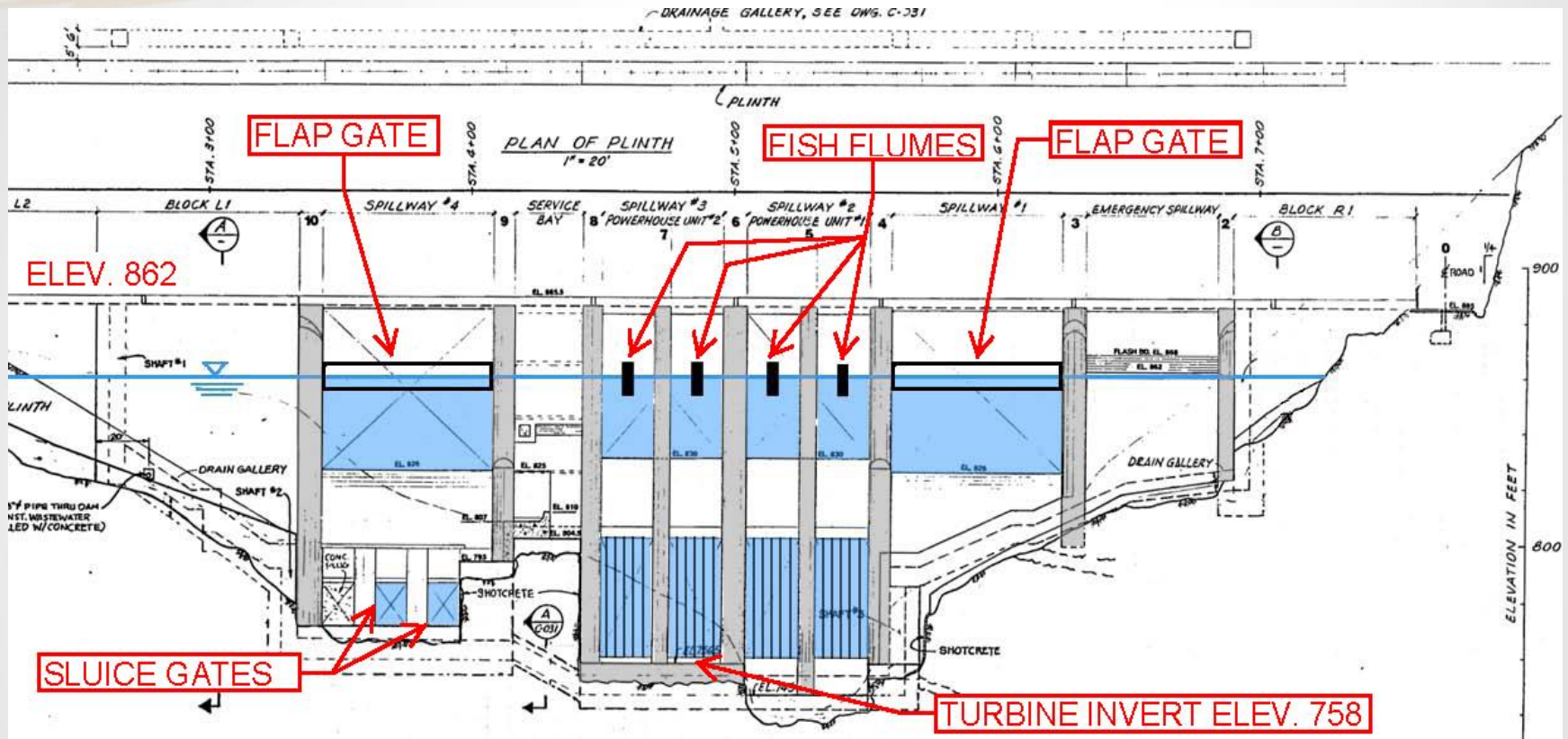
Debris
Barrier

Turbine
➤ (2) Hydrocombine
Units w/ total capacity
of 10,500 cfs





COWLITZ FALLS DAM ELEVATION VIEW





COWLITZ FALLS FISH COLLECTION TIMELINE

1994

Dam
Construction

BPA Fish
Collection Efforts

2002

FERC Issues
Tacoma Power
new Cowlitz
License

2009

Tacoma Power
forms
Downstream Fish
Passage Team
(DFPT)

2012

DFPT Finalizes
Conceptual
Design Report

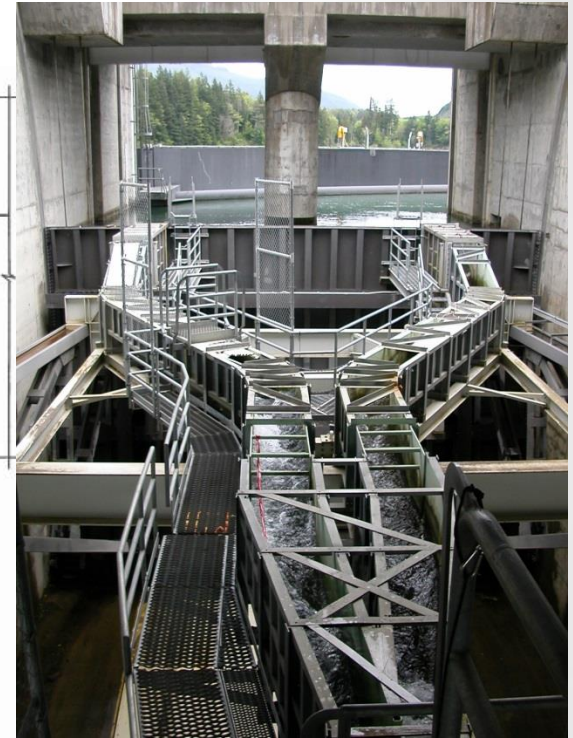
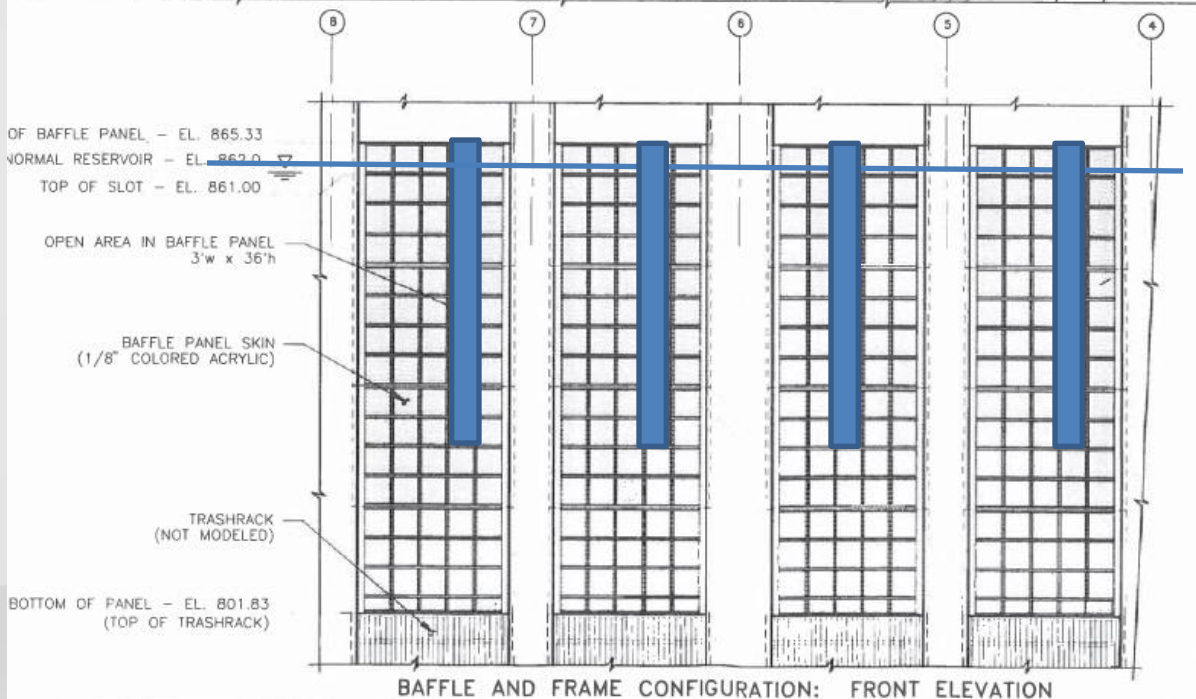
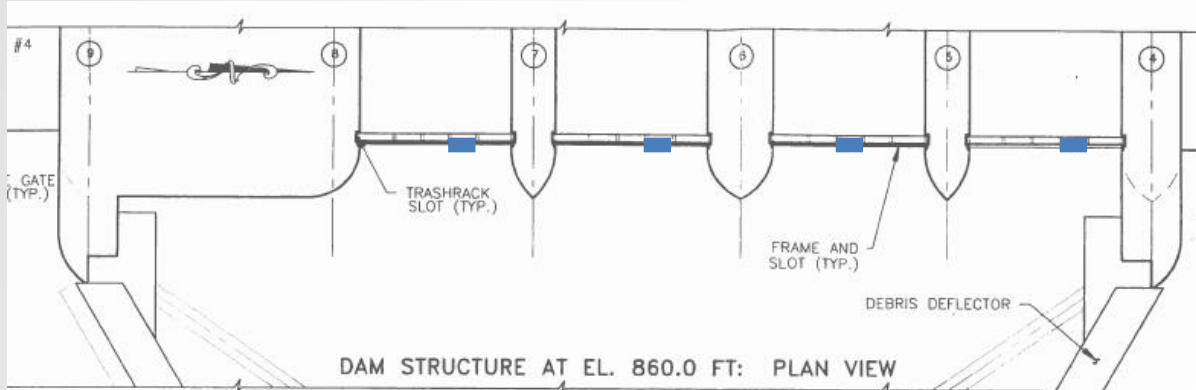
Tacoma Power
continues with
their Fish
Collection Efforts
& Commences
with Design of
the CFNSC



Tacoma Power
Fish Collection
Efforts



BPA FISH COLLECTION EFFORTS




ENSR
ENSR Consulting and Engineering Scale: 1" = 15' (Prototype)

FIGURE F-01
BAFFLE FRAME & SLOT LAYOUT
FINAL DESIGN MODIFICATIONS
HARZA NORTHWEST, INC.
COWLITZ FALLS PROJECT

DRAWN: M.V.G.	DATE: JUNE 1993	PROJECT NO:	REV
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TACOMA POWER FISH COLLECTION EFFORTS



2002

- Convened Fisheries Technical Committee

2003-2004

- Executed an Access Agreement with LCPUD & BPA
- Conducted Fish Studies with LCPUD & BPA

2005-2007

- Designed, Fabricated and Installed the Cowlitz Falls Fish Screen





TACOMA POWER FISH COLLECTION EFFORTS



2008

- Modified CF Fish Screen
- Installed Merwin Traps in Lake Scanewa to supplement collection

2009


- Designed, Fabricated and Installed Siphon Flow Weir Box
- Abandoned after 1 season due to dam safety concerns
- Formed DFPT



DOWNSTREAM FISH PASSAGE TEAM (DFPT)

- Tacoma Power convened the DFPT comprised of consulting engineers and biologists, Tacoma Power and LCPUD Staff, and state and federal agency staff.

- Goal of DFPT was to advance the most promising alternatives which considered all of the complexities at the Cowlitz Falls Project that included:
 - Variable flows
 - Net limitations, flow, bathymetry
 - Turbines
 - Debris barrier
 - Sluice Gate Operation
 - Spillway Operation




TACOMA POWER FISH COLLECTION EFFORTS

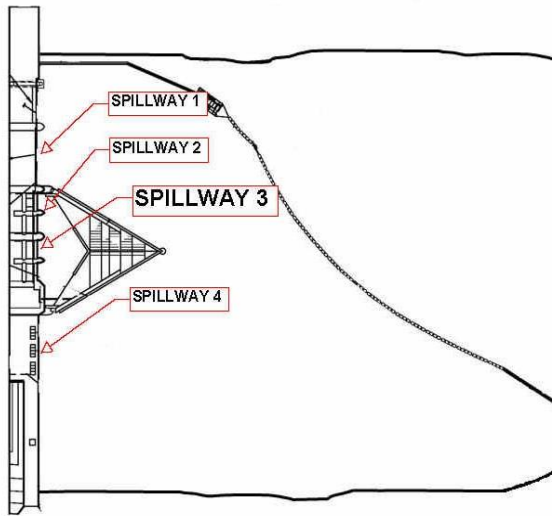


2010-2011

- Experimented with 2 version of a Behavioral Guidance System (BGS)



TACOMA POWER FISH COLLECTION EFFORTS



2012- Present

- Experimented with a prototype weir box
 - Overflow weir located at Spillbay #3
 - Connects to existing spillway flumes
 - Flows driven by Unit #2)

INITIAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CASES 1-3



Key Features:

- Shore Based
- Various Entrance Configurations
 - Case 1 – Upstream Only
 - Case 2 – Upstream & Downstream
 - Case 3 – Downstream Only
- 625cfs Base Configurations Expandable to 875cfs
- Reliant on Effective Guidance Structure



INITIAL DESIGN STEPS

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:

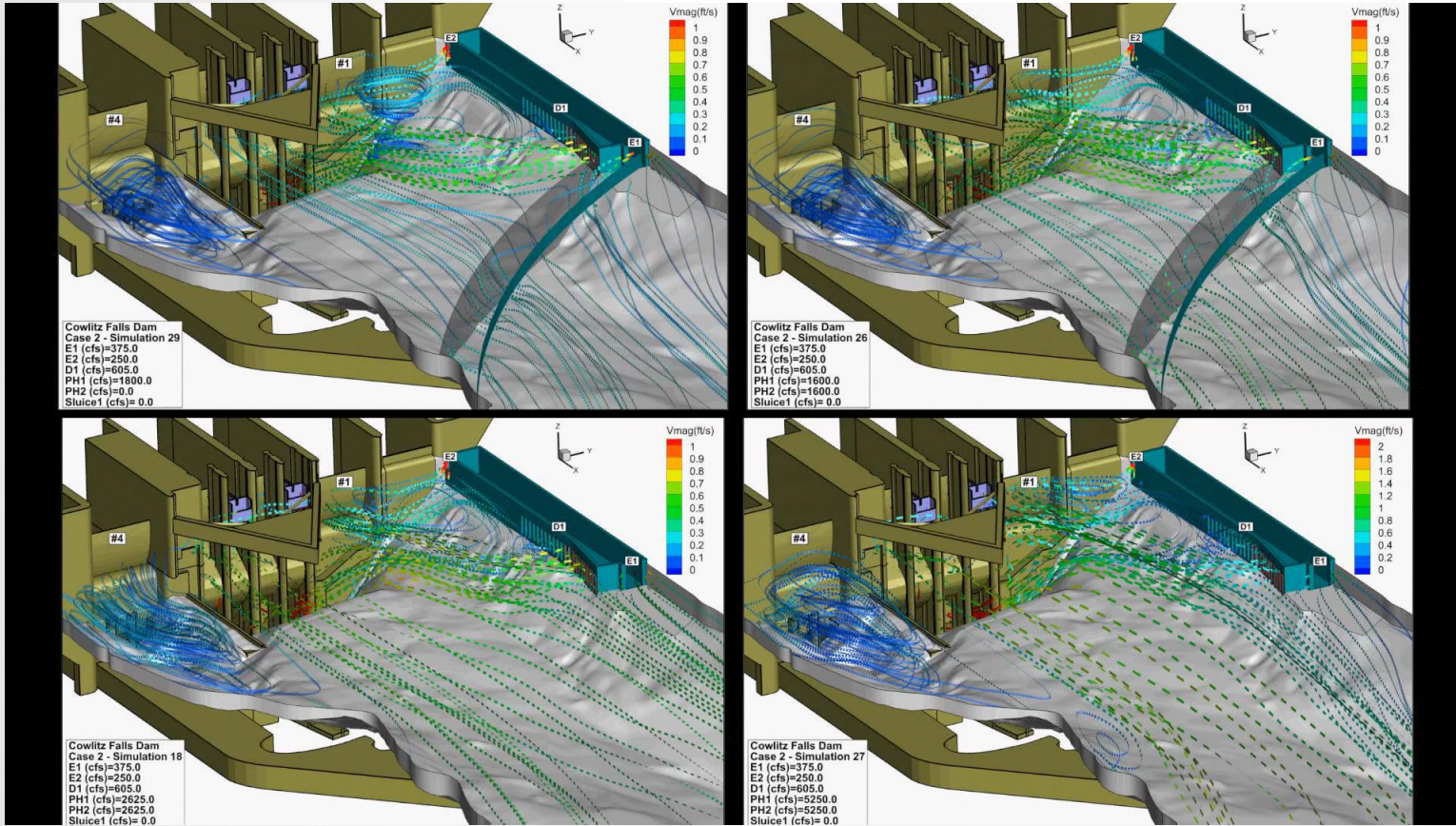


KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- DRILLED 10 BORINGS (4 FROM BARGE)
- DISCOVERED THAT ROCK CONTOURS AND PROPERTIES WERE VERY UNFAVORABLE TO CONSTRUCTION OF CASES 1-3

INITIAL DESIGN STEPS

HYDRAULIC MODELING STUDY:



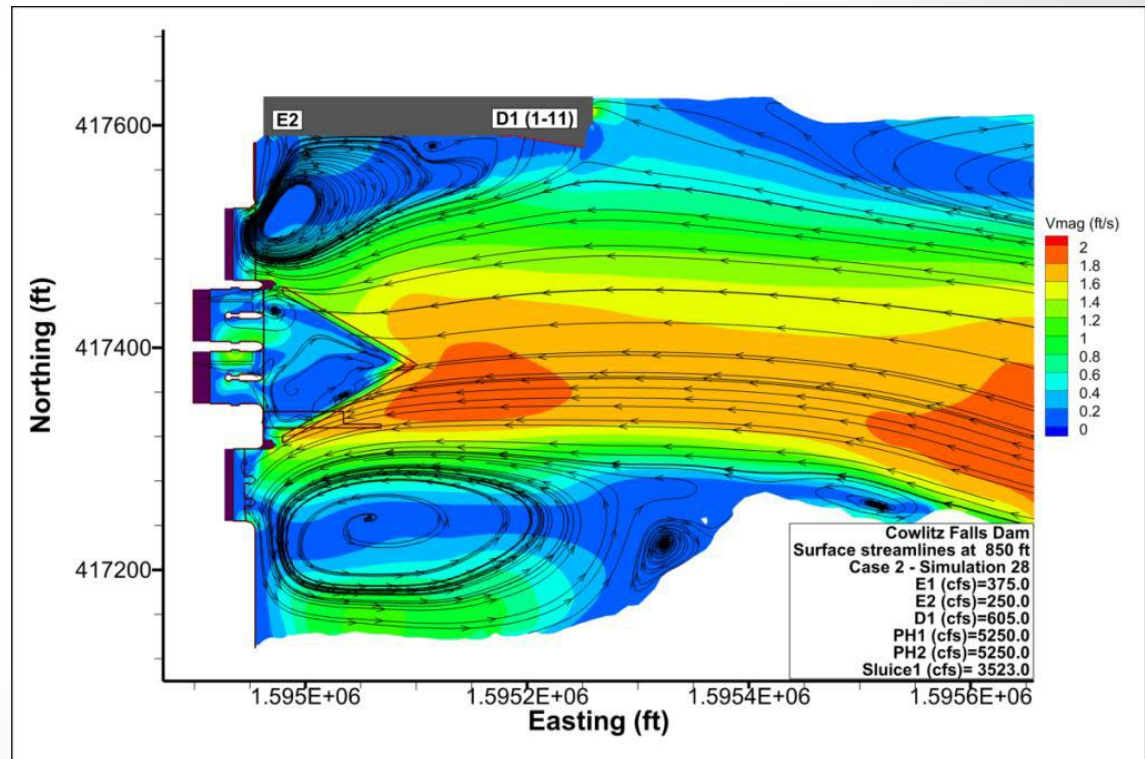


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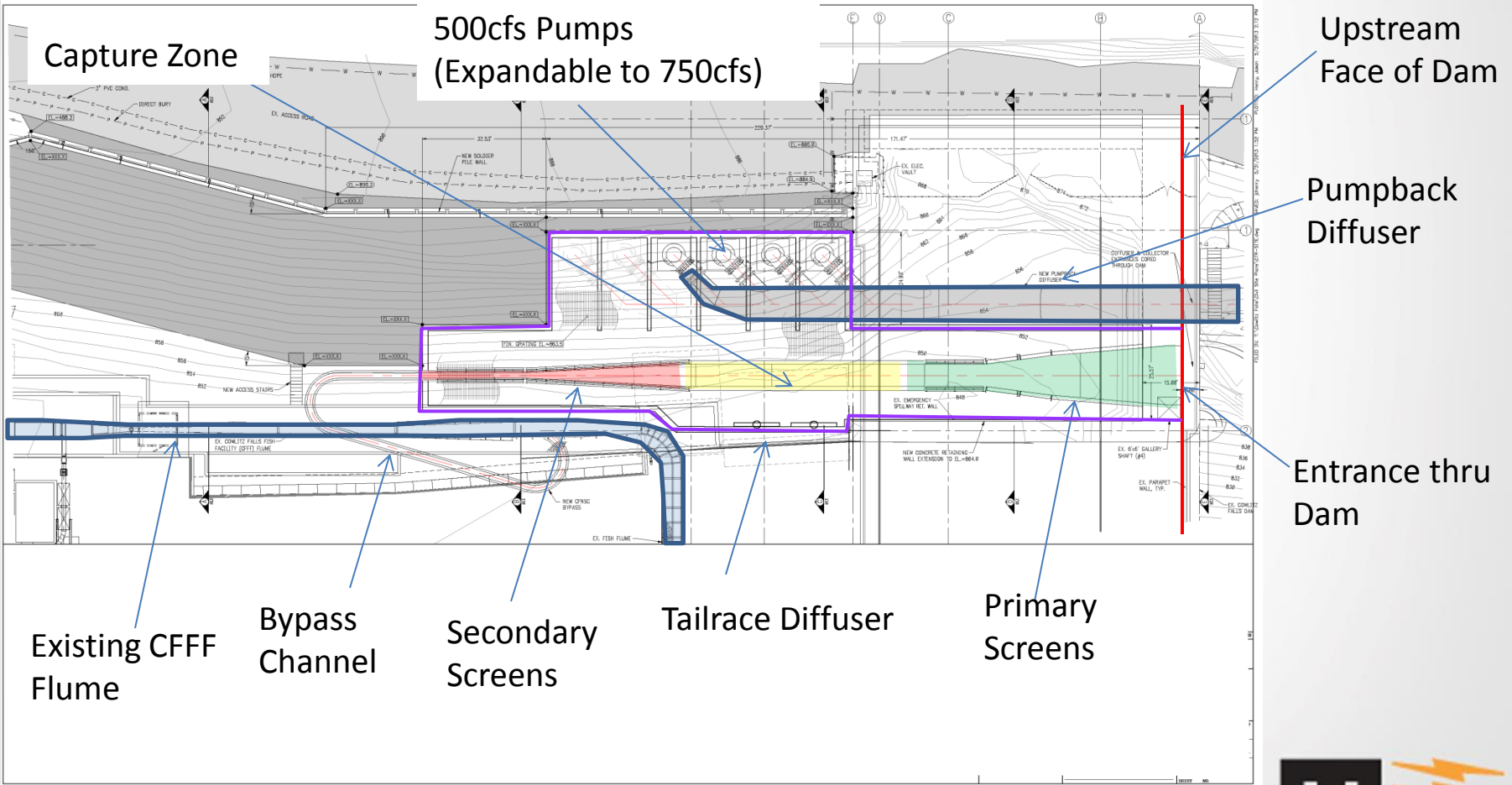
➤ IMPRESSIVE COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS (CFD) ANALYSIS WHICH INCLUDED:

- Effect of BGS and Guide Net
- Effect of Sluice Gate Operation
- Various flow conditions from no generation to spill
- Velocity vectors (at surface and at depth)
- Surface streamlines
- Animated 3-D Streamlines
- Virtual Injection Analysis



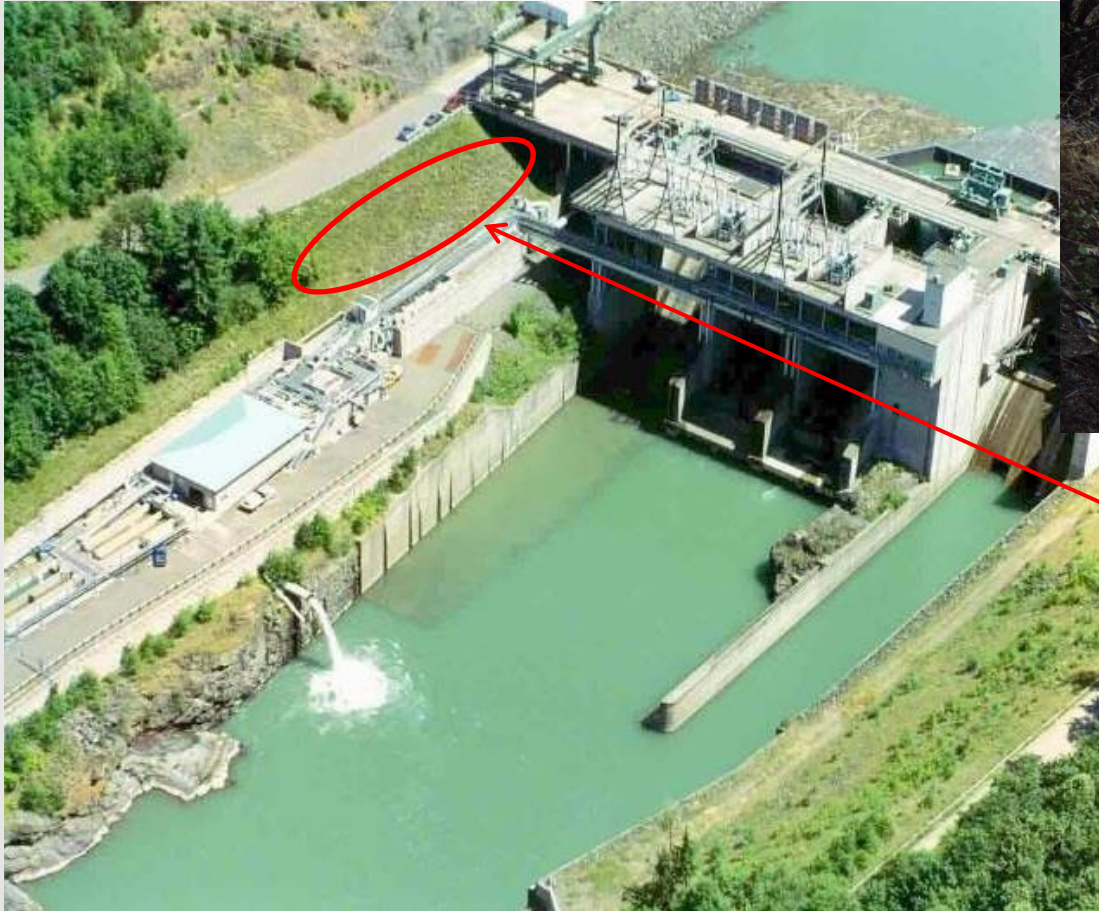
FINAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

CASE 4



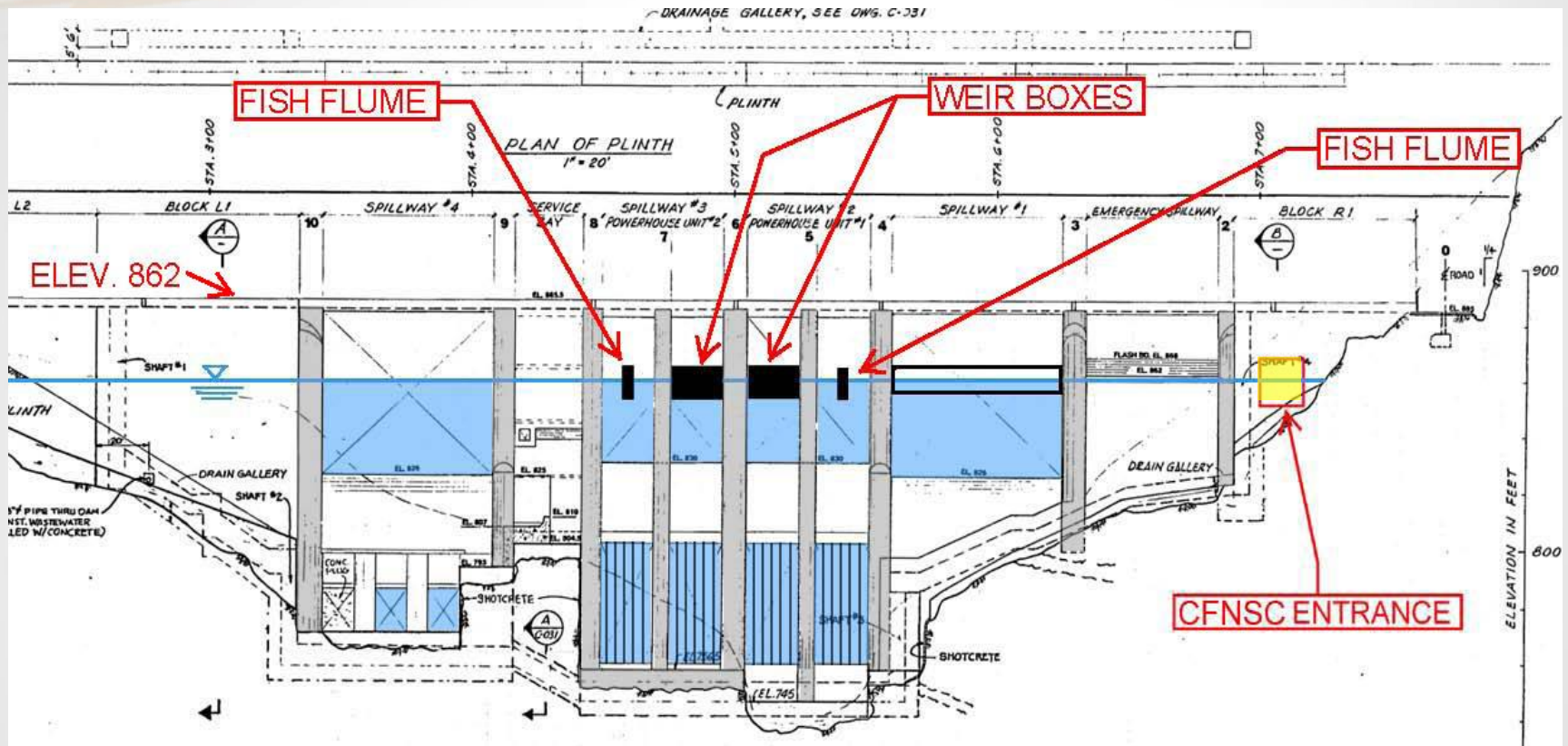


FINAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CASE 4

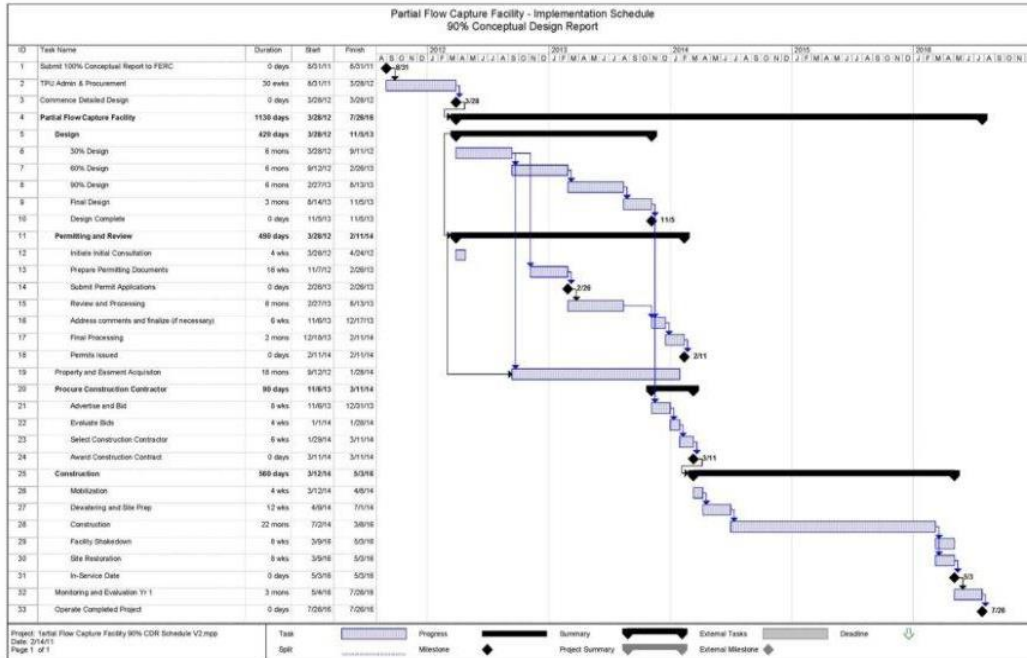


**PROPOSED
LOCATION**

FINAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CASE 4



PROPOSED SCHEDULE



- Commence Detailed Design.....2/23/13
- Complete Design Drawings.....8/7/14
- Advertise Bid.....11/12/14
- Commence Construction.....1/12/15
- Complete Construction.....12/31/16
- In-Service.....3/31/17

Figure 4.1-1 Partial Flow Capture Facility Implementation Schedule



KEY DESIGN PROCESS TAKEAWAYS

- FISH PASSAGE DESIGN IS VERY SITE SPECIFIC
- THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A CONCEPT IS AS CHALLENGING AS THE TECHNICAL DESIGN
- BIOLOGY NEEDS TO DRIVE ENGINEERING, BUT NOT ALWAYS FEASIBLE
- GOAL OF “FAST” DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION IS DIFFICULT
- HYDRAULIC FLOW DATA IS USEFUL IF USED CAUTIOUSLY AND AS A SUPPLEMENT TO BIOLOGICAL DATA
- DUE DILIGENCE WILL REDUCE RISKS

QUESTIONS?

