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Re-defining upstream fish passage

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FISH PASSAGE SOLUTIONS

(A BETTER WAY FOR FISH AND THE ENVIRONMENT)



REDEFINING UPSTREAM PASSAGE

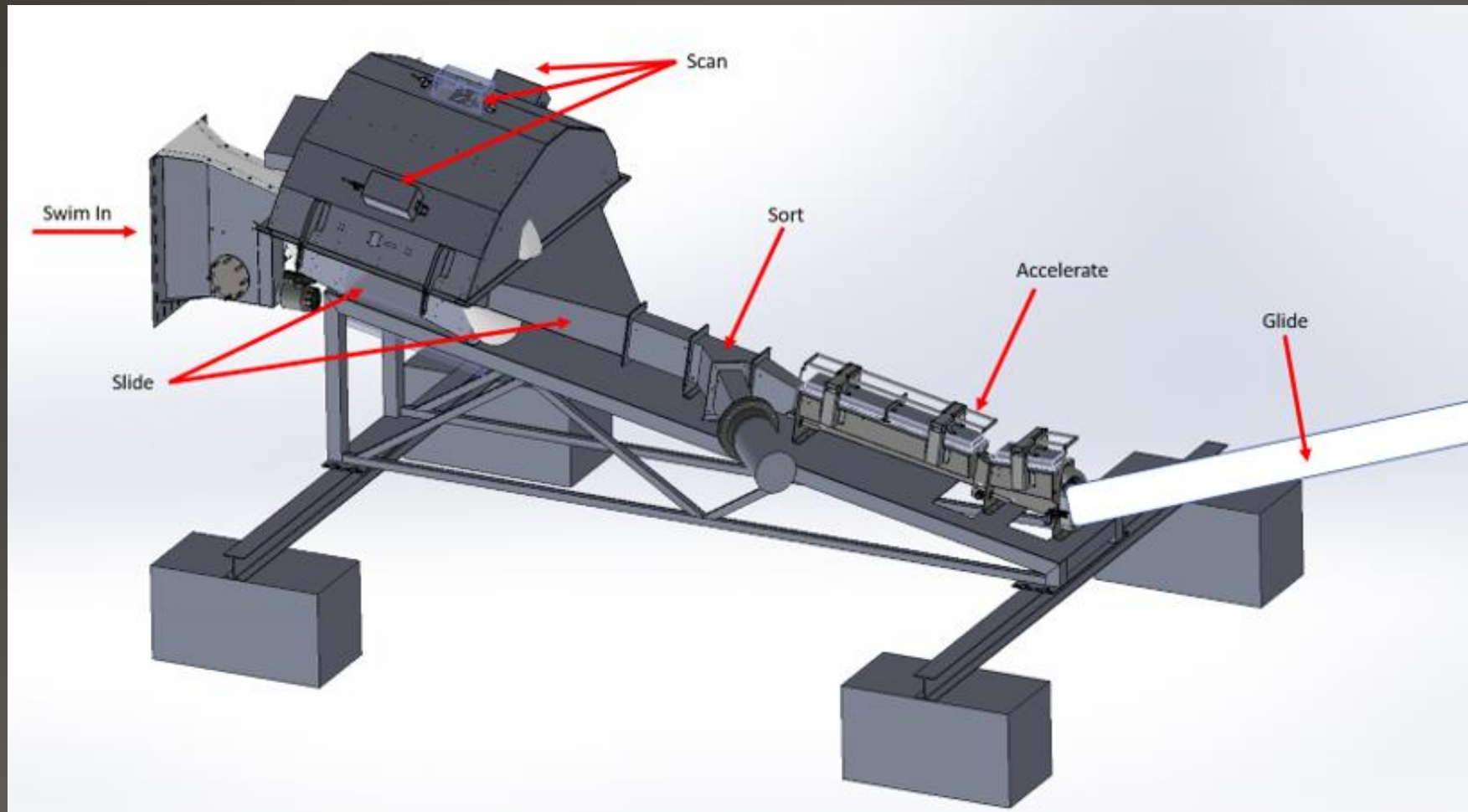
Conventional Passage

- Expensive
- Large construction footprint
- Years to plan & install
- Hours/Days for fish to pass
- Depletes energy reserves
- Uncontrolled invasive spread
- Chronic performance problems requiring adaptive management

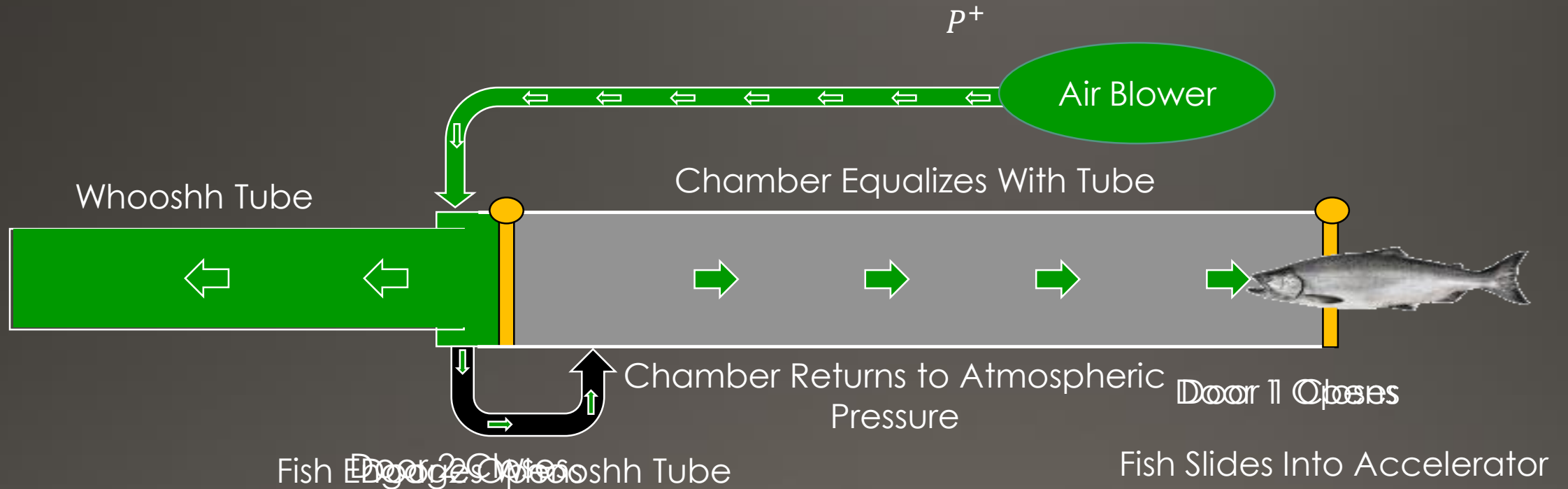
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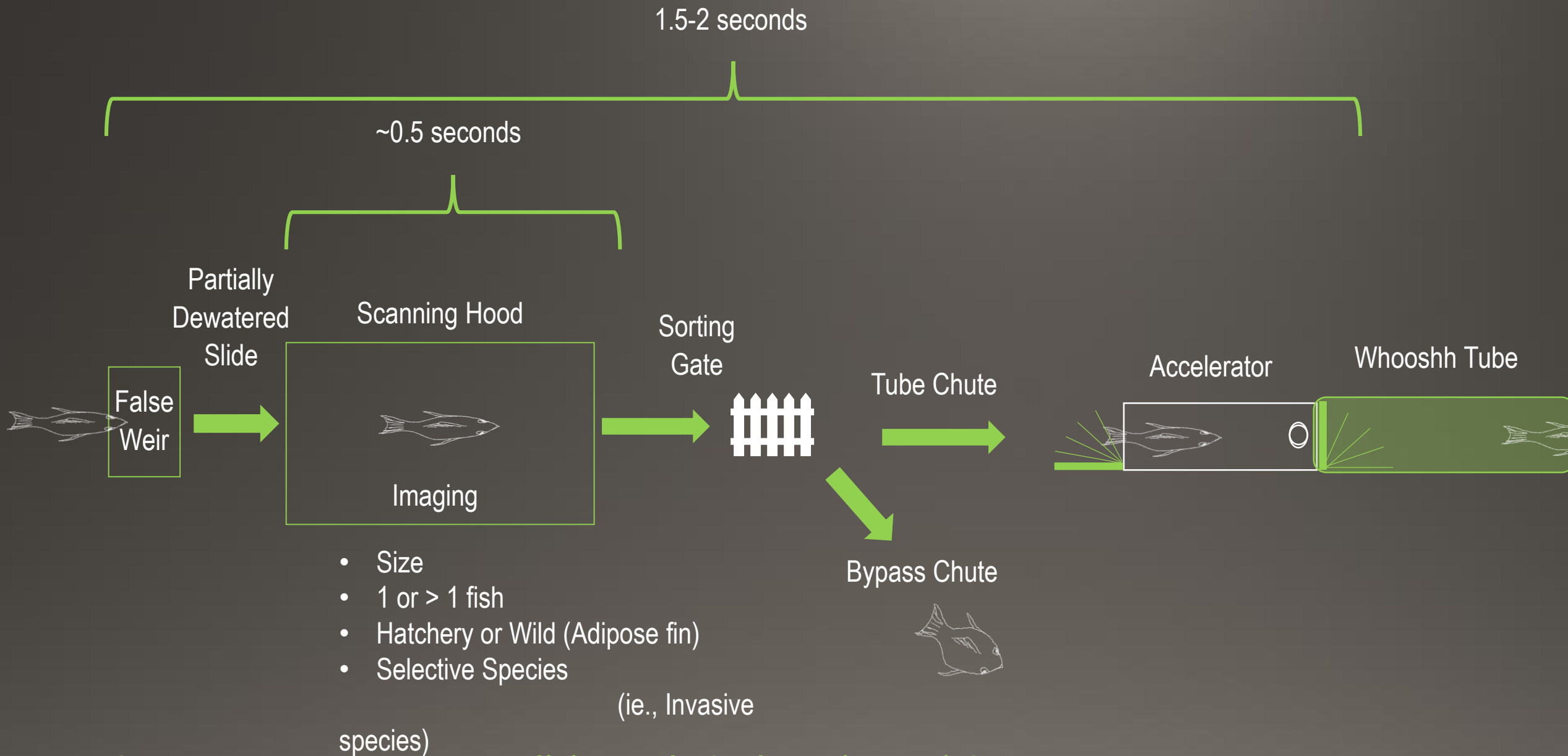
- Cost effective
- Minimum impact to environment
- Months to deploy
- Passage in seconds
- Minimal energy expenditure
- Selective passage
- Rapid data driven performance optimization
- Renewable Energy

MAIN ENTRY COMPONENTS



HOW DO THE FISH ENTER THE TUBE? THE WHOOSH ACCCELERATOR SEQUENCE

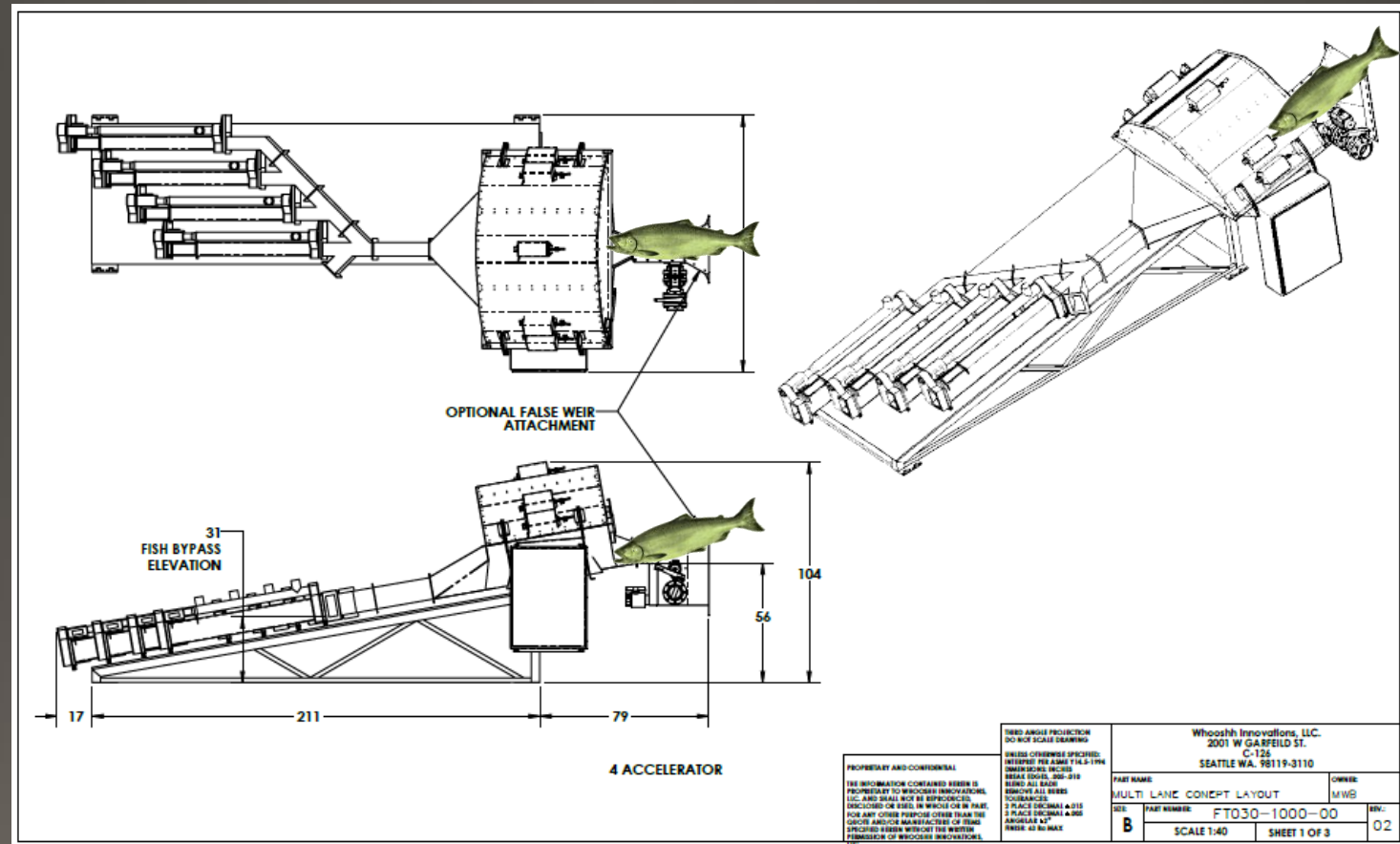




WFTS: Autonomous, Volitional, Selective Fish Passage

MODULAR ENTRY SYSTEM

- Volitional Entry
- Machine Vision
- Scanning
- Automated Sorting
 - Inputs
 - Bypass
 - Sorting gates
- Accelerator(s)



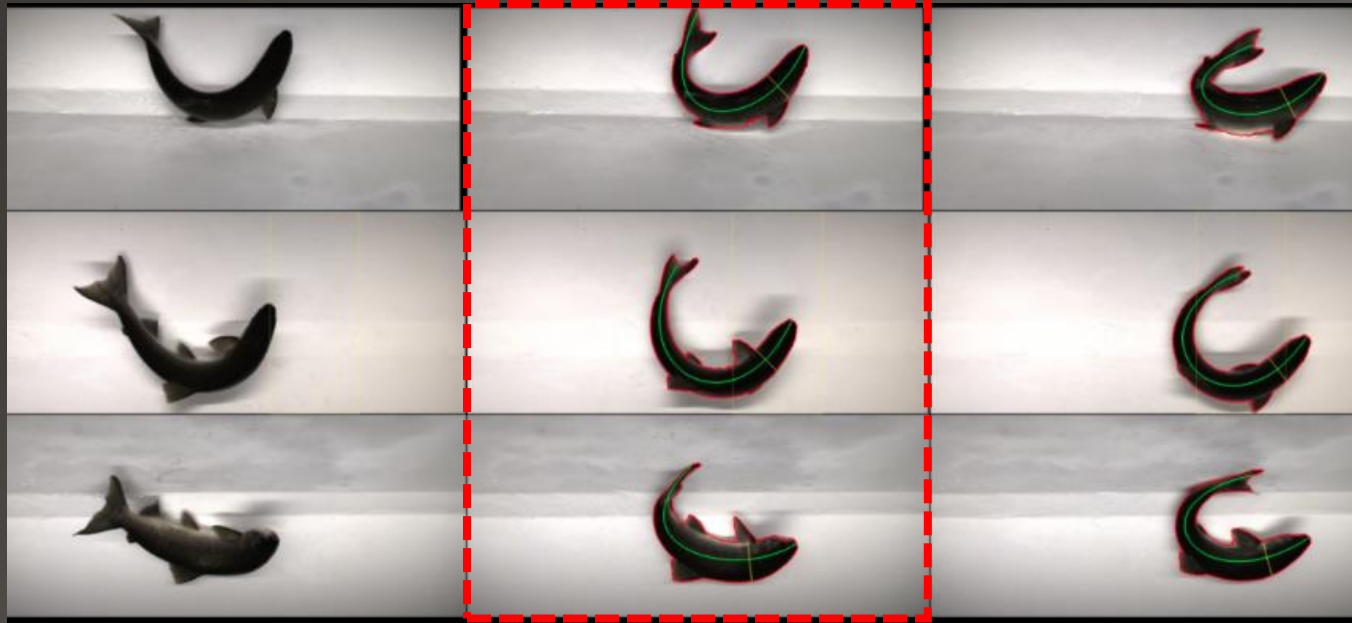
MACHINE VISION SCANNING

Each fish image is captured and analyzed in real-time

Image #1

Image #2

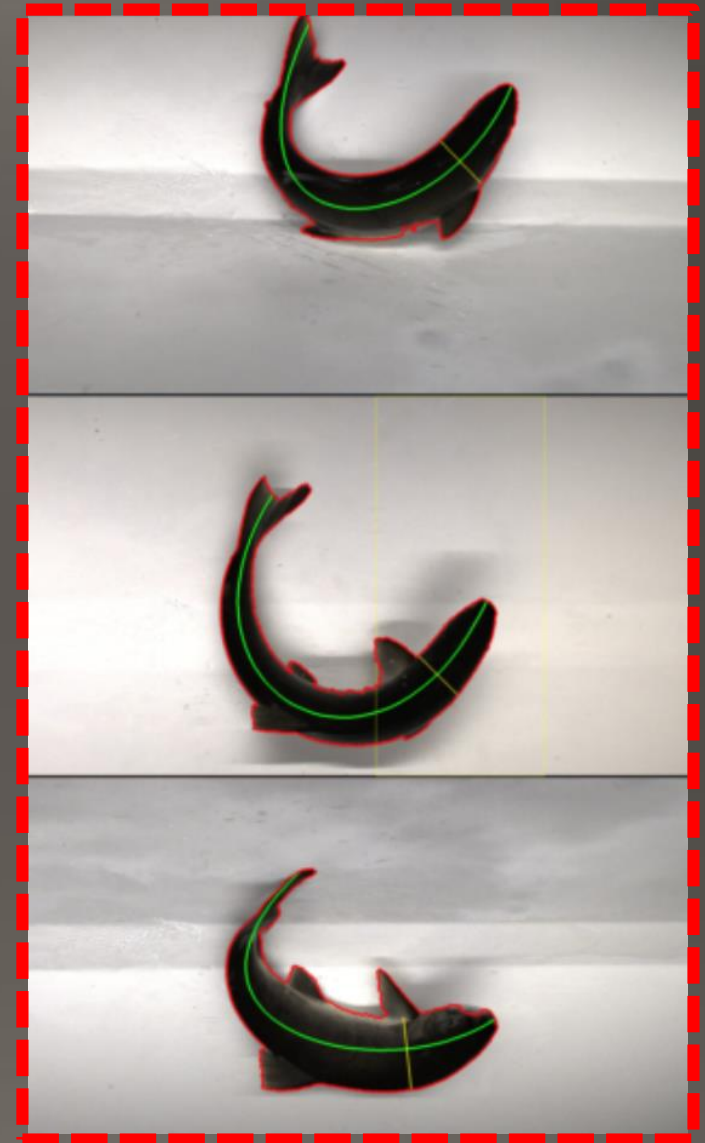
Image #3



Left
Camera

Top
Camera

Right
Camera



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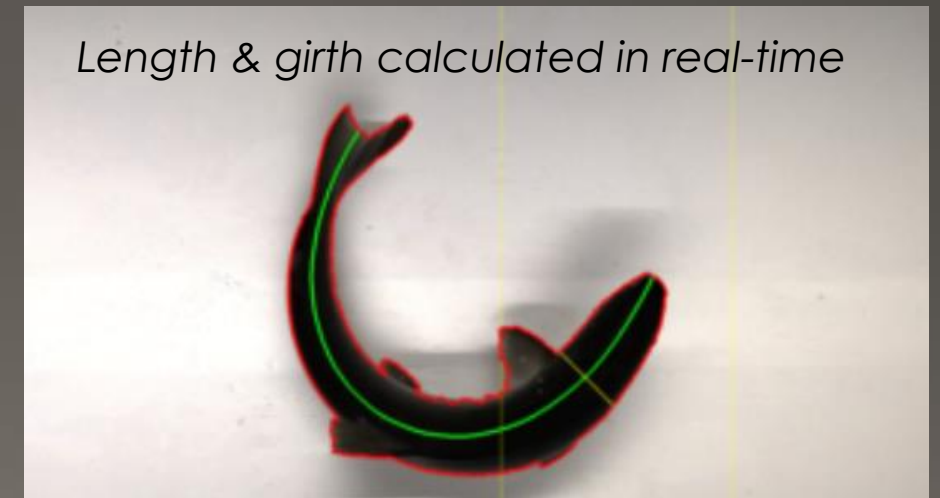
SCANNING CAPABILITIES

Current Capabilities:

- Size (*Girth, Width, Length*)
- Speciation by size (*Girth, Length*)

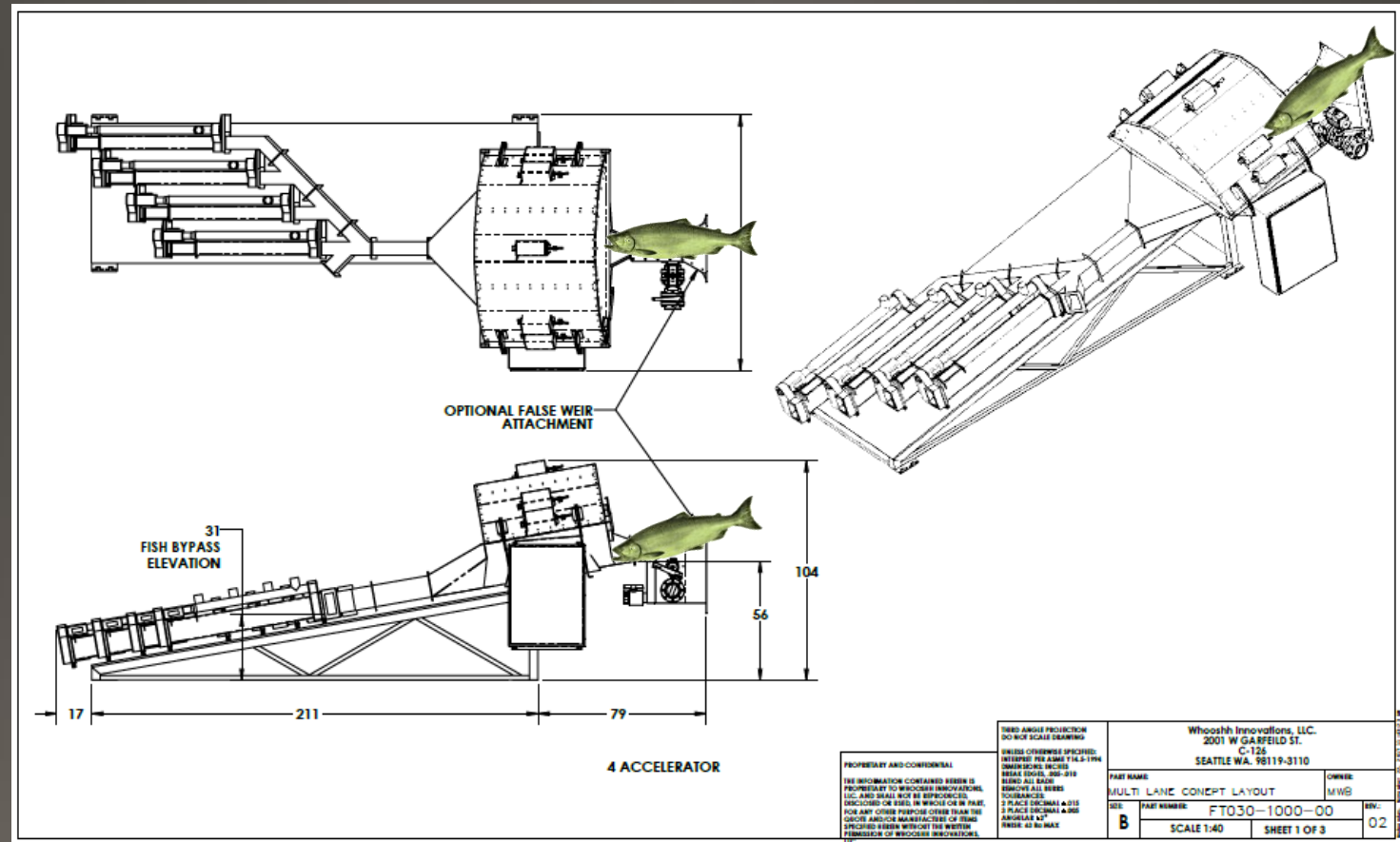
Upcoming Developments:

- **Hatchery vs. Wild**
 - Adipose fin presence detection
 - Testing Summer 2018
- **Speciation**
 - Morphometrics
 - Color
 - Pattern recognition
 - (Asian Carp Testing Q4 2018-Q1 2019)



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AUTONOMOUS, SELECTIVE, VOLITIONAL FISH PASSAGE

Modular System

- Allows you to go over any dam

Active Fisheries Management

- Hatchery vs Wild
- Invasive control
- Species selection

Deployment Speed

- Make an impact sooner

Better fish outcomes

- See www.whoosh.com/studies.html

Iterative deployment possible

- Test before “shovel ready”
- Optimize performance/placement
- Pilot
 - ✓ Incremental results
 - ✓ Staged financing

Deployment Speed

- Months vs Years

Power & water savings

- Enables power generation

Cost effective

- 20% of conventional high head passage capital cost
 - ✓ 35% for low head
- Significantly lower O&M cost

Changes public perception of dams

FISH PASSAGE MUST BE:

Attribute*

Measurement/Evidence

Safe

Survival, reproduction, injury, behavior, disease transmission

Timely and Efficient

Volitional, selective, passage time, energy reserves, travel time and distance

Effective

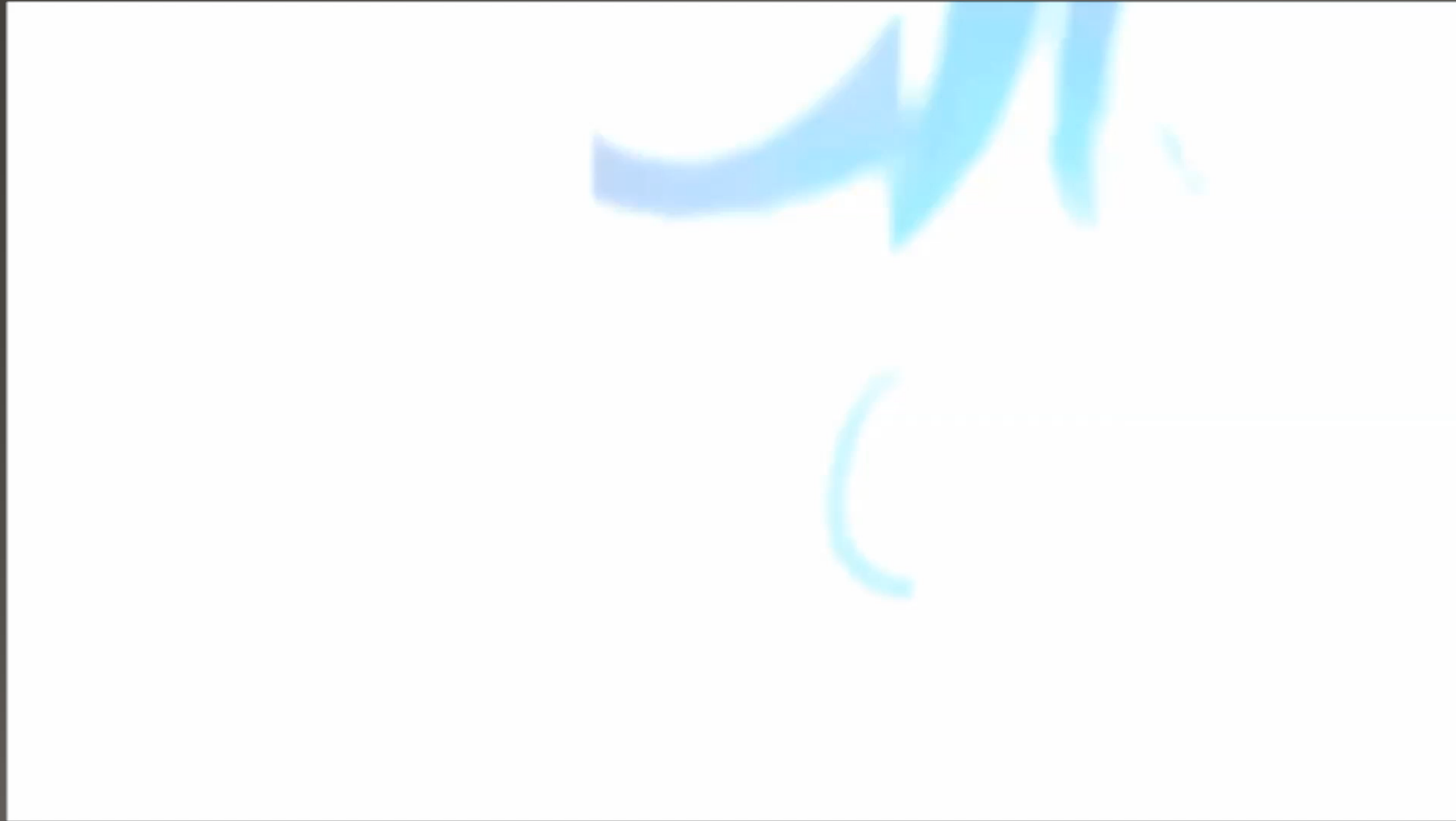
Migration, Homing, Durable

*NMFS fish passage guidelines

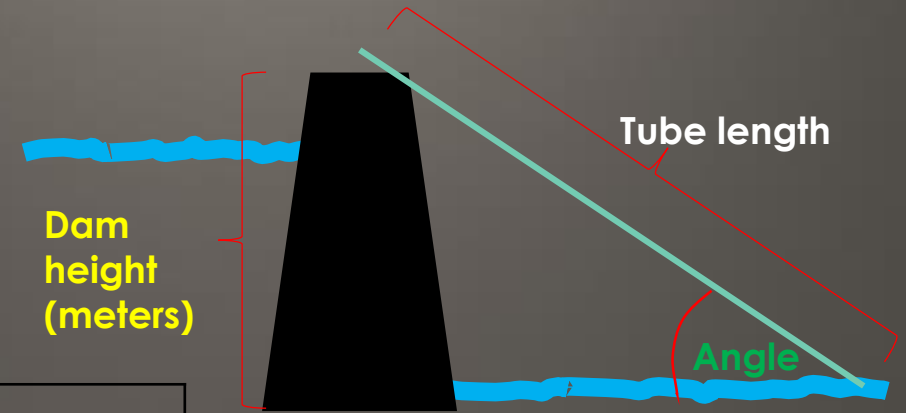


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CLE ELUM PILOT



BARRIER HEIGHTS



	Angle (degrees)				
Tube Length (meters)	0	10	20	30	40
31	0	5	10	15	20
76	0	13	26	38	49
153	0	26	52	76	98
229	0	40	78	114	147
305	0	53	104	153	196
336	0	58	115	168	216
381	0	66	130	191	245
458	0	79	156	229	294
534	0	93	183	267	343

KEY TAKEAWAY'S

AUTONOMOUS, SELECTIVE, VOLITIONAL FISH PASSAGE

- ~20% of the cost of a traditional system
 - 60-80% savings on the initial capital cost
- ~50% of the O&M cost of a traditional system
- Deploy in months instead of years
- Selective passage automatically
- Fish migrate in seconds instead of hours/days
- More Energy = More Spawning = Nutrient Rich Environment
- Water diversion is not required
 - = ↑ power generation
 - = ↑ water available for irrigation



THE FIRST AUTONOMOUS, SELECTIVE, VOLITIONAL
FISH PASSAGE SOLUTION IN THE WORLD