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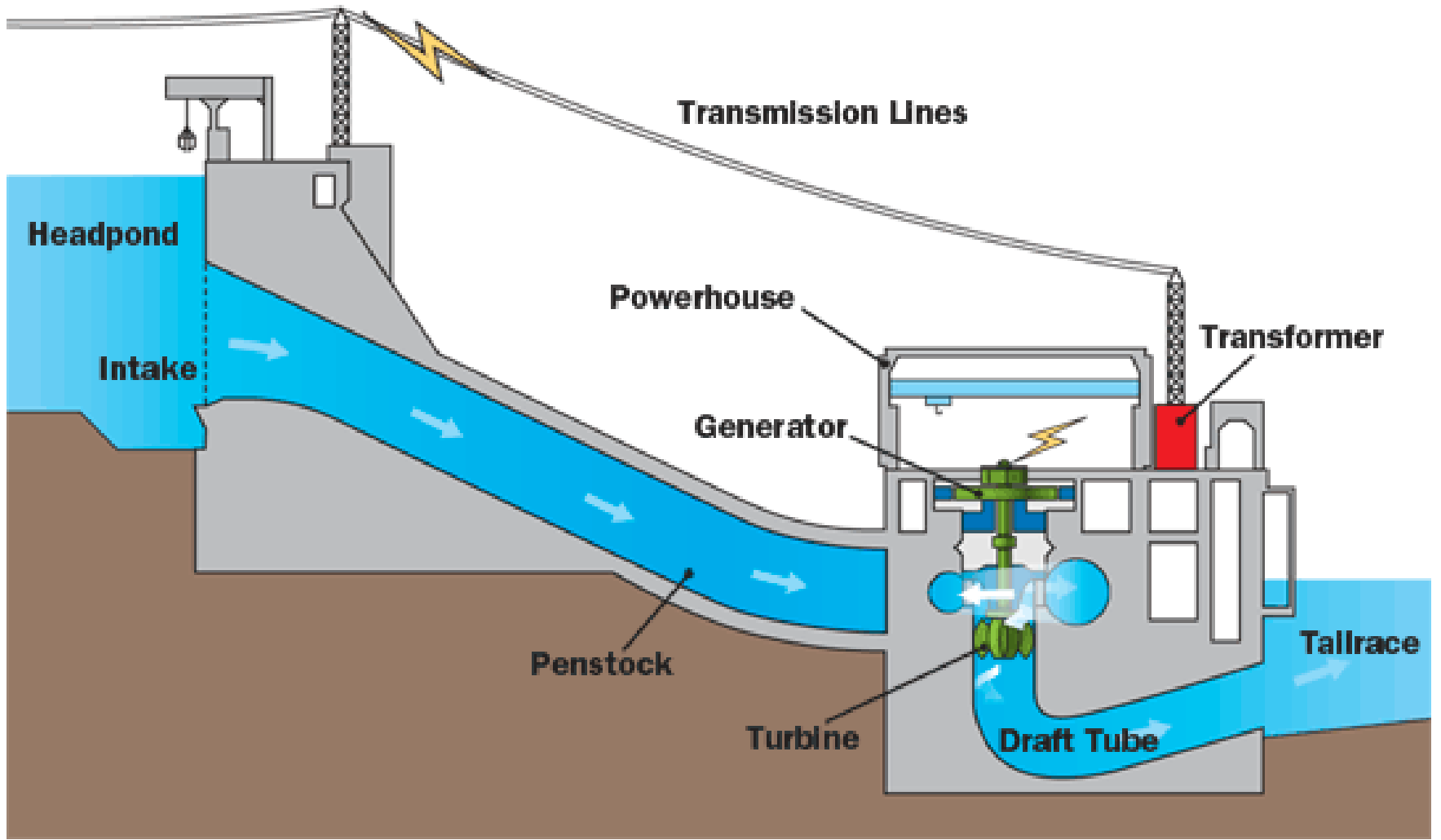
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# FISH PASSAGE PHILOSOPHY ON EUROPEAN RIVERS FUELLING HYDROPOWER INSTALLATIONS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

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**DEPRESSION**

**RECESSION**

**AUSTERITY**

ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES

PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHICAL

BIOLOGICAL IMPERATIVES

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

**FISHERIES LEGISLATION**

**INLAND FISHERIES**

**RECREATIONAL FISHERIES**

**LEGACY**

**ACTIVITY**

**ENTHUSIASM**

**BLAME**

FOR ANADROMOUS AND CATADROMOUS SPECIES, SUCCESSFUL UPSTREAM MIGRATION OF ADULTS AND JUVENILES, RESPECTIVELY, CREATES DEMANDS FOR SUCCESSFUL DOWNSTREAM MIGRATION OF JUVENILES AND ADULTS, RESPECTIVELY



# GAME CHANGERS

On 23 October 2000, the "[Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy](#)" or, in short, the **EU Water Framework Directive** .....came into force

Council Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 of 18 September 2007 establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel

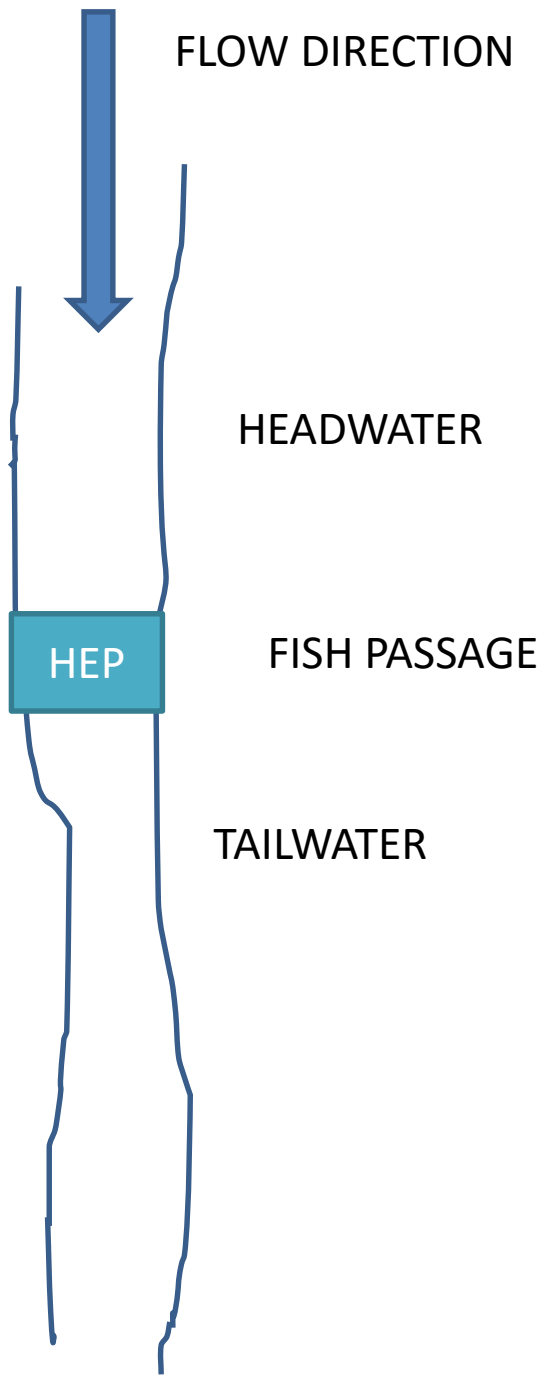
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**RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

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**SOLUTIONS**



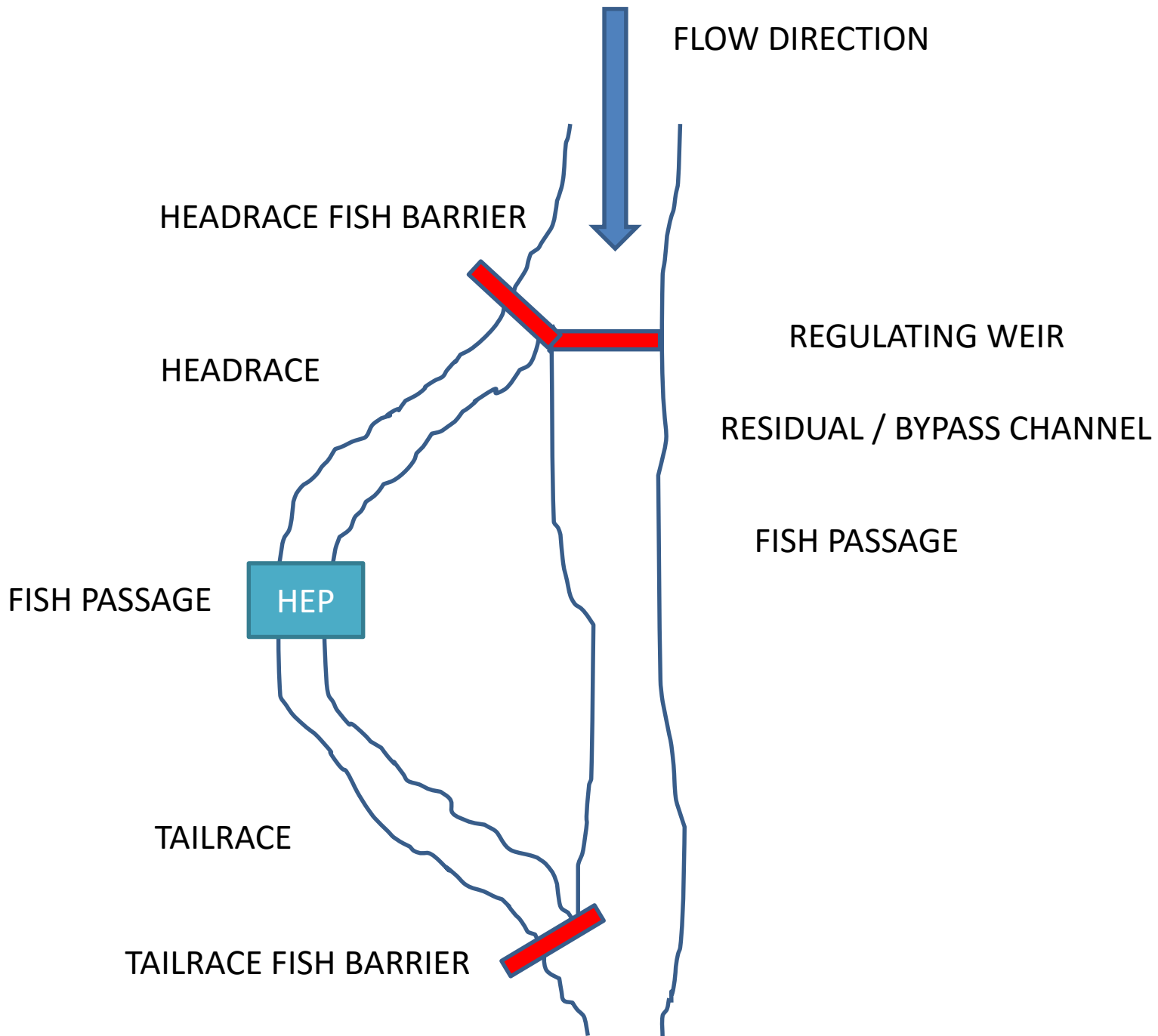
FLOW DIRECTION

HEADWATER

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FISH PASSAGE

TAILWATER



# GRADUATED FIELD FISH BARRIER CONCERNS

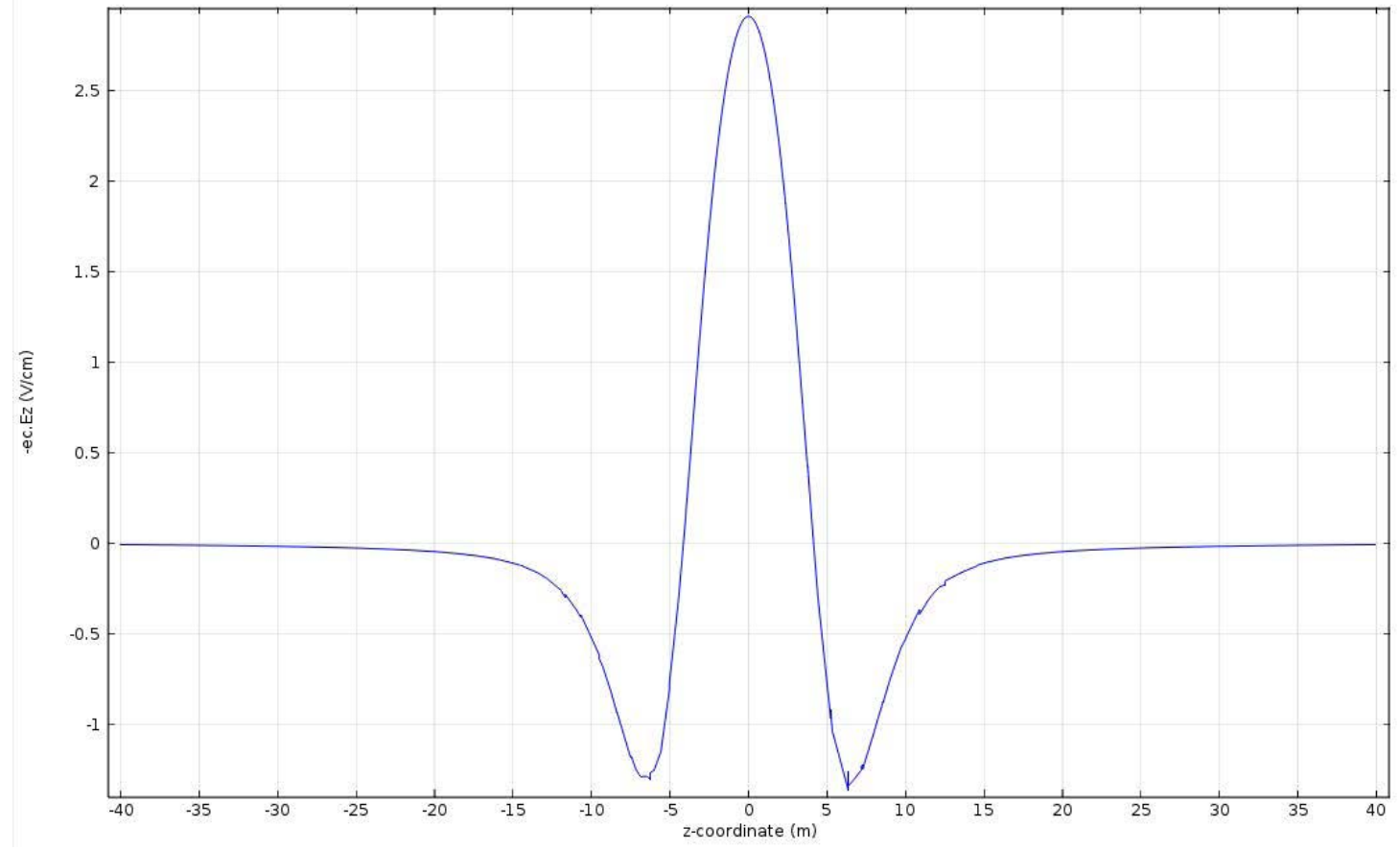
- SAFETY

- RELIABILITY

- EFFICIENCY

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR GRADUATED FIELD FISH BARRIER INSTALLATION

- VOLUME OF WATER TO BE ELECTRIFIED ( $m^3$ )
- WATER CONDUCTIVITY ( $\mu S/cm$ )
- VOLTAGE GRADIENT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ELECTRIC FIELD ( $v/cm$ )
- LOCATION OF PEAK SURFACE VOLTAGE GRADIENT ( $v/cm$ )

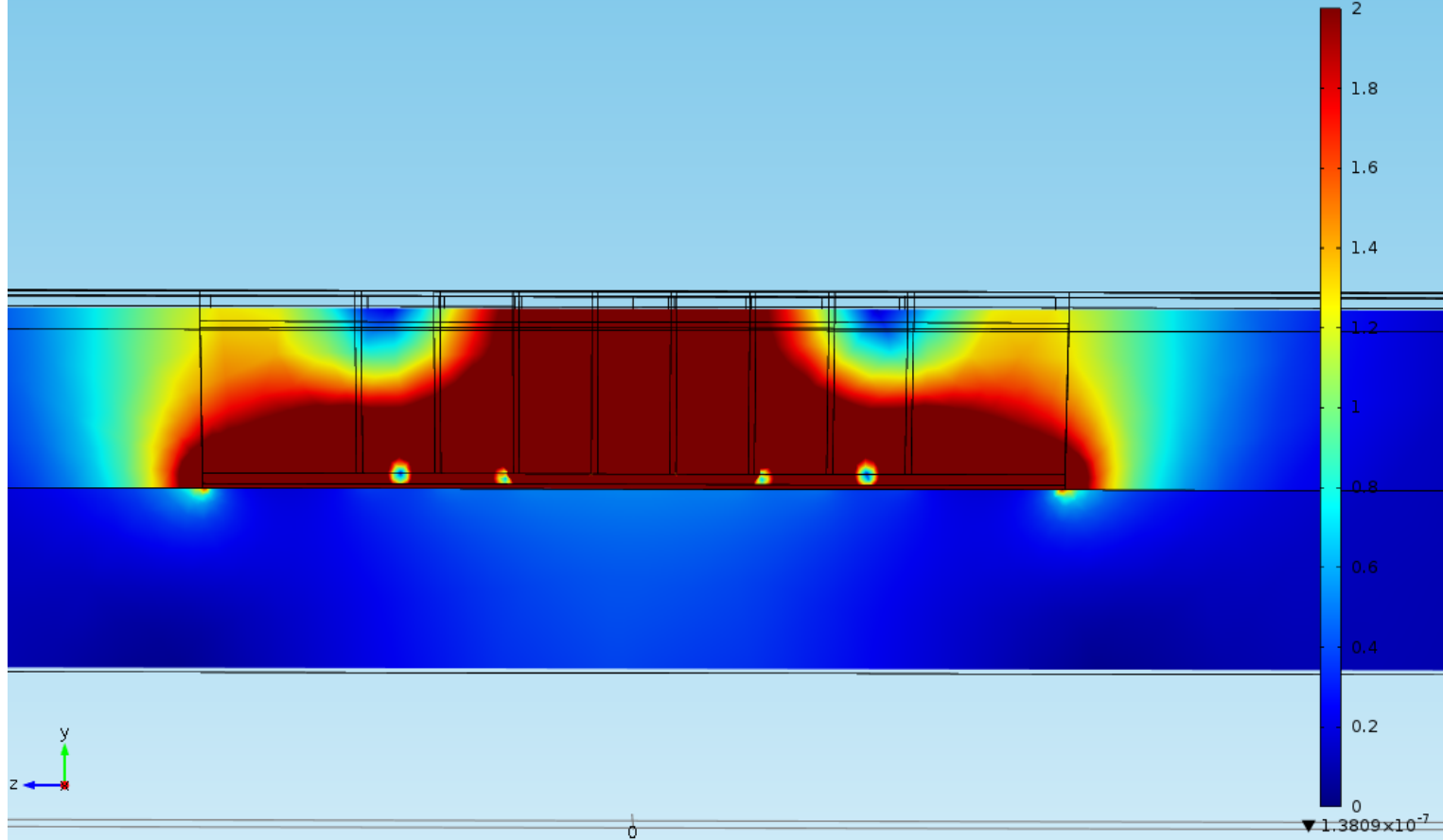




Slice: Electric field norm (V/cm)

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MULTIPHYSICS

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LIFE IS (NOT) A LONG QUIET  
RIVER.....

AND EVERY INDUSTRIAL RIVER  
HAS A STORY WORTH TELLING

CUL-DE-SACS

RESIDUAL CHANNEL

TAILRACE CANAL

SPILLWAY CHANNEL

DRAFT TUBE

## GRADUATED FIELD FISH BARRIER FEASIBILITY STUDIES / INSTALLATIONS IN EUROPE

Country	Location	Rationale	Species	Control direction	Installation
Norway	Litldalselva	<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> infestation	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Drammen	<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> infestation	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Laerdalselva	<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> infestation	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Mesna	Exclusion of a nuisance species	Northern Pike	Downstream	
	Rygene (Nidelva)	Exclusion from tailrace	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	+
	Evenstad (Nidelva)	Exclusion from tailrace	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Bjelland (Mandal)	Exclusion from tailrace	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Kjeldal Lock (Telemark Canal)	Exclusion from upstream lakes	Northern Pike	Upstream	+
Sweden	Forshaga (Claralven)	Guiding upstream migrants	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
UK	Pitlochry (Tummel)	Exclusion from tailrace	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Mossford	Exclusion from tailrace	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Shin	Exclusion from tailrace	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
	Beeston Weir (Trent)	Exclusion from draft tubes	Freshwater fish species	Upstream	+
Switzerland	Vessey (Arve)	Exclusion from tailrace	Brown trout	Upstream	+
Ireland	Ardnacrusha (Shannon)	Exclusion from tailrace	Atlantic salmon	Upstream	
		Exclusion from tailrace	Sea Lamprey	Upstream	
		Exclusion from headrace canal	European eel	Downstream	

Carl Burger *et al* 2015

# Barrier technology helps deter fish at hydro facilities

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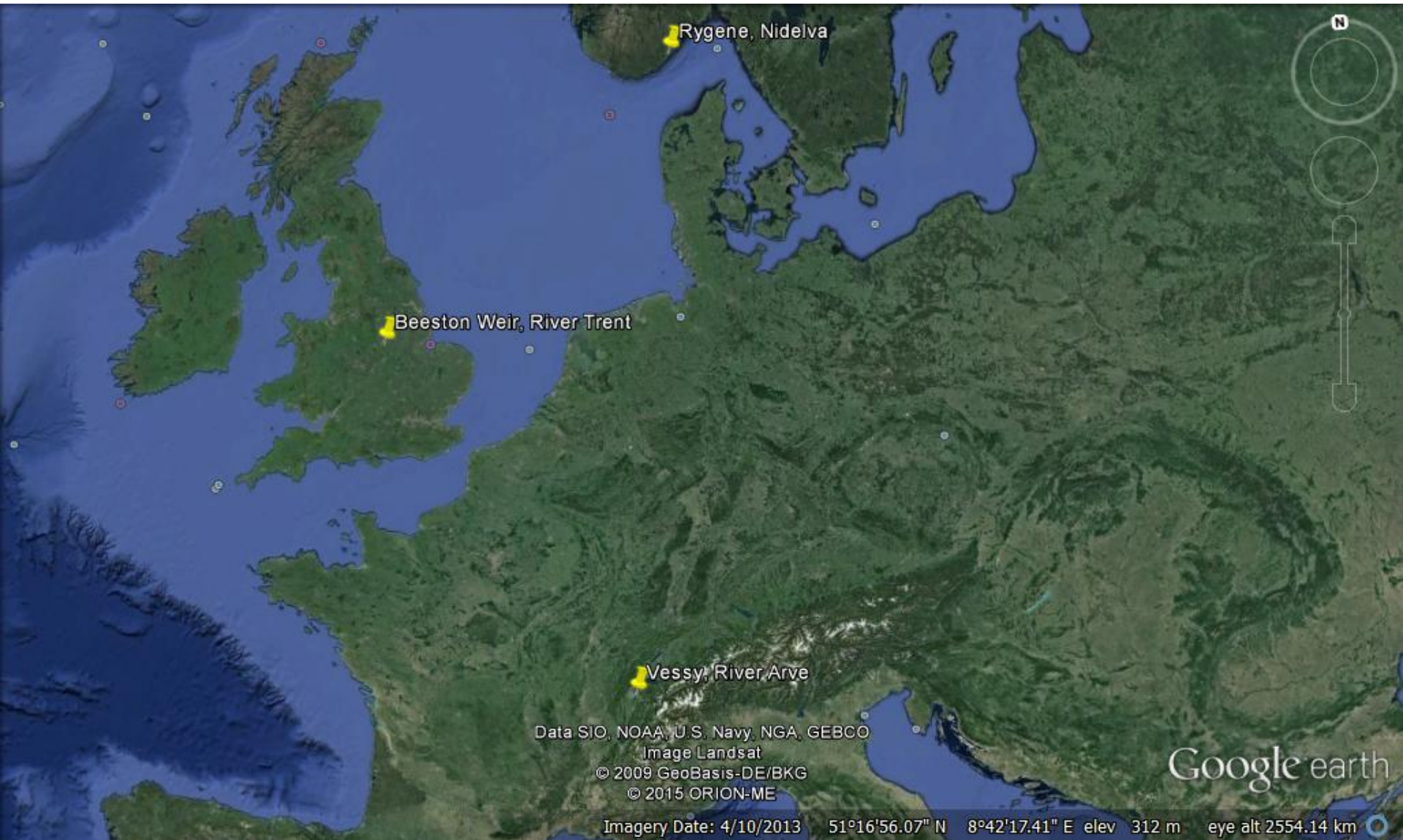
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# Blocking or guiding upstream-migrating fish: a commentary on the success of the graduated field electric fish barrier

International Fish Screening Techniques

Eds Turnpenny & Horsfield.

Witpress, Southampton, UK



Rygene, Nidelva

Beeston Weir, River Trent

Vessy, River Arve

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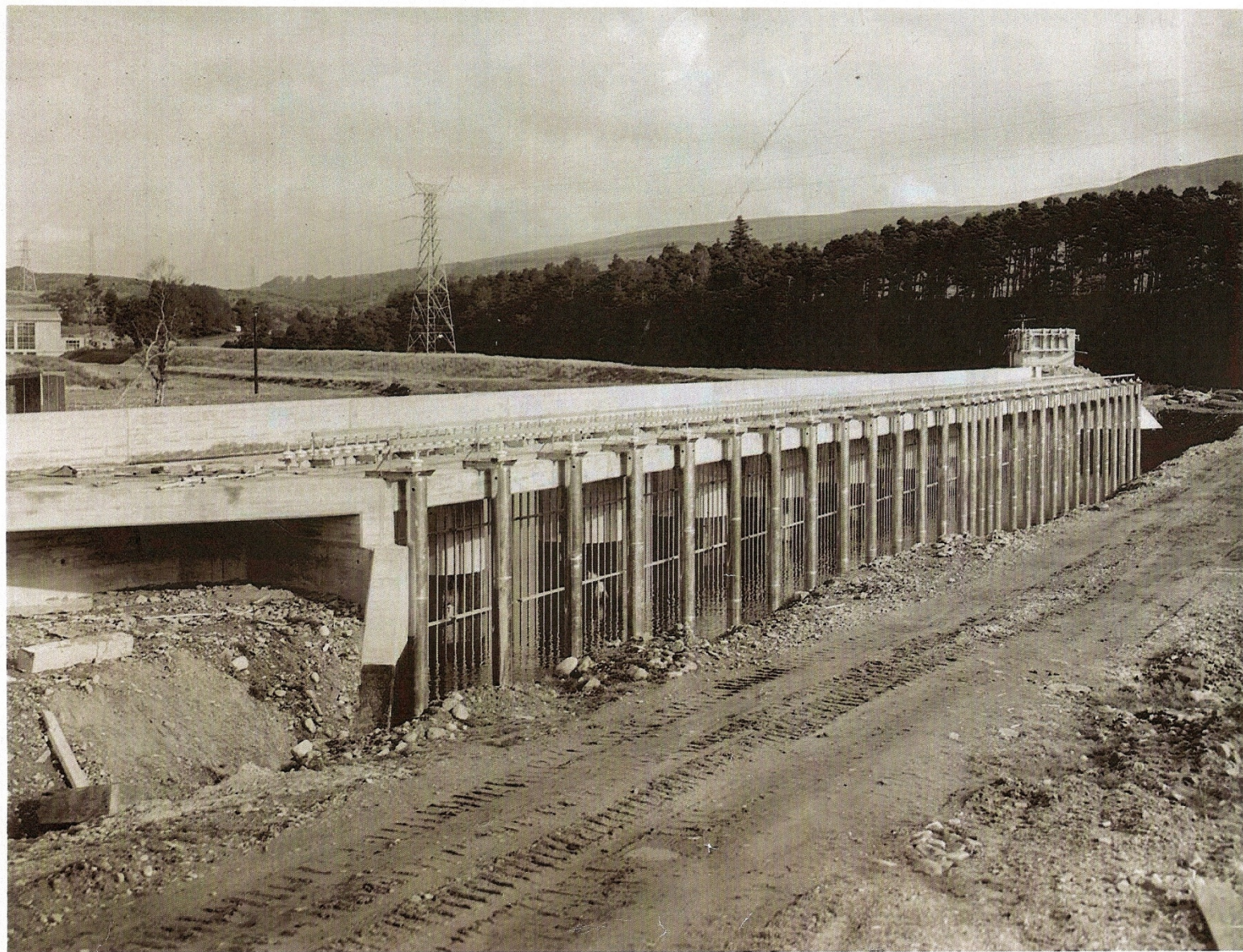
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Imagery Date: 4/10/2013 51°16'56.07" N 8°42'17.41" E elev 312 m eye alt 2554.14 km









NORTH OF SCOTLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC BOARD. LOCH SHIN PROJECT.  
No. 32/7/270. Shin Tunnel and Generating Station. Fish Heck and Pulse Generator House. 1/10/58.









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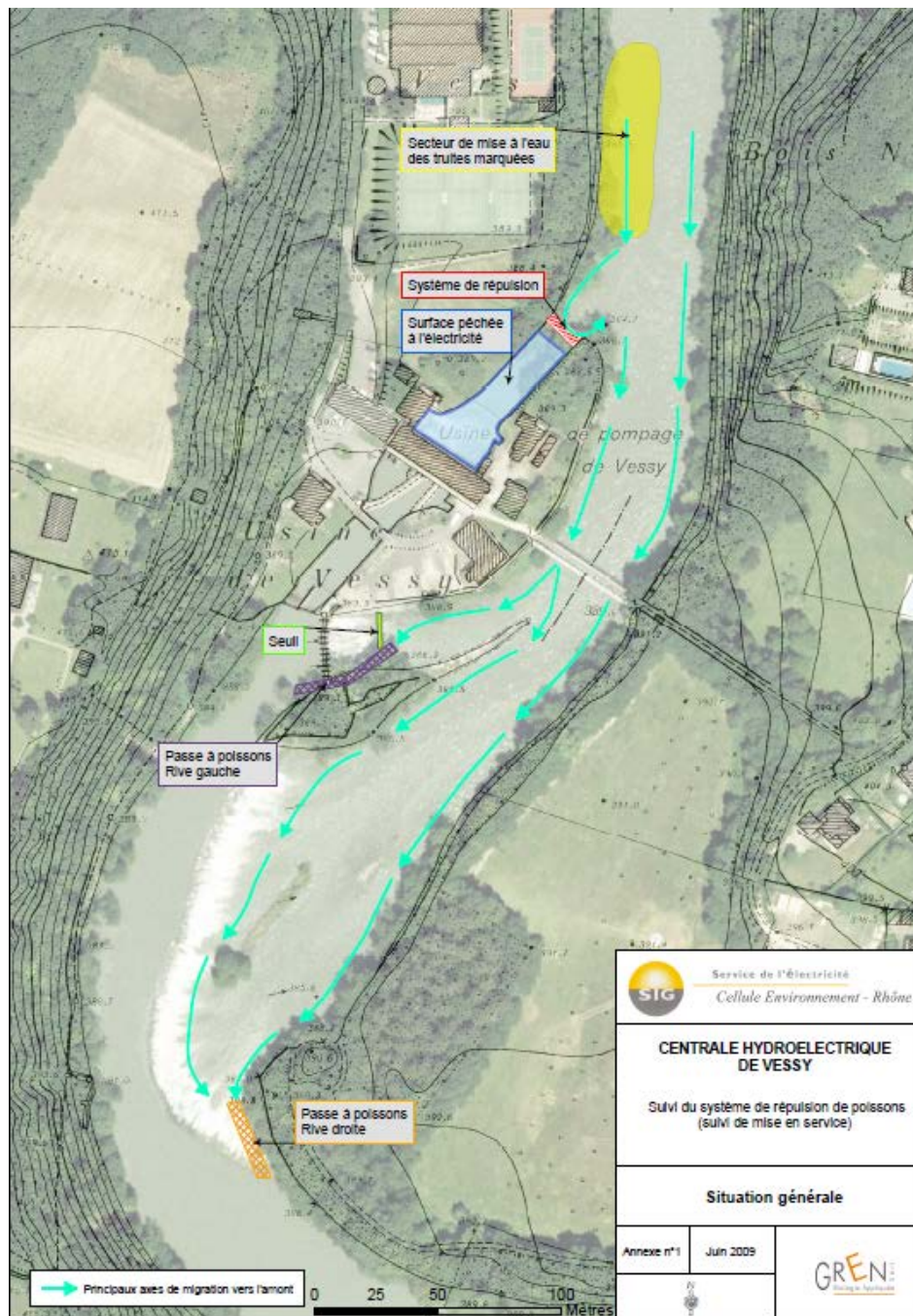





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# Centrale Hydroelectrique de Vessy: Suivi du System de Repulsion des Poissons (Suivi de Mise en Service)

GREN Biologie



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<b>CENTRALE HYDROELECTRIQUE DE VESSY</b>	
Suivi du système de répulsion de poissons (suivi de mise en service)	
<b>Situation générale</b>	
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# NIDELVA, NORWAY



Tunnel tailrace discharge

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Imagery Date: 5/28/2009 58°24'26.16" N 8°39'24.42" E elev 47 m eye alt 2.40 km

Nidelva August 2012



Nidelva May 2013



Nidelva August 2013



Nidelva May 2014



# **Video Monitoring of Salmon and Sea Trout by the Electric Fish Barrier at the Outlet from the Rygene Power Plant in Nidelva in Arendal in 2014**

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Tailrace  
Barrier



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