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Howard Hanson Dam: Hydraulic Design of Juvenile Fish Passage Facility in Reservoir with Wide Pool Fluctuation

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Howard Hanson Project





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Howard Hanson Reservoir



- **Pool Fluctuation:** 100 ft
- **Reservoir Length:** 5 miles
- **Reservoir Depth:** can exceed 140 ft. at dam
- **Fish:** Coho, Chinook, Steelhead



Howard Hanson Dam

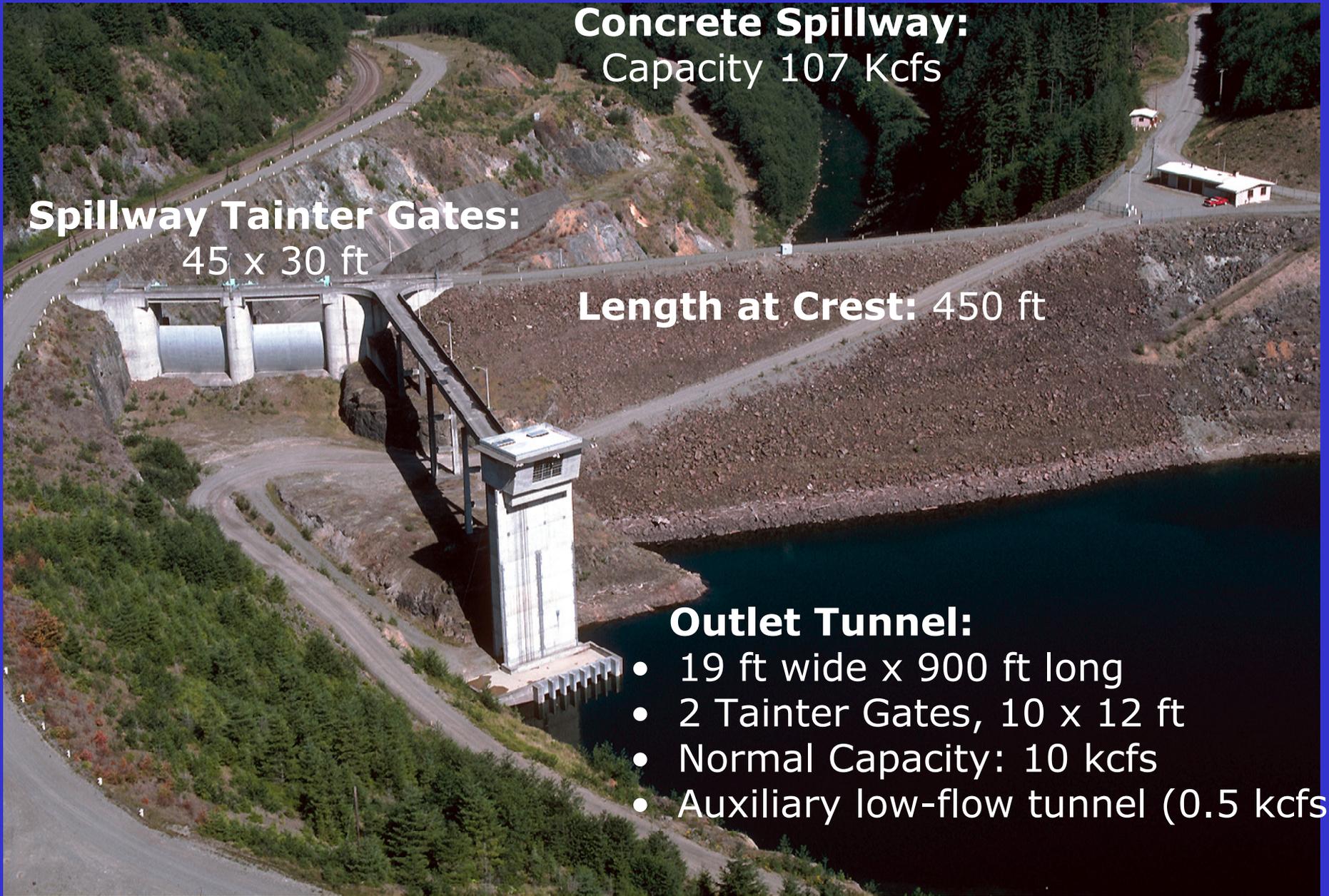
Concrete Spillway:
Capacity 107 Kcfs

Spillway Tainter Gates:
45 x 30 ft

Length at Crest: 450 ft

Outlet Tunnel:

- 19 ft wide x 900 ft long
- 2 Tainter Gates, 10 x 12 ft
- Normal Capacity: 10 kcfs
- Auxiliary low-flow tunnel (0.5 kcfs)





Tailrace Features

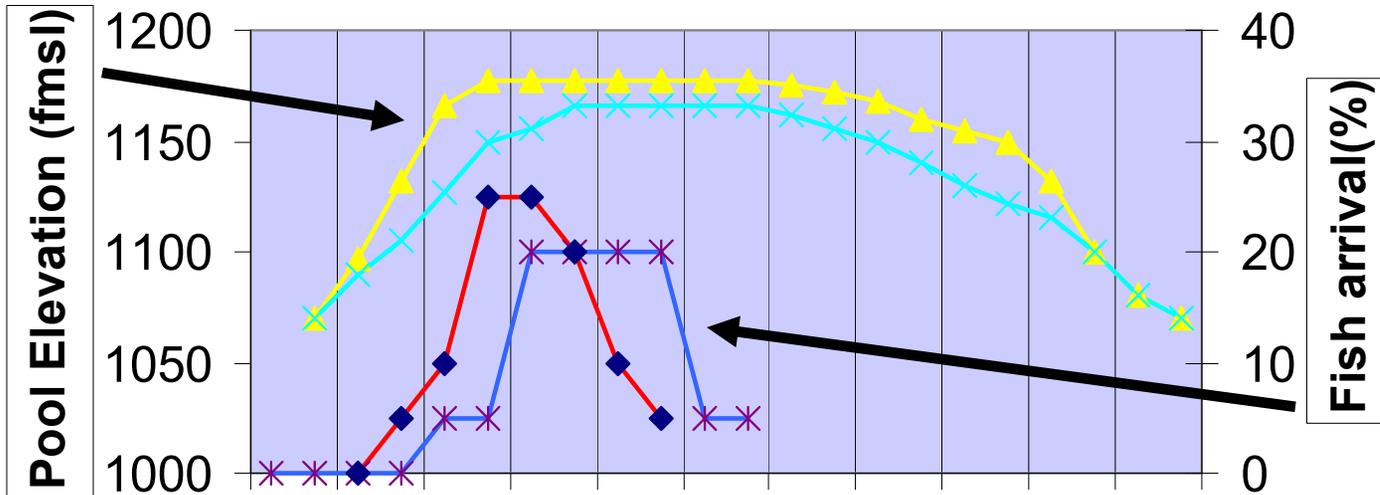
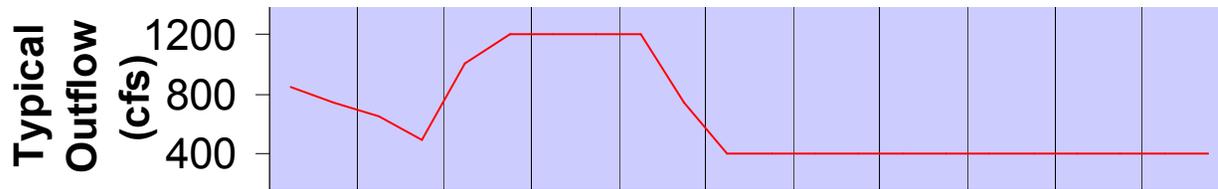


Emergency Spillway

**Outlet Tunnel
Stilling Basin**



Typical Project Operations & Timing



1-Feb
1-Mar
1-Apr
1-May
1-Jun
1-Jul
1-Aug
1-Sep
1-Oct
1-Nov
1-Dec

Date

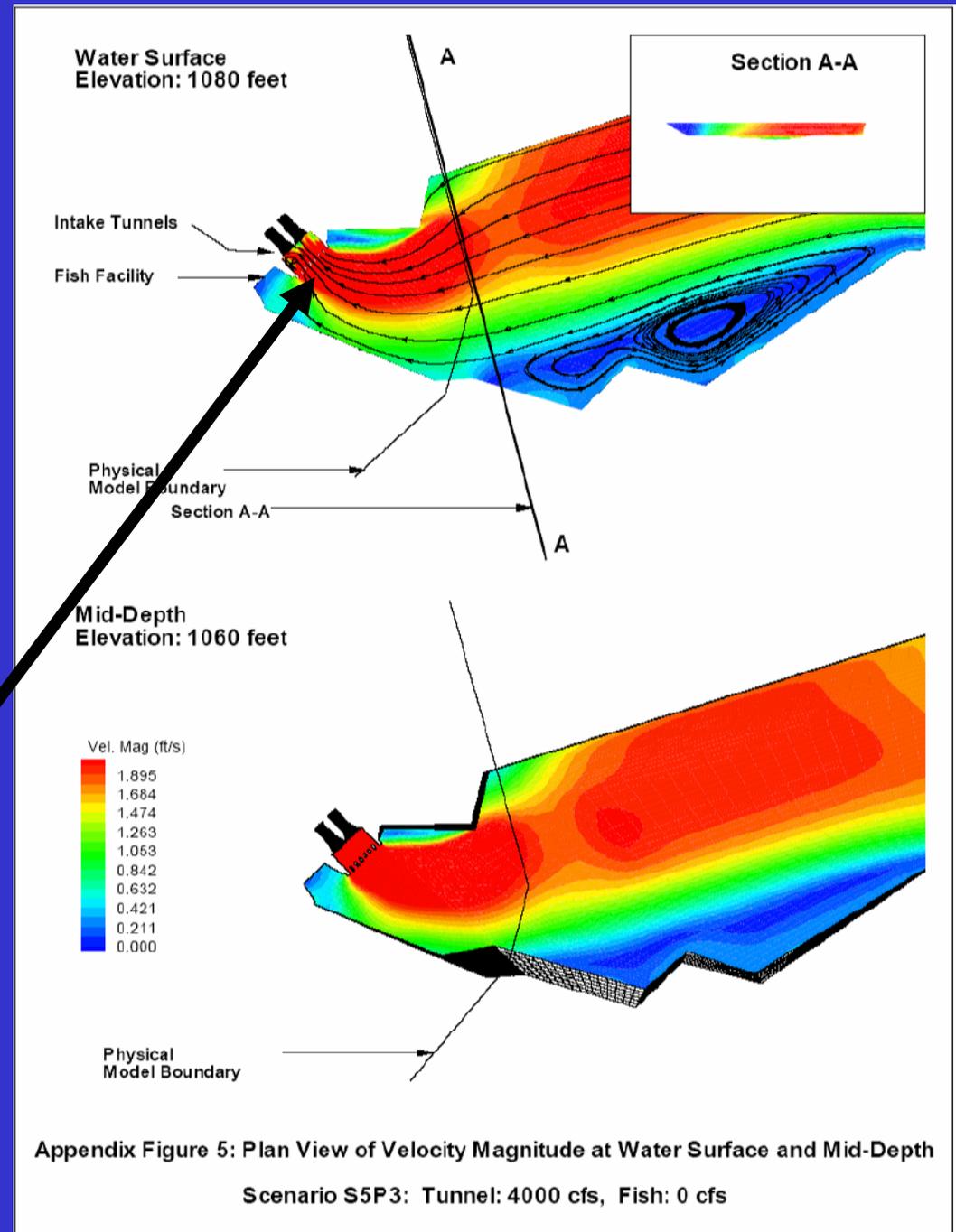
- ▲ Phase 2 pool
- × Phase 1 pool
- * Chinook
- ◆ Coho & Steelhead



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Howard Hanson Forebay

- Without Fish Facility
 - Existing Tunnel Only
 - Low Pool
- Note Strong Surface Current at Low Pool



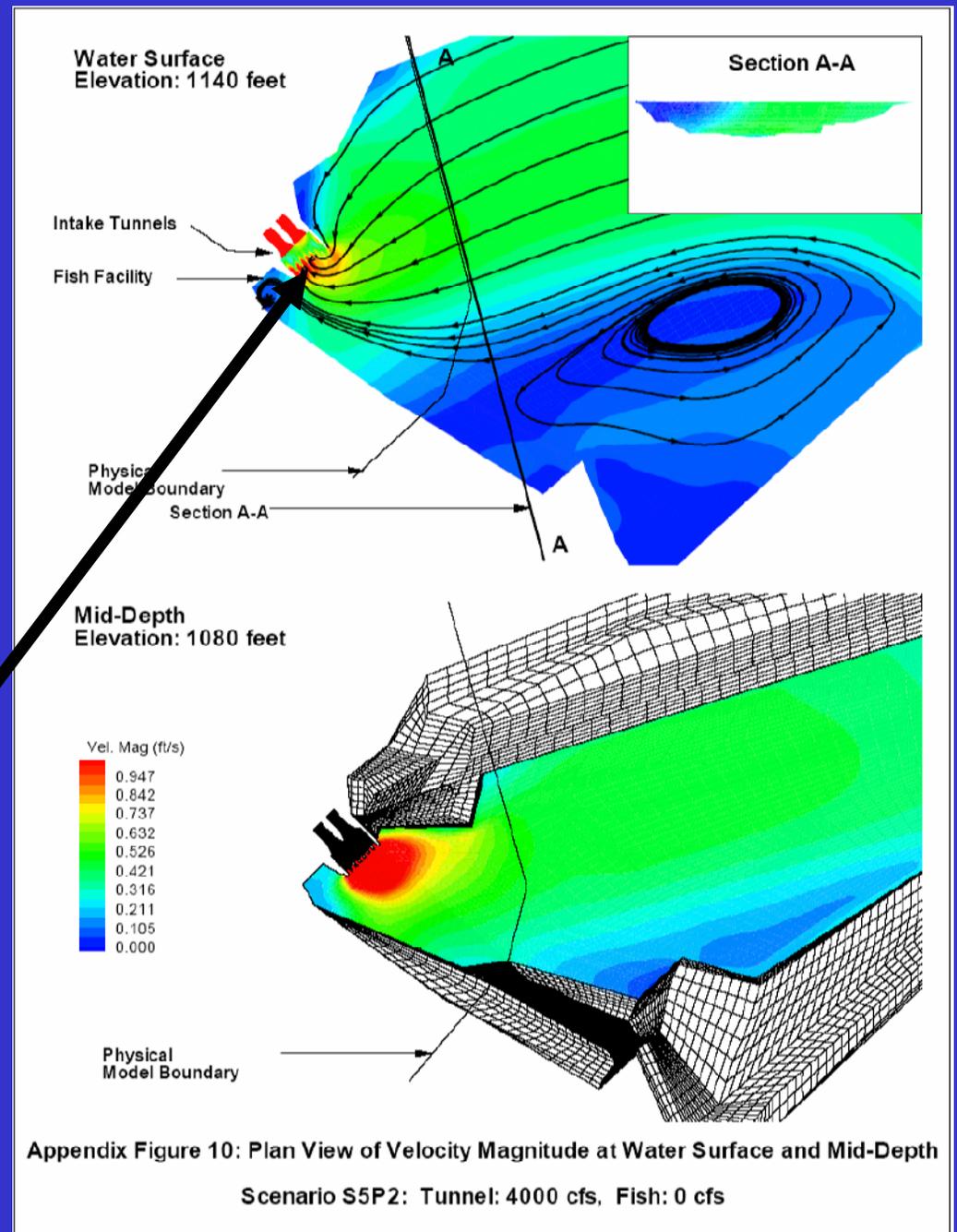


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- High Pool

**Note Weaker Surface
Current at High Pool**





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Howard Hanson juvenile fish facility

Primary Project Goals

- **Reduce juvenile passage delay**
- **Improve juvenile passage survival**
- **No impact on existing project function**

Specific Design Goals

- **Operating Range: 97 feet**
- **Facility Flow: 400 cfs to 1200 cfs**
- **Meet appropriate velocity, velocity gradient, energy dissipation, and screen criteria**



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**What is the best design
alternative?**



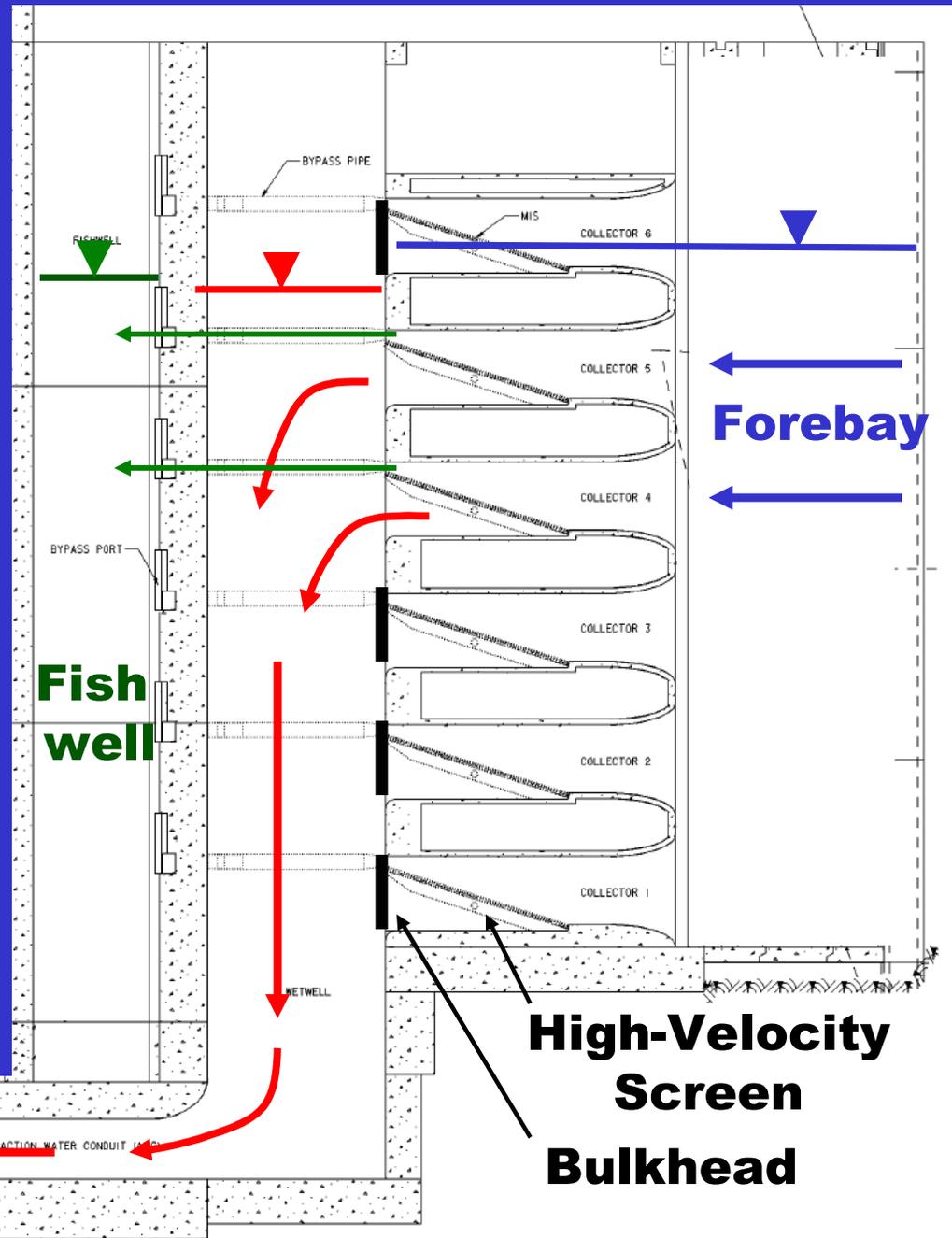
Proposed Facility...





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Multiple Near-Surface Submerged Collectors



Excess to
existing
tunnel

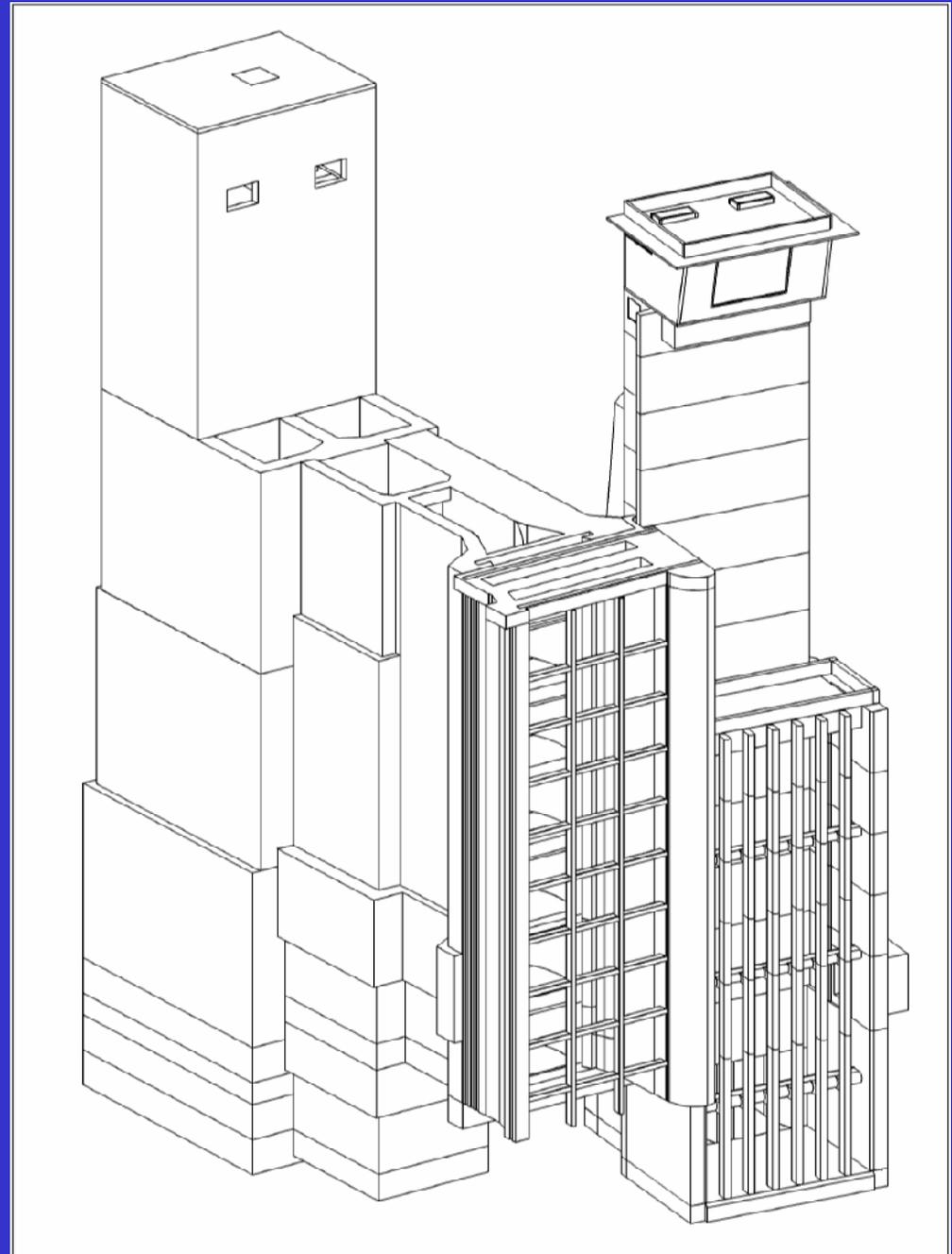
High-Velocity
Screen
Bulkhead



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**Goal:
No impact
on existing
function**

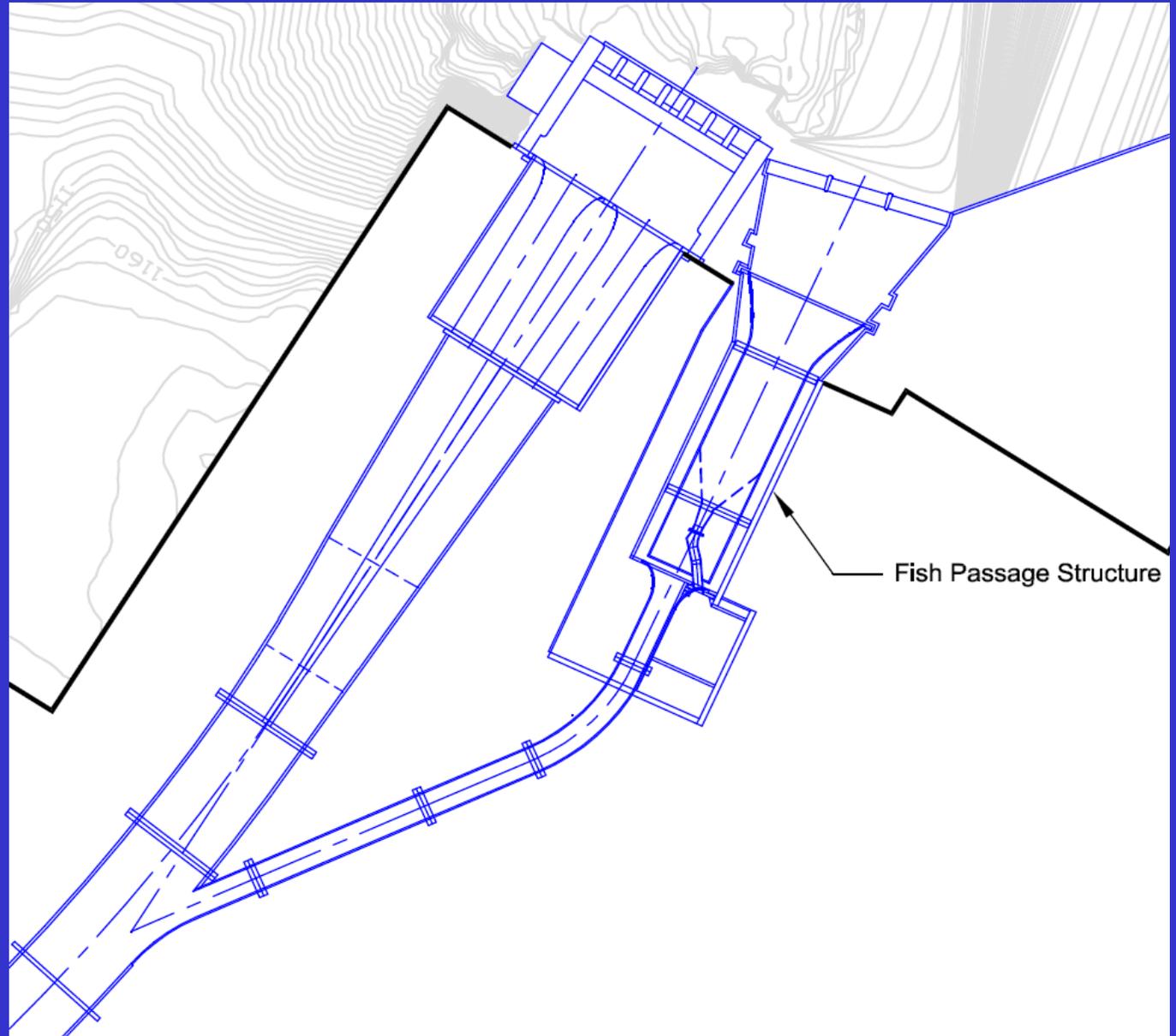
**Junction with
adjacent
flood-control
tunnel...**





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Plan View of tunnel junction

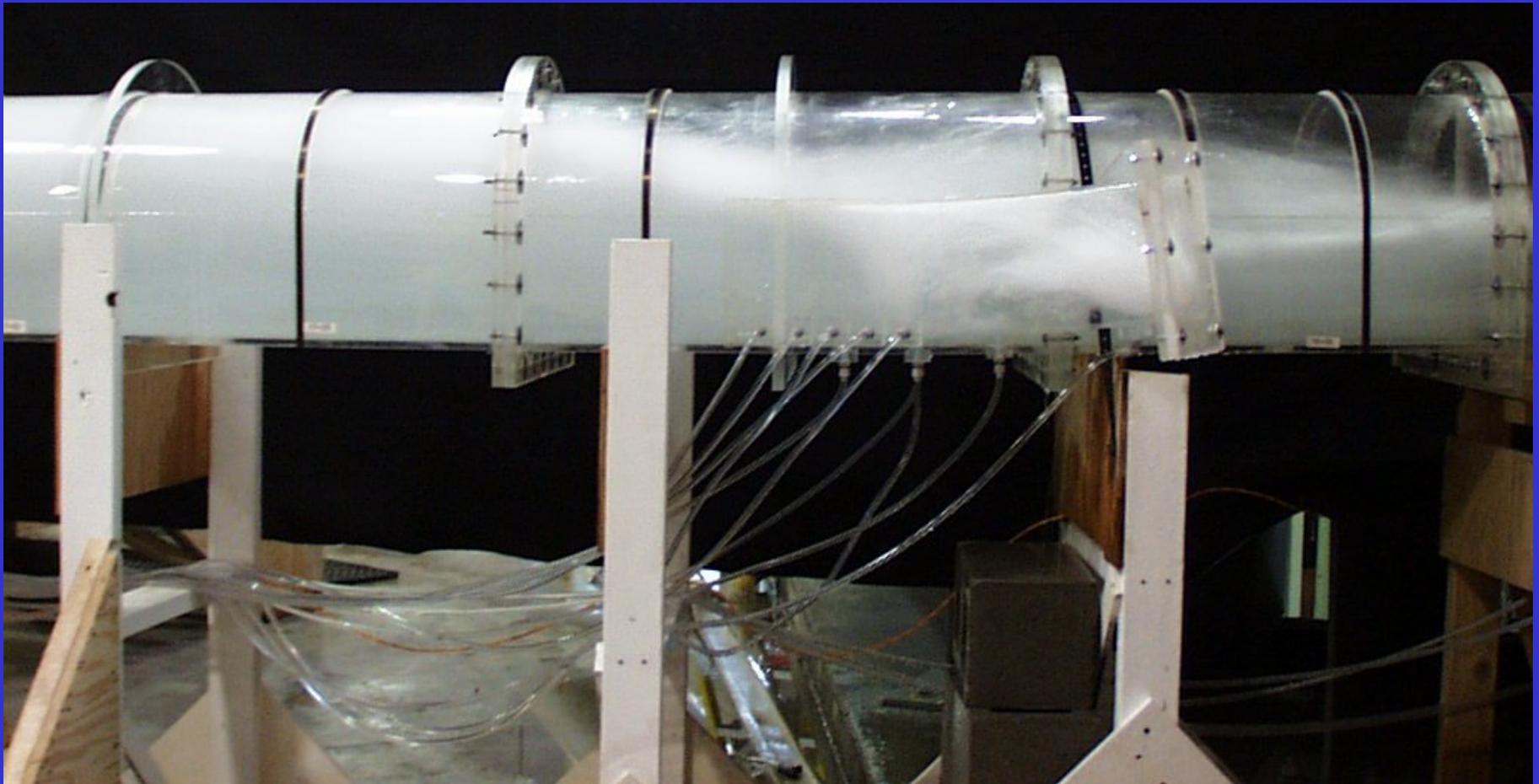




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Tunnel Junction Concerns

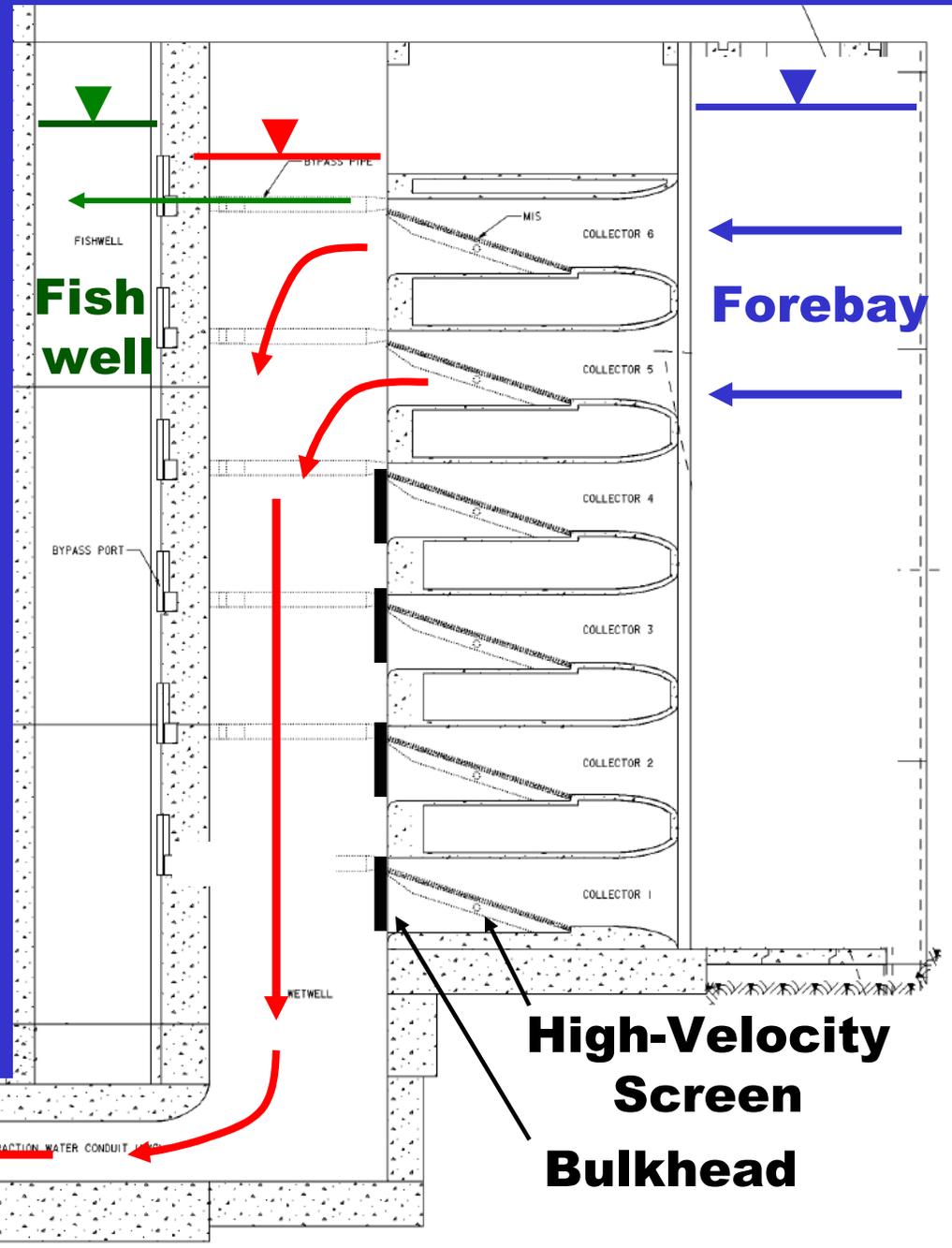
- **Highly Supercritical Flow**
- **Cavitation**
- **Stability of Water Surface**
- **Air movement**





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Multiple Near-Surface Submerged Collectors



**Excess to
existing
tunnel**

**High-Velocity
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Goal:

**Reduce
Delay...**

**Plan view of
collector
entrance**





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**Goal:
Reduce Delay**

**High Forebay with
Juvenile Fish
Facility**

**Low-level outlet
closed**

**Note Strong Surface
Current at High Pool**

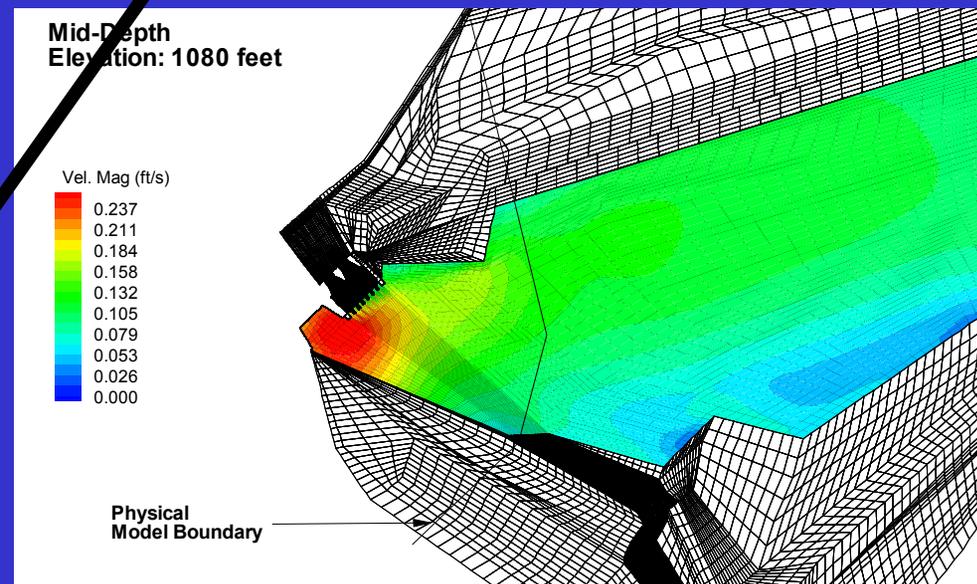
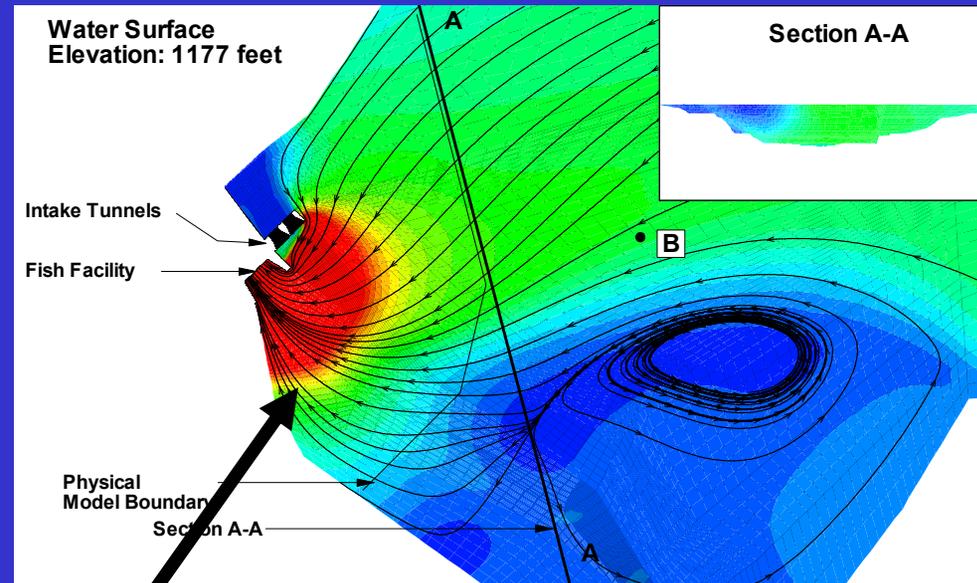


Figure 5: Plan View of Velocity Magnitude at Water Surface and Mid-Depth

Scenario S4P1: Tunnel: 0 cfs, Fish: 1300 cfs

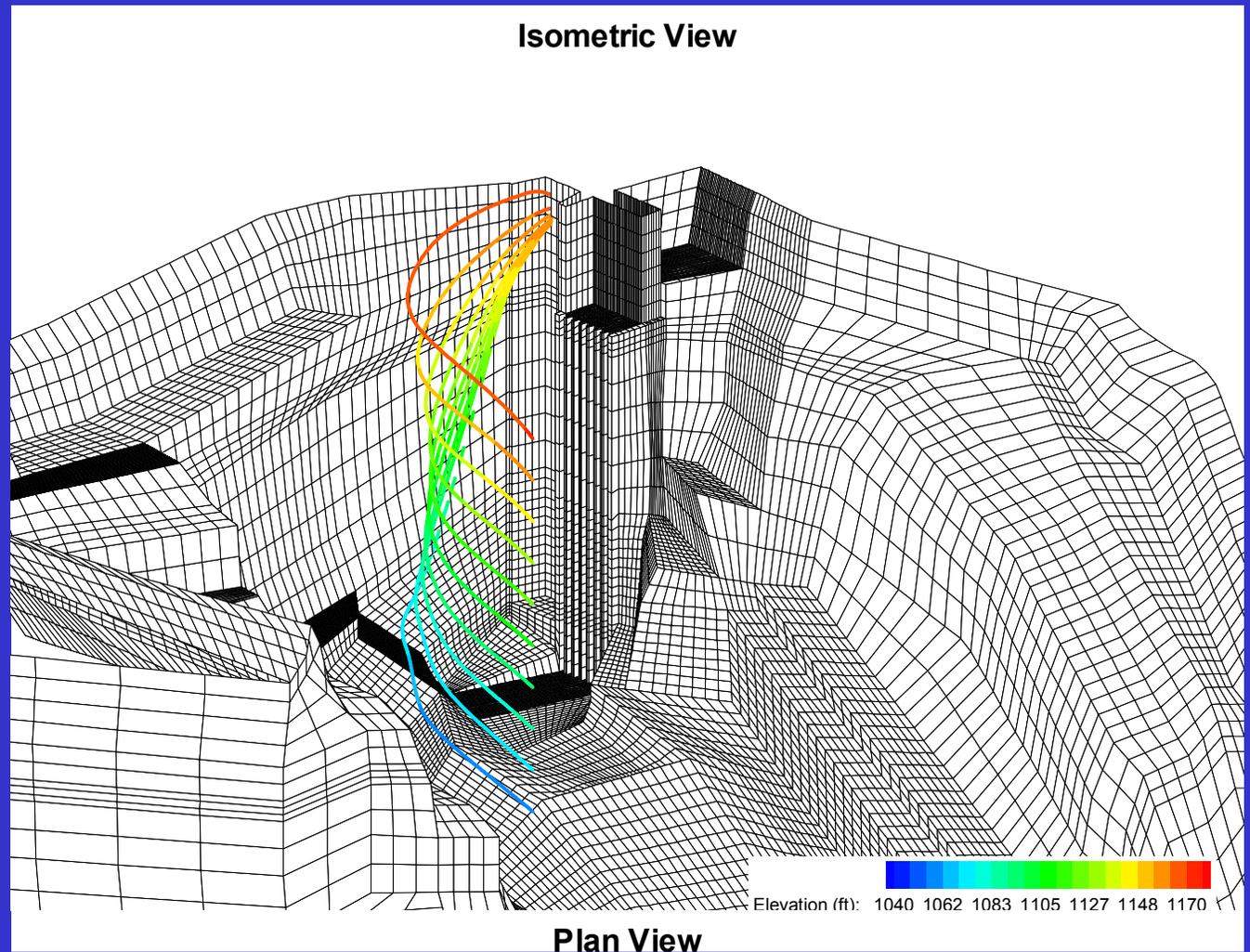


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Goal: Reduce Delay

**High Forebay
with Juvenile
Fish Facility**

**Low-level
outlet closed**





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**Goals:
Reduce Delay
and Improve
Survival**

**Side View of
Fish Passage
Facility**



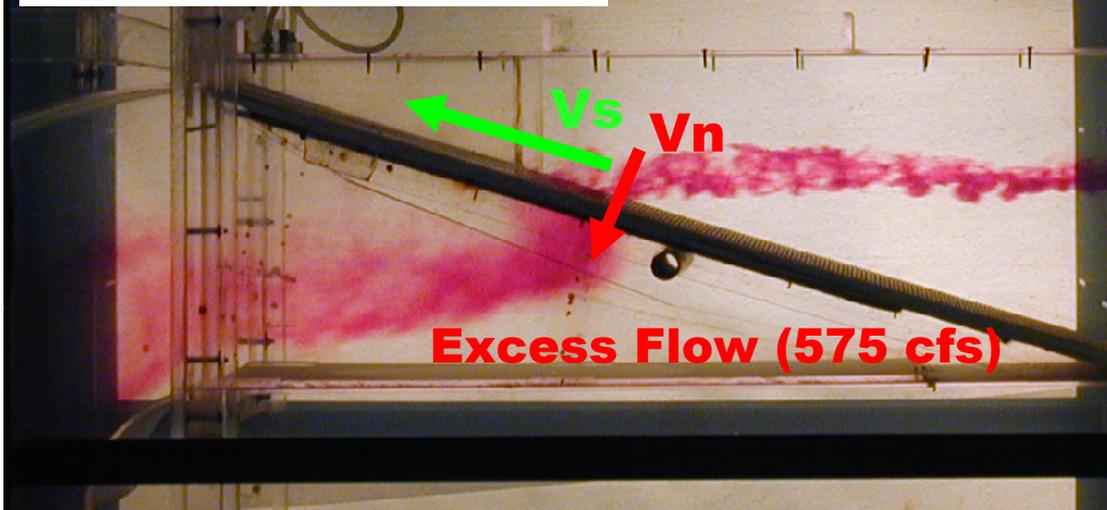


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Fish Screen in Normal Operation

Fish Capture Criteria
6 to 8 fps

25 cfs to fish well



High Velocity Screen Criteria

- $V_s / V_n > 2.2$
- $V_n / V_o < 0.45$

Entrance Criteria

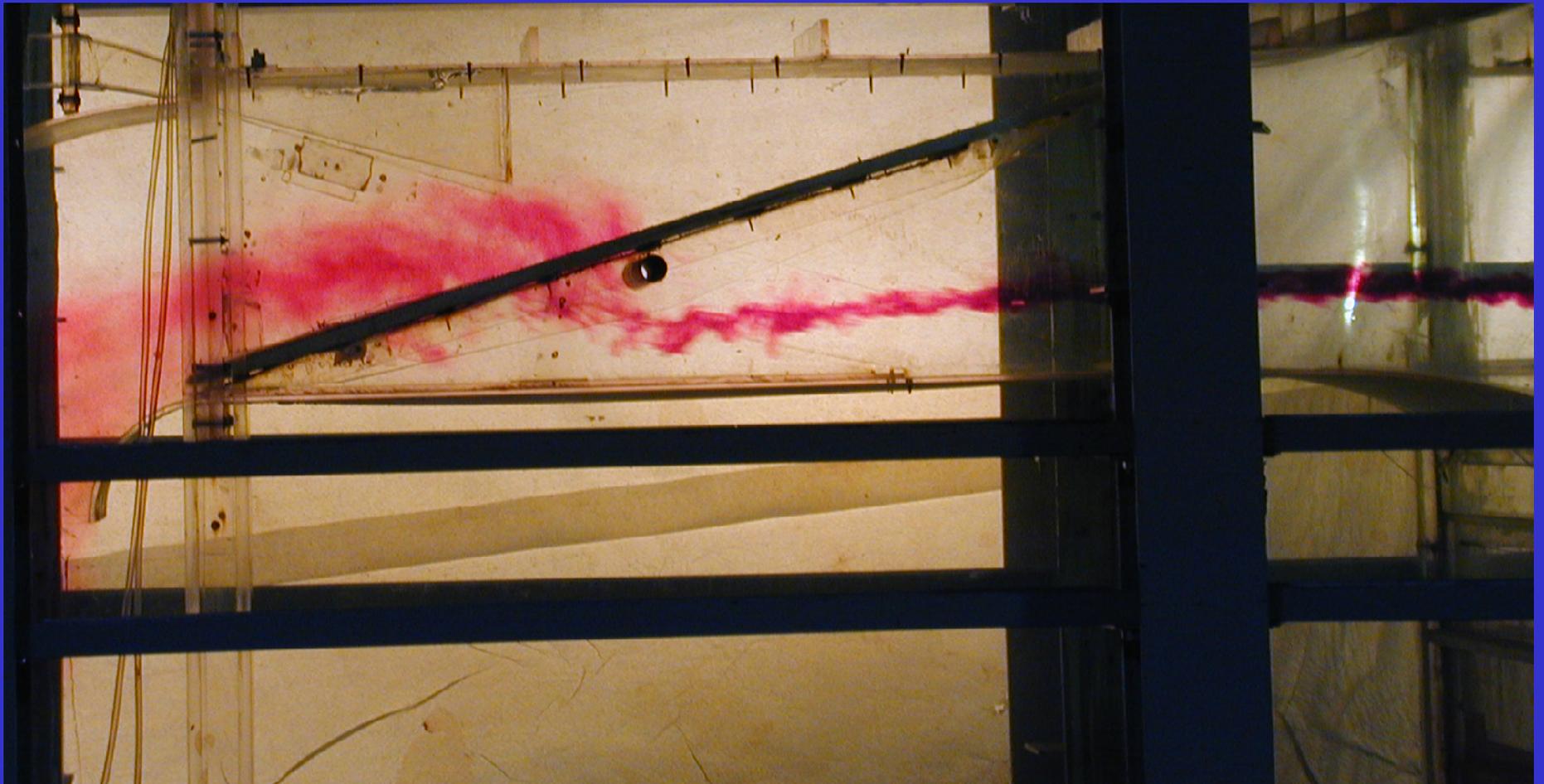
- Velocity Gradient < 0.3 fps / ft
- Design $V_o = 6$ fps @ 600 cfs



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Debris

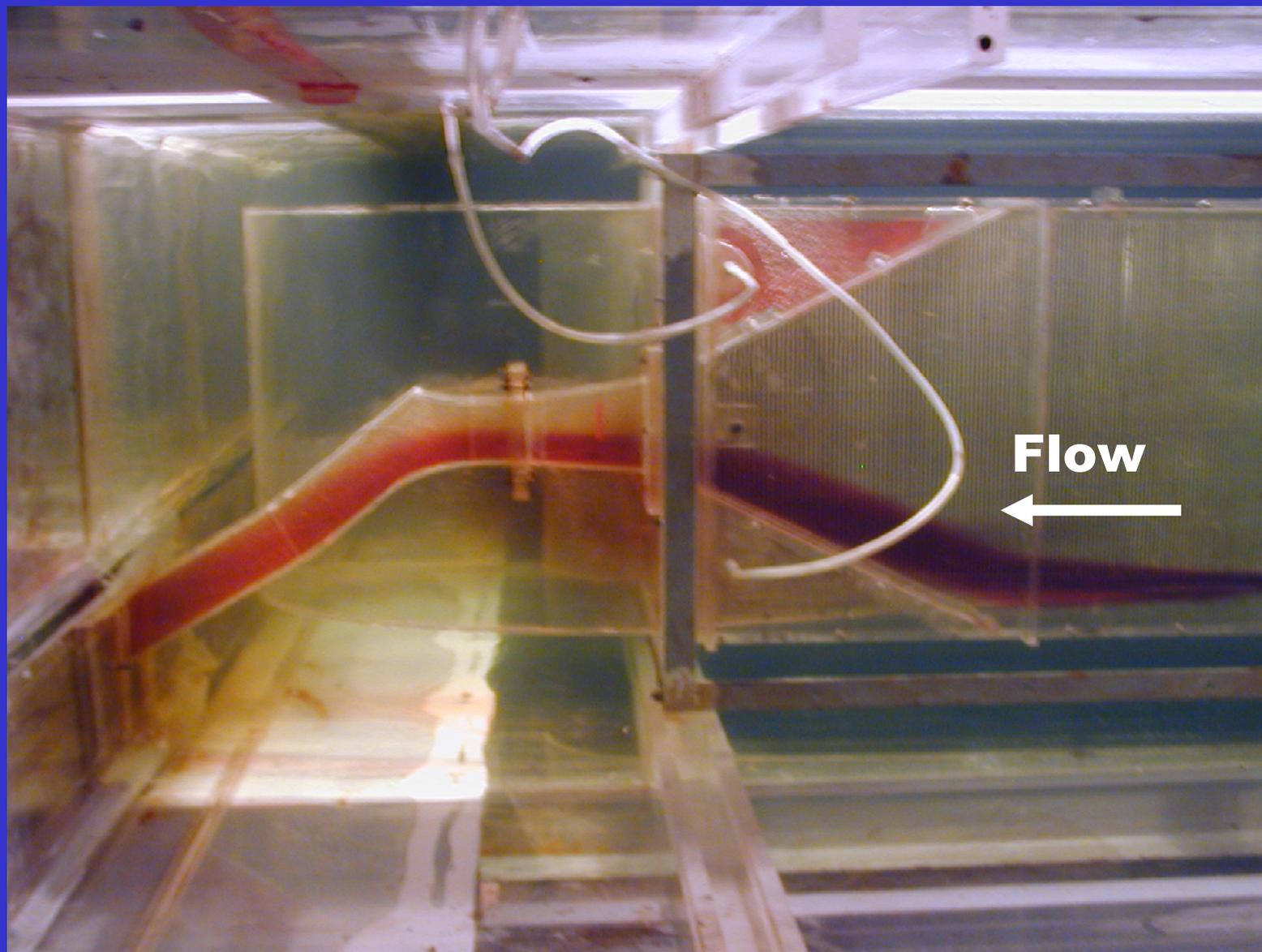
Fish Screen in Backflush Operation





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Pathway to fish well along screen and screen enclosure (Plan View)



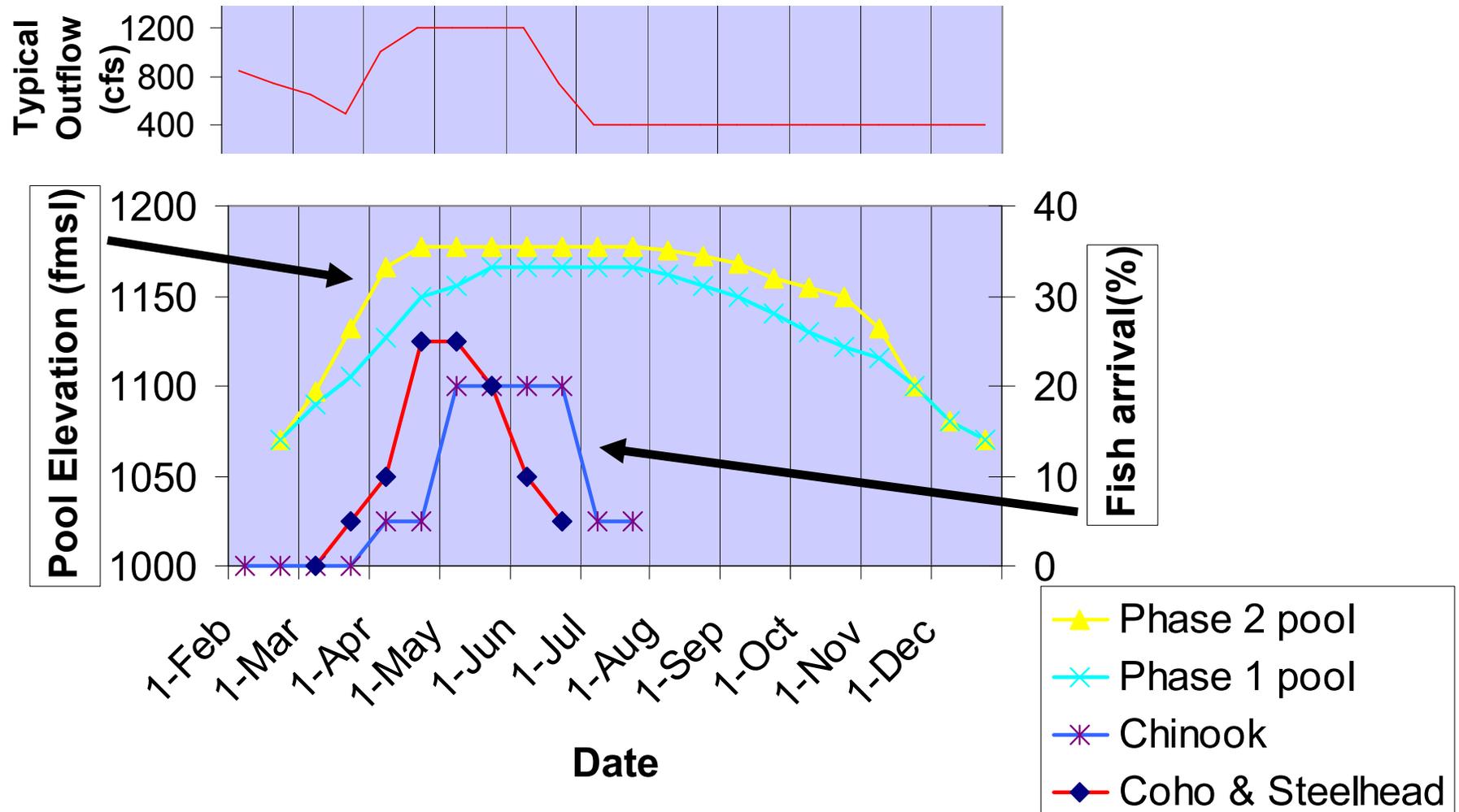


Velocity and energy dissipation in fish lock





A Remaining Concern.





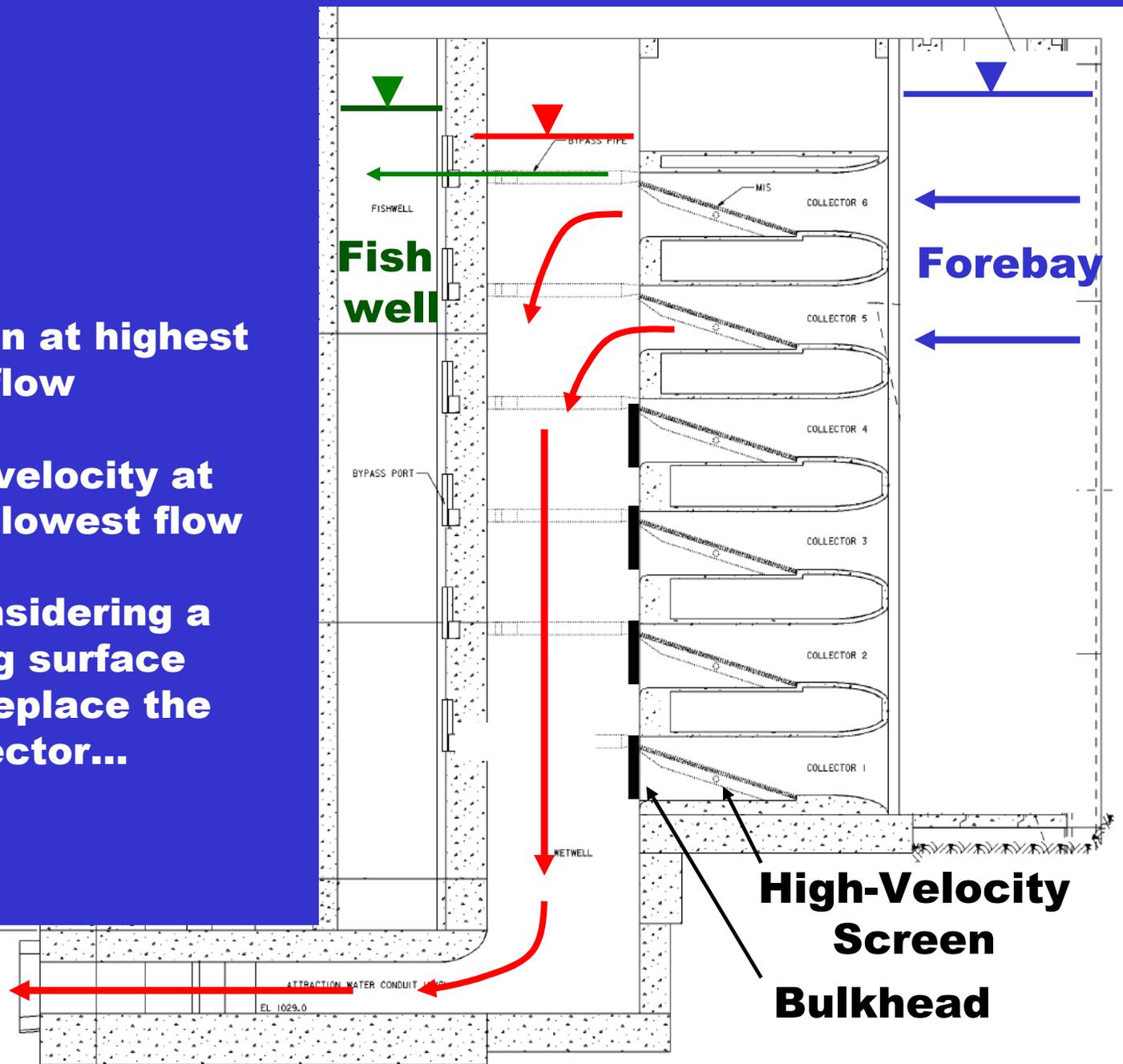
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**Fish attraction at highest
pool, lowest flow**

**Fish capture velocity at
highest pool, lowest flow**

**Presently considering a
small, floating surface
collector to replace the
topmost collector...**

**Excess to
existing
tunnel**





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Questions?



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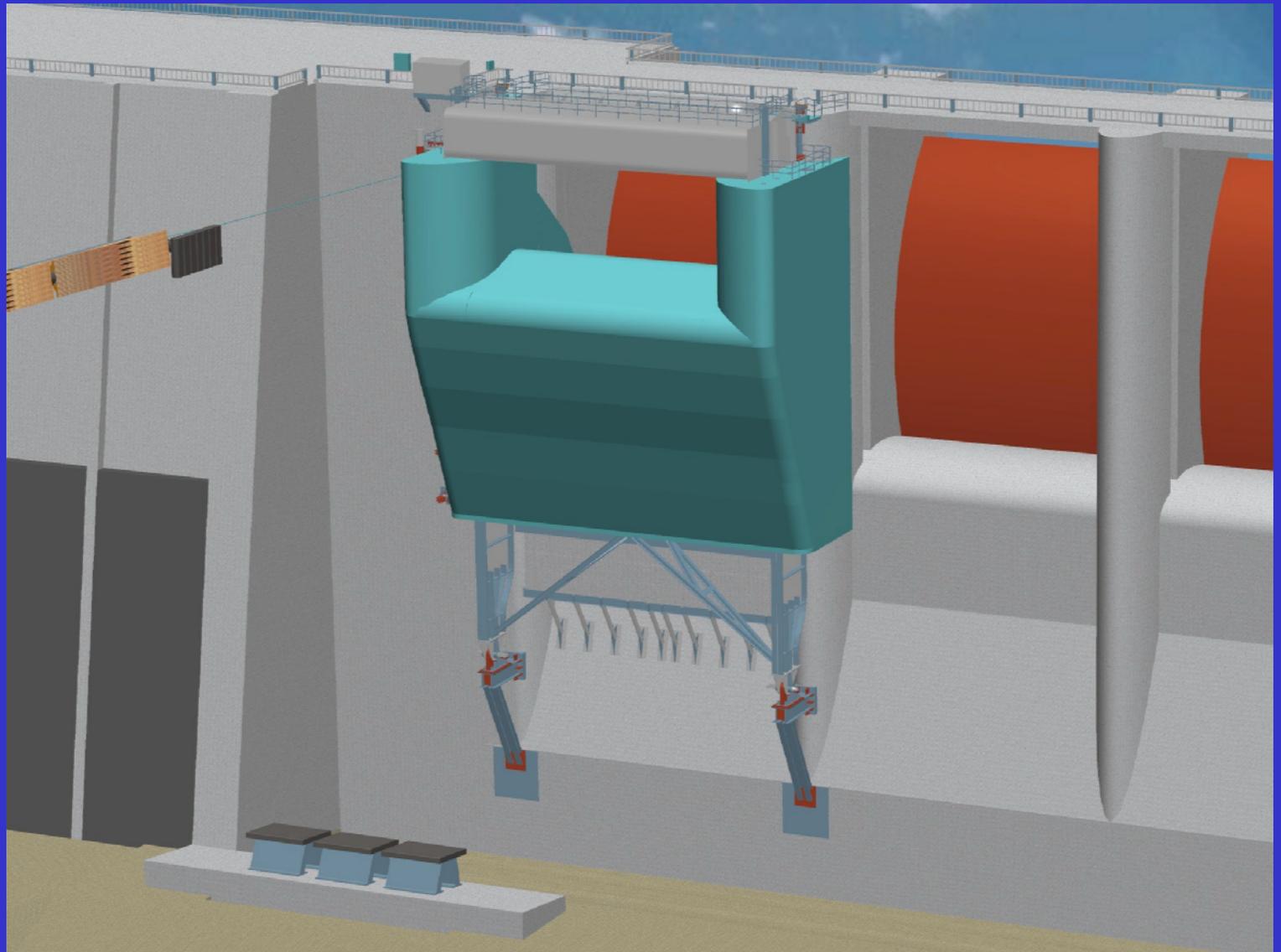
Howard Hanson fish facility: hydraulic design considerations

- **High head radial gate and vertical emergency gate**
- **Highly supercritical confluence**
- **Constant dv/dx intake**
- **Screen enclosure**
- **Fish-friendly bypass**
- **Wet well size**
- **Fish bypass system to pool below**
- **PHYSICAL MODELING**
 - **1:1 Scale forebay and stilling basin model**
 - **Sectional model (approach flow, wet-well, conduit intake, flood control tunnel)**
 - **Screen model**
 - **Physical/biological fish well model**
- **NUMERICAL MODELING**
 - **Forebay (to set BC's for sectional model)**
 - **3-D fish well model (I did this on the side)**
- **Modeling of new conduit and junction with existing tunnel.**
- **Flow Control and AWC.**



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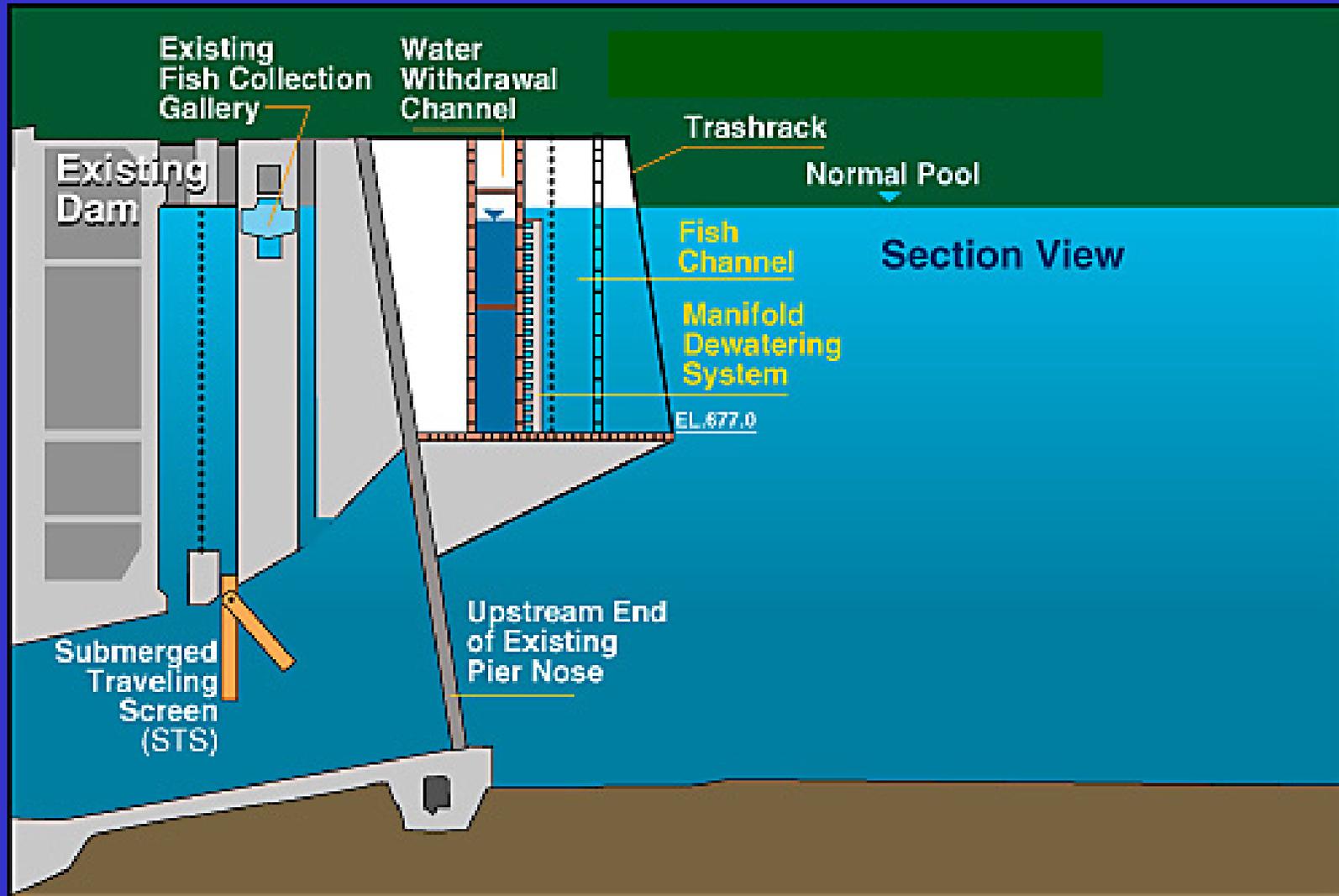
Removable Spillway Weir Typical Snake River Project





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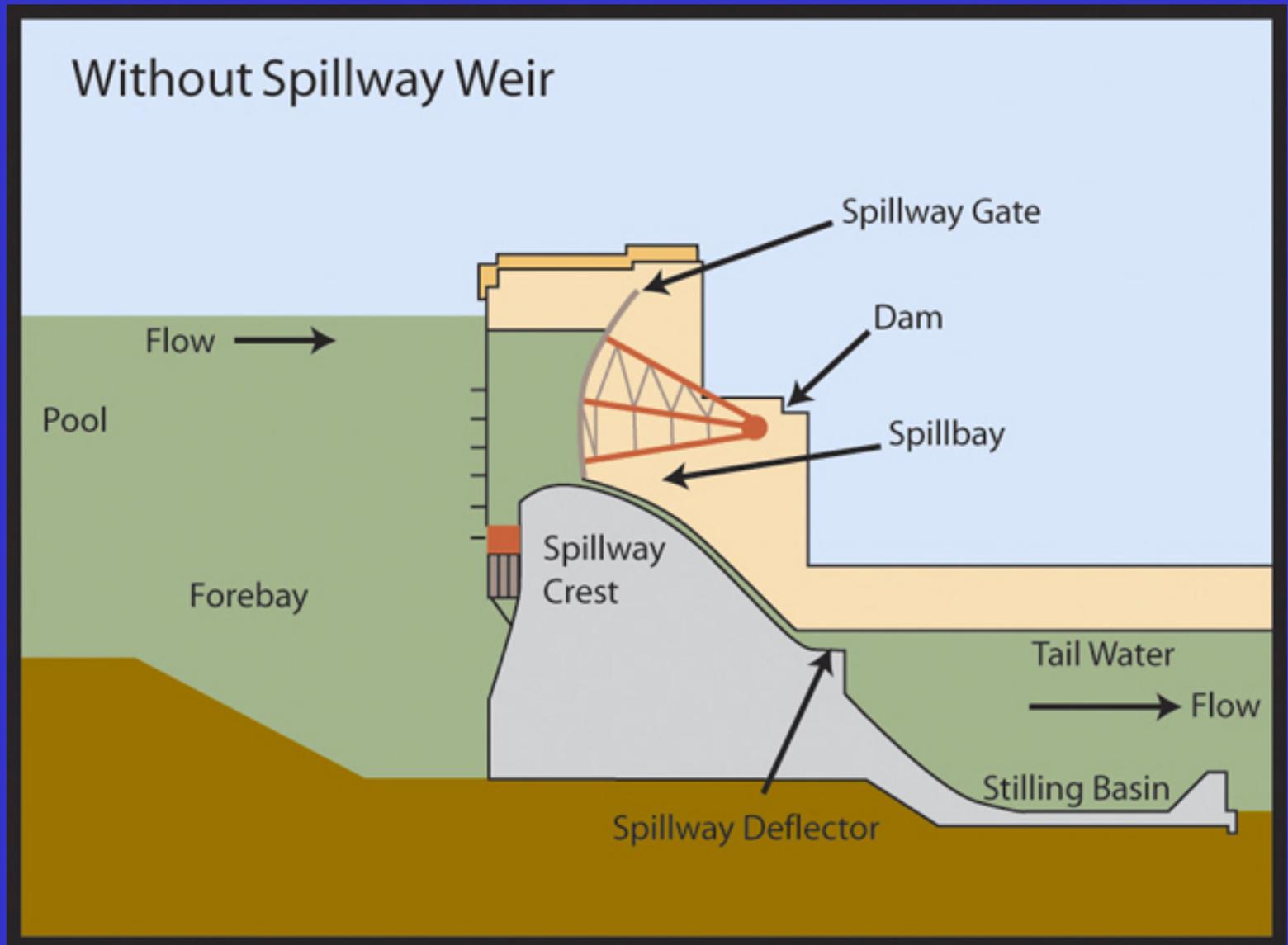
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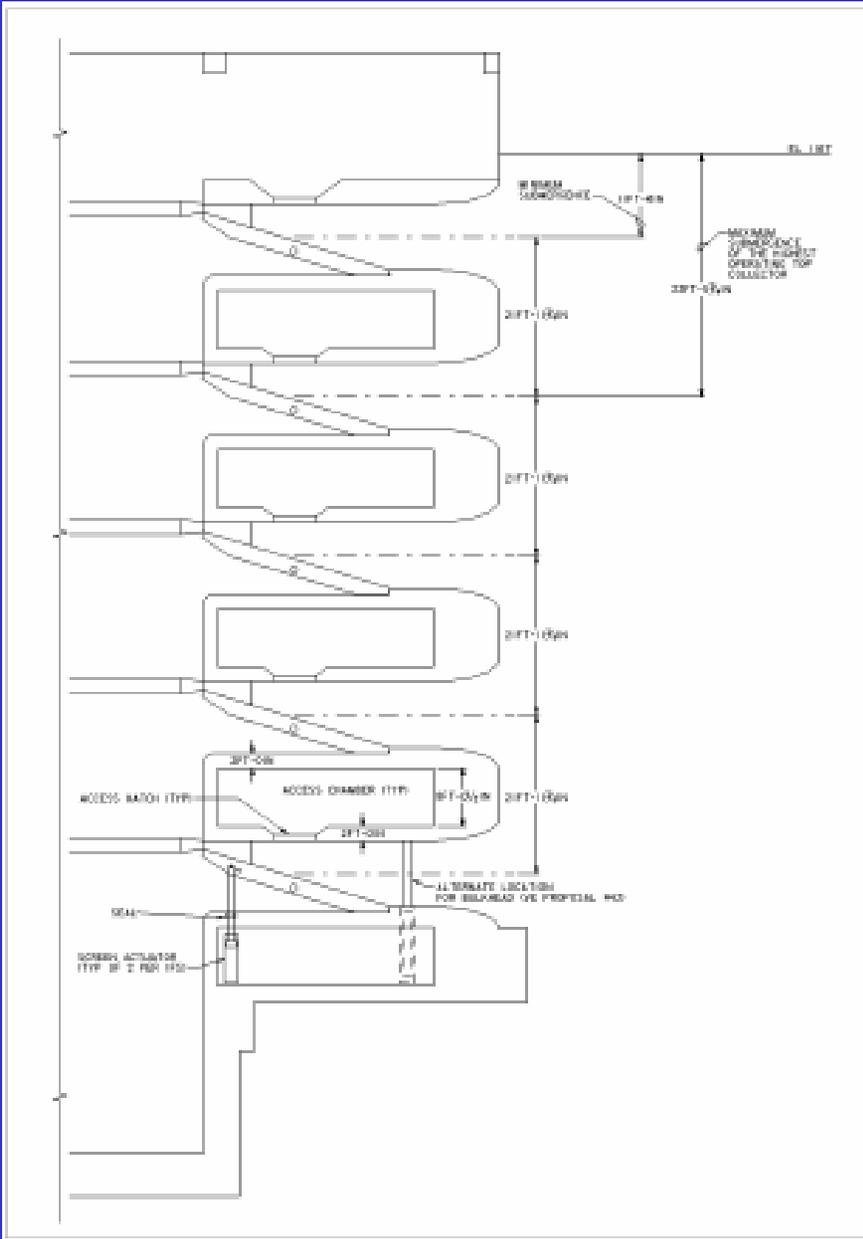
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Spillway Passage Typical Snake River Project



Howard Hanson Juvenile Fish Facility

Current
Design
without
Surface
Collector





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Howard Hanson fish facility: hydraulic design features

Fish Entrance Horn

Overhead Oblique View

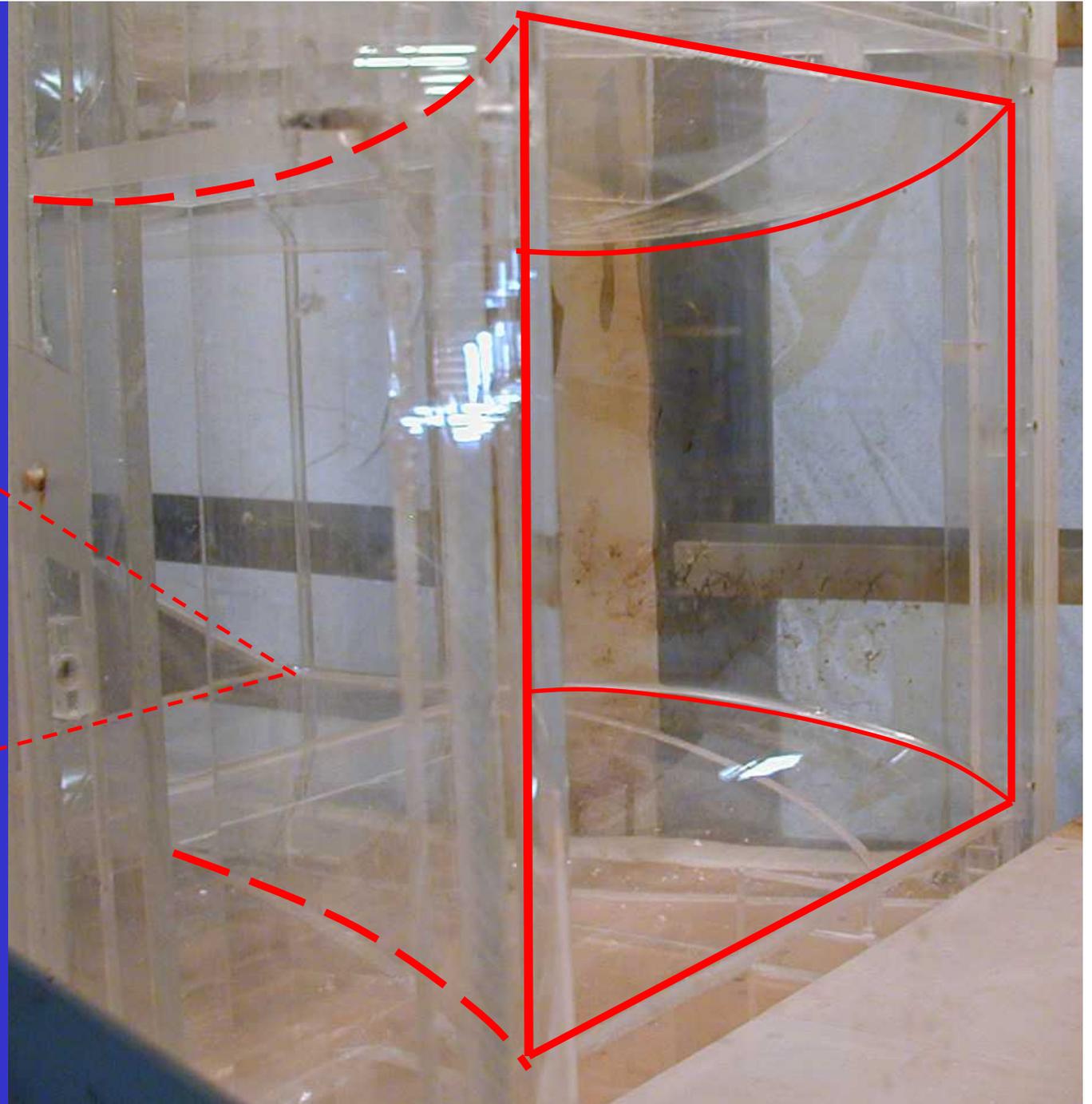




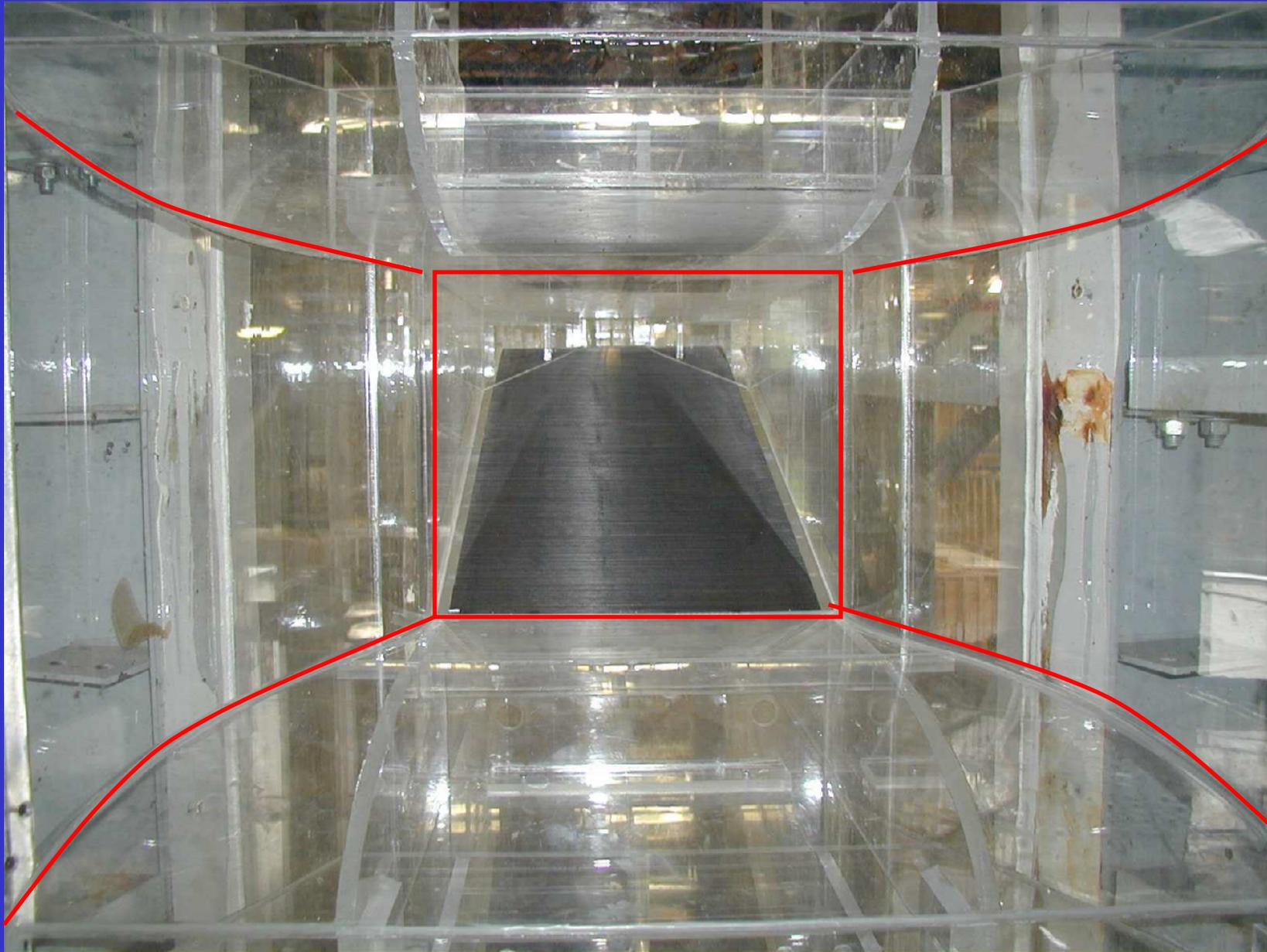
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**Howard
Hanson fish
facility:
hydraulic
design
features**

Entrance Horn

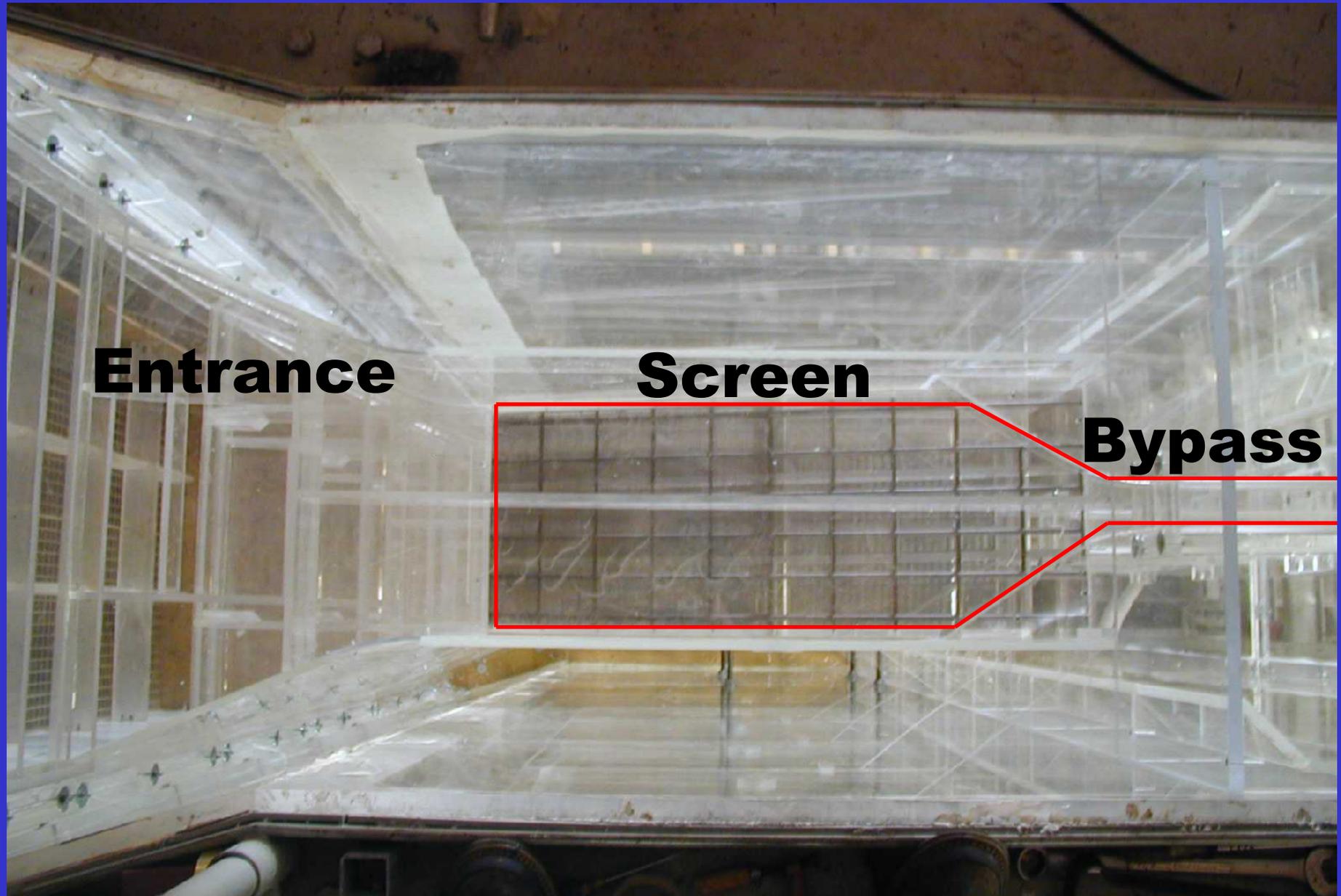


Conclusions.





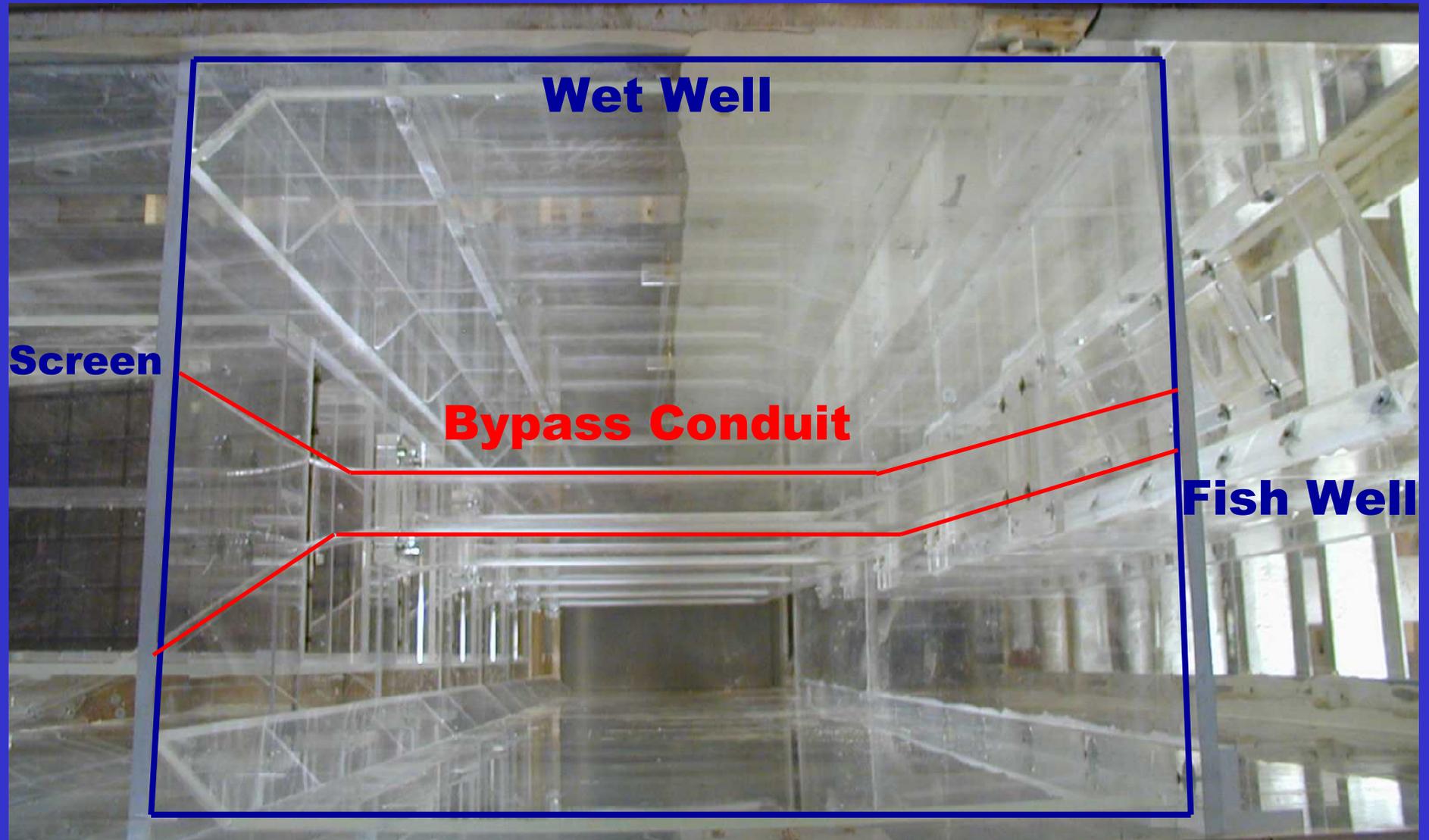
Fish screen and screen enclosure





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Overhead view of bypass conduit and wet well



Wet Well

Screen

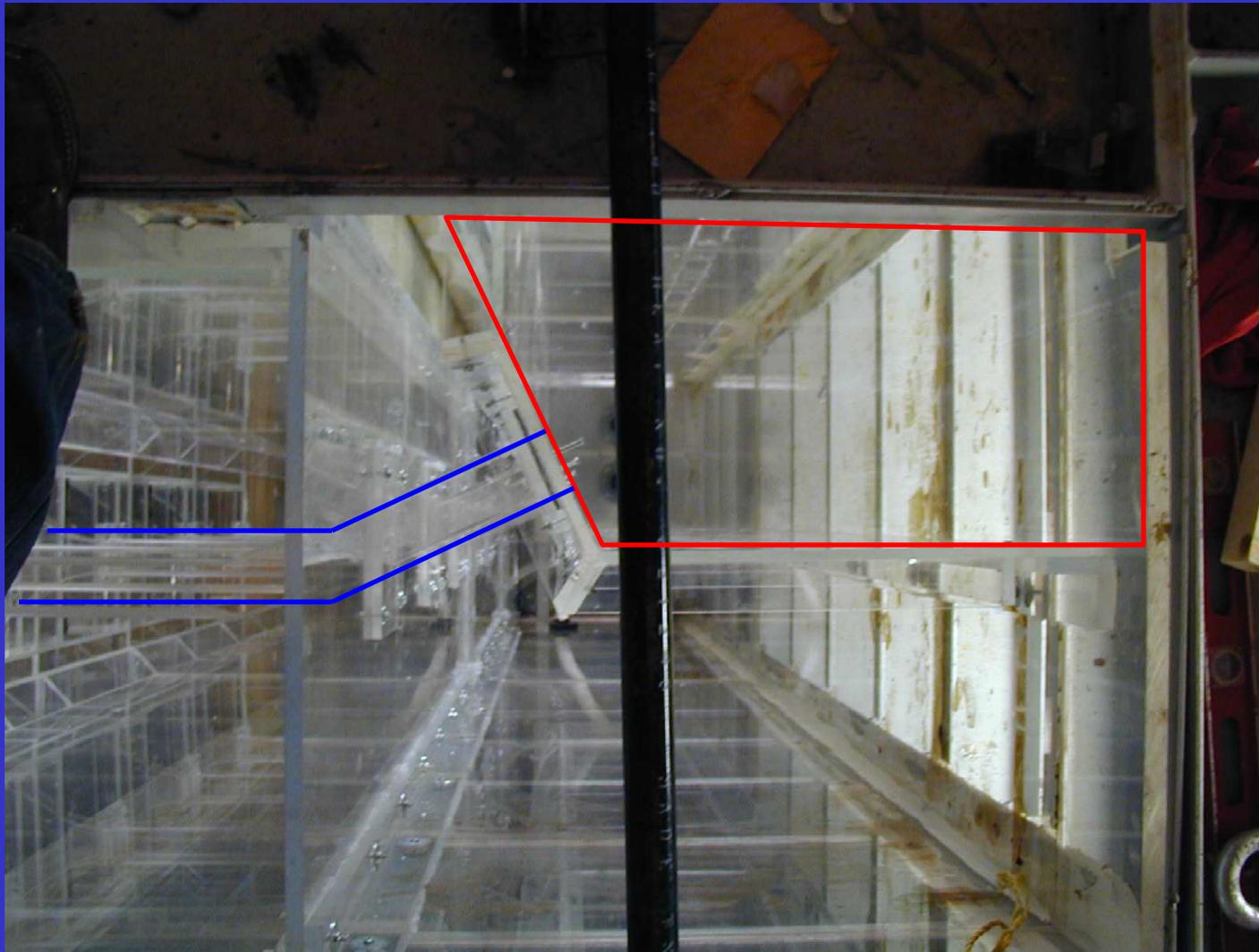
Bypass Conduit

Fish Well



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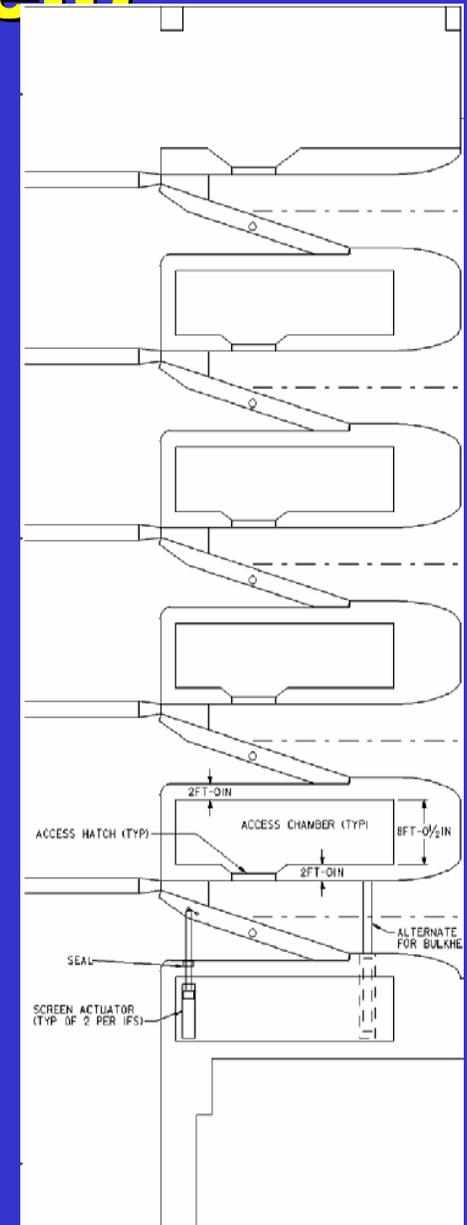
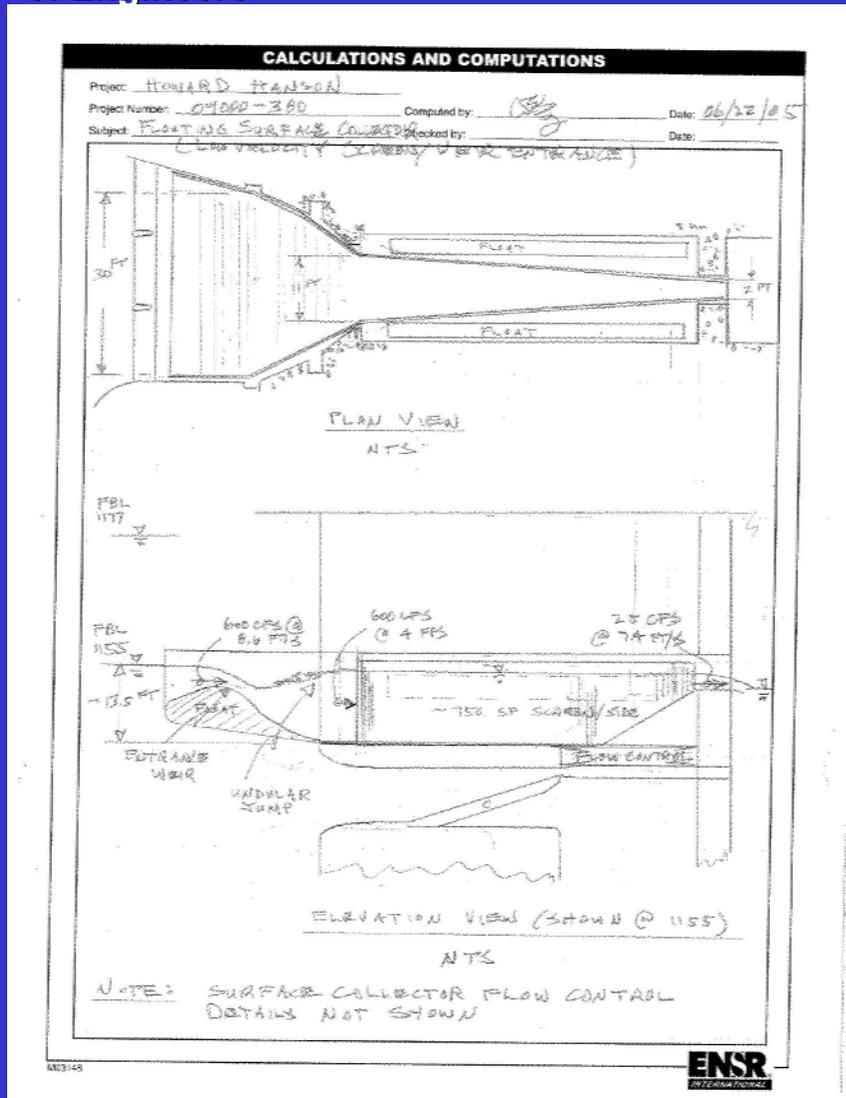
Plan View of Wet Well





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Floating Surface Collector (Low Velocity Screen)



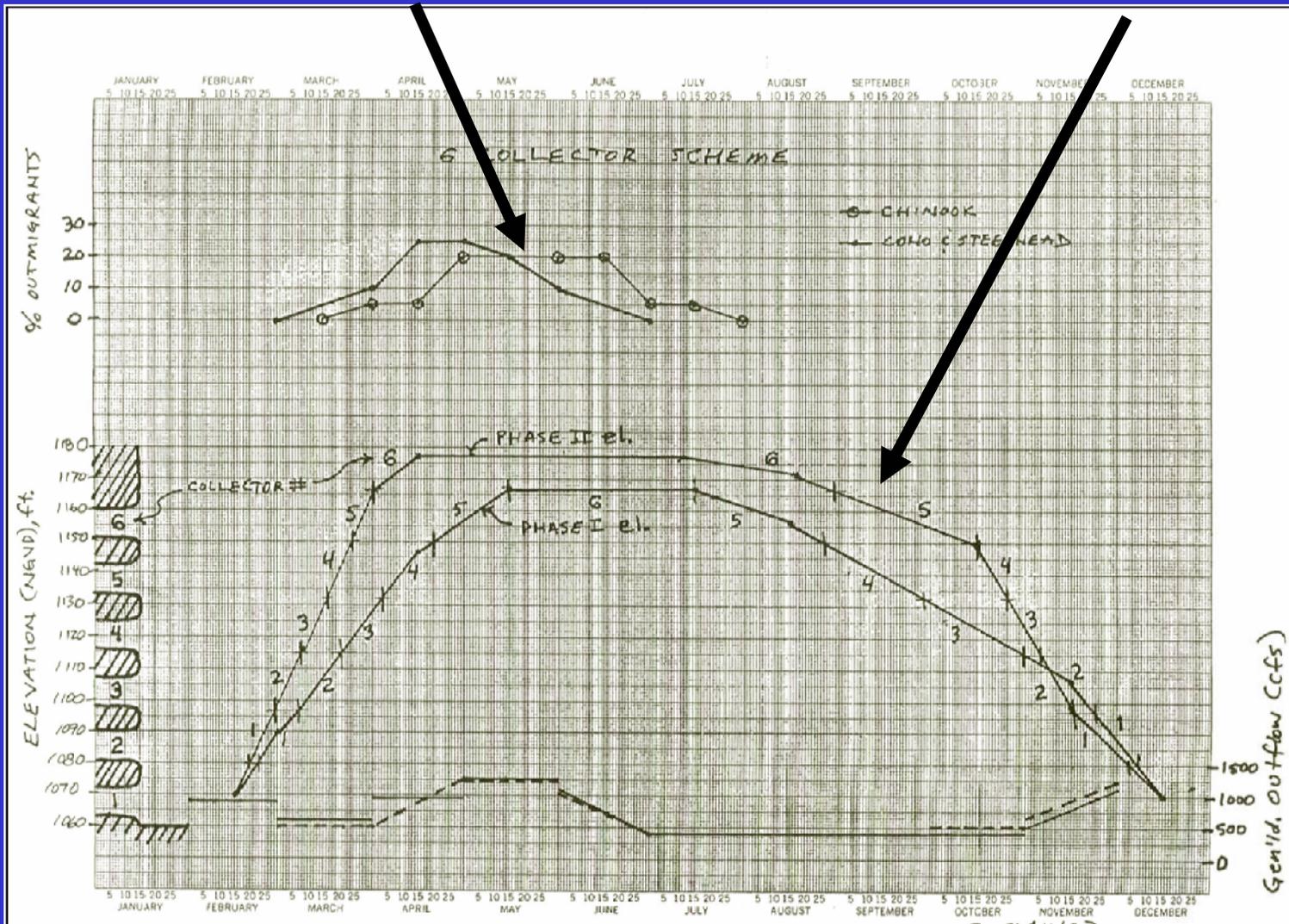


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Howard Hanson site limitations

- **Expected fish timing**

- **Wide pool fluctuation**





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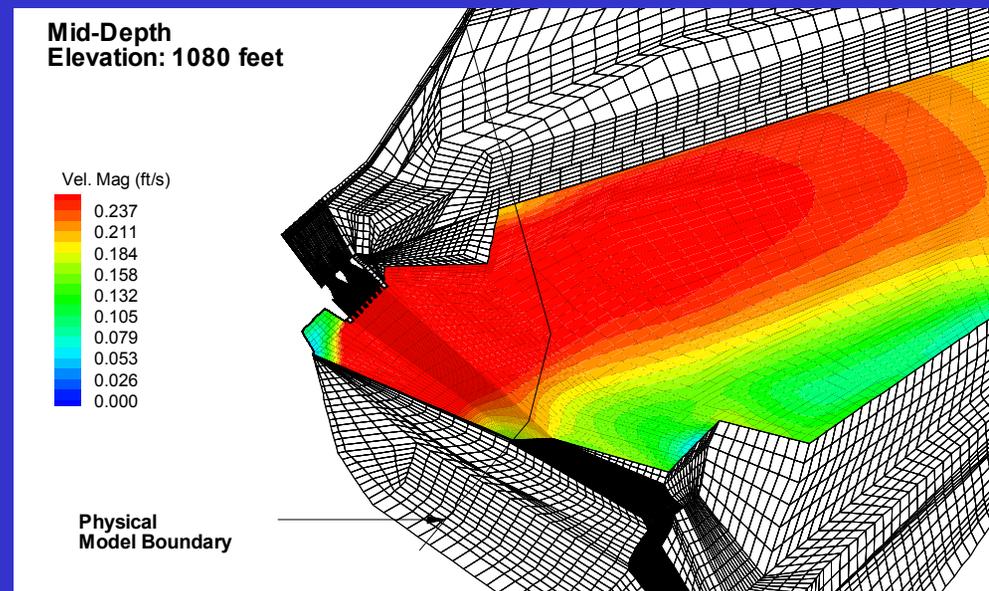
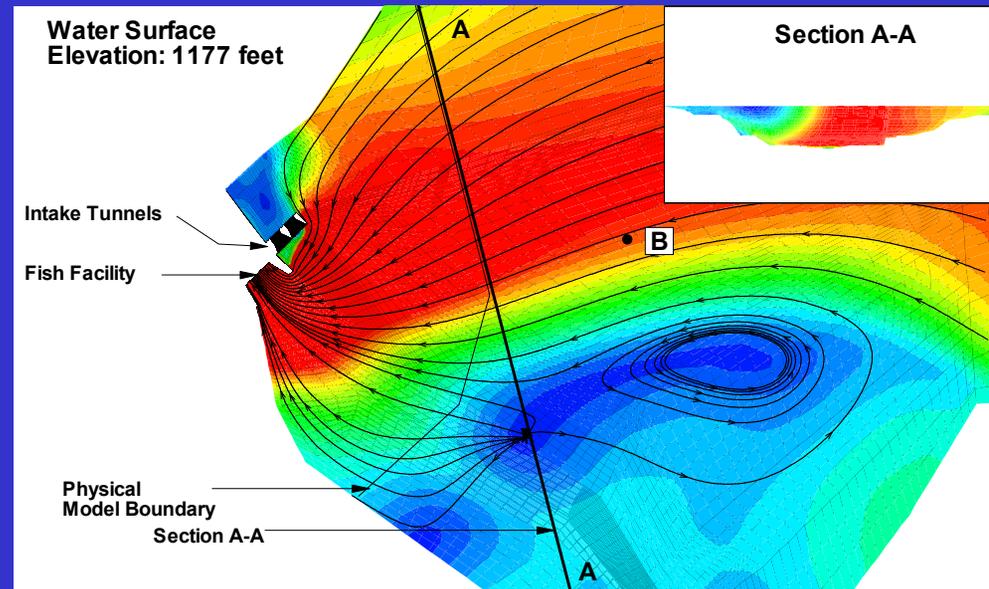


Figure 3: Plan View of Velocity Magnitude at Water Surface and Mid-Depth

Scenario S1P1: Tunnel: 2700 cfs, Fish: 1300 cfs



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**Goal:
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High Forebay

**with Juvenile Fish
Facility**

**Low Level Outlet
Open**

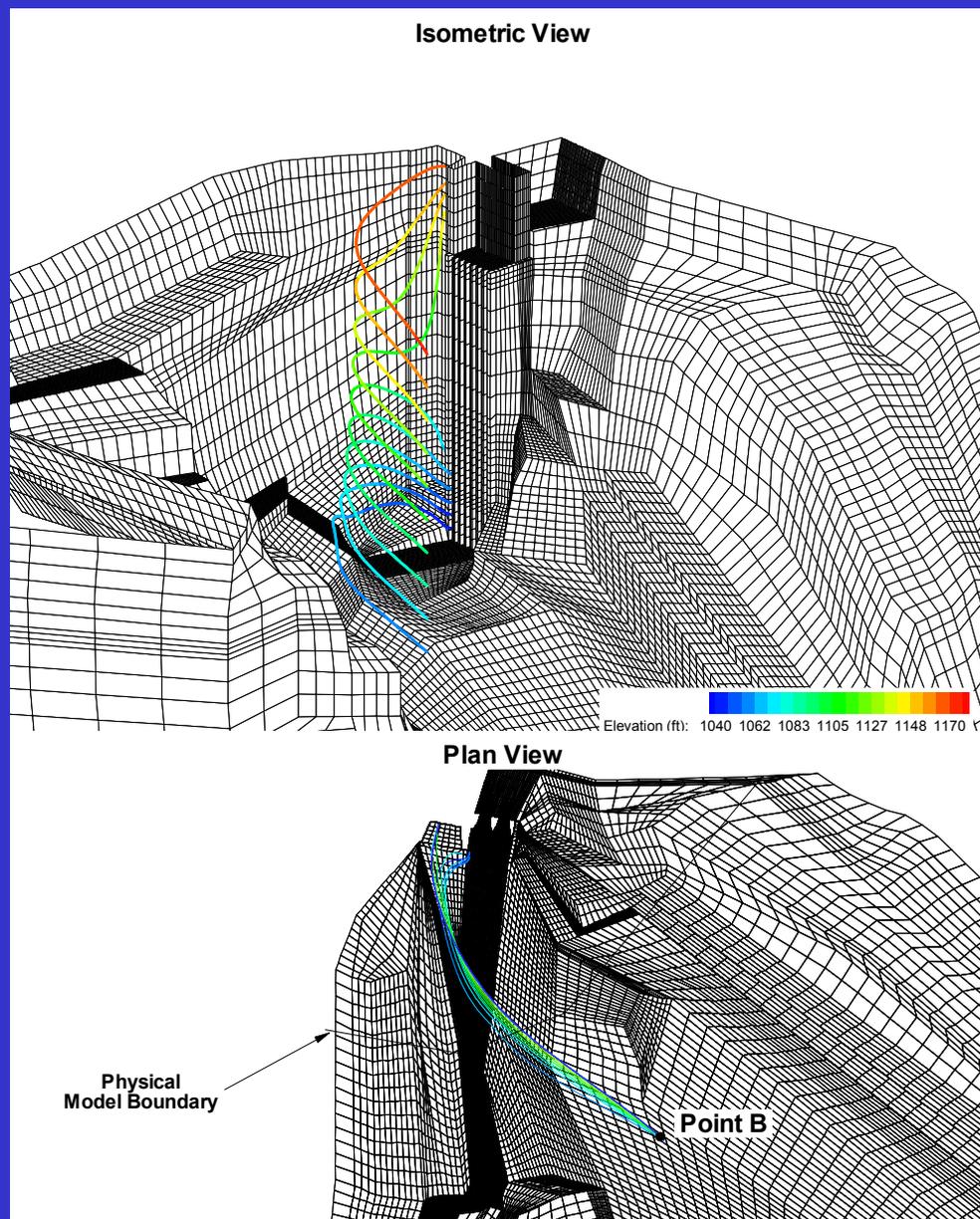


Figure 4: Flow Path From Point B to Tunnel and Fish Facility

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Overview of Fisheries Design Criteria

- **Operating Range: 97 feet**
- **Collector Design Flow: 200 - 600 cfs**
- **Facility Flow: 400 cfs to 1200 cfs**
- **Velocity gradient and screen criteria**
- **Bypass discharge: 25 cfs at all times**
- **Limitations on screen angle, flow depths in bypass conduit, energy dissipation in fish lock, maximum velocities, valve operations, pipe r/d ratios, etc.**