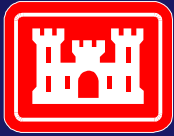




**Hydraulic Design of tidegates  
and other Water Control  
structures for Ecosystem  
Restoration projects on the  
Columbia River estuary**

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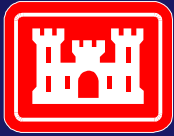
# New Orleans, Louisiana

- Surrounded by Levees for flood protection from Mississippi River + Hurricanes
- Drainage network of canals
- Gravity drainage into canals
- Network of pumping stations drains canals into Lake Pontchartrain
- Significant tidal effect
- High Water Table



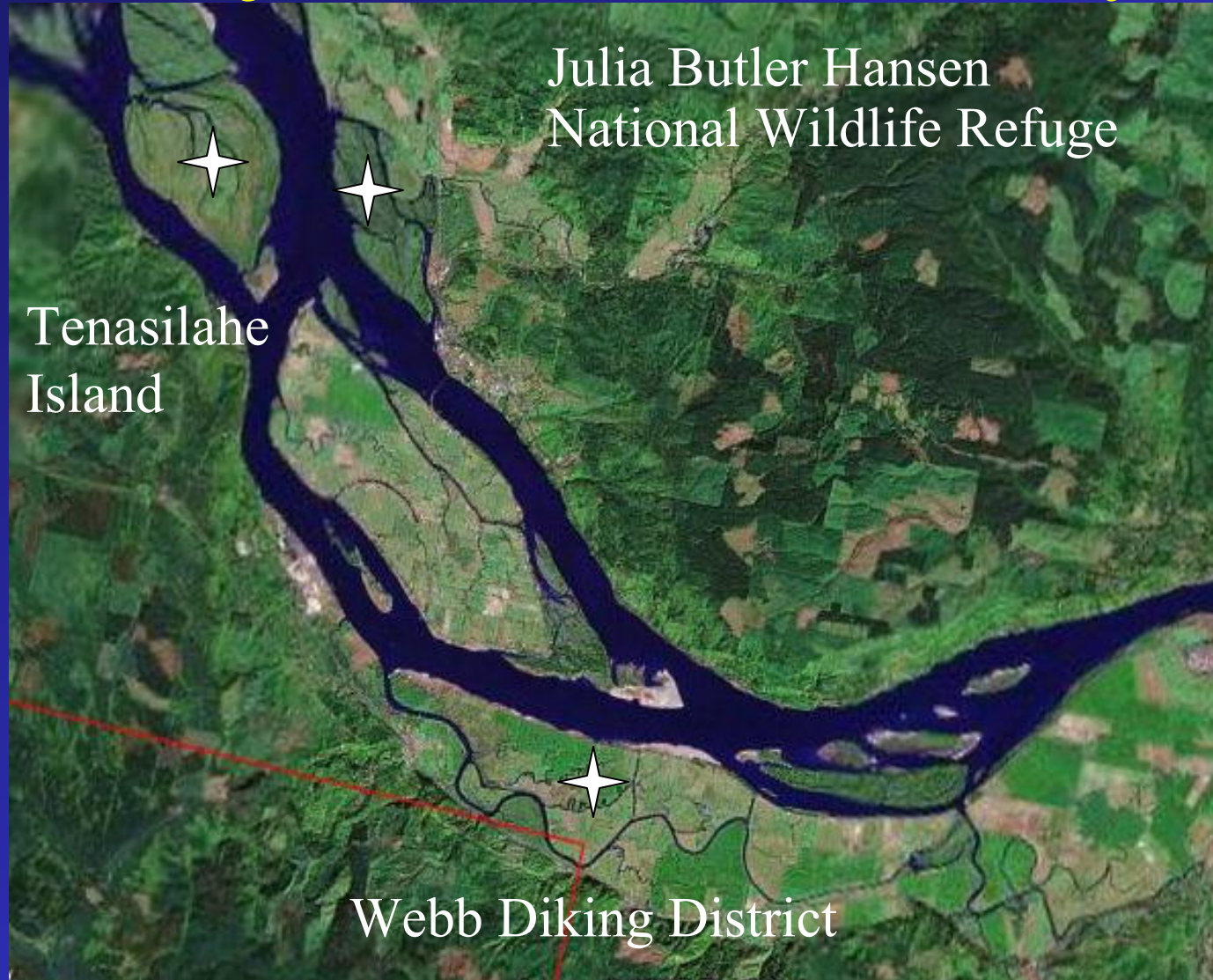
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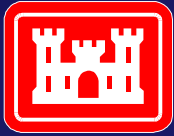
# Ecosystem Restoration Projects in Col R Estuary



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Webb Diking District

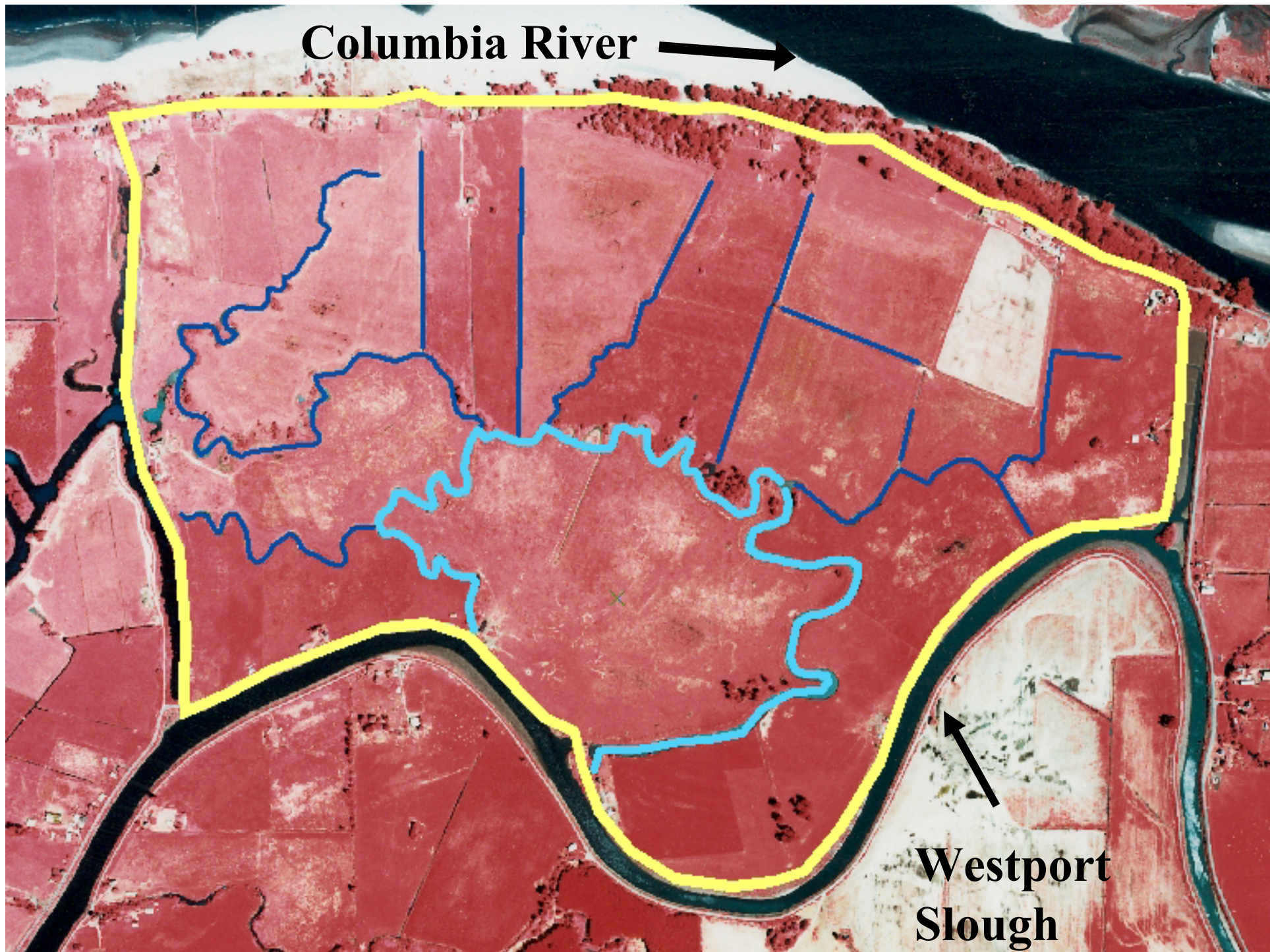


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# Webb Managed Wetland

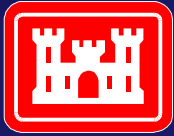
- Located at CRM 46
- Wildlife mitigation project associated with Columbia River Channel Deepening
- Project sponsors – Lower Columbia River Ports
- Diking District area 733 acres
- Project consists of 74 acre managed wetland built on Port of Portland land
- 6 mo execution from design to P & S
- Small project with lots of complexities
- Must deliver quality product capable of withstanding close scrutiny by stakeholders

**Columbia River** →



↖  
**Westport  
Slough**



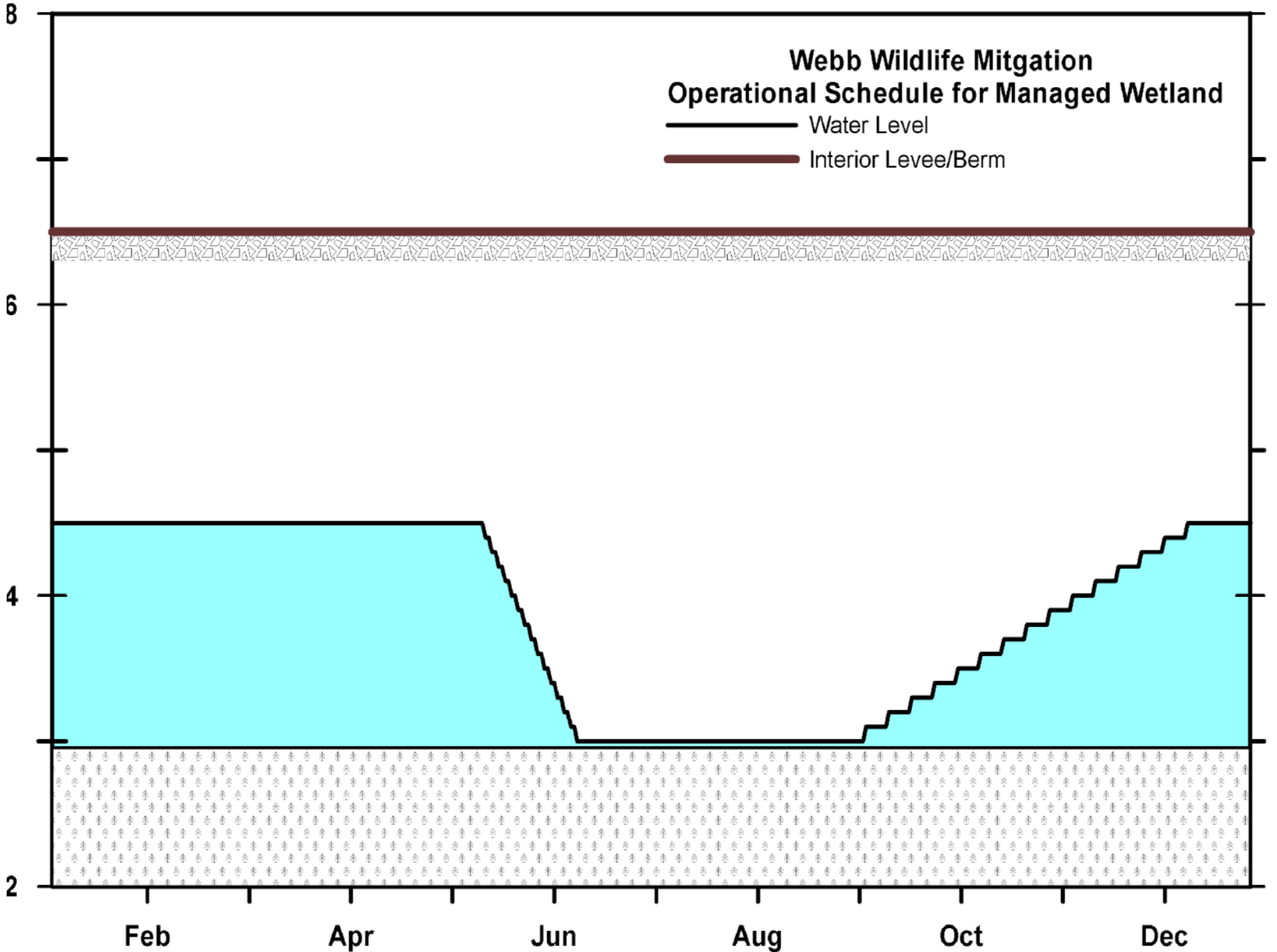


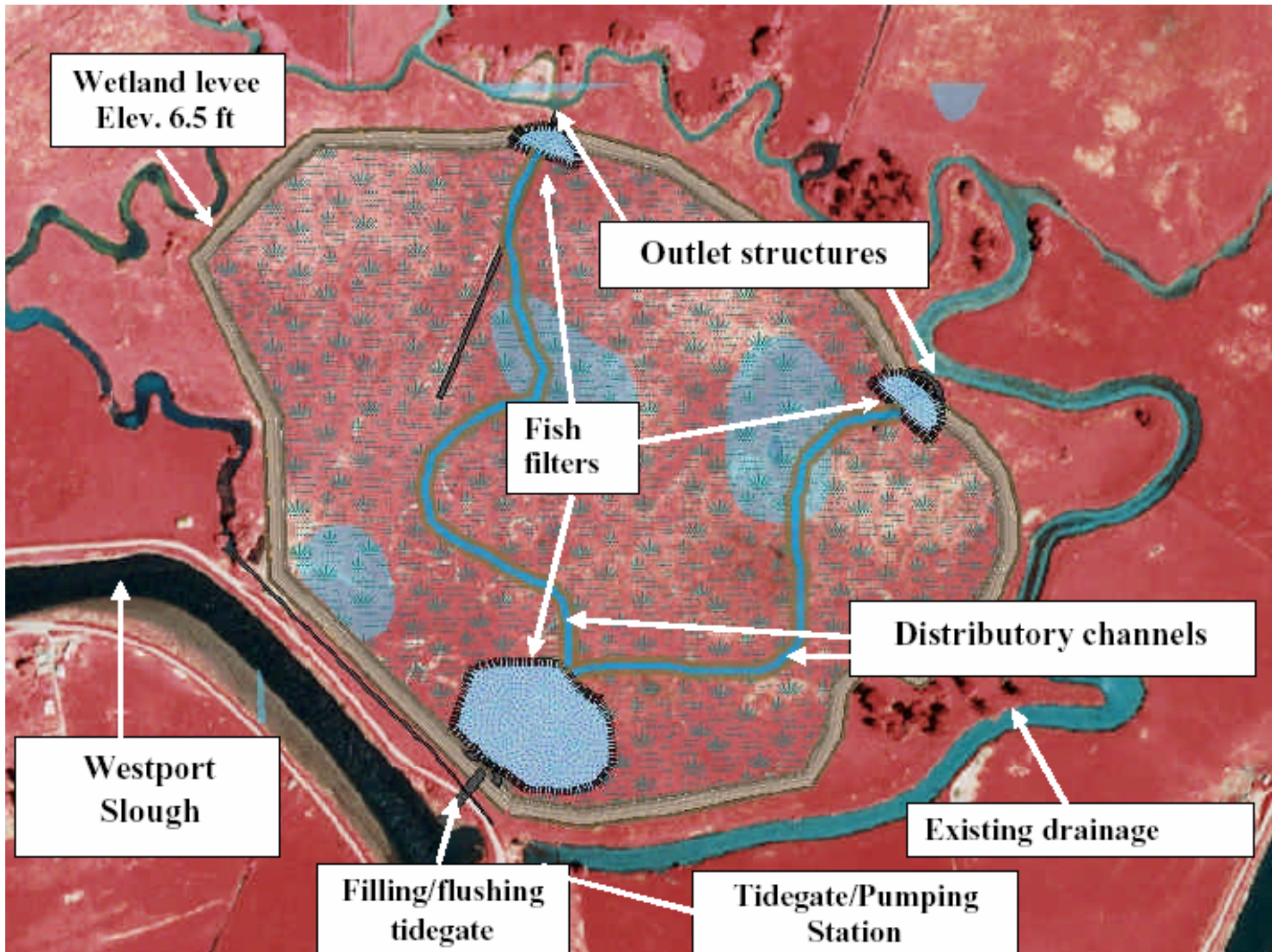
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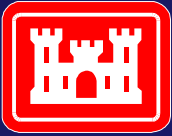
# Webb Managed Wetland

- Goals – passive management of water level between 3 and 4.5 feet
- Provide flushing water to main drainage slough
- Minimize standing water
- Opposed by landowners in the Diking district – lots of legal issues
- Concerns – Flood control, drainage, mosquitoes (west Nile virus), birds (avian flu)
- Public meeting Aug 10. Construction start ~ late Aug – early Sep pending signed MOA
- P & S complete, some remaining parts will be added as mods to the contract



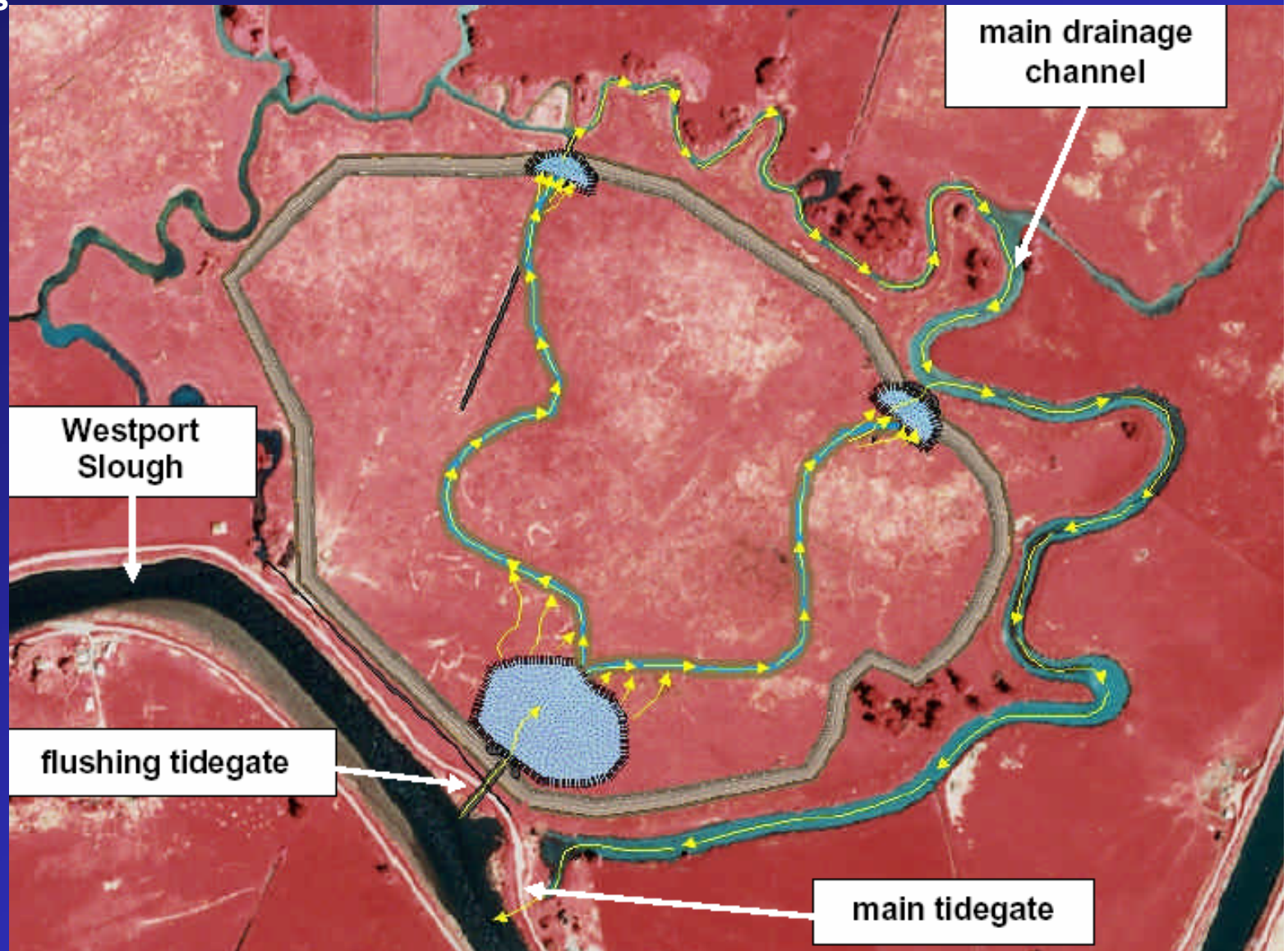


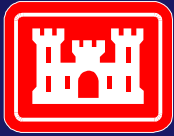




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# Summer low water operation



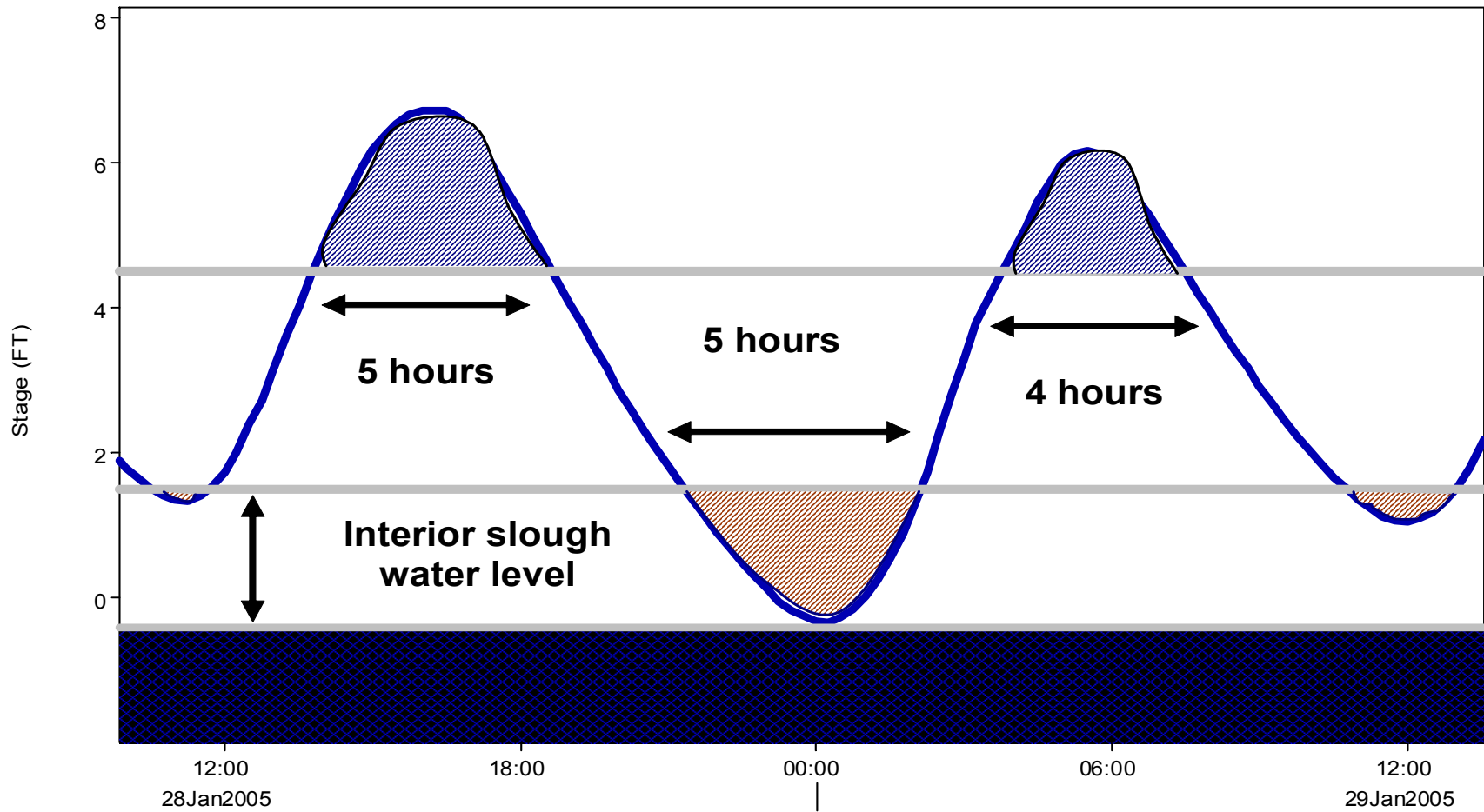


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# Hydrology & Climatology

- Interior drainage system
- High water table, responds rapidly to tidal cycle
- Gravity drainage into Westport Slough, 8 – 10 ft stage variation
- 48 cfs pump station, used to keep water table down and pasture land dry
- Drain tiles present

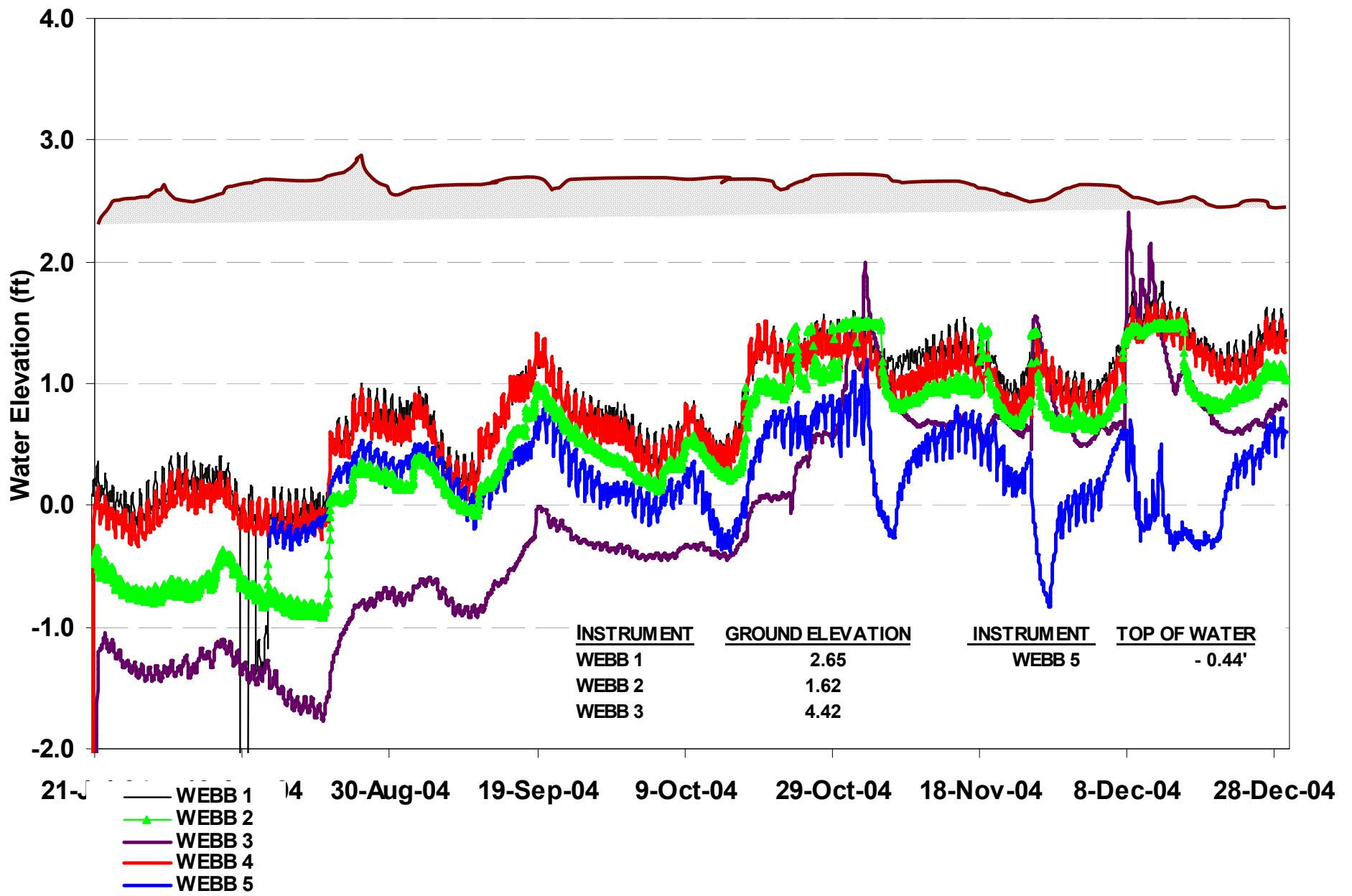
# Drainage Cycle

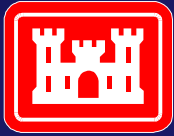


— Westport slough stage

▨ Filling cycle

▨ Gravity drainage cycle

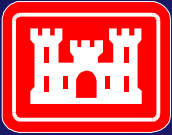




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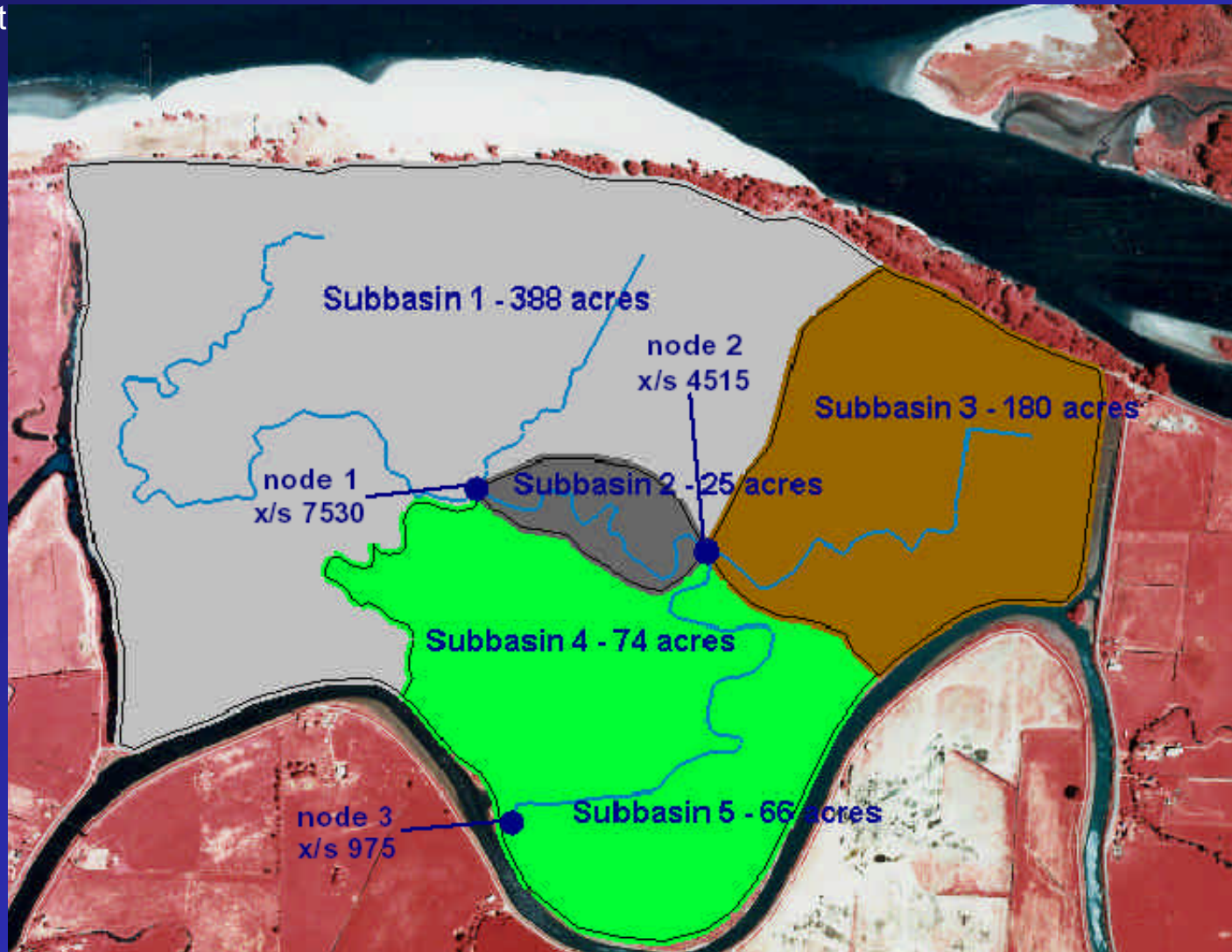
# Hydrology & Climatology

- Design has to consider rainfall runoff
- Small area ~ considered rational method
- Peak flow important, but continuous flow hydrographs needed.
- Quick-easy-cheap way to develop with and without project hydrology
- MGSFlood – WA DOT free program used
- <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/eesc/design/hydraulics/downloads.htm>



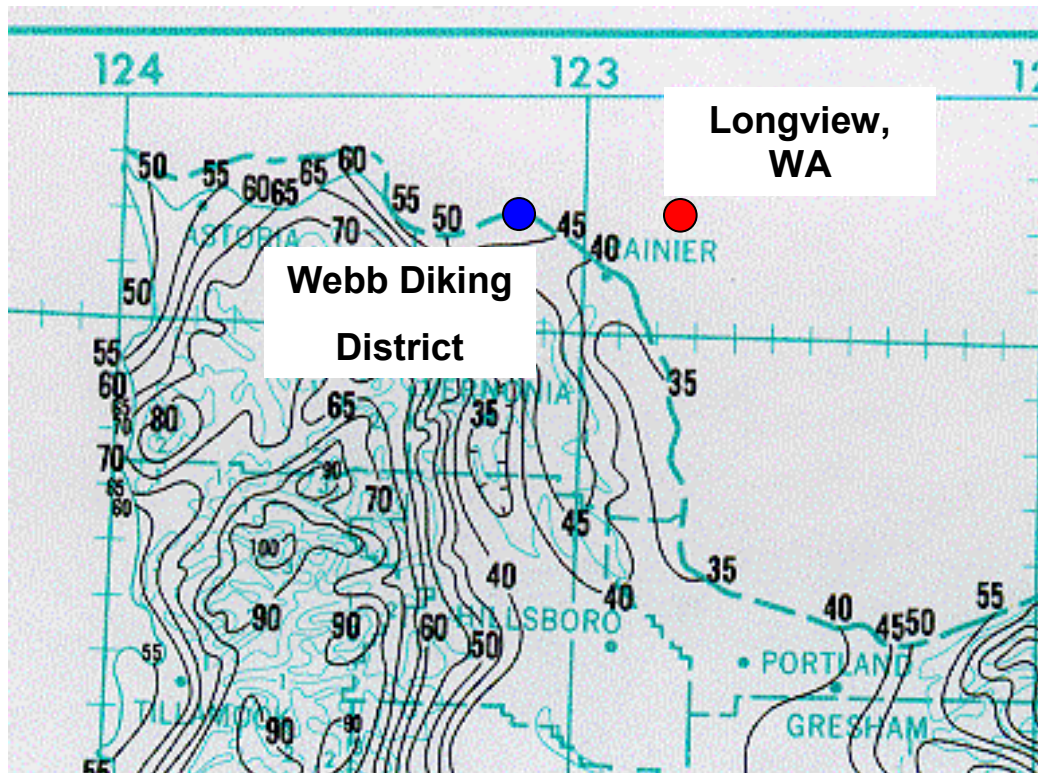
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# MGSFlood schematic with inflow points to HEC RAS





# MGSFlood Rainfall data

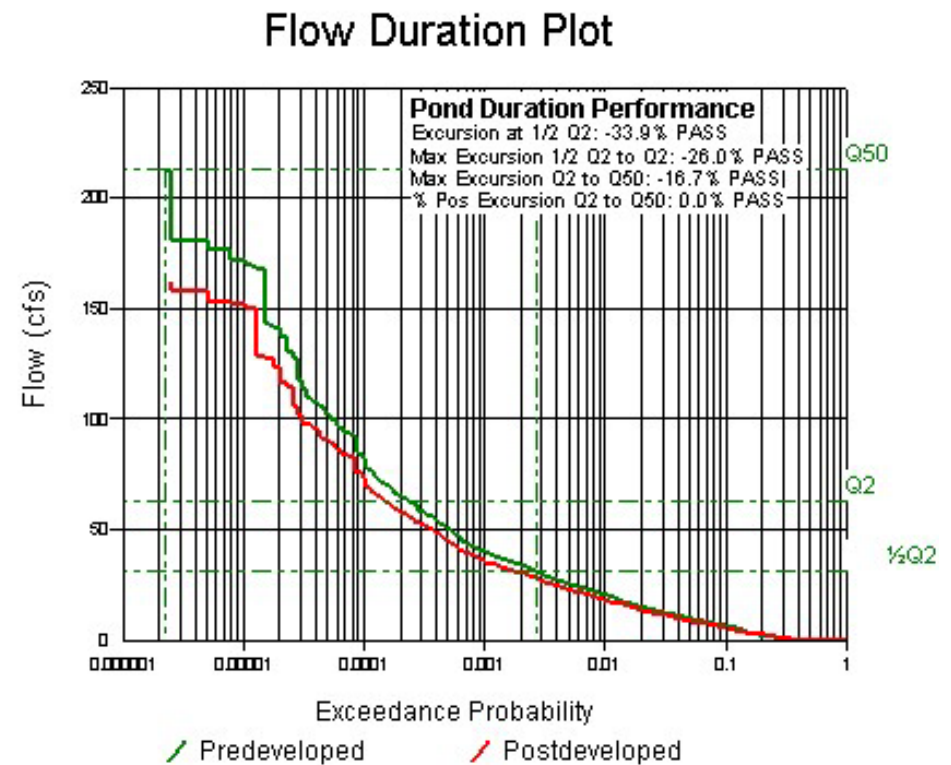
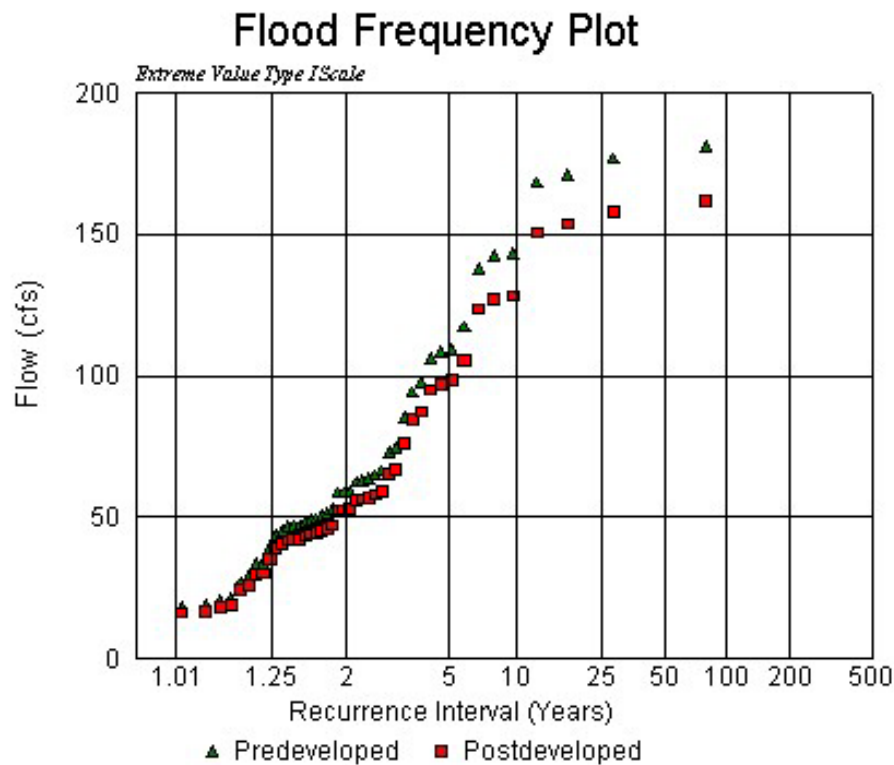


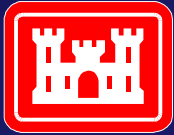
**25 Year 24 hour Isopluvial Map –  
NOAA Atlas #2**

- Project area – Webb  
25 yr – 24 hr = 5.25  
inches
- Use Longview, WA gage  
44 yr POR 25 yr – 24 hr  
4.21 inches
- Precipitation Scale Factor  
 $5.25 / 4.1$  1.247
- Continuous Flow  
Hydrographs developed  
with HSPF FORTRAN  
routine

# MGS Flood Outputs

- Computed continuous flow for POR +

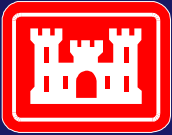




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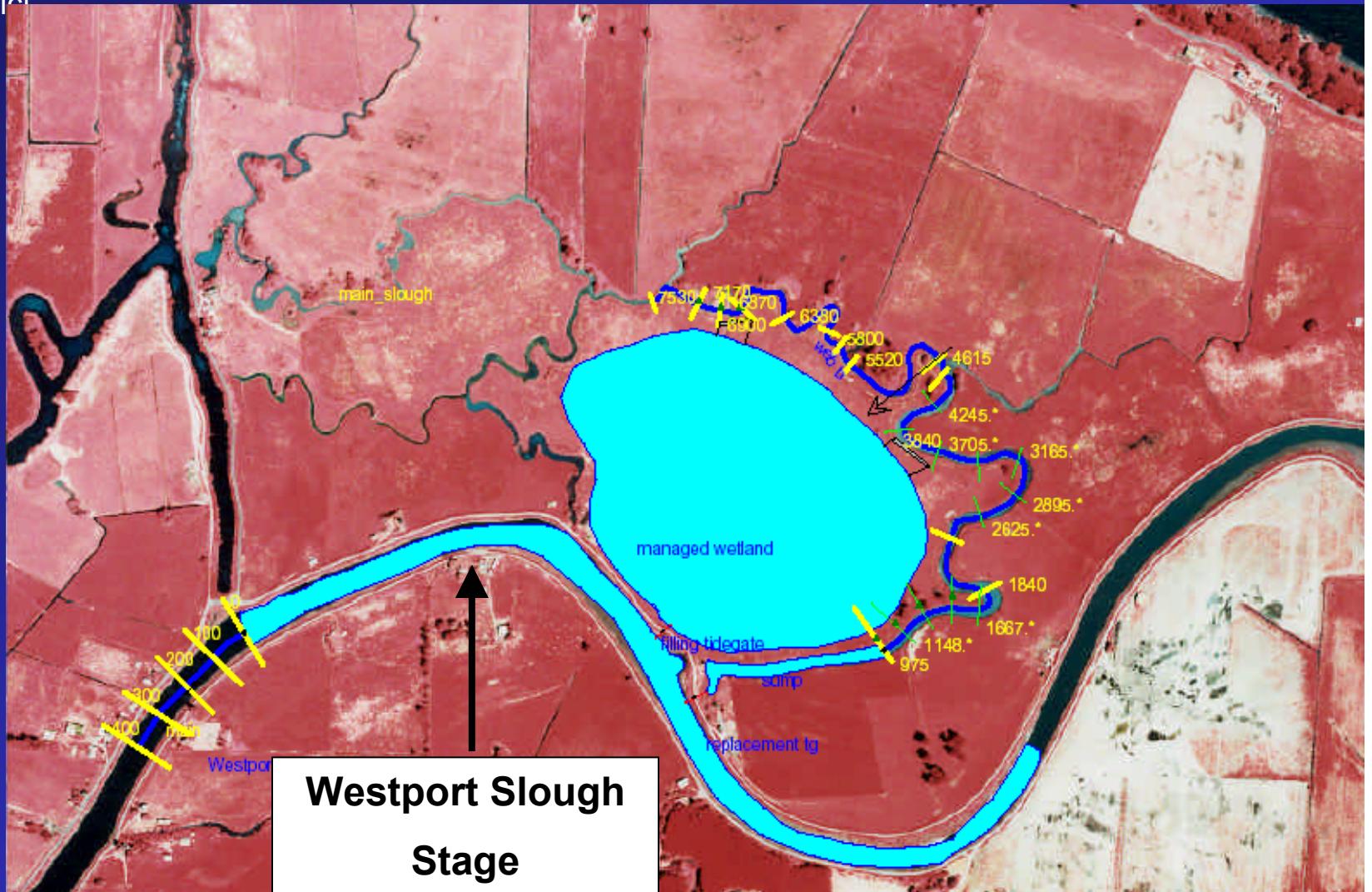
# Do we really need a Hydraulic Model ?

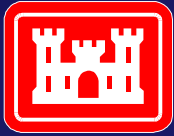
- Test and evaluate performance of design over range of tidal and rainfall conditions
- Answer a battery of questions that come up
  - How long to fill wetland ?
  - How fast can we drain it ?
- Communication tool – helps you communicate the hydraulics and hydrology to
  - the other members of the design team
  - May provides data for of the parts of the design
  - Resource agencies for permitting
  - Public - through graphics, want to keep it simple, common sense



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# Webb HEC-RAS

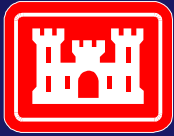




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# Data requirements

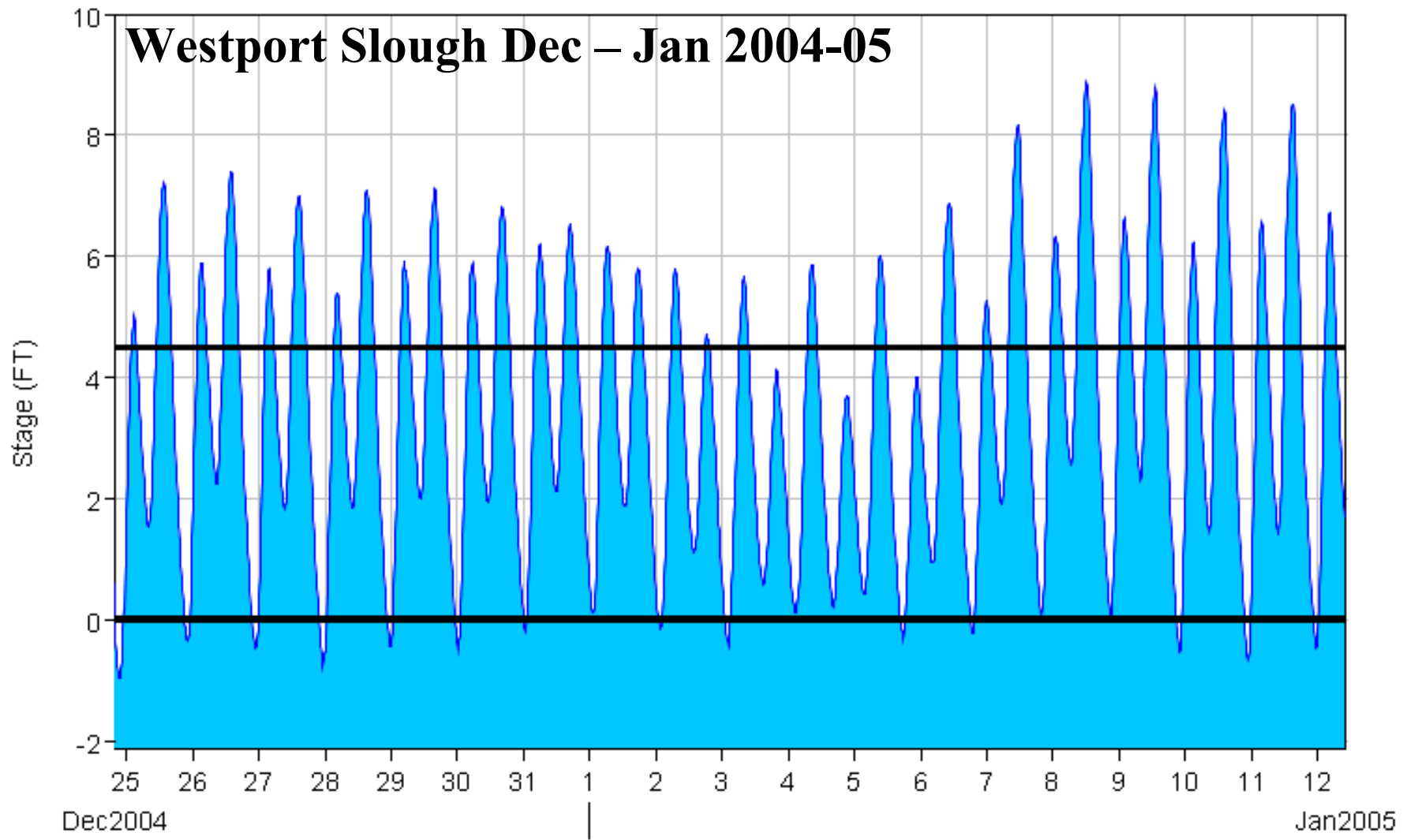
- Basic model setup relies on representation of design water control structures (tidegates) as culverts defined by flow direction
- Managed wetland – elevation – volume curve defines storage curve
- Existing and replacement tidegate, pump station



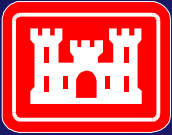
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# Data requirements

- Minimal survey data – cross sections of main drainage channel, spot elevations in 74 acre proposed managed wetland
- 1 day effort ~ 4 K
- Sutron gage at Westport slough (most important) ! 5 K

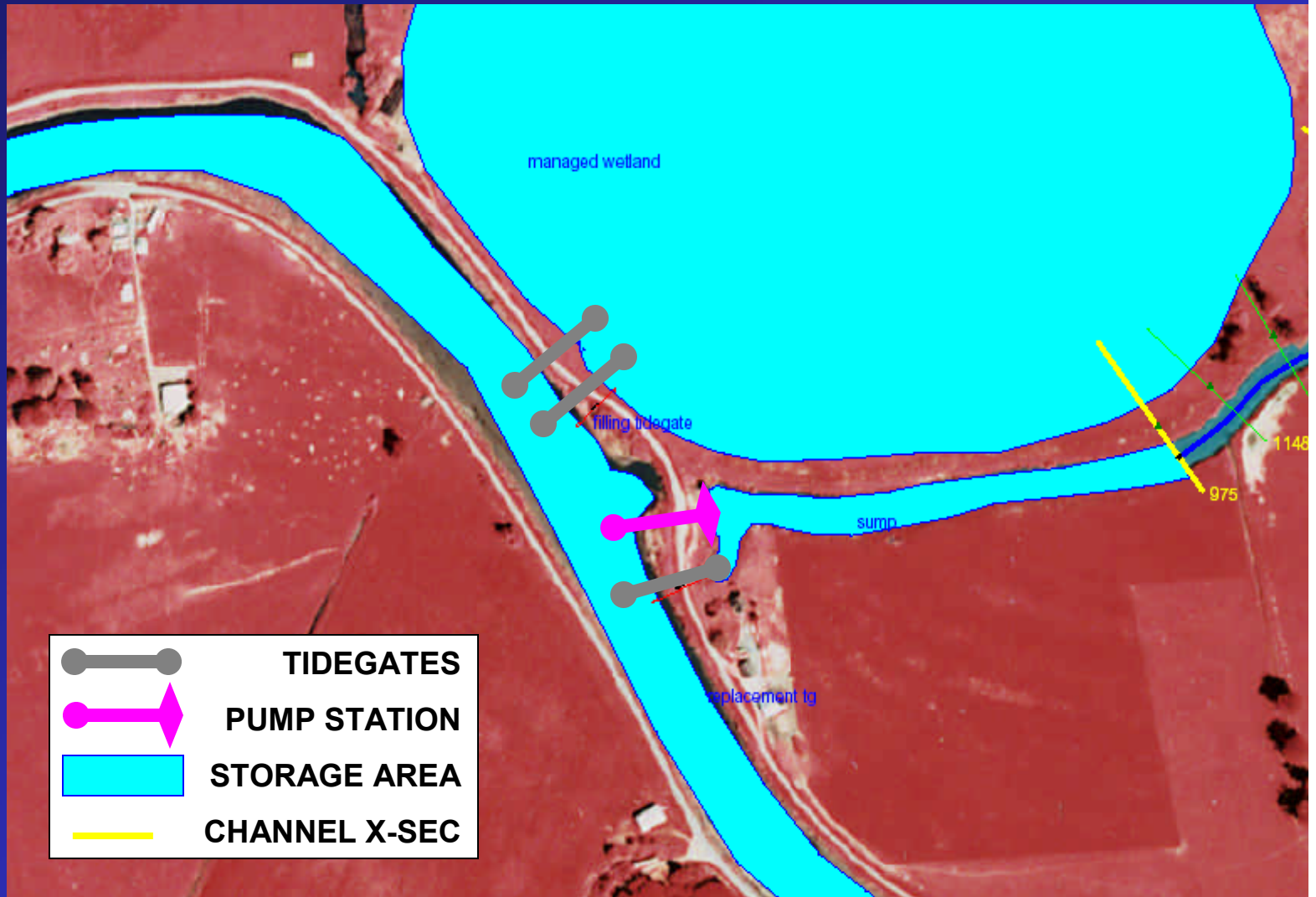


WESTPORT SLOUGH OBSERVED STAGE

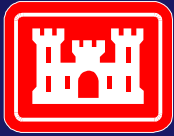


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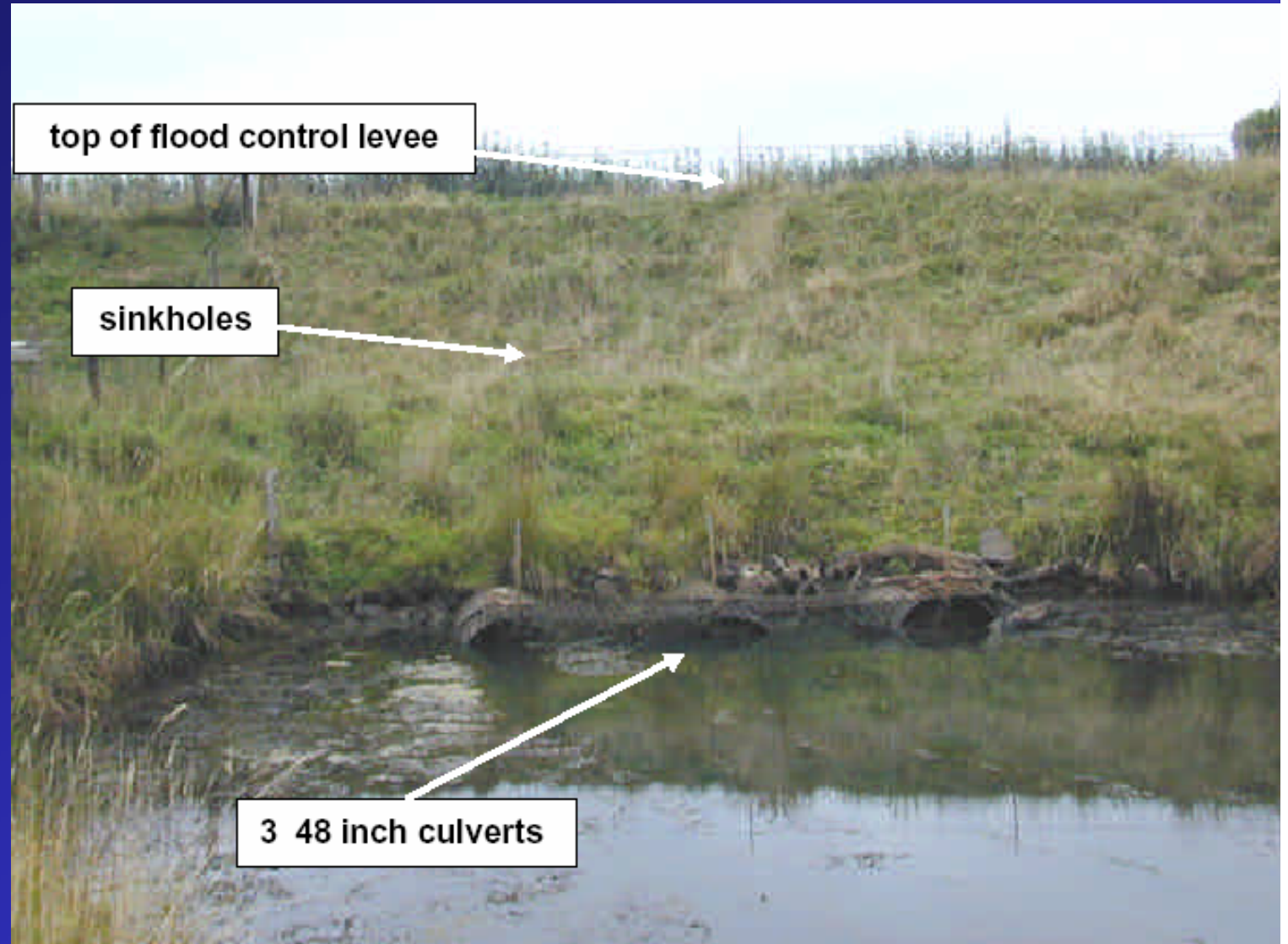


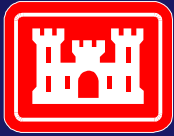




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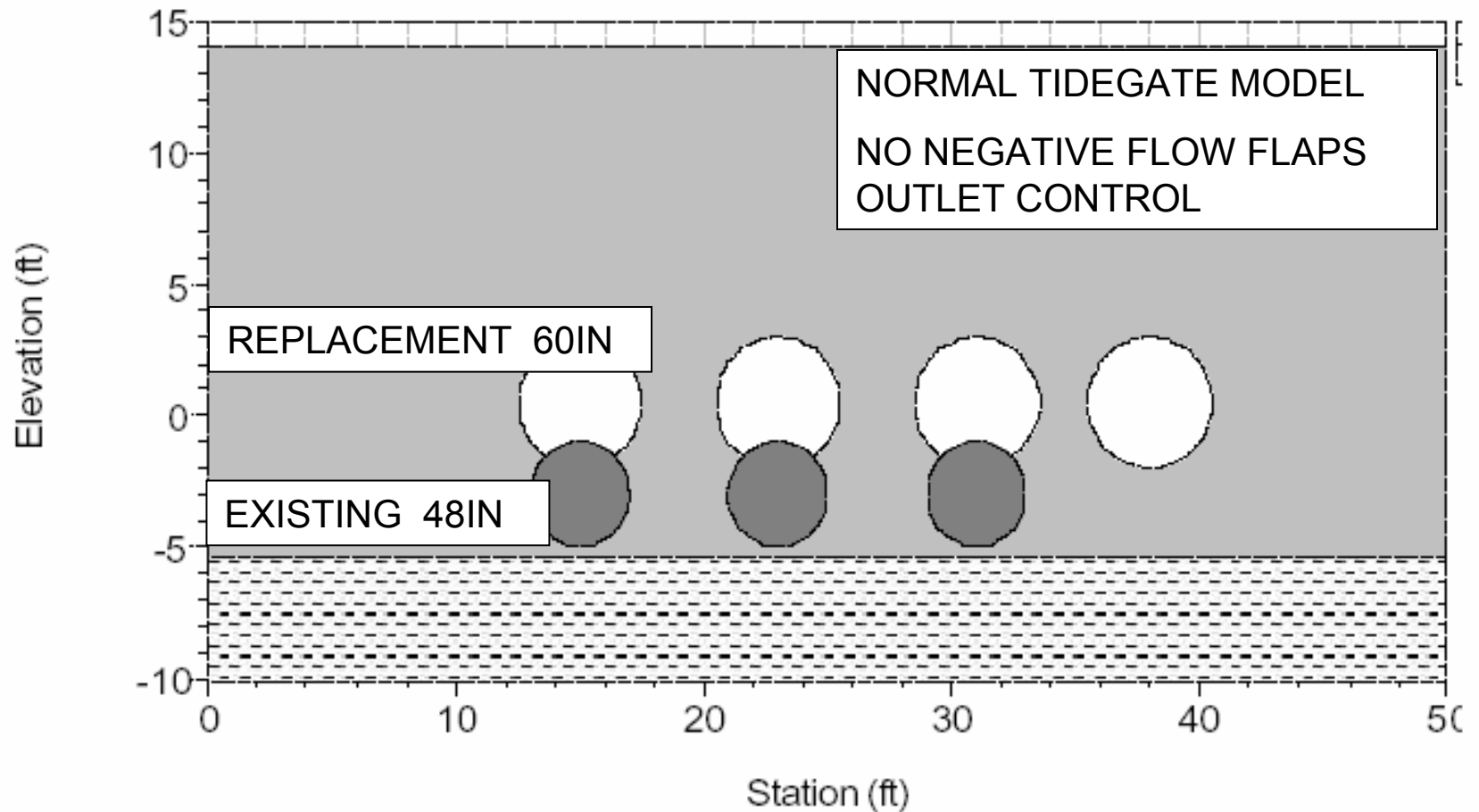
# Replacement Tidegate





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# Replacement Tidegate 4 60in culverts/side opening tidegates

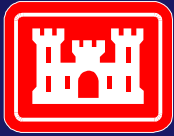


## Coalbank Slough, Coos Bay



Five foot diameter aluminum tidegates designed by Nehalem Marine. Picture taken December 3, 2002 at 5:03 p.m. Coos Bay low tide -1.4 feet at 6:59 p.m. The side-hinged gate is 3 inches from being fully open. Water beginning to break over downstream control riffle. Shutter speed: 1 second.

*Photo courtesy of Leo Kuntz, Nehalem Marine*



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# Tidegate Hydraulics

Top opening

$$n = 0.026$$

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$$n = 0.030$$

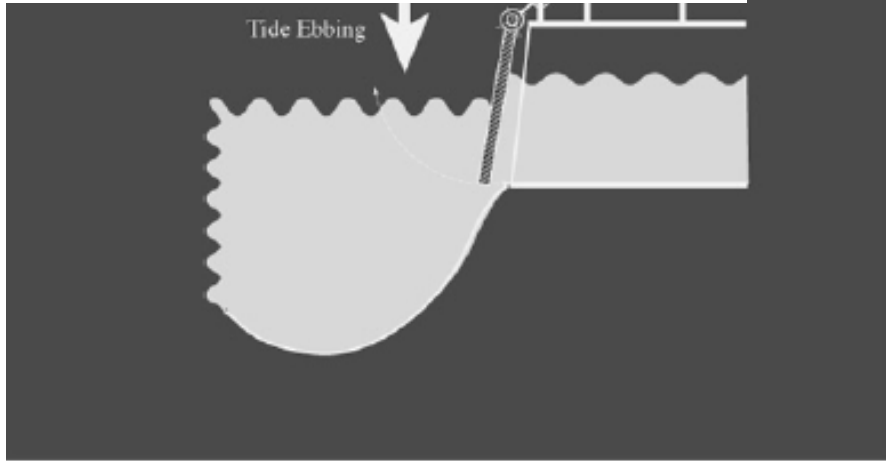
Side opening

$$n = 0.021$$

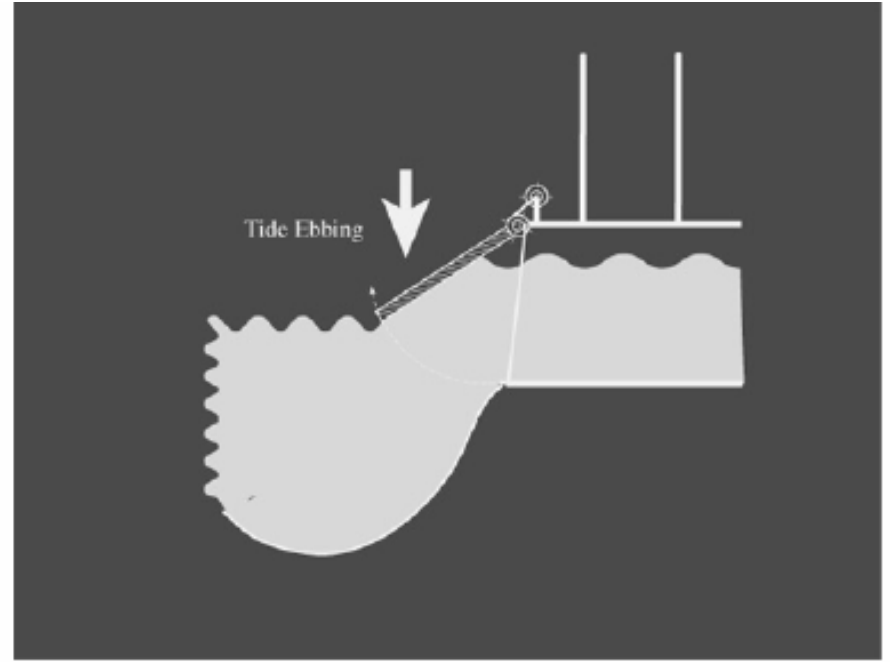
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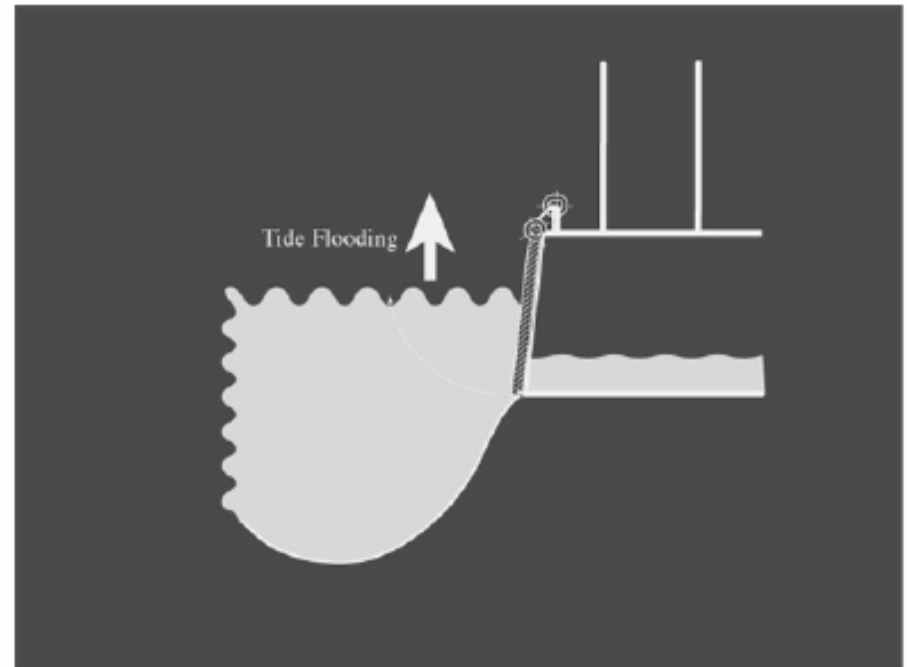
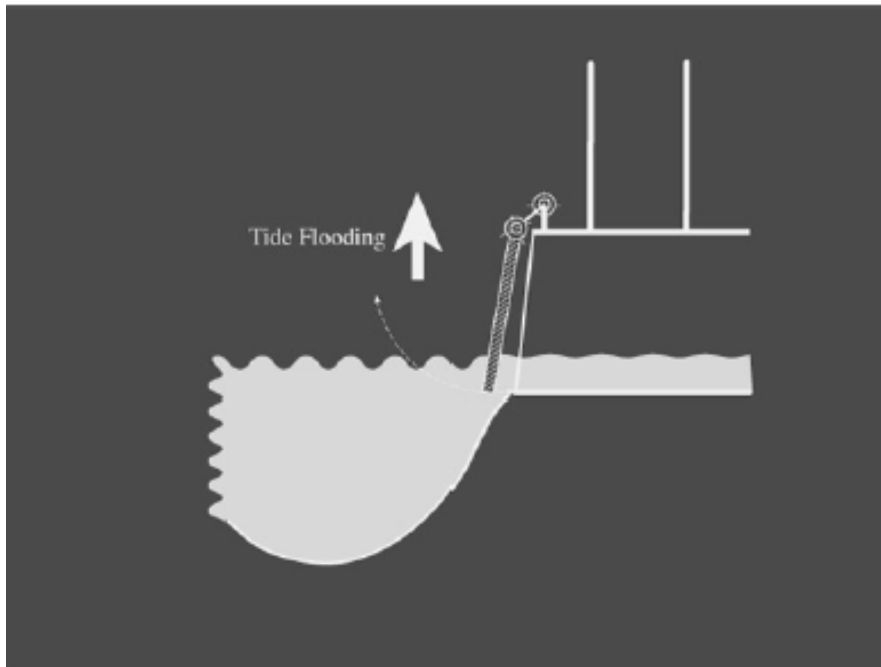
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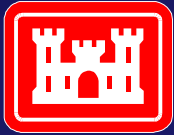


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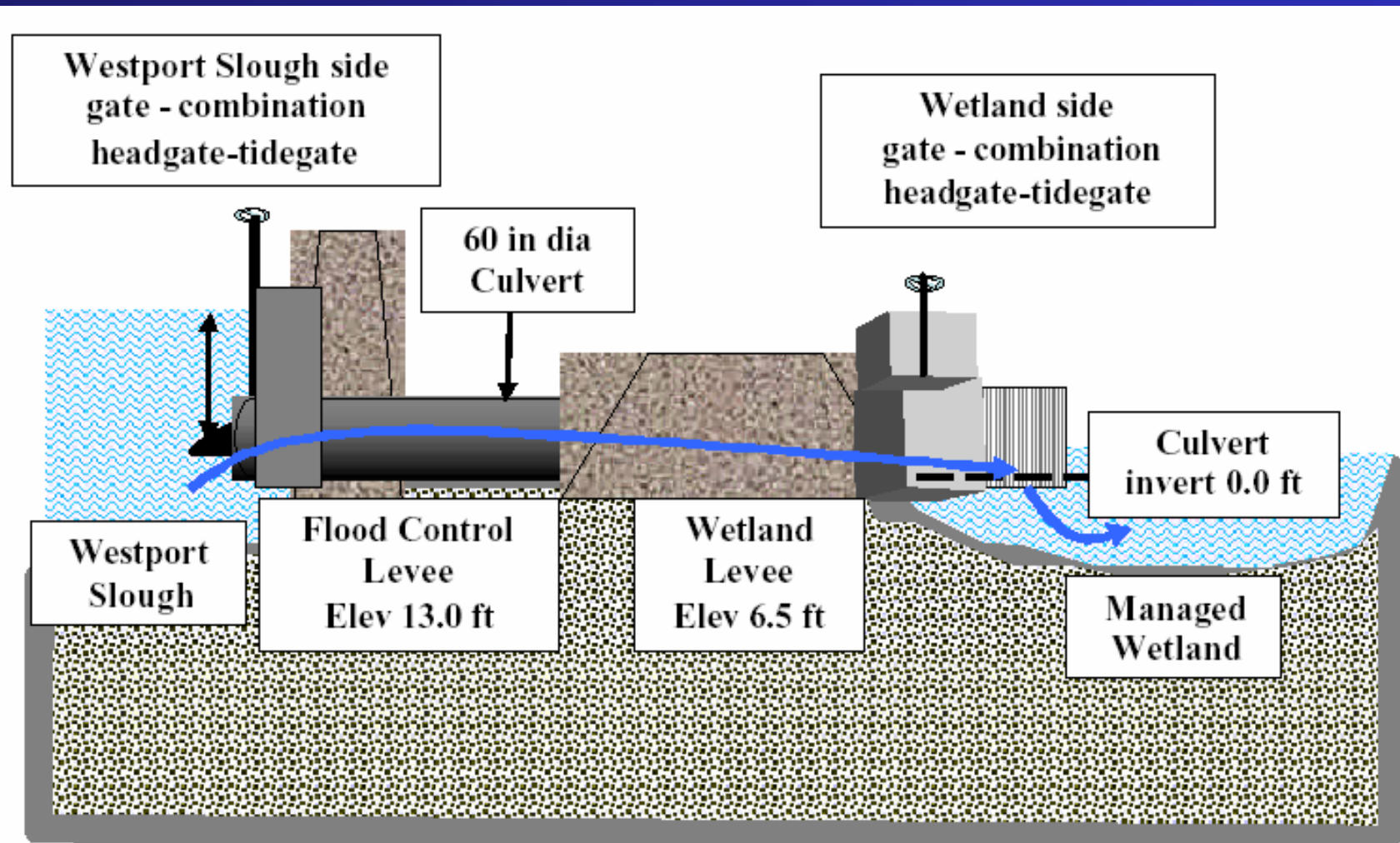
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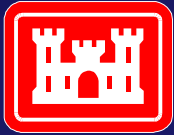




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# Filling/Flushing Tidegate





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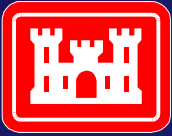


**tidegate operation**



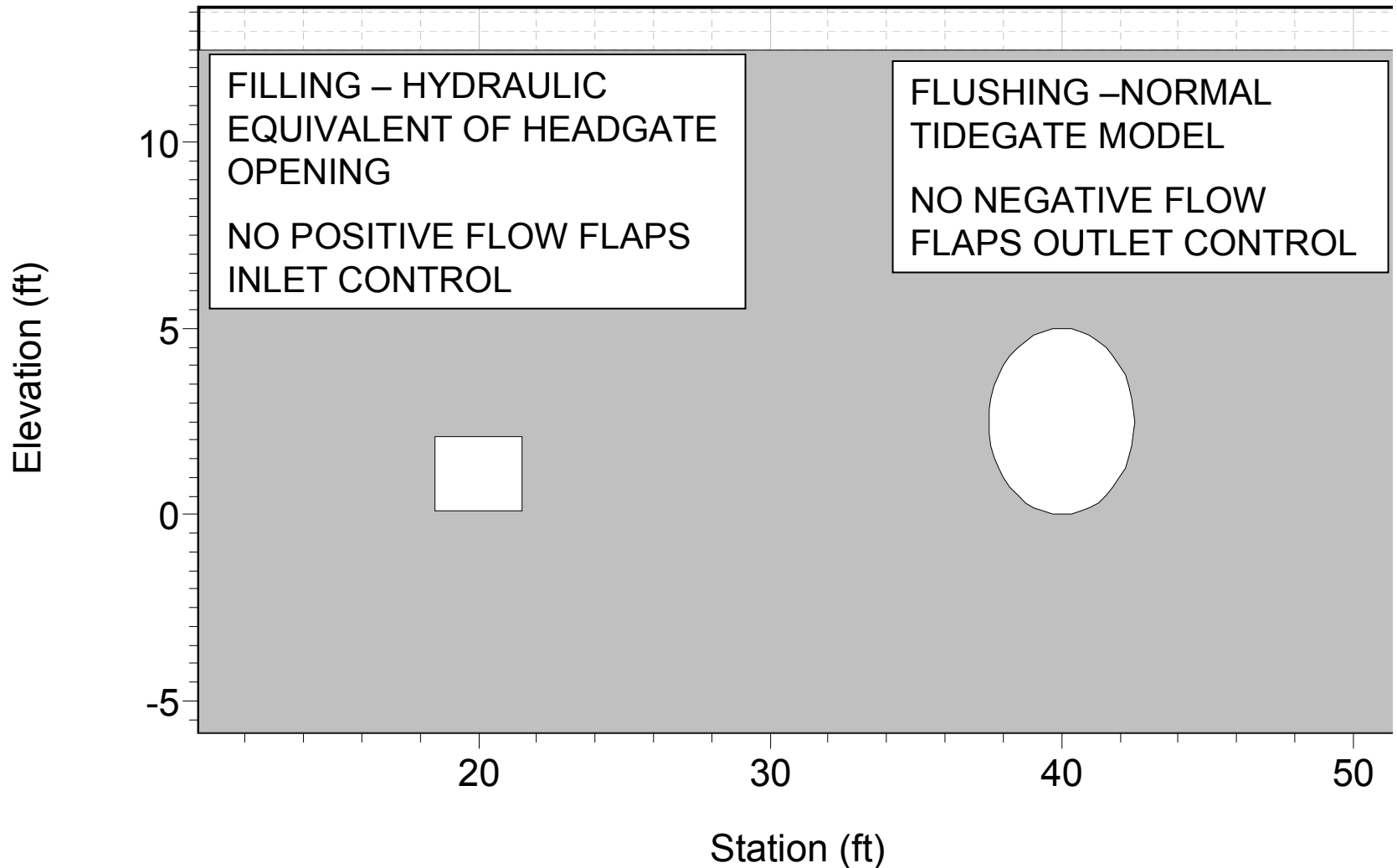
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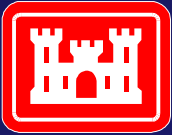


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# Filling – Flushing Tidegate

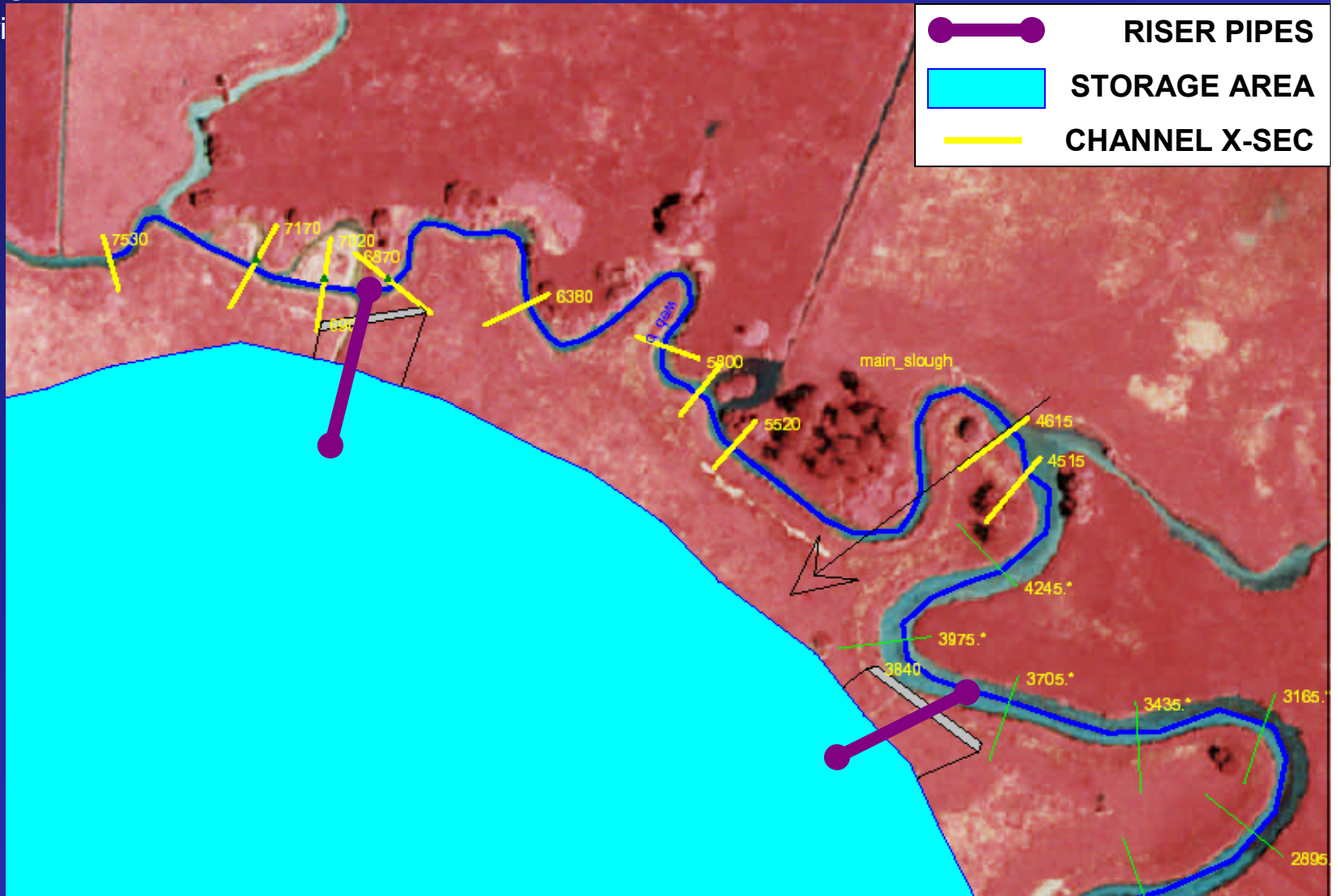


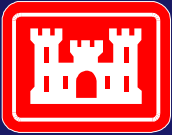




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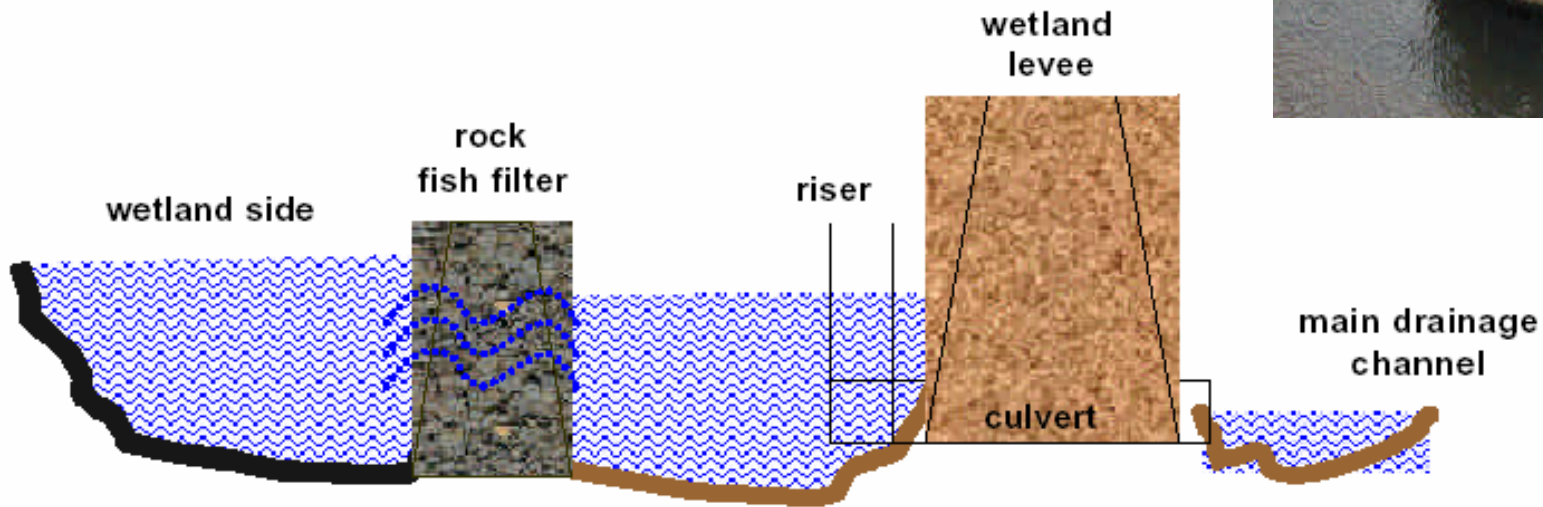
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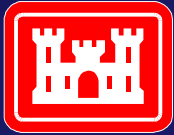




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# Fish Filter – Riser Pipe – Slough Connection

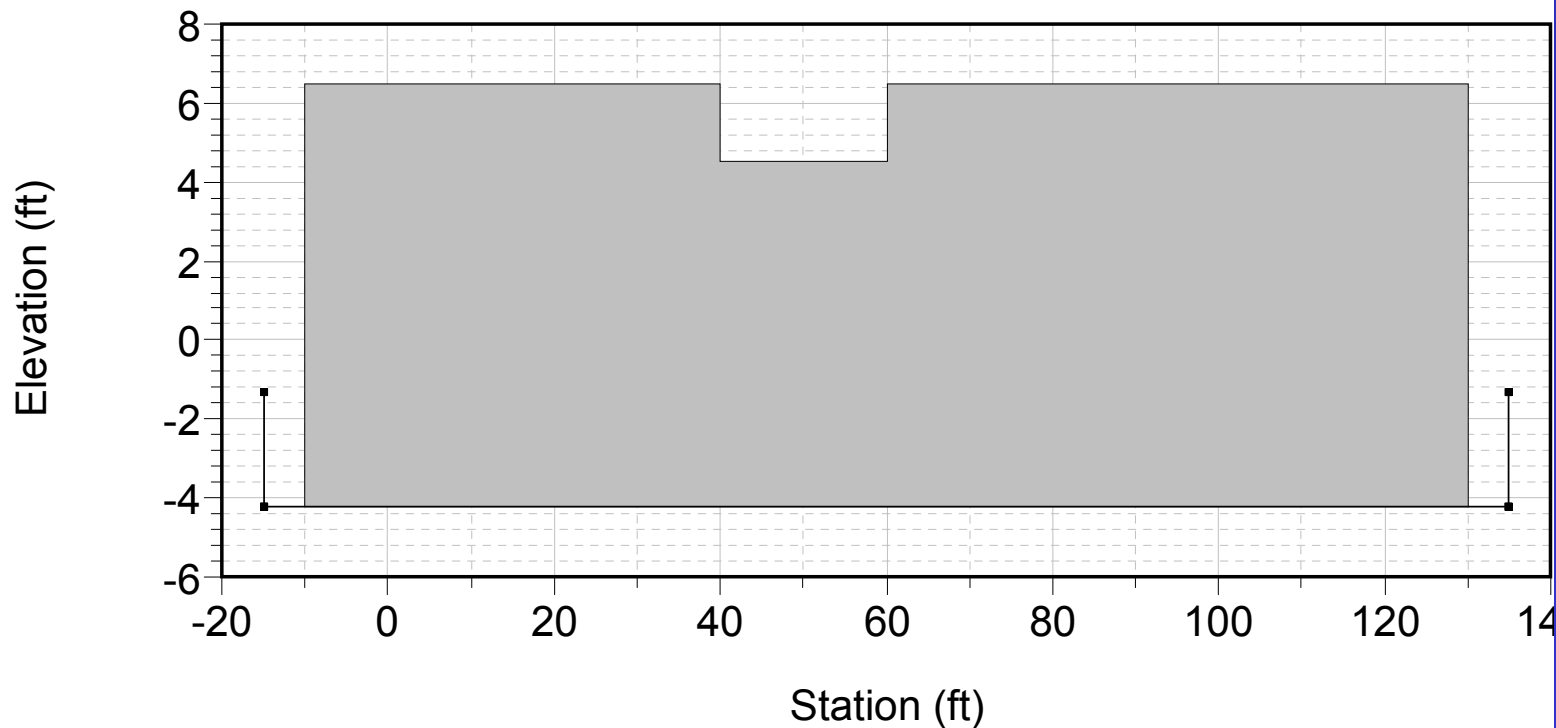




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# Fish Filter – Riser Pipe – Slough Connection

- Lateral Connection – Storage Area to River Reach
- Weir notch set to desired water level (4.5 feet)



# Fish Filter Design

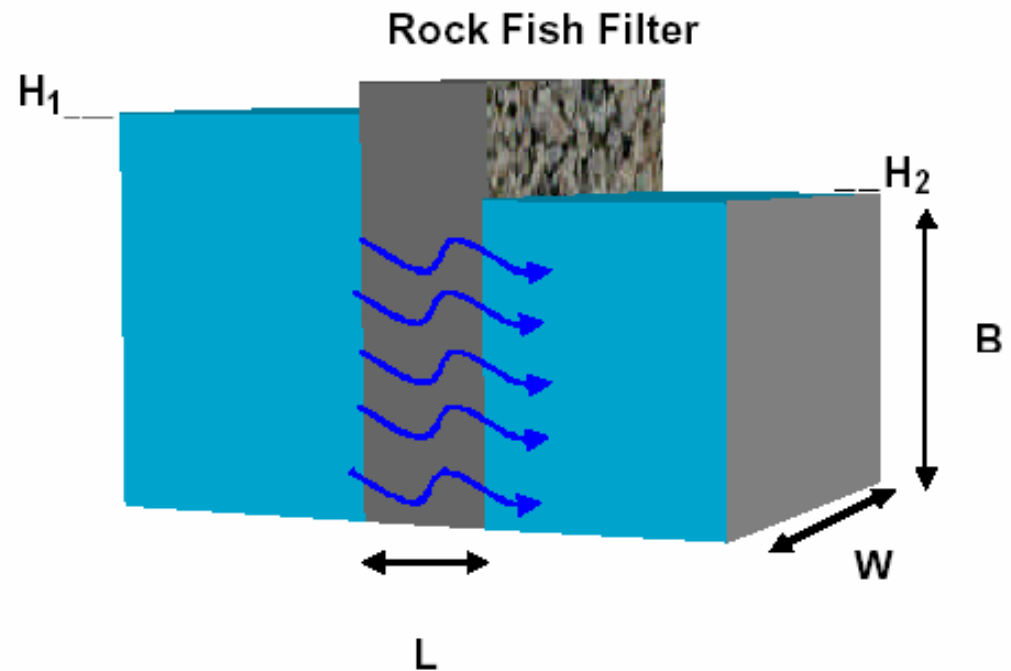
- Volume  $\sim 10$  acre ft/day  $10 \text{ acft}/74 \text{ ac} = 0.135 \text{ ft/day}$  (1.62 in) variation of water level in pond
- Desired Flow Rate through filters  $\sim 25 \text{ cfs}$

$$\frac{\mathbf{10 \text{ ac ft}}}{\mathbf{5 \text{ hr}}} = \mathbf{24.2 \text{ cfs} \sim 25 \text{ cfs}}$$

# Darcy's Law Application to Fish Filter Design

- $Q = k \times i \times A$
- $H_1 = 5.5 \text{ ft}$
- $H_2 = 4.5 \text{ ft}$
- $L_{\text{avg}} = 18.5 \text{ ft}$
- $I = \frac{H_1 - H_2}{L_{\text{avg}}}$

Assumed hydraulic conductivity of rock filter  $k$   
 $k = 2 \text{ in/sec} (5 \times 10^{-1} \text{ m/sec})$



# Darcy's Law Application to Fish Filter Design

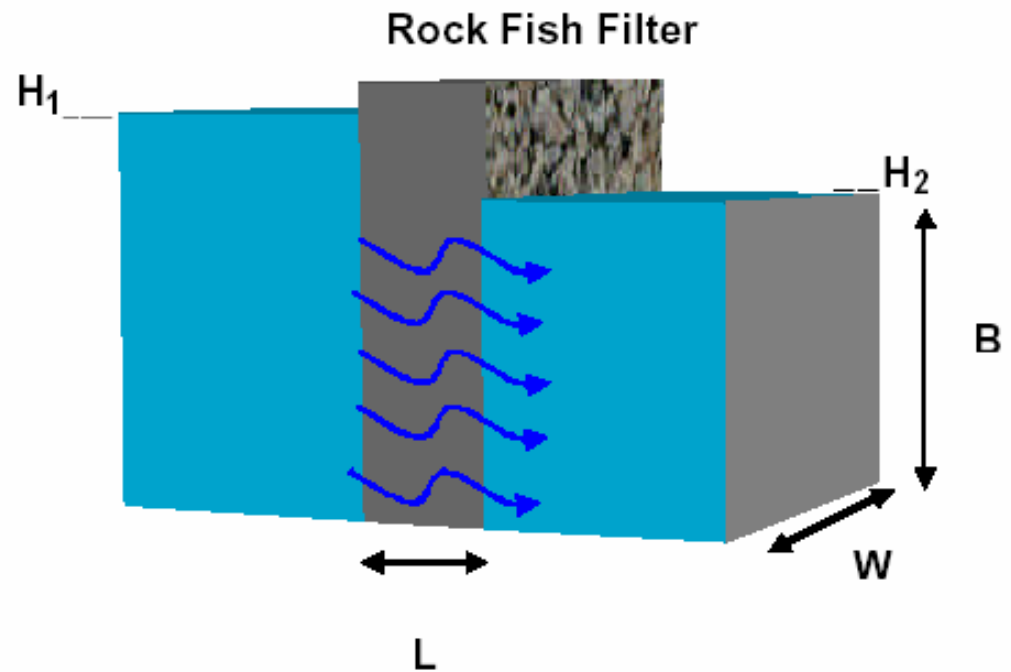
- Cross sectional area needed to pass 25 cfs  
 $A = Q / k \times i$

- $B = 4.5$  ft Design water level in wetland = saturated thickness of filter  $B$

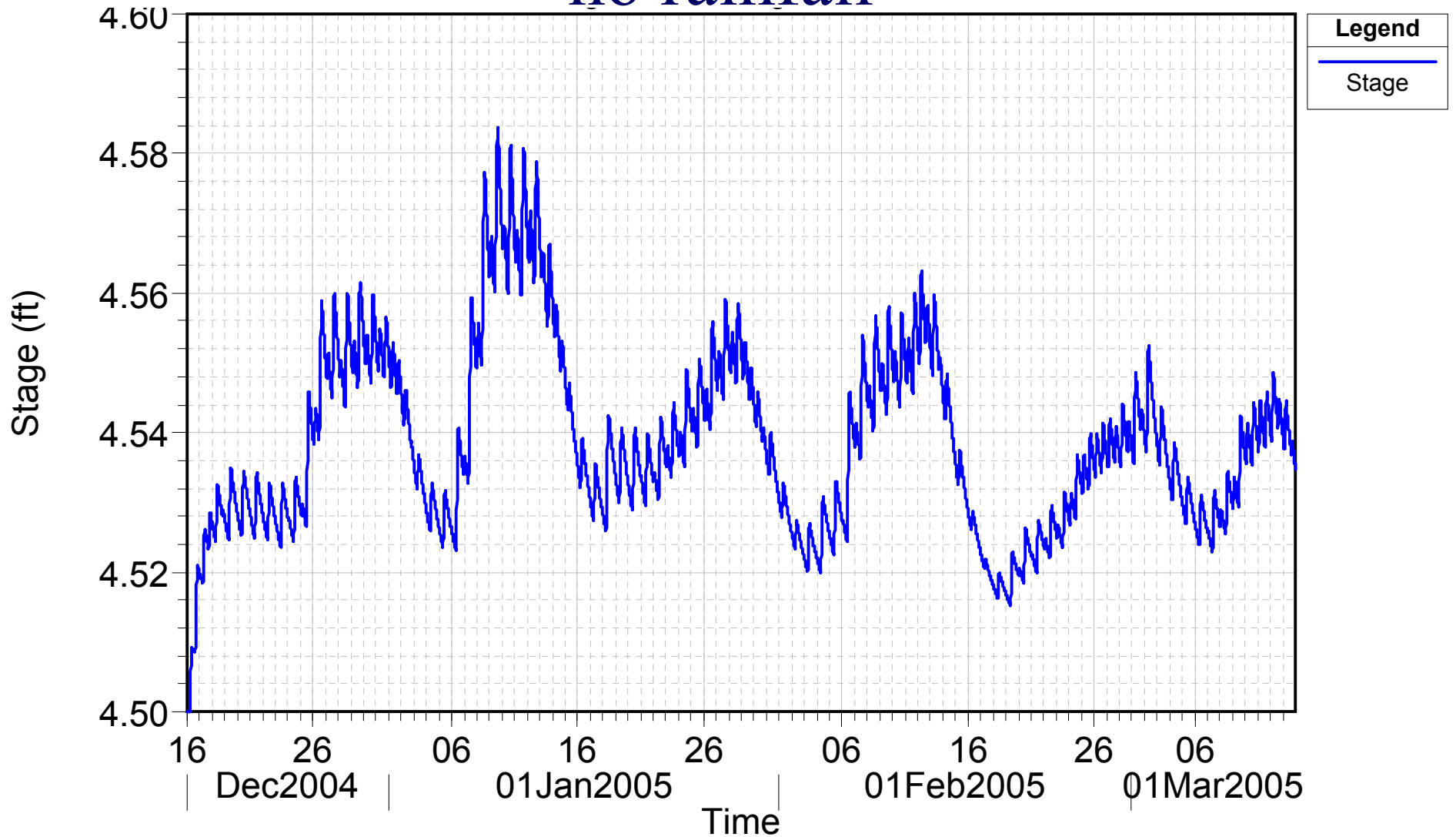
- Lineal feet of rock filter needed  $L_{\text{filter}} = A/B$

- Solve for footprint of filter using area of semi circle

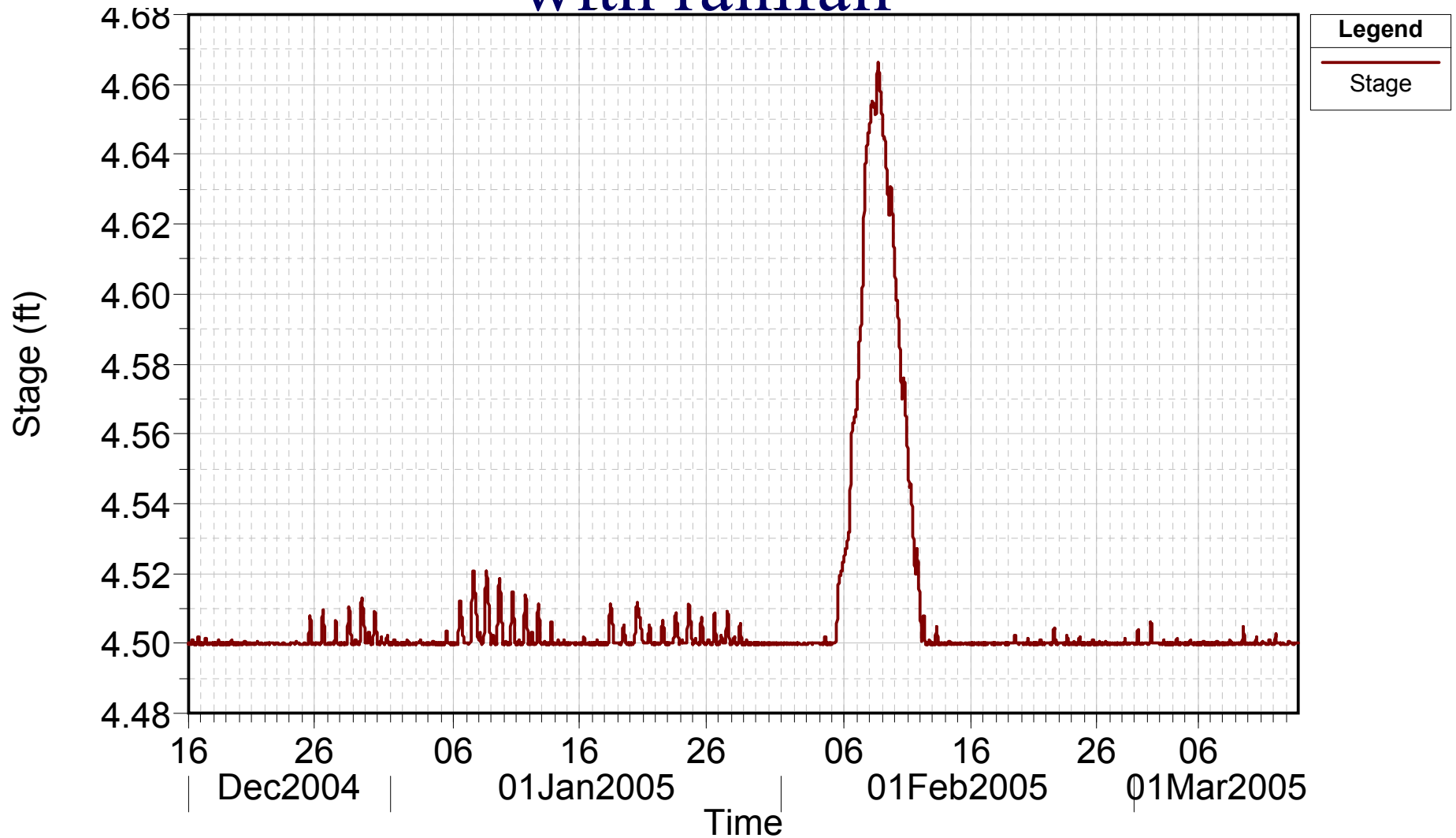
Inlet fish filter 1.3 ac    Outlet fish filters 0.65 ac ea



# HEC RAS output Managed Wetland Water Level – no rainfall

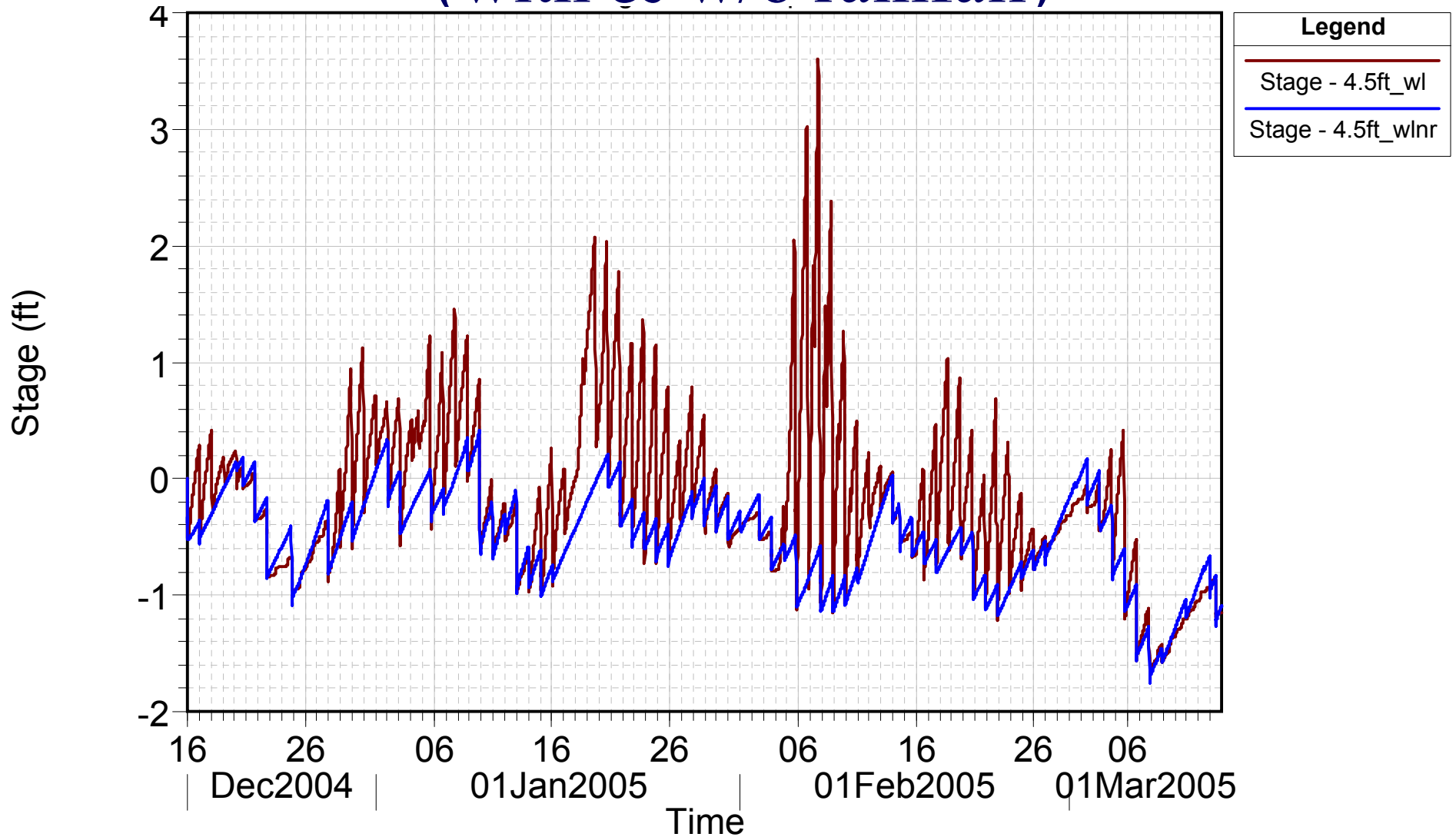


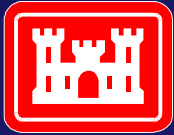
# HEC RAS output Managed Wetland Water Level – with rainfall





# HEC RAS output Main Drainage Channel Water Level (with & w/o rainfall)





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# Tidegate Hydraulic Studies and Information

■ University of Louisiana Lafayette

## Laboratory Experimental Study for the Hydraulics and Structural Performance of Flap Gates

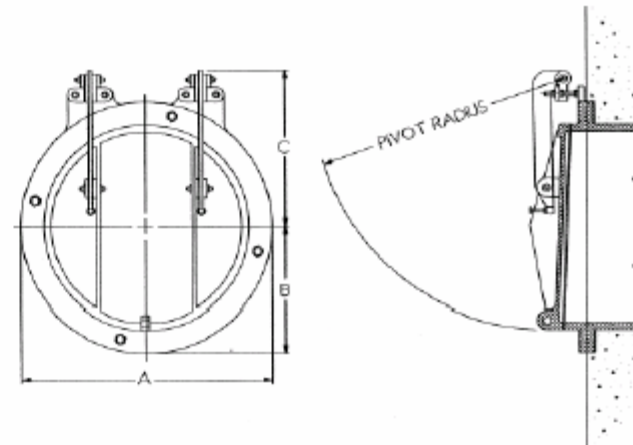
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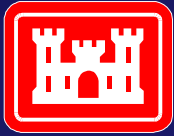
### Brief Description:

The objective of this laboratory experiment is to test the hydraulic and structural performance of flap gates, which is a widely used structure in coastal Louisiana. It is mainly used to control the progression of salinity within Louisiana's coastal wetlands. A quantitative measure of energy losses through flap gates is not precisely known. Published literature discussing such losses is quite scarce and fairly outdated.



The two figures shown in this page are typical examples of flap gates used in coastal Louisiana. The proposed study herein will investigate and quantify the head losses due to the gate's own weight, the friction of the gate's bearing, and the flow turbulence downstream of the gate. Chart, tables, and possibly equations describing and quantifying such losses will be documented and provided to Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR). This document will be valuable for performing detailed data analysis of field observations, and for calibrating numerical models.





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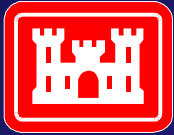
- Oregon State University- available on line

## Tide Gates in the Pacific Northwest



Operation, Types, and  
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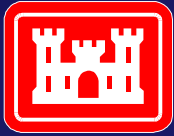
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# Julia Butler Hansen NWR Biological Monitoring





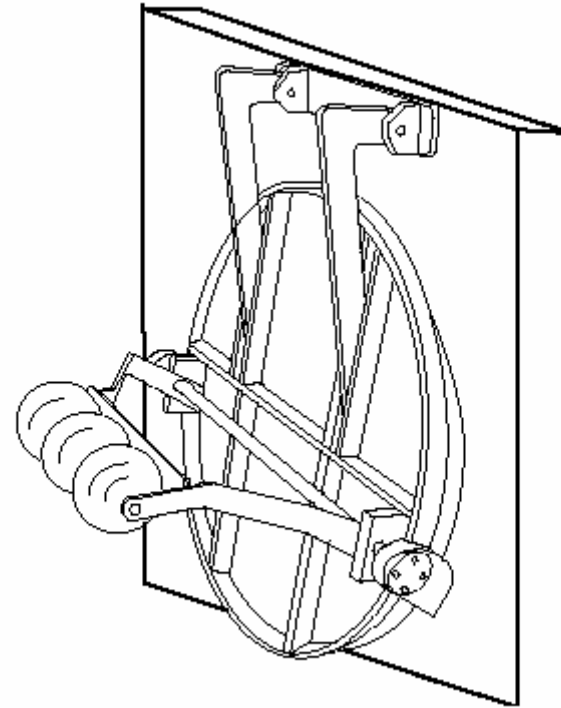
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# Modeling and Output Presentation for Environmental Compliance and Permitting

- Resource agencies want details of tidegate performance
- When are tidegates open ?
- How long – time windows ?
- Velocity data important – fish passage criteria...
- Develop presentation of data to answer questions
- Muted tidegate questions – how much backflow ?

# “Muted” Tidegates

- The “mitigator”
- Invented by Leo Kuntz, NEHALEM MARINE
- JBHNWR model is side hinged
- Floats connected to cam which prevent the tidegate to completely close
- Allows some water to move upstream against past the tidegate

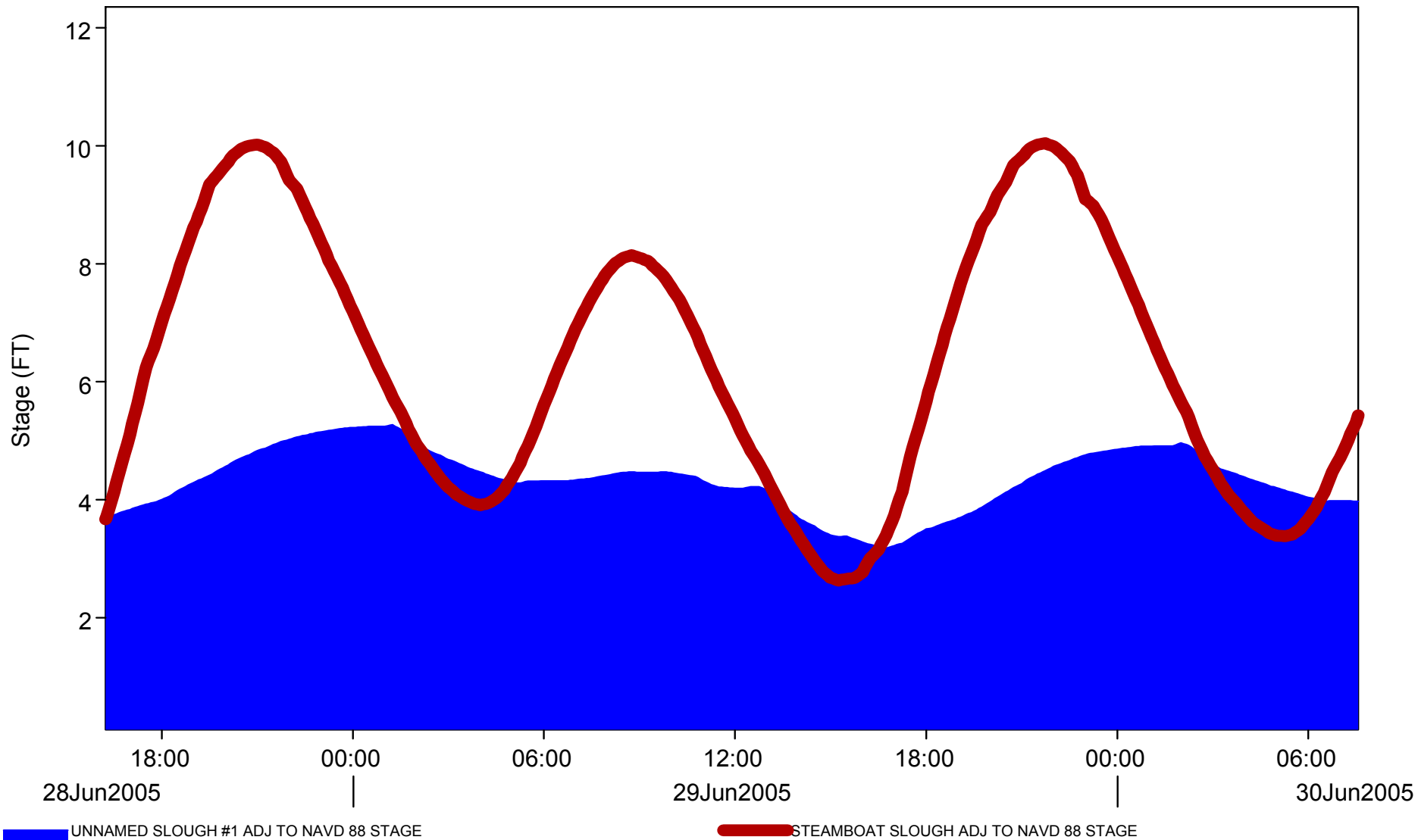


A photograph showing a slough area. On the left, a paved road runs along a grassy embankment. In the center, a culvert with a side opening tidegate is visible, partially submerged in the water. The water flows from the culvert into a larger body of water on the right. The background features a sandy beach, some trees, and distant hills under a clear sky. Three text boxes with white backgrounds and black borders are overlaid on the image, with white lines pointing to specific features.

## Steamboat Slough

48 in Culvert with Side  
Opening Tidegate

Sutron SDI-12 Water and  
Temperature Data  
Logger



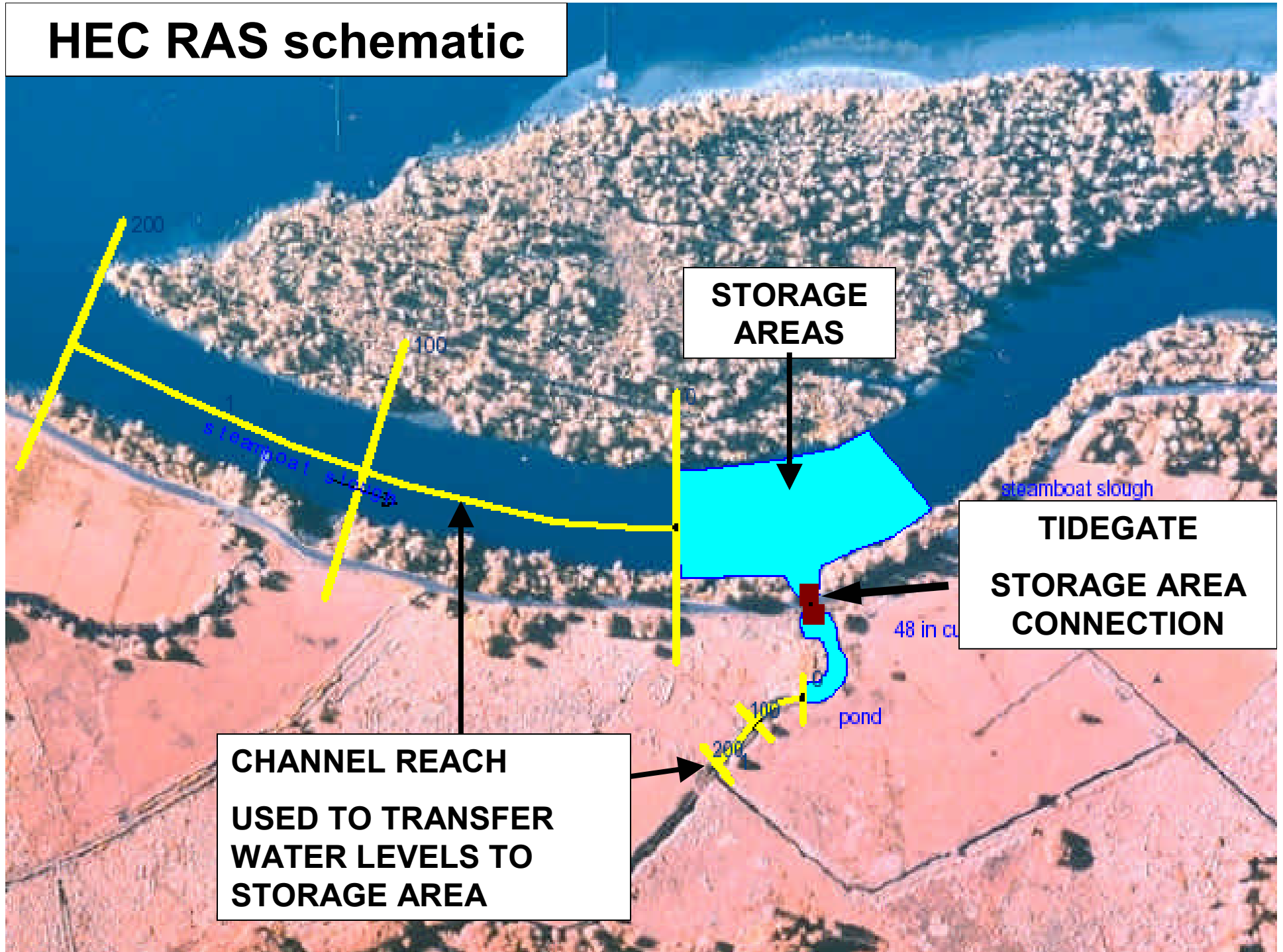








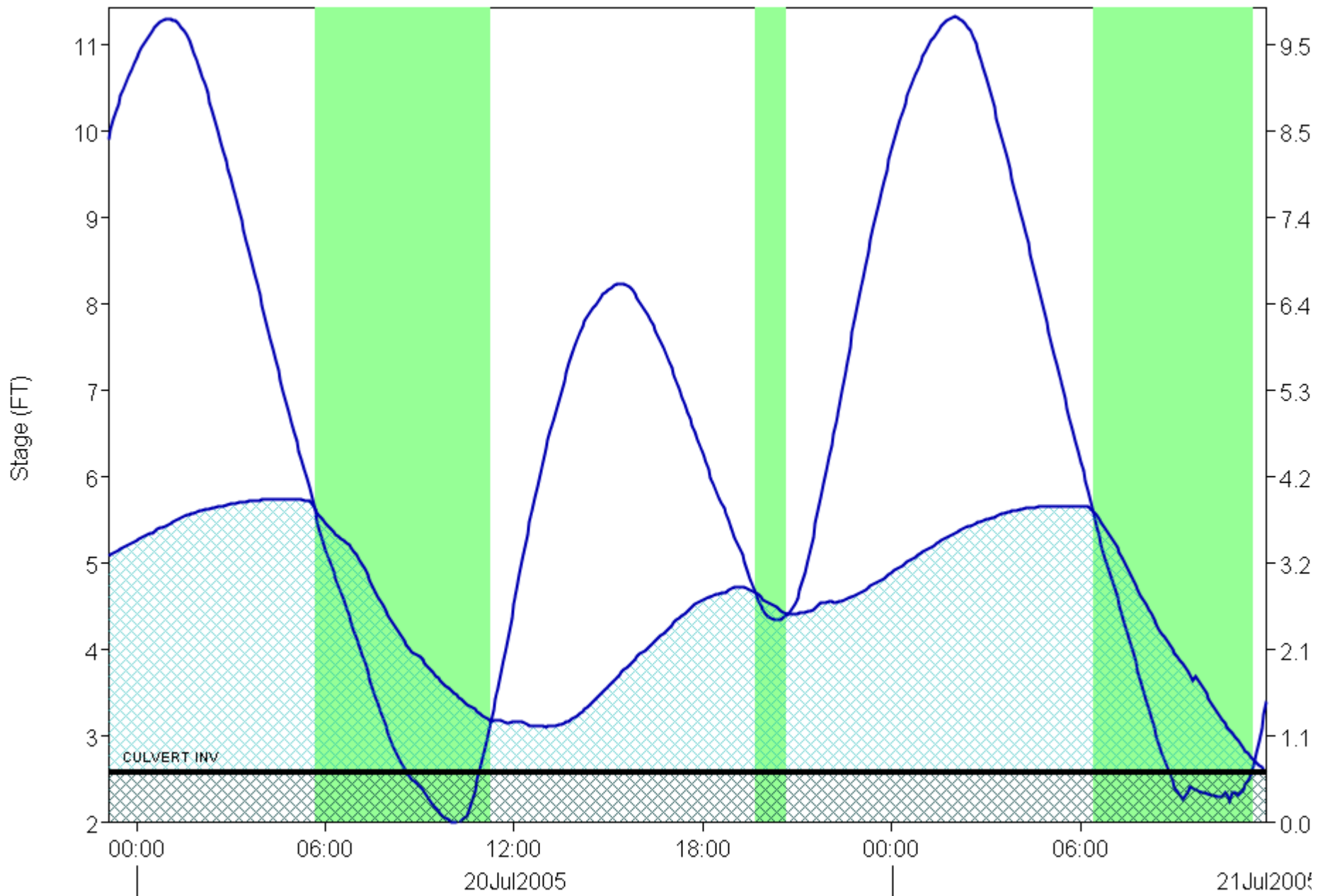
# HEC RAS schematic



# Average Water Velocities required at high flow in Oregon to ensure upstream passage of Salmon and Steelhead

Culvert Length	Adult Salmon and Steelhead	Juvenile Salmon and Steelhead
<60 ft (<18.3 m)	6 ft/sec (1.83 m/sec)	2 ft/sec (0.61 m/sec)
60–100 ft (18.3–30.5 m)	5 ft/sec (1.52 m/sec)	2 ft/sec (0.61 m/sec)
100–200 ft (30.5–61 m)	4 ft/sec (1.22 m/sec)	---
200–300 ft (61–91.5 m)	3 ft/sec (0.92 m/sec)	---
>300 ft (>91.5 m)	2 ft/sec (0.61 m/sec)	---

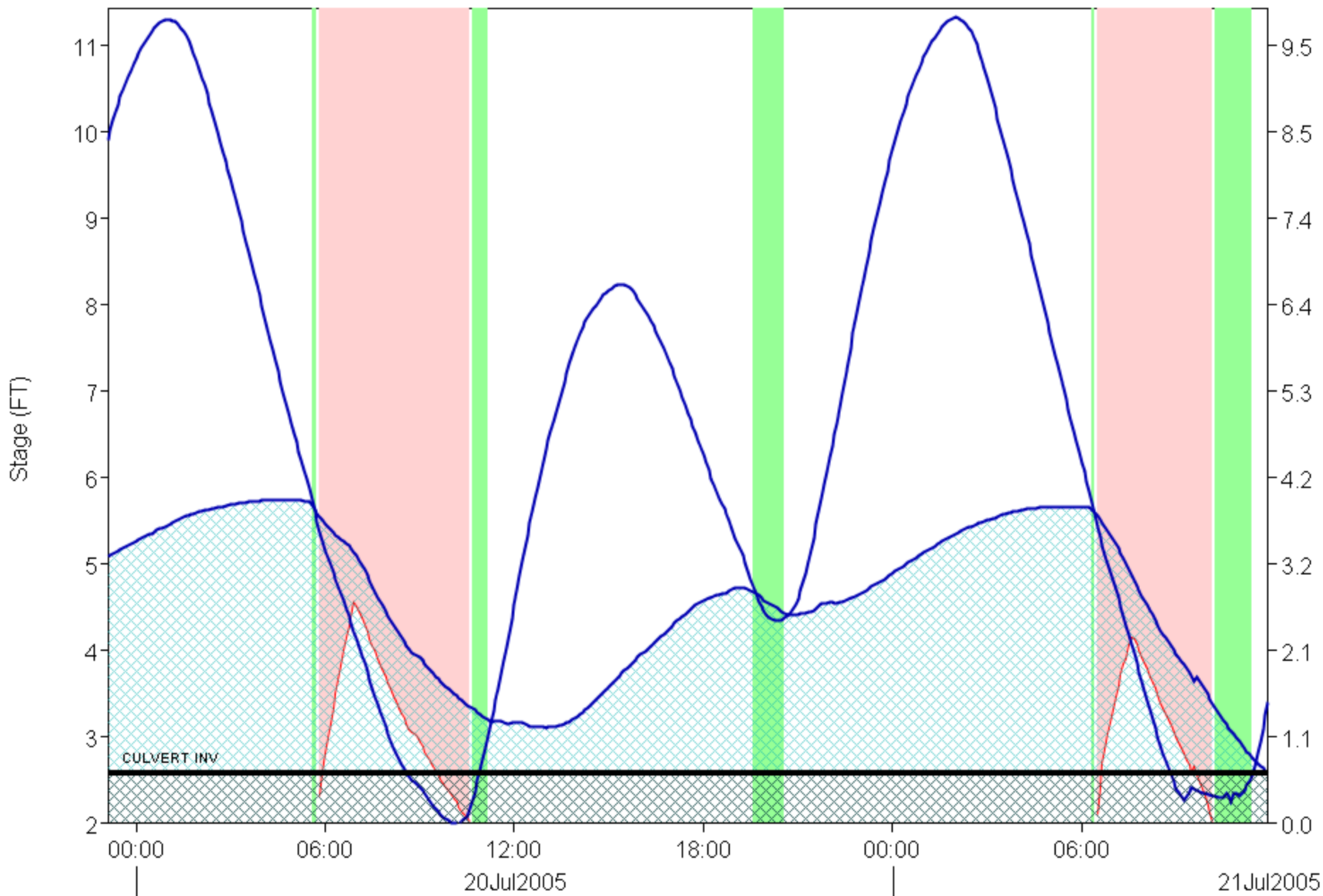
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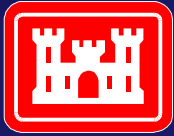
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