

# Naselle Hatchery Renovation - Phase 2

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# **2023 Public Information Meeting Naselle, Washington**

**The original hatchery was constructed in 1979 and includes trapping, holding and spawning facilities as well as incubation and juvenile rearing infrastructure.**

**Current program goals are 5,000,000 Chinook, 1,400,000 Coho, 500,000 Chum and 75,000 Steelhead.**

**Phase 1 – Completed in 2021, Crusher Creek Pipeline,  
Settling Ponds, Distribution Box**

**Phase 2 – 2023-2024 Naselle River Intake, Weir, and Fish  
Collection \$15,000,000**

**Phase 3 – 2024-2025 Crusher Creek Intake, Uplands  
Improvements & Mitigation  
\$18,500,000**

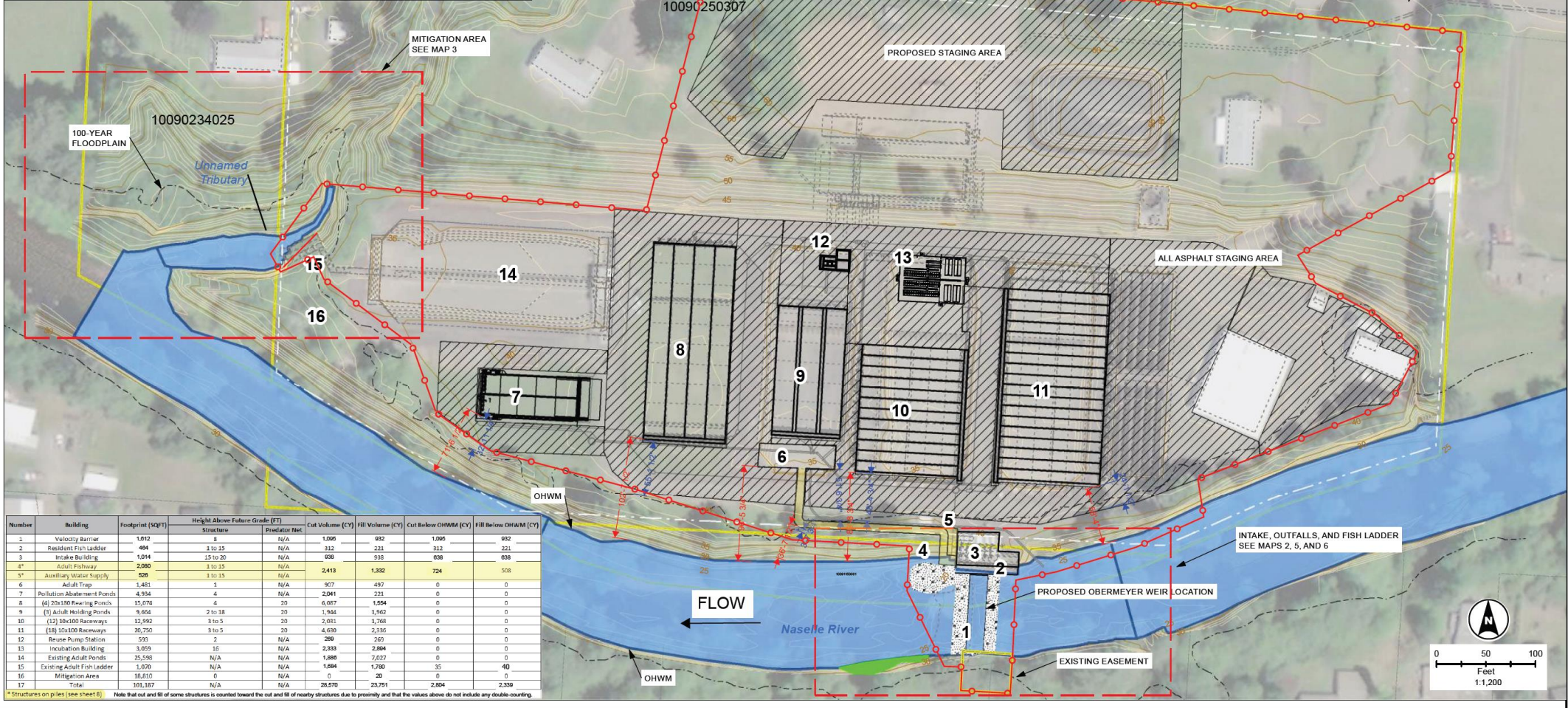
**Photo of Naselle Weir  
Looking Upstream**



REFERENCE: NWS-2021-462  
 APPLICANT: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS: 1. See included spreadsheet for additional property owner information.

LOCATION: 270 N Valley Rd, Naselle, WA 98638  
 LAT/LONG: 46.373332, -123.752710  
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PROPOSED PROJECT: Naselle Hatchery  
 IN: Naselle River  
 NEAR/AT: Naselle  
 COUNTY: Pacific  
 STATE: WA



**Legend**

- Delineated Wetland
- Proposed Structures
- Existing Facilities
- Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)
- Proposed Staging Area
- State of Washington Parcel
- Rip Rap
- Distance from OHWM
- Distance from 100-Year Flood
- Construction Limits/Fencing

**Notes:**  
 1) Approximate distances and structure locations for permitting and planning purposes only. See Design Drawing Package for additional information.

May 2021

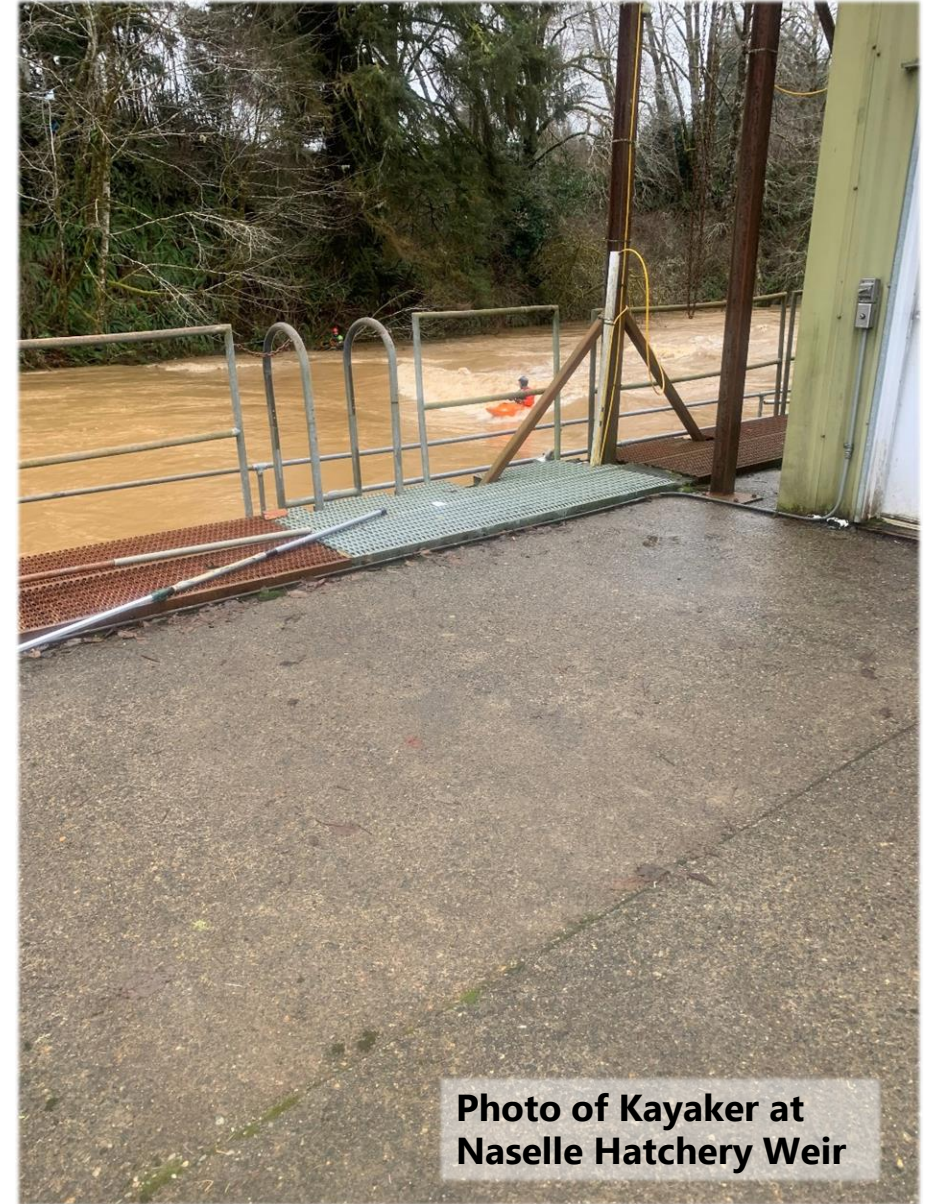
Map 1 - Site Map

Naselle Fish Hatchery Renovation Project



# Purpose

- Update on Project Status
- Frequently Asked Questions
  - Fish Sorting & Diversion
  - Backwater Rise
  - Boat Passage & Portage



**Photo of Kayaker at  
Naselle Hatchery Weir**



# Project Status

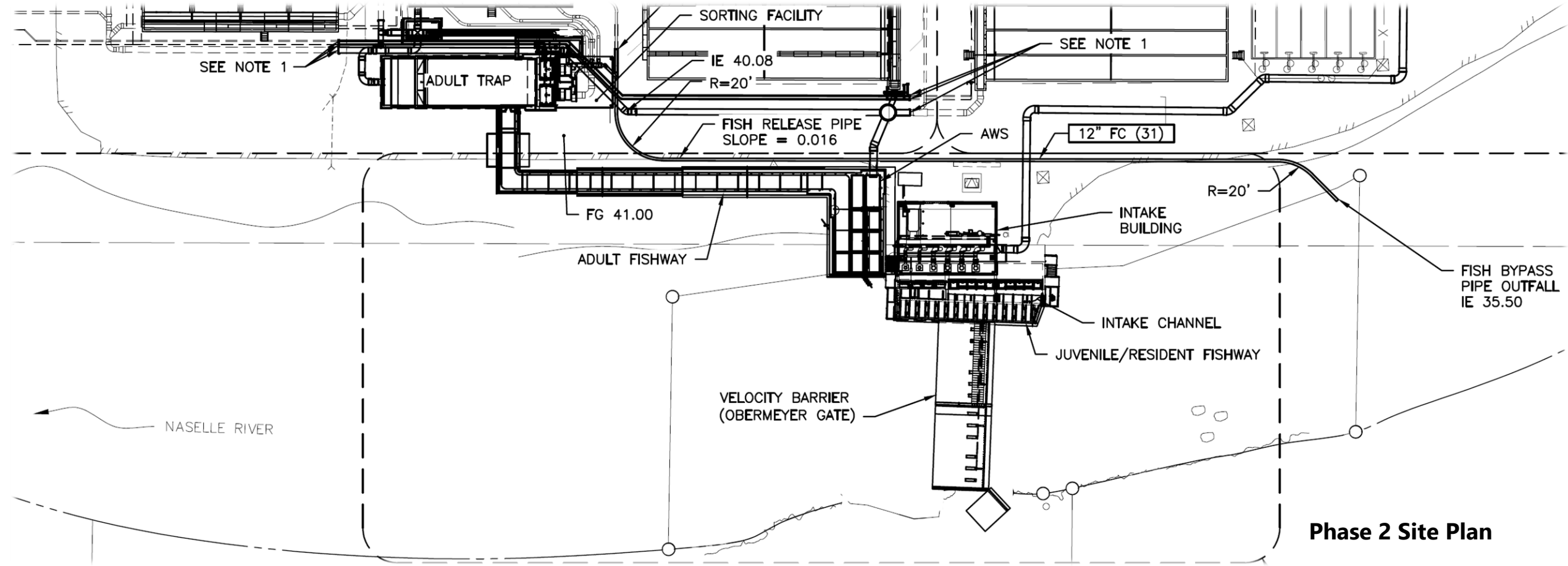
- Phase 2 Plans are 90%
- Obermeyer Adjustable Exclusion Weir
- Juvenile & Resident Fish Ladder
- Adult Fishway and Trap
- Fish Sorting Station and Delivery Tubes
- Intake Building, River Screens and Pumps and New Back-up Generator
- Boat Passage and or Portage TBD



**Photo of Phase 1  
Sediment Ponds  
Under Construction**



# Phase 2 Plan

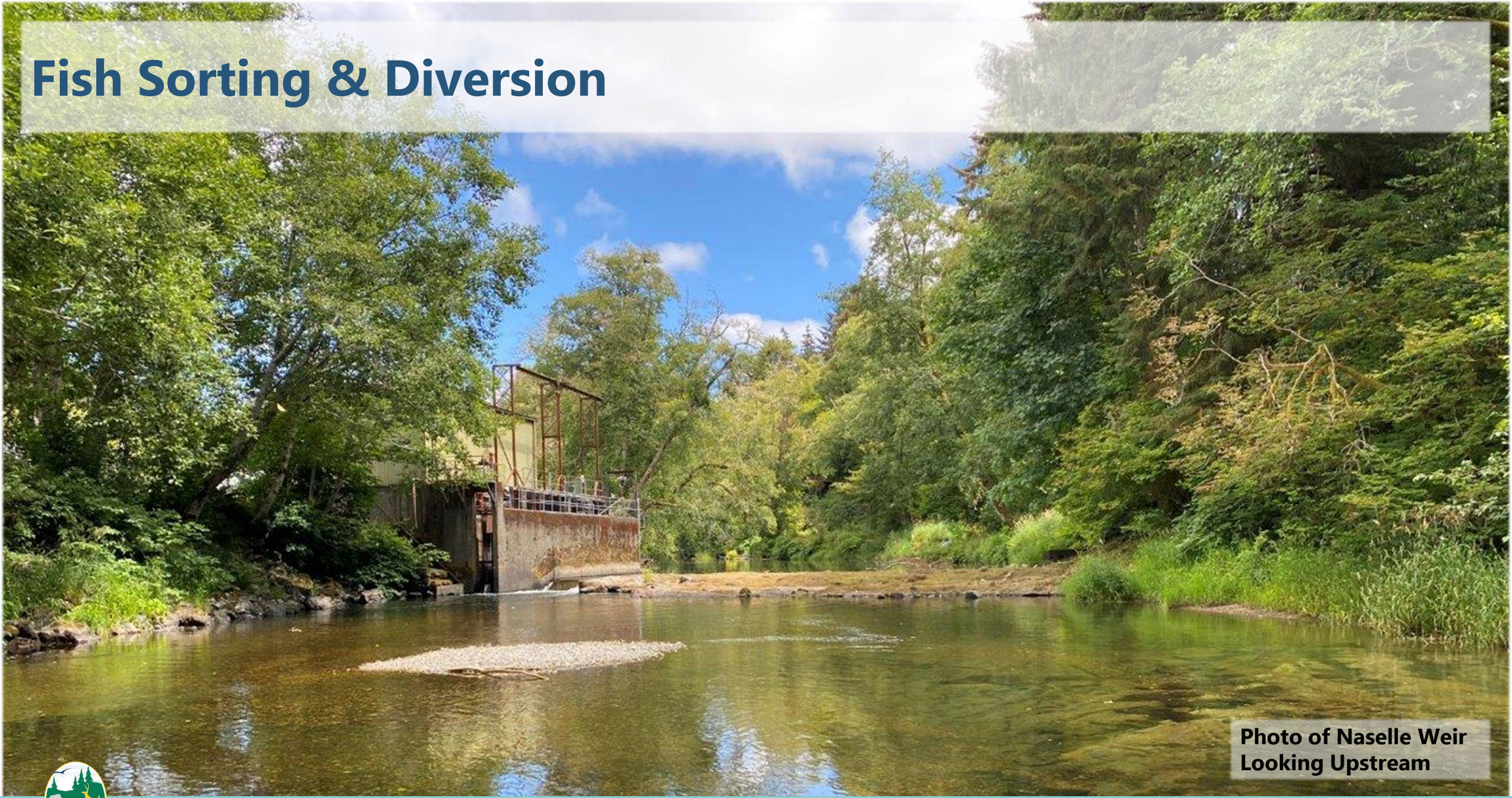


Phase 2 Site Plan





# Fish Sorting & Diversion



**Photo of Naselle Weir  
Looking Upstream**



# Current Facility Pictures





## Current Temporary Weir

- Incapable of meeting current fish management objectives. Poor trapping efficiency during high flows
- Very difficult/unsafe to maintain
- Only a viable option during the late summer months
- Doesn't direct adults to current sorting facilities effectively



# Current Adult Sorting

- Outdated design, not made for current fish management objectives
- Time consuming process
- Difficult to separate adults by species, sex, origin (wild/hatchery), etc.
- Very stressful on the fish, leading to high pre-spawn mortality, poor egg quality, etc.
- In 2022/2023, Naselle Hatchery staff handled over 45,000 adults doing this ←

# New Fish Sorting & Diversion Benefits

- Adjustable fish exclusion weir and sorting station give more options to meet current fish management objectives



**Obermeyer Adjustable  
Fish Exclusion Weir at  
Samish Hatchery**



# Fish Sorting & Diversion Benefits

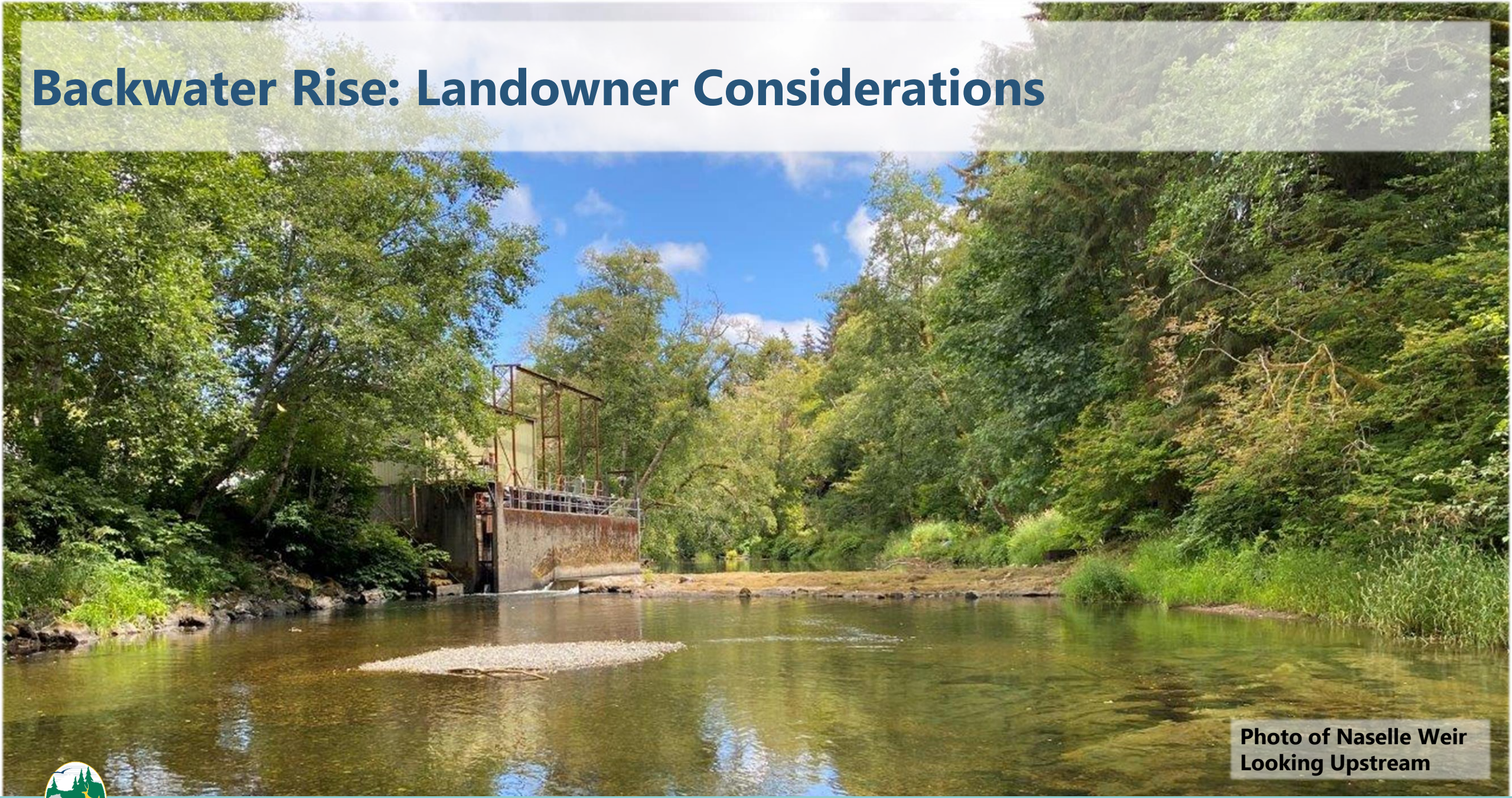
- Daily sorting offers efficient handling lowering fish stress & pre-spawn mortality for both natural origin and hatchery origin
- Fish transfer tubes deliver fish to any adult holding pond or back to the river in real time
- Higher trapping efficiency, allowing for accurate enumeration of upstream adults



**Photo of Fish Sorting Station at Minter Creek Hatchery**



# Backwater Rise: Landowner Considerations

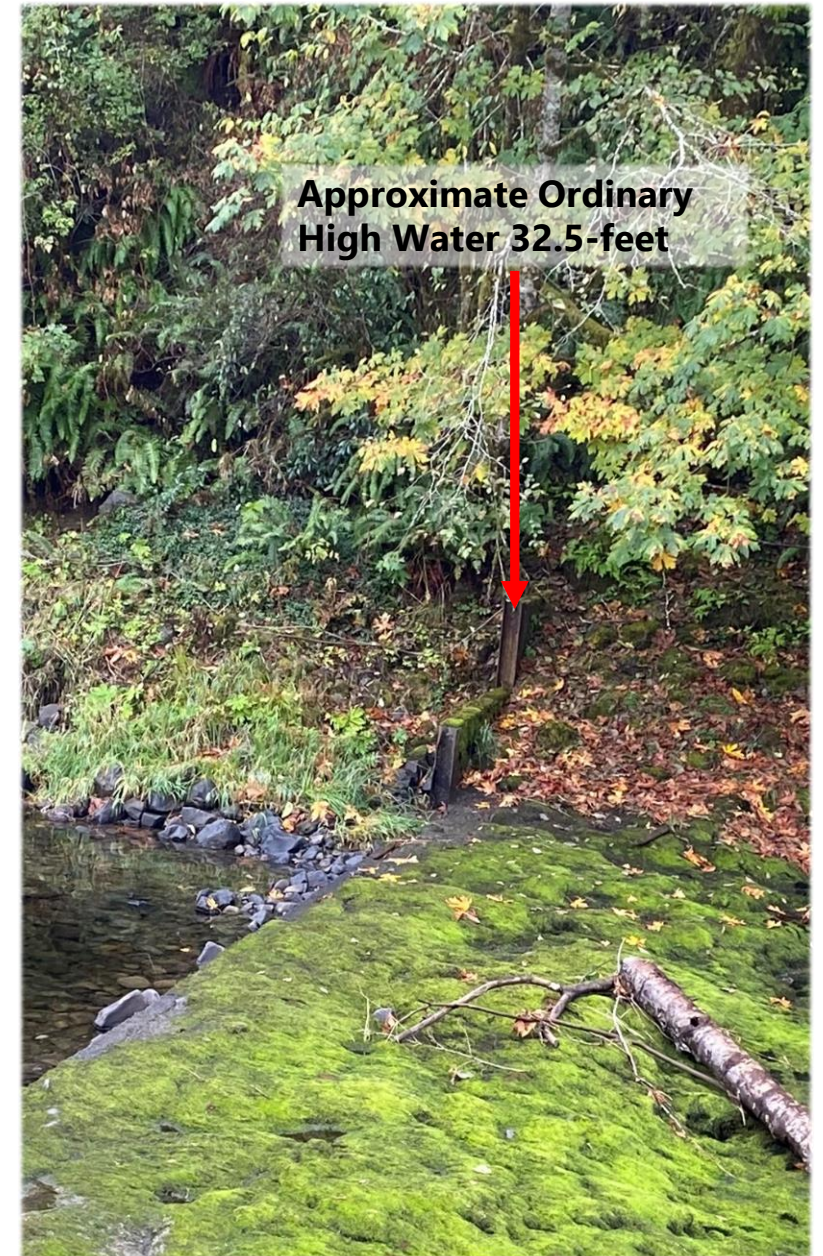


**Photo of Naselle Weir  
Looking Upstream**

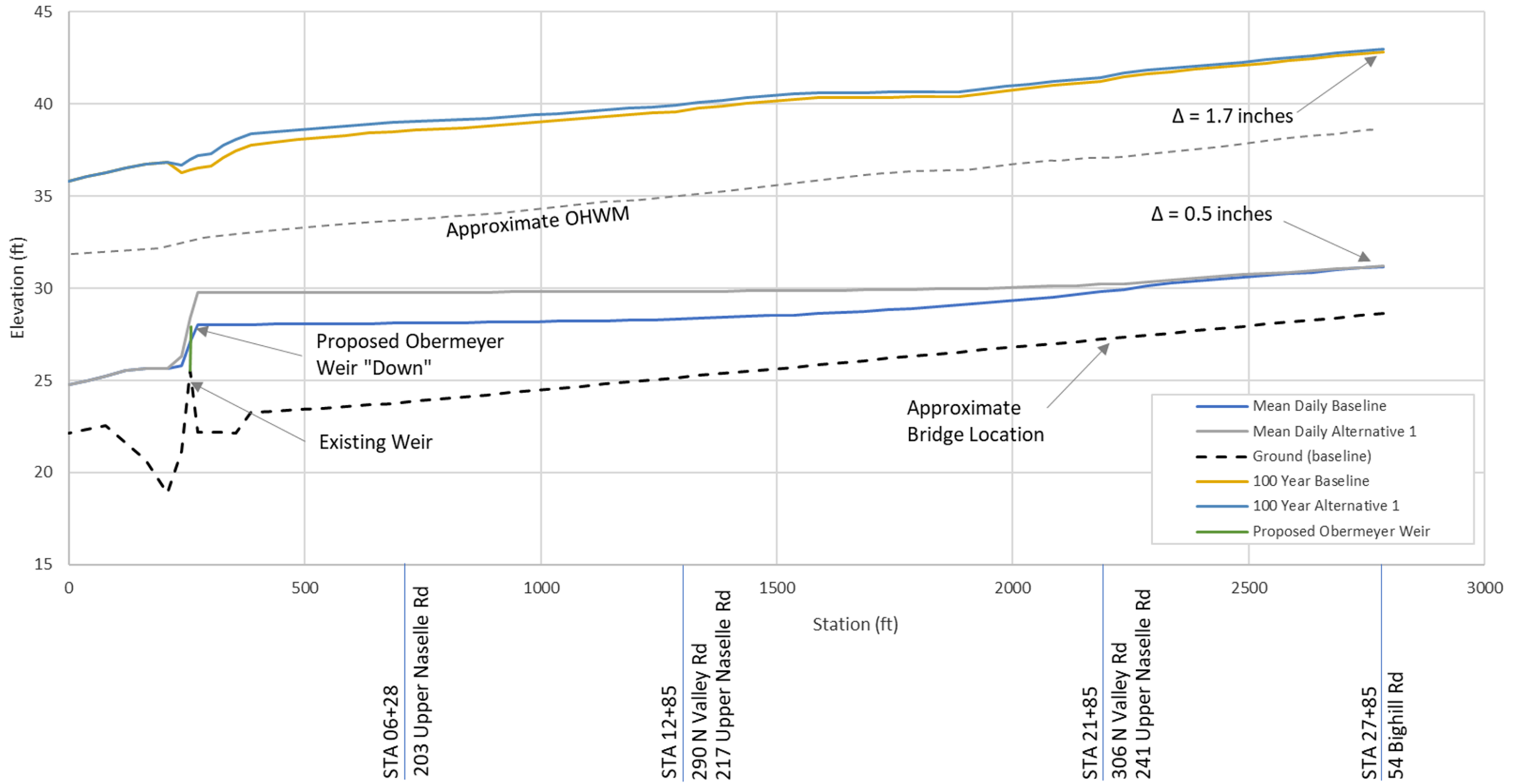


# Backwater Rise Landowner Considerations

- DFW's designer modeled rise over the new weir  
100 Year Flood  
Average Daily and Monthly Flows  
5% and 95% Percentile Exceedance
- New weir 1-foot higher than old weir. Hinged Obermeyer gates adjustable up 3.5-feet more (31.4-foot elevation)
- Adjustable fish exclusion weir gives more options to manage the river level on demand

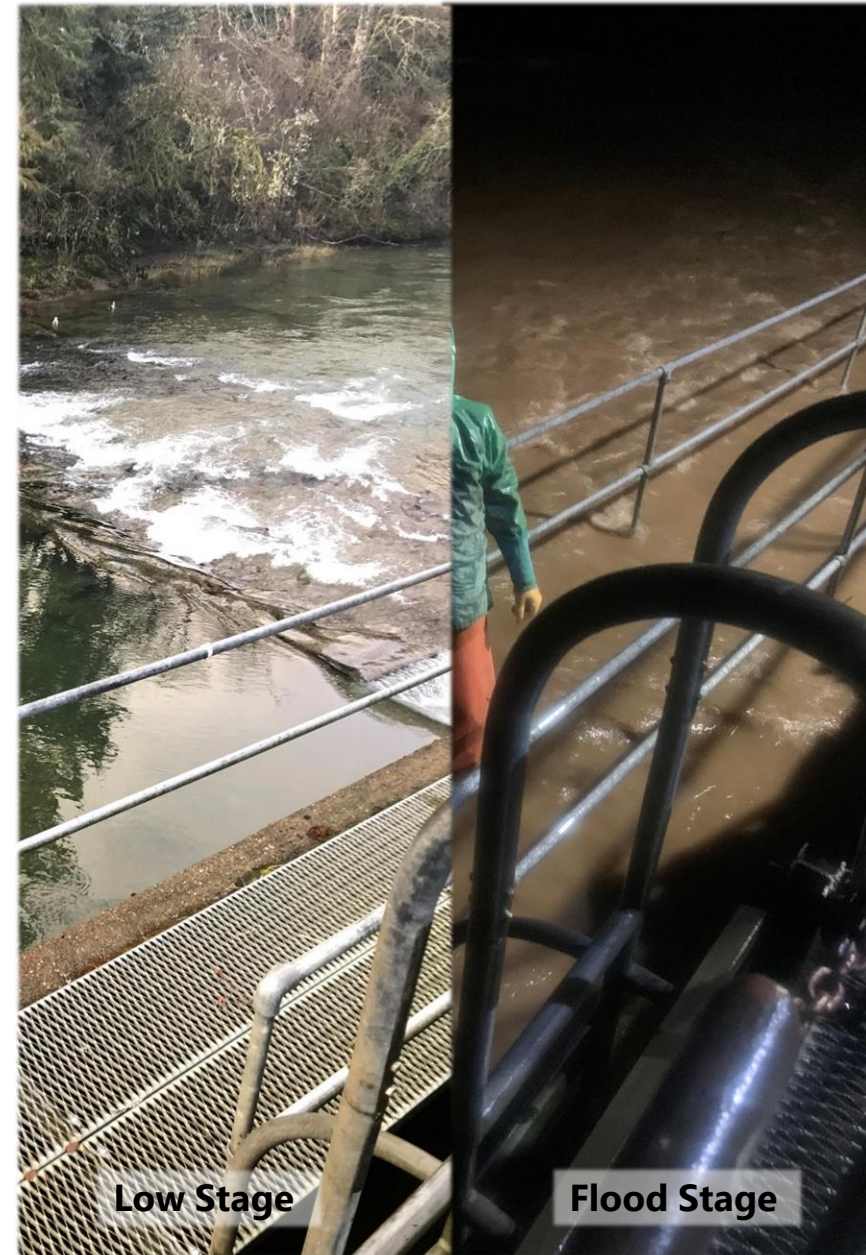


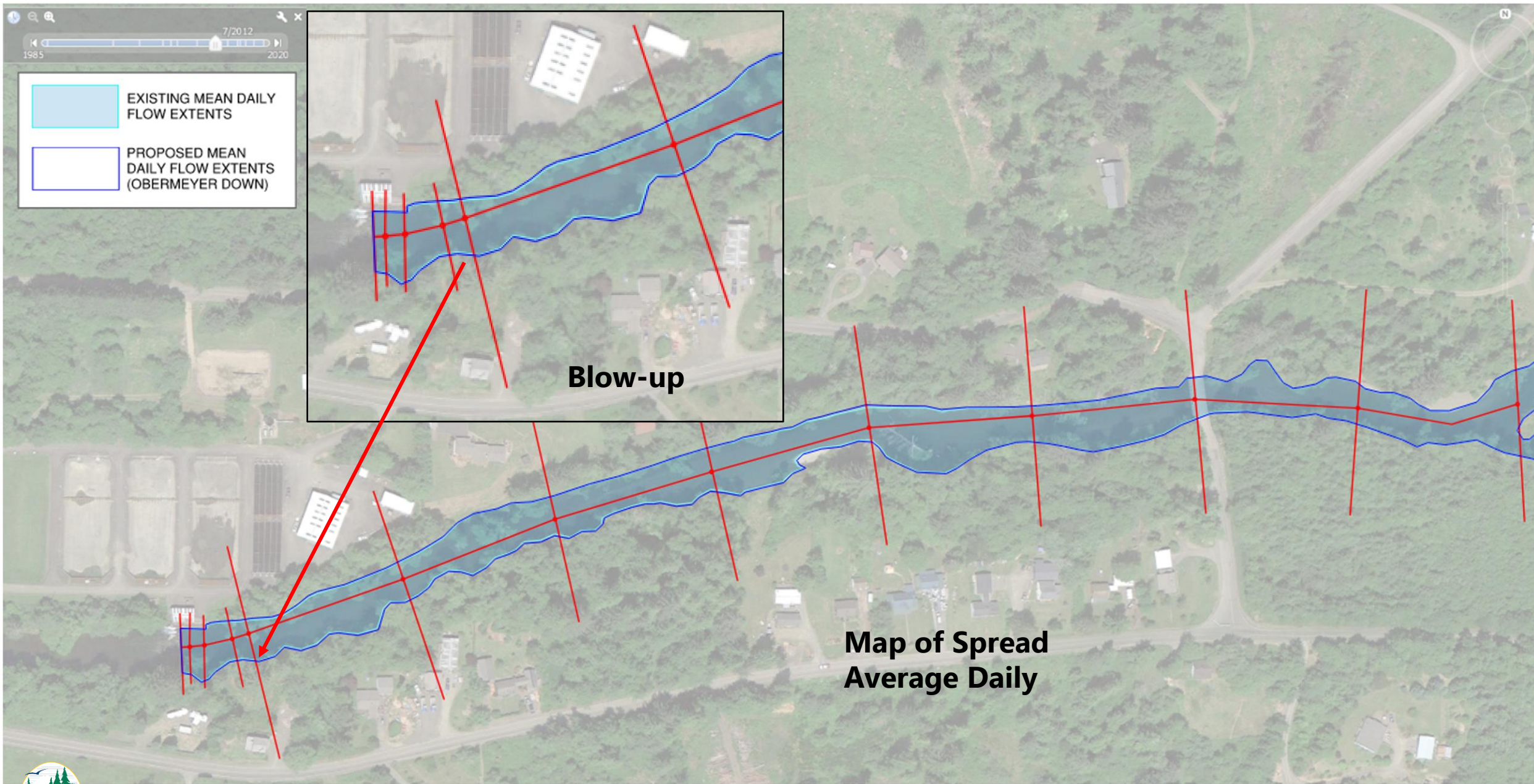




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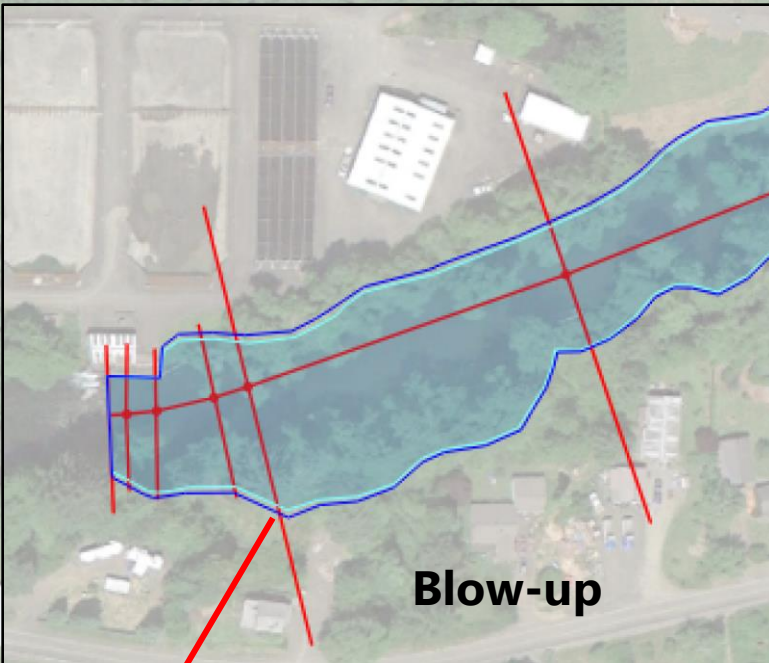
- Gates manage fish diversion and water levels
- Gates normally up for fish diversion and intake water. Will adjust to river conditions and be lowered as waters rise
- Ordinary High-Water can be maintained by lowering the gates as flows rise





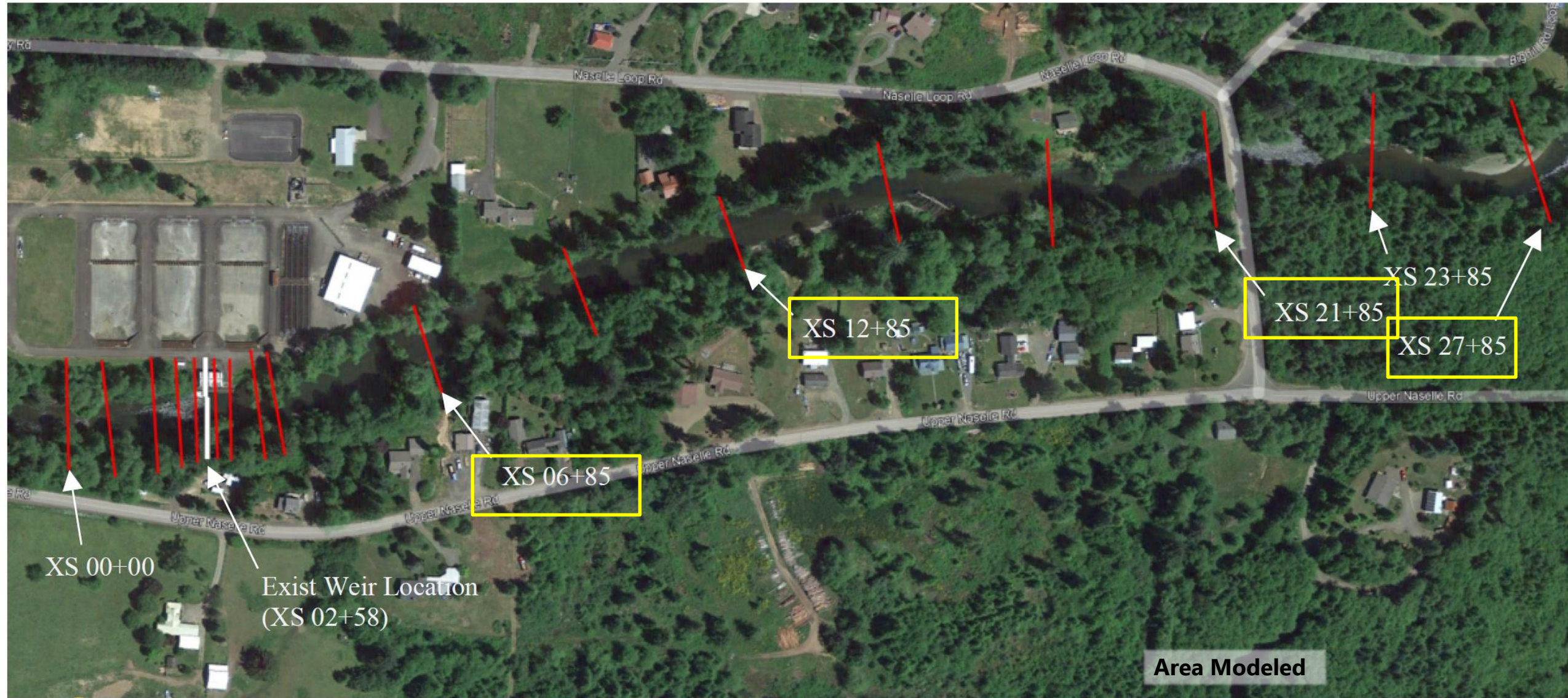
EXISTING 100-YR FLOOD EXTENTS

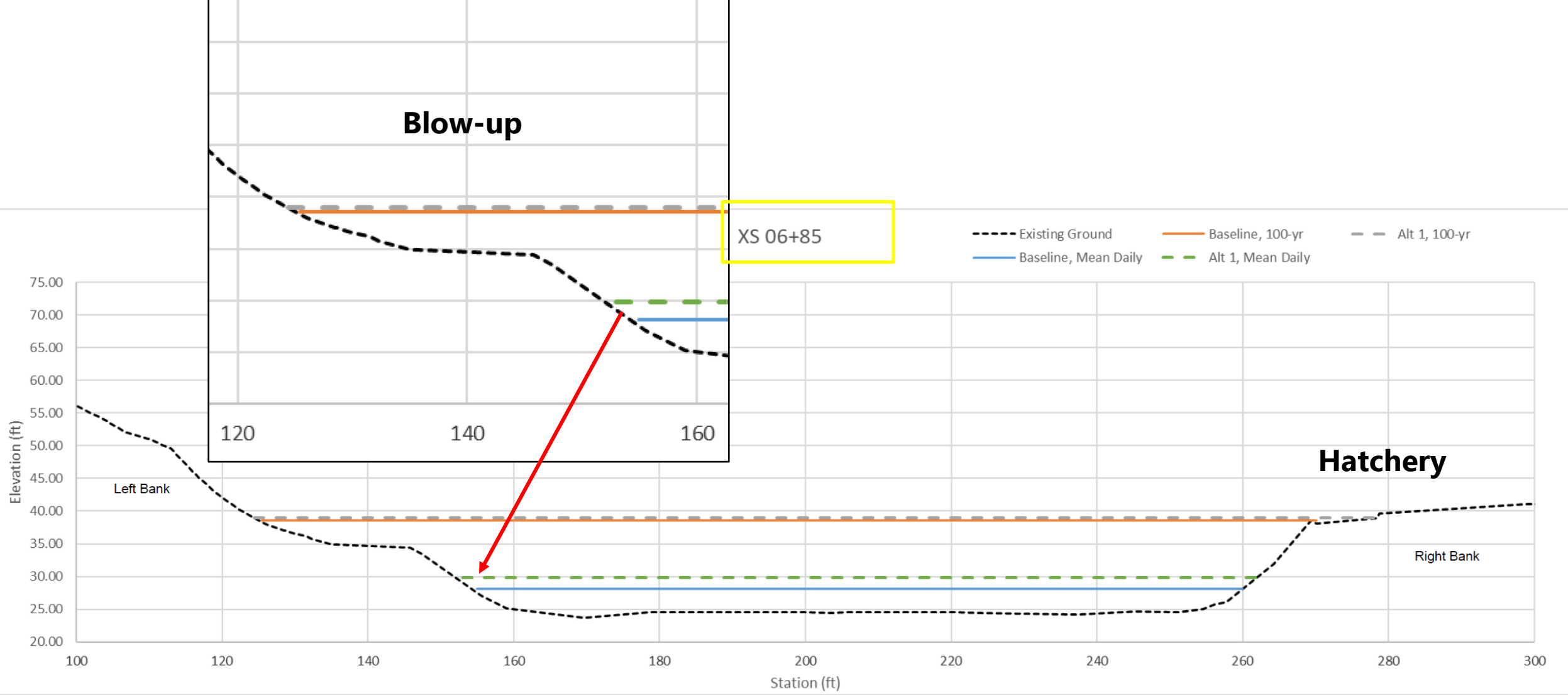
PROPOSED 100-YR FLOOD EXTENTS (OBERMEYER DOWN)



**Map of Spread  
100 Year Flood**

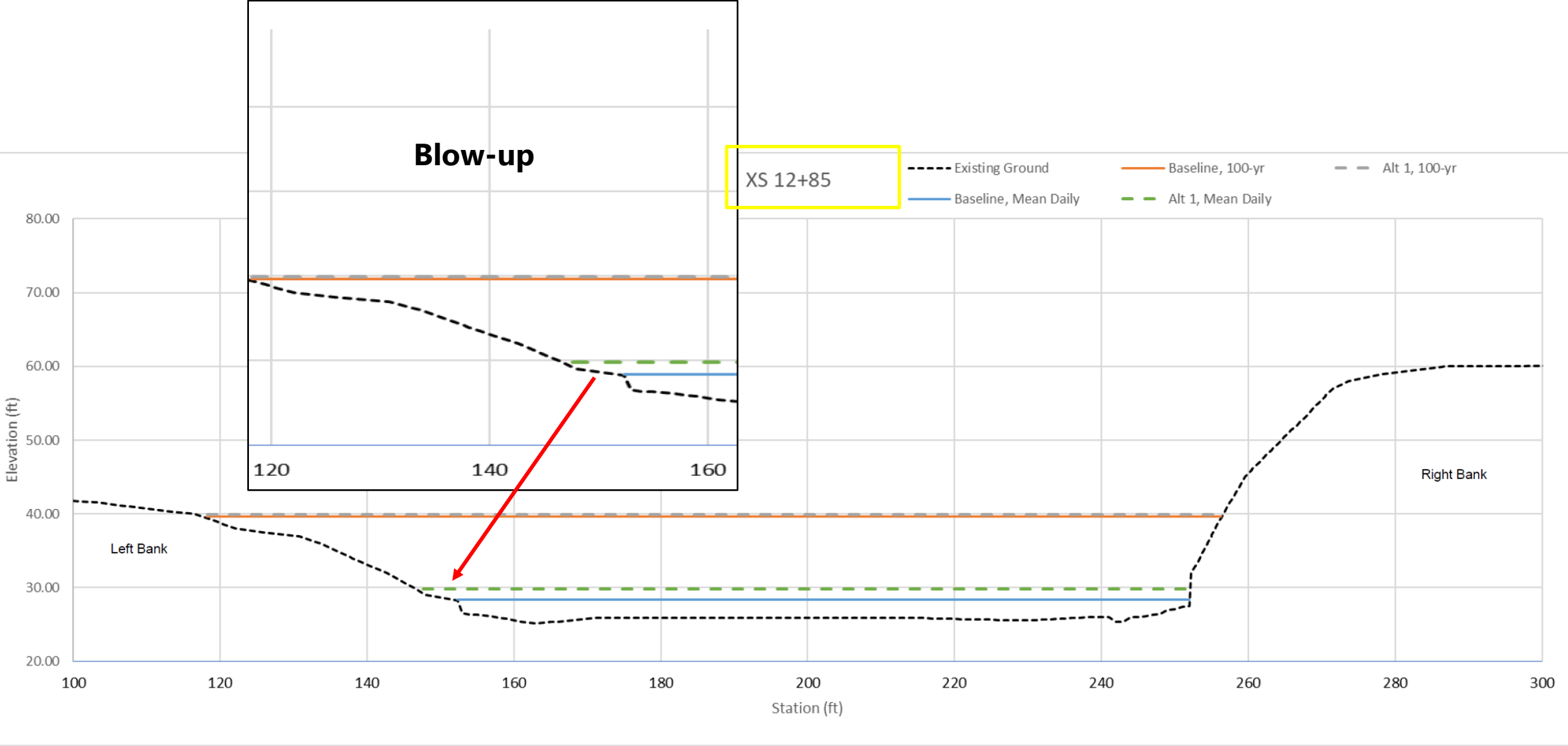






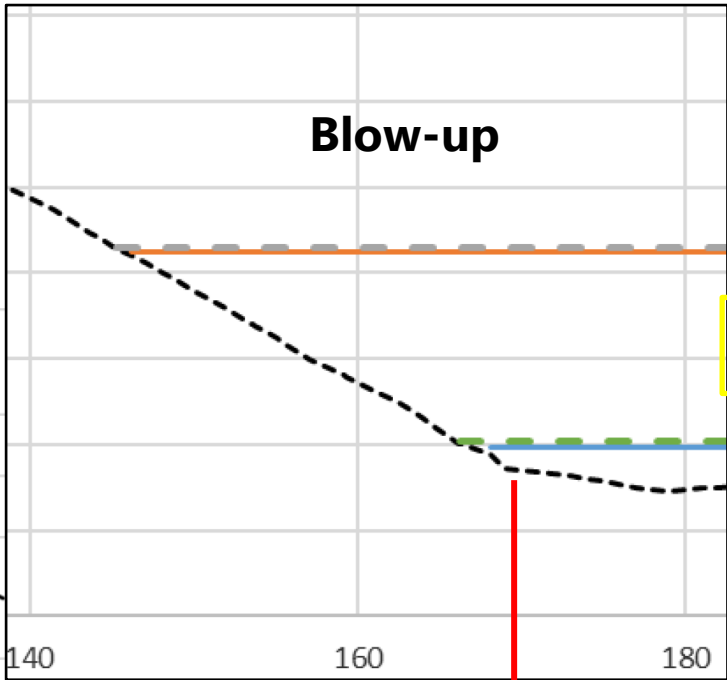
**River Cross-Section at Hatchery Building**





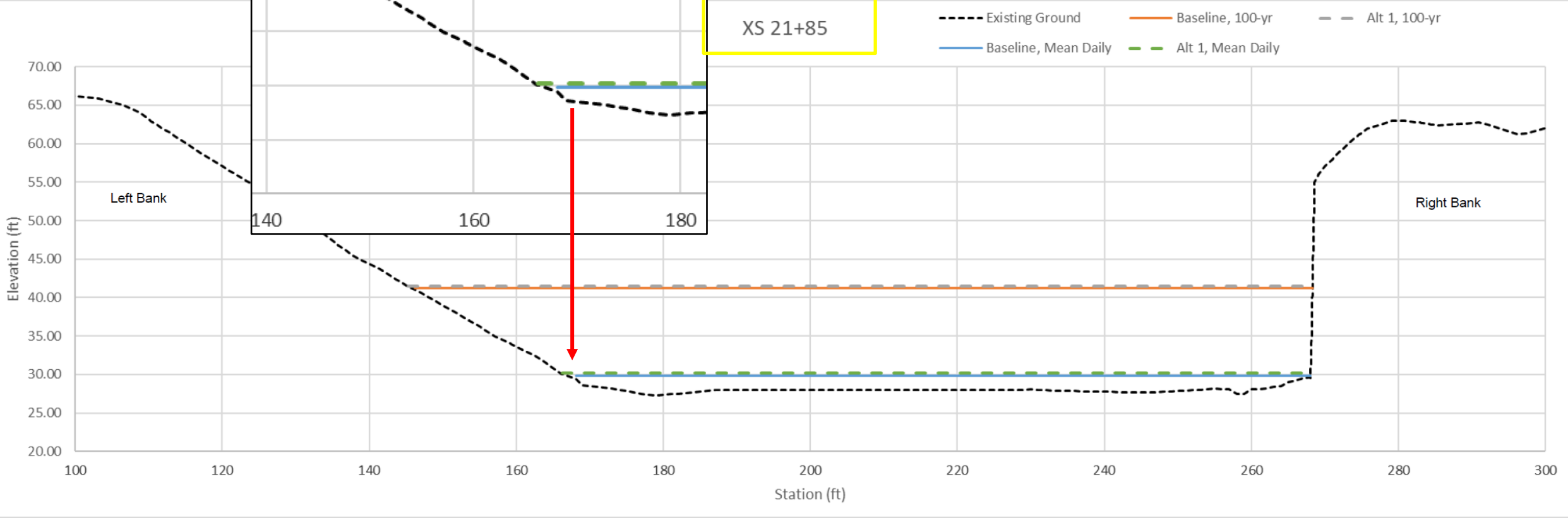
**River Cross-Section  
Halfway to Bridge**





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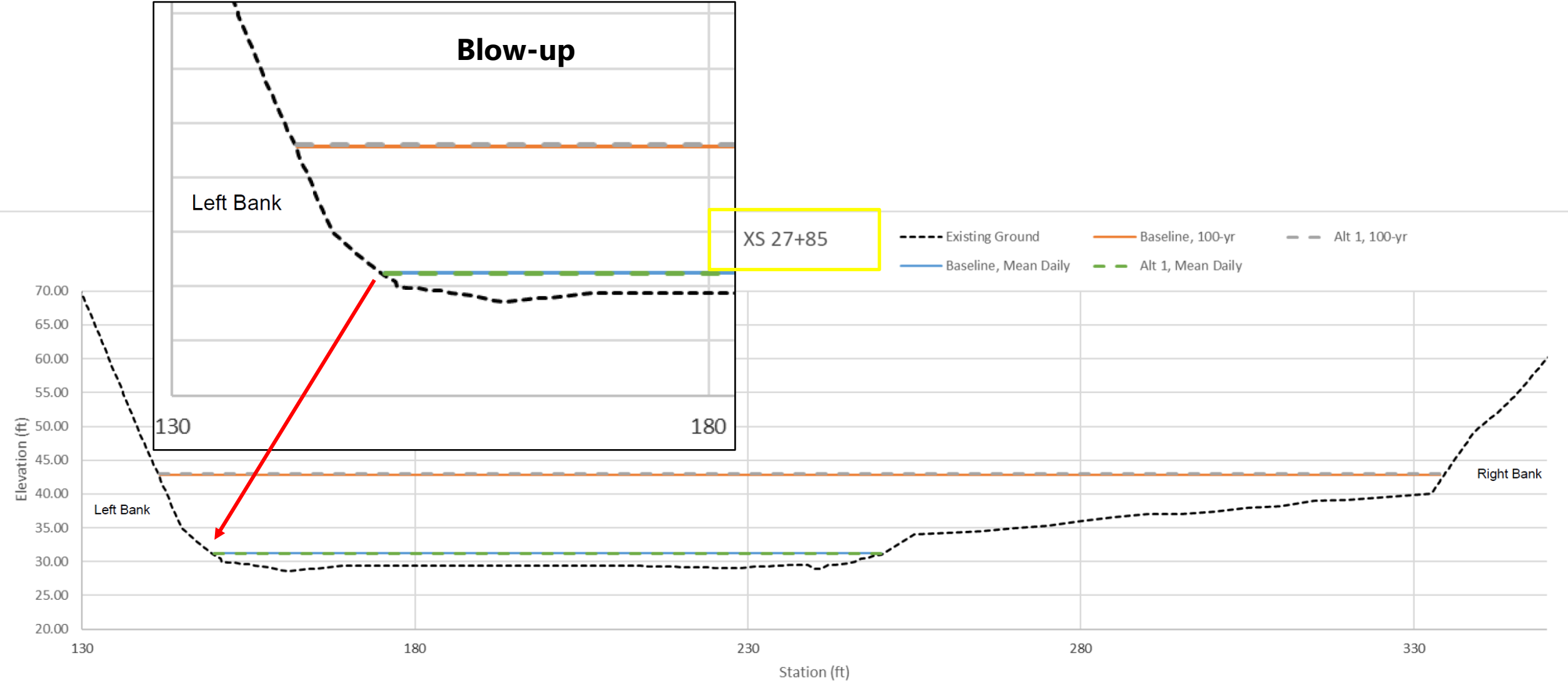
- Existing Ground
- Baseline, 100-yr
- Alt 1, 100-yr
- Baseline, Mean Daily
- Alt 1, Mean Daily



**River Cross-Section  
Naselle Loop Road Bridge**





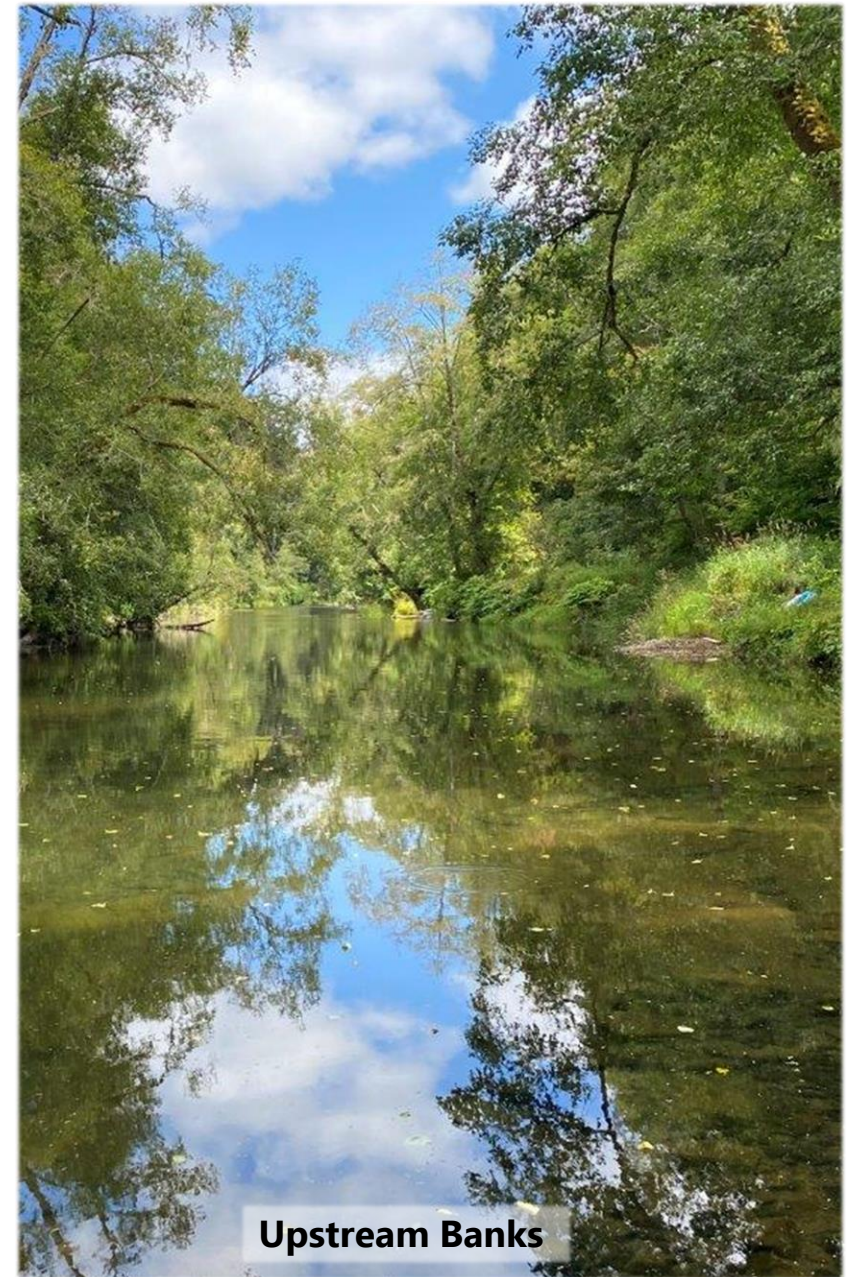


**River Cross-Section  
54 Bighill Road**



# Backwater Rise Bank Erosion

- Streambed next to weir protected with riprap
- Scour velocity decreased upstream and unchanged downstream
- When transitioning from trapping to non-trapping seasons. Best practice is to open gates slowly to allow banks to drain with the river level



# Boat Passage & Portage

**Boat Chute /  
Fish Ladder**

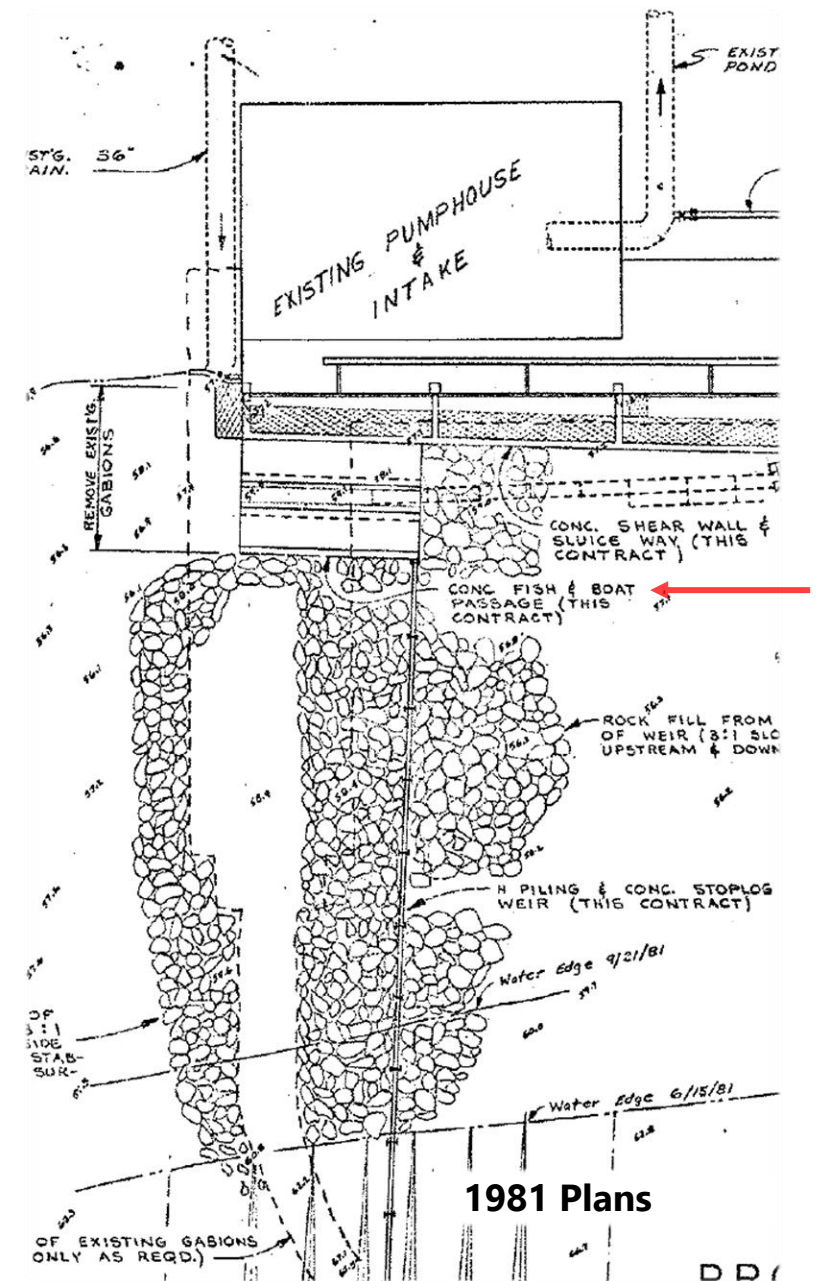
A red arrow points from the text 'Boat Chute / Fish Ladder' to a concrete structure in a river. The structure is a boat chute or fish ladder, which is a concrete structure that allows boats to pass through a weir or dam. It is located in the middle of the river, and the water flows over it. The structure is made of concrete and has a metal railing on top. The river is surrounded by lush green trees and vegetation.

**Photo of Naselle Weir  
Looking Upstream**



# Boat Passage & Portage History

- Today the Fish Ladder doubles as Boat Passage
  - DFW is considering options to preserve normal public access in accordance with the Shoreline Master Program
  - DFW Hatcheries also have drift boat passage at Humptulips, Modrow and Sol Duc
- Short List Options
  - 1.) Long Portage
  - 2.) Short Portage – Right Bank (Hatchery Side)
  - 3.) Short Portage – Left Bank
  - 4.) Boat Passage – In Channel



# Boat Passage & Portage

## Long Portage

- Portage thru Hatchery

### Pros

- No impact to weir hydraulics
- Low Maintenance

### Cons

- Long path through hatchery to port boats
- Steep banks
- Heavier public footprint in neighborhood and hatchery grounds



**Boat Slide  
Wilson River**





# Boat Passage & Portage

## Short Portage – Right Bank

- Pull off on right bank, walk on gangway pulling watercraft on rope over weir

### Pros

- Limited impact to weir hydraulics
- Low Maintenance

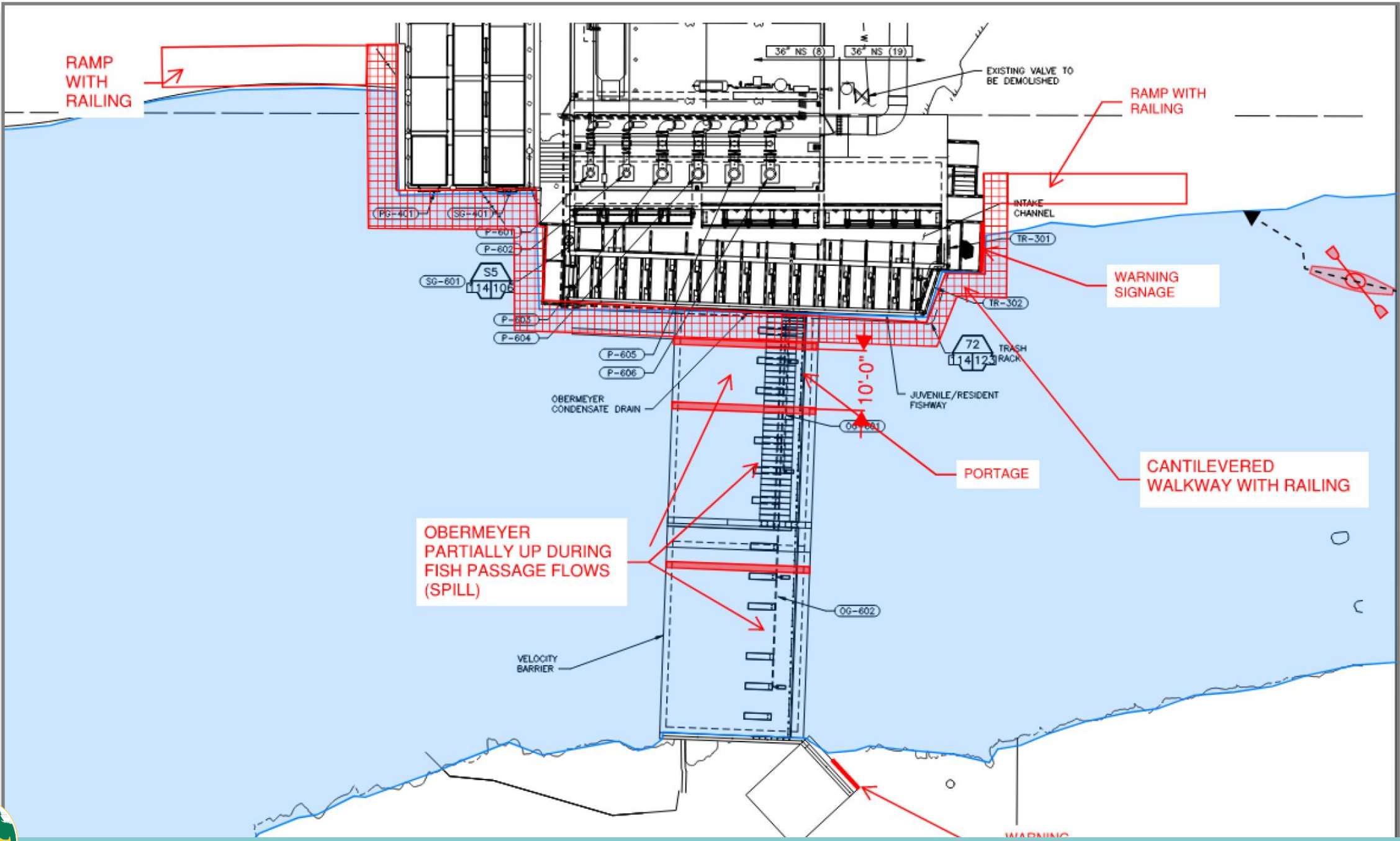
### Cons

- Higher cost for elevated walkway
- Challenging to control watercraft on rope
- Boaters may miss the turn-off



Topeka Portage







# Boat Passage & Portage

## Short Portage – Left Bank

- Pull off on left bank, walk shoreline carrying watercraft or pulling over weir on rope

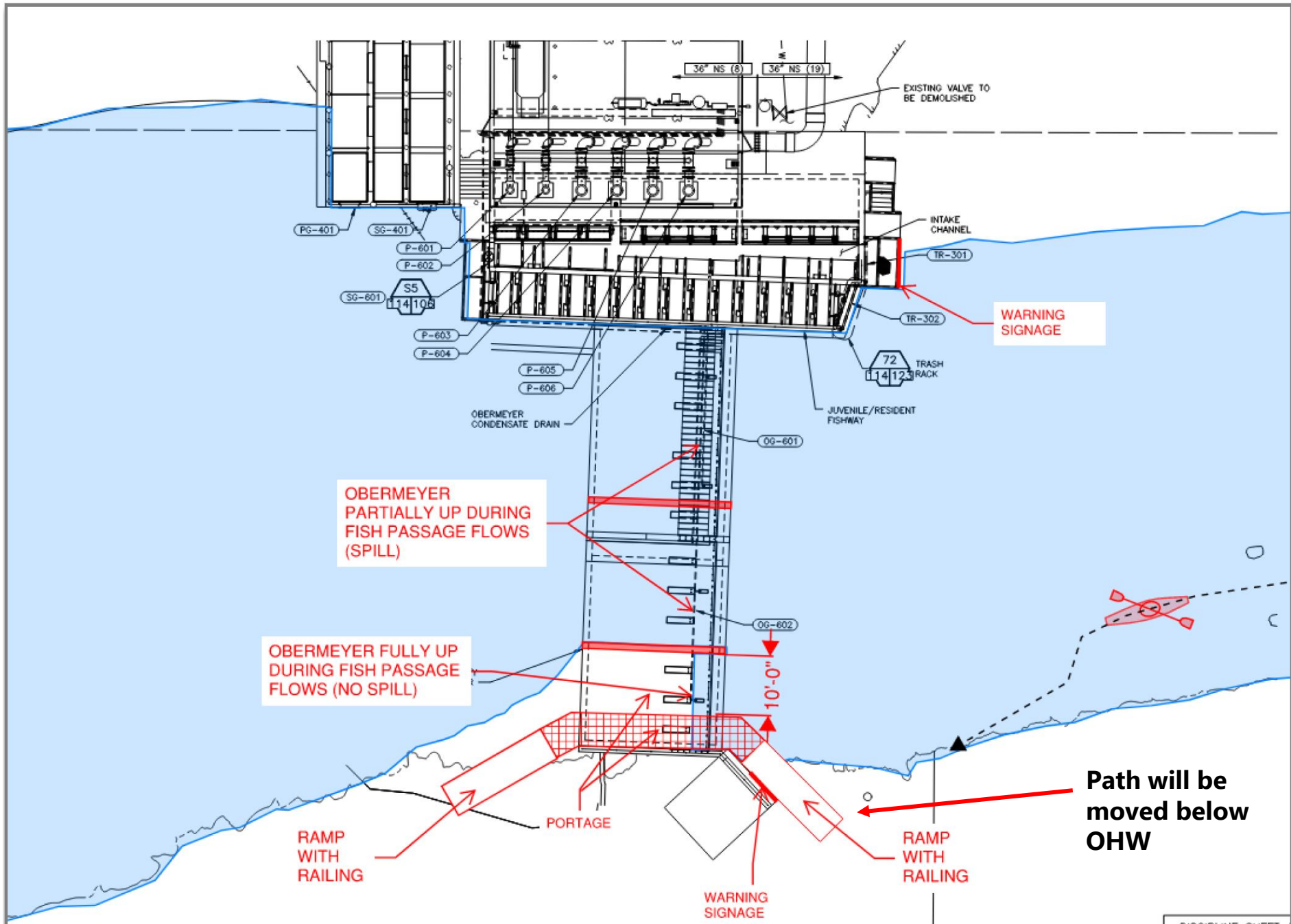
### Pros

- Limited impact to weir hydraulics
- Lower Maintenance

### Cons

- Affects left bank private property owner
- Boaters may miss the turn-off
- Opposite bank maintenance for hatchery staff





# Boat Passage & Portage

## Boat Passage – In Channel

- Navigate watercraft directly over weir

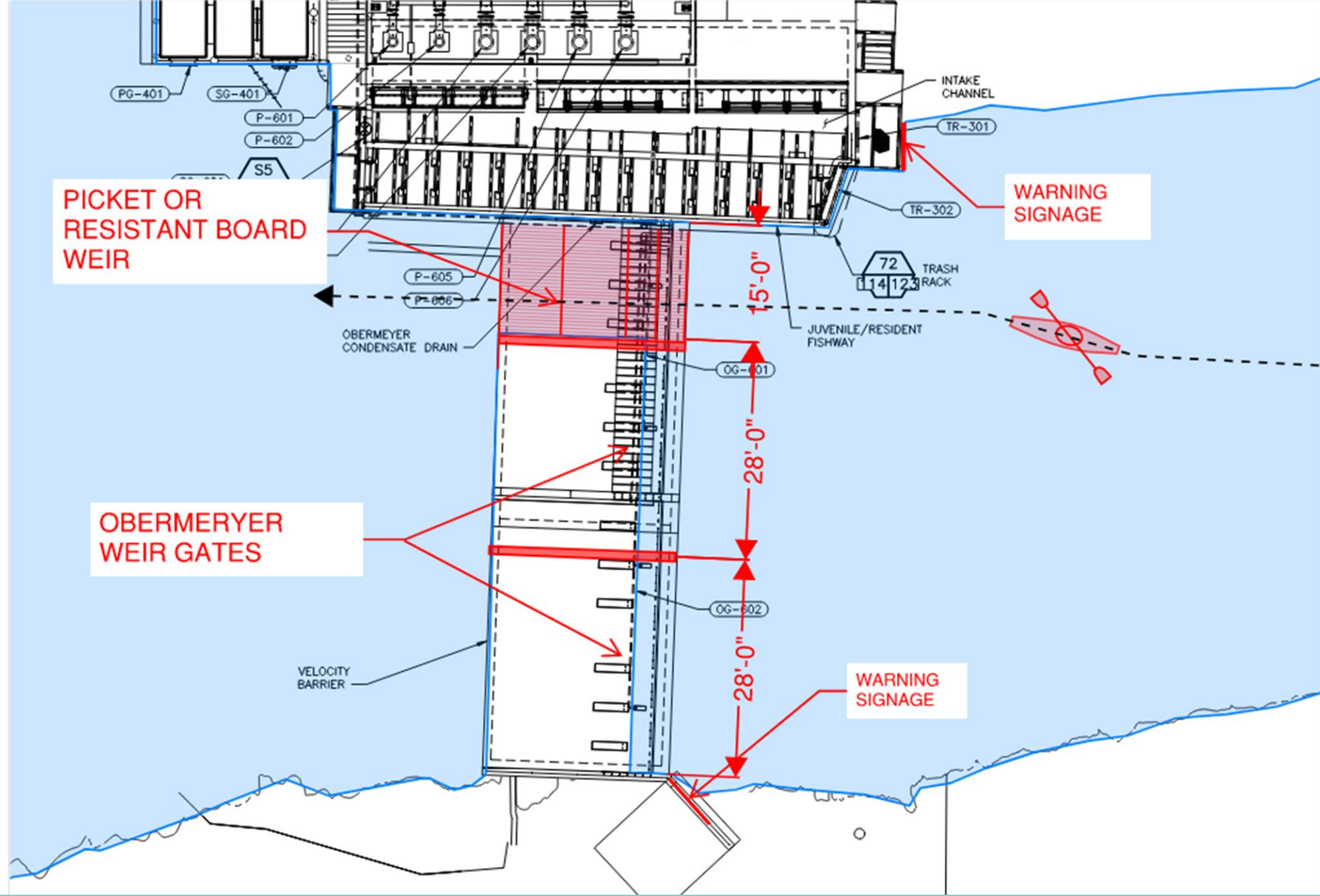
### Pros

- Does not require portage at higher flows
- Wider than current passage

### Cons

- Fish exclusion pickets collect driftwood
- High level of boater expertise
- Downstream hydraulic can be hazardous
- Over weir portage during low flows





# Conclusion & Public Input Portion

## References:

McMillen Technical Memorandum. WDFW Naselle Fish Hatchery Exclusion Barrier: Backwater Analysis Report

McMillen Technical Memorandum. WDFW Naselle Fish Hatchery Boat Passage Evaluation

Download <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/hatcheries/facilities/naselle#documents>



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Photo of Naselle Weir

