## Klickitat Subbasin Master Planning: Next Steps to Hatchery Reform

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#### **Presentation Outline:**

Policy Framework Guiding Klickitat Hatchery Reforms

Klickitat Hatchery Program EIS

On-the-Ground Actions

Next Steps



### Policy Framework Guiding Klickitat Hatchery Reforms

#### US v OREGON

Grew from treaty fishing rights cases in 1960s and early 1970s.

Led to landmark Boldt and Belloni decisions.

Resulted in negotiated Columbia River Management Plans and agreements (since 1977).

Agreements contain harvest and production provisions.

Production provisions denote target release numbers by species and location.

Agreements are signed by the parties and entered as an order of the court.

# Policy Framework Guiding Klickitat Hatchery Reforms (cont.)

#### Fish Accord Agreement (2008):

Secures long-term funding for hatchery & habitat actions

#### Northwest Power Act (1980):

Addresses impact of hydroelectric operations on fish & wildlife

Established a regional plan to protect/mitigate/enhance Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife

Established 3-step process for large capital projects and the Independent Scientific Review Panel

# NOAA's Mitchell Act EIS (early Summer 2010) Hatchery operation/production effects on listed species

# Scientific Framework Guiding Klickitat Hatchery Reforms

#### Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project (1982):

Cle Elum Supplementation & Research Facility scientific findings used to reform Klickitat Hatchery Production

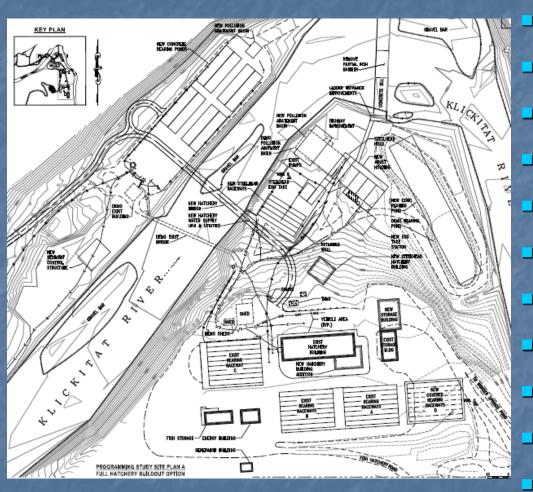
#### <u>Hatchery Scientific Review Group:</u>

- Design and operate hatchery programs in a scientifically defensible manner
- Clear, specific, quantifiable harvest and conservation goals for natural & hatchery populations
- Monitor, evaluate and adaptively manage hatchery programs

#### Klickitat Hatchery Program Environmental Impact Statement

- Purpose and Need of Action
- Alternatives
  - No Action
  - Full buildout at all facilities
  - Partial buildout upgrade/expansion Klickitat Hatchery only
- Salmon & Steelhead Production Objectives
- Socioeconomic Analysis
- Const. Phasing and Potential Environmental Impacts
- EIS Daft August 2010
- Final EIS w/ Record of Decision June/July 2011

## Klickitat Hatchery Programming Site Plan



30% conceptual design (8/2010)

Show full buildout alternative

Water supply enhanced/secured

Build steelhead hatchery

Expanded broodstock holding

Additional raceways

Update facility workspace/shops

Update existing housing

Construct new houses (2)

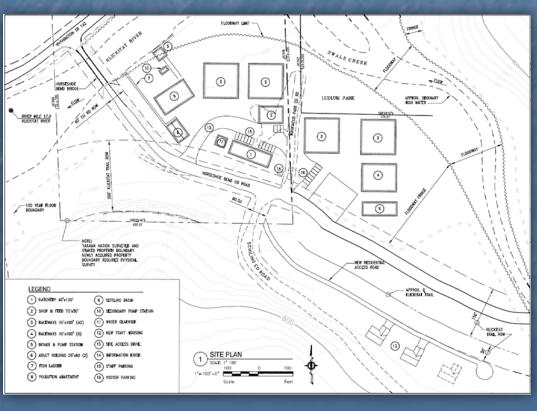
Update power supply

Remove old hatchery weir

## Wahkiacus Hatchery Programming Site Plan

#### Key to Hatchery Reform

"Free up" 26 Miles of high quality rearing/spawning Habitat



- 30% conceptual design (8/2010)
- Show full buildout alternative
- Develop water supply
- Broodstock collection/holding
- Hatchery incubation building
- Raceways
- Workspace/shops
- Construct new houses (2)
- Power supply
- Public information center
- Sportsmen's access



# Klickitat River Anadromous Species

## Native Stocks:

I. Spring Chinook



II. Steelhead



#### <u>Introduced Stocks:</u>

I. Fall Chinook



II. Coho



- All stocks have existing artificial (hatchery) production
  - Programs designed for harvest augmentation

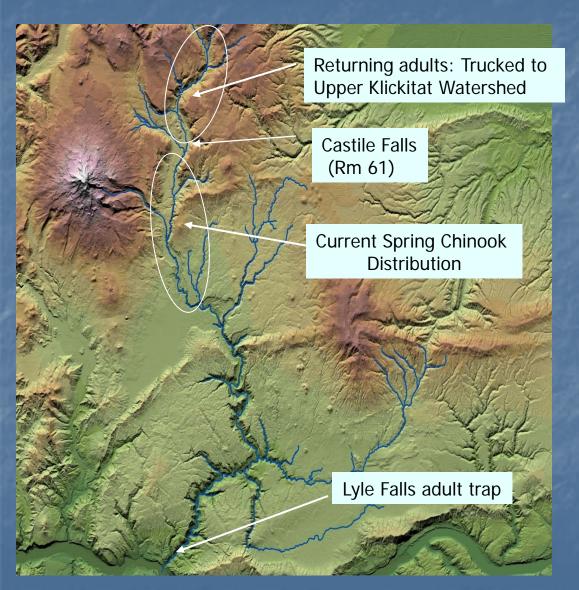
## Spring Chinook



#### <u>Current program</u>

- I. Harvest augmentation
  - □ ~550 adults
  - 95-100% hatchery broodstock
  - ~800k on-station release
  - PHOS ~ 10-20%
    - PNI= 0.25
  - Standards:
    - Does not meetHSRG criteria

## Spring Chinook



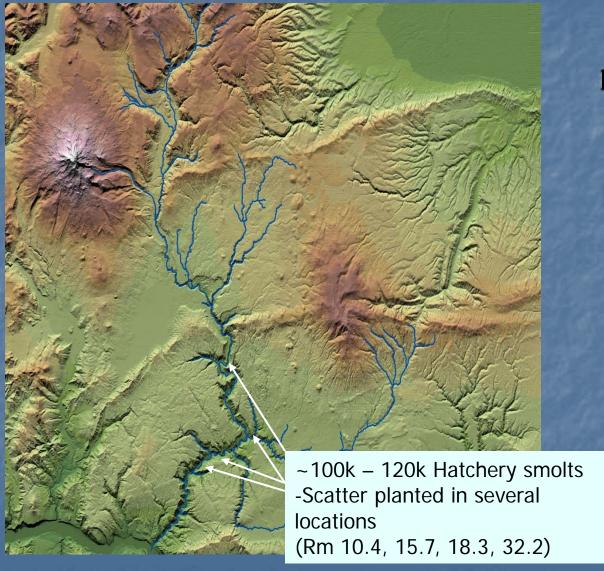
#### Future program

- I. Conservation & Harvest
  - Integrated program
    - Incorporate greater proportion natural origin fish
  - Broodstock collection
    - Lyle Falls Trap
  - □ ~550 Adults
    - 800k on-station release

#### Conservation benefits

- Increase spawning & rearing distribution
  - Increase abundance
- Increase PNI

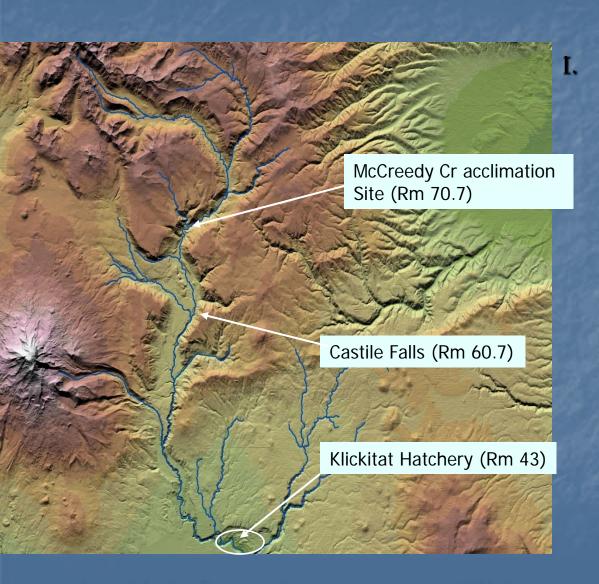
#### Steelhead



#### Current program

- I. Harvest augmentation
  - Smolts imported from Washougal hatchery
  - 105k release
  - 100% adipose clipped
  - Successful program
    - Tribal & non-tribal fisheries
  - Hatchery Steelhead escaping fisheries:
    - Spawn in wild
    - Inability to remove
    - Introgression has occurred between hatchery and natural origin fish

#### Steelhead



#### Future program

Segregated harvest & conservation component

#### Segregated Harvest Program

- 100% HOR broodstock from local returns
- Convert to NOR broodstock if needed for ESA Recovery.

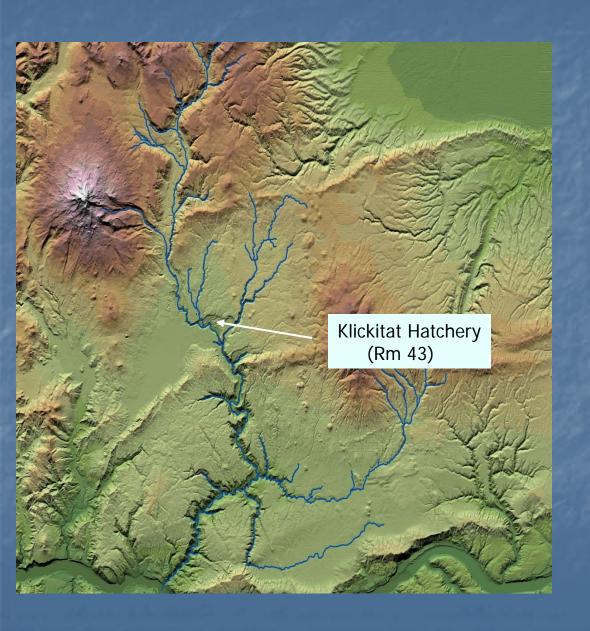
#### **Conservation Program**

- Potentially use both anadromous and resident life history forms
- ~30-40 adults needed
- ~65k smolts acclimated at McCreedy Cr facility
- Seed upper Klickitat watershed

#### Conservation benefits

Increase spawning & rearing distribution

#### Fall Chinook

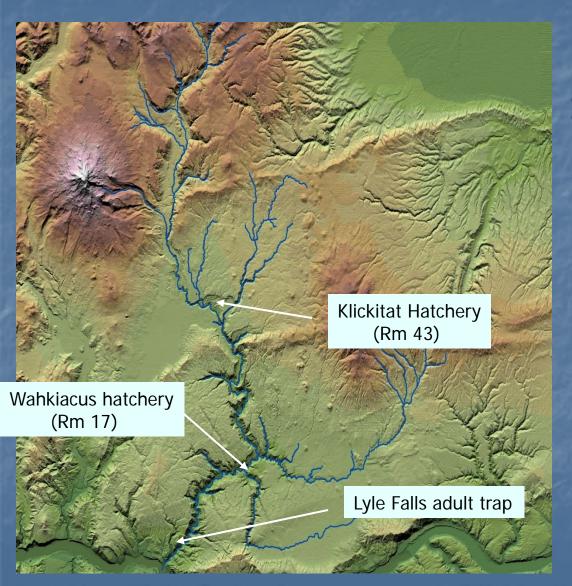


#### <u>Current program</u>

- I. Harvest augmentation
  - Imports 4.5 million eyed eggs
  - 4.3 M sub-yearlings
    - Released from Klickitat hatchery
  - 17% marked

Contributessubstantially tocombined fisheries

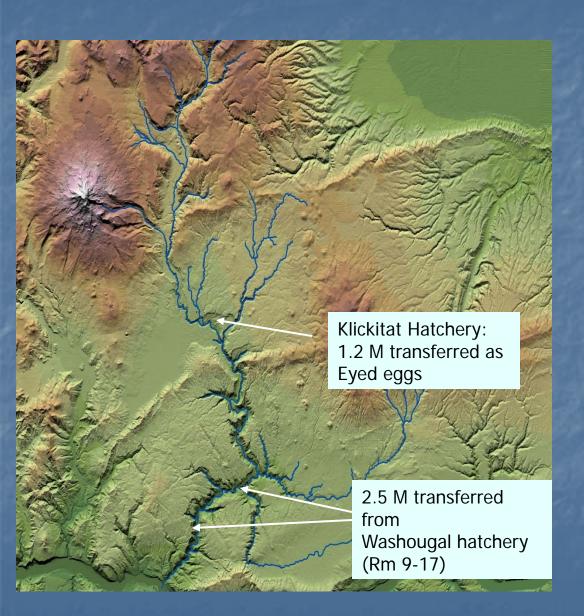
#### Fall Chinook



#### Future program

- Harvest augmentation
  - Segregated program
    - Develop local broodstock
    - Eliminate out-of-basin transfers
      - Reduce risk of disease transfers
    - Broodstock collection:
      - Lyle Falls,Wahkiacus
      - 2500 adults
    - 4 M sub-yearlings
    - Move 50% of juveniles downstream
      - Reduce competition with spring chinook

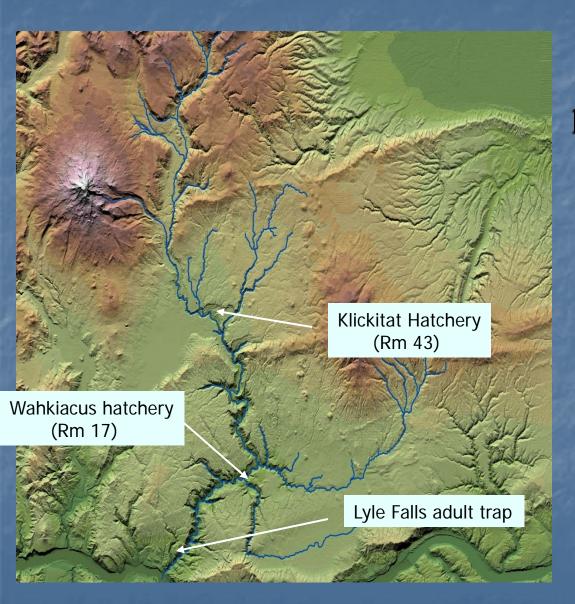
#### Coho



#### <u>Current program</u>

- I. Harvest augmentation
  - Imports 3.7 million juveniles
  - Klickitat hatchery release group
    - Survival rate 3 times greater than 2.5 M release group
    - Chronic disease problems
    - Reduced imprintment
  - Contributessubstantially tocombined fisheries

#### Coho



#### Future program

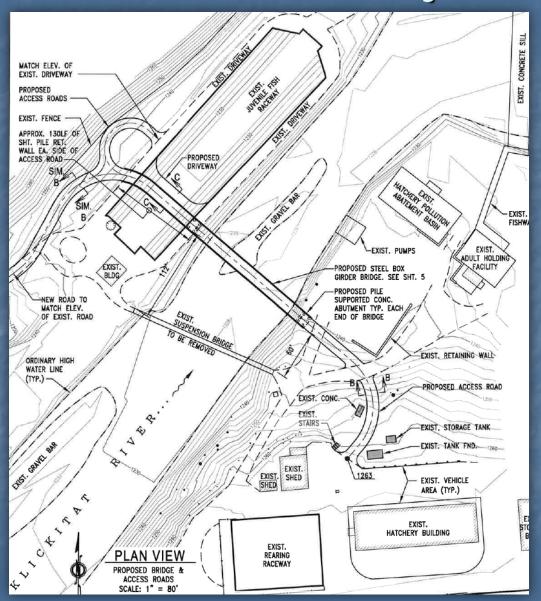
- Harvest augmentation
  - Segregated program
    - Develop local broodstock
    - Eliminate out-of-basin transfers
      - Reduce risk of disease transfers
    - Broodstock collection:
      - Lyle Falls
      - 750 adults
    - 1 M smolt release
    - Juveniles released from Wahkiacus
      - Reduce interactions with native stocks



# Accord Projects Underway

- Klickitat Hatchery road/bridge
- Castile Falls Monitoring Facility
- Lyle Falls Passage & Monitoring Facility

# Klickitat Hatchery Road/Bridge Project





165 ft.-long single lane box girder bridge

Improved and rerouted ~1 mile of access road 2 ft. diameter water pipe

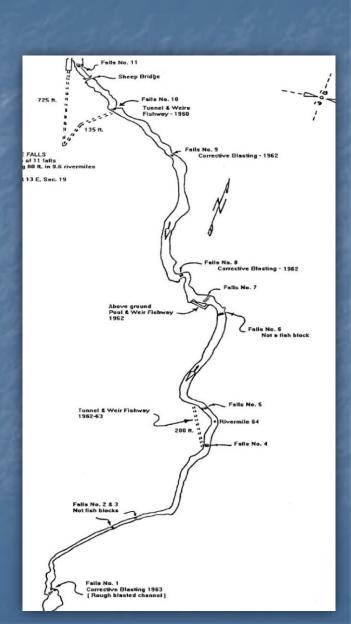
## Castile Falls Monitoring Facility

#### Passage Improvements Completed

- **2004 2005**
- Over 55 miles of habitat accessible
- Reduced fishway O&M

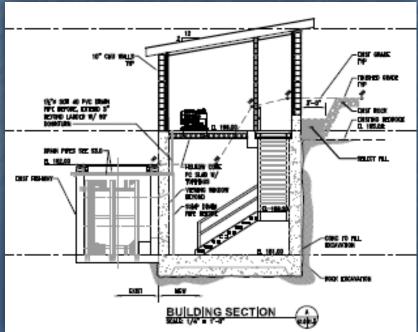
#### Monitoring Facility

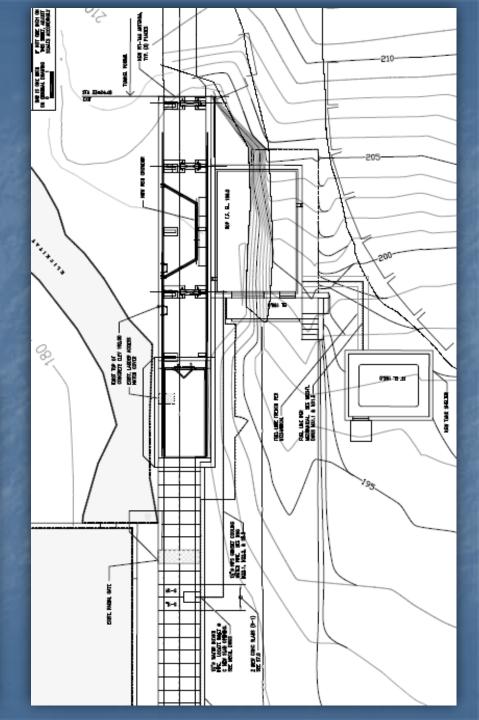
- Construction contracting soon
- 2010 completion
- Remote sensing
- Digital imagery
- PIT-tag detection



#### Castile Falls Monitoring Facility

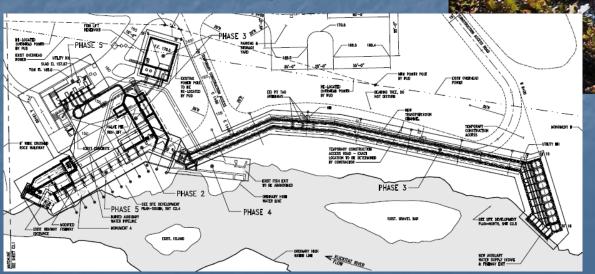


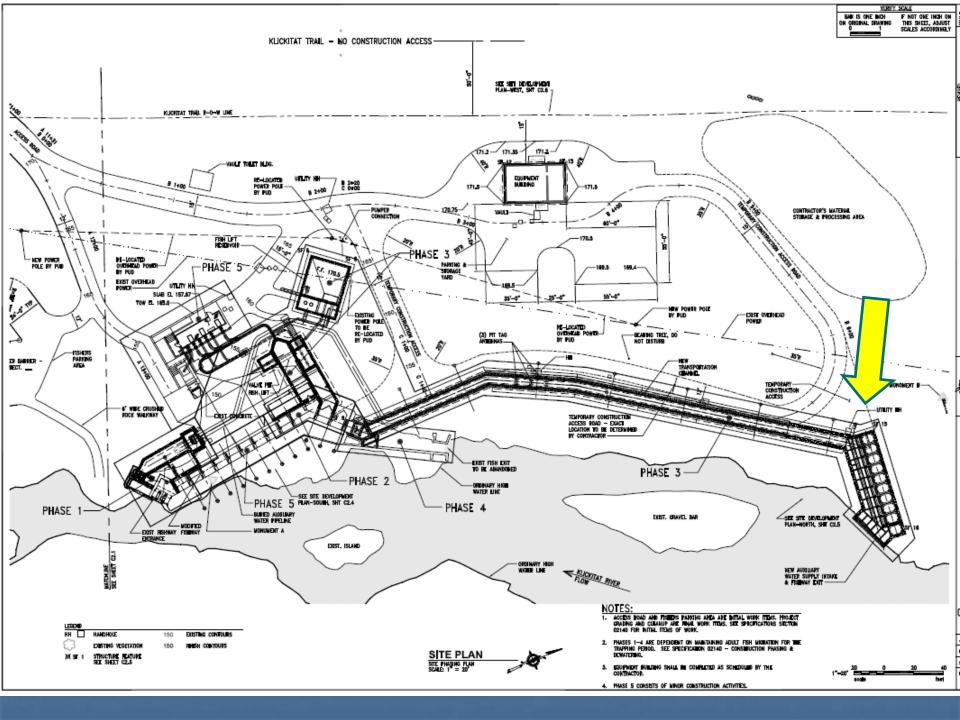




## Lyle Falls Fishway #5 Passage & Monitoring Facility

- Construction contracting soon
- Incorporate USFWS lamprey passage design elements
- R,M&E facility
- Construction '10/'11

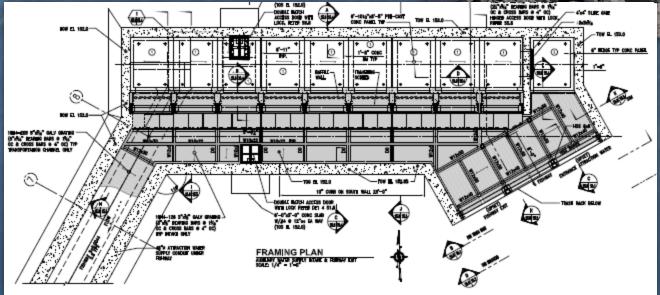


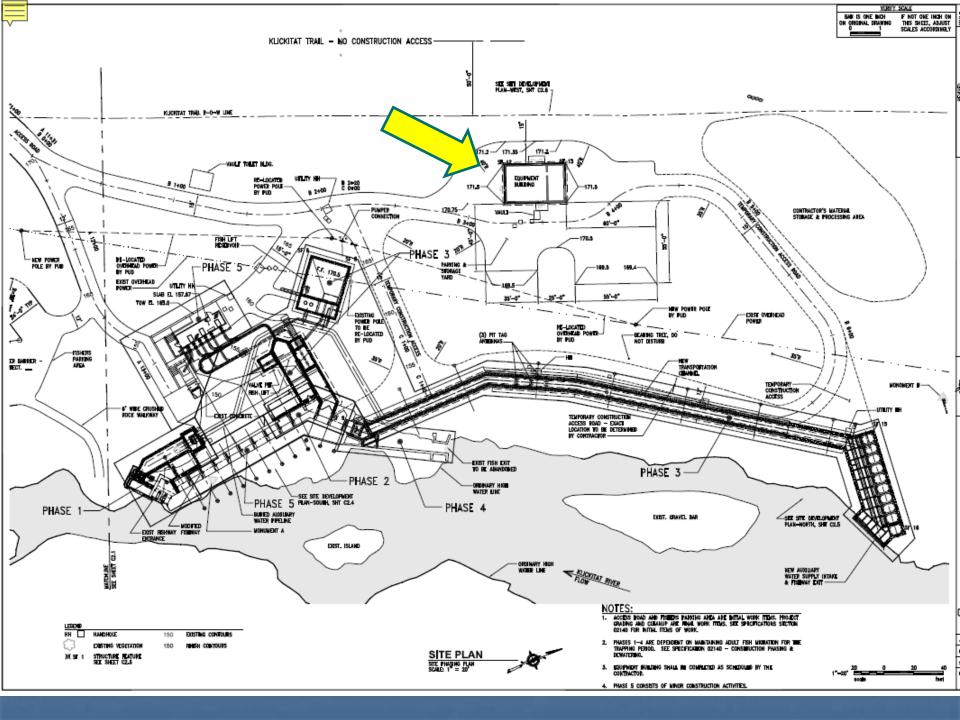


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# Fishway Exit & Water Intake

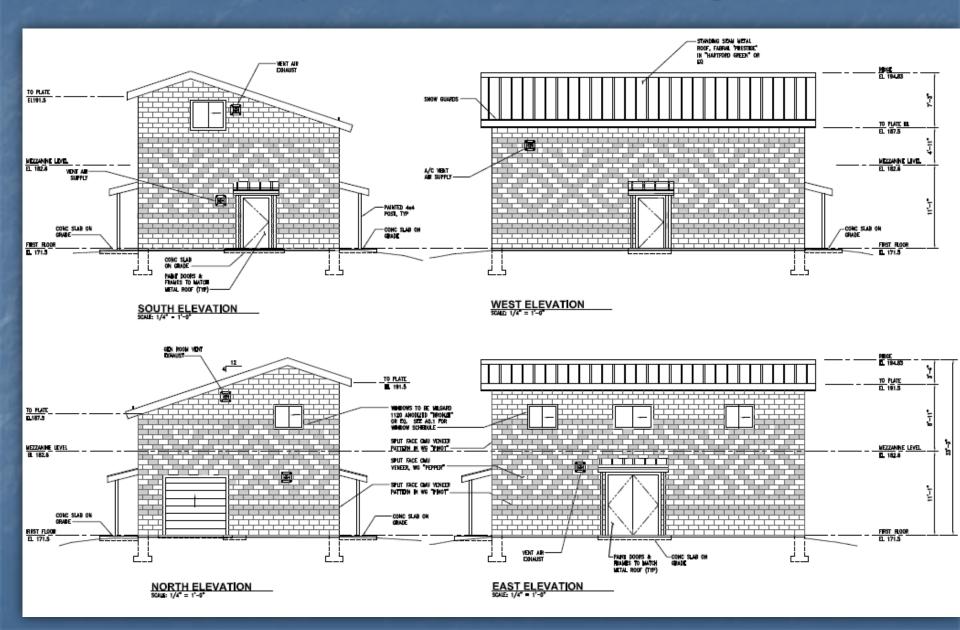


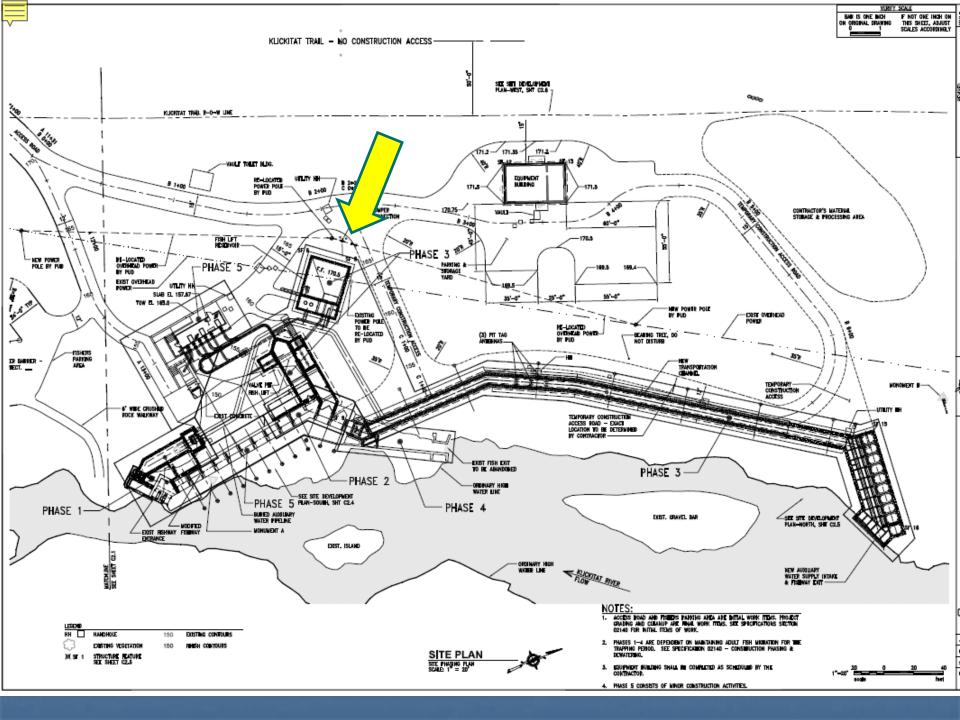






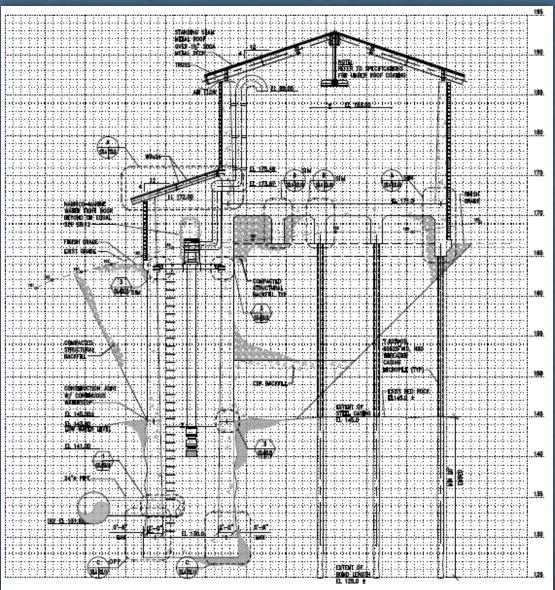
# **Equipment Control Building**



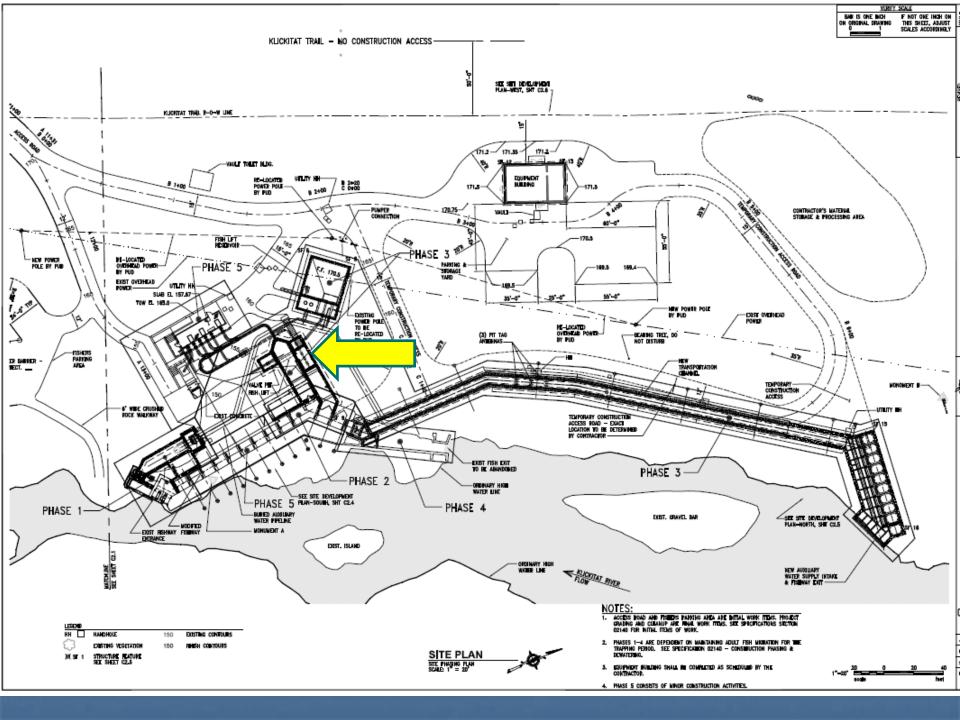




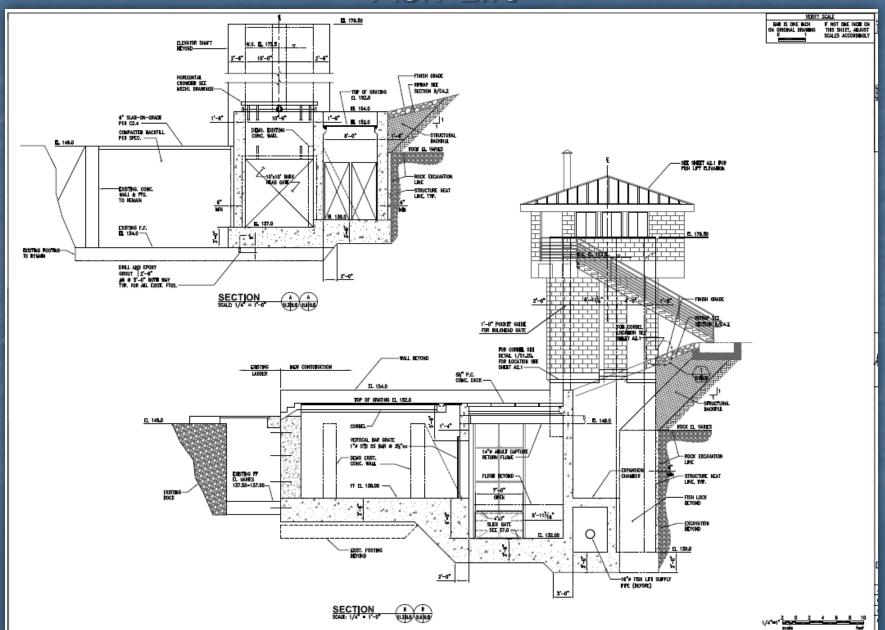
#### Fish Lift Reservoir

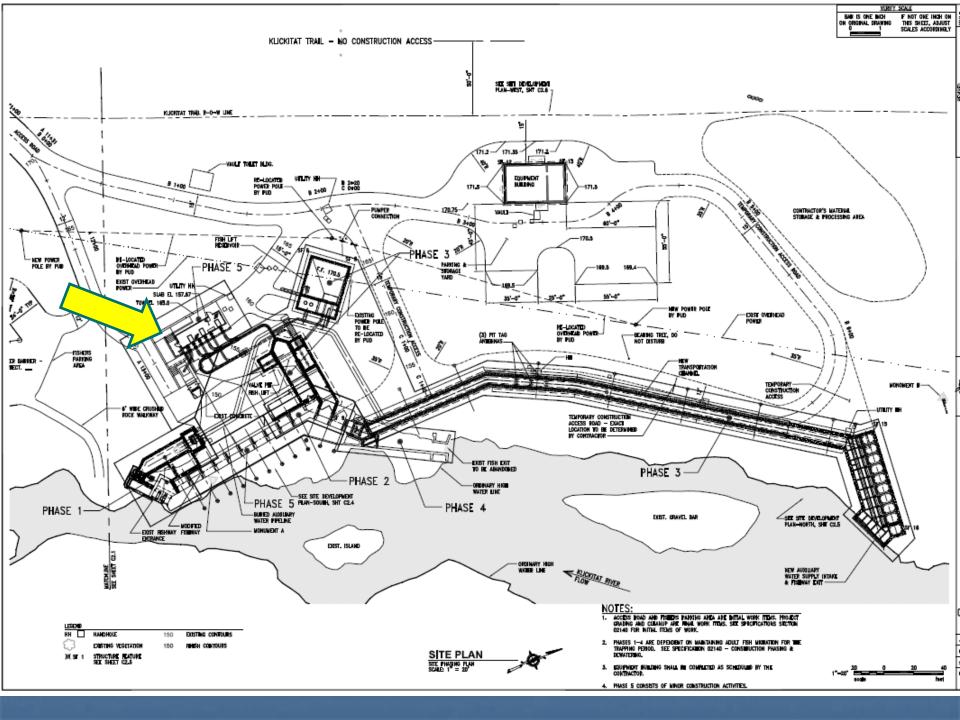




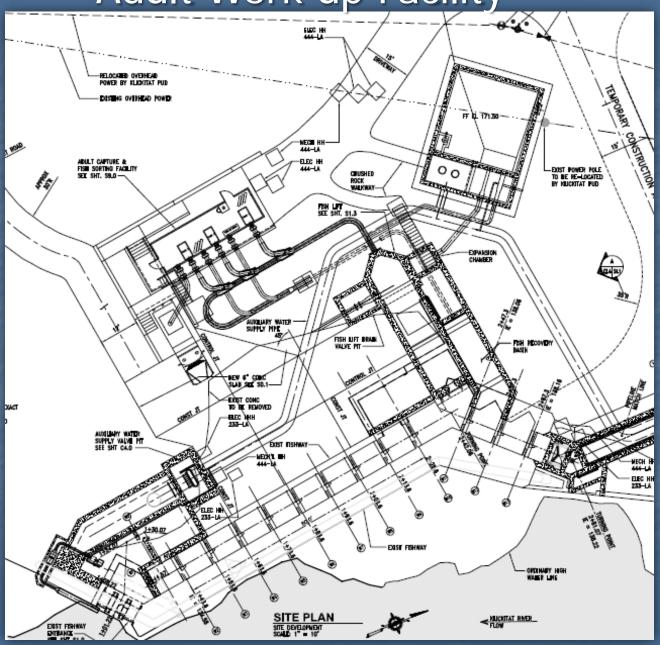


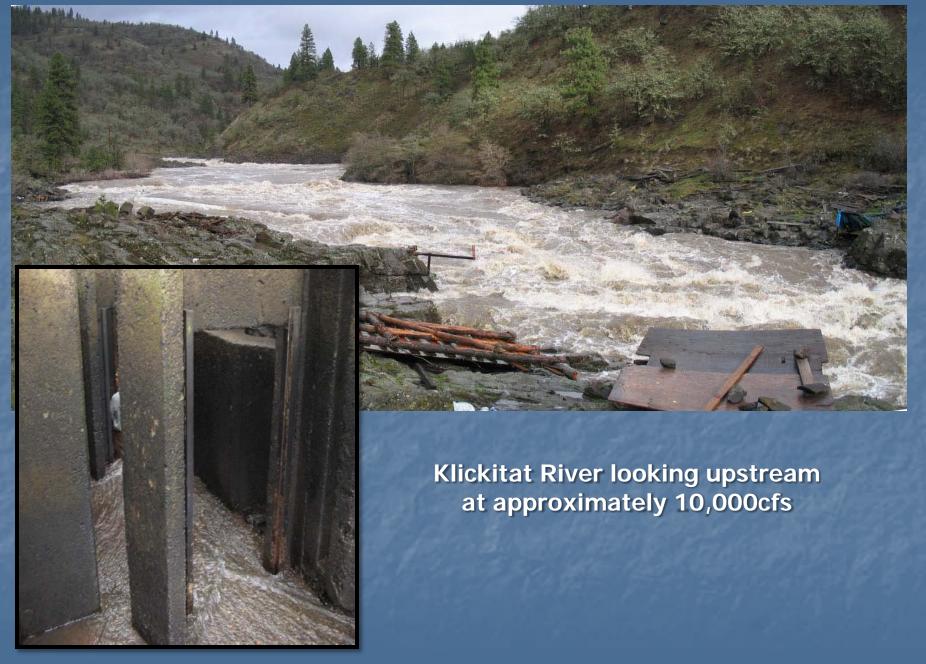
#### Fish Lift





Adult Work-up Facility





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# Summary

#### Construction Projects underway:

- Klickitat Hatchery road/bridge fall 2010
- Castile Falls Monitoring Station fall 2010
- Lyle Fishway Passage/Monitoring Project summer 2011

#### Master Plan EIS underway:

- Public draft August 2010
- BPA & YN updating NPCC (Step Review)
- Final summer 2011

#### ■ To-Do List:

- Secure funding for Wahkiacus Hatchery
- Complete engineering design for remaining facilities
- Vacation summer 2011 (one week)

Questions?



### **Project Funding:**

Bonneville Power Administration NOAA-Fisheries Yakama Nation

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