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Managing Water in the West

Fisheries Issues and Potential Solutions at Roza Dam

- Gate Operation
- Hydroacoustic Monitoring
- Potential Solutions (input requested)



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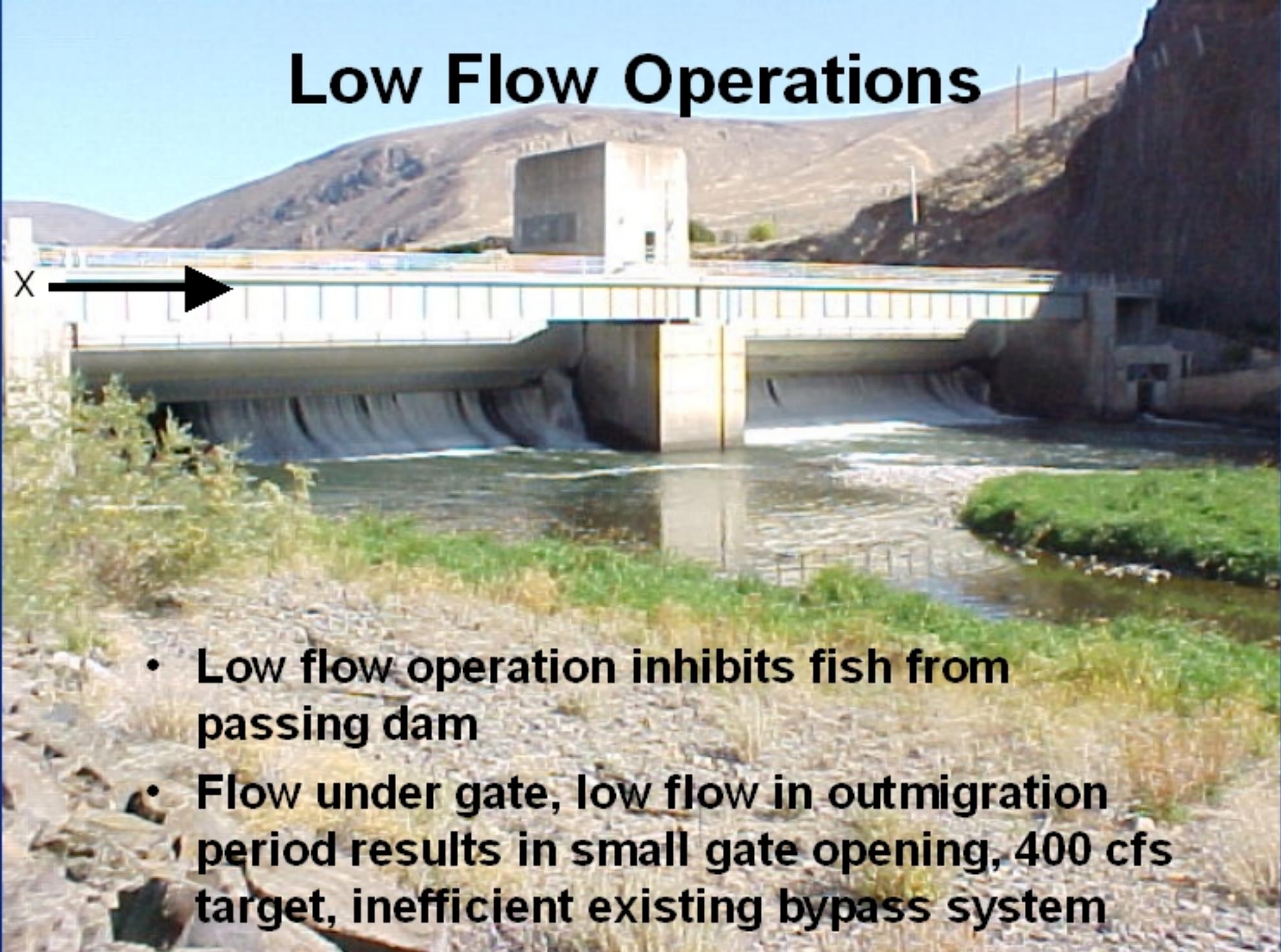
Roza Dam

An aerial photograph of Roza Dam, showing the concrete dam structure with a fish ladder and a marina with several boats. The reservoir behind the dam is a large, dark blue body of water with a prominent, winding sandbar or island. The surrounding landscape is hilly and green, with some buildings visible on the shore.

Typical smolt outmigration flow likely provides passage under gate

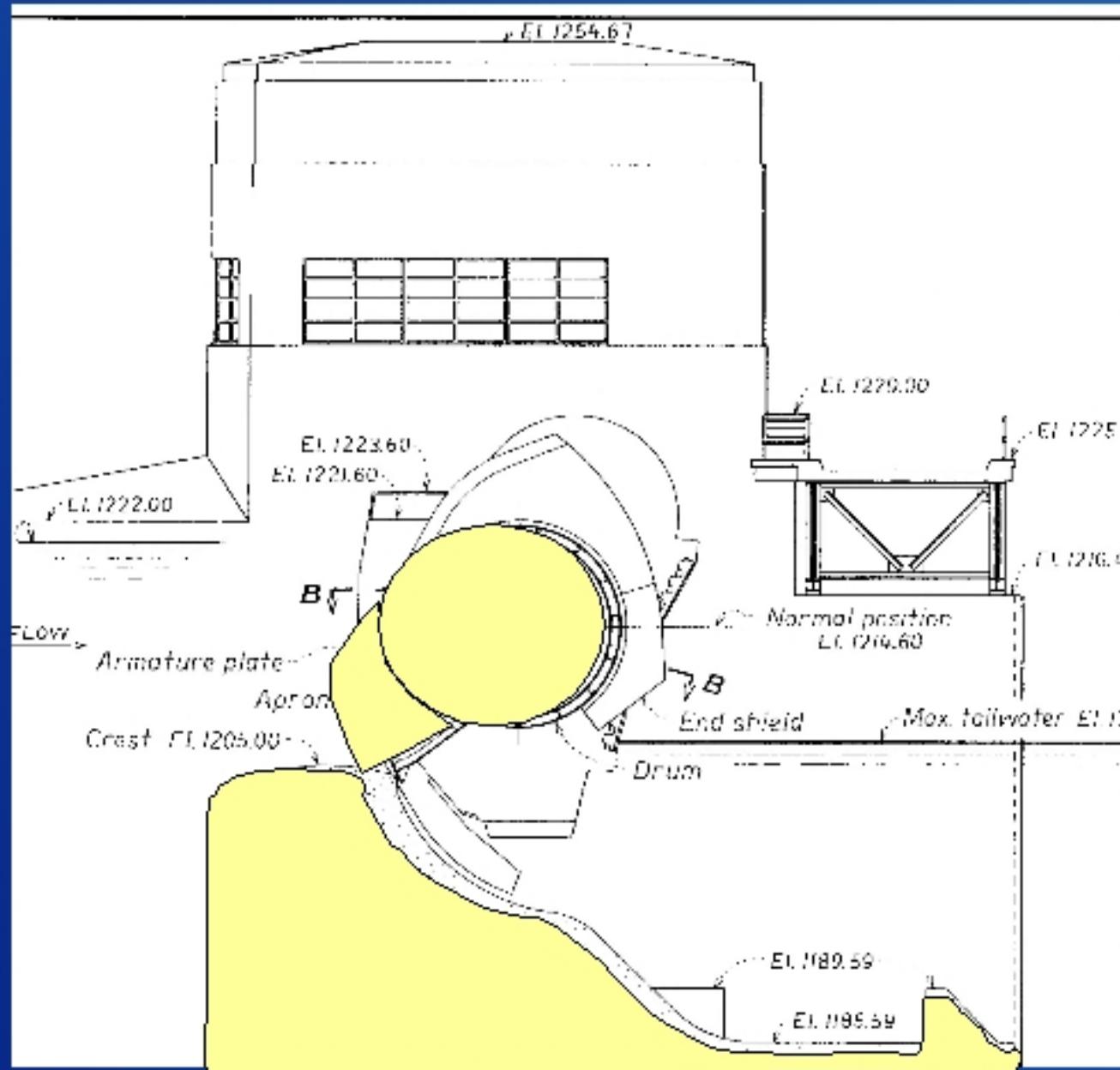
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Low Flow Operations



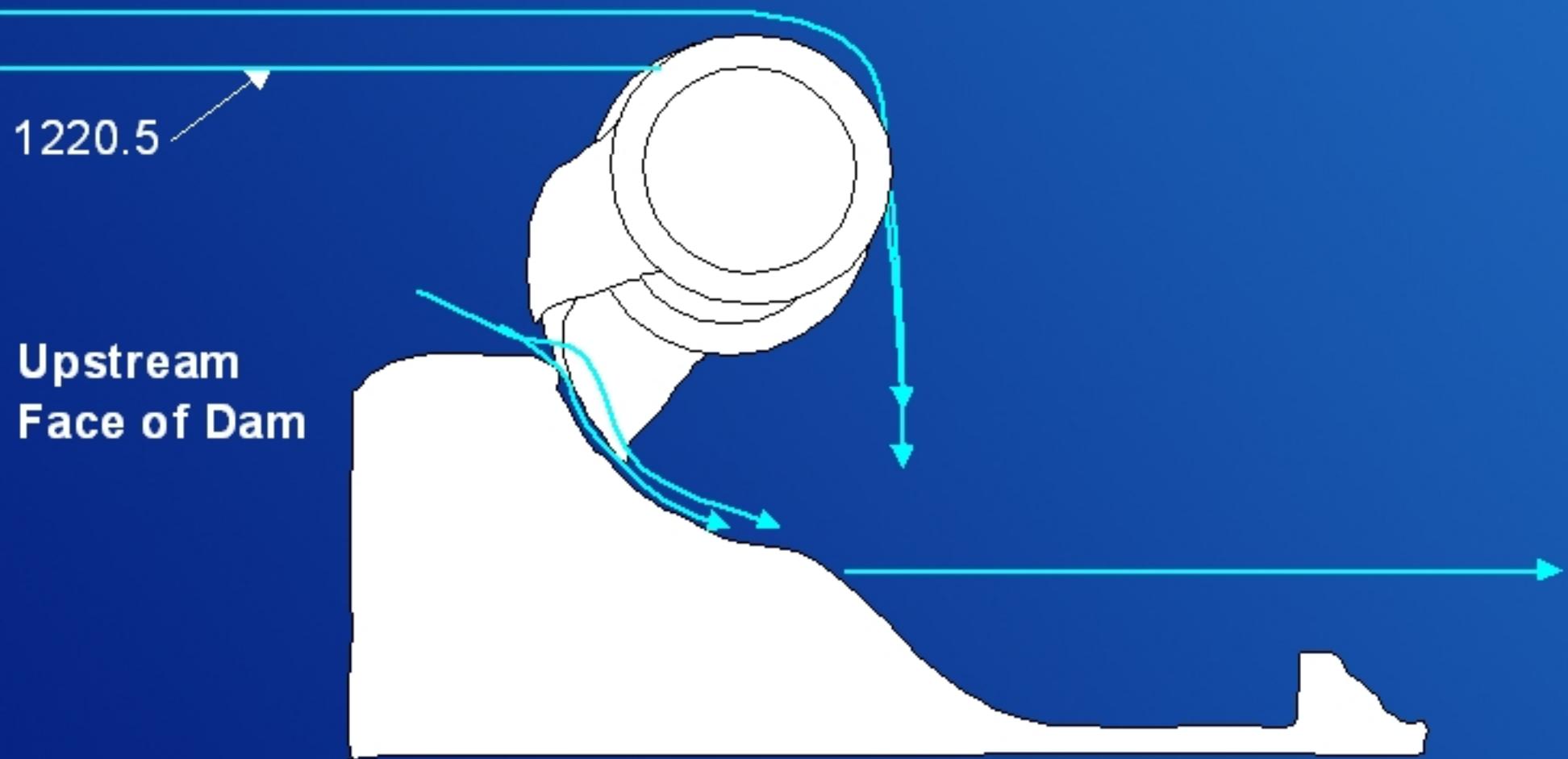
- Low flow operation inhibits fish from passing dam
- Flow under gate, low flow in outmigration period results in small gate opening, 400 cfs target, inefficient existing bypass system

Roza Roller Gate XS



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Roller Gate Movement



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Gate tuck to operate with surface spill requires ~ 1200 cfs



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Gate Tuck, April 22 2005



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Roza Gate Tuck

- **1200 cfs not available for tuck all the time**
- **1st 400 cfs for downstream target and fish facilities**
- **Next available water for irrigation**
- **Remainder used for power generation (flexible)**



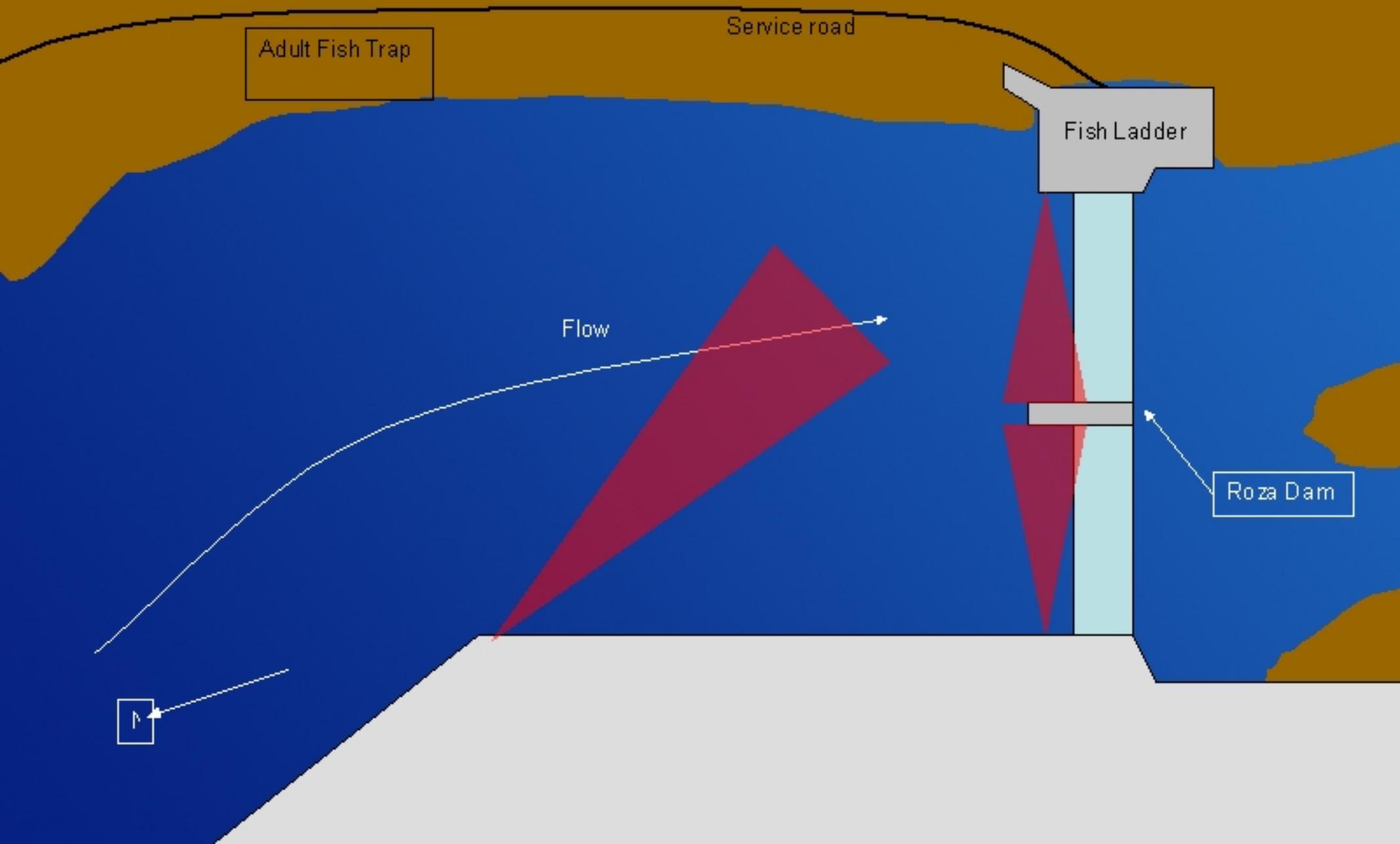
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Operational Questions

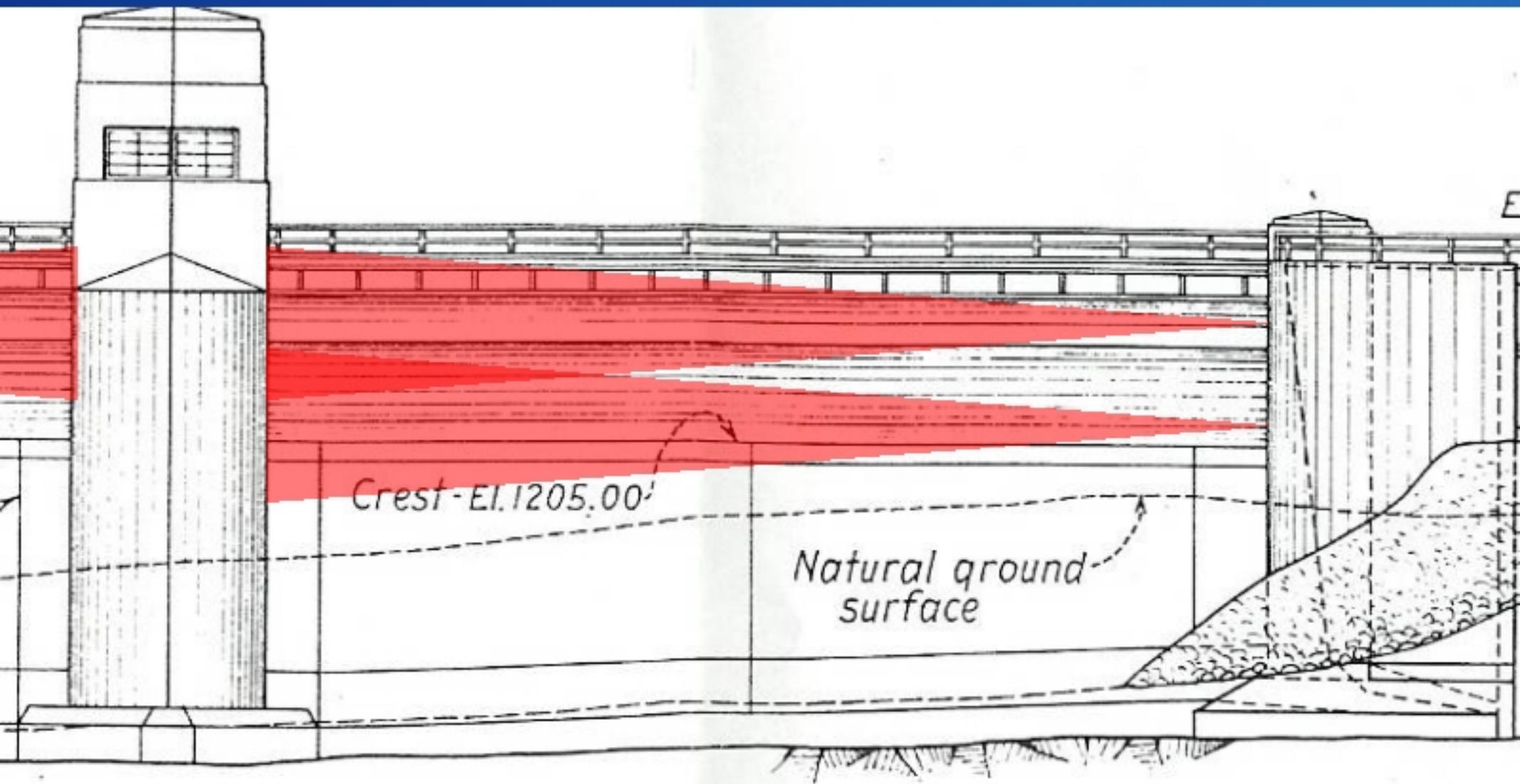
- How do we determine the timing and duration of operations for fish passage?
 - Avoid unnecessary fish delay while maximizing power generation
- What flows provide an undershot gate opening that is just as efficient at passing fish as providing surface flow over the gate?
 - Labor resources required to tuck gate
- Hydroacoustic equipment was installed in 2005 & 2006 to help answer these questions

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Hydroacoustic Echosounders



Hydroacoustic Echosounders West Gate



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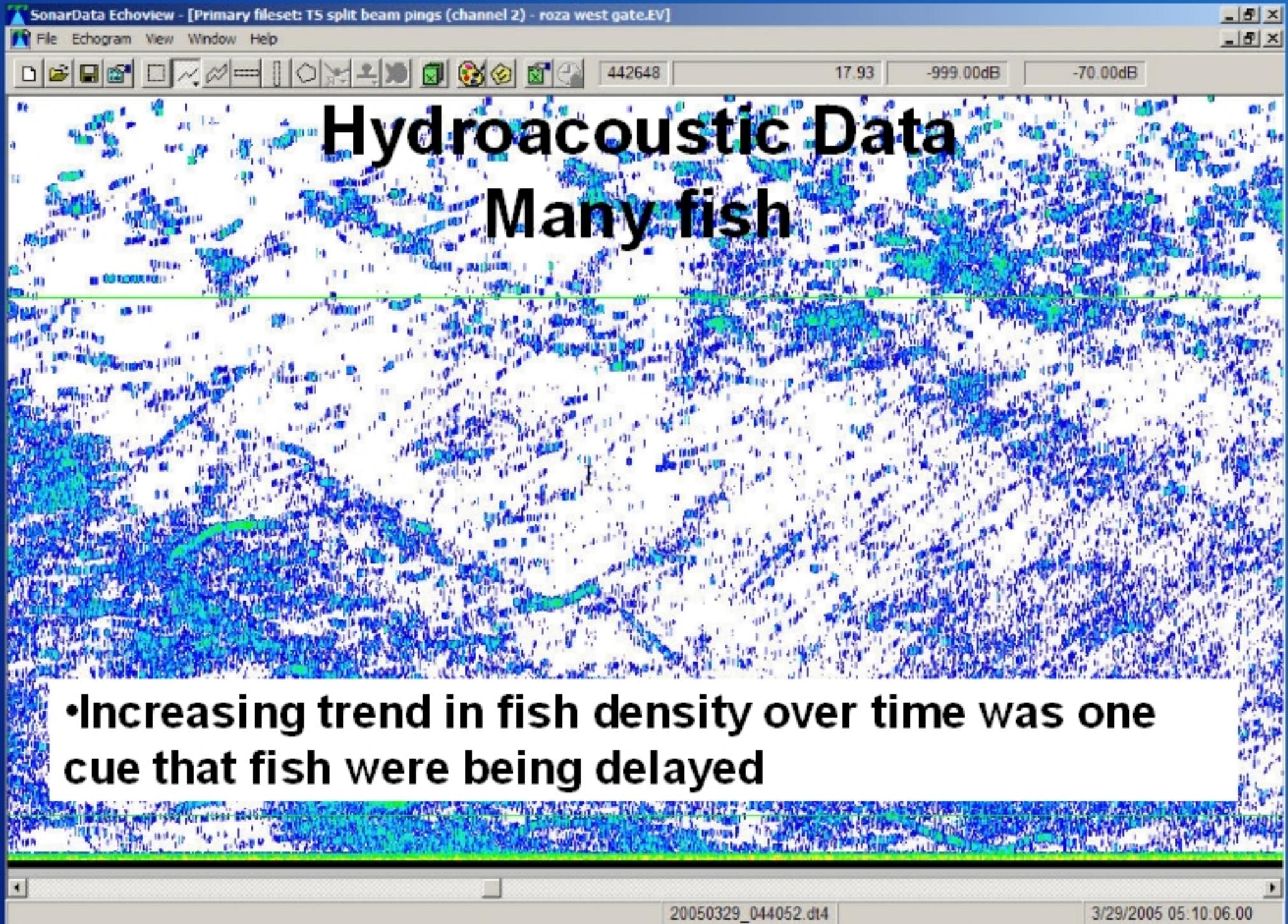
A screenshot of the SonarData Echoview software interface. The top menu bar includes File, Echogram, View, Window, and Help. The title bar indicates the primary fileset is "T5 split beam pings (channel 2) - roza west gate.EV". The main window displays an echogram with numerous blue and green vertical lines representing sonar pings. A cursor arrow is visible in the center of the screen.

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Hydroacoustic Data

Few fish

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Data used for decision-making in 2005

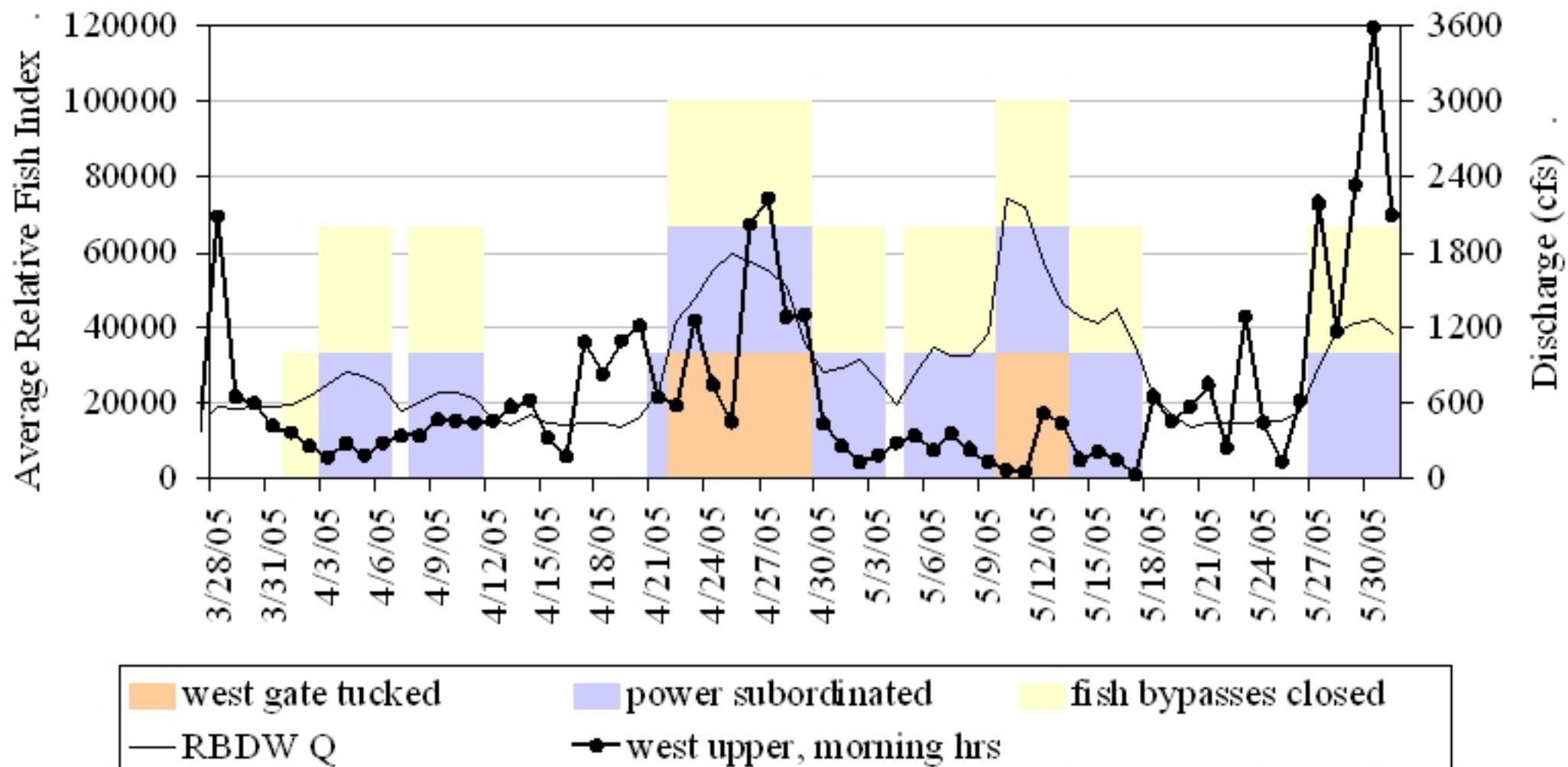
- Used Hydroacoustic data, flow data, and visual observation of the pool to decide when and how long to withdraw water from power generation (subordinate) and/or close fish bypasses
- This reallocated water allows for either increasing the east gate opening, or a gate tuck if enough water was available (~1200 cfs)

Data used for decision-making and data need in 2006

- Ample water this year, tucked frequently with little need for subordination and no need to close fish bypasses
- Needed to get more data on fish densities at different gate openings
- At times, did not tuck gate even when enough water was available

Hydroacoustic Data, 2005

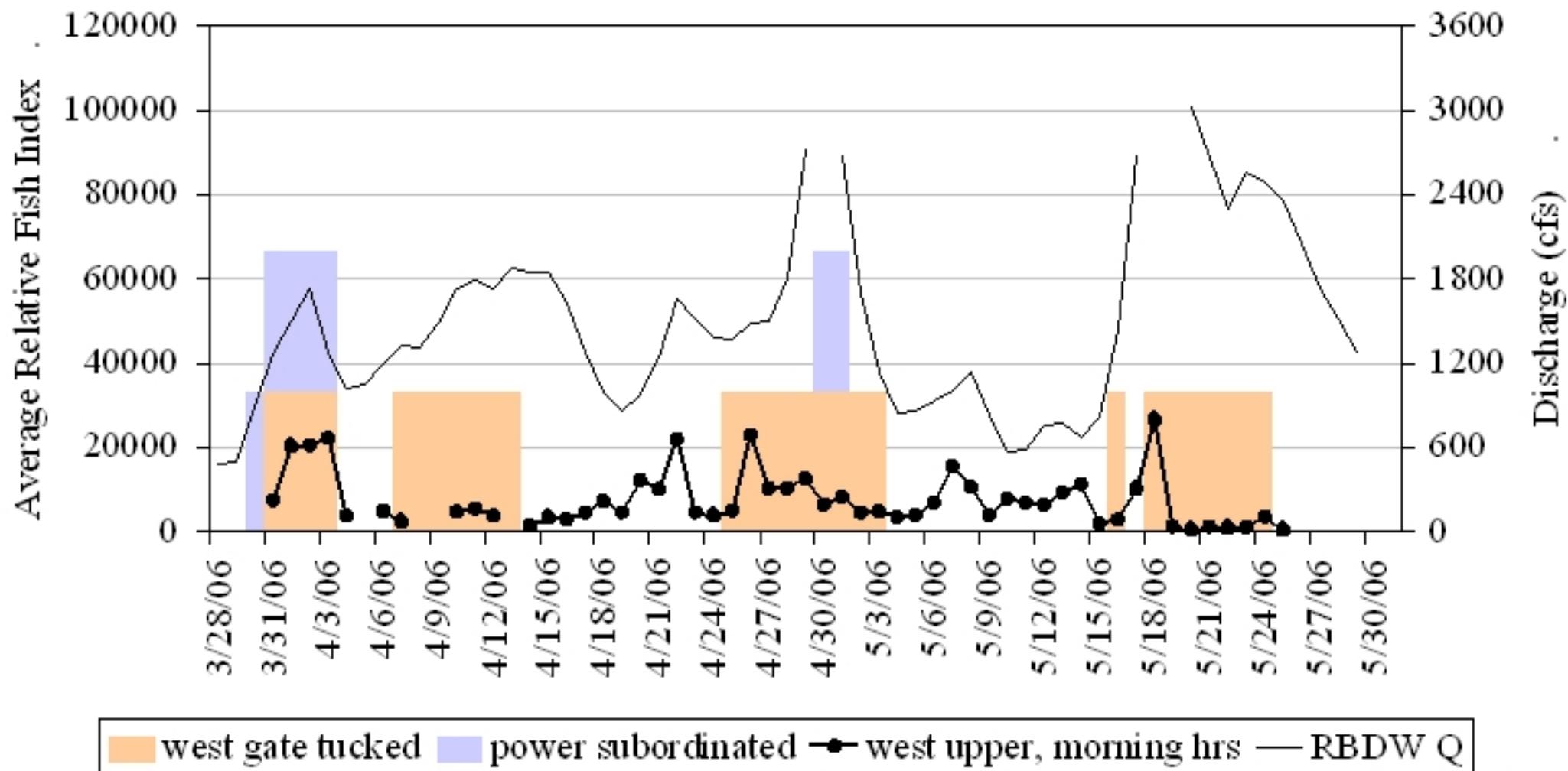
Fish Index 0000-0700 hrs, Roza Pool, 2005



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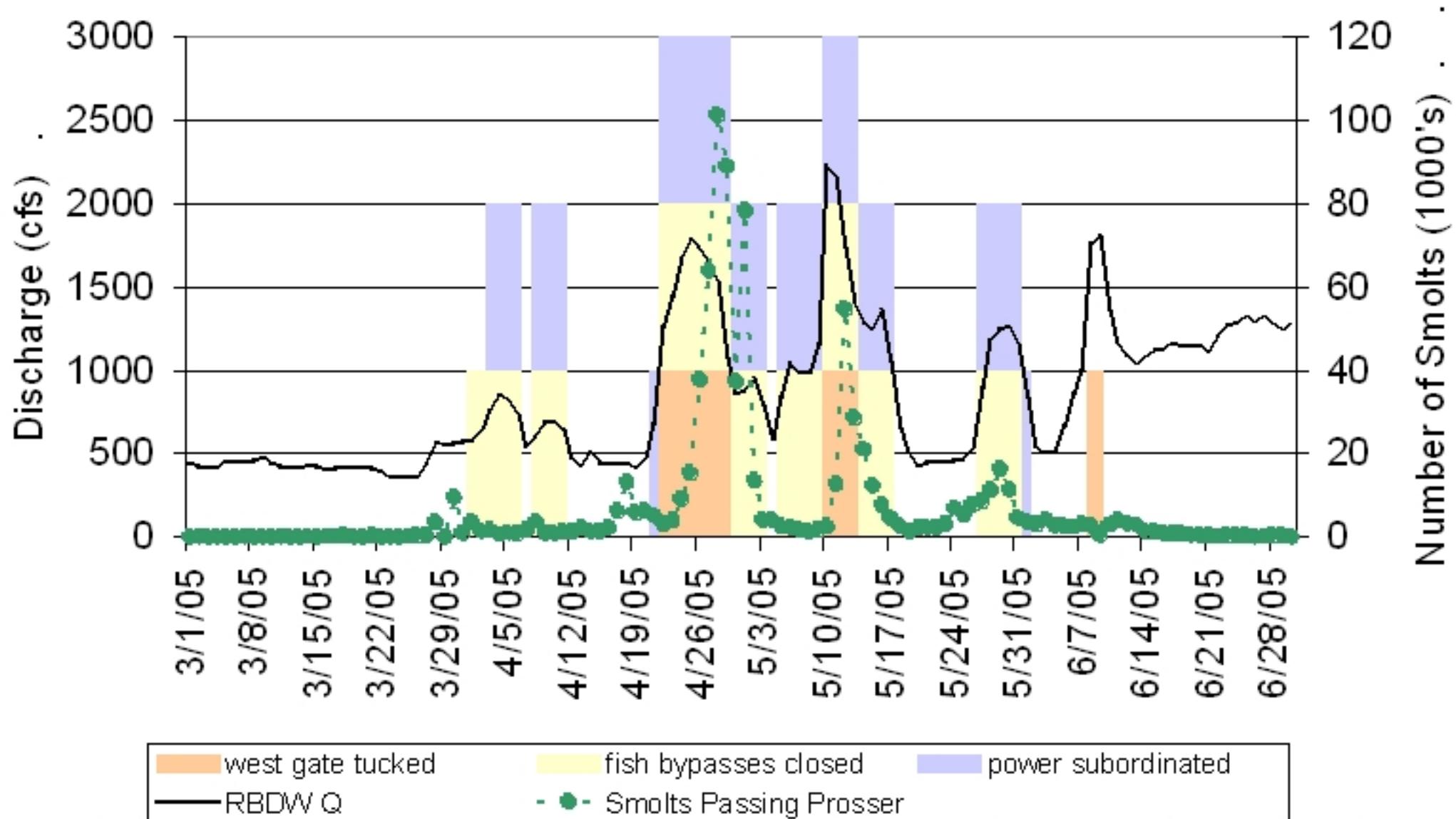
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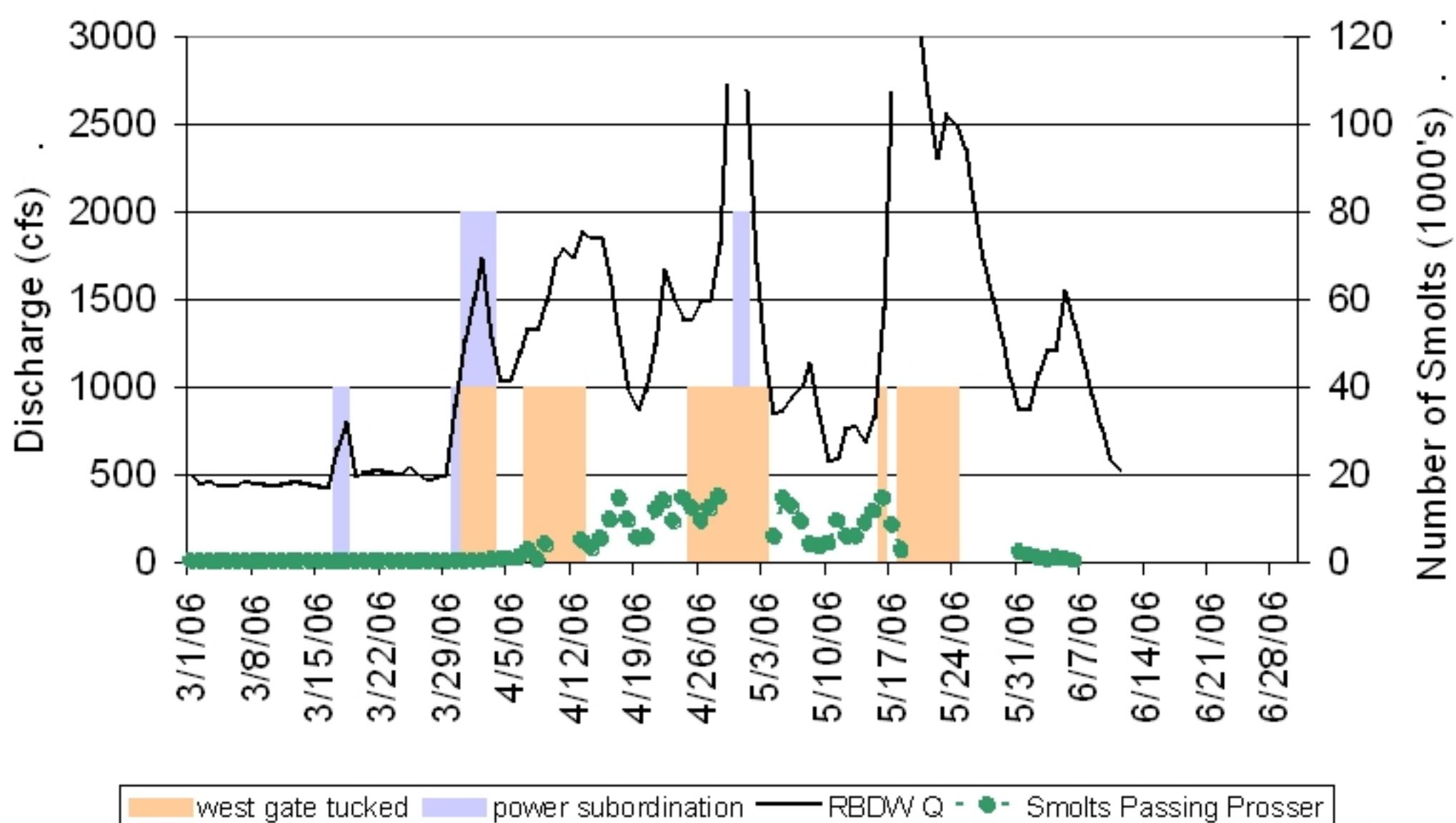
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Roza Operations and Smolt Passage, 2005



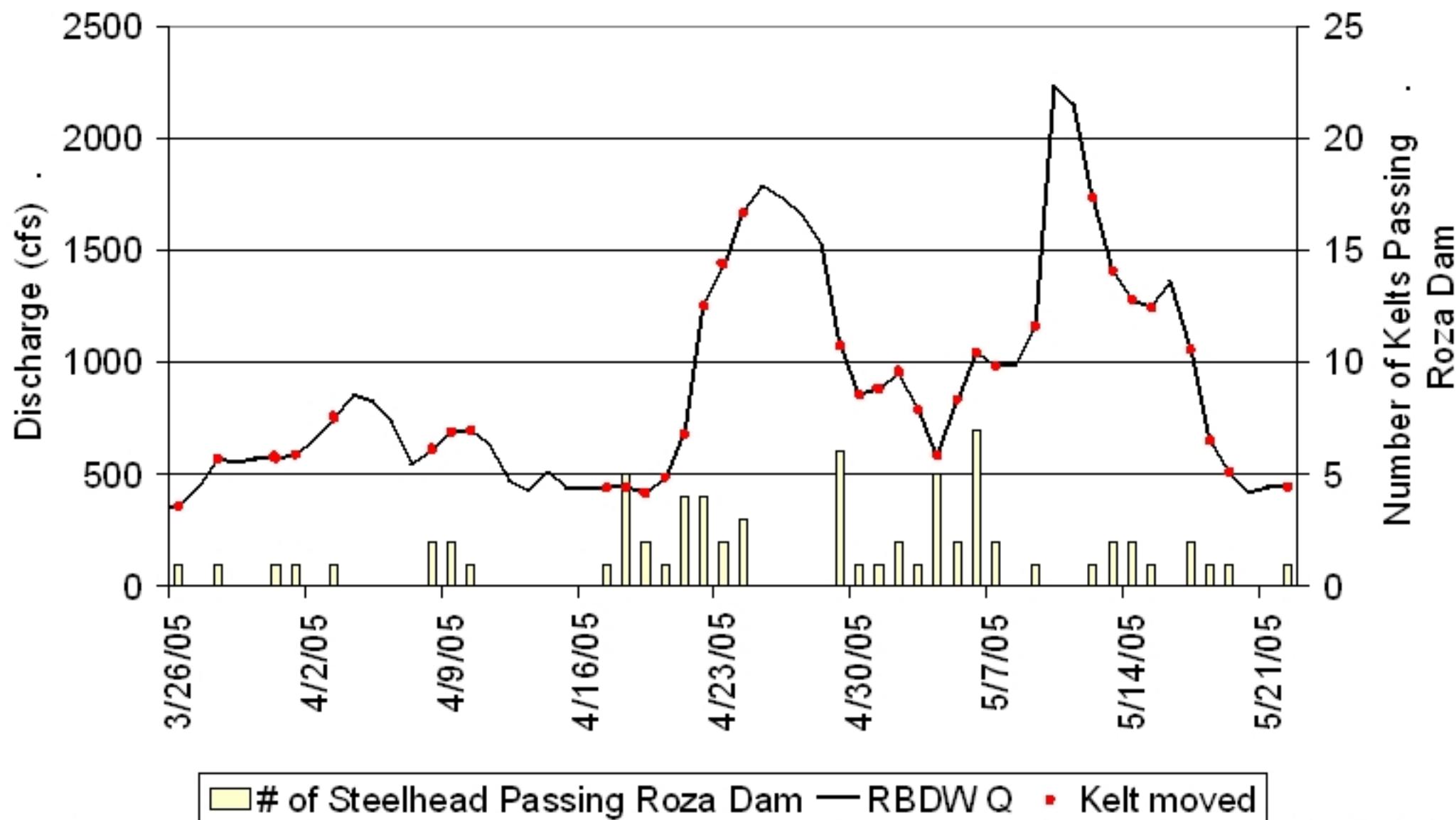
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Roza Operations and Smolt Passage, 2006



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Roza Operations and Kelt Passage



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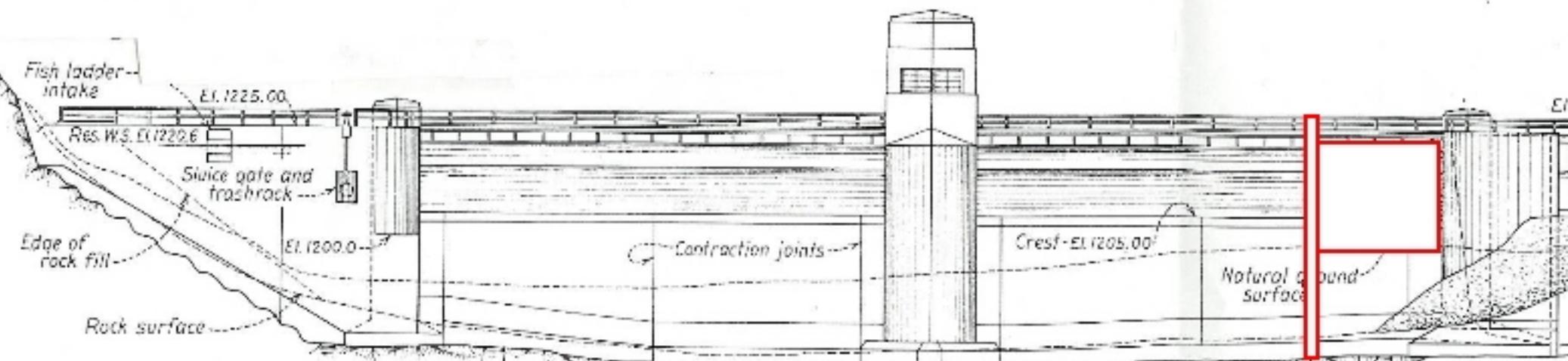
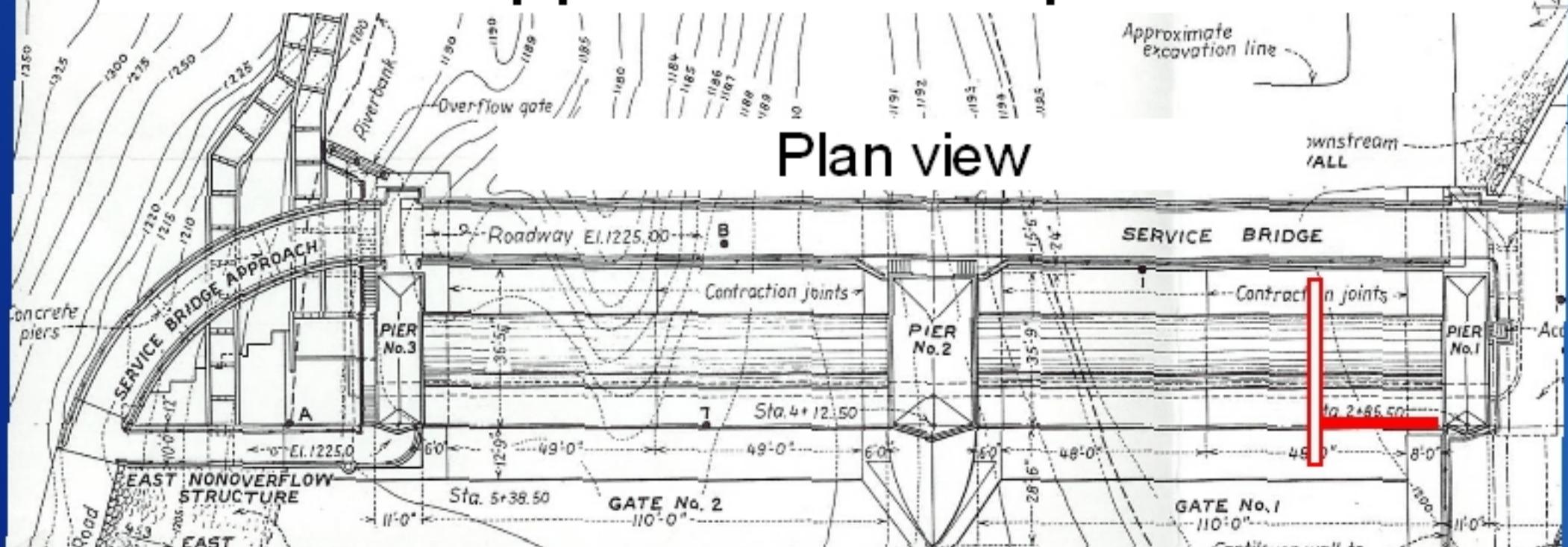
Roza Dam Fish Passage Options

Many considered

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Appraisal Concept 1

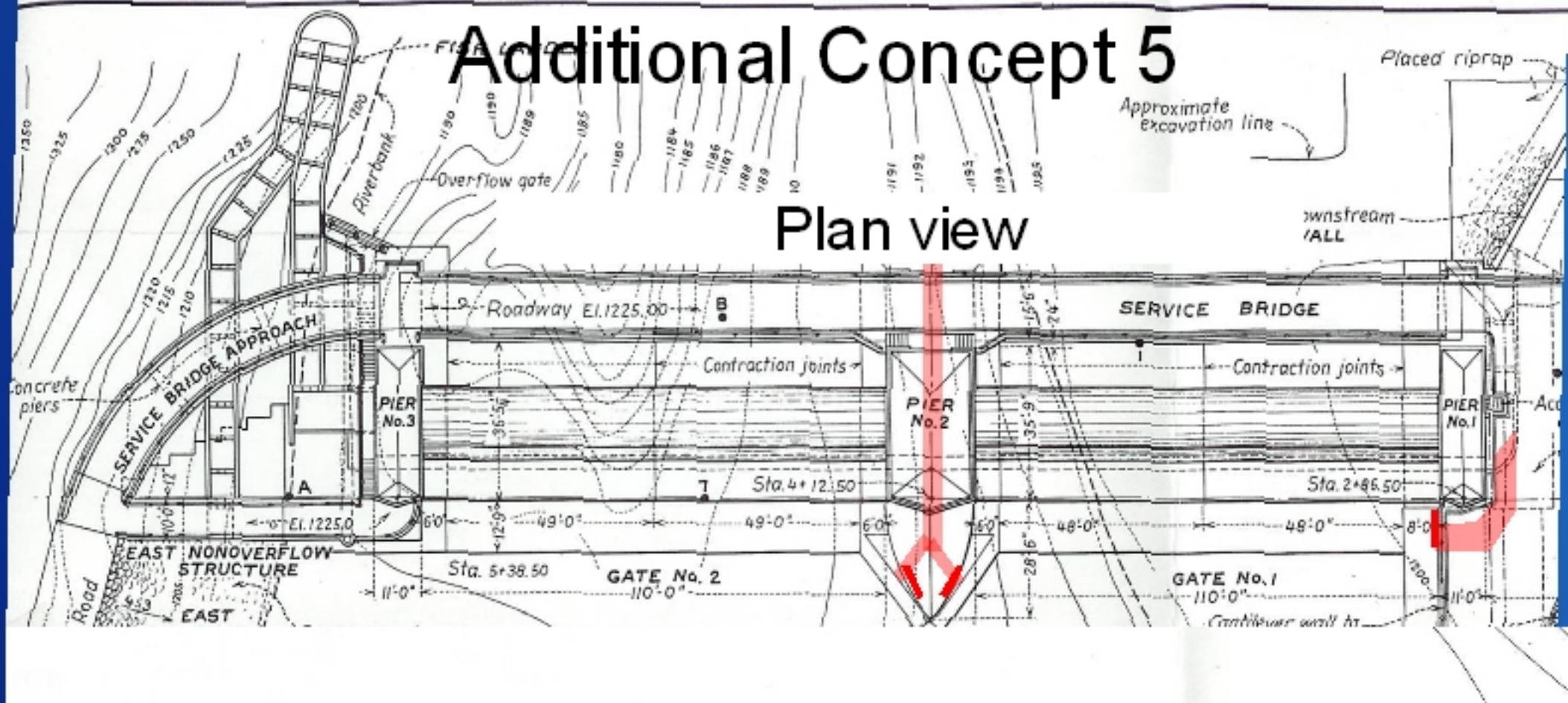
Plan view



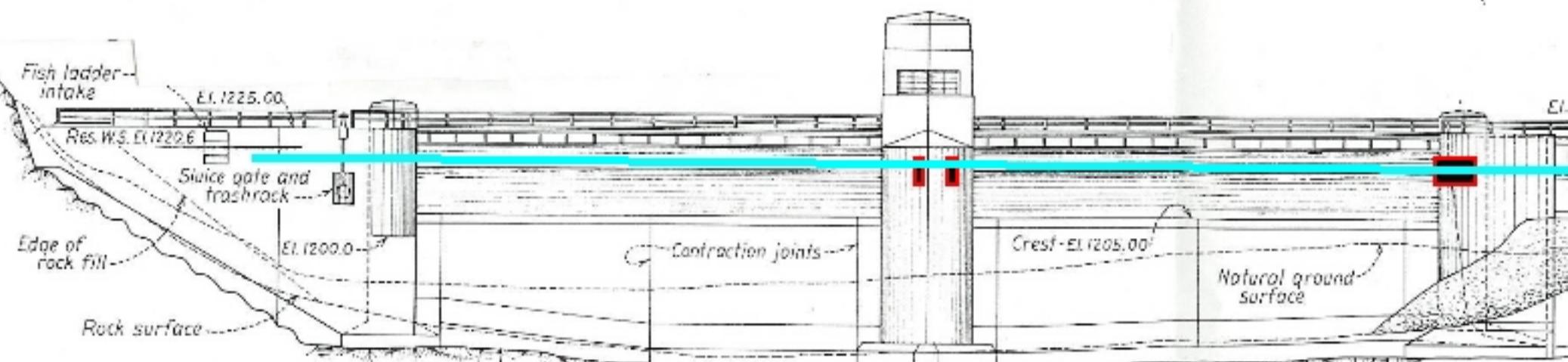
Upstream cross section

Additional Concept 5

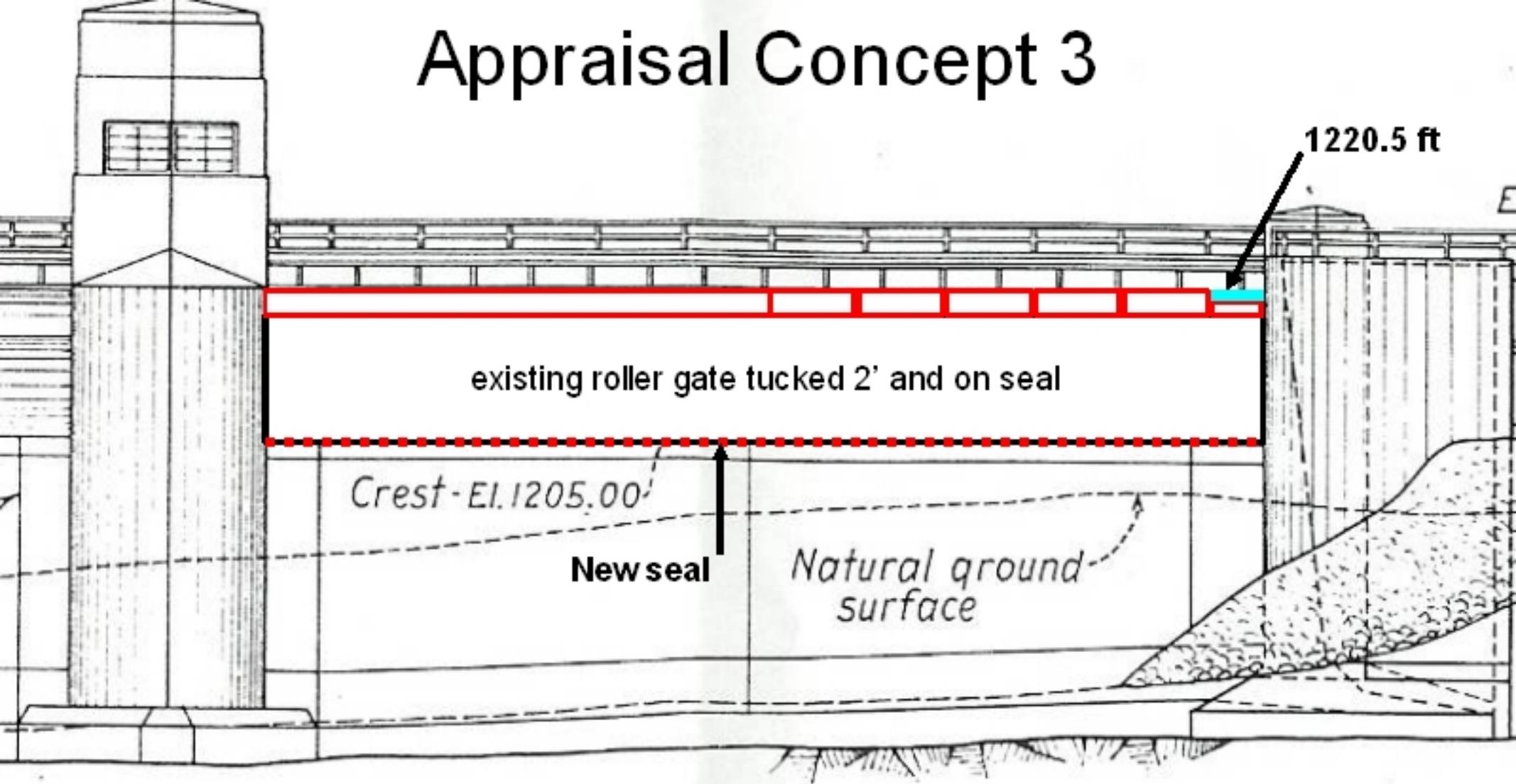
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Upstream cross section



Appraisal Concept 3

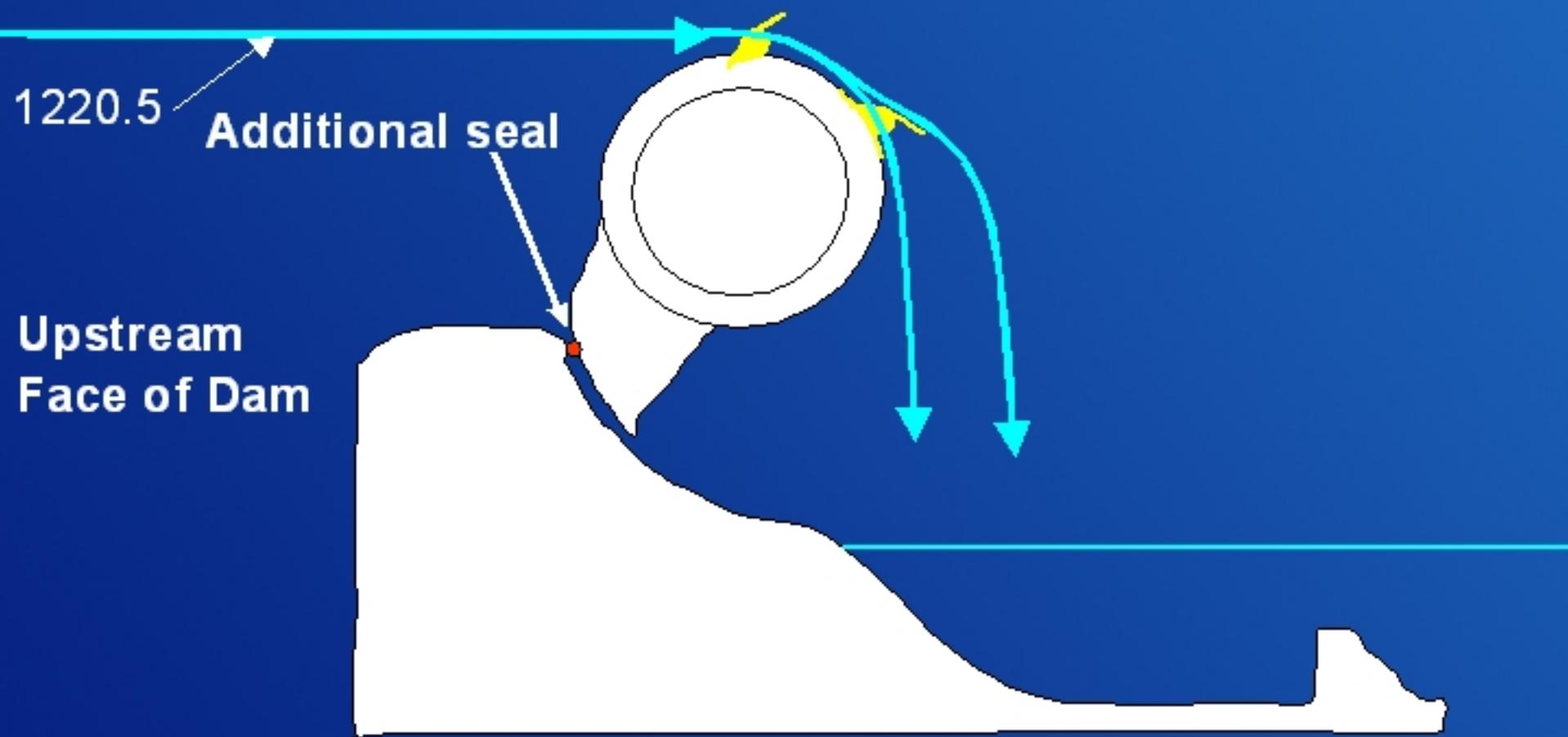


Upstream cross section

Adjustable obermeyer gates required to maintain forebay elevation while keeping both roller gates on seal

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Roza Dam Fish Passage



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Roza Dam Fish Passage Options

- **Denver TSC working on this structural option and scheduled to complete design in FY07**
- **Reclamation requesting**
 - Final design funding in FY09
 - Construction funding in FY10

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Fish Passage Considerations

- This option will allow fish passage with a target flow below dam of 400 cfs
- Does not address issue of providing smolt outmigration flow in bypass reach
- BPA and Roza Irrigation District support this structural fix because it allows surface water passage route while potentially eliminating need for power subordination
- Continued power subordination for fish passage not desirable to BPA, RID, or Reclamation mission

Will obermeyer gate option work?

Attraction to overflow spill

Outmigration flow condition in bypass reach

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