# Pilot Program Upstream and Downstream Fish Passage at Shasta Dam



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### Shasta Dam

• Completed in 1945

MERICAL STREET

 522 foot (160 m) hydraulic height



## **Keswick Dam**



- 10 miles downstream of Shasta Dam
- Hydraulic height is 118 feet (36 m)



## Upstream Passage

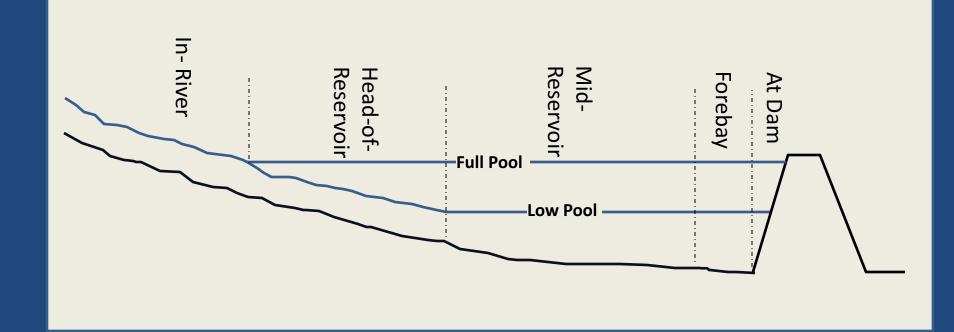
- Initially trucking captive broodstock juveniles from Livingston Stone Hatchery
- Release into McCloud River just below McCloud Dam at Ash Camp
- Migration Behavior
  - Movement
  - Timing
  - Habitat Use
  - Growth
- Using adults later



## **Downstream Passage Sequence**

- Collect juveniles using a collection system
- Do something to ID them (tags, marks?)
- Move them to a transport truck
- Drive to below Keswick Dam
- Fish stress investigations?
- Release into Sac River

## Downstream Passage Juvenile Collection Location

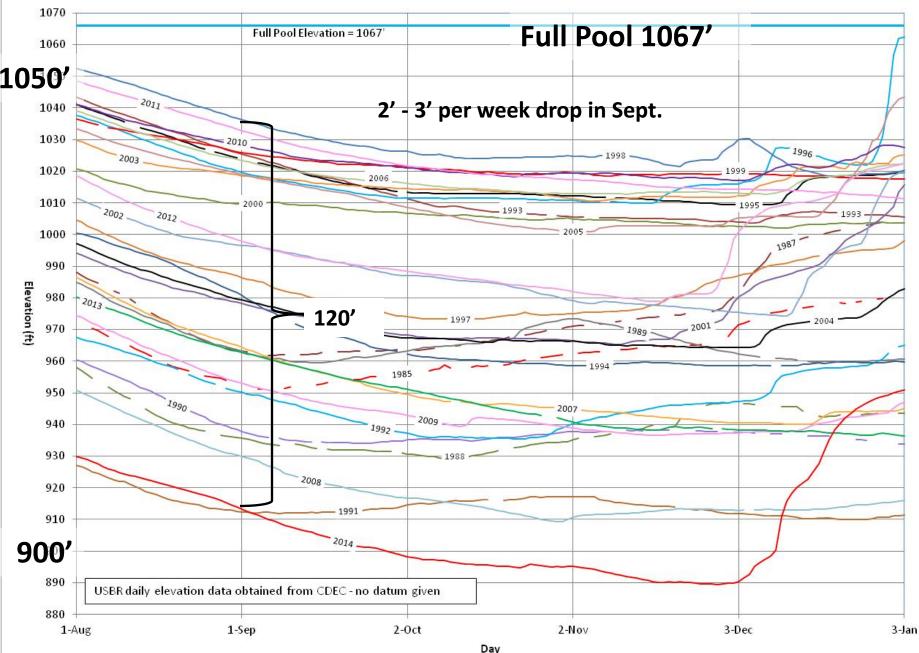


From AECOM 2010



## Main Juvenile Collection Challenges

- Large fluctuations in reservoir elevation
- High potential debris loads
- High water temperatures in reservoir
- High flows in the McCloud River
- Big, long reservoir
- Multiple culturally significant sites along lower McCloud River
- Private fishing clubs along lower McCloud River
- Recreation and resident fish impacts
- No power



1985 - 2014 Shasta Lake Reservoir Elevation for Aug 1 - Jan 3

#### AUG 1

Day



#### McCloud Bridge

Head of reservoir location can vary by as much as 6 miles on the McCloud River

Head-ofreservoir

1 Mile

Low Reservoir. 12/3/2014 image Stage: 890

Dekkas Rock



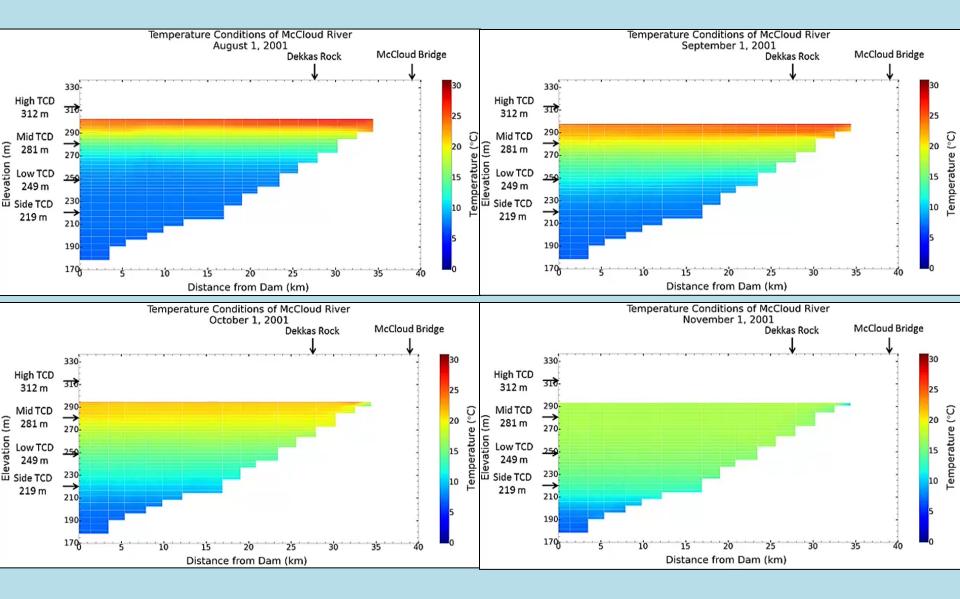
Head-of-

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High Reservoir: 2012 NAPP image

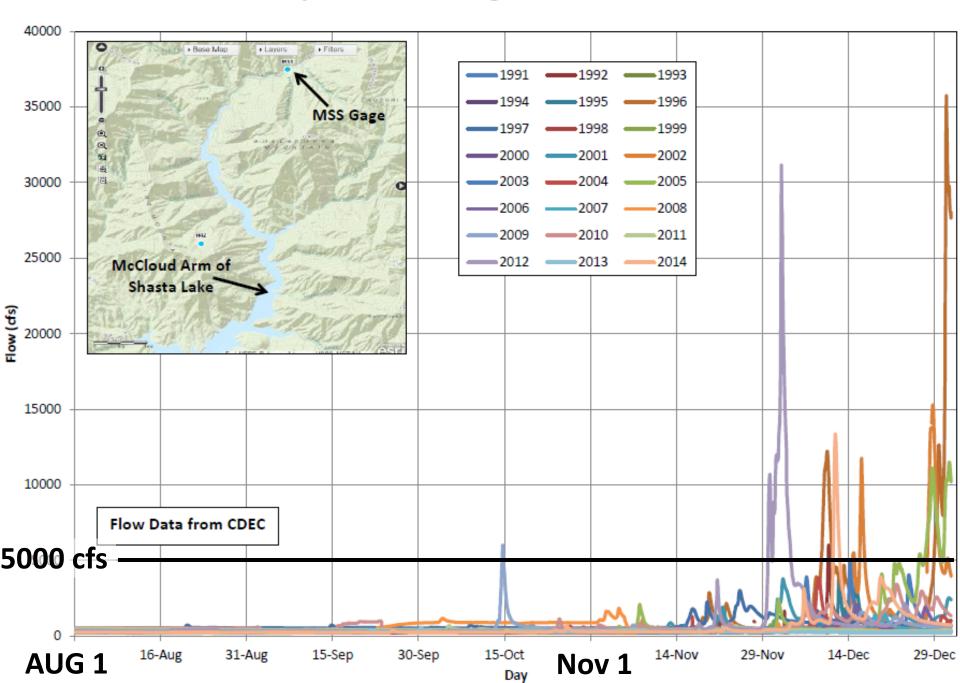


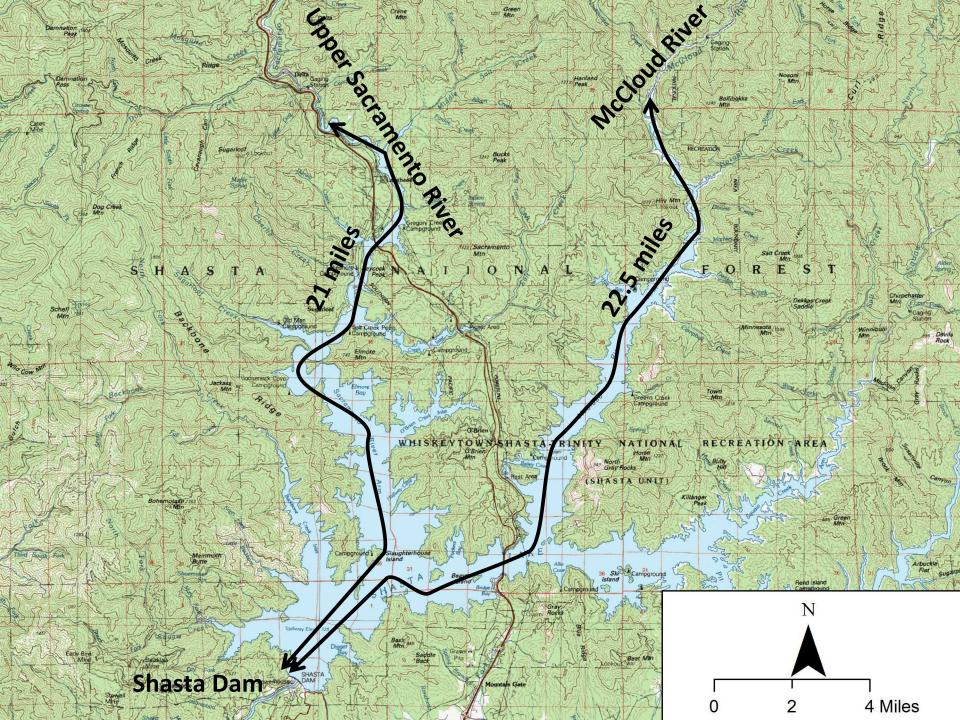
#### **Reservoir Temps**



Modeling by University of Nevada, Reno - funded by USBR

#### Hourly Flow at MSS Gage on the McCloud River





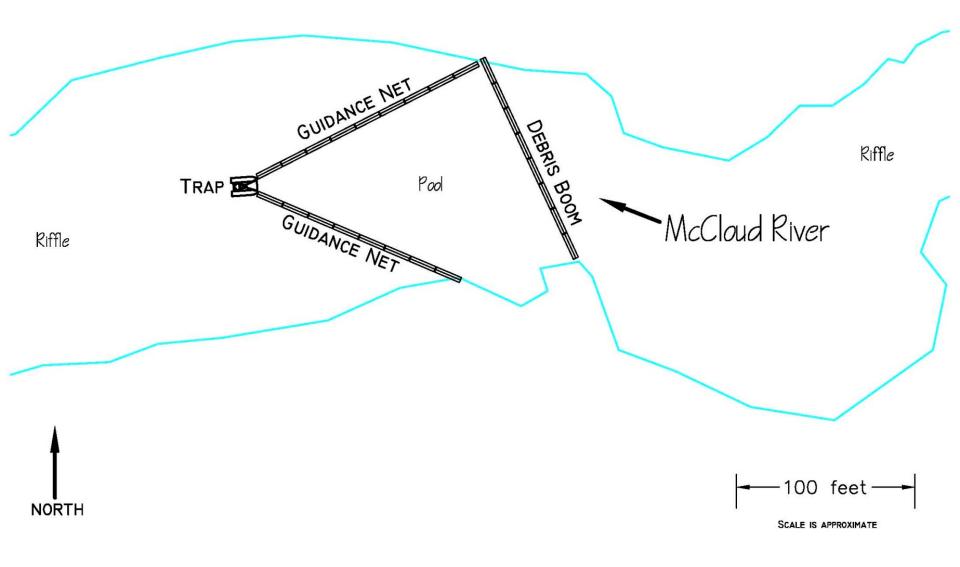
## Solutions

- Juvenile Collector Team of agency experts was assembled (CA, OR, WA)
- Team recommended for the pilot program we look at both In-River and Head-of-Reservoir locations
- Brainstormed design concepts which were developed into one basic concept for both locations

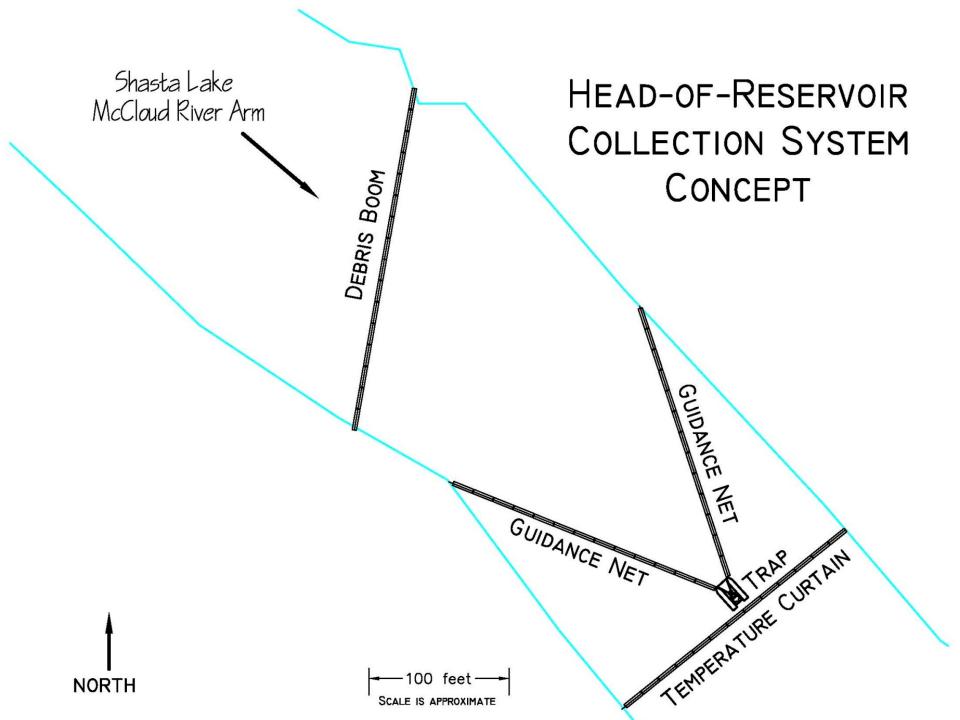
# Juvenile Collection Main Design Objectives

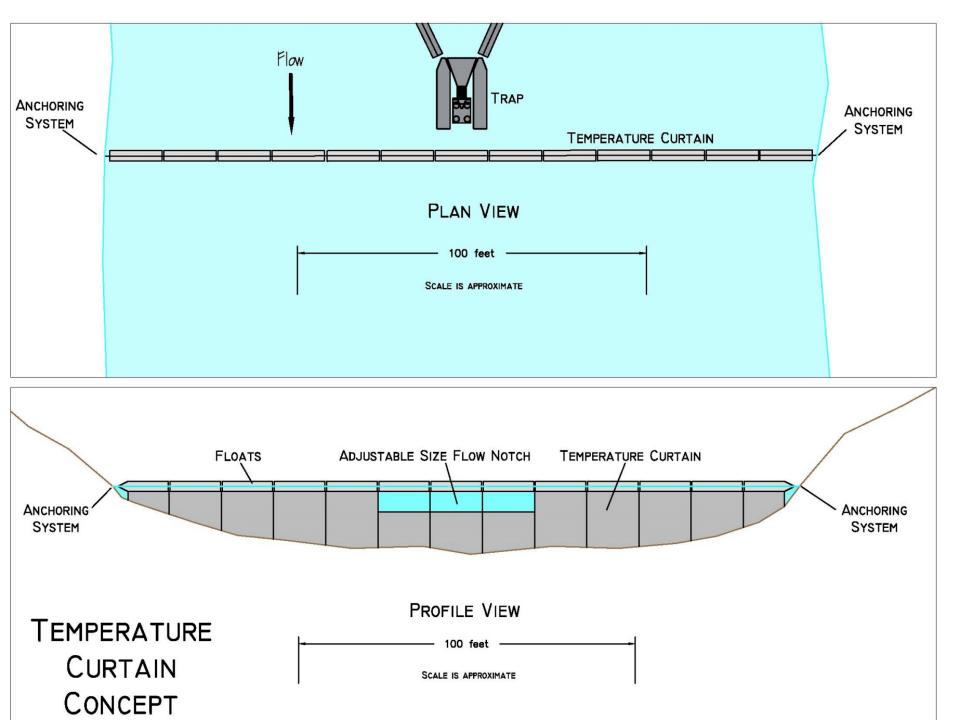
- Pilot-scale effort
- Efficient in collecting fish
- Low mortality/predation
- Safe for operators and public
- Easy to operate and maintain
- Low impact on environment and operations
- Passive use fish behavior
- Movable and removable
- Flexible, versatile, and adaptable (to other reservoirs)

#### IN-RIVER COLLECTION SYSTEM CONCEPT



Potential In-River Collection Site

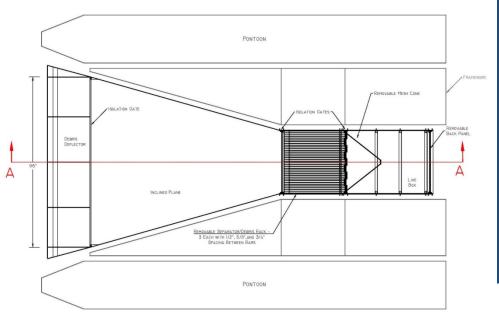




# **Examples of HOR** Collection Sites



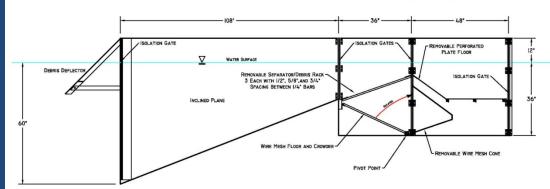
HEAD-OF-RESERVOIR TRAP PLAN VIEW



PONTOONS AND FRAMEWORK DETAILS TO BE DESIGNED BY CONTRACTOR

## Trap Concept





#### Future Work

- DWR 5-year juvenile collection system agreement with Reclamation last week
  - Design and fabrication by Fall 2018 (In-River & HOR)
  - Three-year study
    - Fish
    - Debris
    - Water temperature
    - Flow
    - Efficacy of moving collection system
  - Adaptively manage modify collection systems as needed
  - Identify and evaluate long-term passage options, including volitional passage
  - Final report and recommendations for permanent facilities by Fall 2022