

# SAINT MARY'S RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PLANT

## Introduction

Design of a Hydroelectric Facility to generate clean power to supplement current diesel power plant

The minimum requirements are:

- Installed Capacity: **600kW**
- Energy Storage: **2400 kWh**

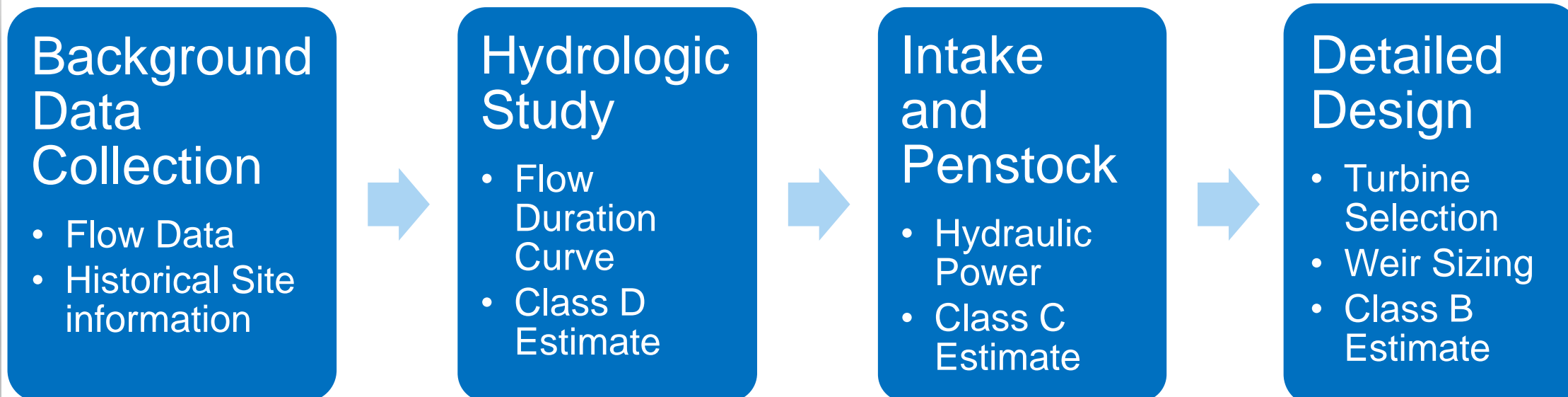
Components needed include:

- Weir at head pond discharge
- Penstock
- Necessary gates to enable dewatering/maintenance
- Fish Passage for upstream Salmon migration
- Selection of Turbine type/capacity/setting



Figure 1 Area of Interest

## Design Process



## Design Details



Figure 3 Proposed Penstock to Turbine layout

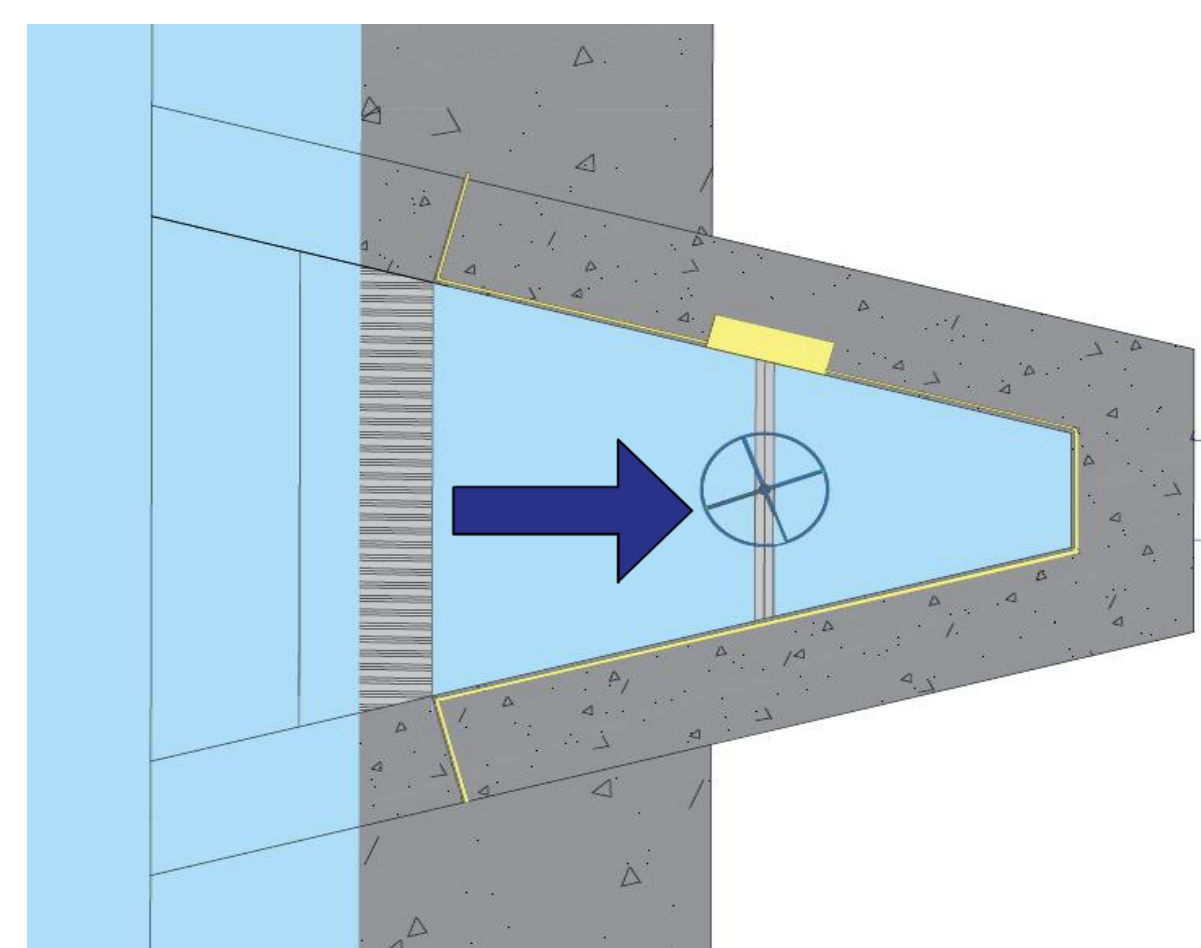


Figure 4 Intake Plan View

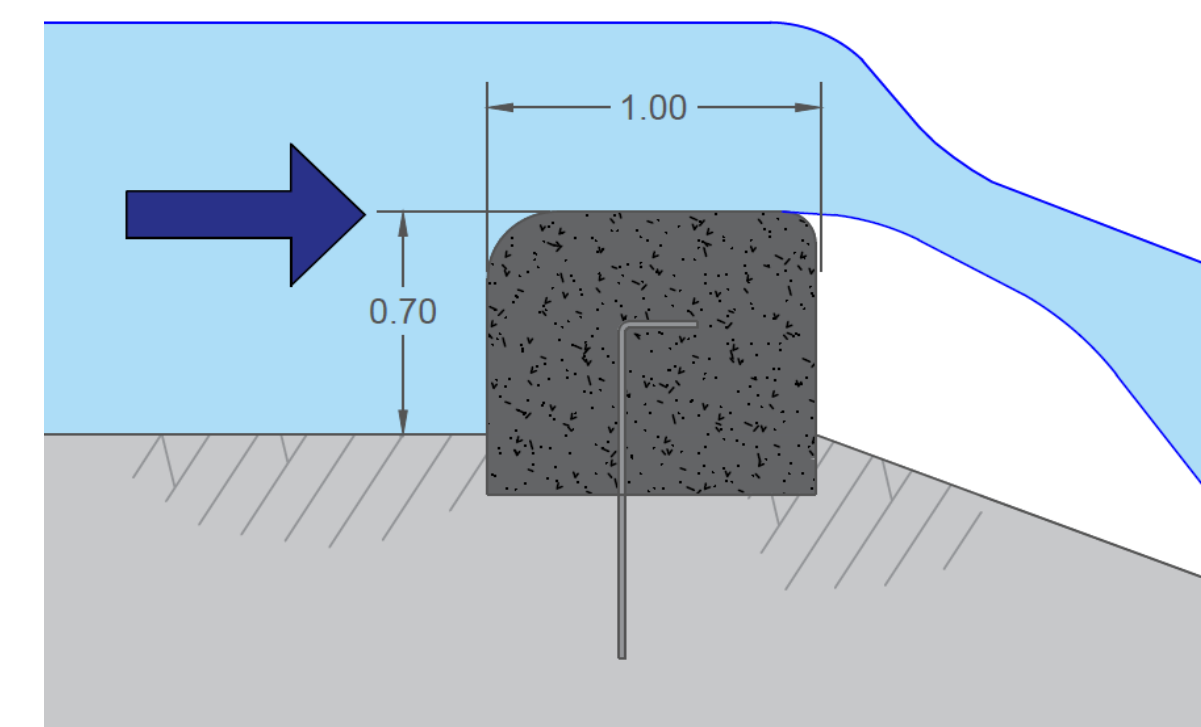


Figure 7 Weir Detail

### Details of Penstock Design:

- 500m long, 1.8m diameter HDPE.
- Larger pipe diameter lead to smaller friction and minor loss.

### Intake Details:

- 10m x 15m intake at 3% slope to 1.8m pipe
- Trash racks with fish screen
- Emergency sluice gate
- 0.7m (high) x 1.0m (deep) weir

### Details of Fish Pass:

- Pool-type fish pass attached to weir
- Accommodates Salmon and Brook Trout

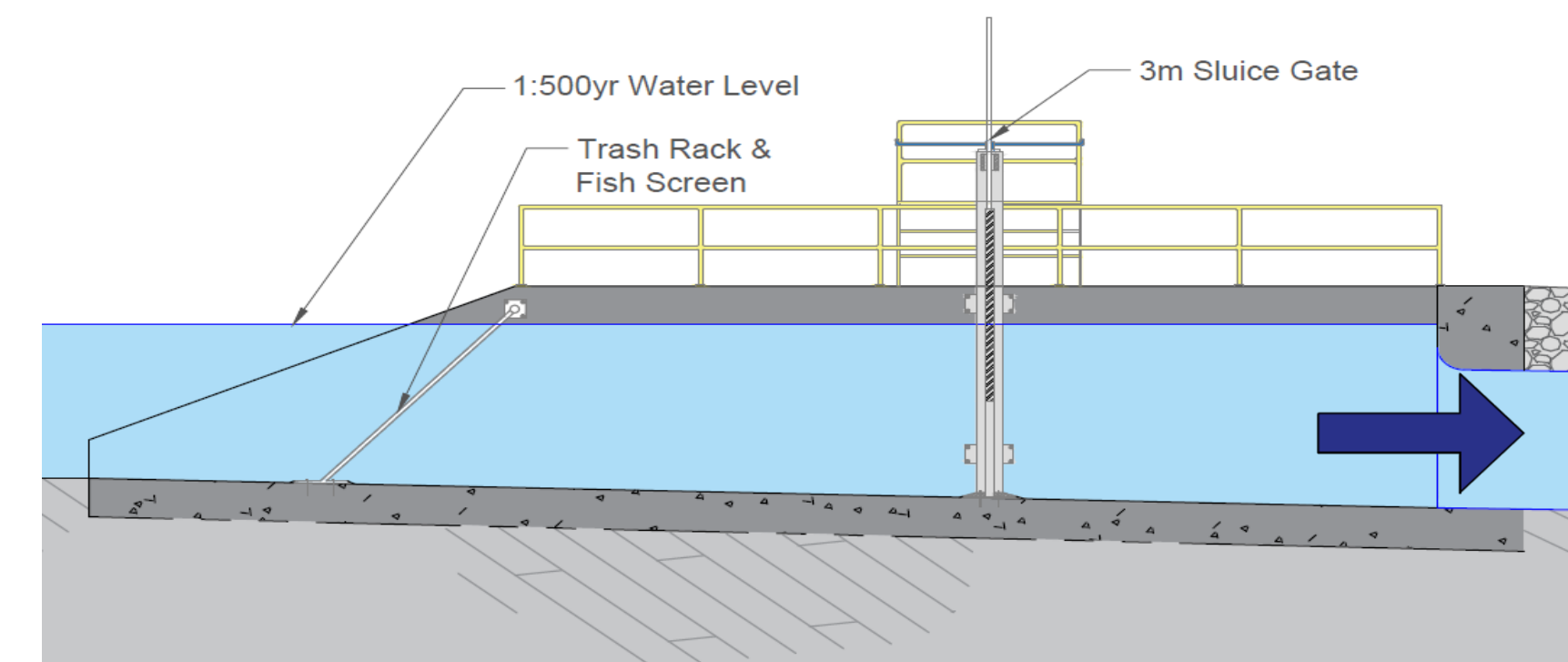


Figure 5 Intake Profile View

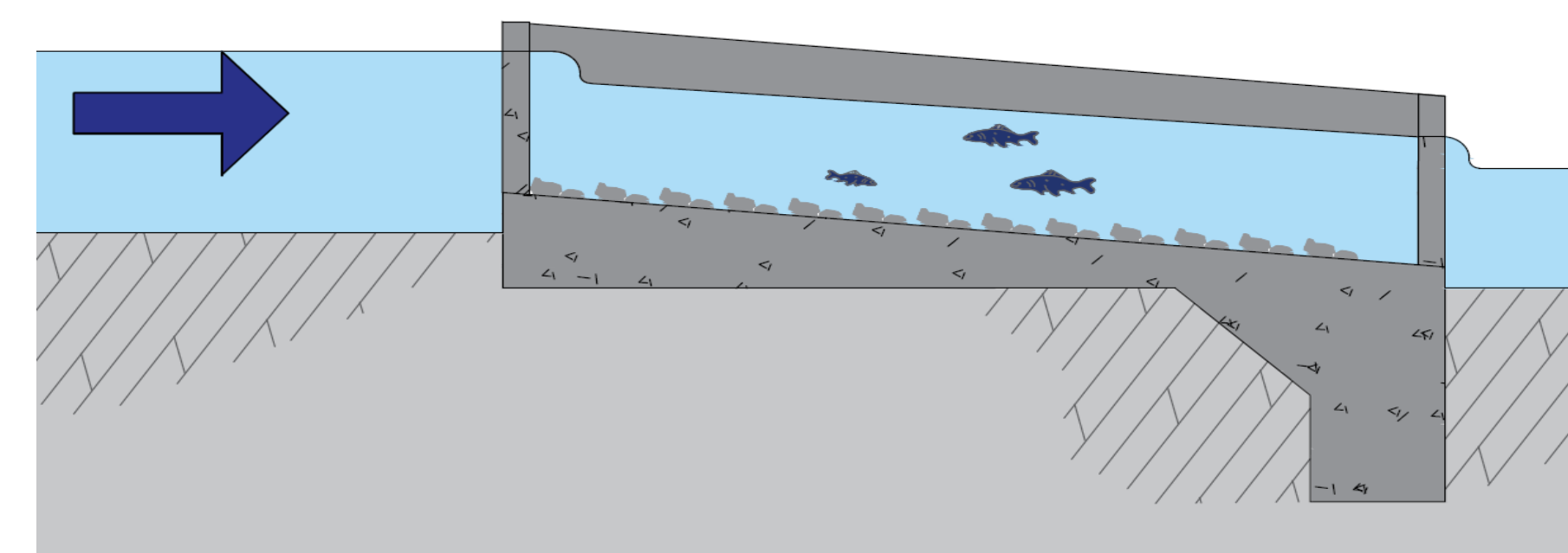


Figure 8 Fish Passage Profile

## Turbine Selection and Design

### Details of Turbine:

- Specific speed between 400-500 for Kaplan turbine to achieve efficiency of 90%
- High rotation speed leads to small turbine size
- Max draft height of 1.9m based on Newfoundland & Labrador atmosphere pressure

Kaplan Turbine	
Output power (kW)	950
Specific speed goal (metric)	400~500
Diameter of turbine(m)	1.2
Rotation speed (rpm)	360
Specific speed (metric)	421
Efficiency factor $\phi$	1.7
Max draft height (m)	1.9

Hydraulic parameter	
Length (m)	500
Design discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	7.5
Diameter of pipeline (m)	1.8
HDPE pipe roughness (m)	1.50E-06
Reservoir Head (m)	15
Design minor loss factor	4
Viscosity (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	1.31E-06

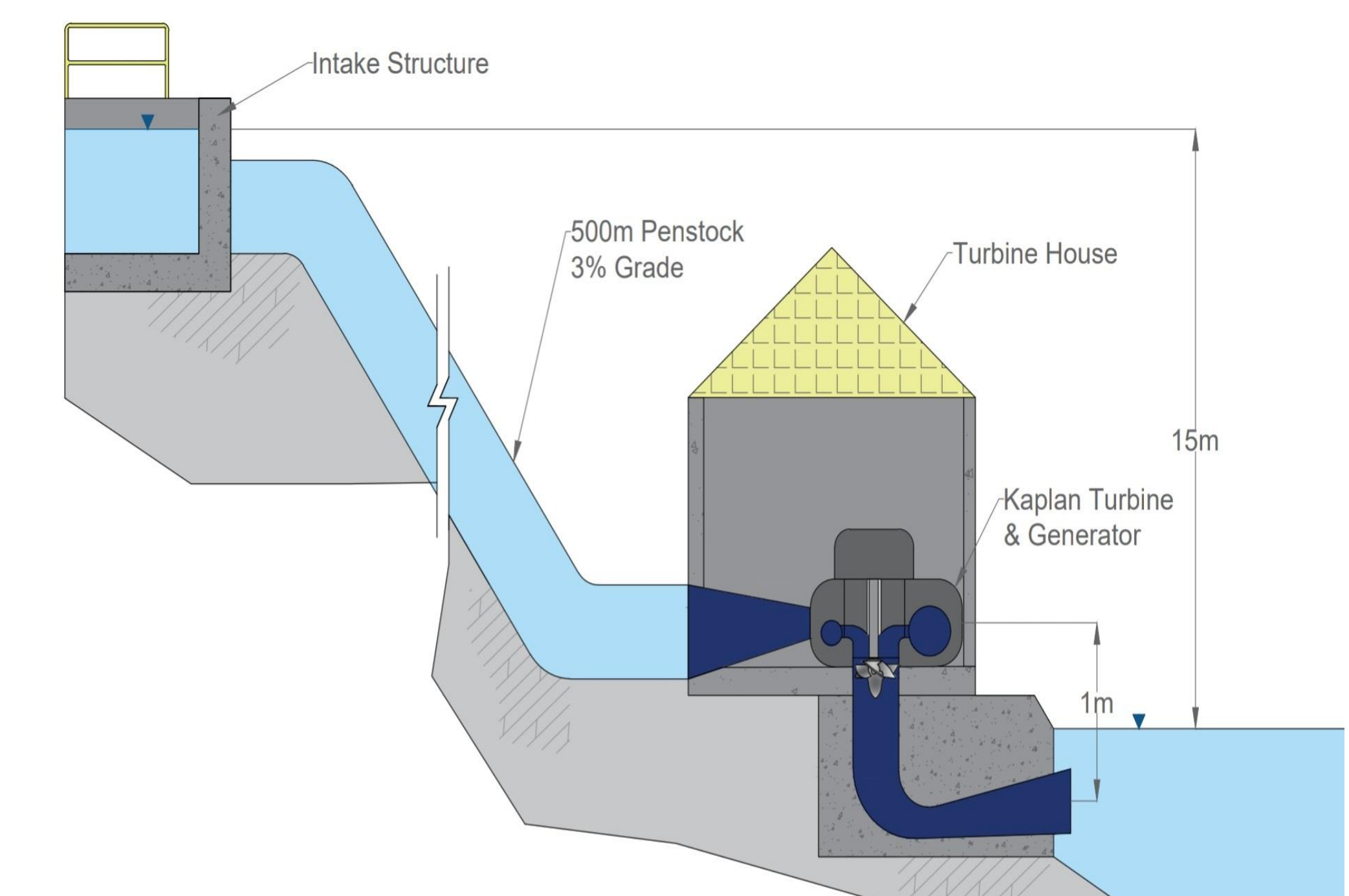


Figure 10 Sample Turbine Layout

## Hydrologic Analysis

### Watershed Delineation

- Drainage area delineated to the proposed Intake structure using ArcGIS

### HATCH Model Information

- Using orthographic imagery to determine watershed variables

### Flow Duration Curve

- Flow duration curve generated with HATCH empirical data as well as physical watershed scaling with adjacent rivers
- Best fit used to determine river design flow of 7.5 cubic meters per second

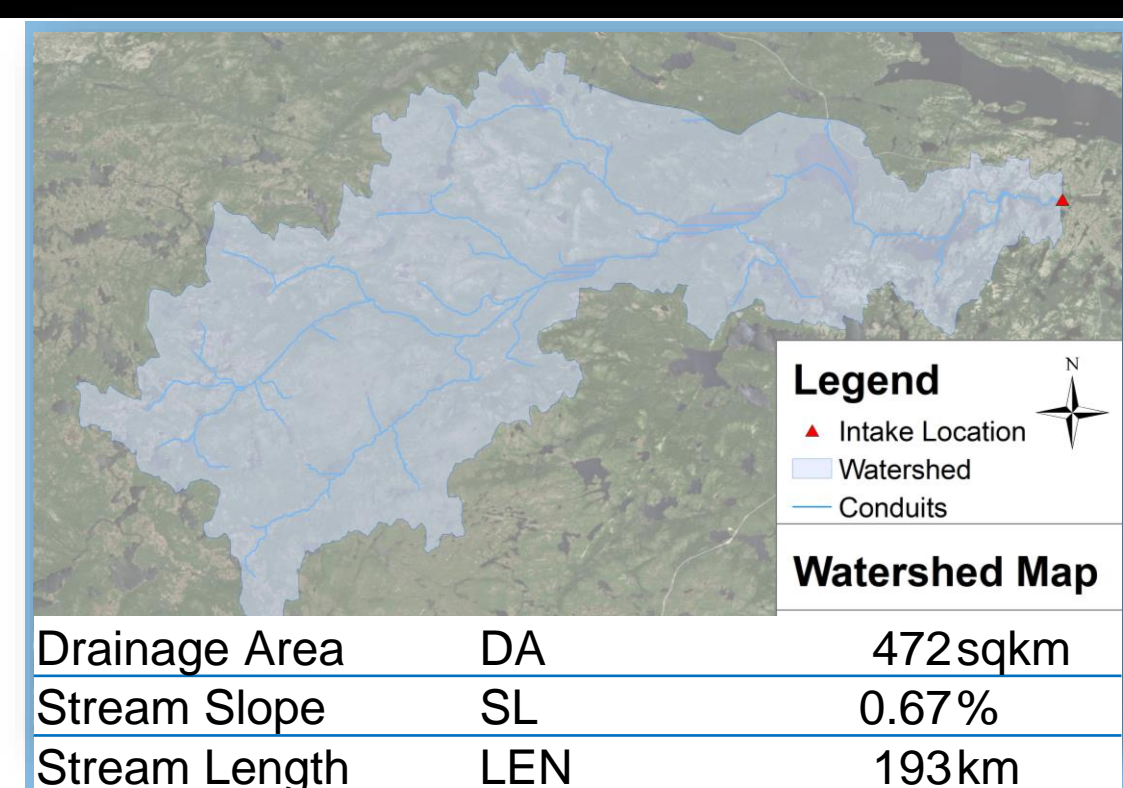
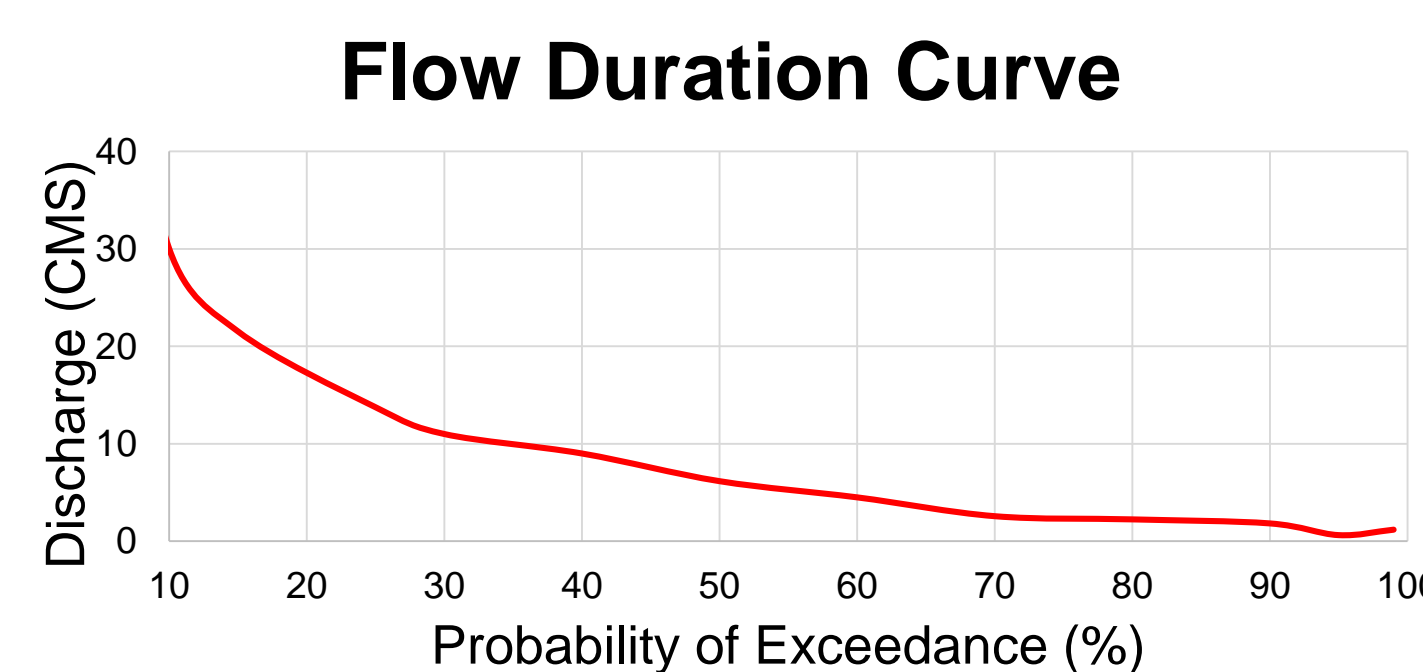


Figure 2 Drainage Area



## Hydraulic Analysis

### Existing Stage Discharge Curve

- Existing channel leads to steep grade, thus critical flow will be experienced
- Relationship between flow and stage was determined

### Proposed Stage Discharge Curve

- Proposed weir and intake will have the highest negative effects when turbine demand is zero

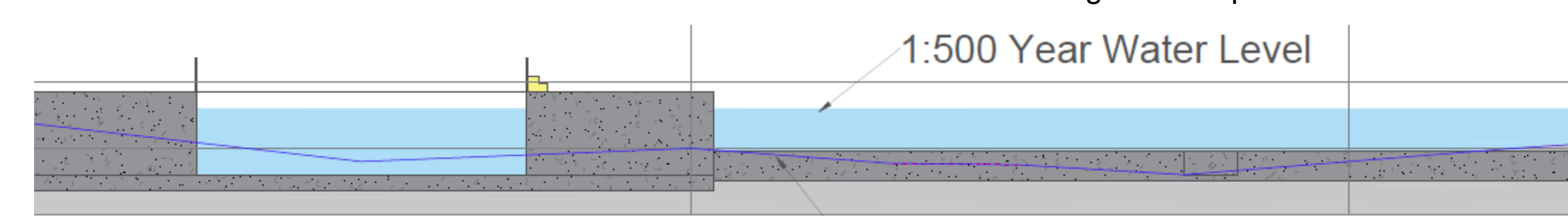
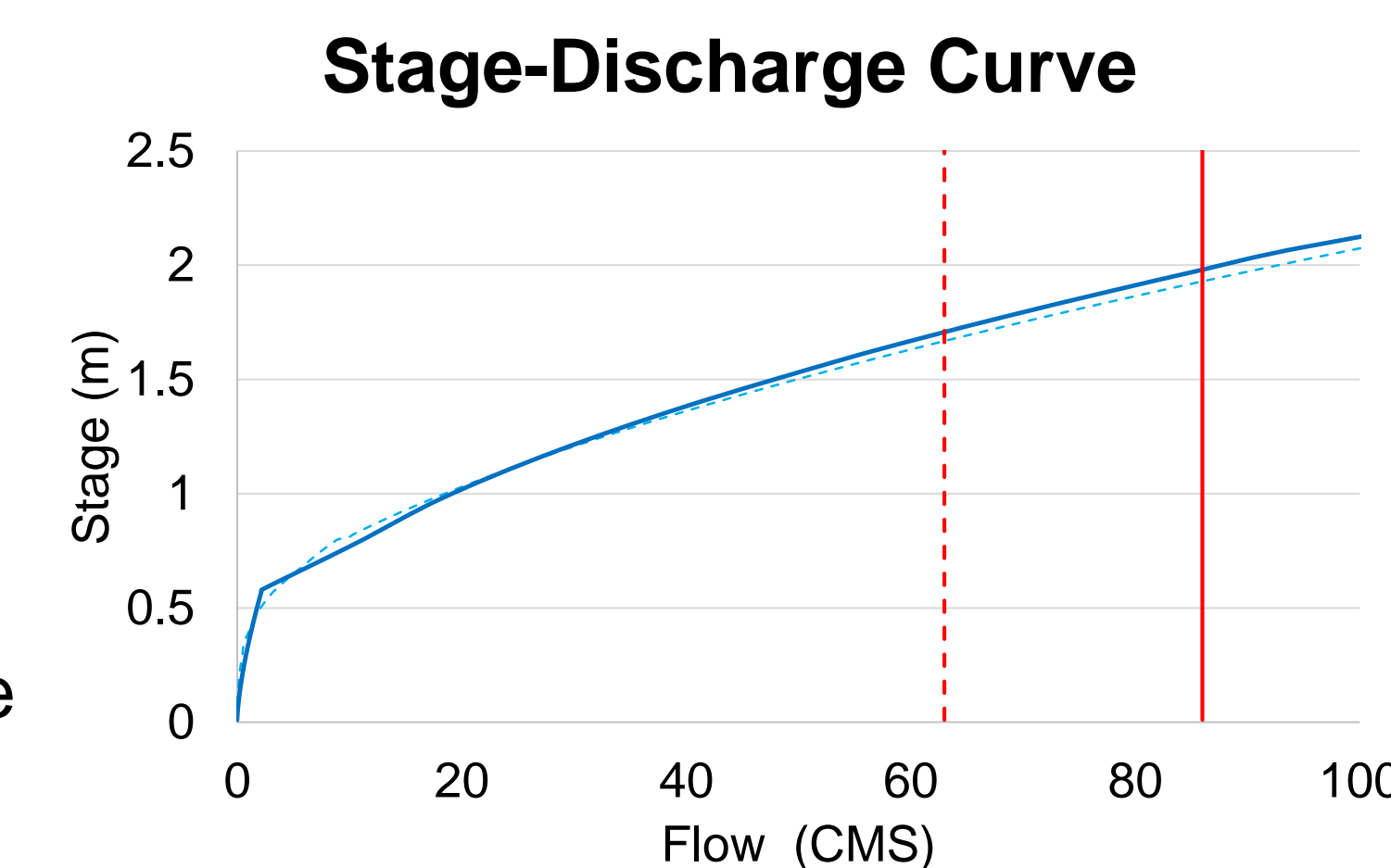


Figure 9 Weir and Intake Profile based on 1:500 year storm

## Conclusion and Recommendations

- 7.5 CMS design flow, 13m net design head
- 500m 1.8m diameter HDPE penstock to turbine
- 2.5m high intake structure to withstand 1:500 year flow
- Sluice gate for emergency shutdown & trash racks with fish screen to prevent turbine damage
- 0.7m Weir at head pond with fish passage for salmon migration
- Turbine installed capacity of 950kW
- Class B estimate: \$13,300,000.00

### References:

- Dam Safety Guidelines, 2007. (2013). Edmonton, Alberta: Canadian Dam Association

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