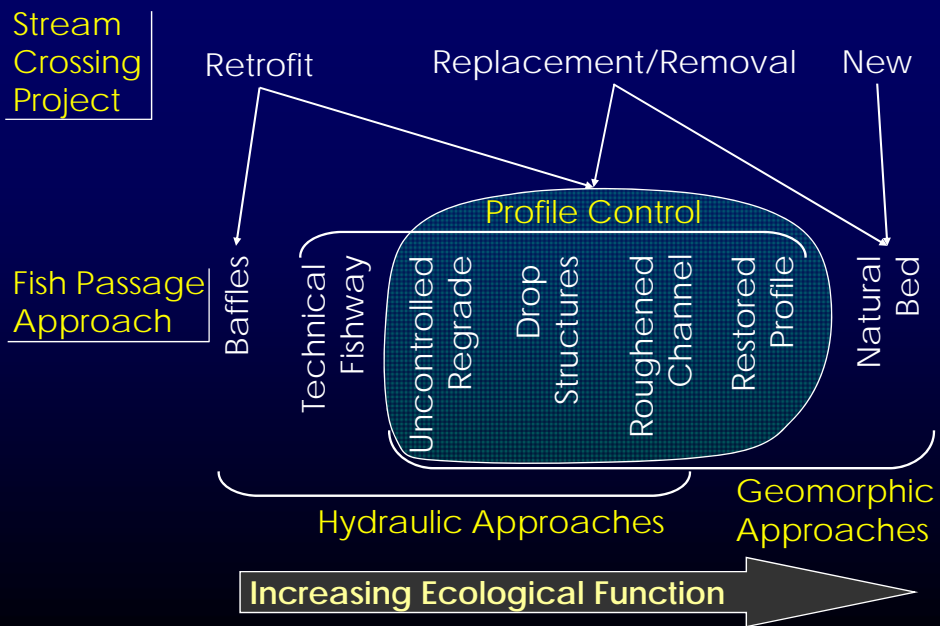



## Profile Control

Michael Love, P.E.  
mlove@h2odesigns.com



## Tools for Aquatic Organism Passage

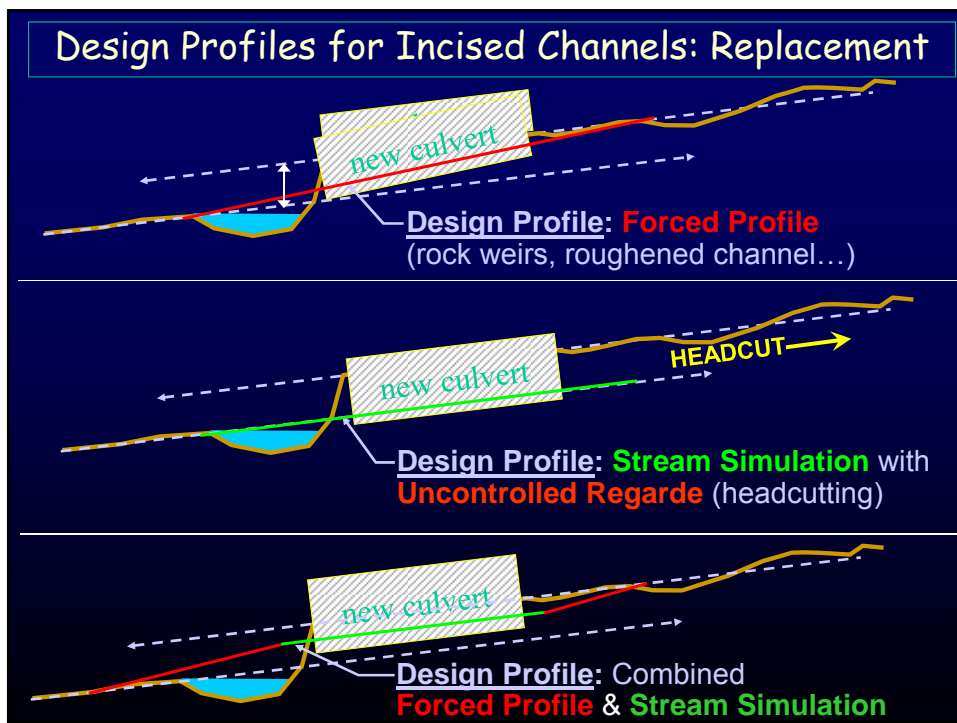




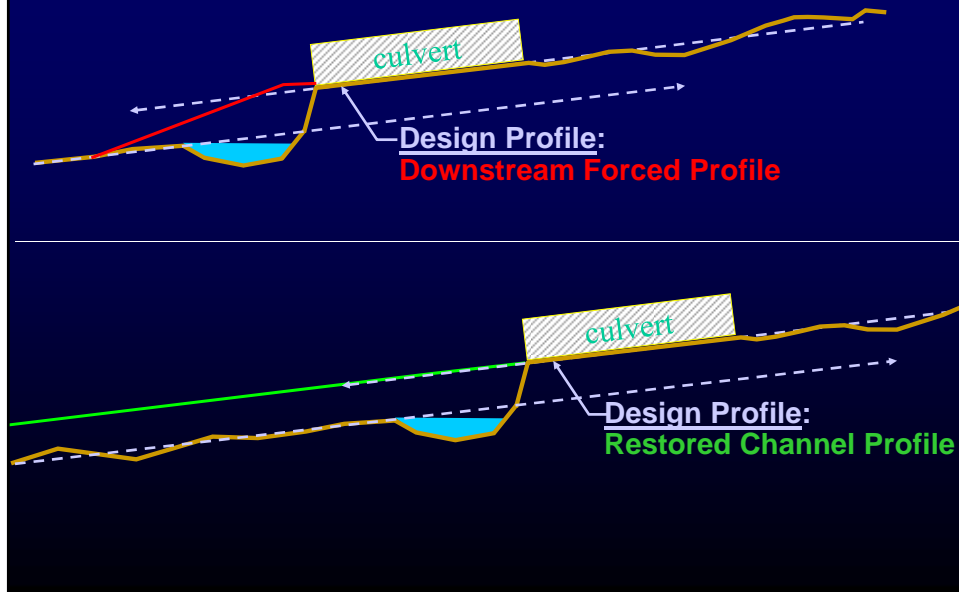
## Profile Control Options

	Slope	Pros / Cons
Restored Profile	Limited by channel type	+ Passage diversity, Habitat - Scale/cost
Roughened Channel	Durability, bedload limit	+ Passage diversity - Species, failure risk
Boulder Weirs	$\leq 5\%$	+ Passage diversity, Habitat - Failure risk
Rigid Weirs (log, concrete)	$\leq 5\%$	+ Rigid, durable - Species, habitat
Technical Fishway	10% or "vertical"	+ Small footprint - Species specific, flow, sediment, debris

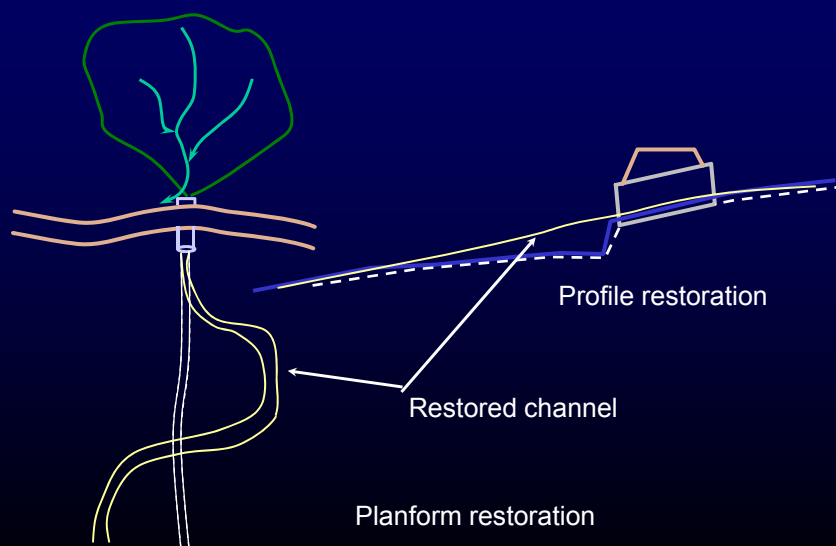
3



## Design Profiles for Incised Channels - Retrofit or Replacement -



## Channel restoration for passage of aquatic organisms



## Profile Restoration

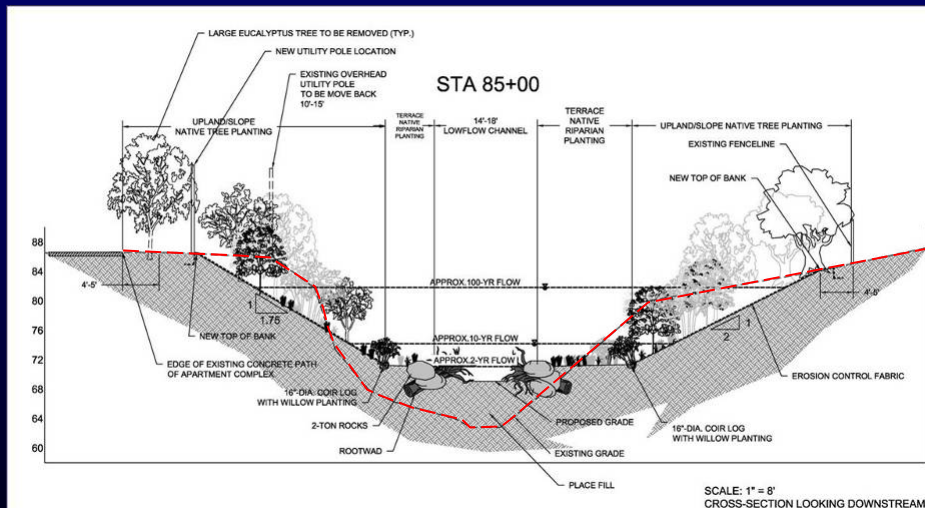


From Christine Chann,  
San Pedro Creek  
Watershed Coalition

**Restored 1,300 feet of incised channel:**

- Stabilized Banks
- Created Instream and Riparian Habitat
- Eliminated a Culvert Barrier

## Profile Restoration



From Christine Chann,  
San Pedro Creek  
Watershed Coalition



## Profile Restoration

From Syd Temple



From Christine Chann

- Sloped-back banks to reduced entrenchment
- Raised channel bed as much as 8 feet using native and imported fill
- Increase bankfull width by 20% and built floodplains
- Installed profile control to force riffles and pool

## Profile Restoration Outlet Creek



**Channel restoration  
for fish passage correction**

Constructed 2000  
Photos from 2005

Photos from Kozmo Bates

## Profile Restoration Outlet Creek

Upstream of Culvert  
No Incision Experienced



Downstream of Project  
Channel Remains Incised

11

Photos from Kozmo Bates

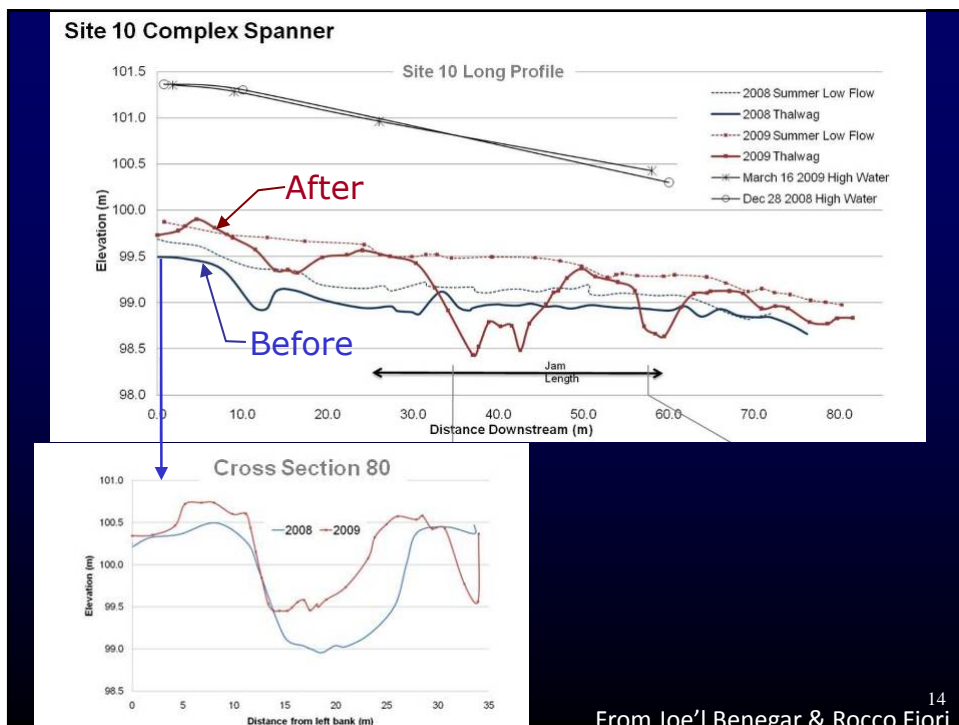
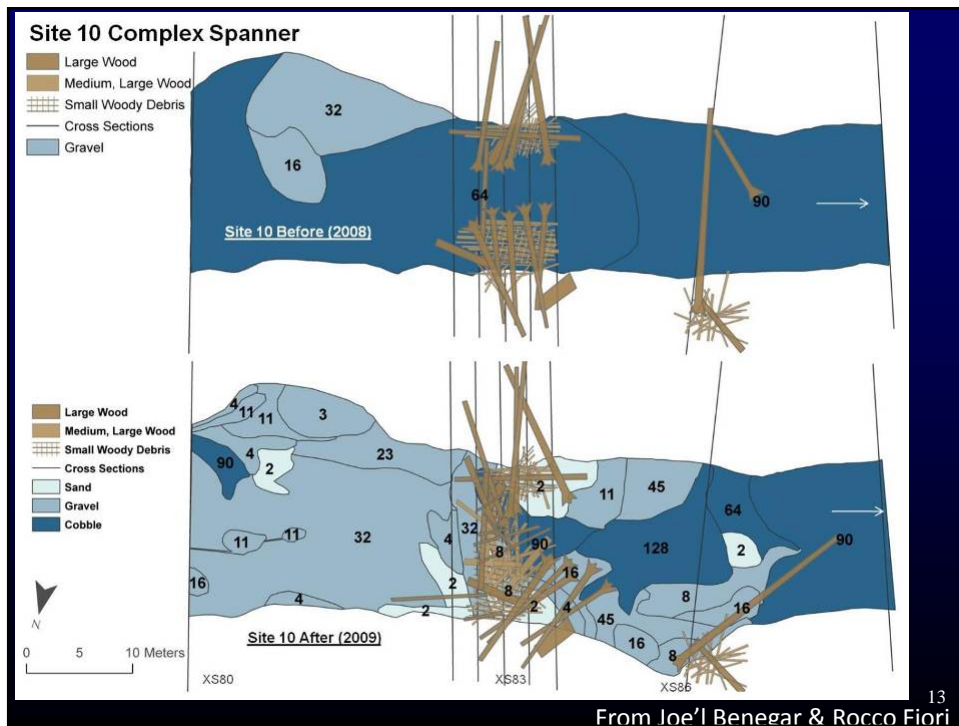
Site 10 was constructed as a spanner racked additional wood.  
Looking downstream and aggradation is along right bank.



Wood Count: 93 total wood fractions (Volume: 60.9 cubic meters)  
17 large trees with rootwads,  
69 large logs,  
3 medium logs,  
4 bunches of "small wood debris" (aka slash)

12

From Joe'l Benegar & Rocco Fiori



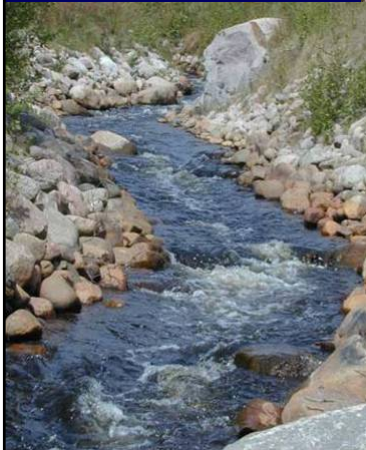


## Geomorphically-Based Roughened Channels

- Channel constructed **steeper** than the adjacent channel (profile control)
- Based on morphology of steeper stream channel
- Stable *engineered streambed material (ESM)* forms channel bed & banks
- Quazi-hydraulic design for target species/lifestages (velocity, depth, drop, EDF)



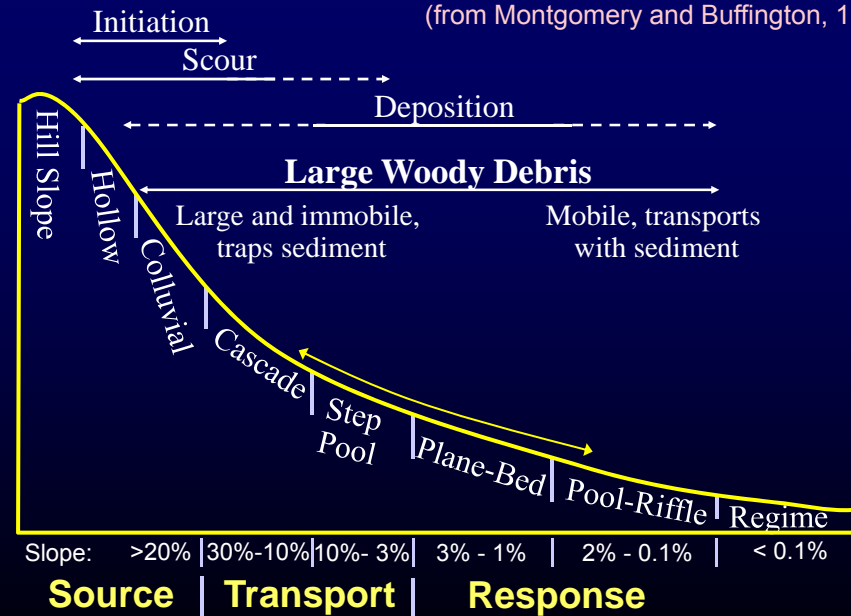
## Examples of a Roughened Channel in Europe





## Generalized Stream Classification

(from Montgomery and Buffington, 1993)



17

## Natural Steep Stream Morphology

Steep Boulder-Cobble Stream Channels



## Natural Step Pool Stream Morphology



## Geomorphically-Based Roughened Channel Concept

### Common Channel Types

- Increasing Slope  
↓
- ❖ Roughened Riffles
  - ❖ Plane Bed Channel (rock ramps)
  - ❖ Rapids or Chutes & Pools
  - ❖ Step-Pools
  - ❖ Cascades & Pool



### Caution:

- Only use channel types & slopes that the target species/lifestage are known to ascend
- Risk increases further the roughened channel characteristics deviates from the natural channel (i.e. slope, bed material, entrenchment)



## Plane-Bed (Rock Ramp) Roughened Channels

### Slope & Length Thresholds:

- Slope Range:  $\leq 4\%$
- Max Head Diff.: 5 feet
- Use chutes and Pools for Larger Head Differentials

### Bed Morphology:

- Random placement of rock
- $D_{100} < \text{Channel Depth}$



Grub Creek "Rock Ramp" 21

## Woodacre Creek at San Geronimo Valley Road



2 Years After





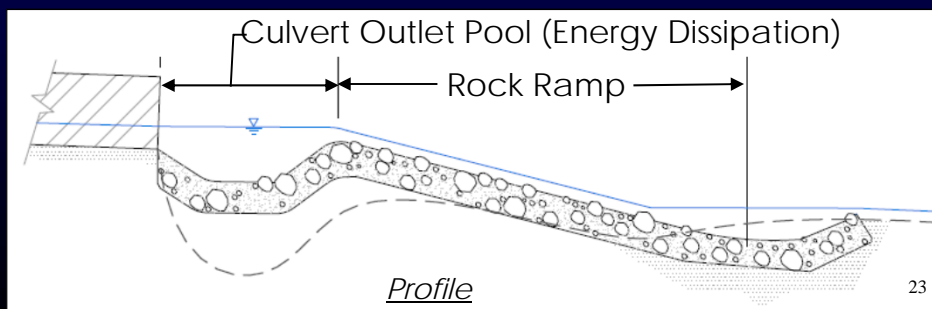
## Plane-Bed (Rock Ramp) Roughened Channels

### Fish Passage Pros:

- Doesn't rely on leaping abilities
- Large amount of hydraulic diversity at all flows

### Cons:

- Shallow depths at low flows
- High flow passage often limited by turbulence



## Chutes & Pools Roughened Channels

### Slope & Length Thresholds (for armored pools):

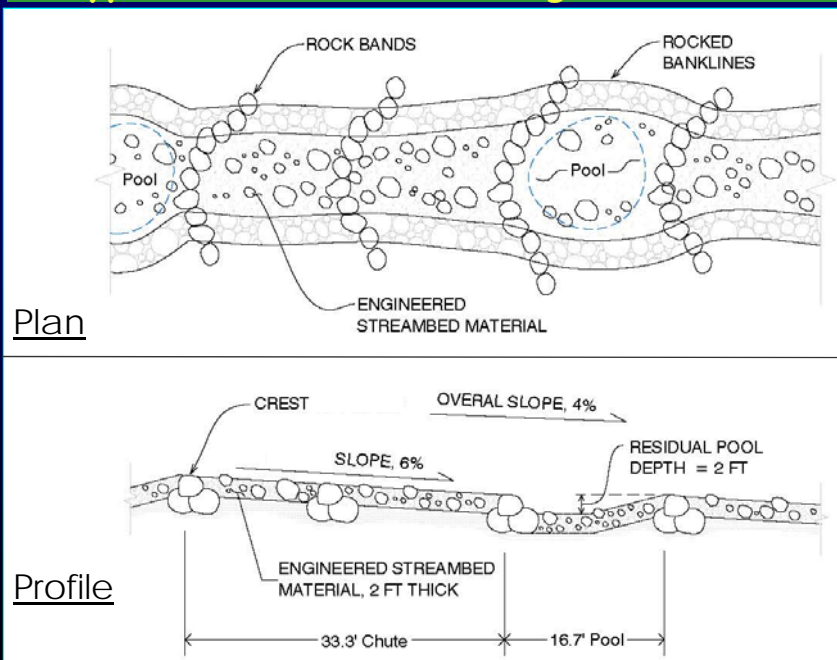
- Slope Range:  $\leq 8\%$  across a chute  
 $\leq 4\%$  overall
- Max Head Diff.: 2 feet per chute

### Bed Morphology:

- Chutes (Rapids) with Random Rock Placement
- $D_{100} < \text{Channel Depth}$
- Pools Armored with Coarse Bed Material



## Typical Chutes & Pools Roughened Channel



25

## Chutes & Pools Roughened Channels

### Fish Passage Pros:

- No leaping required
- Large amount of hydraulic diversity
- Pools provide resting/holding habitat and dissipate energy

### Cons:

- Shallow depths at low flows, especially on steep chutes
- High flow passage often limited by turbulence



26

## NID Measurement Weir



Concrete sills provide added stability & control subsurface flow

27

## NID Measurement Weir



28



## Step-Pool Roughened Channels

### Slope & Length Thresholds:

- Slope Range: 3% to 6.5% overall

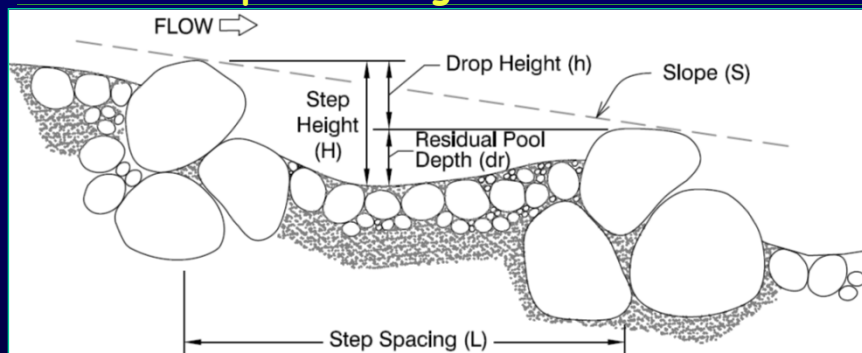
### Bed Morphology:

- Rhythmic Pattern of Boulder Steps/Weirs
- Larger Rocks in Step 0.5 to 1.0 Bankfull Depth
- Oversized Pool every 3 to 5 feet of drop
- Pools Armored with Coarse Bed Material



29

## Step-Pool Roughened Channels



### Morphology of Steps (general guidance):

- Step-pool channel slopes  $\leq 4\%$ :  
 $2 \leq H/L/S \leq 5$  (Chin 1998)
- D50 of Rocks forming Step  $\approx$  Step Height (H)  
(Chin 1999; Chartrand & Whiting, 2000)
- Drop Height (h) & Pool Depth (dr)  
should satisfy fish passage criteria

30

## Step-Pool Roughened Channels

### Fish Passage Pros:

- Good low-flow passage
- Pools provide resting/holding habitat and dissipate energy



### Cons:

- May require fish to leap
- Challenging to construct complex steps
- Not suited for large, wide or unconfined streams
- Steeper slopes with small drops (i.e. 6 inch) result in small pools
  - Less holding/energy dissipation
  - Channel instability (streaming flows)

31

## Gulch 7 Step Pool Roughened Channel-Stream Simulation Hybrid



2006



32

## Gulch 7 Step Pool Roughened Channel-Stream Simulation Hybrid



2013

33

## Cascade & Pool Roughened Channels

### Slope & Length Thresholds:

- Slope Range:  $> 5\%$  cascade  
 $\geq 4\%$  overall

### Bed Morphology:

- Complex series of small drops and pools
- Largest keystone boulders  $\geq$  bankfull depth
- Drops and constructions form jet & wake hydraulics
- Armored pool every 3 to 5 feet of drop to dissipate energy



Cascade Slope: 6%-7%  
Overall Slope (w/pool): 4%



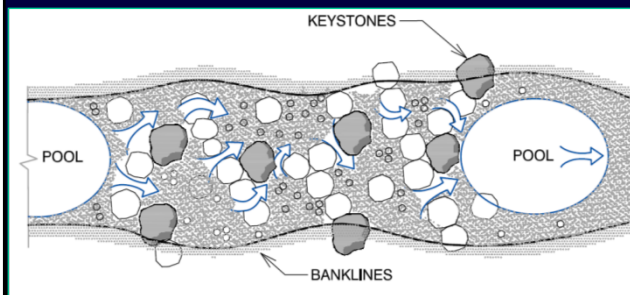
## Cascade & Pool Roughened Channels

### Fish Passage Pros:

- Passage of non-leaping fish
- Diverse high-flow hydraulics for passage
- Pools provide resting/holding habitat and dissipate energy

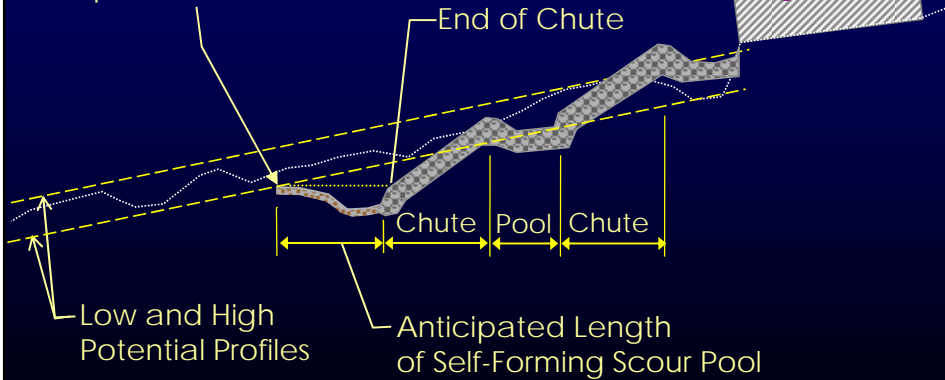
### Cons:

- Poor low-flow passage
- Requires straight & entrenched channel reach
- Considered experimental for juvenile passage, May require monitoring



## Profile Control Transitions Chutes & Pools Roughened Channel

Lowest Potential Profile  
Elevation at End of  
Anticipated Scour Pool



## The Roughened Channel Design Concept

**Limitation** - Lack of Sediment Continuity

### Engineered Bed Material is:

- Larger than bedload transported into roughened channel
- No replacement by natural bedload material
- Sized to be stable to a bed design flow ( $Q_{100yr}$ )



37

## Developing the Channel Design and Bed Mixture

### The Iterative Design Process

1. Calculate  $Q_{bed}$  &  $Q_{fish}$
2. Develop initial channel shape & slope to fit site
3. Calculate Stable D84 rock size at  $Q_{bed}$ :
  - ✱ Initial guess for D84
  - ✱ Use hydraulic roughness relationships dependent on flow & substrate size
  - ✱ Calculate Unit Discharge for channel
  - ✱ Calculate a stable D84
5. Evaluate fish passage conditions

If unsuitable, change channel shape/slope and repeat no. 2-5

Iterate

38

## Estimating Hydraulic Roughness

Flow resistance for steep mountain streams:

$$n = \frac{0.0926R^{1/6}}{1.16 + 2\log(R/D_{84})} \quad (\text{Limerinos, 1970})$$

Manning's roughness
Hydraulic Radius

$$\sqrt{\frac{8}{f}} = 5.62 \cdot \log_{10}\left(\frac{h}{D_{84}}\right) + 4 \quad (\text{Bathurst, 1985})$$

Water Depth
Darcy Friction Factor
84% of bed material finer than  $D_{84}$

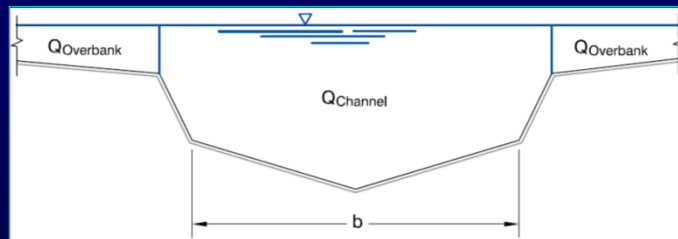
Numerous relationships developed with varying limitations.  
See Appendix B in CDFG Part XII for more relationships.

39

## Designing a Stable Bed Using Unit Discharge Method

Unit Discharge:

$$q = \frac{Q_{\text{channel}}}{b}$$



Water surface slope

Unit discharge (cfs/ft) at *stable bed design flow* (100 year flow)

$$D_{30-ACOE} = \frac{1.95S^{0.555}1.25q^{\frac{2}{3}}}{g^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

Gravitational acceleration (ft/s<sup>2</sup>)
from ACOE EM 1110-2-1601 based on Abt et al, 1988

40



## Developing Gradation of Bed Material

ACOE (1994) produces **porous uniform gradation** for bed material:

$$D_{84}/D_{15} = 1.7 \text{ to } 2.7$$

Natural channel streambed material has wide gradation:

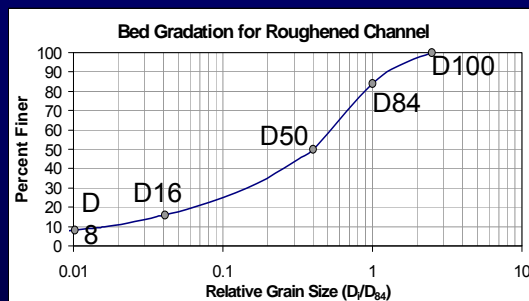
$$D_{84}/D_{15} = 8 \text{ to } 14 \quad (\text{typical in steeper streams})$$

- Larger Material ( $\geq D_{50}$ ) is framework for stability
- Smaller material ( $< D_{50}$ ) fills voids to control porosity



41

## Developing Engineered Streambed Material (ESM)



Gradation Shift for ESM:

$$D_{84_{\text{ESM}}} = 1.5 (D_{30_{\text{ACOE}}})$$

(from WDFW, 2003)

For  $D_i \geq D_{50_{\text{ESM}}}$  use  
Ratios Relative to D84:

$$D_{100_{\text{ESM}}} = 2.5(D_{84_{\text{ESM}}})$$

$$D_{50_{\text{ESM}}} = 0.4(D_{84_{\text{ESM}}})$$

(from WDFW, 2003)

For  $D_i < D_{50_{\text{ESM}}}$  use  
Fuller-Thompson Equation:

$$D_i = (2 \cdot i)^{1/n} D_{50}$$

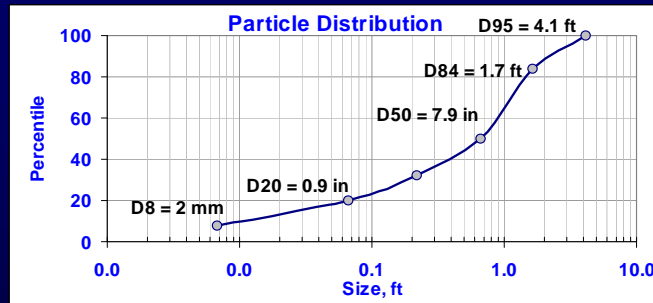
$n$  ranged from 0.45 to 0.70

Set  $n$  to achieve  $D_8 \approx 2\text{mm}$

Sometimes produces  
oversized rock

42

## Sizing and Specifying Material Gradations



### Example Specifications for Gradation of ESM

Percent of Mix	Range of Size (Intermediate Axis)	
16	20 in	48 in
34	8 in	20 in
18	3 in	8.0 in
12	¼ in	1.0 in
8	Passes Sieve #10 (2 mm)	

Use largest size class to form structures (steps, keystones)

43

## Evaluating Fish Passage Conditions Rock Ramps/Chutes & Pools/Cascades

### In Ramps, Chutes & Cascades

- Ave. Cross Section Water Velocity ( $U$ )
- Max Water Depth
- Turbulence ( $EDF = gUS$ )

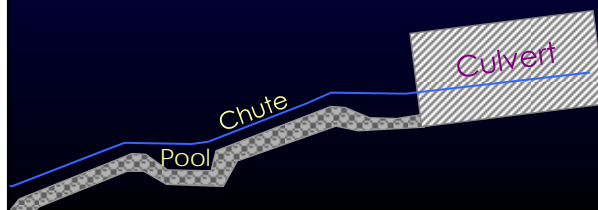
### In Armored Pools

- Pool Depth
- Turbulence (EDF) from change in Velocity Head

$$EDF = \frac{\gamma Qh}{2gV}$$

where,

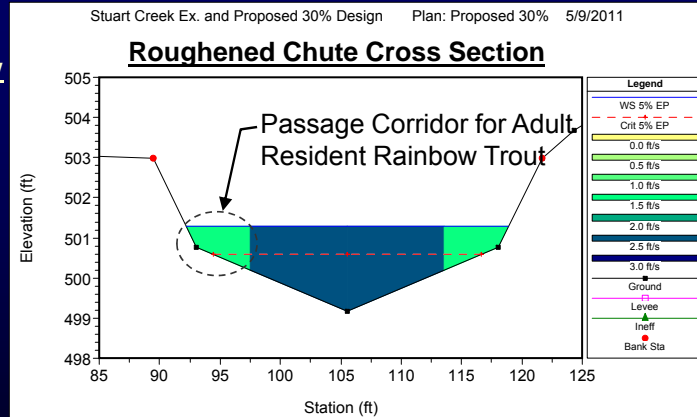
$$h = \frac{U_{chute}^2 - U_{pool}^2}{2g}$$



44

## Dividing Channel into Subsections Rock Ramps/Chutes/Cascades

**High Passage Flow**  
Adult Resident  
Rainbow Trout



### Passage Conditions in Subsection

Mean Width = 4.5 ft (DFG min = 4 ft)

Ave. Depth = 0.76 ft

Ave. Velocity = 1.45 ft/s

Flow in Section = 5.0 cfs

Water Surface Slope = 0.03 ft/ft

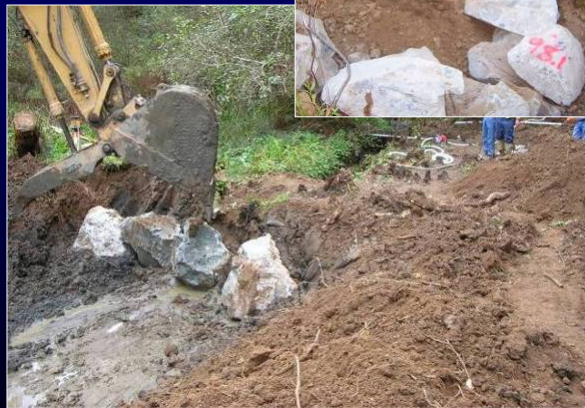
EDF = 2.7 ft-lb/s/ft<sup>3</sup>

45

## Construction Sequencing and Methods



1. Grading and Compact



2. Placing Rock Structures

46



## Construction Sequencing and Methods



3. Keystones and Bankline Rock

47

## Construction Sequencing and Methods

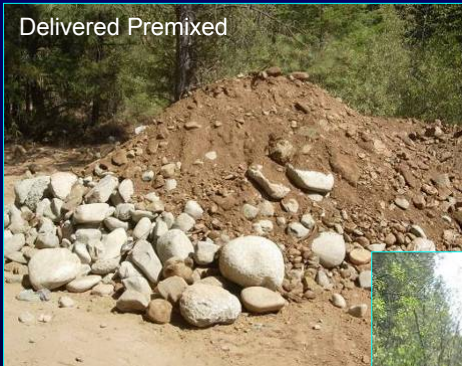


4. Stockpile Engineered Streambed Material onsite. Within a small section of channel, place material in correct proportions and mix with excavator bucket ...

48

## Construction Sequencing and Methods

Delivered Premixed



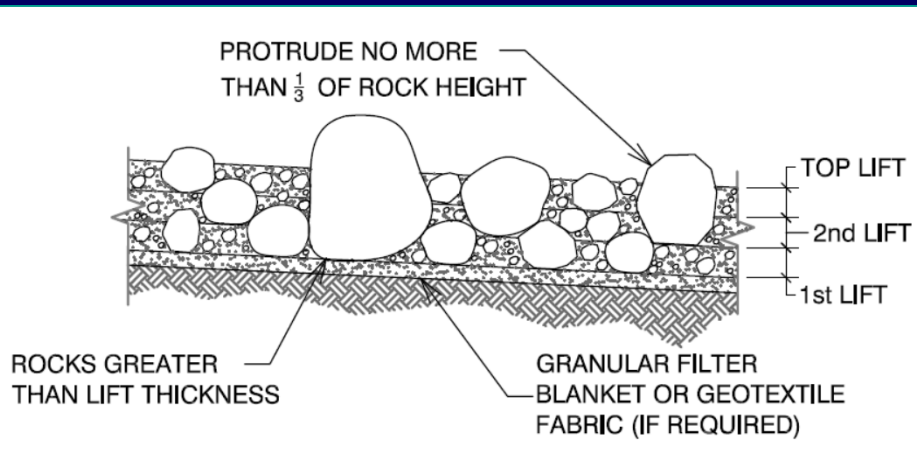
4. ...If delivered premixed to site, must be remixed in channel due to settling in truck.

5. Install Engineered Streambed Material (ESM)...



49

## Construction Sequencing and Methods



5. ..Construct channel bed in lifts. Compact each lift.

50



## Construction Sequencing and Methods



6. Fill voids in bed and banks with finer material (typically river run).

51

## Construction Sequencing and Methods



*For best results: Flood each lift and then use a plate compactor*

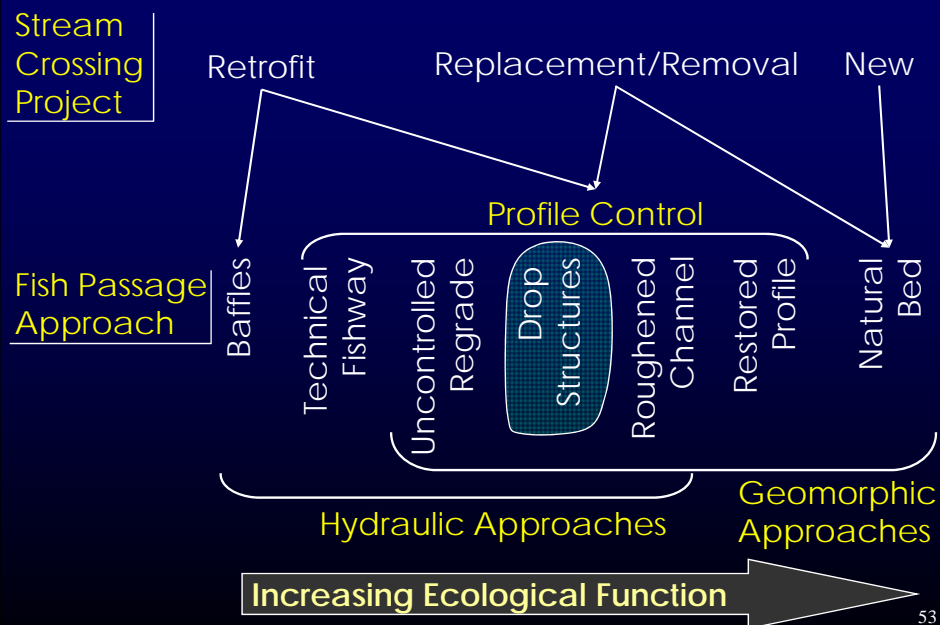


7. Flood channel bed and banklines to fill voids, compact bed, and wash fines off surface. Collect and remove fines from bottom of reach.

52



## Tools for Aquatic Organism Passage



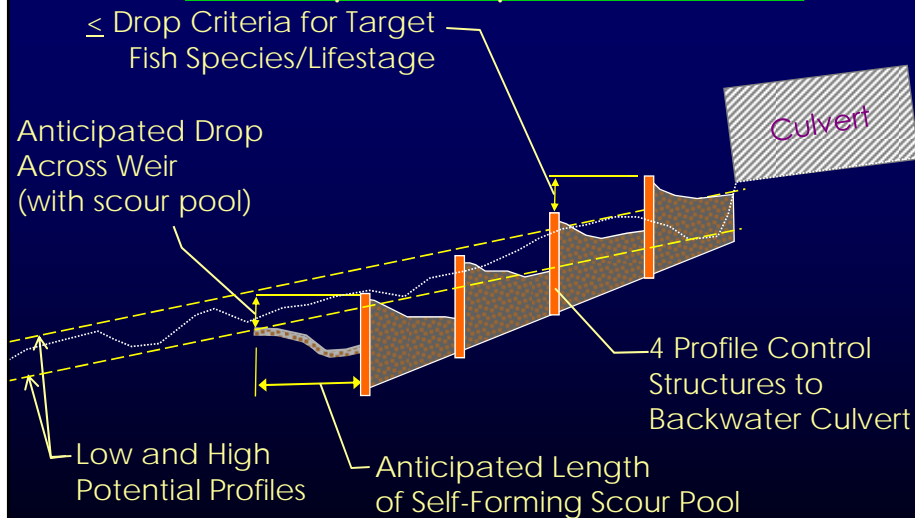
## Forced Profiles with Drop Structures

**Drop Structures**  
(weirs, sills, chutes):

- Discrete structures
- Distinct drops in the channel
- Native streambed material between
- Types: Flexible vs Rigid



## Profile Control Transitions (Steps or Drop Structures)



❖ Place End of Profile Control based on Low Potential Profile with Anticipated Scour Pool

55

## Rock Weirs & Chutes

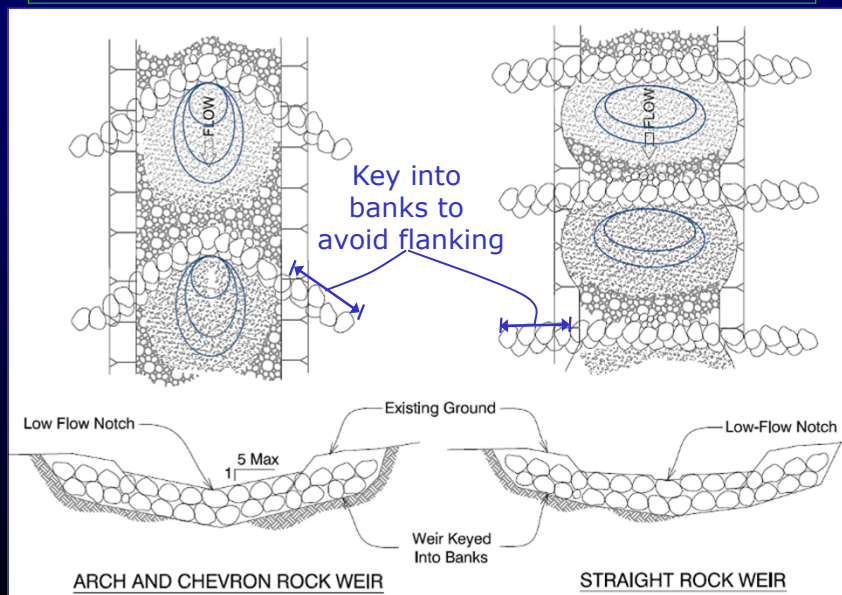
- Irregular surface provide hydraulic diversity
- Withstands small shifts, and easy to field adjust
- Maintains channel shape
- Lower cost than roughened channel
- Requires skilled operator
- Larger Vertical Tolerance
- Built at lower slopes than rigid weirs (max 4 to 5%)
- Cascading failure possible



## Arch Shaped Rock Weirs



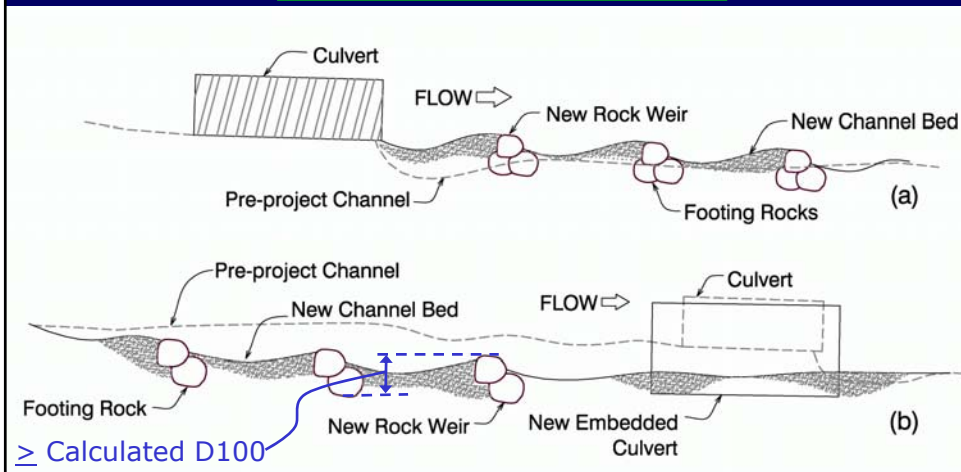
## Shape of Rock Weirs



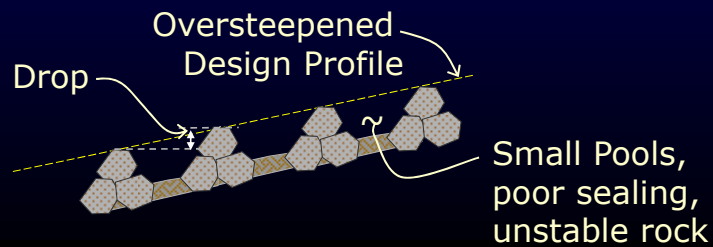
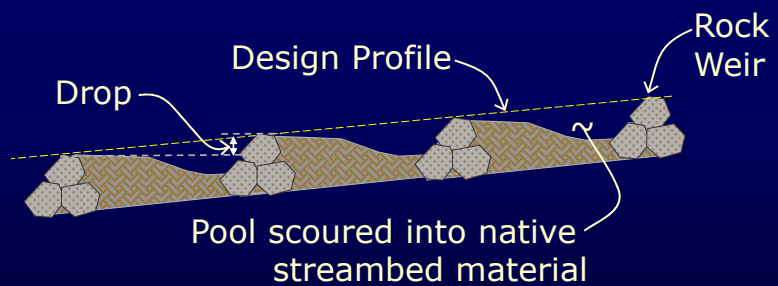
From CA DFG Restoration Manual, Part XII (2009)



## Footing of Rock Weirs



## Spacing of Rock Weirs



## Rock Sizing for Weirs

From Design of Rock Weirs (NRCS, 2000)

$$D_{50\text{-riprap}} = \frac{2.9wDS}{CK}$$

Far West States (FWS) Lane Method  
riprap sizing method (NRCS, 1996)

$w$  = channel top width at the design flow (feet)

$D$  = maximum depth of flow in channel (feet)

$S$  = channel slope (feet/feet)

$C$  = coefficient for channel curvature (1 for straight channels)

$K$  = side slope coefficient. 0.53 for 1.5H:1V, 0.87 for 3H:1V,

**Rock Weir  
Gradation**

Dmin-Weir = 0.75 (D50-Riprap)

D50-Weir = 2 (D50-Riprap)

D100-Weir = 4(D50-Riprap)

61

## Rock Riffles and Chutes as Drop Structures

Individual Chutes:

- Energy dissipation
- Diversity
- Slope from crest to crest typically  $\leq 3\%$

Shape of Chute:

- Top width
- Head differential (typ. 2 ft max)
- Plan vee
- Cross section vee
- Low flow channel



## Riffles and Chutes



Spring Prairie Cr  
Cobble riffle

From Luther Aadland

63

## Rock Riffles and Chutes

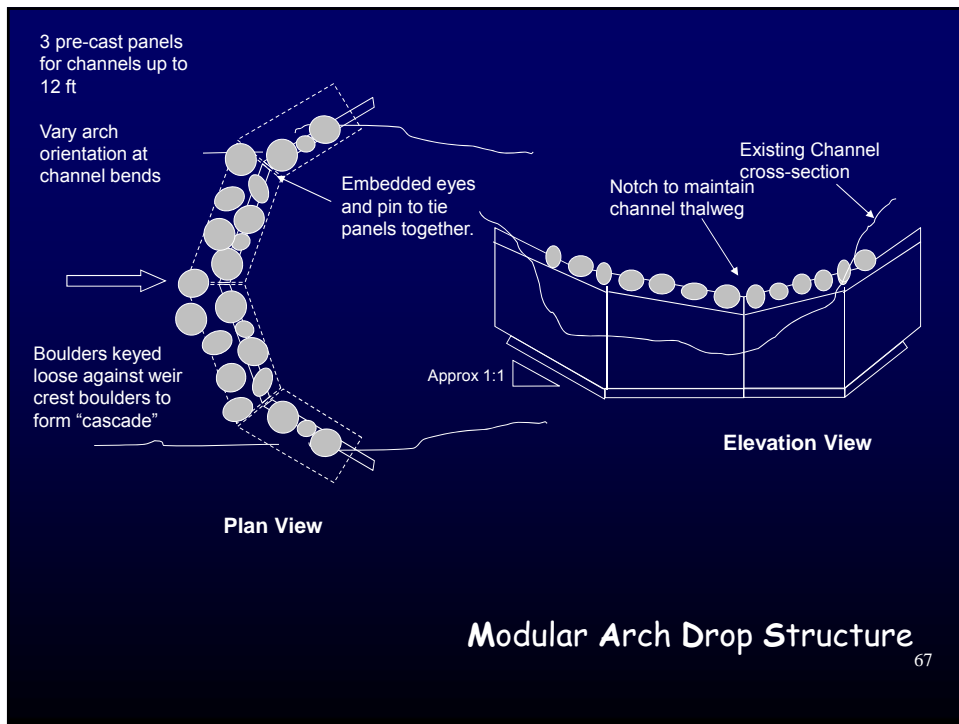




## Rigid Weirs: Concrete, sheet pile, ...

- Objectives:
  - Steepen grade (self sealing)
  - Rigid permanent bed control to maintain steep grade
- Max 5% grade in small streams
- Prefabricated; installation easy but demands care
- Deeper keys into bed and banks than rock weirs
- Shape to fit channel and control thalweg (v-shape)
- Can add hydraulic complexity along crest to improve passage





## Log controls

### Horizontal Double Log Sills

- Keeps log wetted to increases longevity
- Easy to construct
- Spreads out flow
  - Forms wide pools, rather than long
  - Anticipate bank erosion when keying
- Wide smooth surface/ low hydraulic complexity
  - May not be good for juvenile passage



69



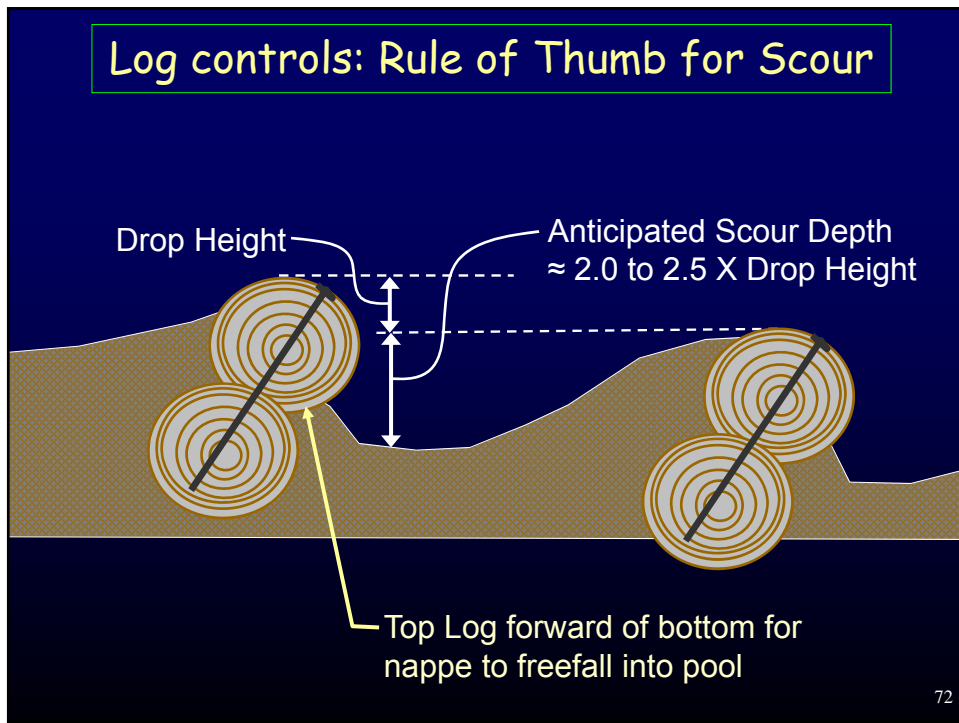
Wildcat Cr Dam  
bypass channel  
Constructed 1983

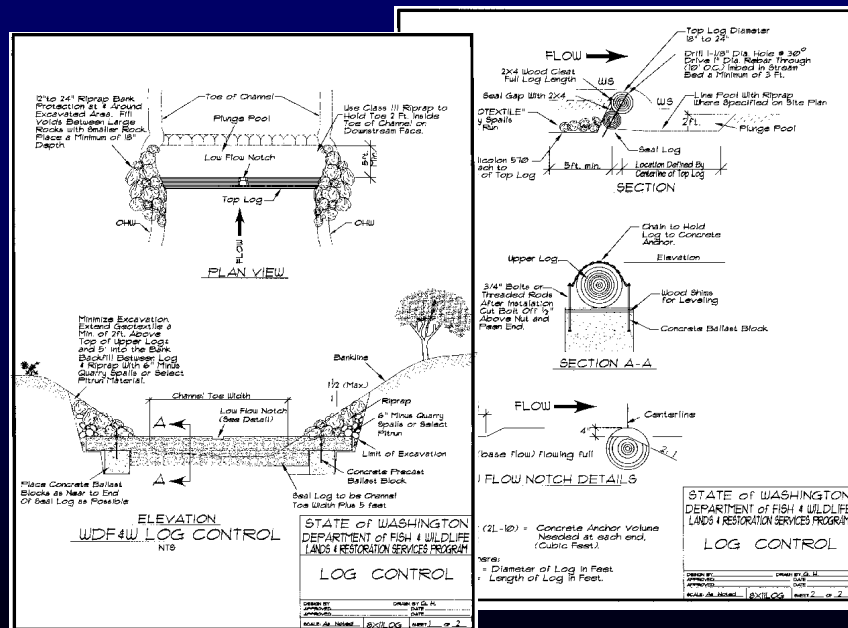
2003

Failed after 20 years  
because no bedload  
recruitment.









73

[http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/hab/engineer/cm/culvert\\_manual\\_final.pdf](http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/hab/engineer/cm/culvert_manual_final.pdf)

## Complex Log Steps



Index Creek  
Vee log weirs

74

## Complex Log Steps



Physt R. trib  
"X-weirs"

Barnard

75

## Natural Log Steps



Training logs along  
bank confine flow



Dunn Creek

76



## Complex Log Steps



## Complex Log Steps



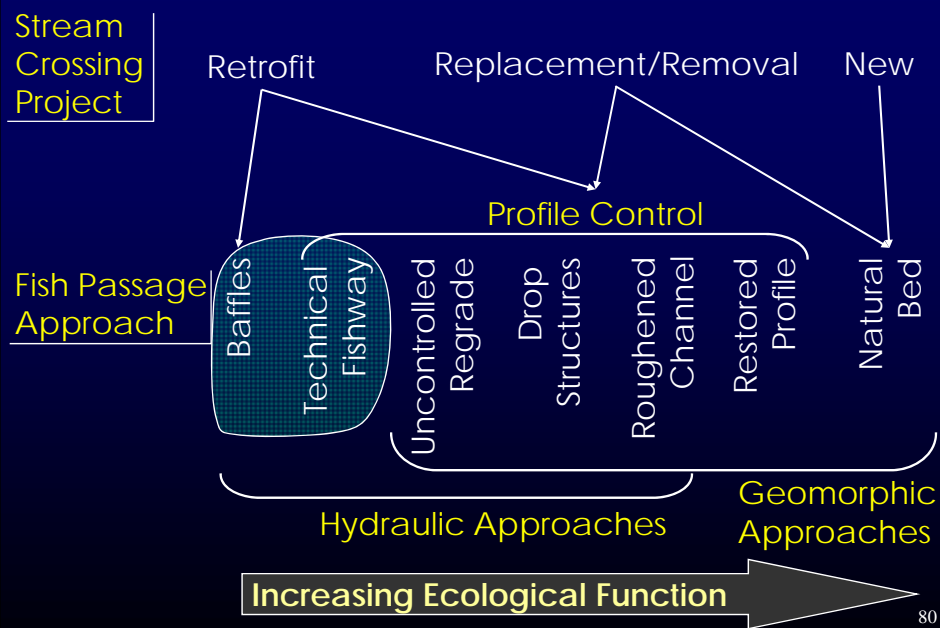
No Rock Used

## Log controls

- **Straight**
  - Objective: Steepen grade, optimize select passage, minimize cost and length, secure elevation control
  - 5% grade max as bed retention
  - Uniform channel
  - Secure designs available
- **V- Shape**
  - Objective: Steepen grade, deepen thalweg, narrow channel, provide select passage
  - More diverse channel
- **Can be made complex**
- **Durable**

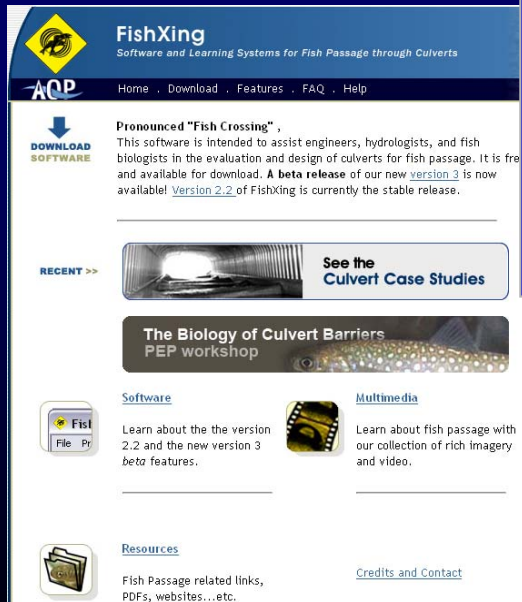
79

## Tools for Aquatic Organism Passage



80

## Fish Passage Resources



**FishXing**  
Software and Learning Systems for Fish Passage through Culverts

Home . Download . Features . FAQ . Help

**Download Software**

**Pronounced "Fish Crossing"**  
This software is intended to assist engineers, hydrologists, and fish biologists in the evaluation and design of culverts for fish passage. It is free and available for download. A **beta release** of our new **version 3** is now available! **Version 2.2** of FishXing is currently the stable release.

**RECENT >>**

**See the Culvert Case Studies**

**The Biology of Culvert Barriers**  
PEP workshop

**Software**  
Learn about the the version 2.2 and the new version 3 beta features.

**Multimedia**  
Learn about fish passage with our collection of rich imagery and video.

**Resources**  
Fish Passage related links, PDFs, websites...etc.

[Credits and Contact](#)

### FishXing Website

- Fish Passage Software
- On-Line Presentations
- Links to Resources
- Case Studies

**fishxing.org**

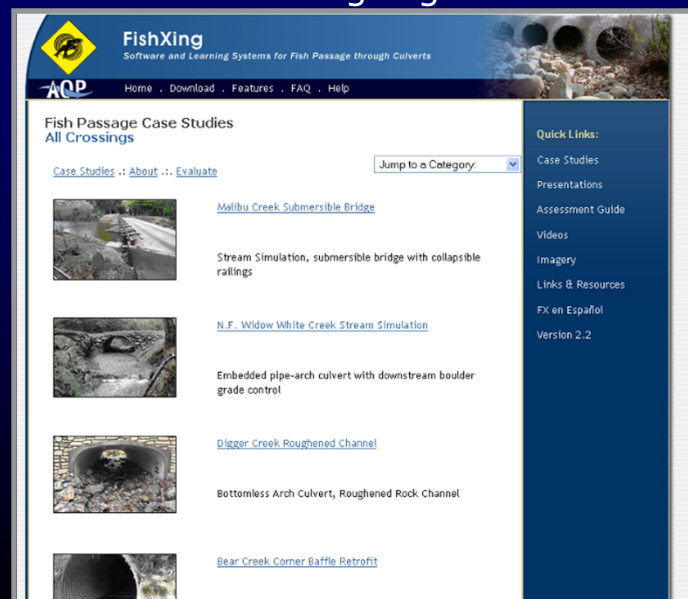
Links & Resources

FX en Español

Version 2.2

## Fish Passage Case Studies

**fishxing.org**



**FishXing**  
Software and Learning Systems for Fish Passage through Culverts

Home . Download . Features . FAQ . Help

**Fish Passage Case Studies**  
All Crossings

[Case Studies](#) .: [About](#) .: [Evaluate](#)

[Jump to a Category](#)

**Malibu Creek Submersible Bridge**  
Stream Simulation, submersible bridge with collapsible railings

**N.F. Widow White Creek Stream Simulation**  
Embedded pipe-arch culvert with downstream boulder grade control

**Digger Creek Roughened Channel**  
Bottomless Arch Culvert, Roughened Rock Channel

**Bear Creek Corner Baffle Retrofit**

**Quick Links:**  
[Case Studies](#)  
[Presentations](#)  
[Assessment Guide](#)  
[Videos](#)  
[Imagery](#)  
[Links & Resources](#)  
[FX en Español](#)  
[Version 2.2](#)