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RECLAMATION

Trinity River Hatchery

A review of operations for the Trinity
Management Council

September 2026

Trinity River Hatchery Partnership

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Hoopa Valley Tribe Fisheries Department
- Yurok Tribe Fisheries Program
- Bureau of Reclamation



Current Fish Production (BY25/26)

Total fish production (approximate):

- 337,000 Spring run Chinook Salmon yearlings
- 805,000 Fall run Chinook Salmon yearlings
- 42,000 Coho Salmon (under production goal)
- 447,000 Steelhead



Recent and Future Fish Releases

- May 2026 – 1,082,000 Spring run Chinook Salmon fingerlings
- June 2026 – 2,100,000 Fall run Chinook Salmon fingerlings
- Oct 2026 – Spring (Oct 1) and Fall (Oct 15) Chinook Salmon yearlings



Spawning (BY26/27)

Spring Run Chinook Spawning started Sept 8

- 1,700 adults trapped so far (as of 9/14)
- 455,000 green eggs so far
- On track to meet mitigation and egg request goal (3M)

Spawn break (spring/fall pause) from Oct 12-31

Fall Run Chinook spawning starts Oct 26



Fish Marking and Tagging Project

- HVTFD Team are completed BY2025-26 fish in early August.
 - Relatively smooth season (March 18-Aug 11)
 - All Chinook fingerling M/T completed before July
 - High successful tag rate



Infrastructure

- Reclamation staff removed wood from the aerator, which was causing a significant over-spray problem.
- Reclamation welded fish screens in the spawning building and replaced the fish lift basket cables.
- Reclamation re-seated the fish exclusion grate (below powerhouse tailrace).



Hatchery Technical Team

Previous meeting held on August 27, 2026

Key topics:

* In-person at TRH (with terrible internet)

- Reservoir operations and forecasts
- HTT and TRRP Coordination and Collaboration
- TRH Modernization Project update
- Post-season marking/tagging review
- Hatchery operations and production
- BY2026/2027 egg requests
- Low Coho Return Impacts
- RSI and Carcass Supplementation Updates

Next meeting scheduled for Nov 12, 2026



Hatchery Modernization Project



1958 Temporary Lewiston Fish Trapping Facility (DFG Trinity River Hatchery).



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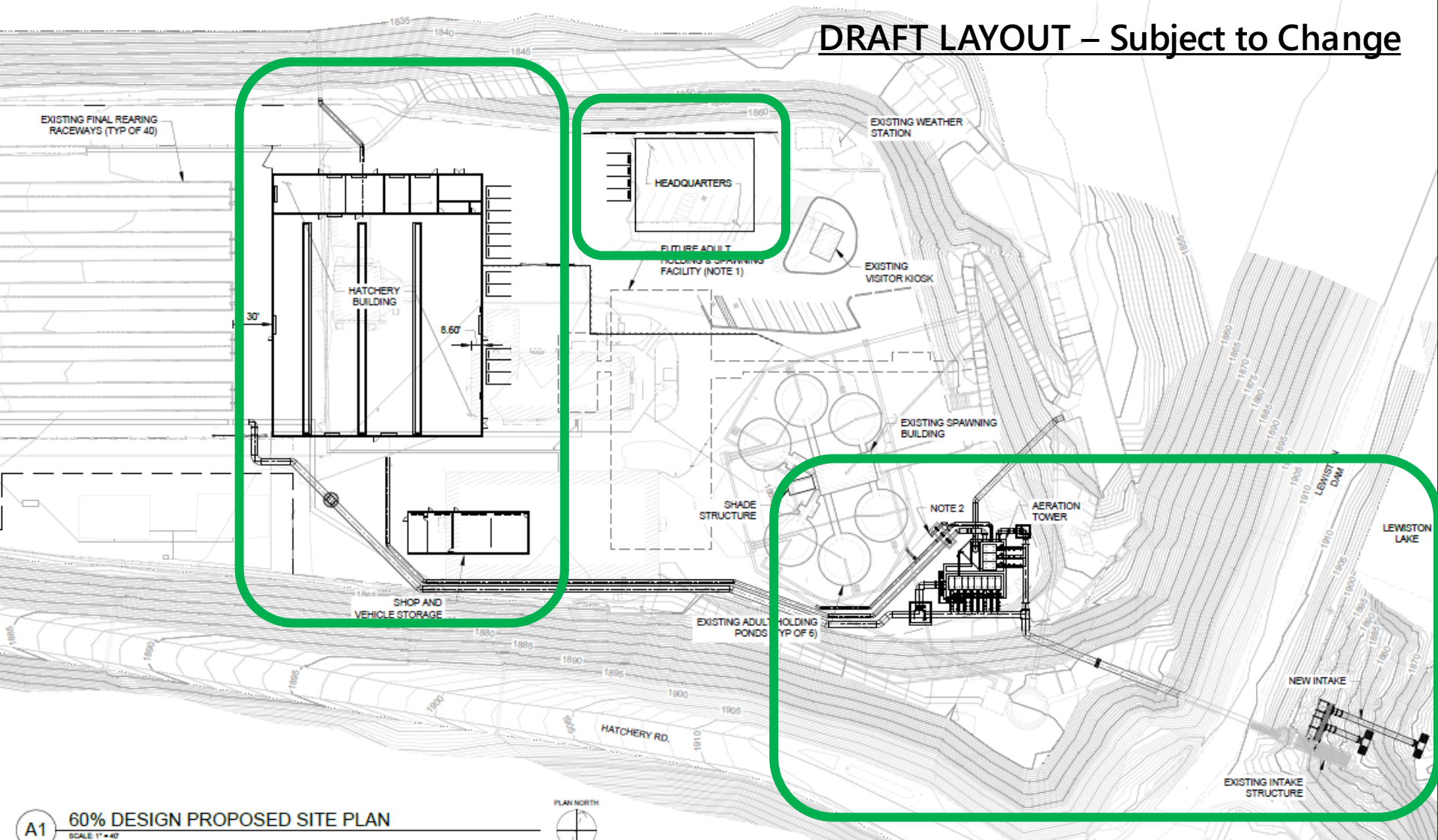


Earthen Rearing Ponds during construction (Trinity County Historical Society).



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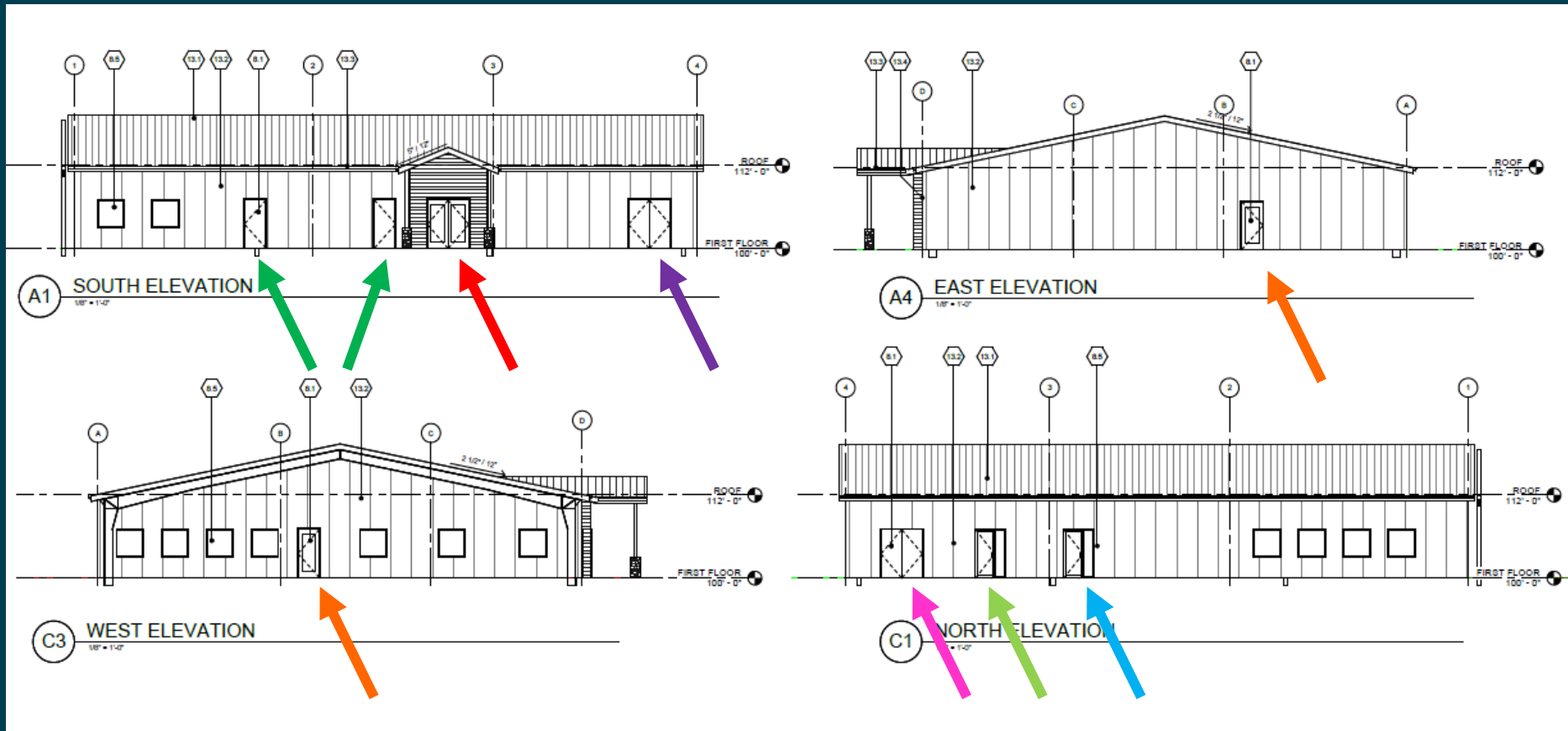


A1 HATCHERY BUILDING PLAN
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"

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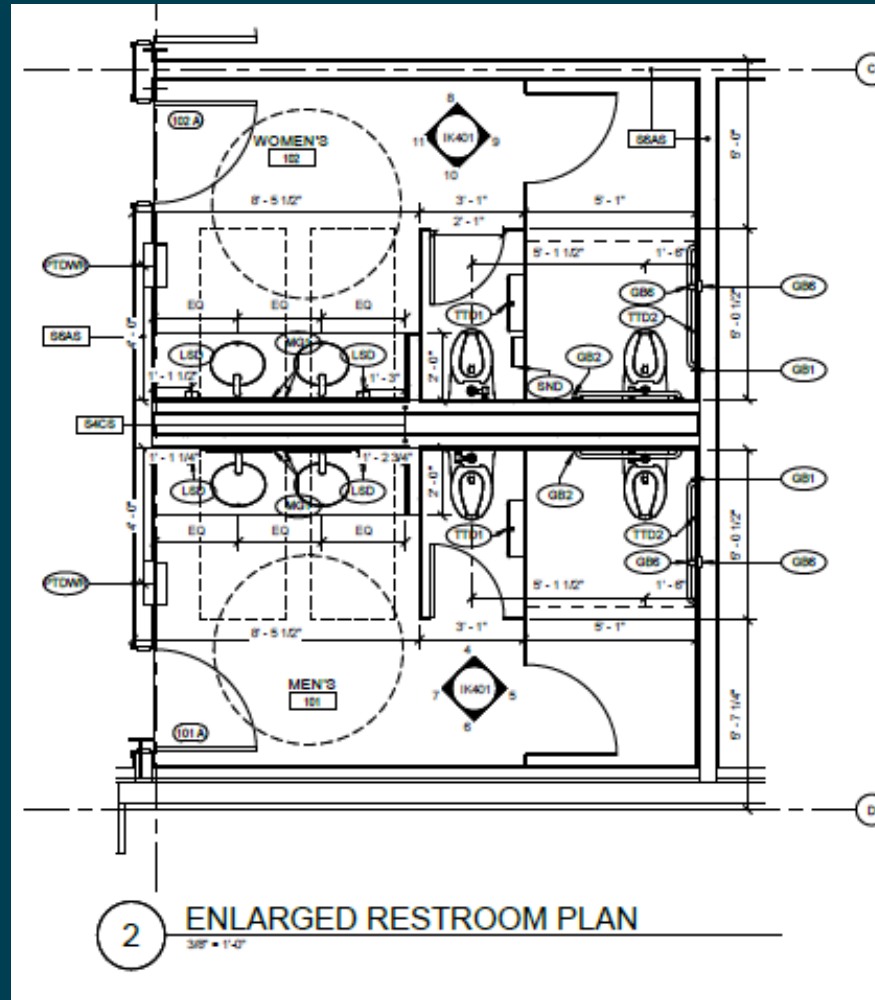
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On-going discussion with WAPA about power supply modifications.



Hatchery Modernization Project

Recent Milestones:

- Cultural Resources Survey and Study completed
- Prioritized list of Systems to move to 60% Design (July 2026)

Upcoming Milestones:

- 60% Design Package (Nov 2026)
- Environmental Compliance
- Draft Environmental Assessment (Oct 2026)

Long-term Milestones:

- Early release package (Jan 2027)
- 100% Design (June 2027)
- Groundbreaking (Foundations and HQ) Feb 2027
- Construction Phase (2027 – 2029)
- Project Close Out (2030)



Questions?

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