


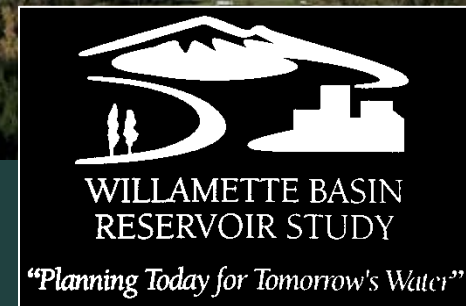
# Willamette Basin Reservoir Study

Water Resources Commission Meeting

June 18, 2015



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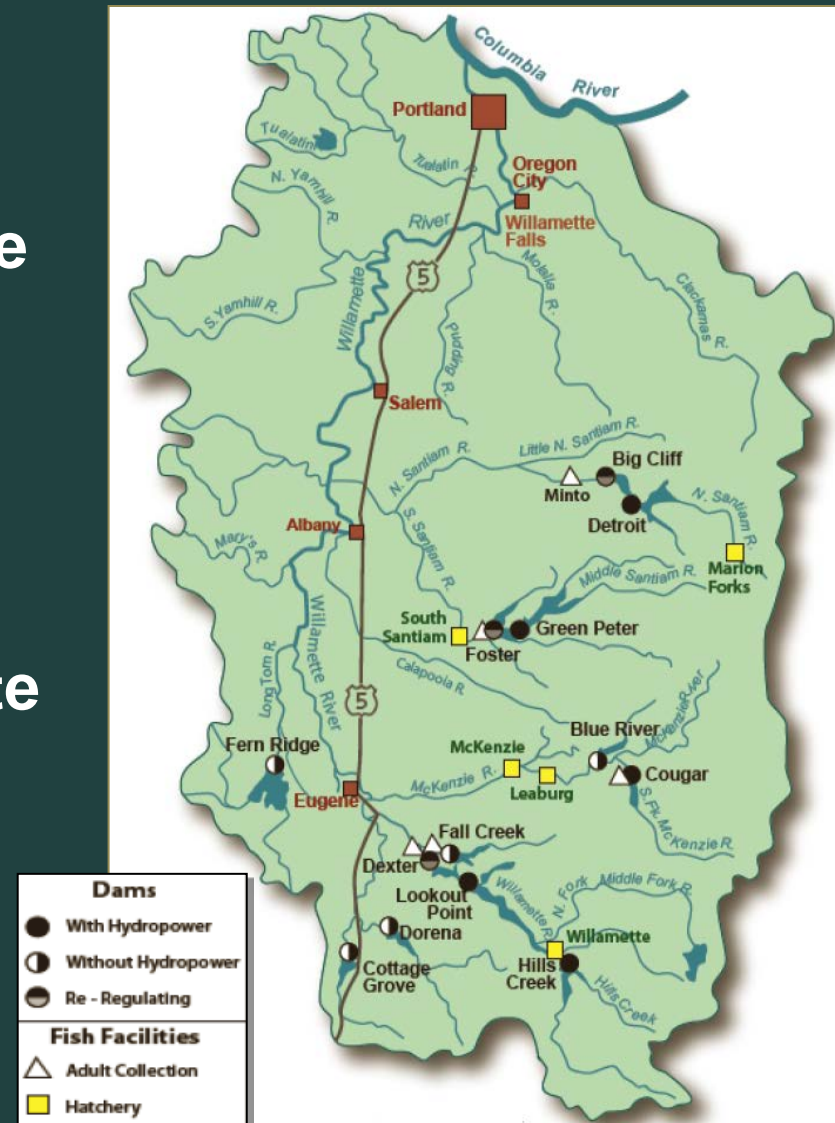
# Introduction

## Willamette Valley Project

- 13 reservoirs
- 5 percent is contracted
- Water releases for fish & wildlife benefits

## Willamette Basin

- Strong recreational demand
- Fastest growing area in the state
- Diverse agricultural setting
- Several ESA-listed species

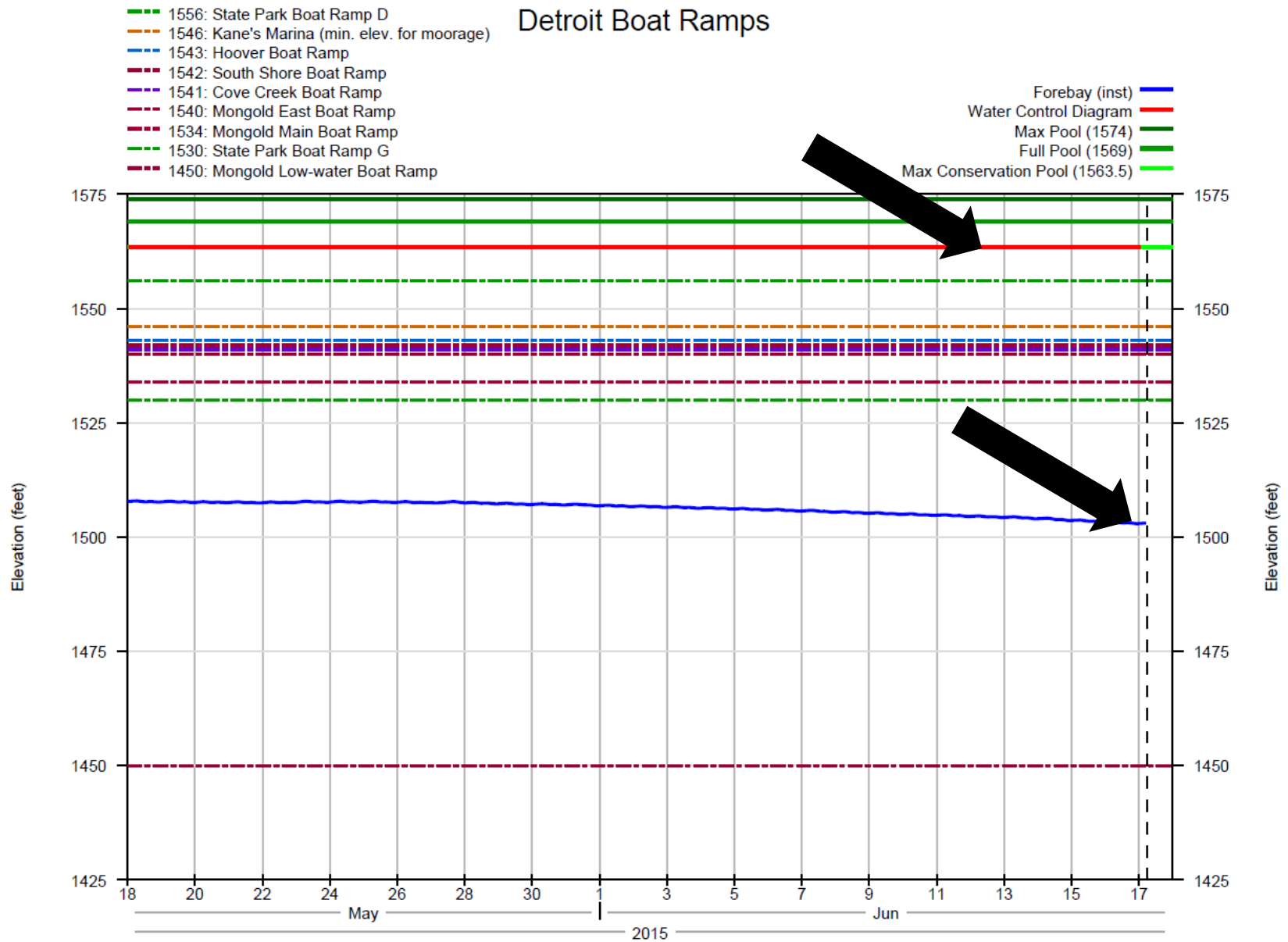


# Background

- **Early recognition that operations need modification**
- **Study initiated in May 1996, suspended in 2000**
- **Willamette Biological Opinions issued in 2008**
- **Southern Willamette water providers re-initiate discussions & renew energy**
- **Adoption of the IWRS in 2012: “Improve Access to Built Storage”**
- **Small scale reallocation (surplus) began in 2013**
- **Corps awarded funding in early 2015 to start larger Study**



# Detroit Lake on June 17, 2015



# Update: Small-Scale Surplus Agreement

- **Final report approved in July 2014**
- **City of Creswell reviewing agreement**
- **Agreement can be renewed**
- **Bureau of Reclamation preparing transfer application**
- **Secondary application with signed agreement still needed**

# Corps' New Planning Framework

- Modernized planning within Civil Works program
- Approved in 2014 as part of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act
- Planning must be “SMART” and adhere to “3x3x3” principles
- Large emphasis on vertical communication early and often





# Status of the Project Management Plan

- **A living document to guide the study process**
- **Identifies our key assumptions and constraints**
- **All tasks should be defined this month**
- **Stakeholder involvement is an integral part**
- **OWRD will be the lead agency on estimating future needs, with support from others**

# Next Steps

- **A cost share agreement to be signed this month**
- **Corps will hire services for environmental analysis, planning support, and economic analysis**
- **Hold a kick-off meeting and ramp up public outreach efforts this summer**
- **Demand information should be completed this year**
- **Draft feasibility report must be done within 20 months**

**Any Questions?**

