



What Is All This Construction?



And Other Frequently Asked Questions:

What is this construction project?

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is constructing a new fish passage at Nimbus Fish Hatchery, which is managed by the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

Why are they constructing a new fish passage?

Also known as a fish ladder or flume, the project will help maintain a reliable system for collecting and spawning adult fish at the hatchery. Nimbus Dam blocks fish from reaching spawning grounds upstream. Additionally, the new ladder will allow for removal of the seasonal weir, meaning river levels will no longer have to be manipulated to install or remove the weir.

When will the new fish ladder open for public viewing?

The CDFW genuinely hopes that public access to the fish ladder will resume for the Fall 2021 Chinook salmon run. However, as of April 2021, state guidelines still mandate that we remain closed to public access.

The ladder should be complete and ready for salmon access by Fall 2021.

What improvements does it include?

The most exciting feature of the new fish ladder are large viewing windows which allow a close up observation of the fish as they swim and jump.

How long will the bicycle detour be there?

The temporary detour reroutes people using the bicycle path across Hazel Ave, using the traffic light near the entrance to the Sac State Aquatic Center. The detour will likely remain the duration of 2021 while construction continues.

Who can I contact for further information?

For questions about the construction project, contact Mark Curney at 916-537-7110 or jcurney@usbr.gov.

For questions about the Nimbus Fish Hatchery Visitor Center, please call 916-358-2884.

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