



8th Spring-run Chinook Symposium

July 26-28, 2016 in Chico, CA

+ Session Overview

- Sponsors:
 - PG&E
 - Northern California Water Association
 - Friends of Butte Creek
 - California Conservation Corps

The year's Symposium will highlight regional status reports on Spring-run Chinook populations, instream flow studies and fish passage assessments, water conservation and transactions, and how to translate research and genetics into implementation and recovery actions. Field tours will include visits to the legendary spawning grounds in Upper Butte Creek and PG&E's hydroelectric retrofit projects; salmon and steelhead fish passage in Lower, Deer, Mill and Antelope Creek that have been prioritized for instream flow enhancement and fish passage projects; a Clear Creek Spring Chinook Restoration tour; and a tour of Lower Butte Creek Water Diversions.

+ Presentations

Monitoring and Status of Spring-run Chinook Reports

(Slide 4) Mill, Deer, and Antelope Creeks Monitoring Status Reports

Matt Johnson, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

(not included) Movement and Survival Rates of Wild Chinook Salmon Smolts from Mill Creek to the San Francisco Bay 2013 – 2015

Jeremy Notch, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries

(Slide 26) Movement and Survival Rates of Butte Creek Spring-run Chinook Salmon Smolts from the Sutter Bypass to the San Francisco Bay

Flora Cordonleani, Ph.D., Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries

(Slide 50) Clear Creek and Battle Creek Spring-run Restoration Actions and Population Status

Matt Brown, Clear Creek and Battle Creek Program, Red Bluff Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(Slide 95) Spring-run Chinook Population Trends on the Upper Klamath, Trinity, and Salmon River

Mike Belchik, Senior Scientist, Yurok Tribe



Mill, Deer, and Antelope Creek Spring-Run
Chinook Monitoring
Matt Johnson
CDFW





Clear Creek

Redding

Sacramento R

Battle Creek

N.F. Battle Creek

S.F. Battle Creek

Mill Creek

Antelope Creek

N.F. Antelope Cr

S.F. Antelope Cr

Red Bluff

Deer Creek

Thomes Creek

Big Chico Creek

Butte Creek

Chico

Feather River

Yuba River

Sacramento River



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Spring-Run Monitoring



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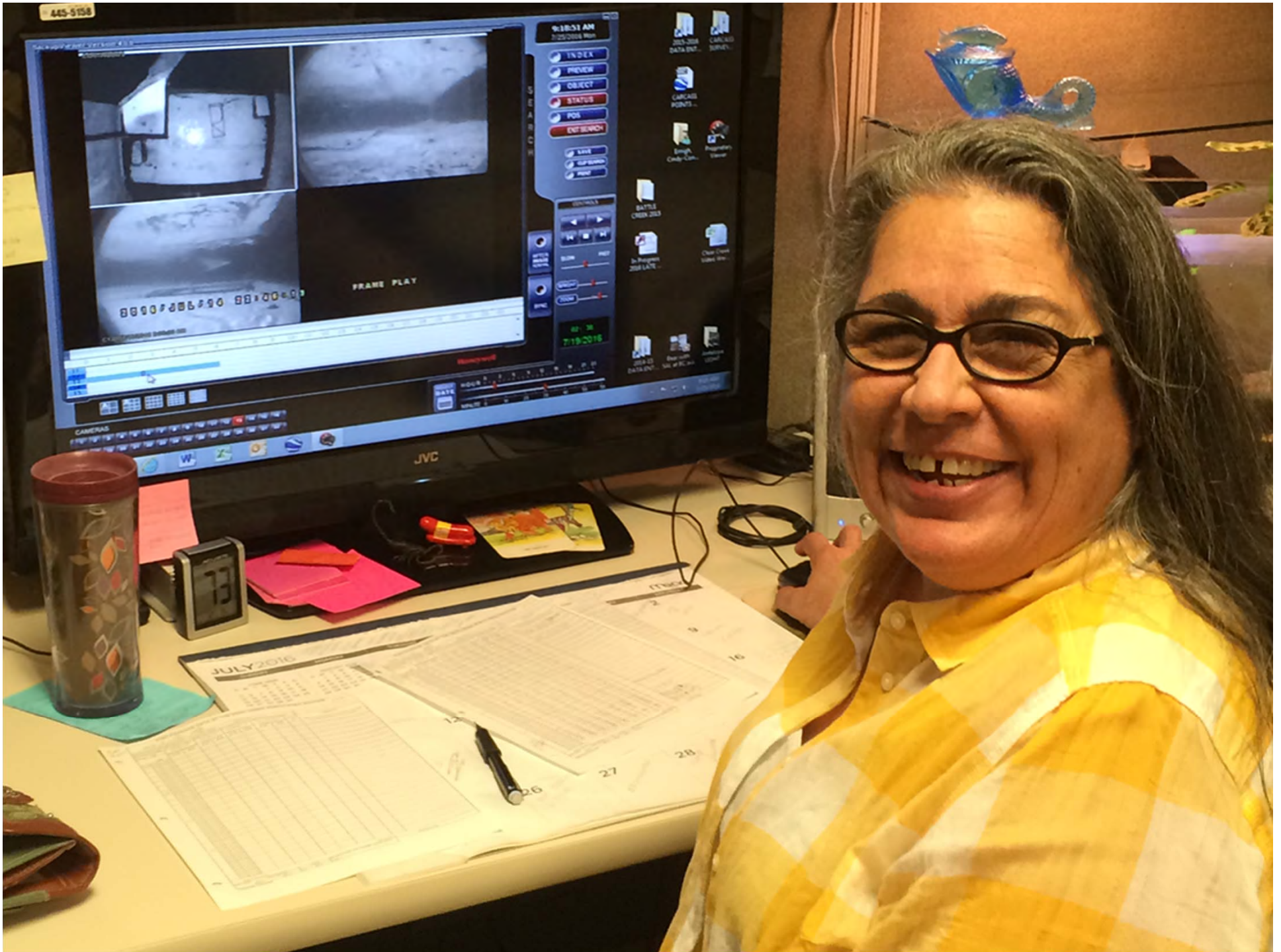
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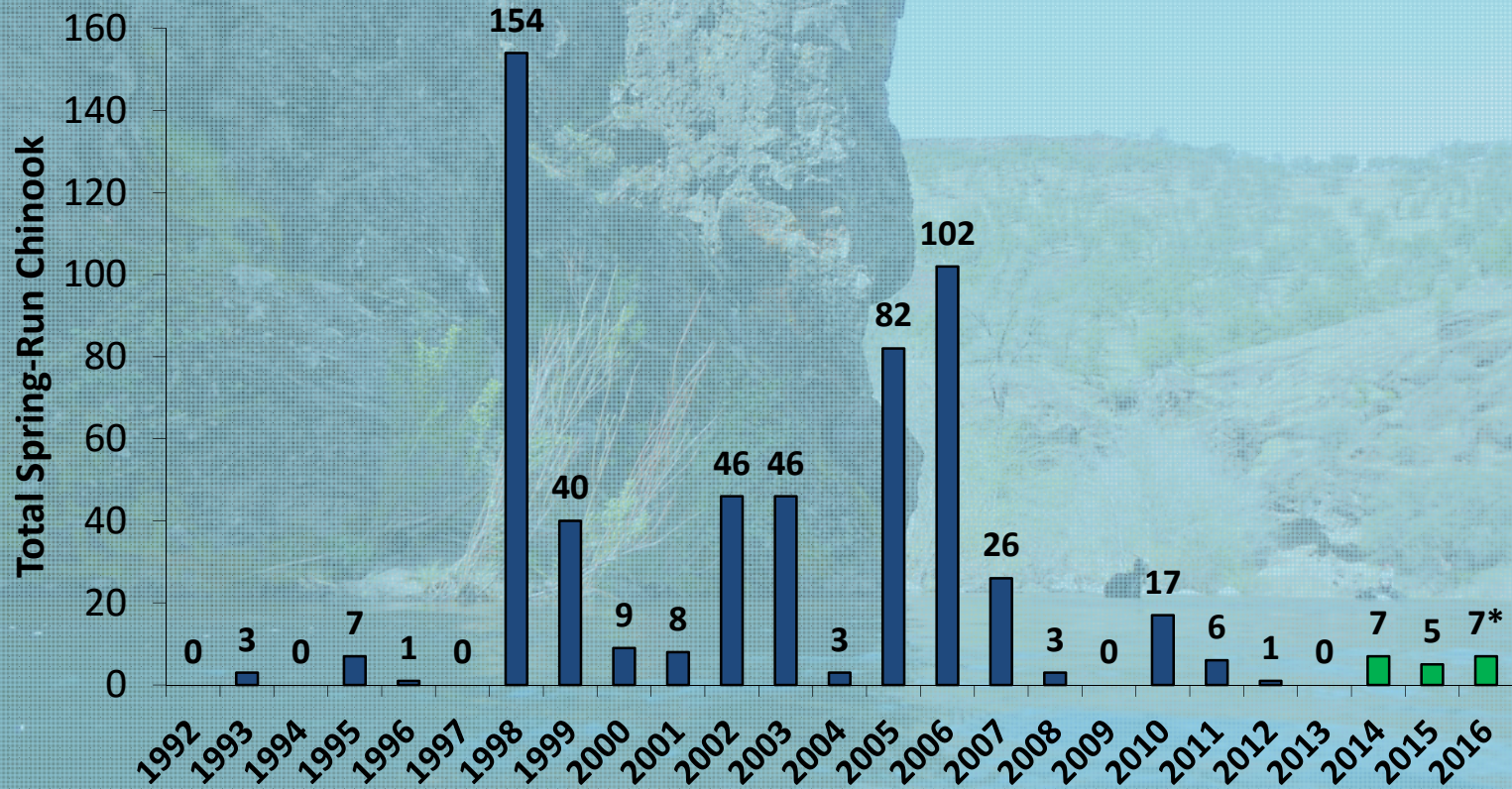




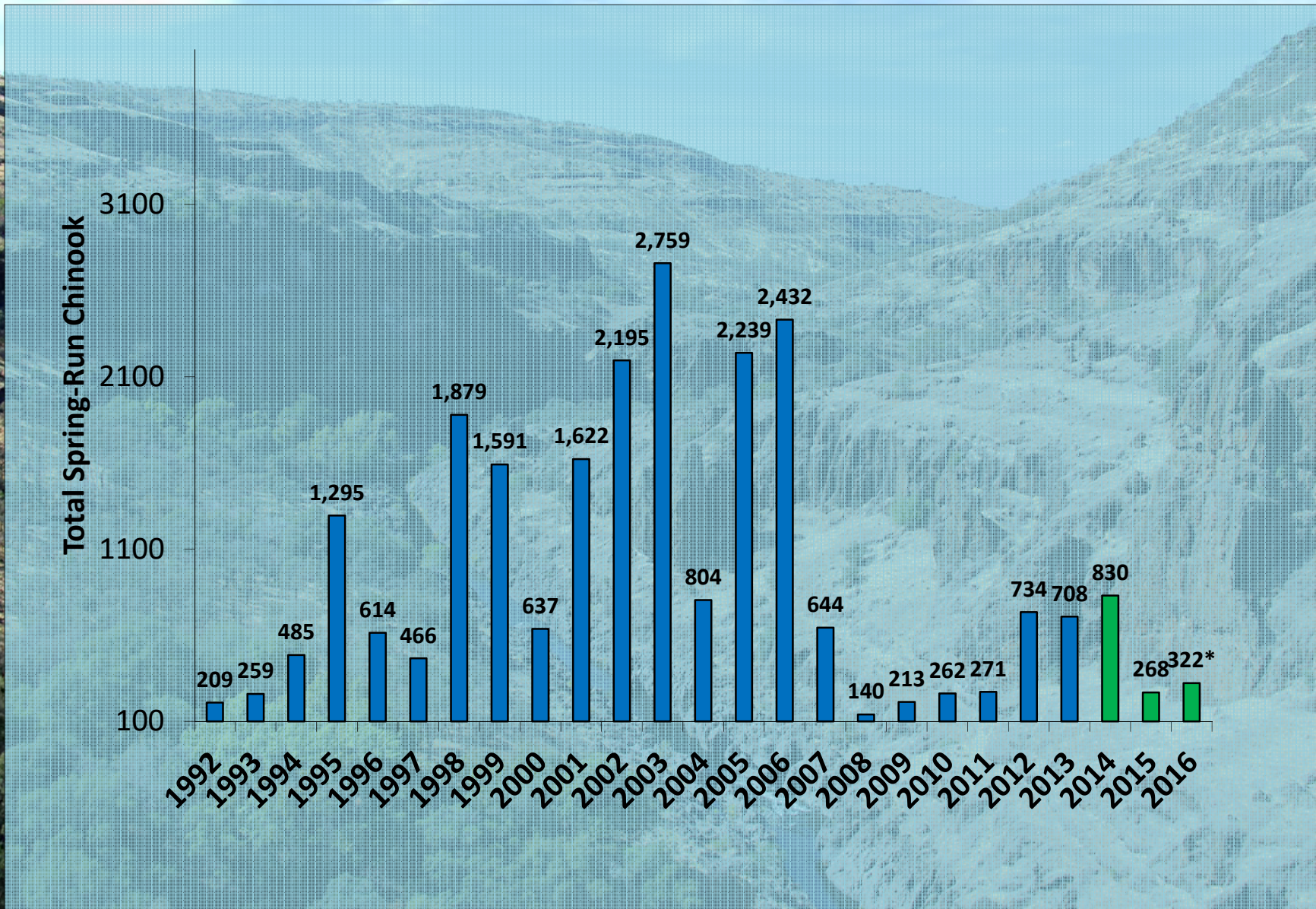


Recent monitoring results:

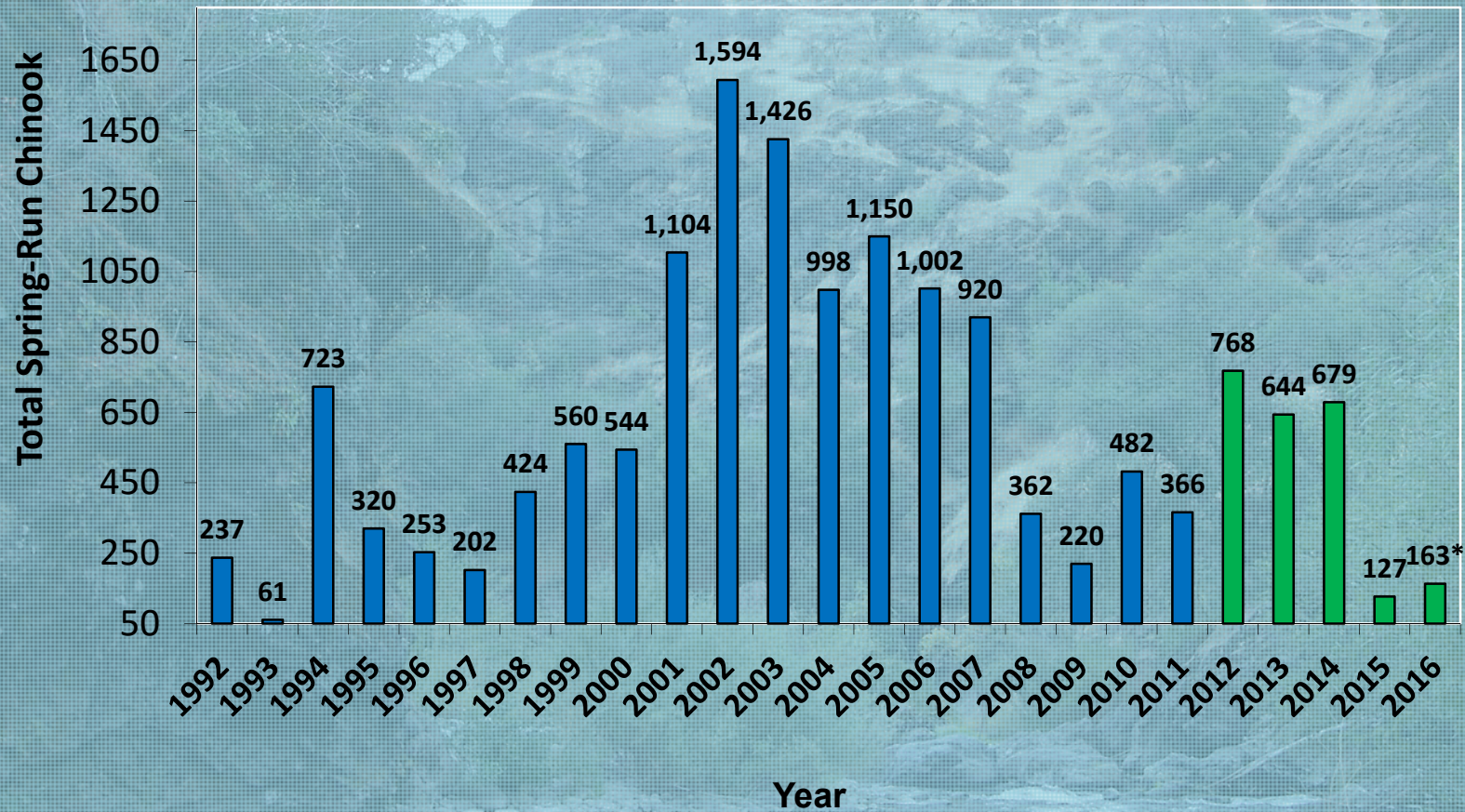
| Year | Antelope | | Deer | | Mill | |
|------|----------|---------|-------|---------|-------|------|
| | video | snorkel | video | snorkel | video | redd |
| 2014 | 7 | 0 | 830 | 641 | 679 | 440 |
| 2015 | 5 | 0 | 268 | 99 | 127 | 116 |
| 2016 | 7* | n/a | 322* | n/a | 163* | n/a |



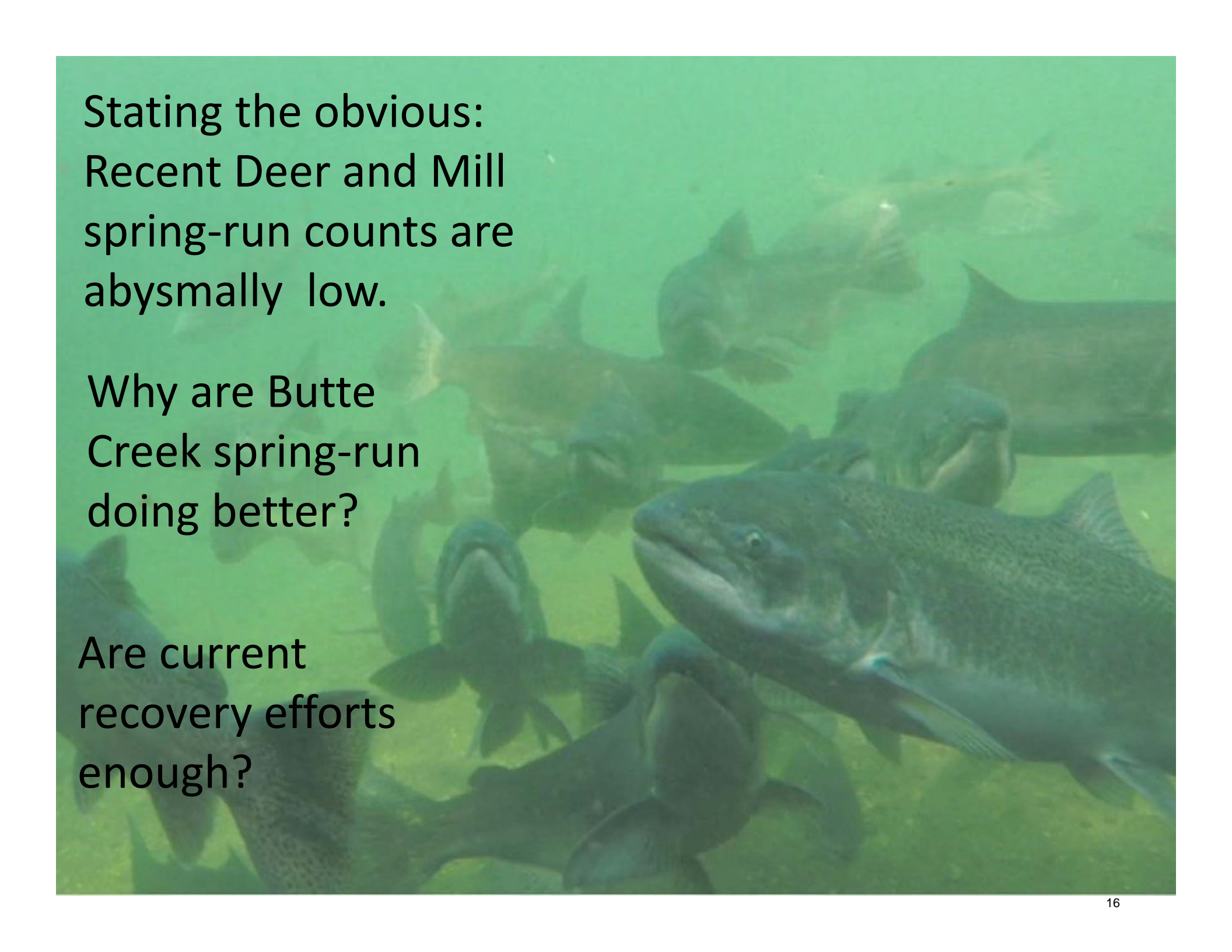
Antelope Creek SRCS population trends



Deer Creek SRCS population trends



Mill Creek SRCS population trends

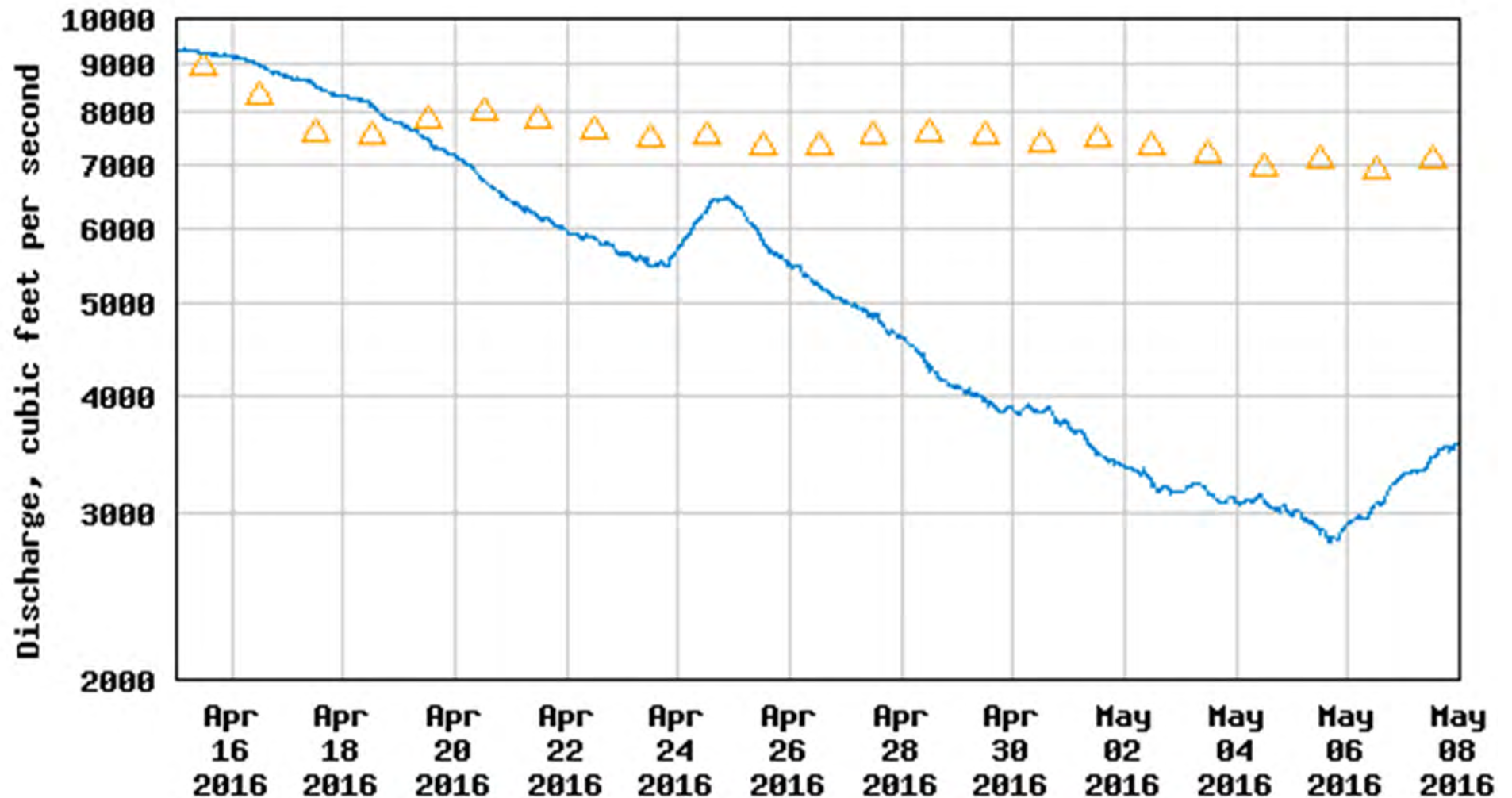
An underwater photograph showing a large group of fish, likely salmon, swimming in clear, greenish water. The fish are of various sizes and are moving in different directions, creating a sense of a busy school. The lighting is bright, highlighting the scales and fins of the fish.

Stating the obvious:
Recent Deer and Mill
spring-run counts are
abysmally low.

Why are Butte
Creek spring-run
doing better?

Are current
recovery efforts
enough?

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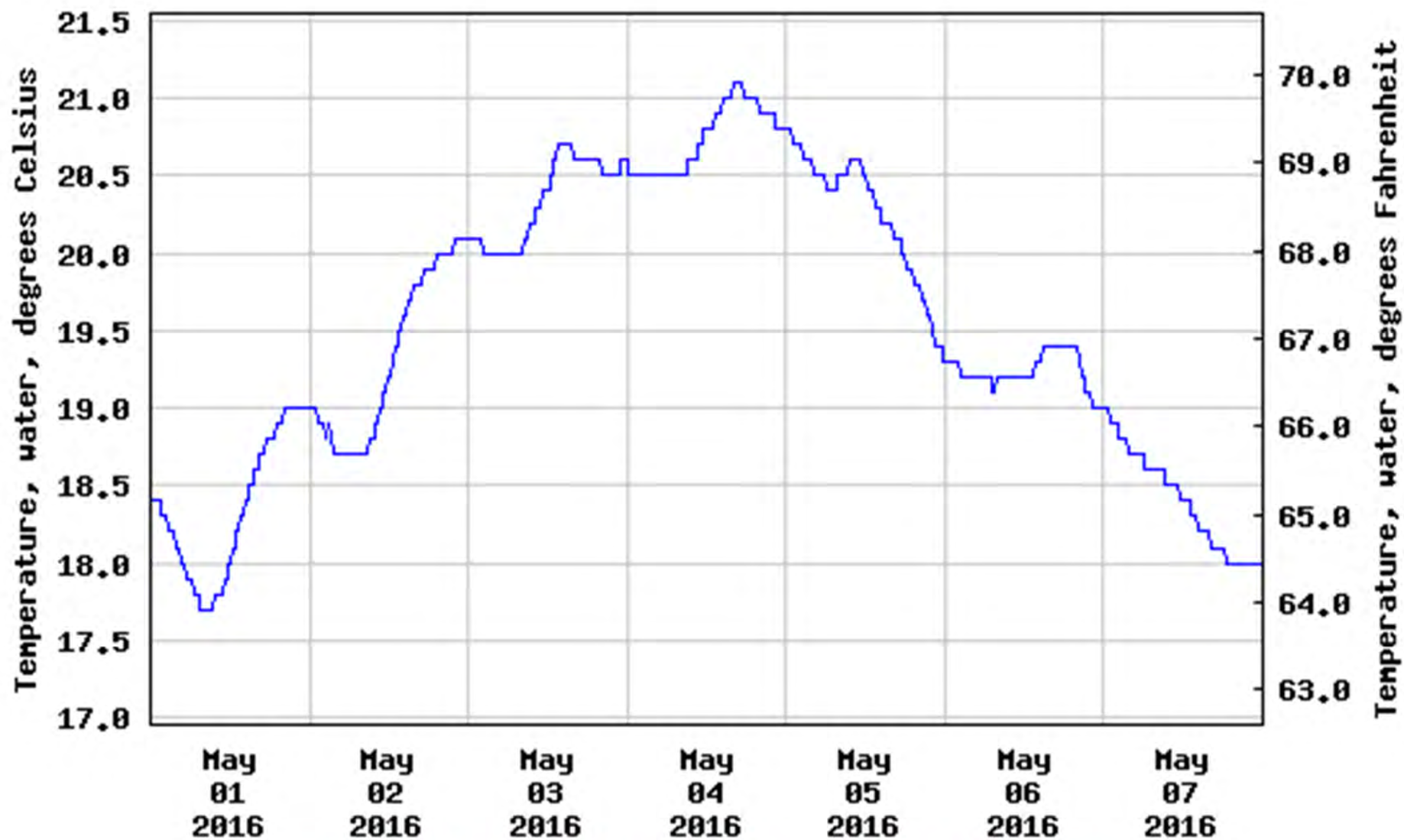
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△ Median daily statistic (70 years) — Discharge

Lake Shasta May, 2016



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River-Miles
240-220



Butte Creek
Confluence
River Mile 80



Sutter Bypass March, 2016



Photo credit: Alex McHuron NOAA

Lower Mill Creek May, 2016

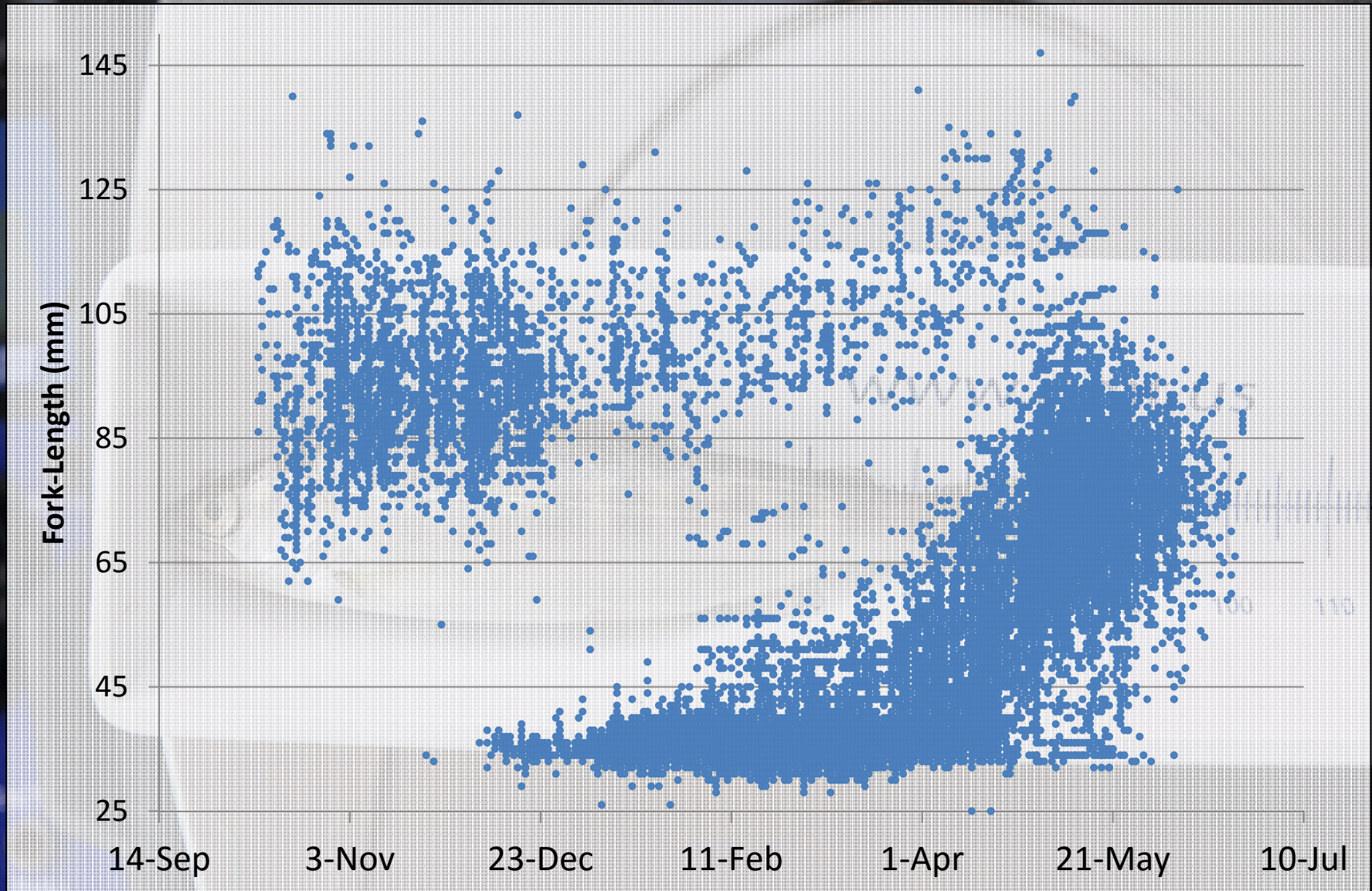
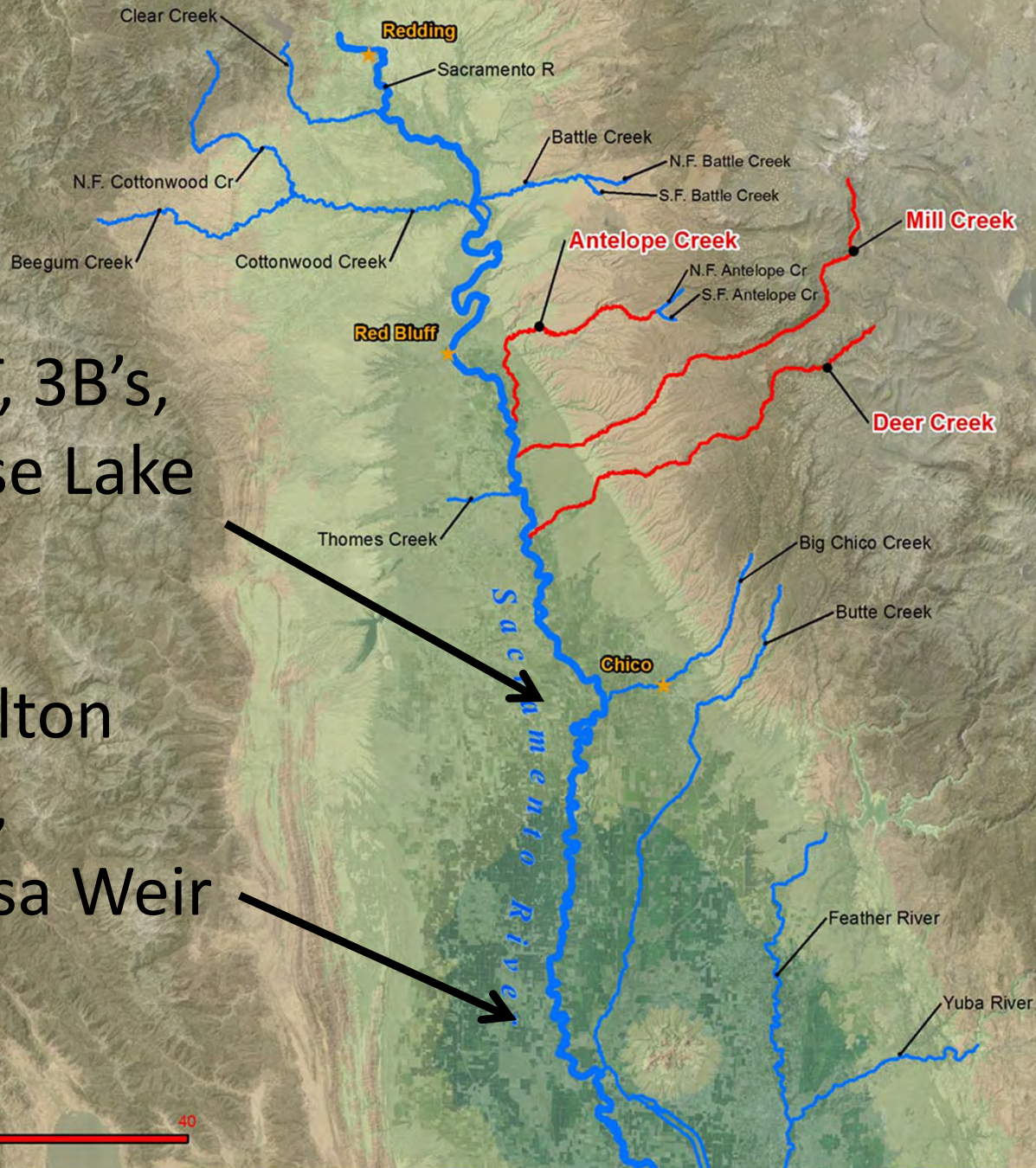


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M&T, 3B's,
Goose Lake

Moulton
Weir,
Colusa Weir



An underwater photograph of a school of fish, likely salmon, swimming in clear, greenish water. The fish are of various sizes and are captured in motion, creating a sense of a busy aquatic environment. The lighting is soft and diffused, typical of an underwater setting.

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Movement and Survival rates of Butte Creek spring-run Chinook salmon smolts throughout their migration to the Ocean



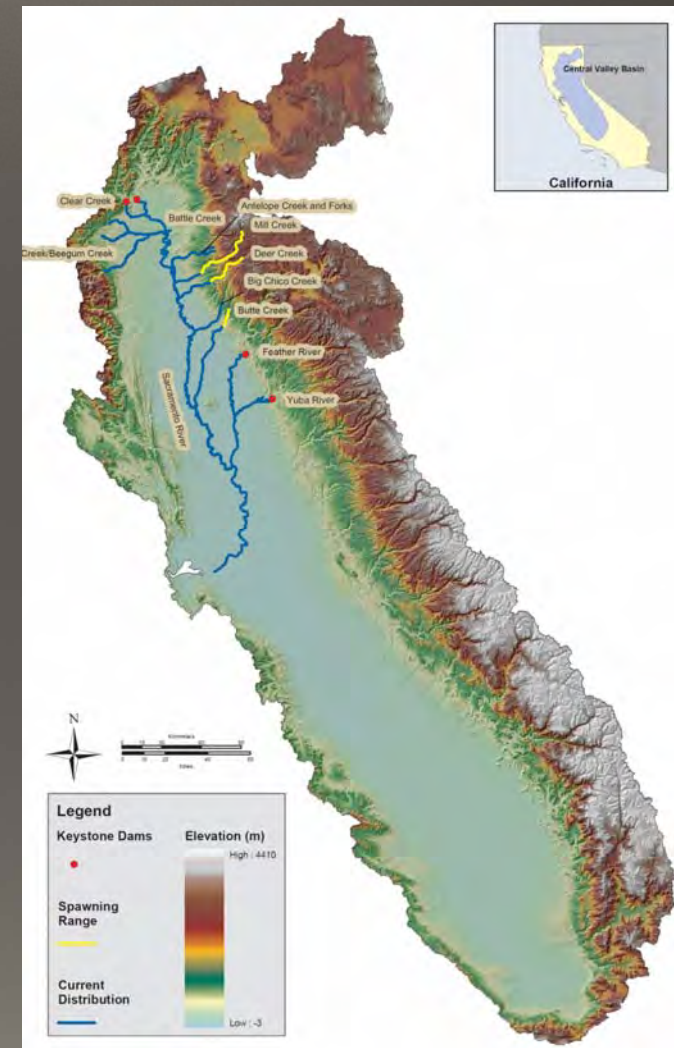
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Flora Cordoleani, Arnold Ammann, Jeremy Notch and
Alex Mc-Huron

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Central Valley spring-run Chinook viability status

- Only 3 out of 18 or 19 historic independent populations of CV spring-run Chinook salmon are extant: Mill, Deer, and Butte creeks
- Represent only the Northern Sierra Nevada diversity group
- Listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) since 1999.



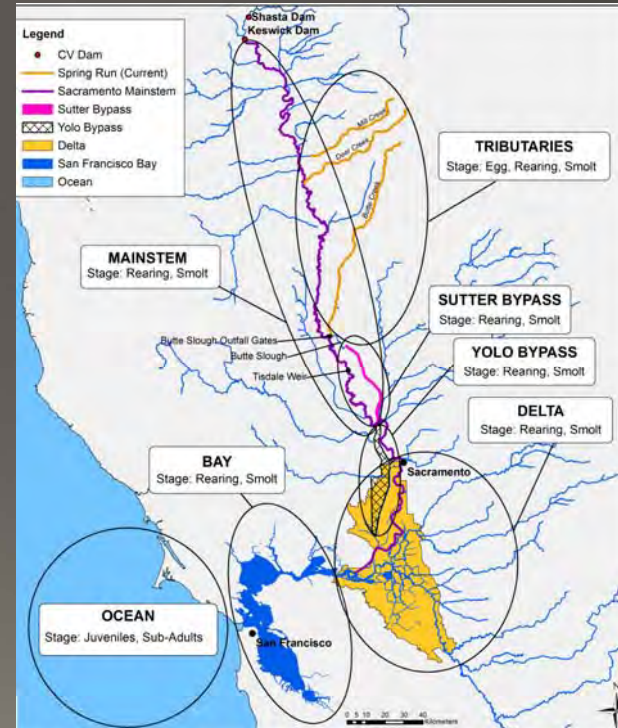
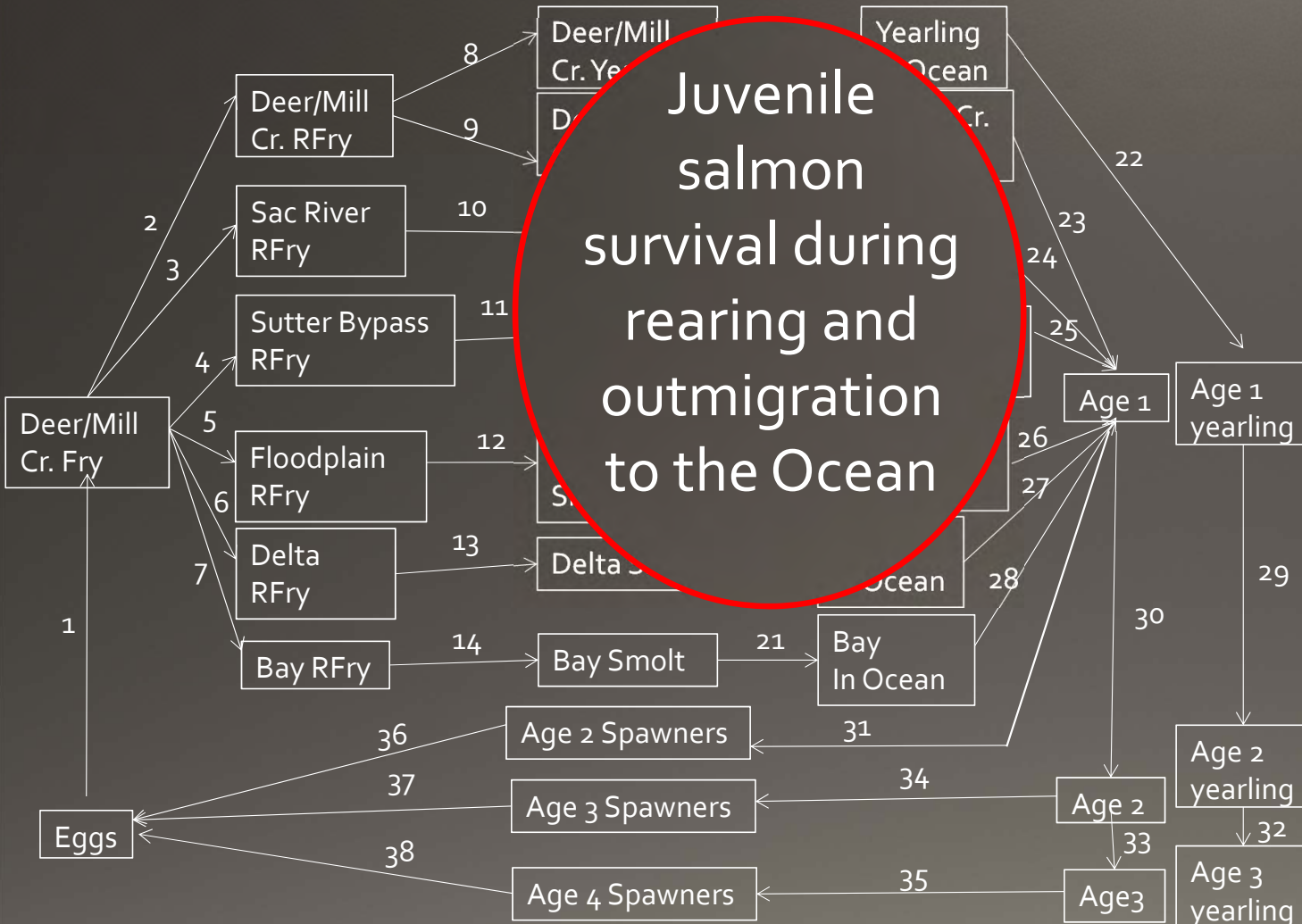
Central Valley spring-run Chinook viability status

“The status of the CV spring-run Chinook salmon ESU has probably improved on balance since the 2010 status review, through 2014, with Mill and Deer Creek populations improving from high extinction risks to moderate extinction risks. Butte Creek, has remained at low risk, and all viability metrics had been trending in a positive direction, up until 2015.”

“The recent declines of many of the dependent populations, high pre-spawn and egg mortality, and uncertain juvenile survival during the 2012 to 2015 drought, ocean conditions, as well as the level of straying of FRFH spring-run Chinook salmon to other CV spring-run Chinook salmon populations are all causes for concern for the long-term viability of the CV spring-run Chinook salmon ESU.”

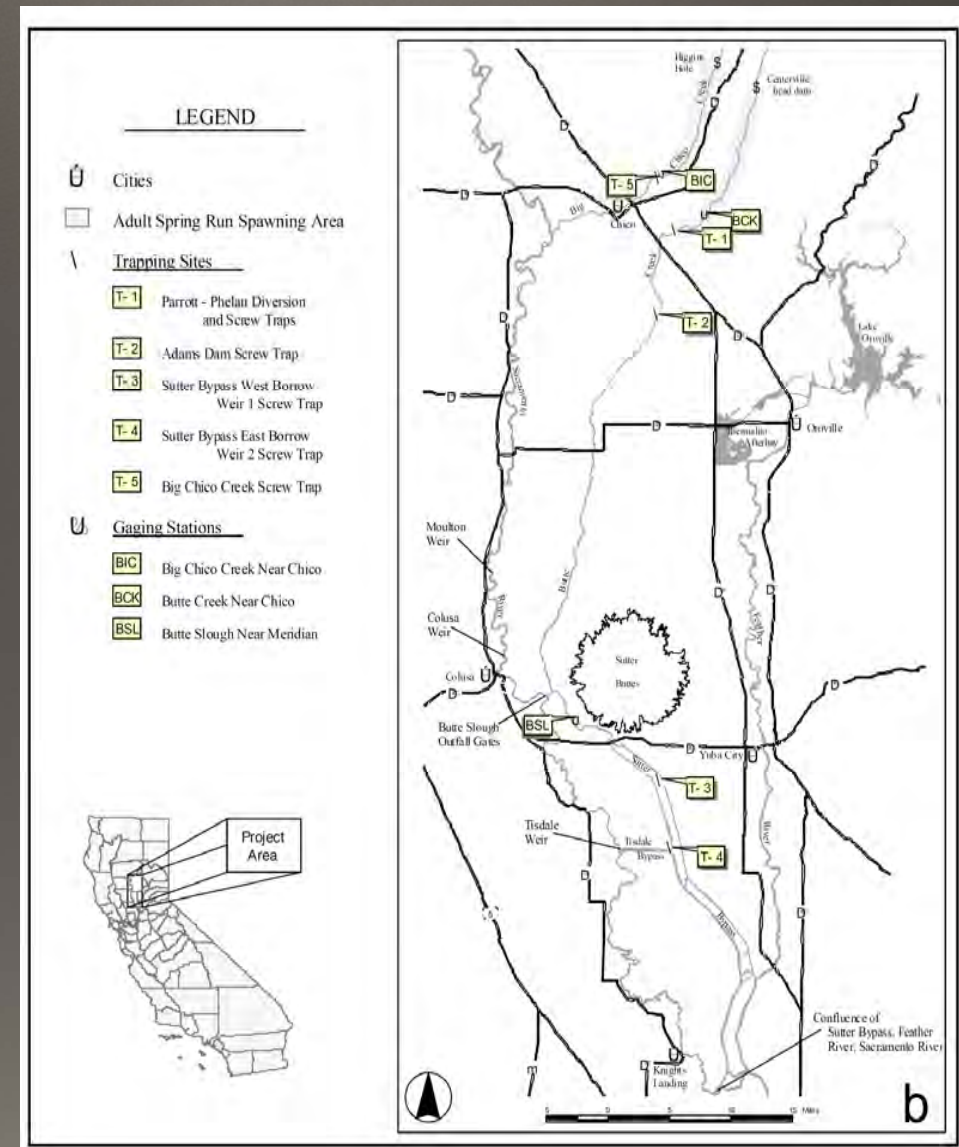
[Johnson and Lindley, SR viability report (2016) and NOAA-NMFS 5 year status review report (2016)]

Central Valley spring-run Chinook LCM

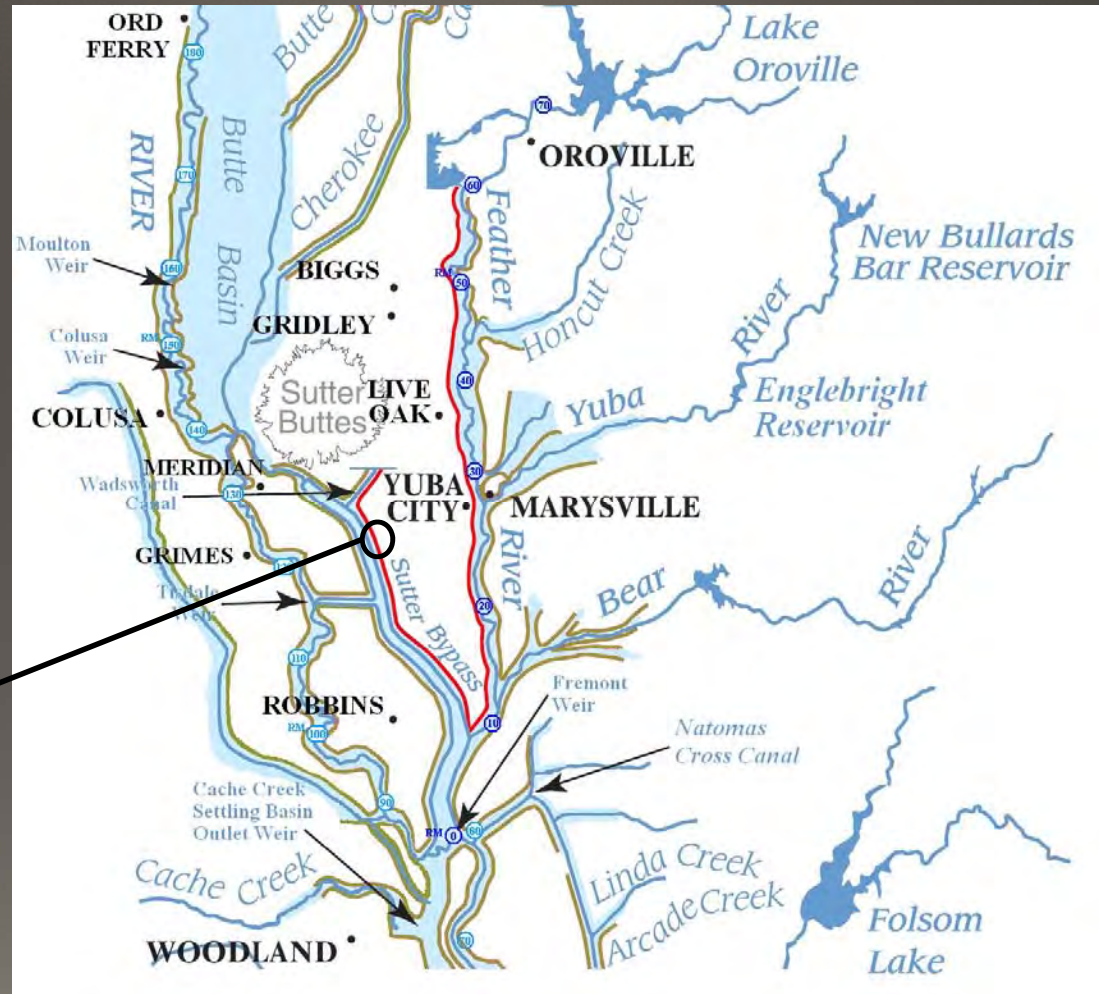


Butte Creek & Sutter Bypass

- Butte Creek originates in the Lassen National Forest
- Butte Creek is connected to the Sacramento River through the Butte Slough outfall gates and the Sutter Bypass
- Sutter Bypass = Floodplain of 40km composed of two canals (East and West borrow)
- Moulton, Colusa and Tisdale weirs spill water from the Mainstem into Butte Creek system
- Important rearing habitat for Butte Creek Chinook salmon juveniles

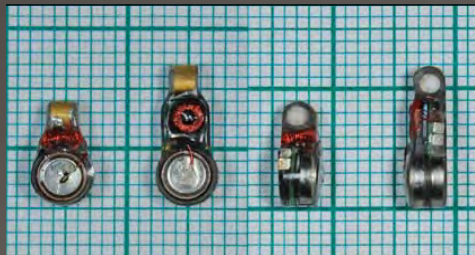
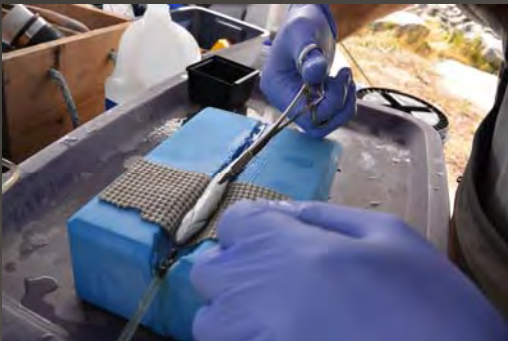


Study site: Sutter Bypass Weir 2



Acoustic tagging study

- Juvenile Salmon Acoustic Telemetry System (JSATS)
- Smolts > 80 mm

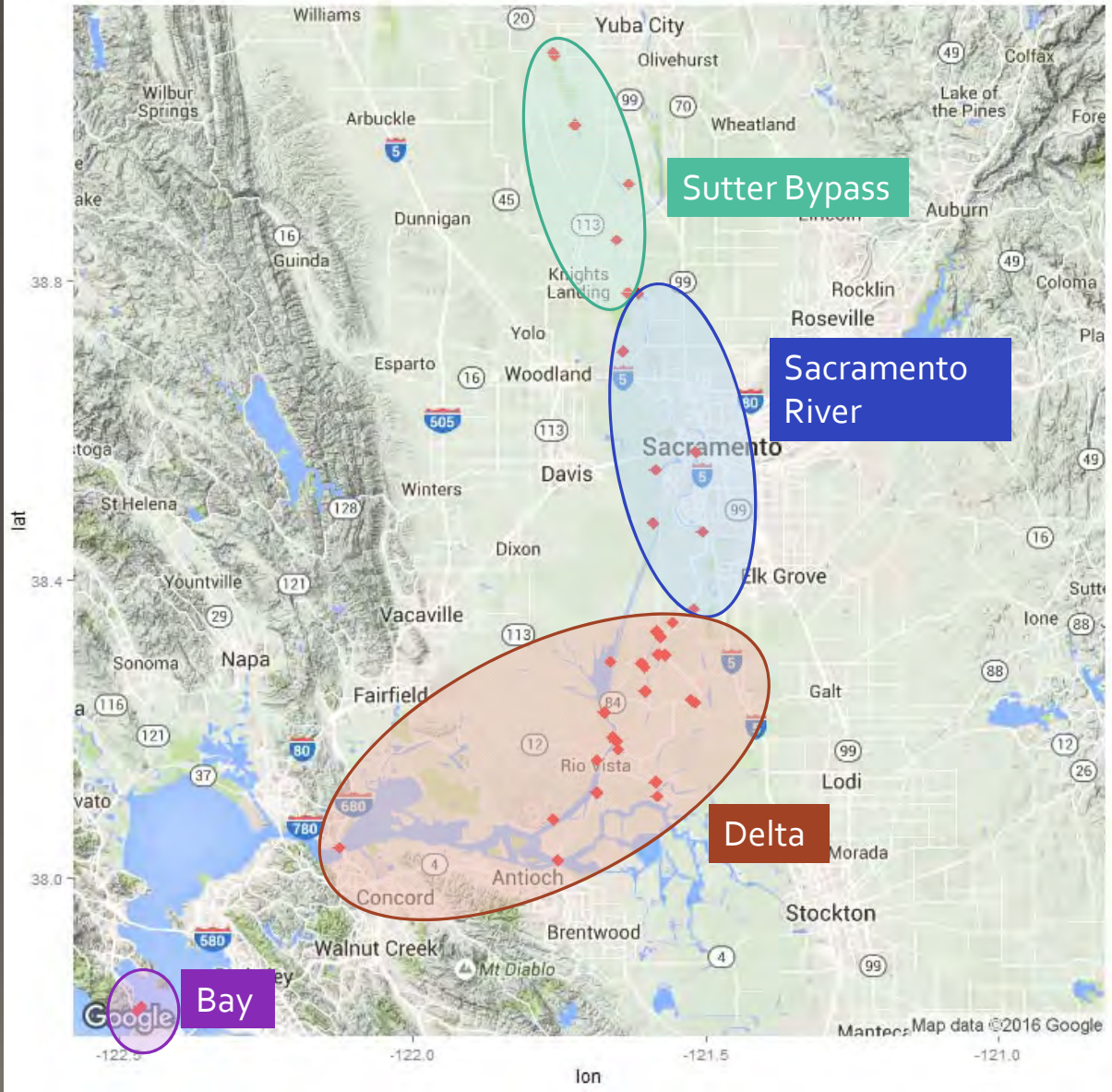


0.28g and 0.3g Lotek JSATS acoustic tags



Receivers Map

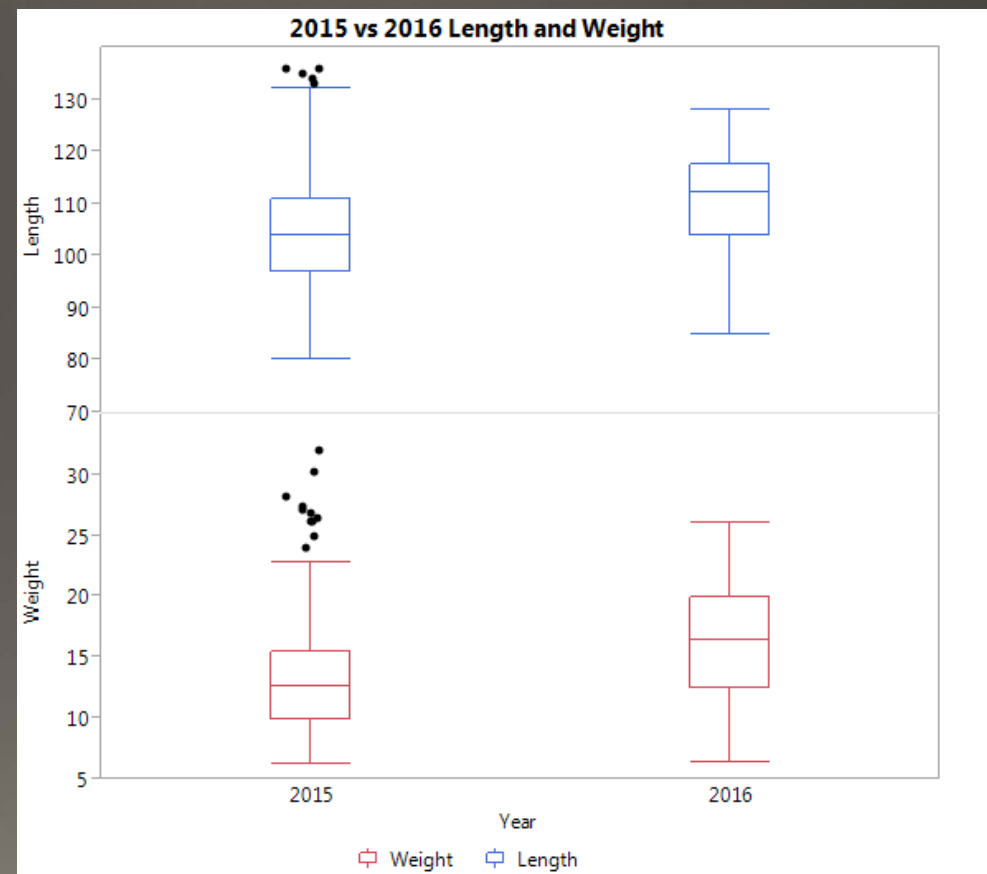
➤ 500 Km array of acoustic receivers



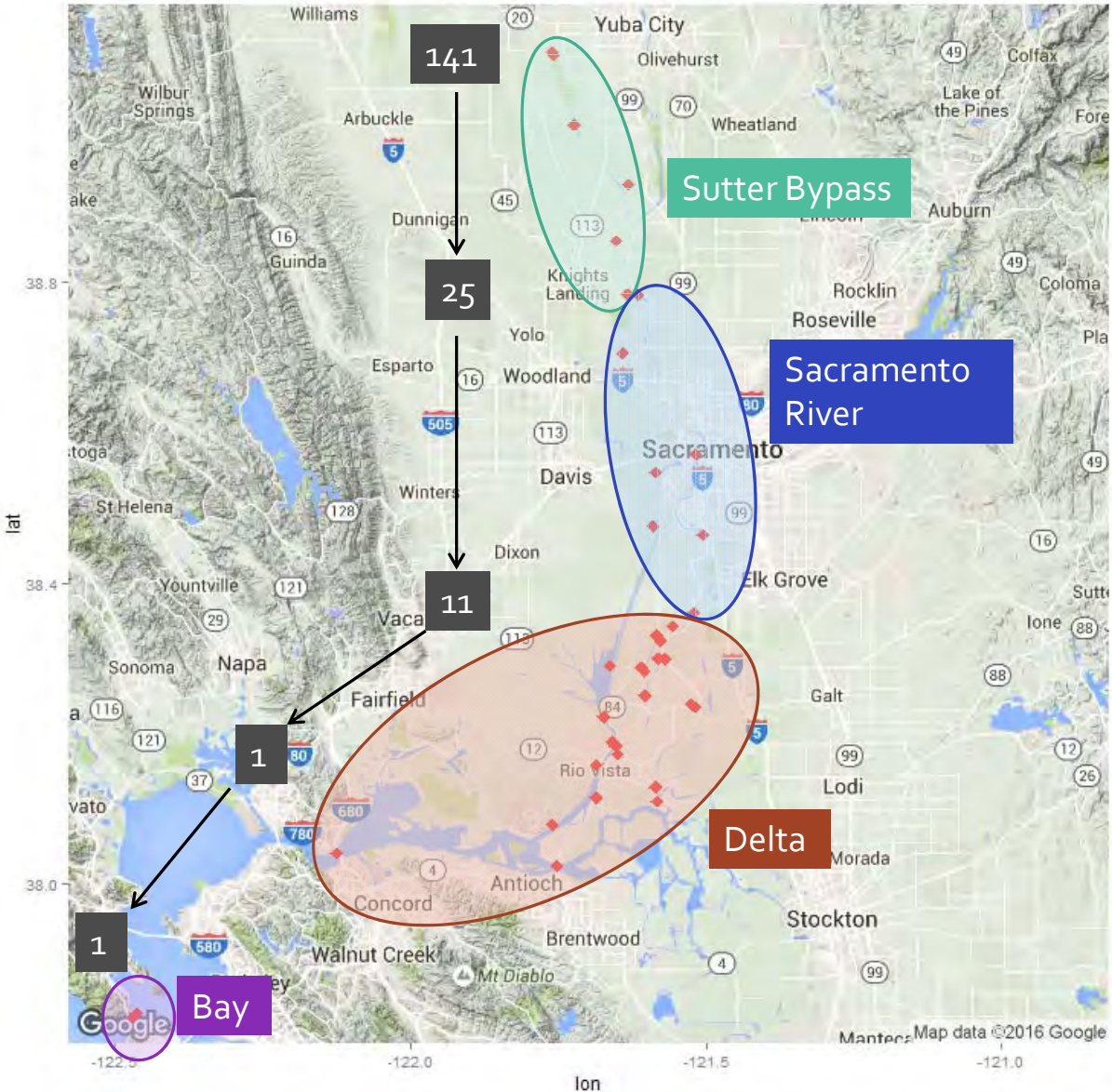
2015 vs 2016 tagged fish

- 141 fish tagged between April 6 - 16 2015
- 200 fish tagged between April 14 - 18 2016

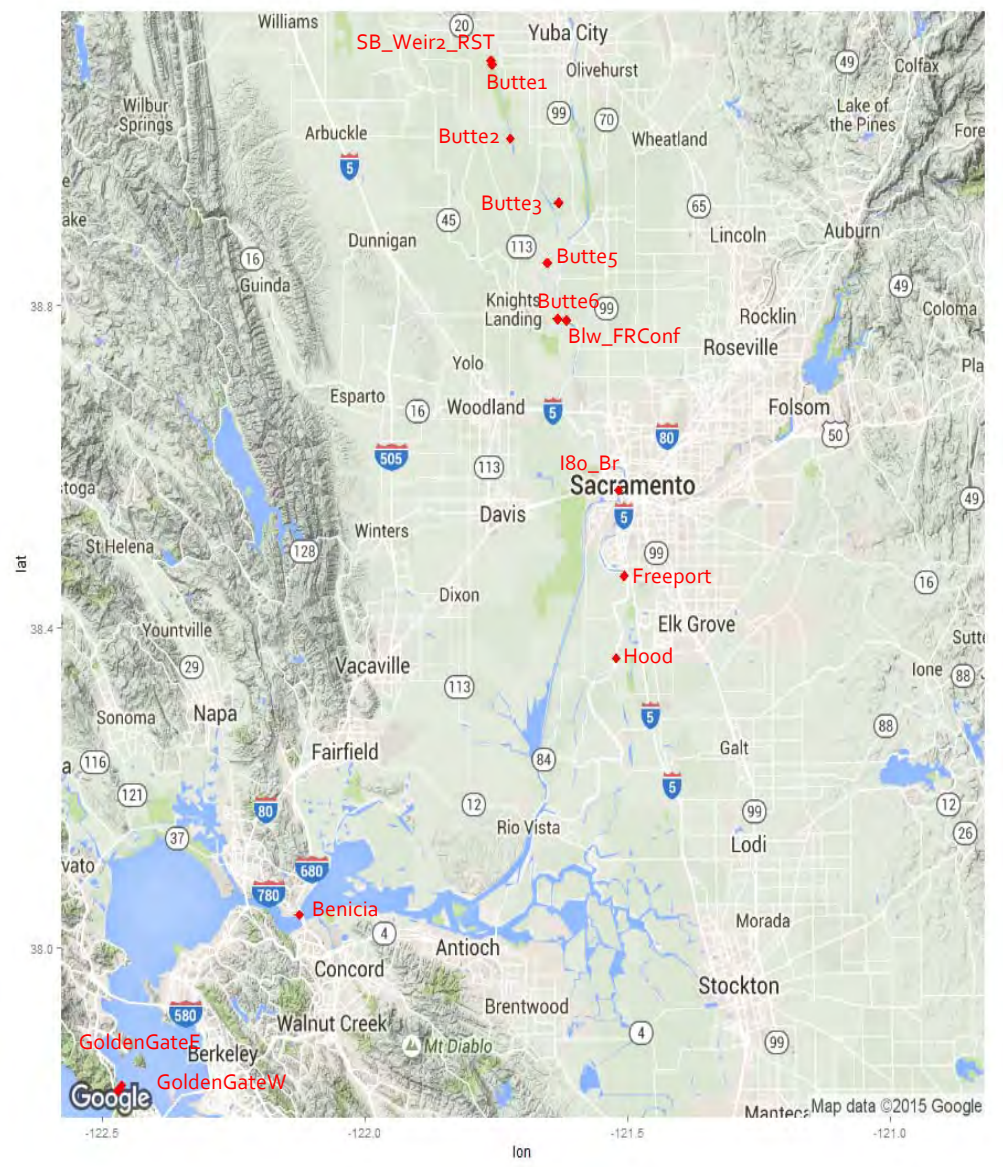
| Year | n | Weight –grams (SD) | Length – mm (SD) |
|------|-----|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2015 | 141 | 13.47 (5.36) | 104.75 (12.28) |
| 2016 | 200 | 16.68 (7.68) | 110.02 (10.93) |



2015 detections map



Simplified receivers map

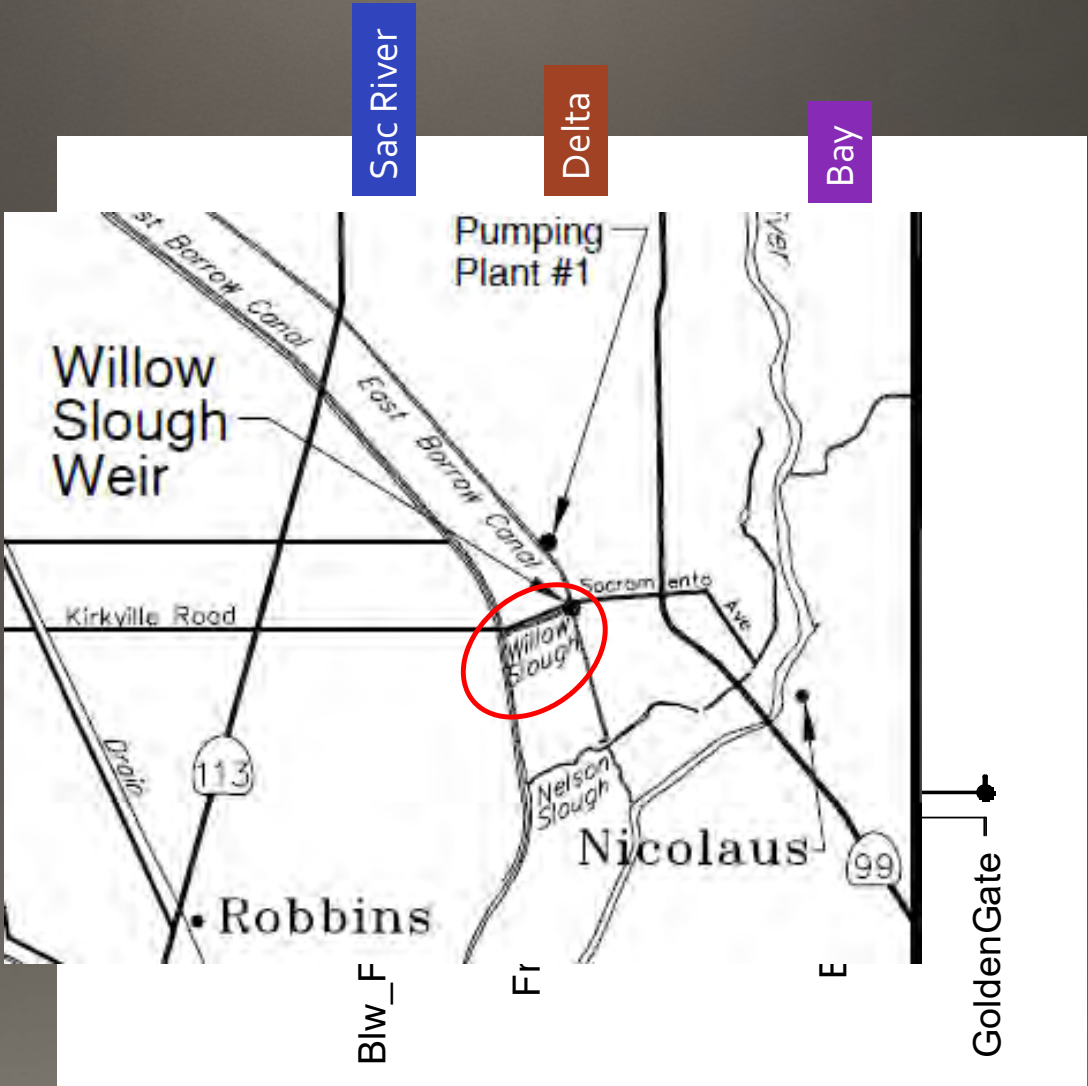
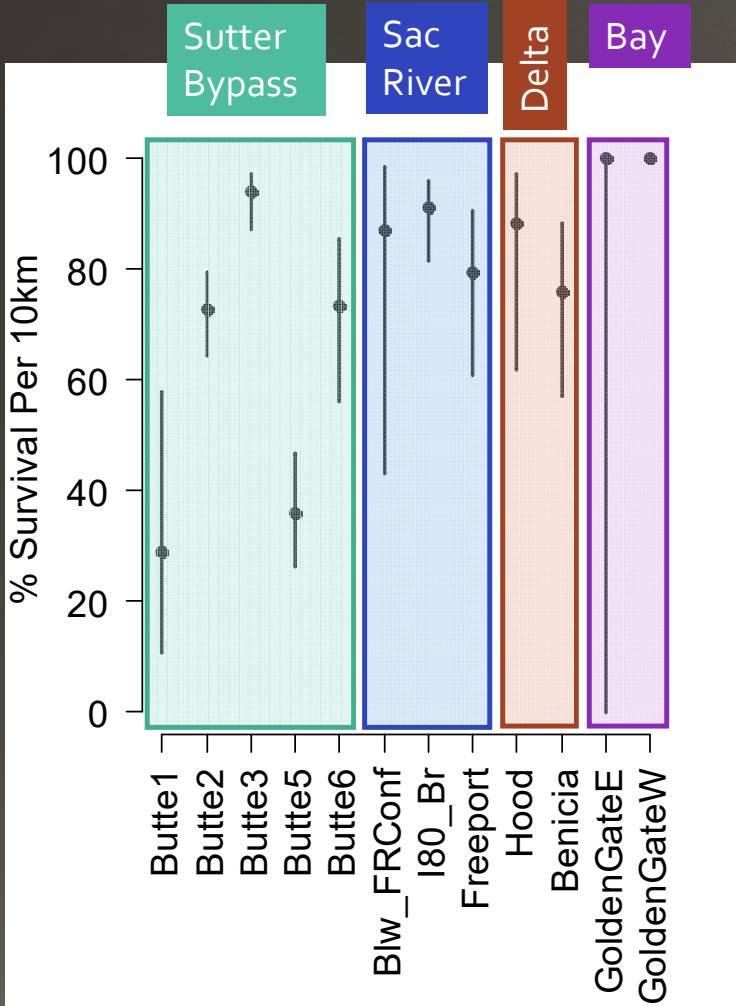


Cormack-Jolly-Seber survival model

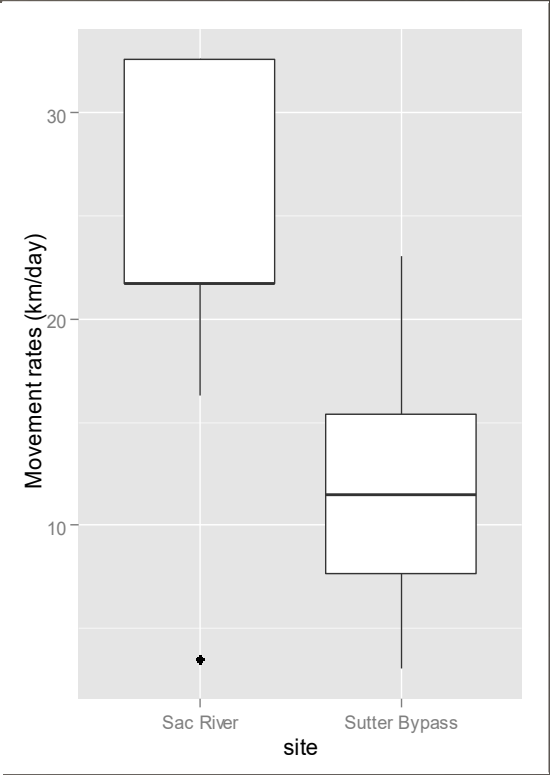
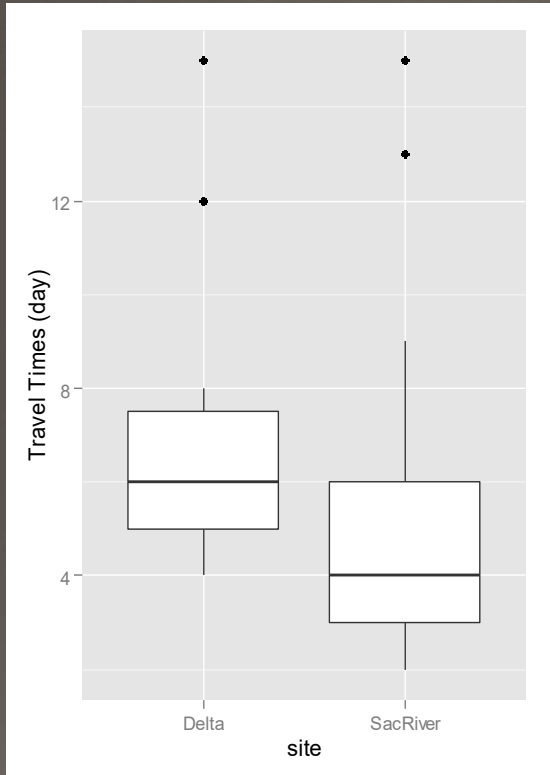
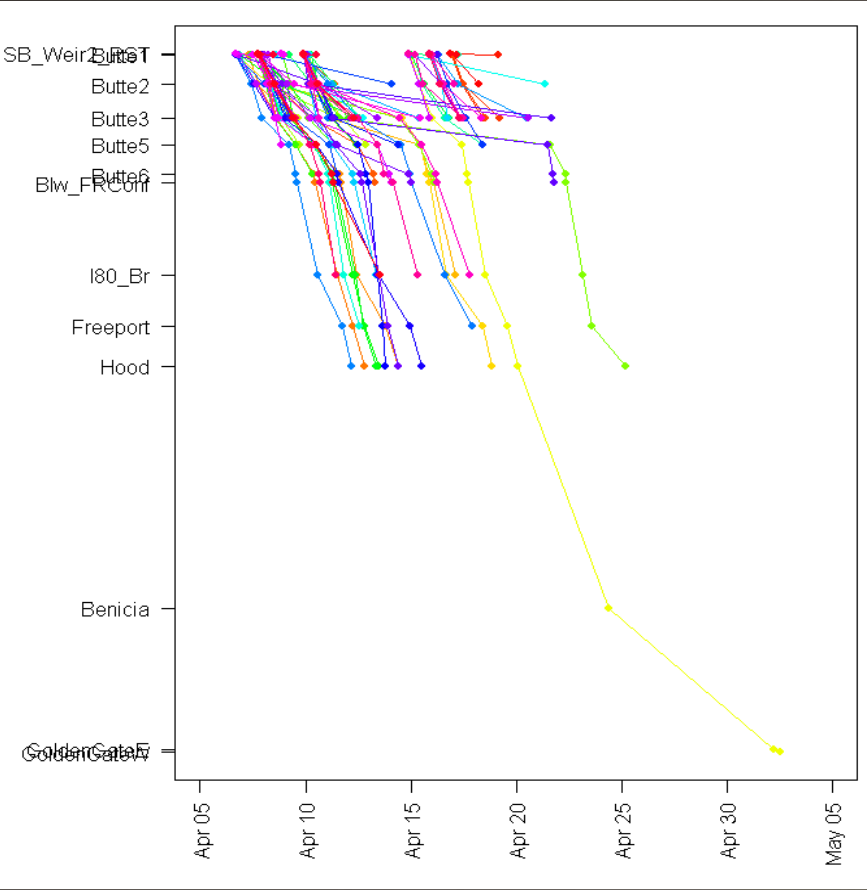
- Reach-specific survival rates and detection probability estimated with a spatial form of the Cormack-Jolly-Seber (CJS) model (RMark library)
- Covariates: fish length, fish weight, water temp at release, water temp at each detection site
- Best Model:

| Phi | p | model | npar | AICc | DeltaAICc | weight |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------------------|------|----------|-----------|----------|
| ~reach+ length + temp | ~1 | Phi(~reach + length + temp)p(~1) | 15 | 553.3976 | 0 | 0.653821 |
| ~reach + temp | ~1 | Phi(~reach + temp)p(~1) | 14 | 555.545 | 2.147476 | 0.223429 |
| ~reach+ length | ~1 | Phi(~reach + length)p(~1) | 14 | 557.9941 | 4.596546 | 0.065665 |

2015 survival estimates

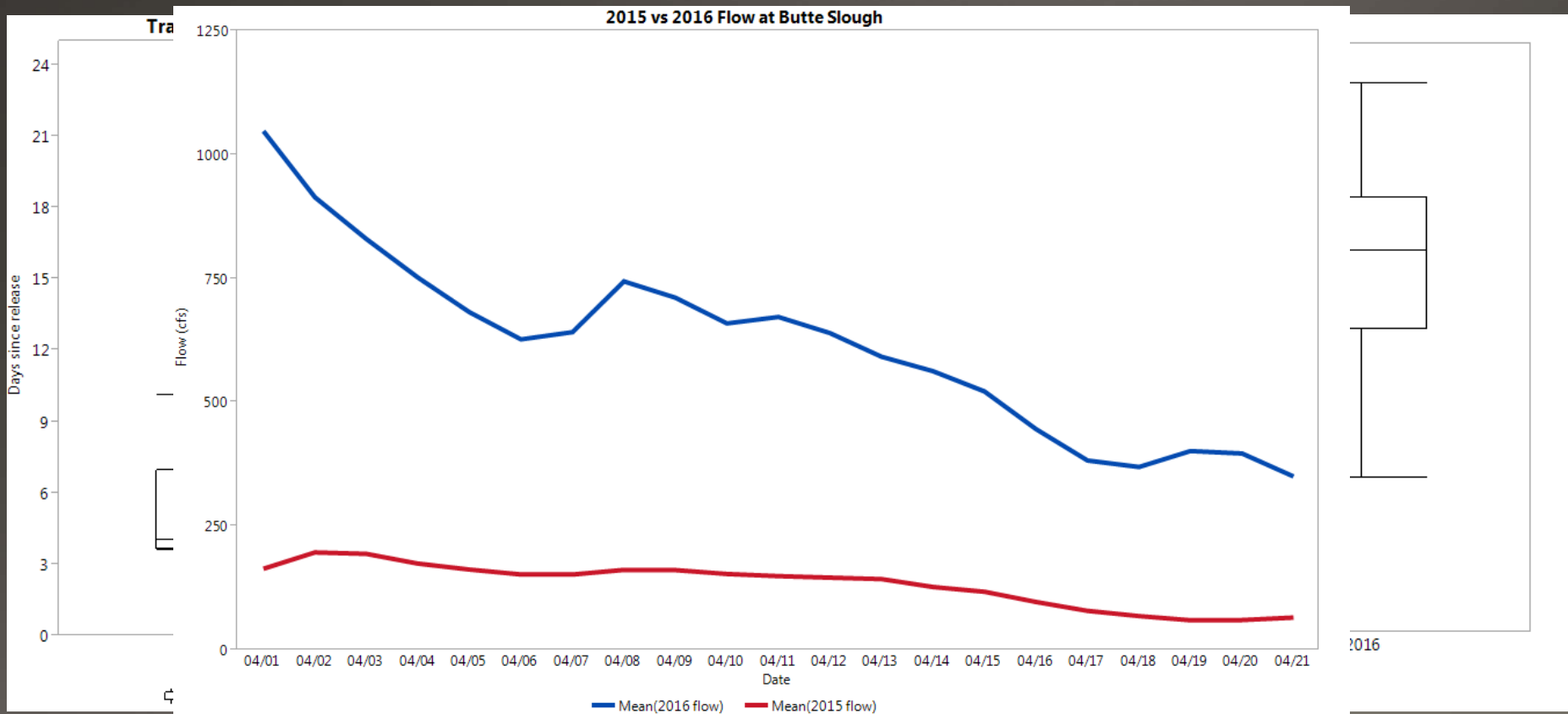


2015 migration pattern and movement rate



2015 vs 2016 real time travel time

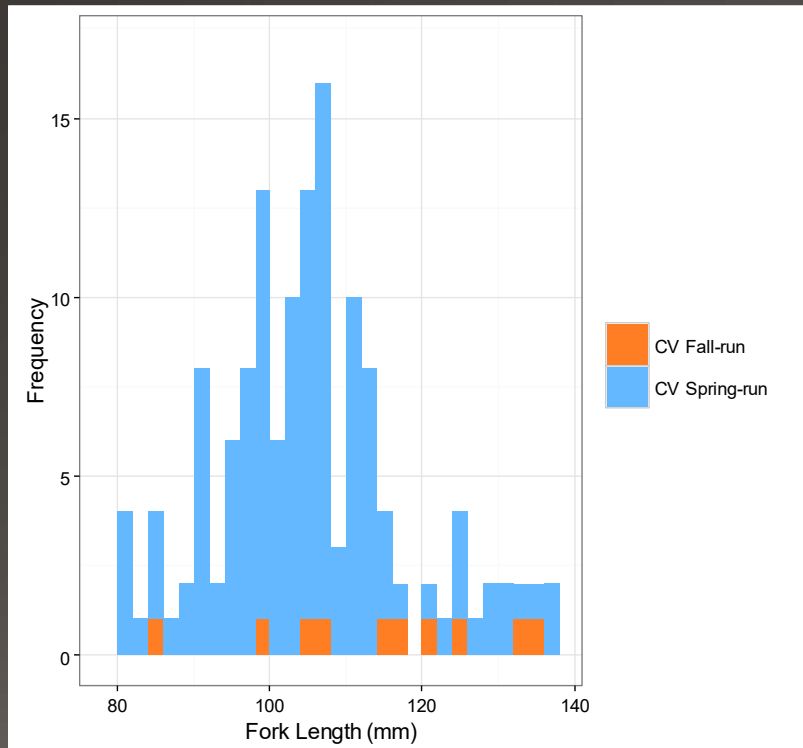
➤ Real time receiver at Tower Bridge (rkm 172)



Genetic Assignment. SR vs FR

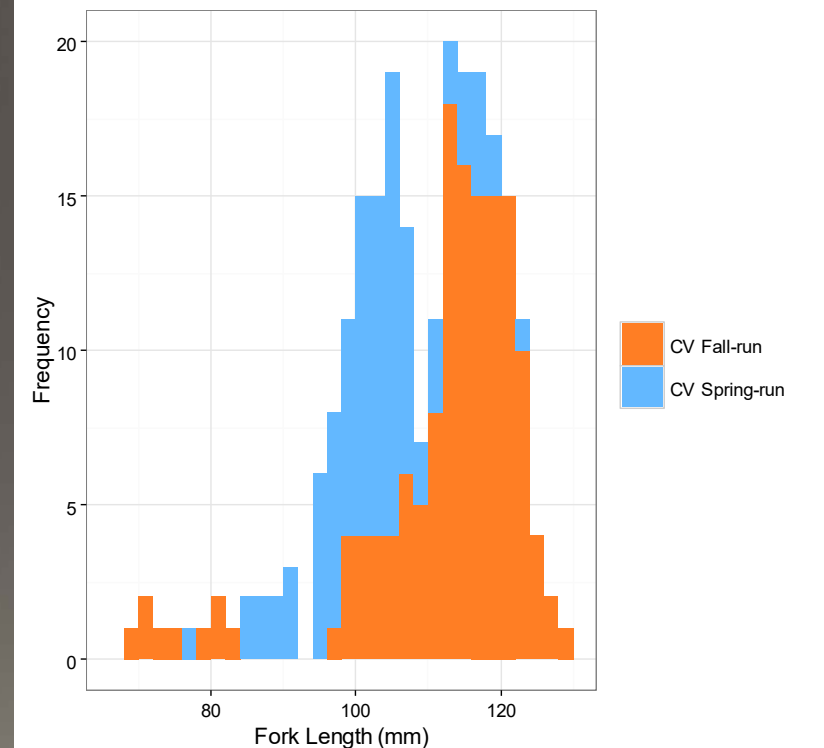
2015

| Group | min | max | Mean | sd | freq |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|------|------|
| CV fall-run | 84 | 135 | 113.6 | 14.1 | 10 |
| CV spring-run | 80 | 136 | 104.1 | 11.7 | 129 |



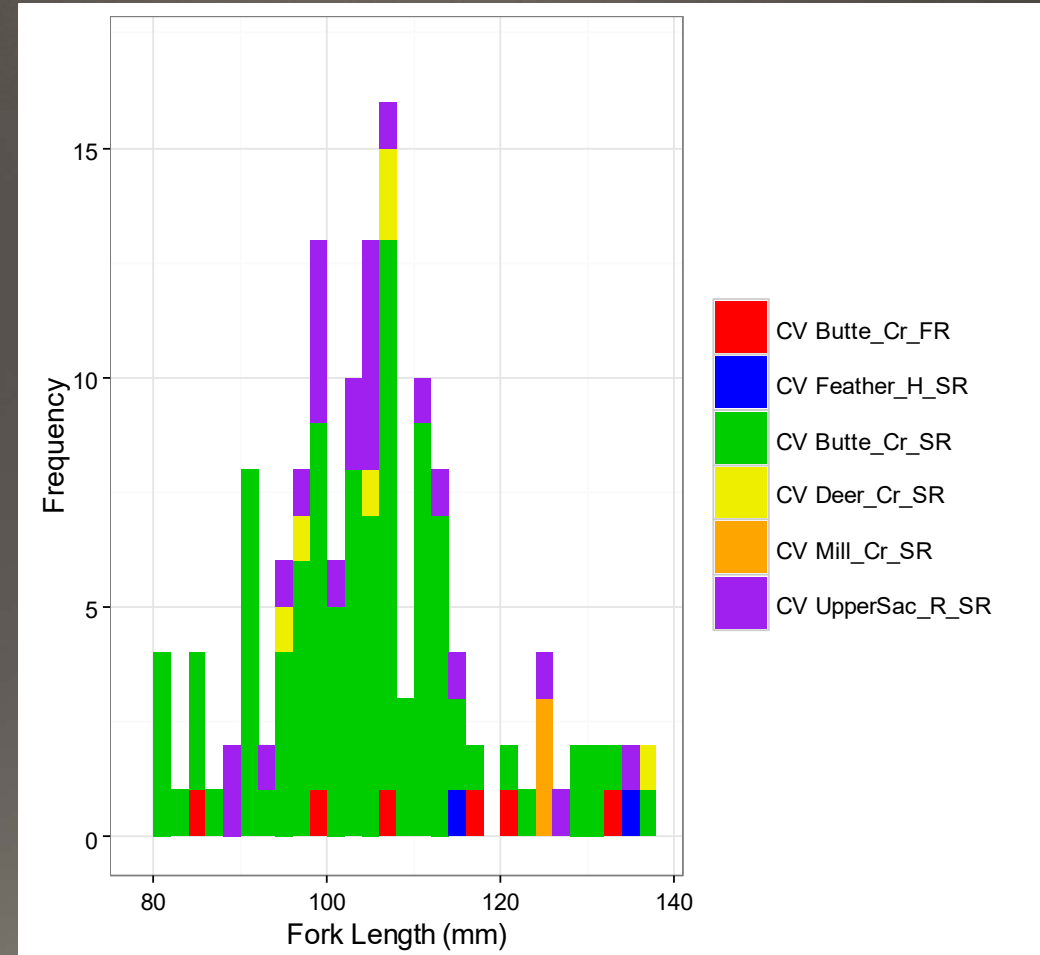
2016 (200 tagged fish + 34 sampled fish)

| Group | min | max | mean | sd | freq |
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| CV fall-run | 69 | 128 | 111.7 | 11.8 | 141 |
| CV spring-run | 76 | 122 | 102 | 8.2 | 92 |



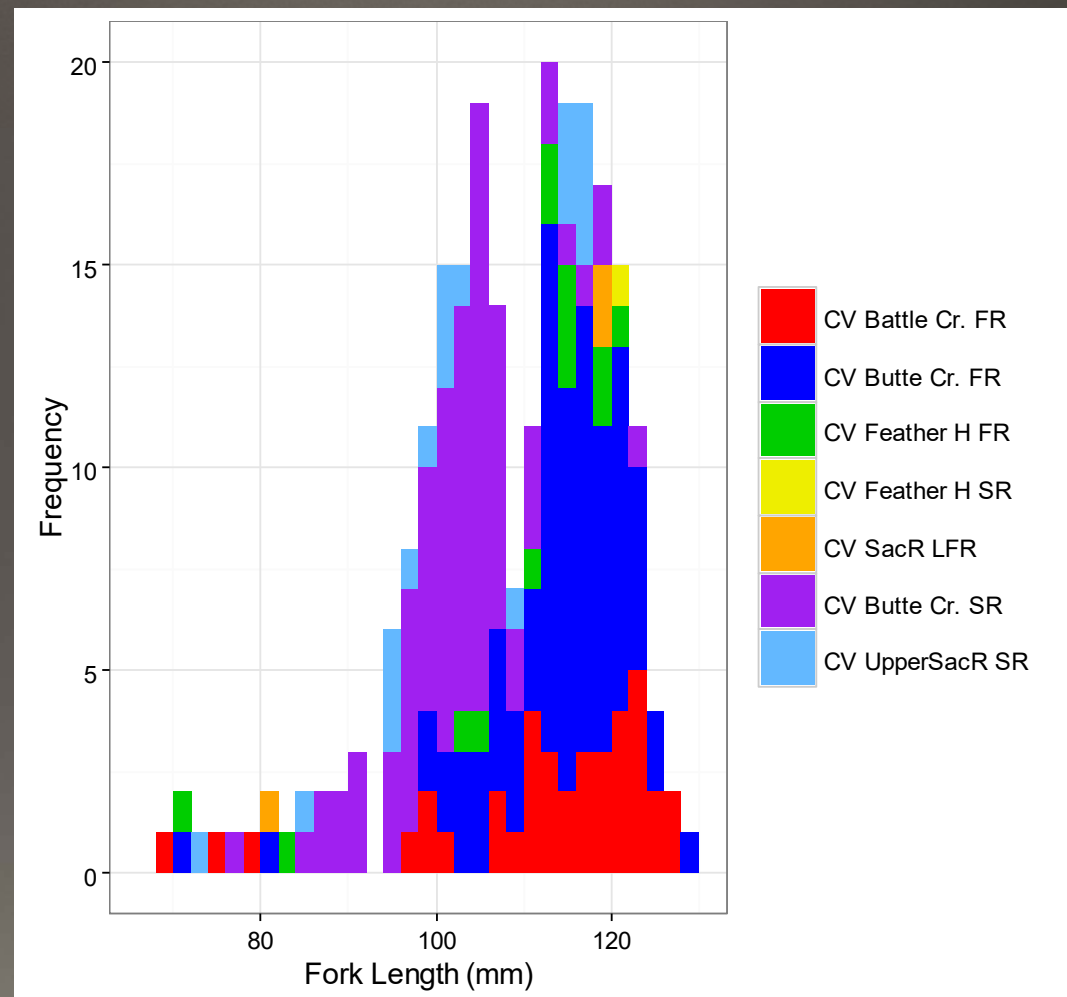
Genetic Assignment. CV stocks 2015

| Group | min | max | Mean | sd | freq |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|------|------|
| CV Butte Cr. FR | 84 | 132 | 109.7 | 16.9 | 6 |
| CV Feather H. SR | 114 | 135 | 124.5 | 14.8 | 2 |
| CV Butte Cr. SR | 80 | 136 | 103.3 | 11.6 | 98 |
| CV Deer Cr. SR | 95 | 136 | 107.7 | 14.9 | 6 |
| CV Mill Cr. SR | 124 | 125 | 124.3 | 0.6 | 3 |
| CV UpperSacR SR | 88 | 134 | 104.7 | 11.3 | 24 |



Genetic Assignment. CV stocks 2016

| Group | min | max | Mean | sd | freq |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|------|------|
| CV Battle Cr. FR | 69 | 126 | 11.7 | 13.8 | 38 |
| CV Butte Cr. FR | 70 | 128 | 113.1 | 8.9 | 81 |
| CV Feather H FR | 71 | 121 | 107.5 | 15 | 13 |
| CV Feather H SR | 120 | 120 | 120 | NA | 1 |
| CV SacR LFR | 80 | 119 | 106 | 22.5 | 3 |
| CV Butte Cr. SR | 76 | 122 | 101.8 | 7.8 | 78 |
| CV UpperSacR SR | 72 | 117 | 102.8 | 12.3 | 19 |



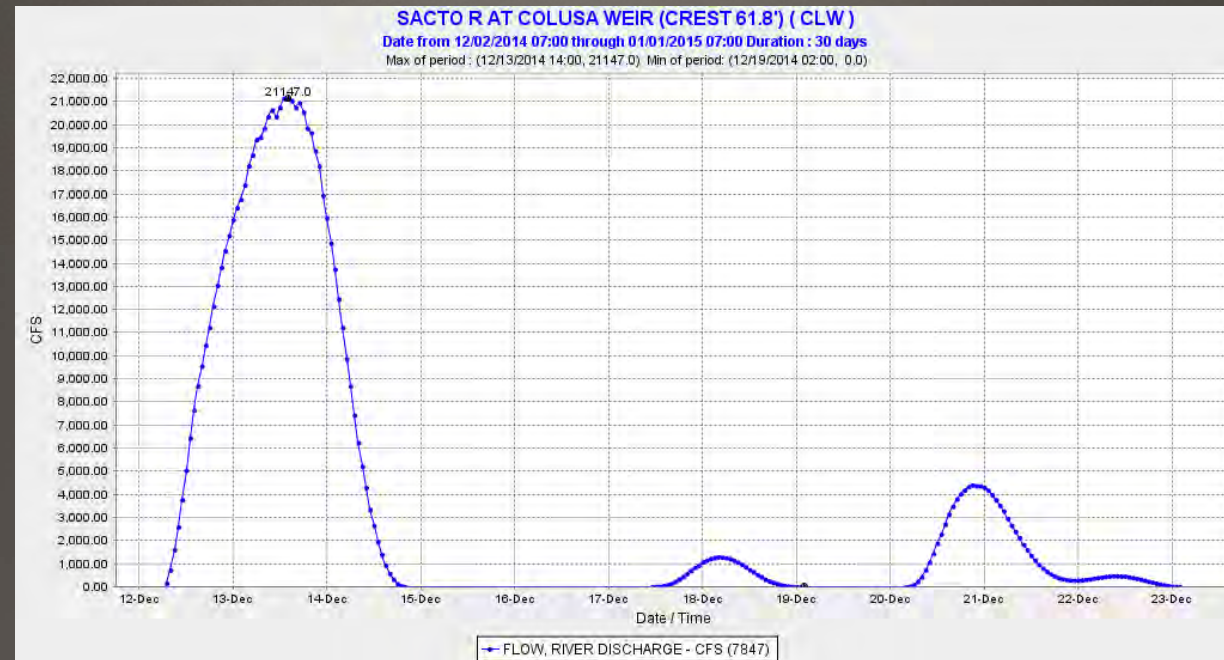
Take home message

- 2015 was a very dry year and Butte Creek spring-run smolt survival was very low, especially in two reaches of the Sutter Bypass that could be caused by detection issues and fish confusion
- Preliminary results for 2016 show that tagged fish are bigger and migrating faster to the Delta than in 2015
- More FR than SR fish tagged in 2016 (7% of FR in 2015 vs 63% in 2016)

Take home message

➤ Proportion of Chinook salmon coming from the Mainstem to the Bypass is higher in 2016 than in 2015

(25% in 2015 vs 30% in 2016)



Source: CDEC



Source: Alex McHuron

Future directions

- Keep performing acoustic study to compare survival obtained for different water type year, assess the impact of drought events
- Expand Butte Cr. spring-run Chinook salmon monitoring program to evaluate juvenile production and survival in upper Butte Creek watershed and for smaller fish
- Evaluate the rearing potential in the lower Butte Cr. system for different flooding scenario

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- US Bureau of Reclamation
- CA Department of Water Resource
- CA Department of Fish and Wildlife

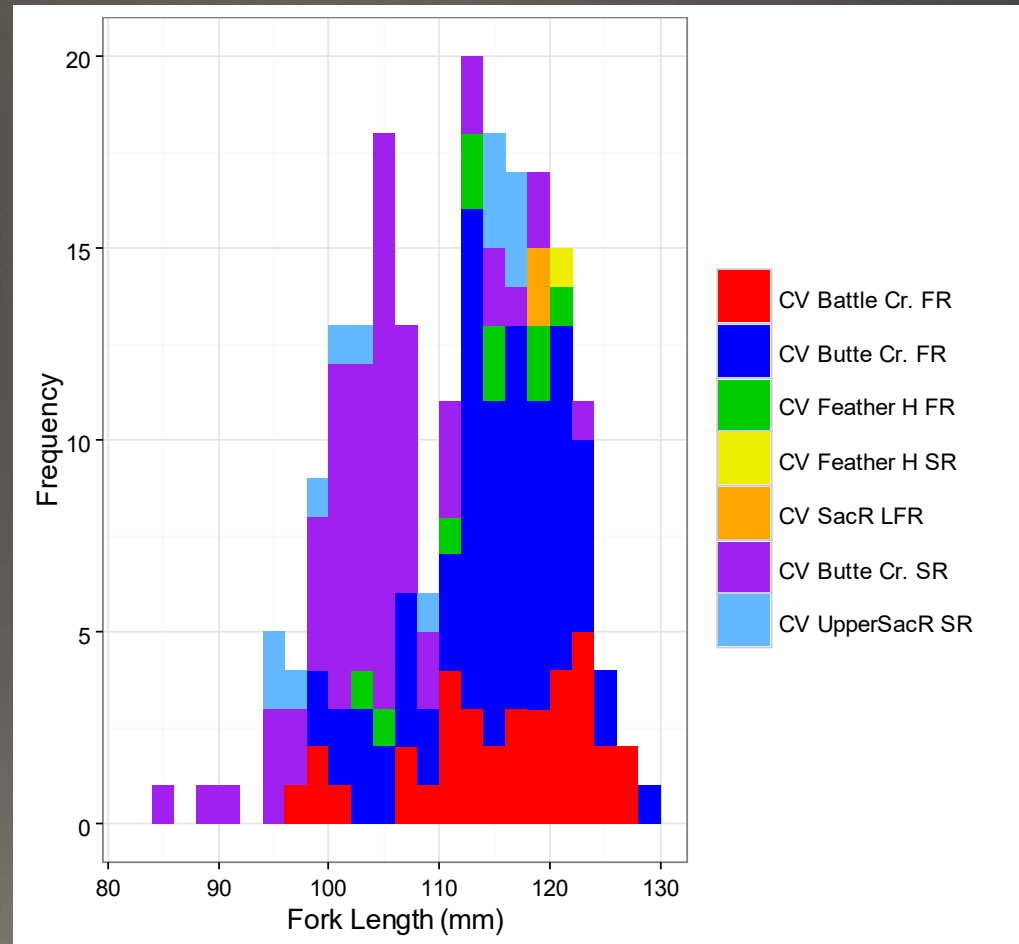
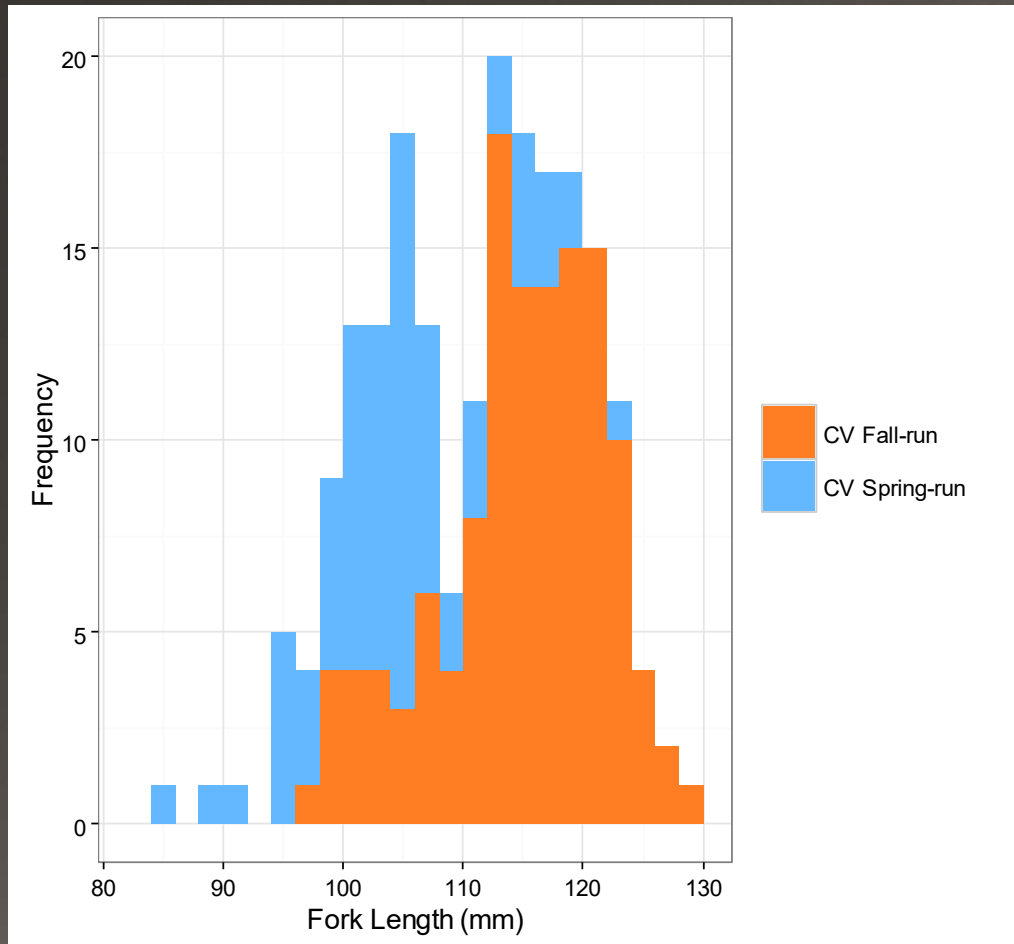
Funding: USBR Drought Grant

Genetic Assignment. CV stocks 2016

| FishID | NumLoc | Rank | Group | FullEM | NumLoc | Rank | Group | FullEM | Numloc | Rank | Group | FullEM |
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| SB2016-029 | 91 | 1 | CentralValleyfa-- Butte_Cr_fa | 44.95 | 91 | 2 | CentralValleyfa-- Feather_H_fa | 23.18 | 91 | 3 | CentralValleyfa-- Battle_Cr | 22.511 |
| SB2016-030 | 83 | 1 | CentralValleyfa-- Butte_Cr_fa | 67.256 | 83 | 2 | CentralValleyfa-- Battle_Cr | 22.464 | 83 | 3 | CentralValleyfa-- Sacramento_R_If | 4.19 |
| SB2016-031 | 91 | 1 | CentralValleyfa-- Battle_Cr | 78.551 | 91 | 2 | CentralValleyfa-- Butte_Cr_fa | 11.366 | 91 | 3 | CentralValleyfa-- Sacramento_R_If | 4.14 |
| SB2016-032 | 91 | 1 | CentralValleyfa-- Feather_H_fa | 37.28 | 91 | 2 | CentralValleyfa-- Butte_Cr_fa | 30.085 | 91 | 3 | CentralValleysp-- UpperSacramento_R _sp | 18.344 |
| SB2016-033 | 91 | 1 | CentralValleyfa-- Battle_Cr | 48.023 | 91 | 2 | CentralValleyfa-- Butte_Cr_fa | 22.278 | 91 | 3 | CentralValleysp-- Deer_Cr_sp | 13.433 |
| SB2016-038 | 76 | 1 | CentralValleysp-- Butte_Cr_Sp | 68.82 | 76 | 2 | CentralValleysp-- UpperSacramento_R_sp | 24.337 | 76 | 3 | CentralValleyfa-- Butte_Cr_fa | 2.797 |

62 fish have a Numloc>90 & FullEM >80

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| SB2016-005 | 91 | 1 | CentralValleyfa-- Butte_Cr_fa | 87.554 | 91 | 2 | CentralValleyfa-- Battle_Cr | 7.499 | 91 | 3 | CentralValleyfa-- Mokelumne_R_fa | 2.015 |
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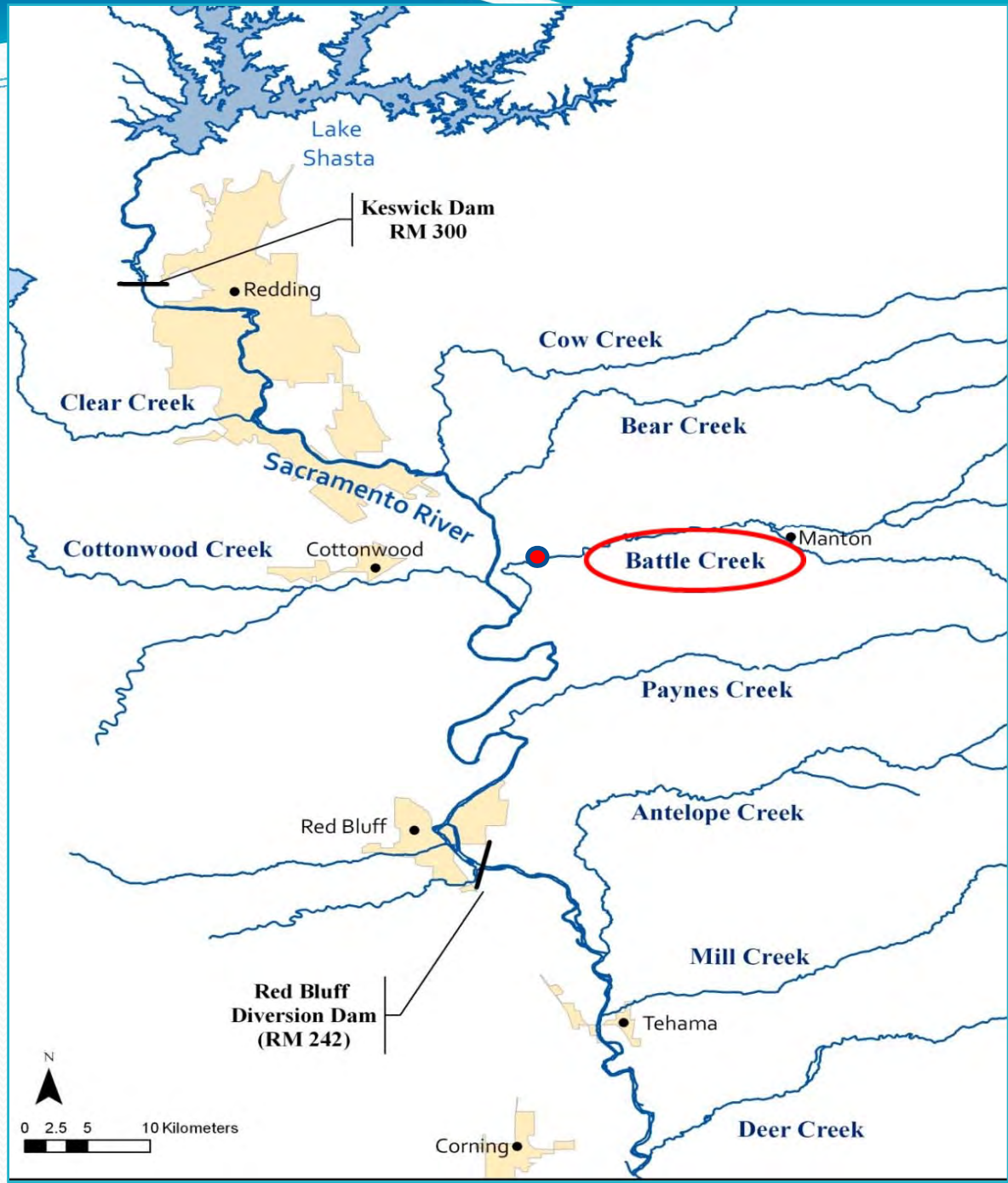
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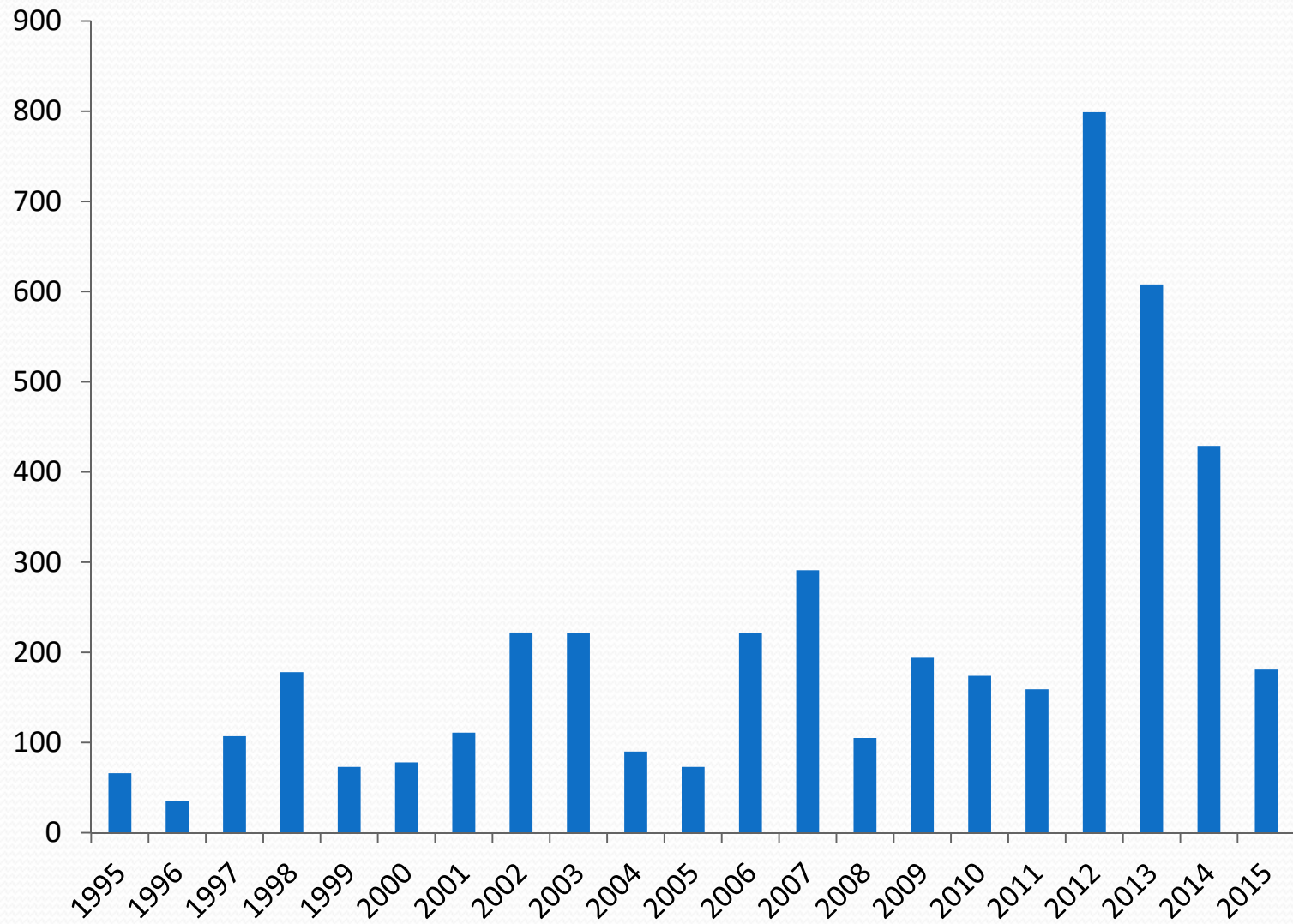
Battle Creek

- Adult Counts
- Decreased Spawning Success
- High Temperatures
- Wildcat Dam Removal!
- Ponderosa Fire Disaster
- Closing off South Fork
- Natural Barriers
- Future Plans and Actions
- Genetics



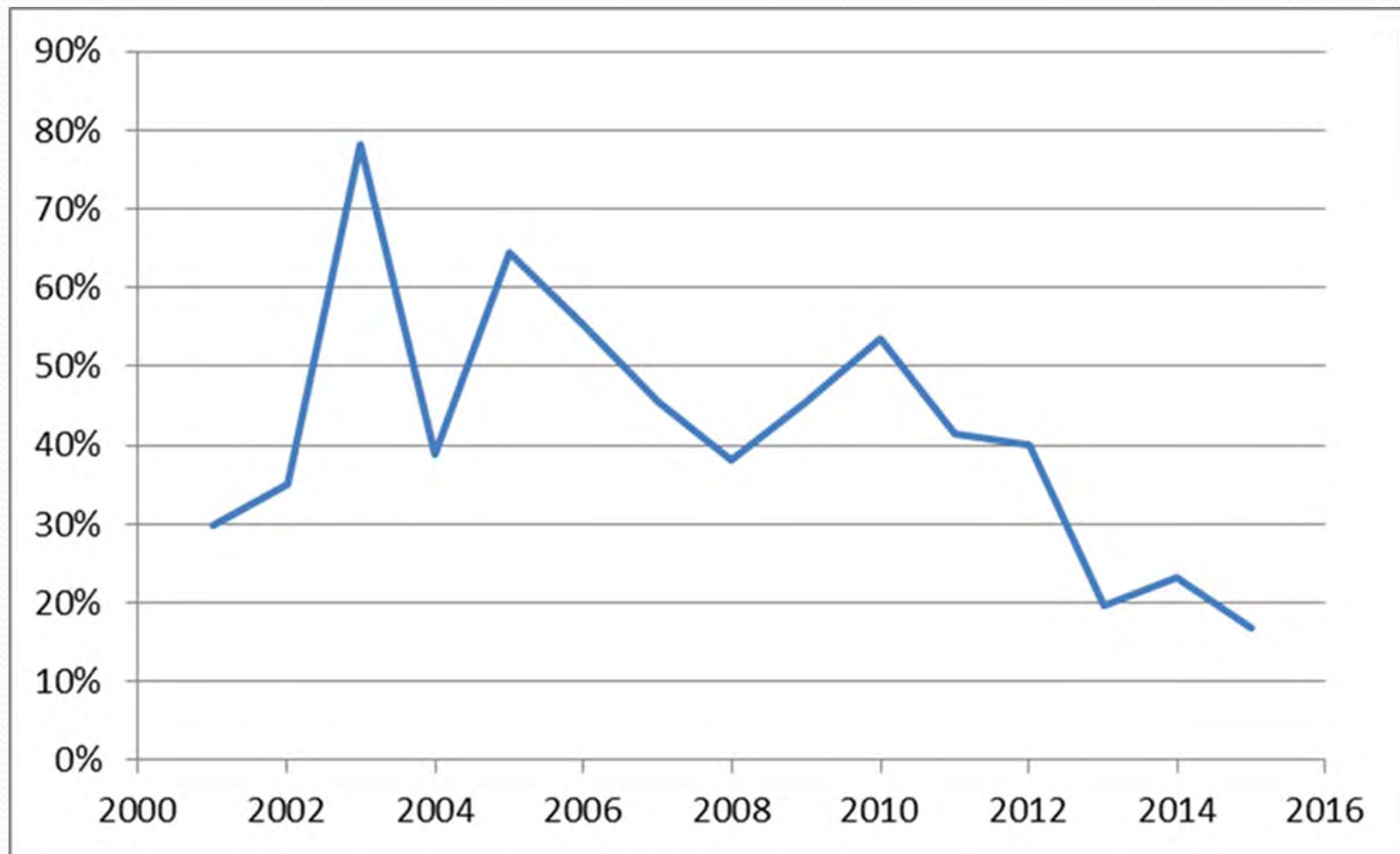


Battle Creek Spring Run Escapement



Decreased Spawning Success

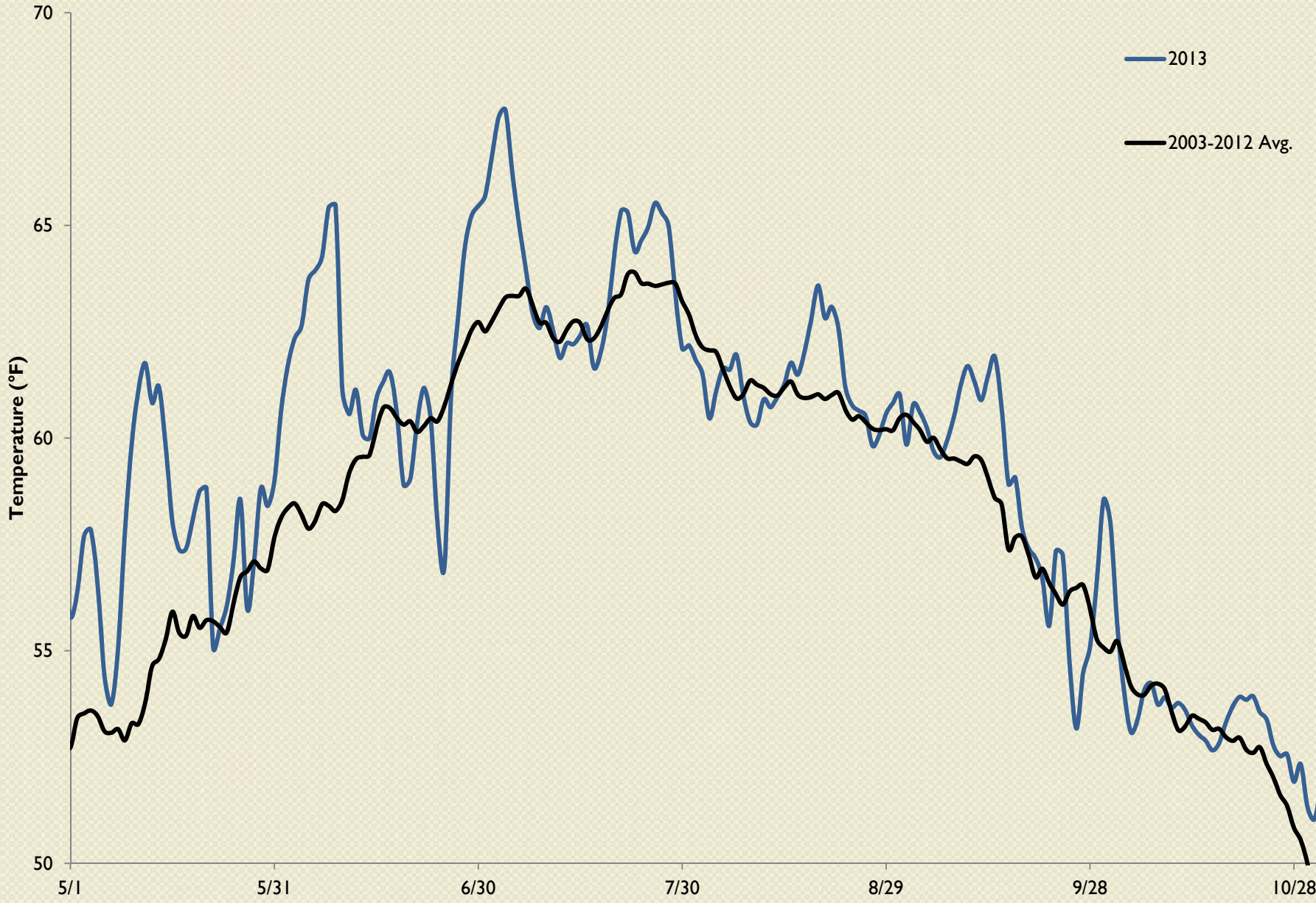
Lower Percent Redds Per Salmon



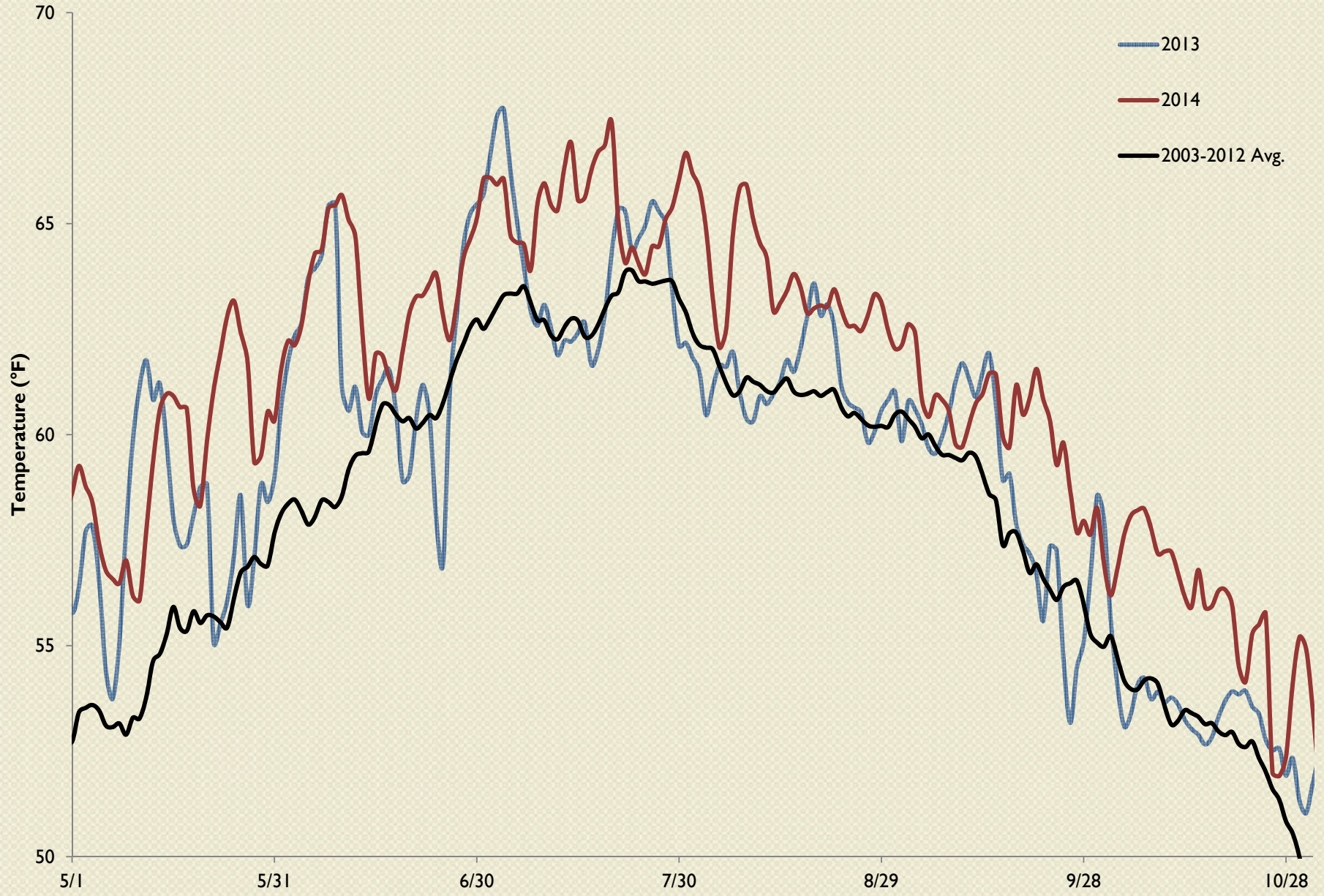
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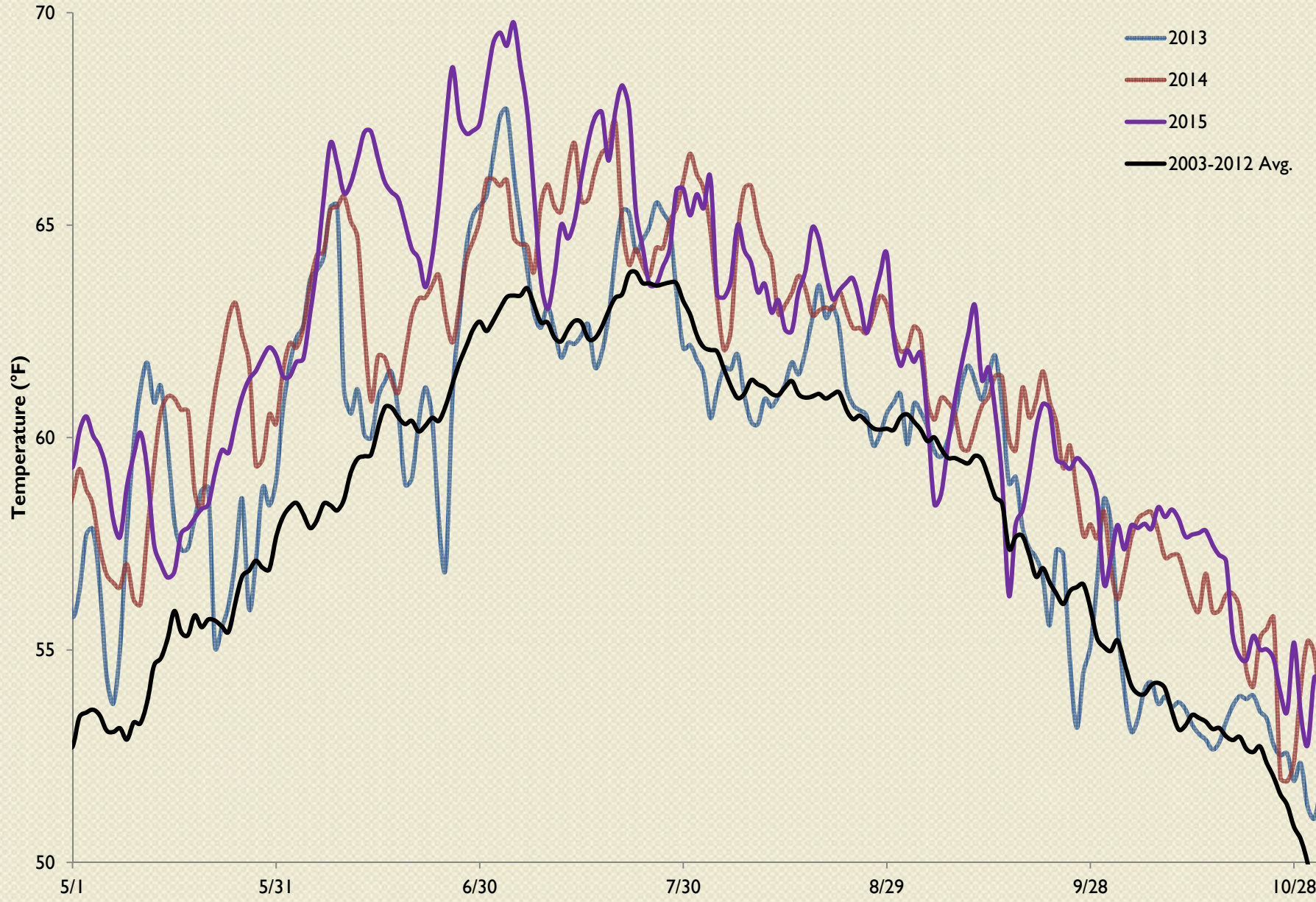
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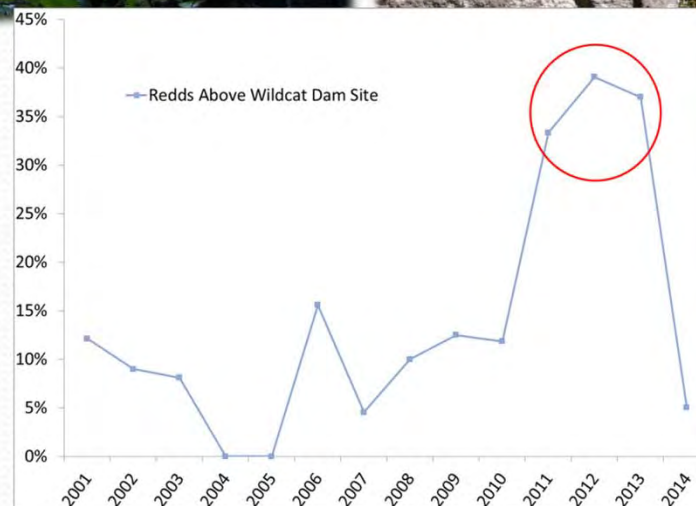
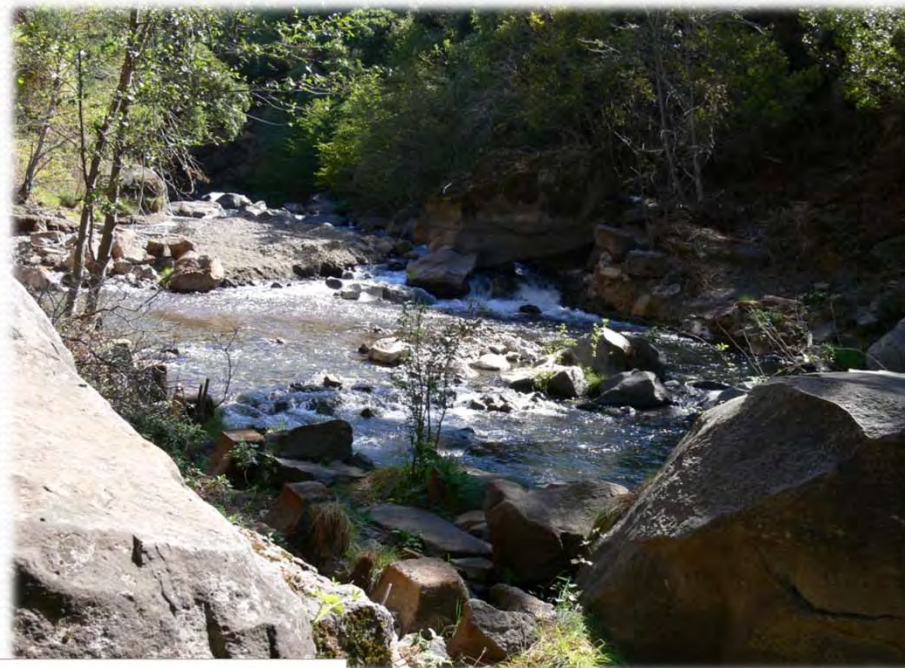
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Wildcat Dam Removal 2010



Monitoring Salmonid Passage at Natural Barriers

- Increased flows for passage
- Monitor live fish and redd distribution
- Total barrier blown up 2012



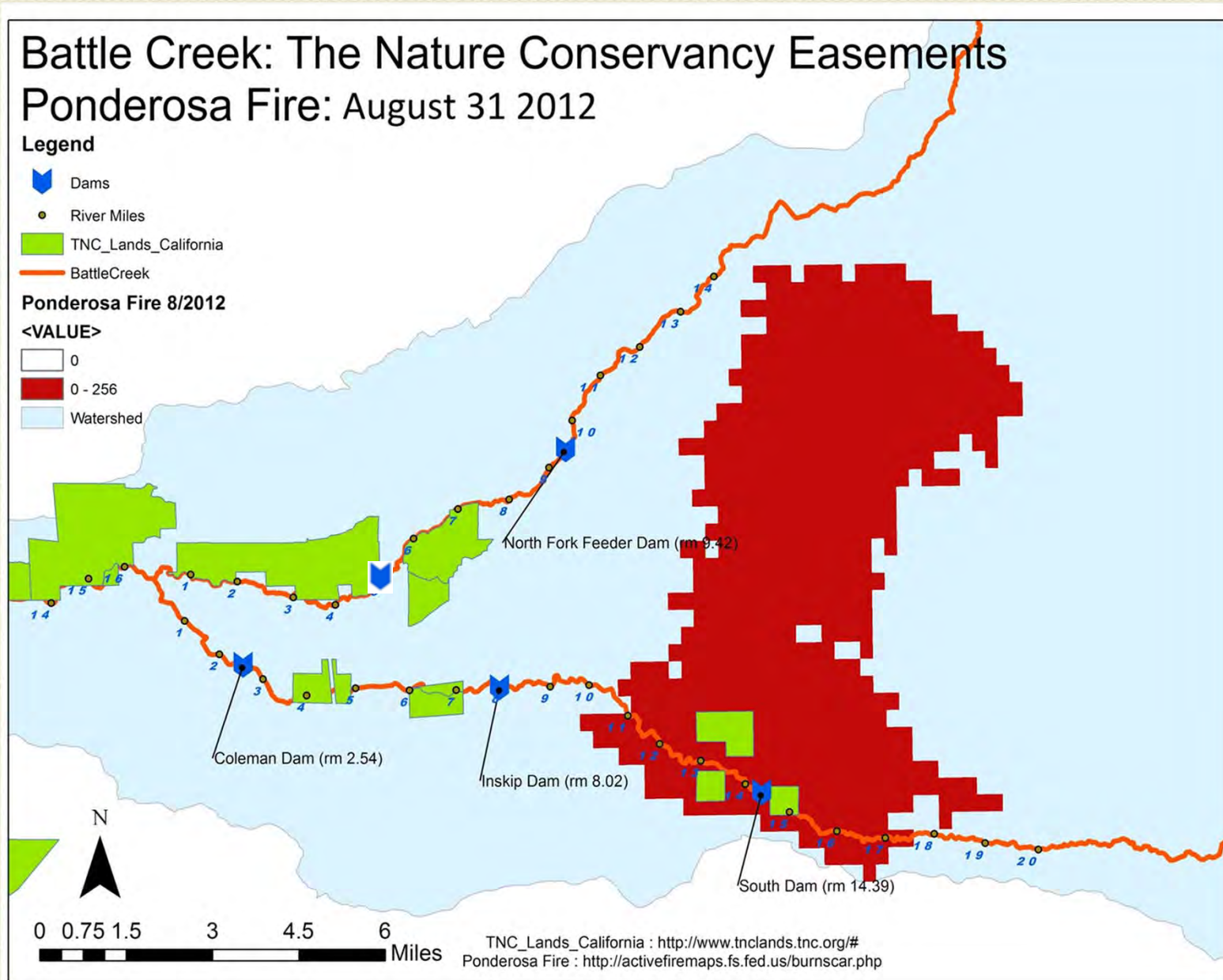


Low Flow Barriers

- Measure geometry, water velocity, water depth
- Photo points
- Revisit periodically
- Passage better in wetter years
- Need More Flow!



Fire and Sediment Effects on South Fork Battle Creek

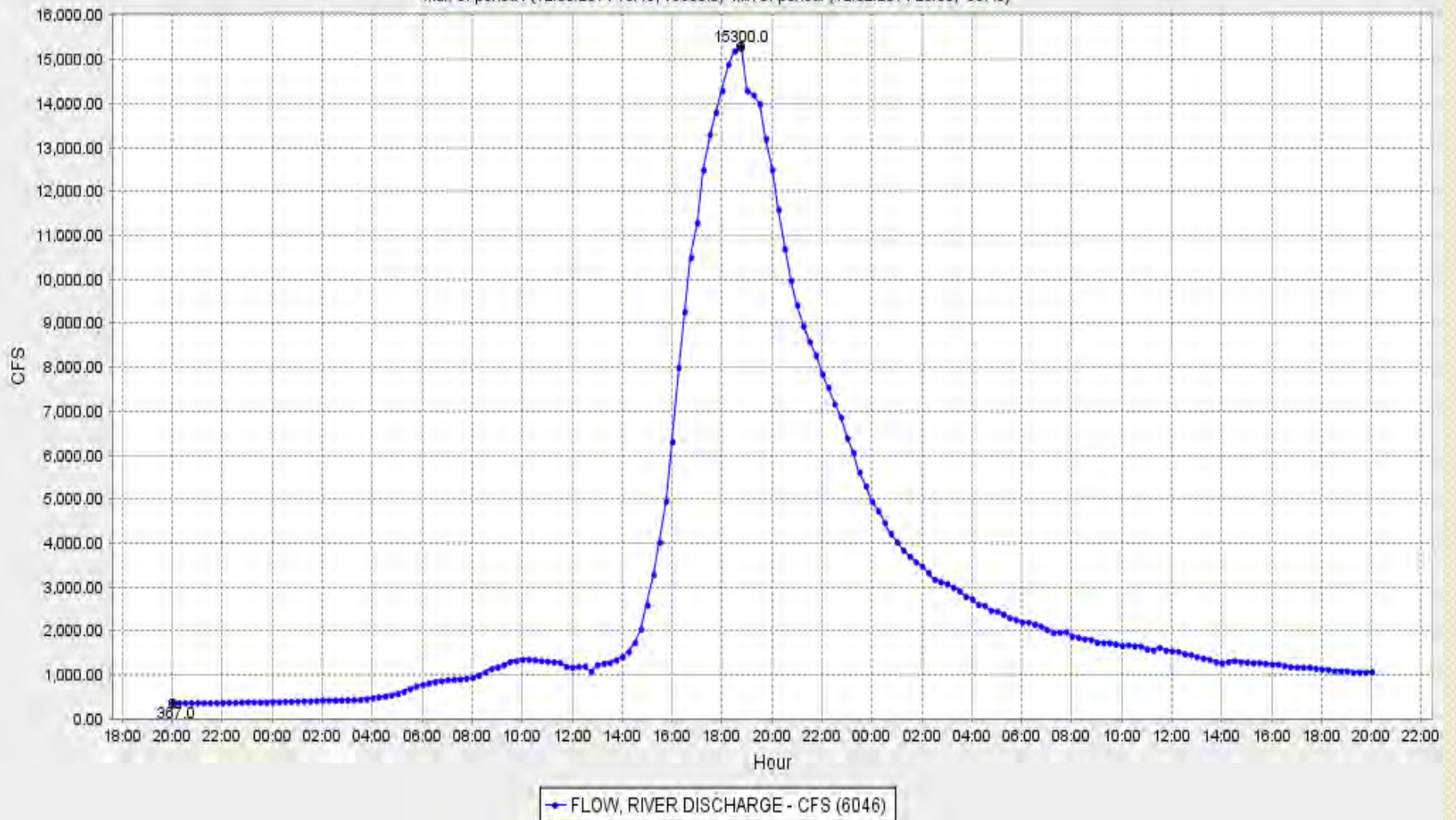


Ponderosa Aftermath



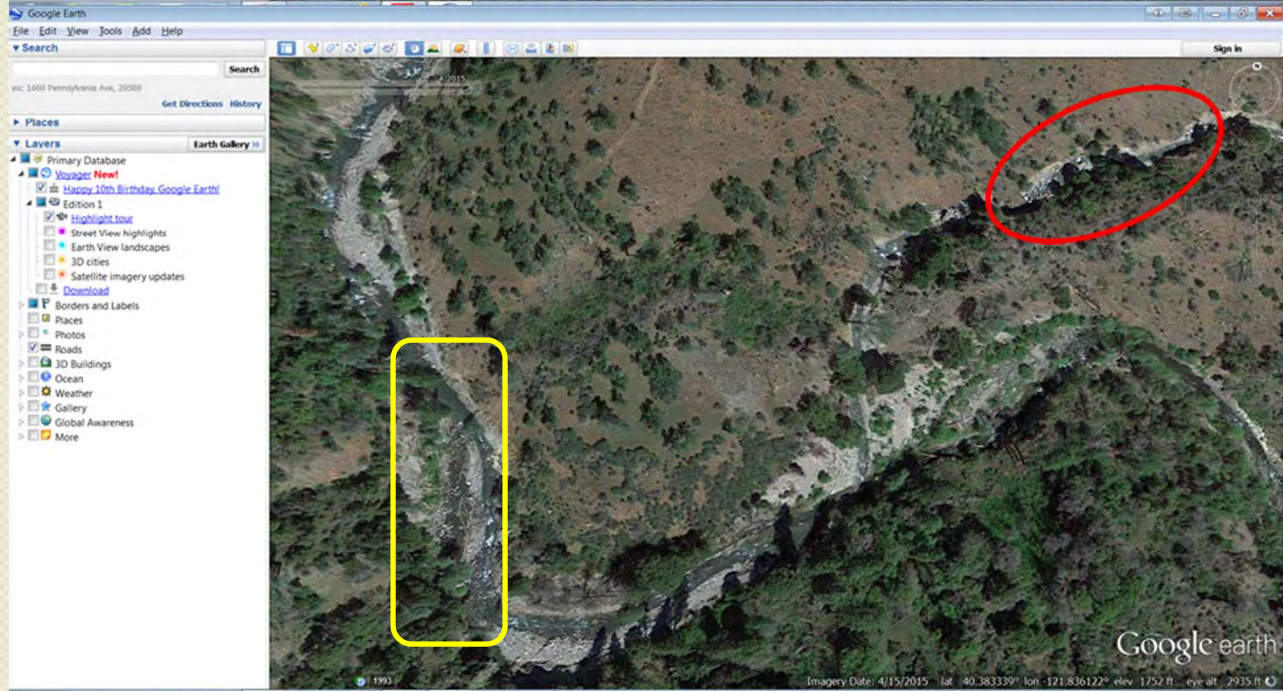
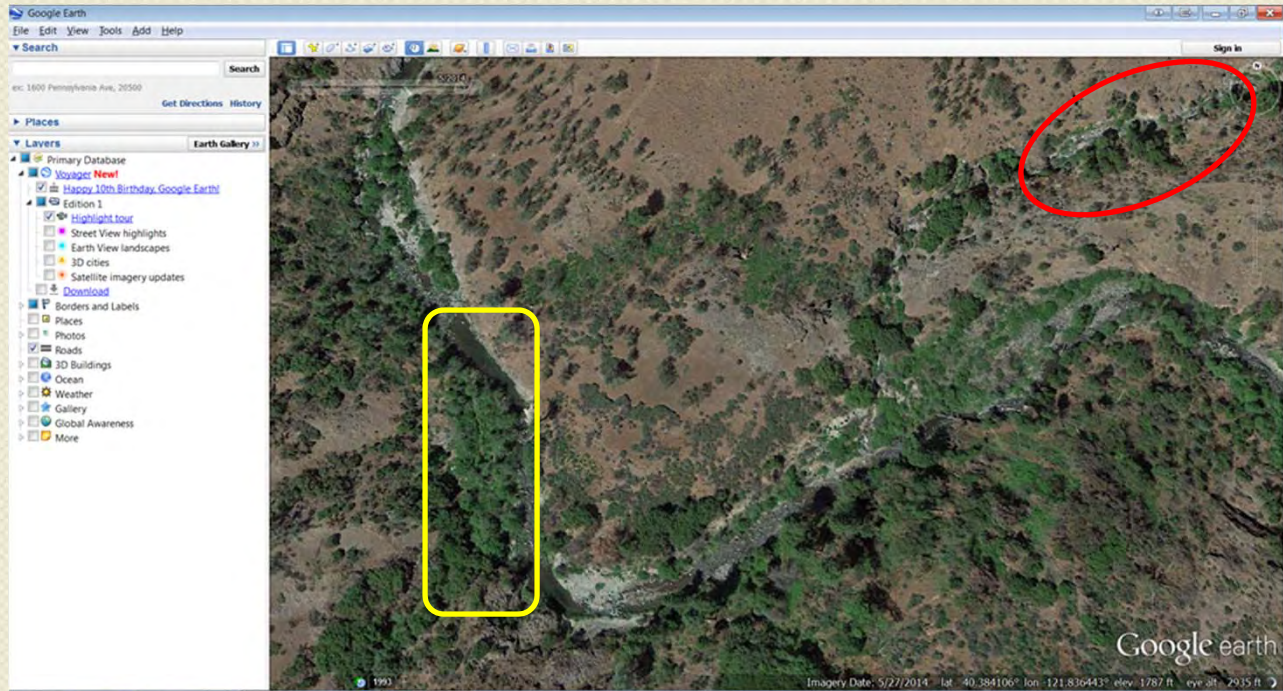
BATTLE CREEK (BAT)

Date from 12/02/2014 20:00 through 12/4/2014 20:00 Duration : 2 days
Max of period : (12/03/2014 18:45, 15300.0) Min of period: (12/02/2014 20:00, 367.0)



Coleman NFH Barrier Weir





Soap Creek

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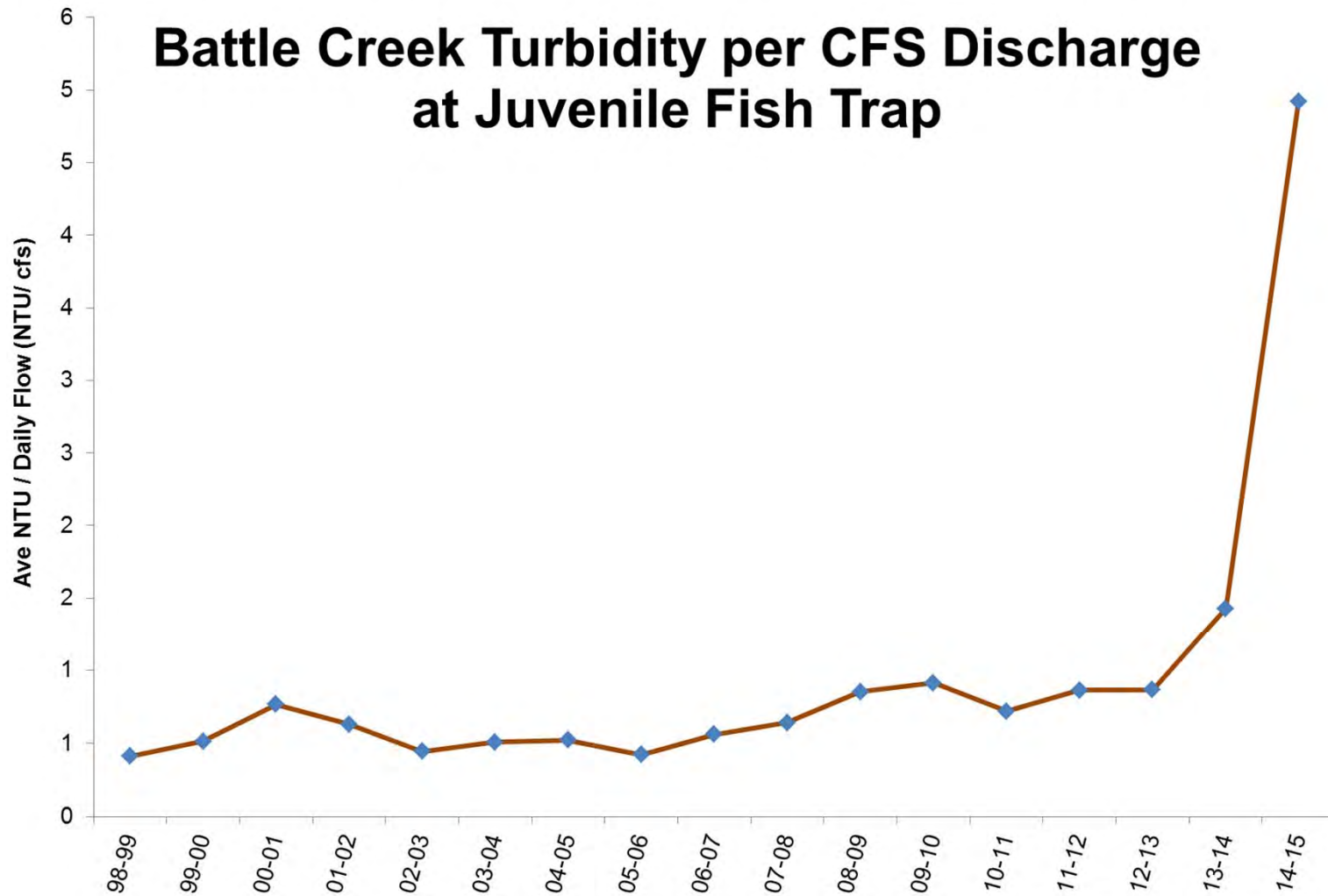








Battle Creek Turbidity per CFS Discharge at Juvenile Fish Trap



Holding and Spawning Habitat Filled With Sand



Used Weir to Close off South Fork



Upcoming Plans, Actions, and Challenges

- Winter Chinook Reintroduction Plan
- Coleman National Fish Hatchery Adaptive Management Plan-studies forthcoming
- New Fish Trap and Fish Sorter

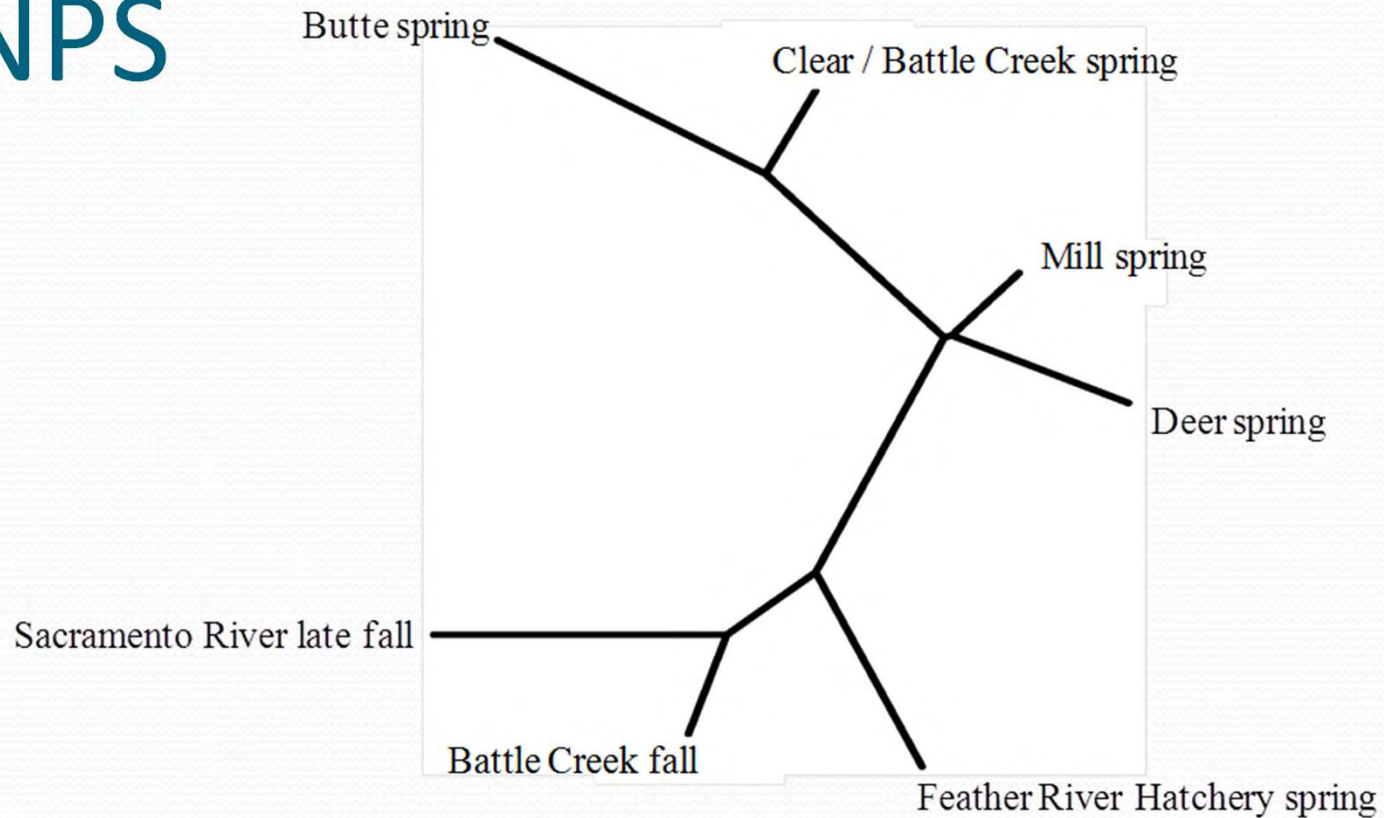
- Phase 2 of Battle Creek Restoration Project
 - Physical modeling of new fish screen and fish ladder
 - Final designs being developed
 - Construction in 2018
- Removal of four dams

- Getting Higher Flows in North Fork
- Opening Up the New Fish Ladder @ Eagle Canyon

New Fish Screens and New Fish Ladders



Genetic Distances Among Sacramento River Chinook-SNPS



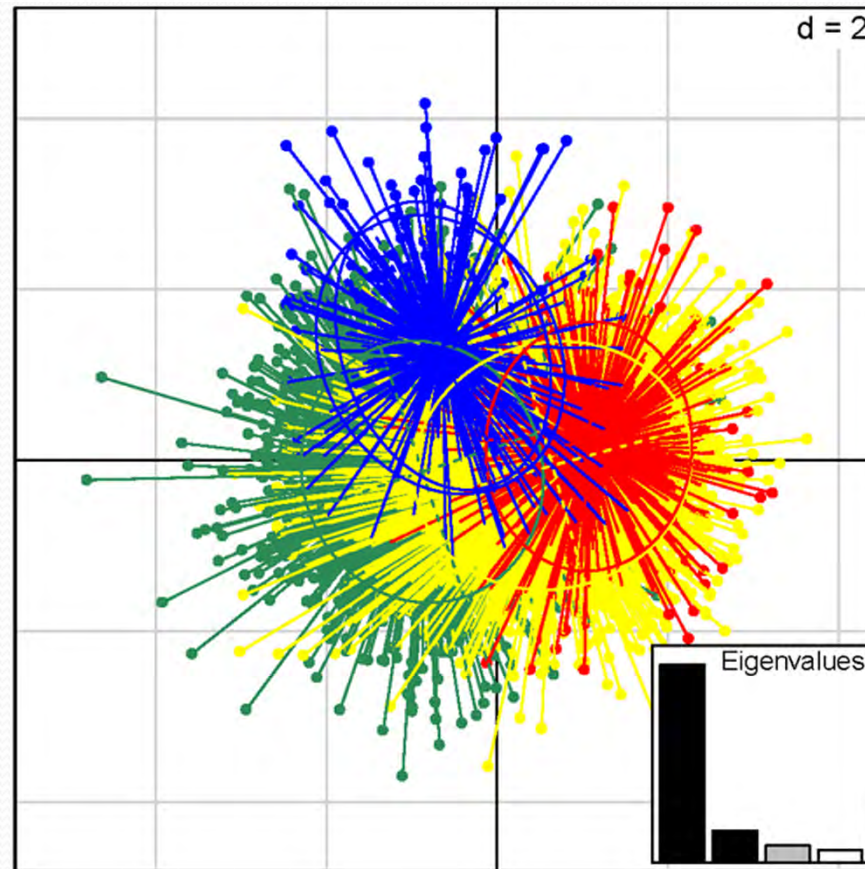
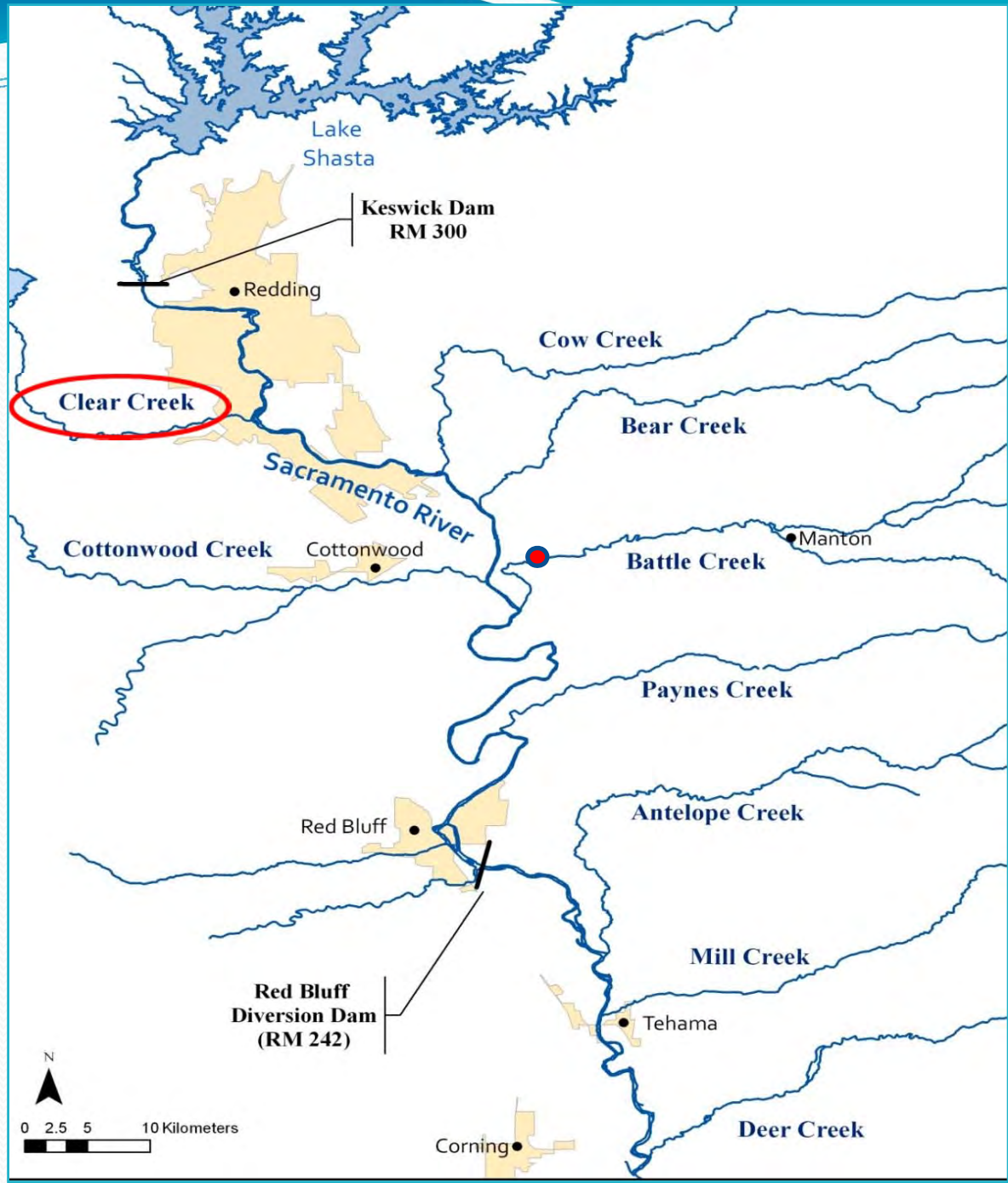


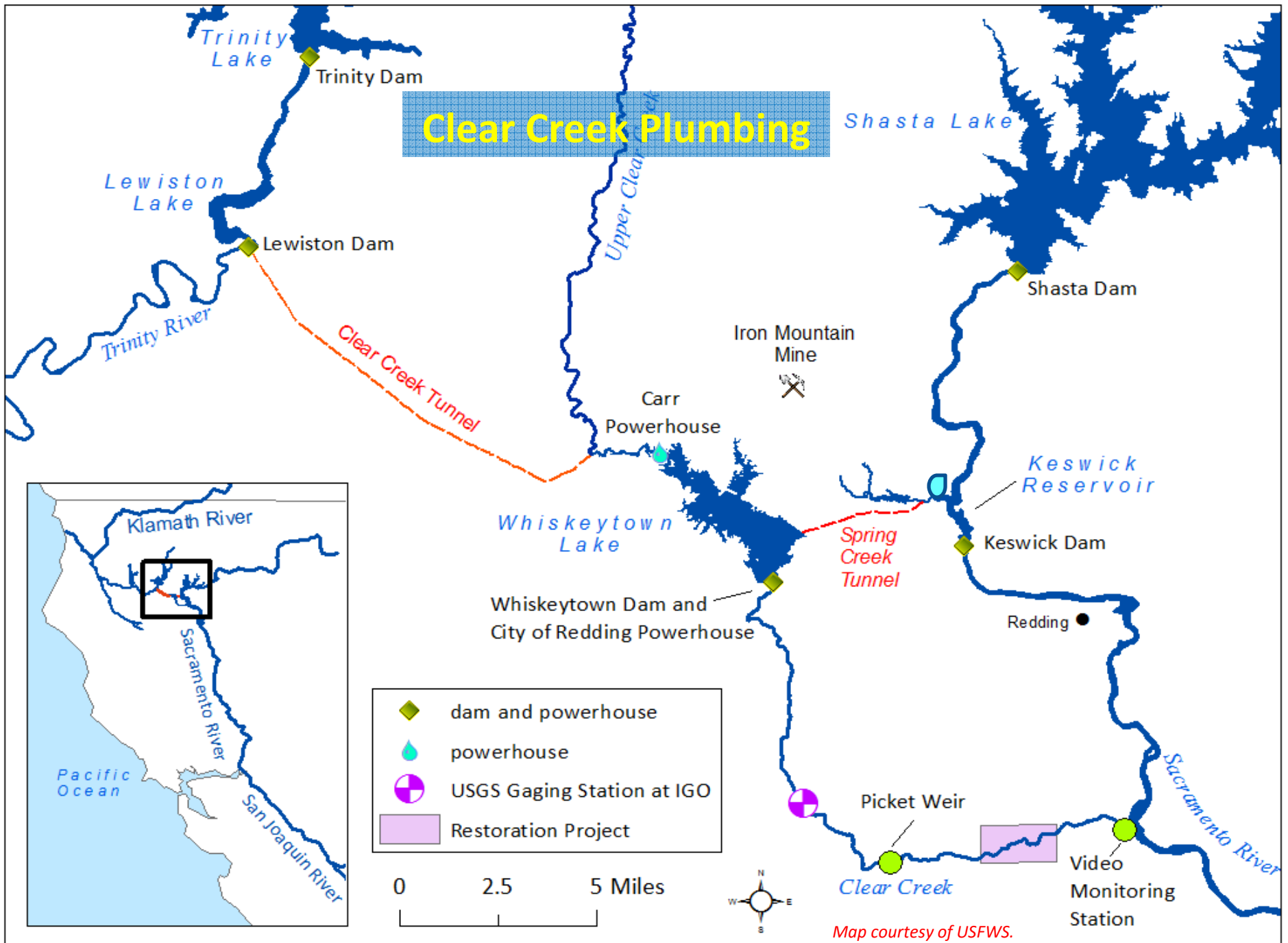
Figure 1. Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components (DAPC) plot of individual spring run Chinook salmon. Baseline fish from Butte Creek (red) and Mill and Deer Creeks (both blue), are shown, as well as spring baseline fish from Clear Creek (yellow) and Battle Creek (green). The relative eigenvalues of the axes are shown, indicating that the first (x) axis accounted for most of the variation.

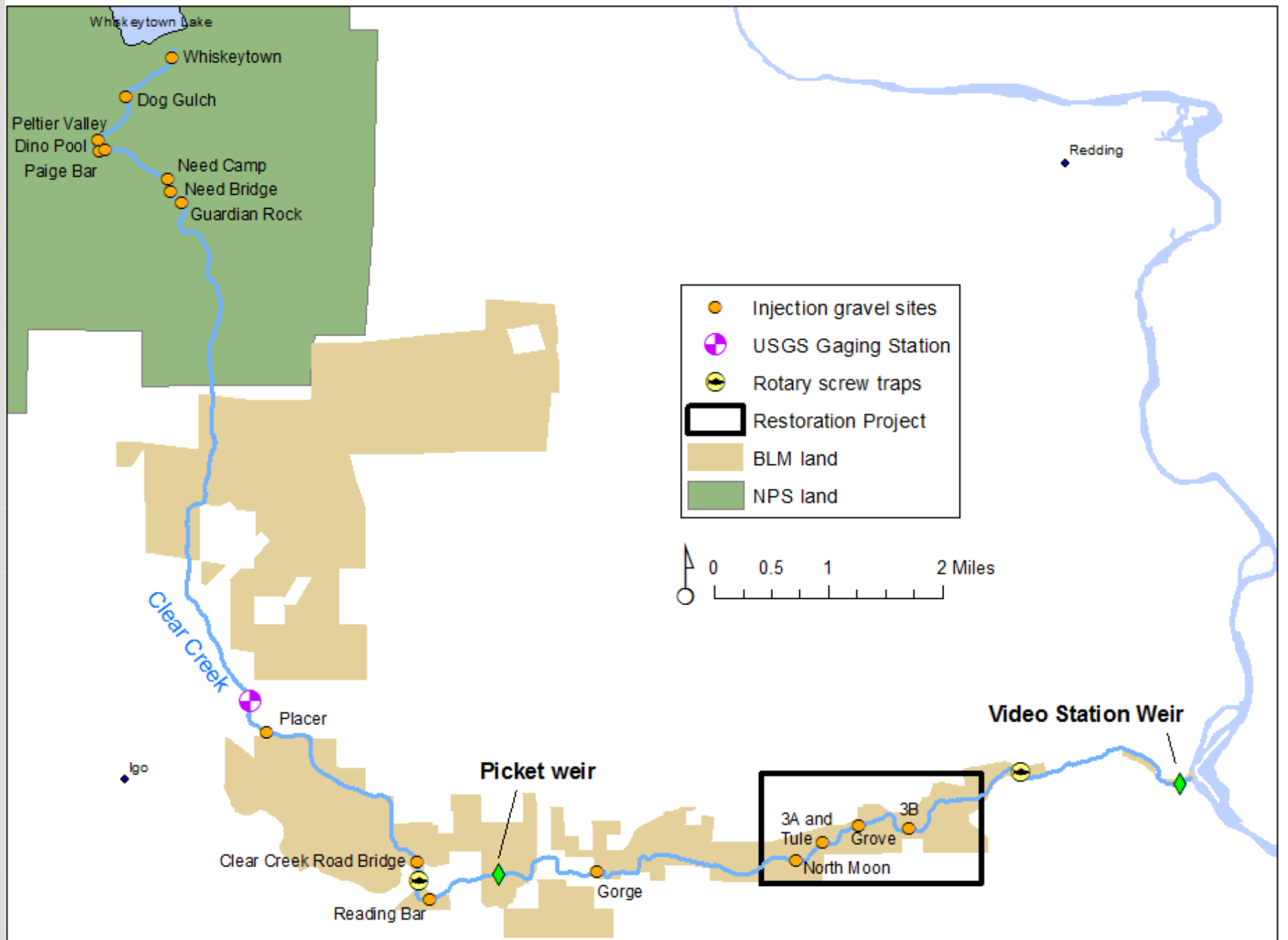
Clear Creek Spring Chinook

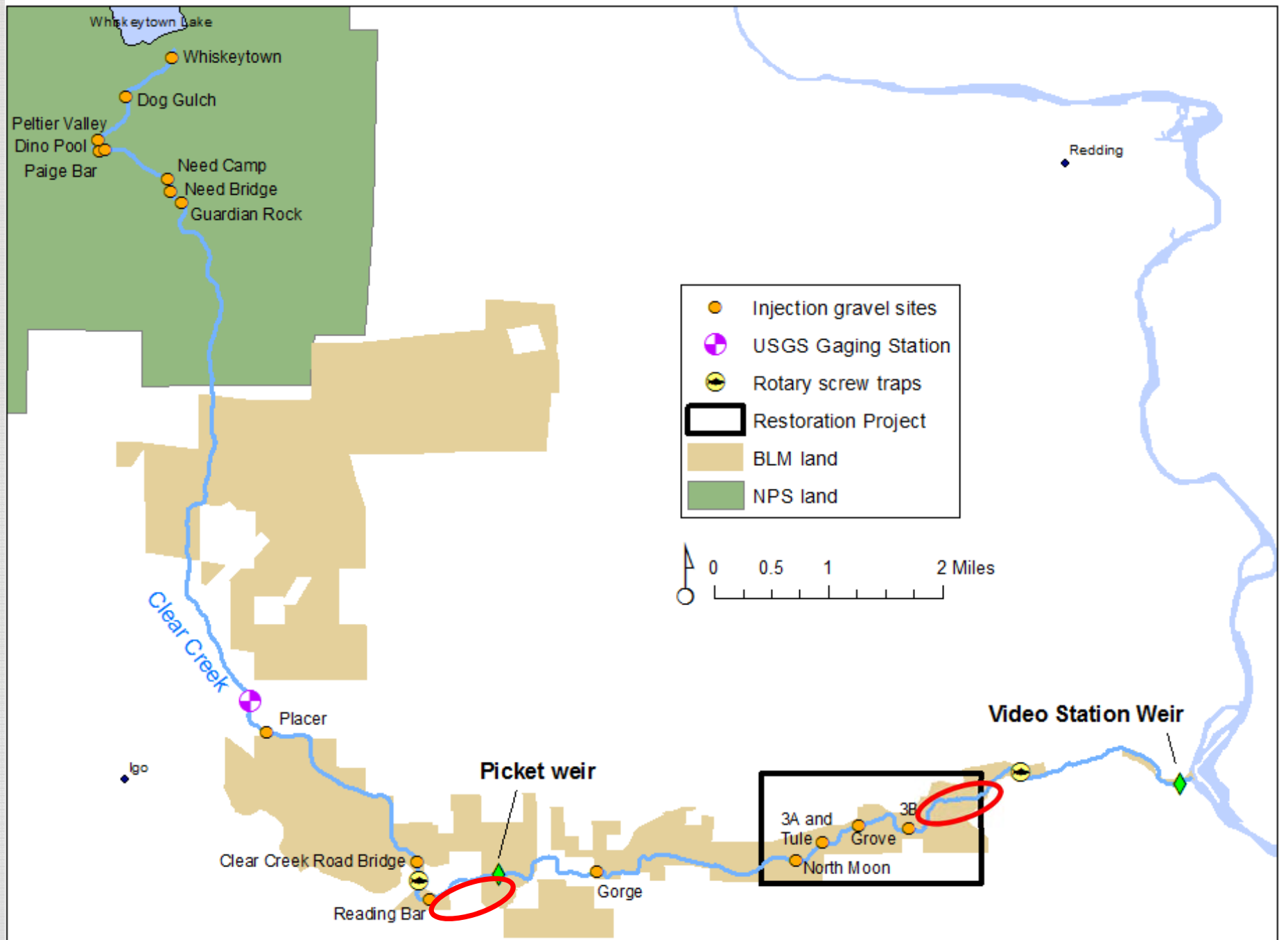
- Adult Counts
- Poor Distribution
- Temperatures
- Successful Juvenile Production
- Pulse Flows to Attract Adults into Clear Creek
- Resistance Board Weir
- Habitat Construction?



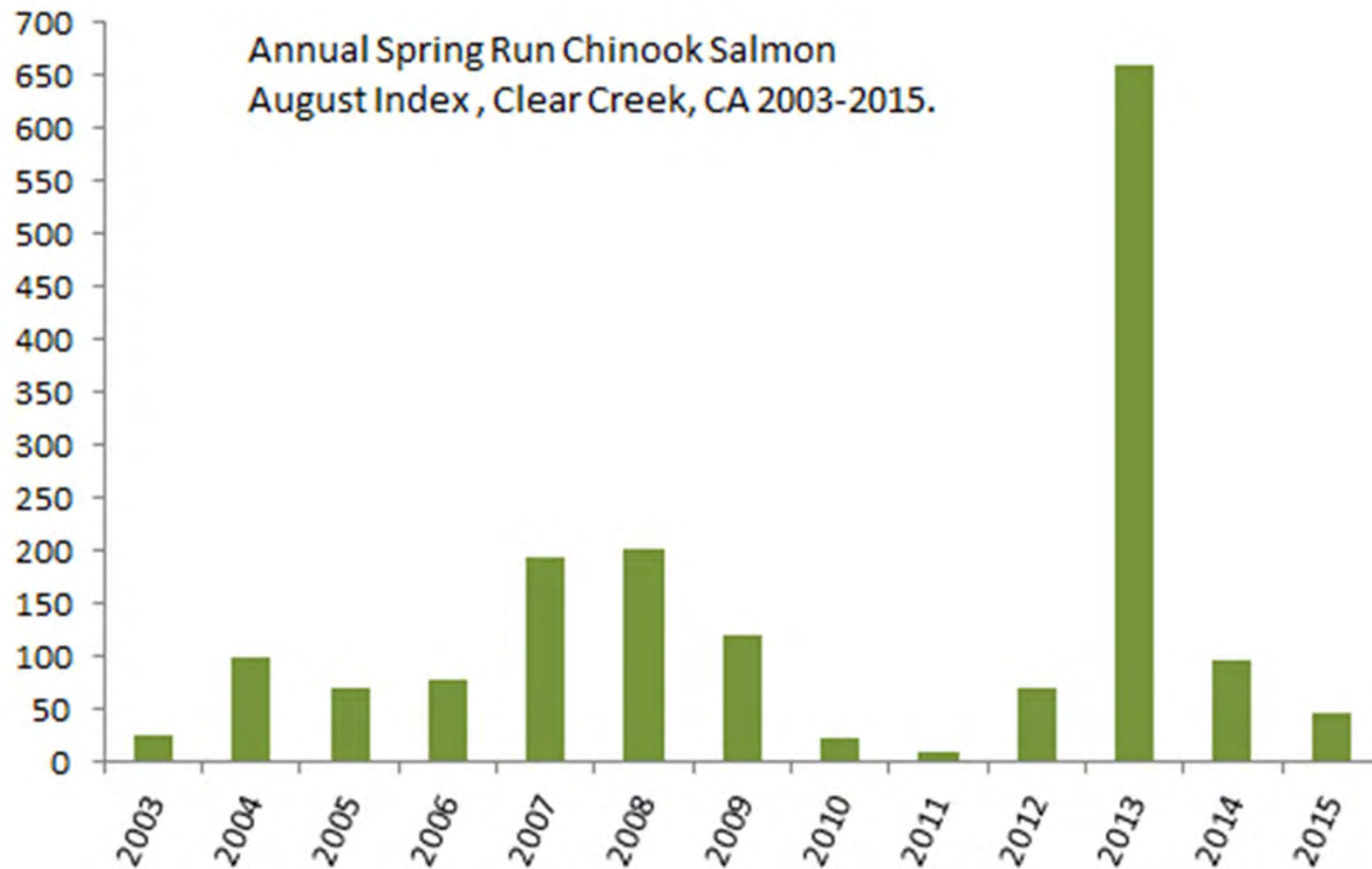




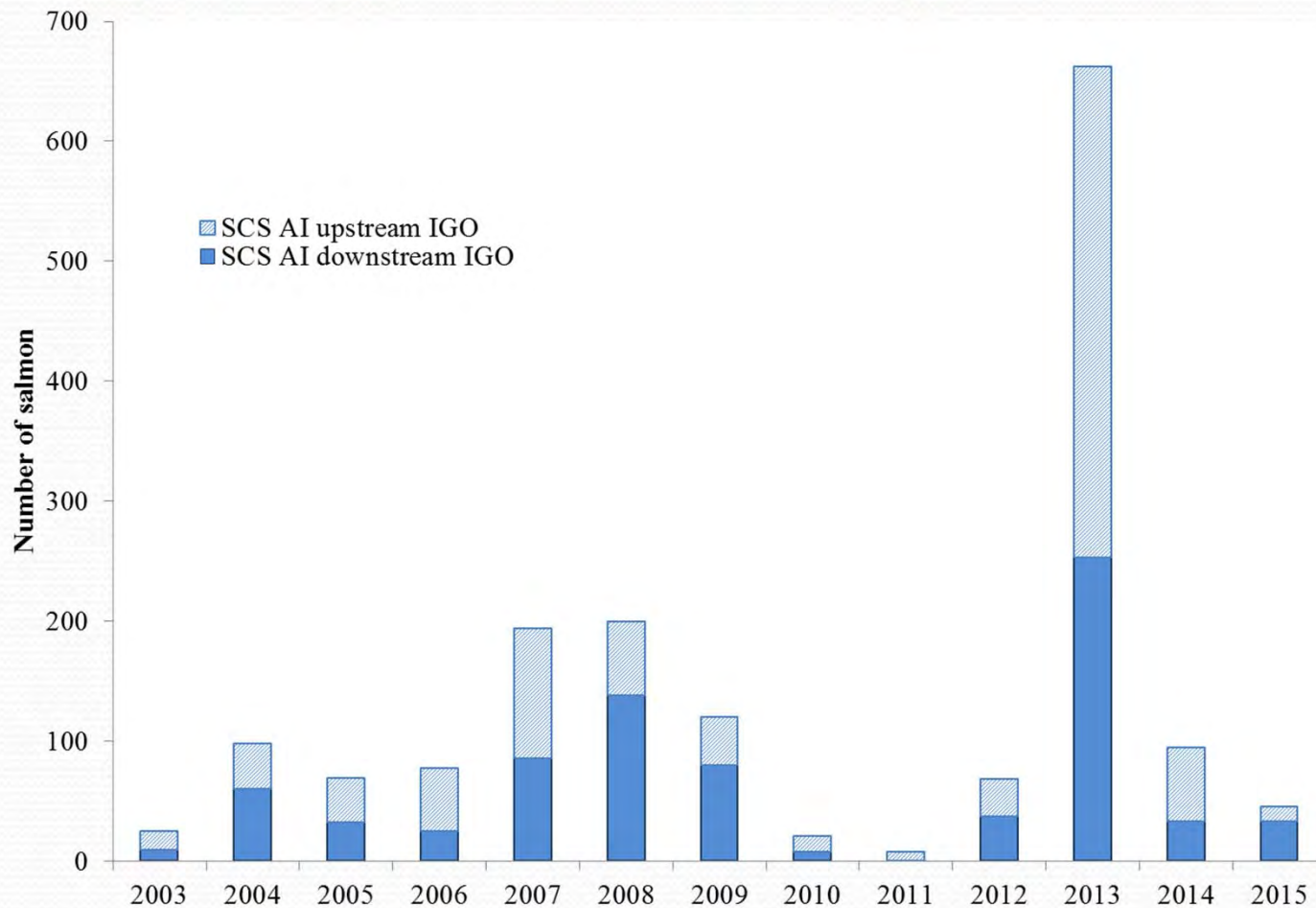


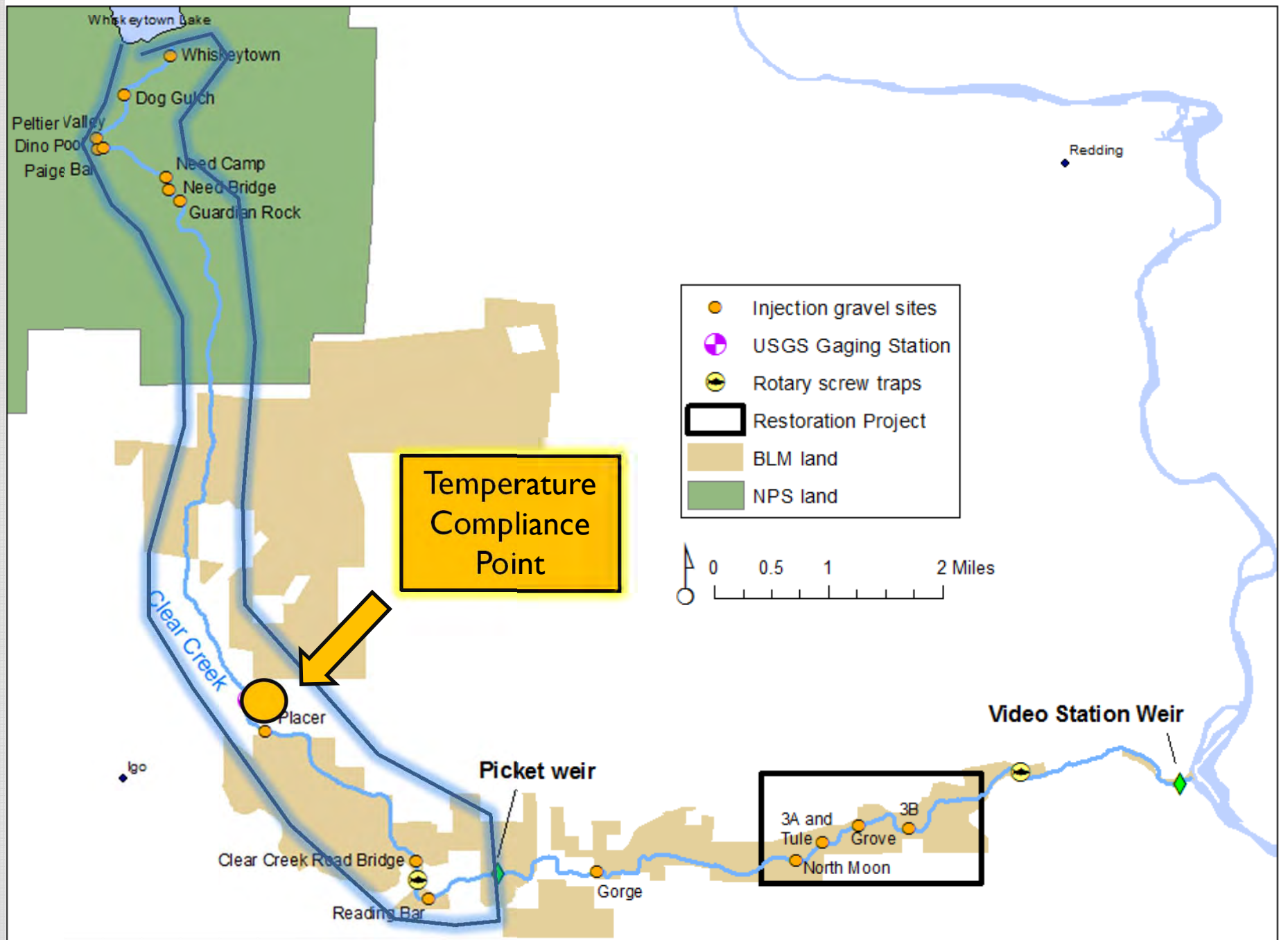


Spring Chinook Snorkel Counts

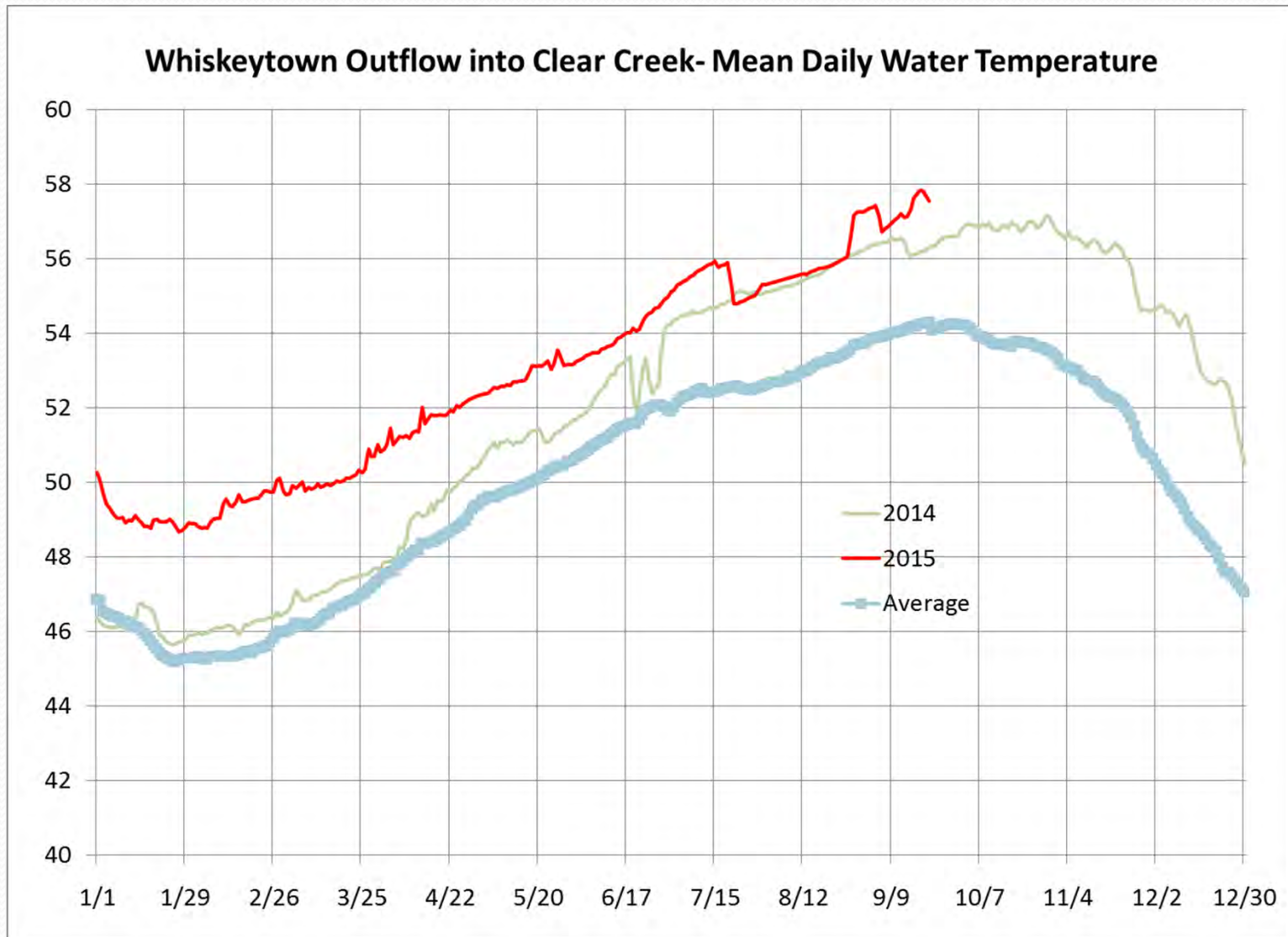


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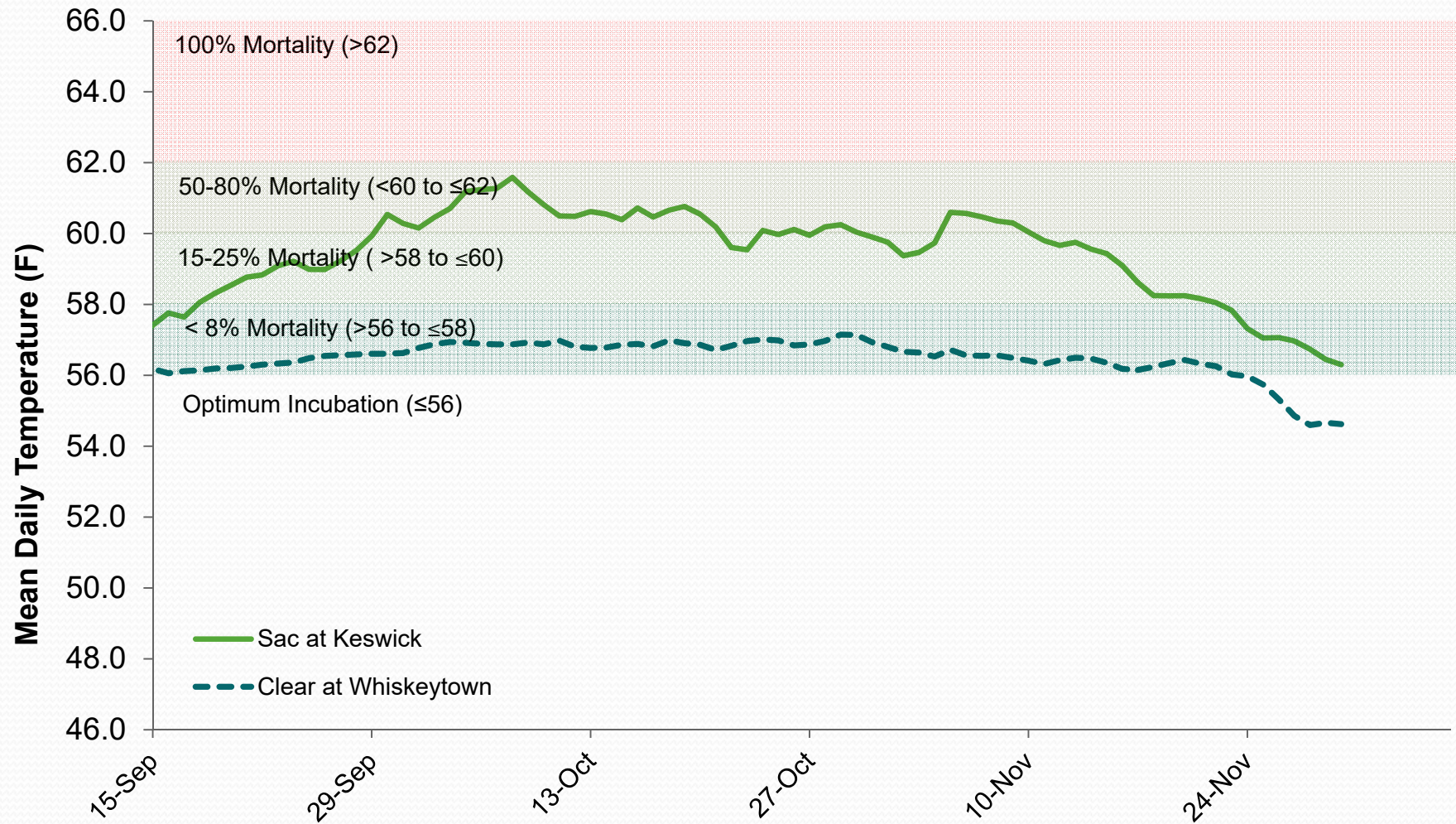




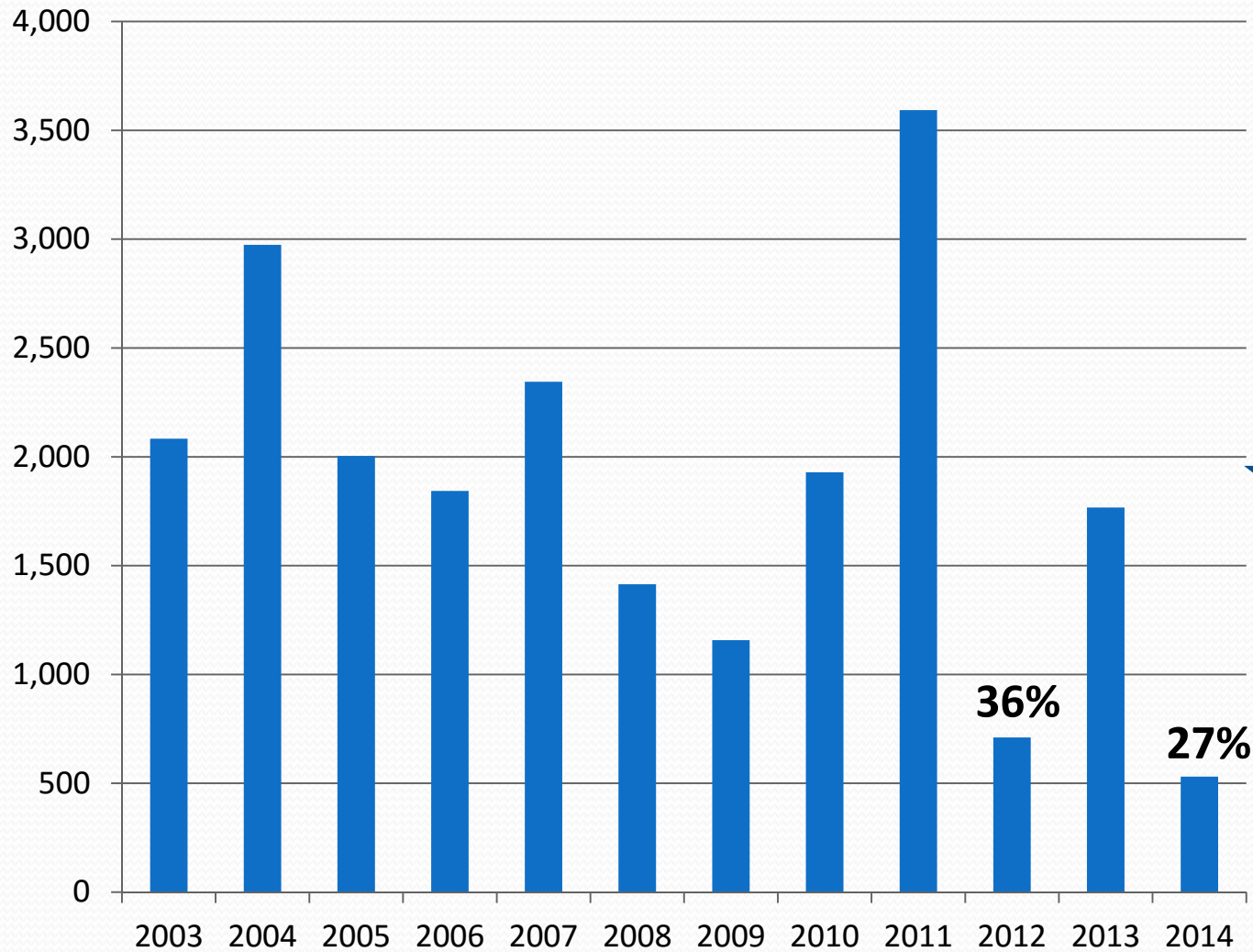
2015: Warmest Summer Water Temperatures Yet



Temperatures During Spring-run Spawning 3°F Lower in Clear Creek

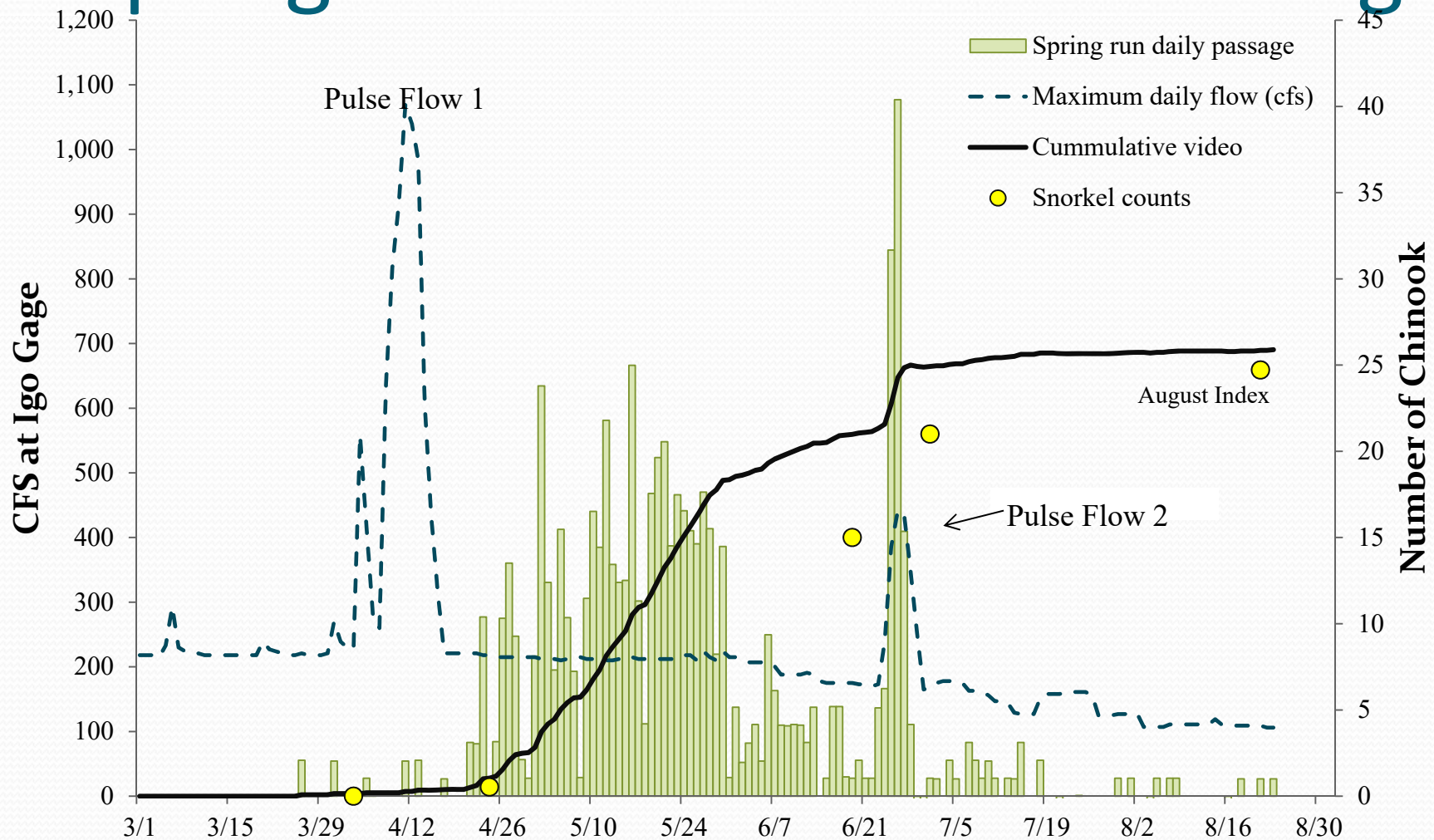


Spring-run Juvenile Productivity

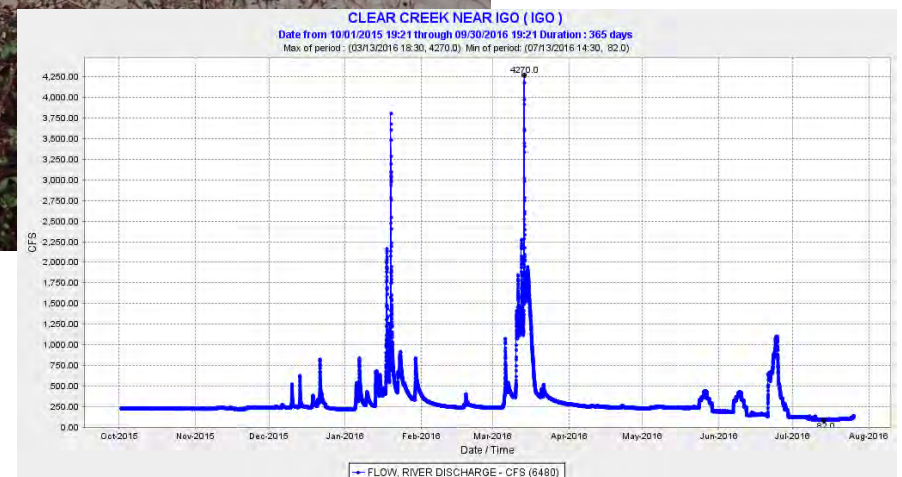
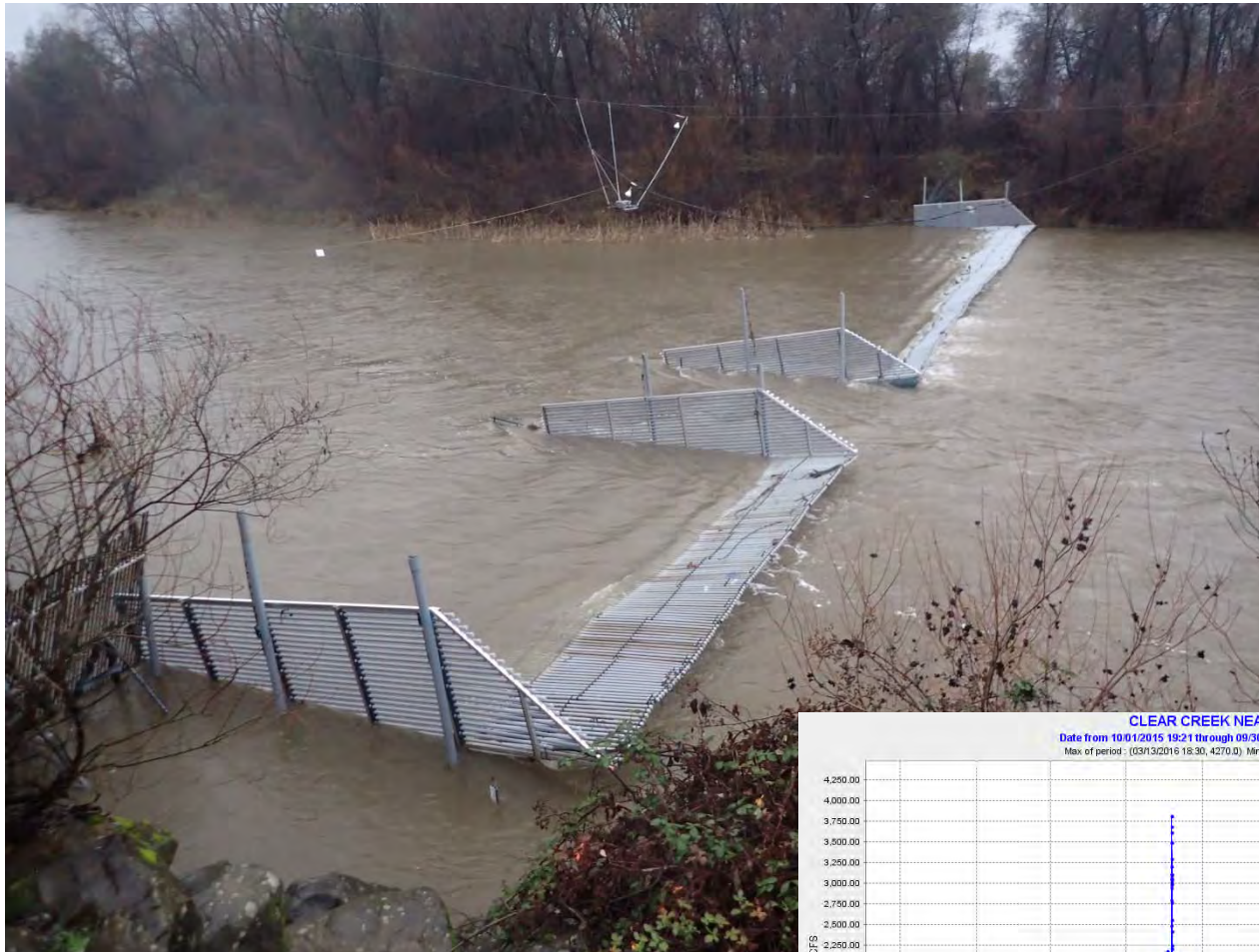


2013 Clear Creek Pulse Flow

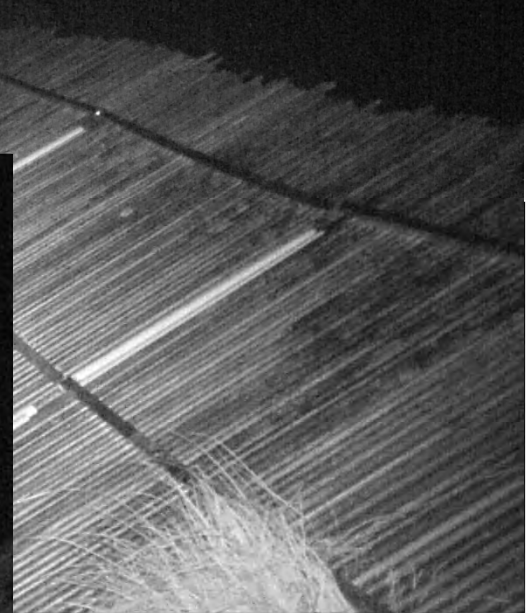
Spring Chinook Adult Monitoring



Held Up Pretty Well



And No Carcasses



05 OCT 2013 04:56 am



MOULTRIE ○ 42°F RIVER RIGHT 06 OCT 2013 12:06 am

MOULTRIE ○ 53°F RIVER LEFT 05 OCT 2013 09:04 pm RIVER RIGHT 01 OCT 2013 04:18 am

Thanks For the Fishes!



MOULTRIE



45°F



10/08/2014

12:08AM

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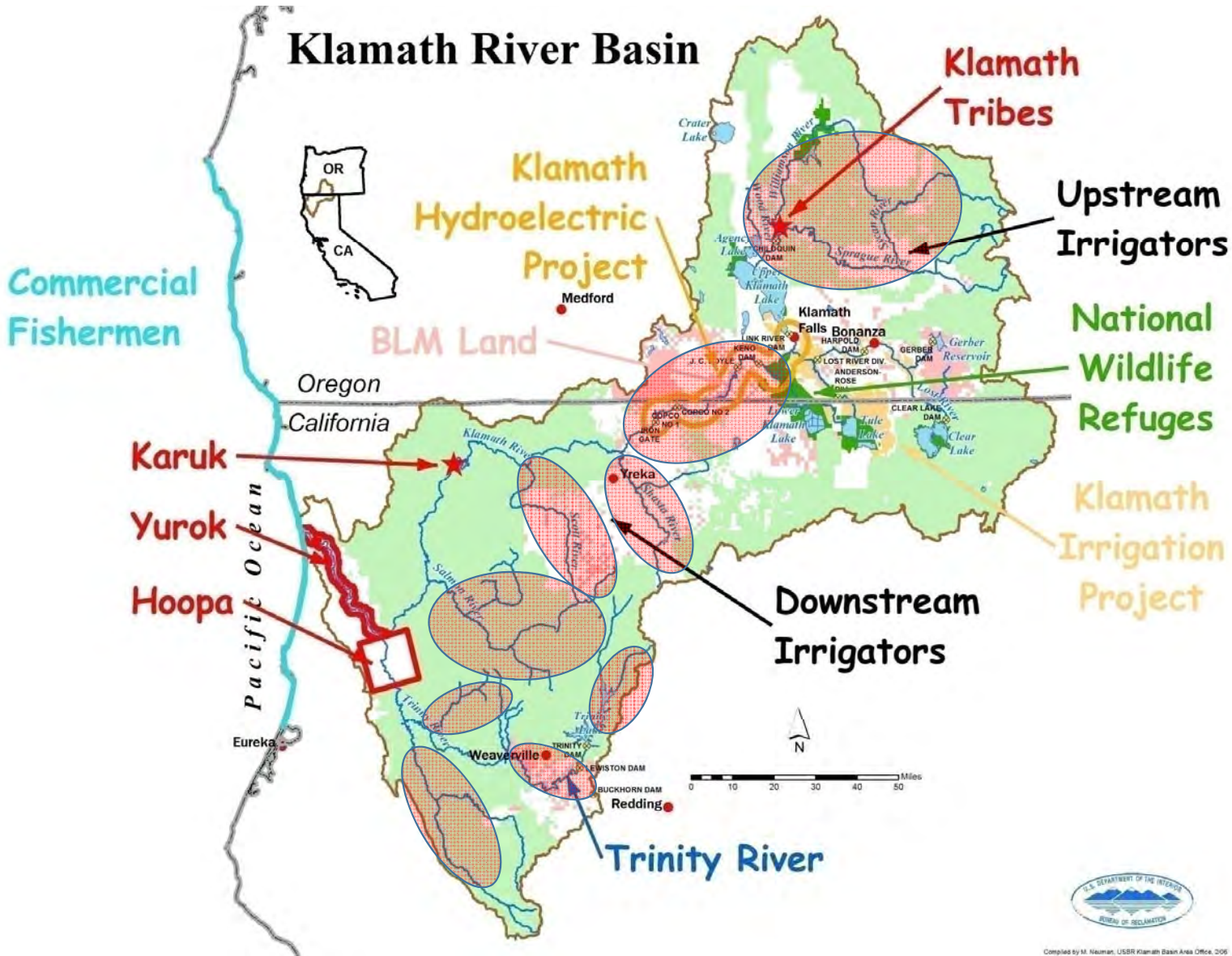


Klamath and Trinity River Wild Spring Chinook Status and Trends

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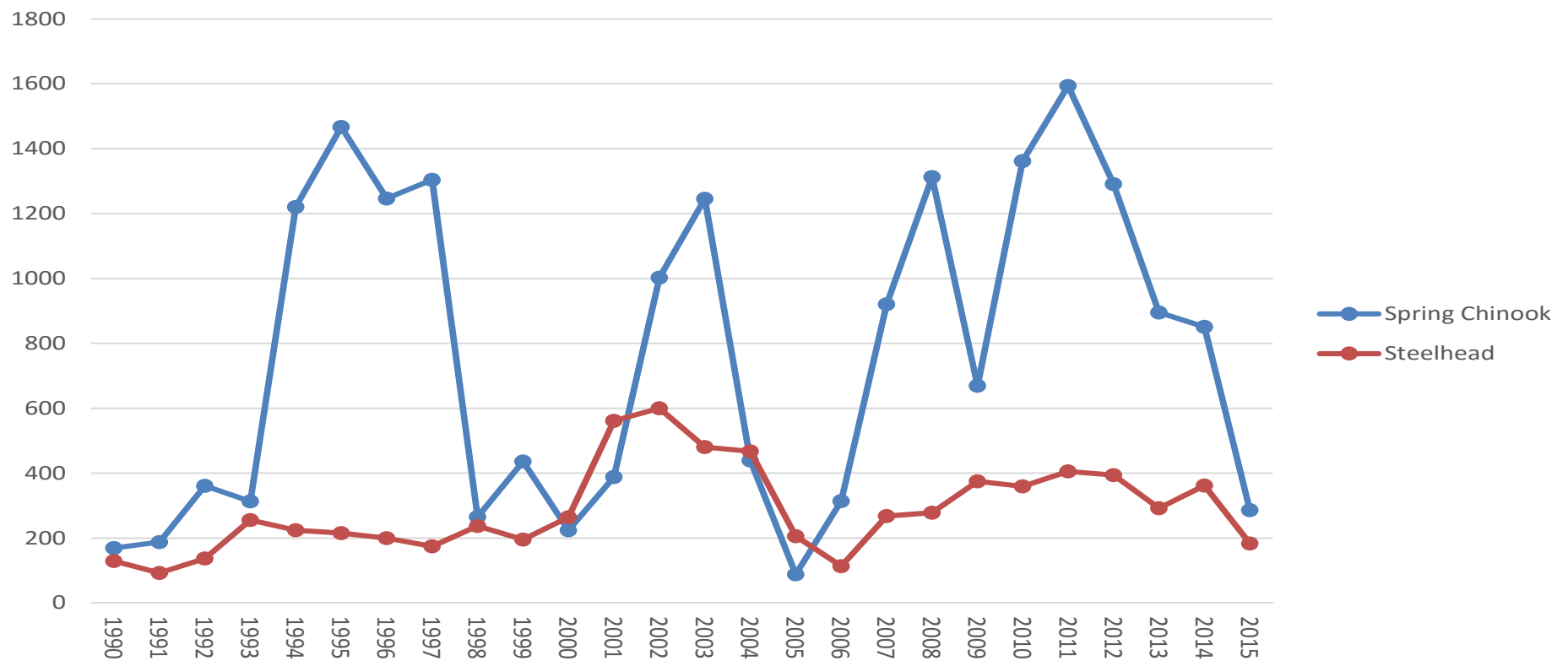
Spring Run was the Dominant Run in the Klamath and Trinity Rivers

The spring migration,¹ granting that it was once very pronounced, has now come to be limited as to the number of individuals, and is of relatively little economic importance. The fish of this run begin to materially increase in numbers in the latter part of March or early in April and the migration has reached its maximum, and waned before the middle of June. The river at the time of the spring migration is apt to be in a condition of maximum flood² as indicated in figure 3,³ the

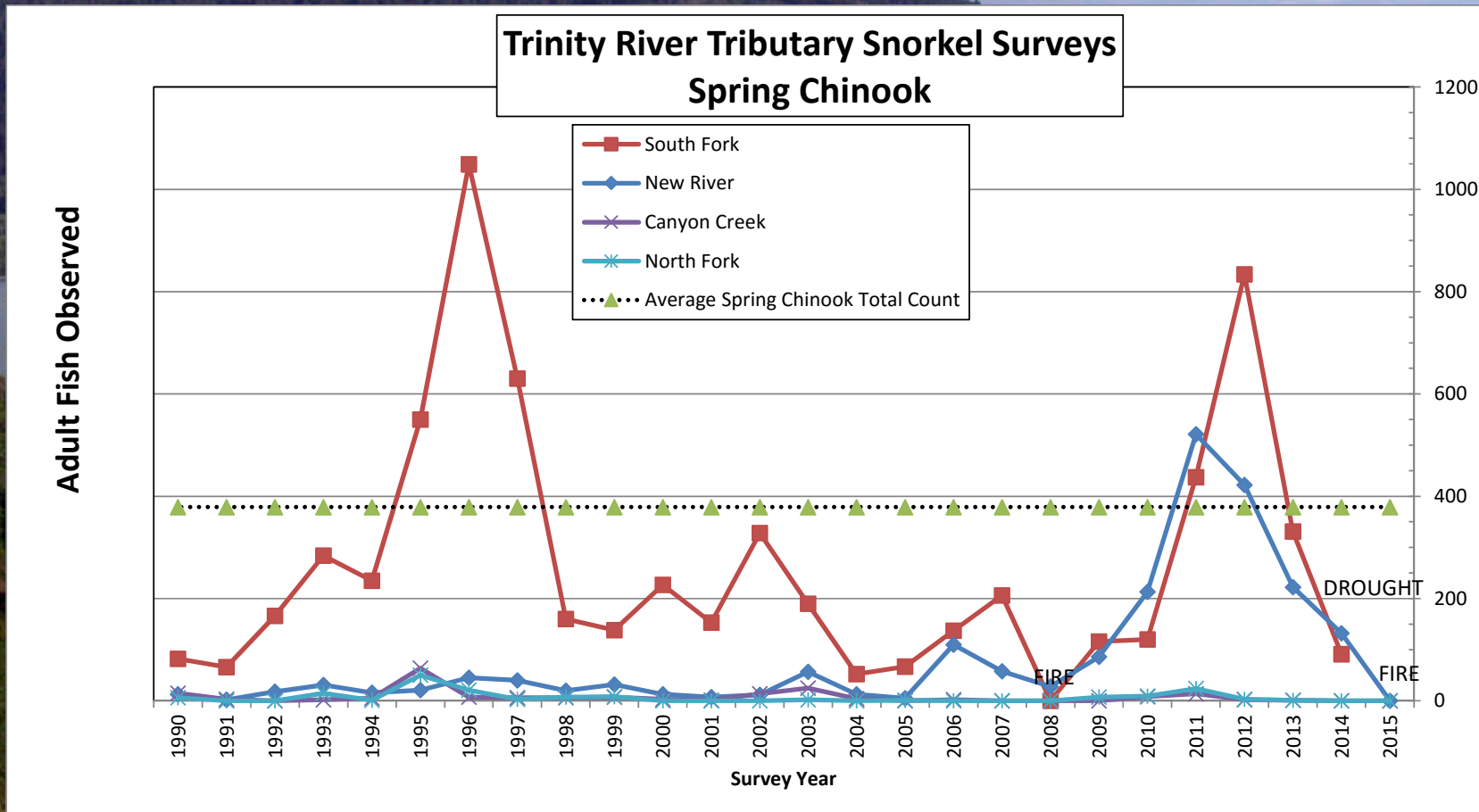


Salmon River Spring Salmon Stronghold

Spring Chinook and Summer Steelhead Counts
in the Salmon River 1990-2015



Spring Chinook in Trinity River Tributaries 1998-2014





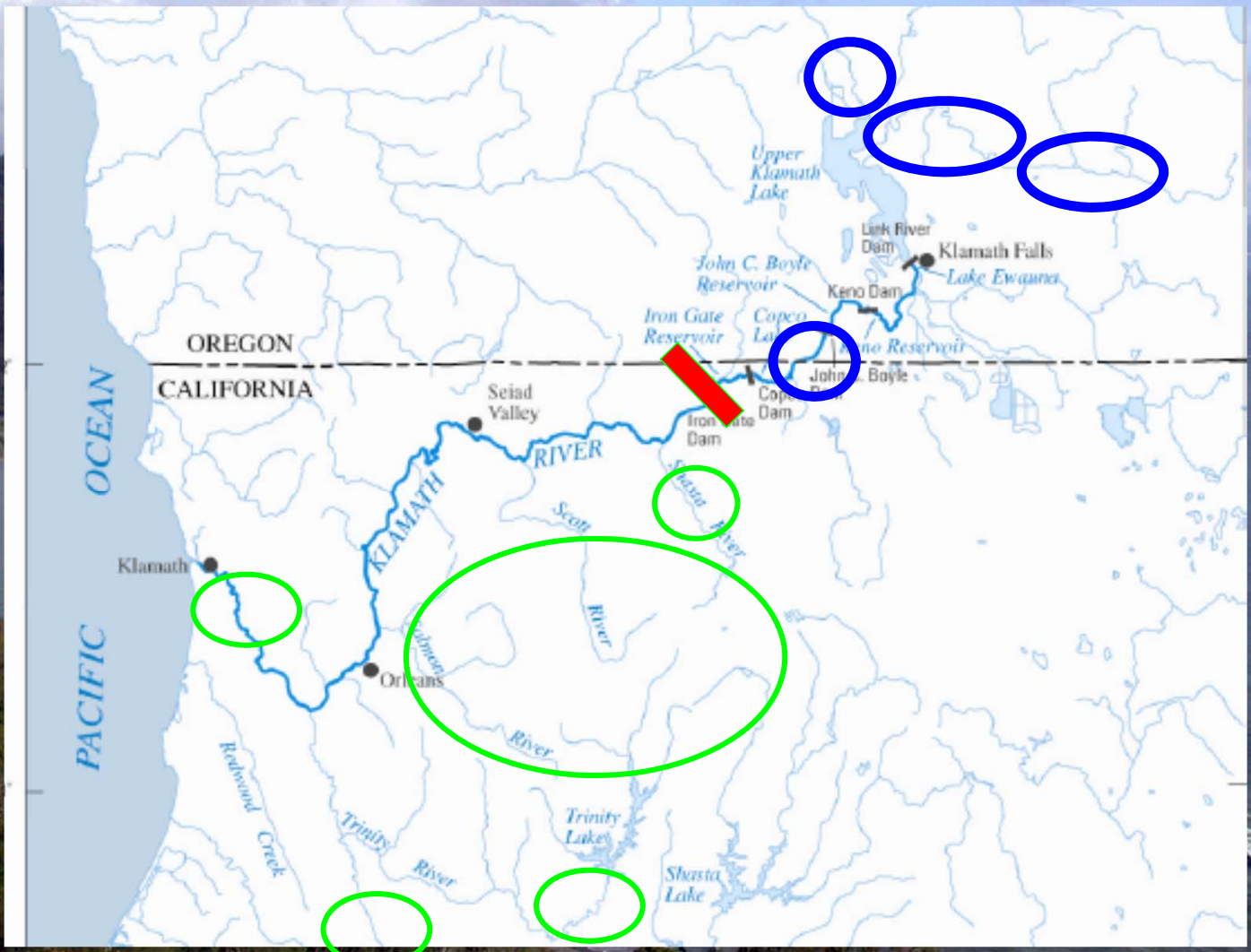
Threats to Spring-Run Chinook

- Presence of Dams (migration barrier)
- Juvenile Fish Diseases (C. shasta)
- Illegal poaching
 - Lack of public education and awareness
- Agricultural practices in the Shasta and Scott
- Marijuana cultivation
- Overharvest
- Large-scale sedimentation (i.e. South Fork Trinity)
- Climate Change



Restoration Efforts for Spring Chinook Salmon

- Klamath Dam Removal
- Habitat restoration in mainstem Trinity River including Large Woody Debris Placement
- Habitat Restoration in South Fork Trinity including Large Woody Debris Placement
- Community education in South Fork, and Salmon Rivers
- Suction Dredge mining moratorium
- Reinstatement of ecologically appropriate fire regimes in the Klamath Basin
- Permitting and control of illegal marijuana cultivation





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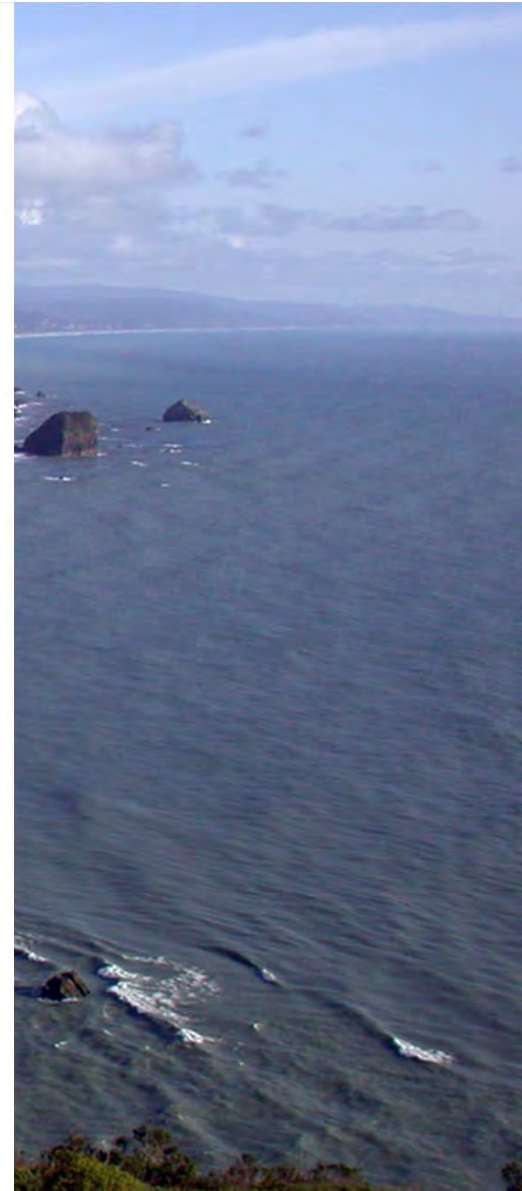
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Dam Removal Status

- Amended KHSA signed in April 2016
- Provides for the removal of Iron Gate, Copco 1 and 2, and JC Boyle Dams with PacifiCorp to pay first \$200m
- Transfer of facilities to new entity known as the Klamath River Renewal Corporation
- No federal funding involved
- 2020 timeline still the goal for removal
- All four facilities to be removed in a single winter period



Questions?