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KBFC Annual Meeting Spring 2026

19 May 2026

Klamath Falls

Agenda

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| <i>10:00 am</i> | Welcome & Overview |
| <i>10:15 am</i> | Research & Monitoring of Fish and Other Aquatic Organisms - PIT and Telemetry Tagging |
| <i>12:30 am</i> | Lunch |
| <i>1:30 pm</i> | Research & Monitoring of Fish and Other Aquatic Organisms - Life History and Population Health |
| <i>2:30 pm</i> | Suckers Discussion - Data methodologies, standardization, and needs |
| <i>2:45 pm</i> | Thermal Refugia - Temperature and Fish Behavior |
| <i>3:05 pm</i> | Break |
| <i>3:15 pm</i> | Dam Passage & Removal - Fish Monitoring Post-Dam Removal |
| <i>4:35 pm</i> | Salmon Discussion - Data methodologies, standardization, and needs |
| <i>4:50 pm</i> | Wrap-Up & Adjourn |





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**Research & Monitoring of Fish and Other Aquatic Organisms
– PIT and Telemetry Tagging**

Environmental and Fish-Specific Drivers of Juvenile Chinook Salmon Migration Rates and Ocean Arrival Timing in the Klamath River

Summer Burdick, Russ Perry, Collin Smith, Chris Pullano, Chad Martel, and Tyson Hatton

U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey



Presentation for Western Division American Fisheries Society

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Distribution and Apparent Minimum Survival of Radio-tagged Juvenile Lost River and Shortnose Suckers in Upper Klamath Lake (2022–2025)

McKenzie Wasley ^{1*}, Nathan Banet ², Quinn Payton ², Allen Evans ², Mike Hawbecker², Christina Kruse ¹, Christie Nichols ¹, and Rodger Gwiazdowski ¹

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Life-Stage–Specific Distribution Patterns of Endangered Suckers Inferred from a High-Density Acoustic Telemetry Array

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- Jacob Krause
- Summer Burdick
- John Caldwell
- Josh Gondek
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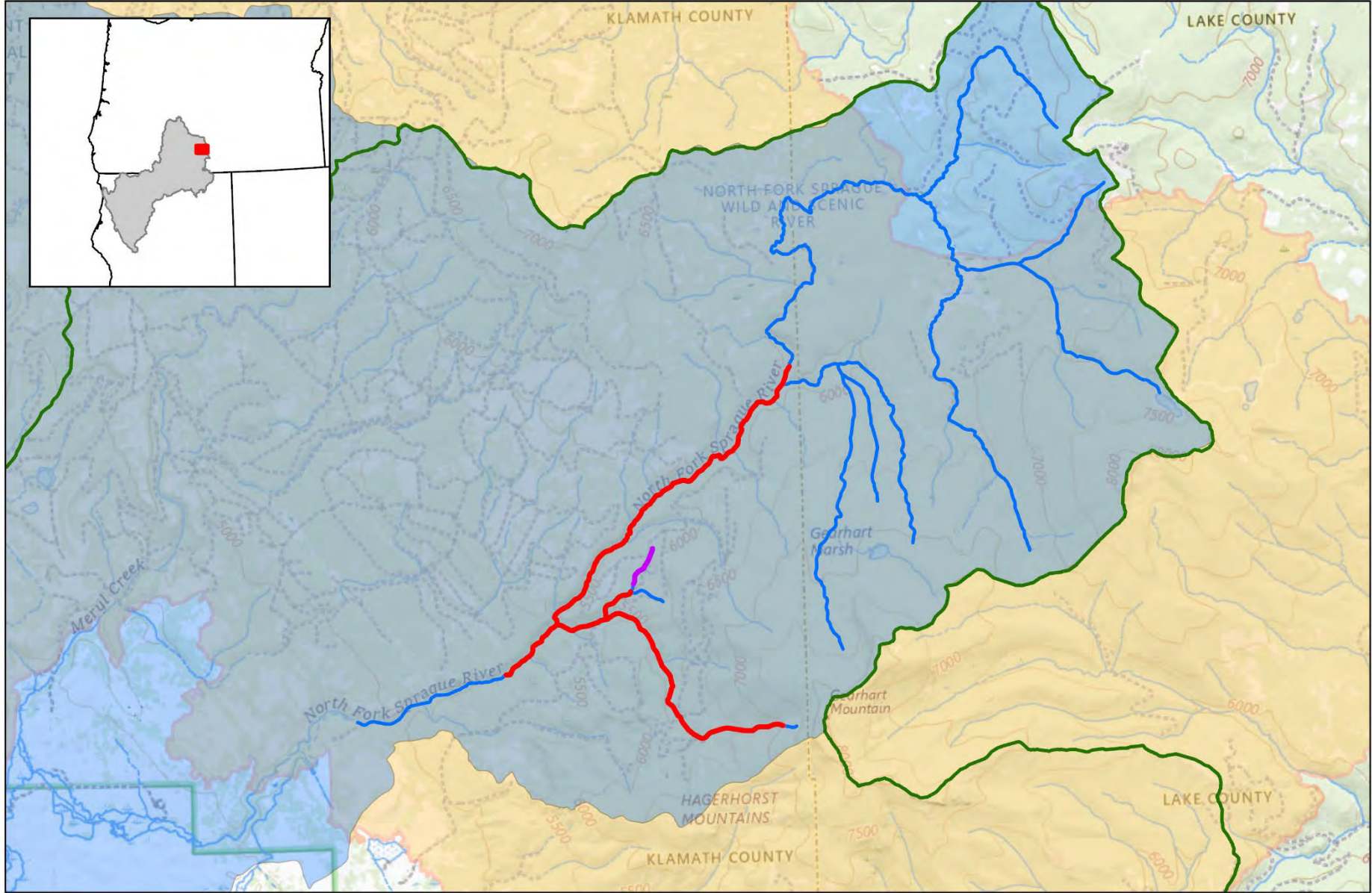
Can Bull Trout Navigate Non-wicker Weave Beaver Dam Analogs? A Case Study of Fish Passage at Beaver Dam Analogs Constructed Using Modern Techniques in the Upper Klamath Basin, Oregon



Charlie Erdman, Tommy Cianciolo, Dave Hering
Salmonid Restoration Federation - 2026

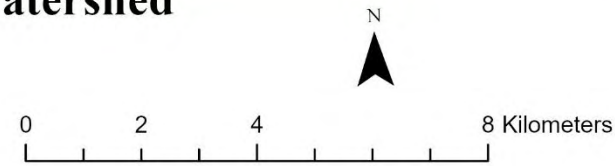


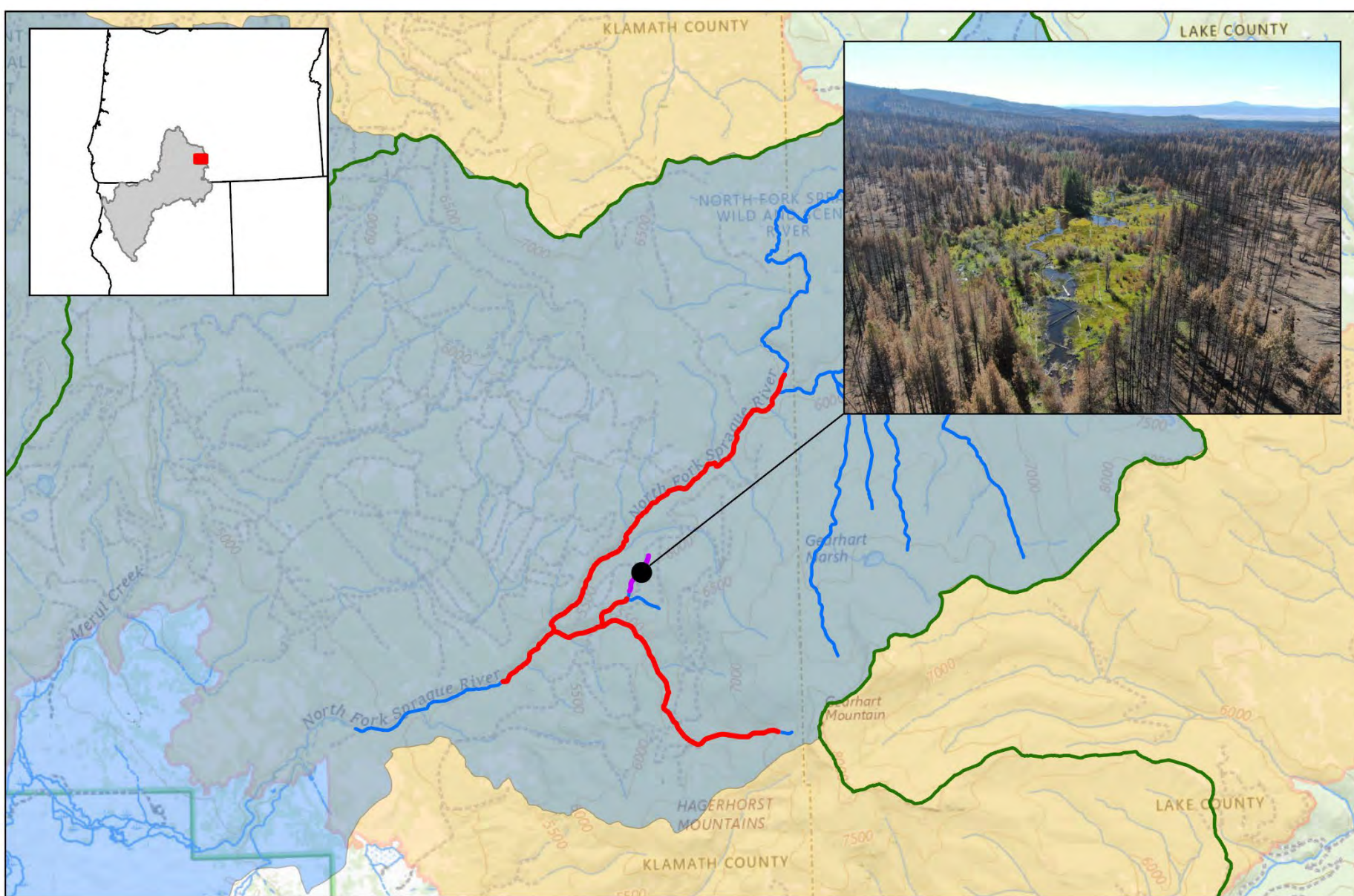




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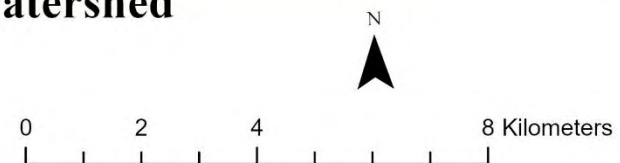
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- ~ NF Sprague River Watershed
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Bull Trout and Beaver and Beaver-Related Restoration

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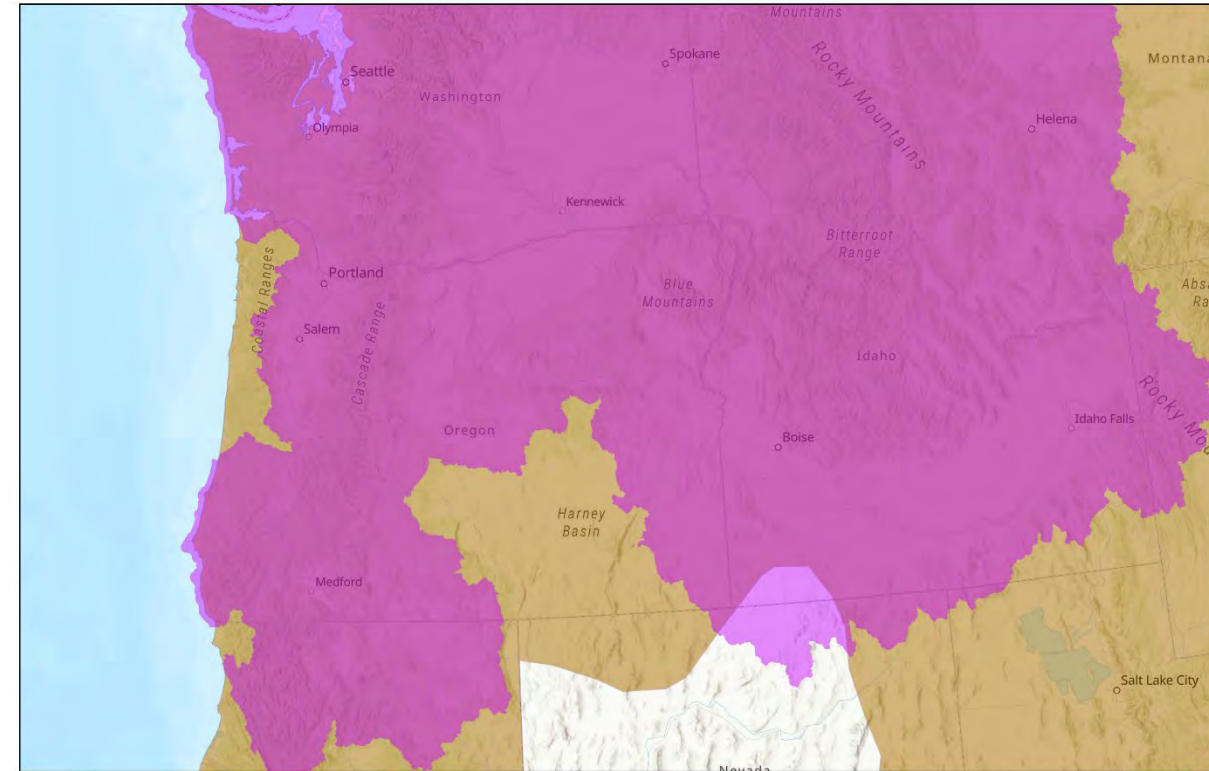
- Overwinter in beaver ponds (Jakober et al. 1998)

Passage:



- Detected upstream of dams (Boag 1987; Wolf et al. 2024)
- Redds detected above dams (Bustard 2017; Wolf et al. 2024,)
- Beaver dams can delay downstream migration, especially during periods of unusually low precipitation (Dupont et al. 2007)

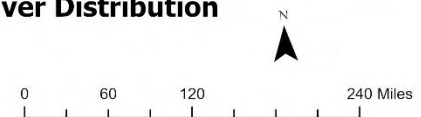
LTPBR:

- Minimal increase in density (Mackey 2025)



Approximate Historic Bull Trout and Beaver Distribution

 Bull Trout Distribution  Beaver Distribution



Sun Creek

Extensive habitat and BLT recovery efforts since 1989

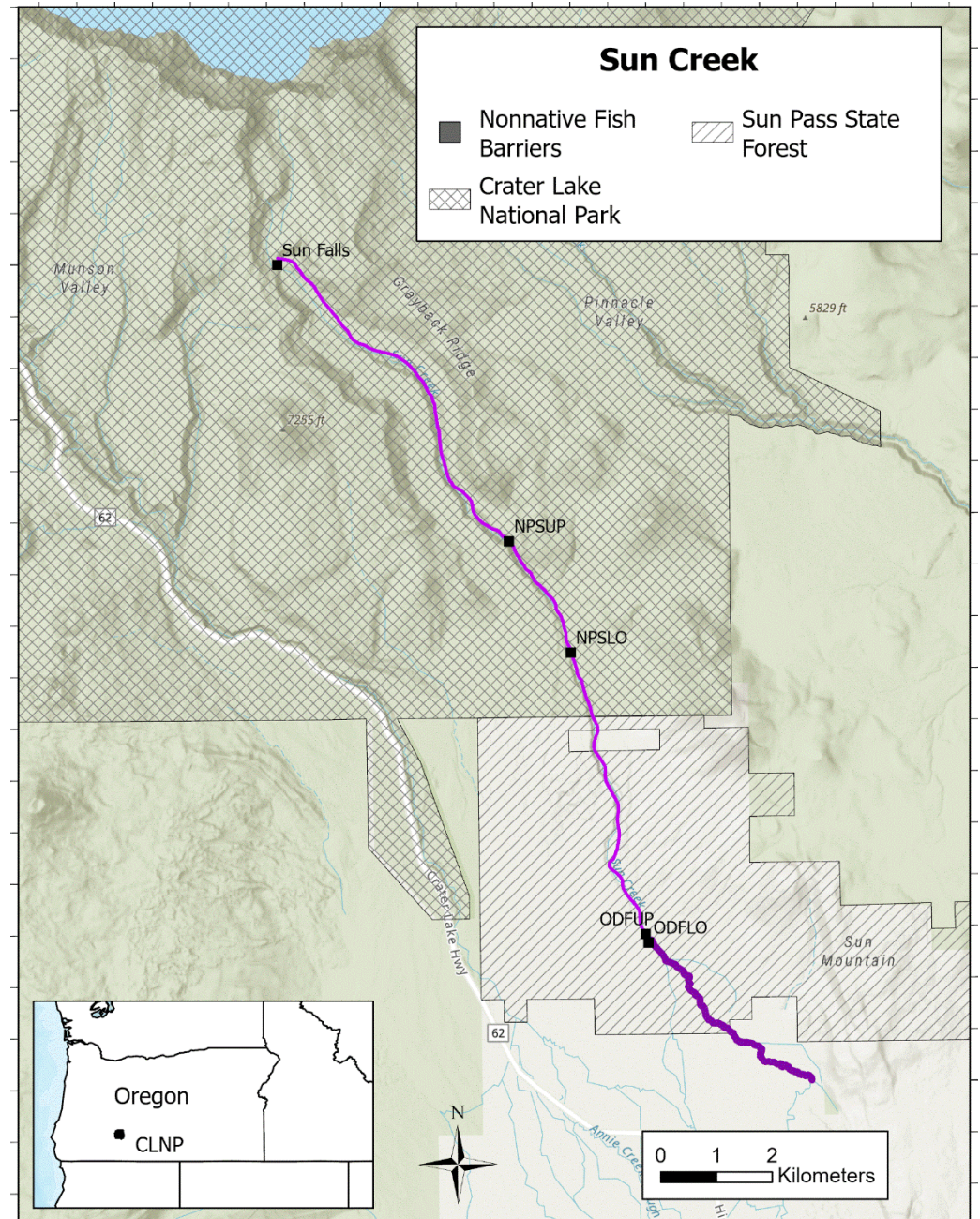
- Barrier construction
- Fish screen installation
- Brook Trout removal
- Instream water right transfer
- Channel reconnection
- LTPBR

Collaborative long-term restoration project

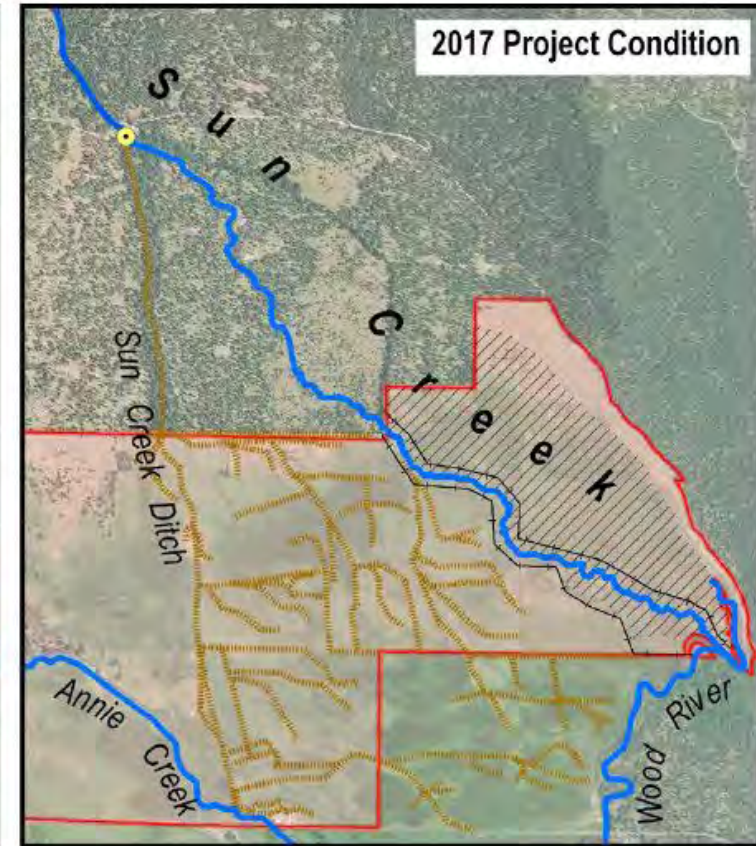
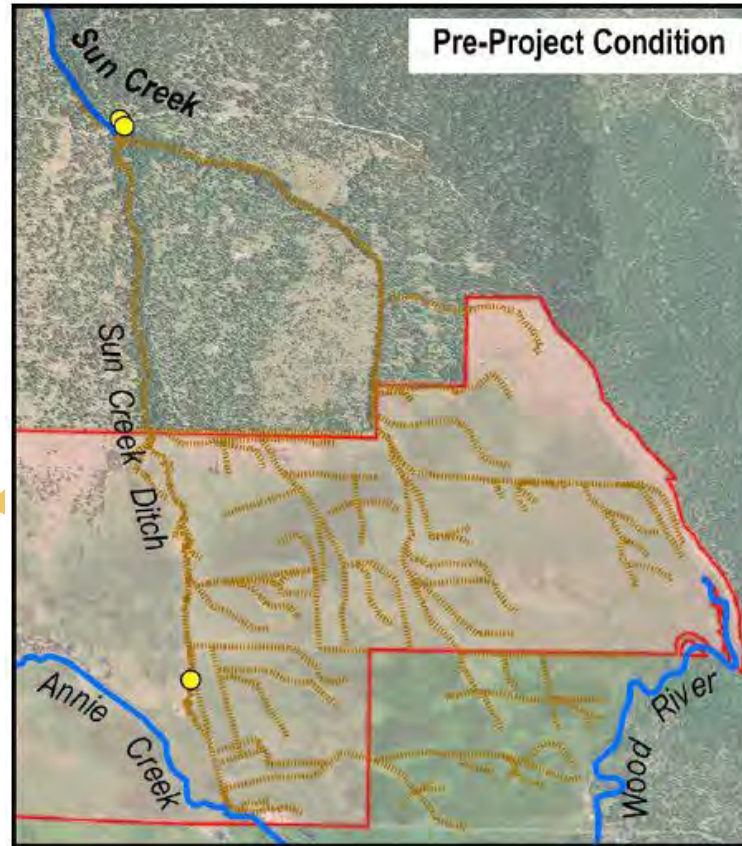
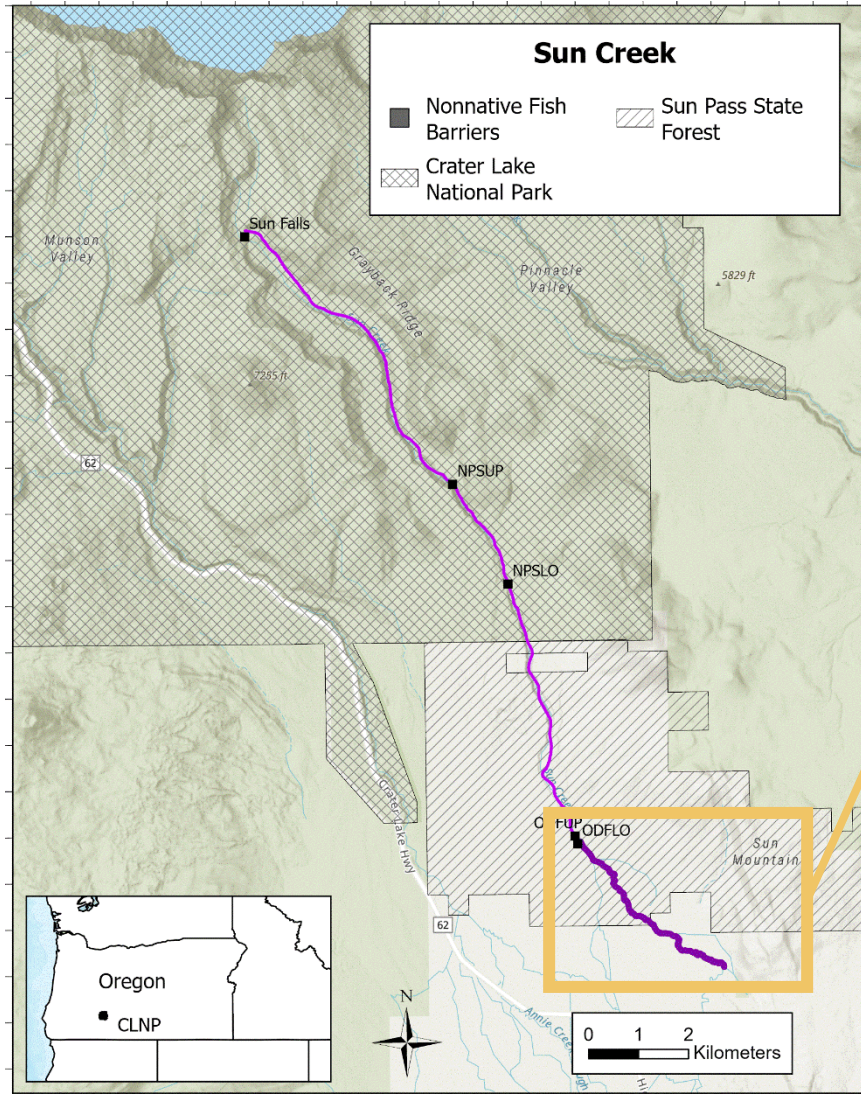
- Led by NPS with assistance from state, NGOs, private landowners

Ongoing population monitoring by NPS, including PIT-tag capture-recapture since 2008

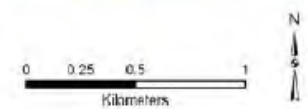
More information: Buktenica et al. 2018

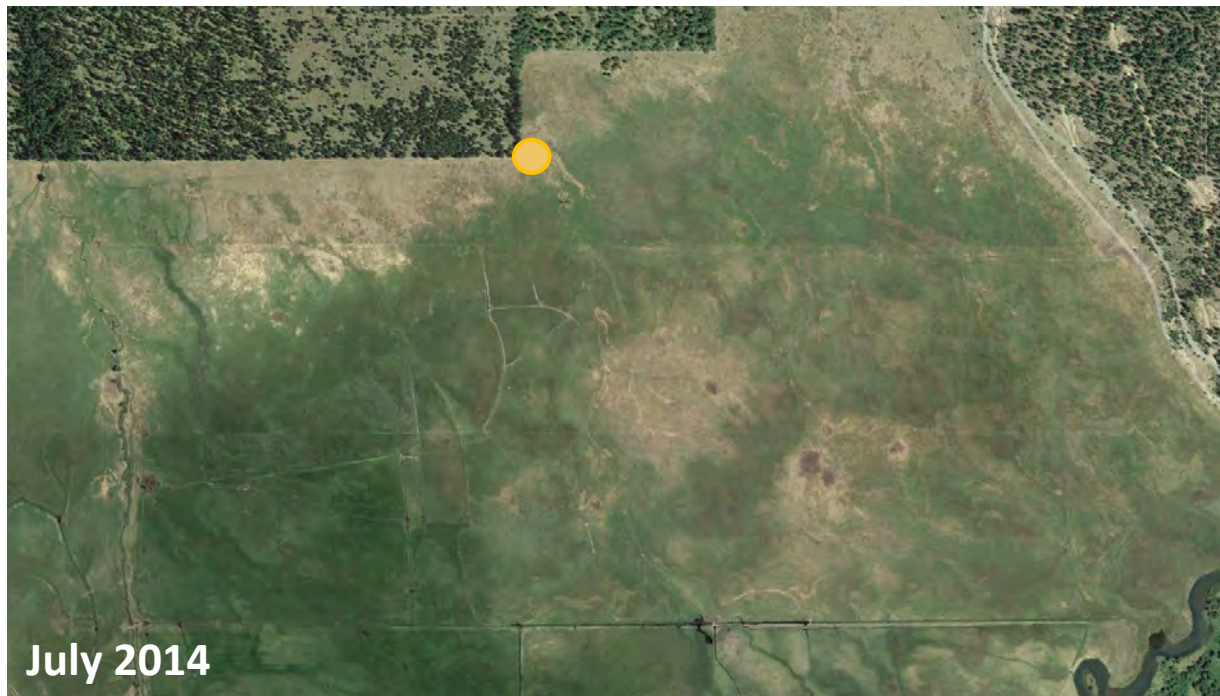


Reconstructed Channel of Lower Sun Creek



- Points of Diversion (POD)
- Fish Screen and Consolidated POD
- ▬ Irrigation Delivery
- ▬ Riparian Fence
- ▭ Private Land In Project Area
- ▨ Instream Transfer Acreage





LTPBR Build – Lower Sun Creek (2.1km)

Fall 2022

- 32 BDAs, 20 PALS installed

Fall 2024

- Maintenance on 18 BDAS

All with posts but using the postless method (Appendix E; Wheaton et al. 2019)



BDA.20



☉ 291°W (M) ● 42.747824°N, 121.995093°W ±9ft





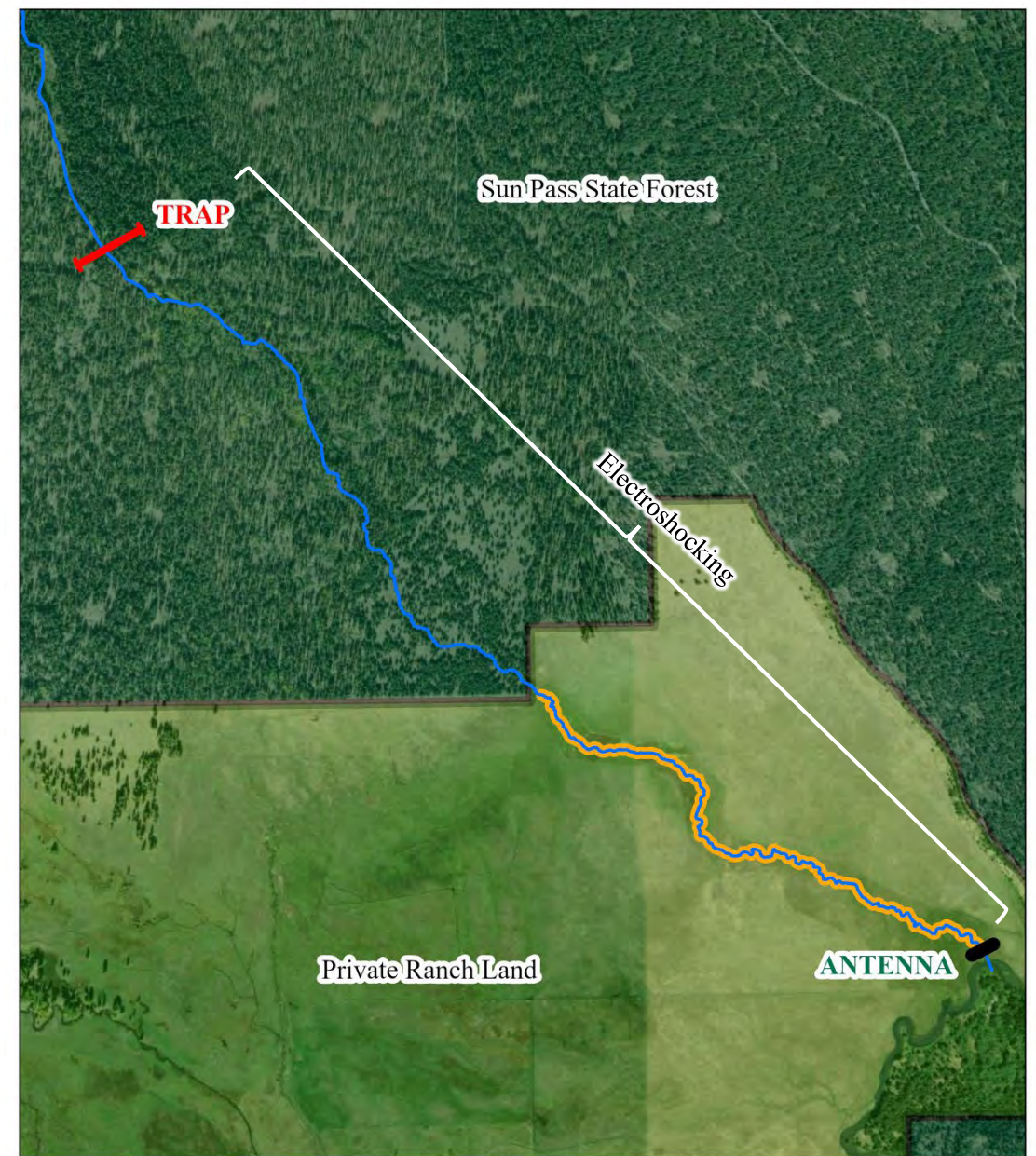
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Bull Trout collected and PIT-tagged at trap and during electrofishing surveys

- Trap operated from 2021-2025
- Spring and fall electrofishing surveys from 2017-2025

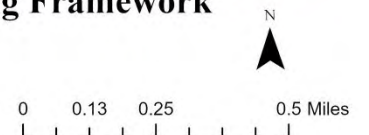
Dual antenna array at mouth

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Lower Sun Creek - Bull Trout Sampling Framework

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| Sun Creek | PIT Antenna |
| LTPBR Treatment Reach | Private Ranch Land |
| Lower ODF Barrier and Trap | Sun Pass State Forest (ODF) |



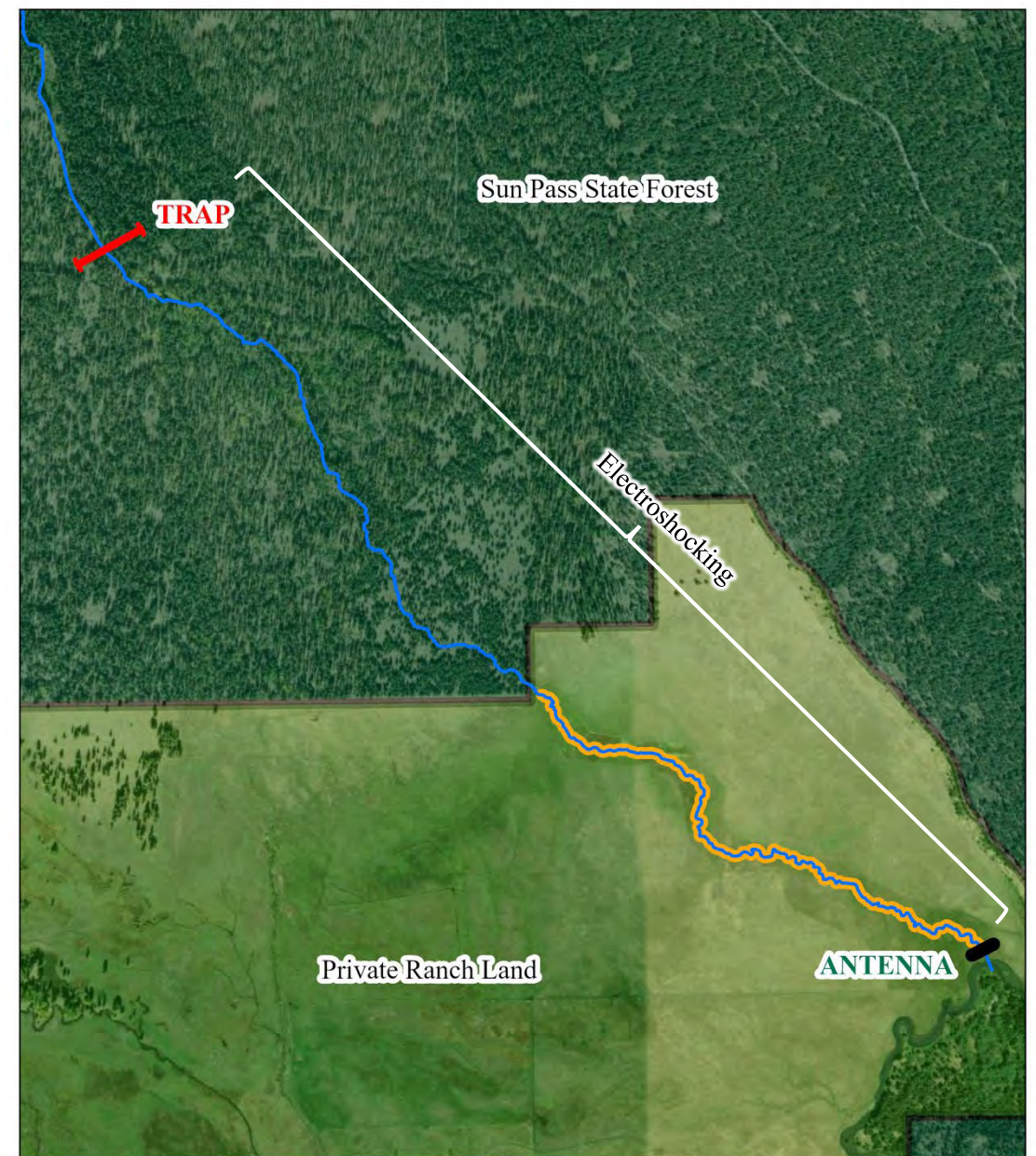
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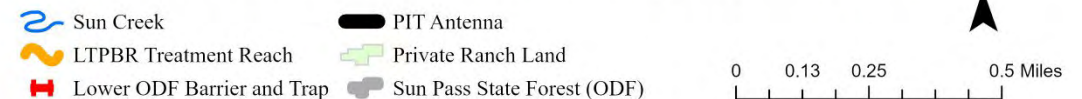
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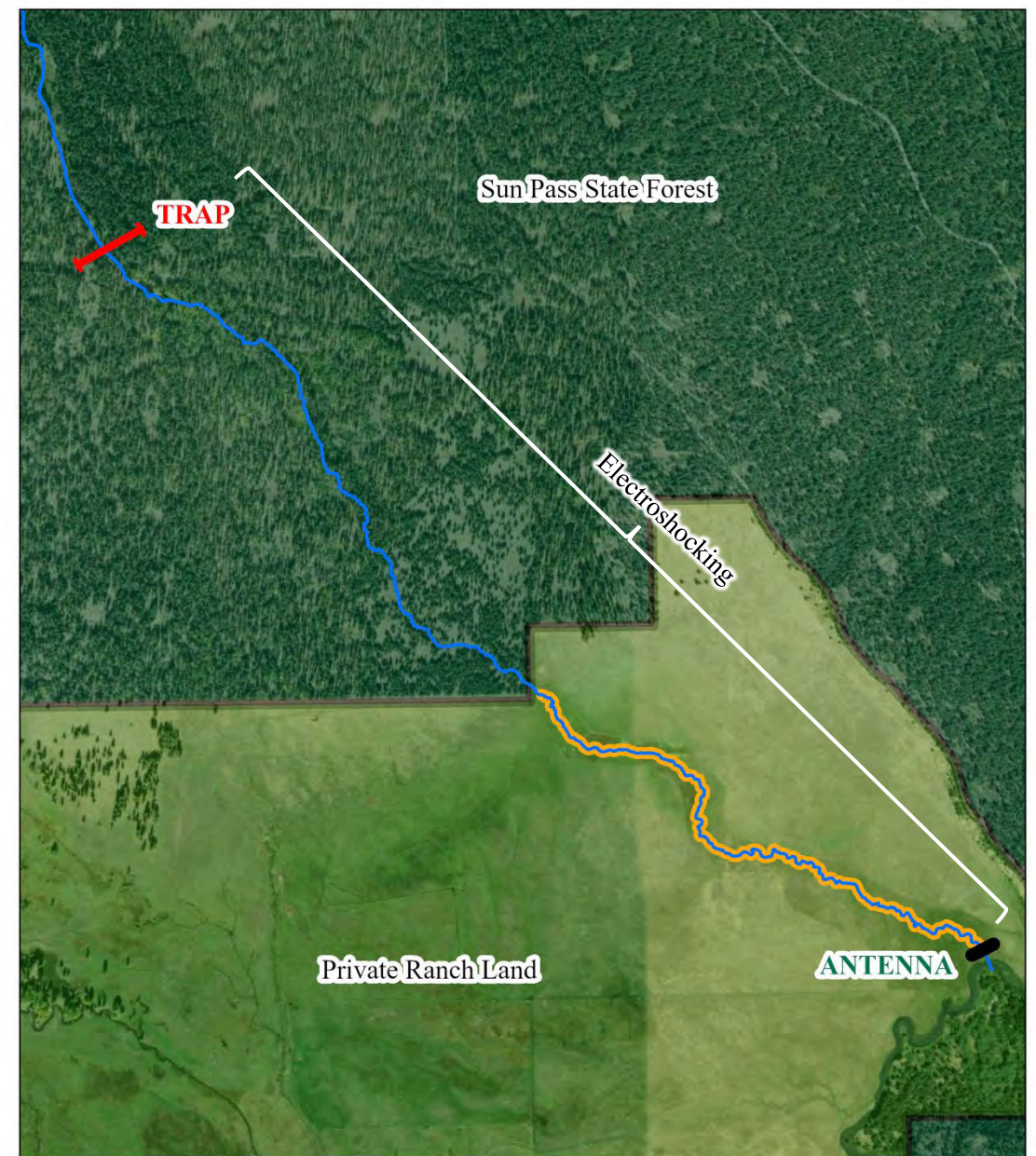
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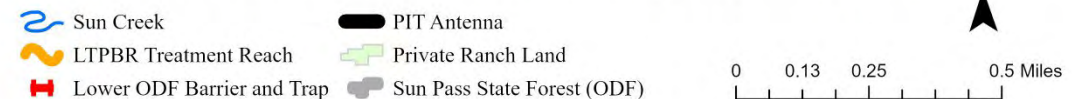
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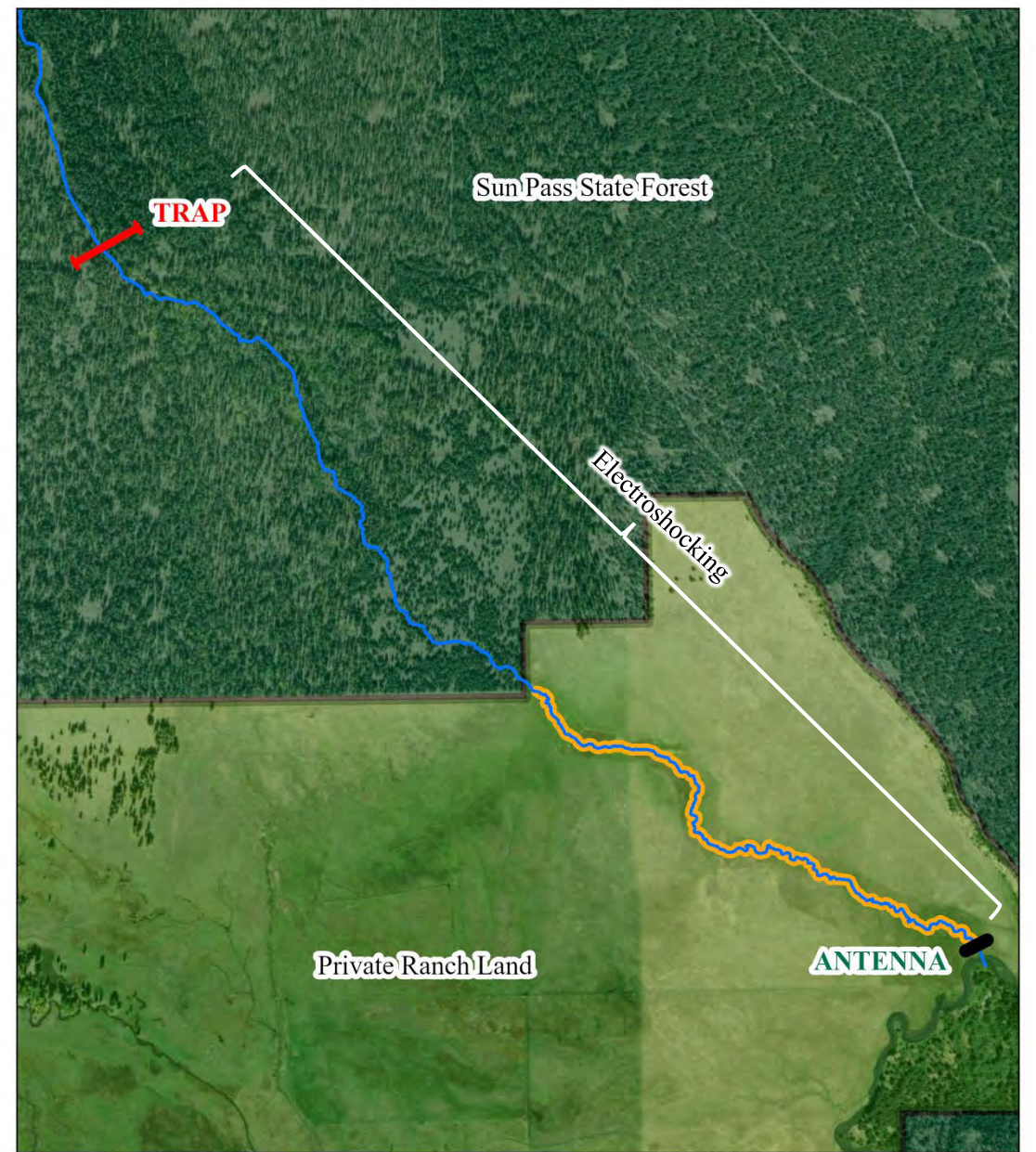
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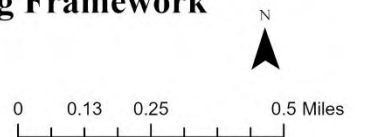


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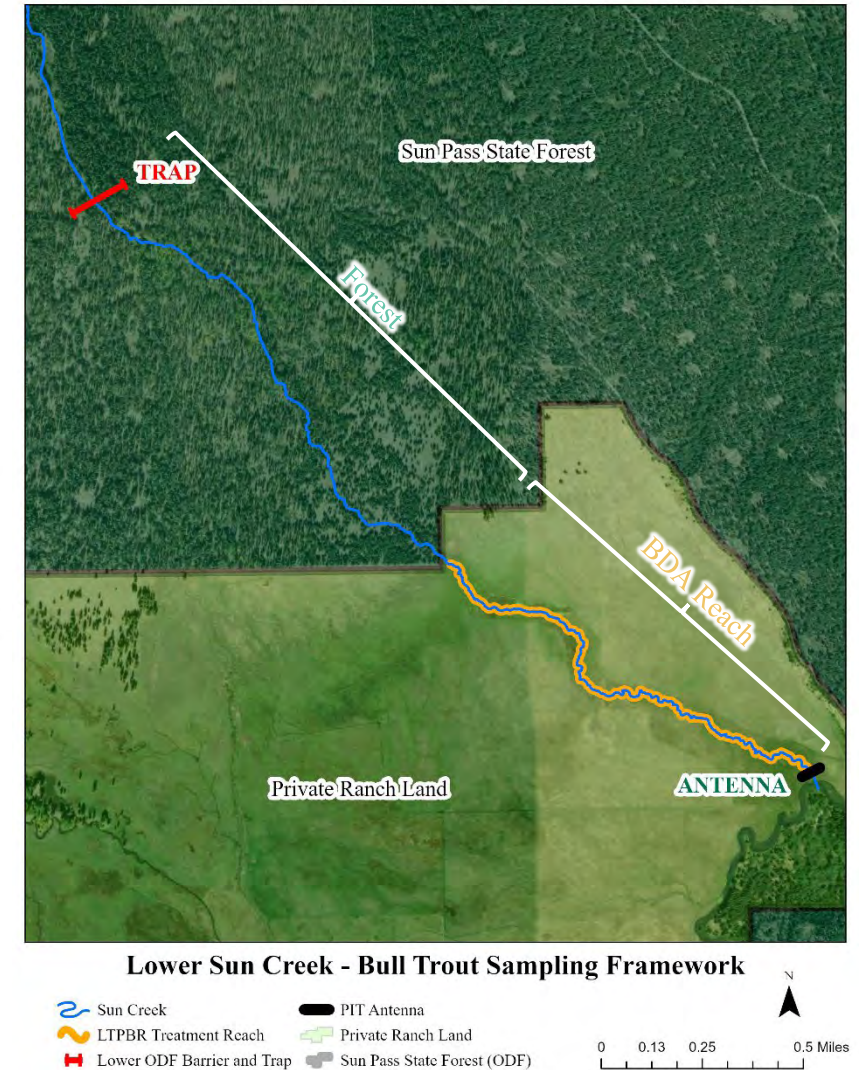
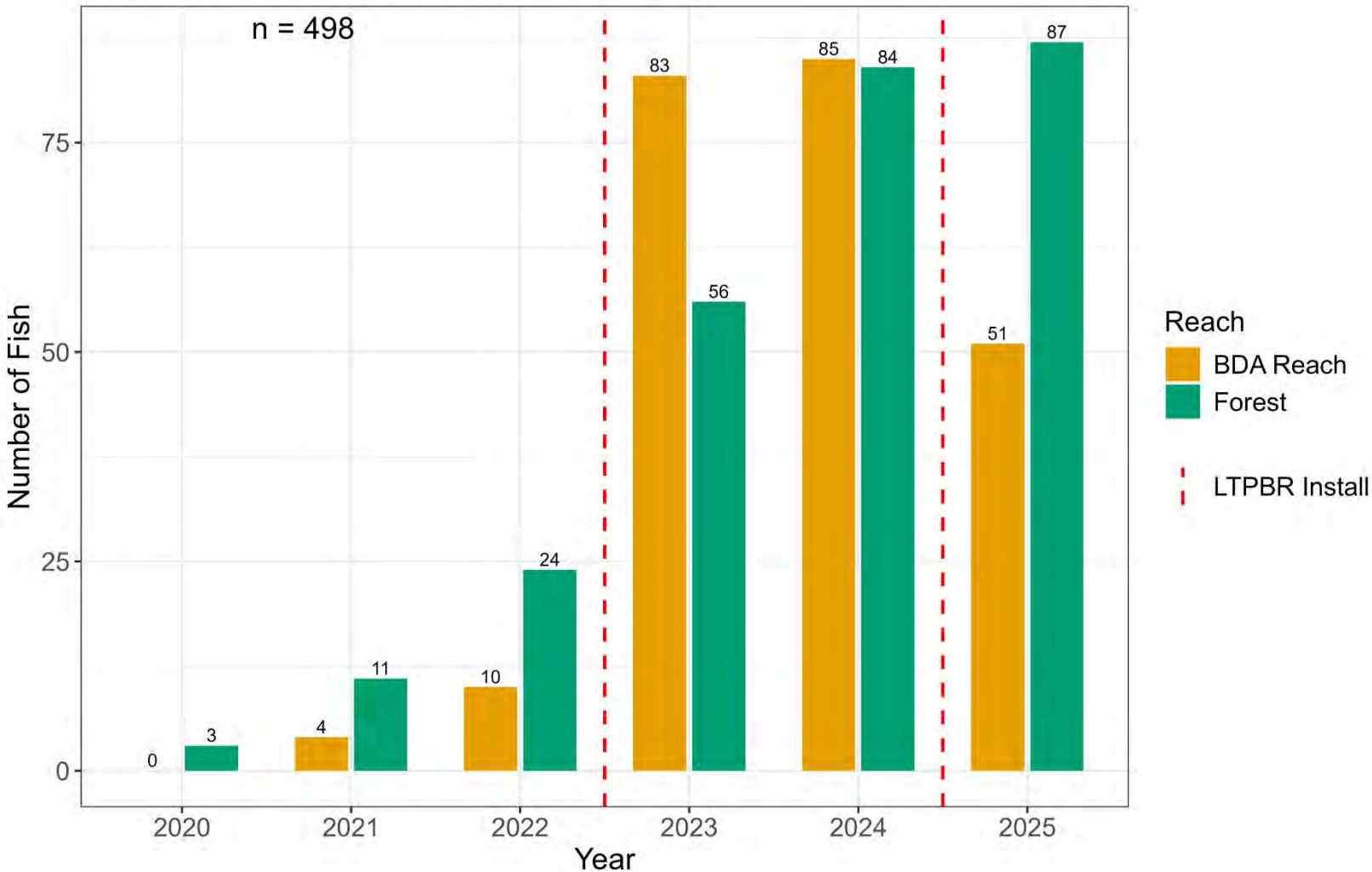
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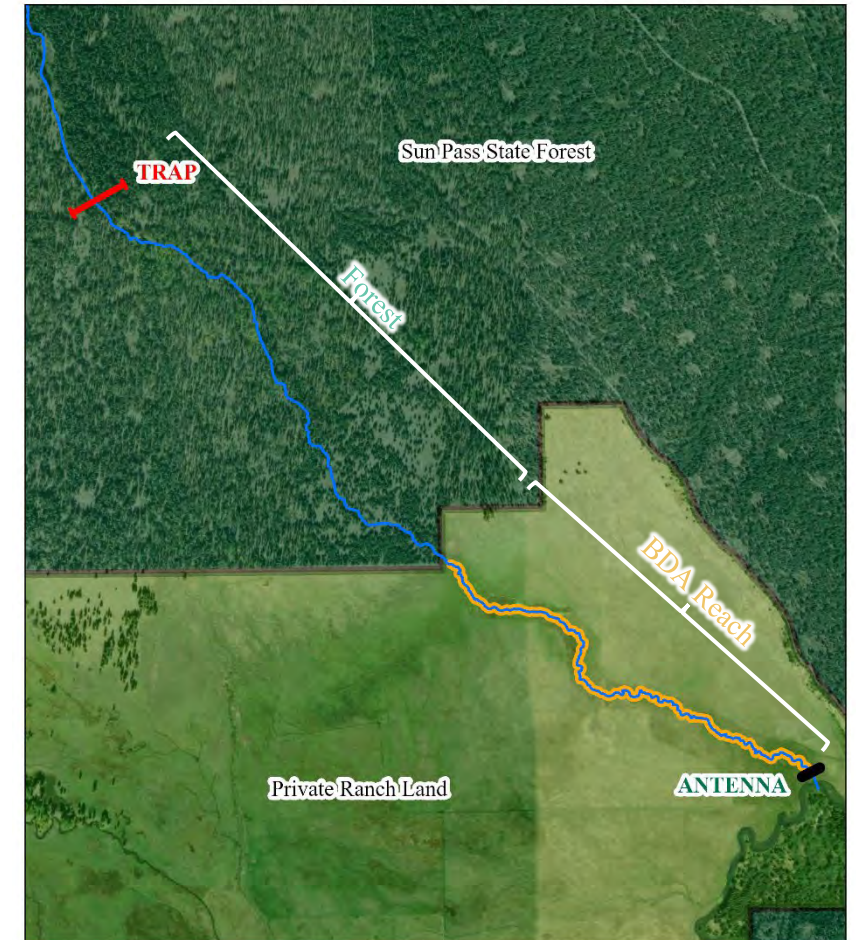
Are Bull Trout in the reconstructed reach?

Sun Creek Bull Trout Captures By Year and Reach

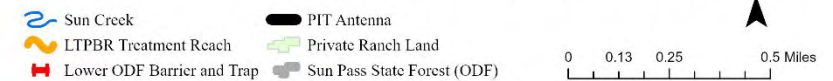


Are Bull Trout moving upstream and downstream through the BDA reach?

- **67** BLT passed at least 1 BDA during upstream movement (detected at mouth or during electroshocking and then at trap)
- **64** BLT passed at least 1 BDA during downstream movement (detected at trap or during electroshocking and then at mouth)

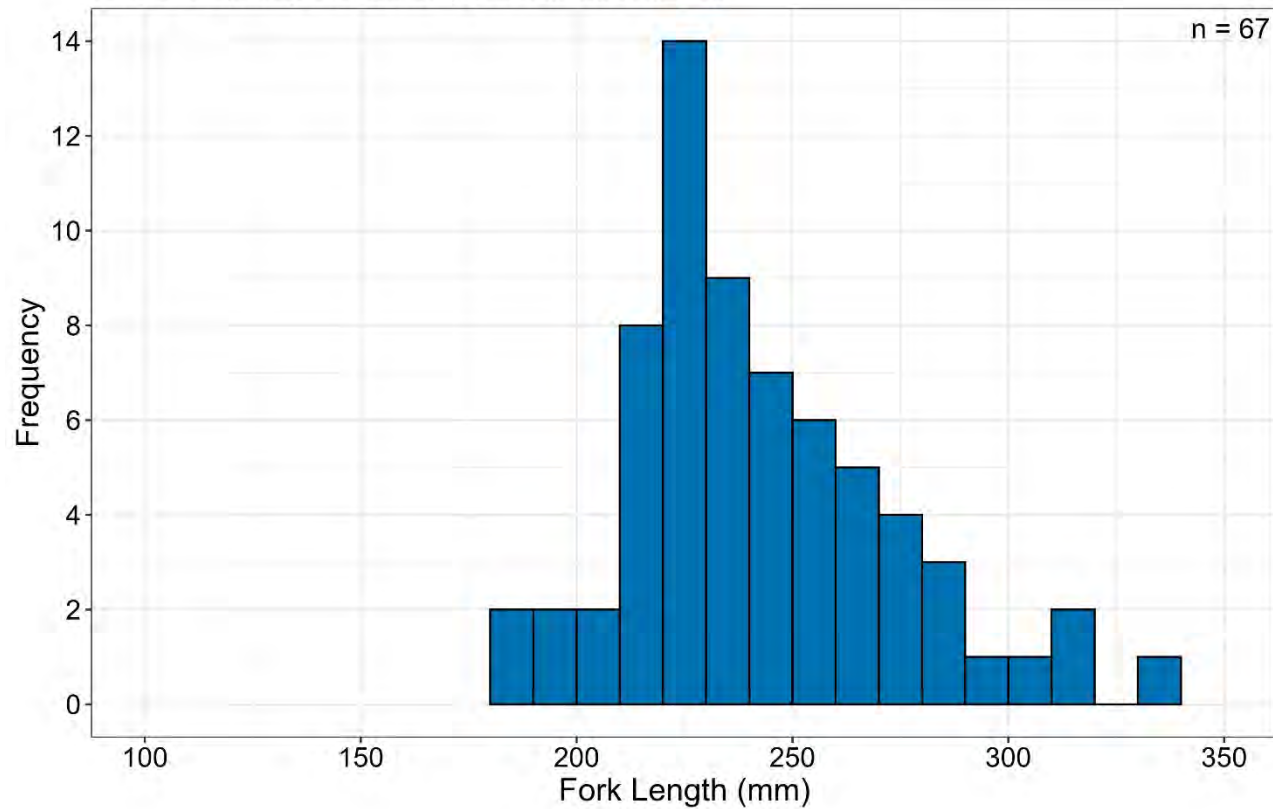


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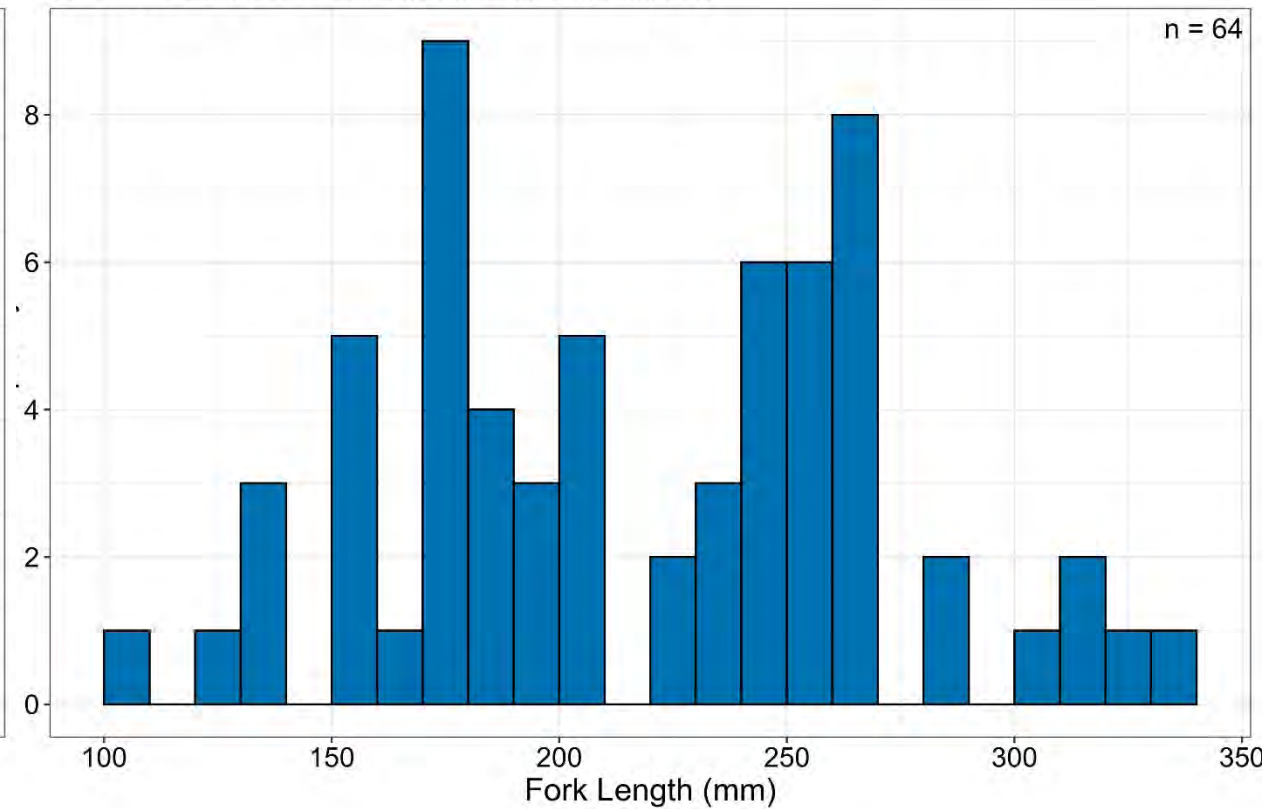
What size are Bull Trout that make upstream and downstream movements through the BDA reach?

Length Frequency Distribution (Upstream Movements)



Upstream Movements

Length Frequency Distribution (Downstream Movements)

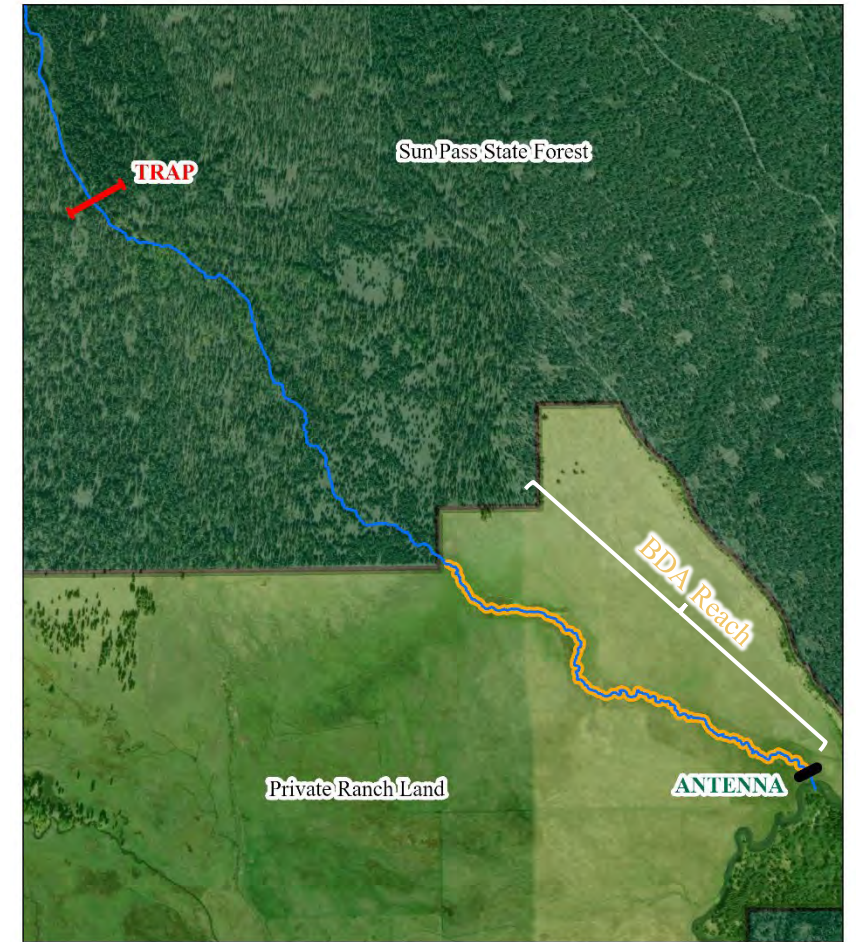
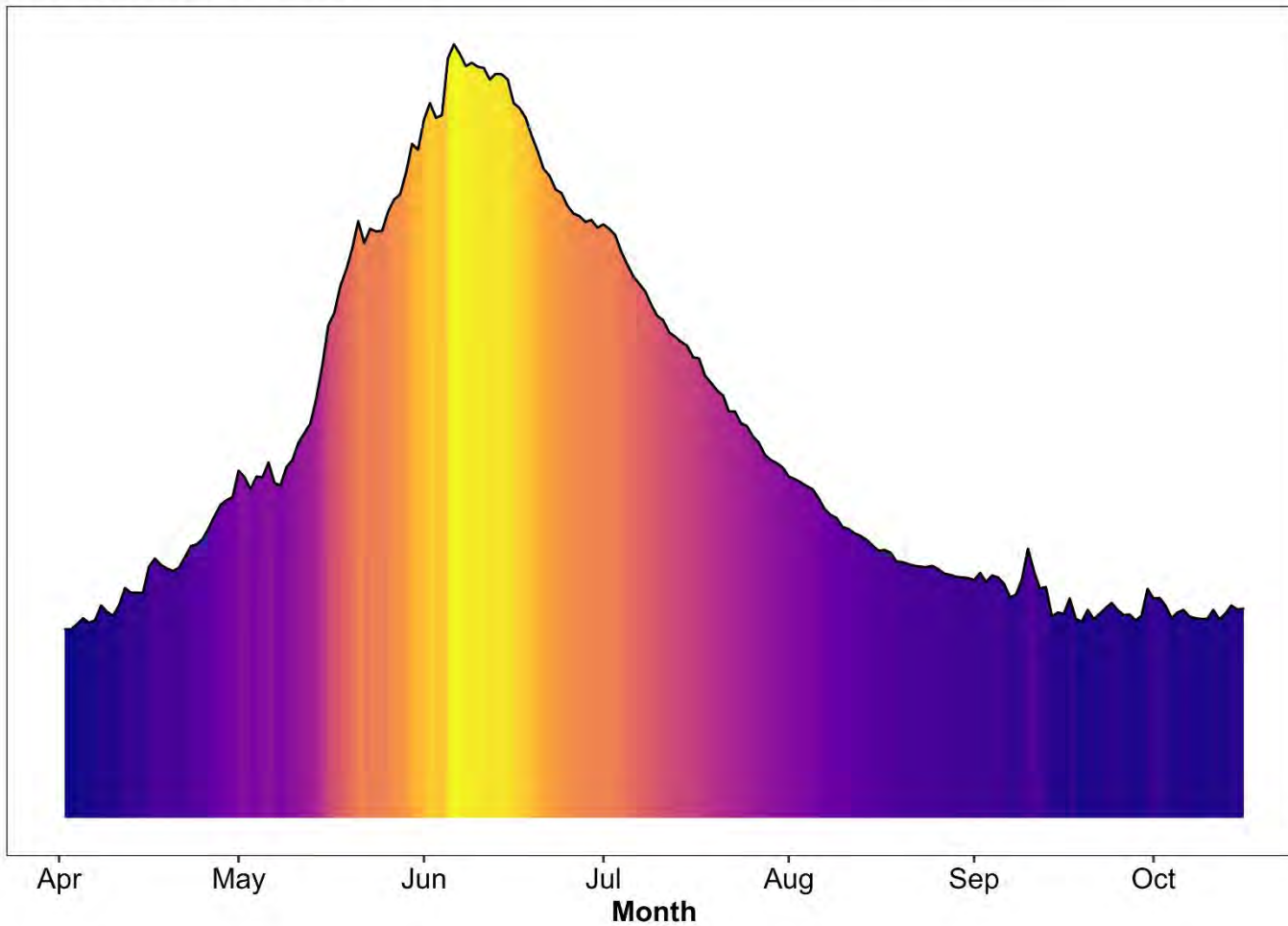


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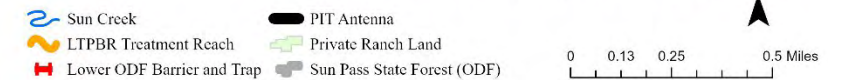
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Sun Creek Flow and Bull Trout Upstream Movement Through BDA Reach: 2023-2025

Lines represent individual fish



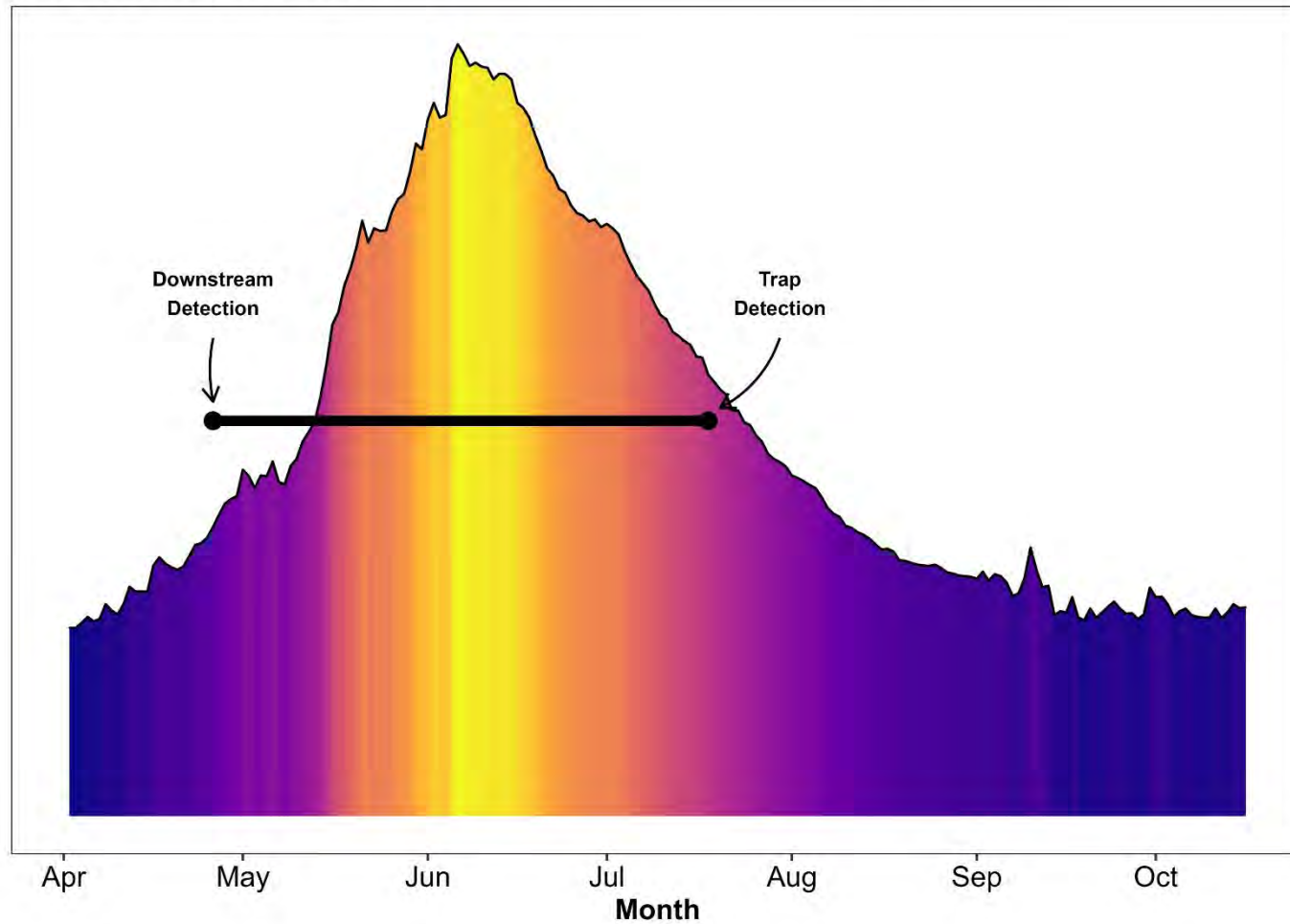
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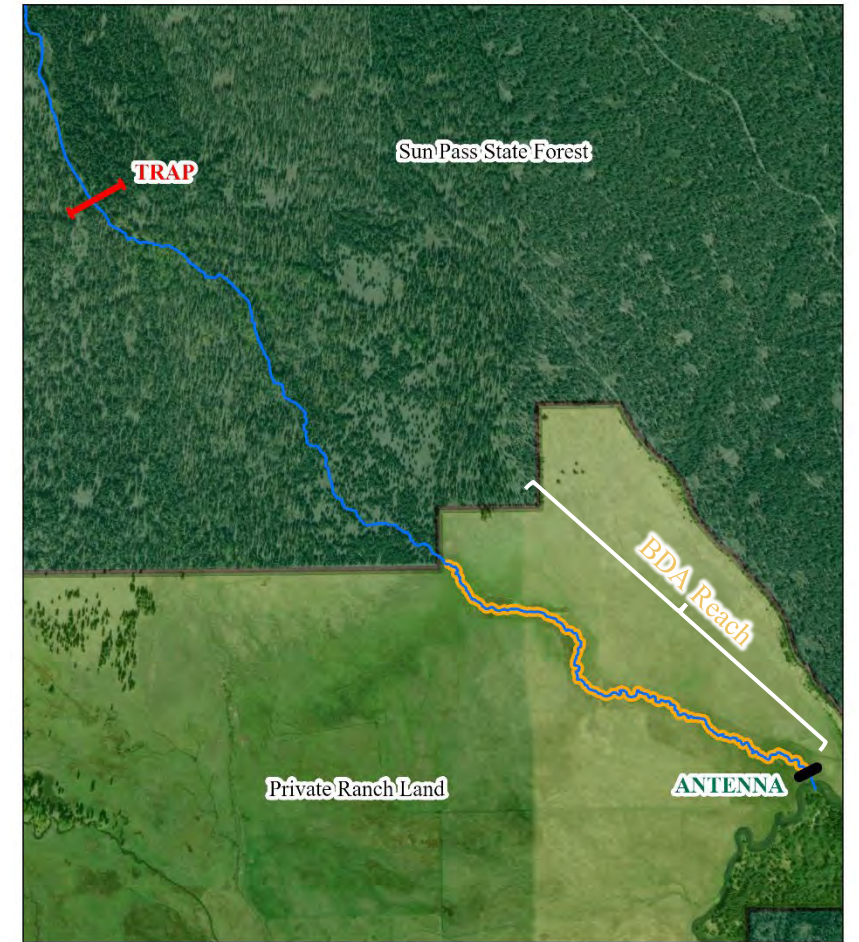
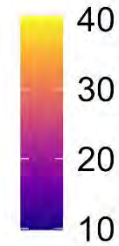
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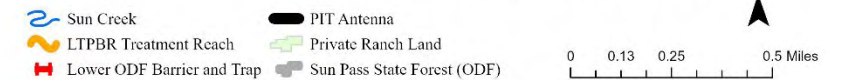
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Mean Daily Discharge (CFS)



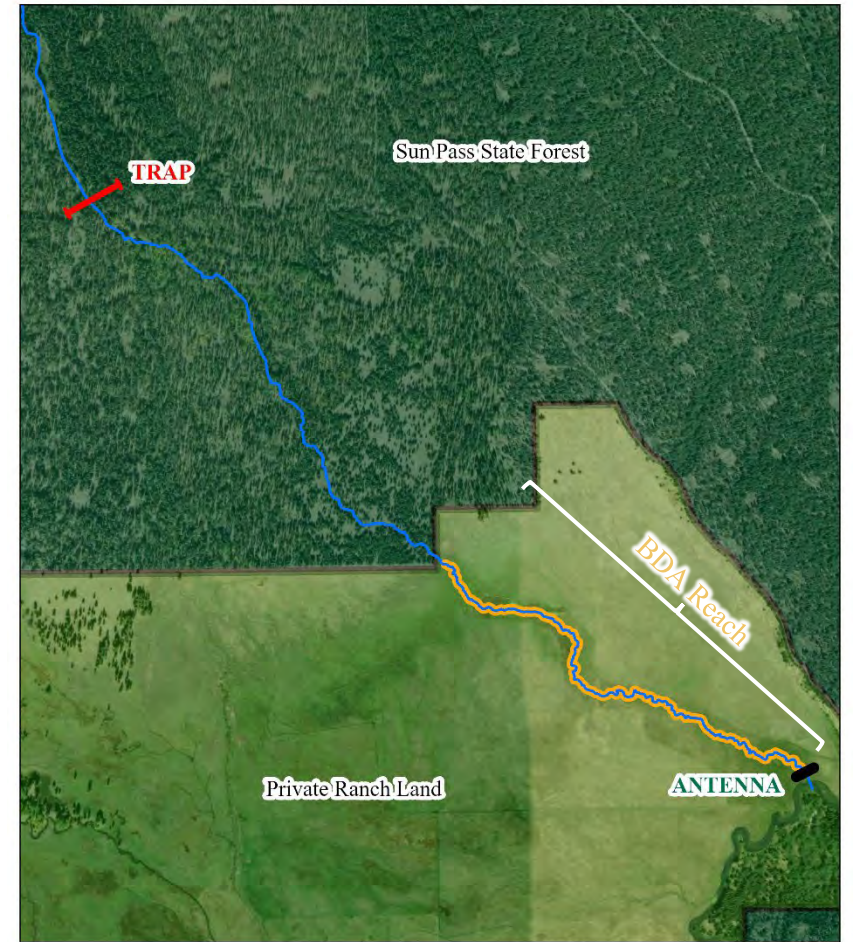
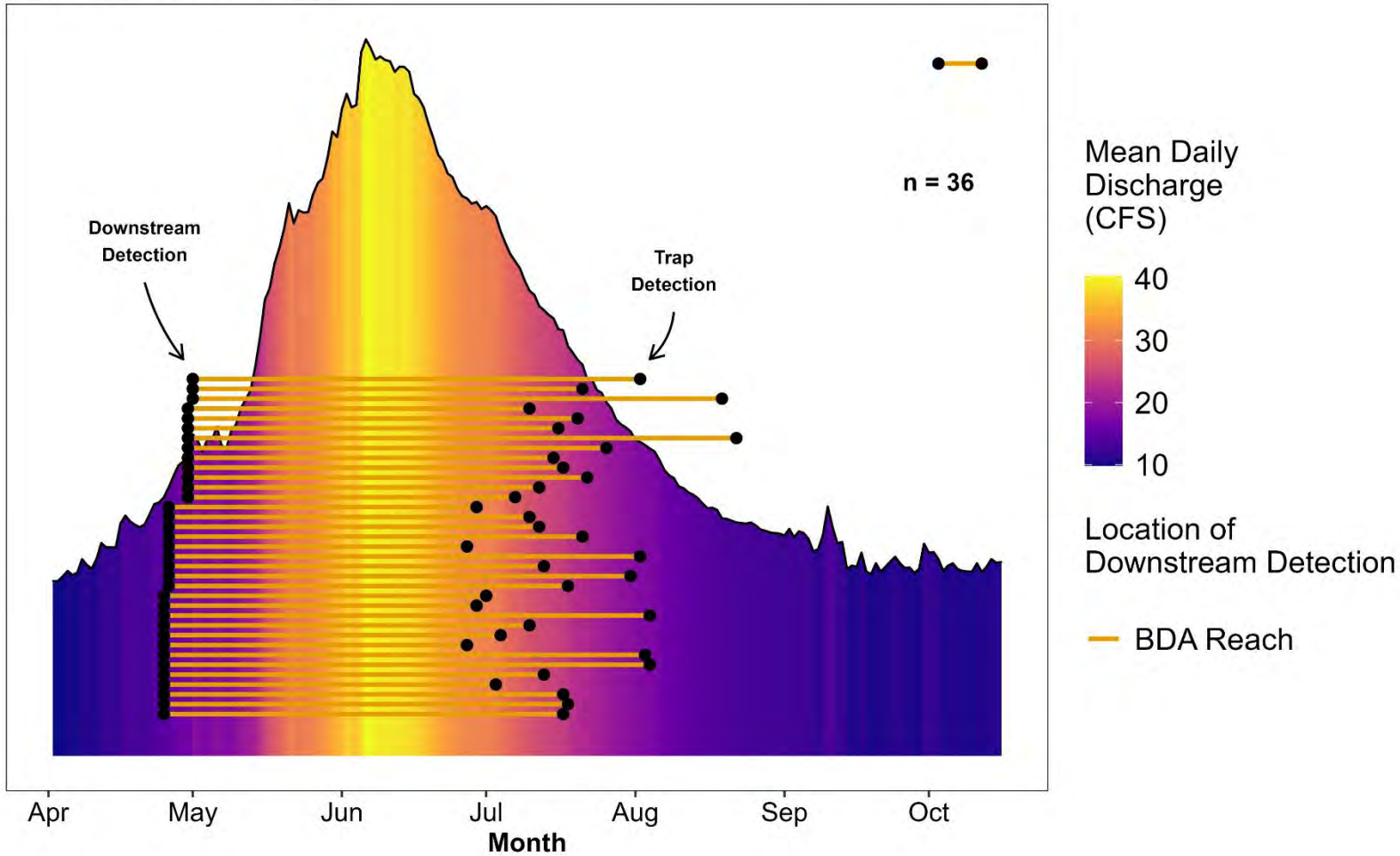
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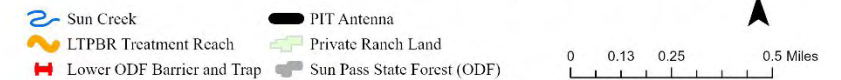
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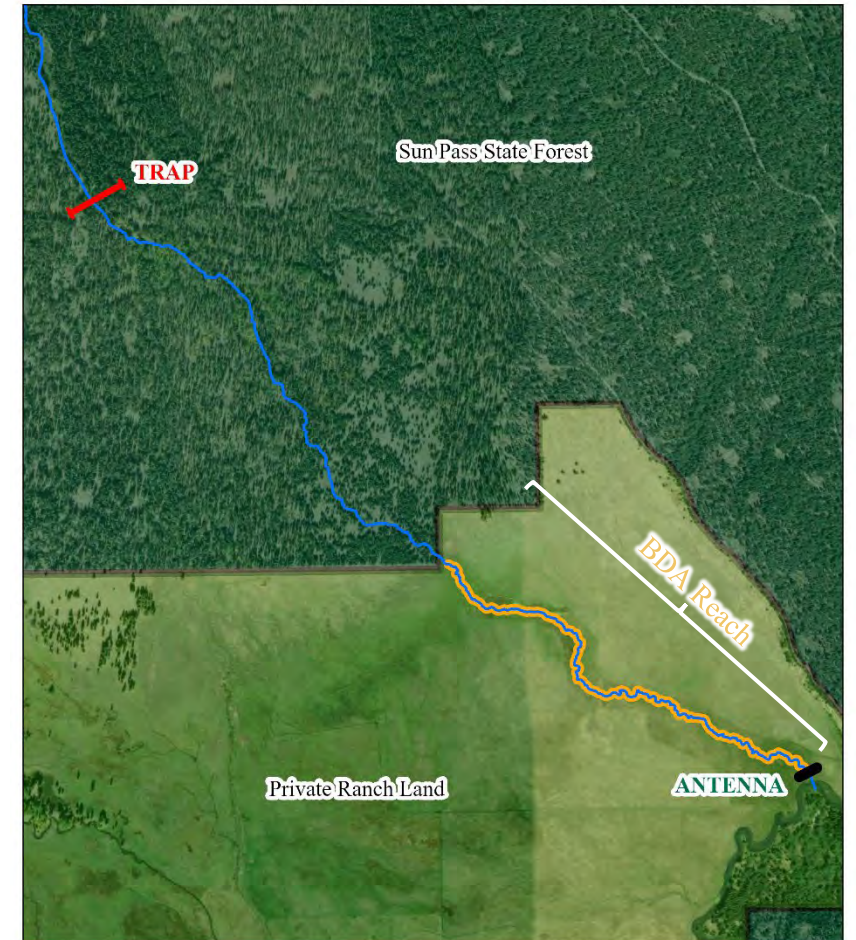
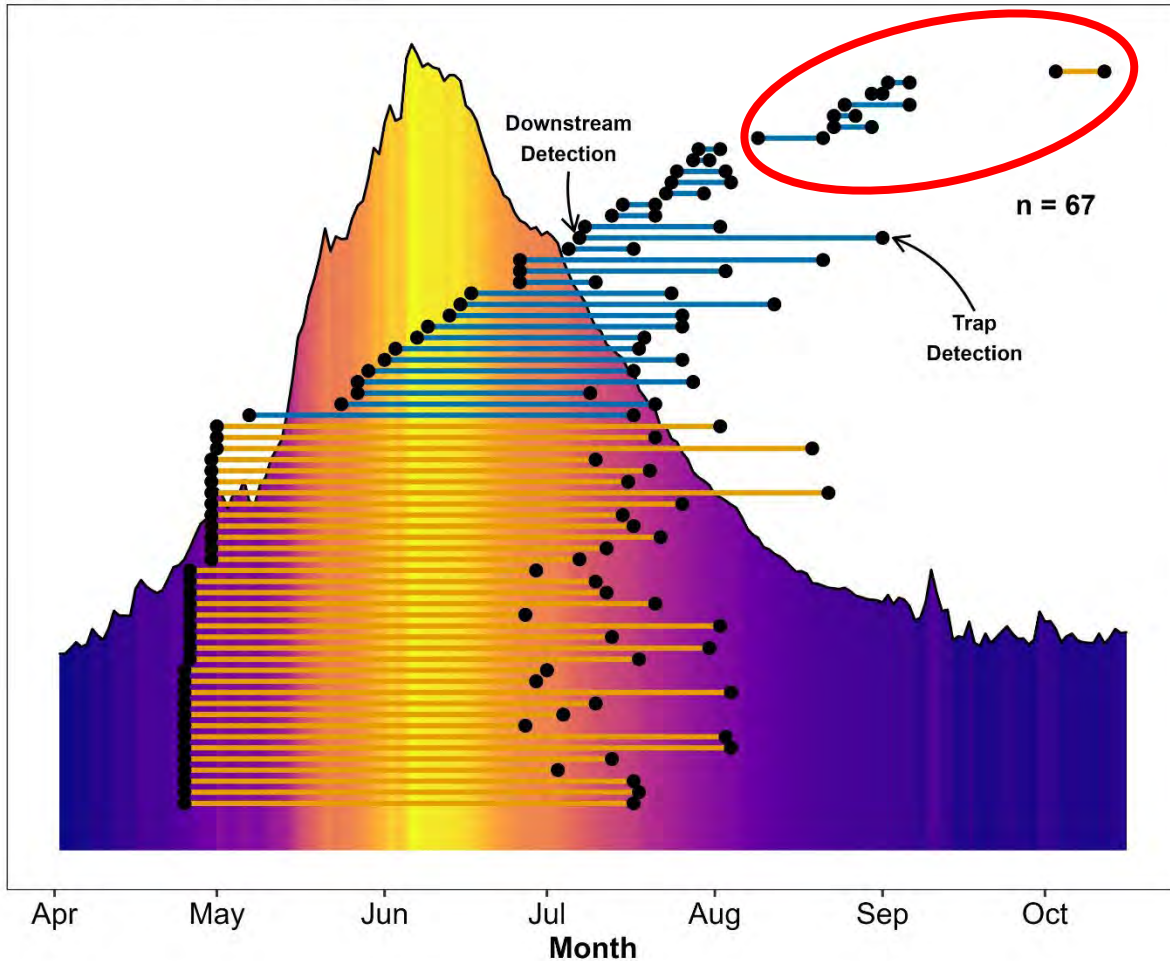
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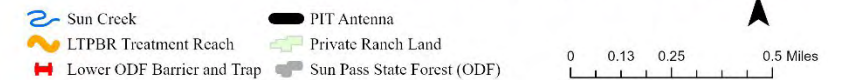
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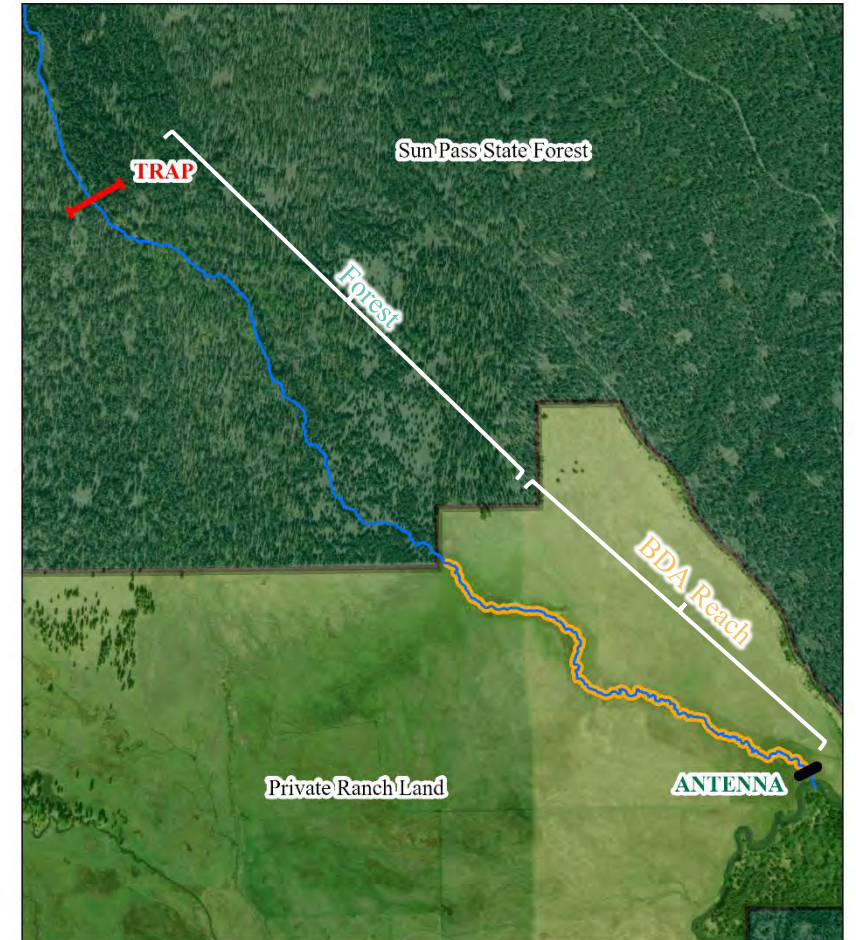
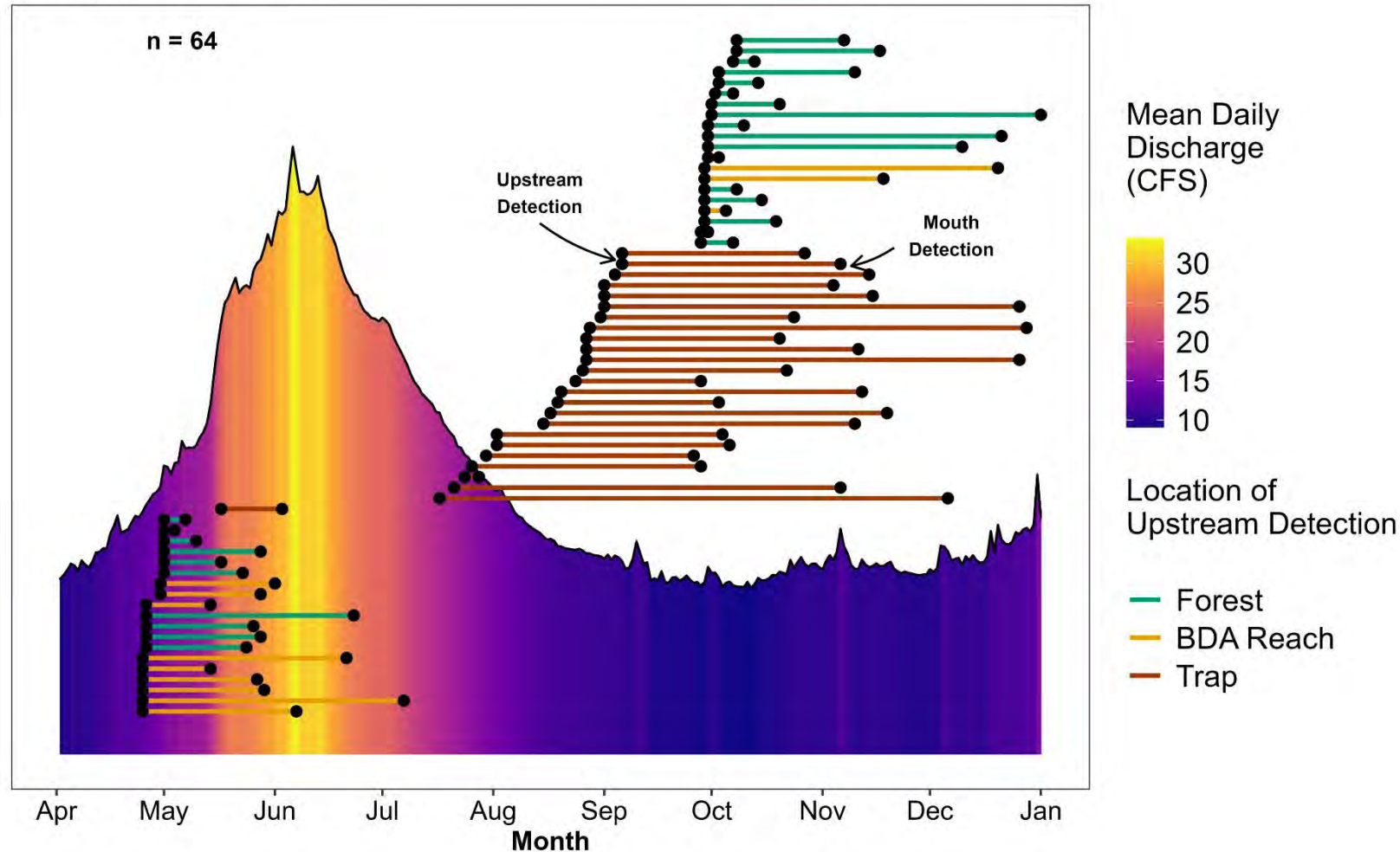
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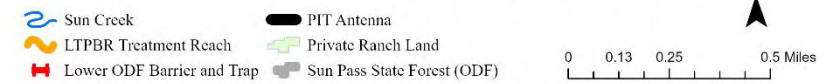
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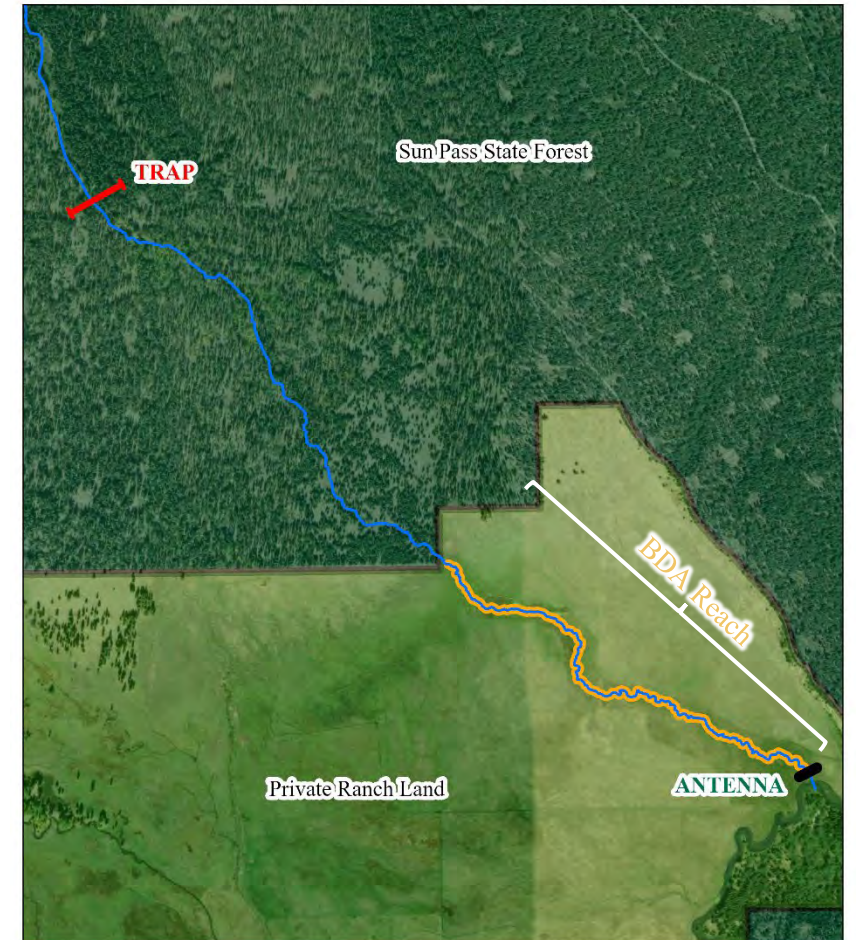
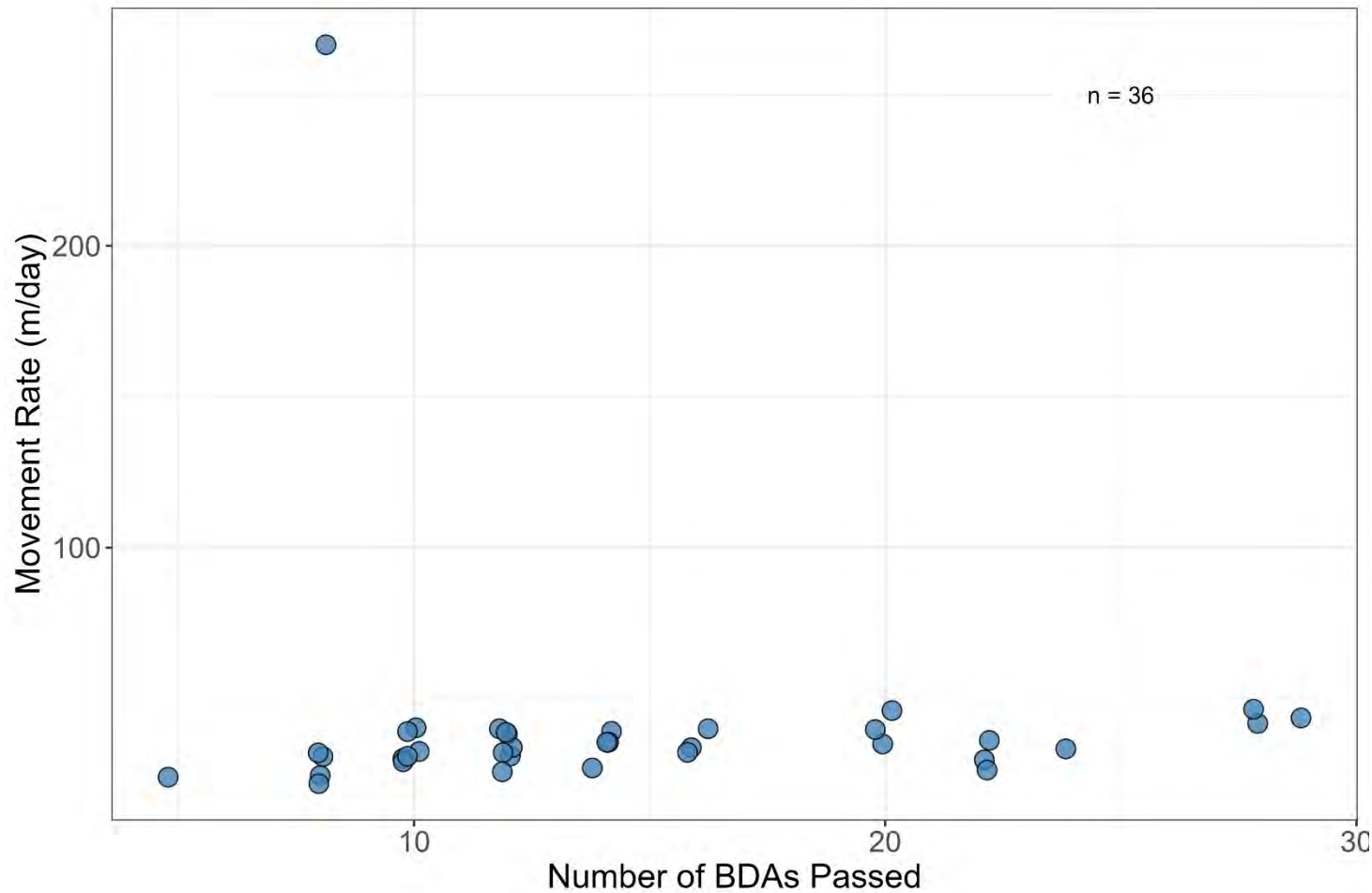


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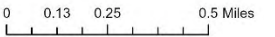
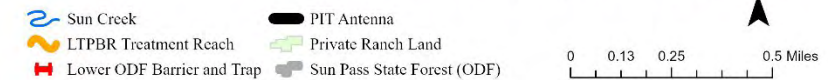


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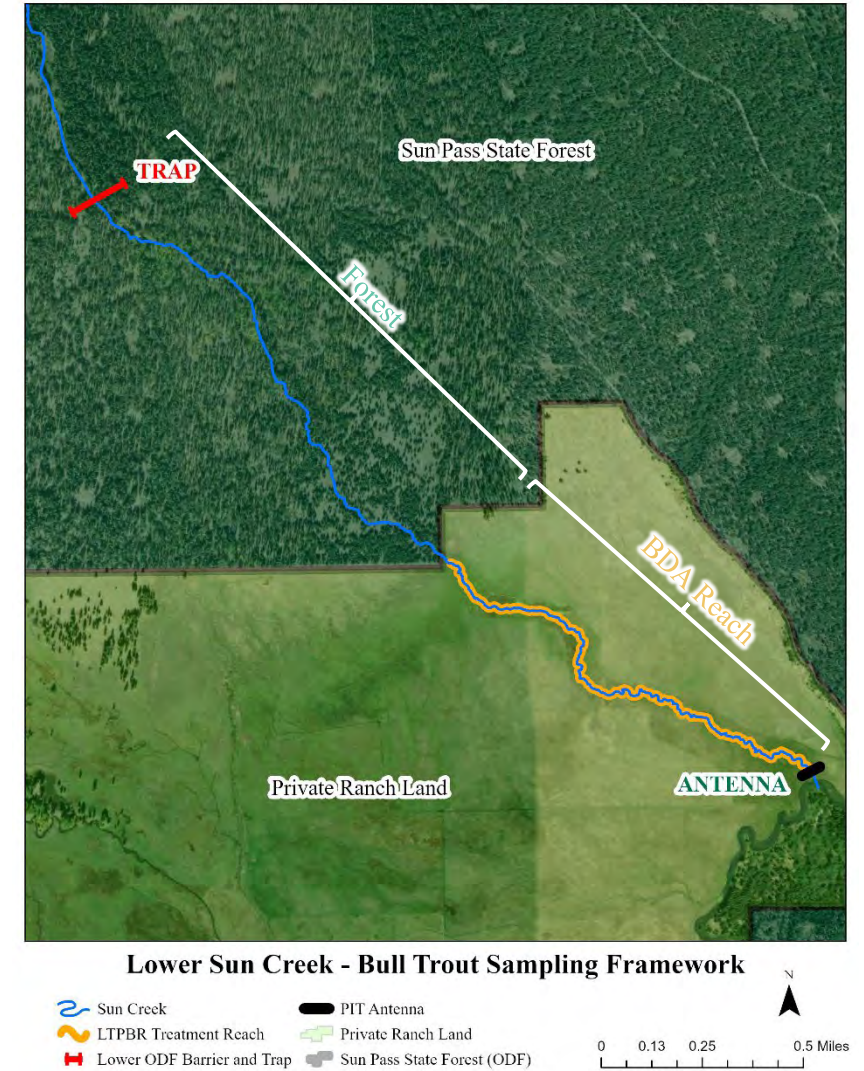
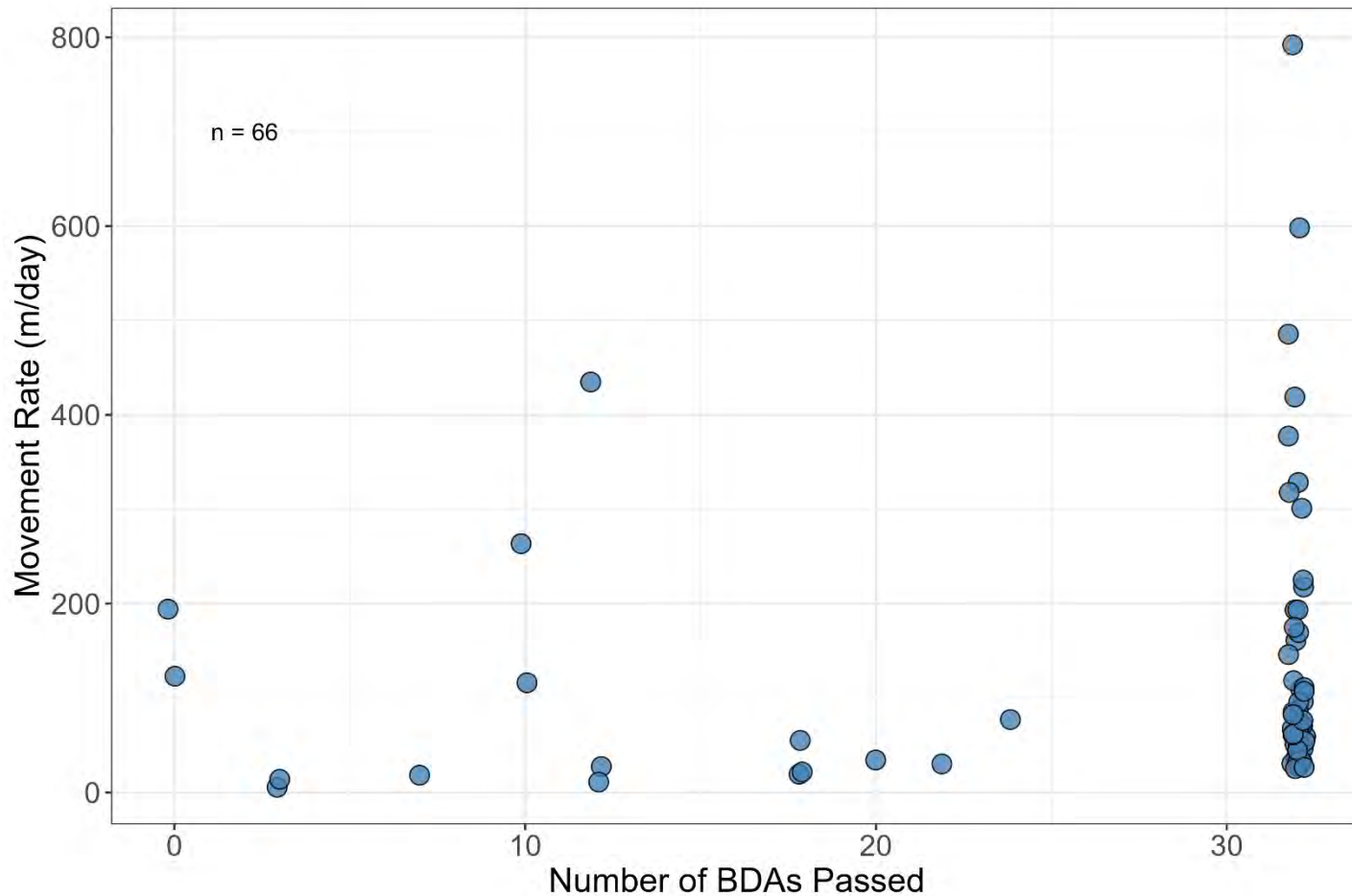


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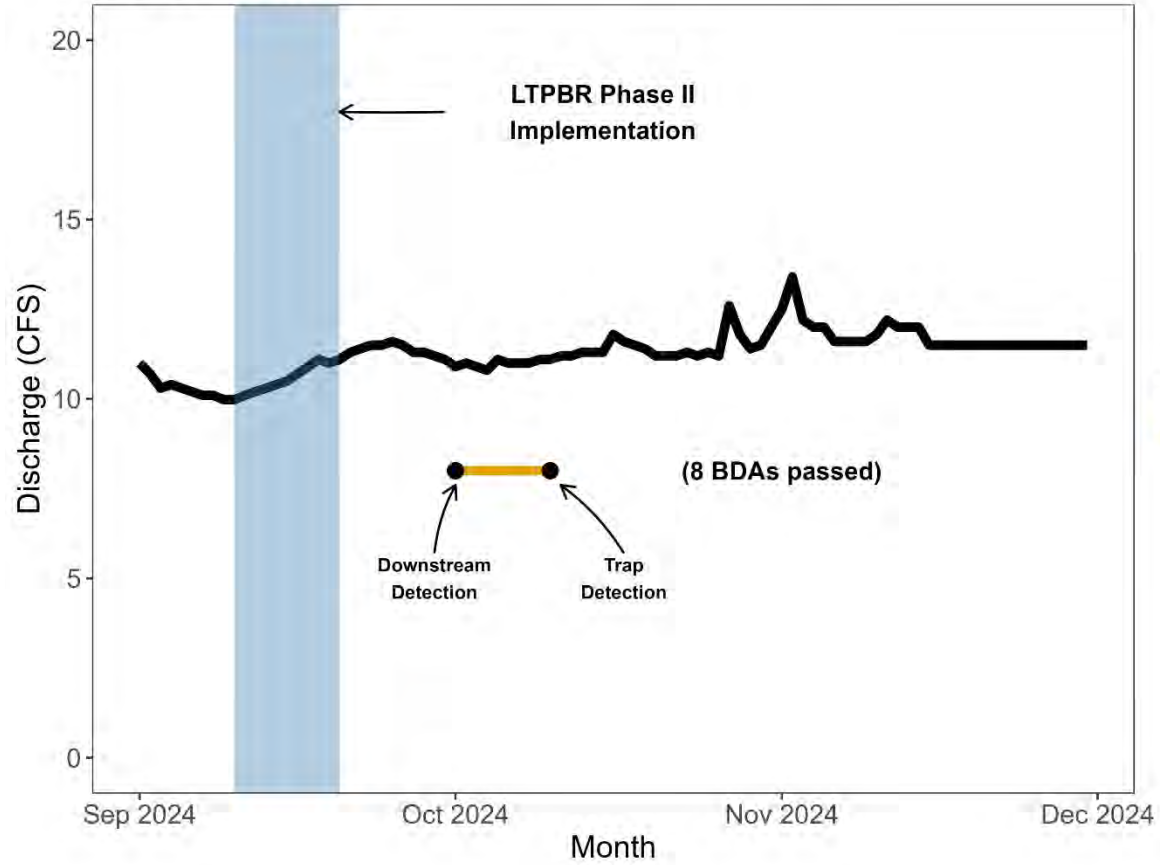
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Bull Trout Upstream Movement Through BDA Reach:
After Construction



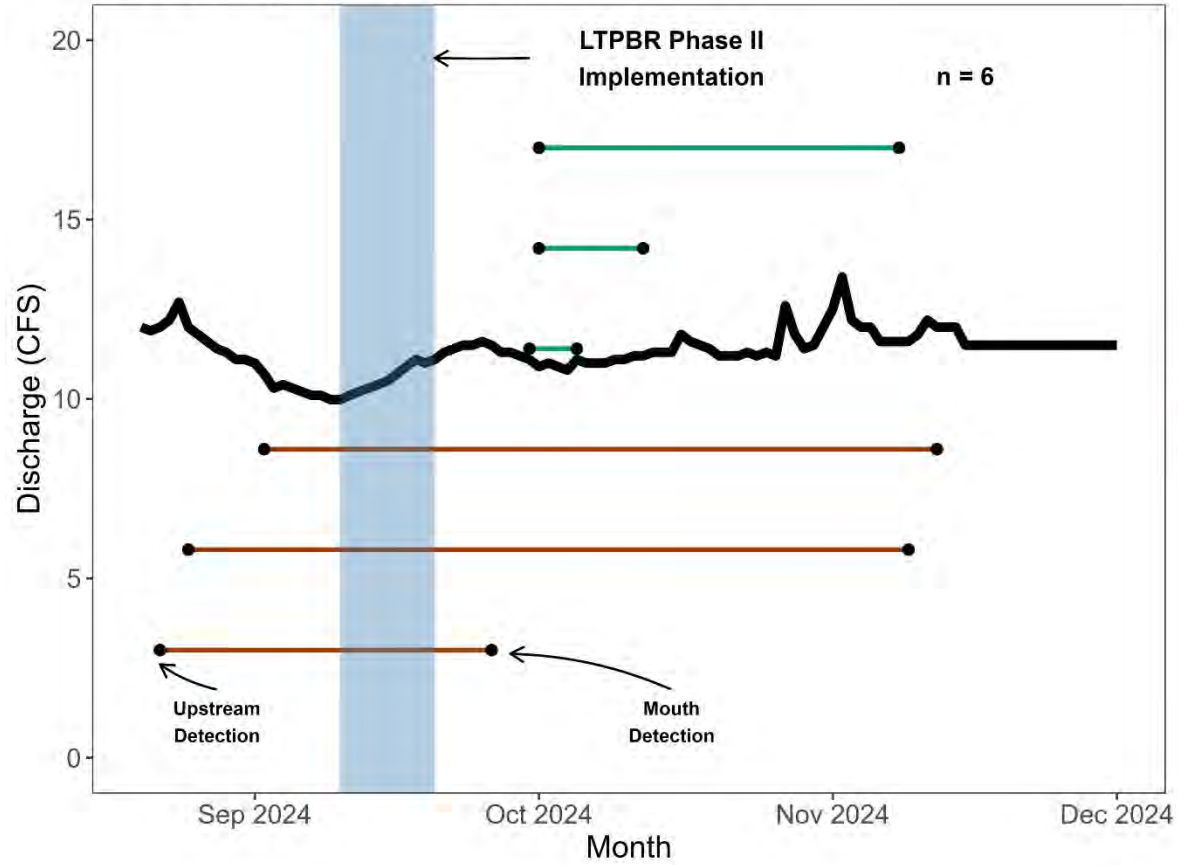
Location of
Downstream Detection

— Pasture



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Bull Trout Downstream Movement Through BDA Reach:
Before/During/After Construction



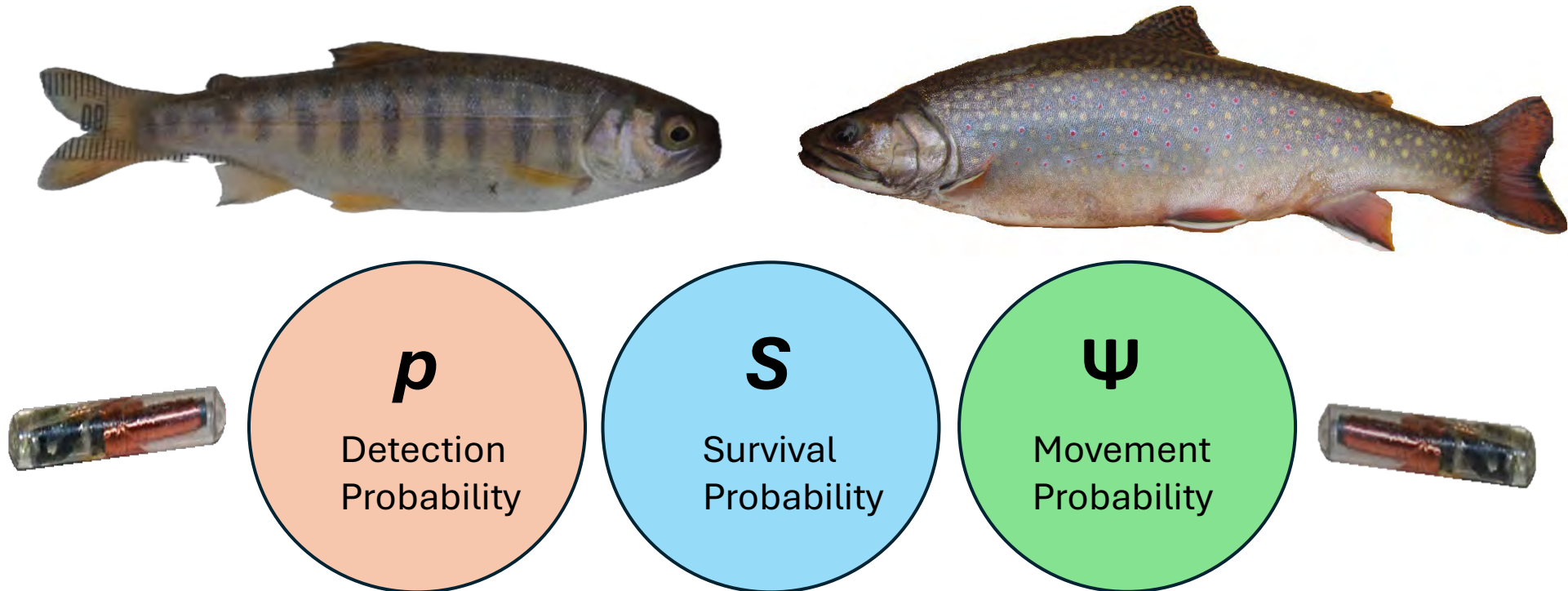
Summary Findings

- Bull Trout documented moving upstream and downstream throughout entire BDA reach in all years post-builds
- Bull Trout passed BDAs in all flow conditions
- No clear evidence that passing more BDAs slowed movement
- Low flows did not slow movement rates
- Bull Trout moved upstream and downstream immediately after a build
- **Previously collected data can be re-purposed to address a new unanticipated question!**

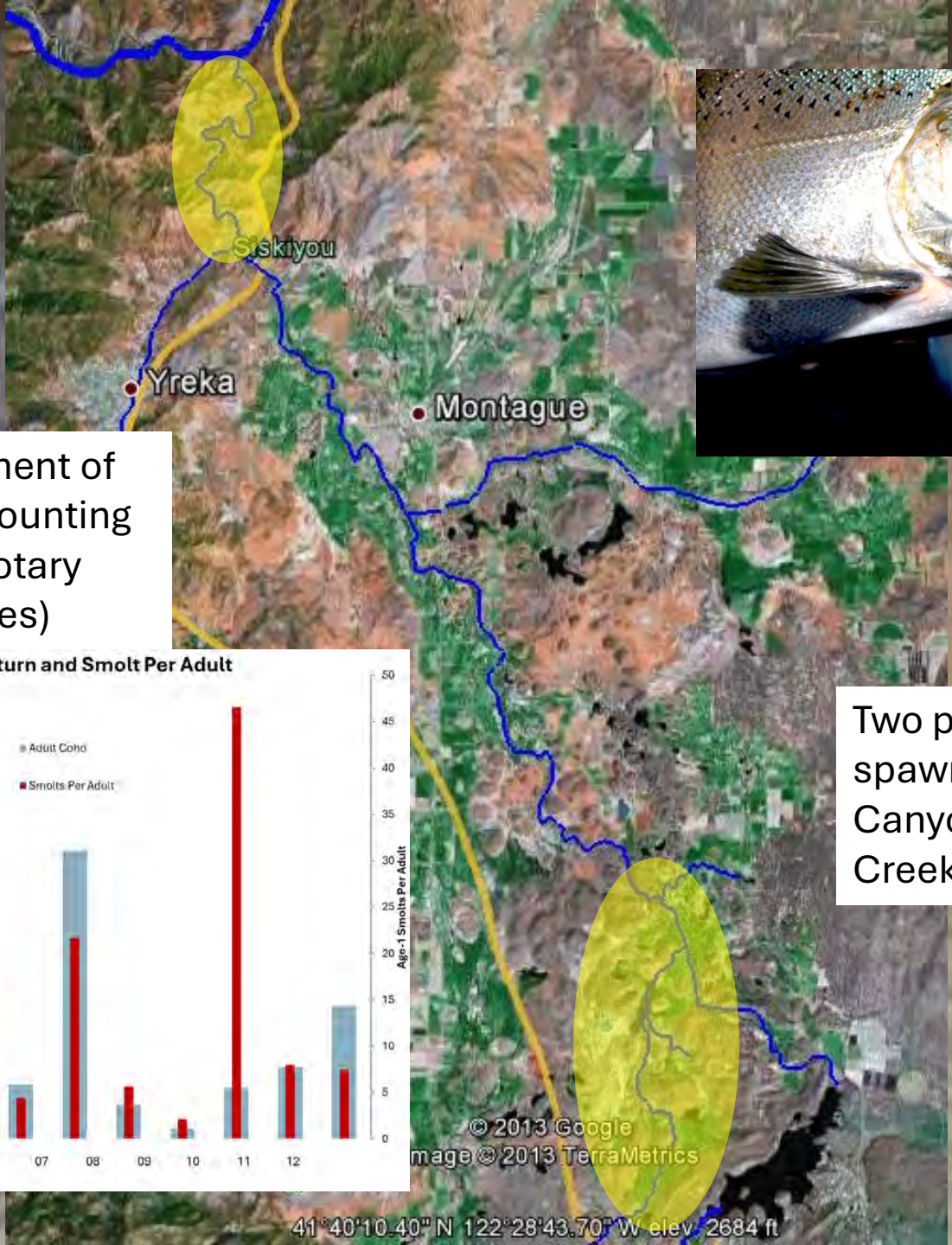




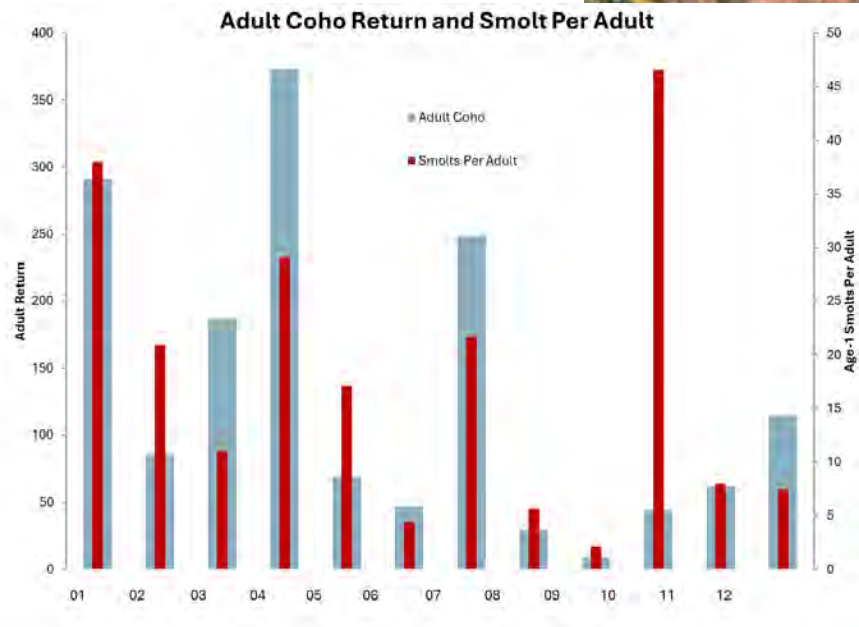
Estimating seasonal movement and survival using multi-state mark-recapture models: Shasta River Coho Salmon and Pilgrim River Brook Trout



Christopher Adams, PhD
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish Wiz LLC
Michigan Technological University



California Department of Fish and Wildlife counting weir (adults) and rotary screw trap (juveniles)



Two primary Coho spawning areas:
Canyon and Big Spring Creek Complex

**CDFW Shasta River
Juvenile Coho habitat
studies
2008-2014**

**Acquired access to
assess habitat and
fish populations in
“upper” Shasta River**



Big Springs Creek

Shasta River

Parks Creek

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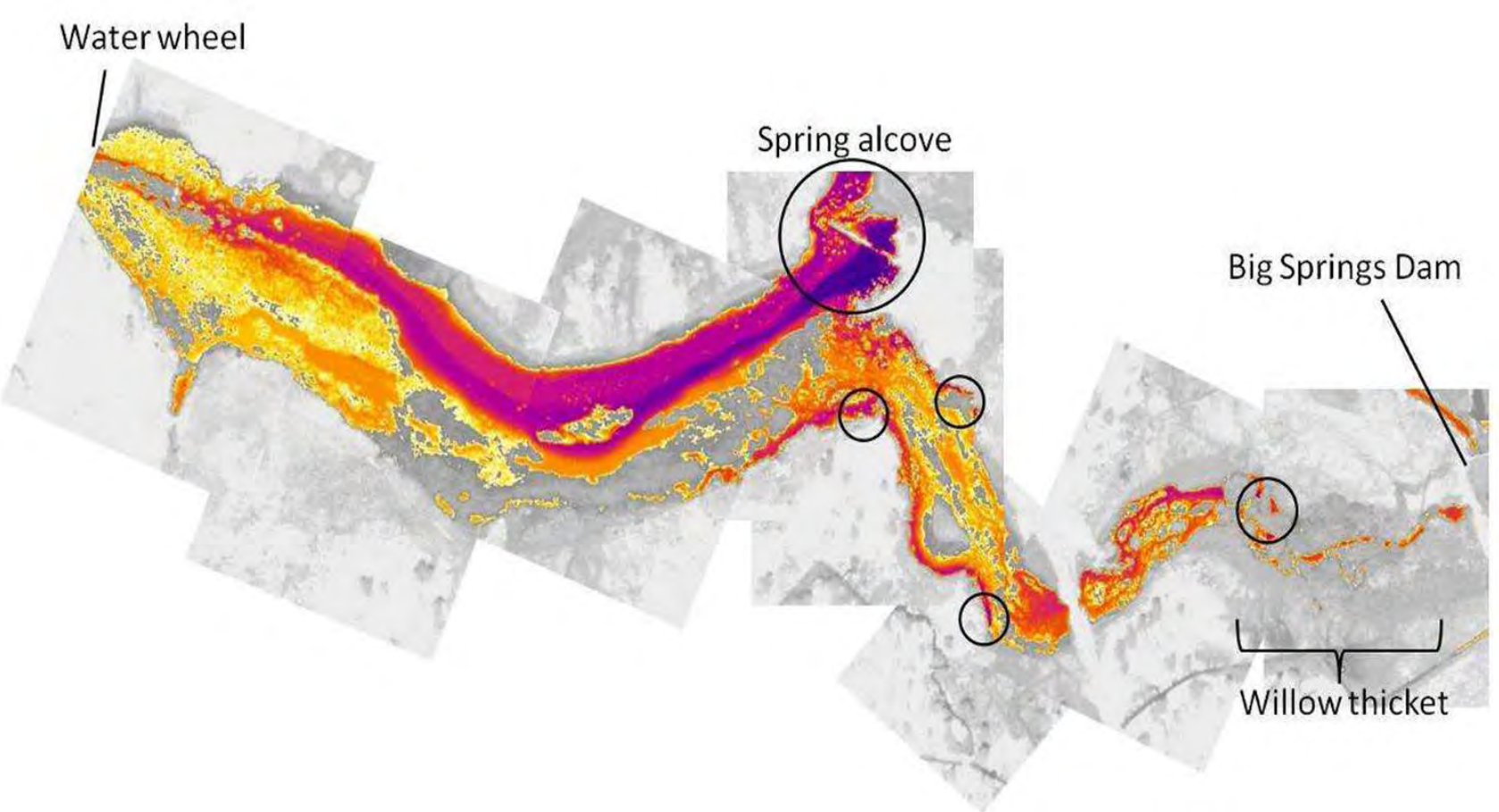


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BSC RKM 1 Bridge looking downstream 9/16/14





imagery Date: 01/02/2010

41°35'09.45" N 122°24'50.25" W Elev 260210

Google earth

Eye alt: 5844 ft



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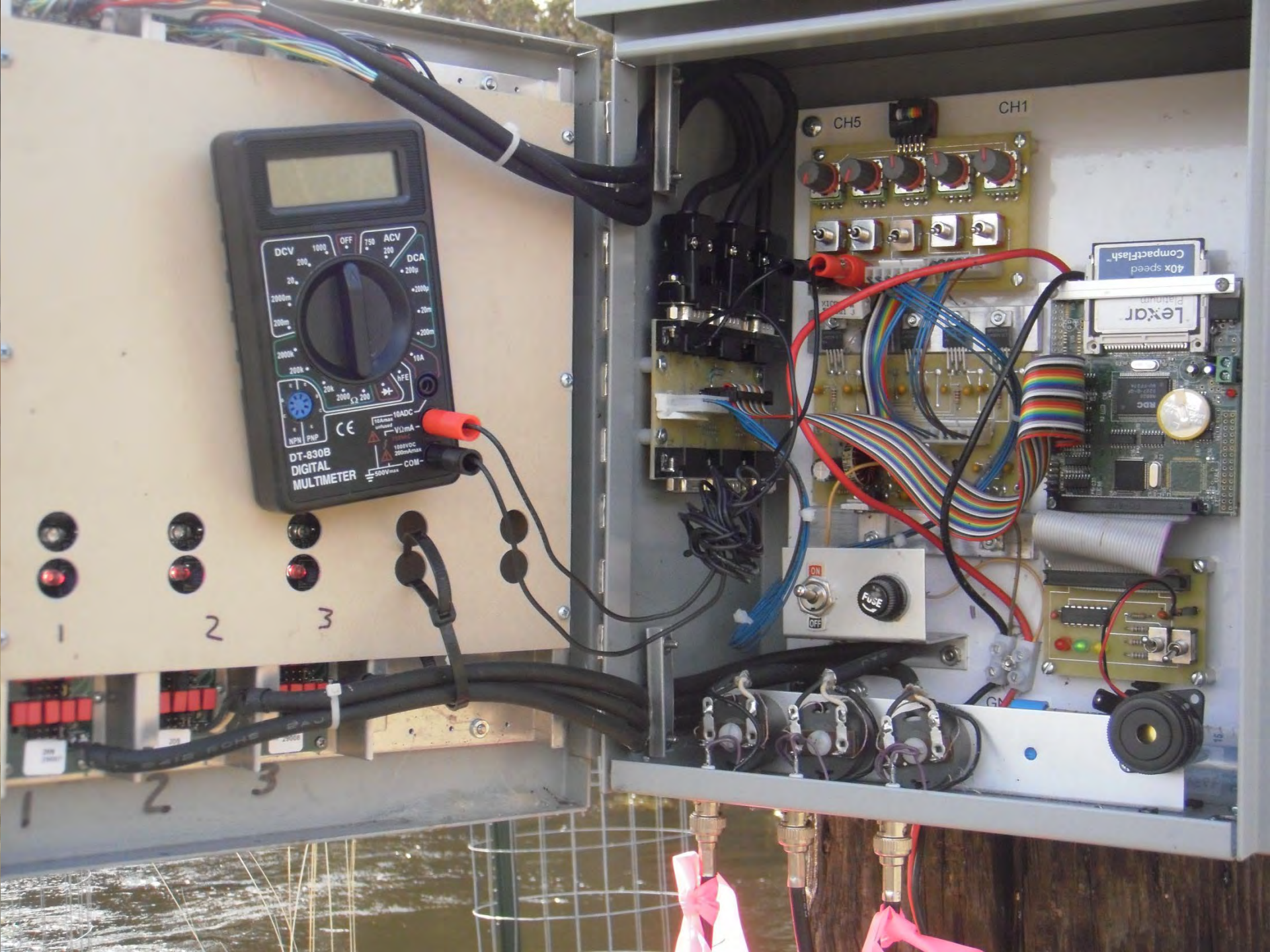


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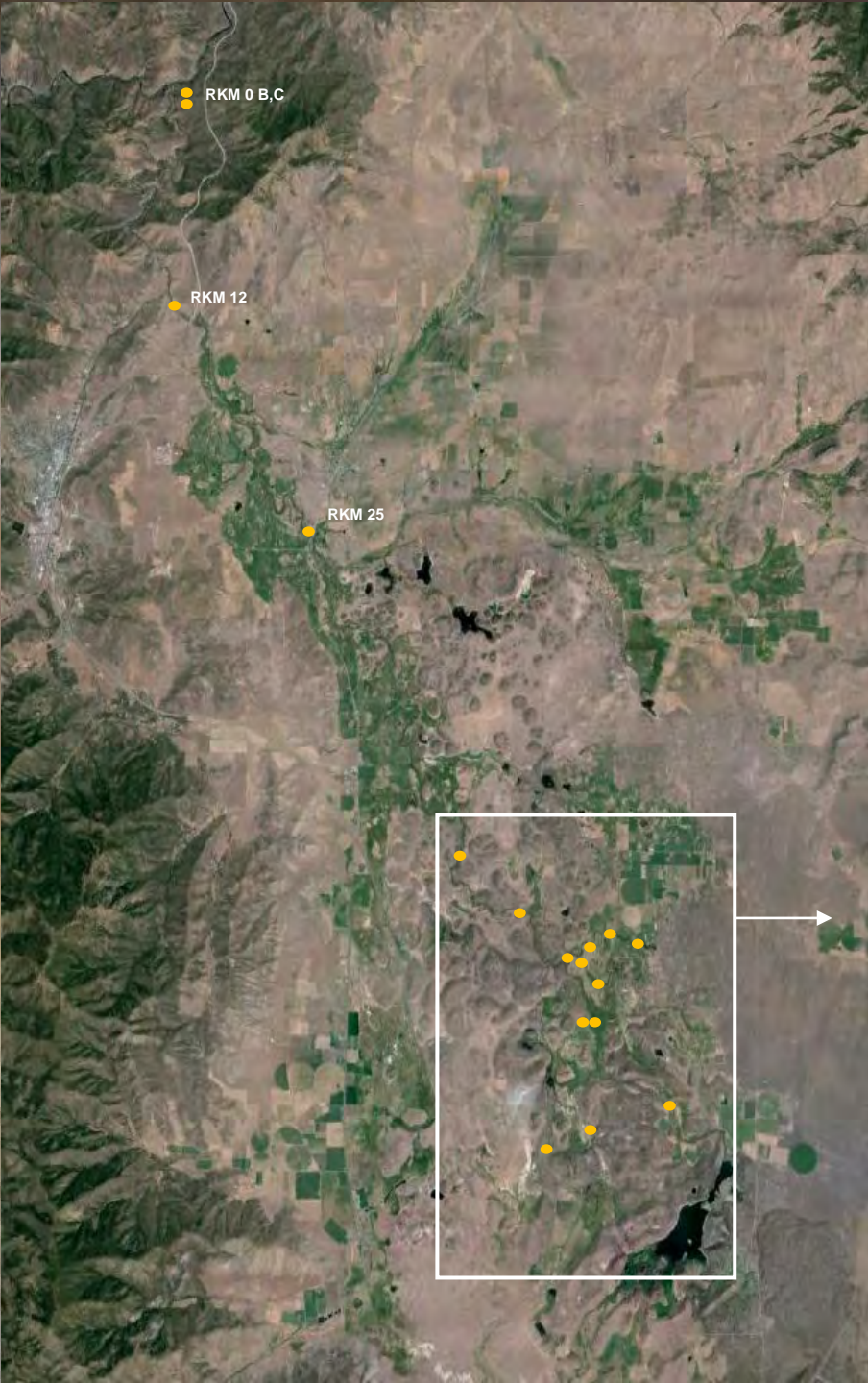


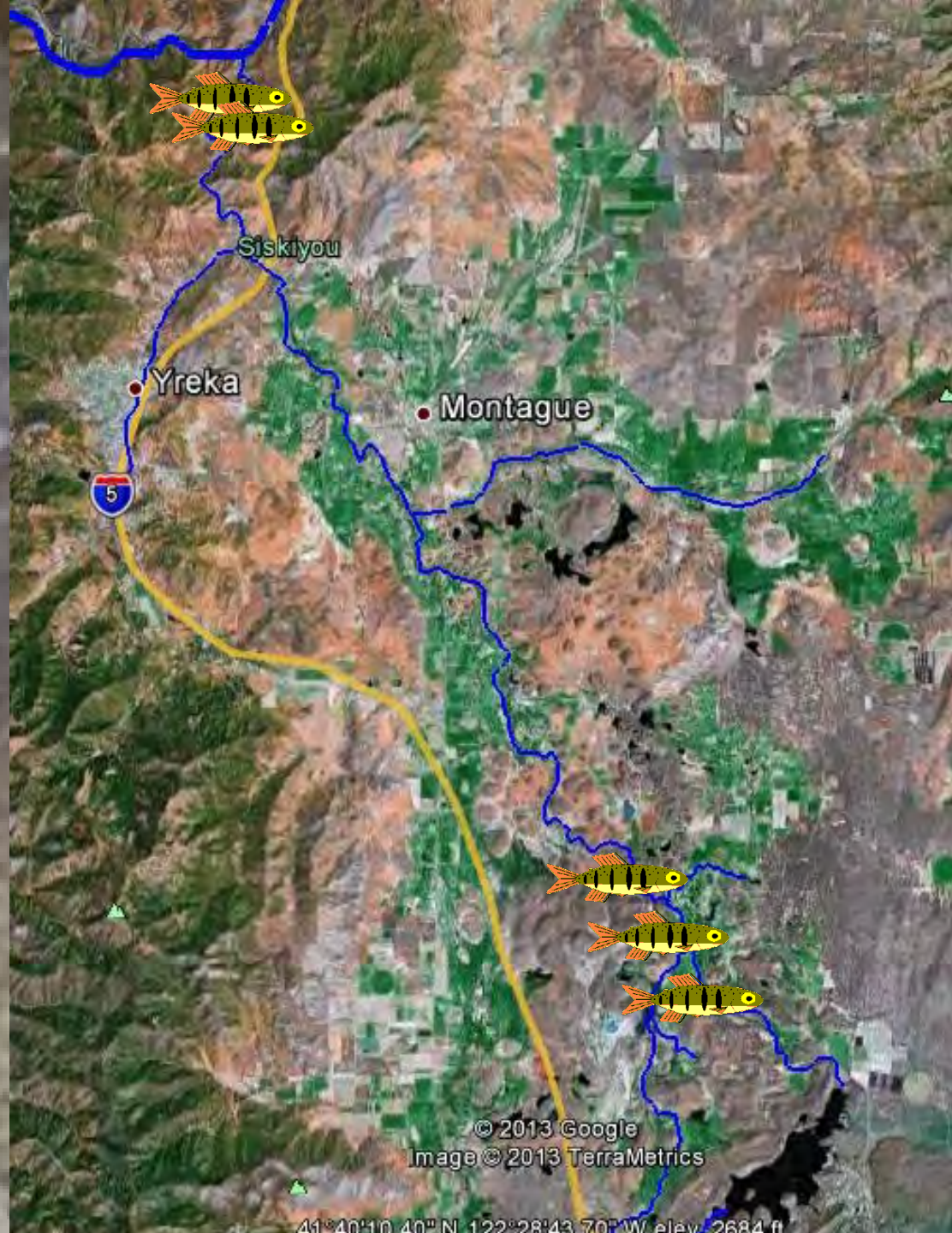
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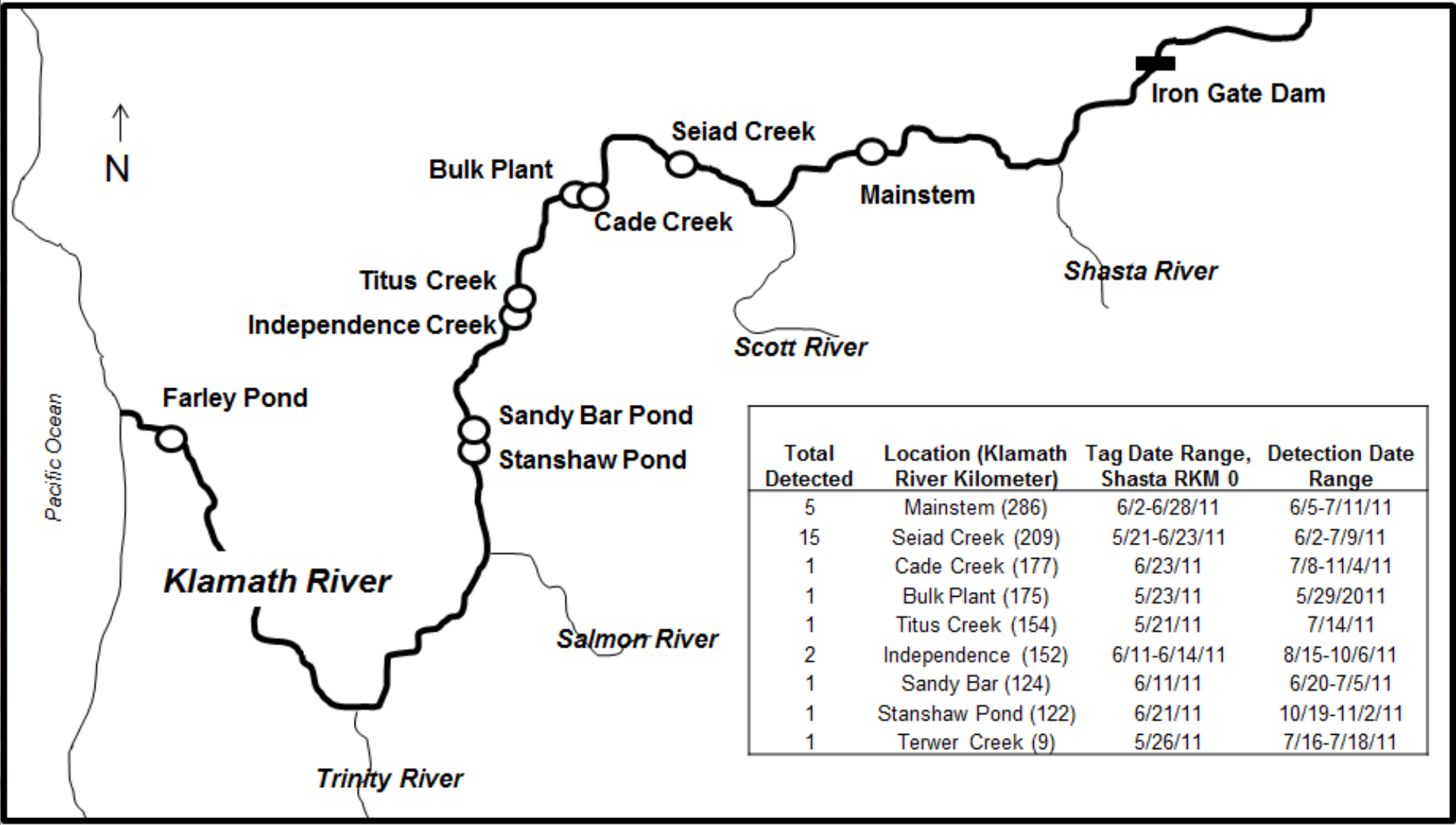
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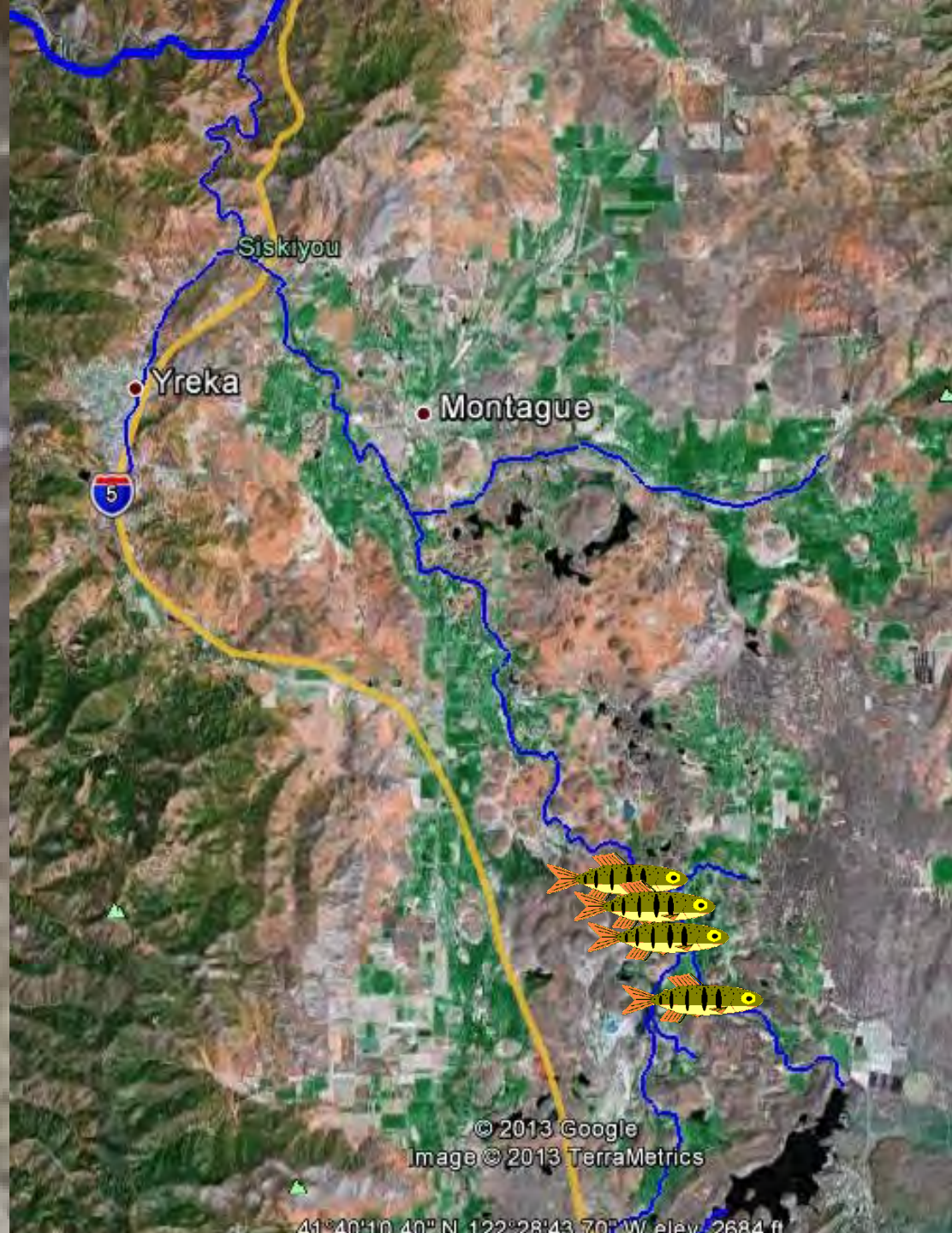
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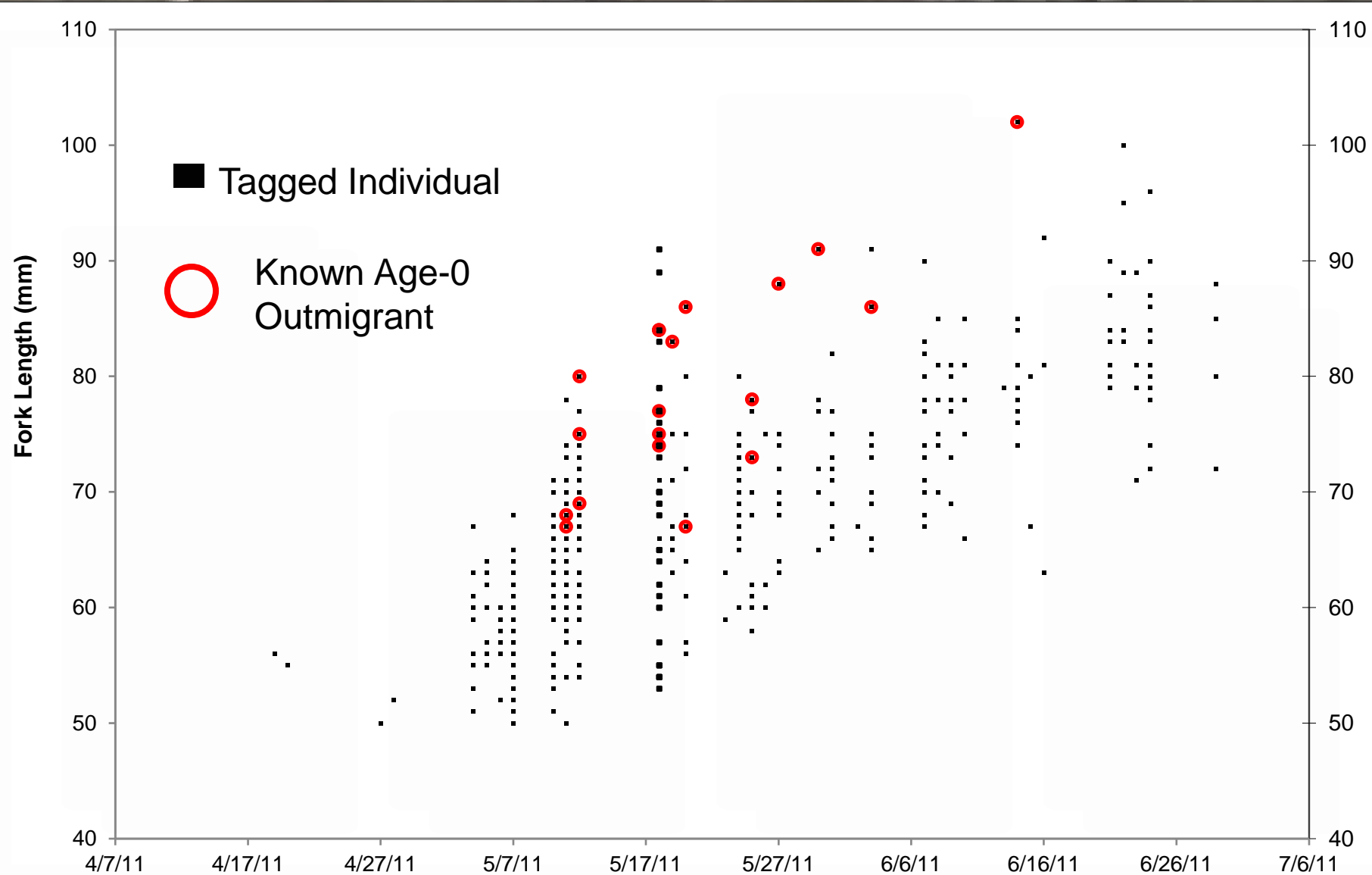
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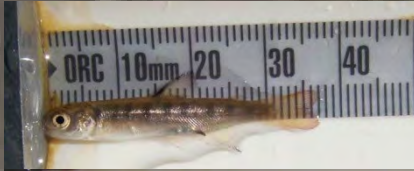
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Upper Shasta River PIT Tagged Coho Salmon





March



April



May



June



June

Spring Movement to Rearing Locations



**Summer
Rearing
Fall
Midstream
Rearing**



Spring Outmigration



Big Springs Creek



Shasta River



Parks Creek



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41°33'21.53" N 122°25'08.30" W elev 3013 ft

Mark-recapture Modeling

Individually
mark an
animal

Sample for the
individual
again

Sample for the
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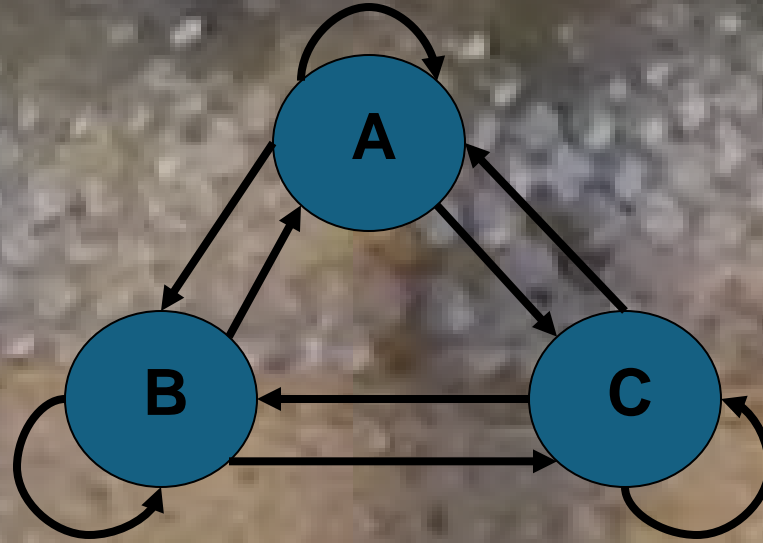
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Alive, but not
detected

Capture History Matrix

Multi-state Mark-recapture Model



Mark an
animal in
a state

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B

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Sample for
the individual
in all states

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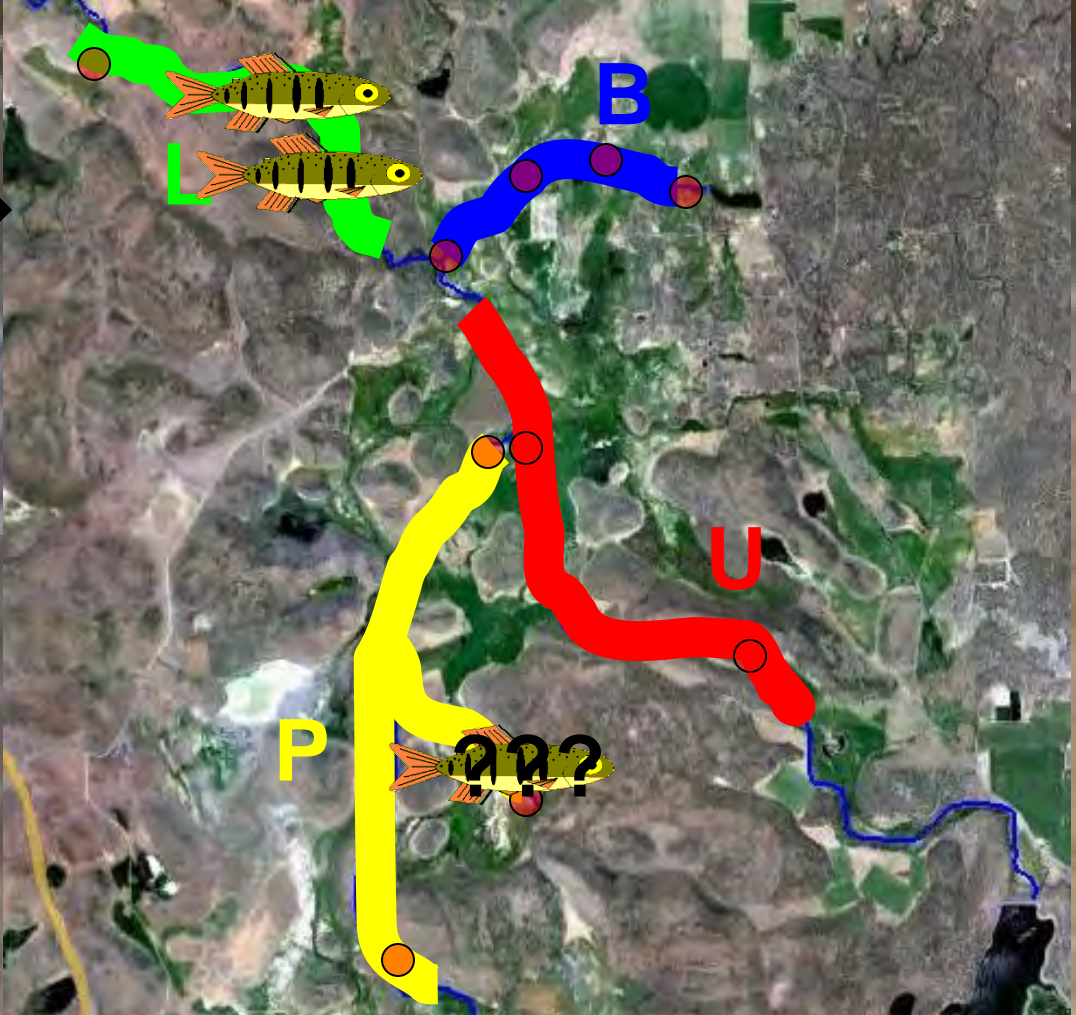
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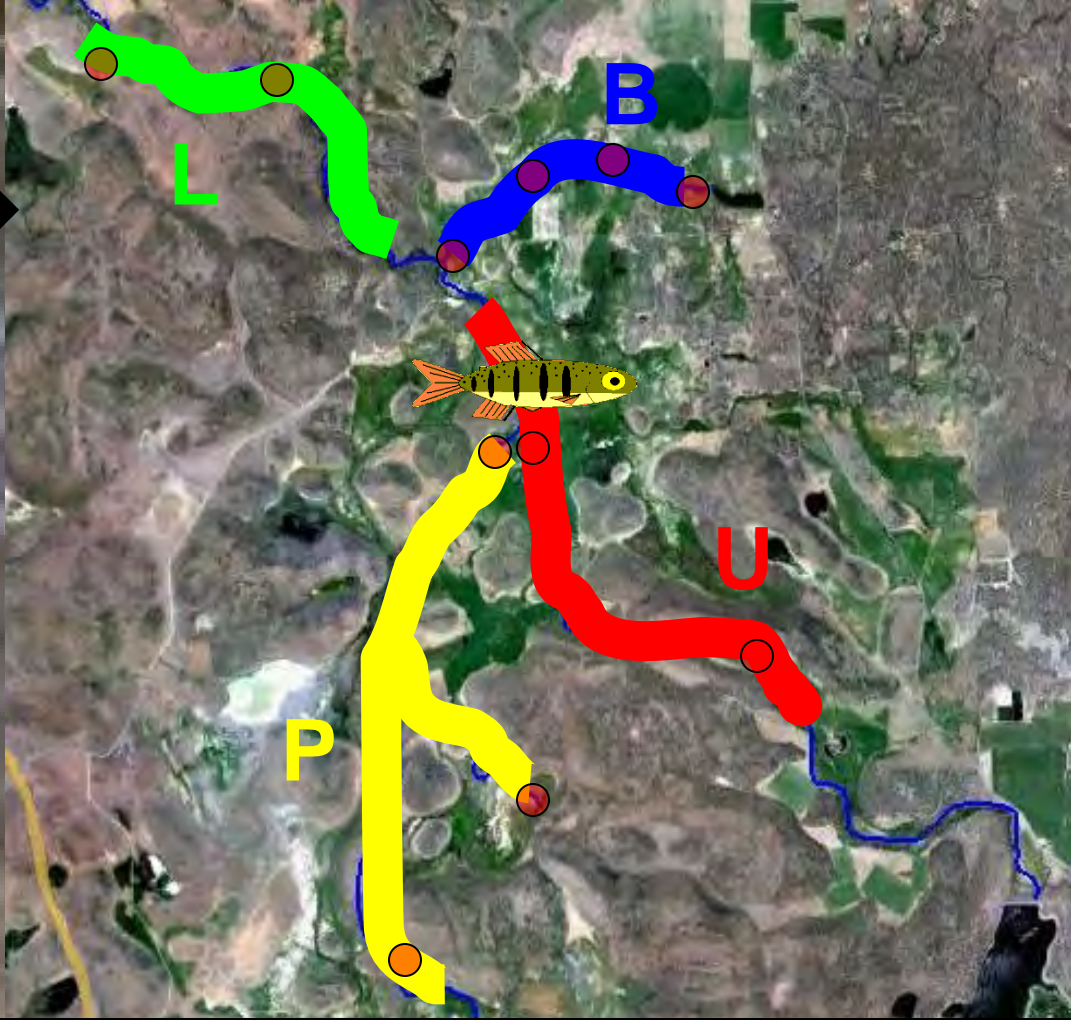
S Apparent survival in each state over each interval

Ψ Transition from each state to each other state over each interval

Host of assumptions.....



Tagging	Summer	Winter	Spring	Smolt
L	B	U	M	M
P	O	L	M	O



Tagging	Summer	Winter	Spring	Smolt
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Program MARK

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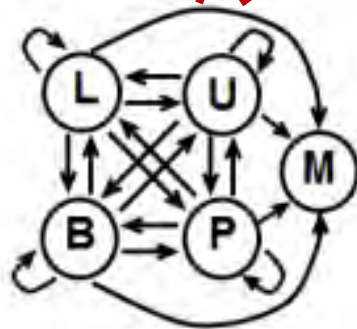
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Frequency of each capture history for maximum likelihood estimate of *apparent* Φ and p

Compare models using AIC

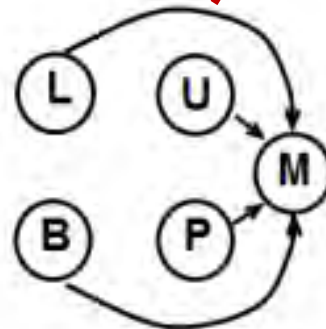
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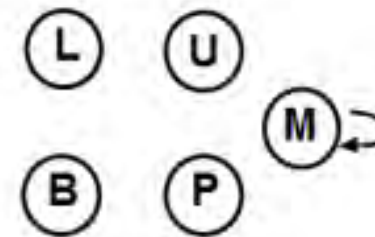
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t3-t4: winter to upper basin smolt

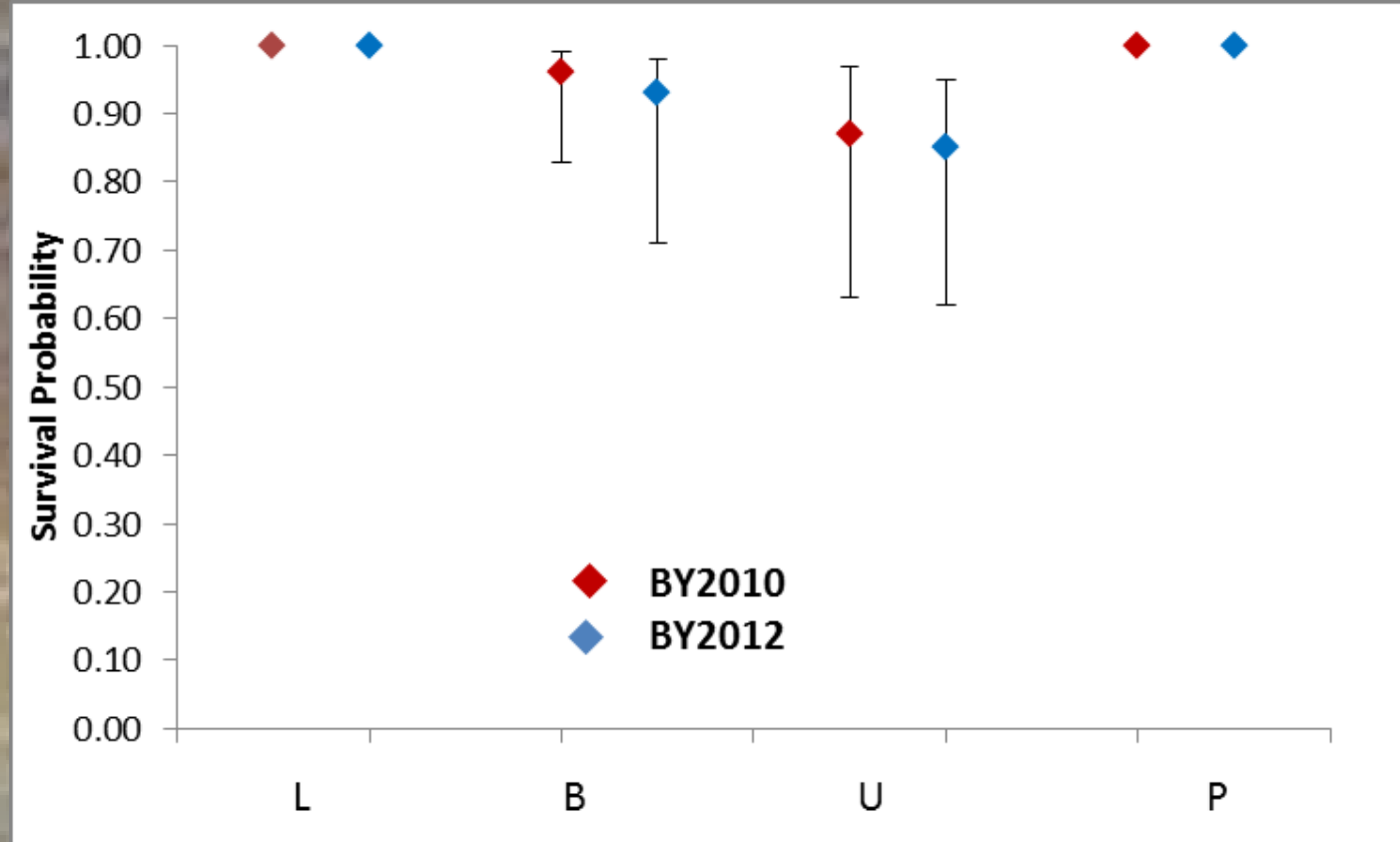
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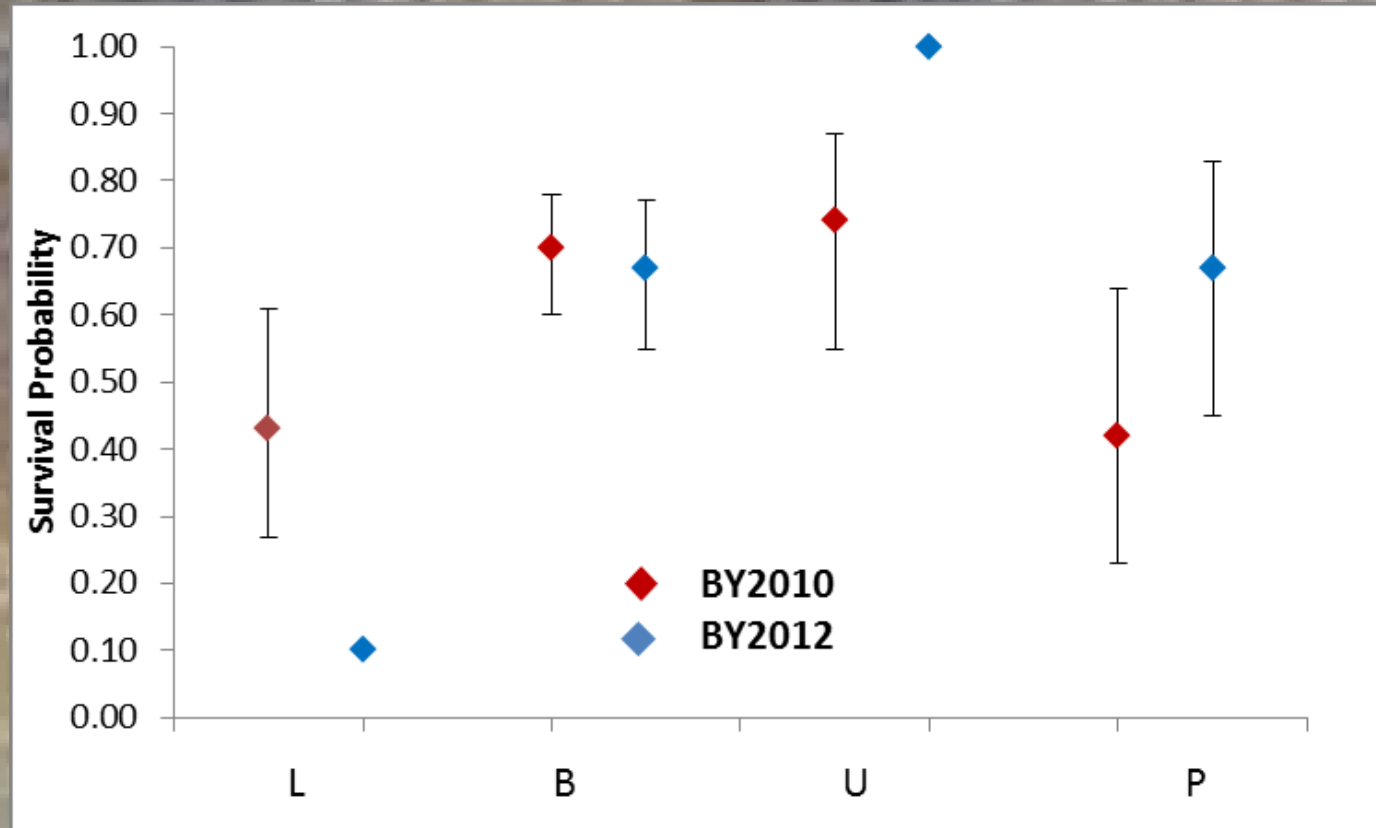
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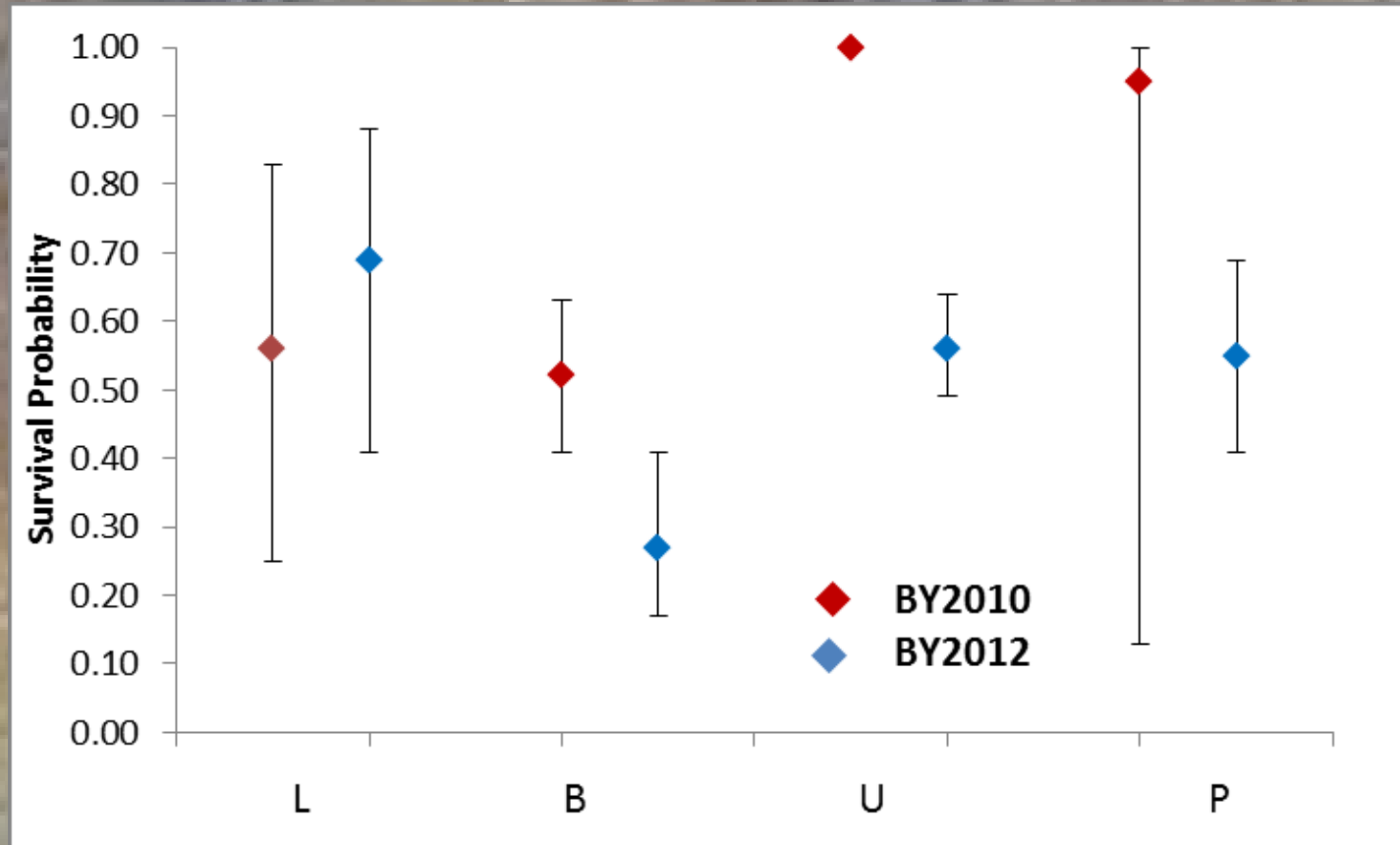
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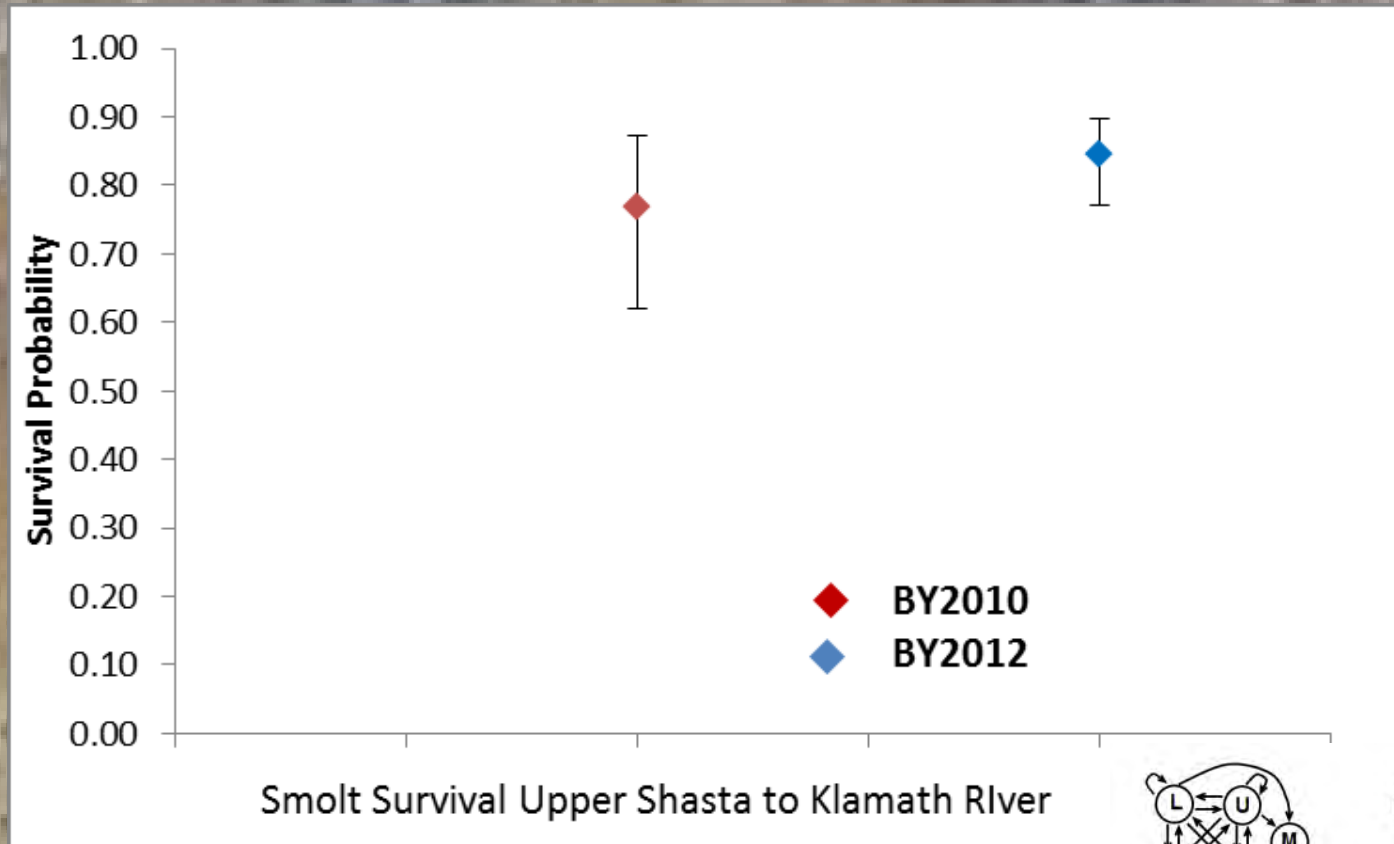
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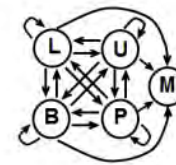
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Smolt Survival Upper Shasta to Klamath River

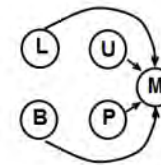


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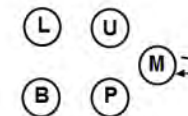
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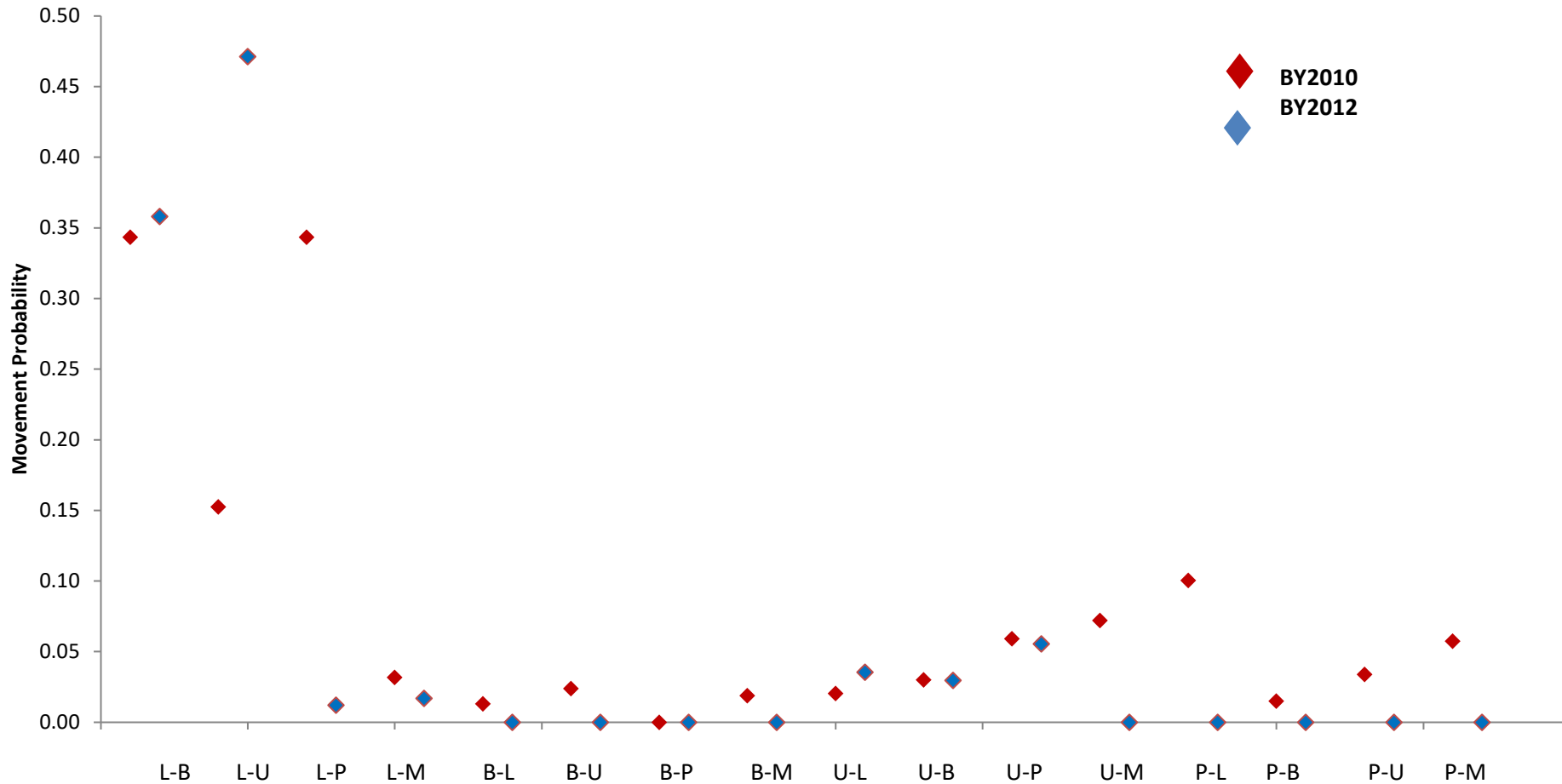
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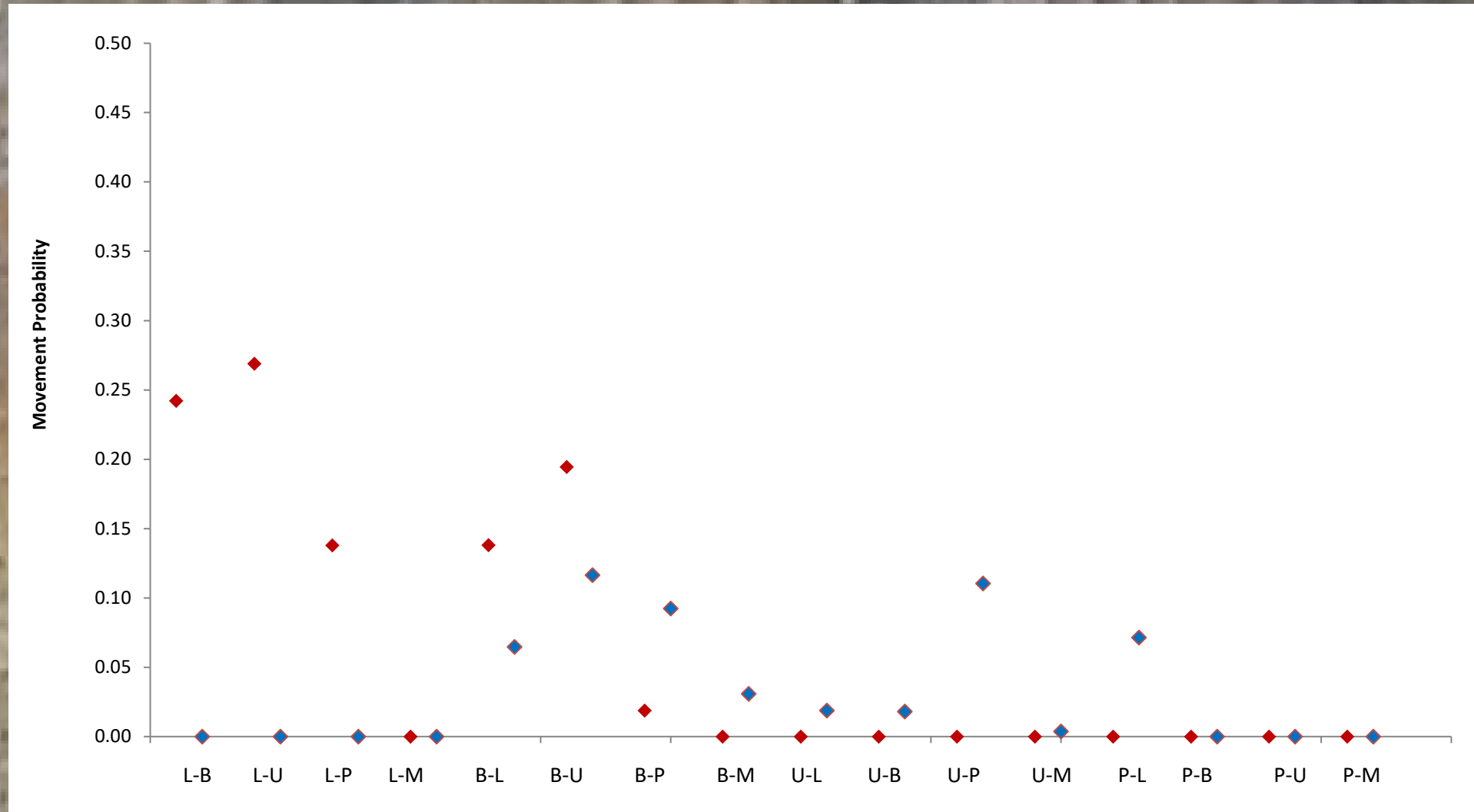
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Movement Probability: Tagging to Summer Rearing Location



Movement Probability: Summer to Winter Rearing Location




Next Steps

BY2013 Dataset

Include downriver sites in analysis

Closer look at temperature/movement relationships

Investigate causes of low survival

An underwater photograph of several Brook Trout swimming in a stream. The fish are silvery with dark spots and are swimming towards the right. The water is clear and the bottom is sandy with some debris. The lighting is bright, creating a yellowish tint to the scene.

Movement and Survival of a Previously Undocumented Adfluvial Brook Trout Population in a Southern Lake Superior Tributary

Christopher C. Adams¹, Casey J. Huckins¹, Amy M. Marcarelli¹, Troy G. Zorn², Henry R. Quinlan³



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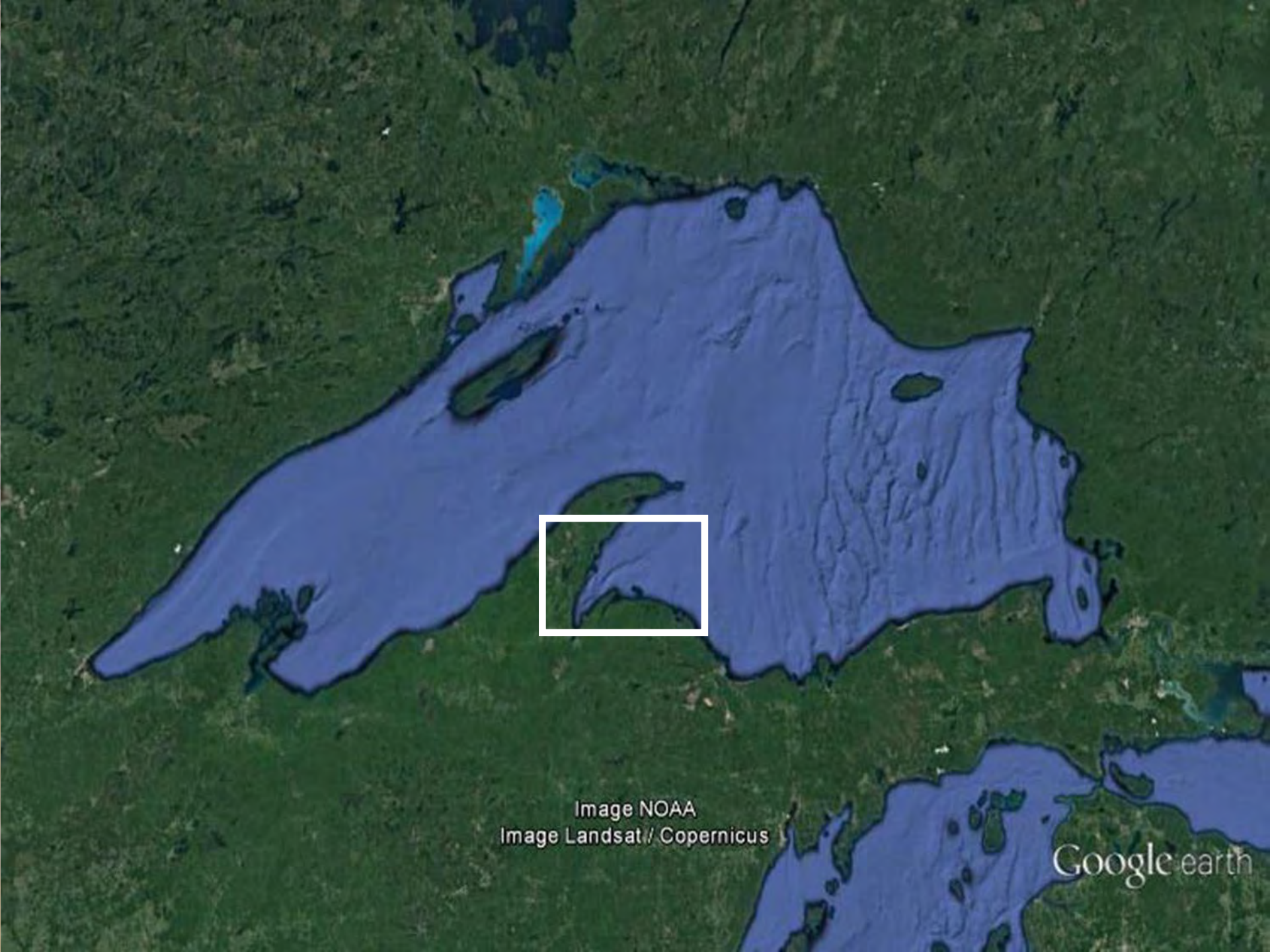
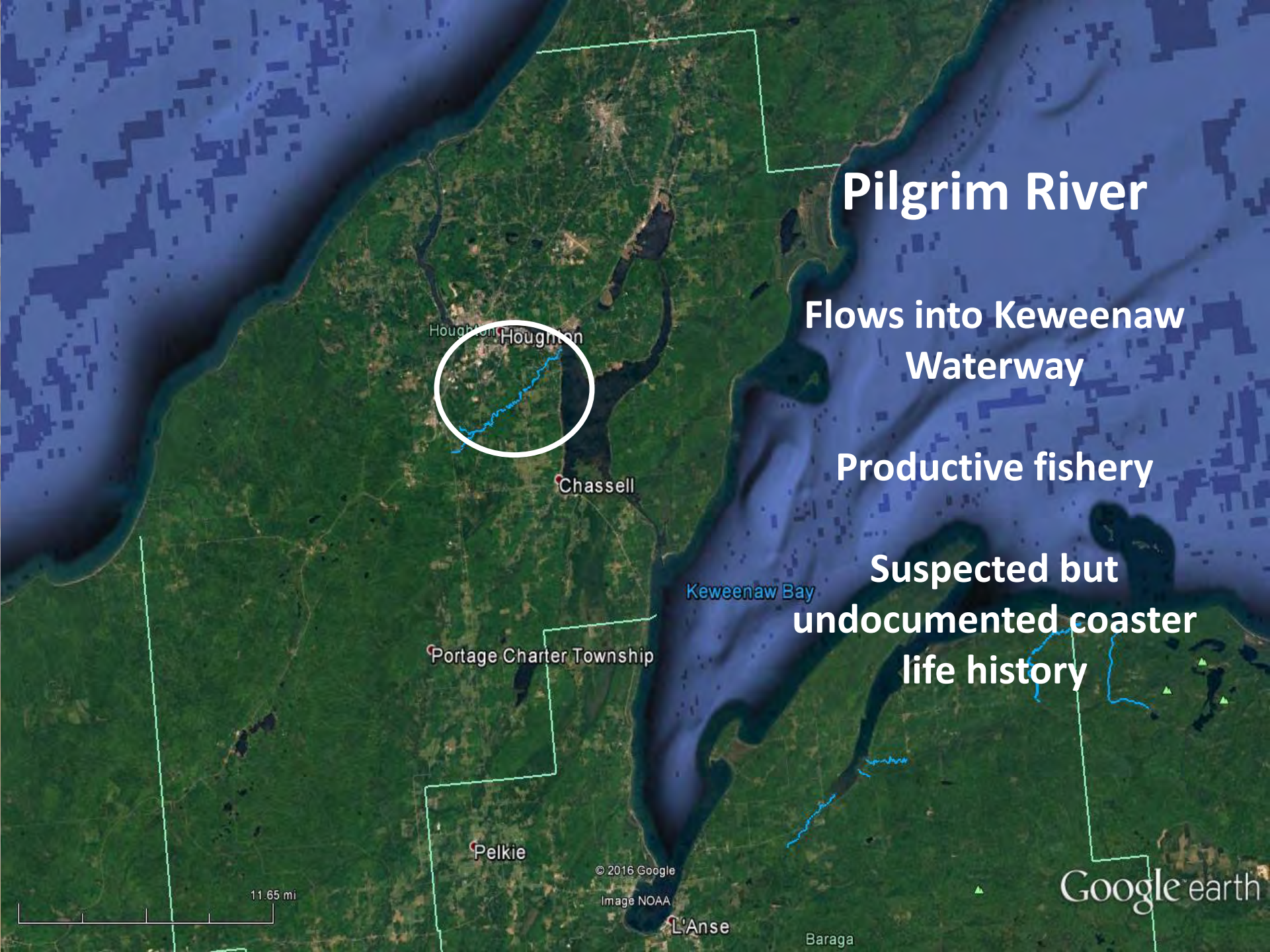


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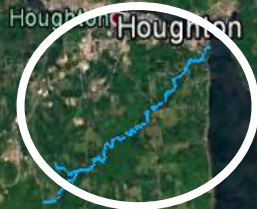


Pilgrim River

Flows into Keweenaw Waterway

Productive fishery

Suspected but undocumented coaster life history



Houghton Houghton

Chassell

Keweenaw Bay

Portage Charter Township

Pelkie

L'Anse

Baraga

11.65 mi

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Objectives

Determine if brook trout in the Pilgrim River make adfluvial migrations

Estimate seasonal movement and survival probabilities

**Determine if movement and survival differs between years and
between size/age classes**

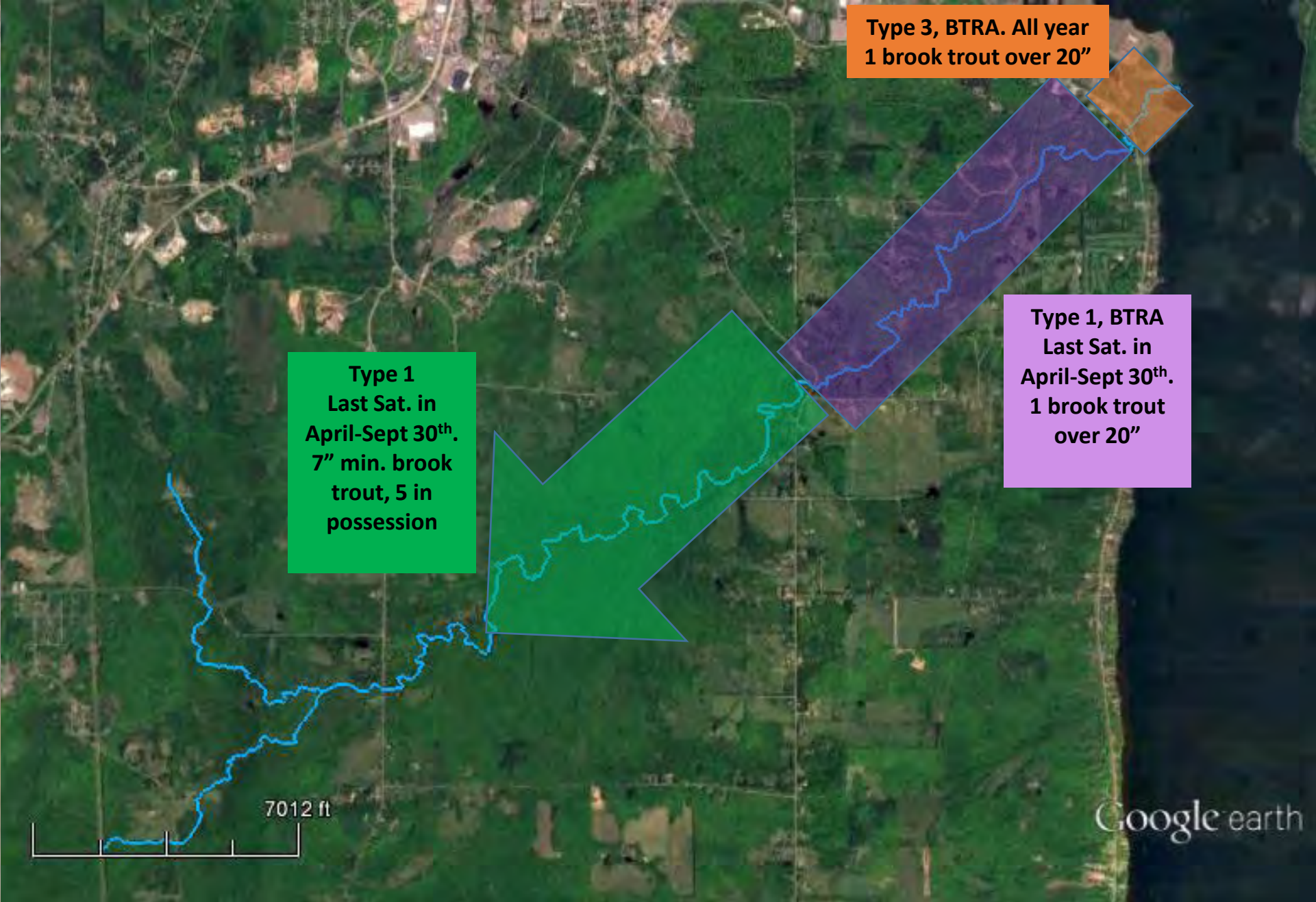
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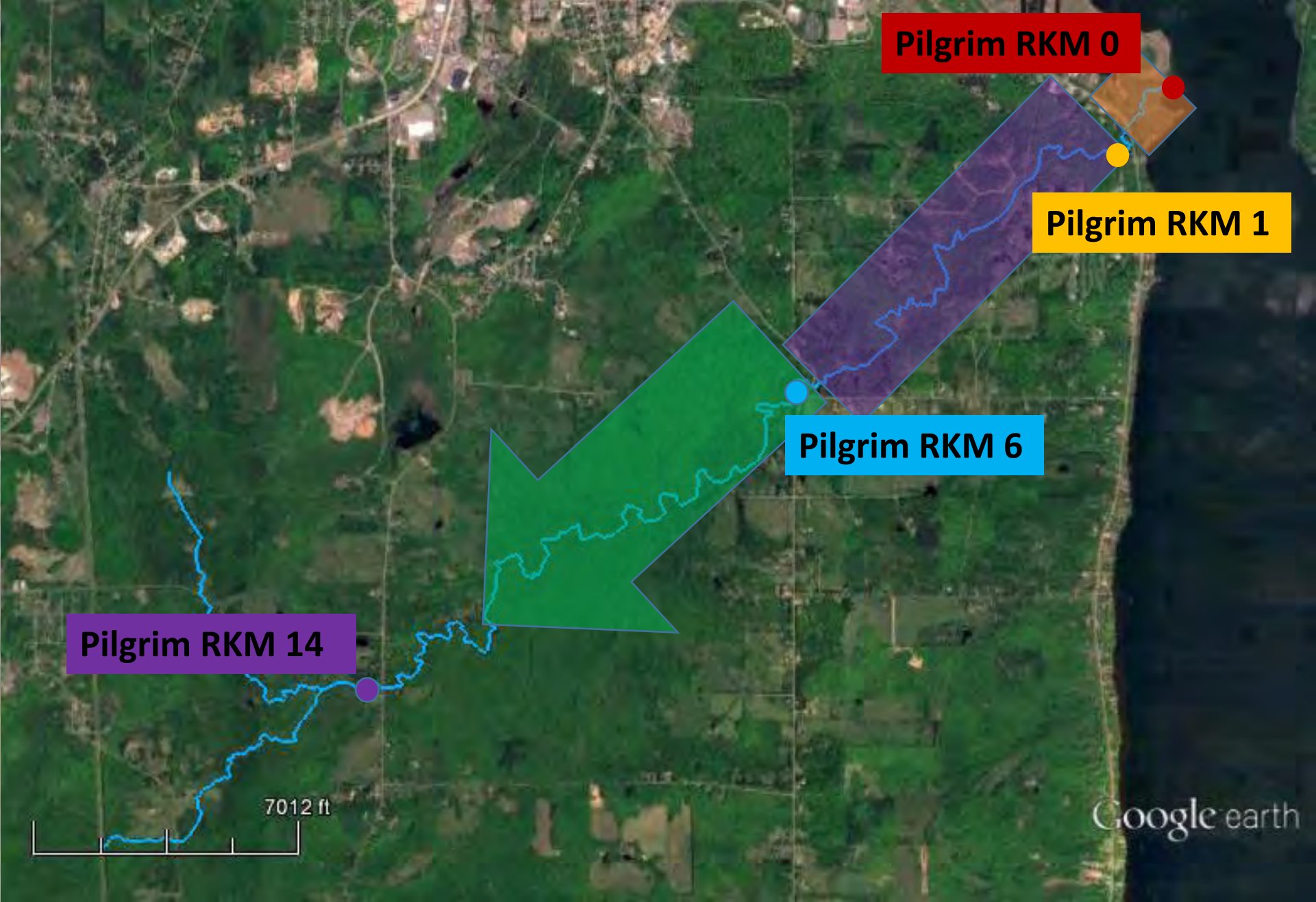
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Type 1
Last Sat. in
April-Sept 30th.
7" min. brook
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Pilgrim RKM 0

Pilgrim RKM 1

Pilgrim RKM 6

Pilgrim RKM 14

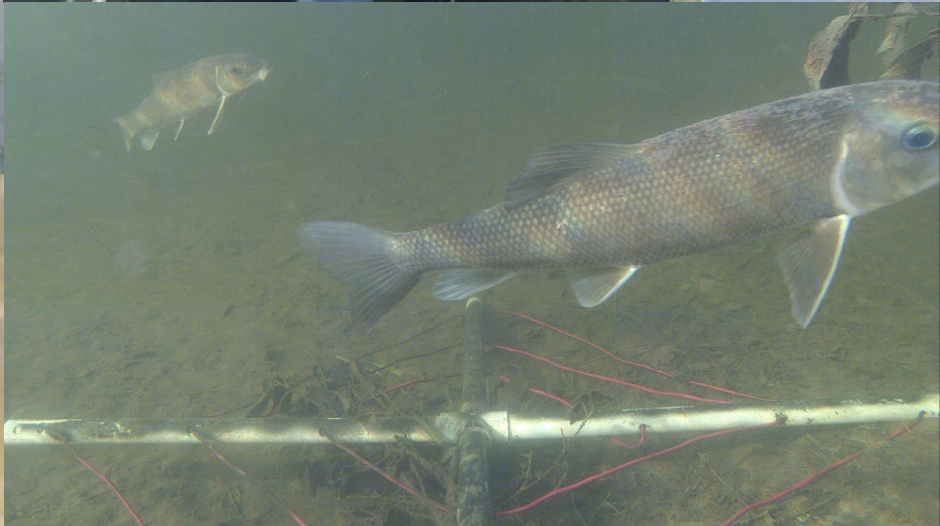
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Remote PIT Tag Antenna Stations



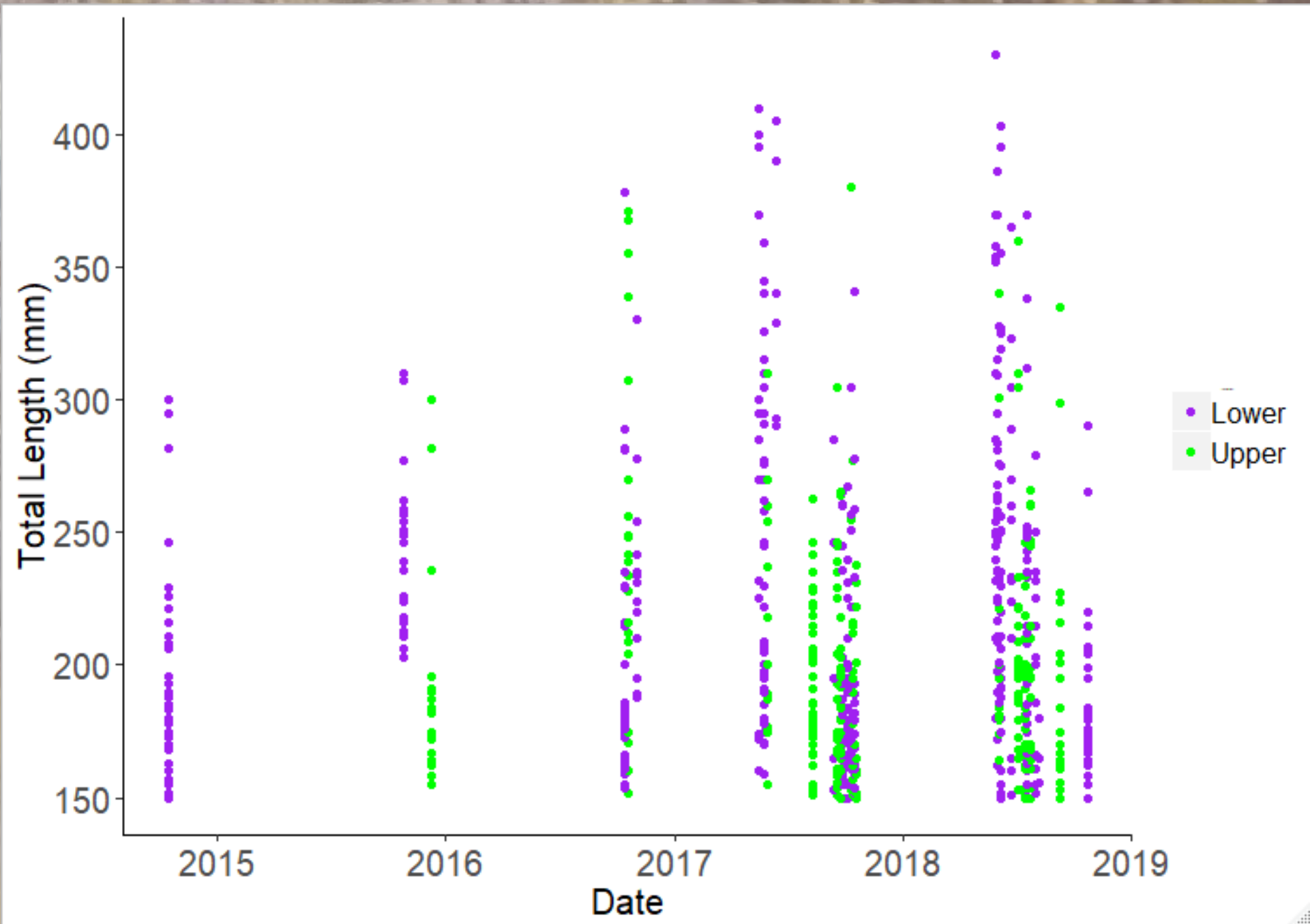






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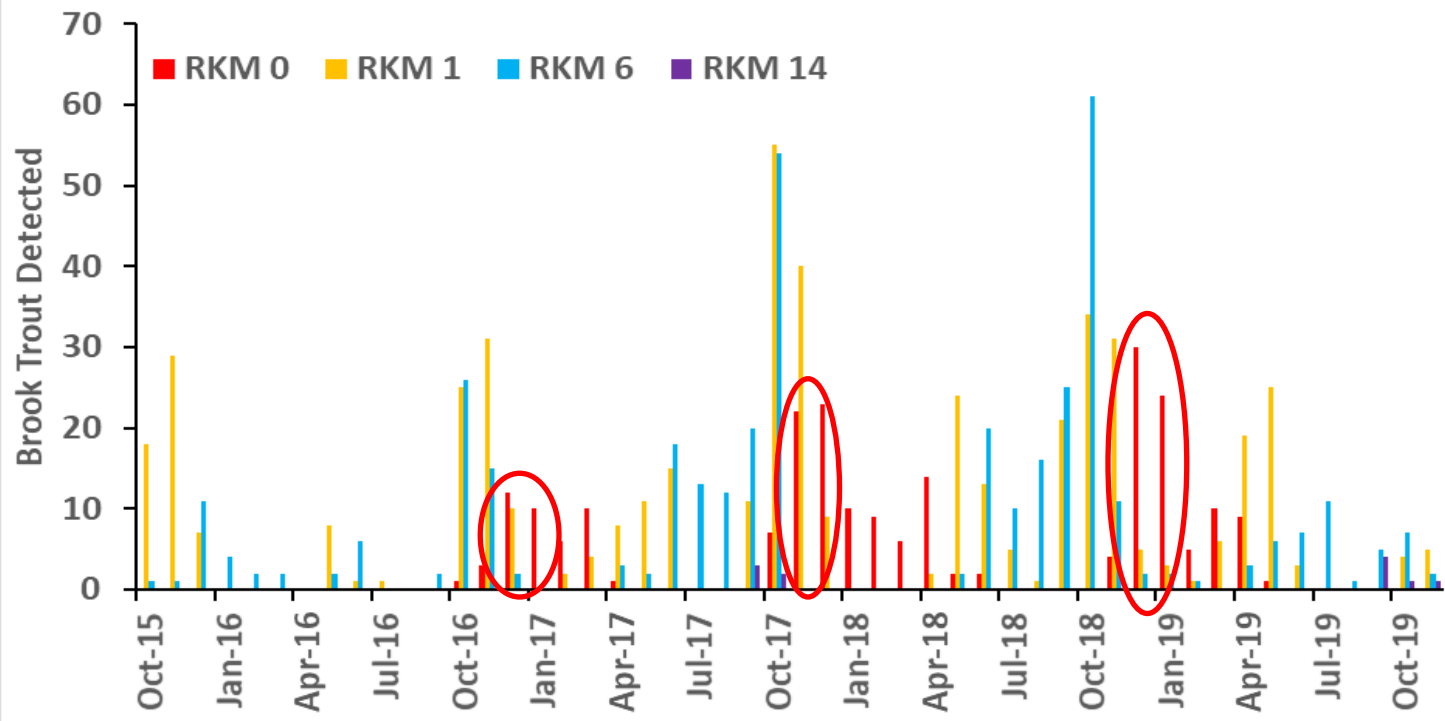


General movement pattern:

Out-migrate to Keweenaw waterway after spawning in Nov/Dec

228/763 (30%) detected out-migrating

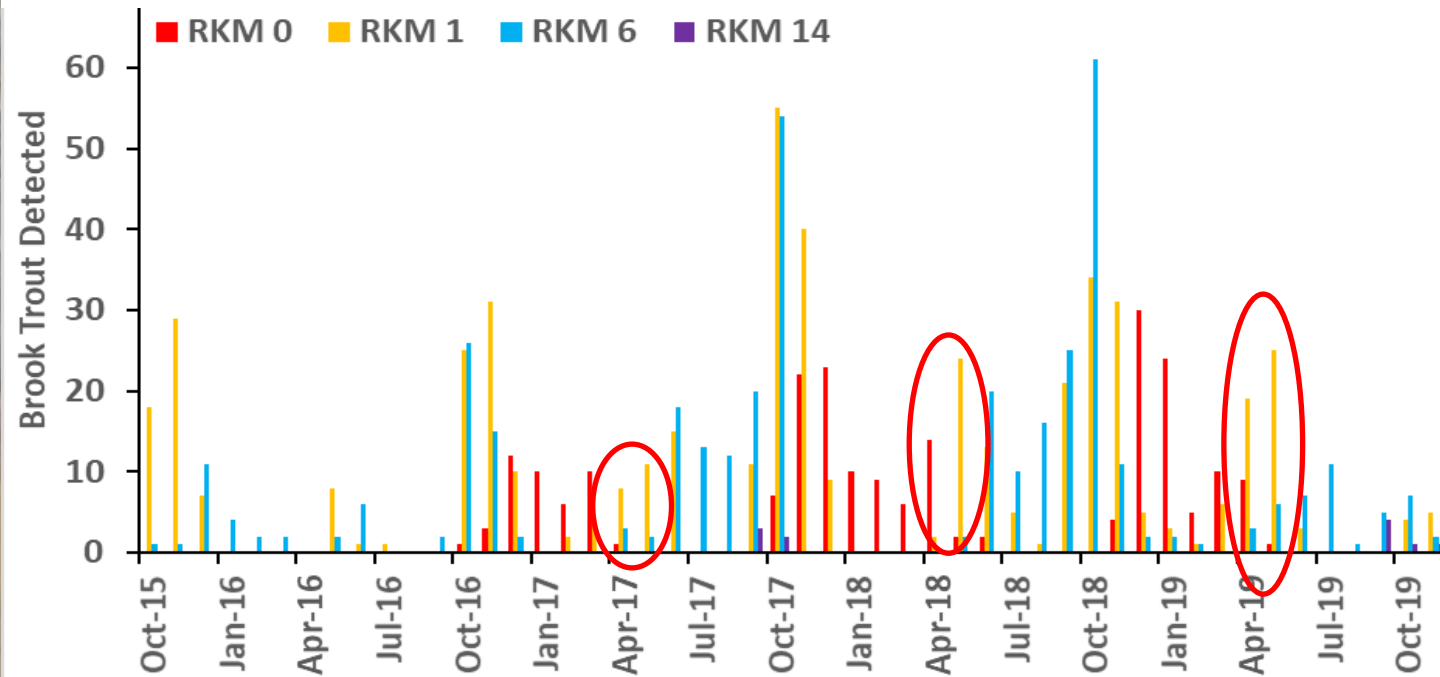
14/763 (2%) confirmed not out-migrating



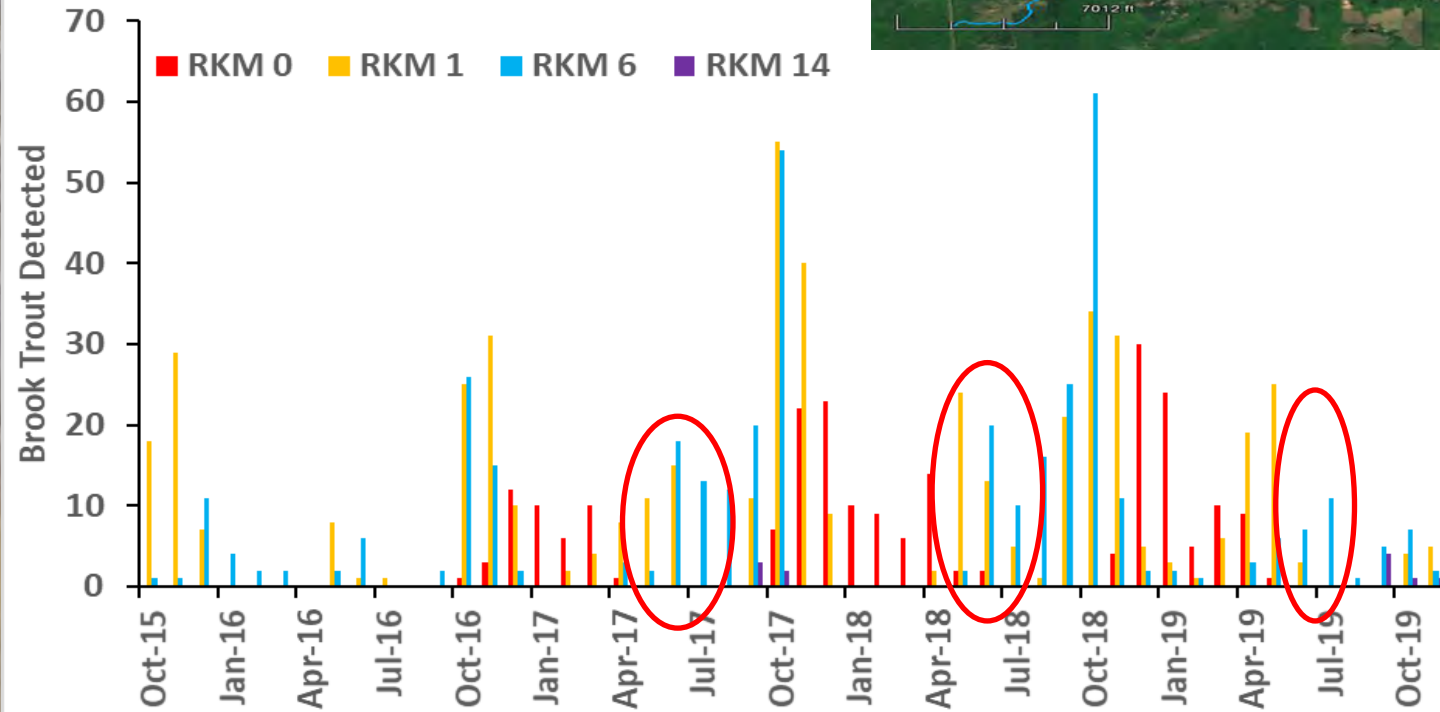
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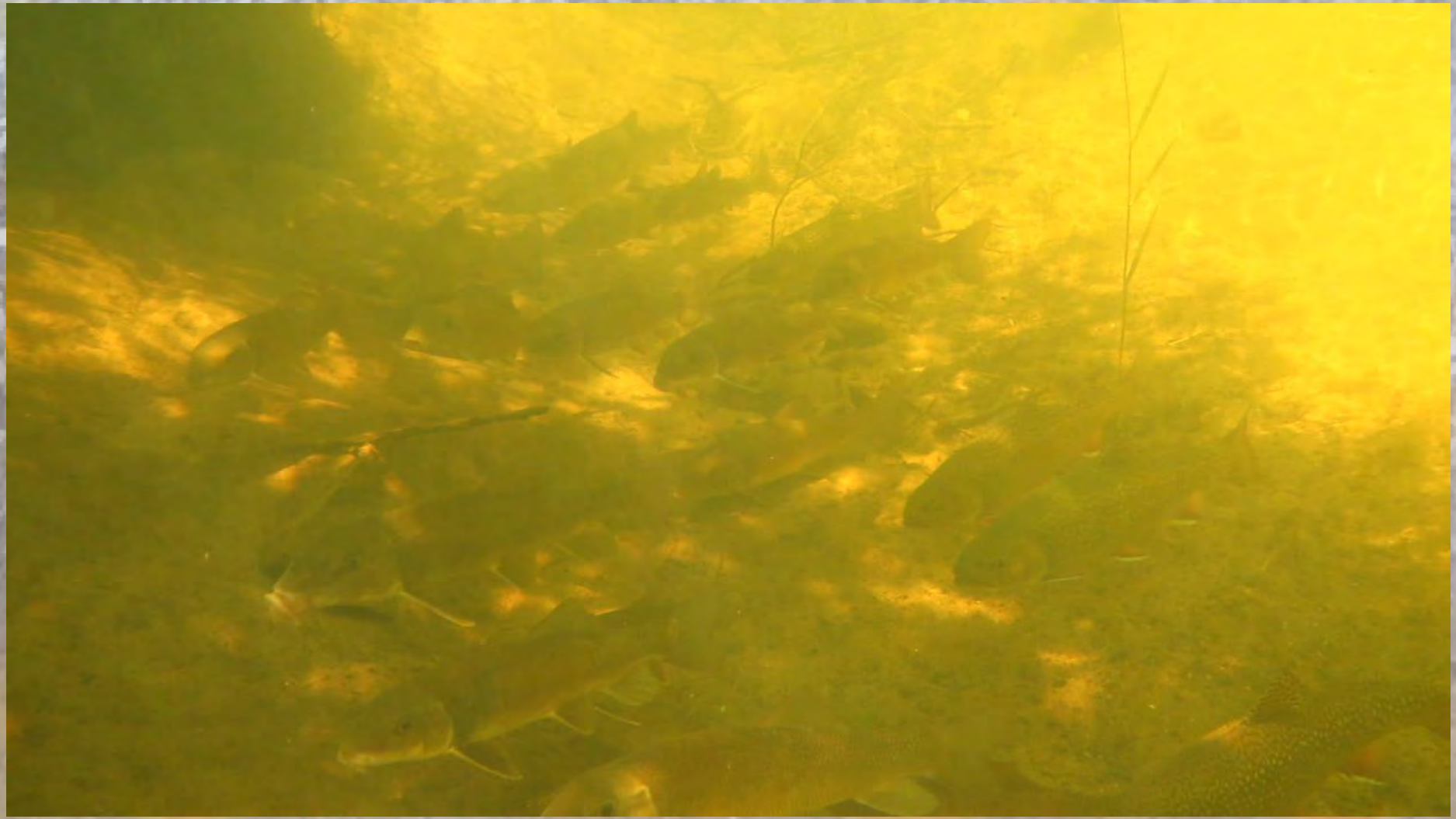
Re-enter lower river in April/May

None known to remain in lake habitat longer than one winter



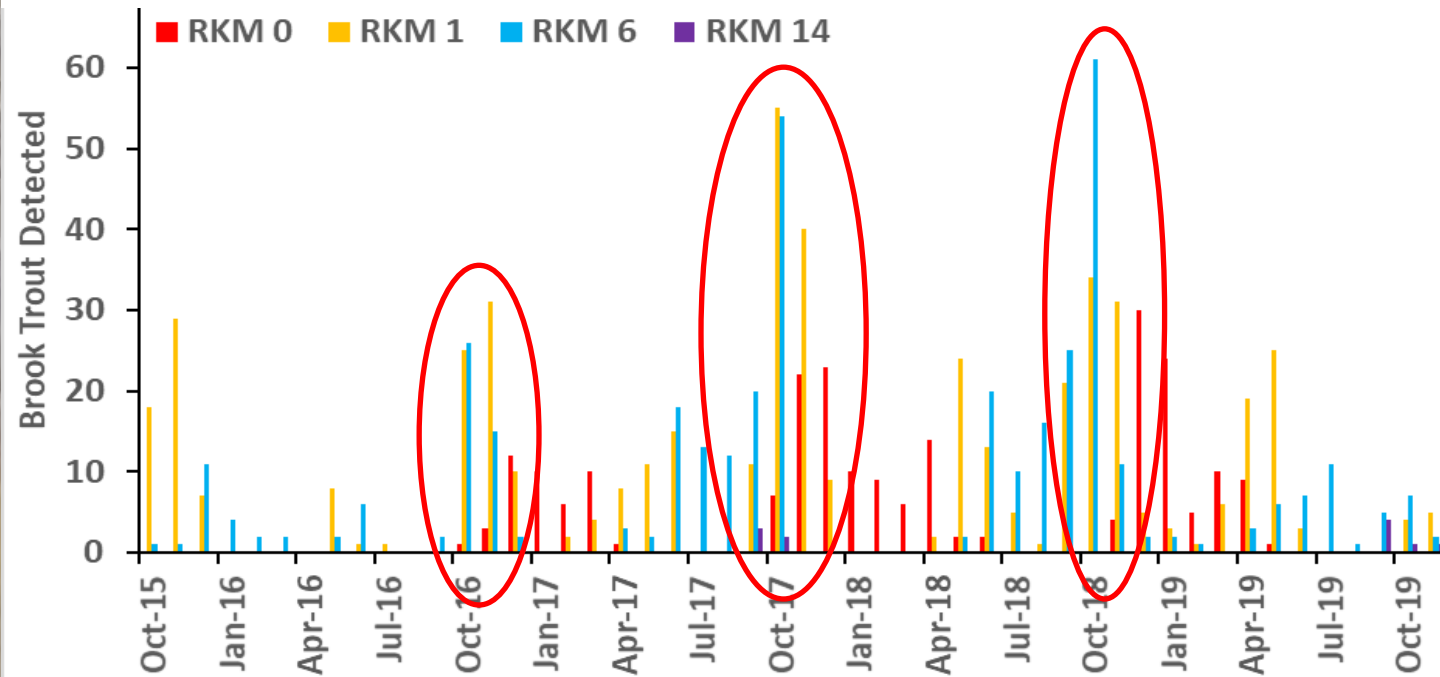
**General movement pattern:
Move to upper section in mid-summer (into unprotected reach)**



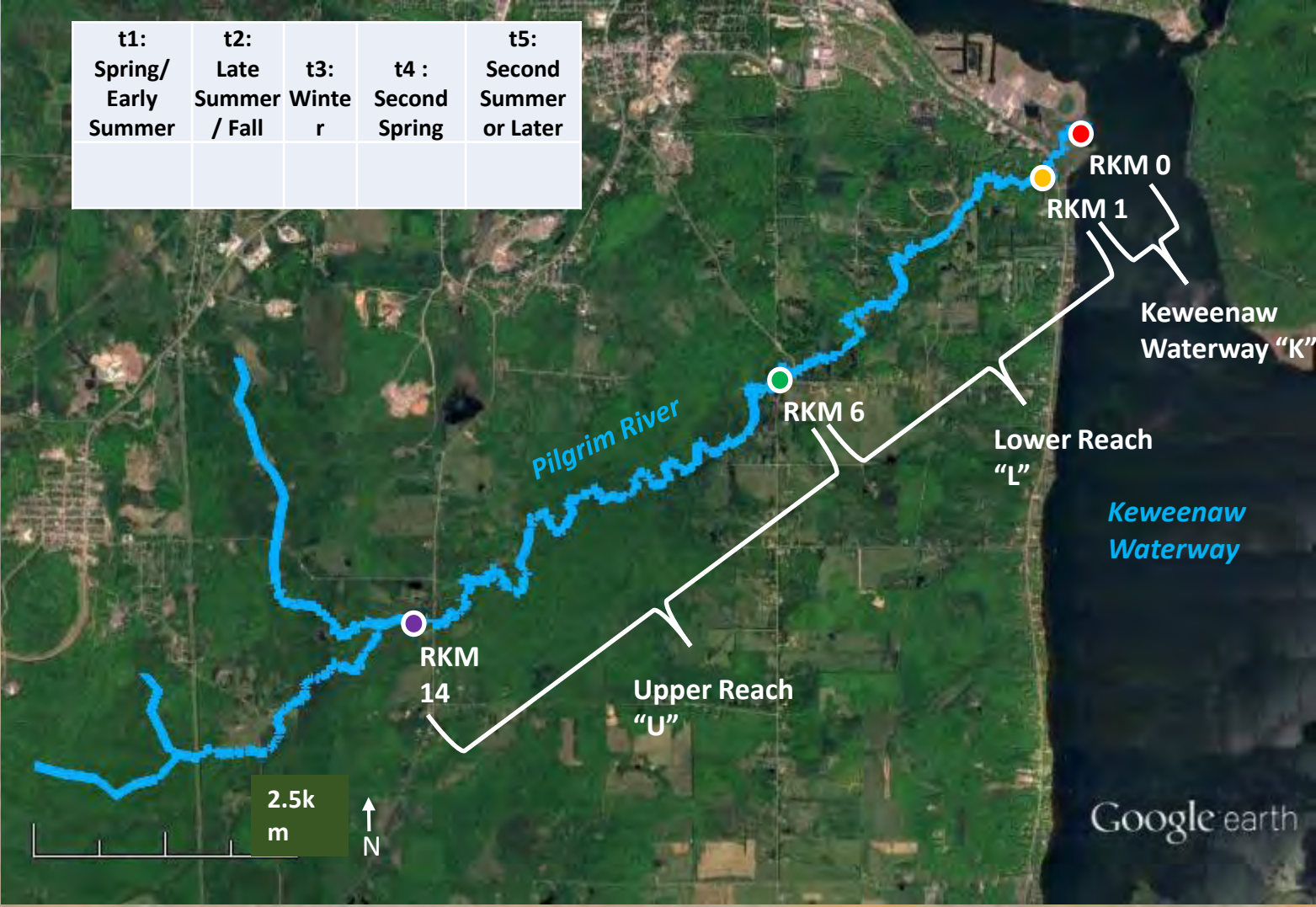


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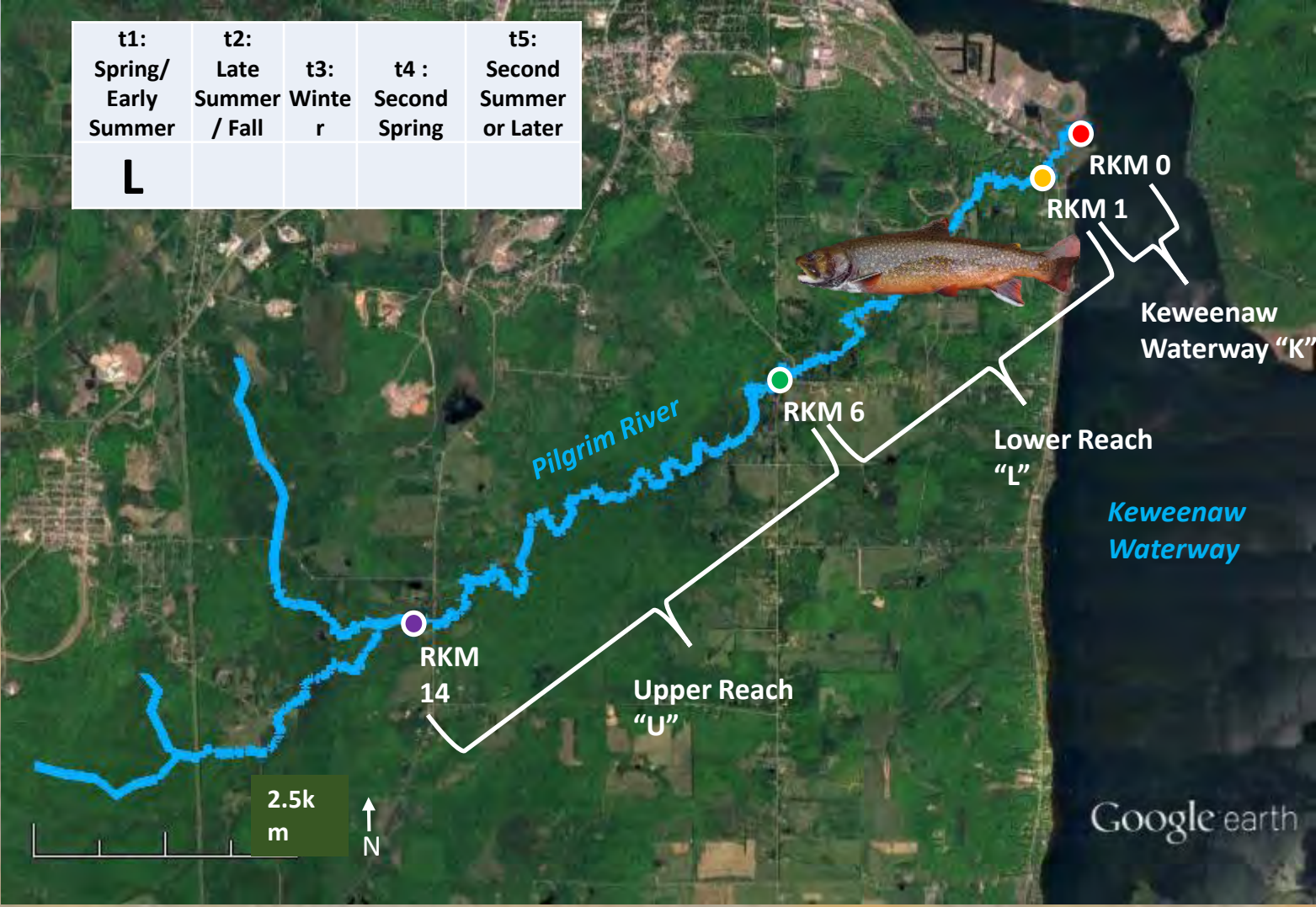
Long distance bi-directional movement during fall spawning season



t1:	t2:	t3:	t4 :	t5:
Spring/ Early Summer	Late Summer / Fall	Winte r	Second Spring	Second Summer or Later



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Release Year	Size Class 1:150-199mm 2:200-299mm 3:300+mm	t1: Spring/ Early Summer	t2: Late Summer/ Fall	t3: Winter	t4 : Second Spring	t5: Second Summer or Later
2018	2	L	L	K	0	U
2017	3	L	U	0	L	U
2018	1	U	U	U	0	0
2018	1	0	U	U	0	0
2018	2	U	U	U	0	0
2018	3	L	U	K	L	0
2018	3	L	U	L	L	0
2017	1	L	U	K	L	0
2018	1	0	U	K	L	U
2017	1	L	0	0	0	0





2018

**First tested for differences in
detection probability and
survival in 2016, 2017, 2018**



Detection probability and survival not different between years

Model	QAICc	Delta QAICc	AICc Weights	Model Likelihood	Num. Param.
{No Grp Effect}	802.03	0.00	0.84	1.00	19
{Grp 3 S diff}	807.00	4.97	0.07	0.08	27
{Grp 3 p diff}	807.88	5.85	0.05	0.05	25
{Grp 2 p diff}	809.24	7.20	0.02	0.03	25
{Grp 2 S diff}	809.40	7.36	0.02	0.03	27
{Grp 1 p diff}	813.28	11.24	0.00	0.00	25
{Grp 1 S diff}	816.57	14.54	0.00	0.00	27
{All p diff}	819.98	17.94	0.00	0.00	31
{All S diff}	834.71	32.68	0.00	0.00	41

Release Year	Size Class	t1: Spring/ Early Summer	t2: Late Summer/ Fall	t3: Winter	t4 : Second Spring	t5: Second Summer or Later
	1:150- 199mm 2:200- 299mm 3:300+mm					
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2017	3	L	U	0	L	U
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2017	1	L	U	K	L	0
2018	1	0	U	K	L	U
2017	1	L	0	0	0	0

Tested for differences in movement and survival among three size (age) classes



Group1: 150-199mm



Group2: 159-200mm



Group3: 300+mm

Different survival for 300+mm BKT

Different movement probability for 150-199mm BKT

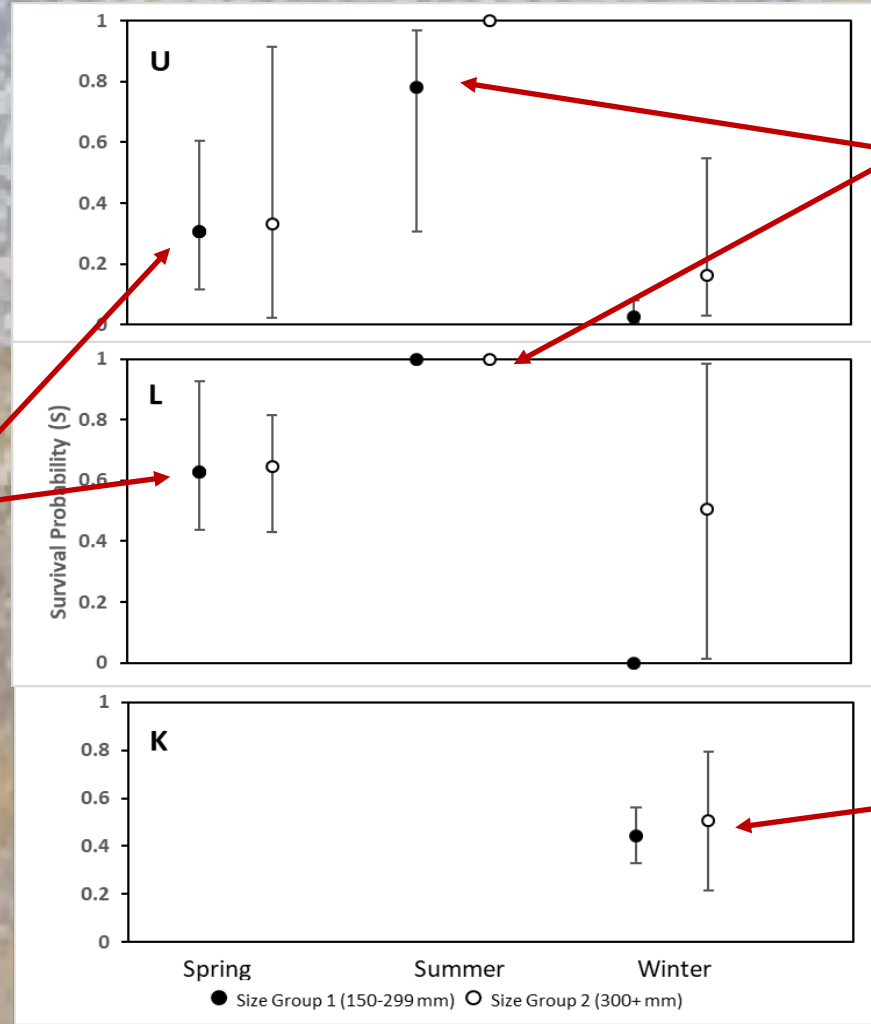
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{Grp 3 S diff}	1188.85	0.01	0.41	1.00	24
{Grp 3 S psi diff}	1191.87	3.02	0.09	0.22	32
{No Group Effect}	1193.11	4.27	0.05	0.12	19
{Grp 3 S diff all psi diff}	1193.54	4.70	0.04	0.10	38
{Grp 1 S diff}	1196.90	8.05	0.01	0.02	24
{All S diff}	1207.88	19.04	0.00	0.00	33

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Parameter Estimates from AIC Top Model

Survival Group 3 Different, Movement Group 1 Different

Spring/early summer survival lower in upper section

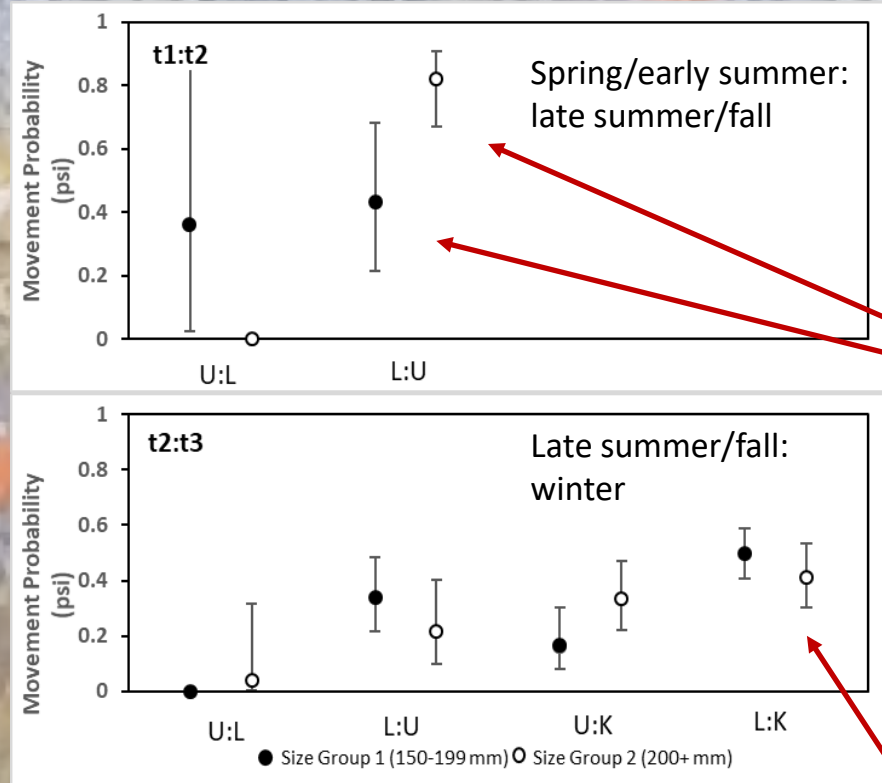


Late summer/fall survival almost 100%, but many were tagged in late fall

Approx. 40% winter survival of outmigrants

Parameter Estimates from AIC Top Model

Survival Group 3 Different, Movement Group 1 Different



Approx. 40% of fish 150-299 mm move to upper section in summer, 80% of fish 300+mm

Over 40% of fish move from lower section to Keweenaw waterway in winter

Conclusions

The Pilgrim River does support adfluvial brook trout (pending genetic confirmation), with over 40% of the population out-migrating

Confirmed residency uncommon, but many habitats unsampled. Migrants have higher detection probability

80% of large brook trout move to upper section in summer

Estimated survival lower in upper section, detection probability may be lower

Questions!
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Scott River Watershed-Wide Restoration Project Validation Monitoring Program



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Study Framework

Evaluate whether restoration shifts habitat conditions and juvenile life history traits toward those associated with higher survival rates



Core Hypothesis



Restoration that increases year-round slow-water habitat will increase juvenile growth rates, reduce risky redistribution, and increase the proportion of fish outmigrating as smolts - traits strongly associated with improved survival and population performance



Study Design (BACI)

- Before / After - we will compare:
 - Pre-restoration conditions at treatment sites where available
 - Post restoration habitat and biological response over multiple years
 - Across varying water year types
- Control / Impact - we will monitor:
 - Impacts sites: beaver influenced and restoration reaches (BDAs, floodplain reconnection)
 - Control sites: comparable untreated reaches within the same watershed



Tracking Change vs Background

- Compare treatment vs control sites within the same water year
- Evaluate changes over multiple water years / environmental conditions
- Track habitat capacity relative to juvenile density
- Compare life-history expression (resident vs redistributing)
- Evaluate whether restored reaches buffer temperature and flow extremes

*If restored sites consistently produce higher growth rates or higher smolt proportions than controls within the same year, that indicates treatment effect.

Parameters to be Monitored

Physical habitat parameters

Wetted habitat area	Habitat volume
Depth and velocity profiles	Instream cover
Winter slow water availability	Water temperature
Groundwater/surface water interaction	Duration of summer surface flow

Biological parameters

Juvenile density	Growth rates
Size distribution	Site fidelity / seasonal occupancy
Redistribution timing and frequency	Proportion outmigrating as smolts
Overwinter survival	Life-history expression



Sampling Scheme

- Mark Recapture
 - Summer tagging of juveniles
 - Repeated sampling to estimate population size and growth
- PIT Tag Arrays
 - Installed at treatment and control sites
 - Continuous detection of movement
 - Seasonal redistribution quantified
 - Outmigration timing documented
 - Overwinter survival inferred
- Seasonal Monitoring
 - Summer (growth and density)
 - Fall redistribution period
 - Winter occupancy
 - Spring smolt outmigration

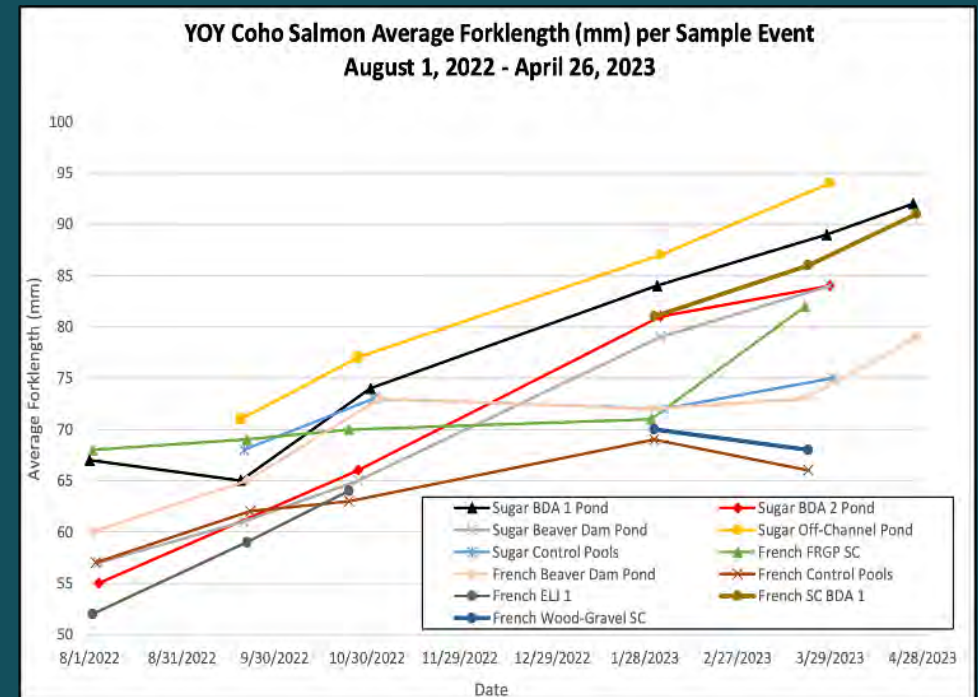


**This allows us to detect whether restored habitats reduce fall emigration, increase overwinter occupancy, and produce larger smolts*

Measured Biological Indicators are Supported by Science

- Larger size at outmigration is positively correlated with marine survival (Beamish et al. 2010)
- Faster summer growth reduced predation risk and increases smoltification success (Ebersole, et al. 2006)
- Slow-water over winter habitat increases juvenile survival (Ebersole et al 2009)
- Redistribution carries elevated mortality risk (Gormon 2016, Bennett et al. 2015)
- Habitat capacity models link depth/velocity/cover to smolt production (Goodman et al.)

**We are not assuming survival increases, we are testing whether restoration produces traits known to increase survival probability*



Opportunities to Collaborate and Learn Beyond the Study

- **Fish passage at BDAs and/or natural beaver dams**
 - *Juvenile and adult passage rates, timing*
 - *Evaluate passage under different flow conditions*
- **Otolith and growth reconstruction studies (Lusardi)**
 - *Use otolith and eye lens microchemistry to reconstruct rearing history*
 - *Distinguish natal vs non-natal rearing contributions*
 - *Evaluate habitat specific growth signatures*
- **Redistribution dynamics basin-scale**
 - *Collaboration with Karuk and Yurok to detect tagged fish from Scott River*

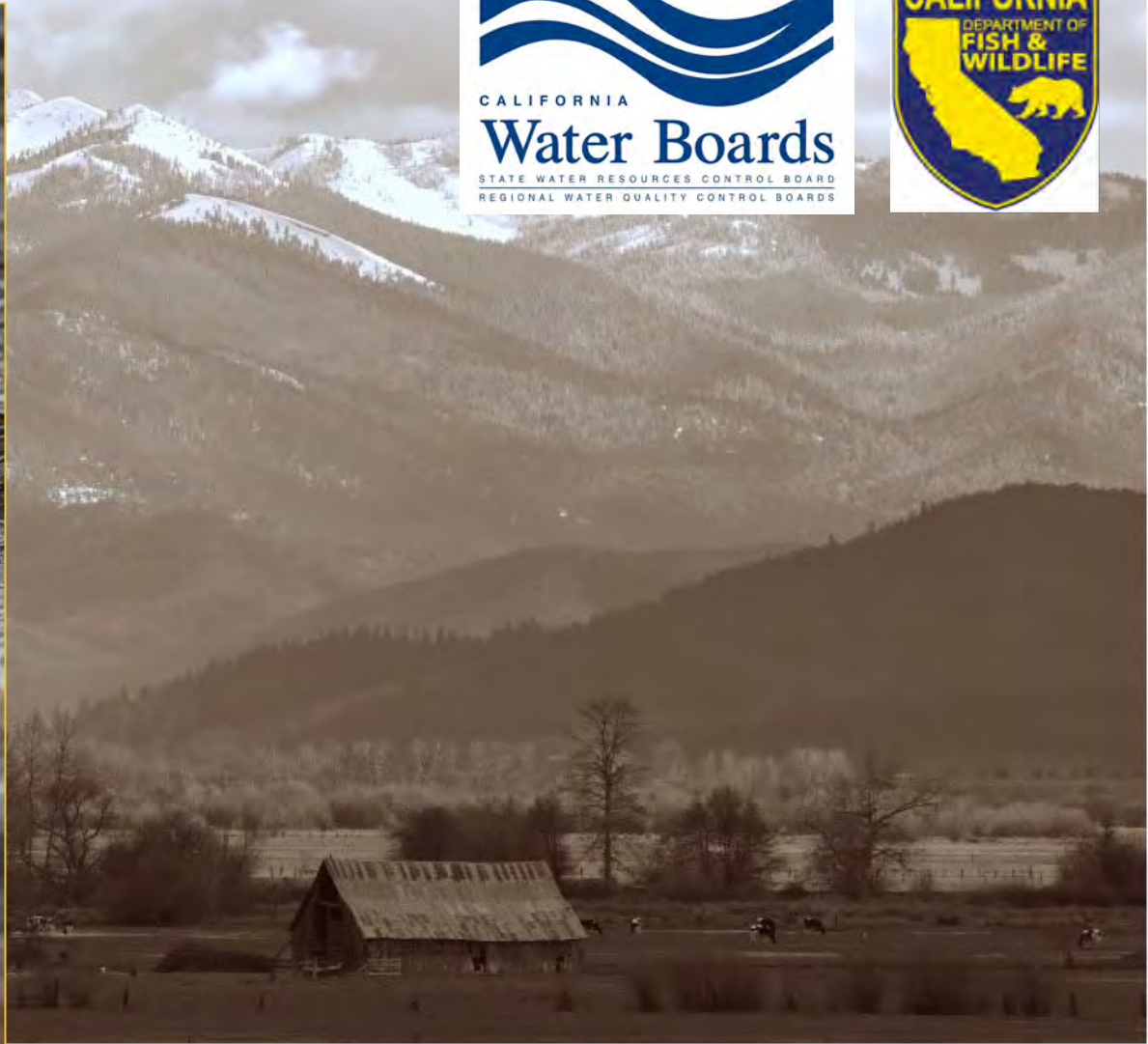


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Minimum Instream Flow (SB 263)

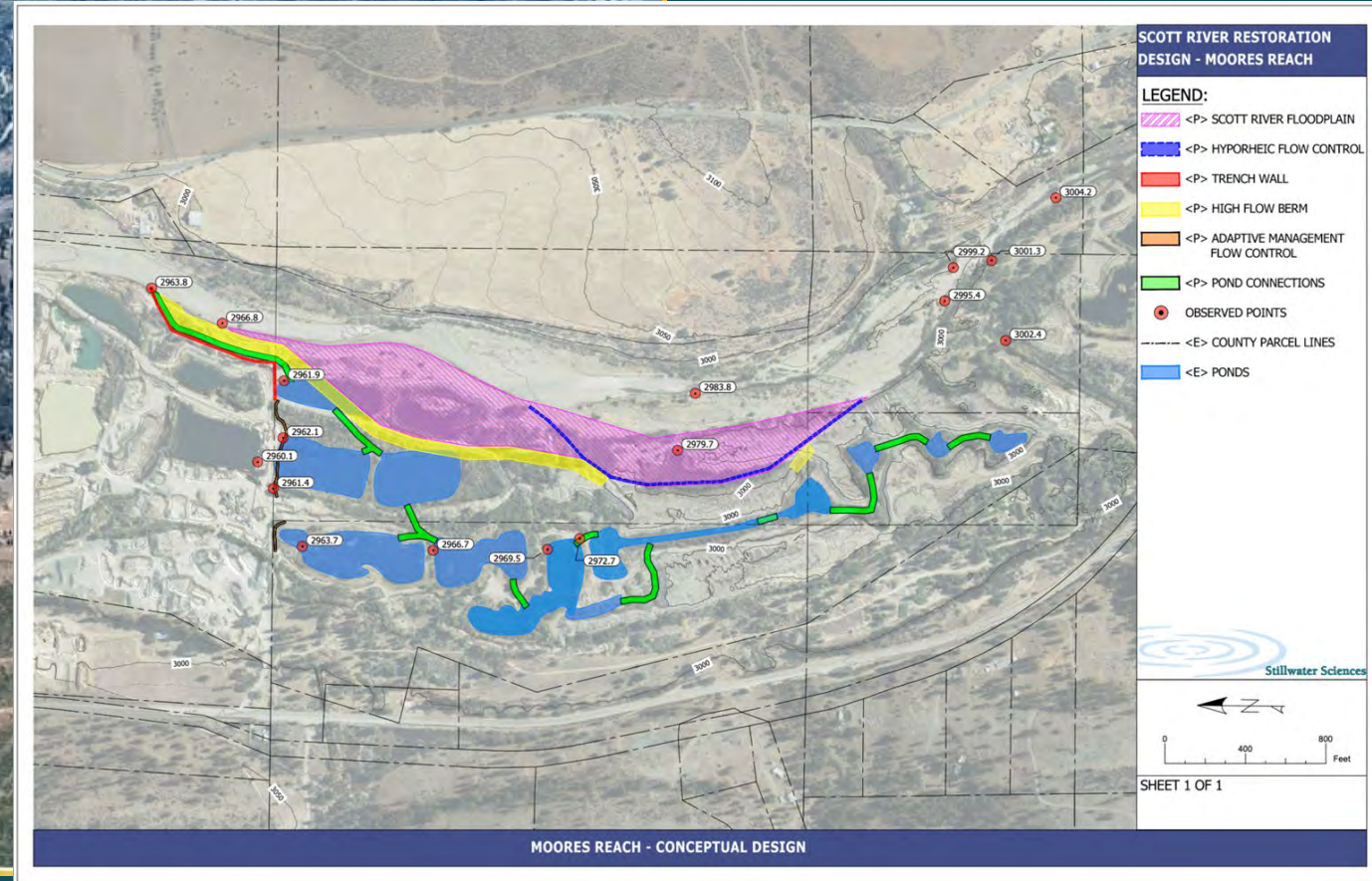


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Building on Our Collective Investments to Strengthen Understanding & Shape the Future of the Scott River

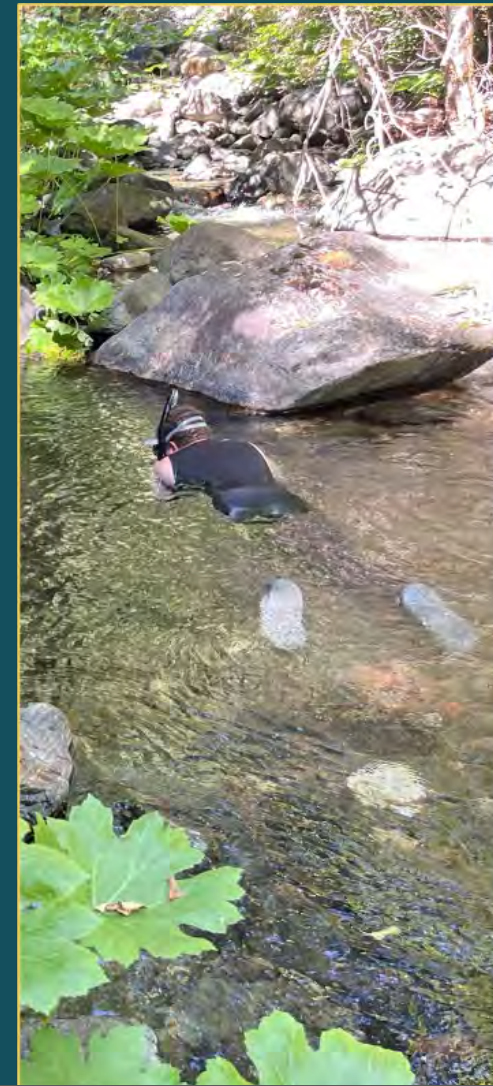


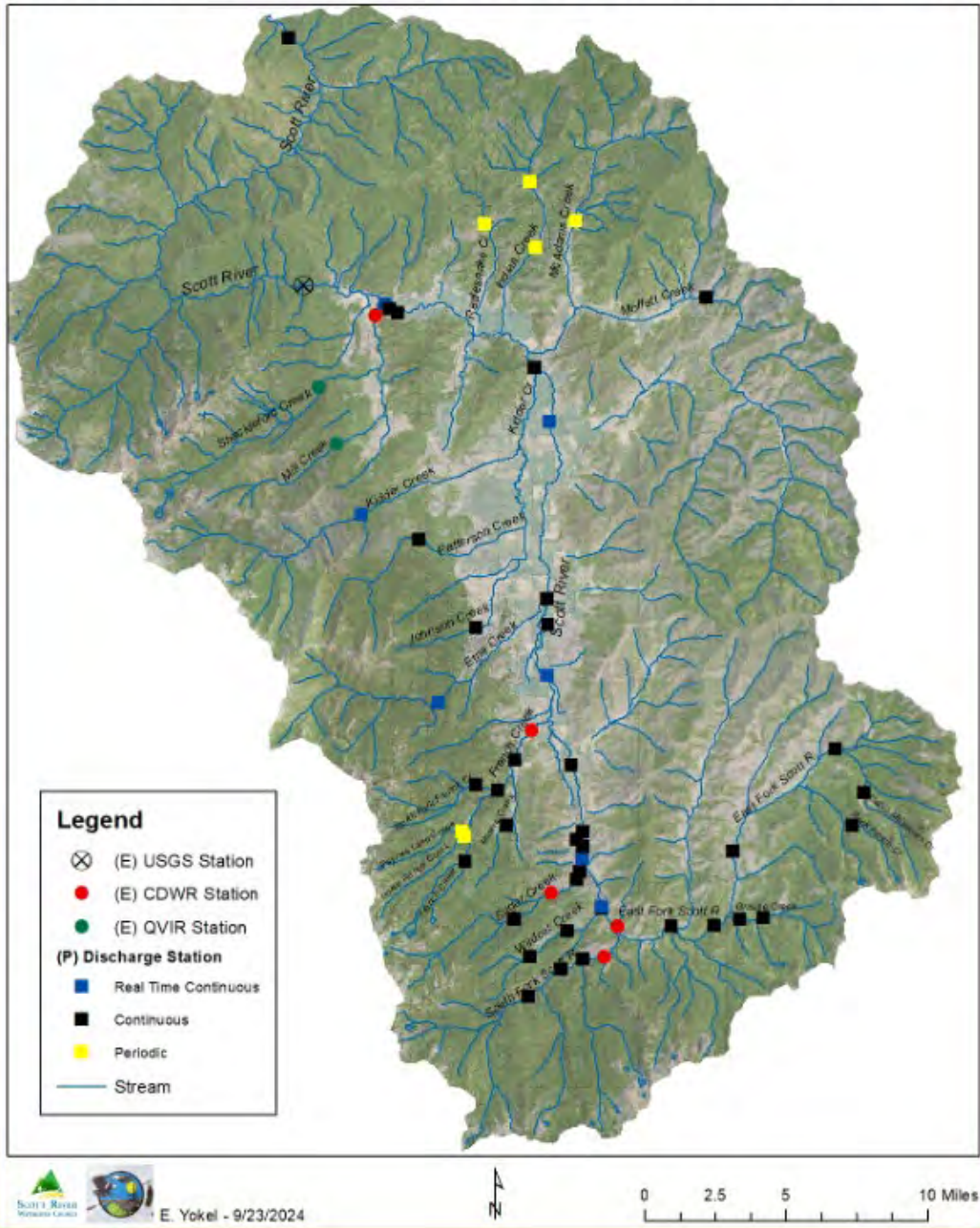
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Longstanding Fisheries Monitoring:

- *Counting Weir*
- *Outmigration trapping*
- *PIT Tag program*
- *Extensive Spawning Surveys*
- *Direct observation dives*





Other Monitoring Efforts:

- 30 Streamflow Discharge Stations
 - 10 - High flow
- ~300 Water Surface Elevation (WSE) stations
- Numerous temperature, DO and other water quality parameters



Questions We're Wrestling With

- How do we document movement if fish redistribute before they reach taggable size?
- What is a healthy proportion of a population that redistributes?
- What can we learn from historical data sets regarding redistribution? Did CDFW capture a larger proportion of age 0+ fish at the outmigrant trap pre-restoration or in specific water year types?
- Are there locations in the mainstem Scott River where a PIT tag antenna could be installed and effectively detect redistributing fish?





Lunch Break

12:30 – 1:30