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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

## HATCHERY ENVIRONMENT




## Fitness Curve - Selection Strength



## Fitness Curve - Selection Differential




## Relative Fitness

Selection in Captivity during Supportive Breeding May Reduce Fitness in the Wild

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- Heritability $=0.50$
- Selection strength
- Selection difference
- pHOS
- pNOB
$\mathrm{PNI}=0.89$ (pHOS=0.1|pNOB=0.8)

$\mathrm{PNI}=0.50$
( $\mathrm{pHOS}=0.8 \mid \mathrm{pNOB}=0.8$ )

$\mathrm{PNI}=0.50$ ( $\mathrm{pHOS}=0.1 \mid \mathrm{pNOB}=0.1$ )

$\mathrm{PNI}=0.11$ ( $\mathrm{pHOS}=0.8 \mid \mathrm{pNOB}=0.1$ )






## Parameters

## 1. Smolt Production

- 1,000,000 to 12,000,000 in 500,000 intervals
- 23 smolt production runs of model

2. Total Run Exploitation Rate

- Proportion of run that is harvested
- Random distribution of natural and hatchery fish
- 0.30 to 0.60 in 0.02 intervals
- 16 harvest proportion runs of the model

3. Natural-spawning capacity

- Run model for 15 generations
- 23 * 16 * $3=$ 1,104 model run
- 1,104 * $15=$ 16,560 model cycles
- Part of Ricker model
- 2000, 4000, 6000 fish



1. Hatchery Run: $10,000,000 * 0.00345=34,500$
2. Harvest: $34,500 * 0.50=17,250$
3. Escapement $=17,250$
4. \# Fish to Hatchery: $17,250 * 0.572=9,867$
5. Removed1 (Surplus): $9,867-5,831-350=3,686$
6. $\operatorname{HOS}($ Potential $)=17,250-9,867=7,383$

Run: 34,500
Harvest: 17,250
HOB: 5,831
HOS: 5,441
Removed: 5,628
Total: 31,150
7. HOS (below weir) $=7,383 * 0.737=5,441$
8. Removed $2=7,383-5441=1,942$

## Example:

- Capacity: 4000
- Harvest: 0.50
- Generation 1: NOS $=4000$. HOS=0


1. Ricker: $\mathrm{NOS}=4,000->4,415$
2. Gen1: Relative Fitness $=1$
3. Natural Run $=4,415$
4. Harvest: $4,415 * 0.50=2,208$
5. Escapement $=2,208$
6. NOB: $2,208 * 0.20=442$
7. NOS: $2,208-442=1,766$

## Observations

- Without immigration (e.g., hatchery stray), and 50\% harvest rate, population stabilizes at $\mathrm{n}=729$.
- In Gen 2: HOS = 5,441 (previous slide)

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\mathrm{NOS}=1,766
$$

Total $=7,207$
Ricker: 3,568



Capacity = 4000

Total Harvest



Number of Natural-origin Spawners


## Relative Fitness



Capacity = 2000



Number of Natural-origin Spawners


Relative Fitness


Capacity = 4000

Total Harvest



Number of Natural-origin Spawners


## Relative Fitness



Capacity = 6000

Total Harvest



Number of Natural-origin Spawners



- Comparison between moderate selection and weak or no selection
- Address some of the initial questions asked of staff concerning the different alternatives, harvest, and status of natural spawning populations

Number of Hatchery-origin Spawners



Number of Natural-origin Spawners


Relative Fitness


Number of Hatchery-origin Spawners


Total Natural-origin Run

level (2420, 2640] (2640, 2860] (2860, 3080] (3080, 3300] (3300, 3520] (3520, 3740] (3960, 4180] 4180, 4400]

Number of Natural-origin Spawners


Selection: Weak Capacity = 4000

Hatchery-origin Harvest


Total Harvest


Natural-origin Harvest


Selection: Moderate Capacity = 4000


Hatchery-origin Harvest


Total Harvest


Natural-origin Harvest
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$(2444,2667]$ Number of Hatchery Removed


Total Hatchery-origin Run


Total Run


Total Natural-origin Run

## Selection: Moderate Capacity $=4000$


(1350, 1620]
(1620, 1890]
(1890, 2160]
(2160, 2430]
(2430, 2700]
(2700, 2970]
(2970, 3240]
(3240, 3510]
(3510, 3780]
(3780, 4050]

Number of Smolts Released
Total Harvest


Total Hatchery-origin Run


Total Run


Total Natural-origin Run


Selection: Weak Capacity = 4000 level
$(2200,2420]$ (2420, 2640] (2640, 2860] (2860, 3080] (3080, 3300] (3300, 3520] (3520, 3740] (3740, 3960] $(3960,4180]$
$(4180,4400]$ Total Harvest


## Some Conclusions

1. The greater the number of smolts released:

- The greater the number hatchery fish harvested, regardless of exploitation rate,
- The fewer the number of natural-origin spawners, the smaller the natural-origin run (i.e., lower natural productivity), and the fewer number of natural-origin fish harvested

2. As spawner capacity increases, the more productive, the lower the pHOS , and the higher the fitness of the natural-spawning population for a given number of smolts released
3. These general conclusions are relatively independent of fitness differences between natural- and hatchery-origin natural spawners
4. Of the three parameters, increasing smolt production produced the greatest increase in the number of fish harvested and the greatest decrease to natural production, compared with comparable changes in exploitation rate and spawning capacity

Questions and Discussion

