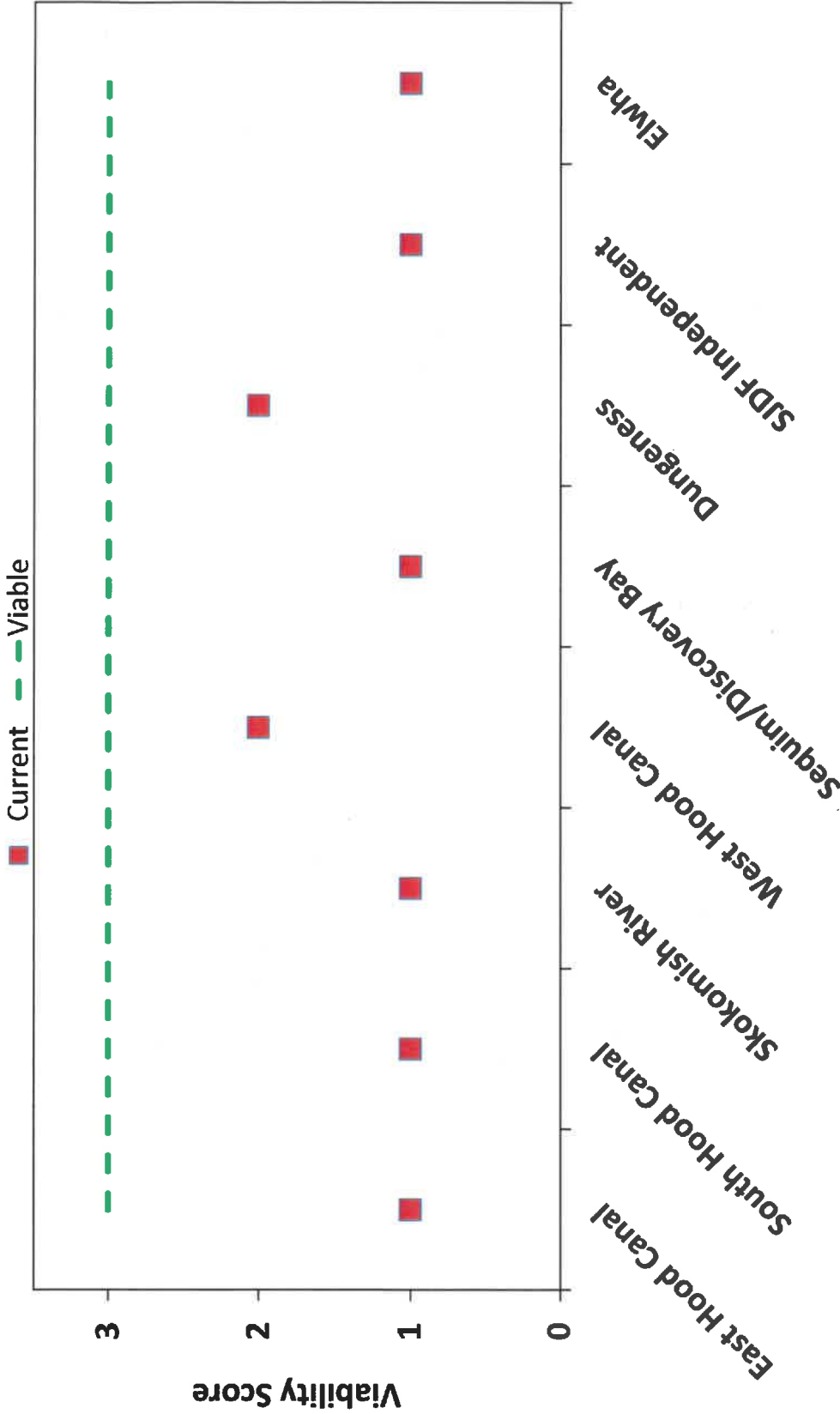


# Hood Canal & Strait of Juan de Fuca MPG

Four Populations Viable: No

Current Mean Viability = 1.25

Achieve Minimum Criteria of 2.2: No



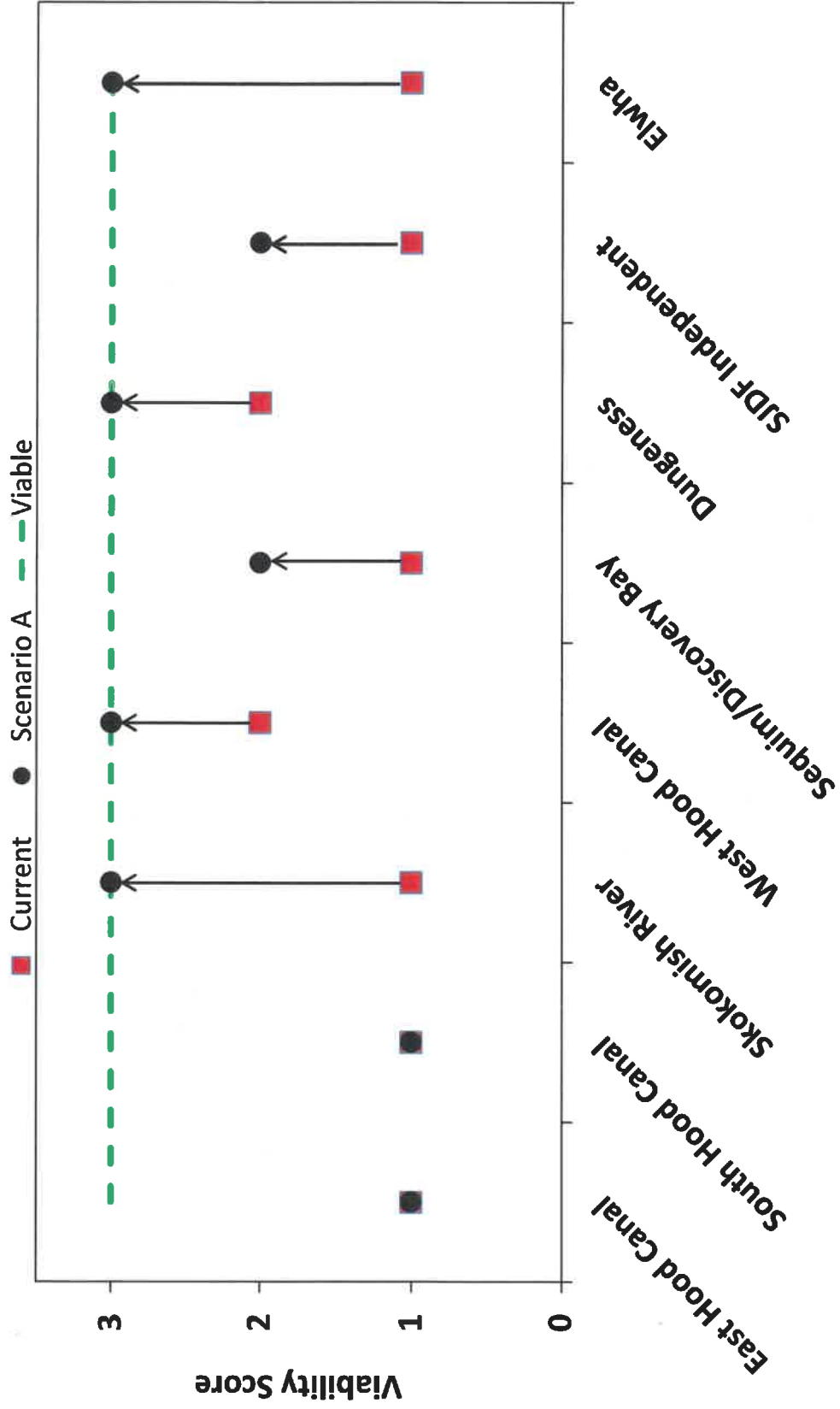


# Hood Canal & Strait of Juan de Fuca MPG

Four Populations Viable: Yes

Recovery Scenario Mean Viability = 2.25

Achieve Minimum Criteria of 2.2: Yes





**Table 1. Factors to consider in the designation of Hood Canal populations as Primary, Contributing, or Stabilizing.**

Population or Watershed	Run Type	NOAA Intrinsic Potential (IP) <sup>1/</sup>	Average Spawners (2007-2016)	NOAA Viability Assessment P(Viable) <sup>1/</sup>	Past Hatchery Gene Flow	% Public Land	Hydrology <sup>1/</sup>
Skokomish	Winter	20,060	646	Low	<sup>2/</sup>	71%	40% Rain & Snow 25% Rain
East Hood Canal	Winter	2,540	85	Low	<sup>2/</sup>	23%	100% Lowland
West Hood Canal	Winter	7,217	165	Moderate	<sup>2/</sup>	76%	31% Rain & Snow 31% Lowland
South Hood Canal	Winter	5,970	95	Low	<sup>2/</sup>	38%	92% Lowland 8% Rain

<sup>1/</sup> Source: Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team 2013.

<sup>2/</sup> No releases of early winter steelhead for more than 10 years.



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### Part A. Recovery Scenario

A recovery scenario is a combination of populations and population status levels that meet Technical Recovery Team (TRT) guidance for a viable Distinct Population Segment (DPS). The scenario represents one of many possible combinations of populations and recovery goals that could meet DPS and Major Population Group (MPG)-level viability criteria. Different scenarios may fulfill the biological requirements for recovery but can have unique implications for various stakeholders. Selection of a scenario for incorporation into the recovery plan is in part a policy decision based on scientific, biological, social, cultural, political, and economic considerations (drawn with modification from Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery and Subbasin Plan (2004)).

The Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan (2010) provides the following description of the population designations:

- a. **Primary populations** are targeted for restoration to high (95-99% probability) or very high (> 99% probability) viability. These populations are the foundation of salmon recovery. Primary populations are typically the strongest extant populations and/or those with the best prospects for protection or restoration. These typically include populations at high or medium viability during the listing baseline.
- b. **Contributing populations** are those for which some improvement will be needed to achieve a stratum-wide average of medium viability (75 – 94% probability). Contributing populations might include those of low to medium significance and viability where improvements can be expected to contribute to recovery. Varying levels of improvement are identified for contributing populations. Some contributing populations are targeted for substantial improvements whereas more limited increases are identified for others.
- c. **Stabilizing populations** are those that would be maintained at baseline levels. These are typically populations at very low viability during the listing baseline. Stabilizing populations might include those where significance is low, feasibility is low, and uncertainty is high. While stabilizing populations are not targeted for significant improvement, substantive recovery actions will typically be required to avoid further degradation.

### Task

Our first task is to develop an initial proposal for a recovery scenario for Hood Canal populations which are part of the larger Hood Canal/Strait of Juan de Fuca MPG. We may revise this proposal as we assess the implications for recovery actions, and after we add the Strait of Juan de Fuca populations. Bearing in mind the historical importance of the population and current status, designate each of the following populations as Primary, Contributing, or Stabilizing. In order to achieve draft viability criteria for the MPG as a

whole, a proposed recovery scenario should identify at least one population as Primary (highest viability category) and not more than one as Stabilizing (lowest viability category). Several examples have been completed in the table below.

<b>Population</b>	<b>Contribution to Recovery</b>	<b>Comments</b>
East Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run		
South Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run	Contributing	
Skokomish River Winter Run	Primary	
West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run		



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### Part B. Aspirational Objectives for Recreational Fishery

The aspirational objectives describe the desired future state for recreational fisheries in the short- (5-10 years) and long-term (more than 10 years). Aspirational objectives may not be achievable, particularly in the short-term, given conservation or resource constraints. Nevertheless, they are important to initiate the discussion of our vision for the future of Puget Sound steelhead.

Through an iterative process we will “true up” our aspirational objectives with the conservation framework of the recovery scenario.

In developing the aspirational objectives, it may be helpful to recall several of the objectives the advisory group has identified:

- 1) describes a path toward diverse and sustainable fishing opportunities, with benchmarks to assess our progress;
- 2) recognizes the importance of steelhead and steelhead fisheries to our rural communities;
- 3) promotes greater understanding of steelhead populations through an experimental approach, and recognizes that adaptive management will be required to be successful;
- 4) is not constrained by previous fishery and hatchery management approaches;
- 5) identifies watershed-specific strategies for fisheries and artificial production programs designed to achieve specific seasons and fishery types (catch and release, catch and keep, rivers with no hatchery production); and
- 6) enjoys broad support among stakeholders interested in steelhead, including fishers and those interested in steelhead as a part of the Puget Sound ecosystem.

#### Task

Our second task is to identify our aspirational objectives for recreational fisheries for the short- and long-term. Although there are many types of recreational fisheries, perhaps the two broadest categories are catch-and-release and catch-and-keep. For catch-and-release fisheries, please identify the months for the fishery and the approximate angler days (i.e., 1000 anglers each fishing 10 days would be 10000 angler days). For catch-and-keep fisheries, please identify the months for the fishery and the approximate catch. Several examples have been completed in the table below.

Short Term

Population	Catch-and-Release				Catch-and-Keep		
	Directed at Wild Steelhead?	Months	Angler Days	Directed at Wild Steelhead?	Months	Catch	
East Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run			-				
South Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run				No	Dec. – Jan.	300	
Skokomish River Winter Run	No	Feb. - April	250				
West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run							

Long Term

Population	Catch-and-Release				Catch-and-Keep		
	Directed at Wild Steelhead?	Months	Angler Days	Directed at Wild Steelhead?	Months	Catch	
East Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run							
South Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run				No	Dec. – Jan.	300	
Skokomish River Winter Run	No	Feb. - April	500				
West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run							

## Notes

NOAA's criteria for limit 5 may help inform the development of the aspirational objectives for the recreational fishery. The 4(d) rule is under the Fishery and Hatchery tab of your notebook. Several key concepts are provided below:

- Proposed management actions must recognize the significant differences in risk associated with viable and critical population threshold states and respond accordingly to minimize the long-term risks to population persistence. Harvest actions impacting populations that are functioning at or above the viable threshold must be designed to maintain the population or management unit at or above that level. For populations shown with a high degree of confidence to be above critical levels but not yet at viable levels, harvest management must not appreciably slow the population's achievement of viable function. Harvest actions impacting populations that are functioning at or below critical threshold must not be allowed to appreciably increase genetic and demographic risks facing the population and must be designed to permit the population's achievement of viable function, unless the plan demonstrates that the likelihood of survival and recovery of the entire ESU in the wild would not be appreciably reduced by greater risks to that individual population.
- Set escapement objectives or maximum exploitation rates for each management unit or population based on its status and on a harvest program that assures that those rates or objectives are not exceeded. Maximum exploitation rates must not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the ESU. Management of fisheries where artificially propagated fish predominate must not compromise the management objectives for commingled naturally spawned populations.
- Display a biologically based rationale demonstrating that the harvest management strategy will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the ESU in the wild, over the entire period of time the proposed harvest management strategy affects the population, including effects reasonably certain to occur after the proposed actions cease.

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### **Part C. Potential Artificial Production Programs to Meet Fishery or Conservation Objectives**

An artificial production program may be a management action to help achieve fishery or conservation objectives. As discussed above for the aspirational objectives for the recreational fishery, we will need to “true up” our any proposed hatchery programs with the conservation framework of the recovery scenario.

In general, a segregated hatchery strategy will only be appropriate for a catch-and-keep fishery, while an integrated hatchery strategy may be used for a conservation program, for a catch-and-keep fishery, or for a catch-release-fishery.

In evaluating options for hatchery programs, it may be helpful to recall several of the objectives the advisory group has identified:

- 1) promotes the conservation and recovery of Puget Sound steelhead;
- 2) is informed by our scientific understanding of steelhead and the factors affecting their abundance, productivity, diversity, and spatial structure;
- 3) promotes greater understanding of steelhead populations through an experimental approach, and recognizes that adaptive management will be required to be successful;
- 4) is not constrained by previous fishery and hatchery management approaches; and
- 5) identifies watershed-specific strategies for fisheries and artificial production programs designed to achieve specific seasons and fishery types (catch and release, catch and keep, rivers with no hatchery production).

#### **Task**

Our third task is to assess if a hatchery program might help achieve provide initial consideration of whether an artificial production program might help achieve our conservation and aspirational fishery objectives. Please indicate in the tables below (short- and long-term) whether a hatchery program should be initially considered as a management action. Several examples have been completed in the tables below.

Short Term

Population	No Hatchery Releases	Conservation Program	Catch-and-Keep Hatchery Strategy		Catch-and Release Integrated Strategy
			Integrated	Segregated	
East Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run					
South Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run				✓	
Skomish River Winter Run					✓
West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run					

Long Term

Population	No Hatchery Releases	Conservation Program	Catch-and-Keep Hatchery Strategy		Catch-and Release Integrated Strategy
			Integrated	Segregated	
East Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run					
South Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run				✓	
Skomish River Winter Run					✓
West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run					

**Notes**

- 1) Hatchery Guidance. The Hatchery Scientific Review Group (2014) has provided the following guidance for broodstock management for programs designated as Primary, Contributing, or Stabilizing (pHOS – proportion hatchery-origin spawners; PNI – proportionate natural influence).

Hatchery Program Strategy	Population Designation	PNI	Effective pHOS	Gene Flow
Integrated	Primary	$\geq 0.67$	$< 0.30$	NA
	Contributing Stabilizing	$\geq 0.50$ <sup>1/</sup>	$< 0.30$ <sup>1/</sup>	
Segregated	Primary	NA	$< 0.05$	$< 0.02$ Not Established <sup>1/</sup>
	Contributing Stabilizing		$< 0.10$ <sup>1/</sup>	

<sup>1/</sup> Standards for Stabilizing populations are situation specific.

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### Part D. Proposed Portfolio

The proposed portfolio combines the recovery scenario, the aspirational fishery objectives, and the proposed hatchery programs. Department technical staff will subsequently analyze the proposed portfolio and identify any potential conflicts between the conservation objectives, aspirational fishery objectives, and hatchery broodstock management guidance. At our next meeting we will work to “true-up” any misalignment.

#### Task

Using the previous work on parts A-C, and discussions with the advisory group, describe your proposed portfolio. Several examples have been completed in the tables below.

#### Short Term

Population	Contribution to Recovery	Conservation Program (Y or N)	Fishery			Hatchery Program		
			Directed at Wild Fish (Y or N)	Type	Aspirational Objective	Strategy	PNI Criteria	pHOS or Gene Flow Limit
East Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run								
South Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run	Contributing		No	Catch & Keep	300 fish	Segregated	NA	-
Skomish River Winter Run	Primary		No	Catch & Release	250 angler days	Integrated	$\geq 0.67$	< 0.02 gene flow
West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run								

Long Term

Population	Contribution to Recovery	Conservation Program (Y or N)	Fishery			Hatchery Program		
			Directed at Wild Fish (Y or N)	Type	Aspirational Objective	Strategy	PNI Criteria	pHOS or Gene Flow Limit
East Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run								
South Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run	Contributing		No	Catch & Keep	300 fish	Segregated	NA	-
Skokomish River Winter Run	Primary		No	Catch & Release	500 angler days	Integrated	$\geq 0.67$	$< 0.02$ gene flow
West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run								



# Steelhead Historical Database

WDFW Fish Mgmt H.Q., 600 Capital Way N., Olympia 98501, (360) 902-2820/2817

**Puget Sound DPS**  
**Eastside Hood Canal MU**  
**Big Beef Creek Winter-run Steelhead**

WR1A 15.0389 Mason County

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (Nov-30Apr)		Tribal Harvest (Nov-30Apr)		Escapement		Total Runsize		Smolt		Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	May Release	Return N+2	
1960/61											
1961/62		138									
1962/63		108									
1963/64		148									
1964/65		242									
1965/66		104									
1966/67		29									
1967/68		32									
1968/69		62									
1969/70		22									
1970/71		32									
1971/72		6									
1972/73		12									
1973/74											
1974/75		3									
1975/76		7									
1976/77		2									
1977/78											
1978/79											
1979/80											
1980/81											
1981/82											
1982/83		3									
1983/84											
1984/85											
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2001/02											
2002/03											
2003/04											
2004/05											
2005/06											
2006/07											
2007/08										58	
2008/09										5	
2009/10										2	
2010/11										6	
2011/12										11	
2012/13										55	
2013/14										3	
2014/15										50	
2015/16										16	
2016/17											

Escapement goal = ??  
 Index Escapement Goal = ??  
 Wild river entry: E. Dec - L. May  
 Wild spawn: M. Feb - E. Jun

Smolt Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data

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# Steelhead Historical Database

WDFW Fish Mgmt HC, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia 98501, (360) 902-2620/2817

**Puget Sound DPS**  
**East Hood Canal MU**  
**Dewatto River Winter-run Steelhead**

WRIA 15.0420 Mason County

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (1 Nov-30 Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1 Nov-30 Apr)		Escapement		Total Runsize		Smolt - May Release Return N+2	Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild		
1987/81										
1987/82			33							
1987/83			173							
1987/84			63							
1987/85			46							
1987/86			71							
1987/87			90							
1987/88			76							
1987/89			77							
1987/90			50						10,020	
1970/71			175						8,780	
1971/72			109						10,133	
1972/73			66						10,060	
1973/74			111						8,840	
1974/75			86						10,014	
1975/76			115						10,013	
1976/77			84						10,000	
1977/78			54							
1978/79			92							
1979/80			74							
1980/81			23							
1981/82			44							
1982/83			38							
1983/84			36							
1984/85			73							
1985/86			102							
1986/87	8	11	19							
1987/88	13	0	13							
1988/89	2	4	4							
1989/90	2	0	2							
1990/91	2	2	4							
1991/92			0							
1992/93			0							
1993/94			0							
1994/95			0							
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2000/01			0							
2001/02			0							
2002/03			0							
2003/04			0							
2004/05			0							
2005/06			0							
2006/07			0							
2007/08			0							
2008/09			0							
2009/10			0							
2010/11			0							
2011/12			0							
2012/13			0							
2013/14			0							
2014/15			0							
2015/16			0							
2016/17			0							

Dewatto River adult steelhead releases: release year 2011, 226; release year 2012, 20; release year 2013, 228; release year 2014, 21. Supplemental adults are excluded from antipated run size forecast

Reviewed: May 9, 2017

Sport Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data  
 Catch Record Card (CRC) reporting season change:  
 Prior to 2000: 1 May to 30 April CRC year  
 Year 2000: 1 May to 31 Mar CRC year  
 2001 and on: 1 April to 31 March CRC year

Escapement goal = 138  
 Index Escapement Goal = 81  
 Wild river entry: E. Dec - L. May  
 Wild spawn: M. Feb - E. Jun

First Ad-clip

WSR

1992 SaSI status: Depressed

Hatchery releases stopped.

2002 SaSI status: Depressed

Winter SH season closure begins 2004/05

Begin Hood Canal SH supplementation program and research in 2007 (NOAA, WDFW, Tribes, LLTK, HCSEC)



# Steelhead Historical Database

WDFW Fish Mgmt HQ, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia 98501, (360) 902-2820/2817

Puget Sound DPS  
 South Hood Canal MU  
 Tahuya River Winter-run Steelhead

WR1A 15.0446 Mason County

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (1 Nov-30 Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1 Nov-30 Apr)		Escapement		Total Runsize		Smolt		Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	
1960/61											Spot Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data
1961/62		59								0	
1962/63		127								0	
1963/64		282								14,966	Catch Record Card (CRC) reporting season change: Prior to 2000: 1 May to 30 April CRC year Year 2000: 1 May to 31 Mar CRC year 2001 and on: 1 April to 31 March CRC year
1964/65		397								5,150	
1965/66		287								0	
1966/67		250								4,971	
1967/68		198								5,055	
1968/69		143								5,022	
1969/70		108								19,782	
1970/71		329								9,967	
1971/72		253								10,107	
1972/73		92								10,229	
1973/74		77								10,320	
1974/75		89								10,003	
1975/76		115								10,040	
1976/77		53								10,295	
1977/78		75								10,000	
1978/79		44								9,894	
1979/80		109								10,075	
1980/81		74								10,500	WDFW Exception goal = 286 Index, 373 total Wild river entry: E. Dec - L. May Wild spawn: E. Mar - E. Jun
1981/82		37								10,684	
1982/83		46								8,400	
1983/84		71								15,066	
1984/85		115								10,308	
1985/86		86								10,043	
1986/87		23								10,005	
1987/88	14	9								10,000	
1988/89	7	17								15,002	First ad-clip returns: WSR
1989/90	4	8								128	
1990/91	5	3								152	
1991/92	7	7								0	
1992/93	0	2								0	1992 SaSSI status: Depressed
1993/94	0	7								0	
1994/95	3	0								9,760	
1995/96	3	0								14,976	
1996/97	6	4								0	
1997/98	0	0								0	
1998/99	6	6								0	
1999/00	2	0								0	
2000/01	0	0								0	
2001/02	0	0								0	
2002/03	0	0								0	2002 SaSSI status: Depressed
2003/04	0	0								0	
2004/05	0	0								0	
2005/06	0	0								0	
2006/07	0	0								0	
2007/08	0	0								0	
2008/09	0	0								0	
2009/10	0	0								0	
2010/11	0	0								0	
2011/12	0	0								0	
2012/13	0	0								0	
2013/14	0	0								0	
2014/15	0	0								0	
2015/16	0	0								0	
2016/17	0	0								0	



**Steelhead Historical Database**

WDFW Fish Mgmt HQ, 600 Capital Way N, Olympia 98501, (360) 902-2620/2617

**Puget Sound DPS  
South Hood Canal MU  
Union River Winter-run Steelhead**

**Mason County**

**WRIA 15.0503**

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (1 Nov-30 Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1 Nov-30 Apr)		Escapement		Total Runsize		Smolt - May Release - Return N+2	Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild		
1990/91										
1991/92		92								
1992/93		254								
1993/94		549								
1994/95		264								
1995/96		366								
1996/97		124								
1997/98		161								
1998/99		89								
1999/00		42								
2000/01		238								
2001/02		271								
2002/03		52								
2003/04		90								
2004/05		134								
2005/06		135								
2006/07		51								
2007/08		312								
2008/09		81								
2009/10		67								
2010/11		41								
2011/12		40								
2012/13		43								
2013/14		83								
2014/15		143								
2015/16		20								
2016/17		11								
2017/18		2								
2018/19		12								
2019/20		36								
2020/21		10								
2021/22		6								
2022/23		6								
2023/24		2								
2024/25		2								
2025/26		11								
2026/27		3								
2027/28		4								
2028/29		0								
2029/30		0								
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2089/90		10								
2090/91		6								
2091/92		2								
2092/93		11								
2093/94		0								
2094/95		3								
2095/96		4								
2096/97		0								
2097/98		0								
2098/99		0								
2099/00		0								
2100/01		0								
2101/02		0								
2102/03		0								
2103/04		0								
2104/05		0								
2105/06		0								
2106/07		0								
2107/08		0								
2108/09		0								
2109/10		0								
2110/11		0								
2111/12		0								
2112/13		0								
2113/14		0								
2114/15		0								
2115/16		0								
2116/17		0								

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Sport Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data

Catch Record Card (CRC) reporting season change:  
Prior to 2000: 1 May to 30 April CRC year  
Year 2000: 1 May to 31 Mar CRC year  
2001 and on: 1 April to 31 March CRC year

Wild river entry: E. Dec - L. May  
Wild spawn: E. Mar - E. Jun

Index redd count escapement

First red-rain returns: WSR

1992 SaSI status: Depressed

2002 SaSI status: Depressed

Winter SH season closure begins 2004/05





Puget Sound DPS  
 Skokomish MU

Skokomish River System Winter-run Steelhead  
 Includes Vance Creek

WR1A 16.0001

Mason County

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Escapement		Total Runsize		Smolt -May Release Return N+2	Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	H&W Total	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	H&W Total		
1960/61									14816	Spot Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data
1961/62			677						21988	
1962/63			680						15285	Catch Record Card (CRC) reporting season change: Prior to 2000: 1 May to 30 April CRC year Year 2000: 1 May to 31 Mar CRC year 2001 and on: 1 April to 31 March CRC year
1963/64			1180						0	
1964/65			7						21000	
1965/66			30						14730	
1966/67			33						26080	
1967/68			21						5257	
1968/69			0						15431	
1969/70			0						39389	
1970/71			10						21433	
1971/72			2						20022	
1972/73			2						20010	
1973/74			4						15090	
1974/75			6						13847	
1975/76			280						18775	
1976/77			347						15086	
1977/78			239						35759	
1978/79			277						18688	
1979/80			302						10480	
1980/81			161						17035	
1981/82			145						27228	
1982/83			202						14788	
1983/84			202						27082	
1984/85			161						29558	
1985/86			327						868	
1986/87			332						23075	
1987/88			127	37					20942	
1988/89			72	15					20025	
1989/90			46	13					44760	
1990/91			68	2					39375	
1991/92			14	2					30033	
1992/93			21	2					19934	
1993/94			0	2					28508	
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2002/03			16	0					62976	
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2006/07			6	0					0	
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2016/17			0	0						



# Steelhead Historical Database

WDFW Fish Mgmt HC, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia 98501, (360) 902-2820/2817

## Puget Sound DPS West Hood Canal MU

Hamma Hamma River Winter-run Steelhead

WRFA 16.0251

Mason County

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Escapement		Total Runsize		Smolt	
	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild
1980/81										
1981/82										
1982/83		100								
1983/84		218								
1984/85		358								
1985/86		314								
1986/87		222								
1987/88		82								
1988/89		80								
1989/90		13								
1990/91		22								
1991/92		104								
1992/93		112								
1993/94		20								
1994/95		12								
1995/96		38								
1996/97		30								
1997/98		83								
1998/99		51								
1999/00		32								
2000/01		78								
2001/02		43								
2002/03		90								
2003/04		38								
2004/05		150								
2005/06		150								
2006/07		38								
2007/08	3	44								
2008/09	13	11								
2009/10	2	8								
2010/11	4	6								
2011/12	0	0								
2012/13	4	0								
2013/14	2	0								
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**Puget Sound DPS**  
**West Hood Canal ESU**

**Duckabush River Winter-run Steelhead**

**WR1A 16.0351**

**Jefferson County**

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Escapement		Total Runsize		Smolt -May Release Return N+2	Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild		
1960/61									10,319	Sport Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data
1961/62			232						12,845	
1962/63			475						20,160	Catch Record Card (CRC) reporting season change: Prior to 2000: 1 May to 30 April CRC year Year 2000: 1 May to 31 Mar CRC year 2001 and on: 1 April to 31 March CRC year
1963/64			960						20,360	
1964/65			409						21,610	
1965/66			439						13,456	
1966/67			331						19,900	
1967/68			236						12,000	
1968/69			54						19,420	
1969/70			66						19,750	
1970/71			342						19,987	
1971/72			235						19,017	
1972/73			174						20,010	
1973/74			208						19,825	
1974/75			263						20,119	
1975/76			334						15,000	
1976/77			139						35,477	
1977/78			530						20,005	WDFW Escapement goal = 82 in index; 158 total Esc. Index = RM 0.0 to 2.6
1978/79			404	0					26,420	
1979/80			575	0					15,114	
1981/82			263	75					17,773	
1982/83			148	59					18,100	
1983/84			230	117					19,951	Wild river entry: E. Dec - L. May Wild spawn: M. Feb - M. Jun
1984/85			231	47					20,007	Segregated harvest hatchery program Eggs transferred in
1985/86			201	52					20,086	
1986/87	89	57	146	12					22,264	Begin ad-clip
1987/88	69	42	111	0					5,000	
1988/89	45	30	75	0					20,015	
1989/90	31	30	61	0					19,987	
1990/91	10	10	20	0					14,984	
1991/92	26	22	48	0					0	1992 SaSSI stock status: Depressed
1992/93	10	7	17	0					15,101	
1993/94	13	0	13	0					17,010	
1994/95	14	0	14	0					15,142	
1995/96	20	0	20	0					5,018	WSR begins 1994/95
1996/97	9	0	9	0					10,080	Poor visibility during survey season
1997/98	9	0	9	0					0	
1998/99	3	0	3	0					10,032	
1999/00	0	0	0	0					10,638	
2000/01	0	0	0	0					10,151	
2001/02	28	0	28	0					10,032	2002 SaSI stock status: Depressed
2002/03	0	0	0	0					10,028	
2003/04	2	0	2	0					10,032	
2004/05	2	0	2	0					0	Hatchery release program discontinued
2005/06	0	0	0	0					0	
2006/07	0	0	0	0					0	
2007/08	0	0	0	0					0	Begin Hood Canal SH supplementation program and research in 2007 (NOAA, WDFW, Tribes, LLTK, HCSEG)
2008/09	0	0	0	0					1,924	Winter SH season closure begins 2006/07
2009/10	0	0	0	0					0	
2010/11	0	0	0	0					0	
2011/12	0	0	0	0					1,505	
2012/13	0	0	0	0					4,777	
2013/14	0	0	0	0					4,482	

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**Steelhead Historical Database**

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**Puget Sound DPS**  
West Hood Canal MIU

**Dosewallips River Winter-run Steelhead**

WR1A 16.0442

Jefferson County

Return Year (N)	Sport Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Escapement c/		Total Runsize		Smolt Return N+2	Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	H&W Total	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	H&W Total		
1860/61									15,003	Sport Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data  Catch Record Card (CRC) reporting season change: Prior to 2000: 1 May to 30 April CRC year Year 2000: 1 May to 31 Mar CRC year 2001 and on: 1 April to 31 March CRC year
1861/62			302						16,960	
1862/63			471						20,660	
1863/64			1,208						37,440	
1864/65			541						21,180	
1865/66			512						19,925	
1866/67			351						20,000	
1867/68			359						17,000	
1868/69			118						19,420	
1869/70			118						20,118	
1870/71			353						20,032	
1871/72			308						20,025	
1872/73			215						20,015	
1873/74			251						19,809	
1874/75			265						20,007	
1875/76			304						15,006	
1876/77			43						25,033	
1877/78			468						20,006	
1878/79			234						30,002	
1879/80			478						25,184	
1880/81			989						23,178	
1881/82			218		136				23,747	
1882/83			173		134				16,151	
1883/84			262		143				20,032	
1884/85			263		119				25,093	
1885/86			167		91				20,796	
1886/87		69	155		0				18,554	
1887/88		72	41		9				15,002	
1888/89		24	10		94				25,350	
1889/90		35	14		49				25,028	
1890/91		24	8		32				15,111	
1891/92		4	2		6				6,570	
1892/93		0	7		7				15,031	
1893/94		12	11		23				20,112	
1894/95		6	0		6				14,742	
1895/96		12	0		12		79		5,018	
1896/97		3	0		3		55		60	
1897/98		11	0		11		49		12,648	
1898/99							minimum		0	
1899/00							minimum		12,640	
2000/01							78		12,339	
2001/02	32	0	32		0		69		12,520	
2002/03			0		0		52		12,552	
2003/04			0		0		99		12,512	
2004/05			2		2		a/		12,553	
2005/06			0		0		a/		0	
2006/07			0		0		15		0	
2007/08			0		0		42		0	
2008/09			0		0		b/		0	
2009/10			0		0		a/		0	
2010/11			0		0		a/		0	
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2013/14			0		0		a/		0	
2014/15			0		0		a/		0	
2015/16			0		0		23		0	
2016/17			0		0		a/		0	

a/ No escapement estimate was made because of high flows and/or poor visibility during surveys.

b/ Minimum estimate due to frequency of surveys

c/ 79 placeholder escapement used in pre & post season (escapement) estimation. In annual Harvest Management Plans.

WDFW Escapement goal = 318 in index from reid counts  
Esc. Index = RM 0.2-3.0; 3.0-5.4; 7.0-11.0; 11.5-12.0  
WDFW Total EG = 438  
Wild river entry: E. Dec - L. May  
Wild spawn: M. Feb - M. Jun

Segregated harvest hatchery program  
Eggs transferred in

Begin ed-clip

Index escapement data in italics

1992 S&SI stock status: Depressed

WSR begins 1994/95

Poor visibility during survey season

2002 S&SI stock status: Depressed

Incomplete esc. Surveys: poor vis. and high flows

Hatchery releases discontinued

Distal estimate that index met represent 95% of total

Winter SH season closure begins 2008/07





Puget Sound DPS  
 West Hood Canal MU  
 Quilcene System Winter-run Steelhead  
 (Big Quilcene/Little Quilcene)  
 Jefferson County  
 WRIA 17.0012

Return Year (M)	Sport Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Tribal Harvest (1Nov-30Apr)		Escapement Little Quilcene		Total Runsize		Smolt		Comments
	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	Hatchery	Wild	H&W Total	Return N+2	
1960/61											
1961/62		37								10,041	Spot Estimates taken from WDFW CRC Data
1962/63		105								10,094	Catch Record Card (CRC) recording season change: Prior to 2000: 1 May to 30 April CRC year Year 2000: 1 May to 31 Mar CRC year 2001 and on: 1 April to 31 March CRC year
1963/64		462								9,920	
1964/65		206								10,000	
1965/66		236								10,000	
1966/67		139								10,000	
1967/68		123								10,315	
1968/69		118								9,902	
1969/70		46								10,260	
1970/71		121								10,350	
1971/72		292								10,356	
1972/73		118								10,046	
1973/74		168								20,849	
1974/75		213								10,547	
1975/76		107								15,000	
1976/77		14								15,090	
1977/78		289								15,007	
1978/79		40								15,309	
1979/80		95								9,685	No escapement goal established Harvest data for Big Quilcene R. and Little Quilcene R.
1980/81		118								0	Wild river entry: E. Dec - L. May Wild spawn: M. Feb - M. Jun
1981/82		55								0	Smolt releases into Big Quilcene
1982/83		22								13,060	
1983/84		53								11,900	
1984/85		53								10,312	
1985/86		22								10,200	
1986/87	19	13								10,152	
1987/88	21	23								5,300	
1988/89	6	10								5,075	
1989/90	16	14								10,164	
1990/91	2	2								10,081	
1991/92	2	2								0	1992 SaSSI stock status: Unknown
1992/93	4	4								0	WSR begins 1994/95
1993/94	9	18								0	
1994/95	9	18								0	
1995/96	4	0								0	
1996/97	0	0								0	
1997/98	0	0								0	
1998/99	9	9								0	Escapement data for Little Quilcene
1999/00	0	0								0	
2000/01	43	4								0	
2001/02	21	33								0	
2002/03	8	8								0	2002 SaSI stock status: Unknown
2003/04	4	0								0	
2004/05	2	0								0	
2005/06	0	0								0	
2006/07	0	0								0	
2007/08	0	0								0	
2008/09	0	0								0	
2009/10	0	0								0	
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2011/12	0	0								0	
2012/13	0	0								0	
2013/14	0	0								0	
2014/15	0	0								0	
2015/16	0	0								0	
2016/17	0	0								0	

a/ no escapement estimate - high flows and/or poor visibility  
 b/ minimum estimate due to frequency of surveys



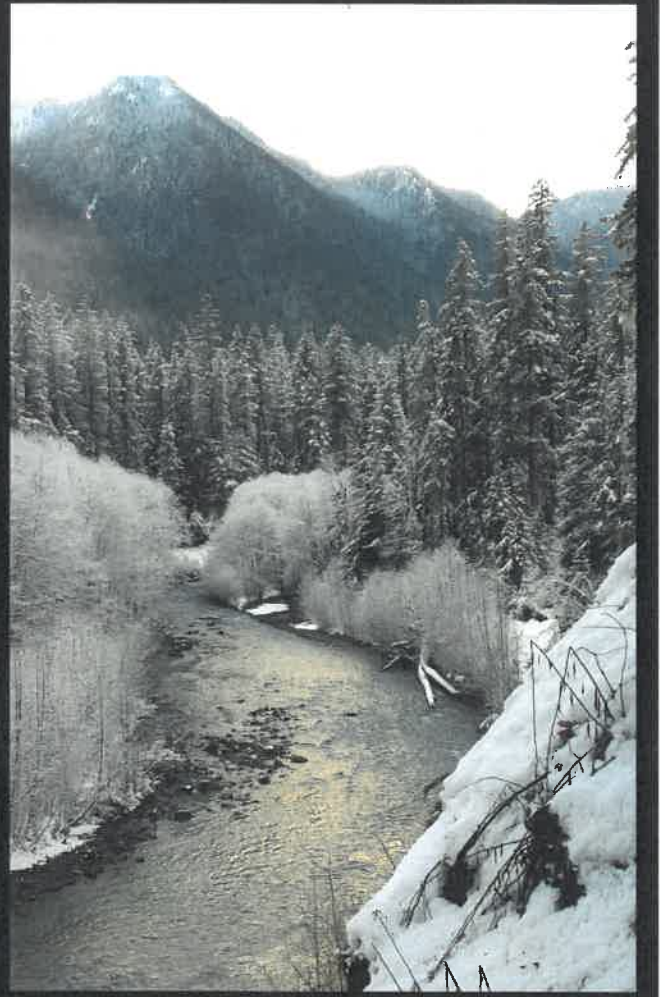
# Hood Canal & Strait of Juan de Fuca

“I spent most winters hiking and fishing the jewels of Hood Canal - the Skokomish, Duckabush, Dosewallips, Hamma Hamma, and even the petite Quilcene. It was common in late February during periods of low water to count over a hundred steelhead laying in the famed deeps of the Blue Hole on the Hamma Hamma.

But wild steelhead have dwindled to near extinction, and no longer do hardy anglers brave the winter weather to fish in these beautiful waters.

I am committed to our plan for restoring Hood Canal steelhead and our cultural heritage.”

Bill Herzog



## Objectives (examples only)

### Short Term (2018 - 2022)

- Ensure that no Primary populations are extirpated through the use of conservation hatchery programs and other implementation of other conservation actions.
- Provide winter steelhead fisheries in W Hood Canal and Strait of Juan de Fuca rivers:
  - ✓ Early season retention fisheries in the X and Y rivers
  - ✓ Late season non-retention fishery in Z River

### Long Term

- Provide two additional winter steelhead fisheries:
  - ✓ ...
  - ✓ ...

# Hood Canal & Strait of Juan de Fuca

## Actions (examples)

### Ongoing

- Monitor the effectiveness of hatchery conservation programs and modify as necessary to meet restoration objectives.

### Short Term (2018 - 2022)

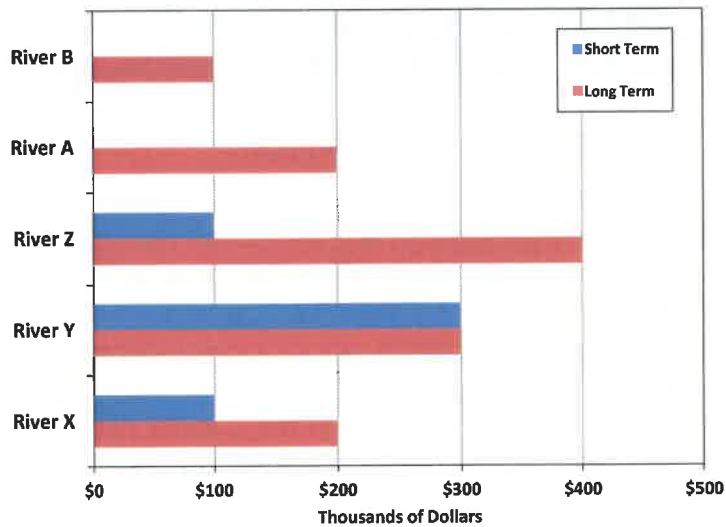
- Identify actions to address survival bottleneck at the Hood Canal Bridge.
- Initiate an early winter steelhead program on the Y River.
- Develop with the comanagers a Resource Management Plan for the Z River.

### Long Term

- ...

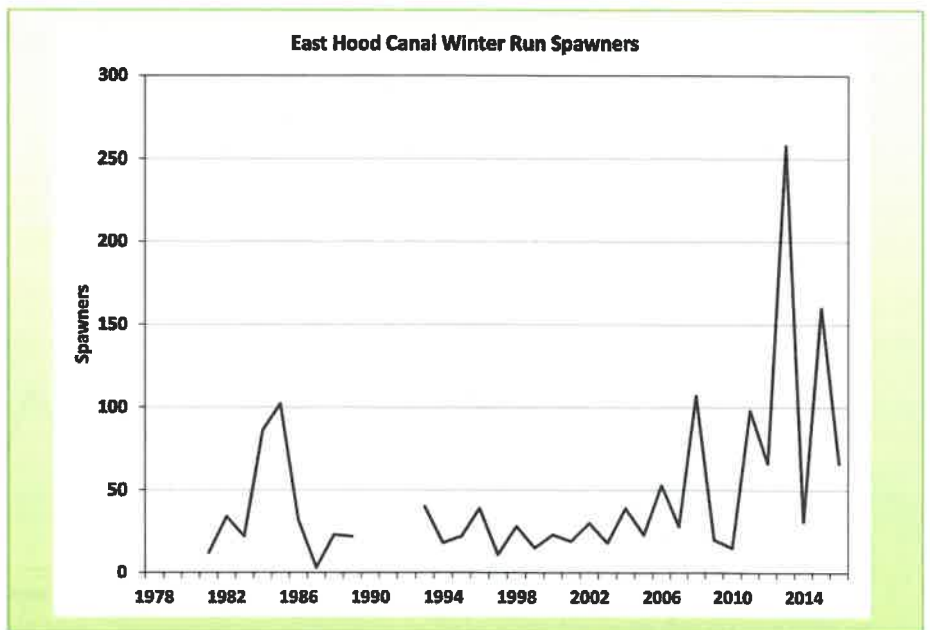
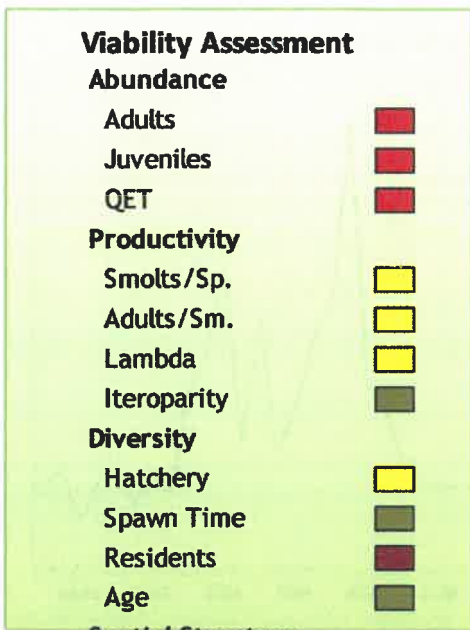
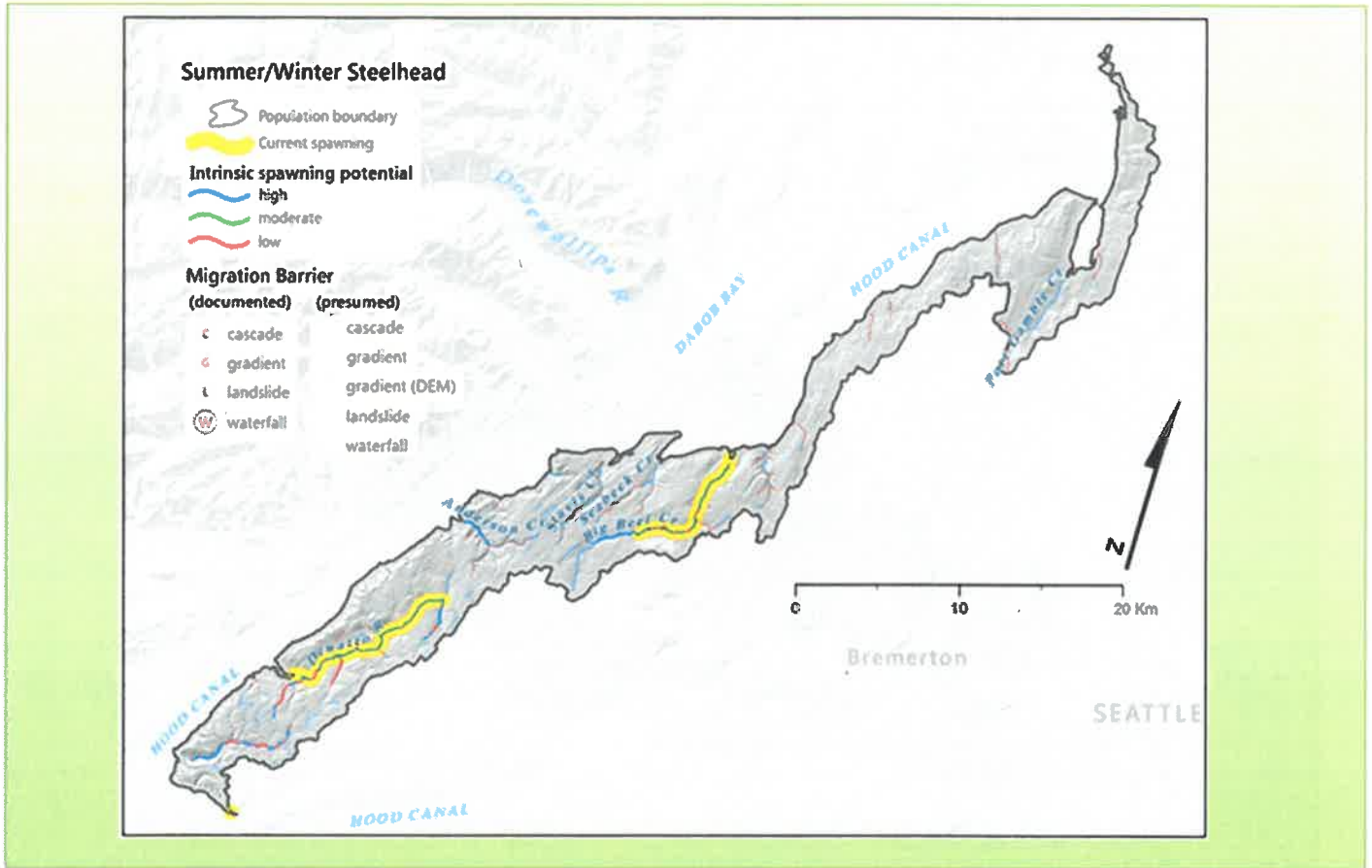


Annual Statewide Income Generated  
Short Term \$0.5M; Long Term \$1.2M



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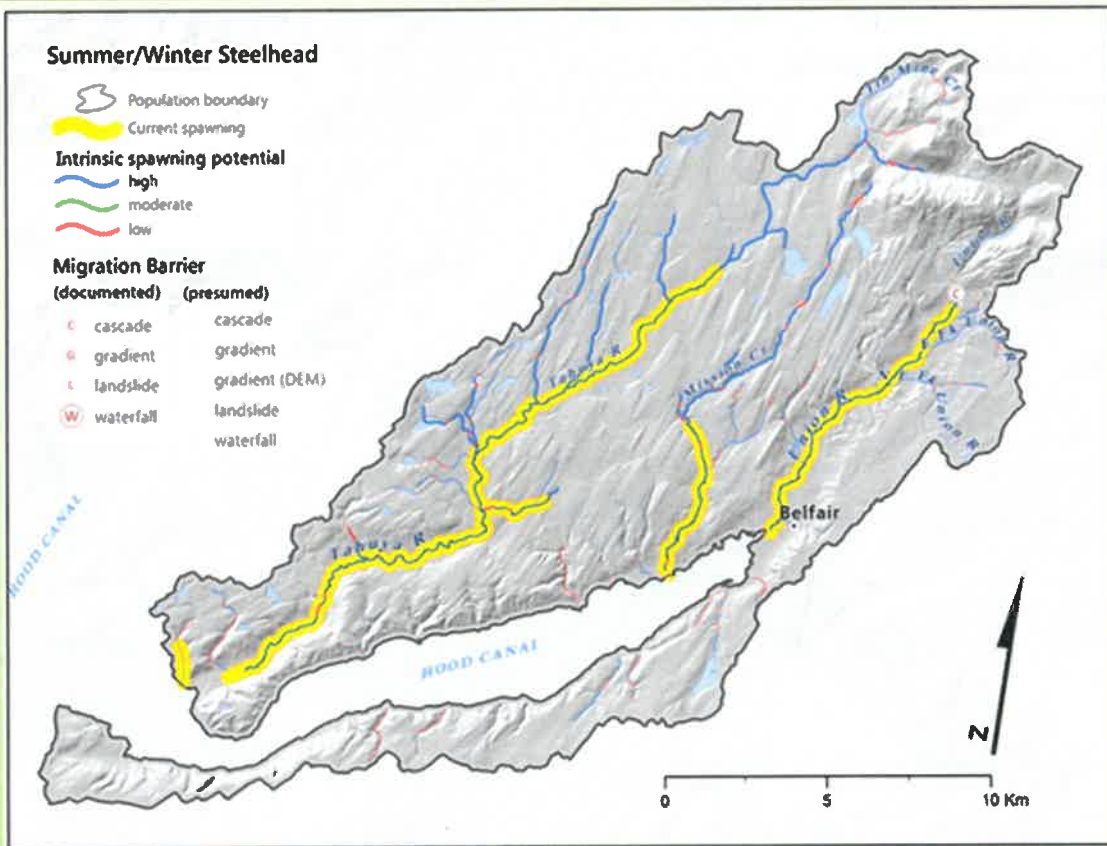
## East Hood Canal Winter Run



Note: Spawner estimates include only the Dewatto River before 2008, and the Dewatto River and Big Beef Creek beginning in 2008. Dewatto spawner estimates include adult supplementation releases beginning in 2011.

# Hood Canal & Strait of Juan de Fuca

## South Hood Canal Winter Run



### Viability Assessment

#### Abundance

- Adults (red square)
- Juveniles (red square)
- QET (red square)

#### Productivity

- Smolts/Sp. (red square)
- Adults/Sm. (red square)
- Lambda (red square)
- Iteroparity (brown square)

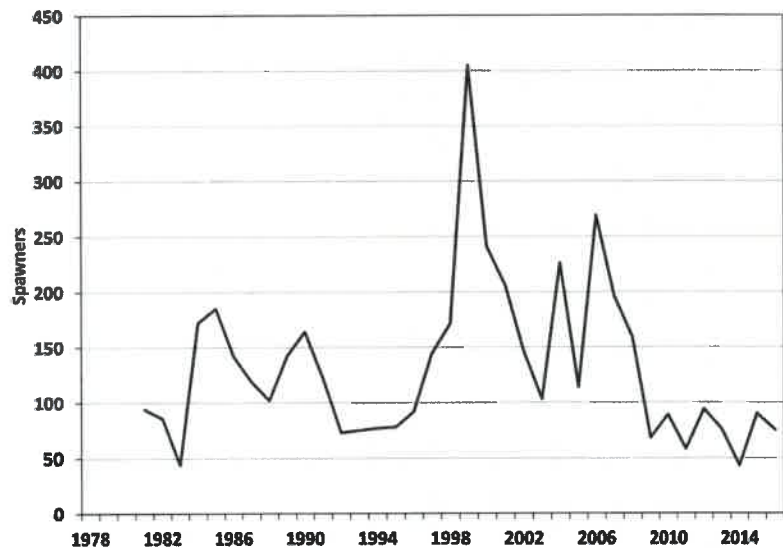
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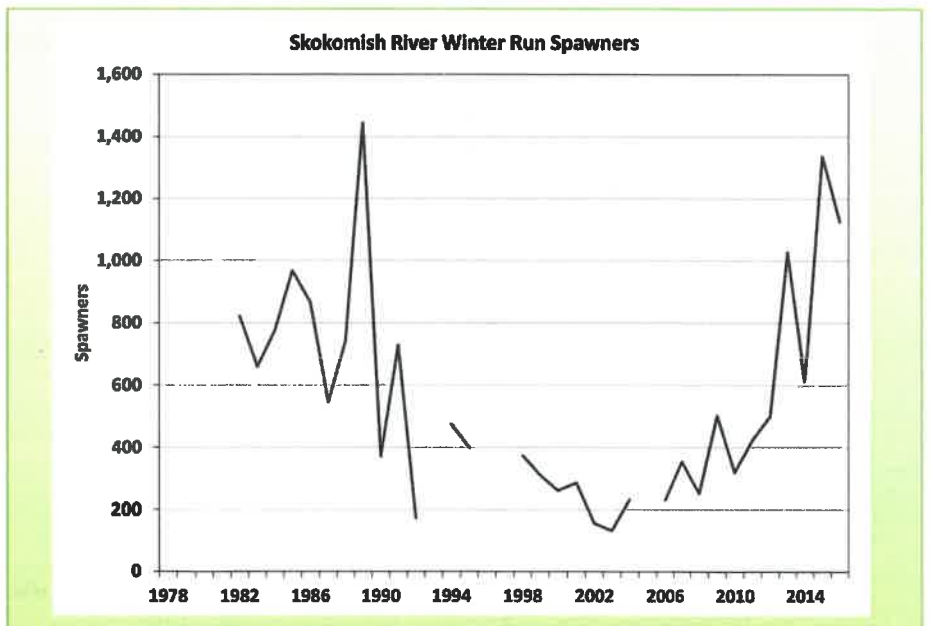
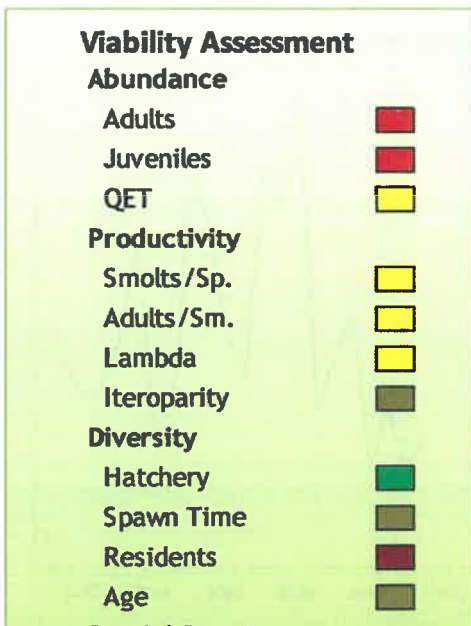
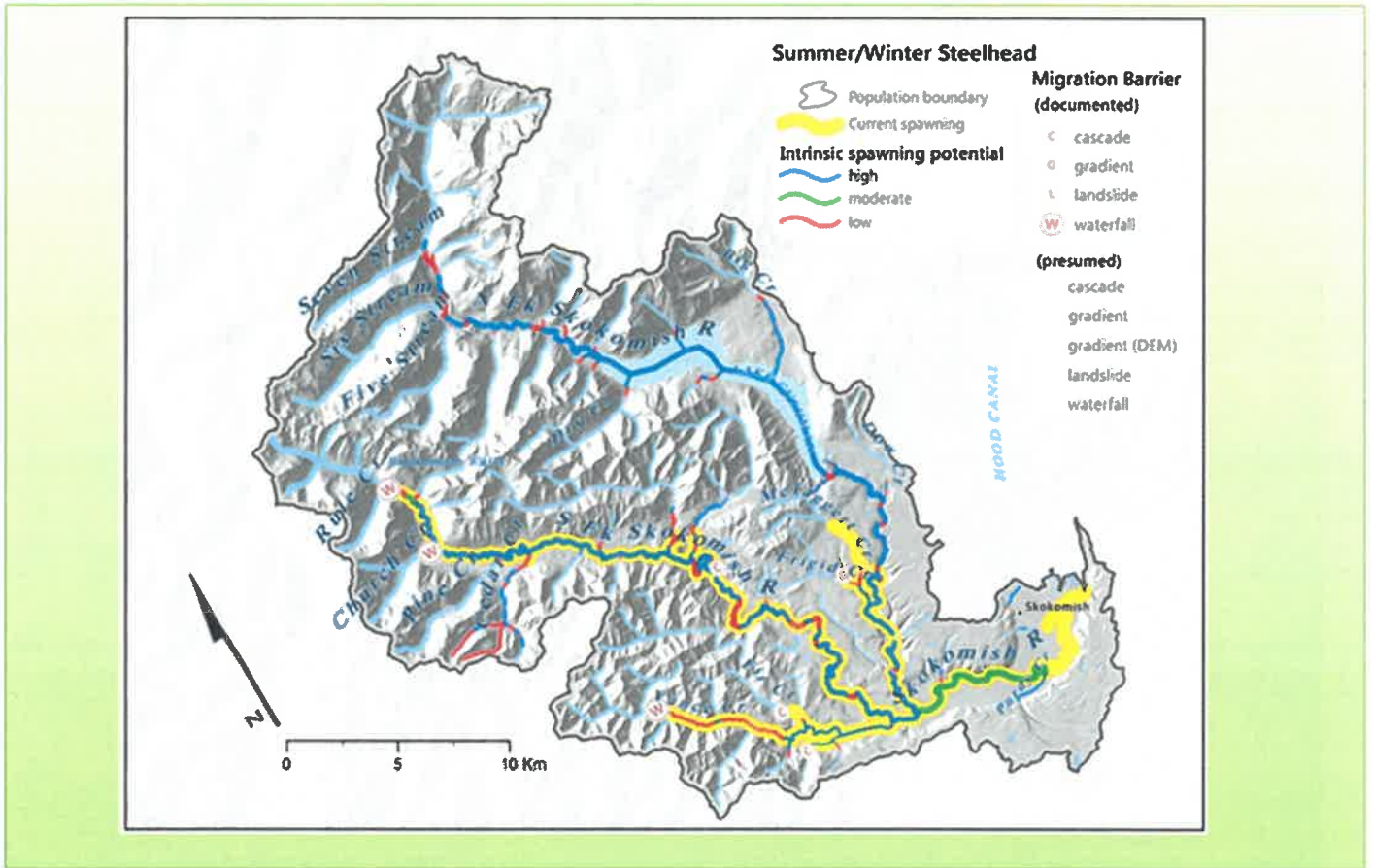
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South Hood Canal Winter Run Spawners



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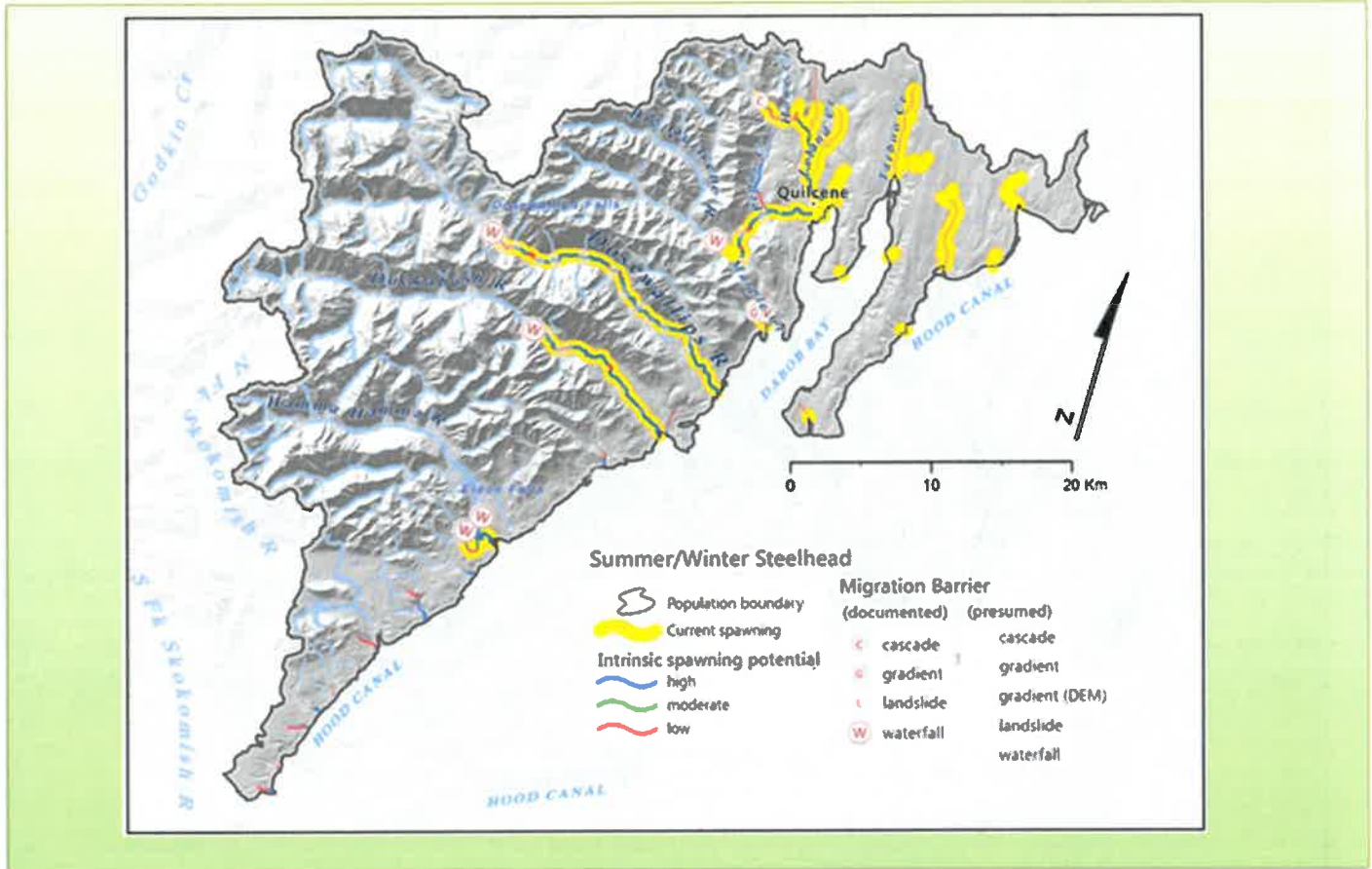
## Skokomish River Winter Run



Note: Spawner estimates include adult supplementation releases beginning in 2011.

# Hood Canal & Strait of Juan de Fuca

## West Hood Canal Tributaries Winter Run



### Viability Assessment

#### Abundance

Adults ■

Juveniles ■

QET ■

#### Productivity

Smolts/Sp. ■

Adults/Sm. ■

Lambda ■

Iteroparity ■

#### Diversity

Hatchery ■

Spawn Time ■

Residents ■

Age ■

#### Spatial Structure

### West Hood Canal Winter Run Spawners



Note: Spawner estimates do not include all rivers (Little Quilcene, Hamma Hamma, Duckabush, and Dosewallips) in each year and include adult supplementation releases beginning in 2002.



# What we have learned about managing hatcheries and fisheries for threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead



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First experience was in the Columbia River more than 25 years ago and then the Central Valley of California followed in rapid succession by the Oregon Coast and then salmon and steelhead in Hood Canal and Puget Sound. In total, there are some 330 hatchery programs, coast-wide, that NMFS is familiar with.

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## A little bit about the Law of Last Resort, the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973

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Sec. 2.(a) Findings.

Sec. 3(3) Definitions

After all-else fails, there are high expectations & demands for accountability – “shall” not when practicable, etc...



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## Overarching Lessons Learned

- 1) **No action** is not an option.
- 2) **Best Available Science** is your starting place for every decision.
- 3) **Attack uncertainty, Act – Verify – Adjust** – its called learning.
- 4) **Adjust up** to find the management sweet-spot and avoid damage.



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## **Overarching Lessons Learned cont.**

- 5) Site-specific strategies are favored over traditional landscape management.**
- 6) Reasonable certainty.**
- 7) Show your work.**
- 8) Sequence instead of prioritize.**

# What counts, what are we shooting for?



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## VSP metrics

Populations that rely on subsidies in natural spawners provided by artificial propagation i.e., hatchery production, **are not viable.**



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## Guidance for Designing Hatchery Programs

see Sec. 2.4.1 of the NMFS Biological Opinions

**Say no to broodstocks** originating from outside a DPS, develop/use the most local-origin broodstock, avoid transfers.

**Limit the removal of NOF** for hatchery broodstock purposes.

**Limit the handling of NOF** during broodstock collection.

**Limit gene flow** between hatchery fish and fish from natural populations.

**Establish refuges** or reserves with no direct hatchery influence.

## Guidance for Designing Hatchery Programs cont.



**Limit ecological interactions** that disadvantage NOF, i.e., competition and predation.

**Marking**, tailor it based on the purpose of the program and compliance monitoring needs.

**M&E** for performance tracking and compliance purposes, even at the expense of production, e.g., if funding is limited.

**Facilities** meet screen and water diversion criteria and do not reduce spatial structure or productivity.

**Fisheries**, manage them based on the abundance of NOF.

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## Guidance for Designing Hatchery Programs cont.

Considering the well-being of the resource, **there are pros and cons benefits and risks from hatcheries.**

Faced with the question is a conservation hatchery program the right fit the right tool for the job, use this **Test - Is the natural population better off with or without hatchery intervention ?**

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## Guidance for Designing Hatchery Programs cont.

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**Risk Tolerances and natural population roles in  
recovery**

But, the math has to add up.

DPS/ESU status depends on MPG viability + natural  
population viability.

## Guidance for Designing Fisheries

Abundance based management, the more NOF the more fishing – above the critical threshold follow a sliding-scale.

Aspire to this model; 1) preseason NOF forecast, 2) managers design their fisheries based on a NOF sliding-scale, 3) in-season monitoring, 4) ALL fishing stops when the sliding-scale limit is met, and 5) post season reporting and evaluation (see ESA exemptions for Nez Perce, Umatilla, Shoshone Bannock, OR, and WA spring Chinook salmon fisheries in NE Oregon).



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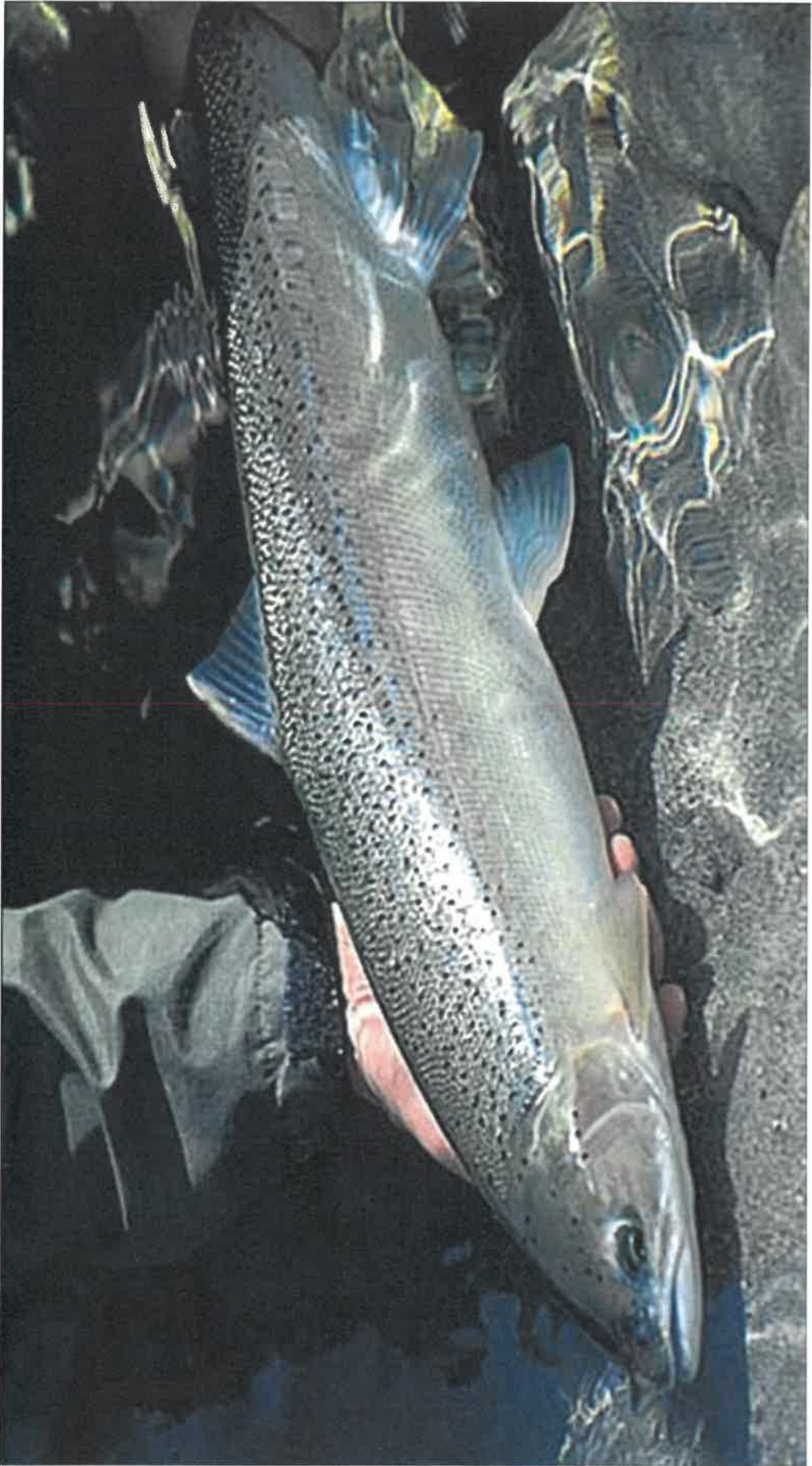
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## Guidance for Designing Fisheries cont.

In terminal areas where there are no hatchery fish and subject to very specific conditions, NMFS has also created a mechanism under the ESA to allow the direct take of a threatened species, (see Limit 4 of the final 4(d) rule at 65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000).

Oregon Coast coho salmon is an example.

Directed catch-and-release fisheries could also apply for an exemption under this limit.







# Evaluating the benefits and risks of conservation hatchery programs for steelhead in Hood Canal

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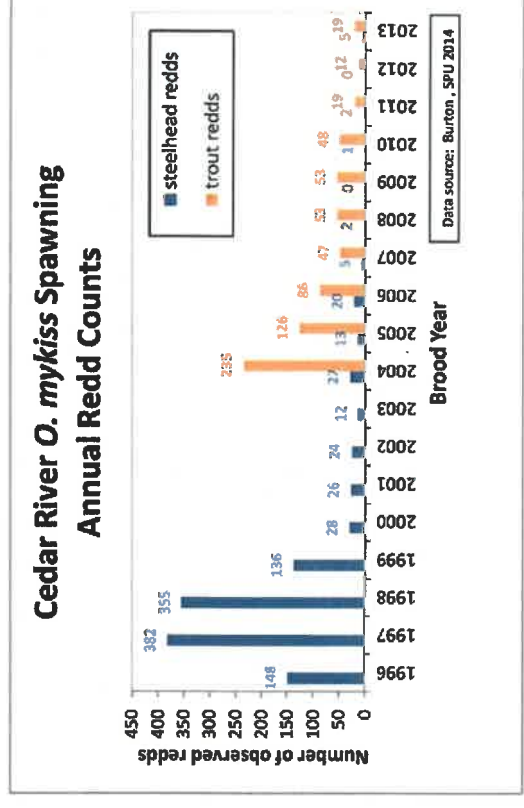
# Topics

- Rationale for conservation hatcheries
- Diversity among Hood Canal *O. mykiss* populations
- Alternatives to artificial spawning
- Customized rearing and release practices
- Natural population response to supplementation



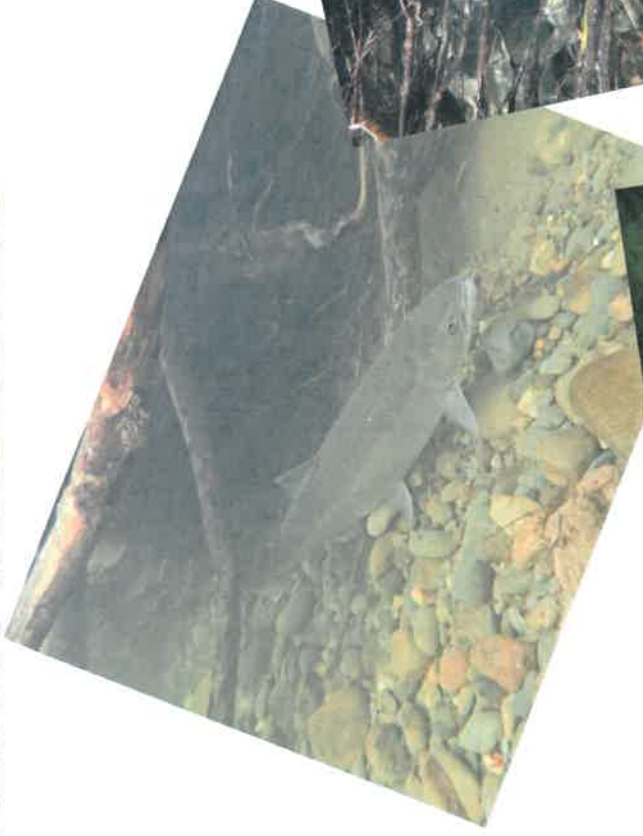
# Rationale for conservation hatcheries

- **Management:** Preserve “Distinct Population Segments” of species Threatened or Endangered with extinction under the US Endangered Species Act.
- **Ecological mechanisms:**
  - Habitat limitations – human disturbance
  - Depensation (see Lierman and Hilborn 2001: Fish and Fisheries)
- **Risks of inaction:**
  - Genetic drift
  - Inbreeding
  - Extirpation



# Risks of conservation hatcheries

- Mining broodstock
- Fitness loss
  - Environmental
  - Genetic
  - Heritable epigenetic
- Genetic variation
  - Founder effects
  - Ryman-Laikre effects
- Ecological impacts
  - Predation
  - Competition
  - Disease



Wild Hood Canal Steelhead Photos  
courtesy of Mark Downen (WDFW)

# Hood Canal Steelhead

- Depressed natural populations
- Effects of “the 4 H’s” not obvious
  - Hatchery – no genetic legacy from past stocking efforts
  - Harvest – harvest probably contributed to decline, but not a factor in recent decades
  - Habitat condition – variable (some good, some not so good)
  - Hydropower – minor
- Most likely stuck in a rut...
  - possible compensatory mechanisms
  - poor marine conditions
  - Life history dynamics (residency-anadromy)

# Hood Canal Watershed

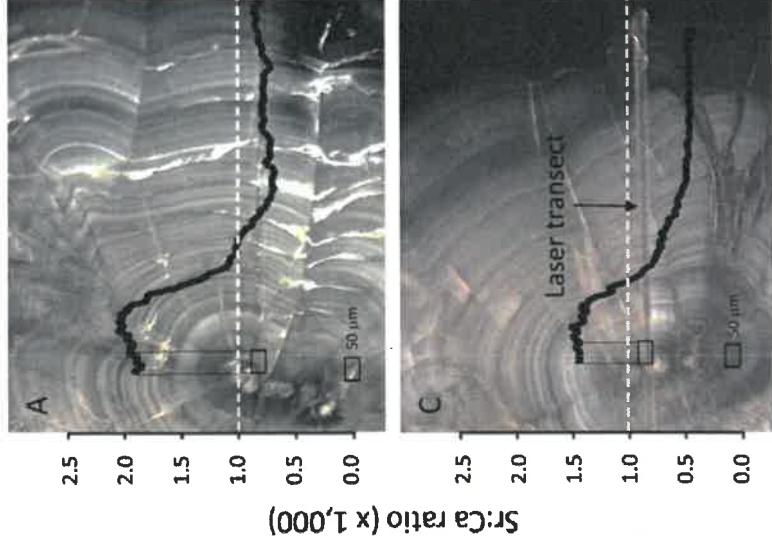


# Pre-supplementation population status

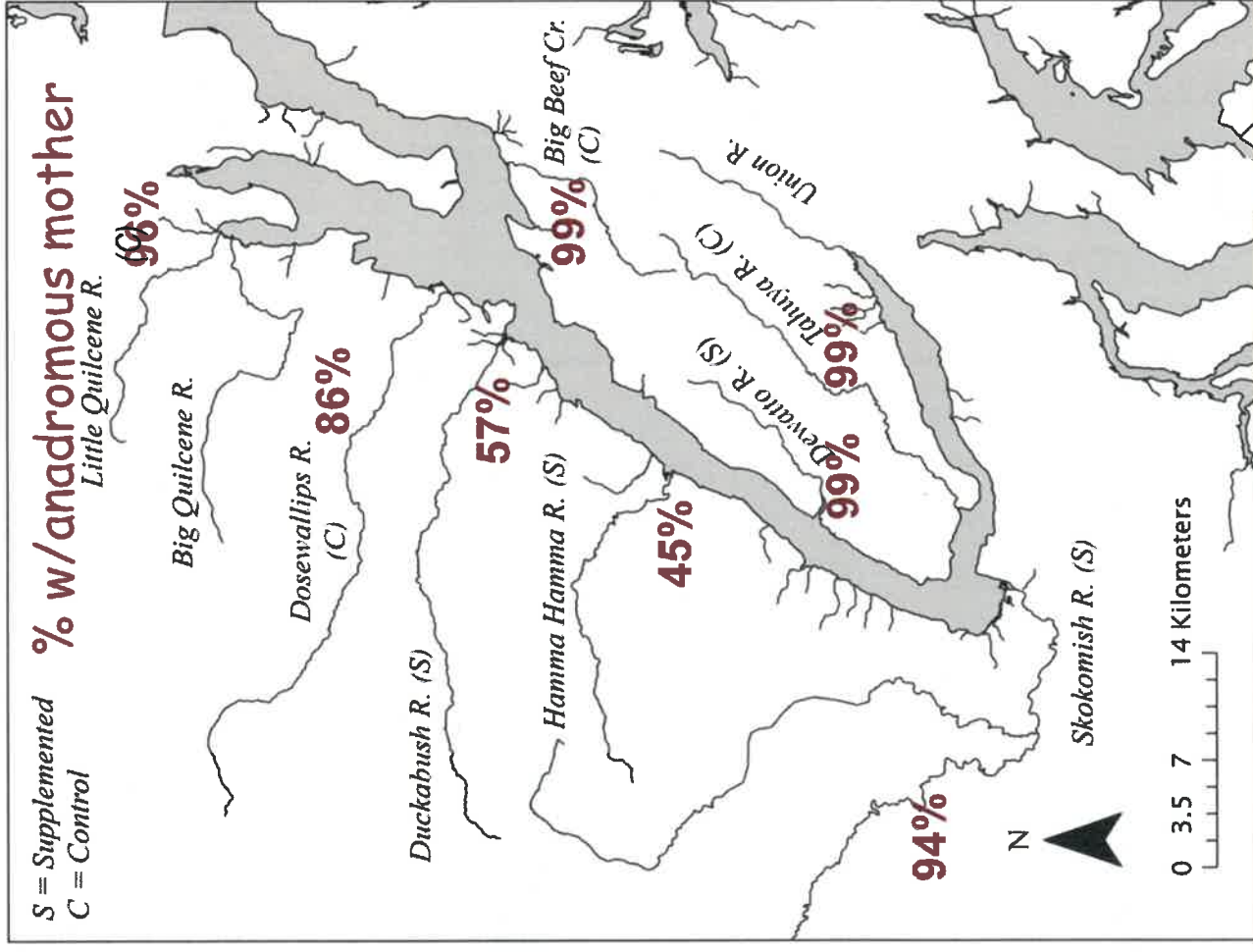
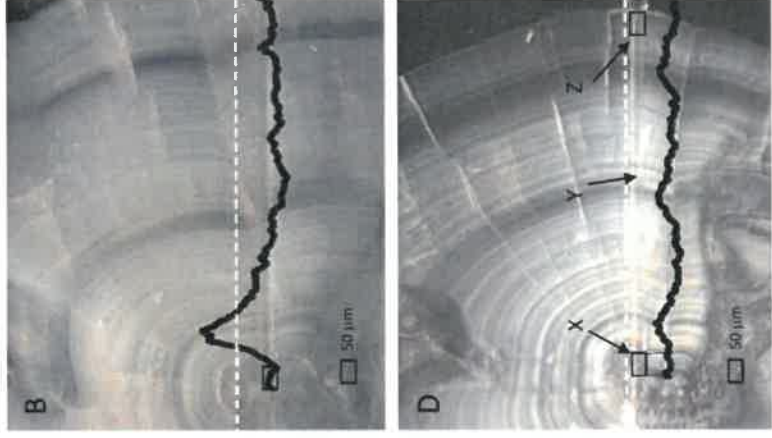
- Life history diversity
- Spawn timing
- Smolt migration timing
- Genetic diversity and population structure

# Life history: partial migration

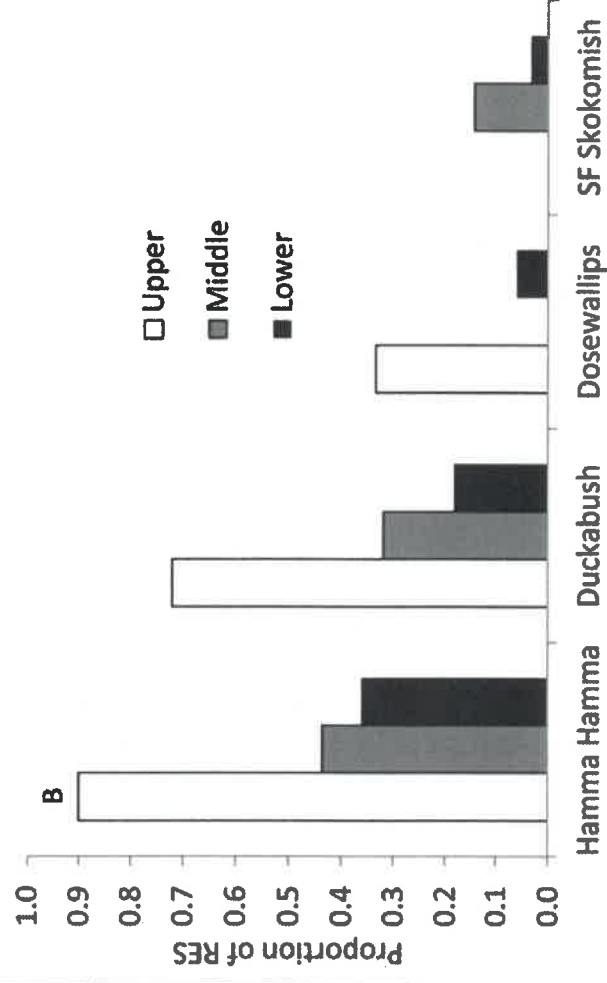
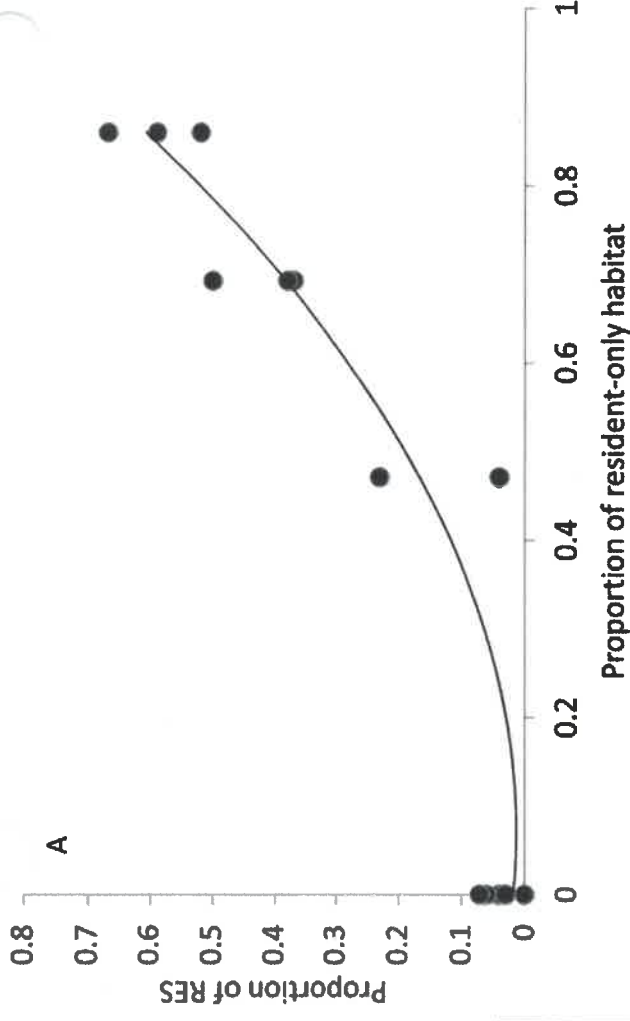
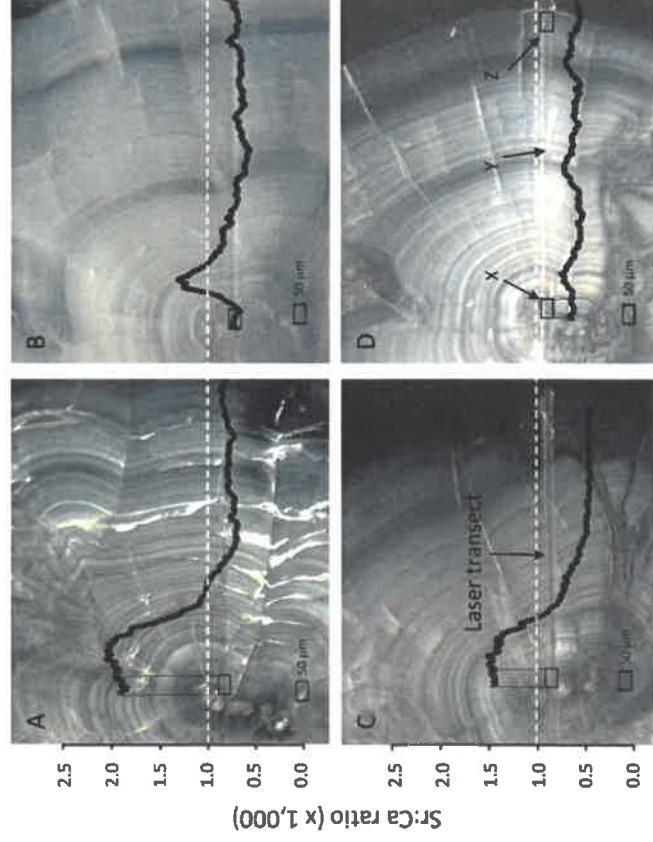
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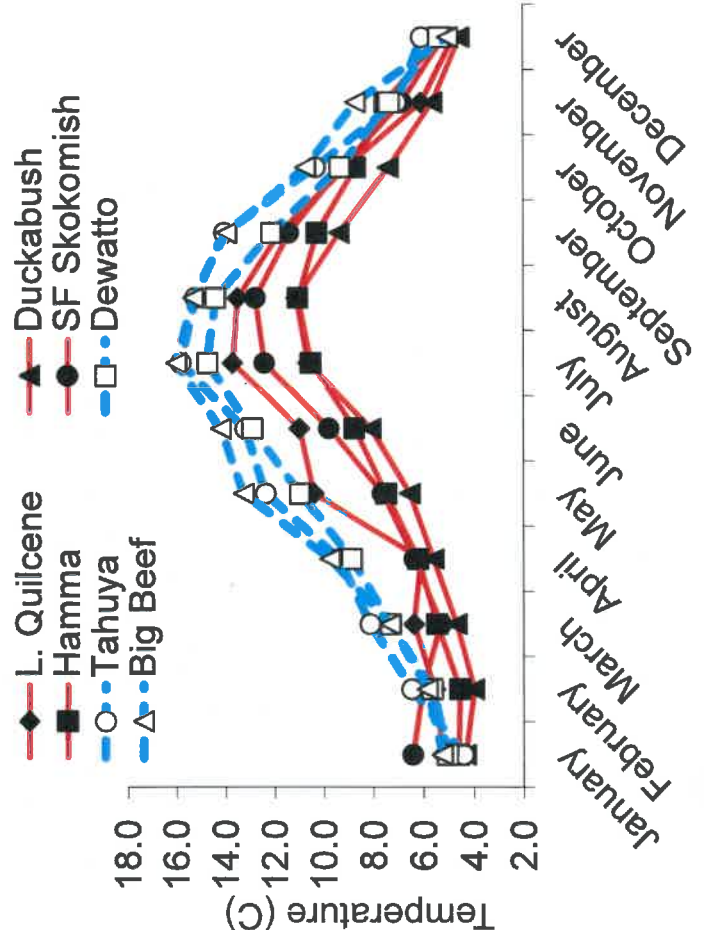
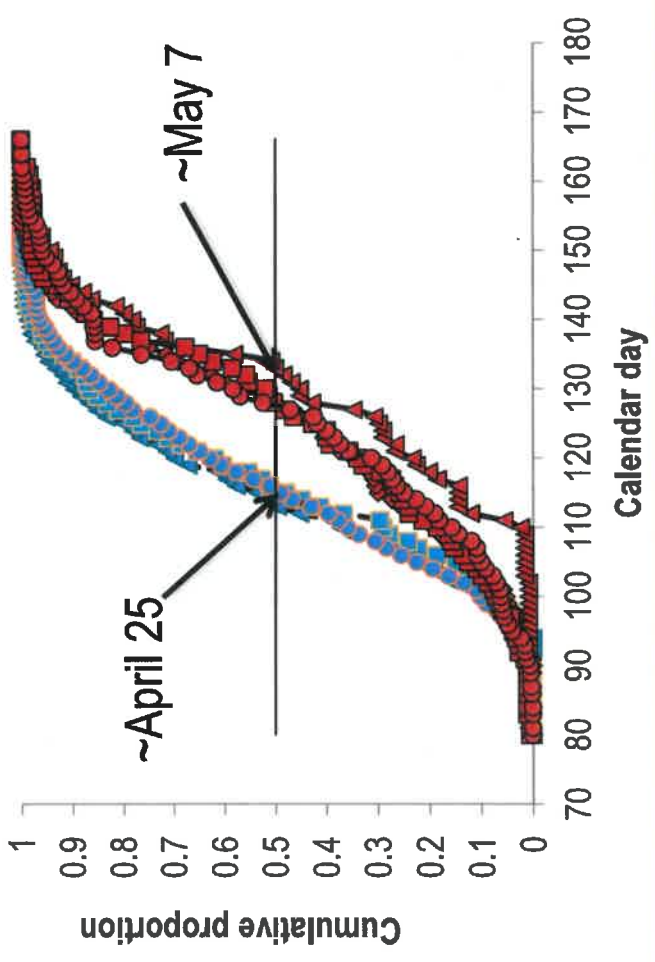
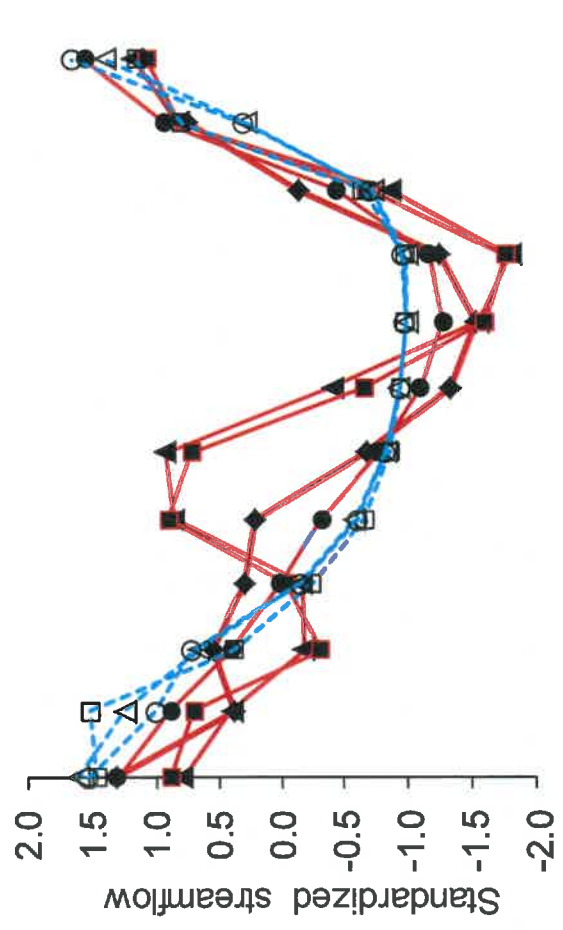
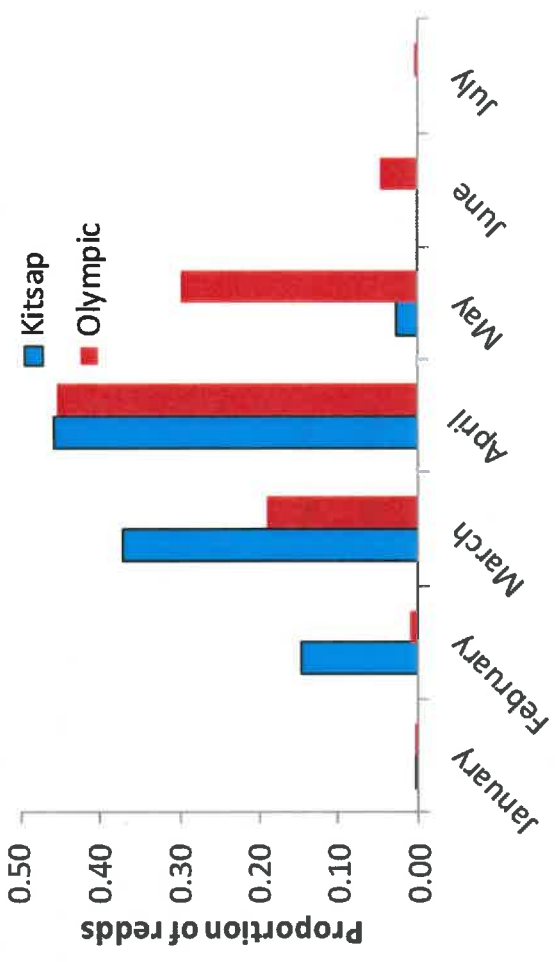
Resident mother



# Life history: partial migration

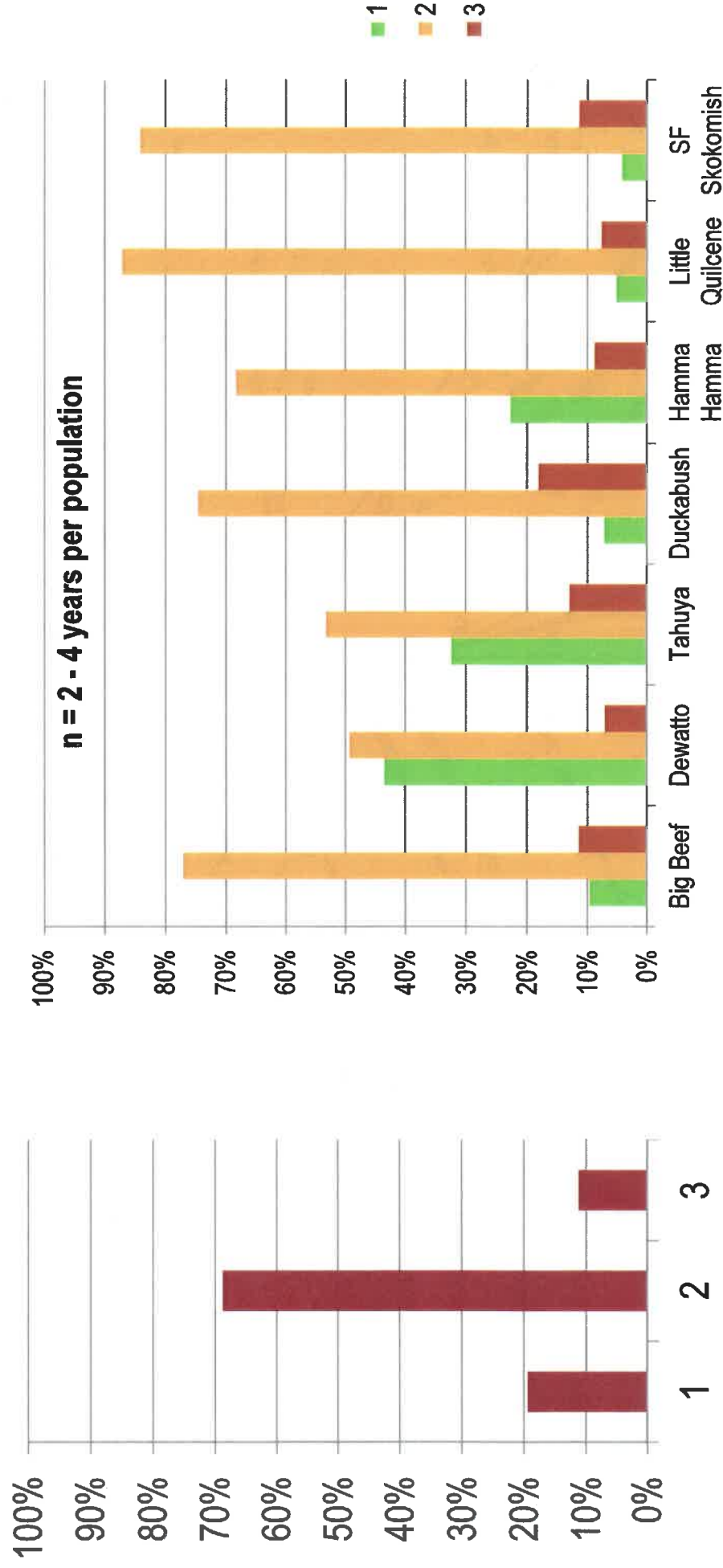


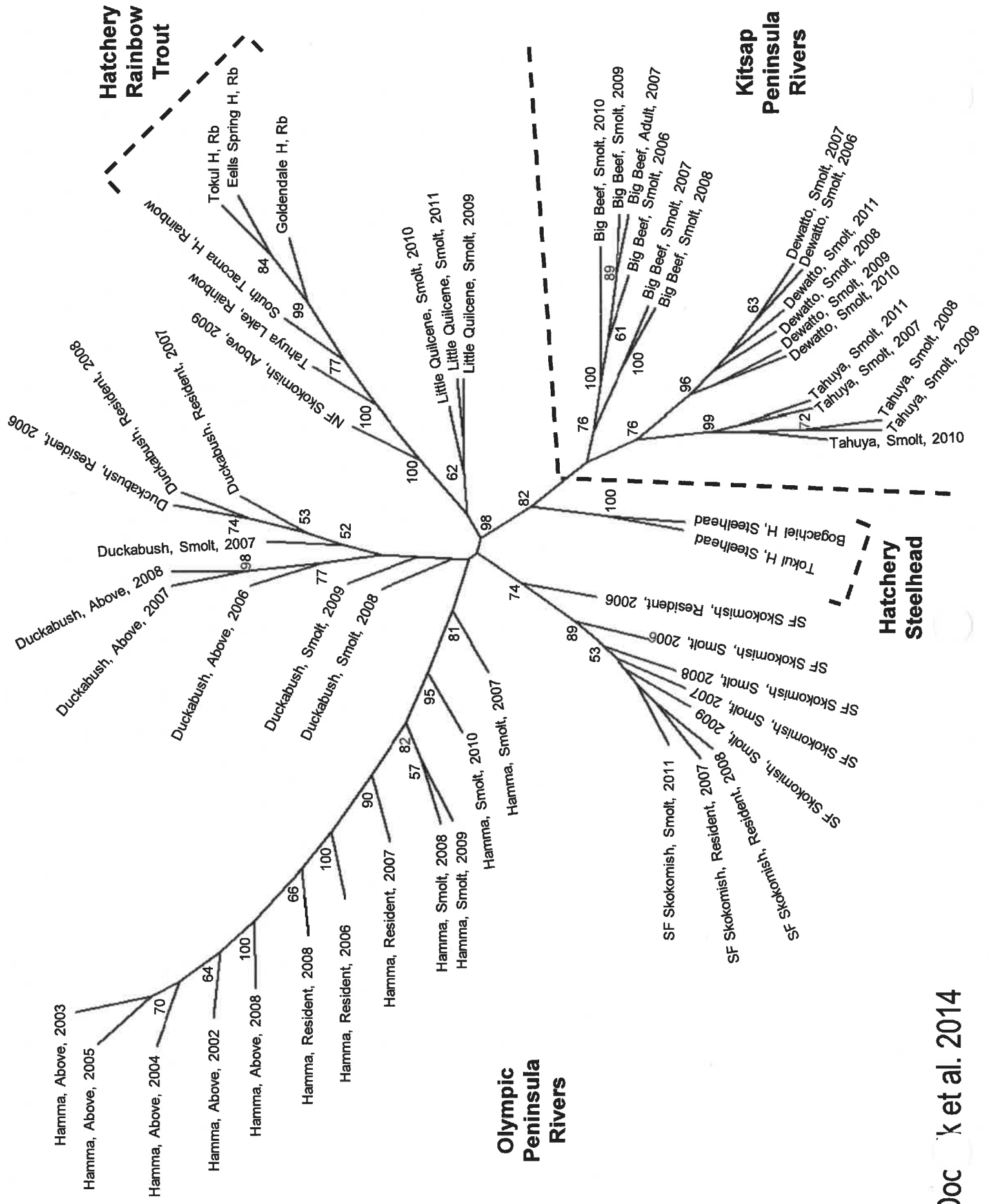
# Life history: Spawning and smolt migration timing





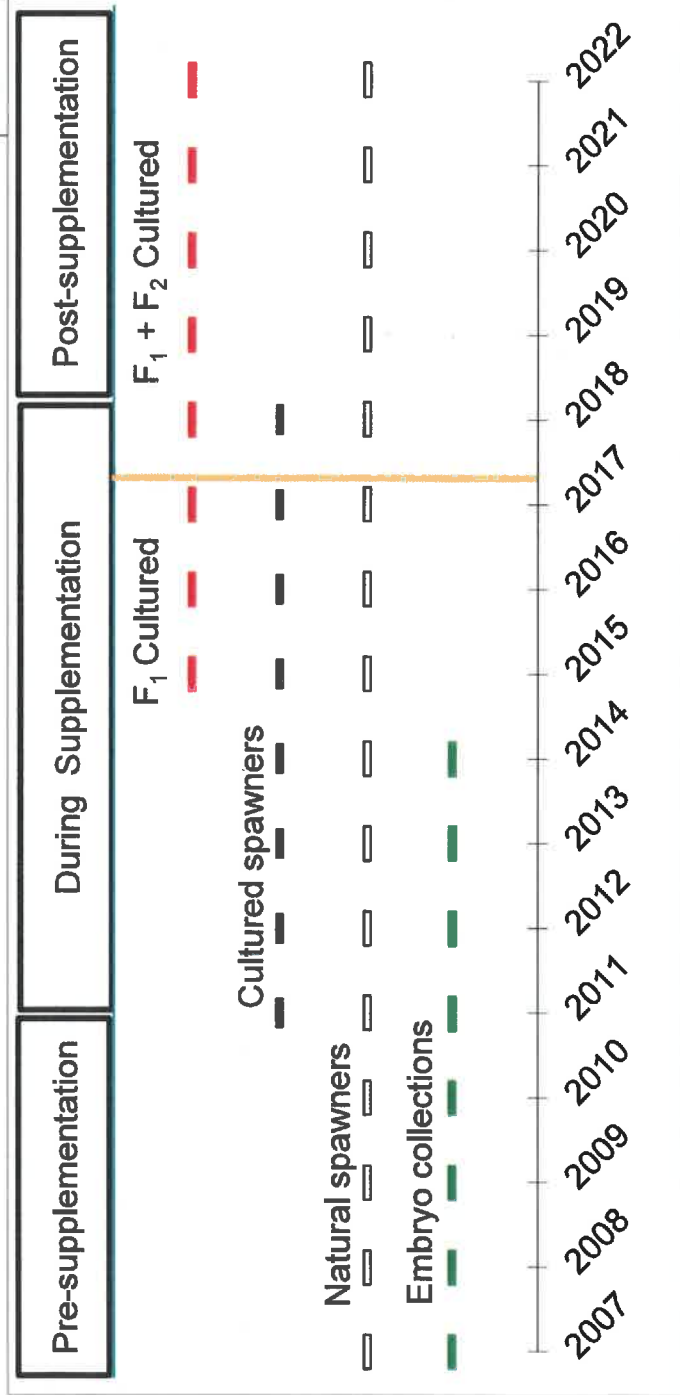
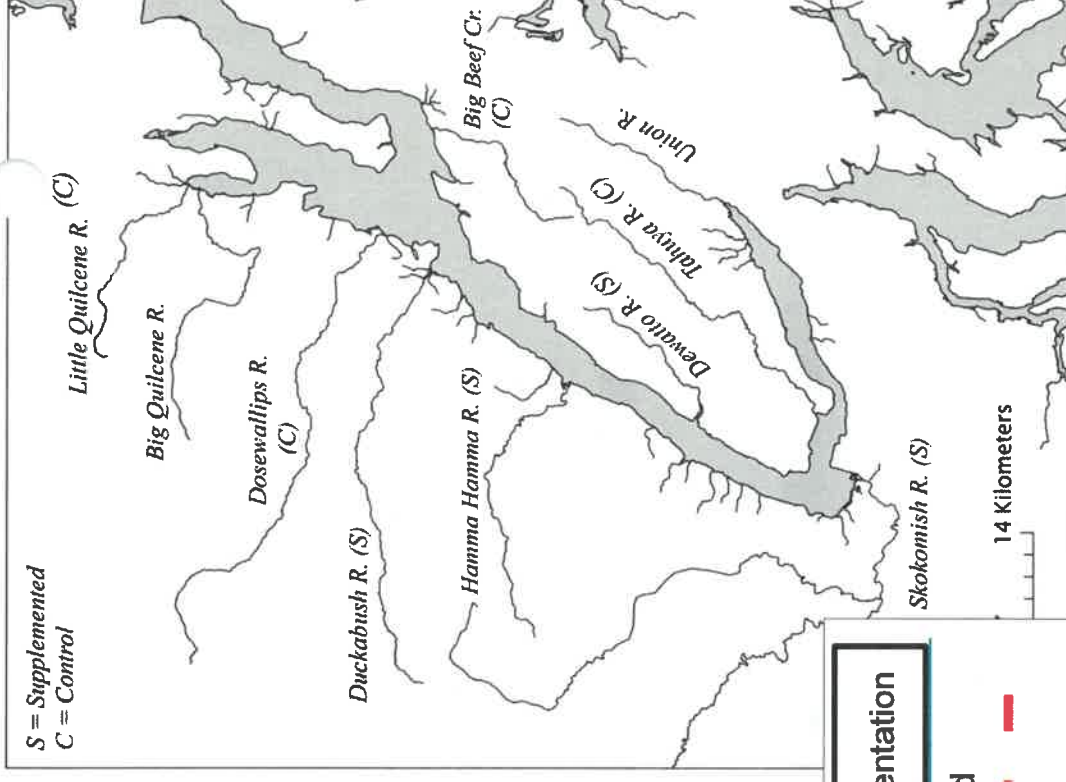
# Life history: age-at-smoltification



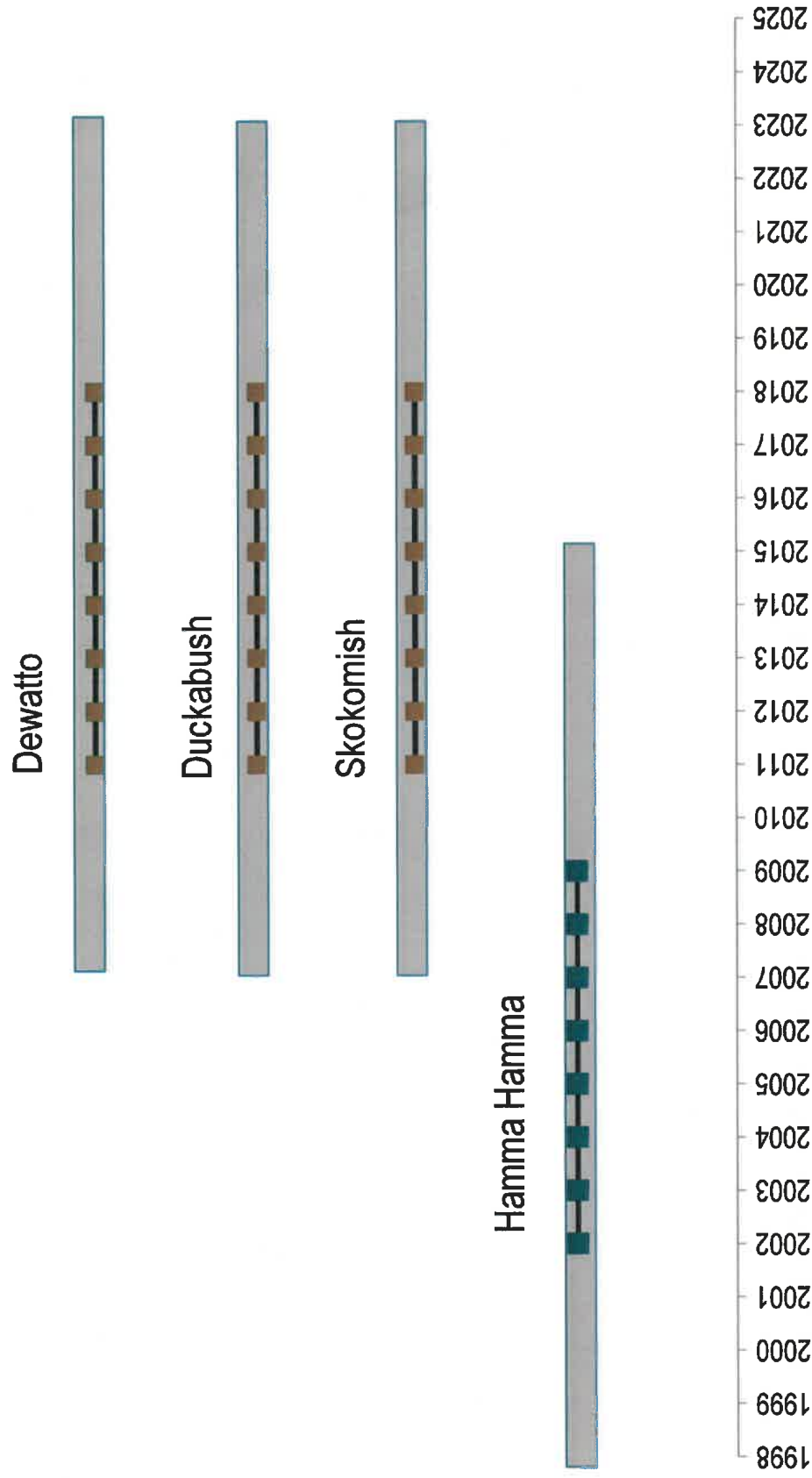


# Hatchery experiment

- Replicated, before-during-after-control-impact experiment (RBACI)
- Response variables =
  - redd abundance
  - spawn timing,
  - freshwater productivity (egg to smolt)
  - life history diversity
  - genetic variation
- Additional 'value added' studies



# Hood Canal steelhead conservation hatchery time frames



# This is a different kind of program

Typical hatchery	Hood Canal Steelhead Project
Collect adults	Hydraulic removal of embryos from natural redds
Artificially spawn adults	No artificial spawning at any point
Rear juveniles at high density to age-1	Rear juveniles at low density to age-2
Release all fish at smolt stage	Rear some smolts to maturity and release

# Source of natural-origin fish for captive rearing

- Adult collections
  - Few adults returning
  - Difficult to capture
  - Protracted run timing
  - Variable maturation
  - Few eggs needed
- Parr or smolt collections
  - Can produce skewed sex ratios in some cases
  - pathogens carried into captivity
  - transitions to artificial diets can be challenging
- Eyed embryos
  - Few previous attempts
  - requires accommodating flow regime
  - careful monitoring of TUs
  - Risk to eggs unknown

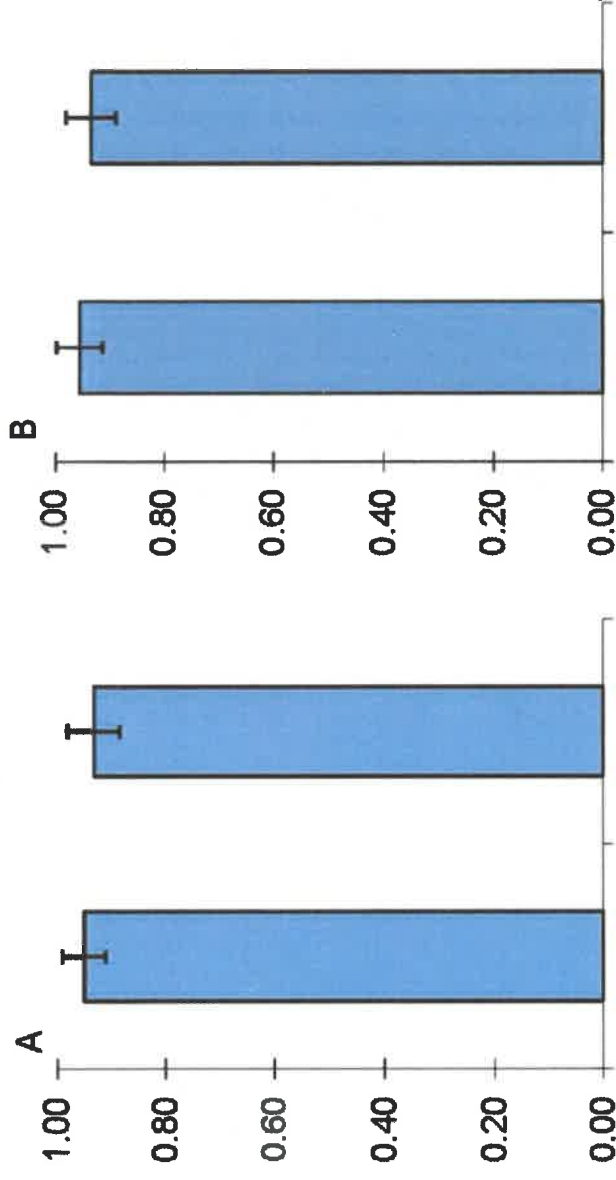
# Embryo collections



# Hydraulic redd sampling

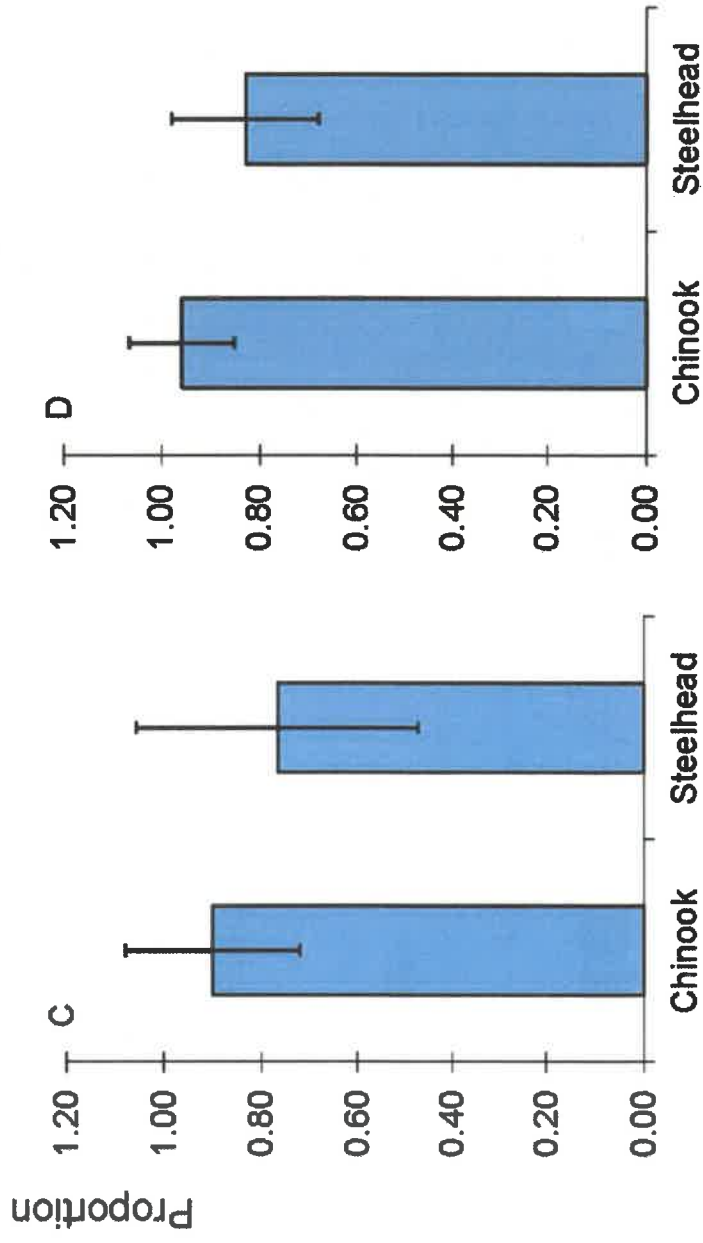






A) Viable at the time of collection

B) Survival from collection to stocking into hatchery tanks.



C) Sampled redds that produced viable embryos

D) Eggs collected relative to the egg collection goal for each conservation program.





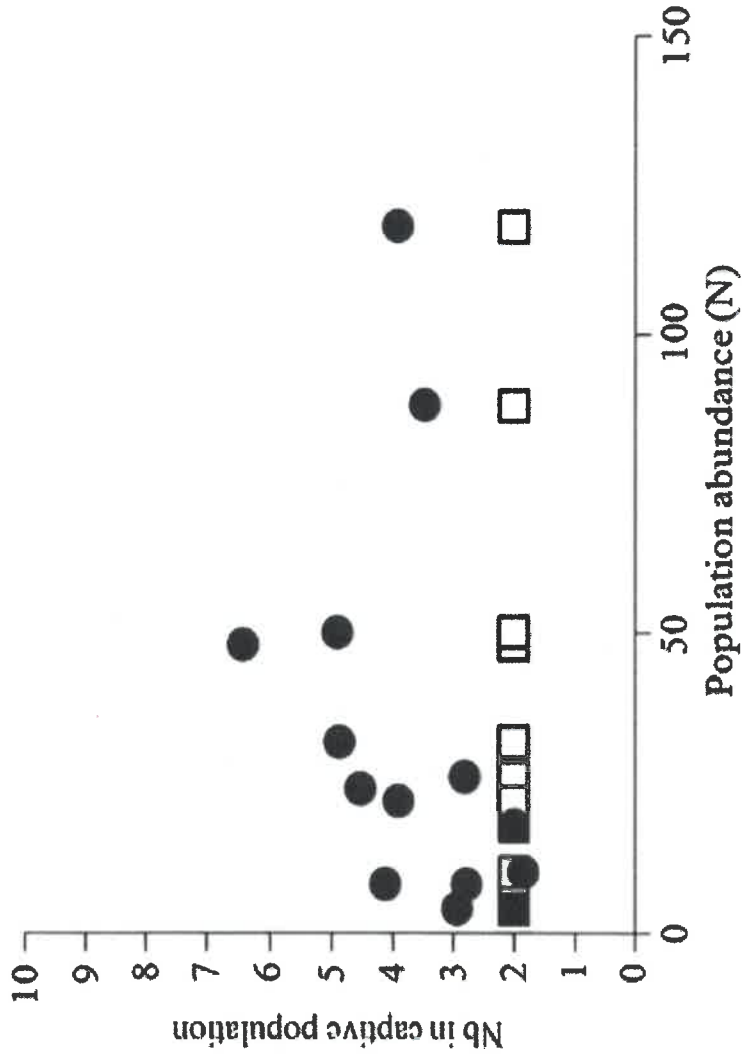
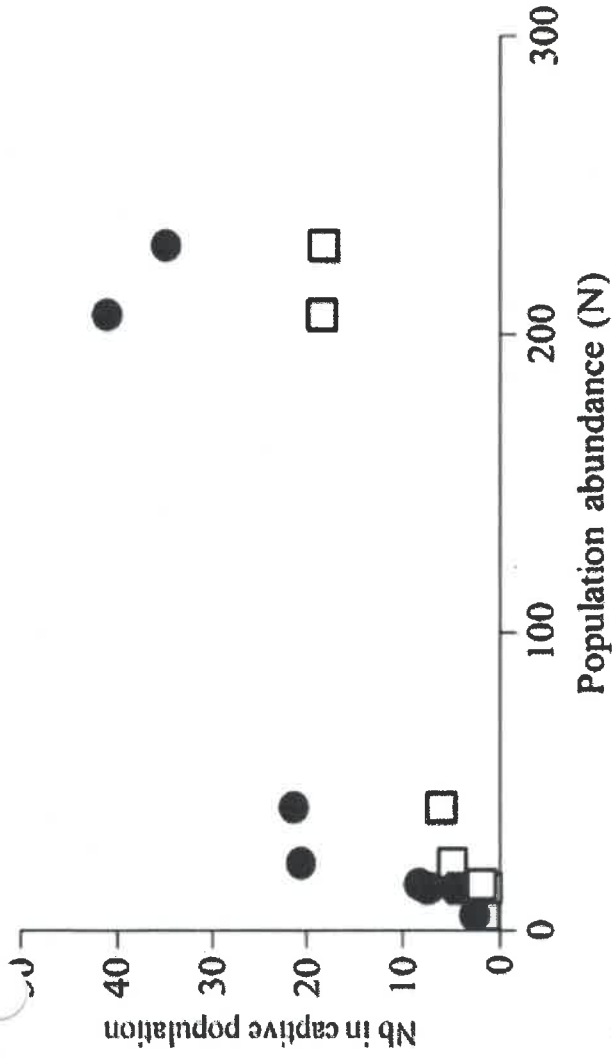


FIGURE 2. Estimated effective number of breeders ( $N_b$ ) represented in captive populations of Hood Canal steelhead (top panel) and Salmon River Chinook salmon (bottom panel) obtained from hydraulic egg sampling (shaded circles) in comparison with  $N_b$  obtained from hypothetical 1:1 artificial spawning of captured adults (open squares) in conservation hatchery programs.

# Egg and fish transfers

Lilliwaup Hatchery



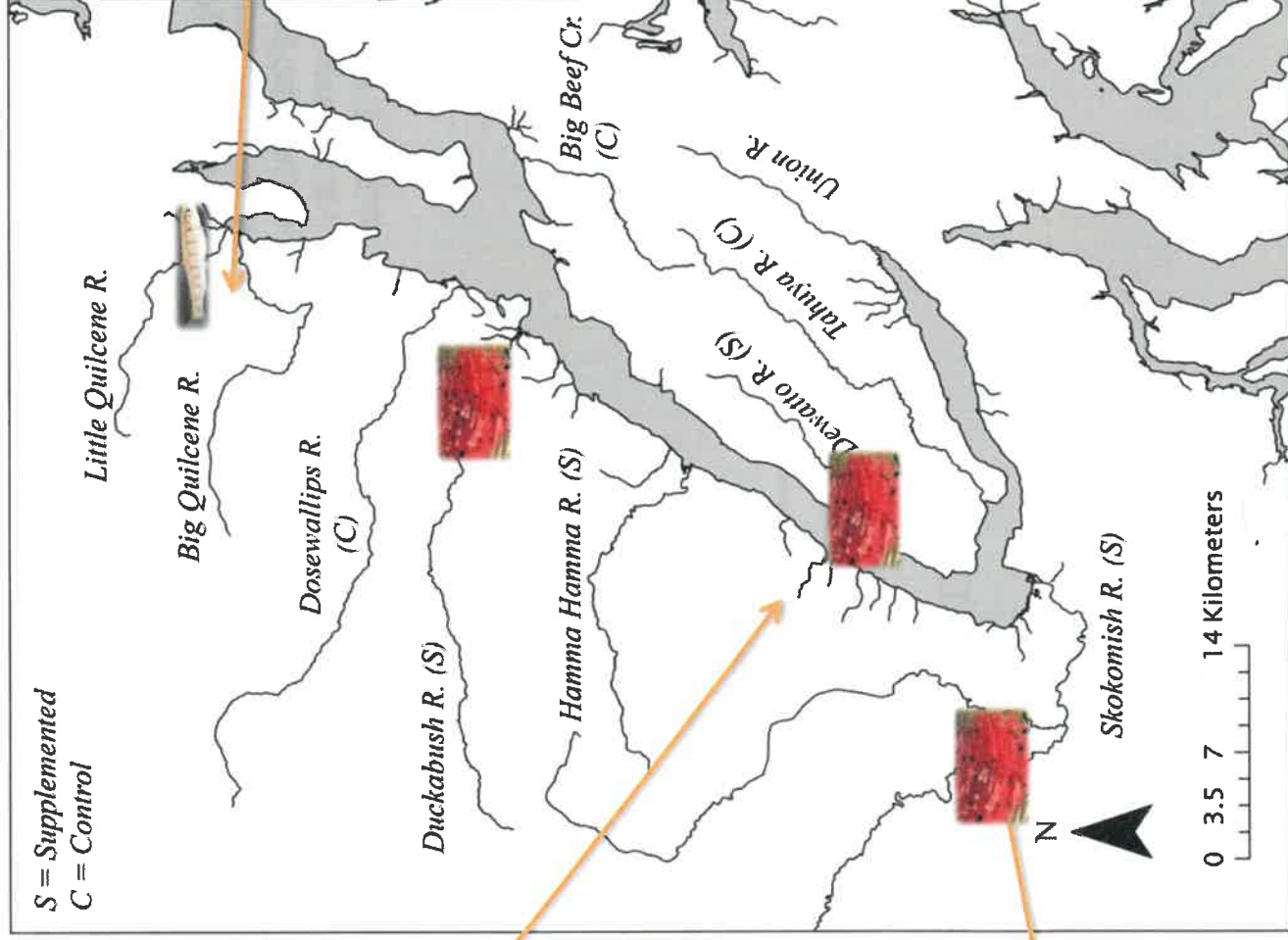
McKernan Hatchery



Quilcene National Fish Hatchery



Quilcene National Fish Hatchery Photo Credit: Ron Wong

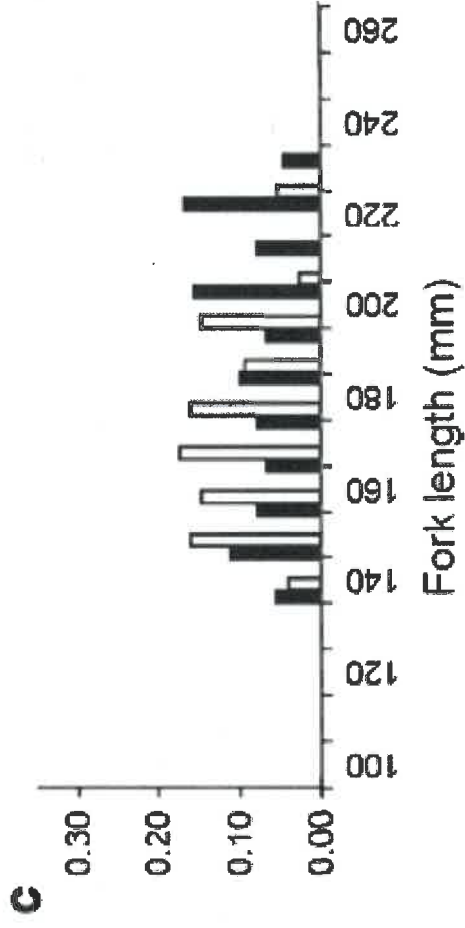
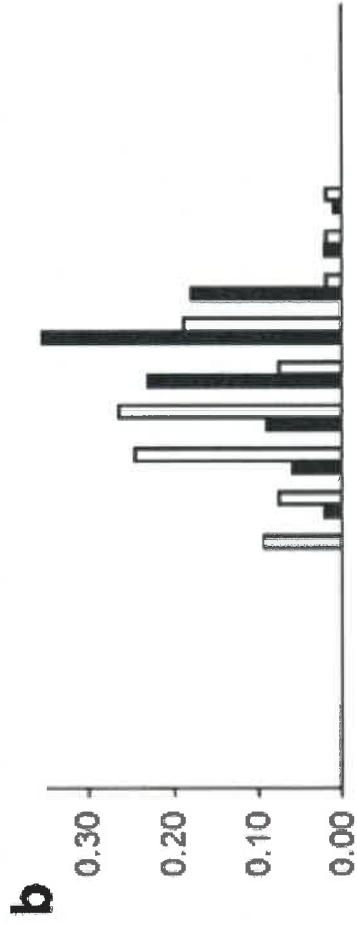
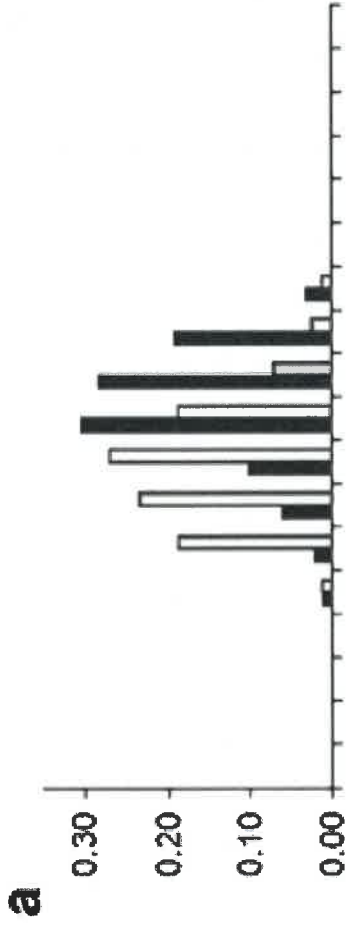


# Egg collection, rearing and release numbers

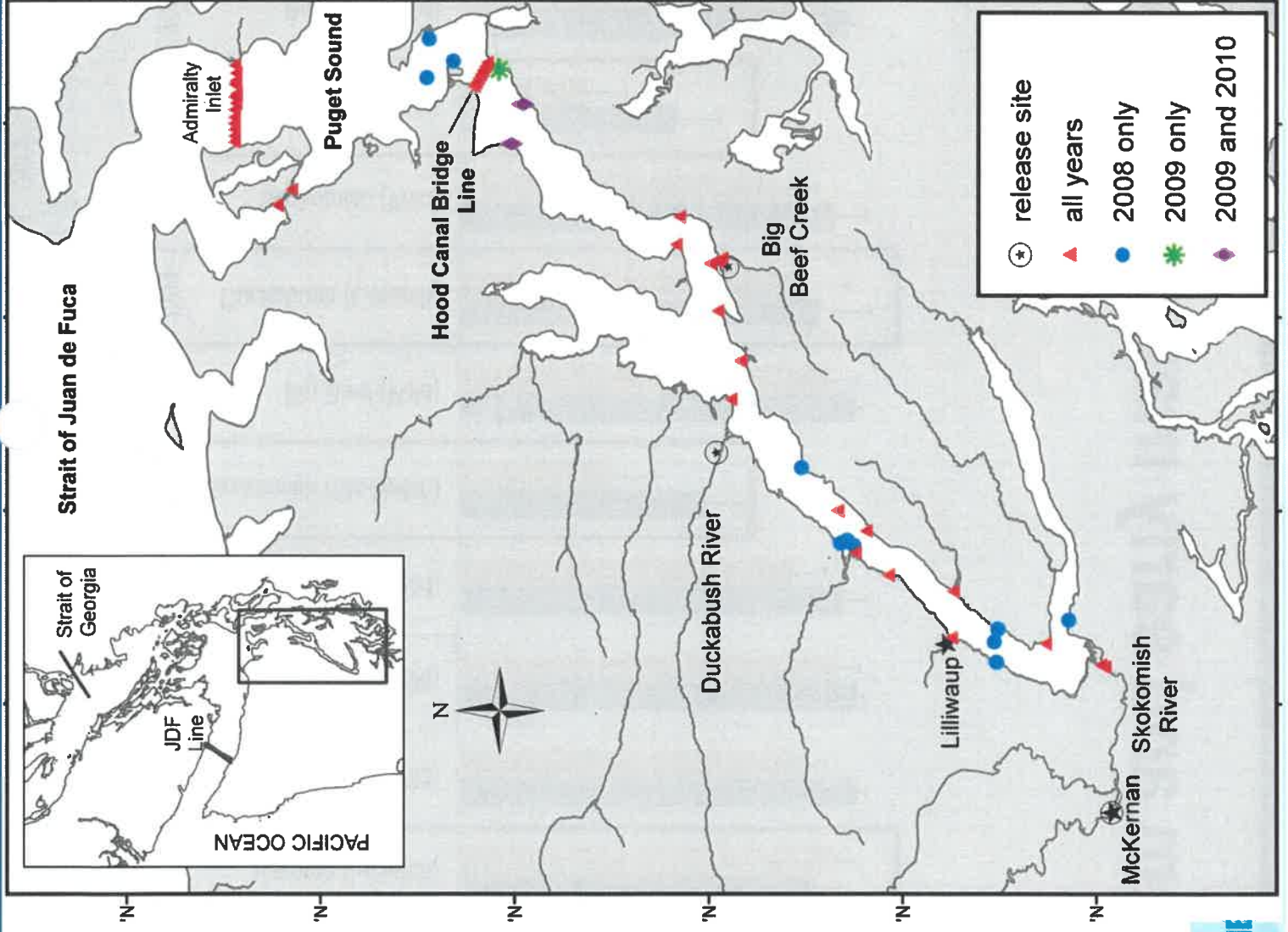
River	Brood Year	Total Redds Observed	Redds for Egg Collection	Eggs Collected	Hatchery # Eggs in	Hatchery # ponded	SRG						Total released
							Age-1	Age-2	Age-4	Age-5	Age-6	ARG	
Dewatto	2007	17	16	9,429	9,438	9,012	0	7,375	226	26	1	7,628	
Dewatto	2008	30	18	9,065	9,065	9,123	0	6,807	0	0	0	6,807	
Dewatto	2009	9	9	9,523	9,471	9,072	0	6,571	228	31	3	6,833	
Dewatto	2010	8	7	5,861	3,861	5,556	51	4,905	0	0	0	4,956	
Dewatto	2011	57	19	8,495	7,276	6,493	0	5,272	213	48	4	5,537	
Dewatto	2012	34	12	8,083	7,631	7,089	0	6,183	0	0	0	6,183	
Dewatto	2013	130	16	8,293	8,242	7,117	0	6,473	245	0	0	6,718	
Dewatto	2014	17	12	6,021	5,800	5,051	0	4,239	0	0	0	4,239	
Duckabush	2007	10	6	2,623	3,020	2,807	0	1,574	164	45	0	1,783	
Duckabush	2008	11	8	6,101	5,882	5,750	0	4,671	65	70	4	4,810	
Duckabush	2009	8	1	49	44	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Duckabush	2010	18	6	3,149	3,149	2,917	140	1,743	196	0	0	2,079	
Duckabush	2011	77	12	5,967	5,967	5,135	0	2,550	0	0	0	2,550	
Duckabush	2012	64	10	6,010	6,335	5,354	0	4,782	211	10	0	5,003	
Duckabush	2013	34	8	7,016	7,016	4,735	0	4,713	0	0	0	4,713	
Duckabush	2014	39	8	2,136	2,136	1,755	0	1,700	0	0	0	1,700	
Skokomish	2007	235	35	33,965	35,290	35,290	1,001	23,747	54	17	0	27,909	
Skokomish	2008	155	50	34,595	34,813	34,813	200	20,529	0	0	0	20,729	
Skokomish	2009	280	40	29,843	29,843	29,843	0	26,642	228	29	0	26,899	
Skokomish	2010	169	38	29,710	29,710	29,710	0	23,989	0	0	0	23,989	
Skokomish	2011	243	36	31,405	31,405	31,405	0	22,717	329	28	2	23,076	
Skokomish	2012	307	30	30,705	30,705	30,705	0	27,258	0	0	0	27,258	
Skokomish	2013	668	39	30,414	30,414	30,414	0	18,005	185	0	0	18,190	
Skokomish	2014	390	42	30,531	30,531	30,531	0	14,769	0	0	0	14,769	
Total							4,482	247,214	2,344	304	14	239,589	

Below egg collection goal in most years  
 In-culture mortality - predation

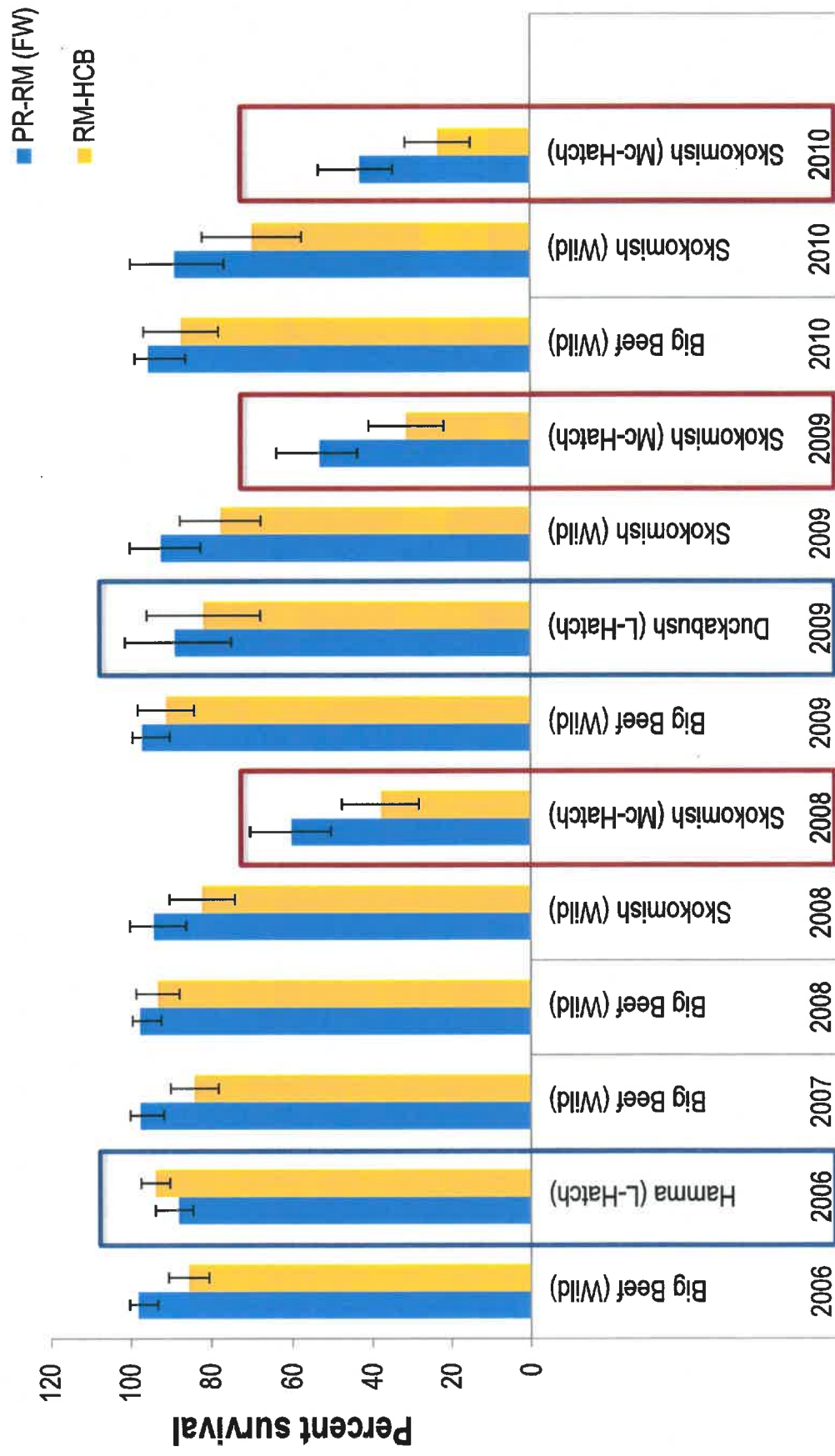
# Age-2 smolt rearing programs



# Post-release survival



# Downstream and early marine survival rates





# Between-hatchery differences



	Lilliwaup Hatchery (Duckabush & Dewatto)	McKernan Hatchery (Skokomish)
Mean water temperature	8.9° C	8.6° C
Feed Manufacturer	Bio-Oregon	Bio-Oregon
Feeding frequency	3x/d, 4 days/wk	2-3x/d, 7 days/wk
Mean density index (to age-1)	0.0066	0.290
Mean density index (age-1 to age-2)	0.0065	0.056
Vessel size/shape (to age-1)	10' circular	16' circular
Vessel size/shape (age-1 to age-2)	20' circular	12 x 140' raceway
# of size sorts (to age-1)	2	1

# Captive rearing and adult release

Table 1. Captive broodstock programs for maintenance or recovery of imperiled anadromous salmonids in North America.

Species	River/lake origin	Region	Number of stocks	Status of program	Strategies/objectives <sup>a</sup>
Chinook salmon	Sacramento River	Central CA	1	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Chinook salmon	White River	Puget Sound, WA	1	Terminated <sup>b</sup>	Yes/yes
Chinook salmon	Tucannon River	Columbia River, WA	1	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Chinook salmon	Dungeness River	E. Straits of Juan de Fuca, WA	1	Ongoing	Yes/no
Chinook salmon	Mid-Columbia River	Central, WA	1	-	No/no
Chinook salmon	Grand Ronde Rivers and tributaries	Snake River, OR	3	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Chinook salmon	Salmon River tributaries	Snake River, ID	3	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Chinook salmon	Squamish River	Howe Sound, BC	1 of 5 <sup>c</sup>	Terminated	Yes/yes
Chinook salmon	Puntledge River	Vancouver Island	1 of 5 <sup>c</sup>	Pre-release	Yes/yes
Atlantic salmon	Gulf of Maine	Gulf of ME	8	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Steelhead	Hamma Hamma River	Hood Canal, WA	1	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Steelhead	E. Vancouver Island rivers	Vancouver Island, BC	5 (3) <sup>c</sup>	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Sockeye salmon	Redfish Lake	Stanley Basin, ID	1	Ongoing	Yes/yes
Sockeye salmon	Sackinaw Lake	Georgia Strait, BC	1 of 5 <sup>c</sup>	Pre-release	Yes/yes
Sockeye salmon	Owikeno Lake	Central Coast, BC	1 of 5 <sup>c</sup>	Pre-release	Yes/yes
Sockeye salmon	Cultus Lake	Fraser River	1 of 5 <sup>c</sup>	Pre-release	Yes/yes
Coho	Scott Creek	Central CA coast	1	Pre-release <sup>d</sup>	Yes/yes
Coho	Dry Creek	Russian River, CA coast	1	Pre-release <sup>d</sup>	No/no

<sup>a</sup>The strategies/objectives column indicates whether ("yes") or not ("no") survey information was obtained for (i) reintroduction strategies implemented (first response) and (ii) importance of management objectives (second response).

<sup>b</sup>Fish are no longer reared to adult in captivity.

<sup>c</sup>The program initially included five populations, but has subsequently been reduced to three.

<sup>d</sup>Fish have been collected for rearing to adult but have not yet matured.

<sup>e</sup>For the purposes of the analysis in Tables 2 and 3, the five salmon populations (three sockeye and two Chinook) in British Columbia are considered to be managed as part of one program, because the single survey response we received covered all five programs and assigned a common "importance" score to each.

# Effects of pre-smolt and post-smolt rearing environment on survival, body size and age-at-maturity

Lilliwaup Hatchery rearing to smolt



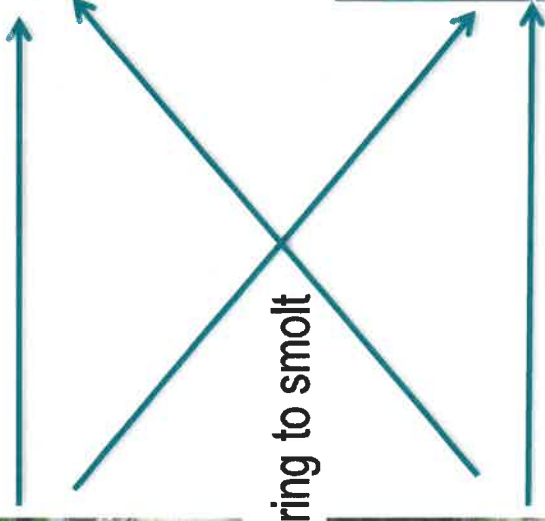
Freshwater (FW) rearing to maturity



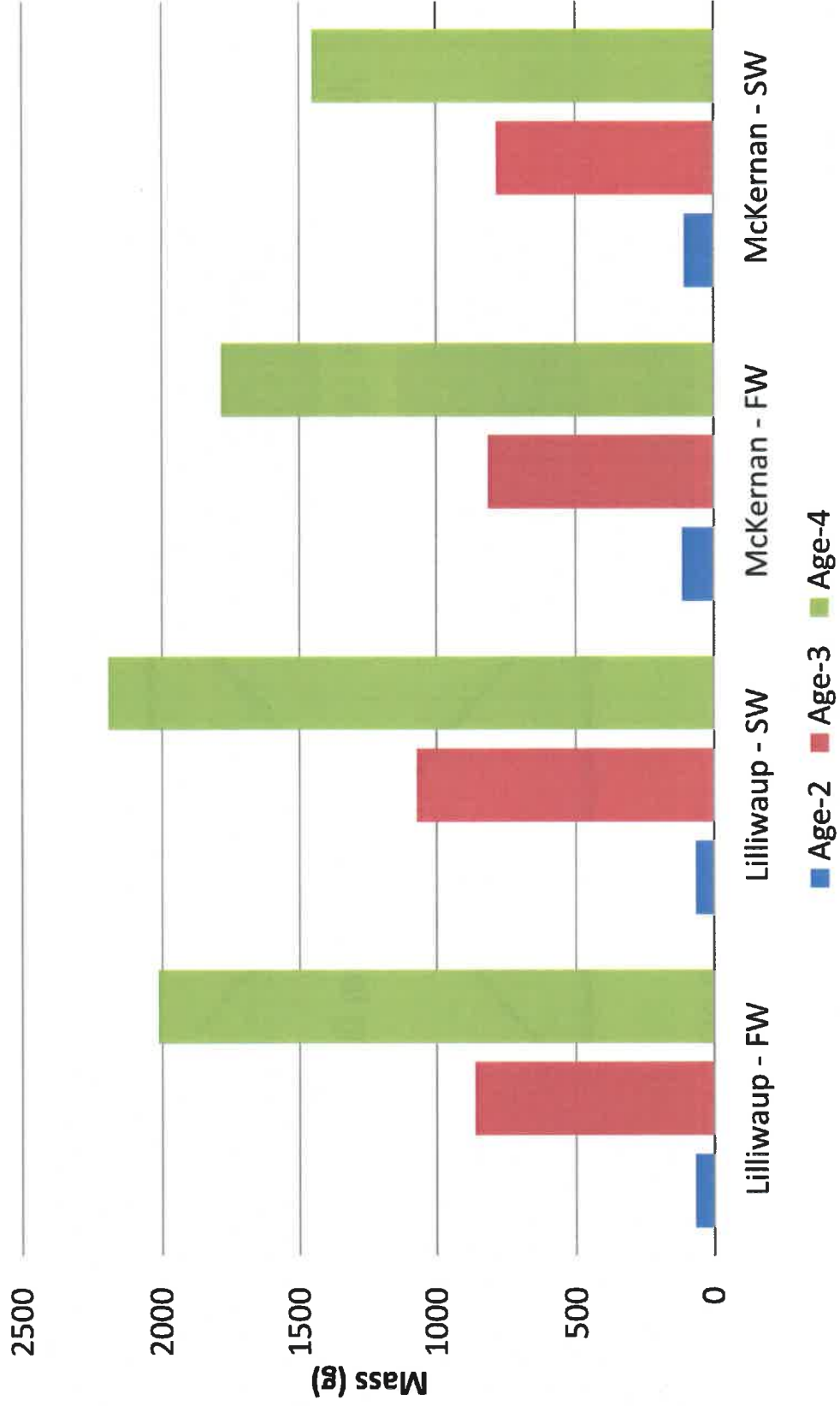
McKernan Hatchery rearing to smolt



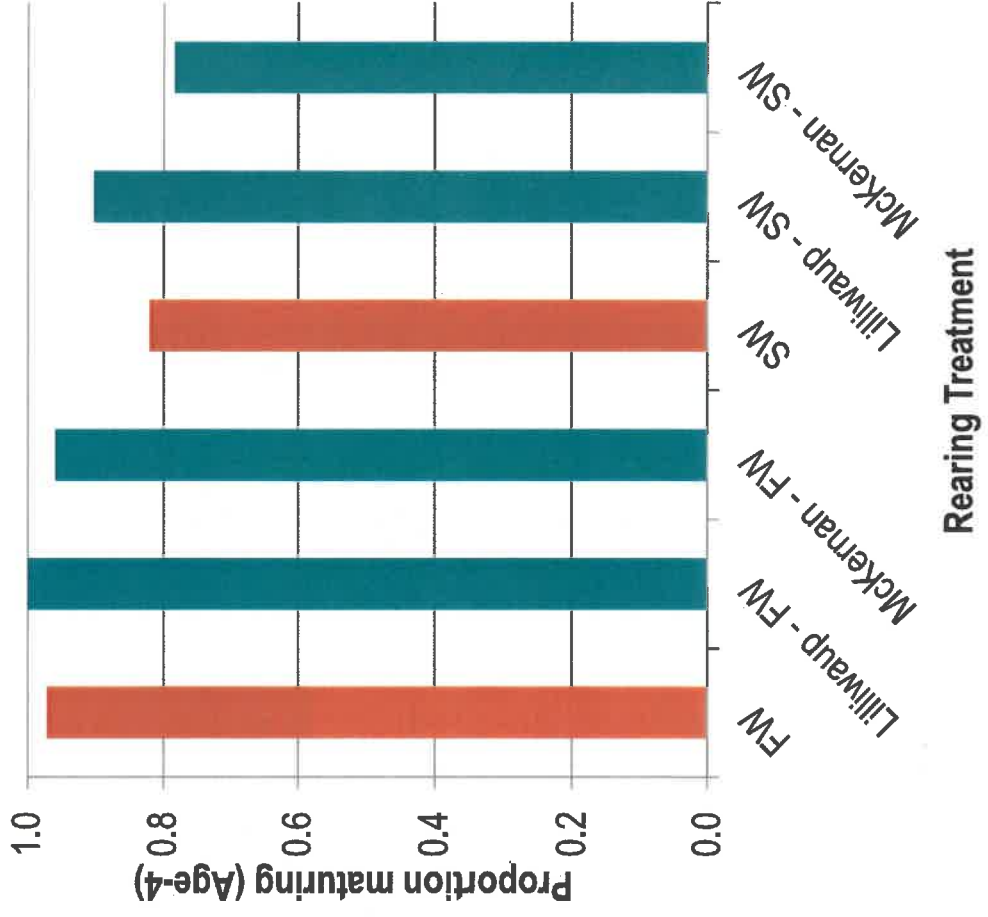
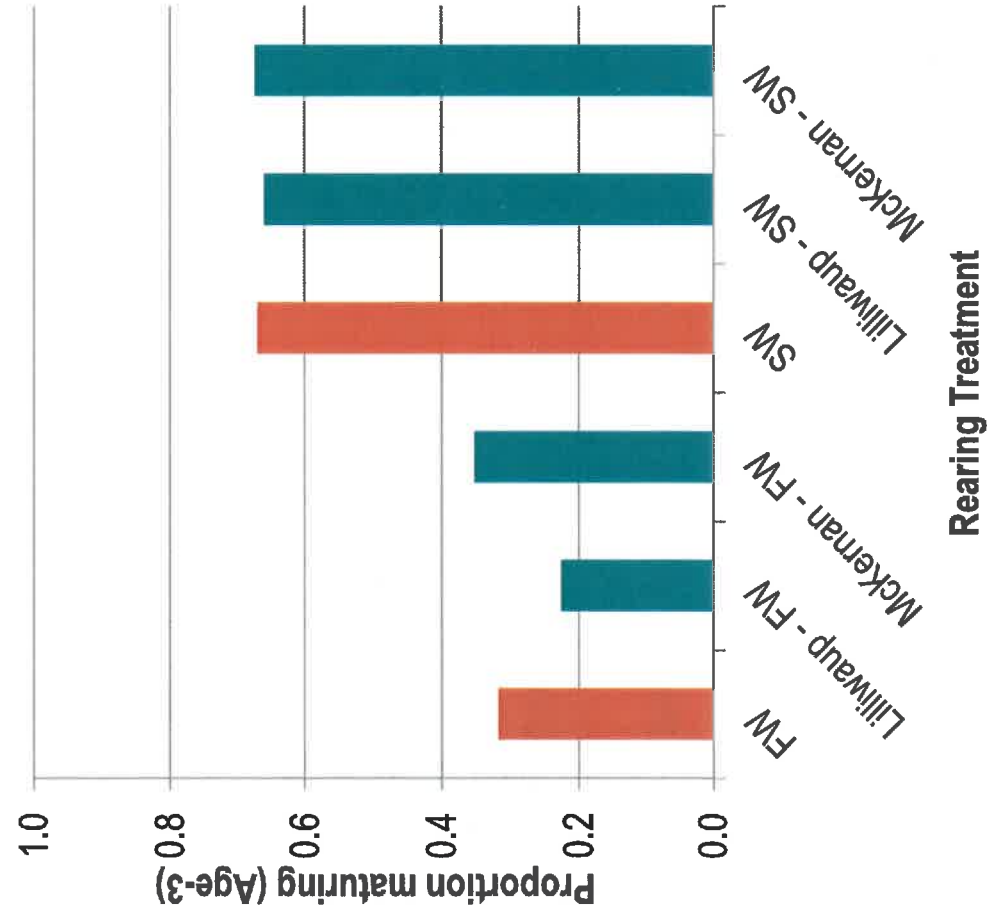
Seawater (SW) rearing to maturity



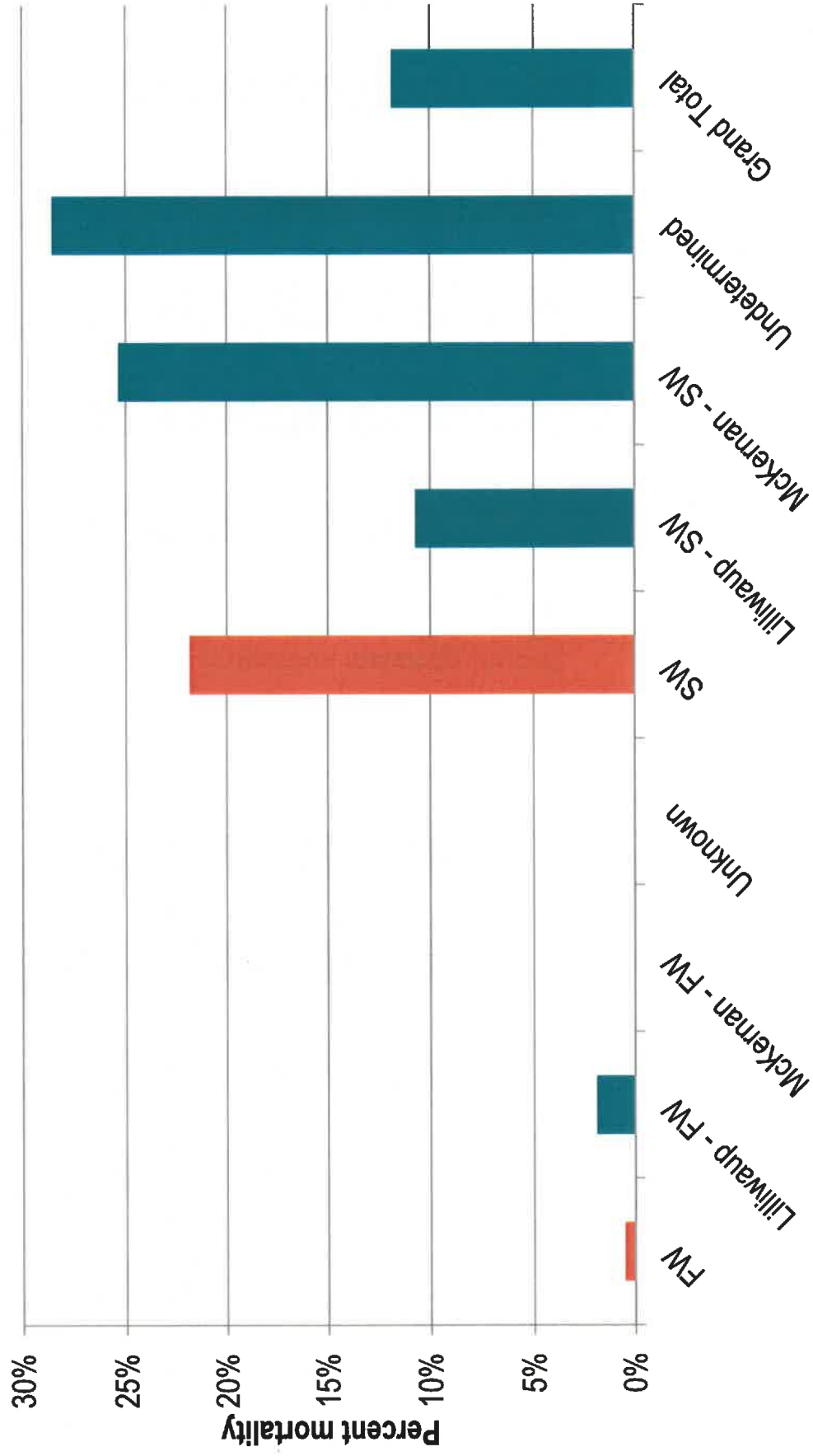
# Size-at-age



# Age-at-maturity



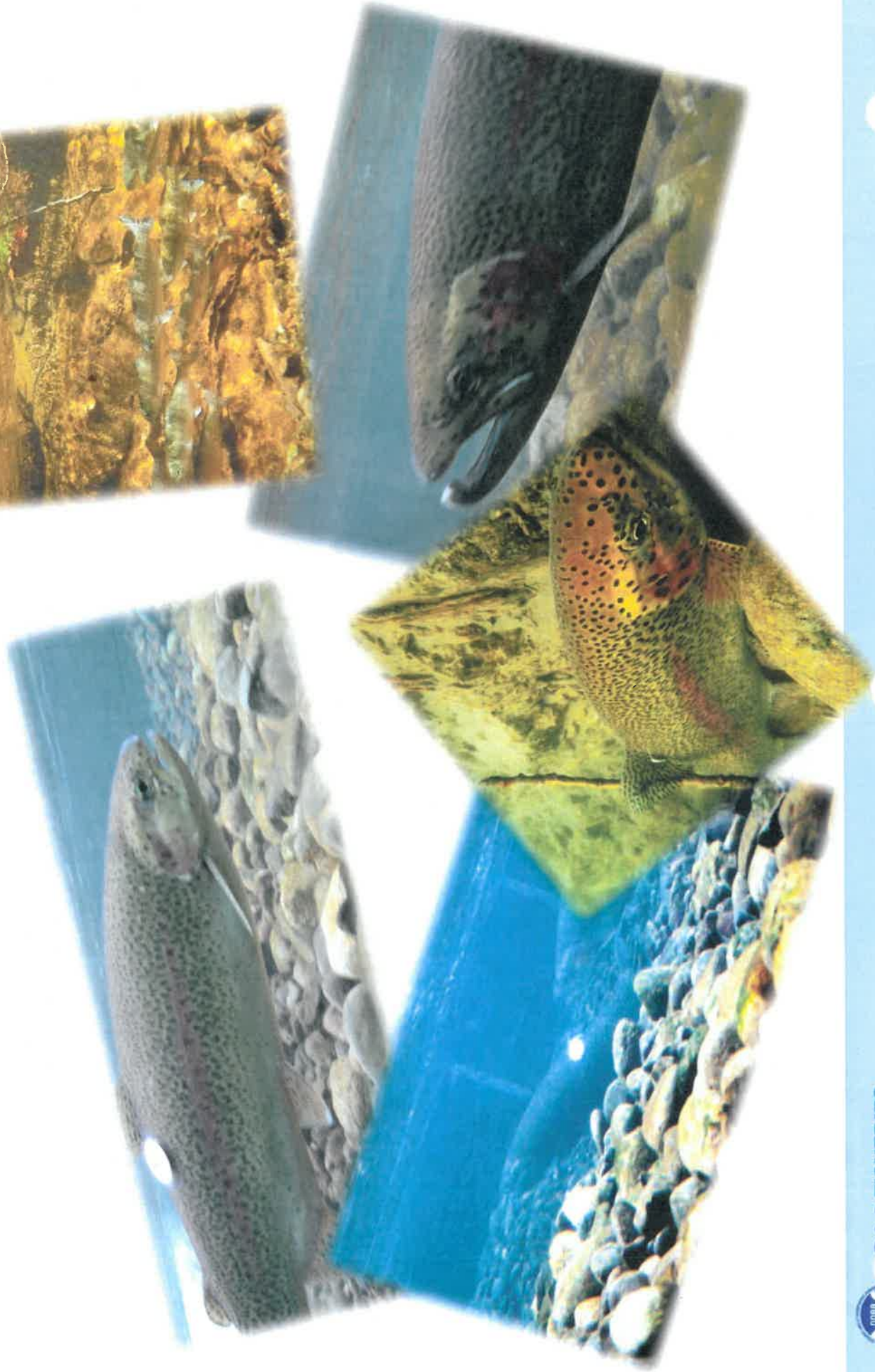
# In-culture mortality



## ARG Culture summary

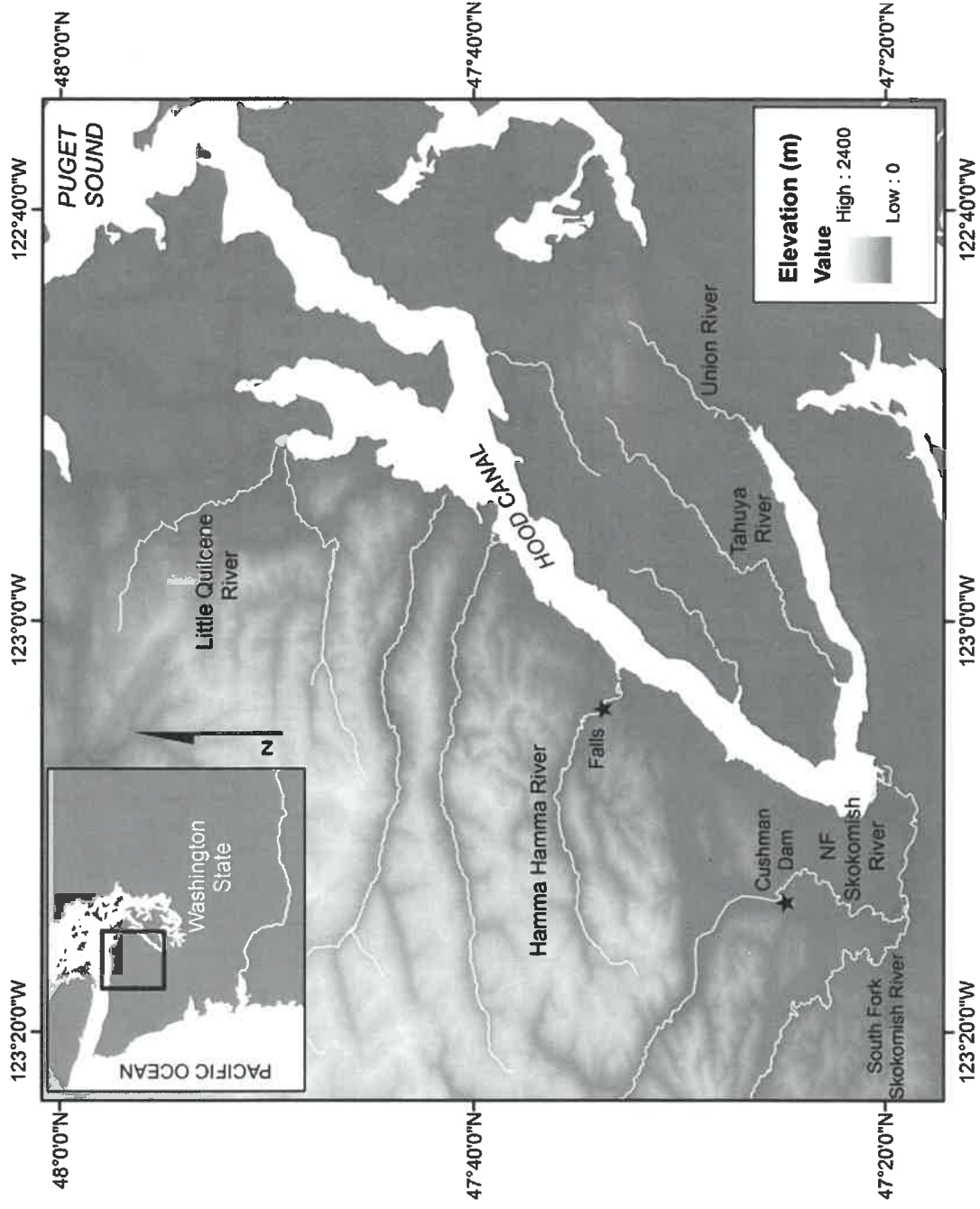
- Smolts reared at the McKernan Hatchery were larger at age-2, even though identical protocols were issued.
- Seawater rearing resulted in higher mortality and smaller size at maturity, but only for fish reared at the McKernan Hatchery.
- Seawater rearing may be most beneficial if high smolt quality can be achieved.

## 4. Effectiveness monitoring

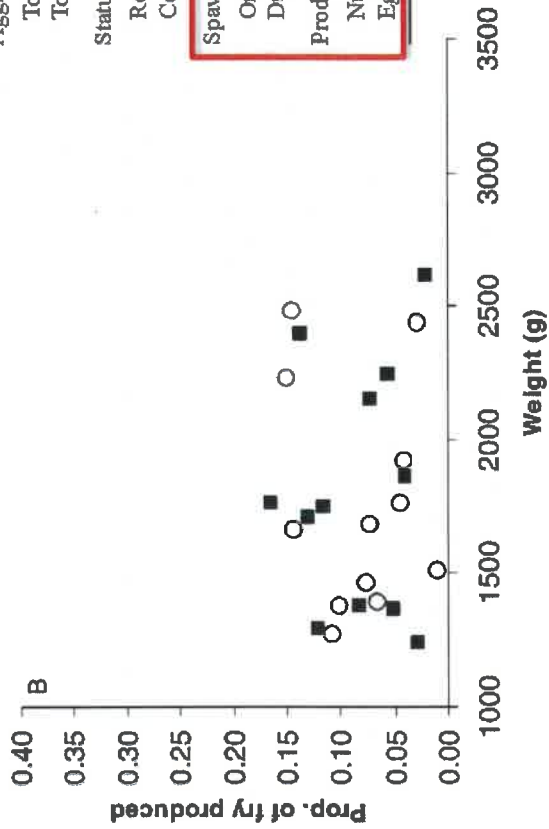
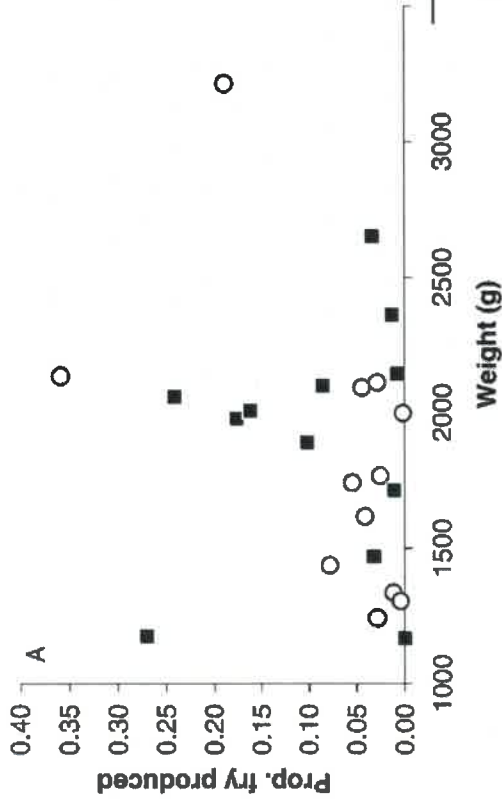




# Effectiveness monitoring: Hamma Hamma 1998-2015



# Breeding success of captive reared steelhead



Treatment Channel

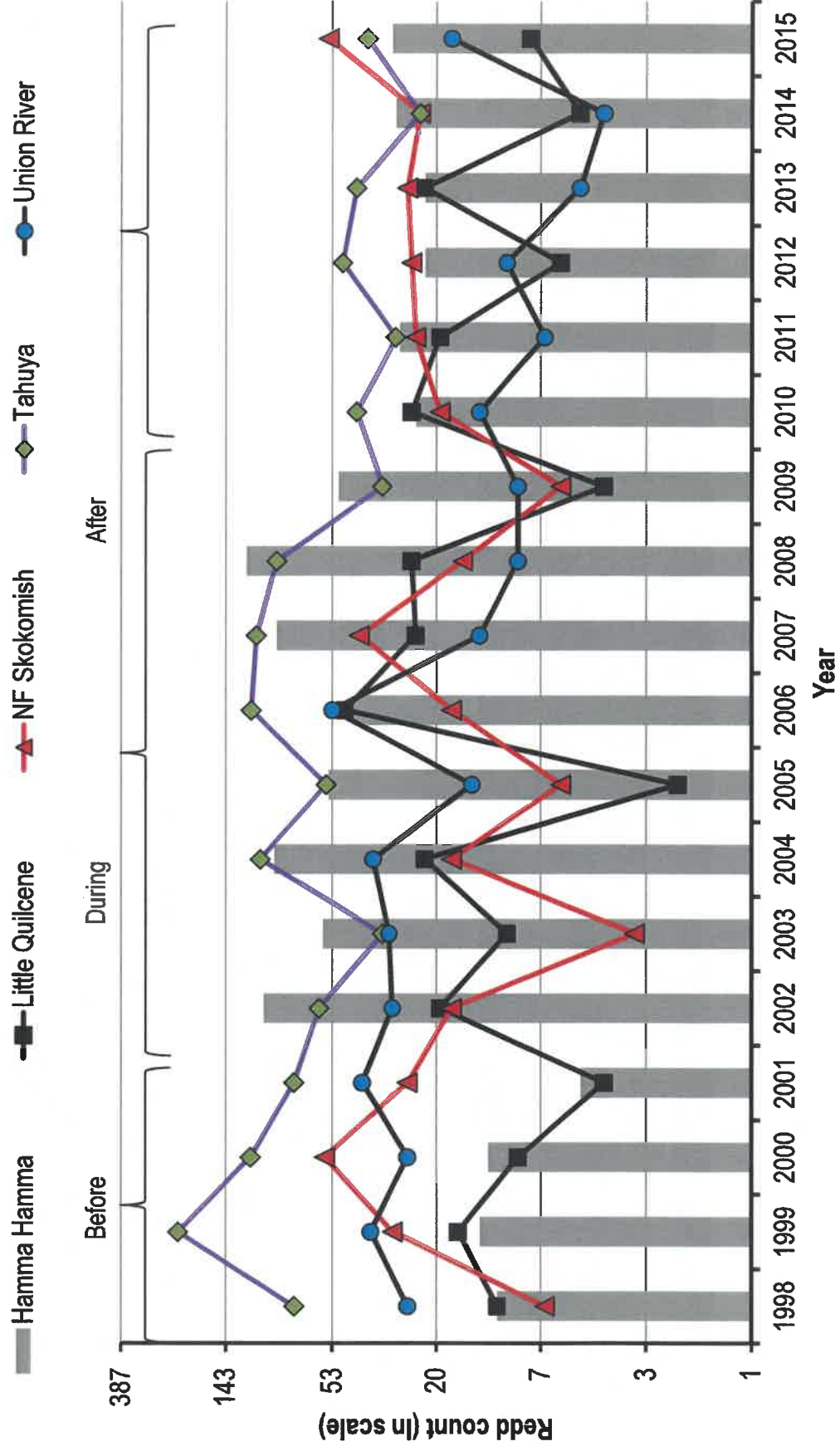
Dependent variable	Treatment		Channel	
	High velocity	Low velocity	A side	B side
<b>Nest construction</b>				
Nest building	0.011 (0.011)	0.011 (0.014)	0.015 (0.012)	0.008 (0.012)
<b>Aggression</b>				
Toward female	1.917 (3.175)	2.250 (1.960)	2.333 (3.393)	1.833 (1.528)
Toward male	5.417 (7.821)	5.250 (6.703)	6.333 (8.261)	4.333 (5.975)
<b>Status</b>				
Redd holding	0.067 (0.095)	0.062 (0.067)	0.081 (0.103)	0.048 (0.047)
Courted by male(s)	0.063 (0.070)	0.047 (0.044)	0.077 (0.072)	0.033 (0.028)
<b>Spawning duration</b>				
Onset (d)	18.25 (19.68)	23.53 (16.28)	22.28 (21.80)	19.50 (13.72)
Duration (d)	3.94 (1.86)	4.09 (2.00)	3.39 (1.48)	4.64 (2.10)
<b>Production</b>				
Number of nests	6.42 (2.39)	7.92 (2.02)	7.42 (2.81)	6.92 (1.73)
Eggs deposited	0.984 (0.031)	0.991 (0.14)	0.977 (0.031)	0.998 (0.003)

# Steelhead released into the Hamma Hamma River

Brood year	Redds sampled	Eggs Collected	Juveniles released	Adults released		
				Age-4	Age-5	
1998	8	4,683	3,235	81 (116)	2 (2)	
1999	6	2,588	1,802			
2000	7	1,622	1,090	35 (41)	10 (15)	
2001	4	2,000	1,454			
2003	23	4,105	2,043	58 (80)	60 (77)	
2005	16	4,723	2,080			

# Average annual redd survey effort (+/- sd)

	Frequency		Distance	
	Before	After	Before	After
Hamma Hamma	12 (1.2)	13 (2.0)	33.7 (1.2)	31.7 (7.5)
Little Quilcene	4 (2.1)	9 (2.2)	23.4 (13.5)	67.8 (24.9)
NF Skokomish	6 (0.6)	22 (13.9)	25.4 (5.2)	75.4 (35.4)
Union	7 (1.7)	10 (2.8)	49.4 (6.1)	34.5 (9.4)
Tahuya	16 (3.0)	14 (2.4)	124.9 (16.3)	116.1 (26.9)

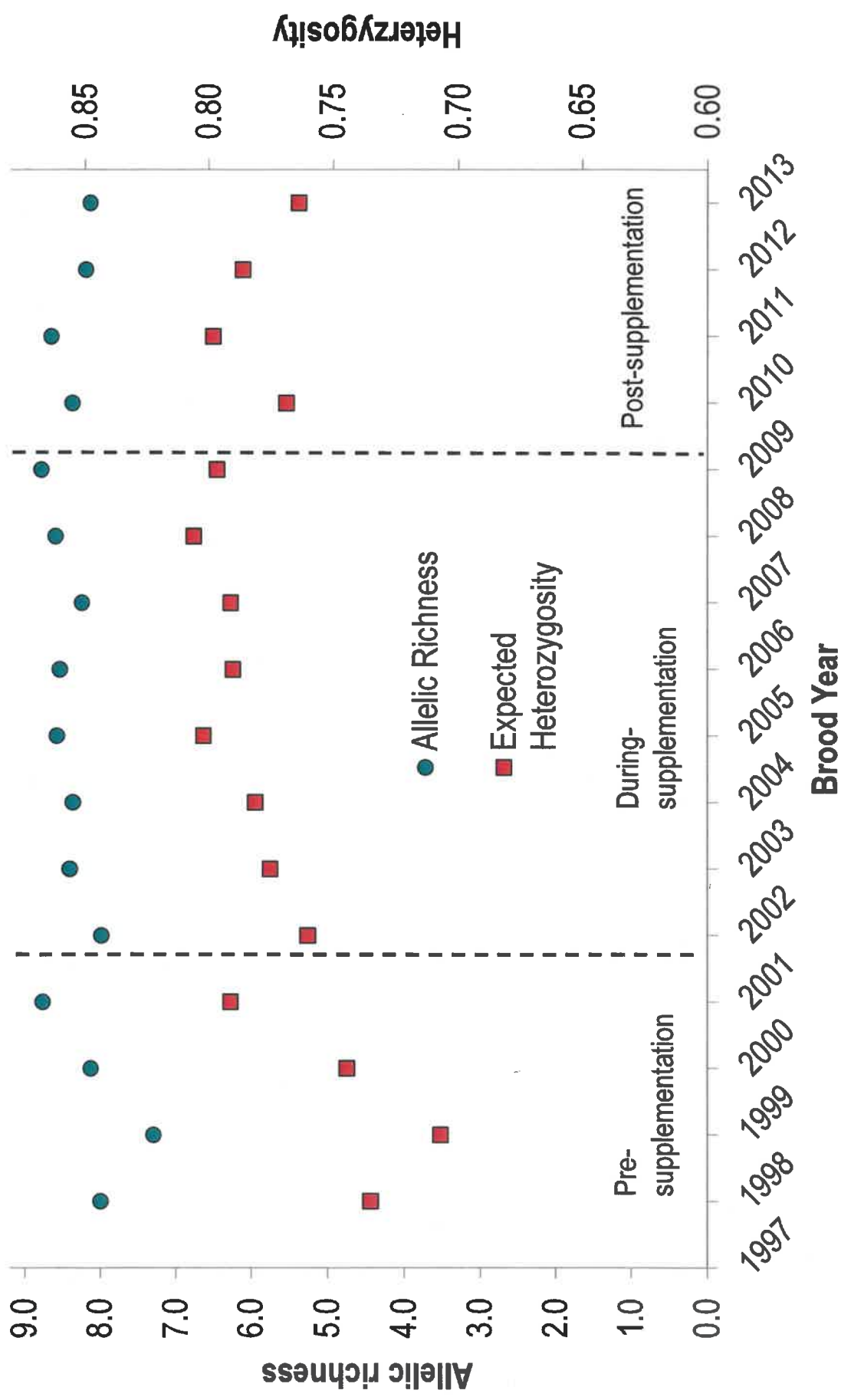


# BACI ANOVA

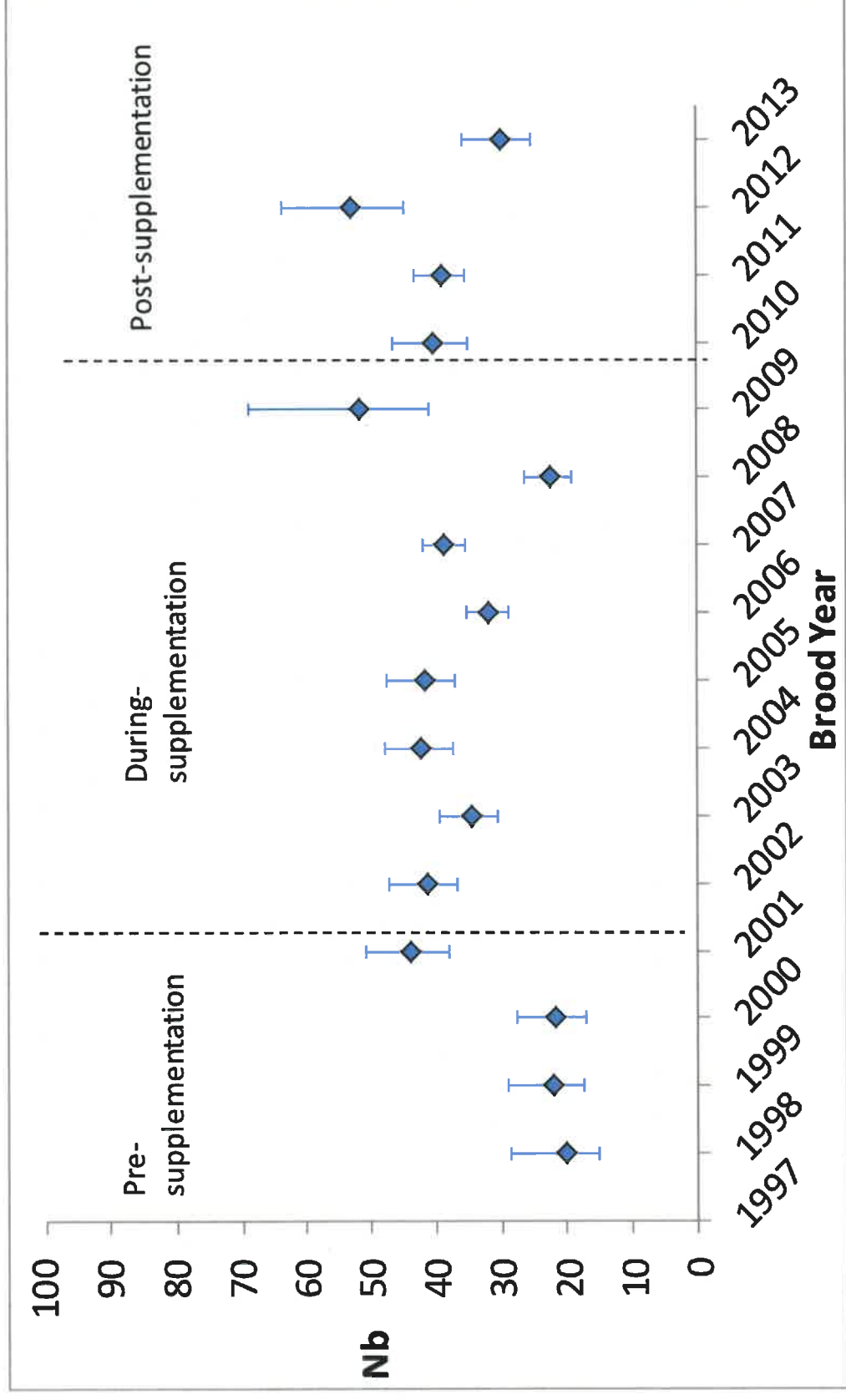
Table 2. ANOVA results for the primary response variable of interest (redd abundance) and two response variables that provide measures of effort expended on redd surveys (number of days and total distance surveyed; see methods for definitions).

Source of variation	df	MS	F-Ratio	p-Value
CATEGORY (Treatment or Control)	1	1.026	3.015	0.091
PERIOD (Before or After)	1	0.402	1.181	0.285
PERIOD* CATEGORY	1	4.325	12.705	0.001
POPULATION(CATEGORY)	3	5.476	16.086	0.000
YEAR(PERIOD)	8	0.400	1.174	0.342
Error	35	0.340		

# Genetic diversity

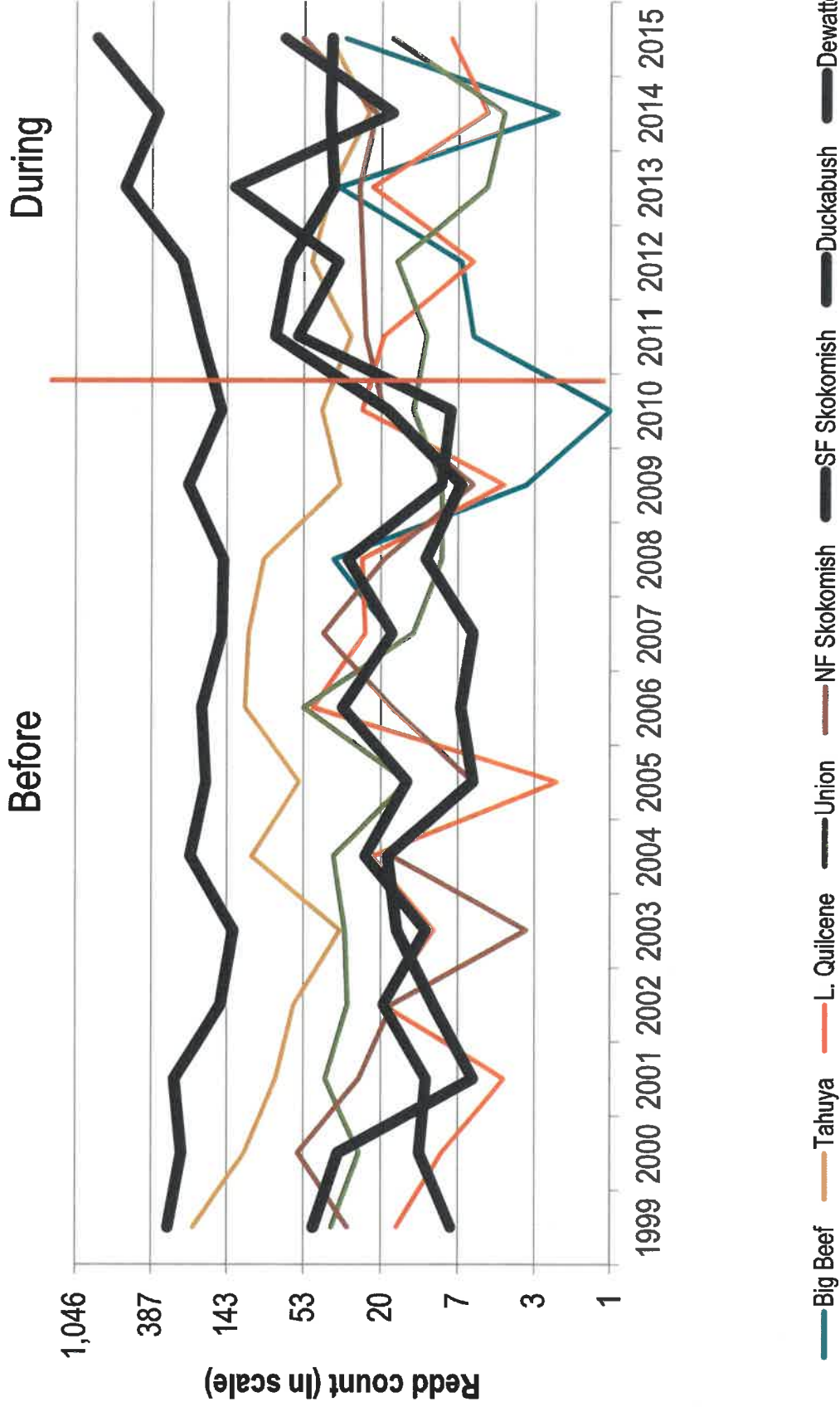


# Effective number of breeders (Nb)

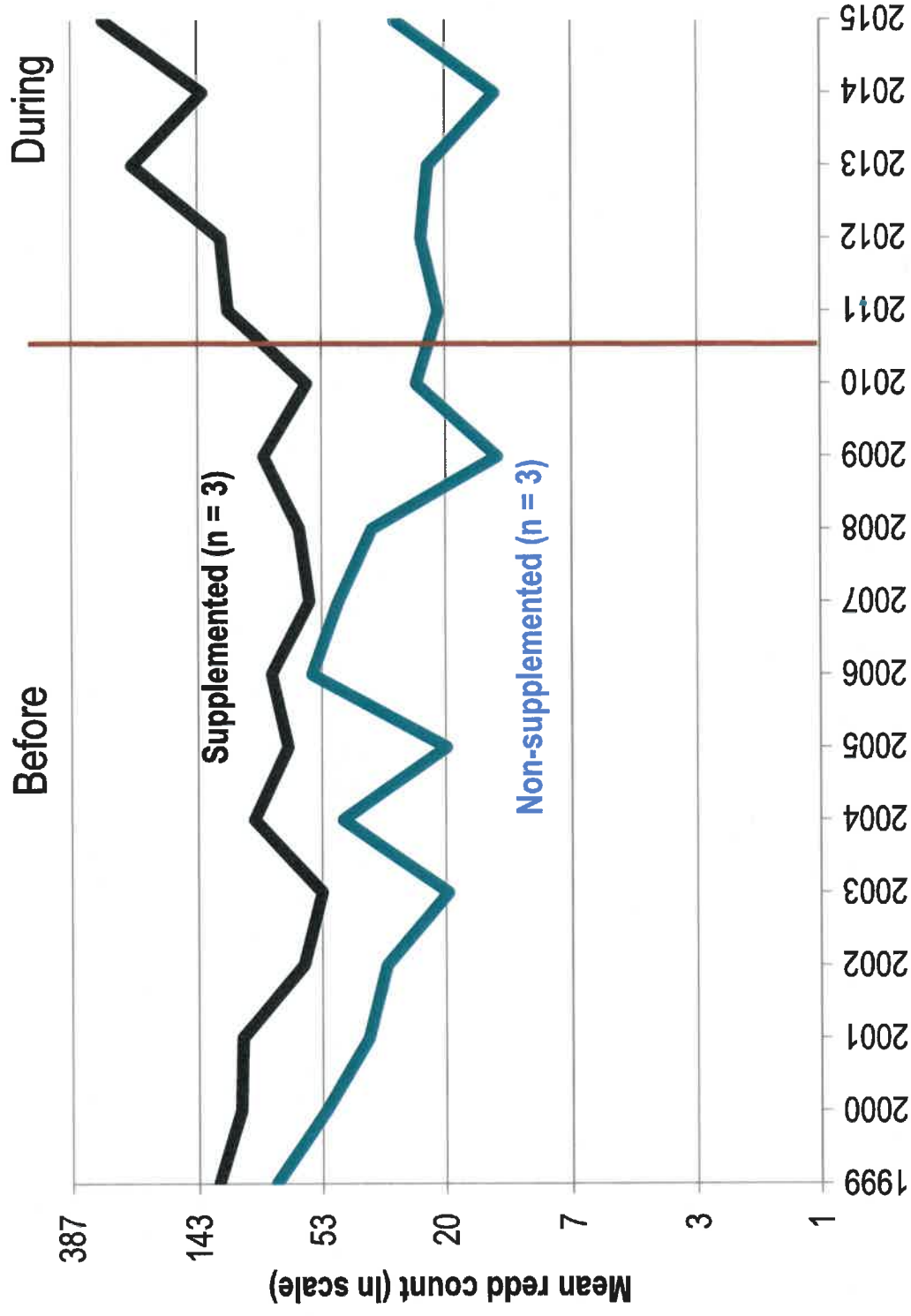




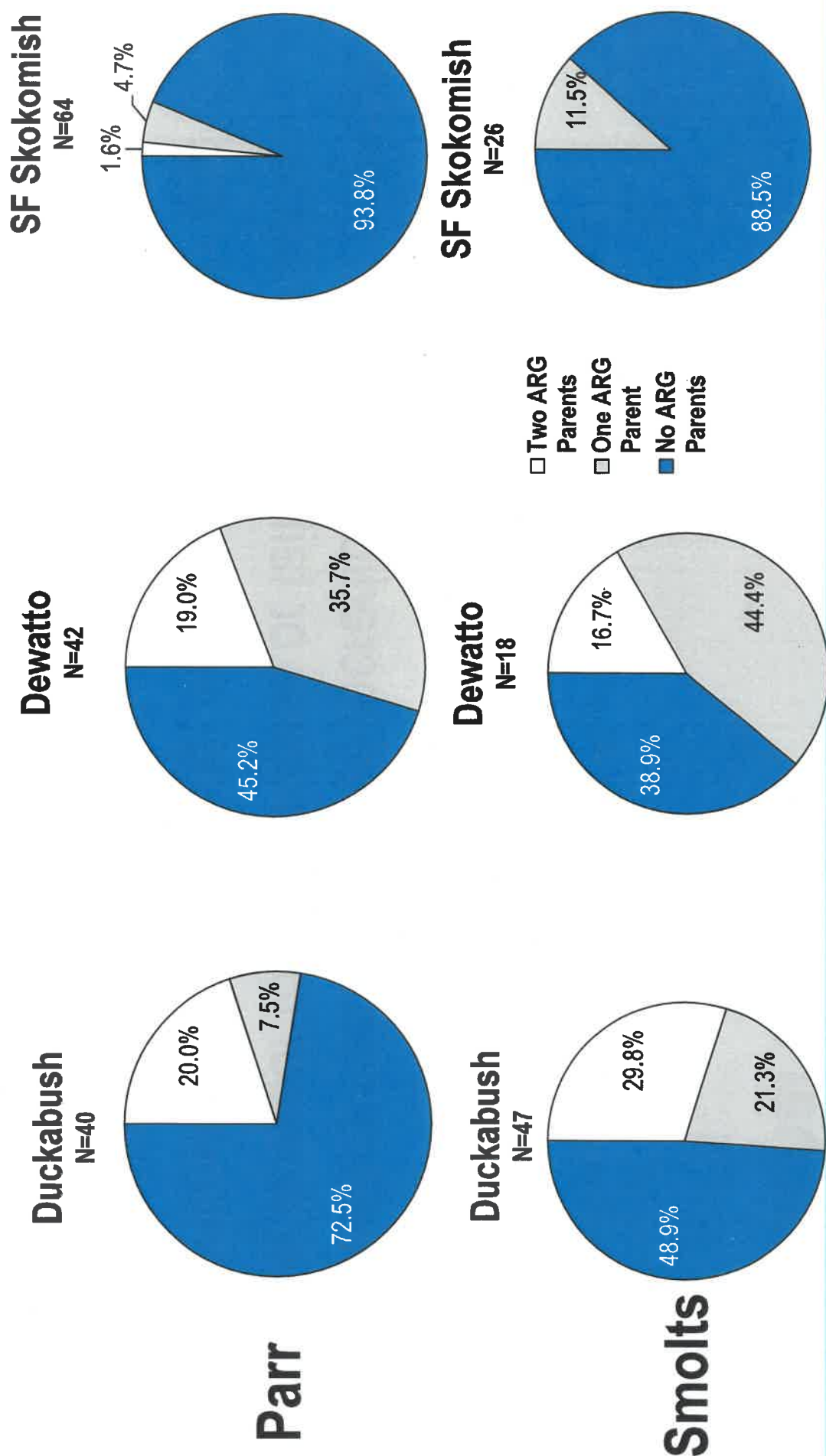
# Population-specific redd abundance in the larger Hood Canal Experiment



# Mean redd abundance in Hood Canal streams



# Naturally produced juveniles from ARG steelhead (BY 2011)



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## Additional thoughts

- Captive rearing to adult for iteroparous species alleviates some problems associated with captive rearing
- Details of fish culture are incredibly important and can play a major role in success or failure of a program
- Monitoring is challenging, but aided by energy and commitment of collaborators
- Expect different responses in different environments and for different stocks.