# Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program A day in the life

- Safety
- Professionalism
- Data Collection
  - Topographic Data
  - Auxiliary Data
- Post Data Collection Duties
  - Auxiliary Data Workflow
  - Topographic Data Workflow
- Post Sampling Duties







### Safety

#### SAFETY REMINDER FOR ALL CHaMP SUMMER FIELD STAFF:

"No job is so important and no service so urgent that we cannot take time to perform our work safely."

> ---Elliot Mainzer, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer Bonneville Power Administration



BPA Driving Safety Reminder

Drive alert and remember these quick four tips of GOAL (Get Out And Look):

- Before entering your vehicle, look for obstacles in your path and plan how you will avoid them
- If traveling with another employee, ask that person to be your spotter.
- Choose parking locations that will limit the risk of backing accidents.
- When possible, back into a parking spot so you can leave pulling out.

"Walking around your vehicle prior to backing is a best practice we can all use 24/7 at work, home and play. Your commitment to GOAL improves everyone's safety...." says Brad Bea, BPA's chief safety officer.

Report any accidents to your respective CHaMP crew leader or supervisor.

THINK SAFETY ALL THE TIME







### Safety

























### **Professionalism**













































#### **CHaMP Protocol**

Scientific Protocol for Salmonid Habitat Surveys within the Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program

#### 2015 Field Version

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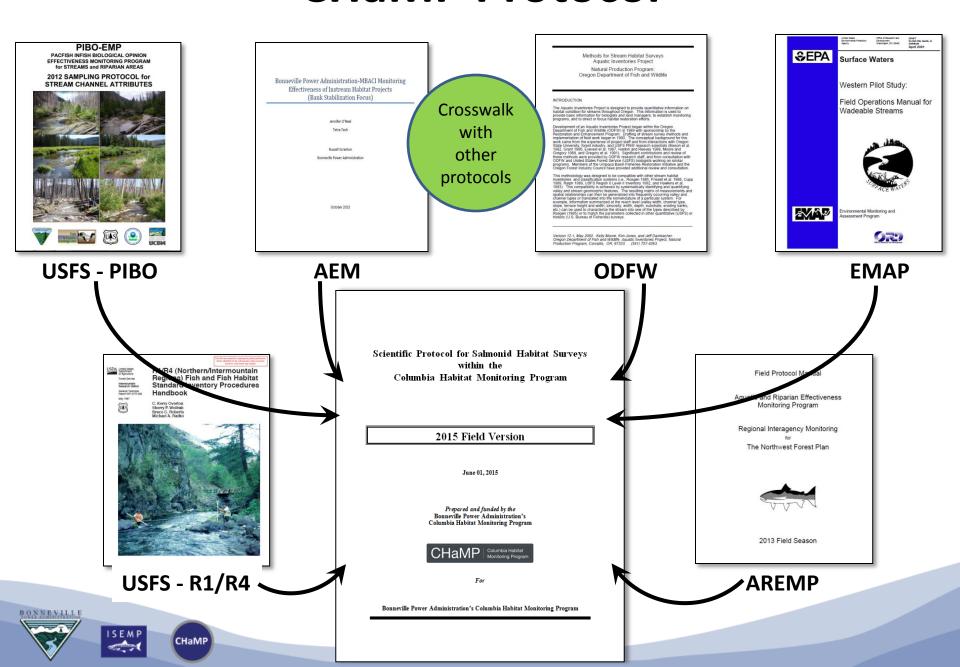
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#### **CHaMP Protocol**



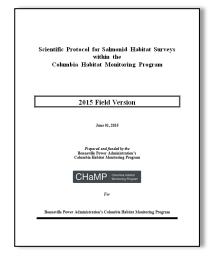
### **Data Integrity**

#### This is why we are here

Garbage in, garbage out Consistency in data collection:



- standardized methodology, repeatable





The data you collect matters!







#### **Before You Go: Data**

Site Directions & Maps







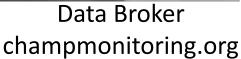
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Site Directions & Maps



Logger Application







**Data Logger** 







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Site Directions & Maps









Directions

Coordinates

Maps

Photos

**Logger Application** 







Data Broker champmonitoring.org

Data Logger

## Total Station Files



ArcGIS champmonitoring.org





**Total Station** 







### **Before You Go: Equipment**

#### **Topographic Survey Equipment**









### **Before You Go: Equipment**





#### **Auxiliary Data Equipment**



### **Arriving at the Site**

#### **New Sites**

- No previous sample
- X-Site coordinates only, navigate to point
- Establish new site location, width category
- Establish new benchmarks, markers, temperature loggers, etc.







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#### **Revisit Sites**

- Sampled previously
- Use existing width category
- Relocate top/bottom of site, benchmarks, markers, temperature loggers, etc.



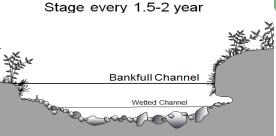




### **Getting Started: Site Setup**

- Locate X-Site
- Establish bottom of site
- Identify bankfull
- Measure bankfull widths
- Establish width category











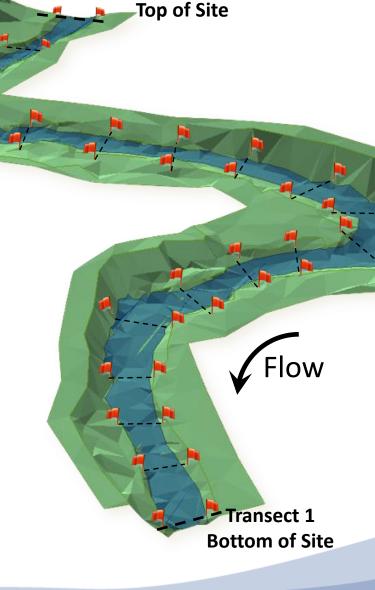


### **Getting Started: Site Setup**

#### Lay out site

 Site Length = 20x average bankfull width

Establish 21 transects1 bankfull width apart



**Transect 21** 







### **Topographic and Auxiliary Data Collection**

#### **Topographic Data Collection**

1 Total Station Gunner 1 Rod Person

#### **Auxiliary Data Collection**

1 Crew Member



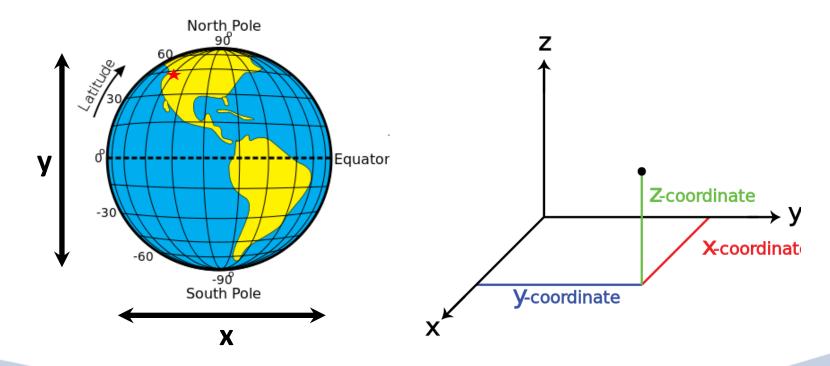








**Objective:** Capture X, Y, and Z coordinates as points and lines that collectively represent a topographic surface of the stream channel and surrounding floodplain







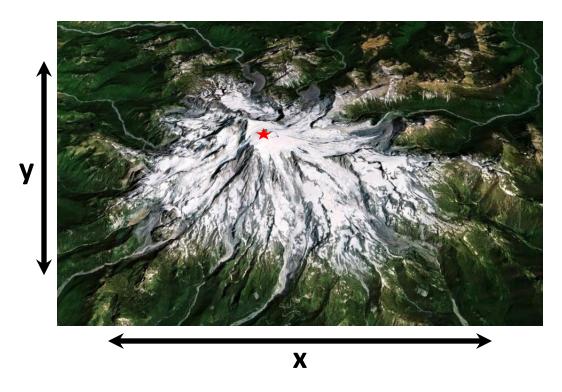


#### **Mount Rainier (Summit)**

Longitude (x): -121.755173

<u>Latitude (y):</u> 46.851382

Elevation (z): 4330 meters









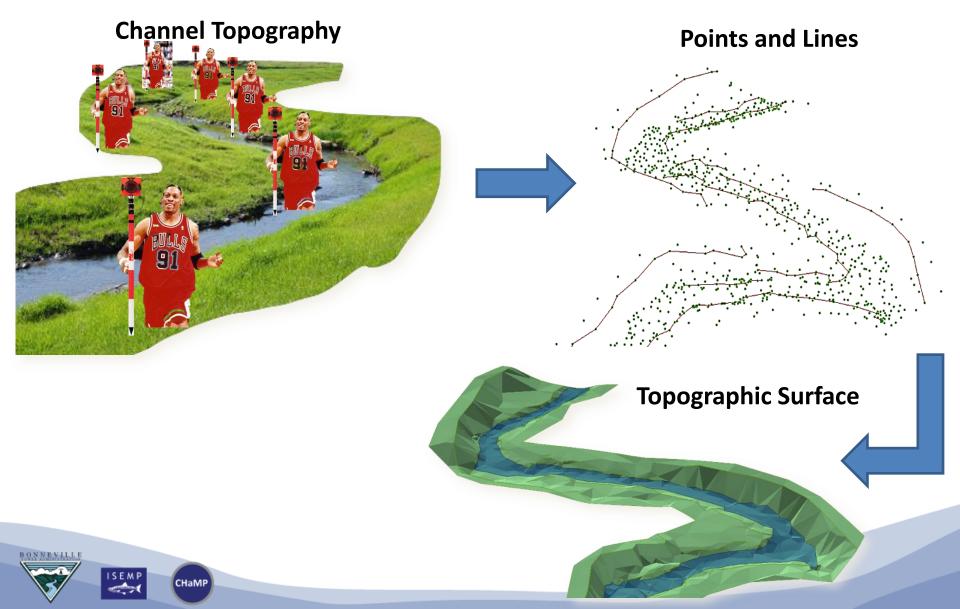
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# Topographic Data Collection Site Types

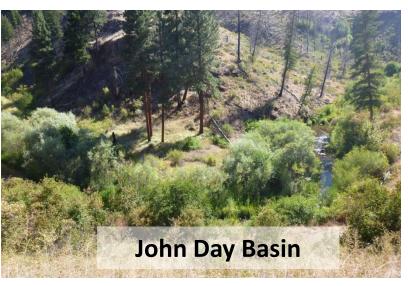
Points per site: 600 – 1200+

Average ~ 100 points/hour

Dependent Upon:

- Stream Size/Complexity
- Vegetation
- Group Objectives

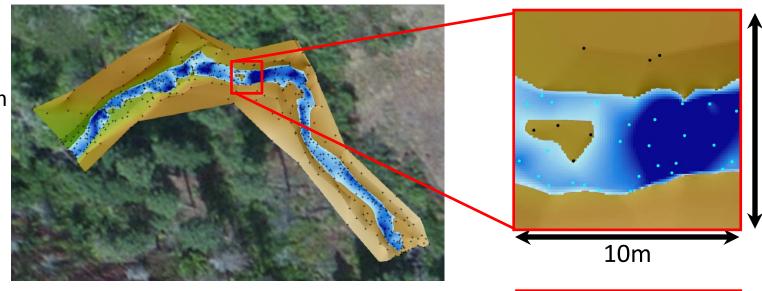






#### **Point Density**

Cummings Cr.
Site Length = 120m
500 points
~1 point/1m<sup>2</sup>



Methow River
Site Length = 600m
1200 points
~1 point/34 m<sup>2</sup>



### **Auxiliary Data Collection**

Transect Measurements

Channel Unit Measurements

Site Level Measurements

Location Information

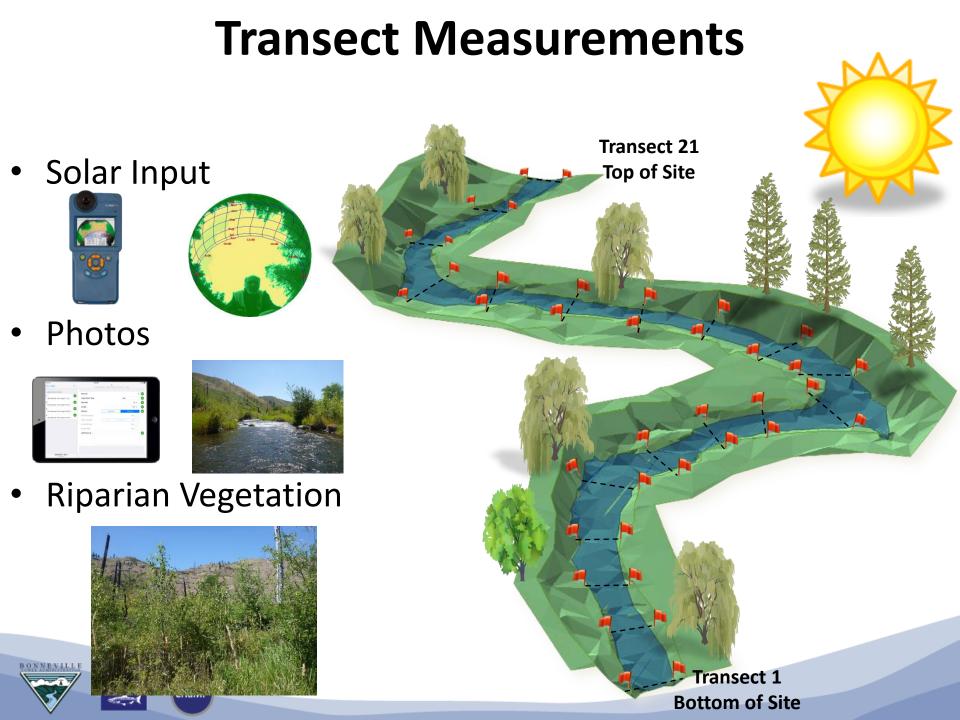






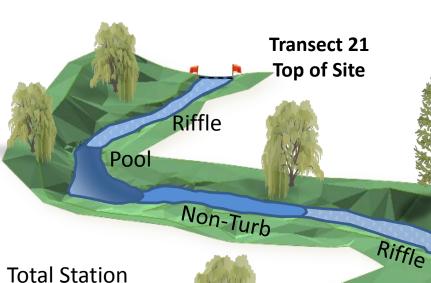






**Channel Unit Measurements** 

Channel Unit
 Classification and
 Delineation



Data Logger











Pool

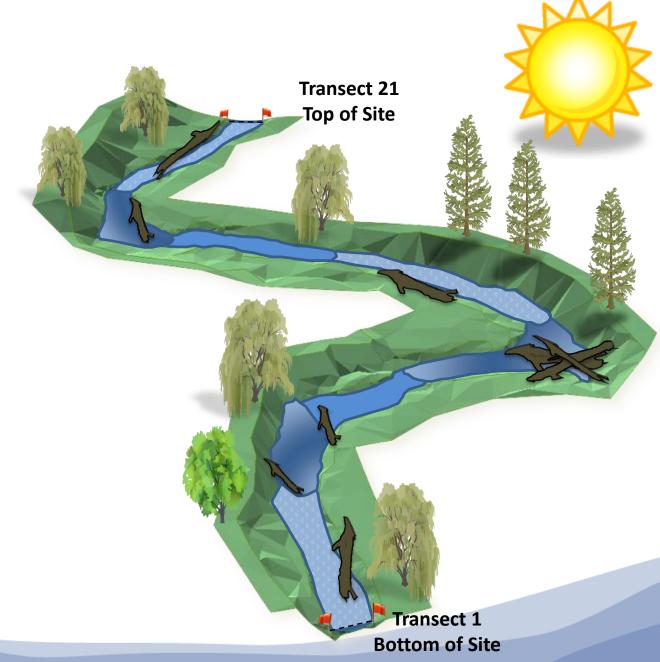






**Channel Unit Measurements** 

Large Wood

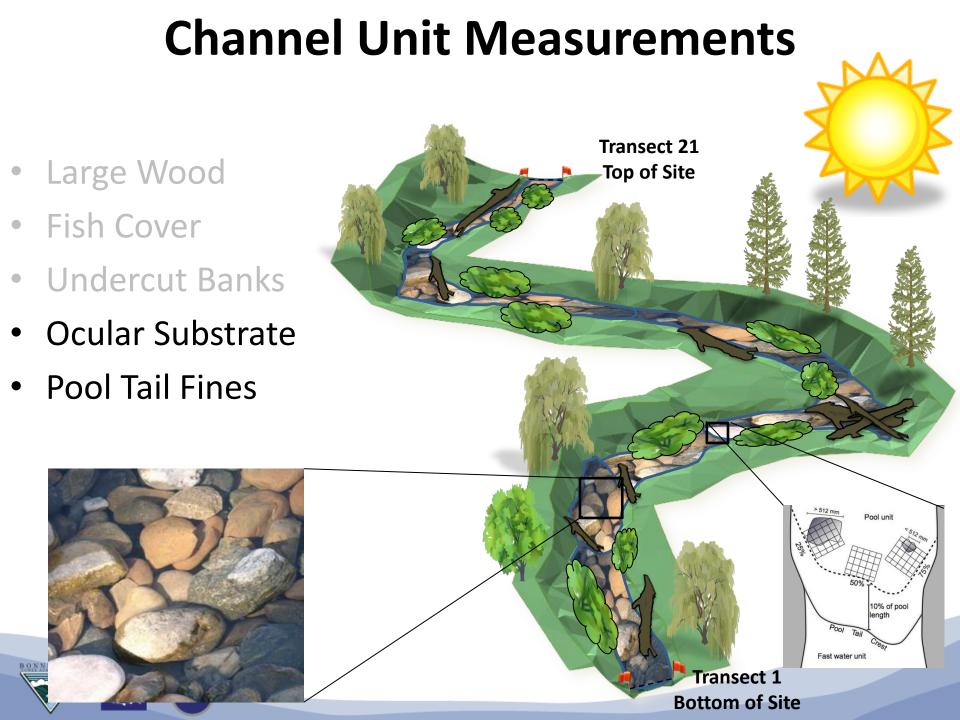








**Channel Unit Measurements Transect 21**  Large Wood Top of Site Fish Cover Undercut Banks UW = Undercut Width 1 meter Water Surface **Transect 1 Bottom of Site** 



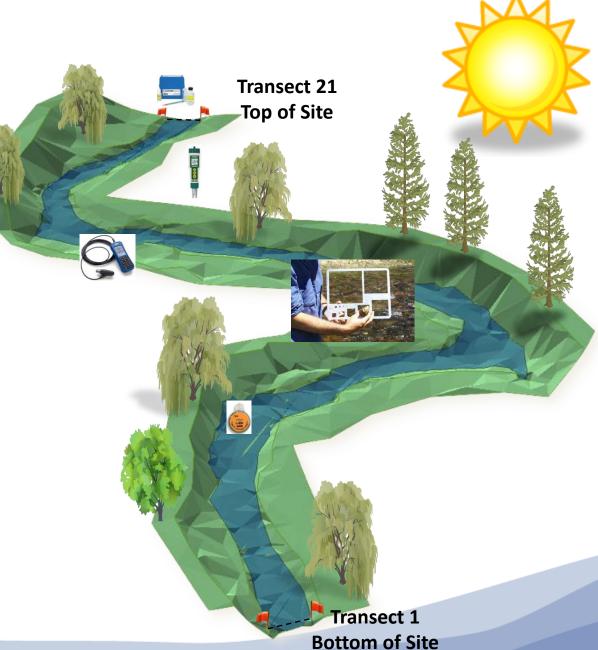
**Site Level Measurements** 

Discharge

 Pebble Counts and Embeddedness

Temperature

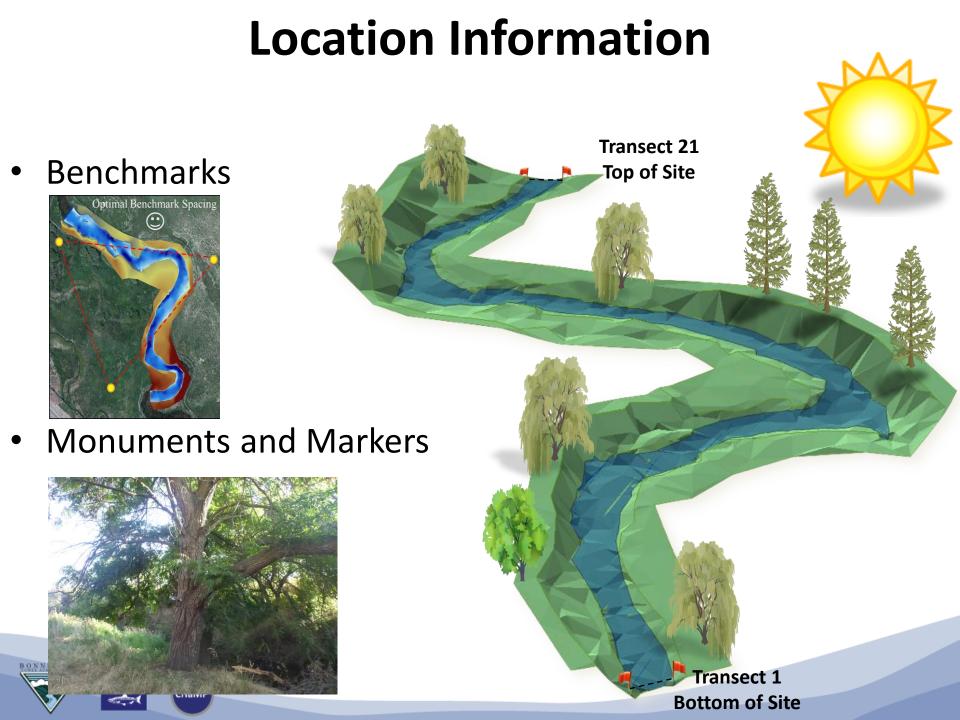
Water Chemistry











### **Post Data Collection Duties**













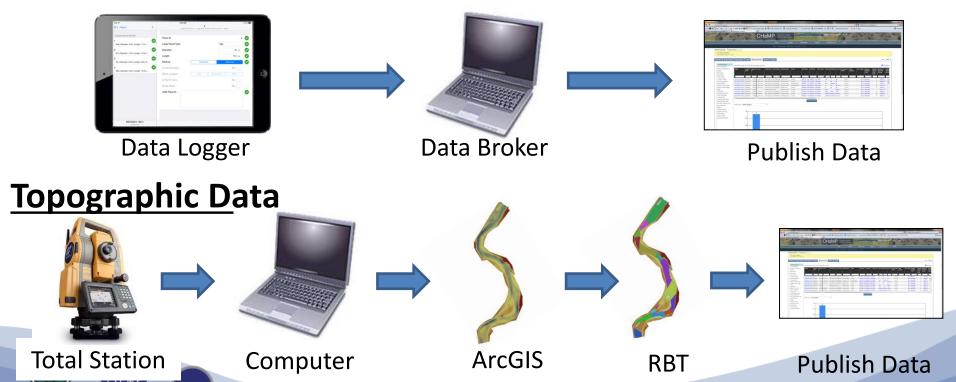


#### **Post Data Collection Workflow**

#### **Site Directions**



#### **Auxiliary Data**



#### **Site Directions**



**Site Directions** 

Overview Study Design Field Support Visits Measurements Metrics Status Site Evaluation Hitches Hitch Planning Data Check In Evaluate Site: CBW05583-038783 Site Notes Tab Site evaluators and field crew are encor **Tucannon River** Mainstem Landowner Contact Site Notes Last updated by Andrew Hill on 10/12/2011 2:48:15 PM Sampling Below Watson footbridge Notes Characters Remaining: 77 For crew supervisors to track current status of field sampling effort (e.g. "Planned: Hitch 1", "Sampled: Hitch 1", "Rejected: Hitch1") General notes about the site Directions From the junction of the Tucannon River Road and the turnoff to the Tucannon Fish Hatchery, drive up valley on the Tucannon River Road for 2.4 miles and park at pullout on left side of road. Follow path from pullout to river and walk down river ~75m. Site begins in line with small locust tree on river left (bottom of site marker) and where open area above cut bank is on river right. Characters Remaining: 1613 Drive Time: hour(s) Hike Time: hours Scouting Report Characters Remaining: 2000 Specific notes about potential challenges of accessing or sampling the site. Brush Factor: 2 ▼ LWD Factor: 2 ▼ Beaver Factor: 1 ▼ 1 indicates low impact Estimate Number of Traverses:

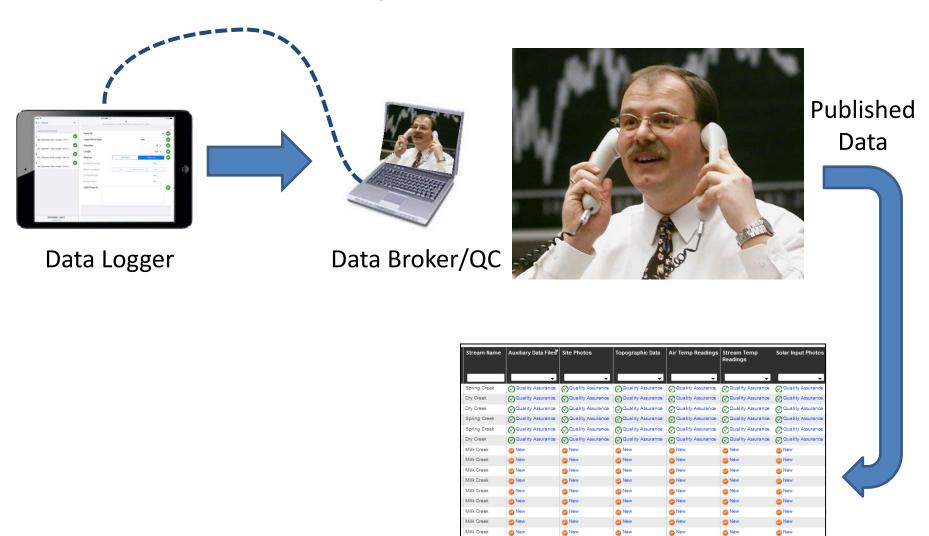
Data Entry/Edits







### **Auxiliary Data Workflow**



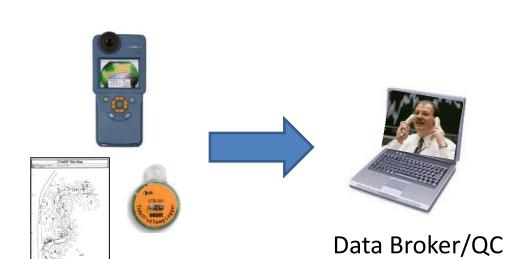








## **Auxiliary Data Workflow**





Published Data

#### **Additional Data**

- SunEye
- Stream Temp
- Site Map

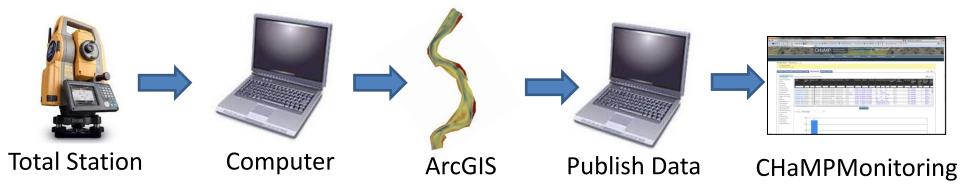


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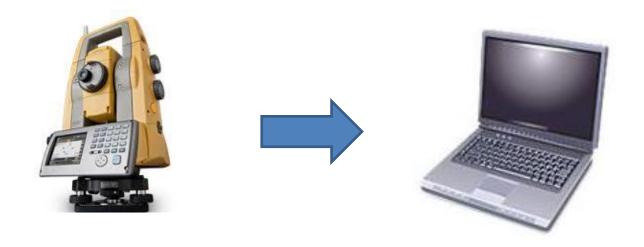




# **Topographic Data Workflow**Total Station → Computer

#### Objective:

Transfer survey points and lines from Total Station to laptop





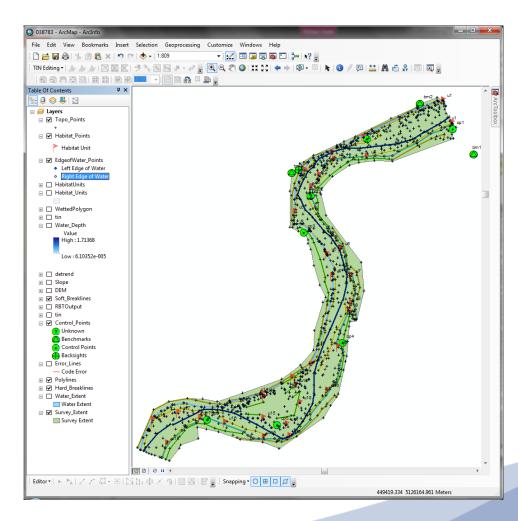




## Topographic Data Workflow ArcGIS

#### Objectives:

- TIN Creation
- TIN Editing
- DEM Creation
- Water Surface Delineation
- Channel Unit Delineation
- Centerlines and Cross-Sections









#### Objective:

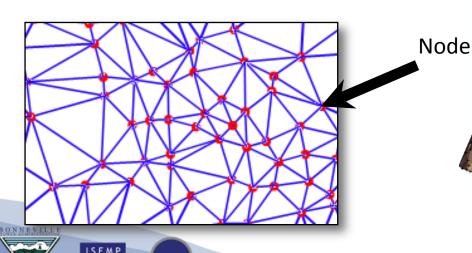
TIN Creation

TIN - Triangular Irregular Network

Linear Interpolation Between Points (Nodes)

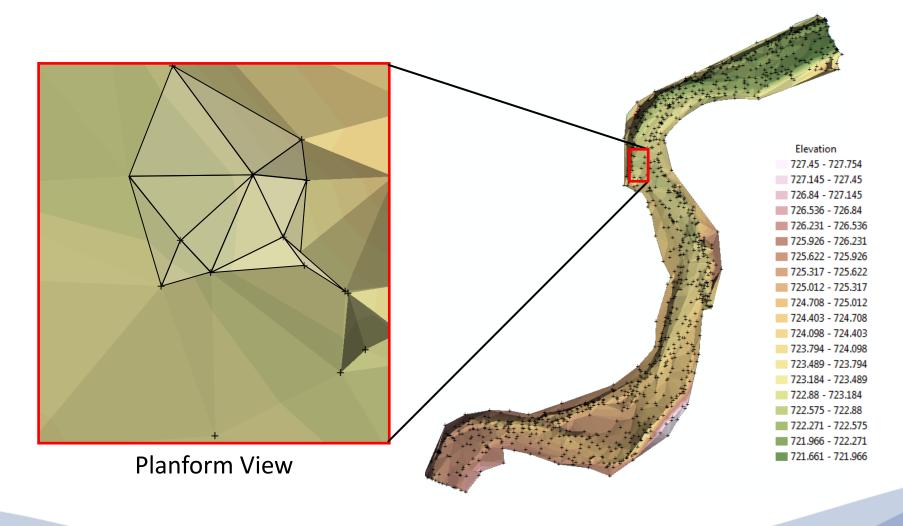
3D Representation of Topography

Visualization of Survey Quality



Elevation 727.45 - 727.754 727.145 - 727.45 726.84 - 727.145 726.536 - 726.84 726.231 - 726.536 725,926 - 726,231 725.622 - 725.926 725,317 - 725,622 725.012 - 725.317 724.708 - 725.012 724.403 - 724.708 724.098 - 724.403 723,794 - 724,098 723,489 - 723,794 723.184 - 723.489 722.88 - 723.184 722,575 - 722,88 722,271 - 722,575 721.966 - 722.271 721.661 - 721.966

# Topographic Data Workflow ArcGIS - TINs

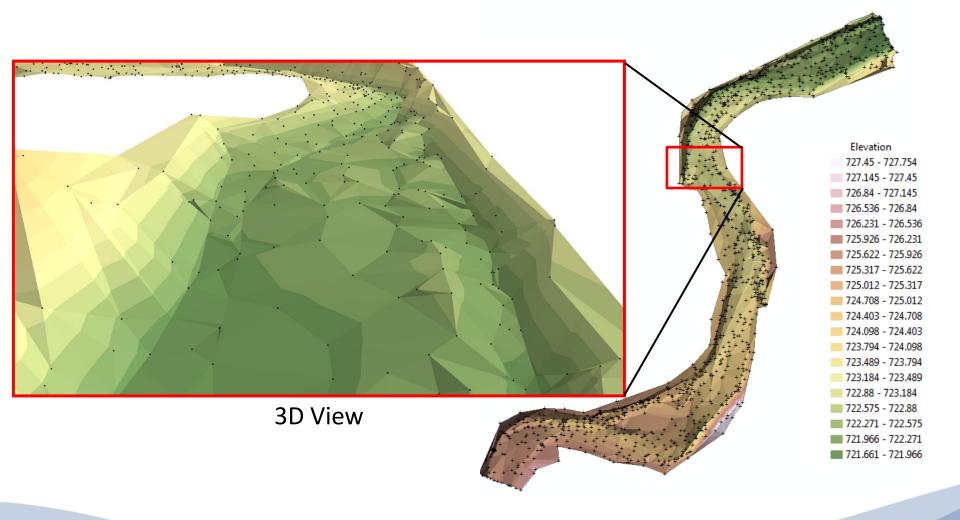








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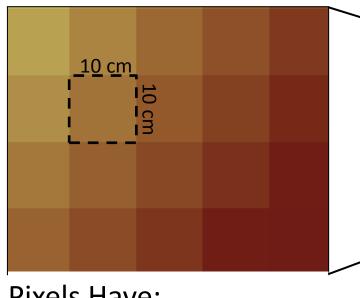


## **Topographic Data Workflow ArcGIS - DEMs**

#### Objective:

DEM creation

DEM – Digital Elevation Model



#### Pixels Have:

- Dimensions
- Attributes (Elevation)



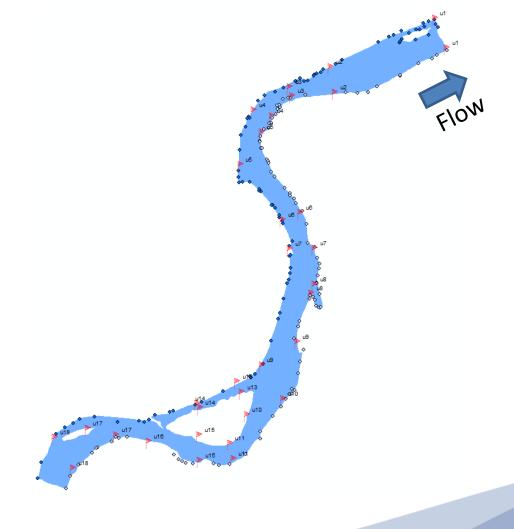






#### Objective:

Water Surface Delineation



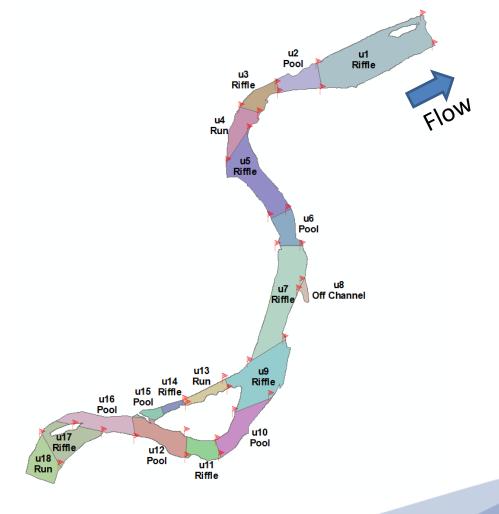






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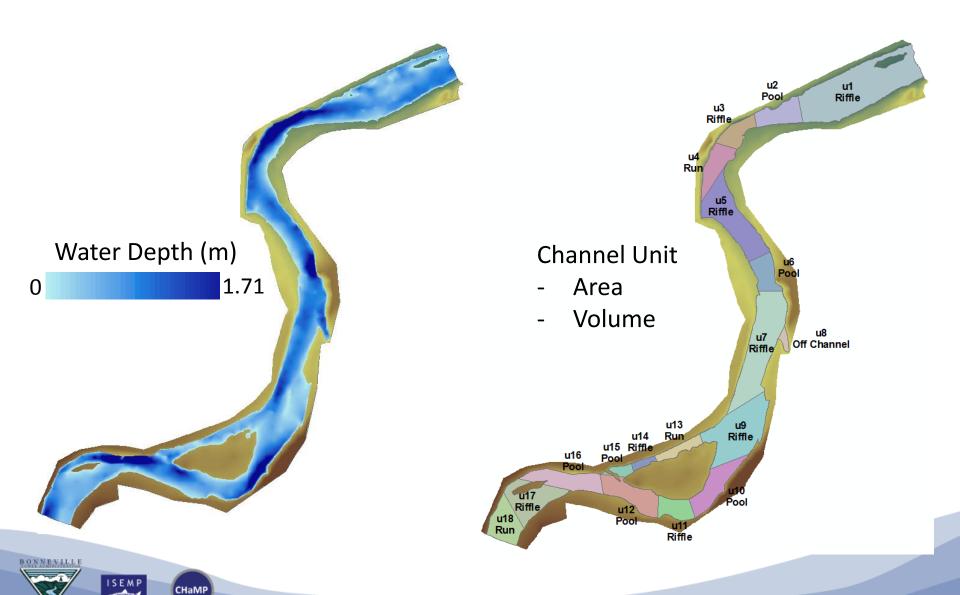
Channel Unit Delineation





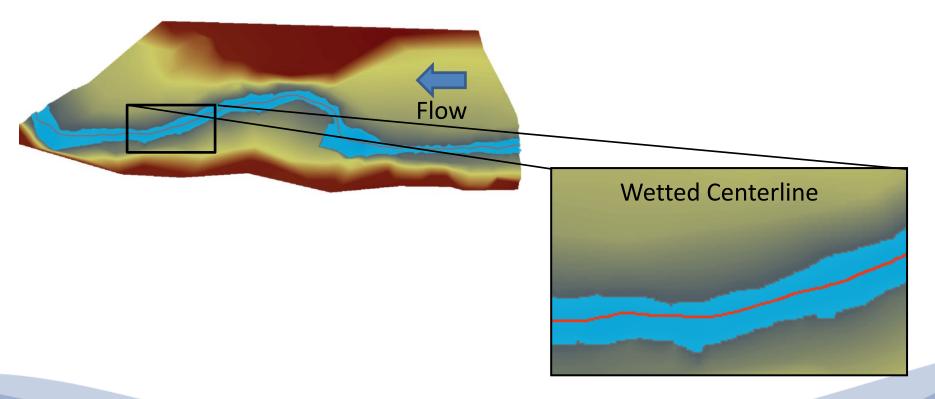






#### Objective:

Wetted and bankfull centerline delineation









#### Objective:

Delineate cross-sections from centerline

#### Why is this important?

 Many of our habitat metrics are based on cross-sections and wetted and bankfull polygons

Bad surveys = Bad metrics = Bad Science











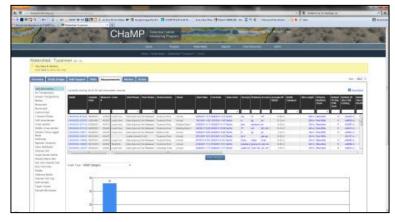




#### **Topographic Data**

- job/.mjf file (from Total Station)
- .dfx file (from Total Station)
- Geodatabase (from ArcGIS)

Data Broker



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## **End of Day Duties**



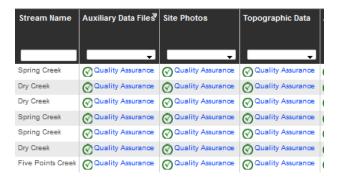
### **End of Hitch Duties**



Bug Jars Ready For Shipping



Fix Gear



All Data Uploaded, Complete, and Clean



Clean Truck







### **Decontamination**







Whirling disease



Zebra mussel



'rock snot'

Treatment Steps 1, 2, 3	Treatment Steps 4 & 5	When and Where
Step 1: Remove visible mud/organic debris from equipment with a stiff bristled brush  Step 2: Create a decontamination solution of High Dilution Solution 256 at 2.5 oz. per 1 gallon of water  Step 3: Soak for at least 10 minutes	Step 4: Pour solution back into carrying container for reuse. Discard when solution no longer produces suds  Step 5: Discard solution down a drain that will run to a wastewater treatment facility	Decontaminate gear before when moving between subbasins      Decontaminate gear at least 100 meters from a water source





Step 2







Step 4











## You Are the Key to Success









### **Lunch Time!**

### **Before 12:45**

- Disinfect your waders outside Kimsey Commons
- Pick up bag lunches

### At 12:45

- Have your protocol, gear, and waders pack for the weather!!!
- Meet vans for driving tour at Kimsey Commons
- Crew Supervisors: Meet outside Kimsey Commons for supervisor training





