Assessing and Containing Risks to Indigenous Fish Taxa Associated With Salmon Supplementation and Re-introduction





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The reality is: • PNW has a lot of hatcheries Hatcheries play a critical role in conservation, recreation, subsistence, and ceremonial uses of salmon Only recently have they been

evaluated in an ecosystem

context

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Hatchery Reform

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Yakima Program Initial Proposal

 Central Facility
 Spring Chinook
 Summer Steelhead
 Adult Traps
 Juvenile Traps
 Satellite Facility
 Proposed Production:
 7.8 million smolts including
 Spring, Summer, Fall Chinook, Summer Steelhead, Coho, Sockeye



DOE/EA-0392; 1990



Yakima

Program

- Central Facility
 - Acclimation Facility
- ♦ Adult Trap
- ▲ Juvenile Trap

Current Production Goal: 810,000 Spring Chinook (*All stock initiative)



DOE/EIS-0169; 1996

"Supplementation is the use of artificial propagation in an attempt to maintain or increase natural production while maintaining the long term fitness of the target population, and keeping ecological and genetic impacts on nontarget populations within specified biological limits.'

Supplementation Chronology



Time (Years)

Pearsons 2002: Fisheries

NTT Risk Containment Process

Identify NTTOC Set Containment Objectives Implement Detection Strategies Identify Changes to NTT Status Determine Causation Adaptive Management

Ham and Pearsons 2001

Containment Objectives

<10%

40%

sustainability

Pearsons et al. 1998, BPA Report DOE/BP 64878-6

Methods.....

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RESEARCH

Temple and Pearsons 2007

Sieve Approach to Risk Management Monitoring

1). Evaluate Distribution

2) Evaluate status





Temple and Pearsons 2012



Distribution





Causation-O. mykiss Size









Lessons Learned

- Pre-implementation planning had bigger influence on ecological interactions than adaptive management monitoring
 - (fine tuning- Temple and Pearsons 2012)
- Sieve approach may not pick up changes of interest
 - (e.g., Pearsons and Temple 2010)
- Value of reference sites/populations (NTT risk monitoring perspective)
- Adaptive monitoring as information becomes available (e.g., rare dispersed species-PAL, SND, LPD)
- Containment monitoring can support program from unfounded accusations (e.g., precocious males)



The reality is:
PNW has a lot of hatcheries
Recommend programs consider the ecological perspective in judging success

• Stay informed on HWI science

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If every Salmon suddenly disappeared from the face of the earth nothing would change. We spend entirely too many billions, wreck too much commerce, and take away too many property rights and freedoms over some stupid fish that doesn't mean a hill of beans to the earth. I think society has totally lost it's freakin' marbles.