# Fish – Habitat Models

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# What characterizes "good" habitat for fish? What are the limiting factors of a particular

habitar?

Mhat kind of restoration should be done?

## Deliverables From CHaMP Report

- By November 2013: Continue progress on existing fish-habitat models and develop additional models (see the remainder of this Chapter for details on individual models).
- By December 2013: Assemble working data set of three years of CHaMP habitat and ISEMP fish data at sites.
- By **April 2014**: Develop a draft of the July 2014 synthesis report using the final QA/QC'ed data set of habitat and fish data.
- By July 2014: A synthesis of fish-habitat relationship results from the first three years of CHaMP habitat and ISEMP fish data collection. This synthesis will incorporate a landscape-scale extrapolation process in which habitat quality and quantity estimates are also projected to both CHaMP and non-CHaMP watersheds where fish and habitat sampling did not occur.
  - Provide a working version of all models including: unstructured correlations (BRT, etc.), structured correlations (habitat suitability indices, structural equations), and mechanistic models (ecohydraulics models). Provide these models in the form of interpretive tools that can be used by decision makers to derive answers for, in particular, the three KMQs listed on page 3.
- From 2014 2018: Update the working version of all models with new information if/as it becomes available.
- By 2018: Final product for inclusion in BiOp reporting summarizing/compiling each of ISEMP/CHaMP's fish-habitat in- vestigative threads including unstructured correlations, structured correlations, and mechanistic models. Preliminary results from IMW's will also be included.

## Unstructured Fish – Habitat Correlation Models

Boosted Regression Trees

Structural Equation Models

Hierarchical Generalized Linear Models



## **Boosted Regression Trees**

#### **Classification And Regression Tree**



- No distributional assumptions
- Naturally incorporates predictor interactions
- Deals with outliers well
- Data is untransformed
- Can calculate relative importance
- Can do variable selection

Fit using R package "gbm"

Chinook Steelhead  $R^2$  $R^2$ 1.2 0.465 0.682 2.0 1.0 1.5 0.8 Predicted Predicted 0 0.6 1.0 0 Π 0 0.4 Π ዓ п 0.5 0 ٦П 0.2 0 Π Π ηÐ 0.0 0.0 1.5 1.2 0.0 0.5 1.0 2.0 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0

Observed

Observed





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Steelhead 0.06 0.020 0.04 0.015 0.02 0.010 0.00 0.005 000'0 -0.04 40 60 80 100 0 2 4 6 8 10 Entiat John Day Asotin Discharge (14.6%) % Fines (19.7%) Subbasin (12.6%)

South Fork Salmor



## Data Compilation - Fish

#### 2011 & 2012 fish data is compiled

Abundance has been estimated at the site level (~620 sites)

#### 2013: some fish data is compiled

- Upper Columbia (Wenatchee & Entiat)
- John Day (ELR & ODFW)

#### The rest should be ready soon

- Upper Grande Ronde: waiting for CHaMP metrics
- Asotin:
- SFS & Lemhi: technical issues with database almost resolved

Abundance estimates should be done by end of December

Considering normalizing fish densities by subbasin & year

## Data Compilation - Habitat

CHaMP metrics will be QA'd by ...

Model should be improved by adding:

- Temperature
- Summer solar access
- Drift?

### Data Compilation - Temperature

 Temperature metrics will be ready for all ISEMP / CHaMP sites by end of December

#### Probably focused on:

- Mean of daily summer mean temp
- Summer Growing Degree Days (sum of degrees from May 1 – Sept 22)
- Max of 7-day running mean temp
- Max of 7-day running max temp

## Plan of Attack

- Use BRT as data exploratory model
  - Determine what metrics contain the most information about fish
  - Can also use BRT results to quantify "habitat quality"

 Use metrics with most information in a more mechanistic model (SEM, etc.) to explore the causality of the fish / habitat relationship

## **Questions for Discussion**

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- Are fish sampled over CHaMP's Site.Wetted.Area?
- What about side channels?
- Consider normalizing fish densities within a subbasin / year
  - Do away with need spawner densities

## The End ...



## Issues with Spawner Density



Chinook



SpawnerDens

## Mapping Residuals - Chinook



## Mapping Residuals - Steelhead

