

# Ecological risk assessment of multiple hatchery programs in the Upper Columbia Watershed using a Delphi approach

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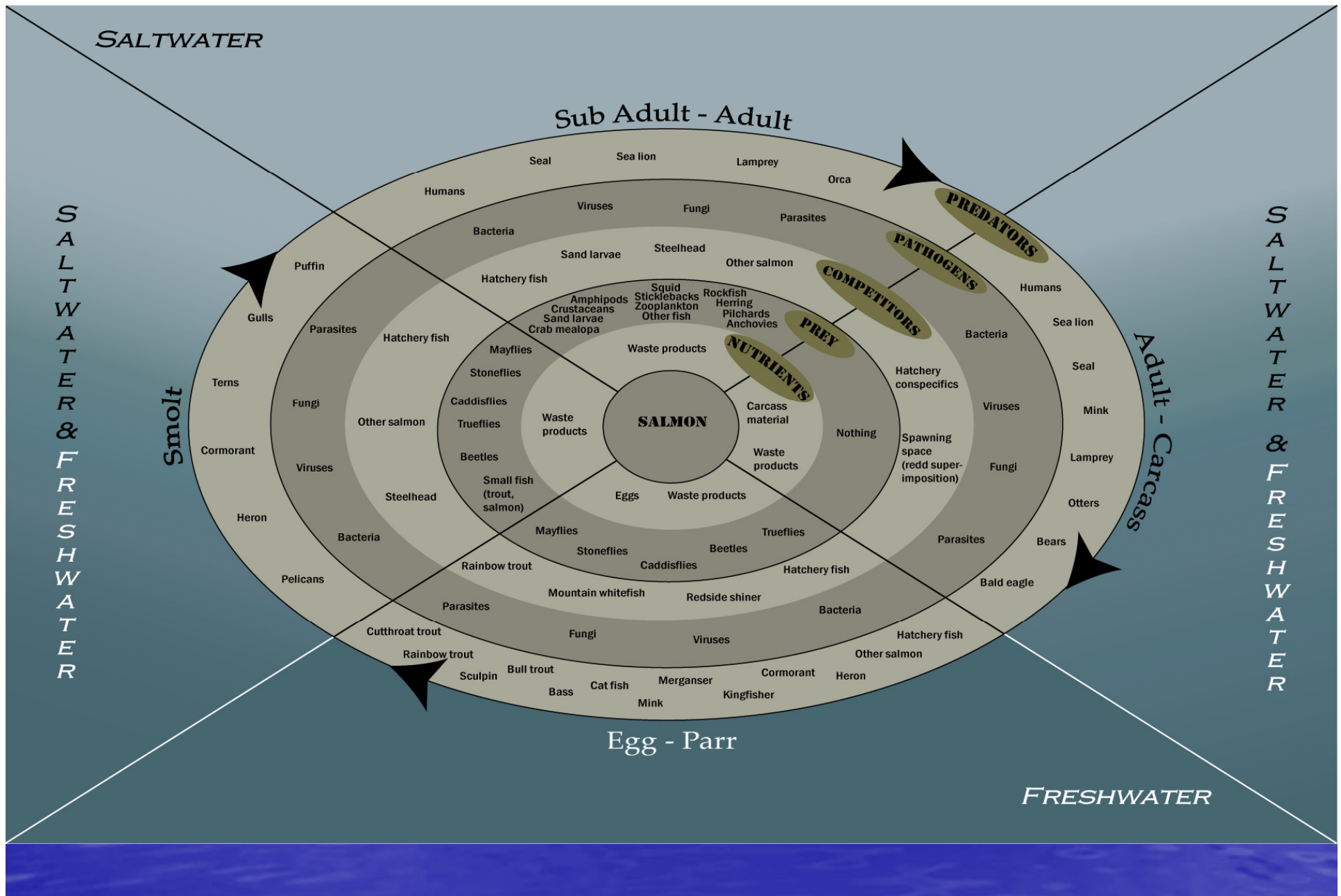
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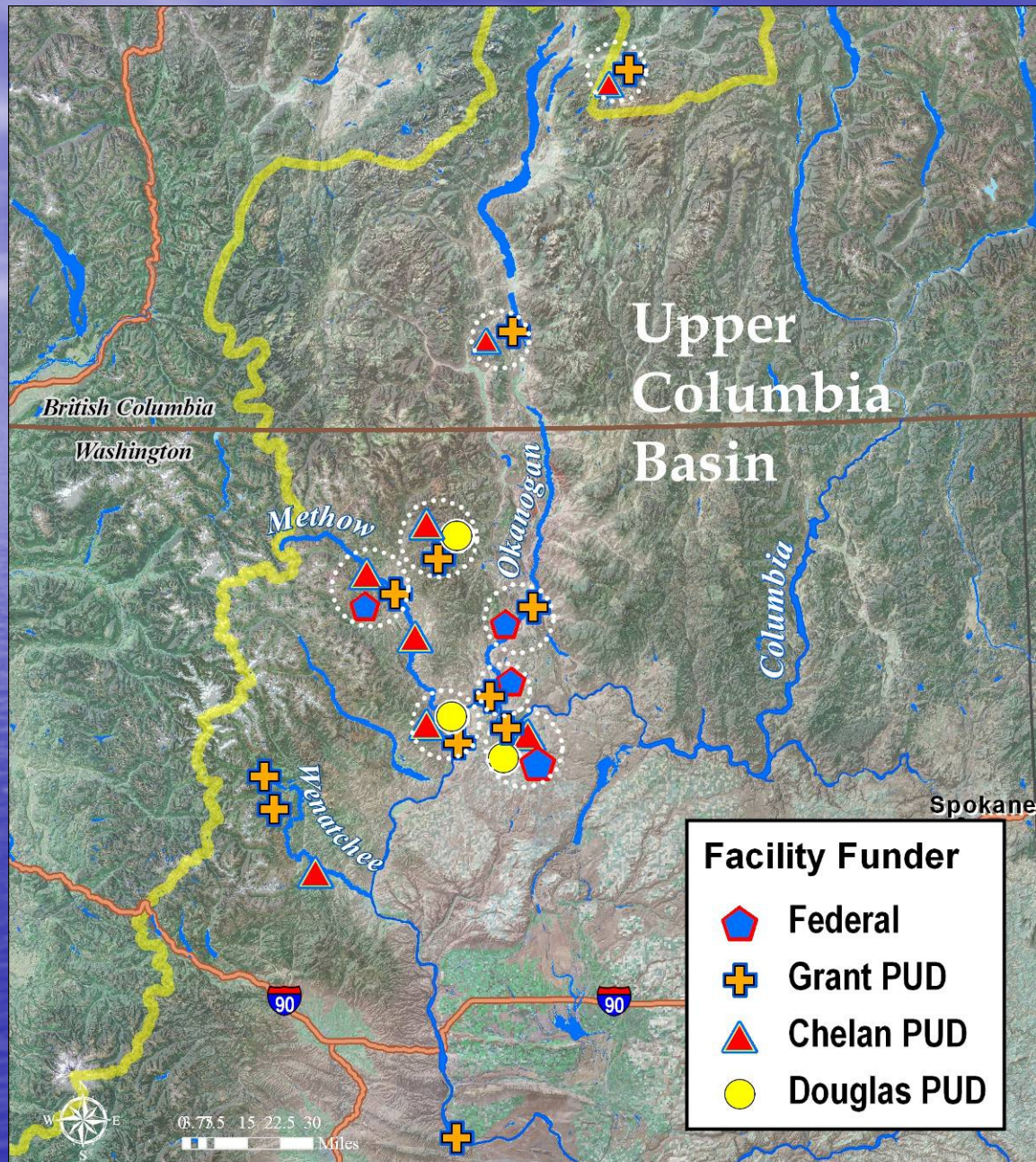




# Ecological Interactions Between Salmon and Other Species









# Approach

- Modification of Delphi approach (Pearsons and Hopley 1999) and modeling approach (Busack et al. 2005)

# Methods

1. Hatchery Committees - Identify NTTOC and containment objectives
2. Local experts – Populate Hatchery, NTTOC, and Interaction templates
3. Global and local experts – Populate Risk template (Delphi)
4. Technical Team - Estimate program and cumulative risk and scientific uncertainty (Delphi and PCD Risk 1)

NTTOC (natural origin)	Objective
Spring Chinook	VL (<5%)
Summer Chinook	L (<10%)
Steelhead	VL (<5%)
Sockeye	L (<10%)
Cutthroat	Mod (<41%)
Pacific Lamprey	VL (<5%)



# Context of Assessment

- Spatial scale
  - To the river mouth except for Columbia River releases
- Temporal scale
  - 2013-2023
  - From day of release to river mouth
- Hatchery program level
- Risks to naturally produced NTTOC



# Hatchery Template

- Species
- Release location
- Release time
- Minimum, mean, and maximum values
  - Number released
  - Mean FL, Min FL, and CV
  - Survival to mouth
  - Residence time
  - % residuals

# NTTOC Template

- NTTOC
- Minimum, mean, and maximum values
  - Abundance
  - Mean length and CV for each age class
  - Proportion of fish in each age class



# Interactions Template

- Minimum, most likely, maximum values
  - % habitat complexity
  - % population overlap
  - % habitat segregation
  - Probability dominance results in body weight loss
  - Dominance mode
  - % of body weight loss that results in death
  - Maximum daily encounters per hatchery fish
  - Piscivory rate
  - Temperature
  - Disease mortality rate for fish with no dominance encounters
  - Disease mortality rate for fish with maximum dominance

# Risk Assessment Template (Delphi)

- Interaction strength for each ecological mechanism x NTTOC metric cell (abundance, size, distribution)
- % impact to NTTOC abundance, size, and distribution



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Number of Iterations: 100

Scaling Factor: 0.1

Hatchery Species: coho

Natural Species: chinook

Number of Hatchery Fish: 50000

Number of Natural Fish: 50000

Hatchery Fish Details

Mean L: 130 CV: 0.10 Minimum L: 30

Natural Fish Details

	Mean L	CV	Prop. in Class
Age Class 1	60	0.15	1.0
Age Class 2	0	0.0	0.0
Age Class 3	0	0.0	0.0
Age Class 4	0	0.0	0.0
Age Class 5	0	0.0	0.0
Minimum L	25		

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Hatchery Fish Residence Time: 5 10 20

Hatchery Fish Survival Rate: .5 .6 .7

Percentage Habitat Complexity: 20 50 100

Percentage Population Overlap: 100

Percentage Habitat Segregation: 10 20 90

Probability Dominance Results in Body Weight Loss: 0 .1 .9

Dominance Mode: 2

Percentage of Body Weight Loss Causing Death: 1 5 74

Maximum Daily Encounters per Hatchery Fish: 1 5 10

Piscivory Rate: 0 .001 .1

Temperature (Celsius): 12

Disease Mortality Rate for Fish with No Dominance Encounters: 0 .0001 .1

Disease Mortality Rate for Fish with Max Dominance: 0 .5 1

# Risk Assessment and Uncertainty

Panelist	NTT 1	NTT 2	NTT 3
Herman	1	100	0
Peduncle	40	90	0
Fin	90	95	10
Gill	20	100	5
Beth	50	95	0
Risk (mean)	40	96	3
Uncertainty (SD)	34	4	4



# Cumulative Risk (e.g. additive ass.)

Hatchery Program	NTT 1	NTT 2	NTT 3	Total
1	5	20	1	26
2	20	5	10	35
3	10	1	5	16
4	5	1	1	7
All	40	27	17	84

# Relationship between Delphi and PCD Risk

- Determine if relationships exist between Delphi and model results
- Allows for updating of risks without having to convene experts again (e.g., change in program, new data available)
- Allows for comparison to other areas



# Lessons Learned

- Big time - Time investment increases with number of hatchery programs, NTTOC, experts, and amount of unconsolidated data that is available
- Uncomfortable - assumption rich even in areas with much data
- Data scarcity for non salmon/steelhead (e.g., Pacific lamprey, cutthroat)

# Next Steps

1. Conduct risk assessment
2. Use risk assessment to reduce risk and adapt monitoring efforts if necessary
3. Monitor and evaluate
4. Adaptive management



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