

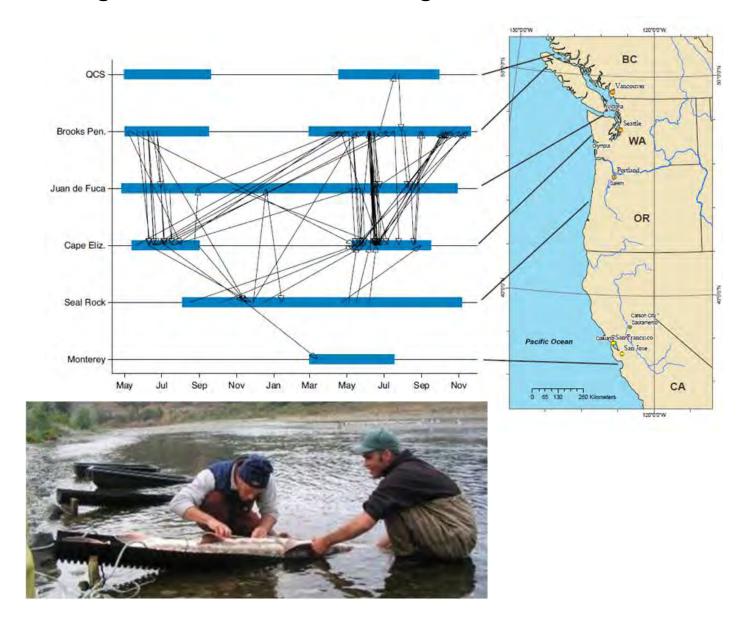


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Green sturgeon move much further than expected, including northwards winter migrations





Each new species brings a new dimension to our discoveries

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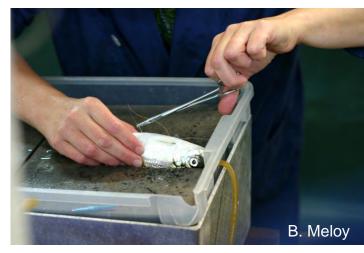
Sixgill sharks



White sturgeon



Herring



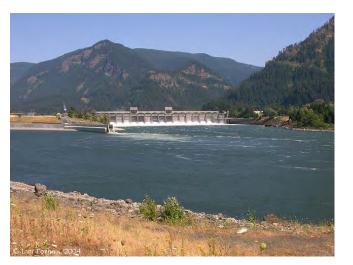
Humboldt squid, a deep water sub-tropical species, may threaten fisheries as it extends its range north.



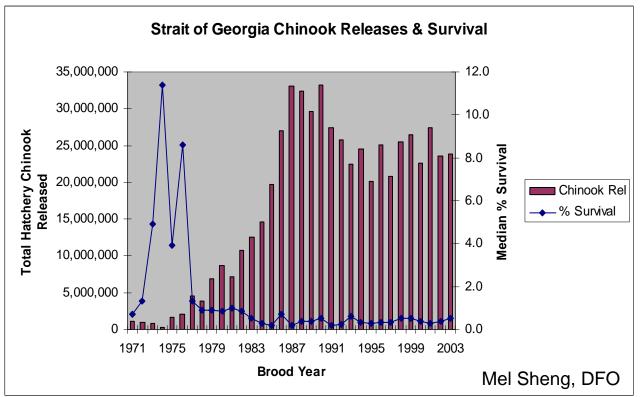




POST was created to answer the question: When and where do juvenile salmon die in the ocean?





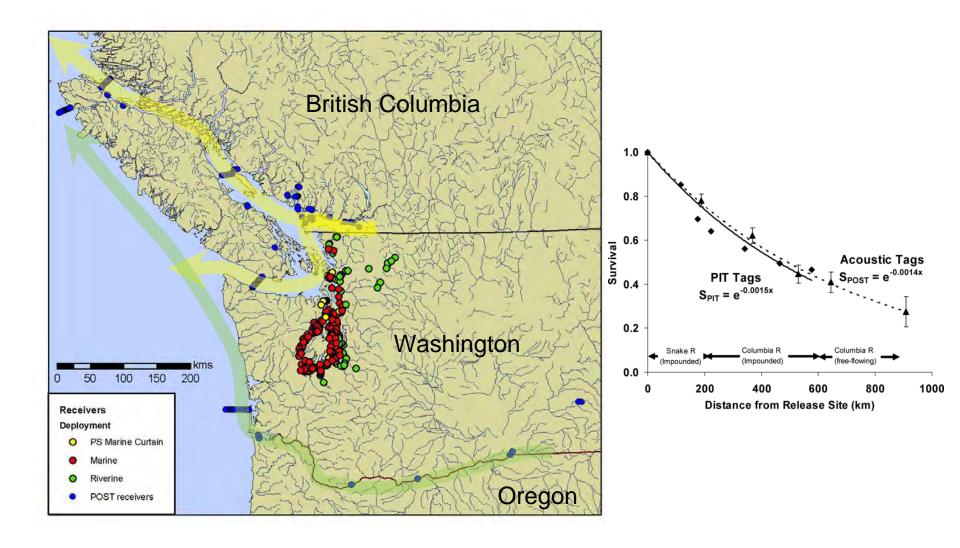






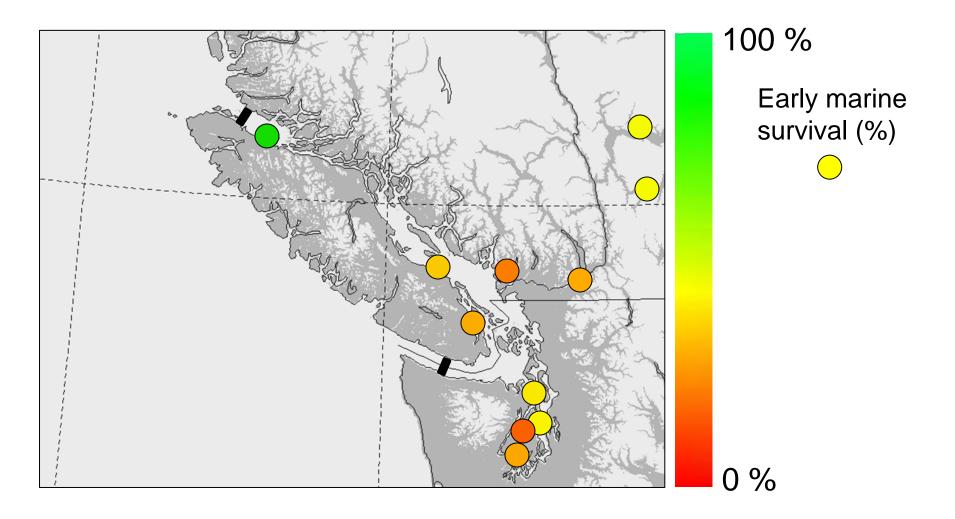


It is possible to estimate survival of migratory species like salmon, using receivers deployed in lines.



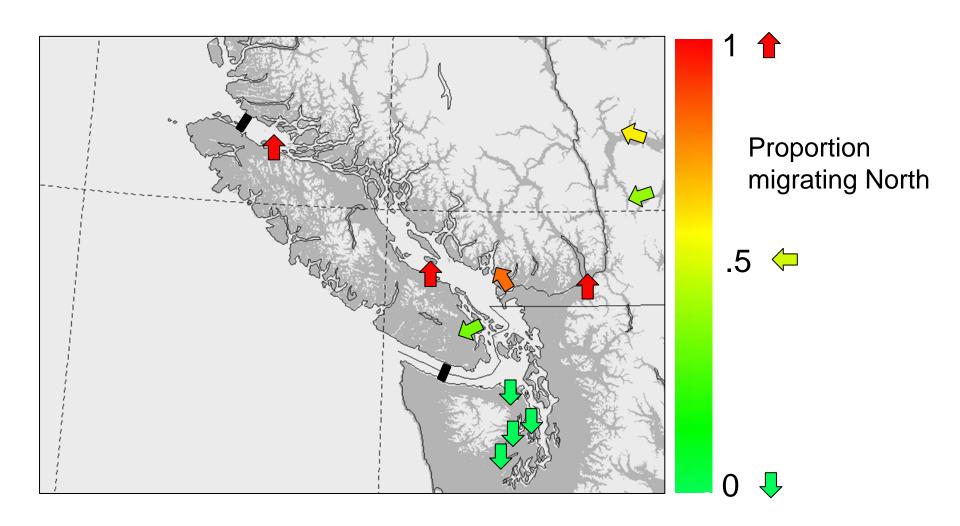
Salmon survival is a complex puzzle. Diversity exists at all scales.





Behavioral diversity means there are no "one-size-fitsall" answers for management.





Other recent salmon findings:



High mortality in WA and BC Steelhead

Diverse mortality and migration patterns in Strait of Georgia coho

No evidence of lingering effects on the survival of juvenile chinook that passed through Columbia River dams; also, barging fish around dams may not improve their overall survival

Marine migratory behavior of a steelhead-cutthroat hybrid was measurably distinct from both parent species.

Tagging effects evaluated (several species)

Last Year....

This Year....



THE VANCOUVER SUN Fraser sockeye: Too much bounty? After three years of inactivity, B.C.'s fishery industry is already struggling to handle the biggest run since 1913 BY DERRICK PENNER, VANCOUVER SUN AUGUST 26, 2010 STORY PHOTOS (1) STORY TOOL

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POST Legacies



- A proven concept
- A growing physical infrastructure (465 receivers)
- Rapidly expanding base of users and data
 - 49 PI's and 9 M detections of ~16,000 tags on 18 species
- •An increasingly organized telemetry community that includes The Ocean Tracking Network
- Valuable baseline data on survival and migration
- •New abilities to test hypotheses about population regulation of marine species on the continental shelves

Looking forward

More observations...



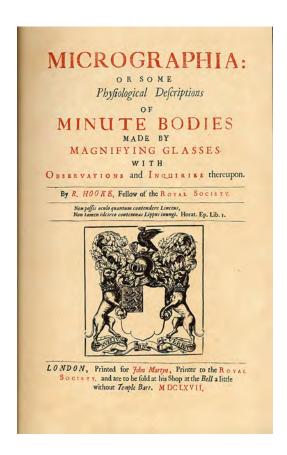


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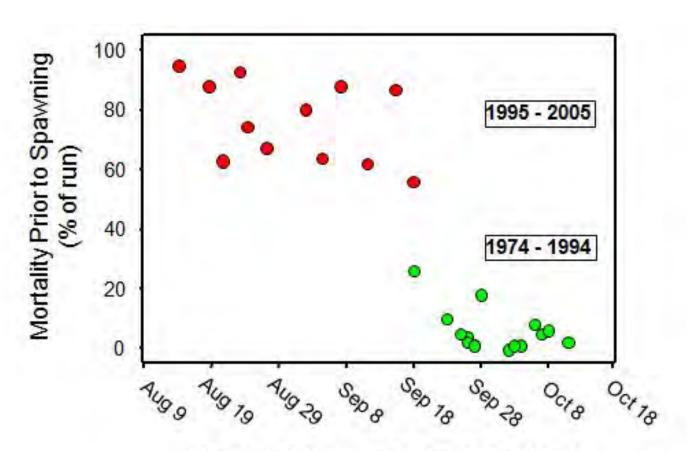
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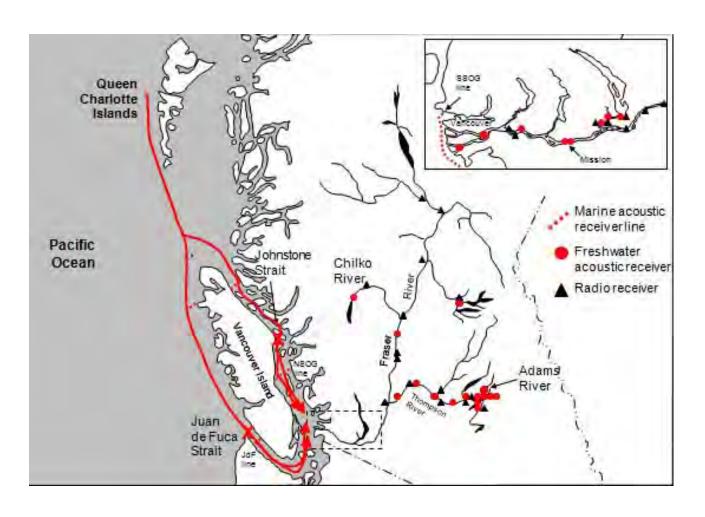
Making best use of tracking data (an example)



Up-River Migration Date (50% of run)
Crossin, Hinch, Farrell, Cooke et al.

Acoustic arrays are most powerful when used in combination with other methods to test hypotheses





Crossin, Hinch, Farrell, Cooke et al.

Methods

1. <u>Non-lethal biopsy</u> for physiological markers (gross somatic energy, plasma ions (Na+, Cl-), metabolites (lactate, glucose), sex hormones (T, E₂), stress hormones (cortisol), gill Na+,K+-

ATPase, adipose clip for DNA

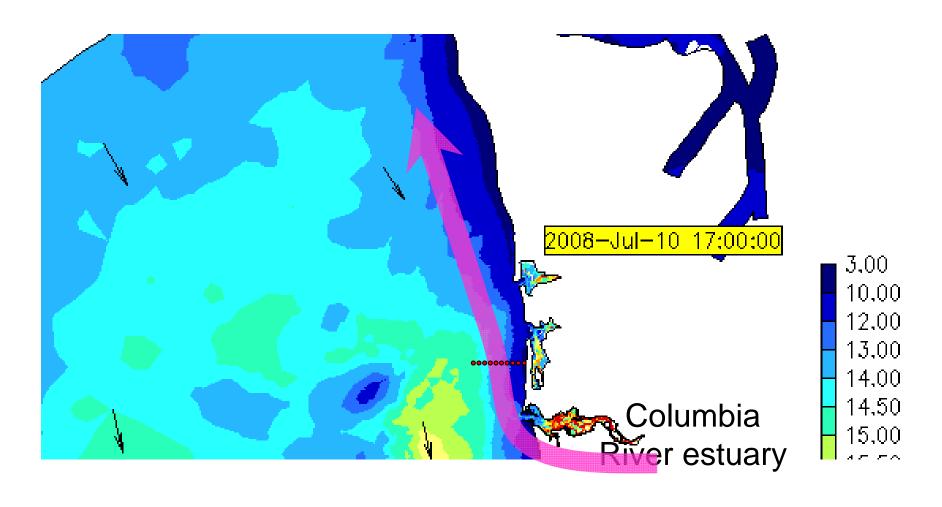
- 2. Acoustic transmitters attached
- 3. Manipulations
 - Fish held at different temperatures on their way upriver
 - Hormone (GnRH) implants

Queen Charlotte Islands Pacific Ocean Chilko River Adams River Juan de Fuca Strait Juan de Fuca Strait

Results

- Early-entry fish exceed their thermal limits (aerobic capacity)
- Strong correlations between reproductive maturity, preparedness for freshwater, and early entry
- Evidence that fate is set when salmon are >600 km from the river

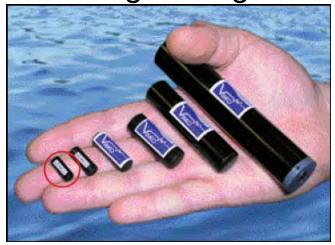
Another way to integrate tracking data



http://www.ccalmr.ogi.edu/CORIE/hindcasts/database/ base_frame.html (July 2008 salinity estuary)

Improving the macroscope

Smaller tags, better knowledge of tag effects

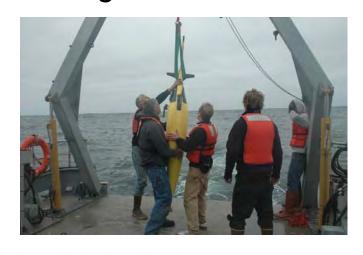


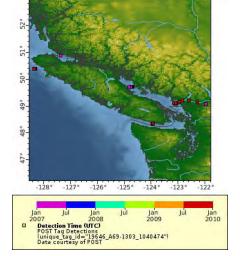
Integration with other data





Mobile receivers carried by animals or seagliders







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