Chehalis Basin Strategy: Reducing Flood Damage and Enhancing Aquatic Species

Aquatic Species Enhancement Plan

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Study objectives – Summer 2013

 Gain an understanding of juvenile salmonid movements during their summer rearing period with a focus on fish movements at the proposed dam site in the Upper Chehalis sub-basin.



The total number of tagged juvenile coho and *O.mykiss* released by location and the total number detected at least once during the study period.

	Coho		O. mykiss	
	65 - 97 mm		65 – 159 mm	
Release Sites – distance				
downstream from dam site	Tagged	% Detected	Tagged	% Detected
Dam site (0 km)	214	53.7	21	38.1
0.8 km	456	11.4	39	5.1
3.5 km	539	29.5	144	12.5
7.8 km	405	9.1	27	7.4
Total	1614	21.6	231	13.0





Date

Proportionally more O.mykiss detected from Pe Ell area when compared to coho
O. mykiss moved up to 7.8 km upstream, coho 3.5 km



Juvenile coho and O.mykiss:

- 1) Consistently observed at dam site throughout study period
- 2) Moved upstream and downstream on a daily basis throughout study period



Juvenile coho and O. mykiss moved upstream in the morning and downstream in the evening





Bi-modal trend of detections were also observed at tributary sites Movements from mainstem to tributaries



Total number of individual fish detected

Original study objectives

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Take-homes from 2013

- Juvenile O.mykiss moved 7.8 km upstream to the dam site
- Juvenile coho moved 3.5 km upstream to the dam site
- Juvenile coho and O.mykiss were consistently detected at the dam site throughout the study period
- Juvenile coho and O.mykiss moved in upstream and downstream direction through the dam site on a daily basis
- General movements each day were upstream in the morning and downstream in the evening
- Juvenile O.mykiss and coho moved from mainstem to tributary

Refined study design

- How are movements related to increasing summer temperatures?
- How far and what direction are fish coming from?
- How many fish?

Stratifying tagging reaches at fixed distances above and below dam site

Connectivity footprint



Questions







