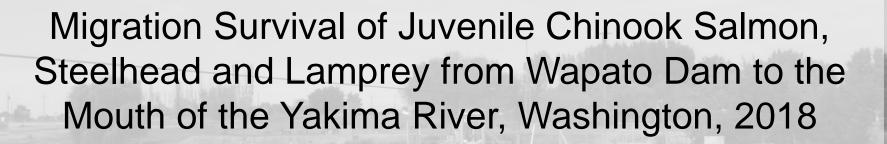






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# Acknowledgments

- Yakama Nation
  - 38 receivers
  - 900 transmitters
  - Fish and bird predation fieldwork (YN)
  - Bureau of Reclamation
    - 200 transmitters
    - Telemetry fieldwork and data analysis (USGS)
    - Fieldwork (USBR)
- Yakima Basin Joint Board
  - Fish predation fieldwork (MHE)
- Kennewick Irrigation District
  - 8 receivers
- McNary Mitigation Fund
  - 100 lamprey telemetry transmitters and fieldwork (YN, USGS)
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
  - Assistance with lamprey transmitters
  - Columbia River detection data (McNary Dam to Camas, Washington)



# Overview

#### - Species

- Yearling Chinook salmon (n = 429)
- Steelhead (n = 313)
- Subyearling Chinook salmon (n = 400)
- Lamprey (*n* = 97)

#### Study area

- Primary: Lower Yakima River (Yakima to Kennewick)
- Secondary: Columbia River (Kennewick to Camas)
- Duration
  - 2018, 2019, 2020
  - 2018 is pilot study
  - March to July each year



### **Fish Tagging and Release**

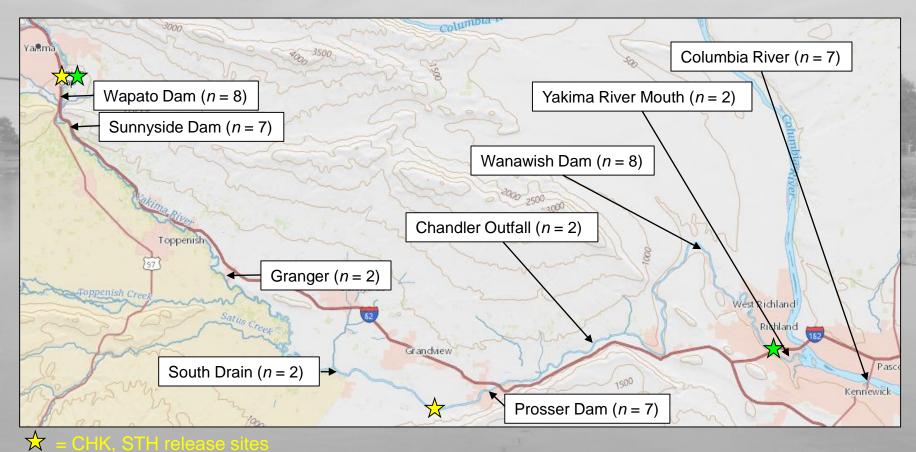




# **Fish Tagging and Release**

Week		Yearling Chinook		Subyearling Chinook		Steelhead	
	-	Wapato	Prosser	Wapato	Prosser	Wapato	Prosser
Mar 26-30		30	20				
Apr 2-6		30	20				
Apr 9-13		30	20			30	20
Apr 16-20		30	20			30	20
Apr 23-27		30	20			30	20
Apr 30-May 4		30	20			30	20
May 7-11		30	20			30	20
May 14-18				30	20	30	20
May 21-25				30	20	30	20
May 28-Jun 1				30	20		
Jun 4-8				30	20		
Jun 11-15				30	20		
Jun 18-22				30	20		
Jun 25-29				30	20		
Jul 2-6				30	20		
	Totals	210	140	240	160	210	140
		350		400		350	
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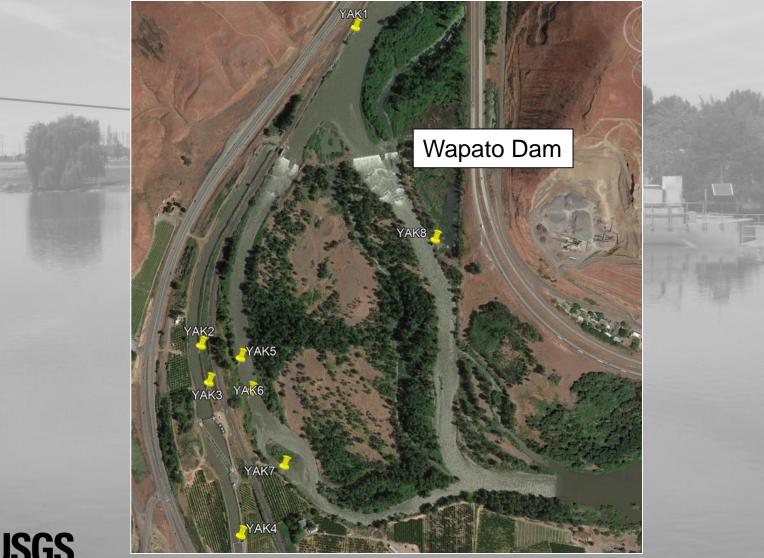
# **Study Area and Monitoring Sites**



 $\bigstar$  = Lamprey release sites



### **Route-Specific Passage**



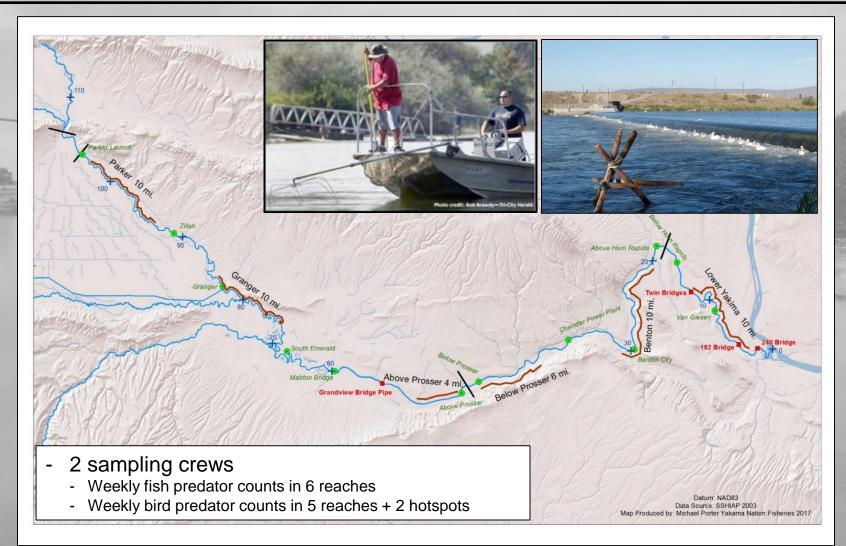


# **Survival Covariates**

- Fish size, release date
  - From tagging crew at time of tagging and release
- Day of year
  - From telemetry receivers
- Discharge
  - From existing flow gages
- Water temperature
  - From telemetry receivers and thermographs
- Turbidity
  - From predator sampling crew
- Predator index, abundance, and consumption
  - From predator sampling crew

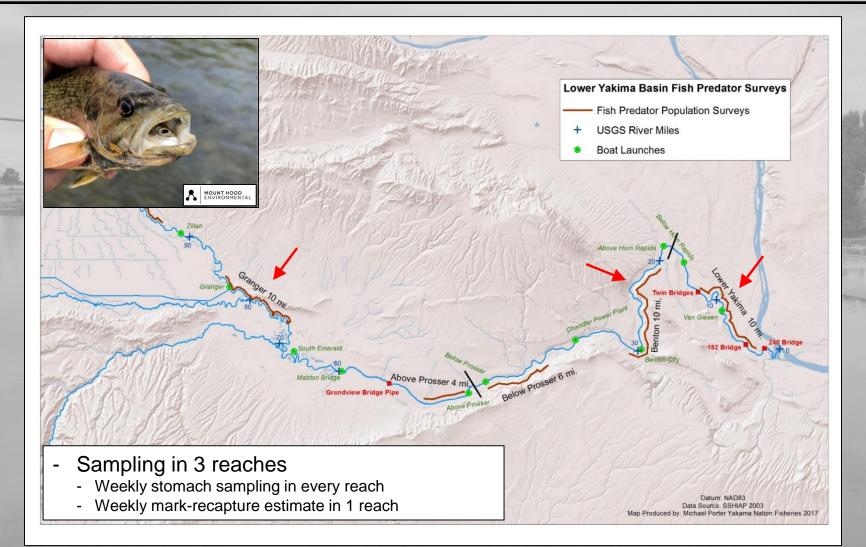


## **Predator Index Sampling**



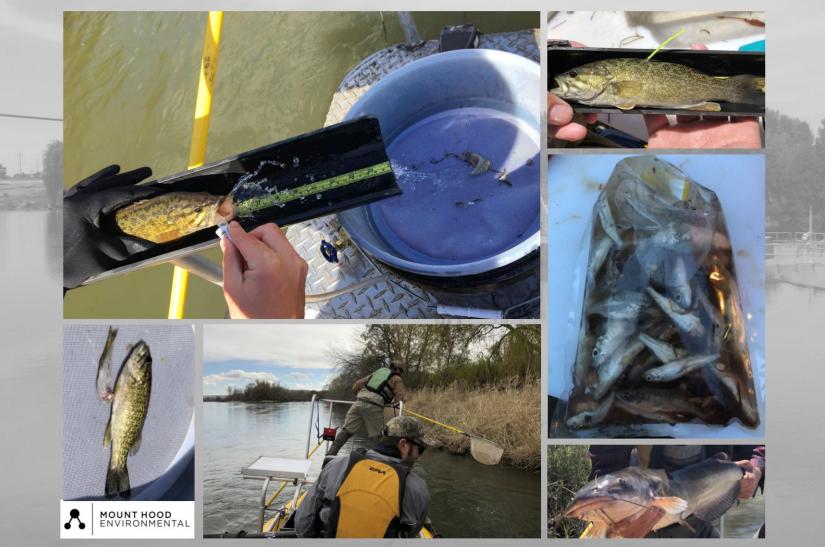


### **Predator Abundance and Consumption**



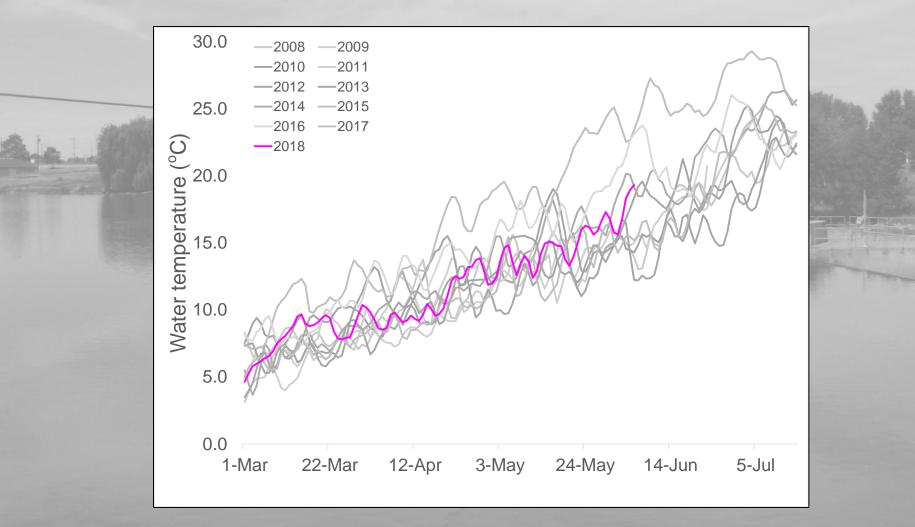


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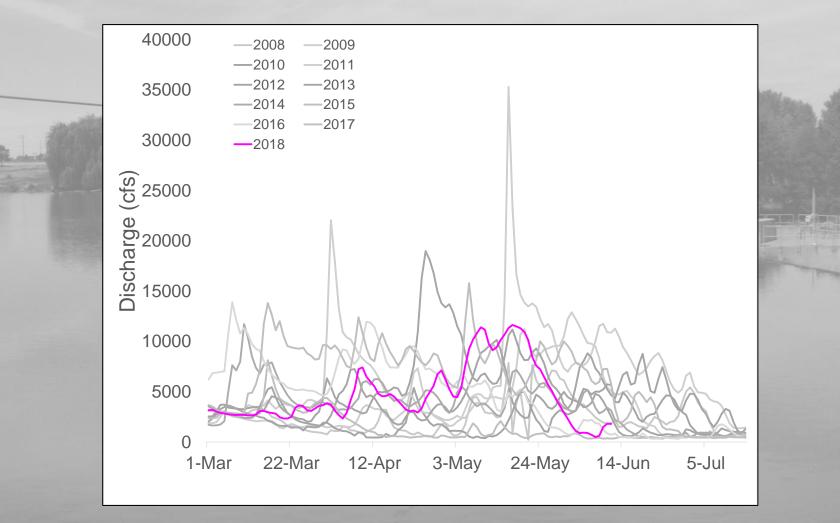


### **Water Temperature**



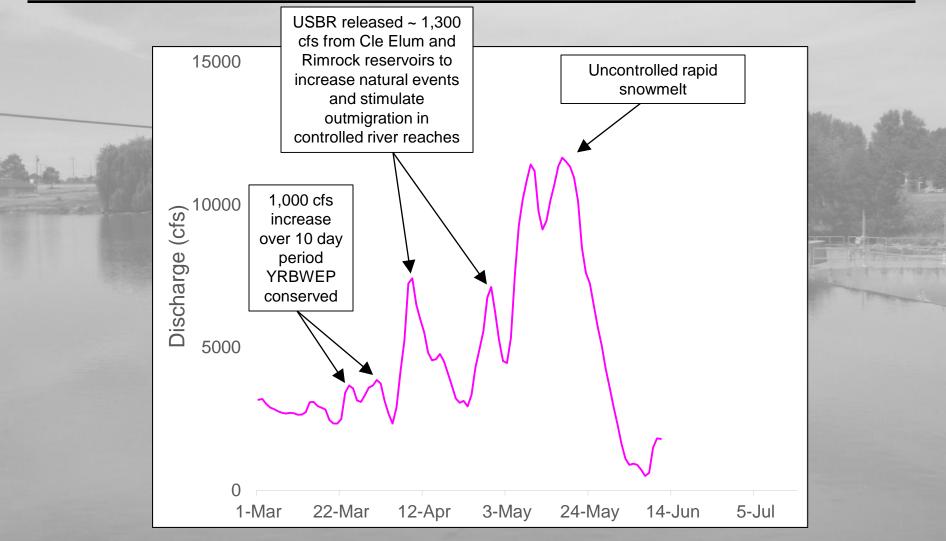


### Discharge





## Discharge



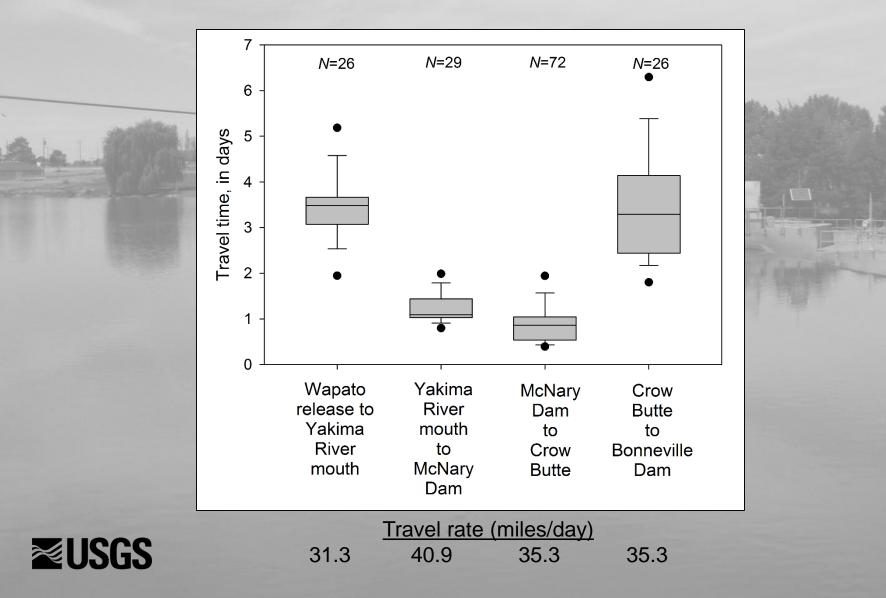


# Lamprey Tagging and Release

- 97 lamprey tagged and released
  - Macrophthalmia
    - Mean length = 149.6 mm (SD = 7.9)
  - Collection sites
    - Ahtanum Creek n = 5
    - Prosser Dam n = 25
    - Toppenish Creek n = 5
    - John Day Dam *n* = 14
    - McNary Dam *n* = 48
  - Release sites and dates:
  - Lamprey "specialists"
    - Ralph Lampman (YN)
    - Tyler Beals (YN)
    - Theresa Liedtke (USGS)

	Release sites				
Date	Wapato	Yakima River mouth			
May 9	19	0			
May 10	0	24			
May 15	29	25			
Total	48	49			

## **Preliminary Lamprey Results**



# **Preliminary Juvenile Salmon Results**

Wapato release site to Yakima River mouth 14000 16 Flow <sup>-</sup>low, in cubic feet per second 14 12000 Yearling Chinook salmon Steelhead 12 Travel time, in days 10000 10 8000 8 6000 6 4000 4 2000 2 0 0 3/1 3/15 3/29 4/12 4/26 5/10 5/24 6/7 2018



# Summary

#### - Where we're at:

- A study of "multiples"
  - Years of research
  - Species
  - Entities working
  - Areas of focus
- Where we're going:
  - Results from individual years
    - Provide insights into factors affecting migration survival
    - Inform future study design modifications
  - Results from all years
    - Identify significant factors affecting migration survival
    - Inform development of a decision-support tool



