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Protocols to Measure and Assess Select Geomorphic and Habitat Correlates
For the YKFP EDT Model

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Summary of Presentation:

The goal of this work is to develop a suite of protocols used to measure and assess select geomorphic and habitat correlates for the Yakima Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP) Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment (EDT) model. The level two correlates examined include the following: gradient, habitat type composition, minimum and maximum channel width, natural and anthropogenic confinement, riparian function, and measurements of woody debris.

All of the methods described were developed or chosen for their level of precision relative to assessment scale and the expenditure of both time and money required to implement them. This is a key point, since the range of index values associated with each of the level two correlates within EDT does not necessitate absolute precision. EDT reaches were classified using Montgomery and Buffington's (1992) stream classification system. Other correlates were assessed using a combination of aerial photo interpretation and field measurements. We also compared the correlate measurements resulting from random, systematic and stratified sampling strategies. The protocols we have developed will serve to expedite the EDT process wherever it is implemented.