# Environmental DNA detection of salmonids

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# eDNA detection papers



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# **Processes affecting eDNA detection**





# Our focus: understanding processes

- Degradation rates related to pH, UV, and temperature
- eDNA transport in streams

- Cross-sectional distribution of eDNA
- Longitudinal distribution of eDNA

• Detection of nuclear vs. mitochondrial DNA

# Salmonid assays

- Bull trout ITS1 (repeated nuclear gene)
- Brook trout cyt b (mitochondrial)
  - Wilcox et al. (2013) assay
- Chinook COI (mitochondrial)
  Laramie et al. (2015) assay









# Yakima Training Center

- 8 sites on Lmumma and Alkali Creeks (2012-2013)
- Ran assays for brook trout, bull trout, and Chinook





# **Yakima Training Center**

- Brook trout detected at 1 site in Alkali Creek
- No other species detected





# **Brook Trout**

- 64 surveys over 3 years (2013-2015) in Yakima and Idaho
- Ran brook trout assay for all samples

- Detections:
  - Upper Alkali Creek (YTC)
  - Lower Yakima River
  - American River
  - Union Creek
  - SF of the Tieton River (slightly positive in 1 samples at 1 site)





# **Bull Trout**

- 62 surveys over 3 years (2013-2015) in Yakima and Idaho
- Detected eDNA at every site with redd counts
- Detected eDNA at 1 site that field crews didn't find redds
  - Lake Pend Oreille tributary
  - above a recent barrier





# North Fork of the Teanaway River

#### Bull trout eDNA sampling

- 2012: 2 sites
- 2013: 7 sites + 5 sites downstream from probable redd

No detections





# eDNA in streams: longitudinal





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- 26 mainstem sampling sites
  - 400 m segments
- 4 tributaries
- 4 samples/site (1 L samples)
- October 24-25, 2015



















# eDNA in streams: cross-section

## Where to sample?

- High density sampling:
- 3 bull trout streams, 5 transects per stream



## eDNA in streams: cross-section

## Where to sample?

### Thalweg vs. pools









# Fall vs. spring run analysis

 Some taxa do not have genetic fixed differences, instead varying by frequency

Frequency-based difference:

Fixed difference:



These are a challenge for eDNA assays because we need information from nuclear genes (much more rare than mitochondria)



# Fall vs. spring run analysis

- Through collaboration with CRITFC (Shawn Narum), we identified 5 SNPs that only amplified Chinook DNA
- Statistically, an assignment to fall or spring run can be made with 4 of these SNPs
- However, if both alleles (A/G) are present but we only pick up one, that will give a false signal.
- How much Chinook eDNA do we need to correctly assign a run?

# Chinook SNPs from eDNA samples



Empirical minimum

Minimum for run identification by probability

Sample contribution from Matt Laramie

Figure 5-5. Relationship between Chinook eDNA concentration in sample replicate and the number of single nucleotide polymorphism markers that generated data for runspecific analysis. A minimum of 4 markers was required for run identification.



# Summary

- eDNA concentration is related to where fish are (longitudinally and cross sectionally)
  - Laramie et al. 2015: longitudinal sampling in Methow
    no accumulation, localized concentrations
  - Strobel et al. in press: Chinook and Coho redds
    - More eDNA of the species that made the redd, but mixed in water column
- New approaches for ESUs



# eDNA online resource center

#### Knowledge base

- Intro to eDNA
- Project profiles
- Lessons learned
- Links to research and commercial labs

#### Guidance

- Protocols
- Technical details

## Community hub

- Information exchange
- Emerging technology

https://labs.wsu.edu/edna

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