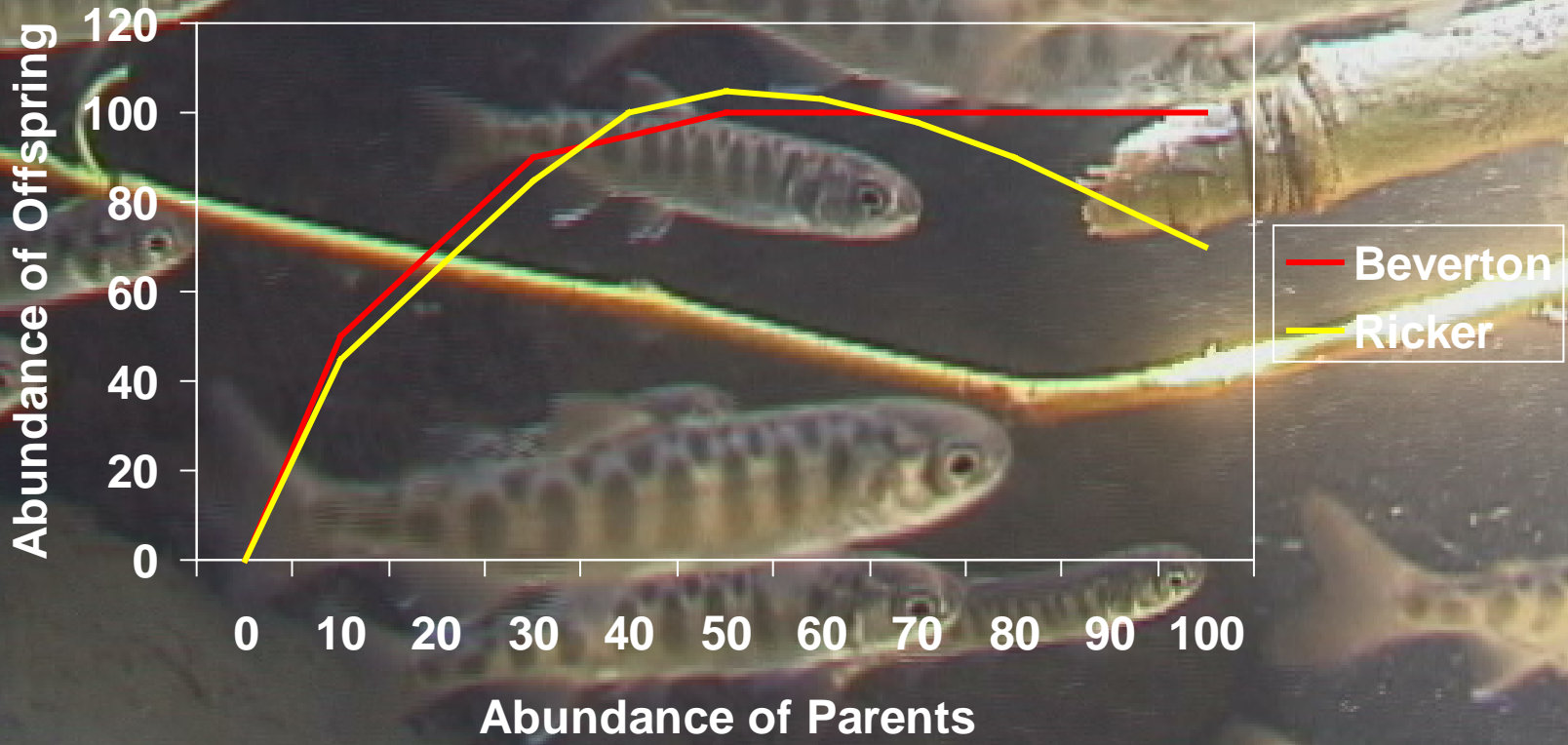


A school of Chinook salmon swimming in clear water over a rocky riverbed. The fish are silvery with dark spots and are moving in a coordinated pattern. The background shows the rocky riverbed and some green vegetation on the left side.

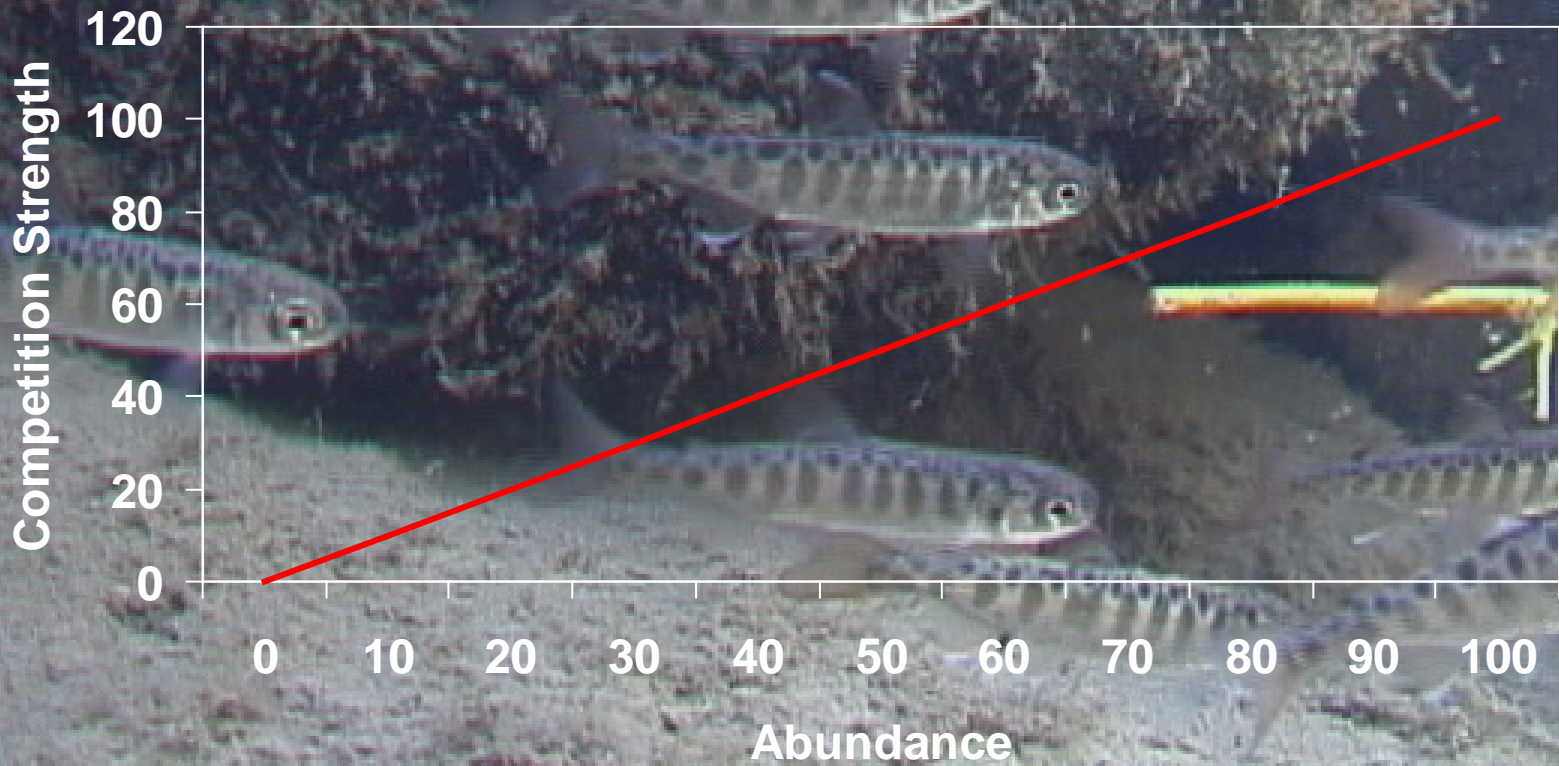
# Spring Chinook Interactions Indices

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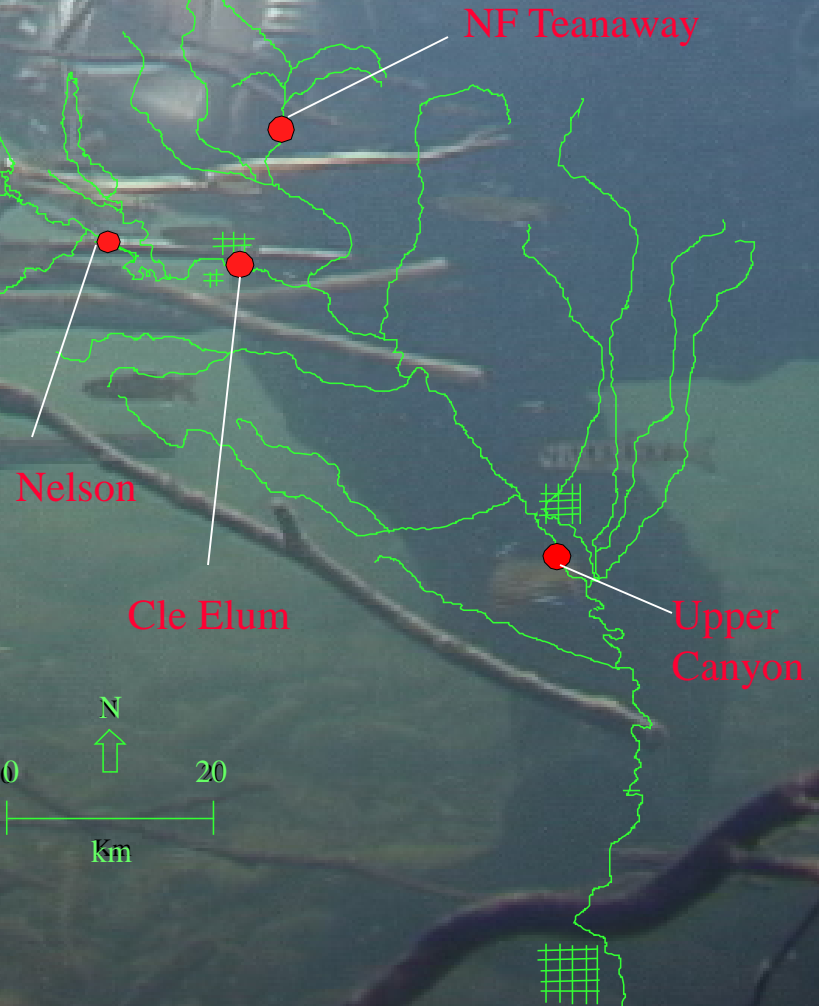
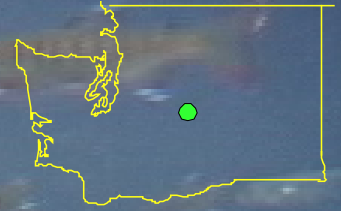
# Density Dependence



# Interactions Indices

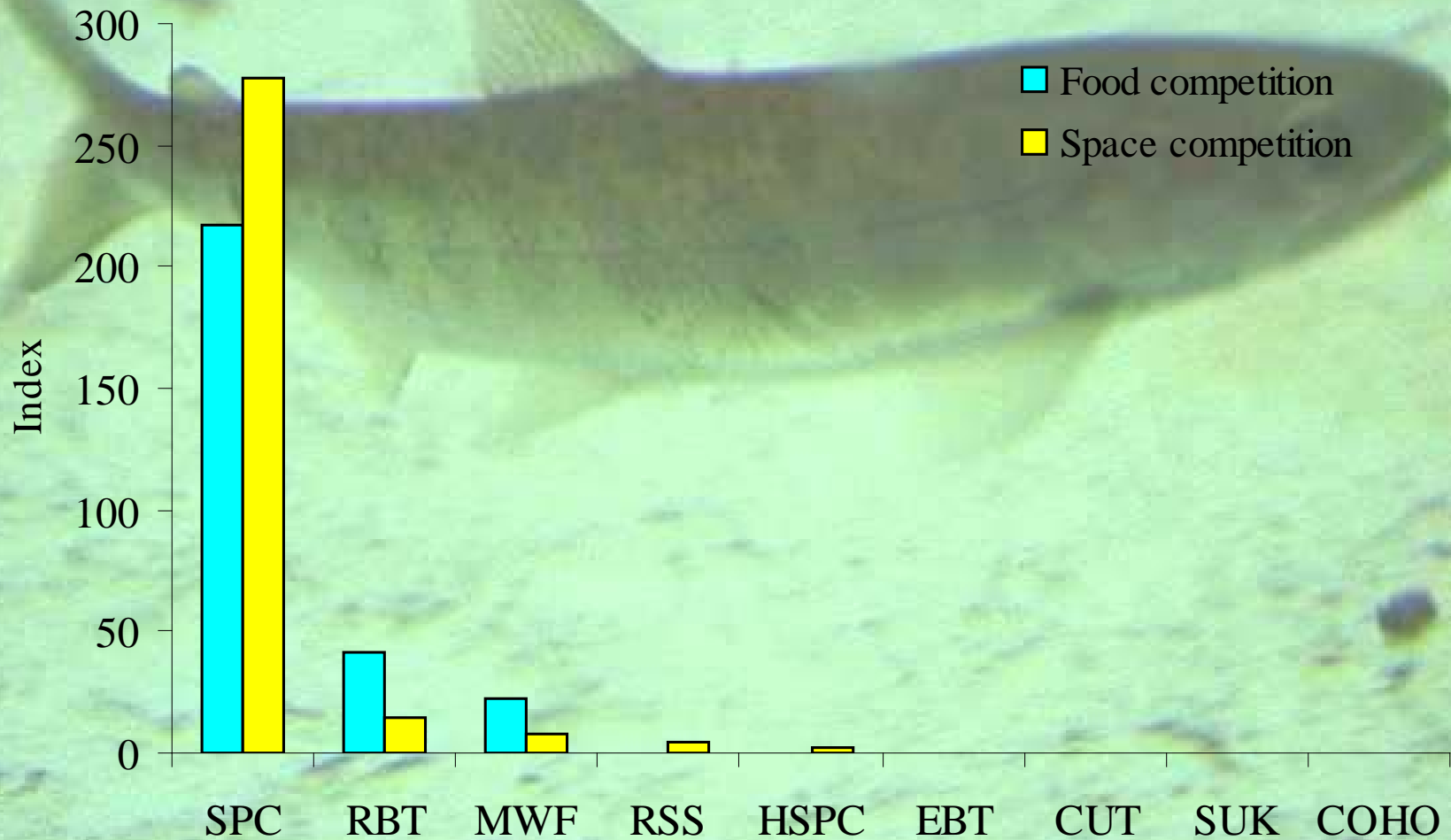
- Food competition= Amount of SPC food eaten by 'competitors' and food limitation of SPC
- Space competition = Frequency and magnitude of fish in interactions proximity to SPC
- Microhabitat = % of measurements that are outside of the 98% confidence interval when adjusted by fish length
- Evaluations - growth and survival correlations

# Study Area and Methods

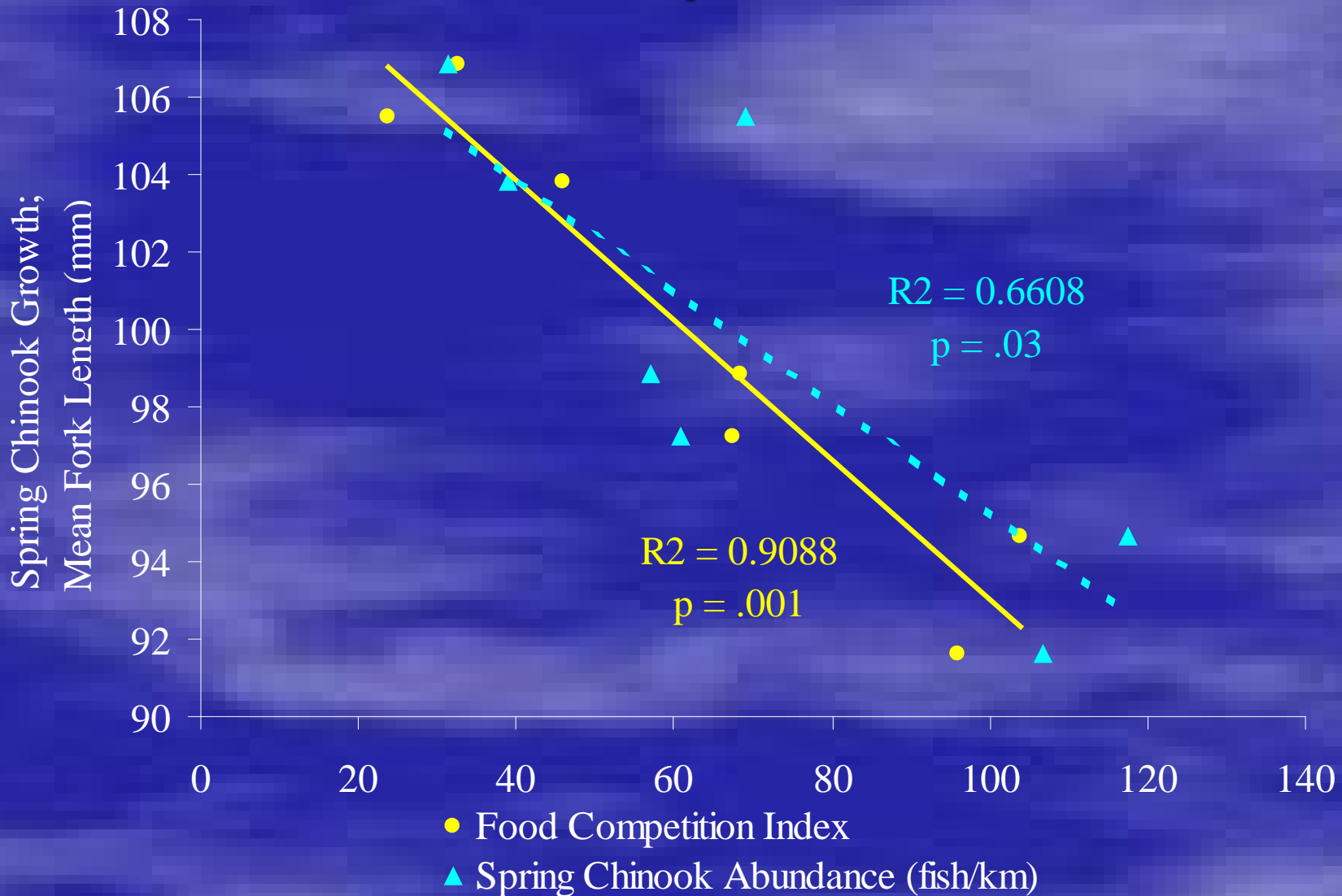




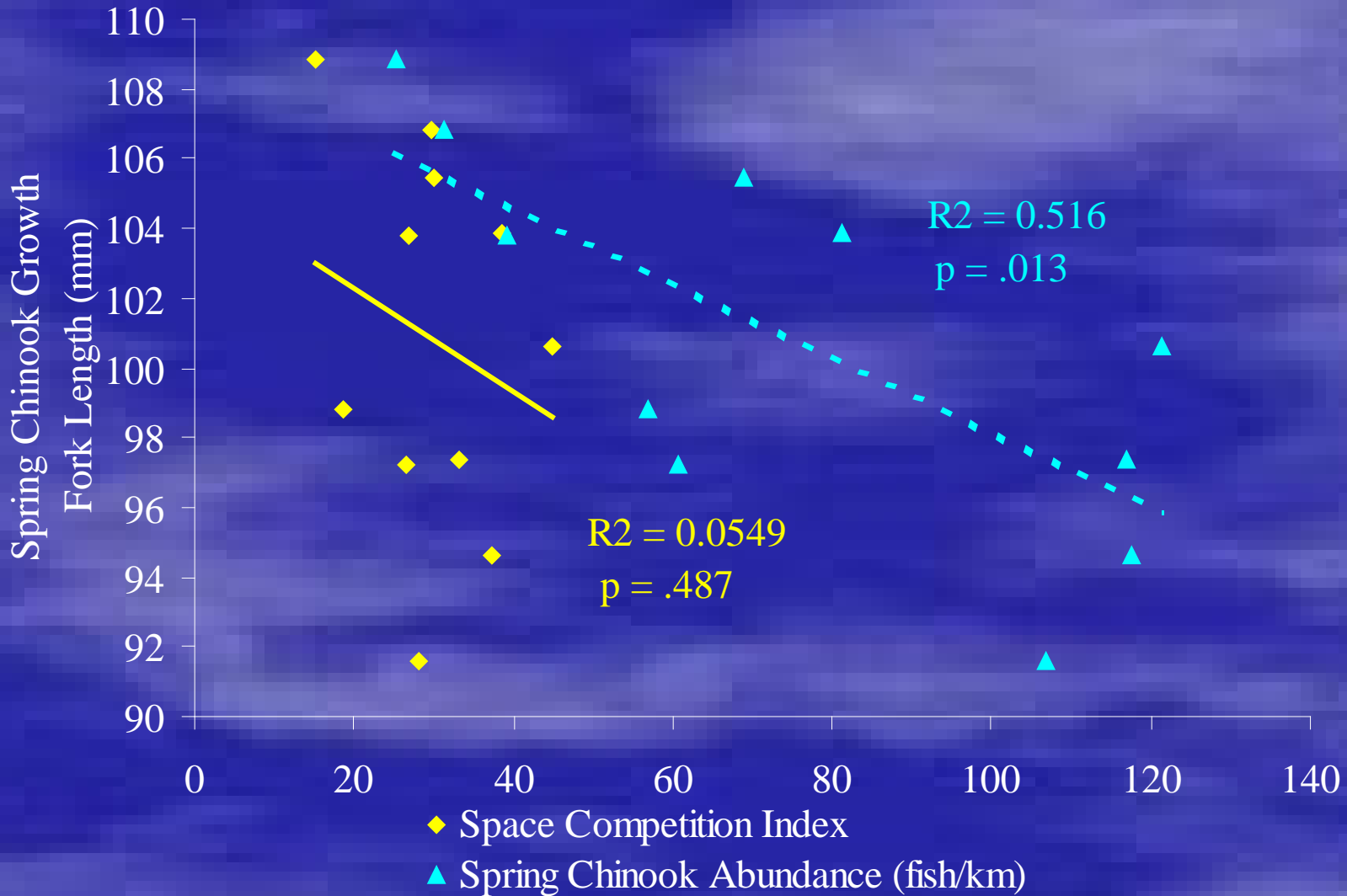
# Competition Ranking 98-04



# Food Competition Index

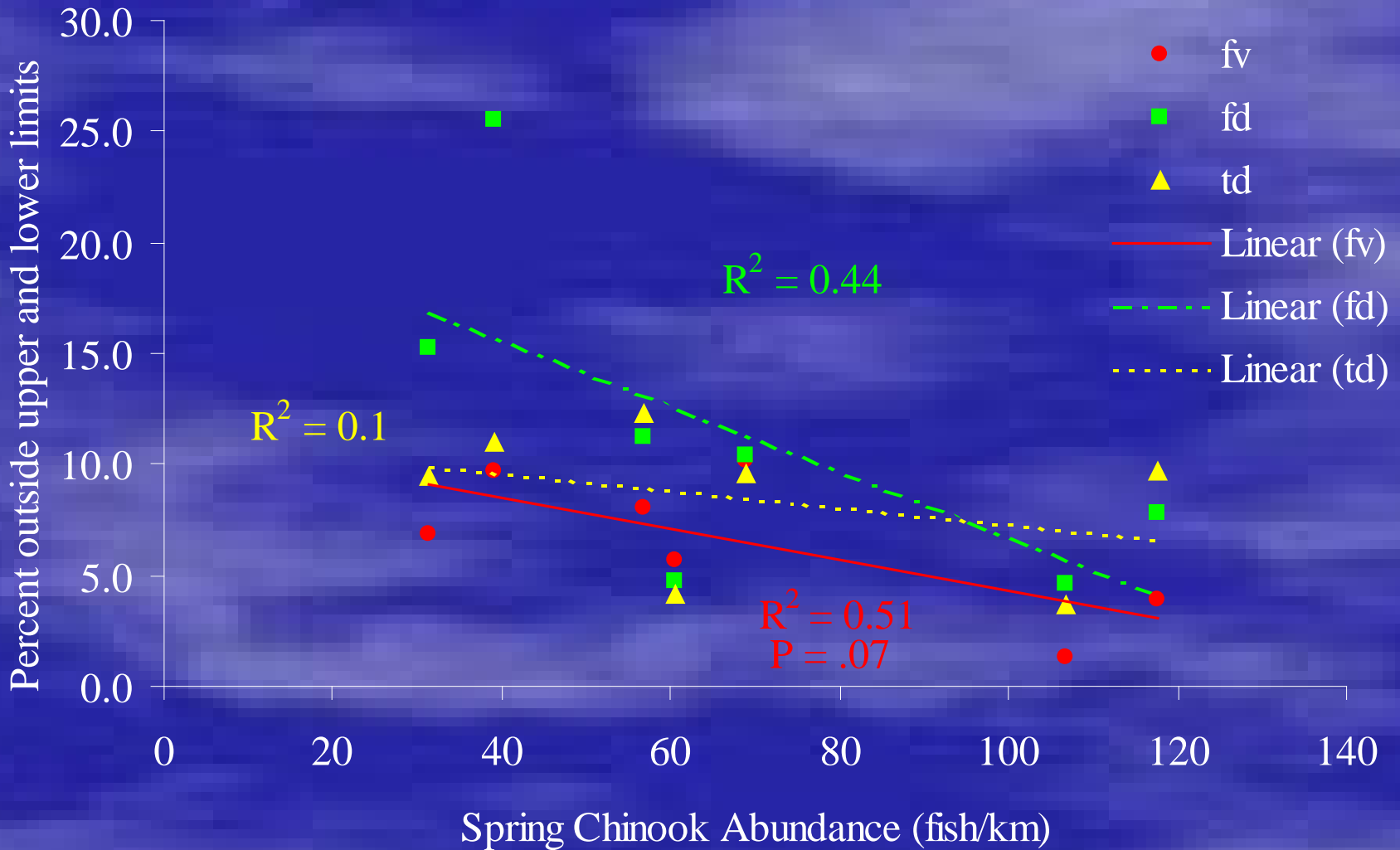


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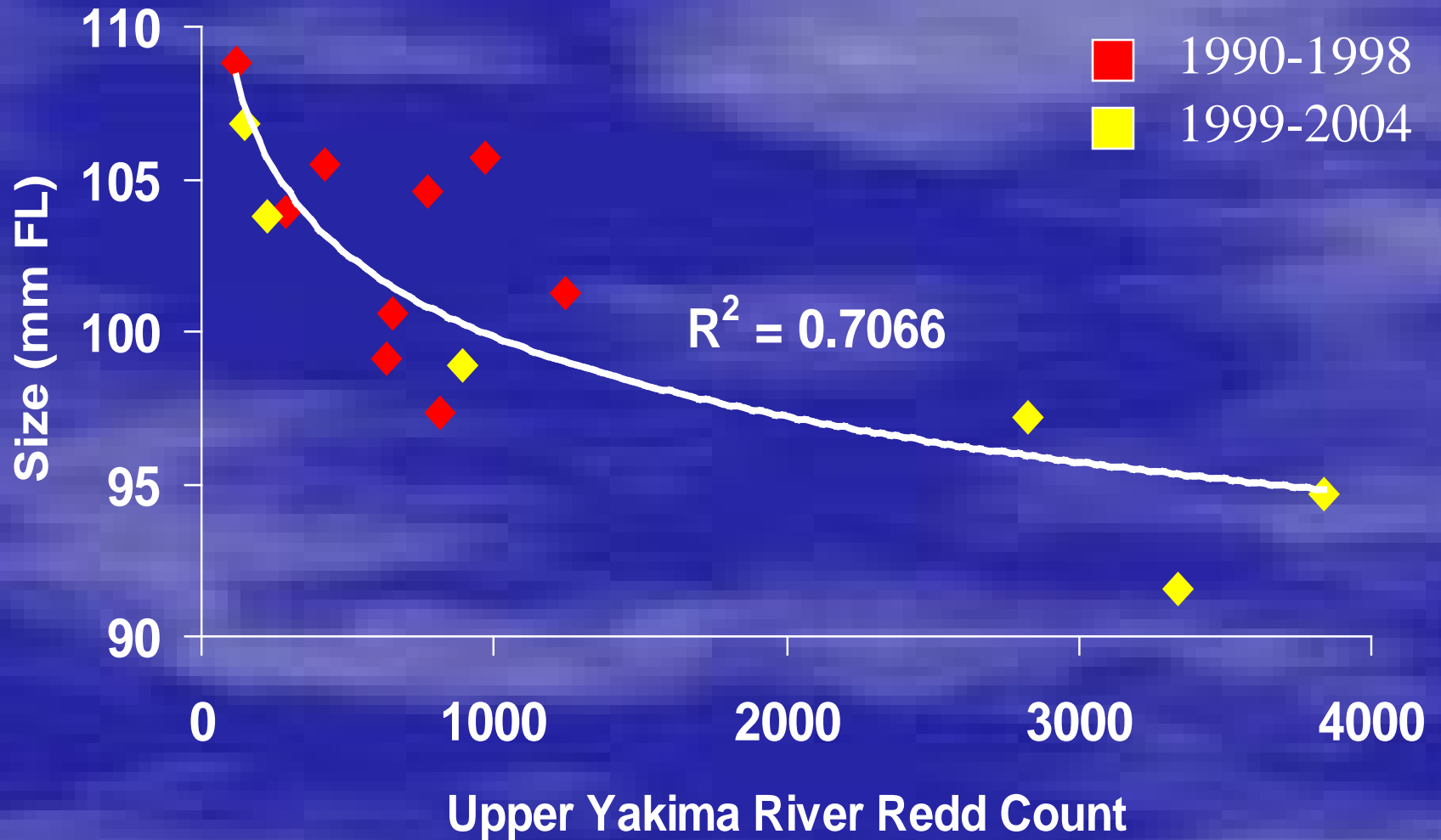




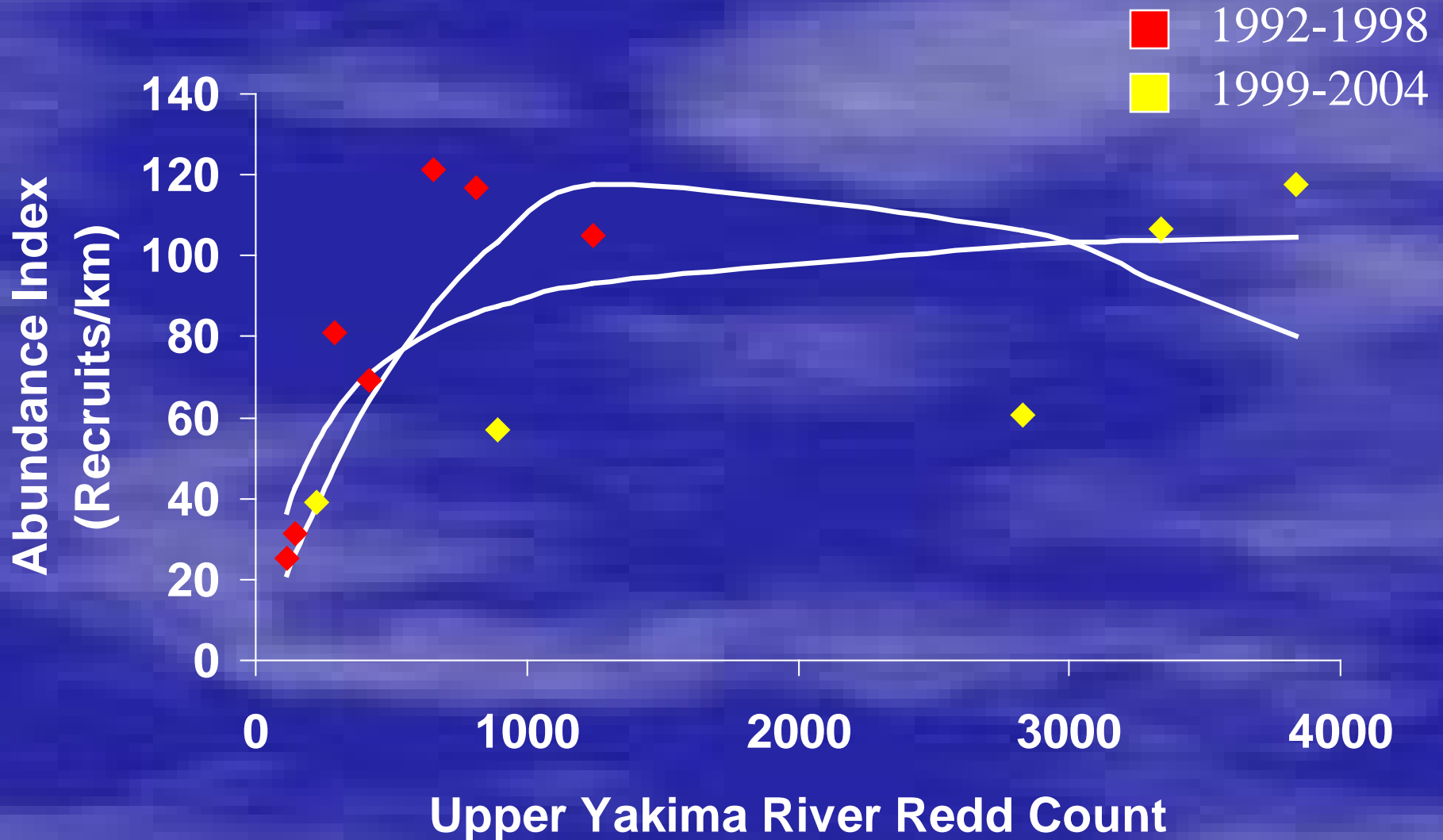
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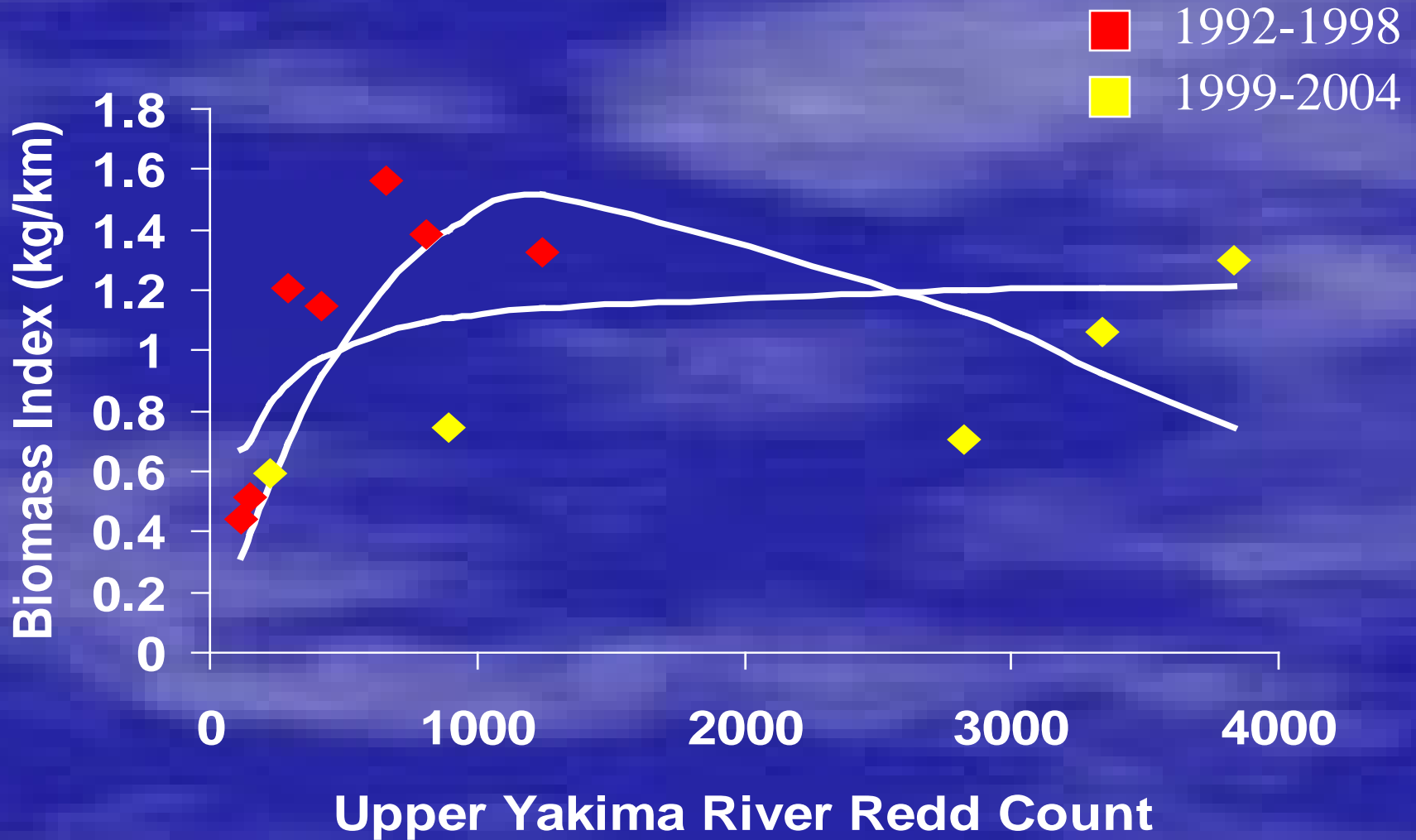
# Spawners vs. Size



# SPC Abundance Index



# SPC Biomass Index



# Summary

- Competition indices are highest for SPC
- Food competition index is significantly correlated with growth and survival
- Space and microhabitat indices are not significantly correlated with growth and survival
- Growth decreases with increasing abundance particularly at redd abundance  $>760$
- Abundance and biomass increases with spawner abundance until approx 760-1100 redds

# Future Direction

- Focus indices on spring chinook
- Combine/modify territory size models (size, space) and habitat suitability models (microhabitat, food) to determine the number of locations that can support chinook
- Compare predictions to observations at various flows (% K)



# Speculations and Applications

- Supplementation is unlikely to produce large increases in abundance without changes to artificial habitat constraints (250 redds/year)
- Artificial constraints on growth and survival could be relaxed with more normative flows
- Water management for juveniles when redds expected to be above about 760 redds (must consider impacts to other species)
- Increase area available for rearing (remove barriers)
- Increase quantity and quality of bank habitat

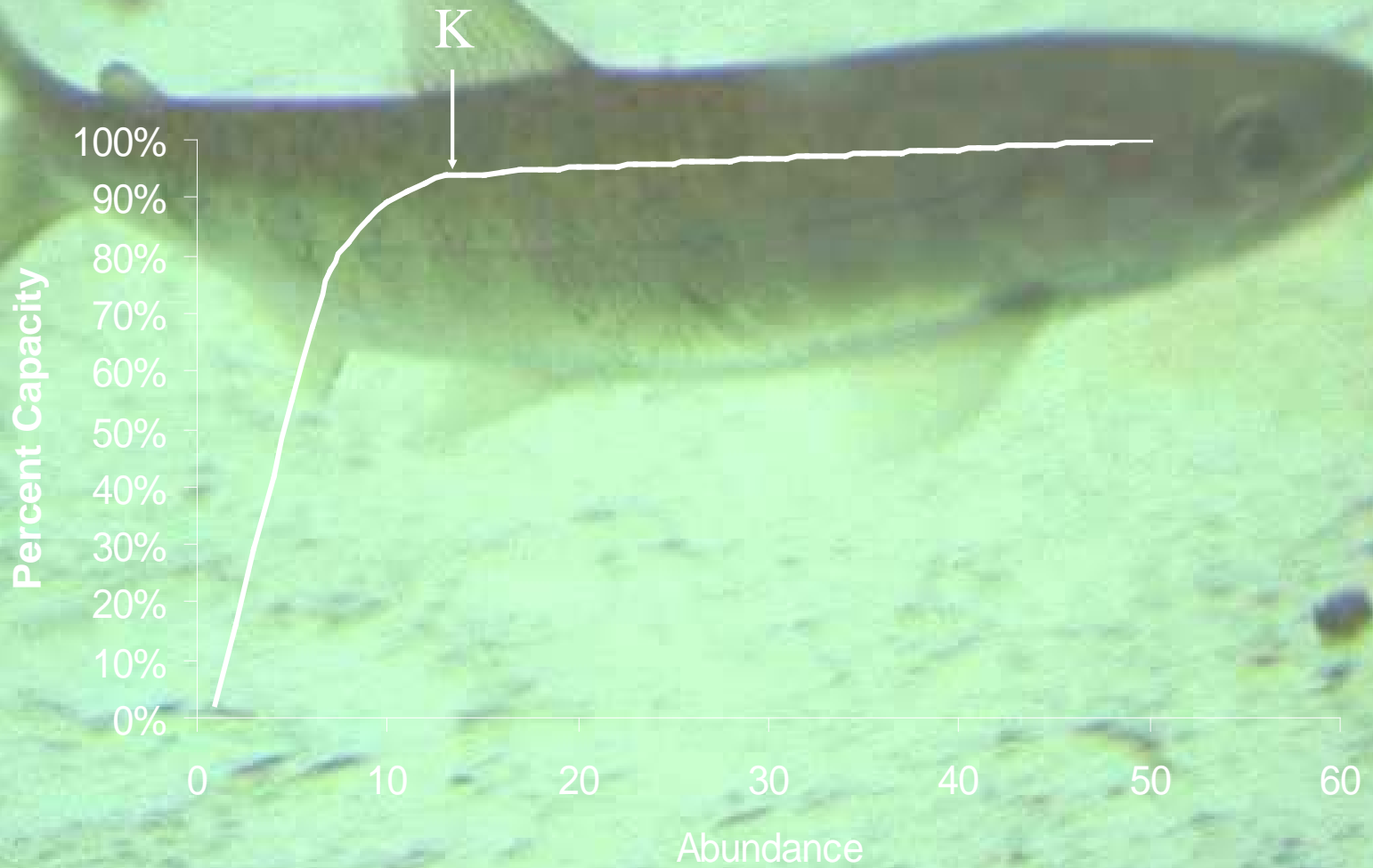
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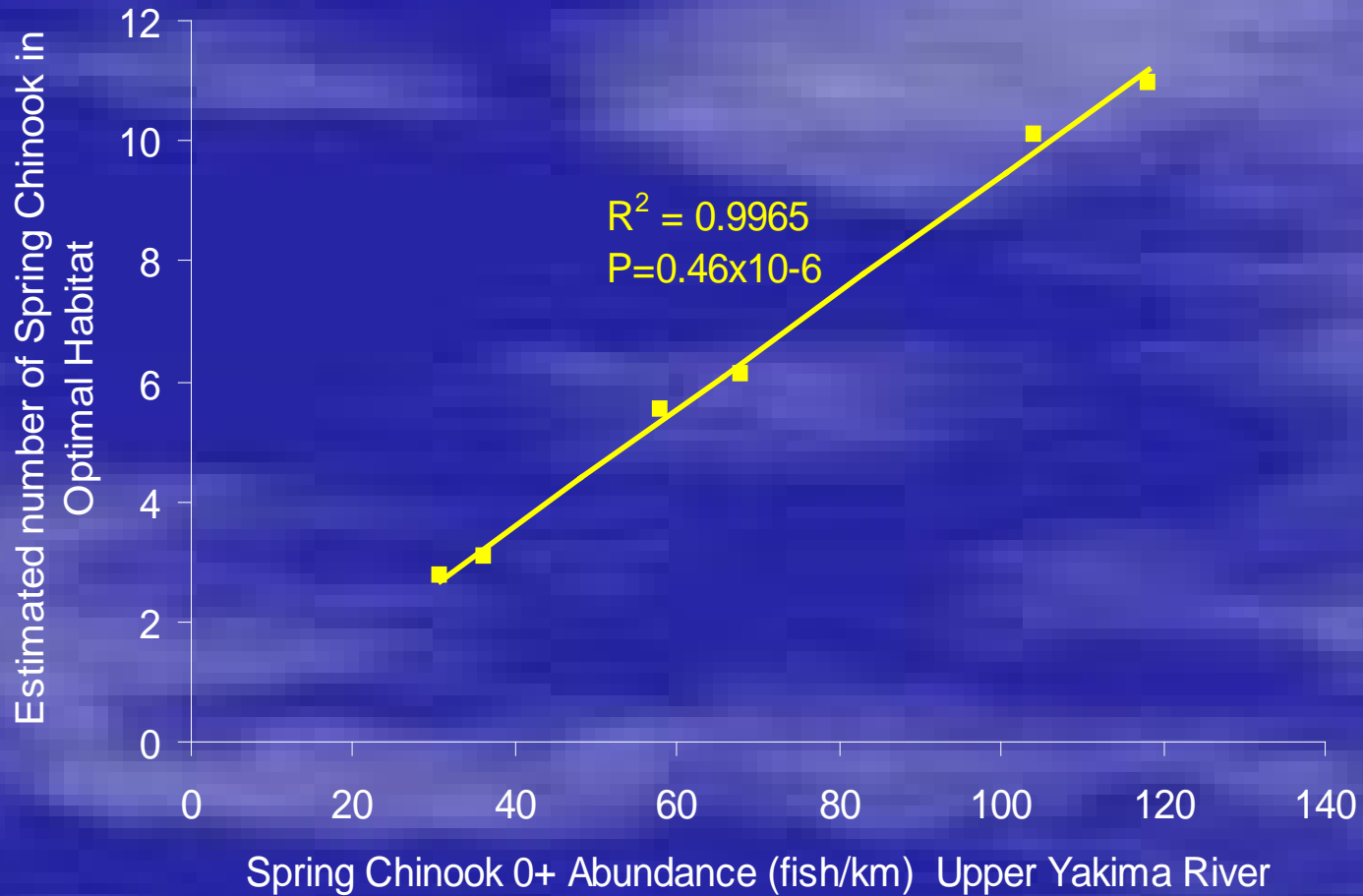




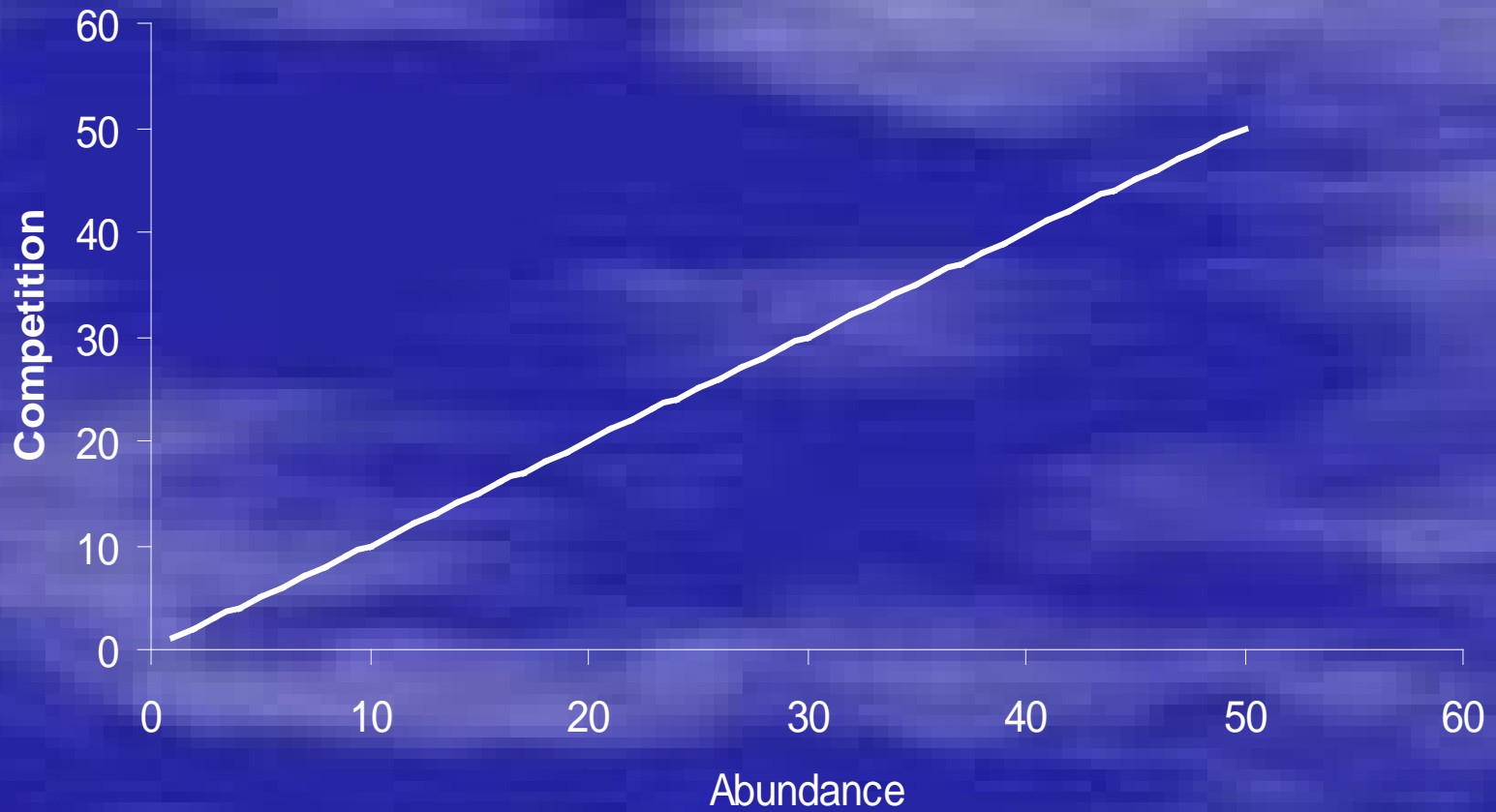
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# # SPC in 'Optimal Habitat'

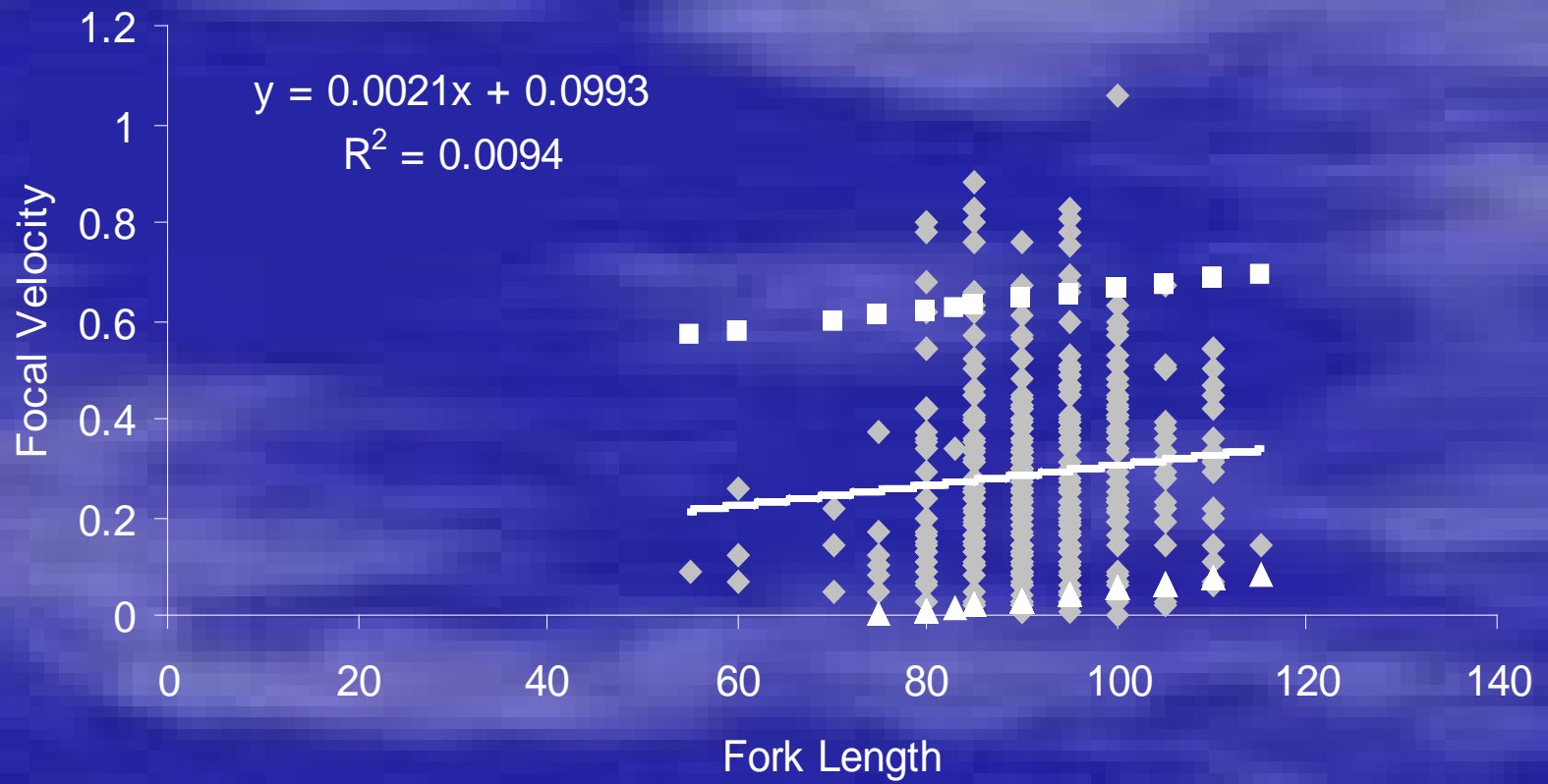


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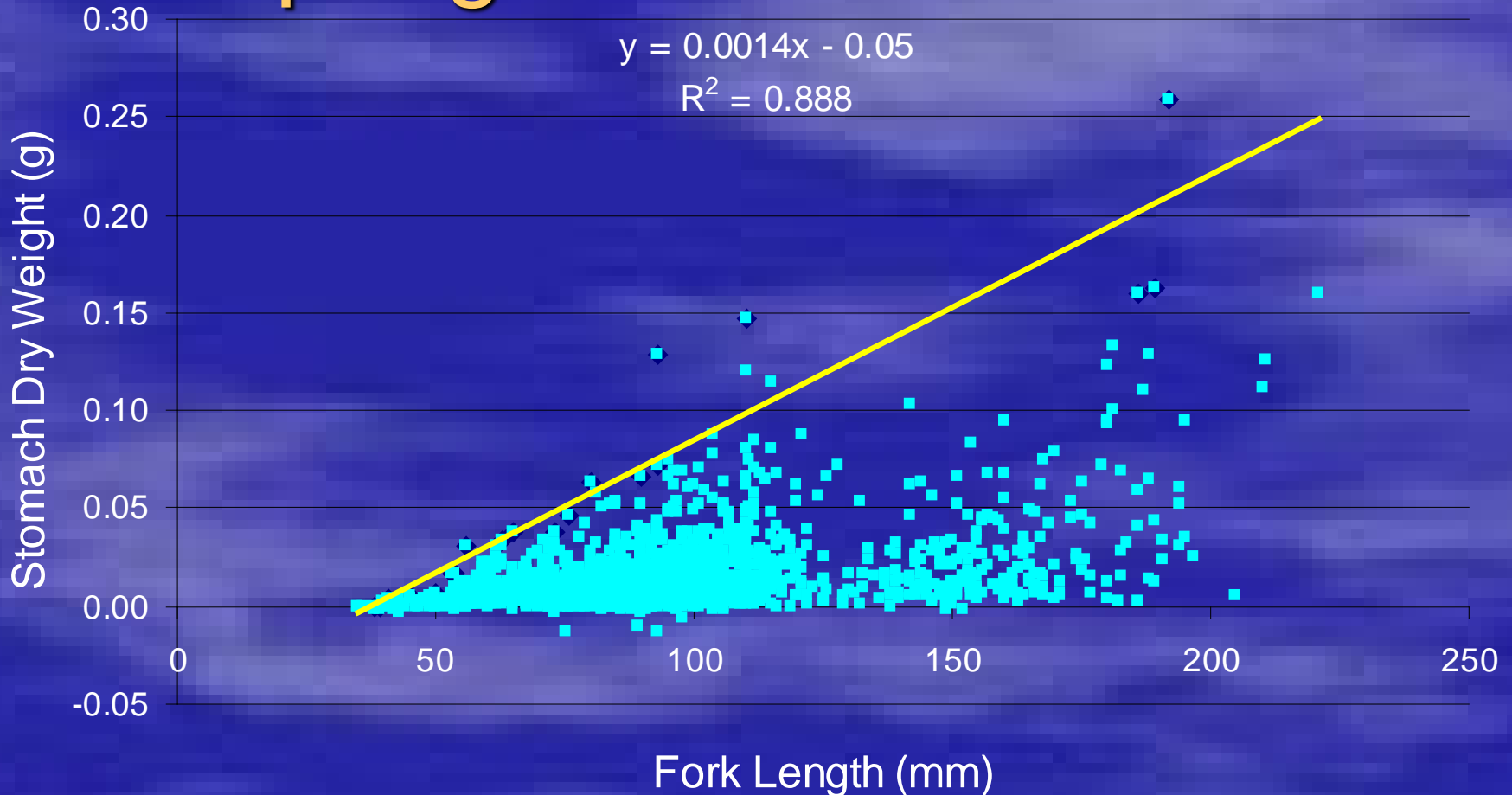




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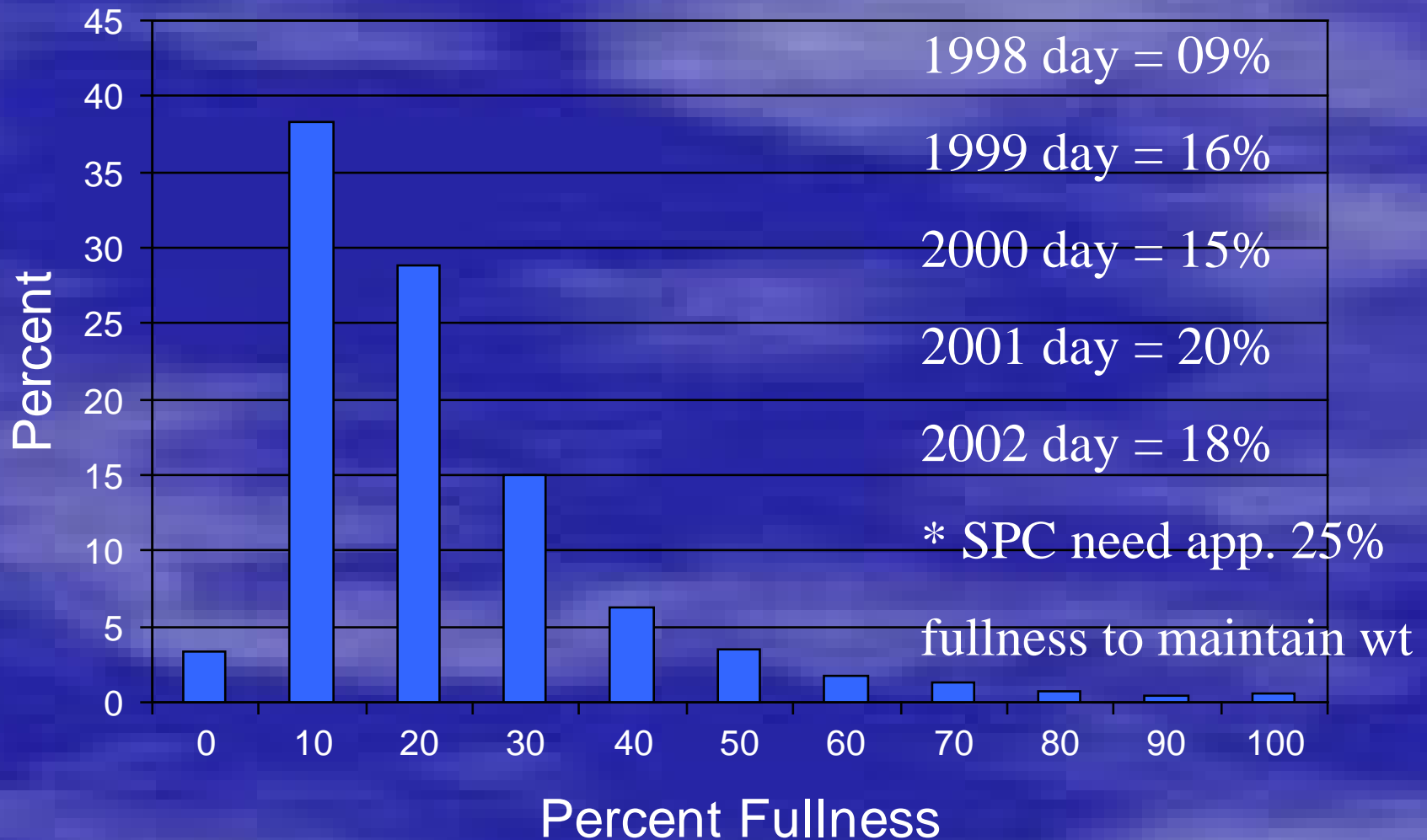


# Maximum Stomach Weight Spring Chinook Salmon

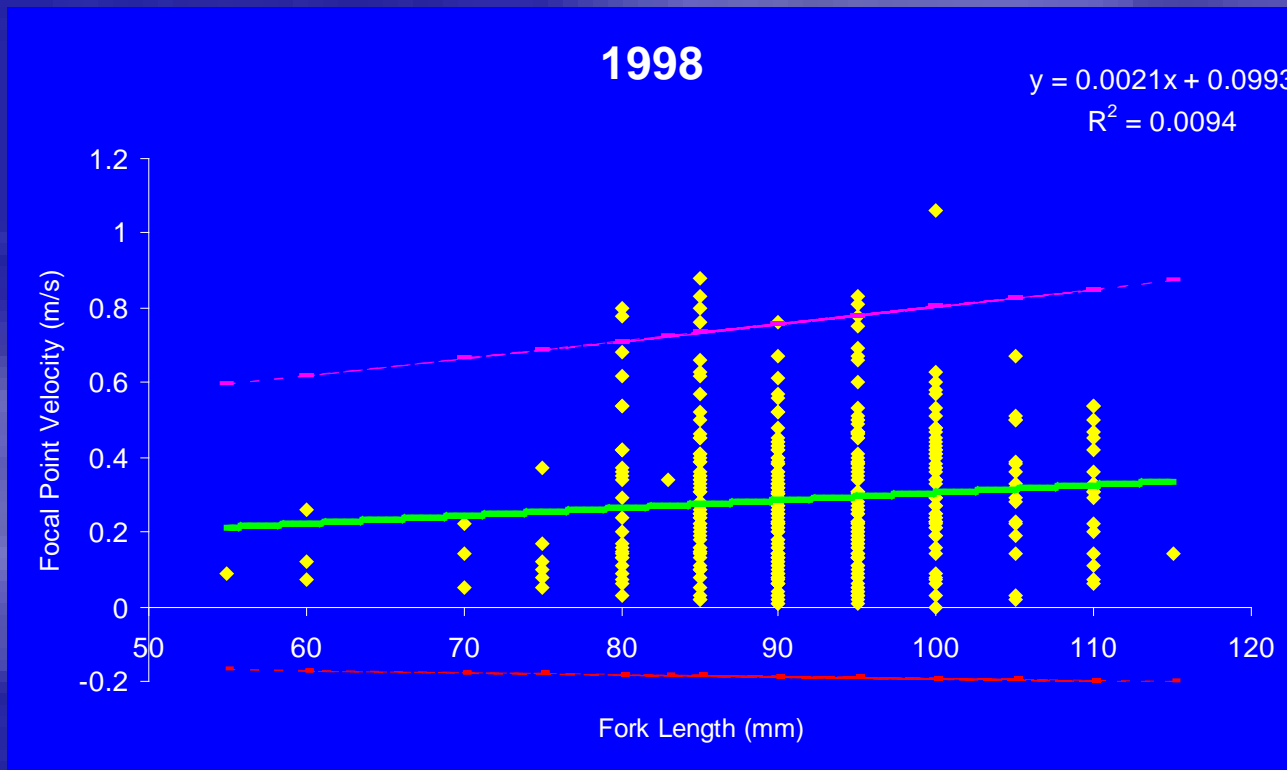


# Stomach Fullness of SPC

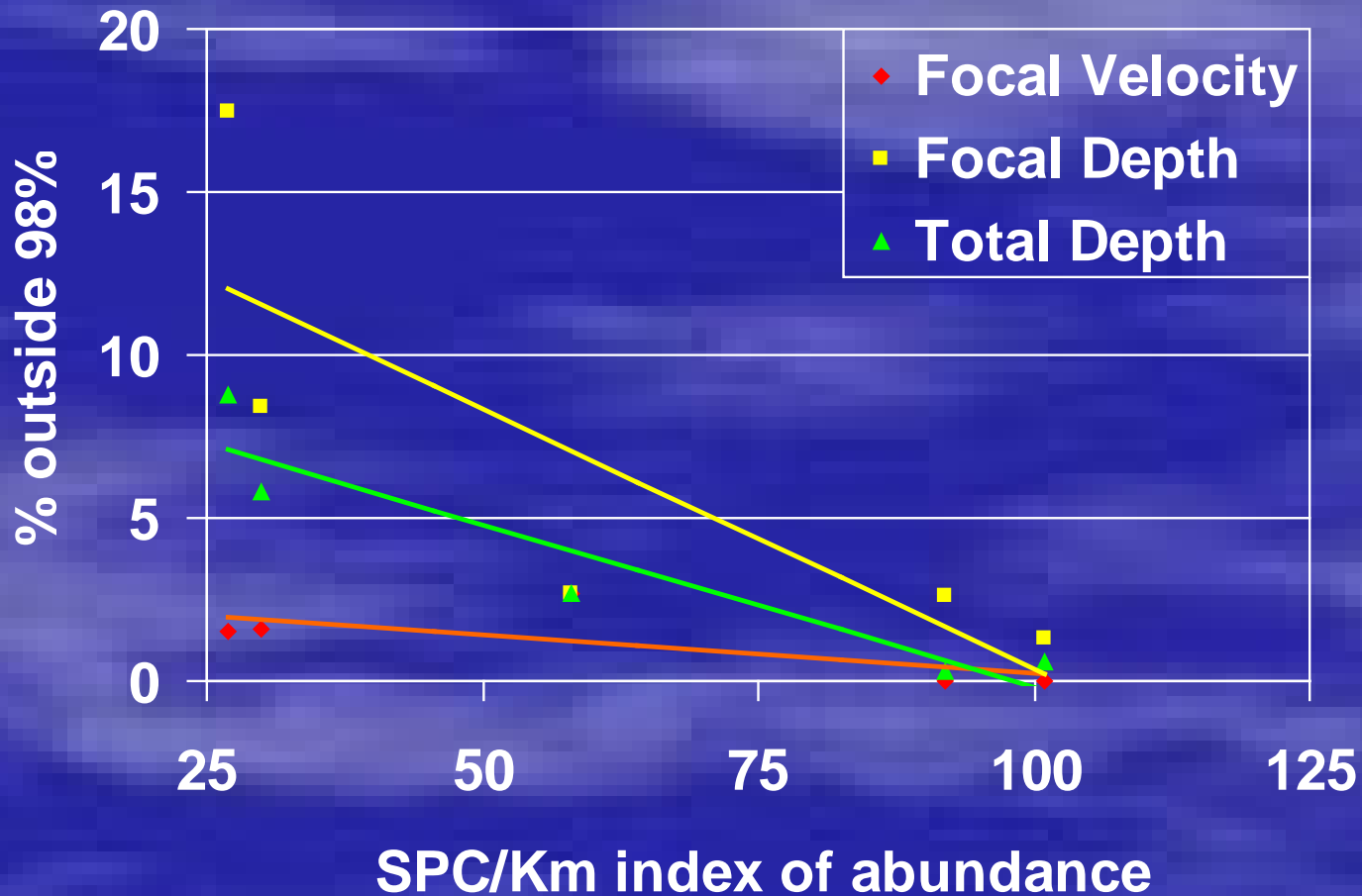
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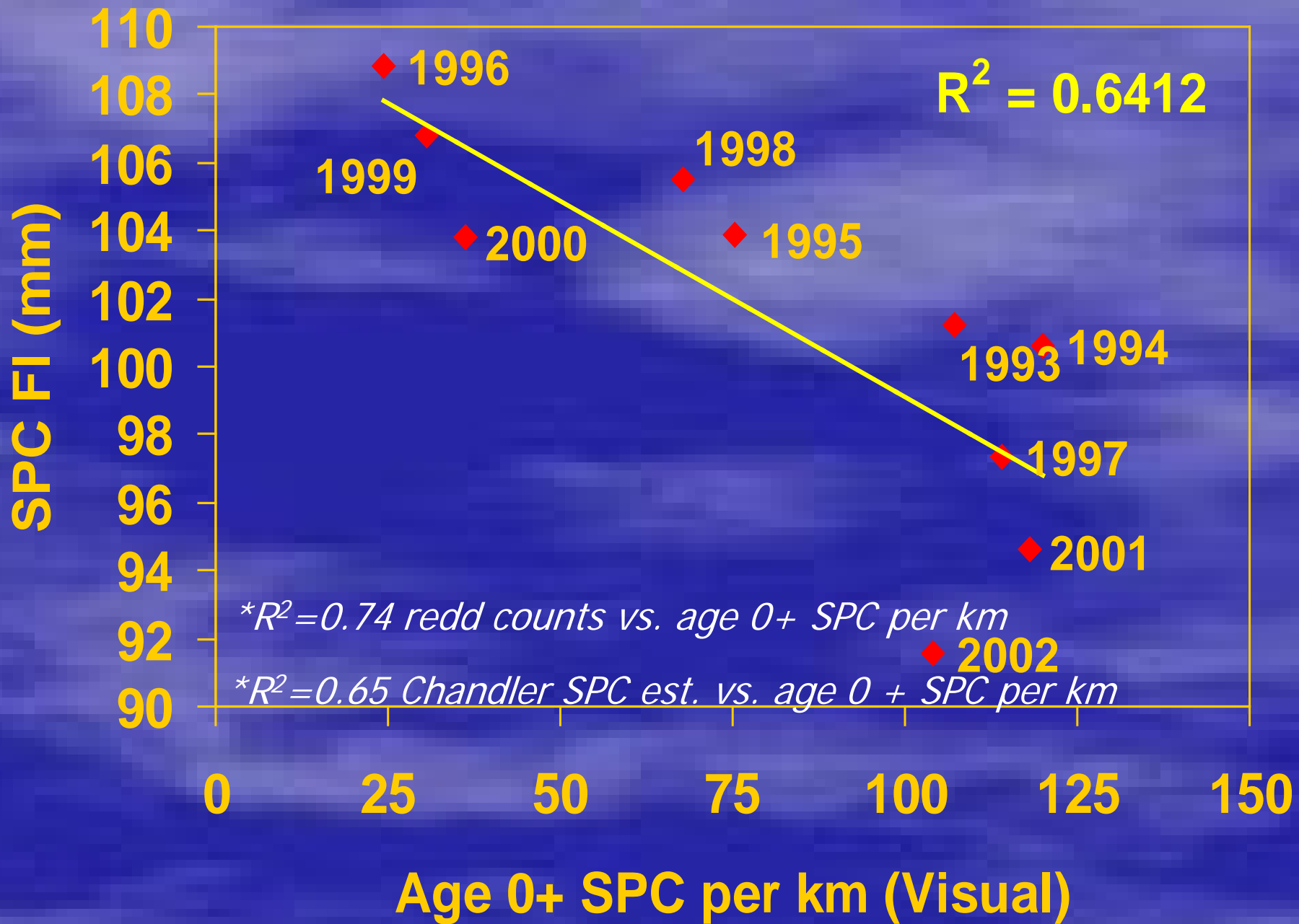


# SPC length vs. Focal Velocity and 98% confidence limit



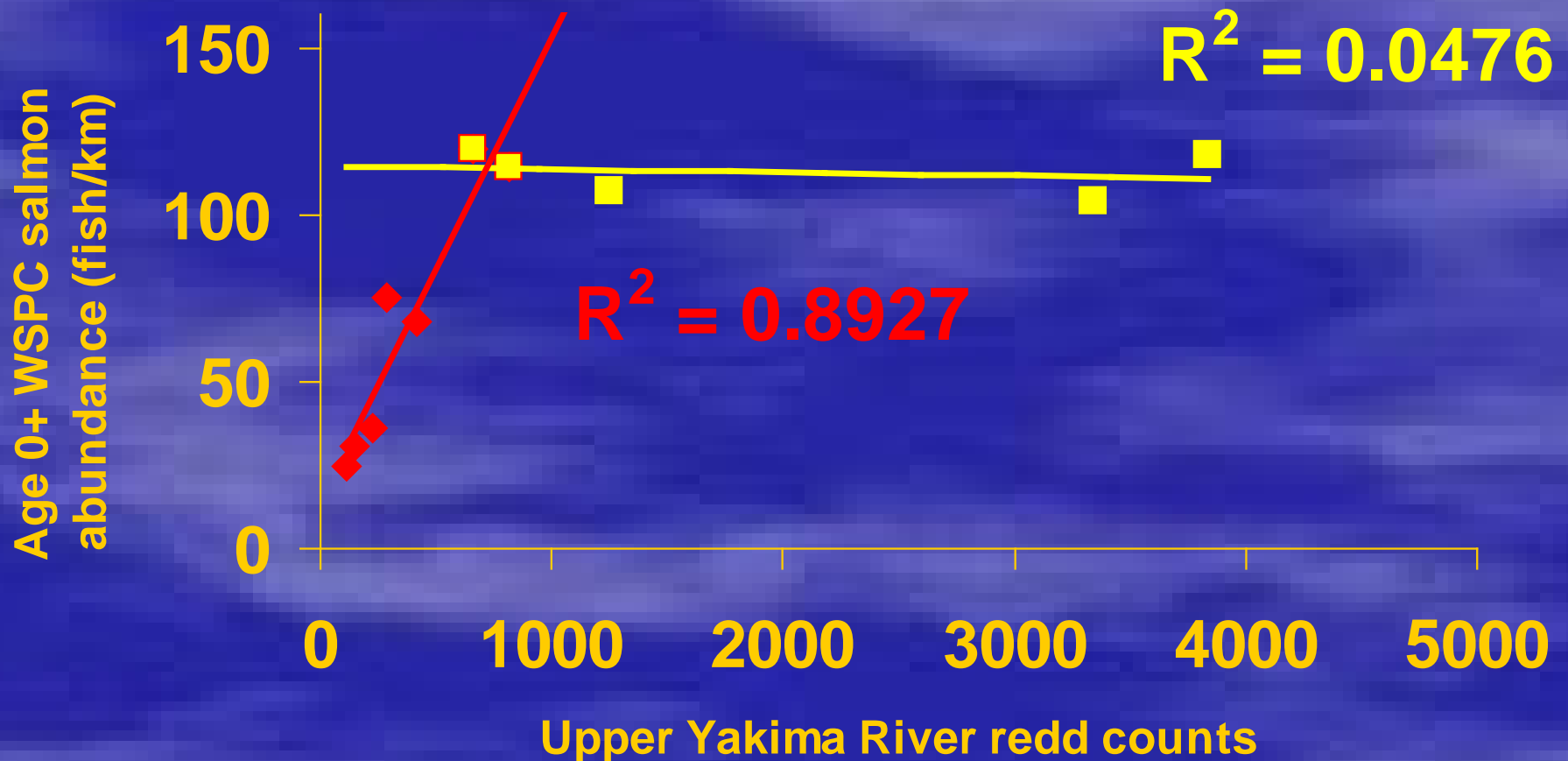
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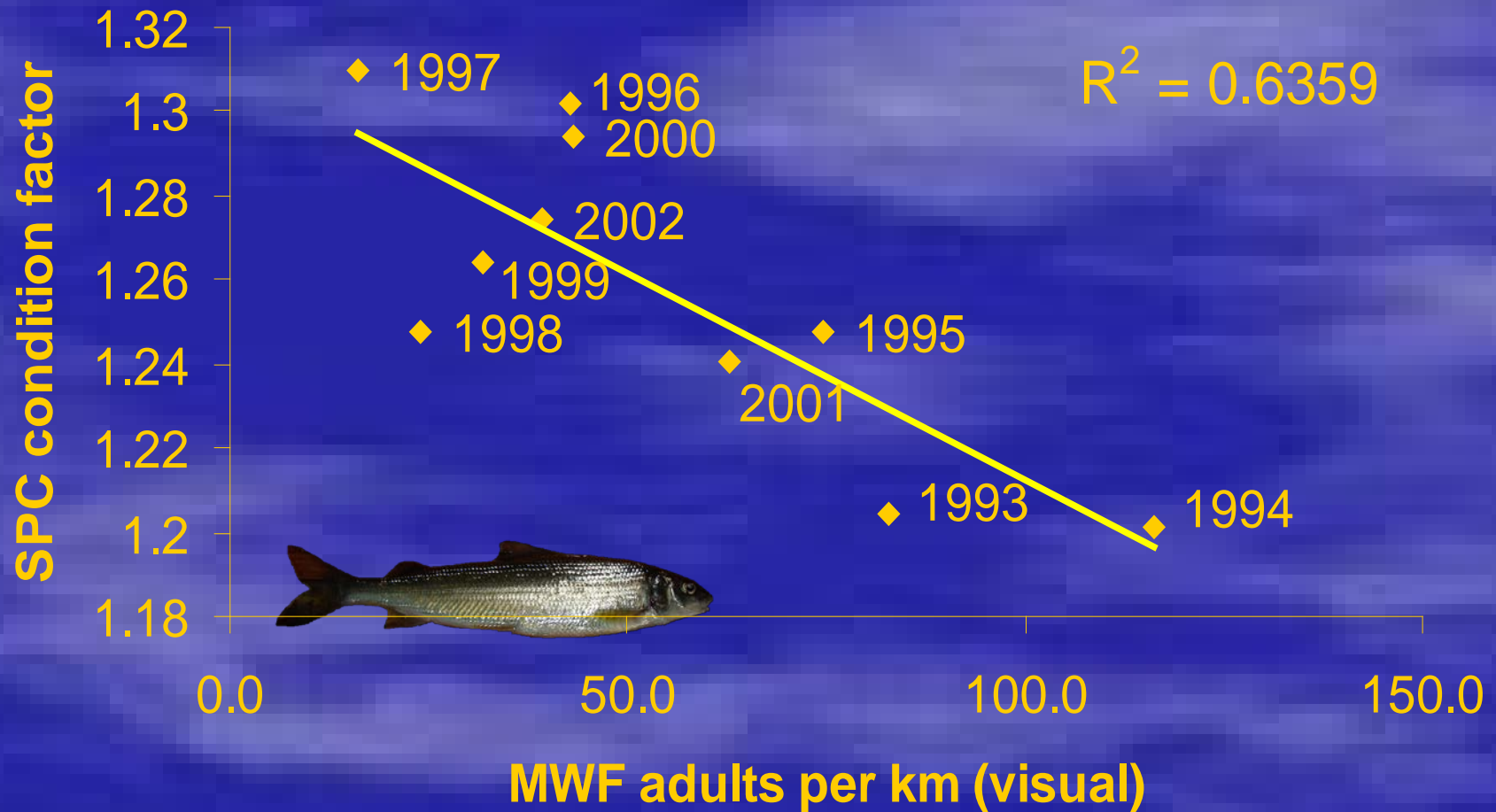




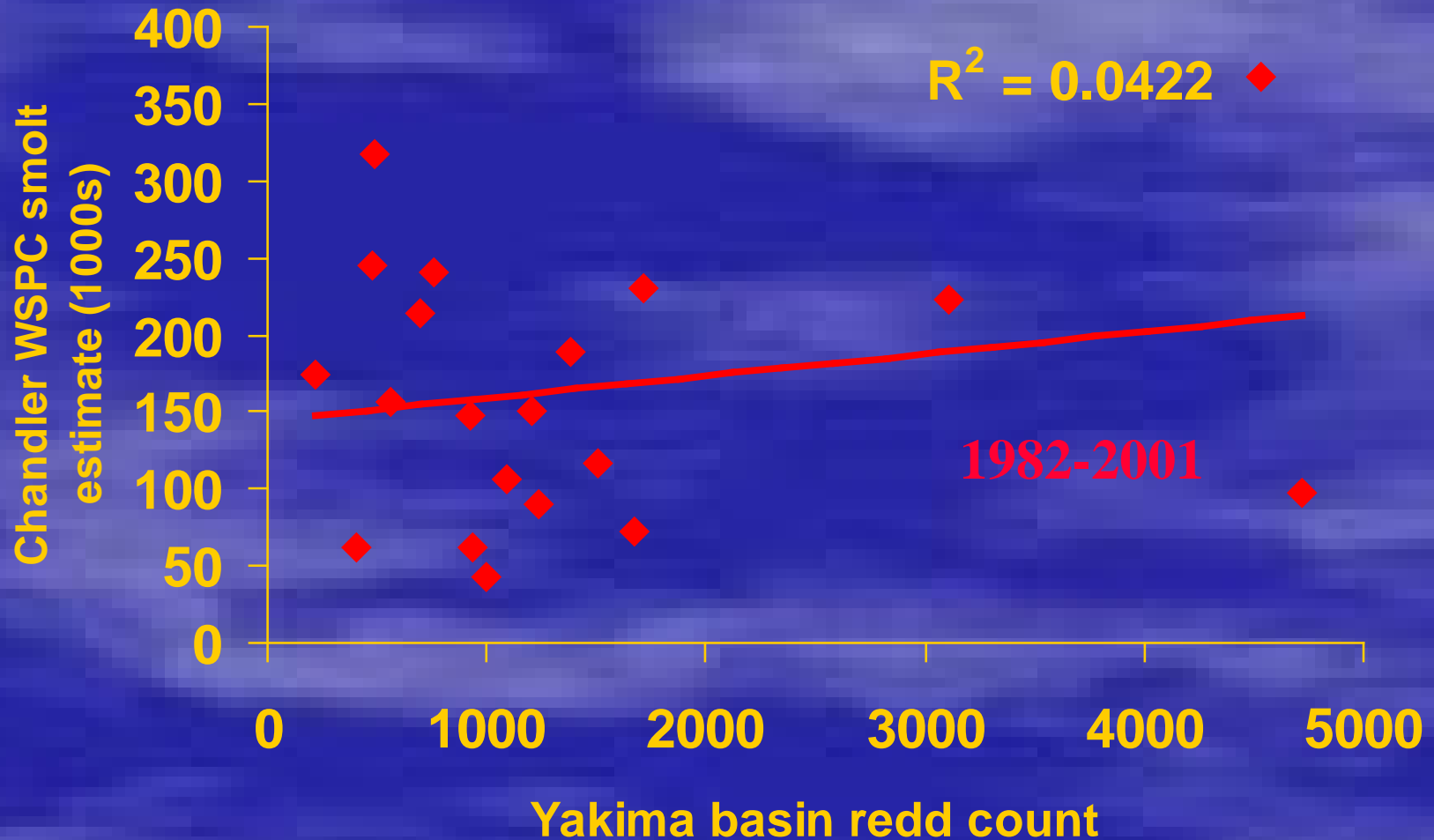
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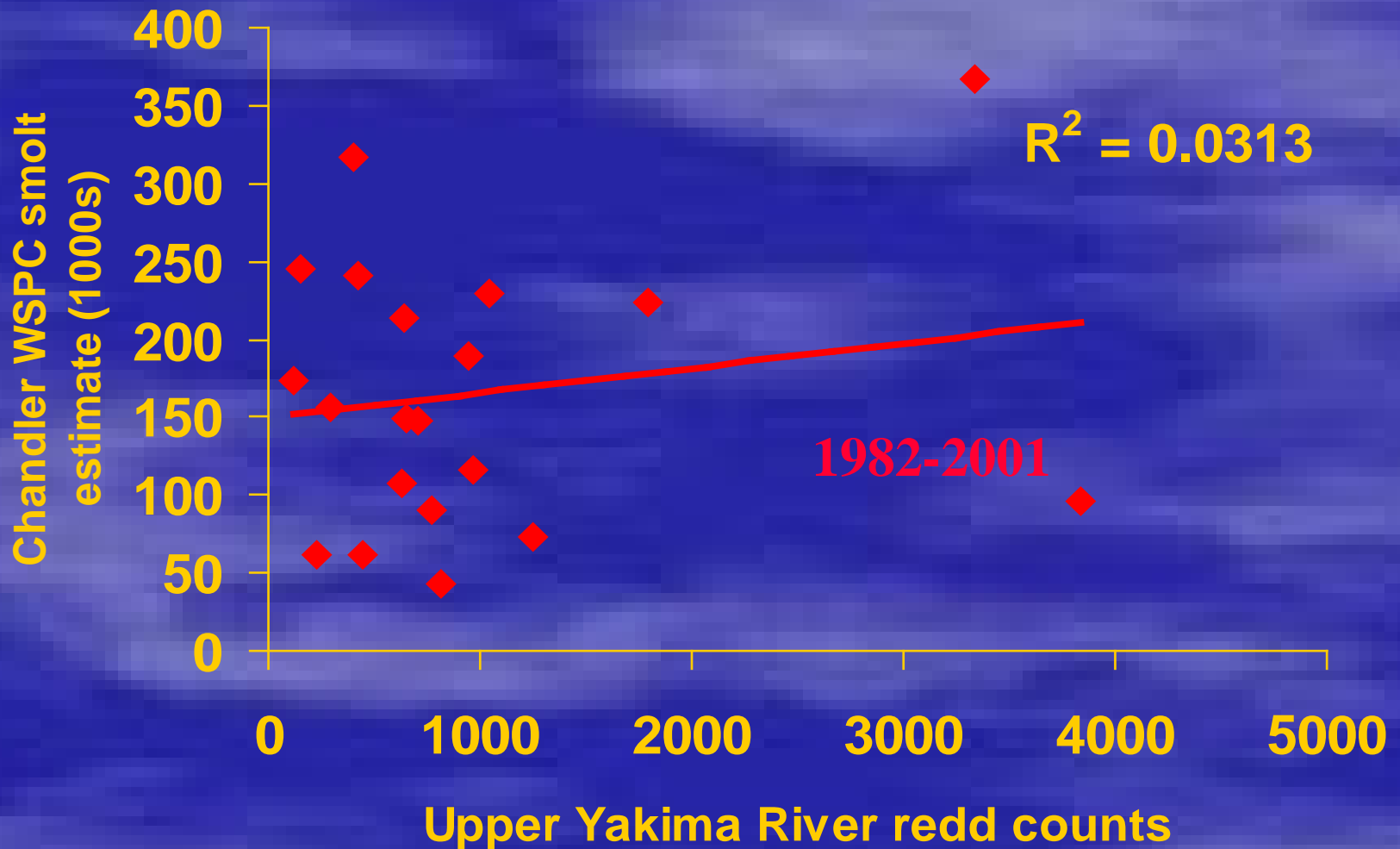
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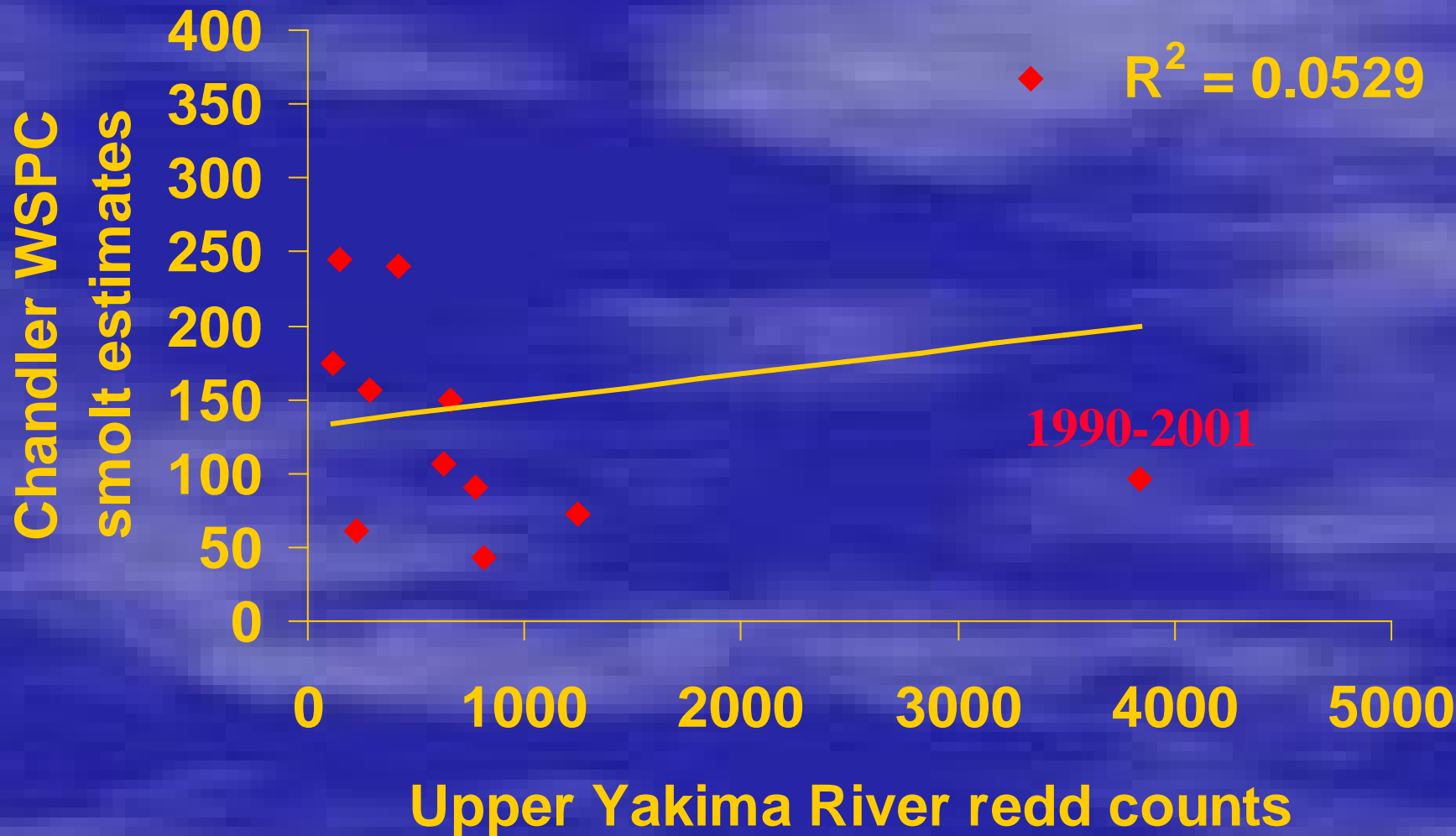
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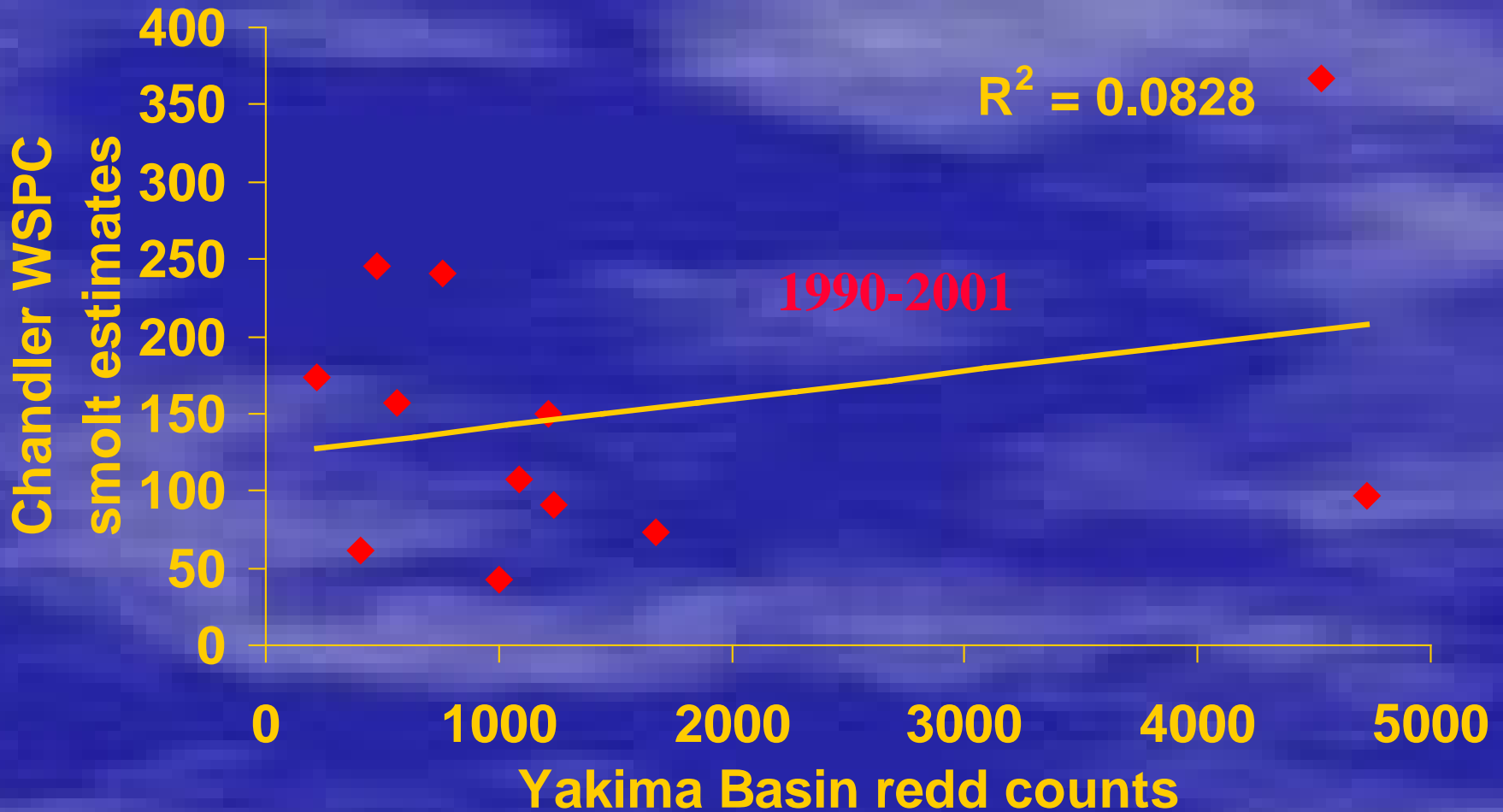
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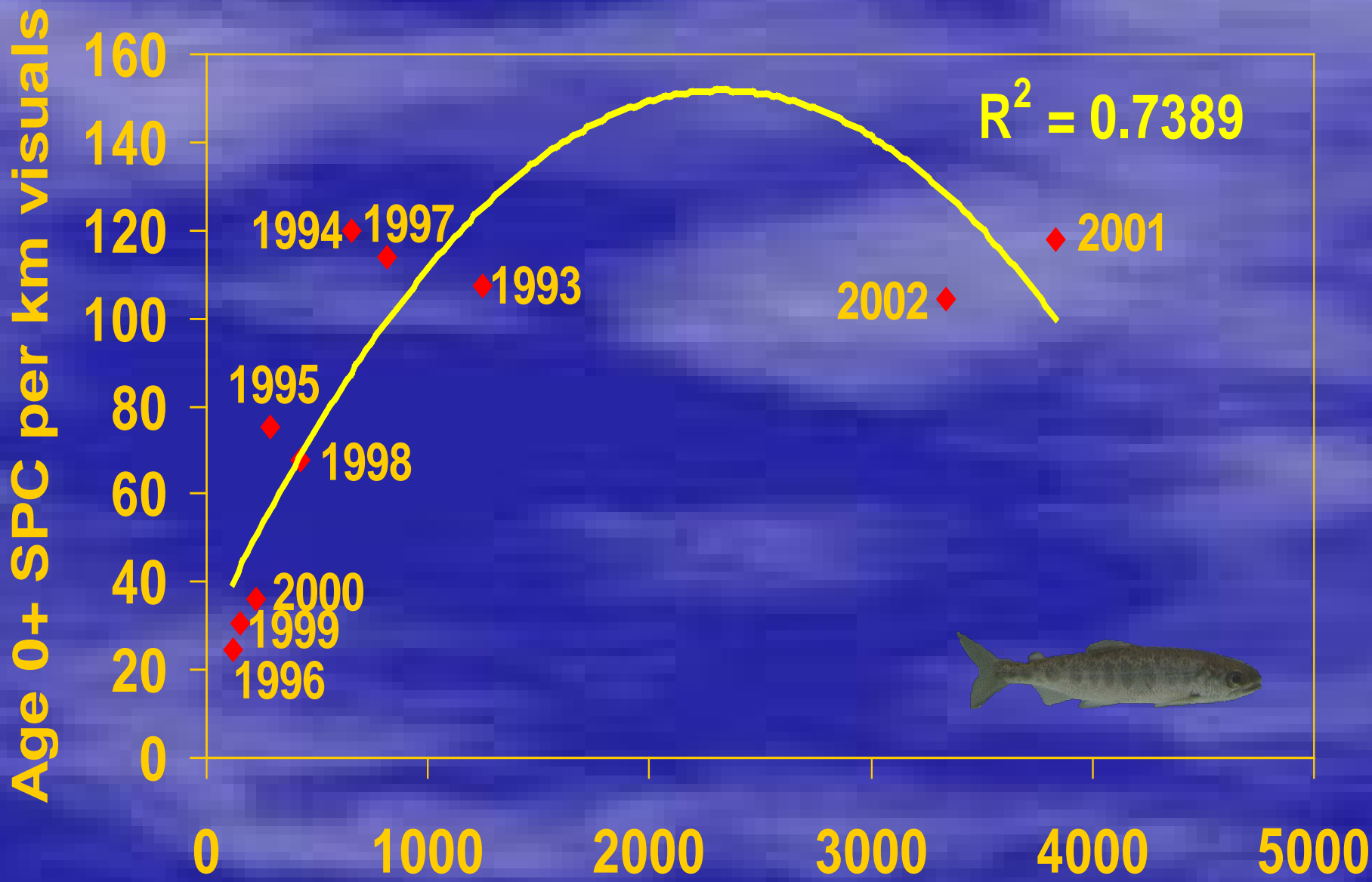
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# Yakima Basin redd counts vs Chandler WSPC smolts

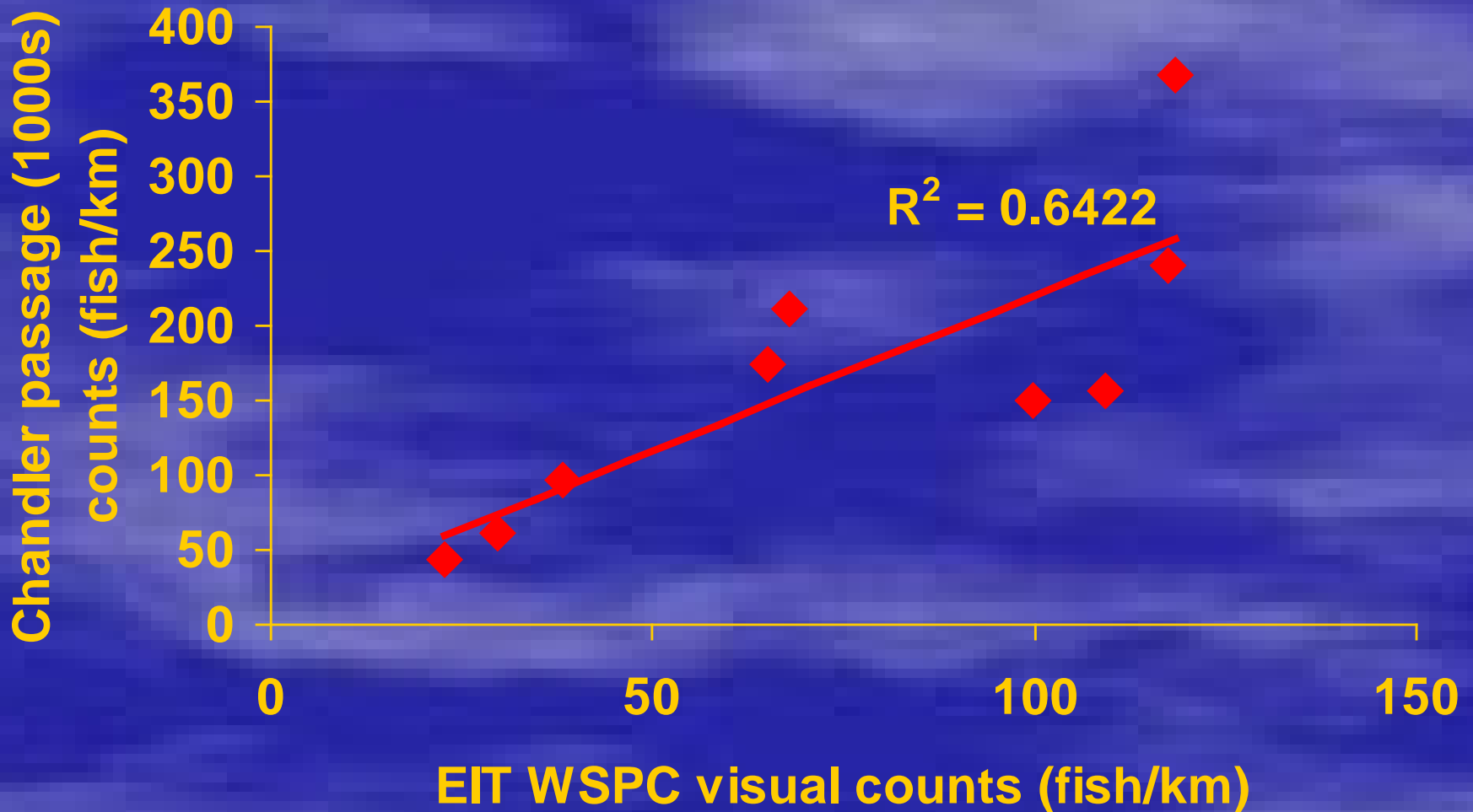




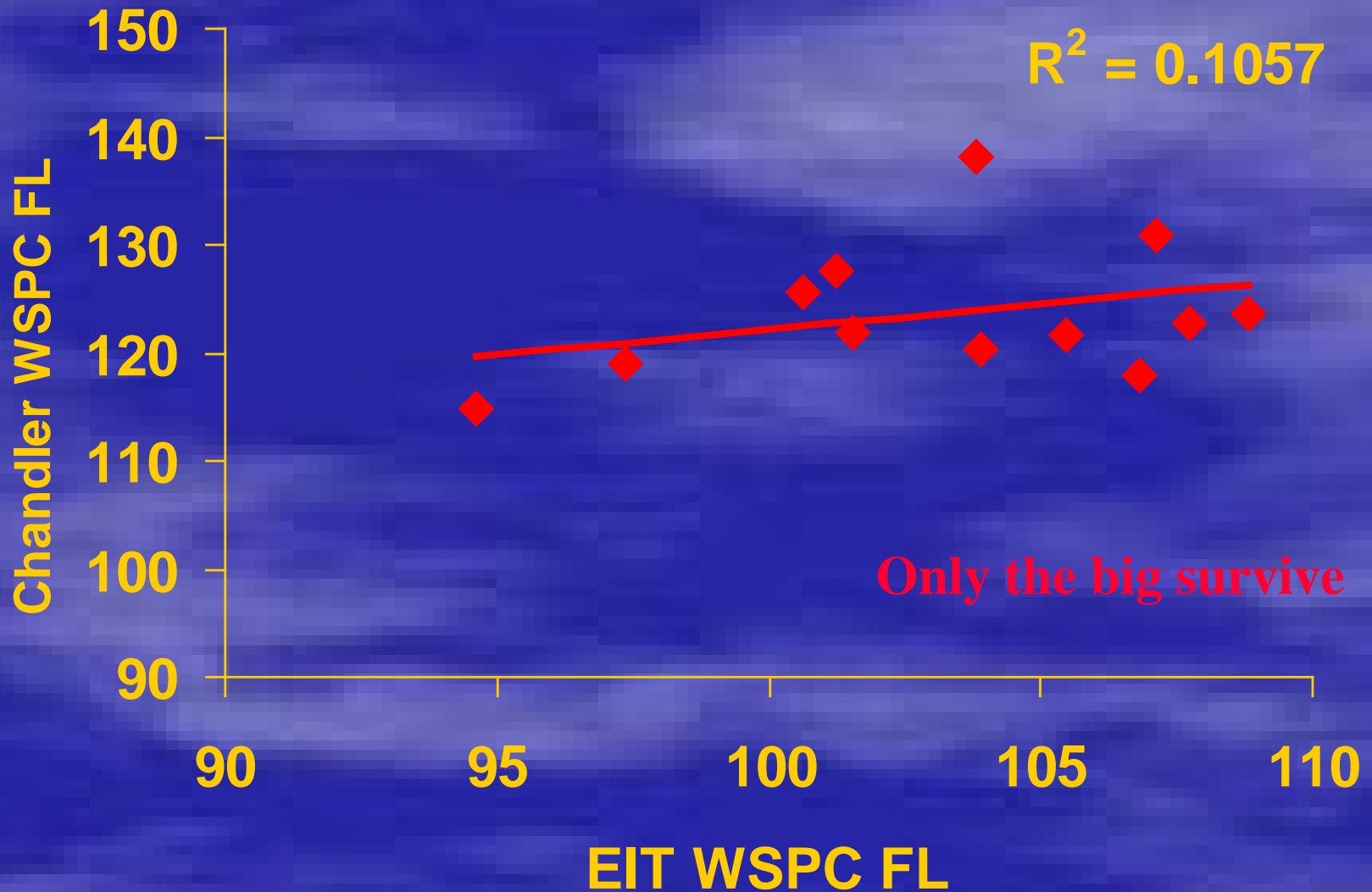


SPC Upper Yakima Basin Redd Counts

# Chandler WSPC estimates vs EIT WSPC visual counts



# WSPC FL at Chandler vs EIT



# 2001 Average SPC 8/1 to 10/28

