Survival Estimates for the Passage of Juvenile Salmonids Through Dams and Reservoirs of the Lower Snake and Columbia Rivers (Project 199302900)

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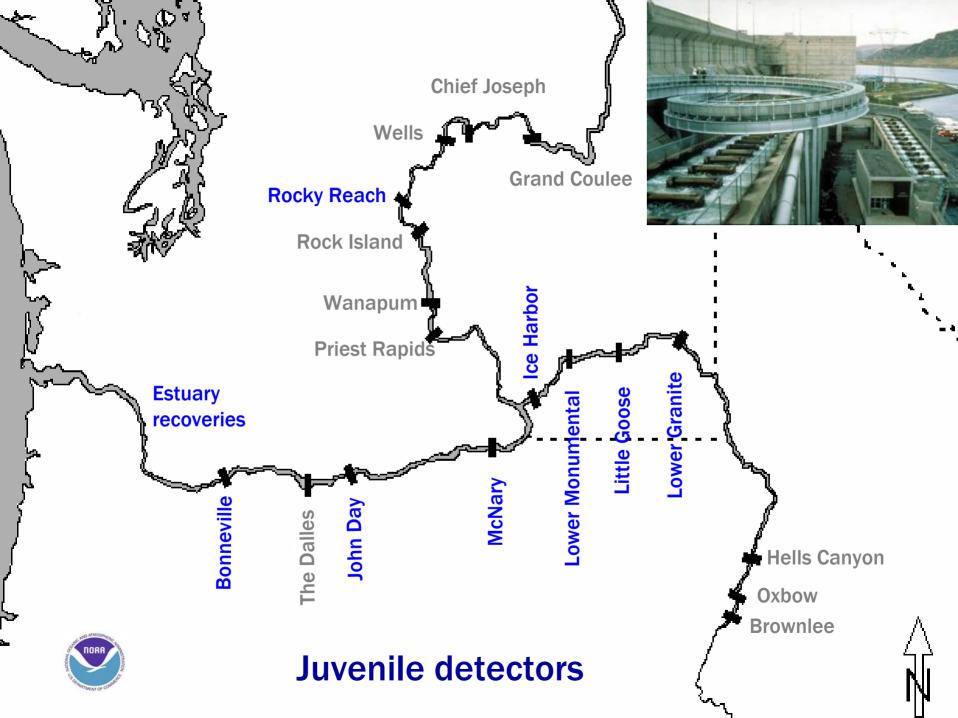
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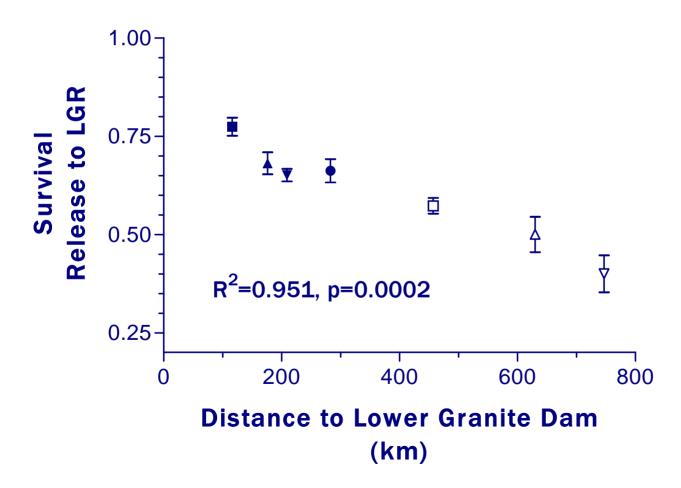
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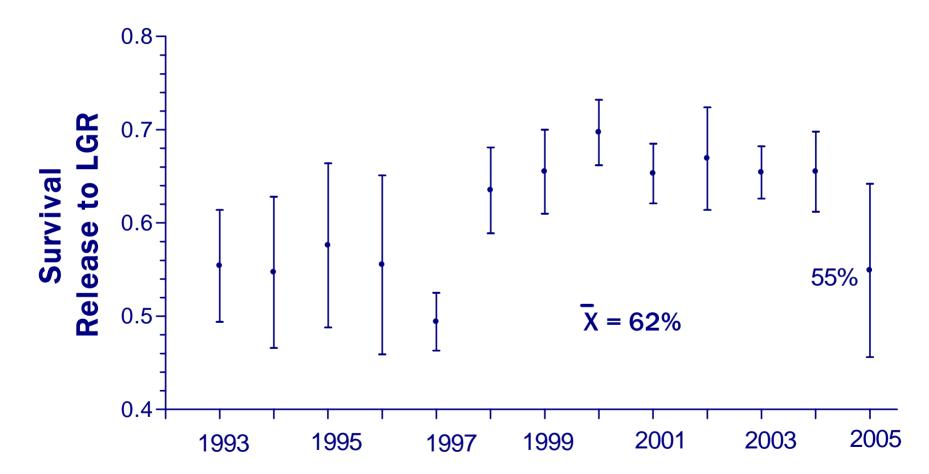
### Hatchery stream type Chinook (1993-2005)



- Dworshak
- ▲ Kooskia
- Imnaha R. weir
- Rapid River
- McCall
- △ Pahsimeroi



Stream type Chinook All Snake River Basin hatcheries combined



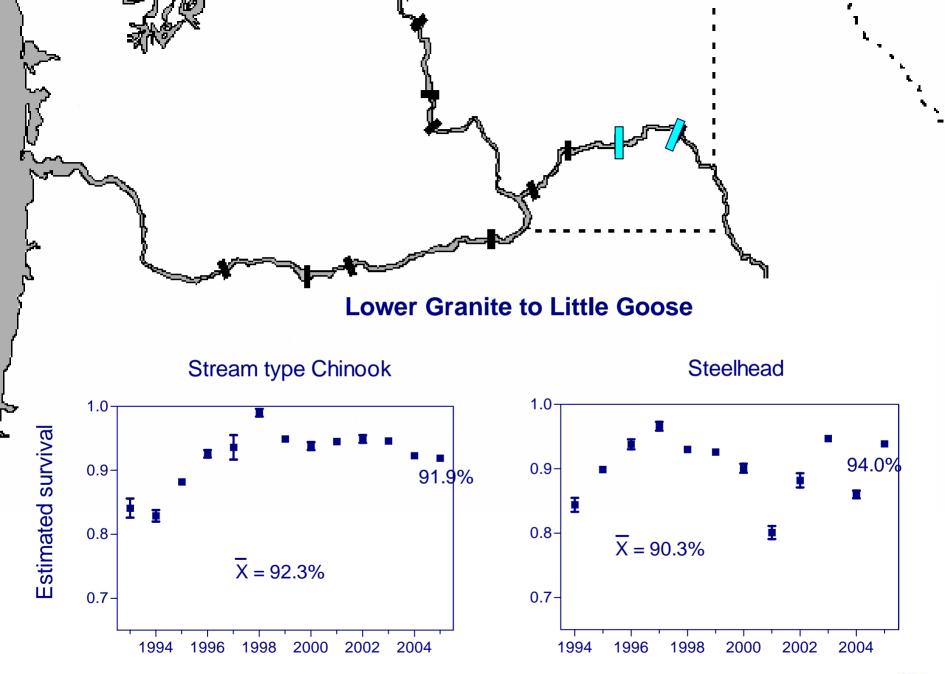




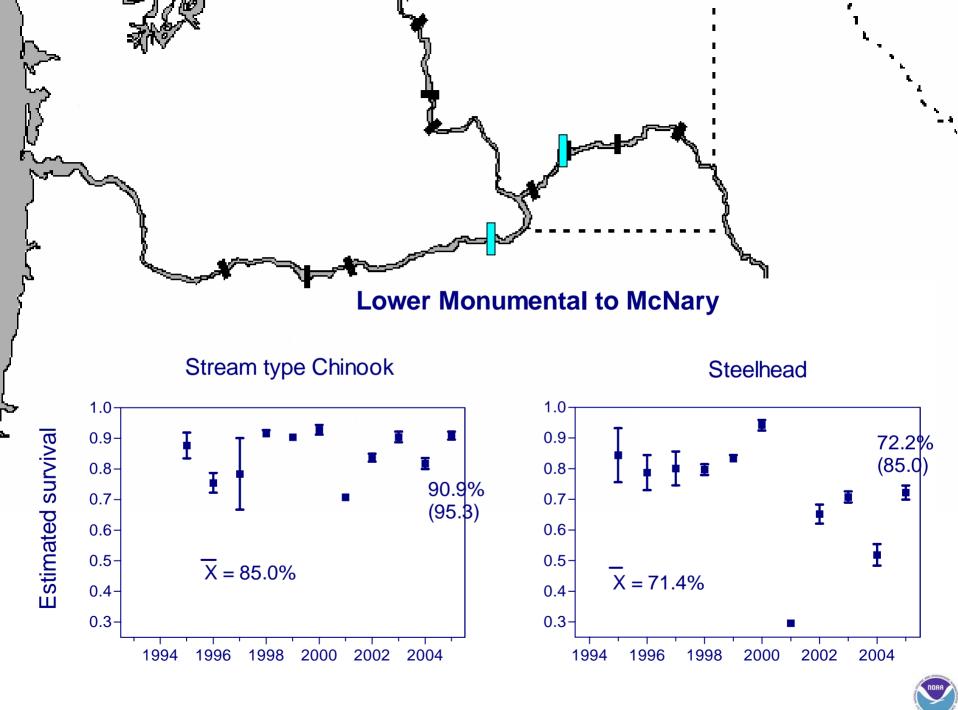
# Lower Granite tagging (each year)

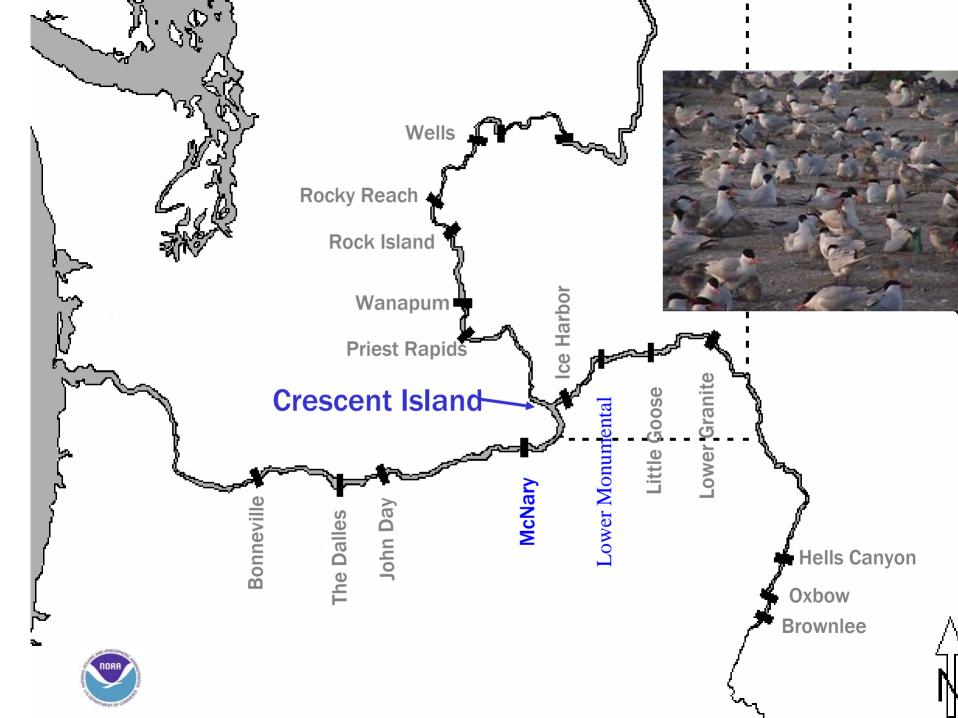
- About 20,000 hatchery steelhead
- Up to 10,000 wild steelhead
- Up to 10,000 wild yearling Chinook
- Combined with fish tagged above LGR





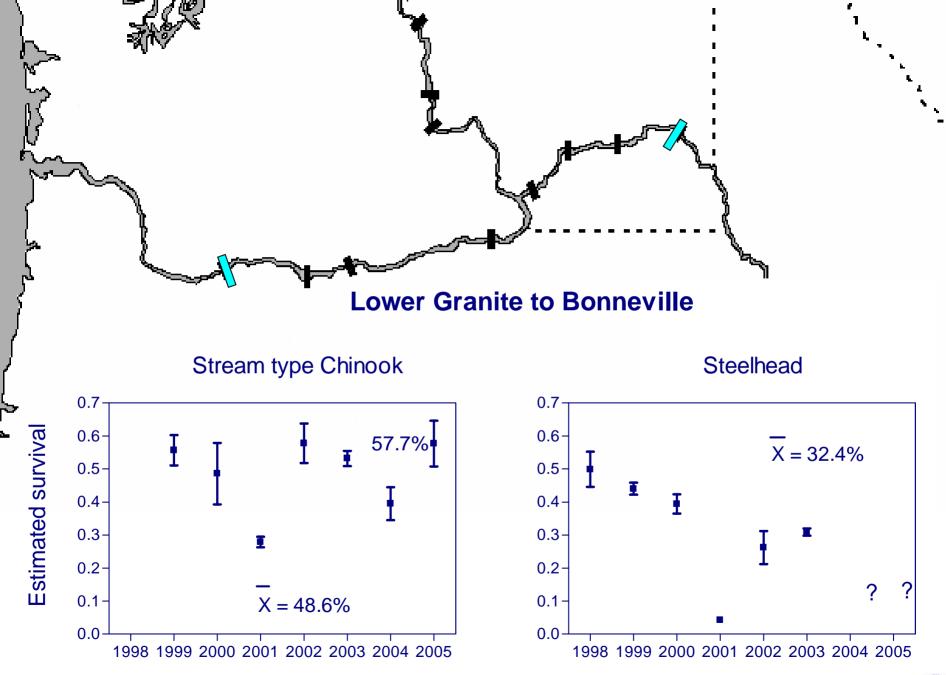




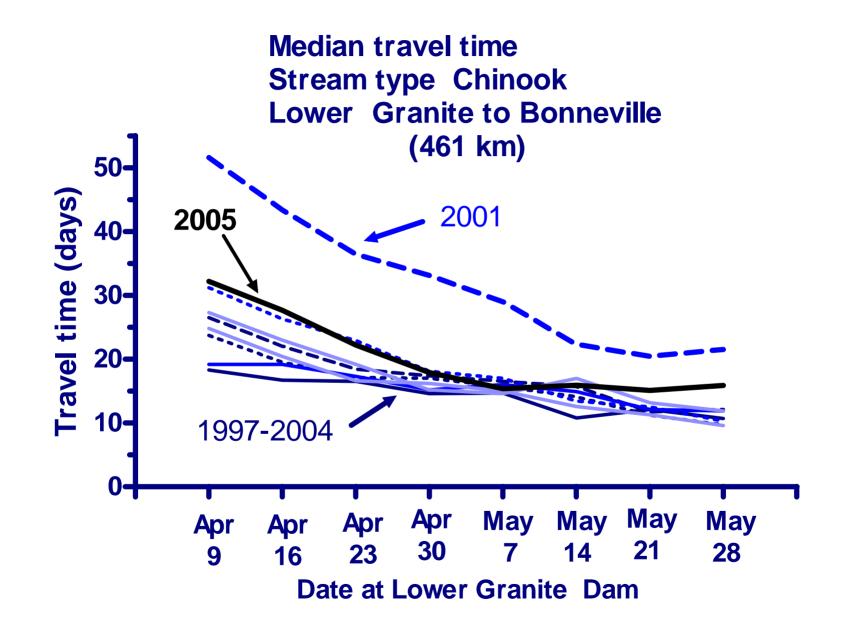




### 4 to 21% of all PIT-tagged steelhead leaving Lower Monumental Dam found on Crescent Island, 1998-2005

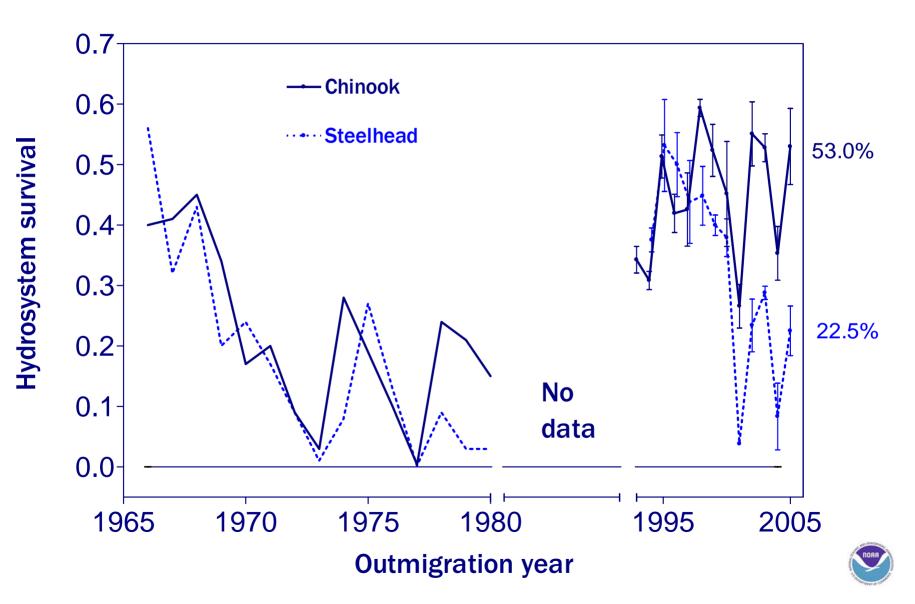


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#### Snake River Trap to Bonneville Dam Tailrace Per-project extrapolation in some years



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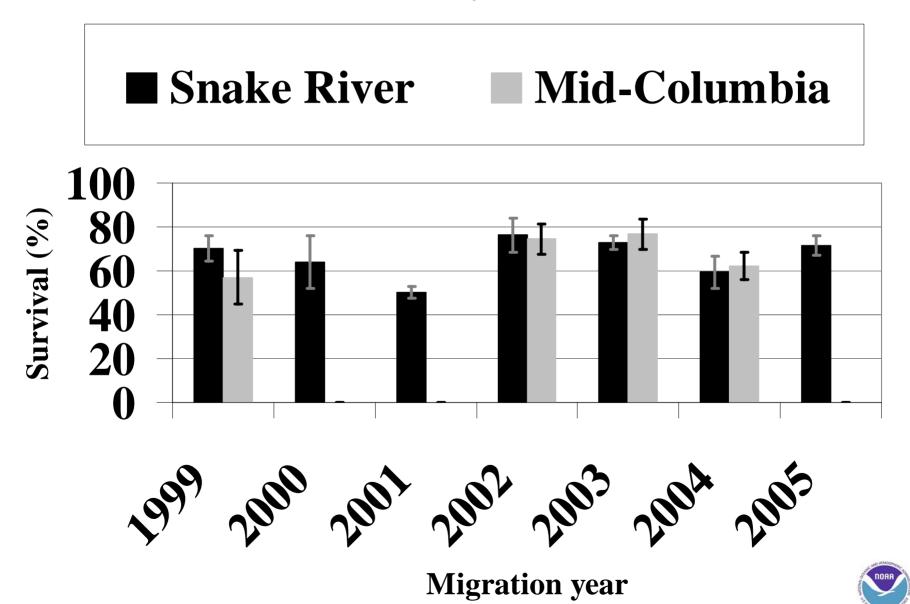
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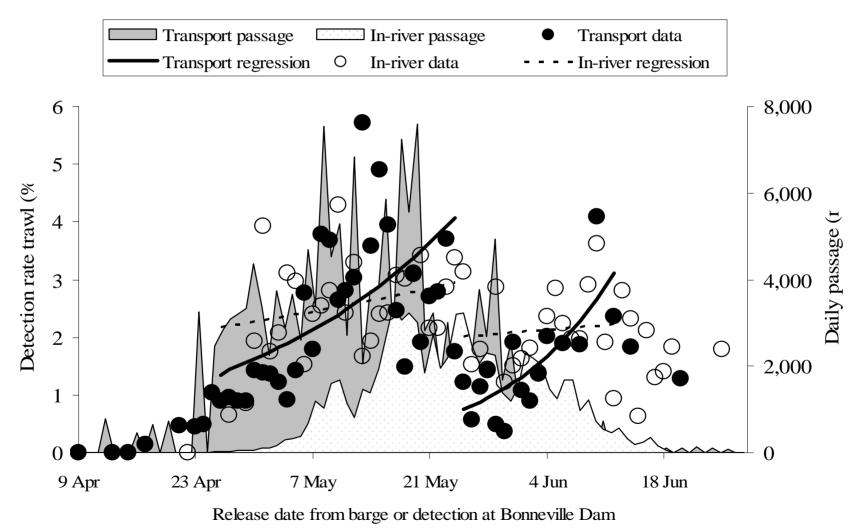




### Yearling Chinook Salmon Survival McNary to Bonneville



#### Detection rates trawl at Jones Beach Yearling chinook salmon, 2003 5,184 detections





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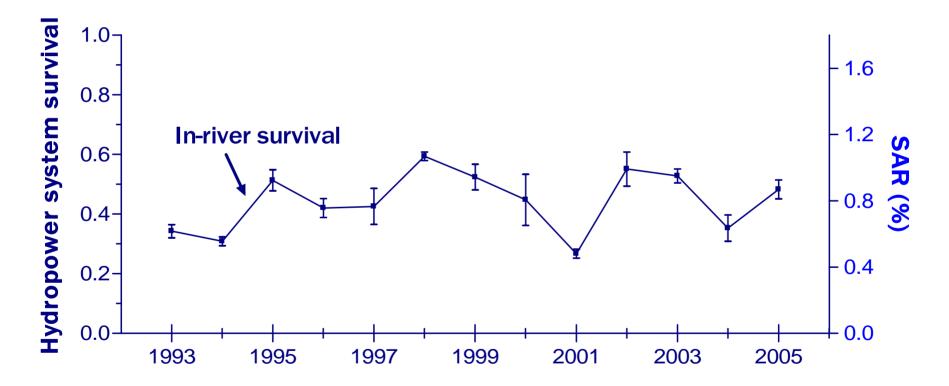
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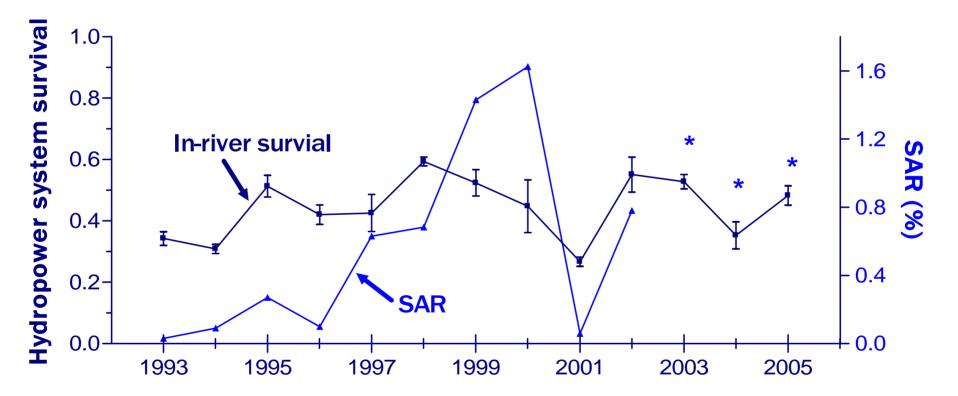


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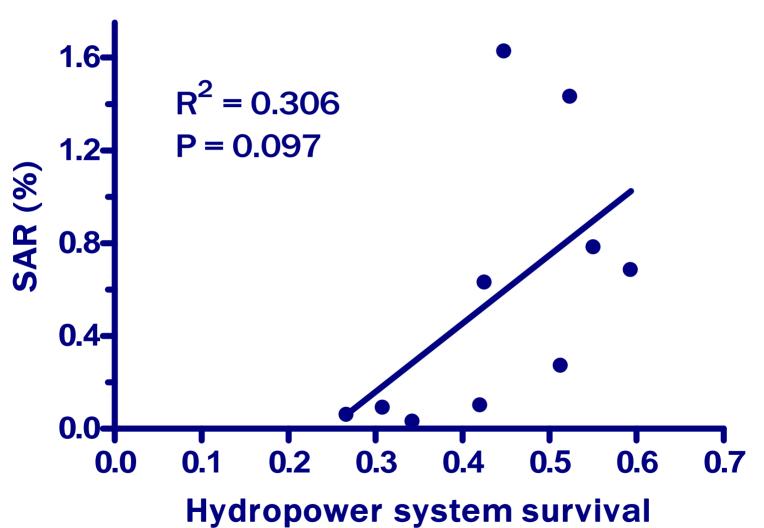
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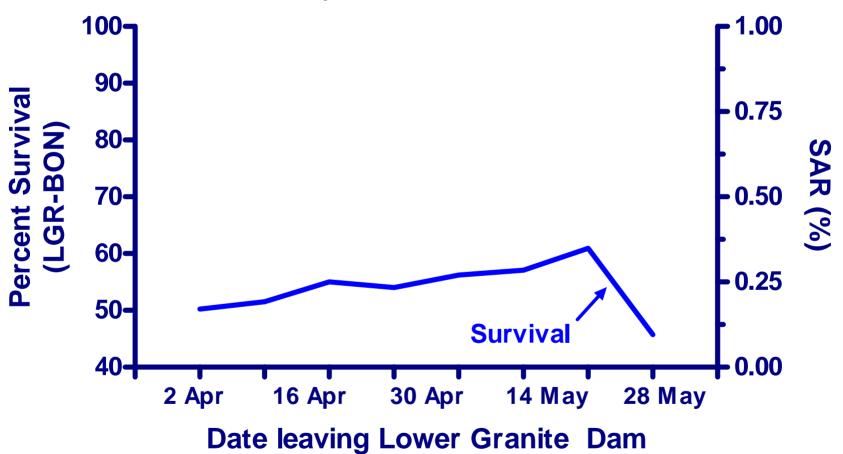


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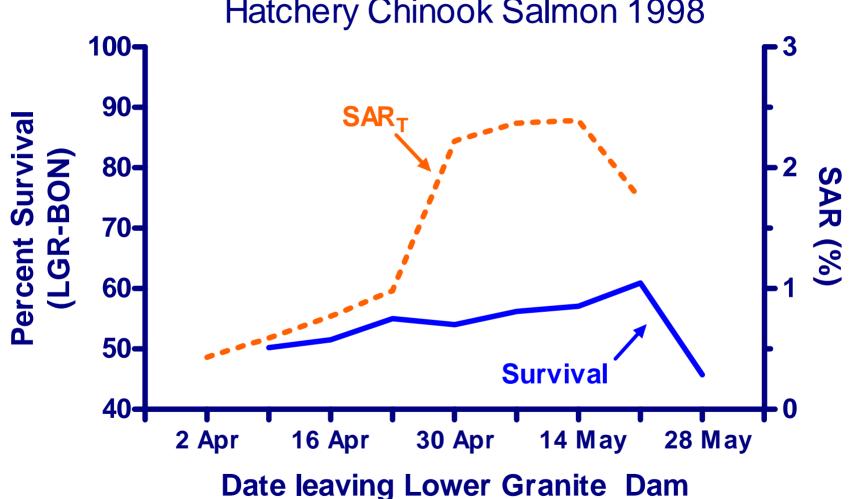




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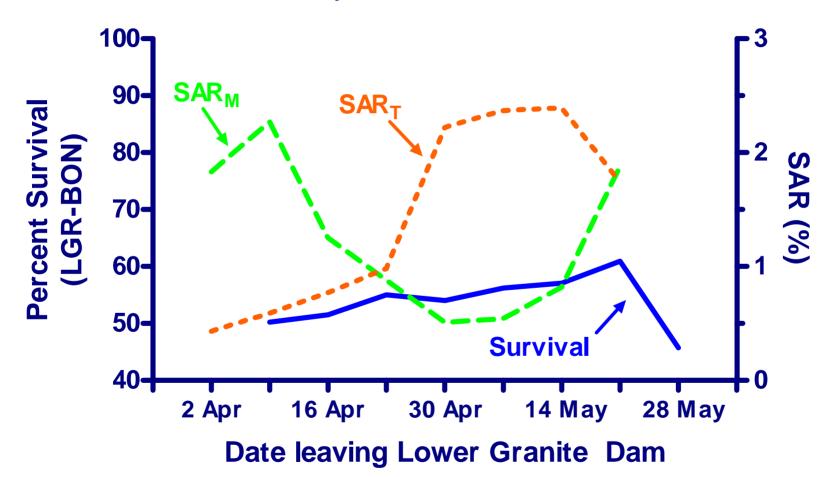




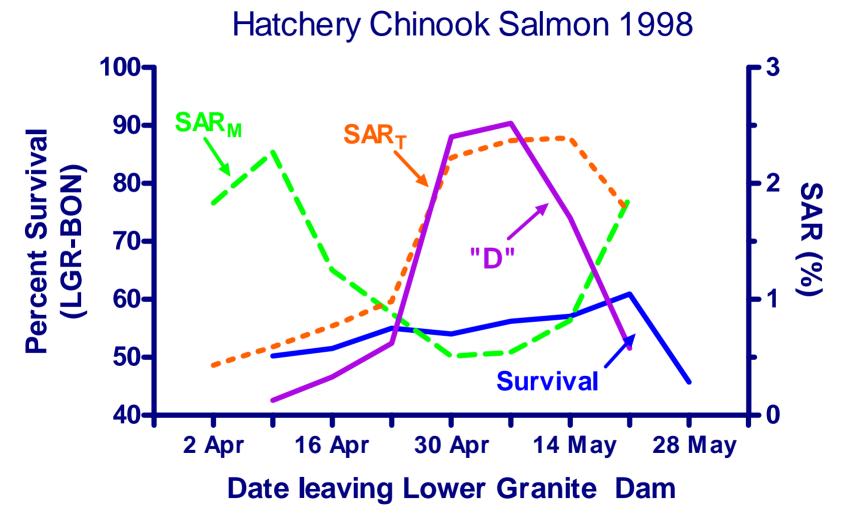




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- Migrant survival only weakly related to SAR, ocean entry timing appears important



### Publications

- 18 reports to BPA (available on BPA website)
- 11 peer-reviewed publications



# Questions

