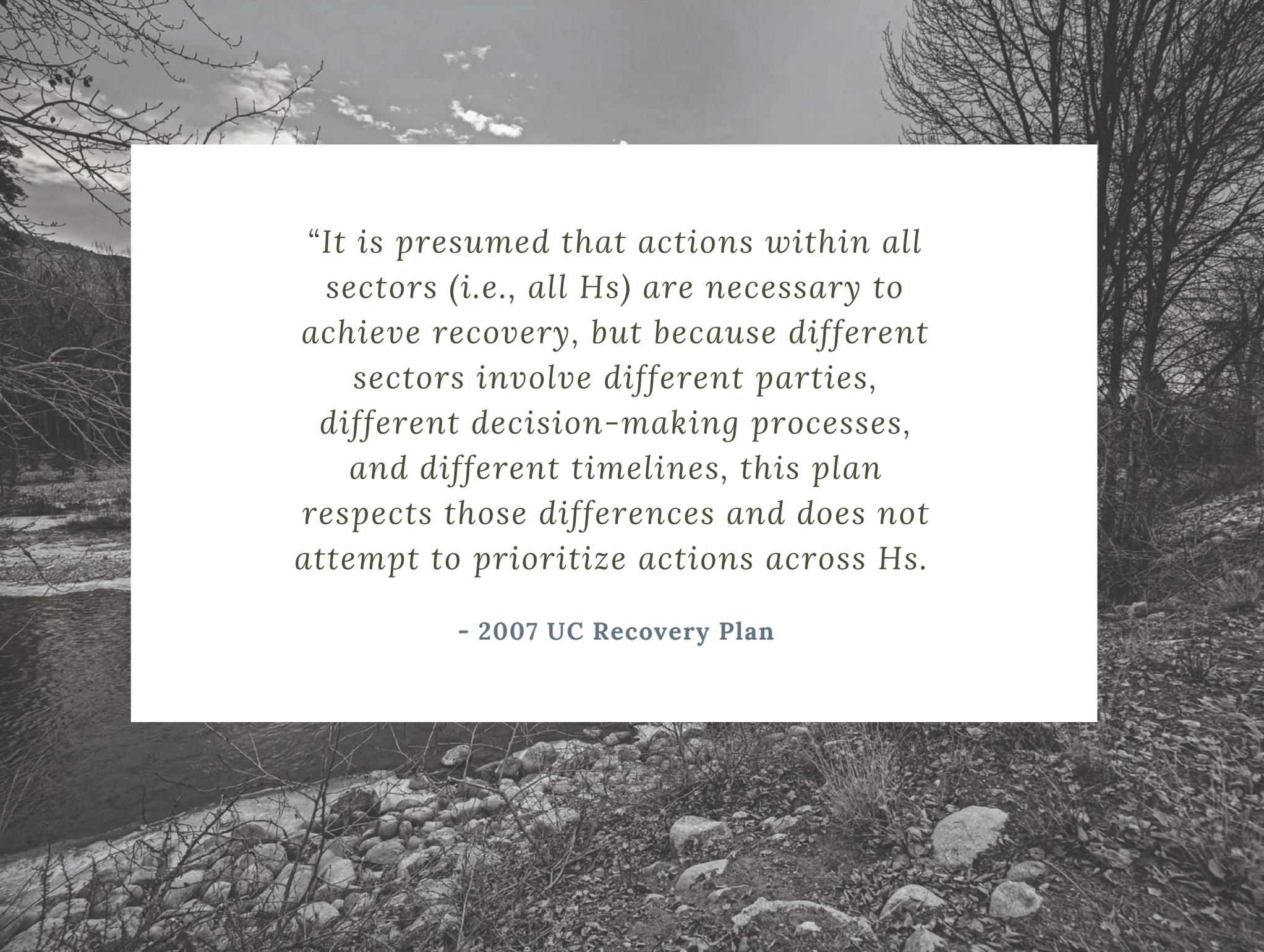




INTEGRATED RECOVERY

THE 5TH "H" HUMANS

GREER MAIER, SCIENCE PROGRAM MANAGER
UPPER COLUMBIA SALMON RECOVERY BOARD

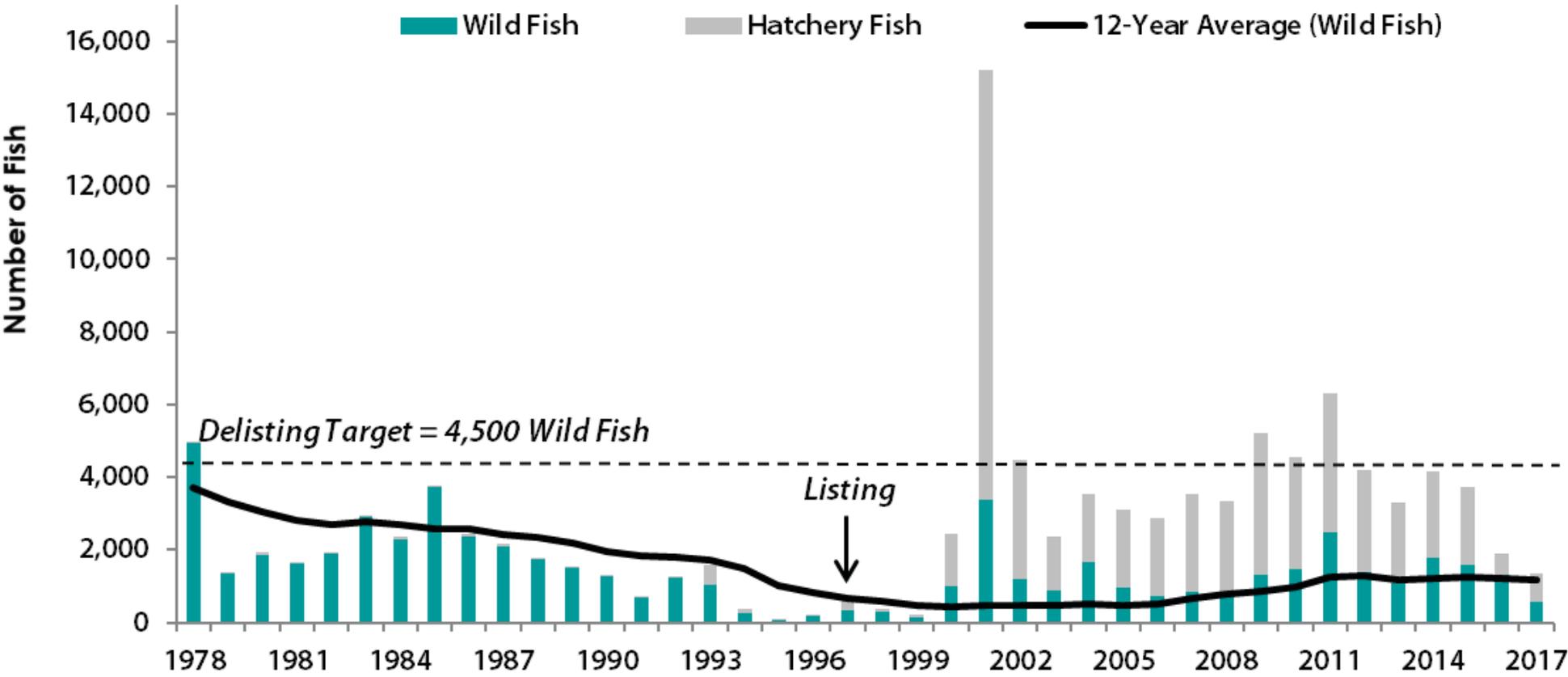
A black and white photograph of a riverbank. The foreground is filled with numerous smooth, light-colored rocks of various sizes, interspersed with sparse, dry vegetation and bare, thin branches. In the middle ground, a calm river flows, its surface reflecting the sky. The background shows a line of trees, mostly without leaves, under a sky with scattered, light clouds. The overall scene is quiet and somewhat desolate, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.

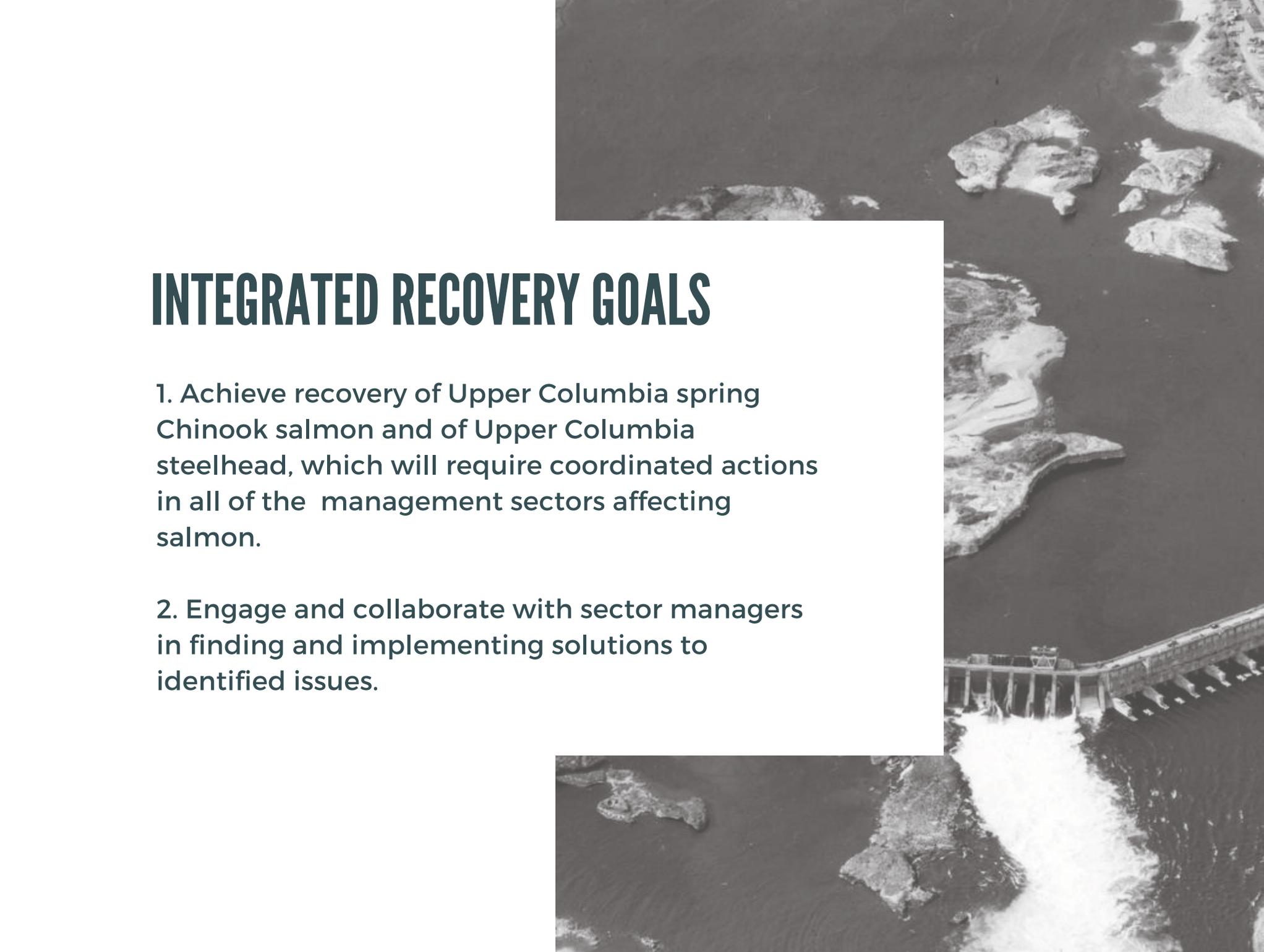
“It is presumed that actions within all sectors (i.e., all Hs) are necessary to achieve recovery, but because different sectors involve different parties, different decision-making processes, and different timelines, this plan respects those differences and does not attempt to prioritize actions across Hs.

- 2007 UC Recovery Plan

Upper Columbia Spring Chinook (Endangered)

70,000+ *Historic Wild Fish*



An aerial photograph of a river system. In the lower right, a dam with multiple spillways is visible, with white water cascading over it. The river flows from the top right towards the bottom left. The banks are rocky and uneven. The overall scene is in black and white.

INTEGRATED RECOVERY GOALS

1. Achieve recovery of Upper Columbia spring Chinook salmon and of Upper Columbia steelhead, which will require coordinated actions in all of the management sectors affecting salmon.
2. Engage and collaborate with sector managers in finding and implementing solutions to identified issues.





Background Summary

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History

Current Programs

Policies and Management

Roles and Responsibilities

Outcomes

Uncertainties

Link to Recovery Criteria

HABITAT SUMMARY



Habitat Status and Trends



Bed and Channel Form



Riparian Condition



Instream Structural Complexity



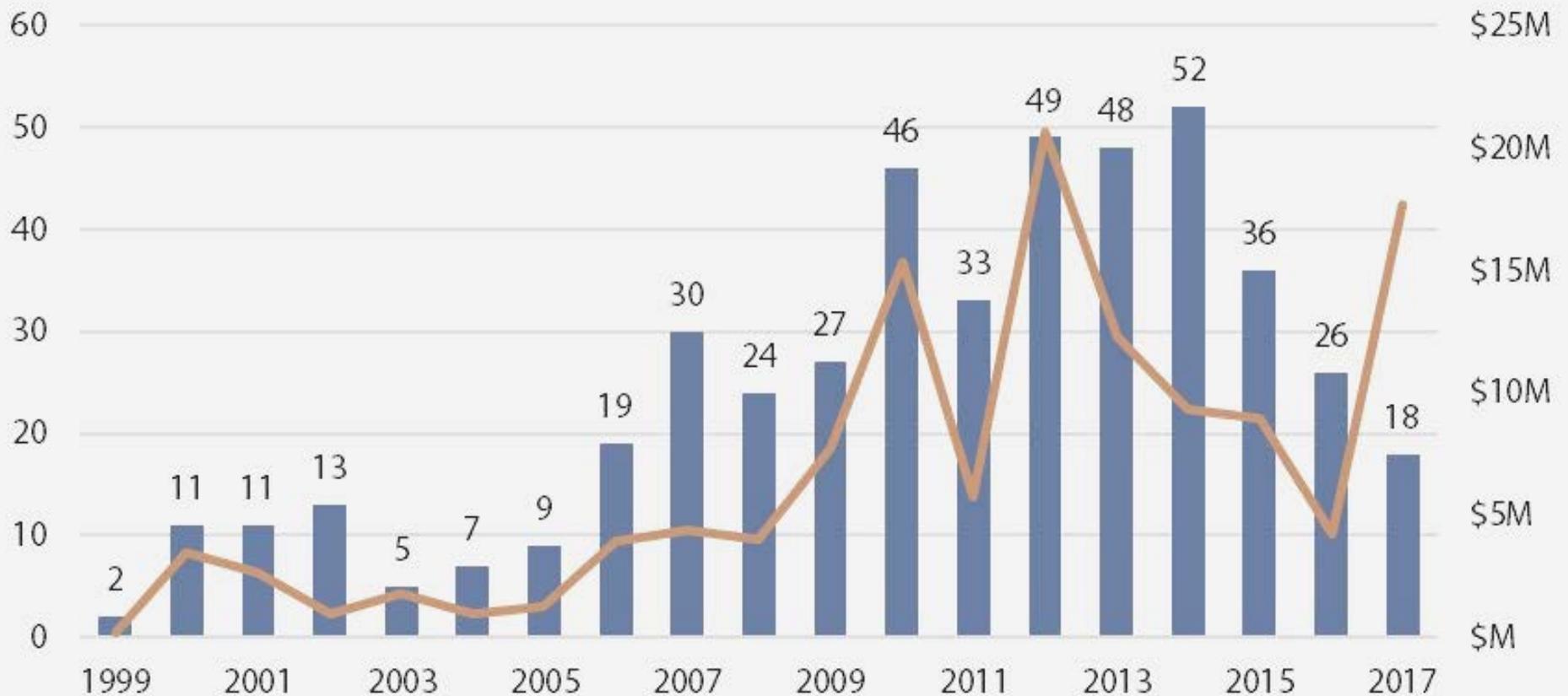
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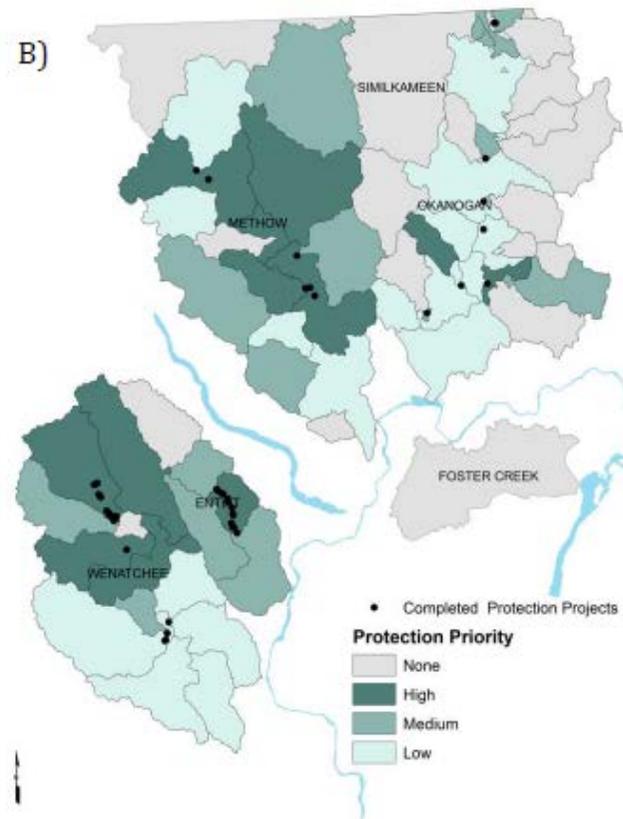
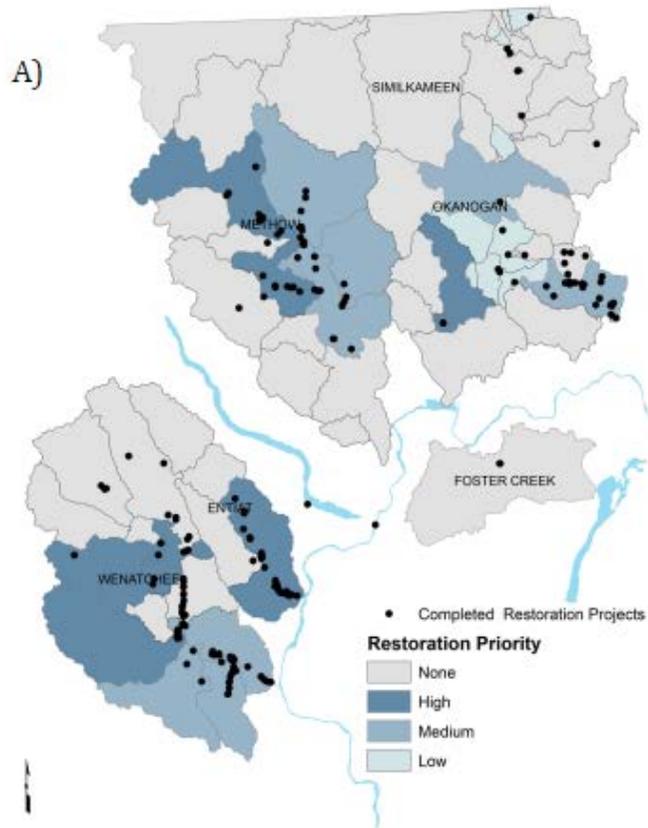
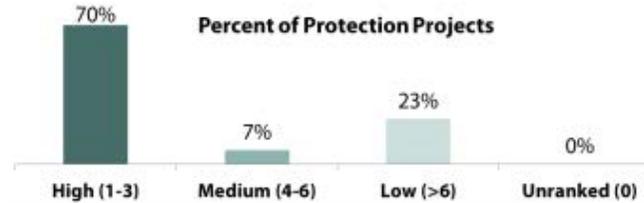
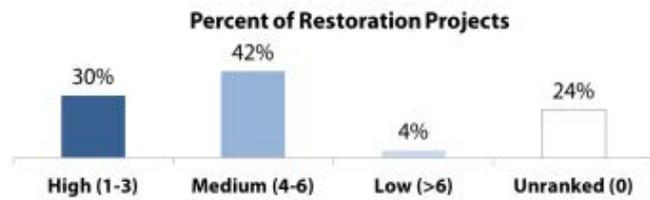
Water Quantity

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over 90 million dollars have been invested in habitat restoration and protection since 1999. This has resulted in the completion of over 450 projects.



Projects and Priorities

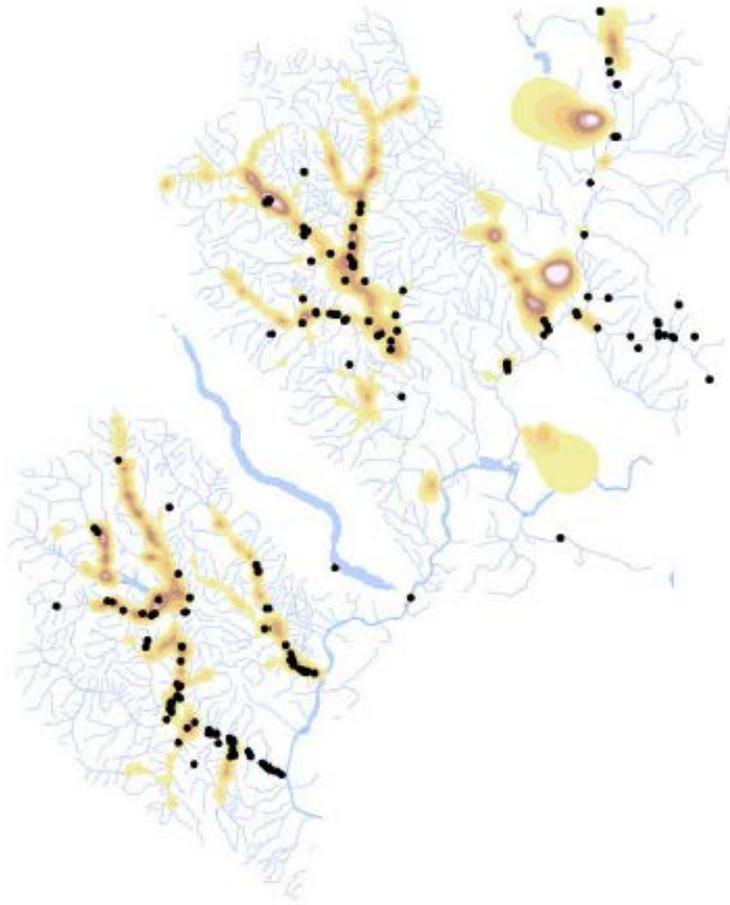


"The majority of restoration and protection habitat projects (>50%) are concentrated in 10% of the Upper Columbia assessment units."

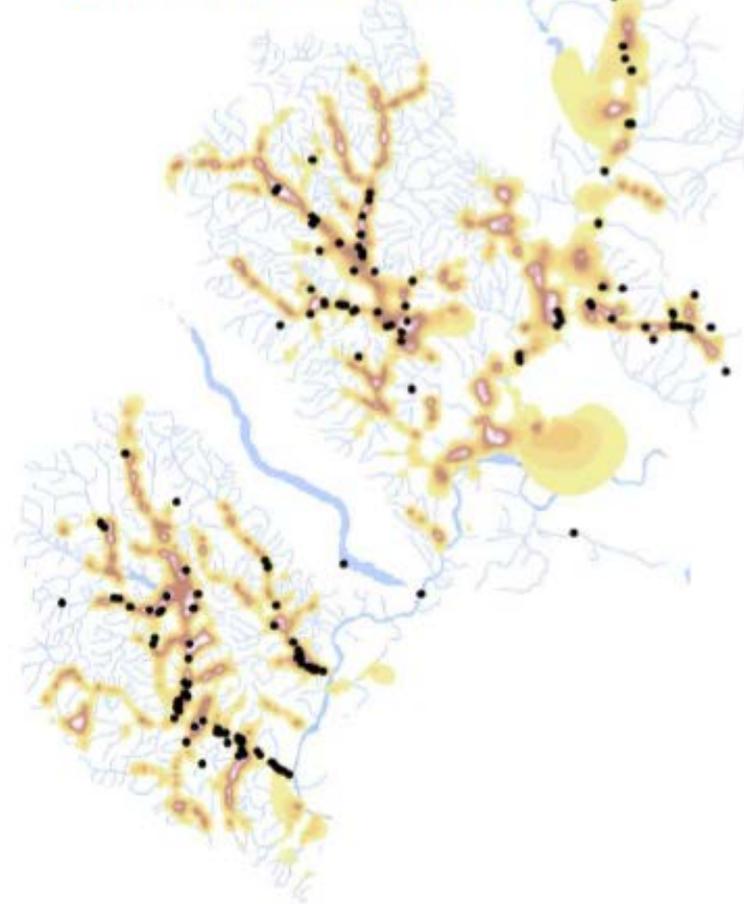
Projects and Priorities

"Almost 34% of projects were within high IP habitat for steelhead compared to 9% of projects within high IP habitat for spring Chinook"

Chinook Intrinsic Potential



Steelhead Intrinsic Potential





How do we estimate?

BENEFITS TO FISH

Effectiveness Monitoring

Life Cycle Modeling

EDT Modeling

Habitat Status and Trends

IMW (Entiat)



UNCERTAINTIES

Habitat Status and Trends

Fish Survival Bottlenecks

Fish Response to Habitat Actions

How Habitat Actions Contribute to Recovery



TAKE-HOMES

1

Habitat impairments exist throughout the region

2

Significant accomplishments have been made in restoring and protecting habitat

3

Projects largely target the greatest priorities

4

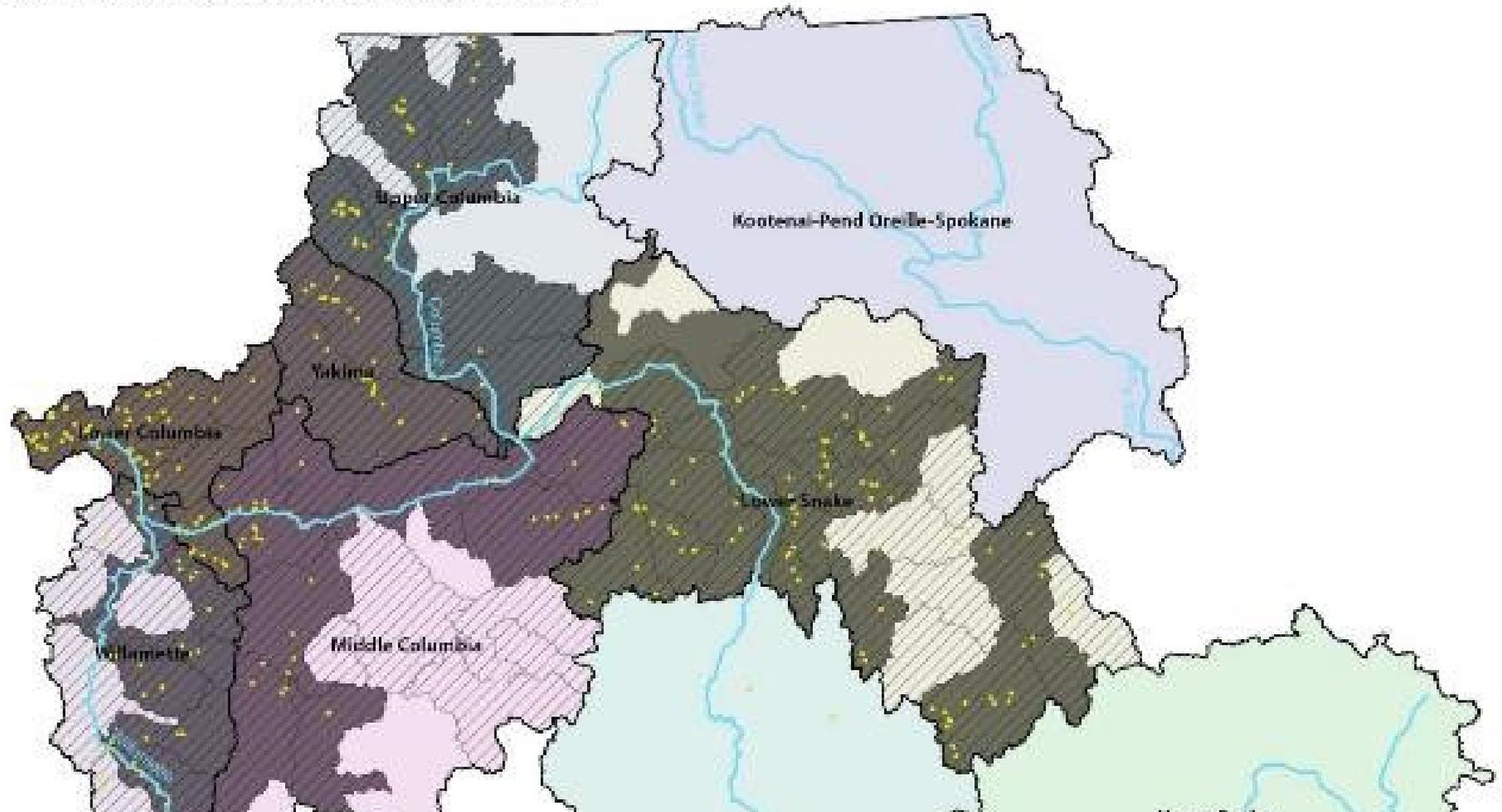
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HATCHERY SUMMARY



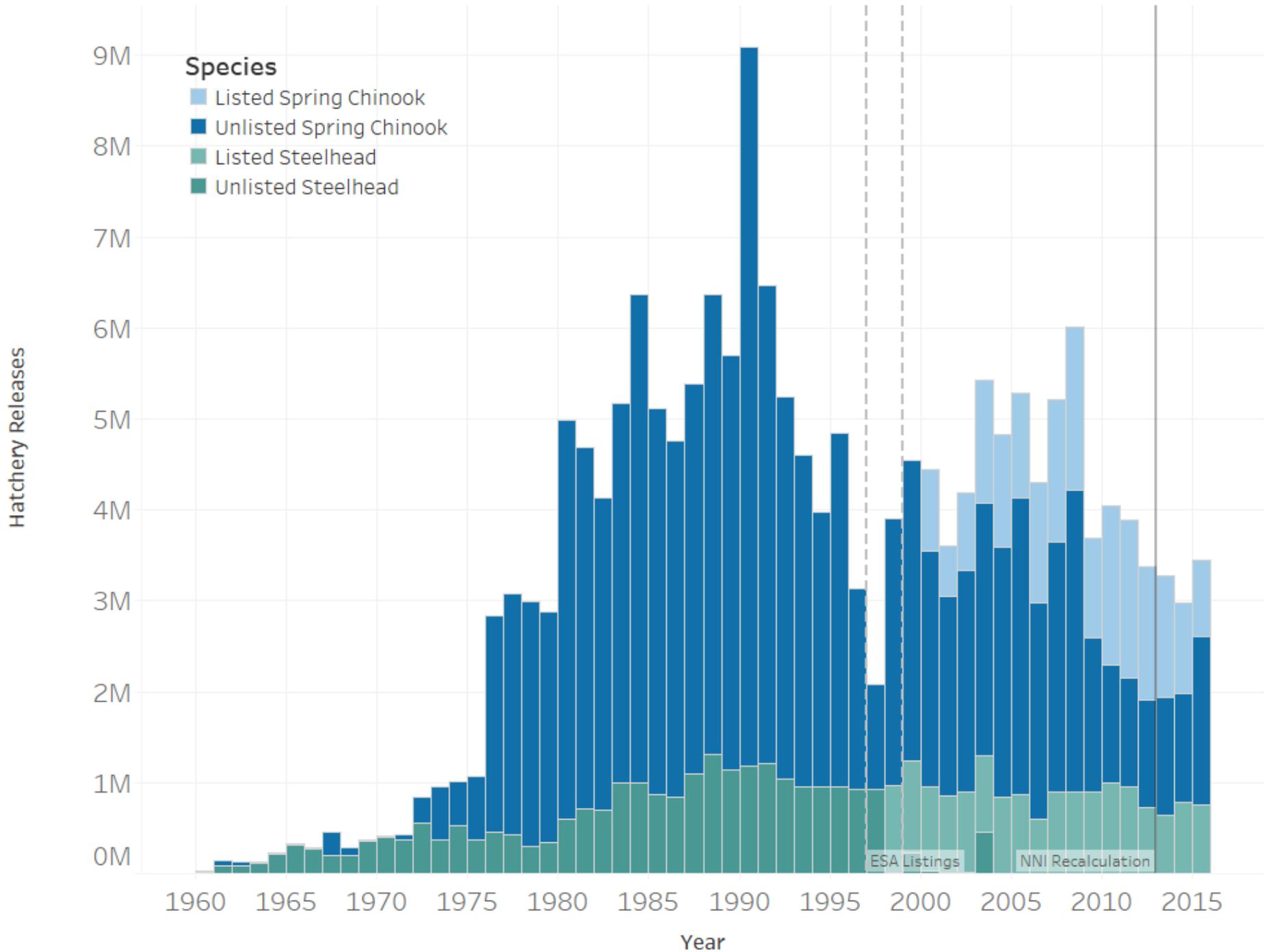
2012-2014 Hatchery Supplemented Watersheds

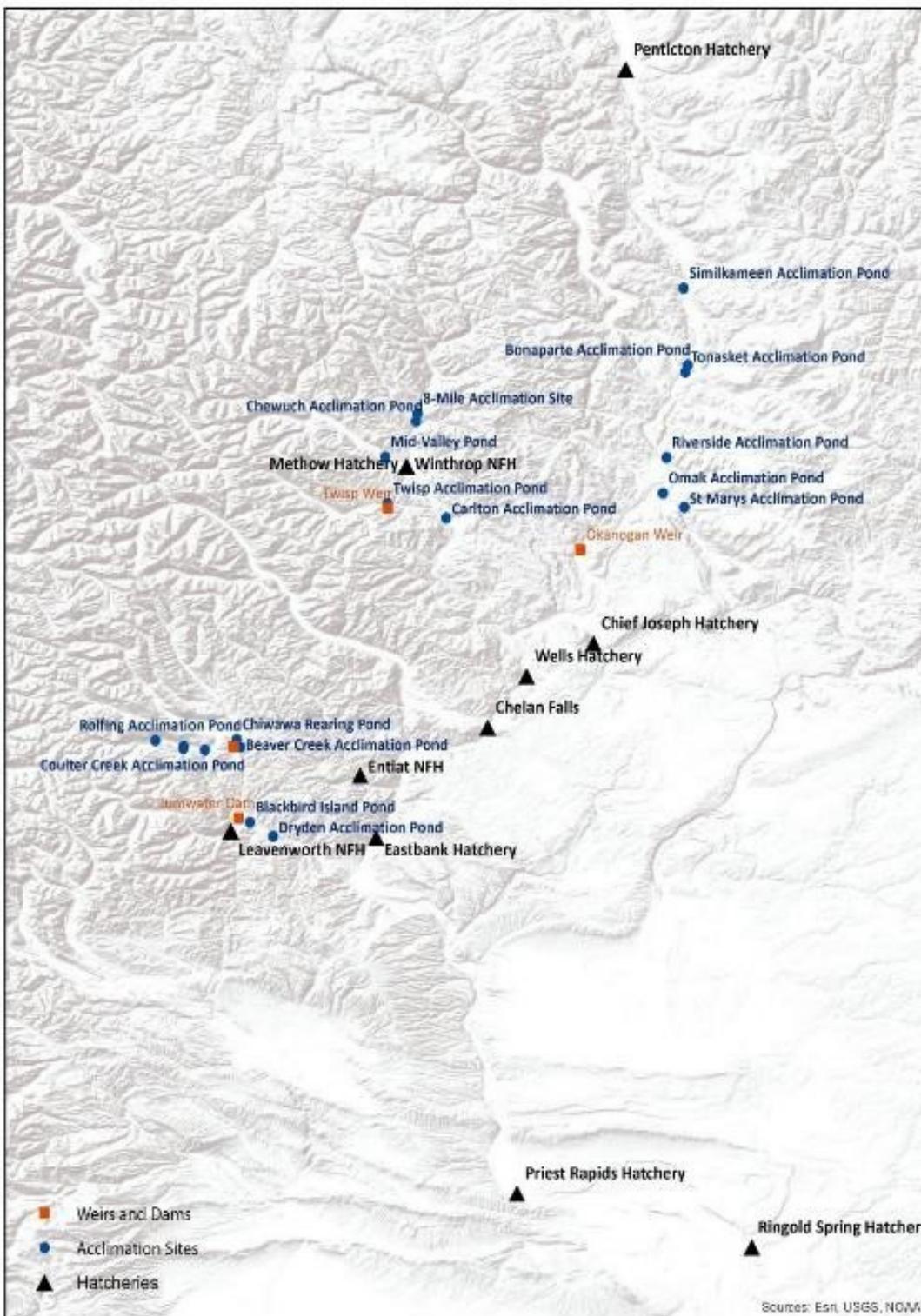


80%

"Roughly 80% of the anadromous salmonids in the Columbia basin originate in hatcheries, and virtually all salmon and steelhead harvested in recreational fisheries are produced in hatcheries."

Upper Columbia Hatchery Releases (1960-2016)





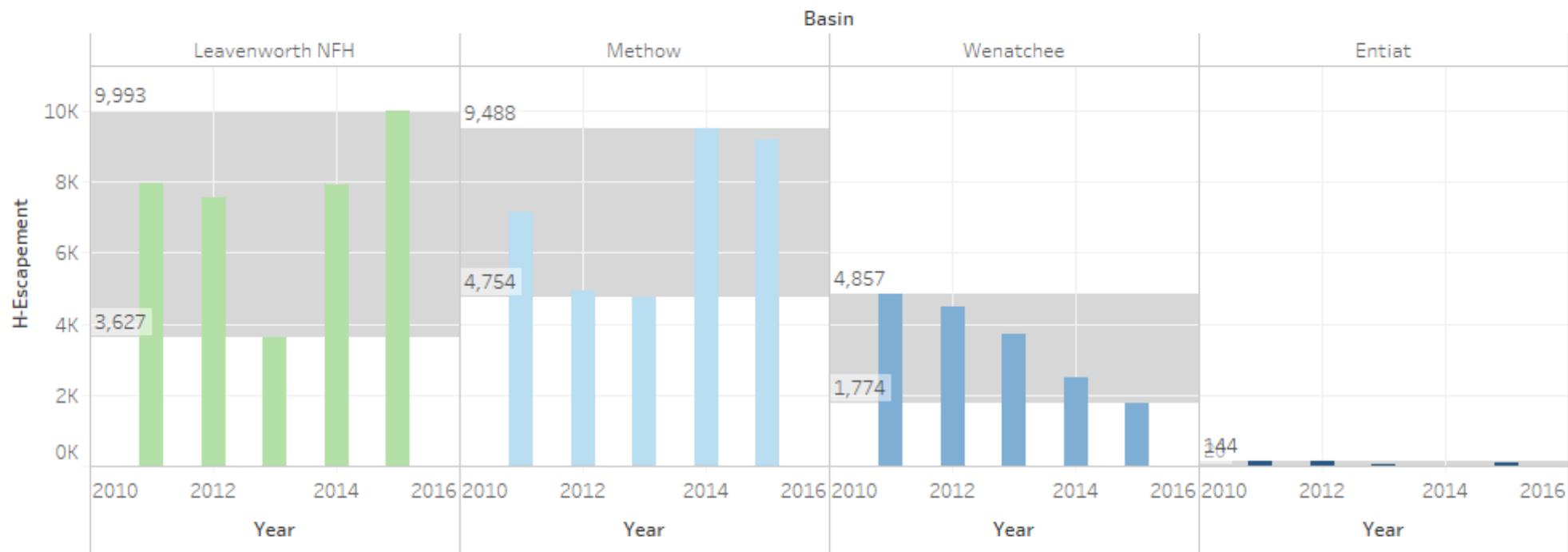
Program	Subbasin(s)	Component(s)	Goals
Methow Spring Chinook	Wenatchee	Nason, White ^b , Chiwawa	Conservation
Methow Spring Chinook	Wenatchee	Nason	Safety-Net
Methow Spring Chinook	Methow	Methow, Twisp, Chewuch	Conservation
Methow Spring Chinook	Methow		Safety-Net
Leavenworth Spring Chinook	Wenatchee		Harvest
Chief Joseph Spring Chinook	Okanogan		Harvest
Chief Joseph Spring Chinook	Okanogan		Reintroduction
Methow Steelhead	Wenatchee		Conservation
Methow Steelhead	Wenatchee		Safety-Net
Wells Steelhead	Methow, Columbia	Methow, Wells	Safety-Net
Twisp Steelhead	Methow	Twisp	Conservation
Methow Steelhead	Methow		Conservation
Okanogan Steelhead	Okanogan		Conservation
Mid-Columbia Coho	Wenatchee, Methow	Wenatchee, Methow	Reintroduction
Priest Rapids Fall Chinook	Columbia		Harvest
Ringold Springs Fall Chinook	Columbia		Harvest
Chelan Falls Summer Chinook	Columbia		Harvest
Wells Summer Chinook	Columbia		Harvest

21 PROGRAMS

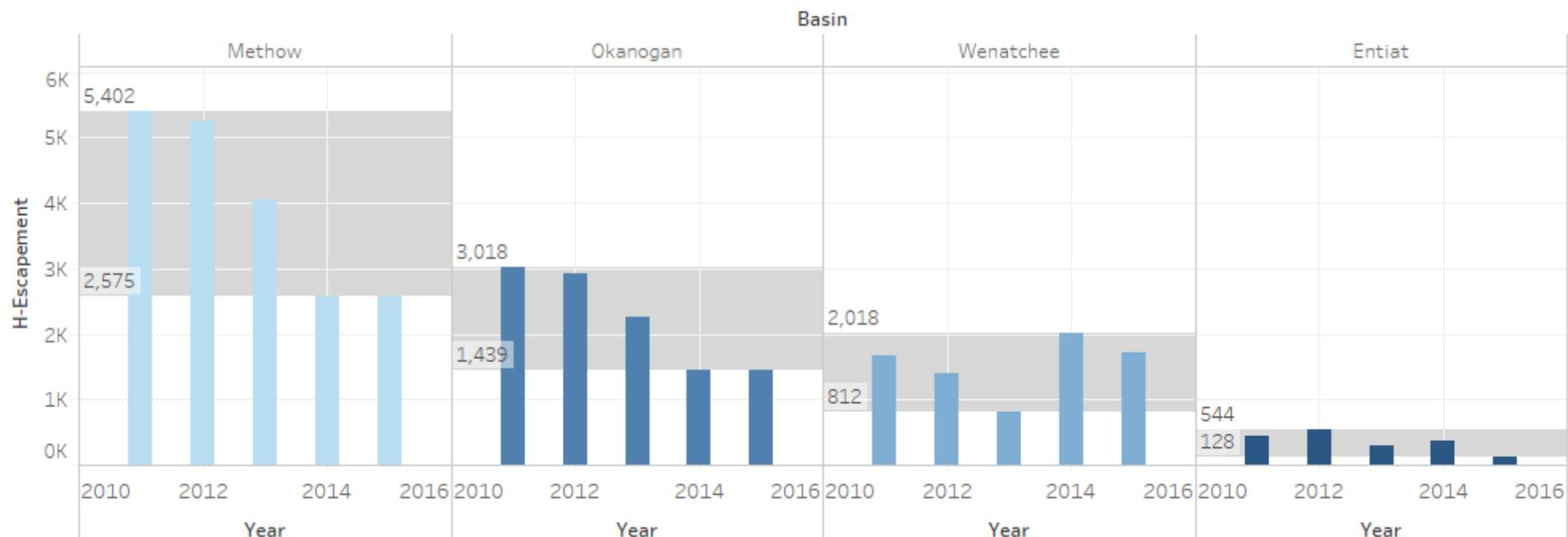
Programs in the Upper Columbia have a goal of either conservation, reintroduction, safety-net, or harvest. Listed species programs are conservation programs.

Sources: Esri, USGS, NDM

Spring Chinook Hatchery-Origin Adult Escapement (2011-2015)



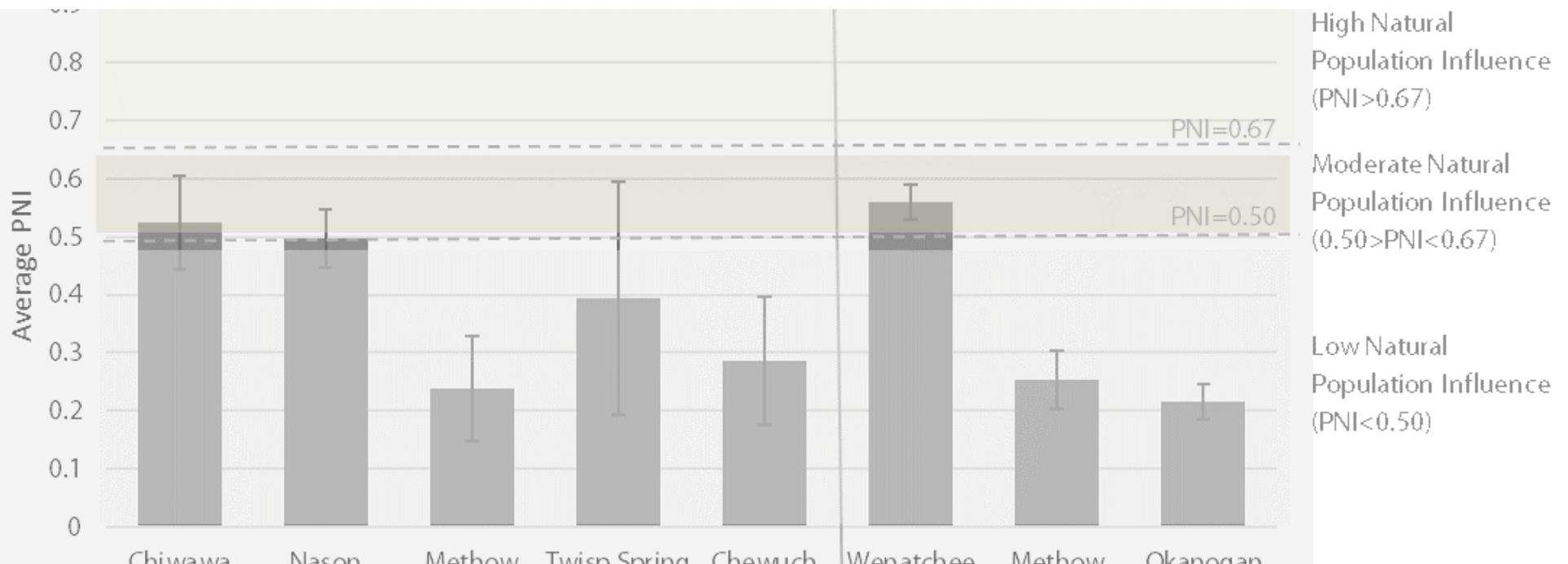
Steelhead Hatchery-Origin Adult Escapement (2011-2015)



Hatchery Influence

PNI - PHOS & PNOB

Based on PNI values reported in the most recent PUD reports (average BY2010-2015), supplemented spawning areas in the Upper Columbia have had a calculated PNI that is less than or roughly equal to 0.50. This could suggest that the hatchery environment has a greater influence on adaptation than does the natural environment



UNCERTAINTIES

Hatchery and Natural-Origin Returns

Causal Mechanisms for Hatchery/Wild Differences

Unsupplemented Stream Comparisons

Capacity and Survival Bottlenecks

Hatchery and Natural-Origin Interactions

TAKE-HOMES

1

Hatchery supplementation has been ongoing for over a century

2

Programs are managed to meet mitigation and conservation goals

3

Hatchery programs have a large effect on UC species (both positive and negative)

4

Hatchery programs operate with a large degree of uncertainty as to the effects



HYDROPOWER SUMMARY

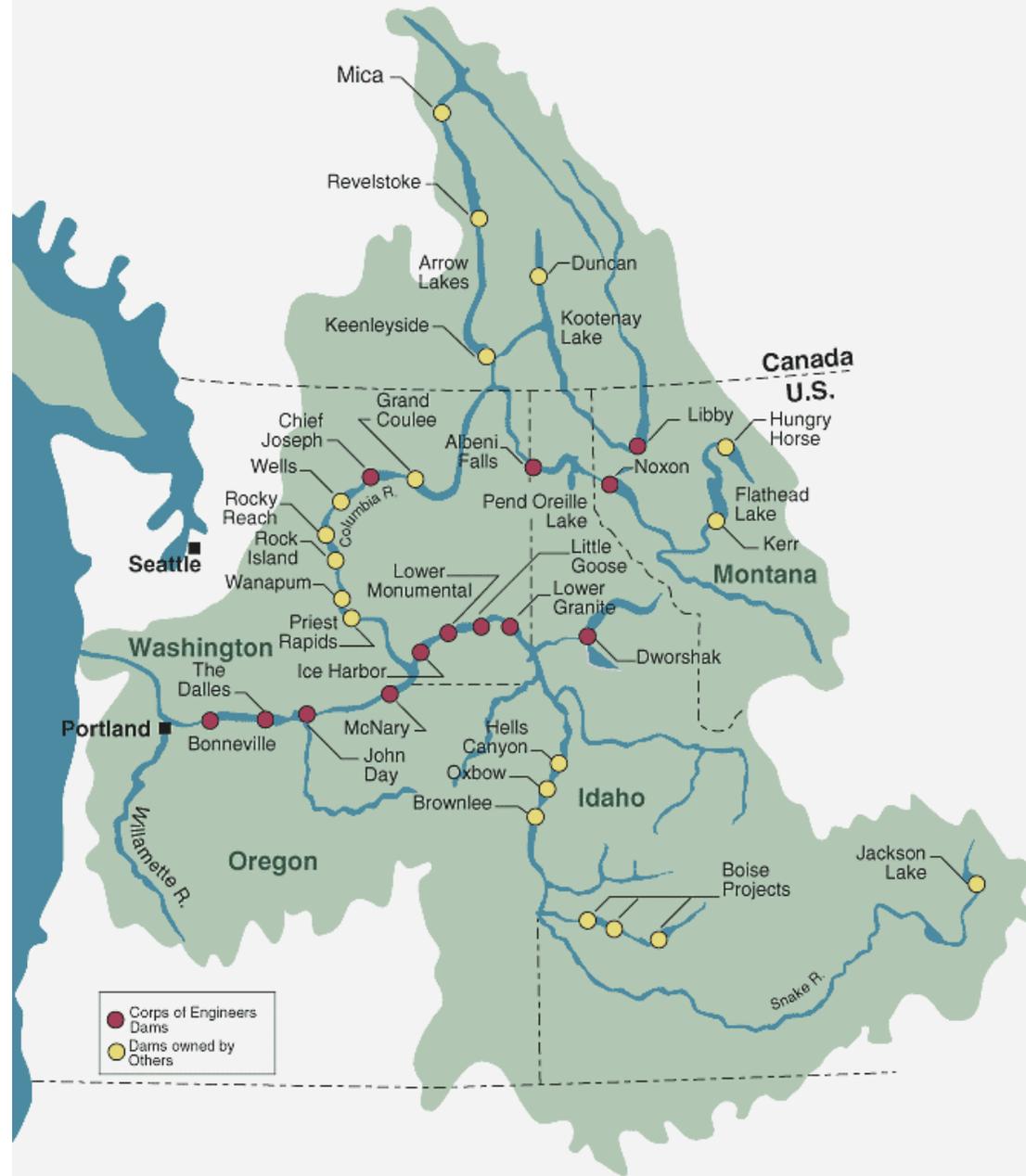


COLUMBIA RIVER HYDROPOWER

11 Major Mainstem
Dams in U.S.

UC Fish pass through 7-
9 dams as juveniles and
adults/kelts

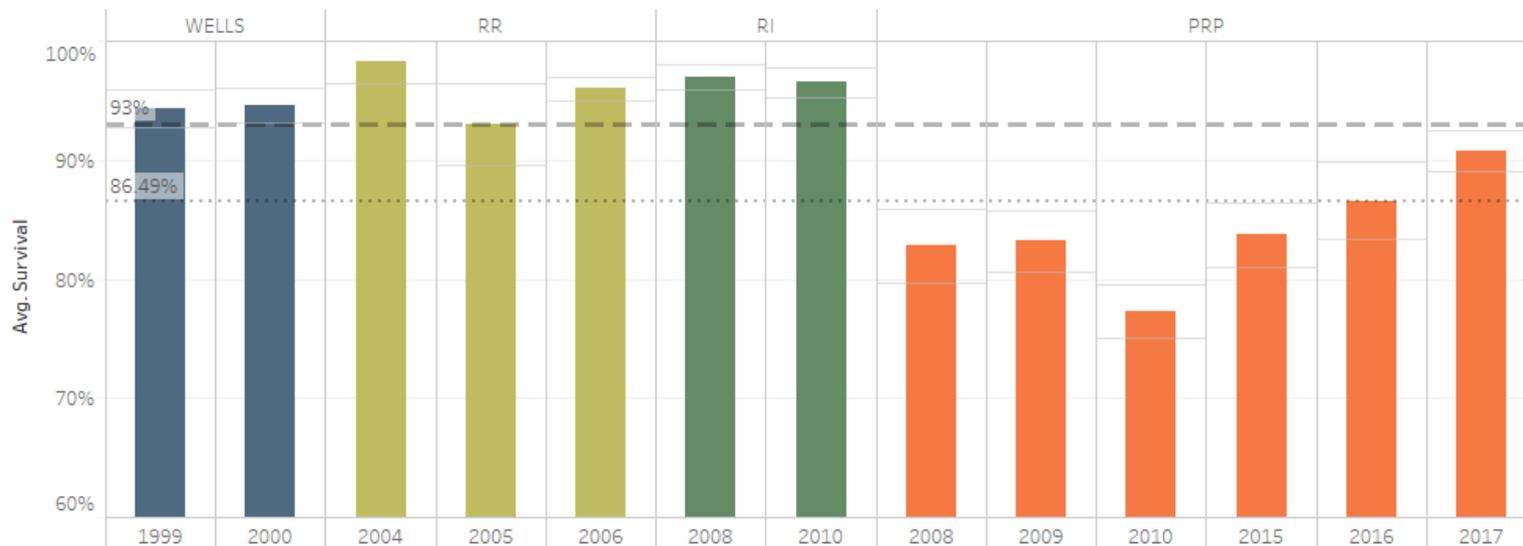
55% of historic habitat was
lost above Grand
Coulee/Chief Joseph Dams



Yearling Chinook- PUDs



Steelhead- PUDs

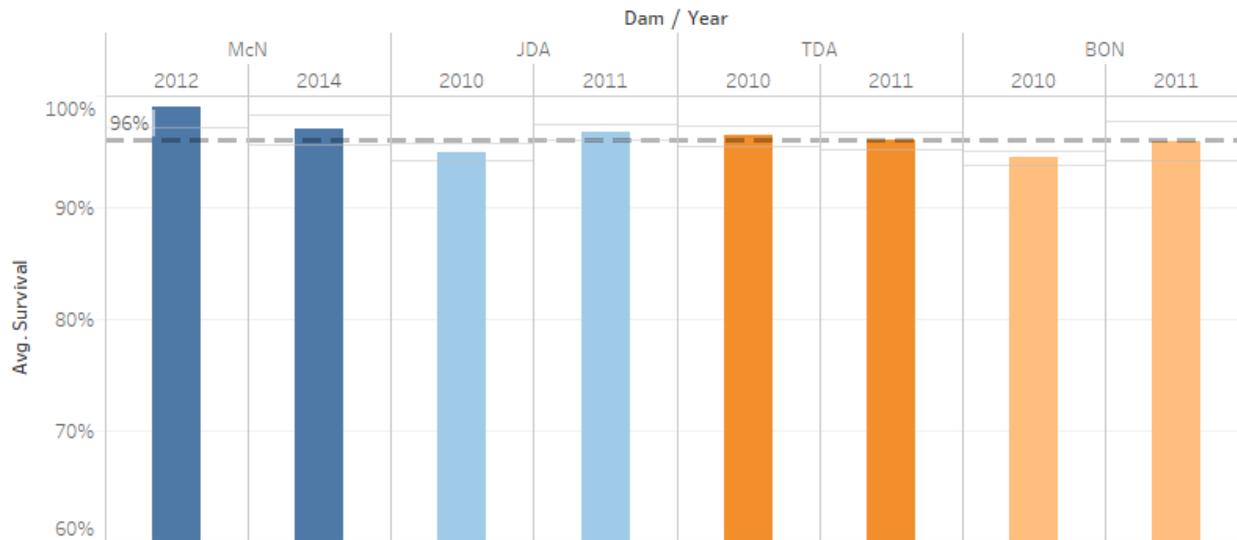


MID-COLUMBIA SURVIVAL STANDARDS

Yearling Chinook- Federal Dams



Steelhead- Federal Dams



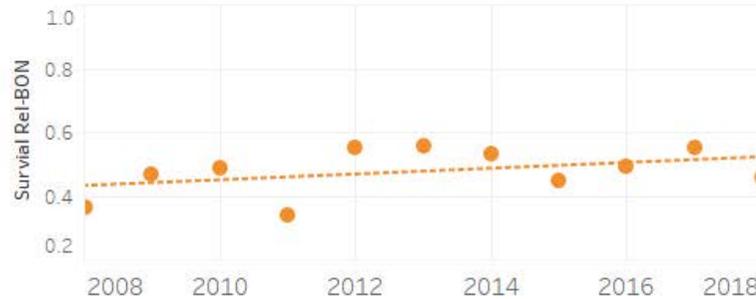
FEDERAL SURVIVAL STANDARDS

COMPOSITE (MULTIPLE-DAM) SURVIVAL

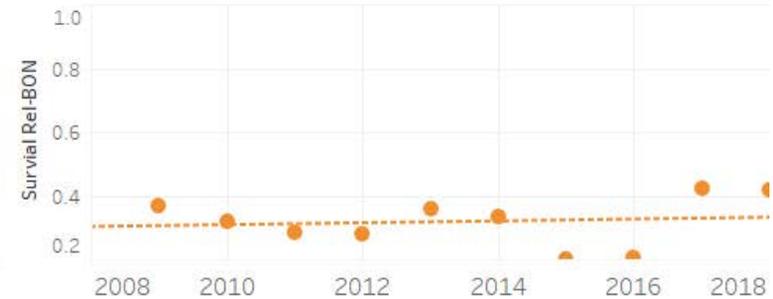
NOAA PIT-Tag Studies

Yearling Chinook and Steelhead Survival (2008-2018)

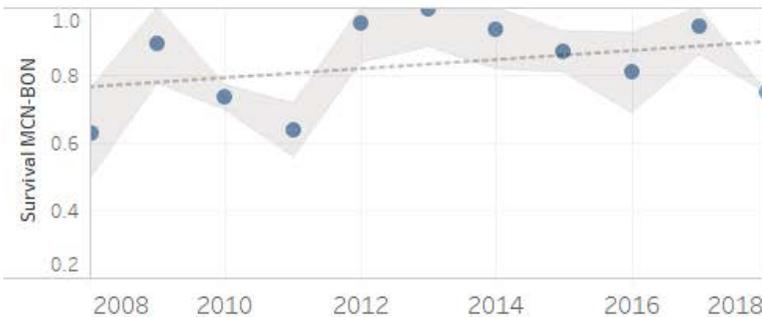
Release to Bonneville (Computed)- CHN



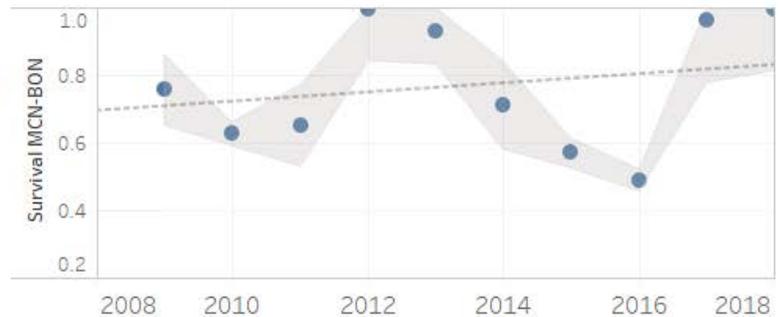
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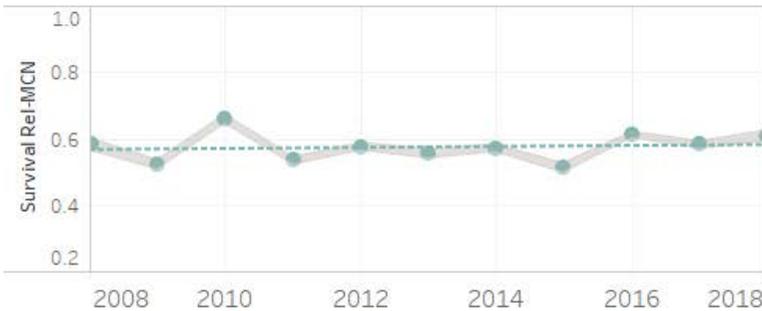
McNary to Bonneville- Chinook



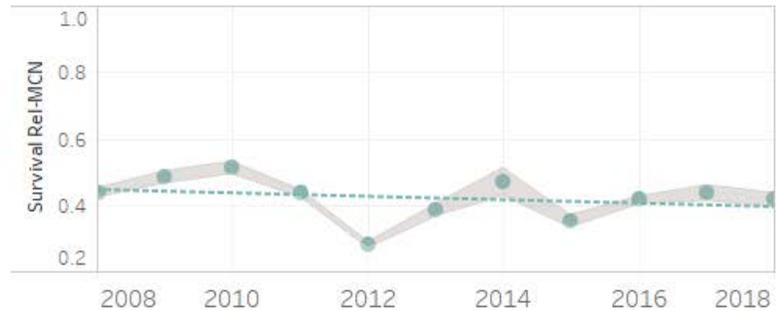
McNary to Bonneville- Steelhead



Release to McNary- Chinook



Release to McNary- Steelhead

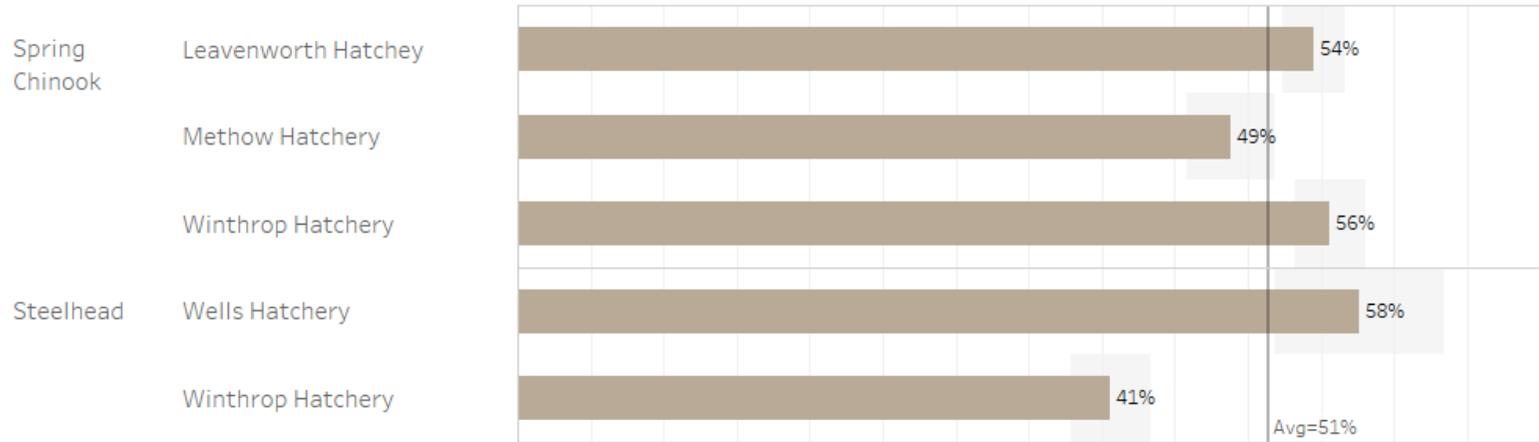


COMPOSITE (MULTIPLE-DAM) SURVIVAL

Release to McNary Tailrace by Release Group (2008-2017)

NOAA PIT-Tag Studies

Hatchery-Origin



Natural-Origin





FACTORS FOR SURVIVAL

- Biological Factors
- Environmental Factors
- Dam and Dam Operations





UNCERTAINTIES

Baseline/pre-dam survival

The effect of life history strategies on survival

Reservoir life histories

Delayed mortality

Factors for mortality

Limitations of survival studies



TAKE-HOMES

1

Improvements have been made to adult & juvenile survival

2

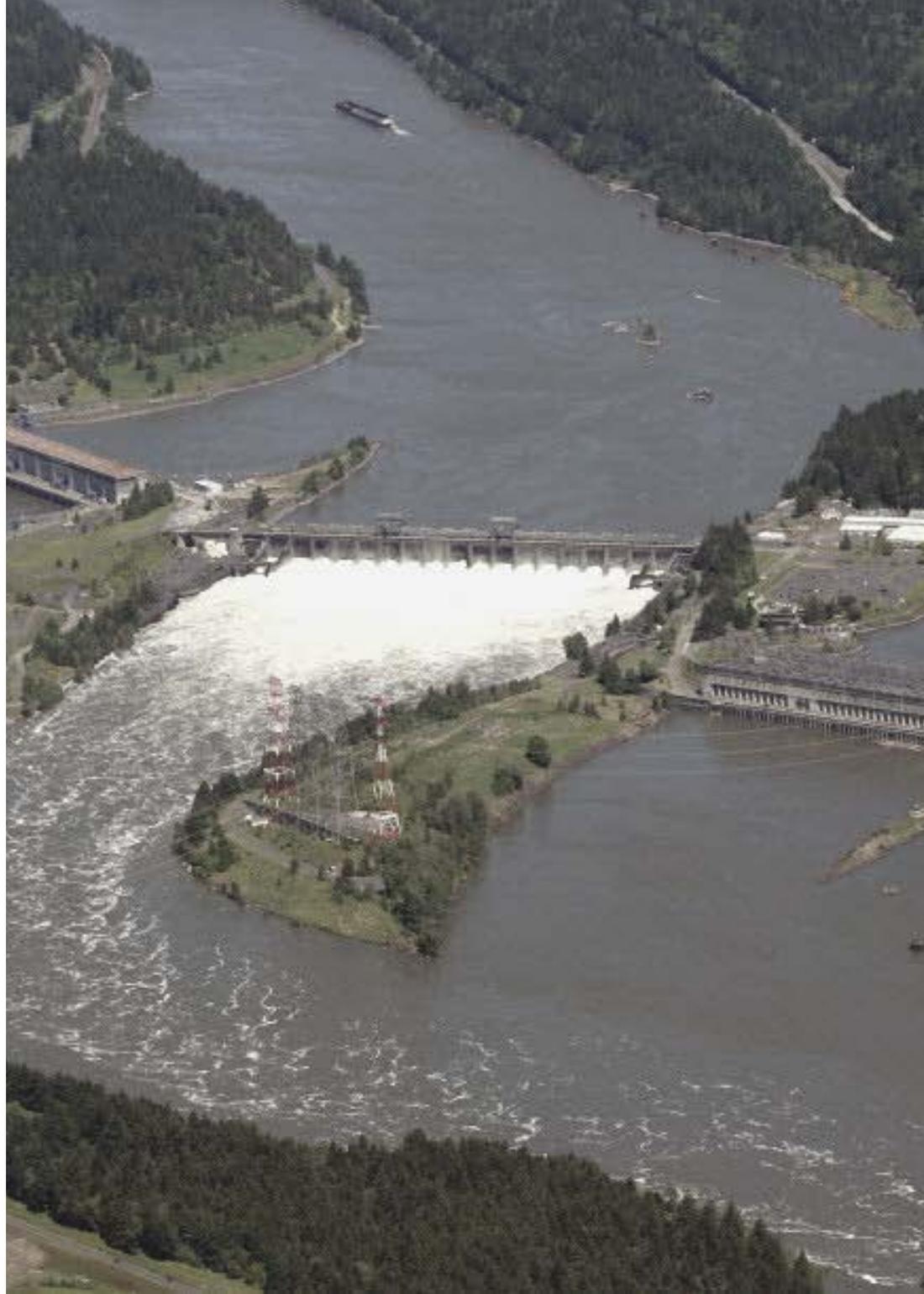
Projects are meeting their survival standards

3

Composite survival of juveniles is 40-50%.
Conversion rates for adults are 75-85%**

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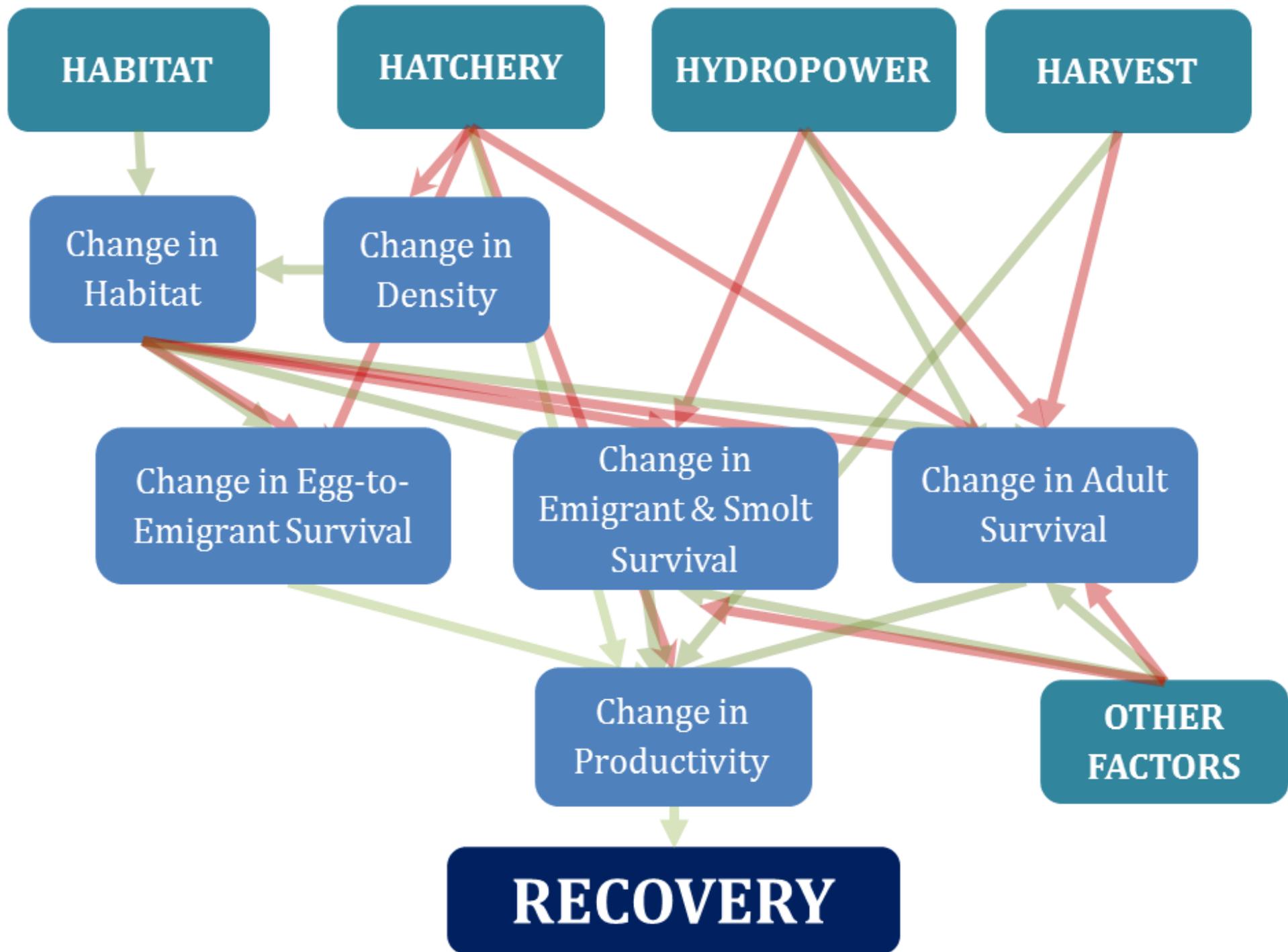
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PREDATION

- Birds- 10-15% (steelhead juveniles)
- Piscivores- ??? (juveniles)
- Sea lions and seals- 10- 30% (spring Chinook adults)







Achieving All-H Recovery

TURNING THREATS INTO OPPORTUNITIES

Establishing networks and connectors

Learning and evolving

Looking for win-wins

Tracking progress

Seeking opportunities for engagement

Building models for understanding

Filling data gaps for recovery



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