CHaMP

Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program



Status Report to ISRP/ISAB: Update on Pilot Project

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Collaborators:

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Landowners across 9 watersheds Special Thanks: Northwest Power & Conservation Council

Independent Scientific Review Panel



CHaMP Overview

- CHaMP is:
 - A project: Bonneville Power Admin. #2011-006
 - A program: Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program
 - A protocol: standardized, salmonid habitat
 - A process: training, equipment, tools, design, sampling, data QC/QA, data management
 - A philosophy: standardization, coordination, open data sharing, timely processing and reporting

CHaMP Project

- CHaMP is a standardized salmonid habitat status and trend monitoring project across the Columbia River Basin's salmon and steelhead populations.
- Federal Columbia River Power System 2008 BiOp: prescriptions for habitat monitoring and adaptive management requirements
- Result of collaboration among BPA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other regional fish management agencies.

CHaMP Program

- Developers: NOAA, Terraqua, South Fork Research, EcoLogical Research, Sitka, QCI
- Collaborators: ISEMP, ODFW, CRITFC, CDFG, Campbell Timberlands, OSU/BLM
- Effectiveness Monitoring: Entiat, John Day, Lemhi, Umpqua, Coastal California
- Status and Trend Monitoring: Columbia Basin, Coastal California

CHaMP Program

- Standardized Training
- Standardized Protocol
- Standardized Implementation
- Standardized Data QC/QA
- Standardized Data Management and Sharing
- Flexible Objectives
- Flexible Designs
- "Flexible" Metrics/Indicators

CHaMP Protocol

- Salmonid habitat related to life history requirements of salmonids
- Salmonid habitat related to land management and stream restoration.
- Link environmental factors to measures of salmonid growth, survival and production
- Factors influencing salmonid performance: stream temperature, production, and channel morphology, channel attributes.

Topographic and Auxiliary Data Collection

2 Crew members : a Gunner and a Rod Person



1 Crew member Auxiliary Data Collection



Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program (CHaMP) Data Collection Methods – Topographic Surveys







Auxiliary Data



Channel Unit Attributes

- 1. Fish Cover
- 2. Ocular Substrate
- 3. Particle Counts
- 4. Embeddedness
- 5. Pool Tail Fines
- 6. LWD
- 7. Side Channels





Site Level Attributes

- 1. Photos
- 2. Solar input
- 3. Riparian
- 4. Temp
- 5. Discharge
- 6. Water Chemistry
- 7. Macroinvertebrates
- 8. Site Map



CHaMP Data Standardization and Sharing



Overview of CHaMP

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News and Announcements

12/7/2012 CHaMP 2012 post-season workshop presentations available

The presentations from Day 1 and Day 2 of the November 27-28, 2012 post-season workshop, held in Portland, OR, are now available under 'Program' > 'Documents': see the November 2012 Workshop heading at the bottom of the Documents page. The detailed CHaMP 2012 postseason workshop final agenda is also available. More

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CHaMP Designs

- Cost effective allocation of effort
- Statistically rigorous
- Inferences over multiple spatial and temporal scales



CHaMP Designs





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CHaMP Designs

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| Category | Valley Class | Ownership | # of Sites |
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| Transport : Public Lands (T:Pu) | Transport | Public Lands | 3 |
| Source : Public Lands (S:Pu) | Source | Public Lands | 5 |
| Depositional : Private Lands (D:Pr) | Depositional | Private Lands | 4 |
| Transport : Private Lands (T:Pr) | Transport | Private Lands | 2 |
| Source : Private Lands (S:Pr) | Source | Private Lands | |

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CHaMP Data Storage and Sharing

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CHaMP Data Completion Report: Building Blocks for Management

*These totals count, only once, annual sites that were sampled in both 2011 and 2012. Altogether, 793 visits.

** Non-BPA-funded sites = 62: 19 sites in the Asotin were funded/surveyed by Washington SRSRB, 20 sites were surveyed in California by CDFG-CMP, 3 sites surveyed for USBR in Methow, 3 sites in Meacham Creek, and 17 sites in Bridge Creek.

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Site Information

- Total Drift Biomass
- Riparian Structure
- Solar Input
- Alkalinity

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- Conductivity
- Temperature

Channel Unit Information

- Large wood
- Substrate type
- Undercut banks
- Fish cover

| Metric Name | Group | Metric Name | Group | |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Site Length Wetted | | Fast-Turbulent Area | | |
| Site Length Bankfull | Site Length | Fast-Turbulent Count | | |
| Site Length Thalweg | | Fast-Turbulent Frequency | Fast-Turbulent | |
| Site Water Surface Gradient | | Fast-Turbulent Volume | | |
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| Bankfull Width Constriction Profile Filtered CV | | Measurement of D84 | Substrate Size | |
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| Wetted Volume | Volume | Fish Cover Composition Vegetation | | |
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| Site Bank Angle StdDev | Bank Angle | Fish Cover Composition Artificial | - | |
| Pool Area | | Fish Cover Composition None | | |
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| Pool Frequency | Pools | Percent Ground Cover | | |
| Pool Volume | | Percent Non-Woody Cover | Riparian | |
| Pool Percent | | Percent Understory Cover | | |
| Fast-NonTurbulent Area | | Percent Woody Cover | | |
| Fast-NonTurbulent Count | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | · | |
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Metric and Indicators Inclusion Rule Set

• Information Content:

- Documented relationship to salmonid productivity
- Data Form:
 - Statistical information with robust data quality: repeatable, detect heterogeneity, adequate properties for modeling/statistics
- Feasibility:
 - Hardware/software that is ready for implementation
 - Three-person-day field survey at 80-90 percent of all sites likely to be encountered
 - 2012 budget constraints

CHaMP: Variability Decomposition

Crew variability as a % of (crew+julian+residual)

Caps = RBT metric; T = transformed metric; F = Filtered



Data Analysis Highlights: Optimizing Effort and Data Form

Watershed Level D50 Estimate: Standard Error of Mean by at # Sites, Cross Sections per Site, and Points Measured per Cross Section



Number of Cross Section per Site

Status and Trend Highlights



Status and Trend Highlights: Geomorphic Change Detection



Data Analysis Highlights: Reducing Effort with Remote Sensing



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 Discussion and Questions from ISRP/ISAB

CHaMP Documenation



Overview Map People Protocol News & Announcements Documents GI5 Processing Glossary Status

The 2008 Biological Opinion (BiOp) on the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) identified implementation of tributary habitat restoration projects as a means to offset mortality imposed by the FCRPS on anadromous salmonids In 2010, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) began development of the Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program (CHaMP) to meet FCRPS Action Agency prescriptions for habitat monitoring (FCRPS BiOp RPA 56.3). The BPA is working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other regional fish management agencies to implement CHaMP.

The goal of CHaMP is to generate and implement a standard set of fish habitat monitoring (status and trend) methods in up to 26 watersheds across the Columbia River basin. The watersheds have been chosen to maximize the contras: in current habitat conditions and also represent a temporal gradient of expected change in condition through planned habitat actions. Surveys will be conducted in watersheds with perceived large juvenile life-stage survival gaps due to habitat impairments or that are home to existing high quality fish monitoring infrastructure. ChaMP implementation will occur on the spatial scale of the Technical Recovery Team (TRT) populations with the intention for inference on habitat quality and quantity at the fish population level.

CHaMP is being built around a single habitat monitoring protocol with a program-wide approach to data collection and management. The protocol is fish-centric, i.e., it measures habitat relevant to salmonids of interest under the BiOp. The CHaMP protocol is structured around a general understanding of the link between habitat attributes and specific life history requirements of salmonids managed under the 2008 BiOp. These fish are likely not only responding to watershed and reach conditions, but also to the conditions of individual channel units within reaches. Accordingly, the CHaMP protocol has been developed to capture habitat features that drive fish population biology.

CHaMP methods draw from many existing protocols as well as novel approaches to collecting and analyzing channel geomorphological data. The protocol is designed to maintain the rapid nature of existing stream habitat protocols, and to collect data within a geomorphological data. The protocol is designed to maintain the rapid nature of existing stream habitat protocols, and to collect data within a geomorphological hierarchy soanning multiple spatial scales, i.e., within channel unit, channel unit, geomorphic reach, watershed and subbasin scales. The protocol employs spatially continuous sampling strategies to conduct procise topographic surveys from which digital elevation models (DEMs) can be produced. These topographic surveys are augmented by other data (e.g., channel classification, fish cover, substrate composition, distribution and embeddedness, large woody debris, solar input and water temperature, stream discharge, water chemistry, riparian structure, and site-level human influence) that help to characterize aspects of channel units that influence ste-scale fish production potential.

CHaMP data will be used to evaluate the quantity and quality of tributary fish habitat available to salmonids across the Columbia River basin in wadeable, perennial streams below natural impassible barriers within TRT population boundaries. The stream habitat data generated by CHaMP will be used in conjunction with salmonid growth, survival, abundance and productivity data to estimate fish-habitat relationships and assess the impact of habitat management actions on fish population processes across the Columbia River Basin. In addition to meeting FCRPS BiOp prescriptions (RPA 56.3), CHaMP supports habitat restoration, rehabilitation, and conservation action performance assessments and adaptive management requirements of the 2008 FCRPS BiOp.

Overview

| 20100818 CHaMP Briefing Materials to PNAMP SC (389.4 KB) Program briefing materials | Updated on: 6/20/2011 |
|---|-----------------------|
| CHaMP_SizeEvaluationProtocol_2011_20110616 (805.1 KB) GRTS, site evaluation, CHaMP, salmon | Updated on: 5/17/2011 |
| CHaMP Site Selection Protocol (1.8 MB) | Updated on: 5/11/2011 |
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CHaMP Resources



This protocol describes the field methodology for capturing data on fish habitat for streams in the Columbia River Basin. Version 1.1 replaces the January 25, 2011 habitat protocol document. The original version is available by request.

Updated on: 7/11/2011

CHaMP Habitat Protocol Addenda 1, July 11, 2011 (153.8 KB) This document contains clarifications to the 2011 TRAINING VERSION 1.1 of the CHaMP Habitat Protocol (Version 1.1) that have arisen since the June 1 release of that document.

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2012 Recap: Improve Data Performance and Flow

"Improved" Approach to Challenging Metrics

- -- Better Protocol and Training Improved Efficiency
- -- Improved Standardization
- -- Increased Cost of Each Survey

Improved Tools and Software

- -- Streamlined the data flow process
- -- Improved standardization
- -- Reduced overall effort; shifted work to crews

2012 Recap: Coordination With Managers

- Data Analysis Strategy Development: September 2012
- -- Continue to Develop Status and Trend Data Displays
- -- Improve Fish/Habitat Modeling with Regional Collaborators as Basis for Interpretation of Habitat Data
- -- Prepare for: Comprehensive evaluation; 2013 BiOp check-in; 2013 BiOp remand; Council MERS plan; 2015 Expert Panel process; 2018 BiOp