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# **General outline:**

- 1) Empirical patterns described from dense annual sensor arrays
- 2) Temporal trends & attribution
- 3) Spatial patterns & attribution (NorWeST)
- 4) Biological uses of NorWeST scenarios

Part 1

Part 2

5) Future NorWeST scenarios

6) Interagency monitoring networks for reducing uncertainties

#### **Summer Trends In Northwest Rivers**









#### GAPS in existing Monitoring Networks Many Sites, but...



#### Usually only in the summer...







NorWeST

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Isaak et al. 2013. A simple protocol using underwater epoxy to install annual temperature monitoring sites in rivers and streams. USFS General Technical Report, 314.

# Annual Temperature Monitoring Sites >3,000 sites in Pacific Northwest



#### **Central Idaho Annual Temperature Dataset**



527 sites (2010-2013) >1,000 years of data





























#### Correlations Among Monthly Means Strong Correlations Except for Winter

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10 · · · ·	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July
Oct	0.97										
Nov	0.85	0.94									
Dec	0.29	0.48	0.71								
Jan	0.34	0.47	0.63	0.79							
Feb	0.56	0.62	0.68	0.57	0.90						
March	0.89	0.94	0.96	0.62	0.67	0.78					
April	0.93	0.96	0.93	0.47	0.45	0.60	0.95				
May	0.90	0.92	0.83	0.31	0.29	0.47	0.84	0.95			
June	0.82	0.83	0.71	0.21	0.23	0.39	0.72	0.85	0.95		
July	0.87	0.84	0.75	0.15	0.21	0.42	0.72	0.82	0.88	0.91	
Aug	0.98	0.92	0.75	0.14	0.23	0.48	0.79	0.87	0.88	0.84	0.93

#### Non-winter months Winter months (DJF)

r = 0.87 r = 0.47









#### Systemic vs Site-Level Changes What's Their Relative Importance?

Air  $\Delta = +3.0^{\circ}$ C Discharge  $\Delta = -28\%$ 

Stream  $\Delta = +1.30^{\circ}$ C Site  $\Delta = +/-0.37^{\circ}$ C

Systemic changes ~ 4x larger than sitelevel changes





2010

2013

#### "Means" vs Short-Term Maxima...

Short-term metrics are difficult to model
More variable/less stable than means
Occur @ different times each year (GCM linkage)
Summer metrics are strongly correlated

# MWAT ~ Maximum ~ Minimum MDAT ~ AWAT ~ Degree-days ~ Mean

The set	Summer_mn	Mwmt	Mwat	awat_mn	awmt_mn	August Mean
Summer_mn						
Mwmt	0.93					
Mwat	0.98	0.94				
awat_mn	1.00	0.93	0.97			
awmt_mn	0.96	0.98	0.94	0.96		
August Mean	0.99	0.92	0.96	0.99	0.95	
August MWMT	0.92	0.99	0.92	0.92	0.98	0.92

#### It's the Same "Information" So Metric Conversions are Easy...



#### A Consistent Lexicon is Needed Hydrology Community Improved Communication Letters represent 171 different flow metrics



Olden, J.D., and N.L. Poff. 2003. Redundancy & the choice of hydrologic indices for characterizing streamflow regimes. *River Res.* & Applications **19**:101-121.

#### What's BioClimatically Relevant? Stream "Weather" OR "Climate"?

Short-term Maxima in Lab Average Field Conditions



- Survival of individuals
- Local spatial scale
- Fundamental niche

# TMDLs



- Population survival (lambda)
- Broader spatial scales
- Realized niche

#### **Climatic Change Analysis, Part 1 Temporal trends & attribution** ♦ Spring Missouri R. at Toston, MT Summer Temperature (°C) 25 - Fall × Winter 20 15 10 $\Rightarrow \diamond$ Stream 5

1989

1979

2009

1999

#### Factors Complicating Climate Change Assessments with Temperature Time-Series...

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- 3) Inconsistent start/stop dates for monitoring records (standardized time period necessary)
- 4) Missing data in short monitoring record can bias trend or parameter estimates

#### Long-term Data from Unregulated Sites? 764 USGS gages have some temperature data USGS NWIS Database (http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis)


### Sites With >20 Years Stream Temperature Data

 $\Delta$  = regulated (11)  $\bullet$  = unregulated (7)



### Methods

•Multiple regression models predict stream temperature at a site from discharge (co-located USGS gage) & air temperature (3 nearest COOP weather stations).

Stream temperature  $(Y) = b_0 + b_1(air) + b_2(discharge)$ 

Inter-annual changes modeled to negate sun angle

•Advantages: 1) parameter estimates for attribution & significance testing

 predictive equations for description of temperature trends under various climate scenarios (historic or future)

3) overcome missing observations & detrend climate cycles (PDO/ENSO)



# Additive Air & Discharge Effects Make Attribution Straightforward

X% Increase Due to Variation in...

Air

# **Temperature Increase**



Time...

### Discharge



# Must Also Incorporate Magnitude of Local Trends in Air & Discharge

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Isaak et al. 2012. Climatic Change **113**:499-524.

> Multiply total change in air & discharge by regression parameters...



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... which then yields amount of stream temp change & attribution

# **Attribution of Stream Temp Trends?** By Season (1980-2009)

Air Temperature Discharge



Spring

Summer



Clear

### What are Long-Term Trends?



### PNW Stream Temperatures (1980-2009)





## **Spring Air Temperature Trends**

(1980 - 2009)



### **OWSC Climate Tool map**

http://www.climate.washington.edu/trendanalysis/

# Climatic Change Analysis, Part 2 Time + spatial patterns & attribution



I'm going to invest here...

### ... instead of here



**Space Travel is Much Harder** 

High-resolution climate information needed...

Fig

# Good News: Lots of Things we Can do to Improve Stream Habitat Resilience



Soda Creek Restoration Projects



Maintaining/restoring flow...
Maintaining/restoring riparian...
Restoring channel form/function...
Prescribed burns limit wildfire risks...
Non-native species control...
Improve/impede fish passage...

Where to do them?

Is there a grand strategy?

# Aiding us in Space Travel is... NorWeST

>50,000,000 hourly records RIVERSEEPER rooked Rive >15,000 unique stream sites atershed Counc >70 resource agencies Temperature (°C) 16 WA 14 12 10 8 Time (1) -77 W OREGON **VOAA** Fisheries NV Fish & Wildlife HENRY'S FORK

# **BIG DATA are often Autocorrelated Spatial Statistical Network Models**



Let's us connect the dots...

# **Advantages:**

### Valid interpolation on networks



-flexible & valid autocovariance structures that accommodate network topology & nonindependence among observations -improved predictive ability & parameter estimates relative to non-spatial models Ver Hoef et al. 2006; Ver Hoef & Peterson 2010; Peterson & Ver Hoef 2013

# Stream Models are Generalizable...



# Spatial Stream Statistics Working Group



Isaak, D.J., E. Peterson, J. V. Hoef, S. Wenger, J. Falke, C. Torgersen, C. Sowder, A. Steel, M.J. Fortin, C. Jordan, A. Reusch, N. Som, P. Monestiez. 2014. Applications of spatial statistical network models to stream data. WIREs - Water 1:27-294.

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Ver Hoef J.M., Peterson E.E., Clifford D. & Shah R. 2014. SSN: An R package for spatial statistical modeling on stream networks. *Journal of Statistical Software* 56(3):1-45.



# **SSN/STARS** Website

### **Tools For Statistical Analysis of Data on Stream Networks**



# NorWeST Temperature Model for the Mid-Columbia



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# Climatic Variability in Historical Record Extreme years encompass mid-Century averages



### **Mid-Columbia Temperature Model**



Isaak et al. 2010. Ecol. Apps 20:1350-1370.

# Relative Effects of Predictors Mid-Columbia River Basin Model



# Relative Effects of Predictors Northwest Montana Model



# Relative Effects of Predictors Northwest Montana Model



# Models Enable Climate Scenario Maps

Many possibilities exist...





Adjust...

- Air
- Discharge
- %Canopy
- ... values to create scenarios

# **NorWeST Historical Scenarios**

Scenario	Description
S1_93_11	Historical scenario representing 19 year average
2	August mean stream temperatures for 1993-2011
S2_02_11	Historical scenario representing 10 year average
C.C.	August mean stream temperatures for 2002-2011
S3_1993	Historical scenario representing August mean
	stream temperatures for 1993
S4_1994	Historical scenario representing August mean
1	stream temperatures for 1994
Etc	
S21_2011	Historical scenario representing August mean
	stream temperatures for 2011
*2012 & 3	2013 starting with Washington

\*Extensive metadata on website

# Historical Year Sequence (1993-2011)

**Mean August Temperature - Clearwater Basin** 











# **S1 Historical Stream Temperature Map**



# $R^2 = 0.91$ ; RMSE = 1.0°C; 1-km resolution

The BLOB... it just keeps growing...

- > 40,397 summers of data swallowed
- > 380,000 stream kilometers of thermal ooze

# Website Distributes BLOB Scenarios & Temperature Data as GIS Layers

1) GIS shapefiles of stream temperature scenarios





**Regional Database and Modeled Stream Temperatures** 

# 2) GIS shapefiles of stream temperature model prediction precision

+ = Thermograph = Prediction SE



Google "NorWeST" or go here... http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/AWAE/projects/NorWeST.shtml

# Websurf the BLOB on...







# The Reasons Temperature Matters...


















## NorWeST Temperature & Prespawn Mortality in Salmon



Bowerman, Keefer, & Caudill – U. Idaho

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#### Field-Based Temperature Standards using BIG FISH Databases

Stream temperature maps

Regional fish survey databases (n ~ 20,000)





Wenger et al. 2011a. PNAS 108:14175-14180

Wenger et al. 2011b. CJFAS 68:988-1008; Wenger et al., In Preparation

## A Generalizable Approach...

Just need georeferenced biological survey data



#### **Thermal Niches in Batch Mode...**



#### **NorWeST Stream Temperature (S1)**

# ~20,000 fish surveys

Wenger et al., In Preparation

## Good Stream Temperature Information Creates Synergies...

#### **Monitoring & Temperature Standards**

- Interagency coordination & less redundancy
- Annual, long-term data instead of summer, short-term
- Oregon DEQ macroinvertebrate habitat indices & riparian conditions
- Total Maximum Daily Loads & site potential

#### Salmon & Resident Fish Research

- Hatchery stray rates (Westerley & Dittman, U Washington)
- Pre-spawn mortality rates in Chinook salmon (Bowerman, Keefer, & Caudill, U Idaho)
- Descriptions of historical species distribution shifts (Lemoine Ph.D., U Montana)

#### **Climate Vulnerability Assessments & Land Management Planning**

- Blue Mountains Adaptation Partnership, Northern Rockies Adaptation Partnership, Clearwater – EcoAdapt, etc.
- Forest Plan revisions (30 50 national forests) in Regions 1, 2, 4, & 6
- Southwest Crown of the Continent initiative

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## Inspiring the Next Generation of Stream Climatologists...



#### TROUT in the CLASSROOM Connecting Students with their Watersheds

WHAT STUDENTS DO:

- raise trout from eggs to fingerlings
- monitor tank water quality
- engage in stream habitat study
- appreciate water resources
- foster a conservation ethic
- understand ecosystem connectivity
   >learn more

FOR TEACHERS \* lesson plans \* web resources library

> FAQ'S how to get started trout care tank & equipment

Some school kids in 4,500 classrooms may be monitoring stream temperatures soon...





Part 2, future norwest scenarios

#### **Future NorWeST Scenarios**

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### But Some Streams Warm Faster Variation Across Years



#### **Cold Streams Less Sensitive to Climate Forcing**



246 stream sites with >7 summers of data

#### $MaxWAT = b_1(air) + b_2(discharge)$



Luce et al. 2014. Sensitivity of summer stream temperatures to climate variability in the Pacific Northwest. Water Resources Research 50: 1-16.



 Regress each year's slope (1993-2011) against basin-average NorWeST temperature to estimate sensitivity parameter
 Apply sensitivity adjustment with future air & flow deltas to correct for differential stream warming

#### **10 NorWeST Future Scenarios**

Scenario	Description
S23_1C	Future scenario adds 1°C to S1_93-11
S24_1C_D	Future scenario adds 1°C to S1_93-11 &
C. A.	incorporates differential stream sensitivity
Etc	For $+2^{\circ}C \& +3^{\circ}C$
S29_2040	Future scenario based on August air and VIC
1 Contraction	flow deltas at 2040s from A1B GCM ensemble.
S30_2040_D	Future scenario based on August air and VIC
	flow deltas at 2040s from A1B GCM ensemble.
	Adjustment applied for differential sensitivity.
S31_2080	Etc

\*Extensive metadata on website

Future Stream Temperature Increases Relative to 1980s (1970-1999) Baseline Scenarios Based on CIG 10 GCM ensemble for A1B trajectory



\*Variation within basins +/-50% from sensitivity adjustment

#### Reality Check: Past August Warming Rates Reconstructions for Last 44 Years (1968 – 2011)



#### Implications for Thermal Habitat Distributions? Climate Velocity is Strongly Mediated by Topography...



Loarie et al. 2009. The Velocity of Climate Change. Nature 462:1052-1055.

#### **Climate Velocity Map for River Network**



Isaak & Rieman. 2013. Global Change Biology 19:742-751.

### **Isotherm Shift Rate Curves**

Stream lapse rate = 0.8 °C / 100 m



Isaak & Rieman. 2013. Global Change Biology 19:742-751.

#### Which Emissions Scenario to Choose?





The Specifics are an "Unknowable Unknown"

#### Just plan on it gradually getting warmer...

#### **Biggest Uncertainty is Future GHG Emissions**



Cox & Stephenson 2007. A changing climate for predictions. Science 317:207-208

#### Worry About What We Can Control Good Monitoring Significantly Reduces Uncertainty New Protocols & Sensors Make It Easy & Inexpensive

A Simple Protocol Using Underwater Epoxy to Install Annual Temperature Monitoring Sites in Rivers and Streams





\$130 = 5 Years of Data



SDA Body Mandain Research 1 General Reformation Separates 2013



EPA/600/R-13/170F | September 2014 | www.epa.gov/ncea

Best Practices for Continuous Monitoring of Temperature and Flow in Wadeable Streams



FLOW too!

#### Annual Temperature Monitoring is Increasing >3,000 sites in Pacific Northwest >200 new sites last year

# Is there a grand strategy?







Stream emperatur

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2/11/2012 5/21/2012 8/29/2012 12/7/2012 3/17/2013





#### A GoogleMap Tool for InterAgency **Coordination of Annual Monitoring Sites Regional Sensor Network**



#### Site Information

Stream name

 Data steward contact information •Agency

Site Initiation Date



Show search options

Google maps

#### Get Directions My Maps

Montana Annual Stream Temperature nts available

Save to My Mar



Femperature Points available by Agency

2/02/2011 62 views - Public Created on Feb 2 - Updated 13 hours ago

Rate this map - Write a comment

Thermograph Location: Adair Creek Contact: Clint Muhlfeld - cmuhlfeld@usgs.gov (406-888-7926) USGS NOROCK

Monitoring and Modeling" website



Query Individual Sites Ch Maps

Cottonwood-Clyde Park- Creek Updated 2 days ago

Thermograph Location: Cottonwood-Clyde Park- Creek Contact: Robert Al-Chokhachy - ral-chokhachvi@usqs.gov (406-994-7842) USGS, NOROCK

Directions Search nearby more

1 of 2 nearby results Next »

SRSS SView in Google Earth

#### Don't Miss Obvious by Looking too Far Ahead Thermal Constraints on Salmon are Here Now...

- 1) Migration delays & clustering near coldwater refuges
- 2) Fishing season closures
- 3) Selective gradients based on run timing
- 4) Mass mortality events:
  a) upriver stocks of Fraser
  river sockeye "disappear"
  b) spawning ground fish kills





#### Real-Time River Temperature Networks Short-term Forecasts Critical for Salmon

We need fish weather forecasts by...

SALMONMAN

#### PDO Is Buying us Time...



#### "but I'll be Back..."



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1960

Developing Good Scientific Information is the Easy Part, butt...





Not here



#### **Developing Good Scientific Information** is the Easy Part, butt...



here

Sorry Charlie



Here



... we're not dealing with rational creatures here

## **People Love These Fish & Landscapes**



#### The 21<sup>st</sup>-Century will Be a Transitional One Current Status



We'll Have to Make Choices About Where to Invest

#### **Desired Future Status**



#### The Sooner (& Smarter) We Act, The Bigger the Long-term Impact...



Stream Temperature Resources...
Websites (Google Search On...)

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NorWeST – regional stream temperature database & climate scenarios
Stream Temperature Modeling & Monitoring

#### **Publications...**

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Livian Dapartment of Agriculture / Foreit San Borky Managering Research Station General Antibiol Report RetC-CTR.014 Segmentary 2013 Software...







