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ABSTRACT

Despite the popularity of barrier removal as a habitat restoration technique, there are few studies that evaluate the biological effects of restored stream crossings. An extensive post-treatment study design was used to quantify fish populations (e.g. species, life stage, abundance) and habitat attributes (e.g. gradient, geomorphic channel units) at 32 culvert removal or replacement projects to determine their effectiveness in restoring habitat access for juvenile salmon, *Oncorhynchus* spp., and steelhead, *O. mykiss* (Walbaum), in the Columbia River Basin, USA. Anadromous fish [steelhead, Chinook salmon *O. tshawytscha* (Walbaum)] abundance, juvenile steelhead abundance, and habitat conditions were not significantly different between paired reaches (i.e. upstream and downstream of former barrier sites) suggesting these sites are no longer full barriers to movement. This suggests that barrier removal projects on small Columbia Basin streams provide adequate fish passage, increased habitat availability and increased juvenile anadromous fish abundance immediately upstream of former barriers.

KEYWORDS: anadromous, culvert removal, fish passage, habitat restoration, restoration effectiveness monitoring, Columbia River basin.

INTRODUCTION

The demand for natural resources (e.g. timber and minerals) and increases in transportation and energy infrastructure have resulted in an expansion of road development (Forman, 2003; Laurance et al., 2009; Laurance and Balmford, 2013) that often leads to increased installation of stream-crossing structures (i.e. culverts, low head irrigation dams), with implications on aquatic

33 biota. Effects of culverts and dams at stream crossings on fish have long been reported
34 (McClellan, 1970; Dryden and Jessop, 1974), and the negative impacts of these structures are
35 becoming increasingly apparent (Warren and Pardew, 1998; see Hoffman and Dunham, 2007 for
36 review; Burford et al., 2009; Mahlum et al., 2014). Poorly constructed or functioning culverts
37 can impede movement and become barriers to migration for resident and anadromous fish
38 species (Dynesius and Nilsson, 1994; Fullerton et al., 2010; Perkin and Gido, 2012). Barriers to
39 movement can reduce habitat necessary for fish reproduction, foraging and rearing (Gibson et
40 al., 2005; MacPherson et al., 2012). This loss of ecological connectivity can threaten biodiversity
41 and reduce the overall capacity of a population to maintain trait diversity, which may lead to
42 increased risk of local population extirpations (Wilcove et al., 1998). Movement and migration
43 behaviours are key evolutionary traits that aid in the continued success of resident and
44 anadromous fish populations. Restricting the expression of these traits can reduce survival and
45 reproductive success, and undermine other local restoration actions (Morita and Yamamoto.,
46 2002; Zitek and Schmutz, 2004; Wofford et al., 2005; Bouska and Paukert, 2010).

47 Installation of culverts is the most common road-building practice for crossing streams.
48 Culverts act as under-road stream pathways whose construction often ignores natural habitat
49 features necessary for fish movements. The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land
50 Management estimate that over 10,000 culverts exist in fish-bearing streams throughout
51 Washington and Oregon as of 2005 (Gibson et al., 2005). Similarly, the Washington Department
52 of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) estimated that over 7,700 river kilometres (rkm) of historical
53 salmon habitat are blocked by approximately 2,400 impassible culverts (Conroy, 1997).
54 Therefore, removal of human-constructed barriers to fish migration and passage is a primary
55 means of restoring salmon and other anadromous fish populations, and is a commonly used, cost-
56 effective restoration technique (Bryant et al., 1999; Roni et al., 2002, 2008; Burdick and
57 Hightower, 2006; Kiffney et al., 2009).

58 Efforts to eliminate barriers to fish migration and restore longitudinal connectivity by
59 replacing or removing culverts have been a focus of stream restoration actions over the last two
60 decades, resulting in the reconnection of large amounts of stream habitat (NOAA 2016). Along
61 the West Coast, nearly 15,000 km of fish habitat have been made accessible through removal of
62 barriers since 2000 (NOAA 2016). Approximately 3,500 culverts that were barriers to fish
63 passage were replaced in Washington State alone, resulting in 5,990 km of newly accessible

64 migratory fish habitat. In the Columbia River basin, the Northwest Power and Conservation
65 Council (NWPCC) Fish and Wildlife (F&W) Program implemented by the Bonneville Power
66 Administration (BPA) and its partners have opened nearly 4,000 km of habitat that was
67 previously blocked to fish passage (Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, 2008). Surprisingly, a
68 relatively small number of biological evaluations of culvert replacements (retrofits, removals, or
69 replaced with other stream crossing structures) have been published despite decades of
70 recommendations from scientists for improved monitoring and evaluation of barrier removal and
71 other restoration activities (Tarzwell, 1937; Reeves and Roelofs, 1982; Roni et al., 2002, 2013;
72 Rumps et al., 2007). For the purpose of this manuscript an impassable barrier culvert that is
73 replaced with a passable culvert is considered removal of the fish migration barrier.

74 Through the NWPCC F&W Program, more than 100 impassable (i.e. complete or full)
75 barrier removal projects have been funded since 2000. To evaluate the success of these barrier
76 removal projects, 32 interior Columbia Basin full barrier removal sites with a range of 1–14
77 years post project completion were surveyed. The main objective was to determine the
78 effectiveness of full barrier removal to restore habitat connectivity. It was hypothesised that (i)
79 post-barrier-removal treatment and reference reaches would not differ in juvenile salmon or
80 steelhead abundance, (ii) a positive relationship exists between a) the abundance of juvenile
81 salmon upstream of the barrier relative to downstream of the barrier, and b) time since barrier
82 removal, and (iii) the abundance of juvenile salmon and steelhead trout upstream relative to
83 downstream of the barrier is related to habitat quality upstream of the barrier.

84 85 METHODS

86 An extensive post-treatment (EPT) design comparing the reach immediately upstream
87 (treatment) and downstream (reference) of the barrier were used to assess the effectiveness of
88 full barrier removals (culvert replacement or removal) implemented prior to 2013 in providing
89 passage to anadromous fish (Hicks et al., 1991). Assessment of full barriers to fish passage do
90 not require collection of pre-project data, as anadromous fish were not found above full barriers
91 prior to removal. The EPT design samples paired treatment and reference reaches after (> 1 year)
92 the habitat improvement has occurred (post-treatment). Because the EPT design samples paired
93 reaches, a site comprises a treatment and reference reach. Juvenile salmonids can rapidly
94 recolonise areas upstream of former barriers in one or two years (Anderson and Quinn, 2007;

95 Pess et al., 2014; Anderson et al., 2015). Based on office screening and site visits of an initial list
96 of more than 100 potential full-barrier projects completed since 2000, 43 potential sites were
97 identified for sampling. To qualify for inclusion in the programme, suitable treatment and
98 reference reaches immediately above and below the former impassable barrier were required.
99 Thus, many sites were excluded because paired reaches did not have similar (within ~10%)
100 channel gradient, channel width, valley confinement (valley width), flow regime, land use, or
101 riparian cover or barrier removal coincided with other restorative actions (e.g. in-stream large
102 wood placement). Of those 43 potential sites, two sites in 2014 and nine sites in 2015 were not
103 sampled due to fire, landowners denying access, or lack of water (dry channel). For the
104 remaining 32 sites, 18 were sampled in 2014 and 14 were sampled during 2015 (Figure 1).
105 Treatment and reference reach lengths were ten times the bankfull width or a minimum length of
106 50 m. Of the 32 sites, barriers were completely removed at 12 of the sites. The remaining 20
107 culverts were constructed of corrugated steel (12 bottomless pipe arch and eight countersunk
108 squash) (Table 1).

109 To account for potential differences in abundance above and below barrier sites that may
110 be related to habitat quality rather than movement restriction habitat data for both treatment and
111 reference reaches were collected and quantified. A modified thalweg profile and habitat survey
112 methods from Mossop and Bradford (2006) were used to classify habitat type (pool, riffle, glide),
113 slope, substrate type (organics, silt, sand, gravel, cobble, or boulder), and residual pool depth
114 (Lisle, 1987). Wolman pebble counts were used to characterise median particle size in treatment
115 and reference reaches (Wolman, 1954). From data collected in longitudinal profiles, the average
116 stream channel gradient and the proportion of pools (area and length) in both the reference and
117 treatment reaches were calculated (Table 2). The 16th, 50th, and 84th percentiles of the
118 streambed particle size were identified from data collected in pebble counts . To determine
119 whether a project met fish passage criteria, an assessment of the completed project was
120 conducted, including both qualitative and quantitative measures (e.g. channel slope, crossing
121 length, high water depth) following WDFW barrier survey protocols (Recreation and
122 Conservation Office, 2013; Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 2009; Table 1).
123 According to the WDFW barrier survey protocols, if the water surface drop is greater than or
124 equal to 1 m, 0% passability is assumed at the culvert. If a culvert is less than 18.3 m long and
125 the slope is greater than 4%, then 0% passability is assumed. If a culvert is greater than 18.3 m

126 long and the slope is greater than 2% then 0% passability is assumed (see WDFW 2009 for
127 details).

128 Three-pass backpack electric fishing was used to quantify the number of juvenile fish in
129 each treatment and reference reach during the summer low flow period (July - September) at all
130 but two sites where the flow was too deep and wide to use backpack electric fishing methods.
131 Block nets were placed at the upstream and downstream ends of each reach to prevent fish from
132 moving in or out of study reaches during electrofishing. Captured fish were anesthetised,
133 identified to species, measured and placed in a recovery bucket in the stream (after all backpack
134 electric fishing was completed) for at least 15 min before fish were released into the same reach
135 where they were captured. Fish abundance in each reach was estimated for each species using a
136 multiple removal estimator (Carle and Strub, 1978) (Table 3). Because they were too deep and
137 wide to effectively electrofish and therefore accurately quantify juvenile salmonids with
138 multiple-removal electrofishing, snorkel surveys were used to enumerate fish at two sites in 2015
139 (Taneum and Reecer sites). Divers entered the downstream end of a reach and slowly moved
140 upstream, stopping to occasionally report the numbers and sizes of all fish species (Roni and
141 Fayram, 2000). Fish density was calculated by dividing multiple removal estimates or snorkel
142 counts of fish abundance by total wetted area of a reach.

143 The response and analysis for an EPT design is based on the difference in fish abundance
144 or habitat metrics between paired treatment and reference reaches. Paired t-tests were used to
145 compare the difference in means between the treatment and reference reaches on untransformed
146 data, as the data were approximately normally distributed. Because Chinook and coho salmon
147 were rarely encountered at most sites (four and one respectively), analysis was done on steelhead
148 and all anadromous fish combined. Resident cutthroat and brook trout were common at sites and
149 true resident fish were likely above and below the impassable barrier. Therefore, resident fish
150 abundance was reported to demonstrate that other fish were present and to demonstrate the
151 quality of habitat, although resident fish were not included in the analysis to determine success of
152 the barrier removal to passing fish due to the likelihood that resident fish were present upstream
153 of the impassable barrier before barrier removal. Pearson correlation analyses were used to
154 determine whether there was a significant correlation between differences in fish numbers in
155 treatment and reference reaches and project age, or differences between treatment and reference
156 reaches in gradient and percent pool. A significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$ was used for all statistical

157 tests.

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159 RESULTS

160 All barrier removal sites that had culverts (20 of 32) appeared to be completely passable based
161 on the slope and drop, and other fish passage design criteria (WDFW 2009) (Table 1). For the
162 remaining 12 barrier removal sites the culvert or former barrier was completely removed and
163 replaced with a natural stream channel. Steelhead, *O. mykiss*, cutthroat trout, *O. clarki*
164 (Richardson), Chinook salmon, coho salmon, brook trout, *Salvelinus fontinalis* (Mitchill), bull
165 trout, *S. confluentus* (Suckley), sculpin (*Cottus* spp.), suckers (*Catostomus* spp.) and dace
166 (*Rhinichthys* spp.) were encountered. Steelhead were present in 20 of 32 sites sampled. No fish
167 were detected at Parachute Creek (Lochsa River Basin) or Little Camas Creek (Wenatchee River
168 Basin), and data from these creeks were excluded from the analysis (Table 3). The most common
169 salmonid species captured were *O. mykiss* (N = 766), and cutthroat trout (N = 713). There was
170 no significant difference in fish density between treatment and reference reaches for either *O.*
171 *mykiss* (t-statistic: -0.79, df = 21, p = 0.44) or all anadromous salmonids combined (t-statistic: -
172 5.45, df = 21, p = 0.19; Table 3).

173 Average wetted width (t-statistic: -0.98, df = 31, p = 0.34), proportion of pools (t-statistic:
174 -0.03, df = 31, p = 0.98) and gradient (t-statistic: 1.04, df = 31, p = 0.30) did not differ between
175 treatment and reference reaches (Table 2). The average slope within culverts was 3.33%, and the
176 average gradient for reference and treatment reaches was 4.35% and 4.60%, respectively (Tables
177 1 and 2). Substrate characteristics (D50) did not differ between reference and treatment sites (t-
178 statistic: -0.08, df = 31, p = 0.94; Table 2). Pearson correlation analysis yielded little evidence of
179 a linear relationship between differences in density (*O. mykiss*, all anadromous fish combined)
180 above and below former barriers and project age, difference in gradient, or percent pool habitat
181 ($p > 0.30$).

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183 DISCUSSION

184 Results suggest that removal of full barriers has allowed anadromous salmonids to access
185 suitable habitat above former man-made barriers that were impassible to anadromous fish
186 passage. Given that these sites were full barriers one would expect anadromous fish below the
187 barrier but not above, thus abundance between reaches below and above the barrier would be

188 different. Little difference was found in fish numbers above and below former barriers indicating
189 the removal of the barrier has resulted in conditions that do not block movement or migration of
190 anadromous fish. The habitat and culvert surveys indicated similar habitat quality and quantity
191 immediately above and below former barriers. This is consistent with previous studies, which
192 found that salmonid fishes quickly recolonise habitat once a barrier to migration was removed
193 (Roni et al., 2008; Anderson, 2011; Pess et al., 2014; Erkinaro et al., 2017). In addition, despite
194 some barrier removal projects being more than 10 years old, the current fish and culvert surveys
195 suggest that most sites are passable to anadromous fish based on regional fish passage criteria
196 (WDFW, 2009) (Table 1 & 3).

197 The absence of anadromous salmonids at some of the sites sampled suggests that some
198 sites get intermittent or no use by these species. One of the key criteria in the site selection was
199 that these sites were used by steelhead and Chinook salmon. However, juvenile Chinook salmon
200 were encountered at only four sites. It is possible that Chinook salmon only intermittently use the
201 sites or that escapement levels were low, although detailed escapement or redd survey data for
202 most study streams was not available. Chinook salmon typically spawn and rear in larger streams
203 and rivers (> 5 m bankfull width), although juveniles may move into tributaries to rear for one to
204 two years before migrating to sea (Quinn, 2005). Given the small size of the streams sampled, it
205 is more likely they are rarely used by Chinook salmon for spawning or rearing, or Chinook are
206 only found well downstream of the sites. Moreover, seven sites exhibited zero anadromous fish
207 and zero fish were observed at two sites (Little Camas and Parachute), suggesting that some of
208 these sites might not be used or only intermittently used by Chinook salmon and steelhead. It is
209 also possible that some of the steelhead captured during the surveys were resident rainbow trout.
210 Tissue samples from *O. mykiss* collected above and below barriers from 19 of the sites suggested
211 little hybridization with cutthroat trout. Moreover, sibship analysis indicated that juvenile
212 steelhead which were members of the same families (siblings) were found above and below
213 former impassible culverts at 15 of 19 sites (Roni et al., 2014). This suggests upstream and
214 downstream movement of juvenile or adult steelhead or resident *O. mykiss* through formerly
215 impassible culverts providing further evidence that these former barriers are now passable.

216 There were little to no differences in physical habitat above and below former barriers at
217 most sites (Table 2). This is not unexpected as one of the criteria for selecting a site was that
218 there could not be dramatic differences (e.g. greater than ~10%) in gradient, flow and other

219 channel characteristics that might limit upstream fish movement. The age or time since
220 restoration was completed is a common factor believed to affect the success of the project
221 (successful passage in this case) (Roni, 2002; Kail et al., 2015). This is particularly the case for
222 road crossings such as culverts that have a fixed lifespan and can become impassable with time if
223 the channel aggrades or degrades (Wilhere et al., 2016). Sites sampled ranged in age from 1 to
224 14 years after project completion (Table 2), but no correlation was found between the difference
225 in fish numbers above and below barriers and the age of the project. While 14 years is a
226 considerable length of time, it is still early in the life of structures such as culverts and different
227 results may have been found had older structures been sampled. Sites with culverts appeared to
228 be meeting WDFW fish passage criteria. This is likely because all of these sites were bottomless
229 culverts with natural stream bottom, which have been shown to have higher rate of compliance
230 with WDFW fish passage criteria than other types of culverts (Price et al., 2010).

231 With thousands of impassible culverts and other man-made barriers on streams in western
232 North America (Conroy, 1997; Gibson et al., 2005; Price et al., 2010), prioritising projects that
233 will have the biggest benefit is important for wise use of resources. In the Columbia Basin,
234 barrier removal projects that will allow access to and increase habitat for threatened and
235 endangered Chinook salmon and steelhead are given the highest priority for funding. The results
236 from 32 barrier removal projects implemented to benefit Chinook salmon and steelhead suggest
237 that many of these sites are infrequently used by Chinook salmon. This suggests that more
238 detailed surveys of fish use prior to funding and implementation of projects are needed to help
239 prioritise projects. That is not to say that only fish use should be considered when prioritizing
240 culverts and other man-made barriers for removal or replacement. Culverts and other barriers can
241 impede movement of aquatic invertebrates, sediment, large wood, organic material and nutrients
242 (Ward and Stanford 1983, Essington and Carpenter, 2000, Mueller et al., 2011). These factors,
243 coupled with information on fish use and the quality and quantity of newly available habitat,
244 should be considered when prioritising culverts and other man-made barrier projects for removal.

245 Despite the popularity of barrier removal as a habitat restoration technique, studies
246 evaluating the biological effects of restored stream crossings are rare (Roni et al., 2008). While
247 all barrier removal projects in the Columbia River Basin were not evaluated, the sites examined
248 are representative of the few hundred barrier removal projects funded since 2000 in the
249 Columbia Basin as part of the BPA's Fish and Wildlife Program. Thus, the results indicate that

250 barrier removal projects in the Columbia Basin provide adequate fish passage and result in
251 increased habitat availability and anadromous fish population abundance immediately upstream
252 of former barriers. Moreover, this provides evidence that addressing impassable barriers to
253 salmon and steelhead migration can result in range expansion and increased available habitat for
254 anadromous fishes and resident fishes. Some sites exhibited greater abundances of fish below the
255 barrier than above the barrier (e.g. Badger Site 1), which may be due to the stream crossing, but
256 could also be due to upstream colonisation rates. Kiffney et al. (2009) suggested that three
257 factors influence rapid and successful natural colonisation after a barrier removal: 1) sufficient
258 source population below the barrier; 2) high-quality habitat above the barrier; and 3) relatively
259 low densities of resident fish upstream of the barrier. Taking these factors into account and
260 understanding constraints on local biotic production can help prioritise barriers for removal and
261 help determine whether they will be successful in the short and long term (Pess et al., 2014).

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449 Table 1. Culvert characteristics including shape, length, span (width of culvert), water depth
450 within the culvert, slope through the culvert crossing, and road fill and width based on culvert
451 surveys using WDFW culvert survey protocol. At sites that are not listed, the barrier or culvert
452 was completely removed; thus, no culvert survey was possible. SQSH = squash, ARCH =
453 bottomless pipe arch. Span indicates length of culvert or stream crossing. Drop or culvert height
454 from water surface to bottom of downstream end of culvert is also recorded but was zero at all
455 sites.

Site	Shape	Length (m)	Span (m)	Depth (m)	Slope (%)	Road fill (m)	Road width (m)
Badger Lower	SQSH	18.8	3.4	0.10	3.1	1.9	8.1
Cabin	ARCH	43.9	4.5	0.13	5.9	10.3	9.6
Camp	SQSH	14.5	4.2	0.12	3.6	1.0	7.6
Corral	SQSH	12.1	2.6	0.10	2.4	1.5	9.0
Doe	SQSH	20.1	3.4	0.20	4.5	1.9	8.3
Granite	SQSH	8.3	4.4	0.22	7.5	0.9	4.9
Hepner	ARCH	14.8	4.1	0.22	1.8	0.8	7.3
Jack	ARCH	23.6	6.3	0.09	1.4	1.6	11.6
Mare	ARCH	15.6	3.9	0.18	3.0	2.2	7.0
Mertin	ARCH	18.2	4.0	0.15	4.9	1.9	9.7

Mule	ARCH	19.6	4.5	0.15	1.7	4.1	7.5
Parachute	SQSH	20.9	2.6	0.10	4.6	3.1	6.8
Wendover Lower	SQSH	17.2	3.0	0.11	1.3	1.5	9.0
Wendover Upper	SQSH	14.7	2.2	0.04	2.3	1.7	7.0
Ireland Gulch	ARCH	7.6	3.6	0.11	9.5	1.2	4.1
Little Camas	ARCH	9.7	3.6	0.05	0.8	0.9	4.6
Orr Creek	ARCH	12.3	4.1	0.26	6.7	1.1	4.9
Sand 1	ARCH	9.4	3.9	0.10	2.6	1.3	4.5
Sand 2	ARCH	10.2	3.3	0.10	2.4	0.9	4.8
Tillicum	ARCH	18.6	5.3	0.13	4.8	2.7	6.3

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458 Table 2. Habitat metrics for each site. Average wetted width, average slope, percent pool and
 459 substrate shown separately for reference (R) and treatment (T) reaches. cfs = cubic feet per
 460 second.

Site	Year barrier removed	Flow (cfs)	Wetted width (m)		Slope (%)		D50 (mm)		Pools (%)	
			R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T
Antoine	2013	0.58	1.72	1.90	8.92	10.68	57.5	56	8.63	3.6
Badger Lower	2002	3.23	3.56	3.34	2.77	1.82	113	76.5	4.7	24.4
Badger Upper	2005	3.66	2.37	2.62	3.34	2.65	68.5	47.5	0	14.86
Cabin	2006	2.05	3.87	2.94	3.98	7.77	75	102.5	9.66	25.57
Camp	2006	4.49	3.55	3.23	3.03	4.35	24	17	11.36	15.61
Corral	2004	1.45	2.49	2.17	2.70	4.03	22.5	19	24.27	15.26
Doe	2008	4.18	3.95	4.59	3.49	4.45	60.5	48	9.62	11.92
Dead Cow Gulch	2007	2.27	1.48	1.30	7.07	4.67	55.5	63	3.62	7.06
Granite	2006	0.75	1.25	1.32	10.54	8.97	7	10	0	3.77
Hepner	2008	2.62	4.04	3.70	0.71	2.36	11	48.5	20.72	0
Indian N.F.T.	2009	2.25	2.13	2.31	2.98	2.33	31	22	27.69	49.53
Jack	2009	0.72	3.16	2.36	3.87	4.36	51.5	50.5	40.69	19.14
Mare	2007	0.69	2.32	2.50	2.05	1.47	22	15	5.01	10.61
Mertin	2008	1.35	2.76	1.96	3.68	2.27	3.5	3	4.66	11.34
Mule	2008	0.97	2.65	3.38	1.78	1.94	52	46.5	5.55	0
Parachute	2005	0.78	2.51	1.80	7.39	8.23	60.5	91.5	9.61	5.44
Wendover L.	2000	1.38	2.45	3.30	4.71	5.44	91.5	115.5	18.89	9.46

Wendover U.	2002	0.37	1.89	1.93	5.15	6.69	62	70	8.98	10.33
Butler	2014	< 0.1	2.10	1.56	3.37	3.78	114	70.5	19	17
Cahail	2010	< 0.1	1.76	2.25	2.69	3.35	19	39	61	53
Indian W.S.	2012	0.17	1.76	2.59	6.51	3.87	69	68	25	10
Ireland Gulch	2014	1.47	1.85	2.04	8.25	8.40	55	54	42	10
Jenkins	2013	< 0.1	1.73	1.72	2.57	1.67	15	19	44	46
Little Camas	2004	0.17	1.57	1.41	4.29	5.26	21.5	26	7	19
North Road	2009	2.02	3.71	3.25	3.08	2.19	113	66	27	5
Orr	2012	5.14	2.32	2.48	12.62	13.48	86	68.5	24	13
Reecer	2009	28.9	6.88	6.56	2.02	1.57	3	14	0	0
Sand 1	2004	0.54	2.27	2.37	3.80	4.70	107.5	40	0	13
Sand 2	2004	0.54	2.43	2.11	1.61	1.99	32	154	28	26
Taenum	2007	9.21	8.09	7.05	1.26	0.79	60.5	57	41	28
Tillicum	2013	2.71	2.60	2.69	4.11	5.08	52	43	0	44
Whitney	2011	2.75	2.76	2.55	4.99	6.57	64	73	22	46

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463 Table 3. Juvenile salmonid abundance by species for treatment (T) and reference (R) reaches
 464 estimated from three-pass electric fishing. The combined column is the total count of the
 465 anadromous salmonids.

Site	Steelhead		Coho		Chinook		Combined		Cutthroat		Brook Trout	
	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T	R	T
Antoine	7	6	0	0	0	0	7	6	0	0	29	27
Badger Lower	17	4	0	0	0	0	17	4	7	14	0	0
Badger Upper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	44	0	0
Cabin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	20	0	0
Camp	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	26	0	0
Corral	8	5	0	0	0	0	8	5	18	36	0	0
Doe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	22	0	0
Dead Cow Gulch	21	23	0	0	17	18	38	41	0	0	0	0
Granite	6	6	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Hepner	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	25	44	2	0
Indian	14	22	0	0	0	0	14	22	1	1	3	3
Jack	39	24	0	0	0	0	39	24	0	0	23	9
Mare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	60	0	0
Mertin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	22	0	0

Mule	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	42	0	0
Parachute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wendover Lower	14	5	0	0	1	0	15	5	6	19	0	0
Wendover Upper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	34	0	0
Butler	12	14	0	0	0	0	12	14	0	0	0	0
Cahail	27	56	0	0	0	0	27	56	0	0	44	49
Indian 2015	4	5	0	0	40	11	44	16	0	0	0	0
Ireland Gulch	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Jenkins	7	3	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0
Little Camas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Road	68	46	209	157	17	15	294	218	0	0	1	0
Orr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	14
Reecer	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sand 1	17	22	0	0	0	0	17	22	0	0	0	0
Sand 2	29	19	0	0	0	0	29	19	0	0	0	0
Taenum	22	28	0	0	0	0	22	28	0	0	0	0
Tillicum	42	22	0	0	0	0	42	22	0	0	0	0
Whitney	44	48	0	0	0	0	44	48	0	0	0	0

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467 FIGURE LEGENDS

468 Figure 1. Location of full-barrier removal projects sampled in 2014 and 2015.