Reproductive success of hatchery-reared spring Chinook (*O. tshawytscha*) in Catherine Creek (Grande Ronde basin)



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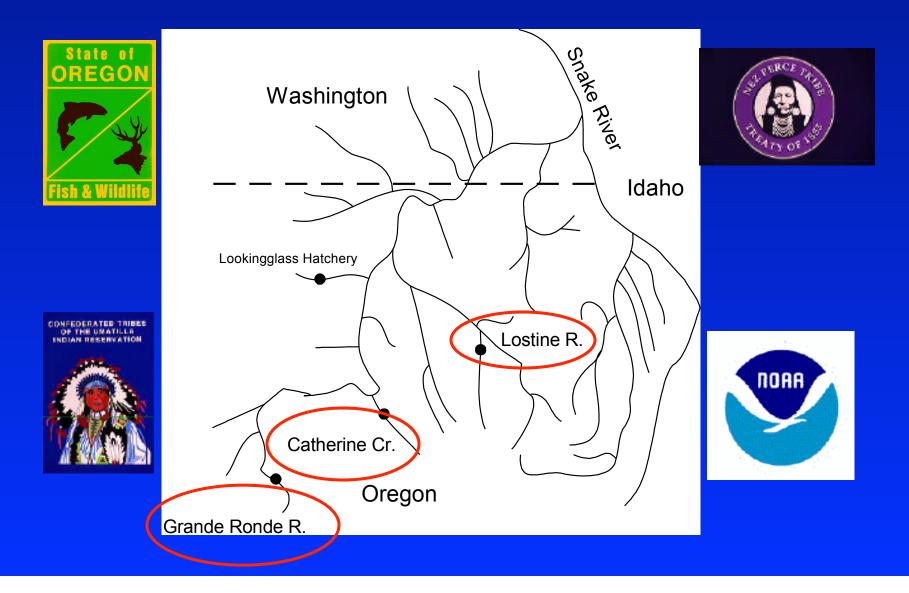




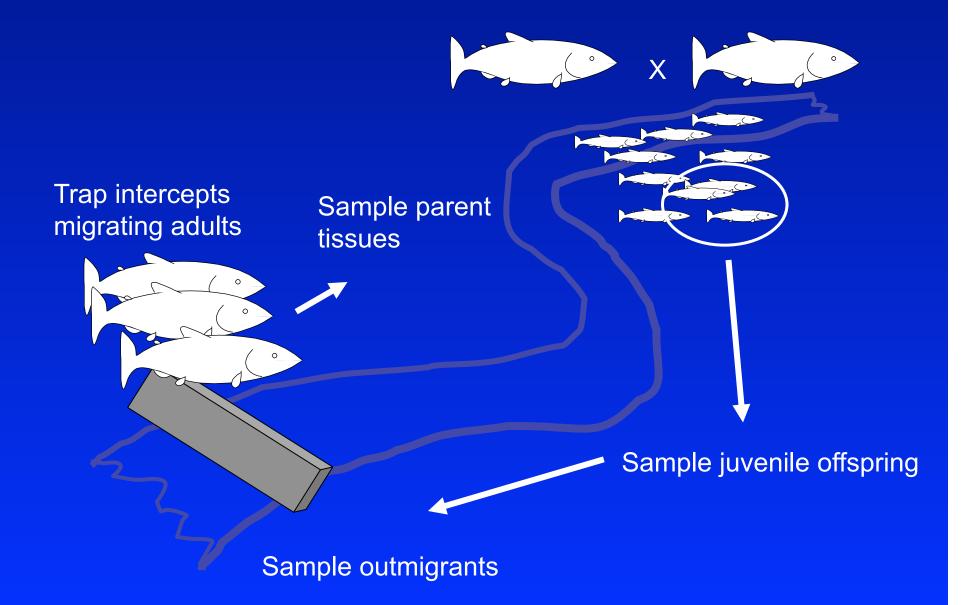




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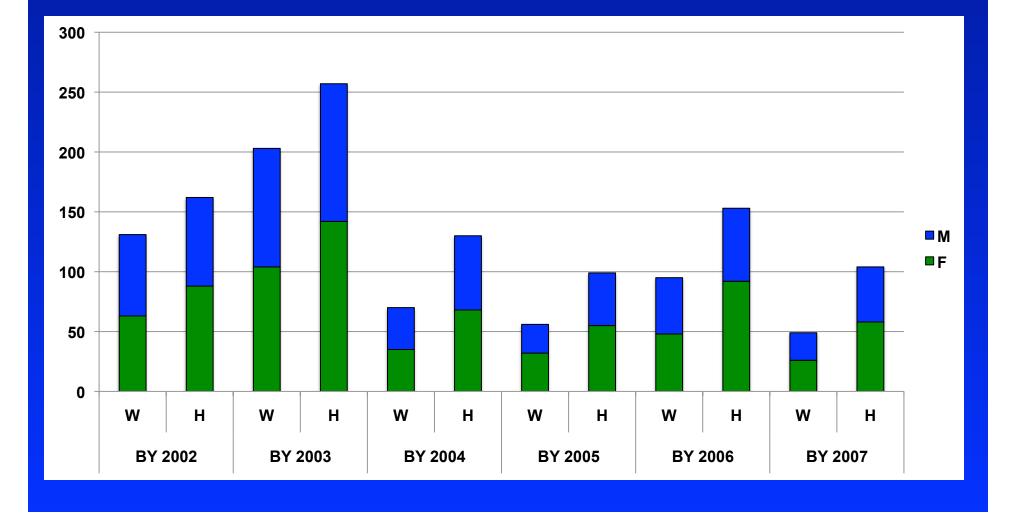
Pedigree project sampling



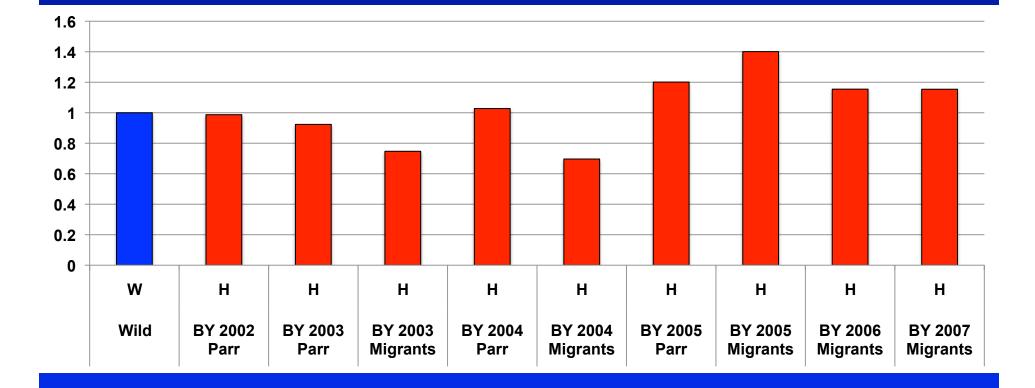
Pedigree analysis

- Genotyped for 10 microsatellites
- Pedigrees reconstructed by exclusion
- Relative Reproductive Success (RRS) calculated, normalized to wild
- Generalized Linear Modeling to determine which phenotypic factors are most important for RRS.

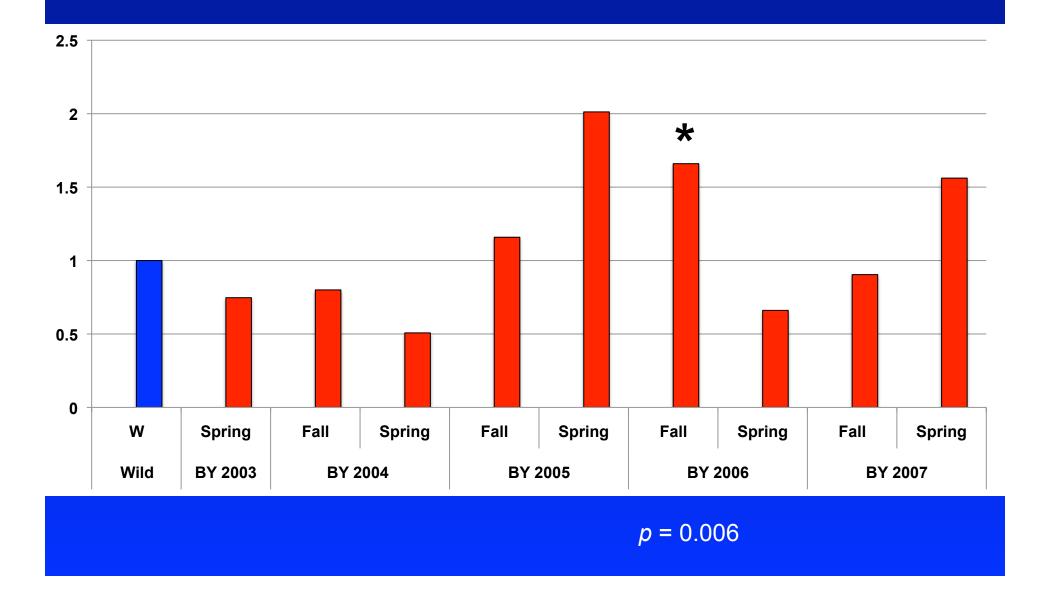
Catherine Creek returning adults passed over the weir



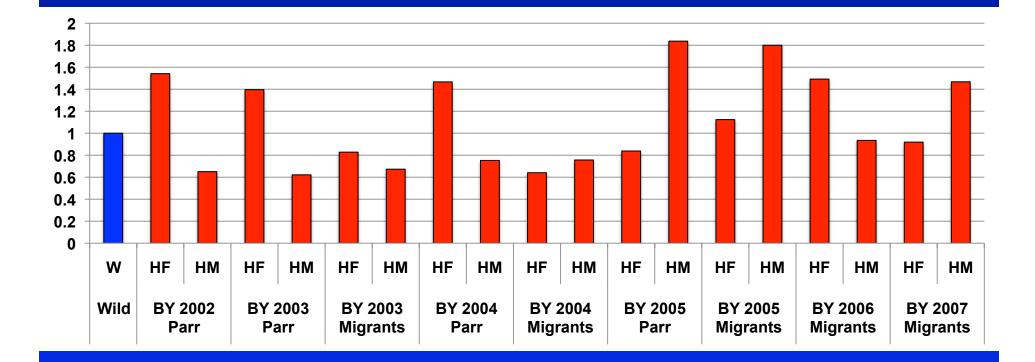
Juveniles (by origin)



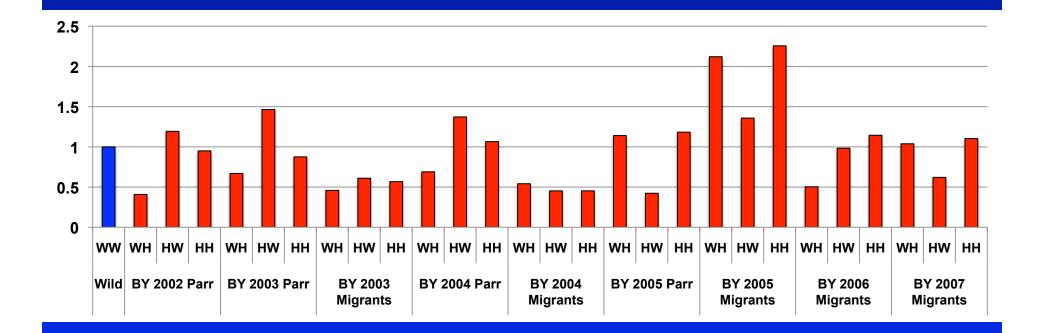
Fall and spring migrants (by origin)



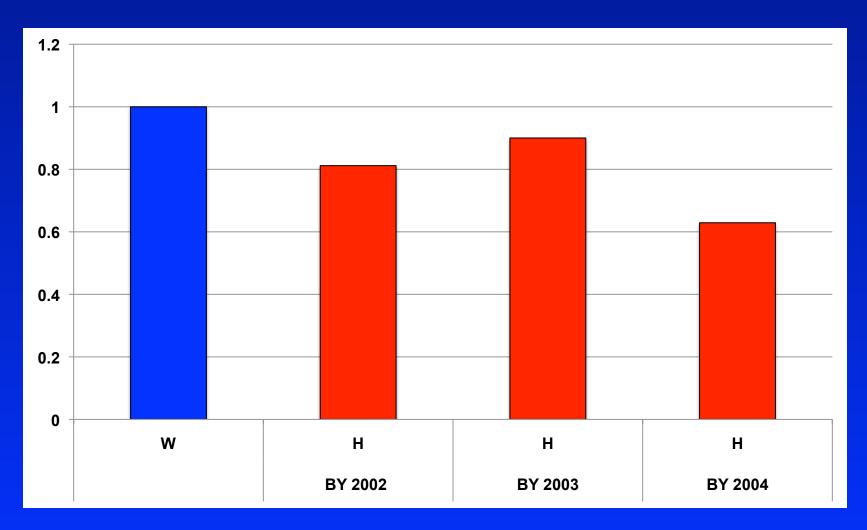
Juveniles (by sex/origin)



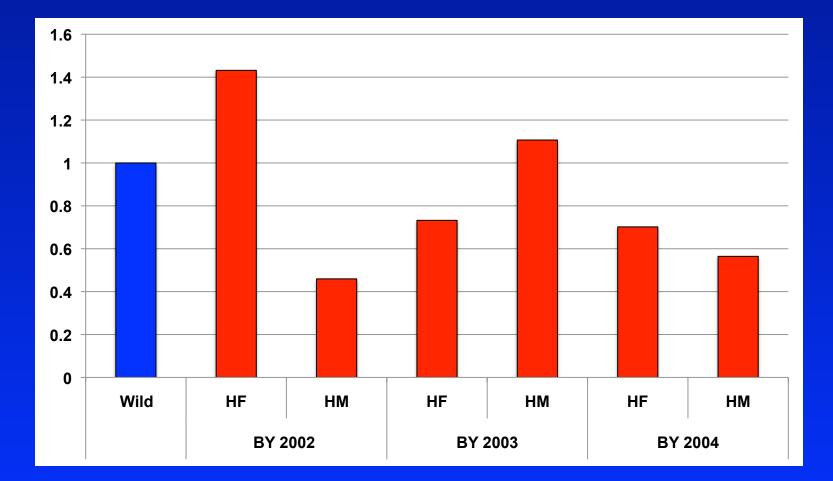
Juveniles (by matings)



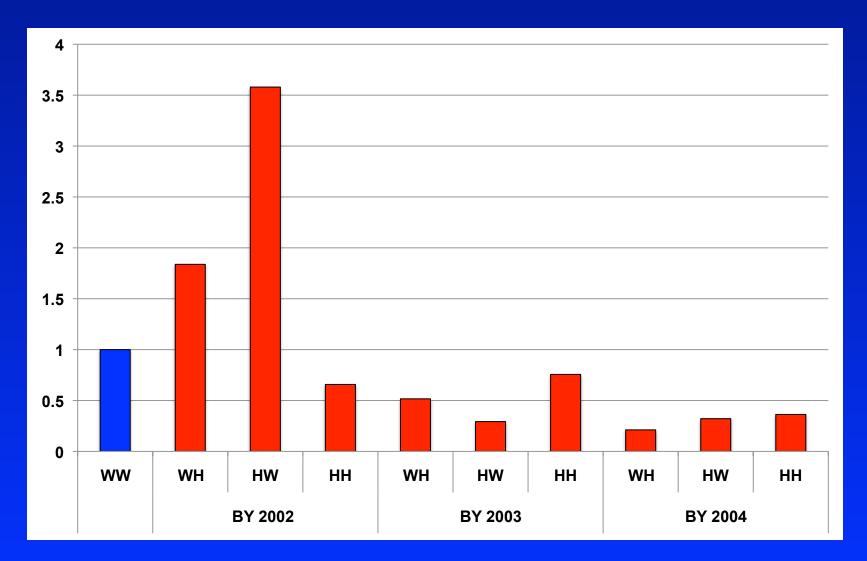
Adult-to-Adult (by origin)



Adult-to-Adult (by sex/origin)



Adult-to-Adult (by crosses)



Adult vs. juvenile results?

- Low numbers of wild adults for analysis
- Easier to get large numbers of juveniles
- Different RRS?
 - Parr = 1.03
 - Migrants = 1.00

- Adults = 0.77

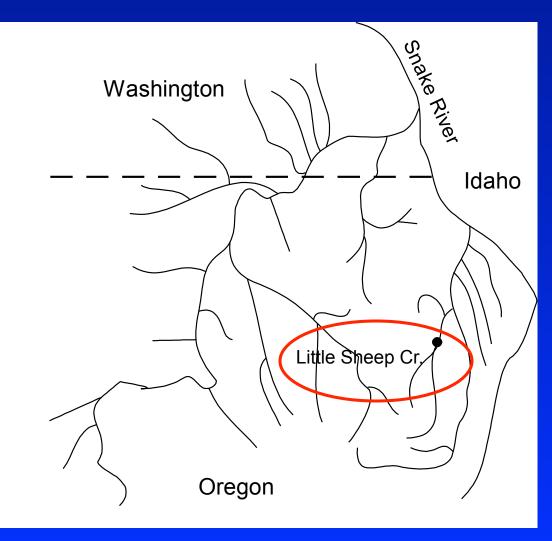
Jacks

- Jacks found in relatively low numbers
- They do contribute
- Lower RS than expected, but some individuals have higher RS
- Suggests a large variance in RS for jacks

Precocial parr

- Approximately 90 caught in smolt trap in 2005, 40 in 2007, 6 in 2008.
- Nearly all were 2-year-olds
- Found both their parents and offspring
- Do particular families produce PP?

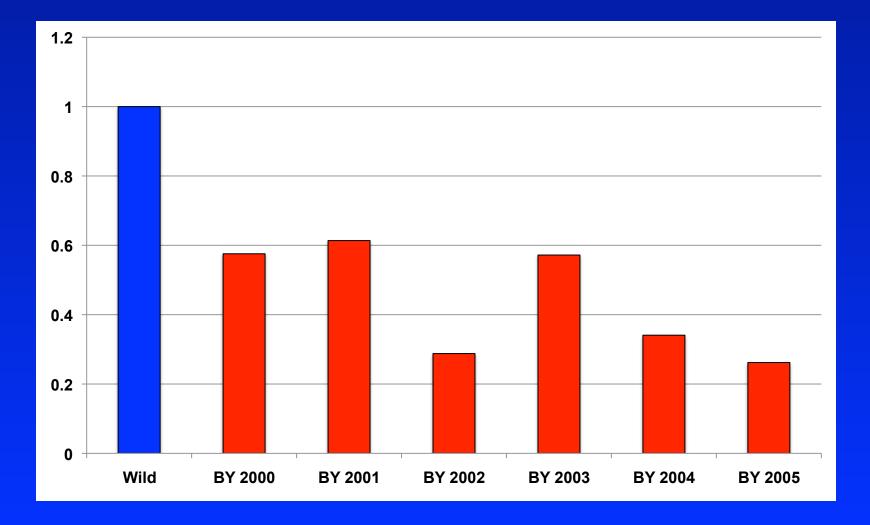
Little Sheep Creek steelhead program







Little Sheep RRS, Adults (by origin)



Results of Chinook pedigree study

- Approximately equal RRS seen across years between hatchery and wild fish in Catherine Creek
- Jacks do contribute, but less than expected by number over the weir
- Precocial parr also contribute
- Very different from neighboring steelhead population

Next steps

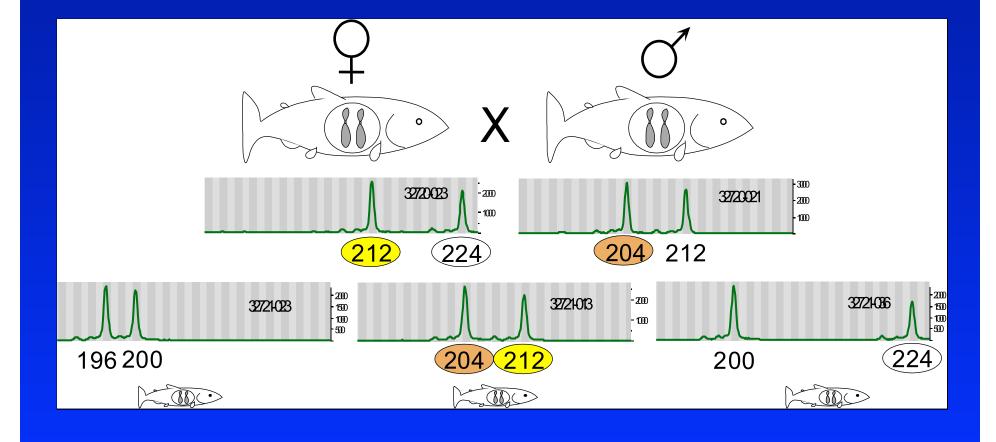
- Modeling of phenotypic characters of successful spawners
- Effective population size vs. census size
- Why such big differences between species and systems?
 - Acclimation sites?
 - Accelerated rearing?
- Adult vs. juvenile results

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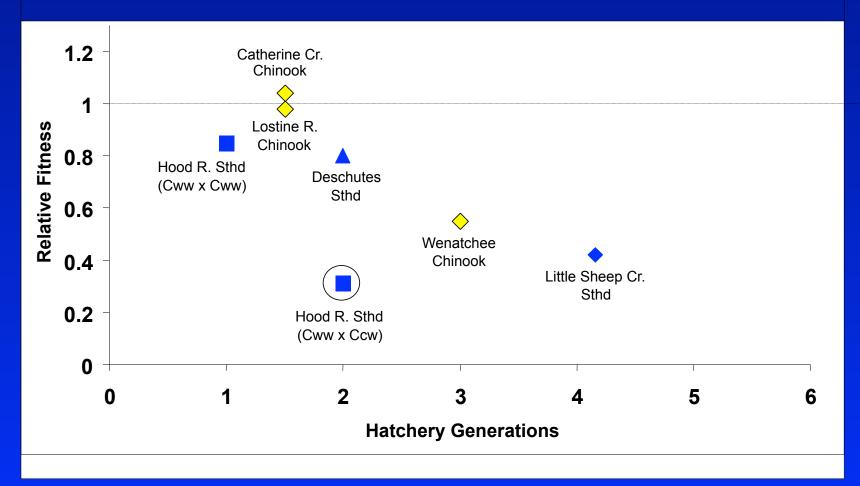
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Pedigree analysis match-up



Supplementation programs in the Columbia River basin

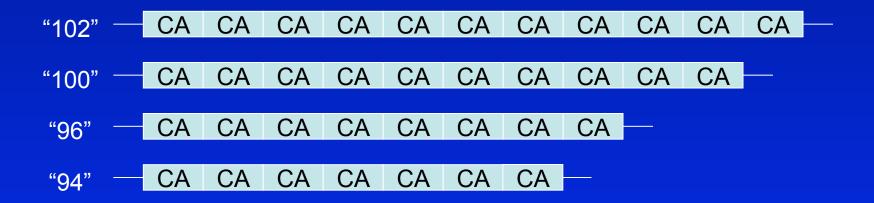


Triangles = egg-to-parr/smolt, **Diamonds** = adult-to-parr/smolt, **Squares** = lifetime

Species: Dark blue = steelhead, yellow = Chinook

Microsatellite markers—simple sequence repeats

Allele designations typically related to fragment size



Example of microsatellite genotypes

