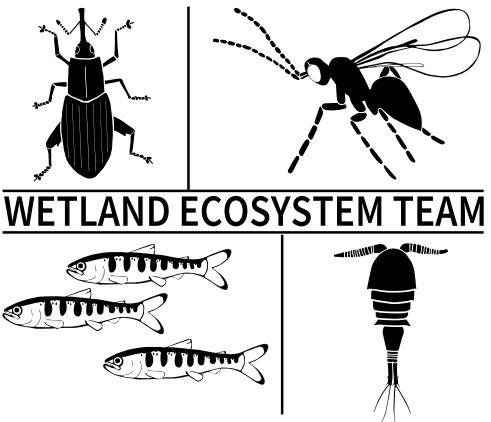


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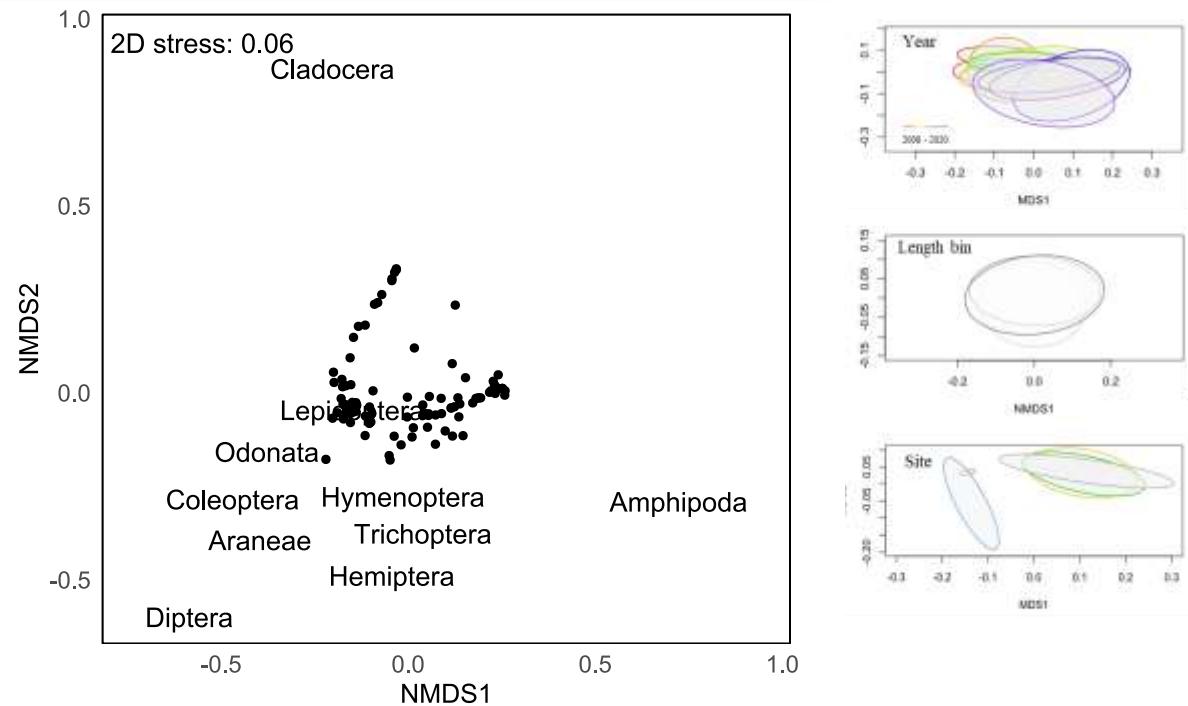
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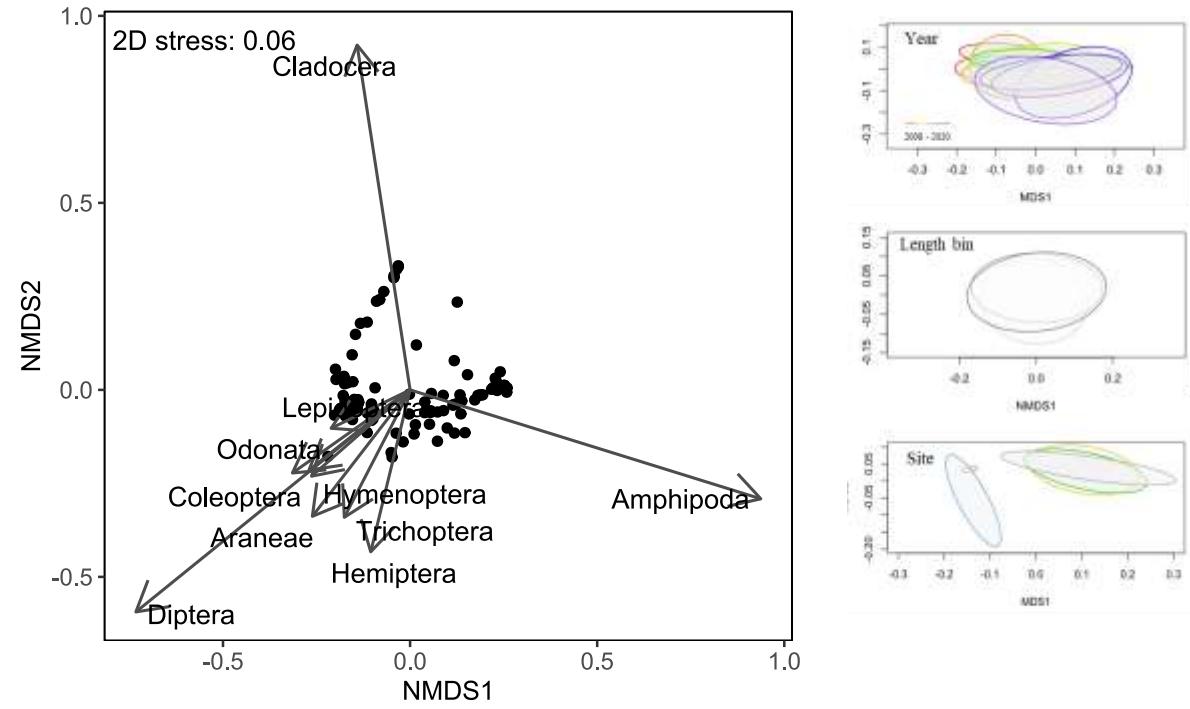
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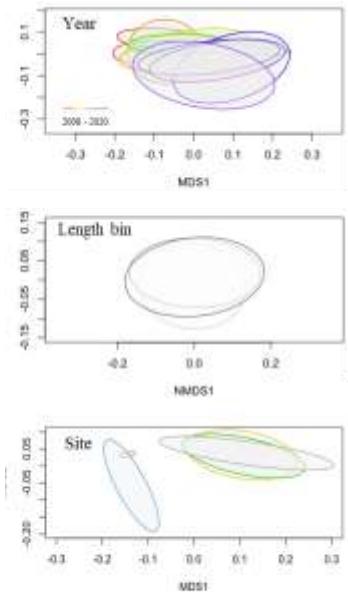
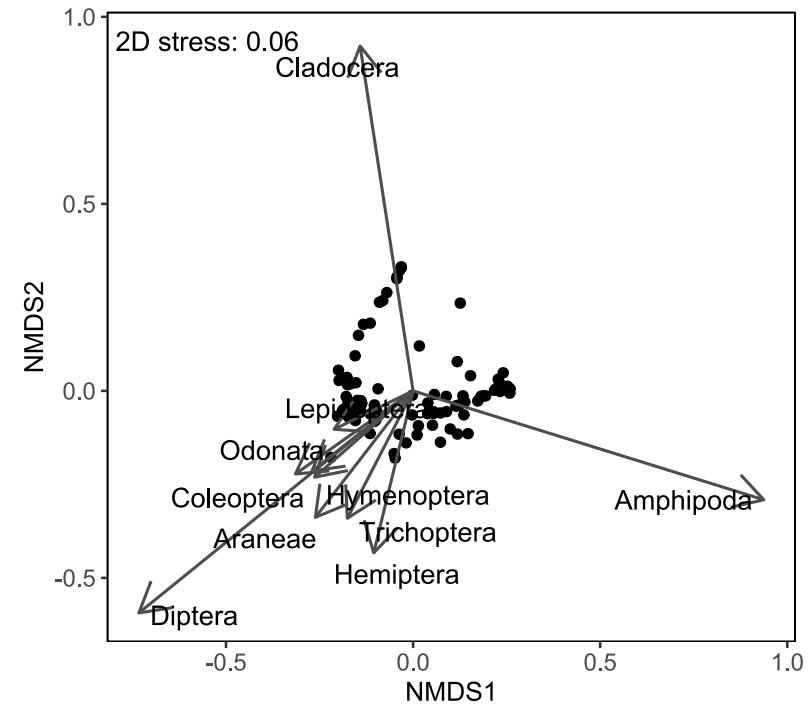
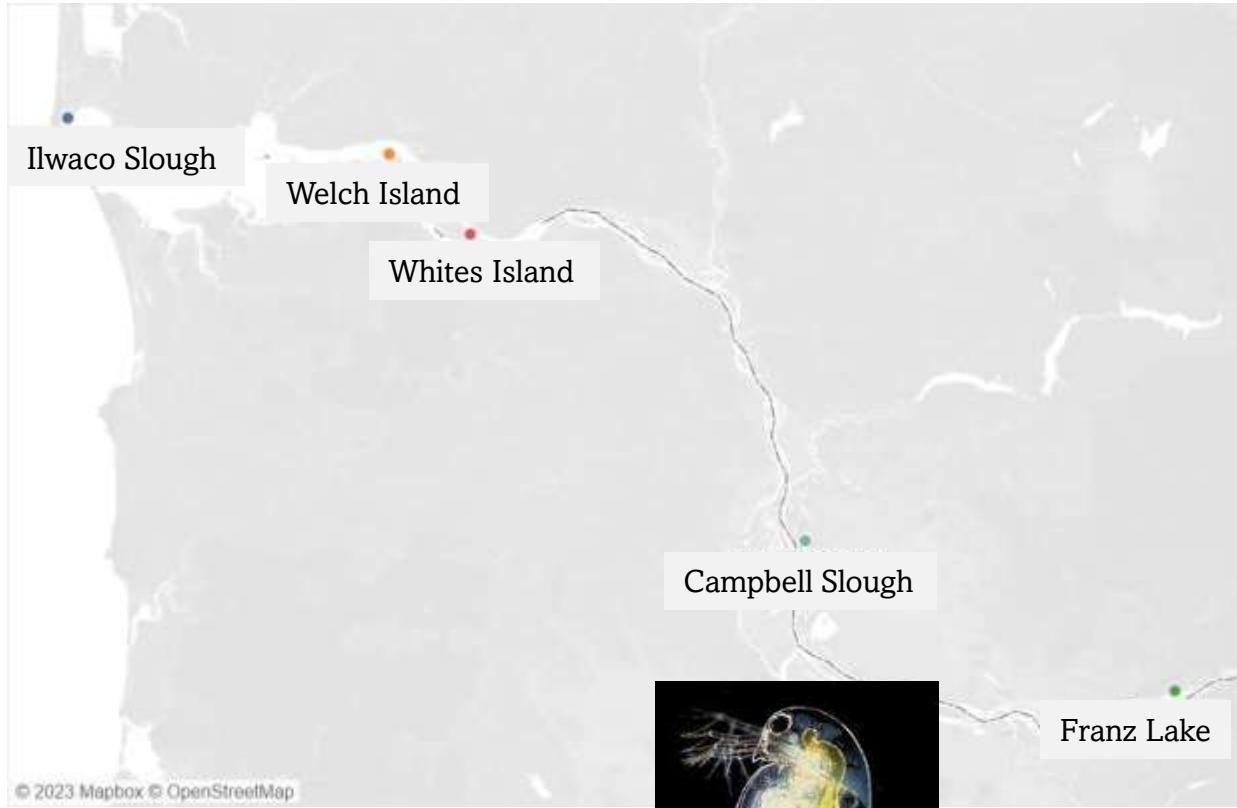


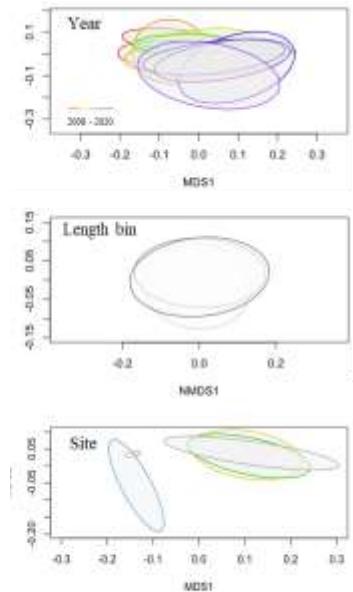
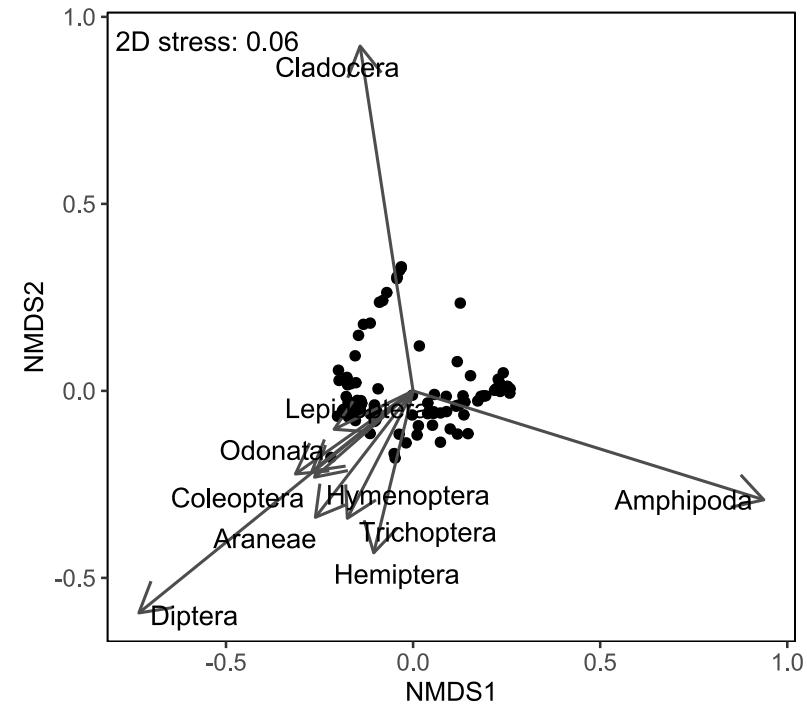


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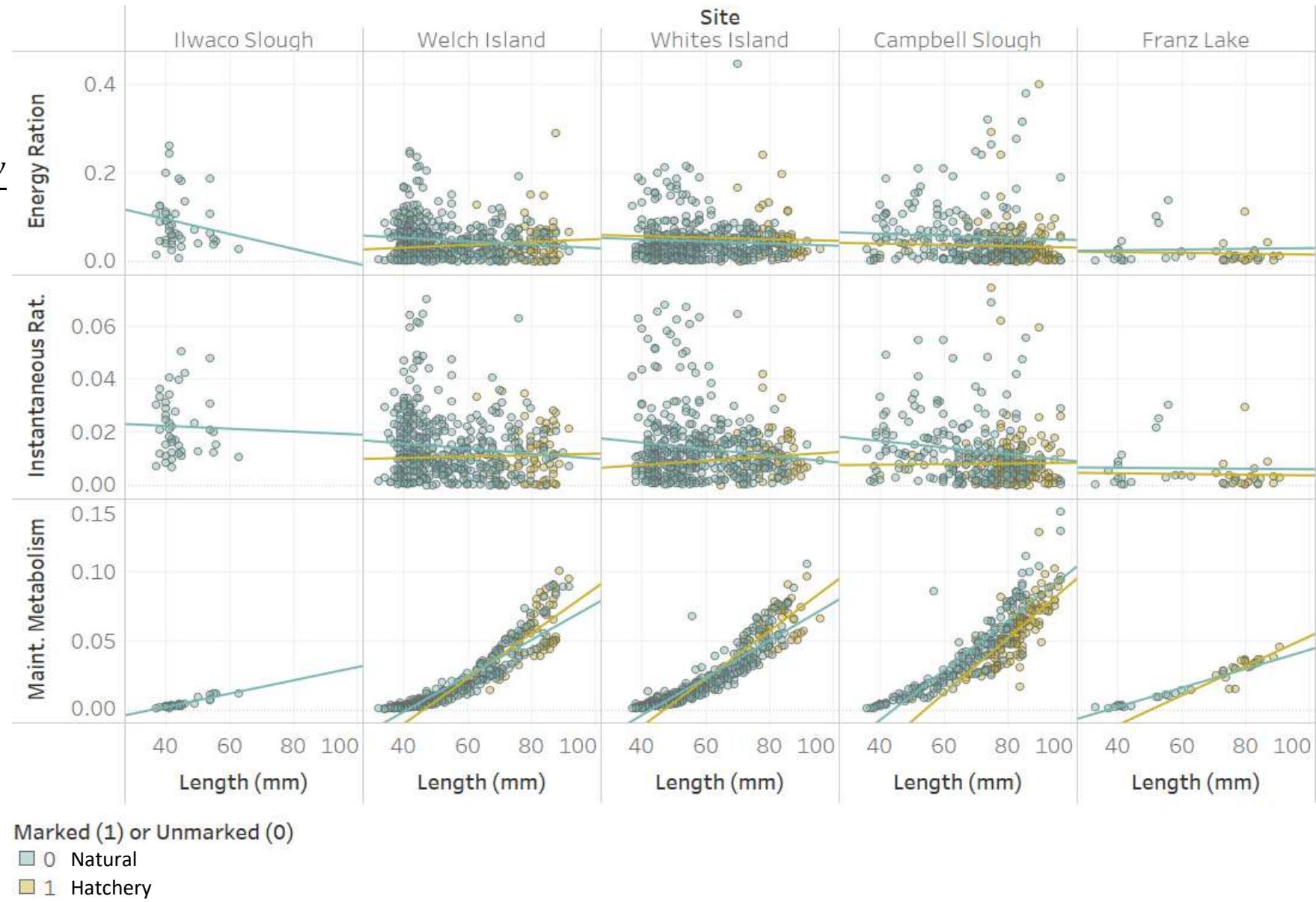




“Caloric Intake”
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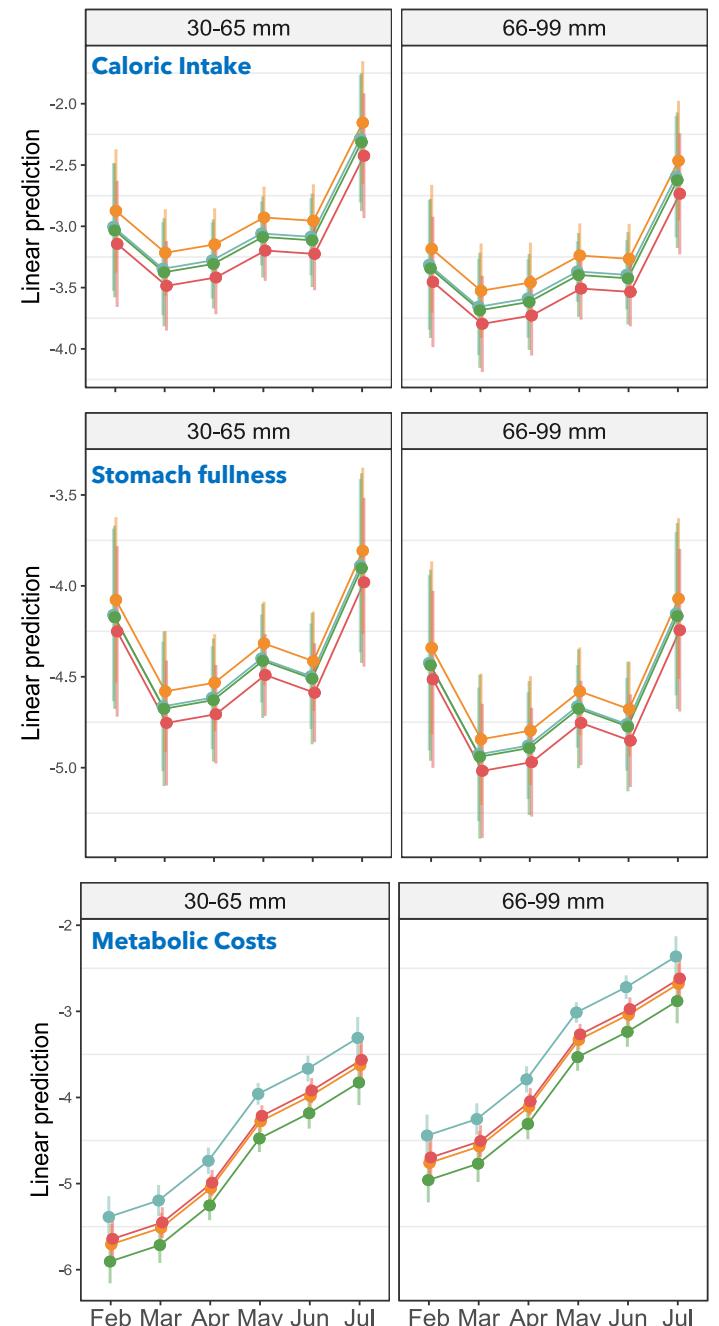
“Stomach Fullness”
 $\frac{\text{sum of prey weight}}{\text{fish weight}}$

“Metabolic Costs”
 $j_m * e^{dt} * W$





• Campbell Slough • Franz Lake • Welch Island • Whites Island



SUMMARY

Top Prey



Calories, Fullness, Metabolic costs

Increases from spring to summer

Foraging may offset metabolic costs

Top Sites

Highest densities at **Welch Island**, Whites Island, Campbell Slough; peaks in May

Smaller fish fare better for diets; no difference between hatchery and natural





Thank you!

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