



Action Effectiveness Monitoring and Research Status Update

Science Work Group Meeting

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Overview

- 2018 AEMR Status
 - Programmatic AEMR Overview
 - Sites and Metrics
- AEM Metrics and Data
- Discussion

Action Effectiveness Monitoring and Research (AEMR) Objective

- Determine the success of restoration actions at site, landscape, and estuary-wide scales in terms of improved ecosystem functionality

Programmatic Action Effectiveness Monitoring

Columbia Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Program (CEERP) Objectives

- Obj. 1. Increase the capacity (quality) of estuarine and tidal-fluvial ecosystems
- Obj. 2. Increase the opportunity for access by aquatic organisms to and for export of materials from shallow water habitats
- Obj. 3. Improve ecosystem realized functions for juvenile salmonids



Action Effectiveness Monitoring Levels



Level 3 Monitoring (Basic)

- Before/After Sampling Design
- Metrics
 - Hydrology and Water Quality
 - Water surface elevation and water temperature (All Sites)
 - Sediment accretion (All Sites)
 - Photo points (All Sites)
- Frequency
 - 1 year pre-restoration
 - 1 through 5 year post restoration



Level 2 Monitoring (Extensive)

- Before/After Reference Impact Sampling Design
- Metrics
 - Vegetation Composition and Cover
 - Salmonid Prey
 - Channel Cross Sections
 - Fish Status
- Frequency
 - 1 year pre-restoration
 - 1, 3, 5, 10 year post restoration

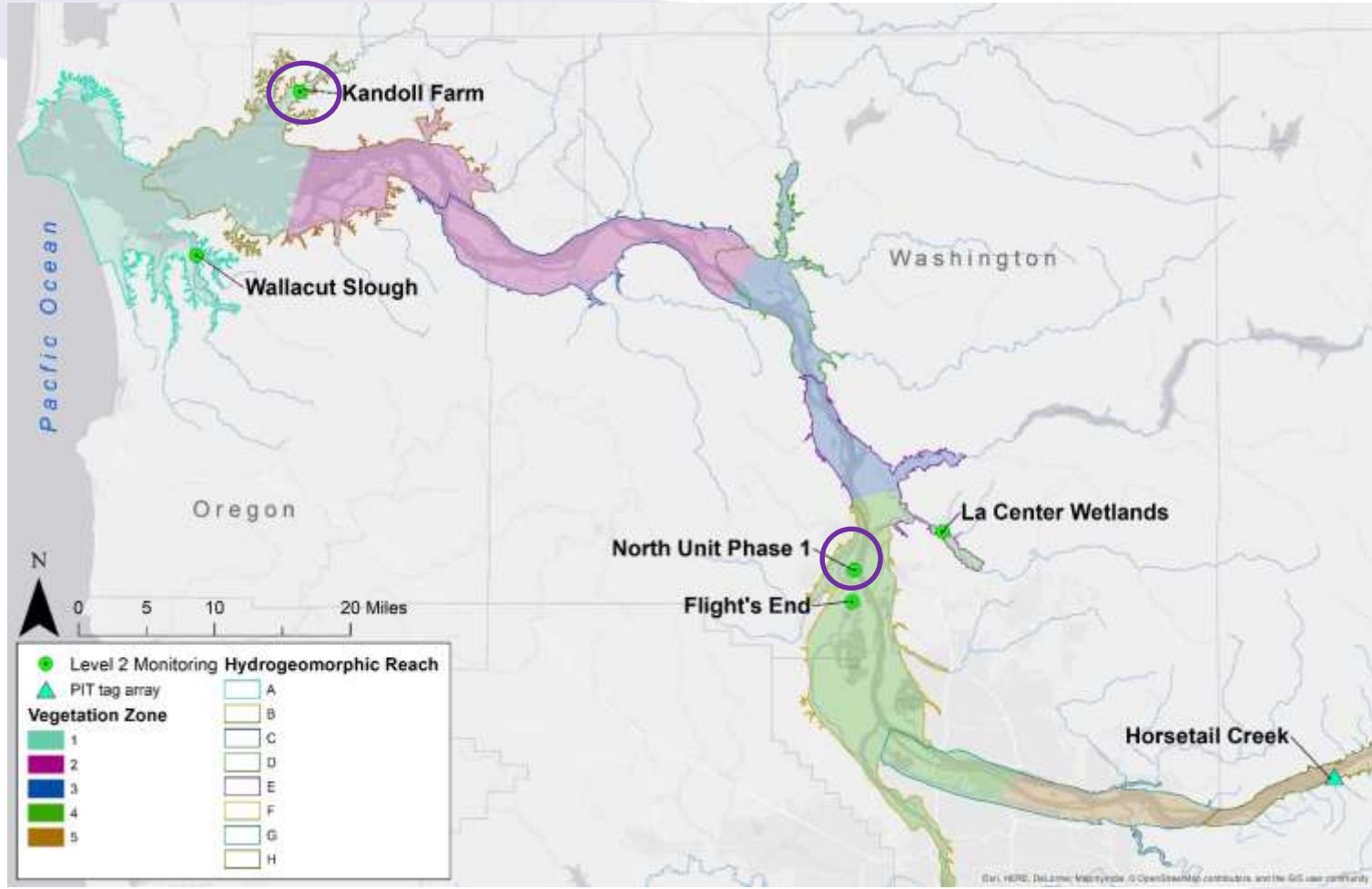


Level 1 Monitoring (Intensive)

- Metrics
 - Chinook Diets
 - Chinook Genetics
 - Stable Isotopes
 - Fish Community
 - Fish condition index
 - Fish length/weight
 - Salmonid Prey (Neuston, Benthos, Terrestrial)
- Frequency
 - 2016 & 2017



Level 2 Action Effectiveness Monitoring in 2018



Level 2 Sampling Rotation

Site	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Kandoll Farm		Pre	Post		Post		Post					Post
Kandoll Farm Reference		Pre	Post		Post		Post					Post
Steamboat		Pre		Post		Post		Post				
Steamboat Reference		Pre		Post		Post		Post				
Sauvie Island North Unit P1		Pre	Post		Post		Post					Post
Sauvie Island North Unit P1		Pre	Post		Post		Post					Post
Dibblee	Post		Post		Post							Post
Dibblee Reference	Post		Post		Post		Post					Post
Wallacut		Pre			Post		Post		Post		Post	
Wallacut Reference		Pre				Post		Post		Post		
Sandy River	Post		Post		Post		Post					Post
Sandy River Reference	Post		Post		Post		Post					Post
Sauvie Island North Unit P2		Pre	Post		Post		Post					
Sauvie Island North Unit P2		Pre	Post		Post		Post					
La Center			Pre	Post		Post		Post		Post		
La Center Reference			Pre	Post		Post		Post		Post		
Wallooskee-Youngs			Pre				Post		Post			Post
Wallooskee-Youngs Reference			Pre				Post		Post			Post
Flights End						Pre	Post		Post		Post	
Flights End Reference						Pre	Post		Post		Post	

Construction Year

Post = Fish status check

Equipment and Technical Support

- Technical and Field Support
 - Site sampling design
 - Data management
 - Methods
- Hydrology Monitoring Equipment
 - Hobo Onset pressure & temperature data loggers (long-term)
 - Hobo Onset temperature (only) data loggers (long-term)
 - Flow/discharge meter and rod (short-term)
- Survey and Mapping
 - RTK ProMark 200 survey and mapping units (base and rover) including tripod and monopod (short-term)
 - Auto Level including tripod (short-term)
 - Small unmanned aerial vehicle



Results



The Journey

- What does it all mean?
- Temperature and Water Surface Elevation in Context
- Vegetation and soil scrape down
- What would you monitor if you were designing a monitoring plan today for your restoration site?

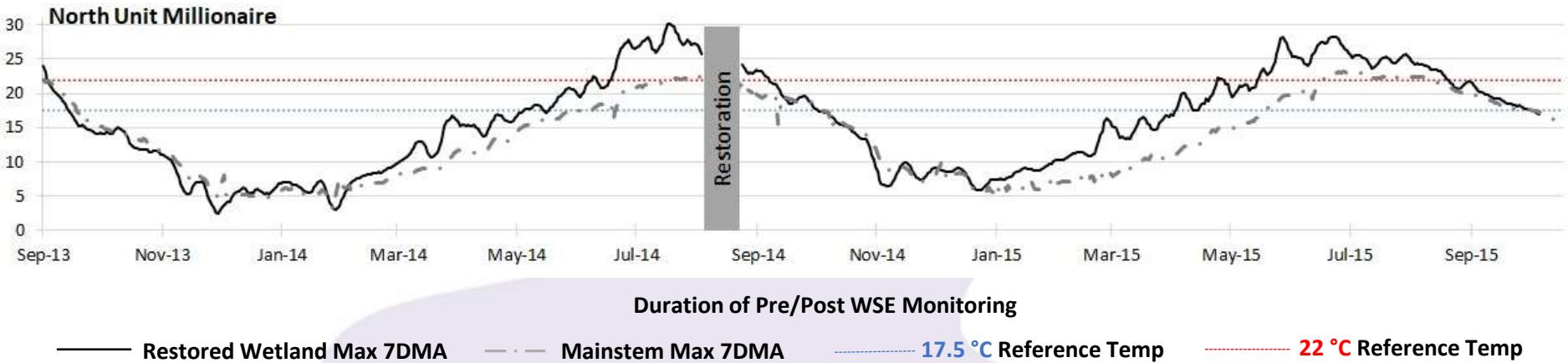


Analysis

- **Water Temperature** – Monthly Average for the 7 day moving average maximum temperature (7-DMAM)
- **Water Surface Elevation** - # of days site exceeded 2-year flood elevation
- **Vegetation** - Composition, Abundance, Species Richness, Species Diversity, Average Marsh Elevation

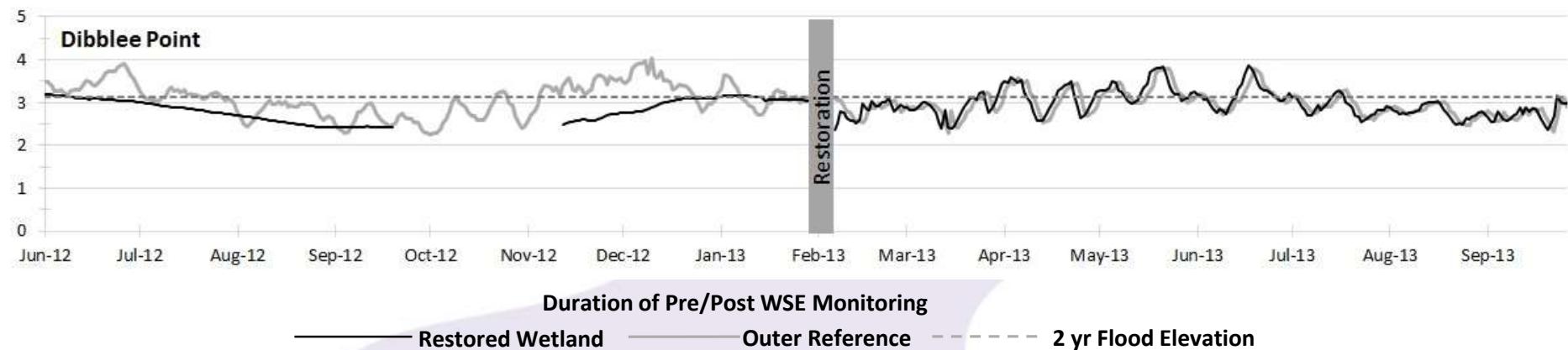


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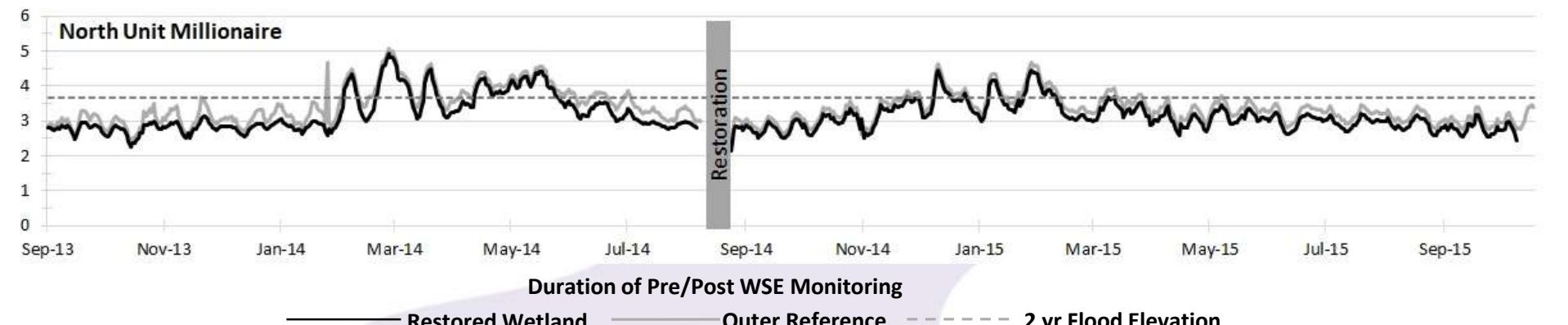
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Restoration	n	n (days)	18	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	26	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	31	30	17	
		Mean	19.4	14.1	9.4	5.0	6.2	6.2	10.5	14.8	17.1	20.7	27.2	22	17.3	9.9	8.4	7.6	10.2	14.2	17	21.2	25.8	25.9	24.2	20	18		
		SE	0.56	0.17	0.45	0.24	0.11	0.34	0.28	0.26	0.14	0.18	0.29	0.3	0.3	0.49	0.11	0.19	0.18	0.31	0.3	0.21	0.27	0.3	0.16	0.2	0.1		
Main Stem	n	n (days)	18	31	30	31	31	27	31	30	31	30	31	28	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	31	30	29	
		Mean	20.2	14.9	10.6	5.8	5.5	5.9	8.1	11.0	14.7	17.5	20.7	20	17.3	11.0	8.0	6.1	6.8	8.6	11.6	15.5	20	22.8	22.2	20	17		
		SE	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1		

Water Surface Elevation



Year		2012										2013									
Month		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct			
Restoration	n (days)	23	31	31	26		12	31	31		31	30	31	30	31	31	30	3			
	Mean	3.12	2.92	2.61	2.43		2.57	2.89	3.11		2.85	3.15	3.27	3.19	2.97	2.79	2.70	2.99			
	SE	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00		0.01	0.03	0.01		0.04	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.01			
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	10	9	6	0	0	0	0			
Outside	n (days)	23	31	31	30	31	30	31	31	31	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	3			
	Mean	3.43	3.30	2.90	2.64	2.70	3.14	3.56	3.10	31	31	30	31	31	31	30	31	30			
	SE	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04		0.06	0.04	0.05		0.04	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.06			
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	11	6	0	0	0	4	24	4		0	7	9	4	0	0	0	0			

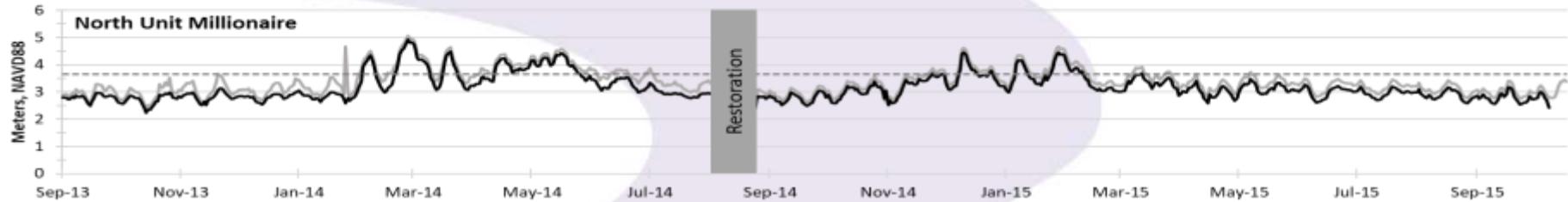
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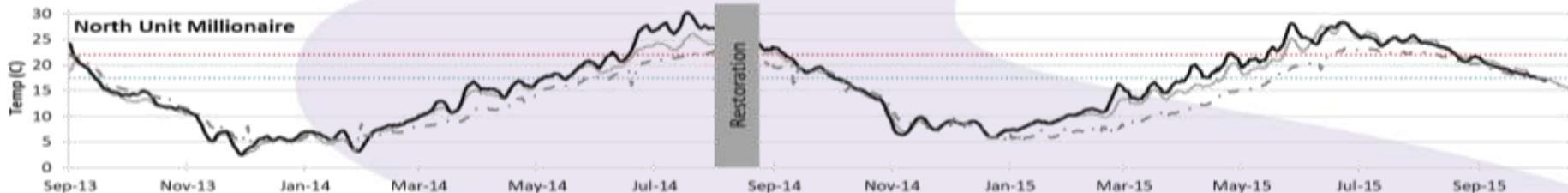
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Restoration	n (days)	18	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	26	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	30	31	30	20
	Max Mean WSE	2.77	2.70	2.81	2.83	2.86	3.27	4.03	3.62	4.06	3.48	3.08	2.74	2.86	3.09	3.63	3.52	3.77	3.25	3.11	3.07	3.01	2.99	2.96	2.81	2.74	
	SE	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	0	0	0	0	0	7	21	11	31	6	0	0	0	0	11	9	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outside	n (days)	18	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	26	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	29	
	Mean	2.90	2.91	3.06	3.08	3.17	3.61	4.24	3.86	4.23	3.78	3.43	2.91	3.03	3.24	3.80	3.70	3.99	3.48	3.34	3.31	3.24	3.22	3.19	3.03	3.02	
	SE	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04		
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	0	0	0	1	0	11	27	18	31	23	6	0	0	0	22	16	23	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	

Opportunity

Habitat Access = Water Surface Elevation



Habitat Quality = Water Temperature



Habitat Access + Habitat Quality = Opportunity

Water surface elevation and water temperature used together tells a more complete story

Opportunity

- Optimal: When water depth is ≥ 0.5 m and temp is ≤ 17.5 C
- Marginal: When water depth is ≥ 0.5 m and temp is between 17.5-22 C

Wetland Channel Pre-Restoration

Water Control Structure
(such as a closed tide gate)

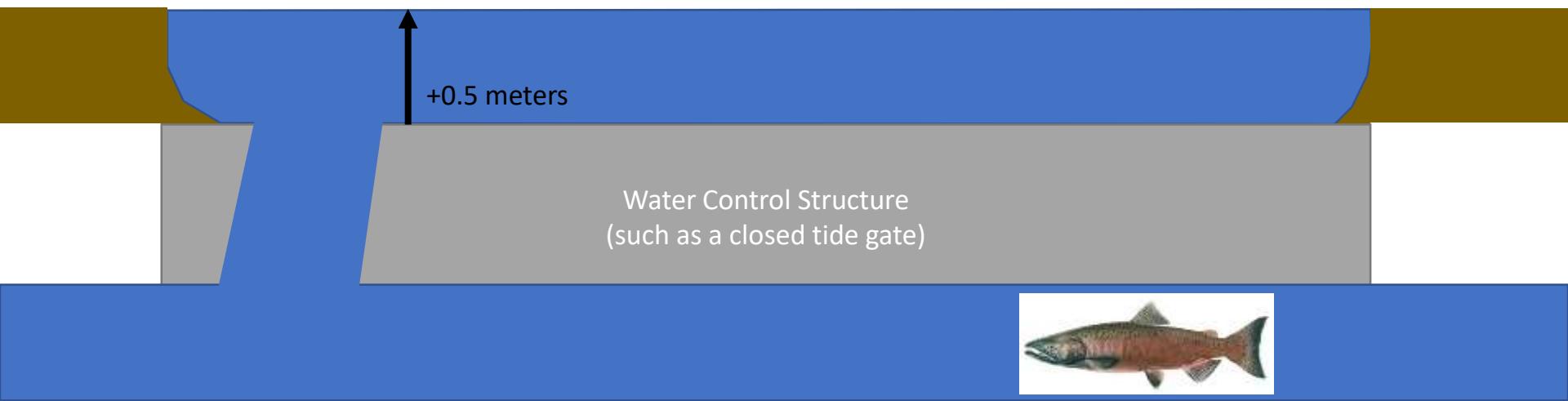


Salmonid Habitat Opportunity

- Optimal: When water depth is ≥ 0.5 m and temp is ≤ 17.5 C
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Wetland Channel Pre-Restoration

Opportunity Depth = Top WCS Elevation + 0.5 m

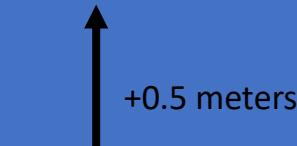


Salmonid Habitat Opportunity

- Optimal: When water depth is ≥ 0.5 m and temp is ≤ 17.5 C
- Marginal: When water depth is ≥ 0.5 m and temp is between 17.5-22 C

Wetland Channel Post-Restoration

Opportunity Depth = Bottom of Channel Elevation + 0.5 m



Salmonid Habitat Opportunity

% Opportunity

100%

90%

80%

70%

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

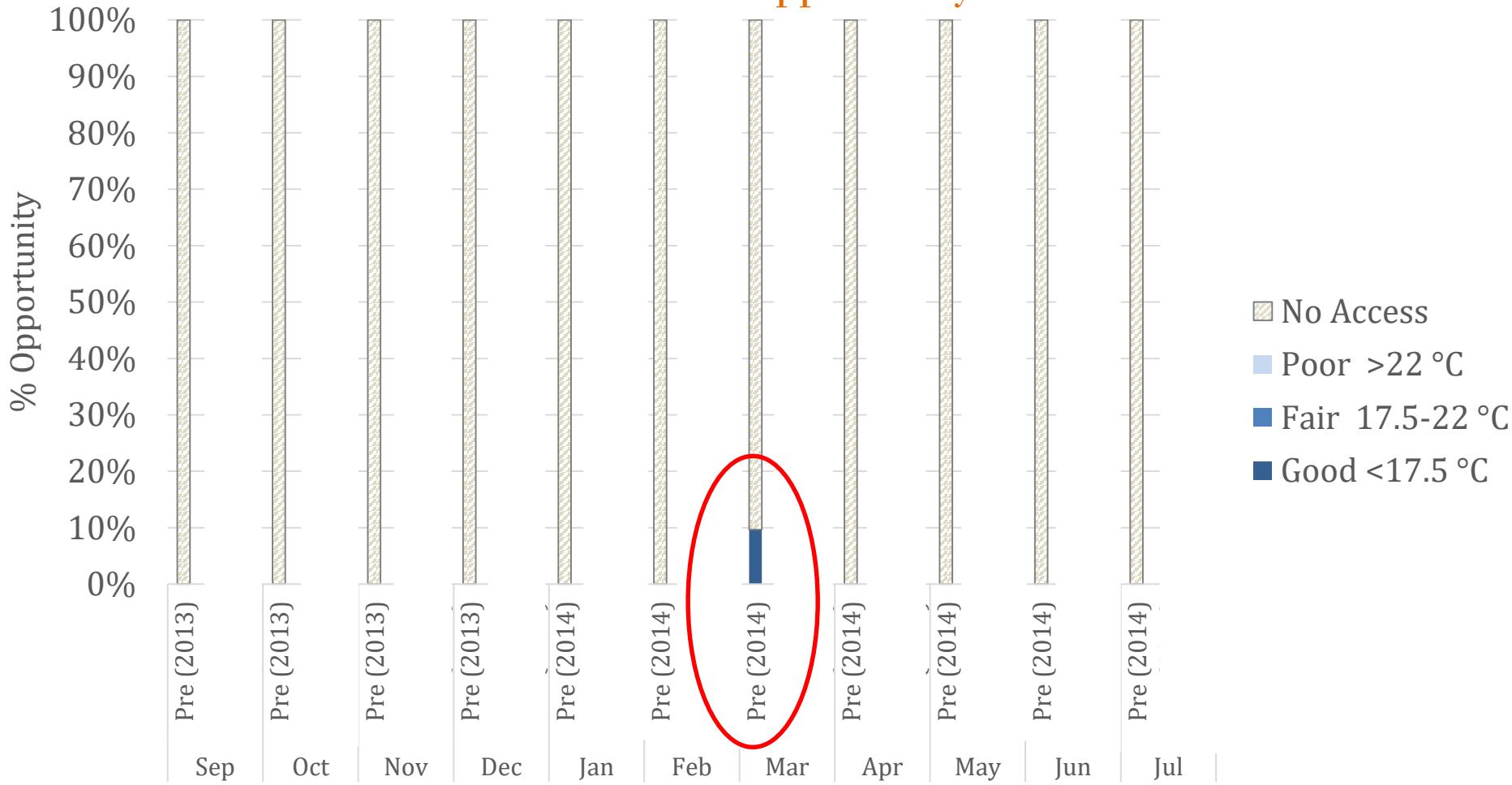
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Proportion of time each month fish have access to habitat at different temperature thresholds

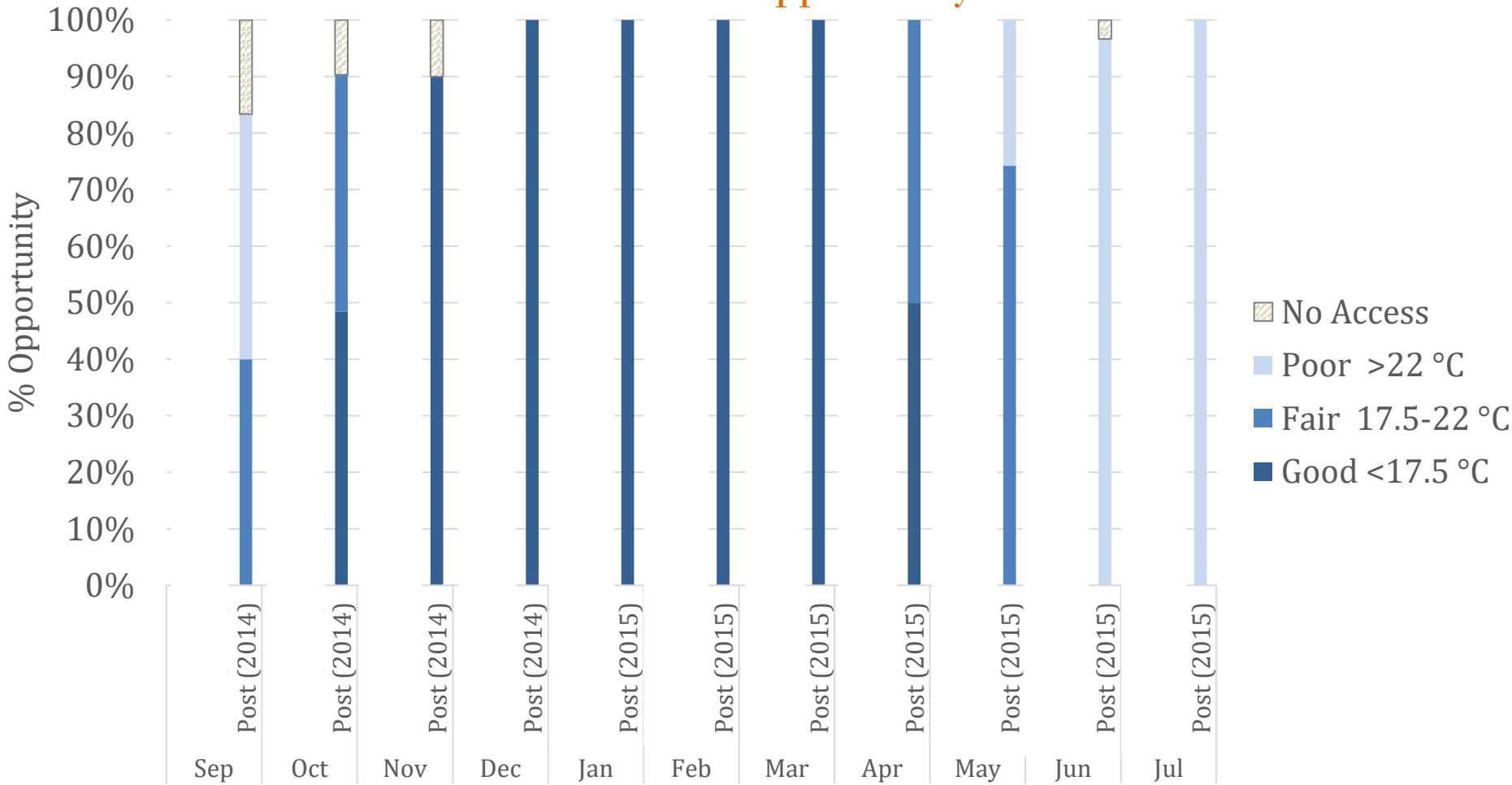
| Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul |

- No Access
- Poor $>22^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Fair $17.5\text{-}22^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Good $<17.5^{\circ}\text{C}$

Salmonid Habitat Opportunity



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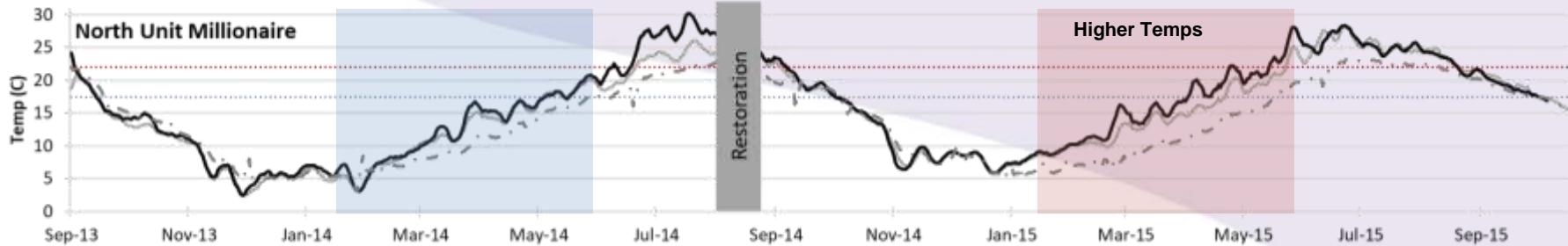
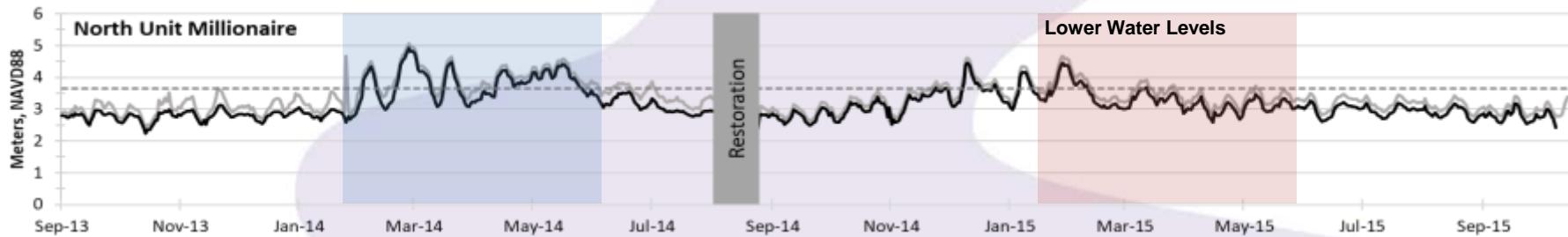
Salmonid Habitat Opportunity

		North Unit Millionaire Opportunity (% Access)																										
Years	2013				2014												2015											
Months	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Good <17.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0		0	48	90	100	100	100	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	24		
Fair 17.5-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		46	42	0	0	0	0	0	50	74	0	0	0	100	76		
Poor >22 Pre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	97	100	100	0	0		
No Access	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0		96	90	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	97	100	100	100	100		

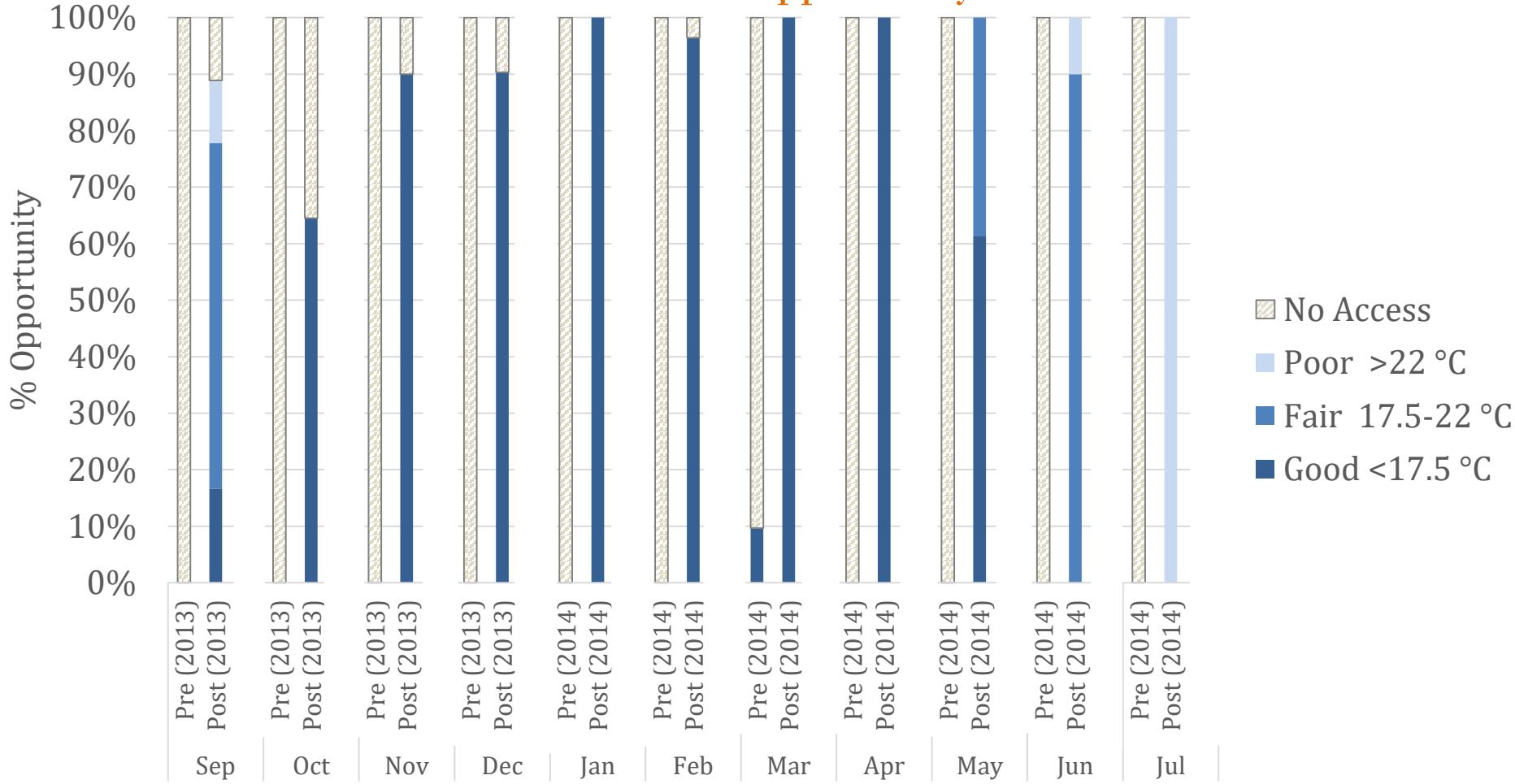
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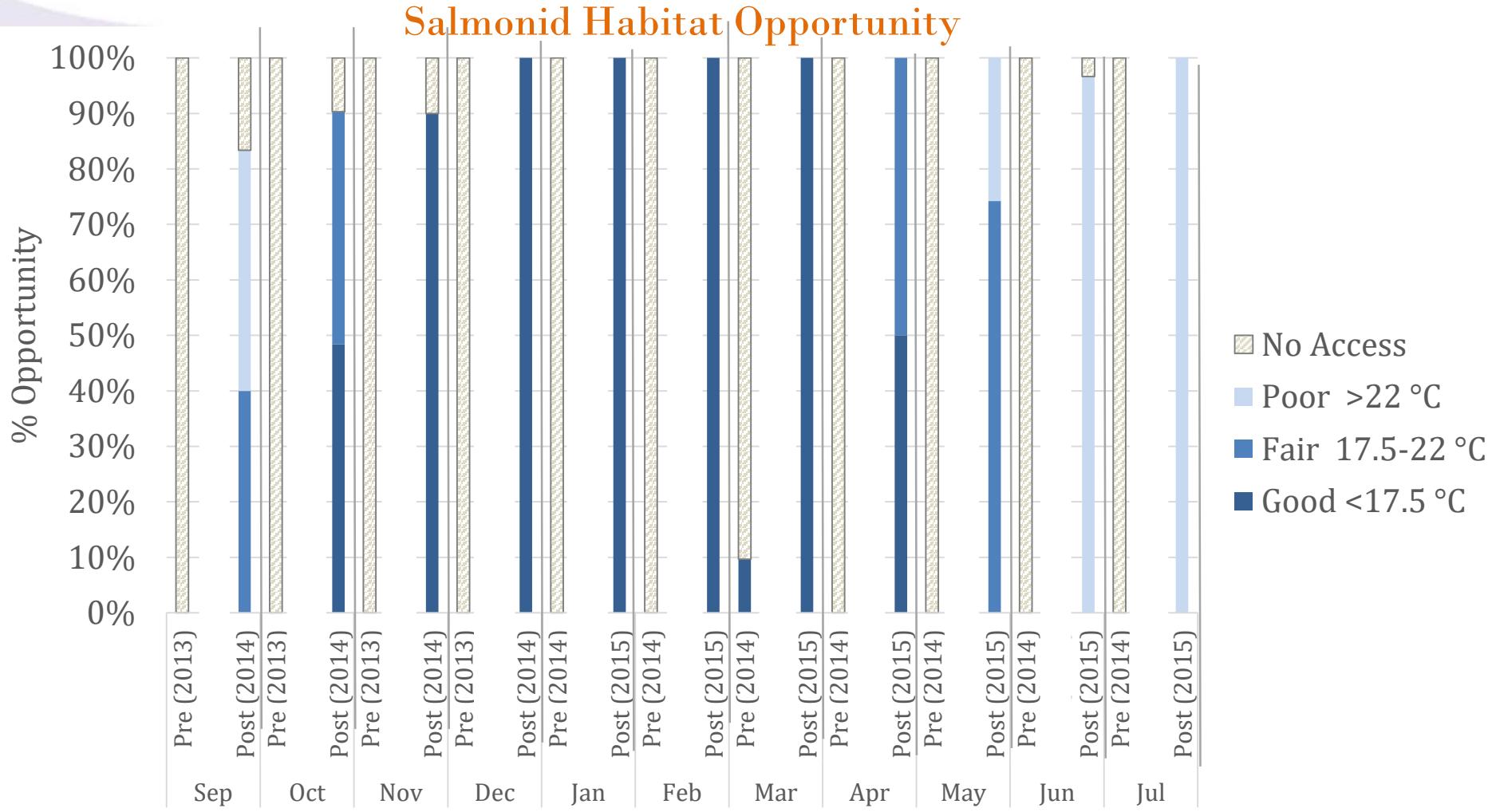
Water Year Matters

- Example Looking at Pre/Post Data from 2014 and 2015
 - Important when determining what is the result of **restoration actions vs different climatic conditions**

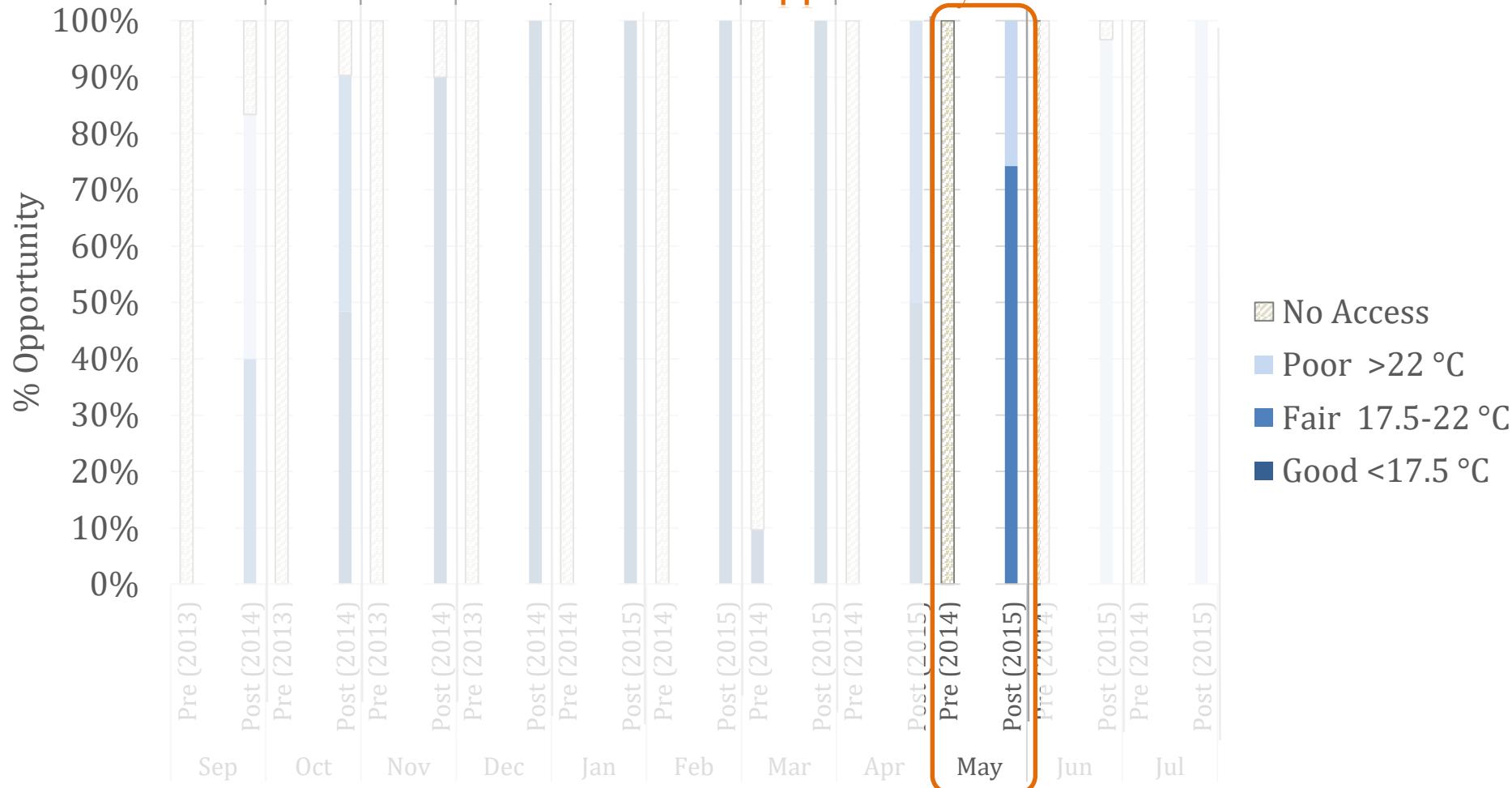


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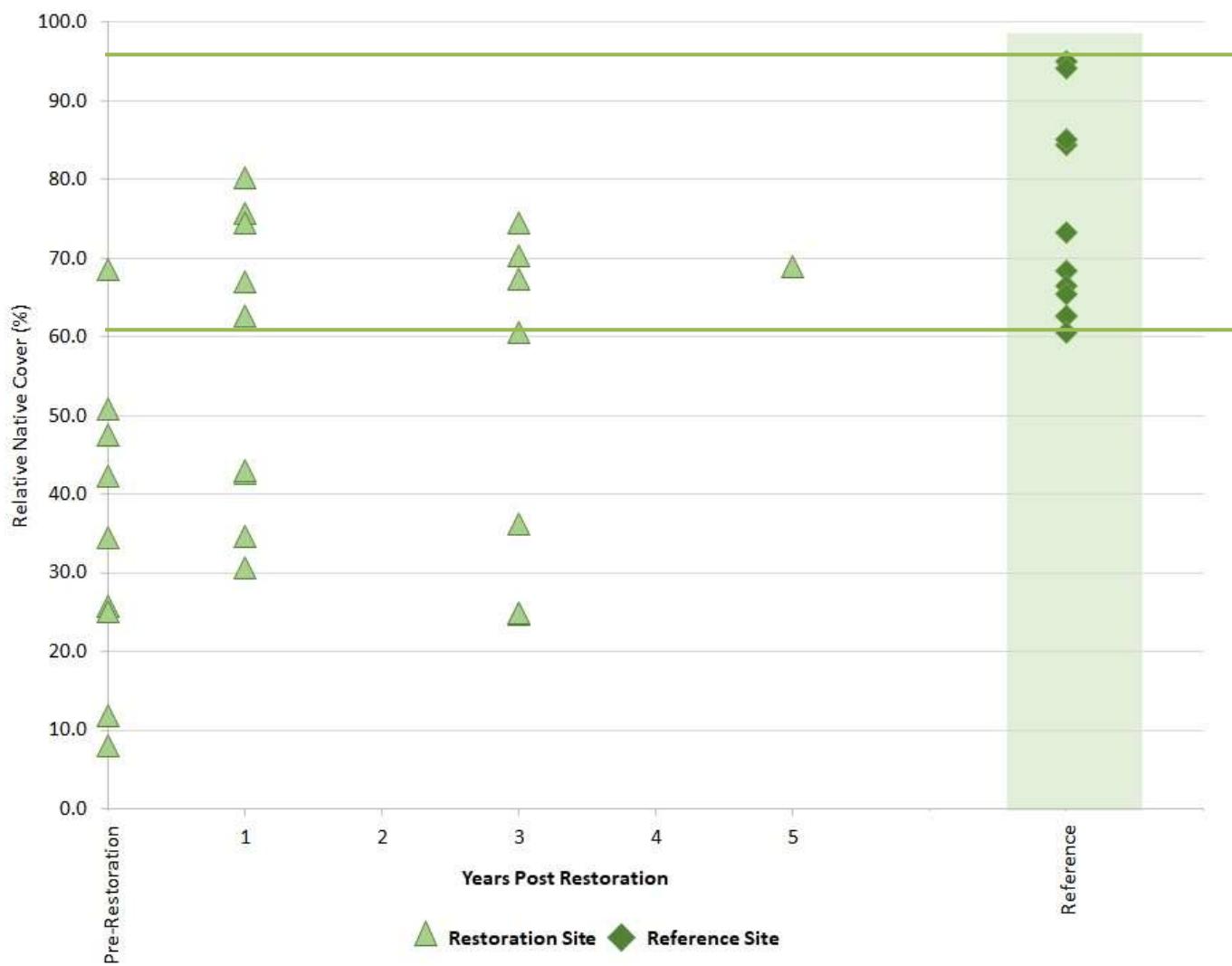




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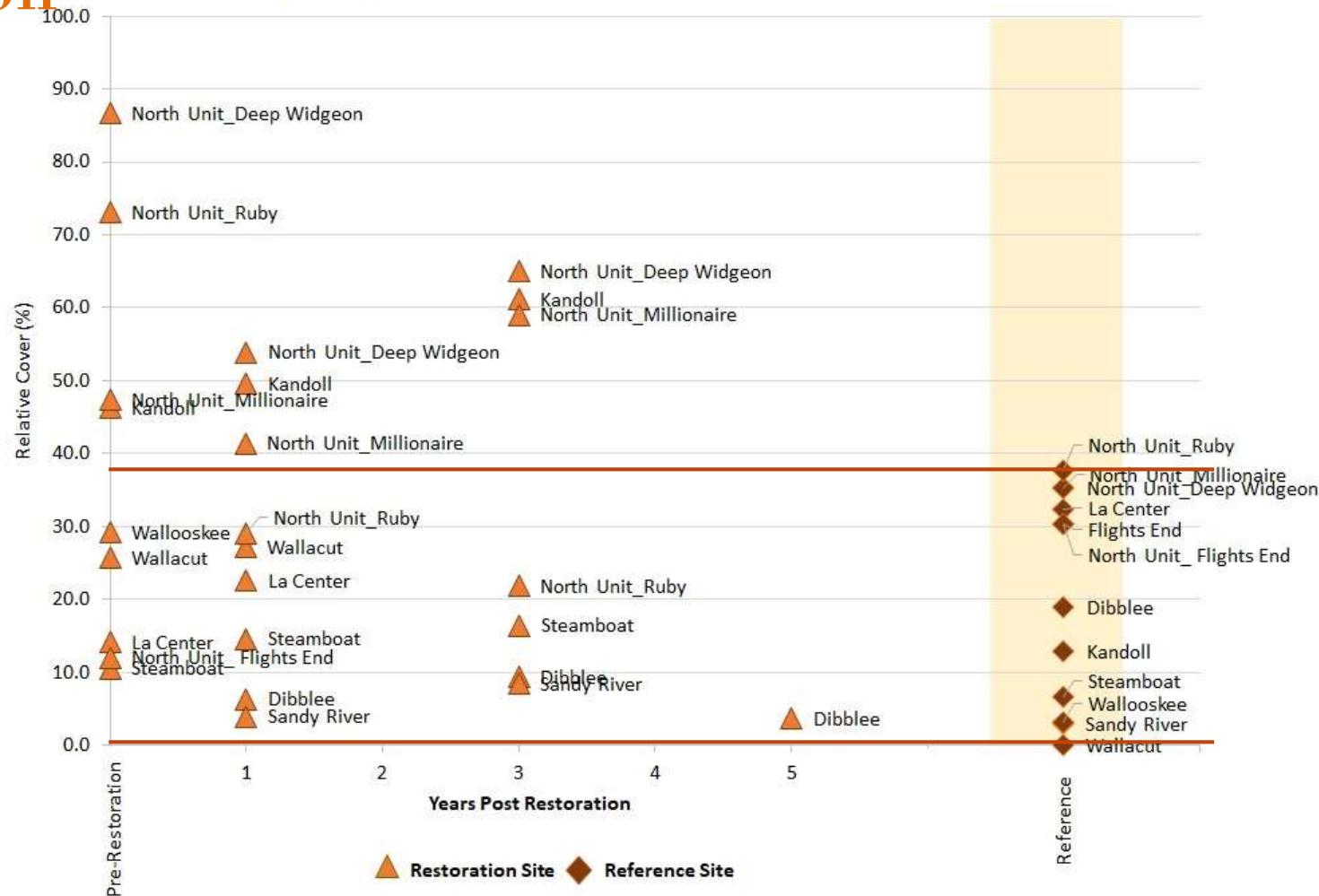


Vegetation



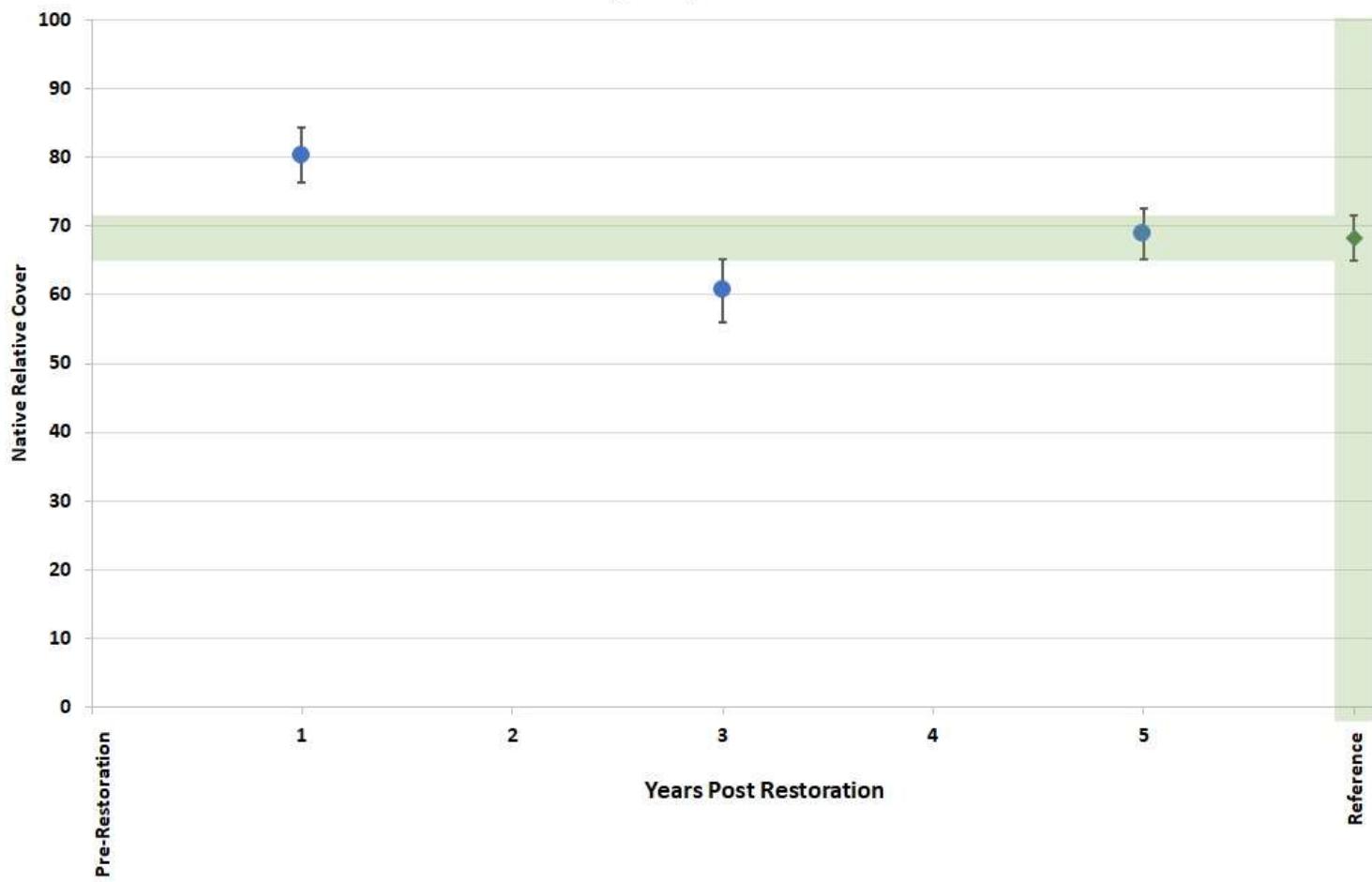
Vegetation

Reed Canarygrass Relative Cover of Restoration and Reference Sites



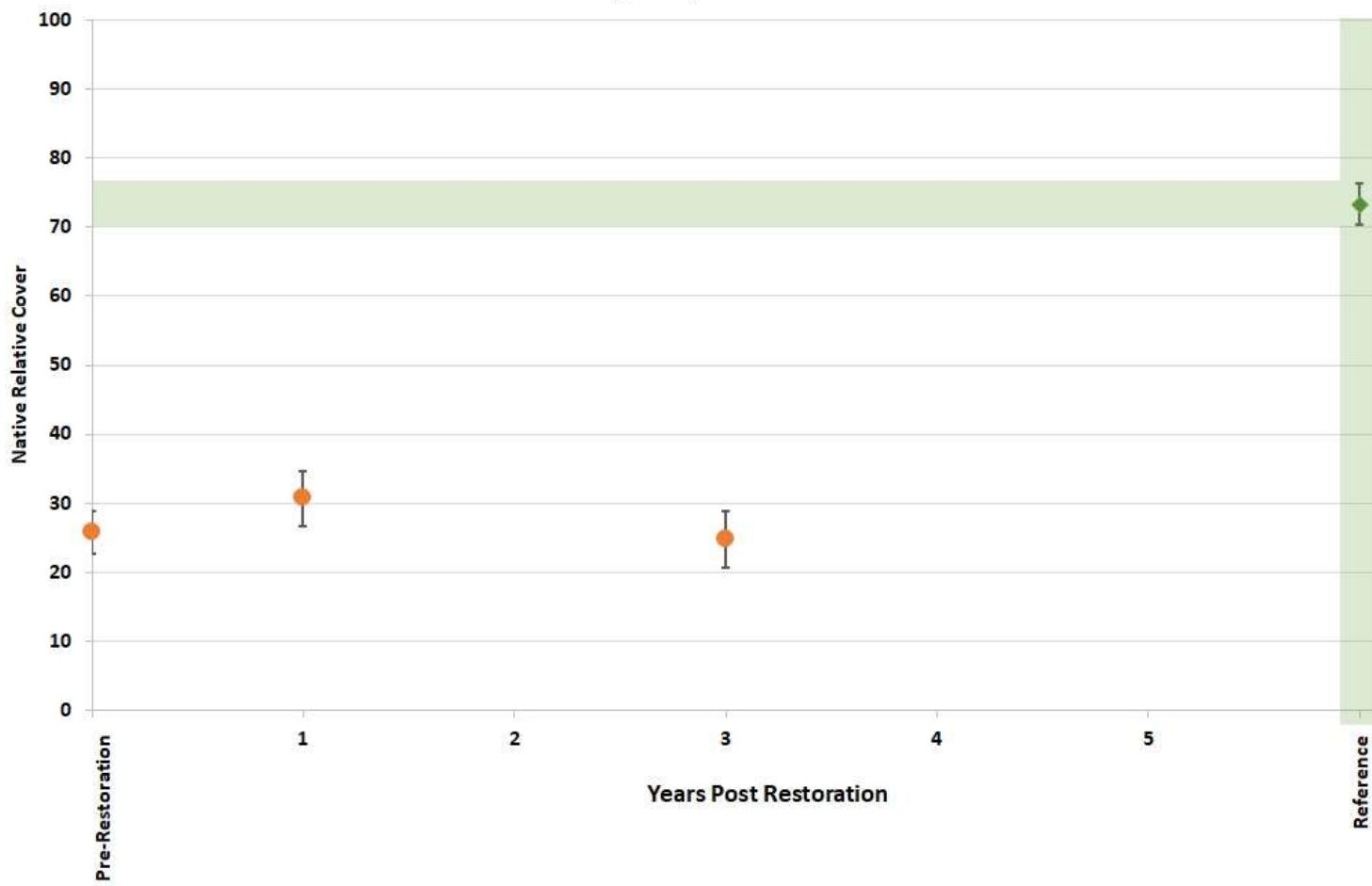
Vegetation – Dibblee Slough

Mean Native Relative Cover (% \pm SE) of Restoration and Reference Wetlands



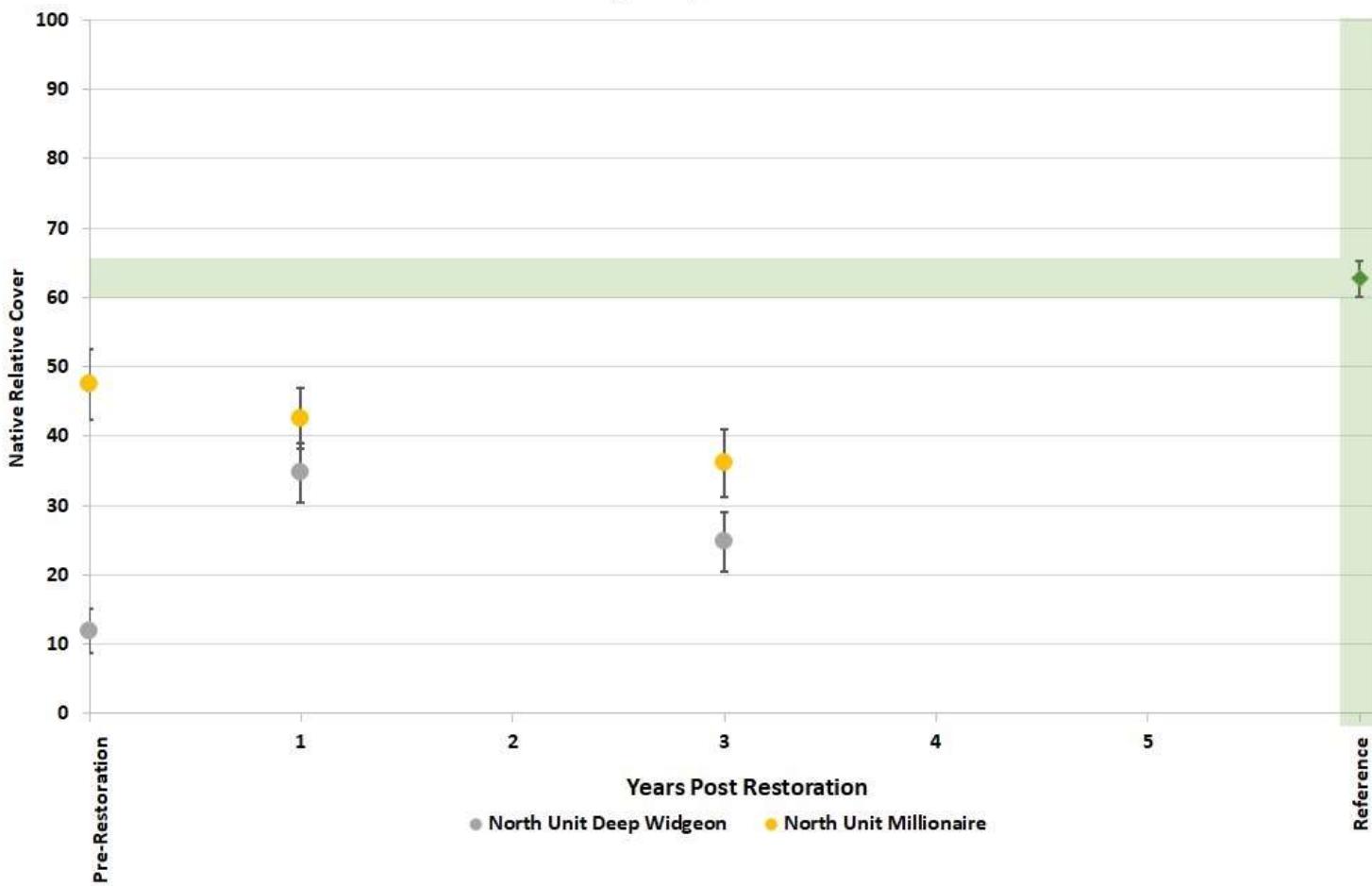
Vegetation – Kandoll Farm

Mean Native Relative Cover (% \pm SE) of Restoration and Reference Wetlands



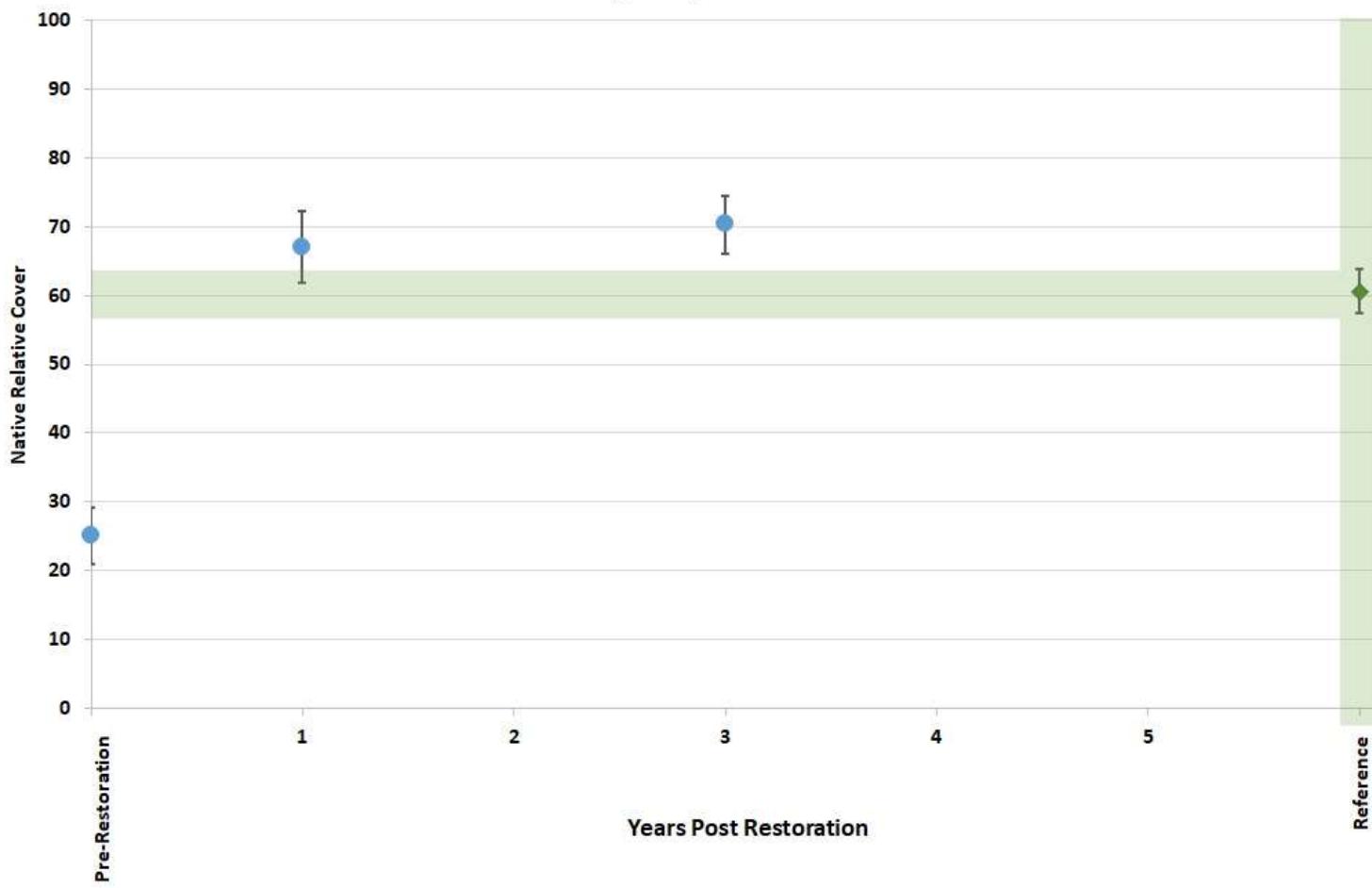
Vegetation – North Unit Phase 2

Mean Native Relative Cover (% \pm SE) of Restoration and Reference Wetlands



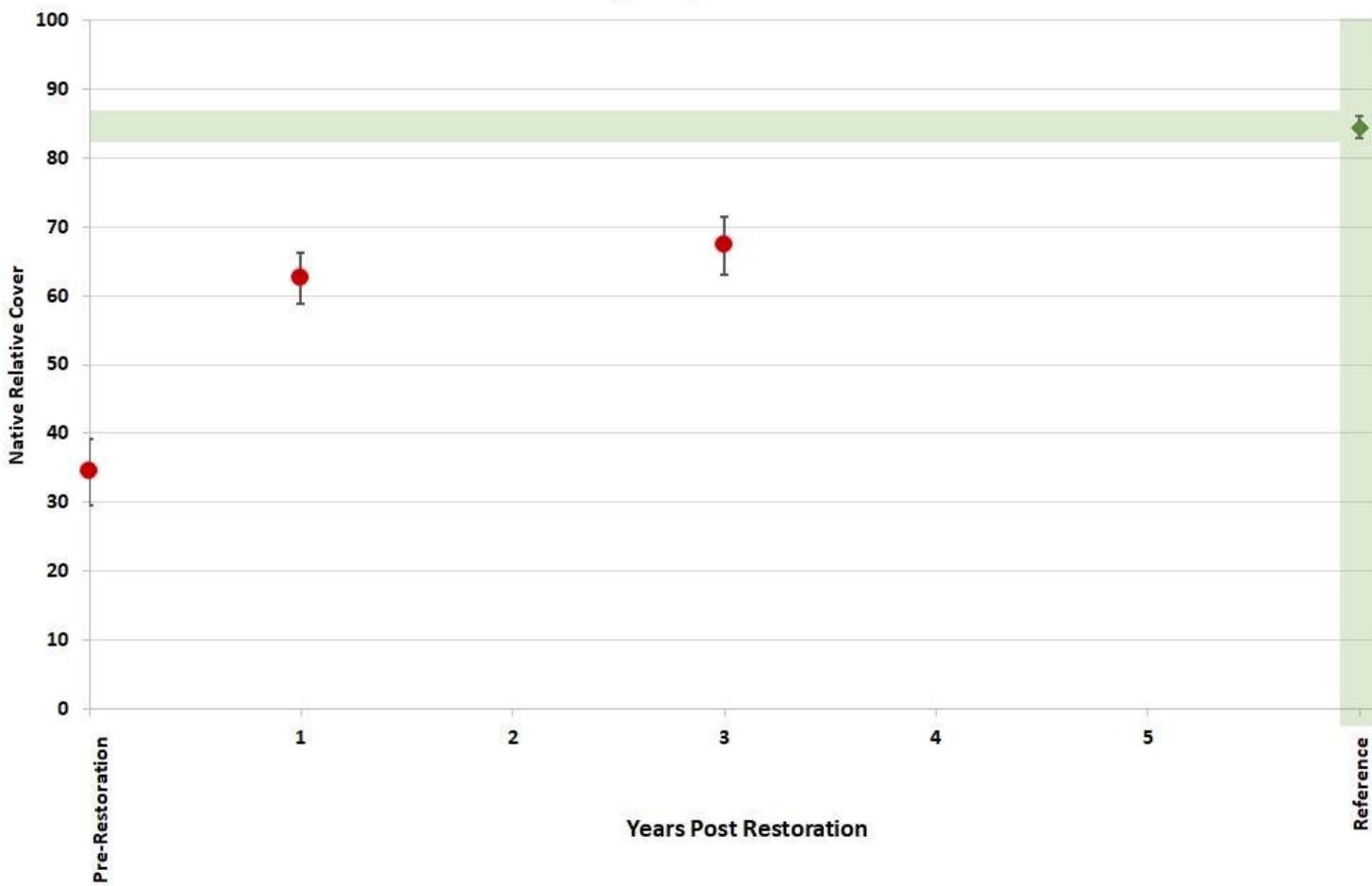
Vegetation – Ruby Lake

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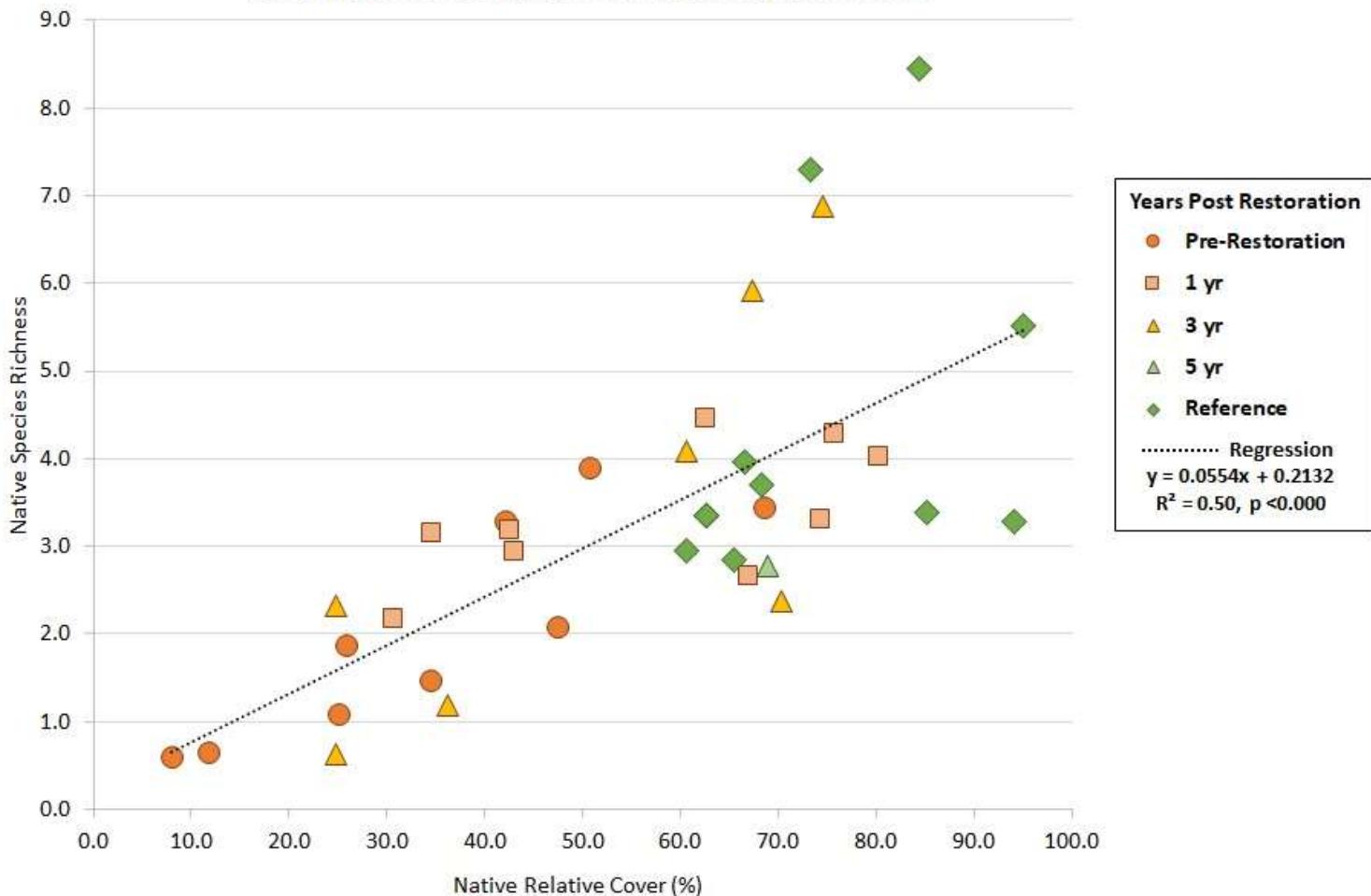
Vegetation – Steamboat Slough

Mean Native Relative Cover (% \pm SE) of Restoration and Reference Wetlands

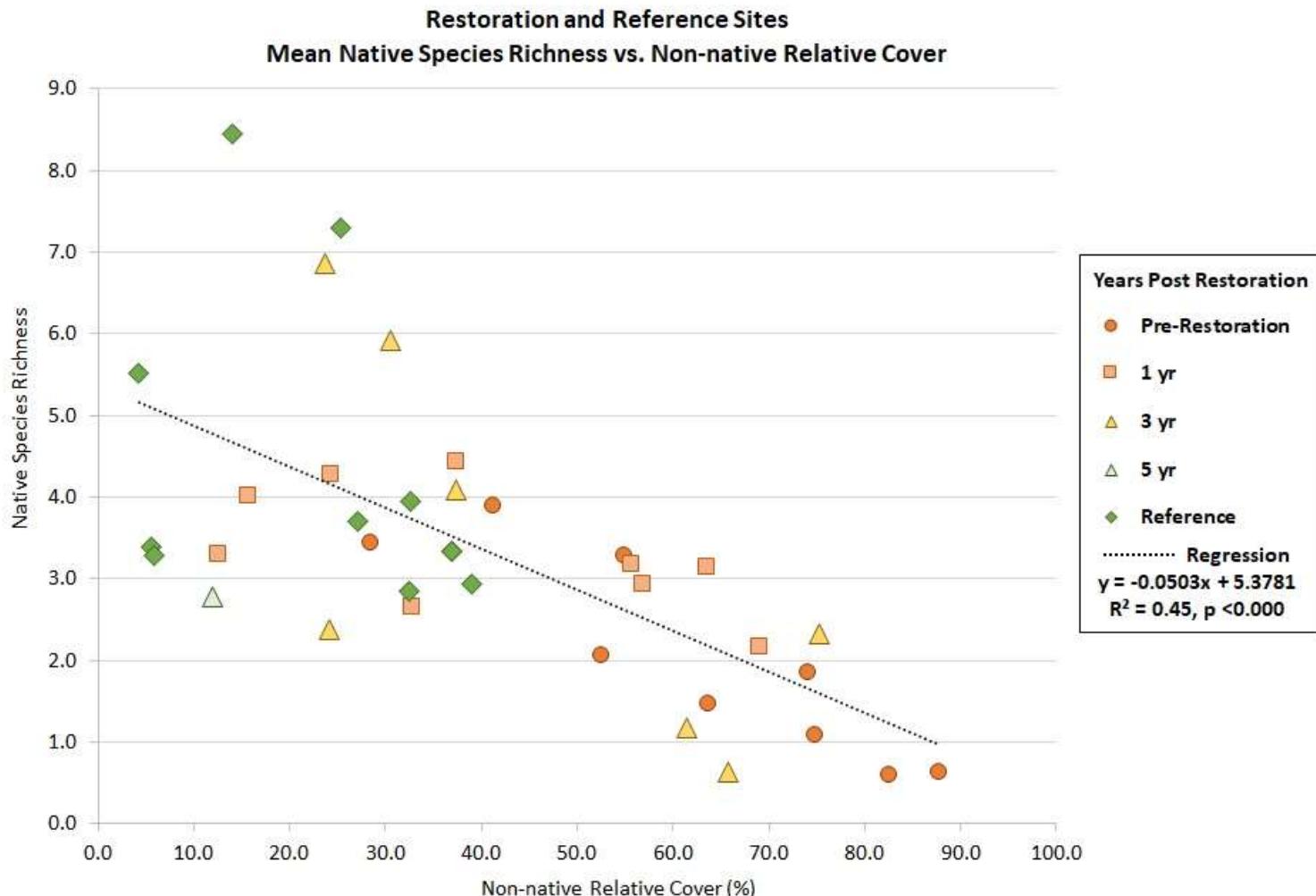


Vegetation

Restoration and Reference Sites
Mean Native Species Richness vs. Native Relative Cover



Vegetation

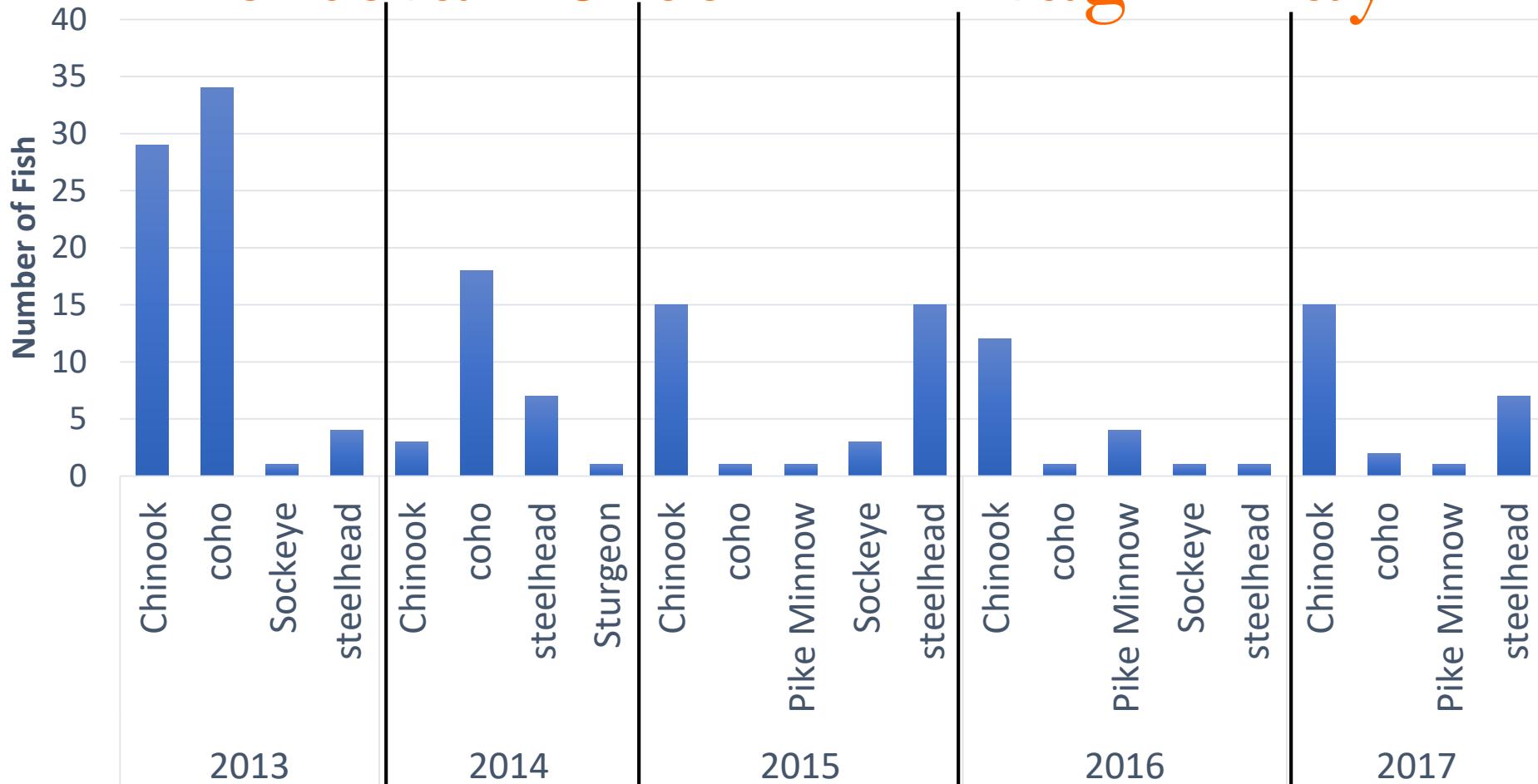


Horsetail Creek PIT tag Array

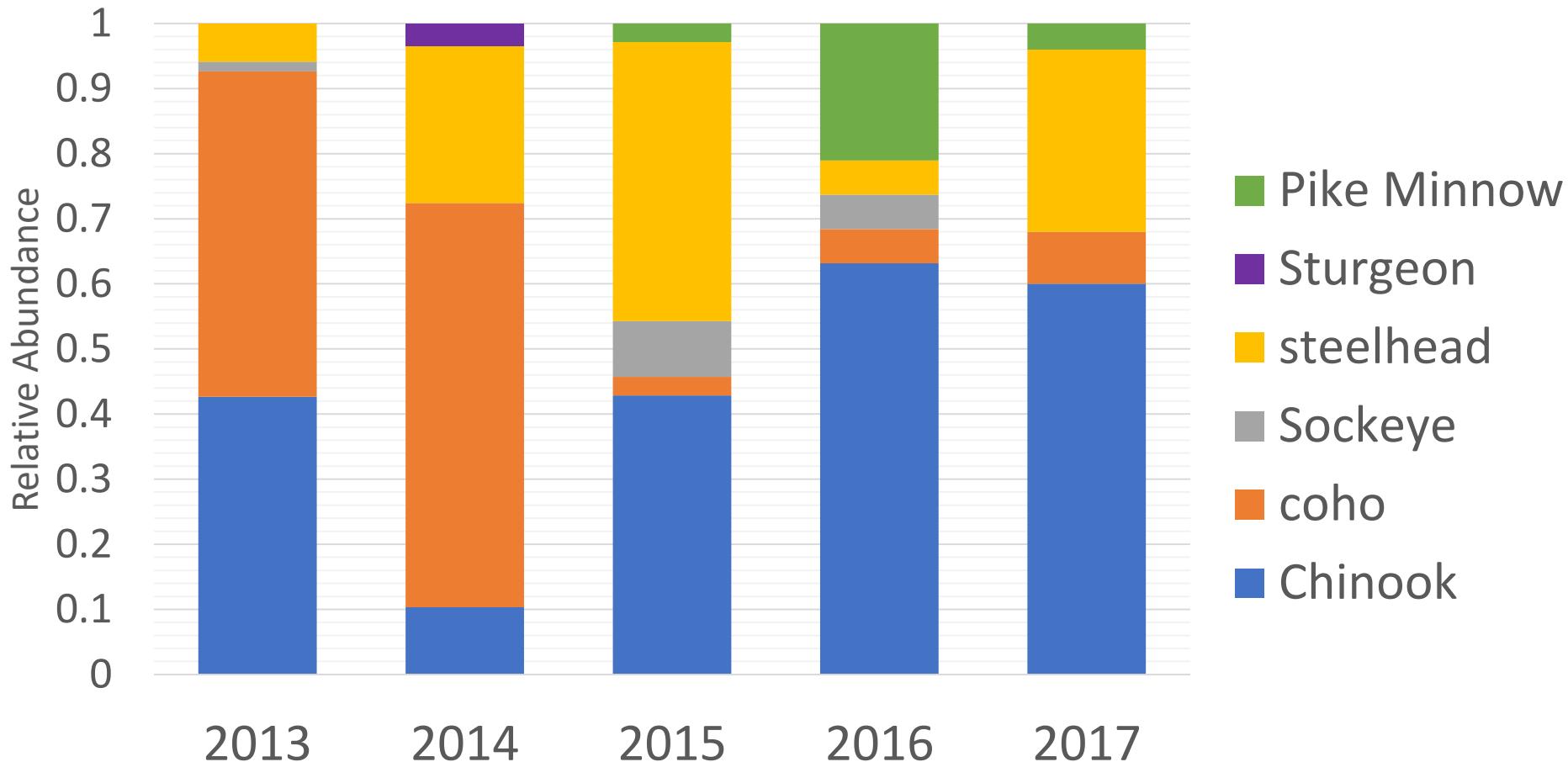
- Operating Pre and Post Restoration
- Identify fish/life stage
- Determine if fish transit culvert



Horsetail Creek PIT tag Array



Horsetail Creek PIT tag Array



AEM Conclusion and Discussion

- Water surface elevation and water temperature used together tells a more complete story
- Two year flood elevation is a good footprint for a project but not a good measure of fish opportunity

AEM Conclusion and Discussion

- Soil scrape down projects are showing mixed results
- Strong positive correlation between native species richness and native species cover
- Strong negative correlation between native species richness and non-native species cover

AEM Conclusion and Discussion

- What would you monitor if you were designing a monitoring plan today for your restoration site?



An aerial photograph showing a river flowing from the bottom right towards the top left. The river is surrounded by a mix of green vegetation and brown, dry grassy areas. The sky is clear and blue.

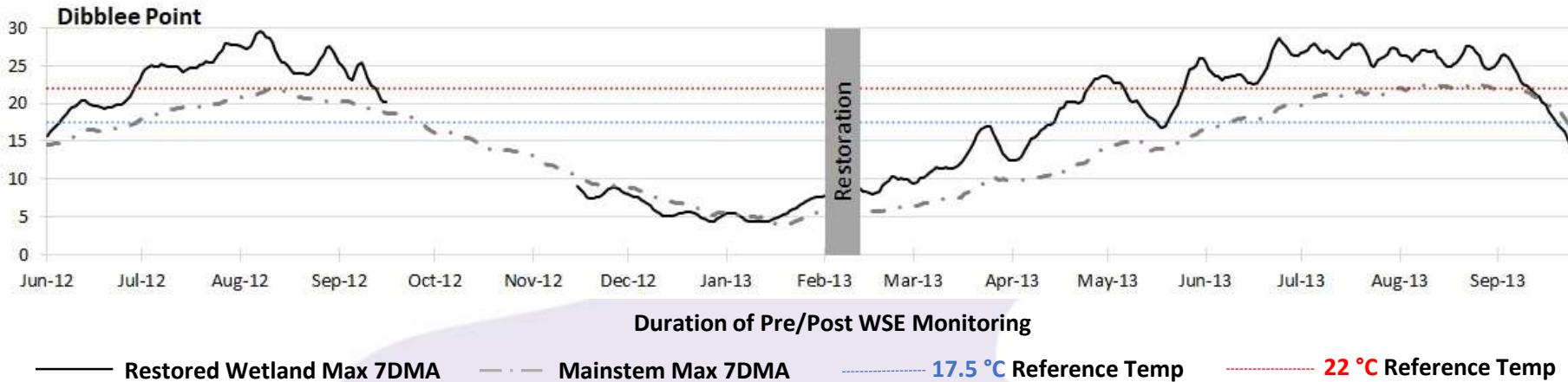
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Extra Slides

AEM Questions and Discussion

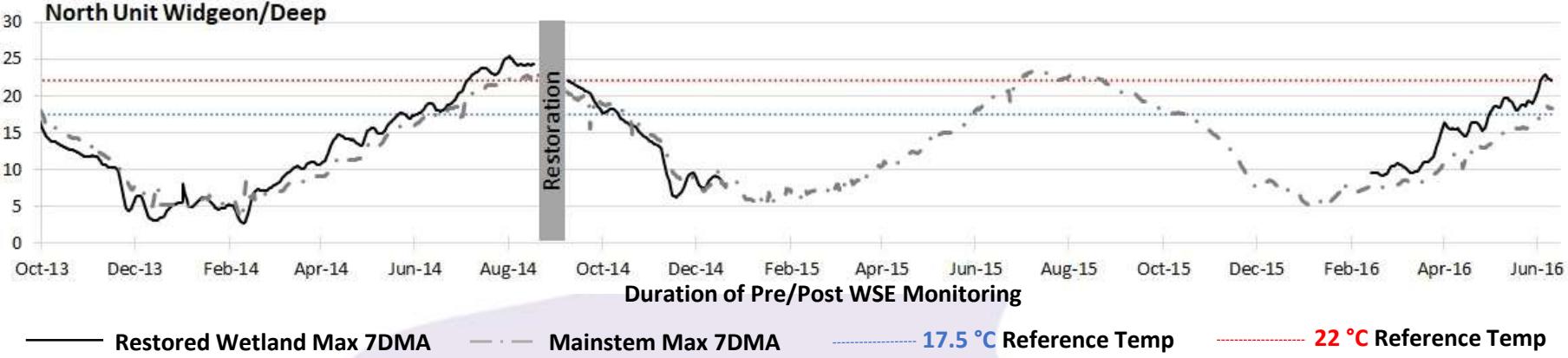
- Level 3 monitoring metrics – What's working?
 - Are we monitoring the right ecological responses to restoration actions?
- “End points” for monitoring of restoration projects
 - What are the benchmarks we should be using to continue monitoring at restoration projects?

Water Temperature



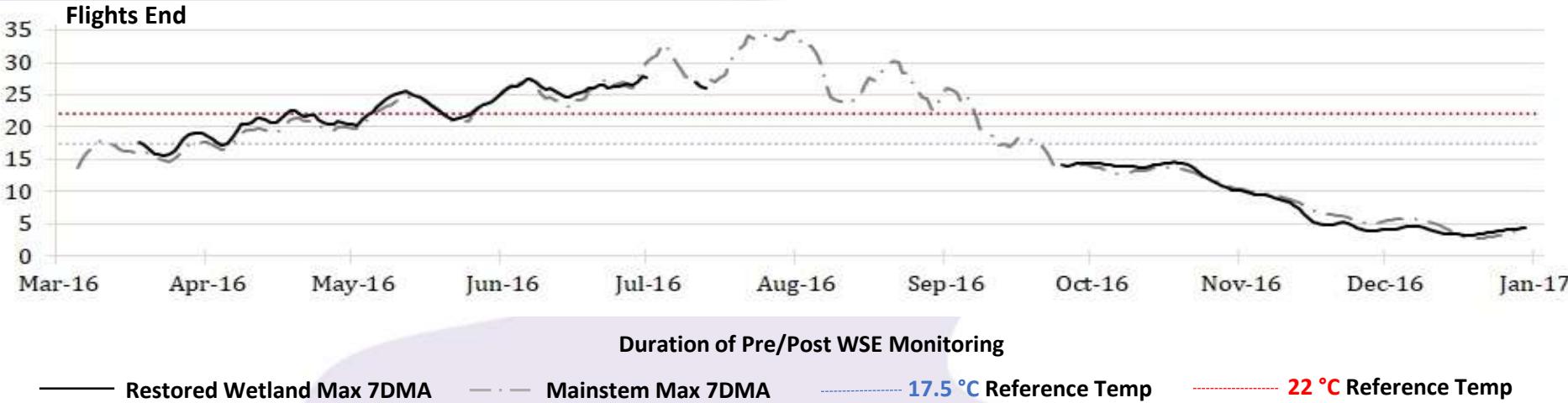
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	Mean	18.9	24.0	26.6	24.2		8.0	6.6	5.0		11.9	16.4	20.6	24.1	26.9	26.4	22.3		
	SE	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5		0.2	0.2	0.1		0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6		
Main Stem	n (days)	23	31	31	30	31	30	31	31		31	30	31	30	31	31	30		
	Mean	15.8	18.7	21	19.5	15.6	11.5	7.8	4.9		7.4	10.5	14.2	17	20.7	22.0	21		
	SE	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3		

Water Temperature



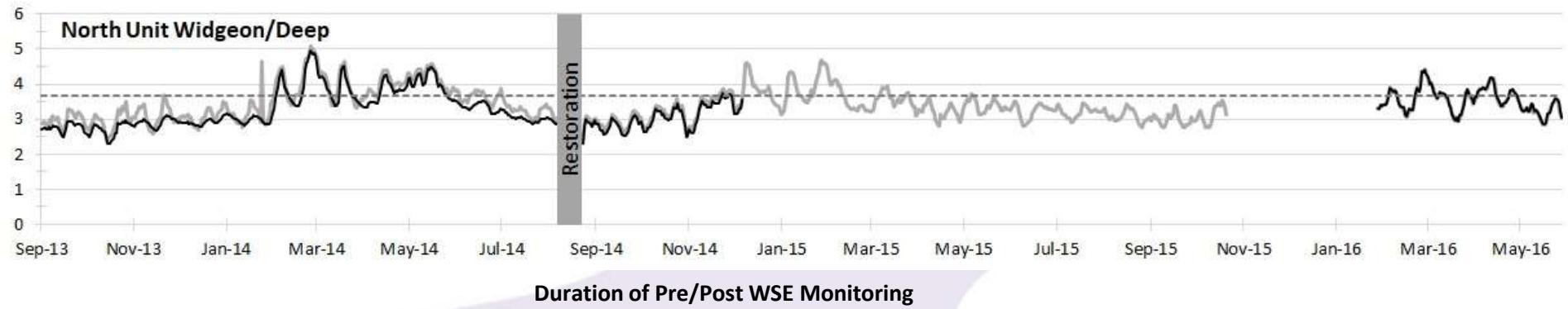
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	SE	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2		0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1		0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
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	SE	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2

Water Temperature



Year		2016										2017
Month		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Restoration	n (days)	22	31	30	23	3		15	30	31	21	
	Mean	17.6	21.6	24.2	26.1	26.4		14.2	12.1	5.3	3.7	
	SE	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3		0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	
Main Stem	n (days)	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	24	
	Mean	12.2	15.2	18.3	20.6	21.9	19.8	15.4	12.4	6.6	2.3	
	SE	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	

Water Surface Elevation



Duration of Pre/Post WSE Monitoring

– Restored Wetland

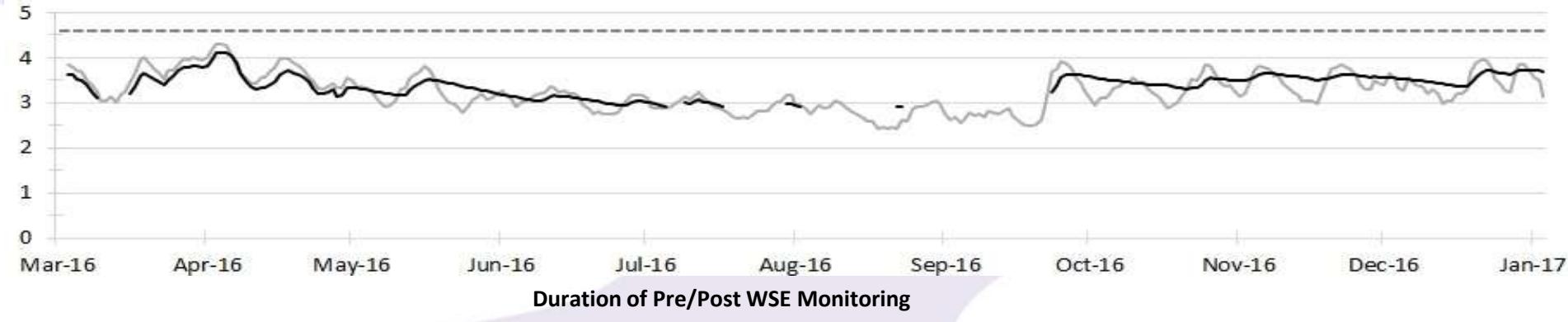
—Outer Reference

- 2 yr Flood Elevation

Year		2013						2014						2016									
Month		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Restoration	n (days)	18	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	26	31	30	19	20	31	30	31	31	10	
	Mean	2.72	2.68	2.85	2.93	2.99	3.41	4.09	3.71	4.08	3.55	3.17	2.79	2.91	3.12	3.49	3.49	3.72	3.66	3.36	3.36		
	SE	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06		
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	0	0	0	0	0	8	22	12	31	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	6	19	16	5	0	
Outside	n (days)	18	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	26	31	30	31	20	31	30	31	31	10	
	Mean	2.90	2.91	3.06	3.09	3.17	3.61	4.24	3.86	4.23	3.78	3.43	2.91	3.03	3.24	3.80	3.49	3.71	3.64	3.34	3.34		
	SE	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06		
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	0	0	0	1	0	11	27	18	31	23	6	0	0	0	22	0	6	19	16	5	0	

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Flights End



Year	Month	2016										2017
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Restoration	n (days)	26	31	30	28	12		18	30	31	24	
	Max Mean WSE	3.68	3.35	3.27	3.03	2.97		3.52	3.47	3.56	3.58	
	SE	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01		0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Outside	n (days)	30.0	31.0	30.0	31.0	31.0		31.0	30.0	31.0	24.0	
	Mean	3.76	3.46	3.21	3.02	2.91		3.13	3.41	3.40	3.47	
	SE	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03		0.08	0.05	0.04	0.06	
	Days Exceeded 2 yr Flood Elevation	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	

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