Upper Snake Region Fisheries Surveys



Brett High Regional Fisheries Manager

Fall River



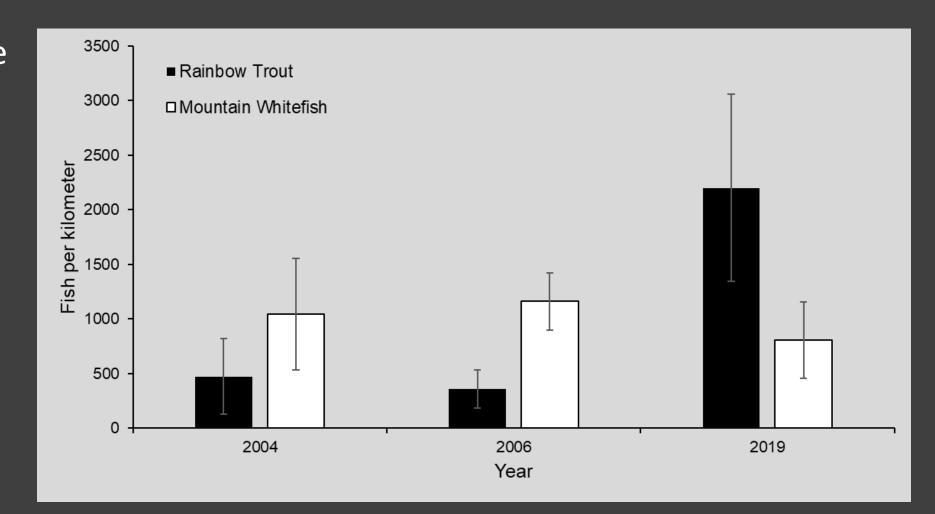
Area Map

• Fall River – Kirkham Bridge Site

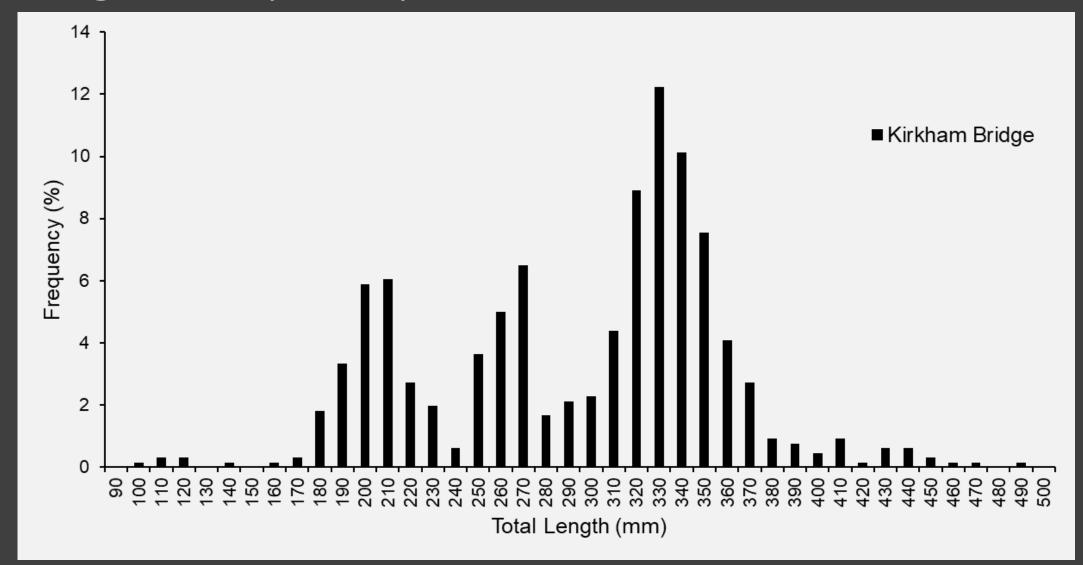


Fall River

• Kirkham Bridge



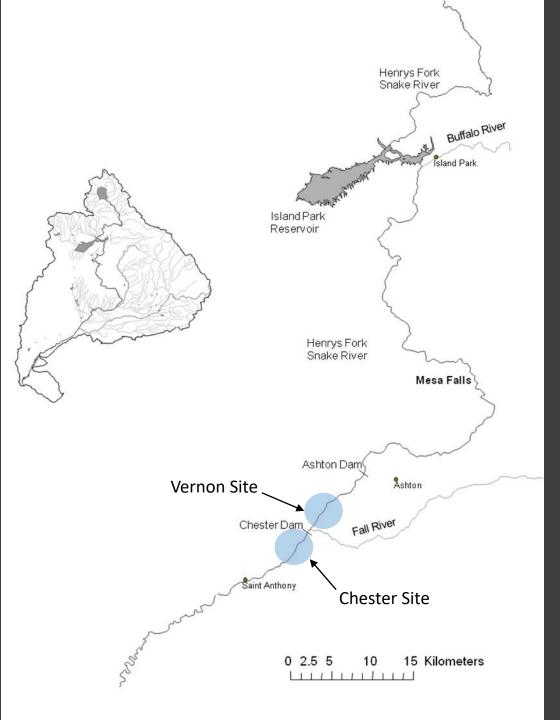
Length-frequency Fall River Rainbow Trout



Henrys Fork Snake River



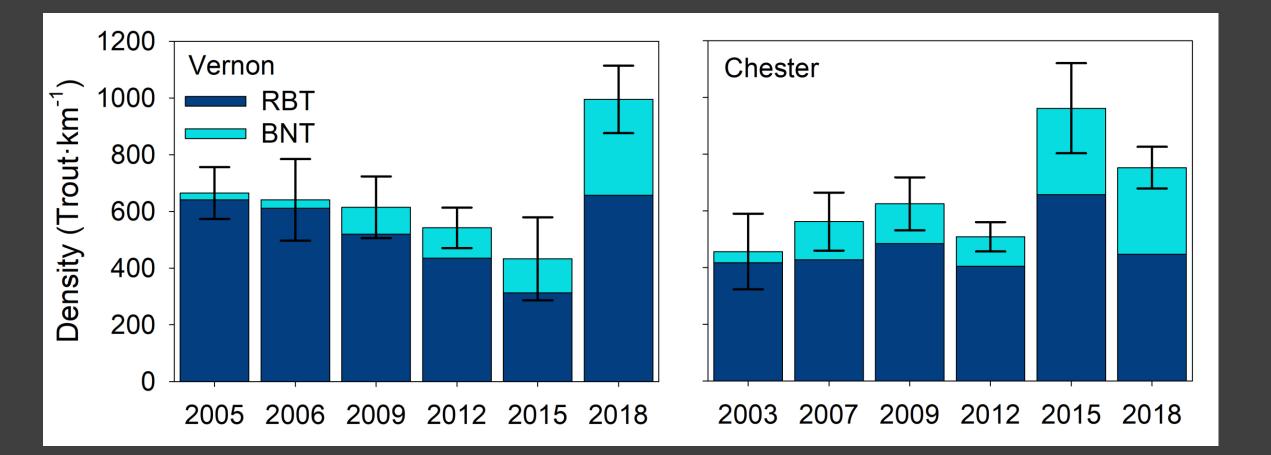
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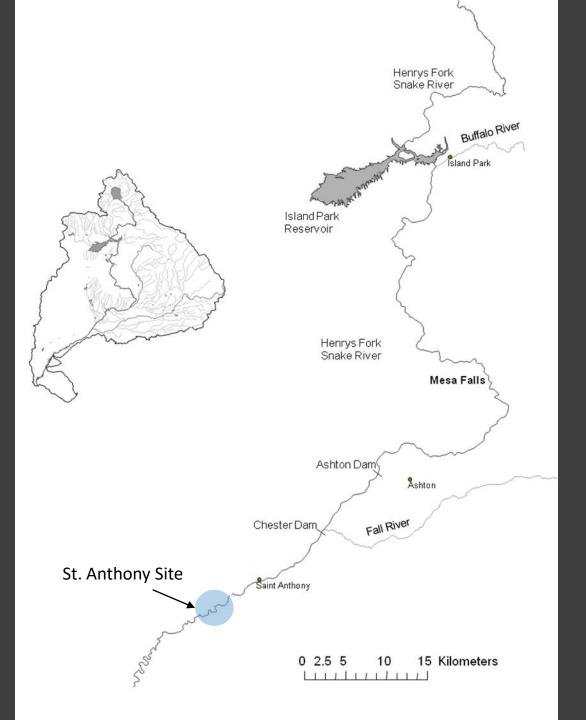
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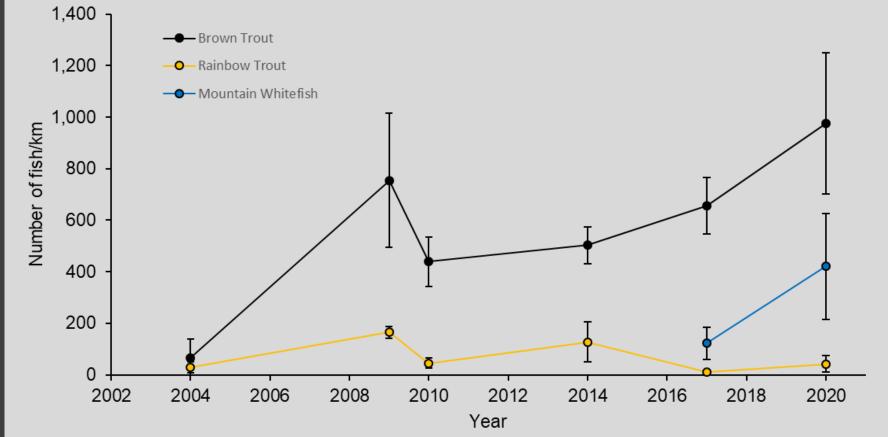
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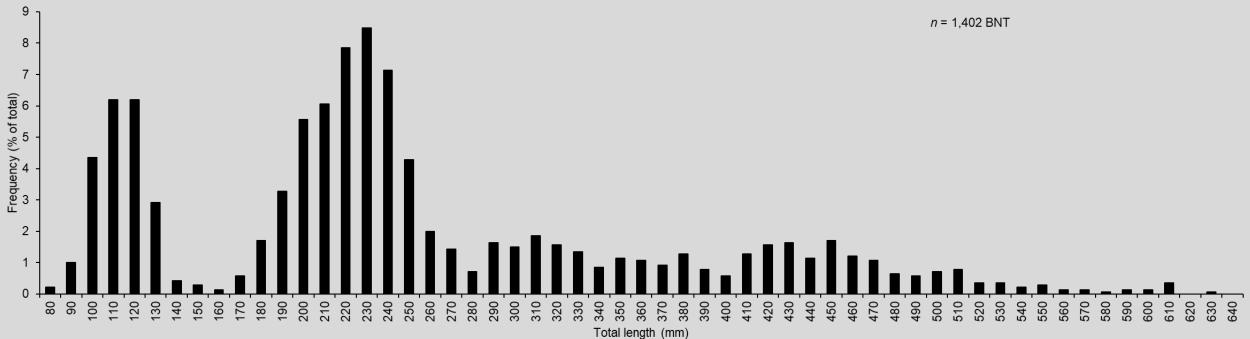
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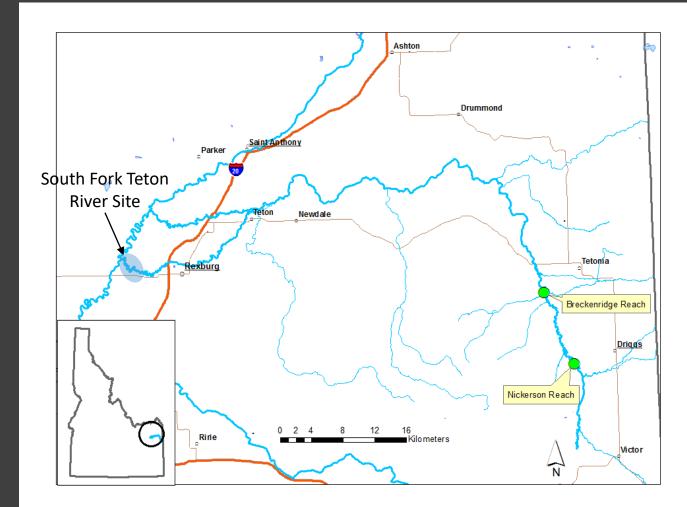




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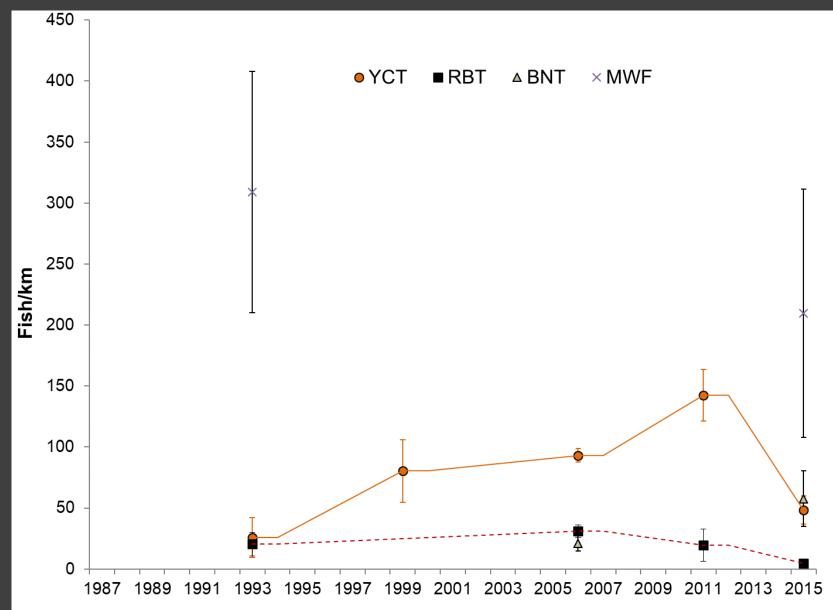


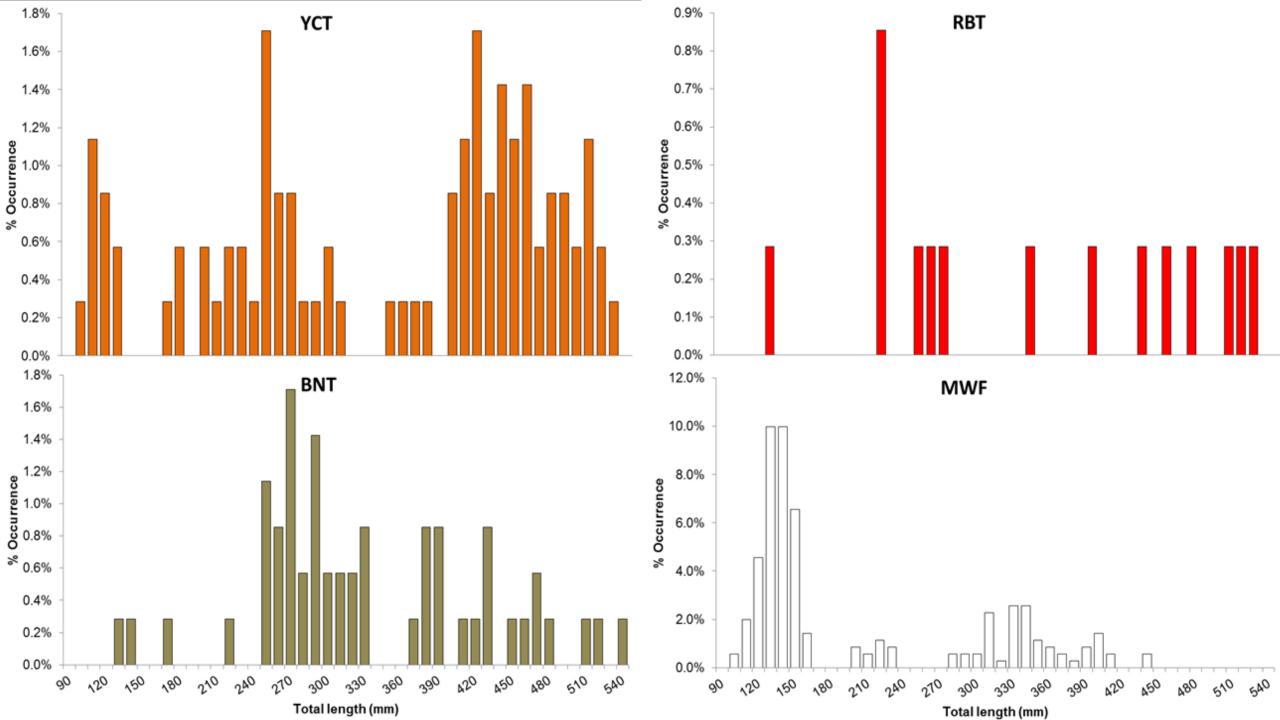
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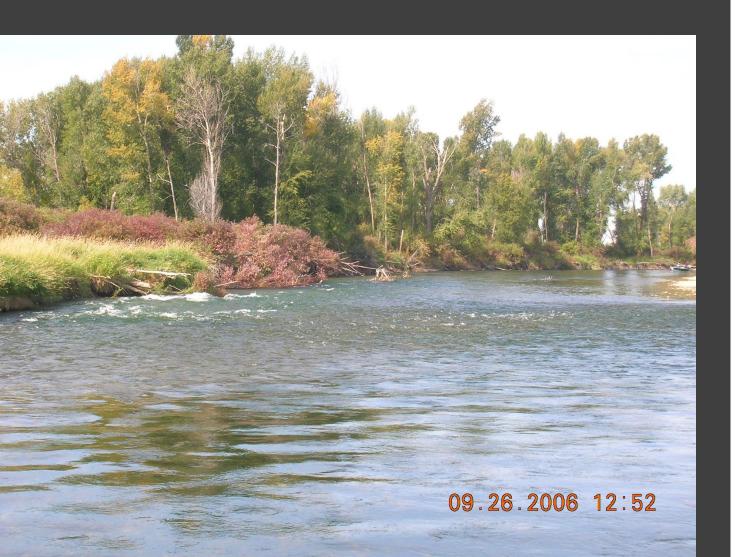


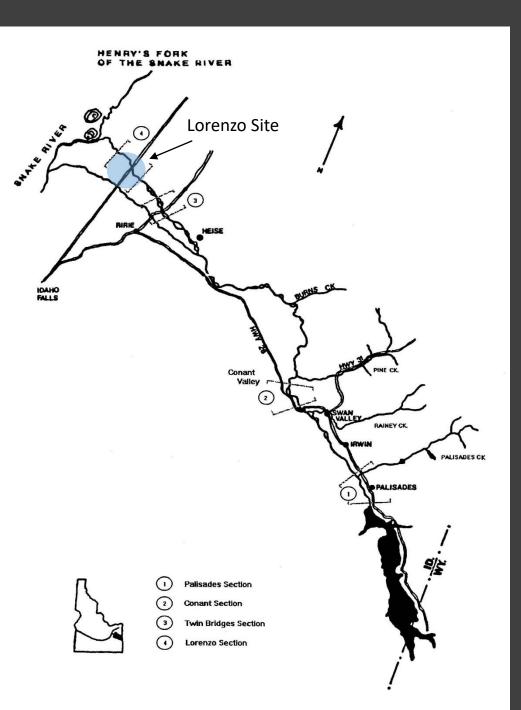


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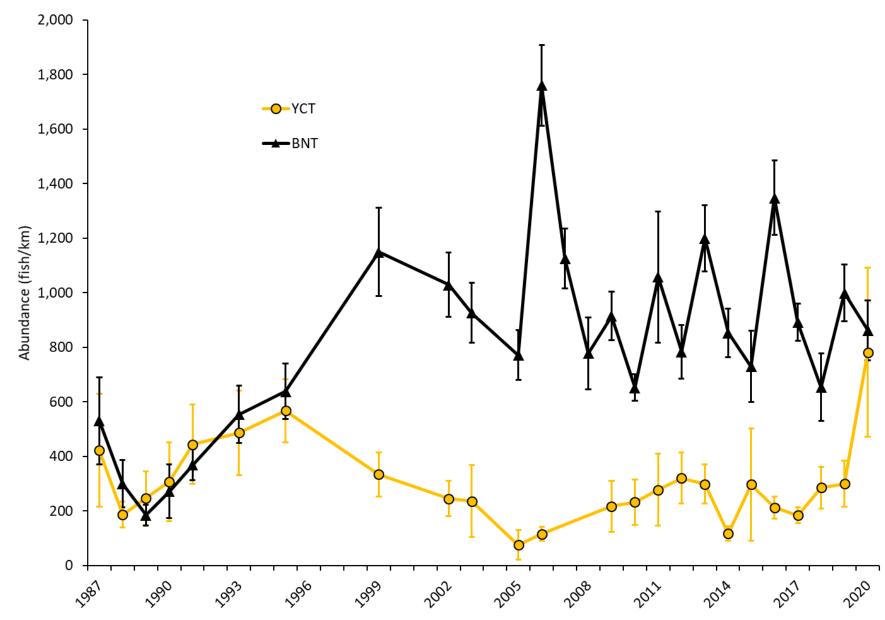
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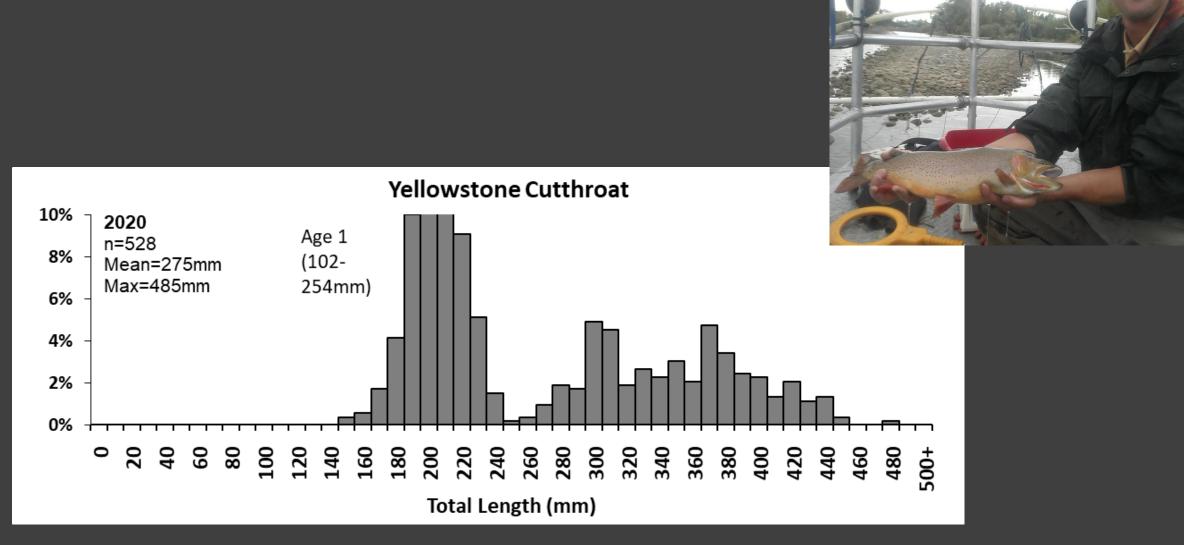




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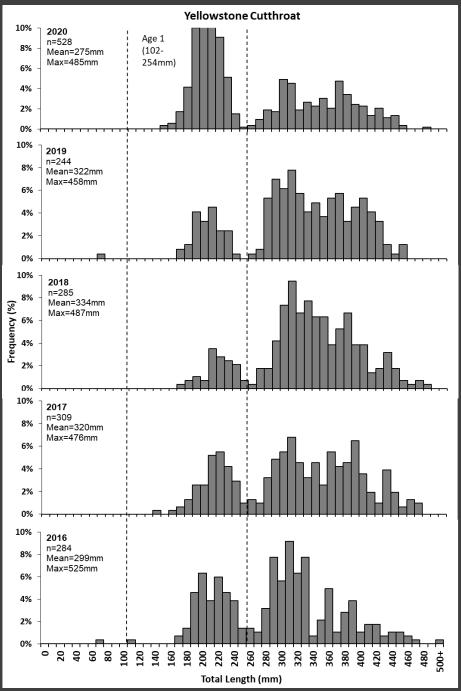






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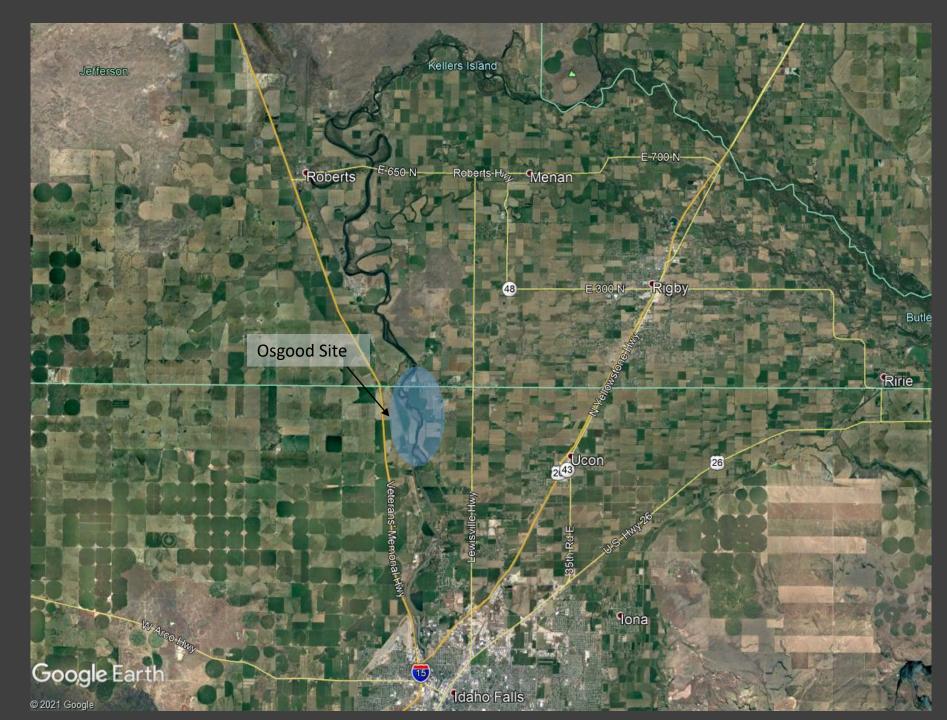




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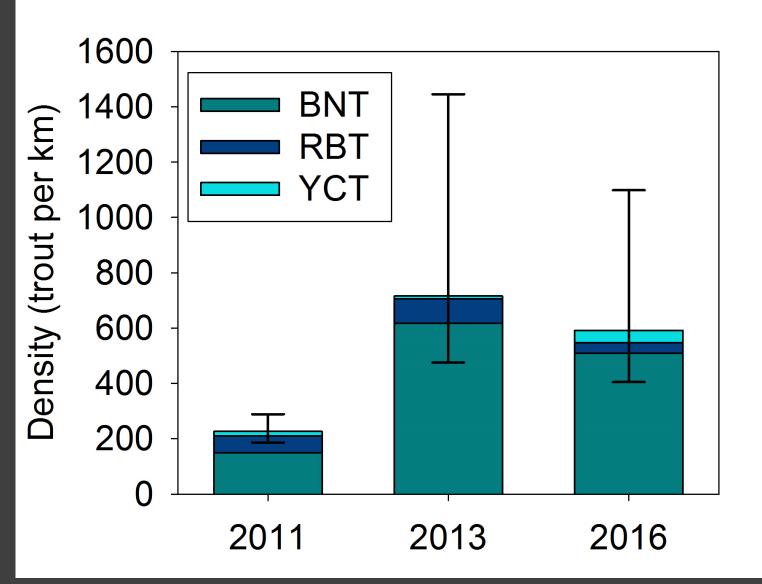


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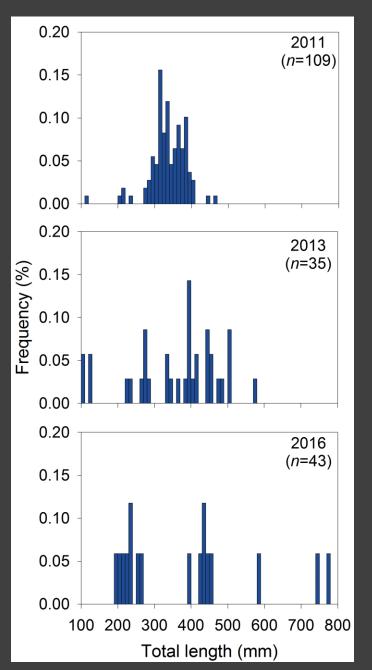
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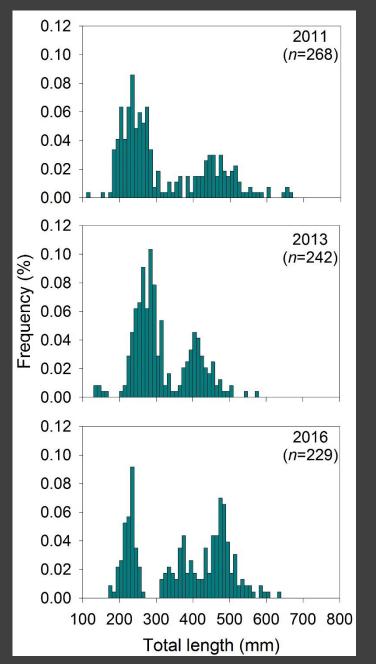


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Rainbow Trout







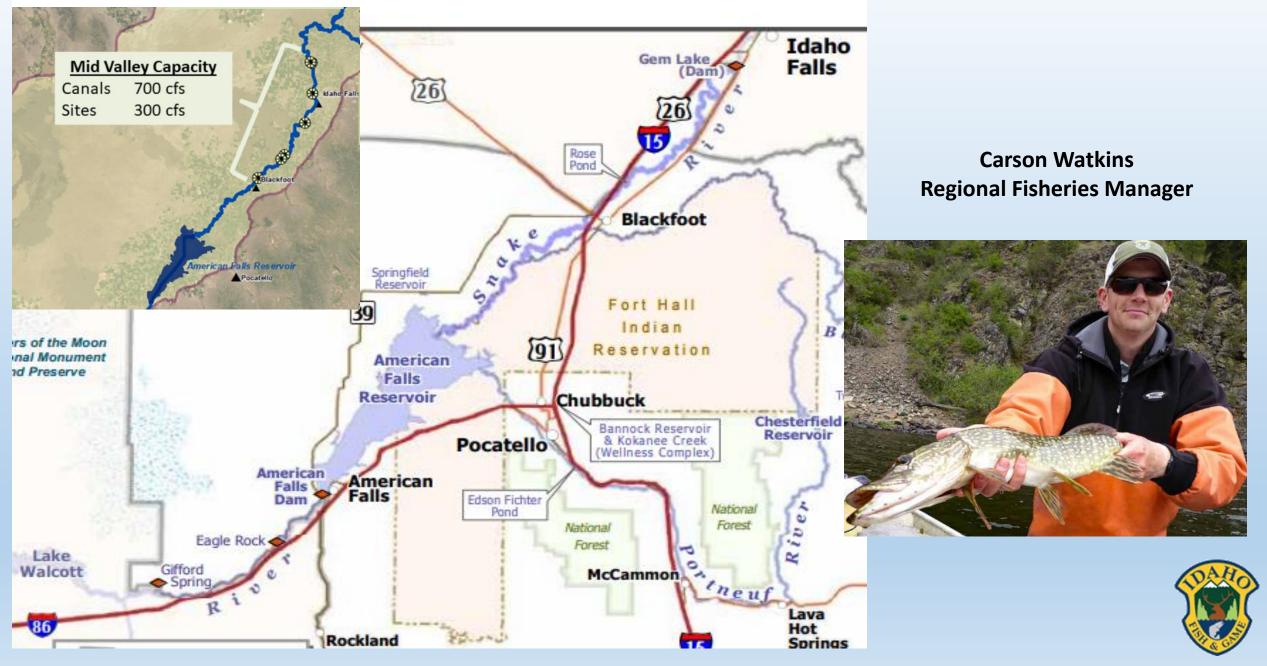
Resident Fisheries Continued, by Tom Bassista IDFG

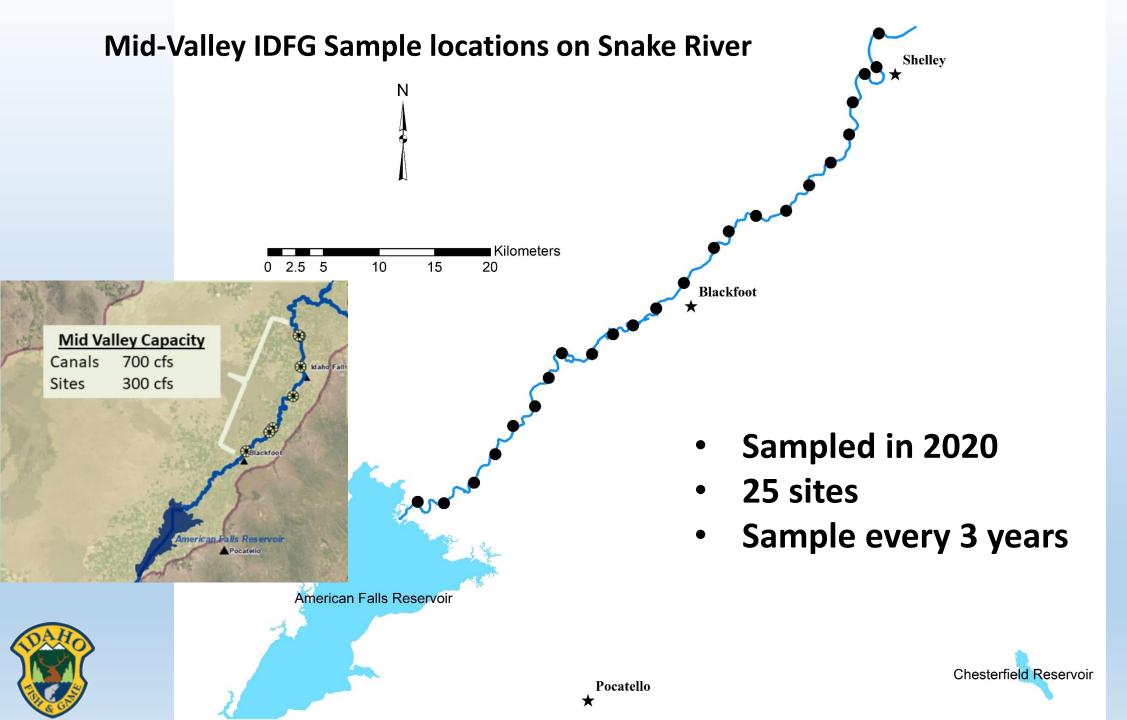
- Quick time check
- Focus on fisheries above American Falls Reservoir (mid Valley)
- Briefly touch on resident fisheries below American Falls (Magic Valley)





IDFG Southeast Snake River boundary (Gem Dam to Minidoka NWR)





Number of trout capture in Snake River (Mid-Valley) 2020

Species	Number	
Brown trout	350	
Rainbow trout	200	
Rainbow X Cutthroat	8	
Hatchery Rainbow trout	80	
Cutthroat trout	40	
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"Trout catch rates are comparable to many other rivers and it supports a decent fishery."

Critical Flow Periods:

Winter (for overwinter juvenile trout habitat)

Spring (supporting spawning-Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout)

Building a data set for future analysis

IDFG Magic Valley Snake River boundary (Minidoka to CJ)



Magic Valley Resident Fisheries (IDFG sampling)

- Periodic Sampling done in Milner Reservoir and Lake Walcott
 - Milner-Smallmouth Bass size structure
 - Walcott Rainbow Trout exploitation and angler use
- Milner-good Smallmouth & Channel Catfish stocked
- Walcott-popular Smallmouth and Rainbow Trout fisheries
- Lower reservoir winter levels impact fisheries
- Canal entrainment largely unknown

Opportunities related to MAR:

- Increase water levels in Murtaugh and Wilson Lakes?
- Increase spring discharge-good for Snake River fishery and invertebrates
- Note: Added an additional Regional Fisheries Biologist



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Discussion, Next Steps and Adjourn

- Time Check
- Flows at Milner-future discussion
- Closer look at Resident Fisheries Resources in Lower Valley-where can recharge help?
- Other topics of interest for future meetings?



