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Whooshh Innovations Machine Vision in Fisheries Management



Machine vision in Fisheries Management

- Review of data needs
- Historical approaches
- Requirements driving new approach
- The Whooshh Scanner
 - Overview
 - Applications
 - Future development
- Summary



Data needs

- Fish counts
- Time of day/date
- Size
 - fork length, weight typical
- Species
- Hatchery vs wild
- Fish condition damage and predation assessment

• Also

• Flow rate, DO, water temperature etc.



Historical approaches for data gathering

Automated

- Resistive counters
- Optical (break beam) counters

Manual

- Count window
- Sorting box



Black River Pump Station WA. Fish counter



Adding operators, cameras and computers

• Batch

- Camera records all transits
- Addition of time of day tags
- In swim-channel reference marks for measurement estimates
- Post analysis by biologists
- Human assist
 - Count window
 - Camera records for validation and break-time extrapolation
 - Operator counts fish manually by "clicker" or keyboard





Count window



Sorting Box PGE Clackamas OR – Youtube Video

Sorting Box – hatchery vs wild



Count window at Winchester Dam, Roseburg OR



Requirements driving new approach

- Increased accuracy less human error
- Management possibilities
 - Exclusion of invasives
 - 24/7 Separation of hatchery or tagged fish
 - Faster automated decision making
- Data completeness -> continuous collection
- Operable in highly turbid water
- Additional real time data integration
 - PIT tags
 - CWT detection
 - Floy tag detection



System overview

- Block diagram and overview
- Fish slide
 - Partially dewatered gravity slide
- Accurate outline detection
- Coaxial cameras, visible and infra red
- Fish detection
- Timers
- Image processing and decision making



Block diagram







Fish slide

Machine learning process

Scanning of learning set
Manual analysis/identification
Machine "teaching" using learning set
Machine analysis of test set
Manual analysis of test set
Verification/feedback





Typical Installation

• Installing scanner in existing ladder







Scanned images



Chum salmon



Scanned images



Steelhead



Scanned images



Chinook salmon

- detail and silhouette



Fish length distribution





Length and girth









Scanning Capabilities

<u>Current Capabilities</u>:

- Size (Girth, Width, Length)
- Speciation by size (Girth, Length)
- <u>Upcoming Developments</u>:
- Hatchery vs. Wild
 - Adipose fin presence detection
- 2019 collection/learning programs
 - Great Lakes species
 - West coast US anadromous species







Applications

- Basic monitoring
 - Collection of migration data (time, date, species, size)
- Sorting applications
 - For studies
 - Invasive removal
 - Selective passage
 - Sizing for passage solutions like WFTS



Summary

- Combine machine learning with high speed imagery
- Fish out of water
 - Turbidity no longer an issue
- More complete data
 - Timing
 - Girth and forklength
 - Weight estimates possible from species
 - Additional marking (fin clip, gill cover clip, floy tag etc)
 - Combine with PIT tag, CWT detection

Real time automated decision making now possible





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