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A Decision Support Tool for Optimizing Barrier Mitigation

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Outline

- Fish migration issues and species impacts in California
- Why optimization?
- FISHPass
 - Current functionality
 - Data format
- Where are we now and future direction



Fish Migration Barriers in California

- More than 16,000 potential barriers contained in the California Passage Assessment Database (PAD)
- At least 1,500 man-made barriers are considered severe or impassable
- 10 of 14 salmon and steelhead ESUs/DPSs in CA are federally listed





Why Optimization?

- Accounts for spatial structure and cumulative passability of barrier networks
- Makes the most efficient use of limited resources
- Can balance multiple, possibly competing, objectives and constraints
- Key uncertainties can be incorporated and assessed in a coherent fashion



Barrier Optimization in Action





amount may not be removed when the budget is increased)

FISHPass

- FISHPass is a decision support tool for optimizing barrier mitigation
- FISHPass automates the optimization process
- Identifies cost-efficient mitigation actions to maximize the amount of accessible, possibly quality-adjusted, habitat above barriers
 - Uses a mixed integer linear programming (MILP) formulation of the O'Hanley and Tomberlin (2005) model



What Does FISHPass Do?

- Integrates information on
 - Barrier passability
 - Potential habitat
 - Estimated mitigation cost
- Crucially, accounts for:
 - Spatial structure of barrier networks
 - Interactive effects of mitigation decisions on longitudinal connectivity



Current FISHPass Functionalities

- Friendly graphical user interface (GUI)
- Easy upload of barrier datasets
- Performs optimization runs for any desired budget
- Performs batch runs (i.e., run the model across a range of budget values in set increments)
- Can limit analyses to a subset of selected watersheds



Current FISHPass Functionalities – Continued

- Accommodates user-defined solutions in which one or a handful of barriers are forced in or forced out of the final solution
- Handles
 - Multiple species, guilds, etc. (aka restoration targets)
 - Multiple alternative mitigation projects at any given barrier (e.g., fix the barrier a little or fix a lot)



Data Formatting Requirements

FISHPass requires the following data fields:

- BARID: barrier ID
- **REGION**: watershed, subwatershed, etc.
- DSID: immediate downstream barrier ID
- USHAB: net upstream habitat
- PREPASS: current barrier passability
- NPROJ: number of mitigation projects that can be carried out (normally 0 for natural barriers)
- COST: estimated cost to repair/remove/mitigate a barrier
- POSTPASS: barrier passability following mitigation



How Does FISHPass Work?

Barrier Data



Data Portal



Customizing a FISHPass Run?

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Barrier Mitigation Costs Estimated costs Cost Est. ?	Federal agency	Sporting group
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Regions IF North Coast IF Central Coast ?	I Natural Resource Commission	Tribe or tribal organization
🗭 Central Valley 🖓 South Coast	Primary or secondary school	🖓 Unknown
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Data Portal

- Adjust default passability
- Include species weighting
- Include cost

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FISHPass

- Limit spatial focus
- Define can/can't fix specific barriers
- Create 'batched' model run



Where Are We Now?

- FISHPass was used to confirm 2015 and 2016 Forum project selection
- Additional internal testing ongoing and updates expected to be complete by end of 2016
- Forum plans to provide testing opportunities to interested users in California in late 2016
- Additional training, outreach materials and a mapping function are being developed
- Forum is now working to incorporate NorWeST temperature model to represent general habitat quality throughout CA



Questions



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