



### Migration Timing and Survival of Wild Chinook Salmon Using PIT-Detection at the Marsh Creek Instream Array

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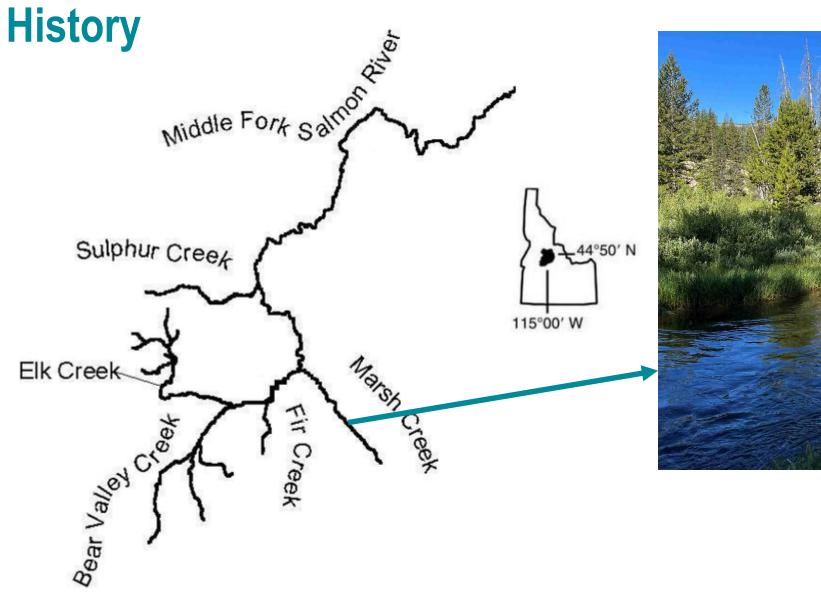














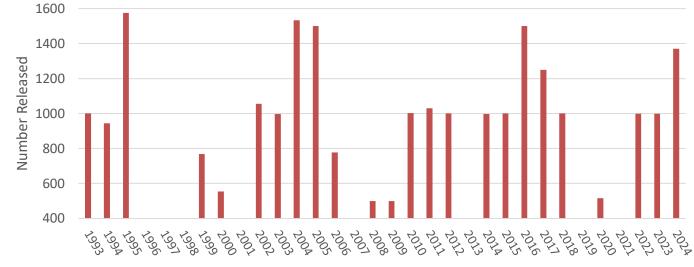


#### **History**

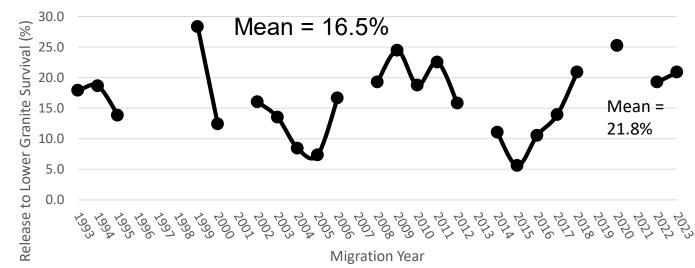




Marsh Creek PIT-Tag Release Numbers (Survival Estimable Years)



Migration Year Marsh Creek PIT-Tag Survival Study





### **History**

#### Marsh Creek In-Stream PIT-tag Array installed in October 2019











Wild Chinook Salmon Survival and Timing Project based on PIT-tag detections at Marsh Creek Instream Array (MCIA), Lower Granite Dam (LGR), and "Below"

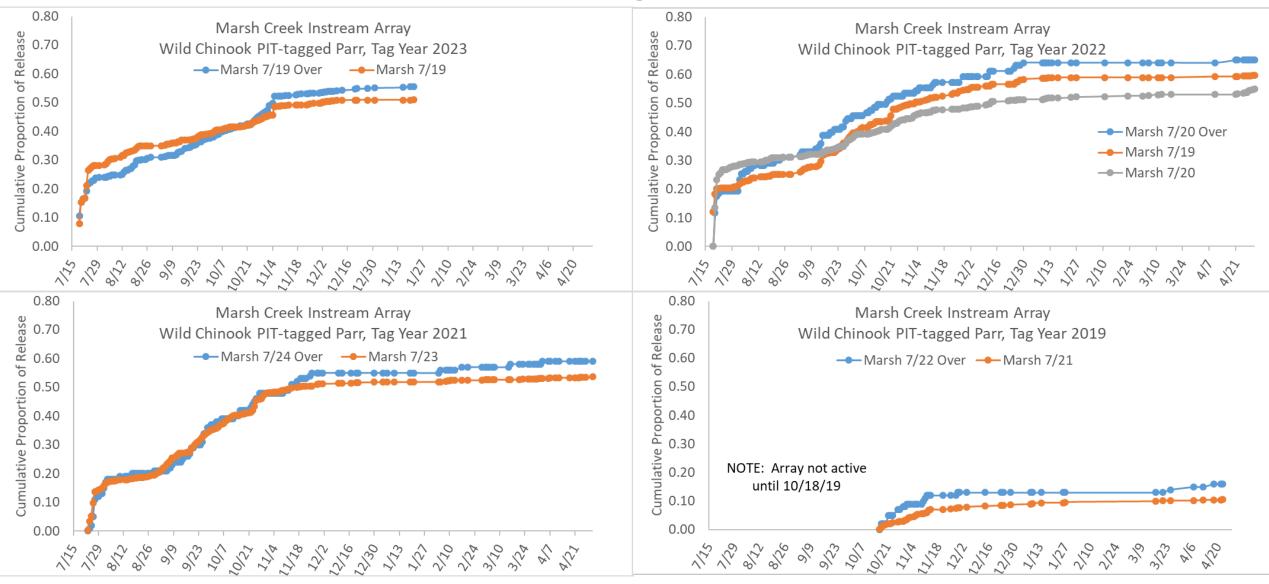
- Survival Estimates based on Cormack-Jolly-Seber (CJS)
- OR based on Expanded Detections (Sandford and Smith 2002) using separately estimated daily detection efficiency at LGR
- Migration timing estimated at MCIA based on observation distribution
- Migration timing estimated at LGR based on expanded observations (as above)
- Survival estimated for Release-MCIA, Release-LGR, and thus MCIA-LGR overall and by season
- We had "late" installation in 2019, COVID in 2020, and "it's only 1/31/2024", SO complete survival estimates are only available for MY2022, and MY2023.



# Results



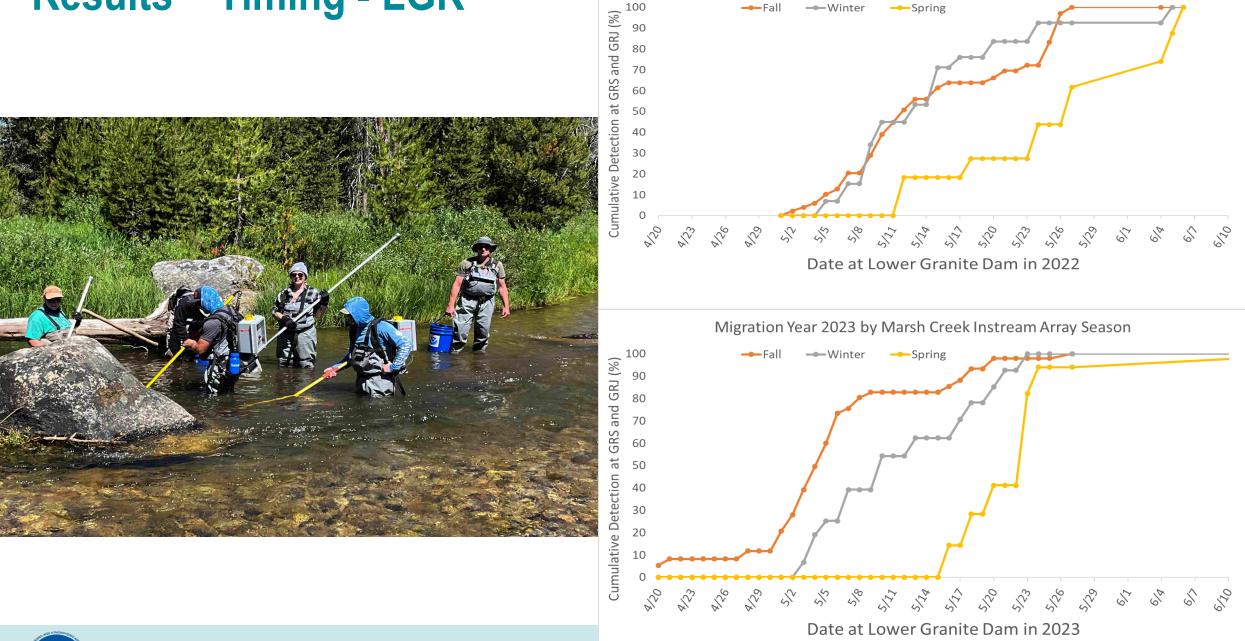
#### **Results – Timing – Marsh Creek**





#### **Results – Timing - LGR**

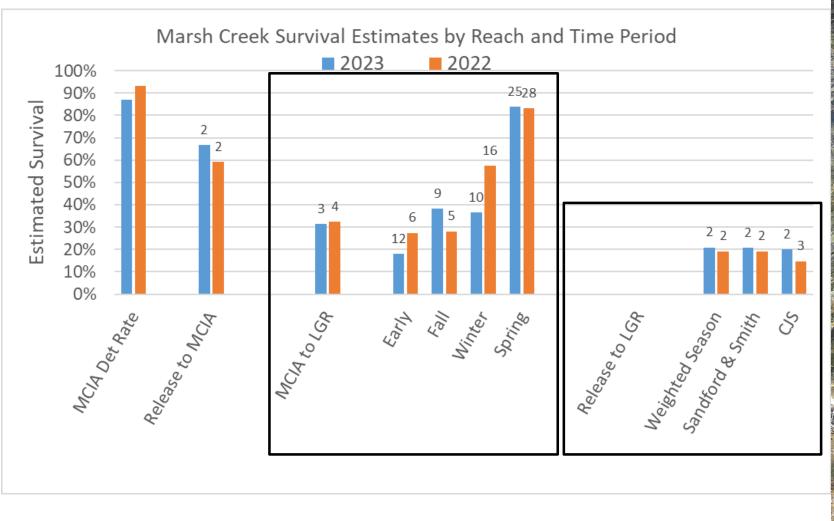
Migration Year 2022 by Marsh Creek Instream Array Season



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#### **Results - Survival**



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## Summary

- Long-term PIT-tag datasets are available to estimate Survival and Timing but new instream arrays provide for more metrics and in more detail
- Marsh Creek Instream Array provides high, continuous, and annually-consistent PITtag detection
- Resulting data produce year-long timing information for Marsh Creek and Release-to-MCIA survival
- Resulting data produce seasonal survival estimates from MCIA to LGR
- Recent and future improvements in PIT-tag technologies improve accuracy and precision of estimates



## Thank You! Questions?

