

Evaluation of spatial sampling designs for redd surveys

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• Prior theoretical and applied salmon sample design research.

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Germany, Abernathy, and Mill, Steelhead 2007





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$\sqrt{1-r^2}$	0.40	0.29	0.35























Conclusions

- Redd locations are geographically clumpy
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- There are effective strategies for reducing this variability (GRTS, stratified, regression).

Implications

- Great data set that is likely representative of many other systems.
- Spatially balanced GRTS is a no-brainer.
- Stratified design effectiveness depends on the strata.
- Regression estimator depends on the auxiliary variable. Peak count census works well.

Further work

- Panel designs, etc...
- Other aux. vars. for regression estimators
- Redds to spawners expansion.





Steelhead redd distribution (IMW complex)



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Describe spatial distribution