

Why Whooshh?

WDF&W COMMISSION PRESENTATION

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW:

WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE'VE DONE

WHERE WE'RE GOING

WDFW'S WASHOUGAL WEIR MOBILE SYSTEM OPERATES AS PART OF FALL CHINOOK HATCHERY PROGRAM.

The weir is used to collect hatchery and natural origin fish for broodstock.

The weir is also used for controlling hatchery fish on the spawning grounds.



WASHOUGAL WEIR MOBILE SYSTEM WDFW COSTS AND TIME/LABOR SAVINGS

- Takes half the time to load truck or surplus excess hatchery returns
- Time saving allows for higher number of hatchery fish removed - control pHOS
- System Cost \$150,000 and was funded Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF)

SUPPORTING STUDIES TO DATE

2011

CRRL Testing

- 50' system
- No difference finding
- Results published in 2013 - Mesa

2013 & 2014

Norway

- 250' and 460' systems
- Excellent hygiene and handling
- Up to 1,000 fish/hr in 460' system

2013-14

YN Roza Facility

- 40' system
- Mortalities 1/2 of traditional system
- Egg survival=98.7%

SUPPORTING STUDIES TO DATE

SPRING 2014

- 250' system
- WDF&W
- Live steelhead
- No difference in survival v. control group

FALL 2014

- 120' mobile system
- WDF&W
- Moved 10,000 in half the time
- Better for fish and people

FALL 2014

- 40' and 250' systems
- PNNL/DOE
- No evidence of damage
- Egg survival = better than control group

Roza Dam: Yakama Nations Controlled Study



“The fish fly right through without so much as a scratch. Also, you won’t have to divert water, as you do in a ladder system. Out here, the economy is all about agriculture, and water is gold. That’s what makes Whooshh such a great concept.”

--Mark Johnston, Research Scientist – Yakama Nation Fisheries

ROZA DAM STUDY RESULTS

Summary:

40' Whooshh Fish Transport System

554 Spring Chinook
(Wild & Hatchery Control)

Collected: May - June

Held: May - October

Spawned: September - October

Results:

Mortality rate of “whooshed” fish
= half of traditional method

CHINOOK	H&H	WHOOSHH
Mortality Females	4.2%	2.3%
Mortality Males	14.6%	9.1%
Mortality Total	8.8%	4.6%

Egg survival percentage statistically
equivalent (783,495 eggs)

CHINOOK	H&H	WHOOSHH
Hatchery Control	98.3%	98.7%
Wild/Natural	94.6%	92.1%

PNNL STUDY: SLIME, STRESS, AND SURVIVABILITY



PNNL STUDY RESULTS

PNNL Study:

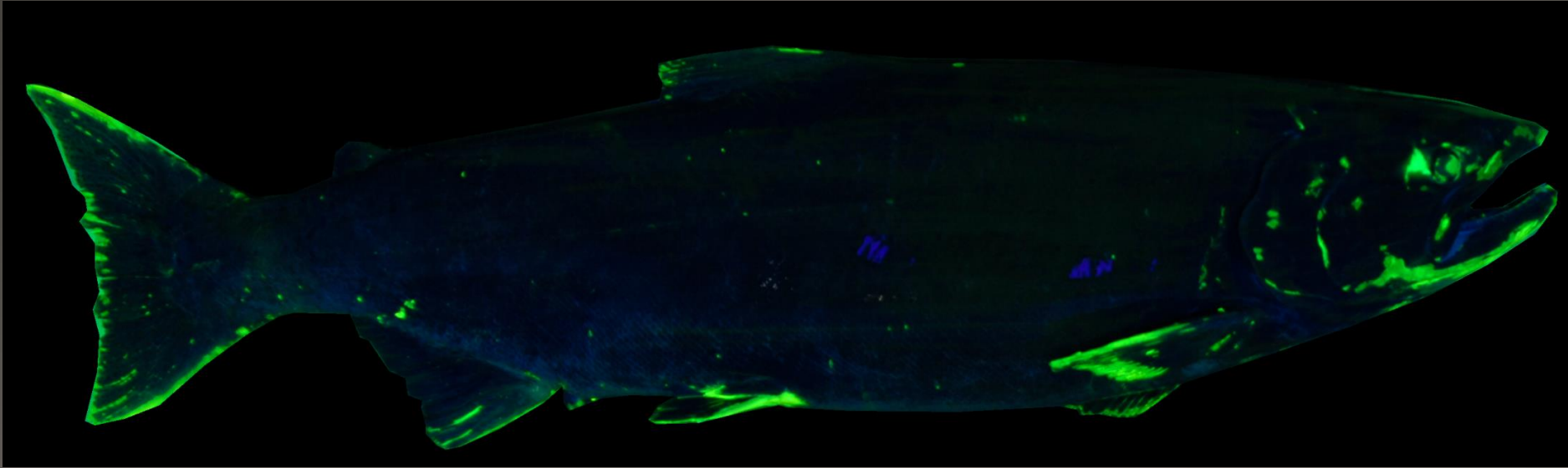
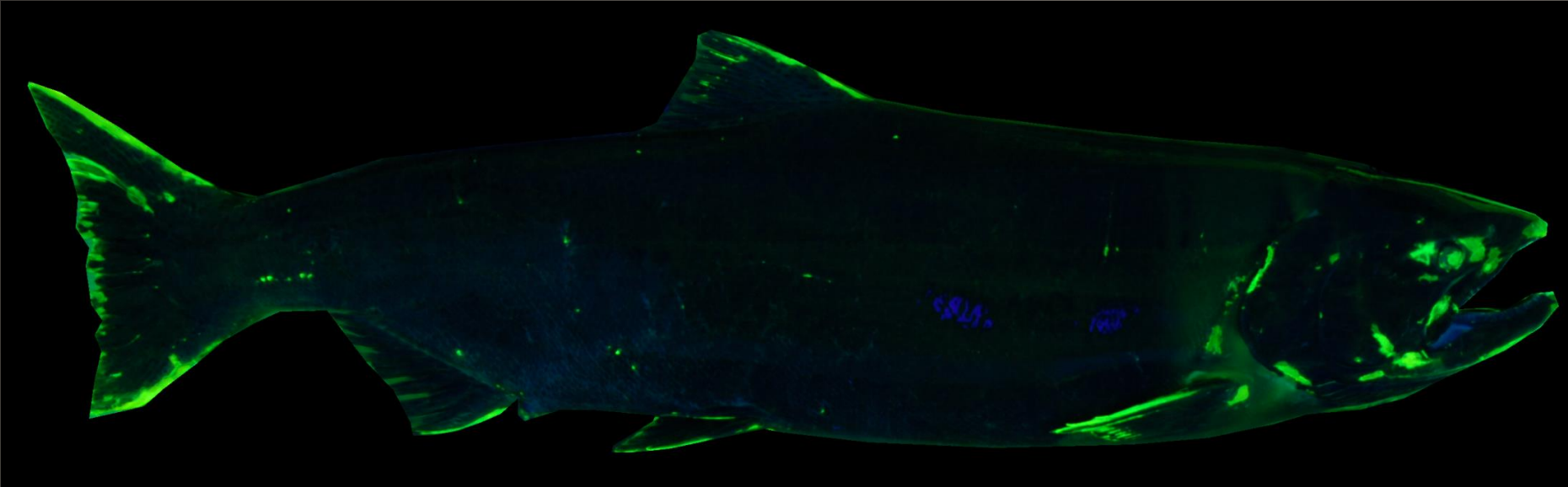
PNNL evaluated the efficacy of this technology with adult fall Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) by comparing the physical, physiological, and reproductive effects of passage through two different lengths (40' and 250') of the Whooshh Fish Transport System (WFTS) to trap and haul, a standard method used to move fish around in-river barriers.



Key Findings:

- ✓ No mortalities or obvious signs of injury to fish.
- ✓ Immune responses and egg survival similar between Whooshh and trap and haul.
- ✓ Effects of Whooshh comparable or better to that of a trap and haul.

PNNL FLUORESCENCE COMPARISON CONTROL V. WHOOSH



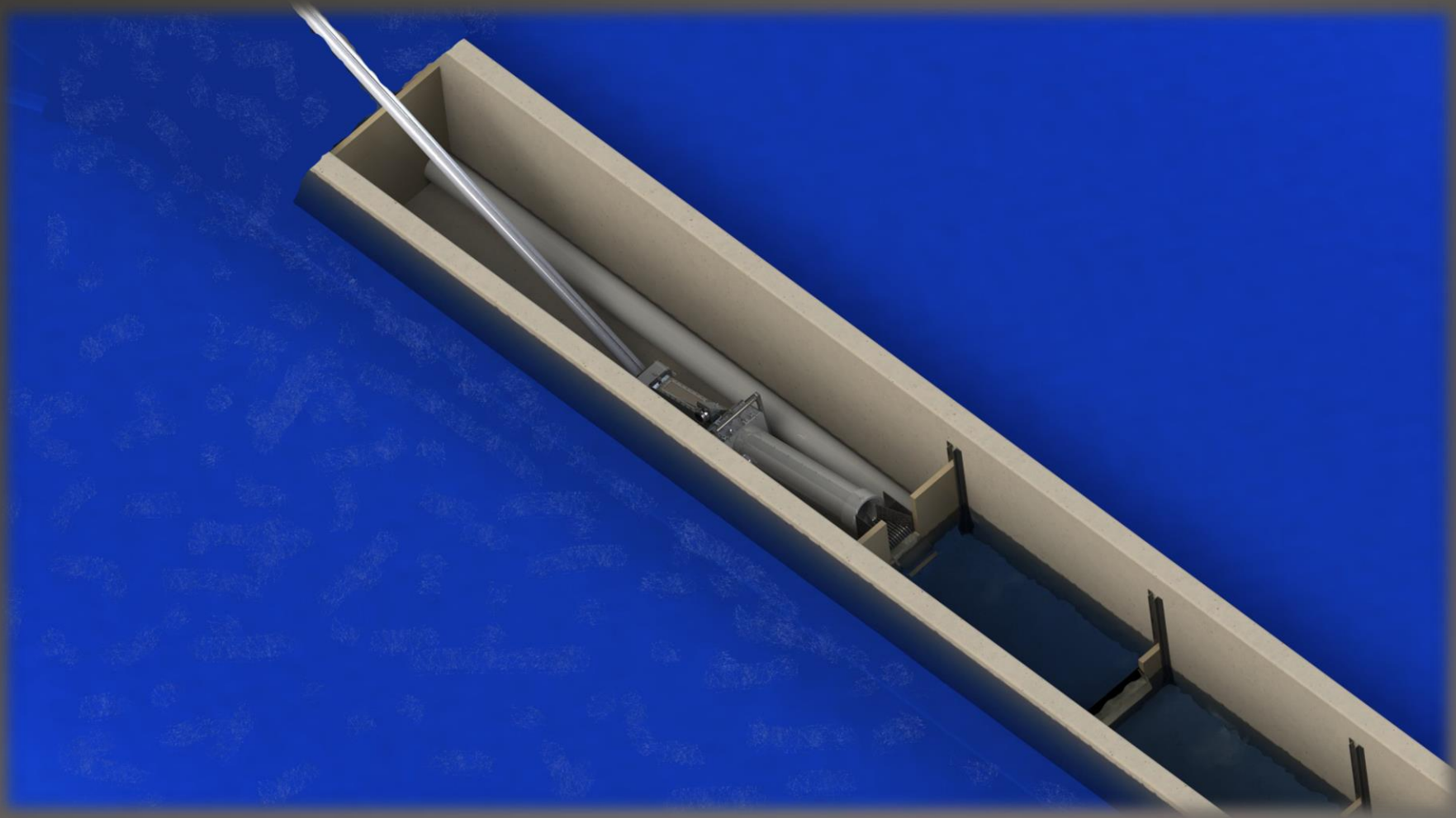
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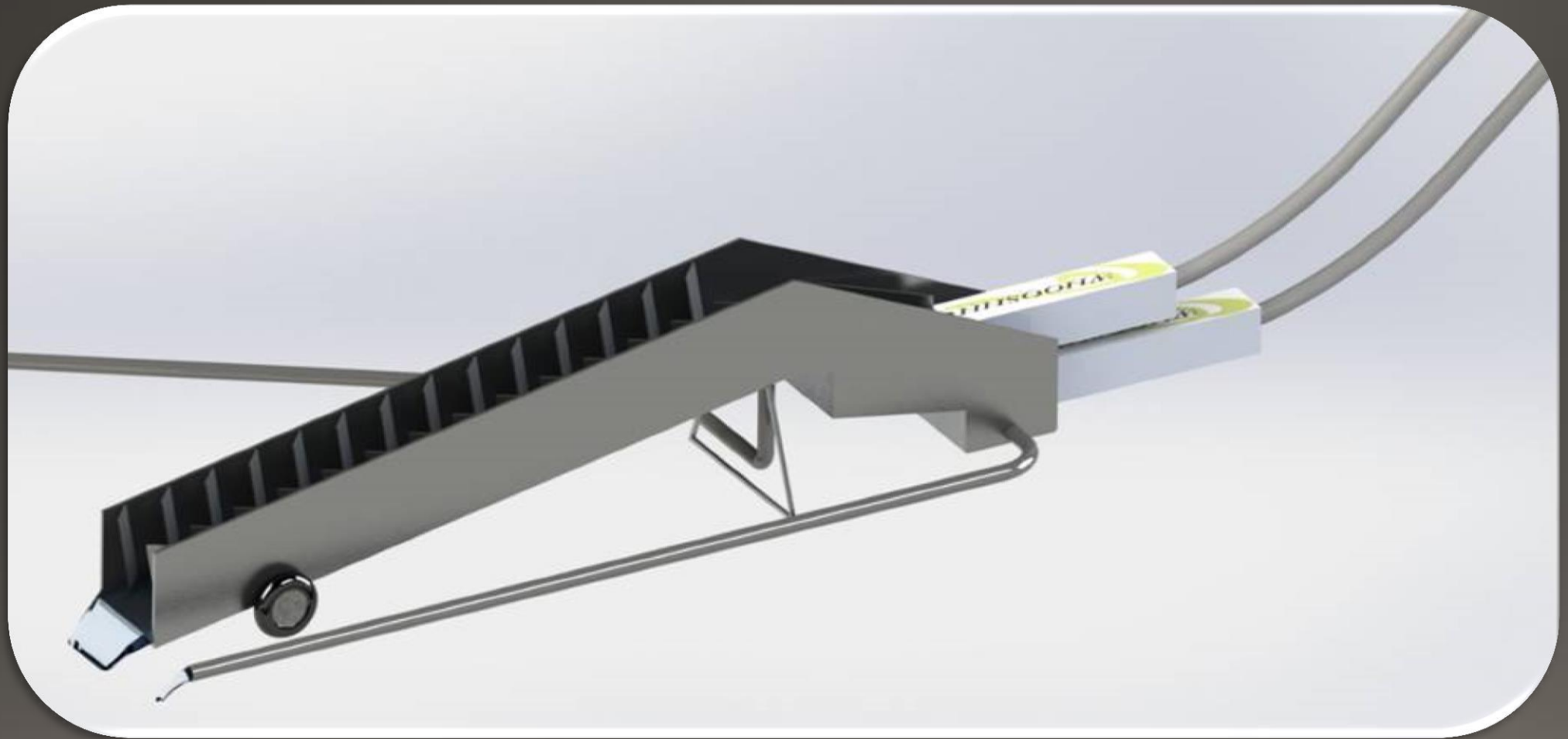
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VOLITIONAL ENTRY - MID-RIVER



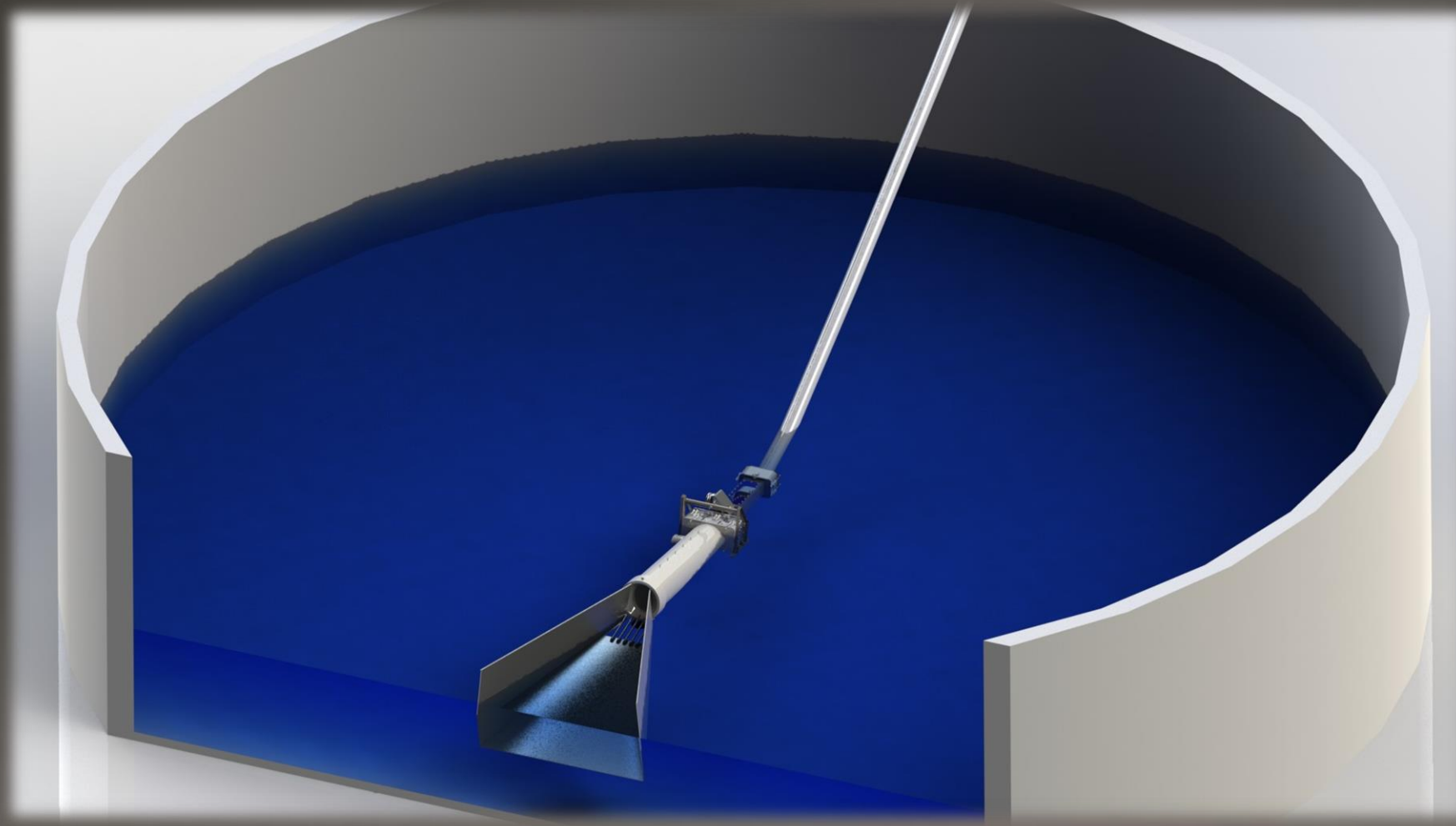
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VOLITIONAL ENTRY - SEASONAL



ASSISTED ENTRY – MID-TANK/TRAP

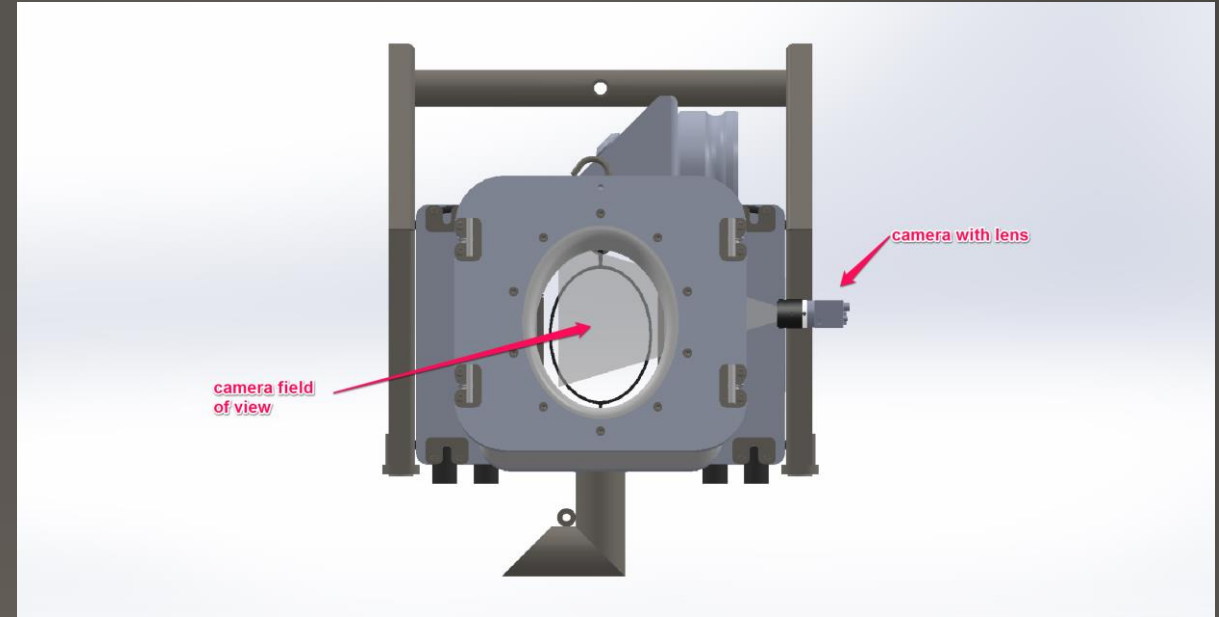
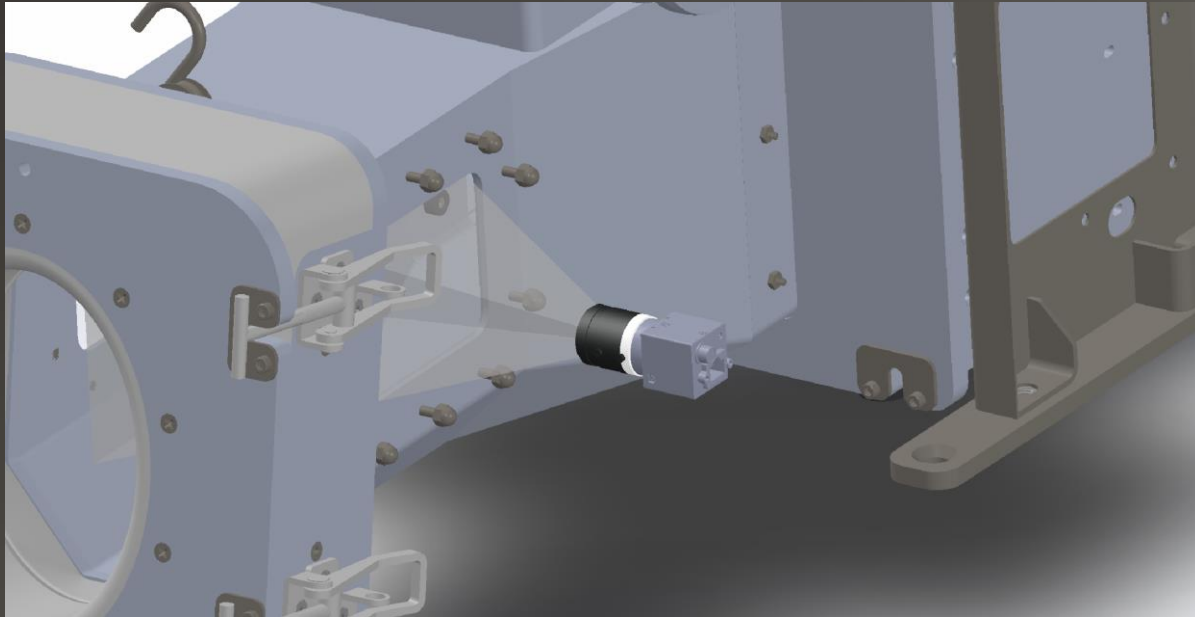


MOBILE FISH RESCUE UNIT

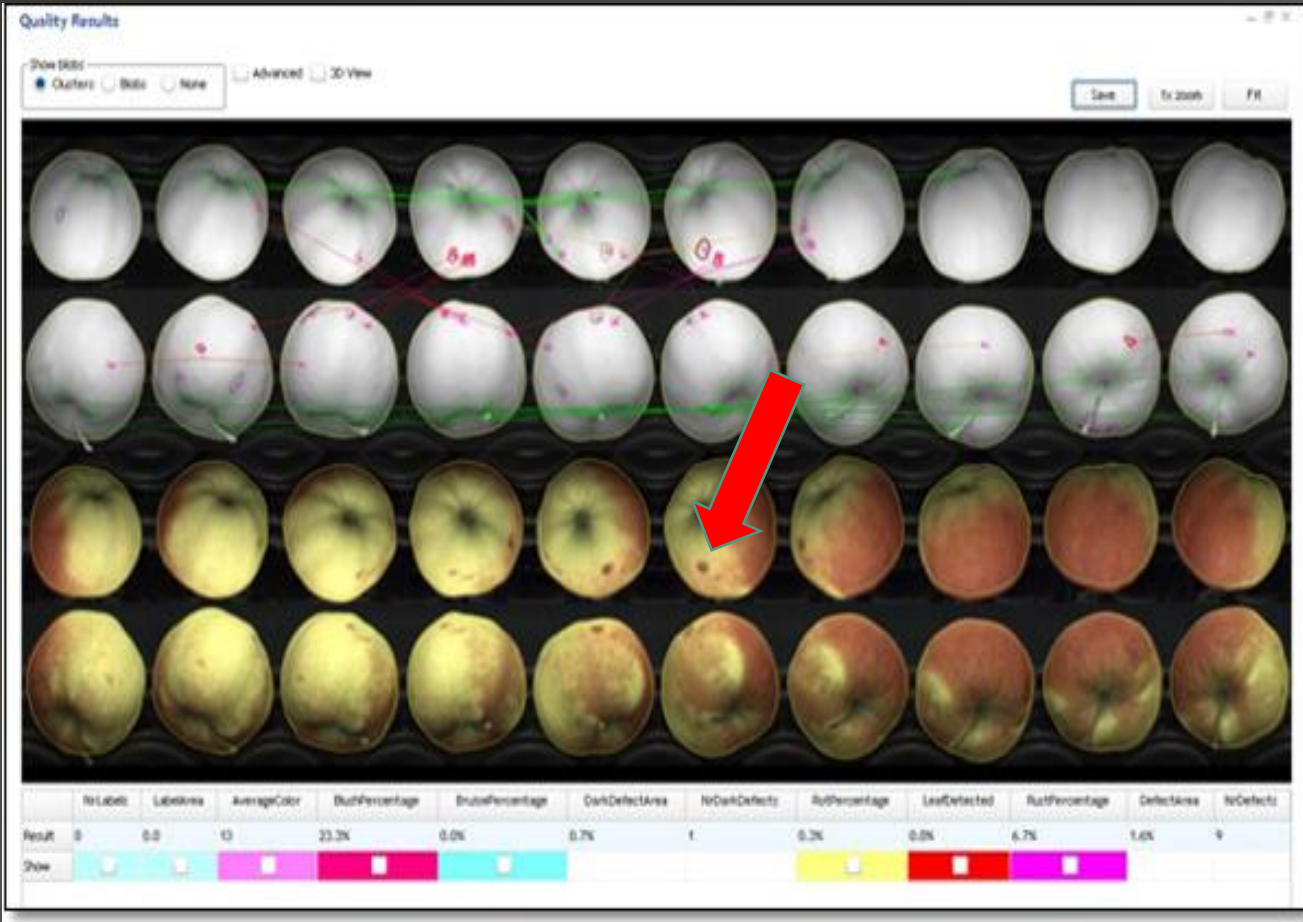


COMPONENT OPTIONS


SCANNING/SORTING/DATA COLLECTION



COMPONENT OPTIONS SORTING – HATCHERY V. WILD



COMPONENT OPTIONS SORTING - SPECIES



Chinook
Oncorhynchus tshawytscha
Other names: king, tye, blackmouth (immature)
Average size: 10-15 lbs, up to 135 lbs
Chinook salmon are the largest of the Pacific salmon, with some individuals growing to more than 100 pounds. These huge fish are rare, as most mature chinook are under 50 pounds.

Steelhead
Oncorhynchus mykiss
Other names: steelhead trout, sea-run rainbow trout
Average size: 8-11 lbs, up to 40 lbs
Steelhead and rainbow trout are the same species, but rainbow are freshwater only, and steelhead are anadromous, or go to sea. Unlike most salmon, steelhead can survive spawning, and can spawn in multiple years.

Chum
Oncorhynchus keta
Other names: dog salmon, calico
Average size: 10-15 lbs, up to 33 lbs


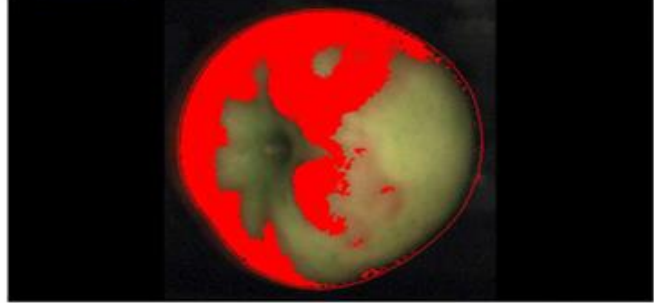
Coho
Oncorhynchus kisutch
Other names: silver
Average size: 6-12 lbs, up to 31 lbs
Coho are a very popular sport fish in Puget Sound. This species uses coastal streams and tributaries, and is often present in small neighborhood streams. Coho can even be found in urban settings if their needs of cold, clean, year-round water are met.

Sockeye
Oncorhynchus nerka
Other names: red salmon, blueback (Columbia and Quinault Rivers), kokanee or "silver trout" (landlocked form)
Average size: 5-8 lbs, up to 15 lbs

Bull Trout

Pink
Oncorhynchus gorbuscha
Other names: humpie, humpback salmon
Average size: 3-5 lbs, up to 12 lbs
Male pink salmon develop a large hump on their back during spawning, hence the nickname humpback salmon. This is the smallest of the fall-spawning Pacific salmon. In Washington, pink salmon runs only occur in odd-numbered years.

Color results

	Bluish	Base Color
Bluish	52.4 %	
Base Color		21

Uncorrected Color Image

Show	Bluish	Base Color
Image 1	41.9 %	34
Image 2	13.2 %	30
Image 3	55.7 %	8
Image 4	87.7 %	7
Image 5	96.9 %	8
Image 6	84.9 %	32
Image 7	40.4 %	31
Image 8	12.2 %	31
Image 9	29.4 %	15
Image 10	62.3 %	8

WHY NOT WHOOSHH?

THANK YOU!

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