

Creating a draft Watershed Assessment Report

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1.1 Introduction

A draft watershed assessment report will be created in MSWord using data extracted from the FWIS database. This draft report can then be edited by tweaking the R code (preferred) or tweaking the MSWord document (not preferred because your changes will be lost when you update the report by rerunning the *R* code).

The draft report is created using *R* and *JAGS* (a program that does Bayesian computations) to compute summary statistics, compute the probability of belonging to the FSI categories, and make plots (using *ggplot2*). *RMarkdown* is used to mingle text and graphics and is rendered into a MSWord document.

This process follows the principle of Reproducible Research, where a single document contains ALL of the code used to analyze the data and creates a report based on this. It is hoped that when each Watershed Assessment is updated, it will be necessary only to rerun the code and do some minor teaks to the report.

1.2 Getting your computer ready

Your computer will need the following software. Instructions for installing the software can be found at <http://people.stat.sfu.ca/~cschwarz/CourseNotes/HowGetSoftware.html>.

- *R*. This is the statistical software used to create summary tables and to create plots. Don't forget to install the packages (add ons for *R*) as listed in item (6) of the installation instructions in the above link. You will also need to install the following packages:
 - *stringr* specialized functions for text processing
 - *sp, geosphere* specialized functions to cluster sampling points that are close together
 - *R2Jags, coda, digest* needed to run JAGS
 - *pander* needed to create tables in *RMarkdown*
 - *ggmaps* needed to extract Google maps over the web. You should install this from CRAN so that all package dependencies are also loaded. Then you also need the most recent version which has NOT yet been released to CRAN. You need to install it using

```
* devtools::install_github('dkahle/ggmap')
```

on the R console. This may require the *devtools* package to also be installed. So, install the OLD version of *ggmaps* from CRAN (to get the dependent packages) and then install the most recent version from GitHub to overwrite the older version.
- *RStudio*. An integrated development environment that controls *R* and its output.
- *JAGS* (Just Another Gibbs Sampler). A cross-platform program that performs Bayesian computations. This program will be called by *R*. Don't forget to install the additional *R* packages listed under item (2) of the *JAGS* installation instructions in the above link namely:
 - *R2Jags, coda*, and *digest* needed to run JAGS

1.3 Getting the FWIS data

Information on each watershed is extracted from the FWIS database. Contact ???? for further details.

The current extraction program creates Excel 95 files. R requires workbooks to be in Excel 97 or later format, so you will have to open and save the file as Excel 97 or later format.

Many people simply find it easier to save the FWIS file as a *csv* file and use that directly.

1.4 Create a working directory to hold the data files and the draft template.

Create a working directory which will include the *RMarkdown* files used to create the draft watershed report and any data files, image files, etc. needed for the report.

1.4.1 Copy the *RMarkdown* template files to the working directory.

The template files are located on the *GitHub* server and can be retrieved as follows.

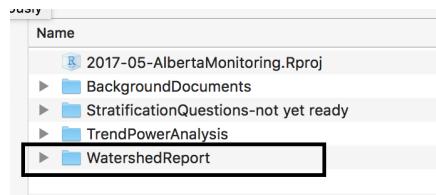
- Go to <https://github.com/cschwarz-stat-sfu-ca/ABgov-fish> The web page will look similar to:

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'ABgov-fish'. At the top, there's a header with the repository name 'cschwarz-stat-sfu-ca / ABgov-fish', a 'Unwatch' button (with 2 notifications), a 'Star' button (0 stars), a 'Fork' button (0 forks), and an 'Edit' button. Below the header are navigation links for 'Code', 'Issues 0', 'Pull requests 0', 'Projects 0', 'Wiki', 'Pulse', 'Graphs', and 'Settings'. A banner below the navigation bar displays statistics: 5 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. A dropdown menu for the branch 'master' is open. To the right of the stats are buttons for 'Create new file', 'Upload files', 'Find file', and a highlighted 'Clone or download' button. Below this is a list of files in the repository:

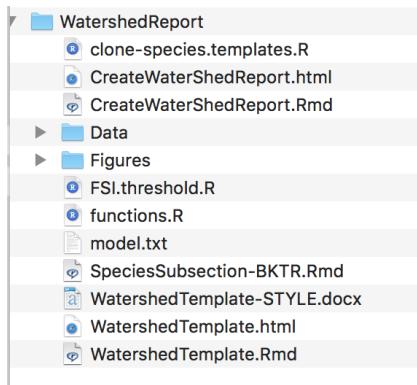
File	Description	Last Commit
BackgroundDocuments	Reorganized directory	26 days ago
StratificationQuestions-not yet ready	Reorganized directory	26 days ago
TrendPowerAnalysis	Watershed Assessment Report	44 minutes ago
WatershedReport	Watershed Assessment Report	44 minutes ago
.gitignore	First commit	a month ago
2017-05-AlbertaMonitoring.Rproj	First commit	a month ago

A note at the bottom encourages adding a README, with a 'Add a README' button. The entire screenshot is framed by a red border.

- Click on the *Clone or Download* button to download a zip file of the entire contents.
- Move the zip file to your working directory.
- Unzip the zip file.
- Discard the zip file.
- Your working directory should now have several subdirectories:

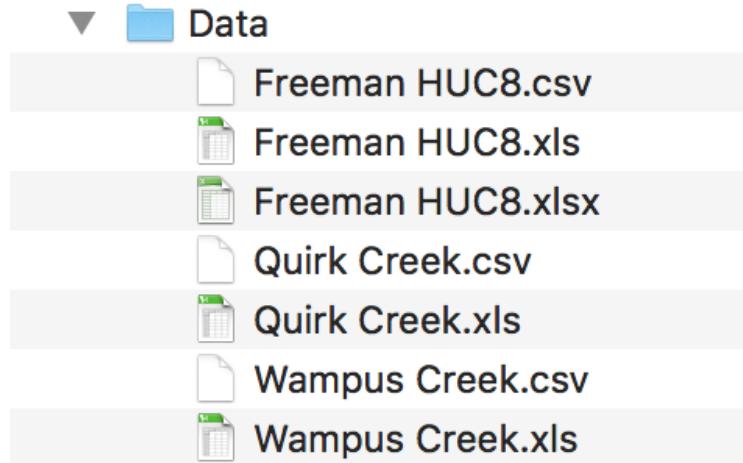


- Open the *WatershedReport* directory



1.4.2 Move the FWIS data file to the *Data* directory.

Move the FWIS data file to the *Data* directory. **The data file MUST be in Excel 97 or later format.** The FWIS extraction system currently creates an Excel 95 file. You will have to open it and re-save it as an Excel 97 or later document (either *.xls* or *.xlsx* is fine).



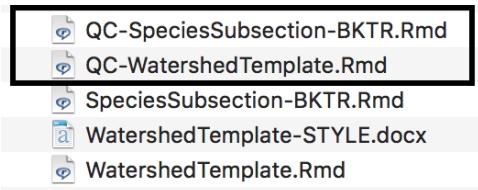
If you are unable to read the Excel workbook properly, open the FWIS data file and save the 'F&W' sheet as a *_csv_* file. You will have to modify the main template file as noted later.

1.4.3 Duplicate and rename the main template file and the species template files.

We plan to analyze the *Quirk Creek* data and so we will rename the main template and species template files by adding a prefix (e.g. QC-) to the *WatershedTemplate.Rmd* and *SpeciesSubsection-BKTR.Rmd* files.

DO NOT MODIFY THE NAME OF THE *WatershedTemplate-STYLE.docx* file as this is a style template for the *MSWord* reports used by *RMarkdown* when creating the draft watershed report.

You will now have two new files (copied and renamed) of the template files:



1.4.4 Clone the species template files.

The GitHub site comes with a single species subsection template and you will have to clone this for the other species of interest in the watershed report. A clone is identical to the template for BKTR except all occurrences of BKTR are replaced by the species code of interest (e.g. CTTR). This cloning can be done by making duplicates of the BKTR template and changing the name of the file and, then within the file, all occurrences of BKTR to the new species code.

I have provided a file, *clone-species.templates.R*, that can do this for you. **Be careful not to overwrite any species template files that you have modified as part of the assessment.**

For example, suppose we want species template files for BKTR (already present), BLBK, BLTR and CTTR.

- Open the *clone-species.templates.R* file using *RStudio* (and NOT R).
- **BE SURE YOU ARE POINTED TO THE CORRECT WORKING DIRECTORY** by examining the name on the console window of *RStudio*. (Your directory name will differ from mine shown below.)

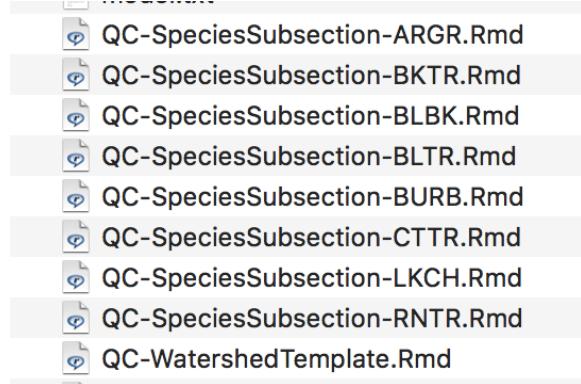
```
Console R Markdown ✘
~/Dropbox/Consulting/2017-05-AlbertaMonitoring/WatershedReport/ ↵
> # Clone the BKTR species files for other species
> library(plyr)
>
```

- The Rstudio script pane will have the *R* code from the *clone-species.templates.R* file and will look similar to :

```
# Clone the BKTR species files for other species
library(plyr)
species.list <- c("ARGR", "BLBK", 'BLTR', "BURB", 'CTTR', "LKCH", "RNTR")

l_ply(species.list, function (x){
  # read the BKTR SpeciesSubsection, change all BKTR to the species list, and write out new file
  filename <- 'SpeciesSubsection-BKTR.Rmd'
  template <- readLines(filename)
  template <- gsub("BKTR", x, template, fixed=TRUE)
  filename <- gsub("BKTR", x, filename, fixed=TRUE)
  writeLines(template, filename, sep='\r\n' )
})
```

- Modify the list of species codes.
- Change the name of the template file *SpeciesSubsection-BKTR.Rmd* to *QC-SpeciesSubsection-BKTR.Rmd*
- Run the code. Your directory should now be populated with copies of the species template files for this watershed.



1.4.5 Check the FSI category boundaries for the species of interest.

The FSI category boundaries are stored in the *FSI.threshold.R* file. This can be edited directly in *RStudio* or any other text editor.

1.5 Editing the main template file.

1.5.1 Overview of process

Each watershed report will have one main template file (*QC-WatershedTemplate.Rd* in our case) and one or more species template files (*QC-SpeciesSubsection-BKTR.Rmd* etc.) that are *knitted* (in *R* parlance) together. These template files contain both text and *R* code as a living document so that as the data change, the report is updated when the the template are again knitted together.

The templates are written using *R Markdown* <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com> which provides a simple set of commands to knit together *R* code and (formatted) text as shown below:

How it works



When you wish to render the document, *R Markdown* feeds the *.Rmd* file to *knitr*, which executes all of the code chunks and creates a new markdown (*.md*) document which includes the code and it's output in a general way. The *pandoc* program (included with *RStudio*) converts the markdown document to the final format (HTML, PDF, MSWord, etc.). While the above seems complicated, most of it is hidden from you and occurs “behind the scenes.”

Creating the draft watershed reports will follow a multi-step process.

1. Read in the data from the FWIS system (the workbook you copied to the *Data* directory) and create some preliminary tables and plots to check the data, remove and outliers, or do any other pre-processing. This preprocessing is ‘hidden’ from the draft watershed assessment report, but the code used to pre-process the data is stored with the document. Consequently, when you update the assessment in a later year, the decisions made in pre-processing the data are evident.
2. Make some summary tables and plots for the wateshed as a whole. The current template makes some simple tables of counts of fish species by year etc and produces a map showing the sampling locations. You are able to change the default figures and tables by modifying the corresponding *R* code.

3. For each species of interest, the corresponding species template file creates some summary charts and figures. It then calls *JAGS* to estimate the probability that the species is in each FSI category accounting for process and sampling error over time. Summary figures are presented which again can be changed by modifying the *R* code. I would suggest that you analyze one species at a time until all are working to your satisfaction.

4. Finally, you can enter summary text describing the state of this watershed.

Open the main template file (*QC-WatershedTemplate.Rmd* for this example) in *RStudio*. The script pane will look similar to:

```

title: "Your Favorite Watershed - Watershed Assessment Report"
author: "Carl Schwarz"
date: `r format(Sys.time(), "%Y-%m-%d")` 
output: 
  html_document:
    number_sections: yes
    toc: yes
  pdf_document:
    number_sections: yes
    toc: yes
  word_document:
    fig_caption: yes
    reference_docx: WatershedTemplate-STYLE.docx
    toc: yes

````{r setup, include=FALSE}
Links for RMarkdown help

Chunk options https://yihui.name/knitr/options/

Dealing with word templates and Rmarkdown
... http://stackoverflow.com/questions/41982700/how-to-properly-number-headings-in-word-from-a-rmarkdown-document
... http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/articles_docx.html ...
... http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/word_document_format.html

Information on using ggmap is available at
... https://github.com/dkahle/aqmap/blob/master/README.md

```

The template file consists of 3 types of material:

- The headers (between the —'s) which identifies the watershed assessment name, author, date of creating, and list the options to be applied when the document is rendered. In this case, change the name of the title to a more appropriate name along with the author. The date uses *R* to extract the date the code is run and formats it as YYYY-MM-DD. The options for a MSWord rendering indicate that the *WatershedTemplate-STYLE.docx* file is to be used for styles when creating the document (this style document is where you specify that the sections are to be numbered). The headers only occur once in a template at the top of the primary file.
- Code chunks. These are sections of *R* code of the form delimited by triple BACK quotes with *R* code in between.

```

```{r chunkname, options}
  R code here
```

```

Each chunk has a number of options specifying if the output is to be displayed in the report (e.g. a plot), or computations are proceed with nothing placed in the report. A list of chunk options is available at: <https://yihui.name/knitr/options/>. There is no limit to the number or types of chunks you can use.

- Text (scroll down the script window to see):

```

173 ~
174 # Background
175 "How are the fish in my river and streams doing?" ~
176 We need this answer to set appropriate fishing regulations, ~
177 to understand and correct any problems with fish habitat and ~
178 to guard against invasive species. ~
179 ~
180 A healthy fish population and fish community means we ~
181 can all enjoy the benefits of sustainable fisheries. ~
182 and healthy ecosystems. ~
183 A standard method of assessing the status of ~
184 fish populations is necessary to allow comparisons of fish sustainability. ~

```

which is written using *R Markdown* (refer to <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf>). There is no limit to the amount of text you can use.

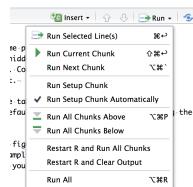
The text and code chunks can be intermixed at will.

### 1.5.2 Loading libraries.

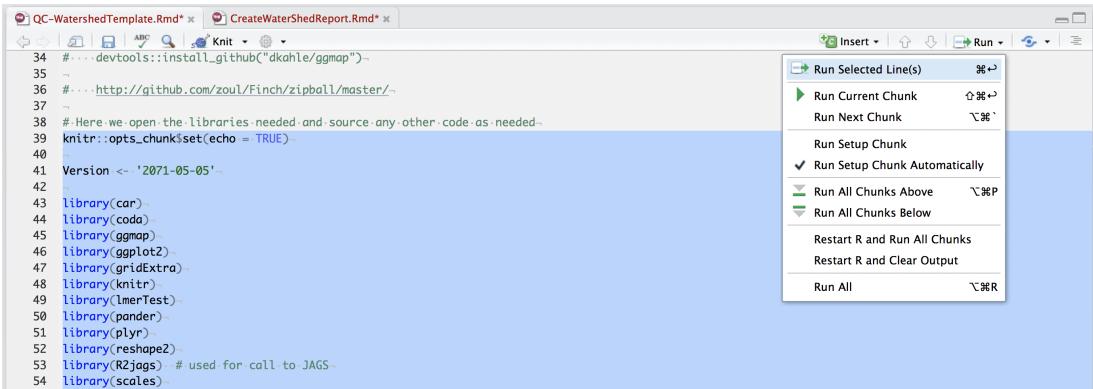
Return to the main template file (*QC-WatershedTemplate.Rmd* for this example) in *RStudio*.

The first chunk (labelled *setup*) is where we set up the *R* code by opening the libraries needed for the analyses, read in the data file, and do any data editing. The option *include=FALSE* implies that any of the output from this chunk will NOT be included in the draft report.

You can execute all of the *R* code in an entire chunk by clicking on the *Run* pop-down menu of *RStudio* and selecting the appropriate option.

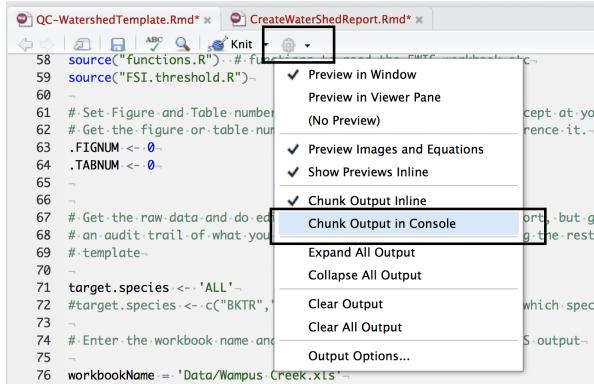


Or you can run one or several lines at a time by selecting, hightlighting, and then using the *Run* pop-down menu:



The keyboard short cuts (Command-Enter for Macintosh; Cntr-R for Windoze) can also be used.

You will find it useful to send all output to the console window during the template setup using:



### 1.5.2.1 Select which species you want to report on.

About 20 lines down the first chunk, you will see the code fragment:

```
target.species <- 'ALL'
#target.species <- c("BKTR", "BLTR", "MNWH") # or you can select which species to include
```

If you have particular species in mind, you can select them here by specifying the species codes (in any order) or using ‘ALL’ to select all species from the FWIS worksheet. Even if you specify that all species are to be read in from the FWIS workbook, you have the option of selecting which species will have the FSI categorization done later in the code.

In this case, we will leave the defaults as is. Notice the *R* comment indicator (#) in the second line of the code fragment implies that this line is ignored.

### 1.5.2.2 Specifying the file name of the FWIS workbook.

The next code fragment is where the workbook name of the FWIS workbook is specified along with the sheetname containing the data.

```
workbookName = file.path('Data', 'Quirk Creek.xls')
sheetName = 'F&W'
```

Here the workbook is located in the *Data* subdirectory in the current working directory. The sheetname is “F&W”.

If you trouble reading the Excel workbook, you will need to save the ‘F&W’ sheet as a *csv* file using Excel. Then specify the file name as:

```
csvfilename = file.path('Data', 'Quirk Creek.csv') # notice the csv suffix on the final file name
```

### 1.5.2.3 Read in the data directly from Excel

Choose either this code fragment if reading Excel workbooks is working or the next code fragment if it is not. This code fragment checks that the workbook exists and then calls a function to read the FWIS workbook.

```
if(!file.exists(workbookName))stop(paste("File ",workbookName,' not found '))

read the sheet from the workbook
fish <- read.FWIS.workbook(
 workbookName =workbookName,
 sheetName =sheetName,
 target.species=target.species)
```

#### 1.5.2.4 Read in the data (from a *csv* file)

If you have saved the data as a *csv* file, use these code fragments. This fragment checks that the *csv* file exists and then calls a function to read the FWIS workbook.

```
if(!file.exists(csvfilename))stop(paste("File ",csvfilename,' not found '))

read the sheet from the workbook
fish <- read.FWIS.workbook.csv(# notice the suffix on the function call
 csvfilename,
 sheetName =sheetName,
 target.species=target.species)
```

Highlight and run all of the code block from the start to the end of the fragment above.

#### 1.5.2.5 Check and edit the data

The fish length data is used to create three data frames used in subsequent analyses.

1. *Inventory* data frame which consists of one record per *Inventory.Survey.ID* with information on the location of the inventory, the distance sampled, the time sampled, etc.
2. *Catch.Summary* data frame which consists of one record per Location per year with the catch per 300 m computed. Value of 0 are imputed for species counts in inventories where a species was not captured.
3. *Fish* data frame with information on individual fish measurements.

The next sections of code creates summary tables to check the data (e.g. invalid species code, missing species code); create cross-tabulations by years collected, the type of equipment used (e.g., backpack electrofishing) etc. Here is where you can exclude data, for example, from angling surveys that are not amenable to the CPUE computations.

**It is important that you review the output of these sections carefully before creating the summary report to ensure that all data has been captured without error.** Some common errors are:

- Location data (UTM/TTM Easting/Northing or Longitude/Latitude) not consistent across years. The combination of the Longitude and Latitude is used to define a location. Points that are within a 60 m radius of each other will be considered to be the same sampling location.
- Distance or timing data missing. These are needed to compute the CPUE. You may have to impute some values from previous years that were not recorded. Ideally, the FWIS data base should be updated.
- Species codes missing
- Missing years of data

Ideally, the original FWIS database should be updated to correct these errors, but they can corrects on the fly in this code.

You can work your way through the code in the chunk, line by line, to examine the output as needed. Some of the output from the data screening is shown below:

```
what years are present in this workbooks?
xtabs(~Year, data=fish, exclude=NULL, na.action=na.pass)

Year
1987 1988 1998 1999 2000 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
196 8 36 25 89 1642 1099 743 257 389 446 249 202

what species are present in this workbook
xtabs(~Species.Code, data=fish, exclude=NULL, na.action=na.pass)
```

```

Species.Code
BKTR BLBK BLTR CTTR
1 2969 138 294 1979

Here we remove all non-electrofishing survey types:

xtabs(~Survey.Type + Year, data=fish , exclude=NULL, na.action=na.pass)

Year
Survey.Type 1987 1988 1998 1999 2000 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
Electrofishing 196 7 0 0 38 1642 1099 743 257 389 446
Sample Angling 0 0 36 25 51 0 0 0 0 0 0
Year
Survey.Type 2012 2013
Electrofishing 249 202
Sample Angling 0 0

Remove all non-electrofishing survey types
dim(fish)

[1] 5380 51

fish <- fish[fish$Survey.Type %in% c("Electrofishing"),]
dim(fish)

[1] 5268 51

xtabs(~Survey.Type + Year, data=fish , exclude=NULL, na.action=na.pass)

Year
Survey.Type 1987 1988 2000 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013
Electrofishing 196 7 38 1642 1099 743 257 389 446 249 202

```

Data editing proceeds untils you are satisfied that all of the data should be included in the subsequent analyses.

### 1.5.2.6 Modifying the introductory text.

After the first code chunk, some introductory text is given:

```

Background
“How are the fish in my river and streams doing?”
We need this answer to set appropriate fishing regulations,
to understand and correct any problems with fish habitat and
to guard against invasive species.

A healthy fish population and fish community means we
can all enjoy the benefits of sustainable fisheries
and healthy ecosystems.

A standard method of assessing the status of
fish populations is necessary to allow comparisons of fish sustainability

```

All text is written using *R Markdown* <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/rmarkdown-reference.pdf> and there is plenty of help available on the web (thanks Google!). Text can be entered free form, i.e. you can break lines anywhere in a paragraph and it will be flowed together, EXCEPT if a line has two or more space characters at the end, in which case it is treated as line break.

A hash mark (#) indicates a level 1 header; two hash marks (##) indicate a level 2 header and so on.

Text is italicized by enclosing with underscores, e.g.

Westslope Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisi*),  
 Bull Trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*),  
 Arctic Grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*),  
 Athabasca Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*),

In some cases, placeholders are present where you need to modify the text as information is not available from the FWIS system. Here the number of potential sampling locations (not the actual number taken) must be entered manually replacing the 99999999 placeholder. The \*\* indicate boldfaced text to make it standout in the draft report in case you forget to change this.

Within the study area, \*\*99999999\*\* potential sampling locations were randomly chosen using ArcGIS (ESRI, 2013) and R (R Core Team, 2015)

You can also include *R* code expressions inline in the text. See the *R Markdown* manuals for details.

### 1.5.2.7 Creating a map of sampling locations

The code chunk labelled *WatershedMap*, creates a map of the sampling locations. It uses the range of latitude and longitude (expanded by a small amount) to set a bounding box before calling Google Maps to return a satellite image. Unfortunately, Google Maps returns a map based on the center of the bounding box and a zoom factor – the *get\_map* function tries to compute the appropriate factors but doesn't always succeed. For example, the default zoom factor gives the following map:

```

Extract the min/max of lat/long and make slightly larger to try and capture entire map
lat <- range(fish$Latitude, na.rm=TRUE)
long <- range(fish$Longitude, na.rm=TRUE)
Expand these slightly
lat <- lat + c(-1,1)* (lat[2]-lat[1])/5
long <- long+ c(-1,1)* (long[2]-long[1])/5

get the map
boundaries<-c(long[1], lat[1], long[2], lat[2])

get the map from google. You can fiddle with the zoom to get the right scale
#cc <- get_map(cc.boundaries, maptype="terrain", source="google")#zoom=13)
google.map <- get_map(boundaries, maptype="satellite", source="google") #, zoom=11)

Warning: bounding box given to google - spatial extent only approximate.
converting bounding box to center/zoom specification. (experimental)
Map from URL : http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/staticmap?center=50.810411,-114.745223&zoom=14&size=640x480
my.map <- ggmap(google.map)

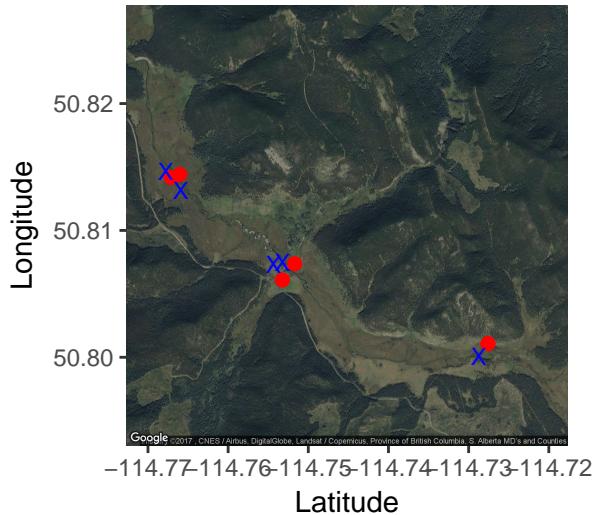
Extract the sampling points
stations <- unique(fish[,c("TTM.Easting","TTM.Northing","Longitude","Latitude",
 "clust","Longitude.center","Latitude.center")])

plot1 <- my.map +
 ggtitle(paste('Figure ', fig.map, ". Location of sampling sites on ", fish$WatershedName[1], sep=""))
 theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 8))+ # change text size for title
 geom_point(data=stations, aes(x=Longitude, y=Latitude),size=2, color='red',
 position=position_jitter(h=.0015, w=.0015))+
 geom_point(data=stations, aes(x=Longitude.center, y=Latitude.center), size=3, color="blue", shape=21)
plot1

```

```
Warning: Removed 3 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
Warning: Removed 3 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```

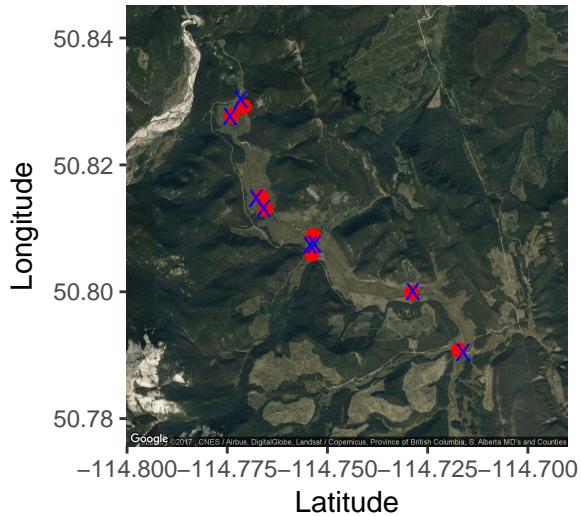
Figure 1. Location of sampling sites on 4021001



Not all of the sampling locations are shown in the returned map. By trial and error, a zoom factor of 13 gives good results:

```
google.map <- get_map(boundaries, maptype="satellite", source="google", zoom=13)
```

Figure 1. Location of sampling sites on 4021001



Notice how figure and table numbers are generated. You need to execute a code chunk prior to first usage which generates a table or figure number and assigns it to a variable that can be used in the text or in code blocks.

#### 1.5.2.8 Creating a table.

Unfortunately, tables are more difficult to get nicely formatted in *R Markdown* unless one is using a *LaTeX* rendering engine, in which case you have very fine control. However, *LaTeX* is likely too complicated for mere mortals.

The *pandoc.table* function does a reasonable job. First the summary statistics are computed in the usual way:

```
Compt the summary stats for each species by year
fish.stat <- plyr::ddply(fish, c("Species.Code"), plyr::summarize,
 nfish = length(Fork.Length..mm.),
 fl.mean=round(mean(Fork.Length..mm., na.rm=TRUE)),
 fl.min= round(min(Fork.Length..mm. , na.rm=TRUE)),
 fl.max= round(max(Fork.Length..mm. , na.rm=TRUE)))
fish.stat$fl.min[is.infinite(fish.stat$fl.min)] <- NA
fish.stat$fl.max[is.infinite(fish.stat$fl.max)] <- NA

Sort by species
fish.stat <- fish.stat[order(fish.stat$Species),]
head(fish.stat)

Species.Code nfish fl.mean fl.min fl.max
1 BKTR 2912 127 37 327
2 BLBK 138 139 82 312
3 BLTR 246 188 90 495
4 CTTR 1972 132 22 401
```

Then we create the column labels (the \n in the label implies a line break)

```
colnames(fish.stat) <- c(
 "Species\nCode",
 "n",
 "Mean\nfork\nlength\nmm",
 "Min\nfork\nlength\nmm",
 "Max\nfork\nlength\nmm"
)
```

and then the *pandoc.table* creates the output to be rendered

```
pandoc.table(fish.stat,
 caption=paste("Table ",tab.fishsummary,
 ". Summary statistics on species of fish captured in ",
 fish$WatershedName[1], sep=""),
 justify='lrrrr',
 split.cells=c(1,1,1,1,1))

##

Species n Mean Min Max
Code fork fork fork
length length length
mm mm mm

BKTR 2912 127 37 327
##
BLBK 138 139 82 312
##
BLTR 246 188 90 495
##
CTTR 1972 132 22 401

##
Table: Table 1. Summary statistics on species of fish captured in 4021001
```

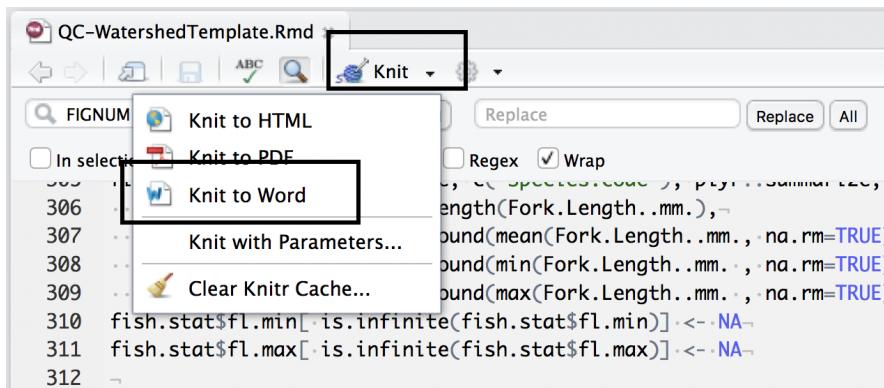
Refer to the help file in *R* for *pandoc.table* for information on the options such as justification (justify='1rrrr' implies the first column is left justified, the second is right etc.), and relative sizes of columns (split.cells=c(1,1,1,1) implies that all columns are approximately equal in width).

Notice that the output from *pandoc.table* gets processed into a “nicer” looking table in MSWord, but there is only limited control over formatting tables in basic *R Markdown*.

#### 1.5.2.9 Run the preliminary report WITHOUT any analysis at the species level.

You are now ready to try to create your first draft assessment, WITHOUT any detailed analyses at the species level.

Use the *Knit* button in *RStudio* to render the document in the format required.



If all goes well, a document in the format requested should be produced. Check the console for errors in either the rendering process or the the *R* code execution process for debugging. It is a bit of an art, but because all chunks are labelled, you can see in which chunk the *R* code failed.

I find it easier to create HTML documents during the debugging phase and leave creating the MSWord creation to the end.

CONGRATULATIONS! You have created your first draft of a watershed assessment!

## 1.6 Requesting species analysis

Now that you have the main document working, let us work on the species analysis. I would do a single species at a time before rendering the final document.

For species with limited data (e.g. only 3 captured fish), this is a waste of time. Similarly, for species of limited interest, this is also a waste of time.

You need to specify the names of (updated) species template files in the code fragment below. You need to change

```
Select which species you want assessment for. Comment out those you don't need. Don't forget the commas!
Don't forget to remove any commas after the final species selected
#child.list <- c(
'SpeciesSubsection-ARGR.Rmd',
'SpeciesSubsection-BKTR.Rmd',
'SpeciesSubsection-BLTR.Rmd',
'SpeciesSubsection-BLBK.Rmd',
'SpeciesSubsection-BURB.Rmd',
'SpeciesSubsection-CTTR.Rmd'
```

```
'SpeciesSubsection-RNTR.Rmd'
)
```

to something like

```
Select which species you want assessment for. Comment out those you don't need. Don't forget the commas
Don't forget to remove any commas after the final species selected
child.list <- c(
 'QC-SpeciesSubsection-BKTR.Rmd'
)
```

to do one species analysis (in this case for BKTR).

After making this change to the main template document, render it again using the *knit* button in *RStudio*. Note on my Macintosh, the code always ends with an error message about a *segfault*, but the final document has been rendered, so just ignore the error message about an ‘In irrecoverable exception occurred, R is aborting now’. The rendered file is in the directory and can be opened in the usual way.

There is really nothing to modify in the species template file (the code is self contained) unless you want to modify some of the plots automatically created or add explanatory text around some of the output. All of the plots are standard *ggplot* objects and so can be edited in the usual way.

The Bayesian analysis returns a list object (*fsi.result*) that you can use to create customized plots or extract information of interest such as the actual probabilities of belonging to each FSI category by year.

Congradulation - almost done. Continue to analyze one species at a time until you are happy with each of the species analyses. Then put all of them together to create the combined report.

## 1.7 Finish up the summary

Now that all of the species sections are working, update the default summary text and render the final draft document in the format of your choice (MSWord, PDF, HTML, etc.)

## 1.8 Words of wisdom.

Remember, any changes to the *Rmd* documents will be retained the next time you render the document. Any changes you make to the MSWord document will be lost the next time you render the document. Consequently, try and make the *Rmd* documents as self contained as possible.

Try and include any editing decisions such a removing outliers in the first code chunk of the main template file. In this way, all editing decisions are recorded and will be done the next time the code is run. Remember, you want the template files to be as self-contained and produce reproducible results.

If you get an error message and nothing is rendered, look carefully at the RMarkdown Tab in the console pane of *RStudio* to identify in which code block the error occurred. If the error occurs in the Bayesian analysis, you will need to give me a call unless you are a glutton for punishment as debugging JAGS will make you hair turn grey quickly.

It is possible to adjust the MSWord Style file – give me a call to discuss what kind of changes you want to the style file. It is not for the faint of heart. Here are some links on editing the style file - Google is your friend.

- <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/41982700/how-to-properly-number-headings-in-word-from-a-rmarkdown-document>
- [http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/articles\\_docx.html](http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/articles_docx.html)
- [http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/word\\_document\\_format.html](http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/word_document_format.html)

## 1.9 P.S.

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