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- 11. Denton, K., M. McHenry, R. Moses, **E.J. Ward**, M. Liermann, O. Stefankiv, W. Wells and G. Pess. 2016 Elwha River Steelhead Escapement Estimate Based on DIDSON/ARIS Multi-Beam SONAR Data. Lower Elwha Tribe, Port Angeles, Washington.
- 10. Denton, K., M. McHenry, R. Moses, E.J. Ward, M. Liermann, O. Stefankiv, W. Wells and G. Pess. 2016 Elwha River Chinook Escapement Estimate Based on DIDSON/ARIS Multi-Beam SONAR Data. Lower Elwha Tribe, Port Angeles, Washington.
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- 6. Denton, K., M. McHenry, R. Moses, **E.J. Ward**, M. Liermann, O. Stefankiv, W. Wells and G. Pess. 2015 Elwha River Chinook Escapement Estimate Based on DIDSON/ARIS Multi-Beam SONAR Data. Lower Elwha Tribe, Port Angeles, Washington.
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Book Chapters

E.J. Ward 2012. Population Dynamics. In Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia. pp. 195-208.

Teaching Experience

FISH 507: Applied Time Series Analysis, University of Washington Co-taught course with Eli Holmes and Mark Scheuerell webpage

2012 - present

Ecological Society of America (ESA)

2008 - 2011

Co-taught Analysis of Multivariate Time-Series Data Using State-Space Models, and Introduction to MARSS

NWFSC R workshop (organized & taught)

2010 - 2011

Visiting lecturer University of Washington

2007 - 2009

Taught FSH 497 Introductory modeling and programming course

External Funding

2019-2021 D. Finnoff, E.J. Ward, T. Miller, T. Schwoerer, M. Horning, D. Dugan. *Thresholds in a changing ocean environment: bioeconomic implications to inform adaptation decisions for Alaska's salmon fisheries*. NOAA Ocean Acidification Program, \$1,050,000.

2018-2020 A.O. Shelton, J. Watson, C. Cunningham, E.J. Ward, A. Grey, M.J. Ford, K. Sommers. *Integrating Chinook Catches from Directed Fisheries and Trawl Bycatch to Improve Distribution Information for Bycatch Avoidance and Impacts On Predators in a Changing Environment*. NOAA Protected Species, \$200K.

- **2018-2020** E.J. Ward, C. Harvey, J. Samhouri, etc. *Spatial ecosystem state and pressure indicators and scale-dependence of temporal indicator performance.* FATE (Fisheries And The Environment), \$192K.
- **2018-2020** M. Hunsicker, M. Litzow, E.J. Ward, B. Burke, S. Zador, C. Cunningham, and N. Bond. *Measuring the strength of ocean-atmosphere coupling to predict climate forcing of northeast Pacific ecosystems*. FATE (Fisheries And The Environment), \$198K.
- **2018-2020** G. Holtgrieve, C. Harvey, and E.J. Ward. *Reconstructing a Century of Coastal Productivity and Predator Trophic Dynamics using Compound-specific Stable Isotopes from Archival Bone Specimens*. Washington Sea Grant, \$192K.
- **2018-2020** L. Hauser, B. Vadopalas, R. Childer, B. Hudson, B. Eudeline, and E.J. Ward. *Development of genetic risk assessment tools and Management Strategy Evaluation for Aquaculture of Native Shellfish*. Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant, \$299K.
- **2017-2018** E.J. Ward, G. Holtgrieve, C. Harvey. Reconstructing a ecosystem productivity and marine mammal trophic dynamics using compound-specific stable isotopes from bone specimens. NWFSC Internal Grants Program
- **2016-2018** T.E. Essington, T.B. Francis, C. Greene, L. Kuehne, D. Lowry, E.J. Ward. *Recovering historical baselines in Puget Sound*. Washington Sea Grant, \$243K.
- **2016** E.J. Ward *Improving bycatch estimation through spatial statistics* \$100K.
- **2015** E.J. Ward, A.O. Shelton and M.J. Ford. *Portfolio Effects in Historic Chinook Hatchery Practices on Prey Availability for Southern Resident Killer Whales* National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$110K.
- **2014-2015** I. Kaplan, E.J. Ward, et al. *A spatially explicit ecosystem model for quantifying marine mammal impacts on Chinook salmon* Pacific Salmon Commission Southern Fund, \$206K.
- **2013-2014** T. Eguchi, E.J. Ward, and E.E. Holmes. *Developing risk assessment tools for marine sea turtles* \$100K.
- **2013-2014** Holmes, E.E. and E.J. Ward. *Developing web based computing tools for protected species*. \$200K.
- **2013** M.B. Hanson, E.J. Ward. et al. *Modeling the distribution of endangered killer whales in Pacific Northwest Navy ranges using acoustic recorder detections and satellite tagged whales*, US Navy.
- **2013** Shelton, A.O., E.J. Ward, J.T. Thorson, M. Bellman, B. Feist. *Integrating spatial habitat and fisheries effort data to improve abundance estimates of west coast groundfish.* \$56K.
- **2011** E.J. Ward et al., *Incorporating multiple data sources into a unified framework to improve estimates of adult salmon returns and population productivity.* \$33K.
- **2009** *NSF Comparative Analysis of Marine Ecosystem Organization: New statistical tools for analyzing community dynamics with applications to marine zooplankton,* \$347K (141K from NCEAS). Associate Investigator (Principal Investigator E.E. Holmes)

Fellowships and Awards

2006 Cumulative Risk Assessment for Endangered Species 2 year NRC post-doc awarded \$92K.

2003 National Marine Fisheries Service / Washington Sea Grant Fellowship in Population Dynamics: Incorporating model selection and decision analysis into population dynamics modeling. Grant awarded for \$120K.

Post-docs

2012 Jim Thorson (NRC Research Post-doc). With Michelle McClure, Eli Holmes, and Mark Scheuerell

2012-2013 Guillaume Bal (NRC Research Post-doc). Co-supervised with Eli Holmes and Mark Scheuerell

2015-2017 Sean Anderson (Smith Fellow). Co-supervised with Trevor Branch

2017-2019 Lewis Barnett (NWFSC)

2017 – Ben Nelson (NWFSC). Co-supervised with Ole Shelton

Supervised Graduate Students or Committees

2017– Elizabeth Ng (T. Essington), SAFS, University of Washington (NMFS Population Dynamics Fellowship)

2017– Natalie Lowell (L. Hauser), SAFS, University of Washington (NMFS Population Dynamics Fellowship)

2017- Megan Feddern (G. Holtgrieve), SAFS, University of Washington

2012-2018 Pam Moriarty (T. Essington), SAFS, University of Washington

2013-2016 Brandon Chasco (S. Heppell) Oregon State University (NMFS Population Dynamics Fellowship)

2014-2015 Brian Stock (B. Semmens) SIO, with Tomo Eguchi

2015-2016 Hannah Linder (J. Horne) UW

Service and Outreach

Subject Editor, Ecological Applications

2013 - present

Puget Sound Seabird Survey

2005-present

Developed survey methodology for Puget Sound's first land-based citizen science seabird survey and oversaw data analysis

Orca Bowl Washington State Sea Grant / University of Washington

Secretary & Treasurer, Statistical Ecology Section, Ecological Society of America 2010-2012