Appendix S1. Instructions for retrieving and archiving the environmental covariates.

Supporting information for Scheuerell et al.

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1 Background

This appendix describes how to retrieve the environmental covariates used in our analyses. After reading in the raw data, summarizing them , and trimming them to the appropriate time frame, they table of covariates is written to a .csv file.

All of the analyses require the R software (v3.4.3 or later) for data retrieval and processing. We also need several packages that are not included with the base installation of \mathbf{R} .

```
if(!require("here")) {
   install.packages("here")
   library("here")
}
## set data dir
datadir <- here("data")
if(!require("EGRET")) {
   install.packages("EGRET")
   library("EGRET")
}
if(!require("corrplot")) {
   install.packages("corrplot")
   library("corrplot"))
}
if(!require("captioner")) {
   devtools::install_github("adletaw/captioner")</pre>
```

2 User inputs

We begin by specifying

- 1. the name of the data file that contains the observed total number of adult spawners (escapement) by year; and
- 2. the minimum age of an adult spawner.

```
## [n_yrs x 2] matrix of obs counts; 1st col is calendar yr
fn_esc <- "chin_esc.csv"
## min adult age
age_min <- 3</pre>
```

Next we retrieve the metadata for the covariates from a .csv file with the following columns:

- 1. spp: the species to which the covariate applies
- 2. life_stage: life stage at which the effect is thought to occur
- 3. covariate: type of covariate (e.g., flow, temperature)
- 4. code: USGS code for data type (i.e., usually 5-digit integer)
- 5. long_name: long name for the covariate
- 6. short_name: function name to derive the covariate
- 7. lag_1: years to lag begin date
- 8. lag_2: years to lag end date
- 9. begin: beginning date as 2-digit text (ie, mo-yr)
- 10. end: ending date as 2-digit text (ie, mo-yr)
- 11. location: description of location
- 12. gage: USGS gage number
- 13. flag: flag to include (1) or exclude (0) the covariate
- 14. flow scen: flag to include (1) or exclude (0) flow scenario
- 15. group: integer indicator for life stage grouping

```
## covariate metadata
cov_meta_file <- "chin_cov_metadata.csv"</pre>
```

3 Function definitions

```
## over90k
## returns the total number of days that flow exceeded 90k cfs
over90k <- function(x) {
  return(sum(x >= 90000))
```

```
}
## min7mean
## returns the min of 7-day means over period
min7mean <- function(x) {
  return(round(min(filter(x, rep(1,7)/7, "convolution", sides = 1),
                   na.rm = TRUE), 0))
}
## max7mean
## returns the max of 7-day means over period
max7mean <- function(x) {</pre>
  return(round(max(filter(x, rep(1,7)/7, "convolution", sides = 1),
                   na.rm = TRUE), 0))
}
## med7mean
## returns the max of 7-day means over period
med7mean <- function(x) {</pre>
  return(round(median(filter(x, rep(1,7)/7, "convolution", sides = 1),
                   na.rm = TRUE), 0))
}
## rng7mean
## returns the max of 7-day means over period
rng7mean <- function(x) {</pre>
  return(round(diff(range(filter(x, rep(1,7)/7, "convolution", sides = 1),
                           na.rm = TRUE)), 0))
}
## range2
## returns the range as a scalar = max-min
range2 <- function(x) {</pre>
  return(diff(range(x)))
}
```

4 Loading the fish data

We begin by loading the spawner data so we can get the time frame of interest for the covariates.

```
## escapement
dat_esc <- read.csv(file.path(datadir,fn_esc))
## get first & last years
yr_frst <- min(dat_esc$year)
yr_last <- max(dat_esc$year)</pre>
```

5 Retrieve flow covariates

The analyses are based upon several environmental indicators related to river discharge. Load the metadata file containing all of the specifications for the covariates to be used.

```
cov meta <- read.csv(file.path(datadir, cov_meta file), stringsAsFactors = FALSE)</pre>
cov_meta$code <- gsub("\"","",cov_meta$code)</pre>
cov_meta$begin <- gsub("\"","",cov_meta$begin)</pre>
cov_meta$end <- gsub("\"","",cov_meta$end)</pre>
We need to define the beginning and ending dates for the covariates.
yr1 <- yr_frst</pre>
yr2 <- yr_last - age_min</pre>
## start date
startDate <- paste0(yr1 + min(cov meta$lag 1),"-01-01")
## end date
endDate <- paste0(yr2 + max(cov meta$lag 2),"-12-31")
We begin by getting the daily flow data from the US Geological Service National Water Information
System for the complete time period of interest.
## metadata for flow covariates
flow_meta <- subset(cov_meta, covariate=="flow" & flag==1)</pre>
## data to get: flow (cfs)
parameterCD <- "00060"
## get all flow data for period of interest & gages
gages <- unique(flow_meta$gage)</pre>
n_gages <- length(gages)</pre>
tmp <- readNWISDaily(gages[1], parameterCD, startDate, endDate, convert=FALSE)</pre>
tmp$yr <- floor(tmp$DecYear)</pre>
flow_data <- tmp[,c("Date","waterYear","yr","Month","Day")]</pre>
colnames(flow_data) <- c("date", "H2Oyr", "yr", "mon", "day")</pre>
flow data[,as.character(gages[1])] <- tmp$Q</pre>
if(n_gages > 1) {
  for(i in 2:n gages) {
    tmp <- readNWISDaily(gages[i], parameterCD, startDate, endDate, convert=FALSE)</pre>
    flow data[,as.character(gages[i])] <- tmp$Q</pre>
}
## There are 6940 data points, and 6940 days.
Now we can extract the specific flow covariates that relate to each of the hypotheses about the
affected life stage.
cov_flow <- matrix(NA,length(seq(yr1,yr2)),dim(flow_meta)[1]+1)</pre>
n \mod s \leftarrow \dim(\operatorname{cov} flow)[2] - 1
cov_flow[,1] <- seq(yr_frst,yr2)</pre>
for(i in 1:dim(flow_meta)[1]) {
  fn <- get(flow_meta[i, "short_name"])</pre>
```

6 Correlation of covariates

Below is a graphical representation of the pairwise correlation between each of the 32 flow covariates.

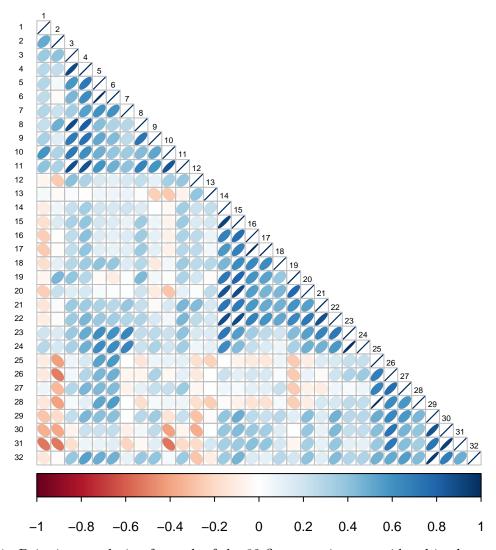


Figure S1. Pairwise correlation for each of the 32 flow covariates considered in the analysis.