

PROJECT NARRATIVE

1. Goals and objectives [note the RFP does not require a section for goals and objectives, but I believe a summary upfront will increase readability of the proposal]

1.1. Goals

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1.2. Objectives

1. Synthesize methods and datasets for fish passage prioritization for all counties within the Washington state injunction area.
2. Generate a geospatial dataset of current usual and accustomed fishing areas for tribal nations in Western Washington.
3. Generate predicted cost estimates for all barriers to fish passage within the Washington state injunction area.

2. Background

2.1. Fish passage in Washington state

2.2. Optimization tools in fish passage

2.3. Optimization for Washington fish passage

3. Approach

3.1. Cost model

3.2. Habitat model

3.3. Equity

3.4. Risk mitigation

3.5. Network configuration

3.6. Ownership

3.7. Optimization

We will explore two alternative approaches to define cost-effective restoration plans that meet multiple planning goals (e.g. salmon habitat gains, equity considerations, and risk mitigation). Both approaches are considered “a priori” methods for multiobjective optimization because the decision maker must specify their preferences related to the various objectives prior to the optimization.

In the first approach (i.e. linear scalarization), managers specify weights for each of the objectives and the weighted sum of the objectives is maximized. In the second approach (i.e. ϵ -constraint method), one objective function is maximized and lower bounds, ϵ parameters are provided for all remaining objectives.

As an illustrative example of the first approach, suppose Lewis County wants to define a restoration plan (a package of culverts to be restored) that balances habitat increases for Chinook salmon in the injunction area with equity and risk mitigation. Further suppose Lewis County had a budget of B dollars to invest in the restoration plan and does not want to restore any culverts outside of its jurisdiction. Our framework would solve the following problem (blue text represents manager inputs):

$$\max_{\mathbf{c}} \quad w_1 \text{ Chinook habitat metric} + w_2 \text{ equity metric} + w_3 \text{ risk mitigation metric},$$

subject to:

$$\text{total cost} \leq B$$

$$\mathbf{c} \in \{\mathbf{c}_{\text{lewis}}\},$$

$$\text{hydrography}$$

where \mathbf{c} are culverts included in the restoration plan, $\mathbf{c}_{\text{lewis}}$ are the subset of barrier culverts owned by Lewis county, B is total amount of funding that can be spent, and $w_1 - w_3$ are the weights that managers place on each objective. The problem will be additionally constrained so that benefits from upstream culvert removal cannot be captured without first removing downstream blockages.

As an illustrative example of the second approach, suppose Lewis County wants to define a restoration plan that maximizes habitat but

3.8. Role of team members and partners

PI Jardine will serve as the lead administrator of the grant where administrative responsibilities include organizing meetings both internally and with the scientific advisory board to ensure the project is on track to deliver work products on time, tracking project performance, facilitating project design decisions, and supervising and mentoring the postdoctoral scholar and the Sea Grant Fellow. PI Jardine will also provide technical assistance with optimization in R and developing the R Shiny app including providing template code for various optimization algorithms along with sensitivity analyses and model selection, and providing template code for the DST user app features.

4. Engagement plan

4.1. Community collaborators

4.2. Target audiences

4.3. Engagement activities

4.4. Anticipated outcomes and evaluation

References