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Curriculum Vitae
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Employment

2024–Present **Research Fish Biologist**, Rocky Mountain Research Station, USDA Forest Service
2023–2024 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, National Science Foundation (Colorado State University)
2017–2023 **Research Assistant**, Department of Biology, Purdue University
2014–2016 **Research Assistant**, USGS Alaska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Education

2023	Ph.D.	Biology	Purdue University
2016	M.Sc.	Fisheries	University of Alaska Fairbanks
2013	B.S.	Wildlife Biology (Aquatic) <i>High Honors</i>	University of Montana
2013	B.A.	Journalism (Print) <i>High Honors</i>	University of Montana

Publications

I have authored 8 papers in peer-reviewed journals. On Google Scholar my h-index is 6 with 135 total citations (as of 29 October 2025).

8. Sparks, M.M., Maitland, B.M., Felts, E.A., Swartz, A.G., & Frater, P.N. (2025). hatchR: A toolset to predict when fish hatch and emerge. *Fisheries*, vuaf078. <https://doi.org/10.1093/fshmag/vuaf078>
7. Yin, X., Schraidt, C.E., Sparks, M.M., Euclide, P.T., Hoyt, T.J., Ruetz III, C.R., Höök, T.O., & Christie, M.R. (2025). Parallel genetic adaptation amid a background of changing effective population sizes in divergent yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*) populations. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 292(2038), 20242339. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2024.2339>
6. Sparks, M.M., Schraidt, C.E., Yin, X., Seeb, L.W., & Christie, M.R. (2024). Rapid genetic adaptation to a novel ecosystem despite a large founder event. *Molecular Ecology*, n/a(n/a). <https://doi.org/10.1111/mec.17121>
5. Sparks, M.M., Kraft, J.C., Blackstone, K.M.S., McNickle, G.G., & Christie, M.R. (2022). Large genetic divergence underpins cryptic local adaptation across ecological and evolutionary gradients. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, 289(1984), 20221472. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2022.1472>
4. Yin, X., Martinez, A.S., Perkins, A., Sparks, M.M., Harder, A.M., Willoughby, J.R., Sepúlveda, M.S., & Christie, M.R. (2021). Incipient resistance to an effective pesticide results from genetic adaptation and the canalization of gene expression. *Evolutionary Applications*, 14(3), 847–859. <https://doi.org/10.1111/eva.13166>
3. Sparks, M.M., Falke, J.A., Quinn, T.P., Adkison, M.D., Schindler, D.E., Bartz, K., Young, D., & Westley, P.A.H. (2019). Influences of spawning timing, water temperature, and climatic warming on early life history phenology in western Alaska sockeye salmon. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*, 76(1), 123–135. <https://doi.org/10.1139/cjfas-2017-0468>
2. Sparks, M.M., Westley, P.A.H., Falke, J.A., & Quinn, T.P. (2017). Thermal adaptation and phenotypic plasticity in a warming world: Insights from common garden experiments on Alaskan sockeye salmon. *Global Change Biology*, 23(12), 5203–5217. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.13782>
1. Eby, L.A., Pierce, R., Sparks, M.M., Carim, K., & Podner, C. (2015). Multiscale Prediction of Whirling Disease Risk in the Blackfoot River Basin, Montana: A Useful Consideration for Restoration Prioritization? *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*, 144(4), 753–766. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00028487.2015.1031914>

R-packages

hatchR has a total of 1454 downloads (as of 29 October 2025).

1. Maitland, B.M., Sparks, M.M., Felts, E., Swartz, A., & Frater, P.N. (2025). hatchR: Predict Fish Hatch and Emergence Timing. <https://github.com/bmait101/hatchR>

Theses

2. Sparks, M.M., (2023). *The Biological Consequences of Cryptic Local Adaptation and Contemporary Evolution* [Dissertation]. Purdue University.
1. Sparks, M.M., (2016). *Climate, embryonic development, and potential for adaptation to warming water temperatures by Bristol Bay sockeye salmon* [Thesis]. University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Pre-prints and in-review

2. Hemstrom, W., Gruenthal, K., Shedd, K., Euclide, P., **Sparks, M.M.**, Habicht, C., Wilson, L., & Christie, M. (2025). *Variation in run-timing is strongly influenced by a large-effect locus in highly divergent lineages of pink salmon*. bioRxiv. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.05.27.656387>
1. **Sparks, M.M.**, Leavell, B.C., & Maitland, B.M. (2025). A generalizable tool for predicting developmental phenology for wild poikilotherms. In *Ecological Applications*.

Unpublished working papers

1. Thurow, R., Maitland, B.M., **Sparks, M.M.**, Isaak, D., & Buffington, J. (2025). *Habitat heterogeneity and phenotypic diversity: The influence of stream attributes on timing of Chinook Salmon spawning*. https://github.com/morgan-sparks/mfsr_phenology

Grants

I have acquired \$320,970 in research grants (showing grants >\$4999):

Pending	PI. "Bull Trout movement using PIT tag arrays in the Boise Basin". <i>Funding from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i> . Collaborators: Bryan Maitland, Dan Isaak.	\$56,620
Pending	Co-PI. "Scaling satellite monitoring of fish spawning across space". <i>Funding from National Geographic Society</i> . Collaborators: Dan Dauwalter (PI), Bryan Maitland, Kellie Carim, Russell Thurow.	\$20,000
2025–2027	Co-PI. "Monitoring Chinook Salmon spawning from space". <i>Funding from Trout Unlimited</i> . Collaborators: Dan Daulwater (PI), Bryan Maitland.	\$38,000
2024–2027	PI. "Bull trout genetic capture-mark-recapture". <i>Funding from USDA Forest Service RMRS</i> . Collaborators: Bryan Maitland, Dan Isaak.	\$30,000
2023–2026	PI. "Evaluating the potential for genetic rescue in Colorado's state fish, the Greenback Cut-throat Trout". <i>Funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife</i> . Collaborators: Kevin Rogers, Chris Funk, Eric Anderson.	\$103,000
2022–2023	PI. "The roles of gene flow and local adaptation in driving fitness in a genetically depauperate fish". <i>Funding from NSF PRFB</i> . Collaborators: Kevin Rogers, Chris Funk, Eric Anderson.	\$138,000
2017–2017	PI. "Rosenberg Graduate Fellowship". <i>Funding from Purdue University, Biological Sciences</i> . Collaborators: NA.	\$5,000

Below are invited full proposals that were invited but withdrawn due to federal funding issues:

2025–2029	PI. "A palaeoecological toolset to address shifting baseline syndrome". <i>Funding from DoD SERDP</i> . Collaborators: Bryan Maitland, Kellie Carim, Russell Thurow.	\$1,800,000
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Below are invited full proposals that were not awarded:

2025–2029	PI. "A palaeoecological toolset to address shifting baseline syndrome". <i>Funding from DoD SERDP</i> . Collaborators: Bryan Maitland, Kellie Carim, Russell Thurow.	\$1,800,000
2024–2027	Co-PI. "From flames to fish: Development of a reproducible model of co-management for wildfire and aquatic species at Zena Creek Ranch, Idaho". <i>Funding from Joint Fire Science Program</i> . Collaborators: Jen Pierce, Anna Bergstrom, Bryan Maitland.	\$150,000
2022–2026	PI. "Characterizing genomic risk and adaptive potential to climate change in two BLM Special Status Species fishes". <i>Funding from Bureau of Land Management</i> . Collaborators: Chris Funk, Kevin Rogers, Eric Anderson.	\$196,000

Honors and Awards

Professional awards

2024	Outstanding Service Award, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station
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Fellowships

2022	Bisland Dissertation Fellowship, Purdue University	One semester full support
2021	Waser Fellowship, Purdue University Department of Biological Sciences	6 months full support
2020	Purdue Research Foundation Graduate Fellowship	One year full support
2017	Andrews Fellowship, Purdue University Department of Biological Sciences	Two years full support

Student Awards

2017	Best Student Presentation	Indiana Chapter American Fisheries Society
2013	Mortar Board Outstanding Senior Award	Wildlife Biology, University of Montana
2013	3rd place Student Feature Writing	Society of Professional Journalists, Region 10
2012	Student Speaker and Representative	University of Montana Wildlife Biology 75th Anniversary
2012	Wally McClure Scholarship	Montana Chapter American Fisheries Society
2010	Montana Druids Honors Society	Wildlife Biology, University of Montana
2009	Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship	University of Montana

Invited Academic Talks

2025-Feb	"Fisheries ecology and conservation for the 21st century". Wildlife Biology Program, University of Montana.
2024-Nov	"Using genomics to do genetics for fish and wildlife management". Department of Natural Resources, South Dakota State University.
2023-Apr	"Phenotypic and genetic diversity of fishes in changing environments". Rocky Mountain Research Station, US Forest Service.
2022-Apr	"The ecological and evolutionary significance of cryptic local adaptation". Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Purdue University.
2017-Sept	"Thermal local adaptation and developmental diversity in western Alaskan sockeye salmon". Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University.

Teaching

Teaching Assistantships

2023	BIOL 69500: Data Science for Biologists	TA	3 credits	Purdue University
2022	BIOL 5800: Evolution	TA	3 credits	Purdue University
2019	BIOL 19500: CURE Disease Ecology Lab	TA	5 credits	Purdue University
2018	BIOL 58210: Ecological Statistics	TA	3 credits	Purdue University
2015	FISH 427: Ichthyology	TA	5 credits	University of Alaska Fairbanks

Guest Lectures

2025-Nov	"Fisheries case studies in evolution". WLF 531, South Dakota State University.
2024-Sept	"Using genomics to do genetics for fisheries applications". BIOL 640, University of Idaho.
2023-Nov	"Fisheries case studies in evolution". WLF 531, South Dakota State University.
2022-Oct	"Evolution in few generations: Rapid Evolution". BIOL 58000, Purdue University.
2019-Feb	"Introductory R: programming and visualization". BIOL 59100, Purdue University.
2017-Oct	"Climate change and adaptation: How do organisms persist?". BIOL 58000, Purdue University.
2017-Sept	"Introduction to visualization of linear models with ggplot". BIOL 58210, Purdue University.

Mentoring

I have mentored 2 post-baccalaureates and 4 undergraduates in lab and field settings:

Post-baccalaureate

2025-Present	Amy Wang	Cornell University (EEB Mentor Match)
2019-2020	Julia Markovitz	Purdue University

Undergraduates

2021-2023	Connor Johnson	Purdue University
2017-2018	Lindsey Dice	Purdue University
2016-2017	Monroe Morris	University of Alaska Fairbanks
2015-2017	Genevieve Johnson	University of Alaska Fairbanks

Professional Service and Leadership

Service

- 2022–2024 Field Operation Facilitation and Boat Committee, Center for Limnology, UW-Madison
- 2021–2022 Member, Fisheries Working Group, Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts
- 2020–2022 Member, Trout Species Team, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- 2019–2020 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Zoology and Physiology, University of Wyoming
- 2016–2020 Social Media Coordinator, Program in Ecology, University of Wyoming
- 2016–2018 Excom Member, CO-WY State Chapter, American Fisheries Society
- 2016–2017 Graduate Council, student representative, University of Wyoming
- 2016–2017 President, Program in Ecology, University of Wyoming
- 2016–2017 President, UWyo Student Chapter, American Fisheries Society
- 2015– Member, Freshwater Working Group, Society for Conservation Biology

Society memberships

- 2010– American Fisheries Society
- 2010– Society for Conservation Biology
- 2010–2016 International Association of Great Lakes Research
- 2015– Ecological Society of America
- 2016– Society for Freshwater Science
- 2016–2019 Association for the Science of Limnology and Oceanography
- 2019– Galápagos Conservancy

Society service

- 2024 Program co-chair, Science to Restore and Manage Wildland Aquatic Habitats and Watersheds, AGU Fall Meeting
- 2016 Program co-chair, Western Division American Fisheries Society Student Colloquium

Reviewer

- Proposal reviewer
 - Lake Champlain Fisheries Research Program
 - NSF, Division of Environmental Biology (DEB)
- Manuscript reviewer:
 - Since 2016, I have reviewed 55 manuscripts from 18 journals (~ 6.1 per year).
 - Journals include: Fisheries Research, Oecologia, Global Change Biology, Ecological Applications, Ecosphere, Freshwater Biology, Freshwater Science, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution, Aquatic Invasions, Hydrobiologia, Journal of Ecology, Environmental Biology of Fishes, Restoration Ecology, PeerJ, River Research and Applications, Journal of Great Lakes Research Diversity and Distributions, Transportation Research: Part D.

Leadership development

- 2021 Equity and Inclusion Workshop EQT By Design via WI Sea Grant
- 2008 Leave No Trace Master Educator Center for Outdoor Ethics, NOLS

Outreach and Broader Impacts

Hosted workshops

- 2023-Feb “Programming with R”. Wisconsin Chapter AFS Annual Meeting, Stevens Point, WI.
- 2022-Feb “Data visualization in R”. Wisconsin Chapter AFS Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Media and public talks

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| 2023-Feb | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | Topic: Climate change and stream trout |
| 2023-Jan | Live Interview: WPR Morning Show | Topic: Climate change and stream trout |
| 2022-Dec | Water Blogged | Topic: Climate change and stream trout |
| 2022-Mar | Trout Unlimited, Madison Chapter | Topic: Climate change and stream trout |
| 2017-Nov | Magazine Article: The Tributary | Topic: Cutthroat trout |
| 2017-Aug | U Wyoming Science Safe | Topic: Aquatic connectivity |
| 2016-Jun | U Wyoming Science Safe | Topic: Aquatic connectivity |

Public service and outreach

2022–2023	Food service volunteer	Ronald McDonald House, Madison, WI
2016–2020	Science outreach and stream ecology field trips	Laramie High School, Laramie, WY
2016–2019	Group leader, Wyoming Bio-Blitz	Biodiversity Institute, University of Wyoming
2016–2018	Big Brother	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wyoming
2017–2018	Habitat restoration projects	Girl Scouts of America
2016–2017	Science judge	Wyoming State Science Fair

Conference Presentations

Underlined names indicate undergraduate research mentees.

42. Ferone, G.S., Maitland, B.M., Isaak, D.J., & Caudill, C.C. (2025, November). *Applying spatial stream networks and species distribution models to two decades of Idaho DEQ BURP stream benthic macroinvertebrate samples* [Paper]. SFS Pacific Northwest Chapter Annual Meeting, Boise, ID.
41. Sparks, M.M., Leavell, B.C., & Maitland, B.M. (2025, November). *A generalizable tool for predicting developmental phenology for freshwater poikilotherms* [Paper]. SFS Pacific Northwest Chapter Annual Meeting, Boise, ID.
40. Kirk, M.A., & Maitland, B.M. (2025, August). *Trophic overlap between invasive round gobies and native benthic darters in a stream biodiversity hotspot* [Paper]. AFS annual meeting, san antonio, TX.
39. Maitland, B.M., Sparks, M.M., Felts, E., Swartz, A., & Frater, P. (2025a, August). *hatchR: A toolset for predicting when fish hatch and emerge* [Poster]. AFS annual meeting, san antonio, TX.
38. Maitland, B.M., Sparks, M.M., Felts, E., Swartz, A., & Frater, P. (2025b, May). *hatchR: A toolset for predicting when fish hatch and emerge* [Poster]. Western division AFS annual meeting, westminster, CO.
37. Maitland, B.M., Sparks, M.M., Felts, E., Swartz, A., & Frater, P. (2025c, April). *hatchR: A toolset for predicting when fish hatch and emerge* [Paper]. Idaho chapter AFS annual meeting, boise, ID.
36. Davis, T., Wright, L., Keisser, D., Maitland, B.M., & Walker, R.H. (2024, November). *That's a mouthful: Periodical cicadas, fish body size, and feeding ecology* [Poster]. Southeastern fisheries council annual meeting, little rock, AR.
35. Keisser, D., Maitland, B.M., & Walker, R.H. (2024, November). *Quantifying rare allochthonous insect pulses: How many periodical cicadas enter streams?* [Paper]. Southeastern fisheries council annual meeting, little rock, AR.
34. Walker, R.H., Keisser, D., Maitland, B.M., & Hunt, D. (2024, November). *Quantifying the availability, use, and consequences of periodical cicadas in stream food webs* [Paper]. Southeastern fisheries council annual meeting, little rock, AR.
33. Hauxwell, J.A., Voter, C.B., Guerrero-Bolaño, F.J., Latzka, A.W., & Maitland, B.M. (2024, June). *Adaptable university-agency early-career fellowship program creates win-win-win for Wisconsin's Waters* [Paper]. IAGLR annual conference, milwaukee, WI.
32. Maitland, B.M. (2024, June). *Testing food web theory in a large lake: The role of body size in habitat coupling in Lake Michigan* [Paper]. ASLO annual meeting, madison, WI.
31. Maitland, B.M., & Latzka, A.W. (2024, May). *Shifting climate conditions affect recruitment in Midwestern trout, but depend on seasonal and spatial context* [Paper]. Washington, british colombia, and idaho chapters AFS joint meeting, spokane, WA.
30. Walker, R.H., & Maitland, B.M. (2024, May). *The cicadian rhythm: Preparation for evaluating the availability, use, and consequences of periodical cicadas to stream fishes* [Paper]. iowa chapter AFS annual meeting, iowa city, IA.
29. Maitland, B.M., Jensen, O.P., Hoffman, J.C., & Keppeler, F.W. (2023a, August). *Testing food web theory in large lakes: The role of body size in habitat coupling in Lake Michigan* [Paper]. AFS annual meeting, grand rapids, MI.
28. Clancy, N., Isaak, D., Maitland, B.M., Budy, P., & Walters, A. (2023, March). *Thermal refuges for climate vulnerable fishes in Wyoming* [Paper]. Colorado/Wyoming chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Laramie, WY.
27. Maitland, B.M., Jensen, O.P., Hoffman, J.C., Keppeler, F.W., Bunnell, D.B., McNaught, A.S., & Gerig, B.S. (2023b, February). *Body size, trophic position, and energy coupling in Lake Michigan* [Paper]. Wisconsin chapter AFS annual meeting, stevens point, WI.
26. Sass, G.G., Beard, D., Broda, S., Carpenter, S.R., Chipps, S.R., Cichosz, T.A., Dassow, C.J., Elwer, B., Embke, H.S., Feiner, Z.S., Gaeta, J.W., Hansen, G.J.A., Hansen, J., Hennessy, J., Homola, J.J., Isermann, D.A., Jones, S., Latzka, A.W., Lynch, A.J., Maitland, B.M., Mitro, M.G., ... Zebro, L. (2023, January). *Depensatory recruitment in Wisconsin walleye: Mechanisms and management* [Paper]. Wisconsin DNR office of applied science webinar series, virtual.
25. Ward, N.K., Lynch, A.J., Beever, E.A., Bouska, K.L., Embke, H.S., Kocik, J.F., Limpinsel, D., Magee, M.R., Maitland, B.M., Morton, J.M., Mueller, J.M., Oliver, D.C., Rantala, H.M., Sass, G.G., Schultz, A., Thompson, L.M., & Wilkening, J.L. (2022, August). *Using the Resist-Accept-Direct (RAD) Framework to Reimagine Large River Management* [Paper]. AFS annual meeting, spokane, WA.
24. Maitland, B.M., & Latzka, A.W. (2022, May). *Shifting climate conditions affect recruitment in Midwestern stream trout but depend on seasonal and spatial context* [Paper]. Joint aquatic sciences meeting, grand rapids, MI.
23. Maitland, B.M., & Latzka, A.W. (2021, November). *Long-term trends of Midwestern stream trout populations in a changing climate, and the effects of seasonal weather* [Paper]. AFS annual meeting, baltimore, MD.

22. Maitland, B.M., Latzka, A.W., Frater, P., & Mitro, M.G. (2021a, May). *Untangling the effects of hydrologic change on trout in Wisconsin streams* [Paper]. Wisconsin water week, virtual.
21. Lapedes, D.A., Maitland, B.M., & Pruitt, A.H. (2021, March). *Assessing approaches to quantify hydrological alteration on Wisconsin's streams* [Paper]. Wisconsin section AWRA annual meeting, virtual.
20. Maitland, B.M., Voter, C.B., Guerrero-Bolaño, F.J., Latzka, A.W., & Hauxwell, J.A. (2021b, March). *Tackling Wisconsin's water challenges through UW Water Science-Policy Fellowships and agency partnerships* [Paper]. Wisconsin water week, virtual.
19. Maitland, B.M., Latzka, A.W., Frater, P., & Mitro, M.G. (2021c, February). *Long-term trout trends in Wisconsin and the role of hydrologic change* [Paper]. Wisconsin chapter AFS annual meeting, virtual.
18. Maitland, B.M., Fetzer, W.W., Collins, S.M., & Rahel, F.J. (2020, March). *Non-lethal approaches for obtaining stable isotope data for diet studies of North American fishes* [Paper]. Colorado/wyoming chapter AFS annual meeting, laramie, WY.
17. Barrus, N.T., Maitland, B.M., & Rahel, F.J. (2019, October). *Identification of an ideal baseline organism for stream food web studies* [Paper]. Joint meeting of the wildlife and american fisheries society, reno, NV.
16. Maitland, B.M., & Rahel, F.J. (2019, October). *Stream food web expansion in response to changing environmental conditions* [Paper]. Joint meeting of the wildlife and american fisheries society, reno, NV.
15. Maitland, B.M., & Rahel, F.J. (2018, January). *Niche partitioning in fish assemblages along longitudinal stream gradient* [Poster]. Canadian conference for freshwater fisheries research, edmonton, AB.
14. Maitland, B.M., & Rahel, F.J. (2017, June). *Isotopic niches and the longitudinal gradient in Rocky Mountain-Great Plains streams* [Paper]. SFS annual meeting, raleigh, NC.
13. Maitland, B.M., Walker, R.H., LaSharr, T.N., Rosin, M., & Ben-David, M. (2017a, April). *Juvenile salmonids stranded in flood ponds of Alaska* [Paper]. Program in ecology symposium, laramie, WY.
12. Maitland, B.M., Walker, R.H., LaSharr, T.N., Rosin, M., & Ben-David, M. (2017b, February). *The fate of juvenile salmonids stranded in flood ponds: Implications for nutrient transfers* [Paper]. Utah and colorado/wyoming chapter AFS joint meeting, grand junction, CO.
11. Maitland, B.M., Poesch, M.S., & Anderson, A.E. (2016a, May). *Culverts in forested watersheds: Impacts and restoration methods for native freshwater fishes* [Paper]. SFS annual meeting, sacramento, CA.
10. Annear, A.A., Maitland, B.M., & Rahel, F.J. (2016, March). *Stable isotope quantification of resource use by crayfish in the Laramie River to inform lotic food web analyses* [Poster]. Colorado/wyoming chapter AFS annual meeting, laramie, WY.
9. Maitland, B.M., Poesch, M.S., & Anderson, A.E. (2016b, March). *Culverts in forested watersheds: Impacts and restoration methods for native freshwater fishes* [Paper]. Colorado/wyoming chapter AFS annual meeting, laramie, WY.
8. Daniels, S.E., Fitzpatrick, T.A., & Maitland, B.M. (2015, January). *Idiosyncratic resource use by Laramie raccoons: Are trash pandas, trash pandas?* [Poster]. Stable isotope ecology symposium, laramie, WY.
7. Hirschfield, F., Anderson, A.E., Maitland, B.M., Wagner, M., Zaichkowsky, M., & Mottishaw, C. (2014, October). *Integrating science and management to improve sustainability of forested watersheds in Northwestern Canada* [Poster]. SAF national convention, salt lake city, UT.
6. Maitland, B.M., Poesch, M.S., & Anderson, A.E. (2014a, August). *Stream crossing impacts on freshwater fishes: Implications for management* [Poster]. Forest industry lecture series, edmonton, AB.
5. Maitland, B.M., O'Malley, B.P., O'Brien, T.P., Armenio, P.M., Watson, N.M., & Roseman, E.F. (2014b, May). *Zooplankton community dynamics in a northern Lake Huron embayment: The influence of water temperature and larval fish abundance* [Paper]. IAGLR annual meeting, hamilton, ON.
4. Maitland, B.M., Poesch, M.S., & Anderson, A.E. (2014c, May). *Stream crossing assessment procedures as a tool for mitigating impacts on freshwater fish* [Poster]. Columbia mountain institute of applied ecology's resource roads conference, nelson, BC.
3. Maitland, B.M., Poesch, M.S., & Anderson, A.E. (2014d, January). *Stream crossing impacts on freshwater fish and in-stream habitat in Alberta* [Paper]. Canadian conference for freshwater fisheries research, yellowknife, NWT.
2. Maitland, B.M., Farha, S.A., Darnton, R.W., Smith, K.R., & Riley, S.C. (2012, September). *2012 Avian botulism environmental sampling in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore* [Paper]. Workshop on GLRI project no. 73 and 91 USGS/NPS meeting, empire, MI.
1. Discenza, J.D., O'Malley, B.P., Maitland, B.M., & Fernando, D. (2011, April). *Analyzing the genetic variation in American Hart's tongue fern* [Poster]. SUNY: ESF spotlight on student's research, syracuse, NY.

Technical skills and training

Field

Fish Sampling	Electrofishing, netting, seining, trawling, angling
Aquatic Ecology	Water quality sampling, invertebrate sampling, aquatic vegetation sampling, habitat assessment
Identification	Fish (freshwater and marine), amphibians, reptiles, aquatic invertebrates, aquatic plants
Operations	Piloting and trailering small vessels, rafting, helicopters experience, orienteering
Other	Light machinery operation, small power equipment repair, minor electrical repair, handiwork

Lab

Fisheries	Fish aging (scales, otoliths), fish dissection, fish tissue processing
Aquatic Ecology	Water quality analysis (nutrients, chlorophyll a, turbidity), invertebrate processing, aquatic vegetation
Stable Isotopes	Sample preparation, light (C, N, O, S) and heavy (Sr) stable isotope analysis
Molecular	DNA extraction, PCR, qPCR

Computer

Operating Systems	Linux, MacOS, Windows
Programming Languages	R, Python, BASH, JavaScript
Markup Languages	Markdown, RMarkdown, CSS, HTML, LaTeX
Data Interchange Formats	CSV, JSON, XML
Other Languages	YAML
Version Control	Git
Text Editors	RStudio, SQL Server Management Studio, Visual Studio, Visual Studio Code
Microsoft Office	Excel, Outlook, OneNote, PowerPoint, Word

Analytical

Statistical Analysis	Generalized linear models, mixed effects models, Bayesian statistics, multivariate statistics
Data Visualization	ggplot2, base R graphics, leaflet, plotly
Data Management	Data wrangling and cleaning, data management with SQL
Spatial Analysis	R, QGIS, ArcGIS, Google Earth Engine
Package Development	R package development, documentation, testing, and maintenance

Certifications

2025	Wilderness First Aid	Wilderness Medicine Institute
2025	Advanced CPR and First Aid	American Red Cross
2014	Defensive Driving	USDA Forest Service
2018	Avalanche Safety Level 1	National Ski Patrol
2013	Electrofishing Safety	University of Alberta
2013	MOCC Federal Motor Boat Operator	US Department of the Interior