Software Packages for Creel Survey Data Entry, Design and Estimation



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Topics

- What is creel survey?
- Components of a creel survey.
- Three software programs developed to aid in the creel survey design, data entry and estimation.

Creel Survey

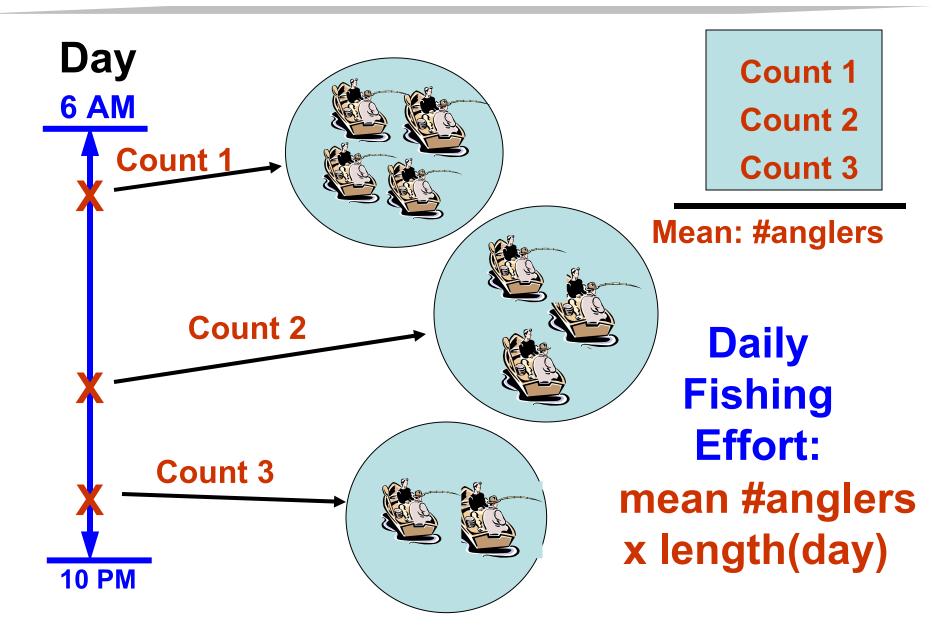


A sampling technique to gather data on angling activities and harvest by interviewing anglers or angler parties and making counts of the number of them.

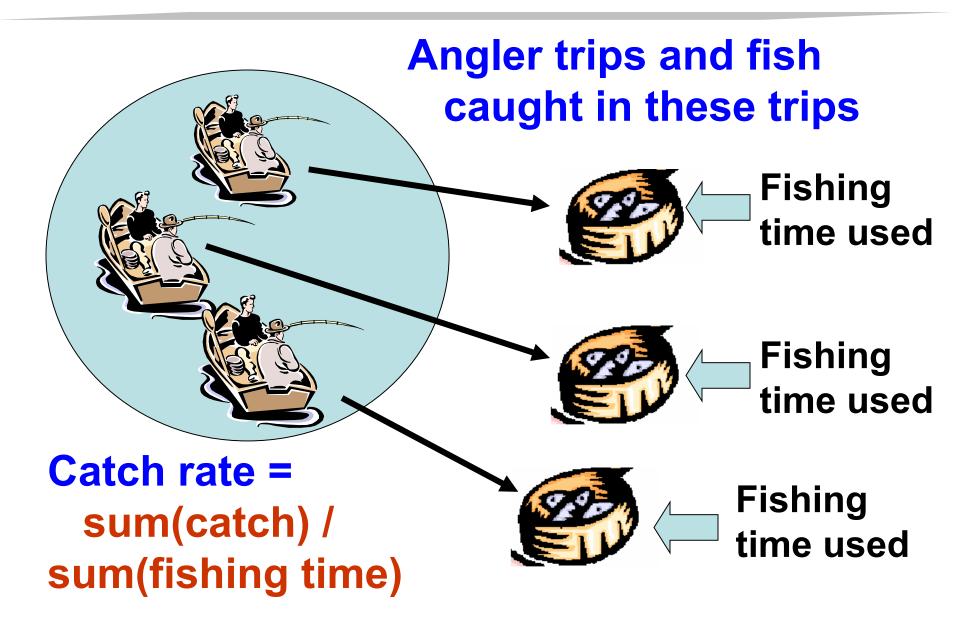




Data collected 1: counts of #anglers



Data collected 2: angling trips



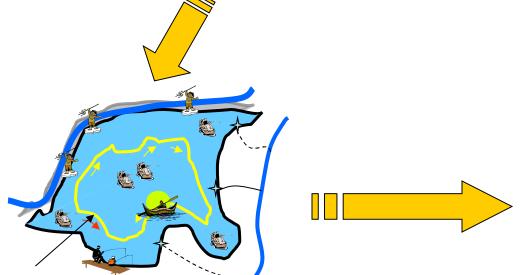
The need for sampling

- Survey units: all the times available for fishing and all fishing trips in a survey period (such as a month).
- Too expensive to make counts at all the times and to interview every angler on every day.
- Therefore, need to sampling aportion of the available fishing times and trips.

Components of a creel survey

1. Planning and Design







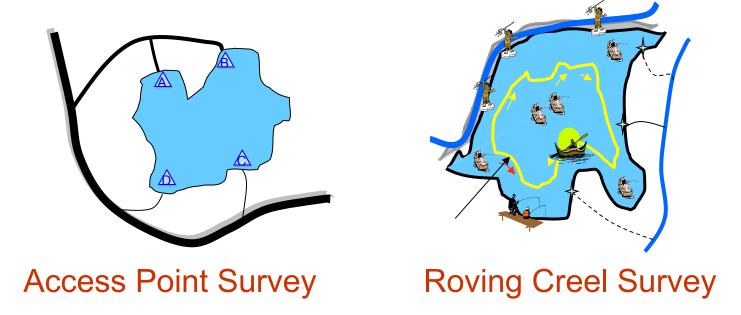


Species	C/H	April-May	June	July	August	September
Imbr	0.0239	1,316	401	848	935	619
	(0.0097)	(1,000)	(402)	(630)	(818)	(676)
waer nopr	0.0036	Π	49	347	35	112
	(0.0022)	(0)	(71)	(328)	(71)	(145)
	0.0280	556	278	498	143	384
	(0.0098)	(553)	(293)	(408)	(175)	(329)
whbr	0.0008	n	Ω	0	0	Λ
	(0.0010)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
cwsr	0.0003	0	60	0	0	Ω.
	(0.0007)	(0)	(121)	(0)	(0)	(0)
rkbr	0.0133	219	194	153	897	153
	(0.0078)	(375)	(193)	(191)	(1,024)	
bowr	0.0017	16	134	41	35	71
	(0.0013)	(32)	(150)	(82)	(71)	(119)
blgr	0.2822	4,740	6,435	4,359	1,863	3,946
	(0.0885)	(3,523)	(3,241)	(2,642)	(1,205)	
psfr	0.0353	1,506	1.462	2,059	0	58
	(0.0149)	(1,450)	(1,129)	(1,339)	(0)	(115)
vepr	0.2121	2,122	6,733	3,346	1,971	3.234
	(0.0544)	(1,640)	(3,340)	(1,454)	(1,184)	
TOTAL RELEASED	0.6171	10.964	16,170	12,605	6,379	8.934
	(0.1273)	(4,341)	(4,835)	(3,465)	(2,170)	
TOTAL CATCH	1.6398	18.109	44.511	31.606	17.142	
	(0.2855)	(5,285)	(10,349)	(6,046)	,	(11,002)
ANGLER HOURS	,,	6.918	17.470	24,720	17.265	
		(2,713)	(5,543)	(5,737)	,	(15,978)
ANGLER TRIPS		1.683	4.423	6.368	4.360	5.968
		(671)	(1,439)	(1,506)	(1,078)	-,

3. Data Analysis

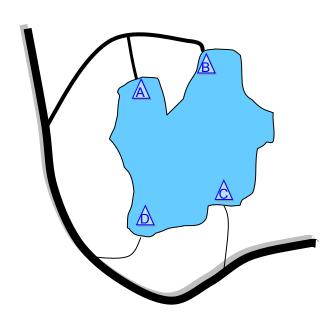
1. Plan and design a survey

1. Survey methods



- 11. Survey Frame: all the fishing times and fishing trips.
- 13. Sample size: how many days should be sampled how many counts made per day in a survey period.

Sample selection: scheduling



Roving Creel Surveys

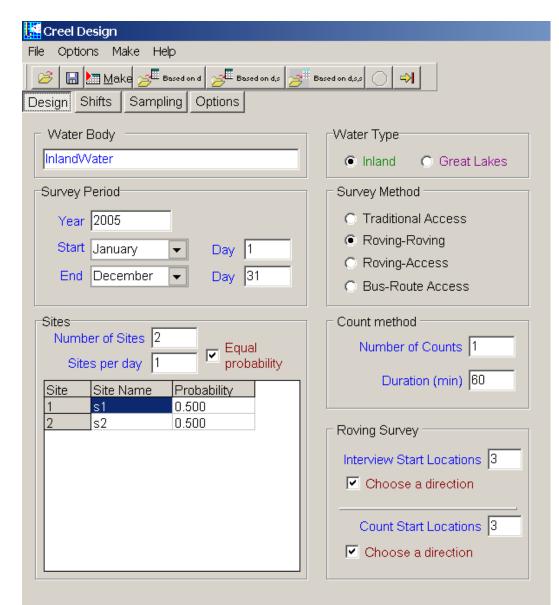
- 2. Work days
- 3. Shifts
- 4. Interview start locations and directions
- 5. Count times
- 6. Count start locations and directions

Access Point Surveys

- 2. Work days
- 3. Site x Shift
- 4. Count times



MiCreel Designer



- Automate and standardize survey scheduling_
- Generate random schedules for several creel survey methods, multiple sites and varying number of shifts

MiCreel Designer generated schedule

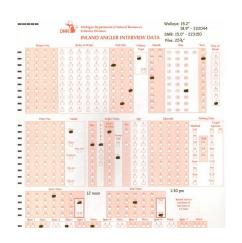
August 2005										
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WENESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
	1		{1 CC} { 3CC 6:00	4 Shift:A s2 {2 CW} { 1CC 7:00 AM}		6 Shift:A s2 {2 CW} { 2CW 7:00 AM}				
7 Shift:B s2 {3 CW} { 1CW 7:00 PM}	8	9	{2 CC} { 1CC 3:00	{3 CW} { 3CW 10:00	{1 CW} {2CC 3:00	13 Shift:B s2 {1 CW} { 3CW 5:00 PM}				
	15 Shift:A s1 {1 CW} { 1CC 11:00 AM}	16 Shift:B s2 {2 CC} { 2CW 7:00 PM}	17	18	{3 CW} { 3CW 7:00	20 Shift:B s1 {2 CW} { 2CC 4:00 PM}				
	22 Shift:A s2 {3 CW} { 3CW 12:00 PM}	23	24	{1 CC} { 2CC 4:00	{2 CC} { 1CC 10:00	27 Shift:A s1 {2 CC} { 2CC 7:00 AM}				
	29 Shift:A s1 {1 CC} { 2CC 6:00 AM}	30	31							

2. Implementation: conducted by creel clerks

Requirements

- Schedules are strictly followed.
- Fish species are correctly identified.
- Data are correctly entered.

Data entry and record



Scannable paper forms:.

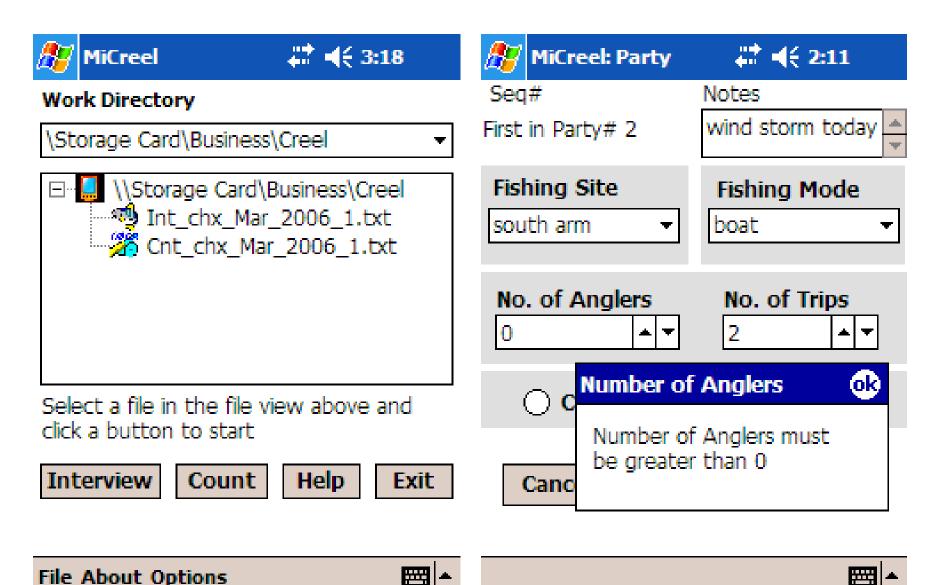
- Easily make input errors.
- Hard to validate data entered.
- Need time to scan the forms.



PDA data entry:

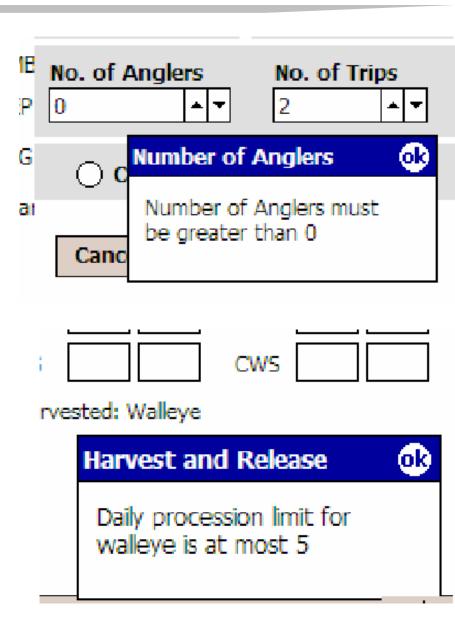
- Less bubbles to fill.
- Data entered can be validated by several methods.
- Data can be used right away

MiCreel Data Assistant

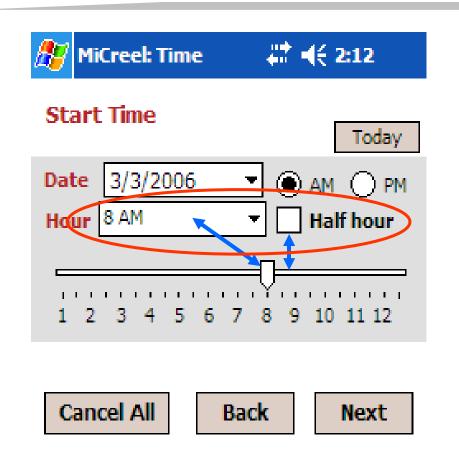


Features

- Check the integrity of an interview record: essential info must be entered.
- Check boxes, dropdown lists etc. are used to limit data entries.
- Range check, presence check, type check, and length check are applied to data entry

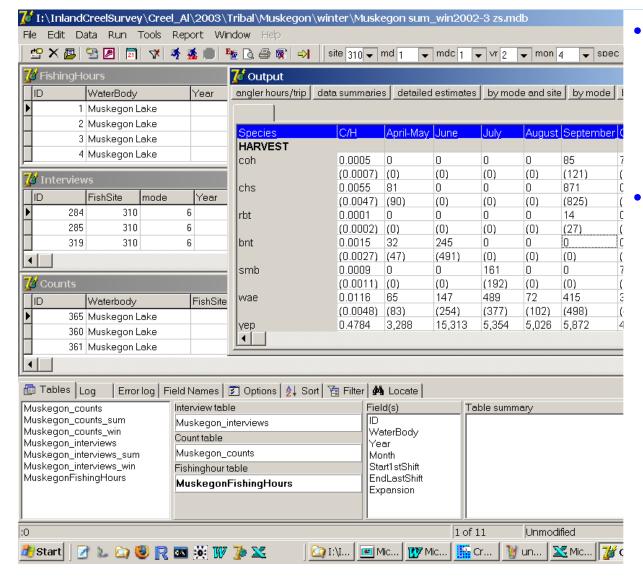


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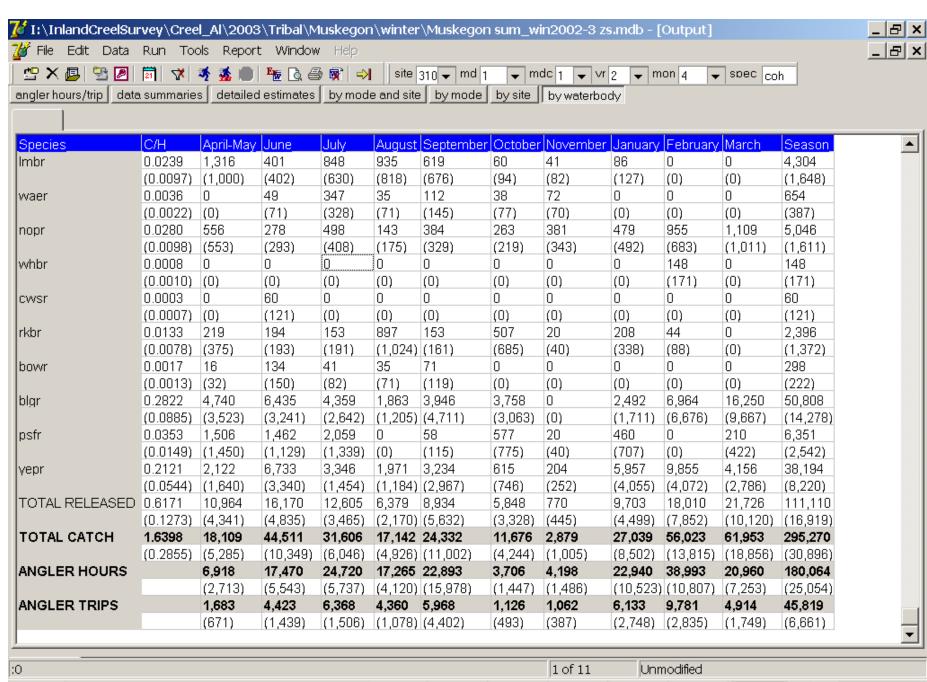


Fishing times are double checked

3. MiCreel Estimation Program



- Estimate fishing effort, catch rate and catch by species for both access points and roving surveys.
- Generate reports for the survey.



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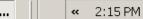












Summary

- To plan, schedule, and execute an creel survey, and to analyze the data is a demanding task.
- The scheduling and estimation programs greatly speed up the scheduling and estimation processes.
- The data entry program makes creel surveys a pleasure; it also ensures that data are correctly entered and validated.