## Kelly Bar Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement Project North Fork Salmon River

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## **River Setting**

### Fisheries:

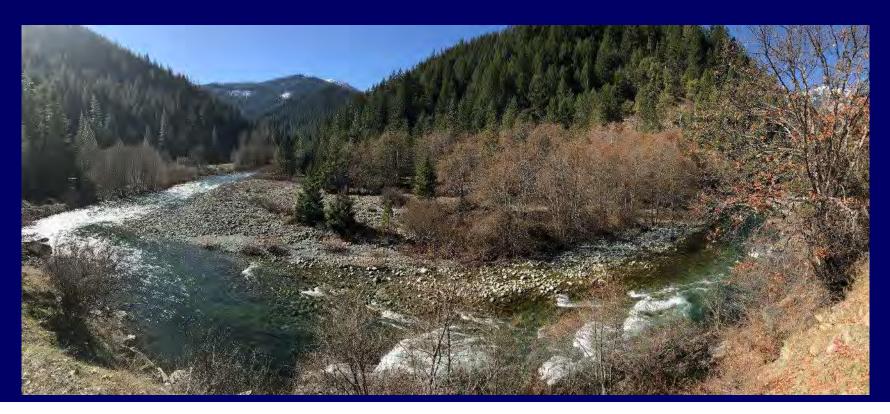
- Coho
- spring and fall-run Chinook
- summer and winter steelhead
- Pacific lamprey
- green sturgeon

### **Limiting Factors:**

- High river water temperatures
- Lack of off-channel habitat (Winter and Summer)

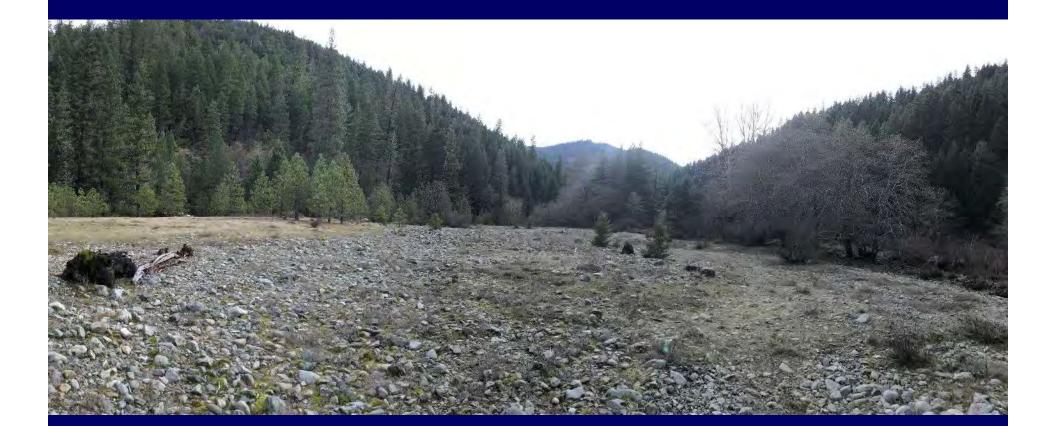
#### **Other Impairments:**

- Lack of riparian cover
- Depleted large wood
- Timber harvesting and mining impacts
- High sediment loads



## **Project Objectives**

- Create/enhance off-channel high flow (winter) and thermal (summer) refugia habitat
- Increase large wood complexity
- Increase riparian shading on the bar



## **Project Approach**

- Surface and groundwater elevation monitoring (WY 2015)
- Water quality monitoring (WY 2015)
- Engineering surveys and design
- Riparian Restoration Design (SRRC/PWA)
- Construction (Summer 2019)
- Post-construction monitoring





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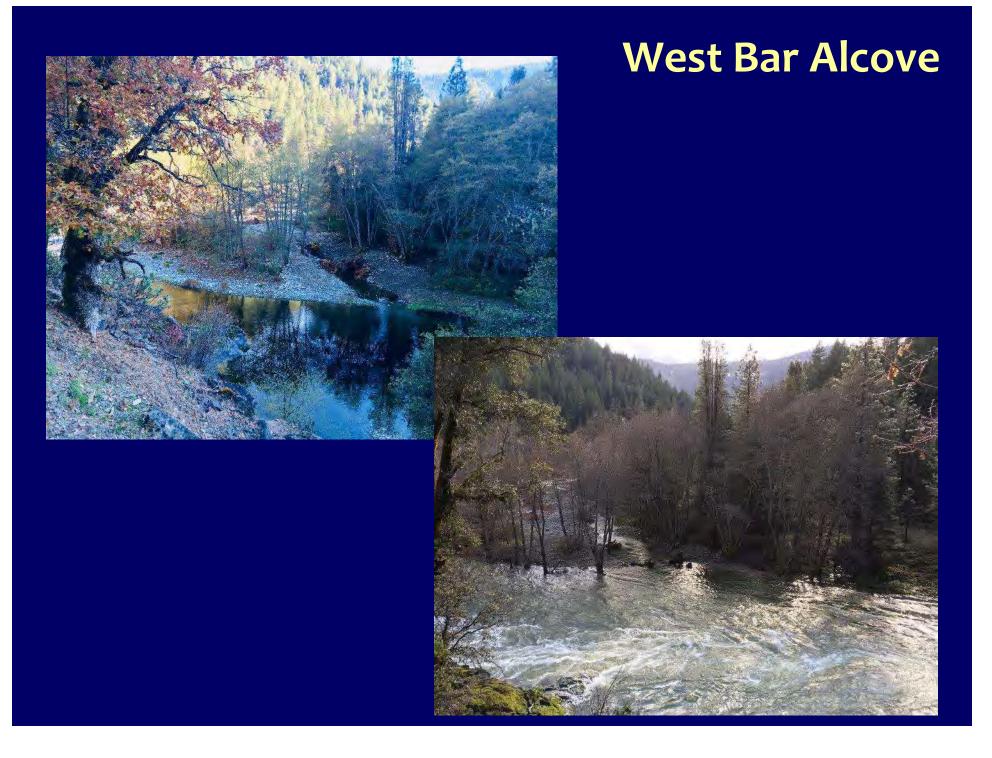




# Off-Channel Alcoves and High Flow Channels

## **Kelly Bar Alcove**





# **Abutment Jams/High Flow Channels**







# **Kelly Pond**







# Seasonal Channel



## **Riparian Restoration**

- Planting Islands
- Live stakes (4,000)
- Brush Baffles

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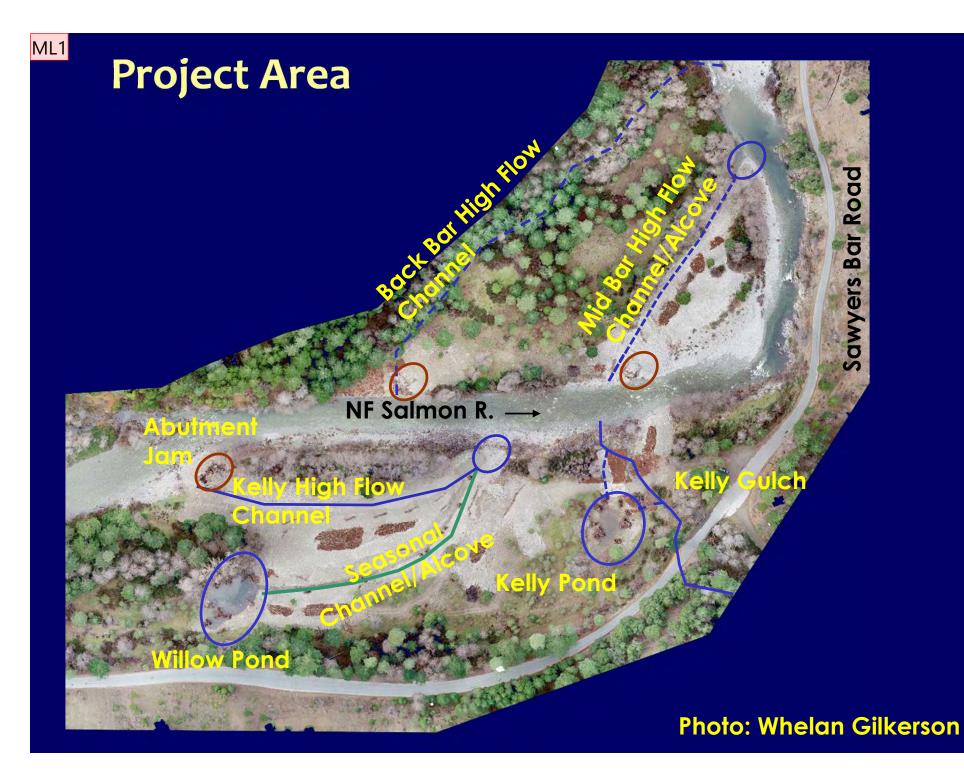
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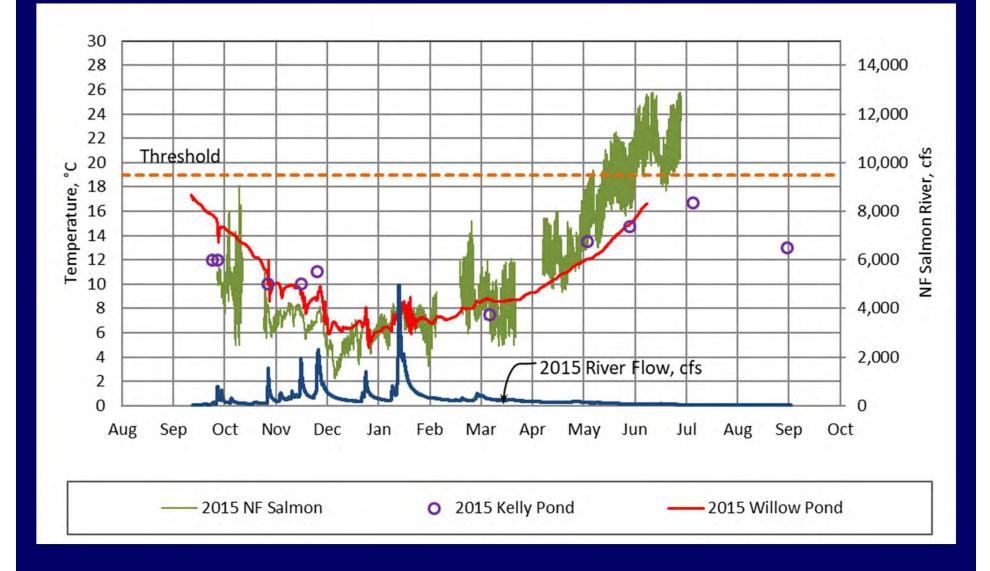
Sawyers Bar



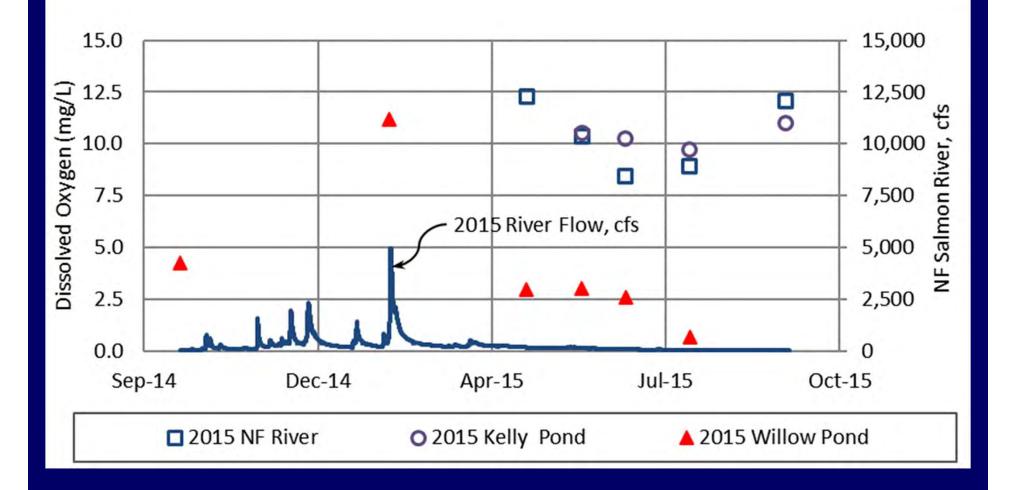
# Planting Islands & Brush Baffles



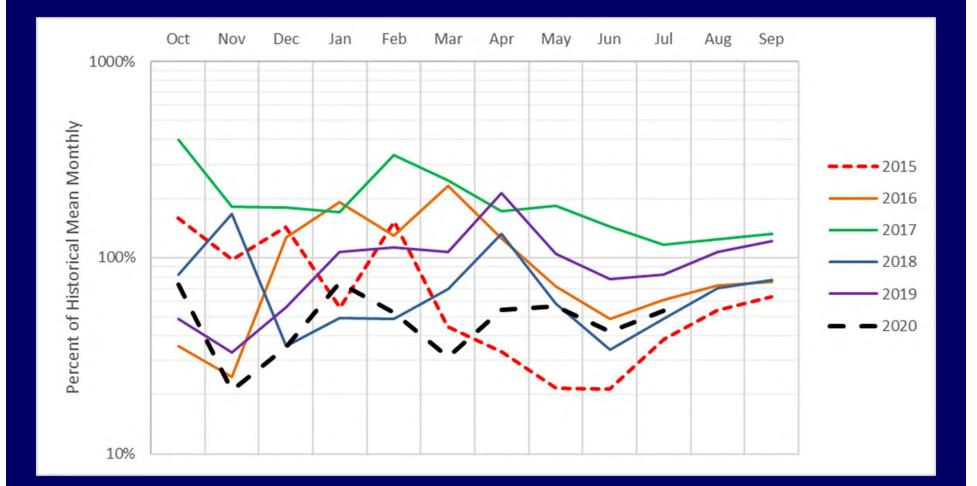
### **Pre-Construction Water Temperatures**



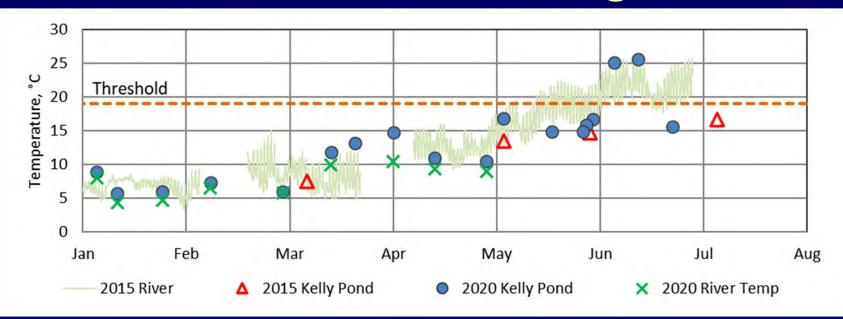
## **Pre-Construction Dissolved Oxygen**

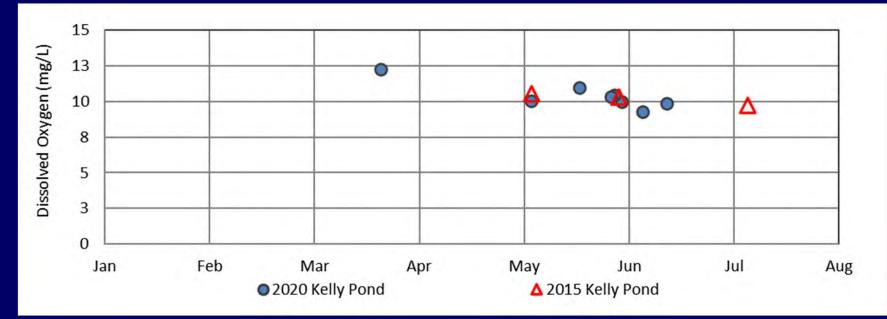


## Average Monthly Flows (Somes Bar USGS Gage 1911-2020)



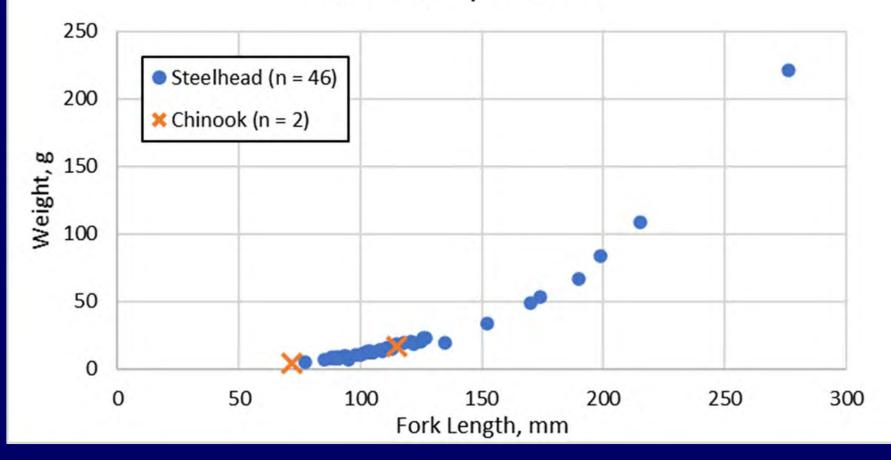
## **Post-Construction Monitoring-Kelly Pond**



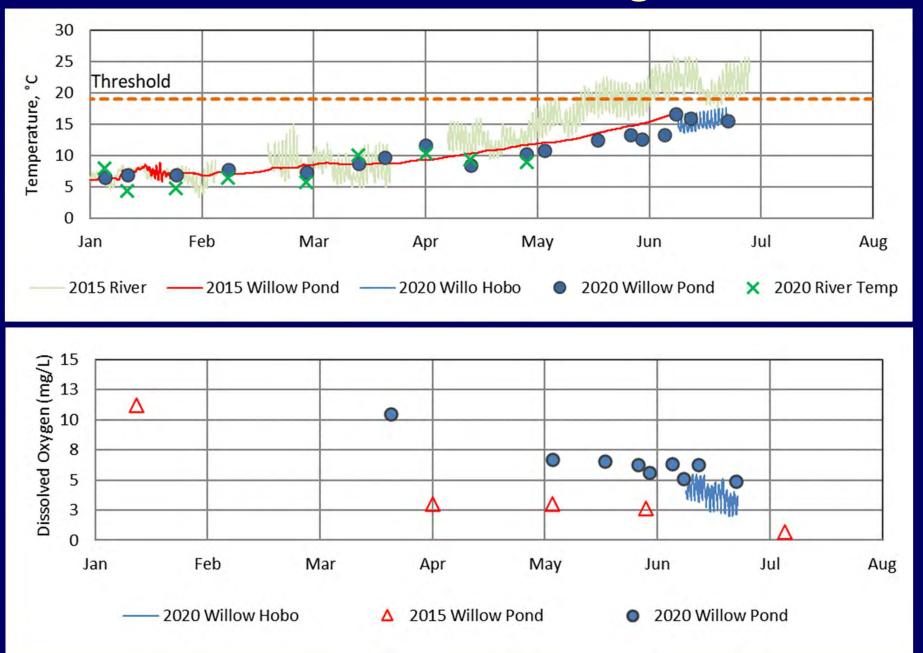


## **Fish in Kelly Pond**

Fish Captured in Kelly Pond (June 24, 2020) Water Temp 16.1 ° C



## **Post-Construction Monitoring-Willow Pond**

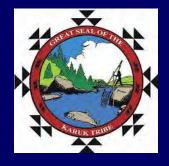


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