

Title: Salmon, Science, and Society ...

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Abstract:

Sounds like the title for a book, but after a few discussions with the conference organizers, I will braid a story from these very broad themes. The state of salmon is an increasingly difficult to summarize as trends differ significantly depending on geography, time period, influence of enhancement projects, and local perspectives. Western science has progressed in leaps recently but many of our salmon issues require more local and holistic knowledge that we continue to struggle to integrate. But under climate change, I expect local and traditional knowledge to become more informative than western-based predictions since that knowledge base will be more informative at the scales, over space and time, important to local salmon populations and their habitats. It will be this convergence of knowledge that may finally create an effective salmon society necessary to protect and restore Pacific salmon for future generations. Ironically, the social network that we need to create today reflects the network of salmon populations that evolved over thousands of years ... unfortunately, it has taken a long time to realize this!

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