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# Tagging





- Tagged 1,171 RH
- 23 mm HDX PIT tags (23 x 3.65mm; 0.6 g wt)
- Intraperitoneally
- 2% Rule:
  - Weights: 136 to 367 g
  - Mean: 258 g (2% = 5.2g)
- Recorded species, sex, Total Length
- Generally < 30s
- Recovery tank
- Released at tagging site

# Data Collection/Coverage

- 2013:
  - Continuous coverage May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup> (43 days)
  - Single Interruption of 4.7 hrs (0.5% of study period)
- 2014:
  - Continuous coverage April 25 to June 20 (57 days)
- Each detection recorded: Antenna, Tag#, Date/Time
- Data downloaded remotely
  - 1,673,509 fish detections recorded 2013
  - 8,832,418 fish detections recorded 2014



# Passage Efficiency: Attraction

- High at beginning of run, 62% to 82%
- Quickly declines after first 2 weeks
- 35% to 59% for the season



## Passage Efficiency

- Entries:
  - Fish entered up to 34 times
  - Average:
    - 2013= 4 entries
    - 2014= 3.4 entries
- Attempts:
  - Passed = 1.8 attempts
  - Did Not Pass = 1.3 attempts
- Passage Efficiency = 71%
  - Best estimates from fish tagged year earlier
  - 59% Attraction \* 71% Passage = <u>42% Success</u>
- Interesting:
  - Reached the trap up to 4 times without passing
  - Remained in trap from 1 minute to 47 hrs before descending





#### **Daily Movements**

- Activity begins at sunrise
- As the sun sets, fish begin descending
- Some fish will remain in the resting pools overnight, but do not attempt to ascend
- Movements: <u>97%</u> are during daylight hours
- Fish will ascend and descend the ladder multiple times in a single day





