Pikeminnow Management Program

(www.pikeminnow.org)

Partnership of

Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission





Program Goals:

- 1. Remove 10–20% of predatory-sized pikeminnow per year.
- 2. Evaluate response of pikeminnow to sustained fisheries
- 3. Check for compensatory predation by smallmouth bass and walleye.
- 4. Evaluate effect of program on salmonid predation.



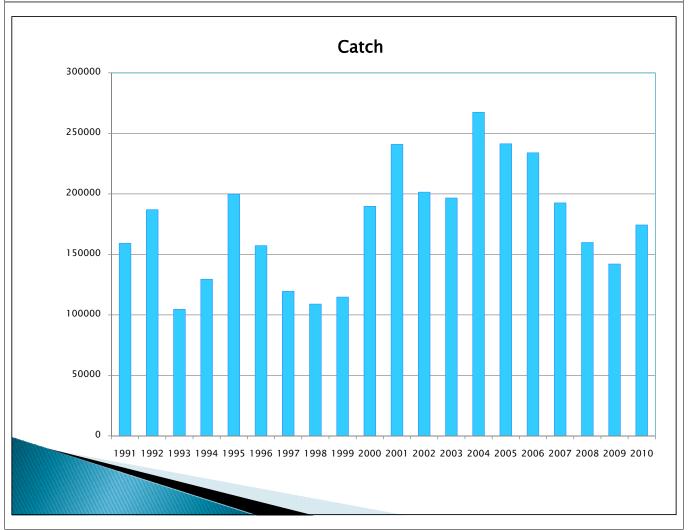


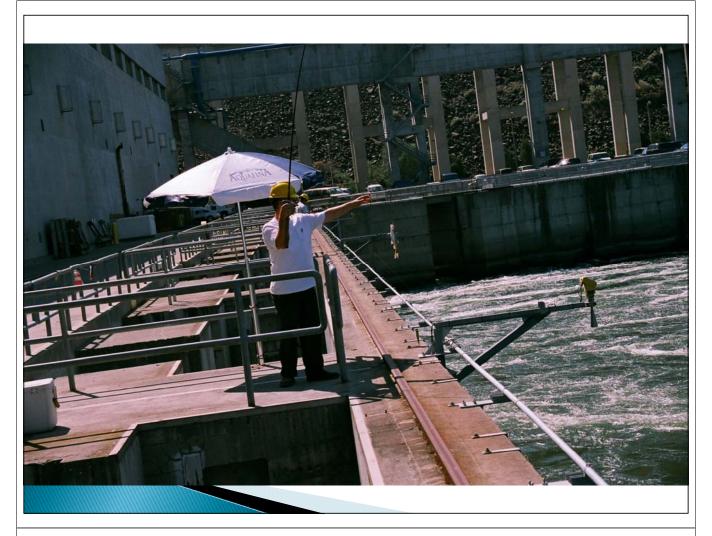
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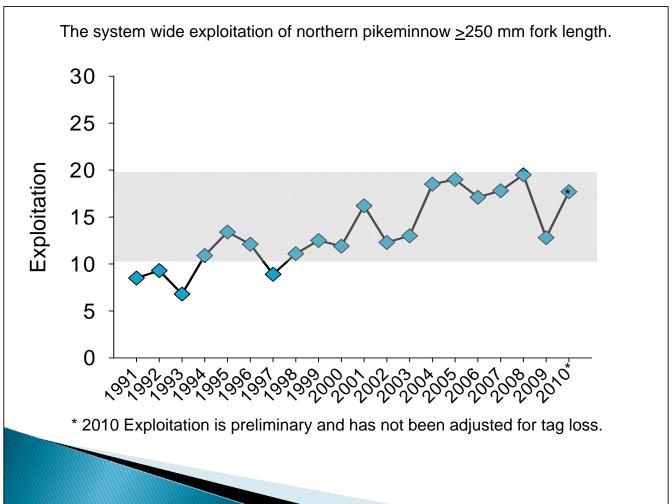


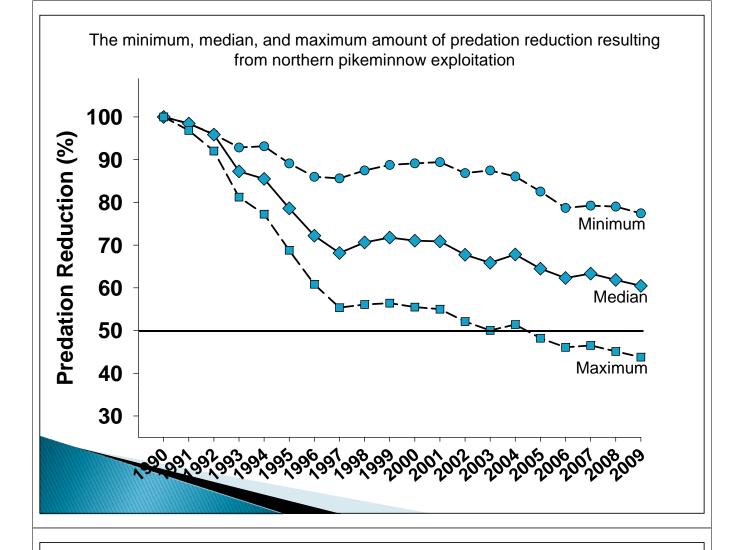












Response of northern pikeminnow to sustained fisheries

- 1. No increased consumption rates
- 2. No increased growth rate
- 3. No increased fecundity
- 4. Decreased amount of older/larger fish.
- 5. Reduced predation on juvenile salmonids by northern pikeminnow in the targeted areas of the program.

Compensatory response by smallmouth bass and walleye.

- 1. No increase in consumption rates
- 2. No change in growth
- 3. No change in age structure
- 4. No change in relative weight
- 5. No system-wide change in relative density

In Summary

- Over 3 million northern pikeminnow removed
- Low impact to resident / anadromous species
- 10-20% Exploitation achieved in 15 of 19 years
- Estimated 40% reduction in salmonid predation
- Compensation by remaining predators minimal
- Credible science: ~30 journal articles published



2010 Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Program

The 2010 season for the fishery will start May 1, 2010 for all stations. The season will end September 30, 2010.

* * * PROGRAM EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 10TH, 2010 * * * *

The Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery scheduled to run through September 30th, 2010 will be extended ten additional days to October 10th, 2010.

click here for station hours and availability.

The 2010 Sport reward payment schedule is as follows:

0-100 fish: \$4 per fish

101-400 fish \$5 per fish

401 and above: \$8 per fish

TAGGED FISH rewards are \$500 per tagged fish.

Minimum Size is 9 inches.

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Development of <u>Systemwide</u> Predator Control

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