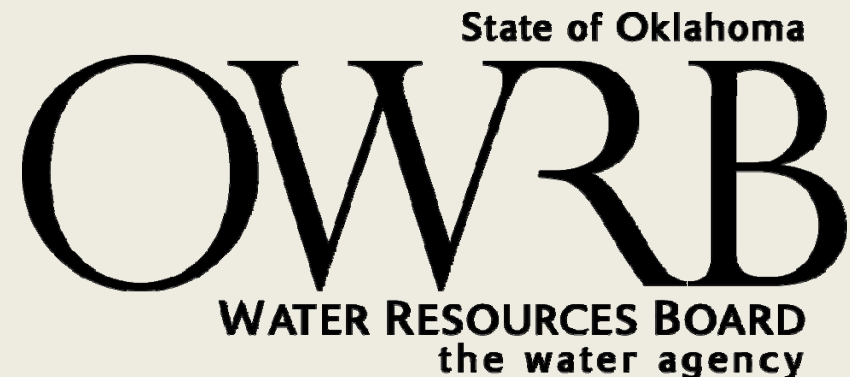


Arbuckle Simpson Study Surface Water Technical Advisory Group Recommendations

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Charge to working group...

Determine what is:

- not likely to degrade or interfere with springs or streams.
- will not reduce the natural flow of water from springs or streams emanating from said basin or subbasin.

Working group recommendation

Groundwater management should be based upon a target of 10 to 25% maximum reduction in baseflow

Workgroup Initial Discussion

Surface water work group discussion:

- Recreation
- Water Supply
- Fishing
- Ecological Integrity
- Water Quality
- Spring Flow
- Stream Flow

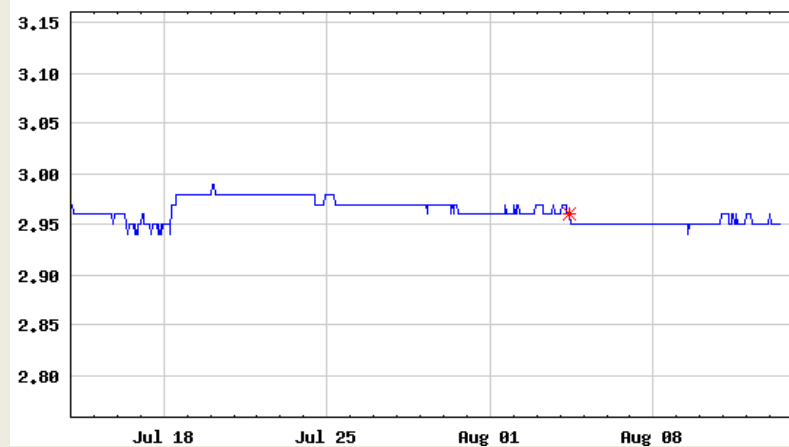
Work group study recommendations:

IHA- Nature Conservancy – evaluate historical flows and variability

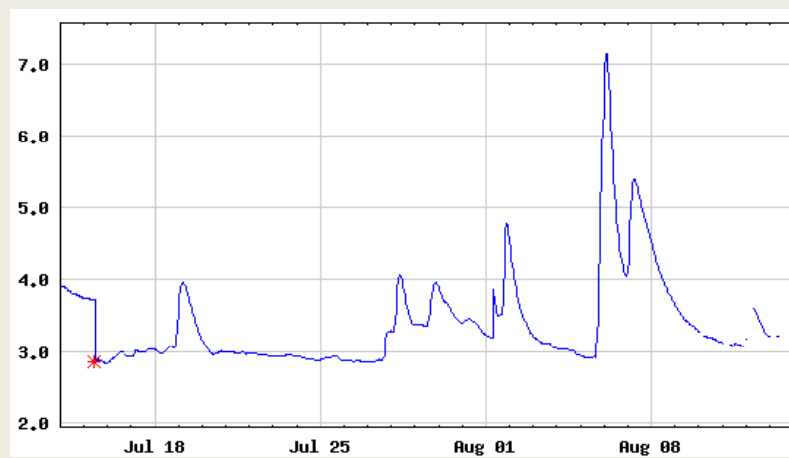
IFIM- USGS OSU Coop - assess impacts to spring fauna

Not all hydrographs are created equal

Typical Spring Discharge



Typical Stream Discharge



INDICATORS OF HYDROLOGIC ALTERATION (IHA) ANALYSIS OF SELECTED STREAMS ON THE ARBUCKLE-SIMPSON AQUIFER, SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

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The Nature Conservancy

Available for review at:

http://www.owrb.ok.gov/studies/groundwater/arbuckle_simpson/pdf/IHAReport.pdf

IHA Study:

Indicators of Hydrologic Alteration (IHA) analysis

- Examined
 - least altered flow regimes
 - existing alterations and
 - trends
- Will serve as a baseline study to evaluate impacts from flow alteration.
- Recommended continued monitoring of streams flows.

INSTREAM FLOW ASSESSMENT OF STREAMS DRAINING THE ARBUCKLE-SIMPSON AQUIFER

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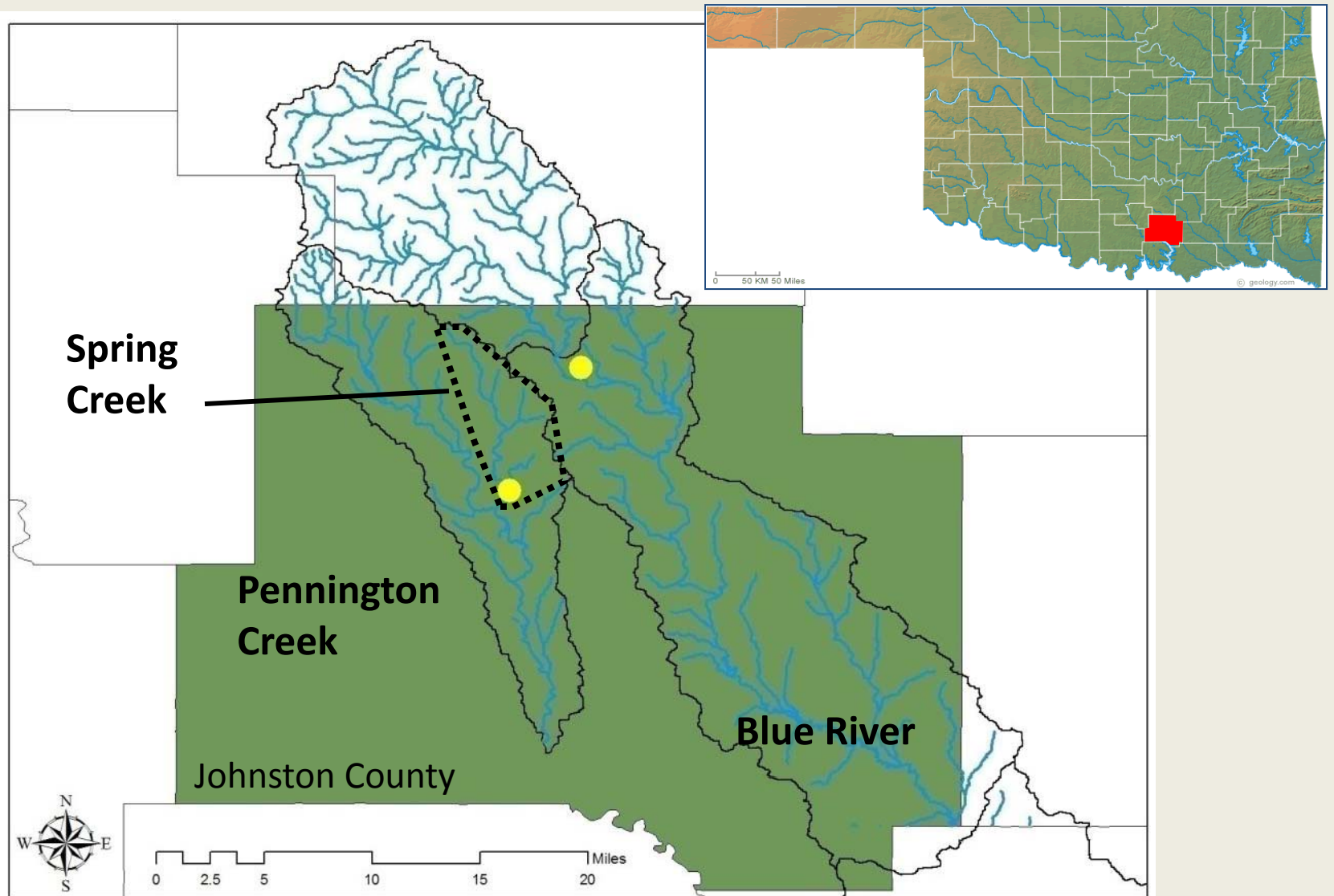
Objectives

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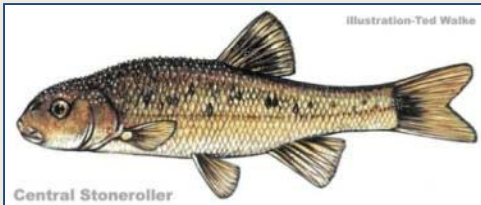
1. Field measure quality and quantity of fish habitat
2. Model impacts of different flow scenarios on fish habitat



Study Sites



Spring Fish Species Selection



Central stoneroller
Campostoma anomalum



Striped shiner
Luxilus chrysocephalus



Southern redbelly dace
Phoxinus erythrogaster



Redspot chub
Nocomis asper



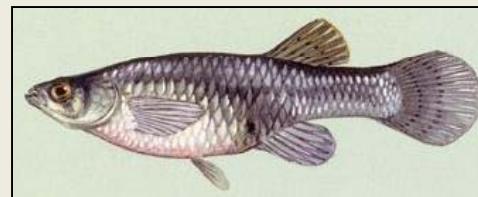
Orangethroat darter
Etheostoma spectabile



Least darter
Etheostoma microperca

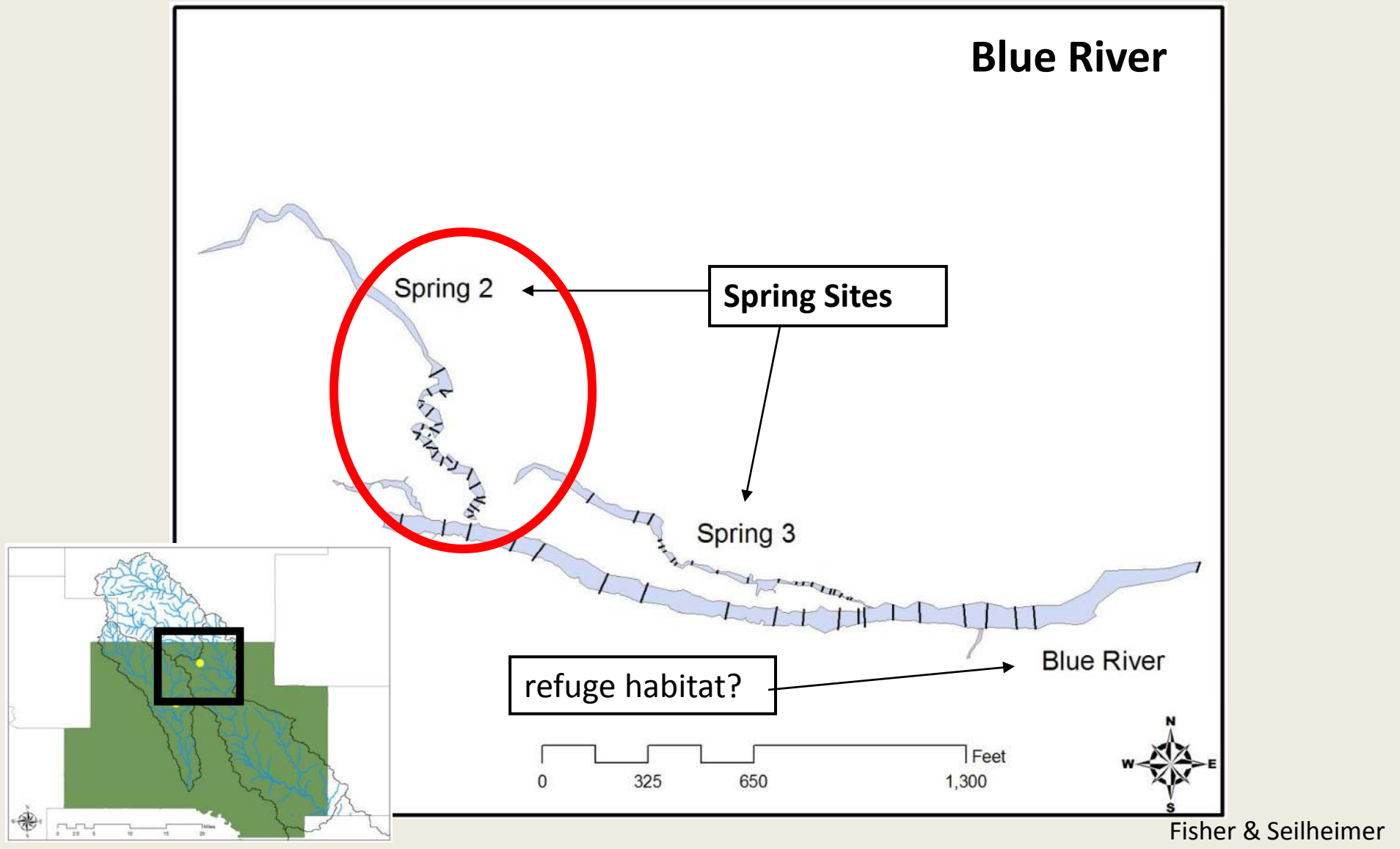


Largemouth bass
Micropterus salmoides



Western mosquitofish
Gambusia affinis

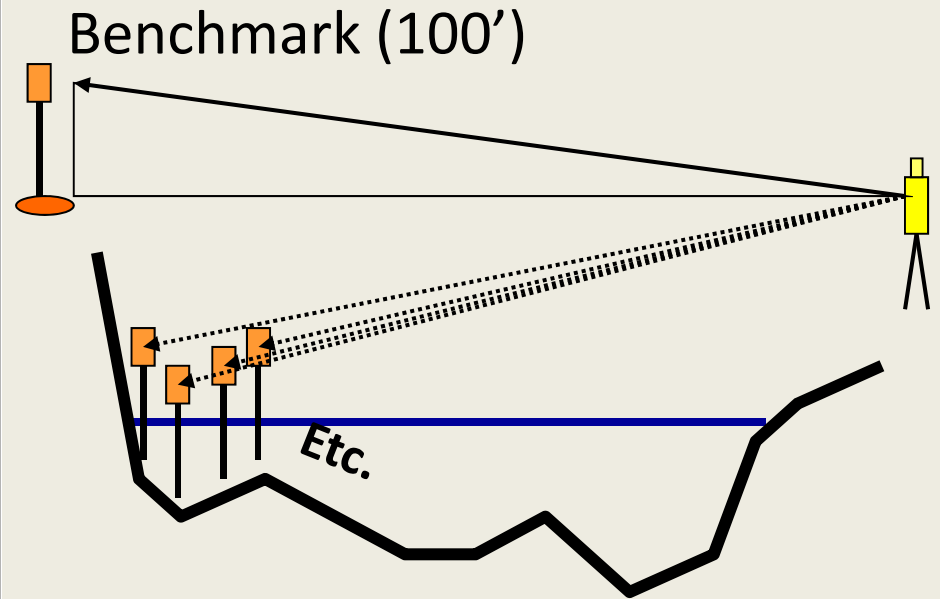
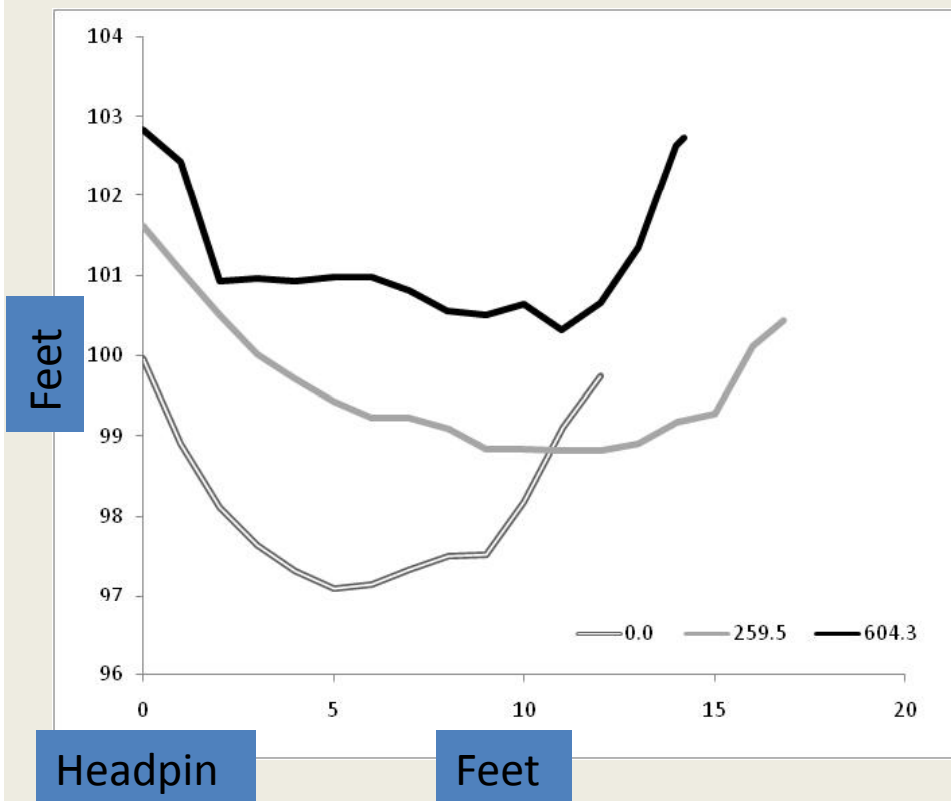
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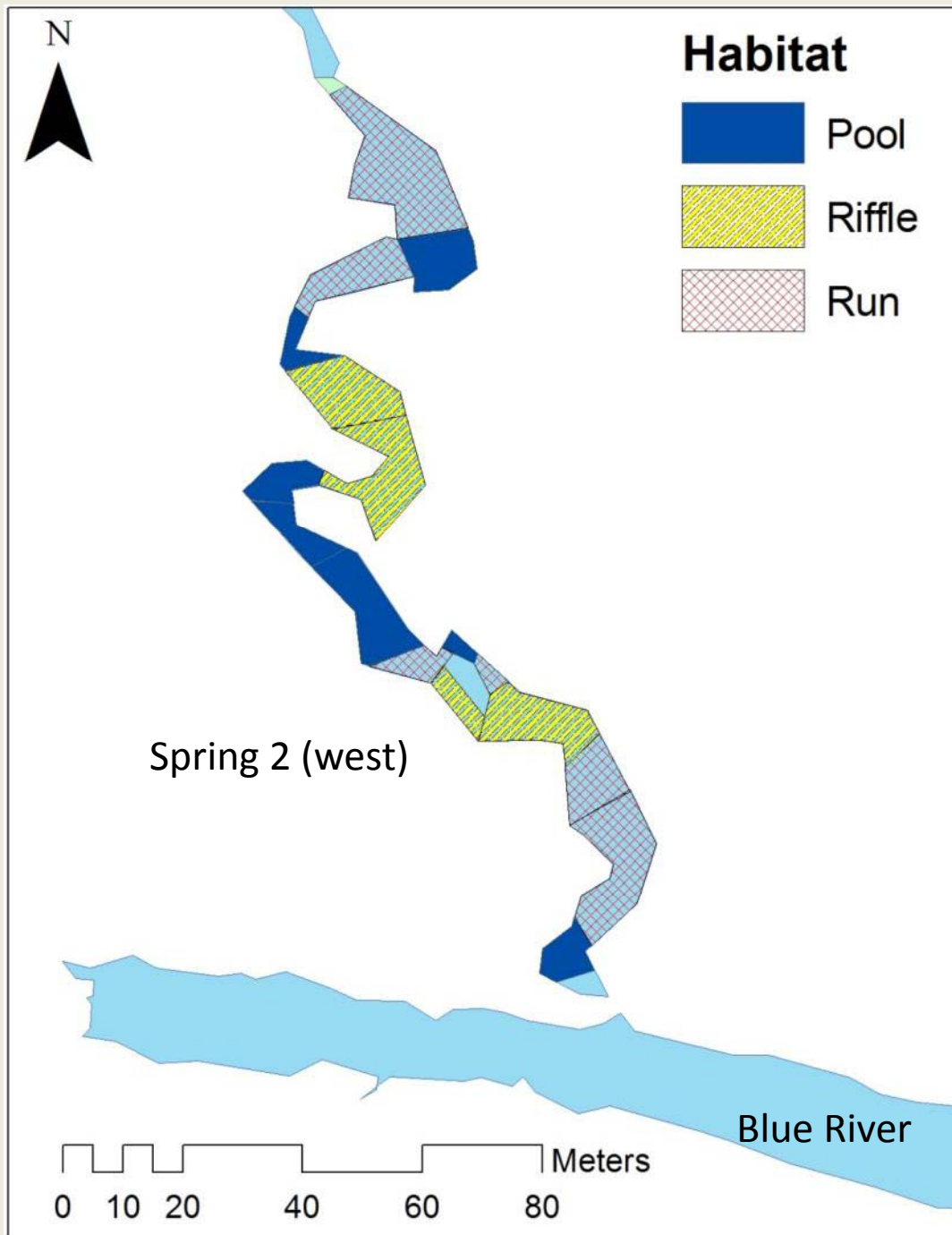


Methods



1. Channel structure – Elevation survey





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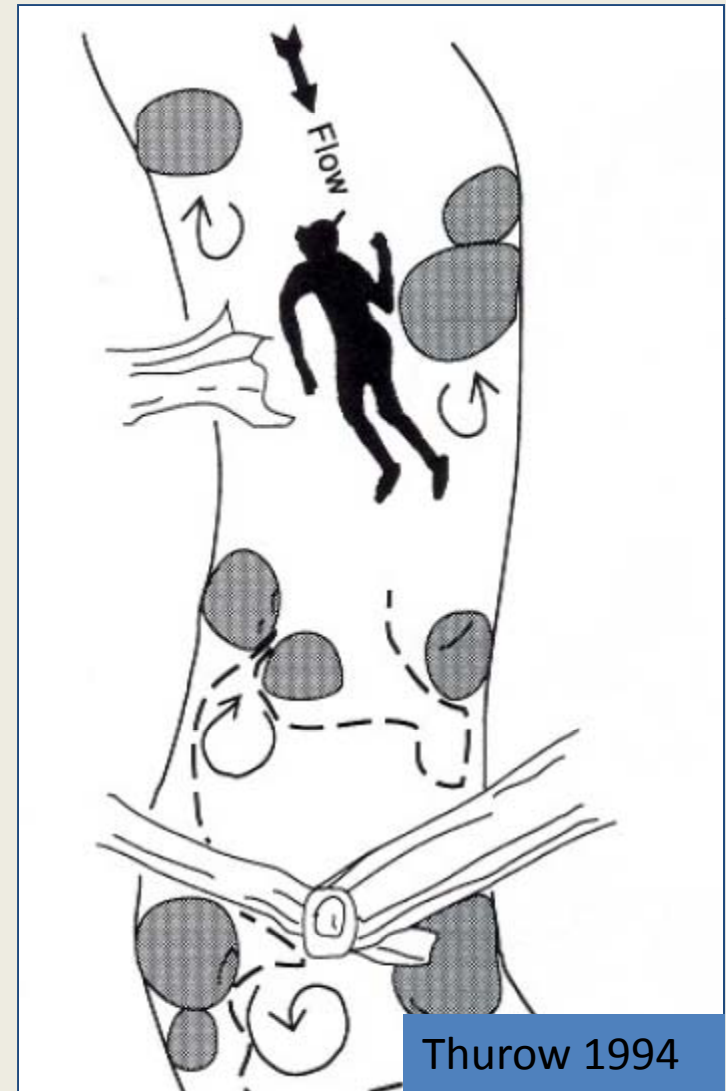
Habitat Suitability

Habitat use

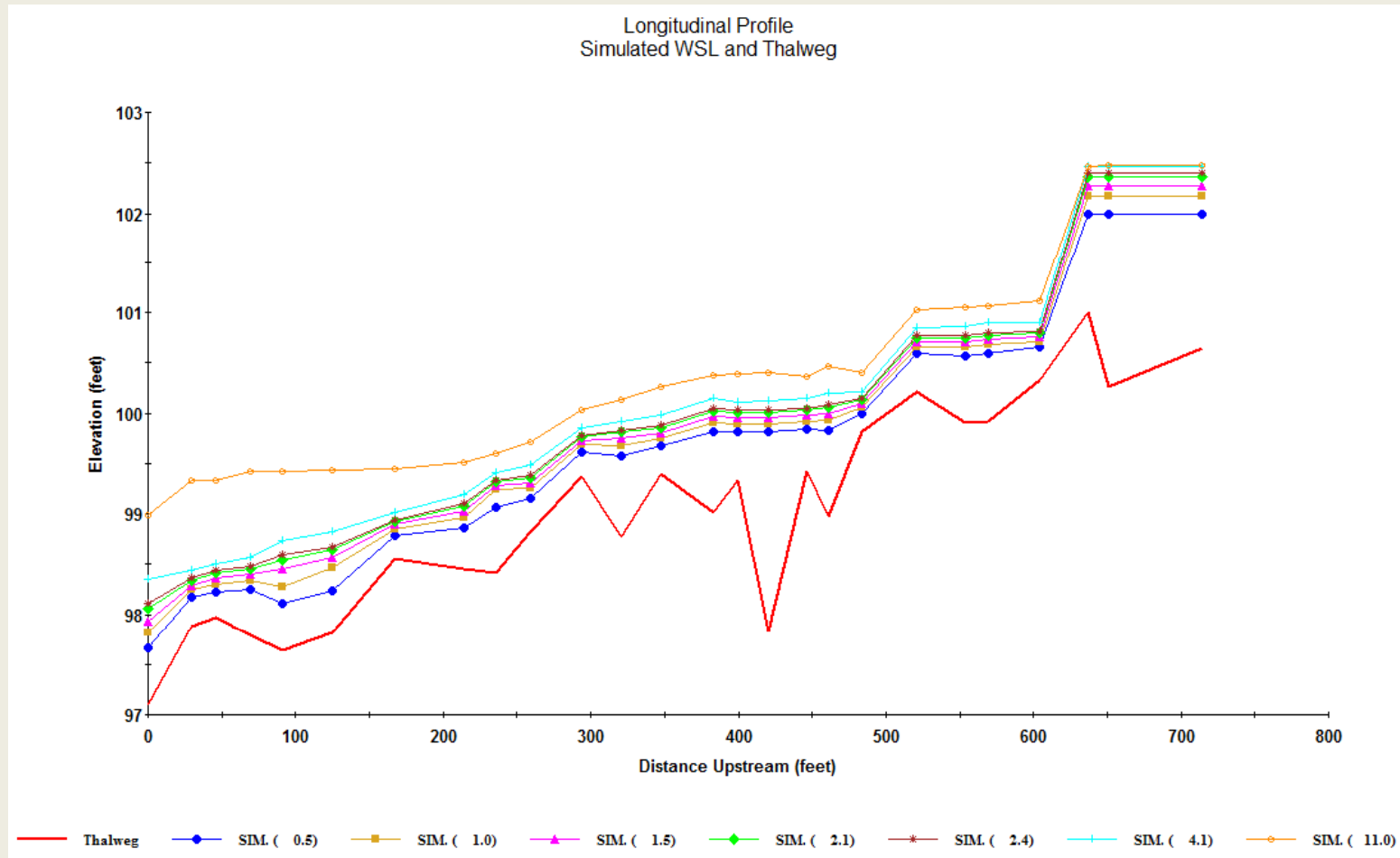
- Visual observation

Habitat type

- Velocity
- Depth
- Cover
- Substrate



Simulated Water Elevation



Step-backwater (WSP) model – pools
Manning's equation model – riffles/runs

Physical Habitat Simulation(PHABSIM)

Simulated Depth



Simulated Velocity

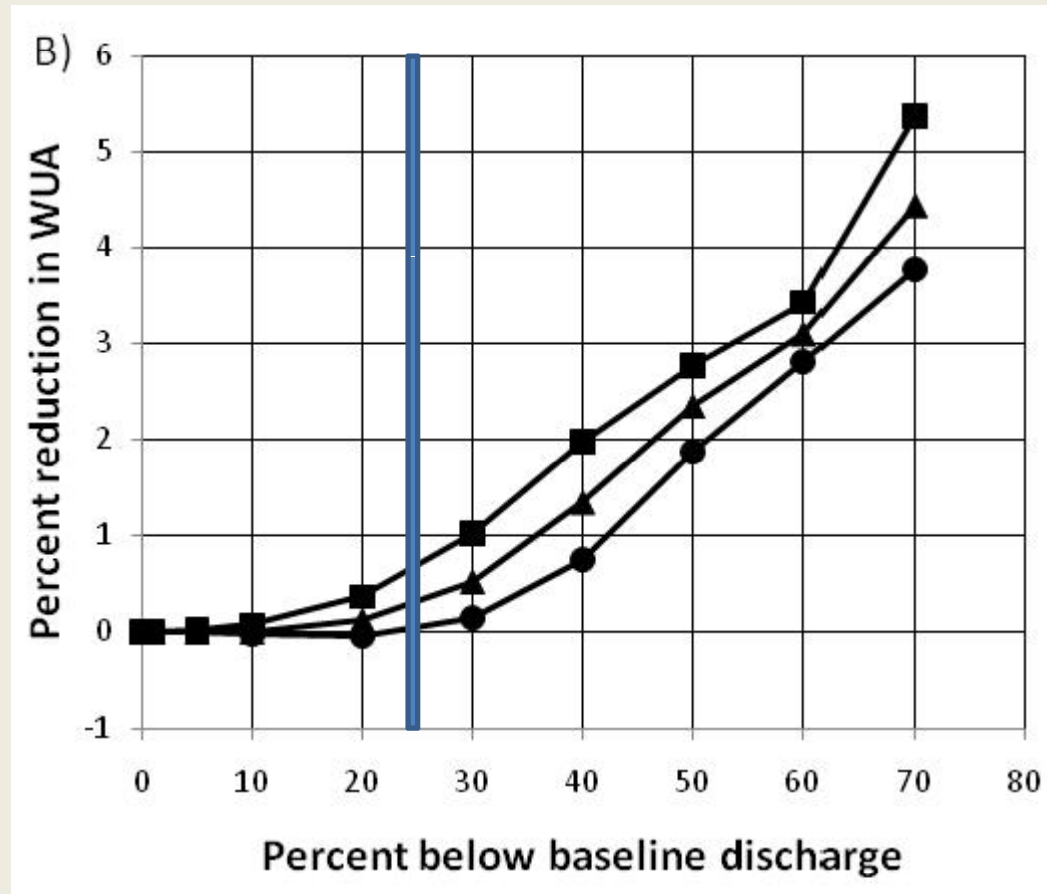
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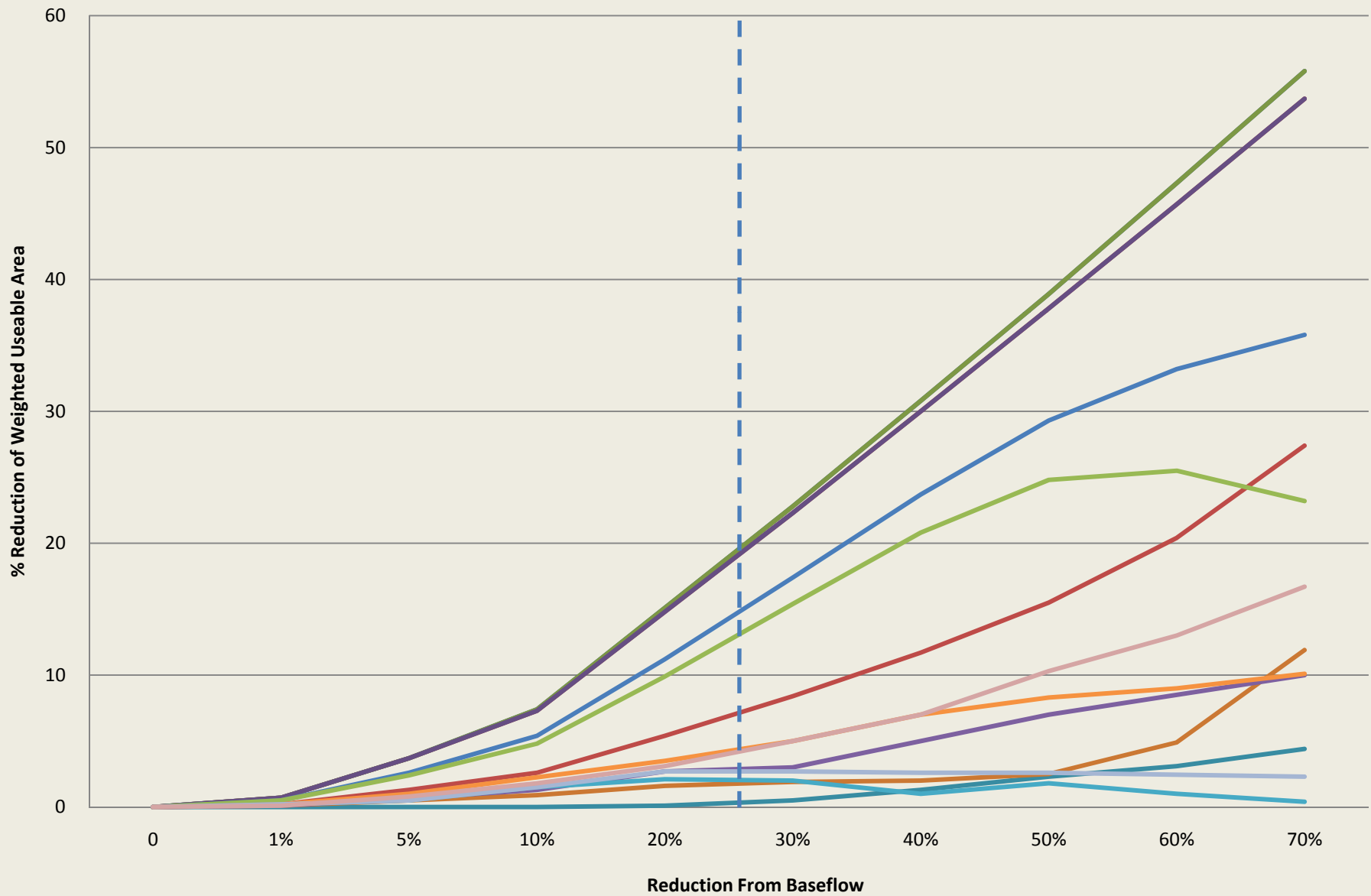


Weighted Usable Area
(WUA)
(Fish Habitat)

Spring 3 dace



Site and Species WUA Impacts at 25% Flow



Conclusion

- From a technical perspective, it was generally agreed that no substantial impact would occur if the 75% exceedance of total flow were reduced between 10 and 25%.
- The group encouraged adaptive management and a spring, stream and groundwater monitoring program to assure that these resources react as expected post implementation.
- There was also some discussion about possibly establishing buffer zones or special protection areas.

In Simple Terms

A maximum of 25% reduction in baseflow should result in limited impact to spring and stream habitat

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Questions???

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