

Shared Vision Planning for Addressing Temperature TMDL's in the Willamette Basin

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Motivation

**GENTLEMAN, IT APPEARS TO BE UNANIMOUS
THAT WE CANNOT AGREE**

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What is the Problem?

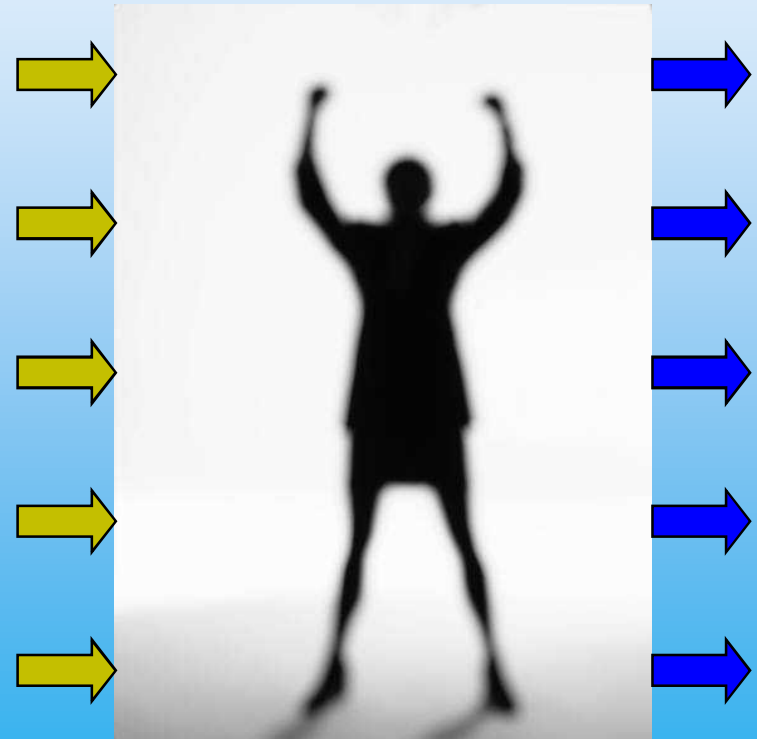
- **Persistent conflict is becoming ‘the norm’ in water resources management**
- **Conflicts occur because of:**
 - **Complexity & uncertainty in natural systems**
 - **Lack of insight of cause and effect**
 - **Conflicting interests & values**
- **Need to integrate technical analysis into a public, multi-stakeholder decision process**
- **Previous efforts demonstrate the value of combining computer tools within collaborative processes**



Motivation – 30,000 ft

To Turn Information into Insight

- Understand cause and effect
 - Physical systems
 - Human systems
- Inform the decision making process
- Create an environment for consensus and agreement





Integrated Approach

Technical tools

- Understand basic hydrology, ecology, economics, etc
- Accurately represent the linkages between these areas

Process skills

- Understand institutional setting
- Develop ways engage stakeholders
- Build trust

Shared Vision Modeling



Collaborative Modeling

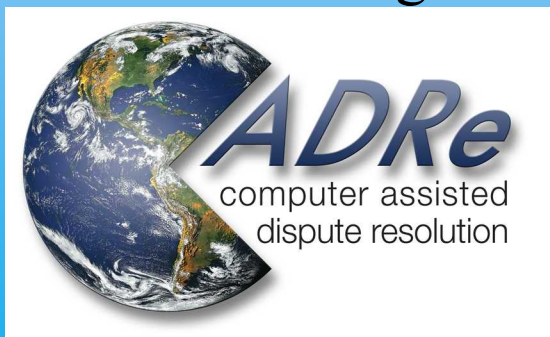
- **Means involving stakeholders in**
 - **Data collection and/or analysis**
 - **Developing cause and effect relationships**
 - **Technical analysis**
- ❖ **Builds understanding of the system**
- ❖ **Builds confidence in the analysis**
- ❖ **Builds trust between stakeholders**



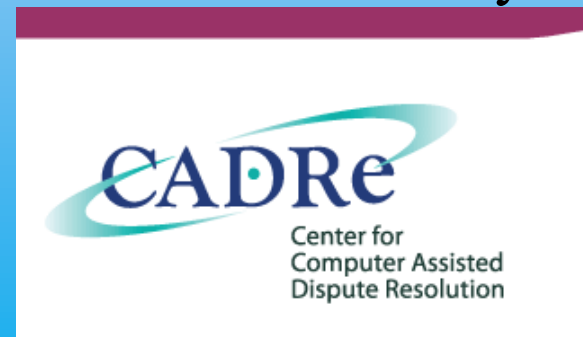
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- **Integrates**
 - Planning principles
 - Systems level analysis
 - Collaboration
- **Addresses need for broad involvement**
- **Technical analysis is done collaboratively**

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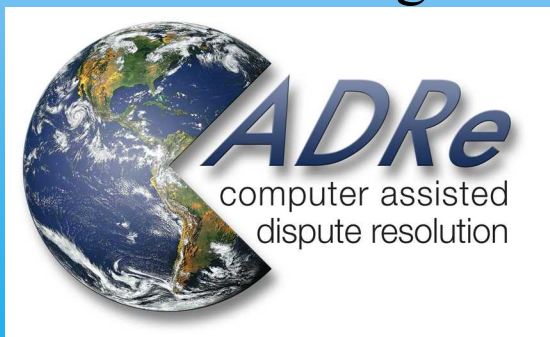




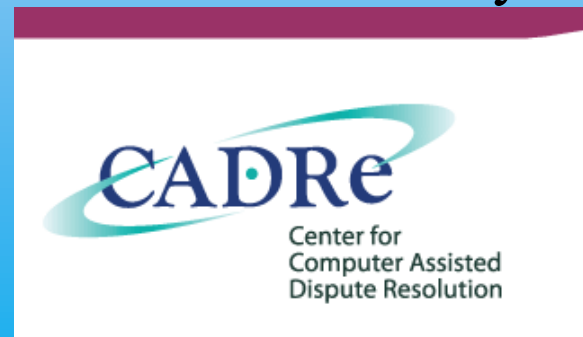
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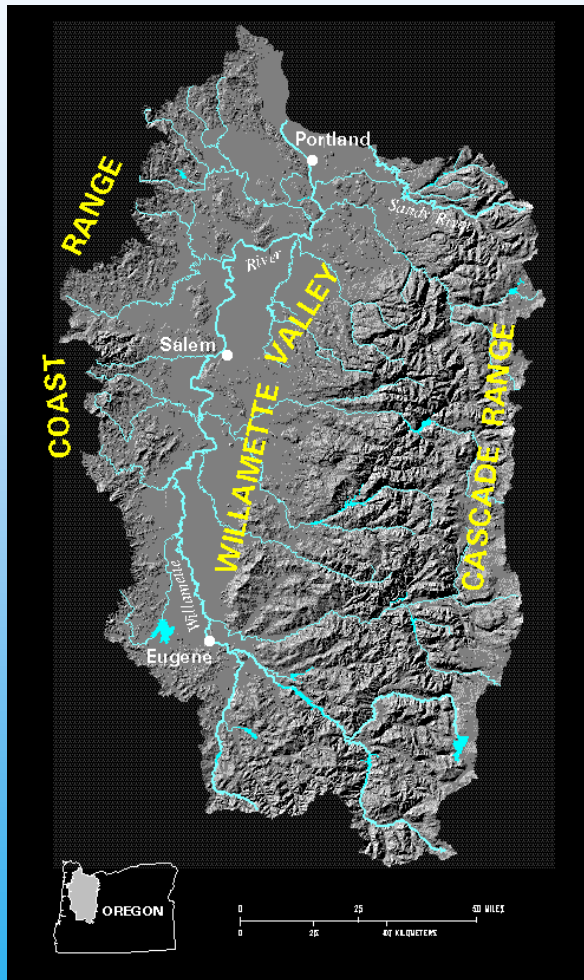
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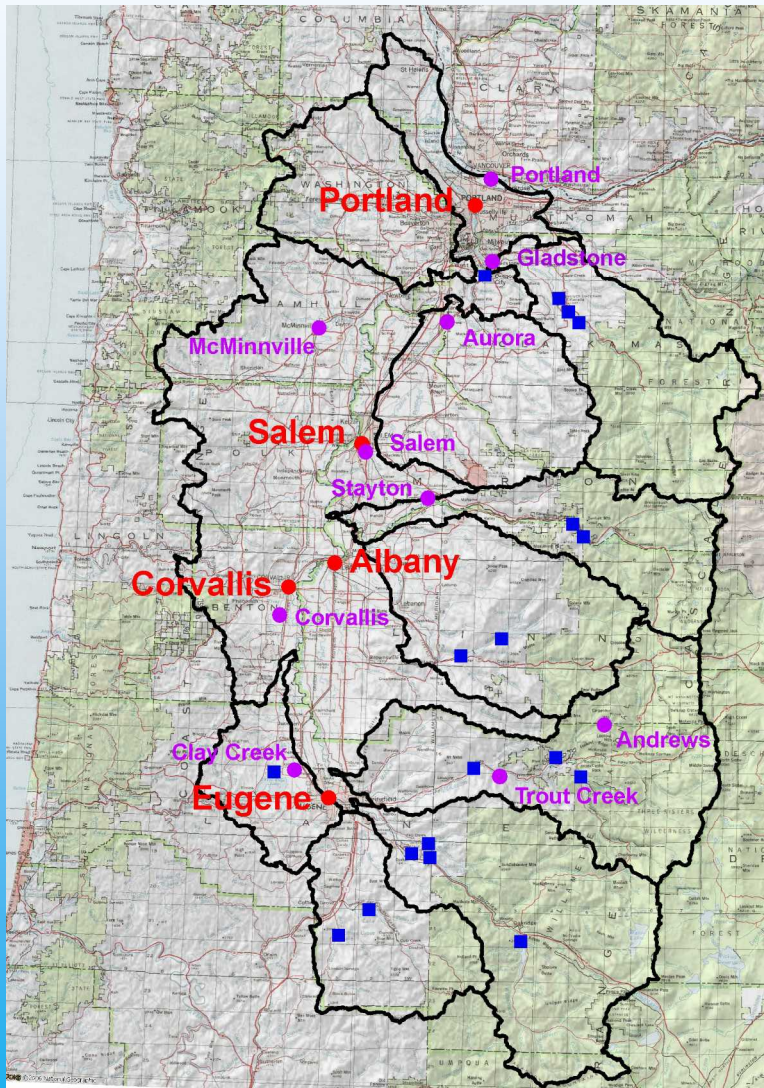


Willamette Basin



- 28750 km²
- 300 km long
- 68% of Oregon's Population
- Flow at mouth:
 - 225 to 2000 m³/s
 - 13th largest in the US
 - Most runoff per unit land area of any other river

Willamette Basin



- Ten Sub-basins
 - Willamette
 - Coast Fork
 - Middle Fork
 - Main stem
 - Santiam
 - North
 - South
 - McKenzie
 - Long Tom
 - Tualatin
 - Clackamas
 - Pudding
- 13 Reservoirs



Motivation – Ground Level

- **Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - TMDL**
 - **Protect aquatic ecosystems from anthropogenic heating and cooling**
 - Salmonids, bull trout
 - **7 day average of maximum daily temperature (7dADM)**
 - **Developed through detailed modeling using CE-QUAL-W2**
- **Key Players**
 - **USACE reservoir operations**
 - **Point sources**
 - Municipal
 - Industrial
 - **Near stream land cover**
 - **Stream morphology**
 - **Willamette Partnership**
 - Coordinated approach
 - Leverage conservation expenditures
 - Ecosystem marketplace



Shared Vision Planning

- **Met with Willamette Partnership**
 - Liked the idea
 - Wanted to use the tool when it was done
 - Didn't have the resources to consistently engage
 - Model Objectives
- **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**
 - Group of local experts
 - Trusted by stakeholders

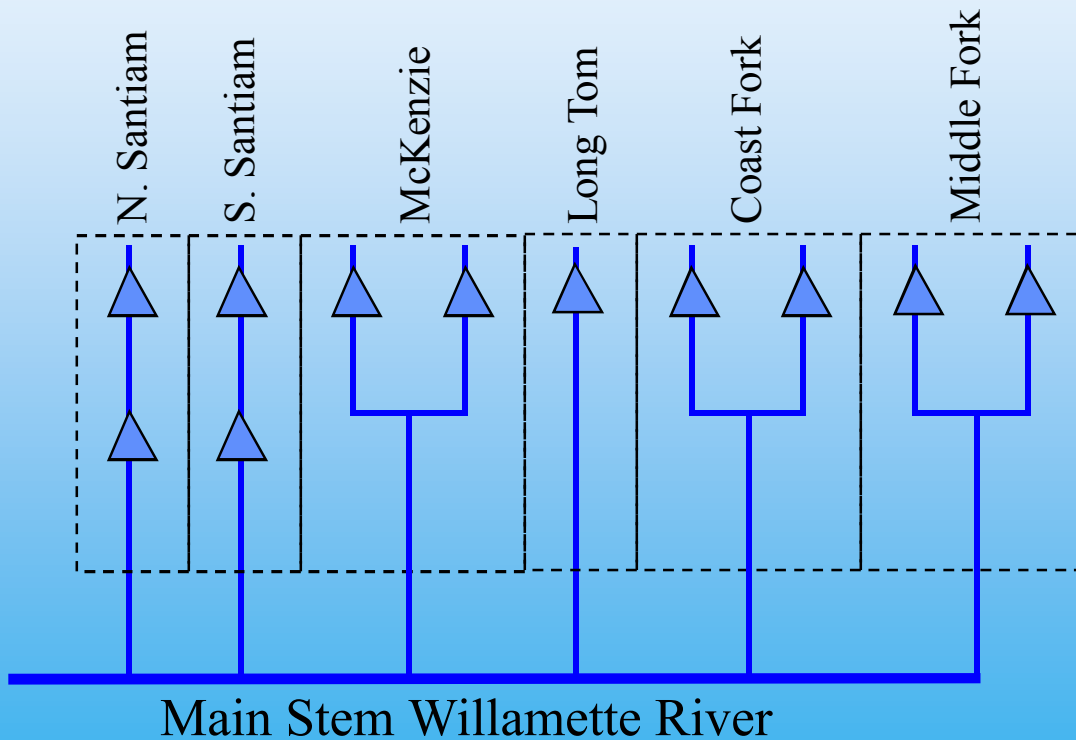


Model Objectives

- **Temperature dynamics for the entire basin**
 - **Reservoirs**
 - **Streams**
 - **Riparian shading**
 - **Point source discharges**
- **Reservoir Operations**
- **Impacts on fish ‘habitat’**
- **Impacts on recreational opportunities**
- **Impacts on power generation**
- **Economic considerations - Recreation**
- **Test viability of ecosystem marketplace**
- **Fast execution for rapid scenario screening**



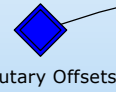
Model Domain



- **Willamette**
 - Coast Fork
 - Middle Fork
 - Main stem
- **Santiam**
 - North
 - South
- **McKenzie**
- **Long Tom**
- **11 Reservoirs**

Modeling Approach

- **System Dynamics - Powersim**
 - Stocks and Flows
 - Link w/ Outside Data
 - Visualization
 - Quick execution
 - Optimization



Tributary Offsets

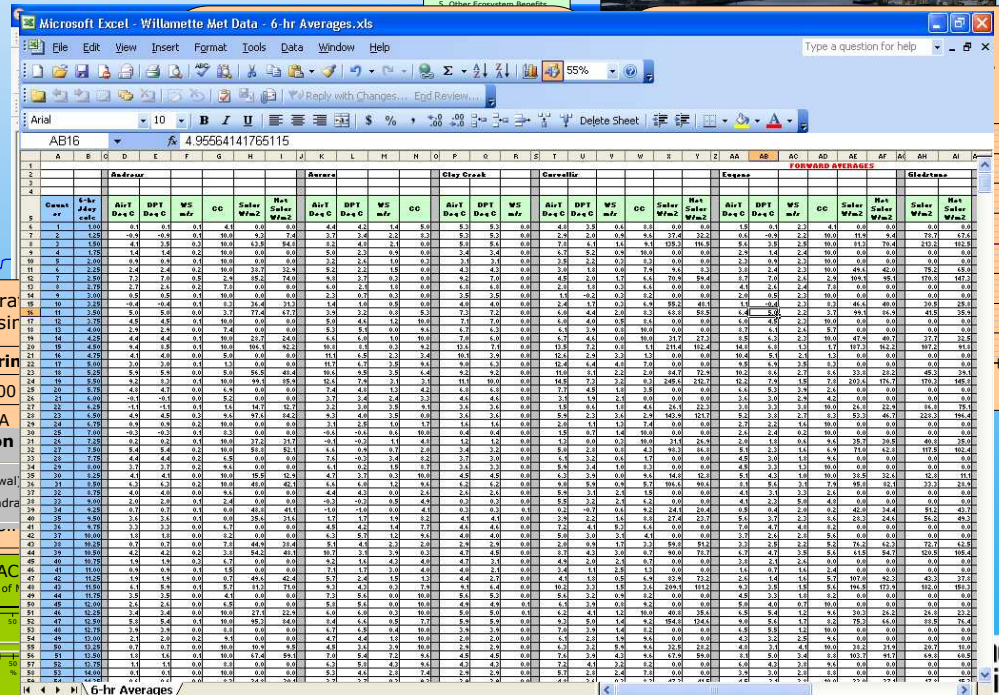
This model is intended to simulate the effects and impacts on temperature of different management, restoration, and operation scenarios on and within the Willamette Basin.

- Key Model Inputs:**
1. Reservoir Operations
 2. Shading Restoration
 3. Outfall Modifications
 4. Demographics
 5. Conservation Measures
 6. Economic Costs

- Key Model Outputs:**
1. 7-day Moving Average
 2. Source Heat Loading
 3. Costs per kcal
 4. Areas of Greatest Impact
 5. Other Ecosystem Results

Willamette River Basin Temperature Impact Model

developed in collaboration by
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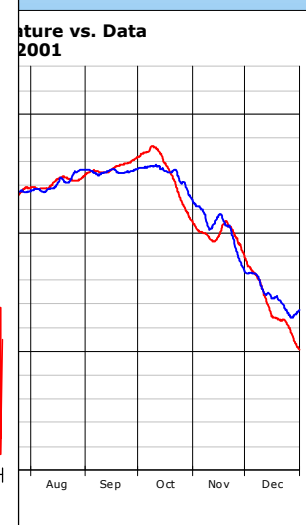
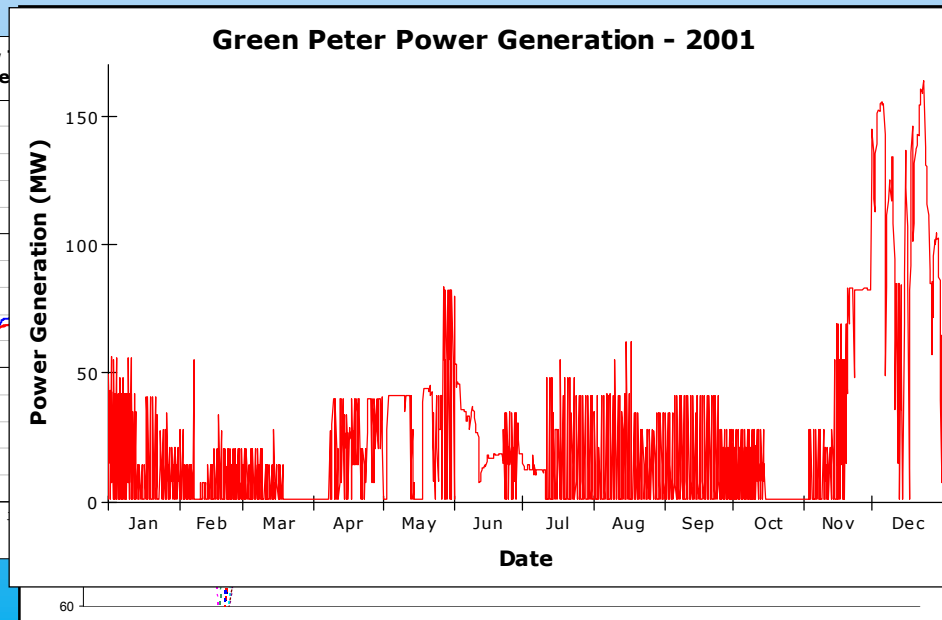
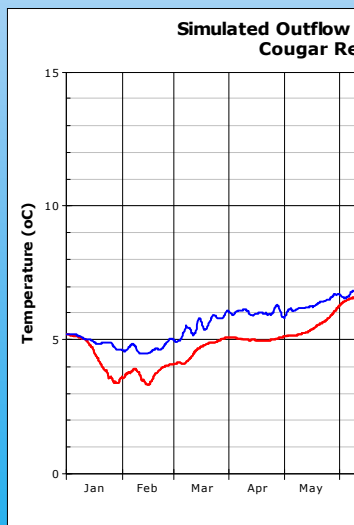
Reservoir Modeling

- **Model**

- 1-d vertical
- Inflows and outflows from data
- Selective vs. point Withdrawal
- Power generation
- Reservoir operations

- **Calibration**

- Outflow temperature
- Vertical temperature profiles



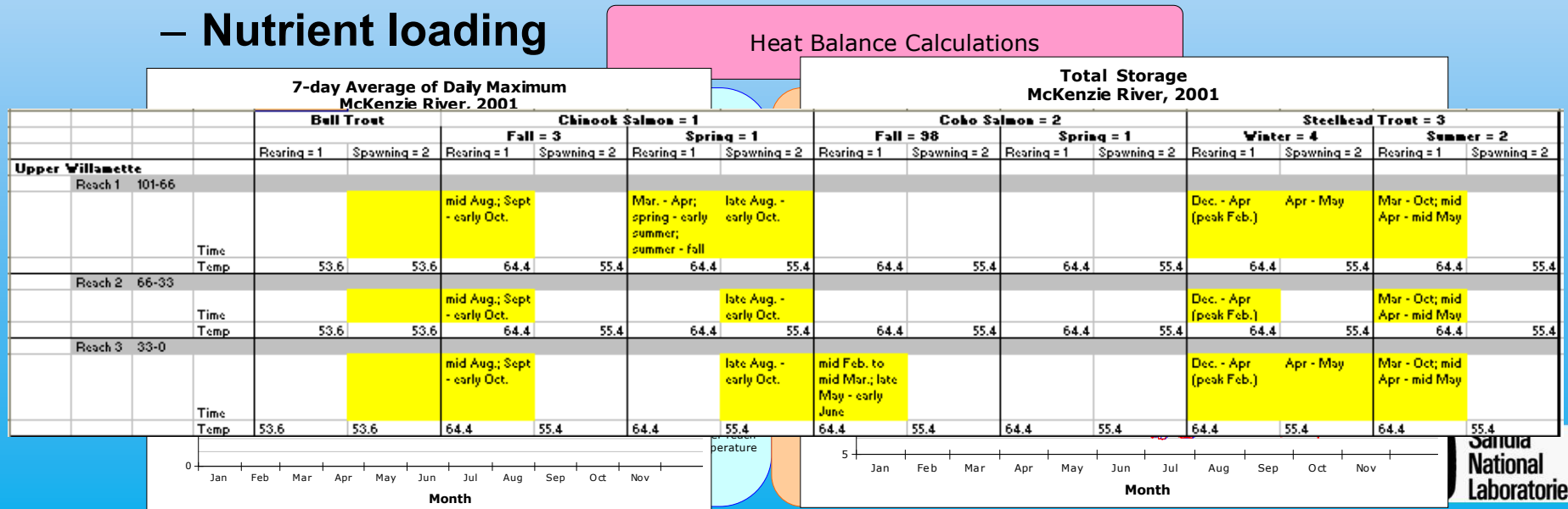
River Modeling

• Model

- Lumped Parameter
 - 1 to 3 stream reaches
- Inflows and outflows from data
- Shading
- Fish windows
- Nutrient loading

• Calibration

- Stream storage
- W2 7dADM





Status

- **Santiam and McKenzie basin models complete**
- **Balance of river models complete**
- **Reservoir data compiled for balance of basins**



Next Steps

- Develop the rest of the sub-basin models
- Link models - GUI





THANK YOU