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Nu-West Proposal for Site-Specific Selenium Criteria

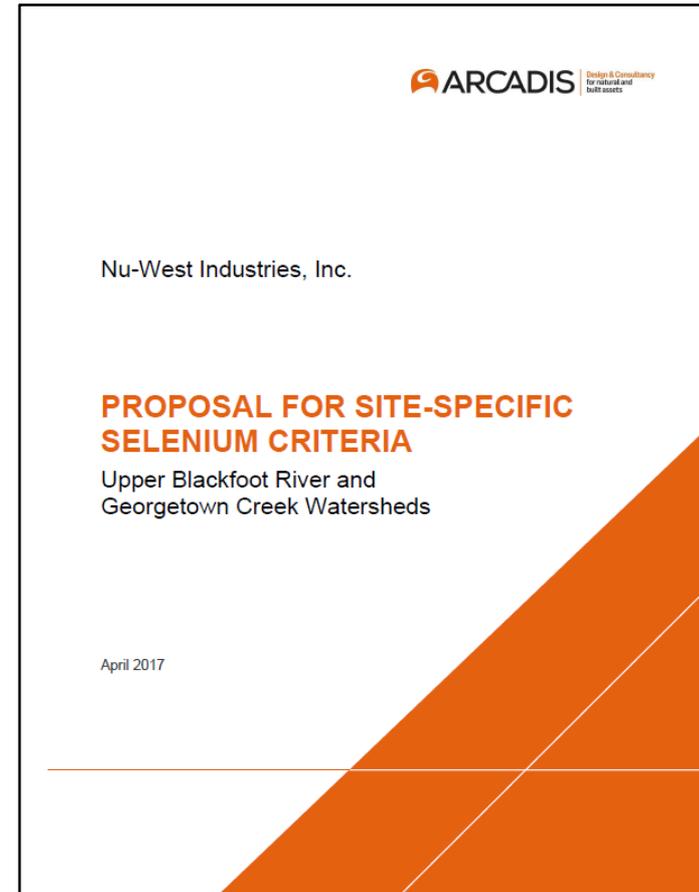
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Outline for Nu-West SSC Proposal

- I. Definition of “Sites”
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 - b. Georgetown Creek
- II. Resident Fish Species
 - a. Upper Blackfoot River
 - b. Georgetown Creek
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 - a. Upper Blackfoot River
 - b. Georgetown Creek
- IV. Protectiveness of Site-Specific Criterion
 - a. Summary of toxicity data and field surveys
- V. Water-Column Element



I. Definition of Sites

Per IDAPA 58.01.02

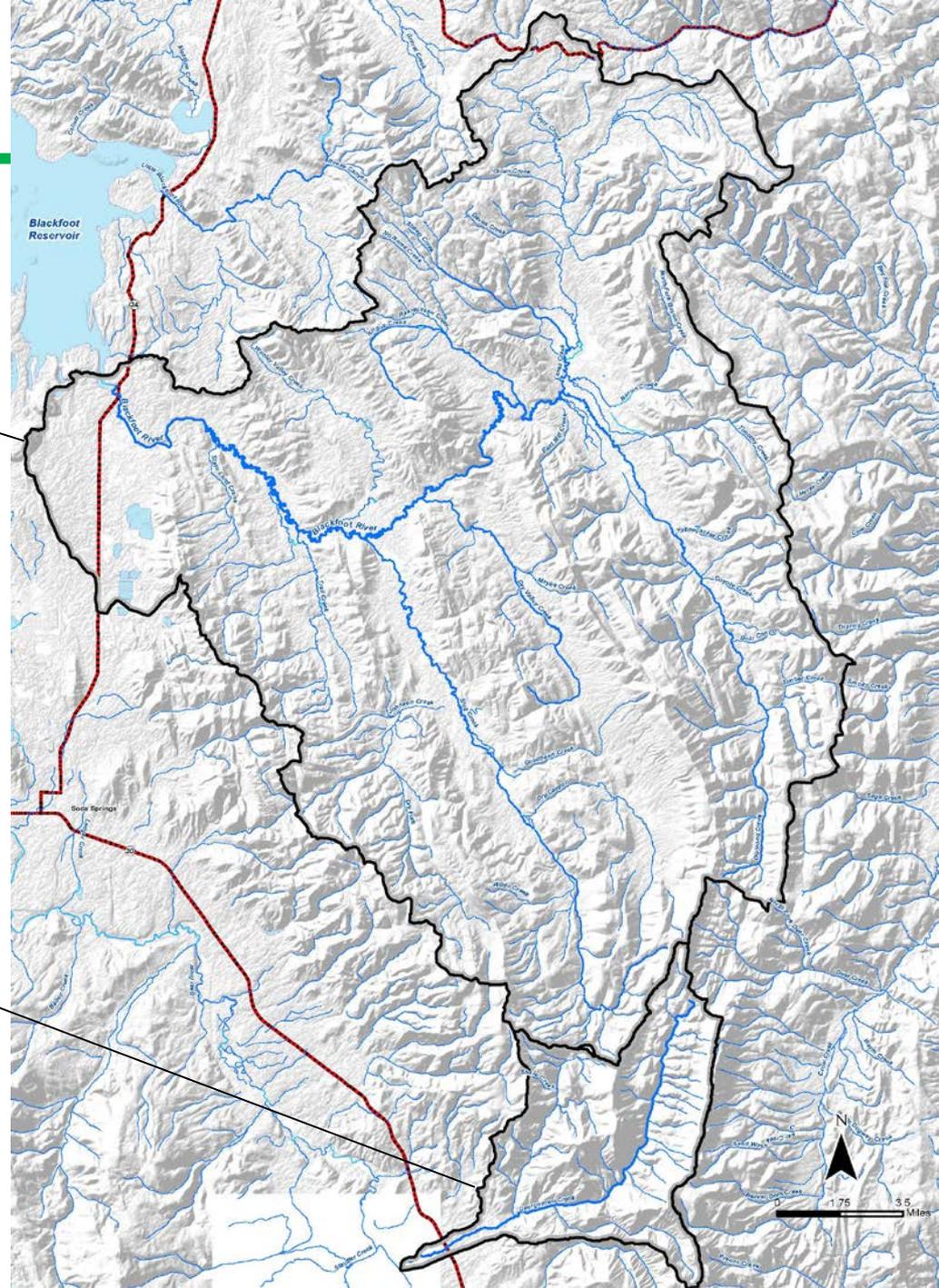
- a. **Subsection of Blackfoot Sub-basin.** Blackfoot River – confluence of Lanes and Diamond Creeks to Blackfoot Reservoir (unit US-10), and all tributaries thereof

- b. **Georgetown Creek** – source to mouth (unit B-22), and all tributaries thereof

I. Definition of Sites

Upper Blackfoot River

Georgetown Creek



II. Resident Fish Species – UBR Watershed

Table 1. Resident fish species that occur in the Upper Blackfoot River watershed.

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name
Salmonidae	Oncorhynchus	O. mykiss	Rainbow trout
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IDEQ BURP Program	1993-2016	●	●	●	●
U.S. Forest Service - Surveys	2000-2002	●	●	●	●
GEI and Arcadis	2013-2016	●	●	●	●

= > 40,000 survey results (1959-2016)

> 30,000,000 stocking results (1967-2016)

II. Resident Fish Species – Georgetown Cr.

Resident fish species that occur in the Georgetown Creek watershed.

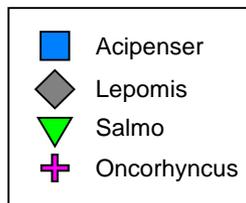
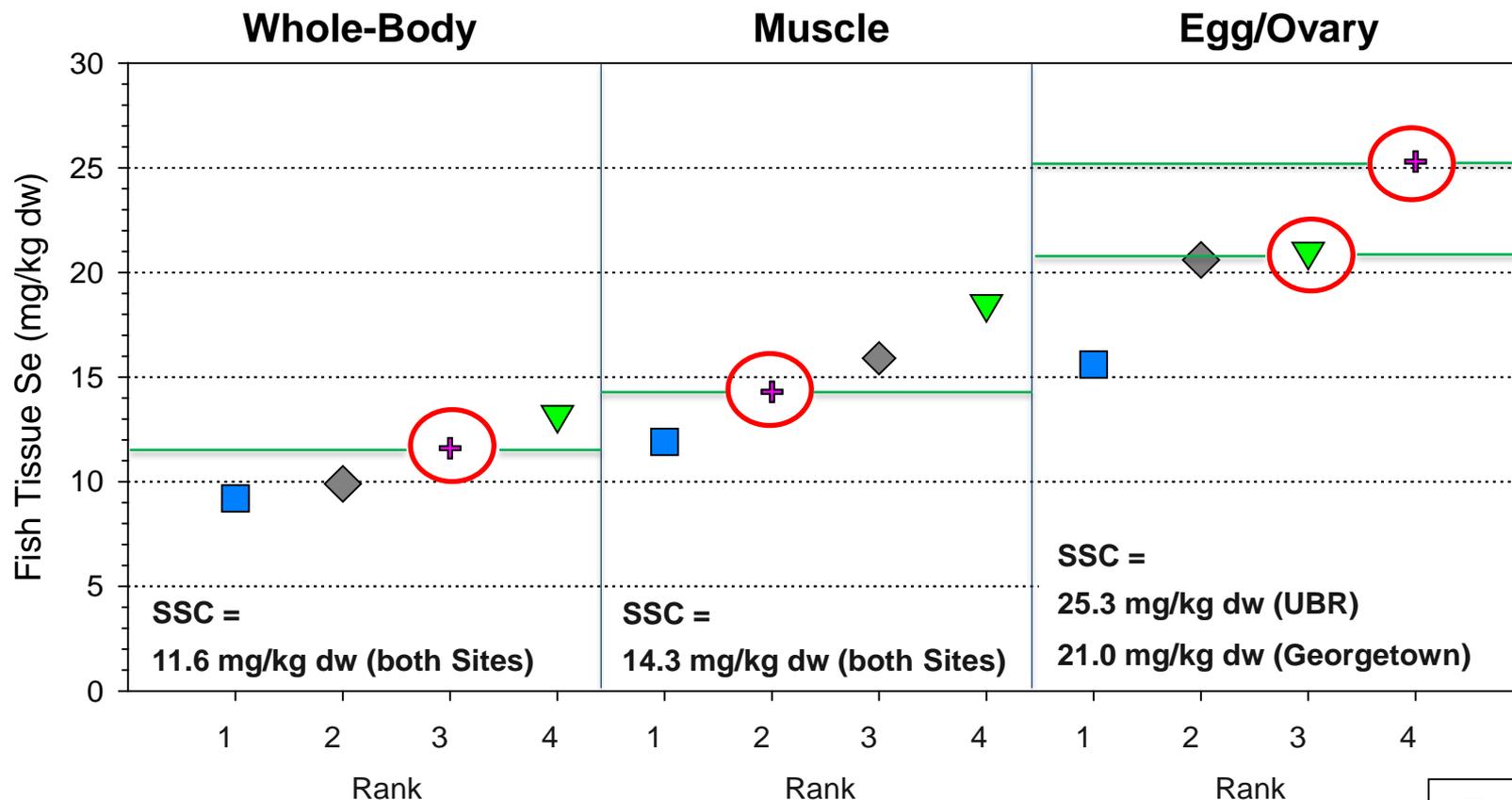
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Surveys	Dates	Data Source	Streams	Total Fish Count	Fish Species
Idaho Department of Fish and Game - Surveys ¹	1994, 1997, 2003, 2007	Teuscher and Capurso (2007)	Left Hand Fork, Georgetown Creek	Not Reported	Brook trout, cutthroat trout, cutthroat/rainbow hybrids, rainbow trout.
Idaho Department of Fish and Game - Stocking Records	1968-2011	IDFG (2017)	Left Hand Fork, Georgetown Creek	81,923	Brook trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout.
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Surveys	1997, 2012, 2013	IDEQ (2017)	Left Hand Fork, Georgetown Creek	58	Brook trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, brown trout
US Forest Service Surveys ¹	1994	Cowley (1994)	Georgetown Creek	Upper: 9 Lower: Not Reported	Brook trout, cutthroat trout, cutthroat/rainbow hybrids, rainbow trout.
	2000, 2001, 2007	USFS (2003); Teuscher and Capurso (2007)	Left Hand Fork, Georgetown Creek	Not Reported	Brook trout, cutthroat/rainbow hybrids, rainbow trout.
GEI and Arcadis	2015-2016	GEI (2016); Arcadis (2017)	Left Hand Fork, Georgetown Creek	661	Brook trout, Cutthroat trout, Cutthroat/Rainbow hybrids, Rainbow trout.

III. Site-Specific Tissue Elements

Nu-West Proposed Site-Specific Tissue Criteria



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a. Upper Blackfoot River

IDEQ proposed aquatic life selenium criteria values (default) and Nu-West proposed site-specific criteria (SSC) values.

Fish Tissue (mg/kg dw)					
Egg-Ovary ^{1,2}		Whole Body ^{2,3}		Muscle ^{2,3}	
Default	SSC	Default	SSC	Default	SSC
15.1	25.3	8.5	11.6	11.3	14.3

Final USEPA (2016) *Oncorhynchus* Chronic Values

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Egg-Ovary ^{1,2}		Whole Body ^{3,2}		Muscle ^{3,2}	
Default	SSC	Default	SSC	Default	SSC
15.1	21.0	8.5	11.6	11.3	14.3

Final USEPA (2016)
Salmo Chronic Value

Final USEPA (2016)
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IV. Protectiveness of Tissue-Based SSC

- a. Salmonidae Family
 - i. *Oncorhynchus* Genus

Maternal Transfer Reproductive Toxicity Studies for *Oncorhynchus* (from EPA 2016)

Genus	Species	SMCV ⁶ (mg Se/kg dw E/O)	GMCV ⁶ (mg Se/kg dw E/O)
<i>Oncorhynchus</i>	Rainbow Trout ^{1,2,3}	24.5	25.3
	Cutthroat Trout ^{4,5}	26.2	

Notes:

¹Holm (2002)

²Holm et al. (2003)

³Holm et al. (2005)

⁴Rudolph et al. (2008)

⁵Nautilus Environmental (2011)

⁶USEPA (2016) Final Chronic Value


 Proposed SSC
 (for Upper Blackfoot River)
 = USEPA's final chronic value
 for *Oncorhynchus*

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IV. Protectiveness of Tissue-Based SSC

b. Salmonidae Family

iii. *Salvelinus* Genus

Maternal Transfer Reproductive Toxicity Studies for *Salvelinus* (from EPA 2016)

Genus	Species	SMCV³ (mg Se/kg dw E/O)	GMCV³ (mg Se/kg dw E/O)
Salvelinus	Dolly Varden ¹	56.2	56.2
	Brook Trout ²	>49	

¹ Golder 2009

² Holm et al. 2005

³ USEPA (2016) Final Chronic Value

IV. Protectiveness of Tissue-Based SSC

c. Cyprinid Family

i. *Pimephales* Genus

Maternal Transfer Reproductive Toxicity Studies for *Pimephales* (from EPA 2016)

Genus	Species	SMCV ³ (mg Se/kg dw)	GMCV (mg Se/kg dw)
<i>Pimephales</i>	Fathead Minnow	<25.6 (E/O) ¹ 35-65 (WB) ²	--

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ii. Other data from EPA (2016)

- “Available studies (Hamilton et al (1998), NAMC (2008), Presser (2013), USGS (2012)) indicate that native cyprinids as a family are not expected to be overly sensitive to selenium when compared with other families of freshwater fish.” (p. E-41)
- “Cyprinids appear to have a tolerance to selenium that is greater than salmonid species.” (p. E-48)
- Cyprinids will be protected by a criterion based on salmonid sensitivity (p. E-48)

IV. Protectiveness of Tissue-Based SSC

d. *Catostomidae* Family

i. *Catostomus* Genus

Maternal Transfer Reproductive Toxicity Studies for *Catostomidae* (from EPA 2016)

Genus	Species	SMCV ² (mg Se/kg dw E/O)	GMCV (mg Se/kg dw E/O)
<i>Catostomus</i>	White Sucker ¹	>40.3	--

Notes:

¹de Rosemound et al. (2005)

² USEPA (2016)

-- Not calculated by EPA (2016) because no fish/eggs collected from reference site.

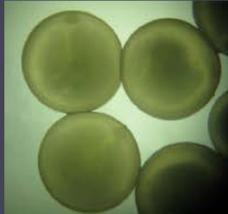
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- “Species such as stoneroller species, creek chub, blackside dace, and white sucker have documented tolerance to selenium and can be found in selenium contaminated systems (NAMC 2008, Presser 2012).” (p. K-19)

IV. Protectiveness of Tissue-Based SSC

- c. Cottidae Family
 - i. *Cottus* Genus

Effect of dietary selenium on adult Slimy Sculpin (*Cottus cognatus*) and their offspring


Bonnie Lo, Vicki Marlatt, Josh Baker, James Elphick,
Adrian Debruyn, Mike Patterson, Bruce Leighton, Chris
Kennedy and Howard Bailey

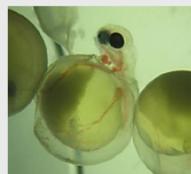
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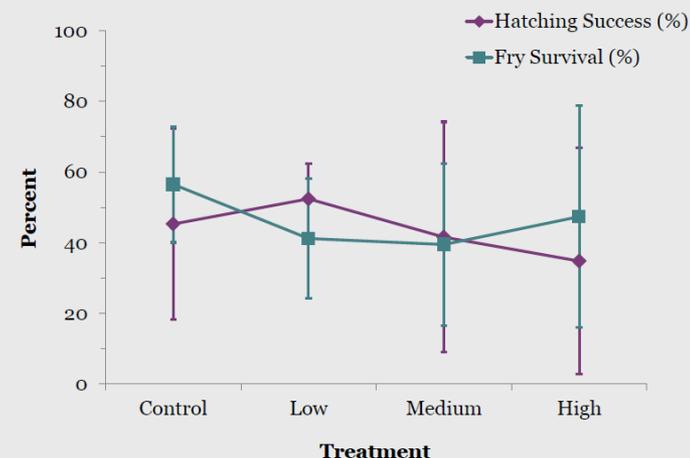
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Discussion and summary

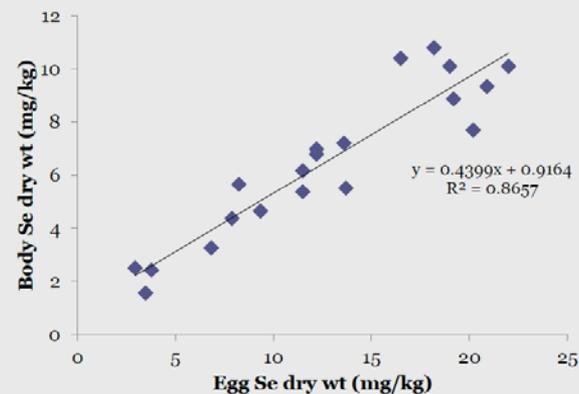


- Field collected sculpin fed Se-dosed diet for 7 months and successfully brought to spawning condition
 - Endpoints: hatch success, fry survival, cumulative survival, fry deformities, fry length and weight
- No adverse effects observed for the parameters measured at concentrations up to 22 mg/kg dw Se in eggs
 - Similar results reported for Westslope cutthroat trout
 - no effect threshold for deformity >20.6 µg/g dw (Rudolph et al., 2008)

Hatching success and fry survival



Relationship between whole body and egg Se



IV. Protectiveness of Tissue-Based SSC

c. Cottidae Family

i. *Cottus* Genus

Maternal Transfer Reproductive Toxicity Studies for Cottidae

Genus	Species	SMCV (mg Se/kg dw E/O)	GMCV (mg Se/kg dw E/O)
<i>Cottus</i>	Slimy Sculpin ¹	>19.4 ± 1.8	--

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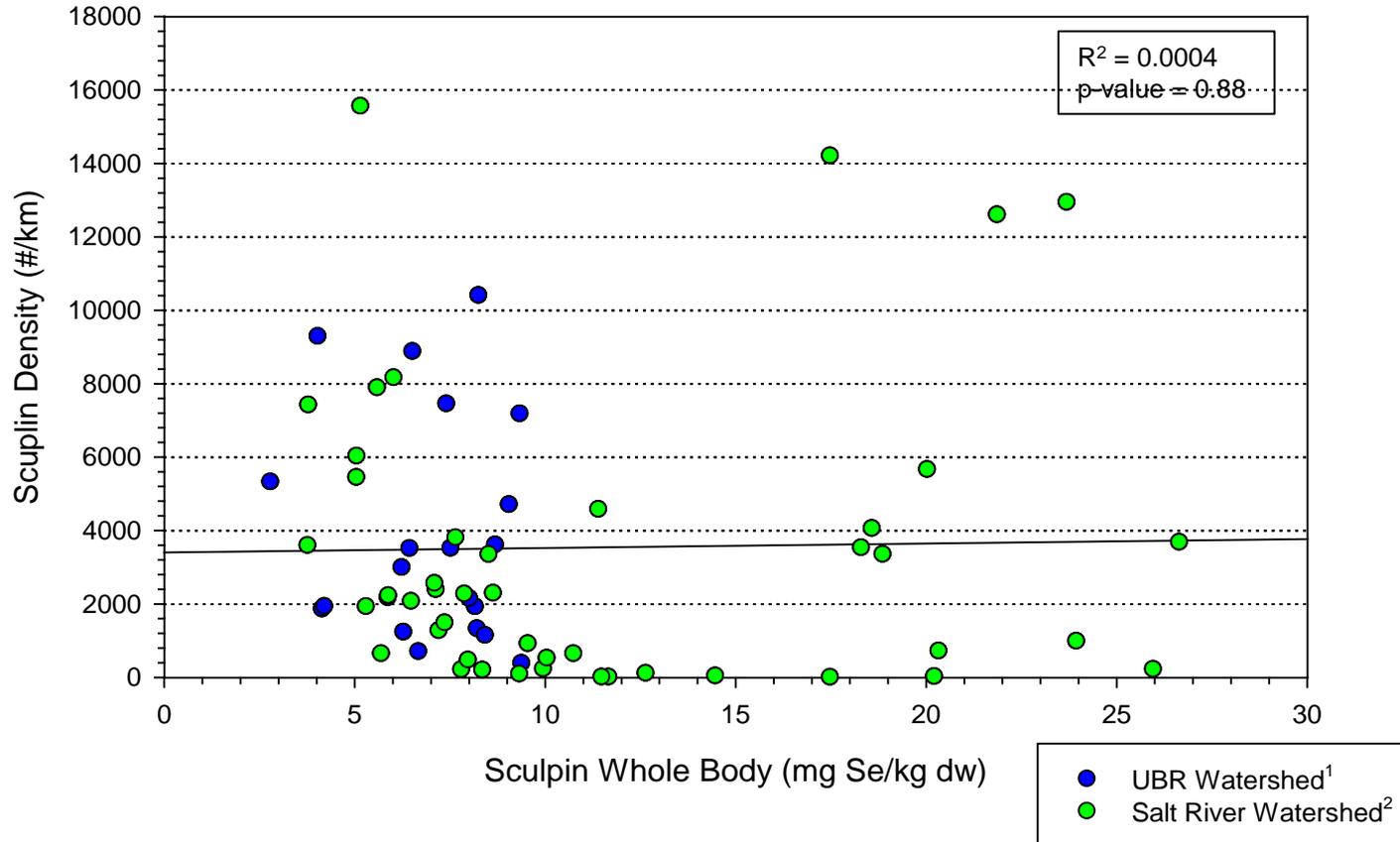
¹Lo et al. (2014)

-- Study not presented in EPA (2016)

ii. Other relevant data on sculpin sensitivity

- Formation (2012): Sculpin abundance, density, age-classes not significantly related to water-borne or tissue Se concentrations.
- UBR Field Data: GEI (2013, 2014, 2015) & Arcadis (2016)
- NAMC (2008) sculpin population densities not significantly related to surface-water Se or sculpin-tissue Se (up to > 39 µg/L or > 25 mg/kg WB dw)

IV. Protectiveness of Tissue-Based SSC



Notes:

¹ GEI (2016a,b); Arcadis (2017a,b)

² Formation and HabiTech (2012)

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		O. clarkii utah	Bonneville cutthroat trout	✓
	Salvelinus	S. fontinalis	Brook trout	✓

V. Water-Column Calculations

- a. Performance-based approach using methods from USEPA (2016) Appendix K
- b. Ephemeral / intermittent fishless streams

V. Water-Column Calculations

Water Column ($\mu\text{g/L}$) ^{1,2}	
Water Lotic	
Default	SSC ^{3,4}
3.1 (30 day)	--

Notes:

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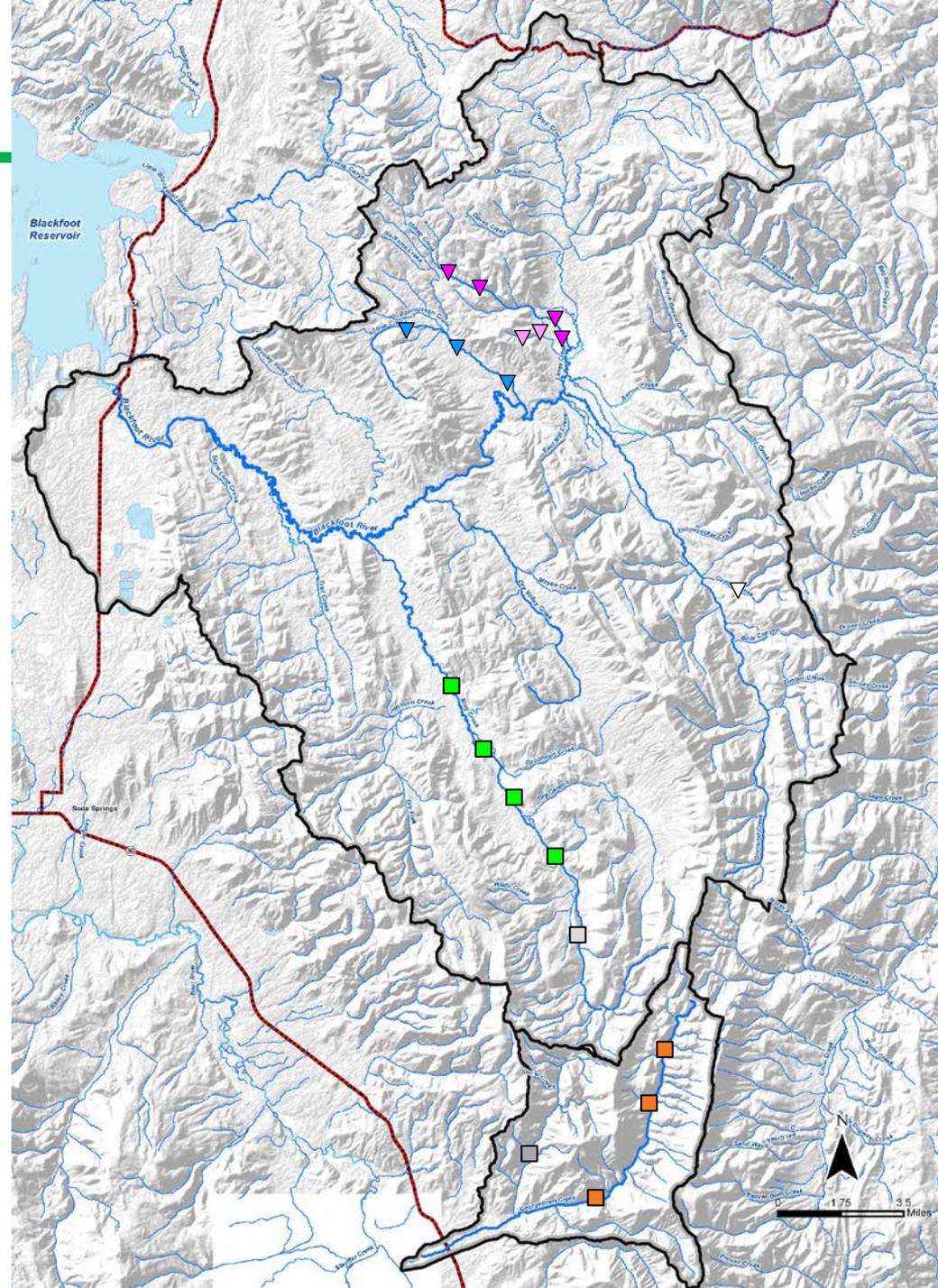
1. Frequency: Not to be exceeded more than once in three years on average.
2. Site-specific water column values (30-day) are based on dissolved total selenium in water and are derived from fish tissue values via mechanistic or bioaccumulation modeling methods in Appendix K from EPA (2016).

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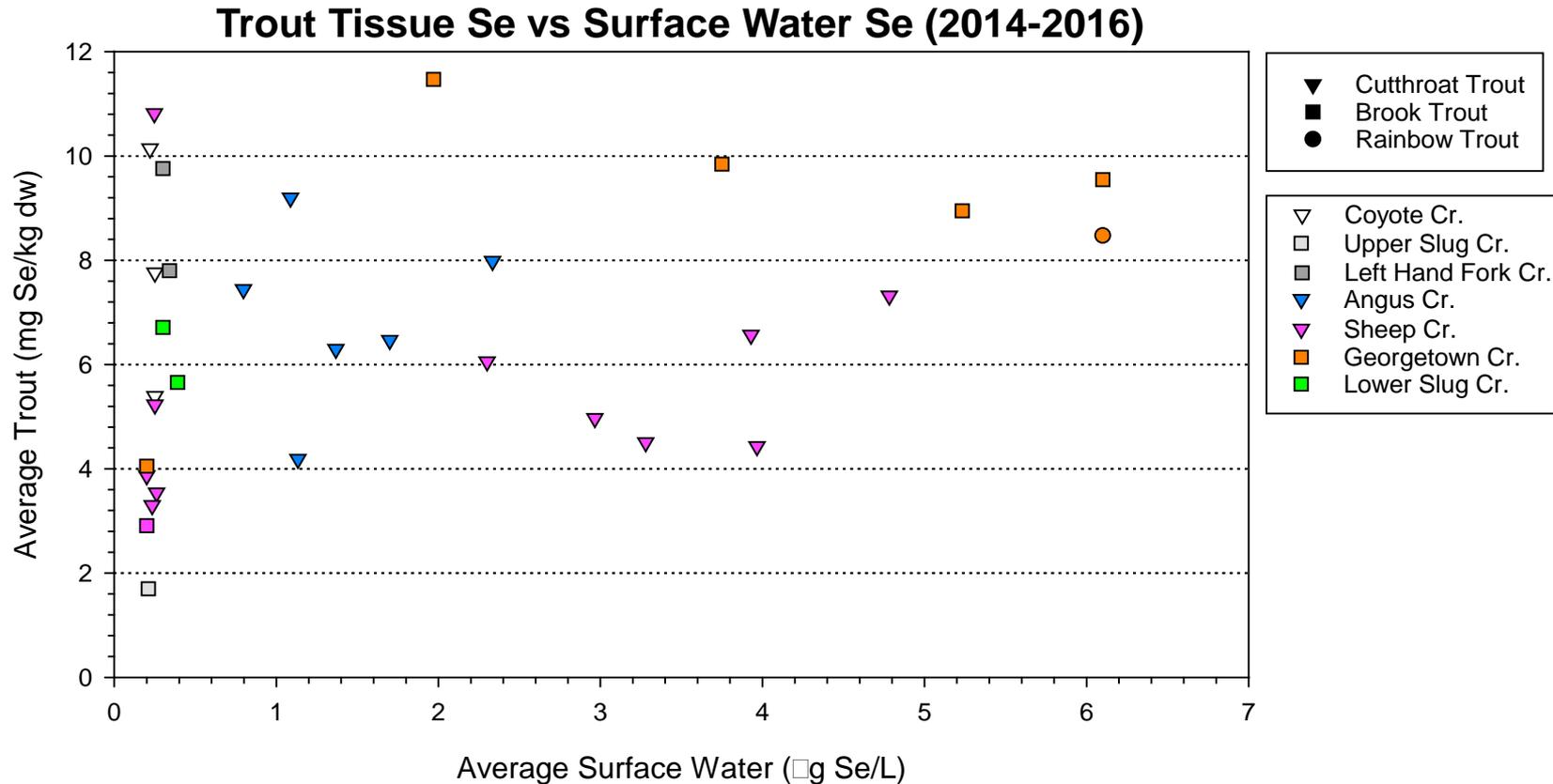
$$C_{\text{water}} = \frac{\text{Tissue Criterion } (\mu\text{g/g})}{\text{BAF (L/g)}}$$



$$\text{BAF} = \frac{\text{Fish-Tissue Se } (\mu\text{g/g})}{\text{Surface-Water Se } (\mu\text{g/L})}$$

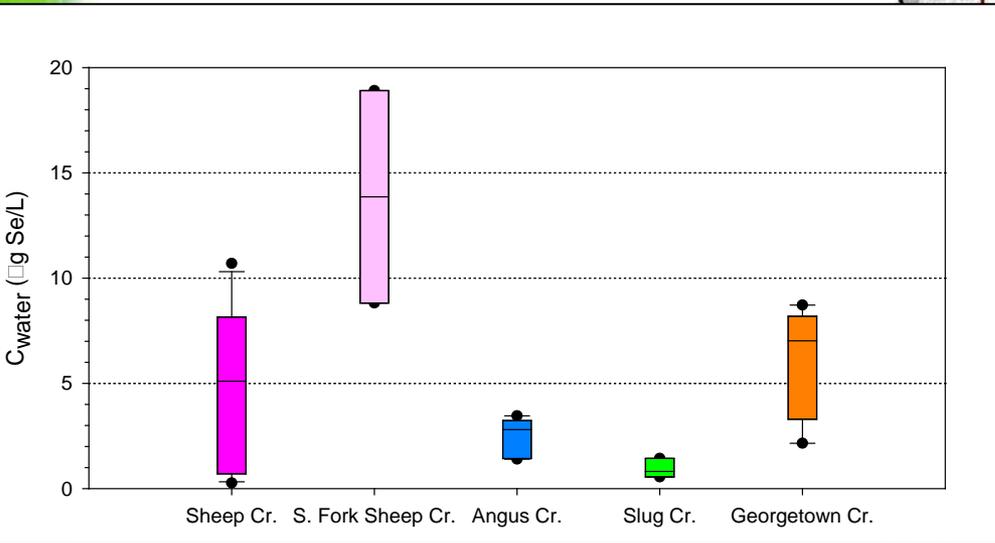
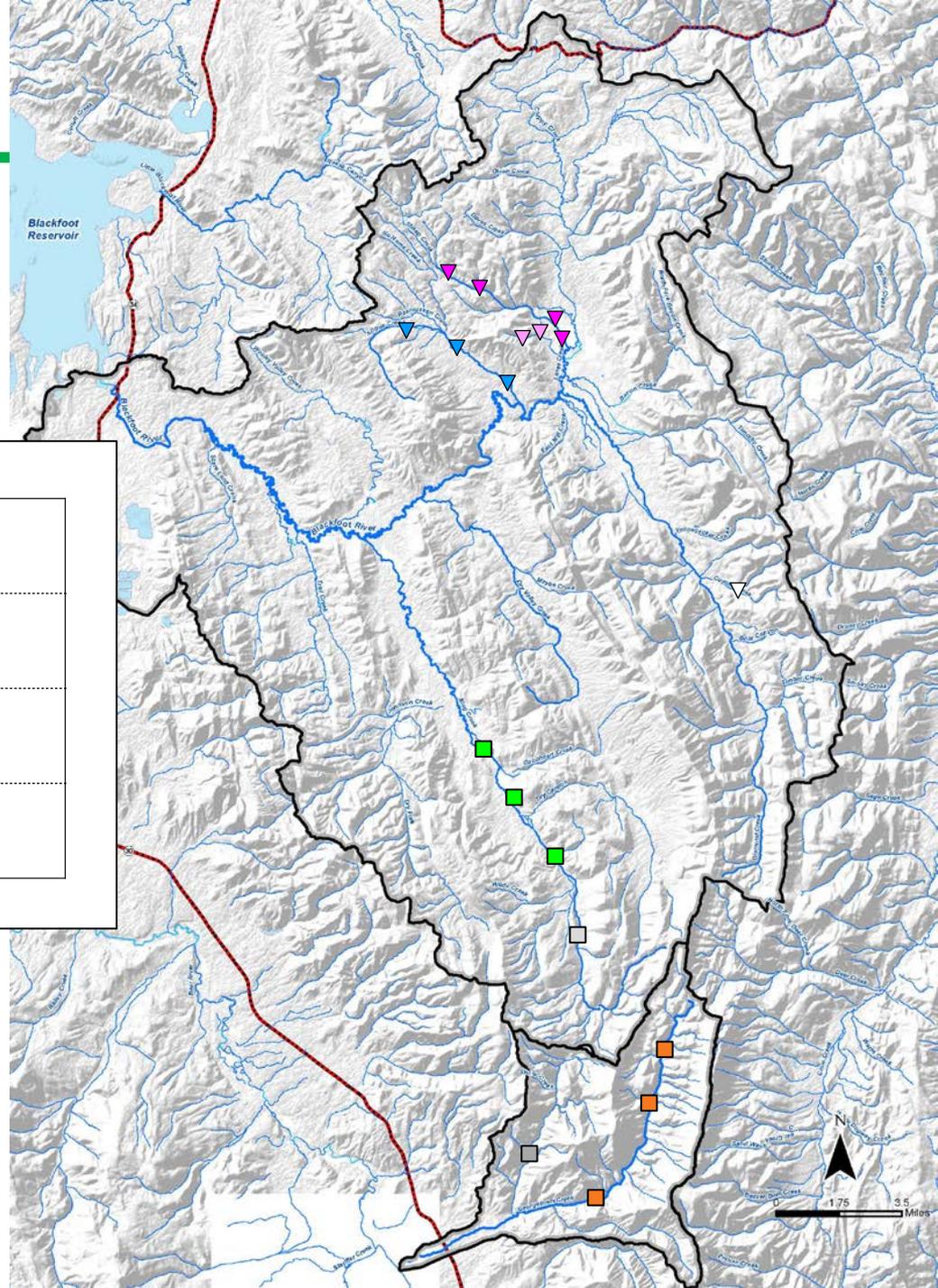


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➤ Surface-water Se is a poor predictor of fish-tissue Se

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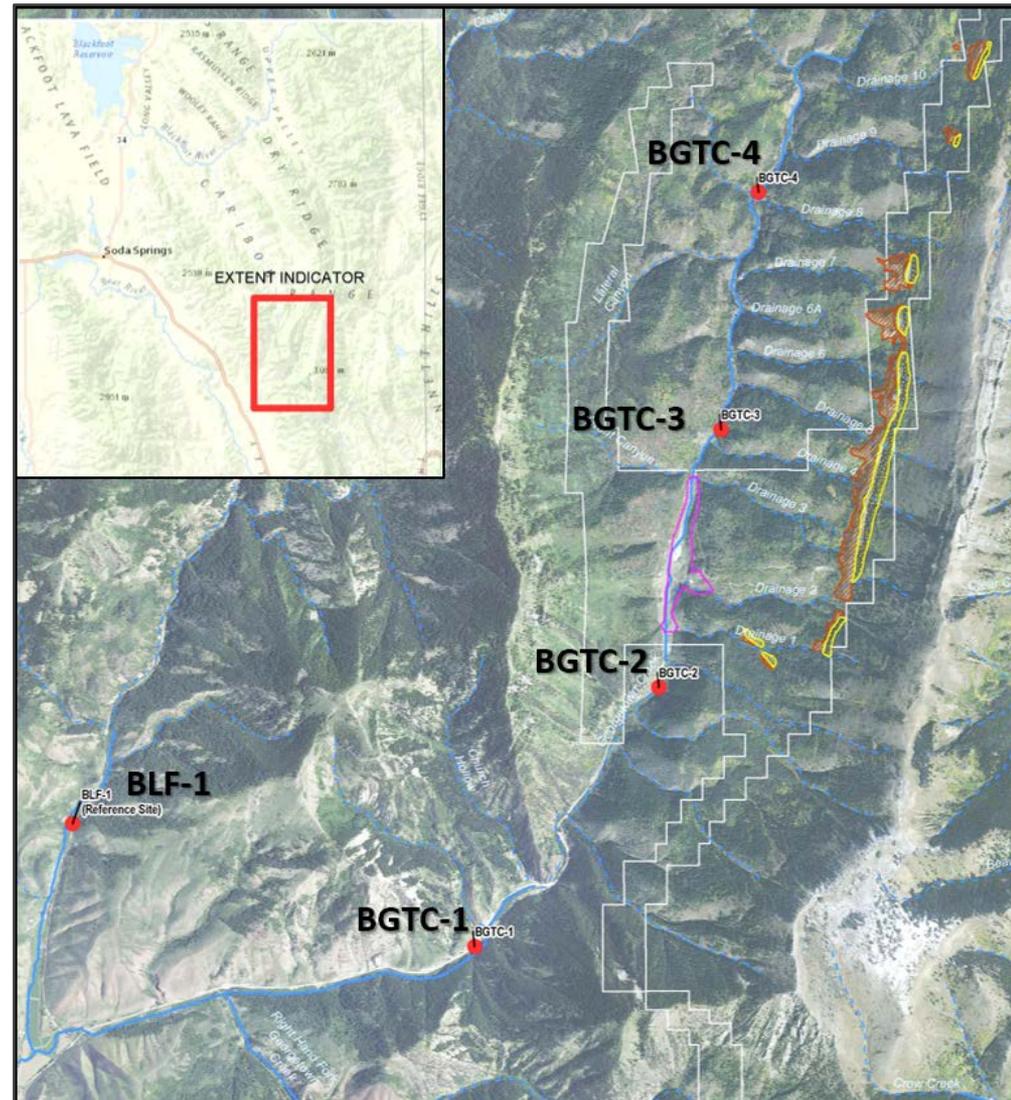


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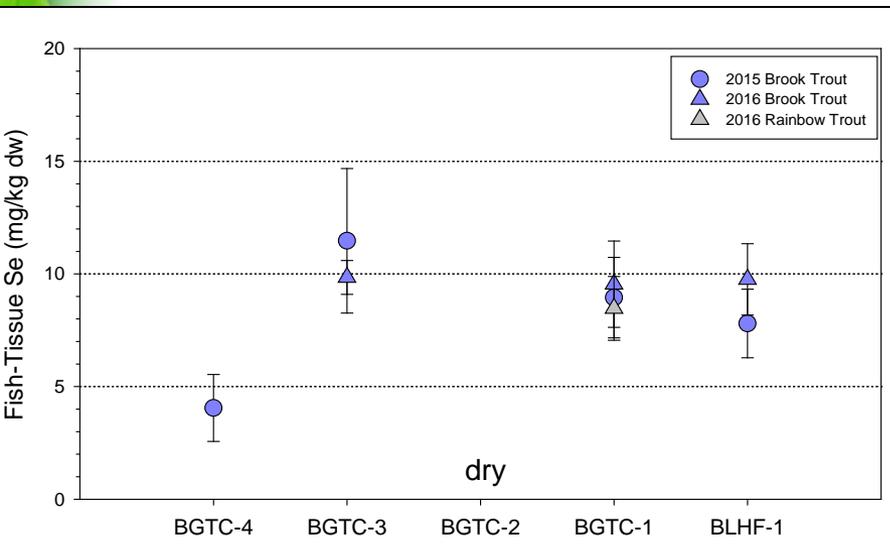
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Georgetown Creek



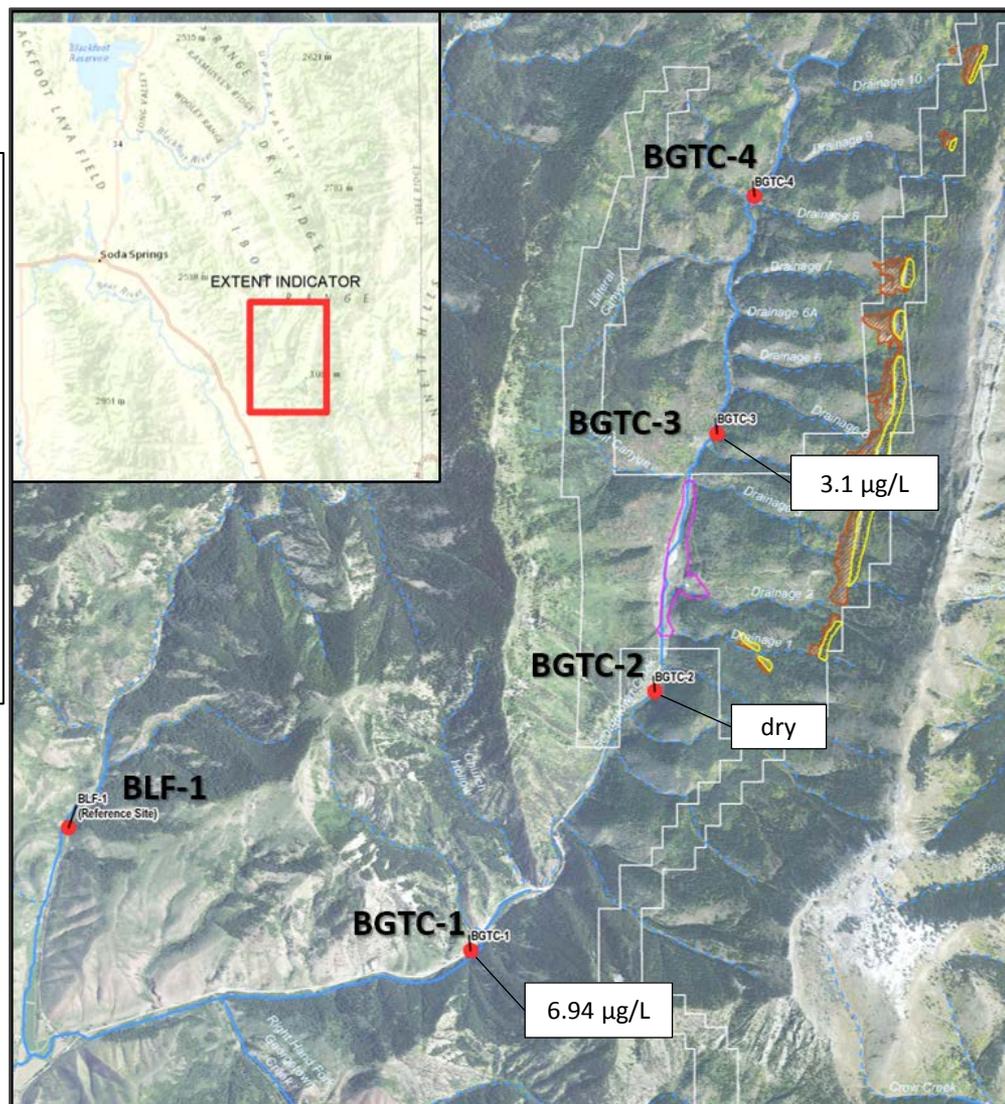
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Average \pm SD Whole Body Se (mg/kg dw)



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b. Fishless streams

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U.S. EPA (2016), p. 101:

- “Waters with insufficient stream habitat and/or flow to support a population of any fish species on a continuing basis”; or
- “Waters that once supported populations of one or more fish species but no longer support fish (i.e., extirpation) due to temporary or permanent changes in water quality (e.g., due to selenium pollution), flow, or instream habitat.”

V. Water-Column Calculations

Tissue Chemistry

- Fish-Tissue Se
- Macroinvertebrate Se
- Periphyton Se
- Detritus Se

Abiotic Chemistry

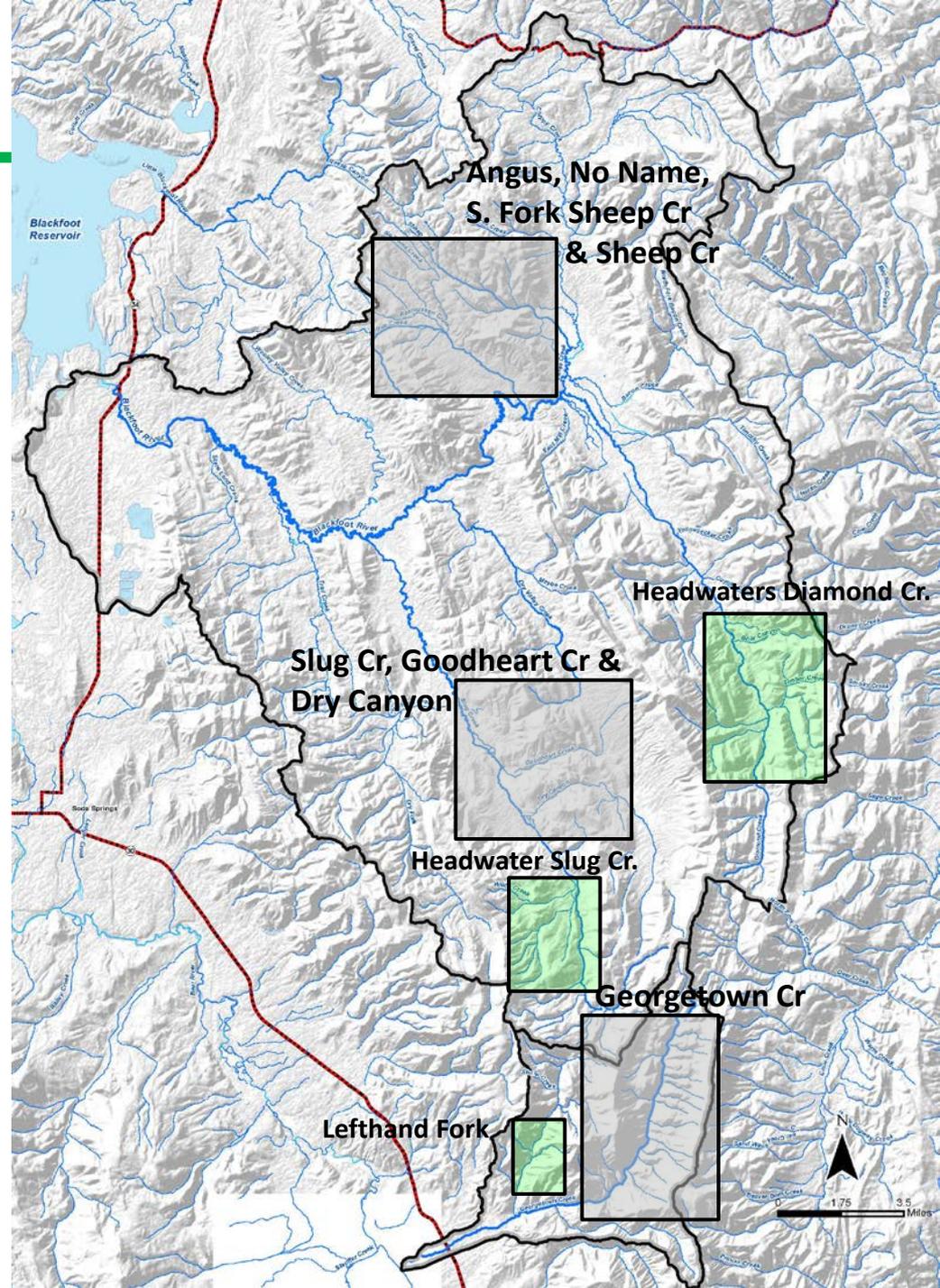
- Water-Column Se
- Sediment Se

Community Data

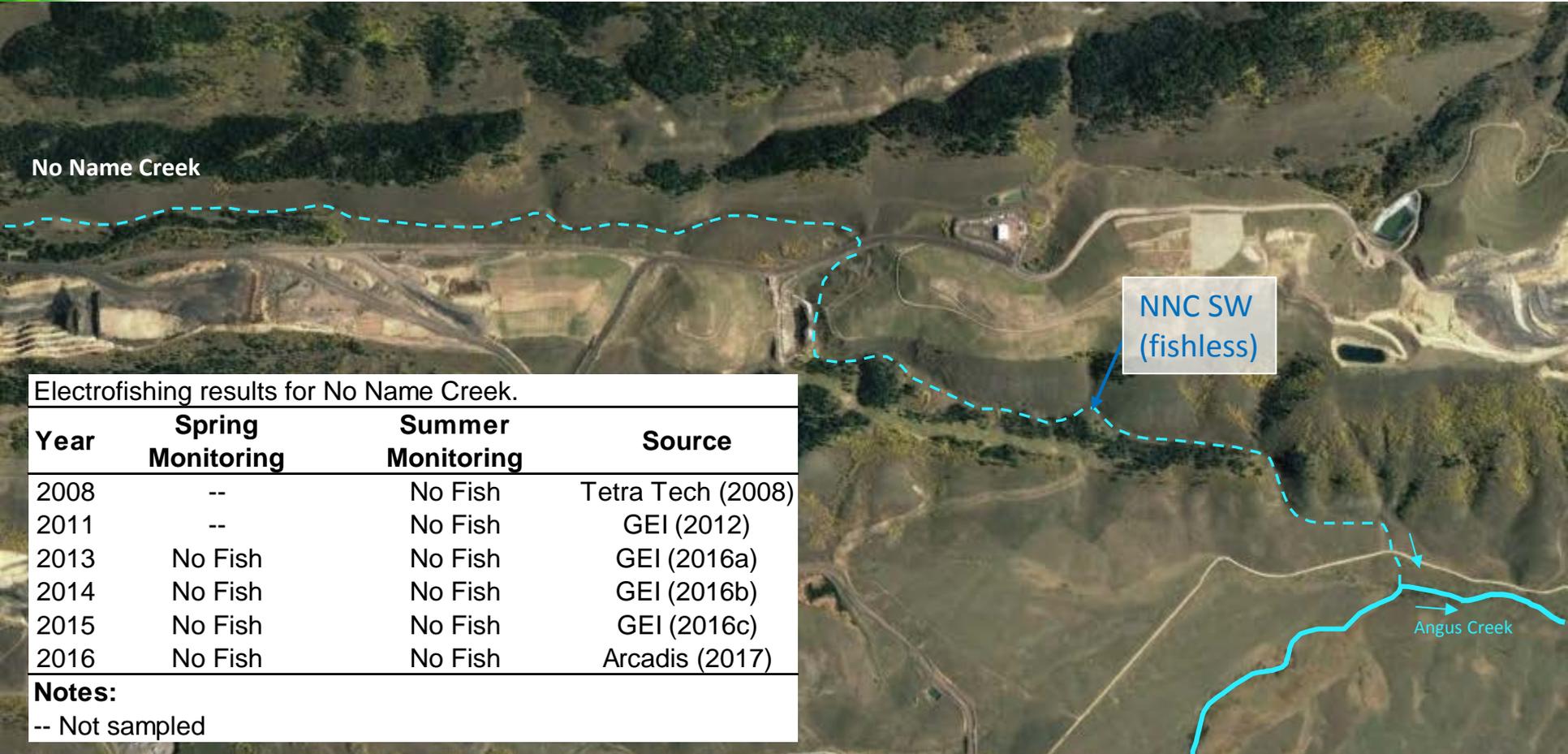
- Fish Surveys
- Macroinvertebrate Surveys

Physical Habitat

- Discharge (or dry channels)
- Substrate
- Width, depth, etc



No Name Creek – Fishless Stream



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BNNC-1: April 2015



BNNC-1: May 2016



BNNC-1: Sept 2016



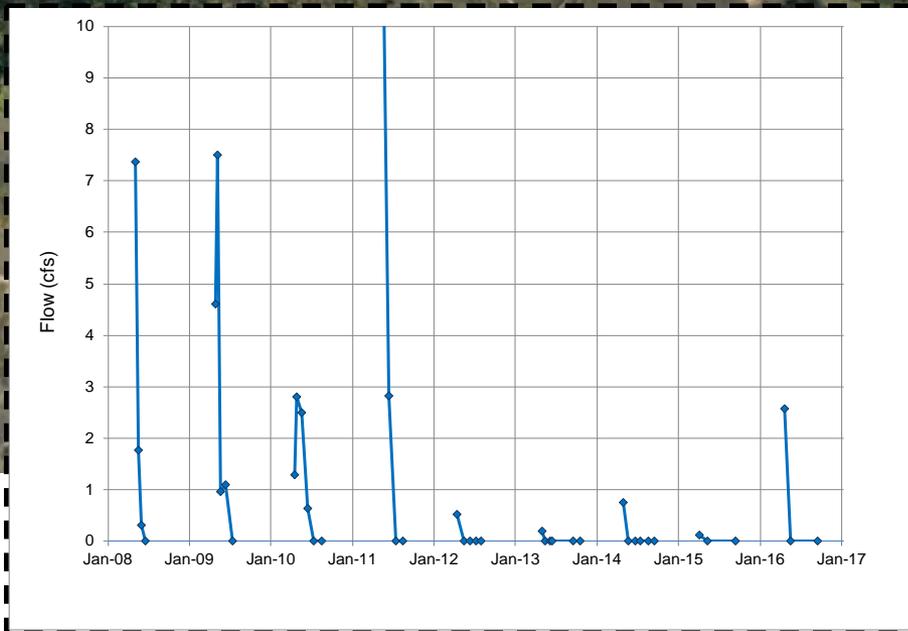
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No Name Creek

BNNC-1

Angus Creek



V. Water-Column Calculations

b. Fishless streams

Water Column ($\mu\text{g/L}$) ^{1,2}	
Water Lotic	
Default	SSC ^{3,4}
3.1 (30 day)	--

3. In streams where fish are naturally absent due to low-flow conditions, surface water from the fishless stream and fish tissue measured at the first occurrence of a continuous fish population are used for bioaccumulation modeling.

Appendix K – Site-Specific Criteria, p. K-13 (USEPA 2016):

- ***Sample most sensitive fish in most proximate downstream waters***
- ***Measure conditions in fishless streams to evaluate possible impact to downstream fish***

Appendix K – Site-Specific Criteria, p. K-13 (USEPA 2016)

- “When fish are absent from a waterbody, consideration of sampling the **most sensitive fish species** inhabiting nearby, **most proximate downstream waters** may be useful in order to understand Se bioaccumulation in such systems.”
- “Although the upper reaches of some aquatic systems may not support fish communities, the invertebrate organisms that reside there may tolerate high concentrations of Se and pose a **Se risk to predator fish if transported downstream.**”
- “Users may choose to evaluate upstream waters without fish by measuring the Se concentration in water, biotic and/or abiotic particulate material, and/or the tissues of invertebrate aquatic organisms that reside there. Because Se associated with particulate material and invertebrate organisms can be transported downstream during intermittent high flows, elevated concentrations of **Se in the tissues of downstream fish** could indicate upstream sources of Se that require a more detailed evaluation of upstream conditions.”

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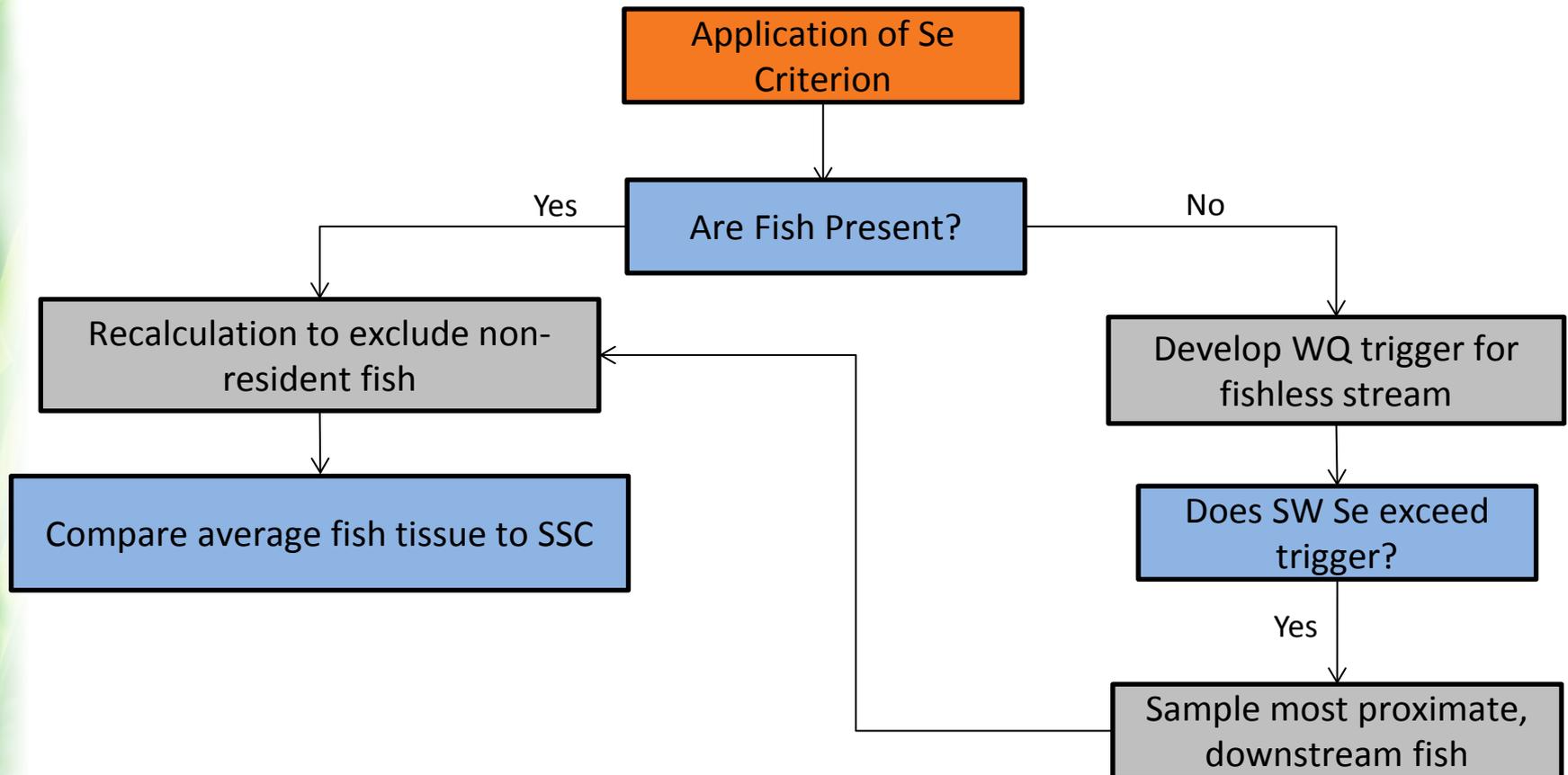
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4. Fish tissue supersedes any site-specific water column values when fish are sampled downstream of the fishless stream or reach of fishless stream, at the first occurrence of a continuous fish population.

Simplified Implementation Flowchart



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b. Fishless streams

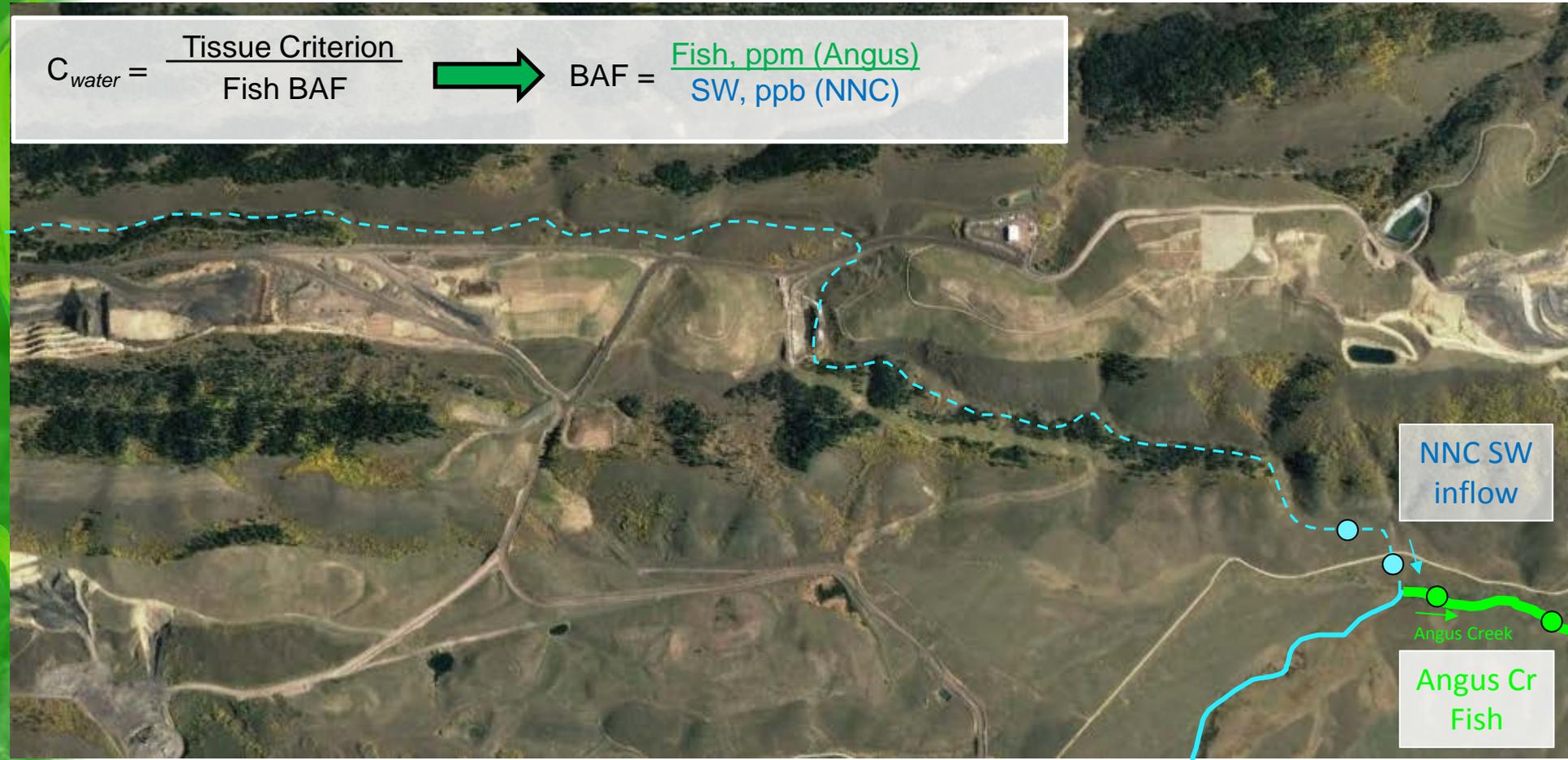
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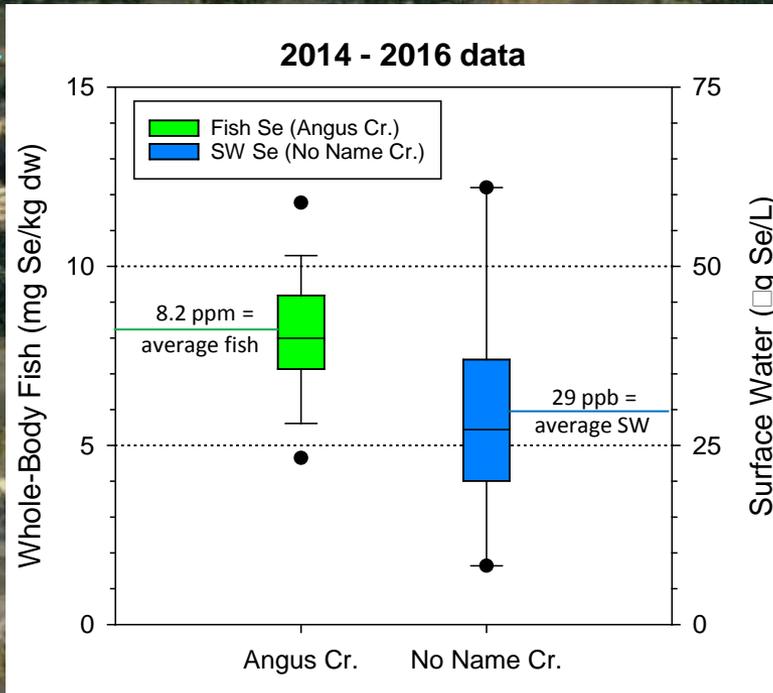
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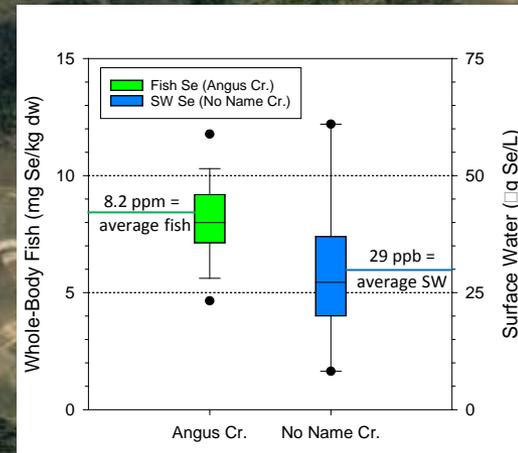
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NNC SW inflow

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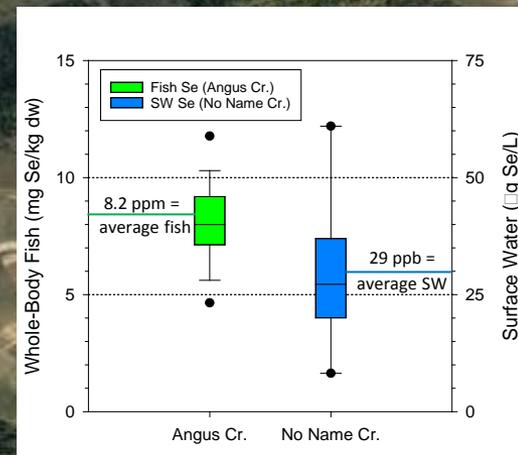
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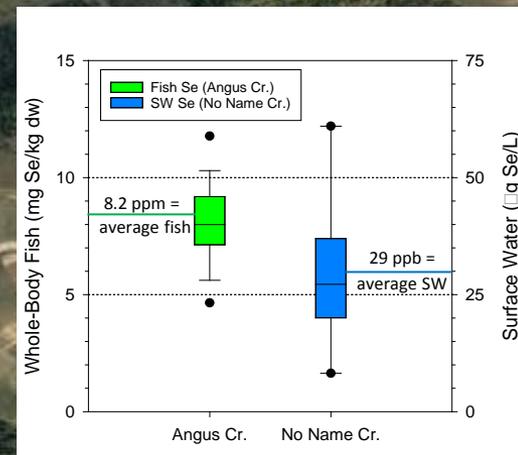
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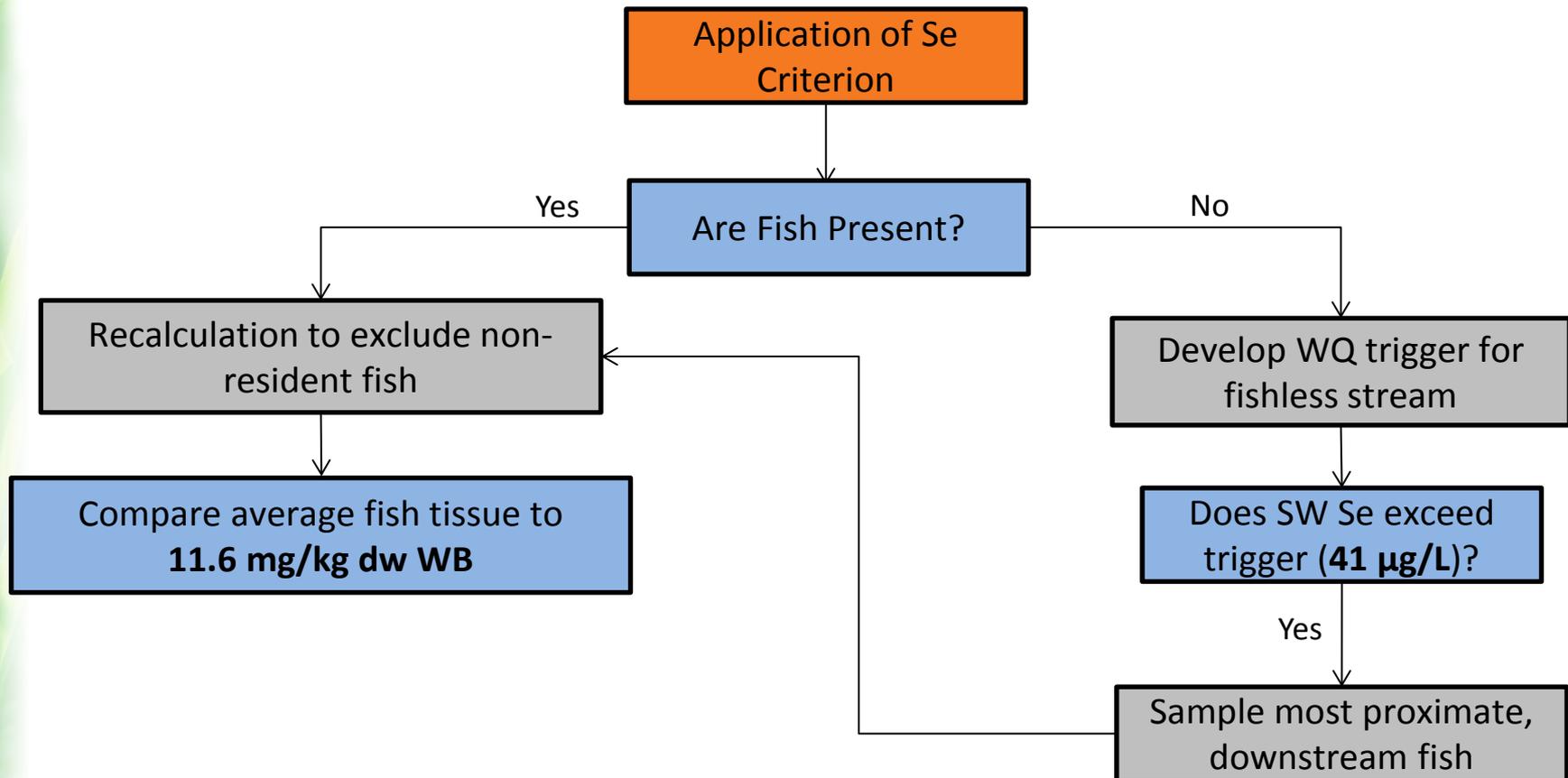
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(for fish sampling in Angus Cr.)

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No Name Creek – Example Flowchart



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Fishless Stream	Surface-Water Trigger	Receiving Water
Goodheart Cr.	--	Slug Cr.
Dry Canyon Cr.	--	Slug Cr.
Dry Basin Cr.	--	Slug Cr.

Notes:

¹ Fishless Streams = waters with insufficient habitat and/or flow to support a fish population on a continuing basis, determined from:

- Electrofishing, habitat, discharge, and survey records.

-- Will be determined with additional data.

Discussion