

# TRIBPIT: ESTIMATING SALMONID COHORT SURVIVAL DURING JUVENILE MIGRATION

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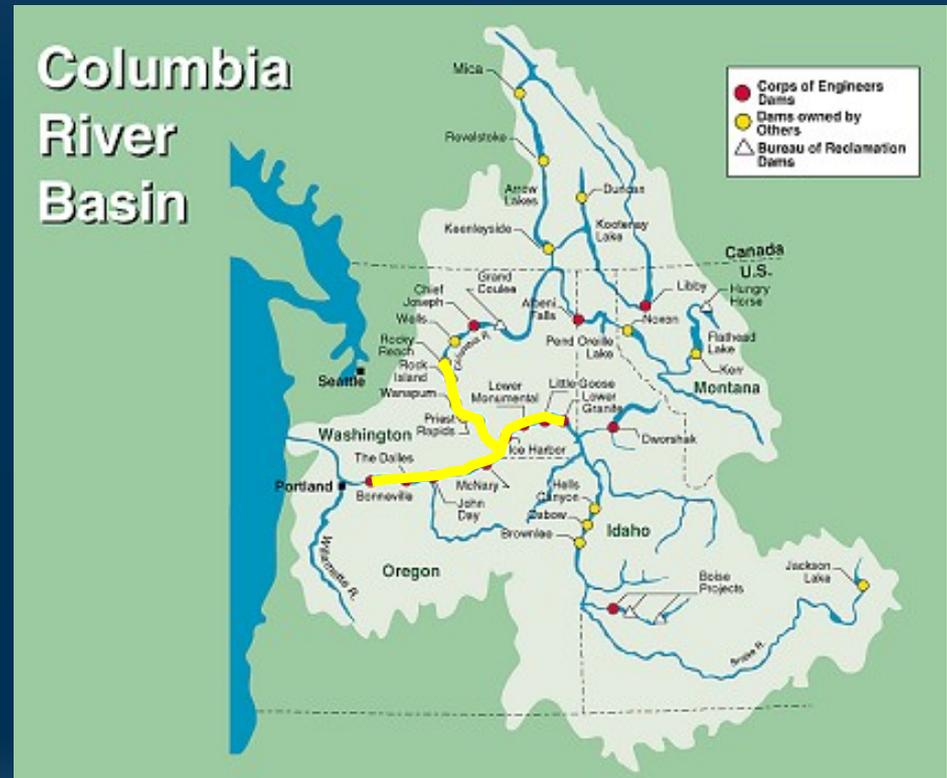
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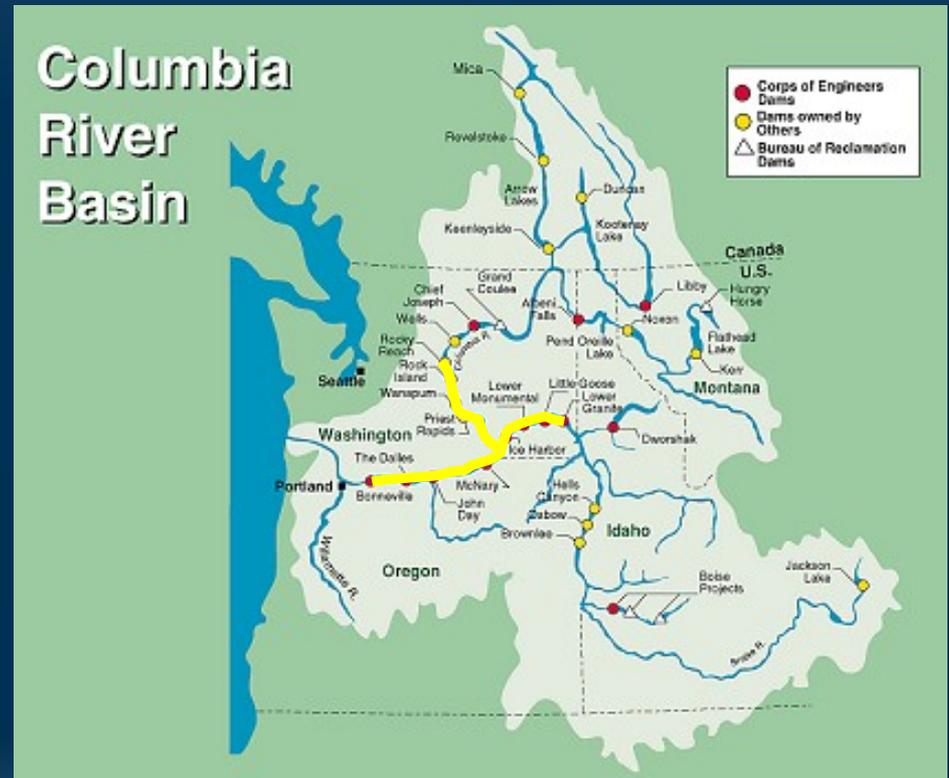
# COHORT SURVIVAL: INTRODUCTION

- Historical focus of survival monitoring: annual migration through hydrosystem
  - System survival
  - LGR-LGR SAR
- Great! But
  - Misses survival to hydrosystem
  - How to relate migration performance to brood year?
    - Variation in age at initiation of migration



# COHORT SURVIVAL: INTRODUCTION

- Cohort survival: probability of subyearling fish surviving to eventually reach ...
  - Mainstem river
  - Hydrosystem
  - McNary Dam (etc.)
- Defined for cohort from a brood year
  - Accounts for variation in age at migration
  - Includes
    - Initiation of migration
    - Survival from rearing (tagging) grounds to hydrosystem

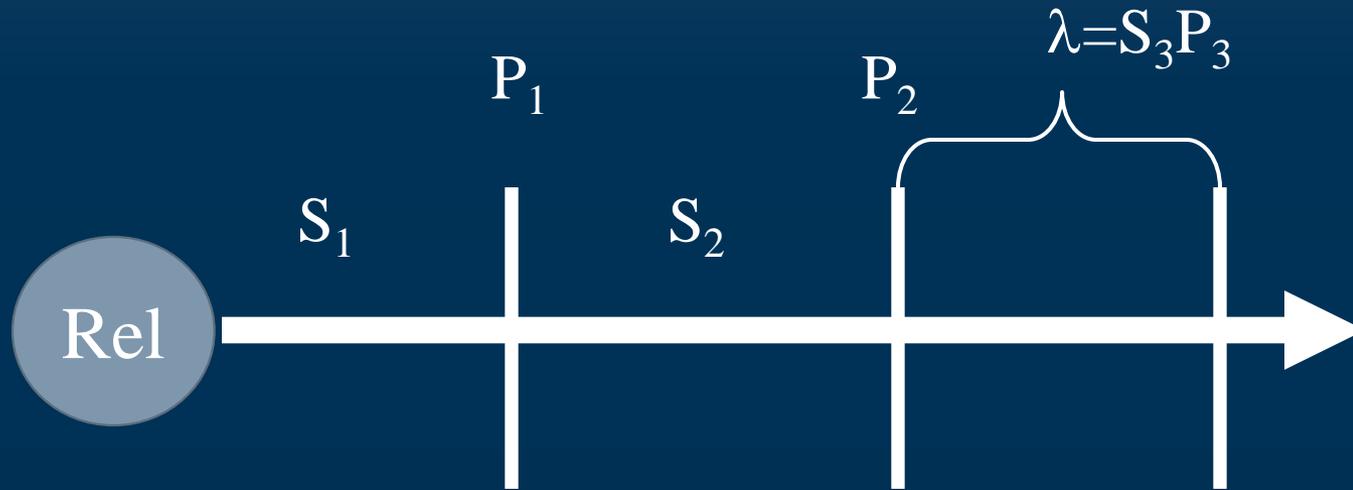


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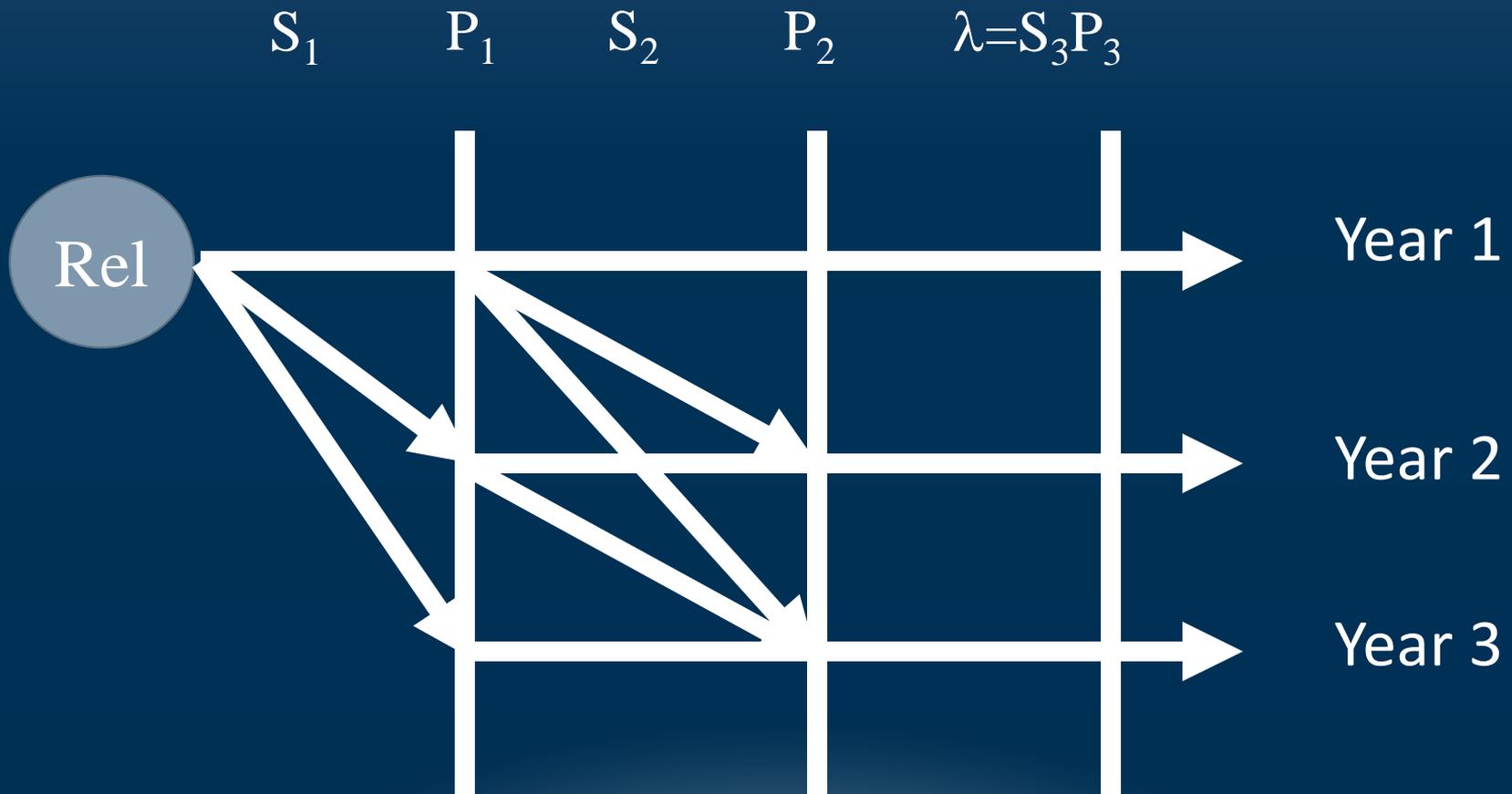
- Introduction: Cohort Survival
- Development of Analysis Model
- Case Study: Twisp River Steelhead, 2010 cohort
- Data and Software
- Results and Conclusions

# DEVELOPMENT OF ANALYSIS MODEL: GENERALIZED LOWTHER-SKALSKI MODEL

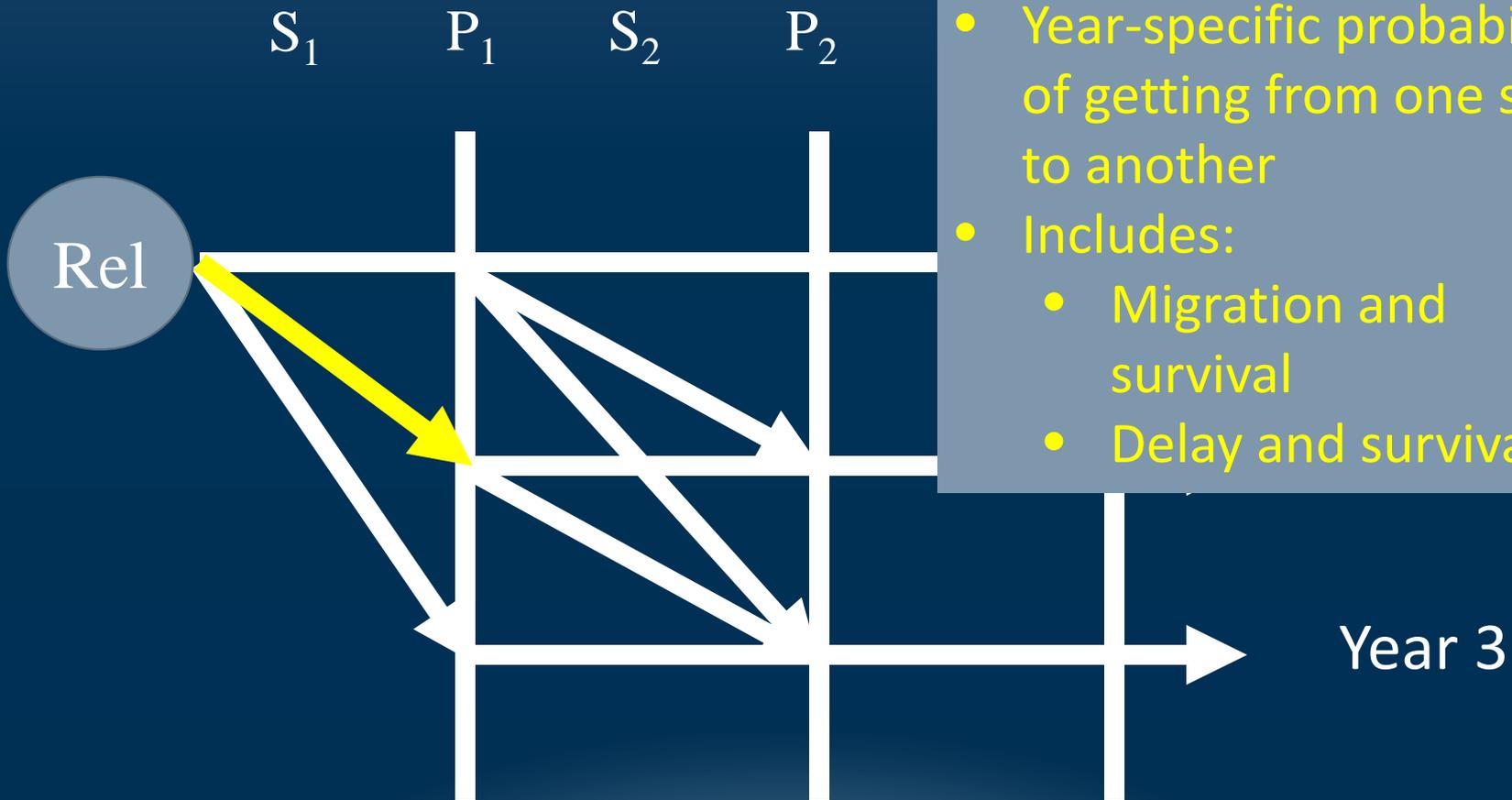
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# COMPLEX POPULATION: BRANCHING MODEL



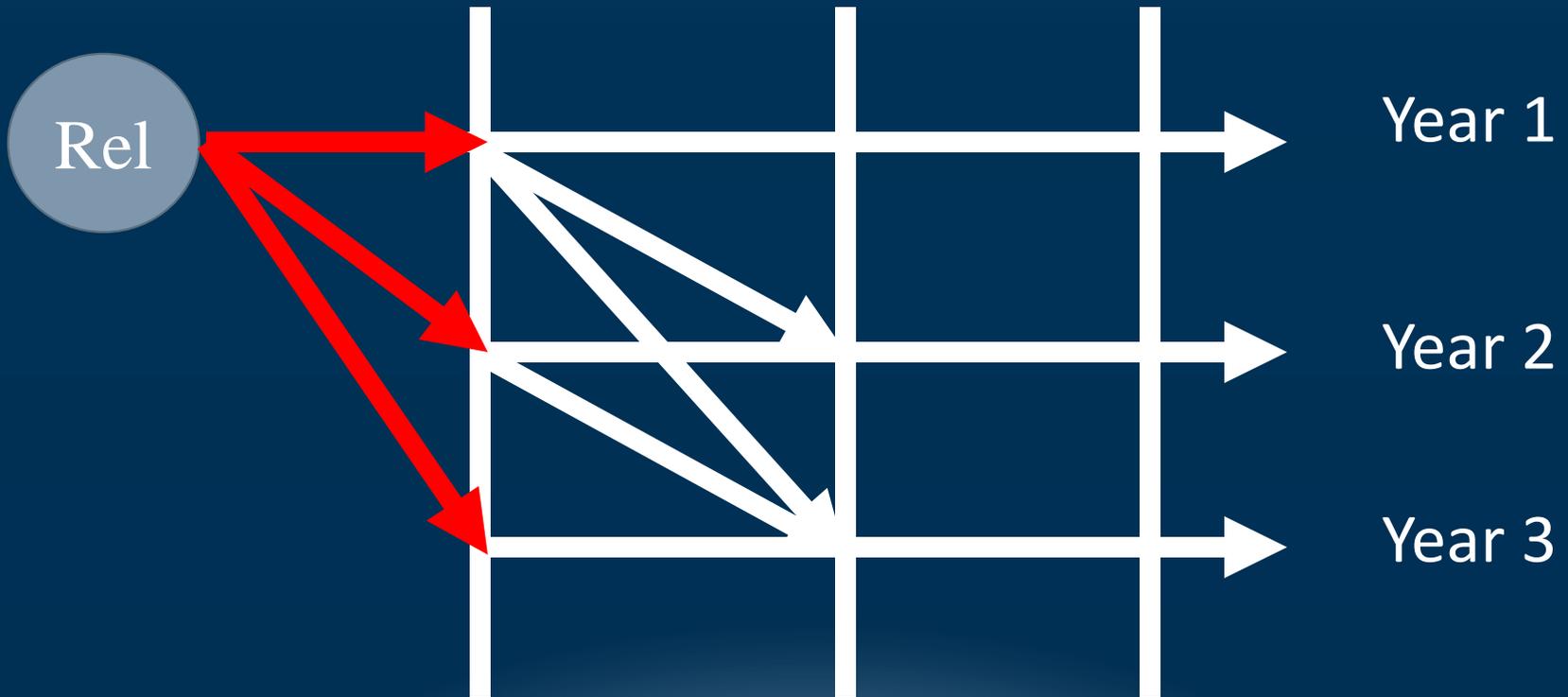
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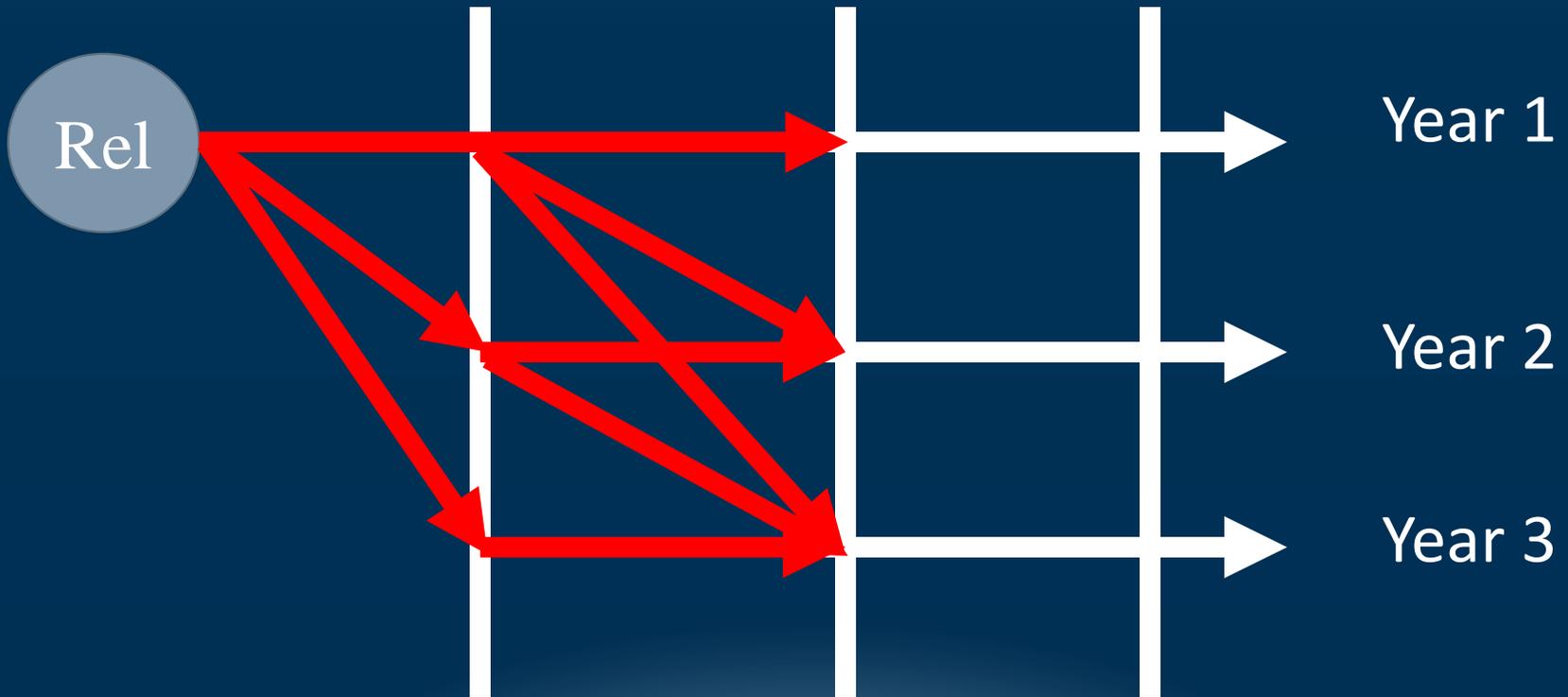
Model estimates transition probability

- Year-specific probability of getting from one site to another
- Includes:
  - Migration and survival
  - Delay and survival

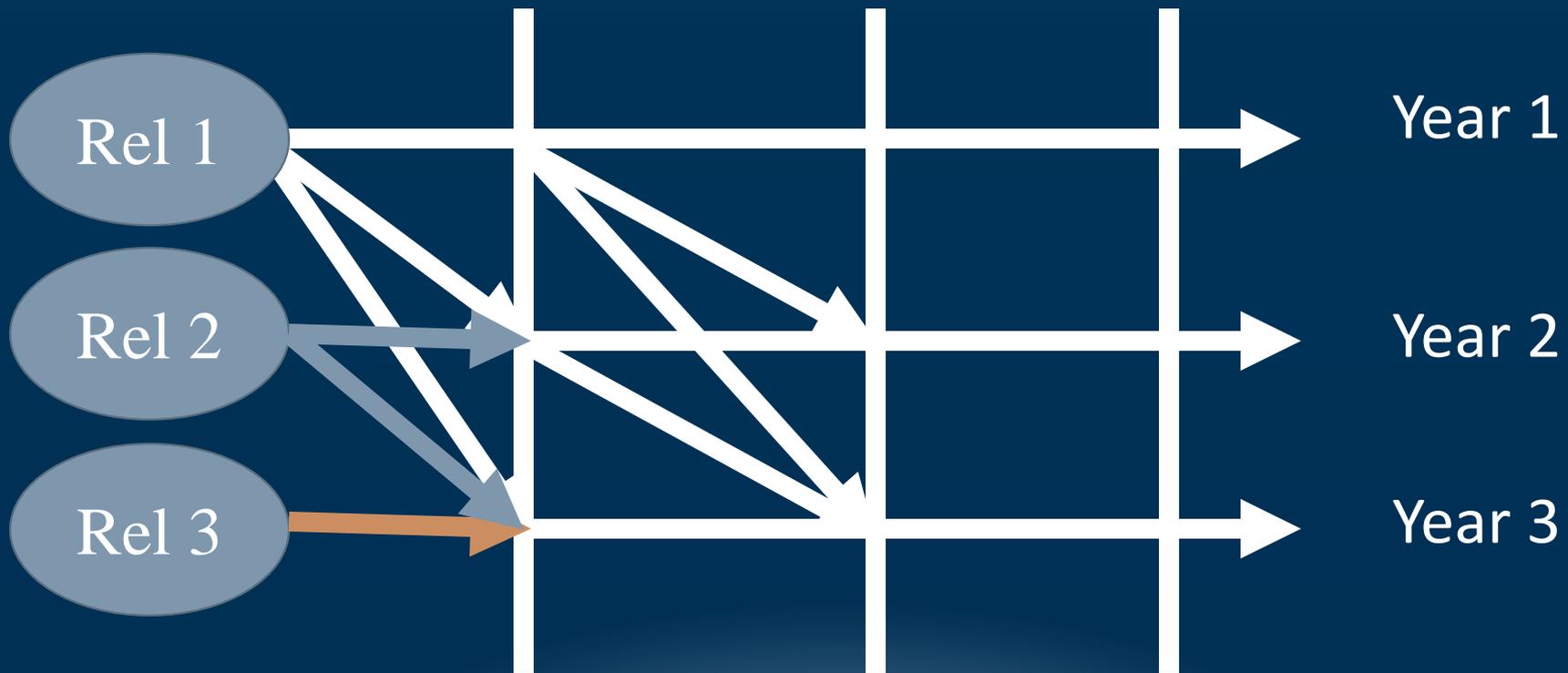
# COHORT SURVIVAL TO SITE 1



# COHORT SURVIVAL TO SITE 2



# COHORT BRANCHING MODEL: ANNUAL RELEASES OVER AGE CLASSES

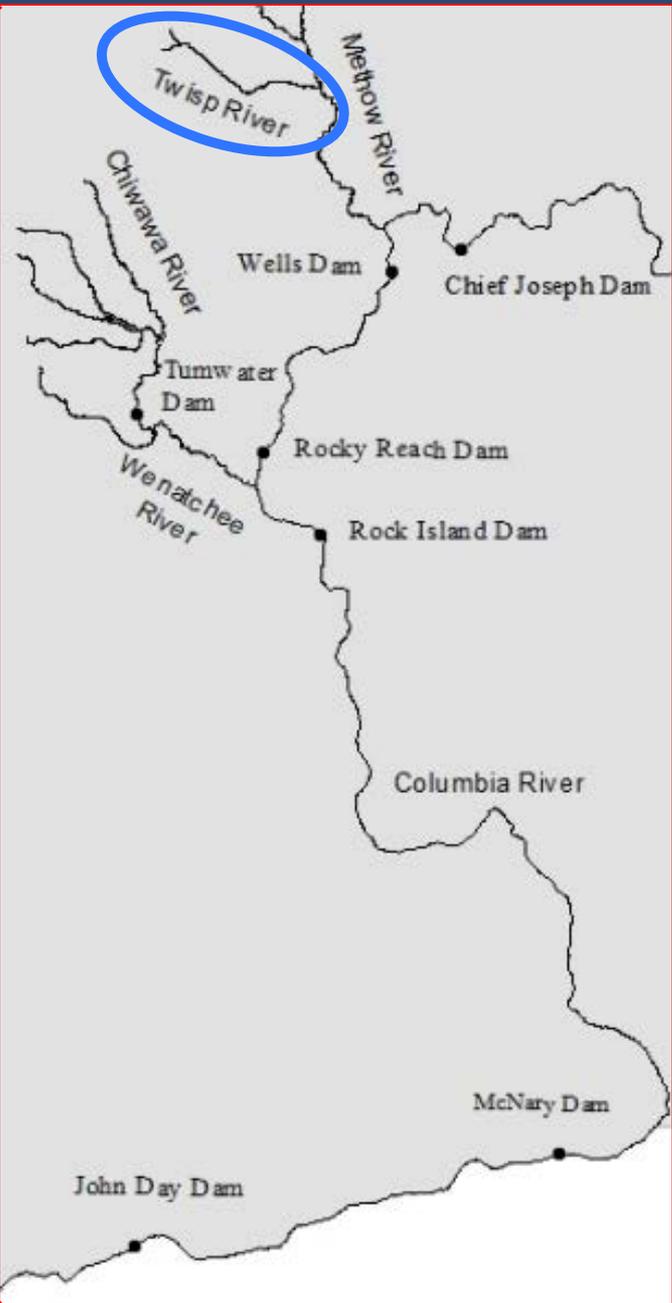


# DETECTION SITES AND DATA

- Detection sites
  - Instream PIT-tag detectors (juvenile)
  - Juvenile Bypass Systems and other dam sites
  - Estuary Towed Array
  - Detection probabilities: not tiny
- Data
  - PIT-tag interrogation data
    - Detected where and when
    - Multiple observation years
    - DART query
  - Age data – identify the cohort

# CASE STUDY: TWISP RIVER STEELHEAD

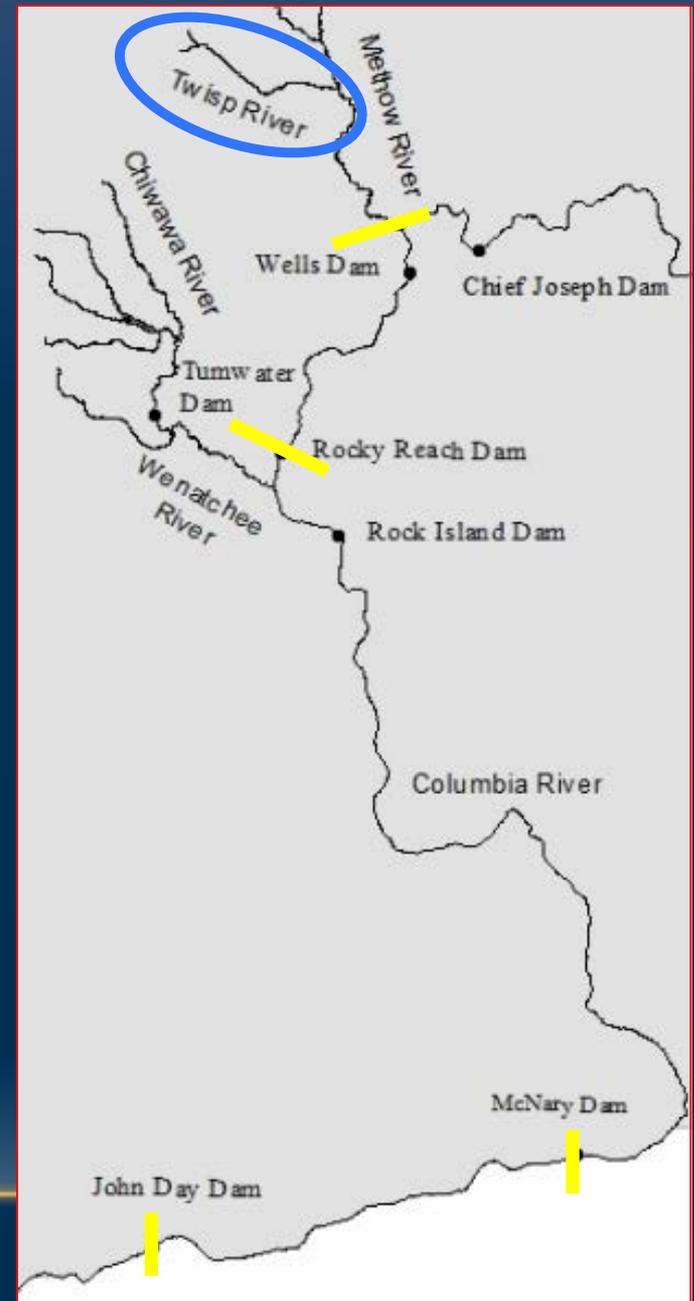
# TWISP RIVER STEELHEAD



- 2010 – 2012 (July – October):
  - 5,422 juvenile *O. mykiss* tagged
- CSS Study
- Hatchery effectiveness monitoring for Douglas PUD

# TWISP RIVER STEELHEAD

- Brood Year: 2010
- Tagging: Hook and line, electroshock, rotary screw trap
  - 2010: 211
  - 2011: 759
  - 2012: 514
- Age data
  - Scale samples (WDFW)
  - < 90 mm: subyearlings (fall) or yearlings (July)
- Detection Sites
  - LMR = Lower Methow River – couldn't use
  - Rocky Reach, McNary, John Day



# DART DATA QUERY:

WWW.CBR.WASHINGTON.EDU/DART/QUERY/PIT\_BASIN\_BRANCHING

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the DART TribPit Observations File with Tag File Selection for TribPit 1.1.22 or later. The browser address bar shows the URL: www.cbr.washington.edu/dart/query/pit\_basin\_branching. The page header includes the Columbia Basin Research logo and navigation links: Columbia River DART, Status & Trends, Inseason Forecasts, Tools & Models, and Publications. A search bar is also present.

The main content area is titled "DART TribPit Observations File with Tag File Selection for TribPit 1.1.22 or later". Below the title, it states "Data Courtesy of Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission".

The "TribPit Observations File Queries" section includes a filter for "TribPit 1.1.22 or later" and "TribPit 1.1.21 or earlier".

The "Select Release Year, Species, Run Type, Rear Type" section features four dropdown menus:

- Year: 2010 (selected)
- Species: 3-Steelhead (selected)
- Run Type: 1-Spring (selected)
- Rear Type: W-Wild (selected)

The "Select Release Location" section has radio buttons for "Release Basin Alpha by Water Body Name" (selected), "Release Basin by River KM", and "Release Site". A dropdown menu shows "Twisp River - Methow Basin".

The "Select Tag Capture Method" section has a dropdown menu with "No Selection - Tag Capture Method" selected.

The "Select Tag Coordinator" section has a dropdown menu with "CGS-Charles Snow, WDFW" selected.

A note states: "Multiple selections for Tag Coordinator allowed."

The "Restrict Query by Release Date Range" section includes a "Select Date Range Type" dropdown set to "Span 3 Years". Below it, the "Set Date Range" section shows "Release Start (mm/dd)" as 1/1 2010 and "Release End (mm/dd)" as 12/31 2012. A note at the bottom states: "Displayed year values are determined by selections for: Release Year and Date Range Type."

# TAGGING AND OBSERVATION DATA

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# PROGRAM TRIBPIT

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# TRIBPIT

Analysis of PIT-tag detections in tributaries

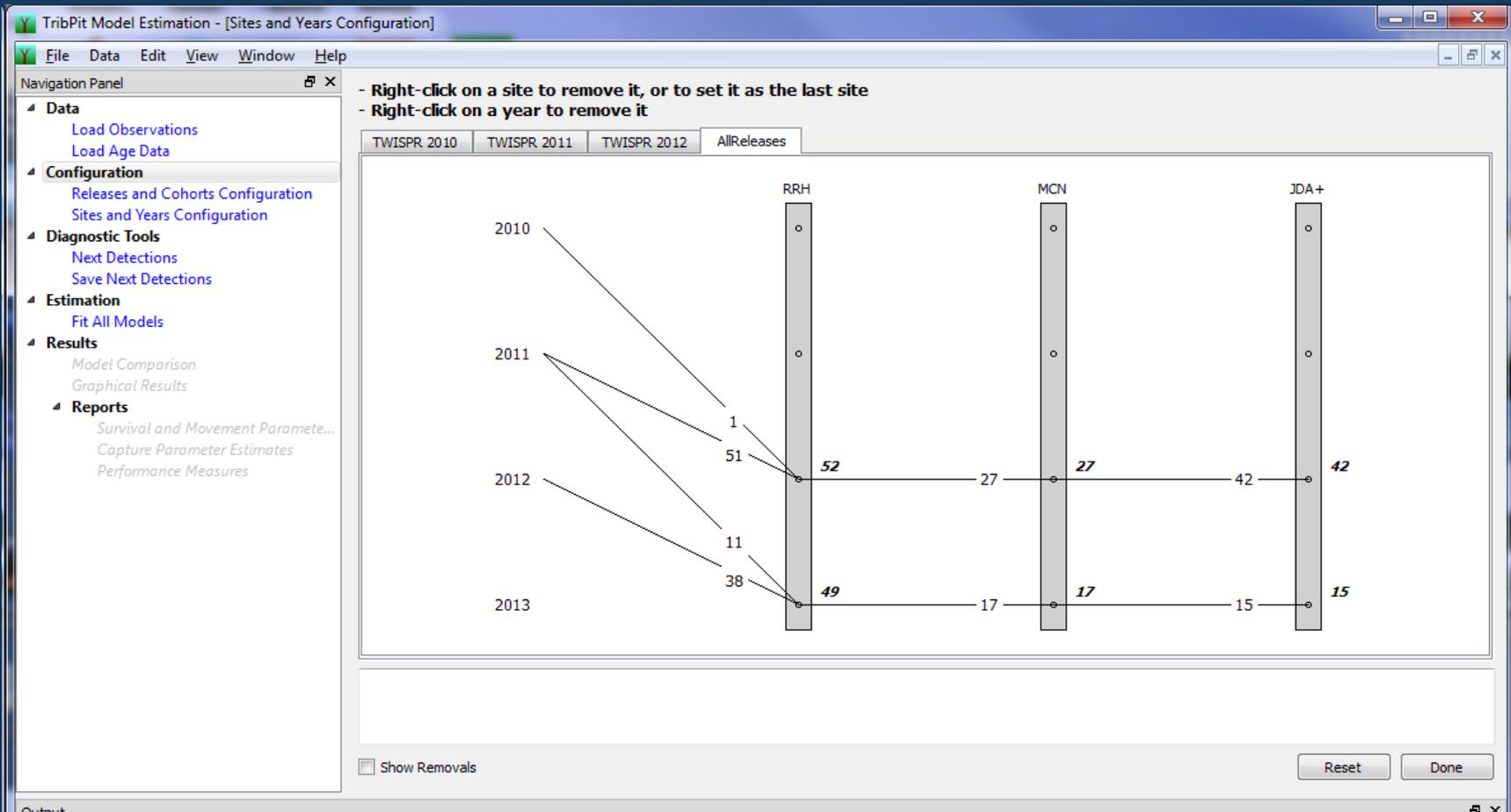
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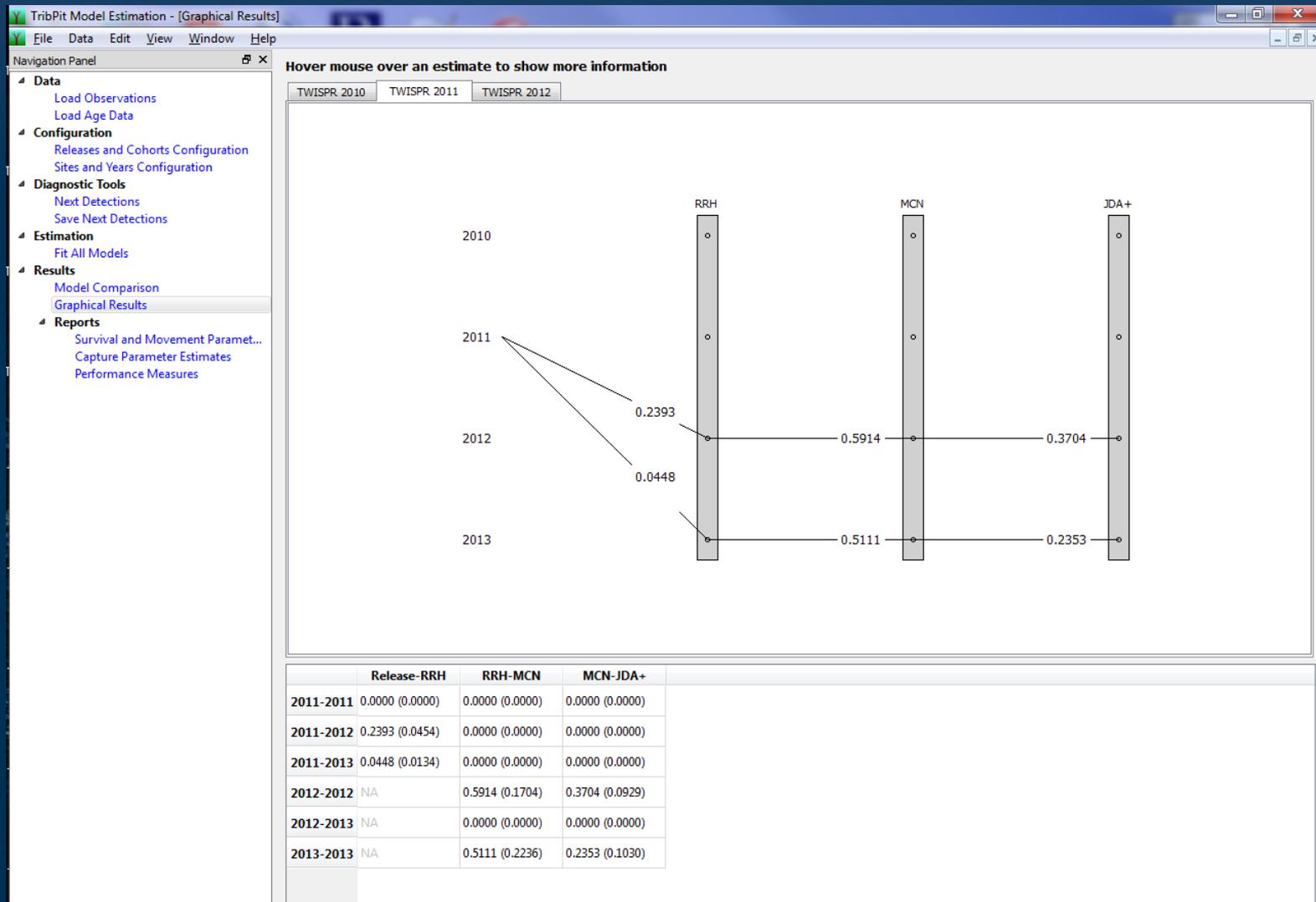


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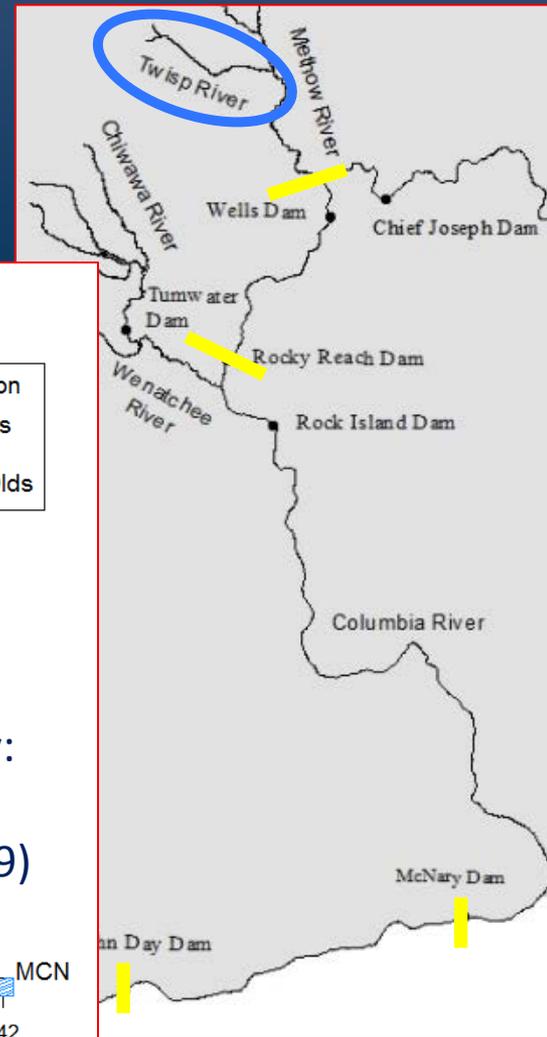
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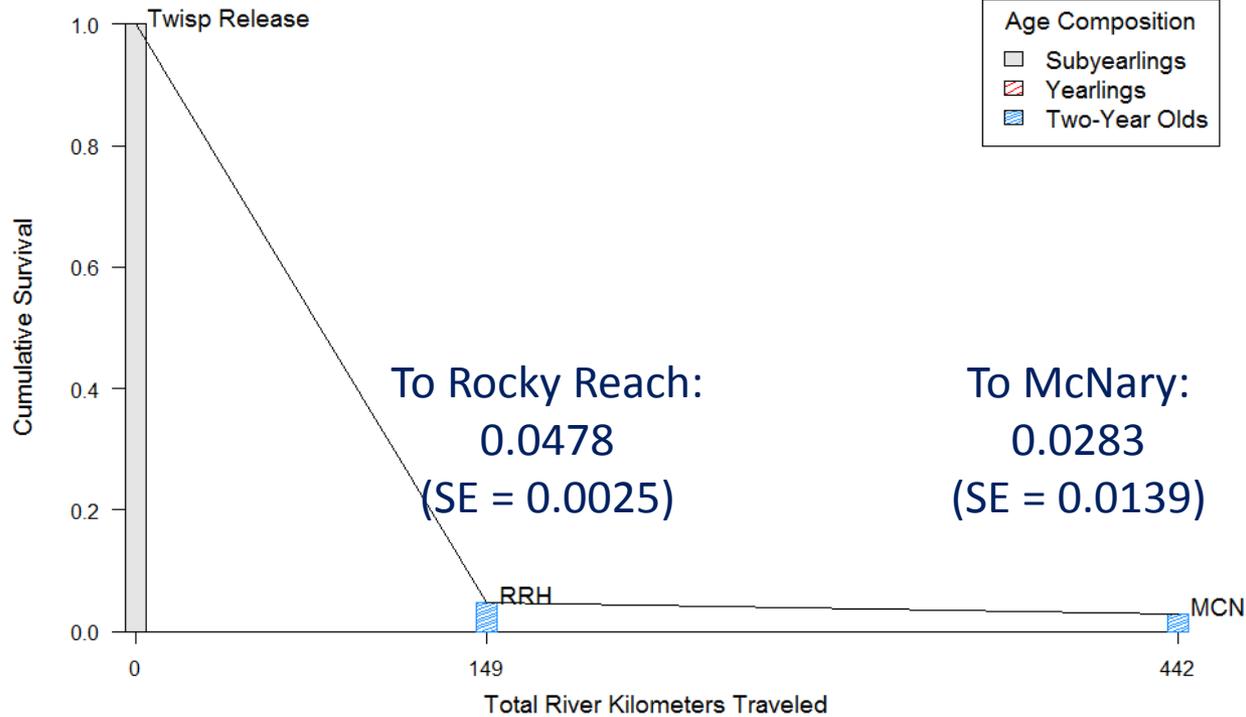
# RESULTS: TRANSITION PROBABILITIES



# TWISP STEELHEAD: COHORT SURVIVAL



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# DATA REQUIREMENTS

- PIT-tag subyearlings
- Age the fish – all the fish you want to use to estimate cohort survival
- Sample size
  - Sample size of subyearlings is key
  - Large enough to represent every migration year for cohort
  - Tributary Survival SampleSize (Columbia Basin Research)

## **Tributary Survival SampleSize**

Version 1.0

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# CONCLUSIONS

- Cohort survival is the probability of a subyearling surviving to a downstream location
  - Proportions of fish outmigrating each year
  - Survival for each age class
  - Performance metric from Bi-Op
- What we learn from cohort survival and TribPit
  - Survival to the hydrosystem
  - Where are fish overwintering
  - Age structure of migrants
- Applications
  - Steelhead juvenile outmigration
  - Fall Chinook salmon
  - Spring Chinook salmon (non-natal rearing areas)
- Software: [www.cbr.washington.edu/analysis](http://www.cbr.washington.edu/analysis)

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