## Class Agnatha

No jaws, no paired appendages. The class Agnatha represents the most primitive vertebrates. Fossils are known from Ordovician times, almosi 500,000,000 years ago. After jaws and paired fins were evolved (Placoderm stage of evolution) the placoderms and their derivatives, the class Osteichthyes and the class Chondrichthes essentially replaced agnathan fishes during Devonian times, except for the two living groups of Agnatha, the lampreys (order Petromyzontiformes), and the hagfishes (order Myxiniformes). The earliest fossil Agnatha had a covering of bony plates. Thus the origin of bone is very ancient, but the living lampreys and hagfishes have no bone and it is not known if they represent a primitive divergence before the origin of bone or if the absence of bone is a secondary character as it is in Chondrichthyes where the bone present in ancestral species has been lost.

To attain the Placoderm level of evolution, the more advanced Agnatha evolved three semi-circular canals in the inner ear, paired nostrils and gill arches in place of gill pouches, allowing for the evolution of jaws.

Characters shared in common by Petromyzontiformes and Myxiniformes: No bone, single nostril, eel-like body.

Characters differentiating:

Petromyontiformes
7 pr. gill pouches each with
separate openings.
Two semi-circular canals.
Nasal sac closed.
Ammocoete larvae.
Freshwater, anadromous
(euryhaline).

## Myxiniformes

> 6-15 pr. gill pouches, some species with one pr. of openings. One semi-circular canal. Nasal sac open to mouth (internal nares).
> No larval stage.
> Stenohaline marine
> (blood isotonic).

About 25-30 species of lampreys inhabit freshwaters of the Northern Hemisphere: North America, Europe and Asia and the Southern Hemisphere: Australia, New Zealand, western South America. The largest species, the sea lamprey may attain a length of about three feet.

Although esteemed as food in Europe and Asia, the lamprey is generally despised in North America. Because of its predation on valuable fishes of the Great Lakes, enormous sums of money and effort has been expended in attempts to control the sea lamprey, Petromyzon marinus. The sea lamprey has caused a drastic change in the fish fauna of the Great Lakes. Hagfishes, although of biological significance as the most primitive living vertebrate, have a negative economic significance by destroying fish captured in nets. Hagfish, probably because of the chemical composition of their mucous secretion have no known predators (including man).

## Class Chondrichthyes

No bone, no air bladder, internal fertilization. The subclass Elasmobranchii (sharks and rays) is differentiated from the subclass Holocephali (chimaeras) by the presence of separate gill slits in Elasmobranchii and a common gill covering (operculum) in Holocephali.

The Chondrichthyes solve the osmoregulatory problem in the ocean by concentrating urea in the blood until the osmotic pressure slightly exceeds sea water (hypertonic blood).

Only about $25-30$ living species remain of the subclass Holocephali. They are entirely marine, typically deepwater (to $10,000 \mathrm{ft}$.) Placoid scales are essentially lost and the spiracle is lost in adults. The tail is diphicercal. Besides the pelvic fin claspers for internal fertilization, male chimaeras have tentaculums, small clasping appendages on the base of the pelvic fins and on the snout. Chimaeras have rodent-like, crushing teeth fused to the cranium (autostylic-like jaws). The largest chimaeras may reach six ft. but have little commercial importance, although they are eaten in some areas.

The Elasmobranchii are typically large, predaceous fishes. The whole shark and basking shark ( $45-50 \mathrm{ft}$. and to $70,000-50,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.) are the largest of all fishes. We will divide the subclass Elasmobranchii into two superorders--Selachii for the sharks (note Selachii is used for class Chondrichthyes in Encyclopedia article) and Batoidei for the skates and rays.

The most diagnostic character to separate all sharks from all rays is the opening of the gill slits--lateral on sharks and ventral on skates and rays. Fertilization is always internal. The pelvic fins of all male Chondrichthyes are modified as intromittant organs called claspers. Reproduction may be oviparous, ovoviparous or viviparous (maternal food supply to embryo). The intestine of all Chondrichthyes is of the typical spiral valve type.

There are about 225 living species of sharks which can be classified into the following major groups (orders or suborders) to which we will not assign formal taxa or nomenclature.

Group 1. The primitive 6 or 7 gill sharks and those with primitive dentition pattern. A relatively few, uncommon species such as the Port Jackson, frill and cow sharks.

Group 2. Galeoid sharks: the largest and most common sharks including the white, mako, tiger, basking, whale, thresher and hammerhead sharks. Galeoid sharks are distinguished by the presence of an anal fin, absence of spines in the dorsal fins and a reduced spiracle.

Group 3. Squaliod sharks: spiney dogfish and spiny sharks. Anal fin absent, dorsal fins with spines, spiracle well developed.

Two other sharks, the sawshark (which resembles the sawfish--a true ray) and the angel shark (also resembling Batoidei) are often classified in separate orders or suborders.

About 25 species of sharks are known to attack man, but the most dangerous by far is the white shark, Carcharodon carcharinus (the star of Jaws).

Batoidei consists of about 325-350 living species of skates and rays (the term skate is typically used for the suborder Rajoidei) including the sawfish and guitarfish (shark-like rays). Being specialized for benthic life, the spiracle is well developed for respiration. Although generally specialized for feeding on molluscs and benthic invertebrates some batoids have strange adaptations for other methods of obtaining food such as the rostrum of the sawfish, the electric organs of the torpedo rays, and the plankton straining mouth of the manta ray which is the only fish to "fly" through the water by flapping its "wings". The "wings" of skates and rays are formed from the greatly expanded pectoral fins (the fin elements without fin rays). The largest of all batoids is the manta ray which may have a wing spread of $18-20 \mathrm{ft}$. and weigh over a ton. The defensive action of torpedo rays (electricity) and sting rays (venom) are dangerous to man, but skates and rays are not known to unprovoked attack on man.

Completely freshwater species of rays are known in South America, Africa and Asia. In a South American freshwater species studied, urea is not present in the blood.

Primitive endolymphatic ducts are present in Chondrichthyes (external tube to inner ear).

Chondrichthyes make up about $3 \%$ of all fish species of the world but only about $1 \%$ of the world's commercial catch of fish. Although considered as good food in many parts of the world sharks and rays have never been a popular food fish in North America. The contribution of Chondrichthyes to the world's protein supply could be greatly increased. Other commercial shark and ray products, now largely replaced by synthetics, include liver oil, sandpaper (Shagreen), leather and sharkfin soup.

Class Osteichthyes
True bone, air bladder (or lung), upper jaw of pre-maxillary and maxillary. Subclass Dipnoi and subclass Crossopterygii are sometimes considered together as subclass Sarcopterygii. Both phylogenies (Dipnoi and Crossopterygii) were already separated by the early Devonian period. The only consistent difference between Dipnoi and Crossopterygii is in the structure of the skull. The evolutionary impetus stimulating the early radiation of lungfishes and coelacanths evidently resulted in specializations to utilize atmospheric air for respiration and to move about out of water during the Devonian period when bodies of water were drying up and stagnating.

The ability to convert nitrogenous wastes into urea is retained in these subclasses (lost in 0ctinopterygii). The jaw is autostylic and the caudal skeleton diphicercal in living species. Lungfishes and fossil Crossopterygii have internal nares but the single living coelacanth has closed nostrils. All living lungfishes are primary freshwater species (salinity not tolerated) and have a primitive distribution: Africa (4 species), South America (1 species) and Australia (1 species). The living coelacanth is marine, evidently a deepwater species restricted to a relatively small area off of Southern Africa in the Indian Ocean.

The primitive type of scale in these subclasses was cosmoid, but the scales are highly modified in living species.

The African and South American lungfish can aestivate in the mud for more than a year if their habitat drys. All lungfish can respire with both gills and lungs. The living coelacanth has lost its lungs and has instead, a fat-filled organ. The rhipidistian group of Crossopterygii is generally believed to have given rise to the Amphibia during Devonian times. The Dipnoi and Crossopterygii were common in later Paleozoic and early Mesozoic times but their numbers dwindled during the Mesozoic as the Actinopterygii (Chondrostei and Holostei) became dominant. The Crossopterygii disappeared from the fossil record in the Cretaceous--not to be heard from again until the discovery of a living species in 1938.

The subclass Actinopterygii appears in the fossil record of mid-Devonian times as paleoniscoid fishes. Urea retention is lost in the Actinopterygii and changes in the skull occur leading to a transition from an autosylic to a hyostylic jaw.

From the early paleoniscoids, two phylogenies have persisted to the present--the order Polypteriformes, a group of about 10 species of African primary freshwater fish, which resemble the fossil paleoniscoids.

Polypteriformes (often considered a subclass Brachyopterygii) have typical ganoid scales, a functional lung, lobed fins and a diphicercal tail.

The other paleoniscoid derivative is the superorder Chondrostei including the Acipenseriformes (sturgeons) and Polyodontiformes (paddlefish). The living Chondrostei are highly modified from the ancestral paleoniscoids but still retain the basic features of a cartilaginous notochord, three elements in the opercle, a clavicle in the pectoral girdle, each pterygiophore supporting more than one dorsal and anal fin ray, a typical heterocercal tail and a spiracle (although much reduced). About 25 species of freshwater and anadromous sturgeons are indigenous to the Northern Hemisphere. Huso huso, the beluga of the Caspian Sea, is the largest species, known to reach more than 2000 lbs. at one time. The great value of caviar has helped to save the sturgeons where their spawning runs have been blocked.

Two species of paddlefish are known. One (Polyodon) is native to the Mississippi-Missouri basin and the other (Psepherus) is indigenous to the Yangtze River of China. Paddlefish are characterized by a greatly elongated rostrum and are filter feeders with a tremendous development of gillrakers.

During the early Mesozoic period, a progressive evolutionary trend produced the Holostei from Chondrostean ancestors. These trends include replacement of the notochord by ossified vertebrae, four bones in the opercle, branchiostegal rays predominant over gular plates, loss of the spiracle (retained as a pseudobranch into the teleosts), one to one ration of dorsal and anal rays to pterygiophores, loss of clavicle, trend in freeing upper jaw from cranium, reduction in heterocercal tail.

During the Mesozoic, Holostei became the dominant fishes of the world, but beginning in the Cretaceous, they were largely replaced by the Teleostei.

A11 that is left of Holostei are the gars (hepisosteiformes or Semonotiformes) -10 species native to eastern North America and Central America, and the bowfin, a single species, Amia calva, in the order Amiiformes, or eastern North America. The gars retain typical ganoid scales, typical hetercercal tail and an air bladder used for atmospheric respiration (gars will drown if denied access to the surface). The alligator gar has been known to reach a weight of 300 lbs .

The bowfin has lost the ganoid layer on its scales, the heterocercal tail is reduced (abbreviated) but the air bladder can still be used for respiration to allow existence in stagnant waters. Both gars and bowfins are predators and generally considered as pest or trash fish. These few relics of the once dominant Holostei, however, are abundant and flourishing, often to the consternation of fishery managers.

During the mid-Mesozoic period, a group of Holostei--the Pholidophoriformes-evolved advanced characters and gave rise to the Teleostei which rapidly radiated during Cretaceous times to become the dominant fishes in all waters of the world--presently making up more than $95 \%$ of all living species. The major teleost trends include hyostylic jaws, homocercal tail, hydrostatic air bladder and small size.

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The Teleostean Fishes

In the mid-Mesozoic period, the order Pholidophoriformes of the Holostei evolved several advanced characters providing the basis for the origin of the most speciose vertebrate taxon (probably about 25,000 living species of teleostean fishes exist).

There is no clear-cut separation between Holostei and Teleostei. The major differences concern the caudal skeleton (fewer, vertebral centra involved in the support of the fin rays; that is, going from heterocercal to homocercal), the loss of ganoine on the scales (ganoid to cycloid scale), fewer separate bones in the skull and jaws and a further "freeing" of the maxillary from the head.

The phylogenetic progression within Teleostei concerns several characters such as: 1. Jaws. Premaxillary becomes dominant over the maxillary allowing the upper jaw to be protrusible. 2. Fins. Pelvic fins move anterior with basipterygium in contact with pectoral girdle. Pectoral fins move dorsally and positioned (when fanned out) in a more vertical rather than horizontal plane. 3. Air bladder. Duct lost (physostomous to physoclistic) so any respiratory function is lost. 4. Caudal skeleton. Progressing from 2-4 vertebral centra involved in caudal fin support in primitive state to one centrum (urostyle). 5. Spines. True spines (unsegmented) develop in fins in advanced teleosts. 6. Scales. Cycloid to Ctenoid.

There is a transitional series of diverse groups of fishes before the fully advanced stage of "spiny rayed" fishes is reached. According to the classification of teleostean fishes by Greenwood, Rosen, Weitzman and Myers, three phylogenetic side branches of living teleosts arise before the main stem form (Salmoniformes) is reached. These three early divergences are represented by the Elopomorpha (including the orders Elopiformes and Anguilliformes), the Osteoglossomorpha (orders Osteoglossiformes and Mormyriformes) and the Clupeomorpha (only order Clupeiformes). At the base of the evolutionary line leading to Salmoniformes, two new phylogenies appear - the Ostariophysi (Cypriniformes and Siluriformes) and the Myctophiformes. After evolutionary advancement beyond the Salmoniform level, the advanced, spiny-rayed fishes occur in the fossil record of the upper cretaceous. The spiny-rayed fishes are divided into two major phylogenies - the Paracanthopterygii, with about 5 orders, and the Acanthopterygii, with about 12 orders, including the Perciformes, the largest order of Vertebrates with over 8,000 species. Elopomorpha fishes with leptocephalus larvae.
order Elopiformes. Vestige of heterocercal tail, gular plate in some species, air bladder may be used in respiration. Marine, world-wide distribution. Mainly littoral, estuarine (euryhaline) species. Twelve species arranged in 4 families, includes ladyfish, ten pounder, tarpon and bonefish.

Order Anguilliformes. True eels. About 500+ species arranged in 20 families. Marine species, except for family Anguillidae which are catadromous. World-wide distribution.

Osteoglossomorpha. Some primitive skeletal features.
Order Osteoglossiformes. Primary freshwater fishes, largely replaced throughout the world by Ostariophysi. About 15 living species arranged in 4 families. Family Osteoglossidae has species in Africa, South America, Australia and Southeast Asia--the most ancient distribution of any family.

The arapaima, an osteoglossid of South America may attain a weight of more than 400 lbs . and is one of the largest of primary freshwater fishes.

The family Hiodontidae consists of two species endemic to North America.
order Mormyriformes. Electrical sensory primary freshwater fishes of Africa. The family Mormyridae has $130+$ species and the family Gymnarchidae has only one known species. Note the relatively greater success (in number of living species) of the Mormyriformes in relation to the Osteoglossiformes. Evidently the electro-orientation system allows for a highly specialized coexistence with Ostariophysi (there are only 4 species of Osteoglossiformes in Africa).

Clupeomorpha. order Clupeiformes. Many peculiar features such as an air bladder directly in contact with inner ear capsule and a posterior duct from air bladder, sets Clupeiformes off from other teleosts. In the former classification of Regan and Berg, the Clupeiformes (Isospondyli of Regan) included just about all teleostean fishes up to the present level of Paracanthopterygii and Acanthopterygii. The present classification of Clupeiformes includes about 400 species in 4 families. Almost all species, however, belong to the herring family (Clupeidae) and the anchovy family (Engraullidae). Typically, Clupeiform fishes are pelagic plankton feeders, and form tremendous aggregations. About one third or more of the total world's fish catch consists of Clupeiformes - and only a relatively few species of herrings and anchovies make up this catch.

Order Salmoniformes. Contains diverse groups of uncertain relationships, but sharing, rather generalized, primitive characters.

Suborder Salmonoidei includes Northern Hemisphere freshwater and anadromous species (secondary freshwater fish) of the families Salmonidae and Osmeridae plus two families in the Far East.

The family Salmonidae consists of three subfamilies: Salmoninae for the trouts, salmons and chars (Salmo, Oncorhynchus and Salvelinus); Coregoninae for the whitefishes and Thymallinae for the graylings.

The subfamily Salmoninae contains species of trout and salmon whose value in the water greatly exceeds their value as food. That is, anglers are willing to make huge investments merely for the opportunity to try to catch these beautiful and sporting fishes.

Suborder Esocoidei contains 10 species in two families distributed in Europe, Asia and North America. All species are primary freshwater fishes. The pike family Esocidae contains 5 species in the genus Esox. All are specialized predators. The mudminnows and Alaskan blackfish comprise 5 species of small, sluggish fish specialized to live in stagnant waters with low oxygen tensions.

The Southern Hemisphere freshwater salmoniform fishes (secondary freshwater) are classified in the suborder Galaxoidei and are native to Australia, New Zealand, South America and Africa (one species of Galaxias).

The other salmoniform fishes are all deep sea marine species in the suborders Stomiatoidei, Argentinoidei and Alepocephaloidei. These are typically small fish with weird adaptations such as large teeth, large eyes and photophores. Along with the order Myctophiformes they total more than 1000 species and are the dominant fishes of the ocean depths (below level of light penetration).

The Ostariophysi are fishes with a Weberrian apparatus and includes about 6200+ species in the orders Cypriniformes and Siluriformes. Except for two marine families of Siluriformes, virtually all Ostariophysi can be considered as primary freshwater fishes. They dominate the freshwater fish fauna of the world (about $93 \%$ of all primary freshwater fishes).

Siluriformes are grouped into 31 families indigenous to South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and North America. The family Ictaluridae is endemic to North America. Catfishes are amazingly diverse in size, shape and ecology. Species range in size from about 1-2 inches to 1200 lbs .

Cypriniformes are divided into three suborders. Cyprinoidei, lack teeth in jaws and mouth, the pre-maxillary is dominant and the jaws may be protrusible, the adipose fin is absent. The family Cyprinidae
is the largest family of Vertebrates with more than 2000 species in Africa, Europe, Asia and North America.

The Catostomidae (suckers) are predominantly North American species with two species in Asia--the longnose sucker, a recent immigrant to Siberia, crossing the Bering land bridge as recently as 11,000-12,000 years ago, and an ancient (Miocene) relic in central China (note similarity in this distribution with the paddlefishes). Much convergence for sucker-like mouths and body shape occurs in Cyprinidae of Europe and Asia to fill a similar niche in areas where Catostomidae are absent.

The family Cobitidae, the loaches, are typically small, eel-like fish with numerous barbels found in Africa, Asia and Europe. Some utilize atmospheric oxygen through respiration in the intestine.

The suborder Characoidei consists of 16 families of characin fishes native to South America and Africa. One species occurs in the U.S.A. in the lower Rio Grande. The isthmus of Panama has been virtually a complete block to passage of primary freshwater fishes between North and South America. The zoogeography of Ostariophysi is nicely correlated with their phylogeny. The more primitive lines (Siluriformes and Characoidei occur in both Africa and South America and evidently gained this distribution prior to the complete separation of the continents. Characters such as teeth in jaws, non-protrusible jaws, and adipose fin reveals that characins are a more ancient lineage than the cyprinoid fishes.

The other cypriniform suborder consists of 4 families of electrical fishes (Gymnotoidei) of South and Central America. Only the electric eel produces high voltage discharges. The other species specialize in low voltage electrical fields for orientation and sensing their environment. Note the convergence between the suborder Gymnotoidei and the order Momyriformes.

The advanced, spiny-rayed teleost fishes are divided into two major evolutionary groups, the Paracanthopterygii and the Acanthopterygii. The Paracanthopterygii consists of 5 orders with about 1000 species.

The order Percopsiformes is the most primitive order. It consists of about 10 species of small, primary freshwater fishes, all endemic to North America. The cave fish family, Amblyopsidae has about 7 species in the eastern U.S. The trout perch family, Percopsidae, has two species. Trout perches have true spines, ctenoid scales and an adipose fin. No other true spiny-rayed fish have adipose fins. The pirate perch family, Apherododeridae has but a single living species. Evidently the Percopsiformes have been almost entirely replaced by other groups.

The Gadiformes is the largest and most important order of Paracanthopterygii, because of the abundance and commercial significance of the codfishes. The only strictly freshwater species of Gadiformes is the burbot, Lota lota, of the Holarctic region. The Gadiformes also contains some deep-sea families. The suborders Ophidoidei (brotulas, cusk eels) and Zoarcoidei (eel-pouts) inhabit the greatest depths of the oceans. These suborders were placed in Gadiformes by Greenwood, et. al., but they are most likely derived from the order Perciformes of the acanthopterygian phylogeny.

The order Batrachoidiformes (about 45 species of toadfishes) and the order Gobiesociformes (about 100 species of clingfishes) are both mainly marine, littoral fishes of the temperate and tropical seas. A group of Pacific toadfishes - the "midshipmen" - have photophores. The clingfishes modify the pectoral and pelvic fins into a sucking disc. They are euryhaline and have given rise to some freshwater species in rivers in Central America (where a depauperate primary freshwater fauna exists).

The Lophiiformes is an order of about 200 species of anglerfishes, with some bizarre, deep sea fishes with photophores and parasitic males. A dorsal fin ray is modified as a "fishing pole with a bait" to lure prey. Lophiiformes are almost entirely marine but some species are known from freshwater, despite lack of glomeruli development for pumping out water. Evidently diffusion into the body must be greatly reduced.
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Test II

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1. (40) Concisely characterize the following groups of fishes, giving their distribution, typical habitat (with any notable exceptions), approximate number of species comprising the group, certain characters that place this group in a phylogenetic sequence of fish evolution and any significant notes on life history and reproduction you deem important.
A. order Percopsiformes:
B. order Siluriformes:
C. family Salmonidae:

## D. suborder Esocoidei

2. (10) State the problem of maintaining the salt and water balance in fish in freshwater and in the ocean. How is osmo-regulation handled by (a) teleosts (b) elasmobranchs?
3. (6) Cite three examples where fins are modified for a unique function. Name the function, the fin involved and fishes exemplifying the example.
4. (9) Briefly define:
a. stenohaline:
b. primary freshwater fish:
c. relict:
d. endemic:
e. stannius corpuscles:
f. gynogenetic:
g. protandrous hermaphrodite:
h. ultimobranchial:
i. species flock:
5. (6) List 6 families of fishes that are endemic to the freshwaters of North America.
6. (5) List 5 families of fishes that are endemic to the Northern Hemisphere; that is indigenous to North America and Asia and/or Europe.
7. (4) List 4 familis of fishes that consist of mainly marine species but have freshwater species (vicarious freshwater fishes).

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8. (10) Indicate which of the following species are native (N) and which are introduced (I) to Colorado. If neither term is applicable, mark an (X).

Bowfin, Amia calva
Gizzard shad, Dorosoma cepedianam
Mountain whitefish, Prosopium williamsoni ()
Cutthroat trout, Salmo clarki
Grayling, Thymallus arcticus
Muskelunger Esox masquinongy
Bonytail chub, Gila elegans
Humpback sucker, Xyrauchen texanus
Grass carp, Ctenopharynogodon idella
Burbot, Lota lota
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9. (5) Compare and contrast specific stages in the life histories of the eel, Anguilla rostrata and sea lamprey, Petromyzon marinus. Include the terms elvers, ammocete, leptocephalus, anadramous and catadromus.
10. (10) Construct a dichotomous key, using diagnostic characteristics serving to separate the following: Squalus acanthias (Elasmobranchi) Catostomus catostomus (Catostamidae), Cyprinus carpio (Cyprinidae), Oncorhynchus nerkar (Salmonidae), Ictalurus punctatus (Ictaluridae).

## Ichthyology Exam

 Fel. 18, 19741 (12) The following three titles appeared in recent publications. From these titles, tell what you think the article is all alout.
A. Uner Cretaceous ostariophysine (Vorhisia) redescribed from unique association of utricular and lagenar otoliths (lavillus and asteriscers).
B. Hybrid zones and remroductive isolation.
C. Cytogenetic studies of Poecilia. Persistence of triploid genomes in the unisexual progeny of trinloid females associatod with Peocilia formosa.

2 (10) Within a class or an order of fishes, what kind of evidence is used and how is it interpreted to evaluate the relative niylogenetic position of a family (or genus) in relation to its primitive or advanced state.

3 (6) Describe two different evolutionary statergies allowing fisies to utilize temporary habitat (alternating flooding and desiccation).
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4 (26) Define or describe:
a. Protogynous hermapinoditisn
b. Gynogensis
c. Diadromous
d. Leptocephalus larvae
e. Basibranchial teeth
f. Pholidophoroid Folostei.
g. Gaeleoid elasmobraach
h, Acaathopterygif

1. Existing families of Actinovteryoit rith spiracle
j. Mesocoracoid
k. Endemic snecies
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2. Relict species
m. Gular nlate

5 (15) State the geograrifical distributfon (continents) of existing snecies of:
a. Dipnoi
b. Polyodontidae
c. Catostomidae
d. Cyprinidae
e. Esox

6 (10) What factors lead to convergent evolution? Cite an example of convergent evolution, naming the fishes and the niche involved.
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7 (6) List the najor diagnostic character differentiating all existing species of: a. Sharks from rays:
b. Chondrostei from Molostei:
c. Holostei from Teleostei

8 (15) Construct a key which functions to separate: Amidaae, Anguillidae, Clupeidae, Salmonidae, Characidae, Gadidae, Cyprinidae, Salmo, Coregonus, Salvelinus, Cyprinus (carp), Tinca (tench).
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1. (25) What orders, super orders, subclasses and classes of fishes possess the following characters:
a. One semi circular canal $\qquad$
2. Tro scrio circular canals $\qquad$
c. Clavicle $\qquad$
d. Tesocoracoid $\qquad$
e. Gular vlate $\qquad$
f. Rectal gland $\qquad$
g. Spiracle $\qquad$
.. Endolymnatic ducts $\qquad$
i. Autostylic jarfs $\qquad$
j. True heterocercal tail $\qquad$
k. True Dinhicercal tail $\qquad$
3. Tenaculum $\qquad$
in. Spiral valve intestine $\qquad$
n. Ganoid scales $\qquad$
4. (20) Indicate $y$ an arrov the evolutionary trend from orinitive to advanced condition of the folloving pairs of cinaracters:
a. "taxillayy Goninant vrenaxillary
U. Air bladder nydrostatic air bladder resniratory
c. mesocoracoic clavicle
d. nesocoracoic nresent mesocofacoft absent
e. pelvic fins abdoninal pelvic fins jurular
f. Honocercal tail leterocercal tall
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o. Tonophyletic
D. Rule of priority
q. Cytosine
r. Allele
S. Gene
t. Polypentide
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c. Fisherics managenent
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FW 300 Exam I
20 February 1976
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1. (18) Sketch a phylogenetic arrangement of fishes starting with the Agnatha indicating the positions of Chondrichthyes, Osteichthyes, Dipnoi, Crossopterygii, Actinopterygii, Chondrostei, Holostei and Teleostei. Note on your phylogeny where the following structures first appear: jaws, paired fins, hyostylic jaws, homocercal tail, placoid scale, ctenoid scale, spiracle. Also indicate which evolutionary lines are associated with 1) ammocoete larvae, 2) single nostril, 3) internal nares and 4) urea in blood for osmoregulation.
2. (10) Briefly identify:

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Peter Artedi

Linnaeus

Lamark
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3. (12) What are the major premises on which Darwin based his theory of evolution? In what way was Darwin's theory "Lamarkian" in explaining the cause of change?
4. (16) What morphological, anatomical and sensory system specializations might be expected in: 1) a typical day time predator, 2) a typical nocturnal benthic feeder, 3) a pelagic plankton feeder.
5. (14) Fill in terms which best describe an evolutionary trend going from a primitive to an advanced condition in fishes.

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3. Ganoid scales to $\qquad$ scales.
4. Autostylic jaws to $\qquad$ jaws.
5. Spiracle to $\qquad$ .
6. Heterocercal tail to $\qquad$ tail.
7. Maxillary dominant to $\qquad$ dominant.

## 6. (30) Briefly define:

1. Basipterygium
2. Clavicle
3. Cosmoid scale
4. Otolith
5. Weberian apparatus
6. Typology
7. Hyomandibula
8. Choroid gland
9. Neuromast
10. Gular plate
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1. The Journal of Wildlife Management, 55(4), contains an article by H. C. Romesburg, "On improving the natural resource and environmental sciences." Natural resource science, according to Romesburg's definition concerns commodity issues (such as wood, meat, hunting, fishing, recreation) and environmental science deals with noncommodity issues such as conservation biology, endangered species, etc. His point is that we have had poor success in managing natural resources--the professions lack credibility. His solution is to attract better students to the natural resourcesenvironmental professions. To attract the best and the brightest by methods used by top sport teams to attract the superstars that make for winning teams. He also sees a need to change our system of education.

Obviously, this is a most important issue for the future. We would all agree on the need to "improve the natural resource and environmental sciences," but by what means? Because virtually all natural resource management and research is controlled by government agencies and universities, typically funded by these agencies, the matter of administrative structure (bureaucracy) of government agencies which may suppress innovative and creative ideas in favor of committee consensus and status quo must be considered.

Delineate your thoughts on the matter of how the natural resource and environmental sciences can be improved -- raise IQ of people, changes in education, changes in administrative structure, etc.
2. Explain how you can use the concept of macroniches to provide insights to predict the consequences of the introduction of a new species into an ecosystem. Discuss the pheasant as a successful introduction (a "good" introduction) and the successful (but "bad") introductions of such species as English sparrow, starling, Mysis shrimp, and carp. What basic information was lacking at the time the "bad" species were introduced?

We have discussed problems of natural resource, environmental, conservation, and particularly fisheries management and research - how to do a better job, gain reliable knowledge, how to be more effective at problem and conflict resolution; how to improve credibility. Various remedies have been proposed - better students, improved education, proper experimental design, communications (human dimension), agency structure, etc.

Write a "proposal" as if for funding, to convince me that your "project" would make a useful contribution towards improvement in one of the above mentioned areas. Be aware of problems of moving from generalities (good intentions) to specific implementation, necessary to achieve success.

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October 1990

1. A major point of contention of the Endangered Species Act concerns the unit of diversity protected under the Act. In seeking a rational basis for resolution of this controversy, a basic assumption is that to adequately protect biodiversity, protection must extend to below the species level (intraspecific diversity), but protection of intraspecific diversity, expecially "nontaxa" diversity opens a "can of worms", and threatens to weaken the E.S.A. Provide your rational basis for criteria that might serve to define, prioritize, and select units (parts of a species) that would qualify for protection. Discuss the pros and cons of a taxa approach, a nontaxa approach, and methods which might be useful to characterize units that would receive priority for protection.
2. Define endemism. Why would you expect a higher degree of endemism in an area long isolated from "core" mainland areas. Why is endemic island fauna and flora more susceptible to extinction from the establishment of non-native species than mainland (continental) species? How do you explain the fact that the Colorado River Basin has the highest degress of endemism of freshwater fishes of any Nearctic river basin, but essentially has no endemism (perhaps a few dubious subspecies) of birds and mammals?

Presently, the Endangered Species Act defines "species" to include subspecies and populations (one population of the nonendangered chinook salmon species is currently listed and protected under the ESA and several more have been recommended for listing). The ESA comes up for reauthorization in 1992. There will be a strong effort to revise the definition of "species," probably along the lines recommended in the January 1979 Harper's magazine article (The Sinking Ark). That is, there is no biological justification for preserving intraspecific diversity or even diversity among a group of closely-related species---150 species of darters, including the snail darter, could be lumped at the genus level and the ESA would not be invoked until virtually all diversity within the genus has been lost.

What advice and recommendations would you give to a congressional committee reviewing the species definition of ESA? Keep in mind that the present trend under the present definition is likely to lead to a backlash and result in a severe weakening of ESA. Assume that the general public and many, if not most, congressmen share, or are susceptible to the points emphasized in the Harper's magazine article--"red squirrel, black squirrel, what's the difference?"--"must we save all species or all diversity just because it exists?" -"What good is it?"

Can you perceive a resolution to the dilemma of preserving biodiversity in the face of sentiment that believes it is simply not feasible nor morally, biologically, or economically justifiable or defensible to preserve all existing diversity? How might a species definition using the concept of SEV be helpful?

FW 555 03(2-0-1). Conservation Biology.
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FW 555 reflects a gradual evolution (since, 1985) from Ecological Zoogeography to Conservation Biology emphasizing the theories and. principles of Island Biogeography to develop an understanding of the patterns of biodiversity, the values of biodiversity, and a rationale for the preservation of biodiversity. The goal of the course is to produce students informed on the issues of conservation biology.
I. Introduction
A. Historical and Phylogenetic Factors

1. Phylogeny of vertebrates
2. History of the earth
3. Interpretation of distribution of diversity
B. Ecological Factors
4. Principles of habitat classification: biomes, life zones
5. Biotic and abiotic factors
6. Niches, niche shifts
II. Vertebrate Classes: Distributions, macro niches, roles in ecosystem, ectothermy, endothermy
A. Fishes
B. Amphibians
C. Reptiles
D. Birds
E. Mammals
III. Evolution
A. Coevolution, coadaptation
B. Origin of species, of intraspecific diversity
C. Evolution by natural selection as an adaptive process
D. Conflicts among theories and ramifications regarding values of biodiversity
IV. Extinctions
A. Types of extinction: Natural, accelerated, anagenetic, dead-end, catastrophic
B. Implications regarding values of biodiversity
V. Rationale for Preservation of Biodiversity
A. Conservation Biology and Natural Resource Management
B. Implications for Fisheries and Wildlife Management
C. Implications for changing ecosystems
D. Non-native (introduced) species

TEXT: Biodiversity Wilson, E.O. editor. 1988. National Academy Press Washington, D.C. 521 pp .
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## FW 555 CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Text: Principles of Conservation Biology Lectures: Mon. Wed. 1:10-2:00 NR 115

Recitation Fri. as above, for student
presentations and makeup lectures (later in semester).

Grading: Two take home exams (200), term paper (300); participation, attendance, seminar presentation (100).

The course consists of lecture and text, independent study (term paper), and seminar presentation. The term paper will be a topic you select to develop an indepth knowledge of a particular subject relevant to conservation biology. The first take home exam is designed to gain familiarity with the text and an understanding of the basic principles and issues of conservation biology. "Participation" concerns class discussion and calling attention to pertinent current events from the media or journals.

We follow "adaptive management" for flexibility to address contemporary issues as they come up. Thus, there is no fixed schedule for reading assignments. Become familiar with the subject matter of each chapter of the text. Handouts that further elaborate on certain points will be distributed throughout the semester.

Conservation Biology covers a wide range of subjects from theoretical ecology to economics and philosophy. There are many definitions of conservation biology (see chapter 1). Most simply, it concerns preservation of biodiversity. A real challenge is to develop a logical rationale that would convince most people of why we want to preserve biodiversity. What good is it?

There is nothing in the methods, math, or models that is unique to conservation biology--it is eclectic. Several separate disciplines such as conservation genetics, conservation education, landscape ecology, restoration ecology, natural resource (or ecological) economics, philosophy, and ethics all contribute to conservation biology (see contents of an issue of the journal Conservation Biology).

How "scientific" is conservation biology? In most instances, the magnitude and complexity of problems and urgency for resolution, makes hypothesis testing with control and test replication an impossibility. Therefore, most successes are the result of critical thinking and professional judgement based on knowledge and experience with an understanding of the "uncertainty principle" inherent in natural biological systems.

## FW 555 CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Text: Principles of Conservation Biology
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Grading: Three take home exams (300); term paper (300); participation, attendance, presentation (100).

## Course Structure and Goals

The course has elements of a formal lecture with text, independent study
(term paper) and seminar presentation. Issues of conservation biology are highly contemporary (especially in an election year.) Students are encouraged to bring news clippings or notes from the media pertaining to current conservation issues.

The text book is comprehensive and serves as a source of information for the various topics discussed in lectures. To be contemporary, we follow principles of "adaptive management." That is, there are no set rules or strict schedule in typicol course outline regards to assignments and testing. Your term paper topic should be selected to develop an in-depth knowledge of a particular area of conservation biology of your
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interest.
There are numerous definitions and descriptions of conservation biology (see chapter 1.) Most basically, it concerns the preservation of biodiversity. A insects ur. vert. perceptive student should ask: What is biodiversity? Why should we preserve it? The main anthropocentric (self-interest) rationale is based on evolution by natural selection and all it implies concerning co-evolution and co-adaptation (other reasons, based on intrinsic values of nature, are dealt with in philosophy courses.) ecocentric

What are similarities and differences between conservation biology and other natural resource fields? for example, why isn't conservation biology a special section of the Wildlife Society? What is the influence of conservation Coll. N.R. -rs 7. wesh Frer biology on traditional natural resource uses such as hunting, fishing, logging, Reart Commaditier Wapon mining, grazing? An obvious difference concerns the number of species utilitanion considered and a more holistic integration of organisms and environment. What conflicts might arise from different perspectives on how natural resources should be managed?

There is nothing in the methods, math, modeling, or genetic techniques that is unique to conservation biology. It assimilates and adapts from many disciplines--it is eclectic. Several associated disciplines have their own societies, books and journal. The fields of conservation genetics, conservation education, landscape ecology, restoration ecology, ecological (or natural resource)economics, philosophy and ethics all contribute to the body of knowledge making up conservation biology.

How scientifically rigorous is conservation biology? It must be recognized that in many instances, the magnitude of a problem and urgency for resolution, makes hypothesis testing with control and test replicates infeasible or impossible and political resolution is imposed. Much of the success of conservation biology is dependent on critical thinking and professional judgement based on knowledge and experience that fully understands the uncertainty principle of nature. $\qquad$
It must be recognized that in a democracy, public policy must have public support to be successful. Besides "scientific" limitations, conservation biology is
confronted with political and institutional constraints and limitations in regards to implementation of the best conceived plans and programs. Public resource agencies can be faced with severe limitations for implementing conservation or restoration programs. (for ex. introductions of wolves and grizzly bears in Colorado.)


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The first take home exam will introduce you to the text and many of the issues and problems dealt with by conservation biology. The goal of the course is improved management of natural resources by producing better educated future professionals. These professionals should fully understand that simplistic solutions to complex problems are rarely achieved because uncertainty (stochastic events) limits accuracy of predictions. Slavishly following rules, standard methods, or simplistic models is no substitute for creative thinking based on knowledge. This illustrates the difference between a university education and technical training.

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## NOVEMBER TAKEHOME

Choose one of the following topics for analysis, discussion (give citations of sources of information).


1. Example(s) of application of principles of conservation biology to achieve goal(s) of preservation-enhancement of biodiversity, ecological integrity, sustainability, etc. Examples might concern reserve design, watershed restoration, multiple use management, etc. Discuss elements of planning, strategy, and implementation that can determine success or failure to achieve a goal.


Analyze results of the November election in terms of role played by environmental issues influencing the outcome. What is your opinion on the depth of understanding of issues by most politicians and voters? In view of this, what strategies and propaganda appeared to be most effective?

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Take home exam for September, 1997
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2. Significant Evolutionary Units (SEU for prioritizing units of biodiversity for protection) - What basis? meThods for establishing - Whole book- Azs syur it - :

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3. Species (what is a species? How many species are there? What phylum and


4. Why do we want to preserve biodiversity? houmen whist oood is it?
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6. Keystone species.

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8. Landscape Ecology (a matter of scale, metapopulations, habitat fragmentation, reserve design).
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Is Coyote Control an Effective Management Technique for the Recovery of Endangered Species?
** Use of Coyote Control in the Past
Can Coyotes be controlled?

Has Coyote control increased numbers of Endangered Species?
** Coyote control is an inneffective management technique because:

Coyote predation is not the main limiting factor
The ecosystems in question are unhealthy

The relationship between the coyote and the endangered species is more complex than managers are willing to admit.

> 1. Intraguild Predation Theory
> 2. Interference Competition and Niche Theory

## Implications on future management

**The San Joaquin Kit Fox (Vulpes macrotis)
Elk Hills Naval Petroleum reserve, California
Carrizo Plain Natural Area, California
**The Swift Fox (Vulpes velox)
Conservation Strategy for the Swift Fox on the Great Plains

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Obvious problems and conflicts can arise when given broad generalities as stated in a goal, such as to preserve biodiversity (by practicing ecosystem management), and how to achieve the goal by implementation of an action program. That is, moving from generalities to specifics, from policy to practice. Einstein said that we can't expect to solve today's problems with the same level of thinking that caused them. With this in mind, choose one of the following topics to explain what you would recommend to achieve a goal.

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## FW 555 Second Take-Home

Building on the first take-home, familiarization with text, lectures, handouts, and other sources, choose one of the following interrelated topics.

1. What is conservation biology all about? Why should we want to preserve biodiversity? What elements or factors determine successes or failures of conservation efforts (scientific-biological vs. sociopolitical and institutional factors).
2. What methods, models, concepts, theories, and principles are used in Conservation Biology? The diversity of disciplines involved (nothing unique to C.B. except overall synthesis from many fields). Note limitations for unanimous consensus of any of above.
3. How has conservation biology influenced the development of various fields of Natural Resource management during the past 30-50 years? For example, the transition from the Pinchot Utilitarian view toward the Leopold ecocentric land ethic. How do you explain "lag time"?
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## November Take Home Exam

## FW 555

Prepare a plan based on principles of conservation biology. The plan can be based on a real example, such as recovery of an endangered species, or a hypothetical example such as design for urban open space or greenbelt. Cite sources of information used in plan development. Anticipate conflicts between anthropocentric-utilitarian values and ecocentric-intrinsic values that indicate constraints and limitations for successful implementation. Especially in the case where several federal and state agencies and private lands are involved, how can polarization be avoided and consensus attained? What is policy on non-native species? How might plan written in 1997 differ from one on same subject (for example, management and restoration of a watershed) prepared in 1967? - beneficisl cose)
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## Final Take Home Exam FW 555

Definition of the lowest (in a phylogenetic sense) unit which qualifies for protection under the Endangered Species Act will be a major topic to be resolved for re-authorization of the act.

If you are asked for your opinion on the matter, what would you advise on such aspects as:

How the selected unit of diversity is defined and identified - pros and cons of using a taxonomic based approach - should only "legal" species be accepted?

What about subspecies and intraspecific parts of species which have no formal classification?

How would you respond to the argument that intraspecific diversity is nonadaptive (therefore no need to preserve) and thus all significant genetic variation would be preserved as long as any population of a species (or a genus) still exists?

The writings of S. J. Gould can be used to argue against preservation of subspecies and intraspecific units of a species. Would you challenge such an authority?

FW 555
Discuss the reasons why typical goals of conservation biology such as restoration of endangered species, maintenance, enhancement of biodiversity, maintain integrity, etc., are more difficult to achieve than typical natural resource "commodity" goals, such as increase in AUM's, board feet of timber, recreational use, etc. You can use a real or hypothetical case to illustrate your points. Some terms that can be useful are: limitations, constraints, biological-scientific aspects, political-institutional aspects, theories, principles and paradigms, actions and implementation (by government agencies), public policy determination (politics and pressure groups), internal contradictions, uncertainties, unknowns, unpredictables, methods and models, H-D method, test, control, inferences, and consensus.

What are your recommendations for improving the success rate for achieving conservation goals?

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## FINAL TAKE-HOME

## FW555

Conservation biology is eclectic, drawing from many disciplines, and is an imprecise science. This makes for a problem of moving from often vague generalities (a goal, such as to maintain biodiversity and healthy ecosystems) to specifics -- what actions can be implemented to achieve a goal. Discuss how you envision the theories, principles, methods, and models associated with conservation biology can be applied to resolve a problem -- a case history approach to a real or hypothetical situation or issue such as endangered species restoration, improved multiple use management of federal lands where traditional dominant uses conflict with other uses and with goals of conservation biology, including sustainability.

## FW 555 Final Take Home Exam

Why do we want to conserve biodiversity anyway? This is the topic addressed in the November 1994 newsletter of the Society for Conservation Biology. The article states that it comes as a rude surprise to find out how many people in the world are ignorant of, indifferent toward, or outright hostile to the conservation of biodiversity. We must communicate more effectively at several levels of society. We must sell biodiversity to many constituencies before we can succeed in conserving it.

Four arguments or sales pitches are suggested:

1. Legal -- several federal laws, such as ESA, mandate conservation of biodiversity (but intent of laws are continually circumvented).
2. Intrinsic values of nature -- ecocentric-biocentric philosophy. Warmly embraced by the true believers but few anthropocentric utilitarians ("what good is it?") are swayed. Works best for charismatic megafauna.
3. Economics -- more rational anthropocentric point of view, "for our own good," sustainability, rational use of resources, etc. Currently pushed by federal agencies as ecosystem management, but results of recent elections are not encouraging.
4. Keep government off your back -- avoid "environmental train wrecks" by good conservation programs -- avoid endangered species listings. Opponents response is to revise Endangered Species Act.
What philosophy, position/arguments (can be multiple) do you recommend to effectively communicate why we should want to conserve biodiversity? What counterarguments might be anticipated and how would you counter the counter-arguments?

For example, the precepts of Aldo Leopold's "land ethic" might be recommended because it appears to nicely bridge the gap between anthropocentric and ecocentric points of view; it is widely known and held in high esteem (Leopold's views are used as the "authority"). Counter-arguments could point out that Leopold's views on ecology are outdated (non-equilibrium theory, strengths of linkages -- it's okay to lose some of the parts, etc.). A counter to the counter could emphasize the basic and very valid truism stressed by Leopold about the complexities and uncertainties inherent in natural systems -- we cannot expect good predictions on the outcome of an action.

Obviously, there is no "most correct answer." This is an exercise in critical thinking and an understanding that achieving conservation goals can be difficult and frustrating.

## SPECIAL GRADUATE SEMINAR

## FW 561AV: ADVANCED TOPICS IN FISHERIES BIOLOGY EY 592 V: INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR IN ECOLOGY

## FALL SEMESTER 1998

## CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN FISHERIES AND AQUATIC ECOLOGY

This year's seminar will address aspects and feasibility of watershed and fisheries restoration (rehabilitation, enhancement). For example: "We've spent billions of dollars to bolster dwindling Northwest salmon runs, yet the numbers of fish continue to decline" (Seattle Post-Intelligencer headline re failed attempt to "restore"). What went wrong? Examination of underlying causes of successes and failures can provide some insights.

Instructors: Robert Behnke, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology LeRoy Poff, Department of Biology

Time: 3:10-4:00 p.m., Tuesday

Place: 130 Wagar Building

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## Seminar in Forest Sciences, $\mathbf{F}$ 793D

Fall 1992 Schedule


Thursdays 12:10-1:00 -
Forestry Room 127

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September 24: Dr. Tom Stohlgren, Nat'l Park Service \& Dept. of Forest Sci. "Climate Change in Rocky Mountain National Park: A Research Program on Management and Ecology"
October 1: Dr. Pat Pellicane, Dupt. of Forest Sciences
October 8: Dr. Jordi Cortina, Visiting Scientist, Dept. of Forest Sciences- October 15:Dr. Rick Laven, Dept. of Forest Sciences
October 22:Dr. Linda Joyce, U.S. Forest Service"Forest Sector Sensitivity to Climate"
October 29: Dr. Dean Urban, Dept. of Forest Sciences
November 5:"Forest Management Planning at the Landscape Scale:
Implications for Habi:at Management"
November 12: Dr. Dave Betters, Dejit. of Forest Sciences
"Plantation Forests in Brazil"
November 19: Dr. Phil Omi, Dept. of Forest Sciences
December 3: Dr. Doug Rideout, De'st. of Forest Sciences
December 10: Dr. Indy Burke, Dept. of Forest Sciences

FW 561 AV Advanced Topics in Fisheries Biology EY592 V Interdisciplinary Seminar in Ecology CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN FISHERIES AND AQUATIC ECOLOGY

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This site will be updated periodically.

## Tentative Schedule

SEP 11
Dr. LeRoy Poff, Assistant Professor, CSU Biology Dept.
The natural flow regime: a paradigm for river conservation and restoration
SEP 18, TBD:
John Barthelow- IFIM Definitions, Agreeing on Terminology OR
Lee Lamb- Legal and Institutional Trends in Instream Flow

SEP 25, TBD:
John Barthelow- IFIM Definitions, Agreeing on Terminology OR
Lee Lamb- Legal and Institutional Trends in Instream Flow
OCT 2
Jason Kent, USGS and CSU Civil Engineering graduate student
IFIM Case History and Analysis
OCT 9
Claudio Meier, CSU Civil Engineering and GDPE graduate student

1. How should minimum flows for regulated rivers be established? 2. How "natural" does the flow regime below a dam have to be to maintain ecological integrity of a regulated river?

OCT 16
Daren Carlisle, CSU Fishery and Wildlife Biology graduate student
10. Is there a scientific basis for arguing that some species (including endangered ones) are more "worthy" of management than others?

OCT 23
Fred Wurster, CSU Watershed Science graduate student
11. Are large dams permanent features of the landscape? How socio-economically tied to them are we? Is dam removal practical?

OCT 30
TBD
NOV 6
Deb Finn, CSU Biology graduate student
7. If ecological integrity is an endpoint for aquatic ecosystem management or restoration, how is it defined and at what scales must it be measured?

NOV 13
Lisa Courtney, CSU Fishery and Wildlife Biology graduate student
13. What have we learned about the effectiveness of new dam operations for river restoration from "experimental floods" (e.g., Glen Canyon)?

NOV 20
John Ptacek, CSU Fishery Biology major
5. Can we predict ecological effects of water management in river ecosystems?

DEC 4
Drs. Kevin Bestgen and Dan Beyers, CSU Larval Fish Laboratory Native Fish Restoration in the Upper Colorado River Basin

DEC 11
Wrap-up
Last Modified 9/4/97
Brett Johnson

IFIM<br>Definitions, Issues, and Potential Future<br>by<br>John Bartholow<br>for<br>Contemporary Issues<br>in Fisheries and Aquatic Ecology

September 18, 1997

## Topics

1. IFIM

Who, what, when, where, why, how?
Context
Definitions
Assumptions \& limitations
2. Issues

Fisheries essays
Mistakes made
Questions unanswered
3. Future Potential

Evolving and converging technologies
Continued questions
4. Questions?
5. If time, suitability criteria - preference vs use

## IFIM Context

## What is IFIM?

Incremental methodology is a process of developing and negotiating instream flow recommendations by evaluating alternative flow regimes through time based on aquatic ecosystem (micro- and macro-habitat) needs.

IFIM developed for:
Constructing flow recommendations for stated management objectives Quantifying impacts of altered flows
Developing mitigation plans or habitat improvement projects Negotiating operations rules

IFIM may be contrasted with standard setting which uses a single, fixed rule to establish a (minimum) flow requirement despite dynamic ecosystem needs.

IFIM may also be contrasted with PHABSIM (the Physical Habitat Simulation System), a specific bio-hydraulic model useful for developing a habitat versus flow index.

Though IFIM implies using some measure of ecological function with discharge, it does not equate to PHABSIM. Other techniques have been employed, such as wetted perimeter, visual aesthetics, etc..

## Historical Context

Developed by US Fish \& Wildlife Service as a tool (stick?) for evaluating small hydropower projects. Hydrologic methods (Tenant, 7Q10, wetted perimeter, usable width, habitat mapping) were seen either as (1) non-negotiable, either inflexible or non quantitative, (2) not-biologically relevant, (3) or too labor intensive.

Must answer the incremental question: If flows were different by X amount, how much would the aquatic system be impacted?

Must fit incrementalism as a "method" of decision making, recognizing that major changes to the status quo are not likely.

## Important Definitions

## Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) -

An interdisciplinary problem solving process composed of linked models that describe the spatial and temporal features of aquatic habitat resulting from a given river regulation alternative. IFIM includes a scoping process, and studies of hydrology, microhabitat, macrohabitat, habitat suitability criteria, water temperature, and institutional decisionmaking; linkages to other investigations are possible.

## Instream Flow Study -

An investigation that establishes the relationship between of one or more physical, chemical, or biological variables and stream discharge through space and/or time, empirically or with the use of a computer model(s) such as PHABSIM.

## Macrohabitat -

A longitudinal segment of river within which physical and/or chemical conditions influence the suitability of the segment for an aquatic organism.

## Microhabitat -

Small localized areas within a larger scale habitat type (mesohabitat) used by an aquatic organism for specific purposes or events, typically described by a combination of depth, velocity, substrate, and cover.

| Macro Variables | Micro Variables |
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| Water Quality | Depth |
| Water Temperature | Velocity |
| Gradient | Surface Area |
| Bed Particle Size | Substrate |
| Channel Structure | Cover |
| Channel Dimensions | Pool/riffle Ratio |
| Channel Pattern | Species |
| Discharge | Activity |
| Food Source | Size or Life Stage |

## Reference (Baseline) Condition -

The conditions occurring during the reference time frame, usually referring to water supply, habitat values, or population status. The reference condition is often an actual recent historical condition, but may also represent: (1) the same climatologicalmeteorological conditions but with present-level water development and operations; (2) the same climatological-meteorological conditions but with both current and proposed future development on line; and/or (3) virgin or pre-development conditions.

## Time Series Analysis -

Analysis of the pattern (frequency, duration, magnitude, and timing) of time-varying events, such as habitat area, temperature, power, etc..

## Total Habitat -

Total available wetted area conditioned by microhabitat and macrohabitat suitability and summed for all relevant river segments, i.e., the area of a stream with suitable macro and microhabitat.

## Important Assumptions \& Limitations

Habitat, not fisheries, based.
Species exhibits describably preference or avoidance to one or more micro and/or macro habitat variables.
Fish populations respond to reducing habitat bottlenecks (though not instantly nor linearly).
Most hydraulic models assume a steady, well mixed condition.
Suitability curves do not reflect rate of change of the environment.
IFIM requires professional judgement.
IFIM does not provide one best answer.
Species interactions not well understood
Data requirements are large.
Issues

Mistakes made in applications of IFIM:
Focus on single lifestage
Focus on single time
Not cognizant of water supply Not testing transferability of criteria
Leaving "common sense" behind

Focus on single species Focus on single place No agreement on assumptions Not looking through time

## Questions raised by Castelberry et al.

Scientific defensibility
Hydraulic \& substrate sampling and measurement problems
Biological sampling and measurement problems
Meaning and uncertainty of weighted usable area (WUA)
Adaptive management is IT!

## Response by Van Winkle et al.

Playing it by ear is not sufficient
Need dramatic experiments with testable hypotheses, lest learning not occur
Institutional framework is not generally capable of long-term monitoring
Management objectives must be acceptable to and understandable by the public, ecologically meaningful, and measurable.
Adaptive management must include quantitative (absolute or relative) prediction tool[ s$]$.
Models are the means, incorporating (1) theory, (2) hypotheses, (3) variables, and (4) measures.
Individual based modeling can be such a tool, replacing suitability indices Uncertainty is not going away
Future Potential
Evolving and converging technologies
Biological
Community dynamics
Habitat diversity indices
Population modeling
Physical
Channel morphology
Sedimentation (budget)
Hydrological
2-D and 3-D hydraulics
Multi-disciplinary melding

## Continued Research Needs

Biological understanding!
Instream prediction
transferability from system to system
variability requirements
community dynamics
network analysis
water quality as stressors
Out of stream prediction
riparian responses
wetland responses
floodplain responses
Hydrological understanding!
Variability - management under (or with) inter- and intra-annual hydrologic uncertainty
Compliance
Physical understanding!
Bedrock channels - prediction?
Alluvial channels - prediction
Floodplain channels - prediction
Institutional understanding!
Implementing water budgets
Integrating economics
Defining society's objectives
Defining and achieving "balance" between use and abuse in a dynamic and uncertain environment
Continued development of statutory authority
Continued public education
Validation/Evidence!
Monitoring - positive and negative
Adaptive management
Communication

If IFIM is to continue, we need to close the gap between the promise and the practice!

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## DISEASE AND CONSERVATION

- Introduction
-Historical background: african ungulates and rinderpest
-Myxomatosis in rabbits
-Tsetse control and african ungulates
-Lungworm and Rocky Mountain bighom sheep
-Diseases of waterfowl: botulism and duck plague
-Disease and endangered species
-Lead poisoning and the bald eagle
-Lead posioning in other endangered species
-Mauritius pink pigeons and an herpesvirus
-Eastern Equine Encephalitis and whooping cranes
- Inclusion body disease in captive cranes
-Pere David's deer and malignant catarrh fever
-Canine distemper and the black-footed ferret
-Malaria and the hawaiian birds
-Conclusions


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Course:

Prerequisites:

Instructor:

Time:

Text:

FW 300 Ichthyology
Natural history and evolution of fishes; their zoogeography, classification, anatomy, basic physiology and ecological adaptations.

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Robert J. Behnke - 427 - Zool.

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Lagler, Bardoch and Miller, 1962 Ichthyology, John Wiley \& Sons Inc. 545 p.

Supplementary texts and reprints are provided for the laboratory and loan to interested students. Laboratory manual (Behnke) supplied to all students.

Course Outline:
A. Introduction -

Morphology, anatomy and basic physiology. Lectures and labs integrated with dissection of carp specimen by each student. Anatomical features, organs, sensory systems, physiology and basic terminology covered with comparative material demonstrating homologous structures adapted to different ways of life. Evolutionary trends in structure and function. Emphasis on how a fish is put together inside and out--what makes it run--and how structures can evolve to allow derivative groups to exploit new environments and new life styles.
B. Phylogeny of fishes

Lectures and lab integrated to discuss and demonstrate the major classes and orders of fishes. Evolutionary trends which diagnose the various taxa. Natural history, ecology and zoogeography of the groups.
C. Zoogeography

Principles of zoogeography; factors determining fish distribution; convergent evolution to fill similar ecological niches in different geographical areas; evaluation of information for introduction of new species on a rational basis.
D. Evolution, systematics and Taxonomy

Natural selection and origin of species from the level of the DNA to the population. Methods of study of evolution (speciation, variability and divergence $=$ systematics) and the arrangement of the diversity produced by evolution into a system of classification (taxonomy). Potential information available from morphological studies (orthodox) and new techniques (biochemical, cytogenetic and computer analysis of data).
E. Term paper

Each student writes a major term paper with emphasis on some aspect of ichthyology to be examined in-depth.
I. Historical Review
A. History of systematic biology and ichthyology.
B. Concepts of animal classification.
C. Development of evolutionary thought and phylogenetic studies; their effect on a system of natural classification.
II. Comparative Fish Anatomy and Physiology
A. Skeletal system.
B. Integument
C. Muscles
D. Circulation and respiration
E. Sensory organs
F. Digestion
G. Excretion and Osmo-regulation
H. Nervous and endocrine systems
I. Reproduction

These lectures will be associated with laboratory work in the dissection and skeletonizing of specimens to observe the structures discussed.
III. Evolution and Phylogeny of Fishes
A. Classes, subclasses, superorders
B. Geologic time periods and the appearance of major structural advances in diverging phyletic lines.
C. Evolutionary pathways; successful and extinct groups; homology and analogy.
D. The teleost fishes.

1. Attainment of the combination of characters leading to dominance.
2. Radiation and relationships
IV. Functional Morphology
A. Adaptive significance of characters used in classification.
B. Specializations and adaptive radiation; evolution for specific niches.
C. Convergence, parallelism
V. Principles of Classification
A. Goals of a natural system of classification
B. Establishing facts denoting true affinities
C. Concepts of classification
3. Phyletic and phenetic schools
D. International rules of zoological nomenclature
E. The binomial system
F. Genus, species, subspecies, populations; definitions and concepts.
G. Process of speciation
4. Genetic divergence; levels of taxonomic recognition.

Two papers will be required. A laboratory report, at approximately mid-term, based on a literature survey of a topic; and a final term paper based on independent research. (For example: a study of intra-specific variability or comparative osteology.)

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## AFS PROGRAM CHANGES

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Thursday, September 17, Session 2B.
Paper No. 2. Change author to David McDaniel, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Leetown, West Virginia.

Paper No. 8. Change author to Wilmer Rogers, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

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Paper No. l. Change to No. 4.
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Louis W. Botsford, University of California, Davis, California and Richard D. Methot, Bodega Marine Laboratory, Bodega Bay, California.

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Add new No. 4. Electrolytic balance and energy mobilization in acid stressed rainbow trout (Salmo gairaneri) and their relation to reproductive success.

Raymond M. Lee, Shelby D. Gerking, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona and Barbara Jezierska, Poland.

Thursday, September 17, Session 2 F .
Replace last paper in session (at l445) with: Upstream movements of subadult striped bass at fish passage facilities in the Connecticut River watershed. Christine M. Moffitt, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

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I will illustrate the concept of compensatory mortality with a simple example. Assume that 90 animals start the biological year. All harvest takes place before any natural mortality occurs. Further assume that the natural mortality occurs in density-dependent fashion, i.e., survival from the end of the harvest period to the start of the next year is defined as

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and let $S_{0}=0.8333$ and $S_{1}=0.0055556$. This function is plotted on the following graph, along with the density-independent situation where no response in survival is allowed as a function of population size. These lines are labels compensatory for density dependence and additive for density independence because these are the underlying assumptions that result in compensatory and additive mortality.

## Survival vs. Population Size



Assume now, that for the base situation, $1 / 3$ of the 90 animals be removed by hunting, so that for the 60 left, $S=0.8333$ $0.0055556(60)=0.5$ under the assumption of density dependence. Thus, 30 of these animals survive the year.


Now, we want to manipulate the system by removing the hunting mortality, i.e., let the harvest rate equal zero. Under the assumption of a density-dependent response to the removal of hunting, 90 animals undergo natural mortality, and the survival rate is $S=$ $0.8333-0.0055556(90)=0.3333$. Thus, only 30 animals survive the year, just as in the case of hunting mortality of $33 \%$.


The hunting mortality is compensated for by an increase in survival of the animals remaining after the hunting season by the densitydependent decrease in mortality because of fewer animals present in the population. If we graph the overall survival rate, i.e., the probability of surviving the hunting season times the probability of surviving the rest of the year, we get the relationship:

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This curve of compensation is relatively flat for quite a range of harvest rates, because the natural survival rate compensates for the increase in harvest rate by increasing because of the decreasing number of animals in the population.

If the hunting mortality had been additive, then the survival rate observed for the 60 animals in the base situation would continue to apply to 90 animals, so that 45 would survive the year. This situation is demonstrated in the following histogram, and is illustrated in the above plot by the line labeled additive. No response in the natural mortality rate is available to compensate for increased harvest, so the additive line decreases linearly in response to an increase in the harvest rate.


Another common misconception about our example is that if the harvest is removed, all the harvested animals will live, giving the following result. This result I label super additivity. To achieve this response in a population, you would have to have reverse densitydependence, i.e., the natural mortality rate would have to decrease as the population increased.


Anderson and Burnham (1976) presented a mathematical argument for compensatory mortality. They derived their results based on instantaneous rates of harvest and natural mortality. The example above is based on finite rates, with the assumption of no natural mortality during the harvest period. For finite rates and no natural mortality during the hunting season, their additive mortality results are the same straight line graph as shown above. However, if some natural mortality occurs during the hunting season, the line deviates below the straight line shown above.


Under the compensatory mortality hypothesis with density dependence operating on survival rate after the hunting season, Anderson and Burnham (1976) present the following graph. The shape and general conclusions reached from this graph are the same as illustrated above. Over some range of harvest ( 0 to $c$ ), the annual survival rate remains unchanged in response to harvest. However, beyond the threshold value of harvest (c), the density-dependent response of
the population cannot compensate for the harvest, so the annual survival rate declines.


The natural mortality function to generate such a survival function in response to hunting mortality is the following. The population identified with $c$ corresponds to the population size at the threshold in the above graph.

Natural Mortality vs. Population Size


Testing between the 2 hypotheses
Regression of $\hat{S}_{i}$ vs. $\hat{\mathrm{K}}_{\mathrm{I}}$, where $K$ is kill rate, not carrying capacity. Sampling covariance of the 2 estimates $\hat{S}_{i}$ and $K_{I}$ induces a negative relationship (Burnham and Anderson 1979). This covariance must be removed to compute a proper test of these 2 quantities.
Splitting raw data in half (Nichols and Hines 1983) is one approach to removing the covariance. Half the data are used to estimate $\hat{S}_{i}$ and the other half to estimate $\hat{K}_{I}$.
Both hypotheses in a single equation (Burnham et al. 1984)

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S_{i}=S_{0}\left(1-\underline{b} K_{i}\right)
$$

$H_{0}: b=0$ means compensation
$H_{a}$ : $b<0$ means partial compensation

## $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}: \mathrm{b}=1$ means additive

Continuity of compensatory and additive hypotheses Relation of survival to population size (or harvest) Instantaneous vs. finite representations
$N_{t}=N_{0} \exp \left\{\left[b-\left(m_{0}+n_{0}-m_{0} n_{0}\right)\right] t\right\}$ where $m_{0}$ is fishing mortality in the absence of natural mortality, and $n_{0}$ is natural mortality in the absence of fishing mortality. This equation assumes additive mortality. The term $m_{0} n_{0}$ just specifies that a fish cannot die from both natural and fishing mortality. In reality, $\mathrm{m}_{0}$ can never be measured (see Anderson and Burnham 1981). The parameters $m$ and $n$ are actually measured, so that overall mortality is $m+n$ which conceptually is not equal to $m_{0}+n_{0}$ $\mathrm{m}_{0} \mathrm{n}_{0}$.
For compensatory mortality, $n$ must be made a function of $m$.
Examples.
Waterfowl (Burnham and Anderson 1984, Burnham et al. 1984, Nichols et al. 1984, Smith and Reynolds 1992, Sedinger and Rexstad 1994, Smith and Reynolds 1994)
Muskrats (Clark 1987)
Mule deer (Bartmann 1992)
Discussion.
Why have so many studies examined reproduction in response to population size, but not survival rates?

Laboratory exercise: 1) Quattro Pro model of additive and compensatory mortality based on a finite survival rate model, and 2) Quattro Pro model with and without compensation -- Piceance mule deer population (Bartmann et al. 1992).

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# Giardia and Cryptosporidium in Surface Water: An Etiological Perspective 

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Abstract: Giardia and Cryptosporidium do not complete their life cycle in water; however, their waterborne occurrence has emerged as an important vehicle for the spread of infection because of their ecological adaptation to form environmentally resistant stages, i.e., the cyst and oocyst. Giardia, which may have a very early position in the evolution of eukaryotes, continues to be the predominant cause of identifiable waterborne disease. Cryptosporidium, which is possibly phylogenetically unique among the other coccidian taxon, joined the list of diseases transmitted via water in 1984 with the number of waterborne outbreaks gaining momentum steadily. While human sewage is the main source of contamination; beaver, muskrat and cattle have been implicated as important animal reservoirs ior Giardia and Cryptosporidium, respectively. Cross-transmission between man and these animals has been documented at least circumstantially. More research is needed to identify aquatic or water inhabiting animals that perpetuate the life cycles of these protozoan parasites. Watershed characteristics and management have been shown to affect cyst and oocyst concentrations significantly.
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The currently accepted criteria for defining species emphasizing reproductive isolation has some serious limitations for the taxonomy of the family Salmonidae, where strong, innate, reproductive homing behavior may allow genetic segregation between two or more morphologically similar populations with only slight genetic differentiation.

Although the coexistence of closely related populations of salmonid fishes is a prime cause for taxonomic confusion and disagreement, this phenomenon suggests some innovative applications for fisheries management. In order for two or more populations to coexist in the same environment in nature, there must be some degree of ecological segregation to avoid direct competition. It then can be assumed that two or more coexisting populations will exploit the resources more effectively and produce more total biomass than either or any one could alone.

Examples in the literature exploring the nature of ecological segregation between coexisting salmonid fishes are limited to natural situations where the populations have been coexisting for thousands of years and the behavioral mechanisms for coexistence are probably incorporated into the genotypes.

The pertinent question for fisheries management application is: Can two closely related groups (for example, races or subspecies of a species) without genetic programming for coexistence in their evolutionary history, be introduced together and initiate ecological segregation?

Results from a study of two populations of cutthroat trout introduced in a small Colorado lake is enlightening. Their behavior is interpreted as an example of interactive segregation, whereby behavior patterns expressed in allopatry are modified in sympatry to avoid direct competition and allow coexistence. This, in turn, resulted in a striking difference in angling vulnerability between the two populations.

