

Methods to Mitigate Tagging Effects

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The topic of tagging effect is currently a controversial subject in the Columbia Basin. However, unsuitable methods and improperly used materials can lead to inconsistent and unacceptable results. This presentation will discuss practices that have been used to maximize the quality of data, decrease tag shedding, and increase fish survival. This presentation will also suggest that the use of some methods and material be required by all users in order to standardize results especially if PIT tagging results are going to be compared to the general population or CWT populations.