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ABSTRACT

We propose a novel analytical approach that provides a simple, integrated tool for assessing the effects of hydroclimatically-driven flow regime variations on fish habitat. Average habitat quality metrics can be predicted effectively by an analytical equation. This is the result of the integration of two functions describing (a) the flow regime (the frequency distribution of discharge) and (b) the relationship between discharge and habitat quality. We applied this approach as a "proof of concept" to a simple model of velocity thresholds for juvenile salmon fry. The flow regime was described by a gamma distribution with physically meaningful Download English Version:

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