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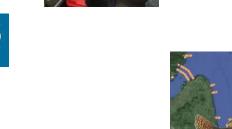


- What is acoustic telemetry?

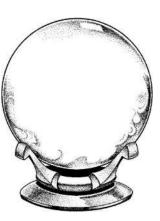
• What is GLATOS?

• What am I working on?

• Musings on the future...

















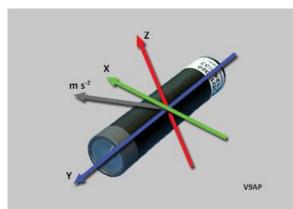


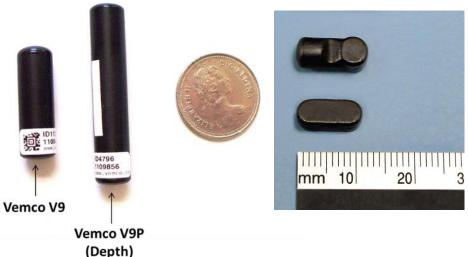


# The Tags



- Wide range of options depending on your study objectives
- Sizes, ranges, battery life
- Additional sensors







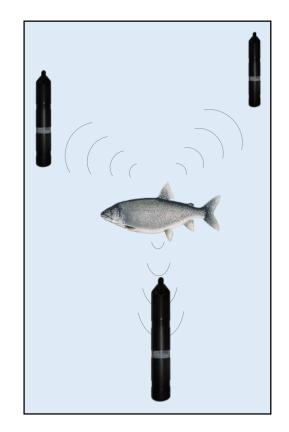
## The Receivers

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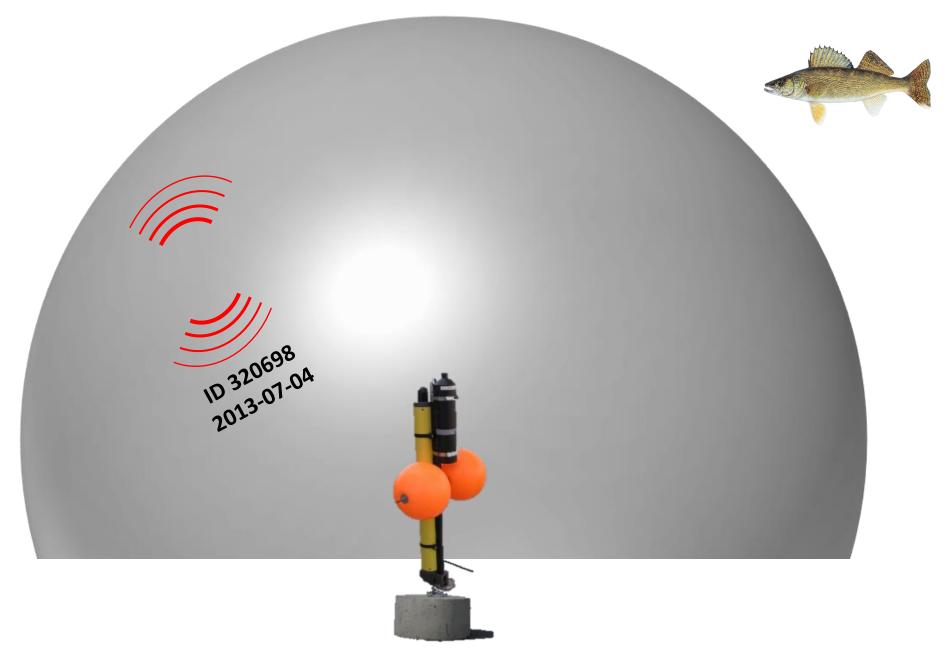
- Stationary and fixed
- Not real time

#### Optional:

- Active tracking
- Real time



Big part of study design needs to be the receiver distribution



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# The History of Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System

## History – How did GLATOS start?





Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – U.S. Administered by U.S.EPA

#### Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) Acoustic Telemetry Projects Established

- Funding over 7 years; 2010 2016
- Established sea lamprey, walleye, lake trout projects in 2010, and then a 4<sup>th</sup> lake sturgeon in 2011 with help from GLFT





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#### History – What obstacles did we face?

#### **Immediate Challenges**

- Receivers must share locations and operational schedules
- Data sharing must be able to share tag detection data
- Tag returns must facilitate tag returns from fishery.
- Communication critical among Pls and with public



## History – What is the focus of GLATOS?

## Creation of GLATOS

#### **Mission Statement**

... is a <u>network</u> of researchers conducting acoustic telemetry projects on fish movement in the Great Lakes.

GLATOS provides researchers with opportunities to

- develop partnerships,
- share fish detection data among projects and
- equipment (in some cases).

#### Became broader than just GLFC – GLRI projects, GLATOS to serve <u>all</u> projects in the basin!

# History

#### • Web site ... http://glatos.glos.us/



#### IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Eastern Basin Lake Erie acoustic telemetry work highlighted when researchers Don Einhouse and Jason Robinson were interviewed for the Outdoor Beat TV show! See GLATOS Project ELEWE!

#### WELCOME TO GLATOS

Scientists have been implanting Great Lakes fish with transmitters and, like the GPS on a car, have been tracking fish movement through a network of receivers placed at the bottom of the lakes.

GLATOS is a network of researchers who work collaboratively using acoustic telemetry to:

- Understand fish behavior in relation to Great Lakes ecology, and
- Provide information useful to fish managers in their decision making

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

• IAGLR 2017 - Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry session! Go to the Publications, News Articles page to download the meeting announcement and details!

 GLATOS Workshop: Using R to visualize and analyze acoustic telemetry data -March 2 2017, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - 2017 GLATOS meeting, Ann Arbor MI. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Todd Hayden

(thayden@usgs. before February

 Save the date! A GLATOS Coordin Meeting. Februa March 1, 2017 a Inn, Ann Arbor,
Go to the Publication



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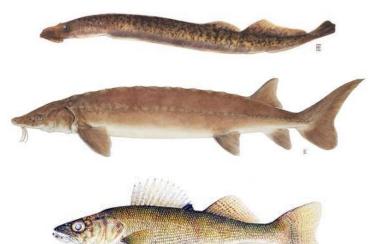


#### Unraveling the mysteries of fish in the Great Lakes

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## What are the current GLATOS statistics?

- 43 projects
- 36 species tagged
- 1,967 receivers
- 6,617 tagged fish released
- 118,832,131 fish tag detections in data base
- ~30 peer-review publications



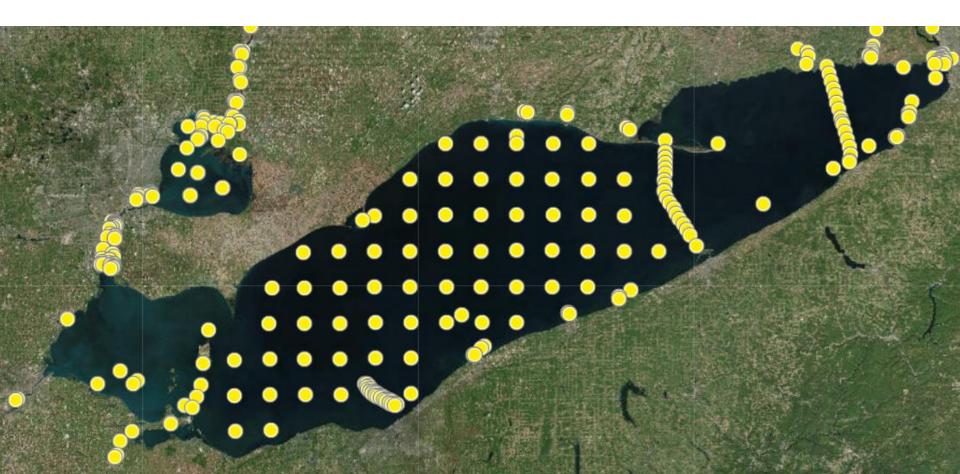




# Evaluating Methods for Estimating Mortality of Great Lakes Walleye using Acoustic Telemetry



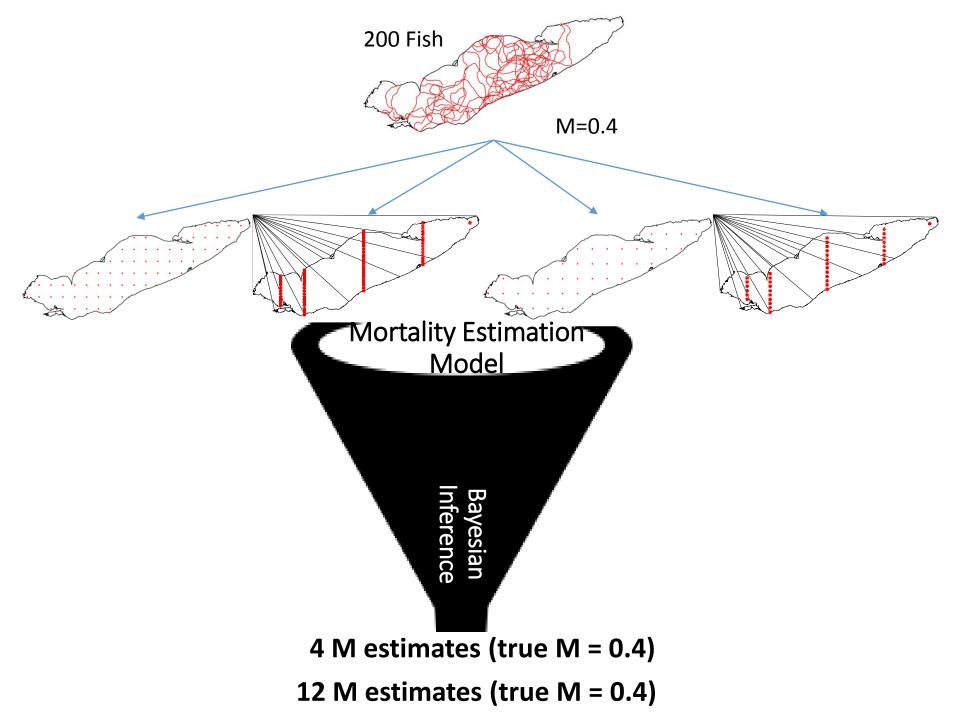




## Simulation framework

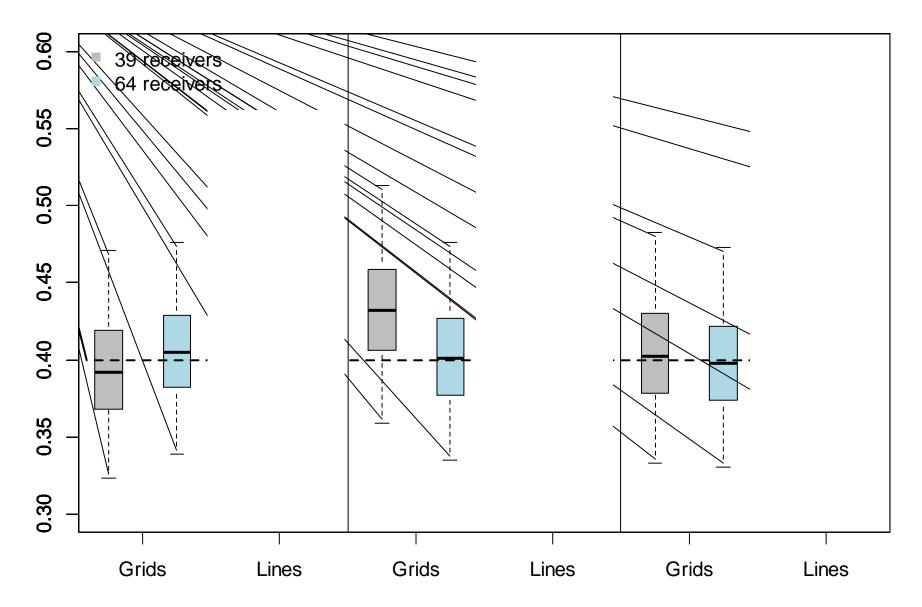
#### "True" system -> "Observed" system





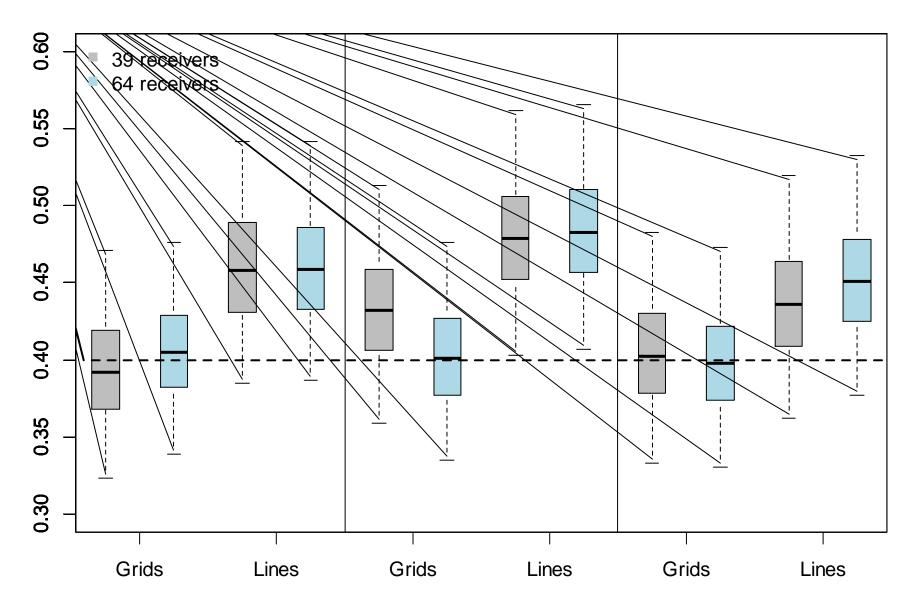
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#### **Estimated Mortality**



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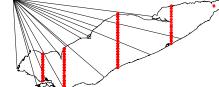
**Estimated Mortality** 



Acoustic telemetry data can estimate mortality rates reasonably well

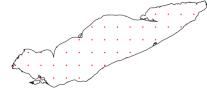
 Grids perform better than lines





64 receivers is better than 39





# Final thoughts on Acoustic Telemetry and GLATOS

- Spatial data collected without having to recapture the fish
- More than just where the fish move
- Tags getting fancier
- Unique collaboration
- More opportunities
- On-going investment

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