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- What is acoustic telemetry?
- What is GLATOS?
- What am I working on?
- Musings on the future...



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## The Tags

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



## The Receivers

Receivers typically are:

- Stationary and fixed
- Not real time


## Optional:

- Active tracking
- Real time


Big part of study design needs to be the receiver distribution


# The History of 

## GLAT@S <br> Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry <br> 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 $4^{\text {th }}$ lake sturgeon in 2011 with help from GLFT



## 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 network 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 all 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 dataMarch 2 2017, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - 2017 GLATOS meeting, Ann Arbor MI. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Todd
Hayden
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- Save the date! A GLATOS Coordin Meeting. Februa March 1, 2017 a Inn, Ann Arbor,

GLOS funded website construction.


## GLATBS

Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System

## Unraveling the mysteries of fish in the Great Lakes



## 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



True Mortality = 0.4
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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