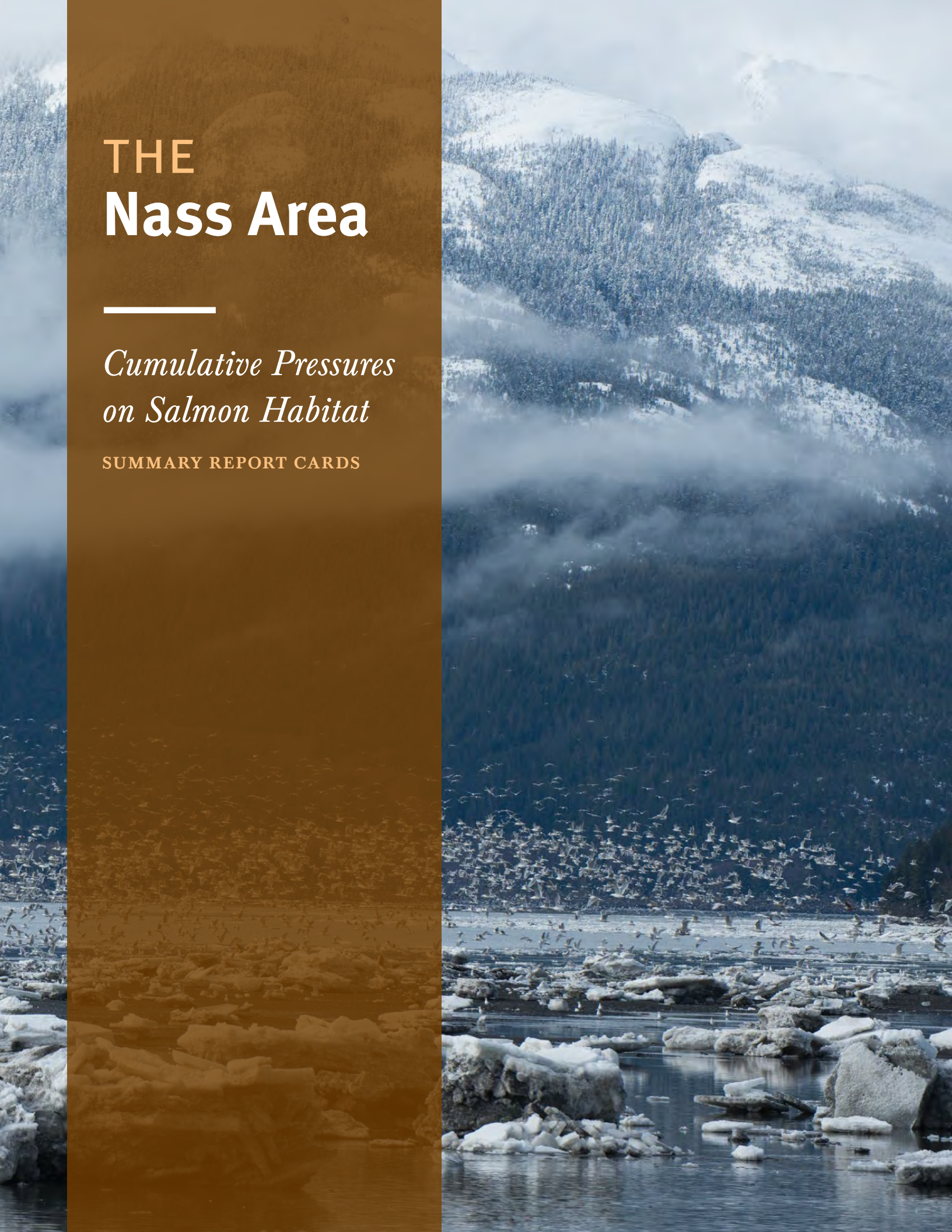

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About this Project

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Known as the "River of Abundance," in reference to its large runs of salmon and eulachon, the Nass covers an area of 20,700 km² and flows 380 km from the Coast Mountains to Portland Inlet on the Pacific Ocean. The watersheds draining into Portland Canal and Observatory Inlet comprise an additional 6,000 km² and along with the Nass River watershed make up the "Nass Area." The Nass Area is home to five species of Pacific salmon (sockeye, coho, Chinook, chum, and pink), as well as steelhead, and provides extensive spawning and rearing habitat for multiple genetically and geographically distinct populations of wild salmon, called Conservation Units (CUs).

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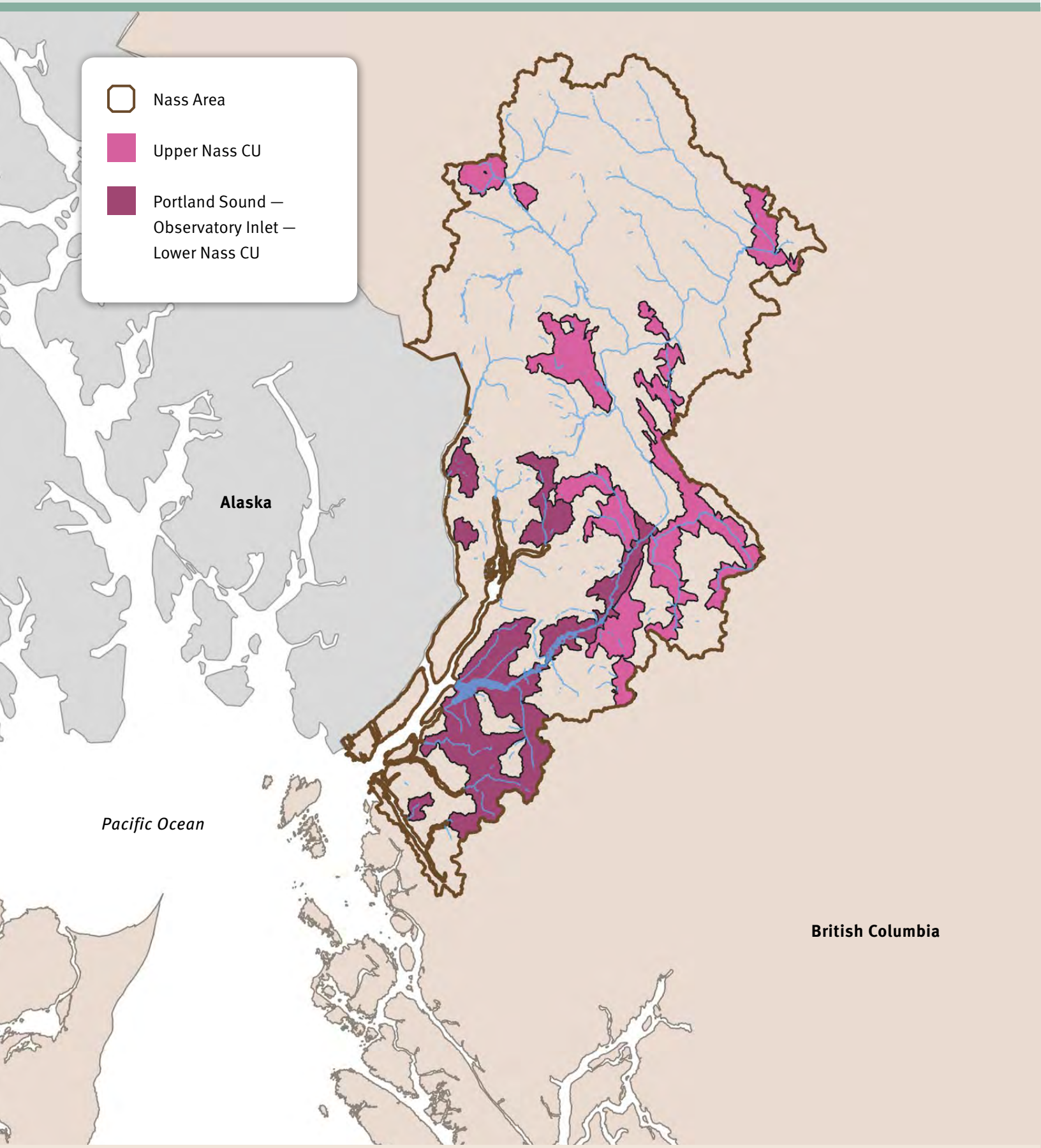
Chinook

Chinook: Map of Conservation Units (CUs)



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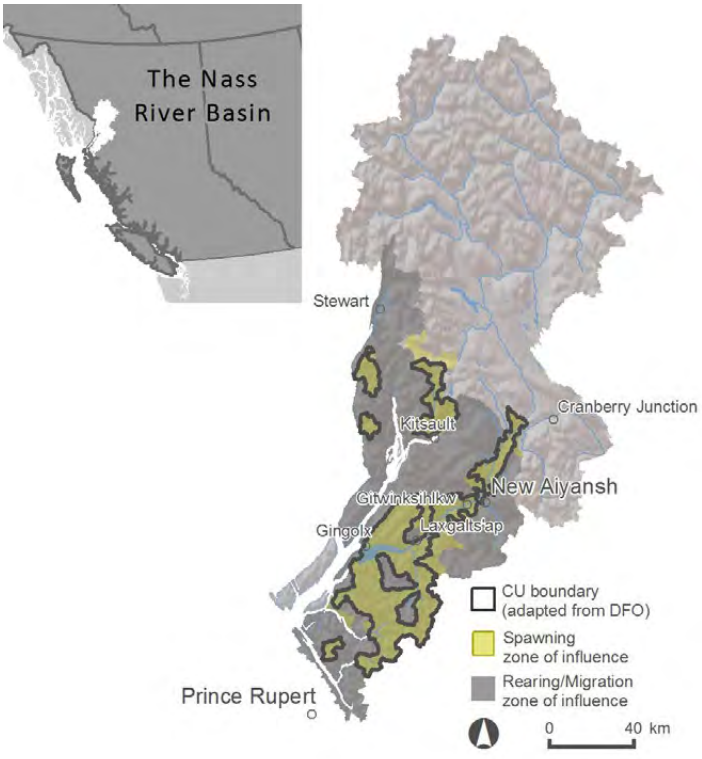

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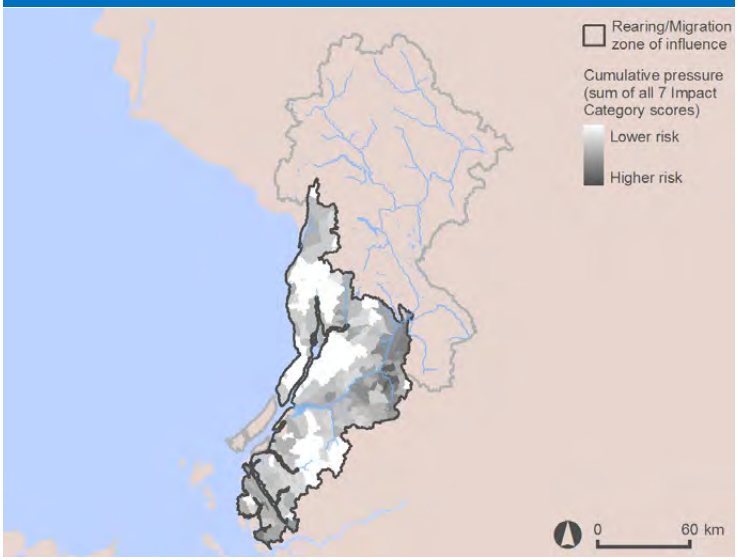

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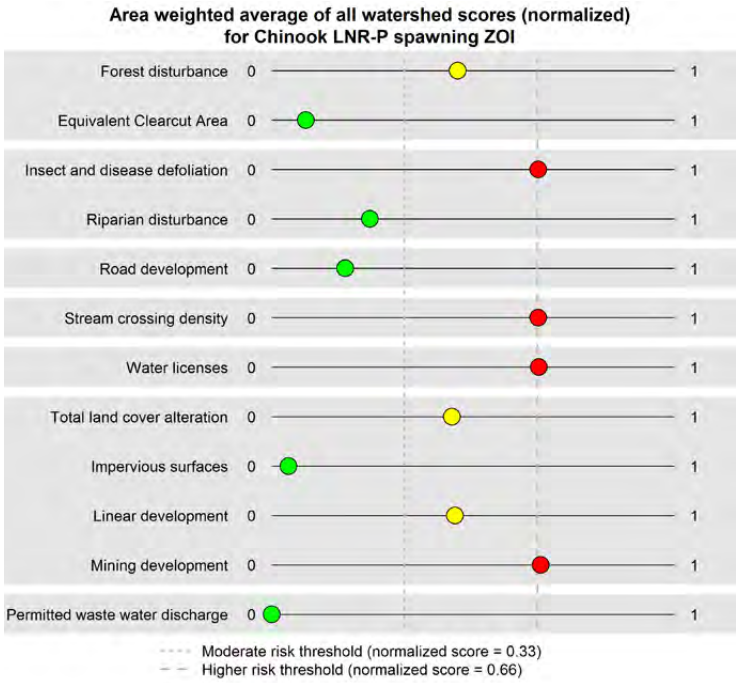

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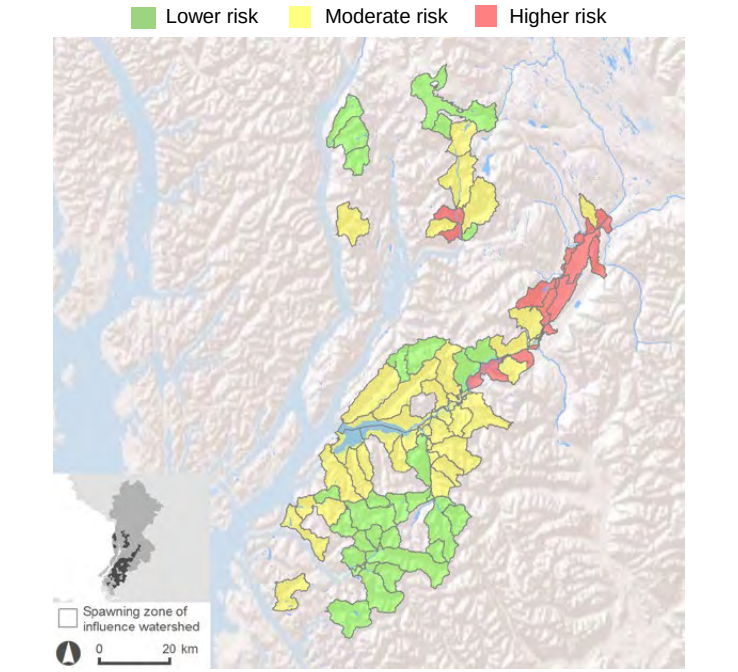

Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—rearing/migration, spawning, & incubation

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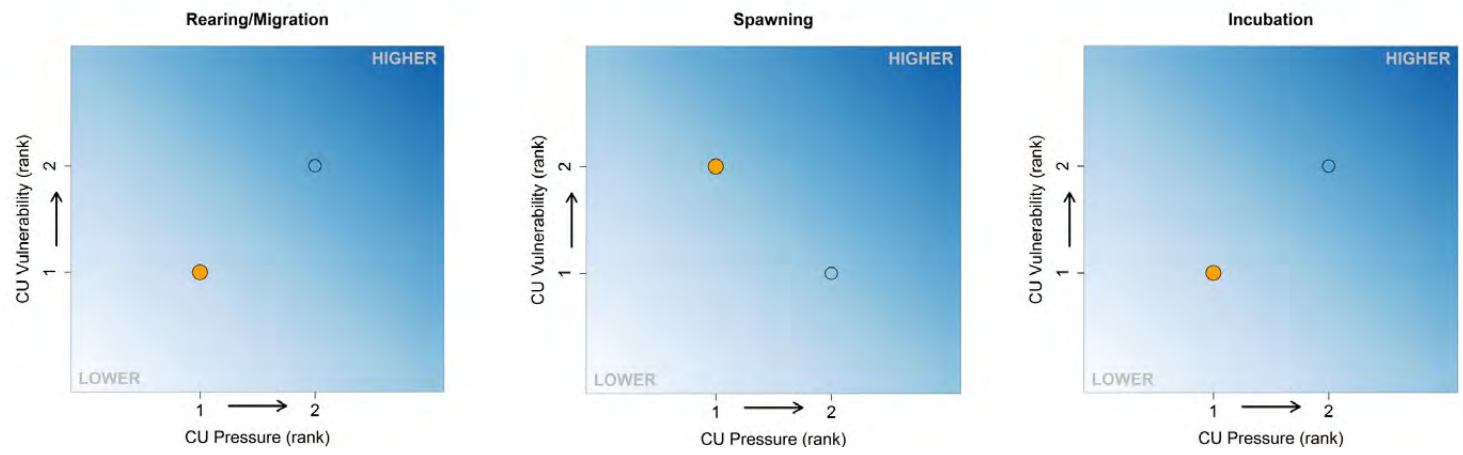

Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

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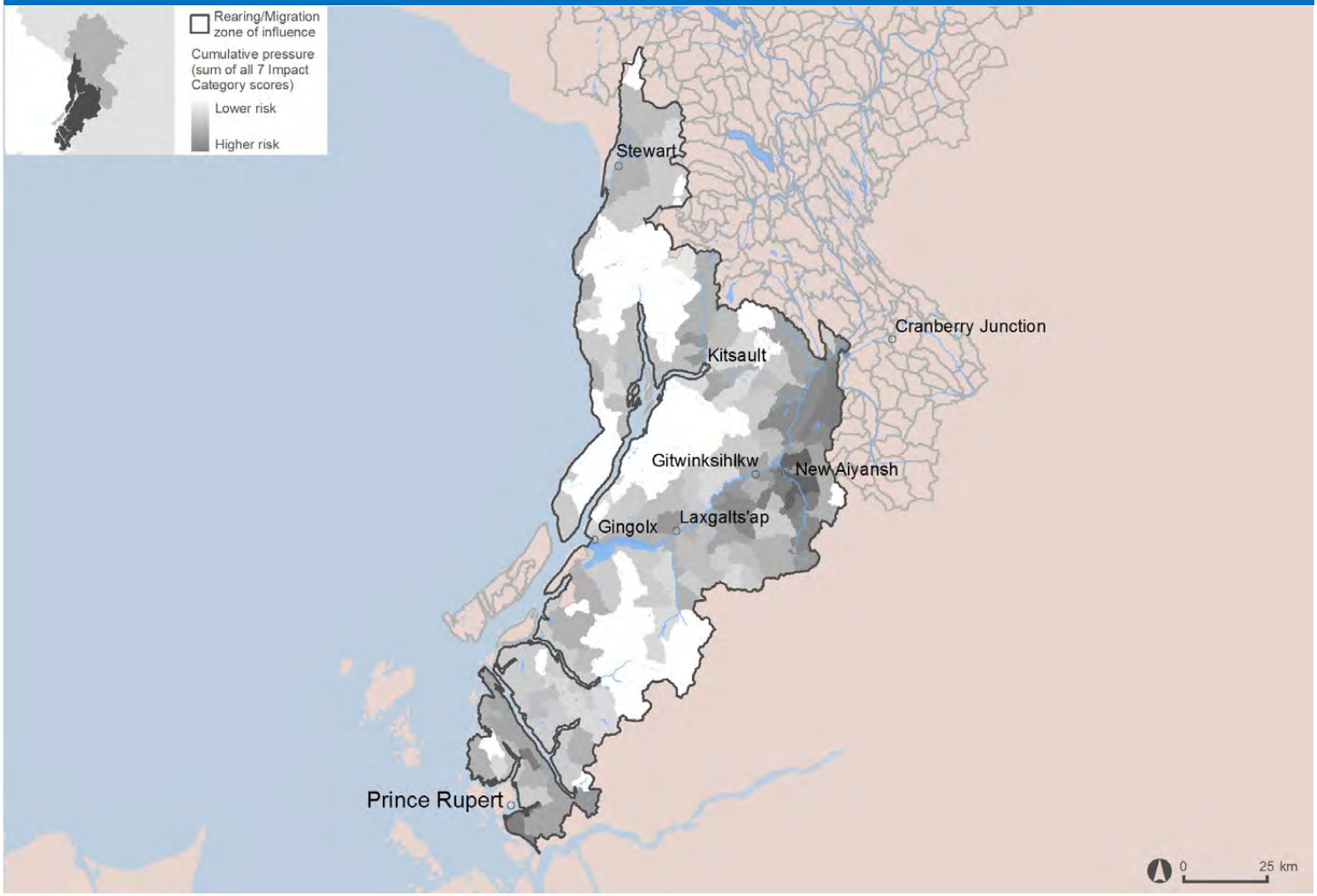

Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

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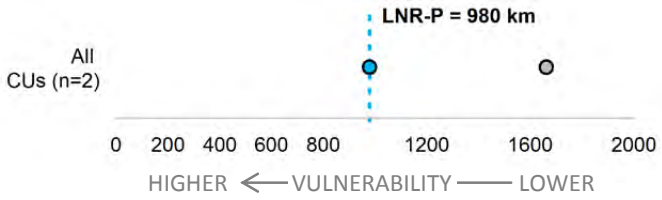

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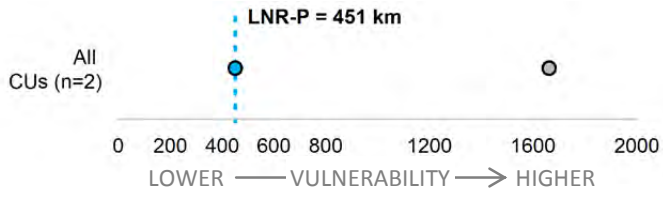

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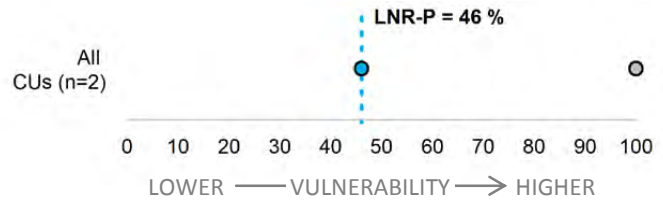
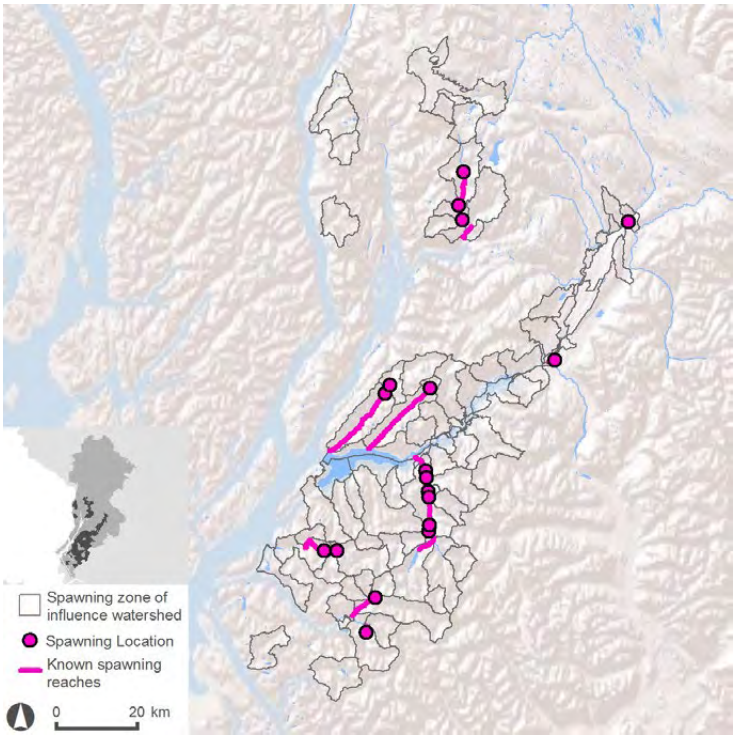


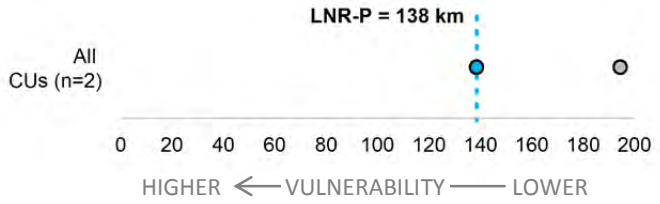
Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



Total spawning length (km)

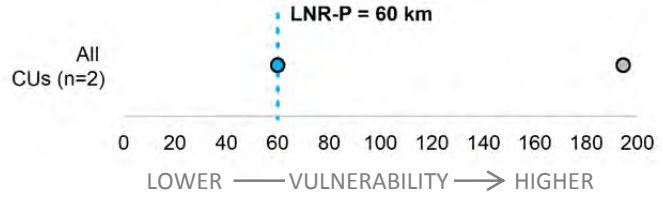


Spawning reaches summer flow sensitive - spawn timing (km)

Spawning reaches summer flow sensitive - spawn timing (%)

Incubation period vulnerability

Spawning reaches winter flow sensitive - incubation timing (km)



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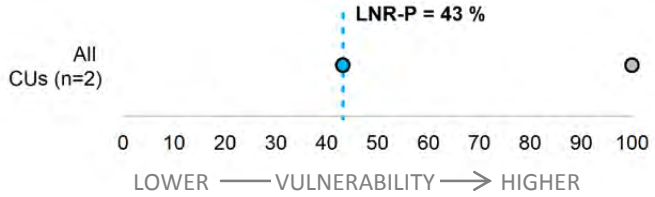
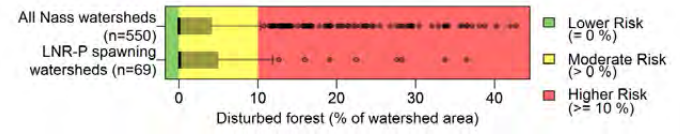
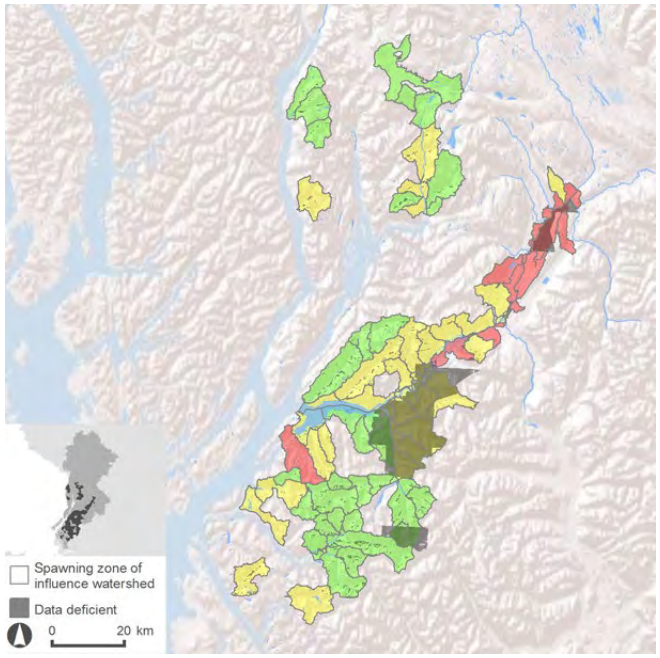


Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance





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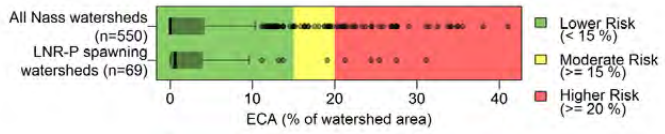
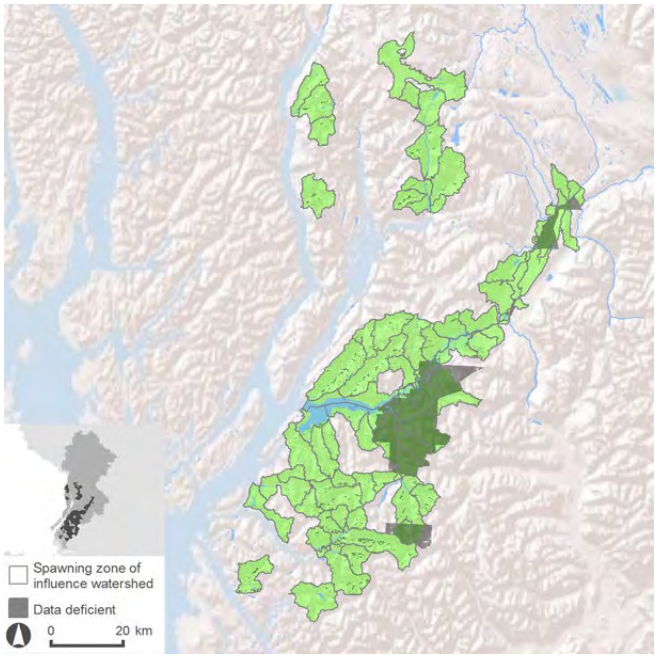
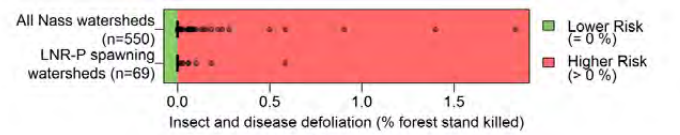
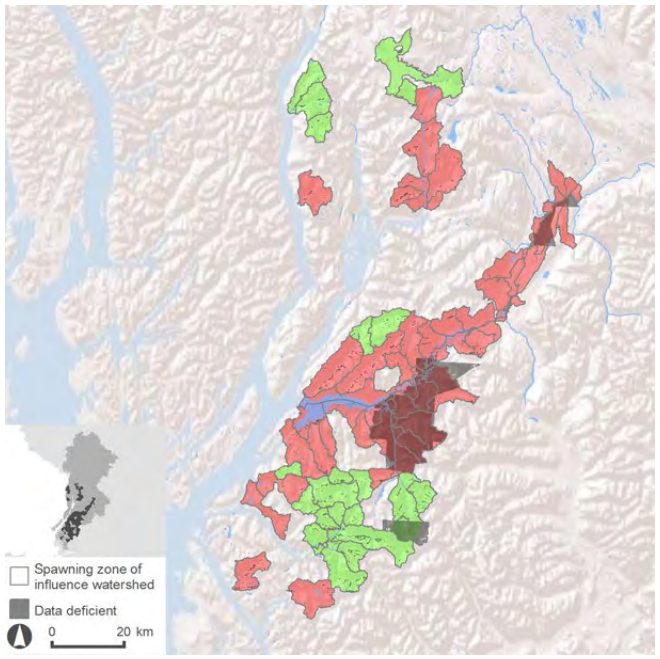




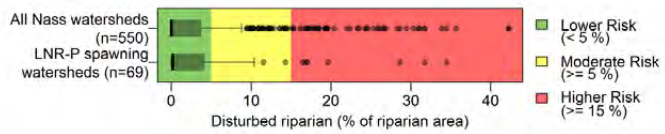
Vegetation Quality

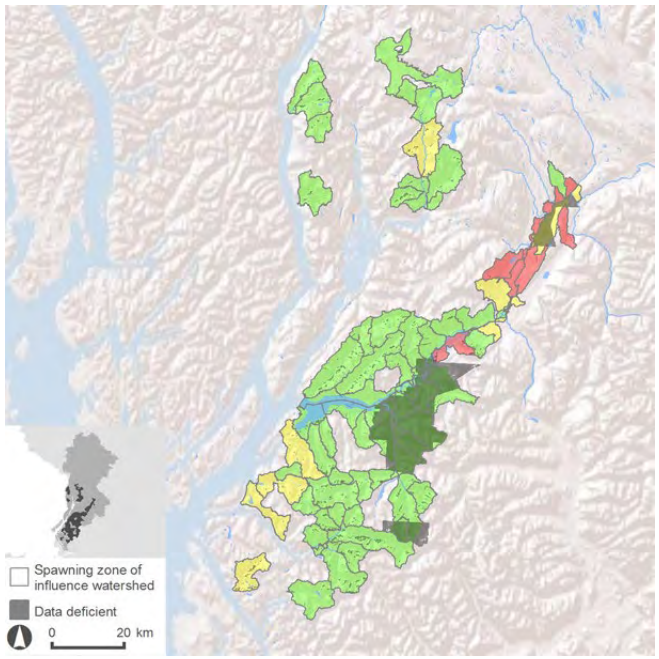
Insect and disease defoliation





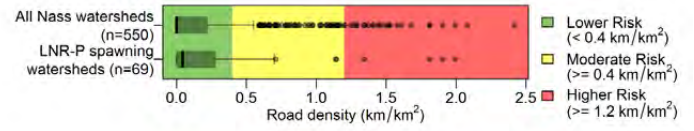
Riparian disturbance

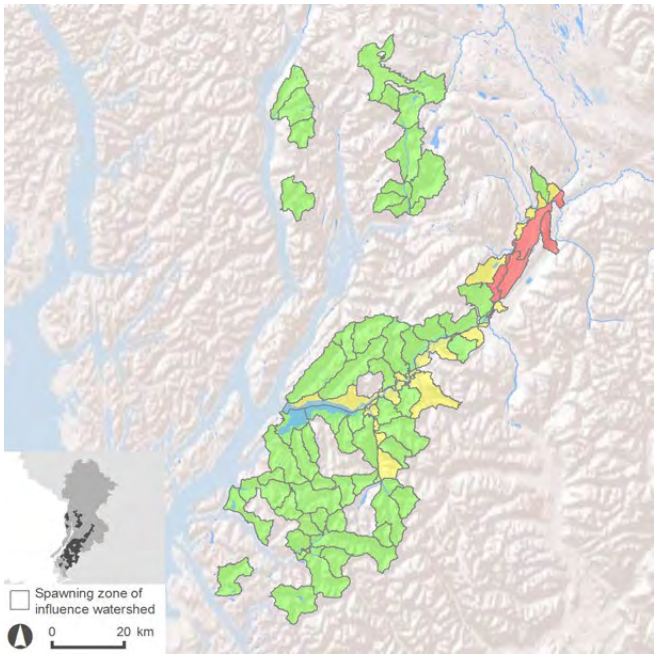




Surface Erosion

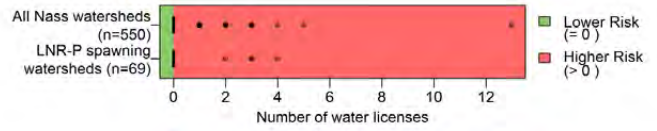
Road development

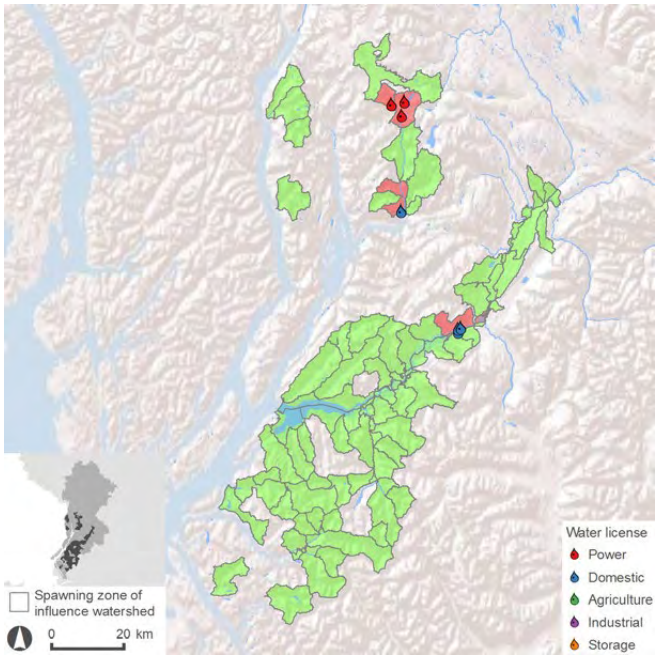




Water Quantity

Number of water licenses





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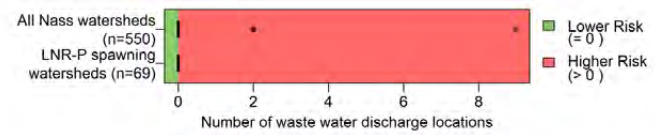

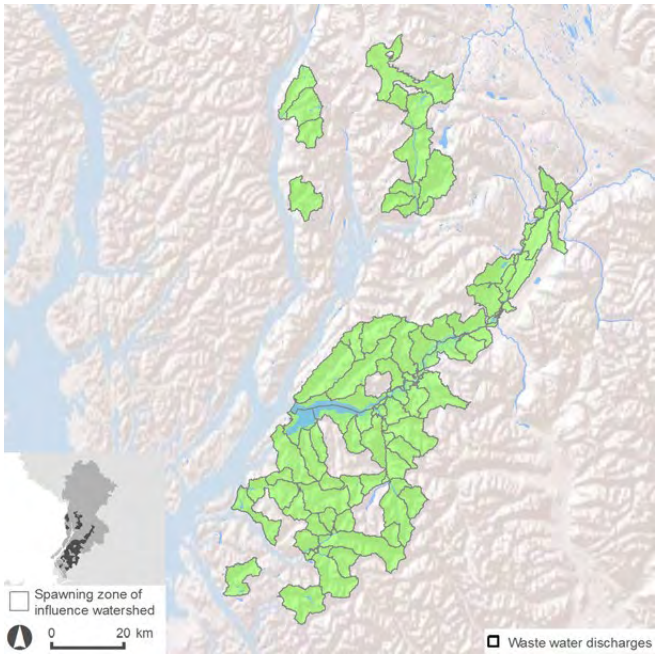

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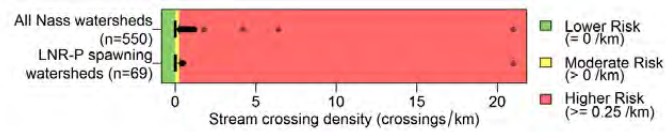

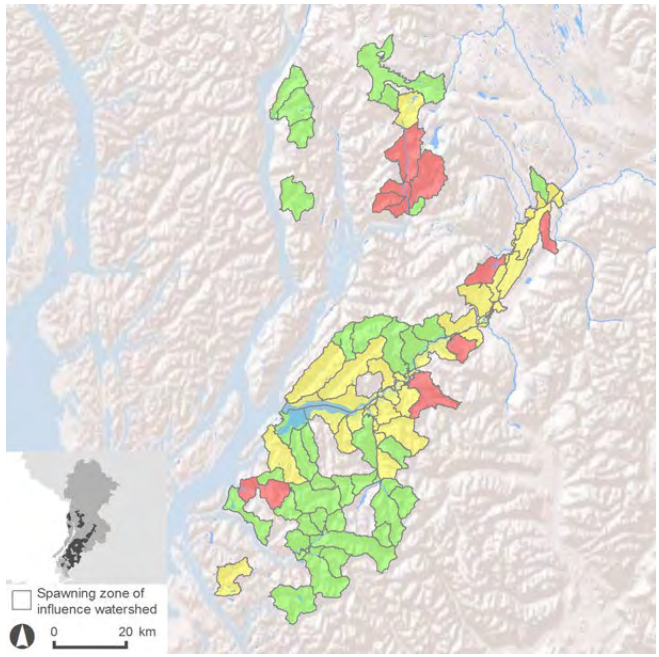

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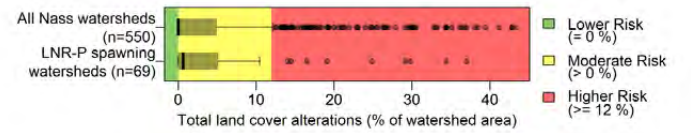

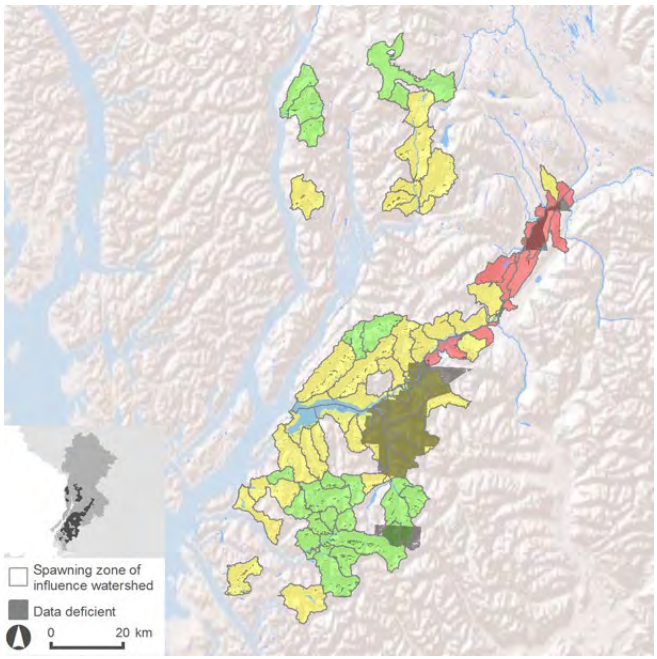

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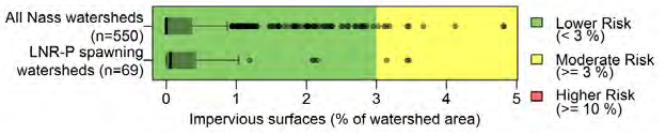

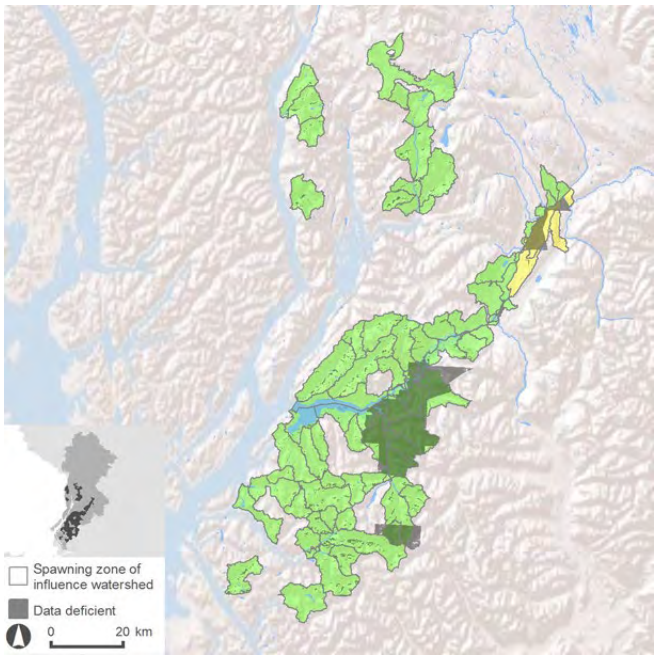

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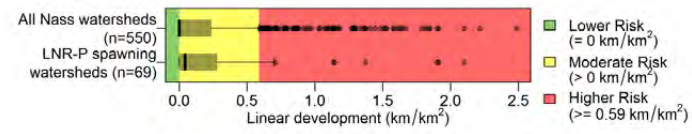

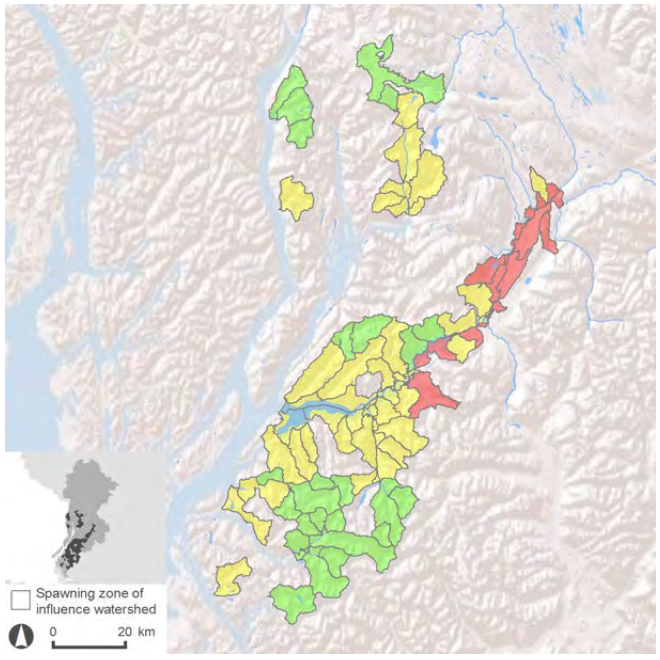

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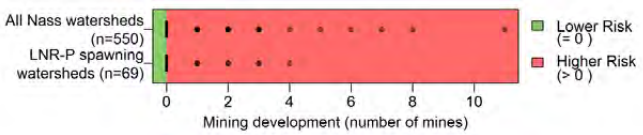

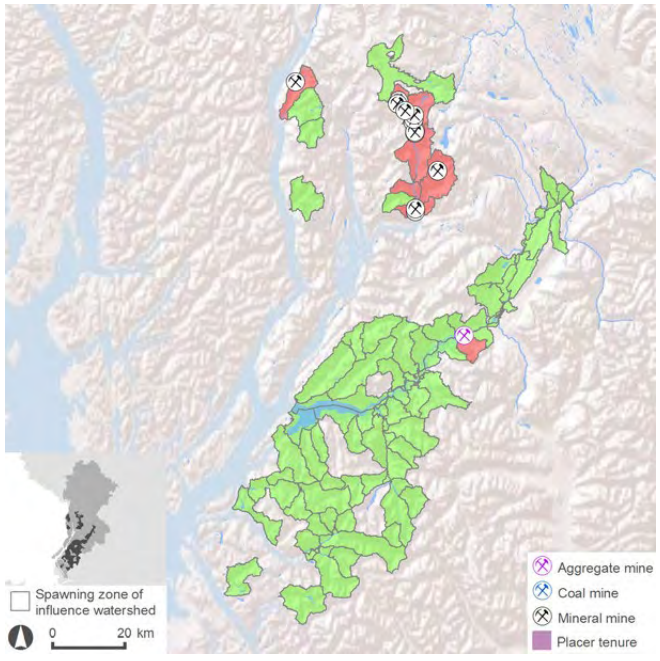

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Nass Drainage Summary	
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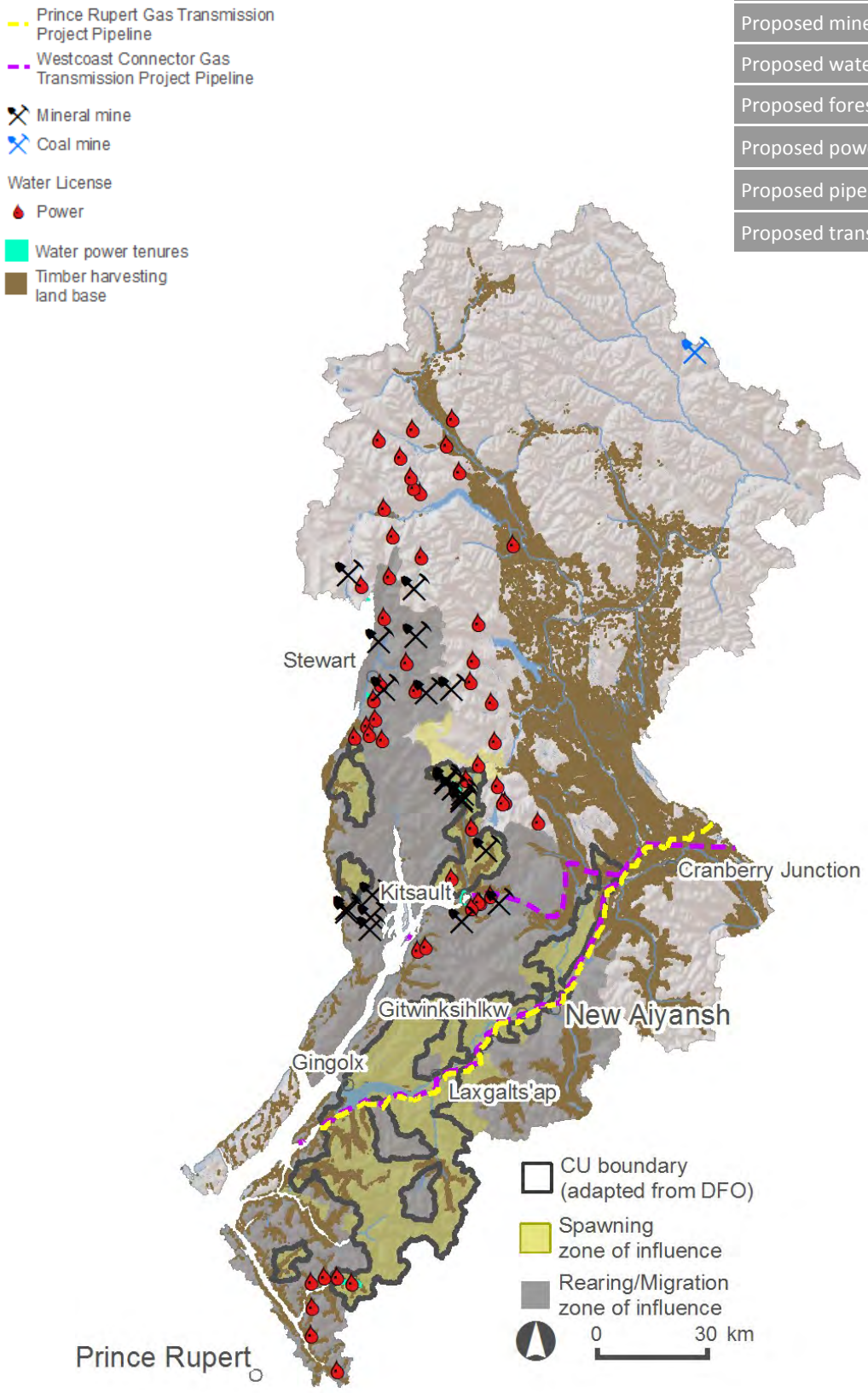

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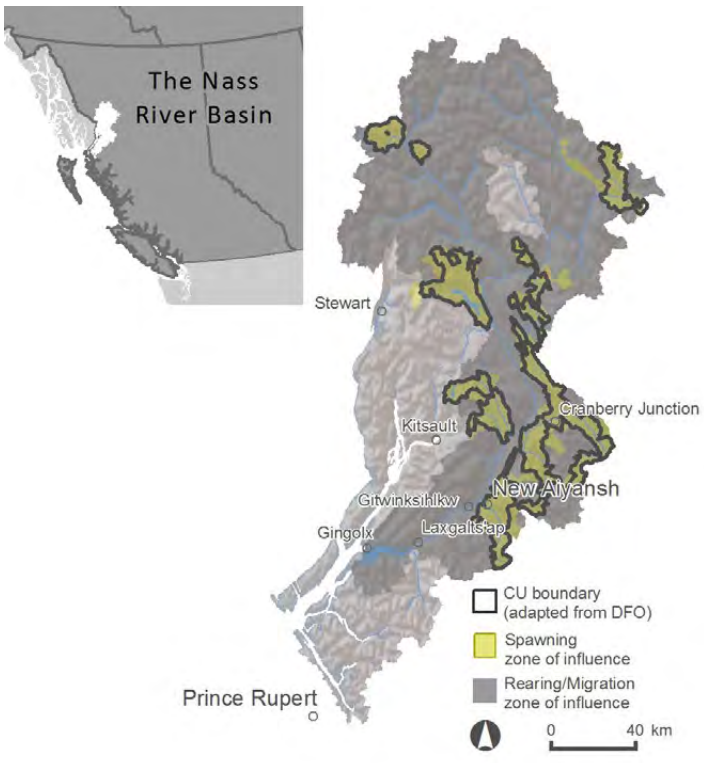

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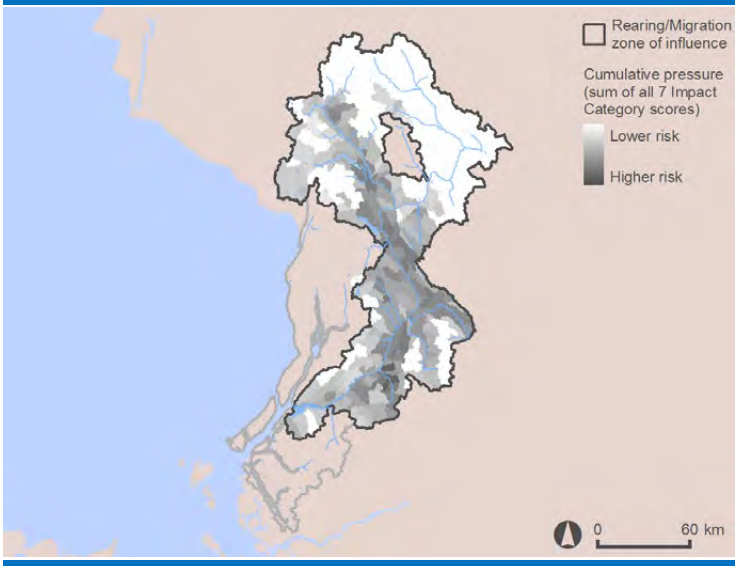

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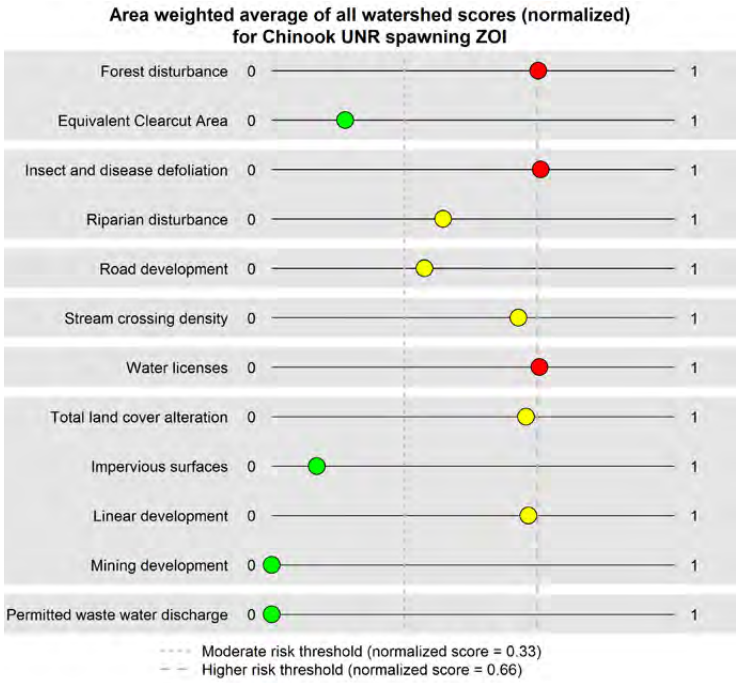

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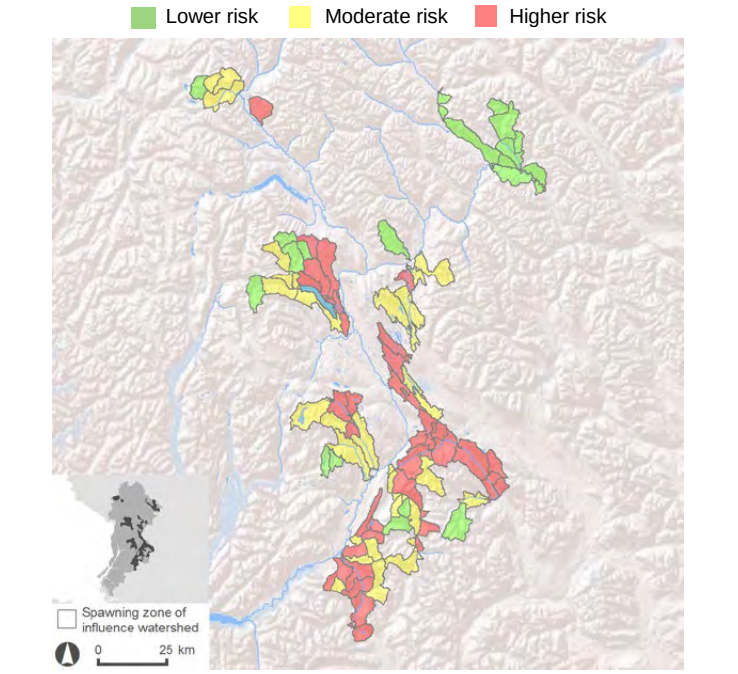

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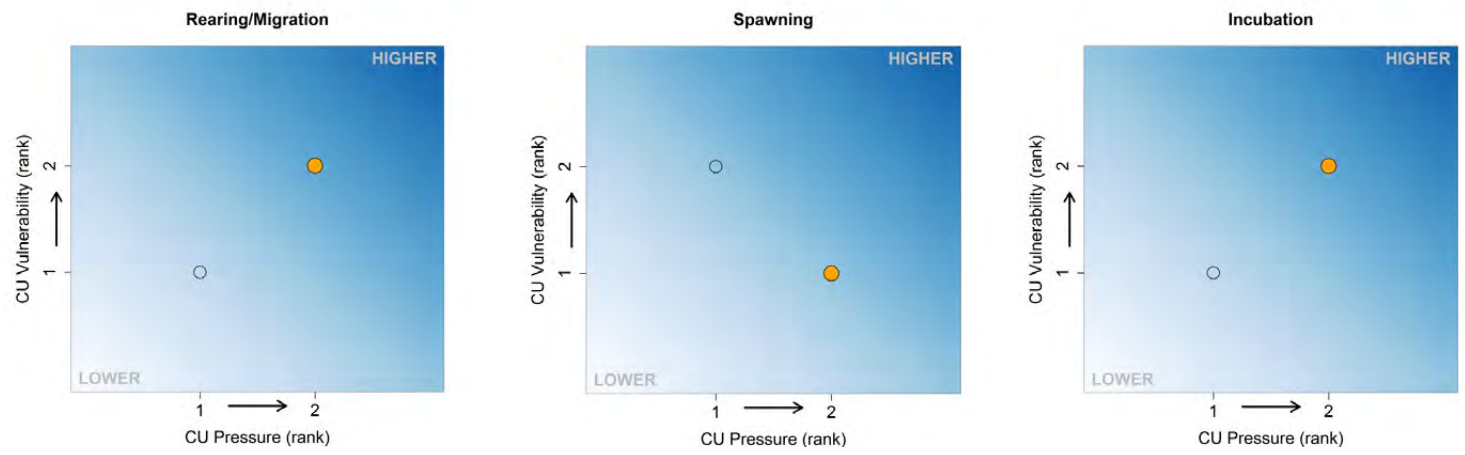
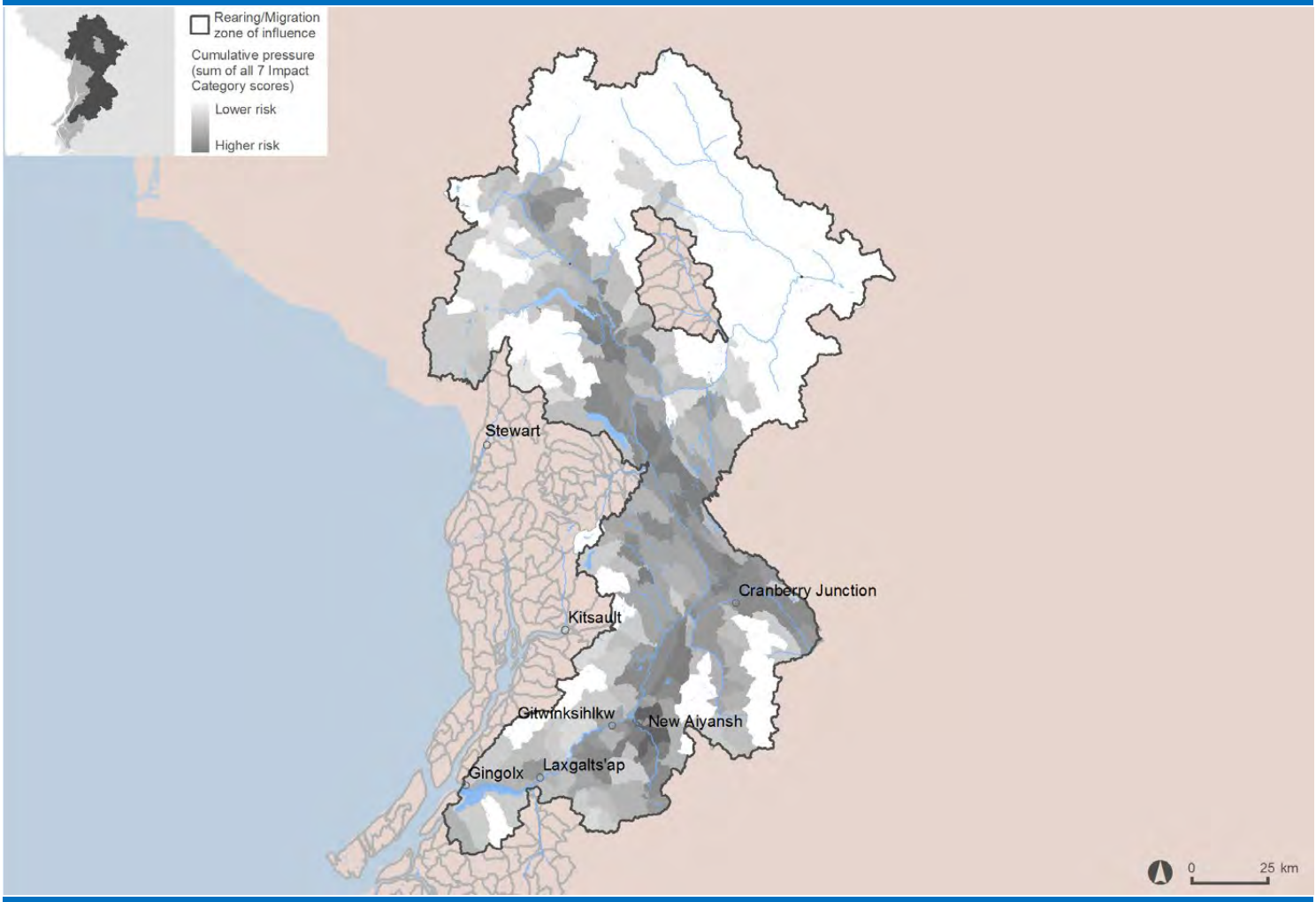


Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures



Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

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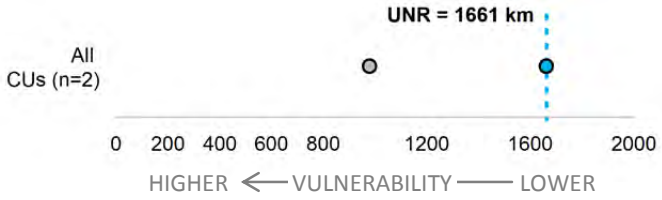

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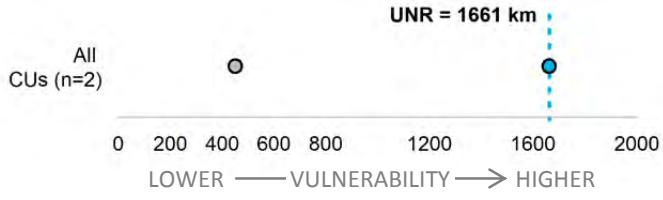
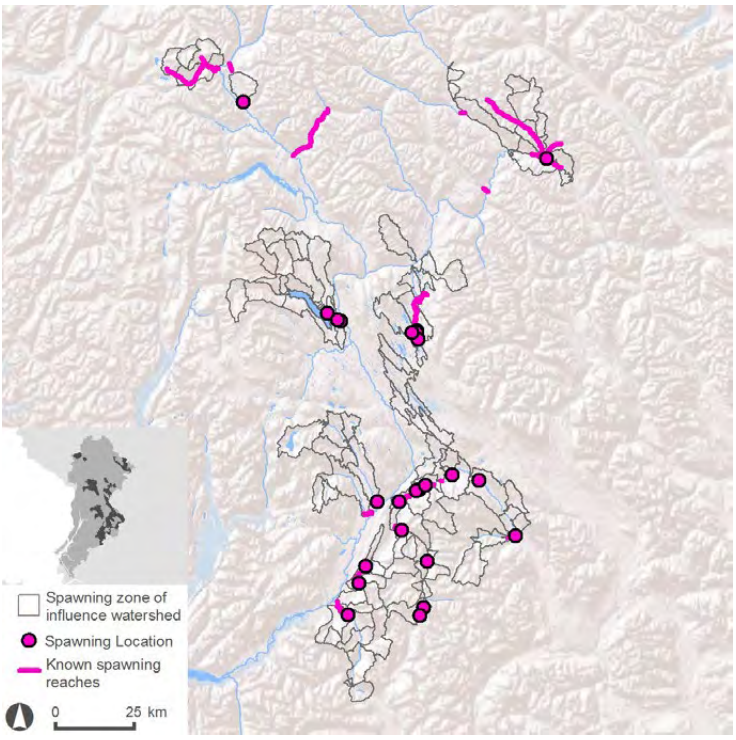


Flow sensitive accessible habitat (%) (all seasons)

Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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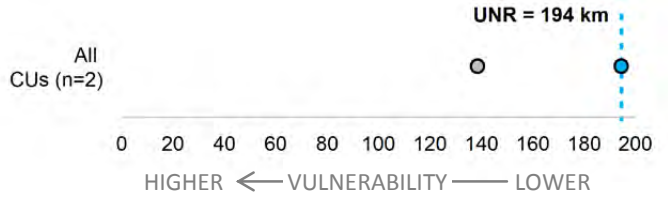

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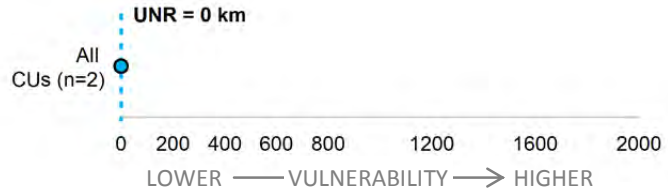

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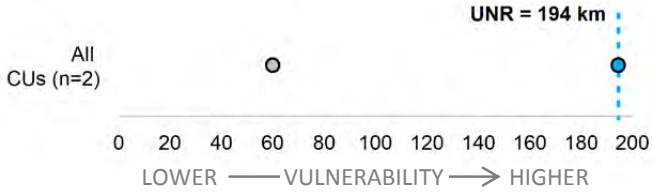

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Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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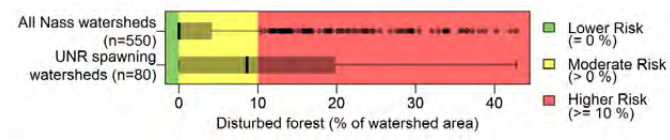

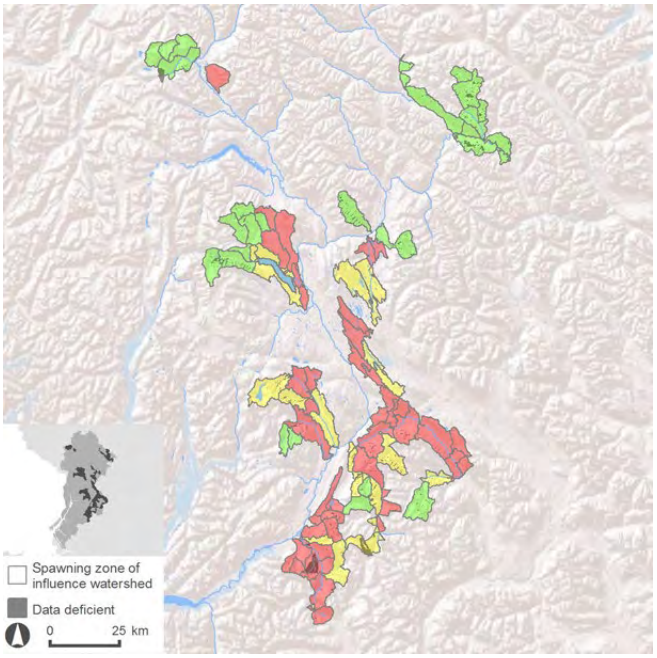

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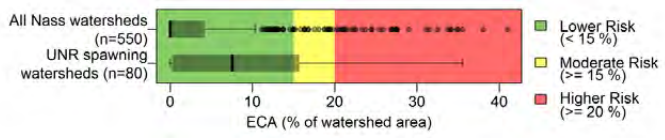

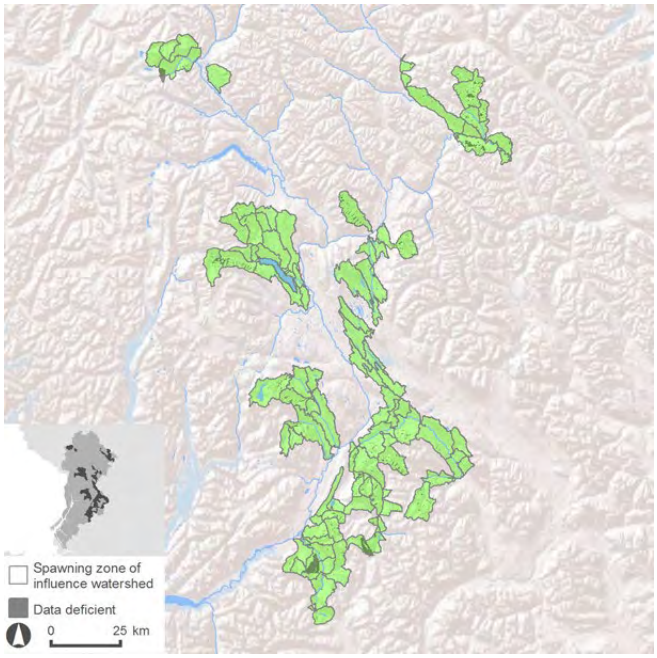

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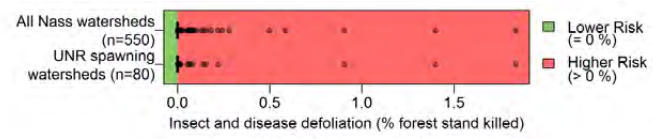
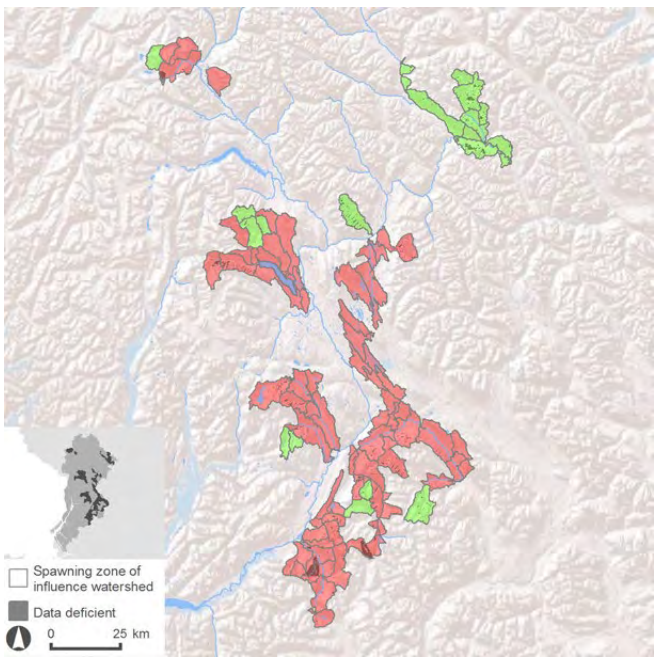
Insect and disease defoliation





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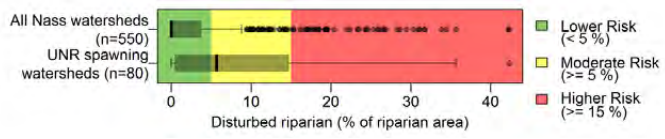

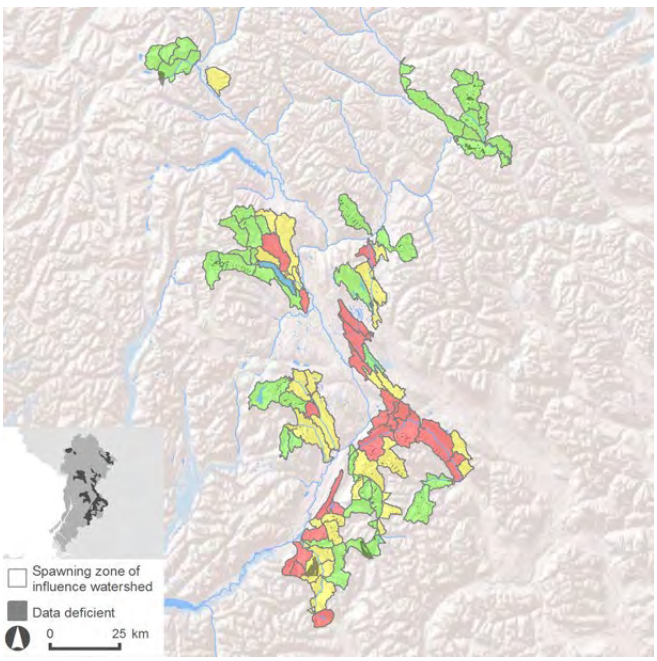

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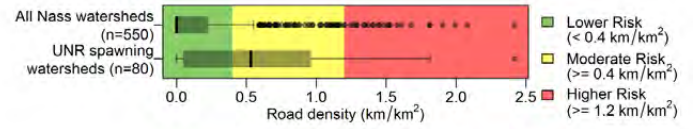

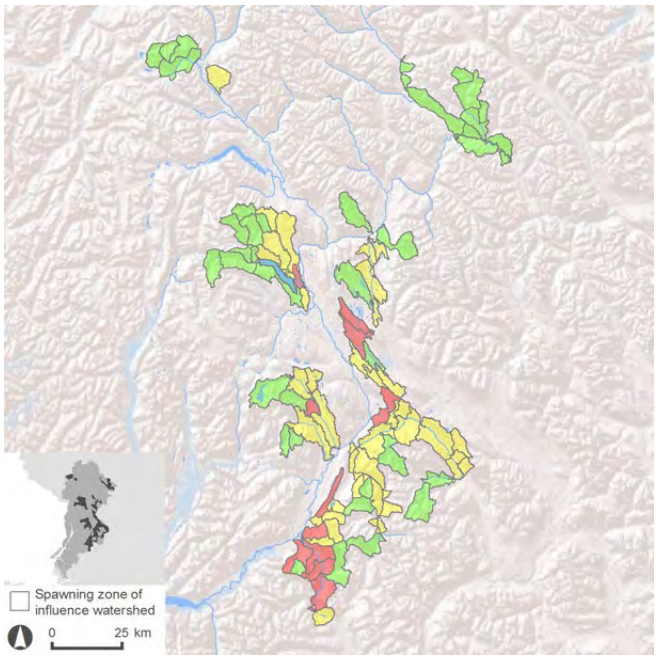

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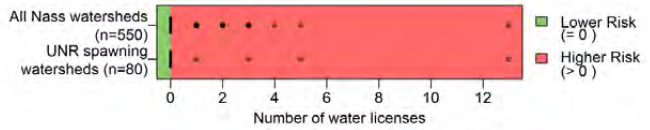
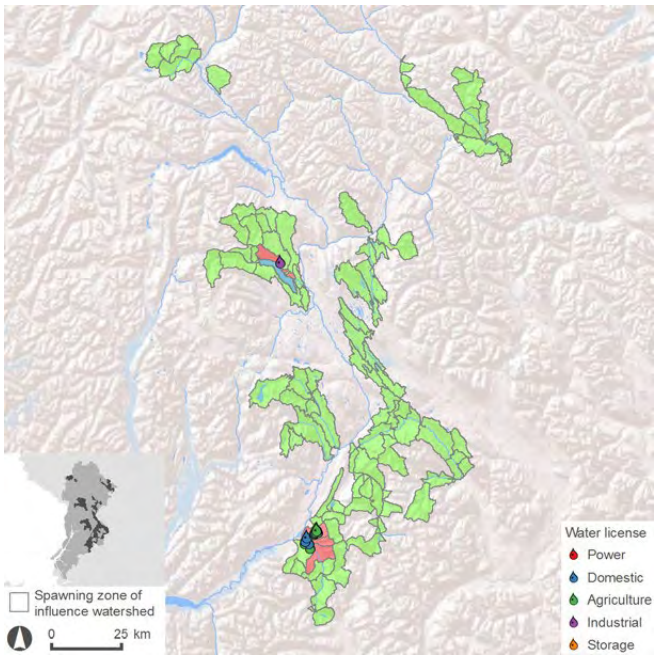
Number of water licenses





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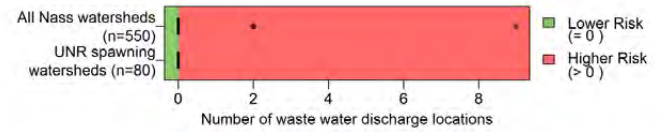

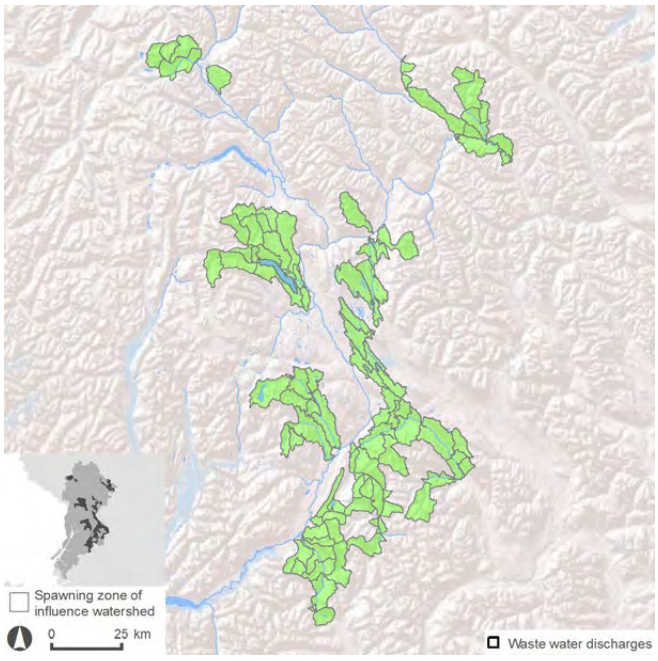

Fish Passage/Habitat Connectivity

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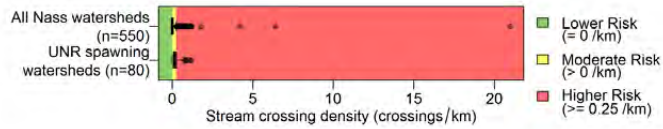

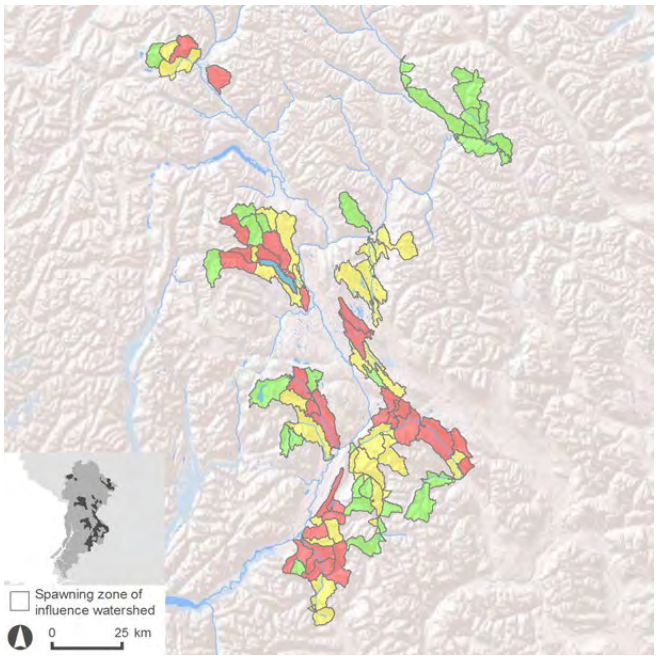

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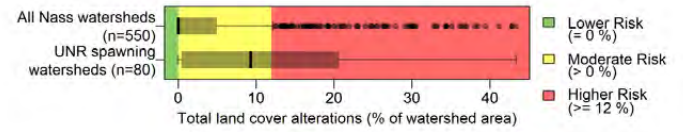

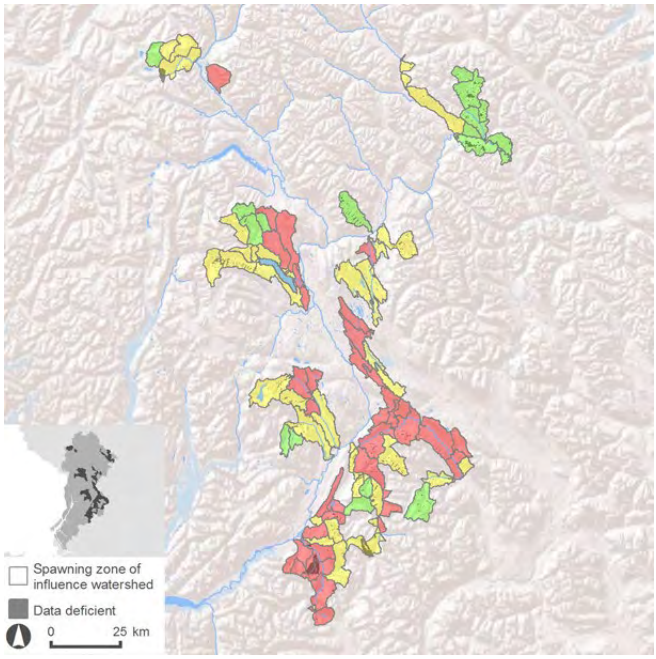

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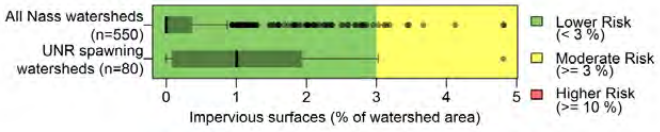

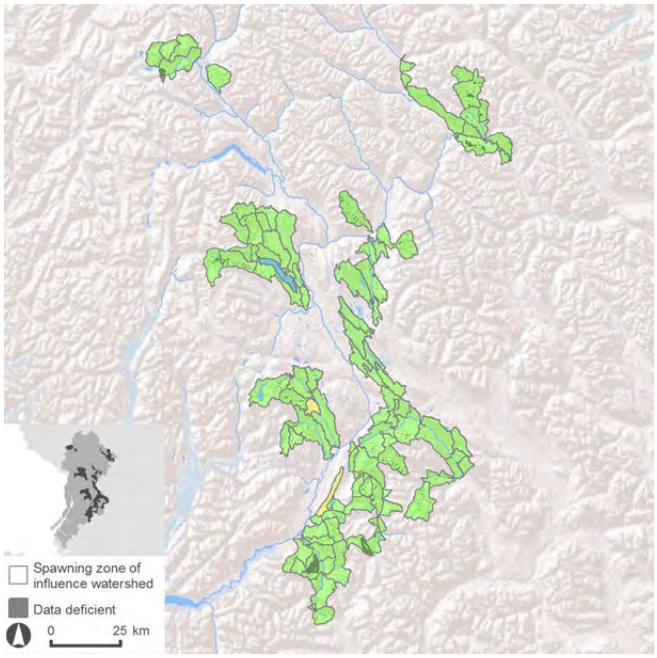

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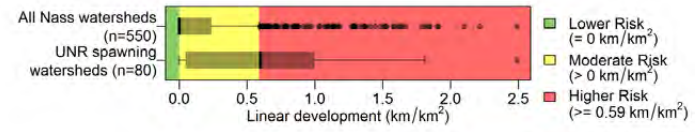

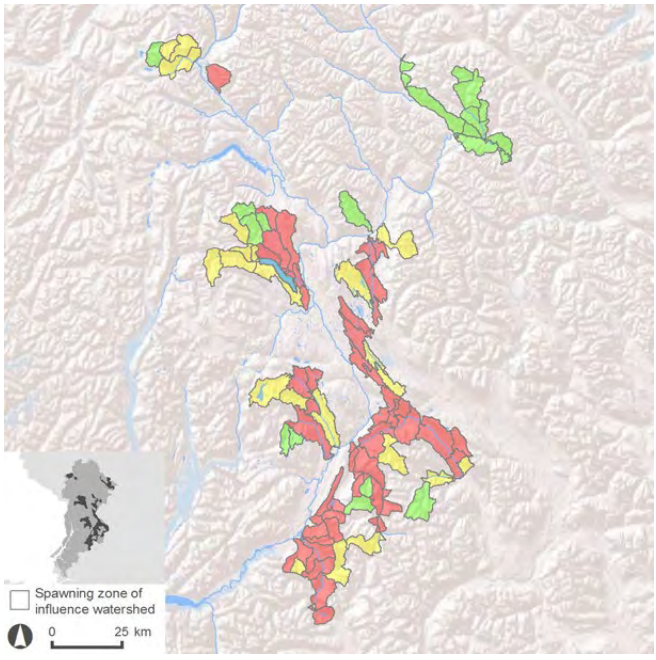

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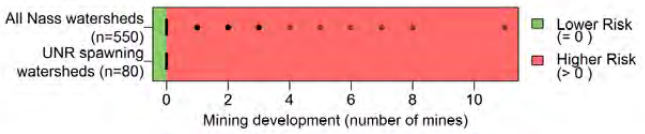
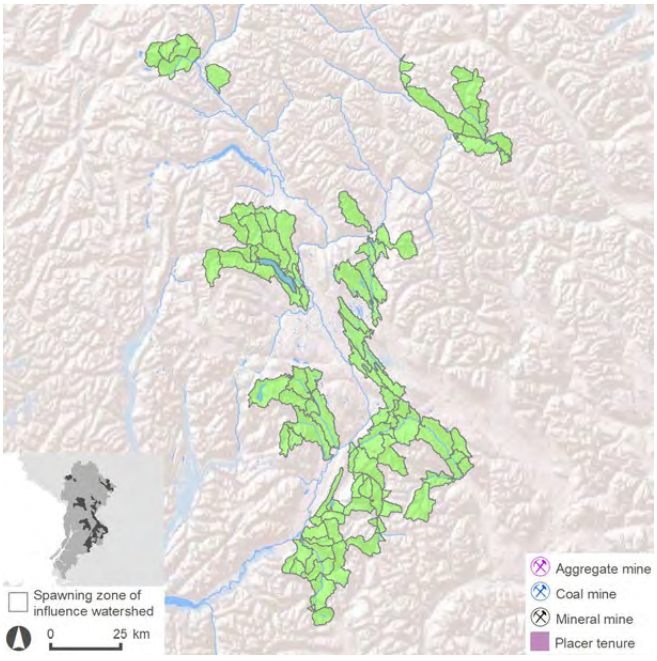
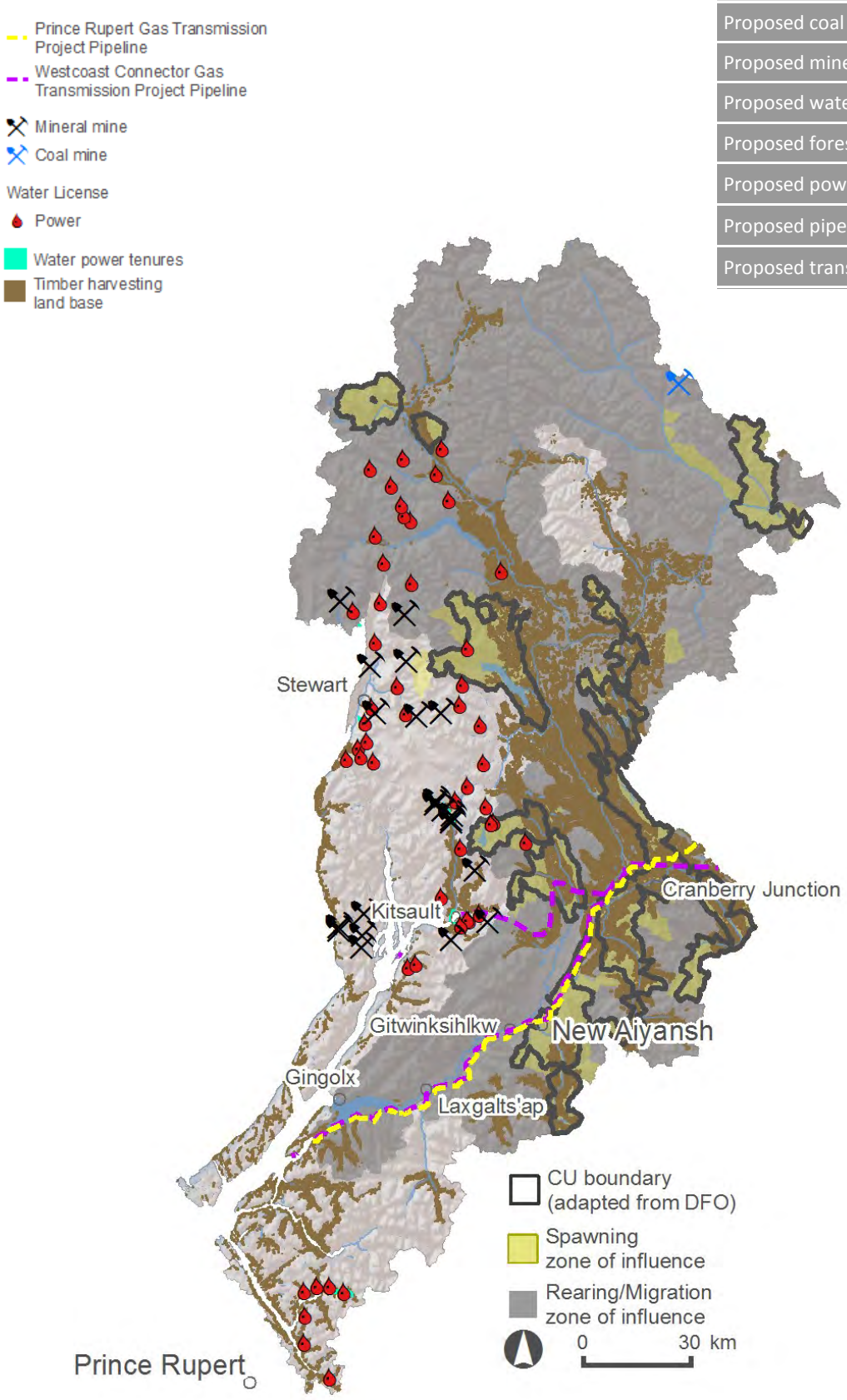




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



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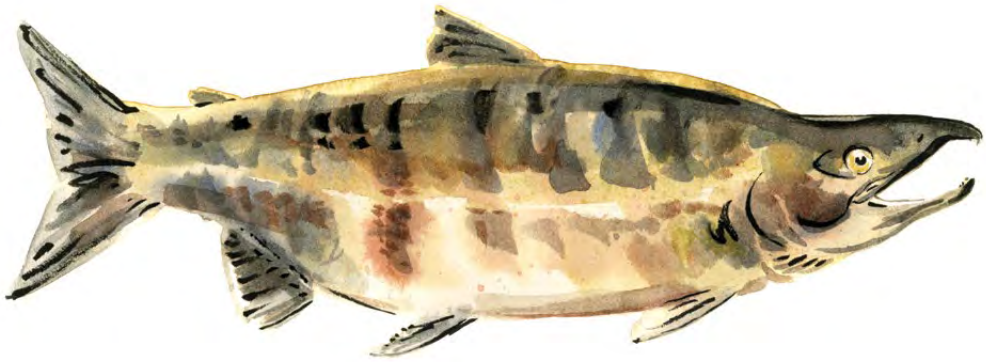
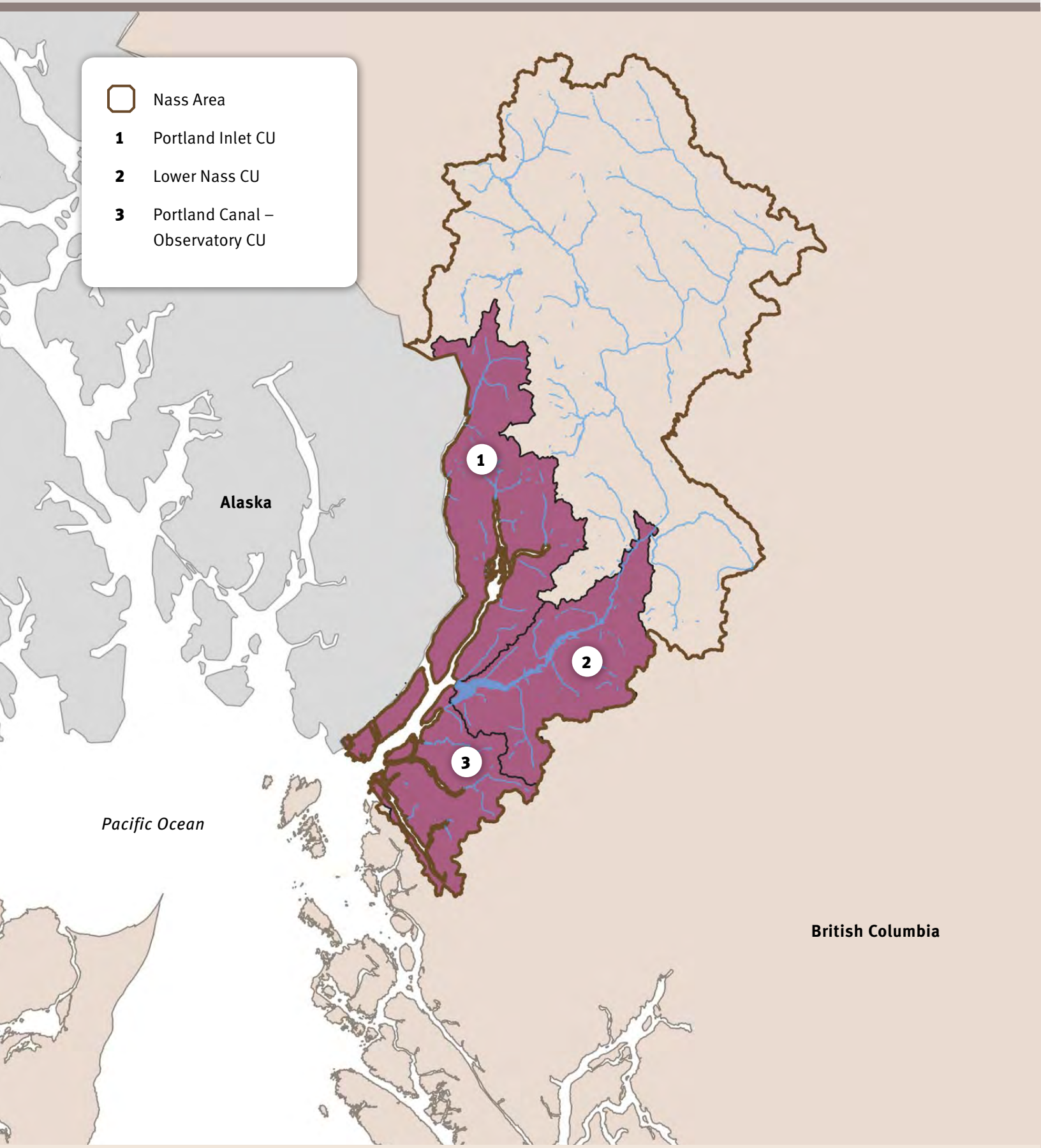


Chum: Map of Conservation Units (CUs)



Chum: Portland Inlet

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

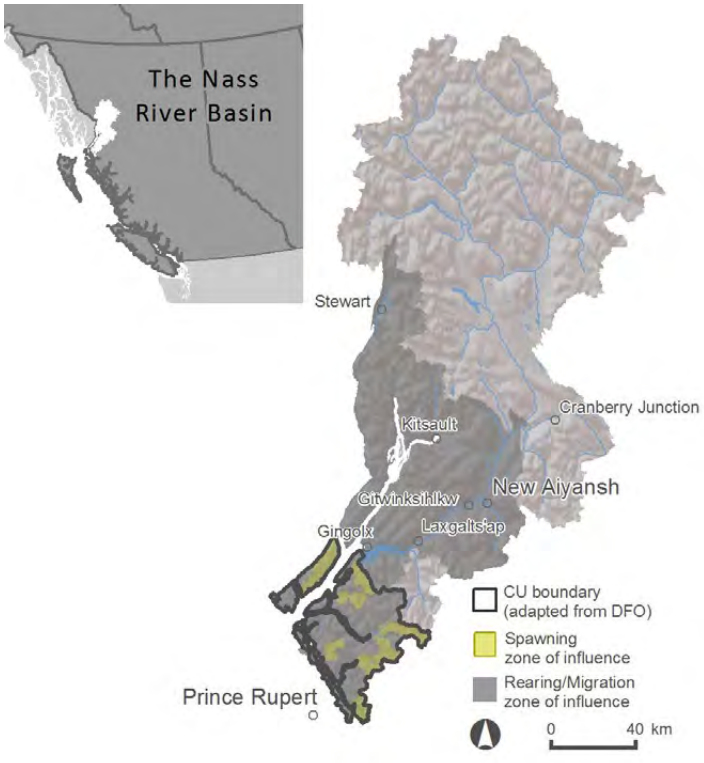
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are three chum salmon CUs in the Nass Area: 1) Lower Nass (LNASS), 2) Portland Inlet (PortIN), and 3) Portland Canal-Observatory Inlet (PCOb). There are over 50 discrete spawning populations of chum salmon in all three CUs combined.
- Nass Area chum salmon are currently identified by Fisheries and Oceans Canada as a stock of concern with returns currently falling below the provisional escapement target of 45,000.
- Juvenile chum typically spend very little time in freshwater, beginning their downstream migration to sea almost immediately after emerging from the gravel as fry.
- Nass Area chum salmon return to their natal stream to spawn between three and five years of age, with most fish maturing at four years of age.

Location



Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

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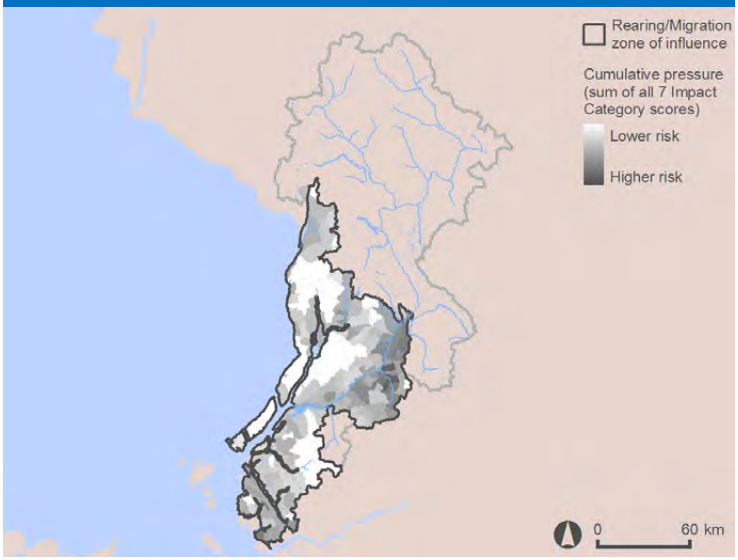

Summary of pressure indicators—spawning

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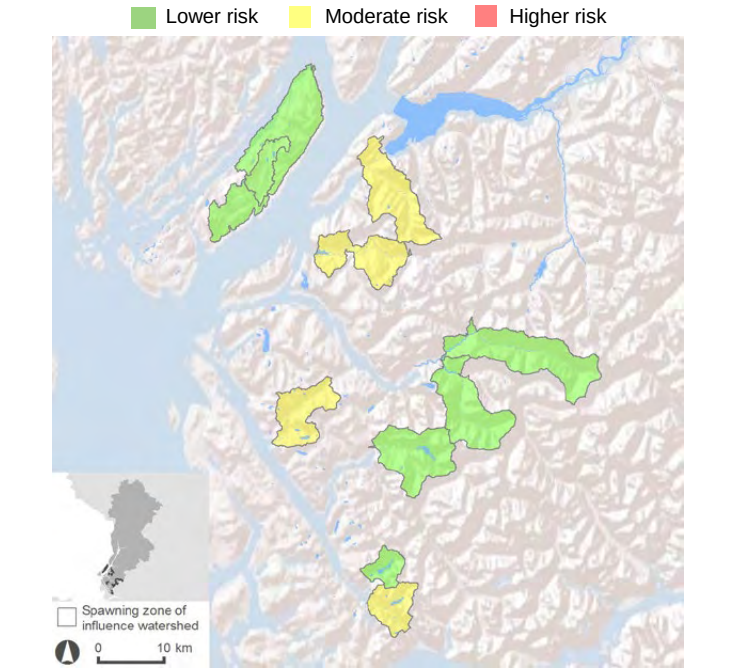

Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—rearing/migration, spawning, & incubation

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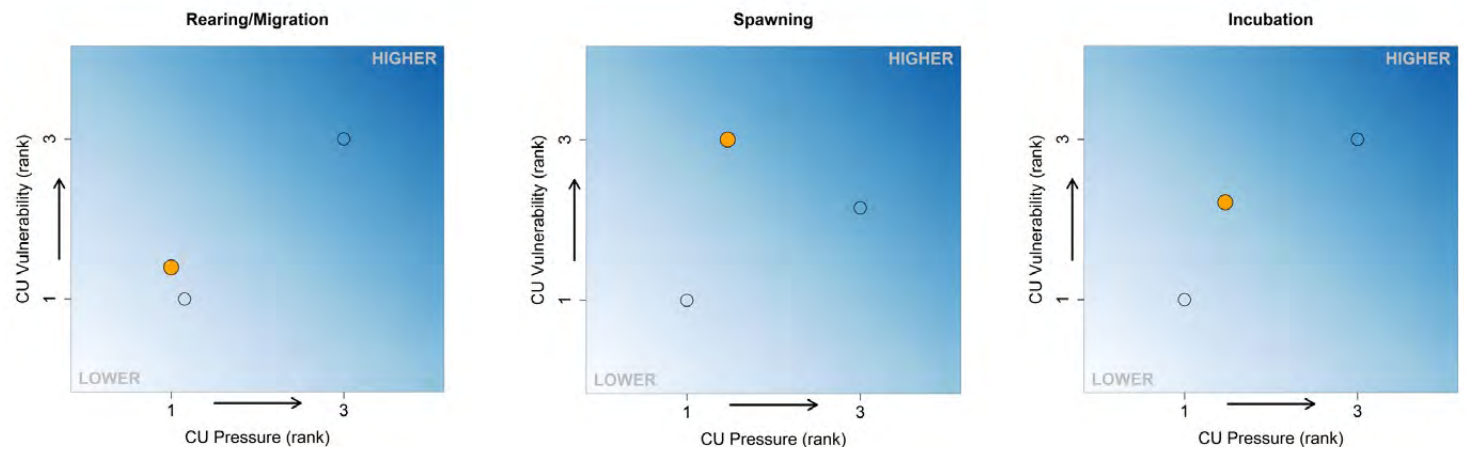
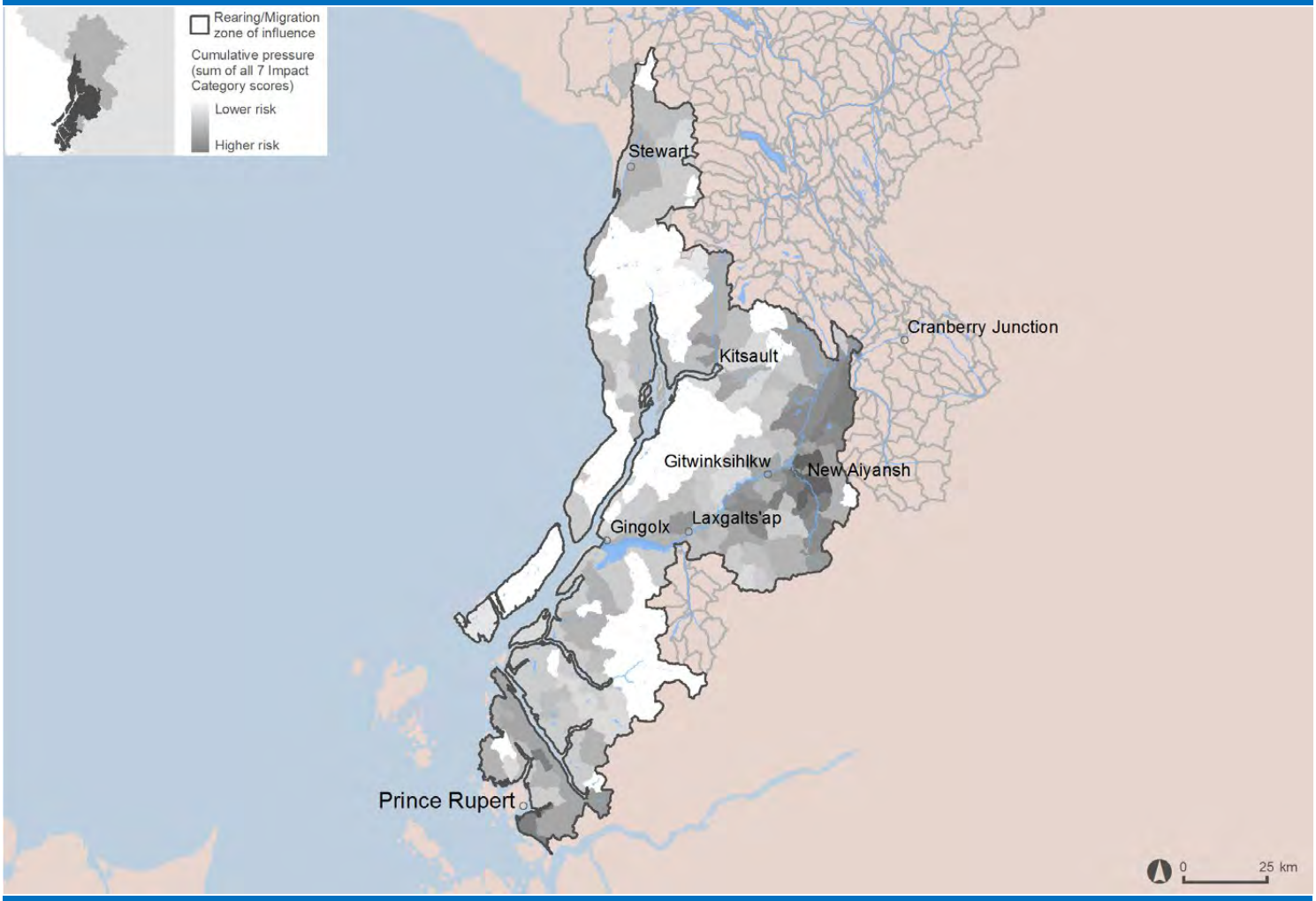


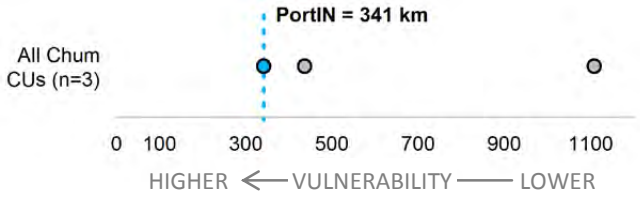
Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures



Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

Salmon accessible habitat (km)



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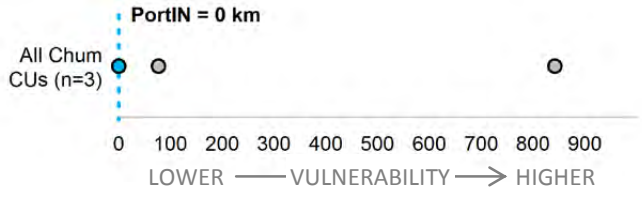
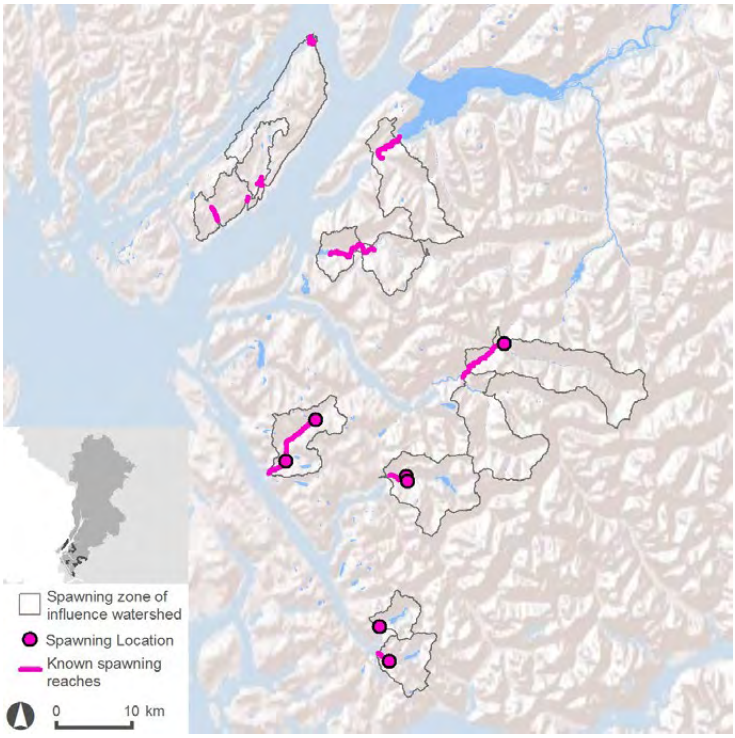


Flow sensitive accessible habitat (%) (all seasons)

Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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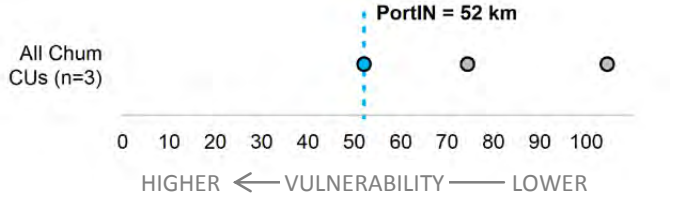

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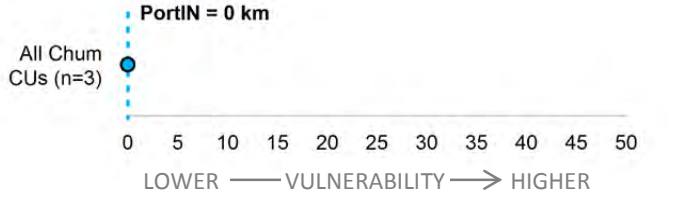

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Incubation period vulnerability

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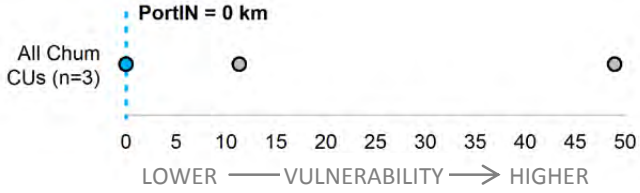

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Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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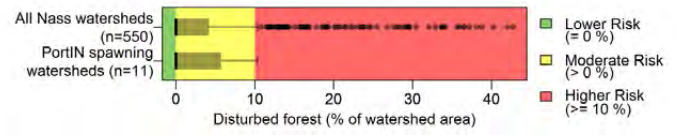

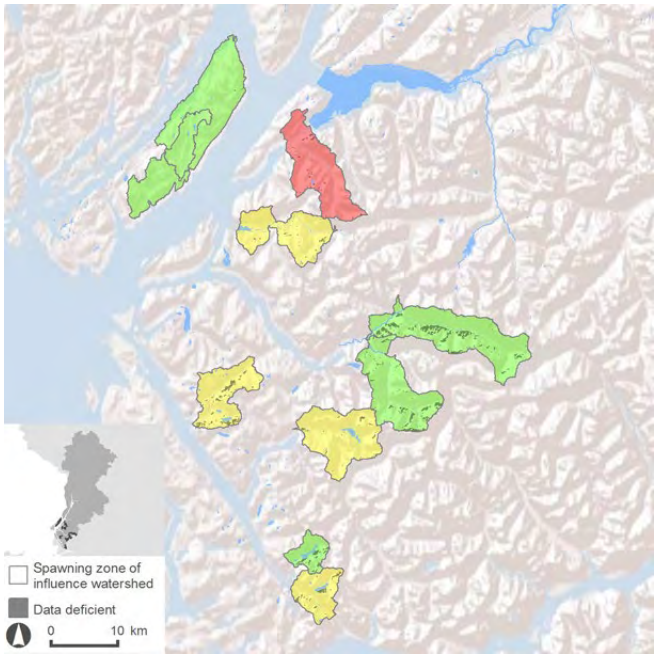

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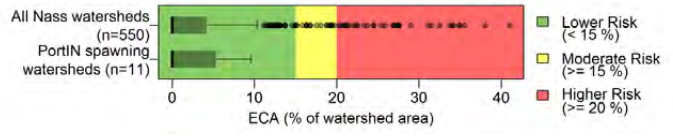

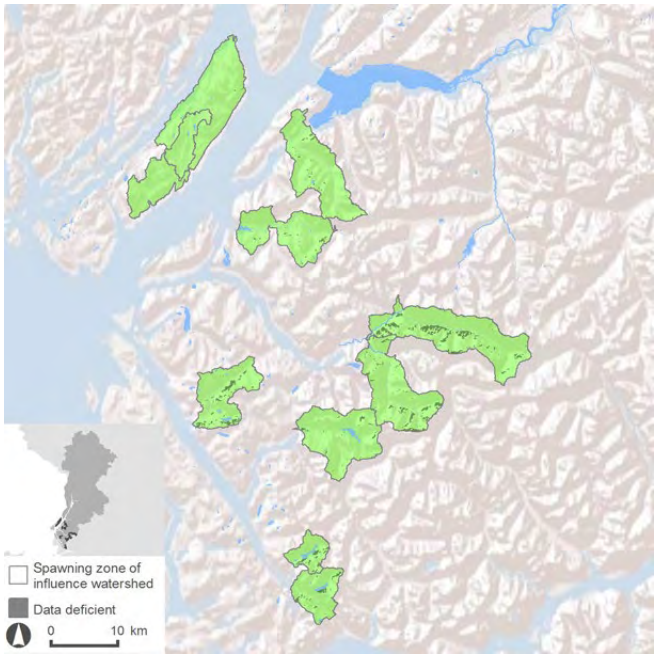

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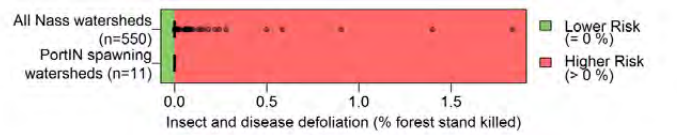

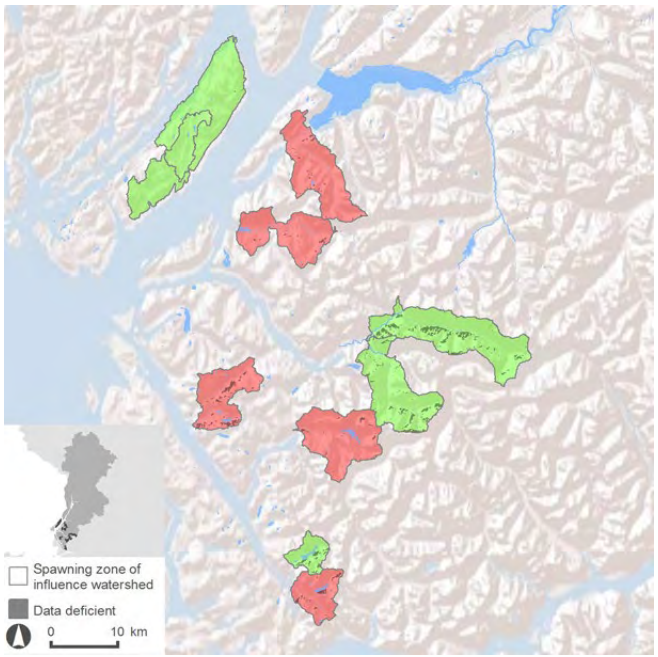

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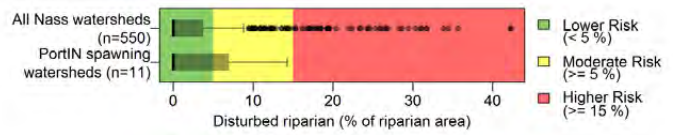

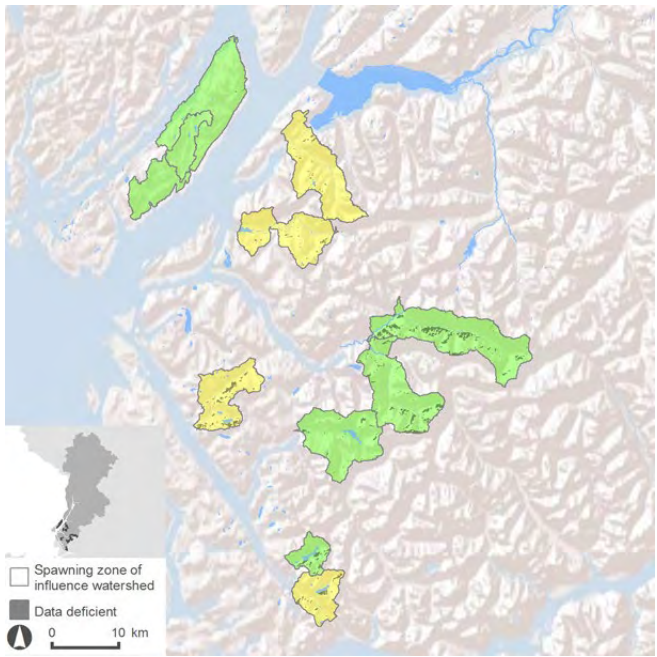

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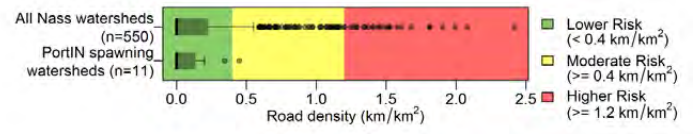

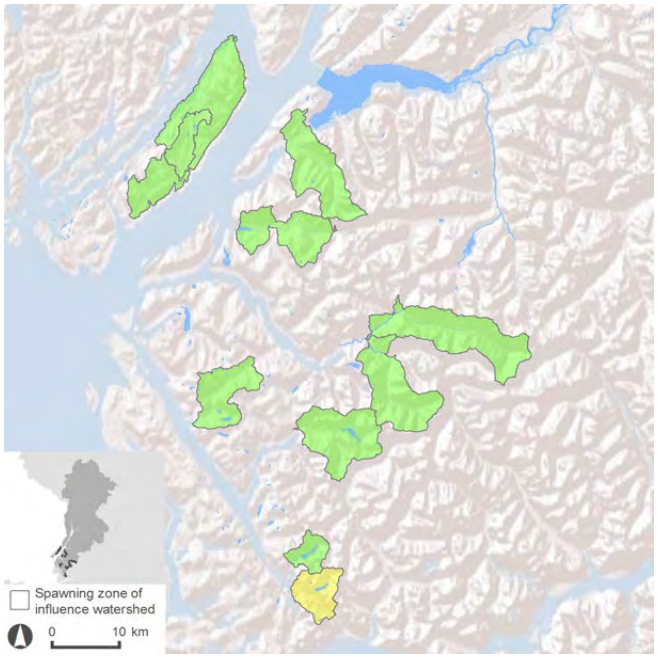

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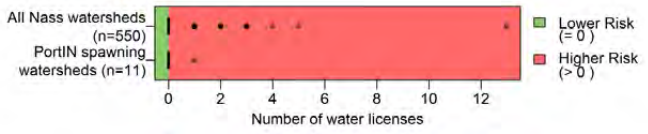

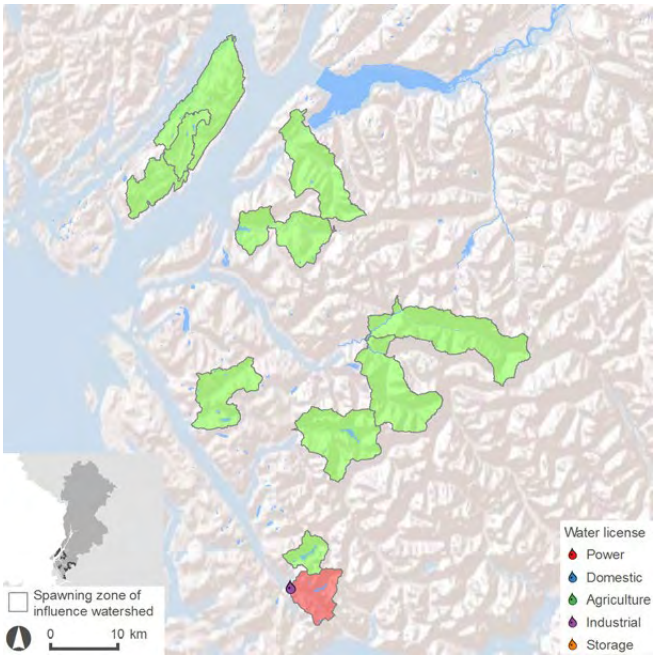

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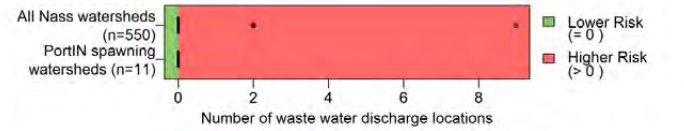

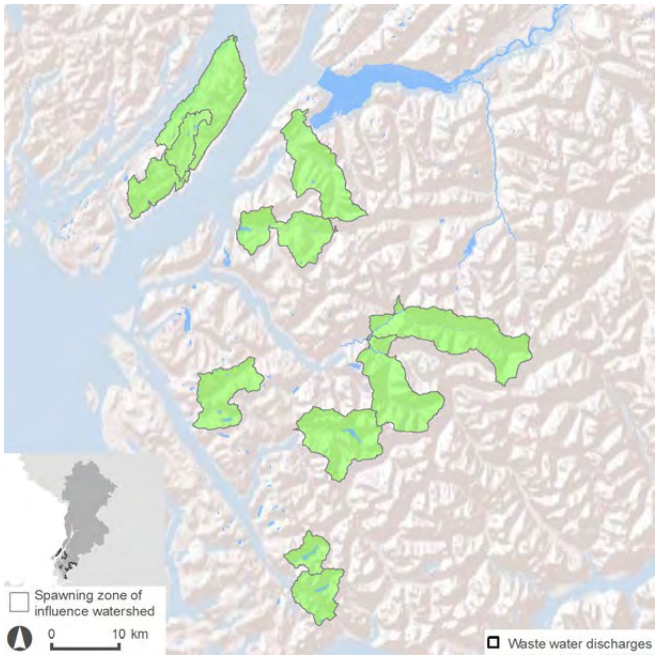

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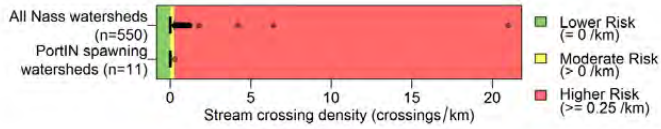

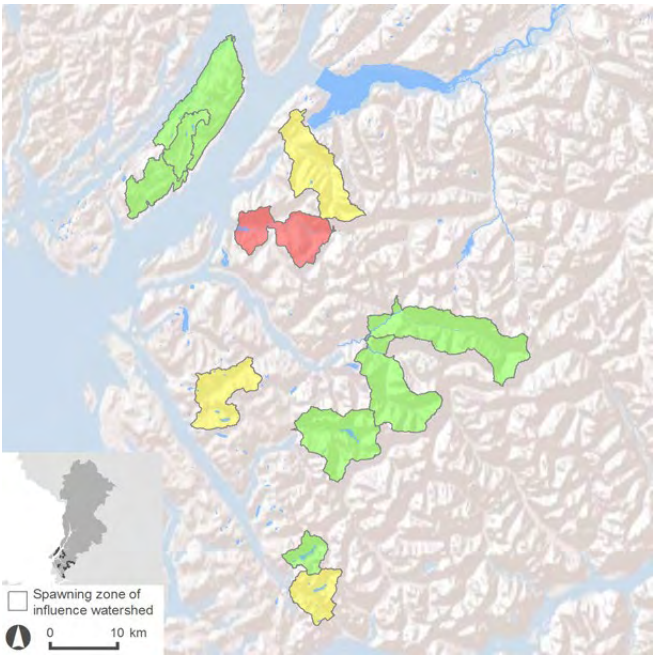

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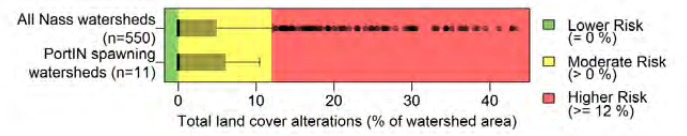

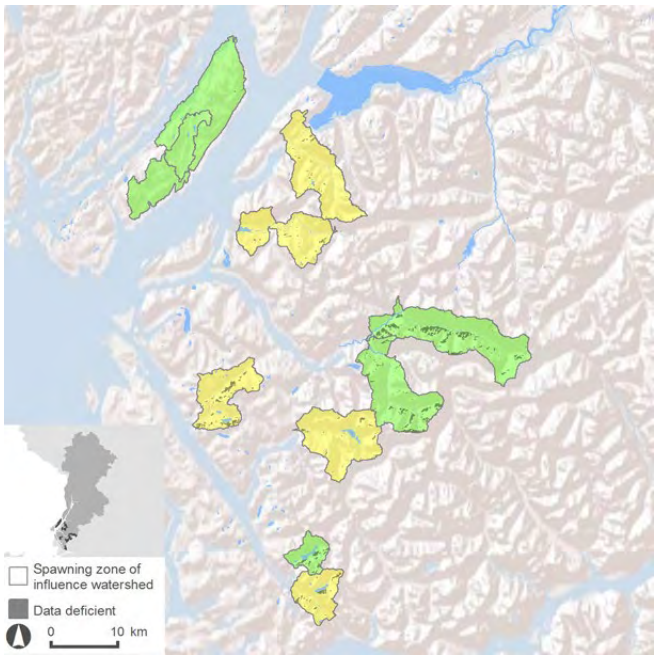

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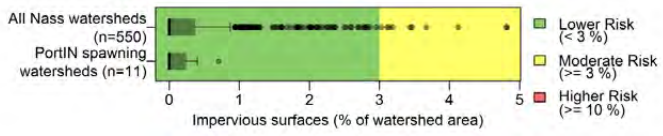

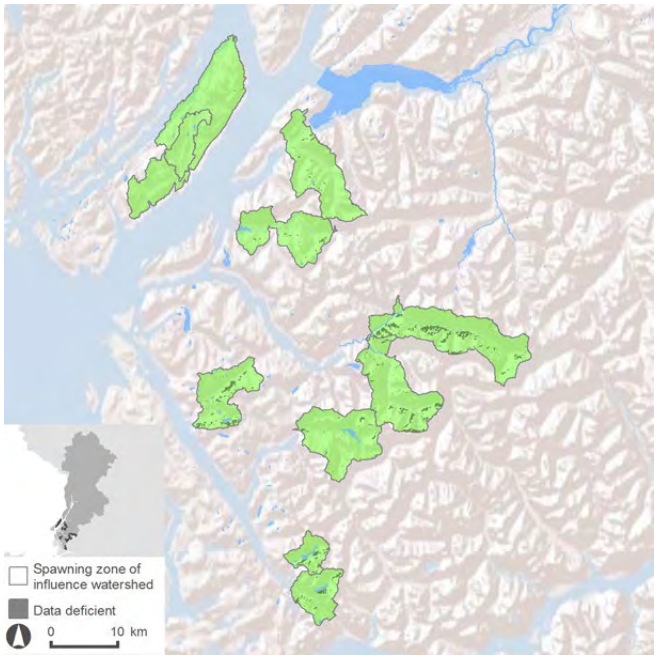

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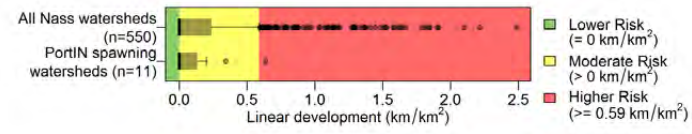

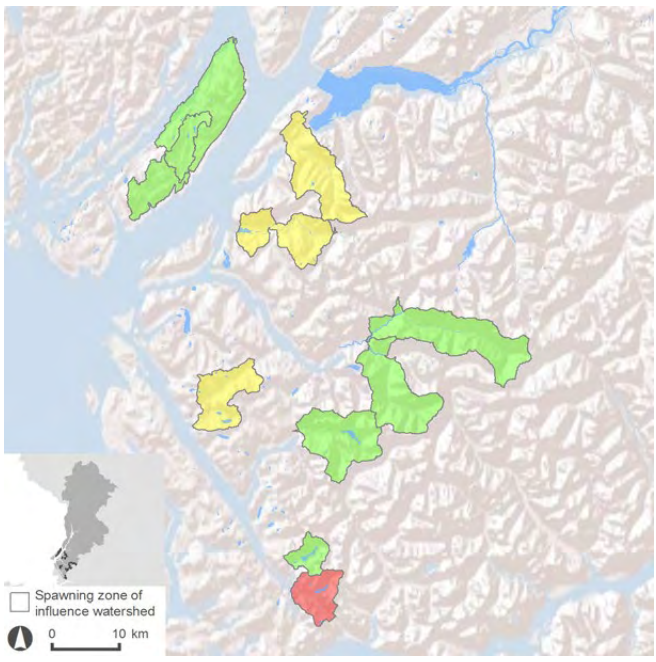

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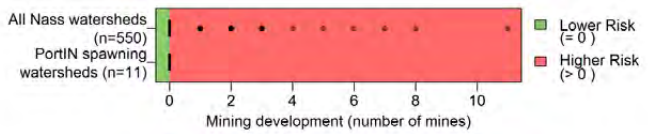
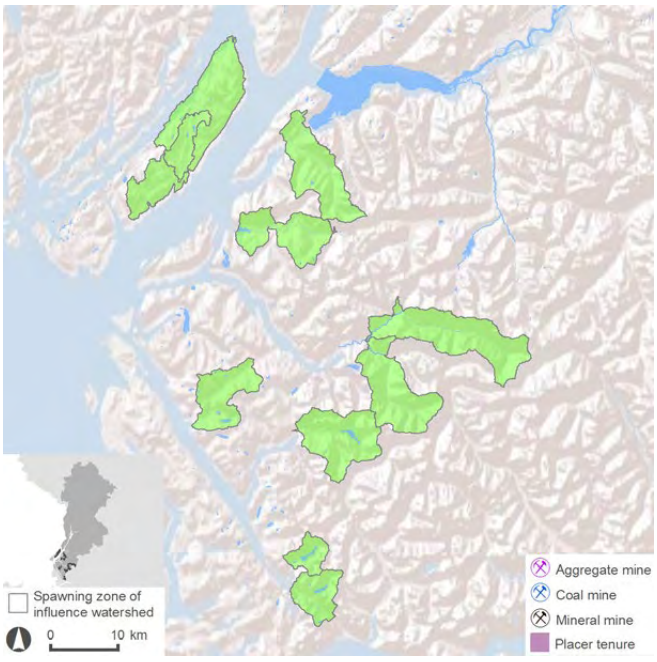
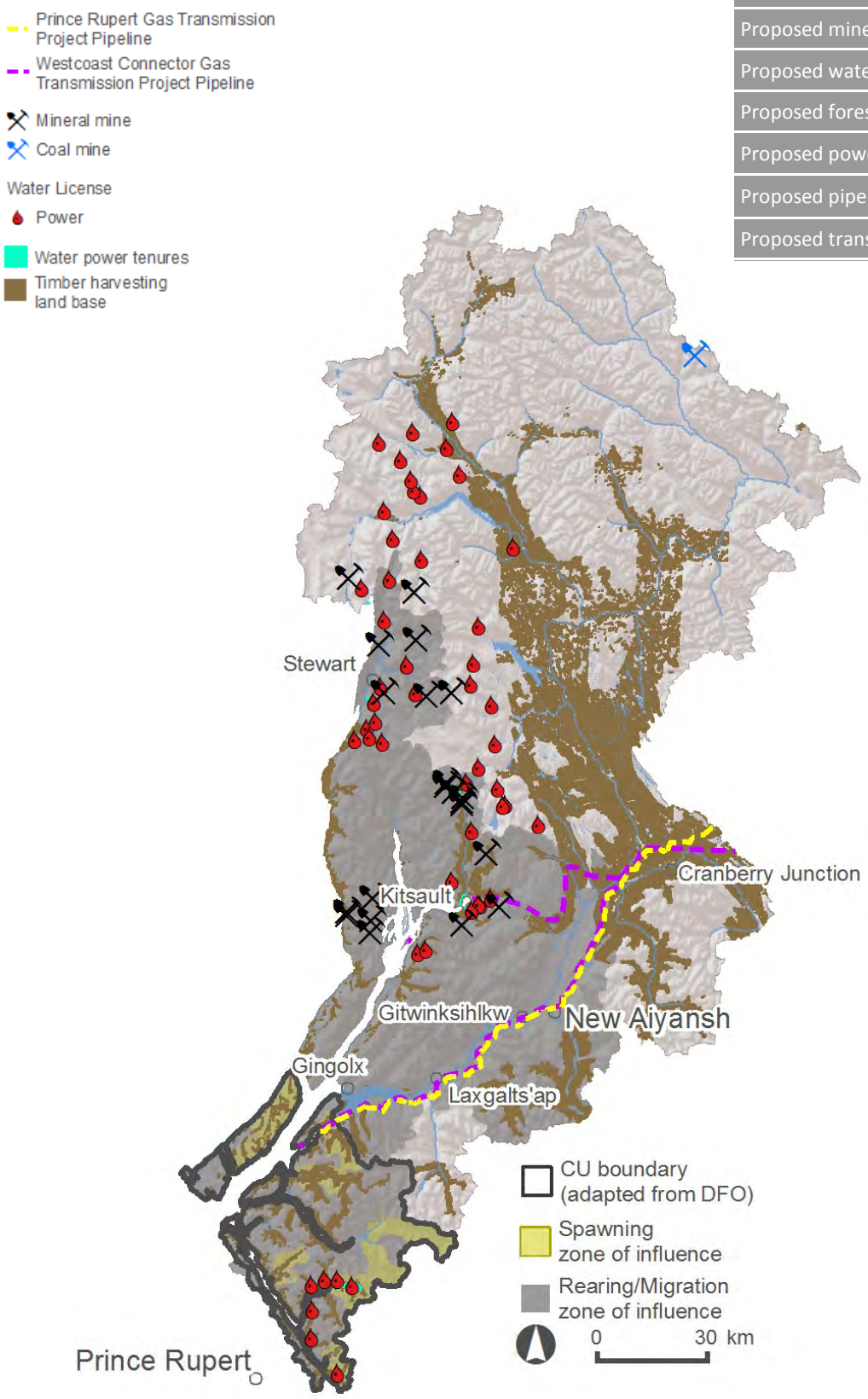




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Chum: Lower Nass

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

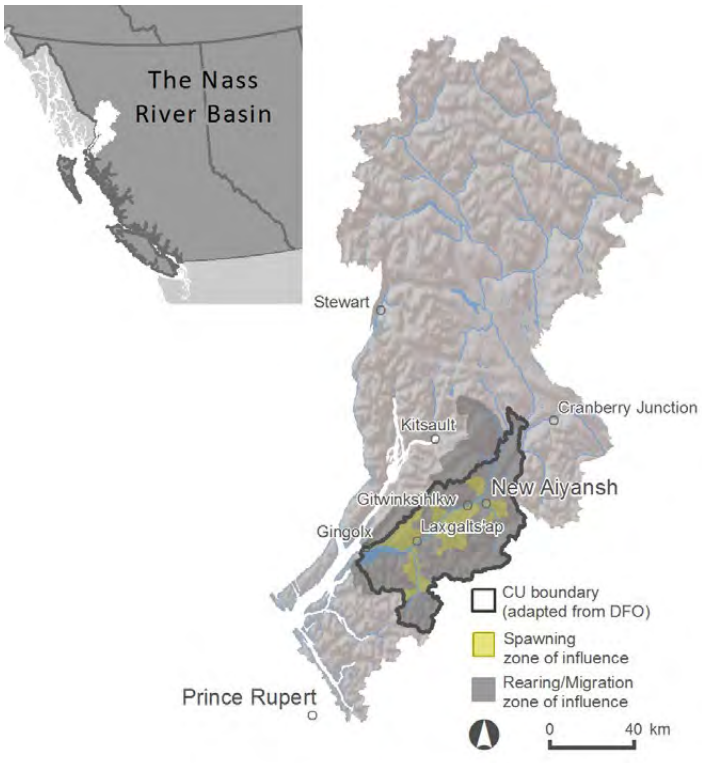
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are three chum salmon CUs in the Nass Area: 1) Lower Nass (LNASS), 2) Portland Inlet (PortIN), and 3) Portland Canal-Observatory Inlet (PCOb). There are over 50 discrete spawning populations of chum salmon in all three CUs combined.
- Nass Area chum salmon are currently identified by Fisheries and Oceans Canada as a stock of concern with returns currently falling below the provisional escapement target of 45,000.
- Juvenile chum typically spend very little time in freshwater, beginning their downstream migration to sea almost immediately after emerging from the gravel as fry.
- Nass Area chum salmon return to their natal stream to spawn between three and five years of age, with most fish maturing at four years of age.

Location



Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

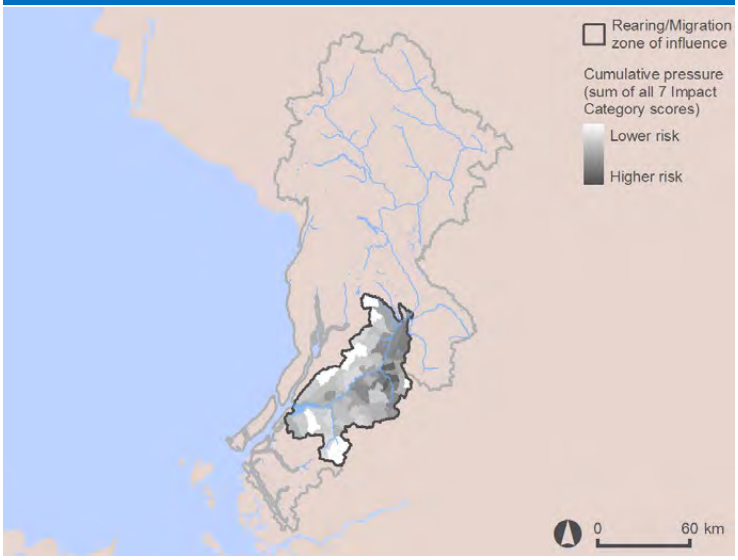
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each CU:

- Rearing/Migration ZOI: Accessible stream length; Length and percentage of accessible streams considered flow sensitive - all seasons
- Spawning ZOI: Total spawning length; Length and percentage of spawning reaches considered flow sensitive (summer period - spawning, winter period - incubation)

Cumulative pressure—rearing/migration



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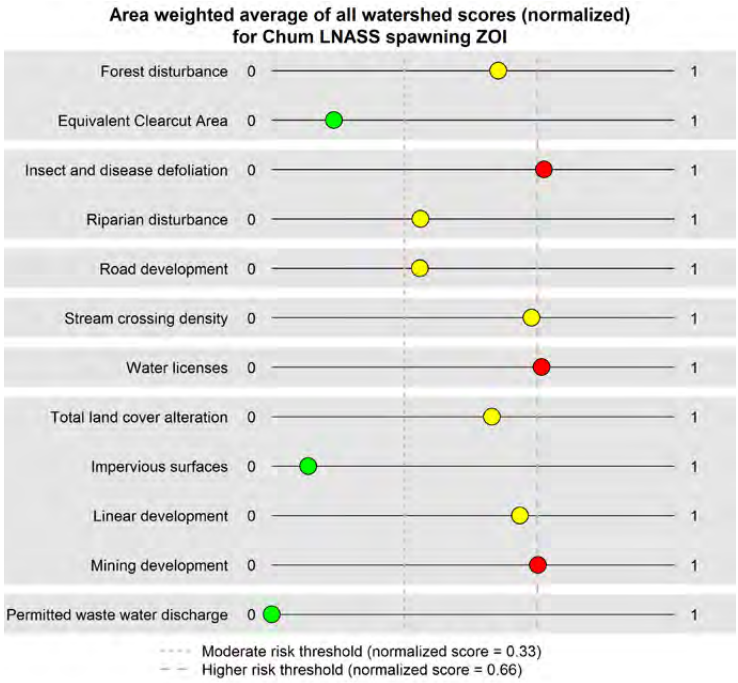

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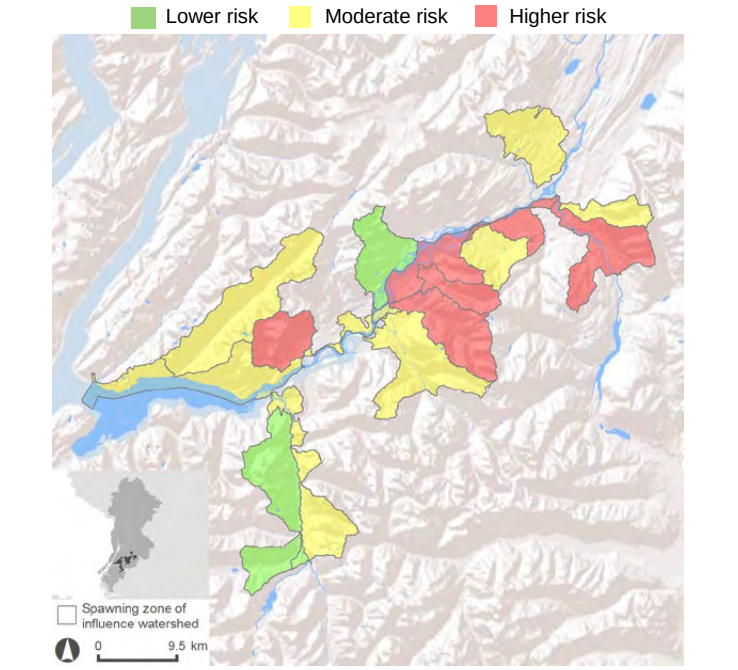
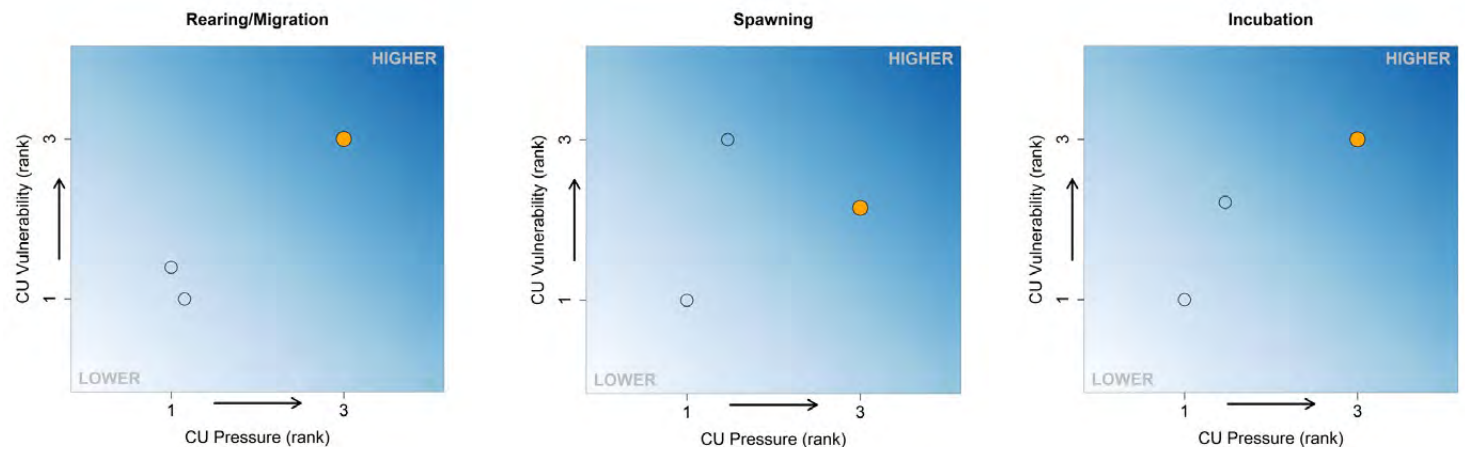


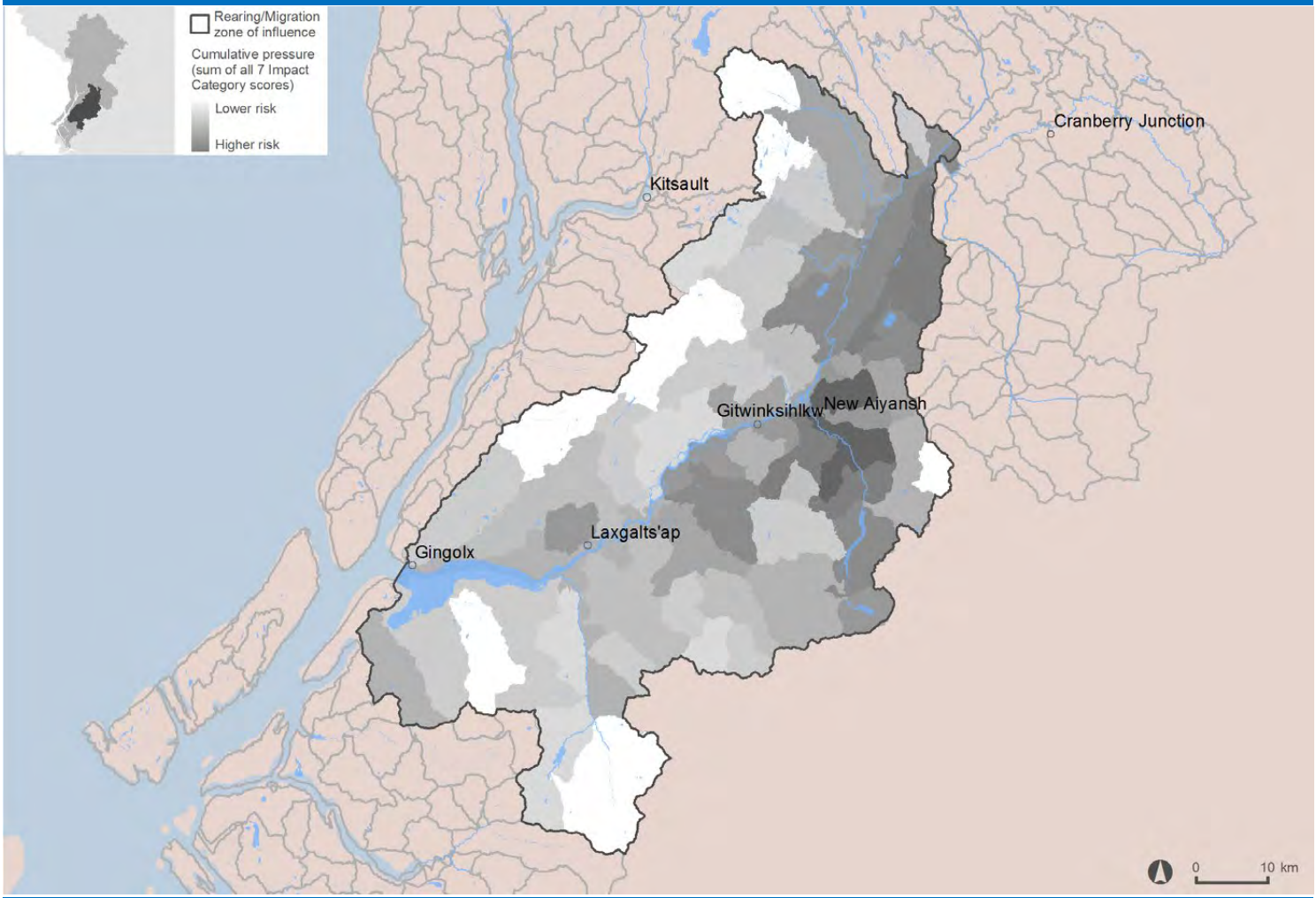
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—rearing/migration, spawning, & incubation

● = Lower Nass ○ = other Chum CUs



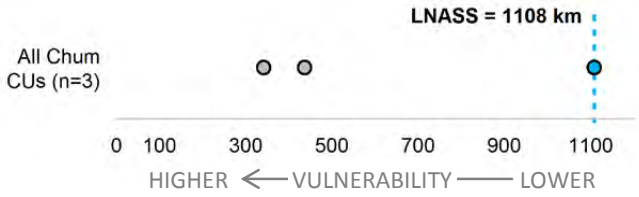
Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures



Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

Salmon accessible habitat (km)



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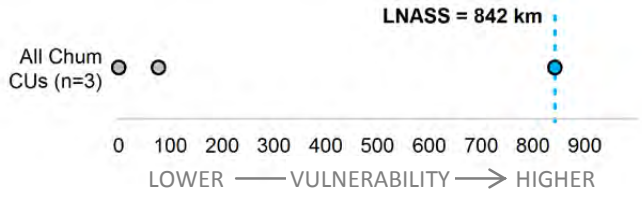

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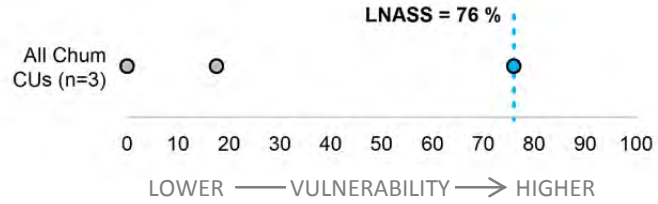
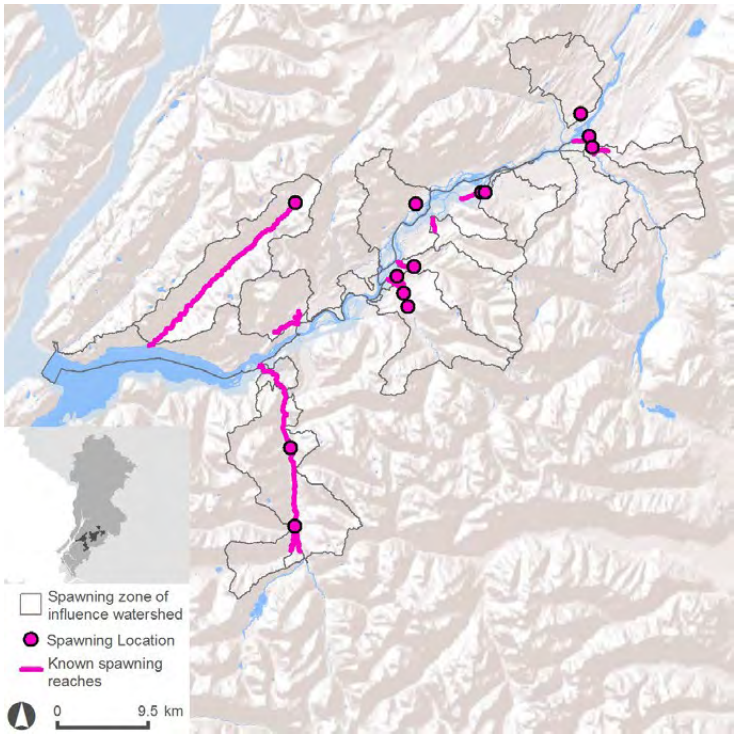


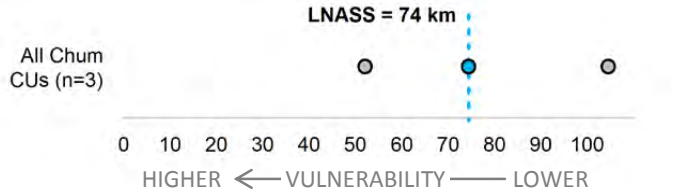
Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



Total spawning length (km)



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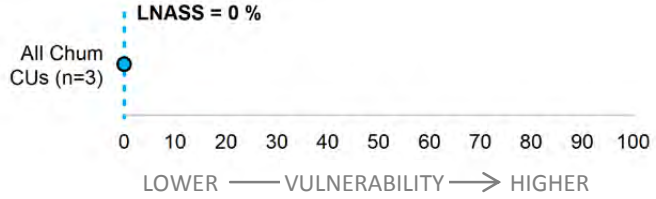

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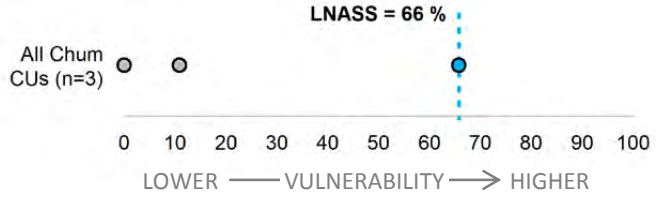

Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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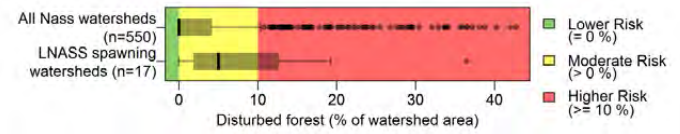

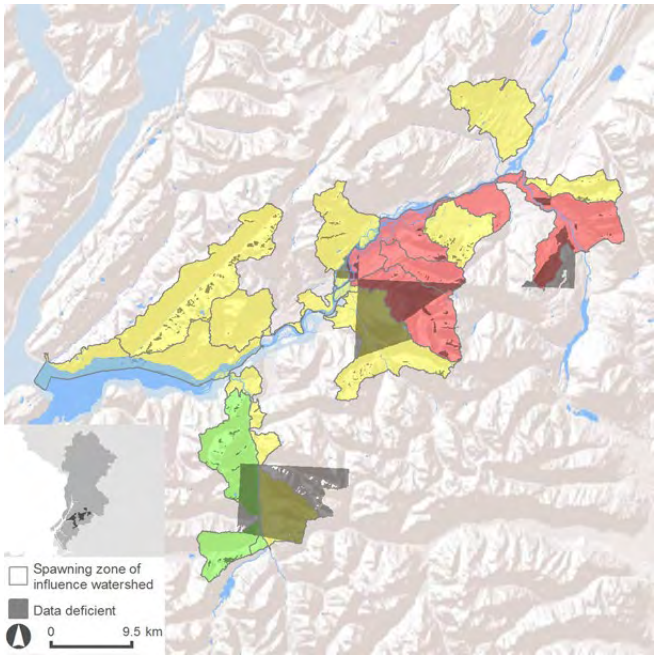

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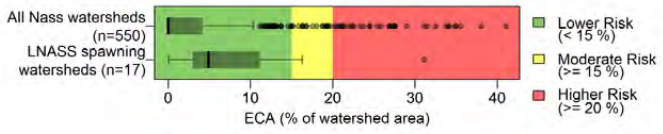

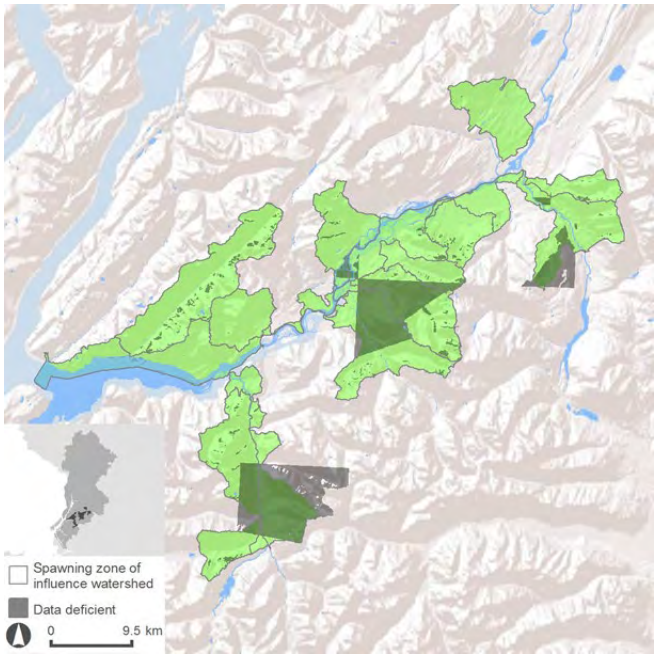

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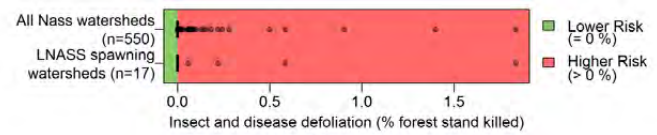

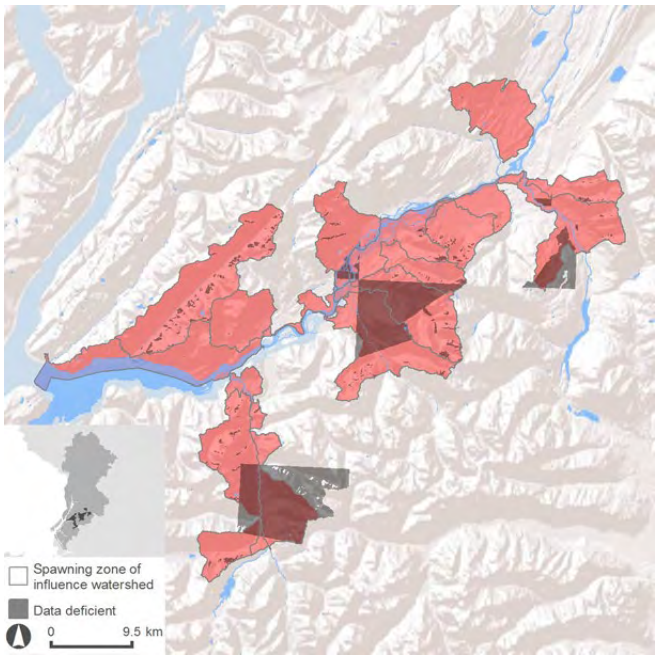

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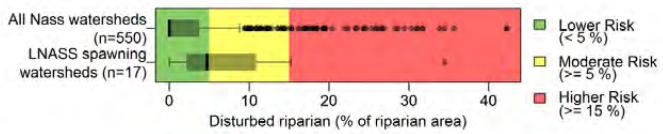

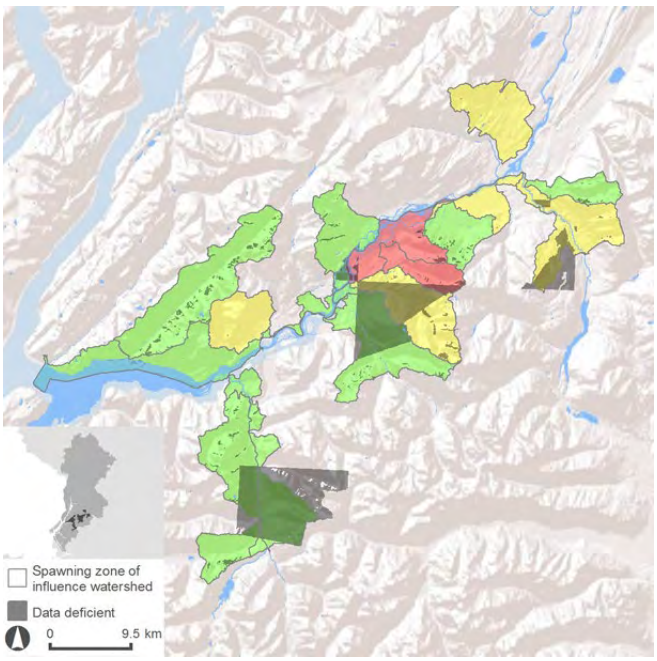

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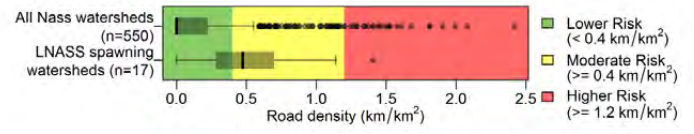

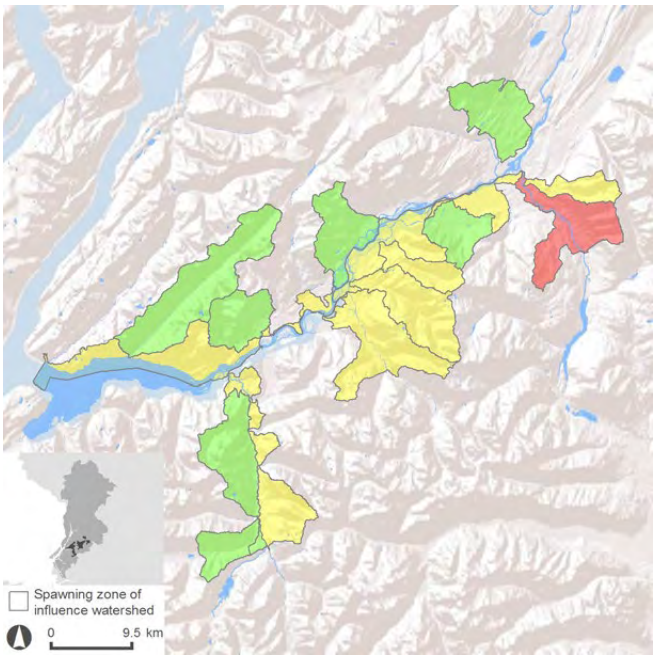

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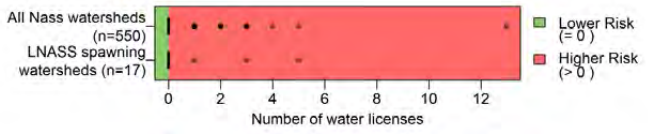

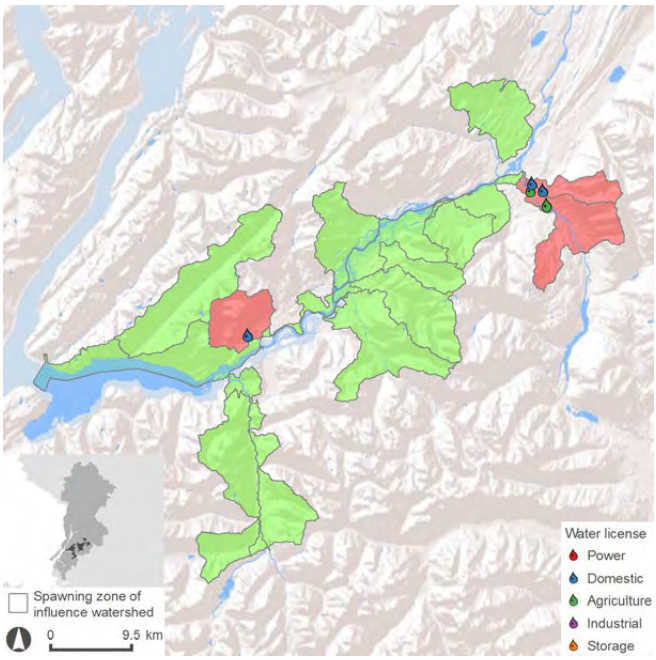

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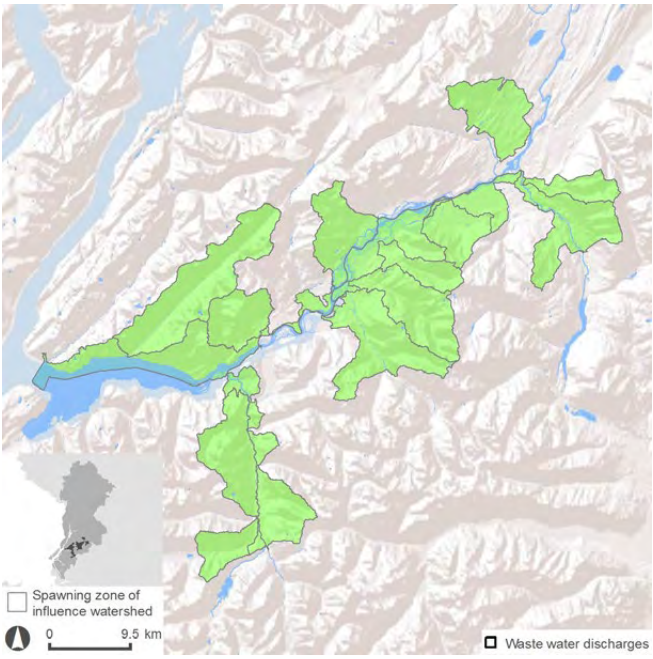

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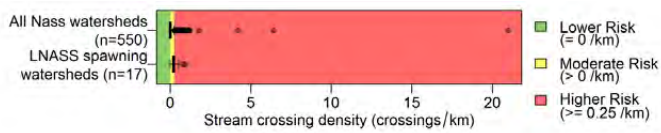

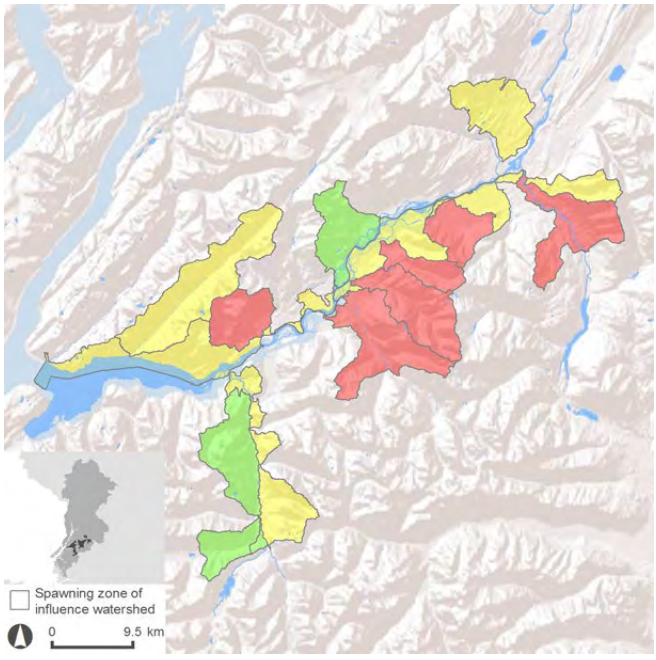

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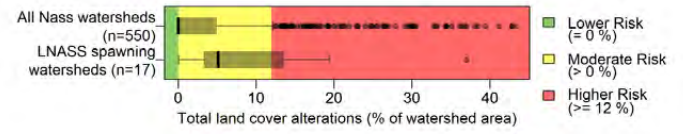

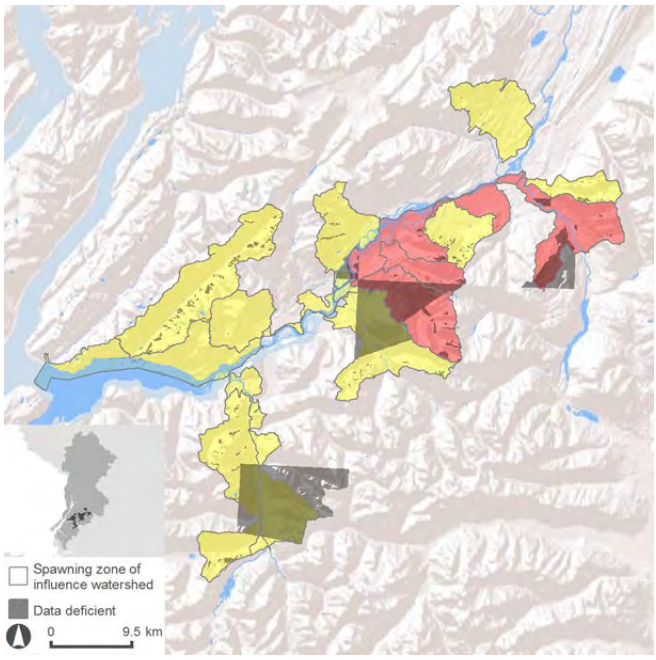

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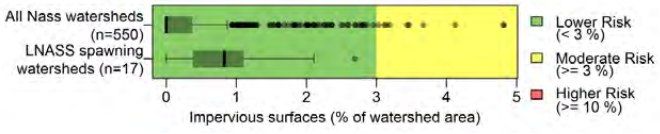

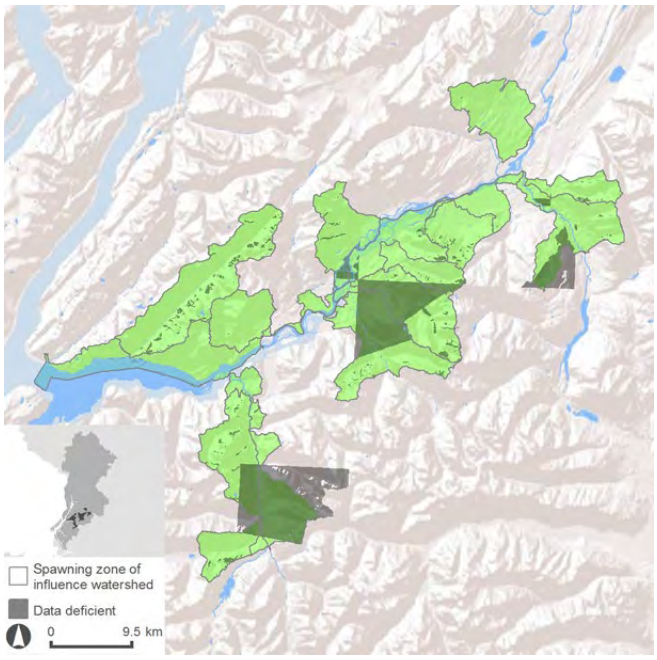

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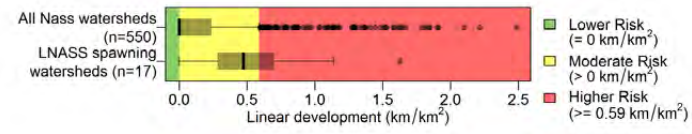

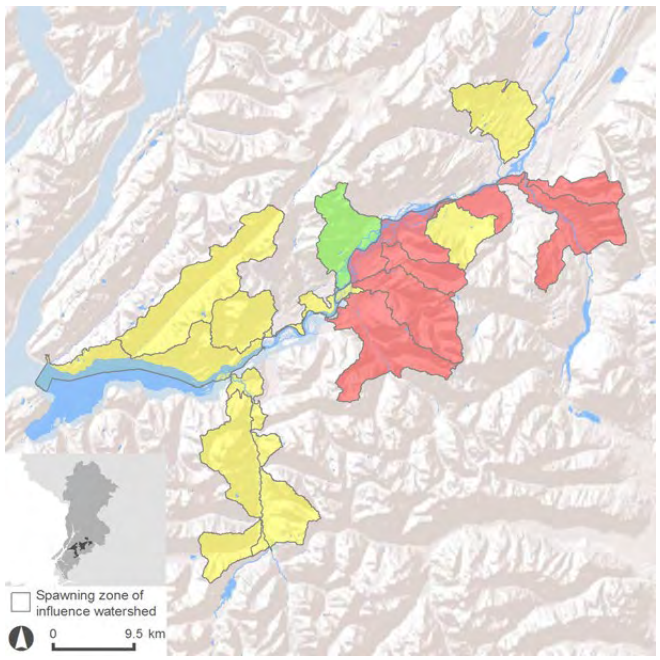

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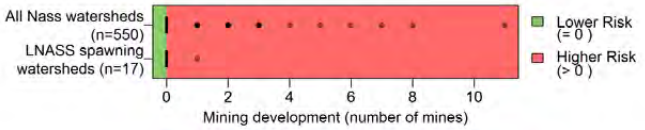

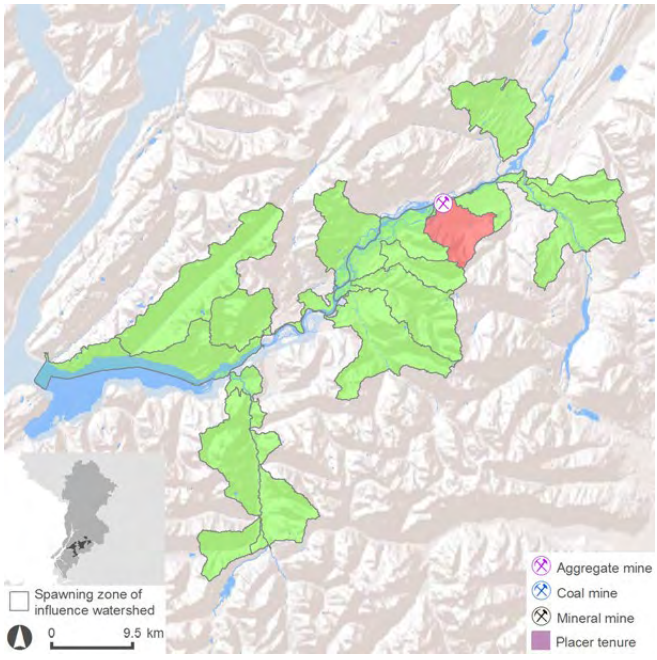

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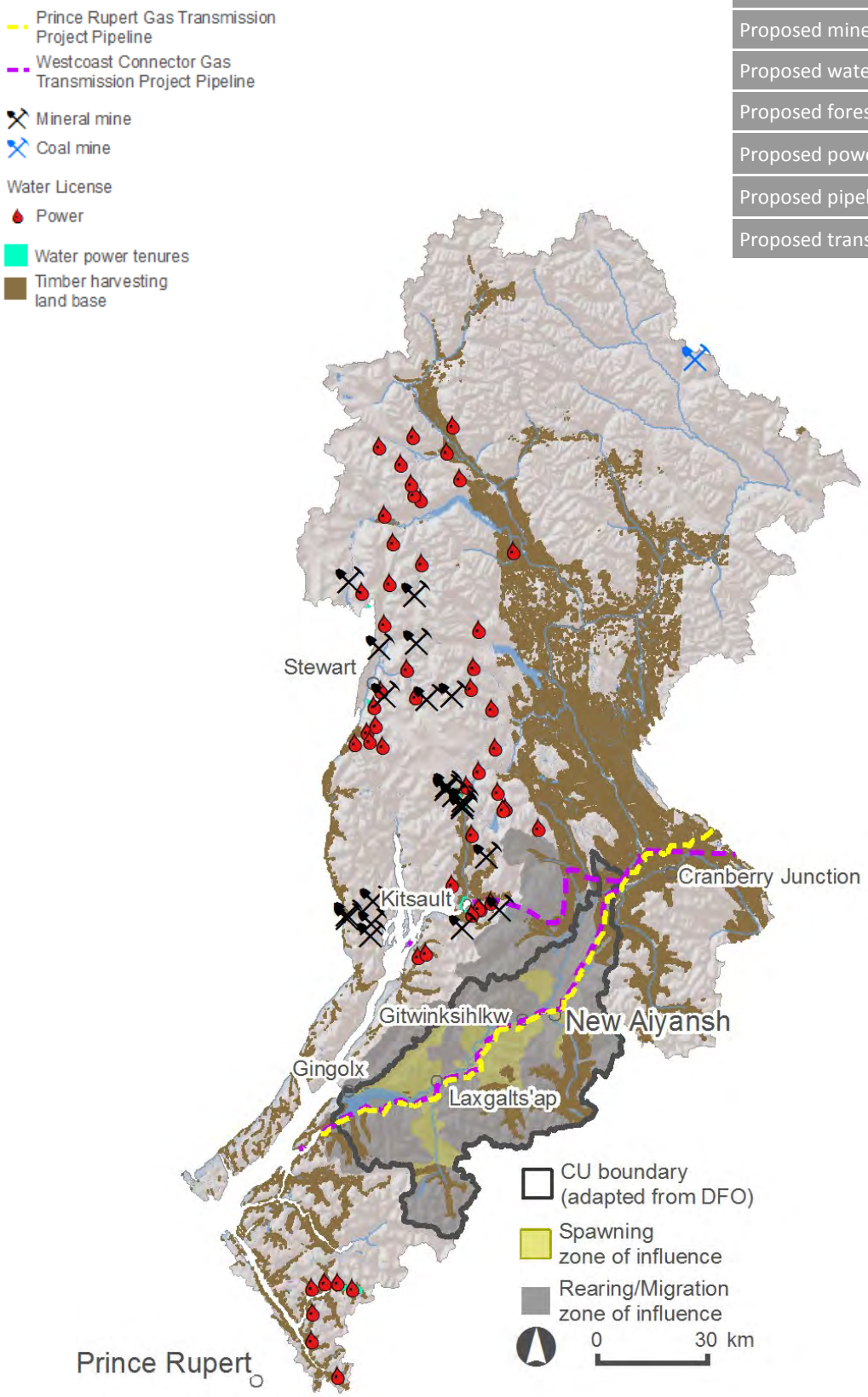

Chum: Portland Canal — Observatory

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Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

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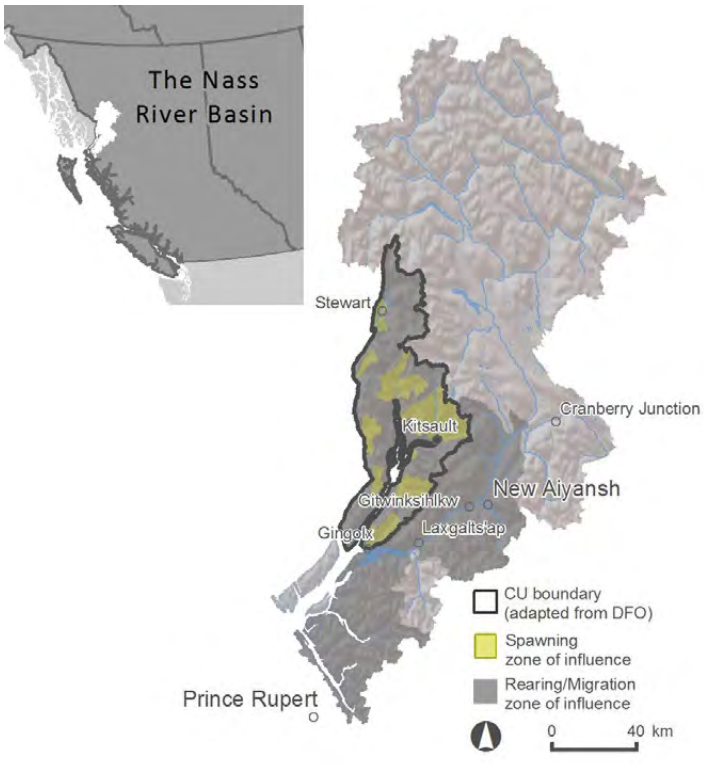
Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are three chum salmon CUs in the Nass Area: 1) Lower Nass (LNASS), 2) Portland Inlet (PortIN), and 3) Portland Canal-Observatory Inlet (PCOb). There are over 50 discrete spawning populations of chum salmon in all three CUs combined.
- Nass Area chum salmon are currently identified by Fisheries and Oceans Canada as a stock of concern with returns currently falling below the provisional escapement target of 45,000.
- Juvenile chum typically spend very little time in freshwater, beginning their downstream migration to sea almost immediately after emerging from the gravel as fry.
- Nass Area chum salmon return to their natal stream to spawn between three and five years of age, with most fish maturing at four years of age.

Location



Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
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- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

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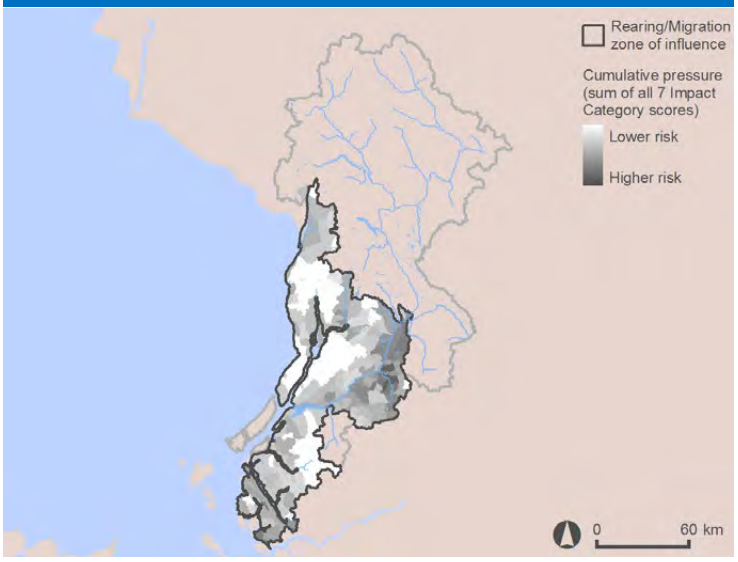
- Spawning ZOI: Total spawning length; Length and percentage of spawning reaches considered flow sensitive (summer period - spawning, winter period - incubation)

Cumulative pressure—rearing/migration



Summary of pressure indicators—spawning

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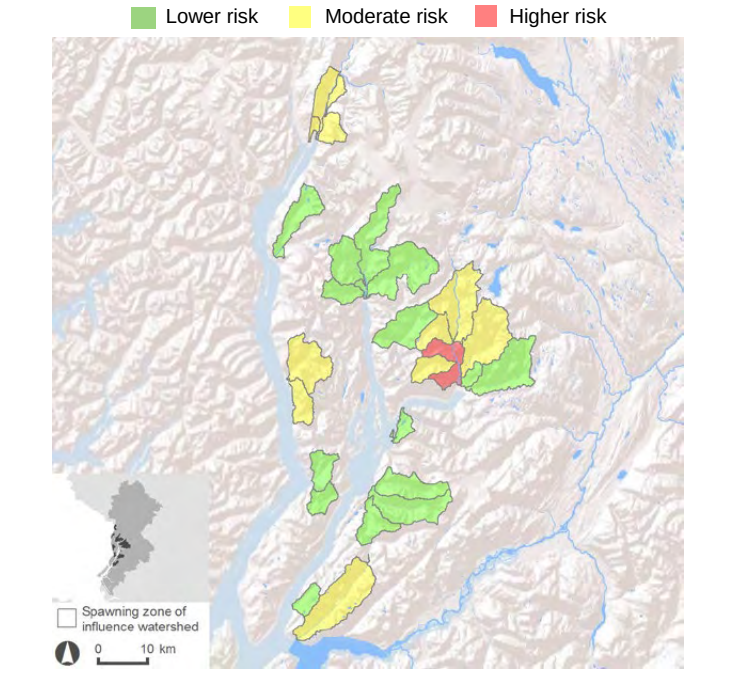
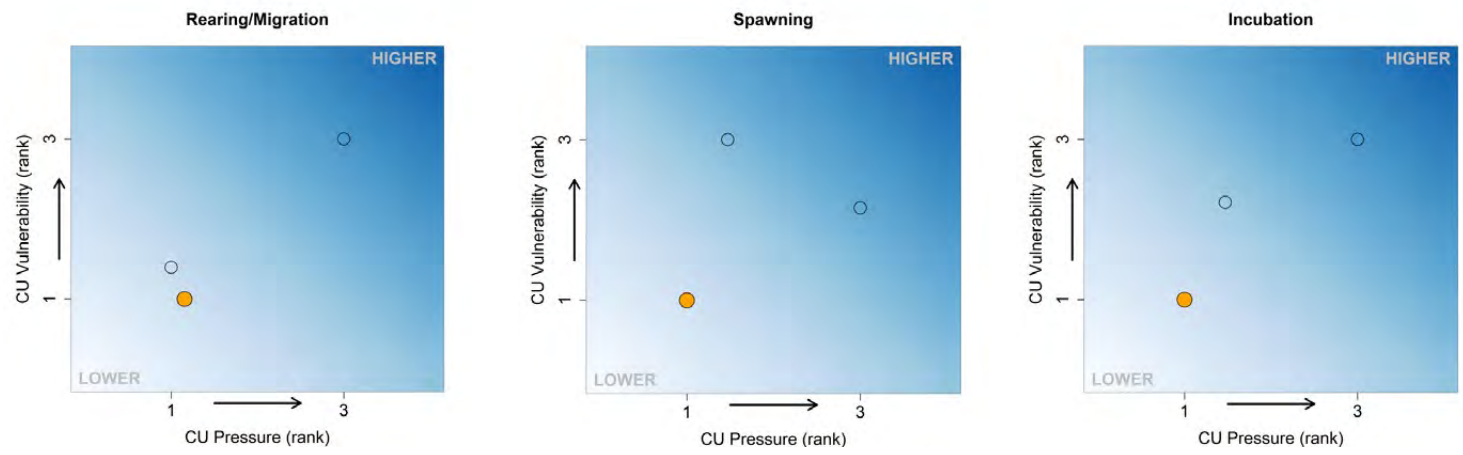


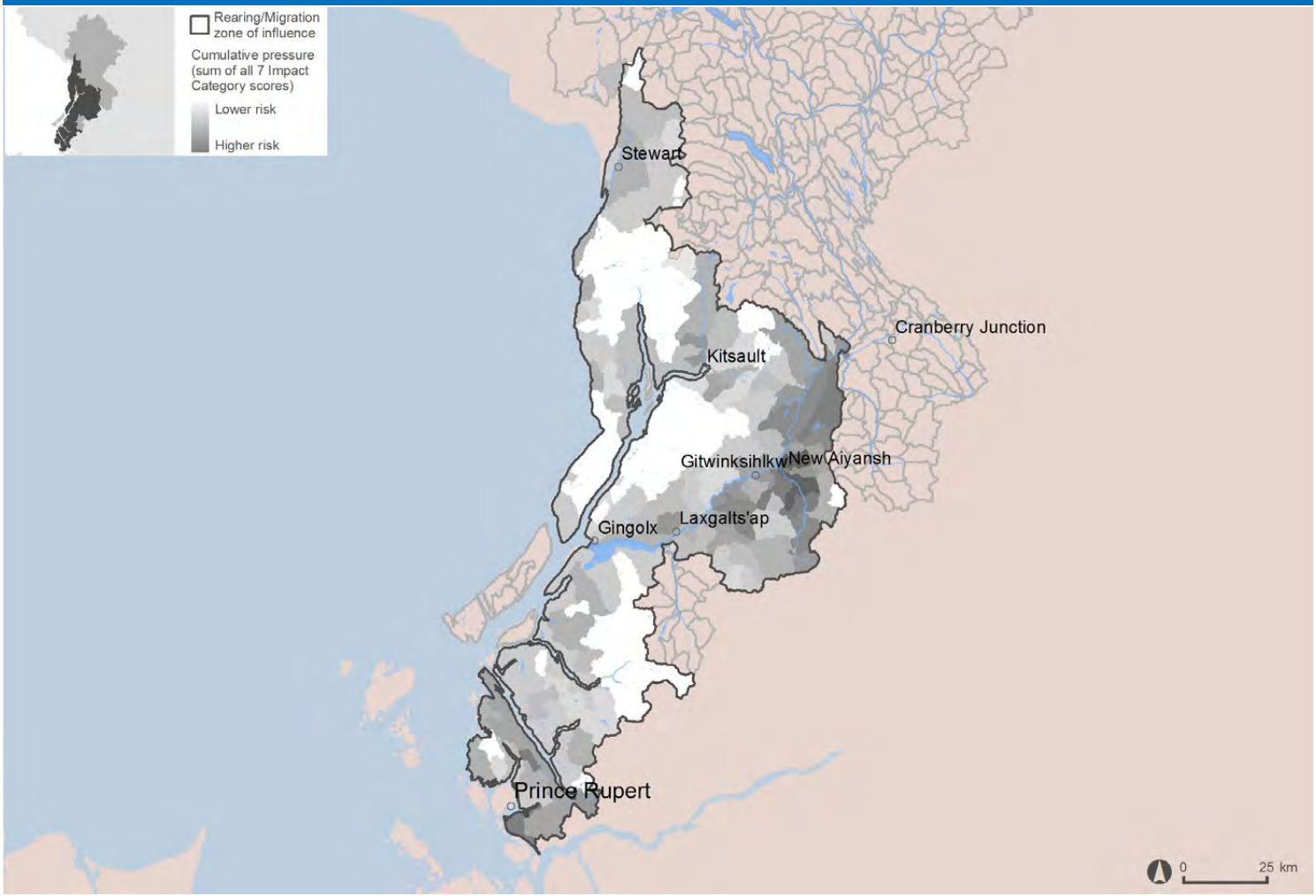
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—rearing/migration, spawning, & incubation

● = Portland Canal-Observatory ○ = other Chum CUs



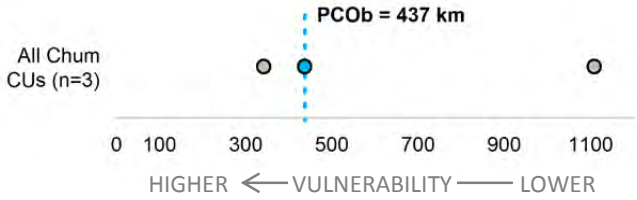
Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures

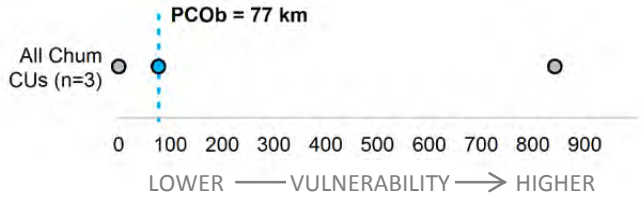


Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

Salmon accessible habitat (km)



Flow sensitive accessible habitat (km) (all seasons)



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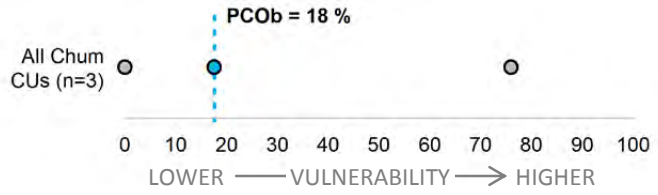
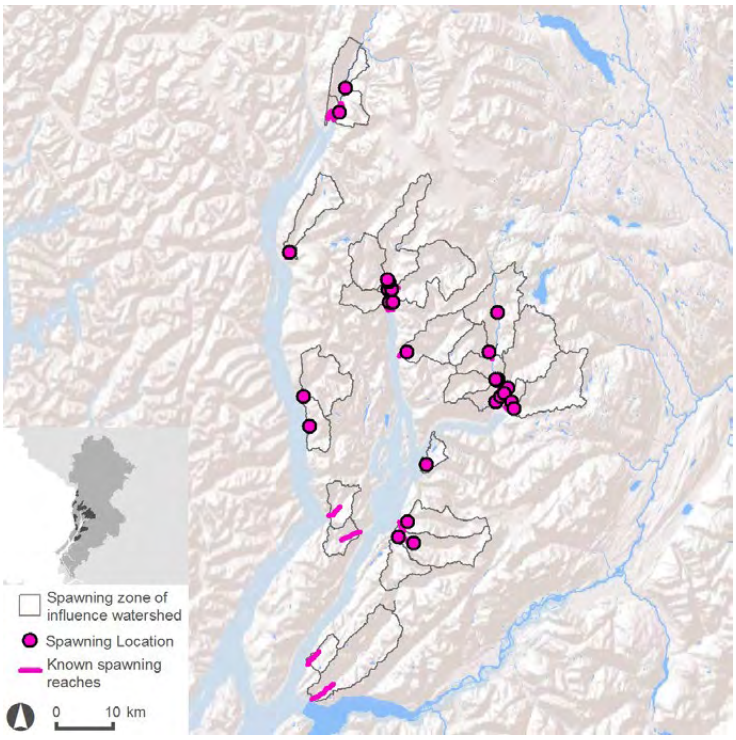


Spawning & incubation vulnerability

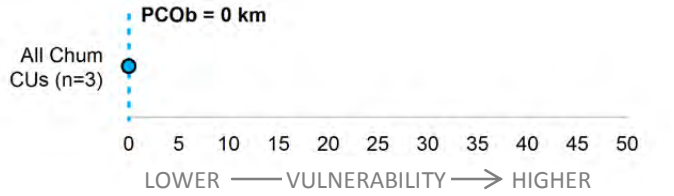
Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



Total spawning length (km)

Spawning reaches summer flow sensitive - spawn timing (km)



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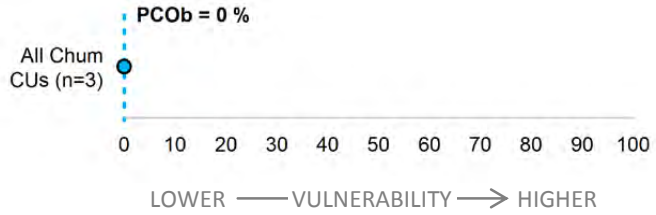

Incubation period vulnerability

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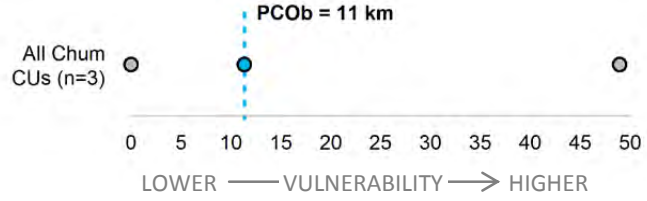

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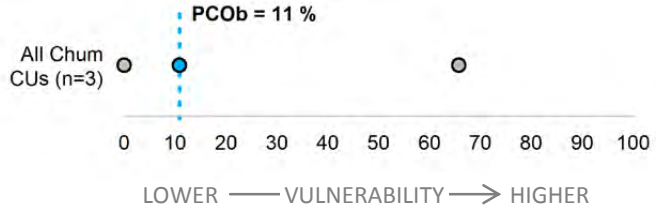

Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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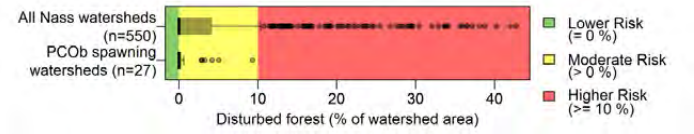

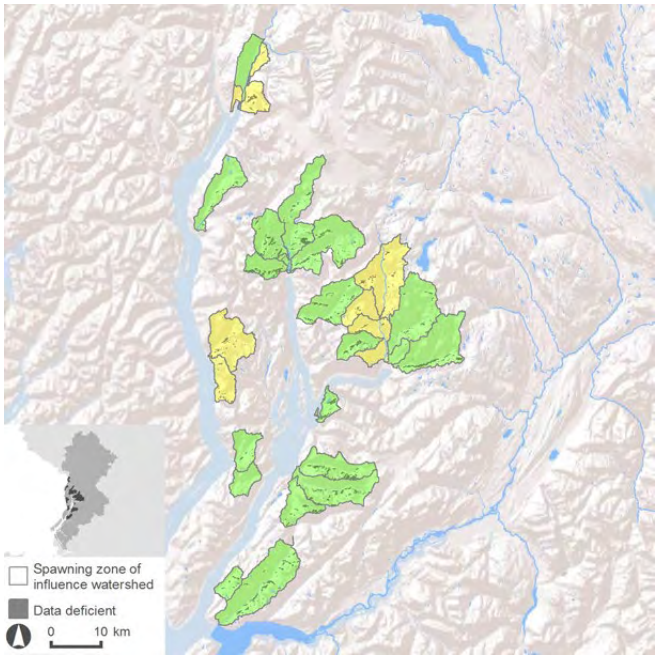

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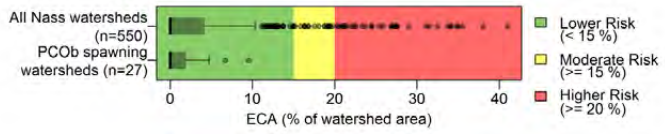
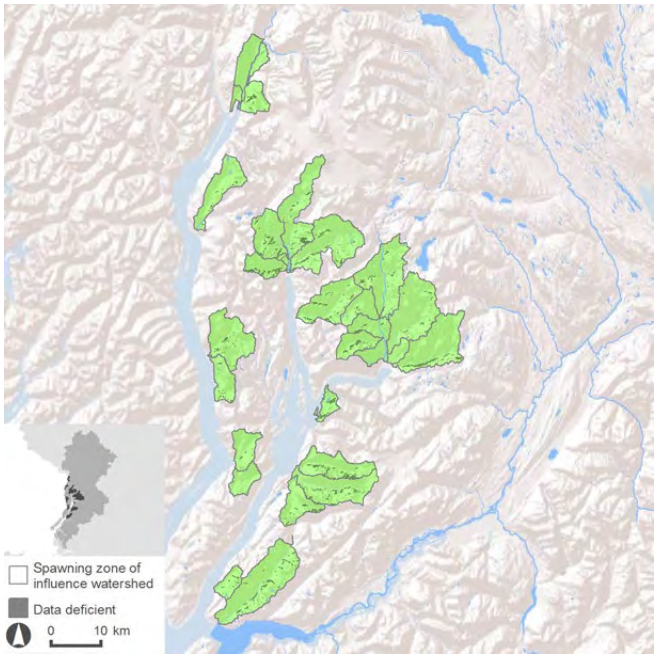
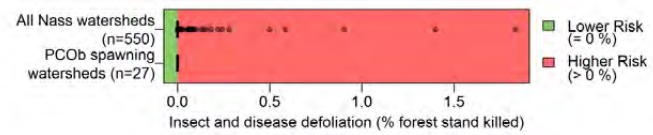
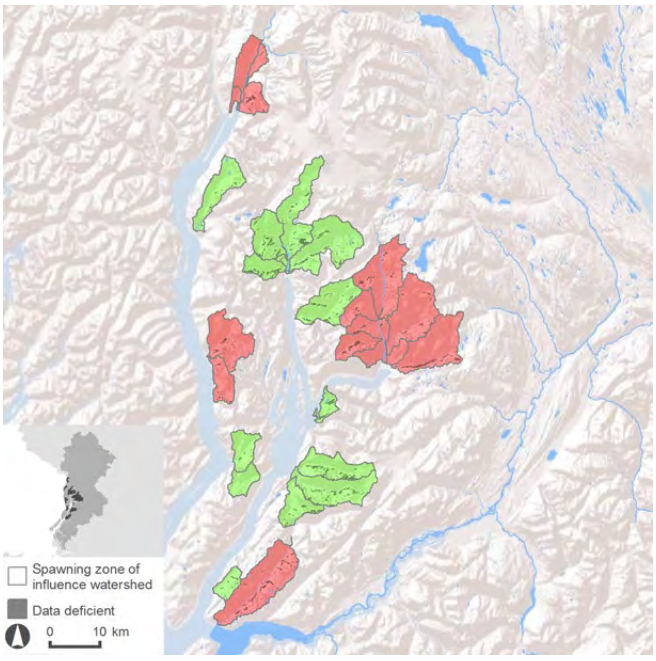




Vegetation Quality

Insect and disease defoliation





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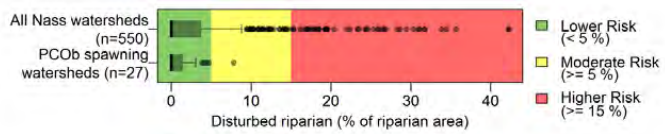

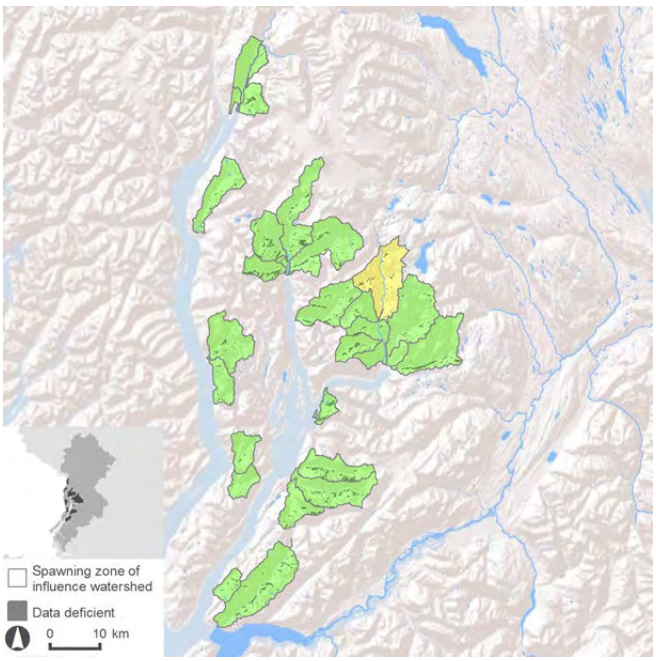

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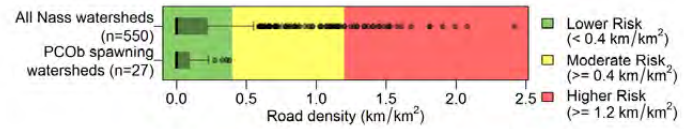

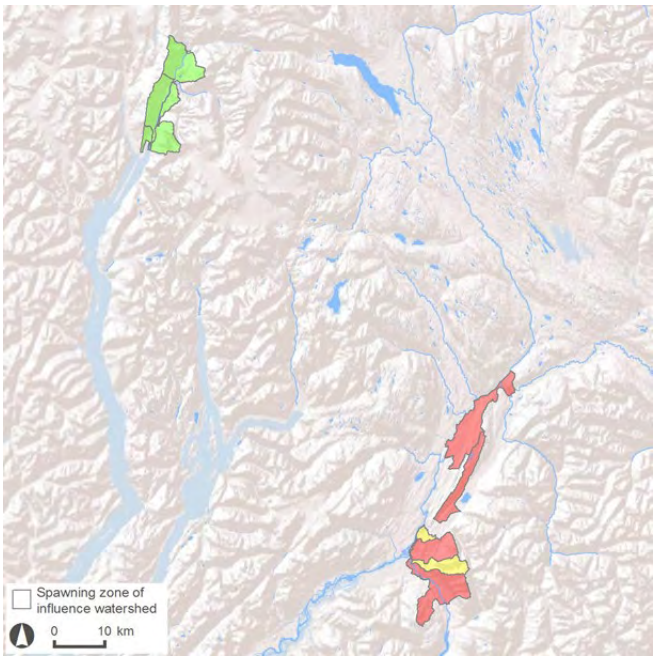

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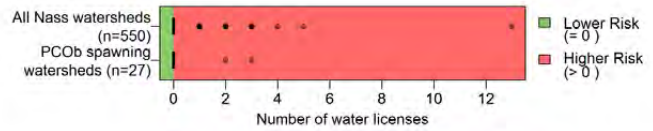

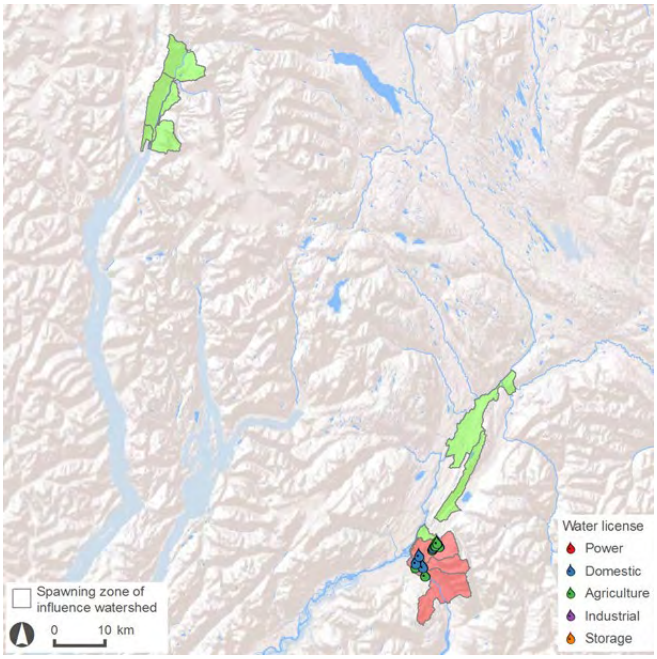

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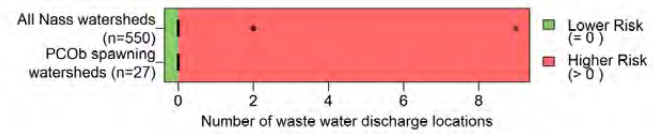

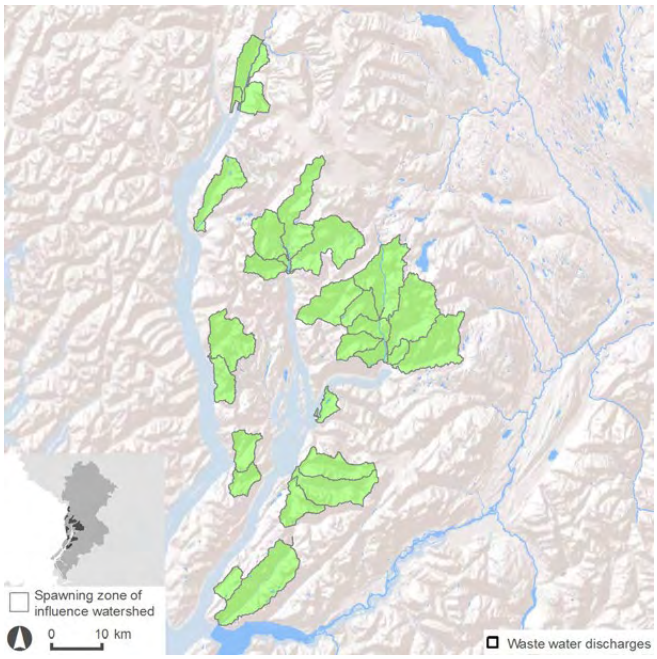

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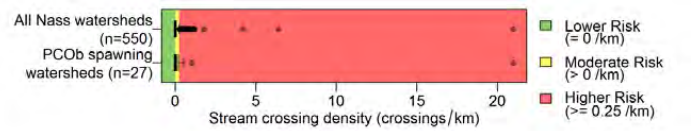

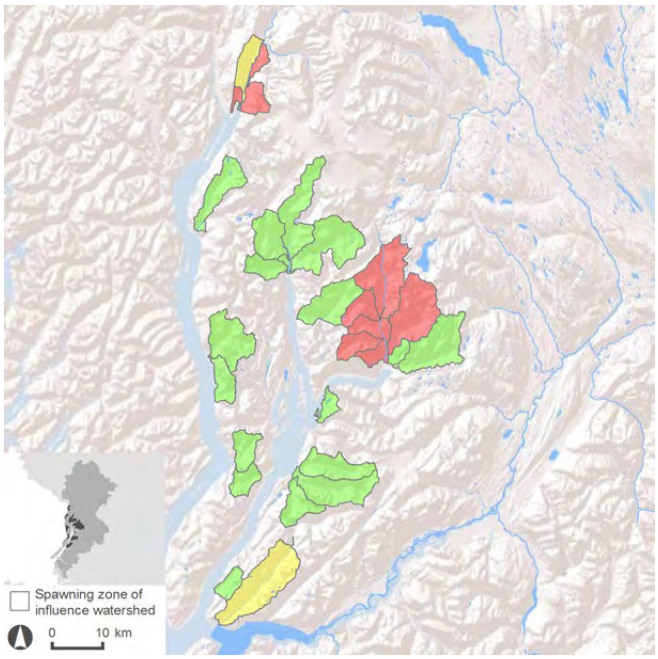

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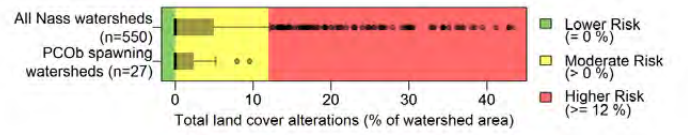

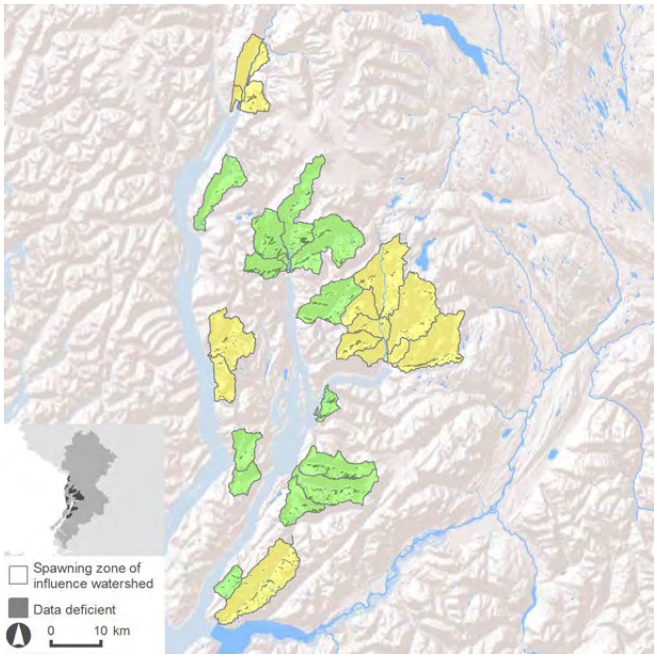

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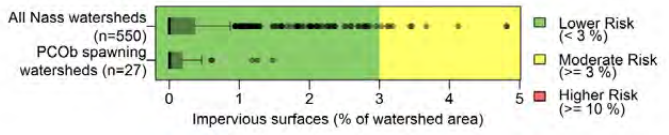

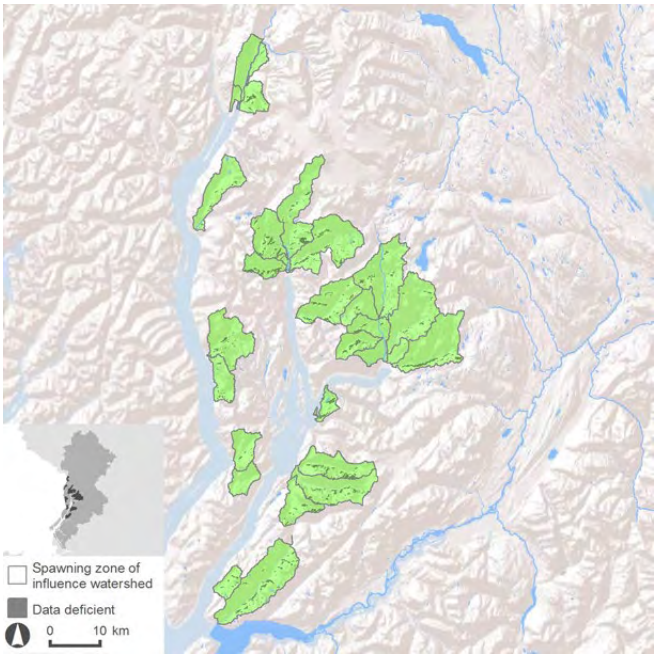

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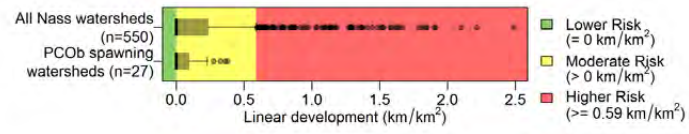

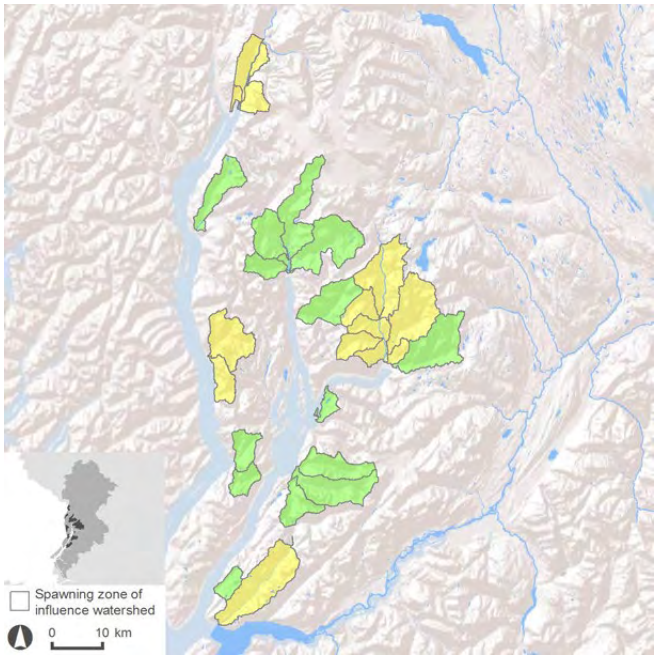

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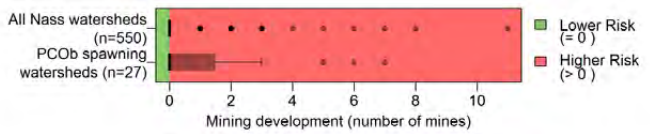

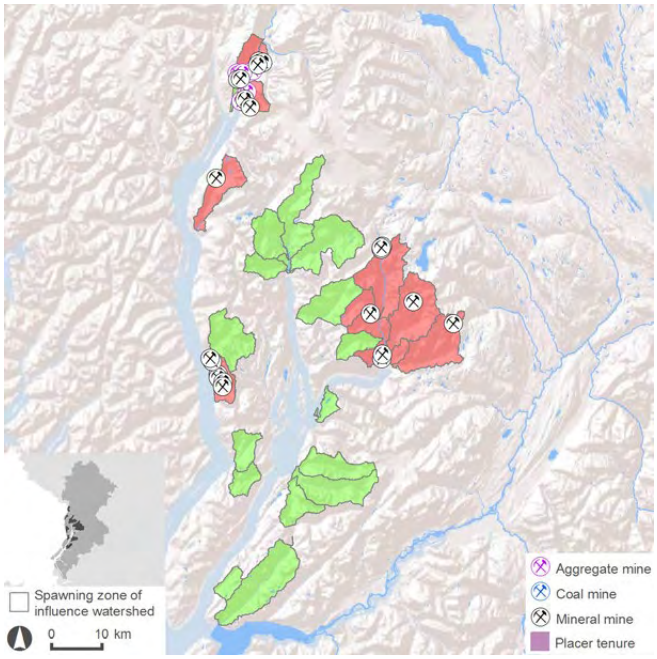

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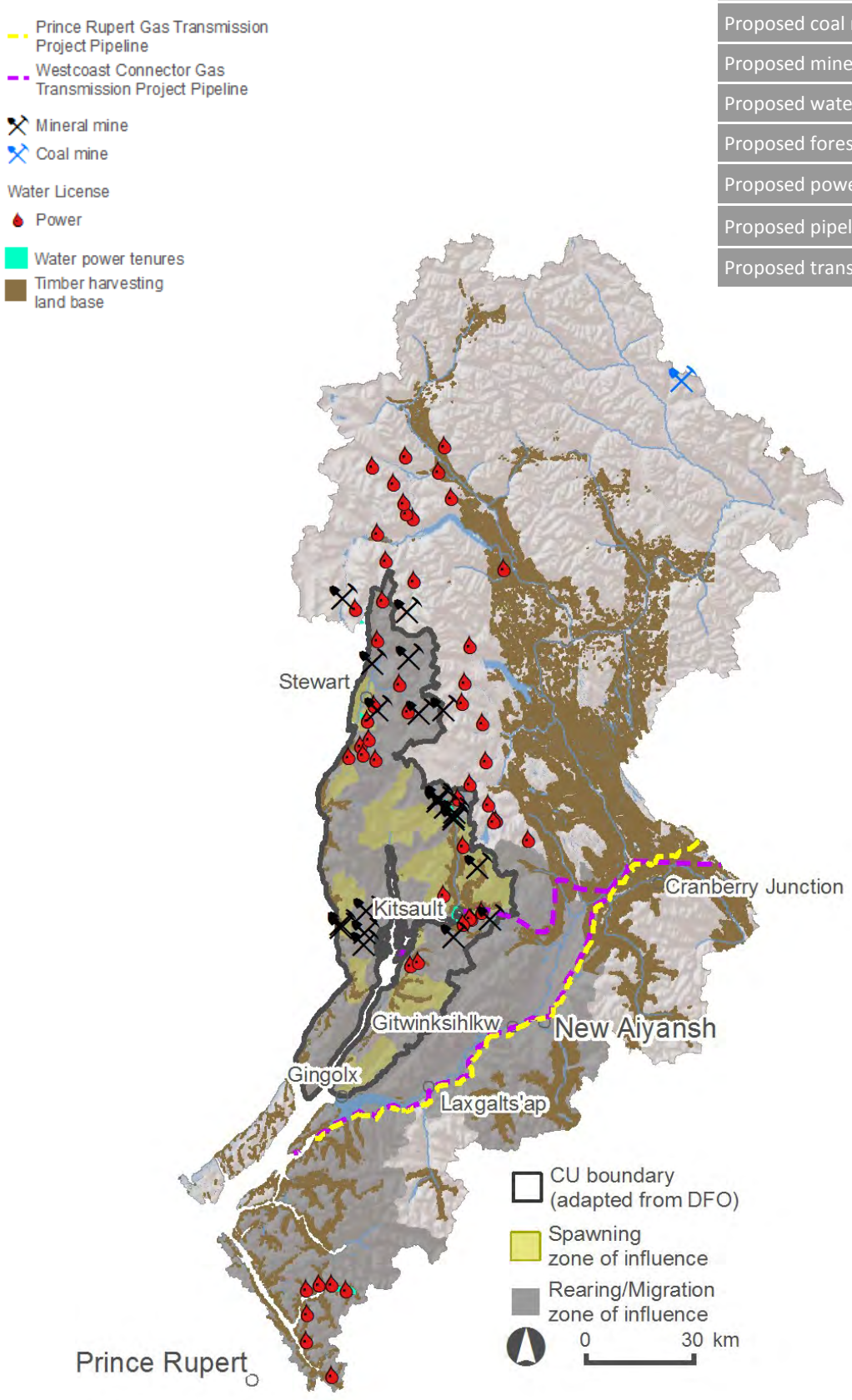
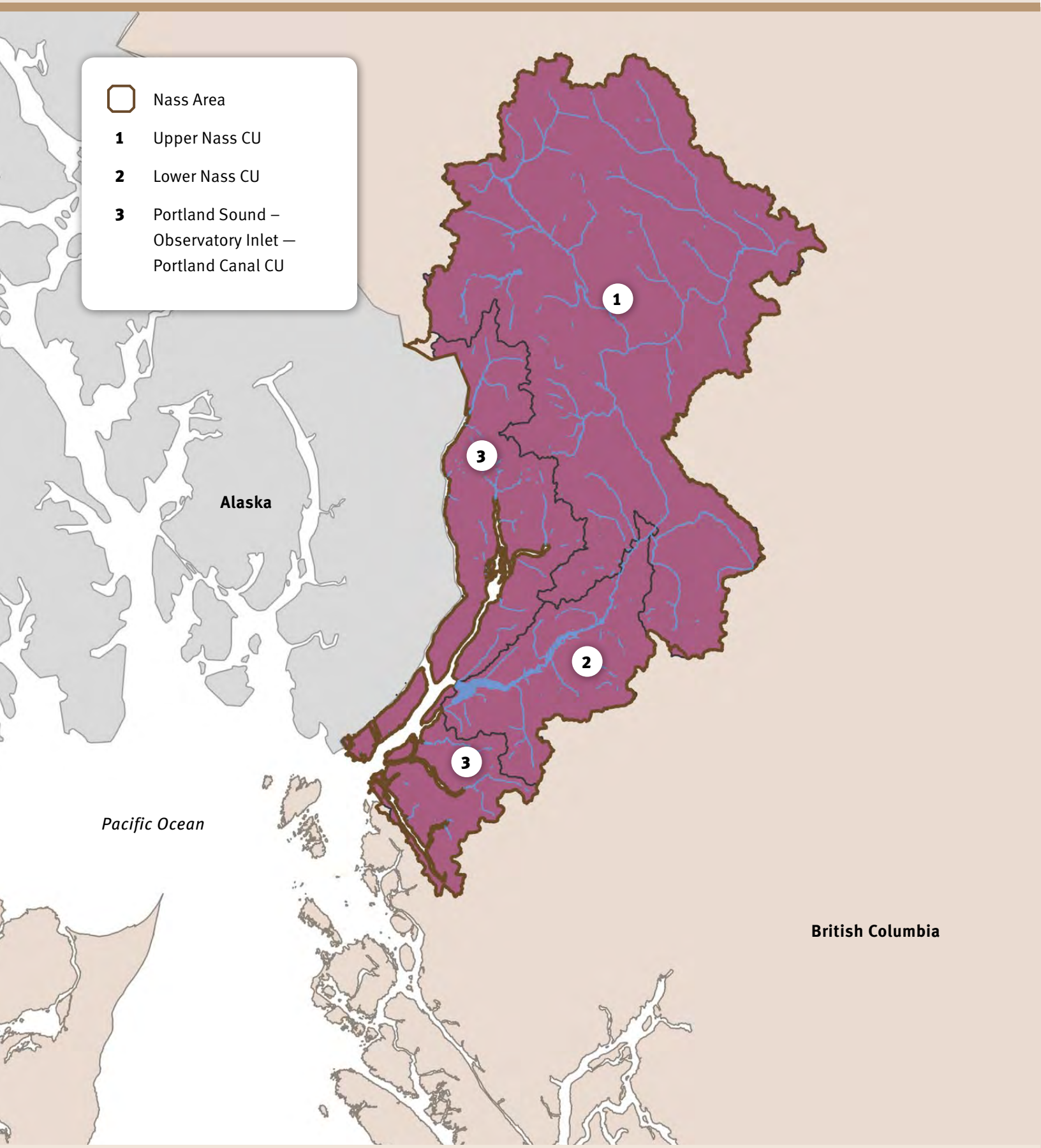


Coho

Coho: Map of Conservation Units (CUs)



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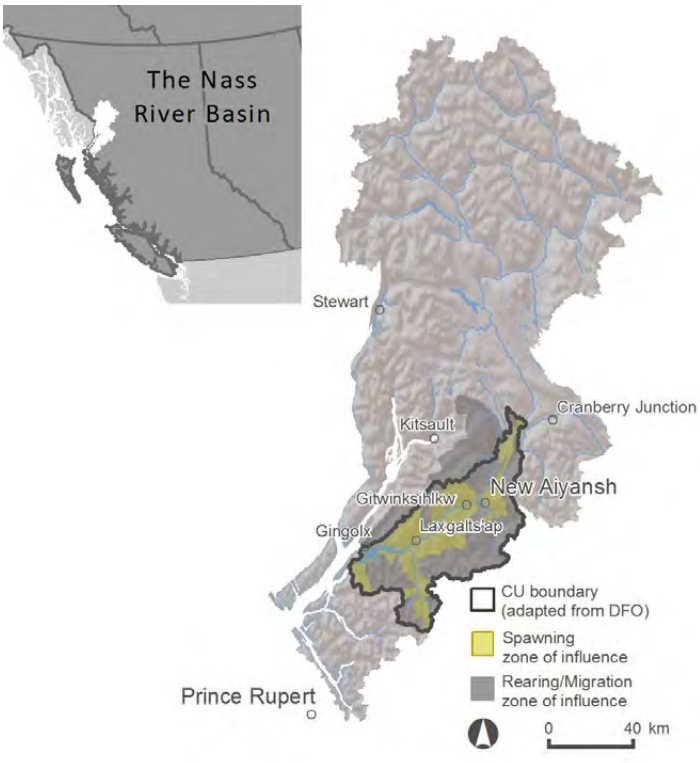

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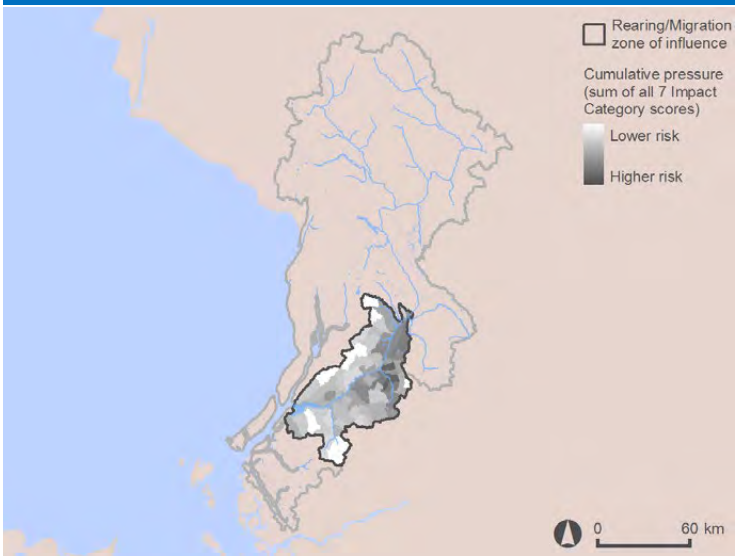

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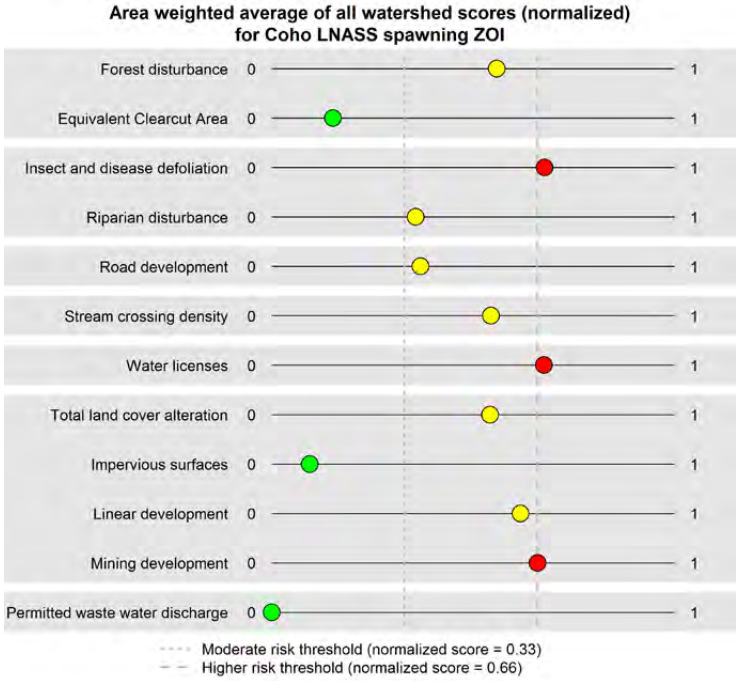

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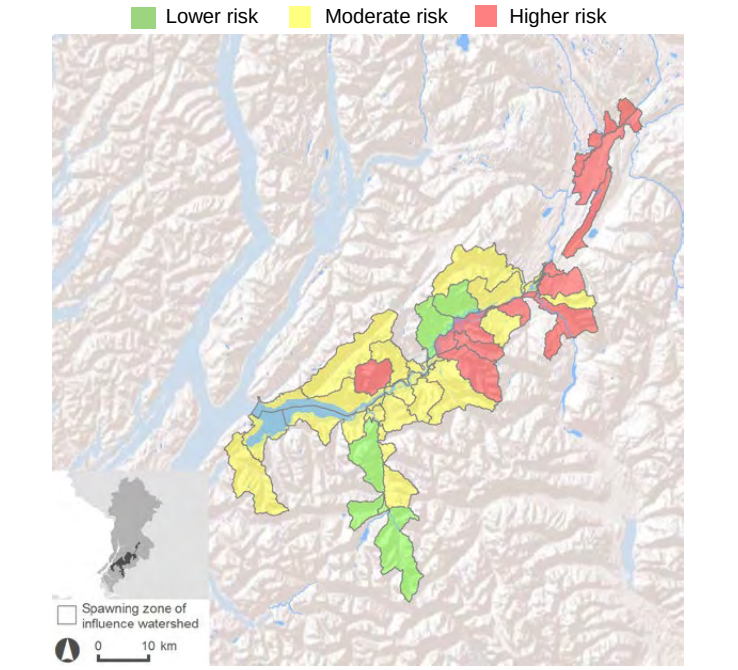

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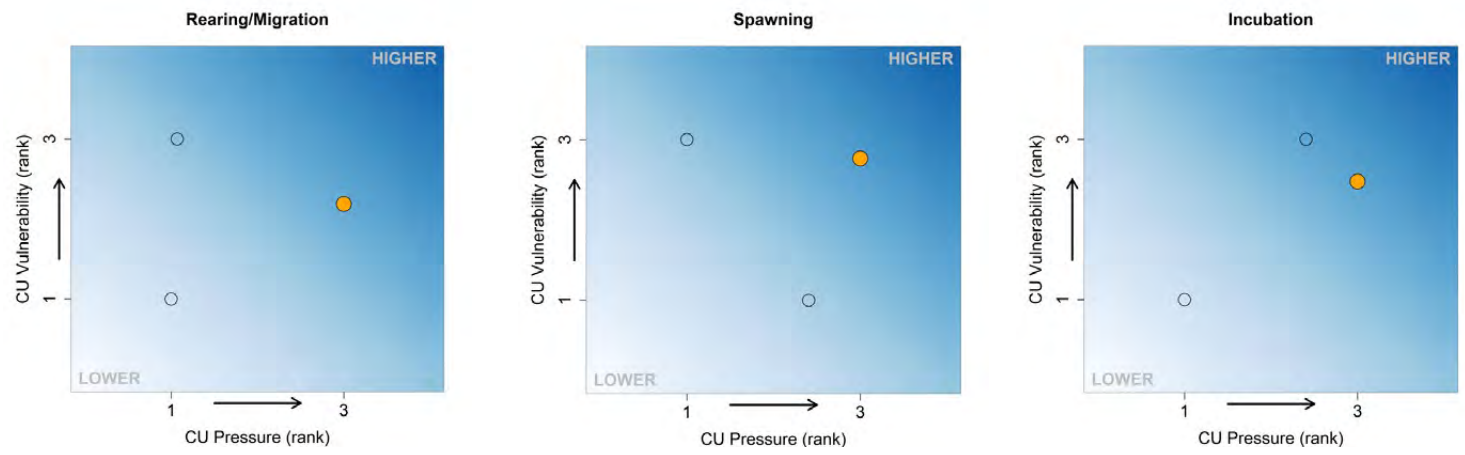

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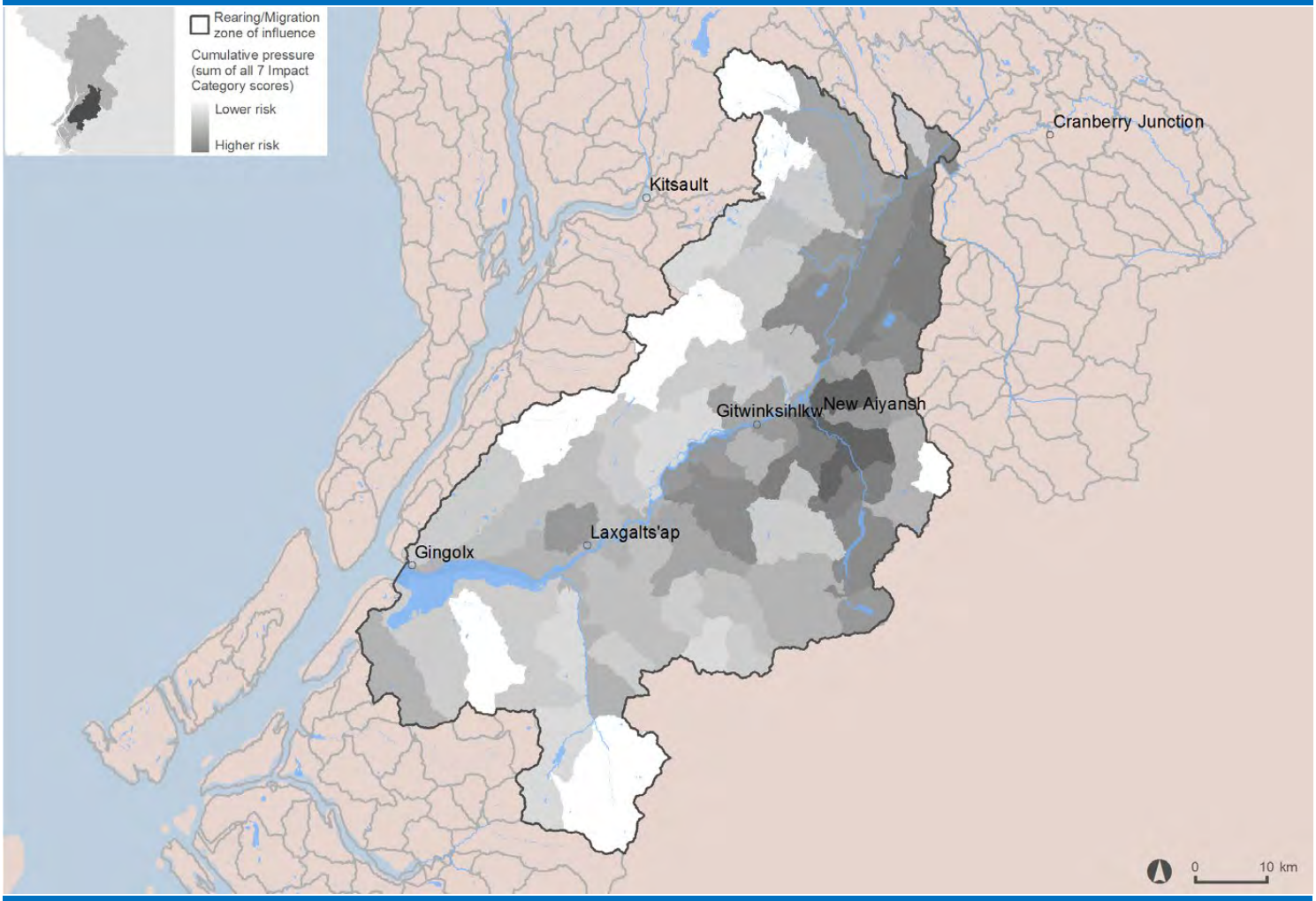

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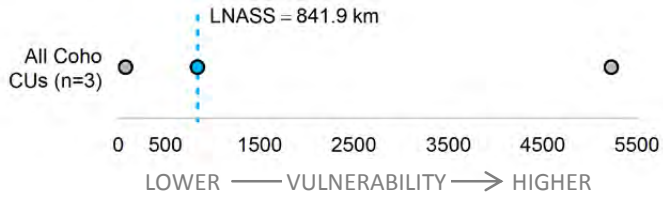

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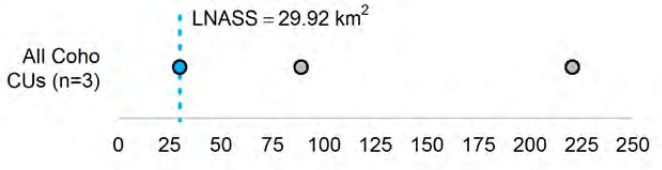

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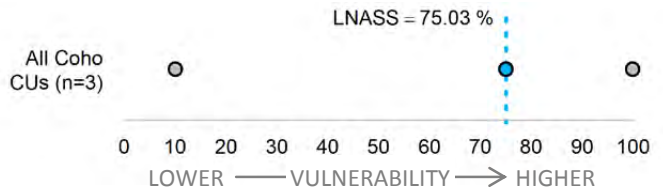

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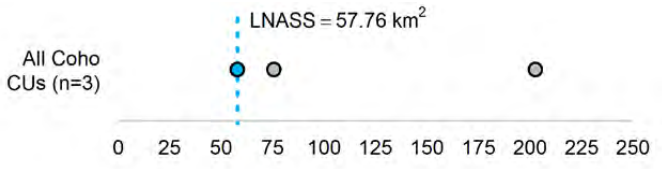

Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

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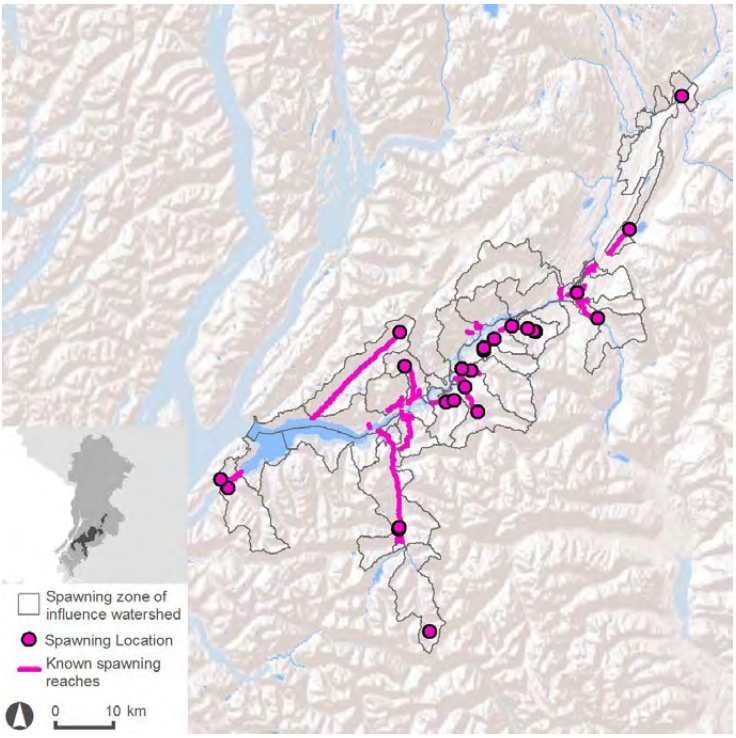

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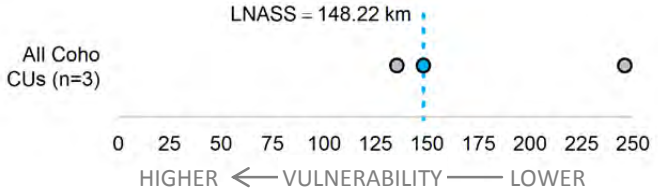

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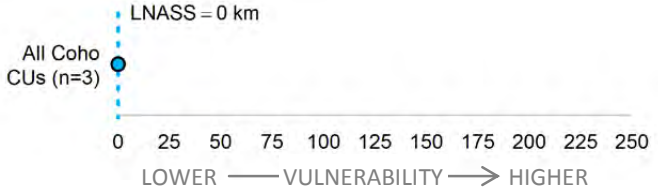

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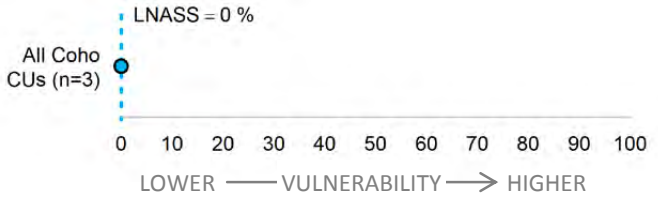

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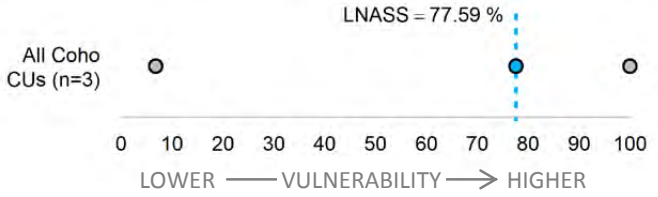

Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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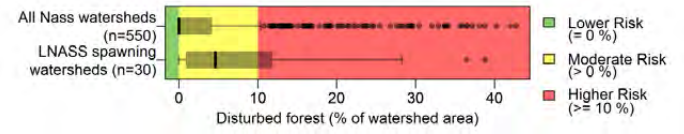

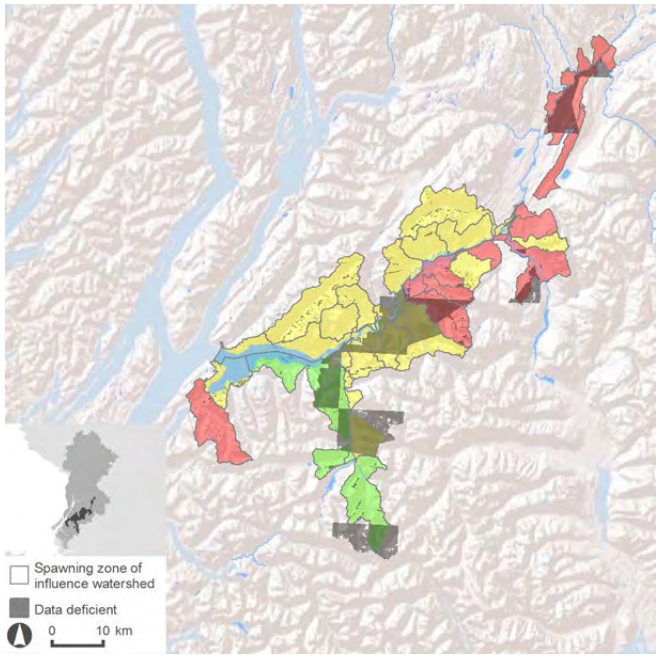

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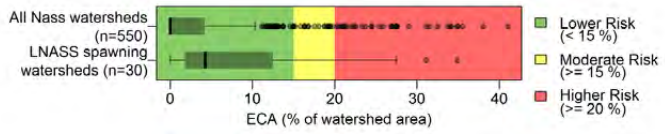

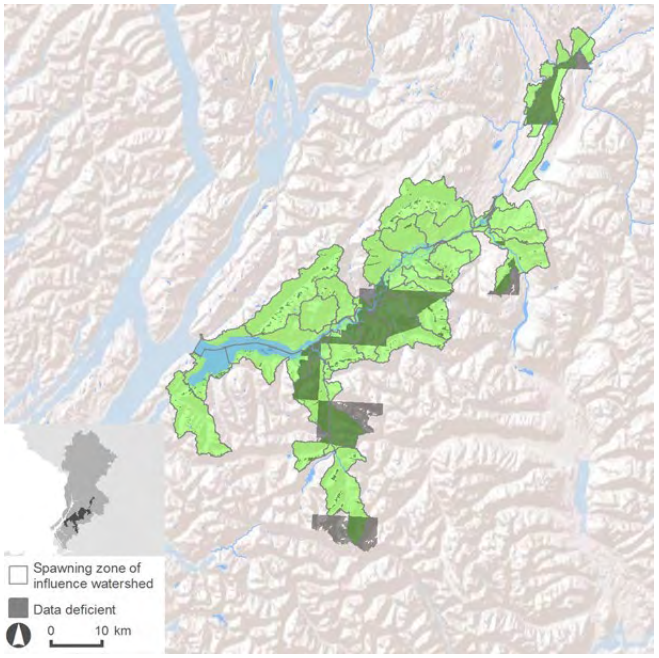

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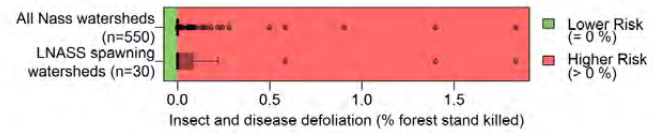

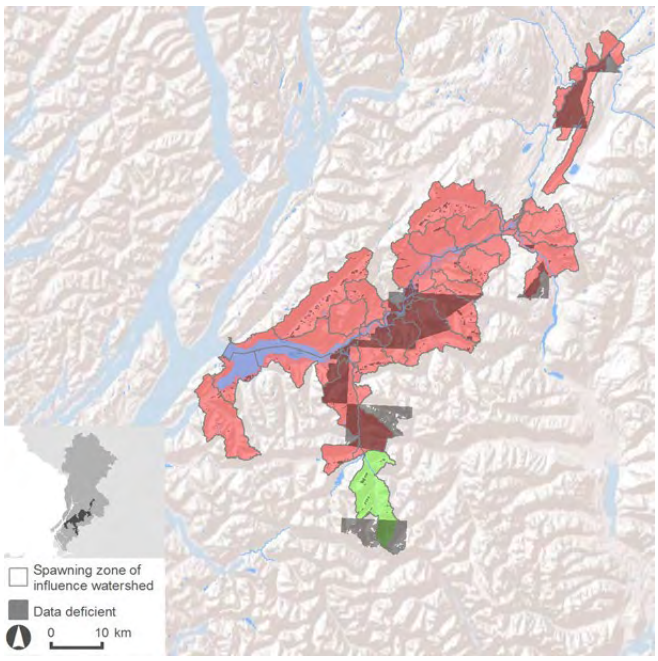

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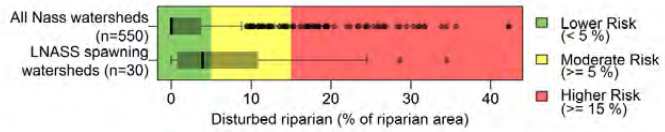

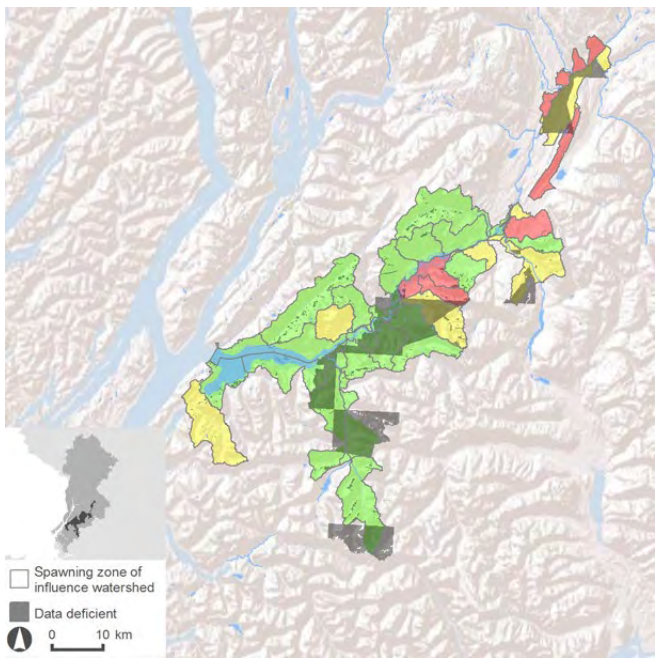

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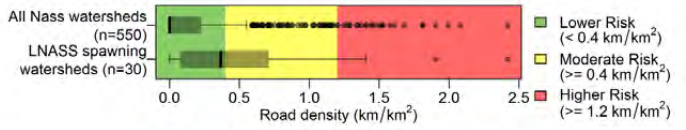

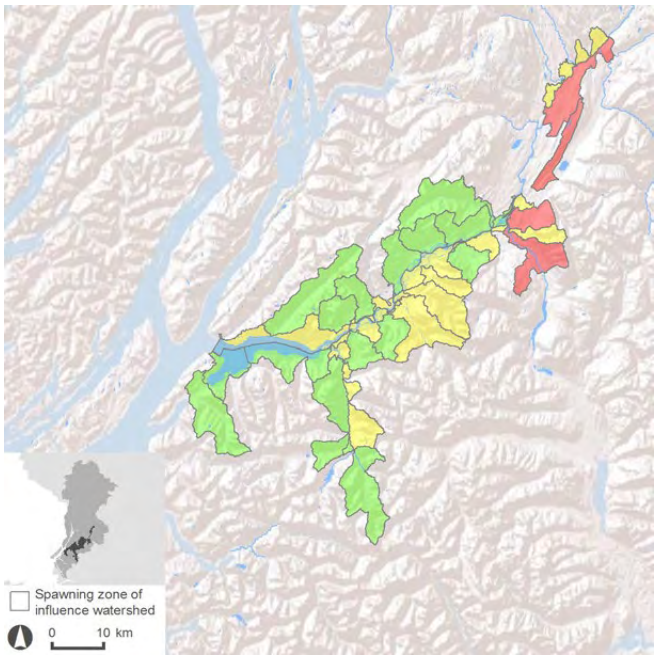

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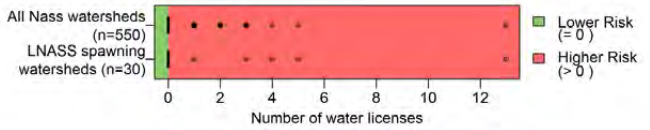

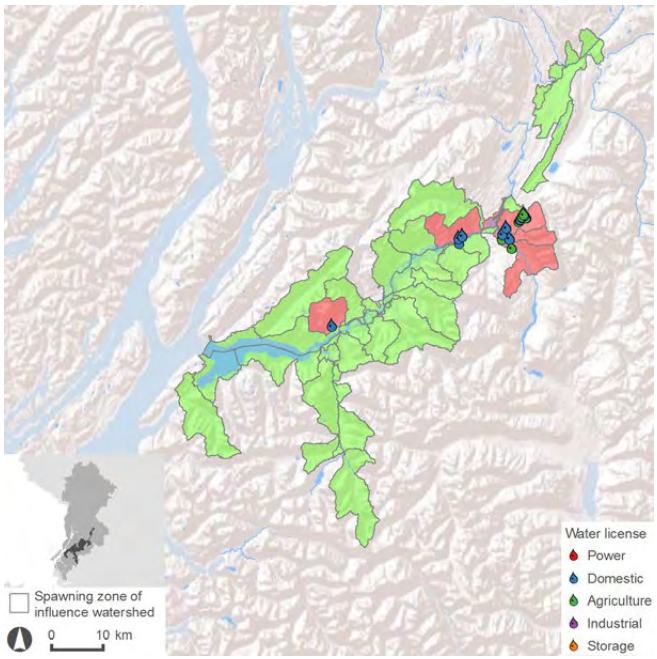

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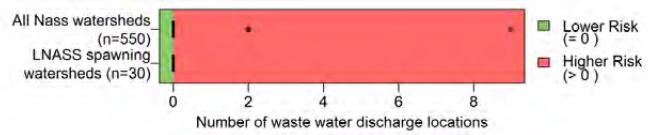

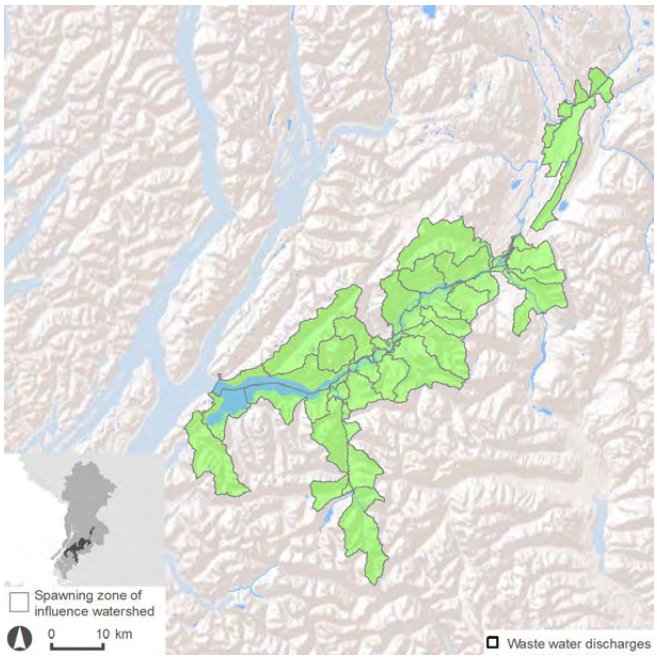

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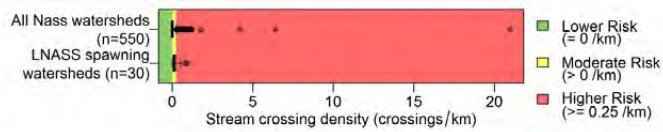

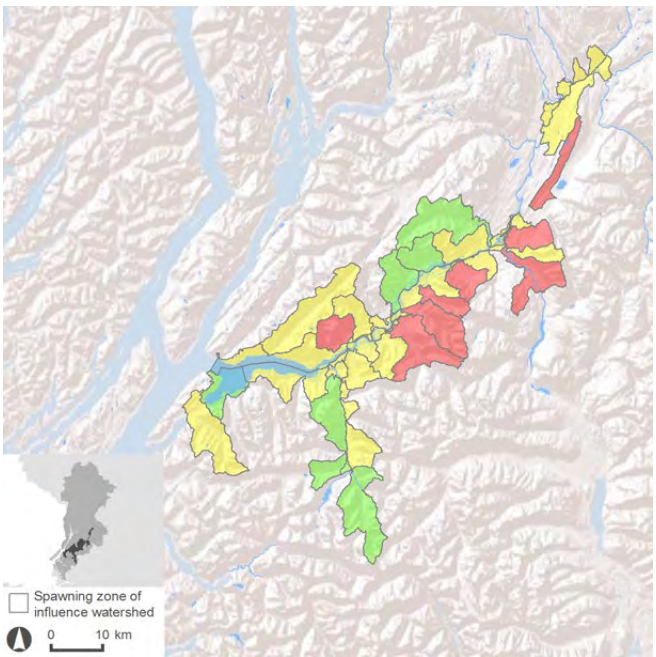

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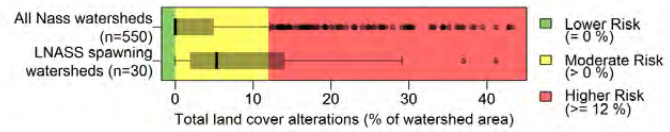

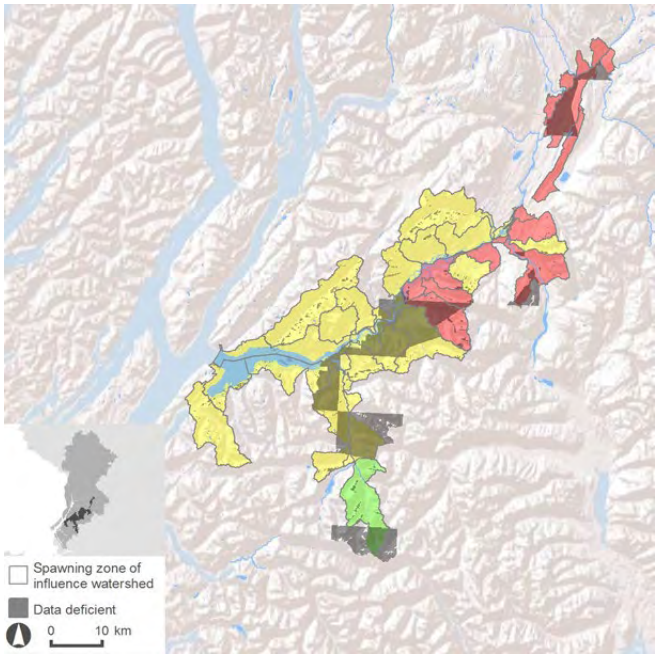

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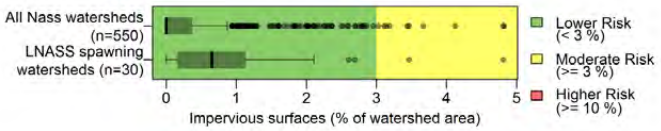

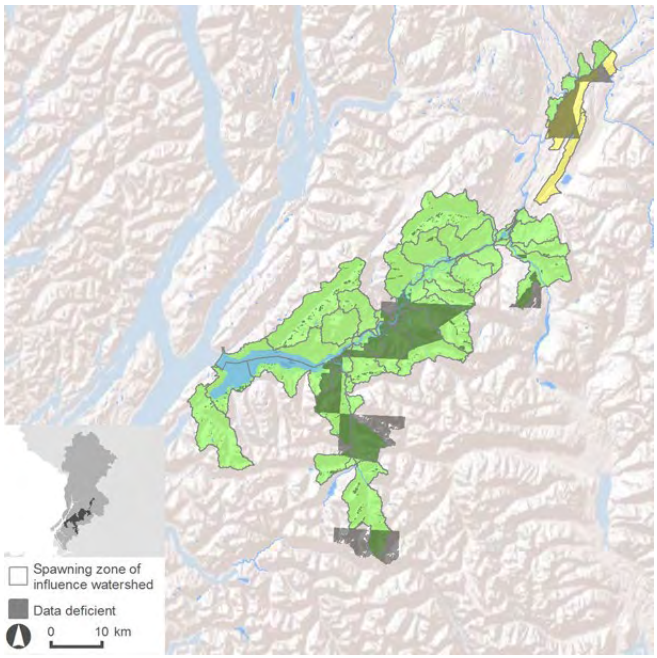

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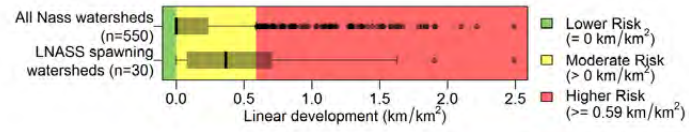

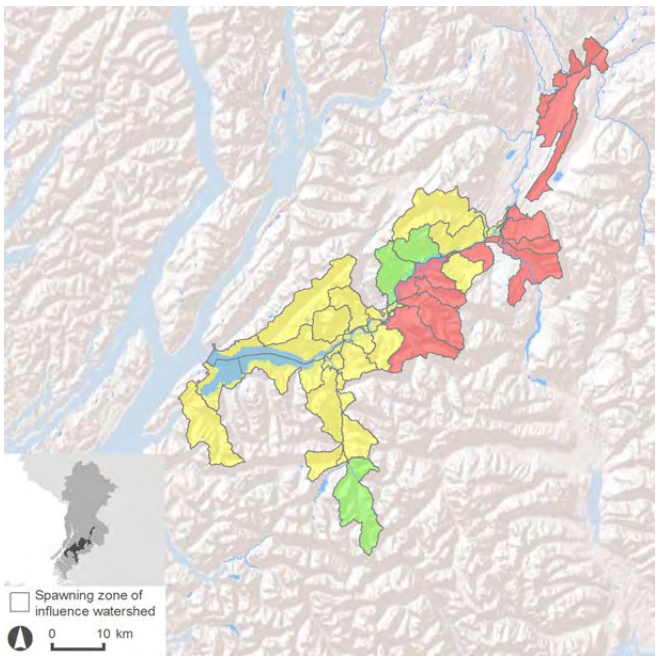

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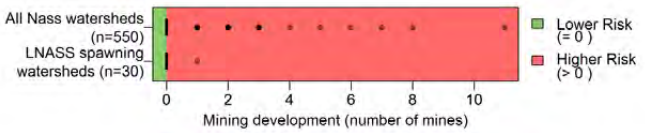

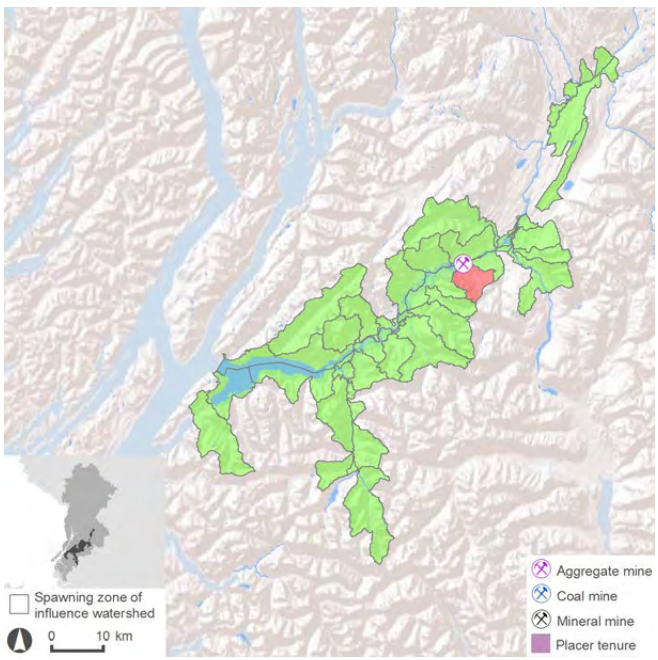

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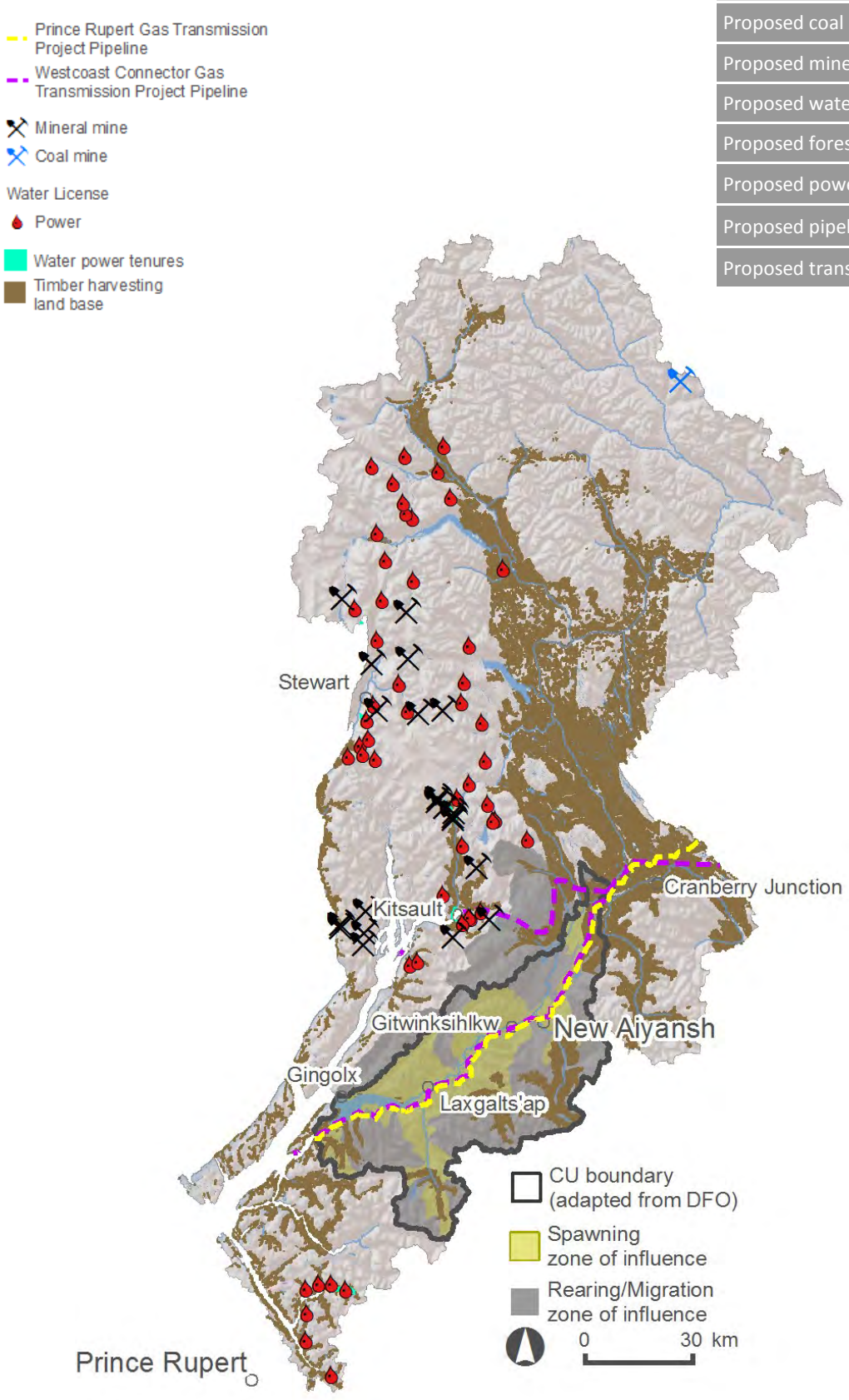

Coho: Upper Nass

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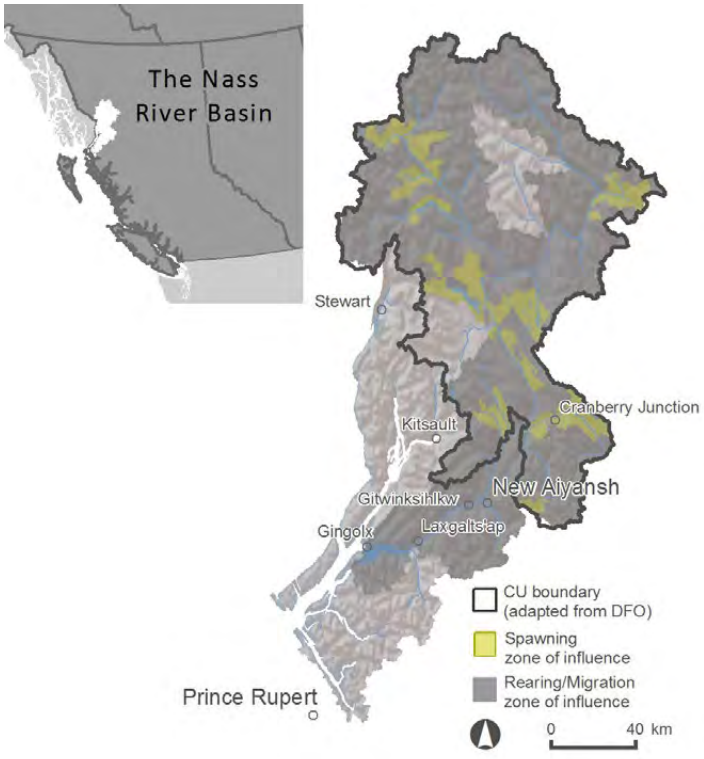

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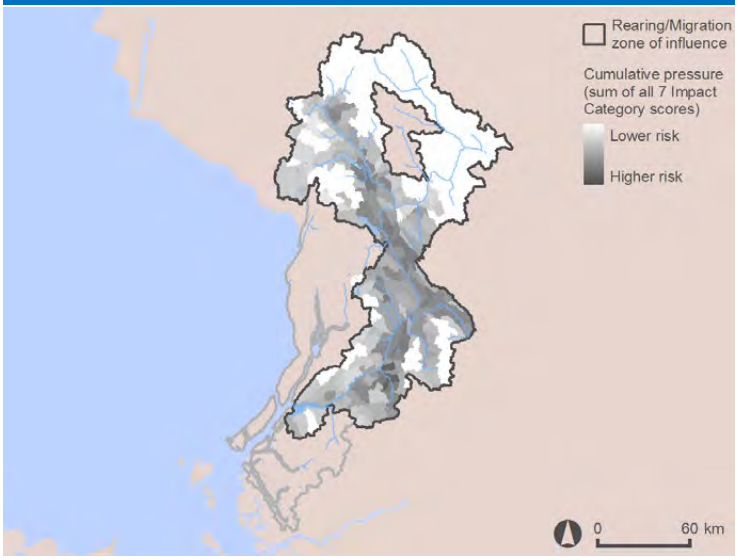

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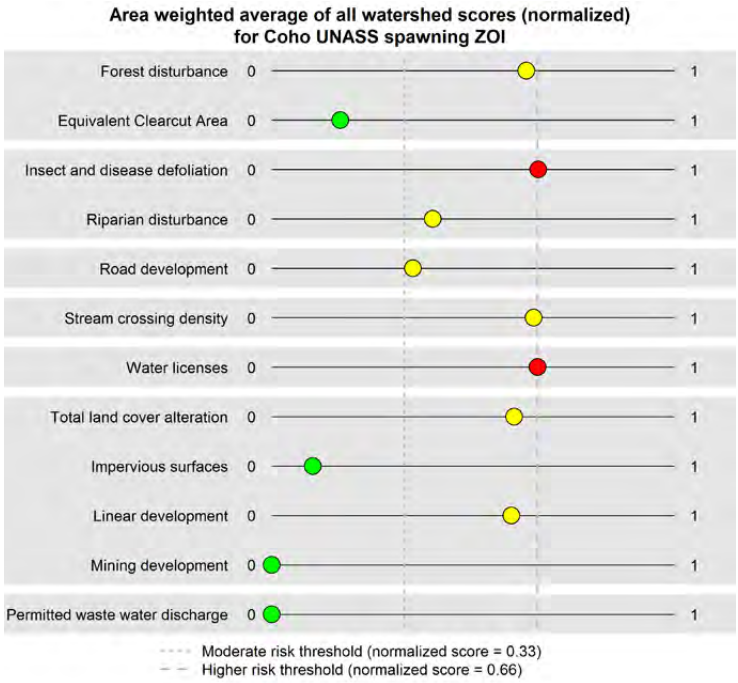

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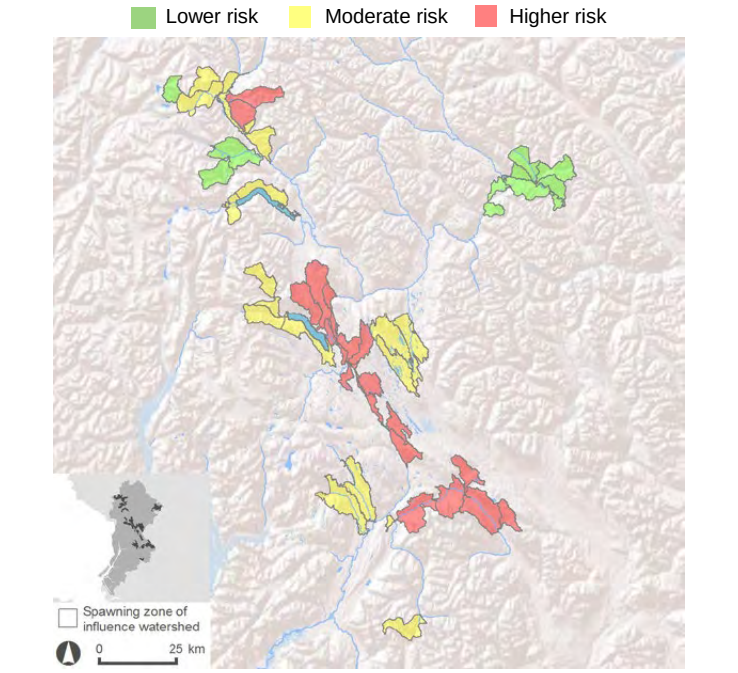

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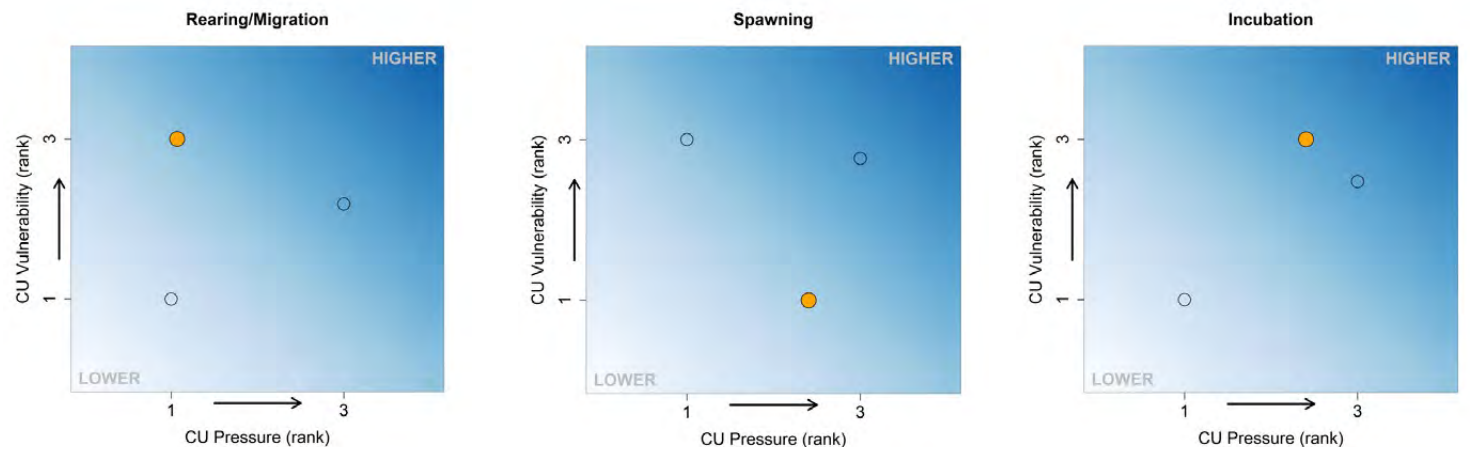

Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

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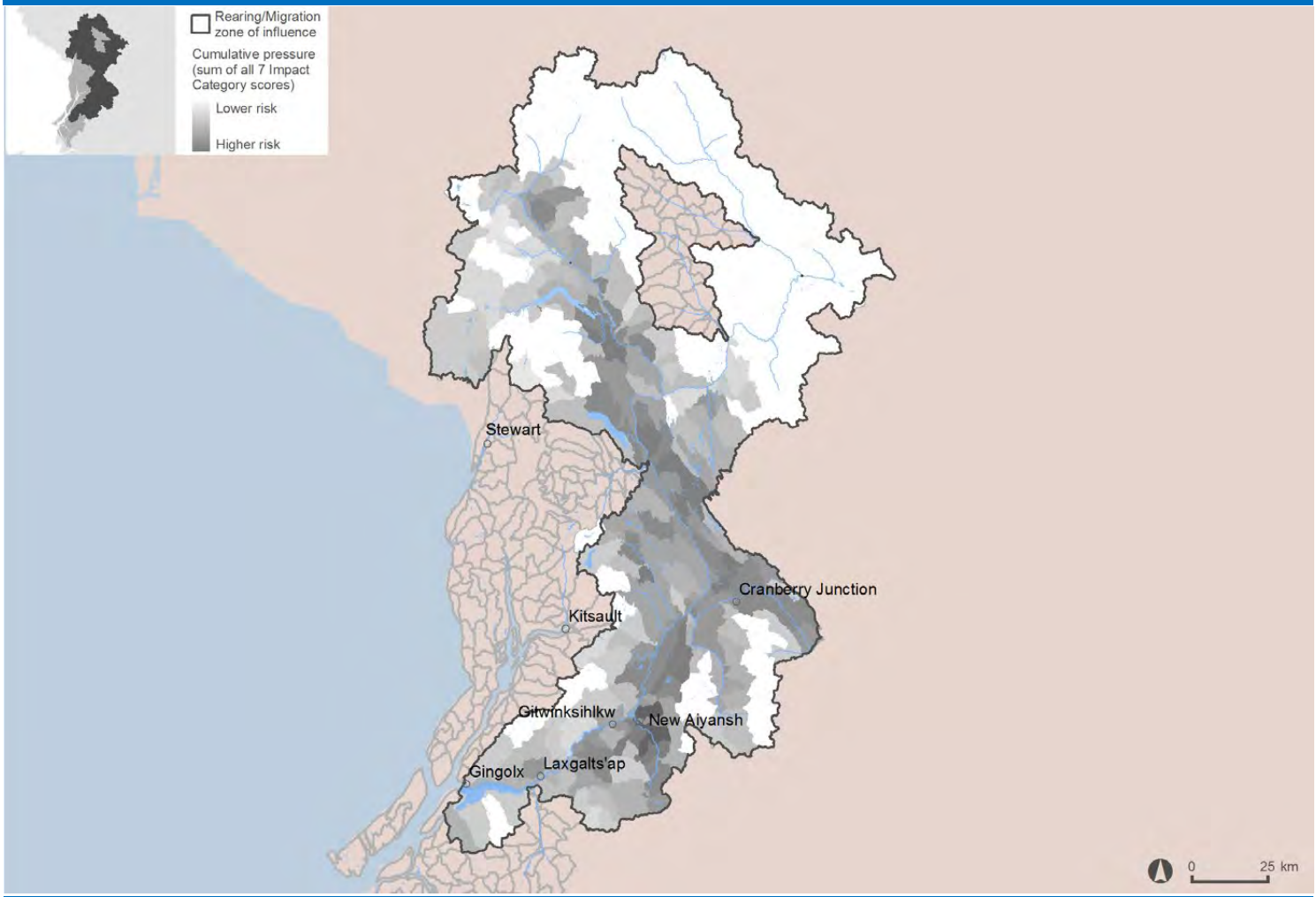

Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

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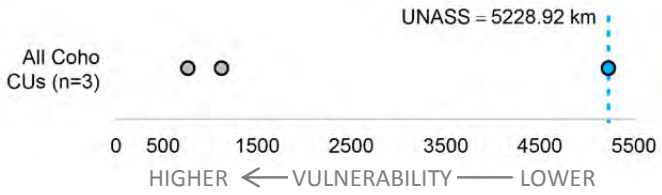

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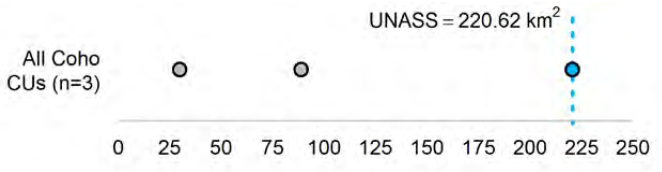

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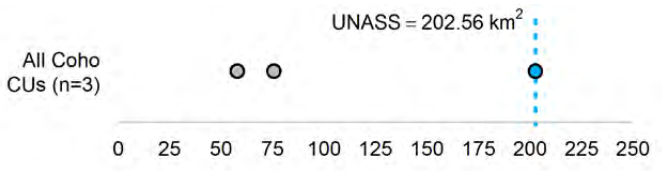
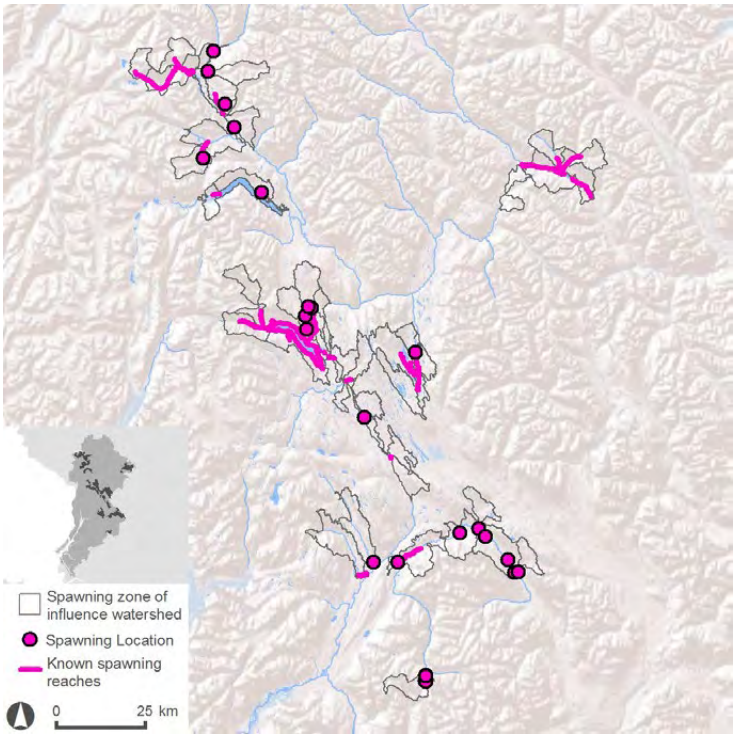


Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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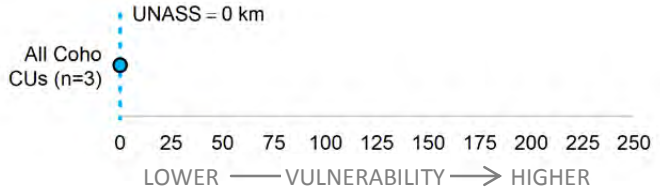

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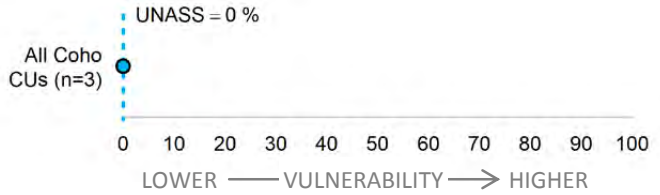

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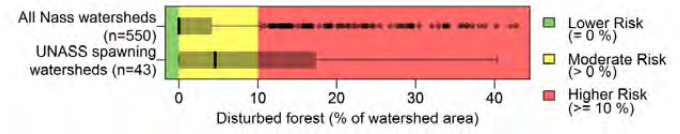
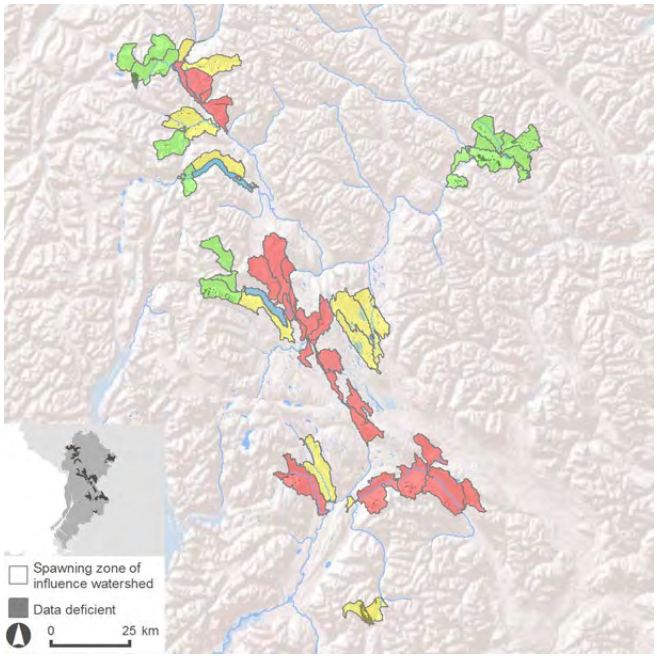
Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance





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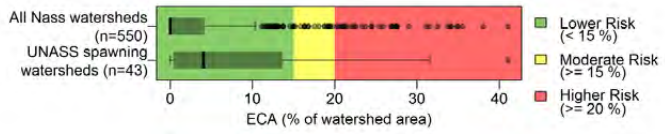

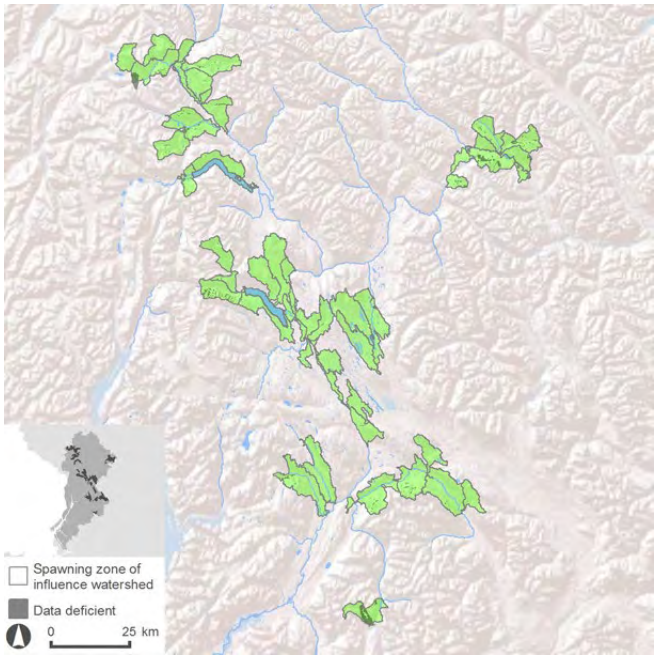

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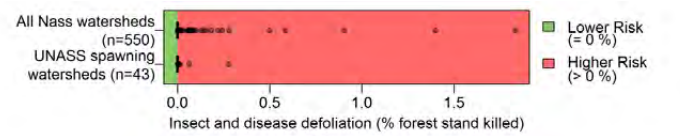

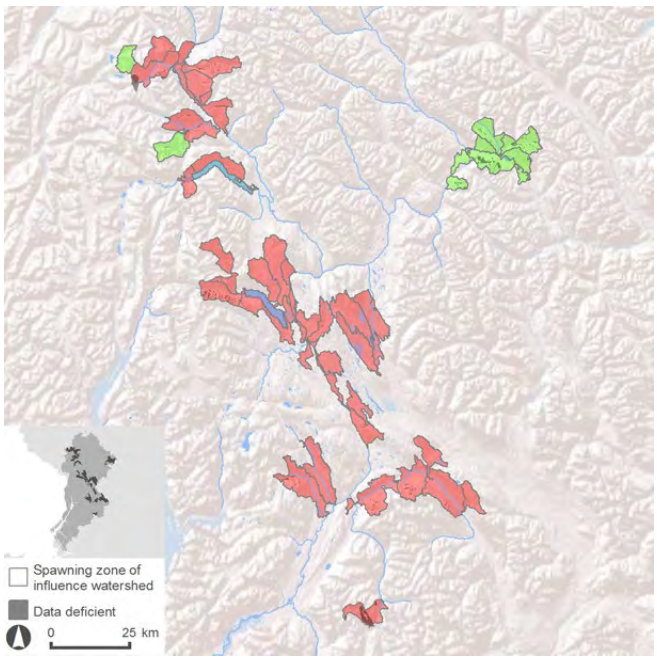

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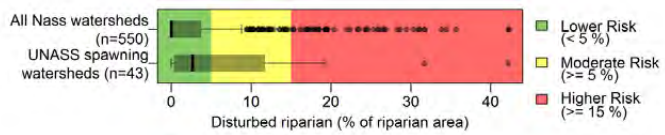

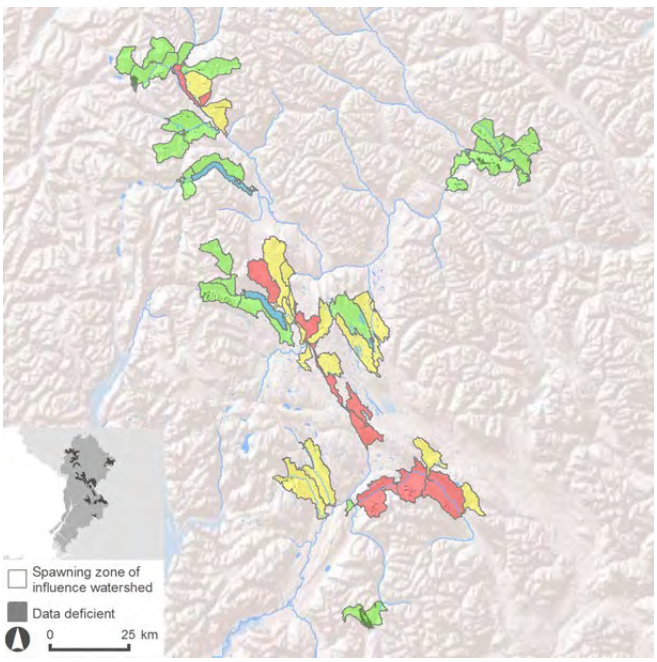

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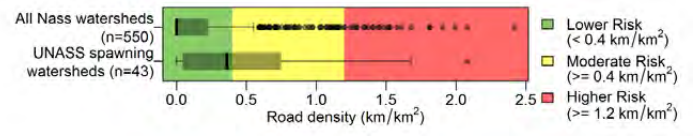

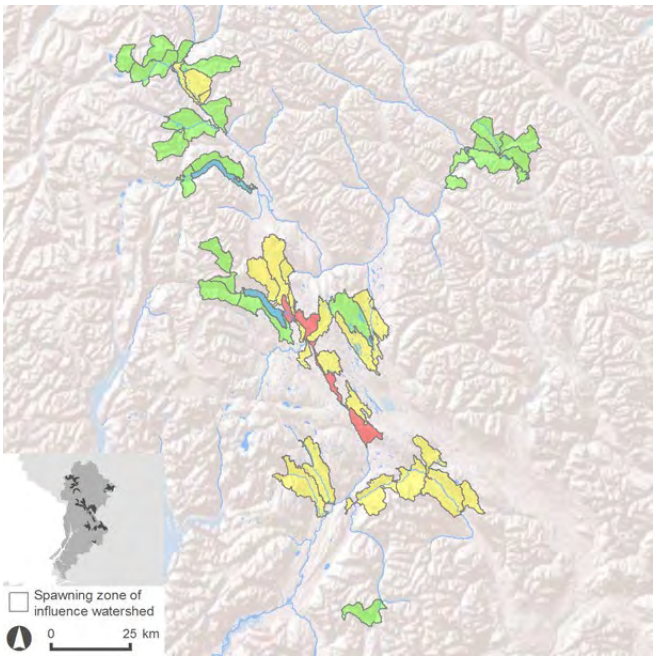

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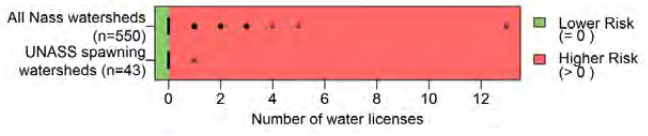

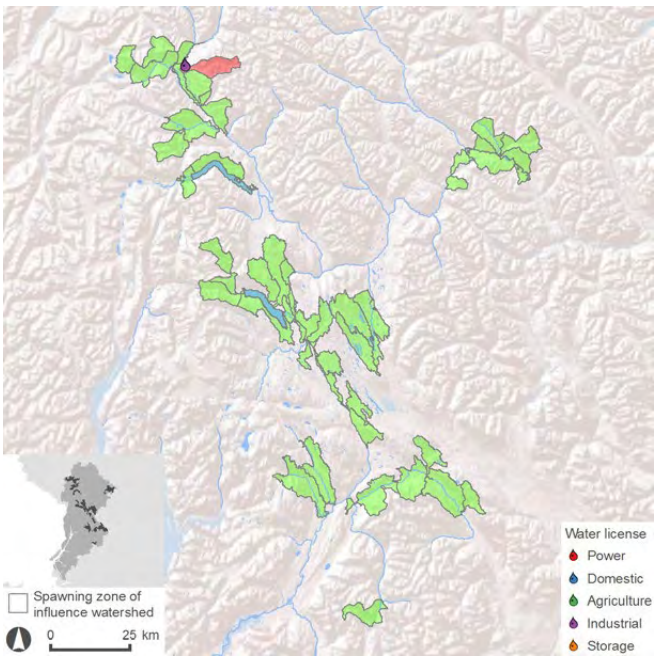

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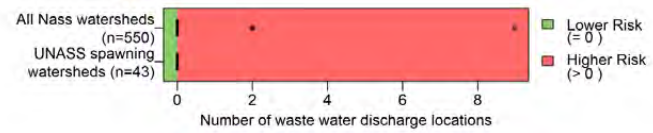

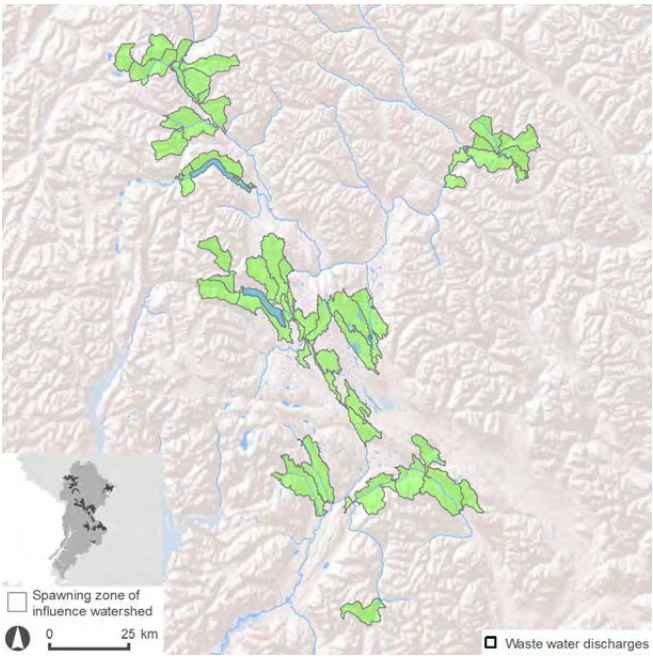

Fish Passage/Habitat Connectivity

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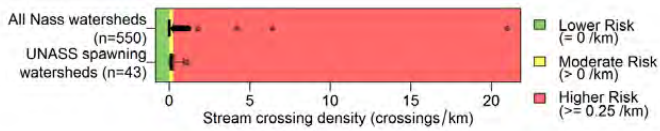

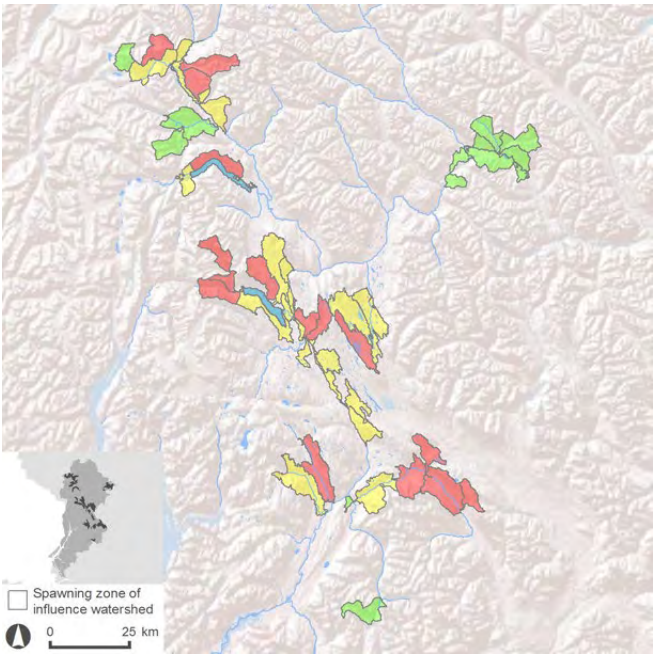

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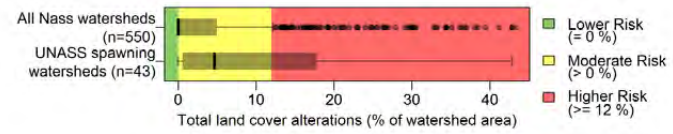

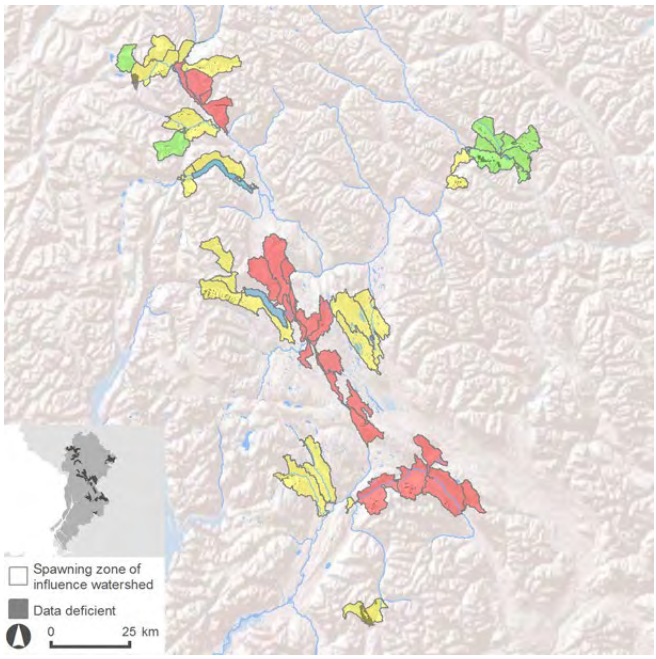

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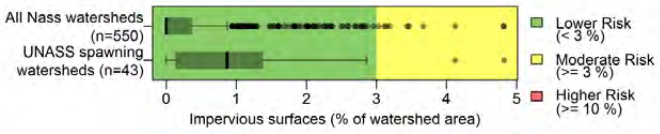

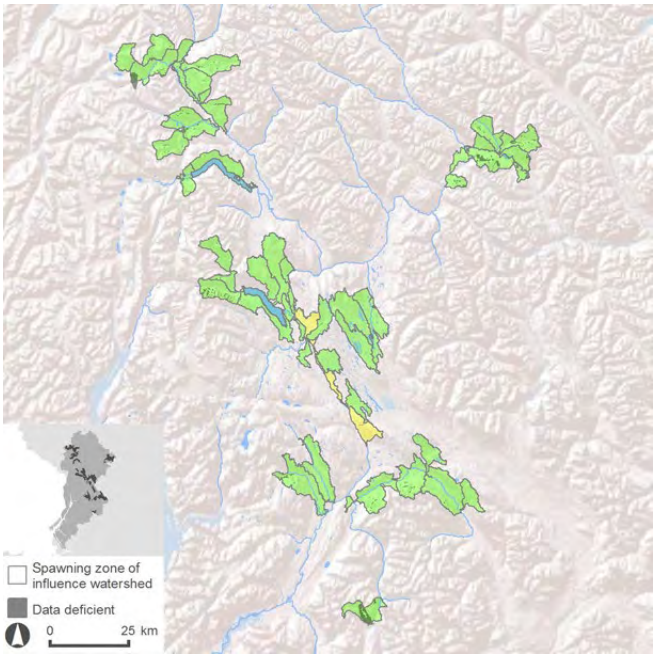

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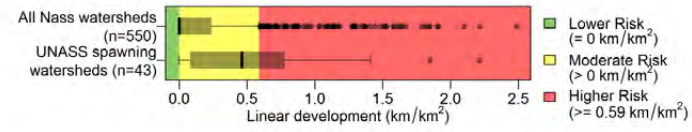
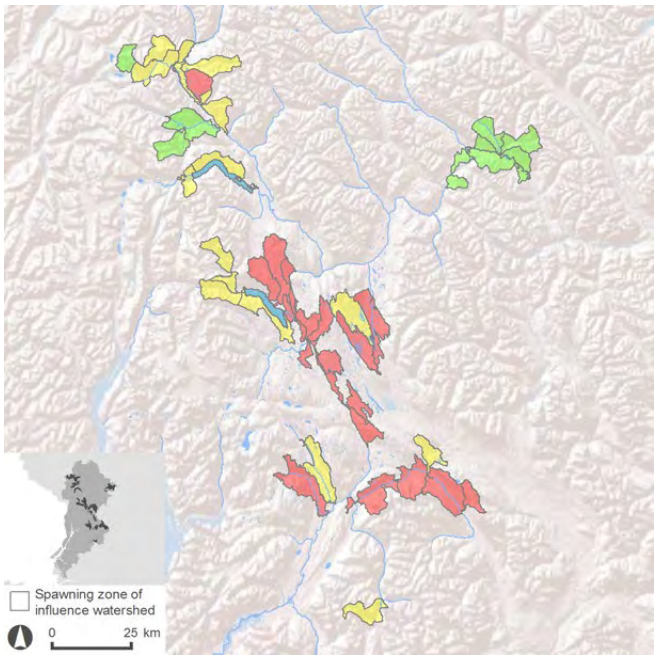
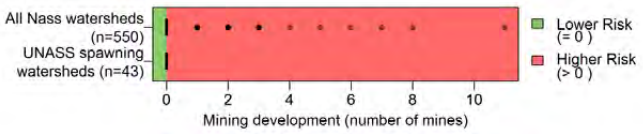
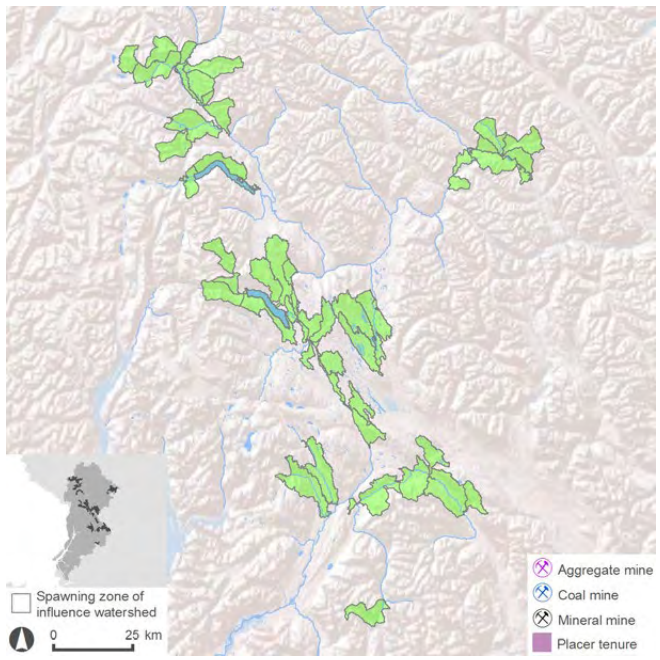




Mining development (total number of mines)

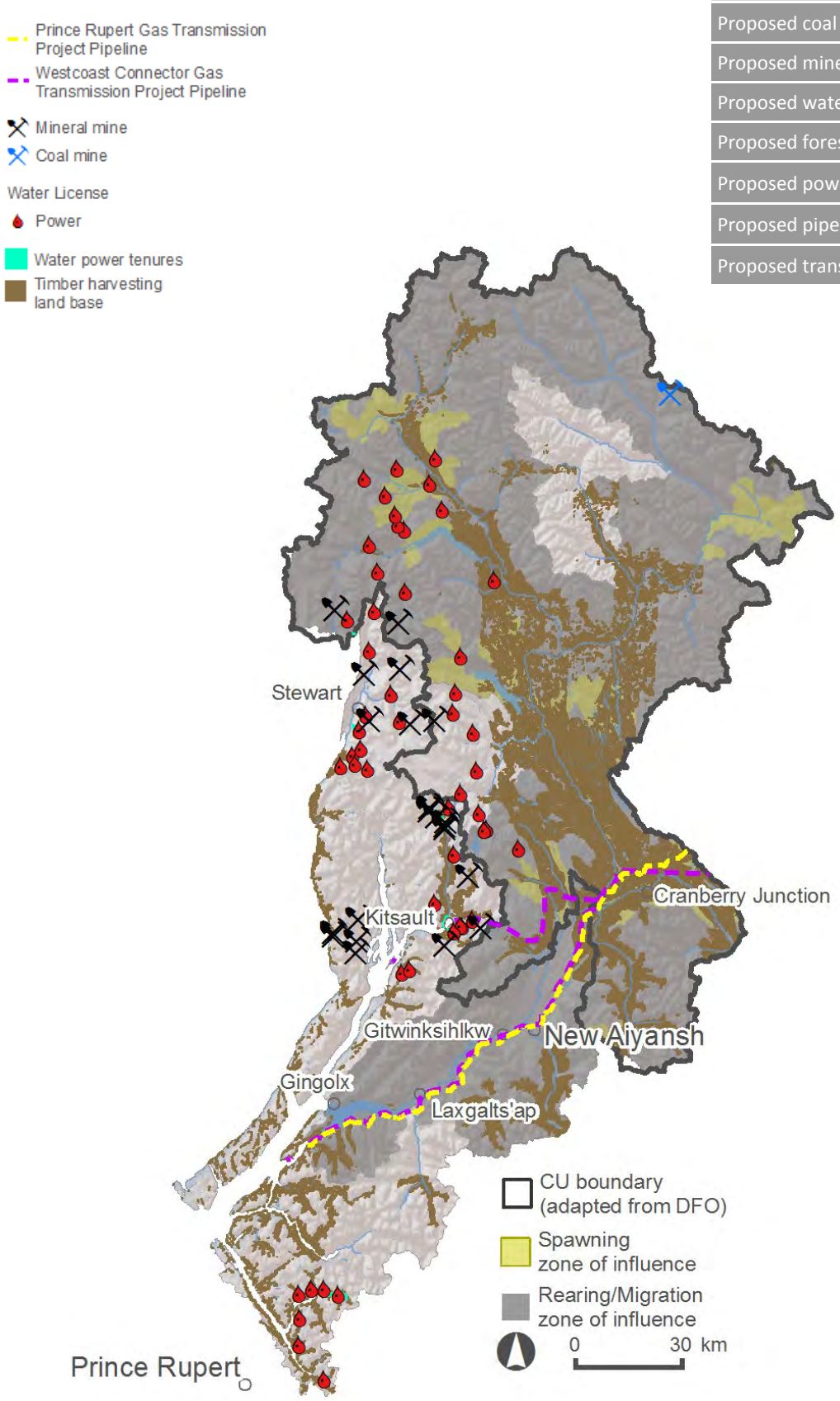




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Coho: Portland Sound — Observatory Inlet — Portland Canal

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are three coho salmon CUs in the Nass Area: 1) Upper Nass (UNASS), 2) Lower Nass (LNASS), and 3) Portland Sound-Observatory Inlet-Lower Nass (PORT). There are approximately 100 discrete spawning populations in all three CUs combined.
- Nass Area coho salmon return to their natal stream to spawn between three and four years of age, with most fish maturing at four years of age having spent between one and three years of their life in freshwater.
- Adult returns of Nass Area coho salmon have been relatively healthy for the past several decades.

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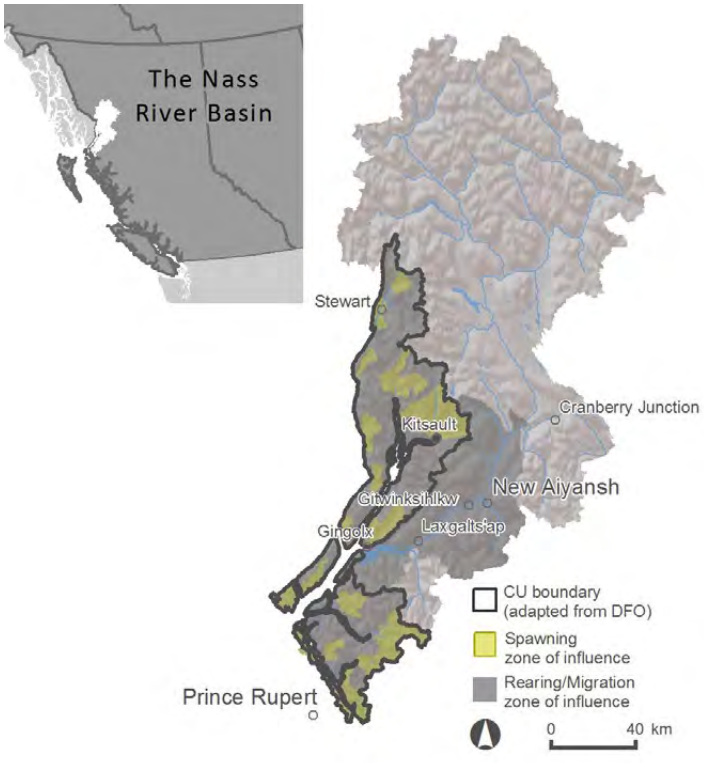


Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

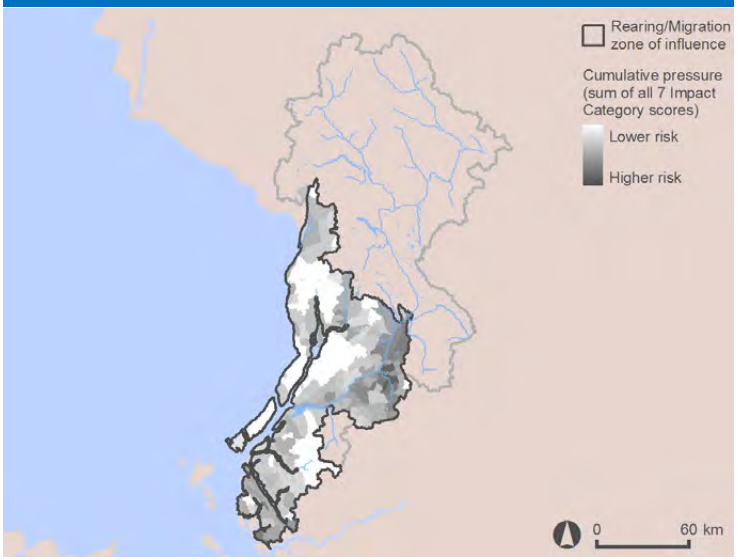
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

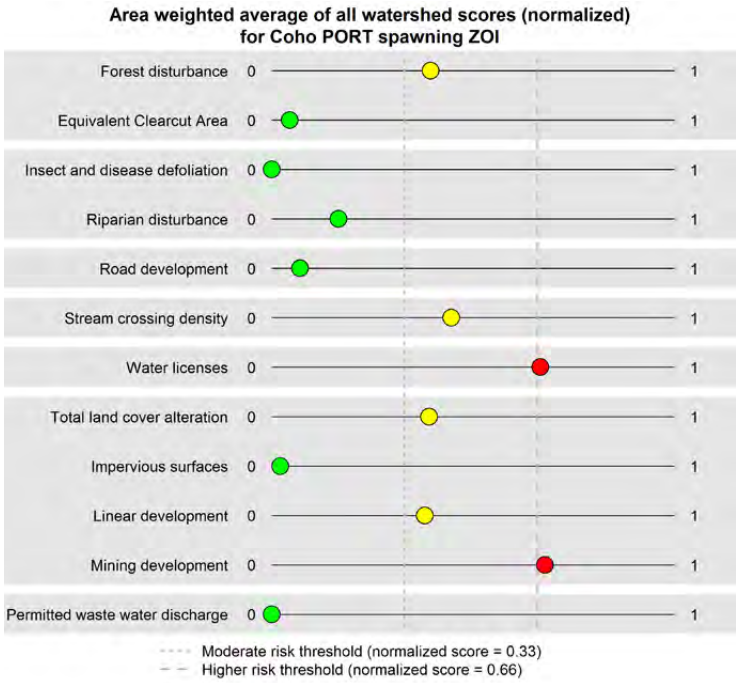
Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each CU:

- Rearing/Migration ZOI: Accessible stream length; Length and percentage of accessible streams considered flow sensitive - all seasons
- Spawning ZOI: Total spawning length; Length and percentage of spawning reaches considered flow sensitive (summer period - spawning, winter period - incubation)

Cumulative pressure—rearing/migration



Summary of pressure indicators—spawning



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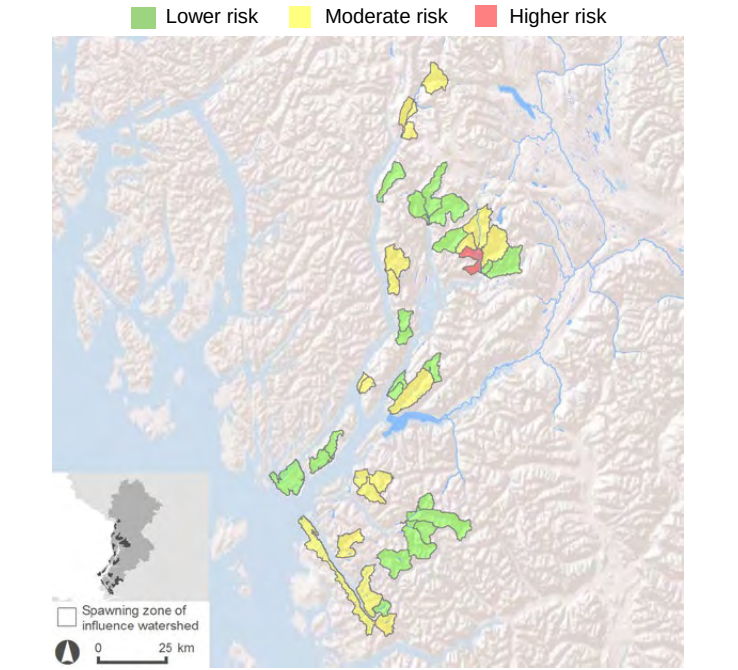
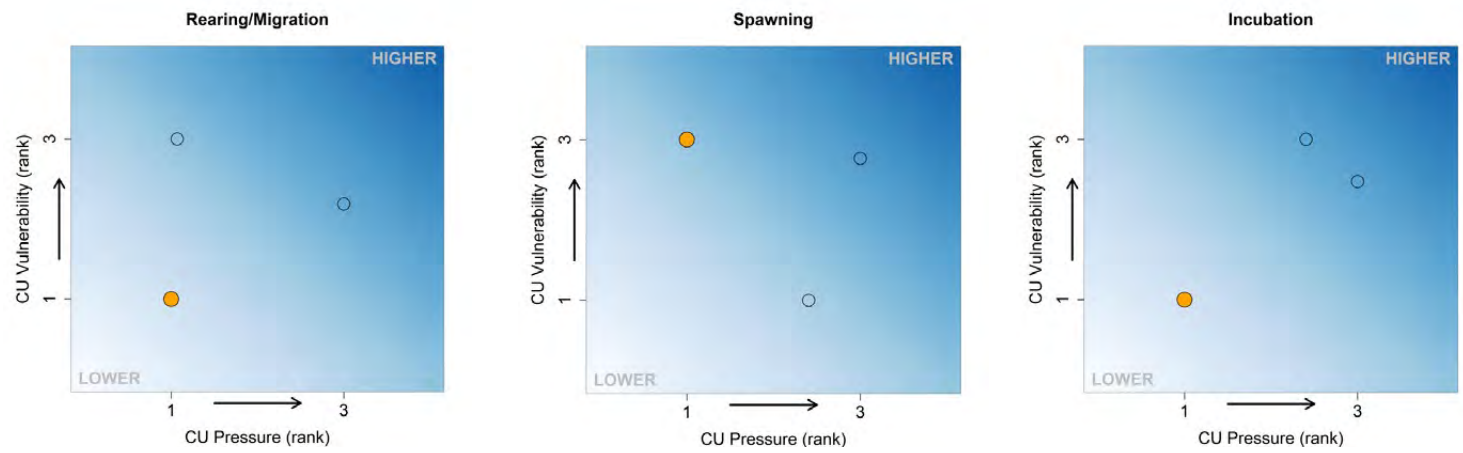


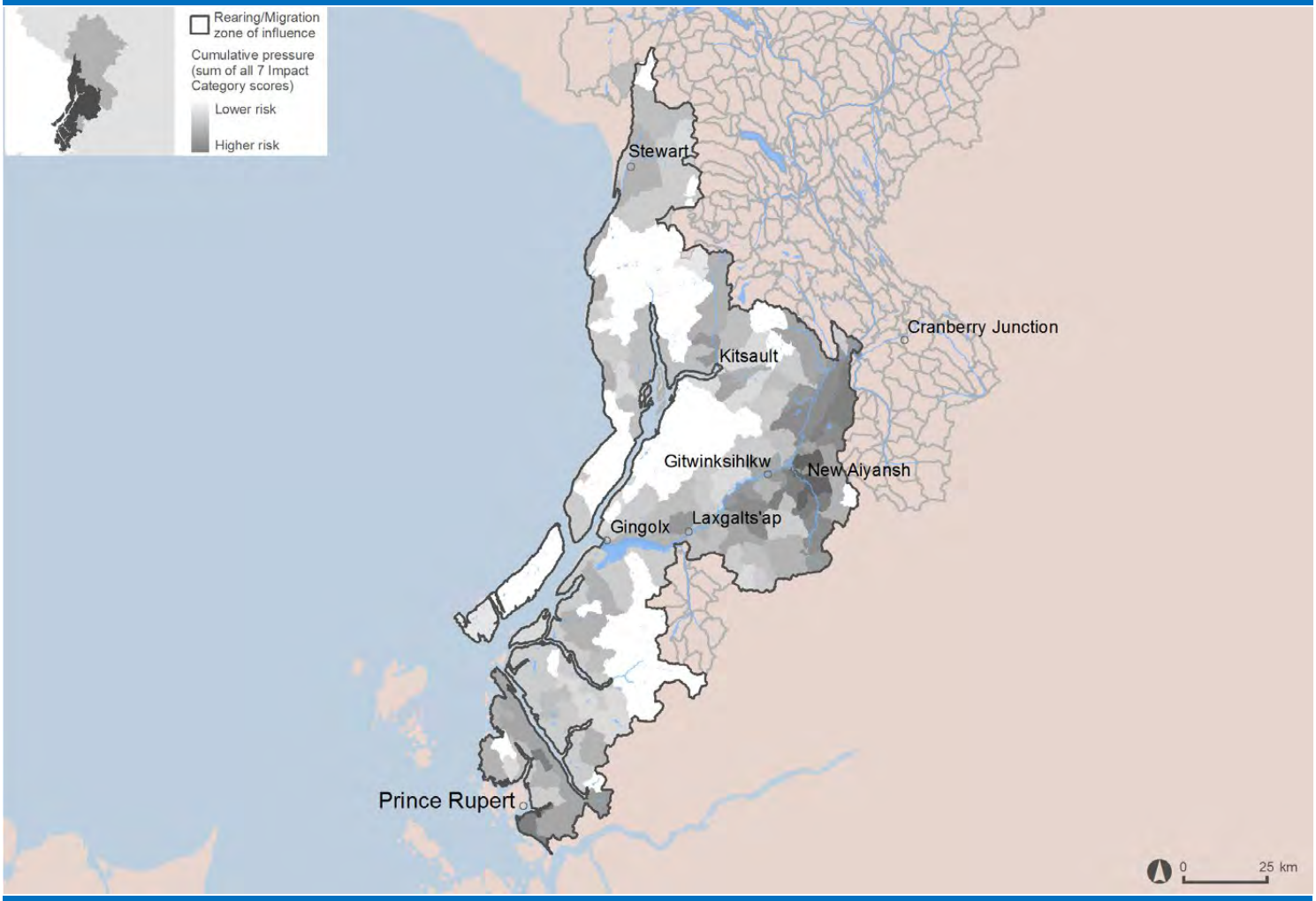
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—rearing/migration, spawning, & incubation

● = Portland Sound-Observatory Inlet-Portland Canal ○ = other Coho CUs



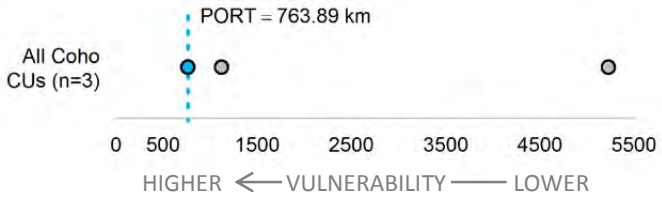
Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures



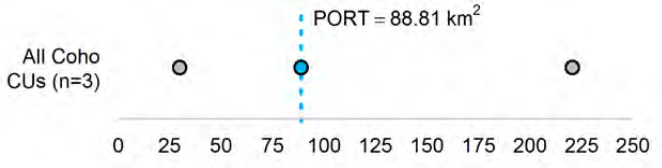
Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

Salmon accessible habitat (km)



Flow sensitive accessible habitat (km) (all seasons)

Lake area (km^2)



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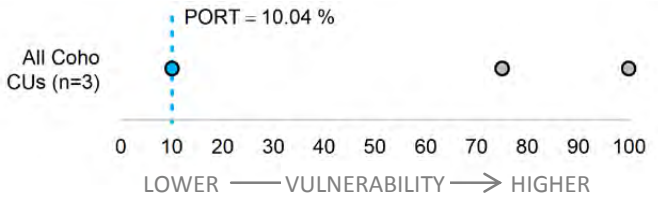

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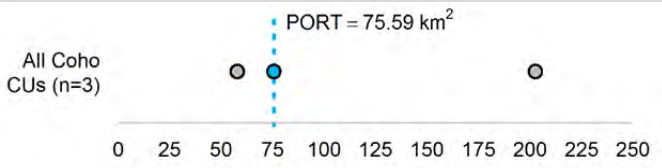
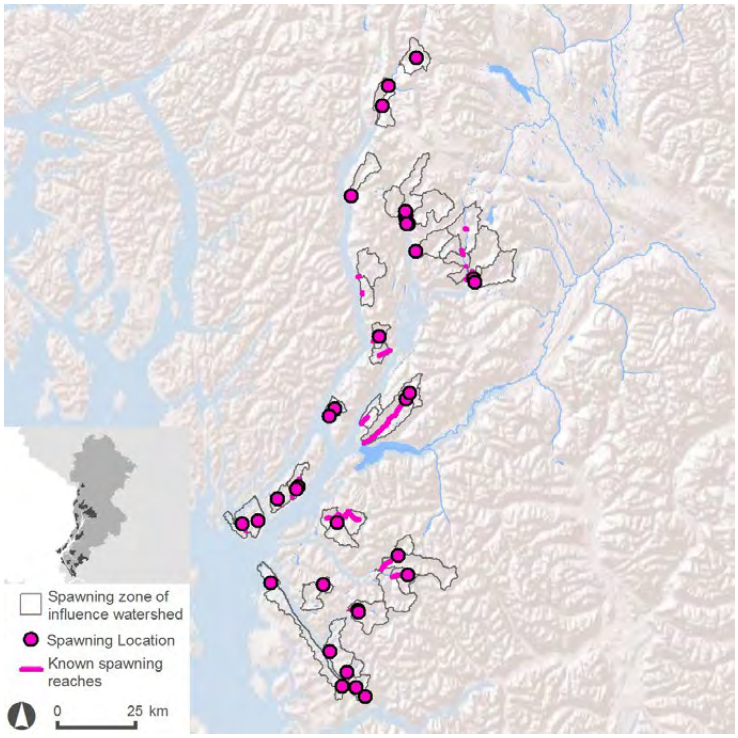


Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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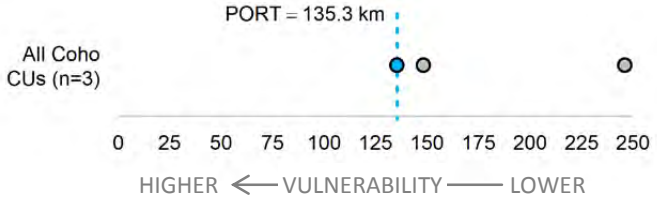

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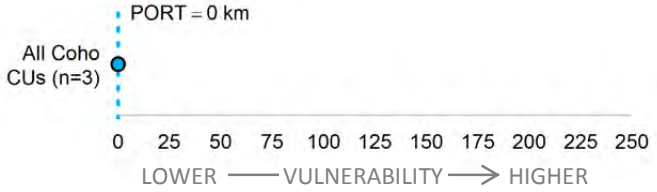

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Incubation period vulnerability

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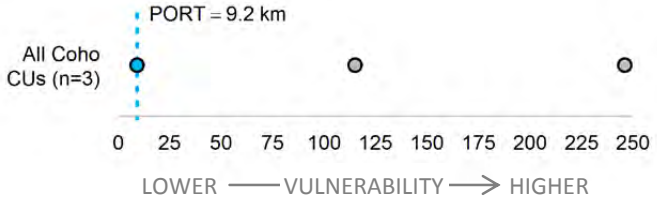

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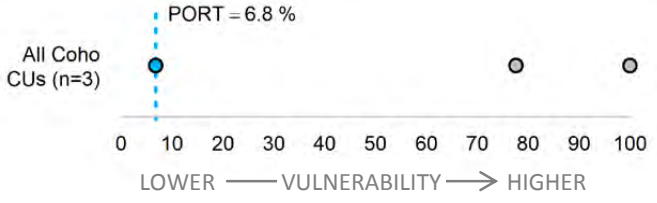

Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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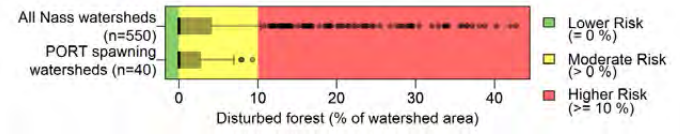

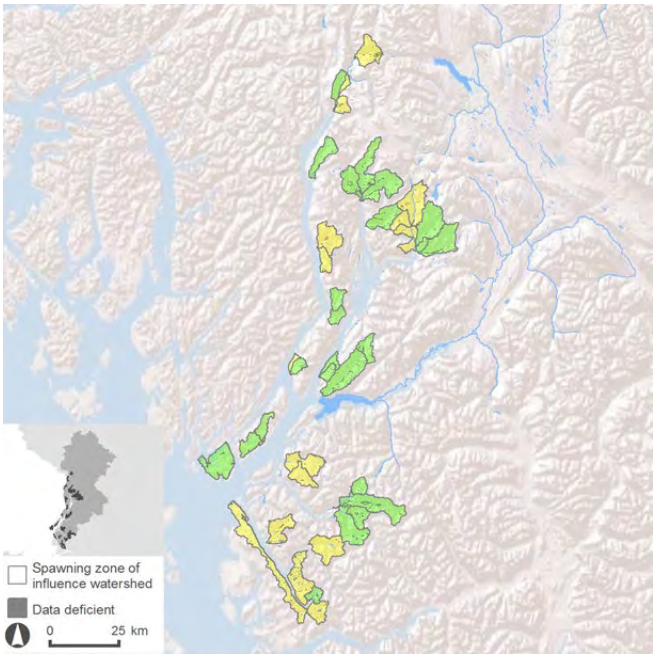

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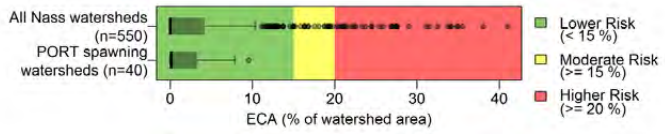

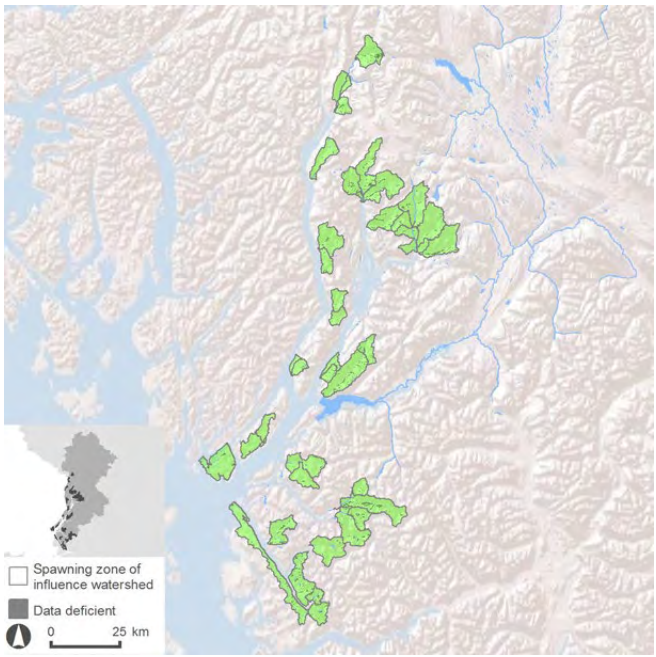

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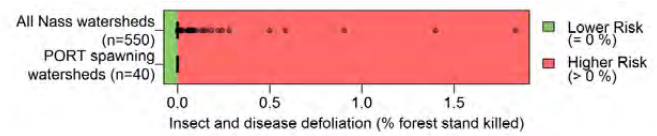

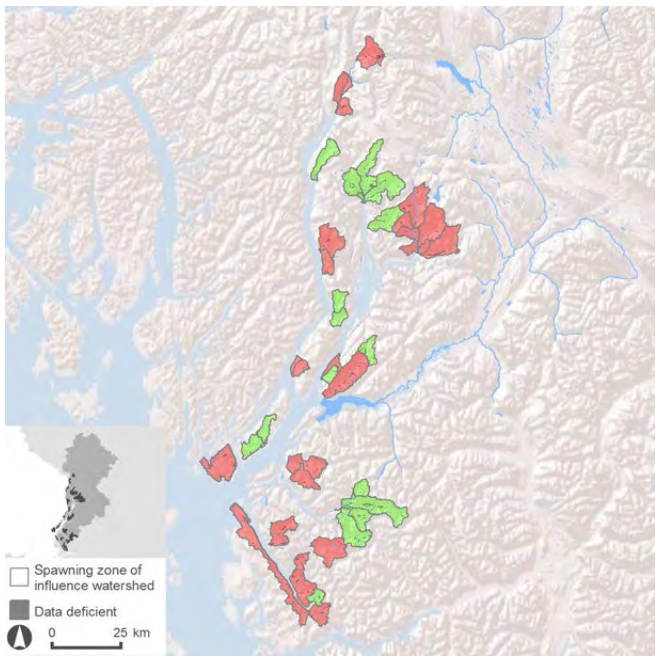

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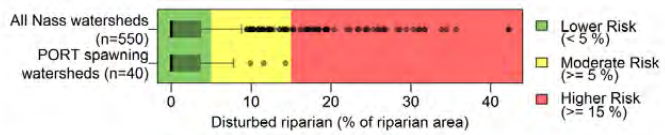

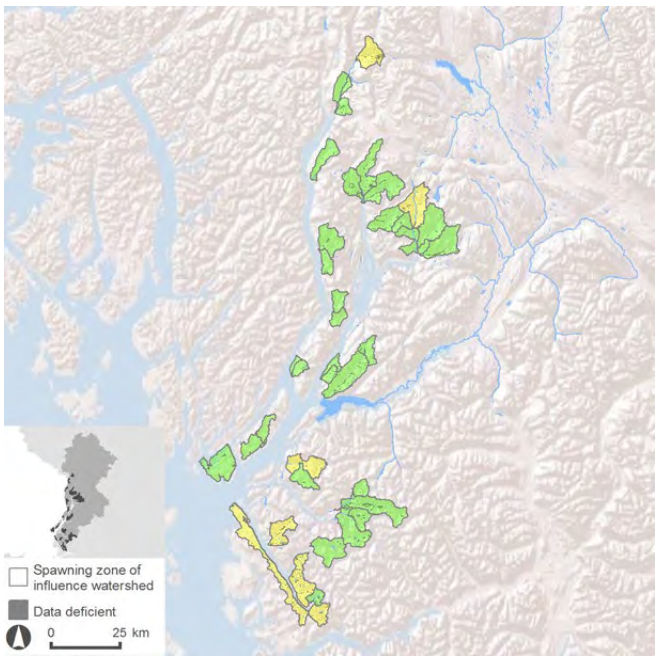

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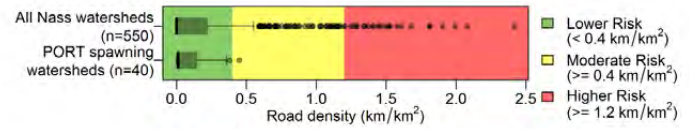

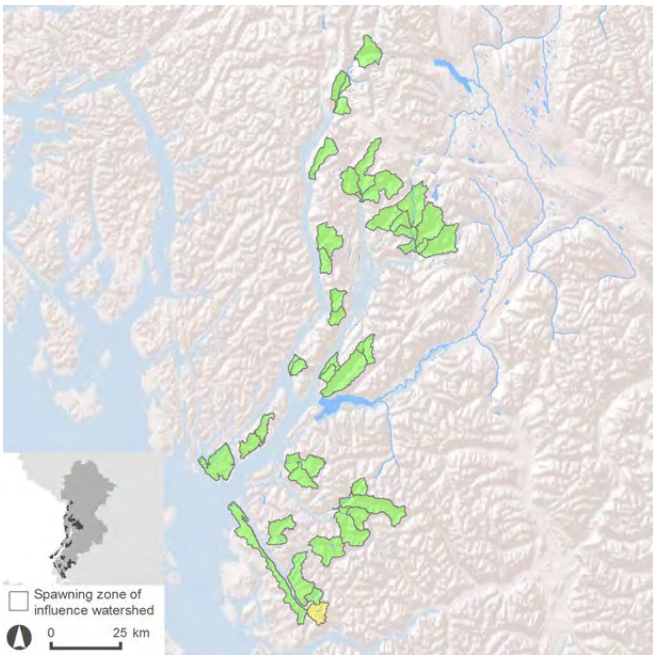

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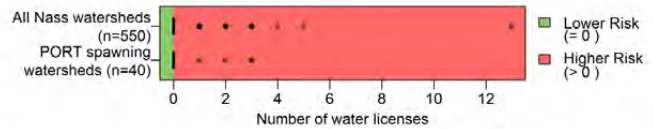

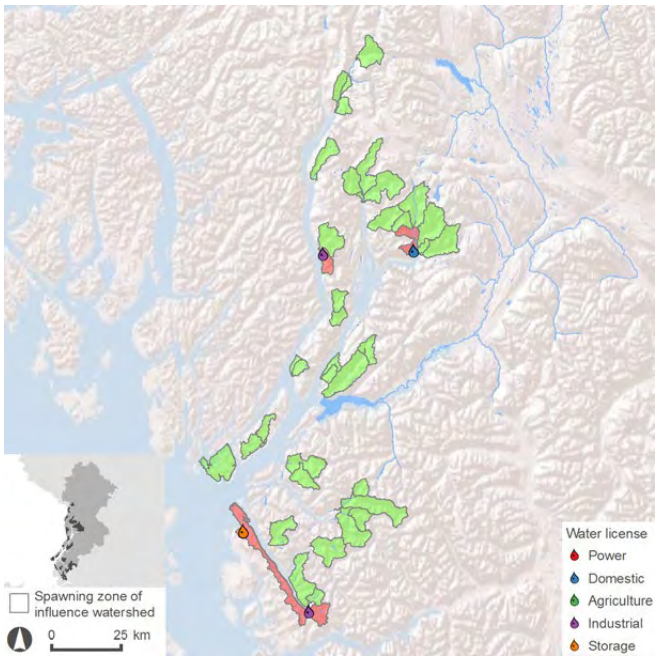

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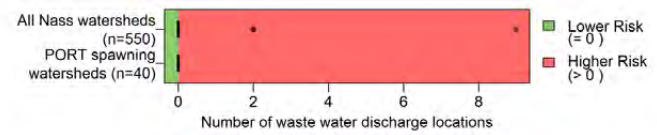

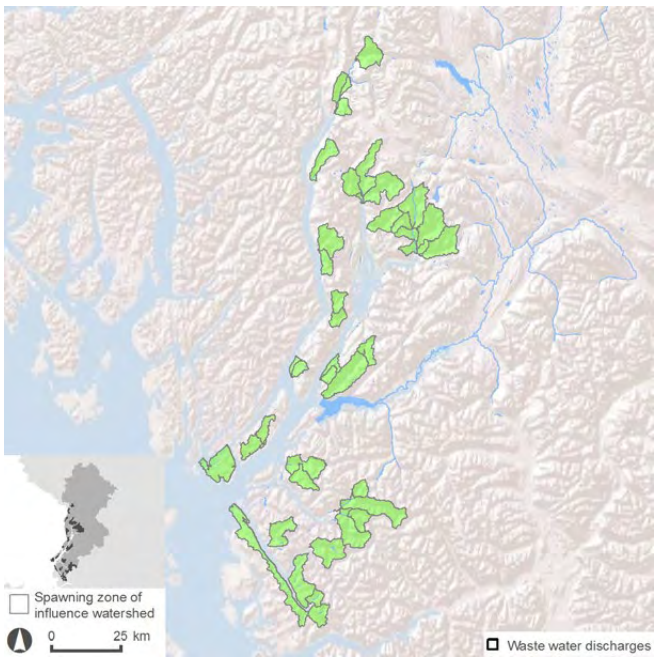

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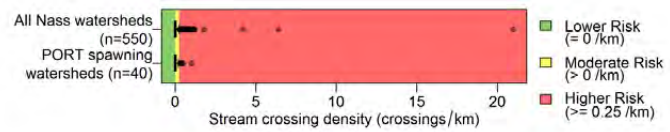

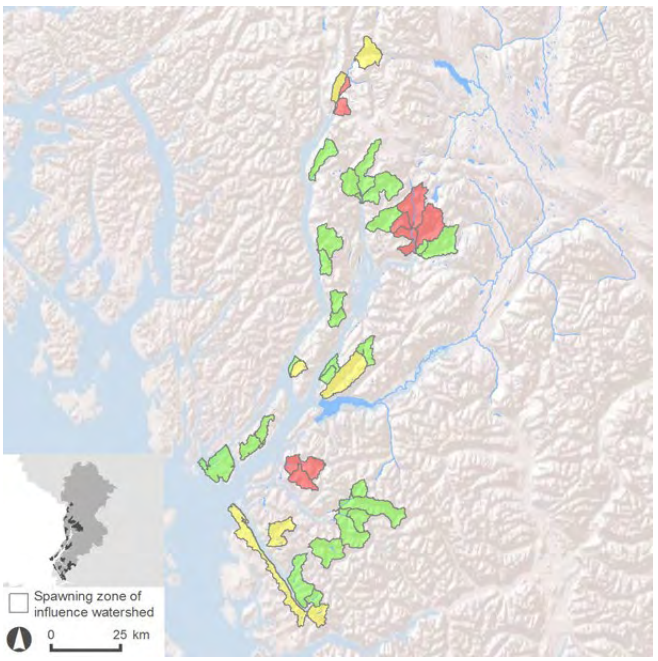

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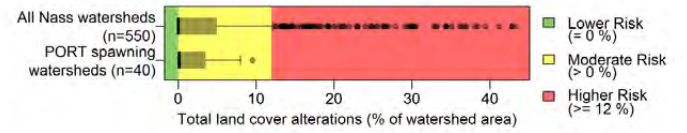

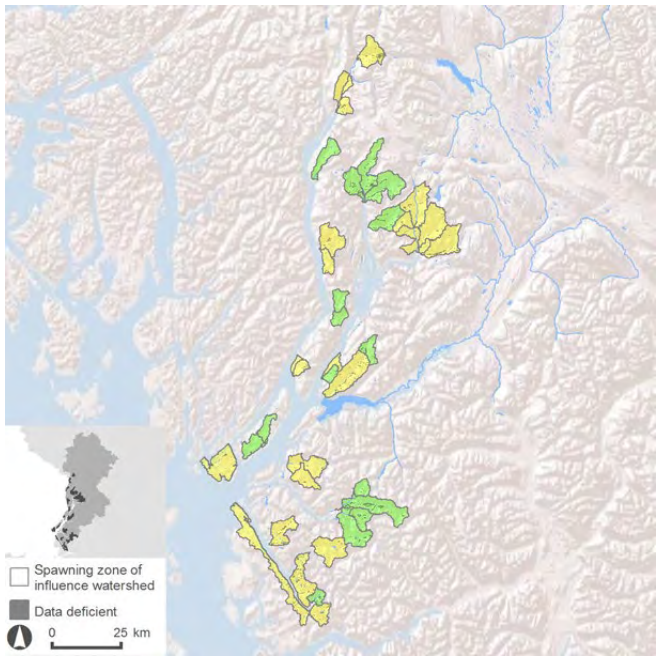

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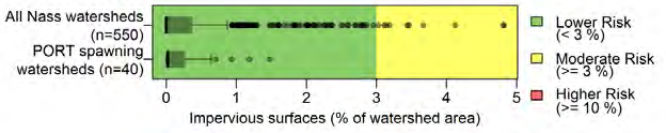

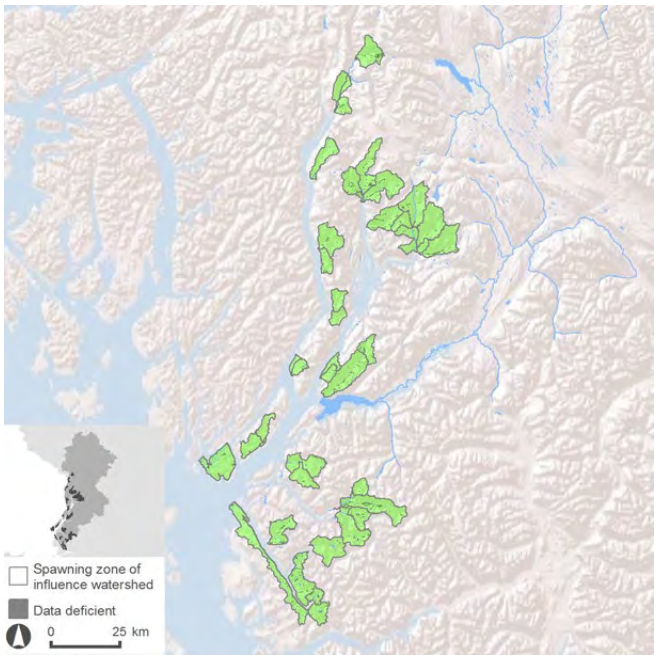

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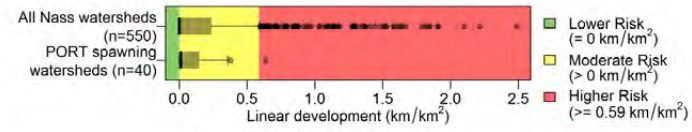

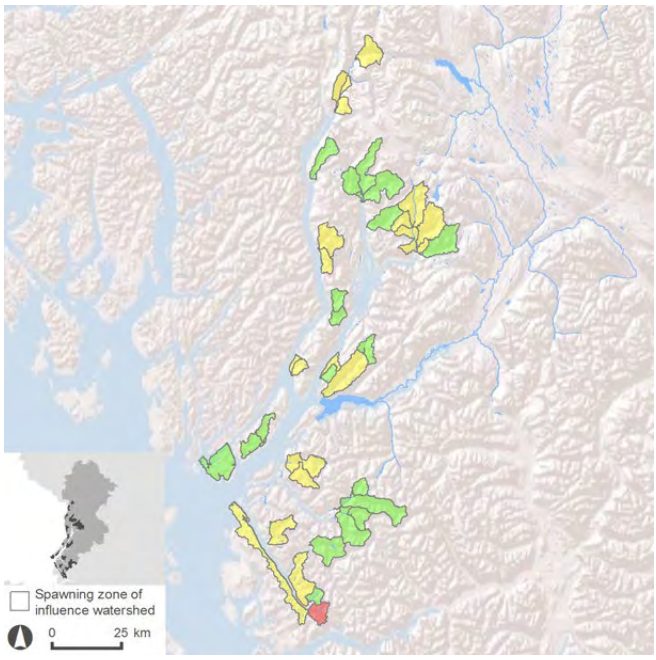

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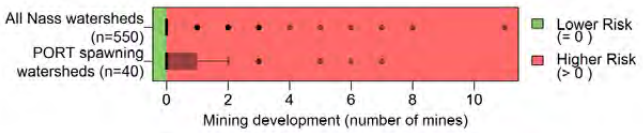
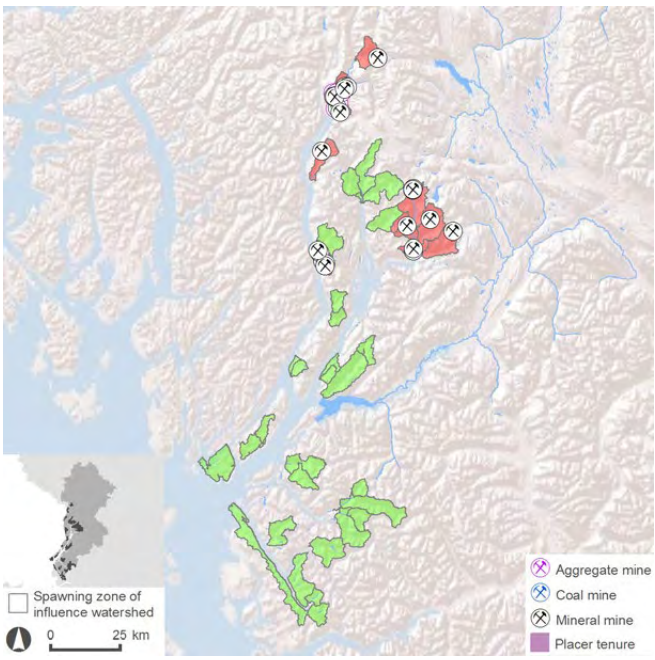
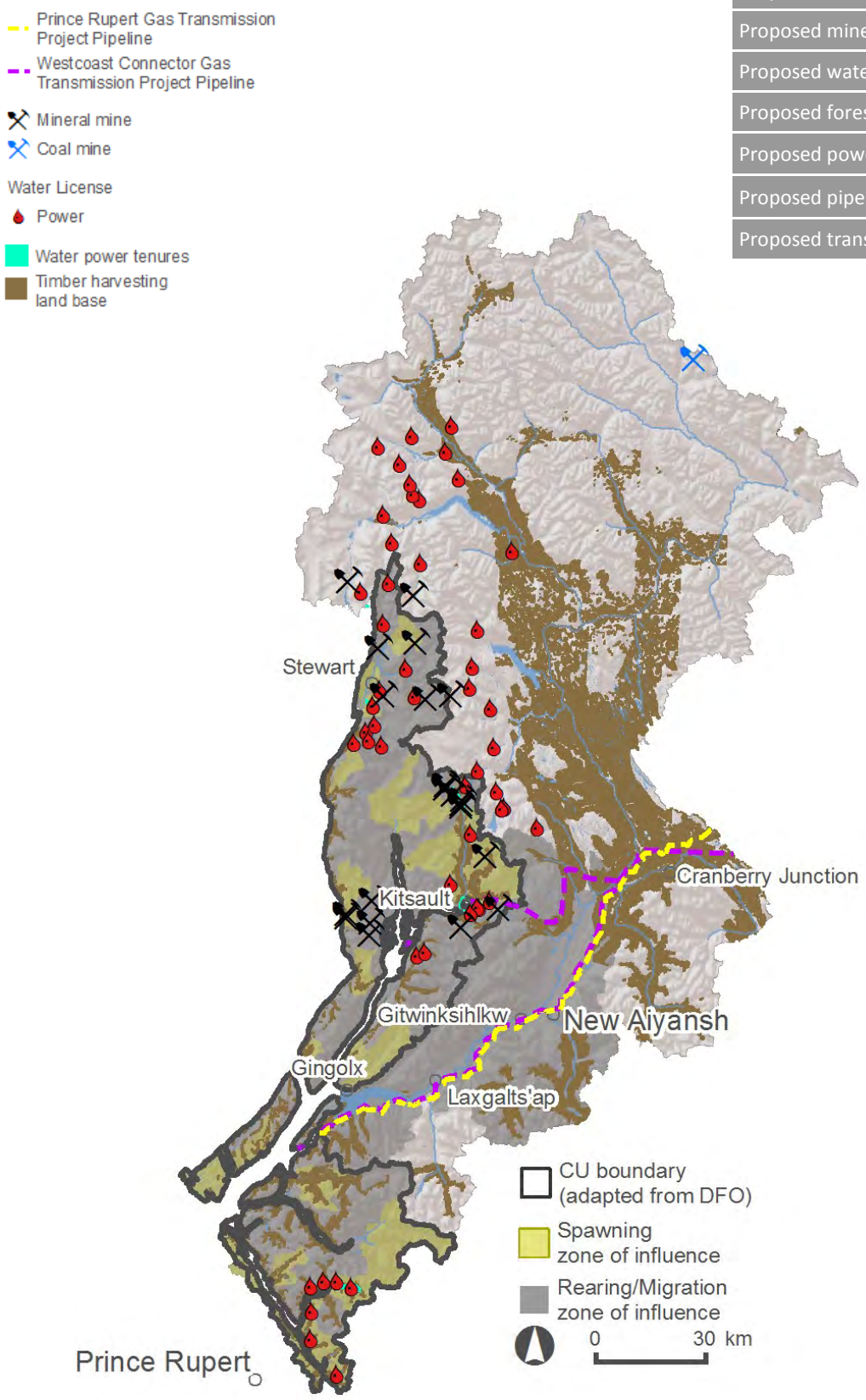




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



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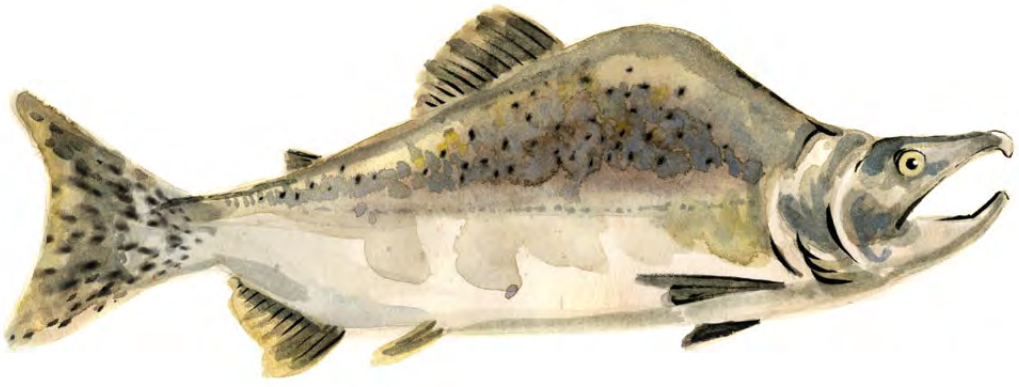

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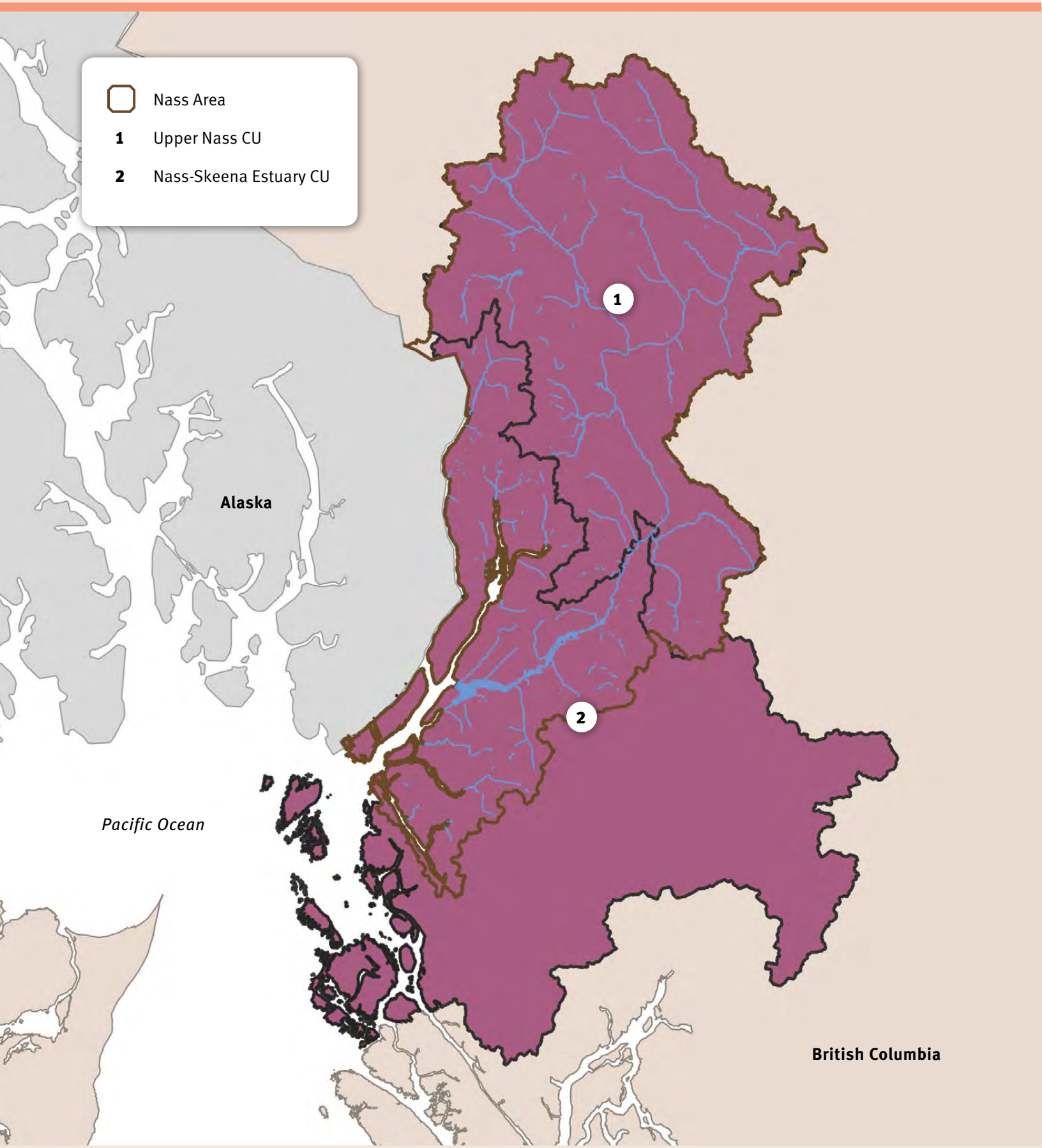

Pink (odd): Map of Conservation Units (CUs)

Pink: Even-Year Upper Nass

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are four pink salmon CUs found in the Nass Area: 1) Even-Year Nass-Skeena Estuary (NSKEst), 2) Even-Year Upper Nass (UNASS-Even), 3) Odd-Year Upper Nass (UNASS-Odd), and 4) Odd-Year Nass-Portland-Observatory (NR-PORT-OBS). There are over 80 discrete spawning populations across all four CUs.
- Nass Area pink salmon have a fixed, two-year lifespan, most of which is spent in the ocean as pink salmon begin their migration to the ocean immediately after they emerge from the gravel as fry.
- While variable across river systems, Nass Area pink salmon tend to be dominant on the odd-year cycle, although in recent years (post 2009) the odd-year dominance has become less pronounced.

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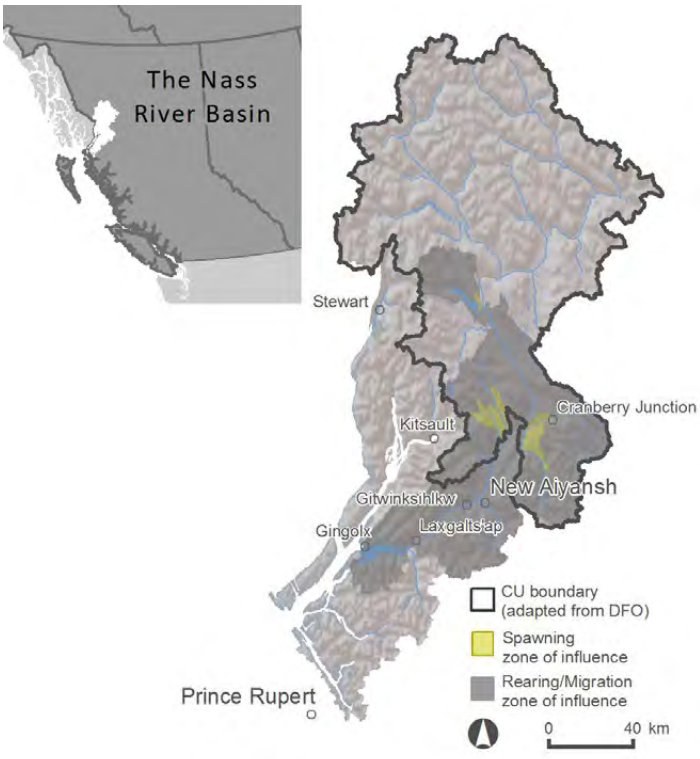


Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

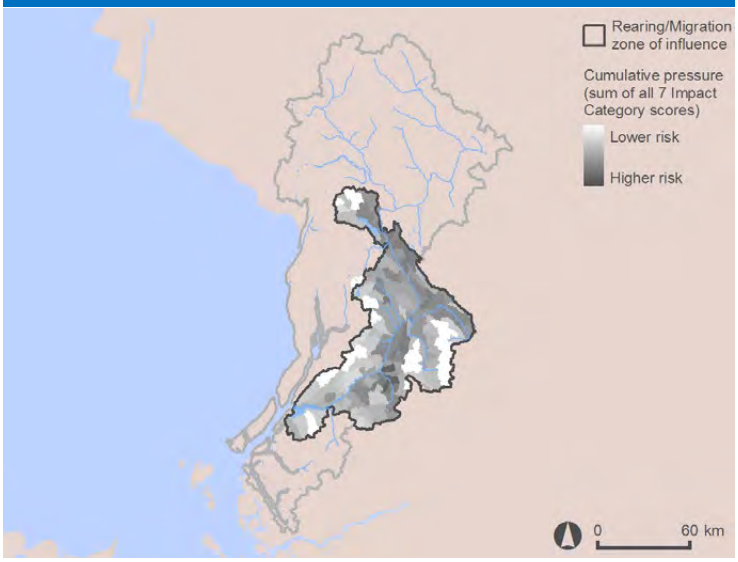
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

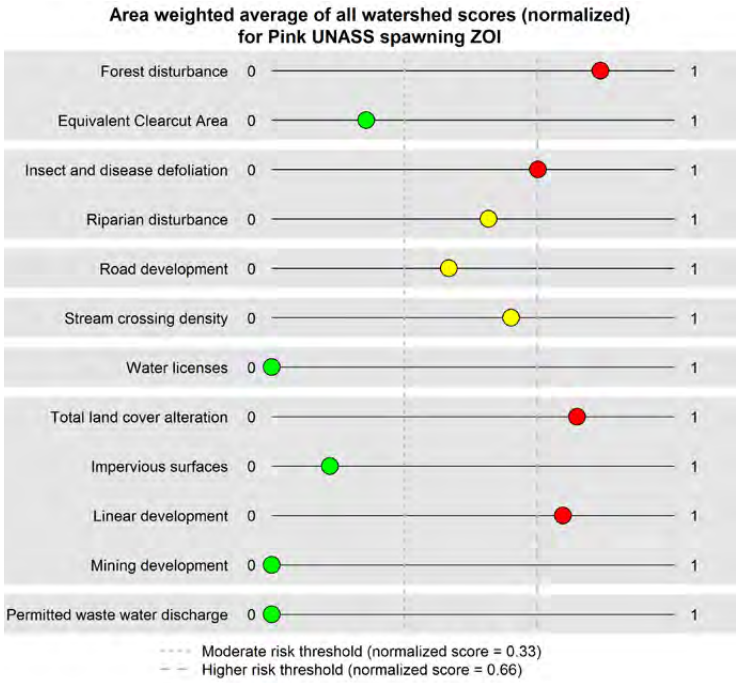
Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each CU:

- Rearing/Migration ZOI: Accessible stream length; Length and percentage of accessible streams considered flow sensitive - all seasons
- Spawning ZOI: Total spawning length; Length and percentage of spawning reaches considered flow sensitive (summer period - spawning, winter period - incubation)

Cumulative pressure—rearing/migration



Summary of pressure indicators—spawning



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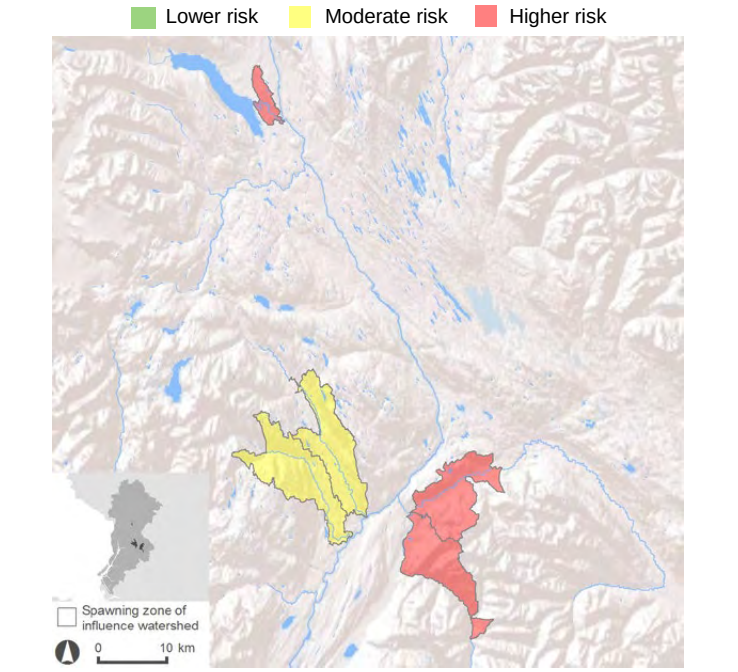
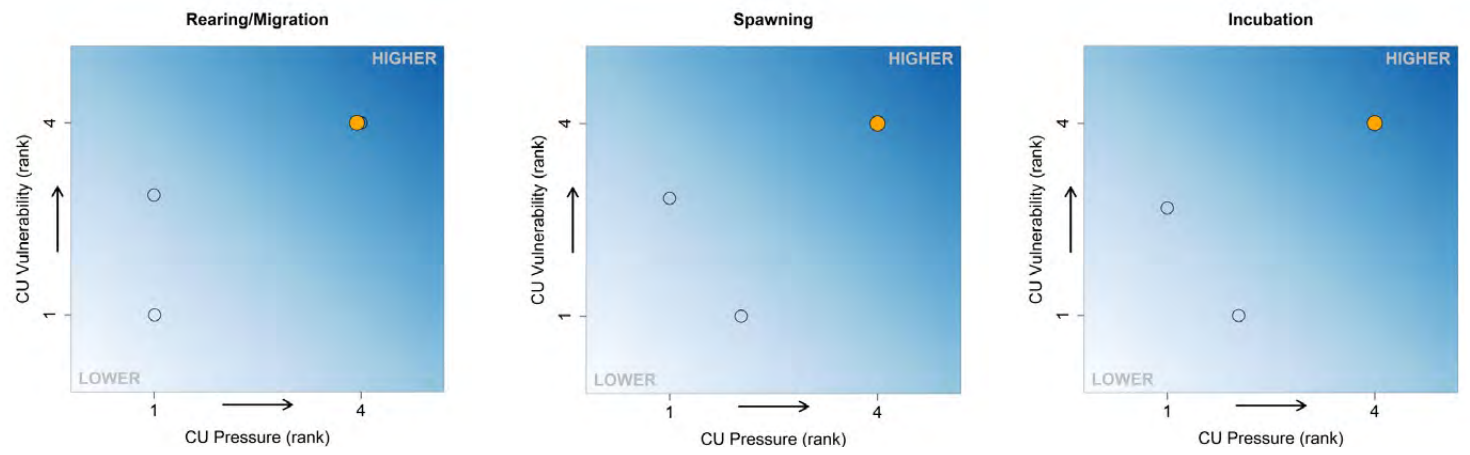


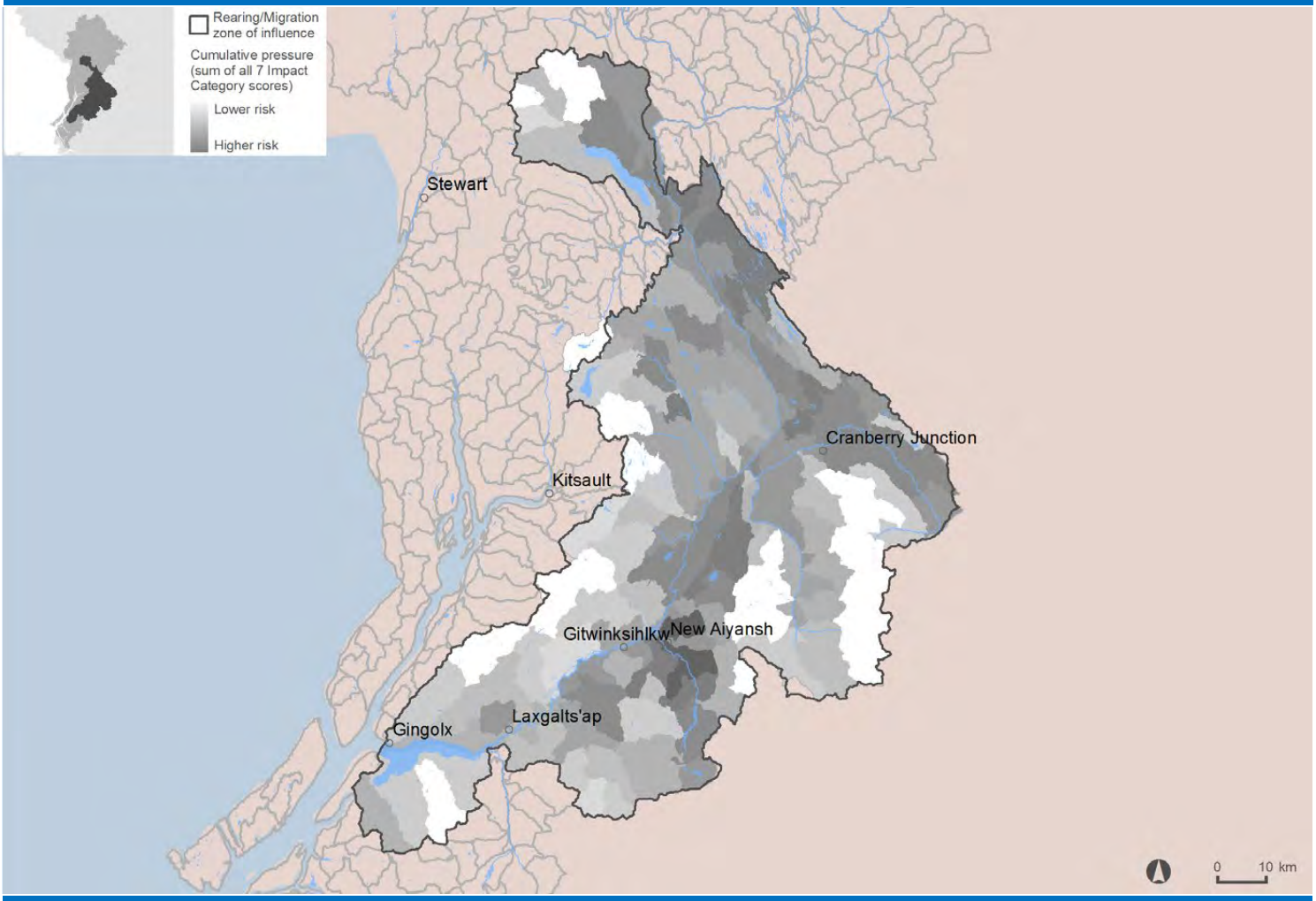
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—rearing/migration, spawning, & incubation

● = Upper Nass ○ = other Pink CUs



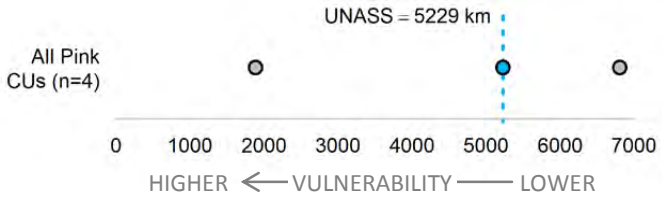
Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures



Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

Salmon accessible habitat (km)



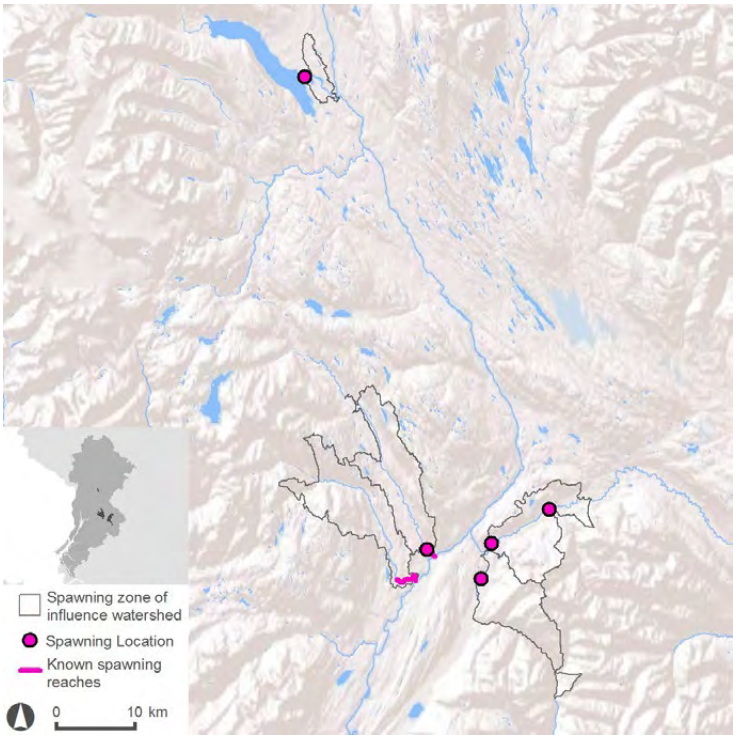
Flow sensitive accessible habitat (km) (all seasons)

Flow sensitive accessible habitat (%) (all seasons)

Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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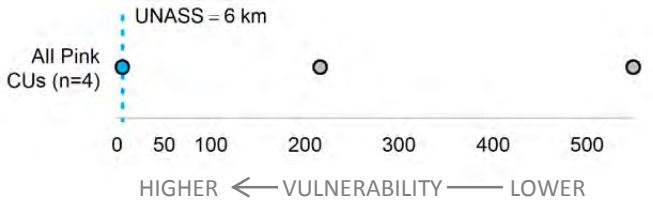

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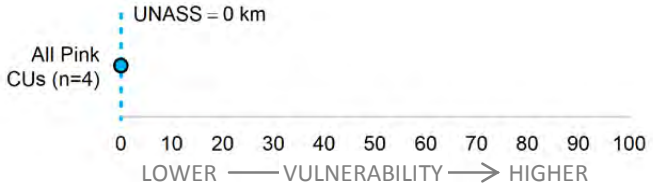

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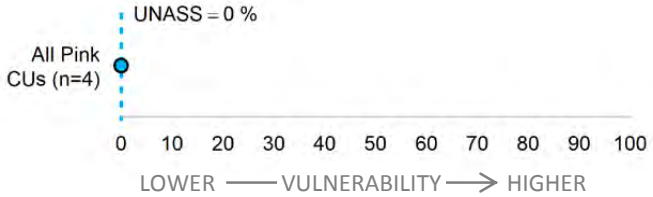

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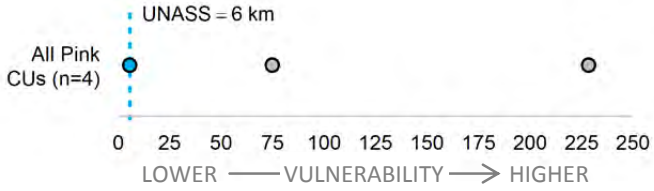

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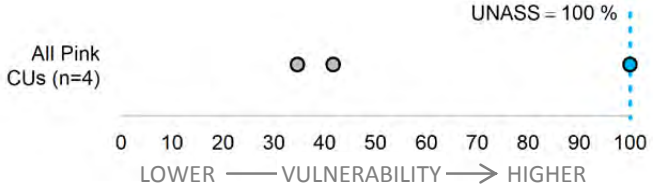

Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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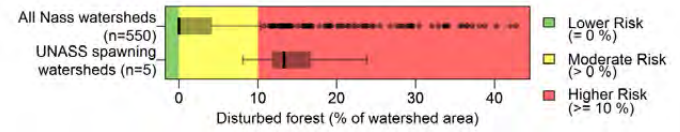

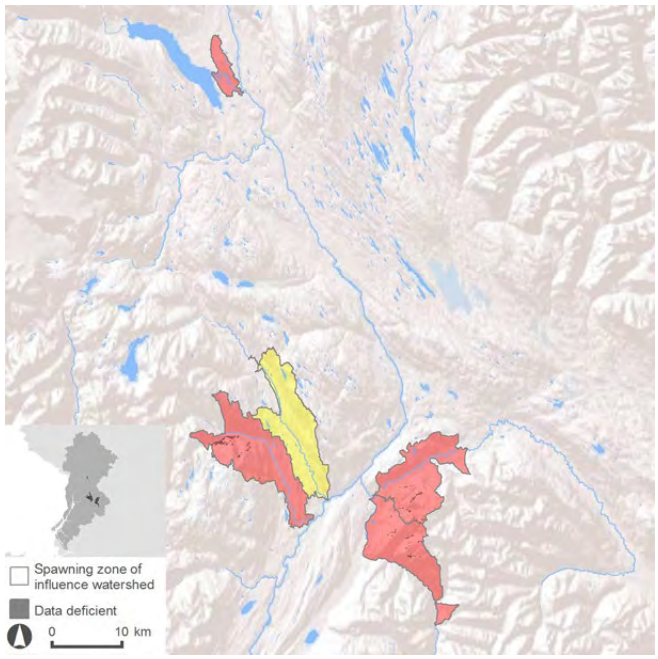

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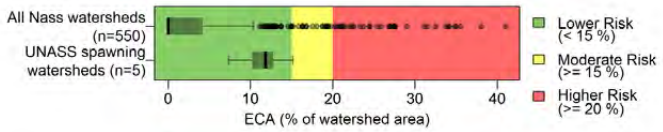

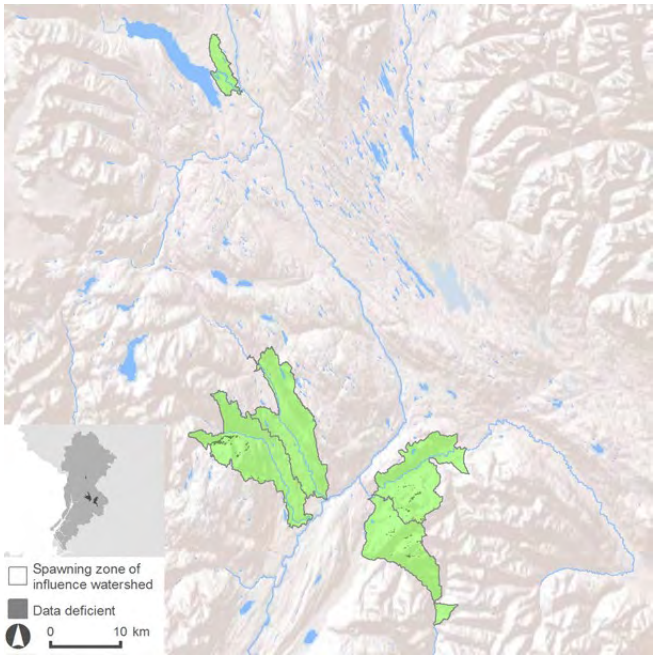

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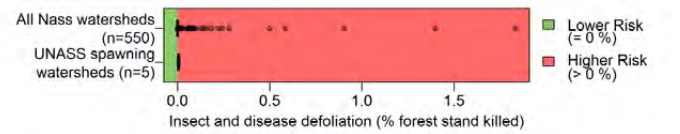

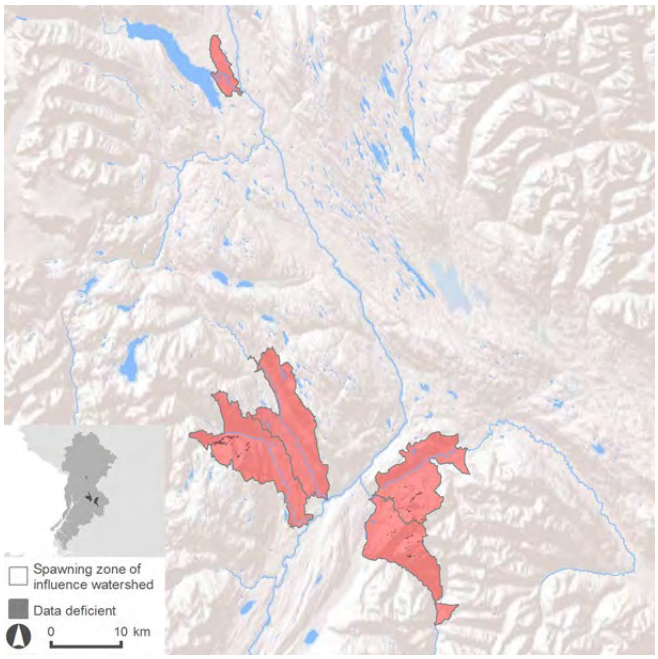

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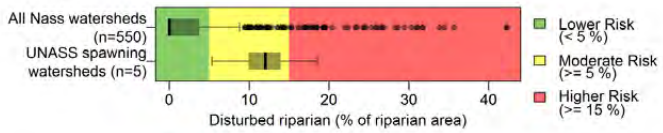

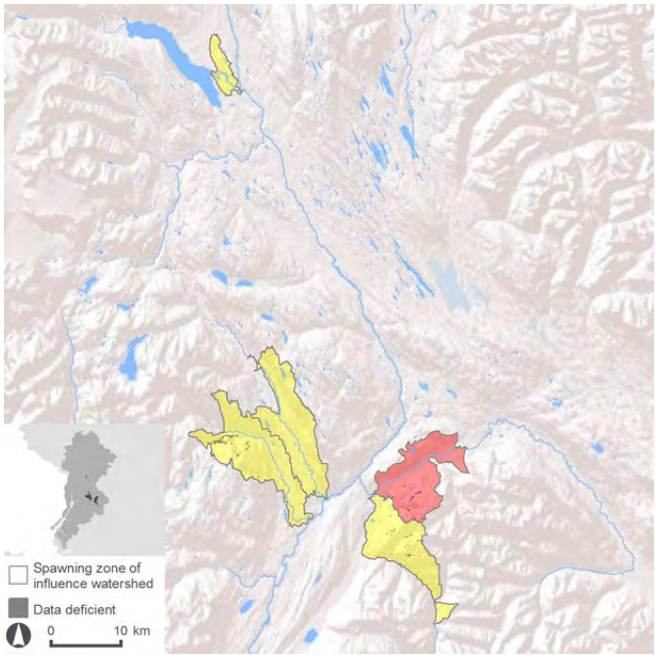

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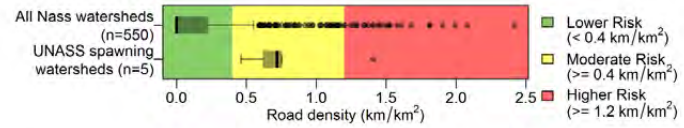

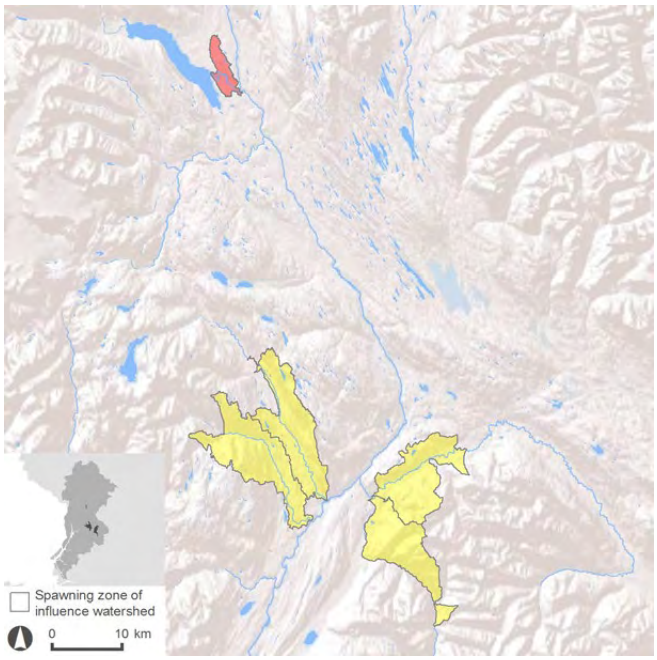

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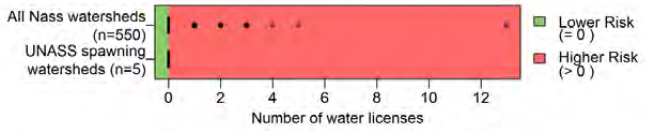

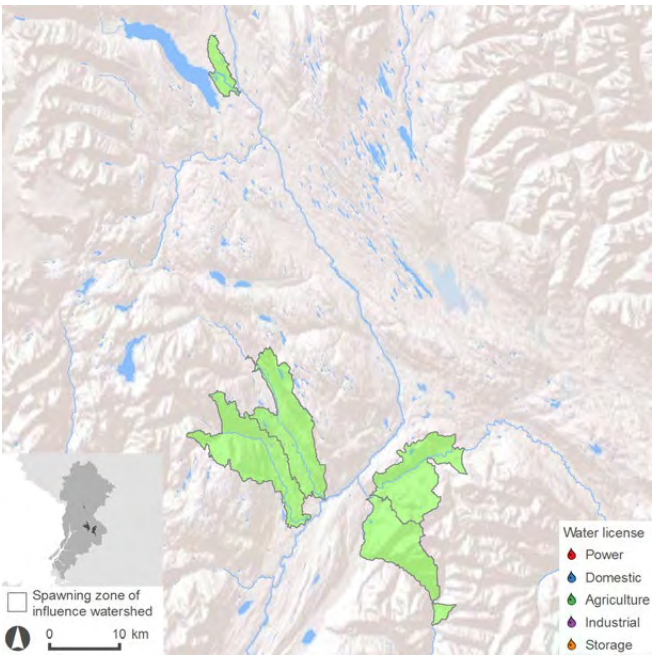

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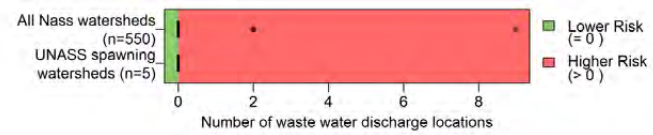

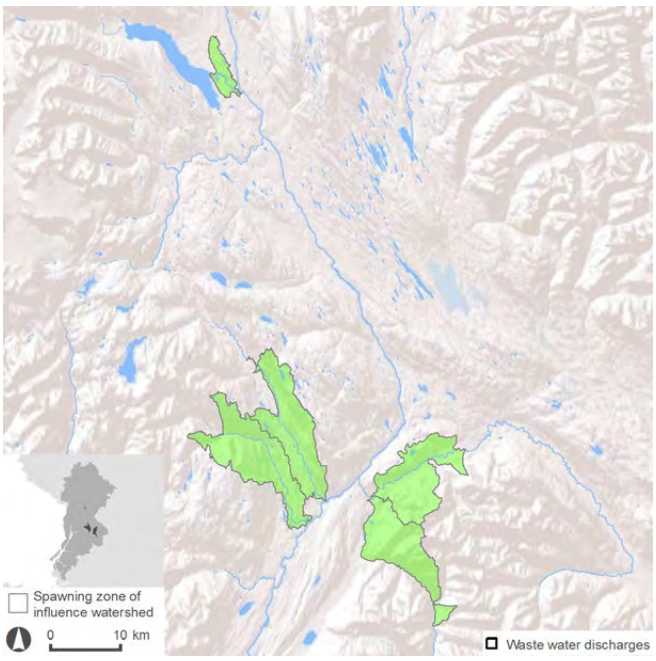

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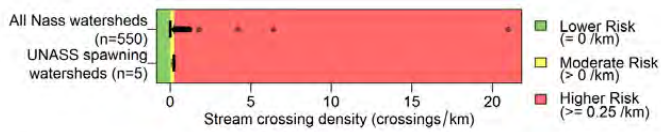

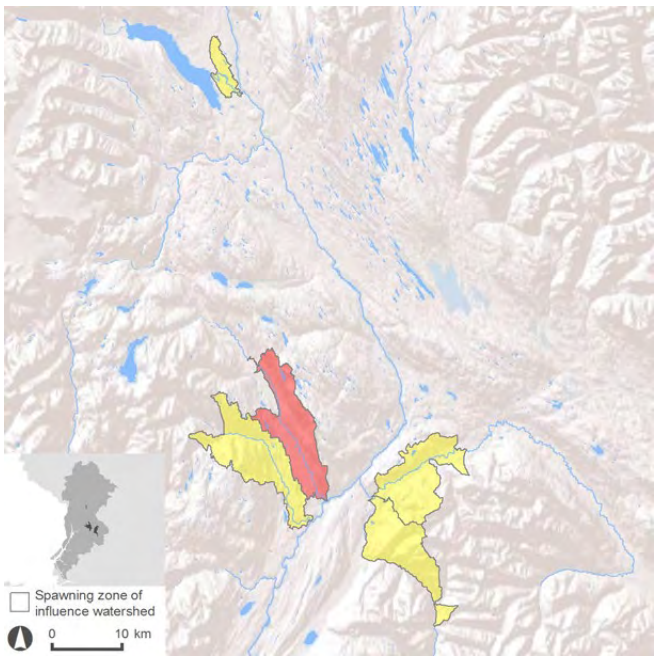

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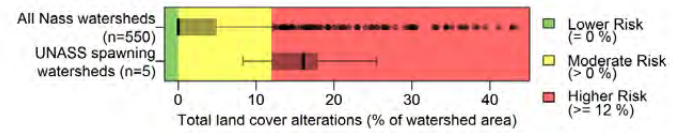

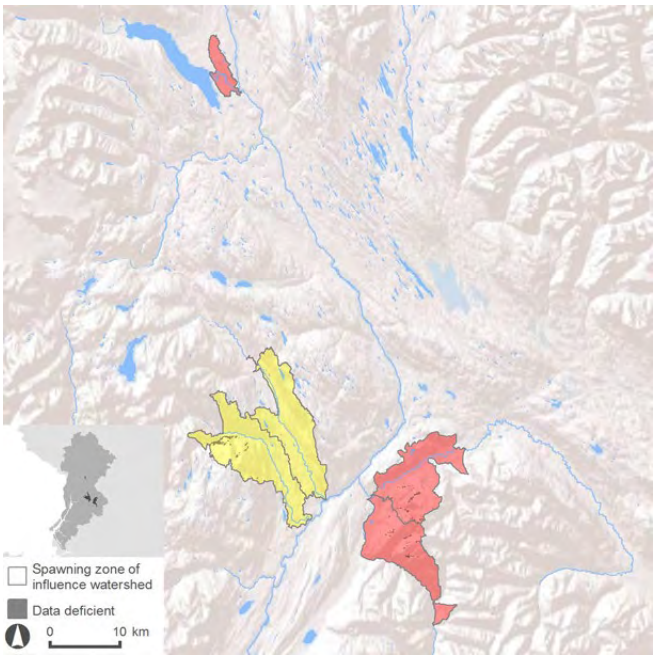

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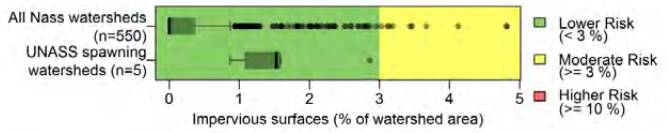

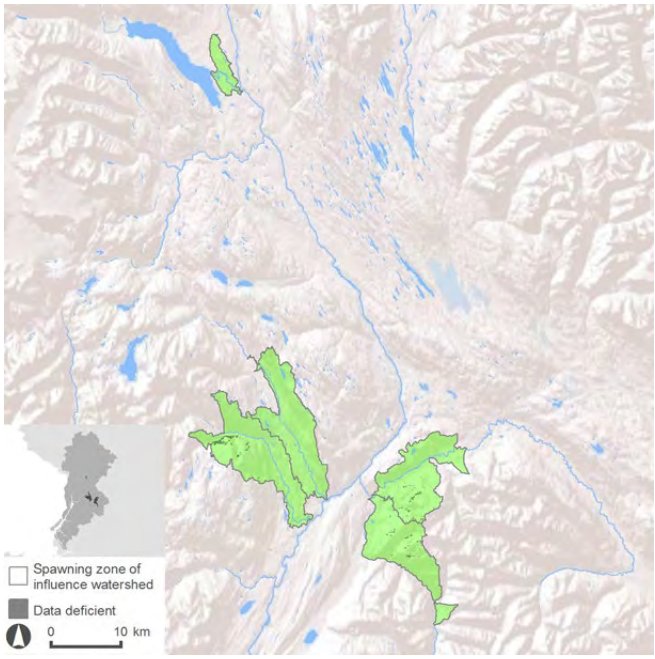

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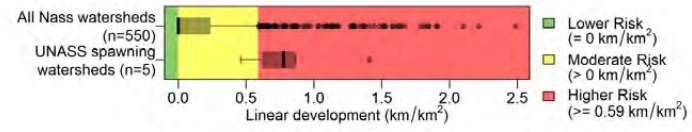

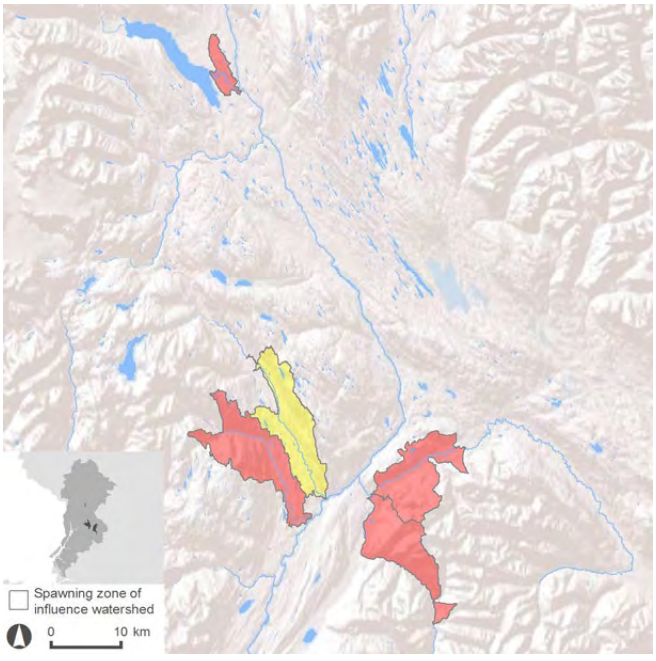

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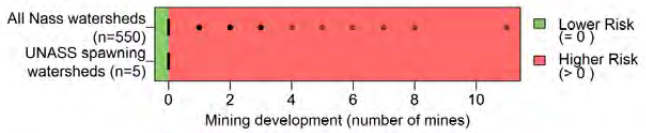

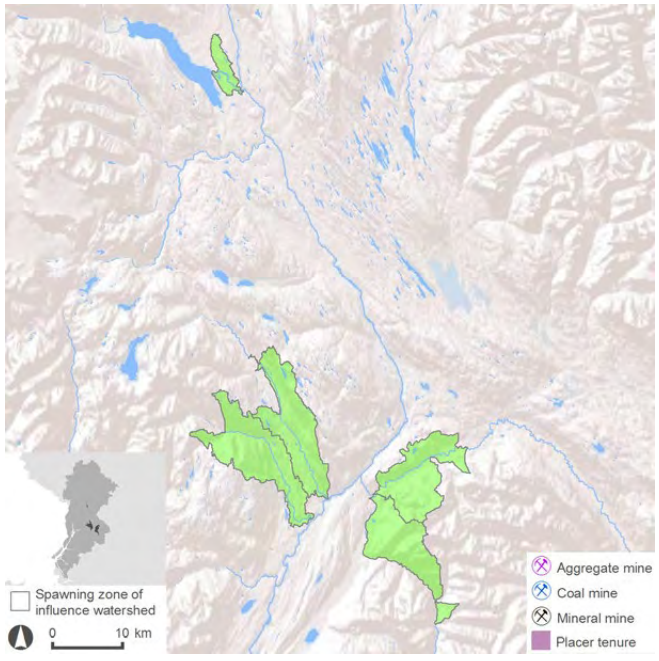

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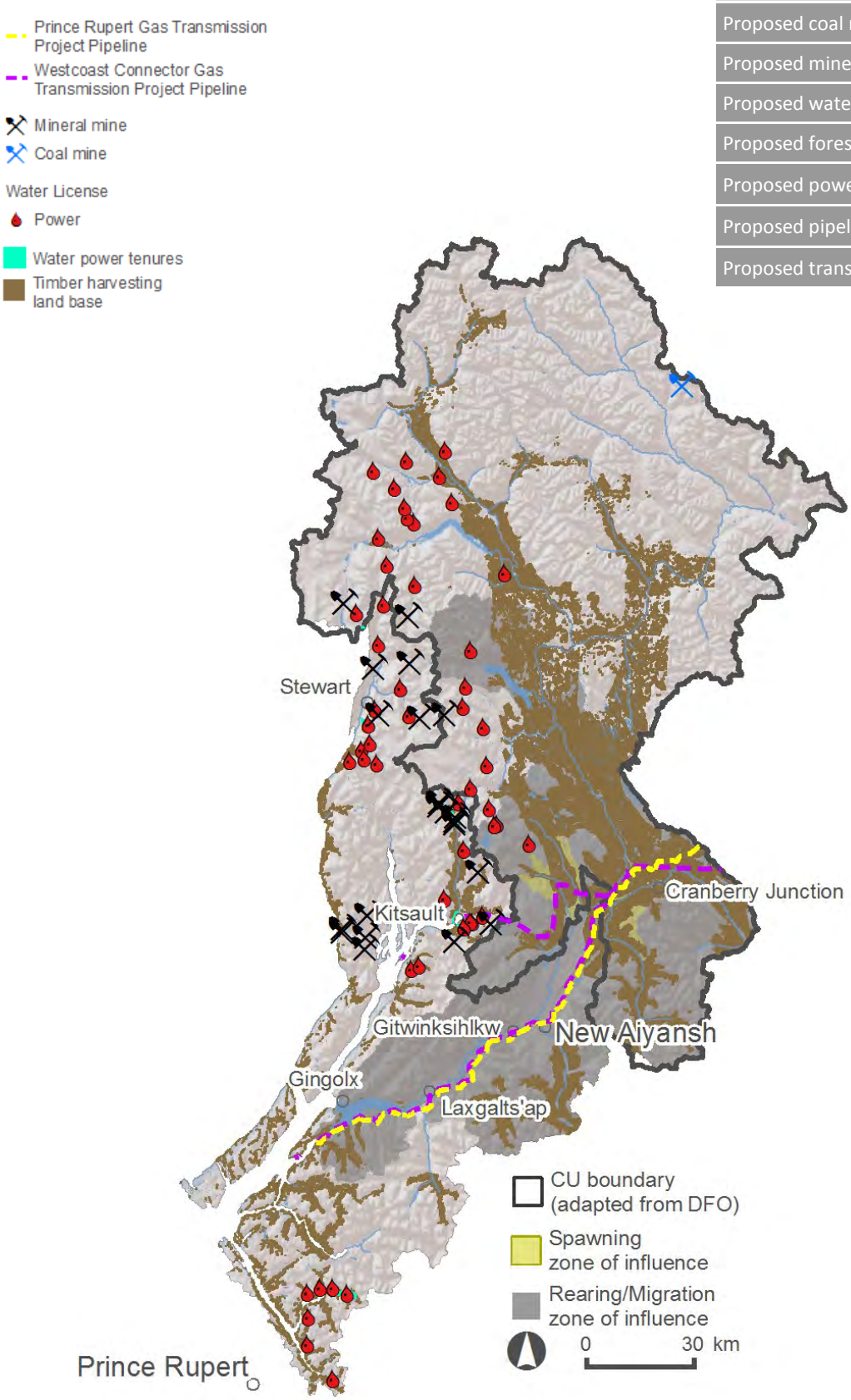

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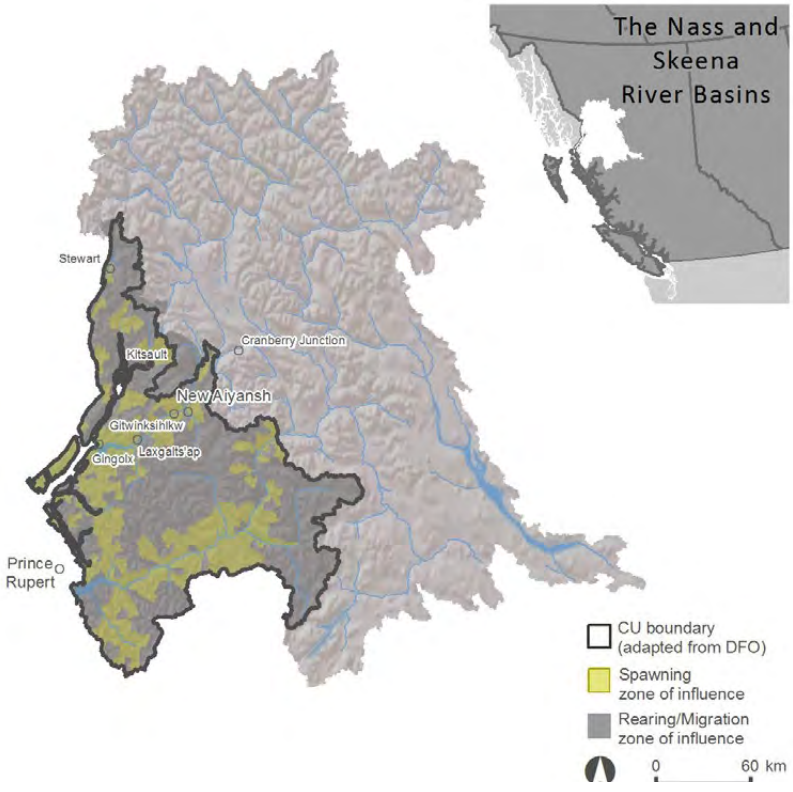

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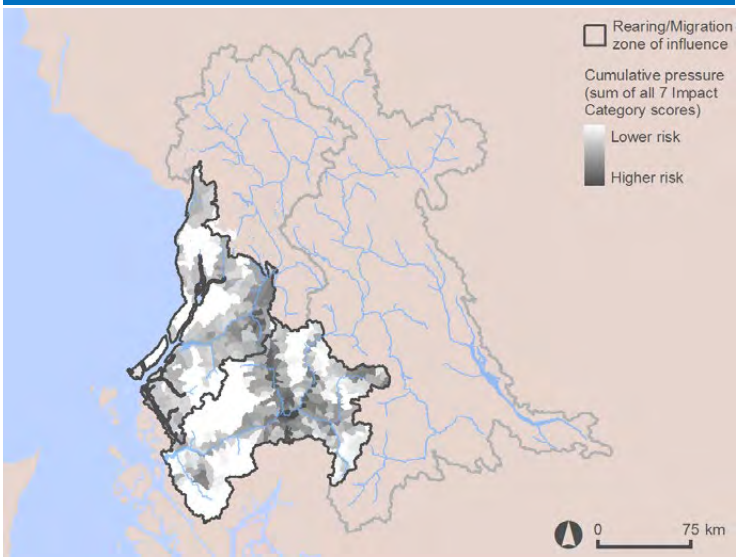

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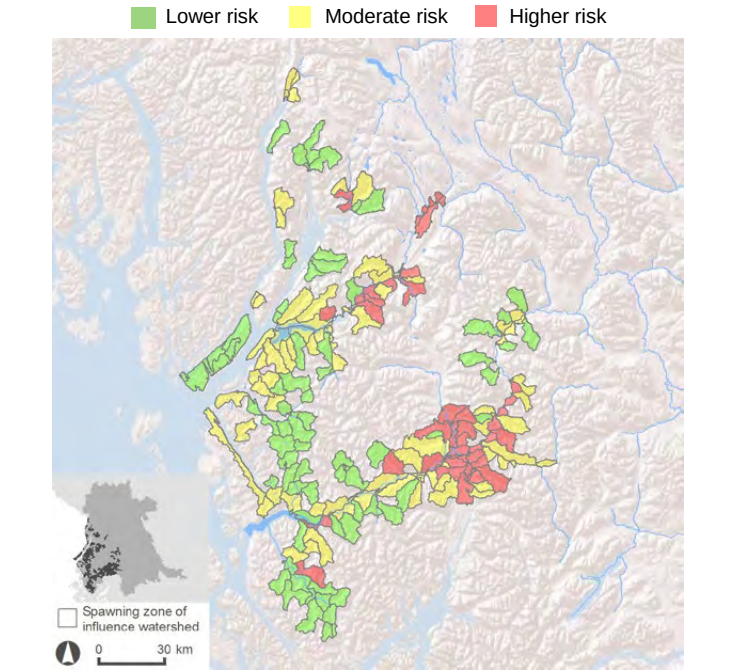

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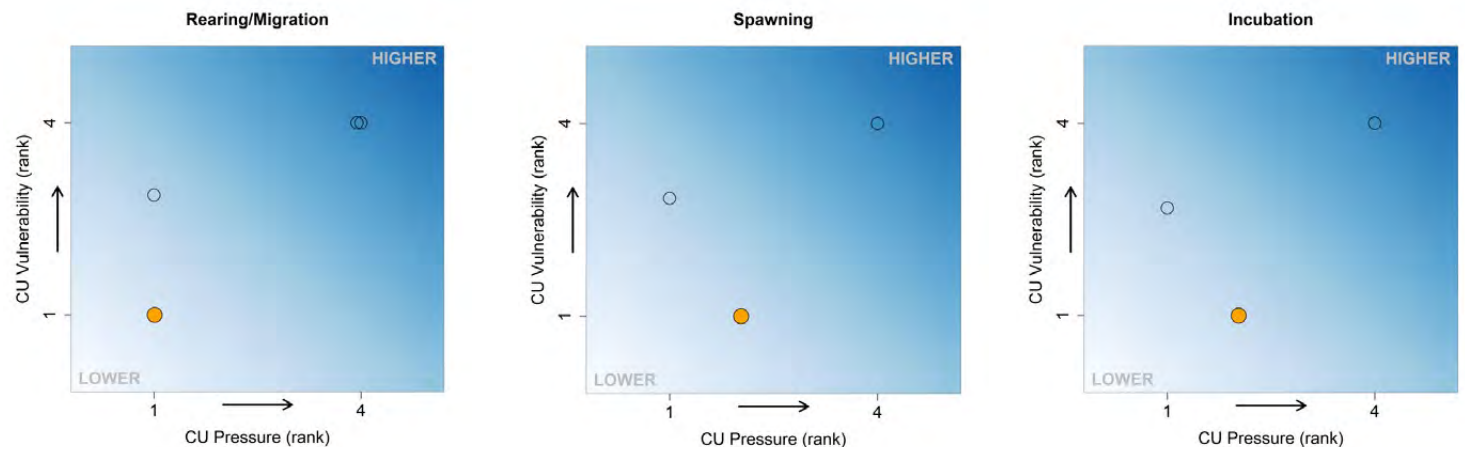

Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

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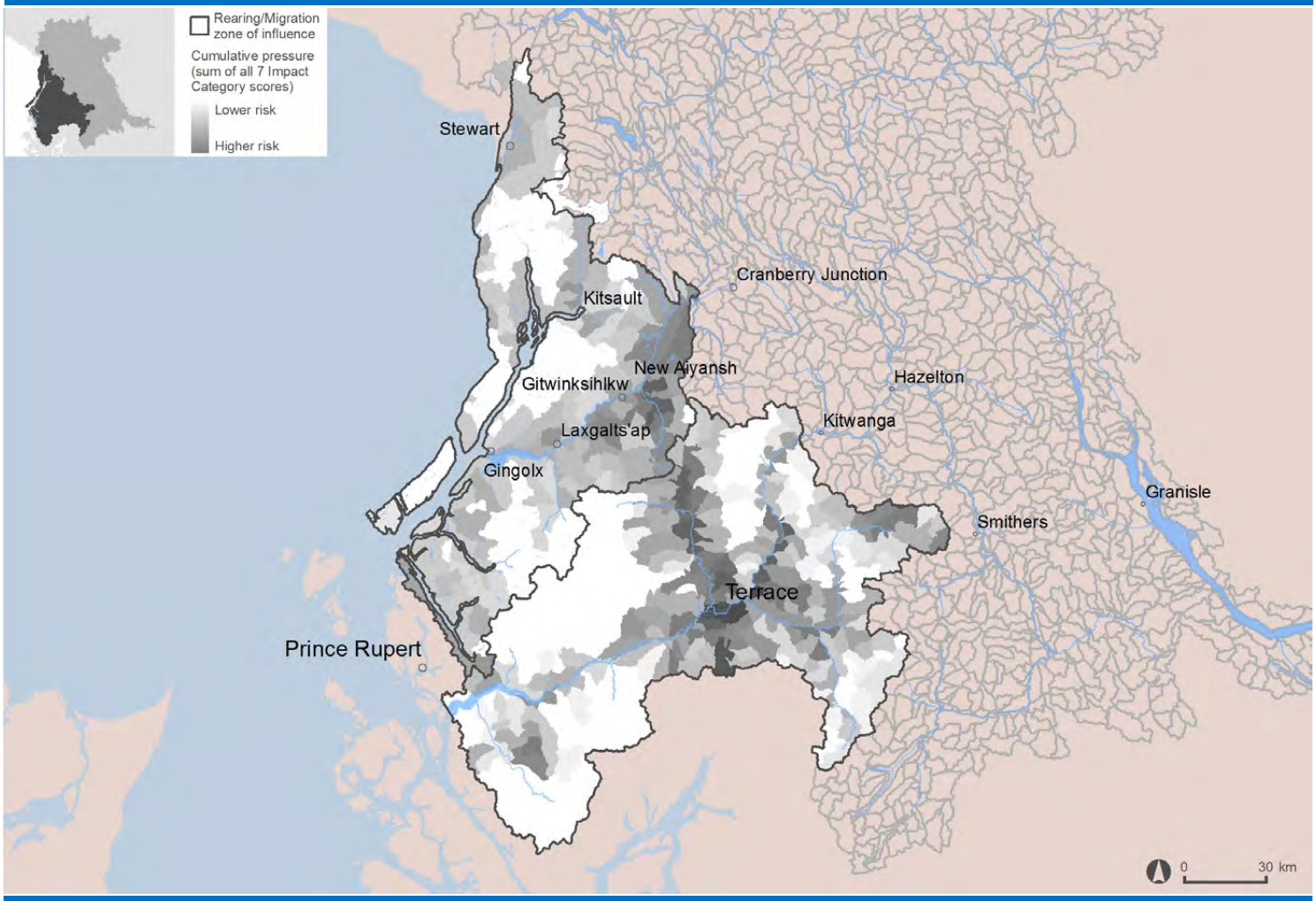

Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

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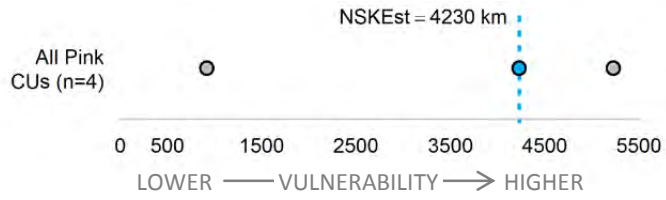

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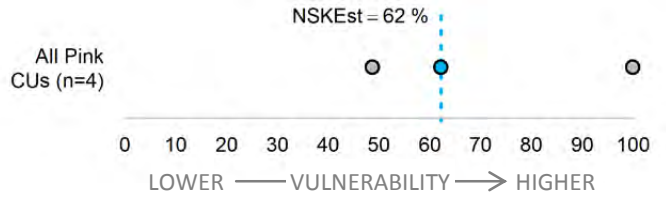
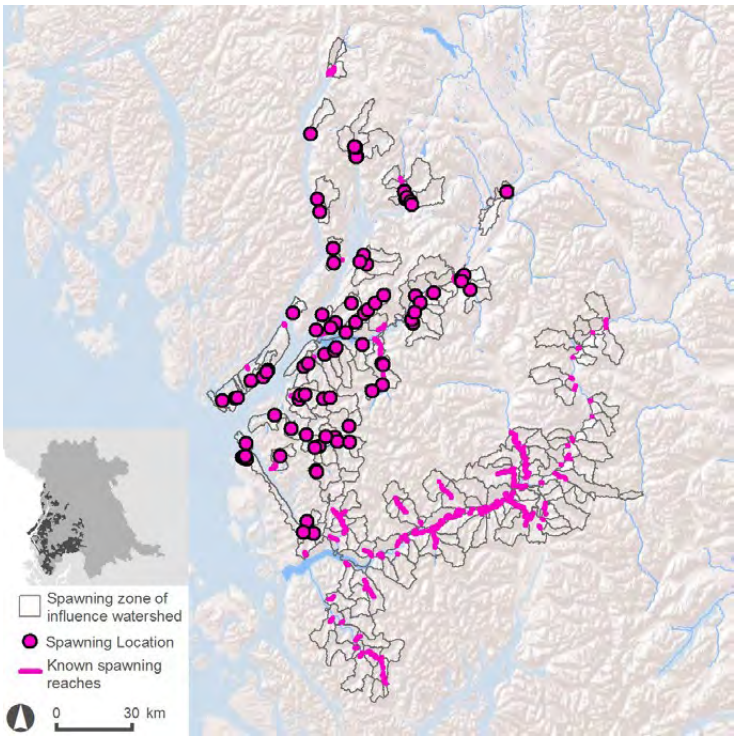


Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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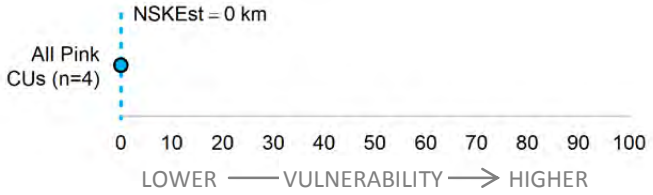

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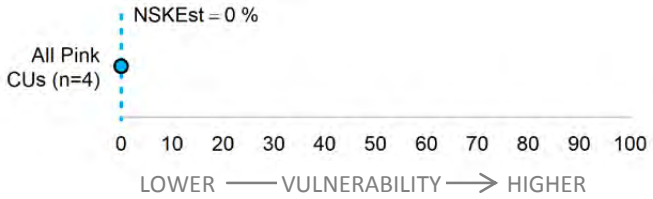

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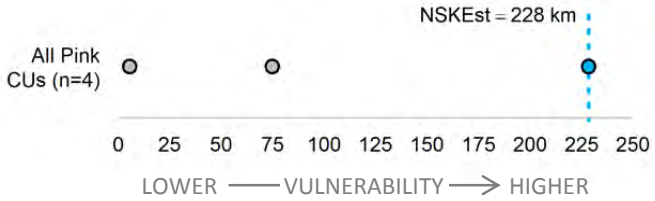

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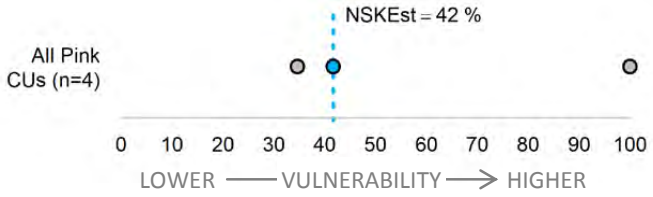
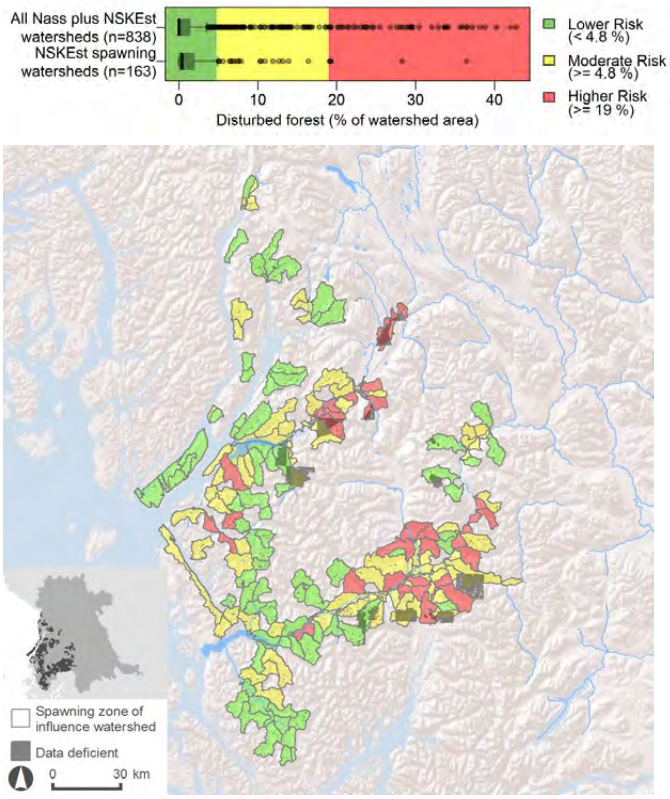


Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance



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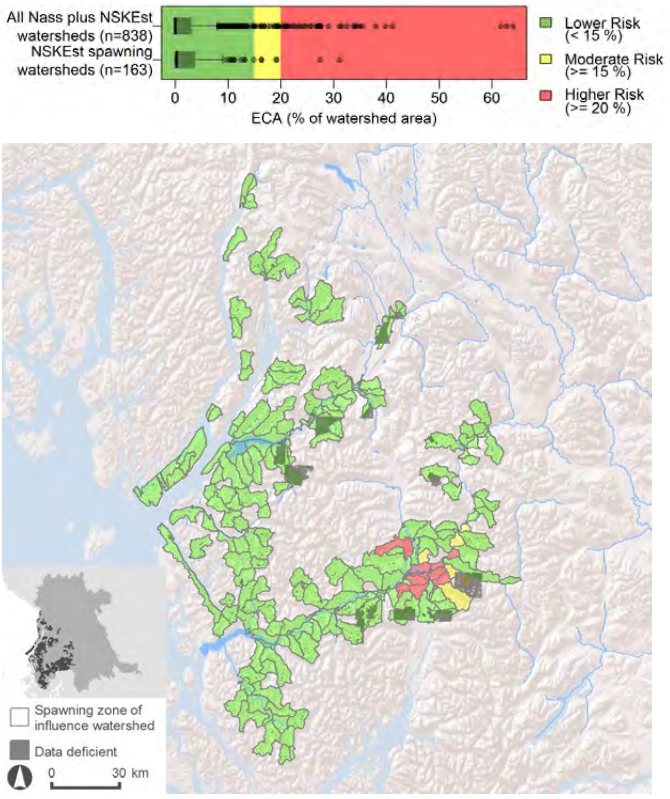

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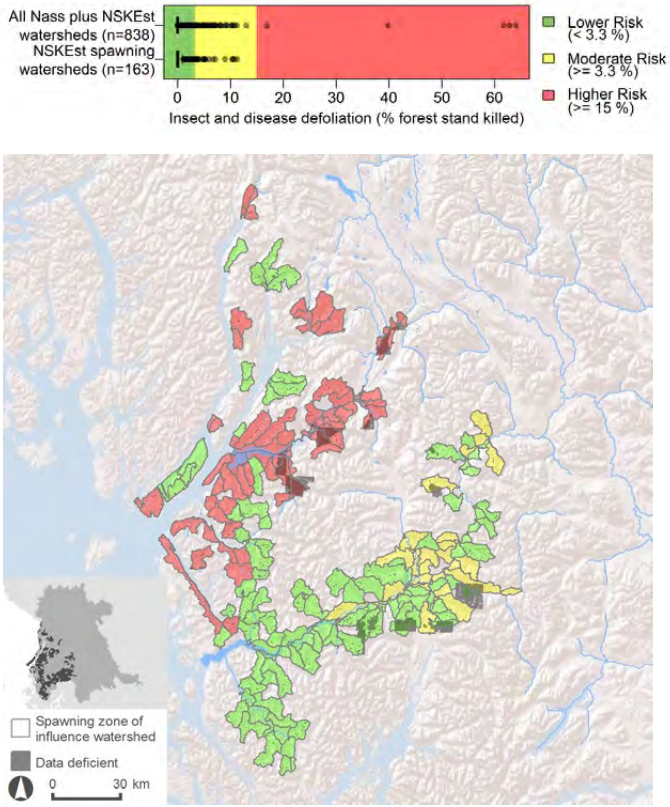

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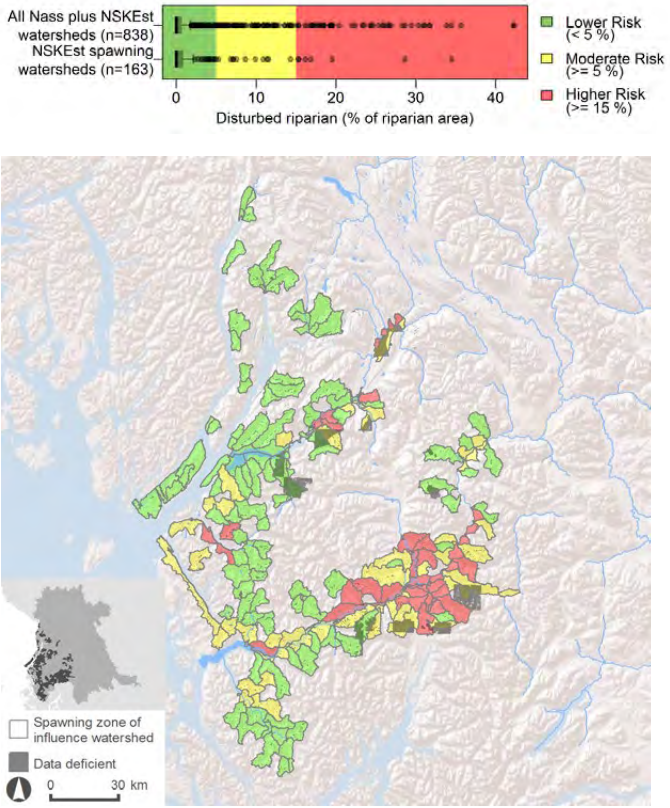

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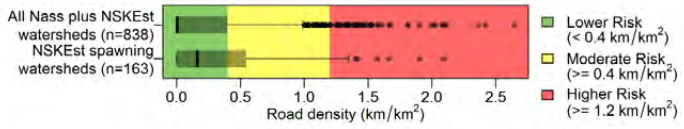
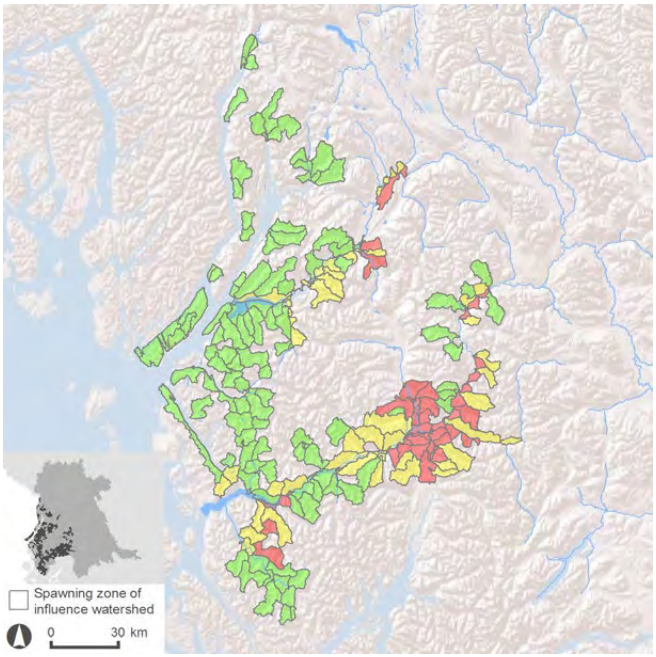
Surface Erosion

Road development





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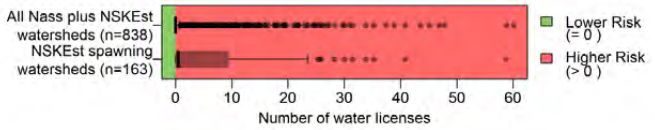

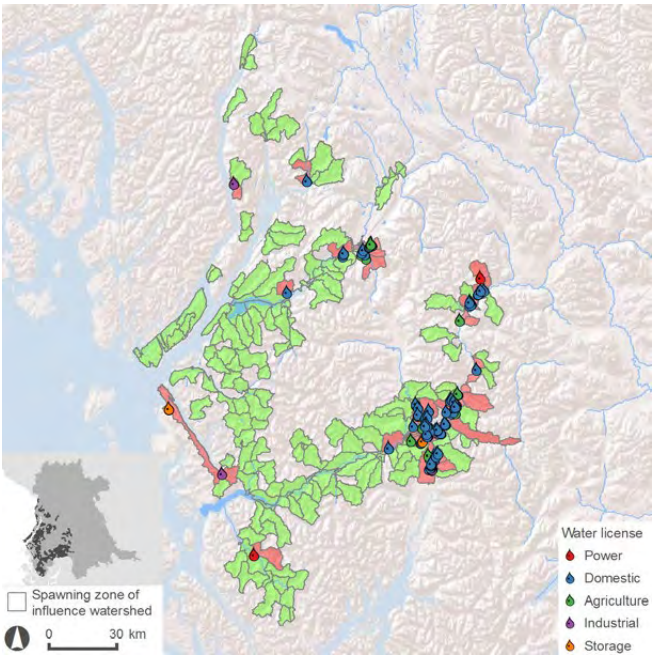

Water Quality

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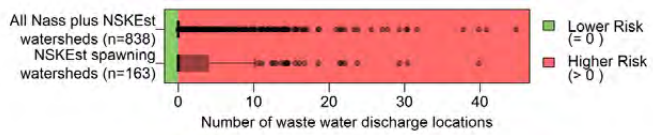

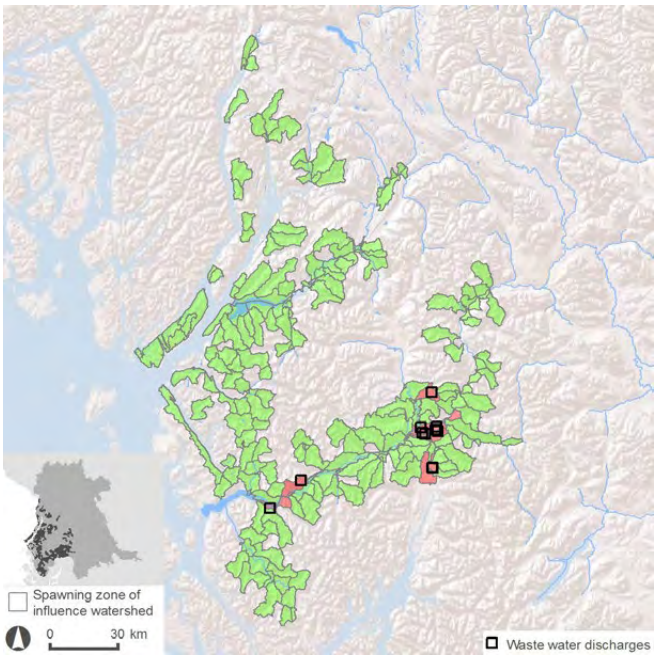

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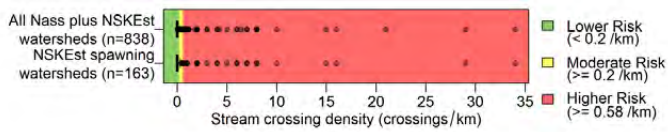

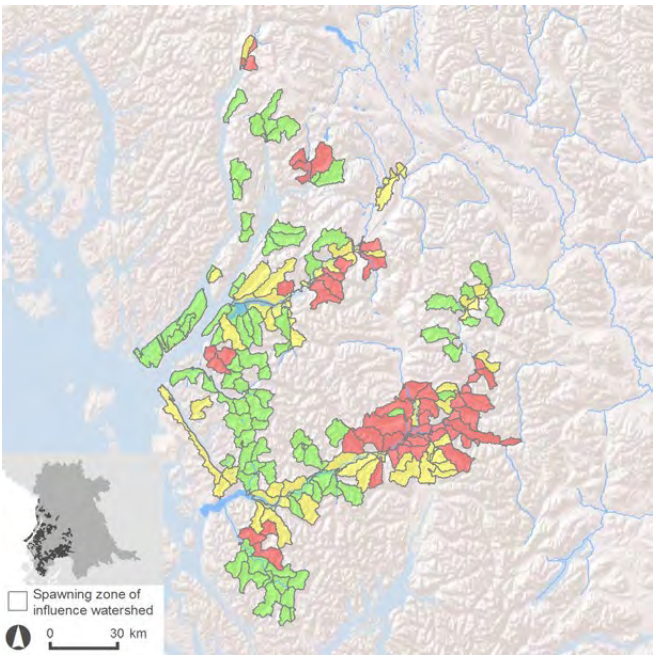

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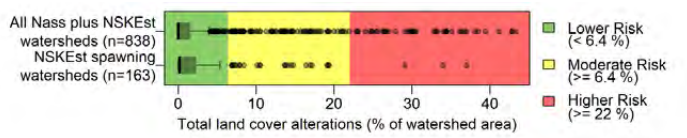

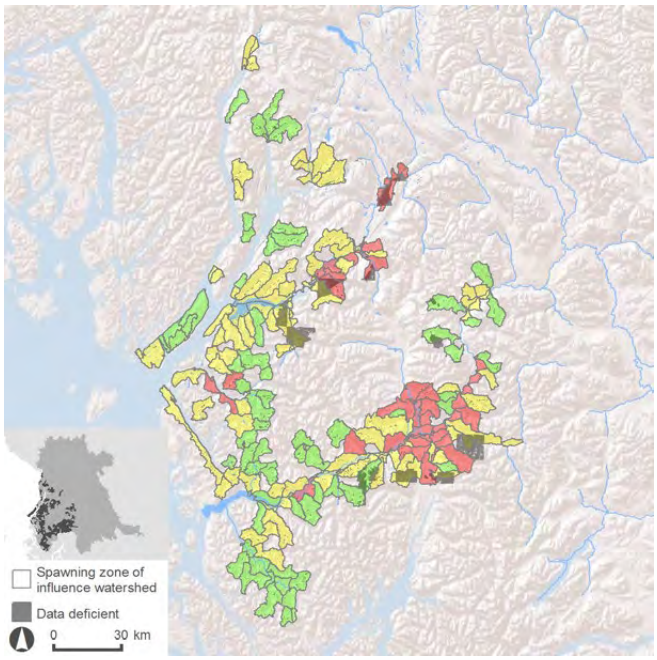

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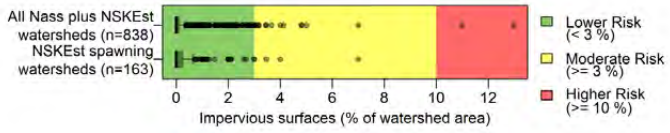

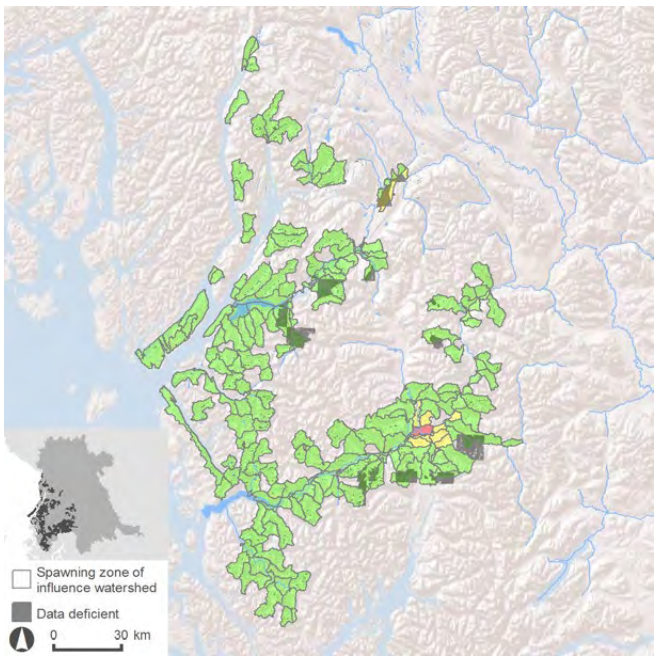

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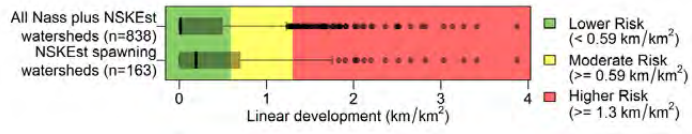

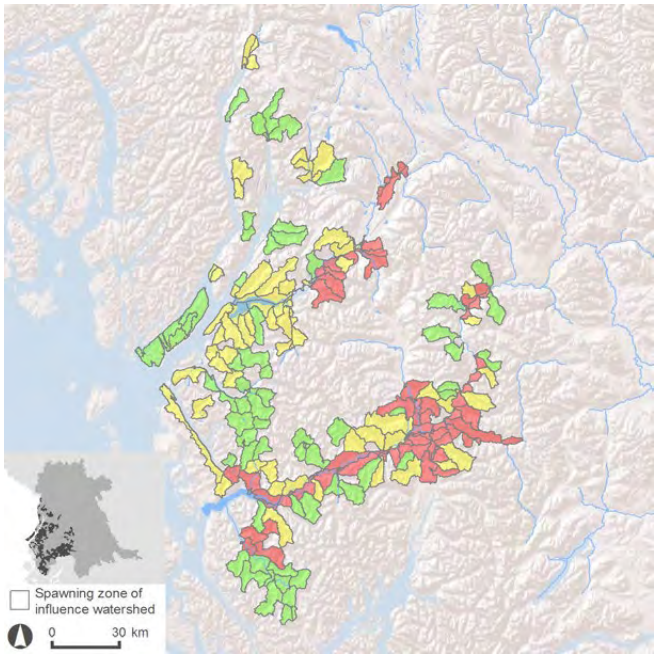

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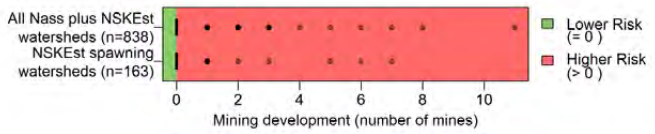

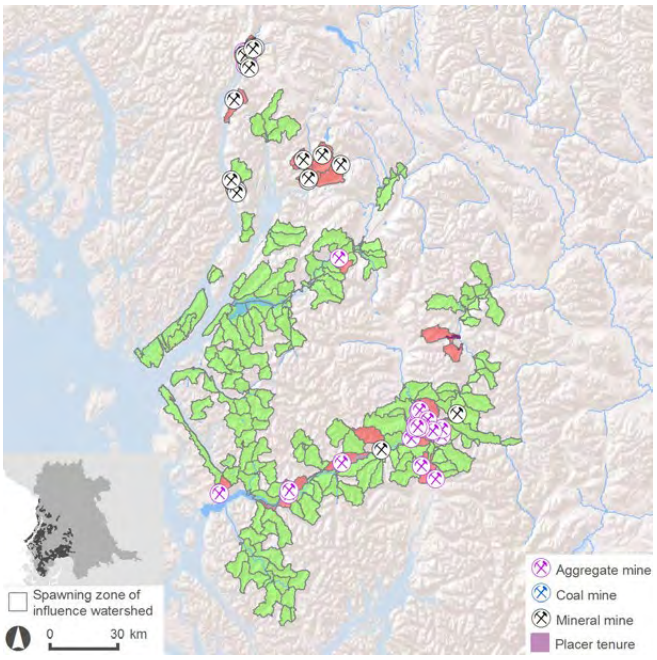

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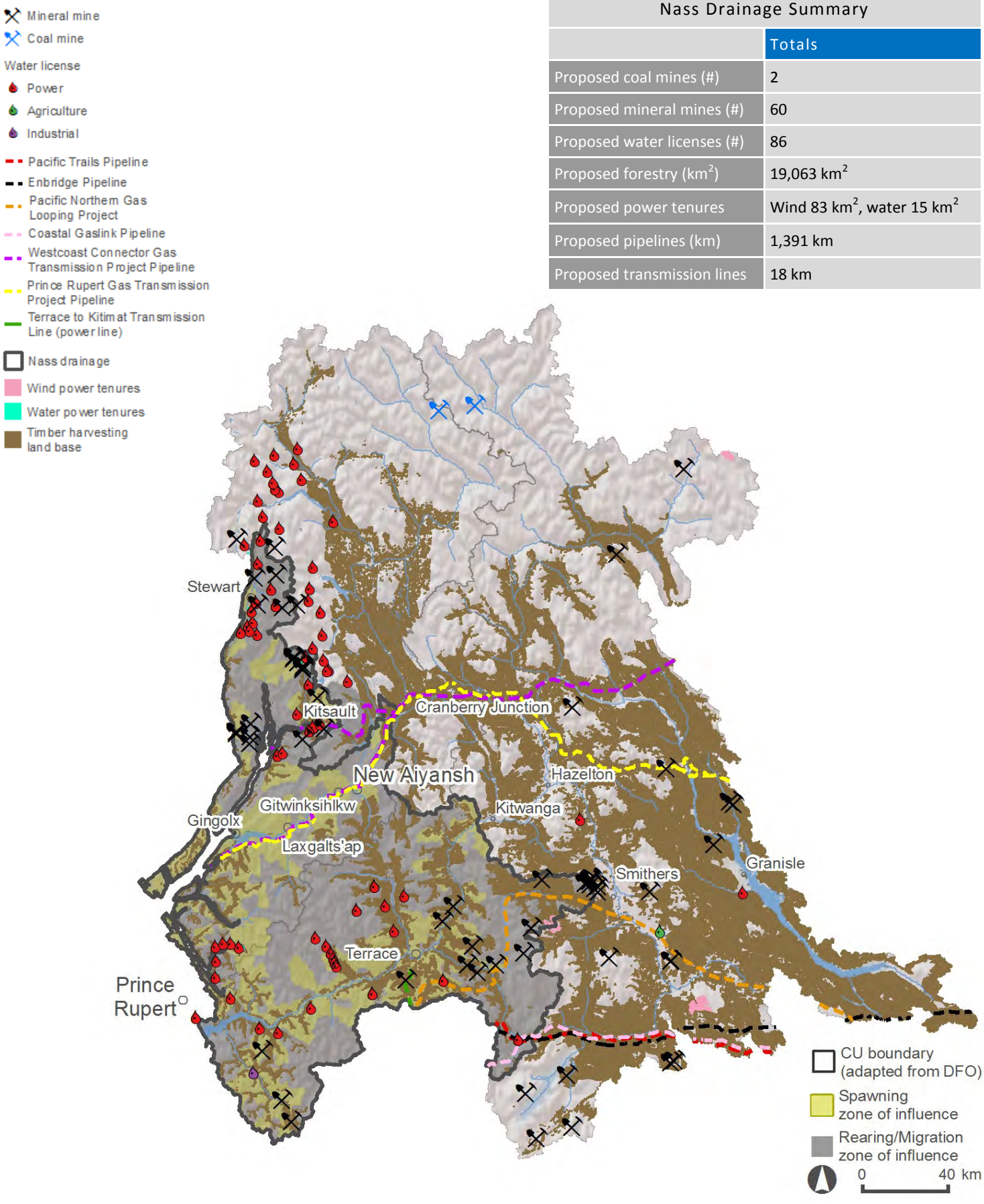

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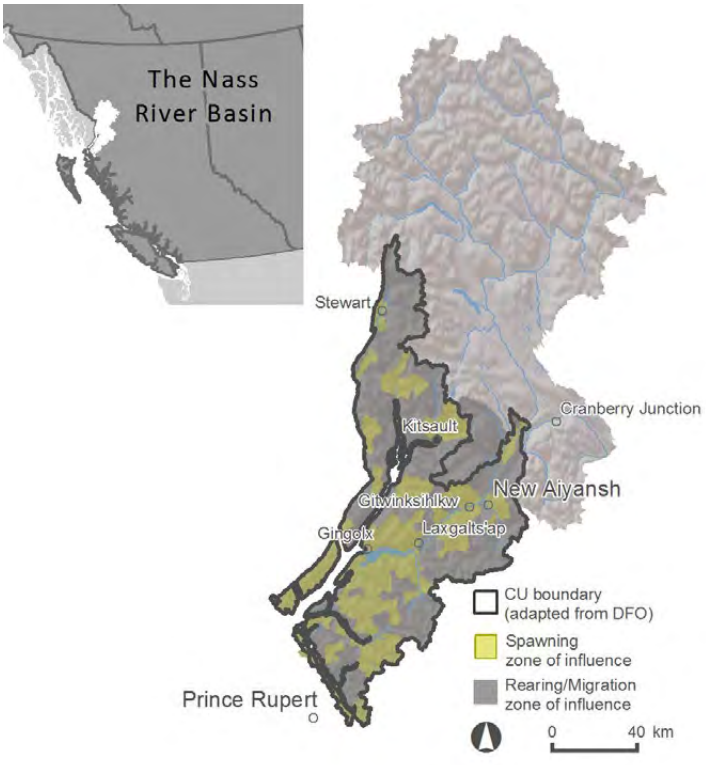

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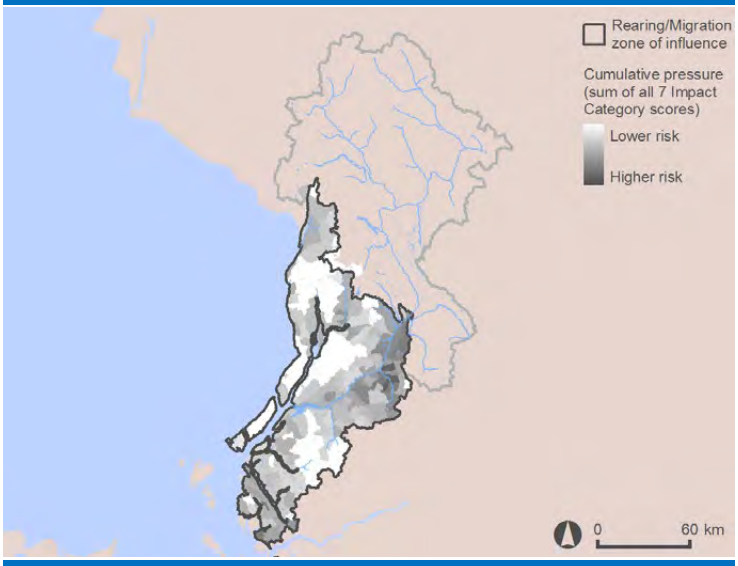

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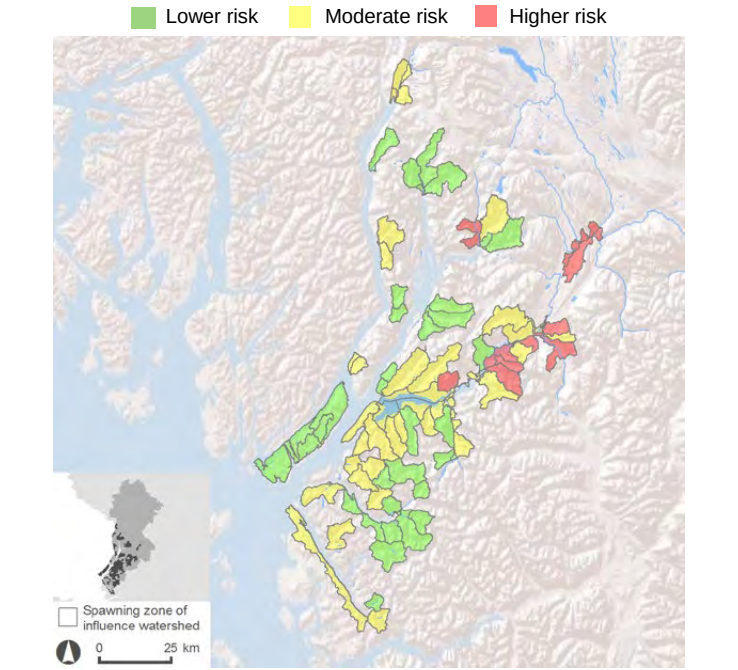

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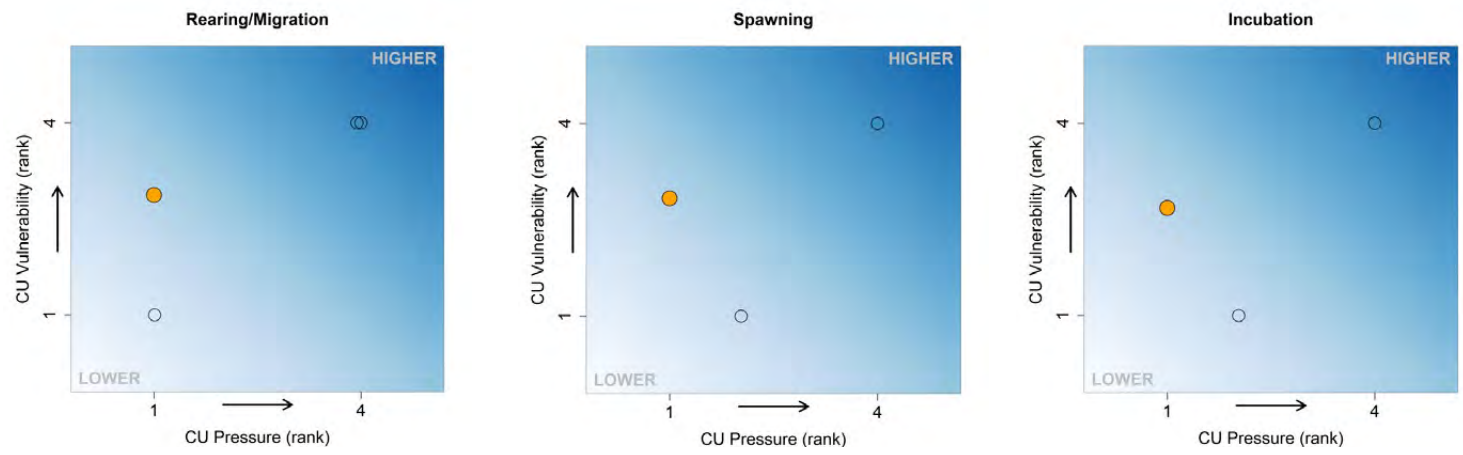
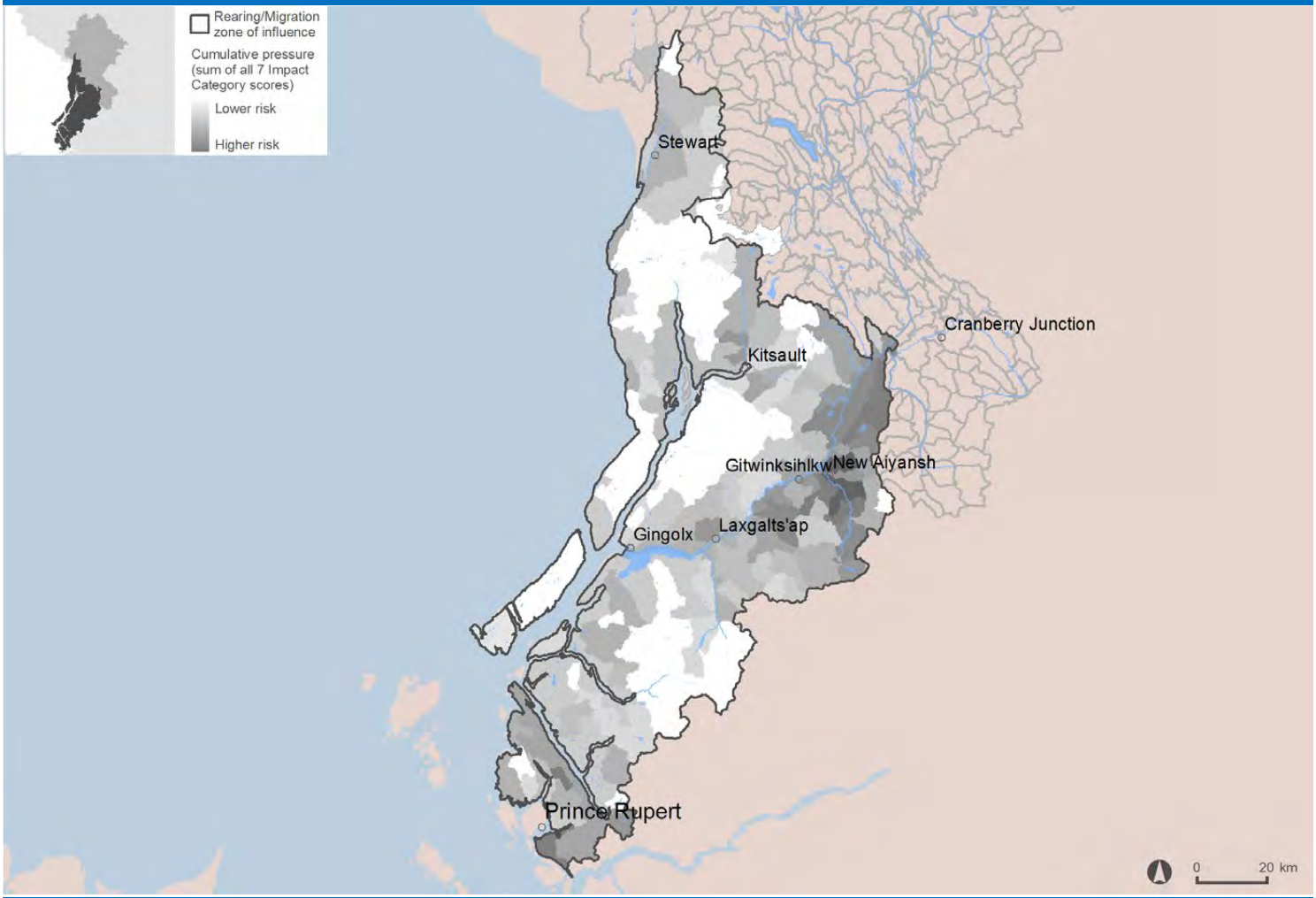


Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures



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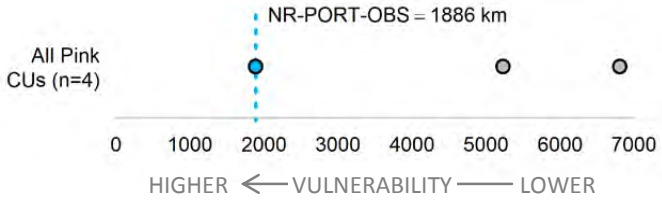

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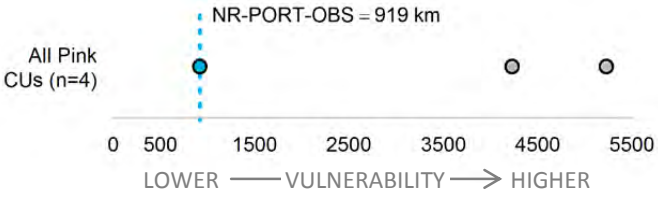

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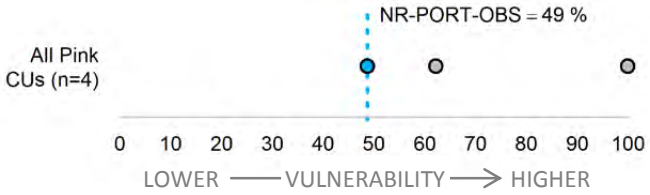
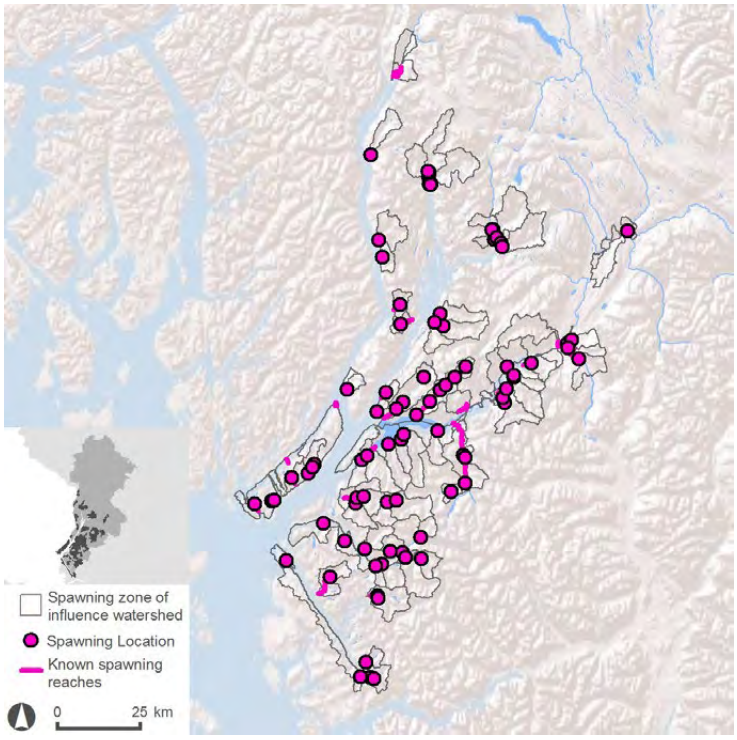


Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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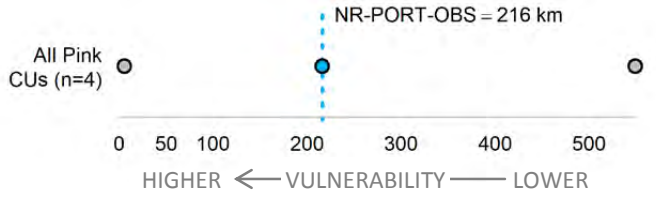

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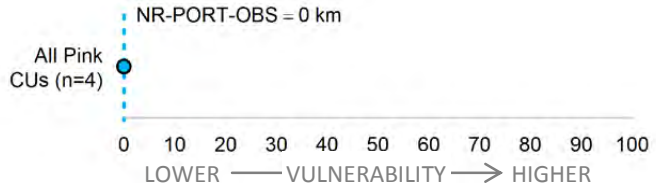

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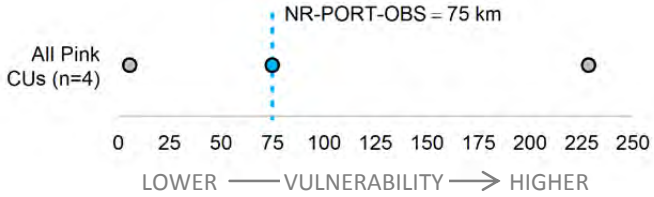

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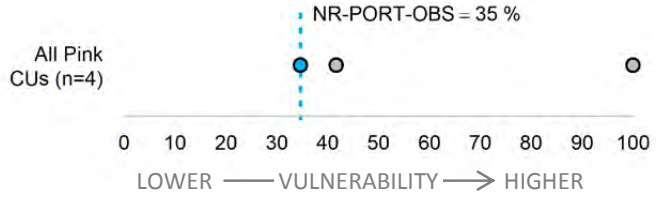

Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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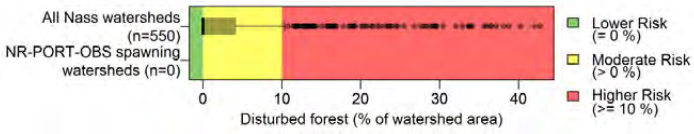

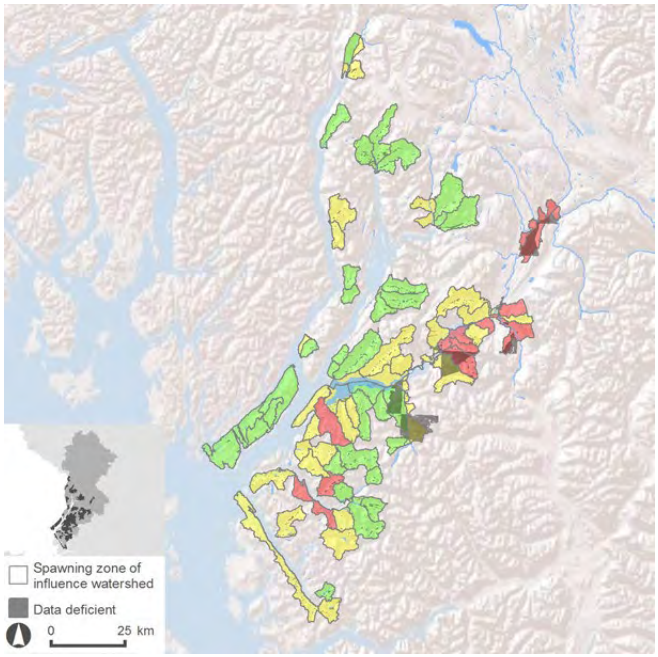

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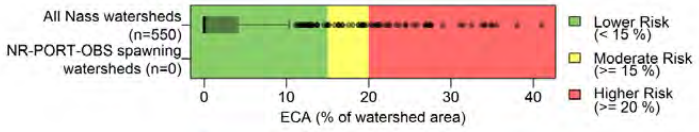

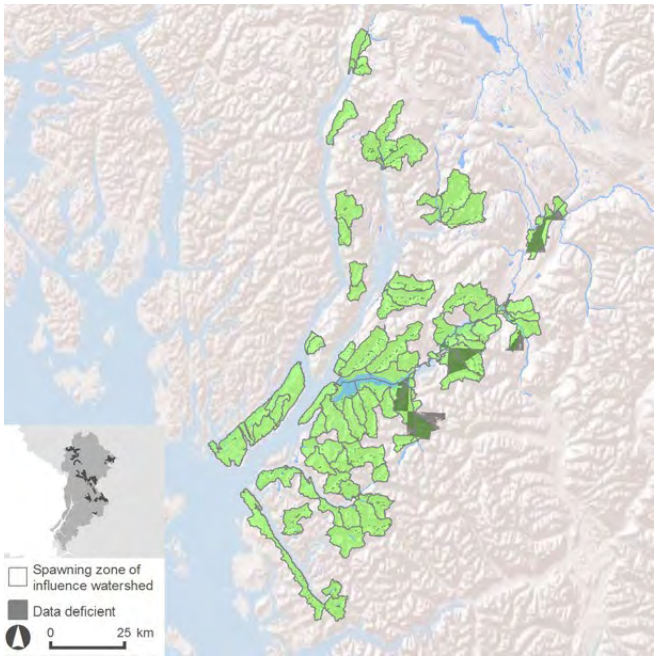

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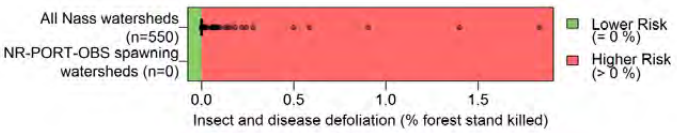

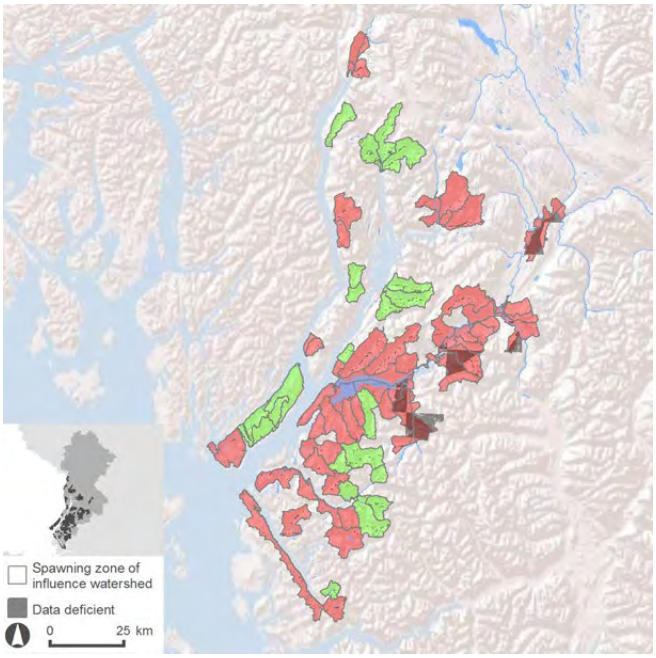

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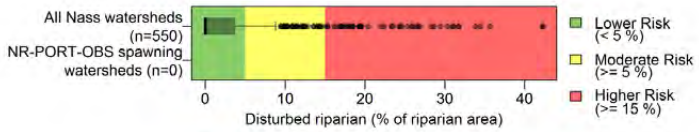

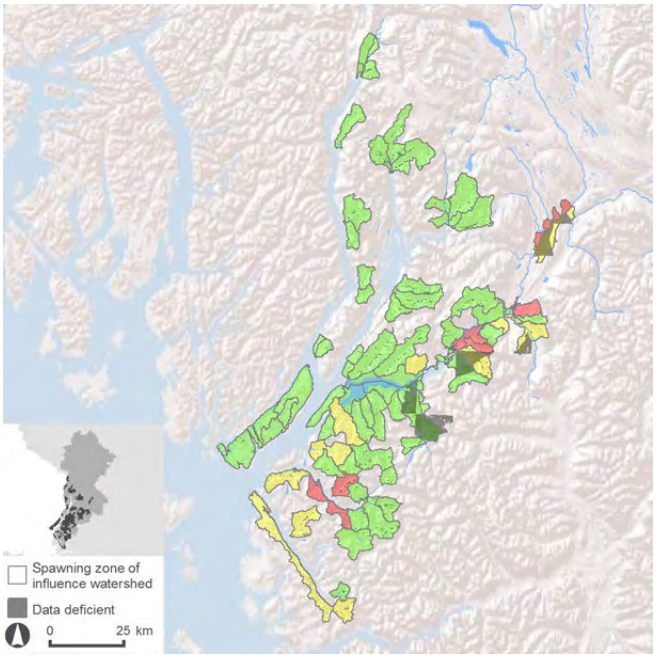

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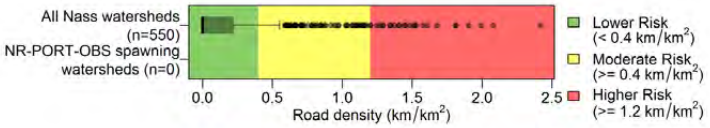

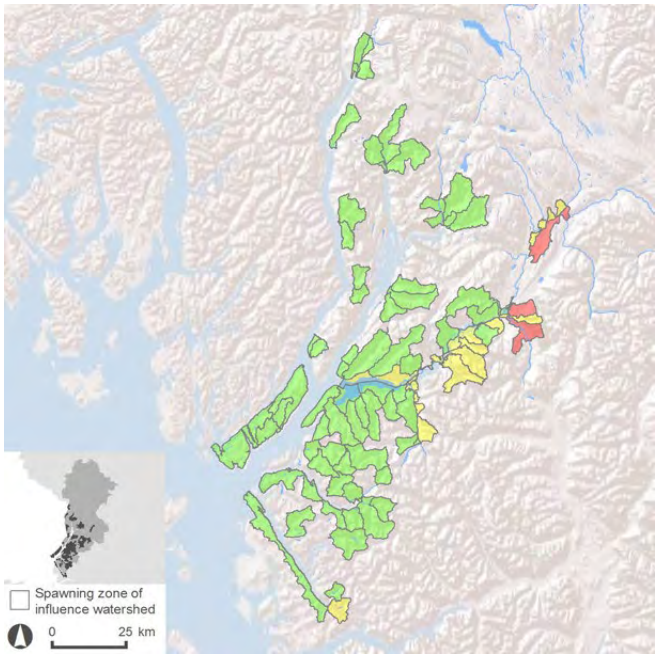

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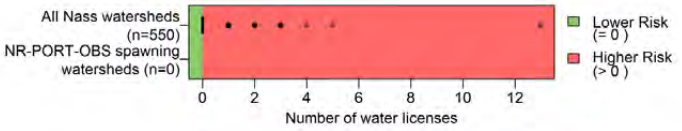

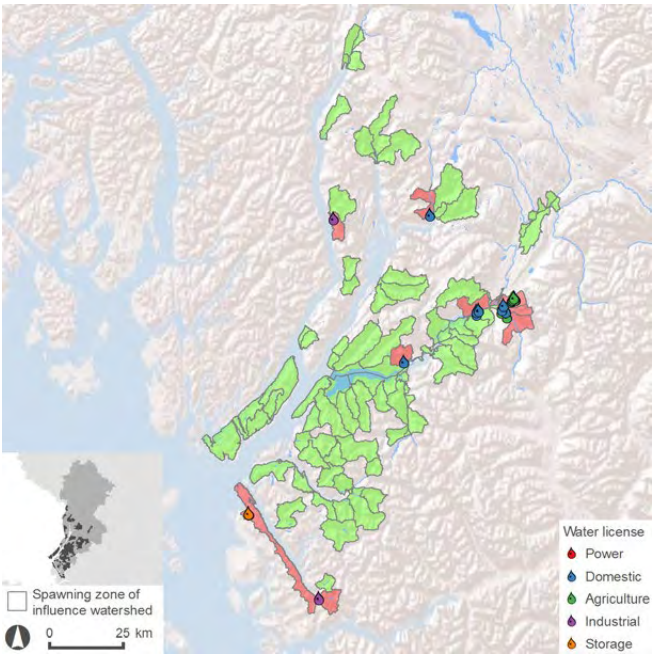

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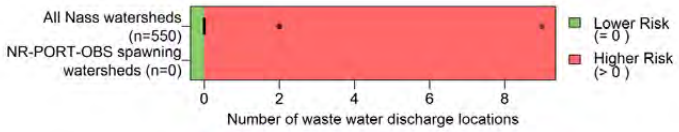

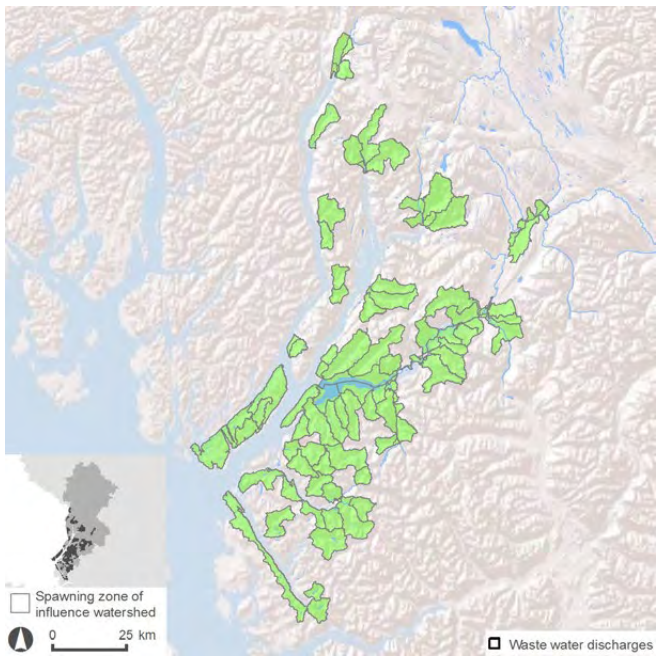

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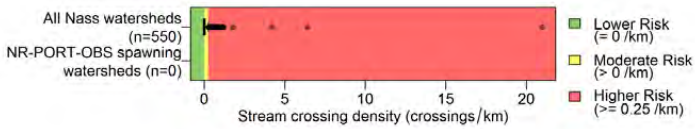

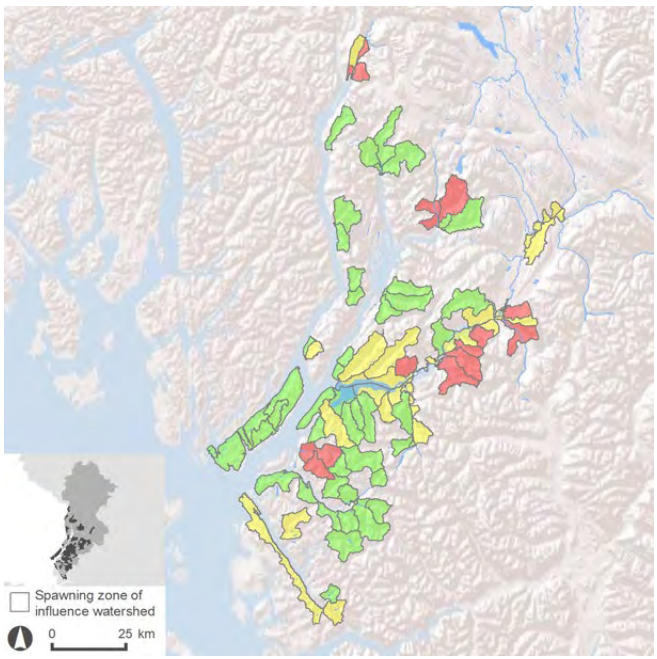

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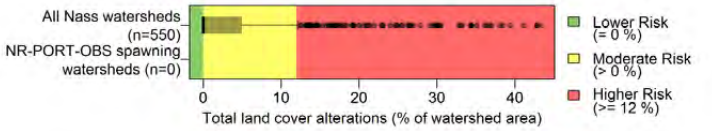

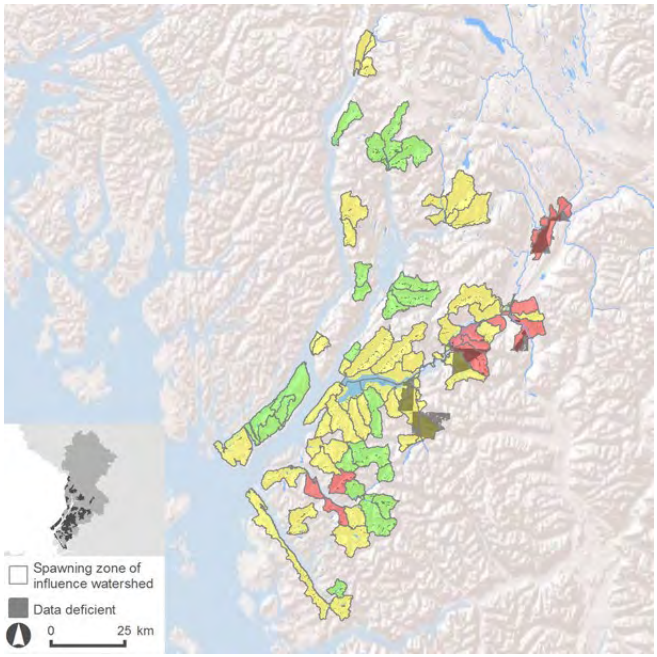

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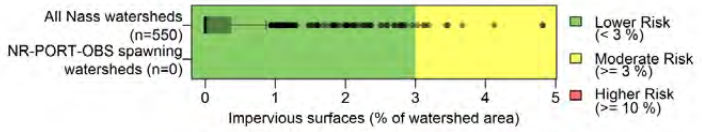

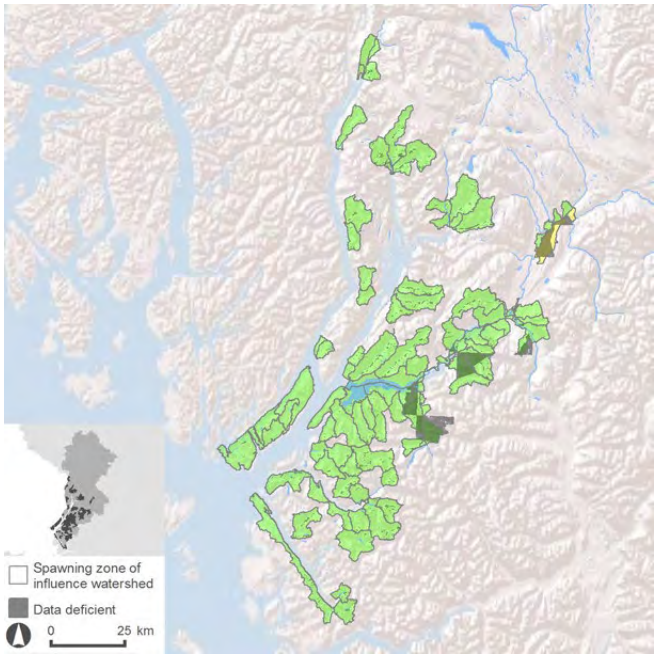

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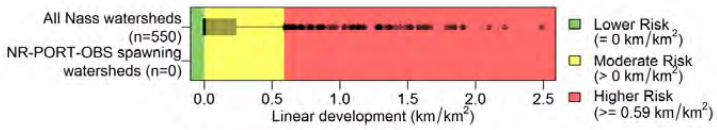
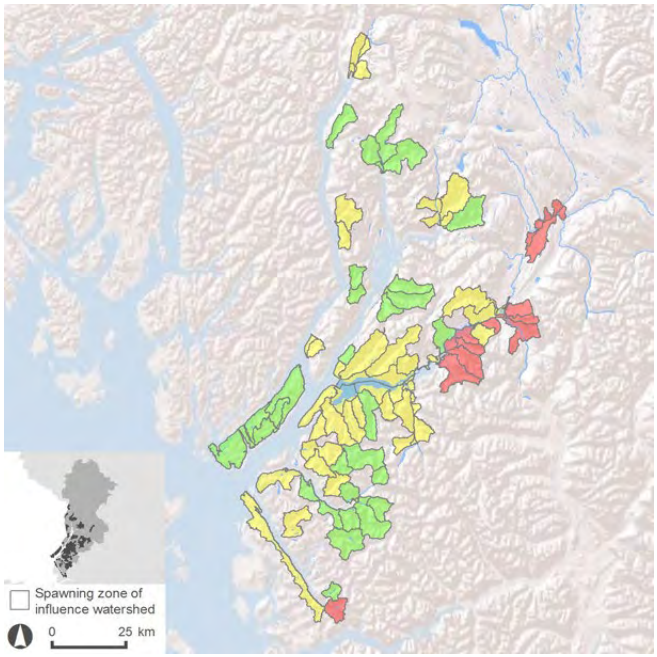
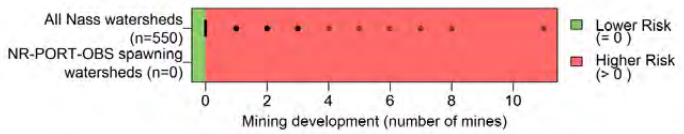
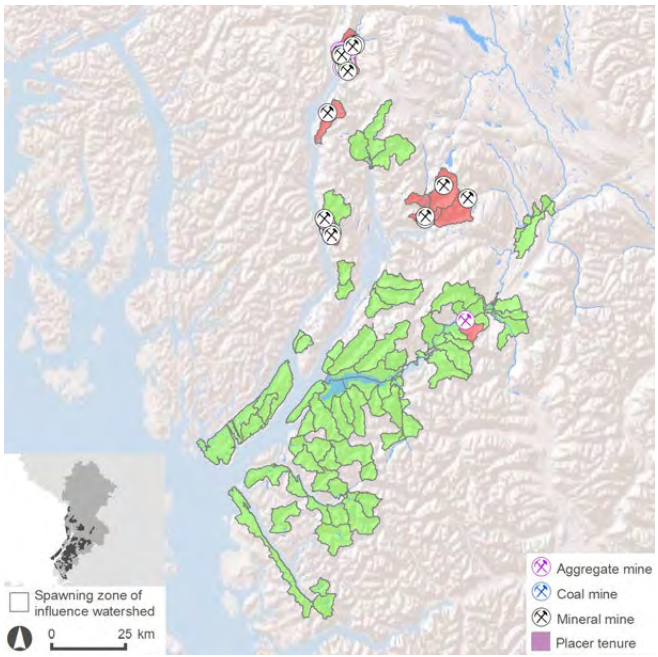




Mining development (total number of mines)

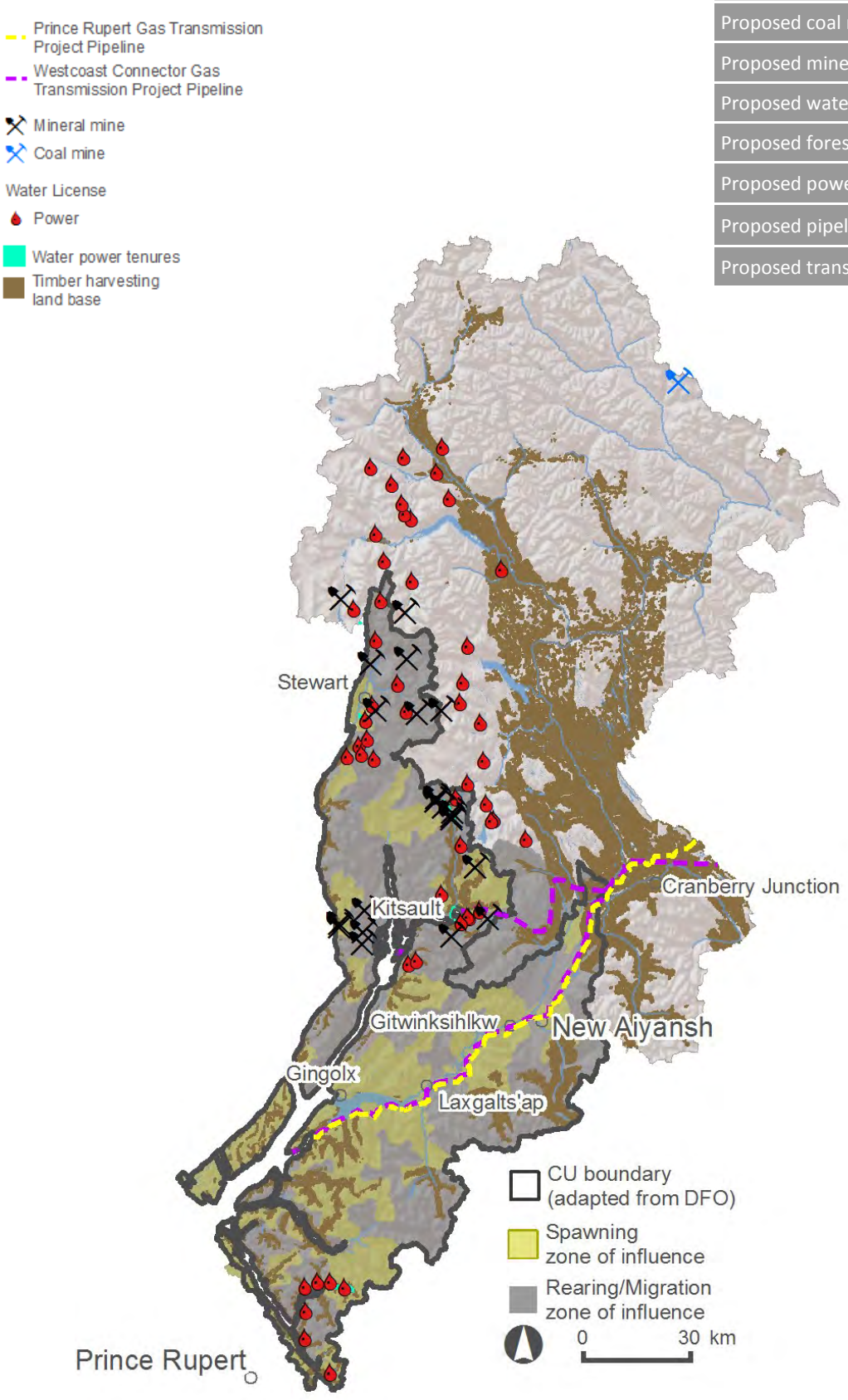




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Pink: Odd-Year Upper Nass

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

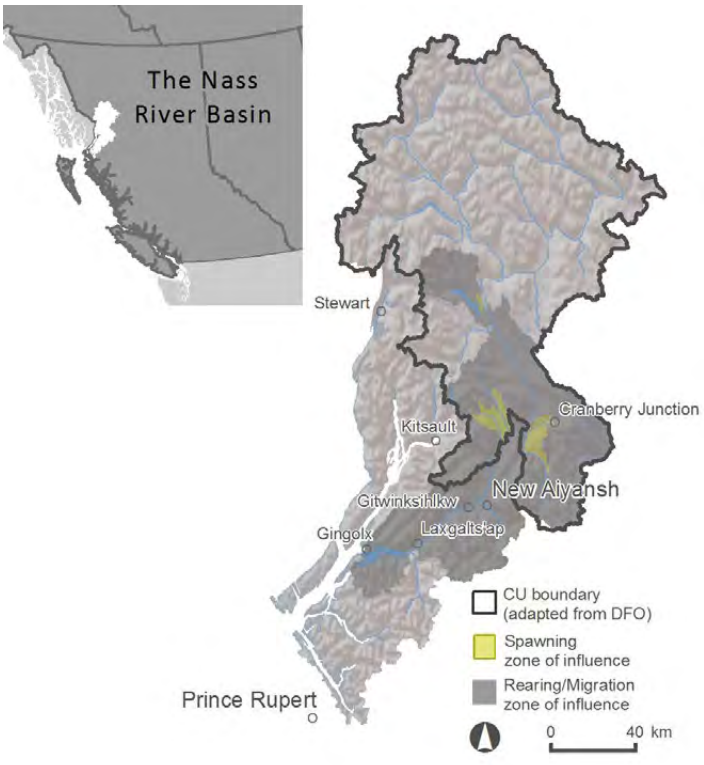
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are four pink salmon CUs found in the Nass Area: 1) Even-Year Nass-Skeena Estuary (NSKEst), 2) Even-Year Upper Nass (UNASS-Even), 3) Odd-Year Upper Nass (UNASS-Odd), and 4) Odd-Year Nass-Portland-Observatory (NR-PORT-OBS). There are over 80 discrete spawning populations across all four CUs.
- Nass Area pink salmon have a fixed, two-year lifespan, most of which is spent in the ocean as pink salmon begin their migration to the ocean immediately after they emerge from the gravel as fry.
- While variable across river systems, Nass Area pink salmon tend to be dominant on the odd-year cycle, although in recent years (post 2009) the odd-year dominance has become less pronounced.

Location



Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

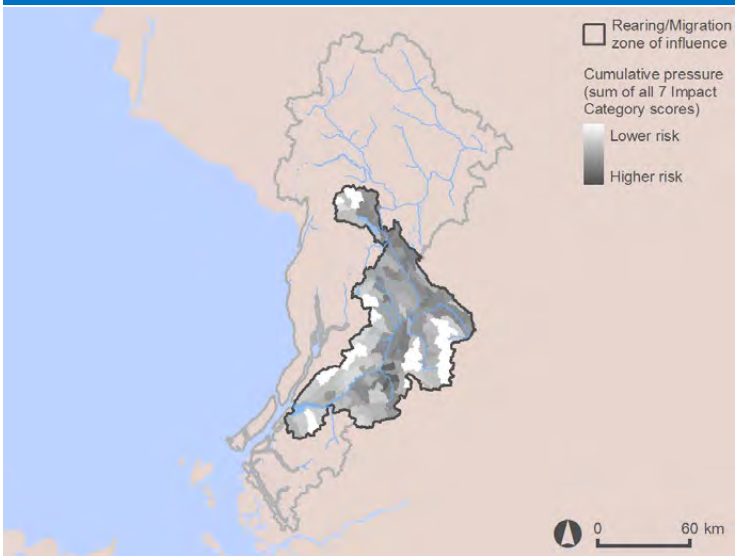
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each CU:

- Rearing/Migration ZOI: Accessible stream length; Length and percentage of accessible streams considered flow sensitive - all seasons
- Spawning ZOI: Total spawning length; Length and percentage of spawning reaches considered flow sensitive (summer period - spawning, winter period - incubation)

Cumulative pressure—rearing/migration



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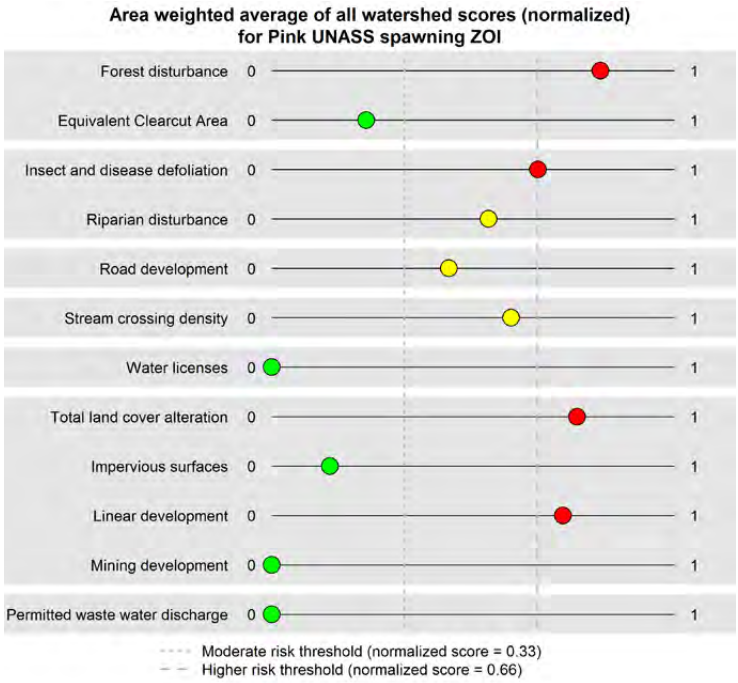

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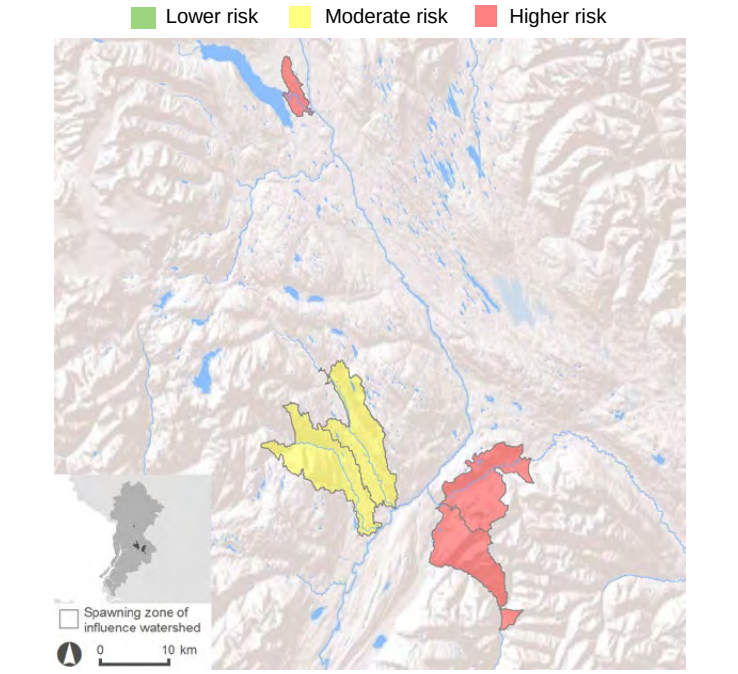

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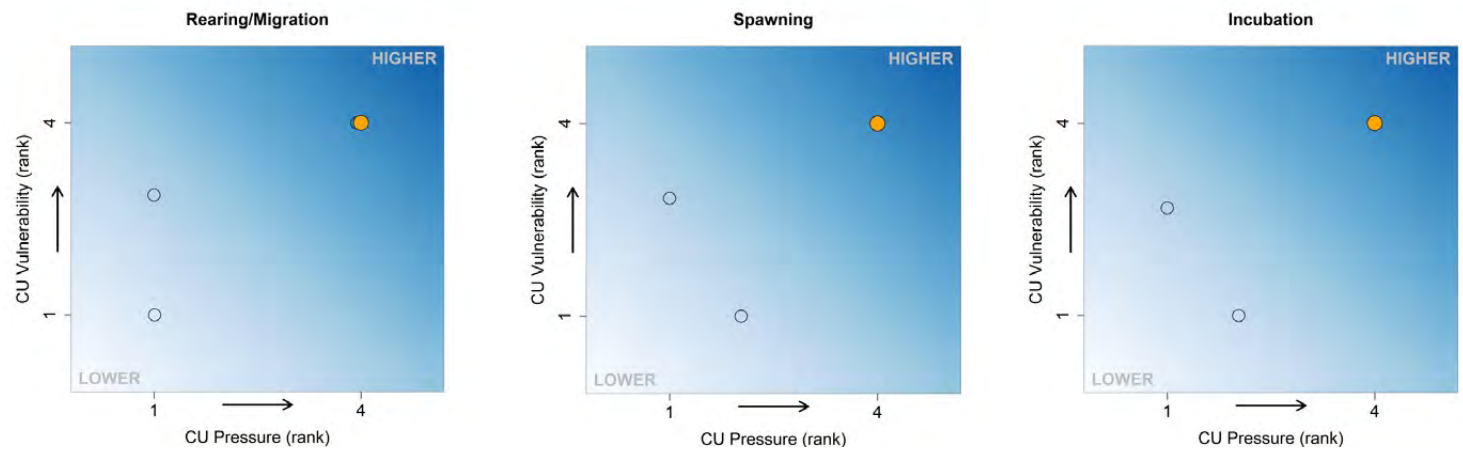
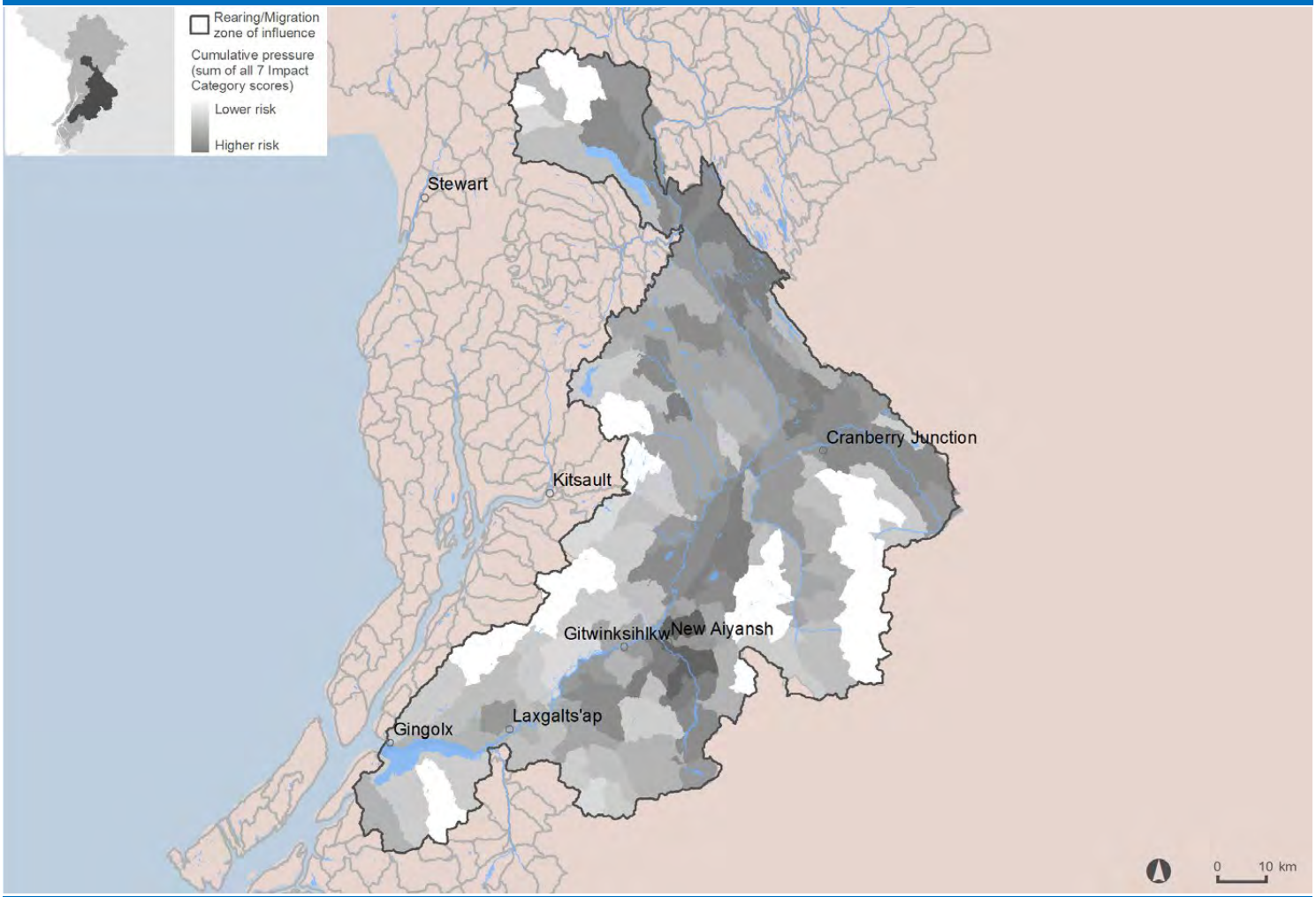


Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

Rearing/Migration period pressures



Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

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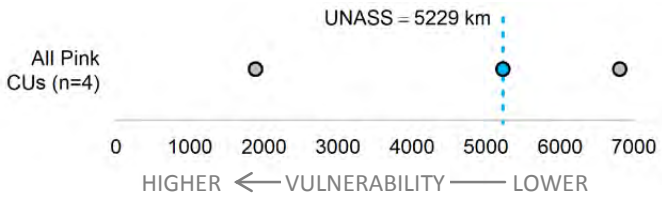


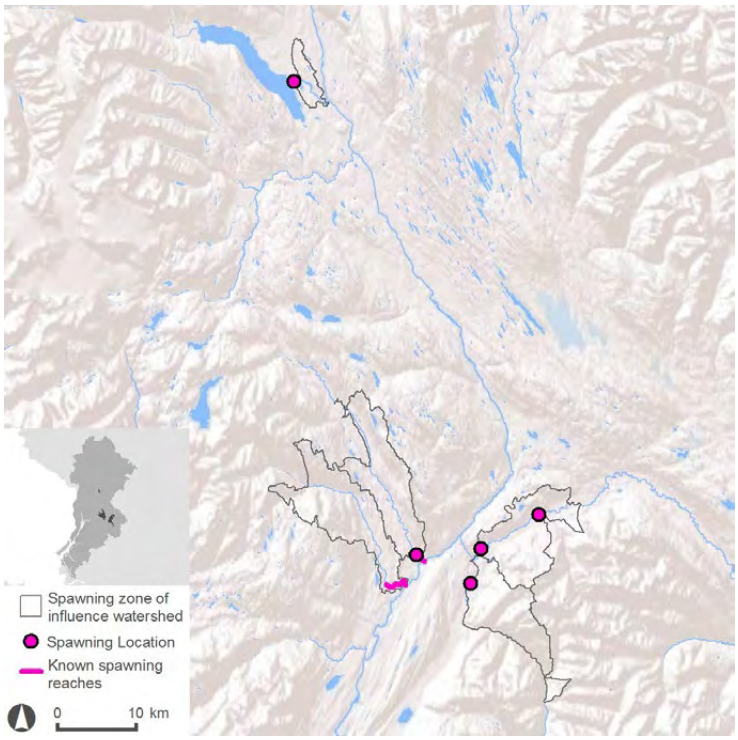
Flow sensitive accessible habitat (km) (all seasons)

Flow sensitive accessible habitat (%) (all seasons)

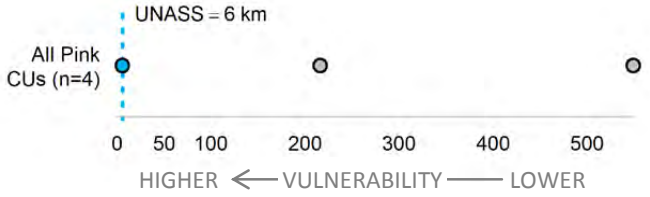
Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



Total spawning length (km)



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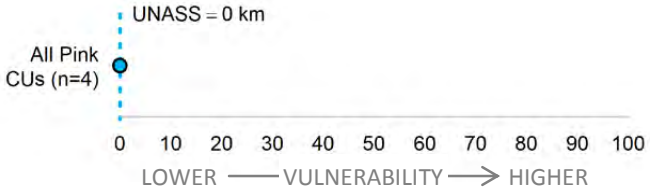

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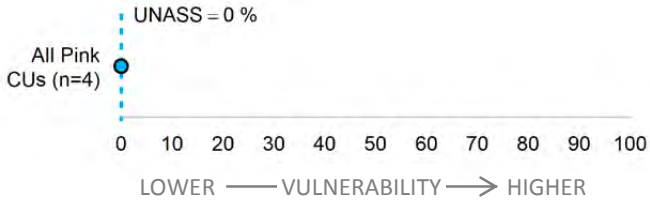

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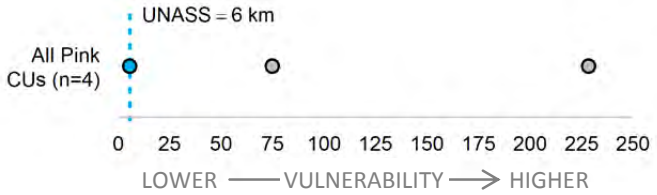

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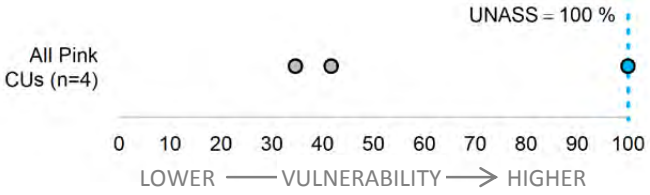

Spawning pressure

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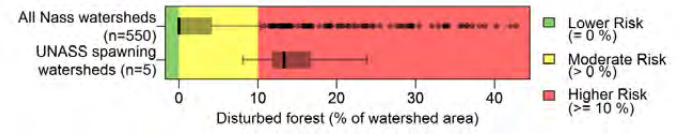

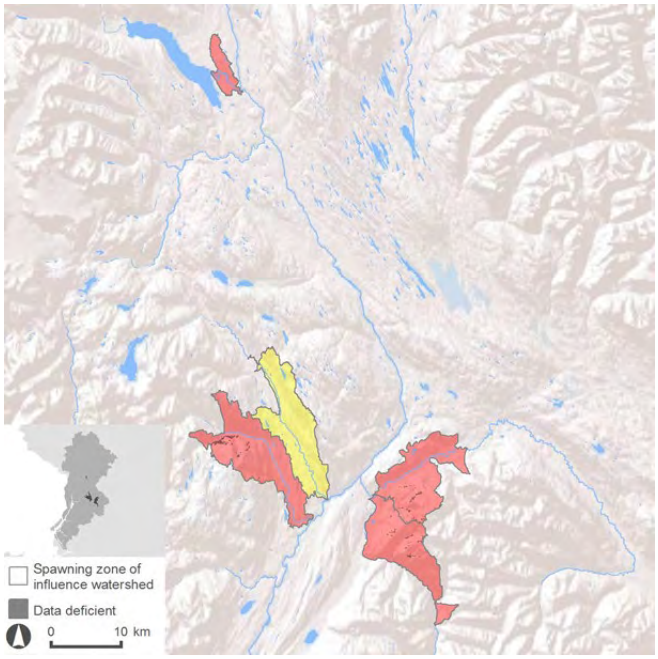

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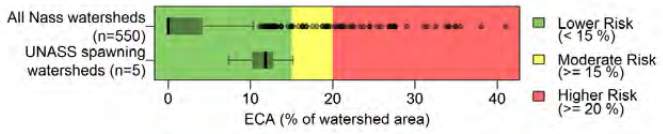

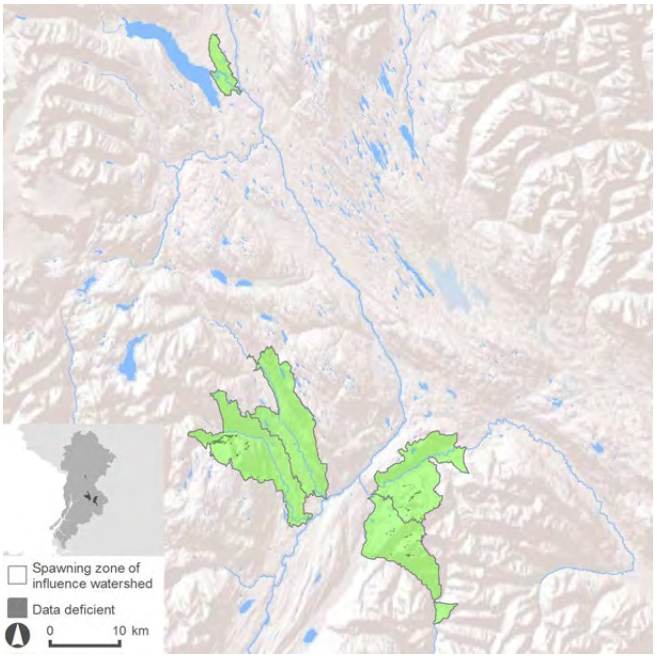

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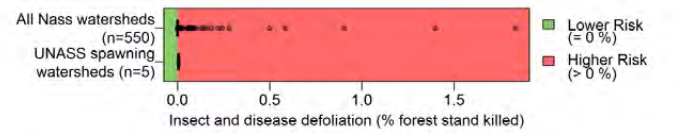

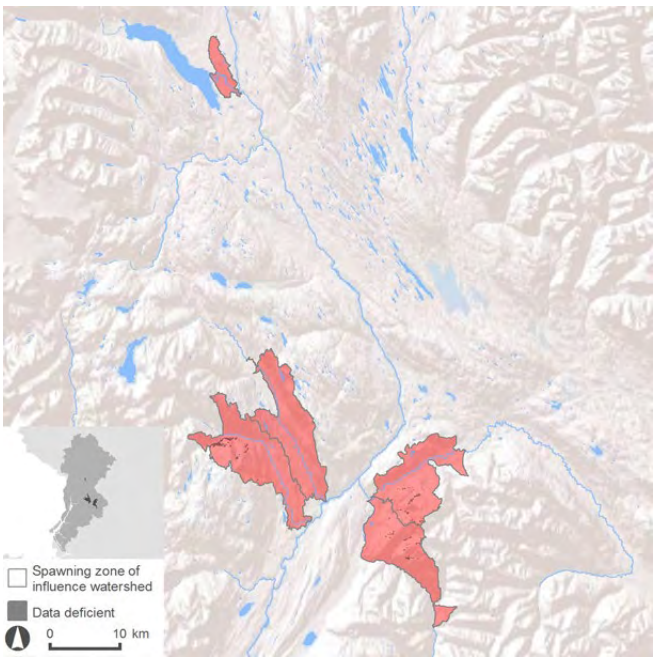

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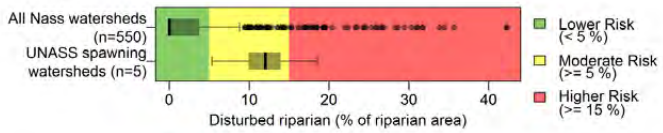

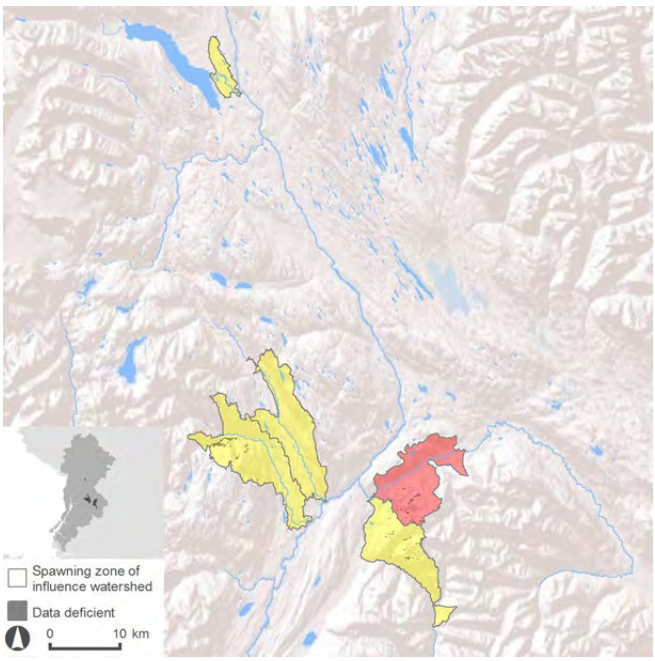

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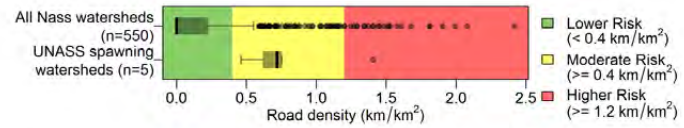

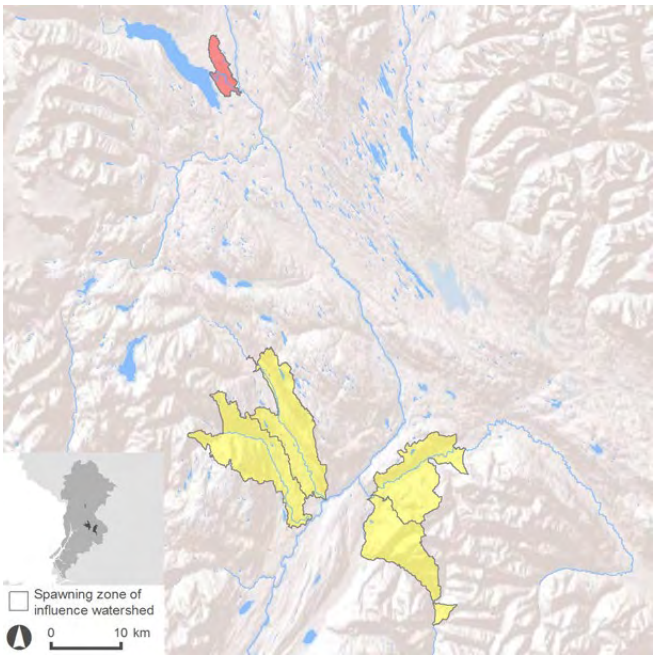

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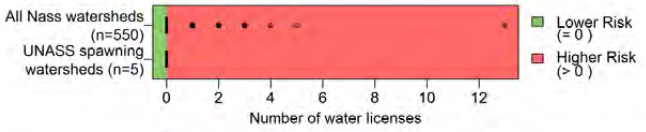

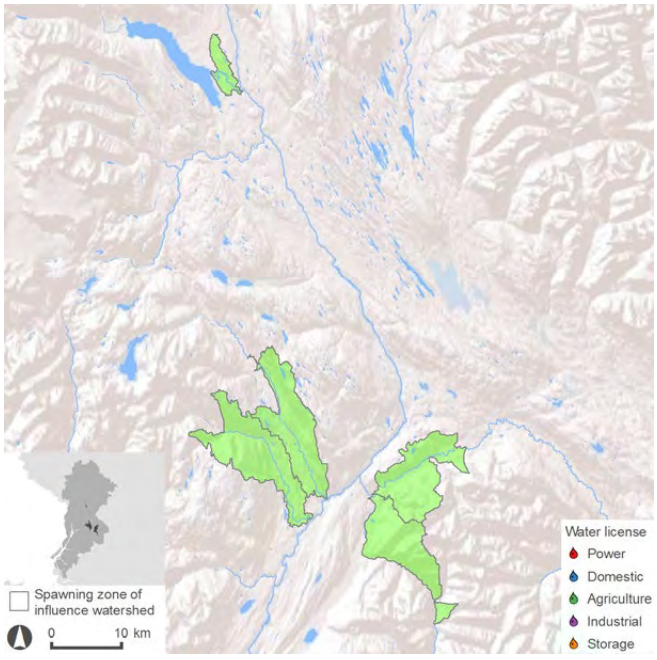

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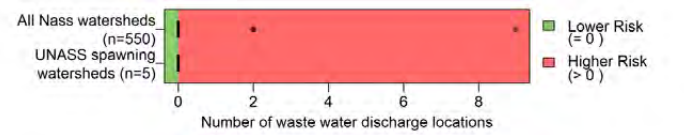

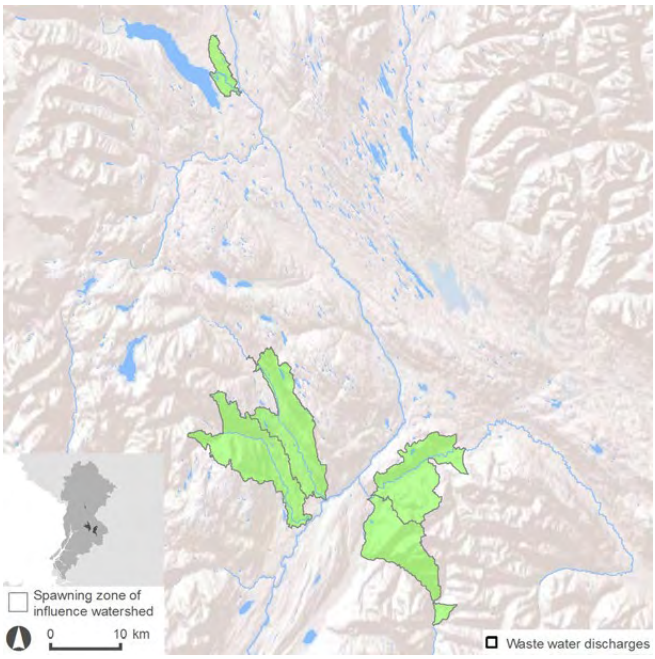

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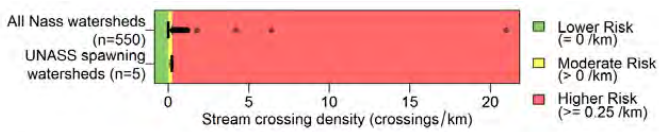

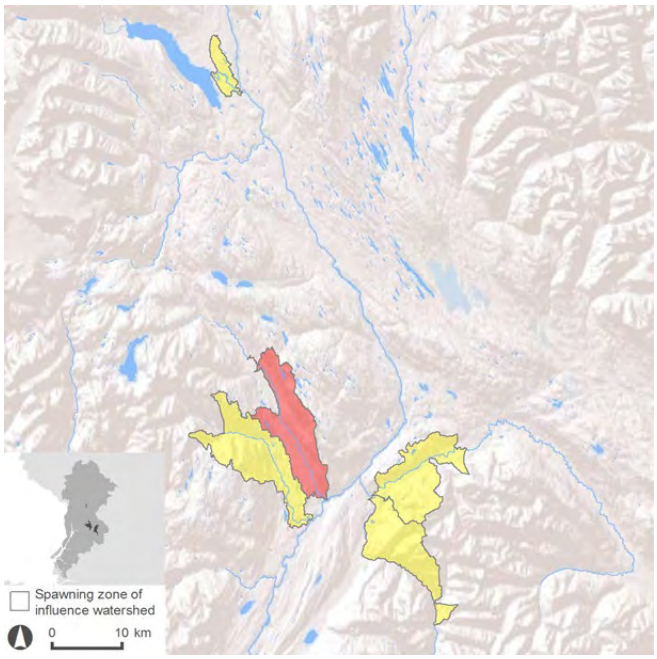

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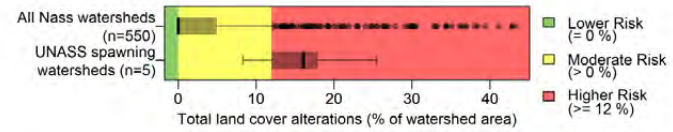

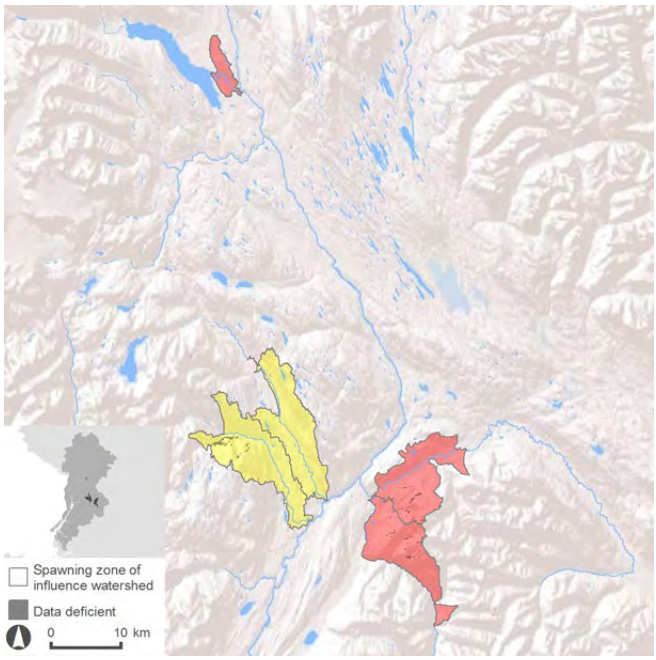

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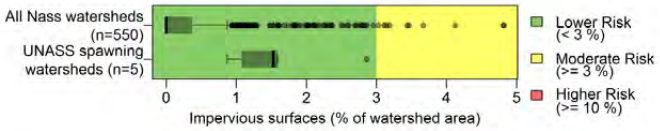

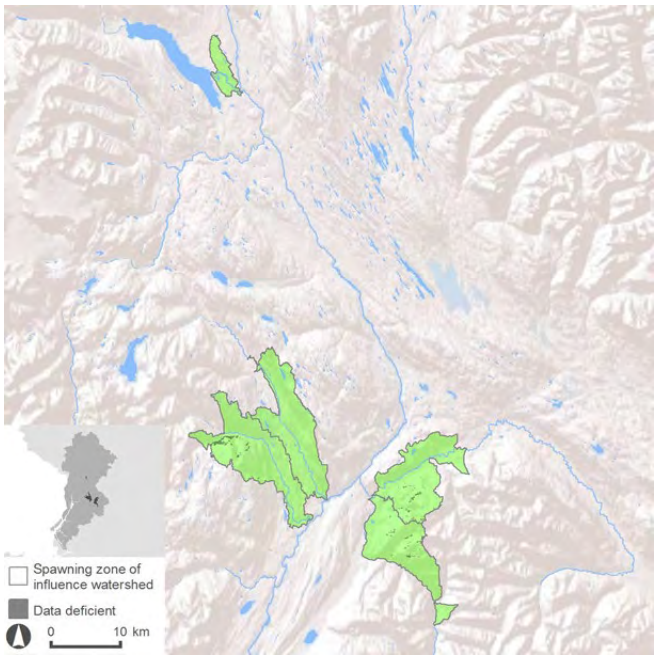

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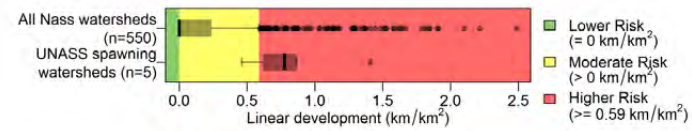

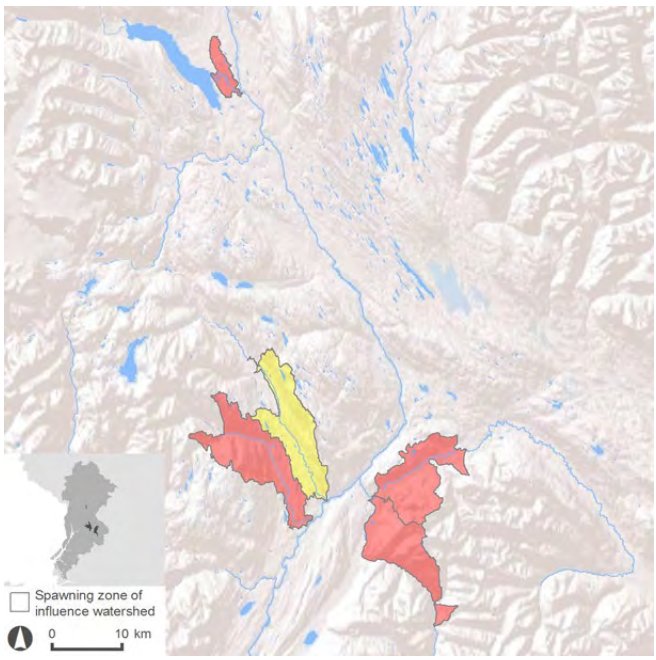

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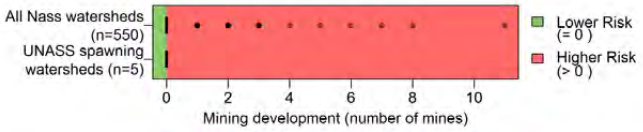
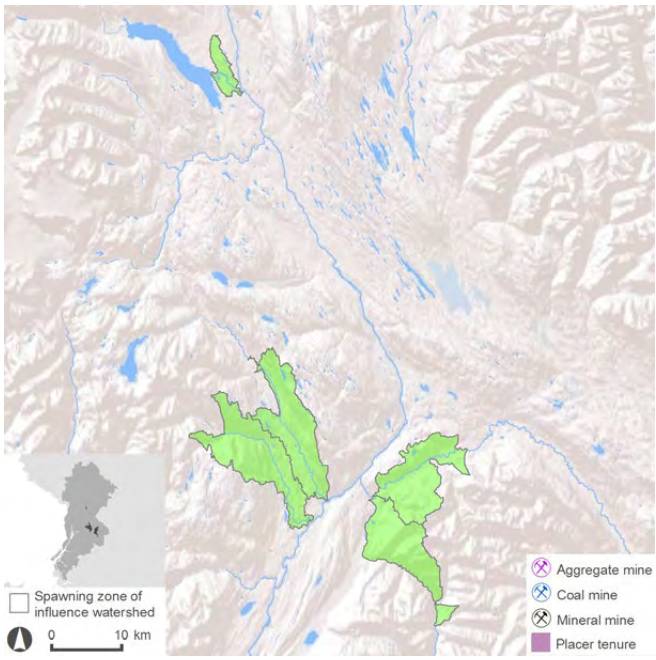
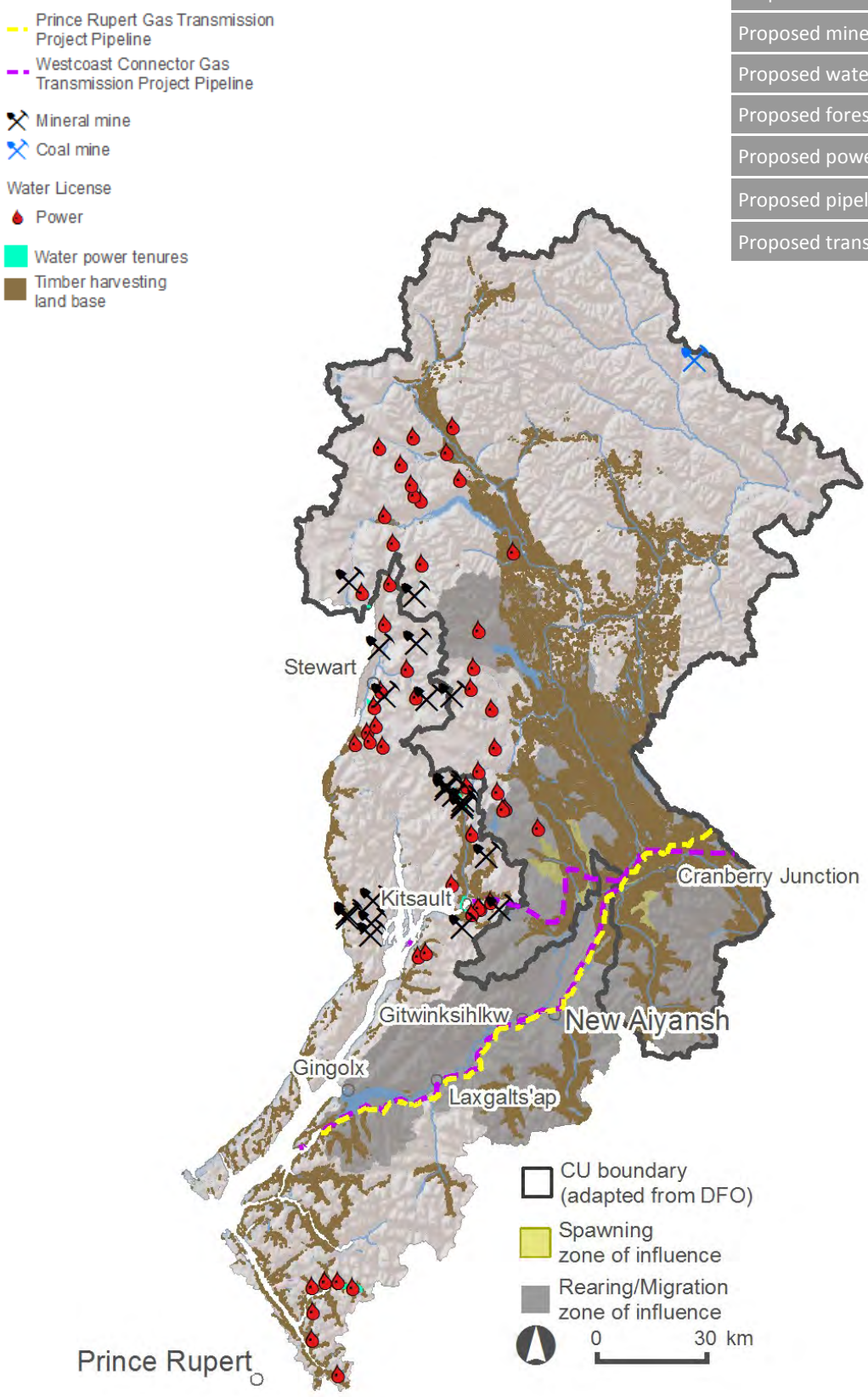




Future pressure

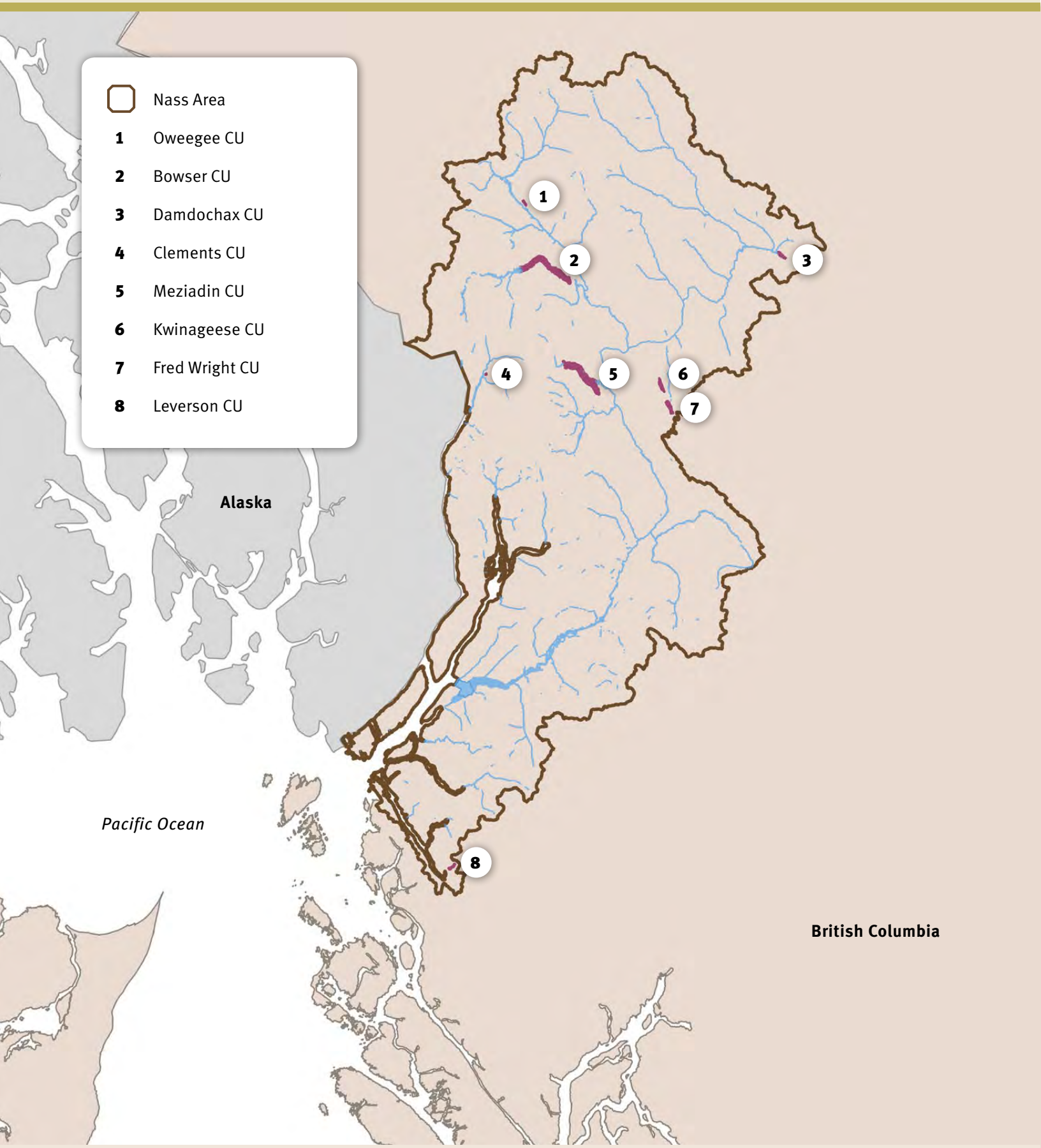
Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Sockeye

Lake Sockeye: Map of Conservation Units (CUs)



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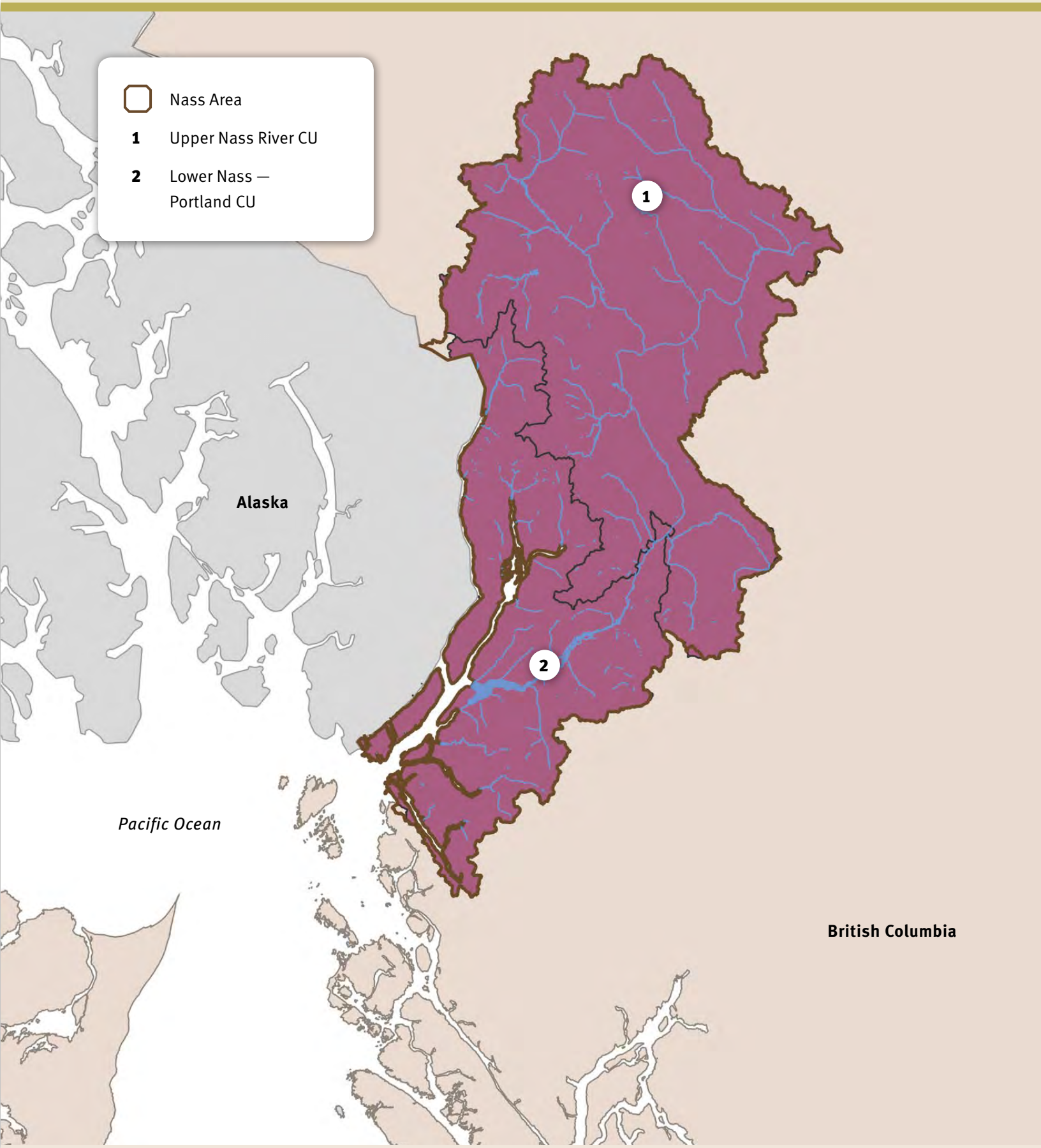


Lake Sockeye: Clements

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

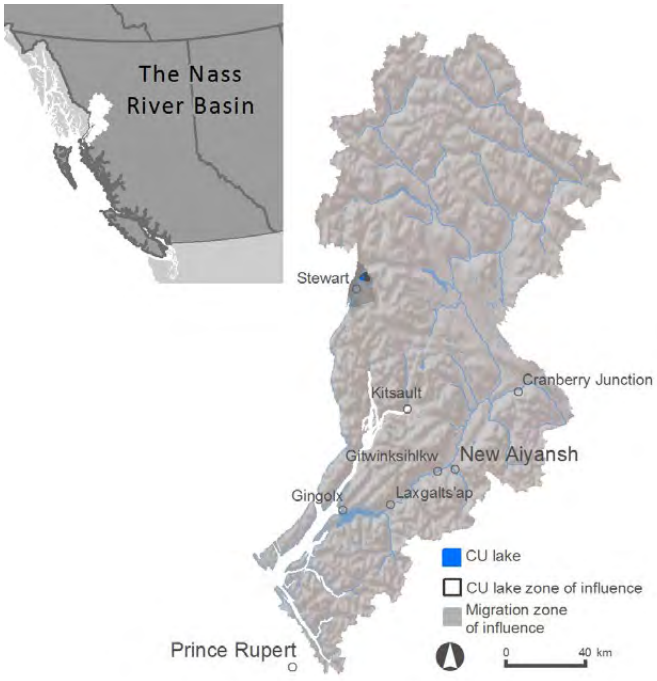
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

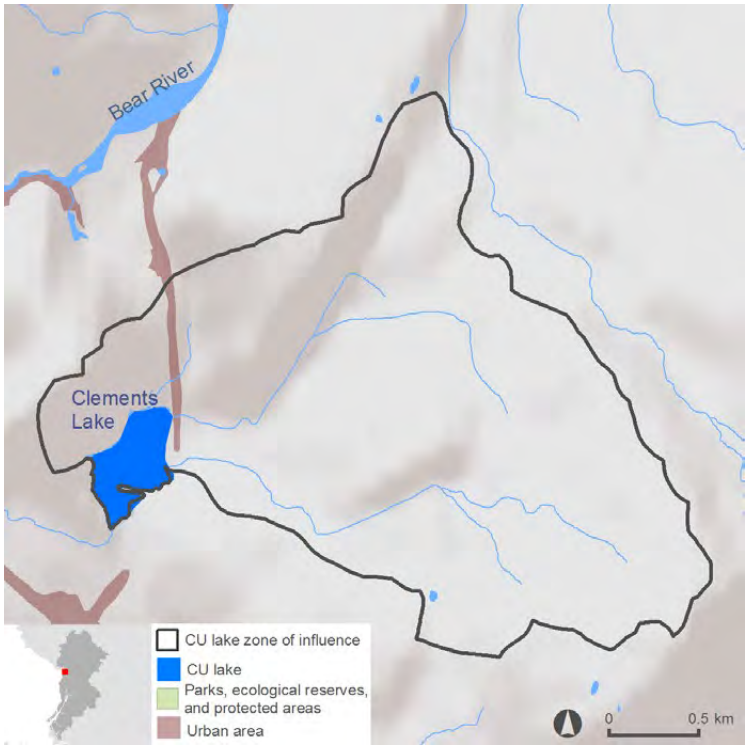
Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are ten sockeye salmon CUs in the Nass Area: two are river-type CUs (Upper Nass—UNR and Lower Nass-Portland—LNR-P) and eight are lake-type (Clements, Leverson, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, Meziadin, and Oweegee).
- Nearly all of the sockeye salmon production in the Nass Area comes from the lake-type CUs in the upper watershed (i.e. Meziadin, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, and Oweegee).
- Nass Area sockeye salmon exhibit variable life history characteristics, with the majority being lake-type and spending one full year rearing in a lake.
- A marine-type population, where salmon go to sea in their first year, is found in some lower Nass tributaries.
- Nass Area sockeye salmon predominantly reside at sea for one to four years, with the majority spending either two or three years at sea.

Location





Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

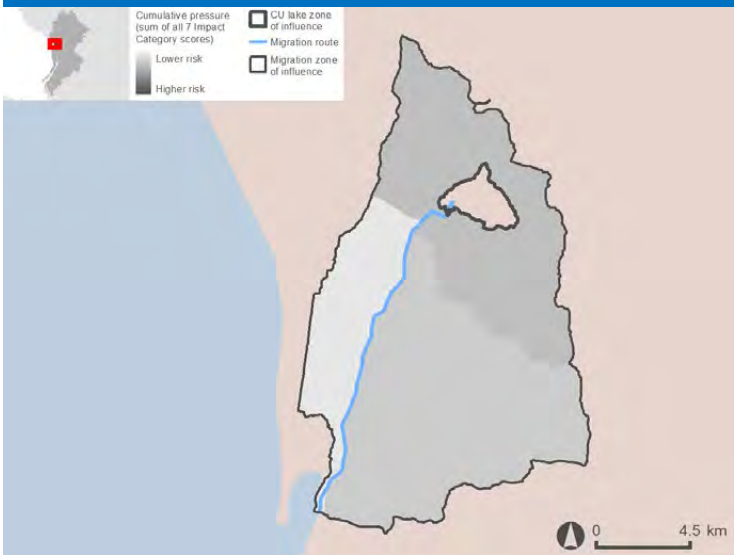
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

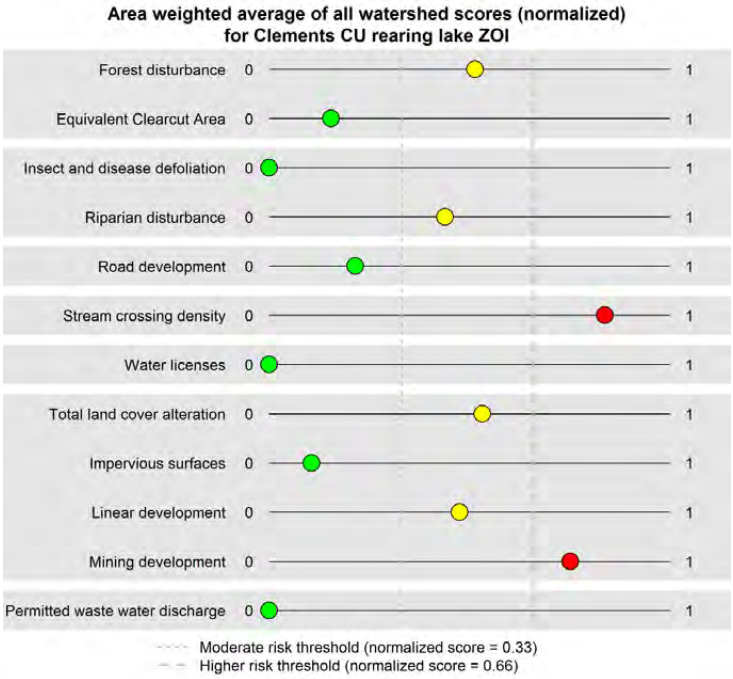
Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each lake sockeye CU:

- Migration (Total migration distance; Length and percentage of migration route summer flow sensitive)
- Spawning (Total spawning length; Spawning length in tributary, lake or mainstem; Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning length; Length of accessible habitat)
- Rearing (Rearing lake area)

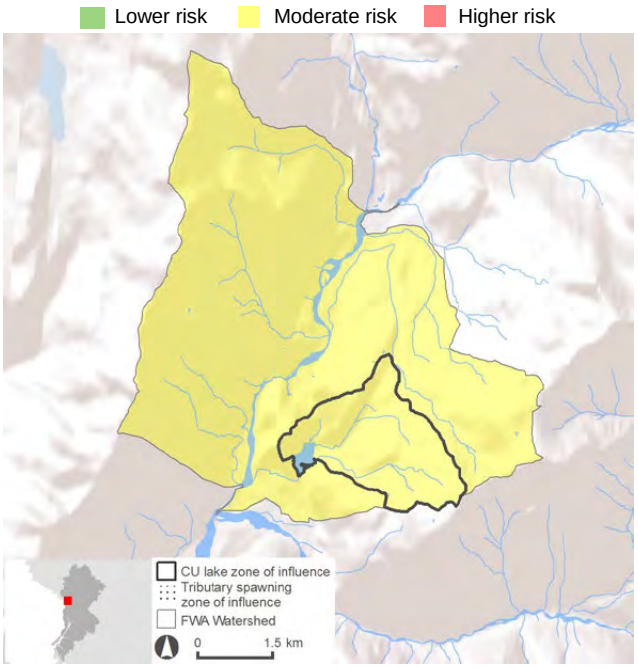
Cumulative pressure—migration



Summary of pressure indicators—rearing

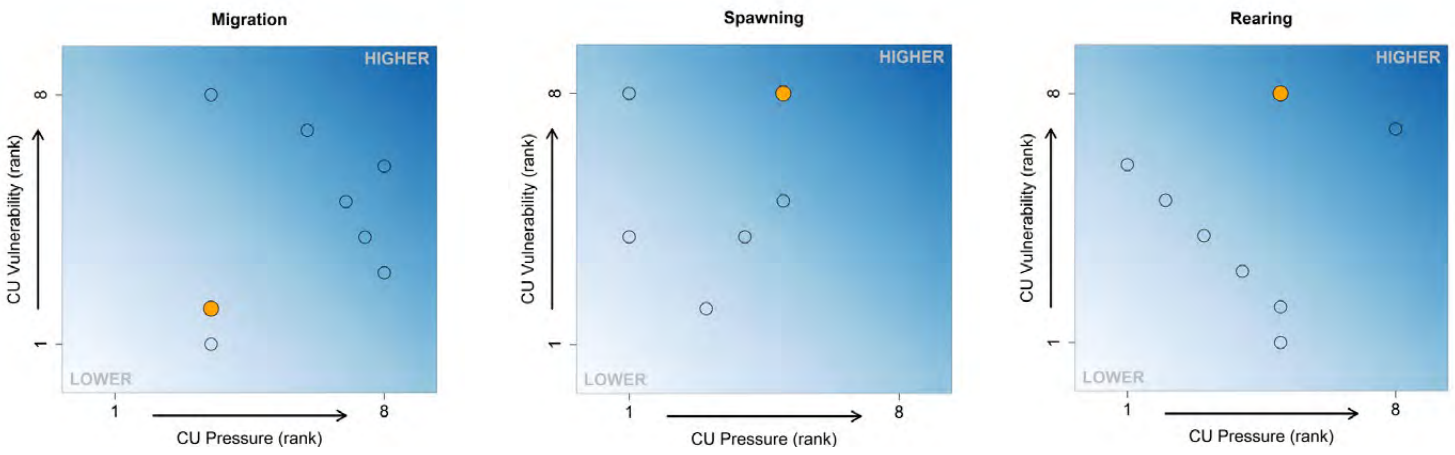


Cumulative pressure—rearing & spawning



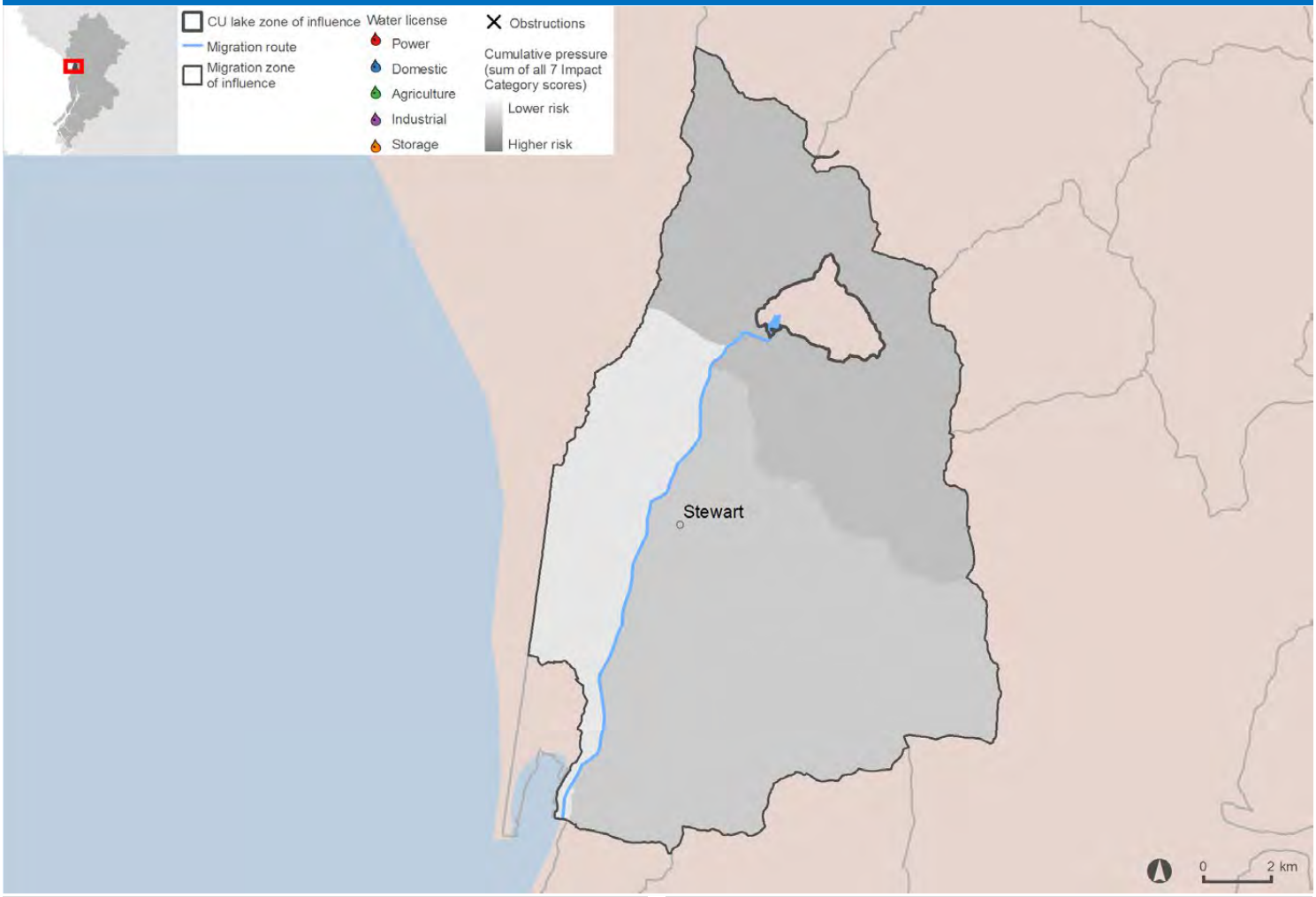
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—migration, spawning, & rearing

● = Clements ○ = other lake sockeye CUs

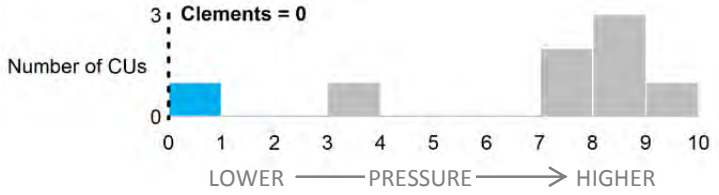


Migration vulnerability & pressure

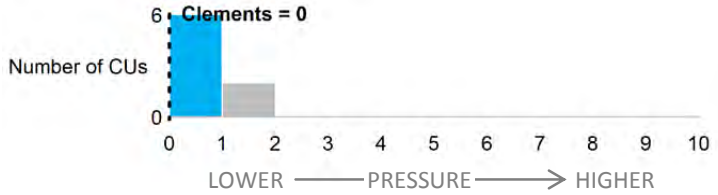
Migration period pressures



Number of obstructions along migration route

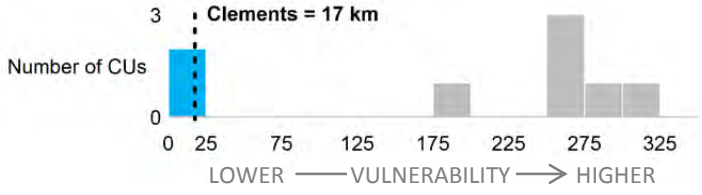


Number of water licenses along migration ZOI



Migration period vulnerability

Migration distance (km)



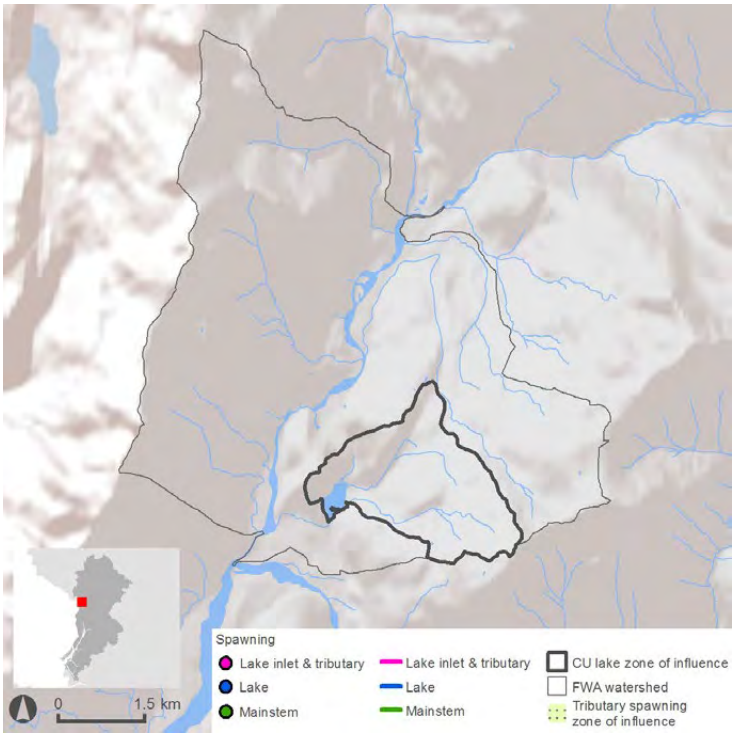
Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (km)

Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (%)

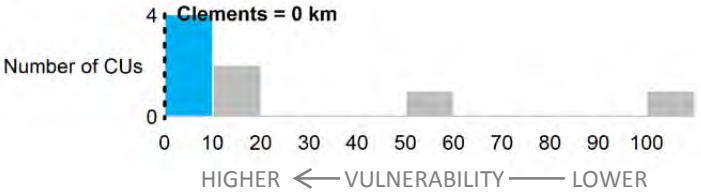
Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



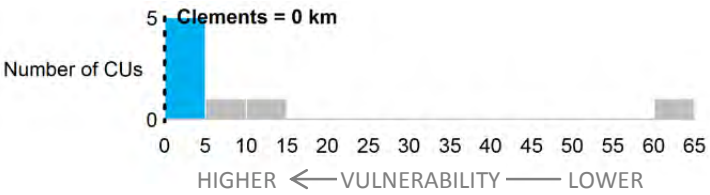
Total (mainstem, trib & lake) spawning length (km)



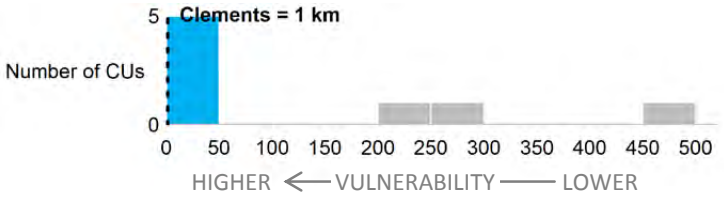
Length of lake shore spawning areas (km)

Mainstem spawning length (km)

Tributary and lake inlet spawning length (km)



Salmon accessible habitat (km)



Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning

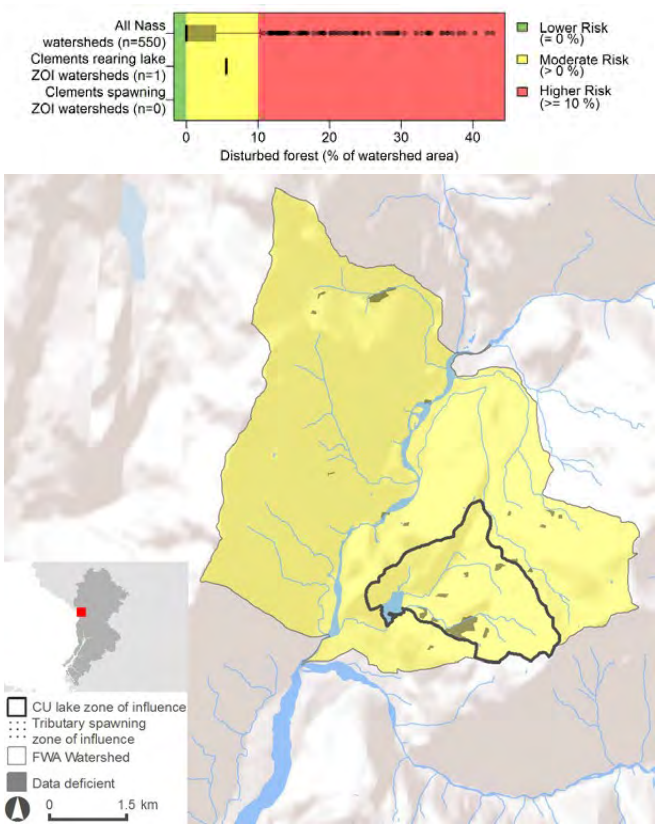
Rearing period vulnerability

Area of nursery lakes (ha)

Spawning & rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance



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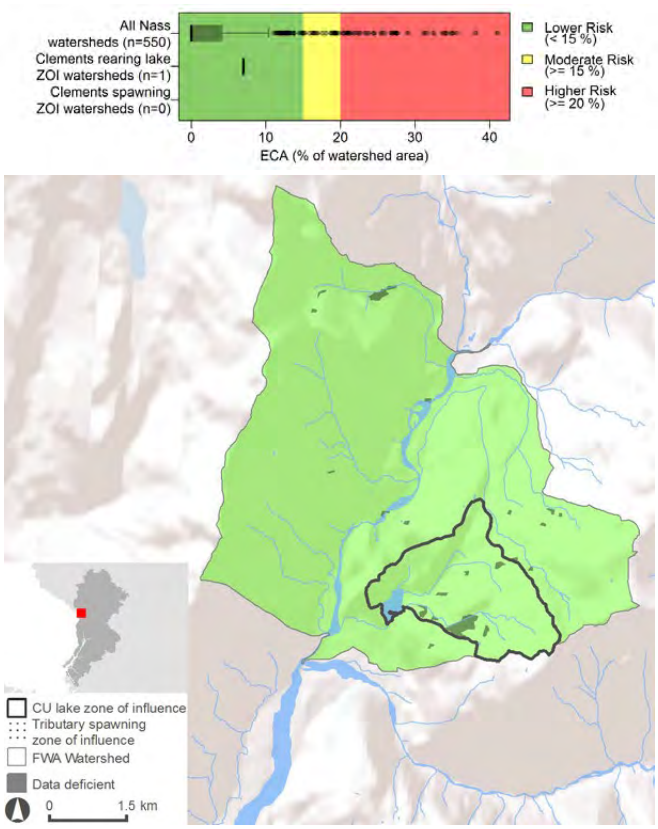

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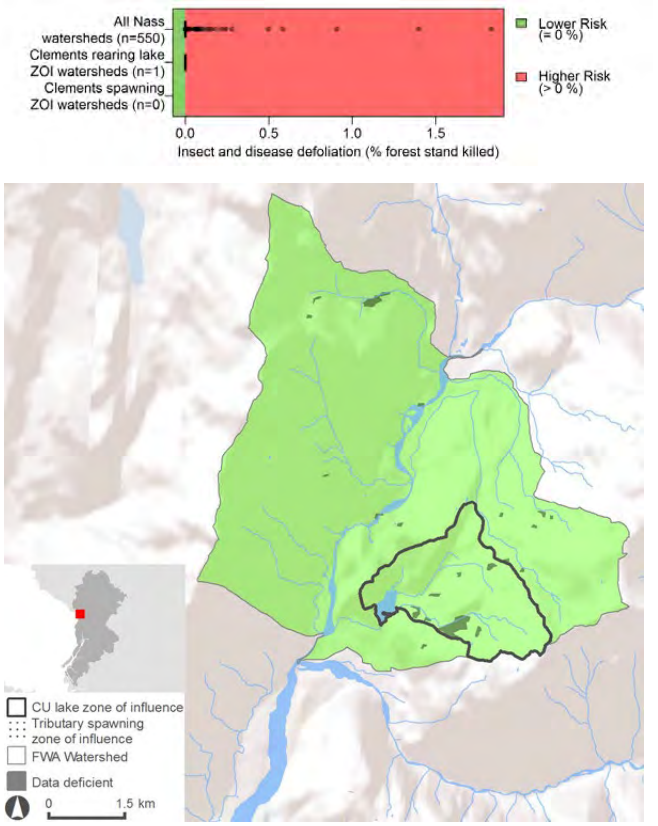

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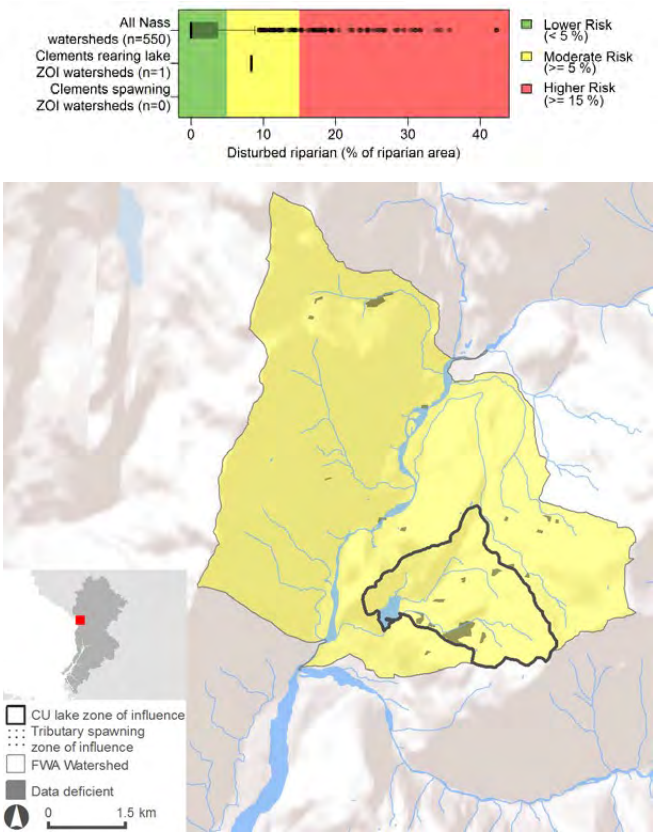

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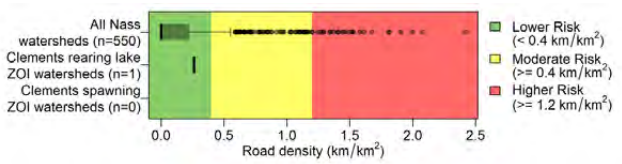

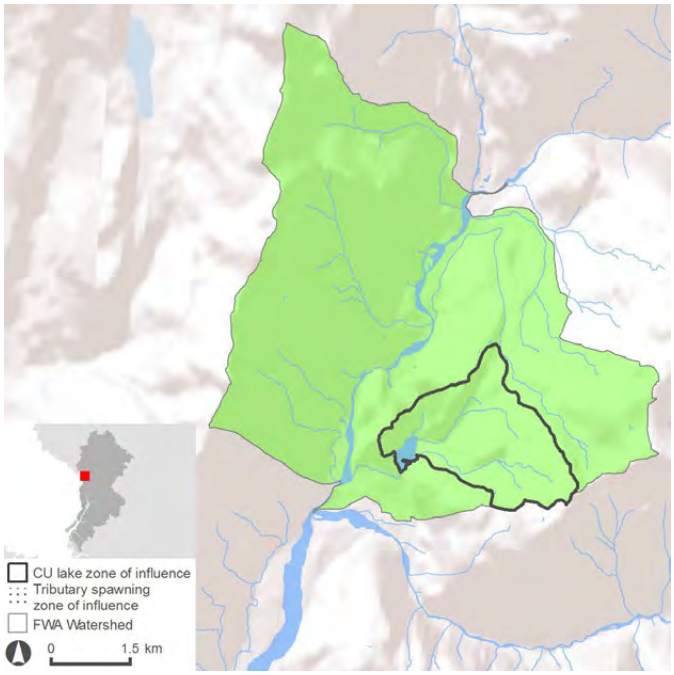

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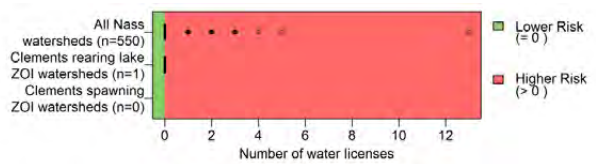

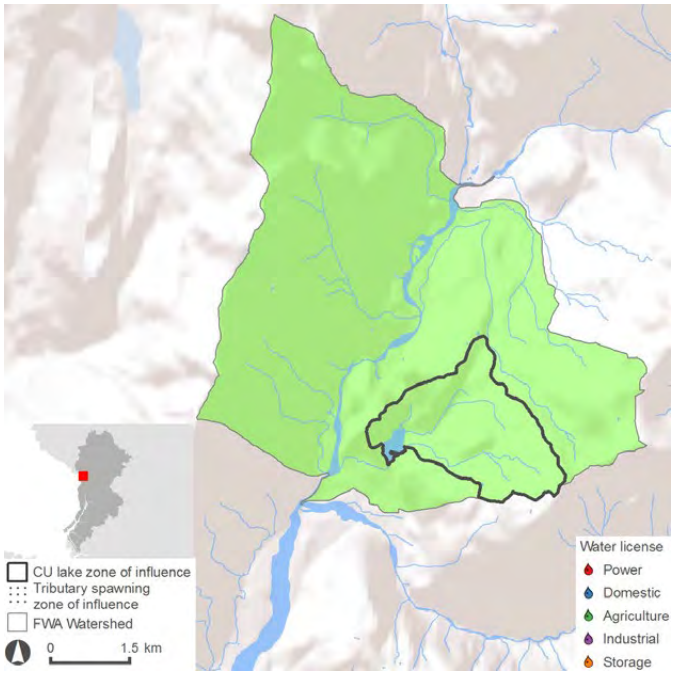

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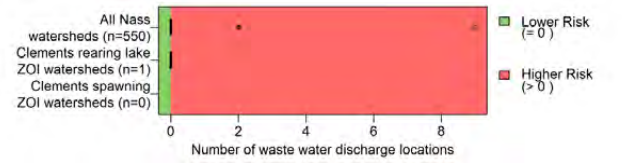

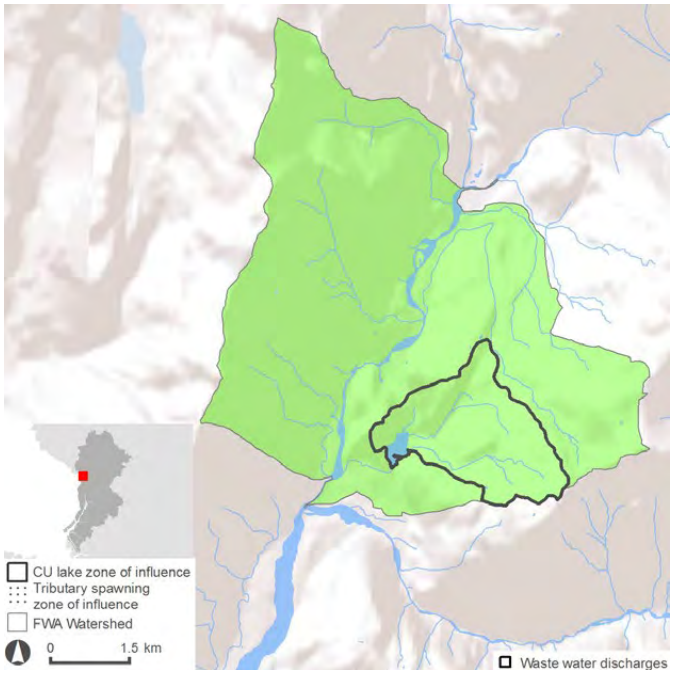

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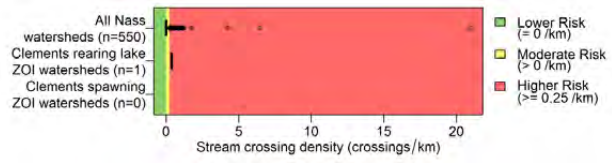

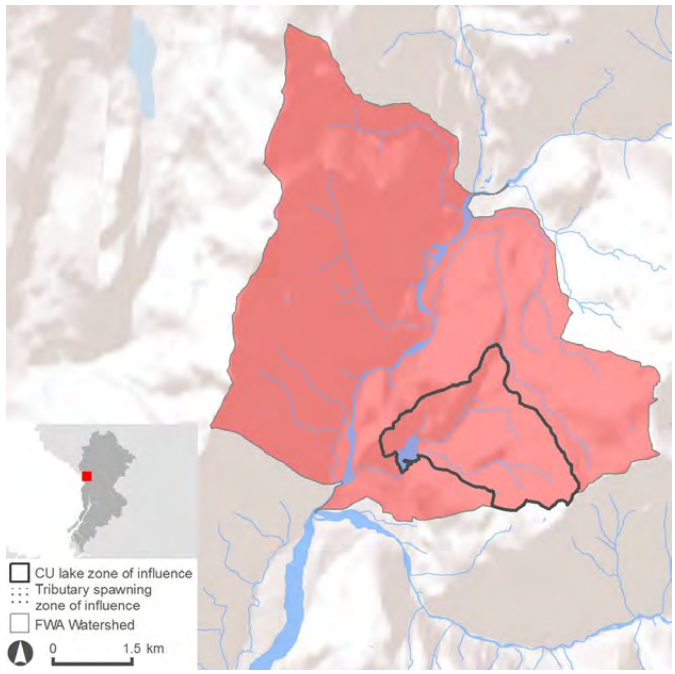

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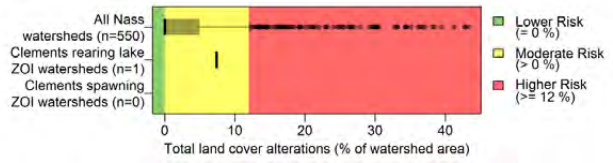

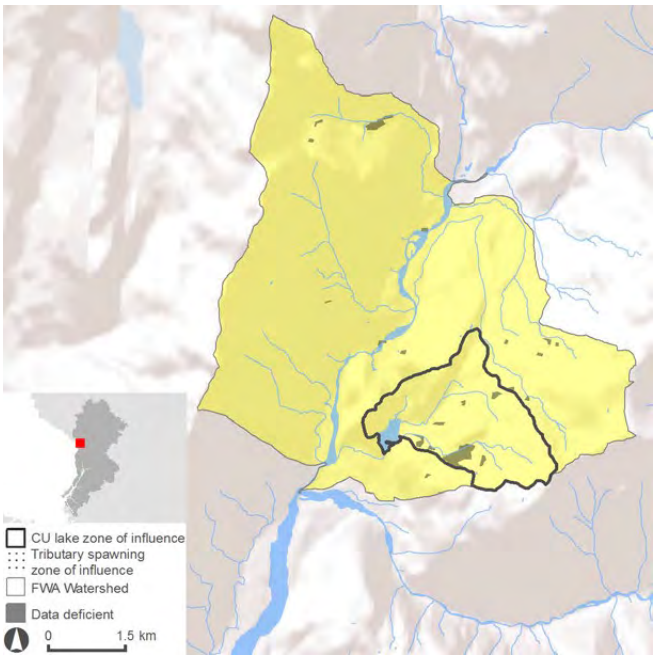

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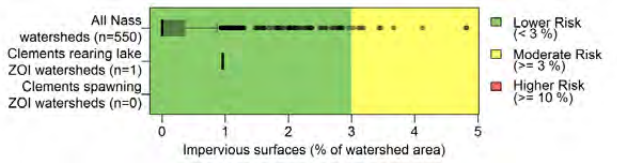

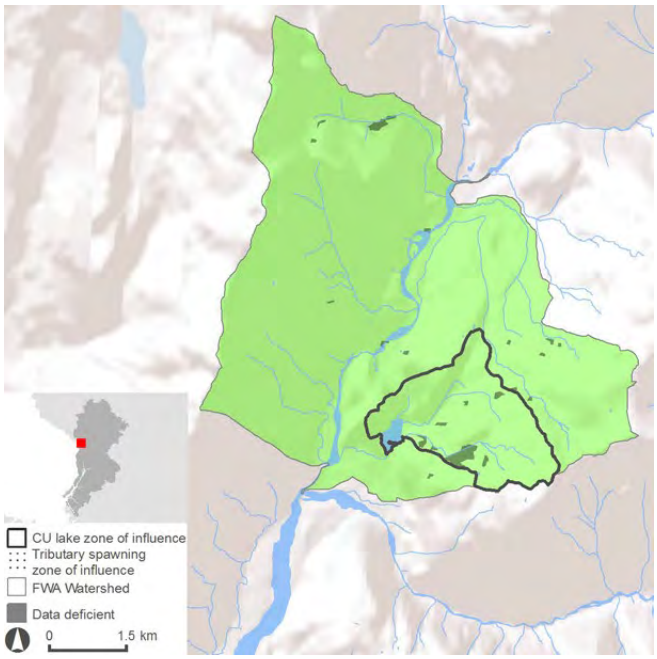

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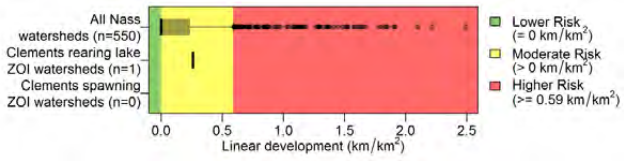

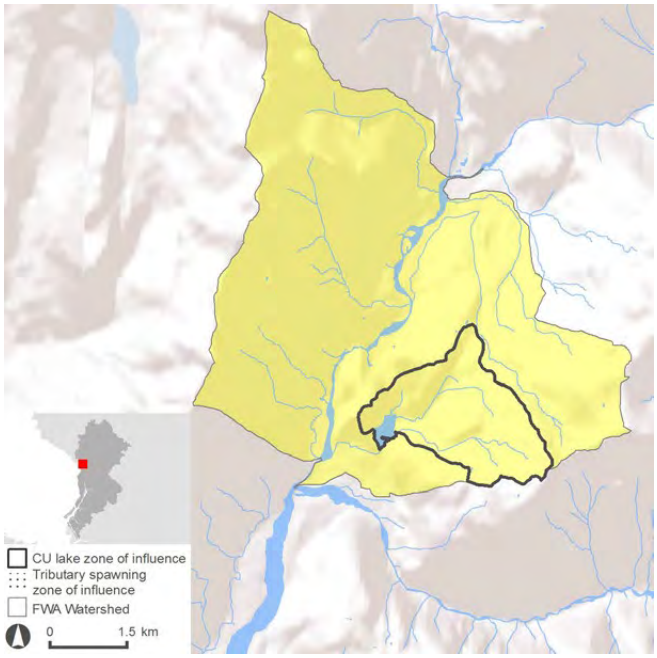

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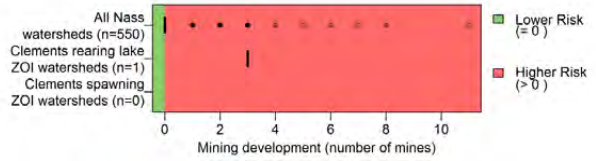

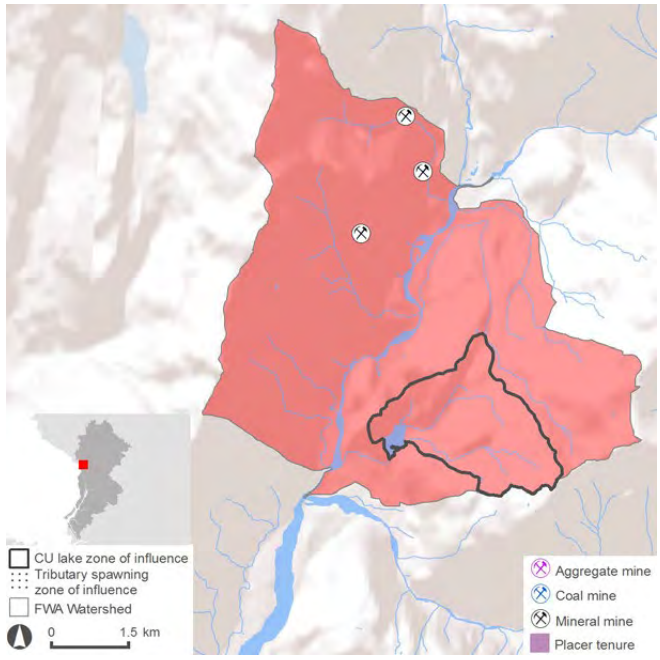

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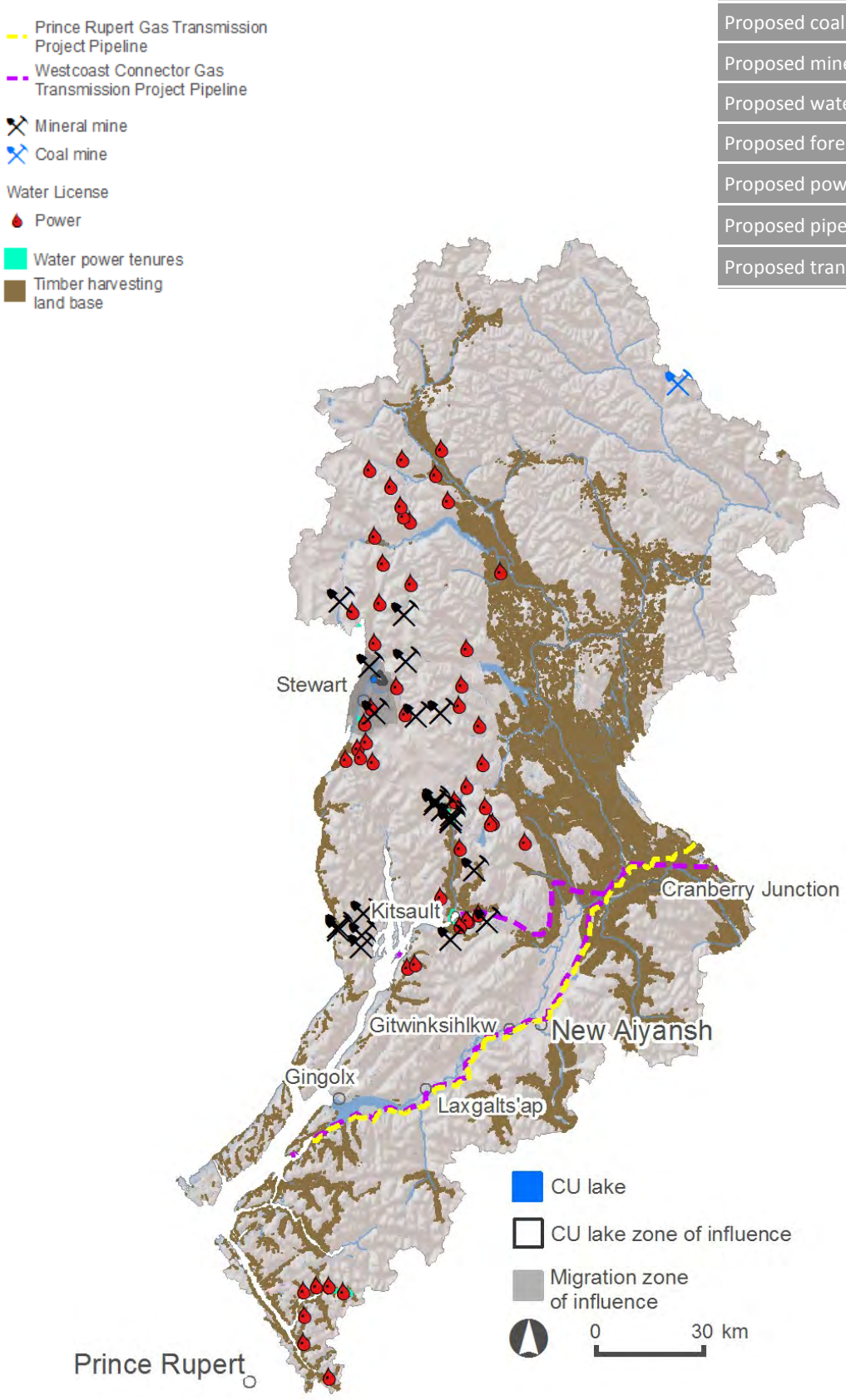


Lake Sockeye: Leverson

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

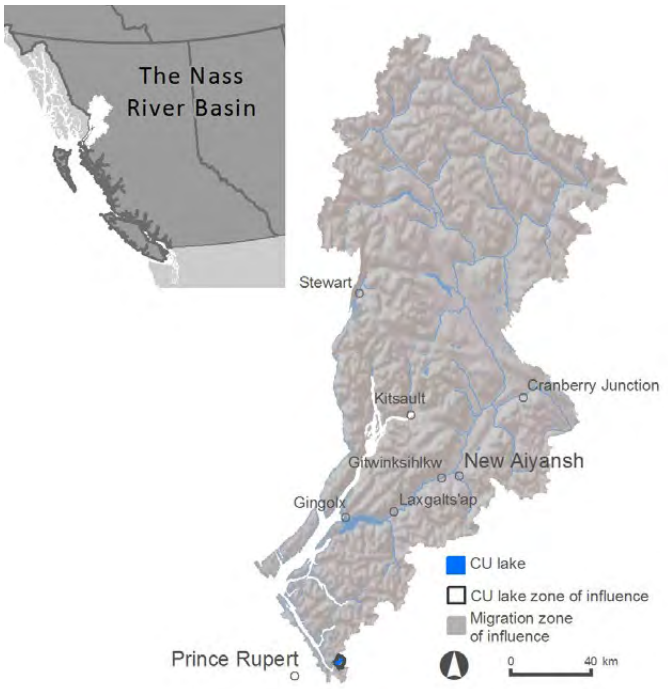
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

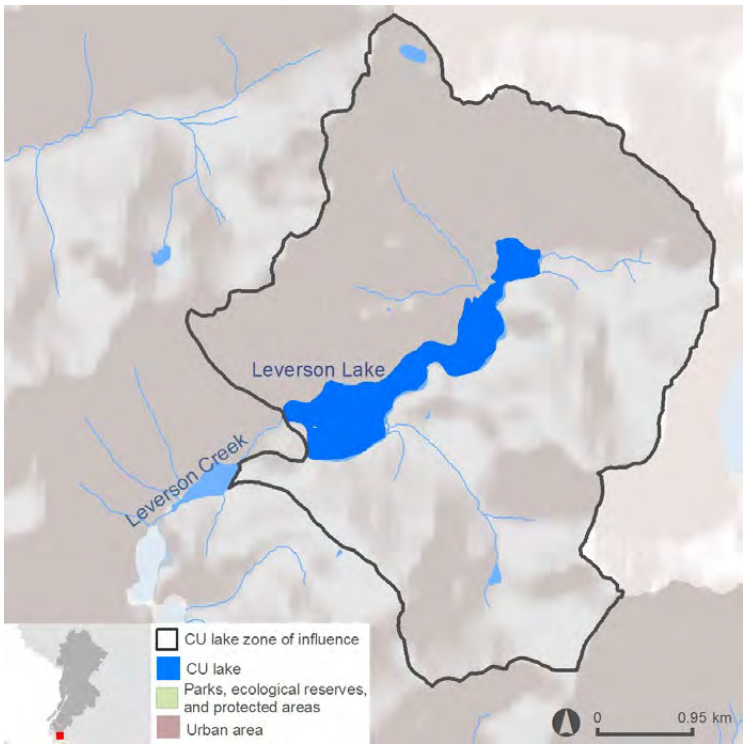
Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are ten sockeye salmon CUs in the Nass Area: two are river-type CUs (Upper Nass—UNR and Lower Nass-Portland—LNR-P) and eight are lake-type (Clements, Leverson, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, Meziadin, and Oweegee).
- Nearly all of the sockeye salmon production in the Nass Area comes from the lake-type CUs in the upper watershed (i.e. Meziadin, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, and Oweegee).
- Nass Area sockeye salmon exhibit variable life history characteristics, with the majority being lake-type and spending one full year rearing in a lake.
- A marine-type population, where salmon go to sea in their first year, is found in some lower Nass tributaries.
- Nass Area sockeye salmon predominantly reside at sea for one to four years, with the majority spending either two or three years at sea.

Location





Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

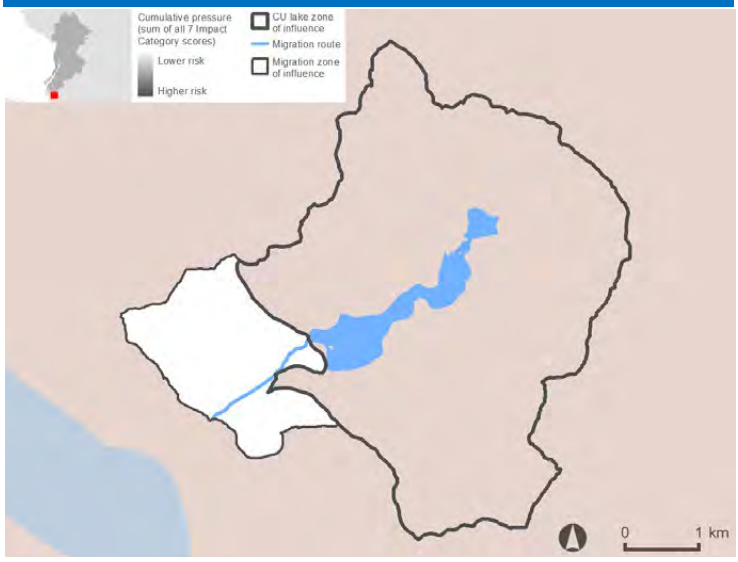
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

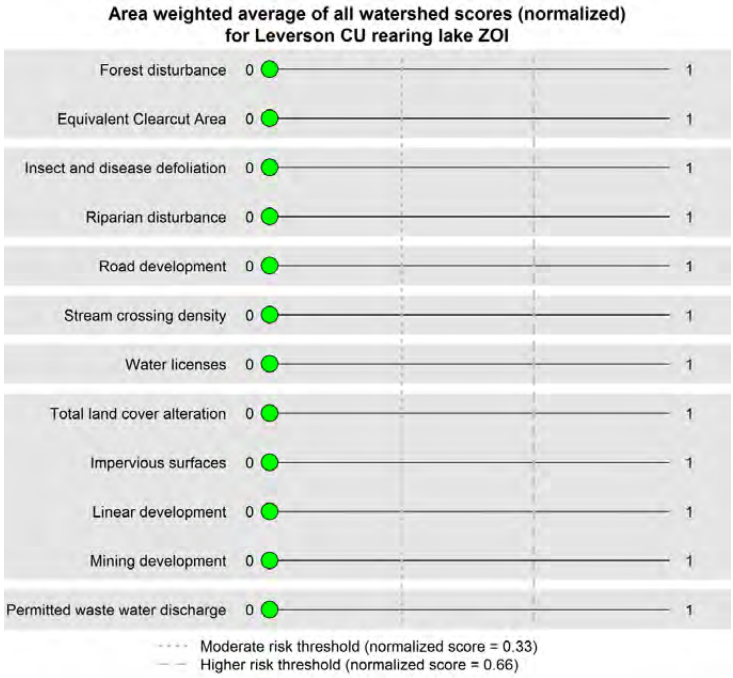
Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each lake sockeye CU:

- Migration (Total migration distance; Length and percentage of migration route summer flow sensitive)
- Spawning (Total spawning length; Spawning length in tributary, lake or mainstem; Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning length; Length of accessible habitat)
- Rearing (Rearing lake area)

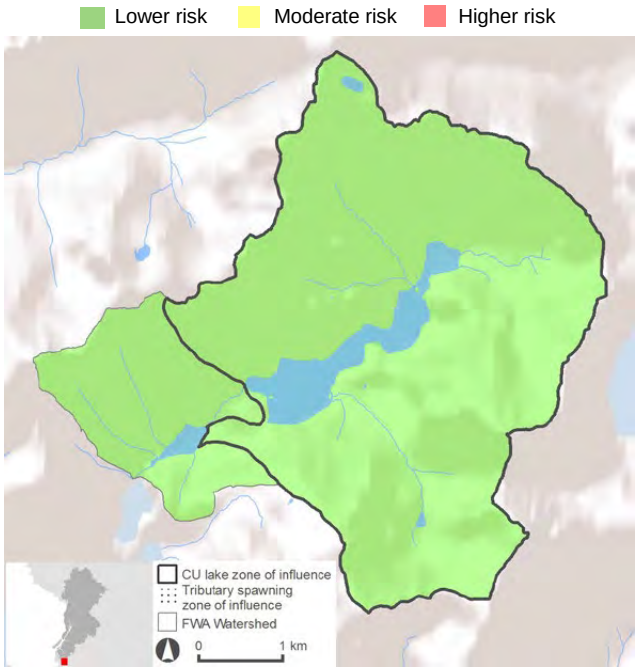
Cumulative pressure—migration



Summary of pressure indicators—rearing

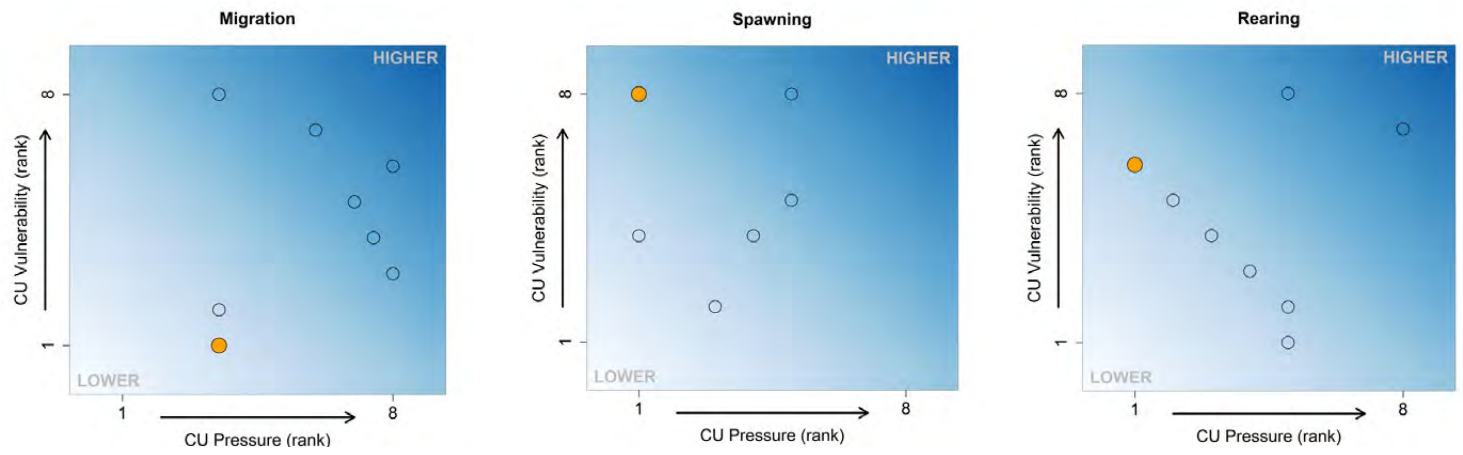


Cumulative pressure—rearing & spawning



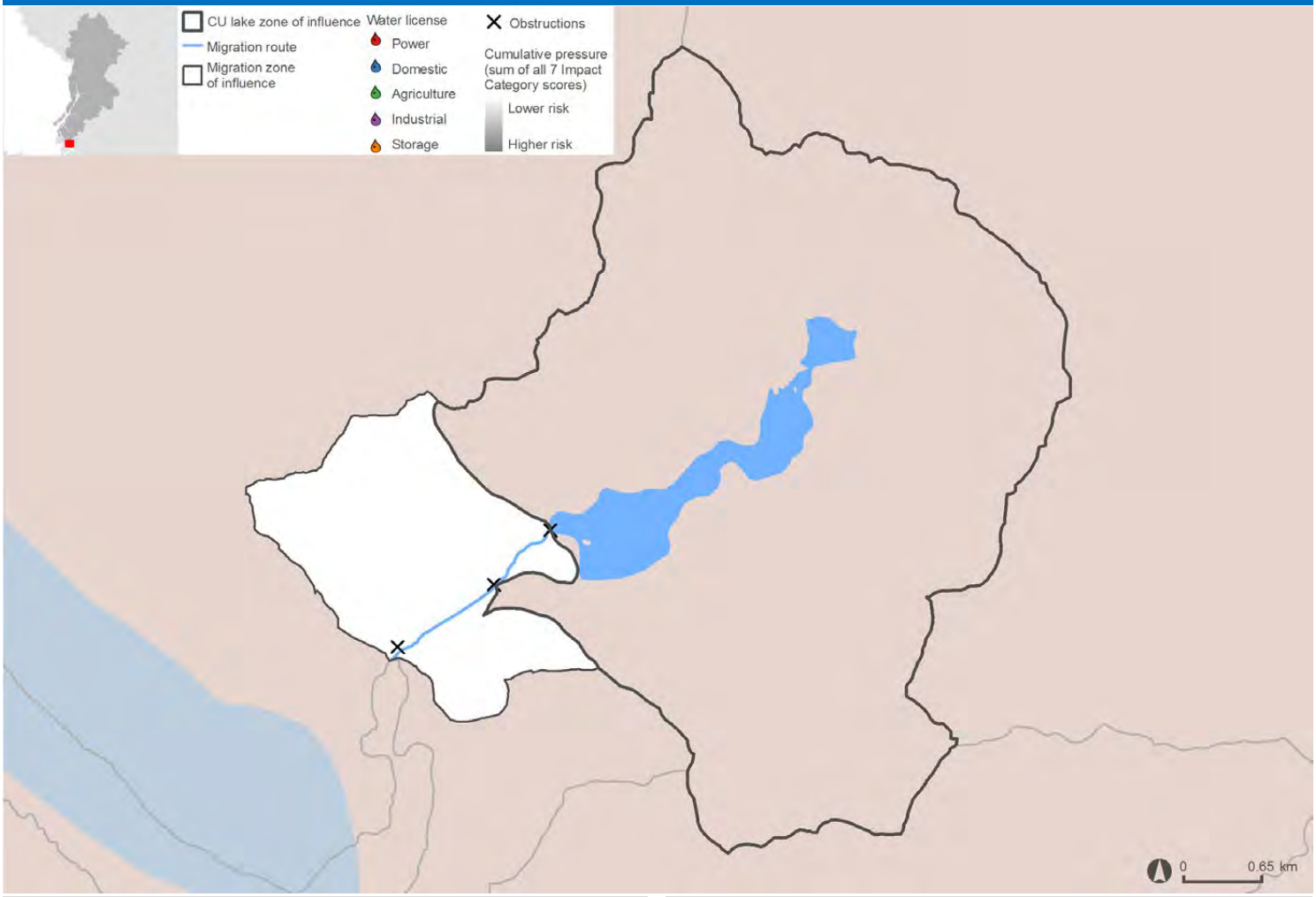
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—migration, spawning, & rearing

● = Leverson ○ = other lake sockeye CUs

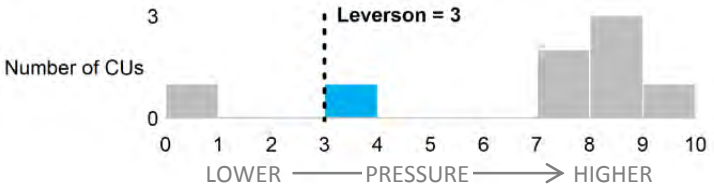


Migration vulnerability & pressure

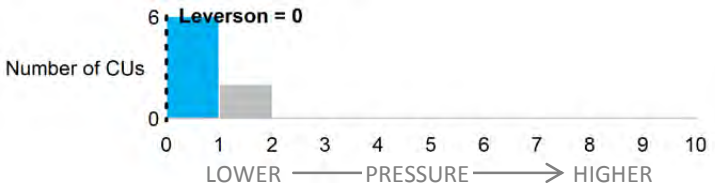
Migration period pressures



Number of obstructions along migration route



Number of water licenses along migration ZOI

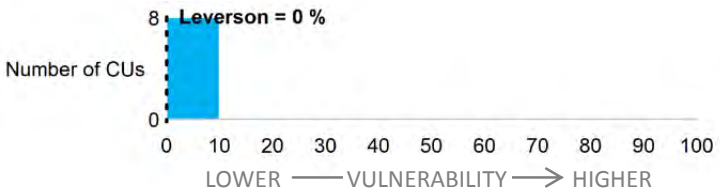


Migration period vulnerability

Migration distance (km)

Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (km)

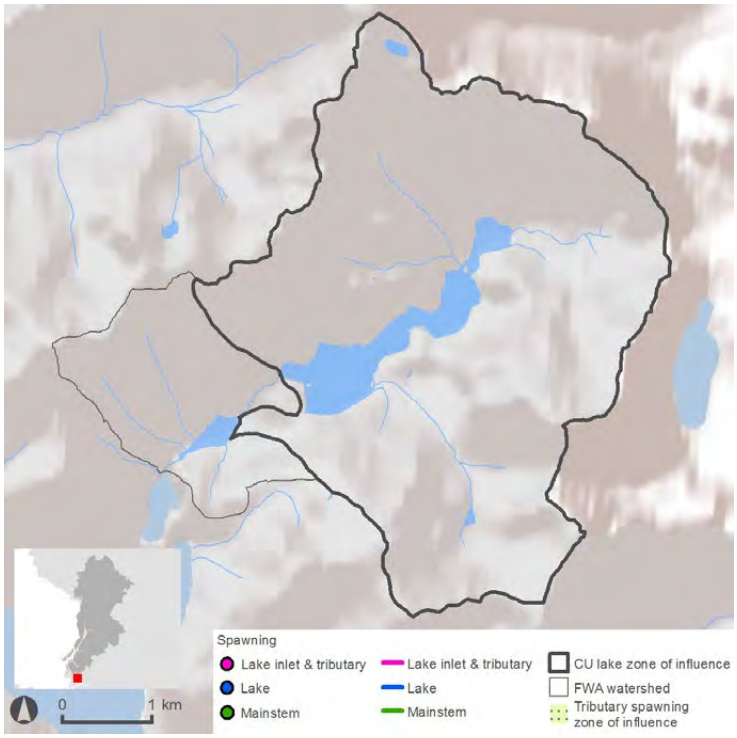
Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (%)



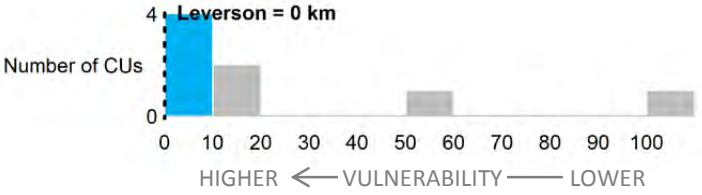
Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



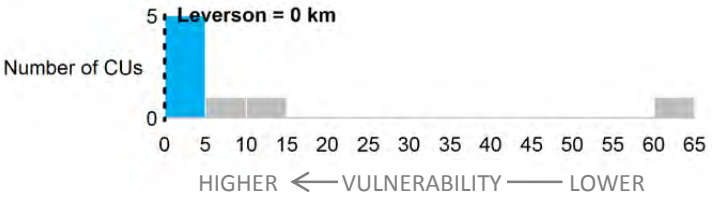
Total (mainstem, trib & lake) spawning length (km)



Length of lake shore spawning areas (km)

Mainstem spawning length (km)

Tributary and lake inlet spawning length (km)



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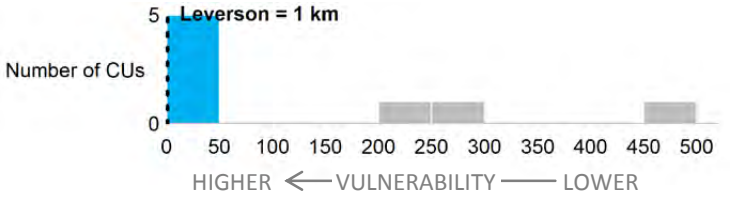
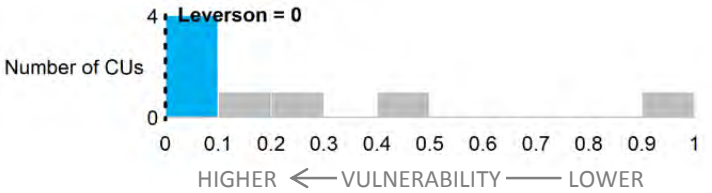
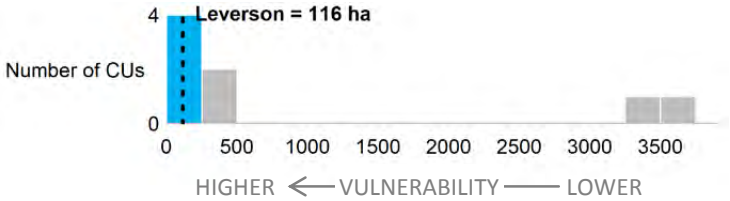


Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning



Rearing period vulnerability

Area of nursery lakes (ha)



Spawning & rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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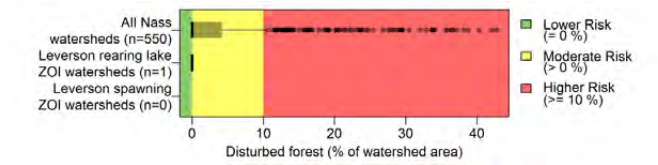

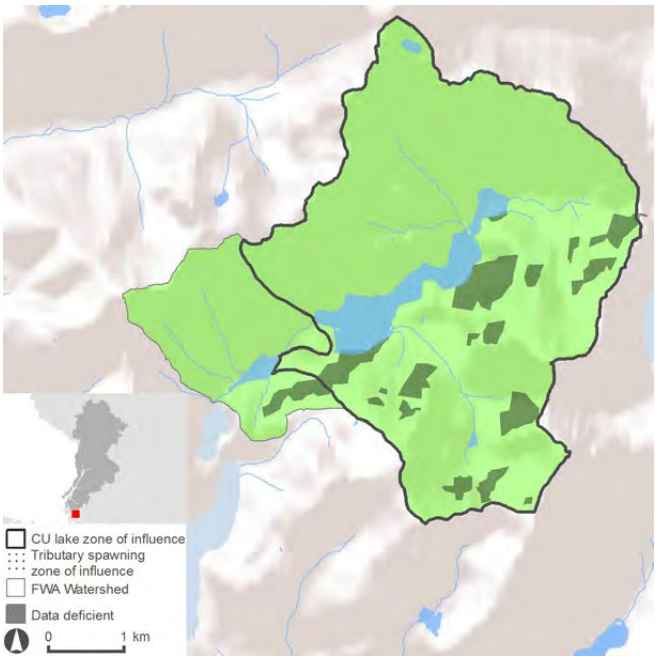

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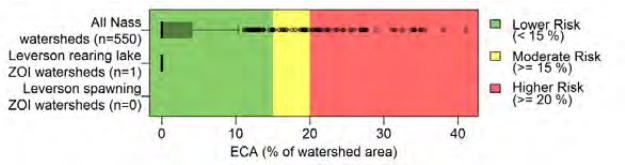
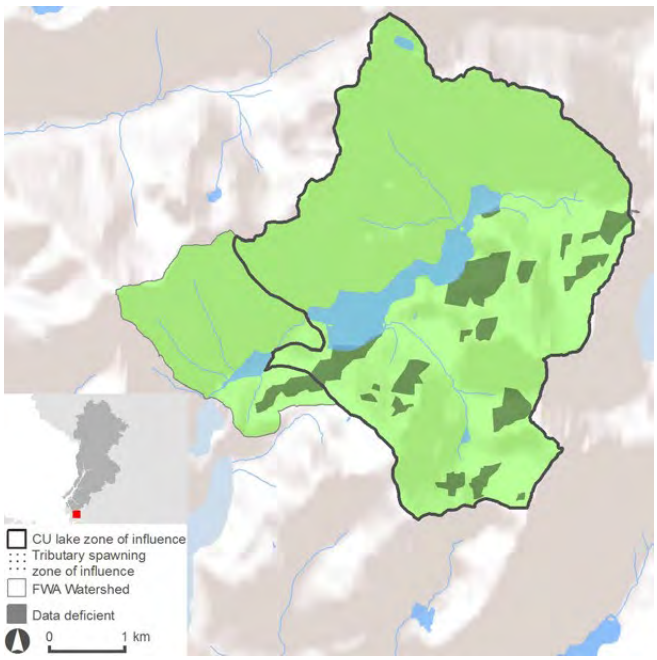
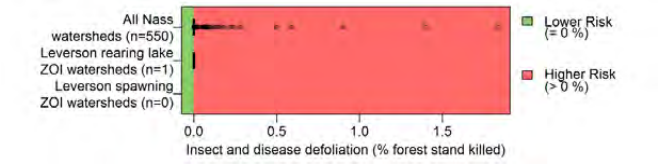
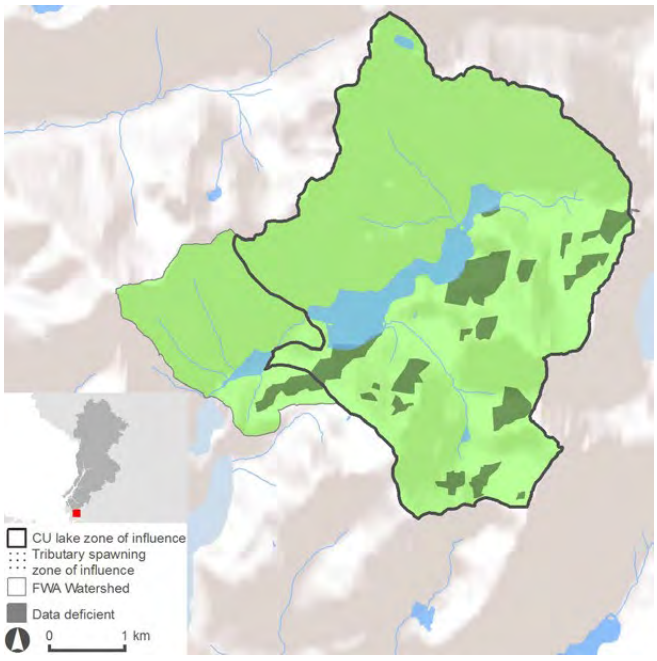




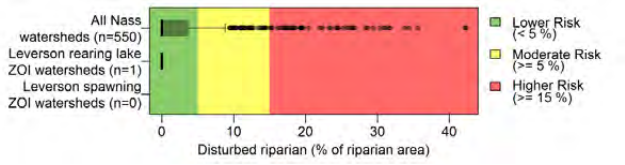
Vegetation Quality

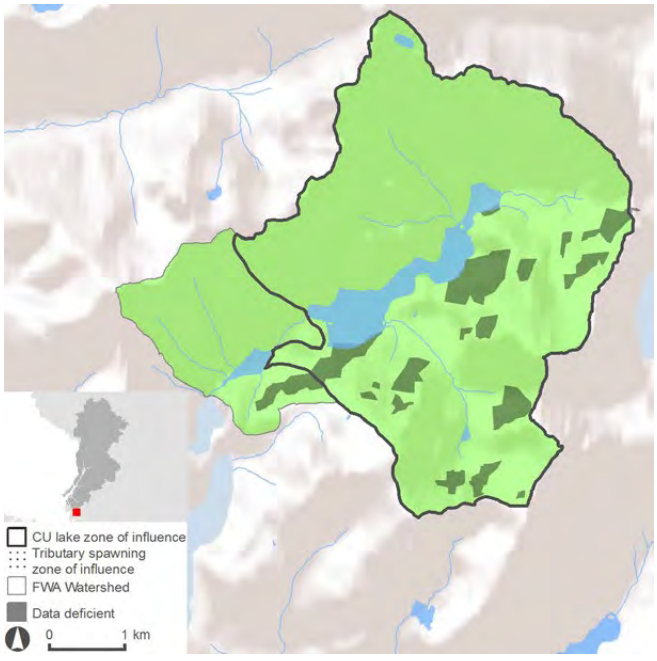
Insect and disease defoliation





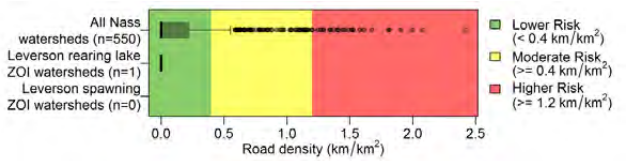
Riparian disturbance

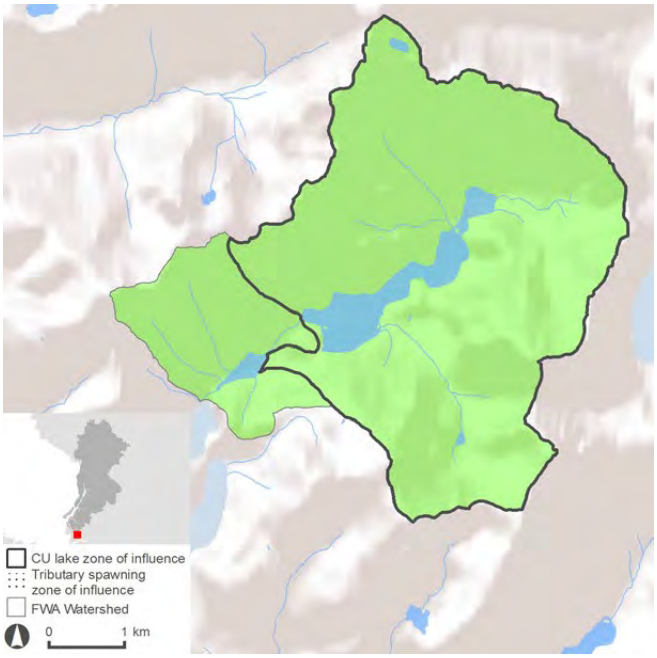




Surface Erosion

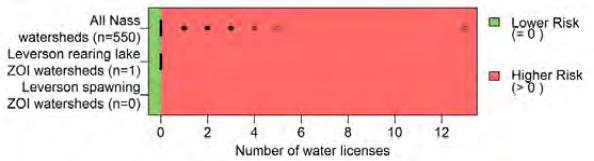
Road development

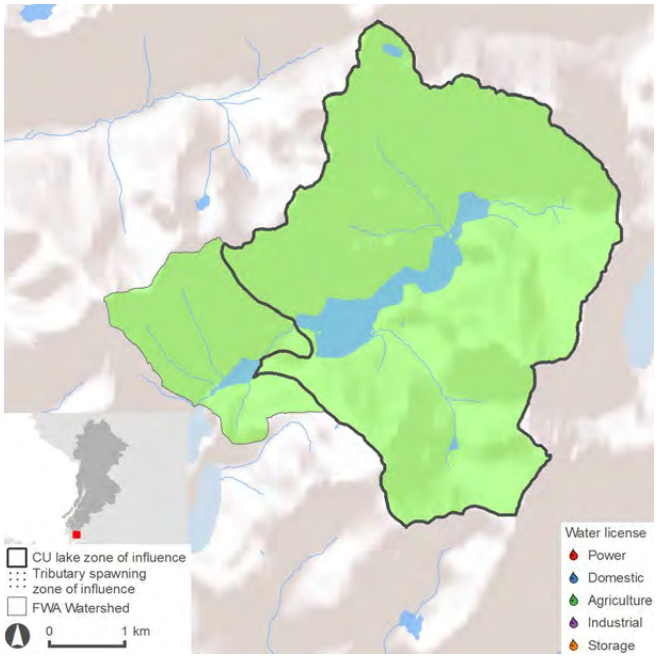




Water Quantity

Number of water licenses





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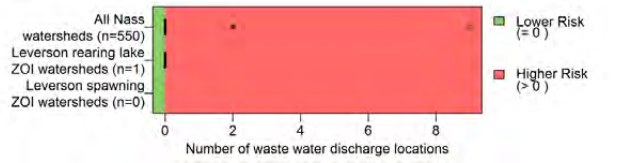

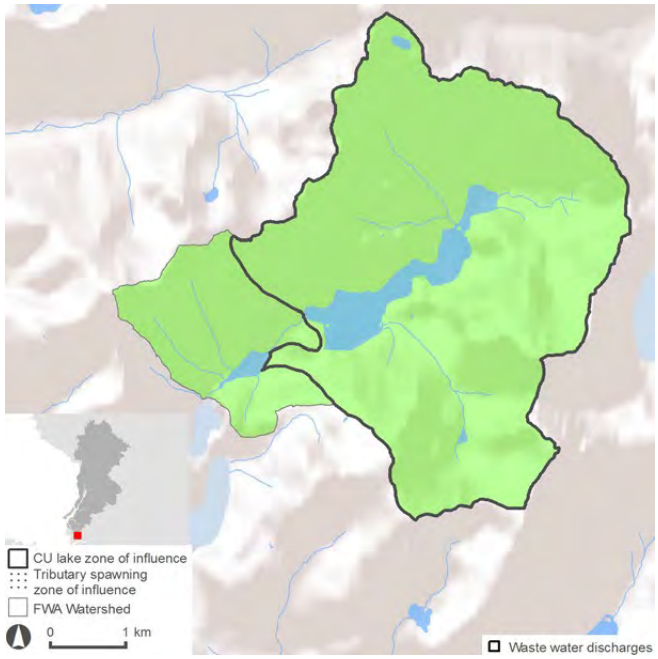

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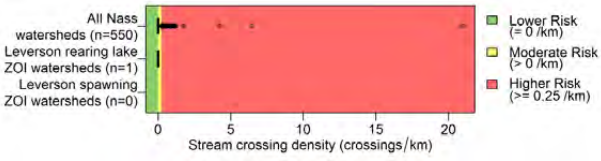

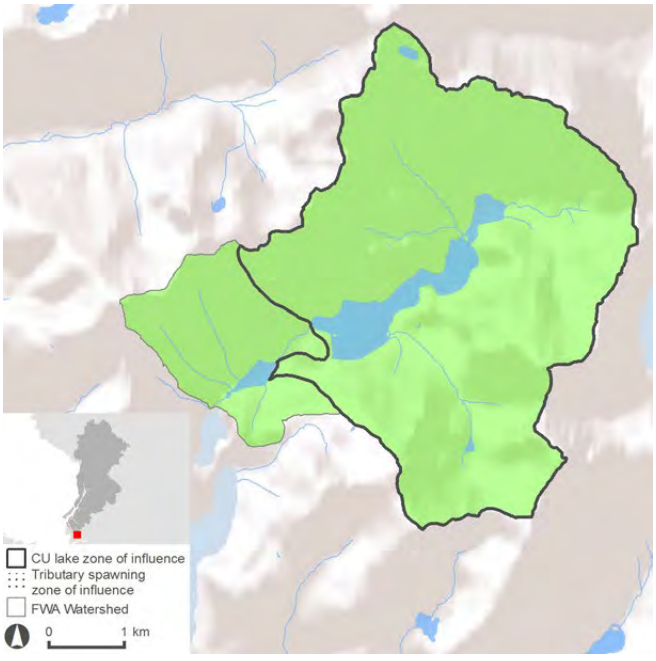

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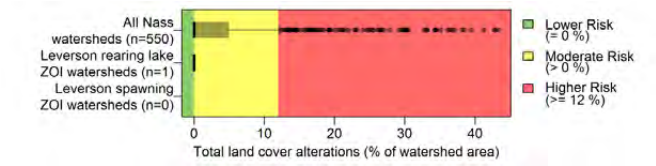

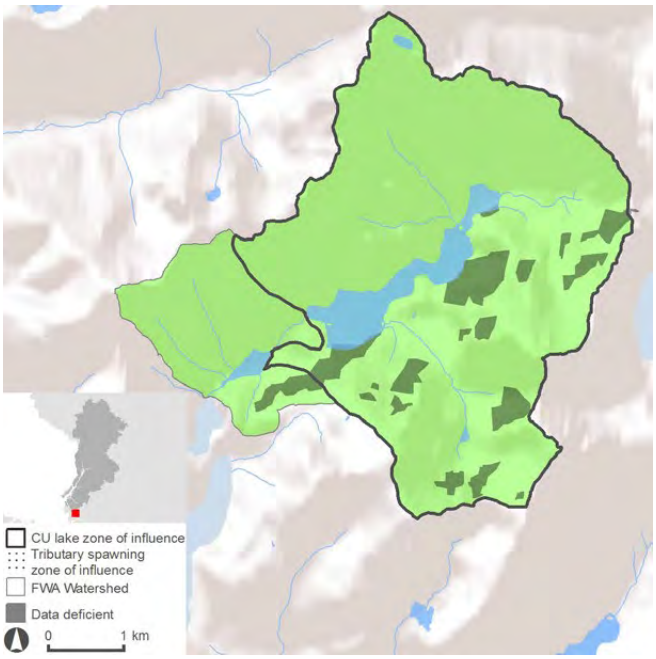

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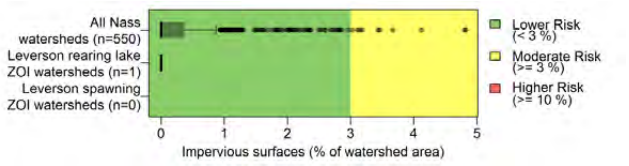

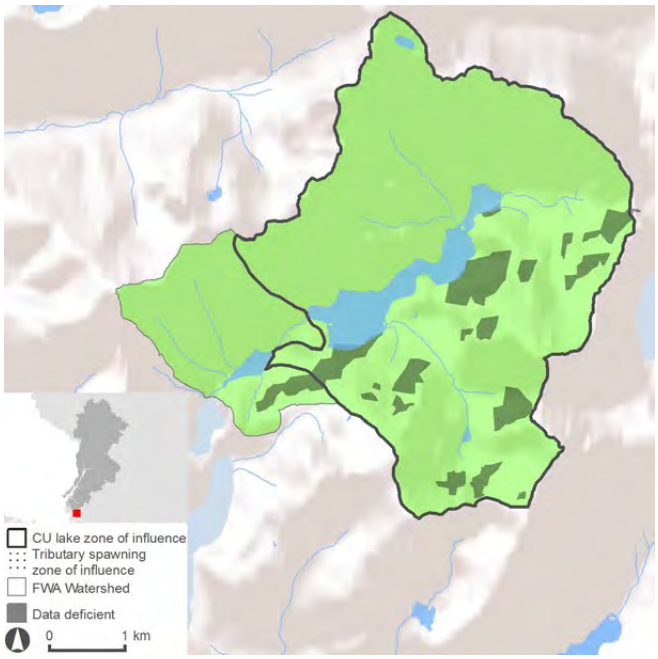

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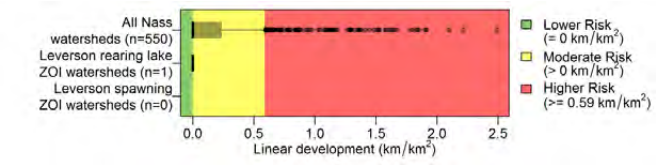

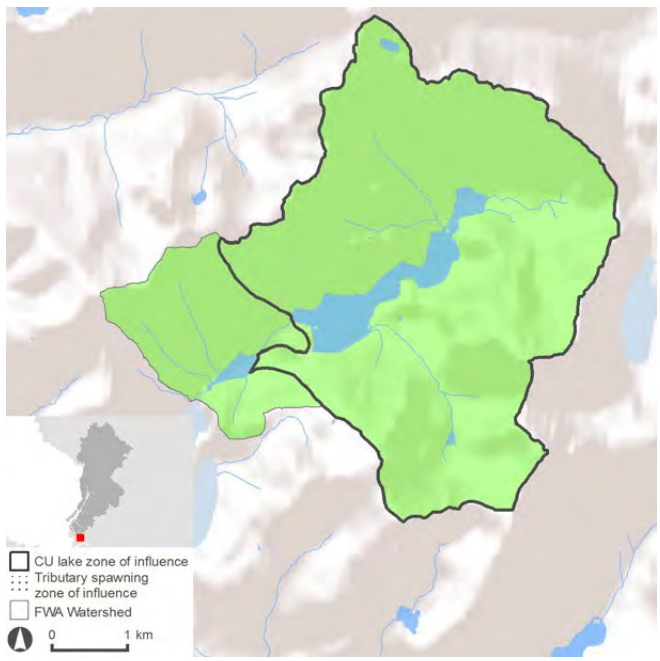

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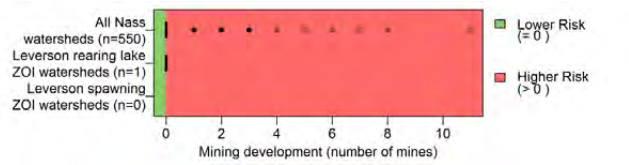

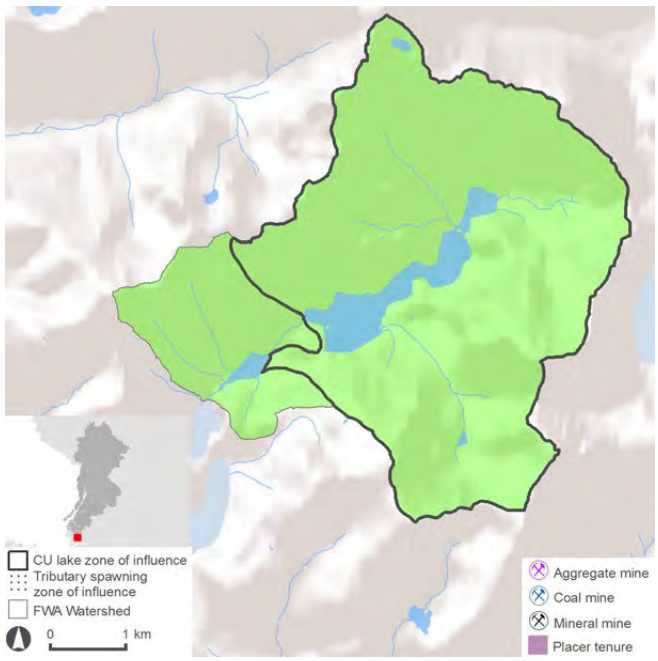

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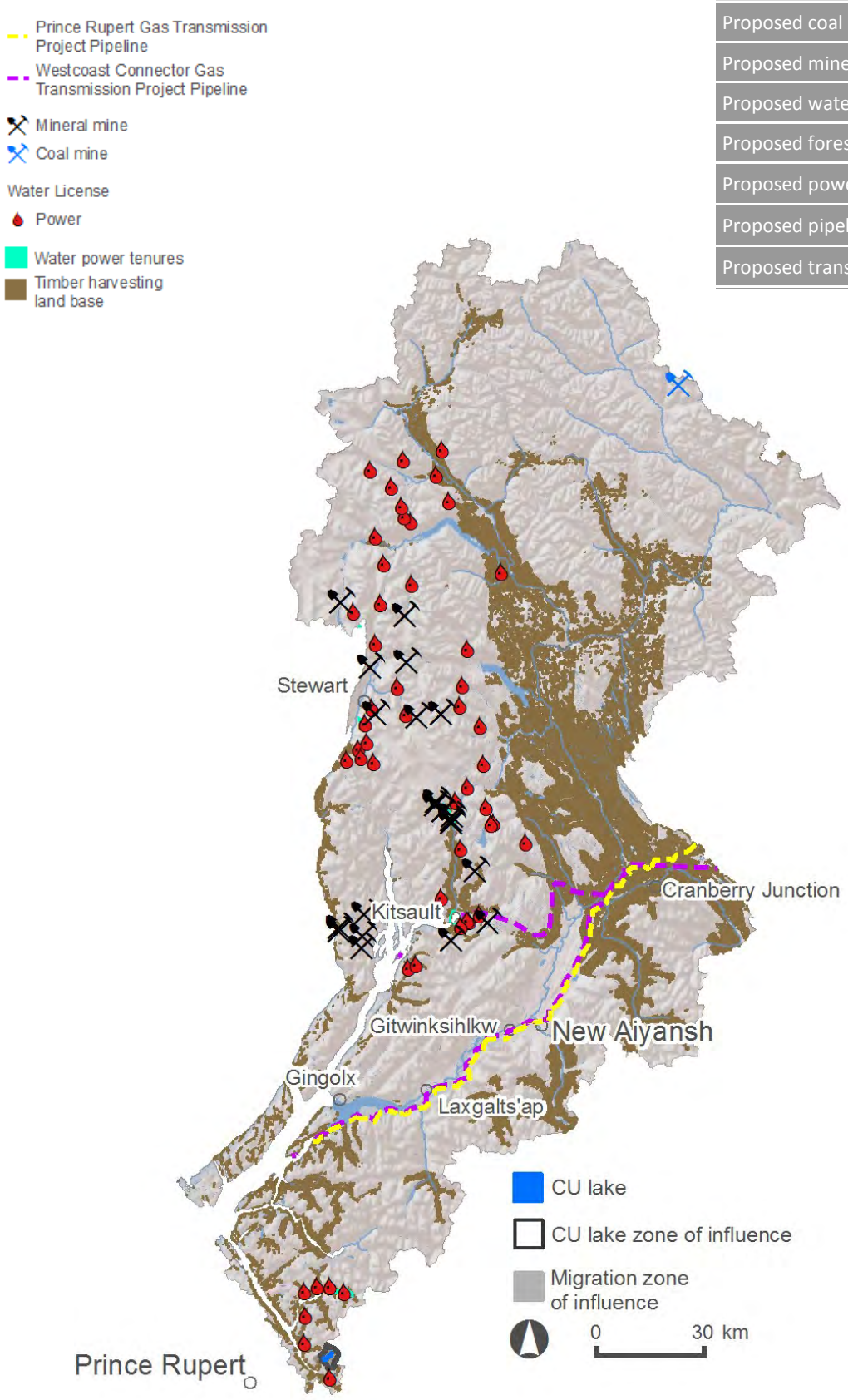

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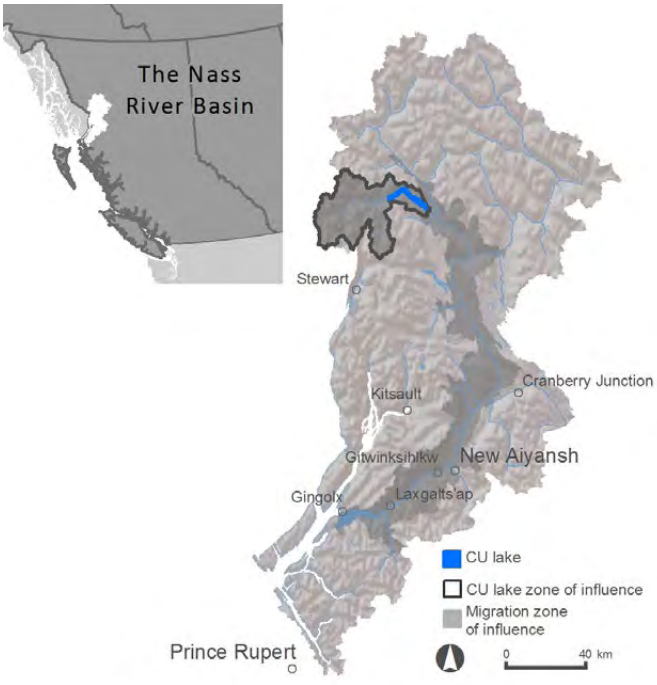

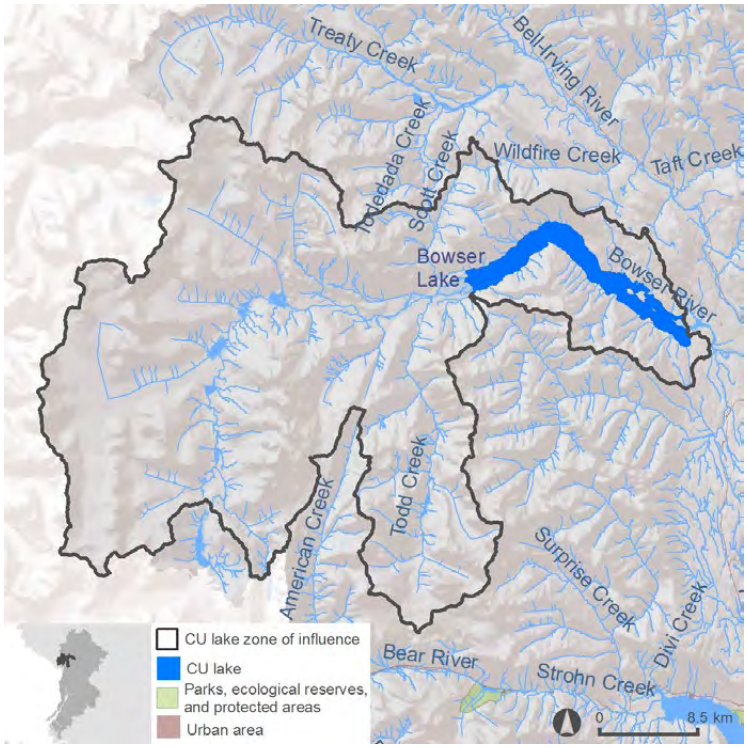

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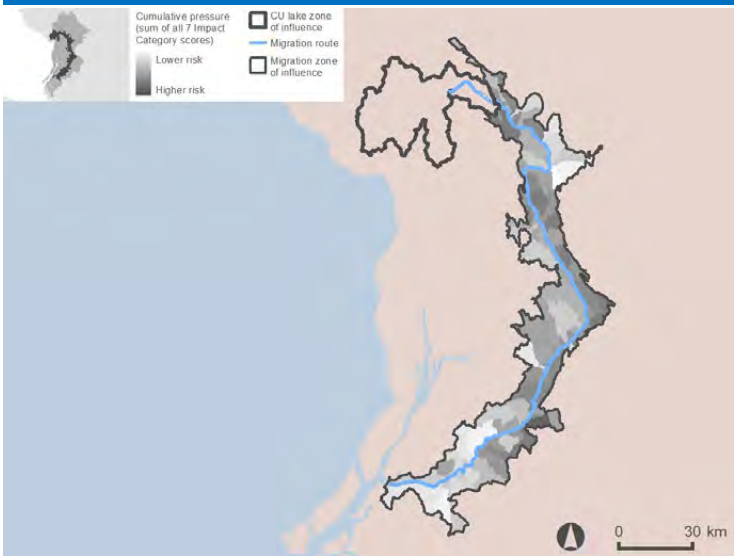

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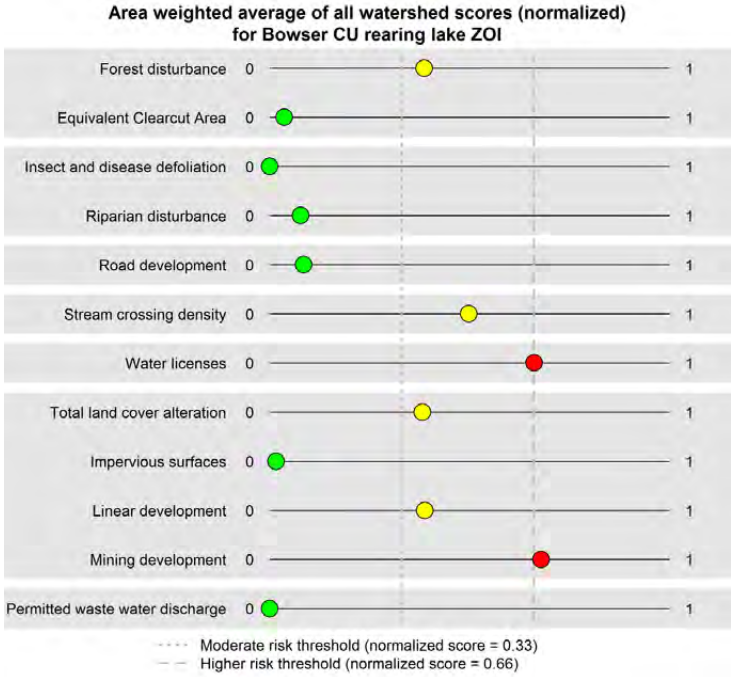

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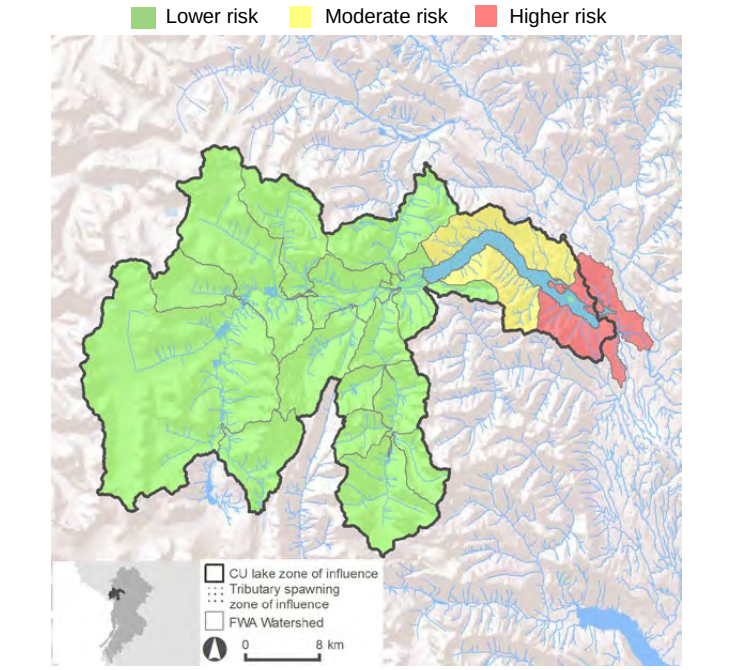

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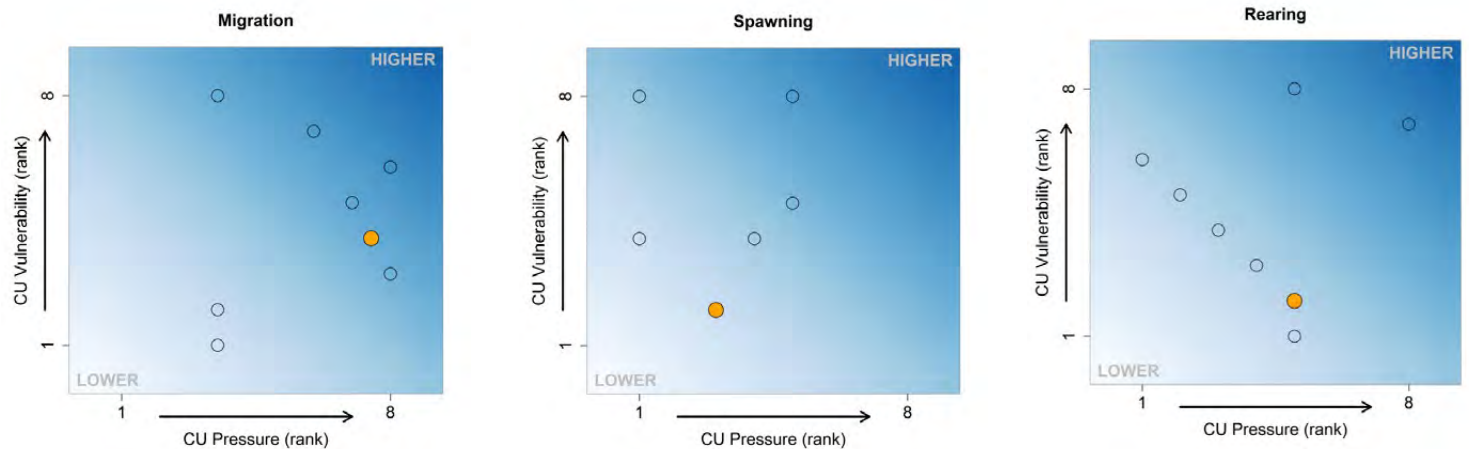
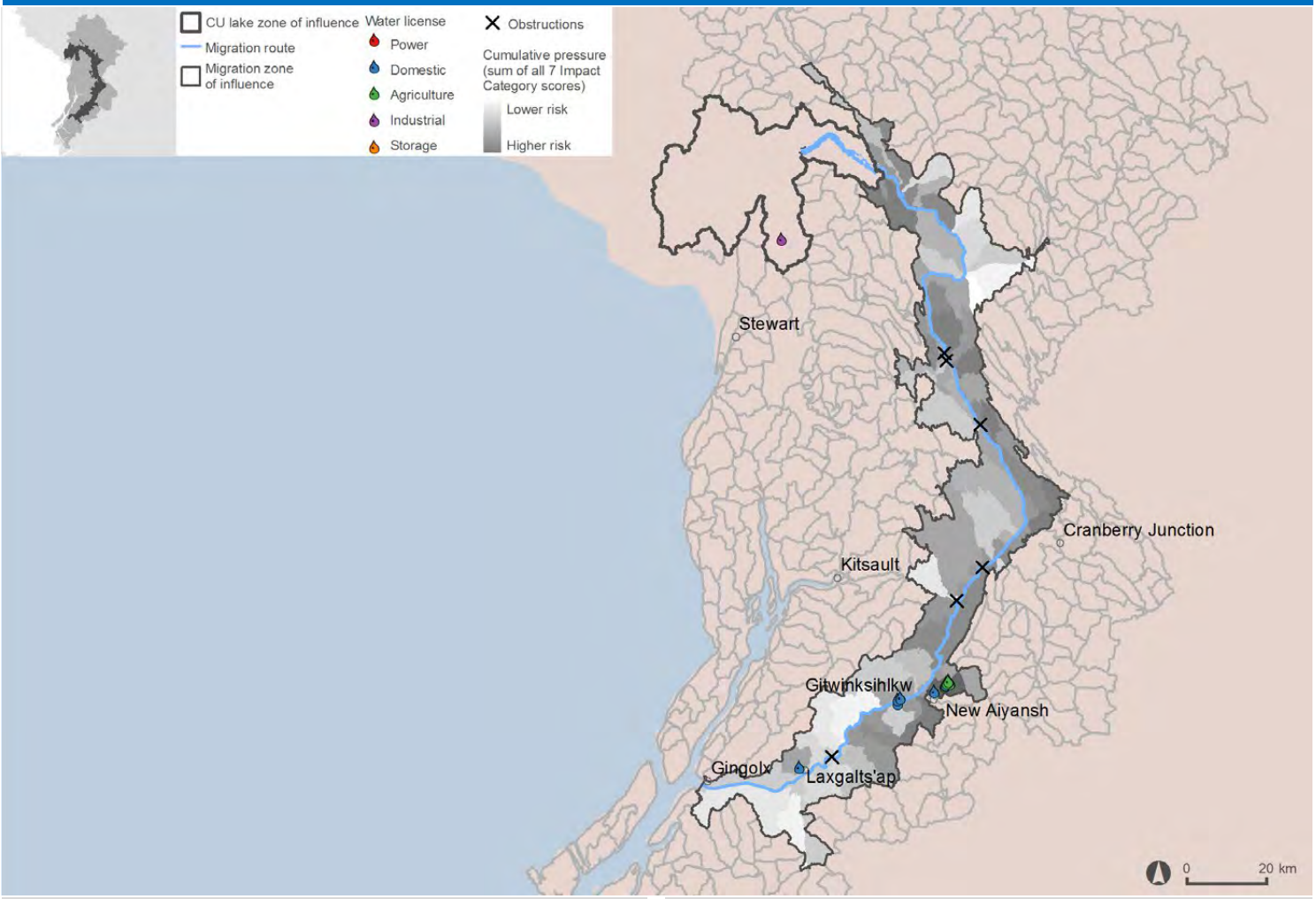


Migration vulnerability & pressure

Migration period pressures



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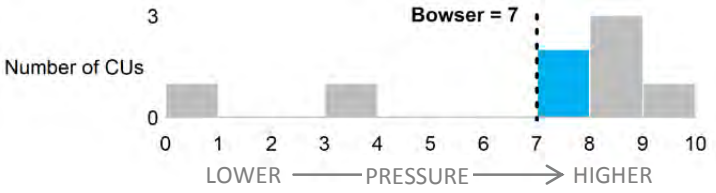

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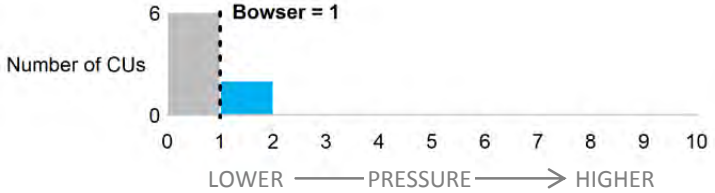
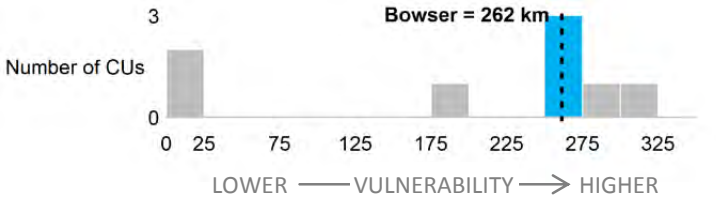


Migration period vulnerability

Migration distance (km)



Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (km)

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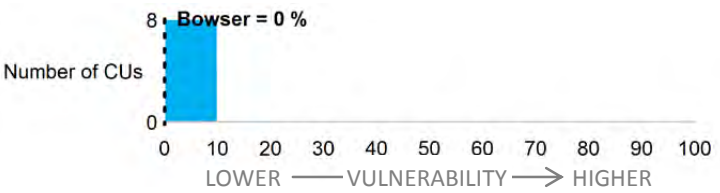
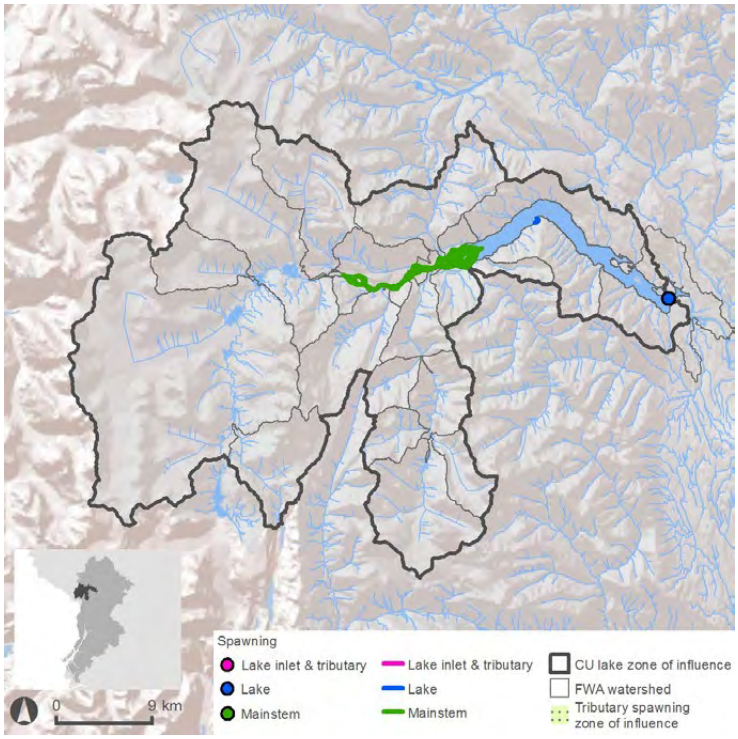


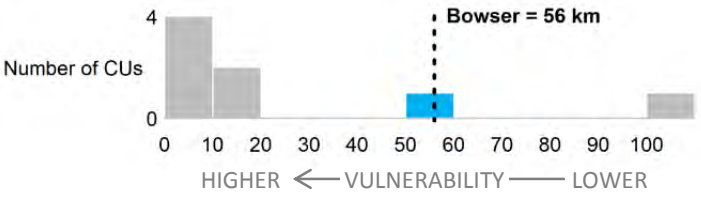
Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

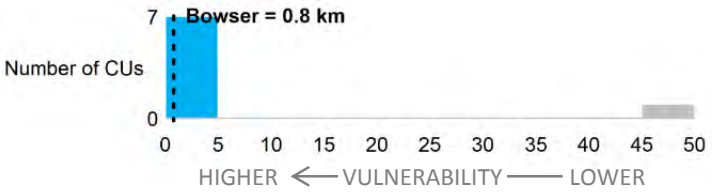
Spawning locations



Total (mainstem, trib & lake) spawning length (km)

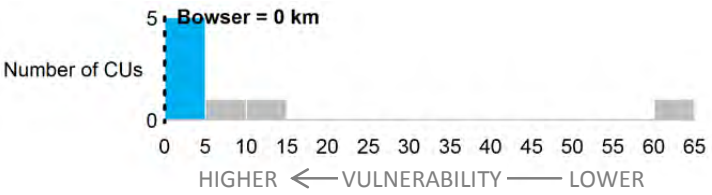


Length of lake shore spawning areas (km)

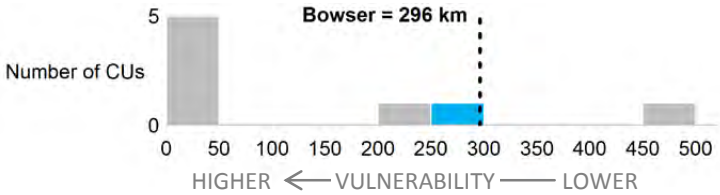


Mainstem spawning length (km)

Tributary and lake inlet spawning length (km)



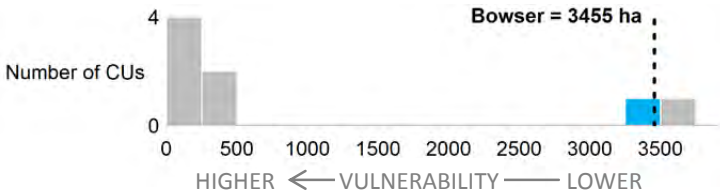
Salmon accessible habitat (km)



Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning

Rearing period vulnerability

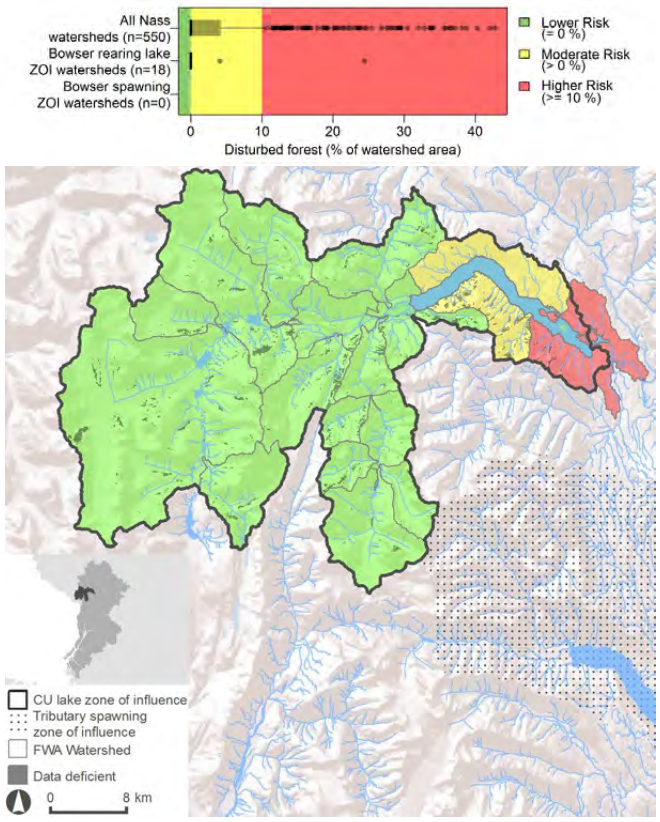
Area of nursery lakes (ha)



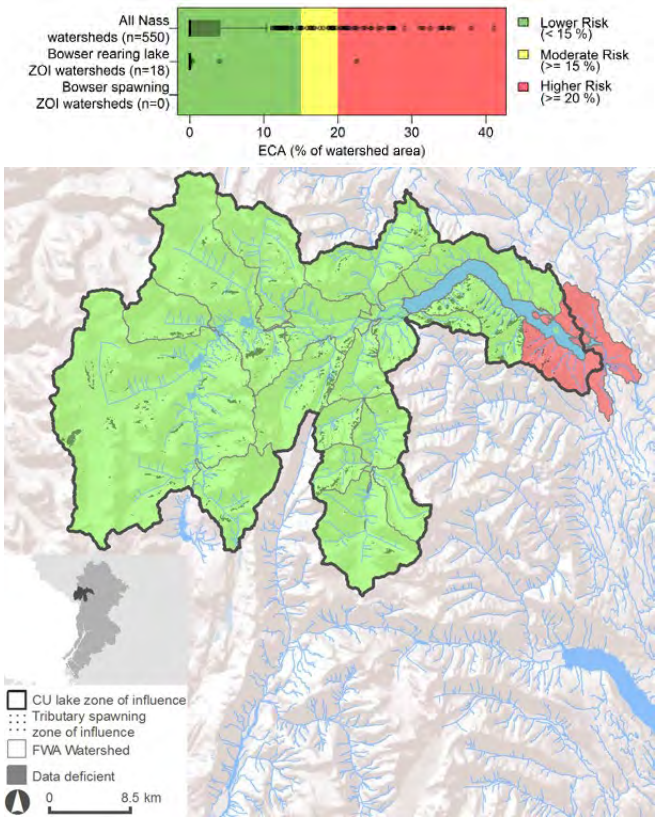
Spawning & rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance

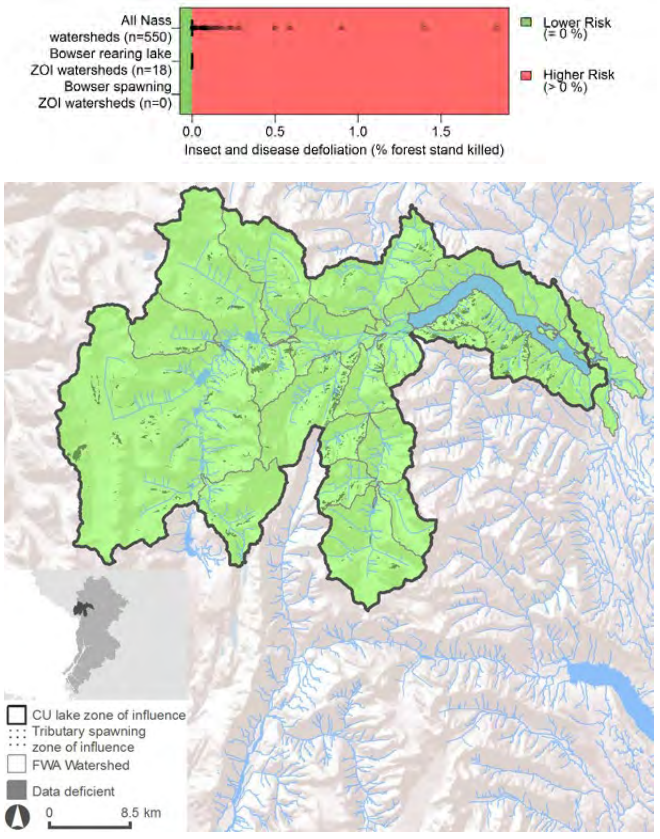


Equivalent Clear-cut Area



Vegetation Quality

Insect and disease defoliation



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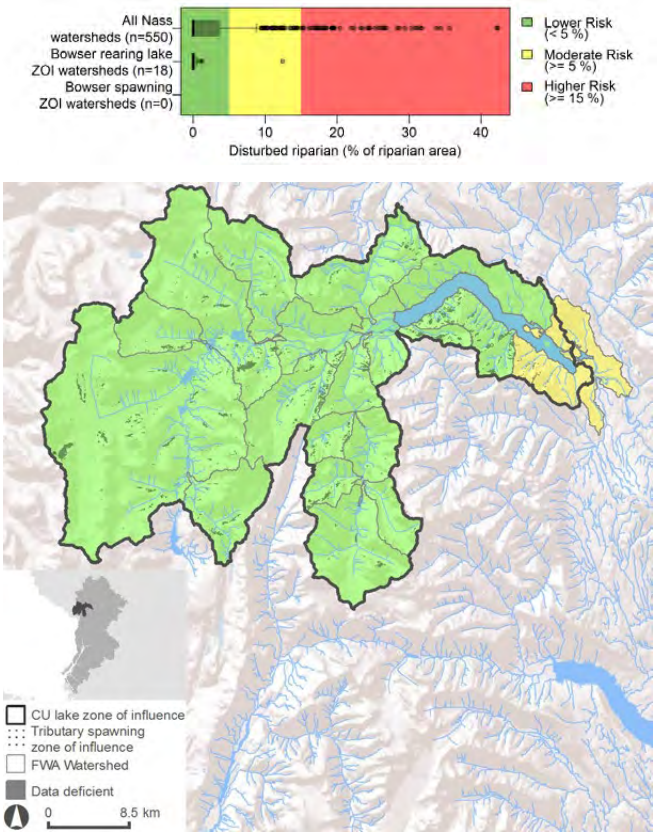

Surface Erosion

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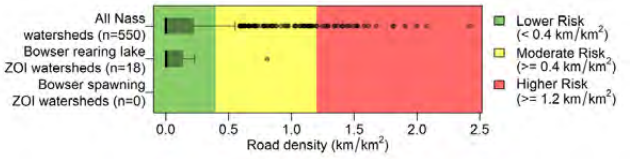

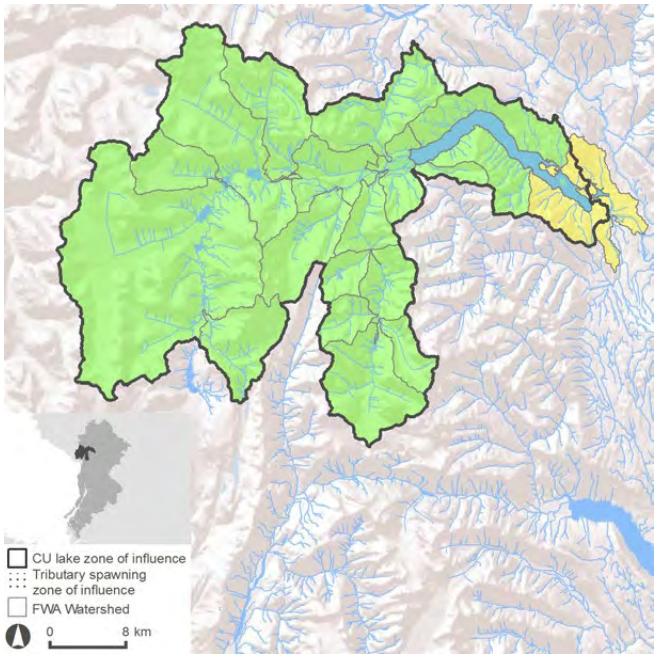

Water Quantity

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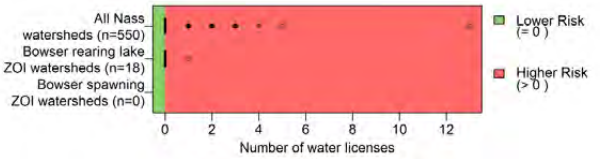

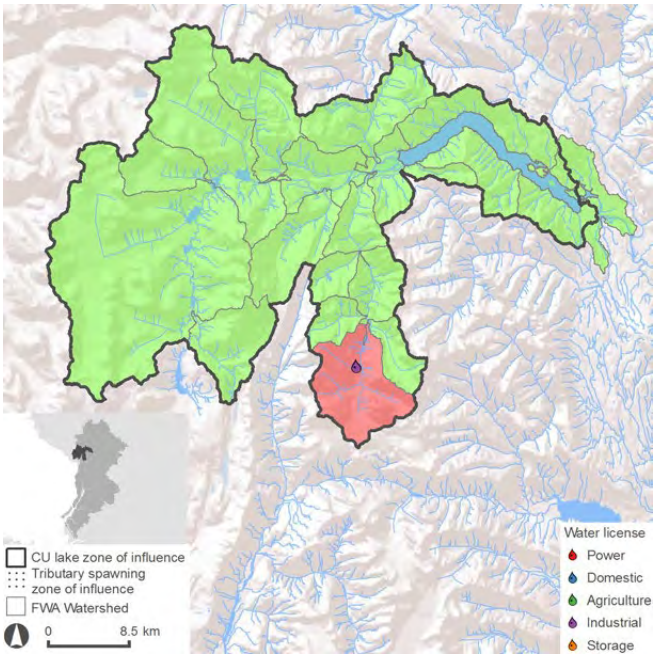

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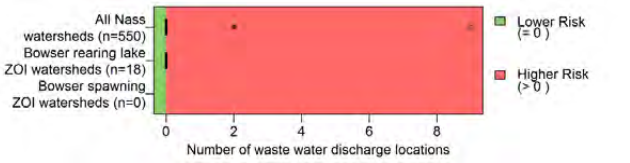

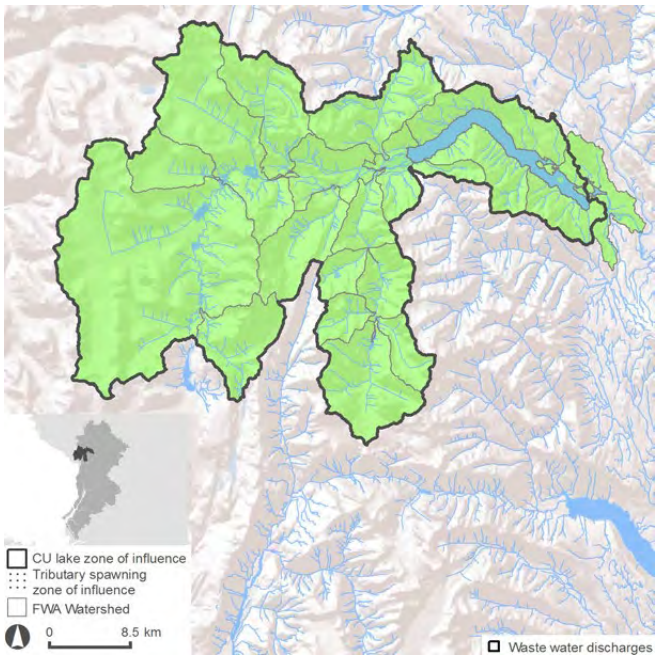

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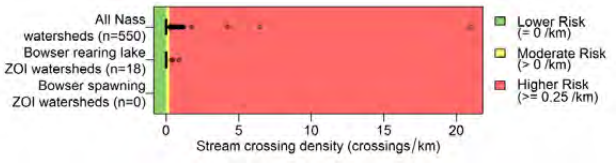

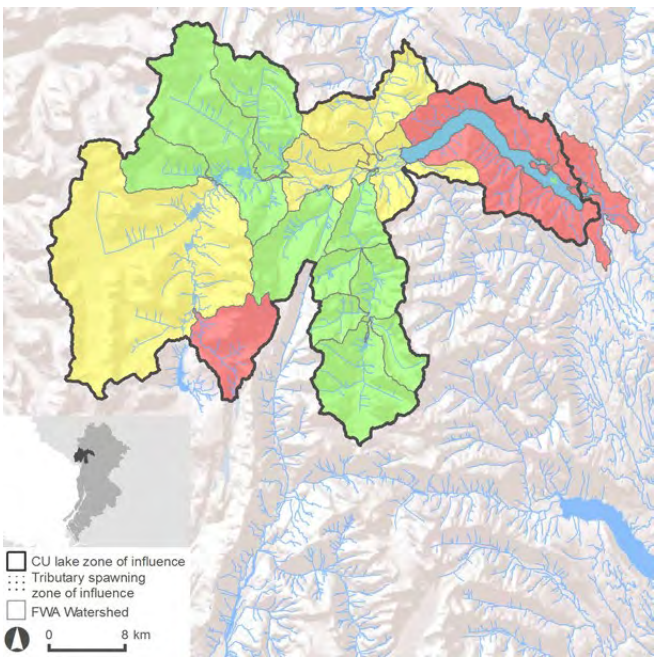

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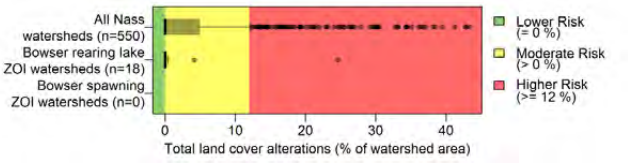

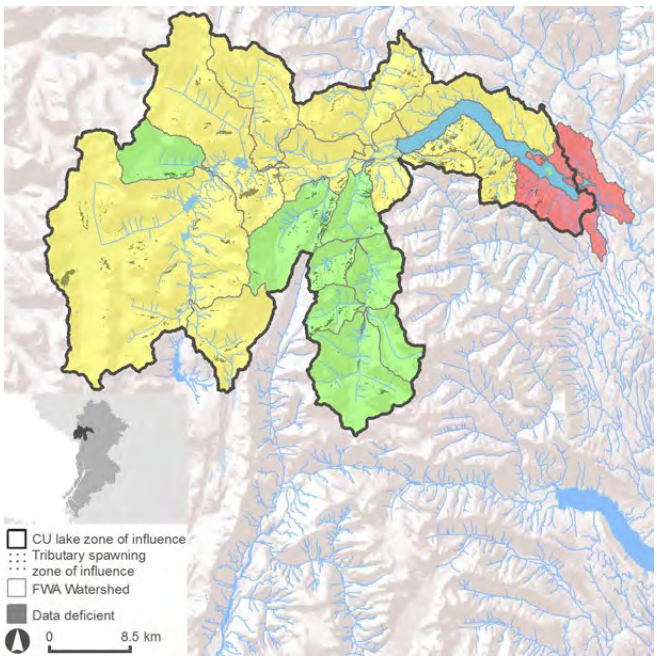

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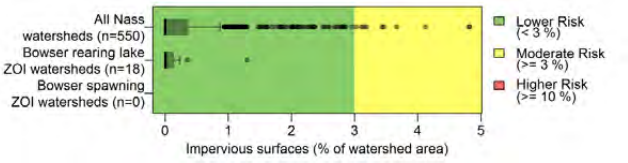

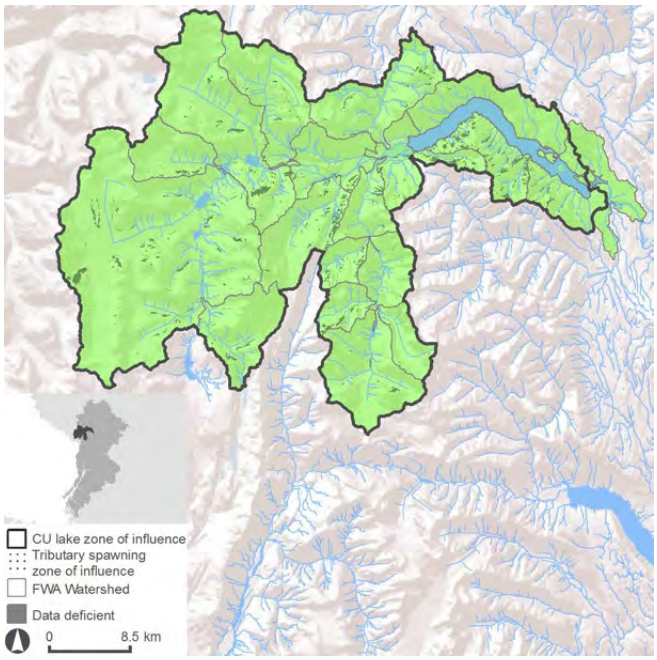

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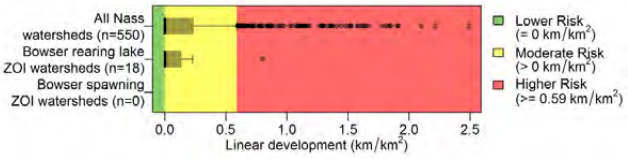

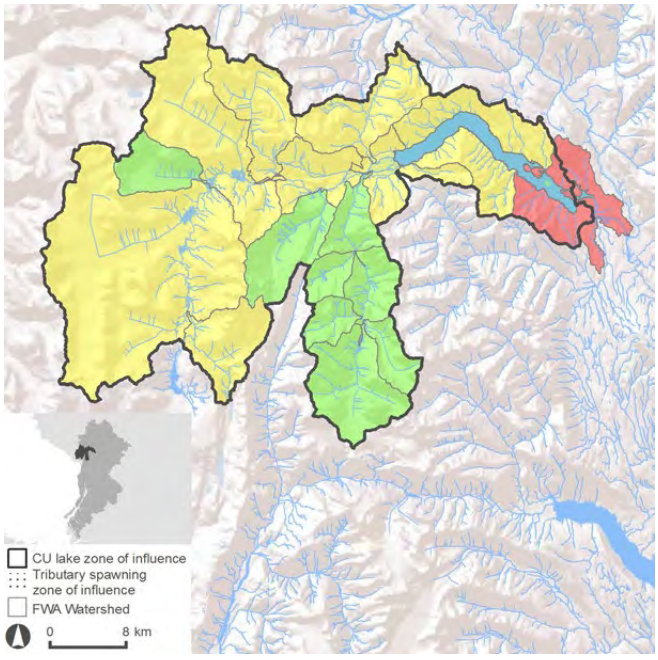

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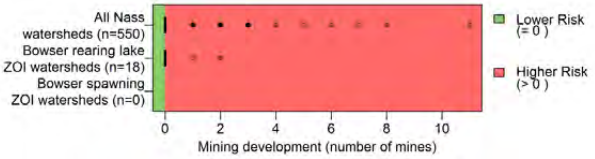

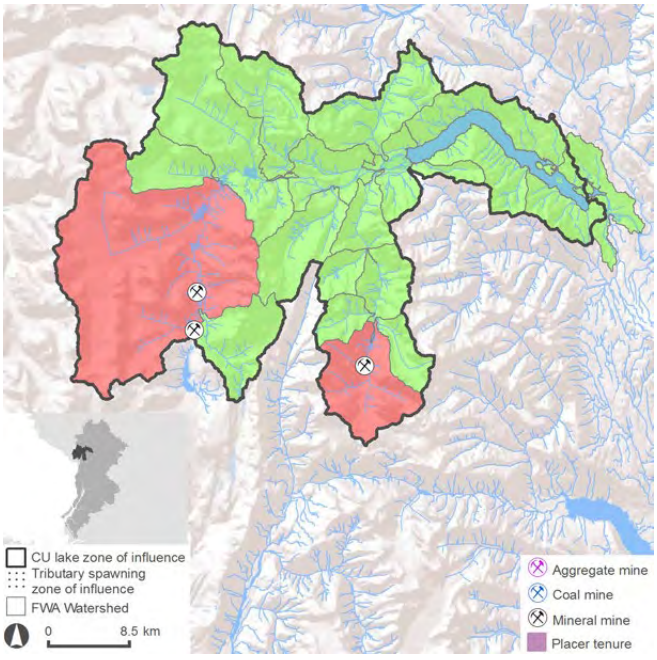

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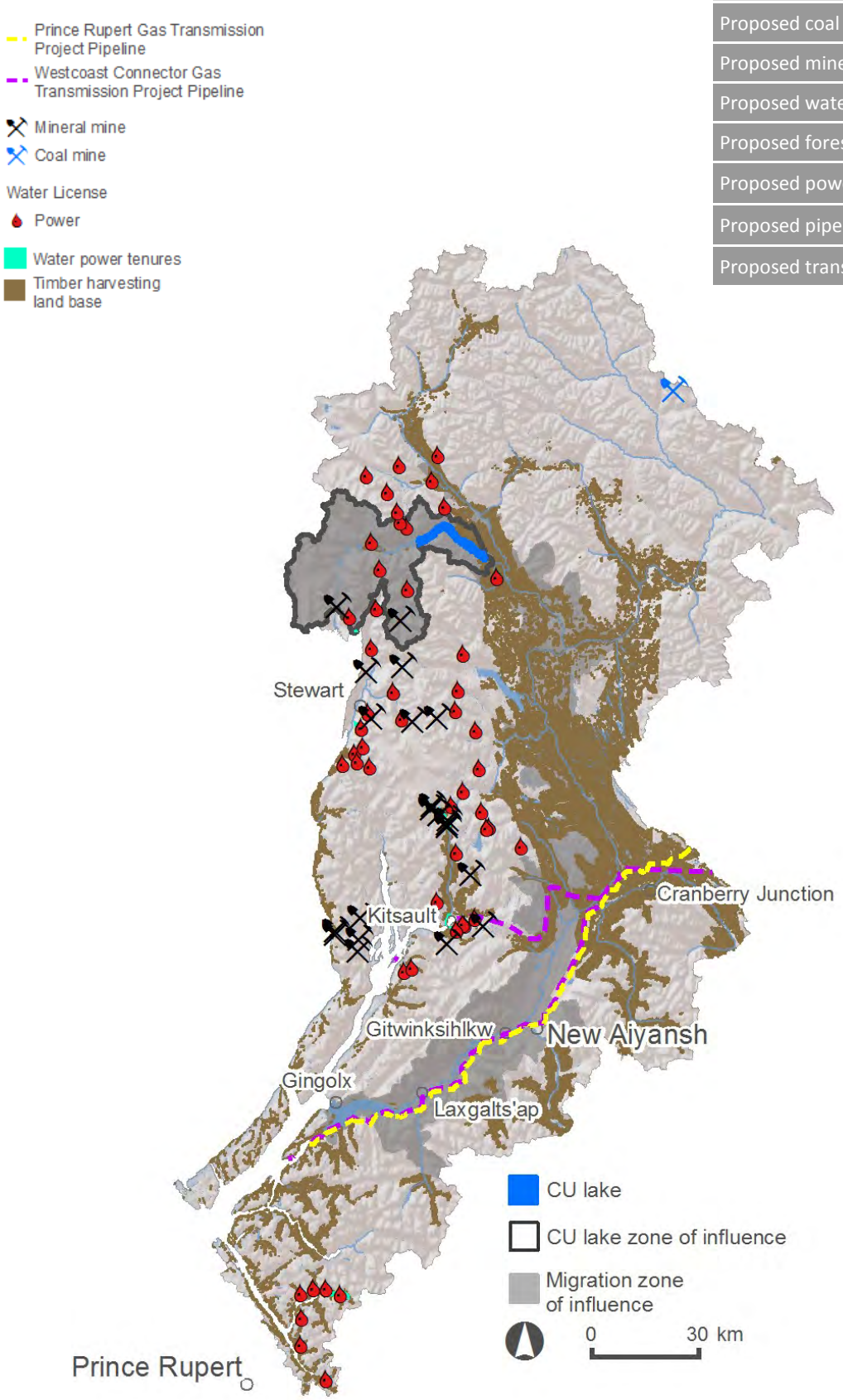

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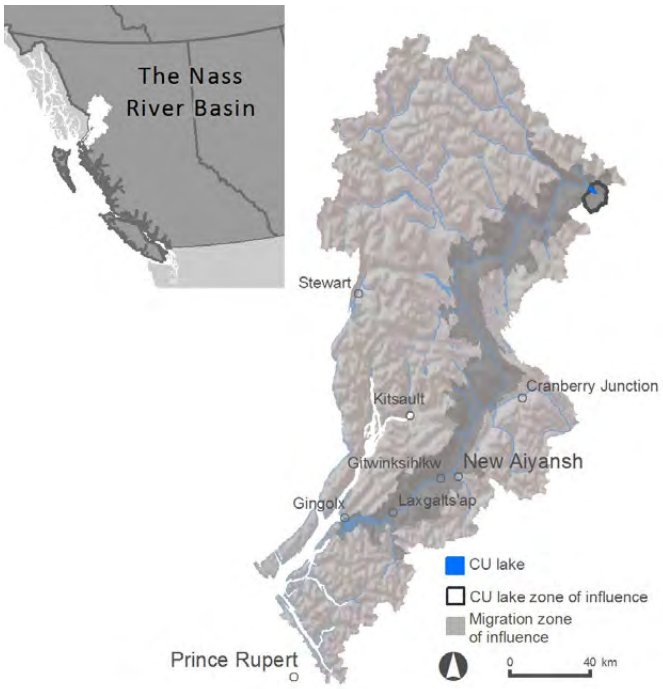

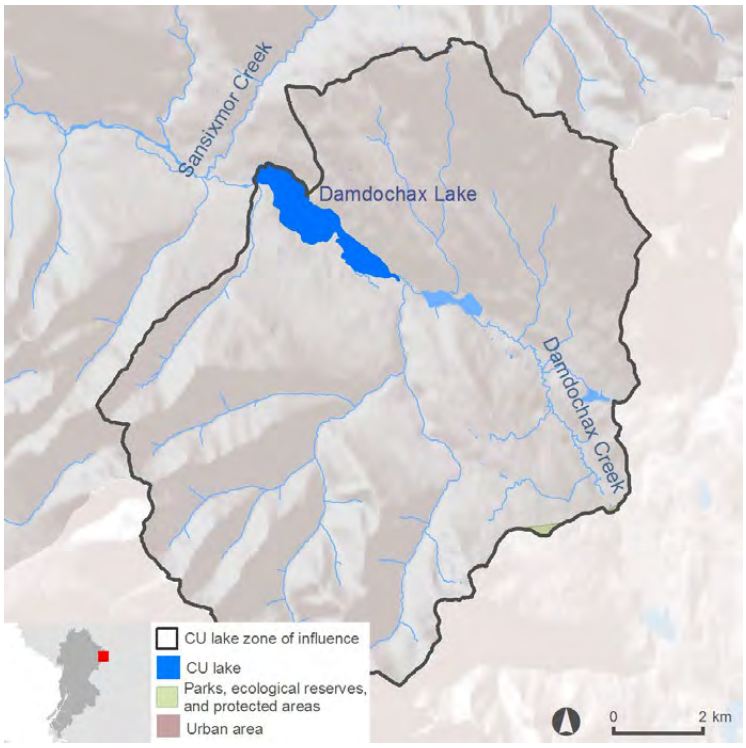

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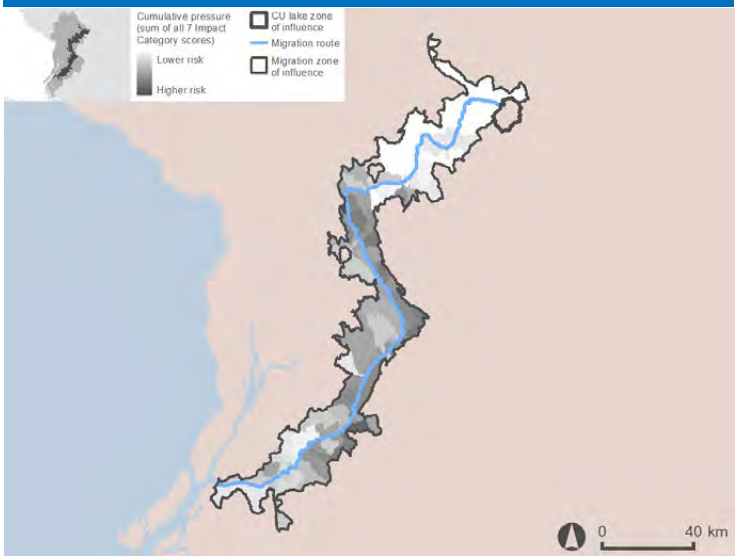

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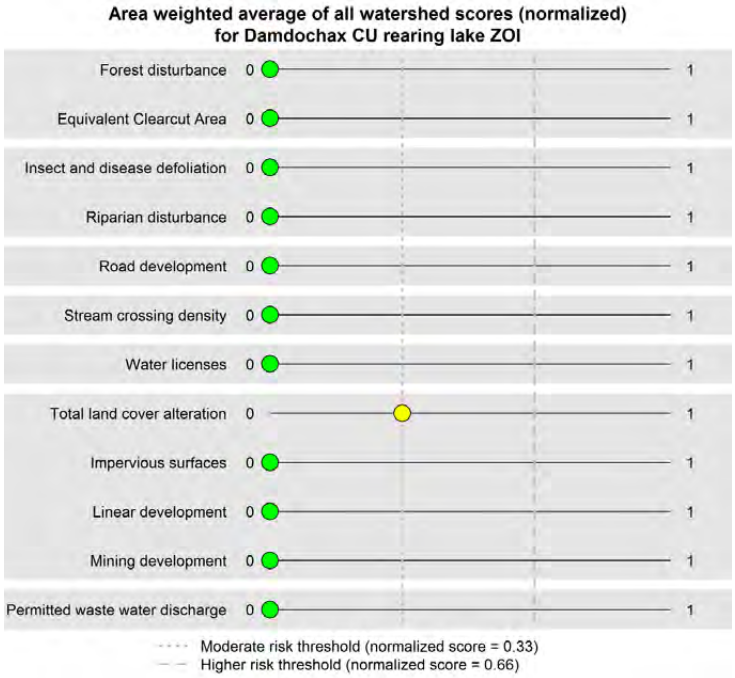

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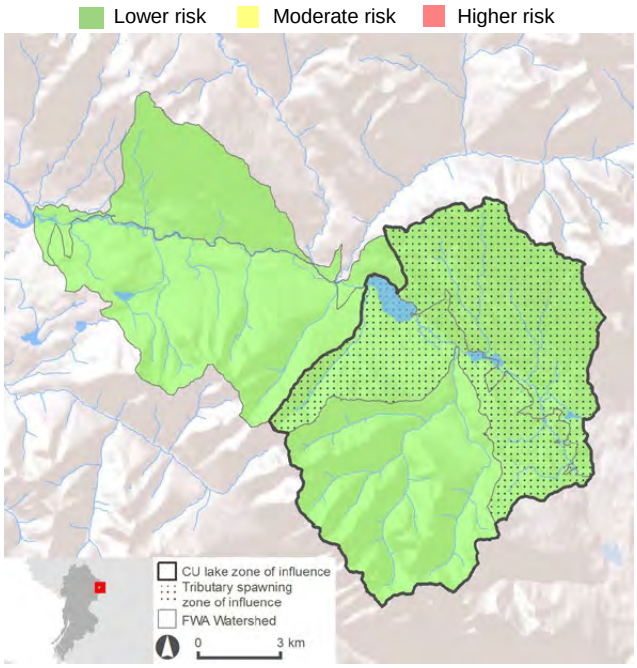

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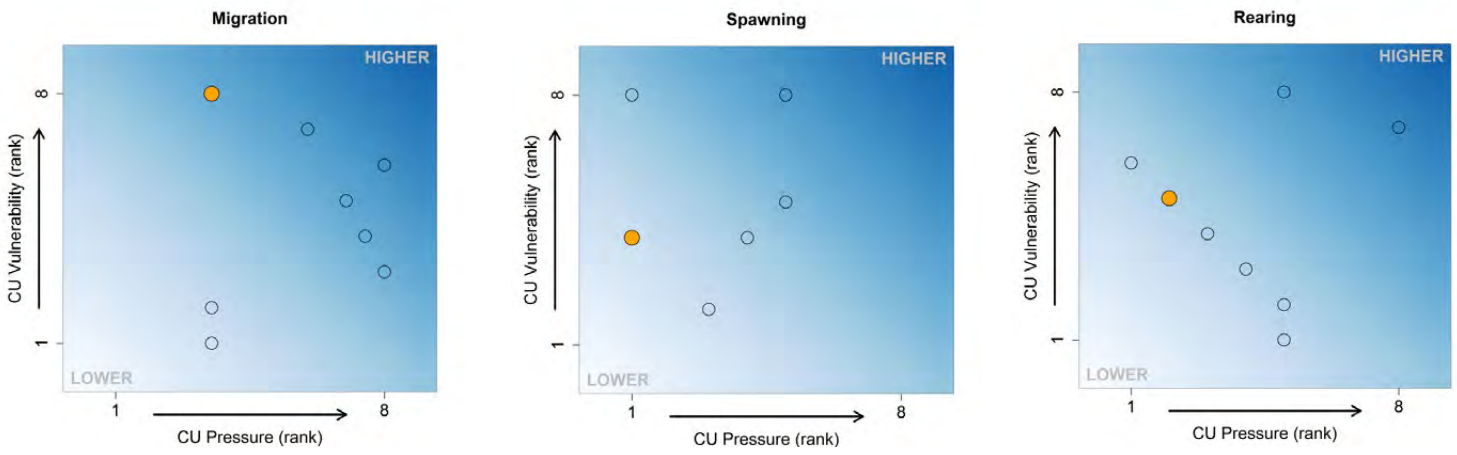

Migration vulnerability & pressure

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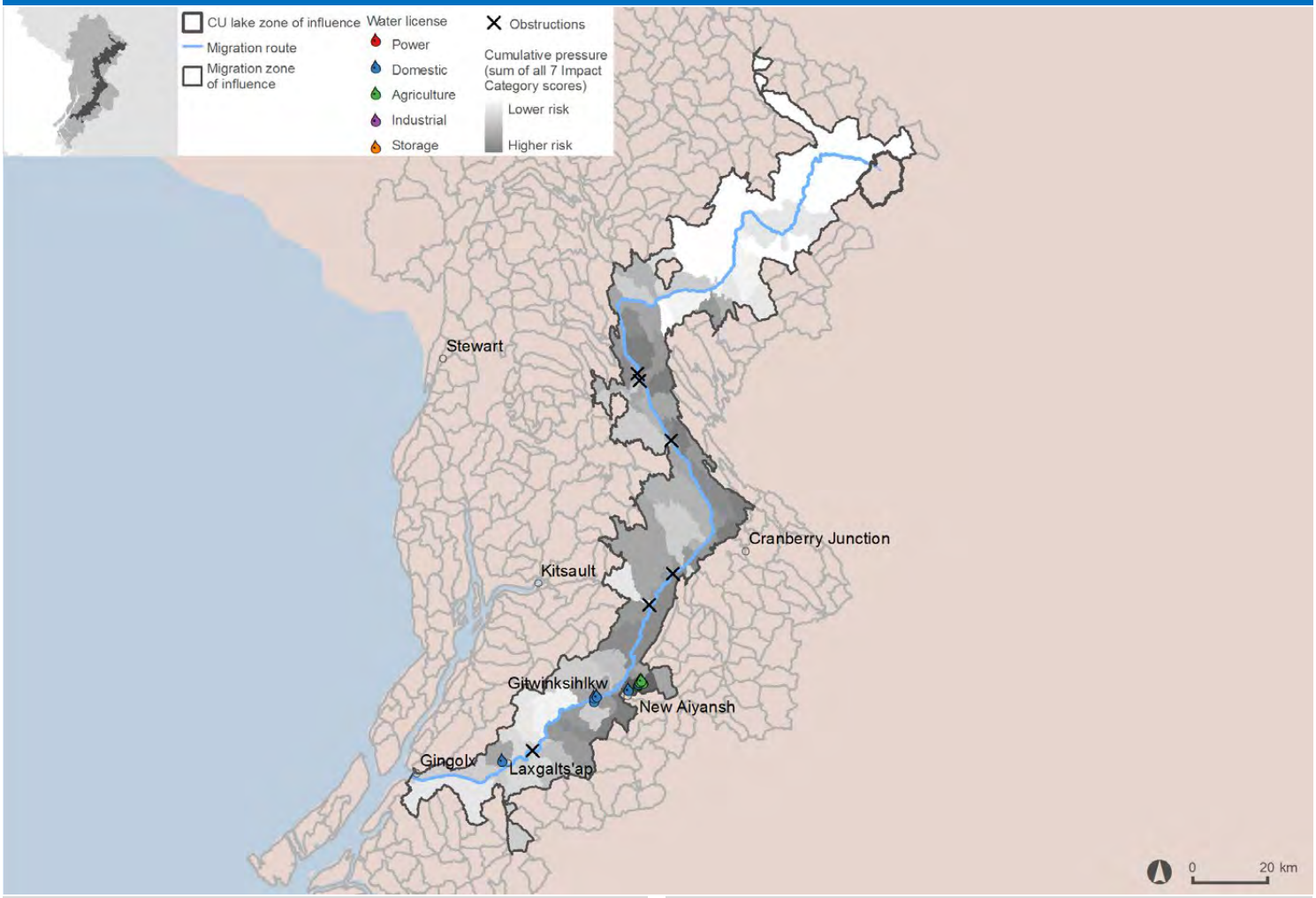

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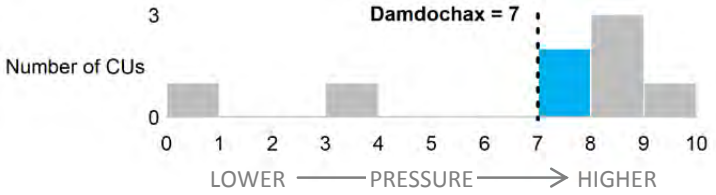

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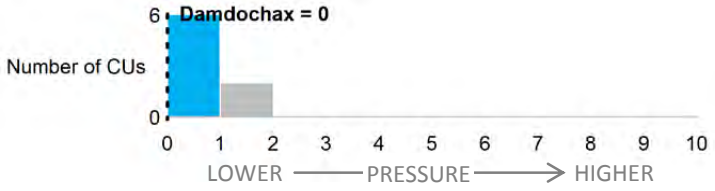

Migration period vulnerability

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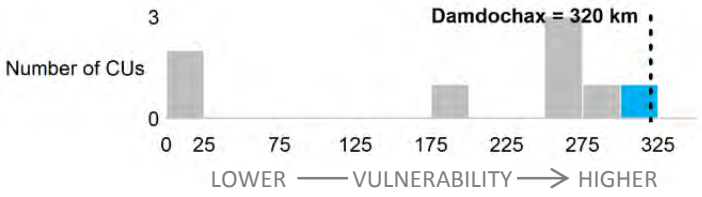

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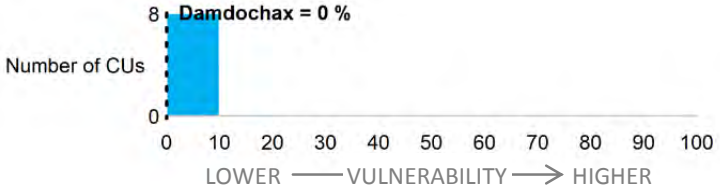
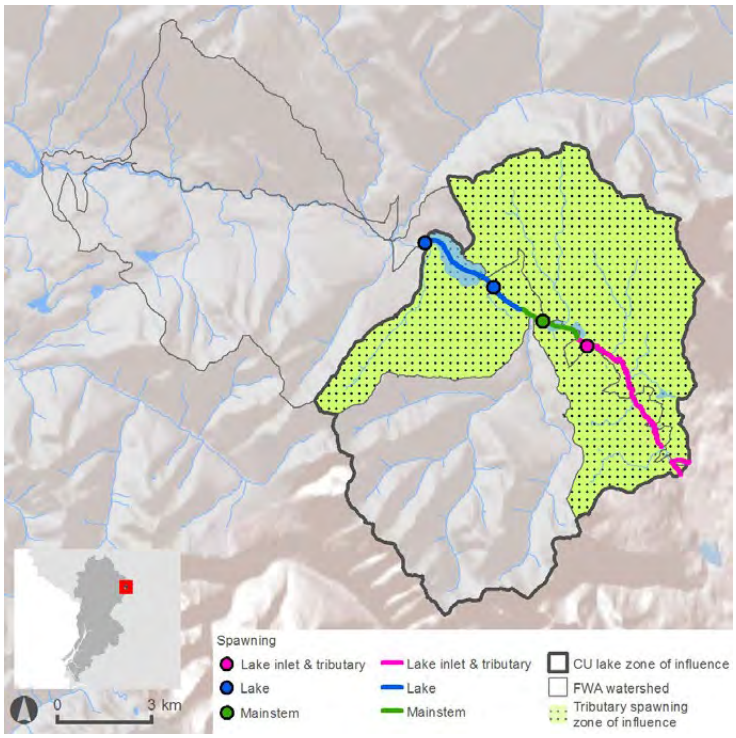


Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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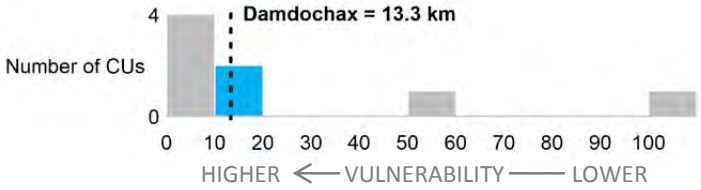

Length of lake shore spawning areas (km)

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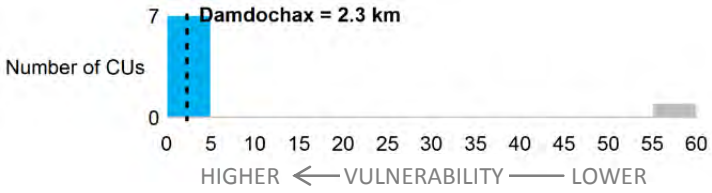

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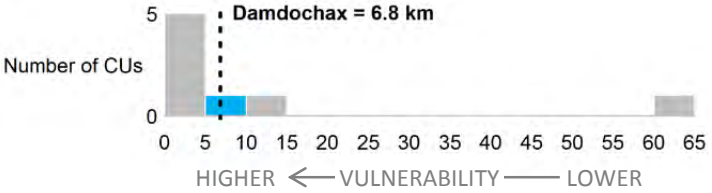

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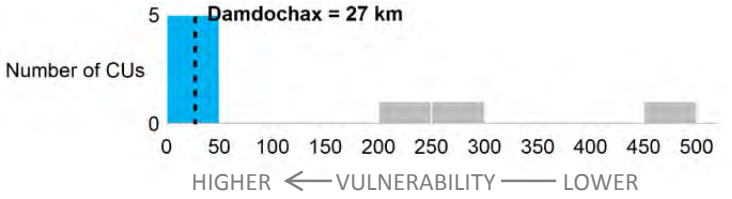

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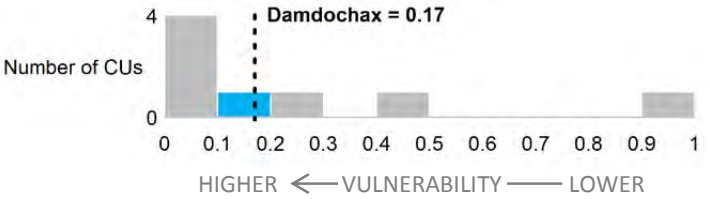
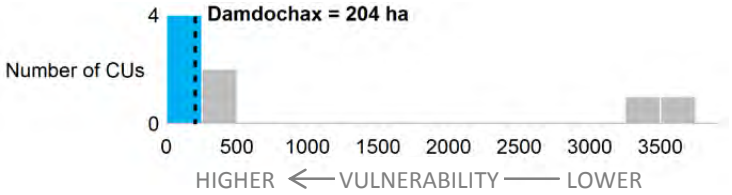


Rearing period vulnerability

Area of nursery lakes (ha)



Spawning & rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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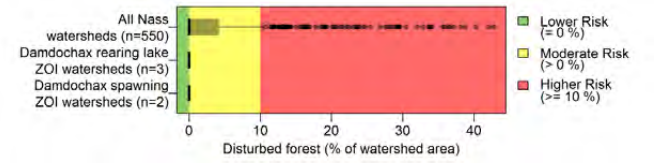

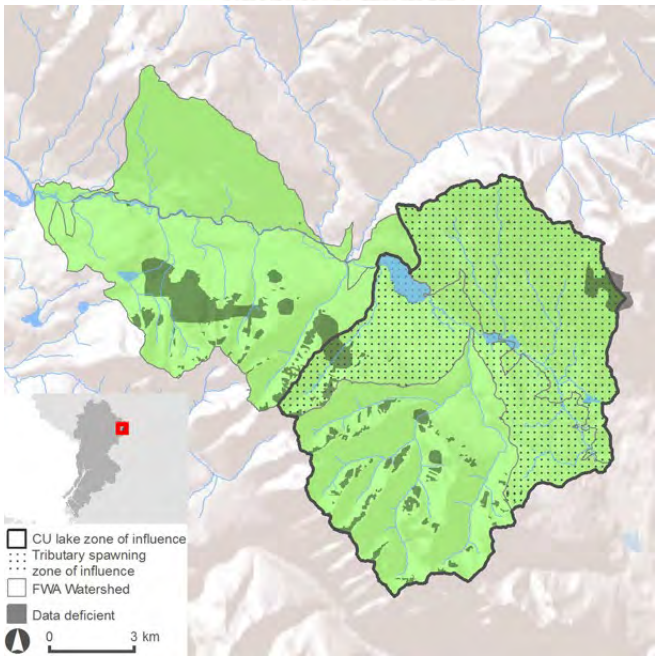

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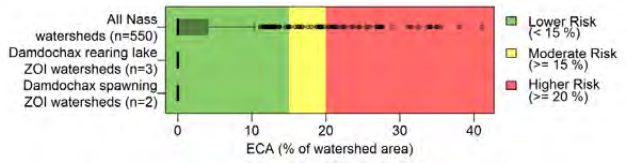
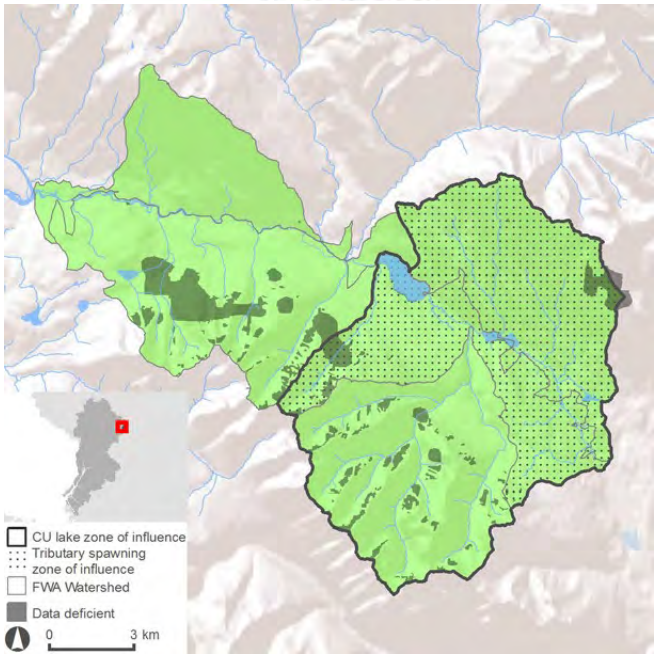
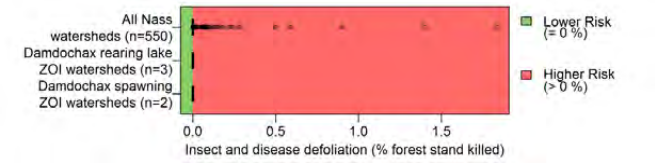
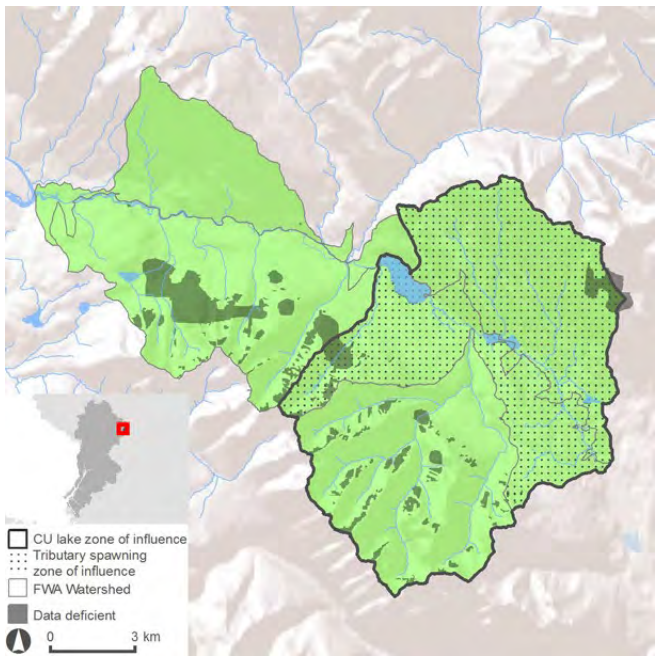




Vegetation Quality

Insect and disease defoliation





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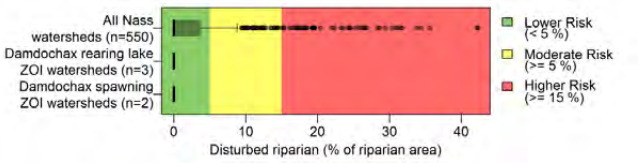

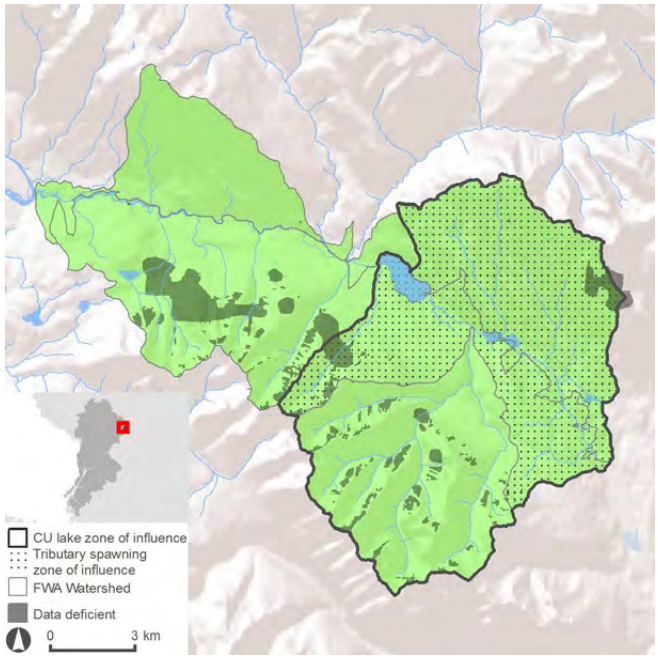

Surface Erosion

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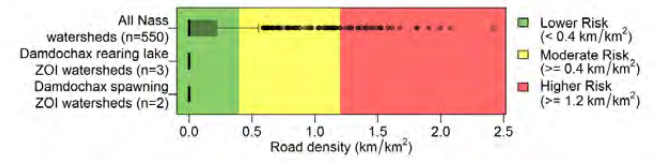

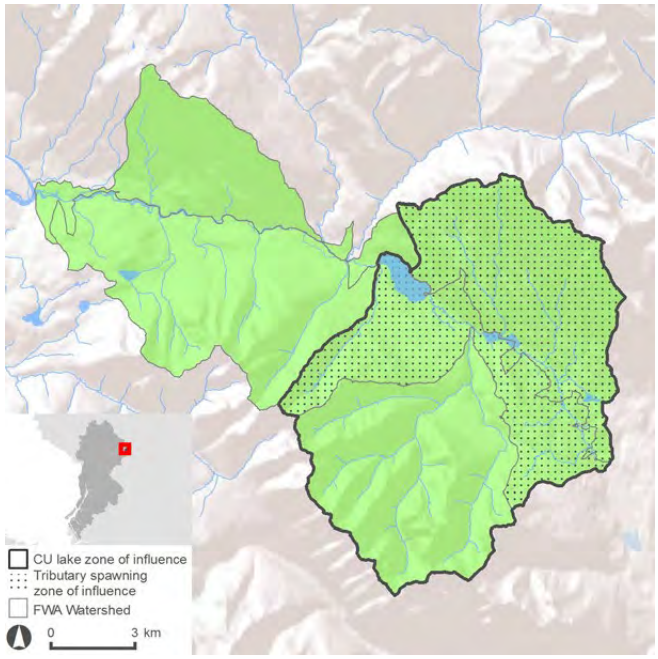

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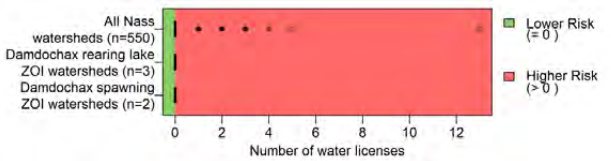

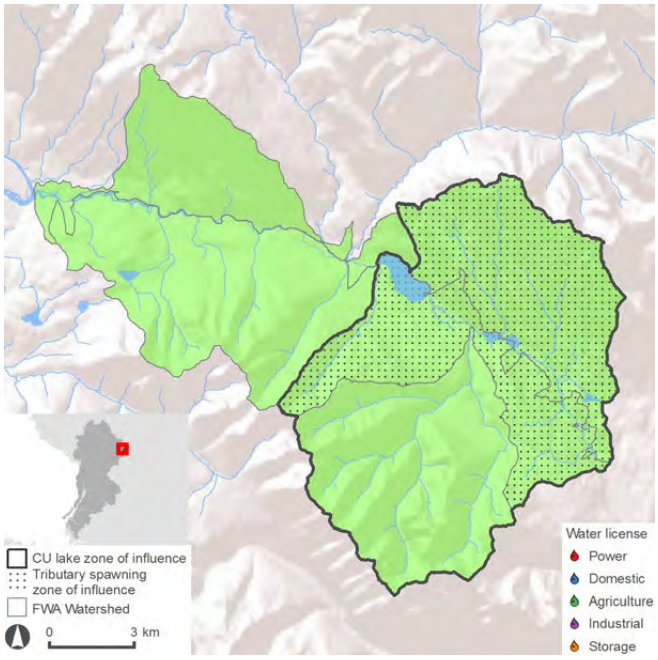

Water Quality

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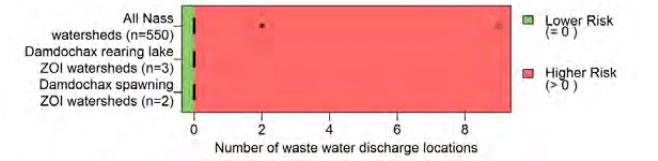

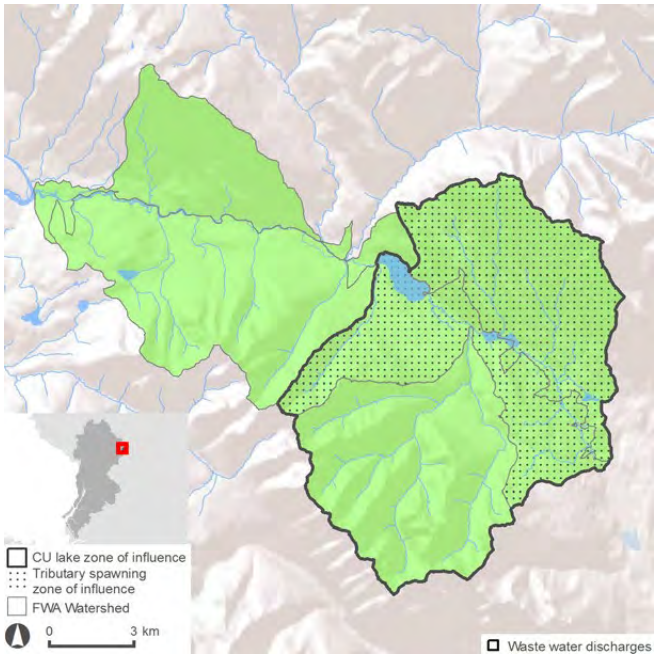

Fish Passage/Habitat Connectivity

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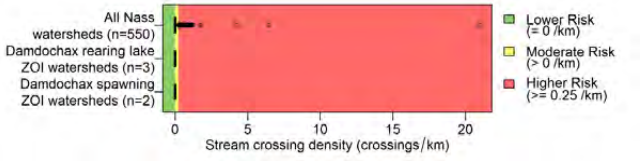

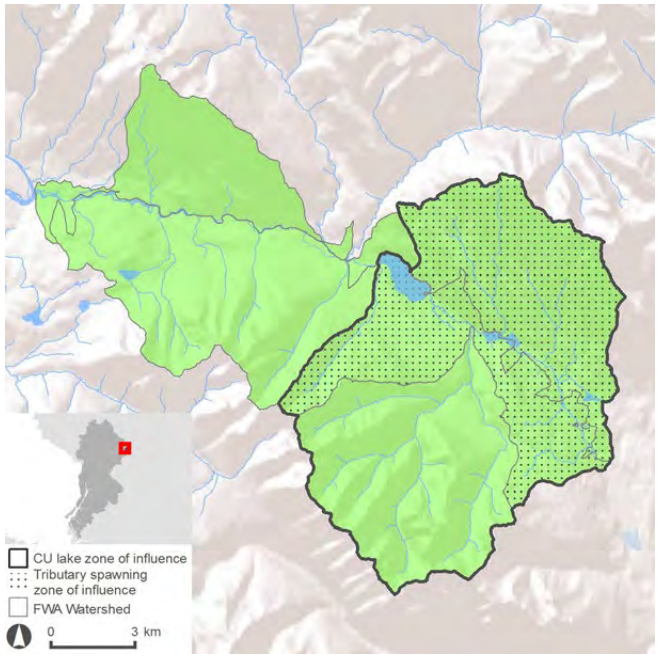

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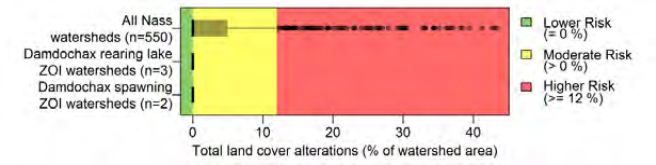

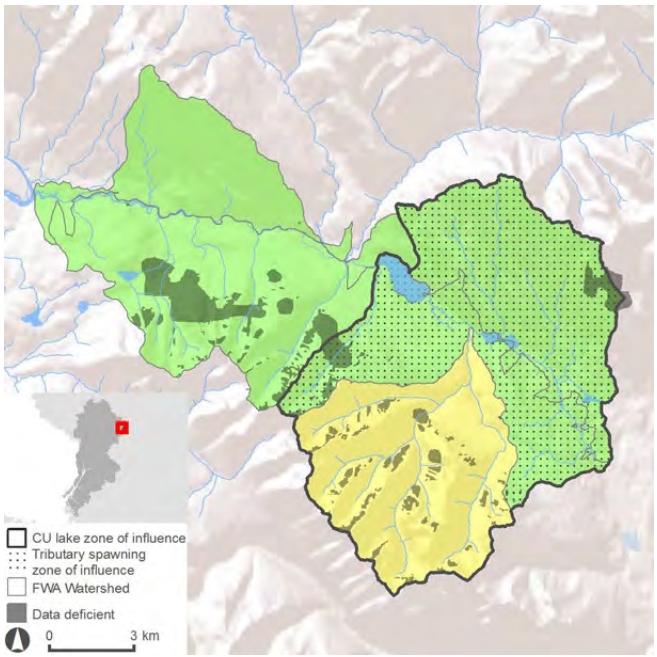

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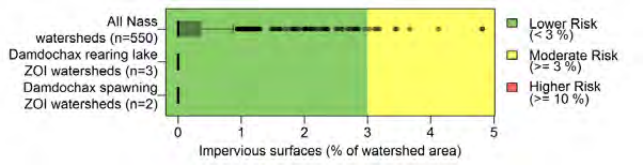

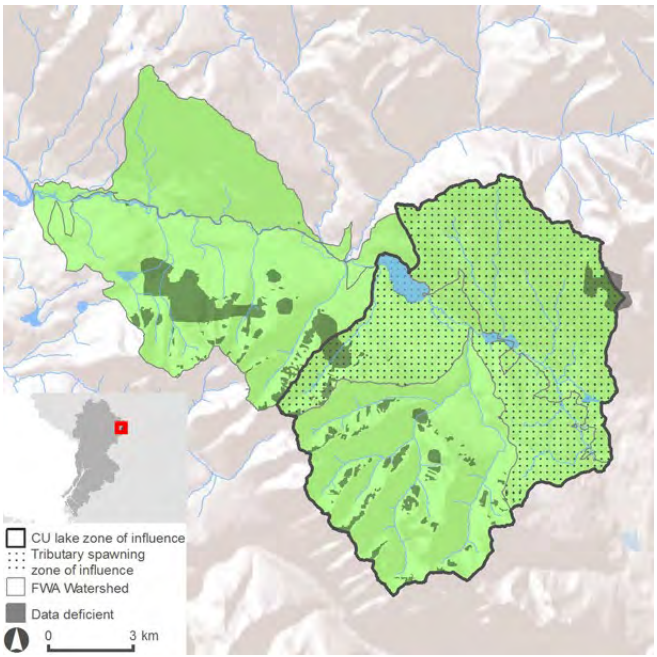

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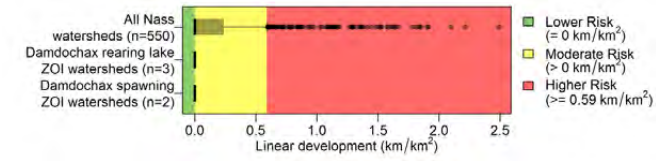

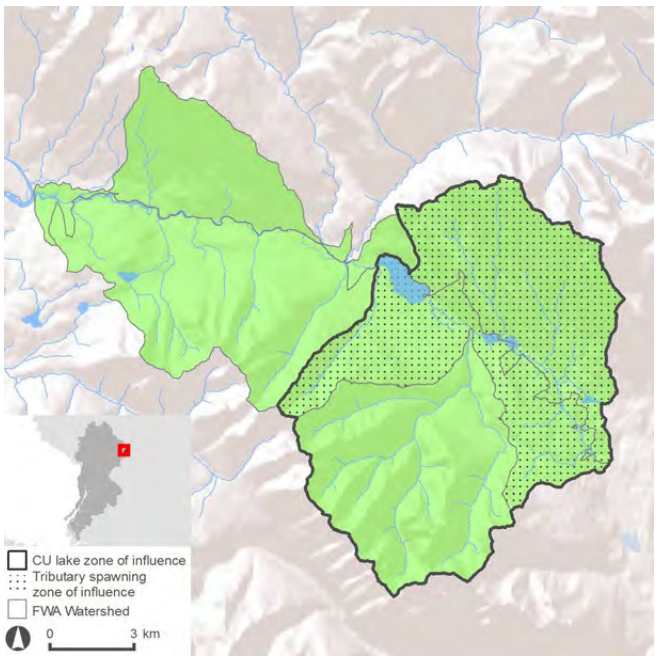

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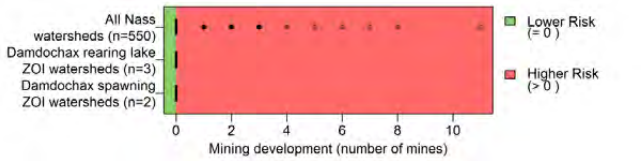
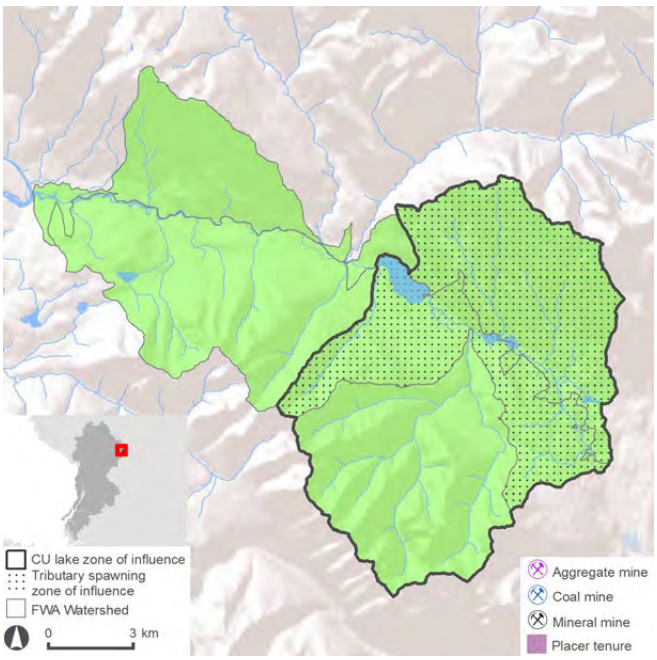
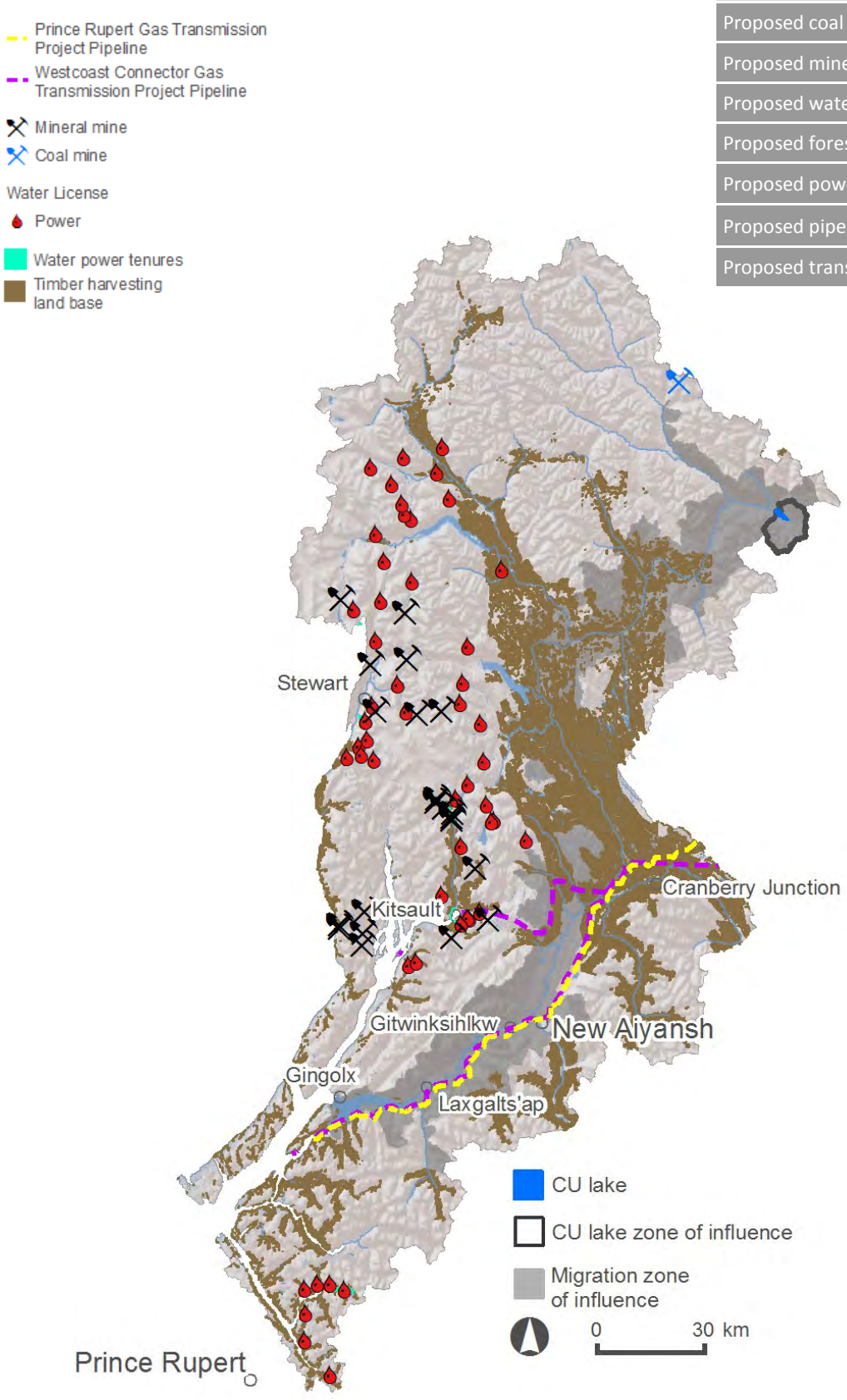




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Lake Sockeye: Fred Wright

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

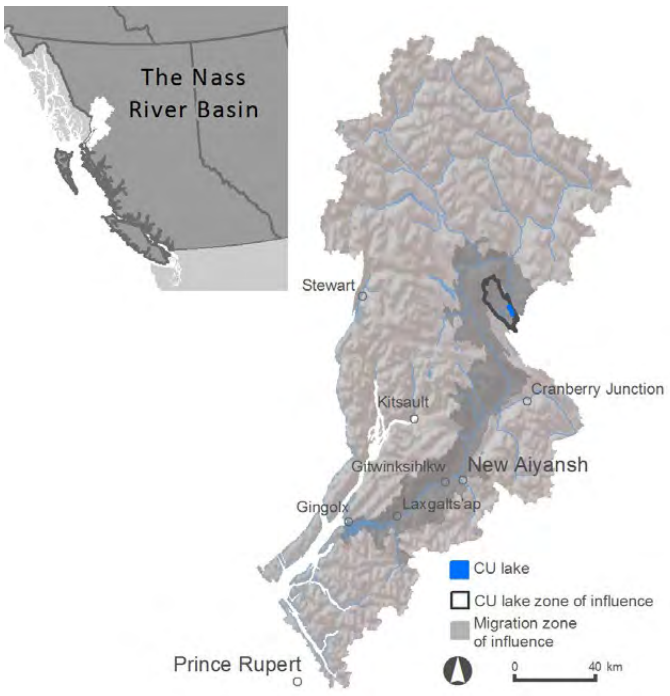
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

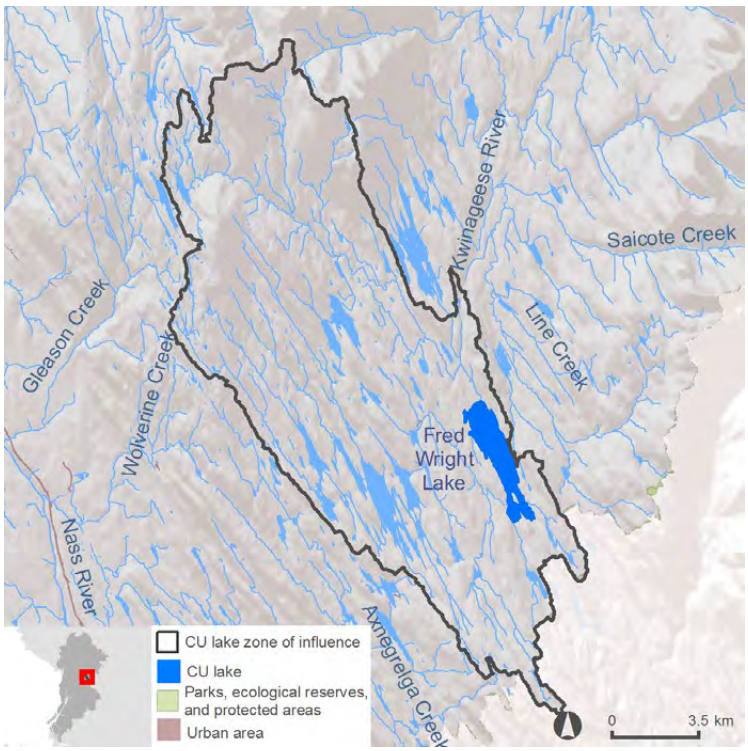
Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are ten sockeye salmon CUs in the Nass Area: two are river-type CUs (Upper Nass—UNR and Lower Nass-Portland—LNR-P) and eight are lake-type (Clements, Leverson, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, Meziadin, and Oweegee).
- Nearly all of the sockeye salmon production in the Nass Area comes from the lake-type CUs in the upper watershed (i.e. Meziadin, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, and Oweegee).
- Nass Area sockeye salmon exhibit variable life history characteristics, with the majority being lake-type and spending one full year rearing in a lake.
- A marine-type population, where salmon go to sea in their first year, is found in some lower Nass tributaries.
- Nass Area sockeye salmon predominantly reside at sea for one to four years, with the majority spending either two or three years at sea.

Location





Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

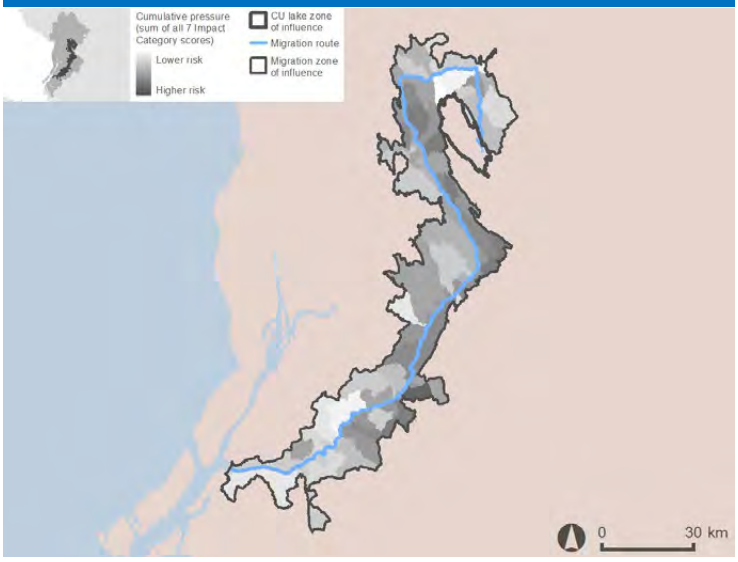
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each lake sockeye CU:

- Migration (Total migration distance; Length and percentage of migration route summer flow sensitive)
- Spawning (Total spawning length; Spawning length in tributary, lake or mainstem; Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning length; Length of accessible habitat)
- Rearing (Rearing lake area)

Cumulative pressure—migration



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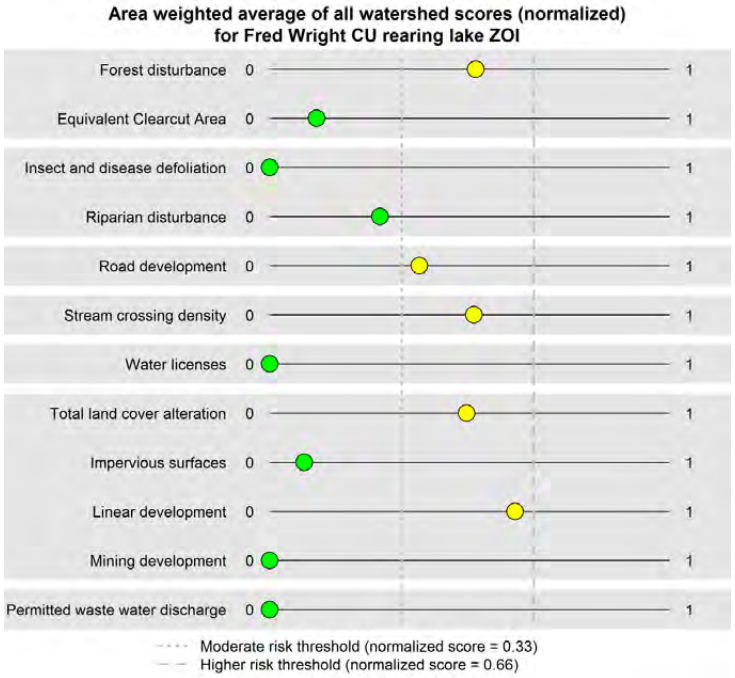
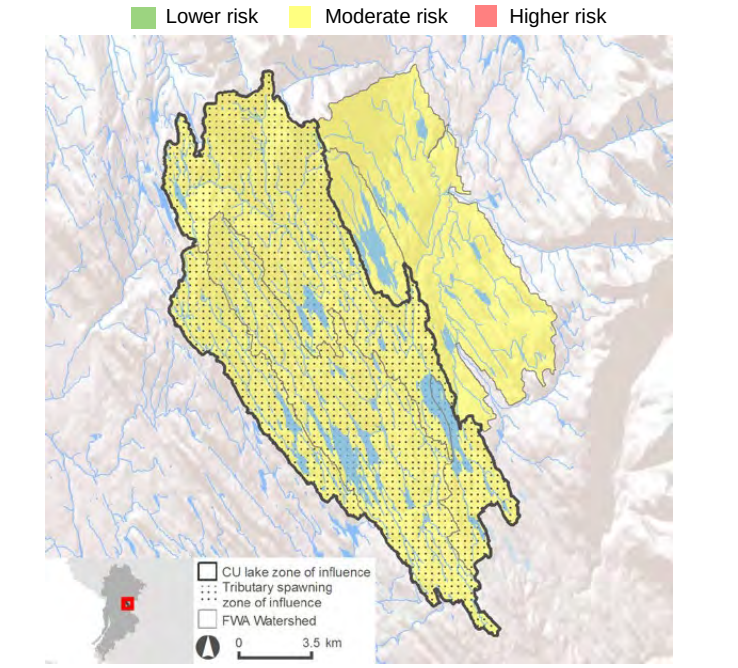


Cumulative pressure—rearing & spawning



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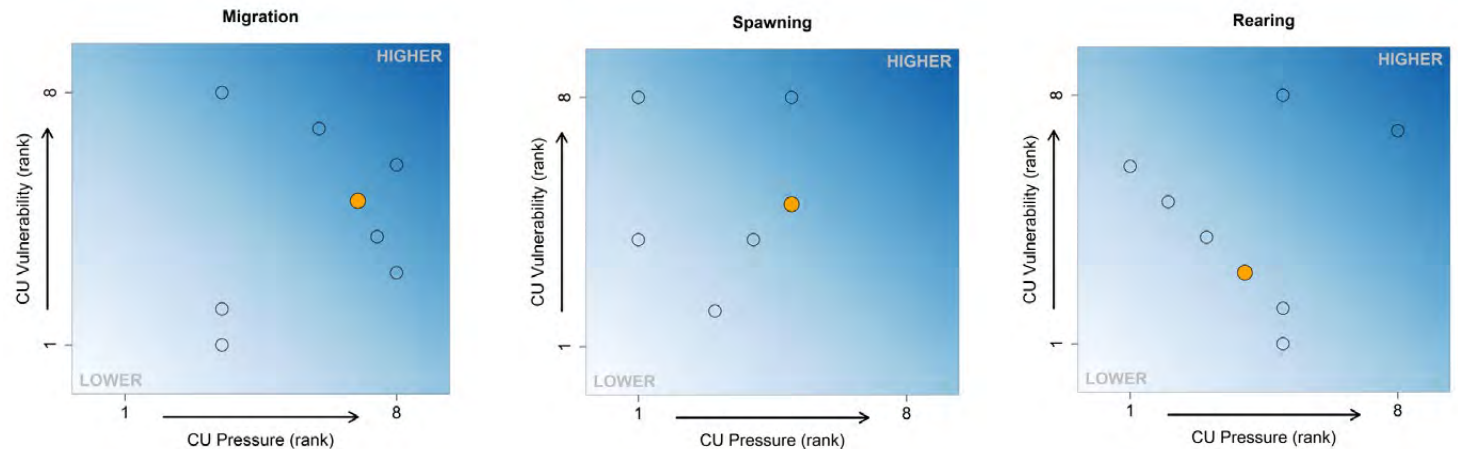
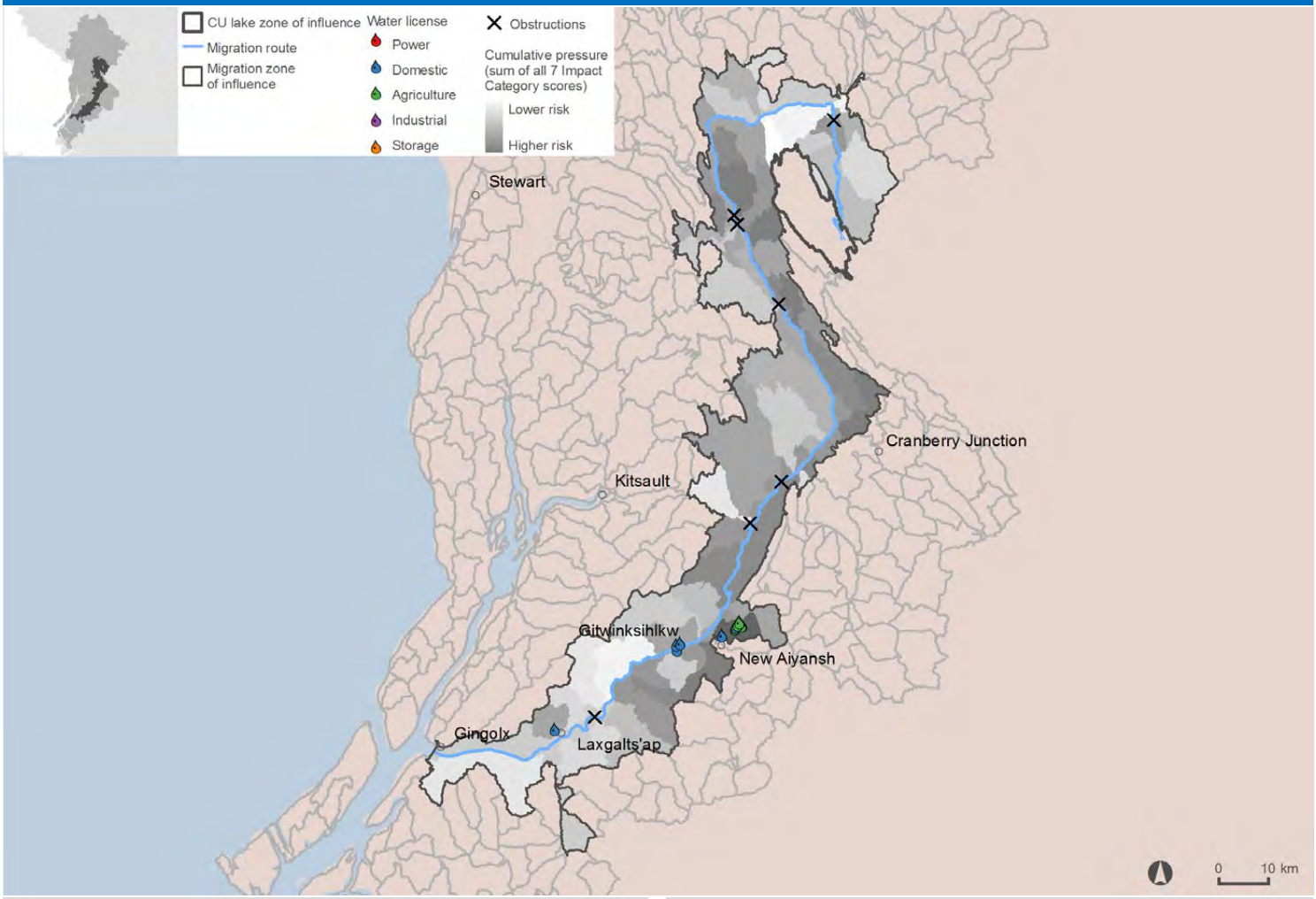


Migration vulnerability & pressure

Migration period pressures



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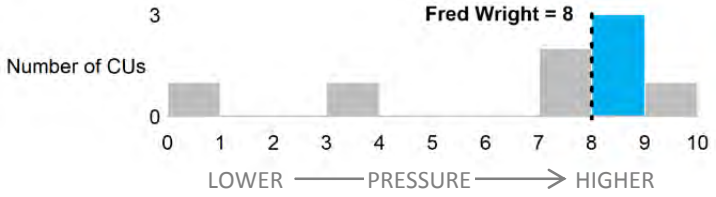

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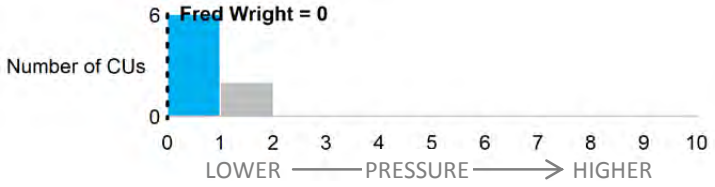
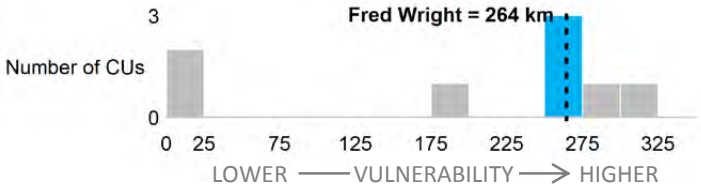


Migration period vulnerability

Migration distance (km)



Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (km)

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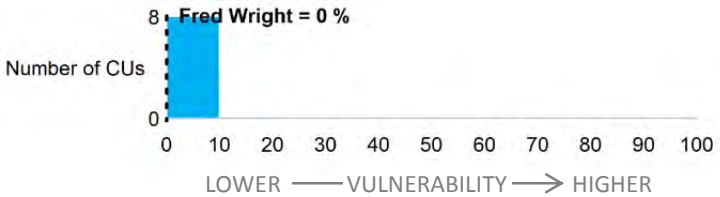
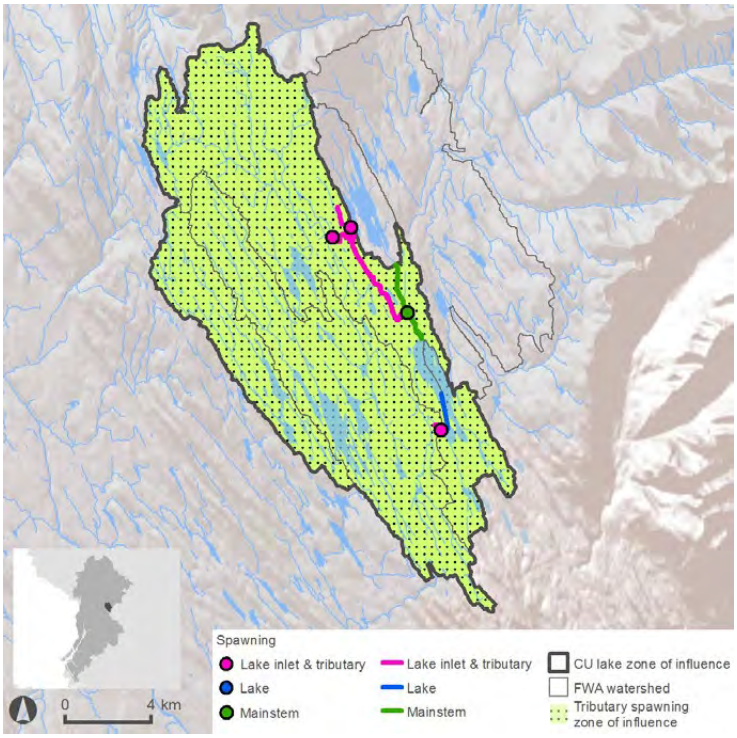


Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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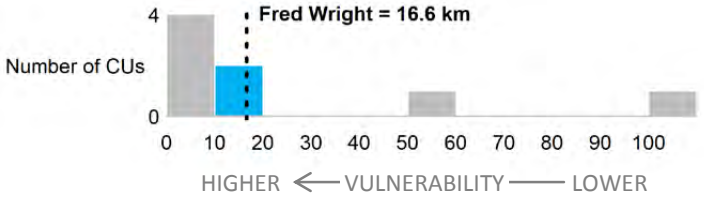

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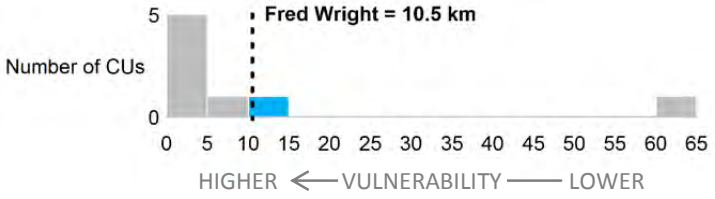

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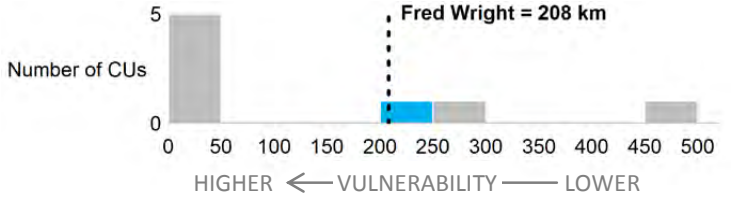

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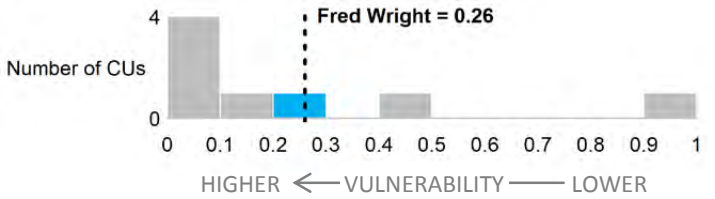

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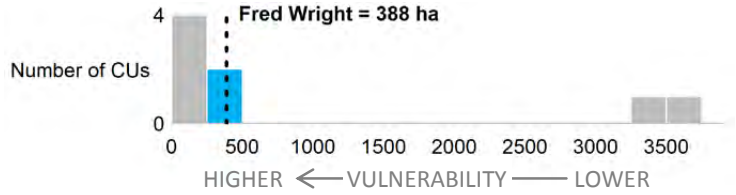

Spawning & rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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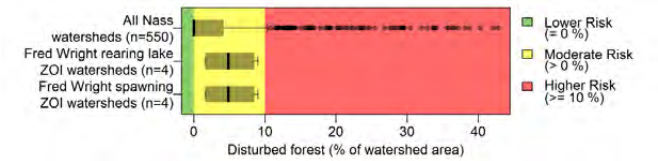

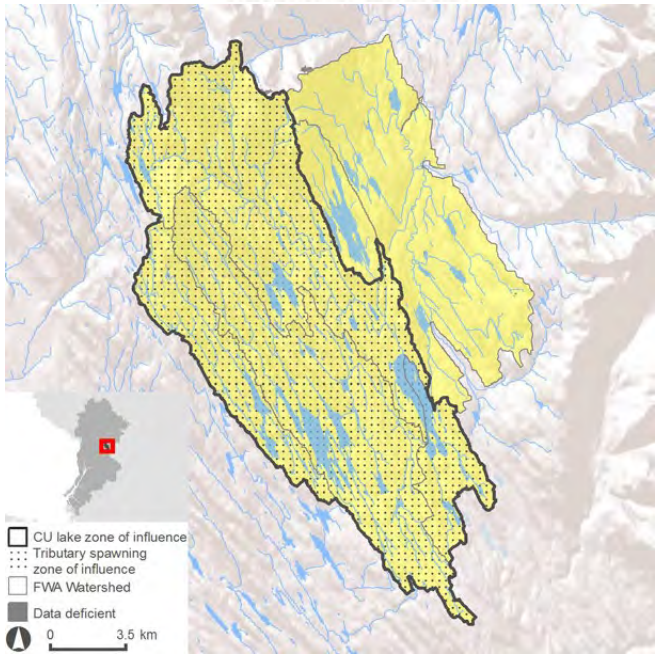

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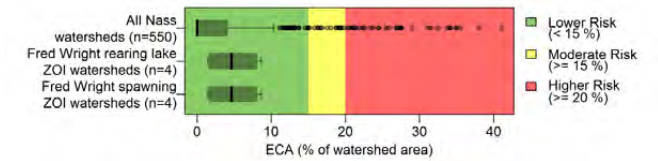

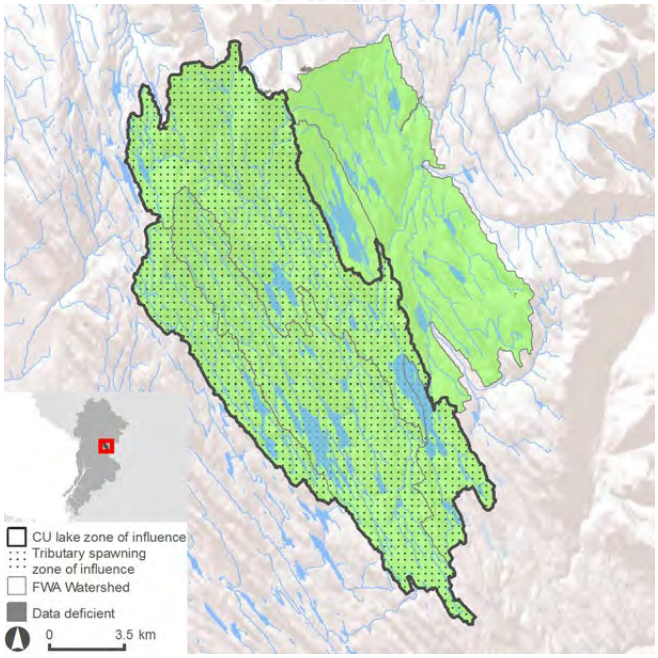

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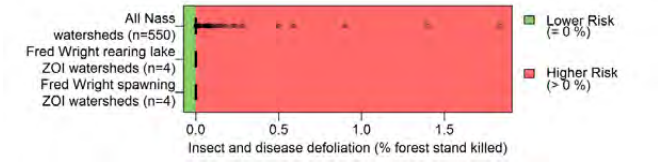

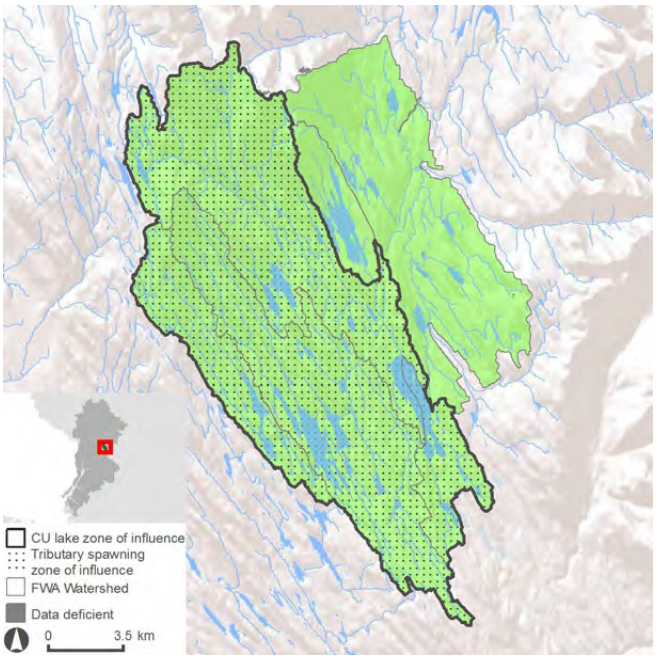

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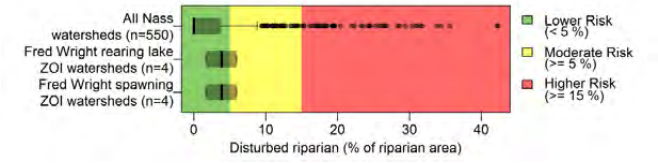

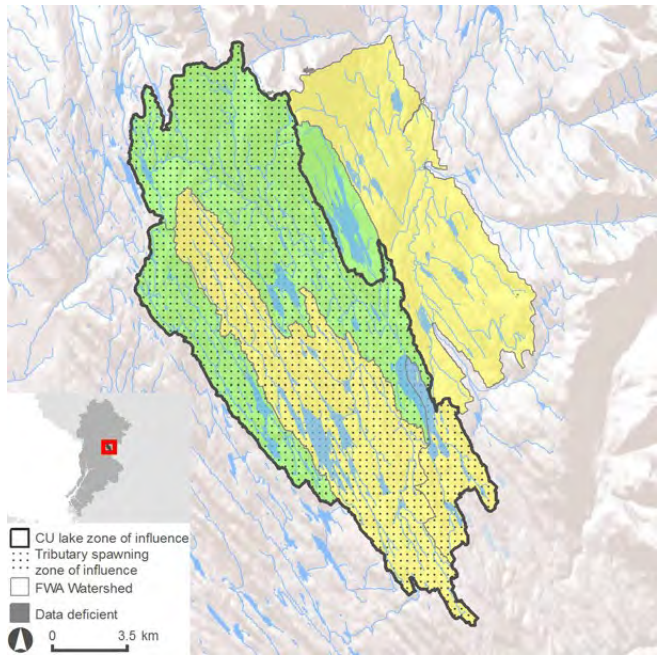

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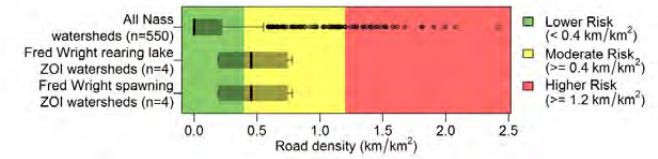

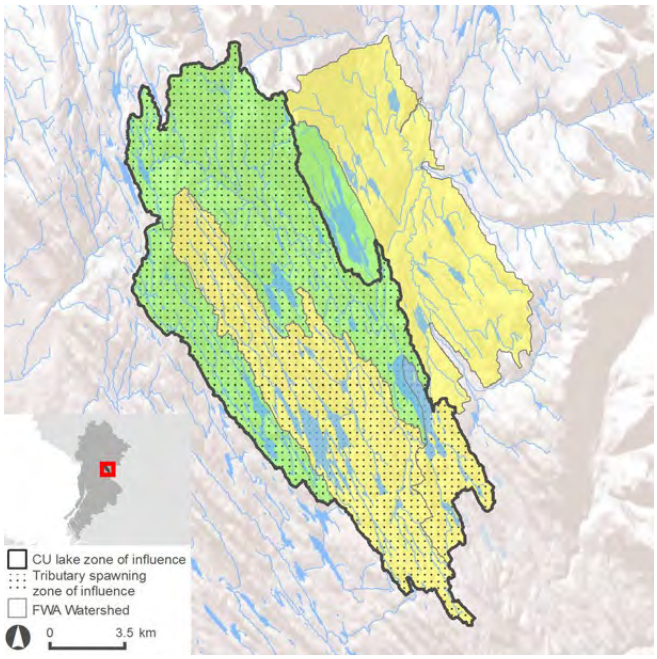

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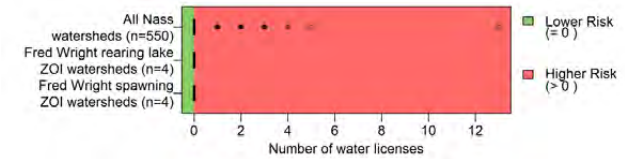

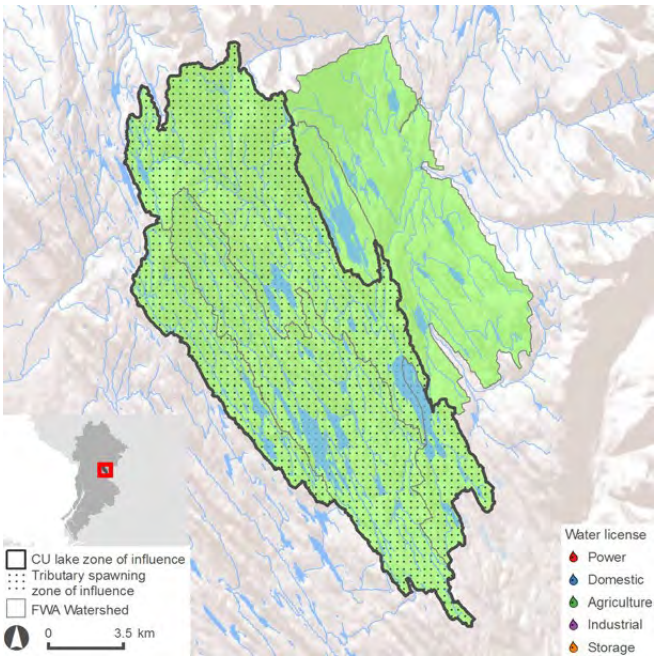

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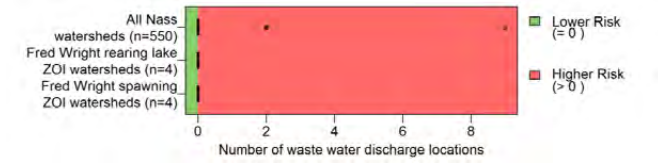

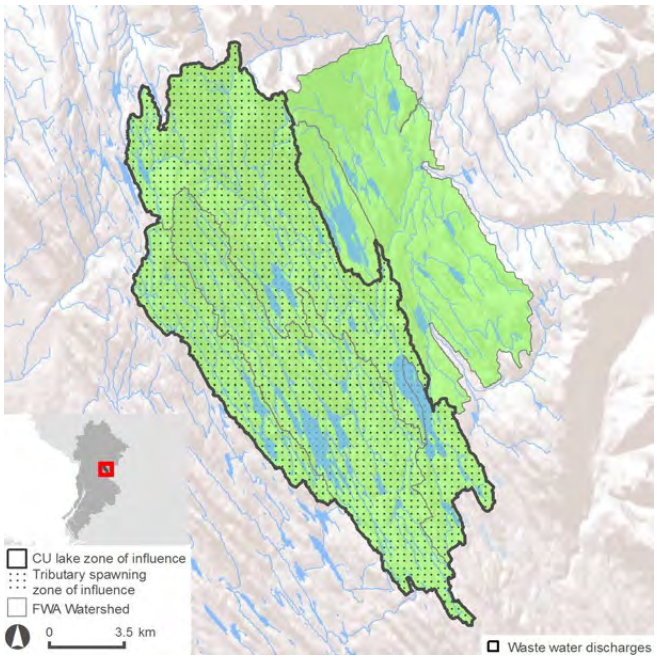

Fish Passage/Habitat Connectivity

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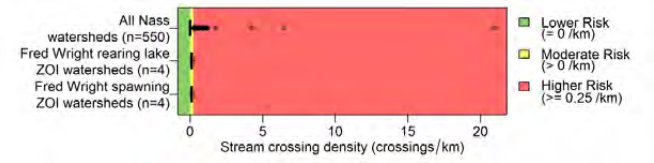

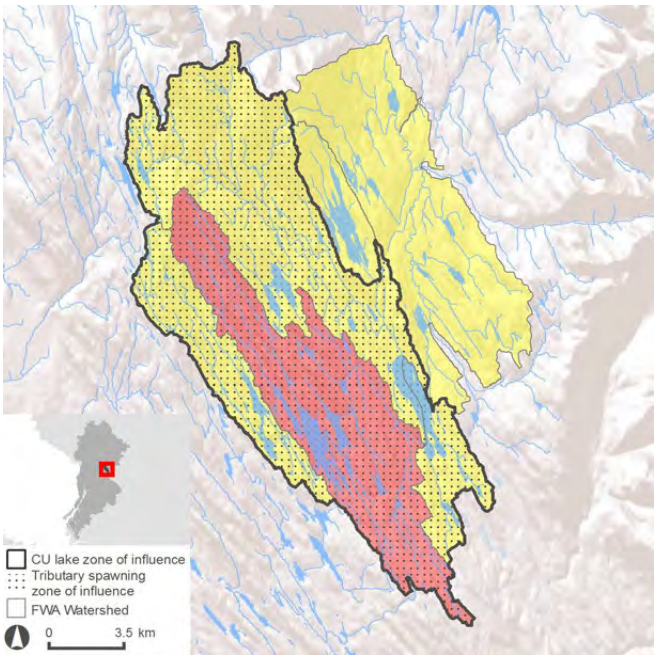

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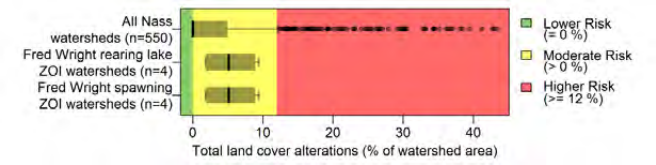

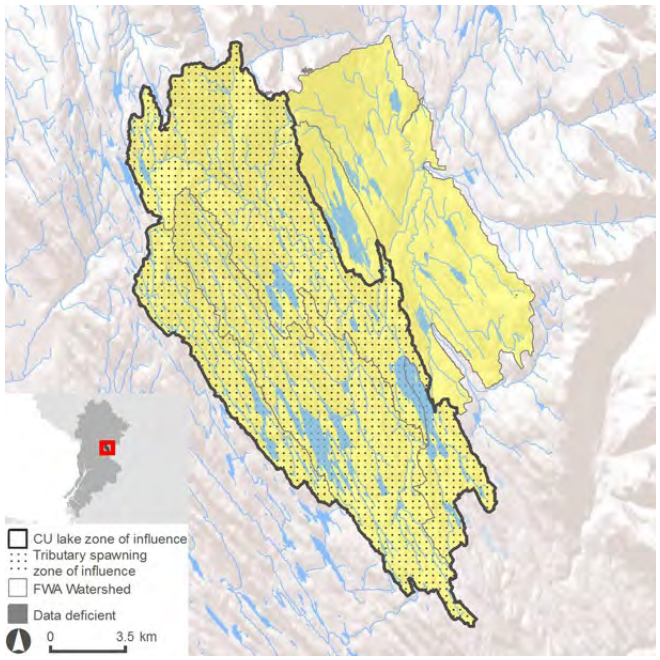

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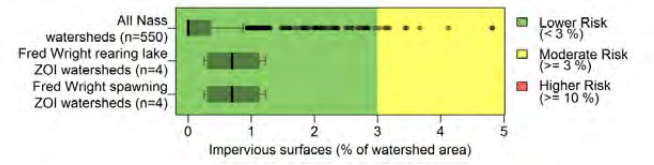

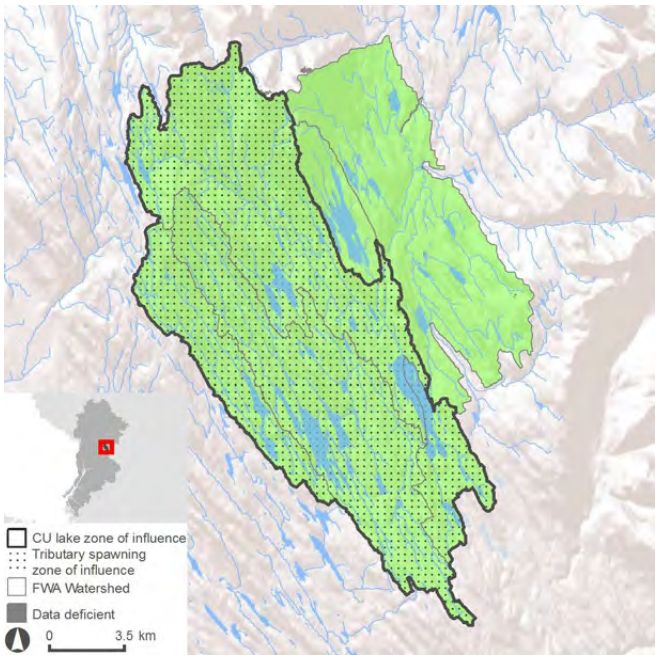

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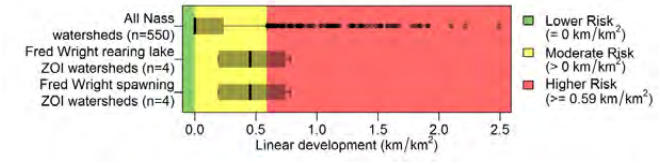

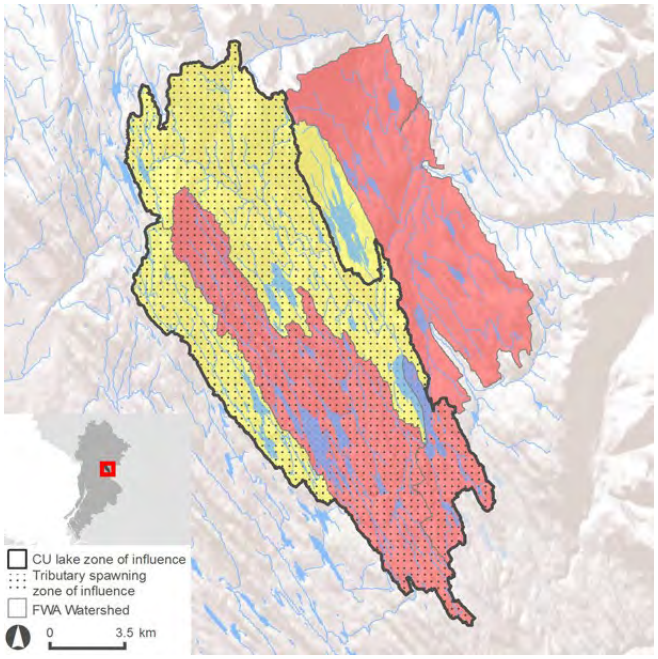

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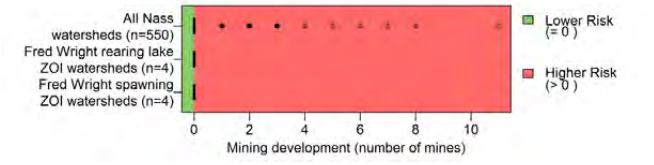
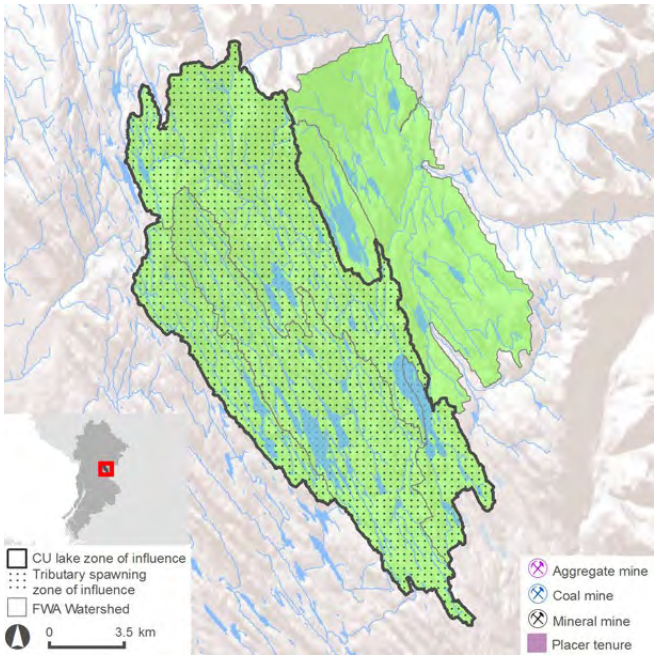
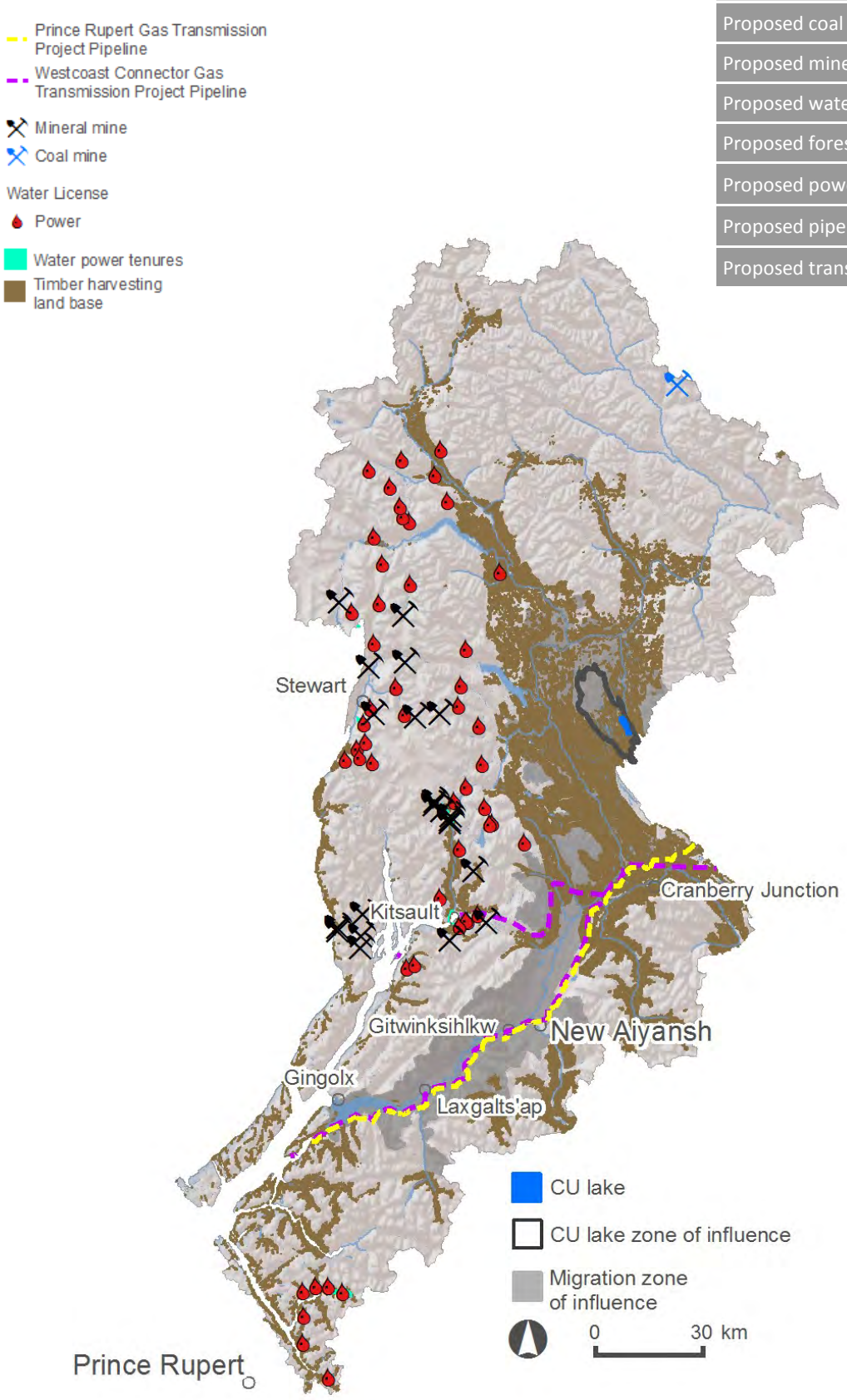




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Lake Sockeye: Kwinageese

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

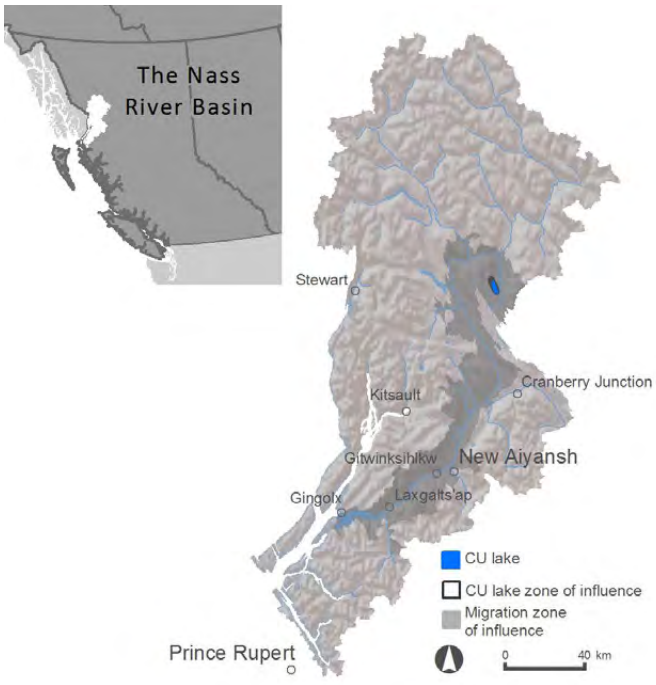
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

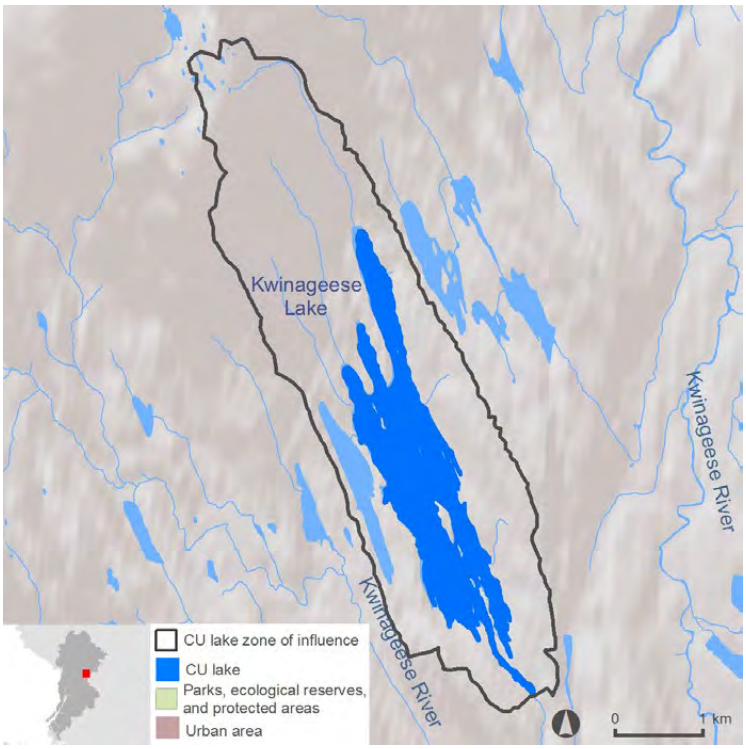
Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are ten sockeye salmon CUs in the Nass Area: two are river-type CUs (Upper Nass—UNR and Lower Nass-Portland—LNR-P) and eight are lake-type (Clements, Leverson, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, Meziadin, and Oweegee).
- Nearly all of the sockeye salmon production in the Nass Area comes from the lake-type CUs in the upper watershed (i.e. Meziadin, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, and Oweegee).
- Nass Area sockeye salmon exhibit variable life history characteristics, with the majority being lake-type and spending one full year rearing in a lake.
- A marine-type population, where salmon go to sea in their first year, is found in some lower Nass tributaries.
- Nass Area sockeye salmon predominantly reside at sea for one to four years, with the majority spending either two or three years at sea.

Location





Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each lake sockeye CU:

- Migration (Total migration distance; Length and percentage of migration route summer flow sensitive)
- Spawning (Total spawning length; Spawning length in tributary, lake or mainstem; Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning length; Length of accessible habitat)
- Rearing (Rearing lake area)

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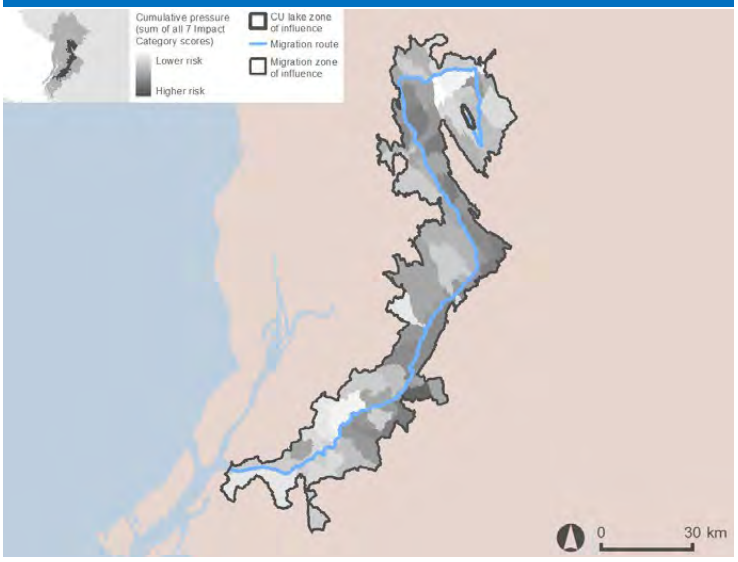

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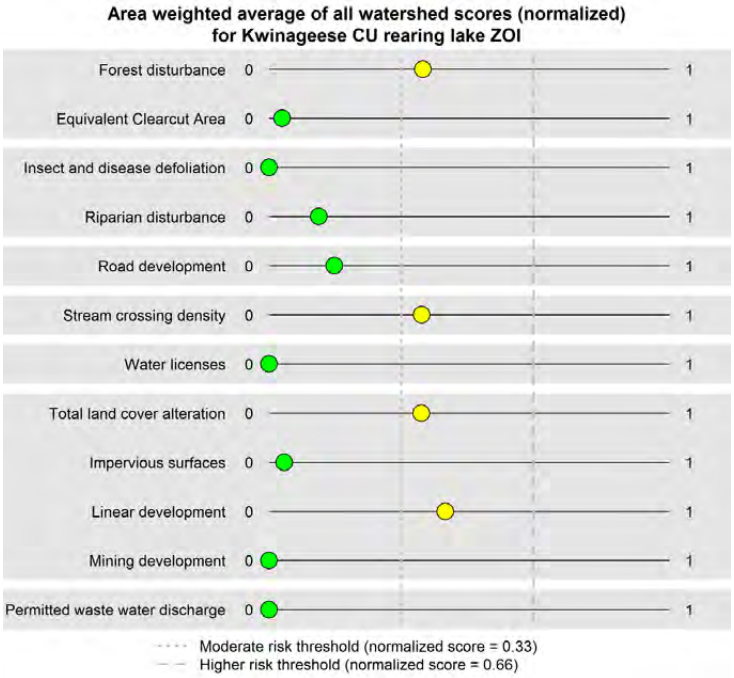
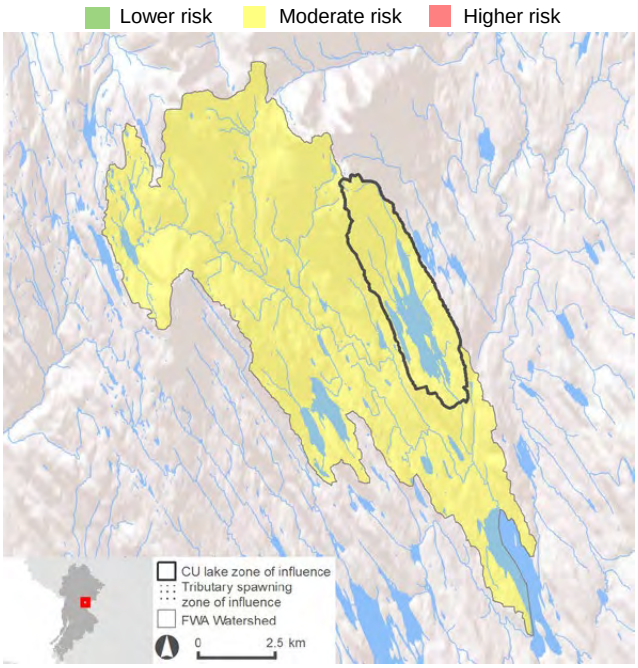
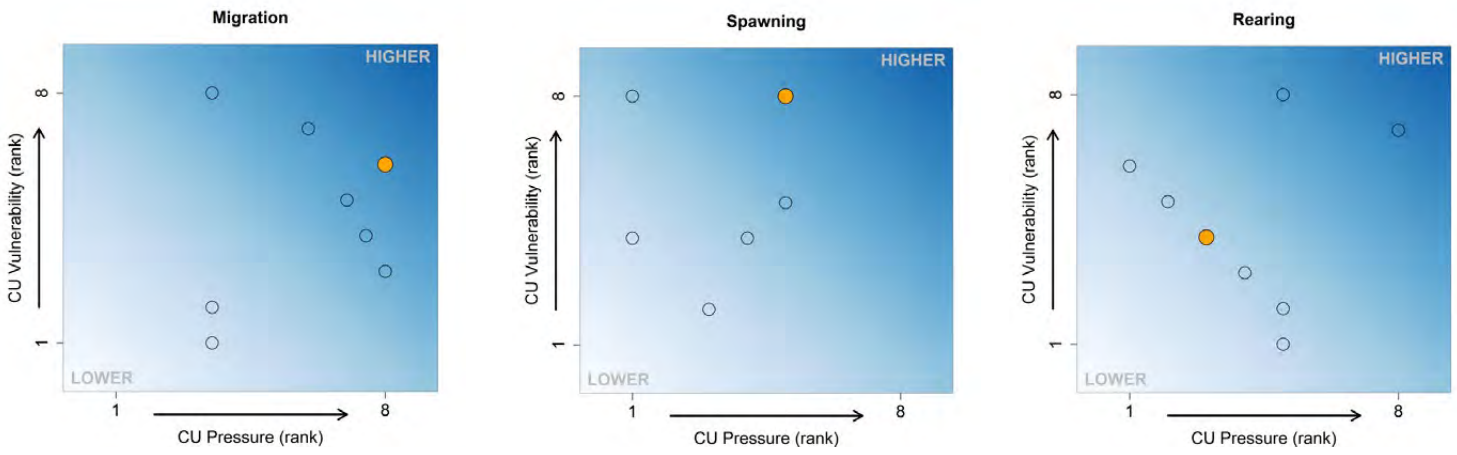


Cumulative pressure—rearing & spawning



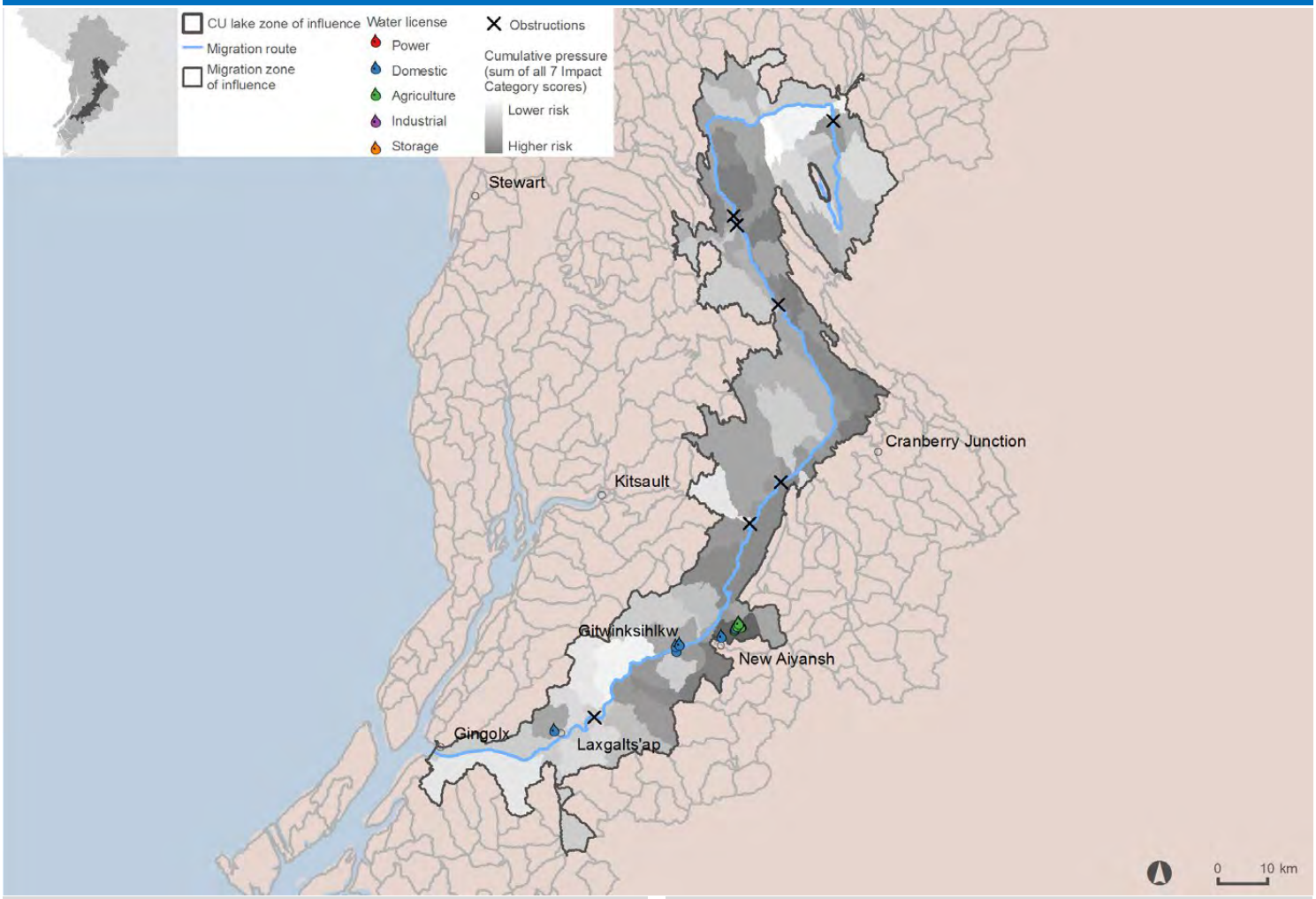
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—migration, spawning, & rearing

● = Kwinageese ○ = other lake sockeye CUs



Migration vulnerability & pressure

Migration period pressures



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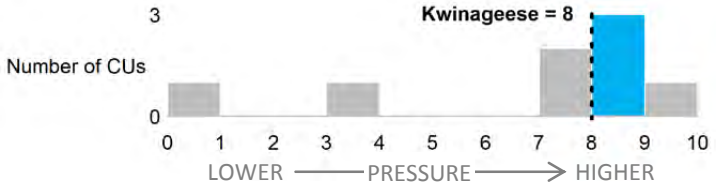

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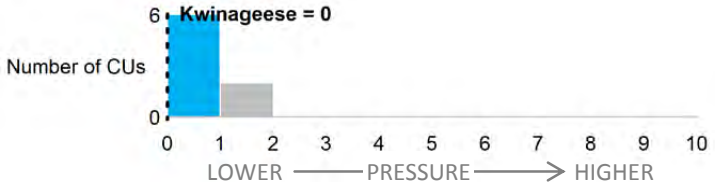
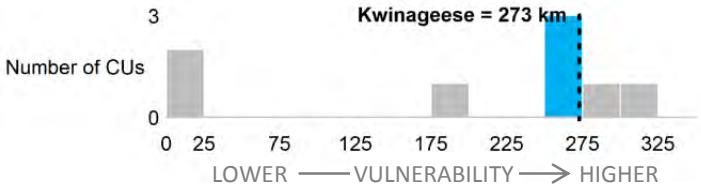


Migration period vulnerability

Migration distance (km)



Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (km)

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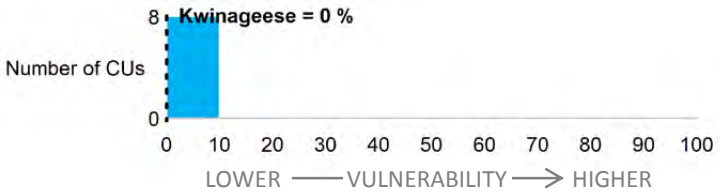
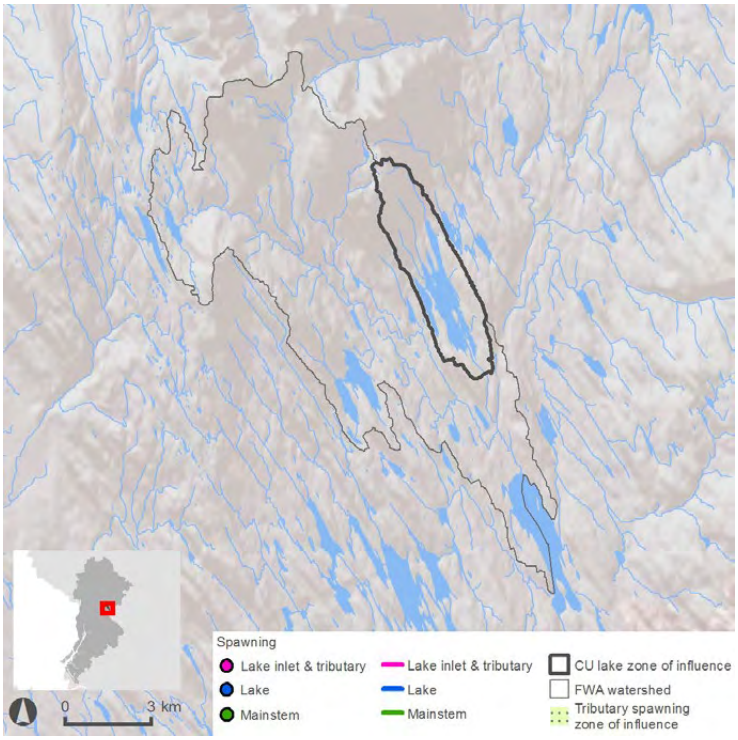


Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations



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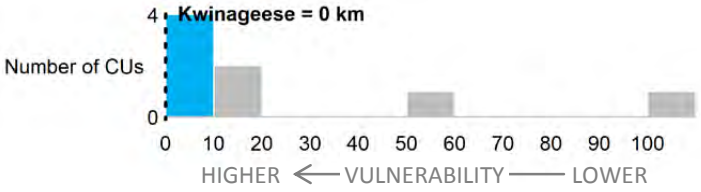

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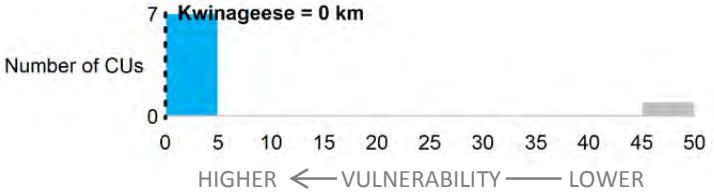

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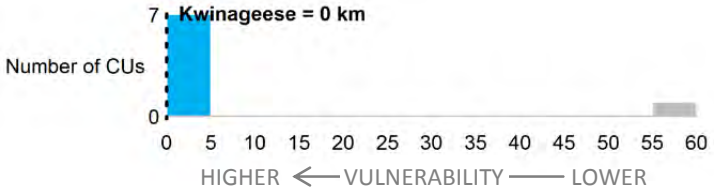

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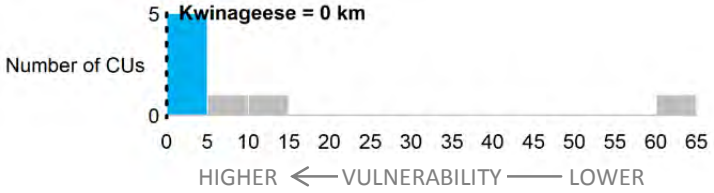

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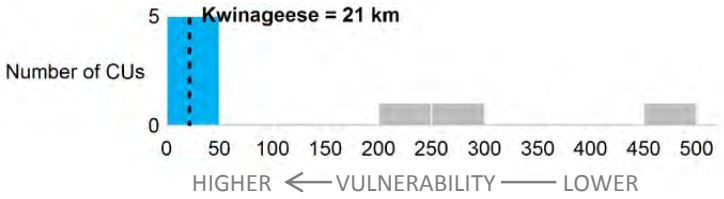

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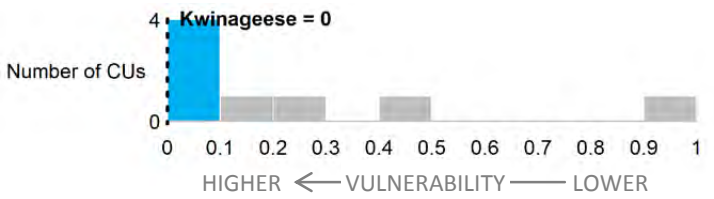

Rearing period vulnerability

Area of nursery lakes (ha)

Spawning & rearing pressure

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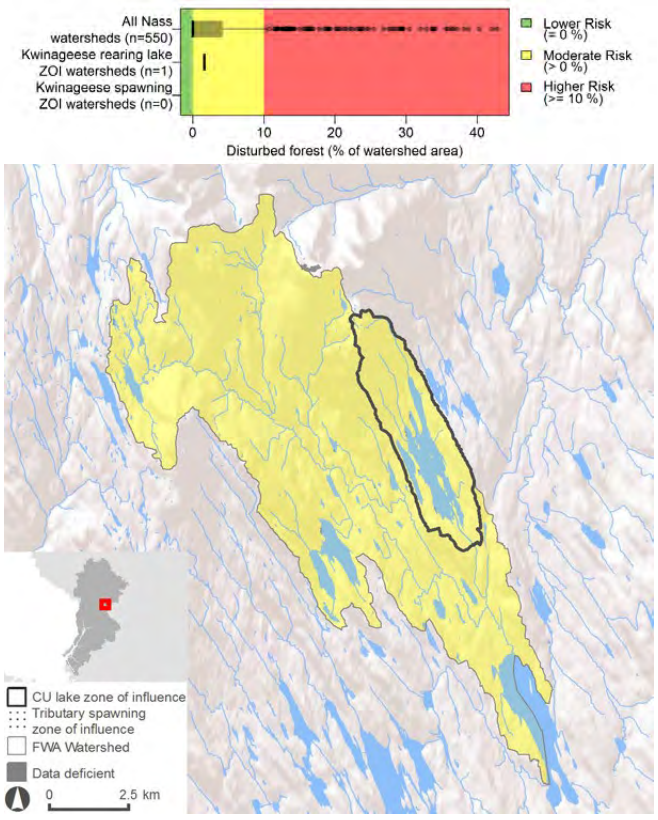

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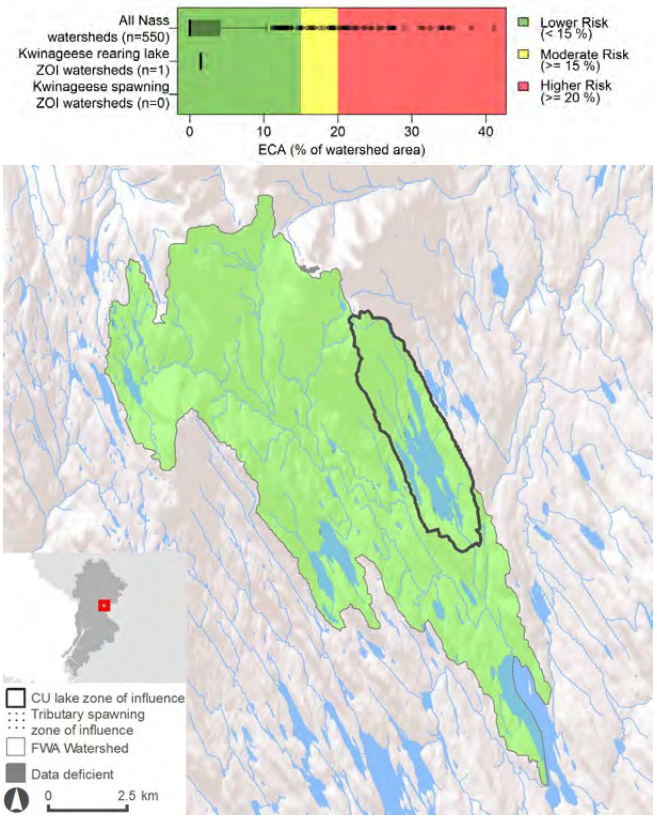

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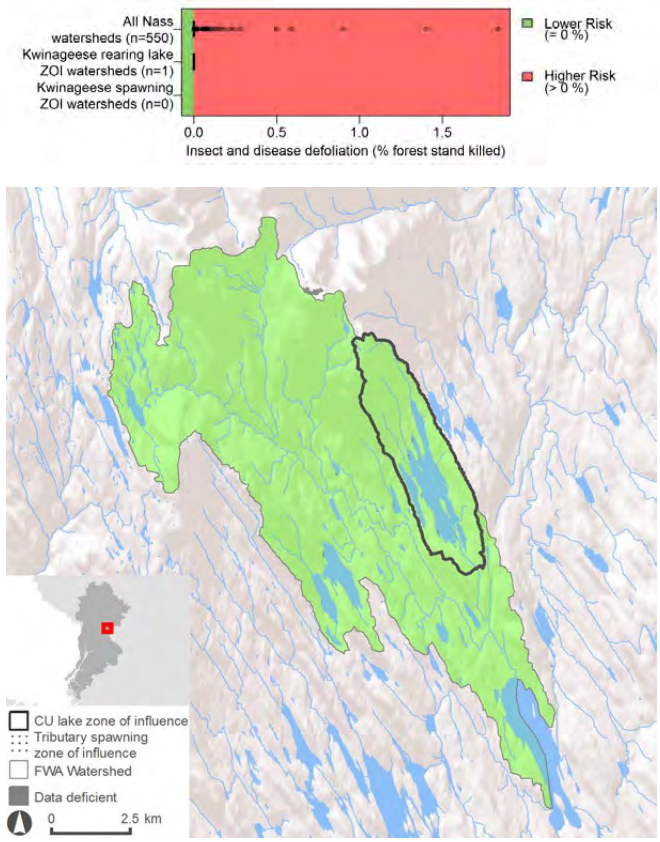

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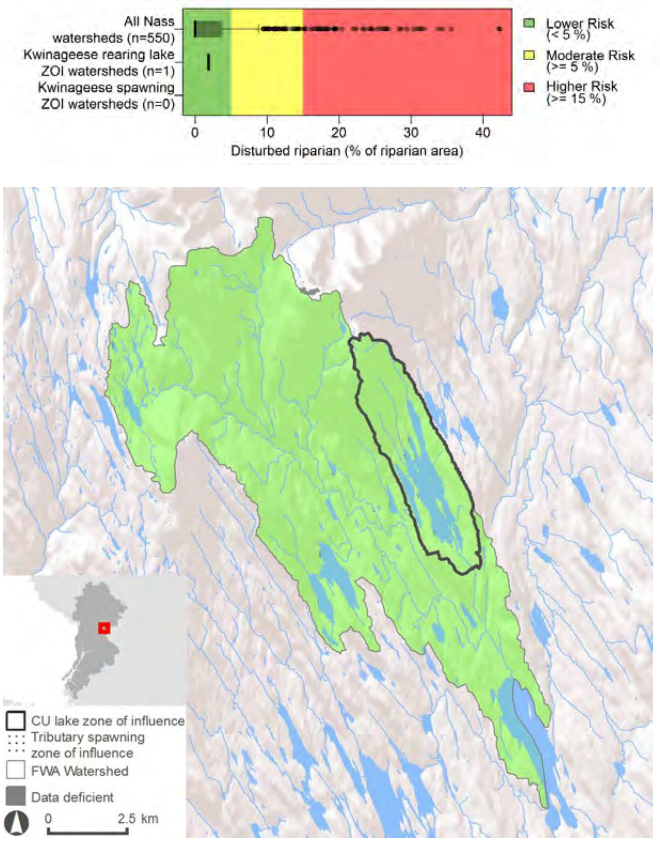

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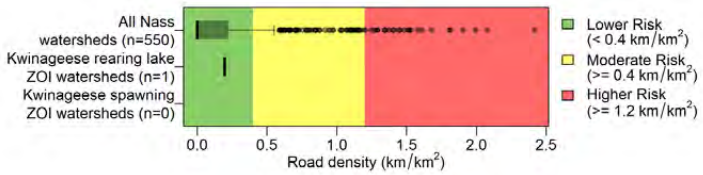

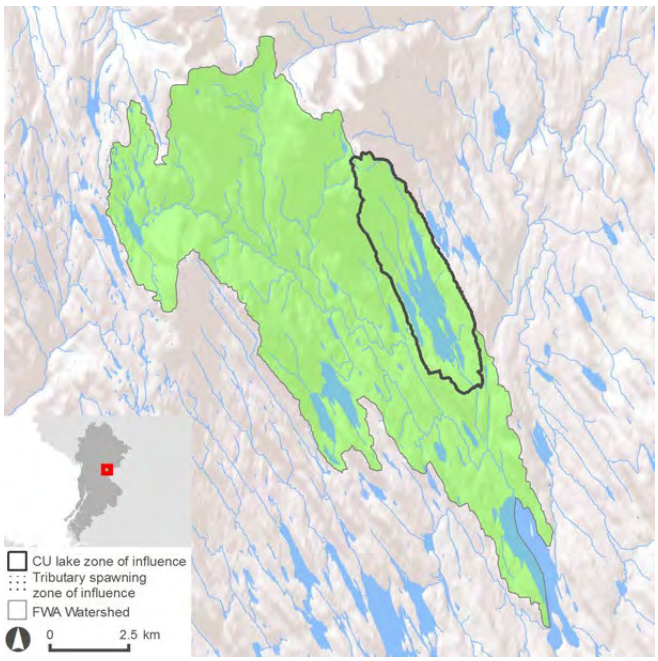

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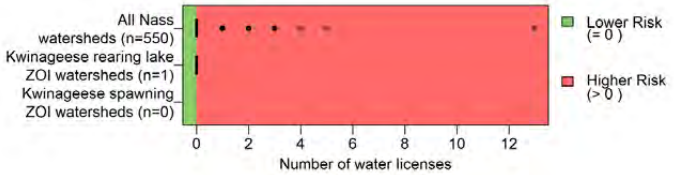

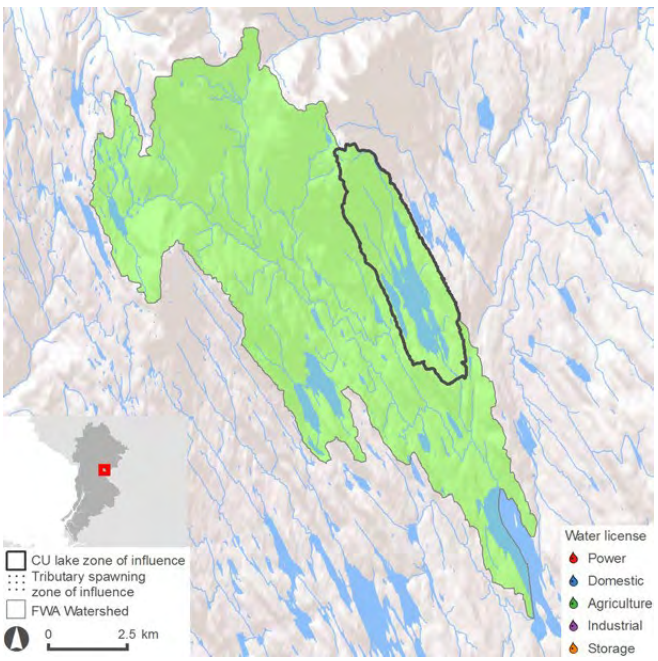

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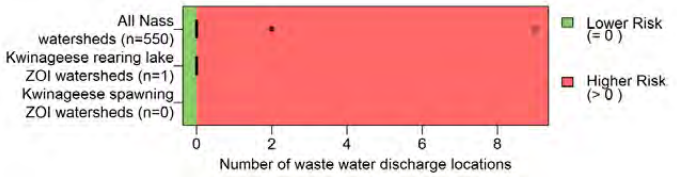

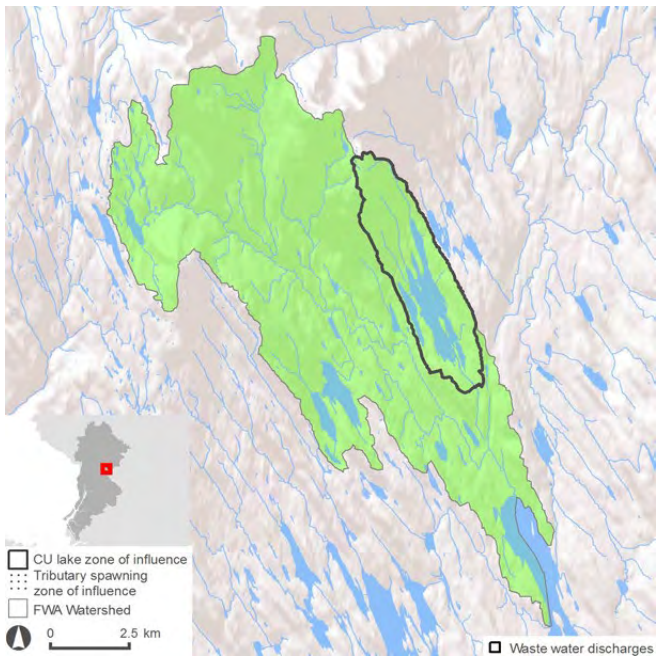

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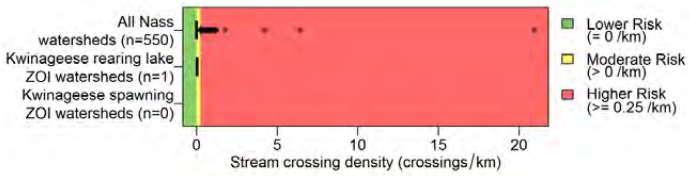

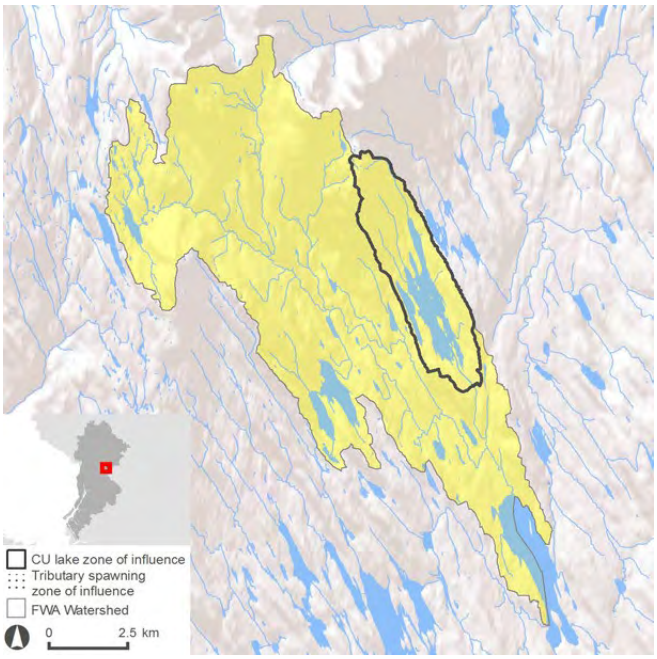

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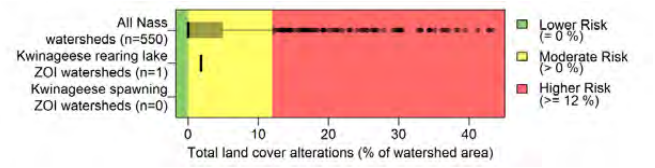

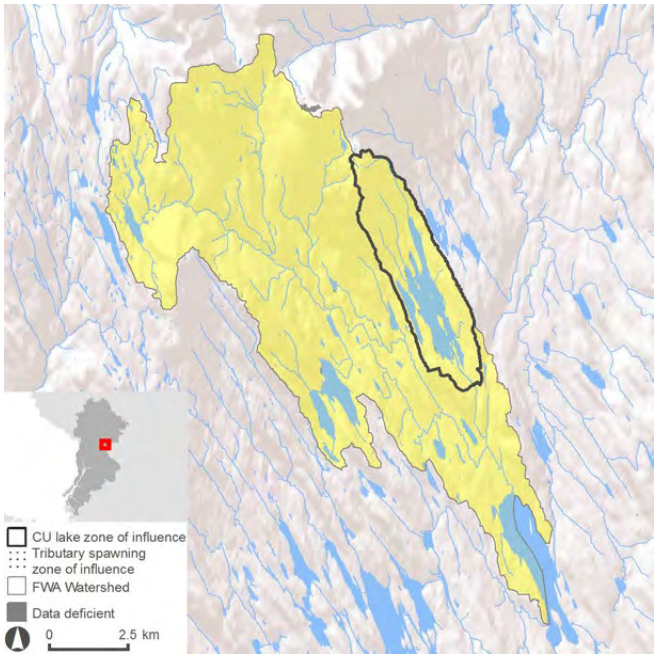

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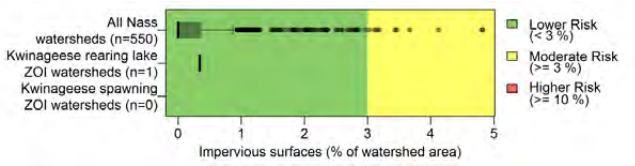

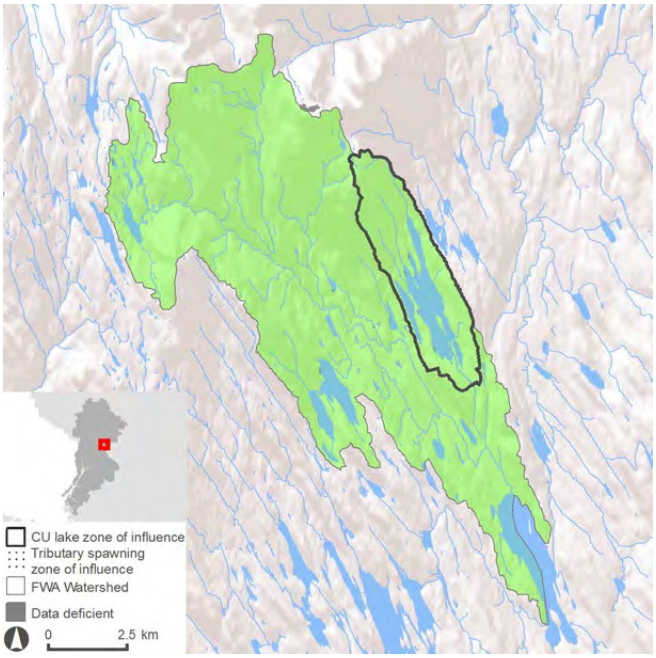

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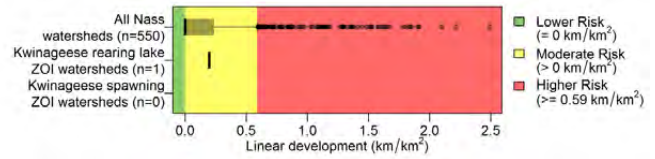

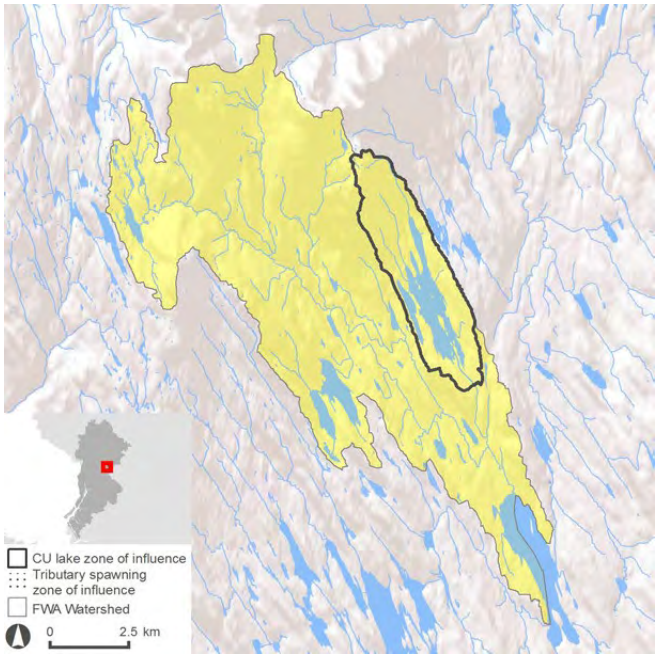

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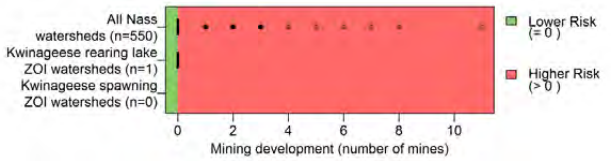
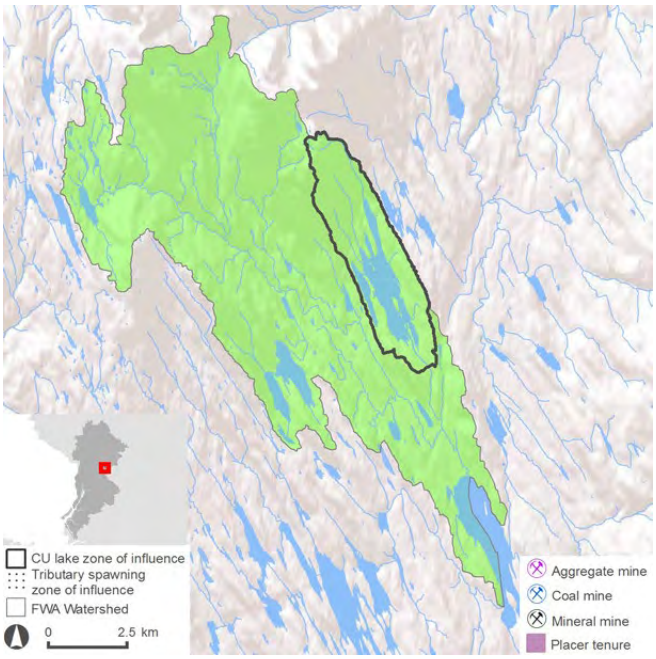
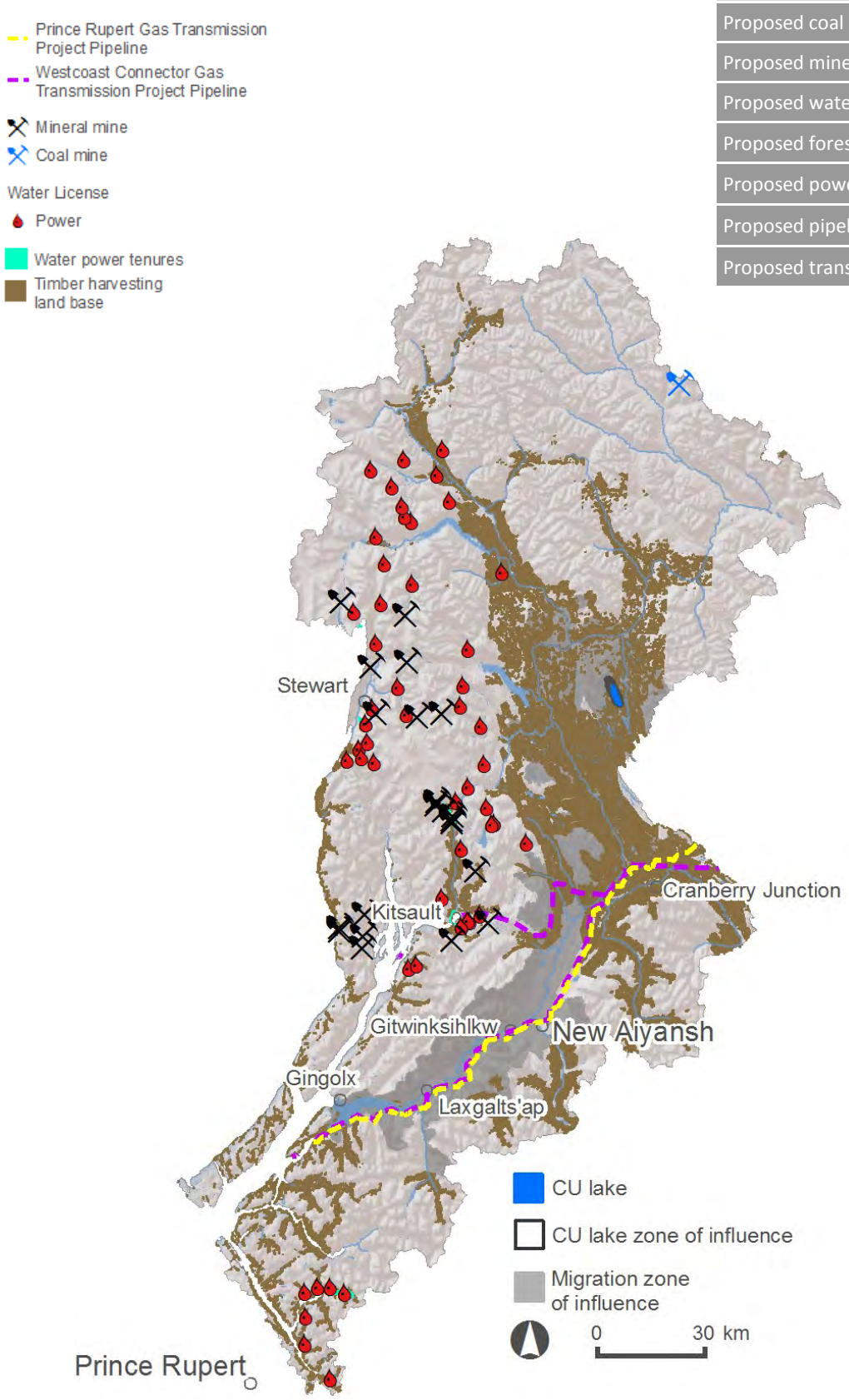




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Lake Sockeye: Meziadin

Introduction

This project summarizes pressures on the habitat used by Nass salmon Conservation Units (CU) during their freshwater life history stages (migration, spawning and rearing), as well as their relative vulnerability to those pressures. For an explanation of the indicators shown here, please see the accompanying *Report Card Summaries*. Full methods and results can be found in the main report, *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report.* (2016).

Definitions

Conservation Unit (CU): A group of wild salmon sufficiently isolated from other groups that, if extirpated, is very unlikely to re-colonize naturally within an acceptable timeframe.

Pressure indicator: Measurable extent/intensity of natural processes or human activities that can induce changes in habitat condition/state.

Vulnerability indicator: Measures of habitat quantity or quality used to represent the intrinsic habitat vulnerability/sensitivity to watershed disturbances for each life-stage.

Zone of influence (ZOI): Areas adjacent to and upstream/upslope of habitats used by salmon CUs that represent the geographic extent for capture/measurement of pressure and vulnerability indicators.

Status: Condition of habitat relative to a defined indicator benchmark.

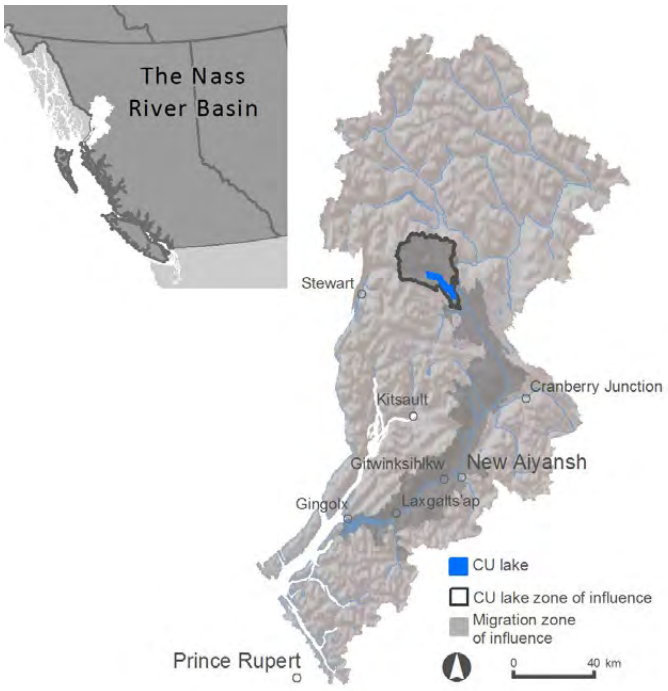
Risk: Likelihood of adverse effects to salmon habitats within a defined zone of influence. Levels of increasing risk are defined based on the extent/intensity of impacts relative to defined benchmarks of concern.

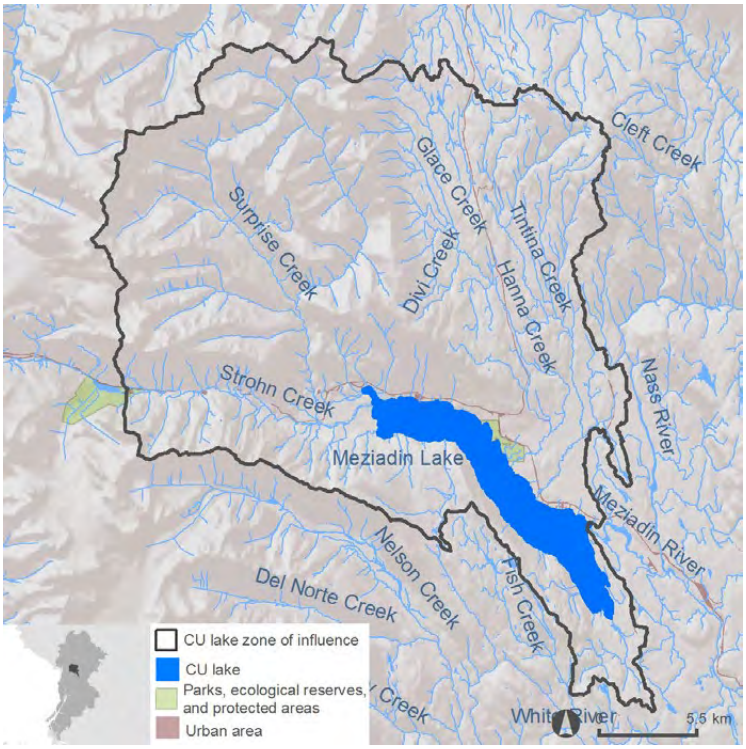
Benchmark: A standard (quantified metric) against which habitat condition can be measured or judged, and by which status can be compared over time and space to determine the risk of adverse effects.

Narrative

- There are ten sockeye salmon CUs in the Nass Area: two are river-type CUs (Upper Nass—UNR and Lower Nass-Portland—LNR-P) and eight are lake-type (Clements, Leverson, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, Meziadin, and Oweegee).
- Nearly all of the sockeye salmon production in the Nass Area comes from the lake-type CUs in the upper watershed (i.e. Meziadin, Bowser, Damdochax, Fred Wright, Kwinageese, and Oweegee).
- Nass Area sockeye salmon exhibit variable life history characteristics, with the majority being lake-type and spending one full year rearing in a lake.
- A marine-type population, where salmon go to sea in their first year, is found in some lower Nass tributaries.
- Nass Area sockeye salmon predominantly reside at sea for one to four years, with the majority spending either two or three years at sea.

Location





Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

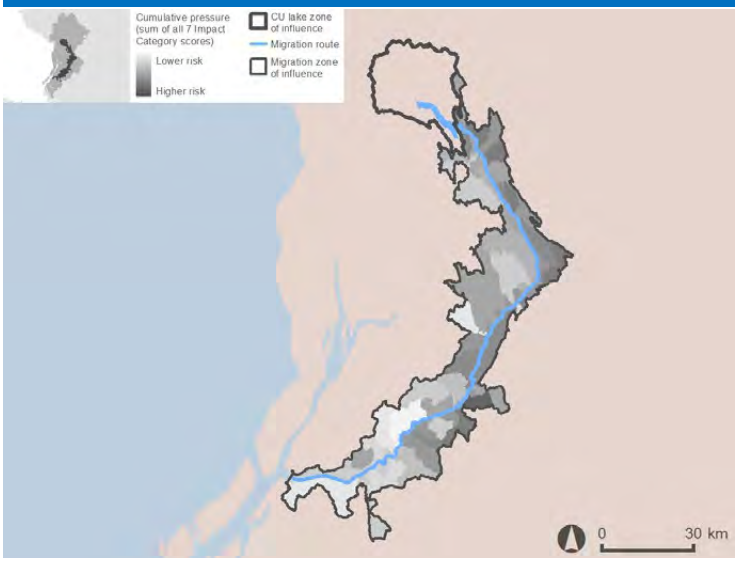
Pressure indicators were grouped into seven relatively independent habitat "impact categories" representing key factors affecting general watershed condition:

- Hydrologic Processes (Forest disturbance; Equivalent Clearcut Area)
- Vegetation Quality (Insect and disease defoliation; Riparian disturbance)
- Surface Erosion (Road development)
- Fish passage/Habitat connectivity (Stream crossing density)
- Water quantity (Water licenses)
- Human development footprint (Total land cover alteration; Impervious surfaces; Linear development; Mining development)
- Water quality (Wastewater discharges)

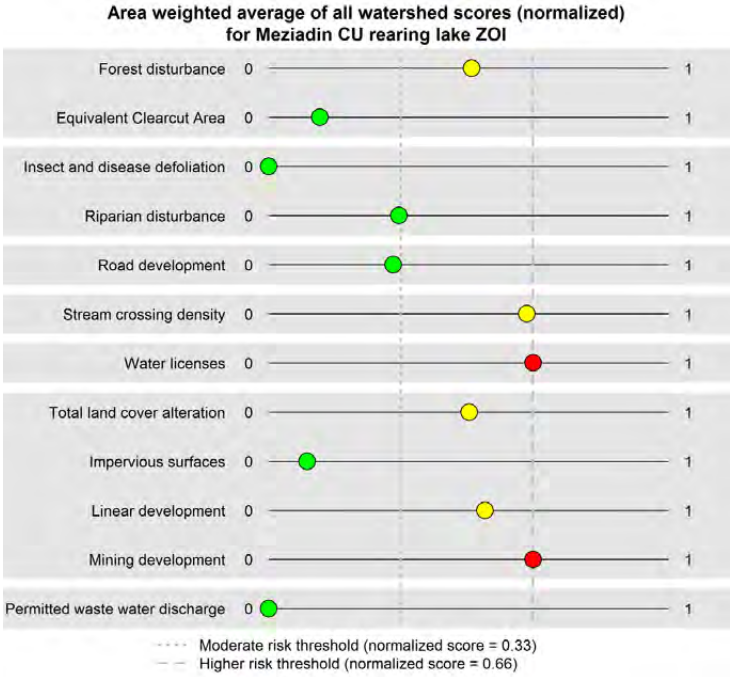
Indicators were also developed reflecting relative vulnerability to habitat pressures within the life stage-specific "zones of influence" defined for each lake sockeye CU:

- Migration (Total migration distance; Length and percentage of migration route summer flow sensitive)
- Spawning (Total spawning length; Spawning length in tributary, lake or mainstem; Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning length; Length of accessible habitat)
- Rearing (Rearing lake area)

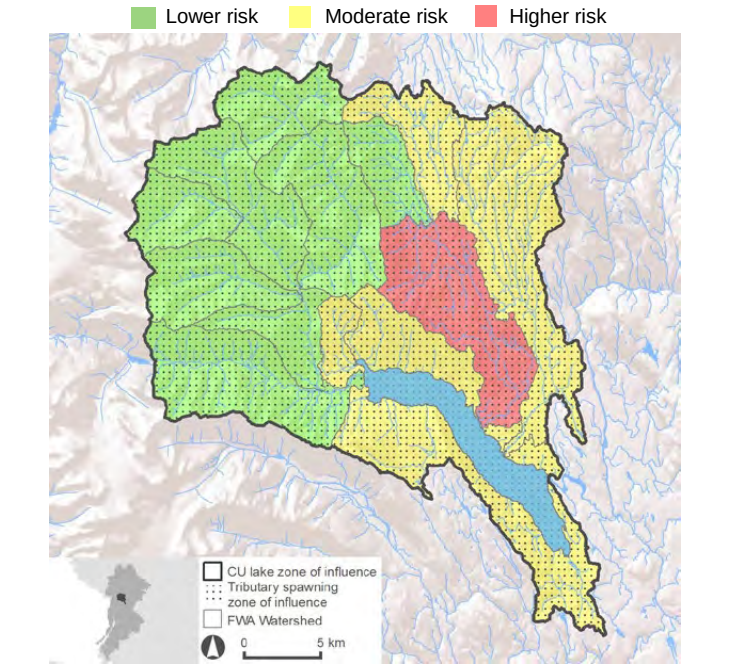
Cumulative pressure—migration



Summary of pressure indicators—rearing

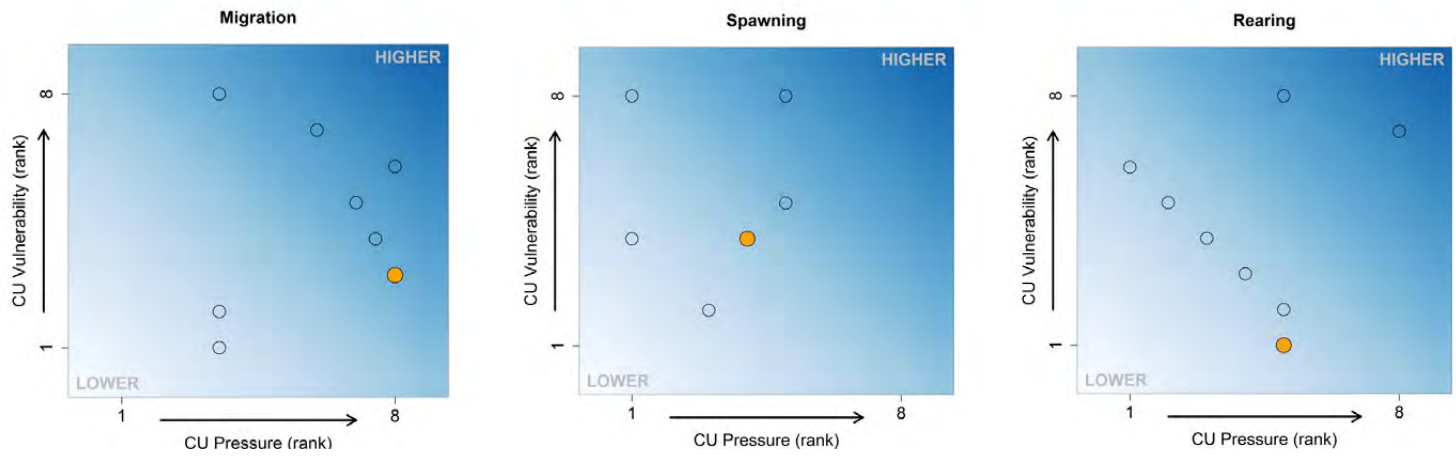


Cumulative pressure—rearing & spawning



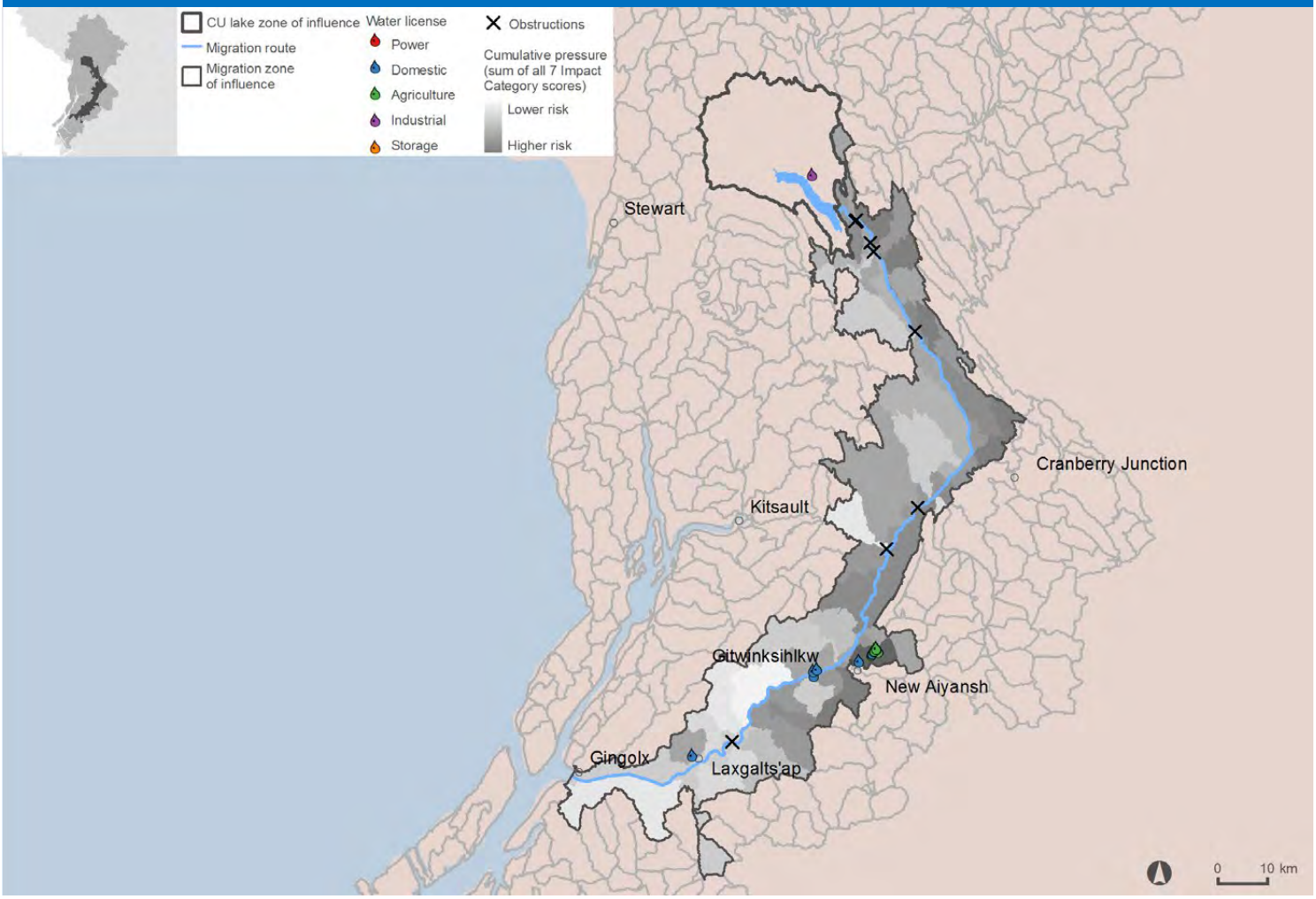
Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures—migration, spawning, & rearing

● = Meziadin ○ = other lake sockeye CUs

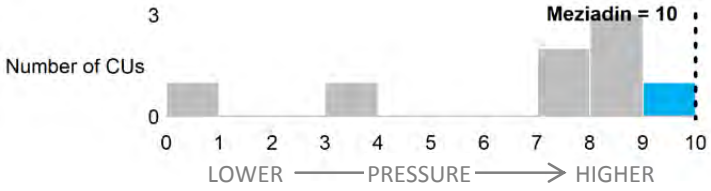


Migration vulnerability & pressure

Migration period pressures



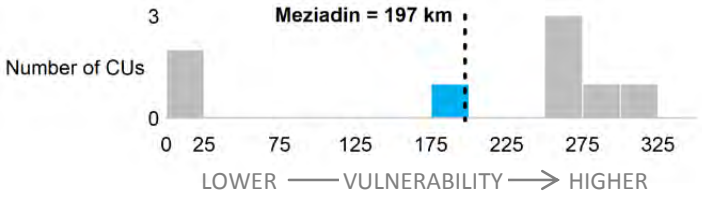
Number of obstructions along migration route



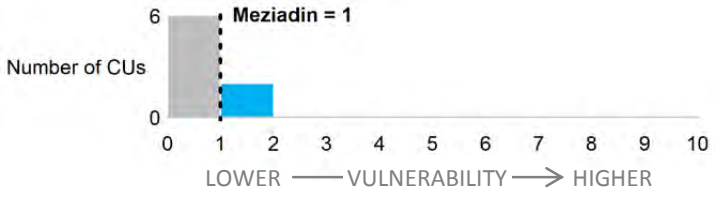
Number of water licenses along migration ZOI

Migration period vulnerability

Migration distance (km)



Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (km)



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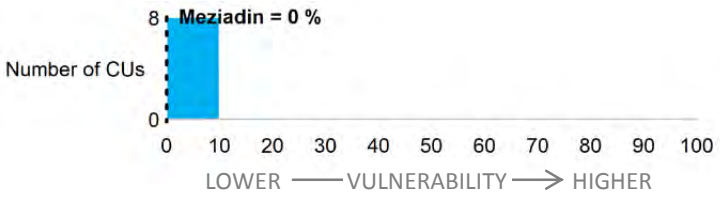
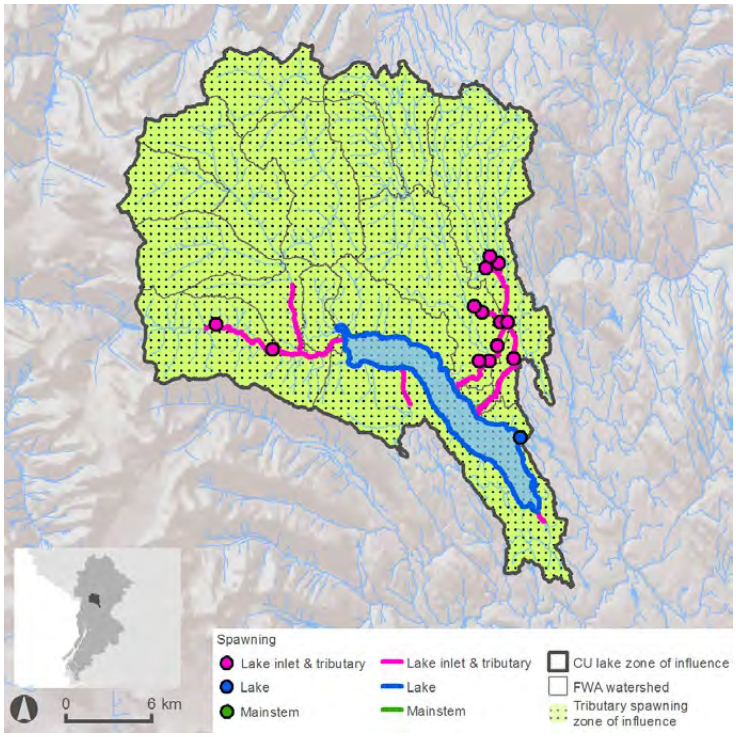


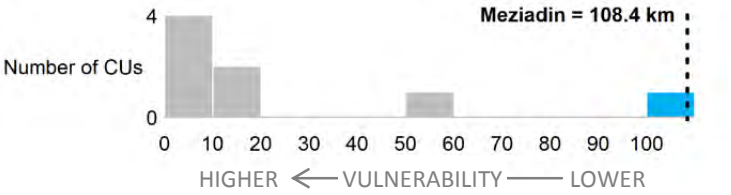
Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations

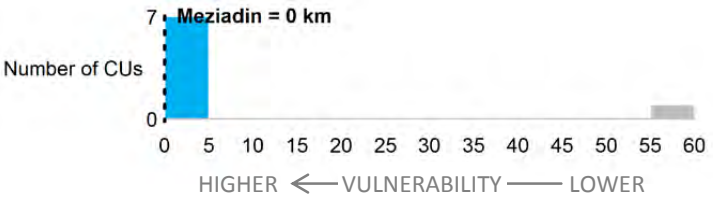


Total (mainstem, trib & lake) spawning length (km)



Length of lake shore spawning areas (km)

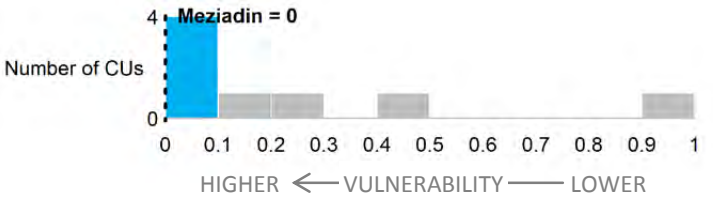
Mainstem spawning length (km)



Tributary and lake inlet spawning length (km)

Salmon accessible habitat (km)

Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning



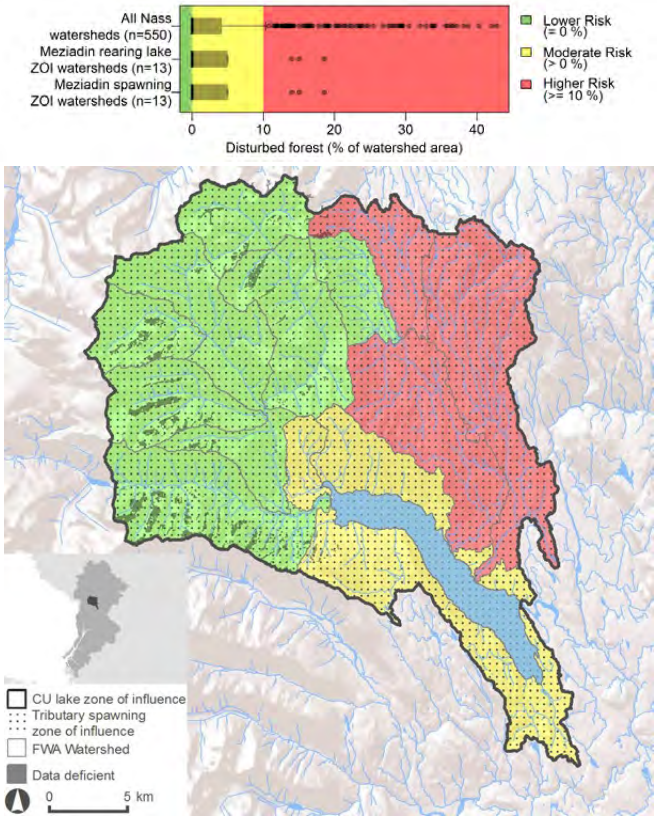
Rearing period vulnerability

Area of nursery lakes (ha)

Spawning & rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance



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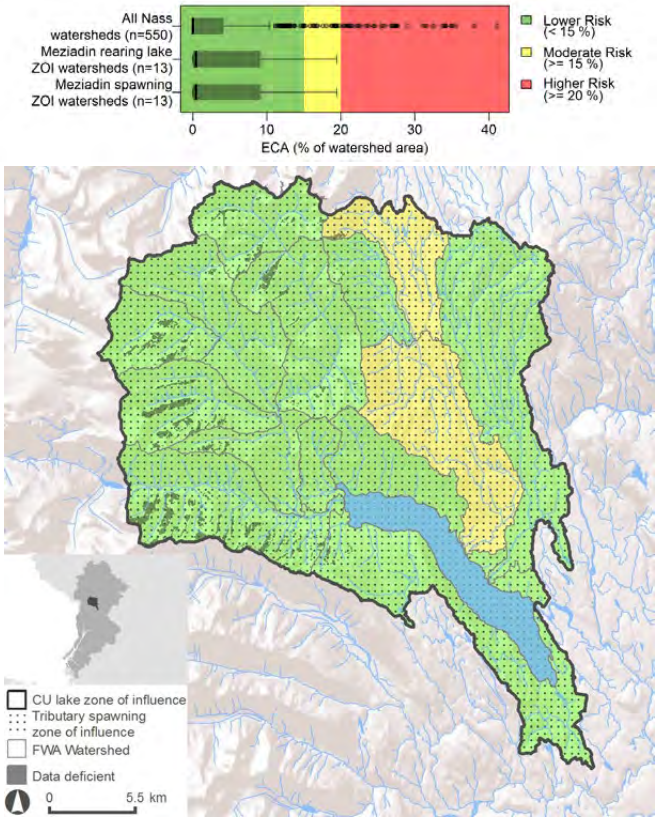
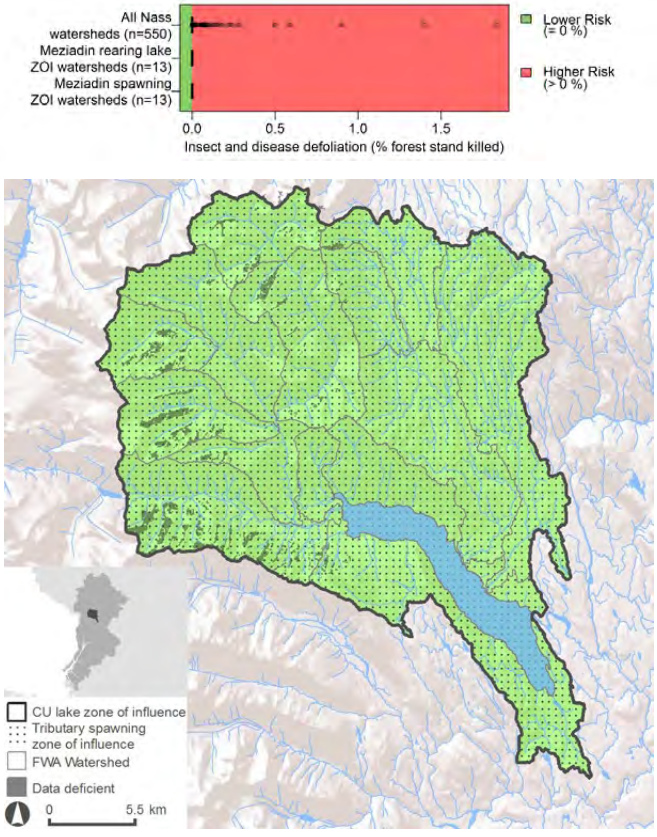


Vegetation Quality

Insect and disease defoliation



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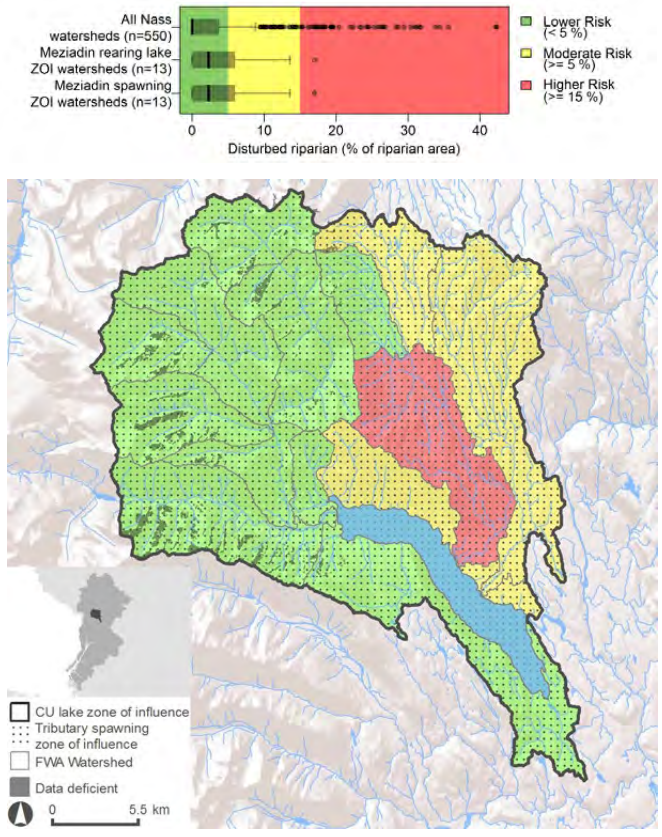

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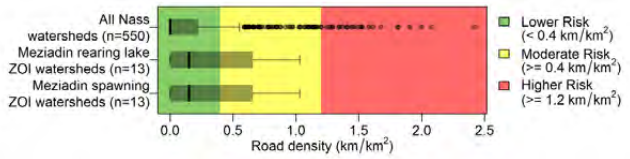

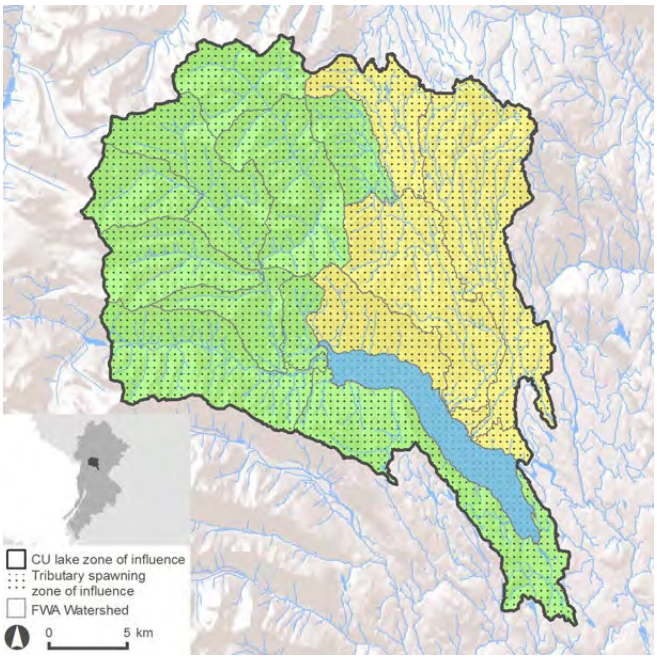

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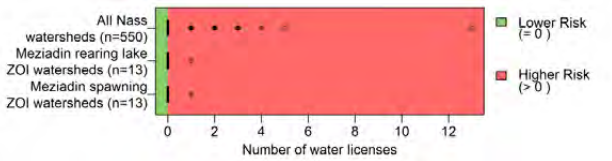

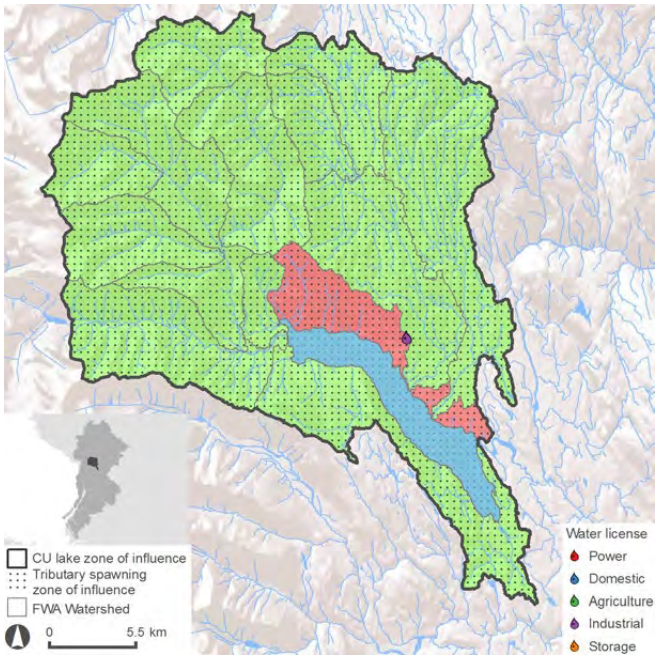

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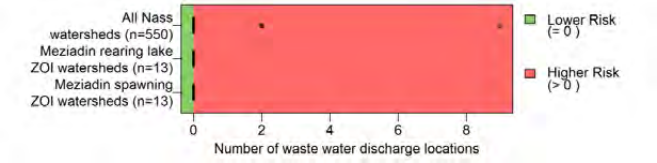

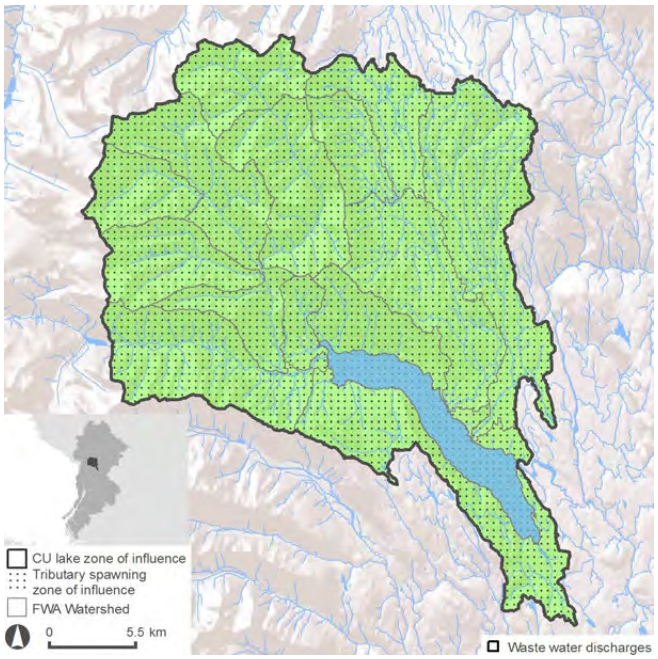

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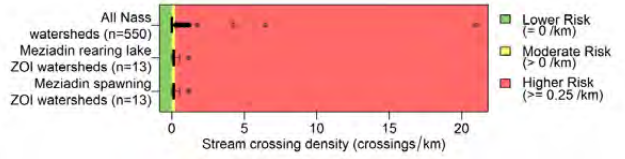

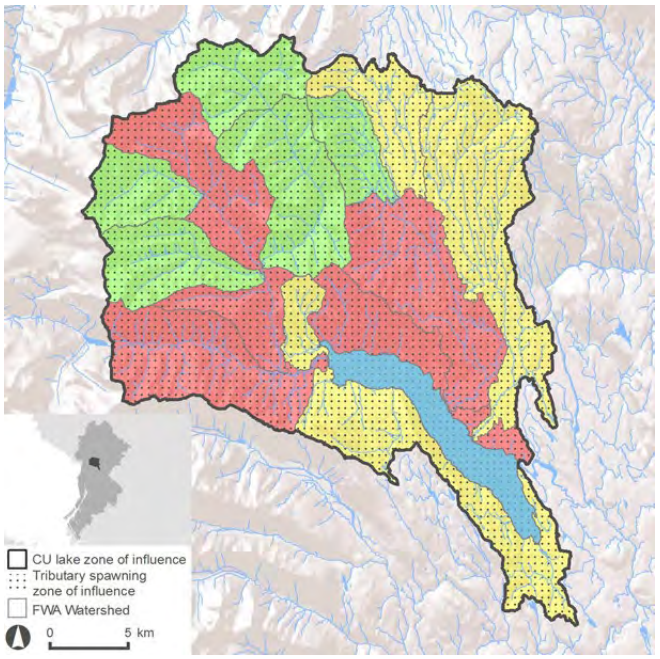

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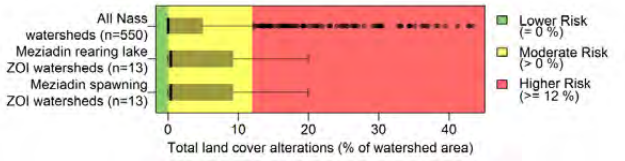

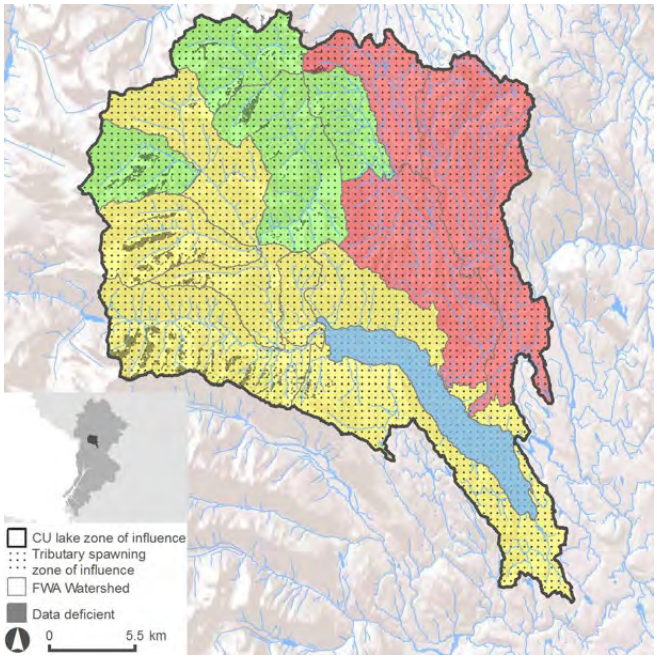

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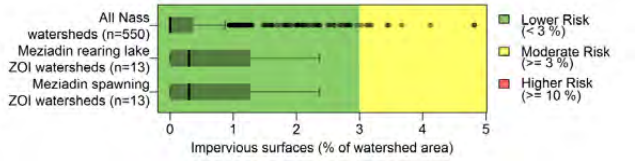

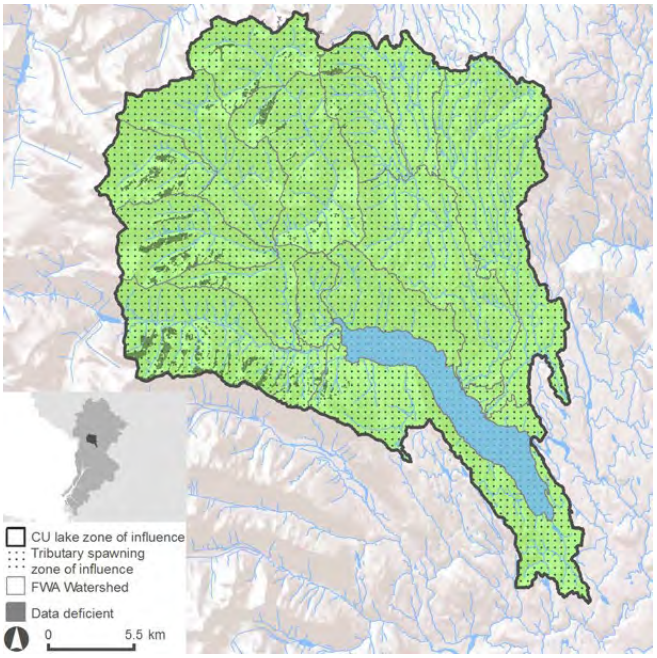

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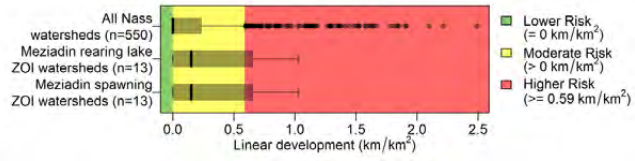

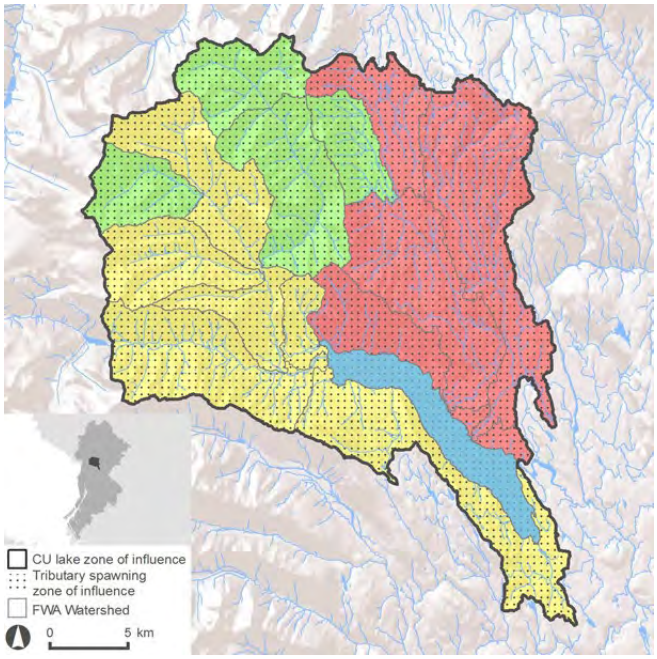

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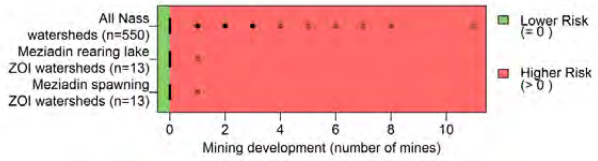

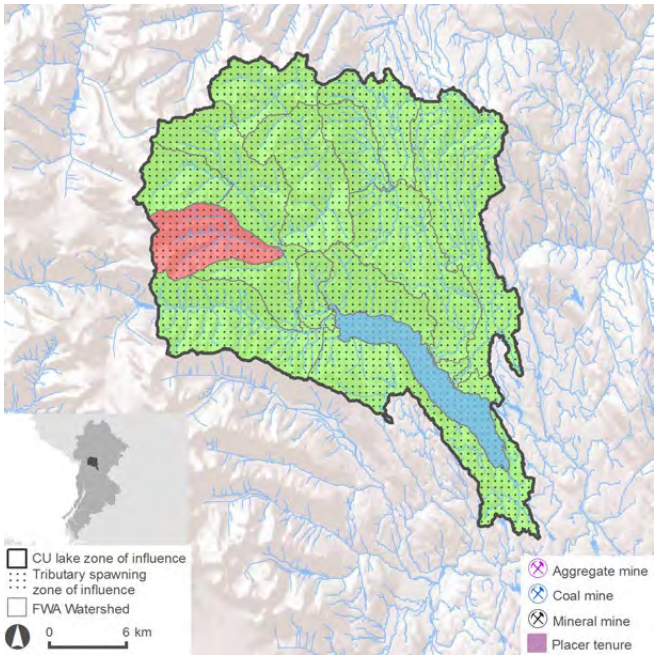

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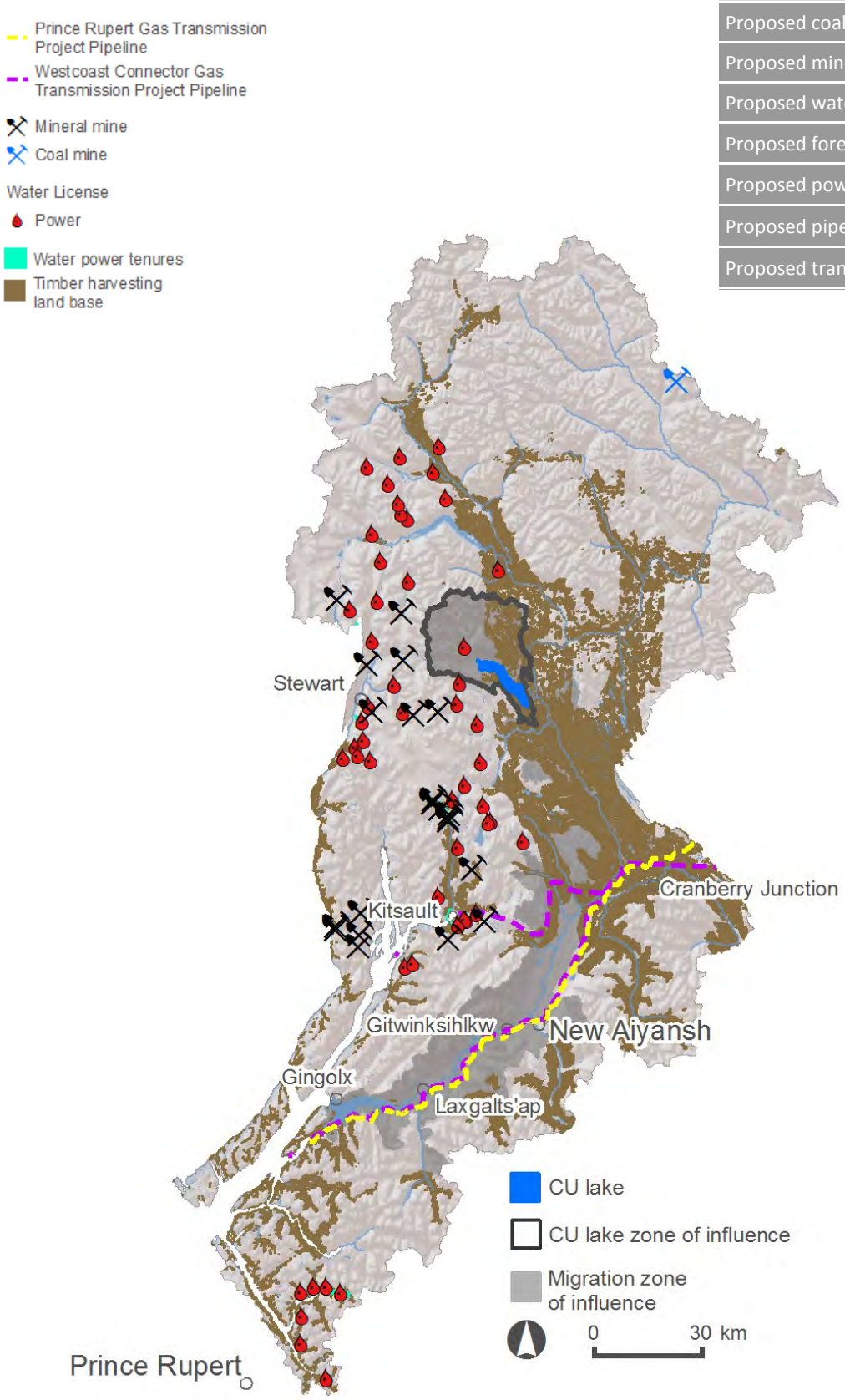

Lake Sockeye: Oweegee

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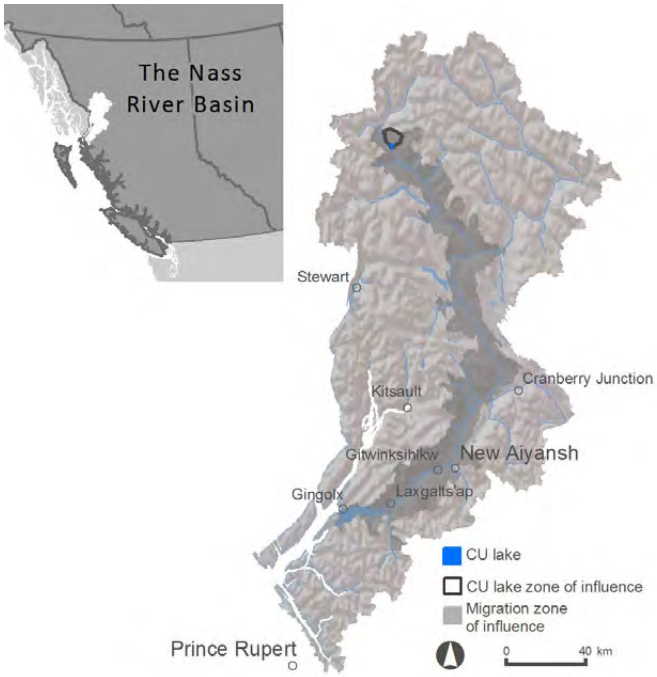

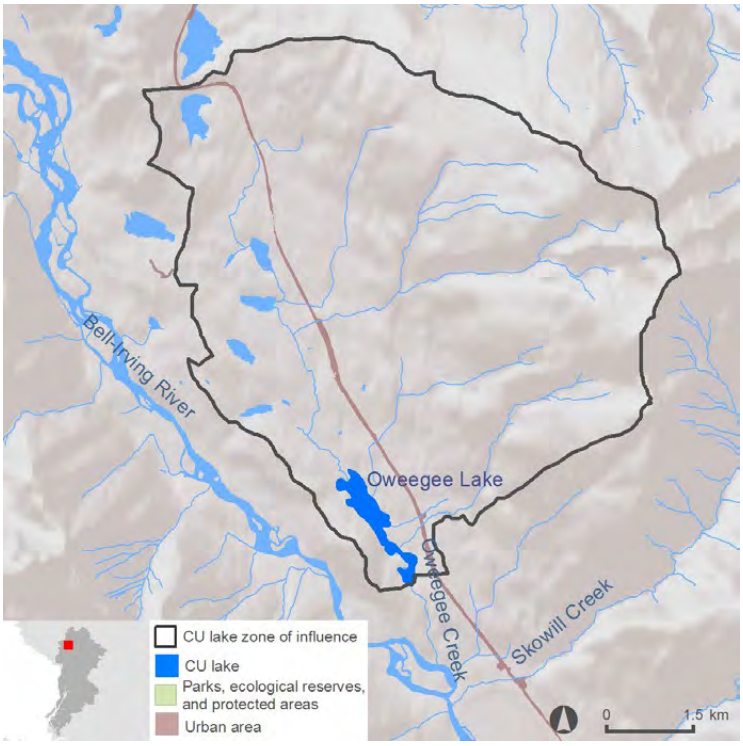

Summary of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

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- Water quantity (Water licenses)
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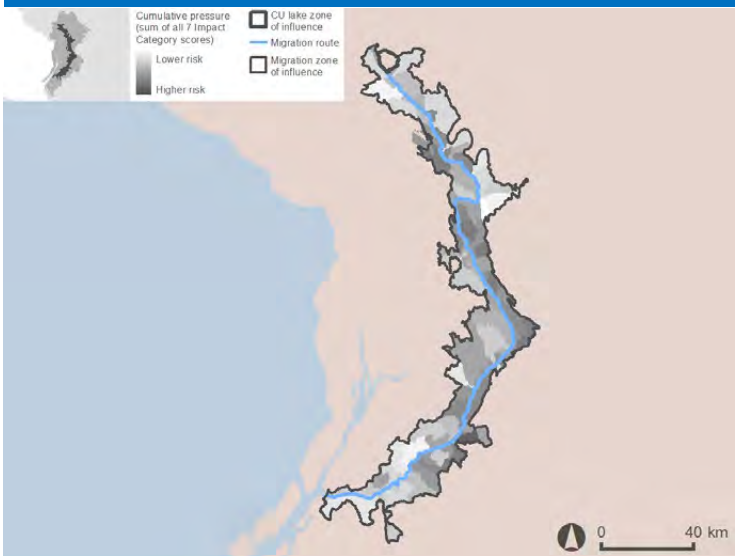

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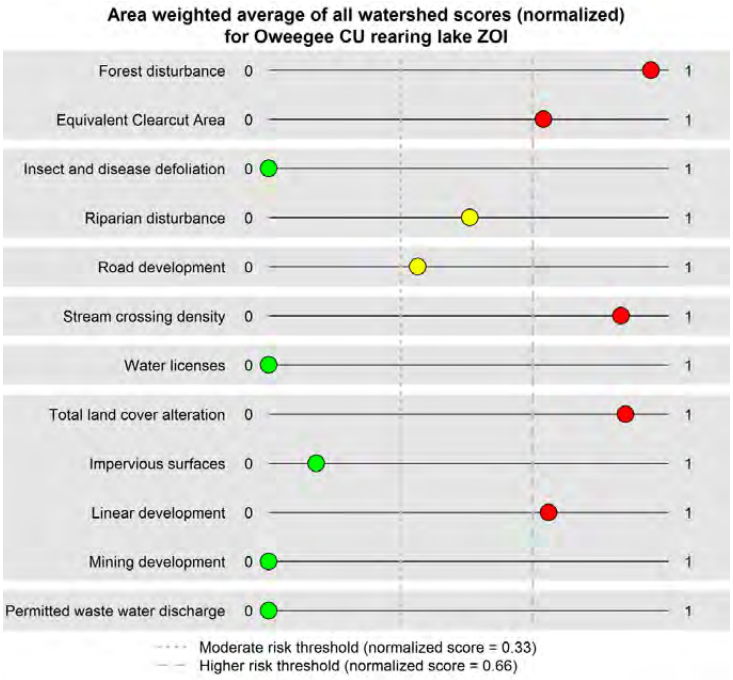
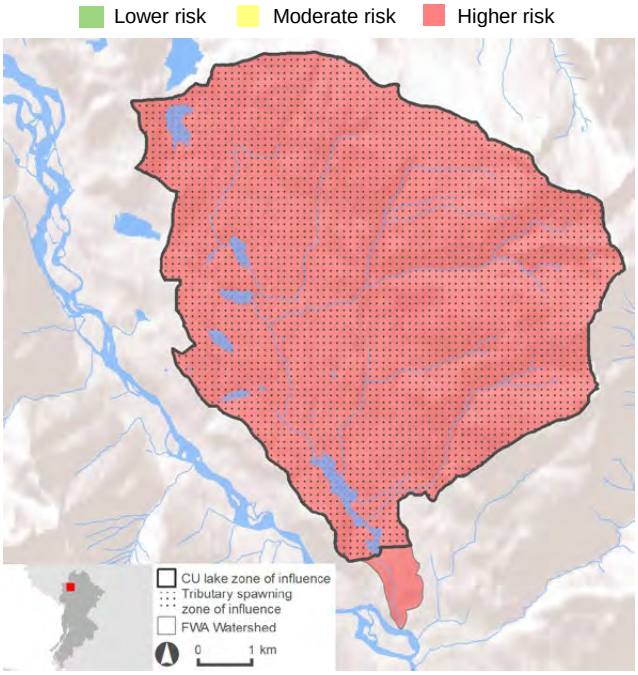


Cumulative pressure—rearing & spawning



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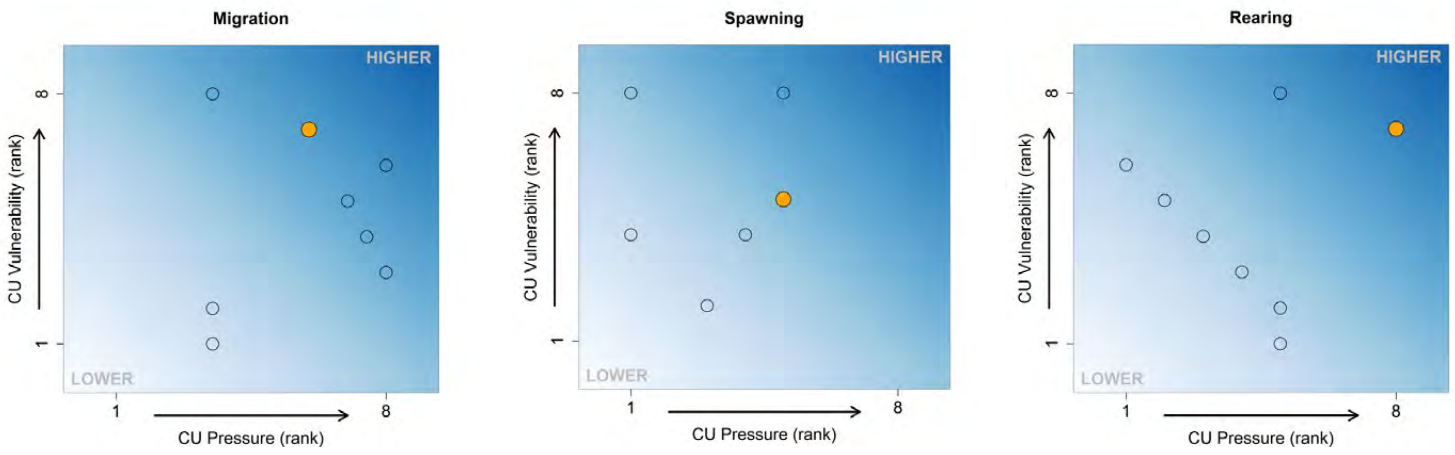

Migration vulnerability & pressure

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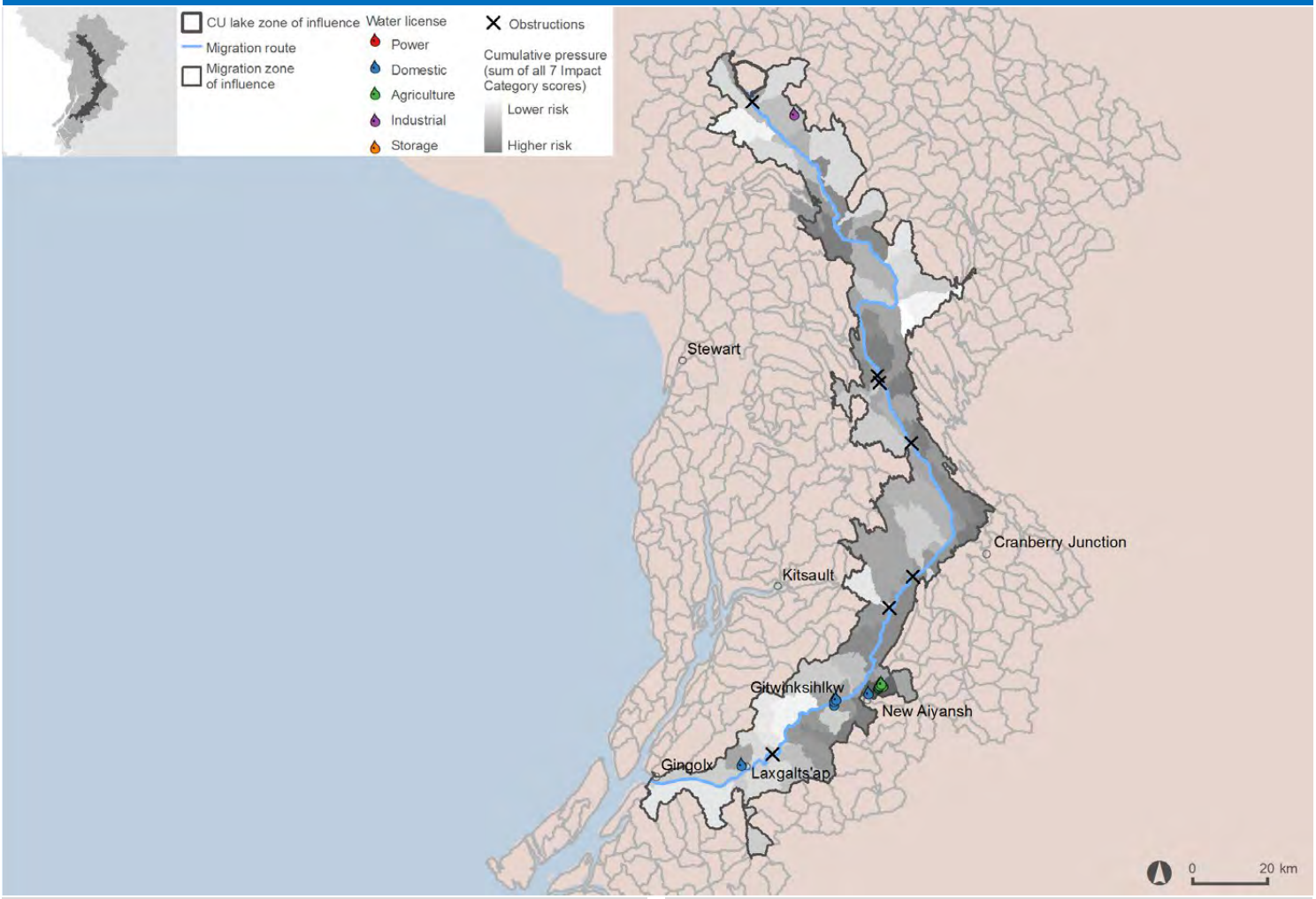

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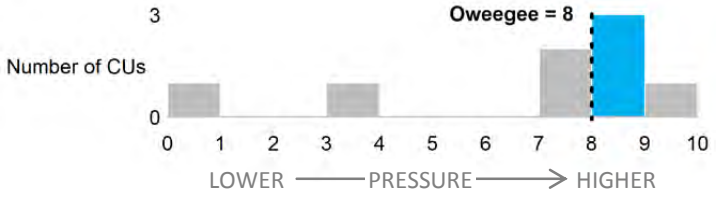
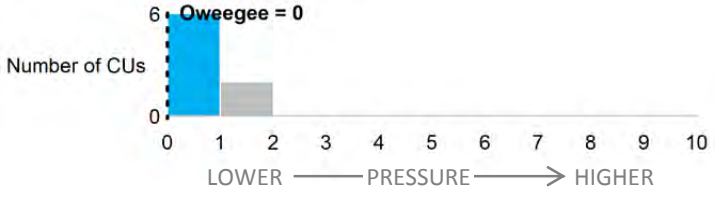
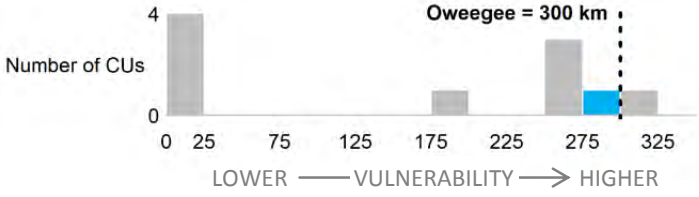


Number of water licenses along migration ZOI



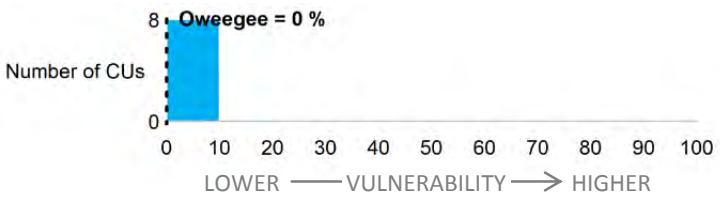
Migration period vulnerability

Migration distance (km)



Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (km)

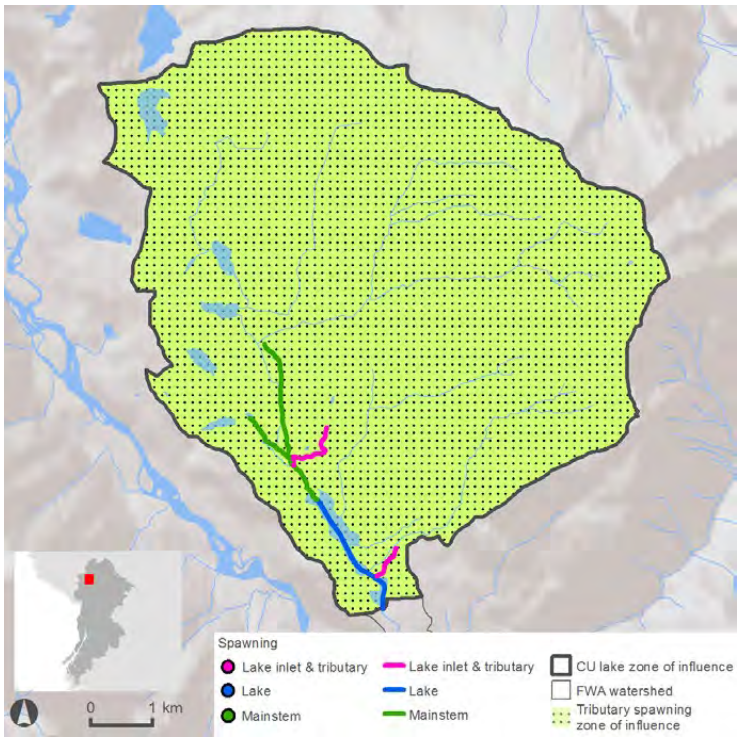
Migration route - summer low flow sensitive (%)



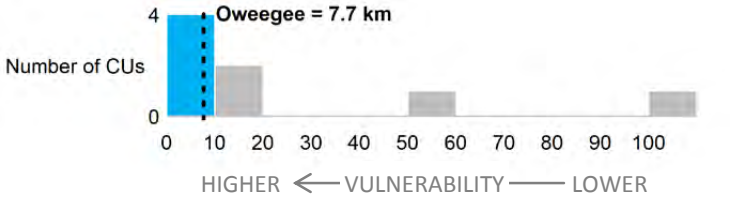
Spawning & rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

Spawning locations

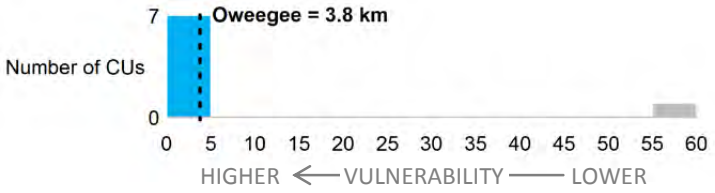


Total (mainstem, trib & lake) spawning length (km)

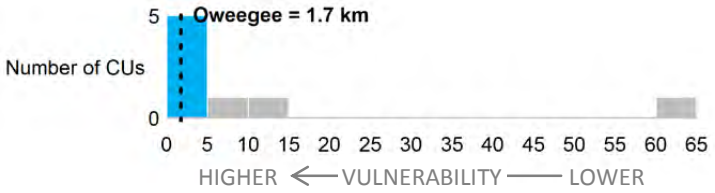


Length of lake shore spawning areas (km)

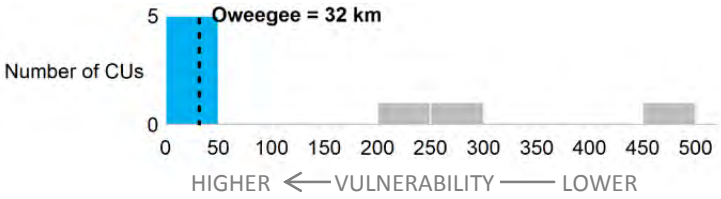
Mainstem spawning length (km)



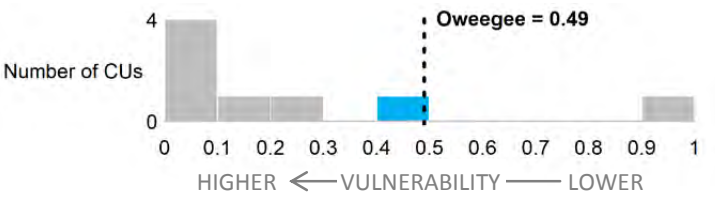
Tributary and lake inlet spawning length (km)



Salmon accessible habitat (km)

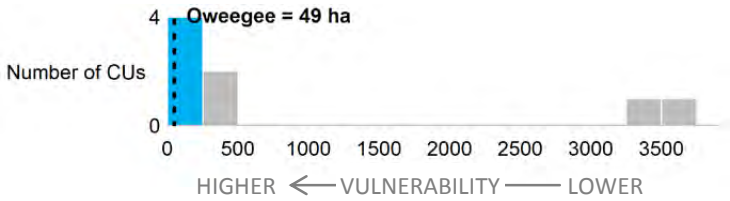


Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning



Rearing period vulnerability

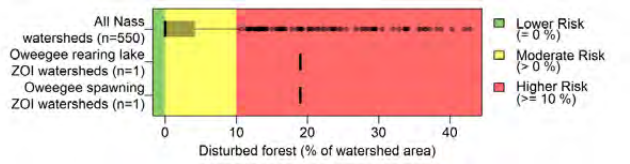
Area of nursery lakes (ha)

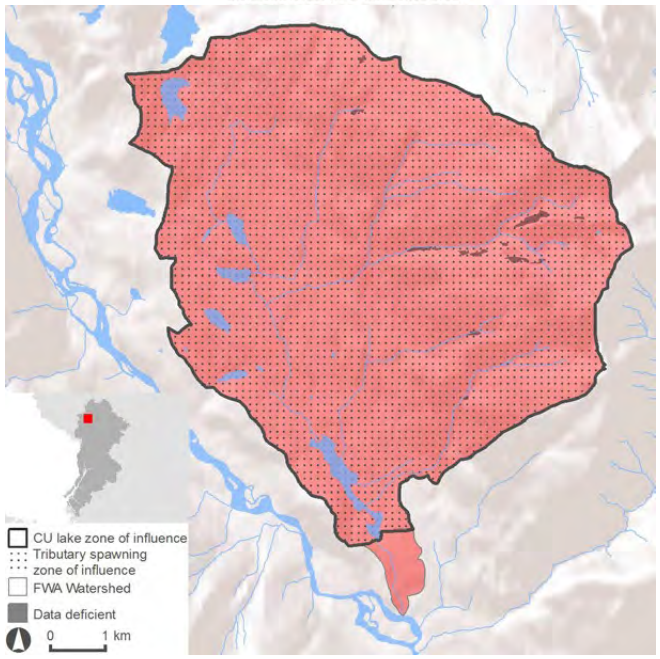


Spawning & rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance





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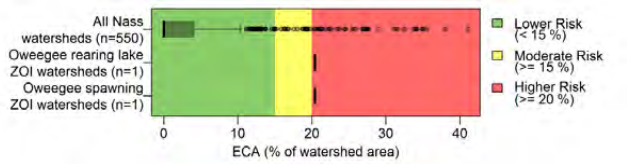
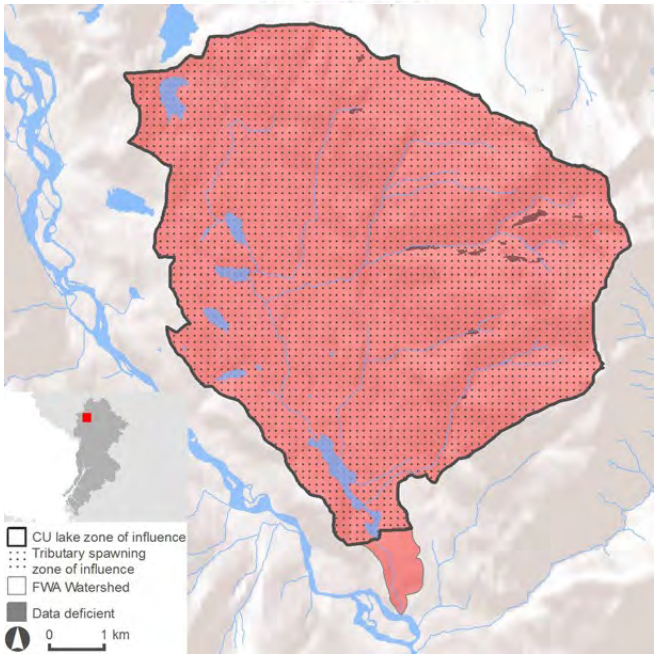
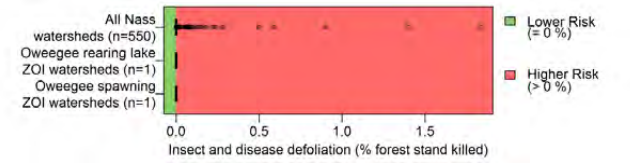
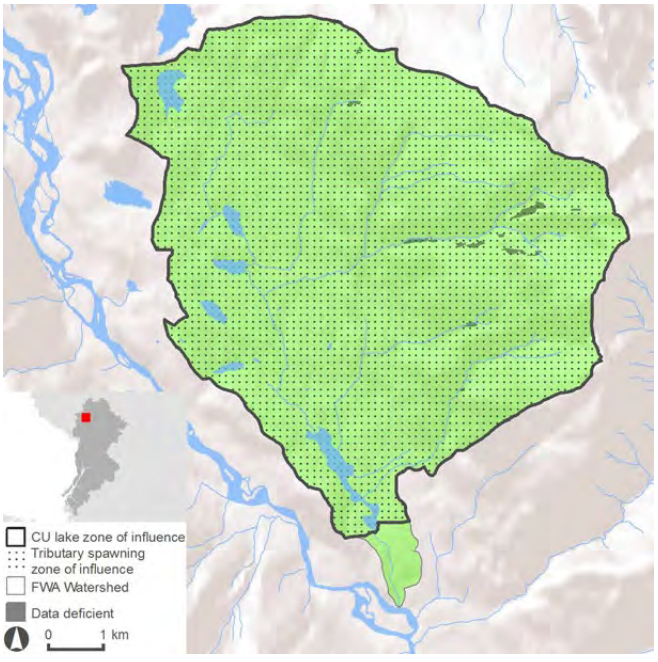




Vegetation Quality

Insect and disease defoliation





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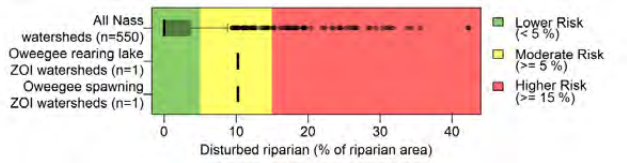

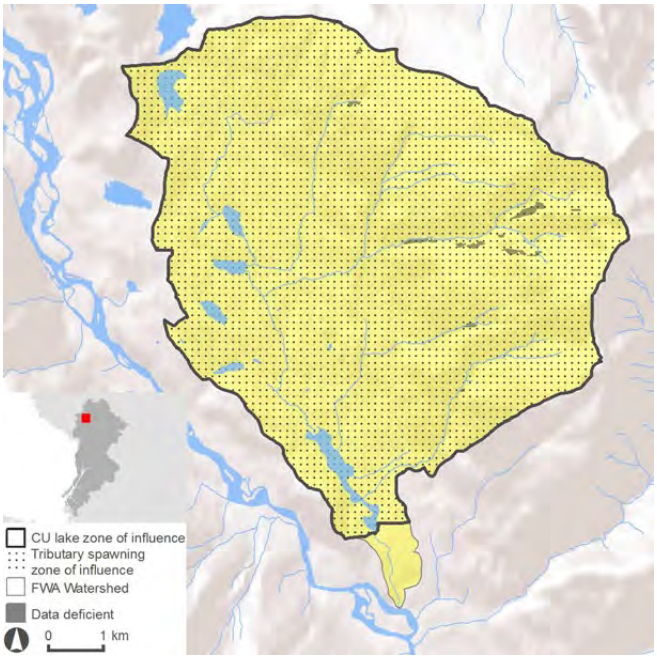

Surface Erosion

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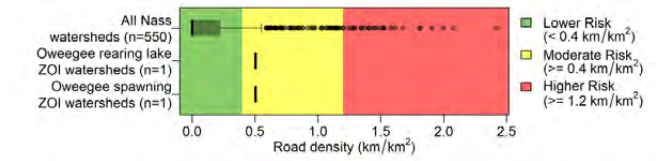

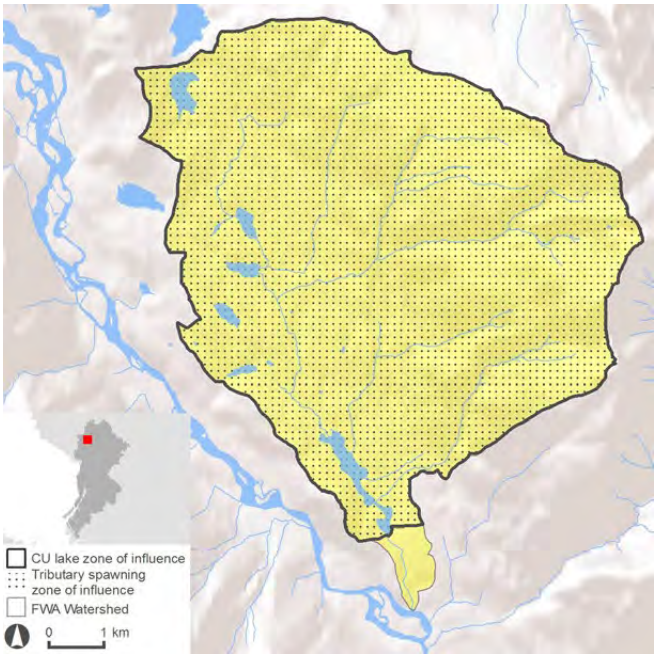

Water Quantity

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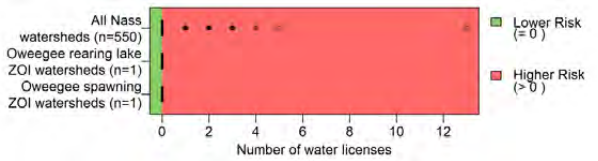

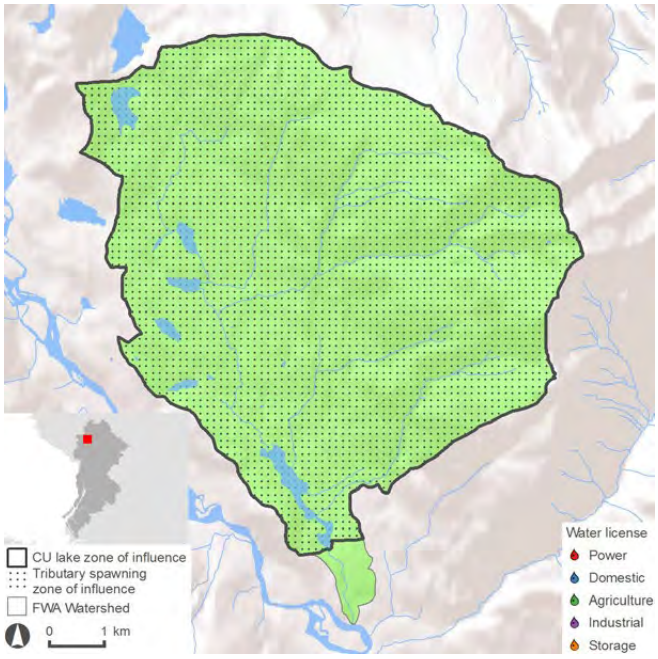

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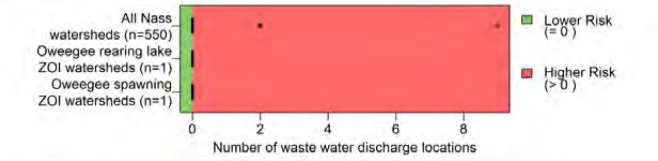

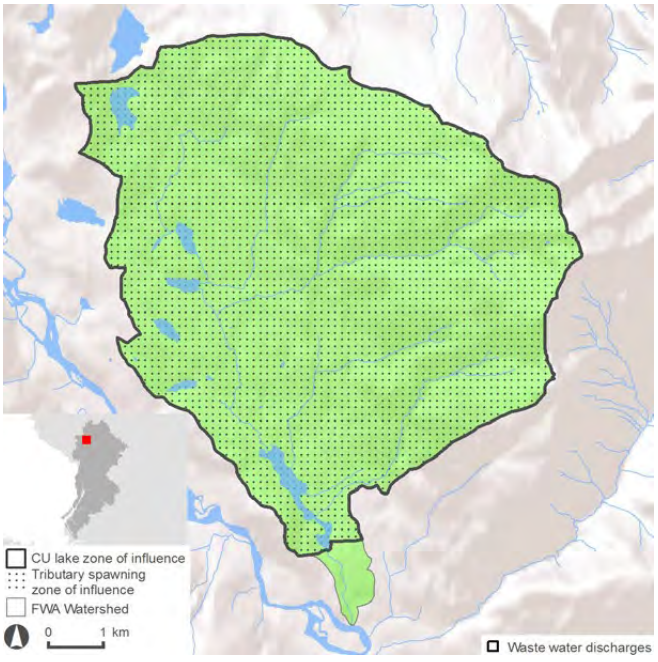

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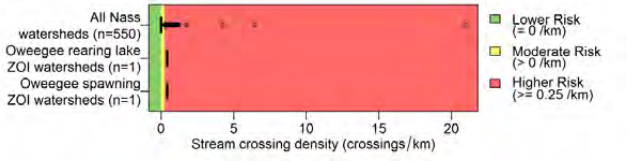

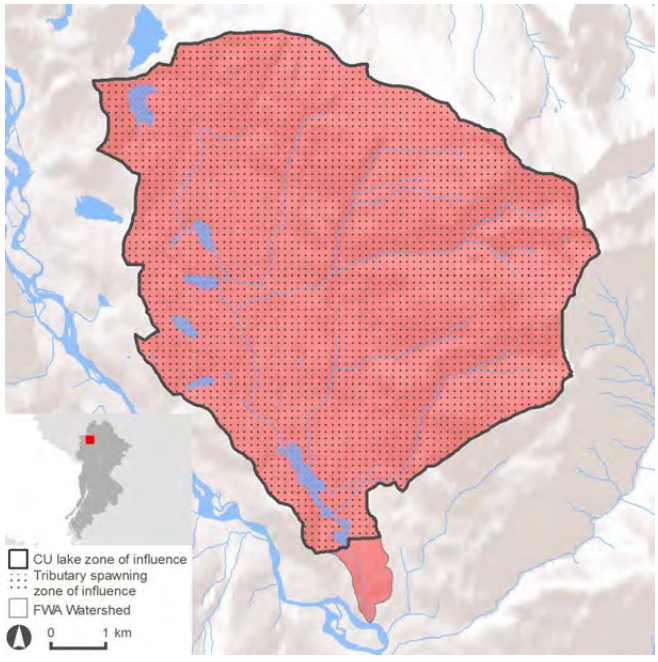

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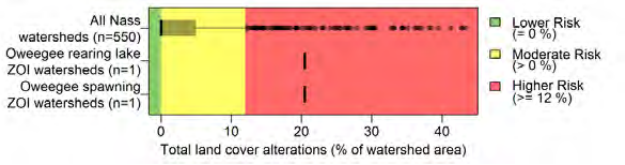

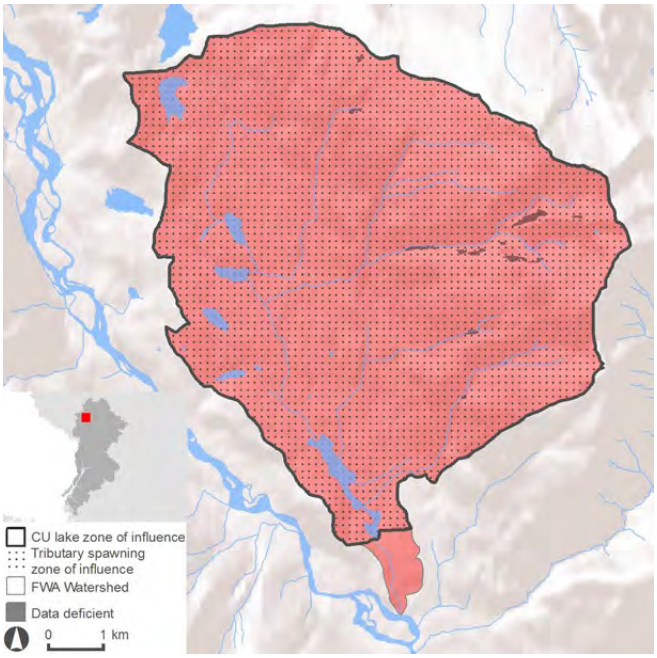

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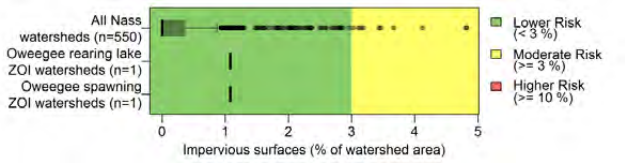

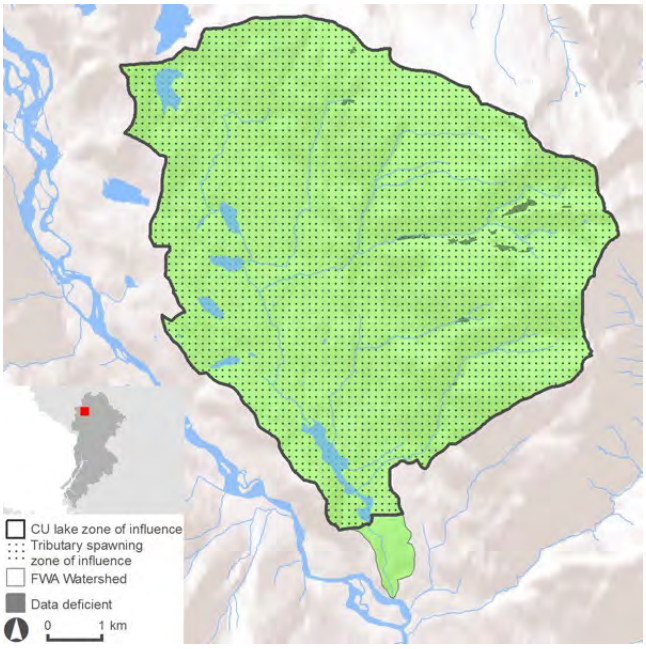

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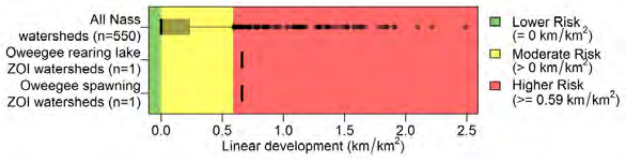

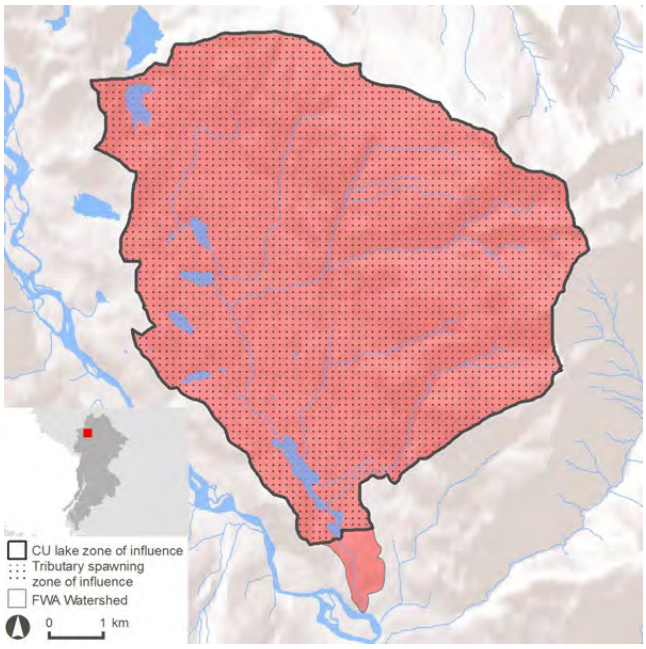

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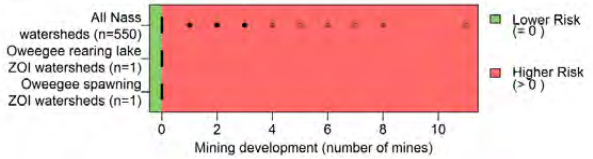

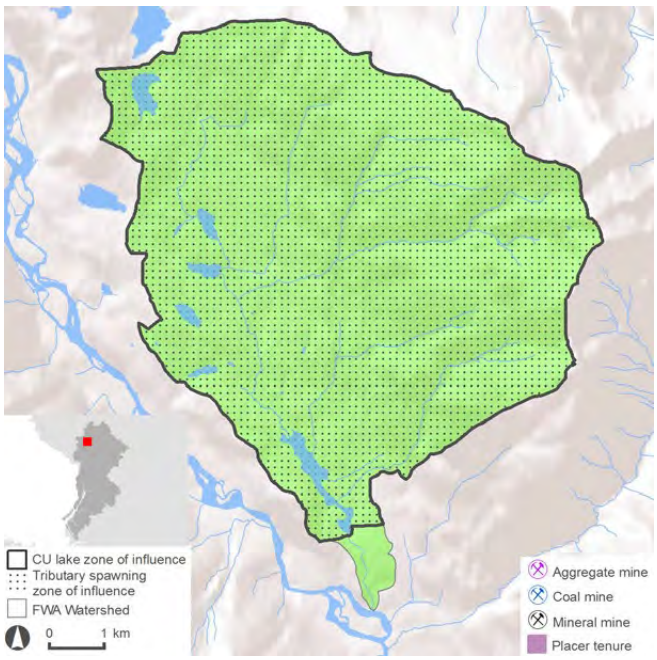

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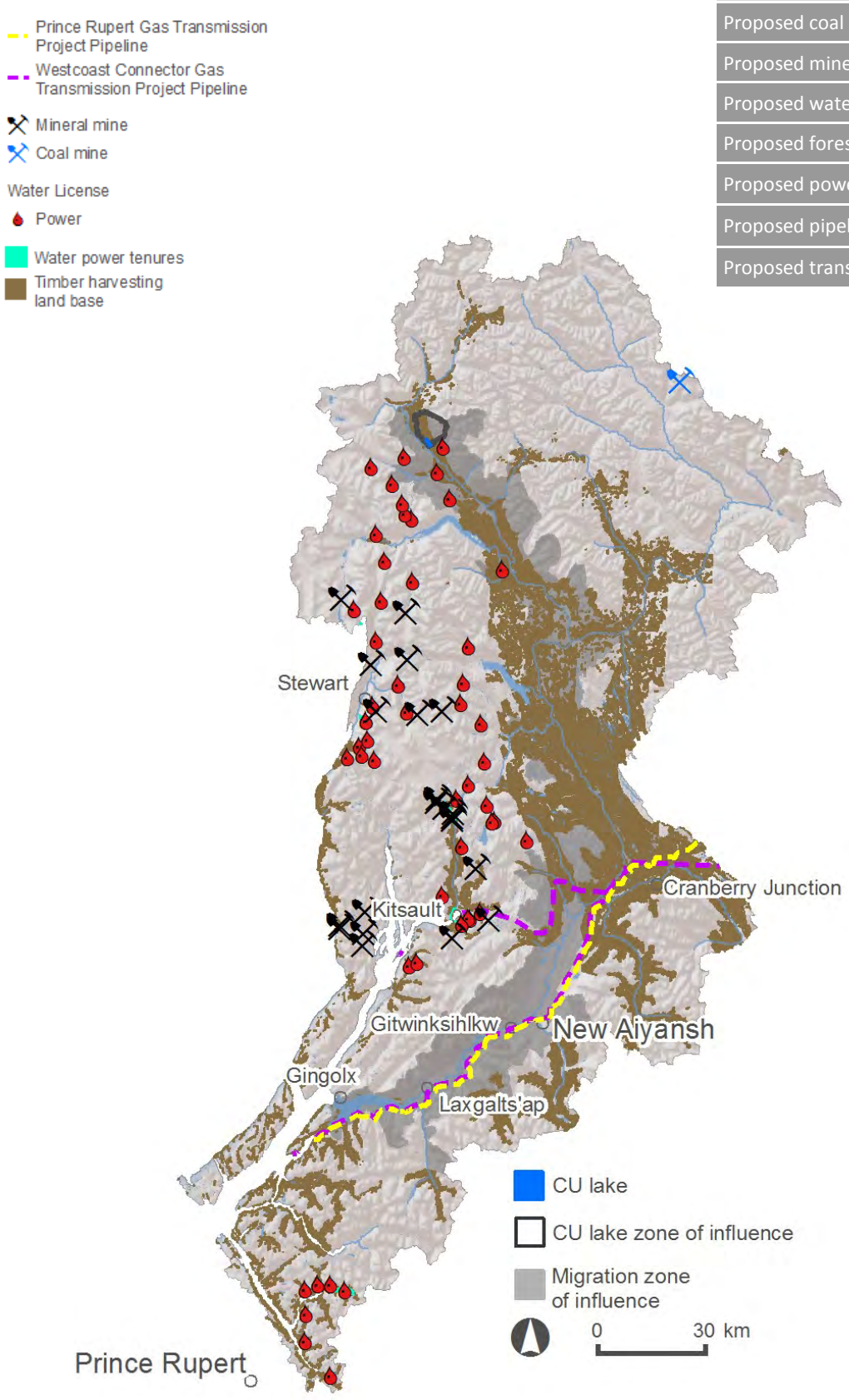

River-Type Sockeye: Lower Nass — Portland

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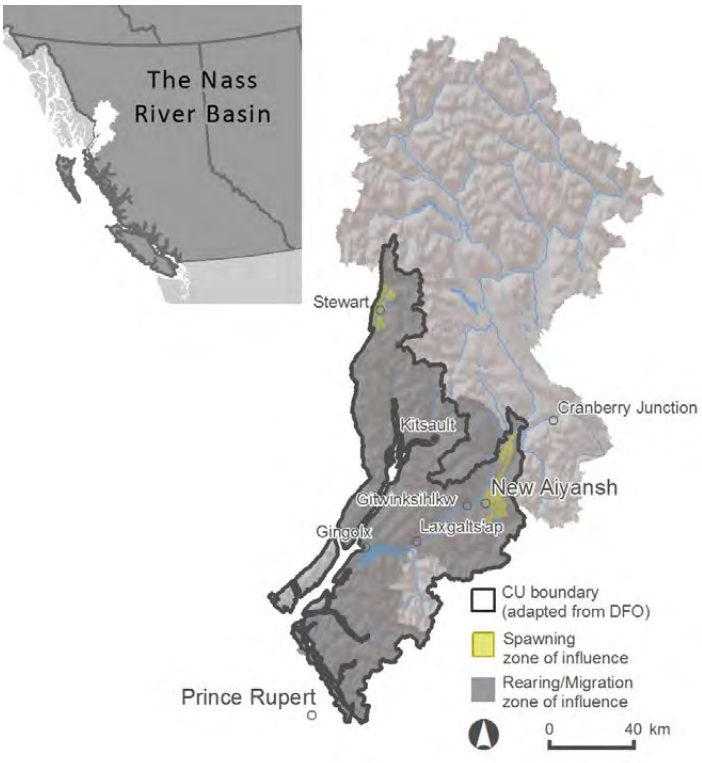

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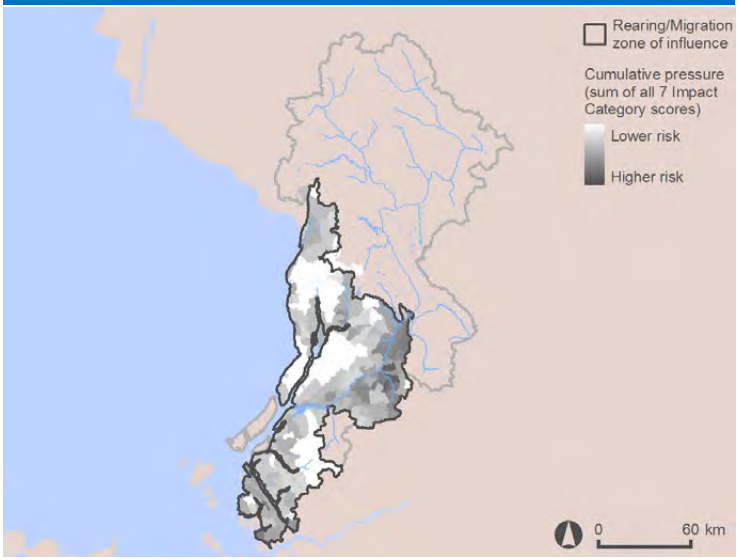

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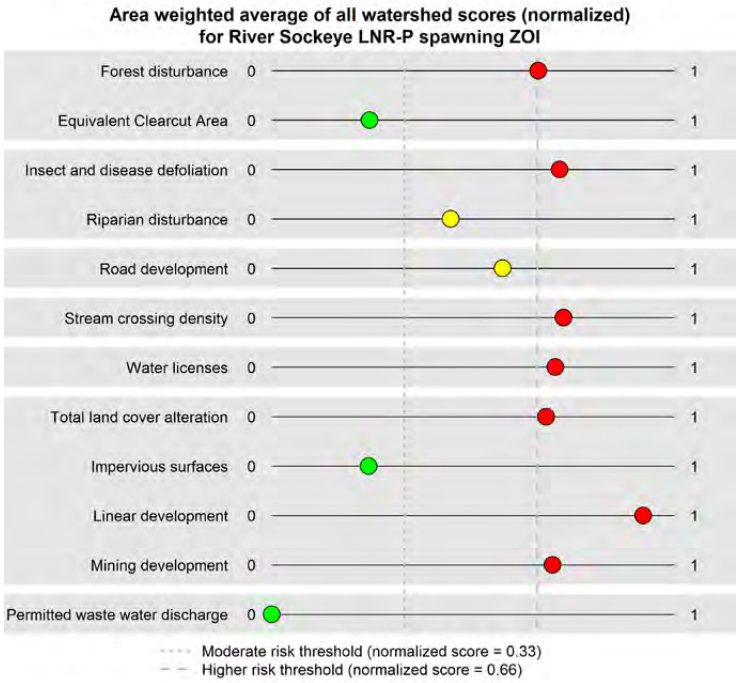

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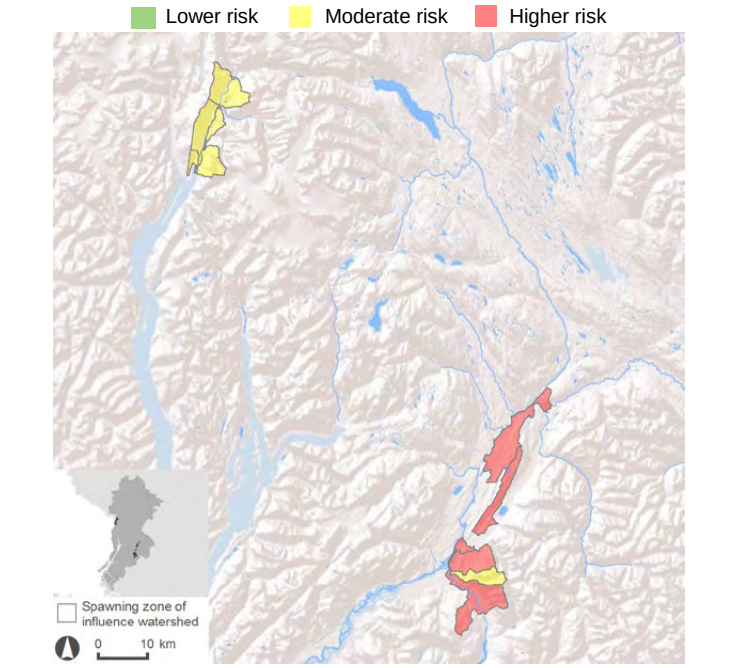

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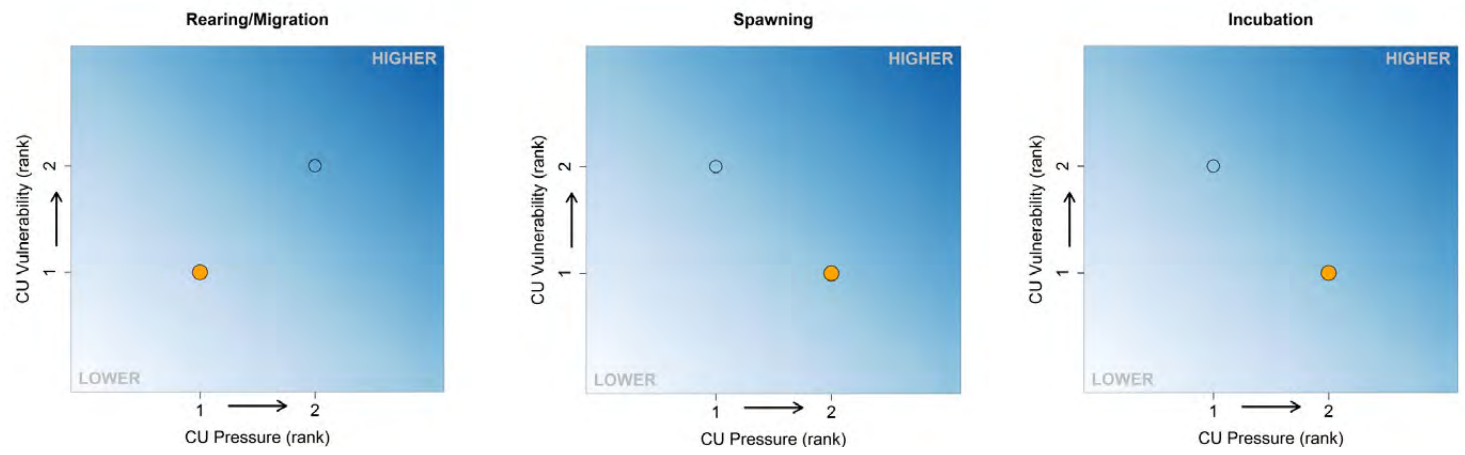

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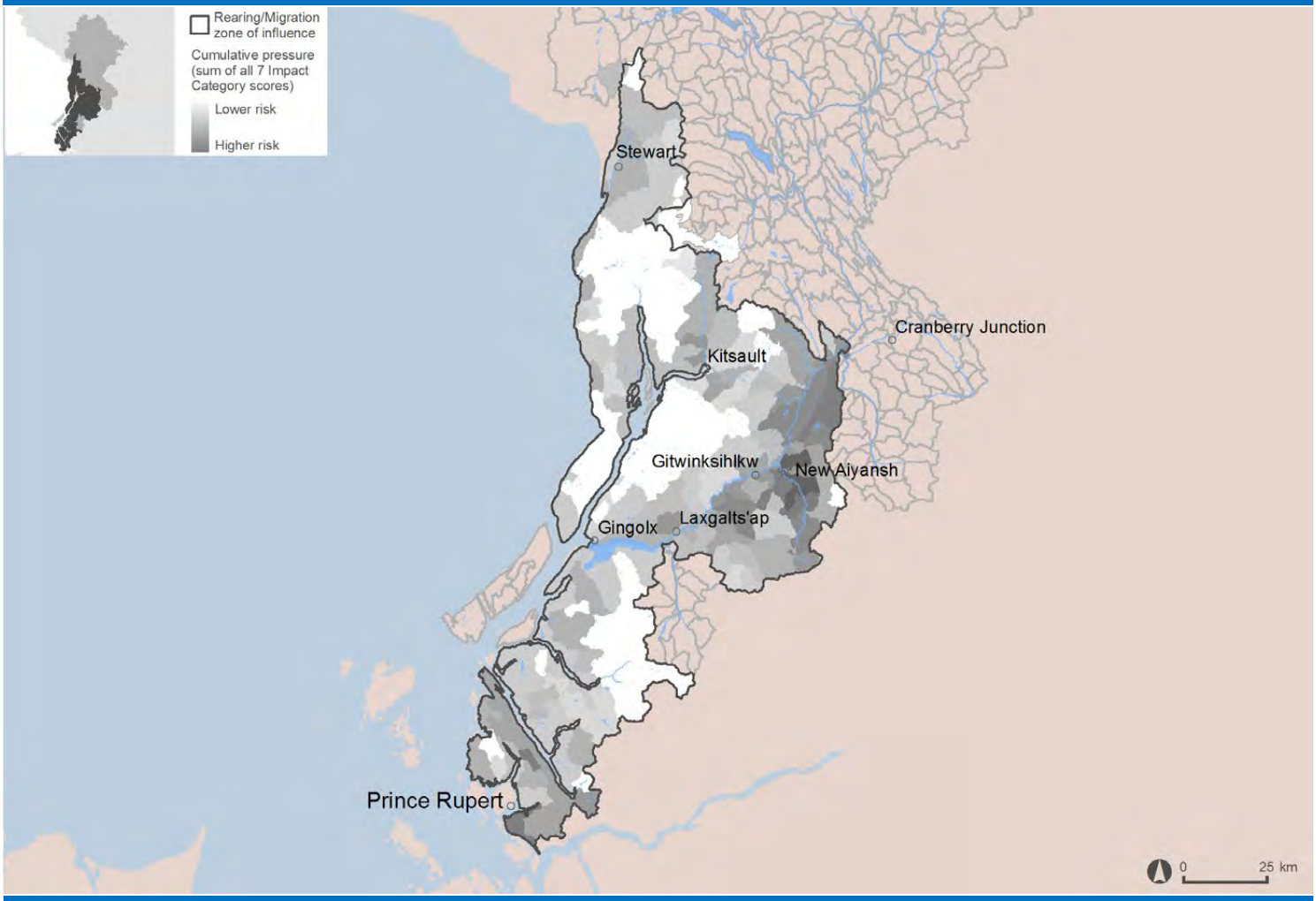

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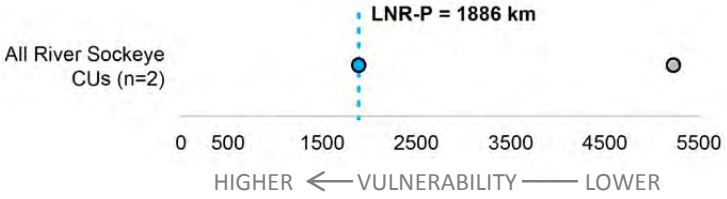

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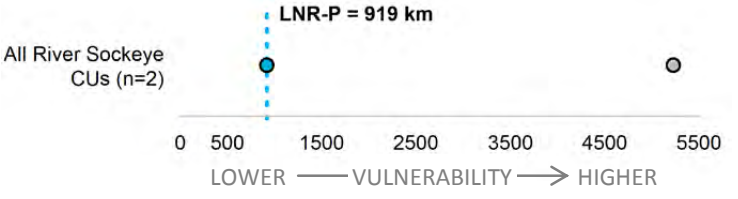

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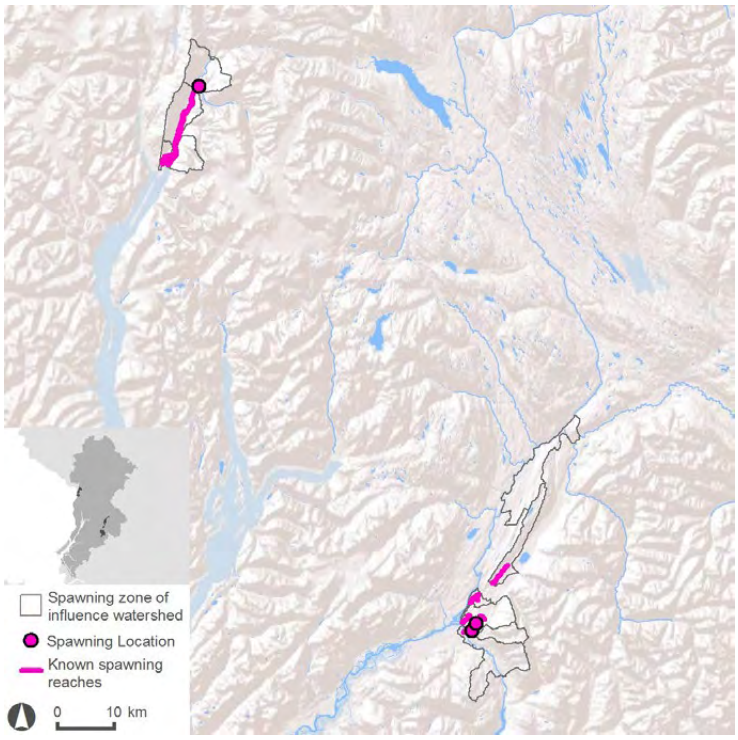

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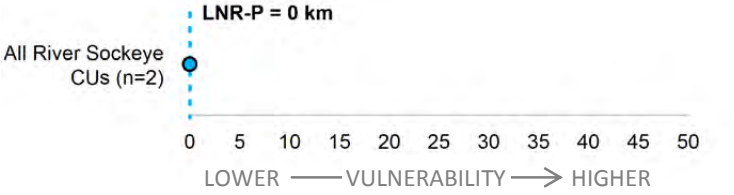

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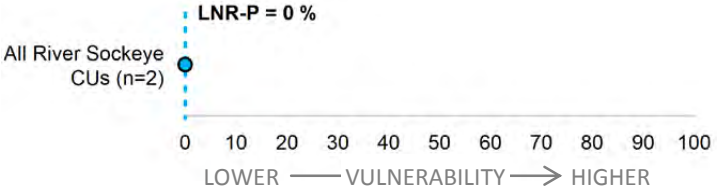

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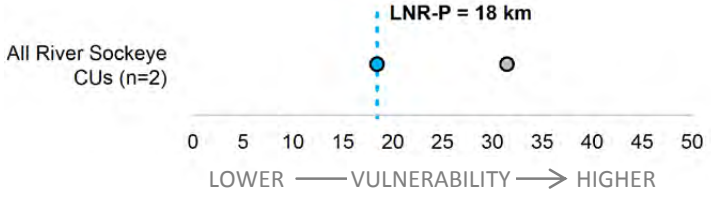

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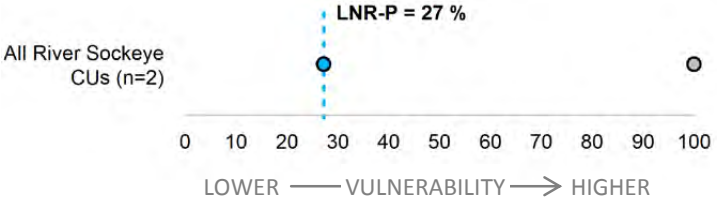

Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

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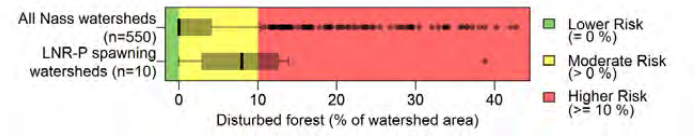

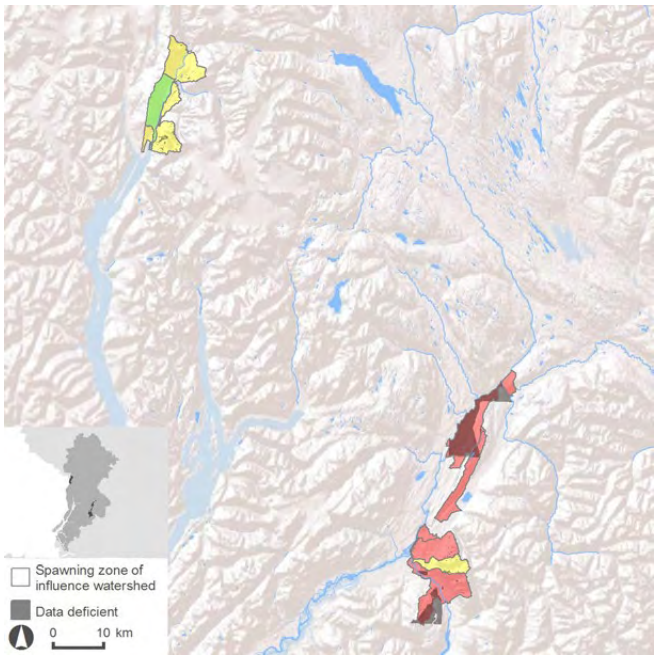

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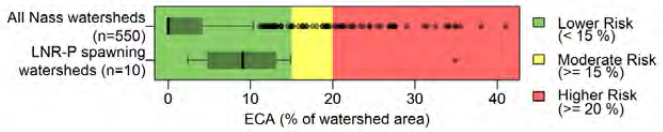

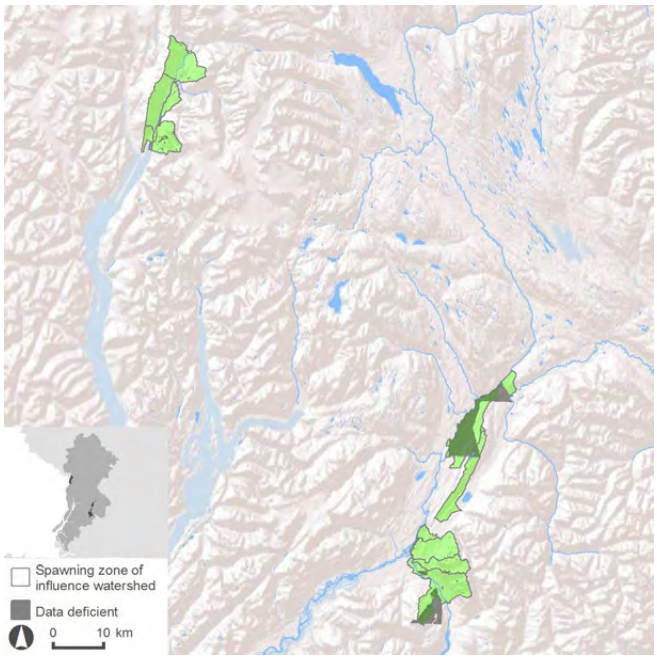

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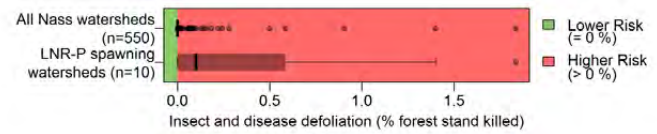

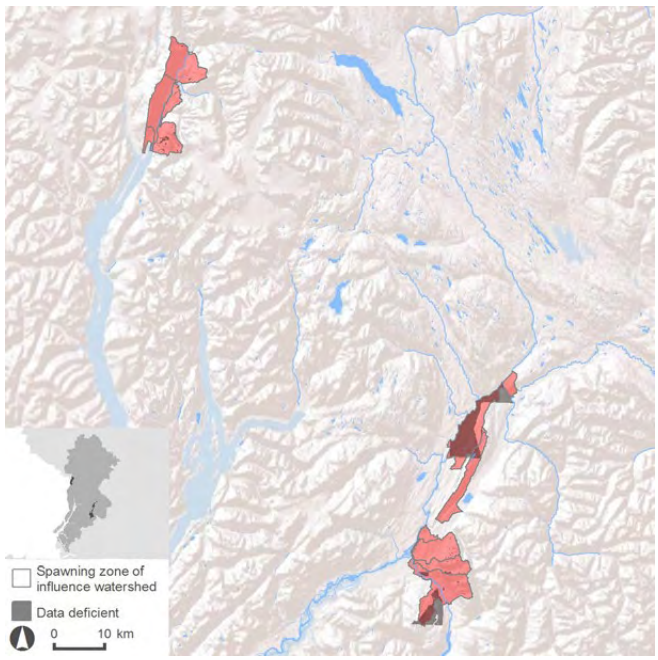

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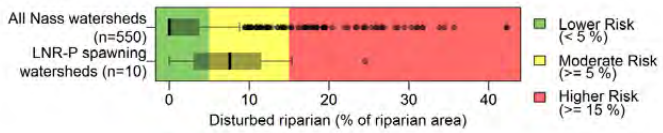

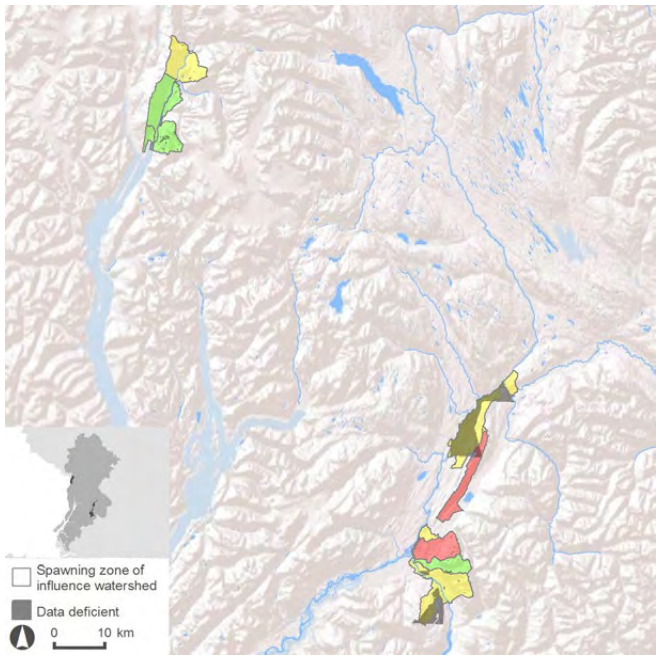

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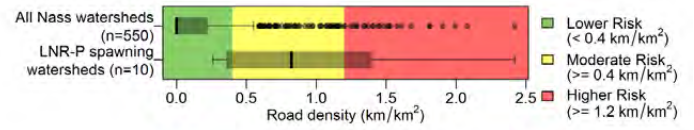

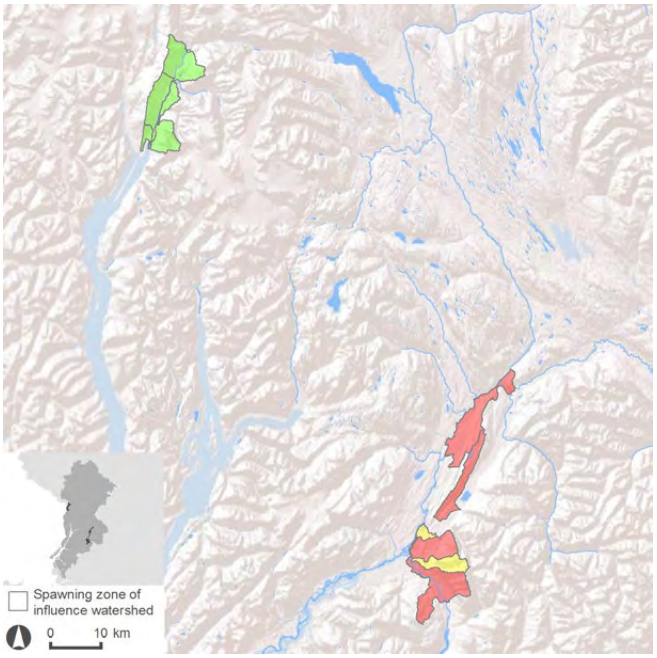

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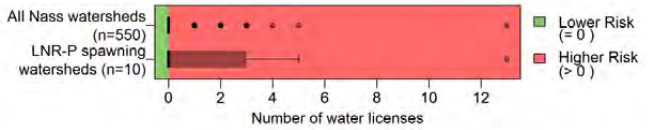

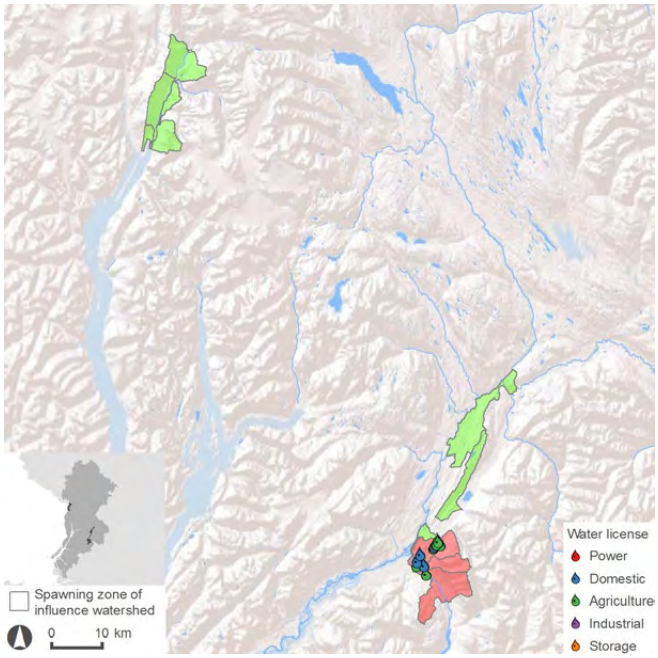

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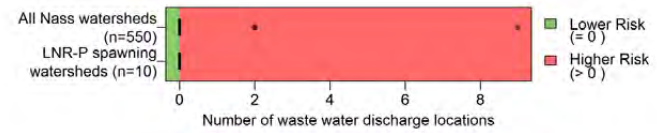

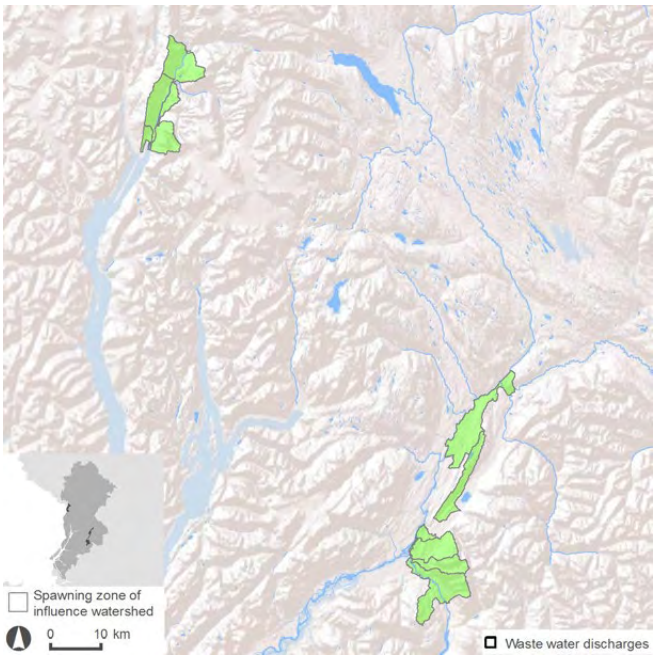

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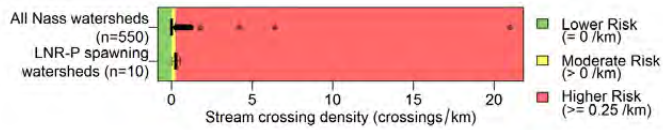

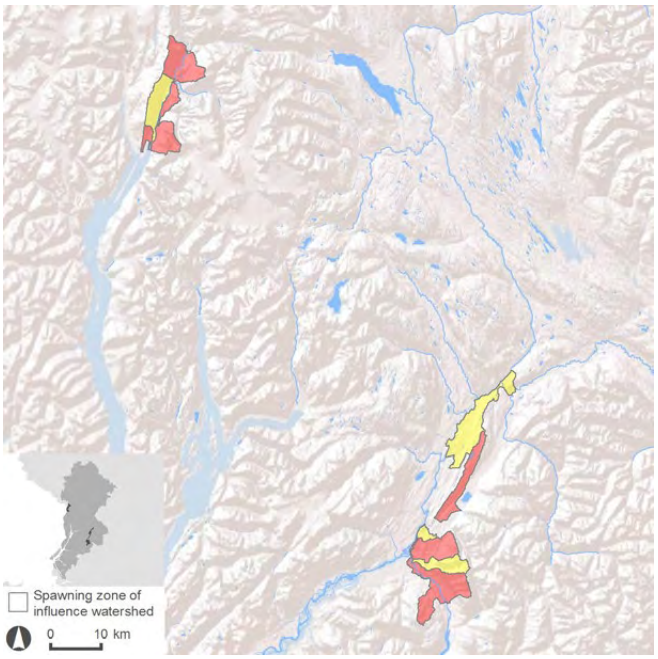

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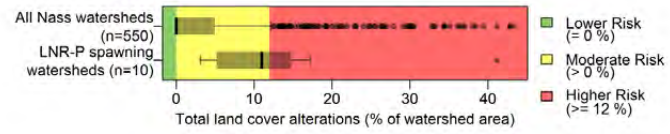

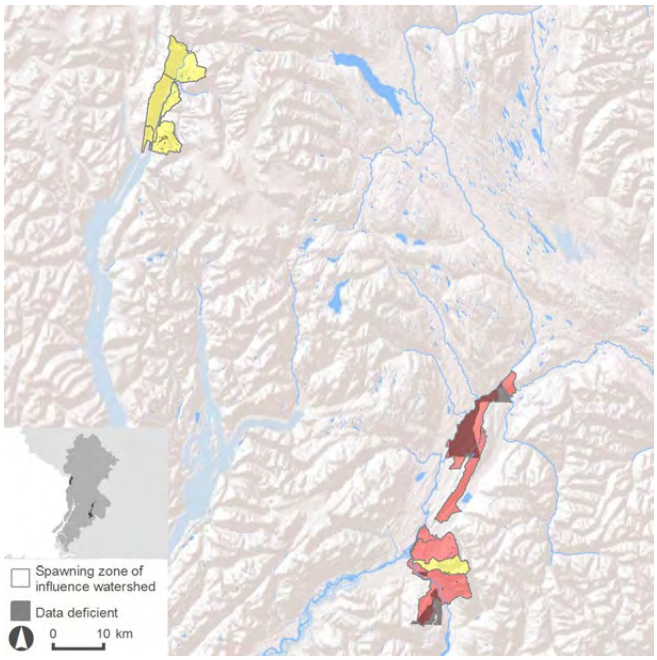

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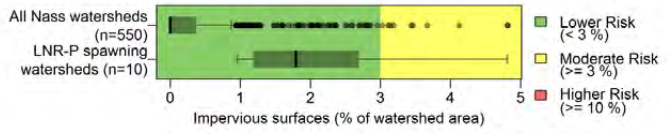

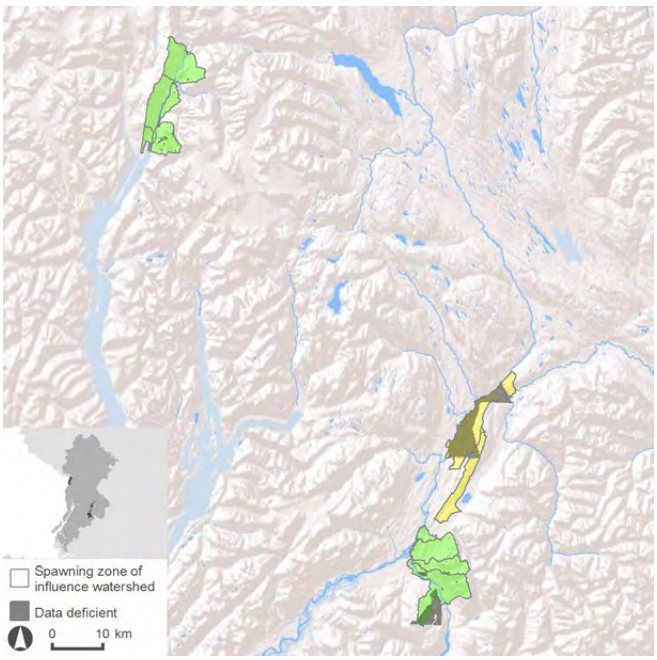

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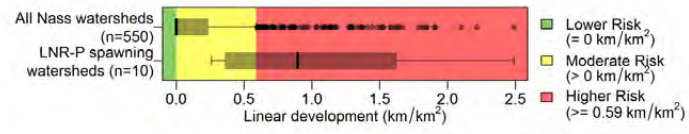

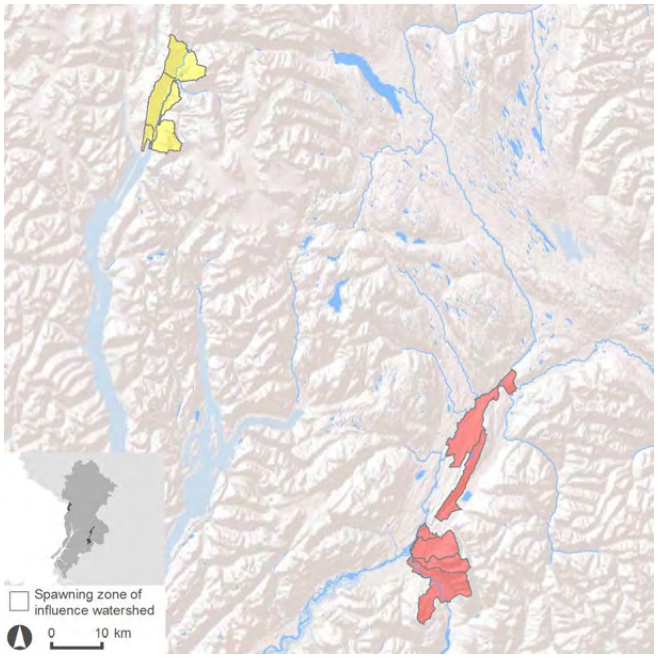

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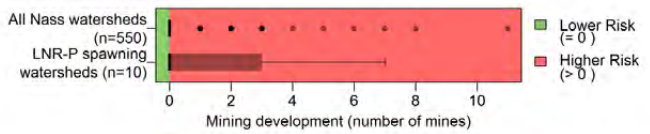

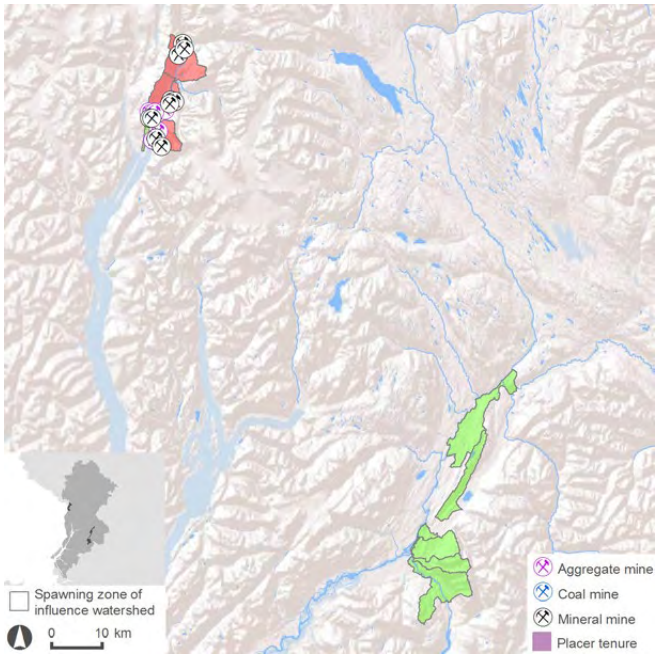

Future pressure

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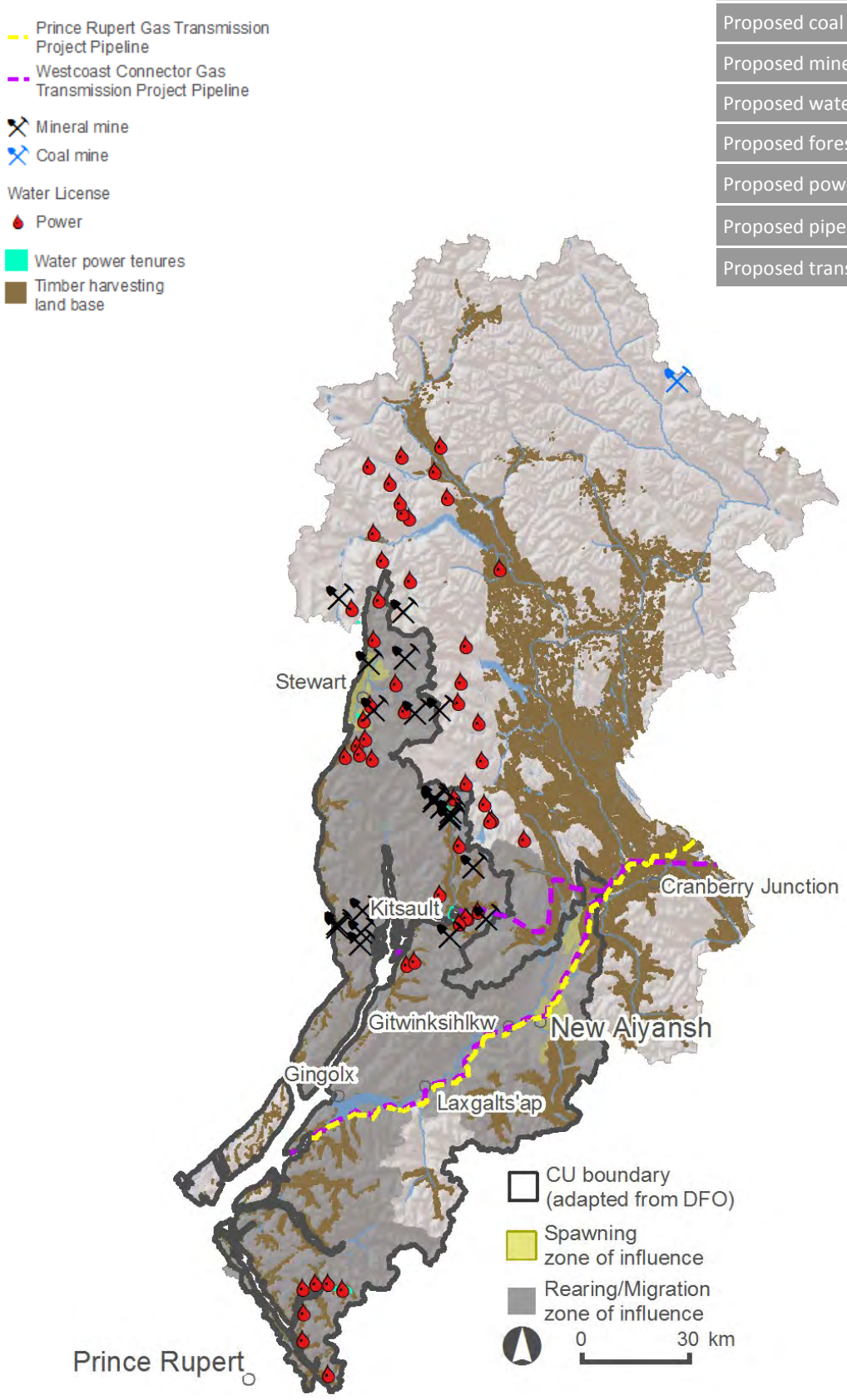

River-Type Sockeye: Upper Nass River

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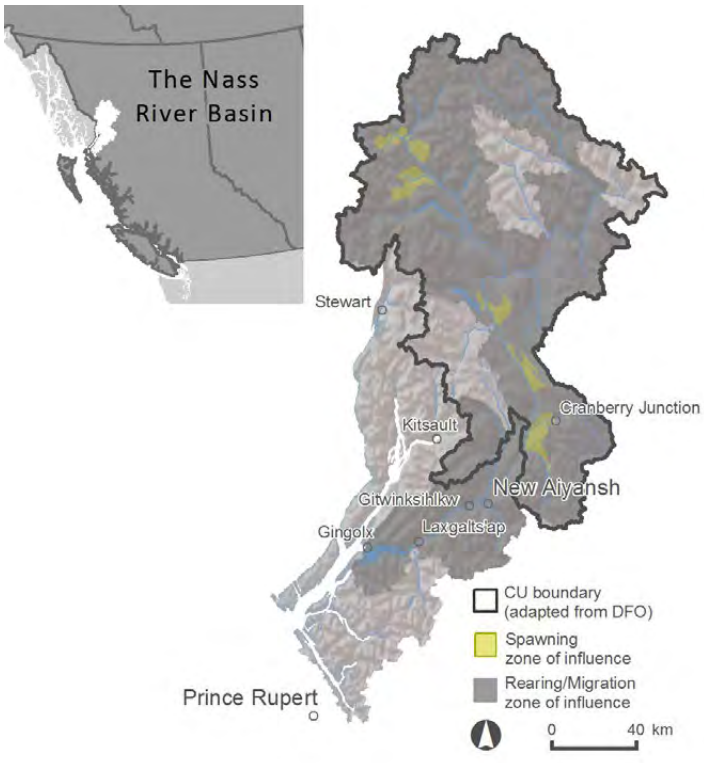

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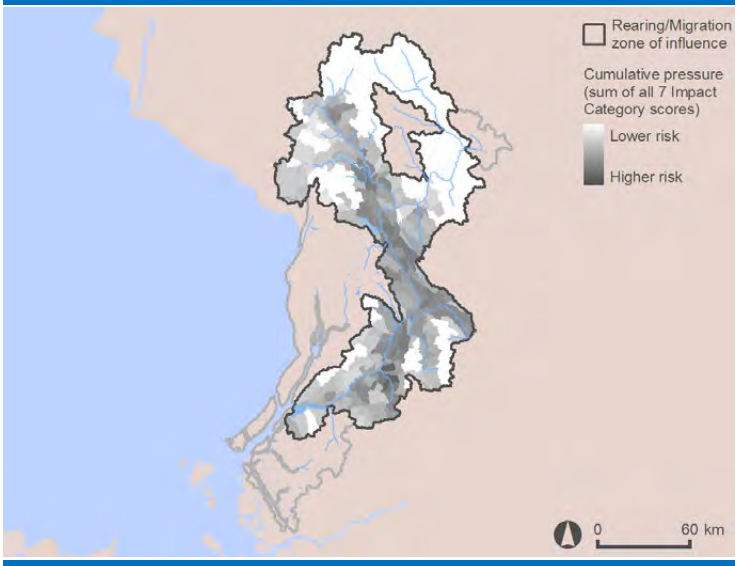

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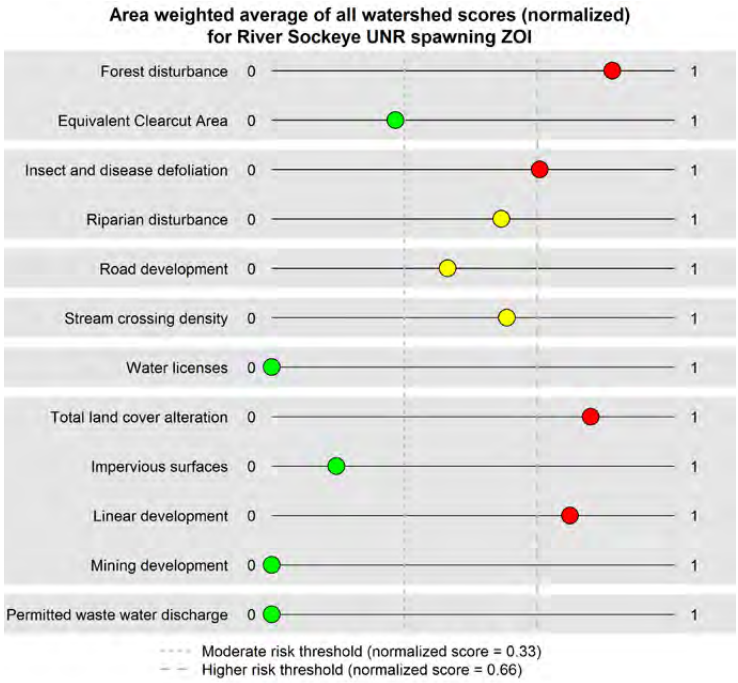

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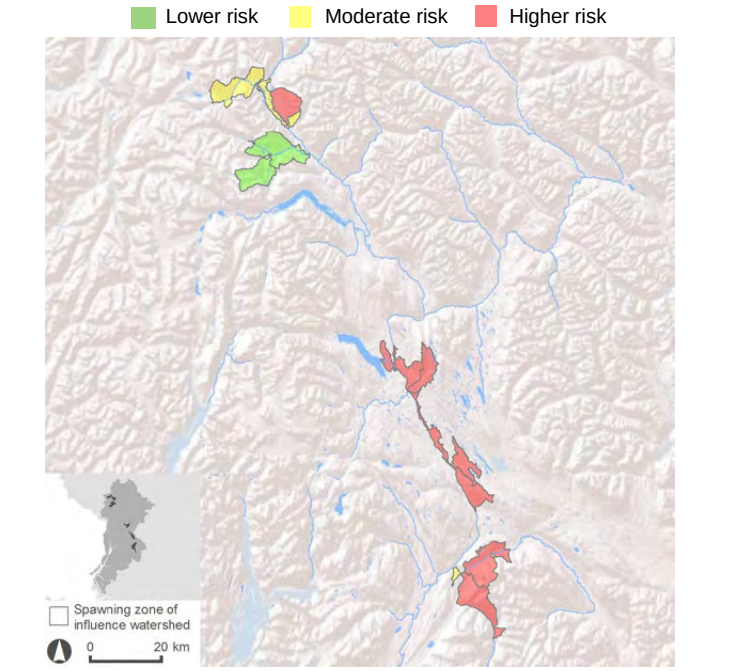

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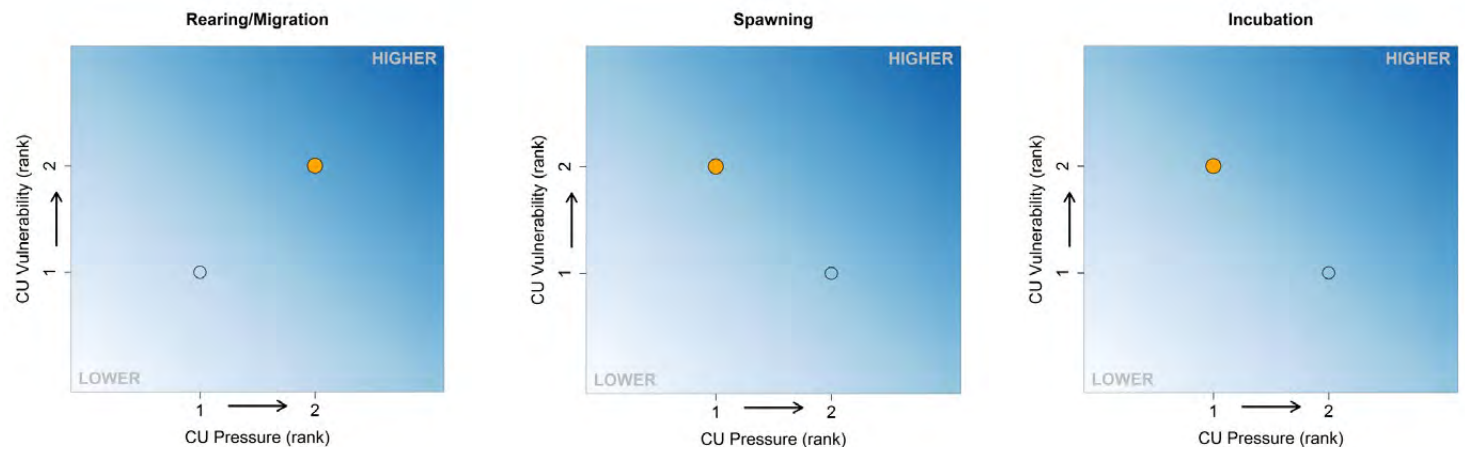

Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressure

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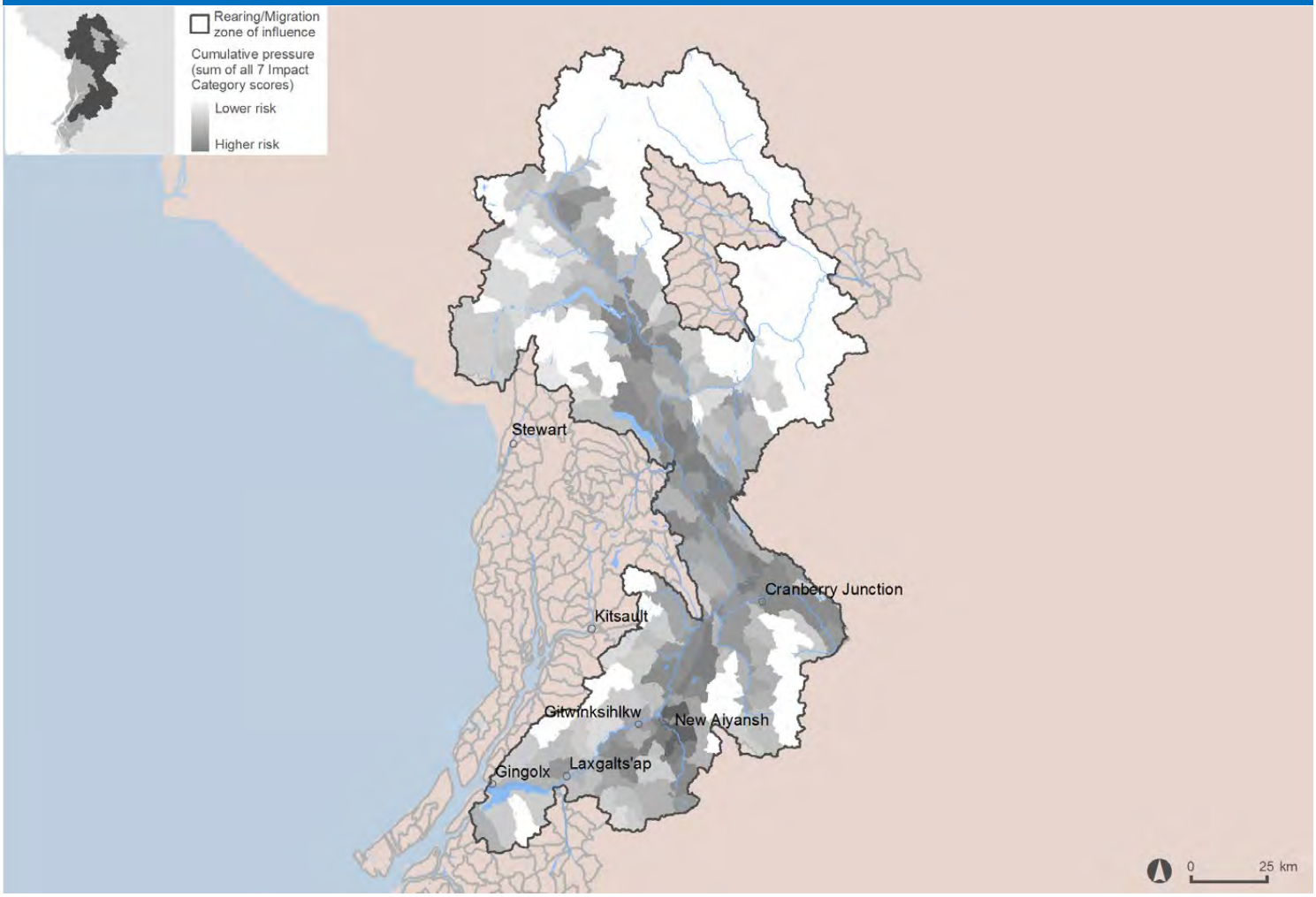

Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

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Flow sensitive accessible habitat (km) (all seasons)

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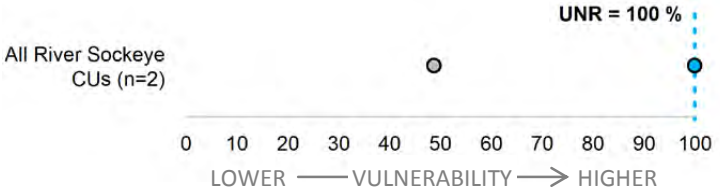

Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

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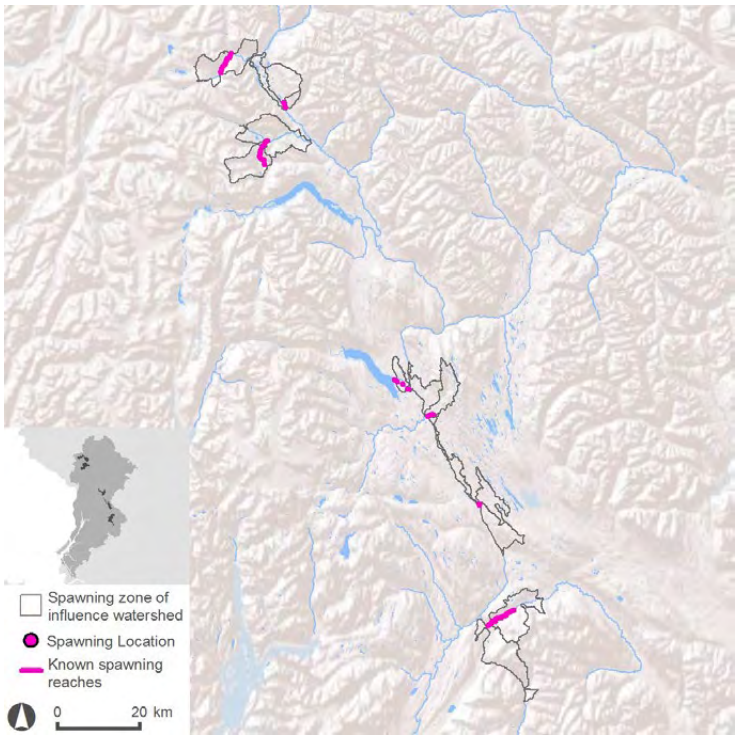

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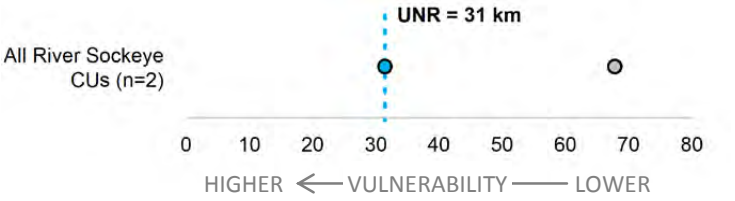

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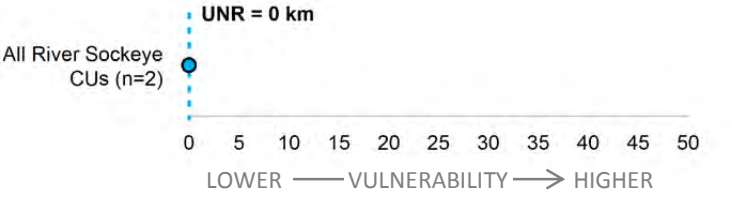

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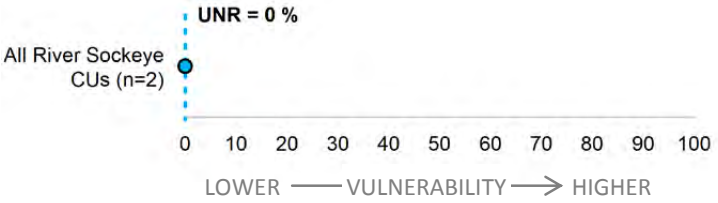

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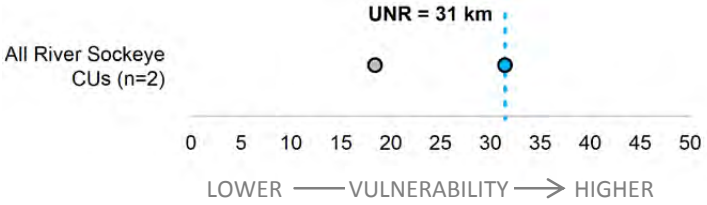

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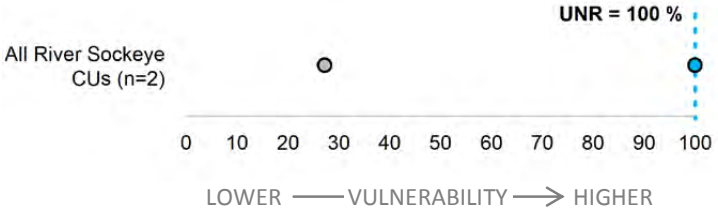
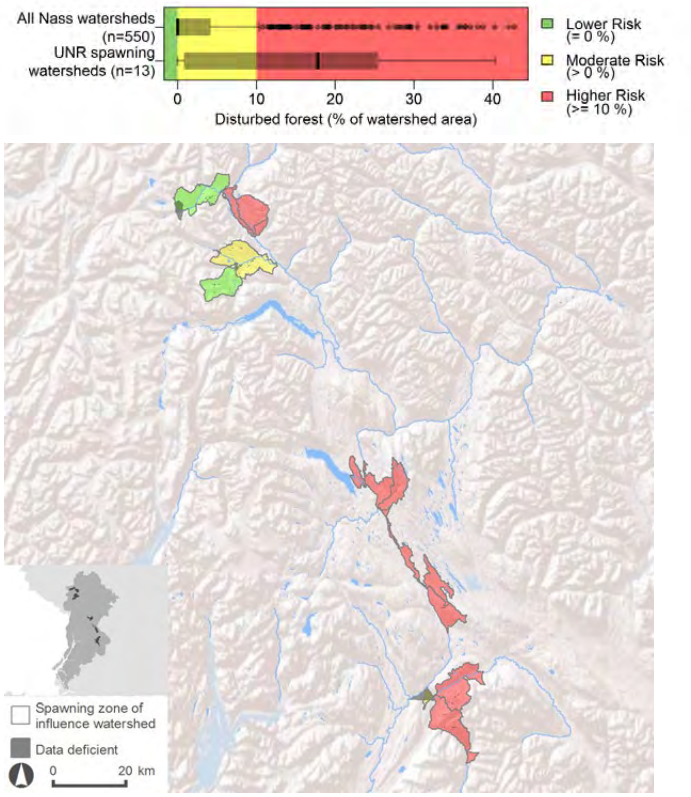


Spawning pressure

Hydrologic Processes

Forest disturbance



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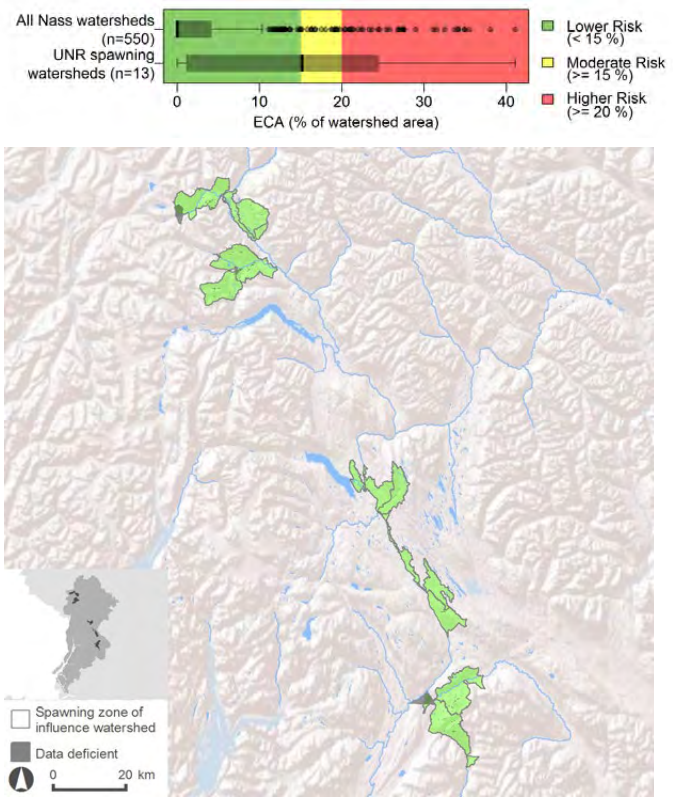

Vegetation Quality

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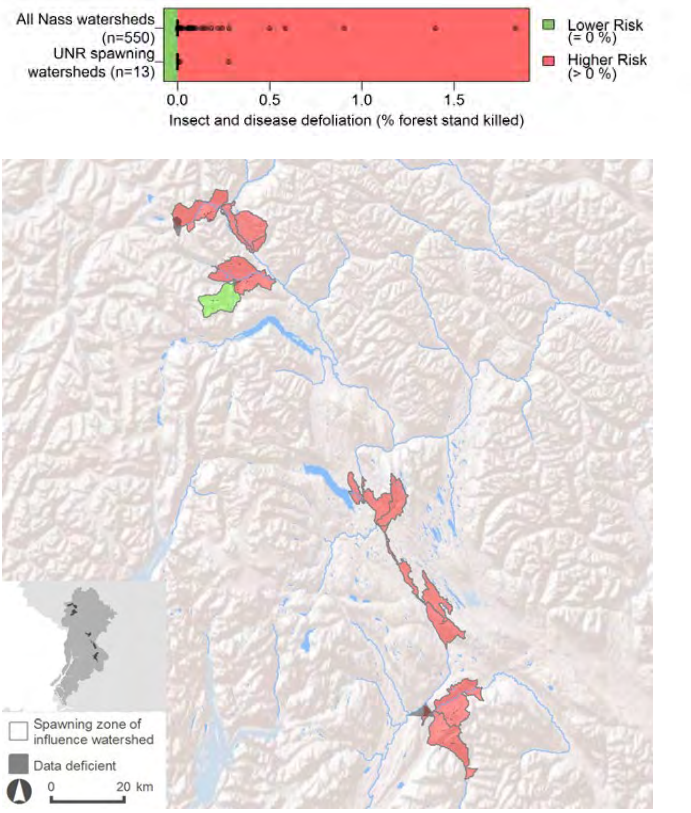

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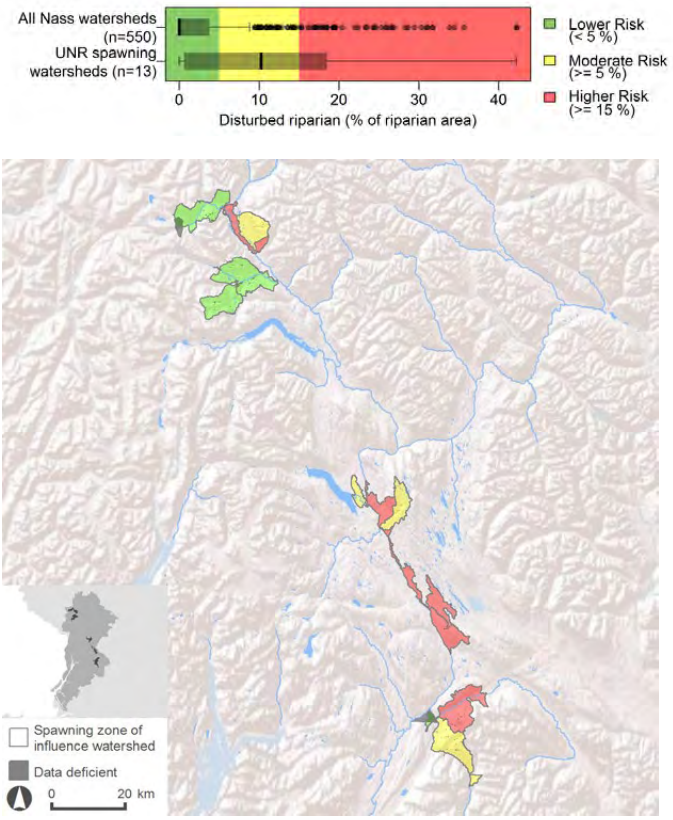

Surface Erosion

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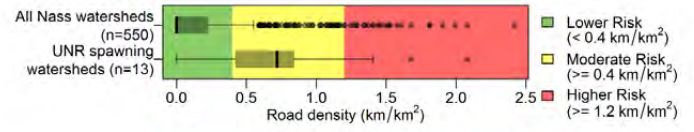

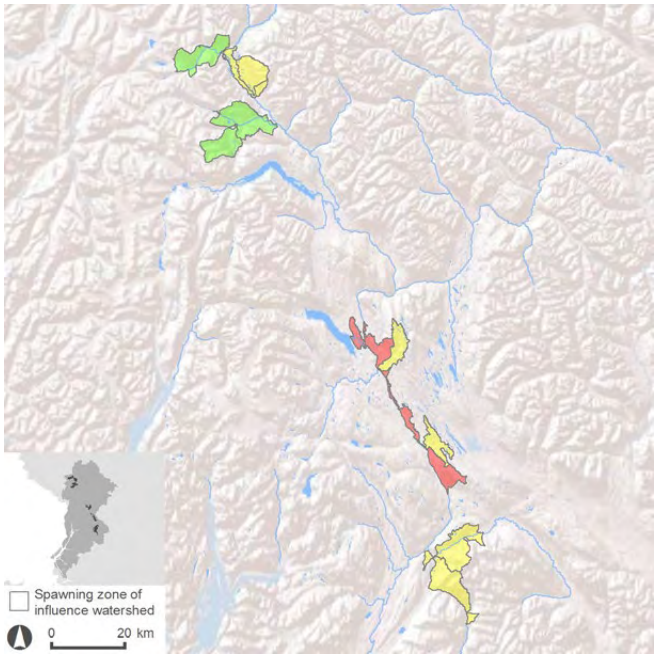

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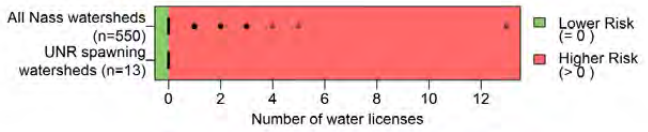

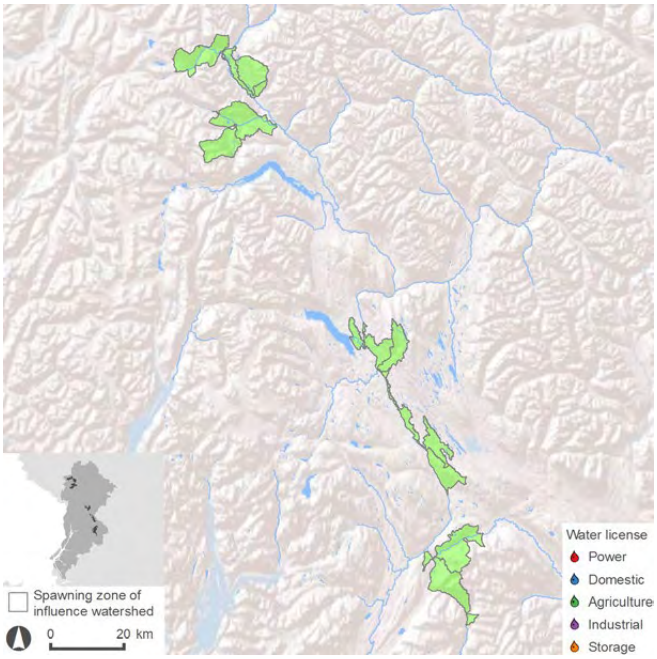

Water Quality

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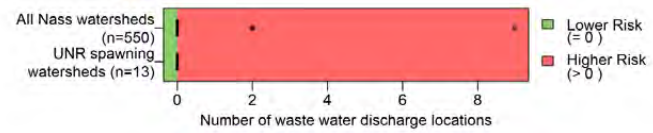

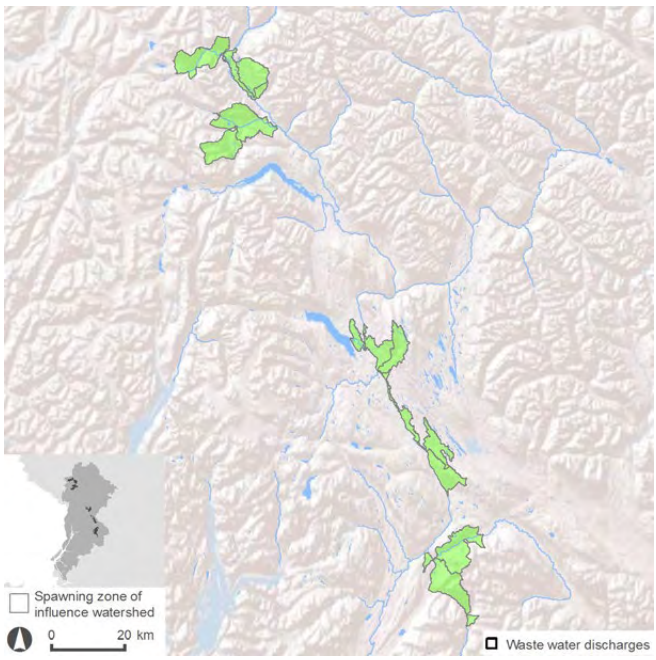

Fish Passage/Habitat Connectivity

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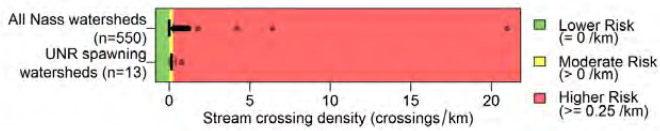

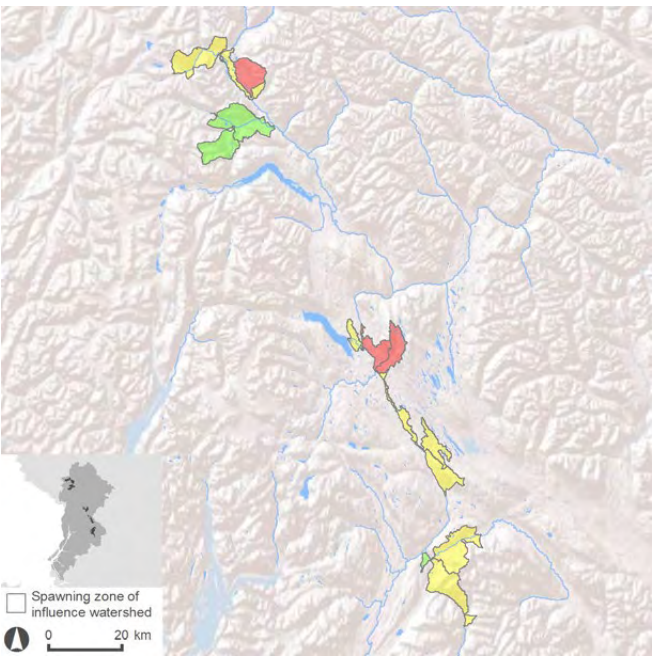

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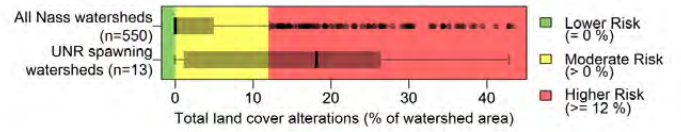

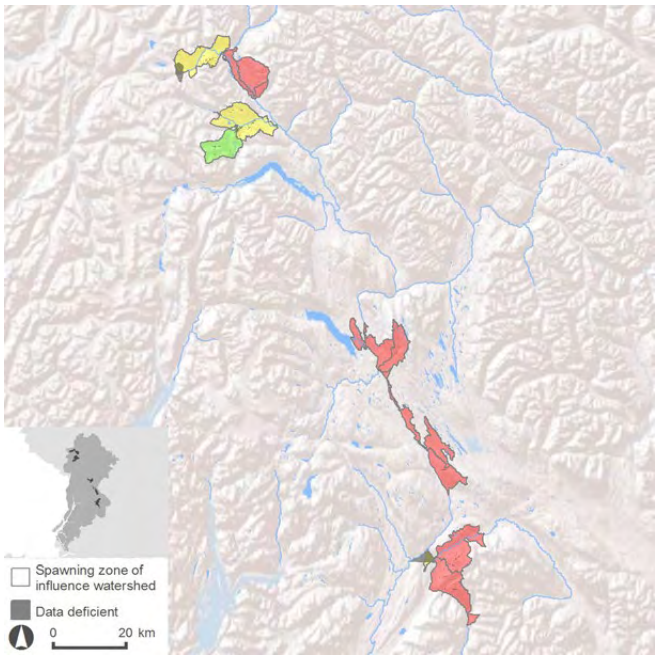

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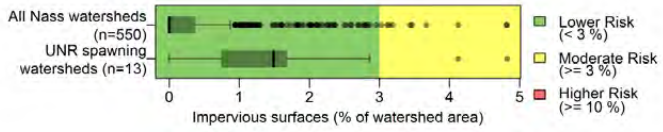

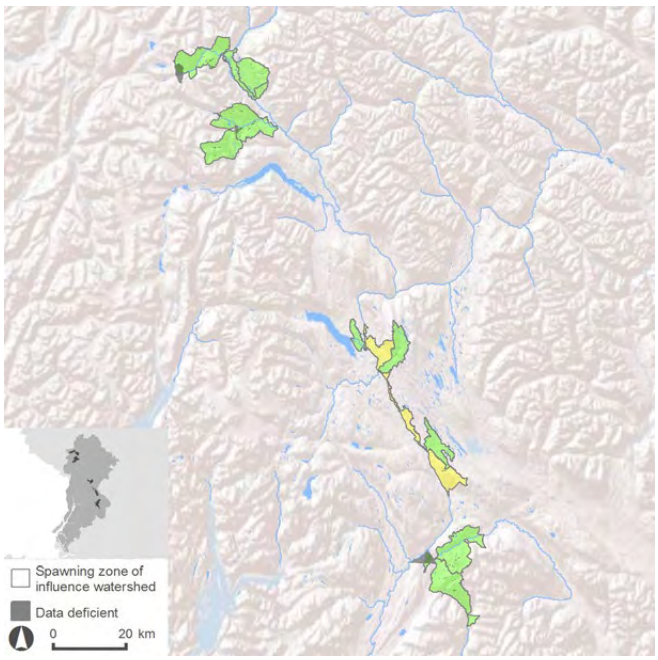

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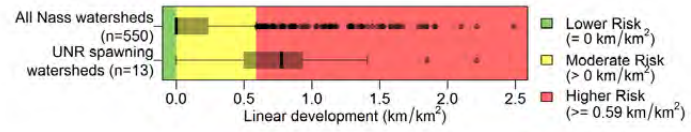

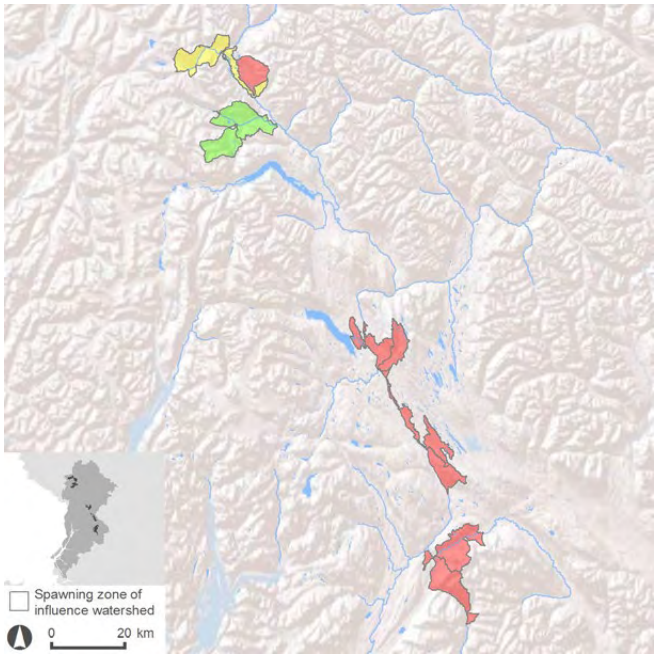

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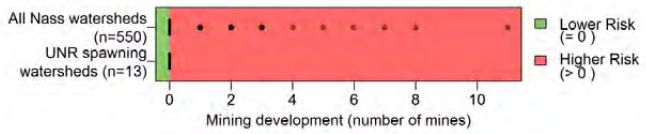
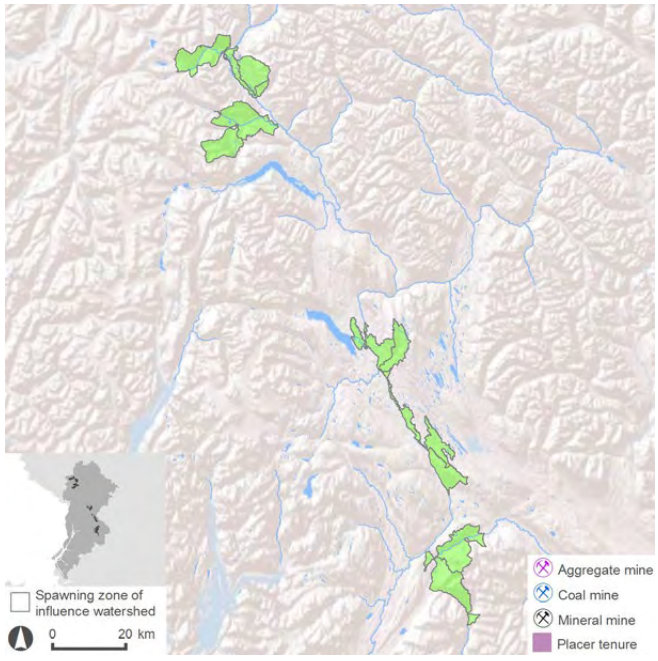
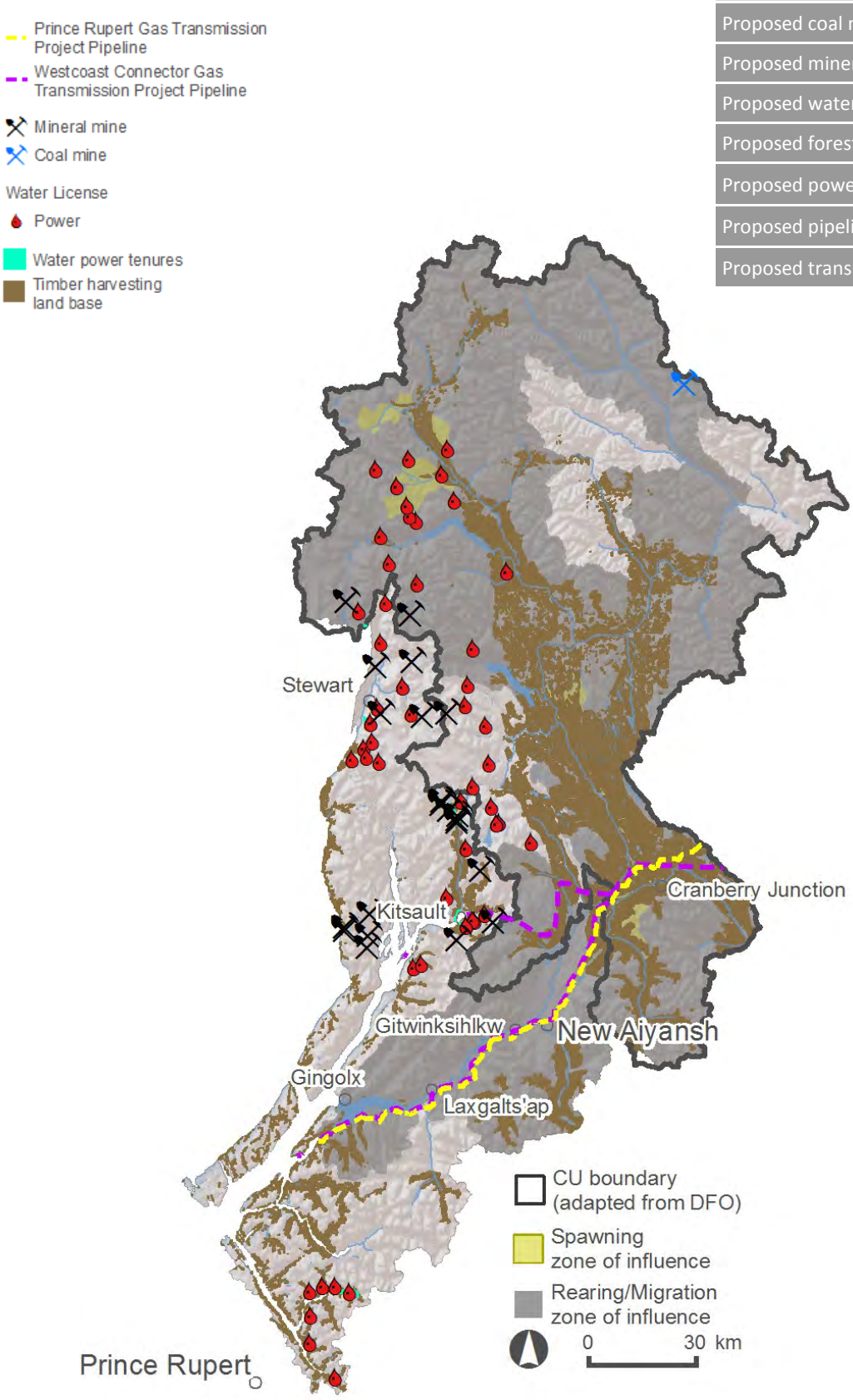




Future pressure

Proposed resource development projects (as of 2016)

Nass Drainage Summary	
	Totals
Proposed coal mines (#)	1
Proposed mineral mines (#)	22
Proposed water licenses (#)	58
Proposed forestry (km^2)	3,323 km^2
Proposed power tenures	Wind 0 km^2, water 15 km^2
Proposed pipelines (km)	386 km
Proposed transmission lines	0 km



Quick Reference Guides

Quick Reference Guide: Lake Sockeye

These Conservation Unit (CU) habitat report cards are intended to allow assessment and comparison of CU habitat 'status' based on a combination of: (1) intrinsic vulnerability of CU freshwater habitats and (2): intensity and extent of human pressures/stressors on those habitats. A full description of indicators and data sources used can be found in the main report: *Cumulative Pressures on Nass Salmon Habitat: Technical Report* (Porter et al. 2016) available from PSF at: www.skeenasalmonprogram.ca.

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1. Introduction and Definitions. Brief description of the CU reporting exercise being undertaken for assessing salmon CU habitats and definitions for key terms that are used throughout the reporting.

2. Narrative. Short bulleted descriptions of key issues affecting lake sockeye in the Nass drainage and concerns that might relate to a particular CU. This includes the principal habitat pressures on CU habitats as determined from the broad-scale analyses undertaken here, as well as more localized habitat impacts affecting the CU as identified by Nass regional experts.

3. Location (a): Map showing location of the CU rearing lake within the Nass drainage, and the location of the Nass drainage within BC. The nursery lake is shaded blue and its defined 'zone of influence' (ZOI) is indicated in black outline. The migration route between the mouth of the Nass River and the CU rearing lake outlet is indicated by the blue river line.

4. Location (b): More detailed zoomed map of the CU rearing lake showing general features of the area and the defined 'zone of influence' (ZOI) capturing the drainage area upstream from the rearing lake outlet (black outline).

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CU overview of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

5. Description of terms. Identification of the GIS-based habitat pressure indicators, habitat pressure 'Impact Categories', and habitat vulnerability indicators developed and used for analyses of lake sockeye CU habitat status.

6. Cumulative habitat pressures (migration corridor). Map of cumulative habitat pressure scores for watersheds located along the CU migration corridor zone of influence[1]. Given the more diffuse nature of potential impacts along the migration route cumulative pressures scores are assigned to migration corridor watersheds based on the sum of the seven individual Impact Category scores for each watershed (rather than through a categorical rule set across Impact Categories)[2]. Within each watershed each Impact Category is scored as 0 (for a green Impact Category), 1 (for an amber Impact Category) or 2 (for a red Impact Category). The cumulative pressure scores for the migration corridor watersheds can therefore range from 0 to 14 and are colour gradated accordingly. Darker shaded watersheds represent areas along the migration corridor where relatively higher risk habitat impacts may be occurring.

7. CU rearing lake pressures overview 'slider'. Area weighted average of all watershed pressure indicator scores for 1:20K FWA assessment watersheds within or intersecting the CU rearing lake's ZOI. The area weighted average score is normalized for each indicator so that the lower to moderate risk threshold (t_1) occurs at 0.33 (s_m) and the moderate to higher risk threshold (t_2) is at 0.66 (s_h) on a scale of 0 to 1[3]. The greyed areas within the figure represent the separation of the individual indicators into the seven Impact Category groupings.

[1] The zone of influence for the migration corridor is defined as the 1:20K FWA assessment watersheds that either directly adjoin the CU's mainstem migration route (from lake outlet to Nass River estuary) or that are located within 1 km of the mainstem route

[2] Note that the scoring approach to risk classifications (green, amber, red) for each Impact Category is based on the same defined indicator roll-up rule set that is used for watersheds within spawning and rearing ZOIs.

[3] Where the average score $\bar{s} < t_1$, the normalized score $\bar{s}_n = \bar{s}(0.33/t_1)$; where $\bar{s} \geq t_1$, $\bar{s}_n = s_m + (s_h - s_m)[(\bar{s} - t_1)/(t_2 - t_1)]$.

8. Cumulative habitat pressures (rearing lakes & tributary spawning). Map of cumulative risk from habitat pressures for each watershed found with the ZOIs for CU rearing lakes and tributary spawning areas[4]. The cumulative risk rating is based on the risk scoring of 7 habitat pressure indicator Impact Categories (hydrologic processes, vegetation quality, surface erosion, fish passage/habitat connectivity, water quantity, human development footprint, and water quality). Categorical roll-up rule set for watersheds in rearing & spawning zones of influence: if ≥ 3 impact categories are rated as higher risk, then the watershed's cumulative risk classification = red (higher risk), else if ≥ 5 Impact Categories are rated as (lower risk) then the watershed's cumulative risk classification = green (lower risk), else the watershed's cumulative risk classification = amber (moderate risk).

9. Integrated vulnerability/habitat pressures – migration, spawning & rearing. Figures representing bivariate indices of the relative rankings across Nass lake sockeye CUs for scored cumulative habitat pressures and scored vulnerability to these pressures within lake sockeye CU ZOIs for migration, spawning and rearing. Methods used for selecting scored CU cumulative habitat pressures and vulnerabilities are different for each life stage evaluated (see Porter et. al. 2016). The larger solid blue circle in each figure represents the ranking of the particular CU relative to the other Nass lake sockeye CUs and identifies its ranked position relative to a coloured gradation representing both increasing cumulative habitat pressure and increasing vulnerability to those pressures.

Migration vulnerability and pressure

Migration period pressure

10. Migration period pressures. Detailed map of the lake sockeye CU migration corridor showing cumulative risk scoring, the location of water licenses occurring within migration corridor ZOI watersheds, as well as the locations of identified FISS and FWA obstructions along the CU migration route.

11. Number of obstructions. Total number of FISS or FWA obstructions identified along the CU migration route. Obstructions can directly impede, delay or even block passage of adult migrating salmon. The figure indicates the total number of identified obstructions along the CU migration route and illustrates the intensity of this pressure (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: Provincial Obstacles to Fish Passage [updated daily – downloaded Jan 2016].

12. Licensed water allocations. Total number of permitted water licenses (for consumptive and non-consumptive extraction activities) in watersheds within the migration corridor ZOI. Diverting water for human uses can reduce water flow in streams for fish at critical times, potentially hindering/delaying the passage of migrating adult salmon and/or increasing migration stress. The figure indicates the total number of water licenses within the CU migration route ZOI and illustrates the intensity of this pressure (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: BC POD with Water License Information [updated daily – Downloaded Jan 2016].

Migration period vulnerability

13. Migration distance. Total extent of CU migration, measured as distance between the mouth of the Nass River and most downstream entrance to the CU nursery lake. Longer migrations increase the risk of exposure to various stressors along the migration route. The figure indicates the total migration distance for the CU and shows the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: DFO_BC_Sockeye_Lake_CU_V2 [2010], FWA Stream Network [2008].

14. Migration route – summer low flow sensitive (km). The total distance of the CU migration route that is considered prone to experiencing low summer (July-October) water flows with associated potential for higher water temperatures. Low flow conditions experienced over extended distances can impact fish health and can increase encounters with flow related obstacles/delays to adult fish passage. The figure indicates the total migration distance for the CU that is considered to be within a zone of summer low flow sensitivity and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: BC MOE ecoregional flow sensitivity map [Feb 23 2011].

15. Migration route – summer low flow sensitive (%). The total proportion of the CU migration route that is considered prone to experiencing low summer (July-October) water flows with associated potential for higher water temperatures. Low flow conditions over extended distances can impact fish health and create obstacles/delays to adult fish passage. The figure indicates the total proportion of the CU migration route that is considered to be within a zone of summer low flow sensitivity and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: BC MOE ecoregional flow sensitivity mapping [Feb 23 2011]

[4] The zone of influence (ZOI) for the CU rearing lake is defined as encompassing all the 1:20K FWA fundamental watersheds located upstream from the lake outlet to the bounding height of land defining the drainage area. The ZOI for a tributary spawning area is defined as the 1:20K FWA assessment watershed in which spawning is occurring and all FSW assessment watersheds upstream of the spawning watershed to the bounding height of land defining the drainage area.

Spawning and rearing vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

16. Spawning locations. Map of known spawning reaches and/or spawning sites for lake sockeye (lake, mainstem, and lake inlet/tributary spawning locations) within the defined CU rearing lake ZOI. Data sources: FISS [Jan 2016], local Nass spawning datasets [March 2016].

17. Total spawning length. The total length of all sockeye spawning reaches within the CU rearing lake ZOI (lake, mainstem or tributary spawning). Areas of lake spawning are also included and expressed as a linear length. Any spawning locations indicated only by points was given an estimated average linear length of 100 m (default assumption for project analyses). This compilation reflects the total quantifiable amount of habitat currently identified as being used for spawning by Nass lake sockeye, with a greater length of spawning habitat indicating a lower CU vulnerability to habitat pressures.The figure indicates the total spawning length within the CU rearing lake ZOI and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: FISS [Jan 2016], local Nass spawning datasets [March 2016].

18. Lakeshore spawning length. The total length of lake shore spawning occurring within the CU rearing lake. Areas of lake shore spawning are expressed as a linear length. This reflects the total amount of lake shore habitat known to be used by Nass lake sockeye, with a greater length of spawning habitat indicating a lower CU vulnerability to habitat pressures.The figure indicates the lakeshore spawning length within the CU rearing lake and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: FISS [Jan 2016], local Nass spawning datasets [March 2016].

19. Mainstem spawning length. The total length of all mainstem spawning reaches within the CU rearing lake ZOI. This reflects the total amount of mainstem habitat known to be used for spawning by Nass lake sockeye, with a greater length of spawning habitat indicating a lower CU vulnerability to habitat pressures.The figure indicates the length of mainstem spawning within the CU rearing lake ZOI and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: FISS [Jan 2016], local Nass spawning datasets [March 2016].

20. Tributary/lake inlet spawning length. The total length all trib/lake inlet spawning reaches occurring within the CU rearing lake ZOI. This reflects the total amount of trib/lake inlet habitat known to be used by Nass lake sockeye, with a greater length of spawning habitat indicating a lower CU vulnerability to habitat pressures.The figure indicates the trib/lake inlet spawning length within the CU rearing lake ZOI and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: FISS [Jan 2016]; local Nass spawning datasets [March 2016].

21. Ratio of lake influenced to total spawning. The total length of spawning reaches that are buffered by lake influence (i.e., lake shore or mainstem spawning) relative to the total length of all spawning reaches within the CU rearing lake ZOI. This reflects the effect of lakes to buffer against upstream habitat impacts, such that lake-influenced spawning areas would be considered relatively less vulnerable to disturbances than tributary/lake inlet spawning areas. The figure indicates the lake influenced ratio within the CU rearing lake ZOI and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: FISS [Jan 2016], local Nass spawning datasets [March 2016].

22. Salmon accessible habitat. The total length all 1:20K FWA defined stream reaches occurring within the CU rearing lake ZOI that are considered accessible to salmon. This reflects the total amount of stream habitat that could 'potentially' be available to lake sockeye (and other salmon species) for spawning or rearing, with a greater accessible length indicating a lower CU vulnerability to habitat pressures. The figure indicates the accessible habitat length within the CU rearing lake ZOI and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: BC MOE Fish Habitat model (Version 2) [March 2016]. Note that this project's depiction of accessible salmon habitat is based on a filtering of the province's default fish habitat criteria so that only stream reaches with gradients $\leq$ 10% are retained in the model (i.e. closer match to salmon passage capabilities).

Rearing period vulnerability

23. Area of nursery lakes. Total area of the lake sockeye CU nursery/rearing lake. Larger rearing lakes generally can provide more habitats to support a greater number of juvenile sockeye and should be more resilient to localized habitat impacts. The figure indicates the size of the CU rearing lake and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph) relative to other lake sockeye CUs within the Nass drainage. Data source: DFO_BC_Sockeye_Lake_CU_V2 [2010].

Spawning and rearing pressure

Hydrologic Processes

24. Forest disturbance. Percentage of disturbed forest (recently logged, selectively logged, and recently burned) in each watershed within the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs. Forest disturbance can impact salmon habitat through general changes to flow patterns and annual water yields. Defined benchmarks of concern (lower, moderate, higher) for forest disturbance are based on the relative distribution of values across all Nass watersheds. Data source: VRI [updated annually, downloaded Jan 2016], RESULTS [updated daily, downloaded Jan 2016], FTEN [updated daily, downloaded Jan 2016].

25. Equivalent Clear-cut Area (ECA). The percentage of each watershed in the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs that is considered functionally/hydrologically equivalent to a clear-cut. ECA is a calculated term that reflects the potential cumulative impact on fish habitats of harvesting and second-growth forest regeneration effects on peak flow. Defined benchmarks of concern (lower, moderate, higher) for ECA are science and expert based (MOF 2001; Smith and Redding 2012). Data source: VRI [updated annually, downloaded Jan 2016], RESULTS [updated daily, downloaded Jan 2016], FTEN [updated daily, downloaded Jan 2016], LCC2000-V [2000].

Vegetation Quality

26. Insect & disease defoliation. Percentage of the forest stands in each watershed within the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs that has been defoliated by recent insect invasion or disease. Defoliation can impact salmon habitats through changes to flows and groundwater supplies from altered precipitation interception and reduced transpiration. Defined benchmarks of concern (lower, moderate, higher) for insect and disease defoliation are based on the relative distribution of values across all Nass watersheds. Data source: VRI [updated annually, downloaded Jan 2016].

27. Riparian disturbance. Percentage of the riparian zone (defined by a 30m buffer around all water bodies) in each watershed within the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs that has been altered by land use activities. Disturbance to the riparian zone can alter stream shading, water temperature, organic matter inputs and bank stability. Defined benchmarks of concern (lower, moderate, higher) for riparian disturbance are science and expert based (Stalberg et al. 2009, Tripp and Bird (2004). Data source: VRI [updated annually, downloaded Jan 2016].

Surface Erosion

28. Road development. The density of all roads in each watershed within the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs. Extensive road development can interrupt overland flow and increase fine sediment generation, impacting downstream spawning and rearing habitats. Defined benchmarks of concern (lower, moderate, higher) for road density are science and expert based (MOF 1995a &b, Stalberg et al. 2009 & Robertson et al. 2012). Data source: DRA [updated monthly, downloaded Jan 2016], FTEN [updated daily, downloaded Jan 2016].

Water Quantity

29. Water licenses. The total number of permitted water licenses (all types) for points of diversion in each watershed within the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs. Diverted water can potentially reduce flows in streams, thereby limiting fish access to or use of habitats and/or changing hydrological processes. The defined benchmark of concern (lower & higher) for water licenses is a binary measure based simply on presence/absence of the pressure in the watershed. Data source: BC Points of Diversion with Water License Information [updated daily, downloaded Jan 2016].

Water Quality

30. Permitted wastewater discharges. Total number of permitted wastewater discharge sites in each watershed within the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs. High levels of wastewater discharge have the potential to impact water quality through excessive nutrient enrichment or chemical contamination. The defined benchmark of concern (lower & higher) for wastewater discharge sites is a binary measure based simply on presence/absence of the pressure in the watershed. Data source: MOE Wastewater Discharge and Permits database [updated regularly, downloaded Jan 2016].

Fish Passage/Habitat Connectivity

31. Stream crossing density. Number of crossings per km of defined fish habitat in each watershed within the CU rearing lake and spawning areas ZOIs. Obstructions at stream crossings can impact salmon habitat conditions and hinder migration of fish or block access to useable habitats. Defined benchmarks of concern (lower, moderate, higher) for stream crossing density are based on the relative distribution of

values across all Nass watersheds. Data source: BC MOE Fish Habitat model (Version 2) [Jan 2016], FWA Stream Network [2008], DRA [updated monthly, downloaded Dec 2016].

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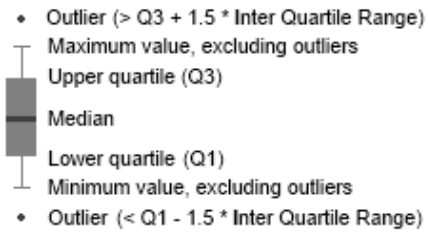

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CU overview of habitat vulnerabilities & pressures

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[1] The spawning zone of influence (ZOI) for each CU is defined as the 1:20K FWA assessment watersheds within DFO-delineated CU boundaries that overlap or intersect with the species-identified spawning reaches.
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6. Summary of pressure indicators—spawning. Area-weighted average of all watershed pressure indicator scores for 1:20K FWA (Freshwater Atlas) assessment watersheds within or intersecting the CU spawning ZOI. The area-weighted average score is normalized for each indicator so that the lower to moderate risk threshold (t_1) occurs at 0.33 (s_m) and the moderate to higher risk threshold (t_2) is at 0.66 (s_h) on a scale of 0 to 1[5]. The greyed areas within the figure represent the separation of the individual indicators into the seven Impact Category groupings.

7. Cumulative pressure—spawning. Map of cumulative risk from habitat pressures for each watershed found within the CU spawning ZOI. The cumulative risk rating is based on the risk scoring of seven habitat pressure indicator Impact Categories (hydrologic processes, vegetation quality, surface erosion, fish passage/habitat connectivity, water quantity, human development footprint, and water quality). Categorical roll-up rule set for watersheds in rearing & spawning zones of influence: if ≥ 3 impact categories are rated as higher risk, then the watershed's cumulative risk classification = red (higher risk), else if ≥ 5 Impact Categories are rated as lower risk then the watershed's cumulative risk classification = green (lower risk), else the watershed's cumulative risk classification = amber (moderate risk).

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Rearing/Migration vulnerability & pressures

Rearing/Migration period pressure

9. Rearing/Migration period pressures. Large-scale map of the identified CU rearing/migration areas showing cumulative rearing/migration risk scoring for watersheds within the CU's rearing/migration ZOI and more detail on the location of the ZOI within the Nass drainage.

Rearing/Migration period vulnerability

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11. Flow sensitive accessible habitat (km) (all seasons). The total length of accessible streams within the CU rearing/migration ZOI that is considered prone to experiencing low water flows (in either summer, winter, or both seasons), with associated potential for altered water temperatures. Low flow conditions experienced over extended distances can impact fish health and can increase encounters with flow-related obstacles/delays to adult fish passage etc. The figure indicates the total stream length for the CU that is considered to be within zones of low flow sensitivity and illustrates the degree of this vulnerability (blue bar graph or blue dotted line, dependent on presentation format used for the species) relative to other CUs for the species within the Nass drainage. Data source: BC MOE ecoregional flow sensitivity map [Feb 23, 2011], BC MOE Fish Habitat model (Version 2) [March 2016].

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Spawning & incubation vulnerability

Spawning period vulnerability

15. Spawning locations. Map of known spawning reaches and/or spawning sites within the CU as well as the project's defined spawning ZOI. Data source: FISS [Jan 2016], local Nass spawning datasets [March 2016].

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Spawning pressure[6]

Hydrologic Processes

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Surface Erosion

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Water Quantity

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Fish Passage/Habitat Connectivity

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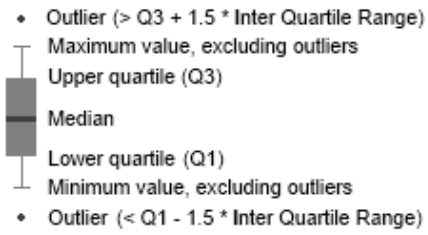

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