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### Hood Canal Recurring Hypoxia and Fish Kills



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#### Source:

1. WSDOT 1997– William A. Bugge Bridge, (Hood Canal Bridge - 104/5.2), Replacement Plan,

for the, East-Half, Floating Portion October, 1997

2. WSDOT 2009 - Hood Canal Bridge Project Progress Report – July 2009



#### **Hood Canal Bridge Impact Assessment**

- Hypothesis: Hood Canal Bridge alters nearfield hydrodynamics and could have far-field and basin-wide impacts on circulation and water quality
  - Preliminary assessments
    - HCB restricts the flushing of Hood Canal (Khangaonkar and Wang, 2013)
    - Higher mortality of pelagic fishes near the Bridge (Moore et al. 2010, 2013).
    - Higher near-surface fish density within the vicinity of the Hood Canal Bridge (H. Daubenberger, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe)
- ► HCB EIAP (LLTK 2016) 13 Components
  - C8 Oceanographic data collection
  - C9 Nearfield Zone of Influence (ZOI) (Salish Sea Model)



#### **Oceanographic Measurements (2017)**



ADCPs (Current Profiles) North, Bridge, and ∧ North ADCP South • 4/25-6/2 2017 Point Measurement Bridge ADCP Nortek Aquadopp • 4/27-6/6 2017 South ADCP ♦ Water Level Station CTD: North: 4 profiles South: 3 profiles

Reference: RSP Group. 2017. Current Measurements in Hood Canal 2017: Data Report. Prepared for Long Live The Kings. Report draft. Project No. S6584

#### Salish Sea Model – PNNL / Ecology / EPA Hydrodynamics and Water Quality



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#### Salish Sea Model – <u>http://salish-sea.pnnl.gov/</u>

- Khangaonkar et al. (2011 a,b, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017)
- Pelletier at al. 2017 a,b, Bianucci et al 2018,
- Khangaonkar et al 2018 (under review)]

## Salish Sea Model Grid Refinement Hood Canal Bridge



Refined

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Original



### Model Validation – Year 2017 Temperature and Salinity

Deployment - 4/25/2017- 6/11/2017





#### ADCP Data – Model Comparison



Legend

ADCP
 Water
 CTD

North

47,87

#### Maximum Ebb and Flood Velocities Effect of the Bridge on Surface Currents



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#### **Horizontal Velocity: With Bridge**

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#### Horizontal Surface Velocity Difference Present condition with HCB - indicated scenario



#### Vertical Transect Salinity Difference Present condition with HCB - indicated scenario



### Zone of Influence Summary



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Variable	South HCB		North HCB	
	ZOI (km)	Max. Δ	ZOI (km)	Max. Δ
Velocity Flood (m/s)	4.22	-0.19 (m/s)	0.49	-0.15 (m/s)
Velocity Ebb (m/s)	0.53	-0.16 (m/s)	3.25	-0.34 (m/s)
Salinity Flood (psu)	2.429	+0.47 (psu)	*	*
Salinity Ebb (psu)	*	*	10.54	+0.33 (psu)
Temperature Flood (°C)	0.77	-0.50 (°C)	NA	0.03 (°C)
Temperature Ebb (°C)	NA	+0.21(°C)	NA	-0.22 (°C)

- ZOI is based on relative reduction of difference to < 10% of the maximum value</p>
- ZOI for temperature based on 0.3°C cut off
- \* Needs further analysis / may require basin-wide examination

#### Particle Tracking Animation PNNL FVCOM-3DPT Model



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3D particle tracking model Particle Diffusivity: 0.01 m<sup>2</sup>/s Particle release depth: 0-25 m Number of particles released: 3000



#### Thank you / Questions?

- HCB blocks surface layer advection and affects hydrodynamics
  - Induces increased local mixing
  - Causes pooling of water (up-current)
  - Results in shadow/sheltering of water (down-current)
- ► HCB Zone of Influence (≈ 20 m of the water column)
  - Velocity ≈ 3 4 km
  - Salinity ≈ 2 11 km
  - Temperature ≈ < 1 km</p>
  - (Note this is work in progress)

