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# Holy Smolts it's Time to GO!





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**Abstract.** Pulsed resource subsidies generate ephemeral fluxes of nutrients and energy among ecosystems. The effects of pulsed subsidies should depend on the magnitude of the pulse, the in situ productivity of the recipient system, and the ability of consumers to capitalize on the resources, yet

**Could salmon subsidies affect  
life history expression?**



# Steelhead Life Cycle



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Age 2



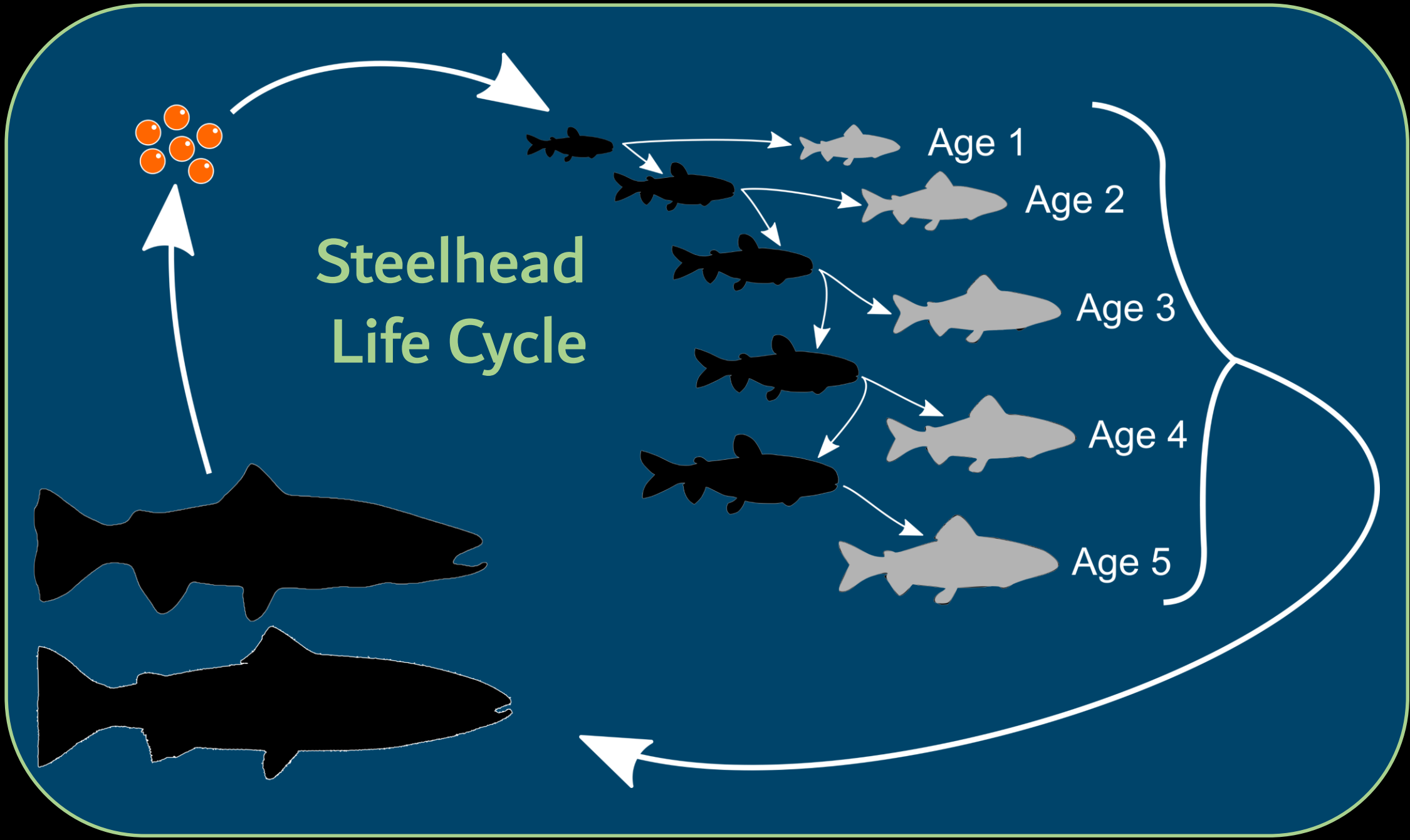
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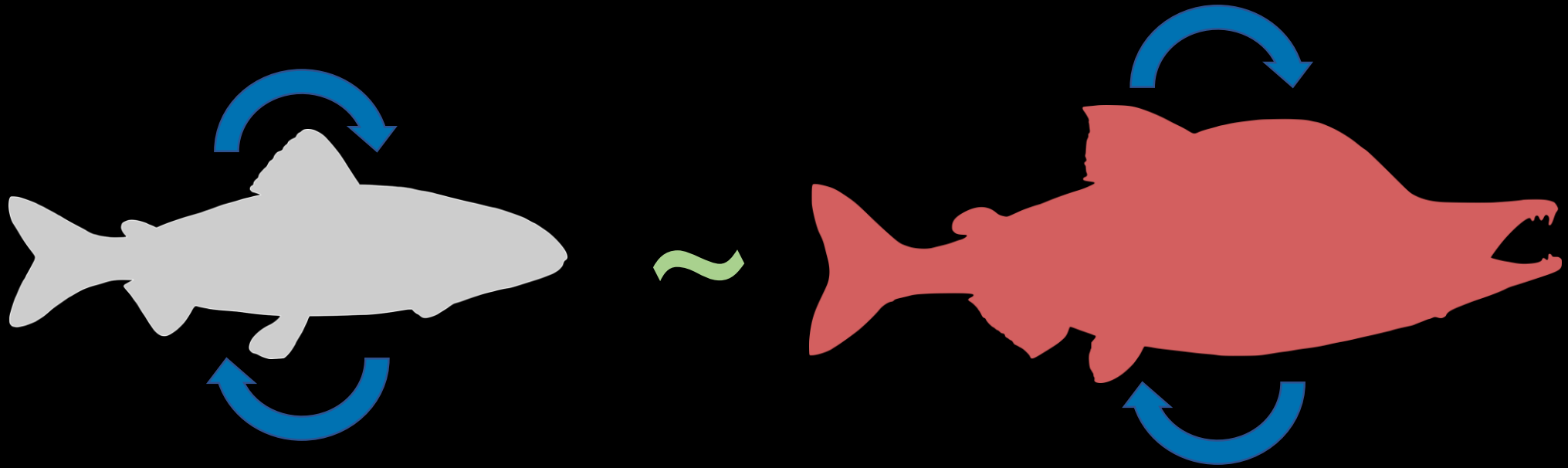
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# Hypothesis



# The Keogh River

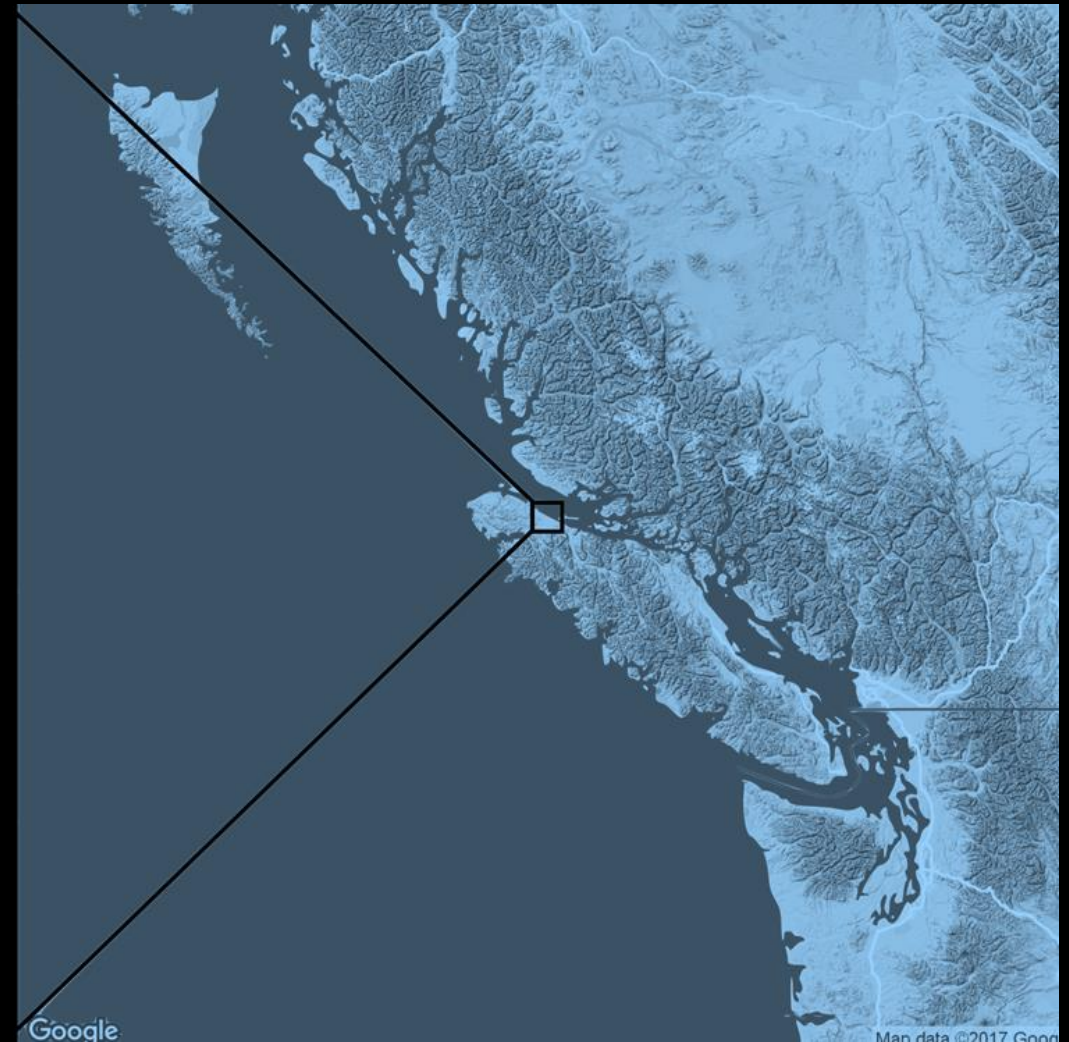
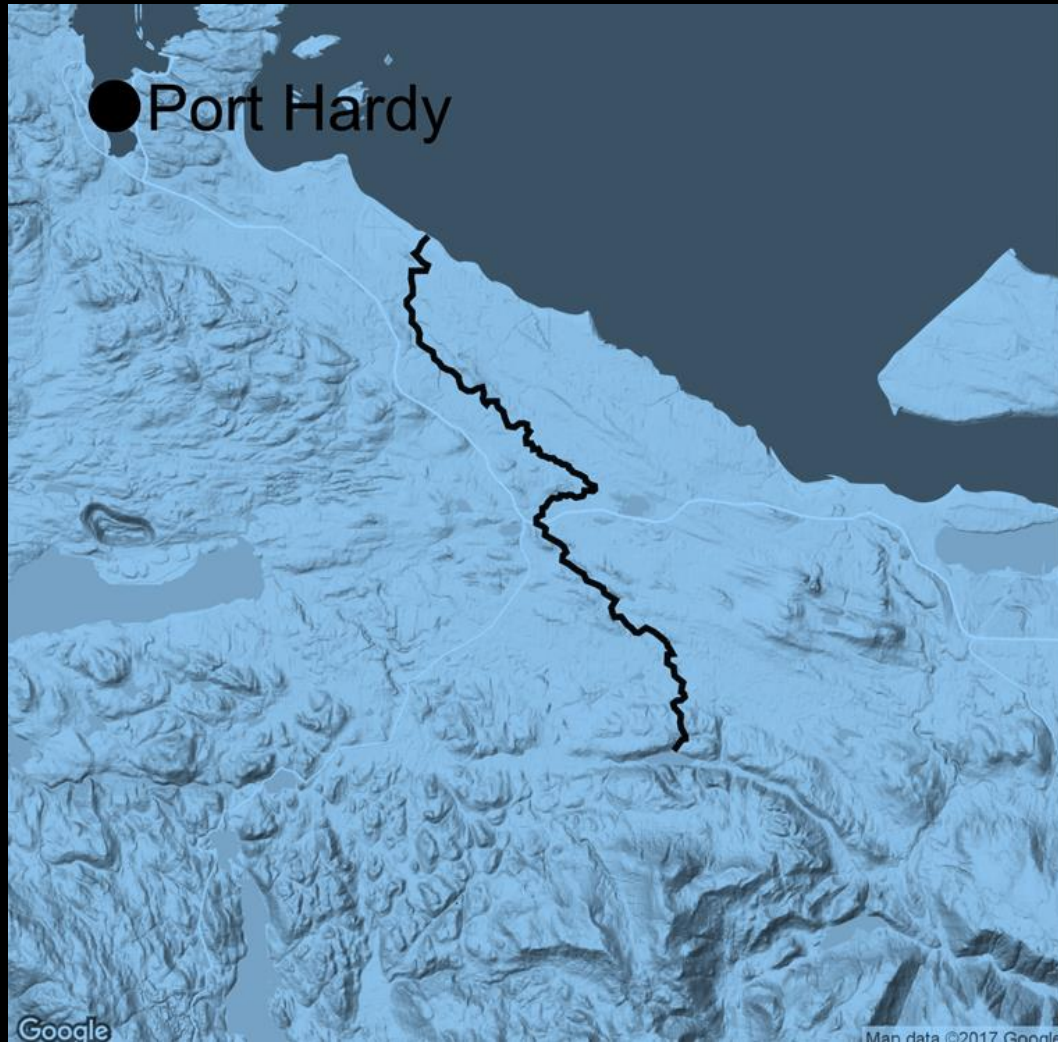
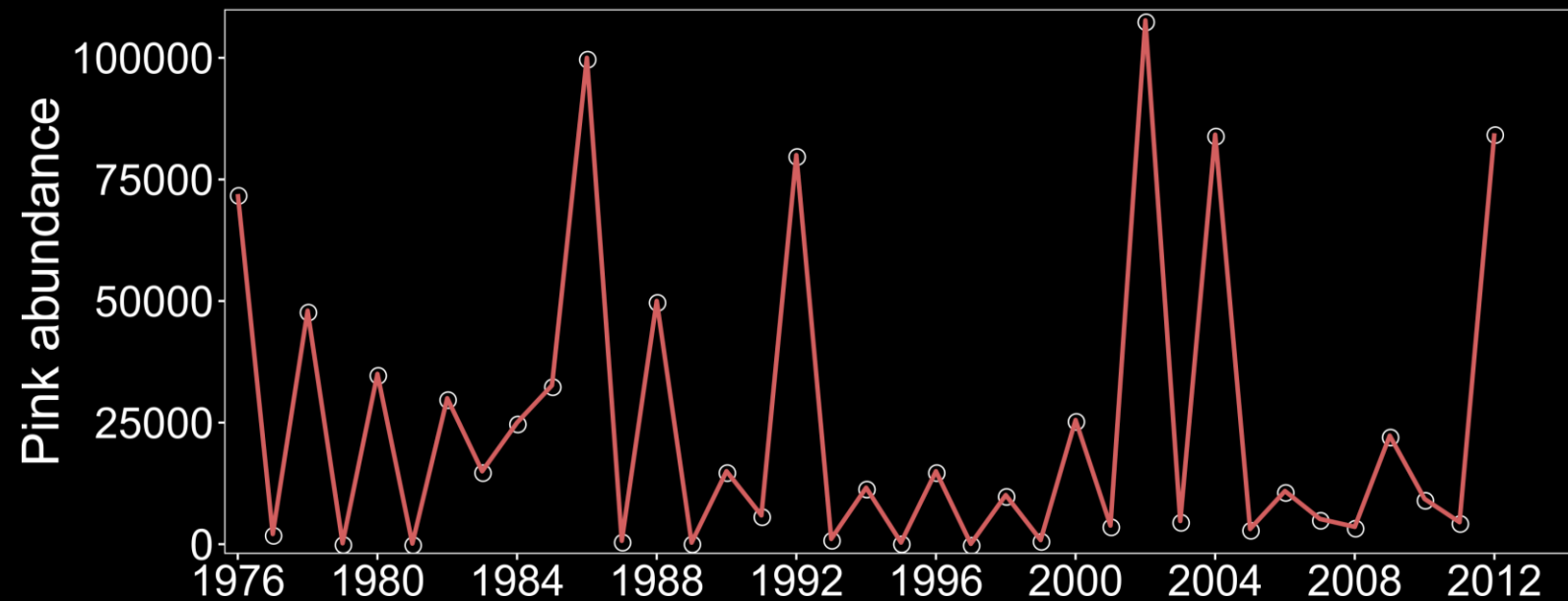
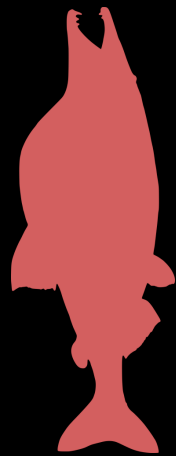




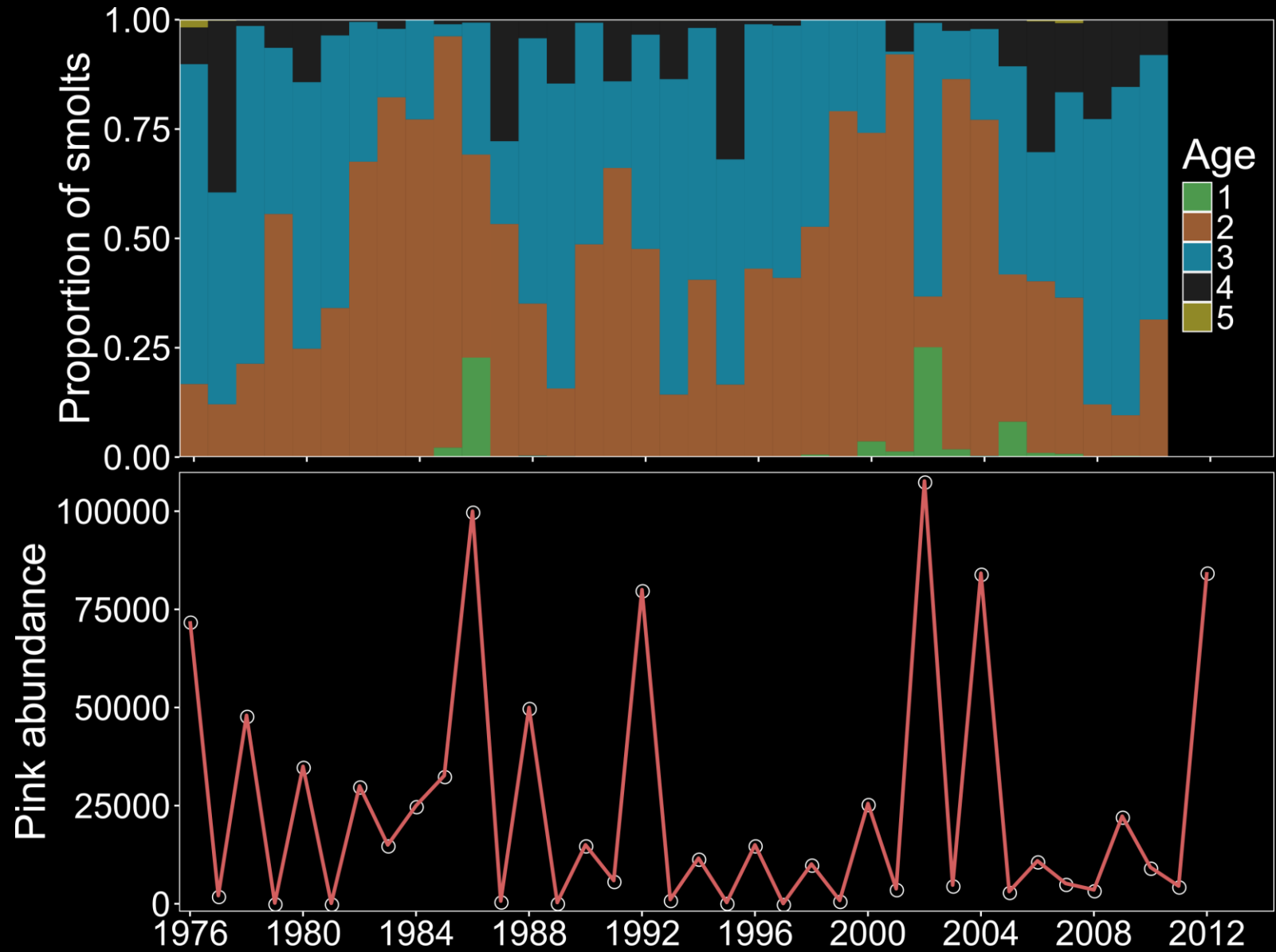
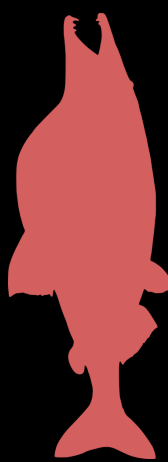


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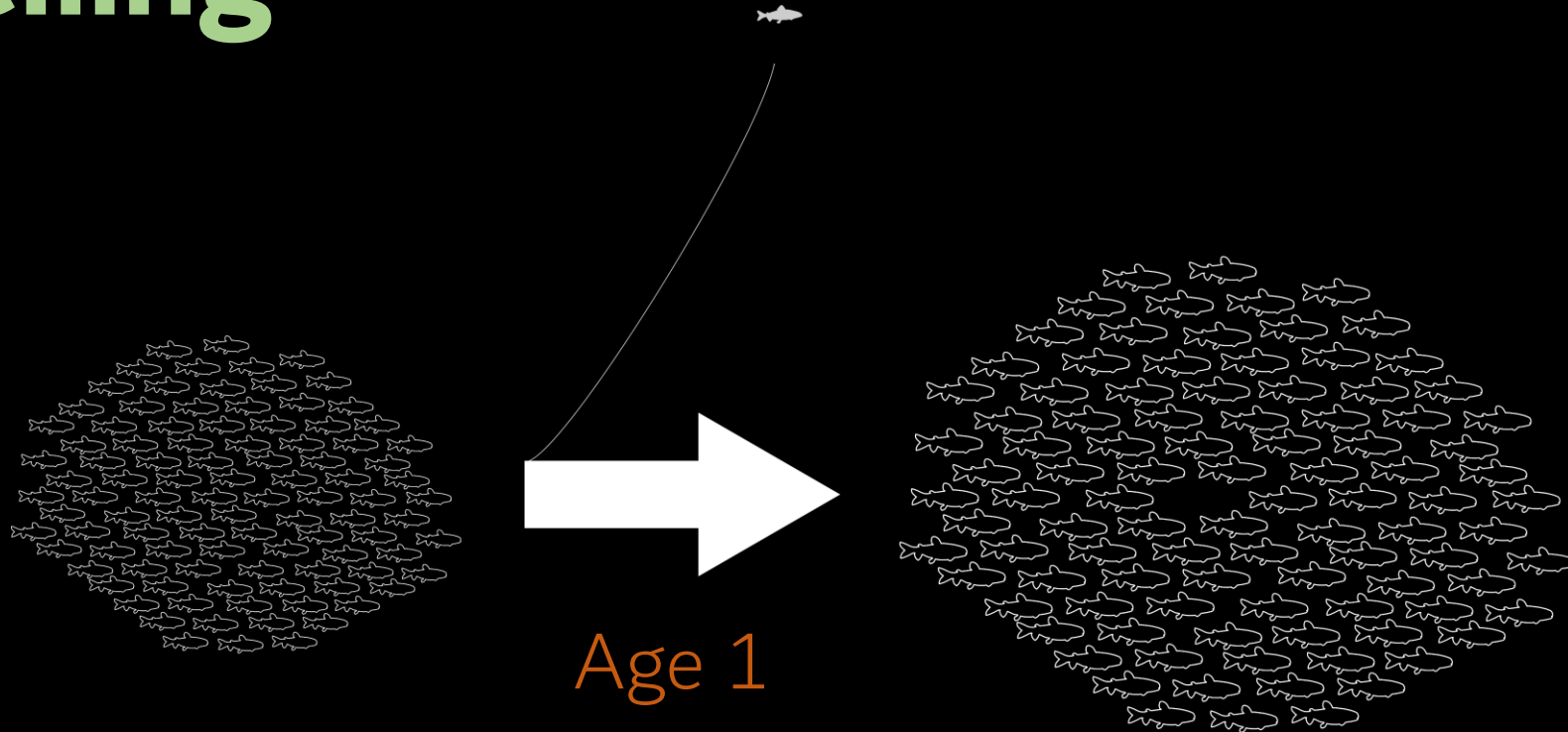
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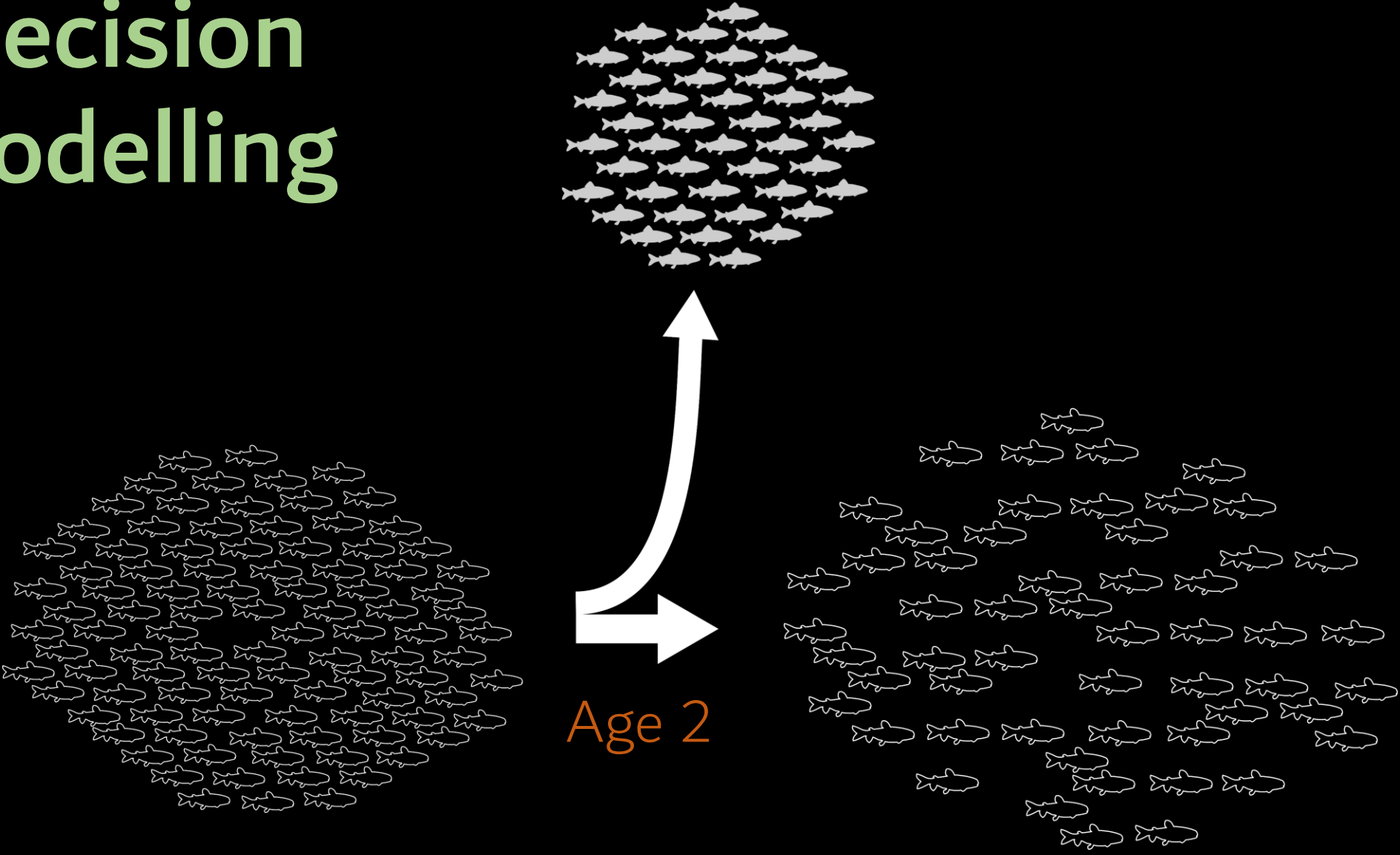


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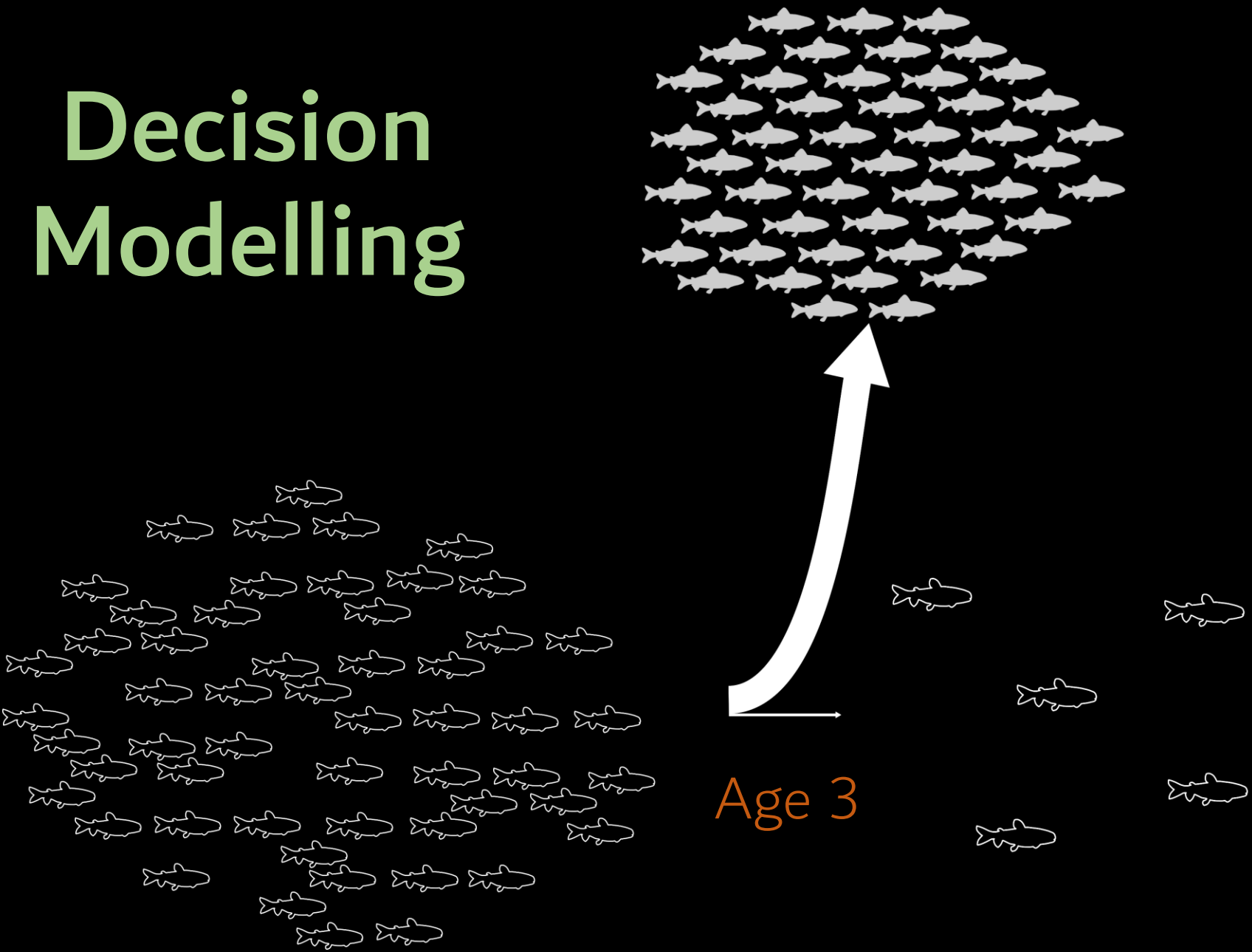




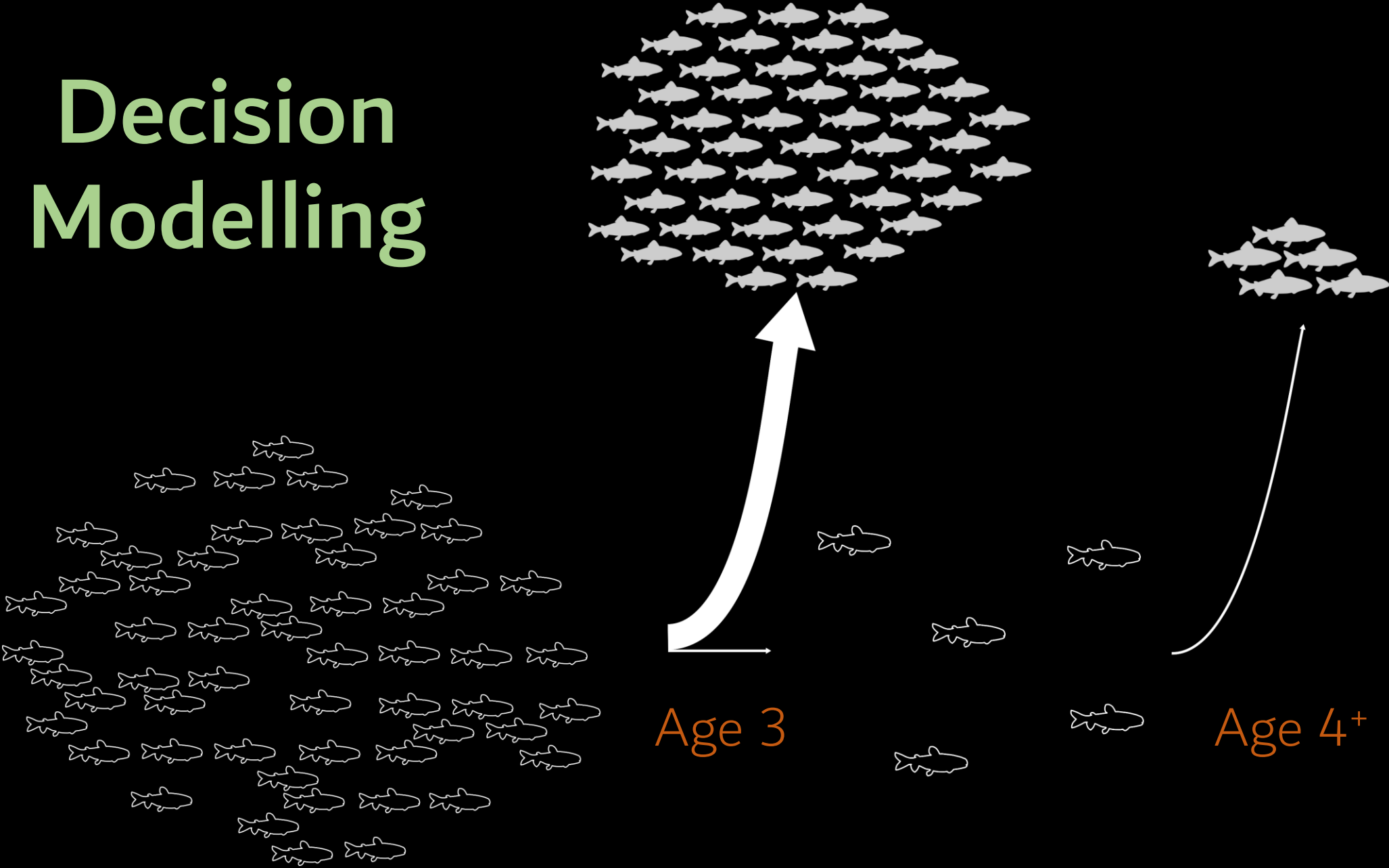
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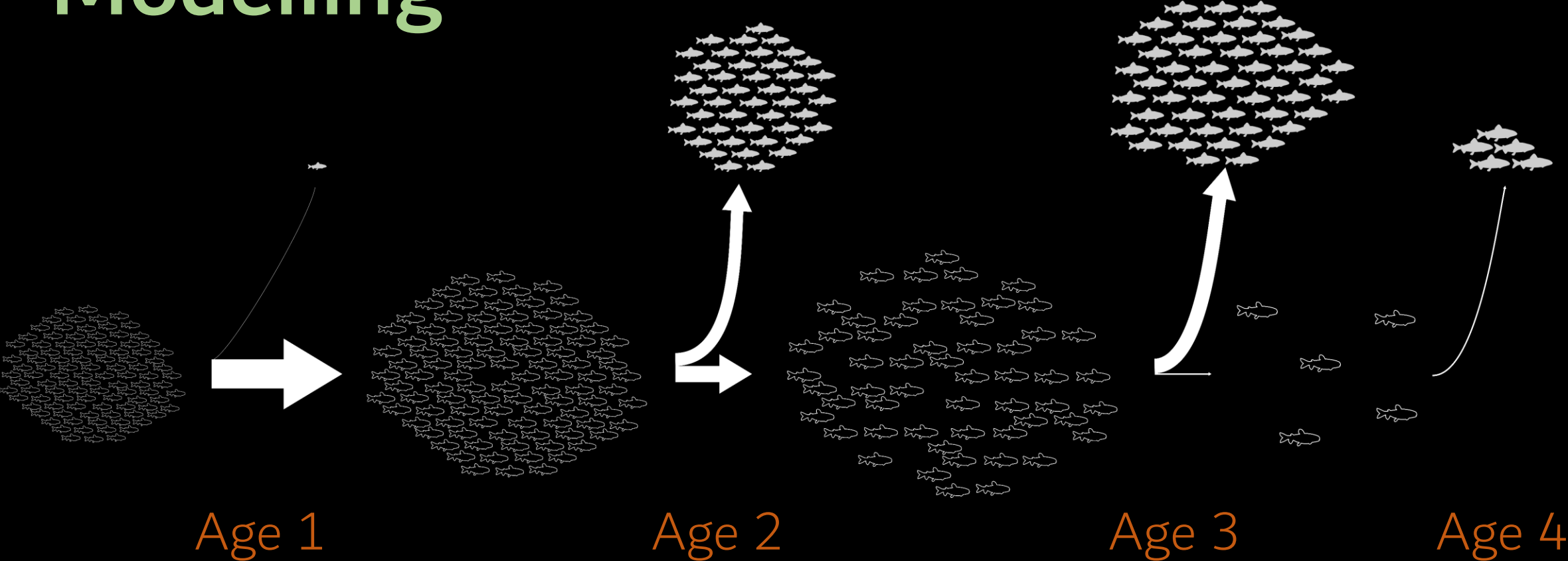
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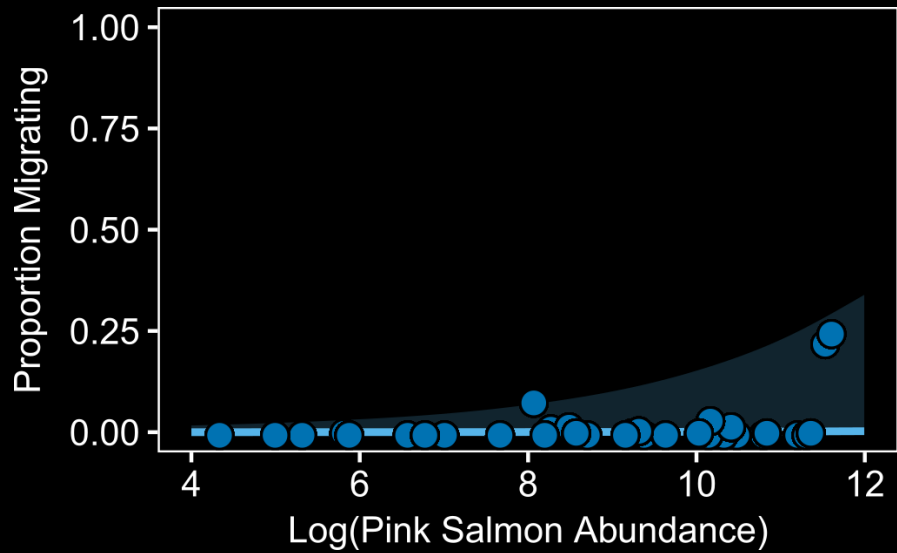
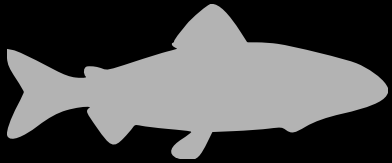


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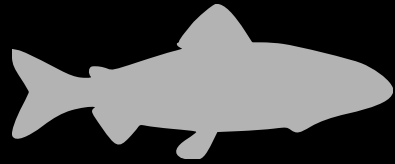
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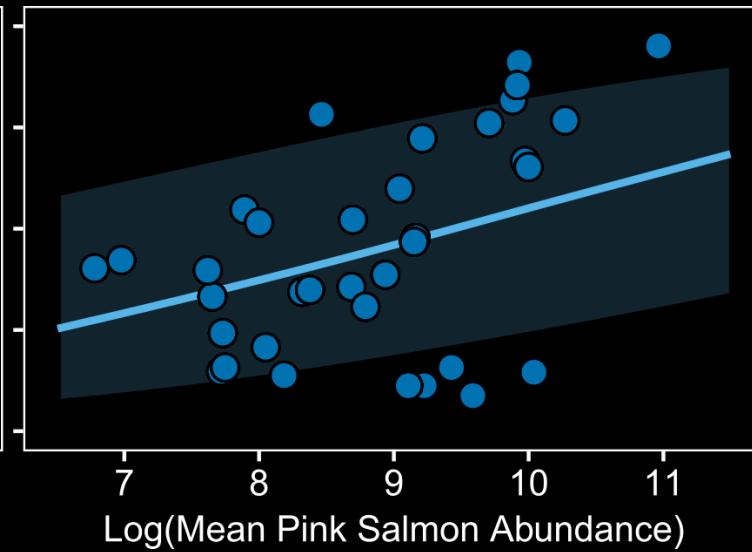
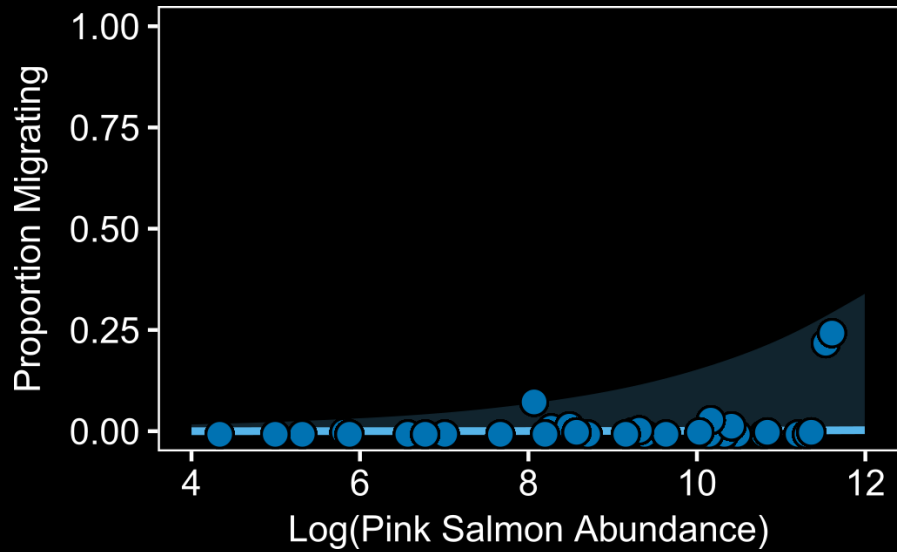
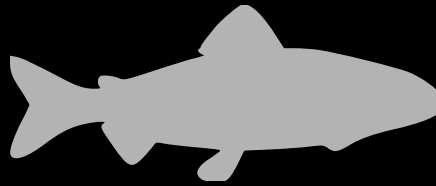


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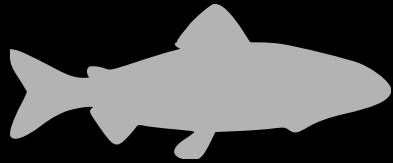


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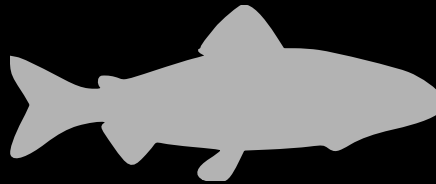


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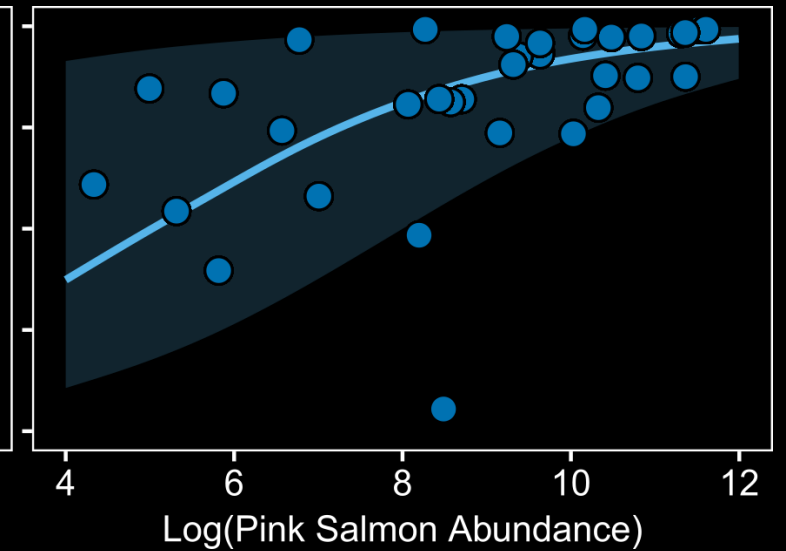
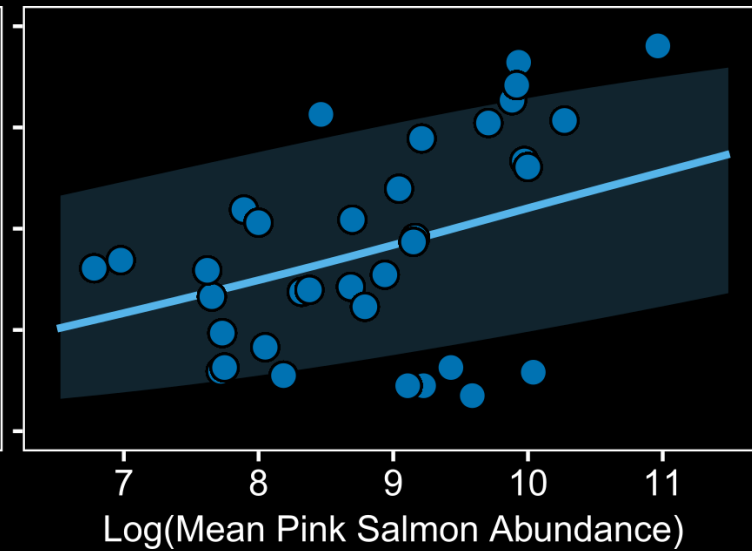
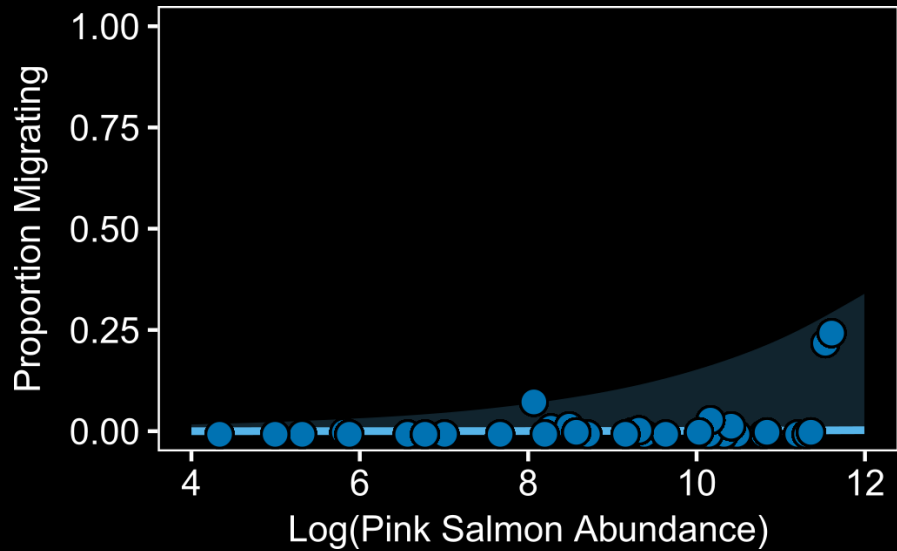
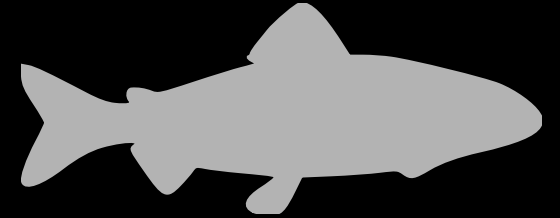
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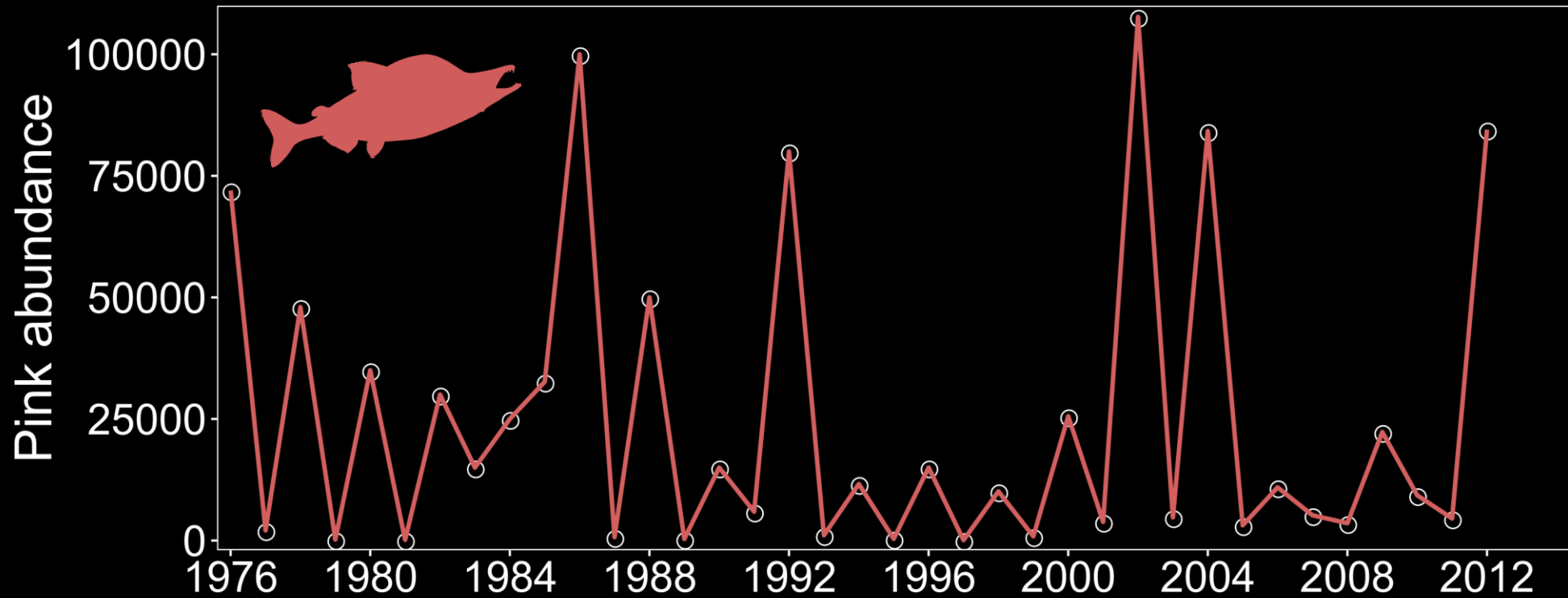
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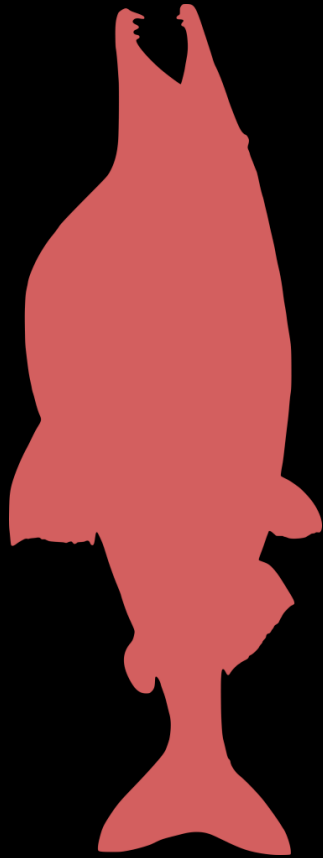


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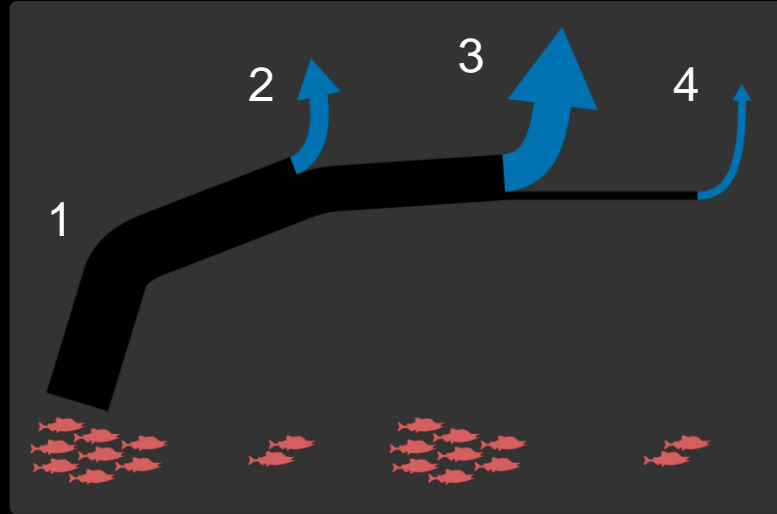




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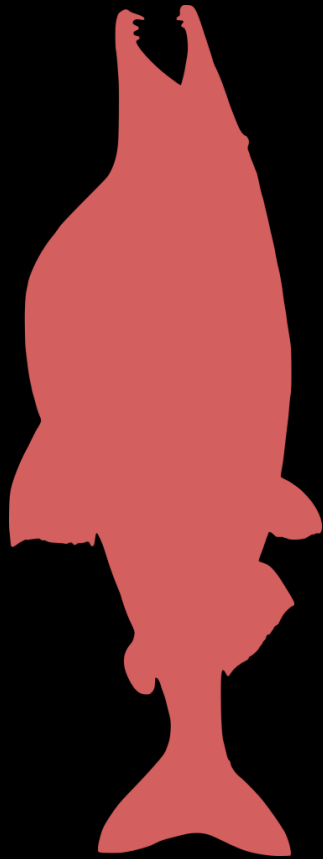


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Pink Salmon Abundance Cycle

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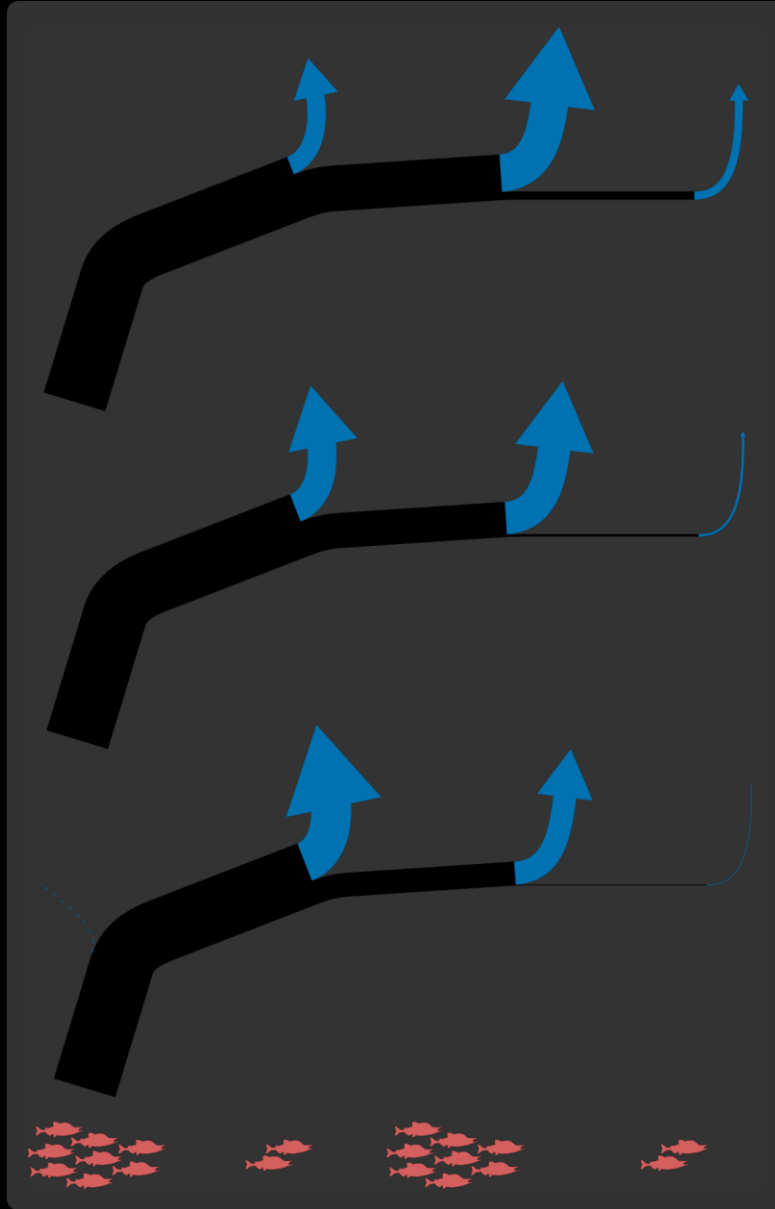


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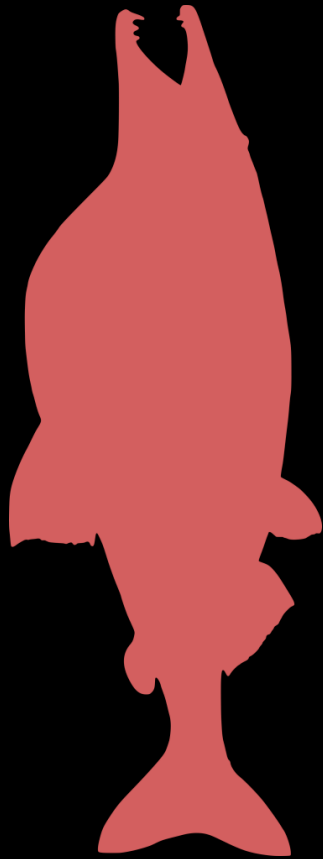
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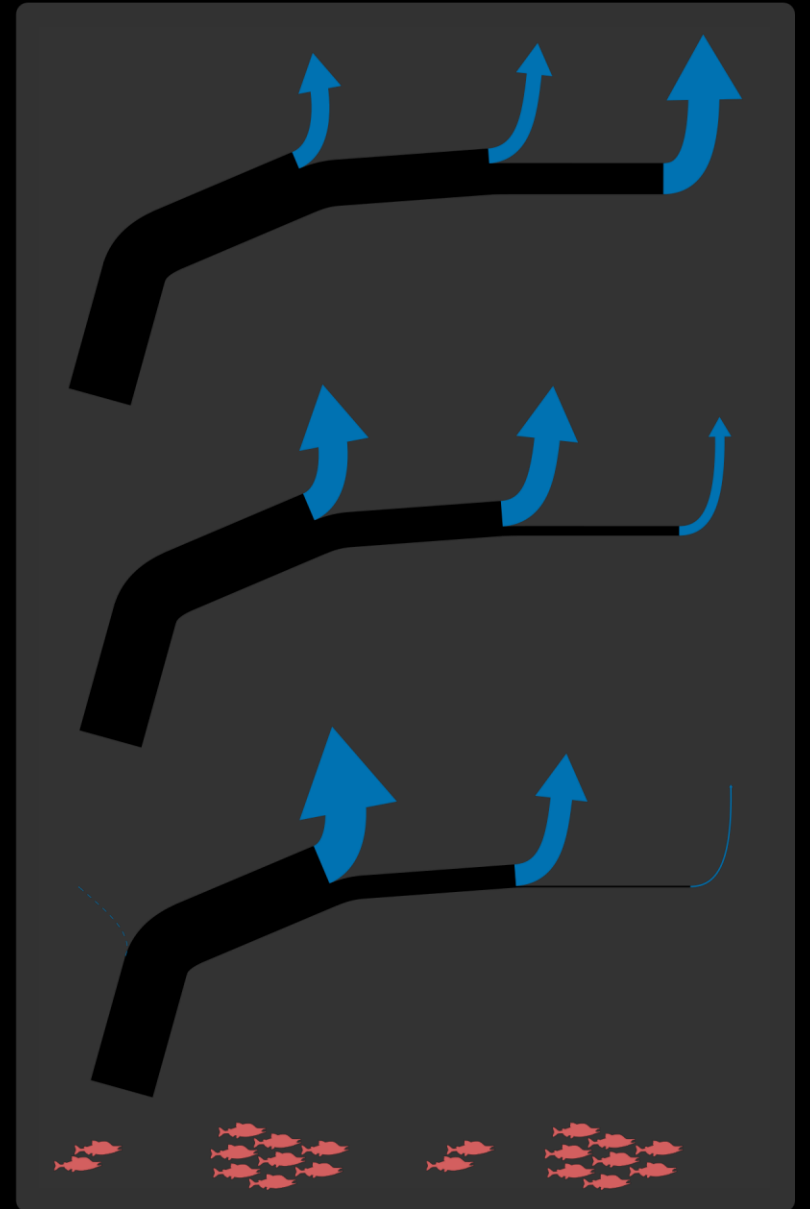
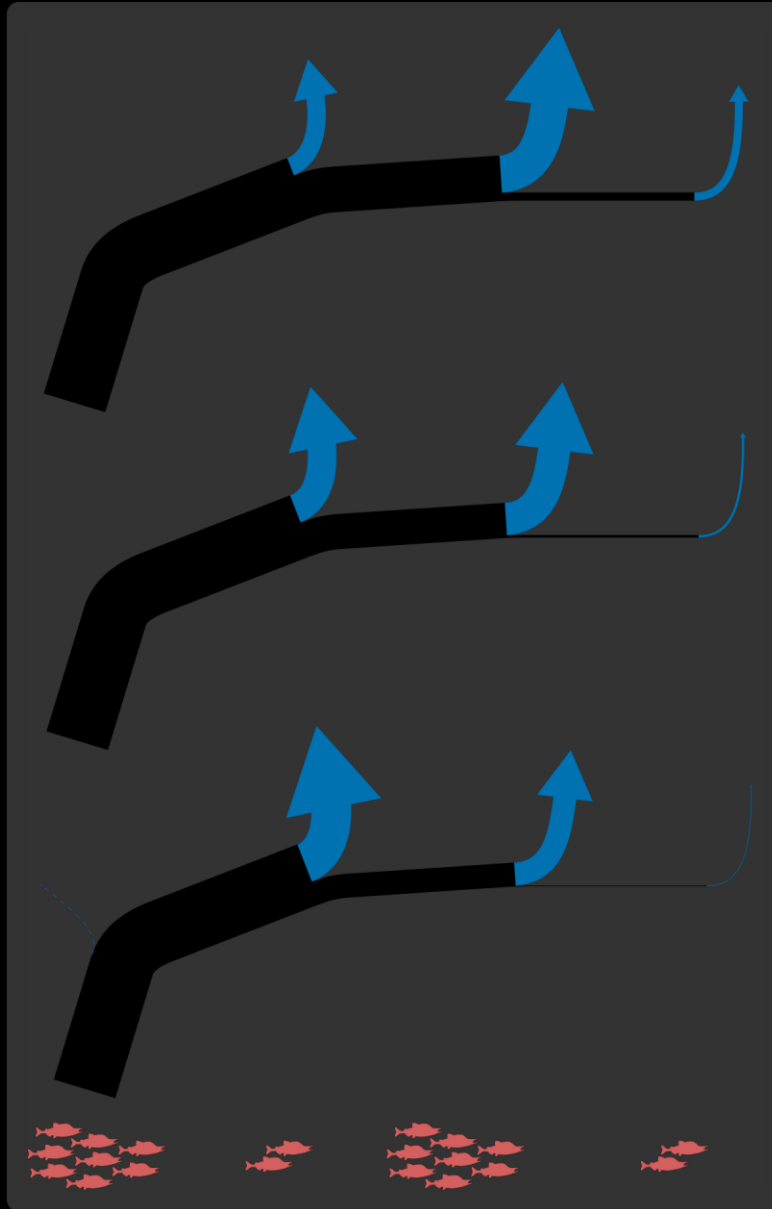
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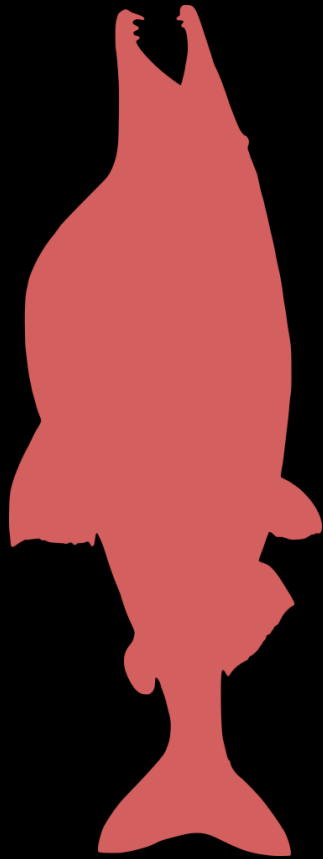
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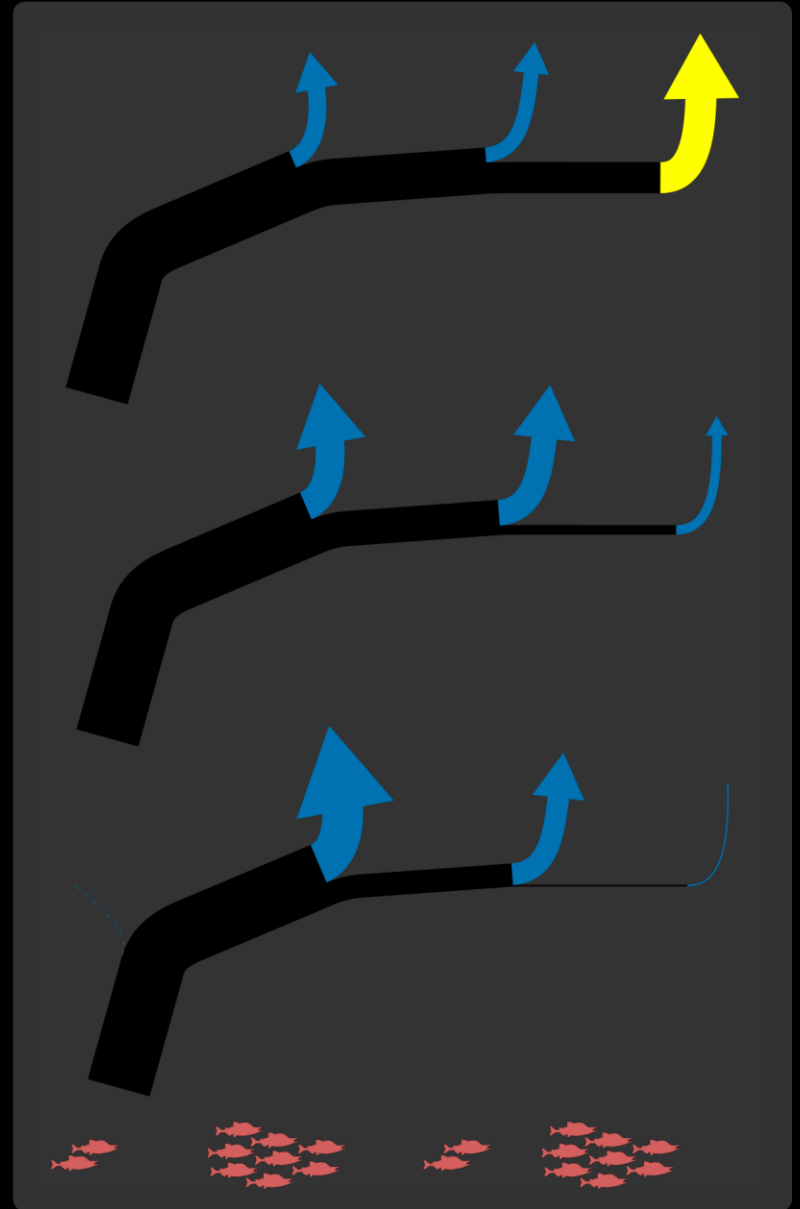
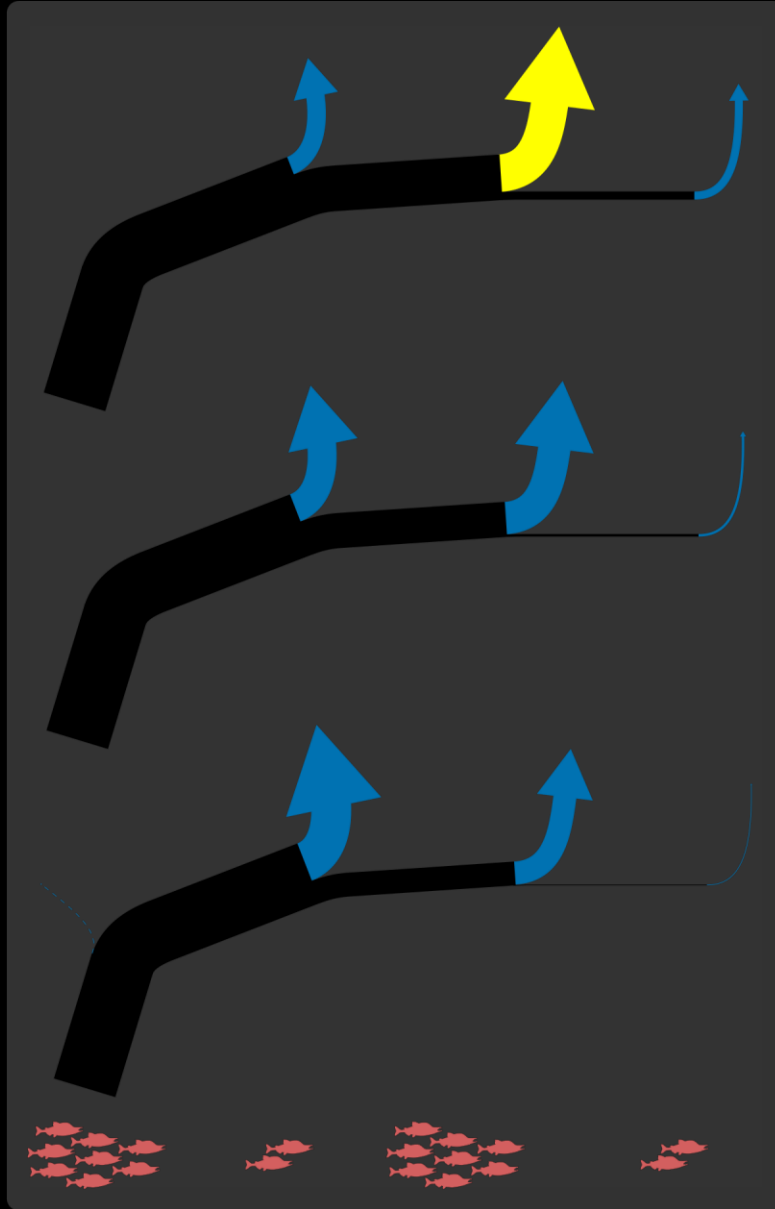
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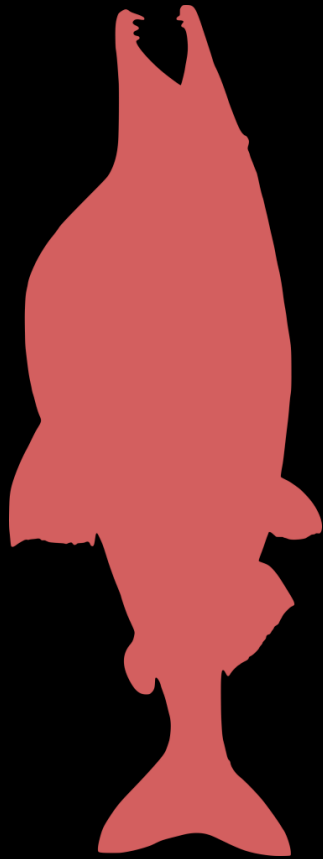
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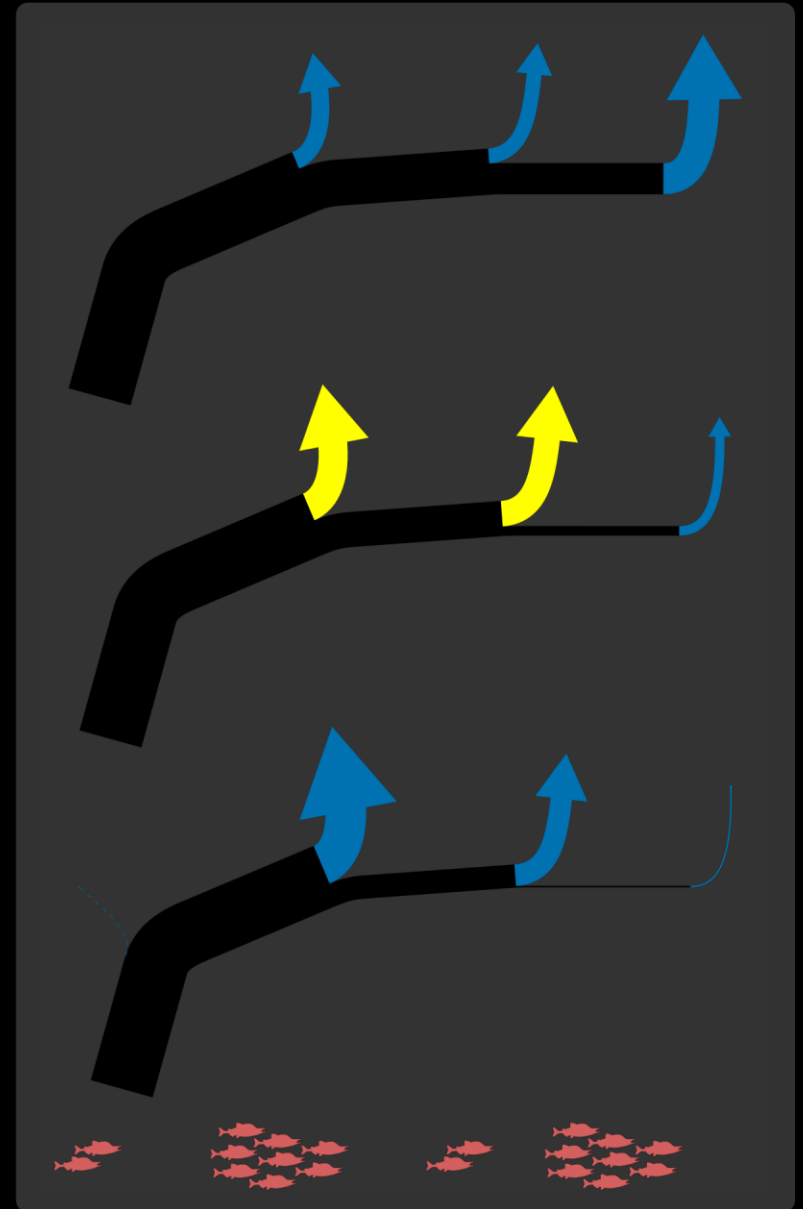
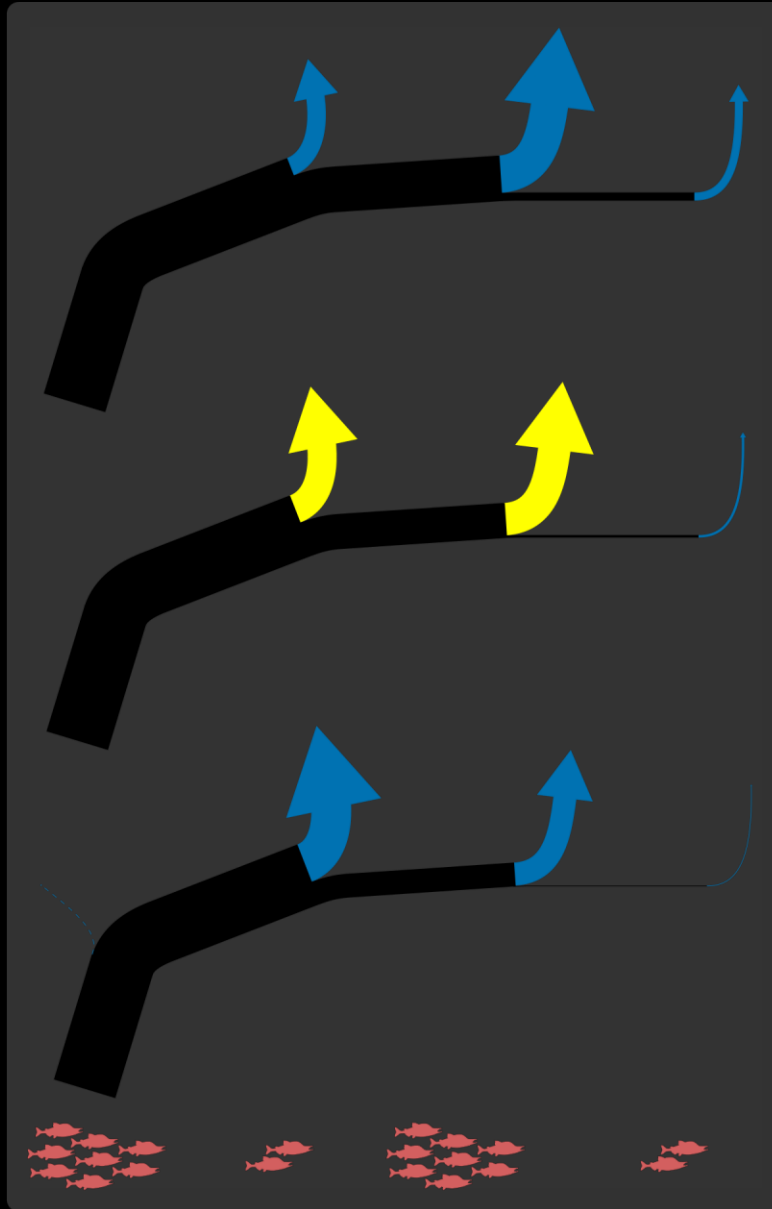
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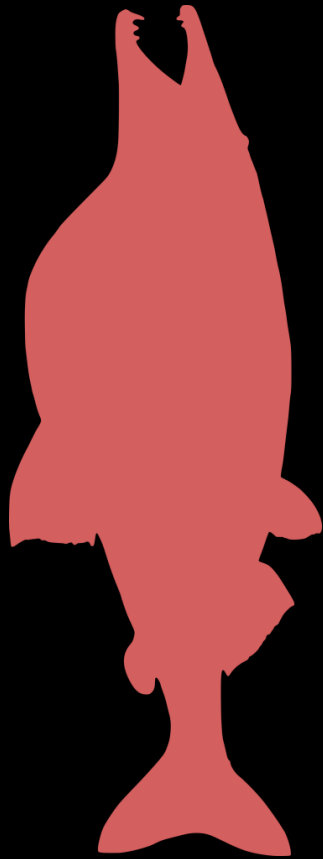
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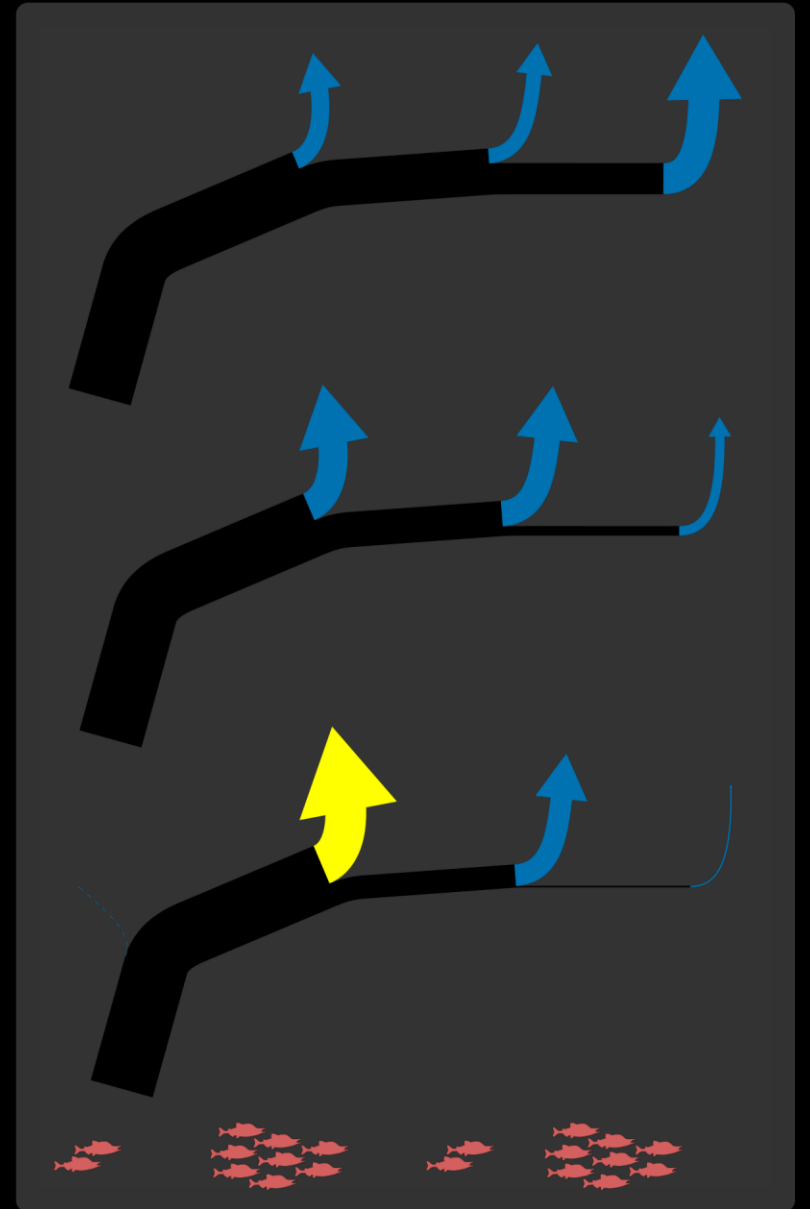
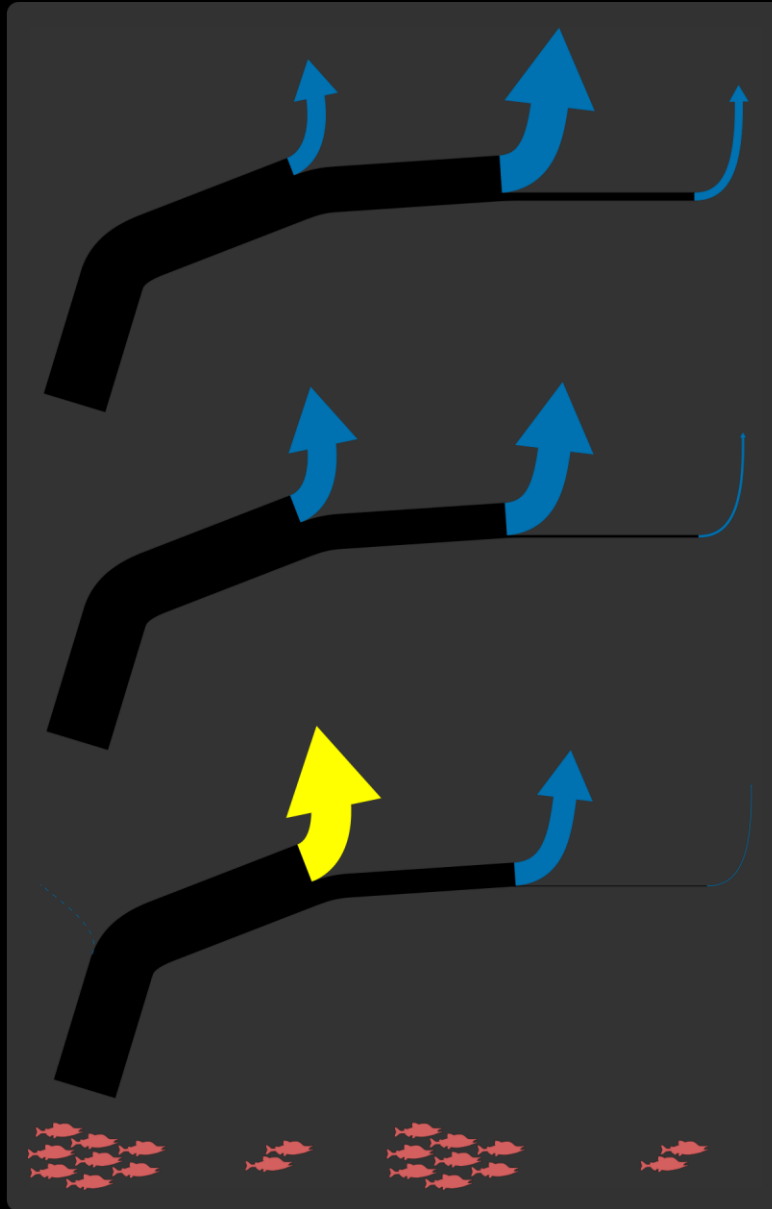
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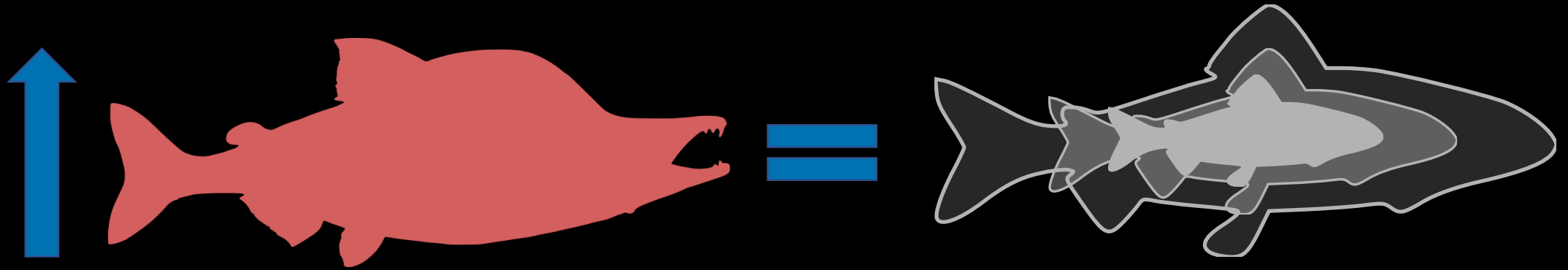
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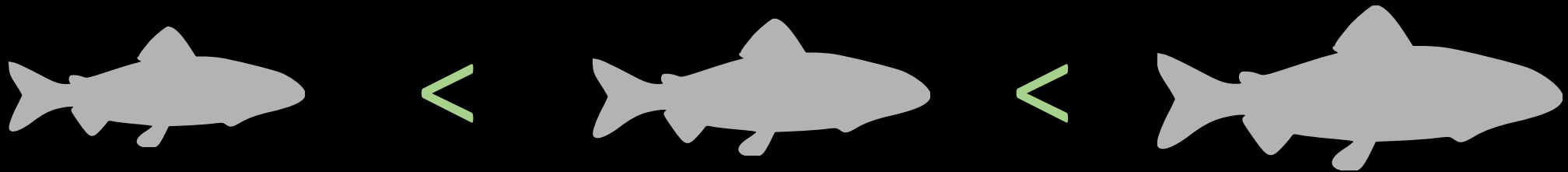
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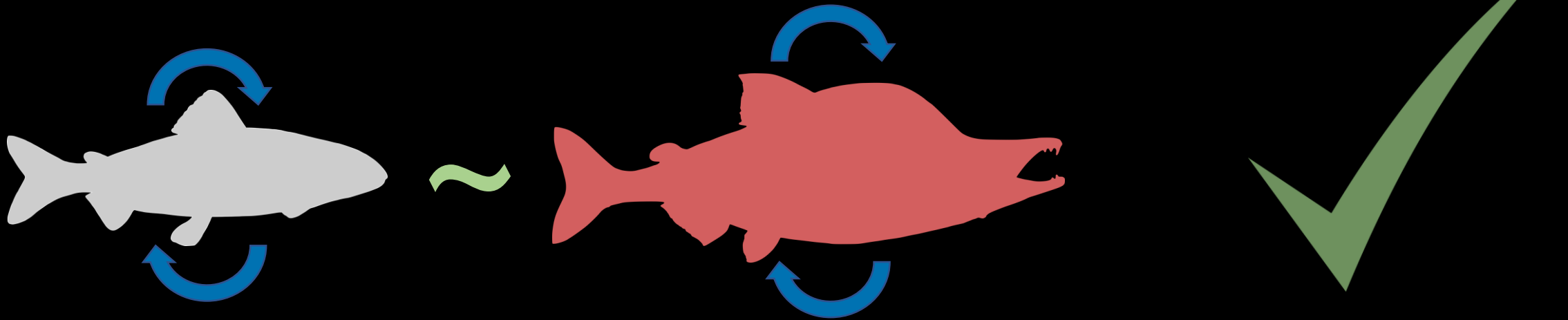
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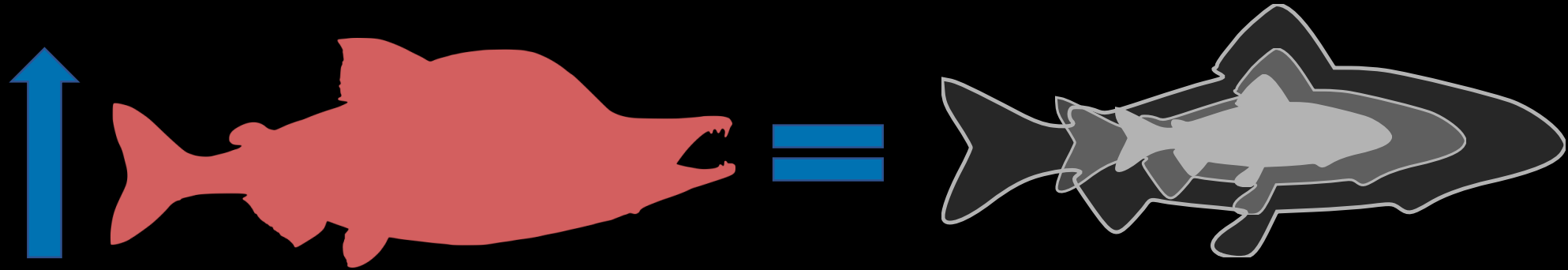
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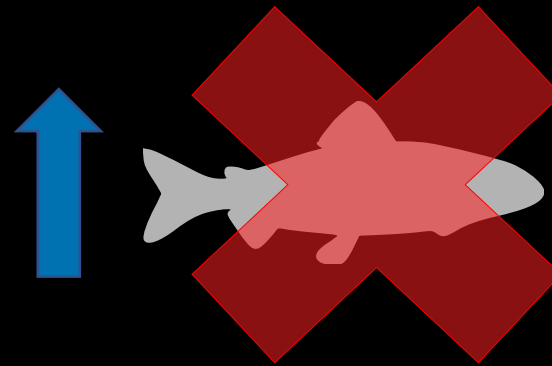
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# Questions?

