Rio Grande Silvery Minnow capacity for movement in a highly dynamic system

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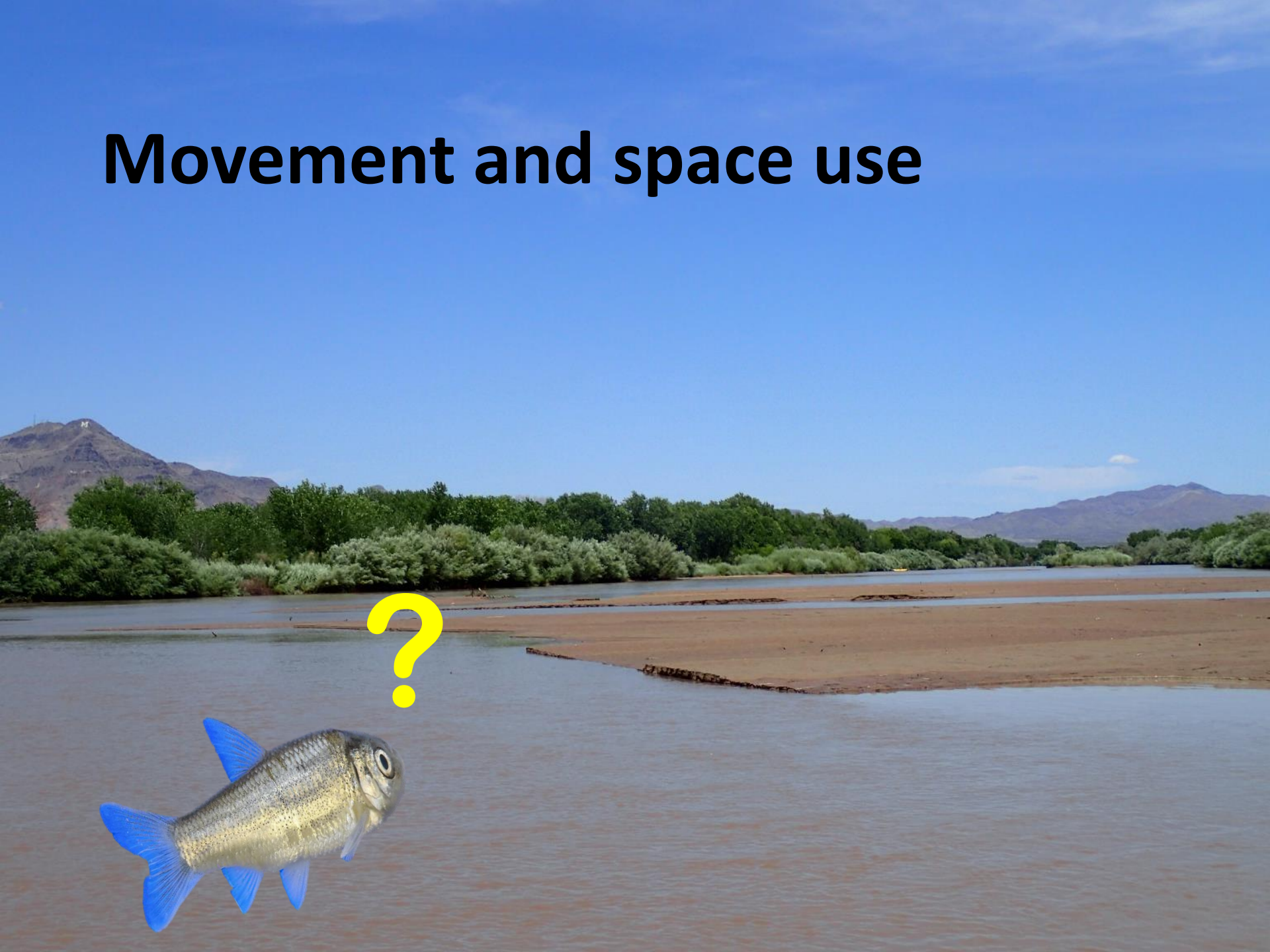
Species Conservation

Movement and space use



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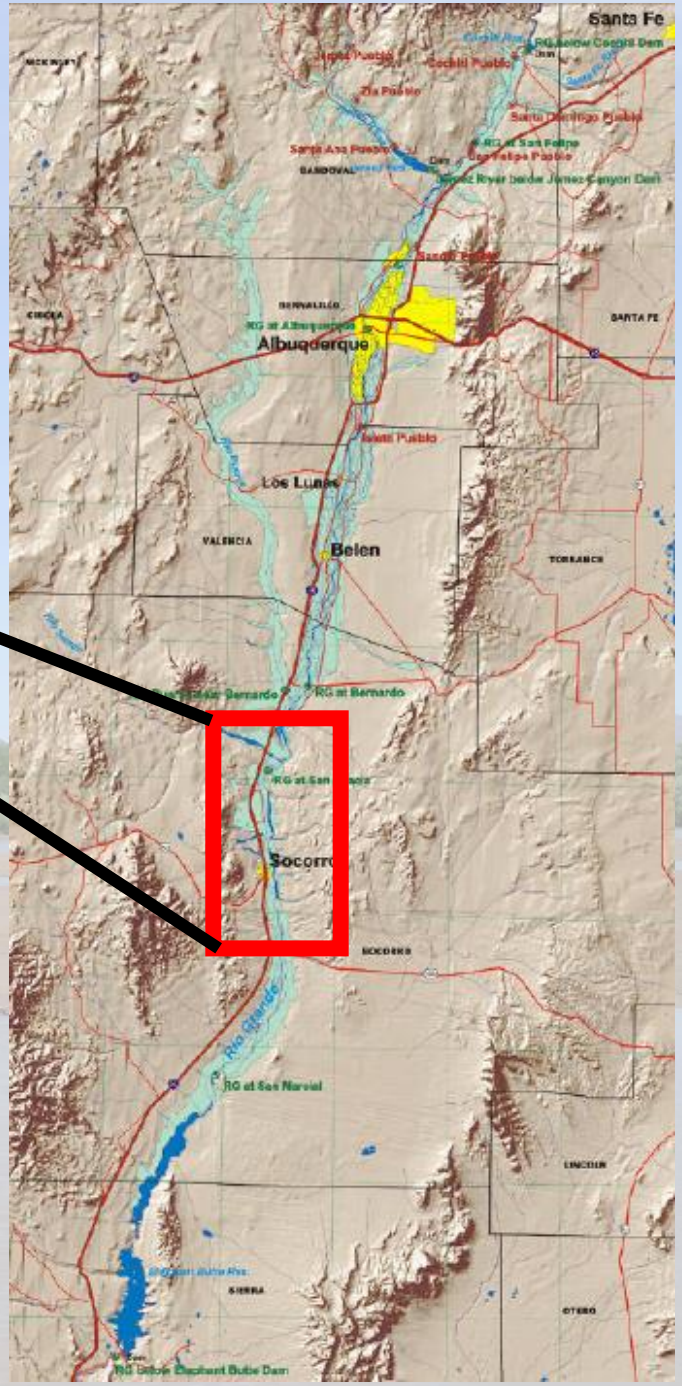
How do these fish move in a contemporary fragmented river?

Study Site

- San Acacia



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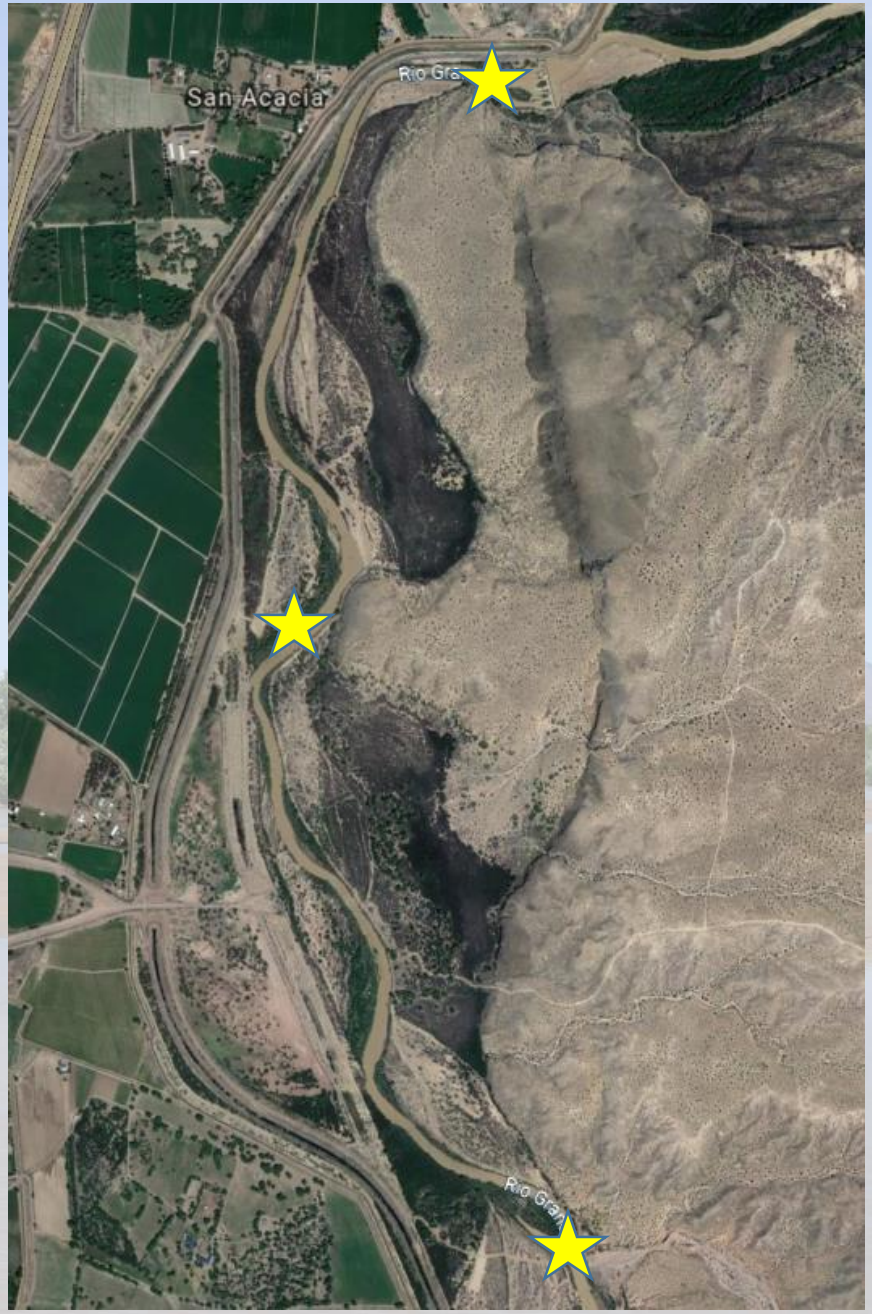

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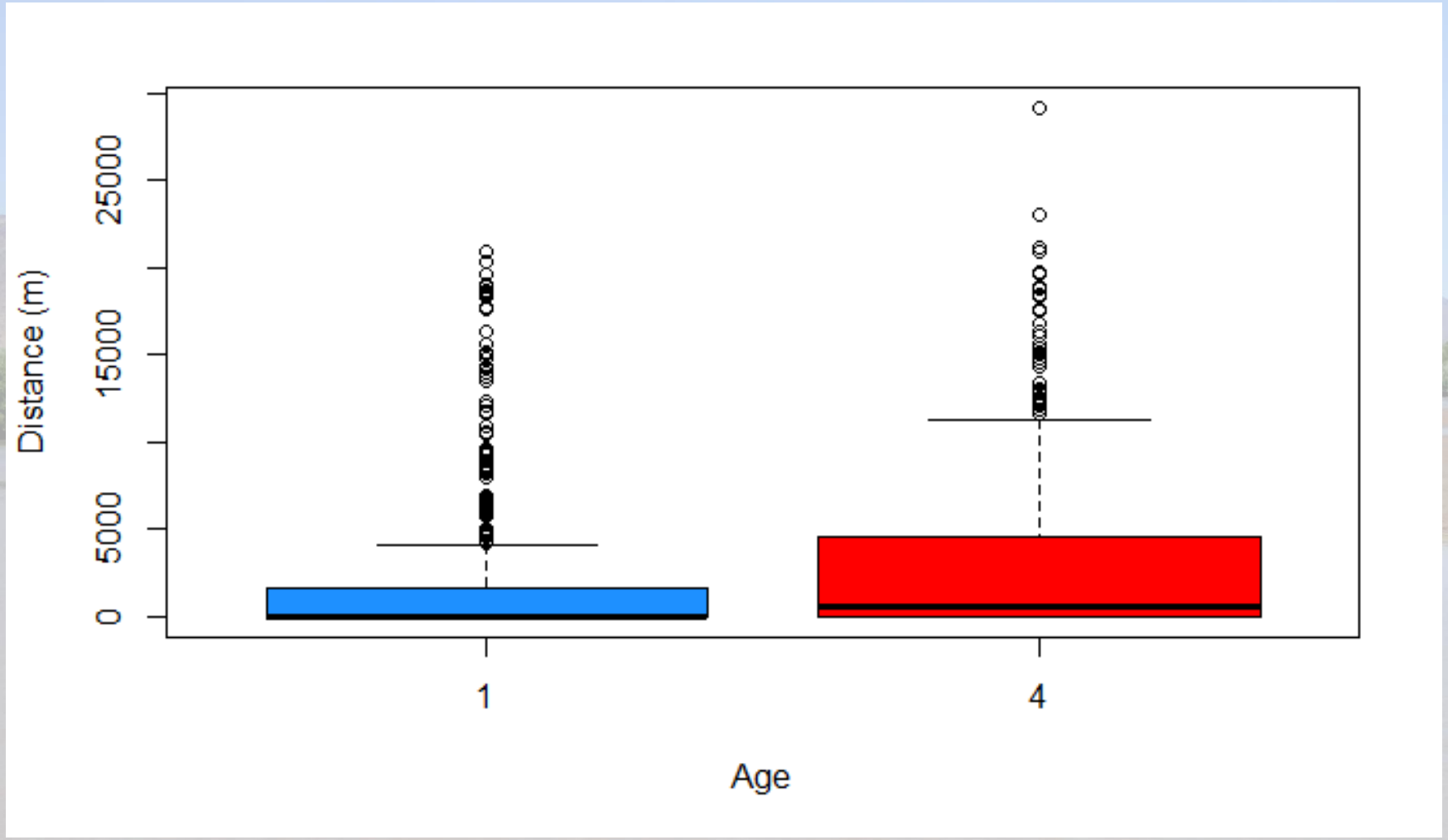
Results: Pilot study

Total released	Unique detections	Total detections
1701	979	3097

Downstream movement



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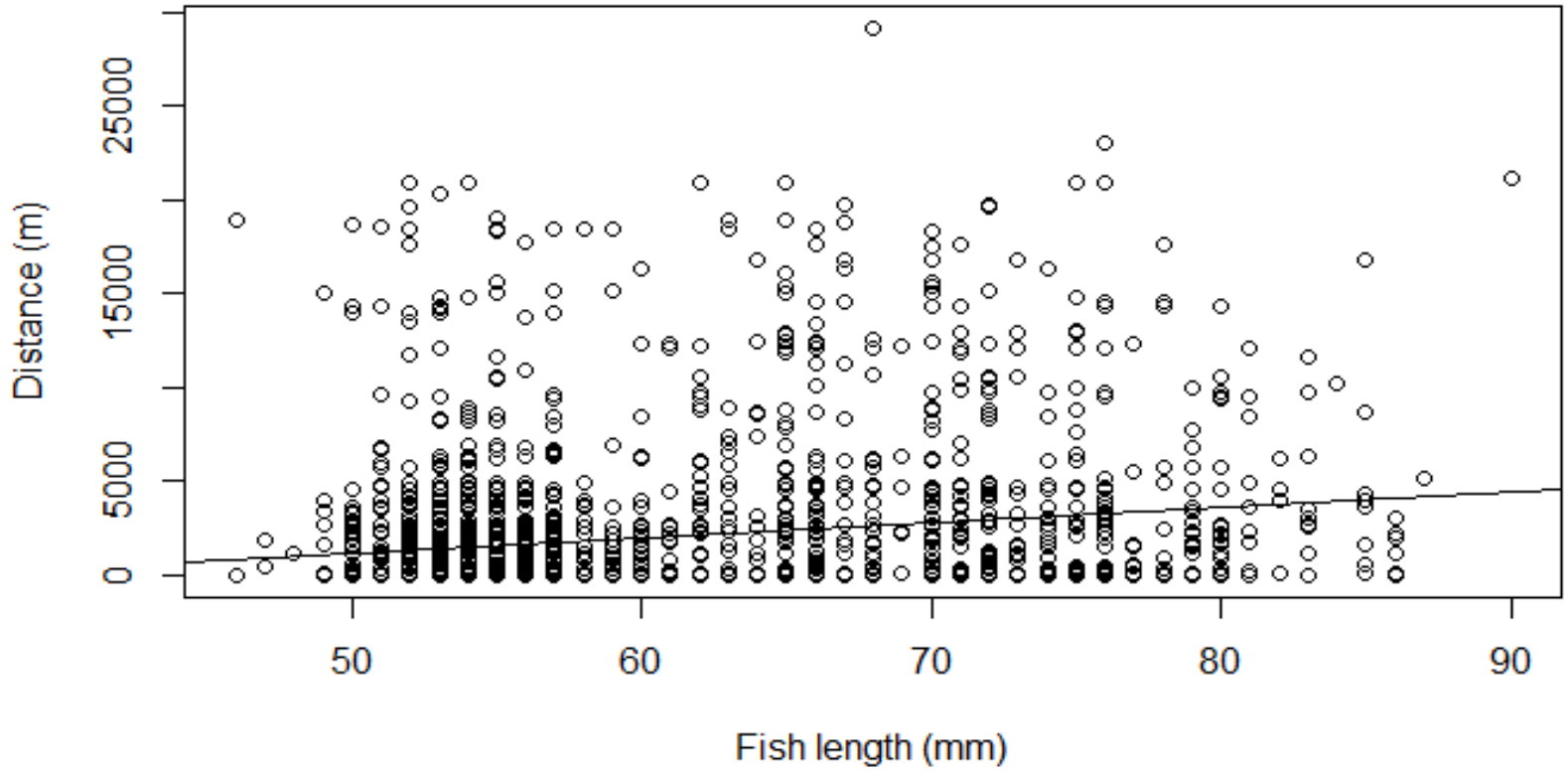
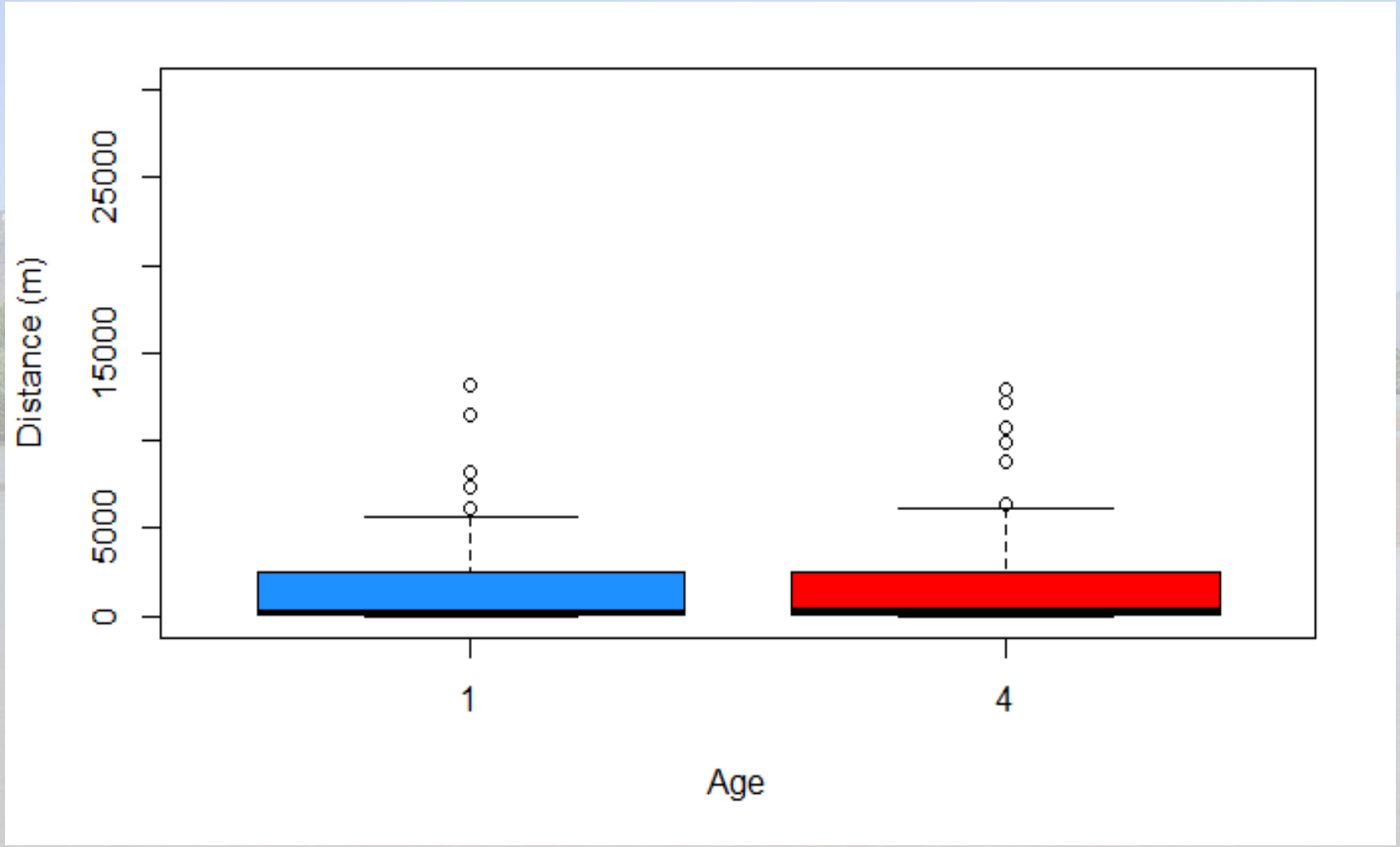


Upstream movement



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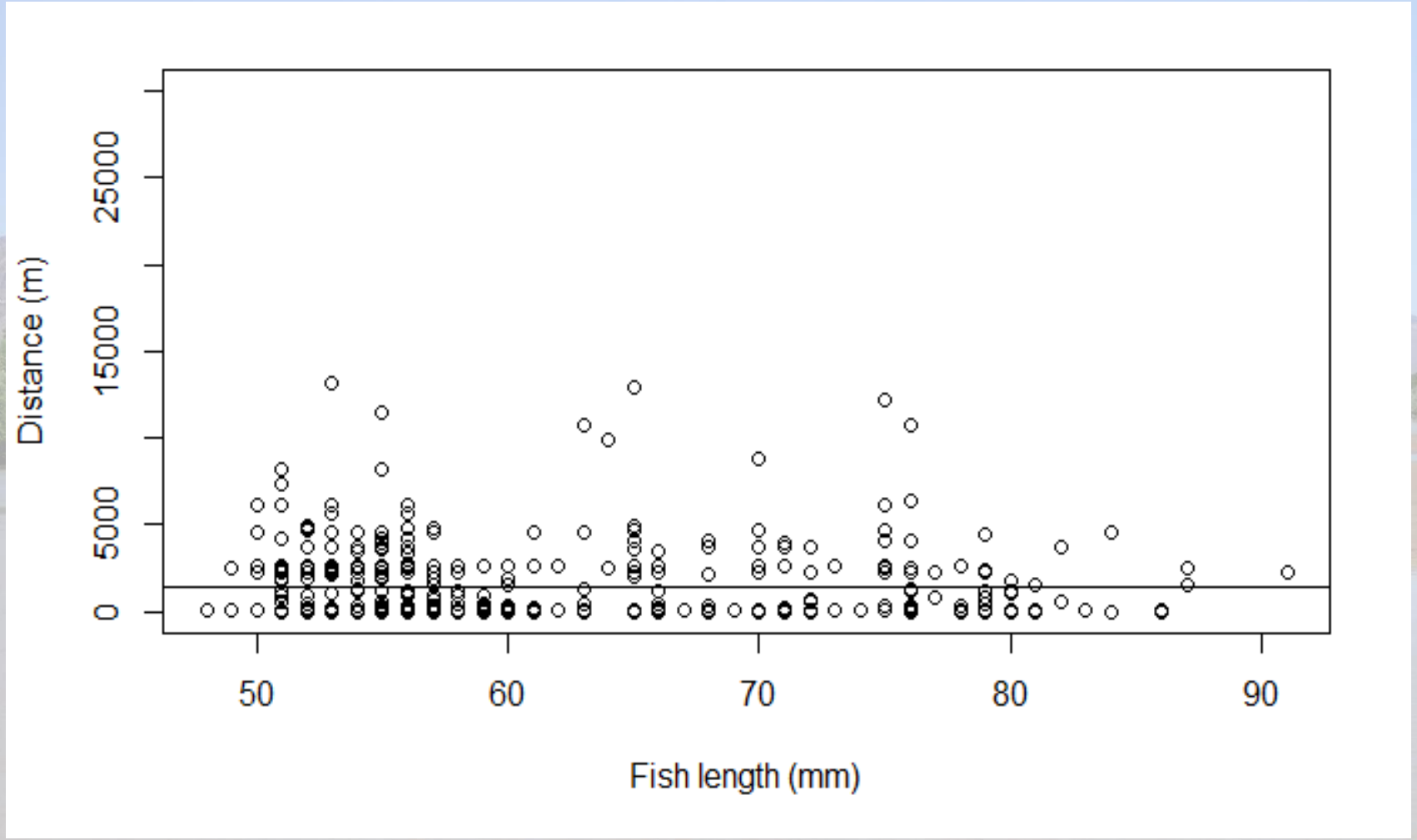
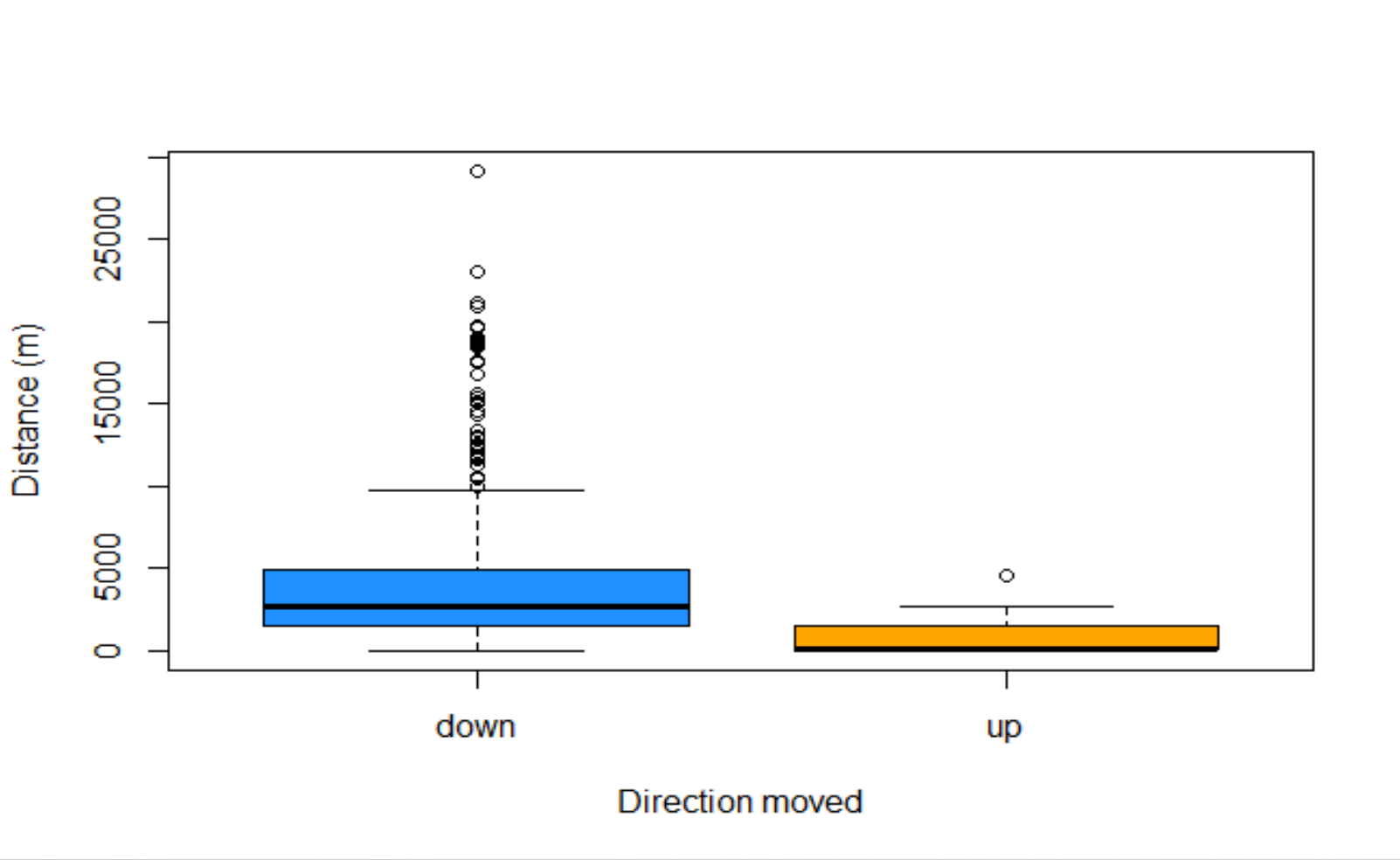
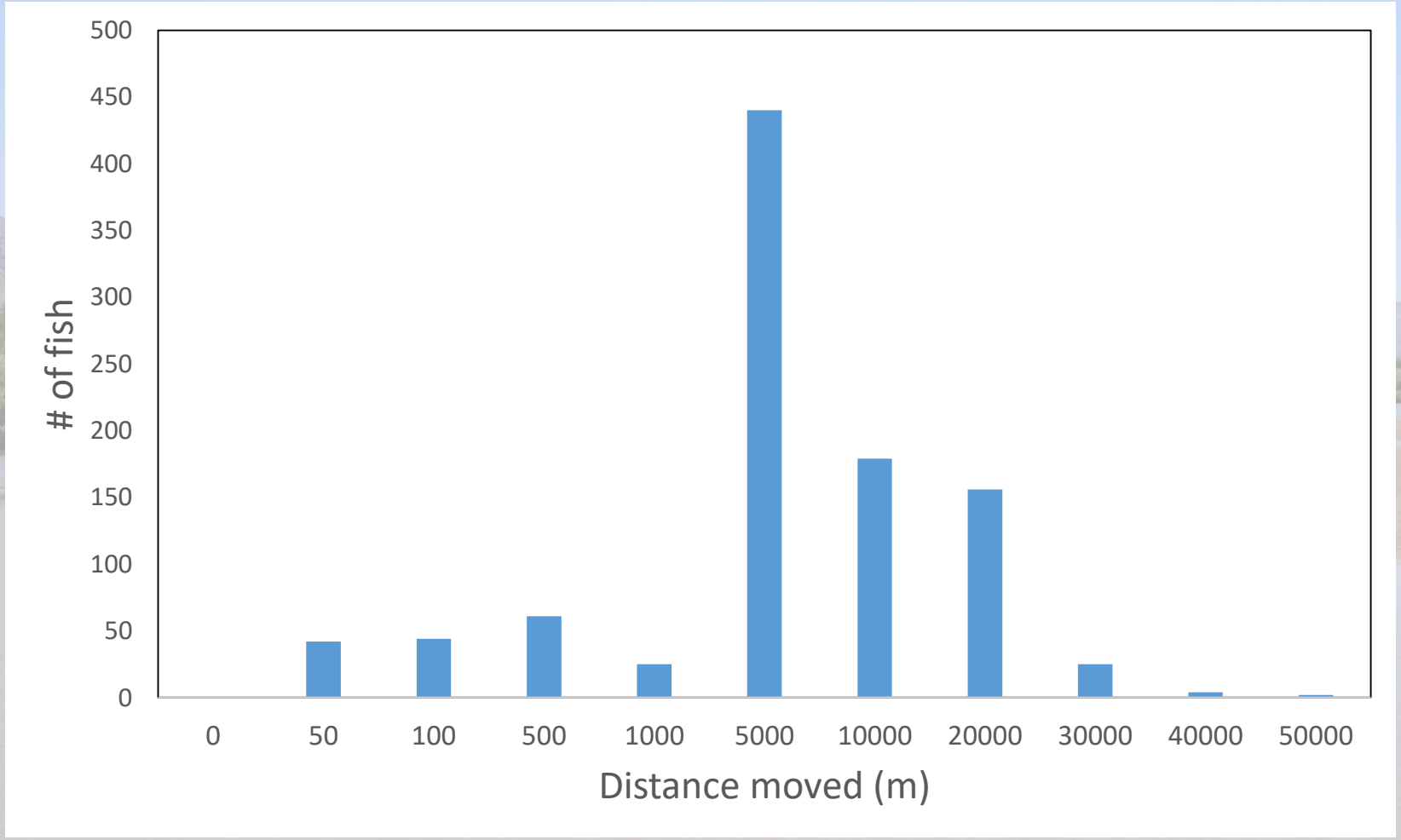


Initial movement after release

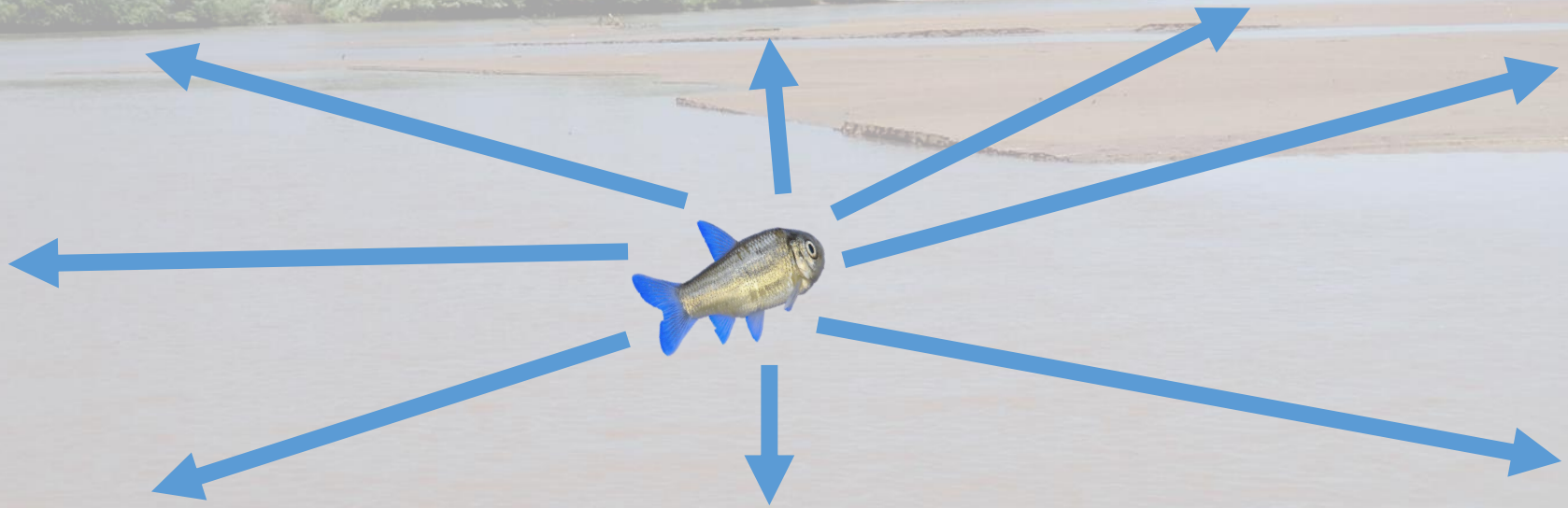


Cumulative distance moved



Preliminary conclusions

- Approach = highly effective
- Highly mobile fish (up to 42 km)
- Have the ability to disperse widely when given the opportunity:
  - Upstream (*to the extent possible*)
  - Downstream



Next Steps

- In midst of second release event
  - Released fish on 11/20
- Expanding spatial/temporal scale:
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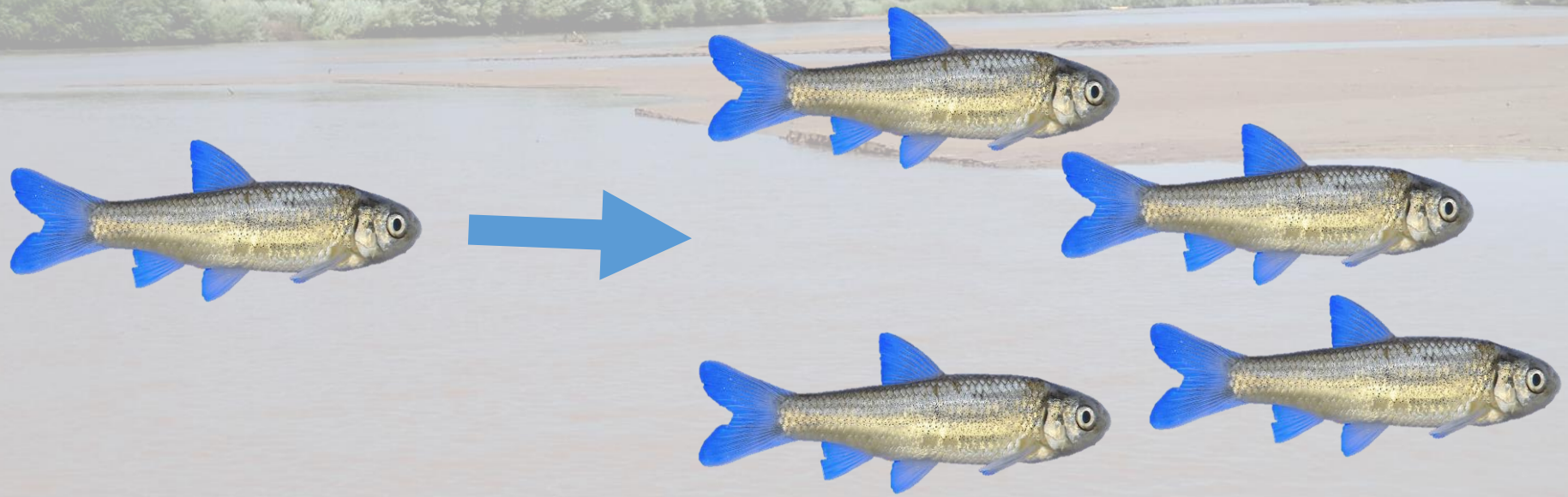
  - Across all seasons
- Working on data visualization techniques



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