



# High Head Bypass Study – Radio Telemetry – Green Peter

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# Objectives

- ▶ Provide biological information after fish pass through a high head bypass system
  - Yearling Chinook Salmon
  - Age-2 Steelhead
  
- ▶ Survival
  - Green Peter Tailwaters to Foster Reservoir
  
- ▶ Travel Time
  - Green Peter Dam to Willamette Falls Dam



# Fish Acquisition and Bypass Releases



Wild Surrogate  
Program



South Santiam  
Fish Hatchery



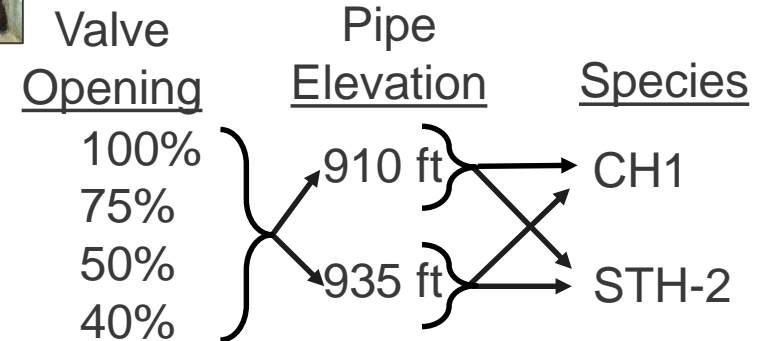
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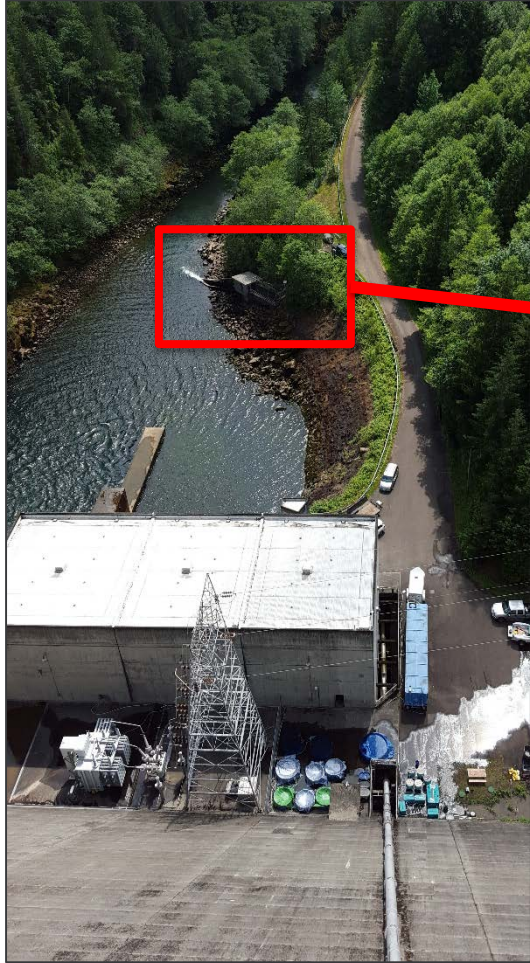
Bypass Release Tank



Bypass Releases



# Fish Collection



Fish Passage



Fish Collector

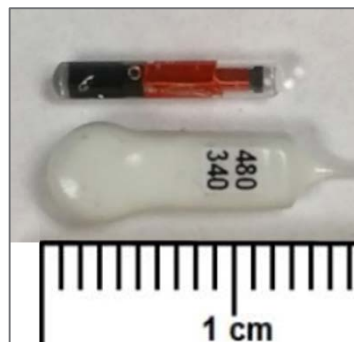


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# Fish Surgeries and Point Releases



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Implantation

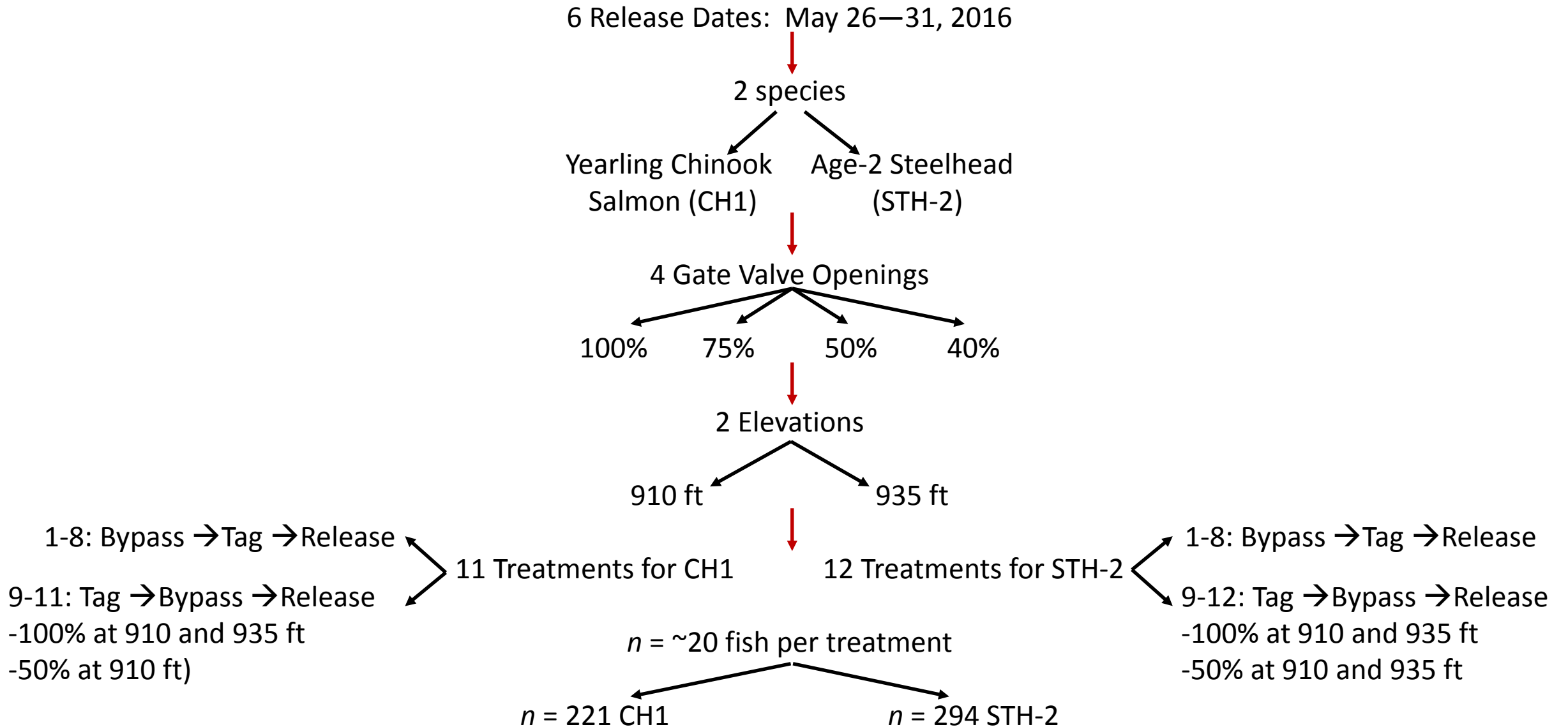


$39.2 \pm 3.0$  days tag life

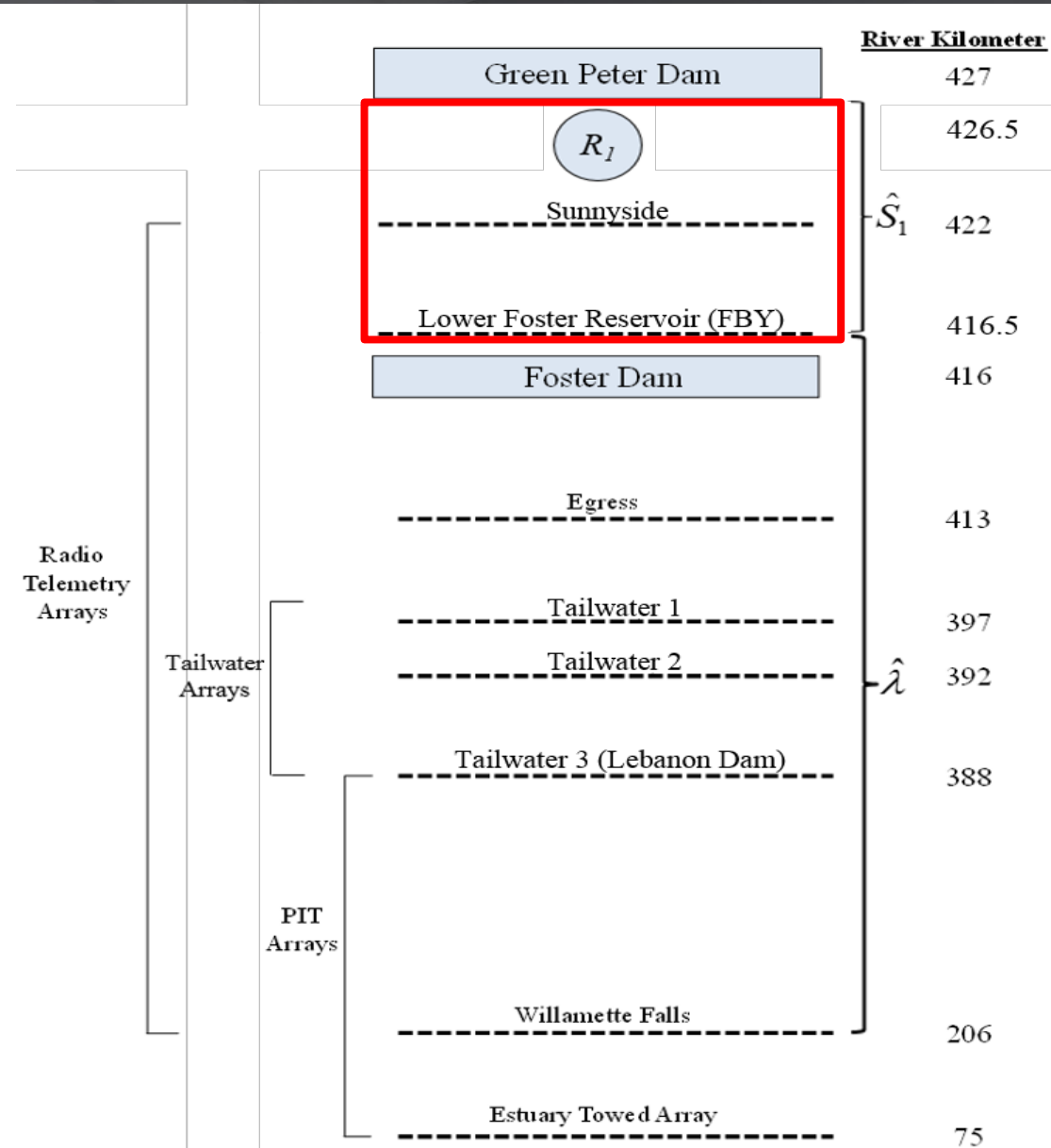
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Point Releases into Green Peter Tailwaters

# Number of Treatments and Different Release Method

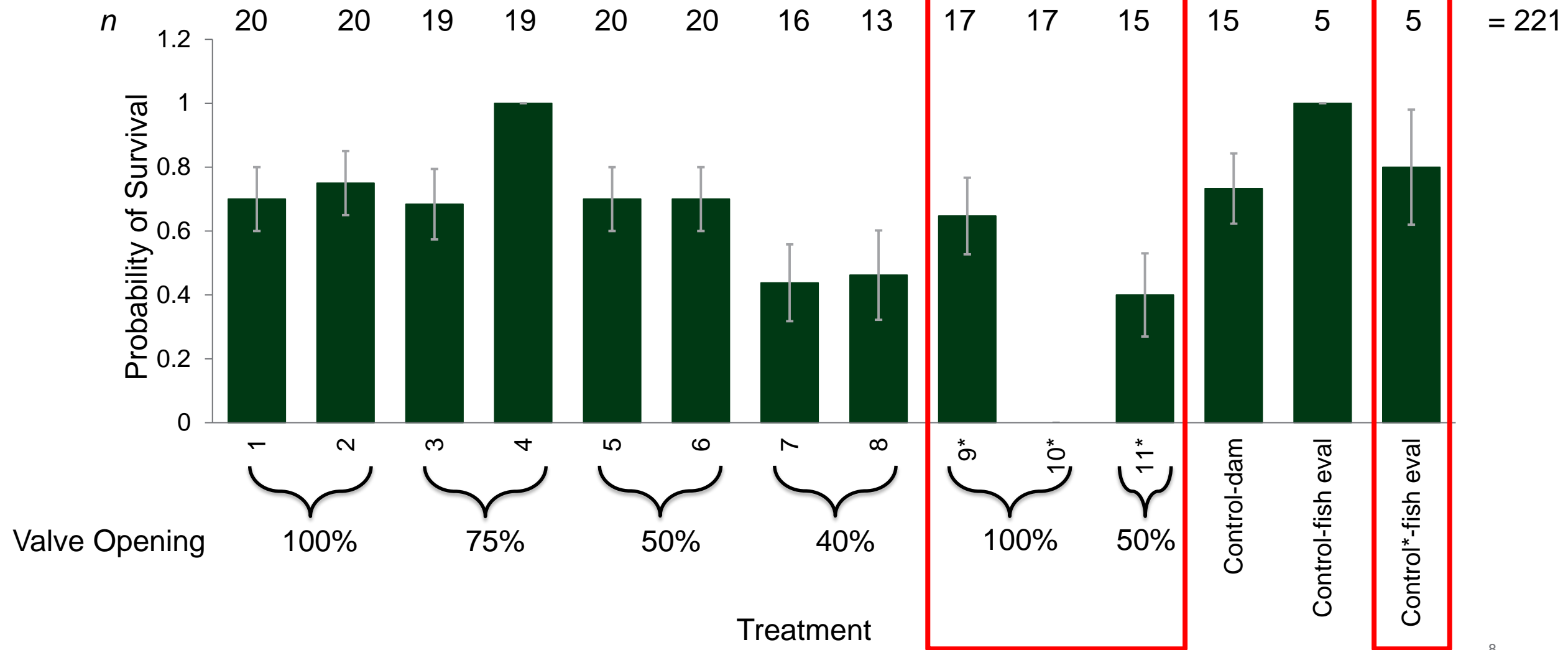


# Survival and Joint Probability of Detection and Survival



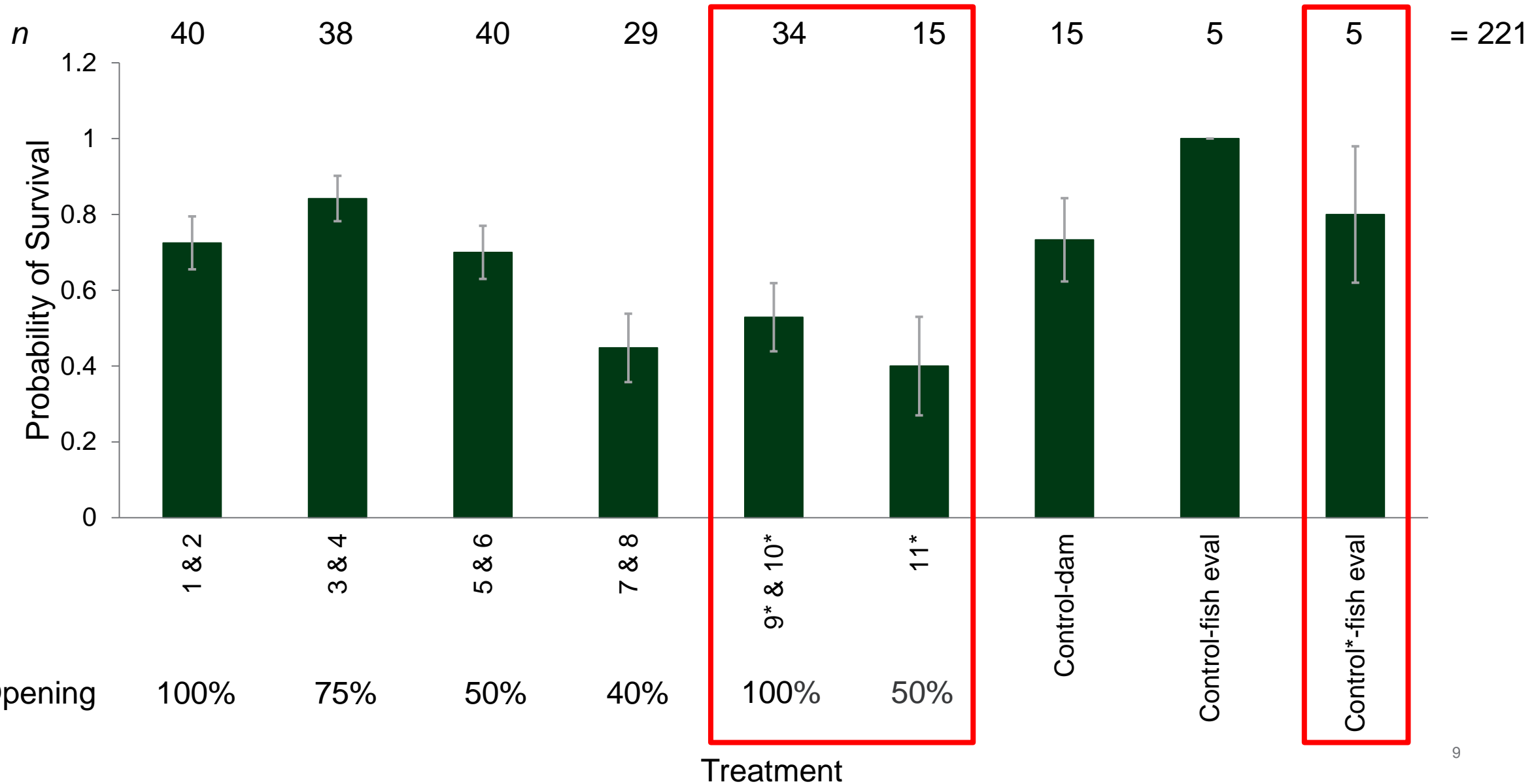
# Chinook Survival to Lower Foster Reservoir by Treatment

Length ± SE (mm)	Weight ± SE (g)
224 ± 0.12	122.0 ± 0.16

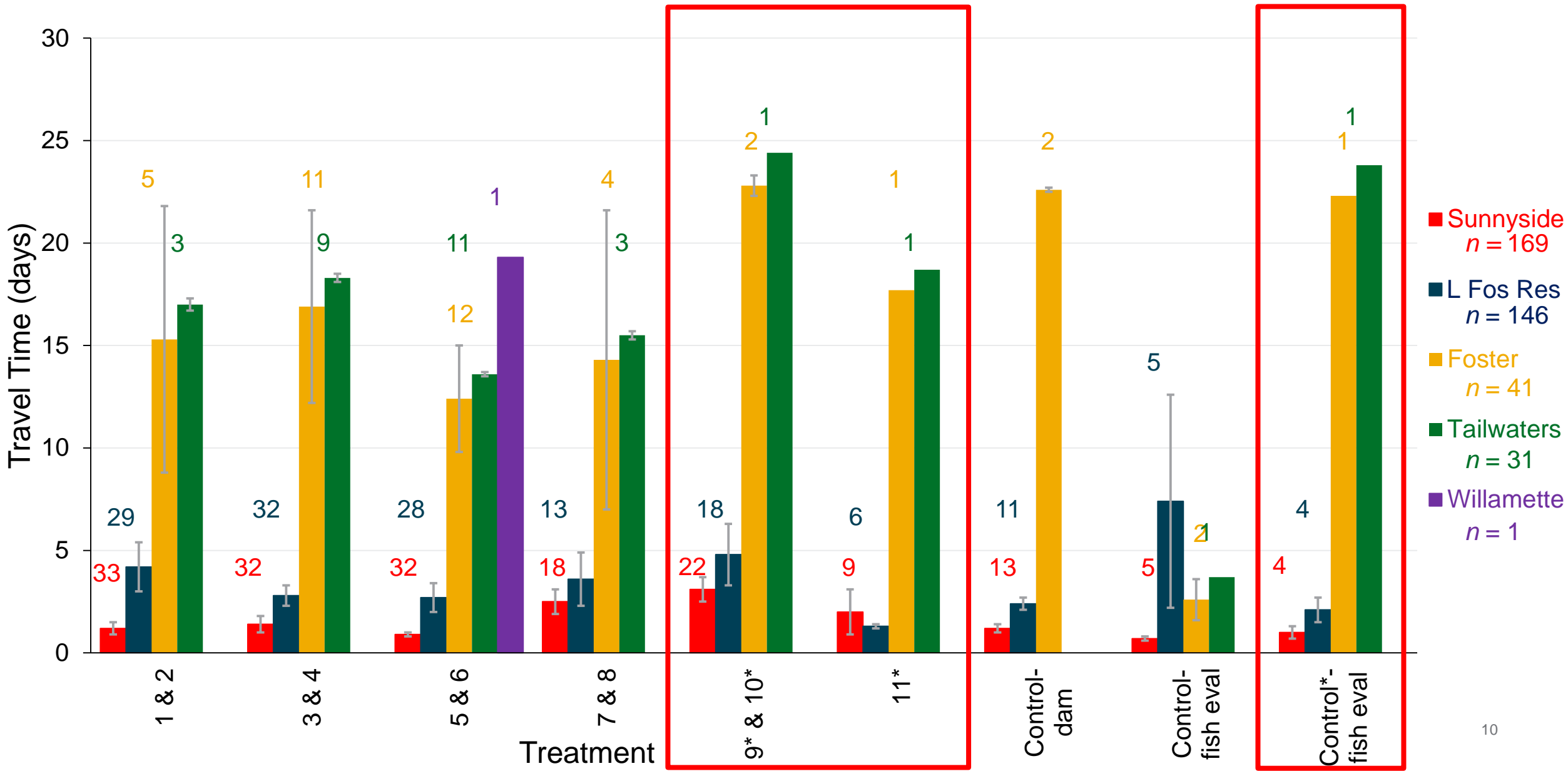




# Chinook Survival to Lower Foster Reservoir by Valve Opening



# Chinook Mean Travel Times from Release at Green Peter by Valve Opening

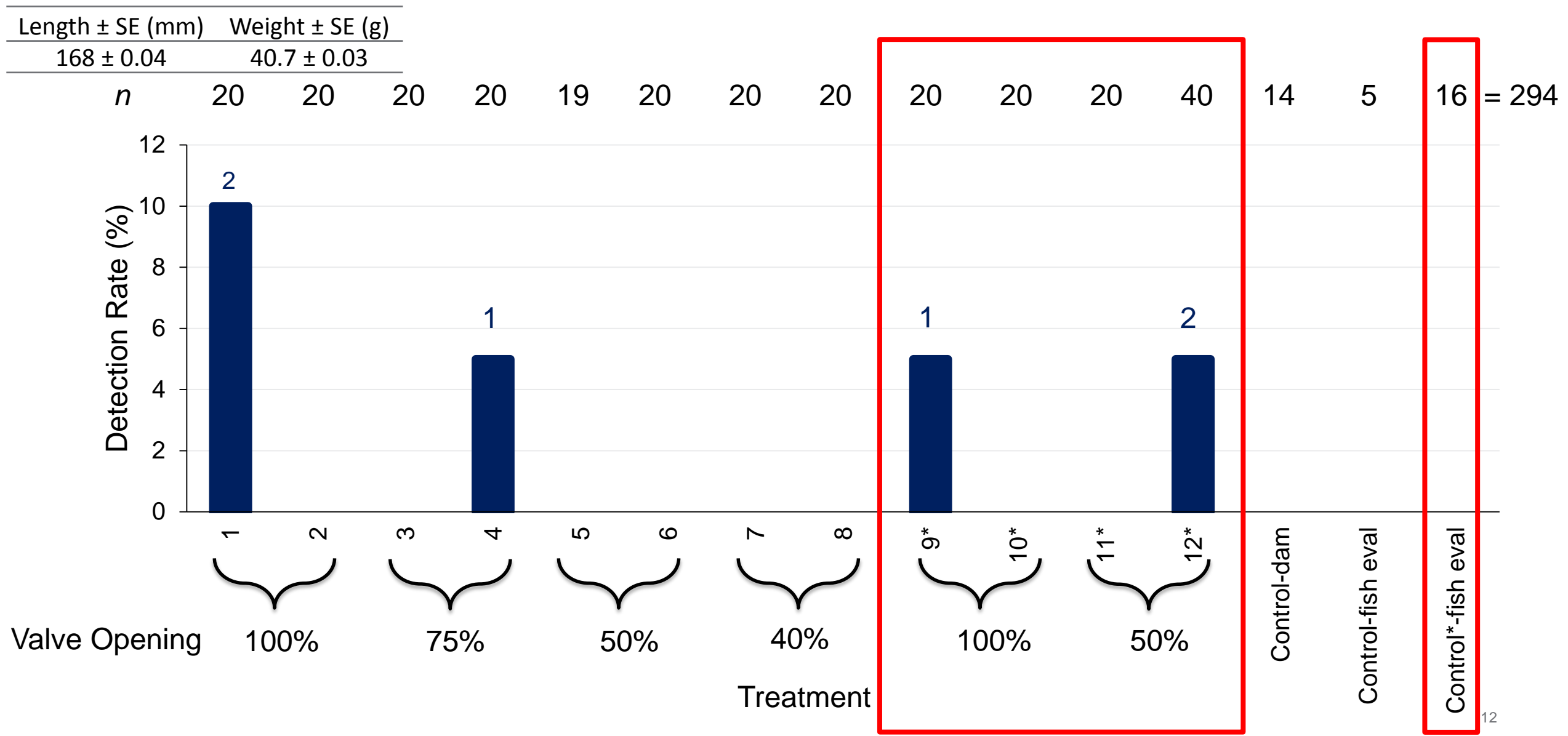


# Chinook Mobile Tracking

Treatment	Detected Once	Detected Twice
1 & 2	2	0
3 & 4	3	0
5 & 6	1	0
7 & 8	2	0
9* & 10*	2	0
11*	0	0
Control – dam release	1	0
Control – fish evaluator	0	0
Control* – fish evaluator	0	0
Totals	11	0

\*Denotes study fish that were tagged first, subjected to the treatment, then released into the Green Peter tailwaters. All other study fish were subject to the treatment, tagged, then released into the Green Peter tailwaters.

# Age-2 Steelhead Detection Rates to Lower Foster Reservoir by Treatment

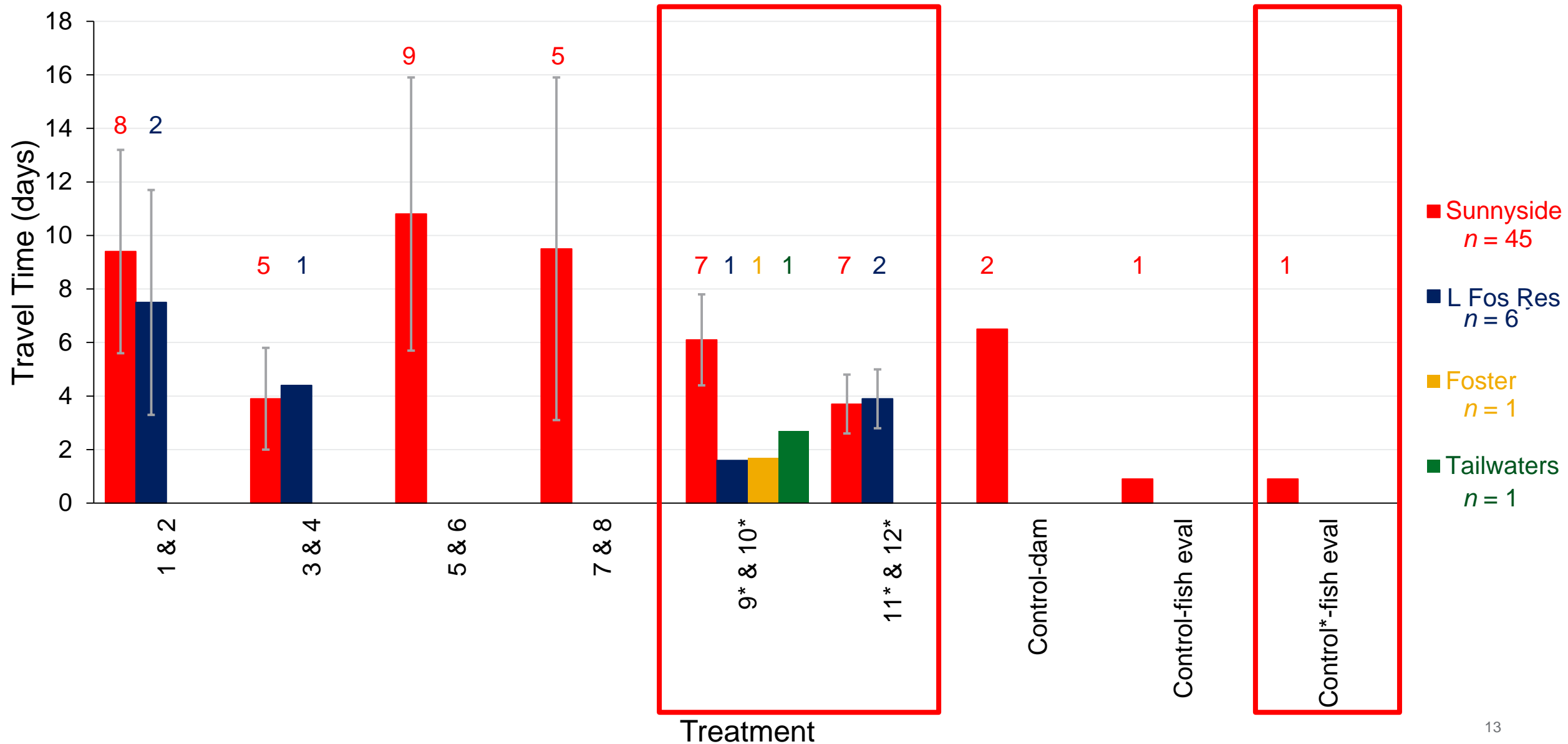


# Age-2 Steelhead Mean Travel Times from Release at Green Peter by Valve Opening



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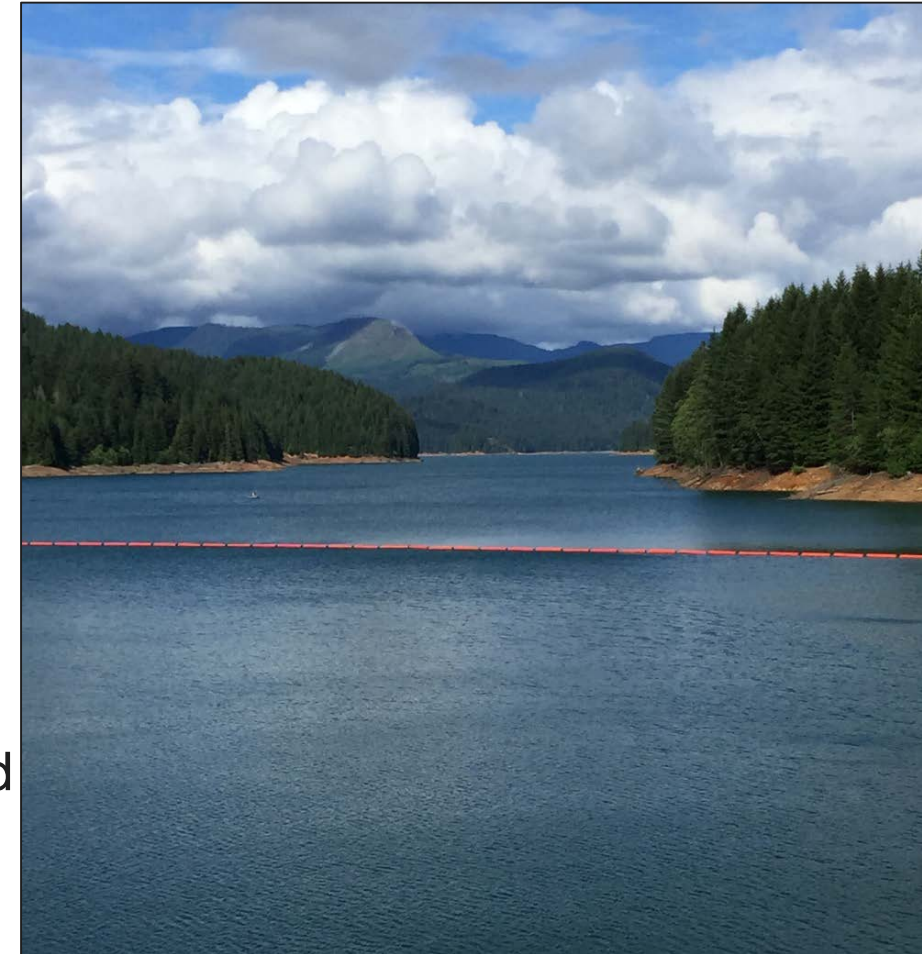
# Age-2 Steelhead Mobile Tracking

Treatment	Detected Once	Detected Twice
1 & 2	2	4
3 & 4	4	0
5 & 6	3	1
7 & 8	1	1
9* & 10*	7	3
11* & 12*	2	3
Control – dam release	0	1
Control – fish evaluator	0	0
Control* – fish evaluator	1	0
Totals	20	13

\*Denotes study fish that were tagged first, subjected to the treatment, then released into the Green Peter tailwaters. All other study fish were subject to the treatment, tagged, then released into the Green Peter tailwaters.

# Summary and Recommendations

- ▶ Chinook Salmon
  - 146 of 221 (66%) were detected at the lower Foster Reservoir
    - $3.5 \pm 1.3$  days
  - 31 passed Foster Dam
  - Overall probability of survival was 0.661 (0.03)
  
- ▶ Age-2 Steelhead
  - 6 of 294 (2%) were detected at the lower Foster Reservoir
    - $4.3 \pm 2.7$  days
  - 1 passed Foster Dam
  
- ▶ Negative effect on survival as gate valve opening decreased
  - $\geq 50\%$  open is optimal
  
- ▶ Preferred Method
  - Release through the bypass → tag → release into tailwaters



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