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# **SUMMARY**

#### **Background**

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (KHLP) was required to prepare a plan to monitor the effects of construction and operation of the Keeyask Generating Station (GS) on the environment. Besides measuring the accuracy of the predictions made and actual effects of the GS on the environment, monitoring results will provide information on how construction and operation of the GS will affect the environment and if more needs to be done to reduce harmful effects.

Construction of the Keeyask GS began in mid-July 2014. During 2014 and 2015, cofferdams were constructed that blocked the north and central channels and a portion of the south channel of Gull Rapids (see map below). In 2016 there was little in-stream construction prior to the completion of field studies in fall: the central portion of the Central Dam Cofferdam was widened in April/May and work on the Tailrace Summer Level Cofferdam was started on August 4 and 5 and then stopped until October. With so little in-stream construction activity prior to completing field work in the fall, possible construction-related impacts to the aquatic environment during this period were limited to indirect effects (e.g., potential impacts to water quality from discharge at the cofferdam, runoff from disturbed terrestrial areas).

Lake Sturgeon were identified as one of the key species for monitoring. They were chosen because they are culturally important to local people, the local populations have been previously impacted, and construction and operation of the GS will change or negatively impact important habitat. The plan to monitor the impacts of GS construction and operation on sturgeon includes several types of studies:

- Estimating the number of adults;
- Estimating the number and growth of juveniles (less than 800 millimetres [mm] in length);
- Identifying spawning locations and numbers of spawning fish; and
- Recording seasonal habitat use and long distance movements (*i.e.*, over GS's or rapids) through movement studies.

The movements of Lake Sturgeon over Birthday Rapids and Gull Rapids were monitored prior to construction, but because different methods are being used for AEMP data collection, the results of the two programs can't be compared. While pre-construction studies did not record detailed fish movement patterns between Clark Lake and Stephens Lake, the data indicated that the majority of Lake Sturgeon continued to live in the area where they had been tagged and did not swim across rapids into different parts of the river. When fish occasionally crossed either Birthday or Gull rapids, they did so in the summer or fall, which suggests that these movements were not a necessary part of spring egg-laying behavior. None of the tagged sturgeon moved downstream past the Kettle GS.



This report provides the results of adult sturgeon movement monitoring conducted under the AEMP from October 2015 to October 2016. The study was initiated in June 2011 when 59 adult Lake Sturgeon were tagged with acoustic transmitters with a 10-year battery life. Movements of these fish were monitored for three years before any changes to the river occurred, and for approximately two years and three months since the start of construction.





#### Why is the study being done?

Monitoring during construction is being done to answer three questions:

Is construction affecting the area that adult Lake Sturgeon occupy upstream and downstream of the construction site?

Monitoring sturgeon movement shows what areas of the river the sturgeon are using and where they are choosing to stay relative to the construction site.

Are there adult Lake Sturgeon close to the construction site?

If sturgeon are in the river close to the construction area, they could be harmed by high amounts of mud in the water or they could be trapped inside an area that will be drained.

How many adult Lake Sturgeon are moving through and/or away from Gull Rapids during construction and how far are they going?

Movement studies tell us how many sturgeon are moving up or down through Gull Rapids, how far they travel up or downstream away from the site, whether they are leaving the Keeyask area completely and when they are making these movements. The distance they travel is monitored as far upstream as the inlet to Clark Lake and downstream as far as the Limestone reservoir.

#### What was done?

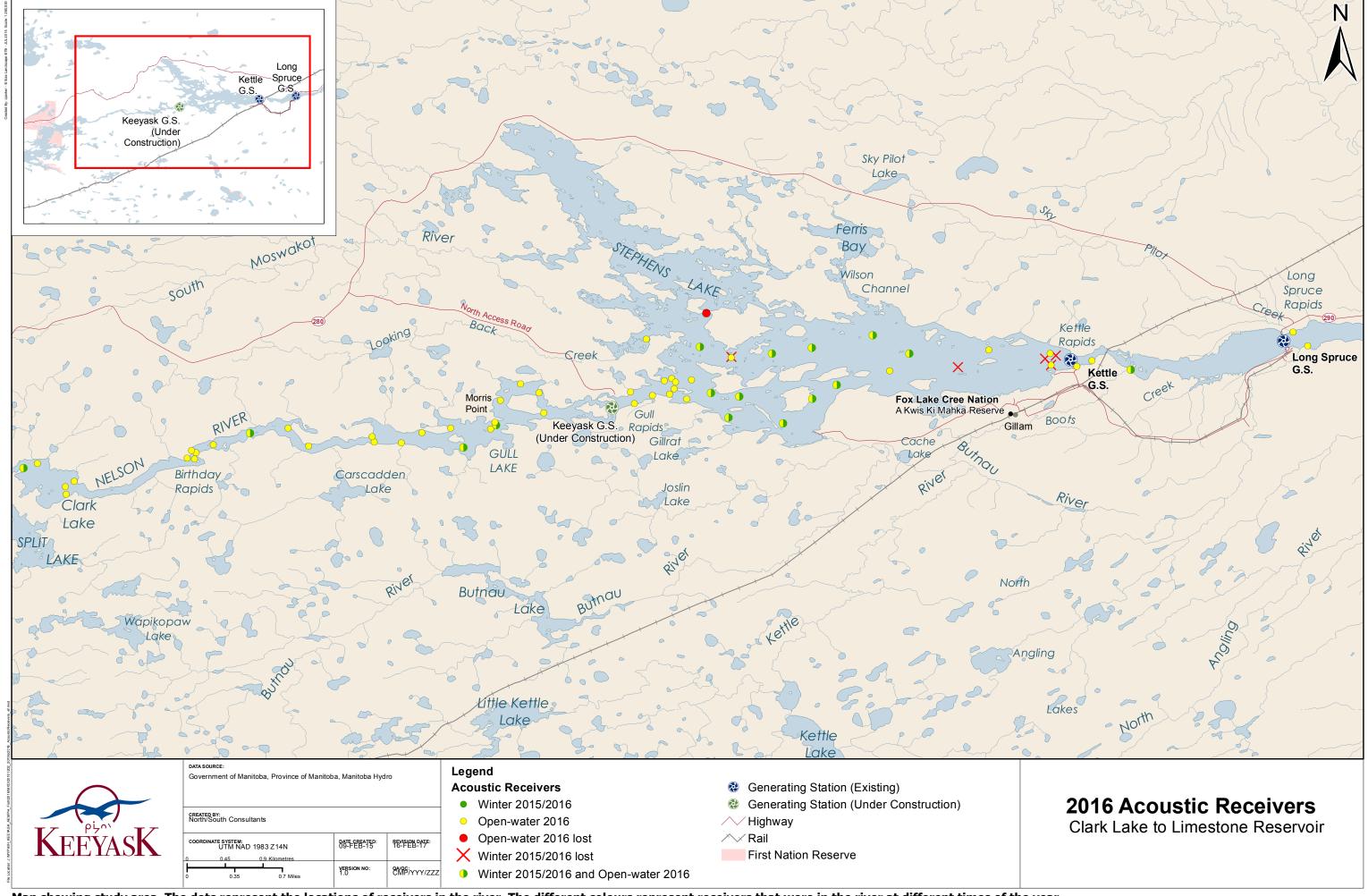
The movements of adult sturgeon were tracked using acoustic telemetry. This is a technique in which a tag is surgically implanted inside a fish. Each tag sends out a sound signal (called a "ping") that is picked up by receivers placed along the Nelson River between Clark Lake and the Limestone GS (see study area map below). Each fish is given a transmitter that sends out a unique ping, which can be detected up to 1 kilometre (km) from a receiver. By looking at the pings that were recorded by different receivers, the movement of each fish can be tracked. The transmitters are powered by batteries with a 10-year life-span.





Adult Lake Sturgeon.





#### What was found?

How far and where sturgeon moved depended on the individual fish, whether it lived in Gull Lake or Stephens Lake, and the season.

Sturgeon are unique fish in Manitoba because they can live for a long time (100 or more years), become adults when they are 20 to 25 years old, and only spawn every 3 to 5 years. This means that where an individual sturgeon moves may change between years depending on how old it is, whether it is spawning, and what its individual habits are. Sturgeon spawn in spring in the fast-flowing water of large rapids, and spend the rest of the open-water season feeding in areas of rivers or lakes. During the winter, they move to areas where they are protected from ice and fast water.

During this study, movements of the tagged fish have been monitored year-round including the winter when the river is covered with ice. Monitoring movements in winter is challenging because the ice conditions can damage the receivers. For this reason, receivers are left in only a few locations over the winter, making it less likely that sturgeon will be detected.

After five-and-a-half years of monitoring, the sturgeon that were tagged in Gull Lake were divided into three groups: those that usually live in Gull Lake, those that usually stayed in the channel of the Nelson River between Clark Lake and Gull Lake, and those that were usually found in Gull Lake but left for short periods of time. During 2016, six fish moved to different areas than other years. Two had previously moved upstream, but returned to Stephens Lake, two moved upstream into Clark Lake, and two moved downstream through Gull Rapids into Stephens Lake.

Adult Lake Sturgeon tagged in Stephens Lake tend to stay in the main river channel, specifically the part of Stephens Lake where the river channel was flooded when the Kettle GS was built. About half of the sturgeon remain within about 15 km of Gull Rapids, while the other half have moved further downstream (as far as 36 km downstream of Gull Rapids).

In each year of the study, at least one sturgeon has moved through Gull Rapids. Six fish moved upstream through Gull Rapids (one in 2011, four in 2012, one in 2013, and none between 2014 and 2016) and five moved downstream (two in 2014, one in 2015, and two in 2016). This is different than juvenile Lake Sturgeon, which do not move over Gull Rapids. No adults have moved upstream through Gull Rapids since construction started, but three have moved downstream. Because all of the water has been diverted to a small portion of the rapids, it might be flowing too fast for sturgeon to move upstream.

Since 2011, three sturgeon have moved downstream out of Stephens Lake into the Long Spruce reservoir after passing through the Kettle GS (one through a turbine, while the other two either moved over the spillway or went through a turbine). Two of these three fish were then detected in the Limestone reservoir in 2016; whether they moved over the Long Spruce GS spillway or passed through one of the turbines is unknown.

#### What does it mean?



So far, monitoring has shown that each sturgeon has a place where it likes to live. At times each fish may move to a different habitat, particularly if it is spawning. So far we have seen that sturgeon usually do not move great distances and that most prefer to live in similar locations year after year. So far, construction at Gull Rapids has not affected the movements of sturgeon upstream or downstream of the construction site.

Many sturgeon use habitat immediately downstream of the construction site in Stephens Lake. They do not seem to be disturbed by construction activity.

The number of sturgeon moving upstream past Clark Lake or downstream past the Kettle GS does not seem to have increased during construction. Sturgeon are still moving downstream over Gull Rapids but none have been recorded moving upstream since construction began.

#### What will be done next?

The tags that were implanted in 2011 will last to the end of construction in 2021. Following the movements of individual fish over such a long time will give us a better idea of what kinds of habitats these fish need to use over many years and whether construction of the GS is changing their movement patterns.



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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) is a 695-megawatt (MW) hydroelectric generating station at Gull (Keeyask) Rapids on the lower Nelson River in northern Manitoba. The Project is approximately 725 kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg, 35 km upstream of the existing Kettle Generating Station, where Gull Lake flows into Stephens Lake, 60 km east of the community of Split Lake, 180 km east-northeast of Thompson and 30 km west of Gillam (Map 1). Construction of the Project began in July 2014.

The Keeyask Generation Project: Response to EIS Guidelines, completed in June 2012, provides a summary of predicted effects and planned mitigation for the Project. Technical supporting information for the aquatic environment, including a description of the environmental setting, effects and mitigation, and a summary of proposed monitoring and follow-up programs is provided in the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement: Aquatic Environment Supporting Volume (AE SV). As part of the licensing process for the Project, an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP) was developed detailing the monitoring activities of various components of the aquatic environment, including the focus of this report, adult Lake Sturgeon movement, for the construction and operation phases of the Project.

Radio and acoustic telemetry studies conducted prior to 2011 (i.e., in support of the Keeyask Generation Project EIS) focused specifically on detecting the upstream and downstream movements of fish over rapids in the study area (Birthday Rapids and Gull Rapids). Pre-Project movement data revealed that the majority of Lake Sturgeon did not move upstream or downstream over rapids into adjacent study reaches; instead, they remained within the reach where they had been tagged. Those few fish that moved over one or more sets of rapids did so in the summer or fall, suggesting that these movements were not associated with a life history event such as spawning. None of the tagged sturgeon moved downstream past the Kettle GS. Additional information on long distance movements was obtained from mark-recapture studies. As pre-Project studies were not designed to record detailed movement patterns of in the Clarke Lake to Stephens Lake reach as a whole, their results are not directly comparable to the movement data being collected under the AEMP.

This report provides one year of results (October 2015 to October 2016) from the multi-year adult Lake Sturgeon movement monitoring program described in the AEMP. The study area for the Lake Sturgeon movement study in 2016 extended from Clark Lake to the upper portion of the Limestone reservoir (Map 1). It also discusses what we have learned since monitoring movement of adult Lake Sturgeon started under the AEMP in 2011. In 2011, 59 fish (measuring > 755 mm fork length) were tagged with acoustic transmitters with a 10-year battery lifespan. Thirty-one fish were captured and tagged upstream of Gull Rapids, and 28 fish were captured and tagged downstream of Gull Rapids. An additional fish was tagged in Stephens Lake in 2013 to replace a tag returned by a local resource user. By 2013, 11 tags were either missing or lost. To compensate for this loss, additional tags were implanted in 2014 to restore the sample size to 59 fish. Results from all studies dating back to 2011 are presented in Hrenchuk and



McDougall (2012); Hrenchuk and Barth (2013); Hrenchuk et al. (2014); Hrenchuk and Barth (2015); and Hrenchuk and Barth (2016).

Movement monitoring during the construction phase is being conducted to determine if disturbances associated with construction alter habitat use and coarse-scale movement patterns upstream and downstream of the Project (Map 2). Results will assist in identifying:

- The use of key habitats (i.e., spawning, rearing, and foraging) during construction;
- The potential vulnerability of sturgeon to activities at the construction site (*i.e.*, if sturgeon use the area in the immediate vicinity of the construction site they may be vulnerable to stranding during dewatering); and
- The potential for increased emigration or avoidance of the construction site due to disturbance (*i.e.*, blasting, suspended sediment inputs, *etc.*).

The key questions for adult movement monitoring during the construction phase are as follows:

- Do disturbances associated with construction alter coarse-scale movement/habitat use upstream and/or downstream of the construction site?
- Are sturgeon using habitat in the immediate vicinity of the construction site?
- Does the frequency of long-distance movements (and subsequent downstream emigration/entrainment) by adult Lake Sturgeon increase during construction?



# 2.0 STUDY SETTING

The study area for the adult Lake Sturgeon movement monitoring program encompasses an approximately 110 km long reach of the Nelson River from Clark Lake to the upstream end of the Limestone reservoir. This section of river offers a diversity of physical habitat conditions, including a variety of substrate types, and variable water depths (range 0–30 m) and velocities. Water velocities were classified as low (0.2–0.5 metres per second [m/s]), moderate (0.5–1.5 m/s), or high (greater than 1.5 m/s), as described in the Keeyask AE SV.

Clark Lake is located immediately downstream of Split Lake, and approximately 42 km upstream of Gull Rapids (Map 1). Current is restricted to the main section of the lake, with off-current bays outside the main channel. The Assean River is the only major tributary to Clark Lake, and flows into the north side. Downstream from the outlet of Clark Lake, the Nelson River narrows and water velocity increases for a 3 km stretch, known as Long Rapids. For the next 7 km, the river widens, and water velocity decreases.

Birthday Rapids is located approximately 10 km downstream of Clark Lake and 30 km upstream of Gull Rapids (Maps 1 and 3). The drop in elevation from the upstream to downstream side of Birthday Rapids is approximately 2 m. The 14 km reach of the Nelson River between Birthday Rapids and Gull Lake is characterized as a large and somewhat uniform channel with medium to high water velocities. There are a few large bays with reduced water velocity and a number of small tributaries that drain into the Nelson River.

Gull Lake is a section of the Nelson River where the river widens, with moderate to low water velocity. Gull Lake is herein defined as the reach of the Nelson River beginning approximately 17 km upstream of Gull Rapids and 14 km downstream of Birthday Rapids, where the river widens to the north into a bay around a large point of land (Maps 1 and 3), and extending to the downstream end of Caribou Island, approximately 3 km upstream of Gull Rapids. Gull Lake has three distinct basins, the first extending from the upstream end of the lake downstream approximately 6 km to a large island; the second extending from the large island to Morris Point (a constriction in the river immediately upstream of Caribou Island); and the third extending from Morris Point to the downstream end of Caribou Island (Map 3).

Gull Rapids is located approximately 3 km downstream of Caribou Island on the Nelson River (Map 1). Two large islands and several small islands occur within the rapids, prior to the river narrowing. The rapids are approximately 2 km in length, and the river elevation drops approximately 11 m along its 2 km length. A summary of construction activities at Gull Rapids is provided in Section 2.1.

Just below Gull Rapids, the Nelson River enters Stephens Lake. Stephens Lake was formed in 1971 by construction of the Kettle GS. Between Gull Rapids and Stephens Lake, there is an approximately 6 km long reach of the Nelson River that, although affected by water regulation at the Kettle GS, remains riverine habitat with moderate velocity. Construction of the Kettle GS flooded Moose Nose Lake (north arm) and several other small lakes that previously drained into the Nelson River, as well as the old channels of the Nelson River that now lie within the



southern portion of the lake (Map 4). Major tributaries of Stephens Lake include the North and South Moswakot rivers that enter the north arm of the lake. Looking Back Creek is a second order stream that drains into the north arm of Stephens Lake (Map 1). Kettle GS is located approximately 40 km downstream of Gull Rapids.

The Long Spruce reservoir was formed in 1979 by the construction of the Long Spruce GS. It is a 16 km reach of the Nelson River extending from Long Spruce GS upstream to Kettle GS (Manitoba Hydro Public Affairs 1999). Kettle River and Boots Creek are the only major tributaries flowing into Long Spruce reservoir, with both tributaries entering the reservoir on the south shore (Map 1).

The Limestone reservoir was formed in 1990 by the construction of the Limestone GS. It is a 23 km reach of the Nelson River extending from Limestone GS upstream to Long Spruce GS. Four tributaries of the Nelson River enter the reservoir; Wilson Creek and Brooks Creek enter from the south, and Sky Pilot Creek and Leslie Creek enter from the north. Aquatic habitat within the reservoir ranges from a riverine environment in the upper reach, to more lacustrine conditions just upstream of the Limestone GS.

# 2.1 CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

Construction of the Keeyask GS began in mid-July 2014 with the construction of cofferdams in the north and central channels of Gull Rapids. These cofferdams resulted in the dewatering of the north and central channels and the diversion of all flow to the south channel. Construction of the spillway cofferdam, which extends into the south channel of Gull Rapids, was completed in 2015.

Work began to construct the Tailrace Summer Level Cofferdam on August 4 and 5, 2016 and then was suspended until October. Work also took place to widen the central portion of the Central Dam Cofferdam (Map 2) in late April and early May. With so little in-stream construction activity prior to completing field work in the fall, possible construction-related impacts to the aquatic environment during this period were limited to indirect effects (e.g., potential impacts to water quality from discharge at the cofferdam, runoff from disturbed terrestrial areas).

Split Lake outflows from late 2015 to the end of June 2016 were relatively high, generally ranging between 3500–4000 m³/s. The 75th percentile flow for Split Lake outflow is approximately 3,500 m³/s. Flow increased sharply in July 2016, reaching a peak of 4,700 m³/s in August, before declining. Water levels varied in conjunction with flow, however, some winter staging was apparent from December to May. During the winter of 2015/2016, water levels rose to approximately 155.5 m ASL. Water level on Gull Lake ranged from 154–155 m ASL for most of the open-water season.



# 3.0 METHODS

# 3.1 ACOUSTIC TELEMETRY

Acoustic telemetry involves tracking movements of fish surgically implanted with internal acoustic transmitters (tags). Each transmitter emits a unique signal, recognizable by stationary receivers. When tagged fish come into range (generally within 500 m to 1 km, depending on conditions), the transmitter code number, as well as the date and time, are stored in the receiver. Initially, the receiver array was designed to monitor adult Lake Sturgeon, however the same array is also used to monitor juvenile Lake Sturgeon (Lacho and Hrenchuk 2017), Walleye (Hrenchuk and Lacho 2017), and Lake Whitefish (Burnett and Hrenchuk 2017).

### 3.1.1 ACOUSTIC TRANSMITTER APPLICATION

Acoustic transmitters (VEMCO V16-4x, estimated 3,650-day battery life) were first applied to 59 fish in 2011 and 2012: 31 upstream, and 28 downstream of Gull Rapids (Table 1). A single transmitter was reapplied to a fish in Stephens Lake in 2013 after being returned by a local resource user. At the beginning of the 2014 open-water period, it was suspected that 11 fish had either shed their tags, suffered mortality, or were captured by local resource users. In order to return the number of tagged fish to the original sample size, additional acoustic transmitters were applied to adult Lake Sturgeon upstream of the GS (n = 4) and in Stephens Lake (n = 7) in June 2014 (Hrenchuk and Barth 2015) (Table 1).

## 3.1.2 ACOUSTIC RECEIVERS

Since 2011, stationary acoustic receivers (VEMCO model VR2 and VR2W) have been used to continuously monitor tagged adult Lake Sturgeon in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and the Long Spruce GS. In spring 2016, the receiver array was extended to the upper Limestone reservoir, with the placement of two receivers downstream of the Long Spruce GS. The intent of adding these receivers was to determine whether fish that had moved into the Long Spruce reservoir had continued to move downstream.

During the first three years of the construction phase of the project (beginning in July 2014), receivers were deployed at the same sites as those established during the pre-construction phase (2011–2013). During the open-water period, receivers were deployed in calm water with a flat bottom free of large debris to maximize detection range, and spaced along the main river channel throughout the study area to maximize spatial coverage. In Stephens Lake, receivers were placed at locations within pre-flood river channels, based on the observation that sturgeon tend to stay within channels, even in flooded environments. At constrictions within the river



channel, a series of receivers were deployed to create "gates" with the intent of recording all fish that passed by the river cross-section (described in section 3.1.2.2).

The retrieval of receivers deployed during winter has proven challenging and several were lost in previous winters that were believed to have been moved by ice (Hrenchuk and Barth 2013). Because it appears that receivers will only remain safe from ice if deployed at depths greater than 10 m, the number of possible receiver locations during winter, especially in Gull Lake, is limited.

#### 3.1.2.1 WINTER 2015/2016

The stationary acoustic receiver array for the winter 2015/2016 (October 12, 2015 to April 30, 2016) period consisted of 21 receivers. Four were set upstream of Gull Rapids, 16 throughout Stephens Lake, and one in the Long Spruce reservoir (Maps 3, 4, and 5).

There were several differences between the winter 2014/2015 receiver array and the winter 2015/2016 array. Two receivers were added to the array in Stephens Lake in 2015/2016 to increase detection coverage: #114226 at rkm 9.9; and #114241 at rkm 26.0 (Map 4). Two receivers set at rkm 6.1 and 6.3 downstream of the Keeyask GS construction site were lost in 2014/2015 and were not reset in 2015/2016.

#### 3.1.2.2 OPEN-WATER 2016

An array of 60 receivers was used during the 2016 open-water period (defined as May 1 to October 19, 2016). Twenty-six were set upstream of Gull Rapids, 29 in Stephens Lake, three in the Long Spruce reservoir, and two in the Limestone reservoir (Maps 6, 7, and 8).

The 2016 open-water array differed slightly from arrays used in previous years. Two receivers (#100656 and #125101) were set in locations that had not been used previously (Map 6). Receiver #100656 was set at rkm -46.9 near the Assean River to monitor potential upstream movements (largely of Walleye and Lake Whitefish). Receiver #125101 was set at rkm -24.3 to allow for better detection coverage within the riverine area between Birthday Rapids and Gull Lake. Three additional receivers were set in Stephens Lake. Receiver #4495 (at rkm 7.0 in the north arm of Stephens Lake) and #129183 (at rkm 20 at the entrance to Ferris Bay) were set to monitor fish (largely Walleye and Lake Whitefish) leaving the study area. Receiver #107993 was set at rkm 36.1 in lower Stephens Lake to better detection coverage in this area (Map 7). Two additional receivers were set immediately downstream of the Long Spruce GS (#100779 at rkm 57.6; and #114234 at rkm 58.6) in the Limestone reservoir to monitor potential movements through the GS (Map 8).

Receiver "gates" were deployed in several key areas: four between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids (44.0, 34.0, 19.0, and 10.0 rkms upstream of Gull Rapids), and two in Stephens Lake (4.5 and 40.0 rkms downstream of Gull Rapids) (Maps 7 and 8). Receiver "gates" consisted of two or more acoustic receivers set parallel to flow to provide complete signal coverage of a river cross-section. Areas between the "gates" were referred to as river zones. Receiver gates provide



confidence that movements past key points are being detected, which allows for interpolation of coarse-scale positions (*i.e.* which zone) during periods which fish remain undetected. Should a fish be detected within a zone but then go undetected for a period of time, we can be confident that it is still located within that zone outside of receiver detection range, as it was not detected passing through a gate. The area upstream of Gull Rapids was divided into five zones (Map 7; zones 1–5), while Stephens Lake was divided into two zones (Map 8; zones 6 and 7). The Long Spruce reservoir is referred to as Zone 8 and the Limestone reservoir as Zone 9. The location of the "gates" has remained consistent since first set in 2012. On October 19, 2016, the majority of receivers were removed and a subset (n = 21) were redeployed to monitor movements during winter 2016/2017.

## 3.1.3 DATA ANALYSIS

False detections can arise on acoustic telemetry receivers due to code collisions and/or environmental noise (Pincock 2012). To filter out false detections, a fish was required to be detected at least two times within a 30-minute interval at a given stationary receiver. Single detections were filtered and not used in most analyses; however, in instances when fish went undetected for lengthy periods, and/or rapid movements were suspected, raw data were also explored. In no instance did examination of raw data suggest that consideration of a single detection would result in a different behaviour or movement pattern compared with the result when single detections were removed.

Movements were analysed in terms of rkm distance, with the base of Gull Rapids representing a distance of 0 rkm. The area located downstream of Gull Rapids (*i.e.*, Stephens Lake and the Long Spruce reservoir) were given positive (+) distance values from Gull Rapids, while the area located upstream (*i.e.*, Gull and Clark lakes) were given negative (-) distance values (Figures 1 and 2). The average rkm distance from Gull Rapids was calculated over a 4-hour interval and plotted versus time for each fish. Total detection ranges were calculated by subtracting the furthest downstream detection location from the location of the furthest upstream detection. The proportion of time that all fish spent within each river zone was calculated and plotted.

#### 3.1.3.1 MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD APPROACH

A maximum likelihood approach was used to compare pre- and post-construction movements, both between river zones and through Gull Rapids, Kettle GS, and Long Spruce GS. This method is broadly applicable and simple to apply. Maximum likelihood provides estimators that are intuitive and have straightforward statistical properties. The main benefit is that once a maximum-likelihood estimator is derived, the general theory of maximum-likelihood estimation provides standard errors, statistical tests, and other results useful for statistical inference.

A standard binomial coefficient was used to assess the probability of movement estimators.



$$f(y|N,p) = \left(\frac{N}{n}\right)p^{y}(1-p)^{(N-y)}$$

Where:

$$\left(\frac{N}{n}\right) = \frac{N!}{n! \ (N-n)!}$$

A simple example is the chance of observing 5 heads in 20 coin tosses, if p = 0.50, would be:

$$f(5|20,0.5) = \left(\frac{20}{5}\right)0.5^5(1-0.5)^{(20-5)} = 0.0148$$

For any observed set of results, the binomial coefficient is constant so we can ignore it when evaluating p. The values of p were evaluated using the maximum likelihood approach given the observed data for the following:

- Movement or no movement between zones;
- · Upstream movement from zone to zone;
- Downstream movement from zone to zone; and
- Movement past barriers.



# 4.0 RESULTS

Section 4.1 provides a summary of movements since the study began in 2011 up until winter 2015/2016. Tables 1 through 3 provide acoustic tagging and biological information associated with each tagged fish. Table 4 summarizes all movements through Gull Rapids by fish tagged during current (2011–2016) and previous (2001–2004) telemetry studies. Figures 3 to 15 illustrate movement range, patterns, and proportional distribution of tagged fish both upstream and downstream of the construction site by season. Appendix A1 provides detection summaries, while Appendices A2 and A3 provide movement summaries, by river kilometre, for each tagged sturgeon since the study began in June 2011.

# 4.1 2011–2015 RESULTS SUMMARY

## 4.1.1 Upstream of Gull Rapids

Thirty-one fish were tagged upstream of Gull Rapids in 2011 and 2012. Four additional transmitters were applied in June 2014 (Table 1). Since that time, several tags have gone missing:

- #16045 has not been detected since August 18, 2011. It moved downstream immediately after tagging and displayed few upstream movements (Appendix A2-5).
- #16058 was tagged downstream of Birthday Rapids (rkm -30.2) in 2011. It was last detected in the riverine section of the Nelson River near Birthday Rapids on August 5, 2012 (Appendix A2-12).
- #16064 was regularly detected in Gull Lake from the date it was tagged (June 12, 2011) until June 21, 2012 (Appendix A2-18) and has not been detected since that time.
- #16067 was tagged in Gull Lake on June 19, 2011. It remained in this area until May 27, 2012, when it moved upstream through Birthday Rapids into Clark Lake. It was last detected in Clark Lake on June 29, 2012. This fish may have continued to move upstream past the receiver array (Appendix A2-21).
- #16077 moved downstream immediately after tagging on June 10, 2011. It was last detected on June 21, 2011, (Appendix A2-31).

These five missing fish are not discussed in the remainder of this report.

A single fish (#16075) considered missing during the previous reporting period (Hrenchuk and Barth 2016) was located on September 14, 2015. This fish is no longer considered missing and its movements are described in section 4.3.2.



Prior to winter 2015/2016, six fish had moved upstream from Stephens Lake into Gull Lake, two of which returned to Stephens Lake during the 2014 open-water period:

- #16025 was tagged in Stephens Lake on June 16, 2012, and moved upstream through Gull Rapids on August 22, 2012. This fish subsequently moved back downstream into Stephens Lake, where it was first located on June 18, 2014 (Appendix A3-7).
- #16029 was tagged in Stephens Lake on June 21, 2011, and moved upstream through Gull Rapids between July 29 and August 2, 2011. This fish remained in Gull Lake and continued to be detected here in 2015 (Appendix A3-10).
- #16033 was tagged in Stephens Lake on June 18, 2011, and moved upstream through Gull Rapids on July 28, 2012. However, shortly after it was captured by a local resource user and the tag was returned and reapplied to another fish in Stephens Lake in 2013.
- #16037 was tagged in Stephens Lake on June 8, 2011, and moved upstream through Gull Rapids between September 3 and 6, 2013. It then moved downstream and was detected in Stephens Lake on July 1, 2014 (Appendix A3-17).
- #16038 was tagged in Stephens Lake on June 12, 2011, and moved upstream through Gull Rapids on September 12, 2013. This fish remained in Gull Lake and continued to be detected here in 2015 (Appendix A3-18).
- #16046 was tagged in Stephens Lake on June 11, 2011, and moved upstream through Gull Rapids between June 27 and July 4, 2012. This fish was detected in Gull Lake until 2013, but has not been located since (Appendix A3-23).

A single fish moved downstream into Stephens Lake in open-water 2015:

 #16048 was tagged in Gull Lake on June 7, 2011. It moved downstream through Gull Rapids on June 28, 2015, and was detected in Stephens Lake for the remainder of the open-water 2015 study period (Appendix A2-6).

In summary, 35 adult Lake Sturgeon were tagged between 2011 and 2014. Five fish are considered missing, six moved upstream from Stephens Lake, three fish moved downstream into Stephens Lake, and one was harvested. Therefore, a total of 32 tagged sturgeon were available to be detected upstream of Gull Rapids during winter 2015/2016.

#### 4.1.2 STEPHENS LAKE

Twenty-eight fish were originally tagged downstream of Gull Rapids in 2011 and 2012 (Table 3). Additional tags were applied to seven fish in June, 2014 (Table 3). Four of these are considered missing due to a lack of detections, and likely represent tagging mortalities:

 #16018 moved downstream immediately after being tagged on June 13, 2012. It was last detected on July 2, 2012, immediately upstream of Kettle GS (Appendix A3-1).



- #16024 moved downstream immediately after being tagged on June 13, 2012. It was last detected in Stephens Lake on June 25, 2012 (Appendix A3-6).
- #16044 moved downstream immediately after being tagged on June 9, 2011. It was last detected in Stephens Lake on September 17, 2012 (Appendix A3-22).
- #16047 moved downstream immediately after being tagged on June 26, 2011. It was last detected in Stephens Lake on June 28, 2011 (Appendix A3-24).

Three fish moved downstream out of Stephens Lake through the Kettle GS into the Long Spruce reservoir:

- #16021 was tagged in Stephens Lake on September 28, 2011, and moved downstream through the Kettle GS on September 16, 2012. As the Kettle GS spillway was open on this day, it is unknown whether the Lake Sturgeon moved over the spillway or passed through a turbine. It was last detected in the Long Spruce reservoir on September 18, 2012 (Appendix A3-4).
- #16025 was tagged in Stephens Lake on in 2012. It moved upstream into Gull Lake in 2012 but returned to Stephens Lake in 2014 (Section 4.1.1). This fish subsequently moved downstream through Kettle GS between June and July, 2014. The Kettle GS spillway was open during June and July 2014, so it's not possible to conclude that this fish passed downstream through a turbine; it may have moved over the spillway. It was last detected in the Long Spruce reservoir on July 14, 2014 (Appendix A3-7).
- #16034 was tagged in Stephens Lake on June 18, 2011, and moved downstream through the Kettle GS between October 9, 2012, and June 10, 2013. This fish must have passed downstream through one of the Kettle GS turbines as the spillway remained closed between October 2012 and June 2013. It was detected in the Long Spruce reservoir in open-water 2015 (Appendix A3-15).

Six fish have moved upstream out of Stephens Lake into Gull Lake (as discussed in Section 4.1.1); however, one of these fish (#16033) was captured by a local resource user and the tag was reapplied to a fish in Stephens Lake (#16033b). Two (#16025 and #16037) returned to Stephens Lake in 2014; however, #16025 moved downstream through the Kettle GS into the Long Spruce reservoir (discussed above). An additional fish (#16048) initially tagged in Gull Lake moved downstream through Gull Rapids into Stephens Lake in 2015 (Section 4.1.1).

In summary, 35 adult Lake Sturgeon were tagged between 2011 and 2014. Four are considered missing, three moved downstream through Kettle GS, three moved upstream into Gull Lake and did not return to Stephens Lake, and one moved downstream from Gull Lake in 2015. Therefore, 26 fish were available to be detected in Stephens Lake during winter 2015/2016.



# 4.2 WINTER 2015/2016

## 4.2.1 Upstream of Gull Rapids

All four receivers deployed upstream of Gull Rapids during winter were retrieved (Map 3). Seventeen of the 32 fish were located a total of 183,947 times (range: 761 – 32,671 detections per individual) (Appendix A1-1). Fish were detected on 1 to 142 days of the 202 day winter period (1 – 70% of the time) for an average of 67 days, or for 33% of the study period (StDev = 42.5 days). No fish were located at the upstream end of Clark Lake (rkm -48.2). Two (#16026 and #16069) were located at rkm -26.5. One was located at rkm -12.9. The remaining 14 were located exclusively at rkm -9.9 (Figure 3; Appendix A1-1) where the majority of the detections (n = 183,044; 99.5%) were logged (Figure 4).

Individual Lake Sturgeon movements are summarized graphically in Appendix 2.

### 4.2.2 STEPHENS LAKE

Eleven of the 16 receivers deployed in Stephens Lake during winter were retrieved (Map 4). Three receivers located at rkms 10.5, 33.0, and 40.0 could not be retrieved due to the buildup of large woody debris that occurred during the winter months. The two receivers closest to Kettle GS (rkm 40.8) could not be retrieved (Map 4). Inspection with the sonar used to locate receivers after winter (Lowrance HDS) revealed that they were covered by sediment.

Twenty-five of the 26 fish were located during the winter period a total of 932,159 times (range: 1,455–68,422 detections per individual) (Appendix A1-2). On average, fish were detected for 162 days of the 202 day winter period (80%) (range: 13–202 days). The farthest upstream detections occurred at rkm 7.7 (by 21 fish; 84%), while the furthest downstream occurred at rkm 21.0 (by five fish; 20%) (Appendix A1-2). The average overall movement range was 6.5 rkm (range 0.0–13.3 rkm) (Figure 5; Appendix A1-2).

#### **4.2.2.1 MOVEMENTS**

The majority of detections were logged by receivers located in the southern portion of Stephens Lake between rkm 7.7 and 14.9 (n = 899,791; 97%; Figure 6). Movements were as follows:

- Six (#16028, #16037, #16040, #16053, #32168, and #32173) were detected exclusively in the upstream portion of Stephens Lake, moving no further downstream than rkm 10.5 (Appendix A1-2).
- Twelve (#16020, #16022, #16030, #16032, #16033b, #16035; #16049, #16050, #32167, #32169, #32171, and #32172) moved between rkm 7.7 and 14.9.
- Two (#16031 and #16041) were only detected at rkm 14.9.



 The remaining five (#16019, #16027, #16043, #16048, and #16052) moved as far downstream as rkm 21.0.

Individual Lake Sturgeon movements are summarized graphically in Appendix 3.

### 4.2.3 Long Spruce Reservoir

The single receiver set in the Long Spruce reservoir was retrieved (Map 5). None of the three Lake Sturgeon (#16021, #16025, and #16034) last detected in this area were located during winter 2015/2016 (Appendices A3-4, A3-7, and A3-15).

# 4.3 OPEN-WATER 2016

## 4.3.1 ACOUSTIC RECEIVER RETRIEVAL

Stationary acoustic receivers deployed upstream of Gull Rapids (26), in the Long Spruce reservoir (3), and in the Limestone reservoir (2) during the 2016 open-water period were successfully retrieved (Maps 6 and 8). One of the 29 receivers deployed in Stephens Lake (#4495; rkm 7.0) was caught on submerged trees approximately one month after it was deployed (Map 7). No data could be retrieved from this receiver.

# 4.3.2 UPSTREAM OF GULL RAPIDS

Thirty-two adult Lake Sturgeon were available to be detected upstream of Gull Rapids during the 2016 open-water period (Section 4.1.1). Twenty-nine of these were detected between 5 and 48,213 times for 2–163 days of the 172 day open-water period (1–95% of the time; Appendix A1-3). The average total movement range was 11.5 rkm (standard deviation [StDev] = 7.5 rkm; range: 0.0–28.9 rkm) (Figure 7; Appendix A1-3). The farthest upstream detections occurred at rkm -48.2 (by three fish; 10%), while the furthest downstream occurred at rkm -5.8 (by 12 fish; 41%) (Figure 7; Appendix A1-3). Two (#16060 and #32174) moved downstream through Gull Rapids into Stephens Lake (Appendixes A2-14 and A2-32). Fish #16060 was detected as far downstream as rkm 18.6, while fish #32174 was located as far downstream as rkm 9.4 (total movement ranges of 28.5 and 28.9 rkm, respectively) (Figure 7; Appendix A1-3).

Two fish last located in open-water 2015, were not detected during the 2016 open-water period. Lake Sturgeon #16075 was last located in lower Gull Lake (rkm -5.8) on September 14, 2015 (Appendix A2-29). Fish #32177 has been detected sporadically since it was tagged on June 18, 2014, and was only detected for 15 days between rkm -10.1 and -9.5 in 2015 (Appendix A2-35). It is likely that both fish move little and generally stay outside of the receiver array.



Two fish that were not detected in 2015 were located during the 2016 open-water period. Fish #16058 was tagged on June 9, 2011, downstream of Birthday Rapids (rkm -30.2). It was last detected at Birthday Rapids (rkm -34.2) on August 5, 2012. It was detected again on June 11, 2016, at the inlet of Clark Lake (rkm -48.2) (Appendix A2-12). It is thought that this fish moved upstream and has remained outside of the receiver array.

Fish #16064 was last detected on June 21, 2012 in lower Gull Lake (rkm -6.3). It was detected for two days at rkm -10.1 in Gull Lake in 2016 (Appendix A2-18). As with other fish that have been detected sporadically within Gull Lake, it is likely that this fish has remained outside of the receiver array for the last few years.

Four fish (#16062, #16066, #16070, and #16071) were captured and subsequently released during adult Lake Sturgeon population studies conducted from May 21 to June 29, 2016. Capture details can be found in Legge *et al.* (2017).

#### 4.3.2.1 Proportional Distribution

As in previous years, individual Lake Sturgeon used Zones 4 (upper basin of Gull Lake) and 5 (lower basin of Gull Lake) most often, spending a total of 57% (StDev = 40%; range: 0–100%) and 24% (StDev = 33%; range 0–100%) of the study period in these areas, respectively (Figures 8 and 9). Zones 1 (Clark Lake), 2 (river reach from Clark Lake to Birthday Rapids), and 3 (river reach from Birthday Rapids to Gull Lake) were used less frequently: Zone 1 (7%; StDev = 26%; range 0–100%), Zone 2 (0.1%; StDev = 0.3%; range 0–2%), and Zone 3 (12%; StDev = 30%; range 0–100%) (Figures 8 and 9).

#### 4.3.2.2 MOVEMENT PATTERNS

During the 2016 open-water period, the majority of detections (n = 282,417; 61%) were logged in Gull Lake between rkm -10.1 and -9.5 (Figure 10). During the spawning period (May 22 to June 13, 2016), six fish (#16051, #16056, #16061, #16066, #16071, and #16072) made distinct upstream movements, where one moved to Birthday Rapids and five moved as far upstream as a small set of rapids at rkm -19.5. During this time, 1% of the detections (n = 787) were logged immediately downstream of Birthday Rapids (rkm -33.8) (Figure 11). An additional 5% (n = 3,567) were logged by the receiver set at the small set of rapids at rkm -19.5 (Figure 11).

As described in previous reports, individual Lake Sturgeon in this study area exhibit habitual movement patterns. In 2016, 23 of the 29 detected fish continued to display the same general pattern of movement that they displayed in previous years, illustrated in Map 10:

- Twenty-one remained in Gull Lake for the majority of the open-water period:
  - o Nineteen were detected exclusively within Gull Lake:
    - Five (#16055, #16059, #16065, #16075, and #32176) remained within lower
       Gull Lake, moving between rkm -12.9 and -5.8.



- The remaining 14 fish made multiple upstream and downstream movements within Gull Lake, moving as far upstream as rkm -19.5 and as far downstream as rkm -5.8.
- Two were located within Gull Lake for the majority of the study period, but made brief upstream movements to the base of Birthday Rapids, after which they returned to Gull Lake:
  - #16029 was located in Gull Lake (rkm -12.9 to -9.5) from May 20 to 21, 2016.
     It moved upstream to rkm -26.5 on May 26, and remained between rkm -29.4 and -26.5 until July 22, when it moved back downstream to Gull Lake (Appendix A3-10).
    - This fish was located downstream of Birthday Rapids during the spawning period when water temperature ranged from 10 to 19°C.
  - #16056 was located in Gull Lake (rkm -19.5 to -12.9) from May 17 to June 3, 2016. It moved upstream to rkm -24.3 on June 3, and remained between rkm -29.4 and -24.3 until July 8, when it moved back downstream to Gull Lake (Appendix A2-10).
    - This fish was located downstream of Birthday Rapids during the spawning period when water temperature ranged from 11 to 17°C.
- Two (#16026 and #16069) remained within the riverine area between Clark Lake and Gull Lake and have been located exclusively within this river reach since the study began in 2011 (appendices A2-1 and A2-23).

The remaining six fish displayed movements that differed from movements exhibited during previous years:

- Two were previously thought to be lost tags (described in section 4.3.2):
  - #16058 was last detected at Birthday Rapids (rkm -34.2) on August 5, 2012. Its next detection occurred on June 11, 2016, at the inlet of Clark Lake (rkm -48.2) (Appendix A2-12).
  - o #16064 was last detected in Gull Lake (rkm -6.3) on June 21, 2012. It was detected again on June 22, 2016, in Gull Lake (rkm -10.1) (Appendix A2-18).
- · Two were previously located exclusively in Gull Lake:
  - #16060 moved downstream through Gull Rapids into Stephens Lake. This fish was detected exclusively within Gull Lake (rkm -14.8 to -9.5) between 2011 and 2015. It was detected within lower Gull Lake (rkm -9.9 to -5.8) at the beginning of the 2016 open-water period. It then moved downstream and was detected in Stephens Lake on July 2, 2016. It moved between rkm 1.2 and 18.6 for the remainder of the study period (Appendix A2-14).



- By July 2, water temperature in Stephens Lake measured 18°C, which is too warm for spawning. Therefore, this fish likely did not move downstream to spawn at Gull Rapids.
- This fish represents the fourth downstream movement observed through Gull Rapids since the inception of this study in 2011 (discussed further in Section 4.5). A summary of all observed movement through Gull Rapids by adult Lake Sturgeon tagged with radio or acoustic tags since 2001 is provided in Table 4.
- #16054 remained in Gull Lake (between rkm -19.5 and -6.6) from 2011 to July 2015, when it moved immediately upstream of Birthday Rapids (rkm -33.8). It remained here until September 3, 2015, after which it continued upstream to Clark Lake (rkm -48.2). It was located within Clark Lake at the beginning of the 2016 open-water period, but moved downstream to the riverine area between Clark Lake and Gull Lake (rkm -29.4) on June 23, 2016. It remained within this area until the end of the 2016 study period (Appendix A2-8).
- One was previously located exclusively in the riverine area between Clark Lake and Gull Lake:
  - #16074 was detected within Clark Lake at the beginning of the 2015 open-water period. It was detected within Clark Lake from May 24 to June 21, 2016 (Appendix A2-28).
- One has been detected mostly in Gull Lake, but displays single upstream movements each year:
  - #32174 was tagged on June 18, 2014, in Gull Lake (rkm -10.9). It moved between Gull Lake (rkm -5.8) and Birthday Rapids (rkm -33.8). In 2015, this fish moved between Gull Lake (rkm -5.8) and Clark Lake (rkm -48.2).
    - In 2016, this fish was located within Gull Lake at the beginning of the 2016 open-water period. It then moved downstream and was detected in Stephens Lake on August 6. It moved between rkm 1.2 and 9.4 for the remainder of the study period.
    - This fish represents the fifth downstream movement observed through Gull Rapids since the inception of this study.

Individual Lake Sturgeon movements are summarized graphically in Appendix A2.

## 4.3.3 STEPHENS LAKE

All 26 fish available to be detected in Stephens Lake during the 2016 open-water period (Section 4.1.2) were detected between 10,843 and 29,709 times over 89–155 days of the 172 day study period (52–90% of the time; Appendix A1-4). Mean movement range was 17.9 rkm (StDev = 5.3 rkm; range: 9.0–34.9 rkm) (Figure 12; Appendix A1-4). All 26 fish were detected as



far upstream as rkm 1.2, while a single fish was detected as far downstream as rkm 36.1 (Figure 12; Appendix A1-4). No fish moved upstream through Gull Rapids or downstream through the Kettle GS during the 2016 open-water period.

Five (#16028, #16029, #16035, #16038, and #16043) were captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring conducted from May 25 to June 29, 2016. Capture details can be found in Legge *et al.* (2017). Fish #16028 was recaptured a second time during juvenile Lake Sturgeon population studies conducted from September 12 to 23, 2016 (described in Burnett *et al.* 2017).

#### 4.3.3.1 Proportional Distribution

Unlike in open-water 2015, Lake Sturgeon used Zone 7 more frequently than Zone 6, spending 59% (StDev = 20%; range 0–94%), and 42% (StDev = 20%; range 6–100%) of the time in each zone, respectively (Figures 8 and 13). However, as in open-water 2015, utilization of the zones changed over time. A greater proportion of fish were detected close to Gull Rapids during the beginning and middle of the study period than at the end (Figures 8 and 13).

- Zone 6 was used an average of:
  - 80% of the time (StDev = 3%; range: 70–85%) between May 26 and June 4, 2016;
  - o 33% (StDev = 10%; range: 19–70%) between June 5 and August 10, 2016;
  - 58% (StDev = 6%; range: 44–78%) between August 11 and September 10, 2016;
     and
  - o 34% (StDev = 8%; range: 15–48%) between September 11 and October 19, 2016.

#### 4.3.3.2 MOVEMENT PATTERNS

During the 2016 open-water period, the majority of detections (n = 490,771; 95%) were logged by receivers located in the southern portion of Stephens Lake between rkm 1.2 and 13.9 (Figure 14). During the spawning period (May 22 to June 13, 2016), 16% of detections (n = 6,693) were logged within 1.2 rkm of Gull Rapids (Figure 15).

Two general movement patterns were displayed during the 2016 open-water period, illustrated in Map 11:

- Nine remained in the upstream portion of Stephens Lake
  - Seven moved only as far downstream as rkm 14.9.
    - Five of these fish (#16027, #16041, #16050, #32172, and #32173) displayed the same movement pattern during open-water 2015 (Appendices A3-8, A3-20, A.-26, and A3-35).
    - Two fish (#16028 and #16043) moved as far downstream as rkm 19.0 in open-water 2015 (Appendices A3-9 and A3-21).



- Two (#16031 and #16053) remained in the upstream portion of Stephens Lake, but made single movements further downstream to rkm 16.8 (Appendices A3-12 and A3-28).
- The remaining 17 fish moved further downstream into Stephens Lake:
  - Nine made regular upstream and downstream movements, moving as far downstream as rkm 18.6.
  - Five (#16019, #16022, #16049, #32167, and #32168) moved as far downstream as rkm 23.5 (Appendices A3-2, A3-5, A3-25, A3-29, and A3-30).
  - o #16035 was located as far downstream as rkm 24.7 (Appendix A3-16).
  - A single fish (#16030) was located as far downstream as rkm 36.1, ~5 rkm upstream of Kettle GS however, this fish did not pass through the station and moved back upstream, moving between rkm 1.2 and 10.3 for the remainder of the open-water period (Appendix A3-11).

Individual Lake Sturgeon movements are summarized graphically in Appendix 3.

### 4.3.4 Long Spruce Reservoir

No adult Lake Sturgeon were detected within the Long Spruce reservoir during the 2016 openwater period. Two of the three fish last detected in this area (#16021 and #16034) were located within the Limestone reservoir.

## 4.3.5 LIMESTONE RESERVOIR

Two of the three Lake Sturgeon last detected in the Long Spruce reservoir (#16021 and #16034) were located in the Limestone reservoir during the 2016 open-water period. Lake Sturgeon #16021 was last detected in the Long Spruce reservoir on September 18, 2012. It was first detected in the Limestone reservoir, on August 1, 2016. Based on the frequency of upstream and downstream detections, it is clear that this fish survived passage through the Long Spruce GS, although the exact date of passage is not known. The route that this fish took past the Long Spruce GS is also unknown; it may have gone over the spillway or it could have moved downstream through one of the turbines. This fish logged a total of 1,331 detections at the two receivers located immediately downstream of the GS until September 5, 2016 (Appendix A3-4).

Lake Sturgeon #16034 was located in the Long Spruce reservoir until July 6, 2016. It was first detected in the Limestone reservoir on July 30, 2016. It is unknown whether this fish moved downstream over the spillway or via one of the turbines as the Long Spruce GS was periodically between July 6 and 30, 2016. Based on the frequency of upstream and downstream



movements, this fish survived passage through the GS. It was detected in the upstream portion of the reservoir, logging a total of 2,603 detections until September 18, 2016 (Appendix A3-15).

### 4.4 ADULT LAKE STURGEON DISTRIBUTION

Proportional distributions of fish detected consistently since 2013 (n = 43) were compared, and the likelihood of fish movements between zones both before and after construction were calculated (Figures 16, 17, and 18). The overall likelihood of a movement (either upstream or downstream) between zones was 12.2% prior to construction and 16.8% after construction (Figure 16). The likelihood of a fish moving upstream from one zone to another was 43.4% prior to the onset of construction, and 42.6% after (Figure 17). The likelihood of a fish moving downstream from one zone to another was 56.6% before construction and 57.4% after (Figure 18).

#### 4.5 Long Distance Movements

Since the inception of the study in 2011, 11 movements through Gull Rapids have occurred: six upstream, and five downstream (Table 4).

- Four (#16029, #16033, #16038, and #16046) tagged in Stephens Lake made a single upstream movement.
- Three (#16048, #16060, and #32174) tagged in Gull Lake made a single downstream movement.
- Two (#16025 and #16037) tagged in Stephens Lake moved upstream into Gull Lake and returned to Stephens Lake.

Additionally, three (#16021, #16025, and #16034) moved downstream through the Kettle GS. Two of these (#16021 and #16034) have since moved downstream through the Long Spruce GS.

Three downstream movements through Gull Rapids (#16060, #16048, and #32174) have occurred following the start of Keeyask GS construction.

The likelihood of a fish moving through a Gull Rapids, Kettle GS, or the Long Spruce GS was calculated both pre- and post-construction. Prior to construction, there was a 2.1% chance that a fish would move through a barrier and a 1.4% chance after the onset of construction (Figure 19).



## 5.0 DISCUSSION

Adult Lake Sturgeon movement monitoring was initiated in 2011 to describe adult Lake Sturgeon movement through the pre-construction (2011 – 2013) and construction phases (beginning in mid-2014) of the Keeyask Project and to determine if disturbances associated with construction alter habitat use and coarse-scale movement patterns upstream and downstream of the Project. As discussed in the AEMP and the Keeyask EIS, potential impacts include increased emigration from the population, mortality at the GS structure, and the loss of critical habitats. The discussion below highlights movement patterns that have been observed and discusses the key questions (presented in the AEMP) with respect to potential impacts of construction on Lake Sturgeon and their movements.

#### 5.1 EVALUATION OF METHODOLOGY

Acoustic telemetry continues to be an effective method for monitoring movements and habitat utilization patterns of adult Lake Sturgeon in the study area. During the open-water period, when most coarse-scale movements occur, the robust array of stationary receivers has enabled good spatial coverage resulting in a high quality dataset. Despite this, the sudden disappearance of some fish (five fish upstream of Gull Rapids [two in 2011 and three in 2012] and four fish from Stephens Lake [one in 2011 and 3 in 2012]) complicates data interpretation. While the whereabouts of these fish remains unknown, natural mortality, harvest, tag loss, or tag failure are all possible causes of missing tags.

In other cases, tagged fish that have disappeared have been detected again several years later. For example, fish #16058, last detected August 5, 2012, downstream of Birthday Rapids was detected at the inlet of Clark Lake on June 11, 2016. Fish #16064, last detected June 21, 2012 at the downstream end of Gull Lake, was detected in lower Gull Lake on June 22, 2016. It is possible that this fish moved downstream past the receiver array and has spent three years closer to Gull Rapids. Because tagged adult sturgeon rarely move past receivers without being detected, it is likely that these fish moved little and remained in areas outside the receiver array. An additional receiver will be placed closer to the upstream side to Gull Rapids in open-water 2017 to monitor potential movements in this area.

Generally, the quantity of data collected during the winter period has been low relative to the open-water period. Upstream of Gull Rapids, this can be attributed to the sparse receiver coverage. In Stephens Lake, large gaps in detection data are common during the winter period, which have been attributed to noise caused by moving ice which interferes with or blocks transmitted signals. In 2016, data was more consistently recorded throughout the winter in Stephens Lake. In previous years, the total number of adult Lake Sturgeon detections per receiver has ranged from 12,081 (in 2012/2013) to 29,077 (in 2014/2015) with a near complete lack of detections between February and April. During winter 2015/2016, 84,742 detections per receiver were logged with no obvious gaps in data. The overall increase in the amount of detection data in Stephens Lake during winter 2015/2016 is likely due to the success of ice



booms installed above Gull Rapids. The purpose of the ice boom is to enable the formation of stable ice cover which will, in turn, prevent significant amounts of frazil ice from passing through the rapids and forming a hanging ice dam at the entrance of Stephens Lake. Ice booms have been installed at Gull Rapids each fall since 2013, however, 2015/2016 marks the first winter that the booms have held in place.

Despite this, five receivers were lost in Stephens Lake during winter 2015/2016. These receivers were covered by either trees or sediment and therefore could not be retrieved. These receivers included one in the northern portion of Stephens Lake which, due to the presence of other receivers in the area, left only a small gap in coverage. The remaining four lost receivers were located in lower Stephens Lake, including all three upstream of Kettle GS. Two of these receivers were also lost in winter 2014/2015 and 2013/2014. Although the loss of these receivers leaves gaps in coverage, 96% of tagged fish were located for 80% of the 2015/2016 winter period, suggesting that use of lower Stephens Lake in winter is low. Thus, to minimize loss, receivers were not set upstream of Kettle GS in winter 2016/2017, but will be reset in May 2017.

### 5.2 KEY QUESTIONS

The key questions described in the AEMP for adult movement monitoring during construction were:

Will disturbances associated with construction alter coarse-scale movements upstream and/or downstream of the construction site?

Based on the maximum likelihood analysis comparing data from the pre-construction and post-construction periods, the frequency of Lake Sturgeon movement between zones has not changed since construction began. The likelihood that an adult Lake Sturgeon would move upstream or downstream from one zone to another was similar (<4.6% difference), and generally low, during both time periods. If a movement was made between zones, the likelihood of an upstream movement or a downstream movement was very similar (<0.8% difference) between the two time periods.

Qualitatively, there does not appear to be any evidence to suggest that the coarse-scale movement patterns of adult Lake Sturgeon have changed since construction of the Keeyask GS began. Upstream of Gull Rapids, fish tend to display habitual movement patterns and are generally found in distinct portions of the study area year after year. Within Stephens Lake, habitual movement patterns are also becoming evident; some fish tend to remain in the upper portion of Stephens Lake, while others utilize both the upper and lower portions of the lake. Interestingly, data from both areas suggest that when fish deviate from their habitual pattern, they tend to make a large-scale movement. For example, in 2016, two fish (#16060 and #32174) moved downstream through Gull Rapids. Prior to this movement, #16060 was detected exclusively within Gull Lake (between rkms -14.8 and -5.8) for five years (i.e., since 2011).



Are sturgeon using habitat in the immediate vicinity of the construction site?

As seen in 2014 and 2015, adult Lake Sturgeon continued to use habitat immediately upstream and downstream of Gull Rapids. Upstream, 12 fish (41%) were located at the receiver closest to Gull Rapids (rkm -5.8). This is a slight increase from 2015 when 10 fish (36%) were detected at this location. In Stephens Lake, all of the 26 detected fish moved as far upstream as rkm 1.2 (the receiver closest to the rapids). These fish continue to be located at Gull Rapids during the spawning period as 24 fish (92%) were detected within 3.8 rkm of the construction site during this time.

Will the frequency of long-distance movements (and subsequent downstream emigration/entrainment) by Lake Sturgeon increase during construction and operation of the Project?

Two adult Lake Sturgeon moved through Gull Rapids in 2016, representing the second and third downstream movement through Gull Rapids since construction began. Both downstream movements in 2016 occurred between July and August. Prior to the onset of construction, 6 upstream and 2 downstream movements through Gull Rapids were observed. However, there have been no upstream movements observed since construction began. It is possible that upstream fish movement past the construction site is no longer possible because all flow has been diverted to the south channel and the south channel itself was partially constricted by construction of the spillway cofferdam in 2015. Discharge in the Nelson River has been above median levels since the start of construction, further increasing water velocity in the south channel.

Since construction began, three adult Lake Sturgeon and no juvenile Lake Sturgeon have moved downstream through Gull Rapids. Based on maximum likelihood estimates the likelihood that an adult Lake Sturgeon would move through a barrier was lower during construction (1.4 %) than prior to construction (2.1%).



## 6.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Acoustic telemetry continues to be an effective method for monitoring adult Lake Sturgeon movement. In the 2016 open-water period, 53 of the 58 (91%) Lake Sturgeon available to be detected were located. Although monitoring during winter continues to be difficult (largely due to the limited number of sites available to deploy receivers), the overall number of detections in Stephens Lake increased in 2015/2016, likely due to the success of the ice booms installed upstream of Gull Rapids.
- The key questions, as described in the AEMP, for adult Lake Sturgeon movement monitoring during construction of the Keeyask GS were as follows:
  - Will disturbances associated with construction alter coarse-scale movements upstream and/or downstream of the construction site?
    - Quantitatively and qualitatively, there have been no changes in adult Lake Sturgeon movement patterns since the onset of Keeyask GS construction.
  - Are adult sturgeon using habitat in the immediate vicinity of the construction site?
    - During the open-water period of 2016, fish continued to use the areas both immediately upstream and immediately downstream of Gull Rapids. Data suggest that adult Lake Sturgeon were more frequently located near the construction area during the construction phase (July 2014 2016) relative to the pre-construction phase (2011 June 2014).
  - Will the frequency of long-distance movements (and subsequent downstream emigration/entrainment) by adult Lake Sturgeon increase during construction and operation of the Project?
    - Since the inception of study in 2011, eleven movements through Gull Rapids have occurred: six upstream, and five downstream. All upstream movements occurred during the pre-construction phase (one in 2011, four in 2012, and one in 2013). Because flows are restricted to the southern channel of Gull Rapids, upstream passage may no longer be possible. Downstream movements occurred both during the pre-construction (2014; n=2) and construction phase (n=3). Data collected during the pre-construction phase (2011 June 2014) suggested that the probability of moving through a barrier (either Gull Rapids of the Kettle GS) was 2.1%. Data collected after the onset of construction (July 2014 October 2016), suggested that the probability was slightly lower (1.4%).



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# **TABLES**



Table 1: Number of acoustic transmitters applied to adult Lake Sturgeon upstream of Gull Rapids [GR] and in Stephens Lake between June 2011 and October 2016.

Year	Upstream GR	Stephens Lake	Total
2011	30	19	49
2012	1	9	10
2013	0	1	1
2014	4	7	11
2015	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0



Table 2: Tagging and biological information associated with adult Lake Sturgeon implanted with acoustic transmitters upstream of Gull Rapids between 2011 and 2016.

Tag ID	Date Tagged	Floy Tag	Fork Length	Total Length	Weight	Sex
16026	19-Jun-12	100450	955	1070	7711	-
16036	5-Jun-11	74400	1313	1414	20185	-
16039	5-Jun-11	48596	1425	1530	27216	F
16042	5-Jun-11	74399	956	1060	8165	М
16045	10-Jun-11	77516	1379	1533	21773	М
16048	7-Jun-11	94396	967	1103	9299	-
16051	10-Jun-11	74394	1386	1510	24494	-
16054	6-Jun-11	74398	816	915	5023	-
16055	6-Jun-11	74396	872	974	6350	М
16056	10-Jun-11	77515	1020	1120	9526	М
16057	16-Jun-11	77509	900	1024	7711	-
16058	9-Jun-11	82631	867	953	6124	-
16059	16-Jun-11	64718	1260	1385	16783	F
16060	21-Jun-11	80188	1060	1170	10433	-
16061	21-Jun-11	77503	1305	1443	14515	-
16062	12-Jun-11	77510	1176	1284	12247	-
16063	11-Jun-11	77514	1124	1229	10660	М
16064	12-Jun-11	80370	1066	1148	9072	М
16065	12-Jun-11	77511	958	1058	7484	-
16066	20-Jun-11	77507	1310	1405	25855	F
16067	19-Jun-11	50826	1090	1210	11340	-
16068	19-Jun-11	80368	1140	1254	11794	-
16069	17-Jun-11	48909	1400	1570	32659	-
16070	16-Jun-11	77508	1072	1195	10886	М
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16072	21-Jun-11	77506	850	967	6350	-
16073	12-Jun-11	77512	1169	1284	15422	М
16074	13-Jun-11	94030	915	1016	6804	М
16075	10-Jun-11	50888	1610	1700	43092	F
16076	16-Jun-11	50808	1260	1375	19958	-
16077	10-Jun-11	80265	1143	1245	12247	М
32174	18-Jun-14	94117	1172	1296	17690	-
32175	18-Jun-14	105480	843	951	4082	-
32176	18-Jun-14	50853	1236	1370	22226	-
32177	18-Jun-14	105479	886	1001	5443	-



Table 3: Tagging and biological information associated with adult Lake Sturgeon implanted with acoustic transmitters in Stephens Lake between 2011 and 2016.

Tag ID	Date Tagged	Floy Tag	Fork Length	Total Length	Weight	Sex
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16020	06/08/12	55557	992	1100	-	М
16021	09/28/11	91705	880	977	6804	-
16022	06/13/12	81628	810	900	5443	М
16024	06/13/12	74416	960	1081	8391	-
16025	06/15/12	80374	1120	2350	10433	М
16027	06/13/12	93921	894	991	6804	М
16028	06/13/12	93924	884	976	5216	М
16029	06/21/11	56202	1208	1316	16556	F
16030	06/12/11	56152	1004	1103	7711	-
16031	06/13/12	92925	906	1011	6804	-
16032	06/11/11	46892	1064	1159	11340	М
16033	06/18/11	74419	881	974	5443	-
16033b	09/16/13	103230	755	842	-	-
16034	06/18/11	74418	796	904	4082	-
16035	09/26/11	69868	941	1040	8165	-
16037	06/08/11	-	826	911	-	-
16038	06/12/11	74415	1116	1239	11793	-
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16041	06/26/11	74421	903	1001	7257	-
16043	06/10/11	88788	790	885	4536	-
16044	06/09/11	56208	1161	1296	14969	М
16046	06/11/11	74413	1085	1209	9979	М
16047	06/26/11	88789	920	1020	6577	-
16049	09/24/11	91174	1070	1182	10886	-
16050	06/13/11	74415	922	1041	6577	-
16052	09/26/11	69865	1190	1337	16329	-
16053	09/26/11	69867	919	1021	8618	-
32167	06/11/14	-	910	1015	4990	-
32168	06/11/14	94234	884	980	4990	-
32169	06/13/14	-	810	908	4082	-
32170	06/11/14	46844	1095	2000	9525	М
32171	06/13/14	-	880	976	4536	М
32172	06/13/14	86136	904	1050	5897	-
32173	06/13/14	-	842	936	4082	-



Table 4: Number of Lake Sturgeon tagged with acoustic and radio tags that moved upstream or downstream through Gull Rapids during studies conducted in 2001–2004 and 2011–2016.

Life Stage	Vaara	# Tagged Fish		# Fish Detected			Downstream Movements		Upstream Movements		Total #	% Tagged	% Detected	
	Year <sup>a</sup>	U/S <sup>b</sup>	D/S <sup>c</sup>	U/S	D/S	#	% of total	% of detected	#	% of total	% of detected	Movements	Fish Moved	Fish Moved
Adult <sup>d</sup>	2001	21	11	21	11	1	4.8	4.8	0	0.0	0.0	1	3.1	3.1
	2002	19	12	19	10	0	0.0	0.0	3	25.0	30.0	3	9.7	10.3
	2003	21	9	20	4	1	4.8	5.0	0	0.0	0.0	1	3.3	4.2
	2004	19	9	16	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
	2011	30	19	28	19	0	0.0	0.0	1	5.3	5.3	1	2.0	2.1
2	2012	32	27	30	27	0	0.0	0.0	4	14.8	14.8	4	6.8	7.0
	2013	35	22	28	19	0	0.0	0.0	1	4.5	5.3	1	1.8	2.1
	2014	34	24	33	24	2	5.9	6.1	0	0.0	0.0	2	3.4	3.5
	2015	32	25	28	25	1	3.1	3.6	0	0.0	0.0	1	1.8	1.9
20	2016	31	26	29	26	2	6.5	6.9	0	0.0	0.0	2	3.5	3.6
Juvenile <sup>e</sup>	2013	20	20	18	20	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
	2014	20	20	20	19	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
	2015	20	20	19	19	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
	2016	20	20	19	18	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0

a. Includes data from the current study (2011–2016), a study conducted between 2001 and 2004 (Barth and Mochnacz 2004; Barth 2005; Barth and Murray 2005; Barth and Ambrose 2006), and the juvenile Lake Sturgeon acoustic telemetry study initiated in Gull and Stephens Lake in 2013 (Hrenchuk and Barth 2014; Lacho et al. 2015, Lacho et al. 2016; Lacho et al. 2017).



b. Upstream of Gull Rapids (between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids).

c. Downstream of Gull Rapids (in Stephens Lake between Gull Rapids and the Kettle GS).

d. Refers to fish greater than 800 mm FL.

e. Refers to fish less than 800 mm FL.

# **FIGURES**



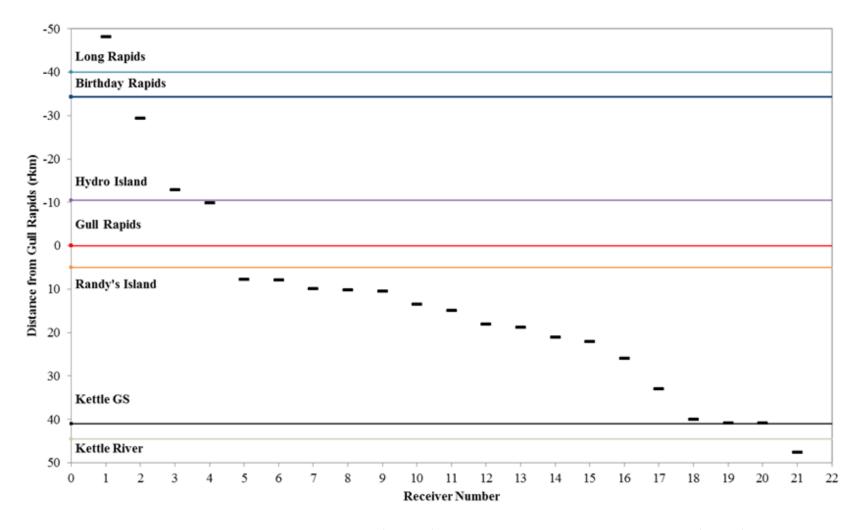


Figure 1: Locations of stationary acoustic receivers (dashes) in relation to the base of Gull Rapids (rkm 0) and other major landmarks (lines) in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and the Limestone GS between October, 2015 and June, 2016.



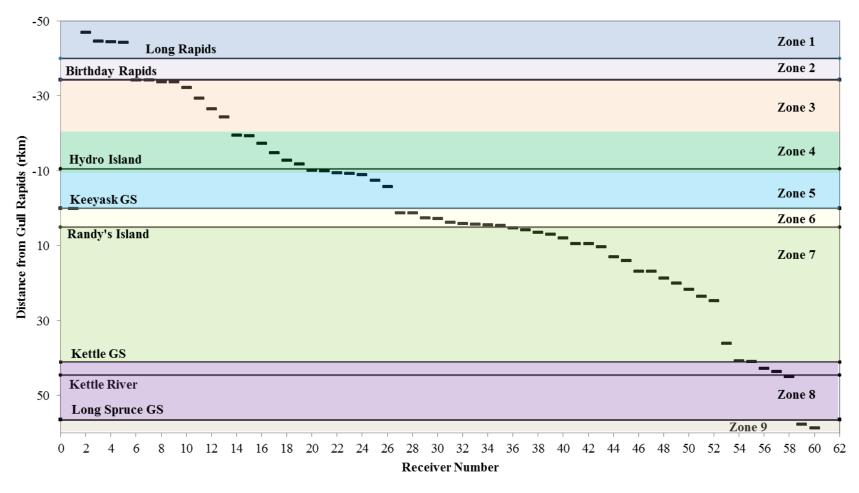


Figure 2: Locations of stationary acoustic receivers (dashes) in relation to the base of Gull Rapids (rkm 0) and other major landmarks (lines) in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and the Limestone GS between June and October, 2016. River zones upstream and downstream of Gull Rapids are indicated by shading.



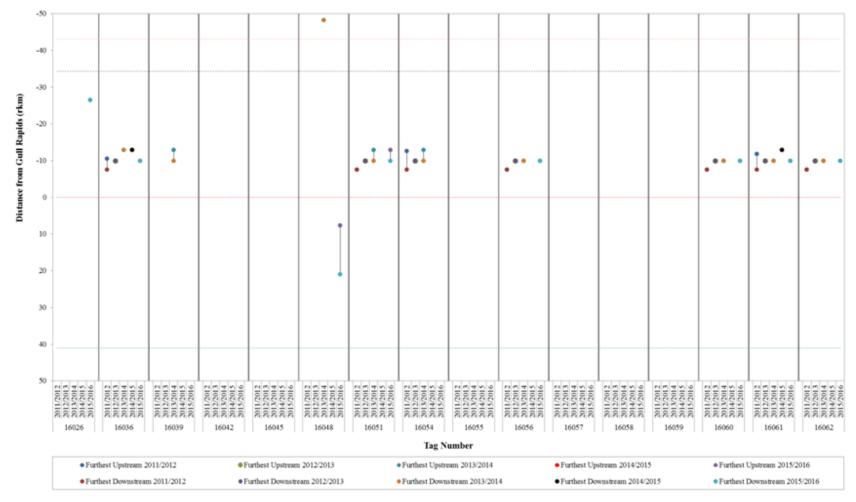


Figure 3: Detection ranges for individual adult Lake Sturgeon tagged with acoustic transmitters upstream of Gull Rapids during the winter period (2012–2016). Horizontal dotted lines indicate locations of landmarks (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS).



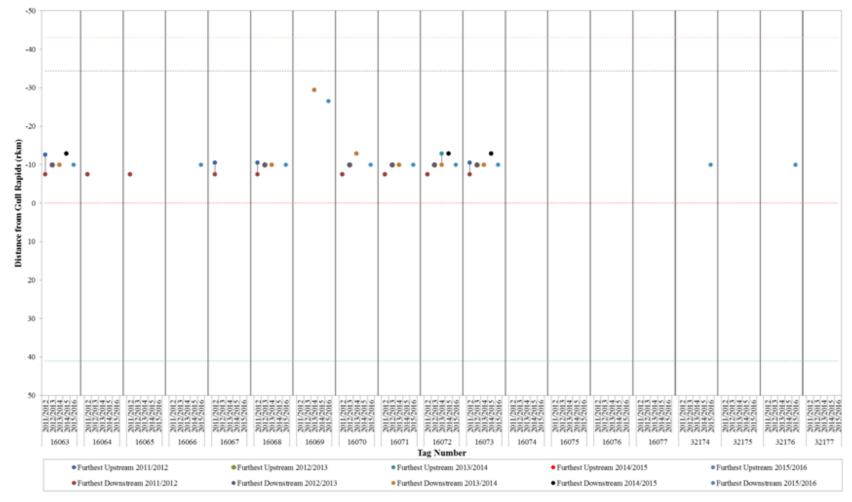


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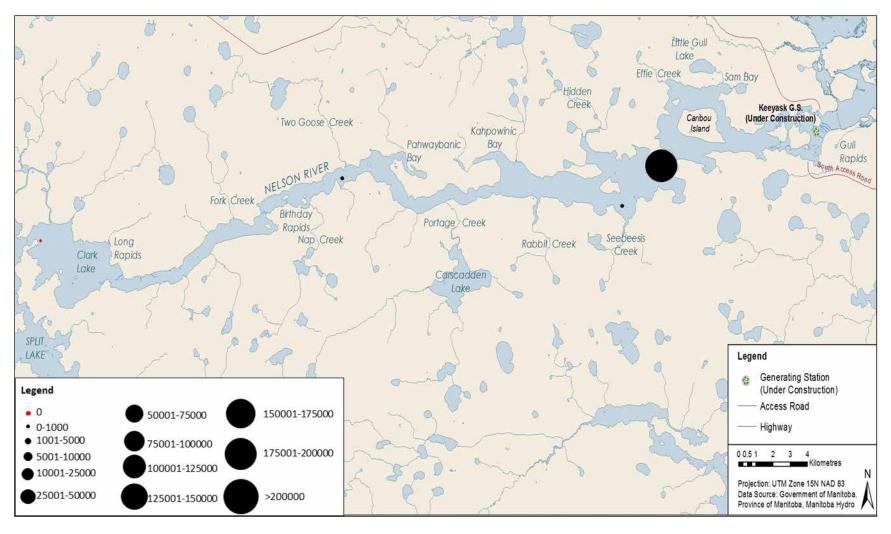


Figure 4: Relative number of detections at each acoustic receiver set between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids during winter 2015/2016 (October 12, 2015, to April 30, 2016). Number of detections indicated by size of bubble (defined in legend). Receivers with no detections indicated with red dot.



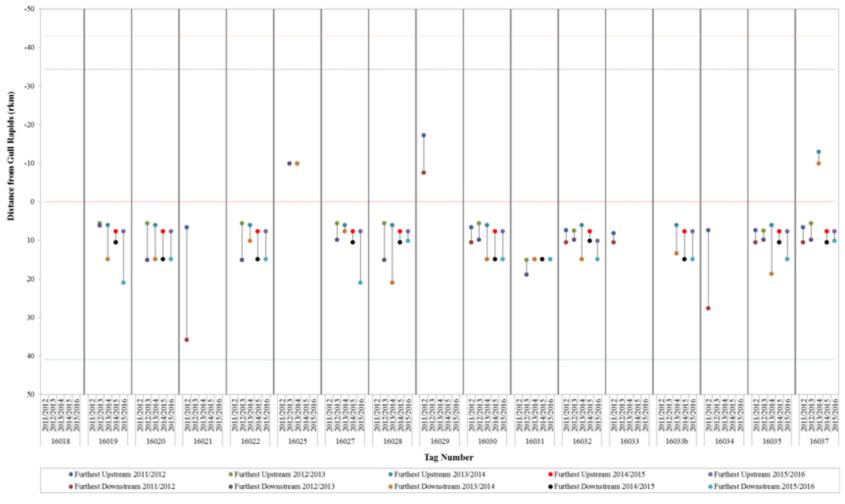


Figure 5: Detection ranges for individual adult Lake Sturgeon tagged with acoustic transmitters in Stephens Lake during the winter period (2012–2016). Horizontal dotted lines indicate locations of landmarks (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS).



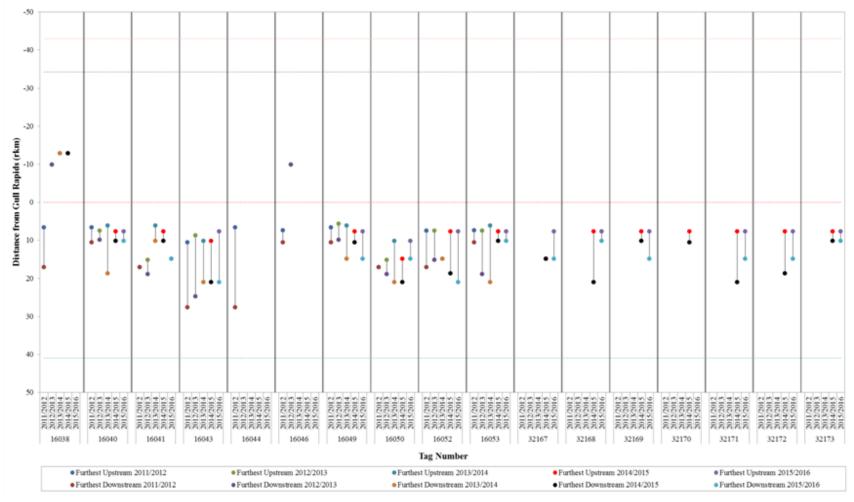


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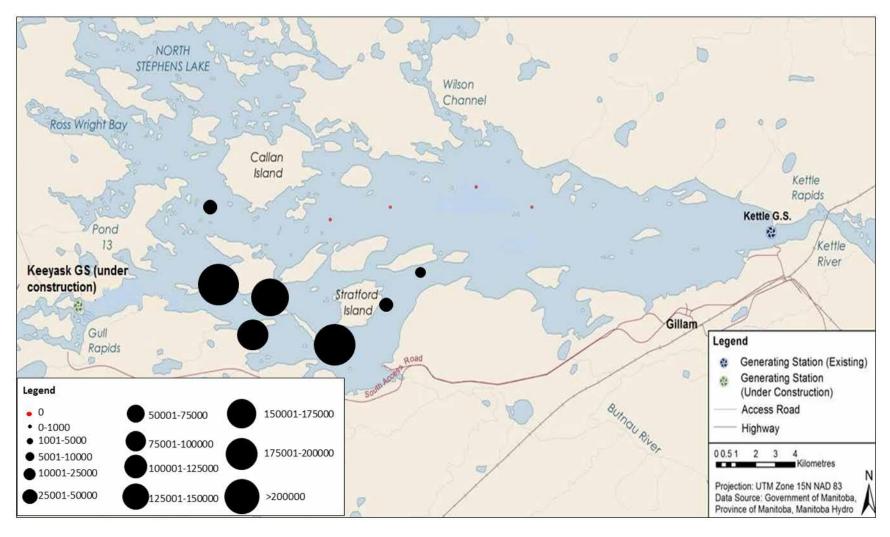


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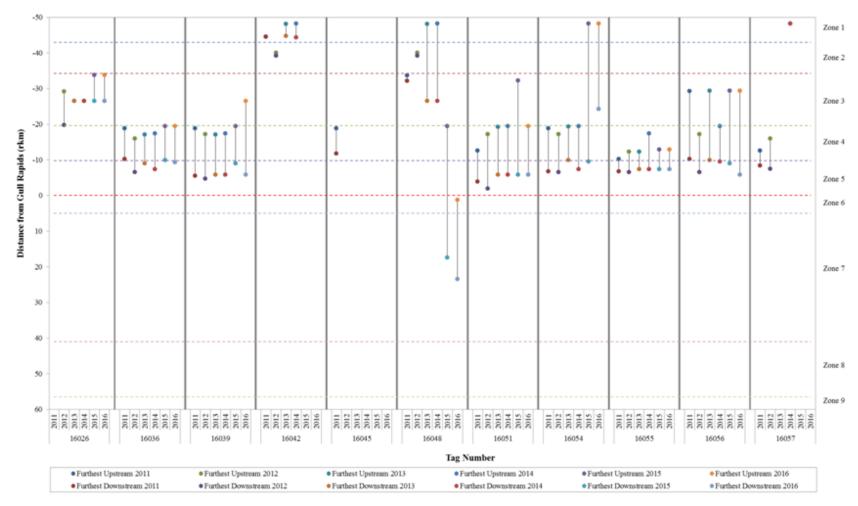


Figure 7: Detection ranges for individual adult Lake Sturgeon tagged with acoustic transmitters upstream of Gull Rapids during the open-water period (2011–2016). Horizontal dotted lines demarcate zones.



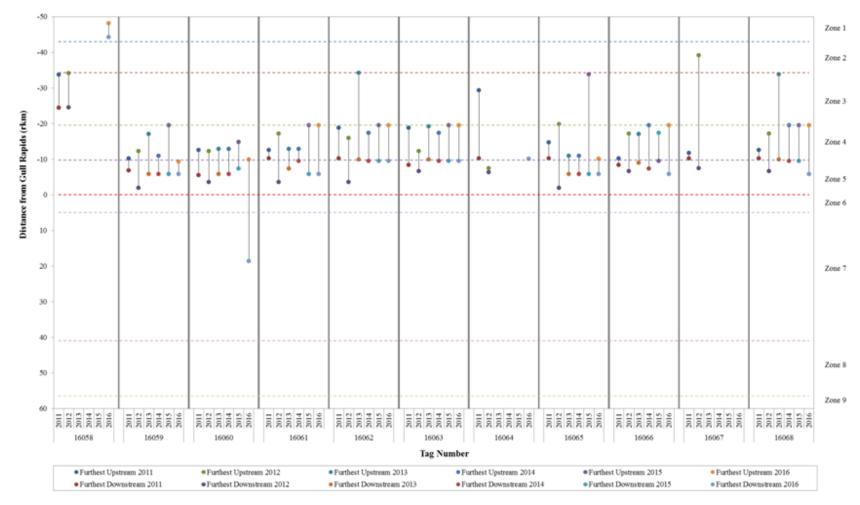


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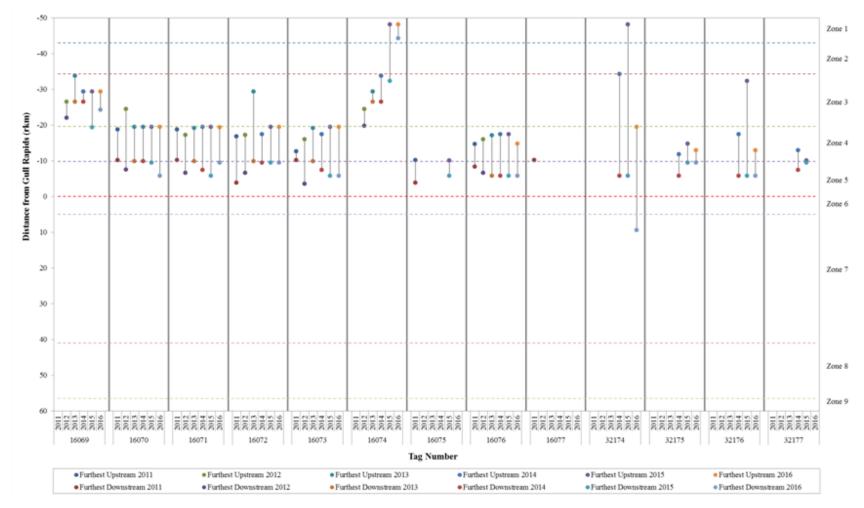
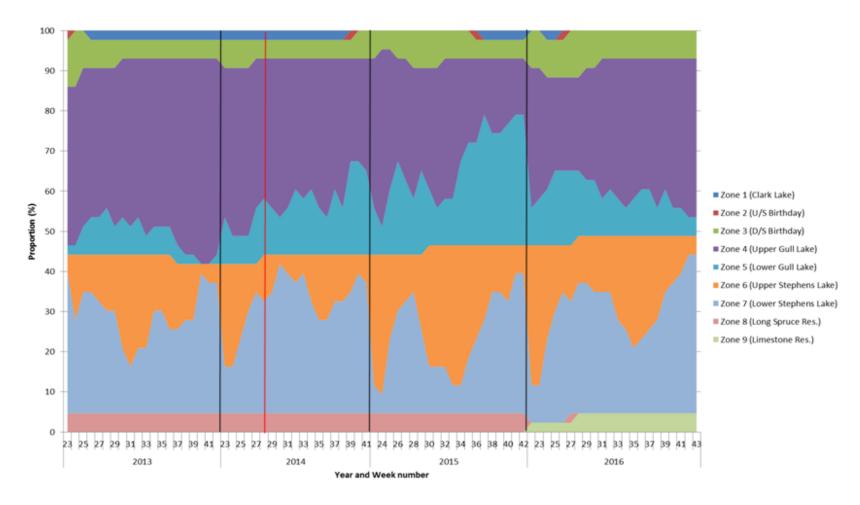


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Proportional distribution by zone, for 43 adult Lake Sturgeon tagged with acoustic transmitters in the Keeyask GS Area during a portion of the 2013 (June 4 to October 15), 2014 (June 4 to October 3), 2015 (June 4 to October 11), and 2016 (June 4 to October 19) open-water periods. Only fish located in all three study years were included. Black lines indicate study years. Red line indicates start of Keeyask construction.



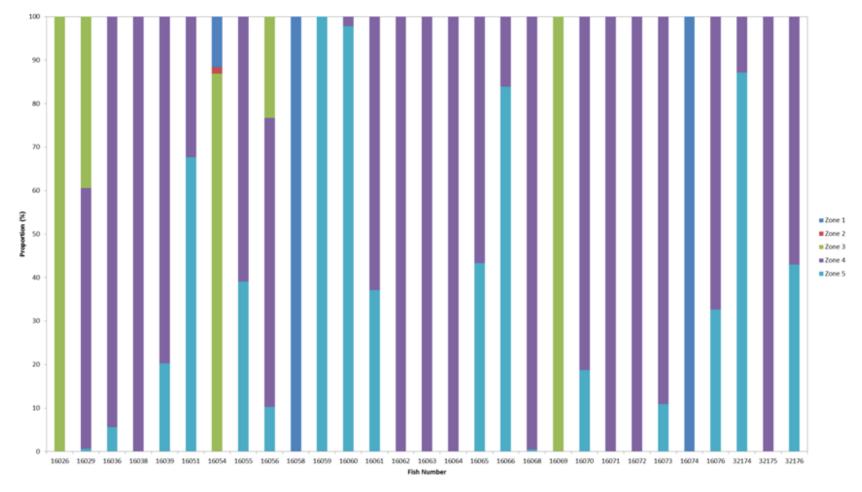


Figure 9: Proportional distributions by zone, for individual adult Lake Sturgeon tagged with acoustic transmitters upstream of Keeyask GS during a portion of the 2016 open-water period (June 4 to October 19).



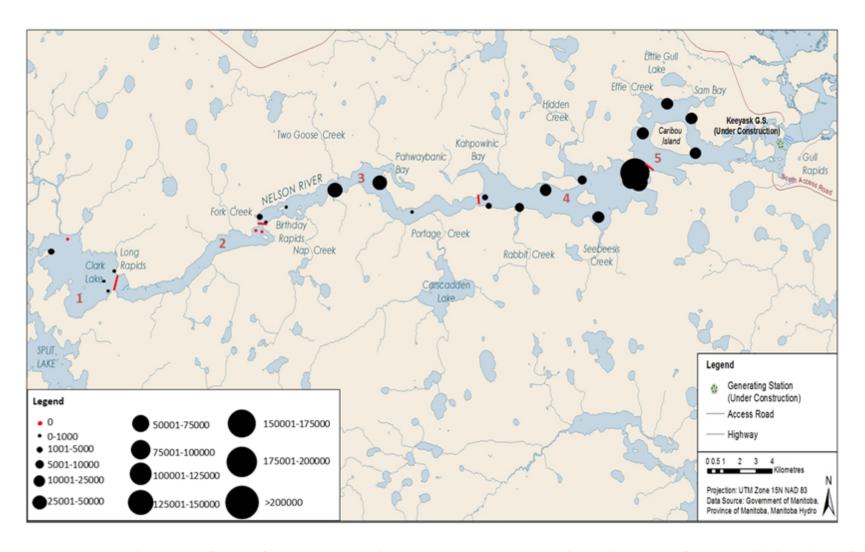


Figure 10: Relative number of detections at each acoustic receiver set in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids during the 2016 open-water period (May 1 to October 19). Number of detections indicated by size of bubble (defined in legend). Receivers with no detections indicated with red dot. The river is divided into five "zones" based on placement of receiver "gates."



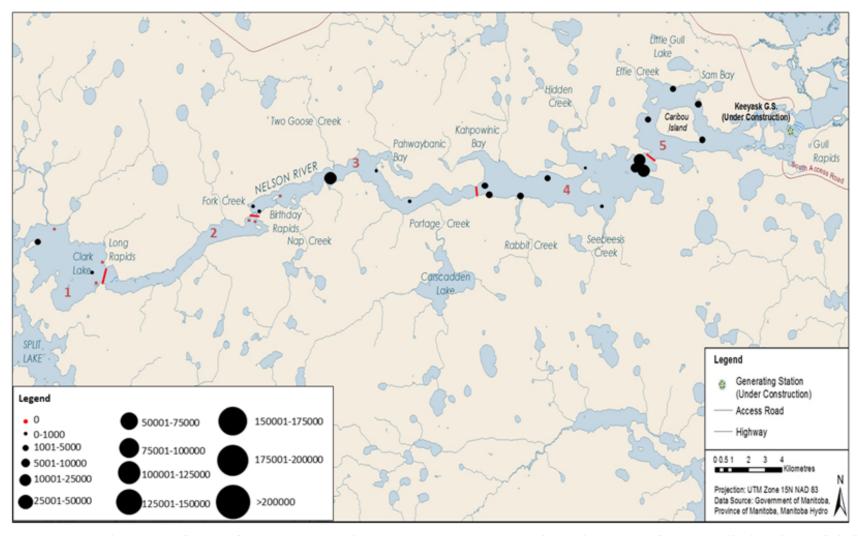


Figure 11: Relative number of detections at each acoustic receiver set in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids during the 2016 spawning period (May 22 to June 13). Number of detections indicated by size of bubble (defined in legend). Receivers with no detections indicated with red dot. The river is divided into five "zones" based on placement of receiver "gates."



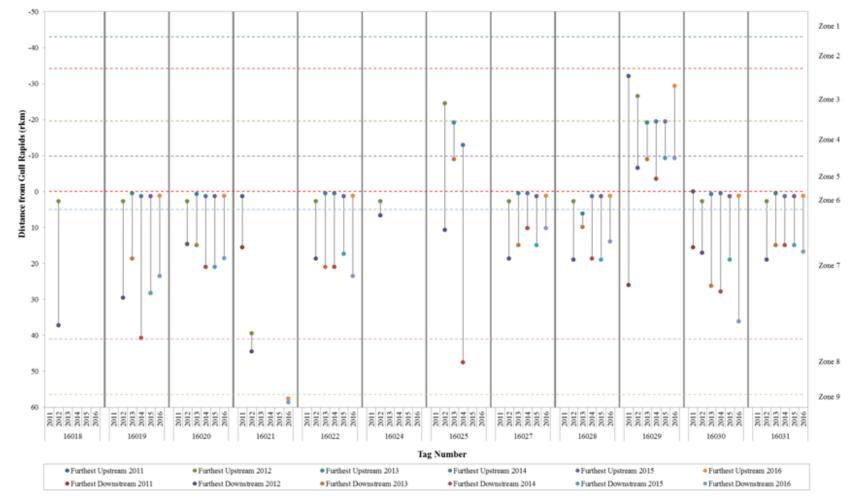


Figure 12: Detection ranges for individual adult Lake Sturgeon tagged with acoustic transmitters in Stephens Lake during the open-water period (2011–2016). Horizontal dotted lines demarcate zones.



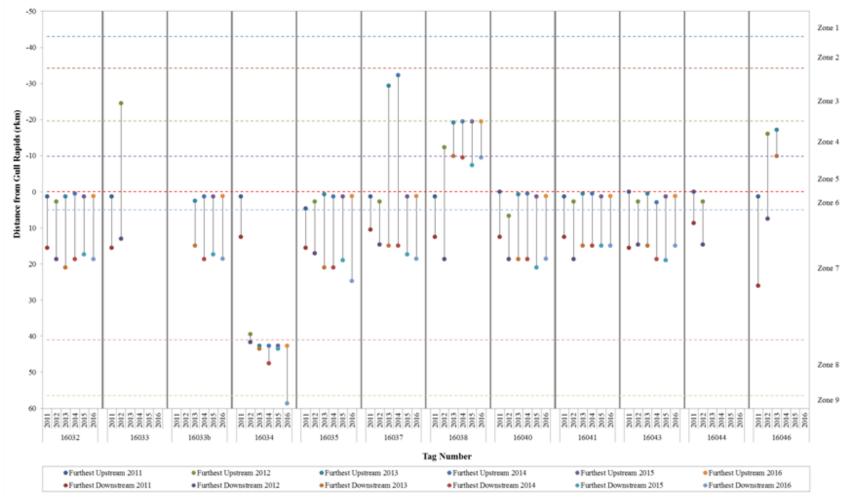


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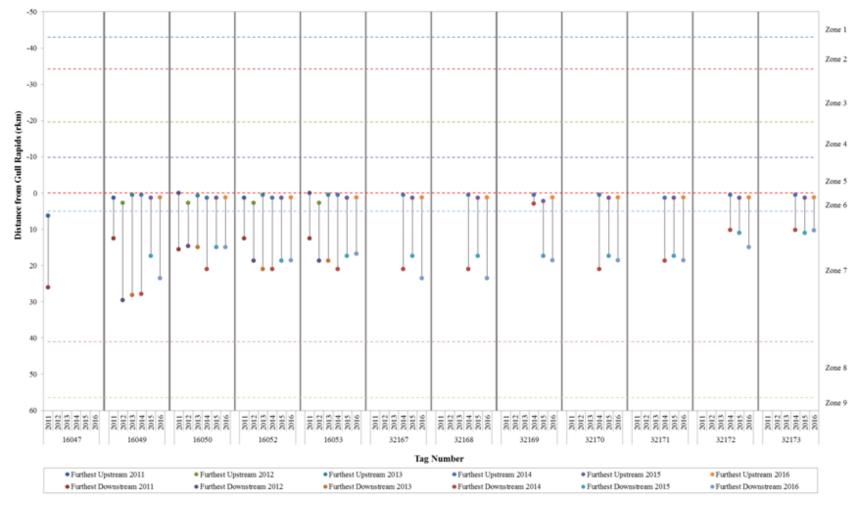


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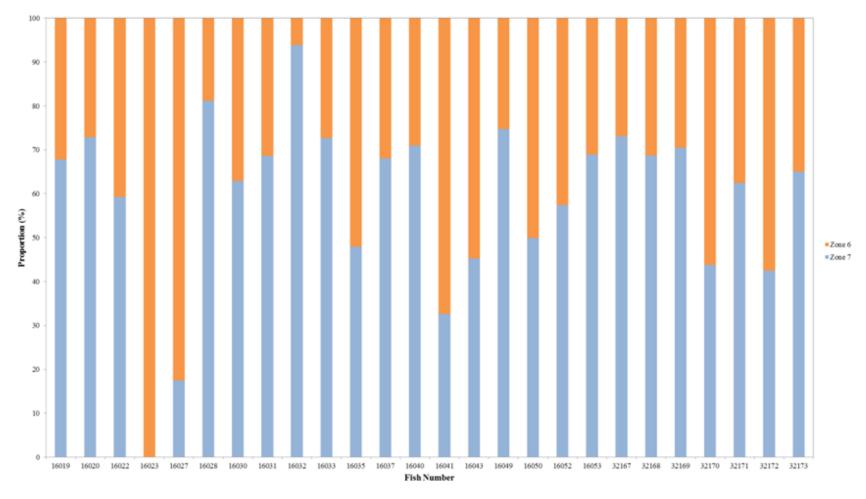


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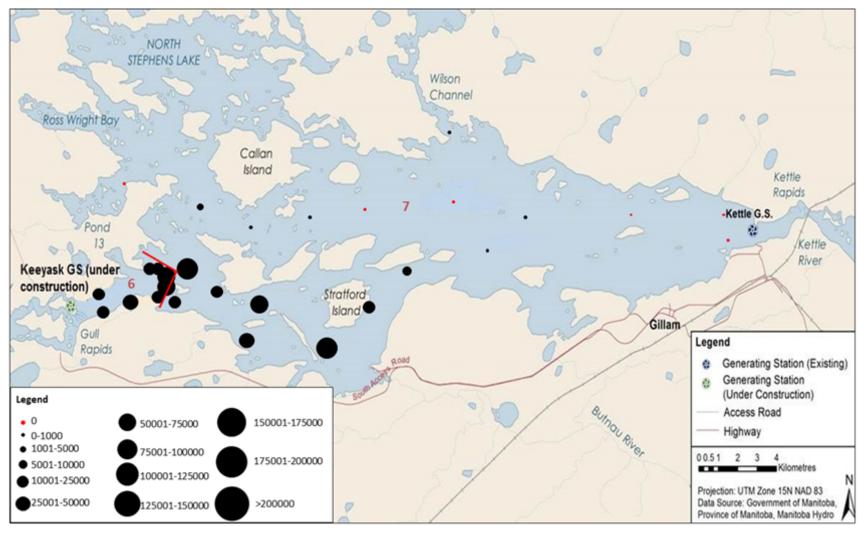


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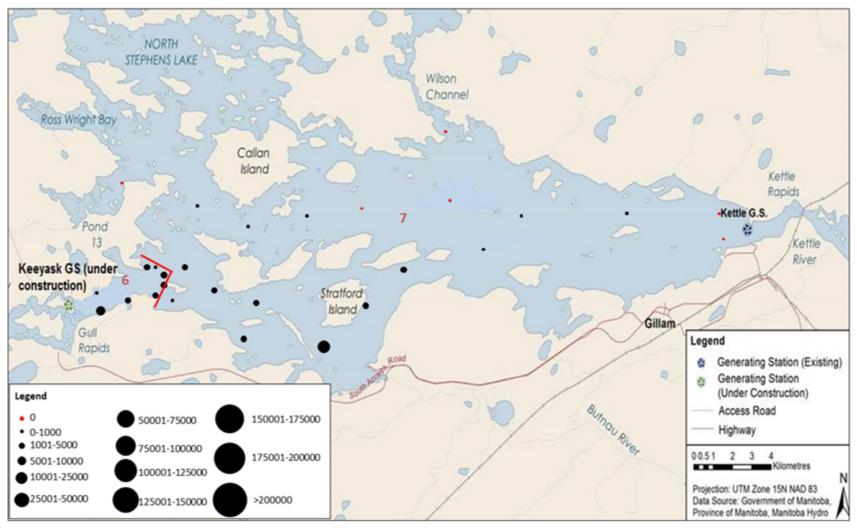


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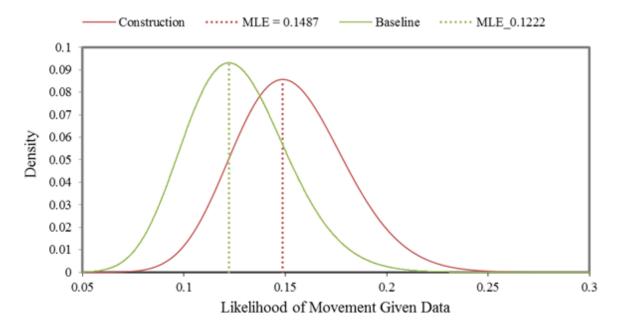


Figure 16: Likelihood of an adult Lake Sturgeon moving between river zones (either upstream or downstream) both before and after the onset of Keeyask construction.

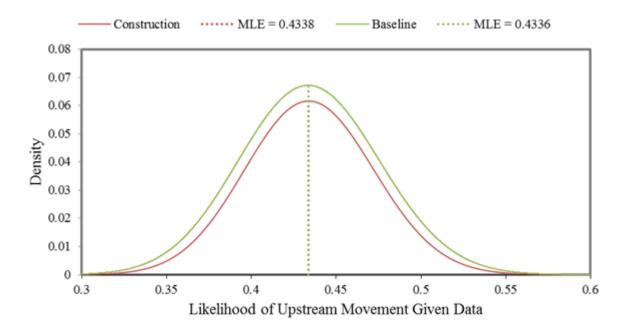


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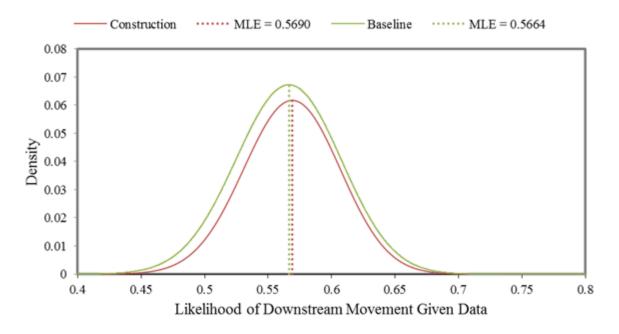


Figure 18: Likelihood that, if an adult Lake Sturgeon moves between river zones, the movement will be downstream both before and after the onset of Keeyask construction.

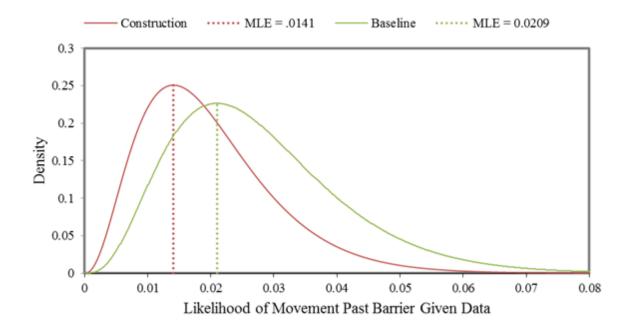
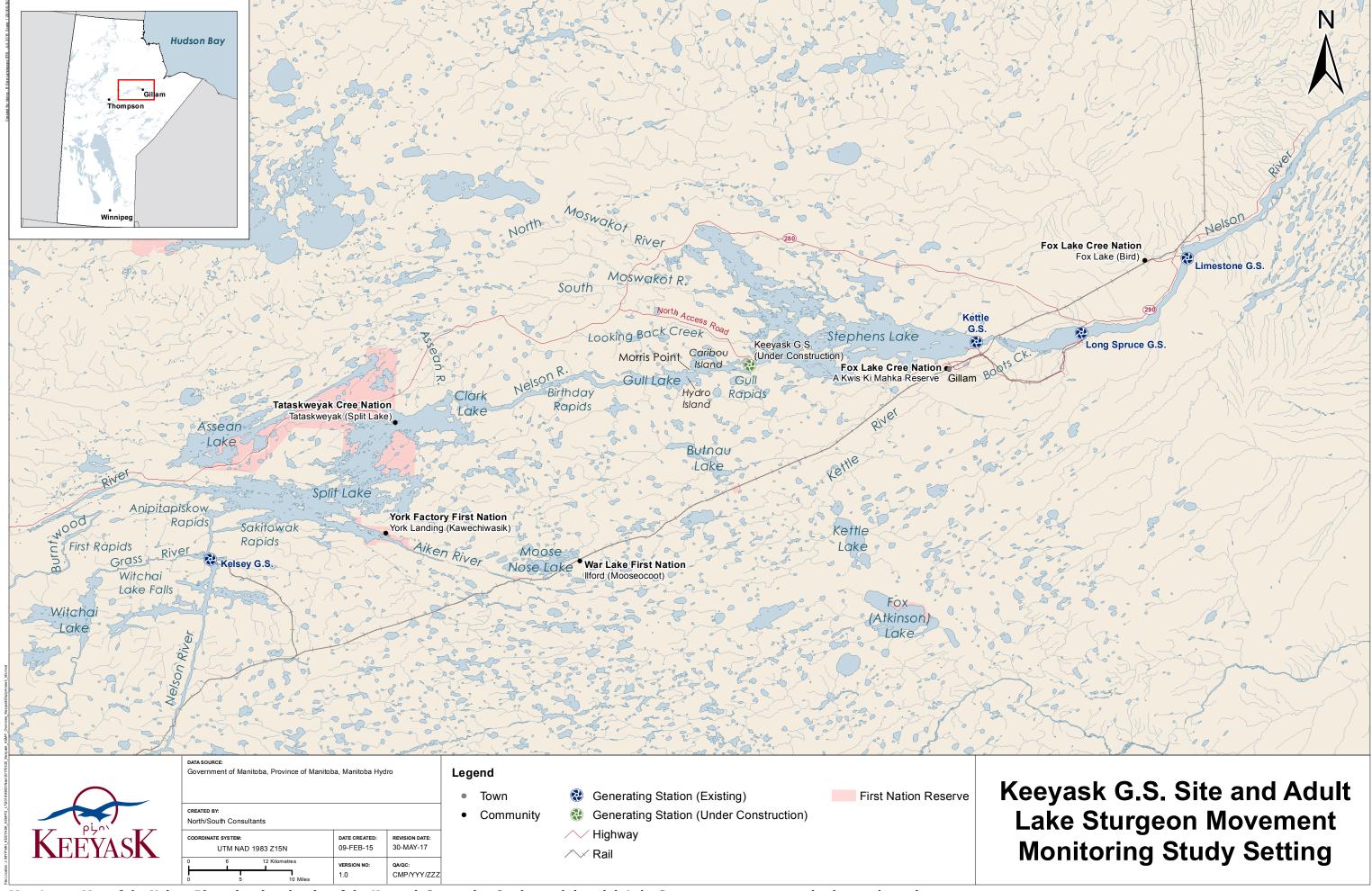


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## **MAPS**

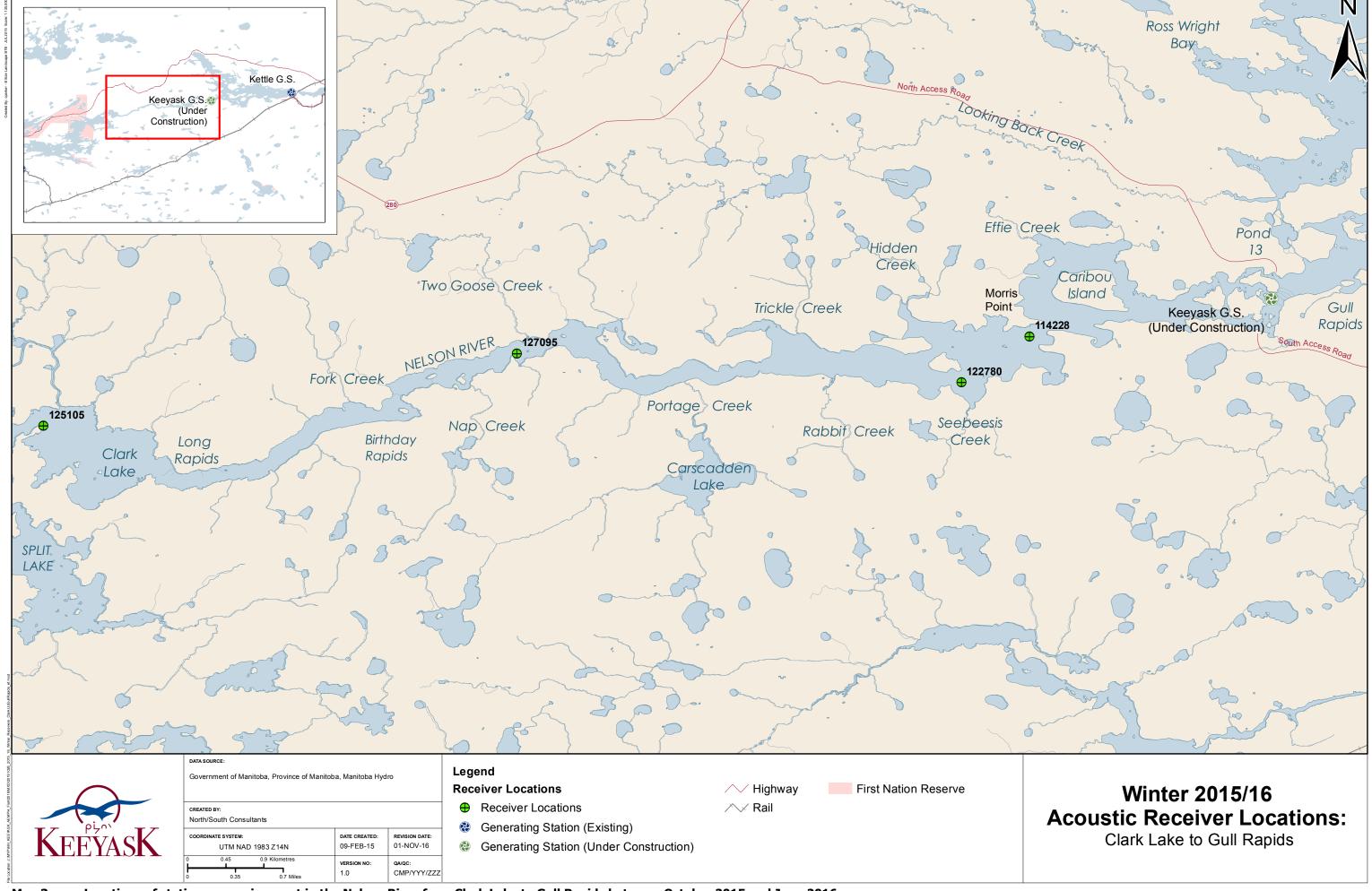




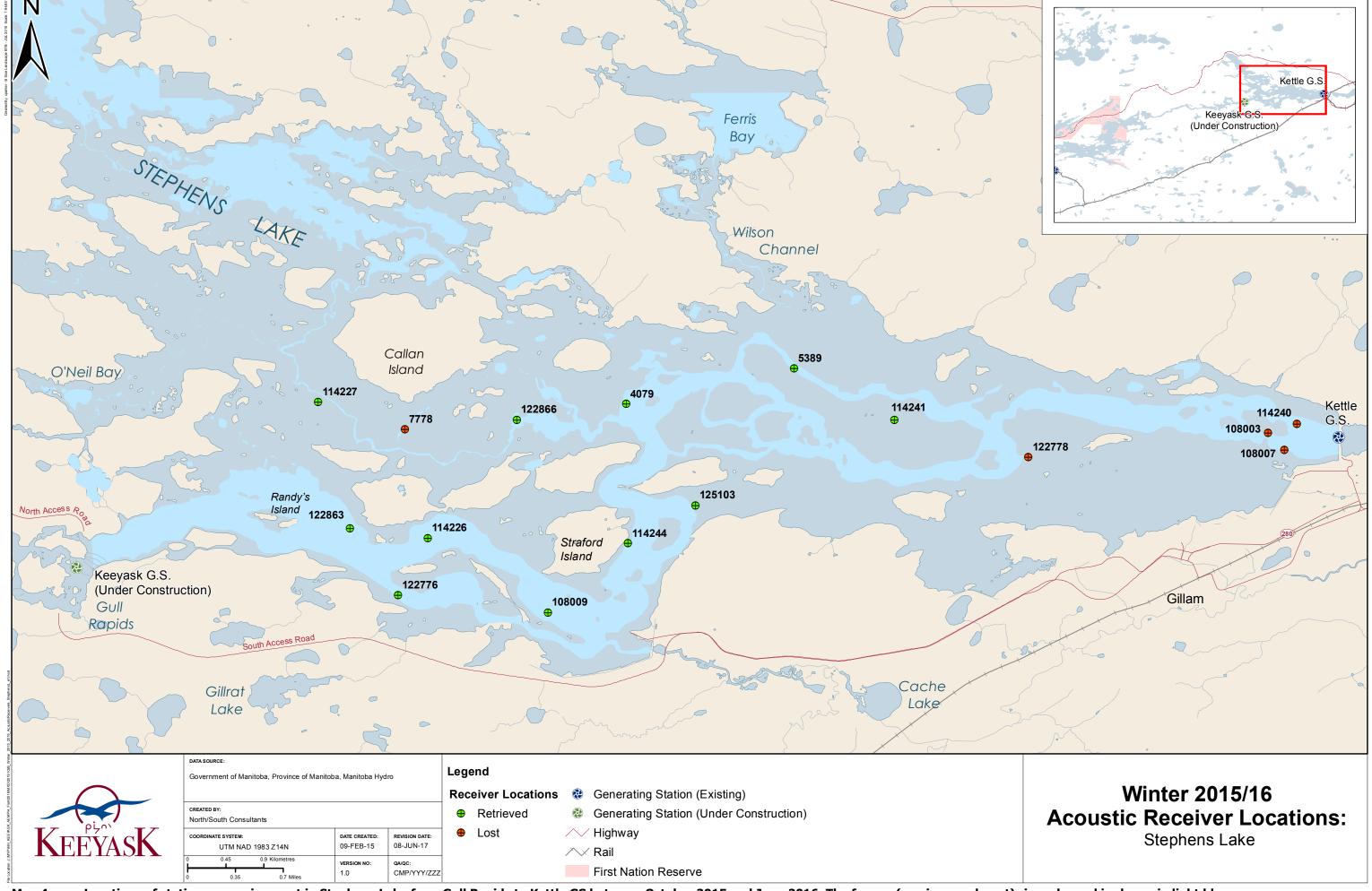
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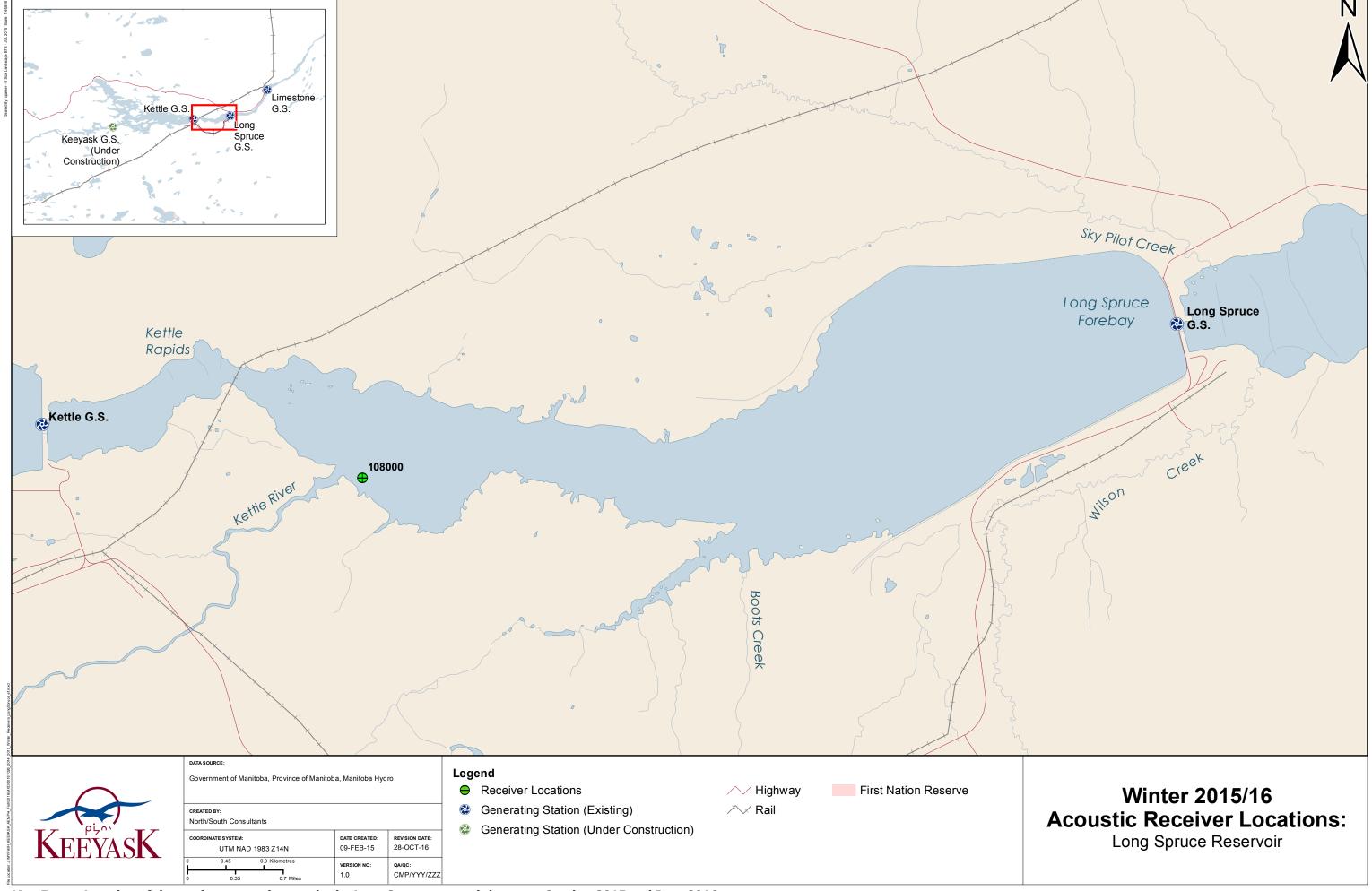
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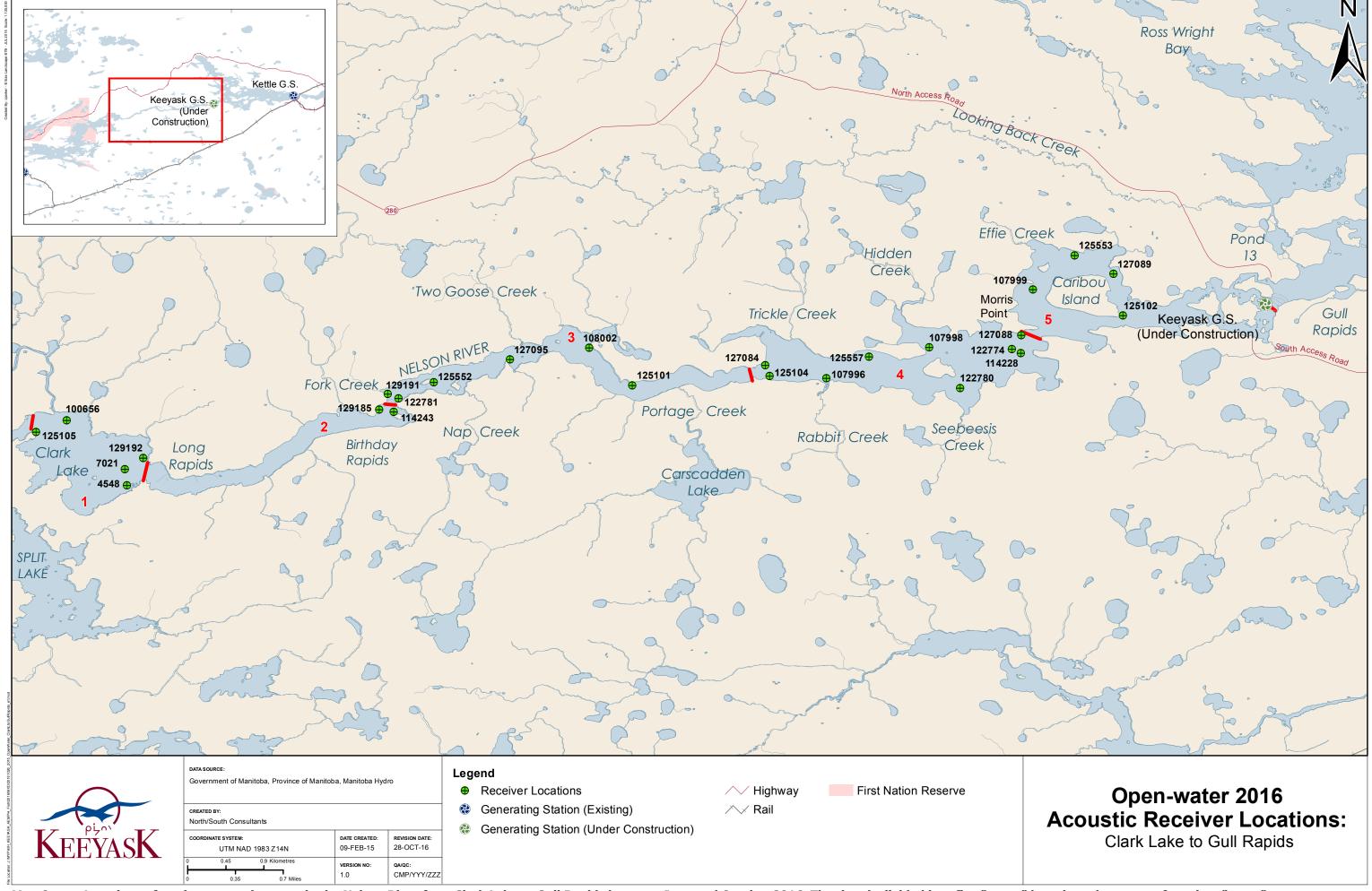
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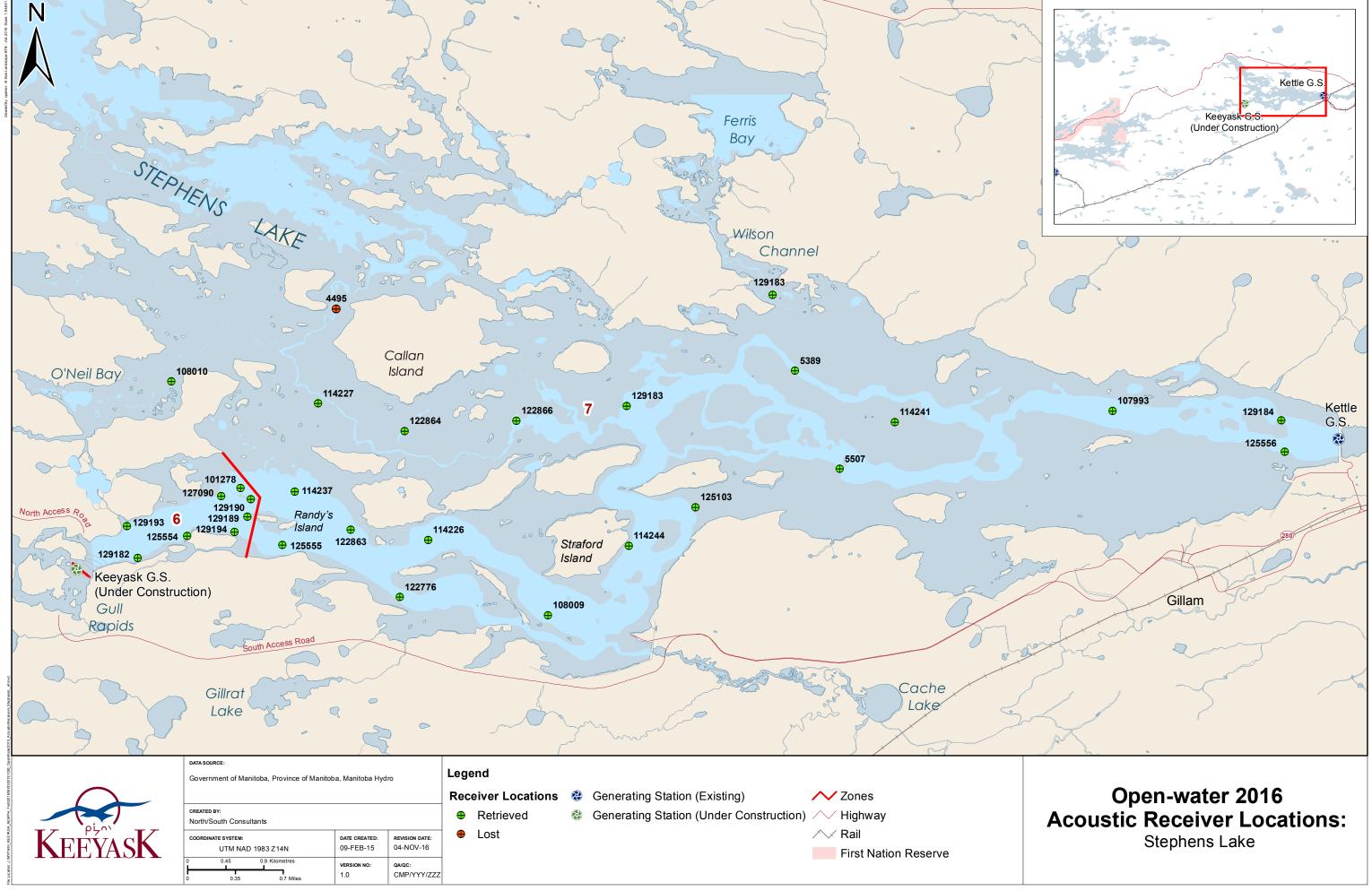
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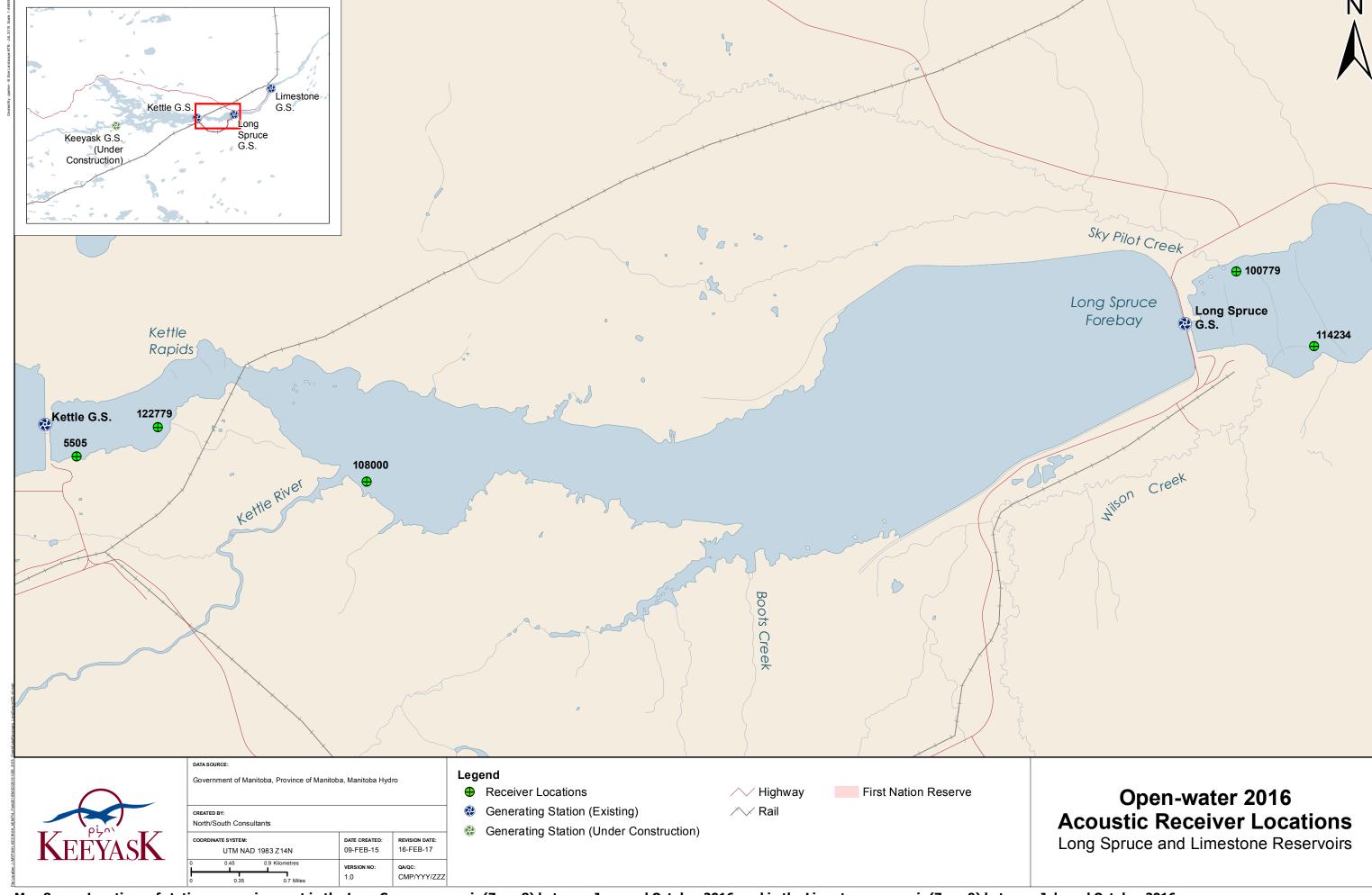
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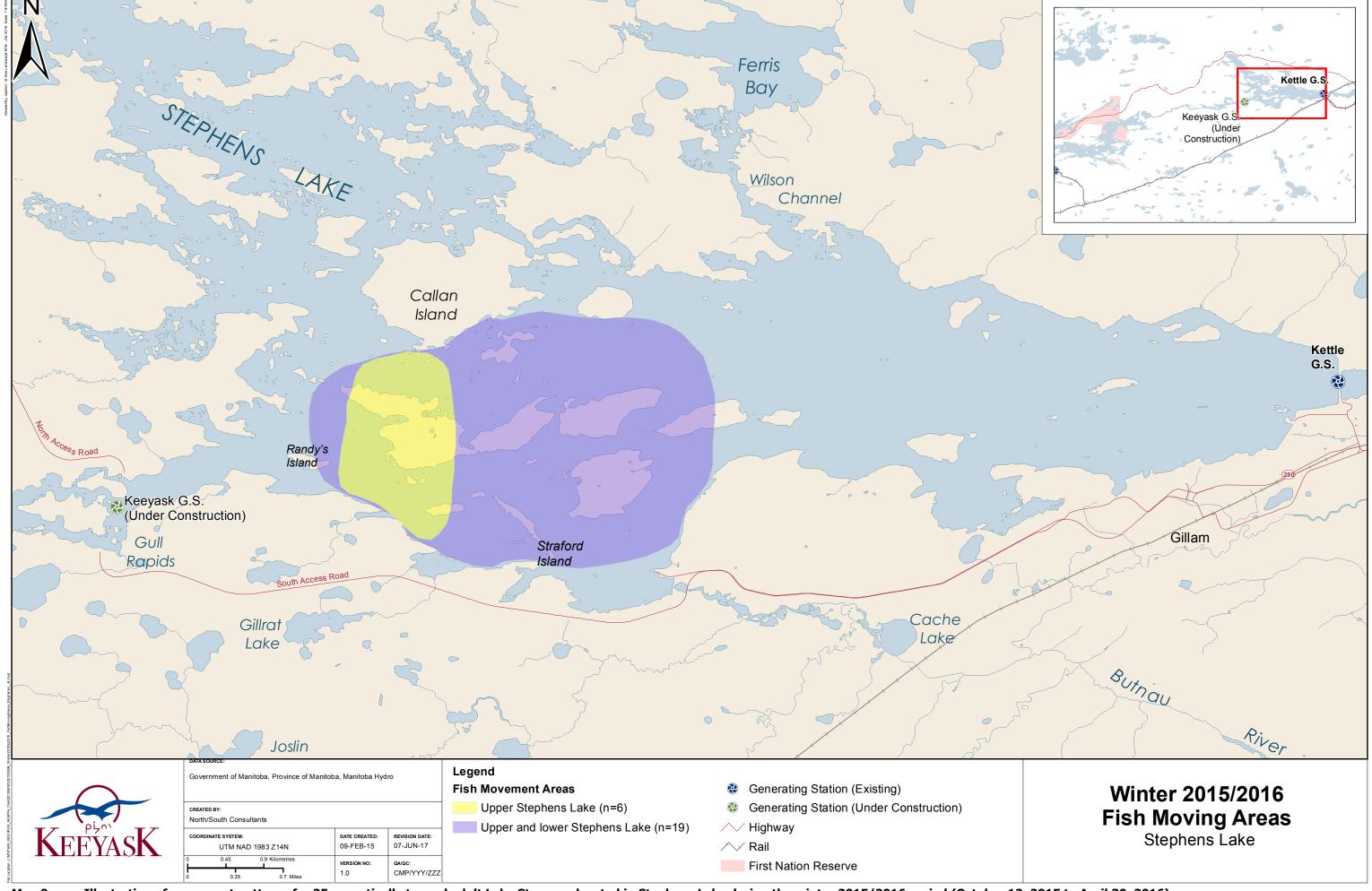
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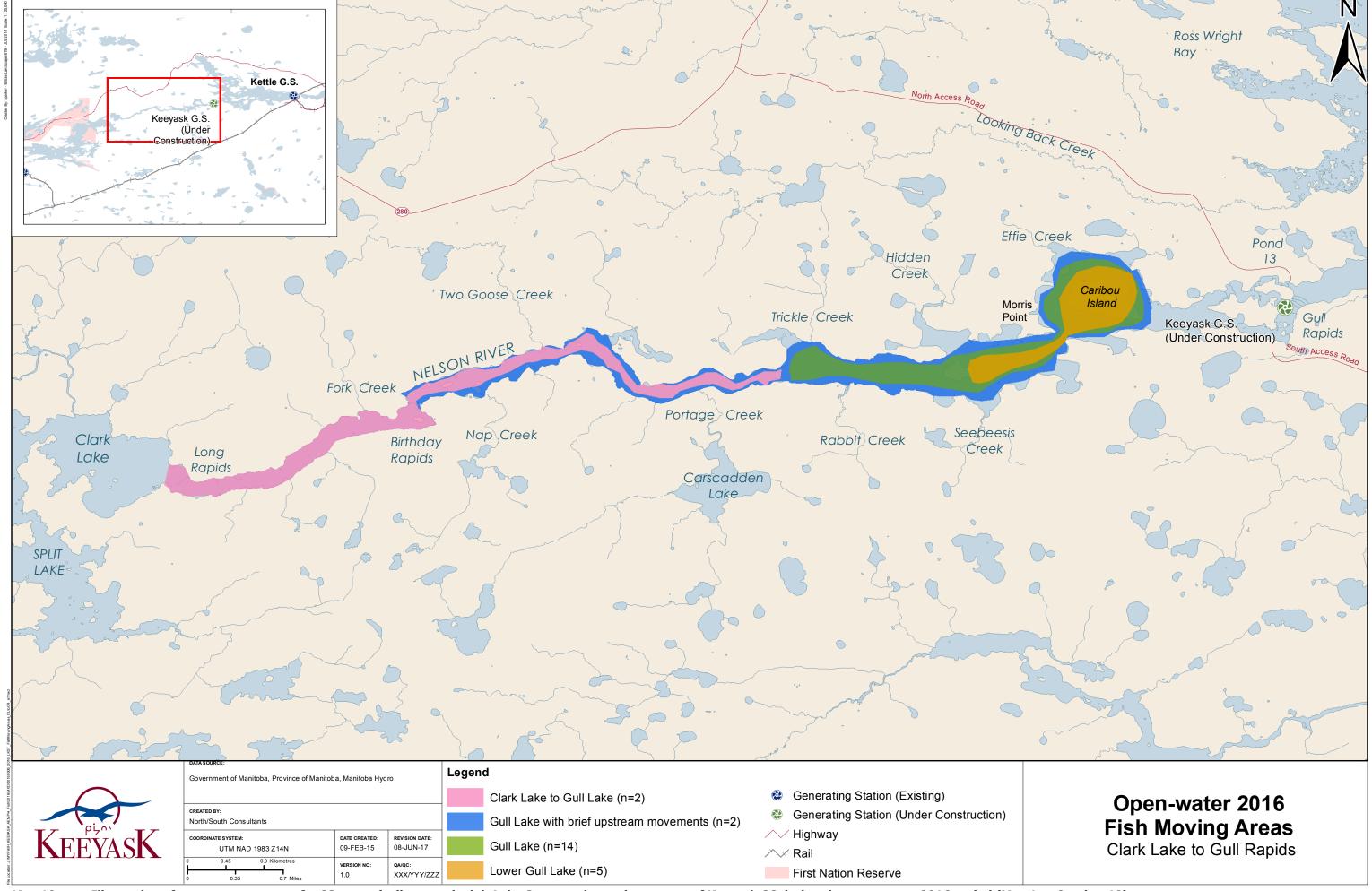
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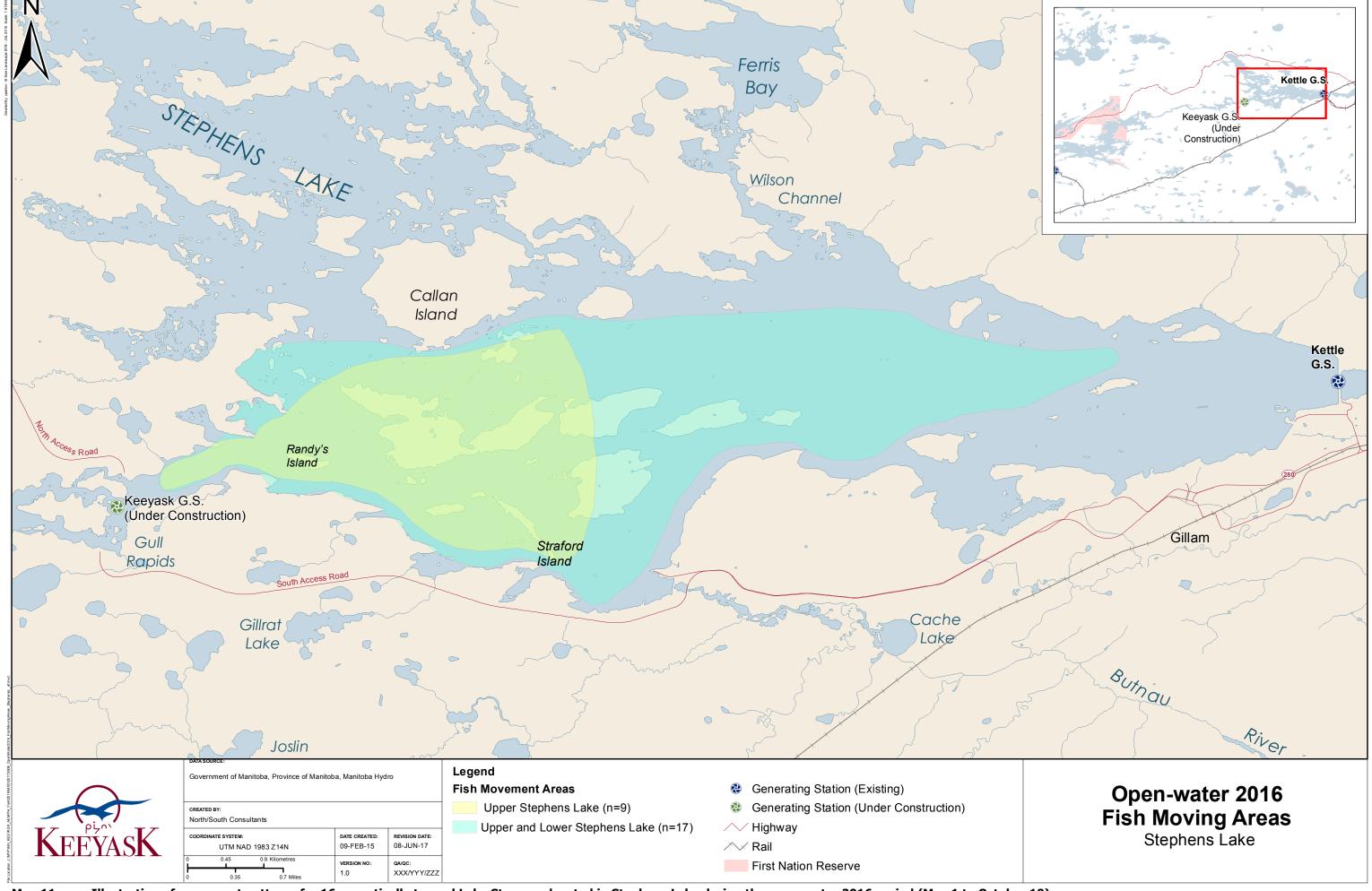
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Map 10: Illustration of movement patterns for 23 acoustically tagged adult Lake Sturgeon located upstream of Keeyask GS during the open-water 2016 period (May 1 to October 19).



Map 11: Illustration of movement patterns for 16 acoustically tagged Lake Sturgeon located in Stephens Lake during the open-water 2016 period (May 1 to October 19).

## **APPENDICES**



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Table A1-1:	Detection summary for each of 36 Lake Sturgeon tagged and monitored upstream of Keeyask GS during the winter 2011/2012 (October 20, 2011 to April 30, 2012), 2012/2013 (October 16, 2012 to April 30, 2013), 2013/2014 (October 16, 2013 to April 30, 2014), 2014/2015 (October 13, 2014 to April 30, 2015), and 2015/2016 (October 12, 2015 to April 30, 2016) periods	69
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		2011/2	012		2012/2013			2013/2014		20	14/2015		2015/2016				
Tag ID	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	# Detections	# Days	Range (rkm)	# Detections	# Days	Range (rkm)	# Detections	# Days	Range (rkm)	# Detections	# Days	U/S (rkm)	D/S (rkm)	Range (rkm)
16026	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	811	3	-26.5	-26.5	0.0
16036	2537	118	3.0	43	12	0.0	2326	52	0.0	362	16	0.0	4663	44	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16039	0	-	-	0	-	-	502	10	3.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16042	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16045	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16048	0	-	-	0	-	-	2932	66	0.0	0	-	-	11672	60	7.7	21	13.3
16051	2475	51	0.0	7088	93	0.0	14618	92	3.0	0	-	0	13958	92	-12.9	-9.9	3.0
16054	2772	40	5.1	4027	66	0.0	10807	83	3.0	0	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
16055	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0.0	0	-	-	-	-
16056	8711	176	0.0	1893	63	0.0	13493	87	0.0	0	-	0.0	12493	70	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16057	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16058	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16059	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0.0	0	-	-	-	-
16060	11406	138	0.0	4354	75	0.0	25171	137	0.0	0	-	0.0	12623	76	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16061	13225	94	4.3	1157	71	0.0	18018	115	0.0	140	11	0.0	16584	98	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16062	5943	148	0.0	2495	48	0.0	9079	120	0.0	0	-	0.0	12485	88	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16063	7905	134	5.1	3650	60	0.0	6098	84	0.0	739	10	0.0	17893	101	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16064	6717	139	0.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16065	3485	129	0.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0.0	0	-	-	-	-
16066	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0.0	12928	84	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16067	4542	149	3.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16068	272	15	3.0	5623	73	0.0	22744	129	0.0	0	-	0.0	32671	142	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16069	0	-	-	0	-	-	678	4	0.0	0	-	-	20	2	-26.5	-26.5	0.0
16070	12833	184	0.0	2	1	0.0	33086	118	0.0	0	-	-	2	1	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16071	7247	122	0.0	2351	38	0.0	11439	95	0.0	0	-	0.0	21854	118	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16072	11220	174	0.0	11687	96	0.0	27653	142	3.0	958	5	0.0	10157	74	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16073	2647	51	3.0	3284	66	0.0	1213	18	0.0	800	6	3.4	761	17	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
16074	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
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16076	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0.0	0	-	-	-	-
16077	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
32174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0.0	988	36	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
32175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
32176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0.0	13046	87	-9.9	-9.9	0.0
32177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0.0	0	-	-	-	-



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	2011/2012			2012/2013				2013/2	2014		2014/20	15			2015/2016		
Tag ID	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	U/S (rkm)	D/S (rkm)	Range (rkm)
16018	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16019	0	-	-	887	39	0.6	2959	33	8.8	8761	79	2.8	14035	107	7.7	21.0	13.3
16020	0	-	-	3625	25	9.5	24335	102	8.8	6183	36	7.2	36598	188	7.7	14.9	7.2
16021	16475	79	#REF!	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-					
16022	0	-	-	1227	15	9.5	7508	83	4.1	10649	55	7.2	45870	197	7.7	14.9	7.2
16024	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-					
16025	0	-	-	1974	47	0.0	20670	114	0.0	0	-	-					
16027	0	-	-	3398	70	4.3	2111	24	1.6	23369	120	2.8	50070	189	7.7	21.0	13.3
16028	0	-	-	733	7	9.5	2123	8	14.9	21803	84	2.8	59177	199	7.7	10.2	2.5
16029	1937	39	9.7	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-					
16030	12583	70	3.9	13733	89	4.3	2887	63	8.8	8872	97	7.2	24440	160	7.7	14.9	7.2
16031	0	-	-	7414	26	3.8	45513	147	0.0	36654	117	0.0	58954	198	14.9	14.9	0.0
16032	48676	67	3.1	2284	23	2.4	3780	48	8.8	4759	53	2.5	36289	190	10.2	14.9	4.7
16033	125	3	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
16033b	-	-	-	-	-	-	15689	104	7.3	3243	42	7.2	34665	149	7.7	14.9	7.2
16034	39927	61	20.2	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16035	7225	84	3.1	22099	113	2.4	29174	179	12.6	14317	83	2.8	60418	202	7.7	14.9	7.2
16037	36948	77	3.9	991	18	4.3	24601	133	3.0	10762	61	2.8	4277	21	7.7	10.2	2.5
16038	14187	69	10.5	9	2	0.0	106	8	0.0	4	2	0.0					
16040	18814	85	3.9	23113	104	2.4	4436	21	12.6	5033	26	2.5	29413	189	7.7	10.2	2.5
16041	135	11	0.0	4328	25	3.8	16656	153	4.1	16912	74	2.5	30740	174	14.9	14.9	0.0
16043	6989	49	17.1	10520	95	16.0	16074	114	10.8	36372	188	10.8	17192	188	7.7	21.0	13.3
16044	9036	57	21.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-					
16046	6972	85	3.1	248	25	0.0	0	-	-	0	-	-					
16047	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-					
16049	20859	75	3.9	32364	157	4.3	24241	140	8.8	9993	101	2.8	18078	144	7.7	14.9	7.2
16050	345	3	0.0	18070	65	3.8	2920	50	10.8	8473	55	6.1	44567	169	10.2	14.9	4.7
16052	143	4	9.6	6505	78	7.6	34688	173	0.0	18189	165	11.0	49267	186	7.7	21.0	13.3
16053	2960	31	3.1	776	10	11.4	2209	20	14.9	7018	46	2.5	68422	200	7.7	10.2	2.5
32167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293	14	0.0	37839	187	7.7	14.9	7.2
32168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19931	142	13.3	47809	189	7.7	10.2	2.5
32169	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	444	6	2.5	51598	201	7.7	14.9	7.2
32170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3328	69	2.8	0	-	-	-	
32171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3275	24	13.3	53443	182	7.7	14.9	7.2
32172	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8293	37	11.0	1455	13	7.7	14.9	7.2
32173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3843	49	2.5	45871	157	7.7	10.2	2.5



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		2011 2012					2013 2014						2015							
Tag ID	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	U/S (rkm)	D/S (rkm)	Range (rkm)
16026	-	-	-	23195	83	9.4	12588	83	0.0	13090	103	0.0	29896	103	7.3	28343	128	-33.8	-26.5	7.3
16036	2152	32	8.6	6980	86	9.4	5328	82	8.1	12362	112	10.0	20379	132	9.6	16678	140	-19.5	-9.3	10.2
16039	2260	42	13.3	5250	66	12.5	16487	107	11.3	12670	120	11.6	18372	119	10.5	15797	120	-19.5	-5.8	13.7
16042	1914	54	0.0	576	11	0.8	2626	30	3.4	6660	54	3.9	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16045	786	13	7.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16048	383	6	1.6	1773	37	0.8	10796	119	21.6	7527	93	21.7	20784	116	36.9	14738	108	1.2	23.5	22.3
16051	1935	76	8.7	5804	105	15.3	8015	115	13.4	10404	57	13.7	10706	126	26.5	8157	96	-19.5	-5.8	13.7
16054	2697	49	12.0	4278	101	10.6	11062	105	9.5	7102	93	12.1	17220	90	38.7	9099	114	-48.2	-24.3	23.9
16055	1140	9	3.4	1384	27	5.7	8271	89	4.9	7657	86	10.0	5005	104	5.5	12401	92	-12.9	-7.4	5.5
16056	234	12	19.1	4665	87	10.6	12862	96	19.5	17163	115	10.0	18319	113	20.4	29142	135	-29.4	-5.8	23.6
16057	475	25	4.2	524	29	8.5	0	-	-	2	1	0.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16058	549	16	9.3	1071	4	9.7	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	418	13	-48.2	-44.3	3.9
16059	599	5	3.4	1696	32	10.4	13935	78	11.3	10991	57	5.1	4708	85	13.7	7570	59	-9.3	-5.8	3.5
16060	1759	43	7.1	4065	95	8.7	16366	124	7.1	13228	108	7.1	19911	115	7.4	8653	73	-9.9	18.6	28.5
16061	711	37	2.4	4444	108	13.6	11503	114	5.5	7437	95	3.4	13771	111	13.7	15840	120	-19.5	-5.8	13.7
16062	142	14	8.6	5624	86	12.4	16854	109	24.4	18336	129	7.9	19949	120	10.0	26029	145	-19.5	-9.5	10.0
16063	2617	59	10.4	9474	105	5.7	21588	126	9.3	23121	127	7.9	24981	137	10.0	28915	163	-19.5	-9.5	10.0
16064	1910	27	19.1	573	26	1.2	0		-	0		-	0	-	-	5	2	-10.1	-10.1	0.0
16065	931	36	4.5	6192	109	17.9	2581	38	5.1	3101	38	5.1	14349	104	28.0	7730	73	-10.1	-5.8	4.3
16066	772	39	1.8	4615	105	10.6	2322	36	8.1	8898	73	12.1	1884	20	7.9	6940	104	-19.5	-5.8	13.7
16067	1640	34	1.6	2516	39	31.7	0		-	0		-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16068	1046	27	2.4	5882	105	10.6	10402	111	23.9	13158	121	10.0	16490	123	10.0	20273	135	-19.5	-5.8	13.7
16069	0	-	-	17495	85	4.5	13288	100	7.3	14172	66	2.9	8287	80	10.0	24559	122	-29.4	-24.3	5.1
16070	1080	40	8.6	14691	106	17.0	7943	89	9.6	9967	83	9.6	12593	101	10.0	4083	80	-19.5	-5.8	13.7
16071	1403	43	8.6	9124	89	10.6	11285	130	9.3	17413	102	12.1	39272	131	13.7	37521	151	-19.4	-9.5	9.9
16072	2839	58	12.9	4031	91	10.6	16638	129	19.5	19306	112	7.9	15866	127	10.0	6608	129	-19.5	-9.5	10.0
16073	1025	35	2.4	4432	102	12.4	6885	94	9.3	13884	127	10.0	4500	73	13.7	25145	151	-19.5	-5.8	13.7
16074	0	-	-	13006	67	4.7	11803	78	2.9	3105	23	7.3	655	13	15.9	2889	25	-48.2	-44.3	3.9
16075	462	10	6.3	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	865	35	4.3	0	-	-	-	-
16076	1040	35	6.3	2225	56	9.4	9270	81	11.3	9075	84	11.6	12474	79	11.6	27013	118	-14.8	-5.8	9.0
16077	282	5	0.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
32174	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	9705	98	28.5	20042	118	42.4	15062	82	-19.5	9.4	28.9
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32176	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22630	106	11.6	15054	109	26.5	23822	111	-12.9	-5.8	7.1
32177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20678	109	5.5	265	15	0.6	0	-	-	-	-



Table A1-3: Detection summary for each of 35 Lake Sturgeon tagged and monitored in Stephens Lake during the open-water 2011 (June 1 to October 20), 2012 (May 1 to October 16), 2013 (May 1 to October 16), 2014 (May 1 to October 13), 2015 (May 1 to October 11), and 2016 (May 1 to October 19) periods. Tag id highlighted green = moved upstream over Gull Rapids and harvested. Tag id highlighted blue = moved upstream over Gull Rapids. Tag id highlighted yellow = lost tags. Tag id highlighted red = moved downstream through Kettle GS. Tag id highlighted purple = moved downstream through Gull Rapids. Tag id highlighted orange = moved downstream through Long Spruce GS.

	2011 2012						2013			2014			2015			2016				
Tag ID	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	Range (rkm)	n	# Days	U/S (rkm)	D/S (rkm)	Range (rkm)
16018	-	-	-	341	5	34.5	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16019	-	-	-	9272	70	26.9	15039	116	18.2	13297	76	39.5	20832	129	27.0	17331	117	1.2	23.5	22.3
16020	-	-	-	7450	101	11.9	13664	99	14.2	8592	111	19.7	25808	137	19.7	29291	155	1.2	18.6	17.4
16021	2770	21	14.2	4530	30	5.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	1331	18	57.6	58.6	1.0
16022	-	-	-	9845	100	16.0	7248	71	20.5	10957	101	20.5	18858	127	16.1	12608	124	1.2	23.5	22.3
16024	-	-	-	398	9	4.0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16025	-	-	-	2316	67	35.2	9668	119	10.2	1572	23	60.4	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
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16030	7733	86	15.5	6414	86	14.4	13494	86	25.5	16498	104	27.4	15935	94	17.7	10843	118	1.2	36.1	34.9
16031	-	-	-	12814	104	16.3	10315	106	14.4	12775	99	13.6	17780	125	13.6	18745	141	1.2	16.8	15.6
16032	5801	56	14.2	13833	120	16.0	17055	115	19.7	16765	118	18.2	11985	106	16.1	18322	116	1.2	18.7	17.5
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16033b	-	-	-	-	-	-	3505	30	12.4	13578	101	17.4	28621	127	16.1	21058	118	1.2	18.6	17.4
16034	15378	75	11.2	15394	61	2.2	38582	117	0.8	25117	99	4.8	30925	119	8.0	10170	70	42.7	58.6	15.9
16035	1547	12	10.9	8767	91	14.4	19324	116	20.3	16298	121	19.7	23142	119	17.7	19523	133	1.2	24.7	23.5
16037	8375	50	7.4	13685	108	11.9	21481	125	44.3	13636	91	47.2	17230	113	16.1	13411	89	1.2	18.6	17.4
16038	5777	45	11.2	3402	87	31.0	7973	124	9.3	3975	76	10.0	10827	75	12.1	15190	103	-19.5	-9.5	10.0
16040	9602	70	12.5	8598	109	12.0	21959	128	18.0	4833	62	18.2	15041	122	19.7	15740	117	1.2	18.6	17.4
16041	15169	88	11.2	9437	81	40.7	8915	81	14.4	13556	111	14.4	15807	101	16.1	14398	113	1.2	14.9	13.7
16043	20429	92	15.5	13049	98	11.9	12476	115	14.4	13303	118	15.8	20525	131	17.7	22234	122	1.2	14.9	13.7
16044	1582	36	8.7	3932	53	11.9	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16046	8350	72	24.7	199	68	23.5	360	10	7.2	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16047	131	2	19.7	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
16049	1919	12	11.2	11705	102	26.9	24320	123	27.7	11319	83	27.4	20752	132	16.1	16056	127	1.2	23.5	22.3
16050	6519	57	15.5	7755	85	11.9	14411	88	14.2	7019	69	19.7	13783	98	13.6	17742	93	1.2	14.9	13.7
16052	1920	17	11.2	4785	80	16.0	9791	65	20.5	8323	68	19.7	10937	96	17.4	13008	113	1.2	18.6	17.4
16053	2740	18	12.5	13416	114	16.0	17049	126	18.2	13586	95	20.5	26058	130	16.1	29704	139	1.2	16.8	15.6
32167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10421	91	20.5	33420	126	16.1	26260	130	1.2	23.5	22.3
32168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18169	100	20.5	34961	140	16.1	27764	134	1.2	23.5	22.3
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32170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5151	77	20.5	17310	127	16.1	13320	103	1.2	18.6	17.4
32171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36691	103	17.4	22567	111	16.1	27226	134	1.2	18.6	17.4
32172	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19105	86	9.7	17221	108	9.7	19907	110	1.2	14.9	13.7
32173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24278	103	9.7	28920	117	9.7	26056	107	1.2	10.3	9.1



## APPENDIX 2: LOCATION SUMMARY FOR INDIVIDUAL ACOUSTIC TAGGED ADULT LAKE STURGEON, UPSTREAM OF GULL RAPIDS, JUNE 2011 TO OCTOBER 2016

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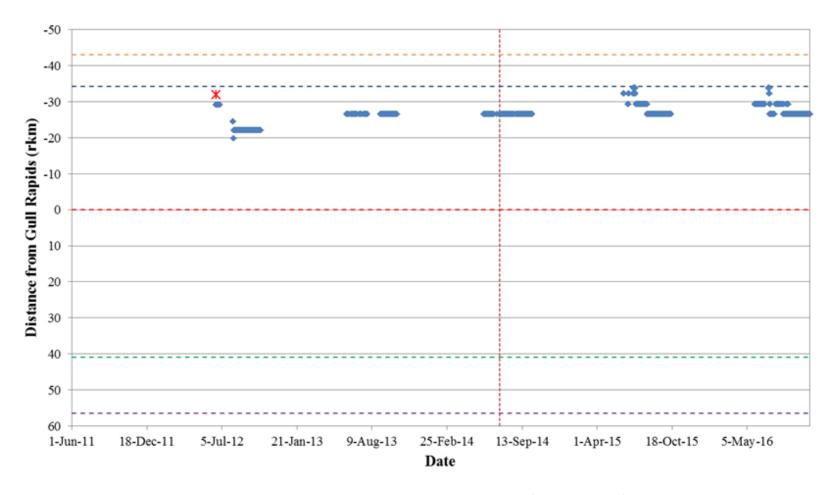


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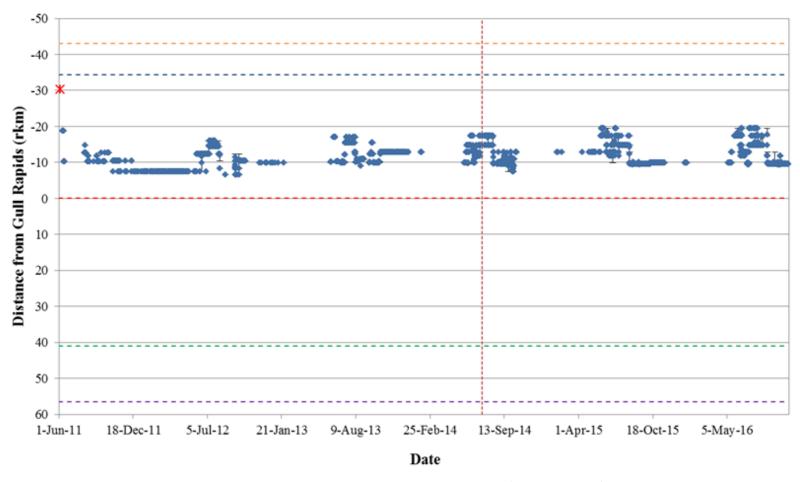


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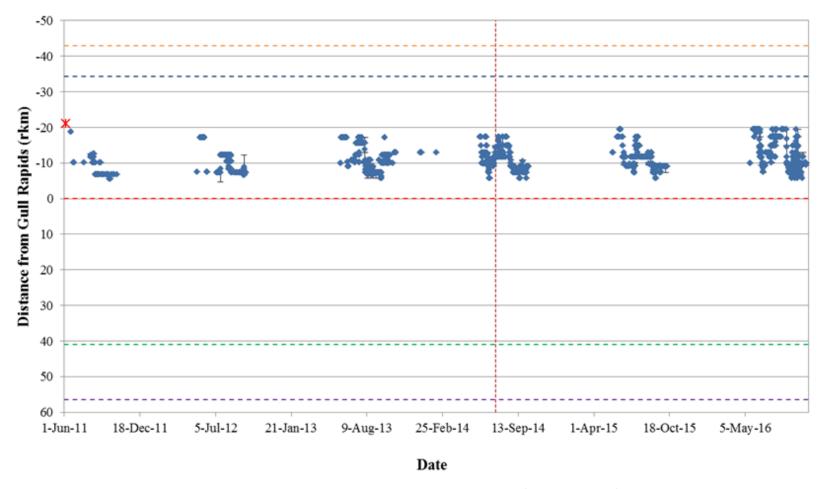


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Figure A2-4: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16042) in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging is indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).





Figure A2-5: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16045) in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging is indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



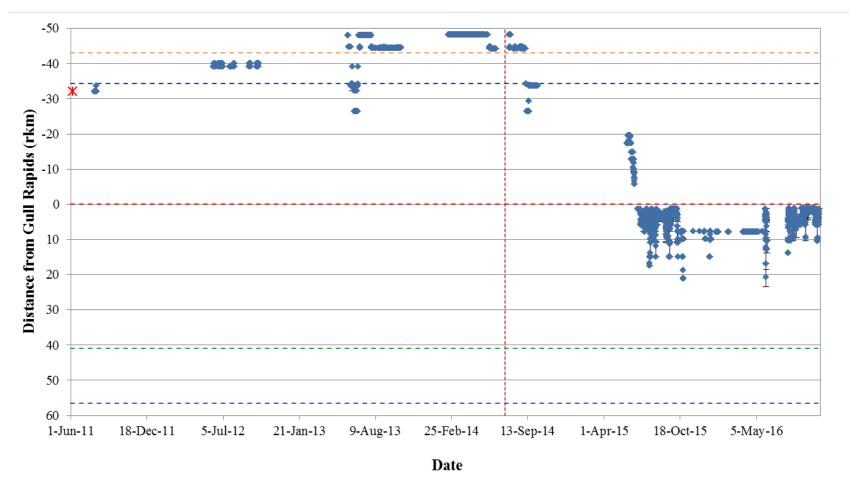


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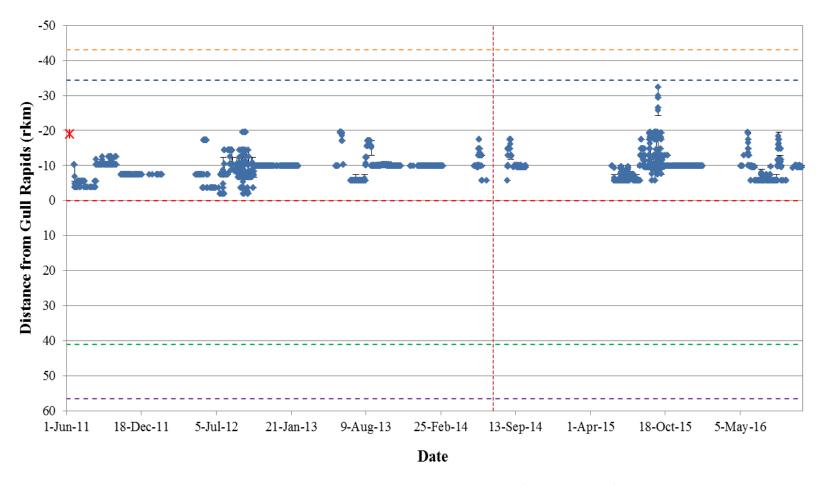


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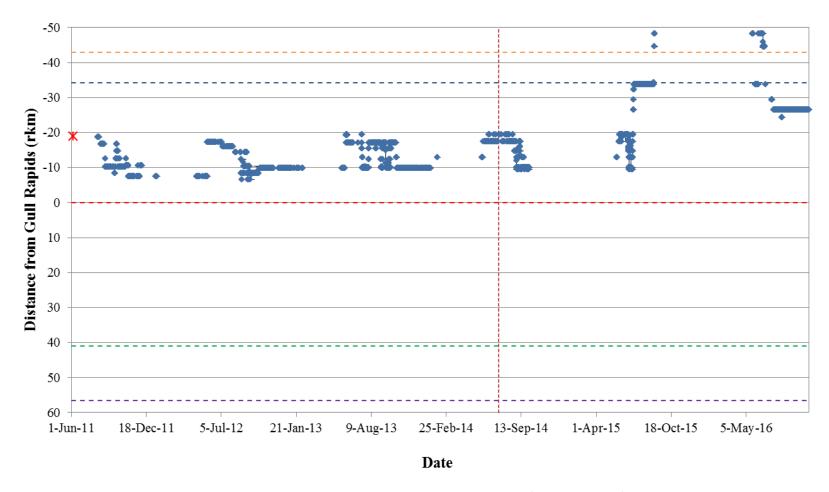


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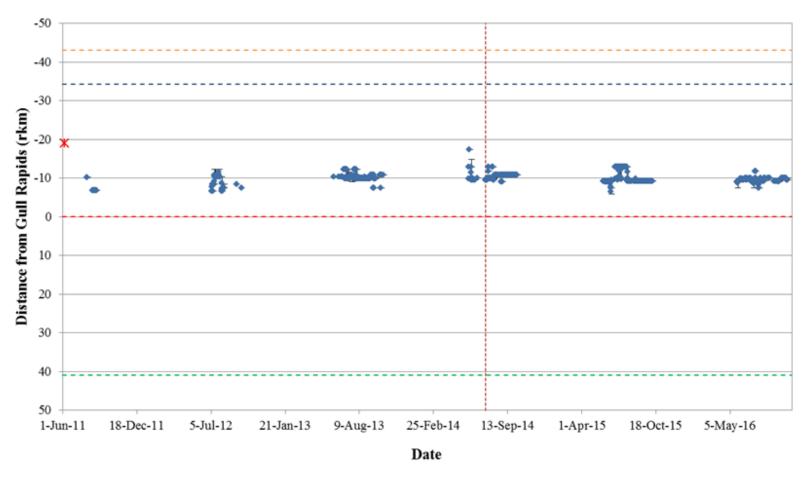


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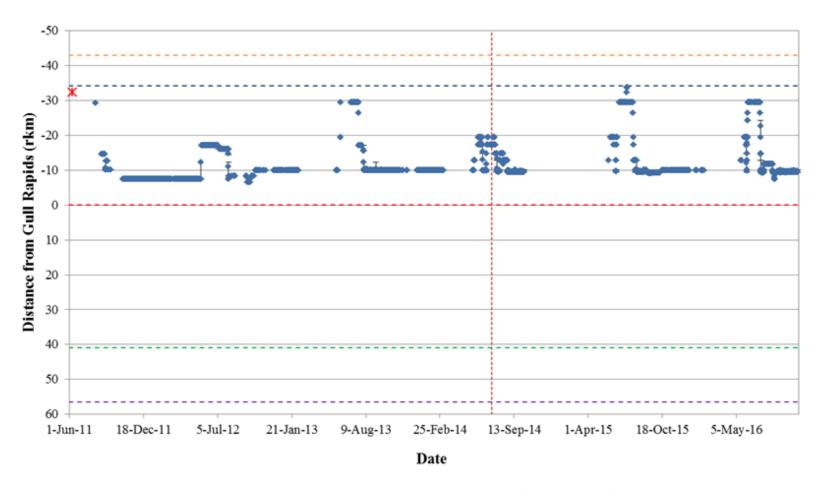


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Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).





Figure A2-11: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16057) in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and Gull Rapids in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging is indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



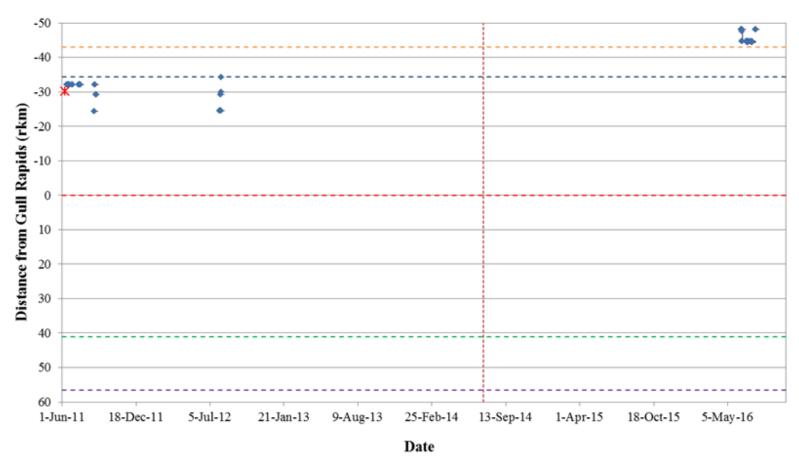


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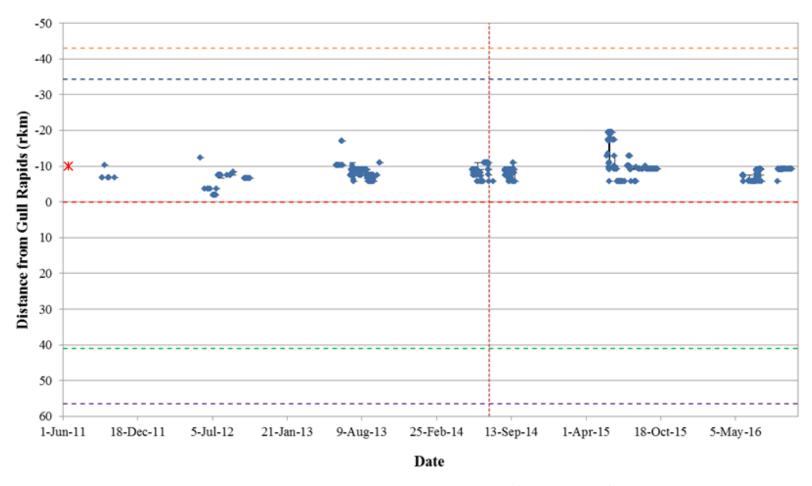


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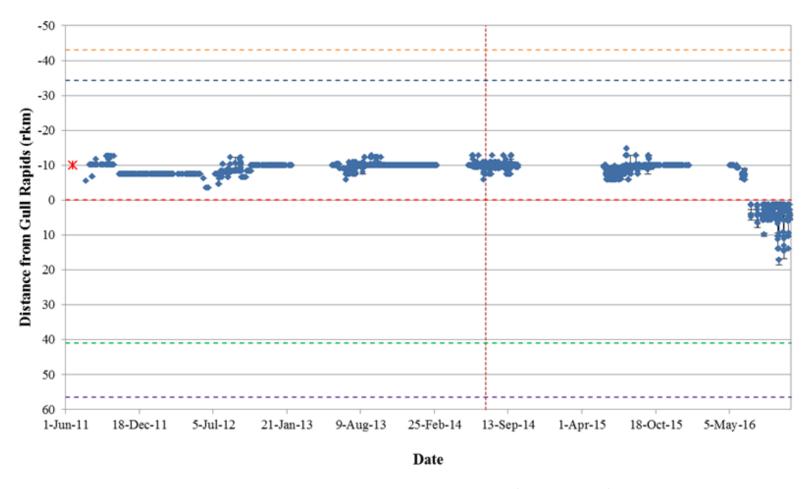


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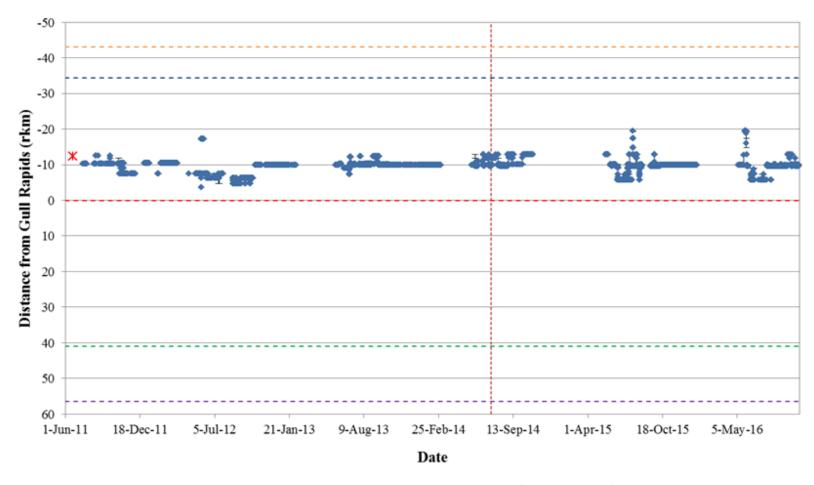


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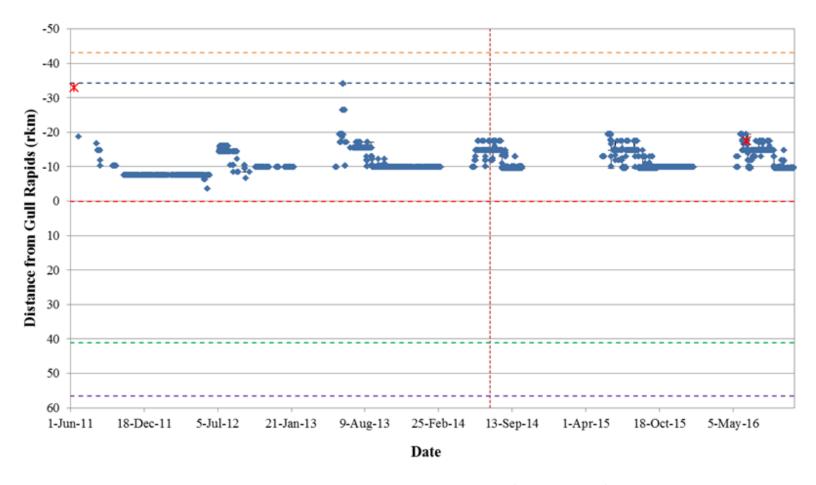


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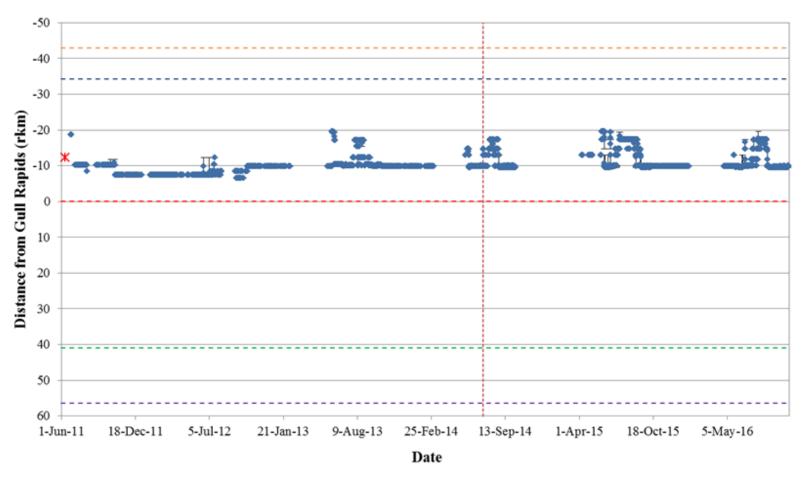


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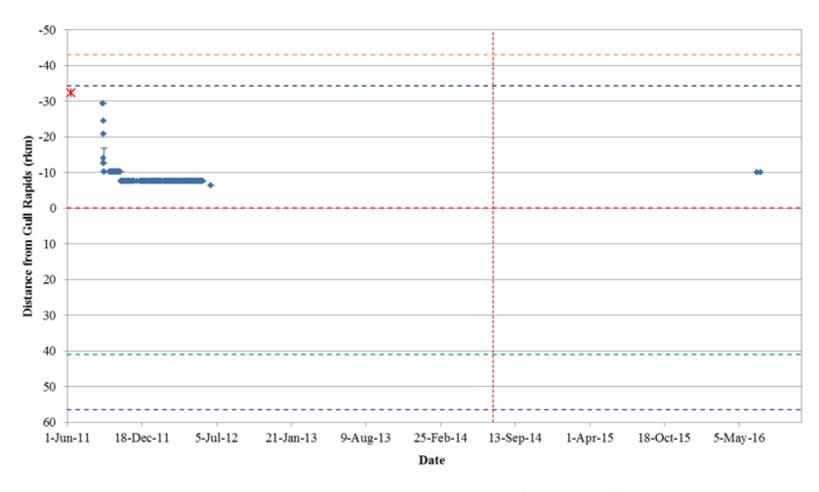


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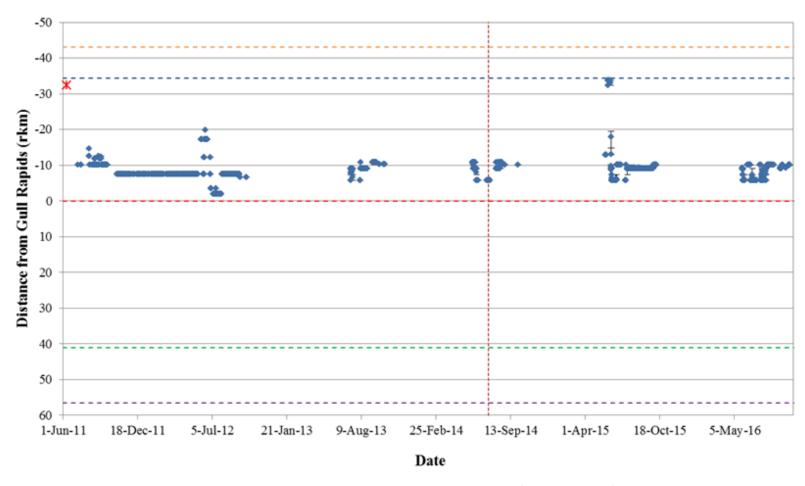


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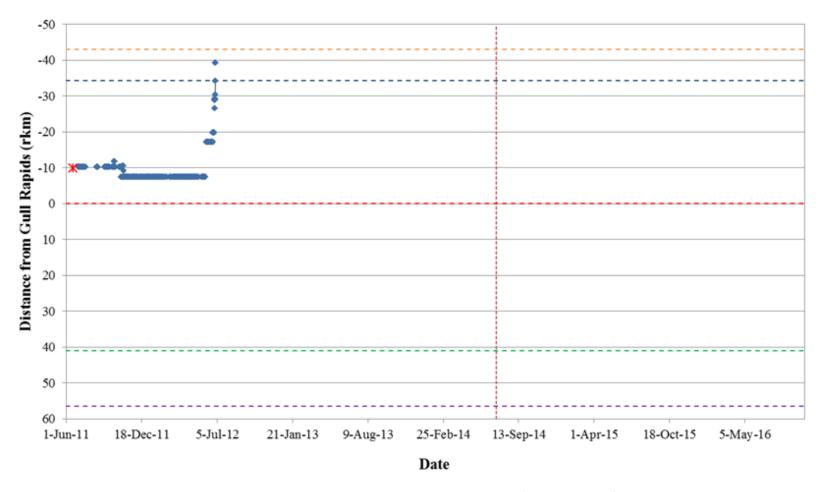


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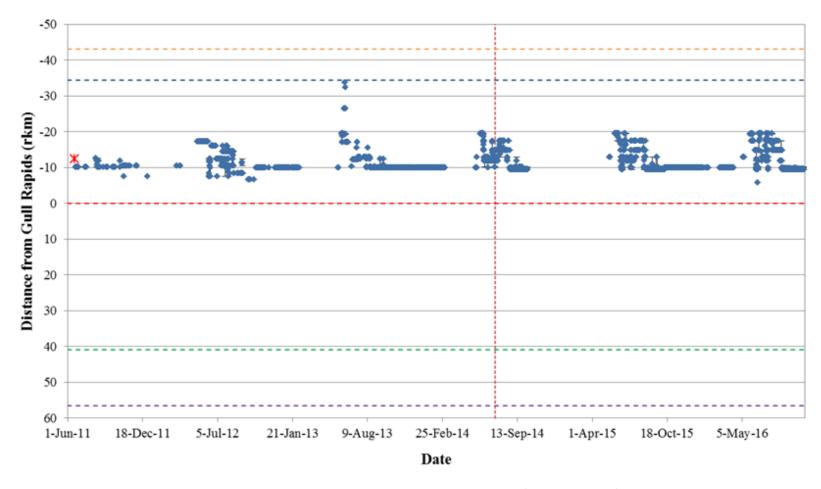


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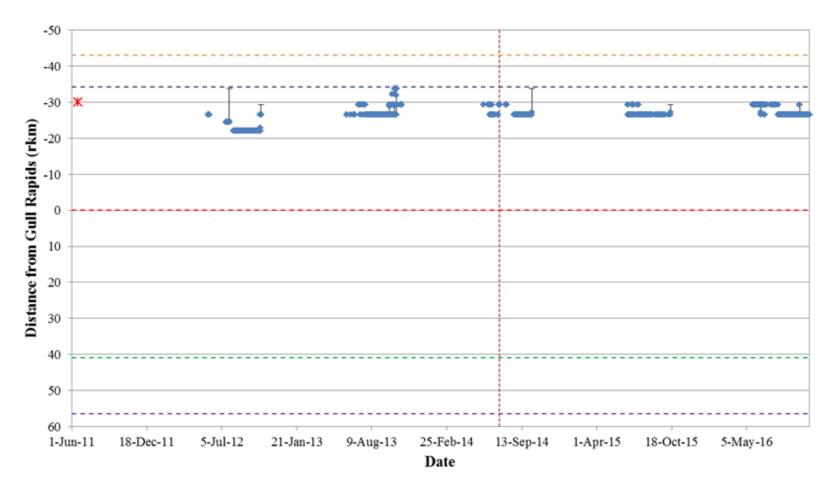


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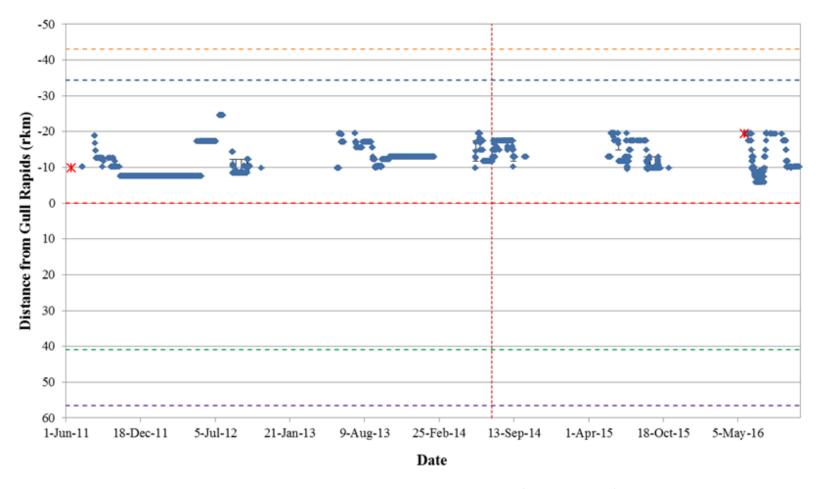


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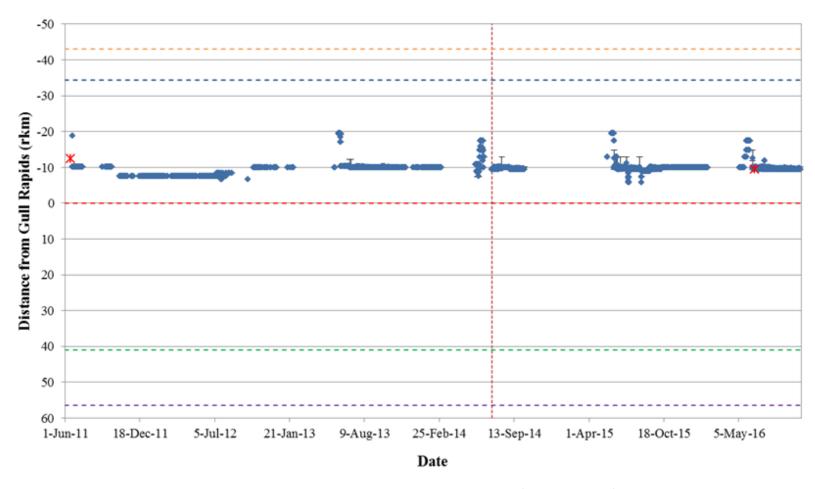


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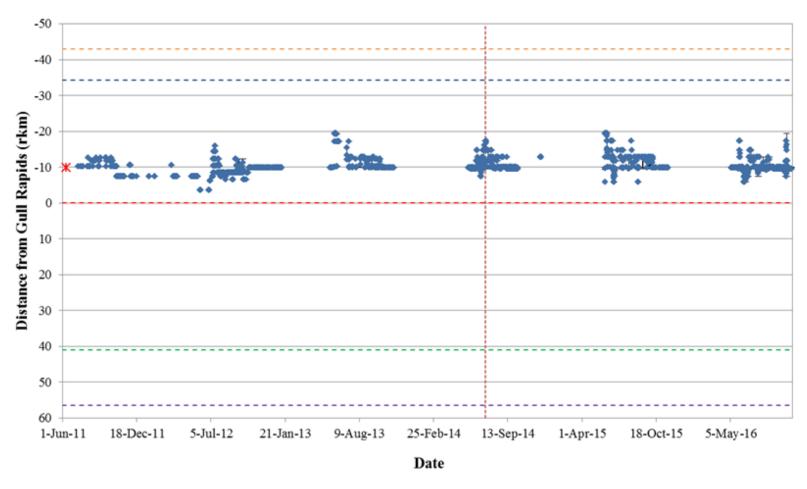


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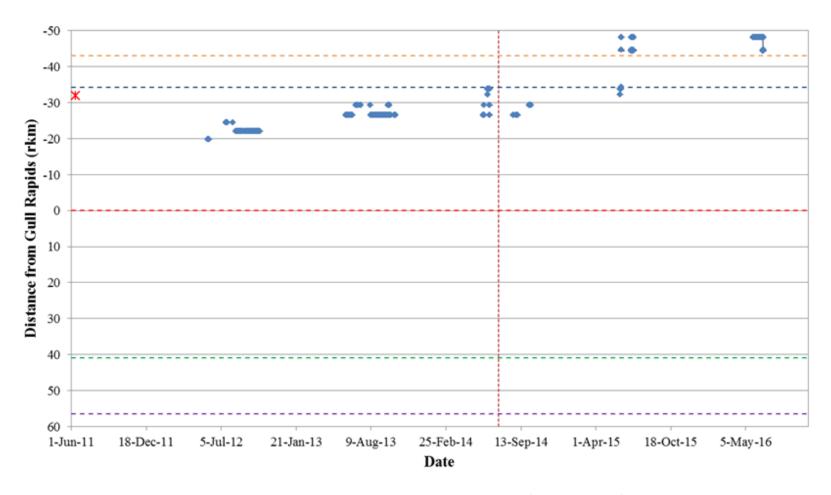


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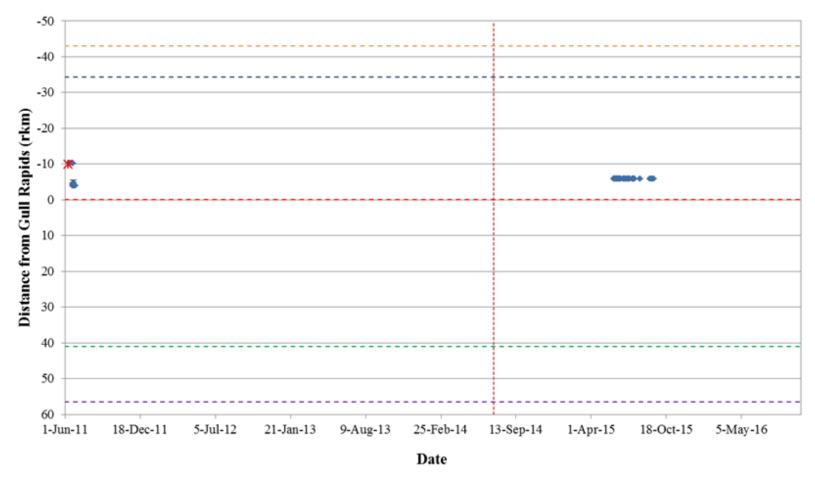


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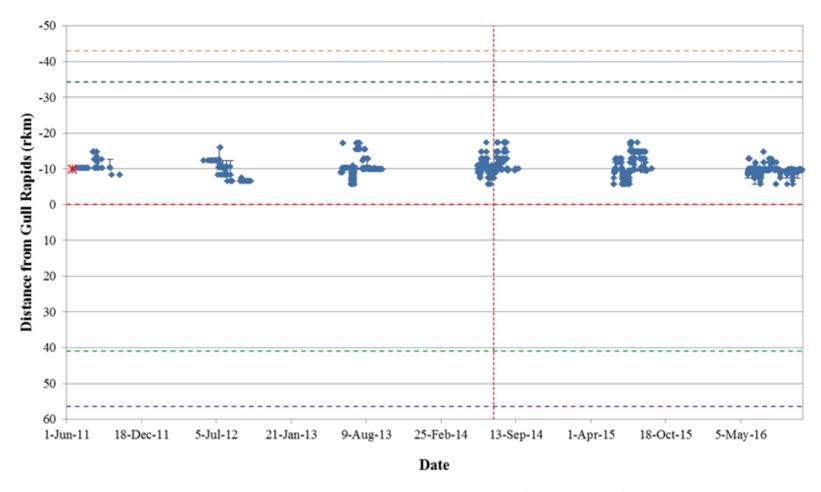


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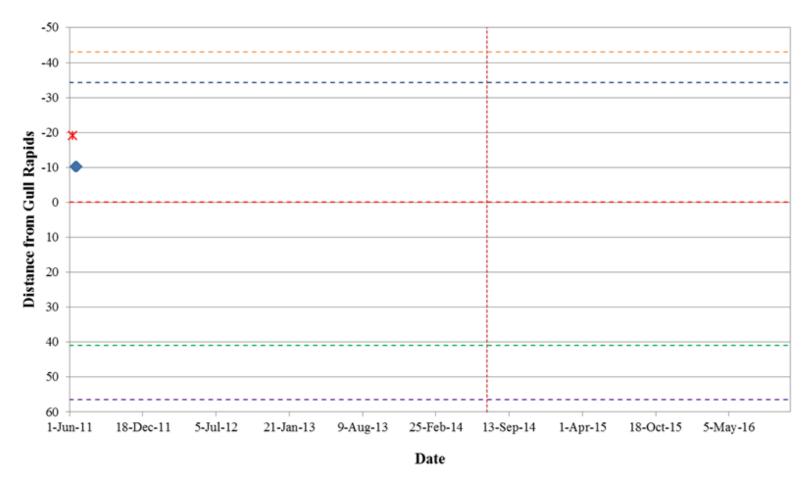


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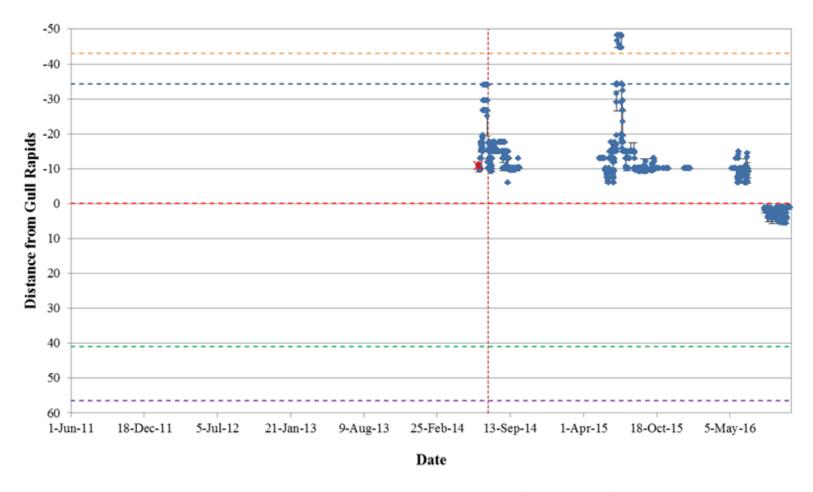


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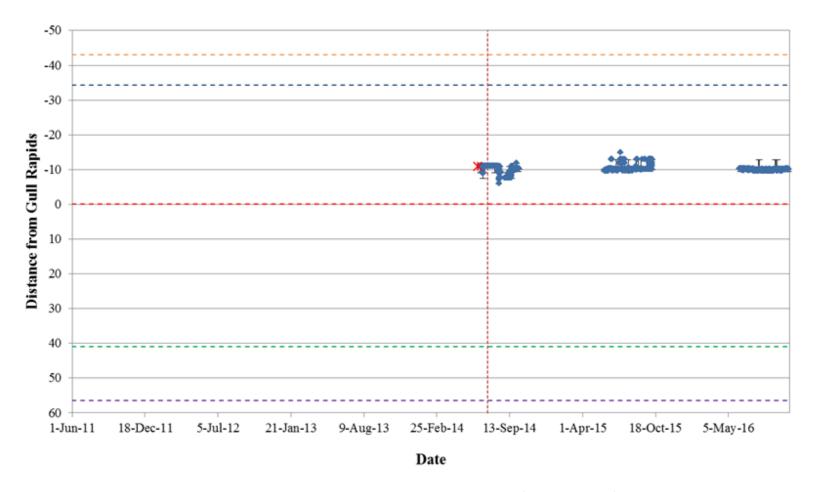


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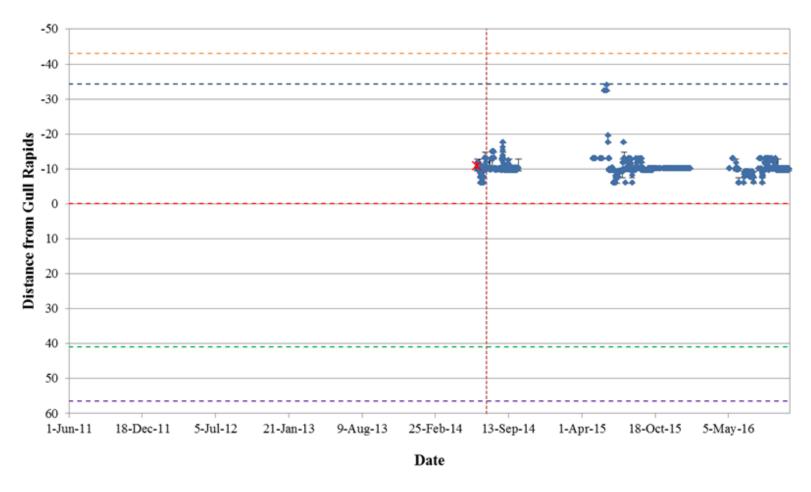


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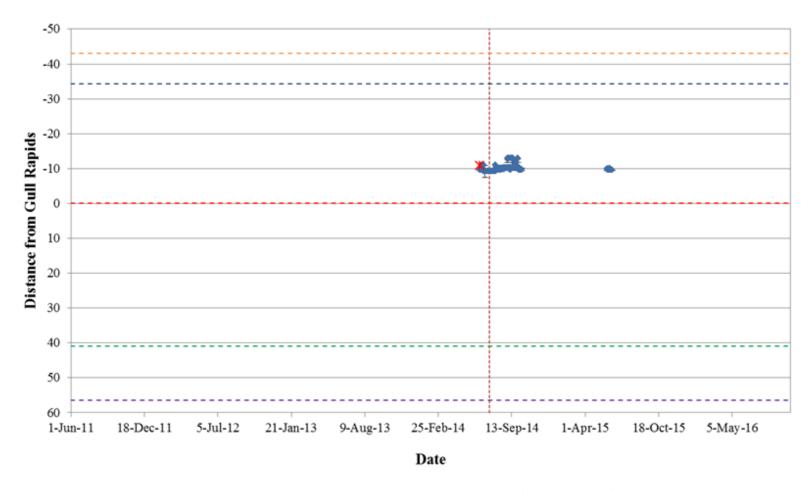


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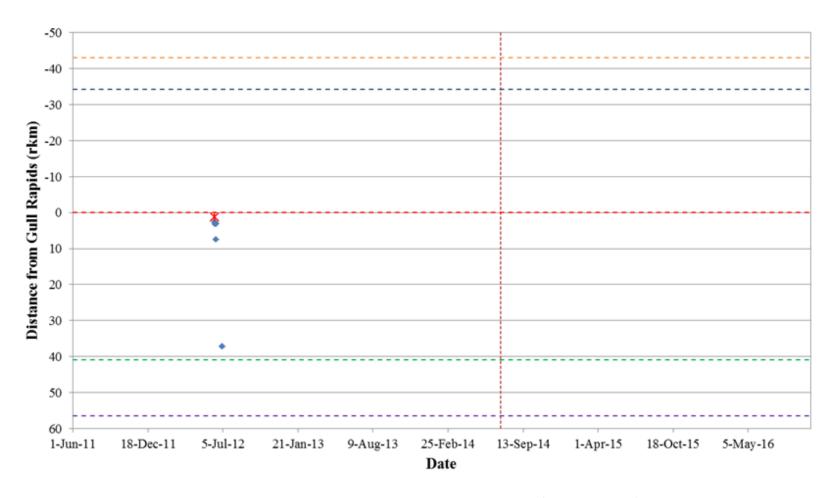


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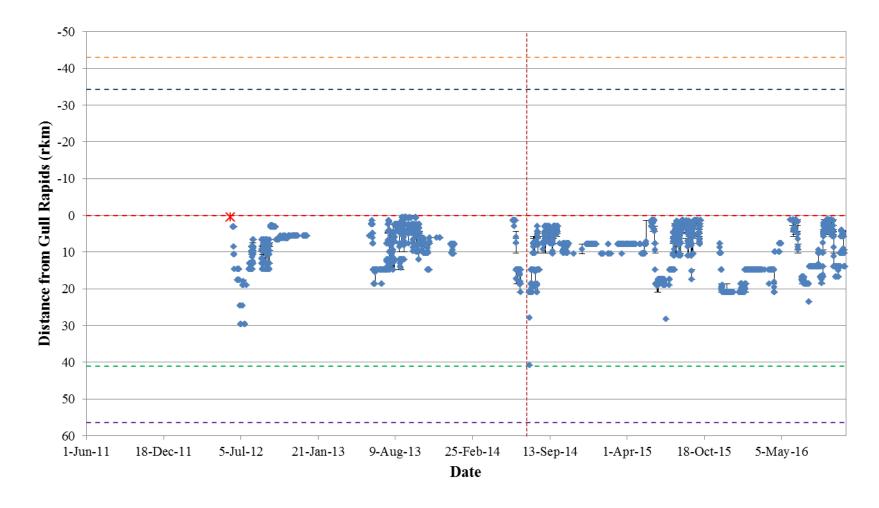


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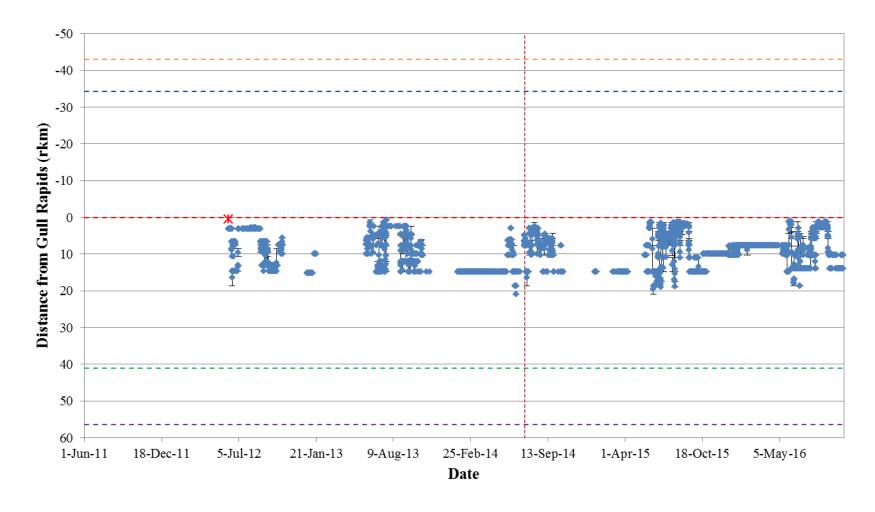


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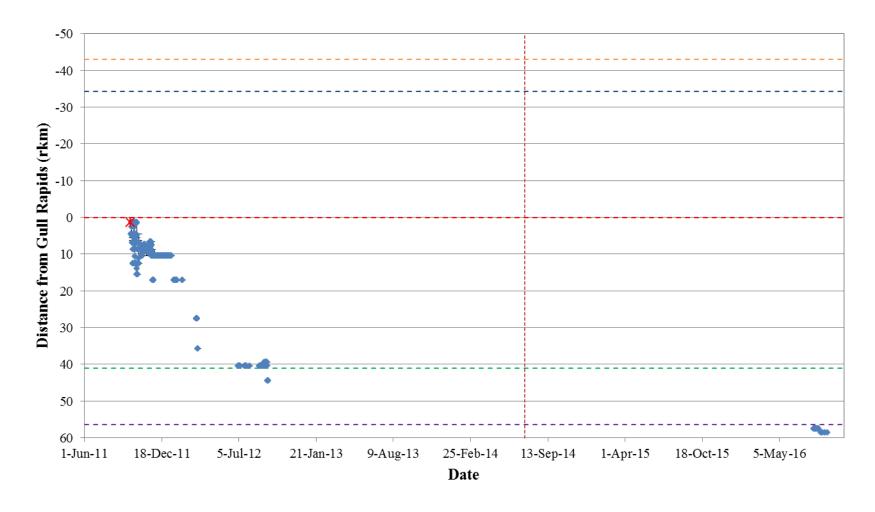


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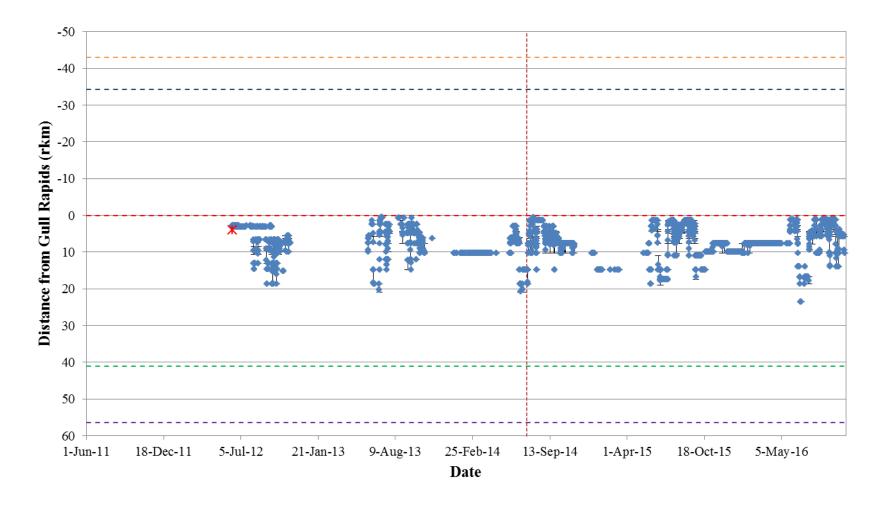


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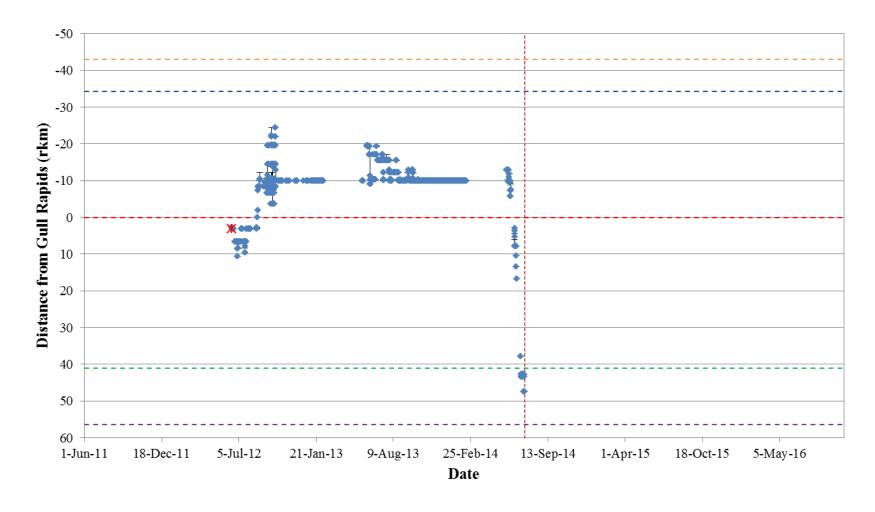


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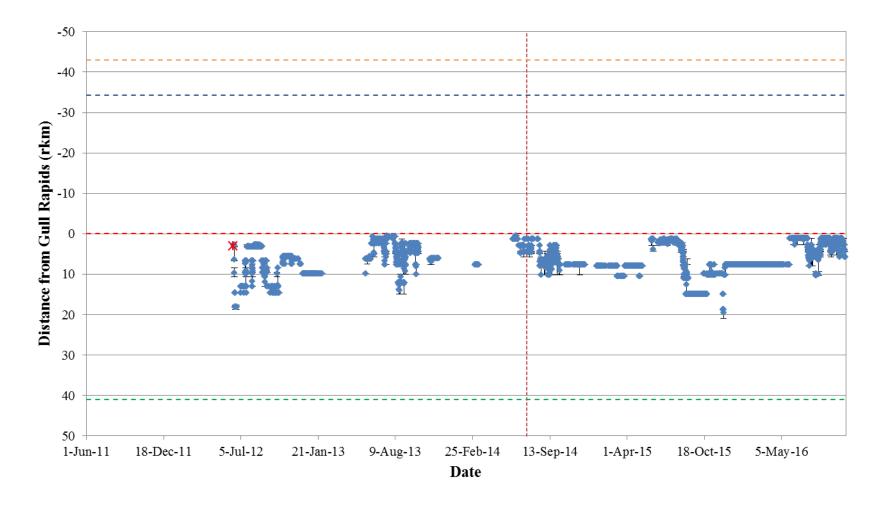


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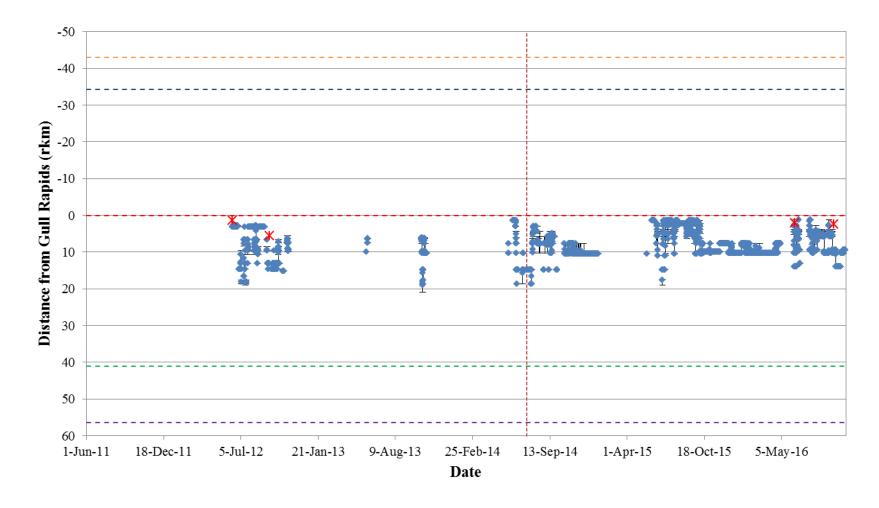


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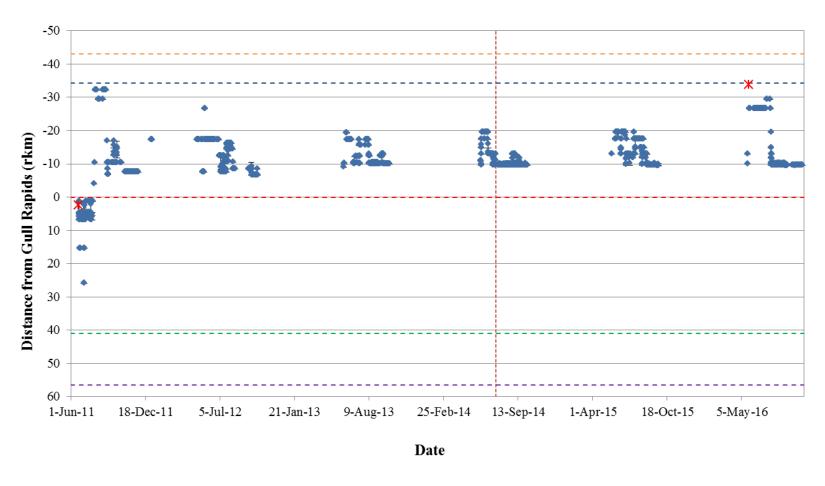


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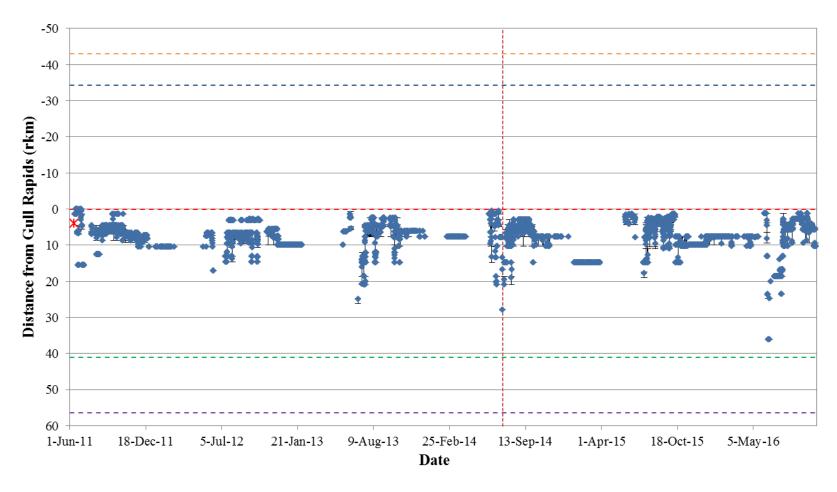


Figure A3-11: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16030) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging is indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



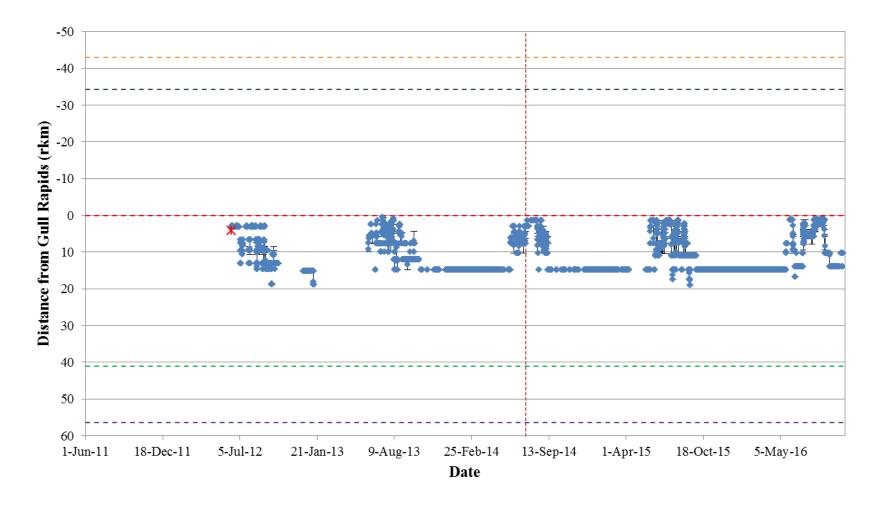


Figure A3-12: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16031) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging is indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



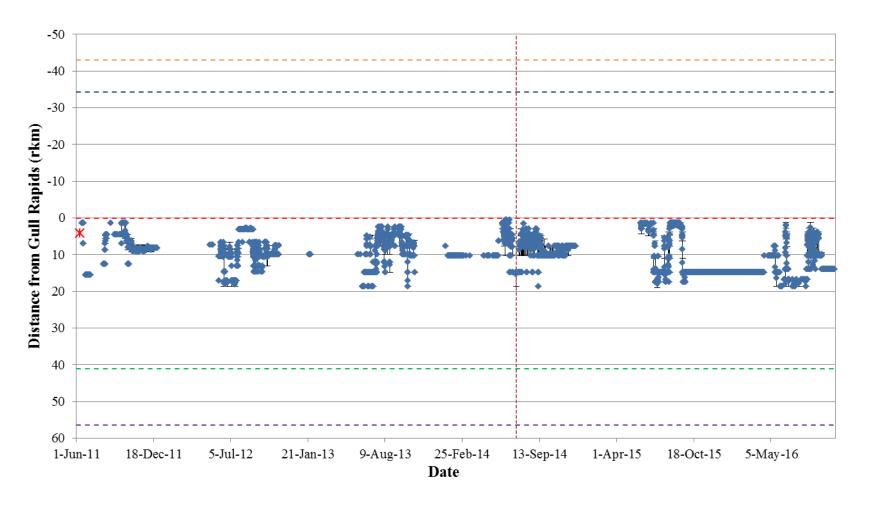


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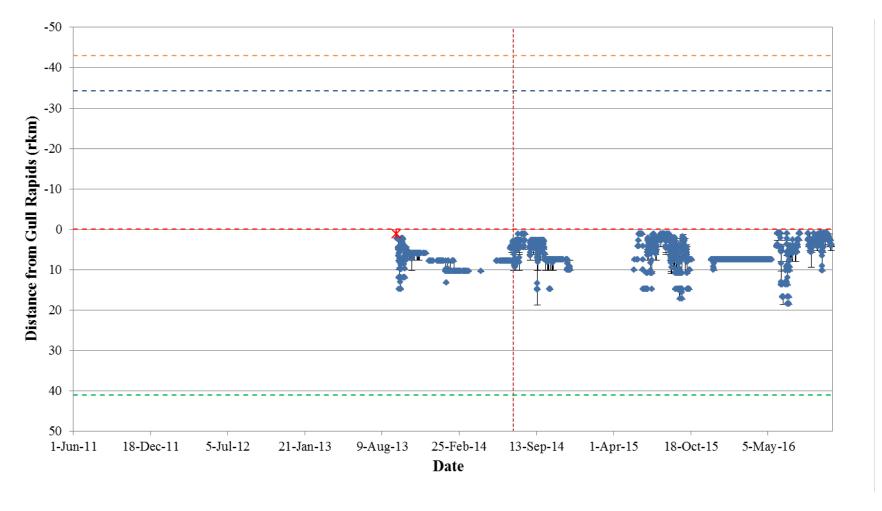


Figure A3-14: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16033b) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging is indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



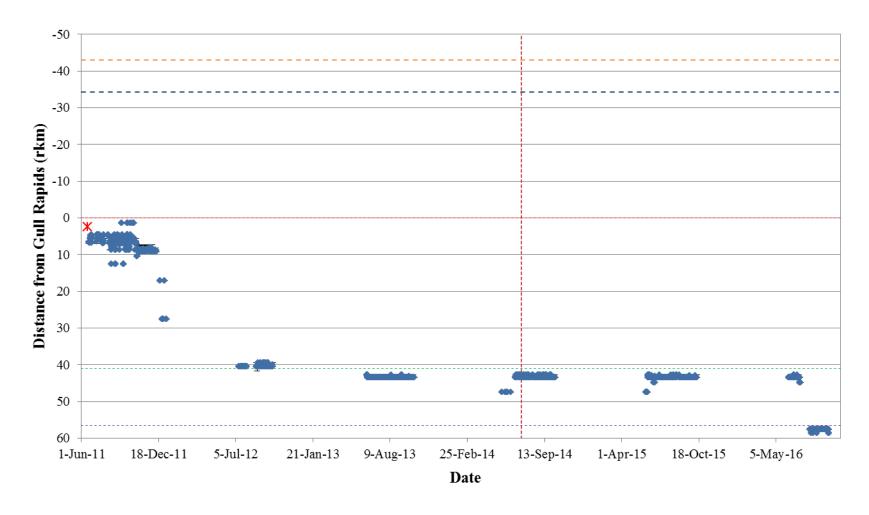


Figure A3-15: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16034) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging is indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



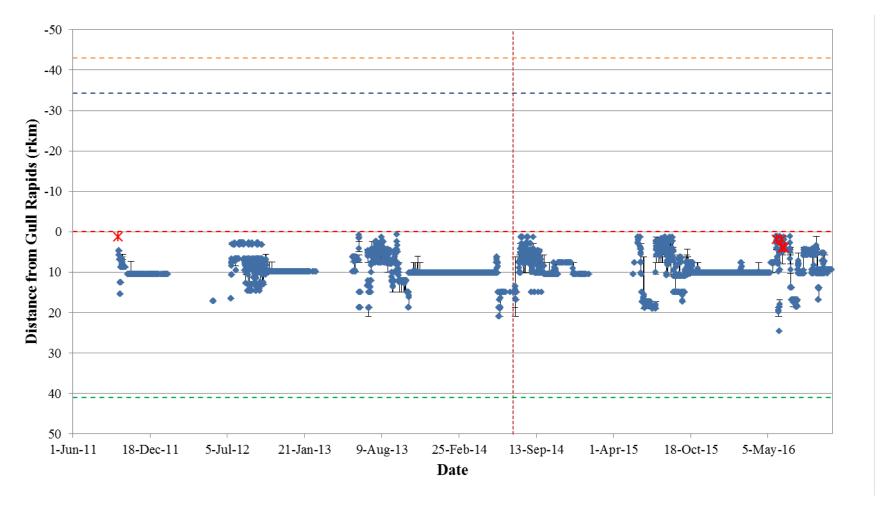


Figure A3-16: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16035) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



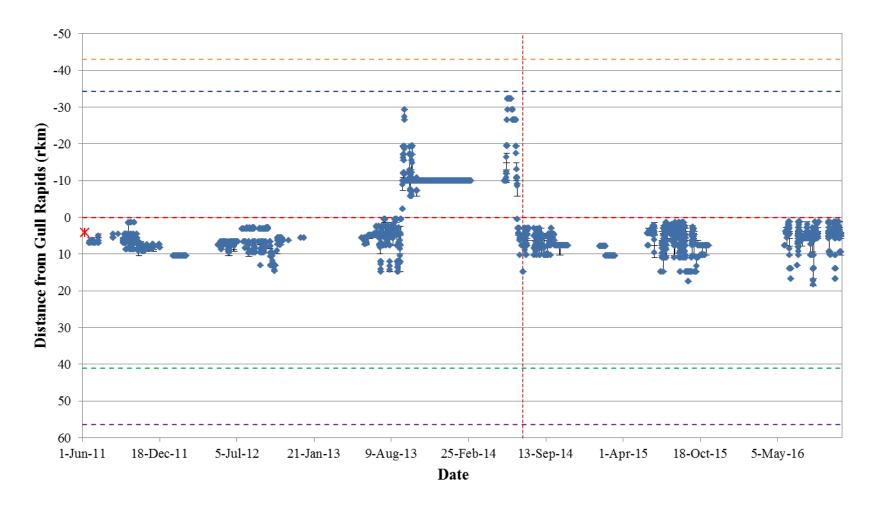


Figure A3-17: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16037) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



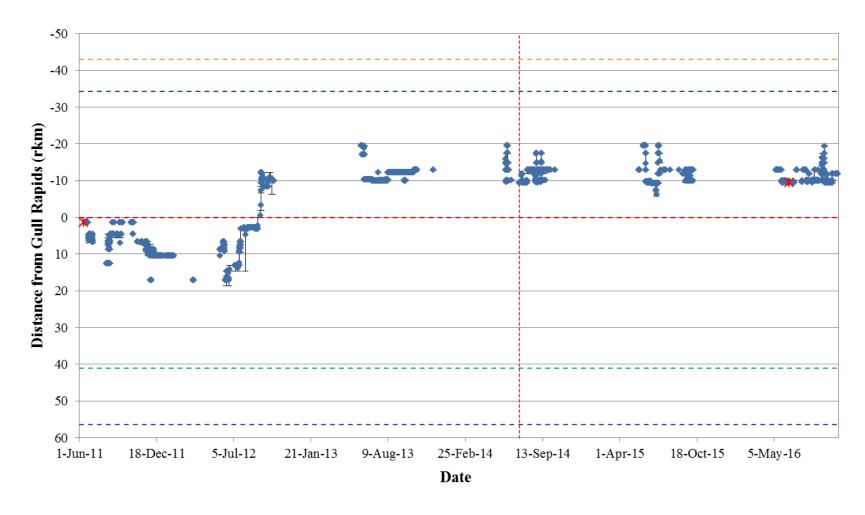


Figure A3-18: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16038) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



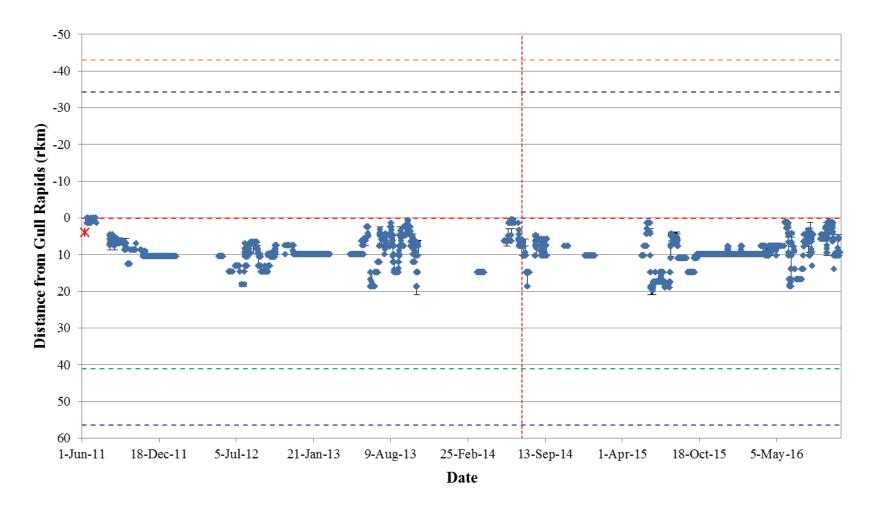


Figure A3-19: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16040) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



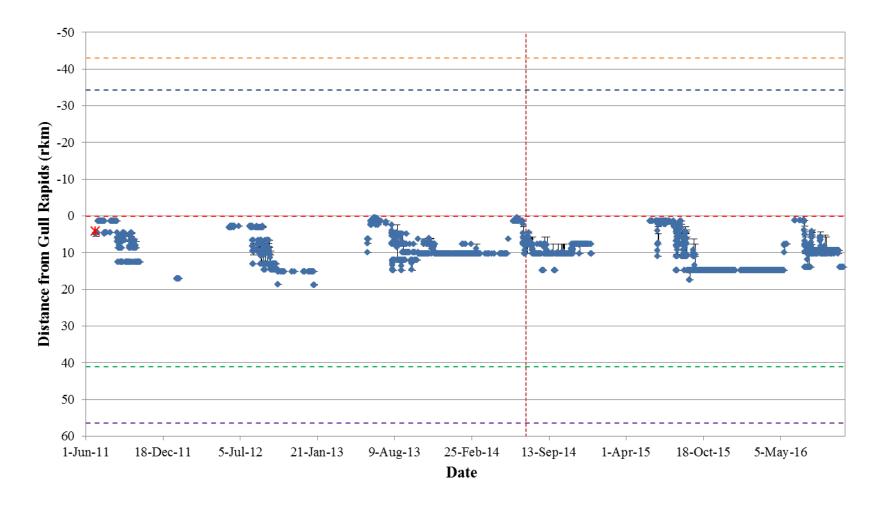


Figure A3-20: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16041) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



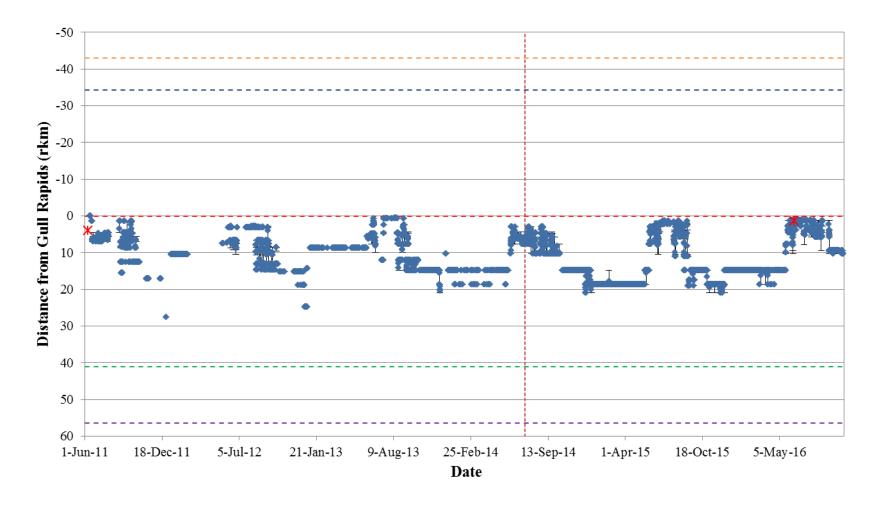


Figure A3-21: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16043) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



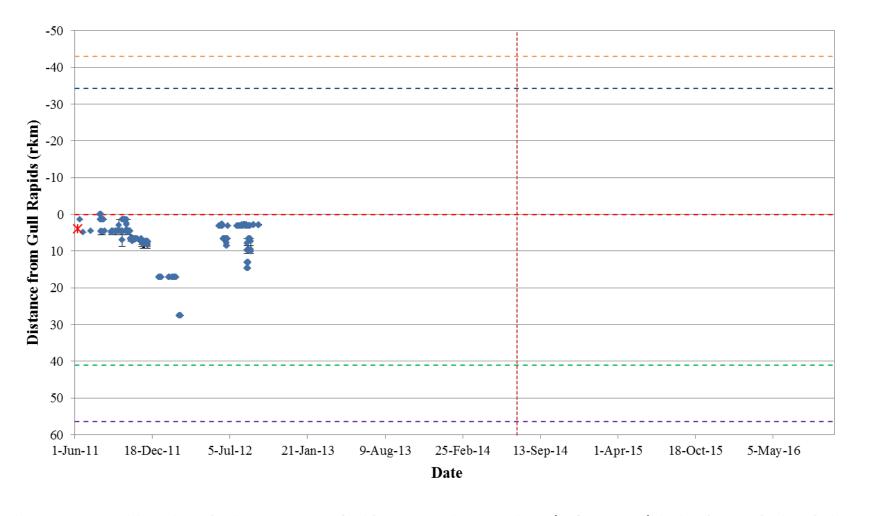


Figure A3-22: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16044) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



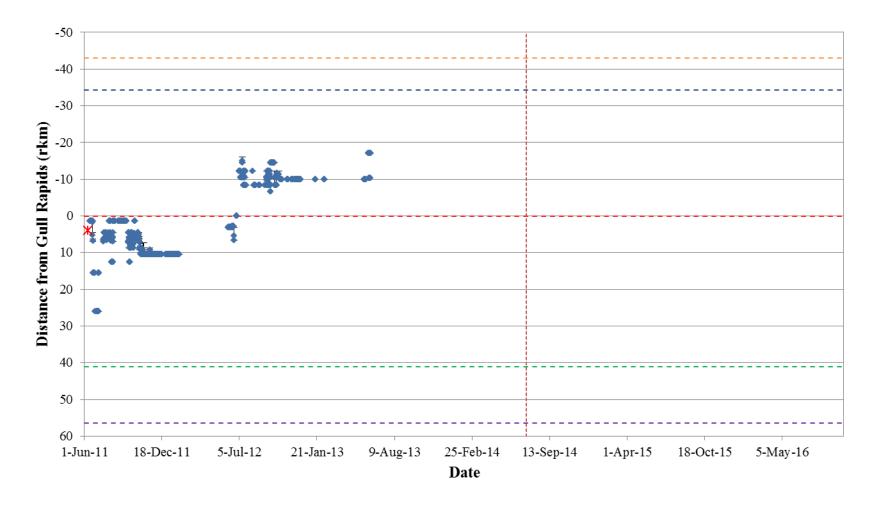


Figure A3-23: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16046) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).





Figure A3-24: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16047) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



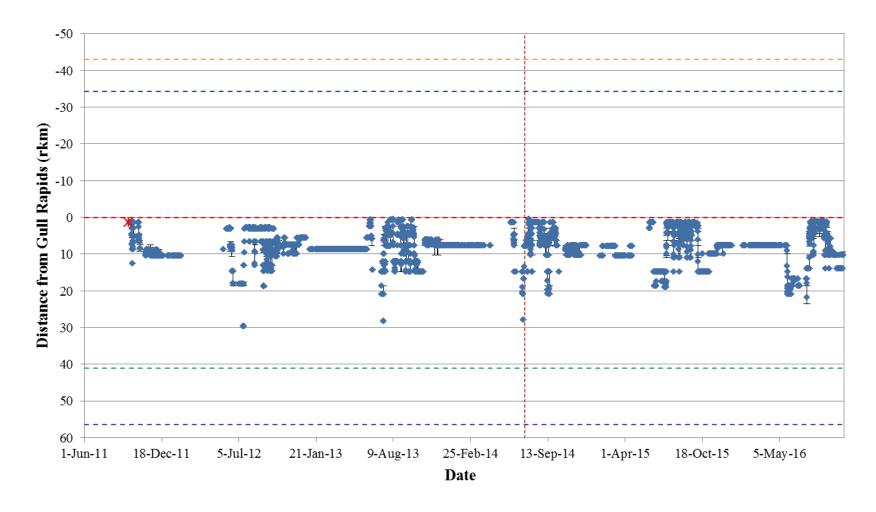


Figure A3-25: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16049) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



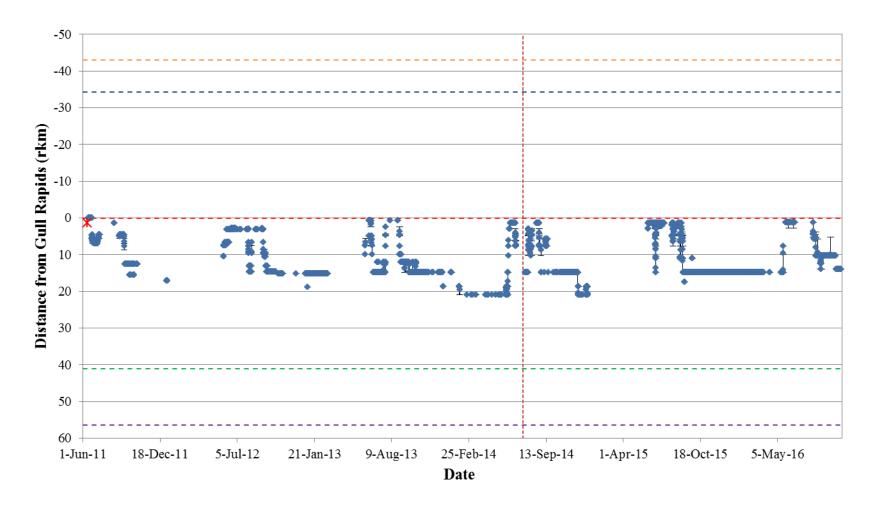


Figure A3-26: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16050) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



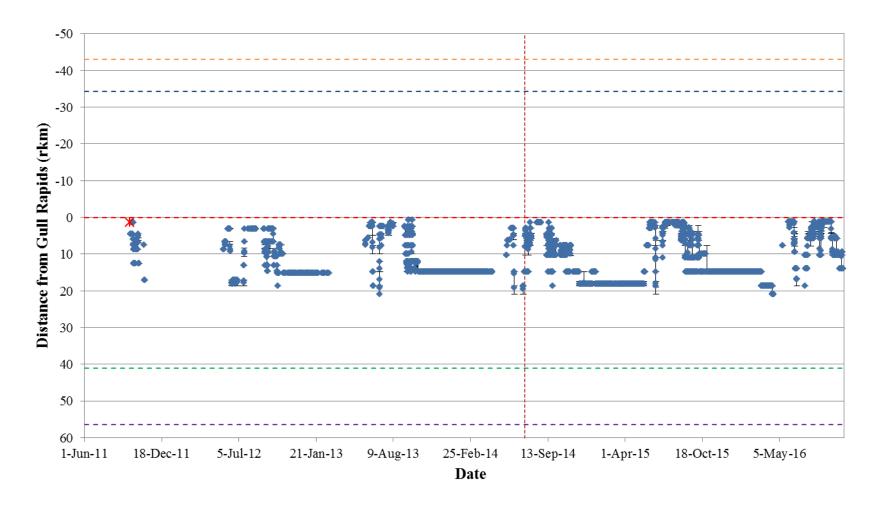


Figure A3-27: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #16052) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



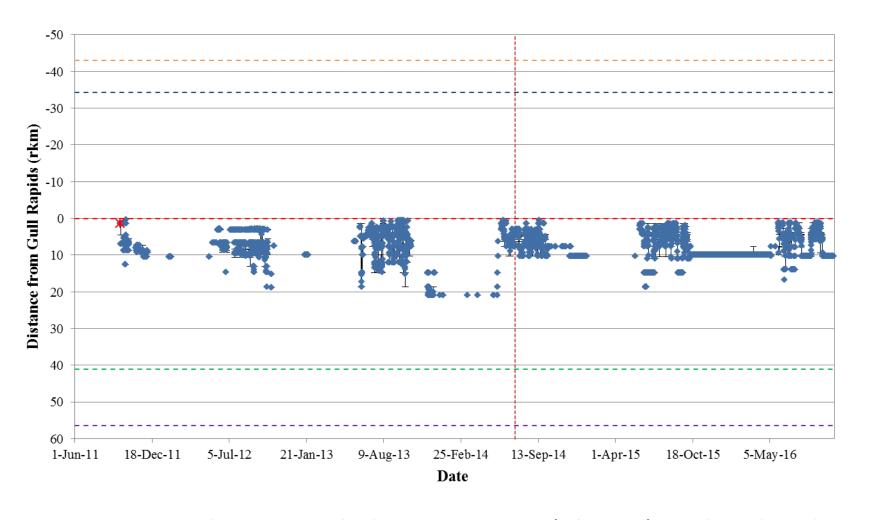


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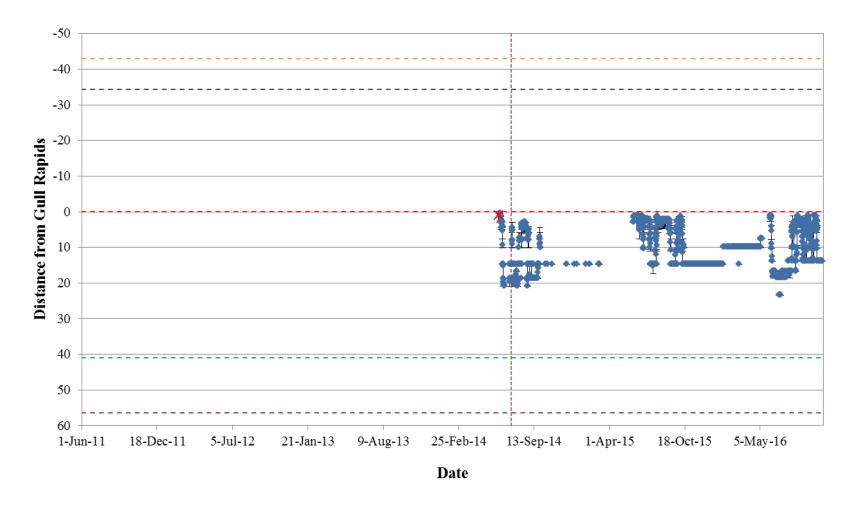


Figure A3-29: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #32167) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



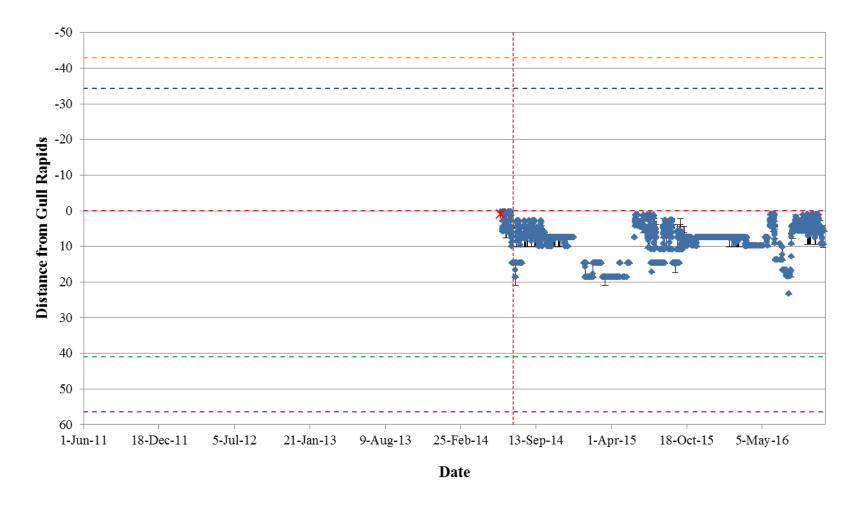


Figure A3-30: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #32168) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



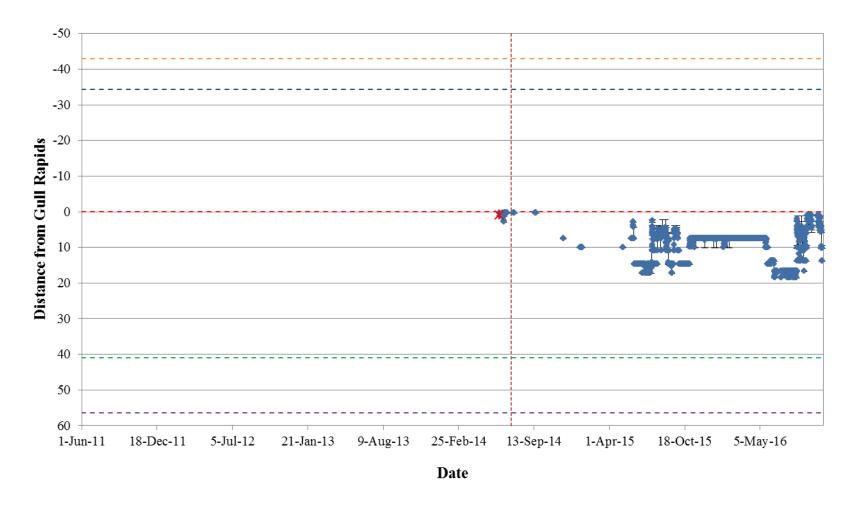


Figure A3-31: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #32169) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



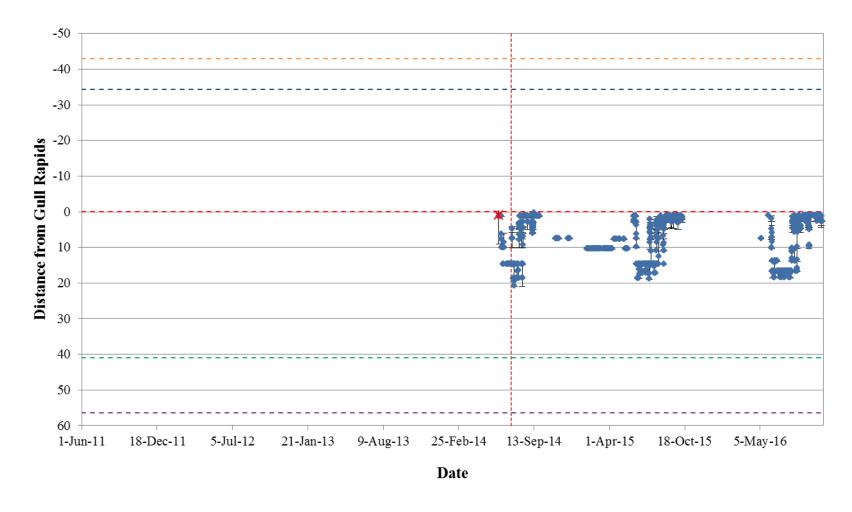


Figure A3-32: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #32170) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



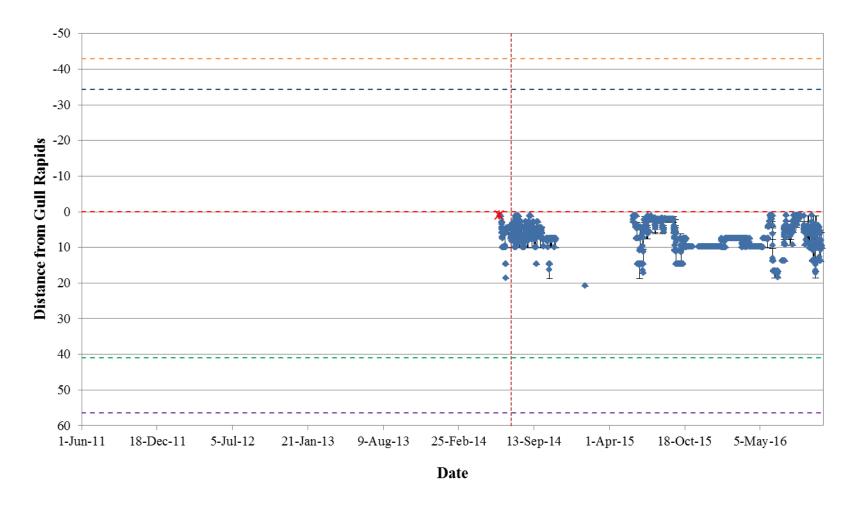


Figure A3-33: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #32171) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



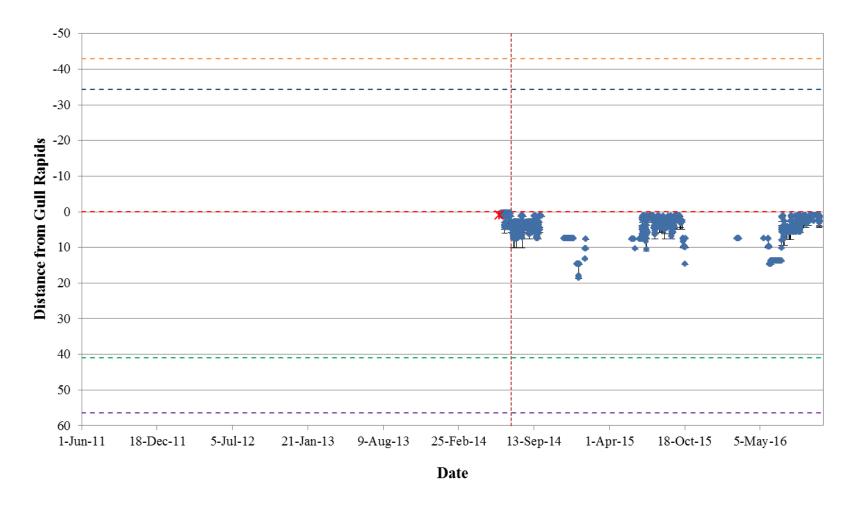


Figure A3-34: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #32172) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).



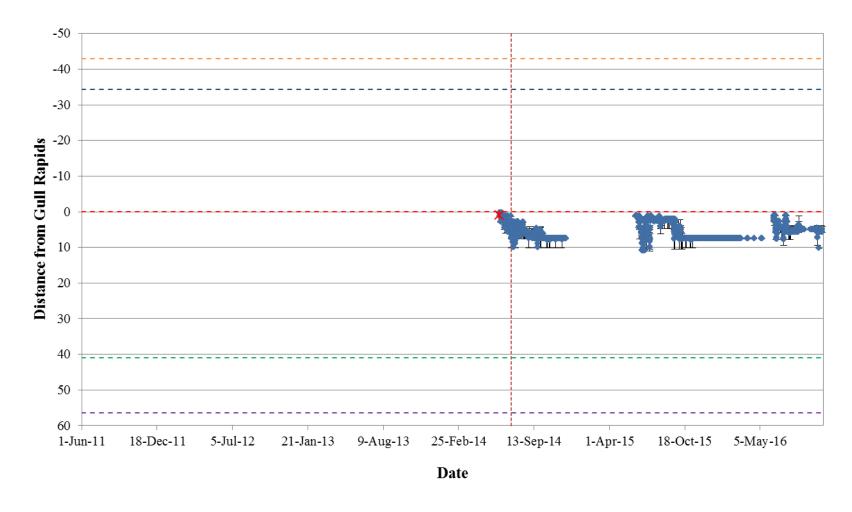


Figure A3-35: Position of a Lake Sturgeon tagged with an acoustic transmitter (code #32173) in Stephens Lake in relation to Gull Rapids (rkm 0), from June 1, 2011 to October 19, 2016. Date and location of tagging and recaptures are indicated by a star. Beginning of Keeyask construction is indicated with a vertical dotted line. Landmarks are indicated with horizontal dotted lines (orange = Clark Lake outlet; blue = Birthday Rapids, red = Gull Rapids; green = Kettle GS; purple = Long Spruce GS).

