

Hi John,

We have not surveyed many oxbows yet, only nine total in the entire Chehalis floodplain so far, and six of those surveys were completed by the Fish Program in 2013, and had a reduced survey effort that was focused on fish, so I cannot give you a very strong answer on this point. Hence, my statements should be interpreted cautiously. By the end of this summer, we will have a much better answer, when our sample size I expect will be over 30. However, based on the fish-related information so far, your Lower Pond would rank as the best of the nine. For example, only one of the other eight oxbows had Olympic mudminnow and only one individual was detected in that oxbow. Your Upper Pond would rank somewhat lower, probably in upper range of the remaining eight, but likely not second. That assessment may change as our surveys advanced, but in general, you appear to look good.

Let me know if you need more details.

Best,

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