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Professional Overview

Leading edge expertise in quantitative methods enabling comprehensive decision oriented advice in settings pervaded by uncertainty. Repeat successes delivering strong client satisfaction in the areas of multiple-objective water management and software architecture and development. Energetic and creative with exceptional project management, leadership, analytical research, organisational, group facilitation and interpersonal and written communication skills. A firm believer in building clarity over project goals, requirements, and scope, to ensure expectations are managed and satisfied. Able to build a shared understanding of objectives and task process at facilitated meetings with diverse stakeholder groups and communicate technical information to non-specialists to help encourage constructive relationships.

Technical Summary

- *Quantitative Analysis*: decision/risk analysis, adaptive management (AM), Monte Carlo simulation, multiple accounts analysis, weight of evidence analysis.
- *Conceptual Analysis*: influence diagrams, impact hypothesis formulation, looking outward matrices for interdisciplinary linkage, adaptive environmental assessment (model building).
- *Statistics*: survey design, classical and Bayesian statistics, computer intensive methods (Bootstrap), parameter estimation.
- *Software/Programming*: OOD, .NET, Web Services, Visual Basic, MS Office Automation, ADO.NET, SQL, Access, Win API/Registry, S-Plus, Systat, Excel.

Professional Experience

1997-present **Sr. Systems Ecologist / Technical Architect**, ESSA Technologies Ltd., Kelowna, BC

Consultant working on the application of systems methodology to a wide range of multi-objective water and resource management problems in aquatic ecosystems (e.g., fisheries management, fish-forestry, mitigative strategies for hydropower operations). Specialize in the use of quantitative methods that permit the clear identification and credible accounting of key uncertainties (e.g., probabilistic simulation modeling, statistics, decision analysis and adaptive management). The focal problems for these methods have been large-scale watershed restoration programs and socioeconomic/biological trade-off evaluations related to operational modifications at dams and reservoirs in Western North America. Lead software architect for numerous projects. Was rapidly promoted through positions of increasing project management responsibility. Responsibilities include:

- project management;
- architectural design and development of decision support tools;
- workshop facilitation (technical);
- decision, risk, and power analysis;
- evaluation of sampling (e.g., creel surveys) and experimental designs;
- development and assessment of appropriate research methods;

- statistical data analysis (using Bayesian, classical and Bootstrap methods); and
- technical writing (e.g., progress, model documentation, final project reports).

Highlights:

- Perhaps the most relevant and state-of-the art example of the value of decision support tools in achieving a better balance amongst water objectives I have contributed to is the Okanagan Fish-Water Management Tool (OKFWM). OKFWM is a software program that is accessible on the internet and can be used by many users simultaneously. The data model that underlies OKFWM automates complex biophysical calculations, incorporates real-time hydrometric data on inflow and water temperature, incorporates kokanee-sockeye emergence timing estimates and simplifies the presentation of results to show how well objectives have been met. The process of developing OKFWM has produced significant technical and cognitive advances in fish/water management in the basin. The result has been to greatly improve in-season water release decisions occurring at Okanagan Lake dam (see: Hyatt and Alexander 2005).
- In my second year, led a team of statisticians, software engineers and testers in the development of a data management and catch estimation system for the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Provided ongoing advice on the statistical survey design and software system. Achieved strong client satisfaction (14 follow-up projects).
- Developed first ESSA model showing value of information from adaptive management using an integrated 2-stage decision analysis-simulated AM approach for the management of mountain whitefish in the Columbia River (Canada). Successfully de-escalated issues with difficult stakeholders. See: Alexander et al. 2006.
- Co-facilitated large group of state, federal, and academic specialists in the design of a model to evaluate the benefits of alternative stream restoration experiments in Clear Creek California. Successfully de-escalated issues with difficult stakeholders. Helped realize methodological buy-in from specialists and non-specialists, and secured a second phase project to implement the participants design.
- Co-developed an adaptive management training package (simulation model and training materials) for the BC Ministry of Forests.

1996-1997

Principal Researcher (contract position), Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Burnaby, BC.

Designed and developed a simulation model to quantitatively assess the performance and risks of alternative spawning escapement and in-river catch allocation policies for Fraser river sockeye given the uncertainties in various population and management estimates. This project included:

- determination of data requirements and methods
- analysis of historical data for the major Fraser River sockeye populations for input into the model
- quantification of the expected performance of different management options for a range of objectives
- progress reports and facilitation of meetings
- development of a user interface for the model
- model documentation and training for DFO staff.

Highlights:

- Invited to give a presentation to senior Department of Fisheries and Oceans staff on the precautionary approach and escapement goals, and lessons learned facilitating groups.
- M.Sc. thesis

1996 **Teaching/Research Assistant**, School of Resource and Environmental Management, SFU, Burnaby, BC

Provided teaching assistance to both graduate level Ecology and Environmental Toxicology students. Duties/functions included:

- design and development of a spreadsheet model to be used by Resource and Environmental Management students in a major Ecology assignment
- demonstrated and assisted students in the use of software associated with toxicology computer labs and tutorials
- assisted the professors in marking student assignments
- conducted literature searches and reviews as directed by the two professors

1995 **Research Assistant / Technician 2**, The University of British Columbia Fisheries Centre, Vancouver, BC.

Investigated several hypotheses about the return migrations and timing of Fraser River sockeye using an existing model. Duties/functions included:

- experimental design
- model enhancement / debugging
- presenting interim findings at group seminars
- the writing of a final manuscript

Education and Training

- **Master of Resource and Environmental Management**, Simon Fraser University, BC (1999). Emphasis on quantitative methods for accounting for uncertainty: DECISION ANALYSIS, ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT, SIMULATION MODELLING, CLASSIC AND BAYESIAN STATISTICS. MASTER'S THESIS: Contradictory data and the application of the precautionary approach: a case study for setting escapement targets for the Early Stuart run of Fraser River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), British Columbia.
- **B.Sc.**, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC (1995). Major: APPLIED ECOLOGY
- *Fluvial Geomorphology: Principles and Practices*, University of California, Riverside University Extension, CA, USA (2004). Field course.

Management Development:

- Facilitation Skills for Leaders, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, (1999)

Awards:

- Graduate Fellowship (1996)
- Provincial Graduation scholarship (1990)

Publications and Reports

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Hyatt, K. and C.A.D. Alexander. 2005. The Okanagan Fish-Water Management (OKFWM) Tool: Results of a 25 year retrospective analysis. Prepared for Canadian Okanagan Basin Technical Working Group, Kamloops, BC. 23 pp.

Trinity River Restoration Program. 2005. Conceptual models and hypotheses for the Trinity River Restoration Program. Draft report prepared for the Trinity River Restoration Program, Weaverville, CA. 133 pp.

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