

# Temperature and Salish Sucker System Capacity

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## Species Information

**Common Name:** Salish Sucker

**Genus:** Catostomus sp.

## Stressor Details

**Stressor Name:** Water Temperature

**Units:** °C

**Scale:** linear

**Function Type:** continuous

**Vital Rate/Process:** CPUE

## Life Stage & Context

**Life Stages:** Adults

**Geography:** Lower Fraser Valley (British Columbia)

**Activity:** All activities

**Season:** All seasons

## Descriptions

### Overview

Three data sources of information were considered for deriving the final curve i.e., Pearson (2004), Rosenfeld et al. (2021) and Edwards (1983). In addition, we considered the expert opinion provided at the workshop conducted in November 2024. Maximum system capacity was defined by standardizing data to the highest value for CPUE (fish trap-1). It should be noted that Salish sucker are thought to be somewhat more warm-adapted than Longnose sucker, which are much more widely distributed and considered to be a cool-water species; temperature data for Salish sucker appears to support this inference, since the temperature curve for Salish sucker appears right-shifted to higher temperatures relative to Longnose sucker. The final curve was derived by fitting a Generalized Additive Model (GAM) to original CPUE data from Rosenfeld et al. (2021). The fitted GAM curve was marginally significant ( $p$

### Function Derivation

Based on data from Salish Sucker, supported by data from Longnose Sucker; Empirical data (correlative model);  
Published; Expert opinion

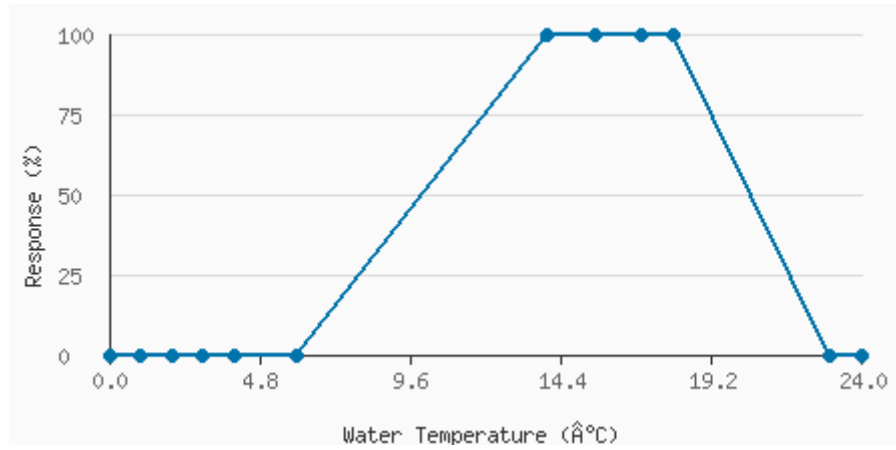
### Transferability of Function

As local adaptations are likely minimal among different Salish Sucker populations, we would not expect much variation in true tolerance among populations. This function should therefore be broadly applicable to all populations of the species, with the caveat that it is partly based on data from longnose sucker.

### Source of Stressor Data

This is largely to be determined, but it will likely be a combination of data from Rosenfeld et al. (2021), data collected by Samantha Ramirez (2024) as part of her M.Sc. thesis, and a database of current and future projections produced by Dr. Iacarella with DFO and collaborators (currently unpublished, but see (Weller et al. (2023)).

## Stressor Response Data



Temperature (?C)	Mean System Capacity (%)	SD	low.limit	up.limit
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.00	100.00	0.00	50.82	123.77
15.50	100.00	0.00	63.11	132.79
17.00	100.00	0.00	63.11	134.43
18.00	100.00	0.00	58.20	134.43
23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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