

Salt River Fishery

From then to now



History

- Fisheries management in Wyoming began in 1869
- 1936 – Mountain Whitefish were designated as a game fish
- Late 1940's –Seining for Mountain Whitefish became illegal in the Salt River
- 1947 – Season was April 1st – October 31st 4am-9pm
 - Creel limit – 12 game fish or 14lbs and 1 game fish
 - Mountain Whitefish were an exception in the Salt River

Today

- Creel and Possession limit
 - 6 trout, only 3 cutthroat
 - Only 1 trout over 20" only 1 cutthroat over 12"
- Special regulations
 - Upstream of Hwy 238 – catch and release and artificial flies and lures only from November 1st – December 31st
 - ¼ mile downstream of Hwy 238 to the Diversion – artificial flies and lures only

Stocking

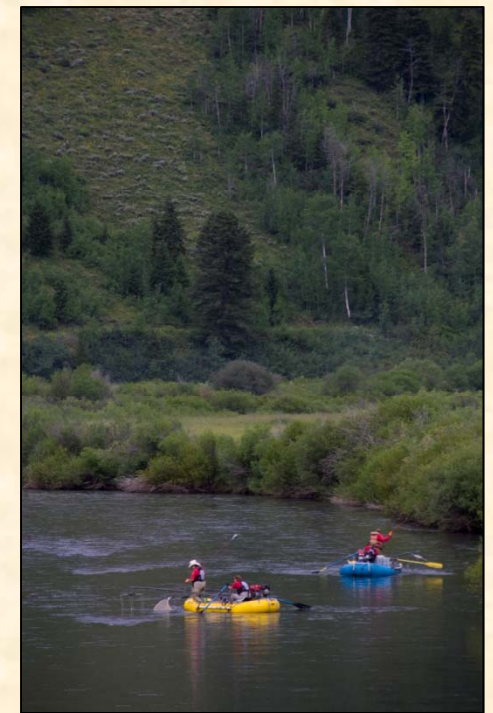
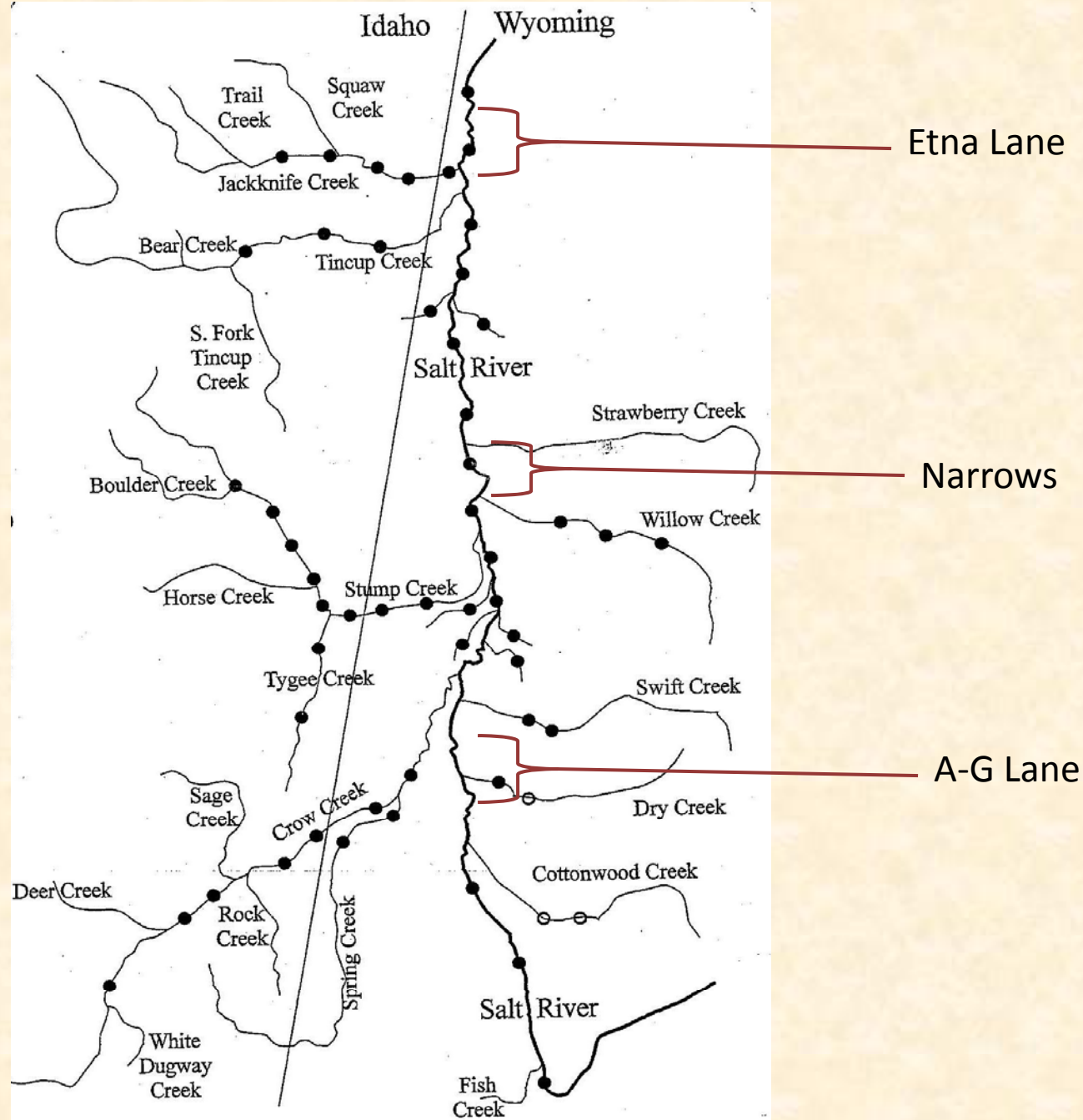
- First documented stocking included brook trout, cutthroat trout, and rainbow trout in mid-1930's
- Cutthroat trout have been the main species stocked into the Salt River
 - Wide range of sizes and numbers
 - In mid 1970's brood fish were most commonly caught cutthroat trout
 - In 2007, stocking was discontinued, with the exception of brood fish

Management



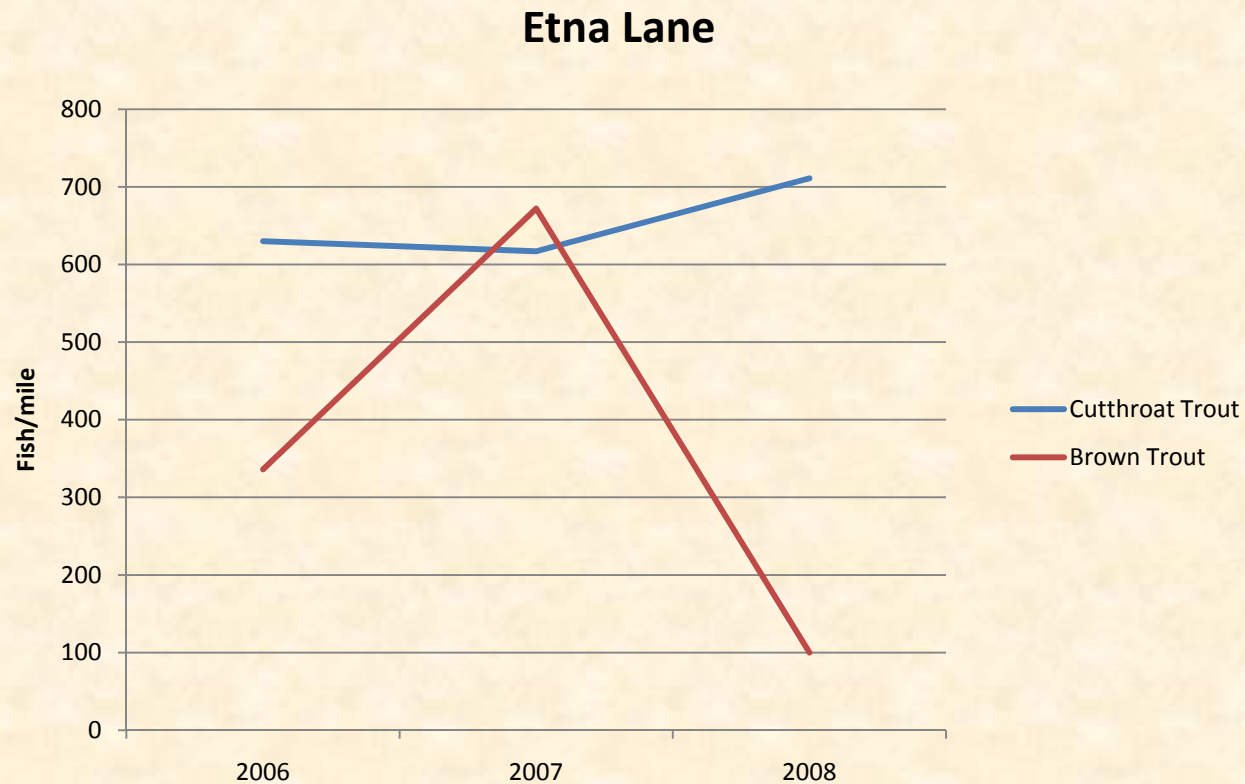
We currently manage for Snake River Cutthroat trout and brown trout.

Population Estimate Sites

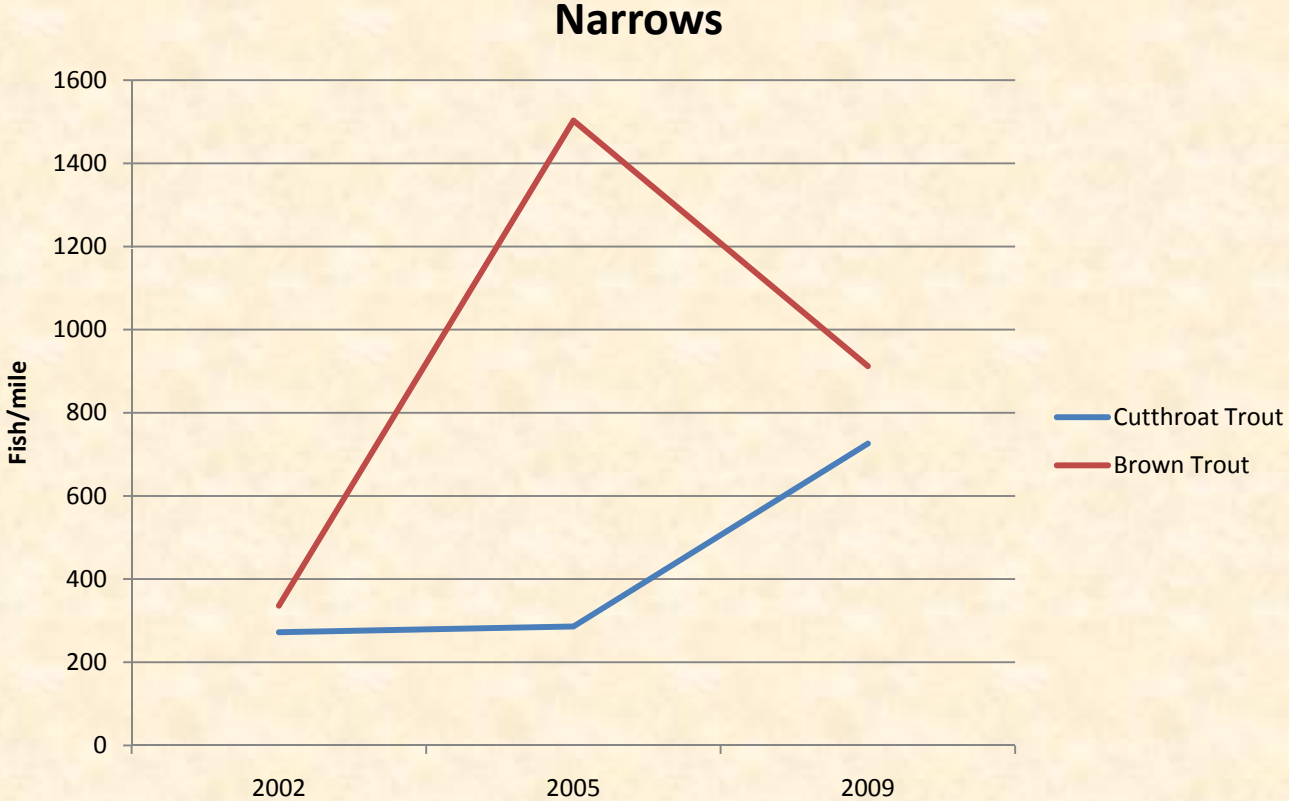


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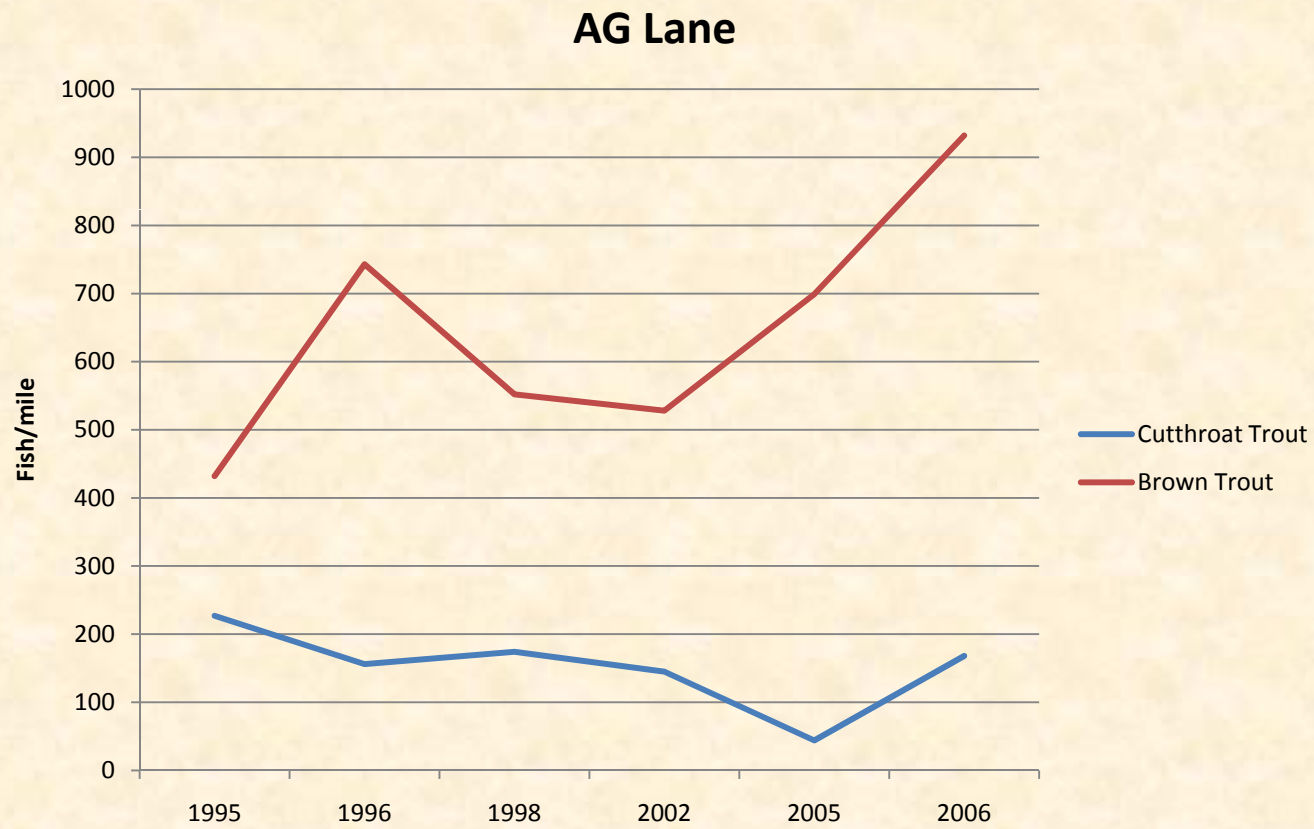
- Began doing population estimates at night in 2006 – got much better estimates



Narrows



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Threats

- Whirling disease
- Invasive species
- Habitat loss
- Pollution



Questions?

