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# **STORMWATER,** 6PPD-Q, AND CRAYFISH

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# TALK OUTLINE **Project overview** I Method development **Preliminary results Future work Thanks and Questions**





# **6PPD-QUINONE**





- Recently discovered (Tian et al. 2021)
- Degradation product of 6PPD, a commercial antioxidant
- Main source is from tire wear particulates in stormwater
- Toxic to Coho salmon and other aquatic organisms
- Thought to bioaccumulate
- Distribution is unknown



### THE PROBLEM



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## **THE SOLUTION?**





Known effective bio-indicators (Kuklina, Kouba, Kozak, 2013) Reflect local site conditions React quickly to environmental change Occupy multiple trophic levels Interact extensively with sediments Widely distributed in the CRB (both native and invasive species).





# **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Phase 1:	Phase 1:	Phase 2:	Phase 2:
Field Sampling	Laboratory Analysis	Field Sampling	Laboratory Analysis
Phase 3: Citizen Science Monitoring and Outreach Education			

- **Phase 1:** Assess the accumulation of 6PPD-q in crayfish tissues under different exposure regimes.
  - Ecotox laboratory exposure study
    - Invasive: *Faxonius rusticus* (Rusty Crayfish)
    - Native: Pacifastacus leniusculus (Signal Crayfish)
- a public awareness campaign tied to citizen science **Phase 2:** Assess the presence of 6PPD-q and TWP in water, collection of crayfish, student outreach, and a public sediment, and crayfish and fish tissues in the middle and upper CRB. facing website.
  - a field sampling, collection, and monitoring campaign at 40 sites across the upper CRB

**Phase 3:** Enhance public awareness of 6PPD-q and TWP as aquatic pollutants in the CRB through the project period.







# **PROJECT GOALS**

- To demonstrate the applicability of native and non-native crayfish as monitoring organisms for 6PPD-q contamination across a variety of environmental conditions.
- To promote citizen engagement and knowledge of aquatic contamination by tire wear particulates and 6PPD-q.

#### **Focus Watersheds in the CRB**









# FINDING 6PPD-Q

We know there are areas outside urban environments with higher risk of TWP and 6PPD-q contamination.

Our aim: create a simple map of potential TWP and 6PPD-q contamination risk at the watershed scale











#### Legend

Lower Boise River DEM Value 2136.72 665.201 0 3.5 7 14 Miles







#### Download base layers

- watershed & river
- land use
- GSE
- traffic data

Calculate distance between stream and roads

### WORKFLOW



Classify land use types based on intensity

Spatial join road and traffic data to river layer Transform polyline layers into raster layers

Run a weighted sum analysis and final classification



### VISUAL WORKFLOW REPRESENTATION



#### **BOISE, ID WATERSHED**

#### Created by Miles Butler





# CLARK FORK, MT WATERSHED

#### Created by Chloe Arthaud









• Traffic data

Limitations and Additions

- Stream width
- State differences
- Weights



- Flow regime
- Point source pollution



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#### Tissue

- **Tissue Methods didn't exist for crayfish**
- Assessment of QuEChERS based method based on Yang et al (2021)
- Assessment of Agilent PFAS Method (Pulster and Giardina, 2022)
- QAQC checks align with EPA draft method (2024)



### WATER METHOD





x10<sup>2</sup> 7.5





# TISSUE METHOD



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#### **PHASE ONE** EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

- 60 liters of dechlorinated lab water
- Constant aeration
- Controlled conditions of temperature and light.
- No food
- Two species

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- Faxonius rusticus (Rusty Crayfish)
- Pacifastacus leniusculus (Signal Crayfish)

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# **RESULTS PHASE 1: TANK WATER**

#### SIGNAL CRAYFISH TANKS

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- \* Sample loss
- + Single sample

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#### **RUSTY CRAYFISH TANKS**

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# **RESULTS PHASE 1: CRAYFISH TISSUE**

#### SIGNAL CRAYFISH

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- \* Sample loss
- + Single sample

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#### **RUSTY CRAYFISH**

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### PHASE ONE – P2 **EXPERIMENTAL SETUP**

- Constant aeration
- Controlled conditions of temperature and light.
- No food
- One species

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60 liters of dechlorinated lab water

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# RUSTY CRAYFISH

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#### 2025\_6PPDQ\_CRB

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## **RESULTS PHASE 2:** WATER SAMPLES

180 160 120

3/2/2025

2025\_6PPDQ\_UCRB\_Data

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#### **\* TISSUE DATA IN PROCESS...STAY TUNED!**

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# **RESULTS PHASE 3: OUTREACH EDUCATION**

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#### WWW.TIRETOX.ORG

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### FUTURE WORK LABORATORY

- Increase sensitivity of LCMS methods in progress
- Sediment methods (TWP and extraction) in progress
- Write-up results for publications in progress
- **Depapuration study future work**

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#### **Field**

- Summer sampling campaign 2025 (Idaho and MT)
  - Water, crayfish, sediment and fish samples
  - Ground truth 6PPD-Q hazard atlas

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