

## Plenary Session

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference  
held in Fortuna, CA from April 6-9, 2016.

# + Session Overview

- Master of Ceremonies:
  - Thomas Williams, NOAA Fisheries, Southwest Fisheries Science Center



# + Presentations

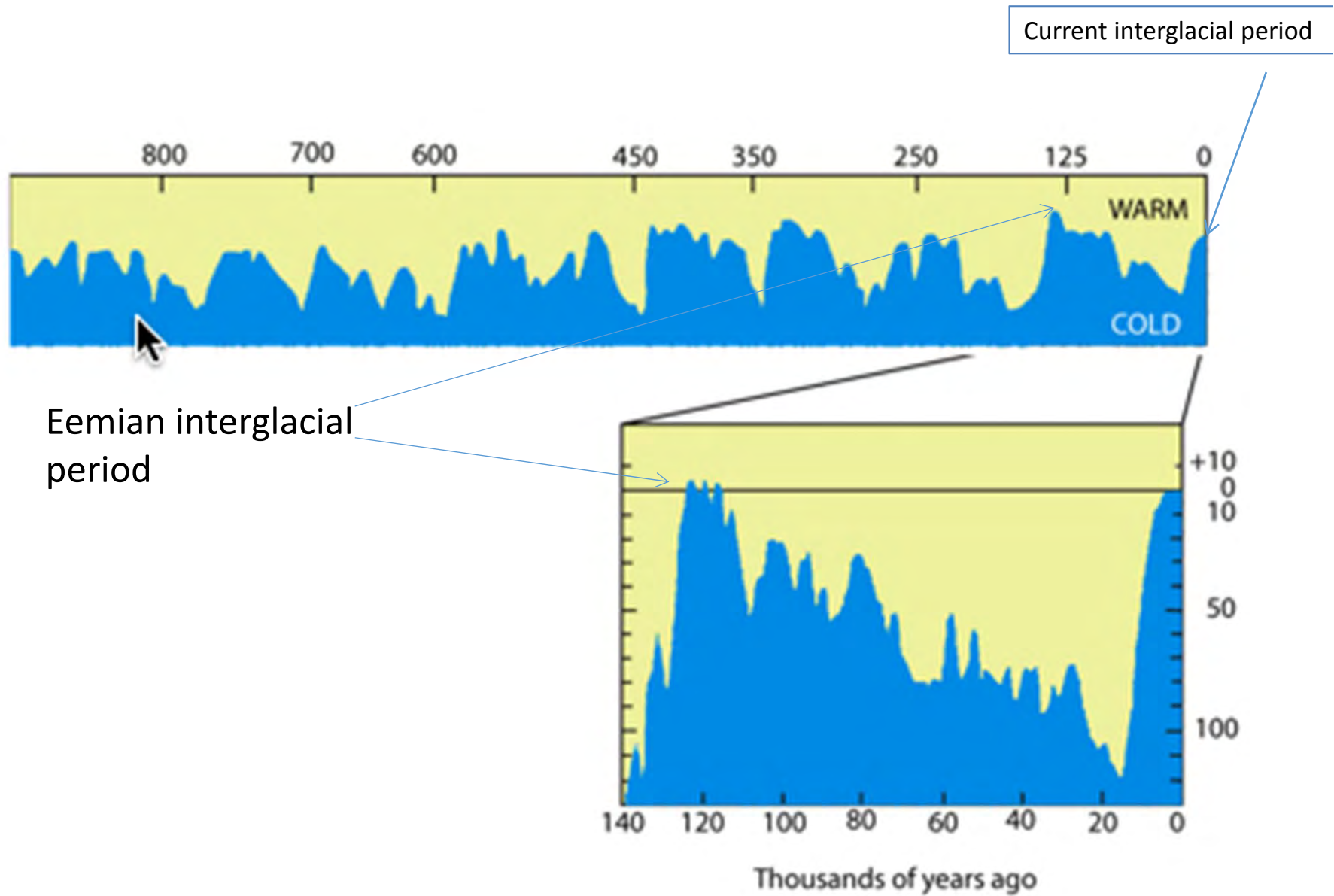
(Slide 4) Homage to the Interface: Coastal Deltas, Estuaries, & Floodplains  
Michael Furniss, MJ Furniss & Associates

(Slide 17) Drought, Floods, and Alternate States of Algal-Based Food Webs in the Thirsty Eel  
Mary Power, UC Berkeley

(Slide 4) Ridges to River—Ecological Restoration  
Merv George, Jr., Six Rivers National Forest, U.S. Forest Service  
\*presentation not included

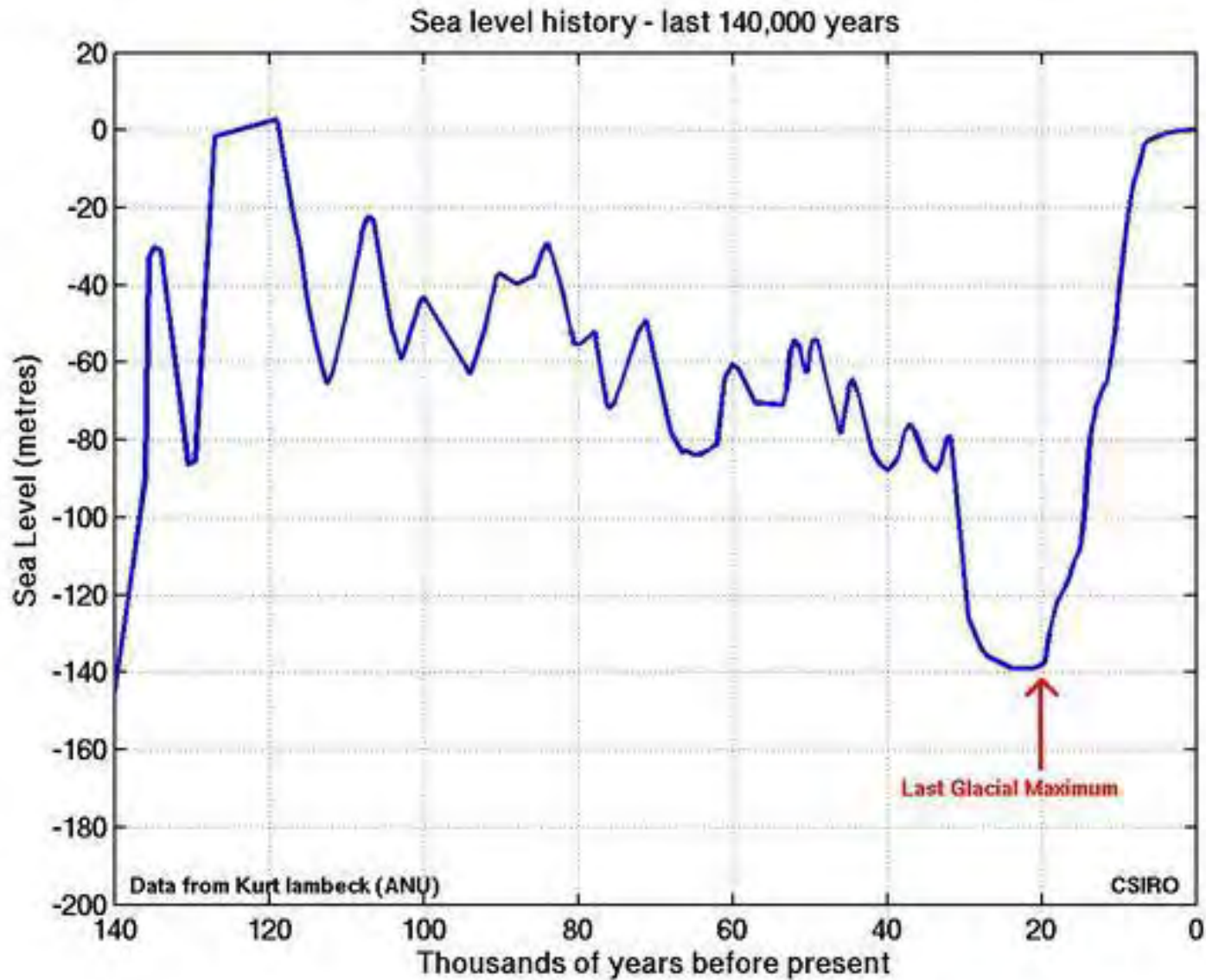
(Slide 79) Climate Change, Drought, and the Future of California Salmonids  
Peter B. Moyle, Center for Watershed Sciences and Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology, UC Davis



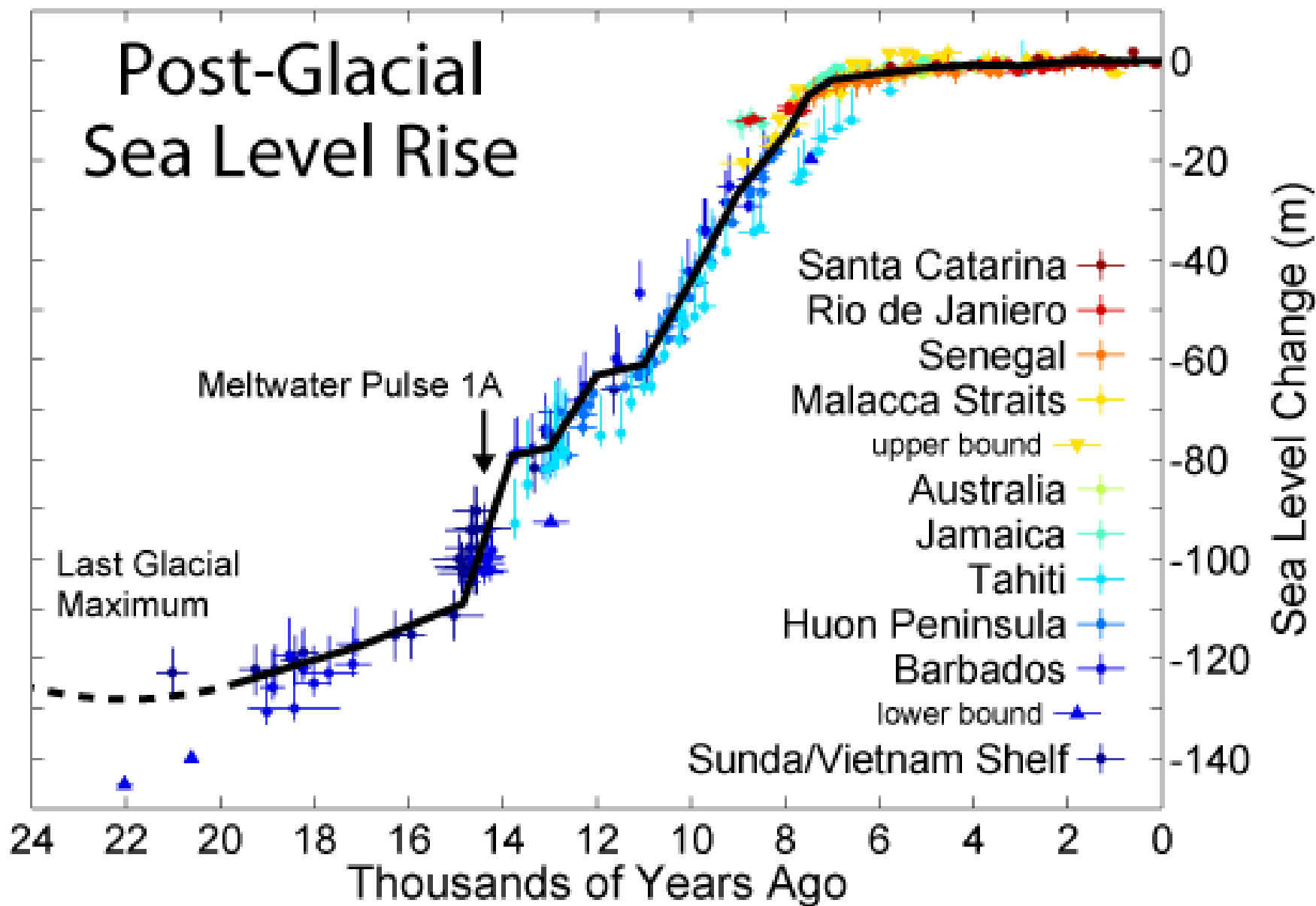




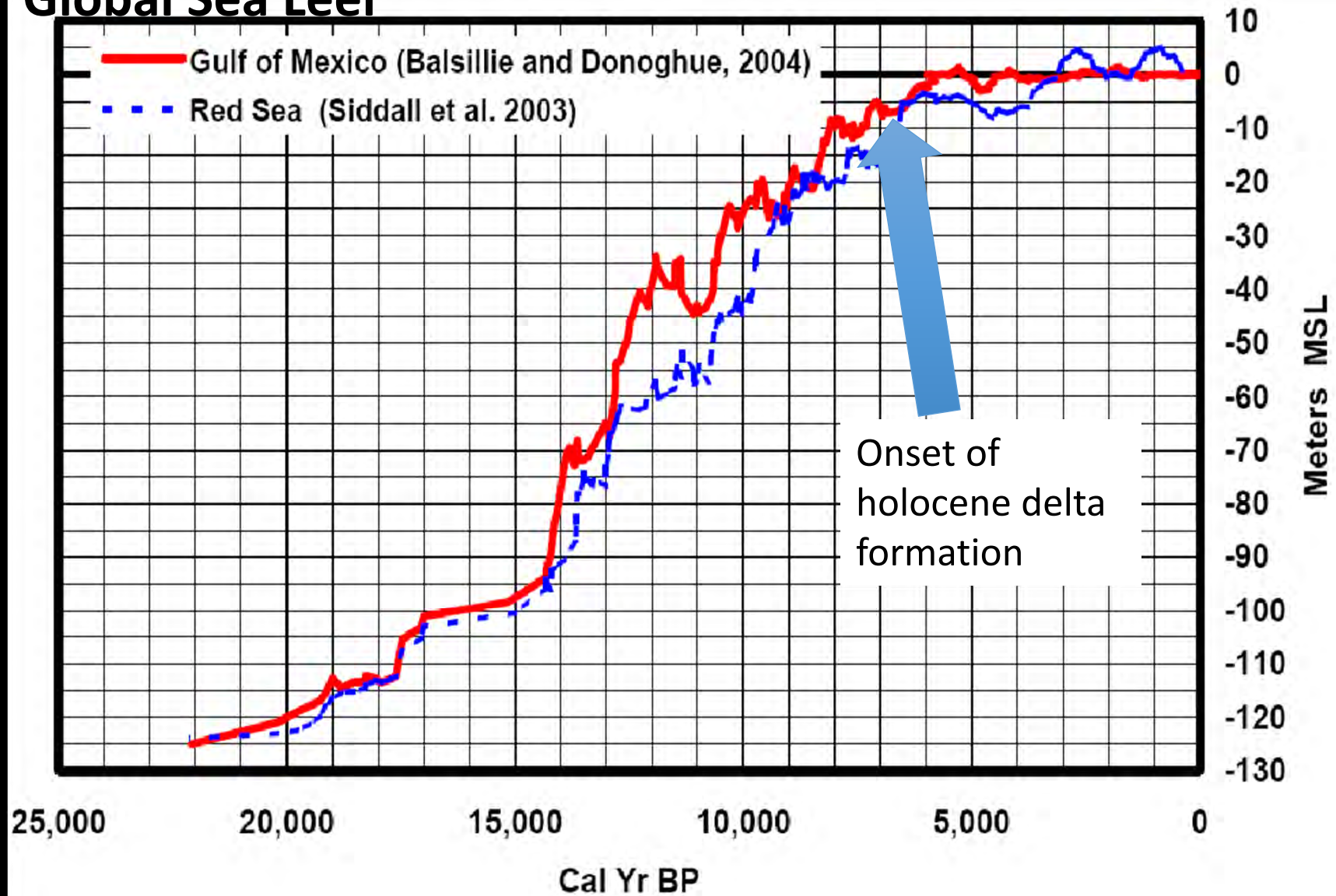
# Sea Level History in the Last 140,000 years



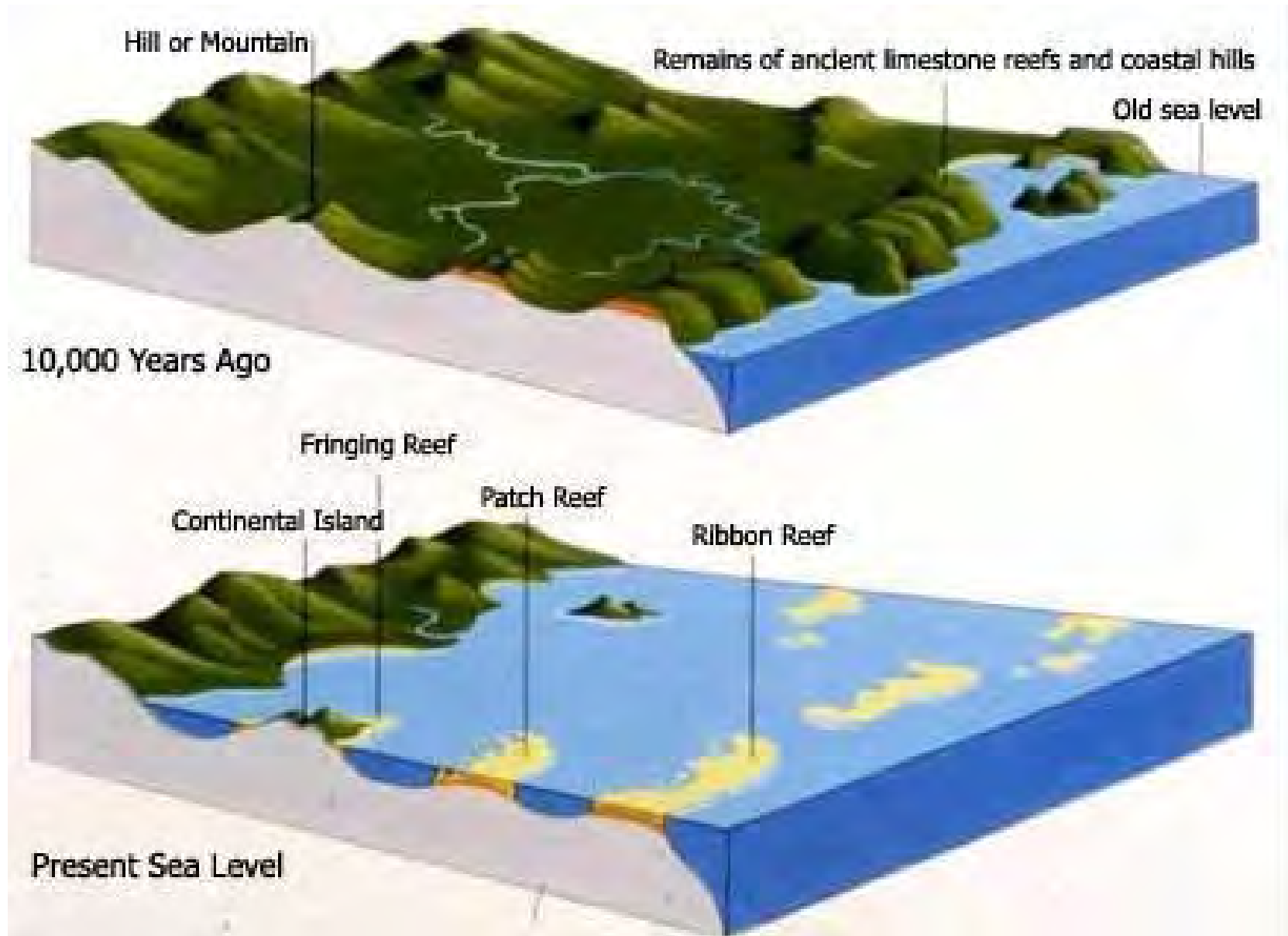
# Post-Glacial Sea Level Rise

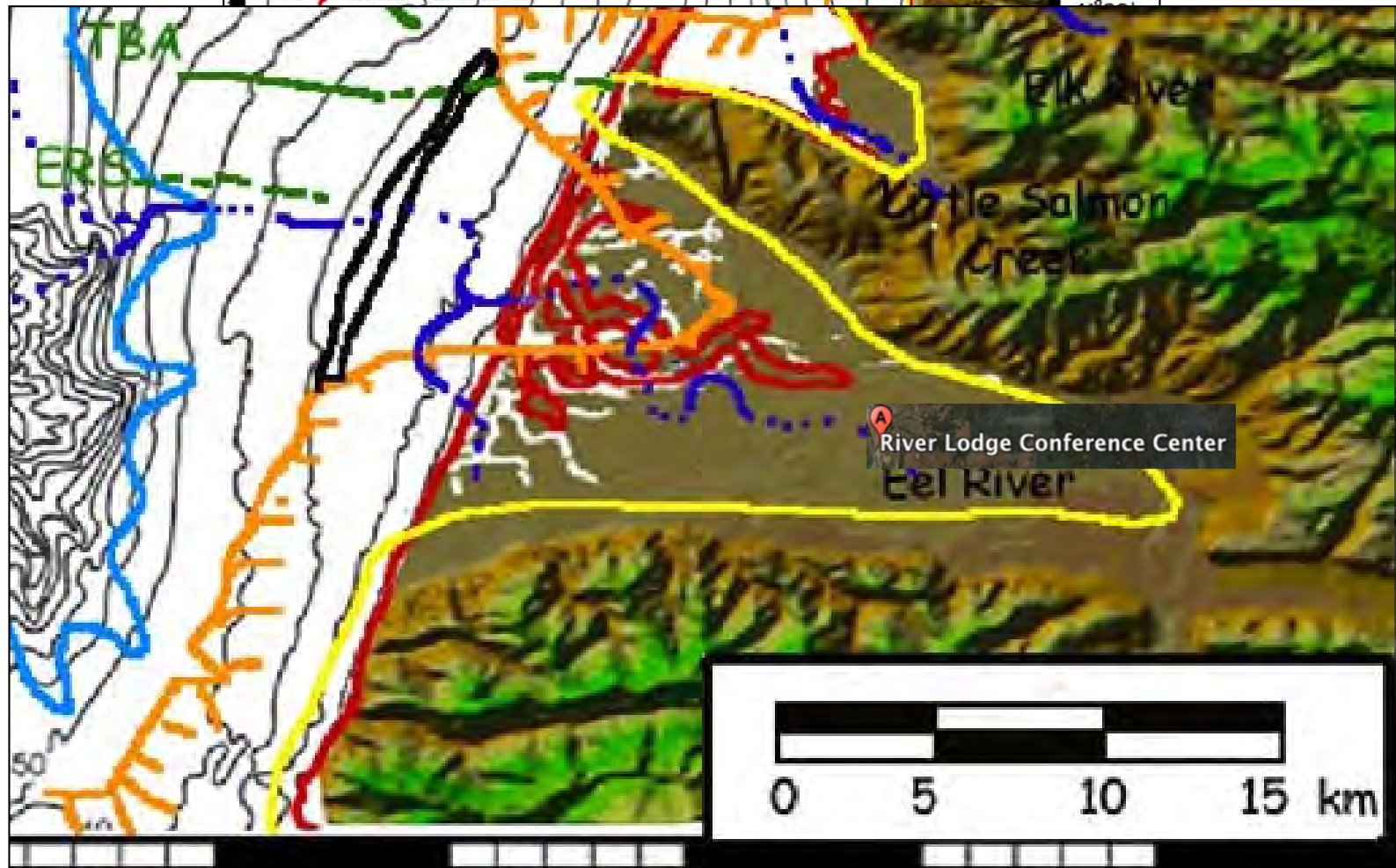
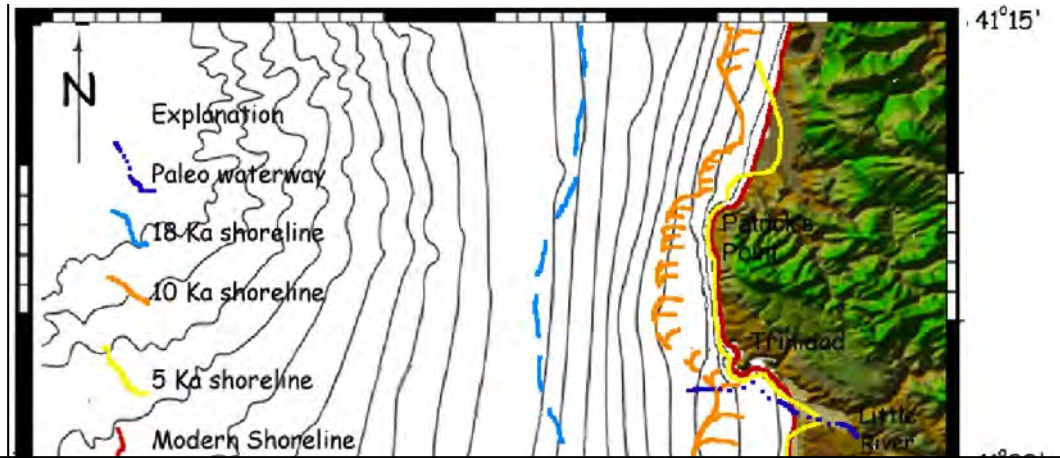


# Global Sea Level



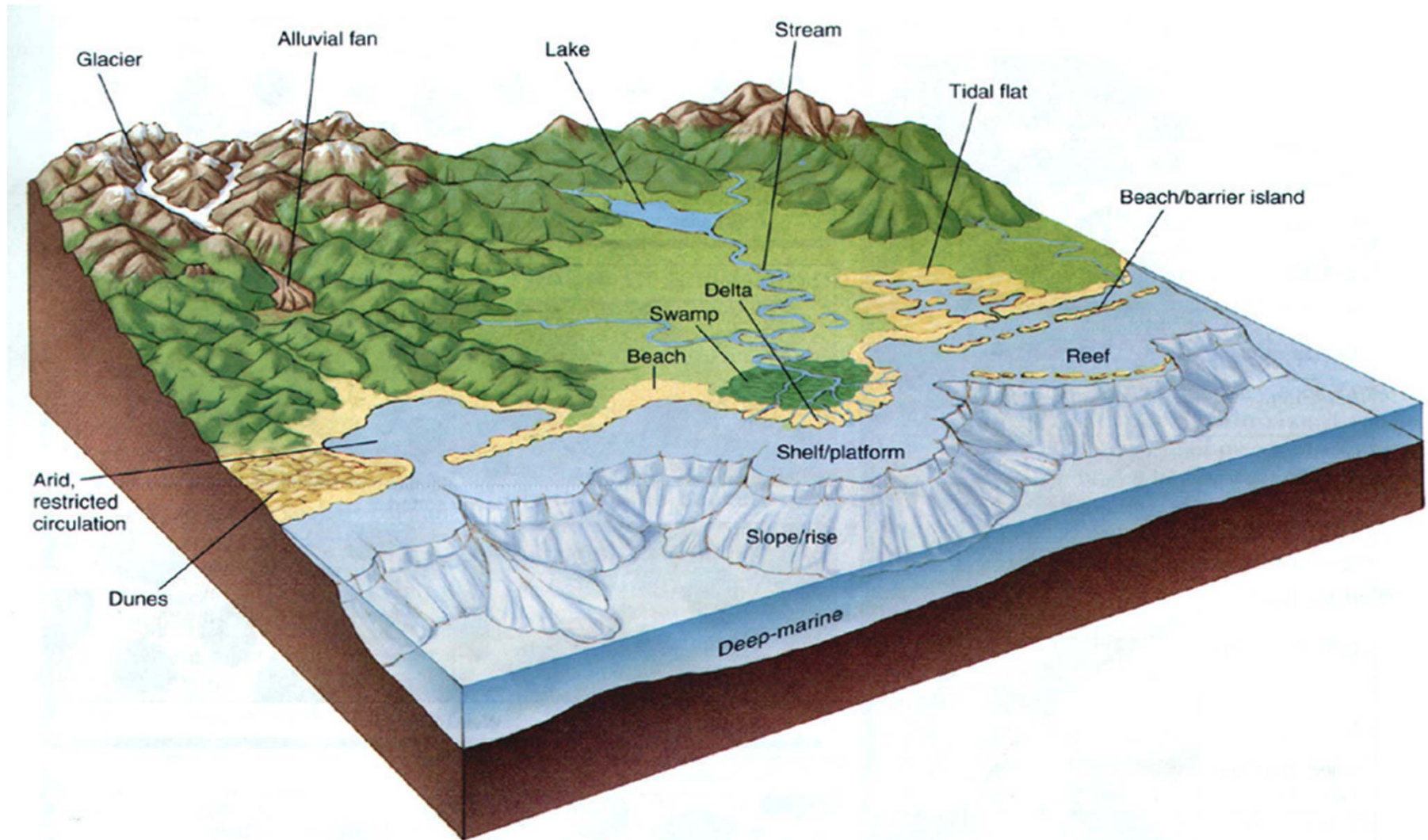
# High and Low Sea Level “stands”

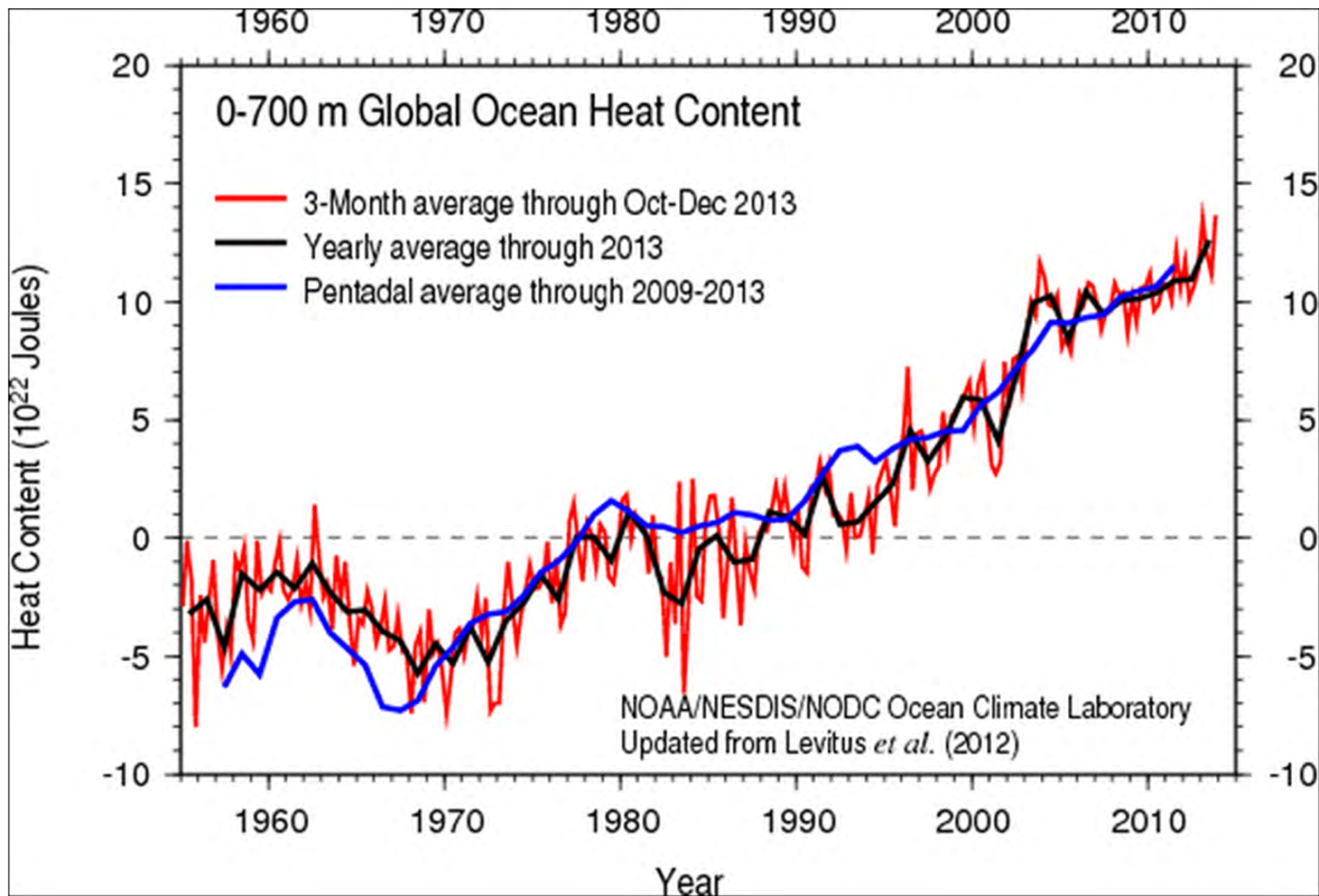




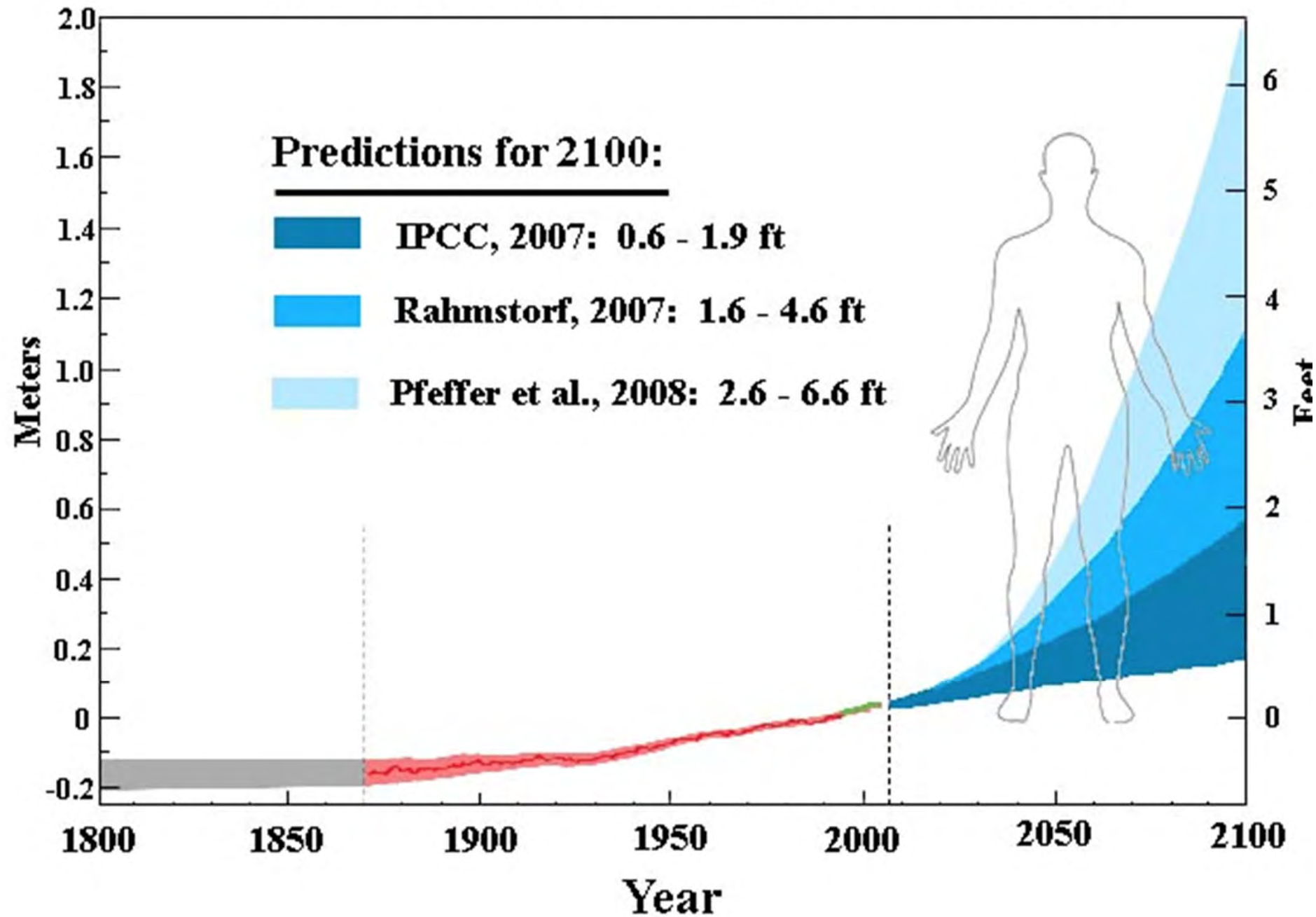


# Coastal depositional features form best during a stable sea level

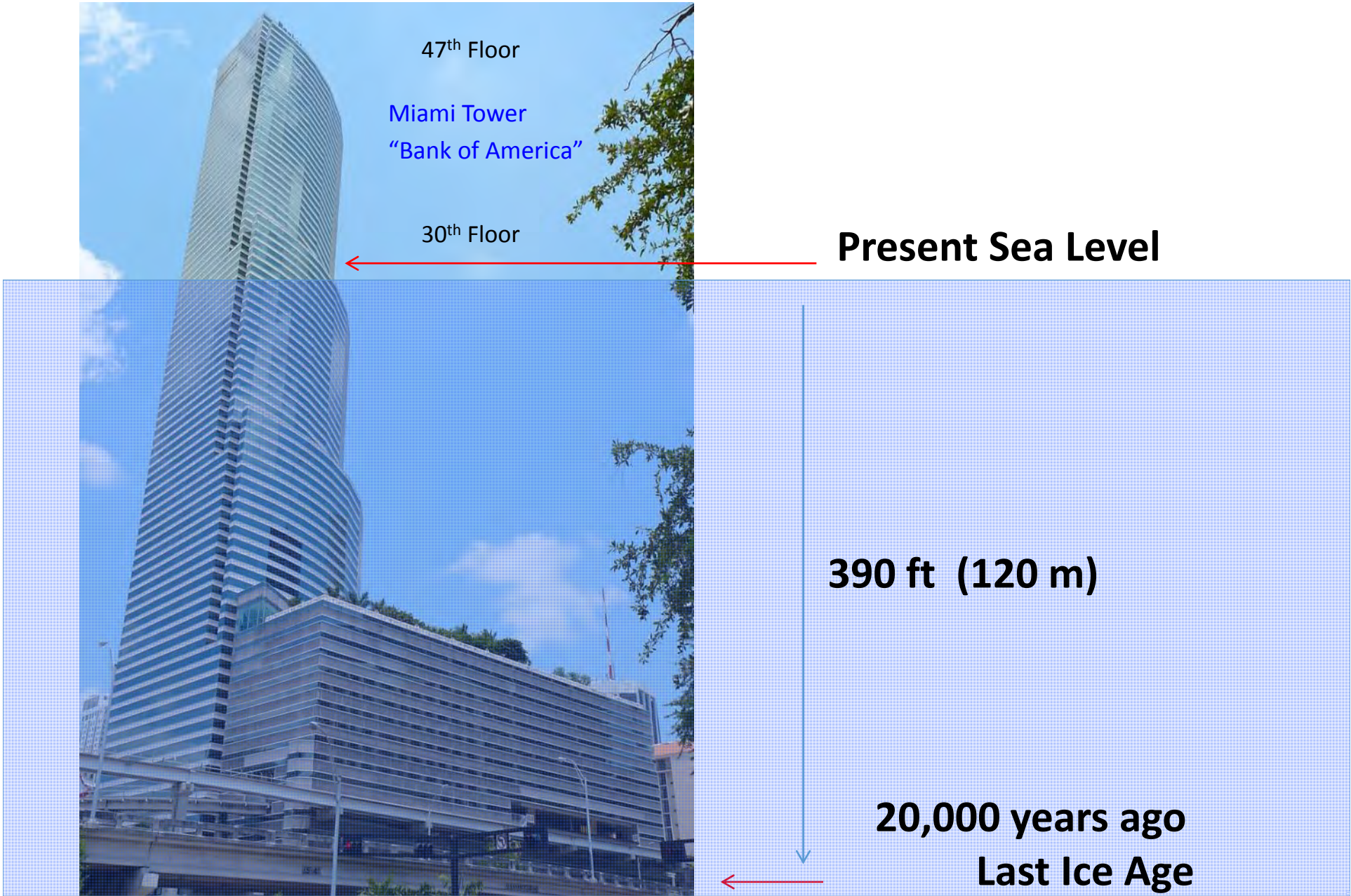




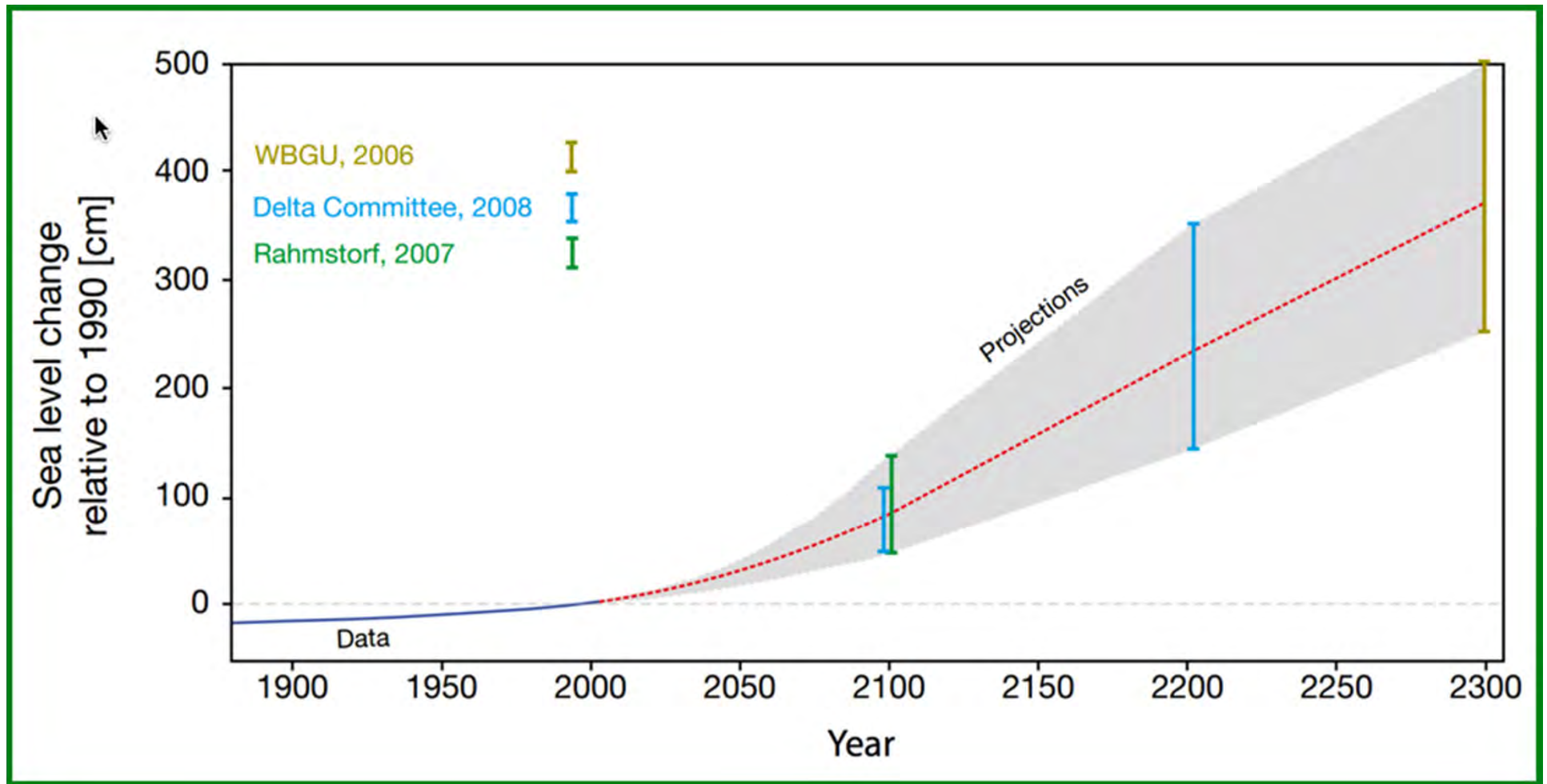
## Sea Level Rise: Observed and Predicted







# Sea Level Rise beyond 2100





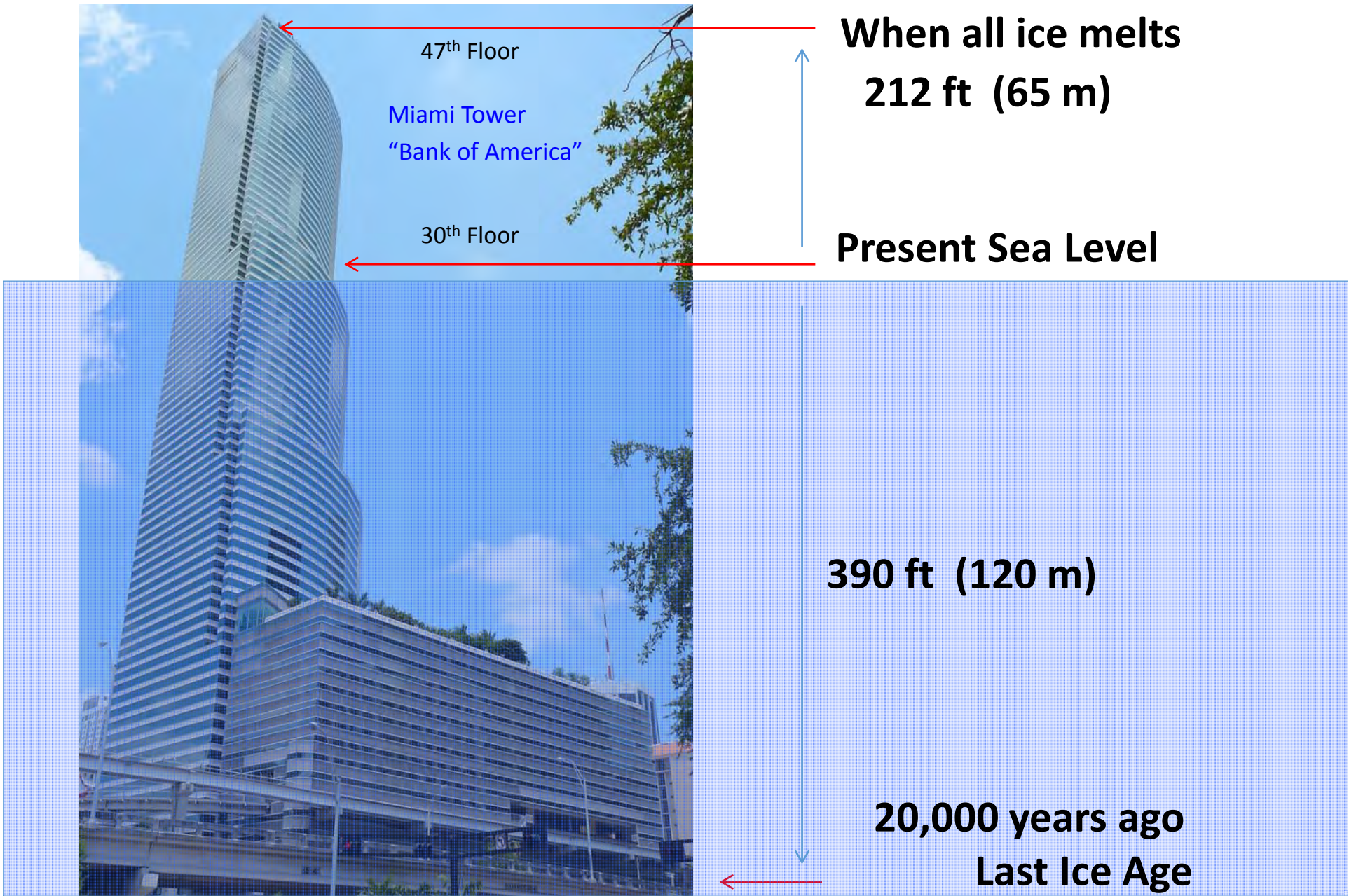


**Greenland 7m SLE**



**Antarctica 57m SLE**







# DROUGHT, FLOODS AND ALTERNATE STATES IN ALGAL-BASED RIVER FOOD WEBS: THE THIRSTY EEL

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Fortuna CA, April 8 2016  
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[Angelo.berkeley.edu](http://Angelo.berkeley.edu)





WATER MEETS AIR

Wet will get wetter  
and dry drier, since warm air . . .  
carries more water.

<http://daily.sightline.org/2013/12/16/the-entire-ipcc-report-in-19-illustrated-haiku/>

Gregory C Johnson



# California North Coast, considered a relatively water-rich region in California

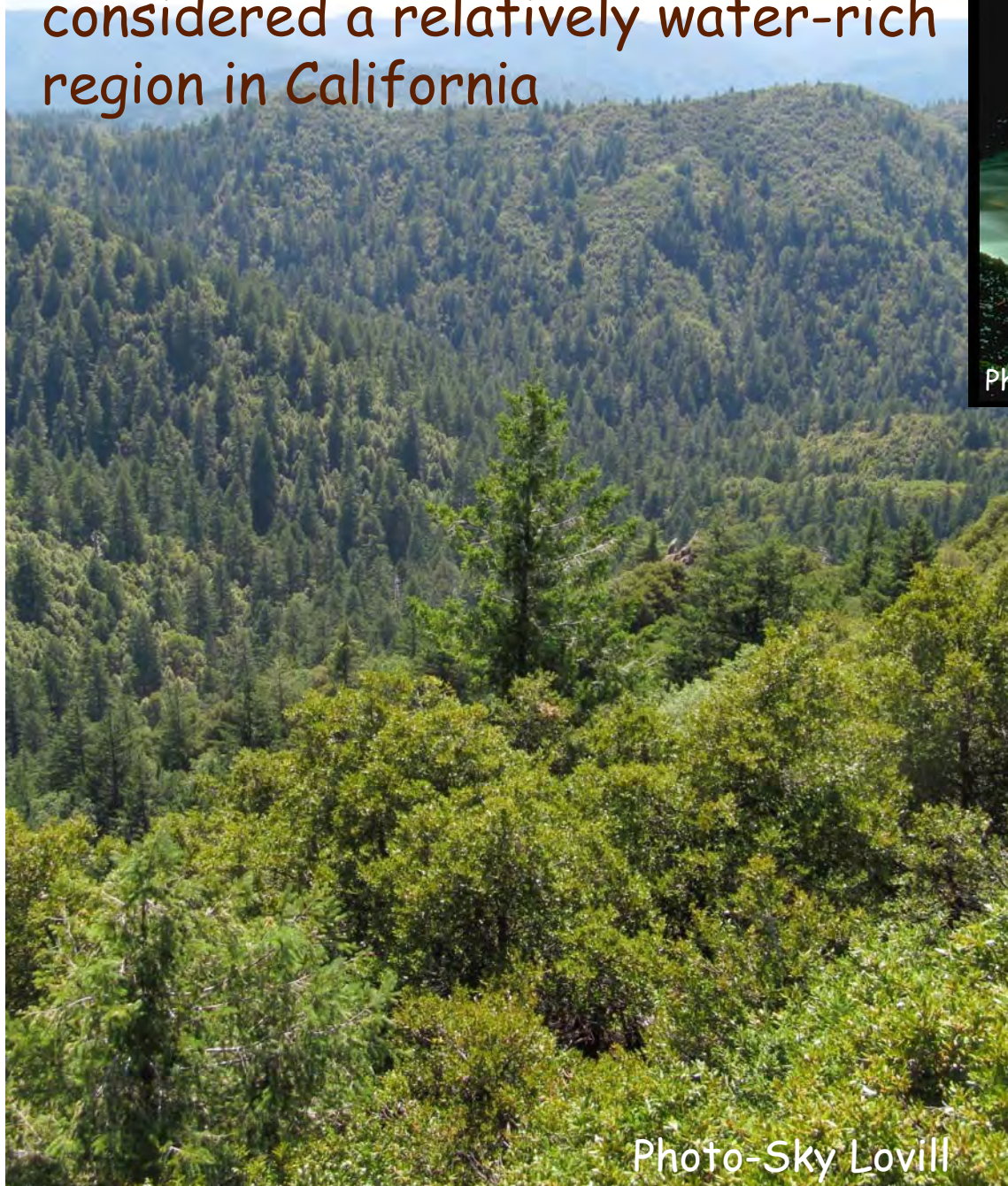
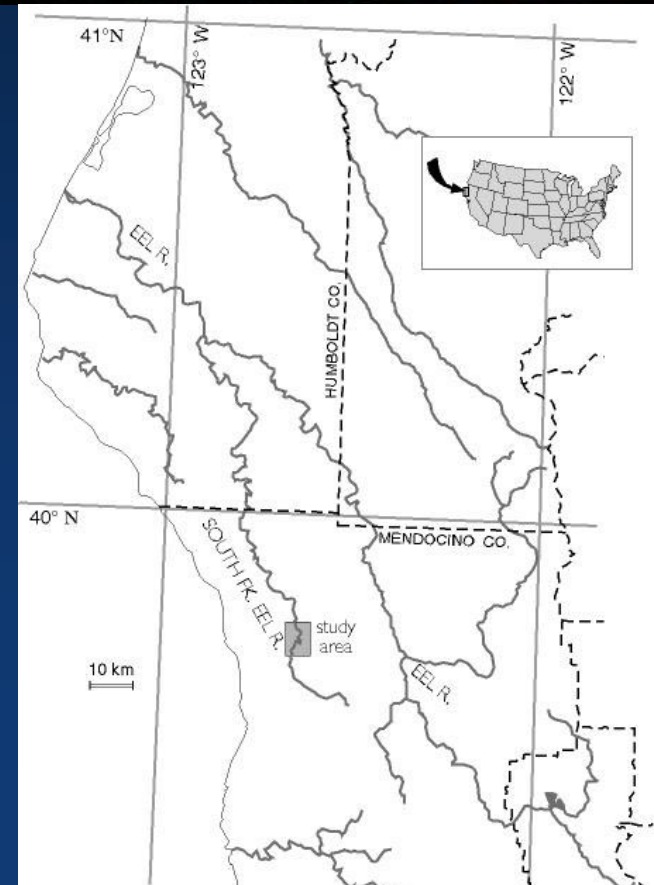


Photo-Sky Lovill



Photo-Bill Trush



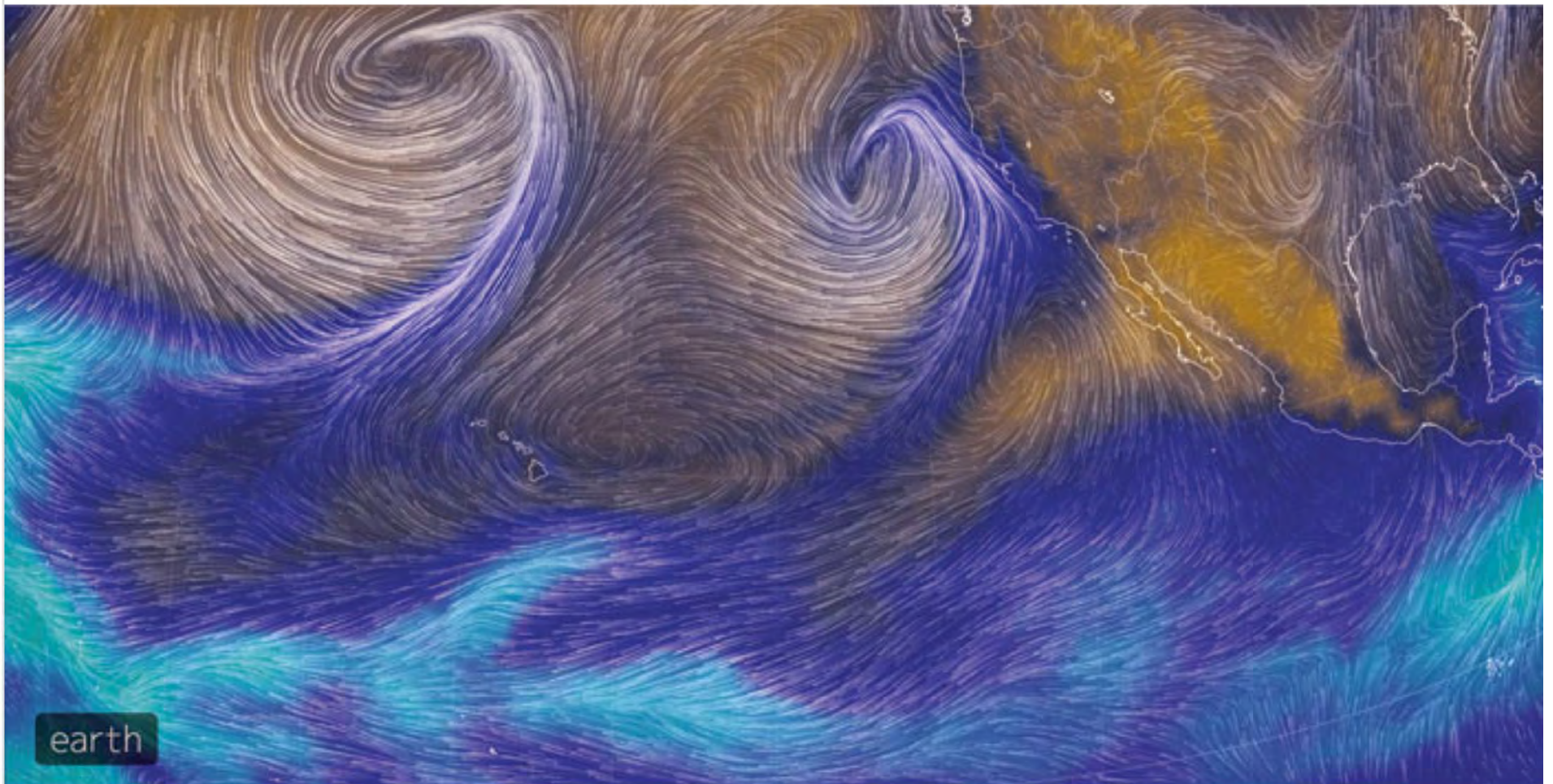




1964 Christmas Flood  
Rio Dell Times archive



## Atmospheric Rivers, aka "Pineapple Express"



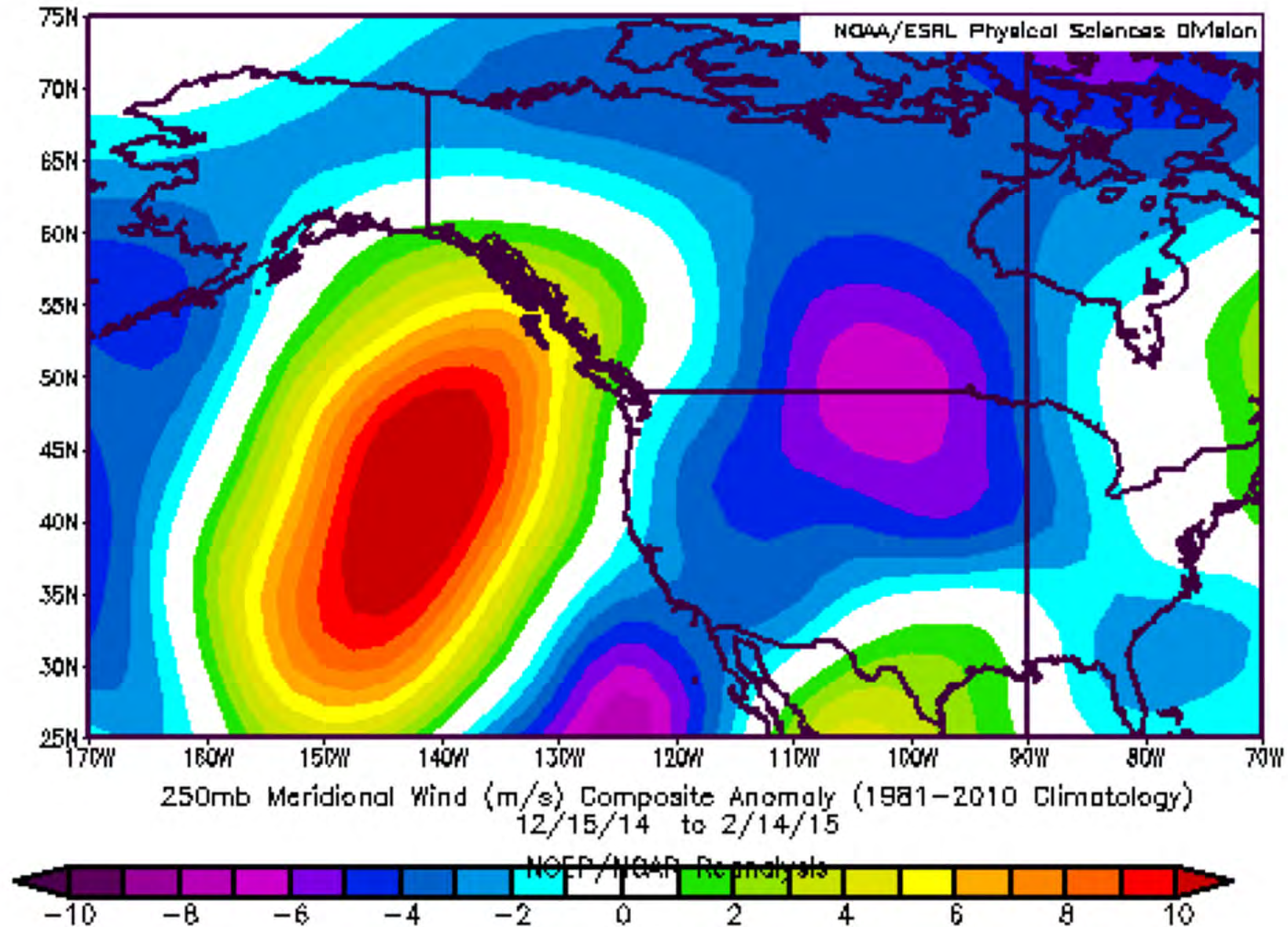
An intense plume of atmospheric water vapor (blue-purple) stretches from the Hawaiian Islands northeast across the Pacific and splashes into the California coast on the morning of February 8, 2015, in this image from a visualization created with [earth.nullschool.net](http://earth.nullschool.net)

Rowntree, Les. 2015. *Bay Nature* magazine  
[https://baynature.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Sky-River\\_final\\_ES.jpg](https://baynature.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Sky-River_final_ES.jpg)



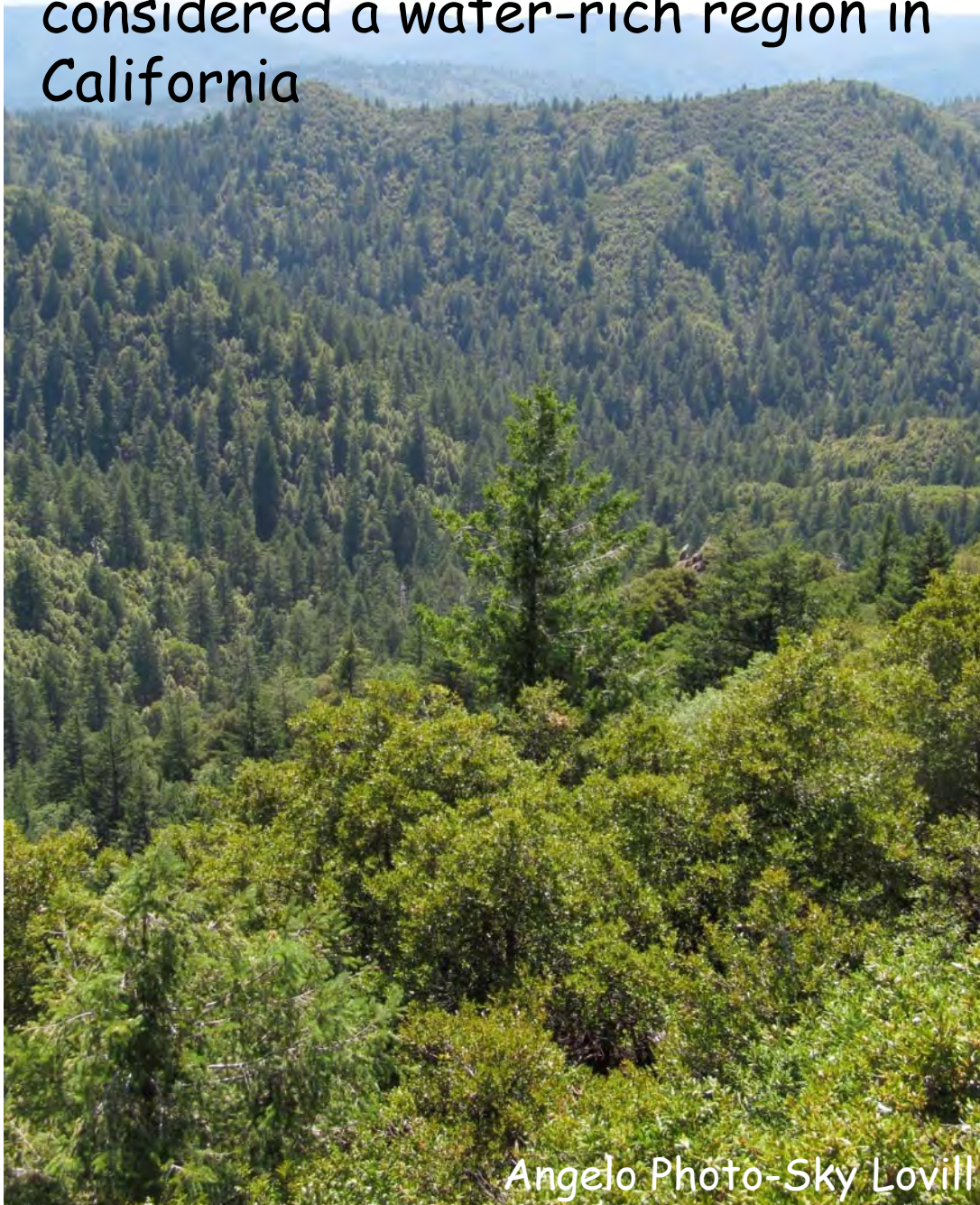
# "Ridiculously Resistant Ridge"

<http://www.weatherwest.com>





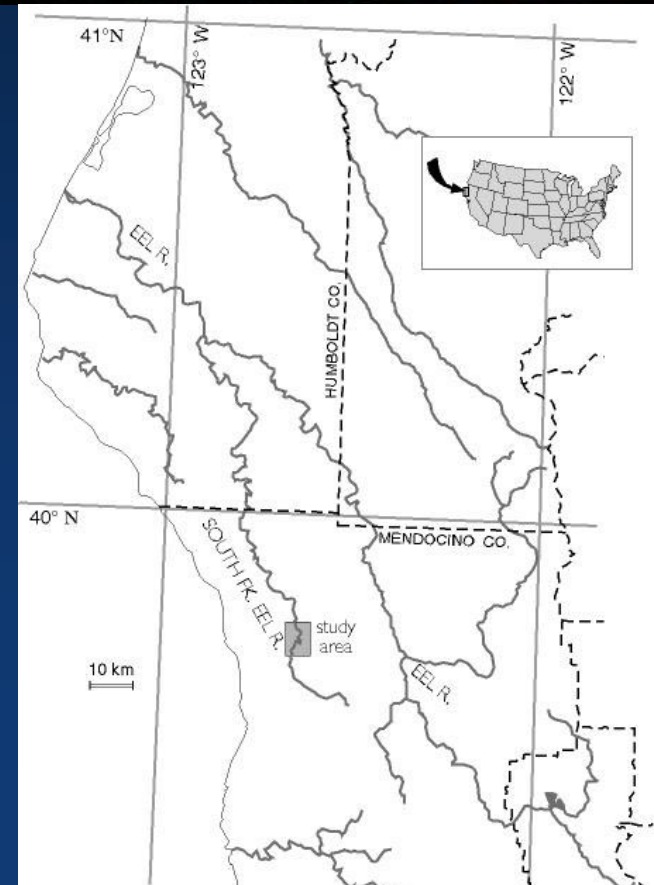
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# Water-starved Eel River goes to ground near Fortuna

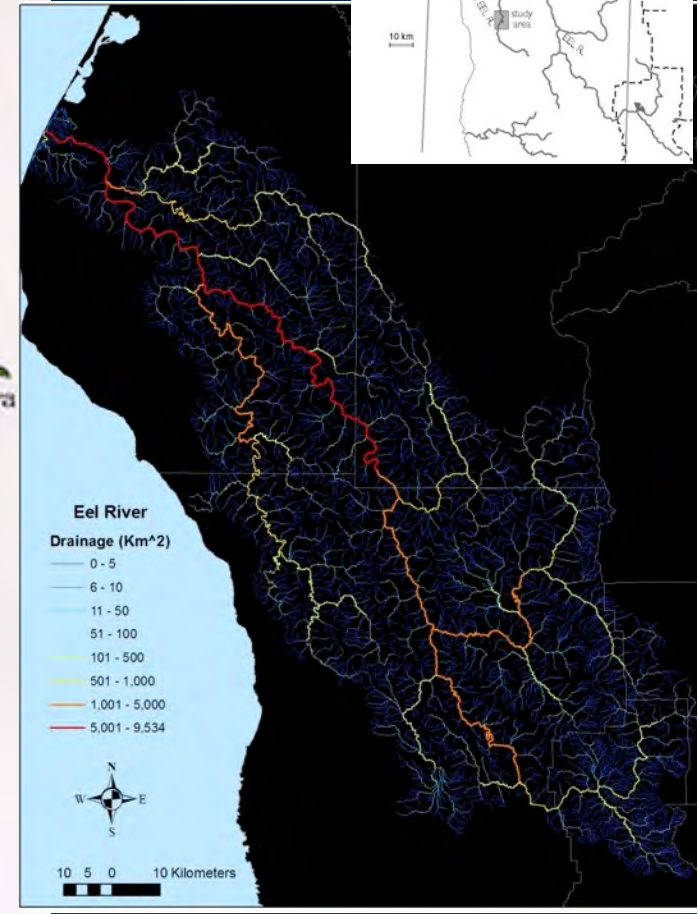
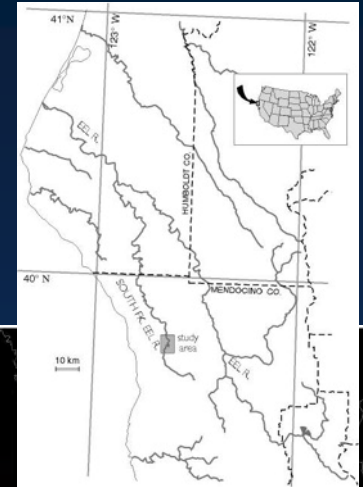
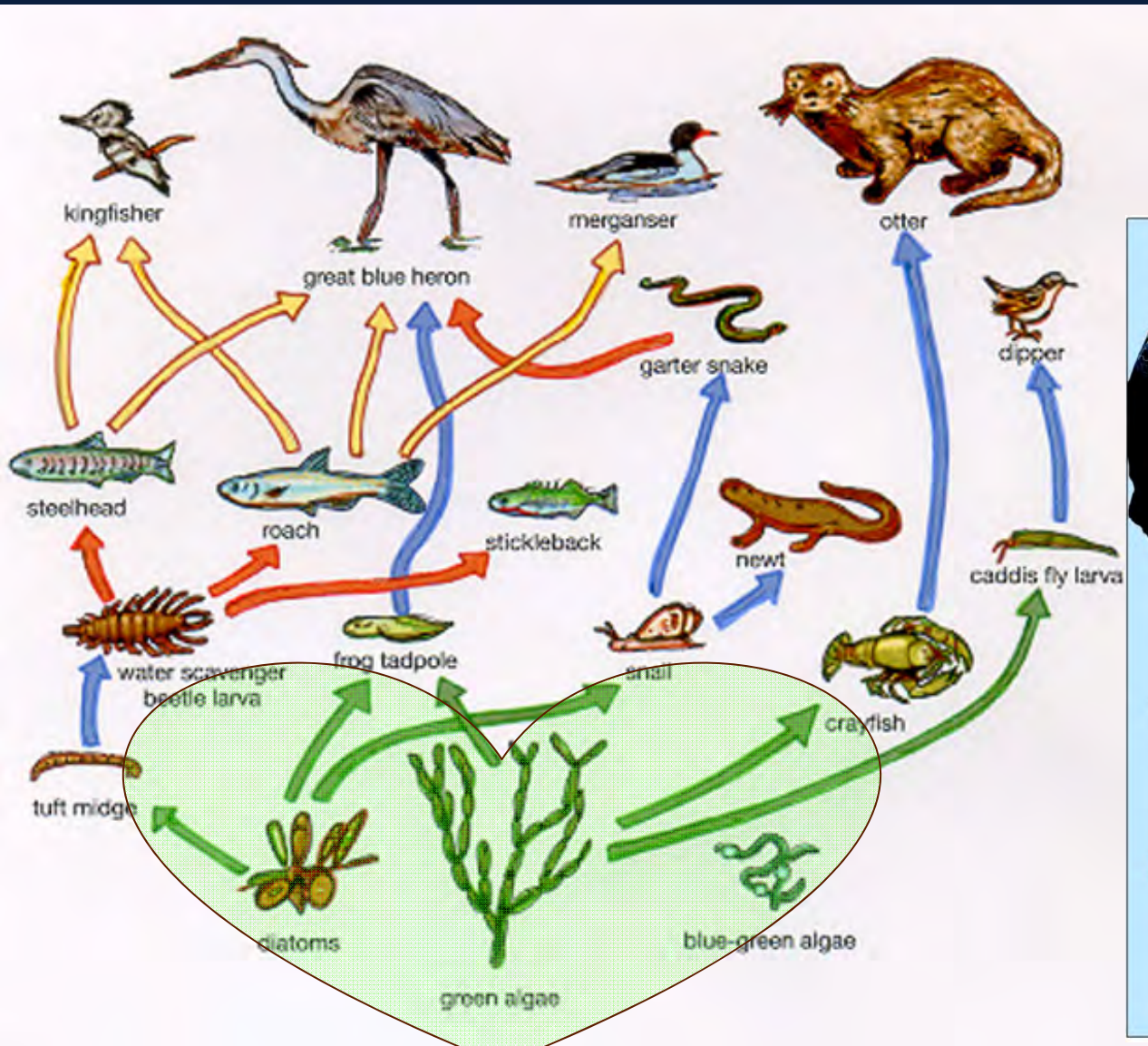
(Sept. 14, 2014 Press Democrat)



A pool of water between dry sections of the main stem of the Eel River at Fortuna. (KENT PORTER/ PD)



# Consequences of drought or floods for river (and coastal) food webs?



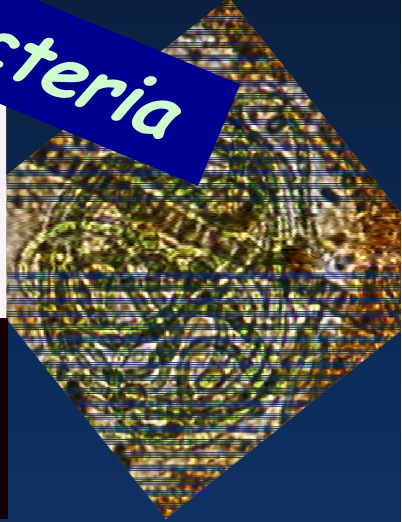
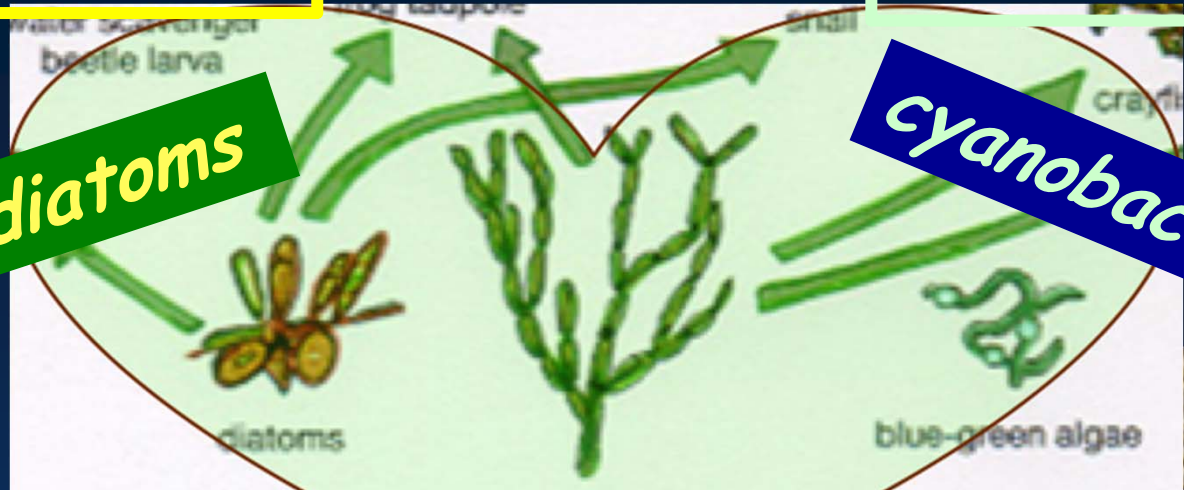


# The Good

# The Bad

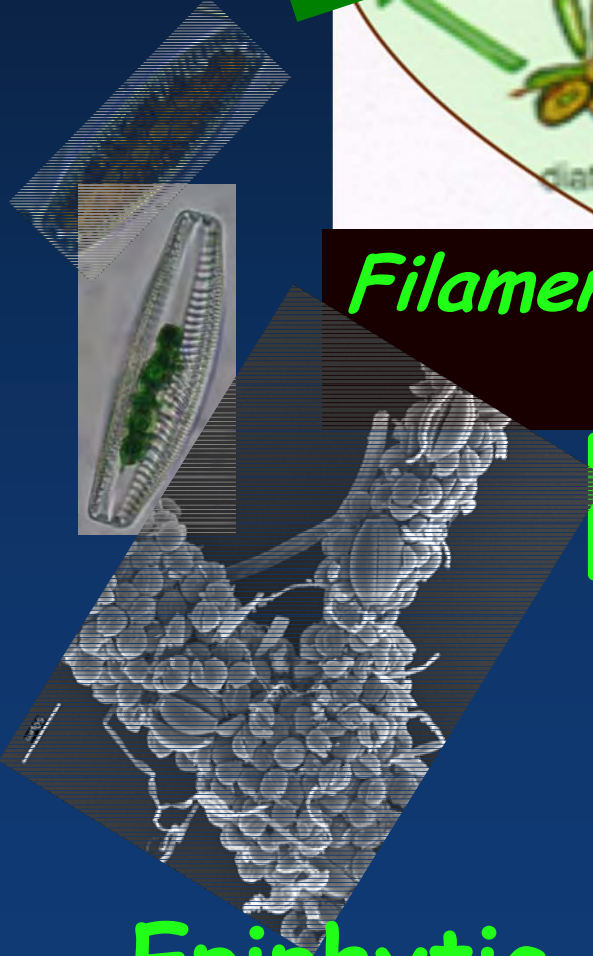
diatoms

cyanobacteria

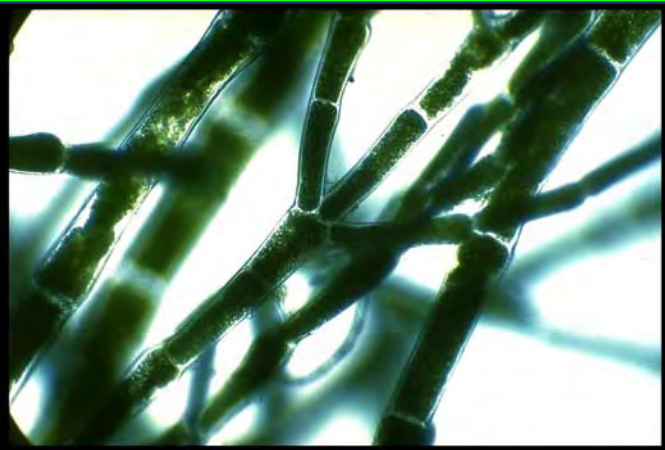


Filamentous green macroalgae:  
*Cladophora*

# The Structural



Epiphytic



Epilithic



# Eel River, Northwestern CA Mediterranean seasonality

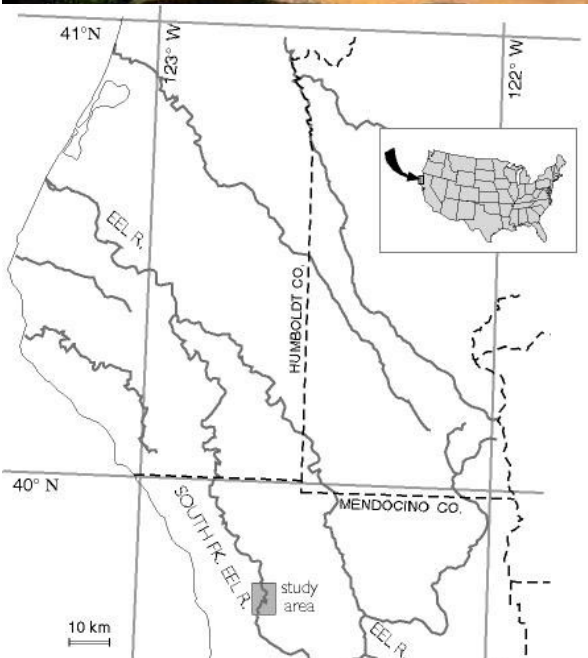
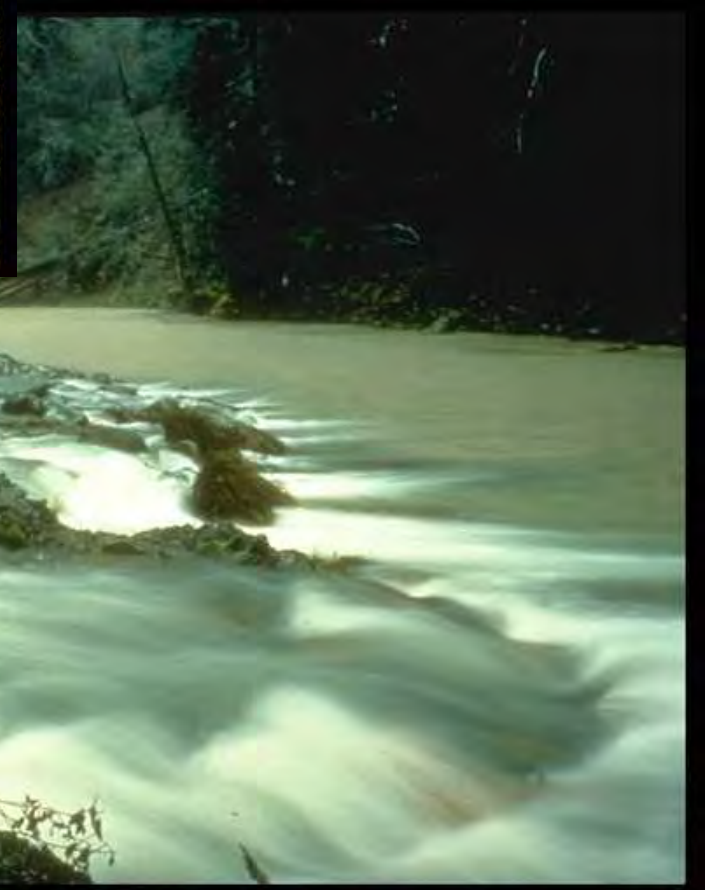


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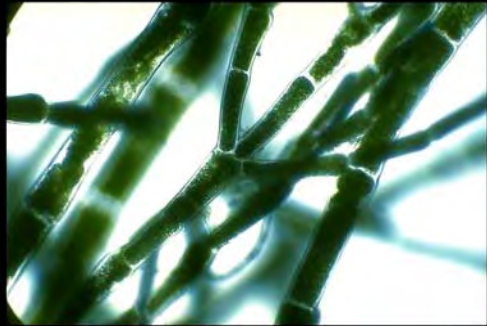


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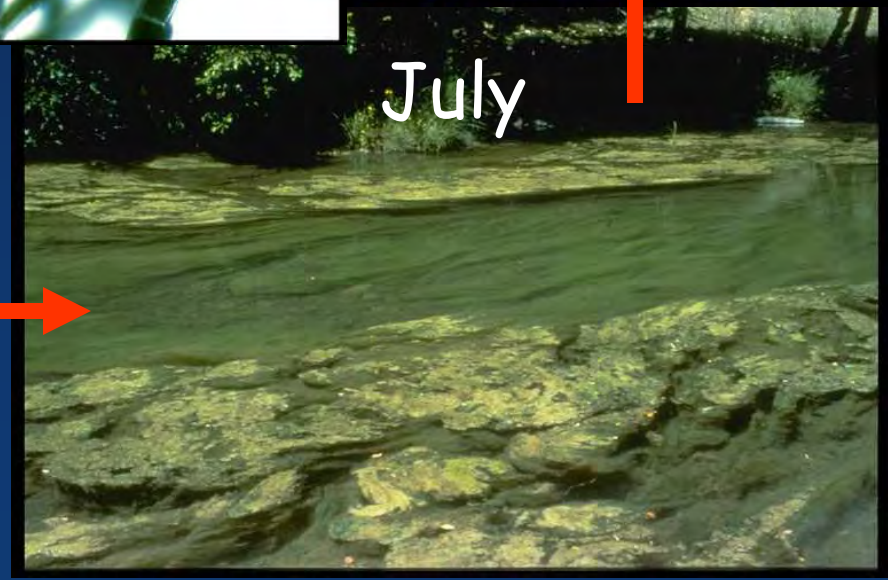


Big green algal blooms follow scouring winter floods

August



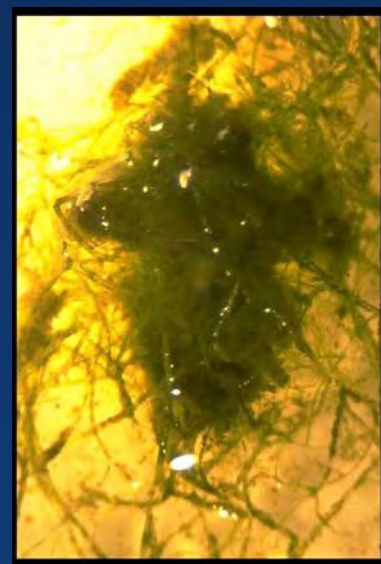
July



June











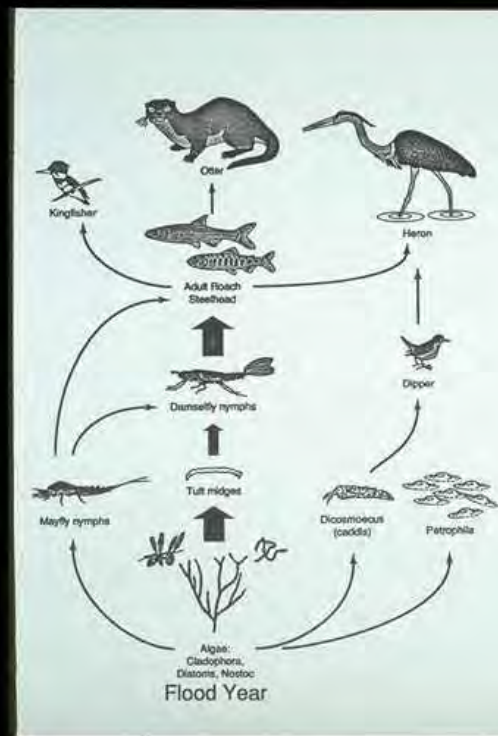
Fish ↔ algae?



Thanks, Jennifer Nielsen



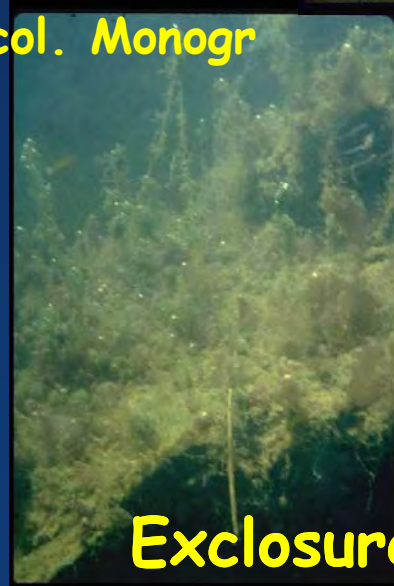
1989-flood (4 levels)  
 1990-drought (2 levels)  
 1991-drought (2 levels)  
 1993-flood, spring spate  
 (3 levels)  
 1997-flood (4 levels)



Power 1990 Science  
 Wootton et al. 1996 Science  
 Power et al. 2008 Ecol. Monogr



Enclosures, fish



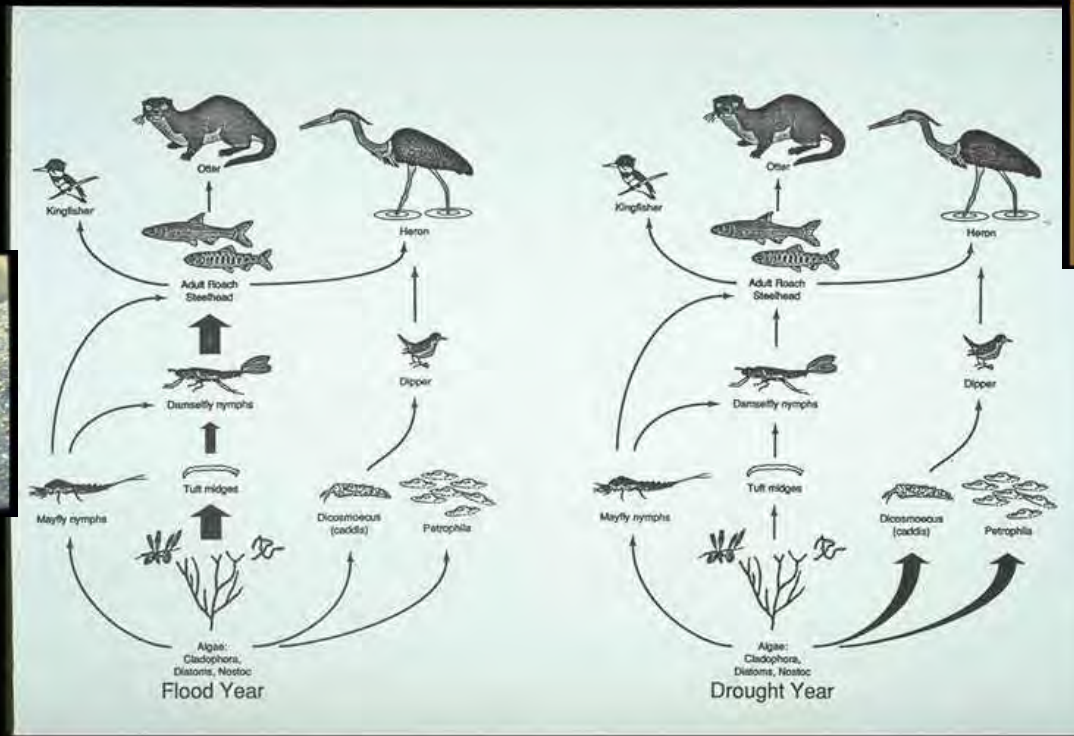
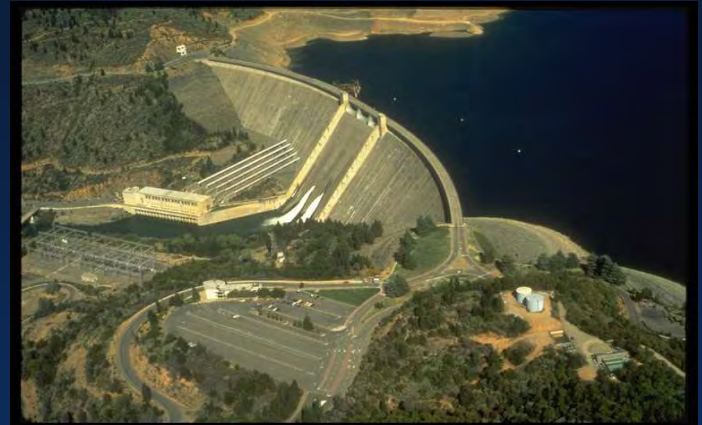
Exclosures, no fish





Scour—longer food chains with vulnerable grazers link fish to algae

No scour—predator resistant grazers sequester and wipe out algae



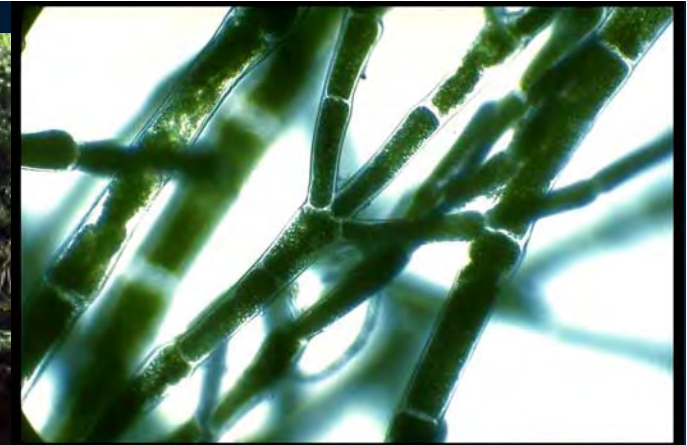
Flood:  
Edible grazers

Drought:  
Inedible grazers





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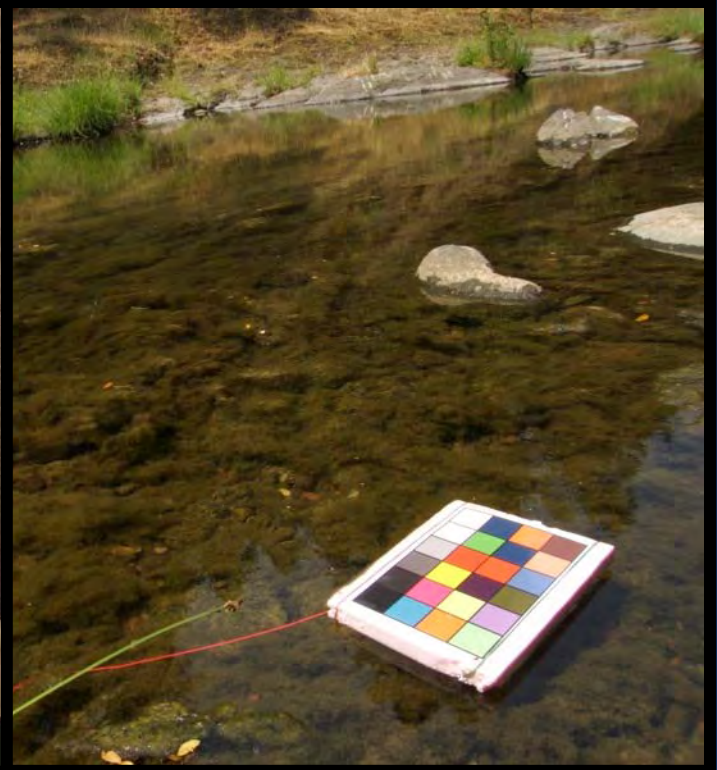


*Cladophora*:  
branched  
filamentous  
green  
macroalga

Bed scour, drainage areas  $> 100 \text{ km}^2$ :  
*Cladophora* proliferations, increasing  
ecological surface area 2000 to  
200,000 x

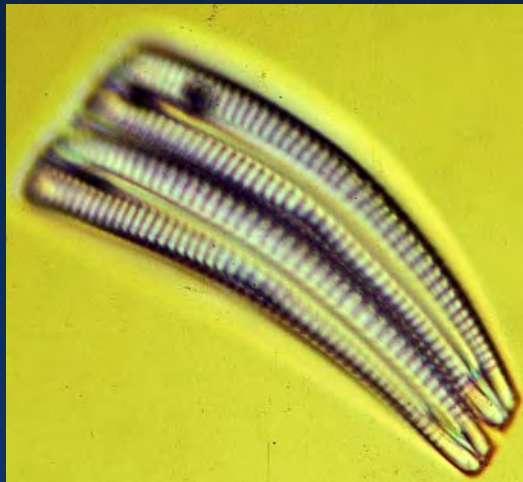
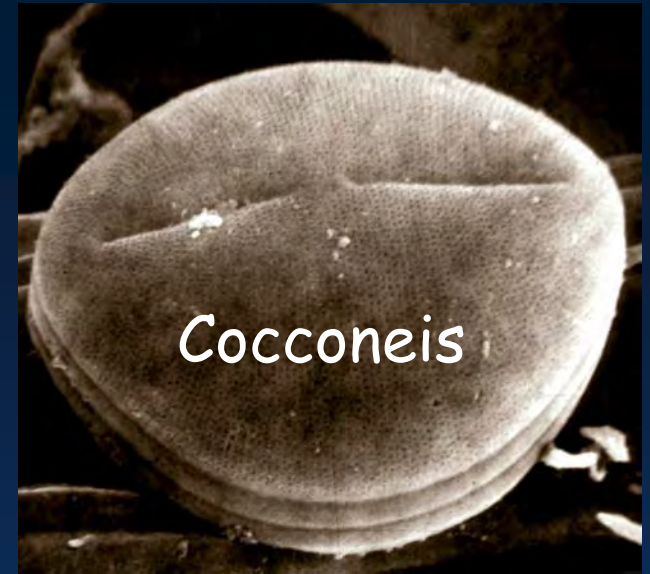
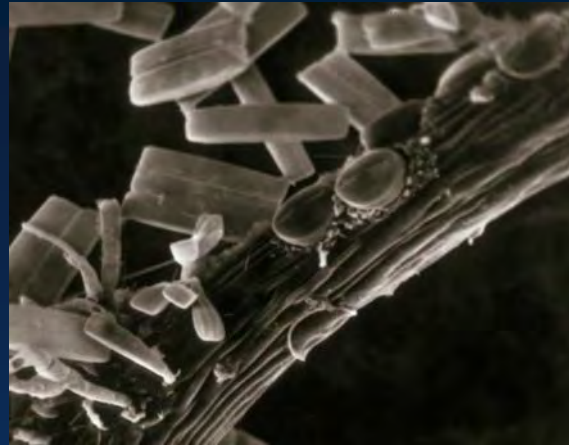
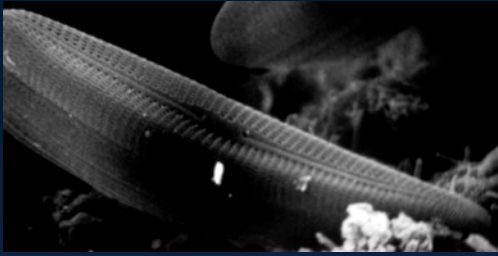




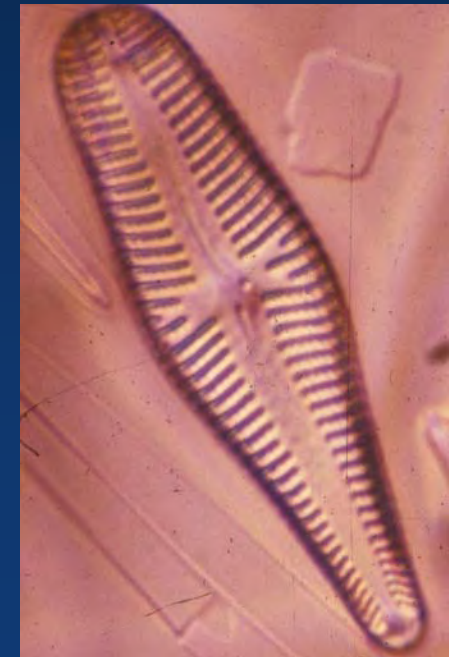
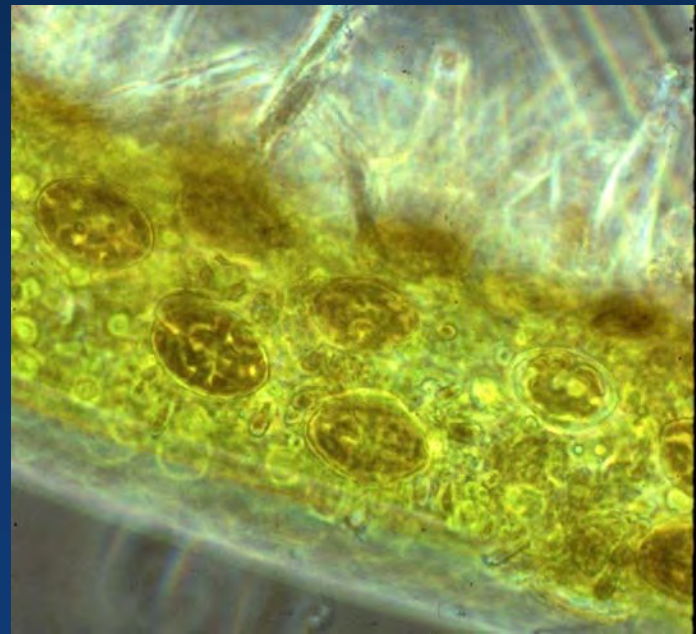




# Epiphytes on yellow Cladophora



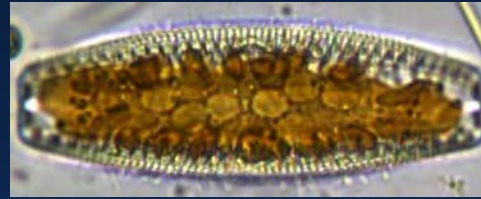
Rhoicosphenia



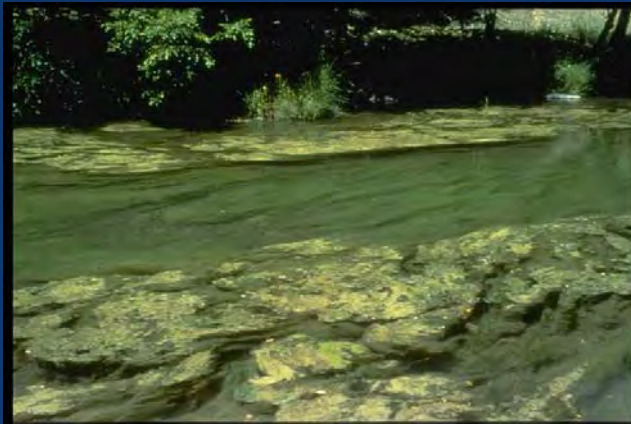
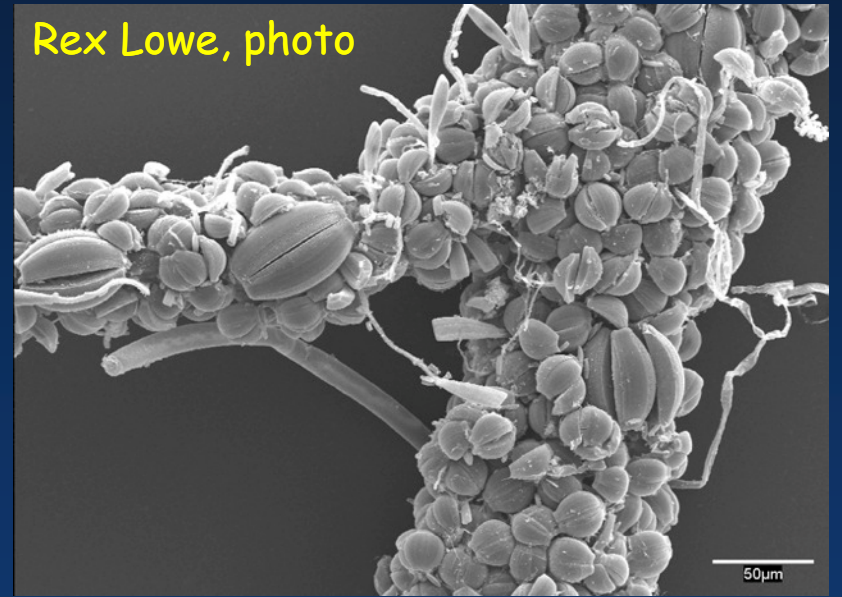
Gomphonema



# Rusty Cladophora: *Epithemia turgida*, *E. sorex*

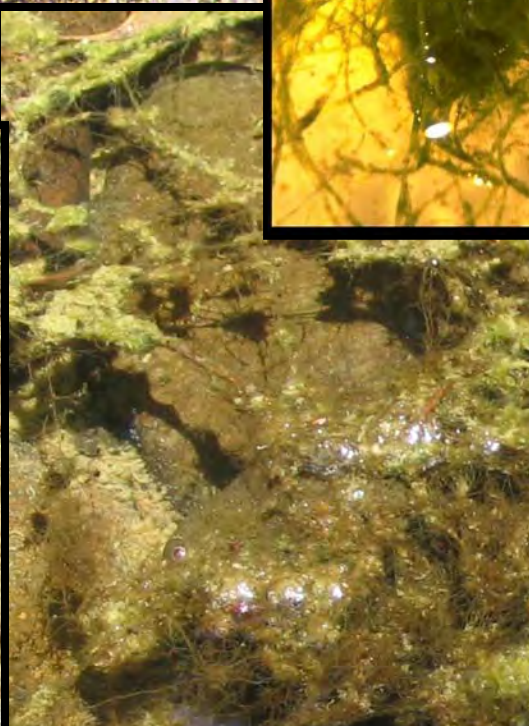
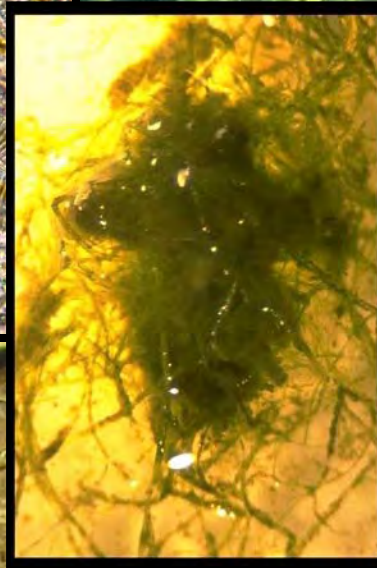
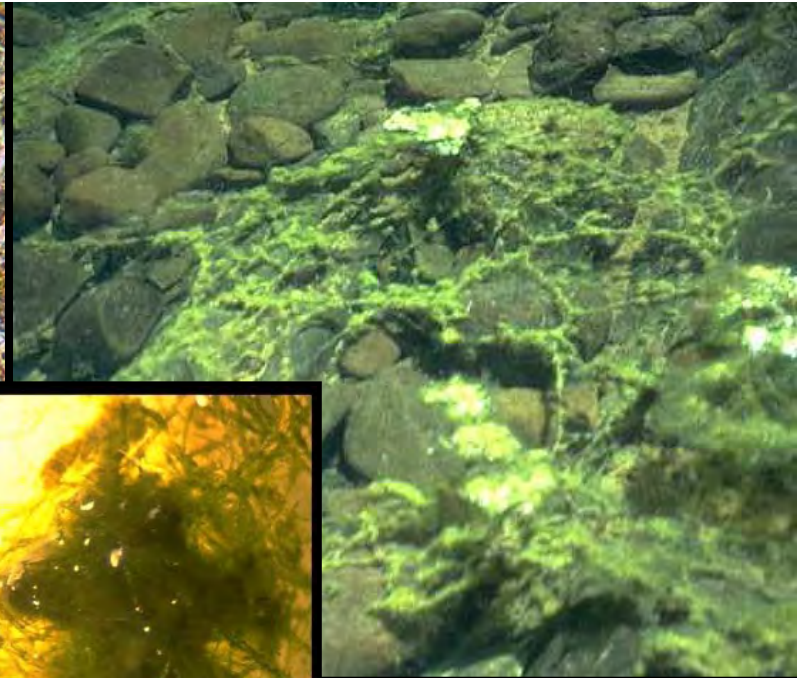
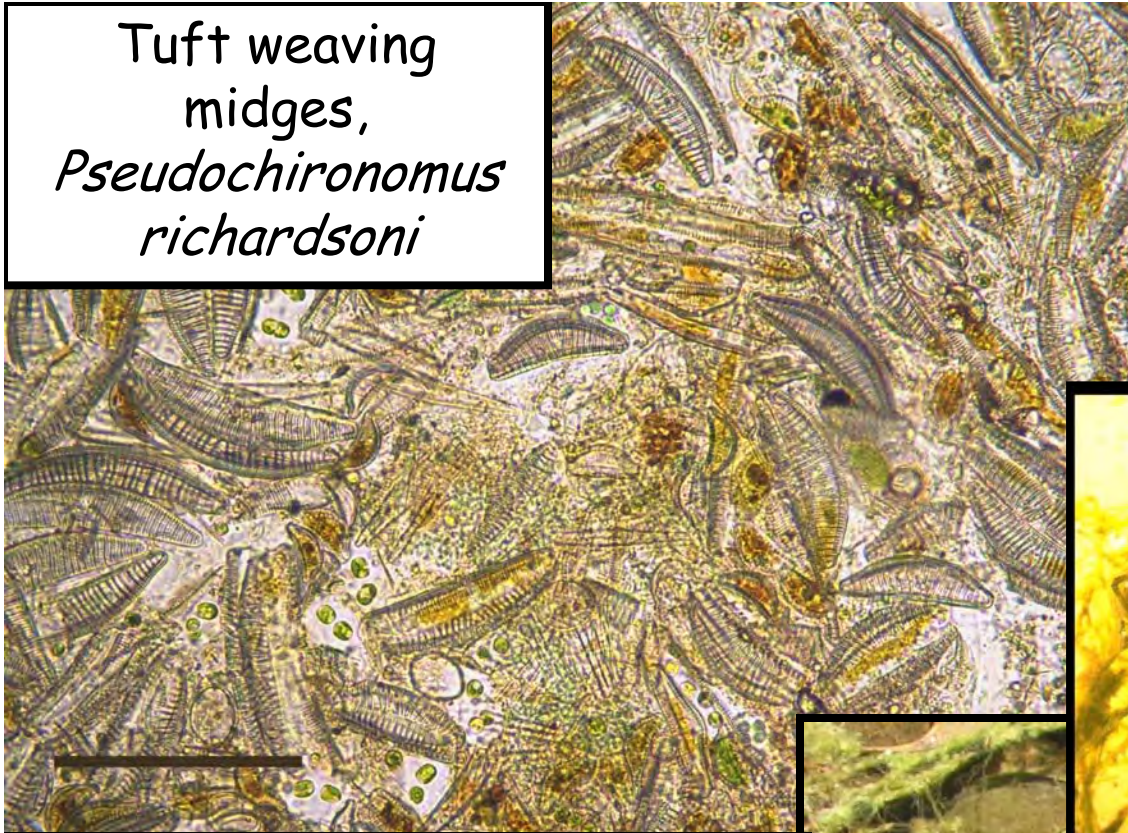


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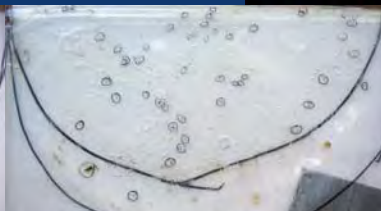
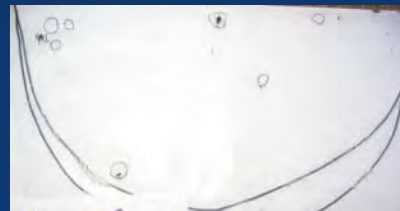
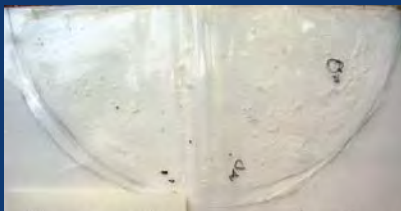


Tuft weaving  
midges,  
*Pseudochironomus  
richardsoni*





# 25x increase in aerial rates of insect emergence



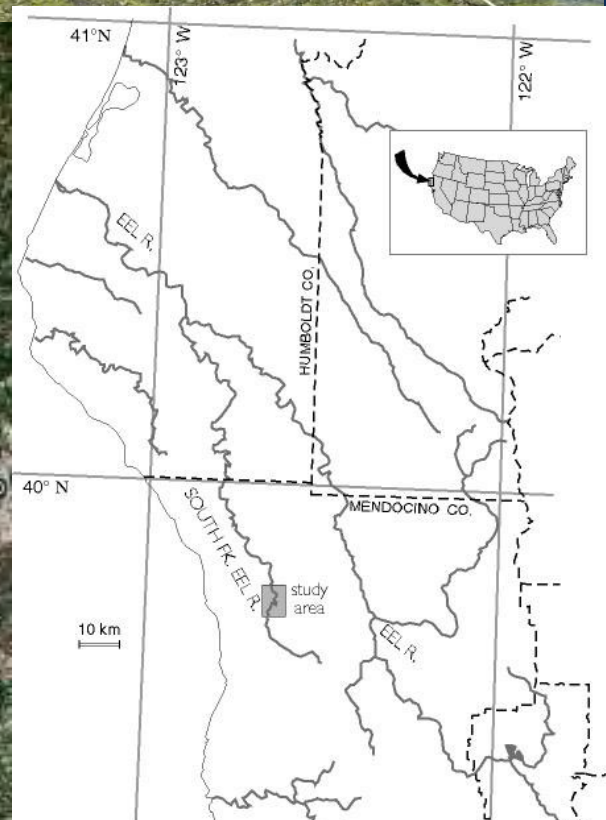
Oedogonium

Green Clad.

Yellow Clad.

Rusty Clad.















# Fate of the Algae?

Rotting

Stranding

Terrestrial food web

Insect emergence

Algae (C, N)



River food web: long or short food chains?

Intertidal food web

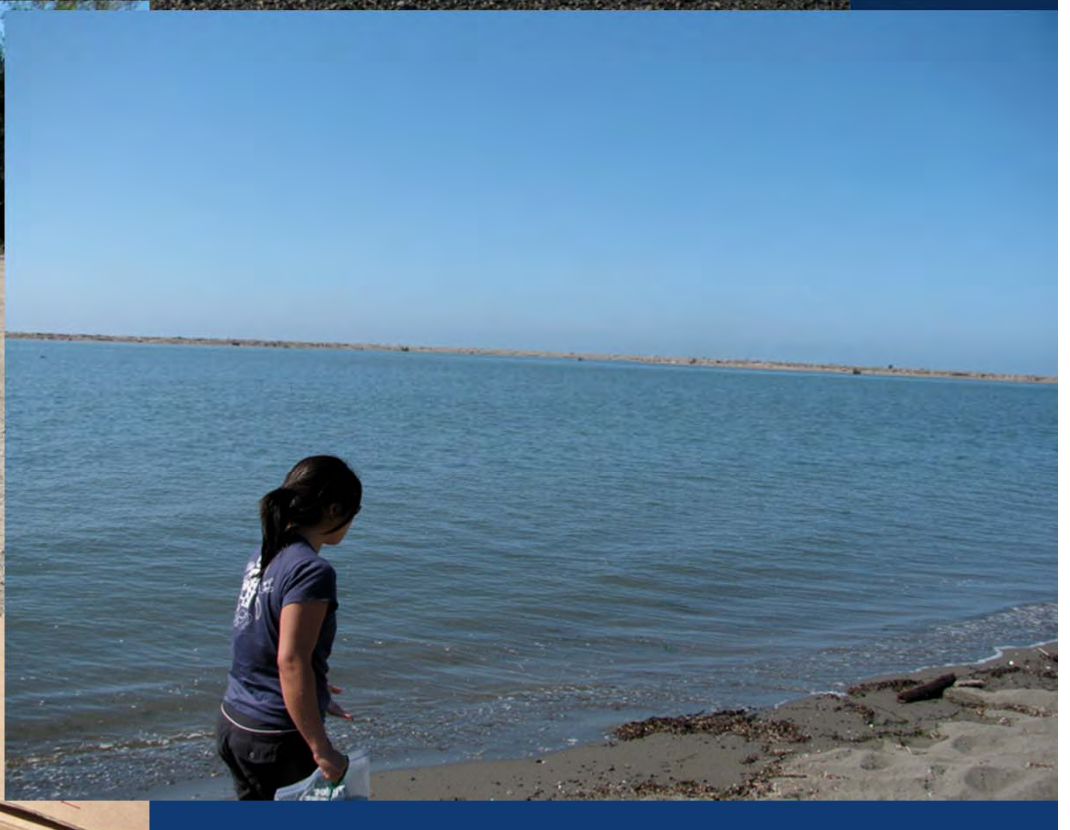
Near shore marine food web

Deep ocean burial

Charlene Ng











## Intertidal Cafeteria trials





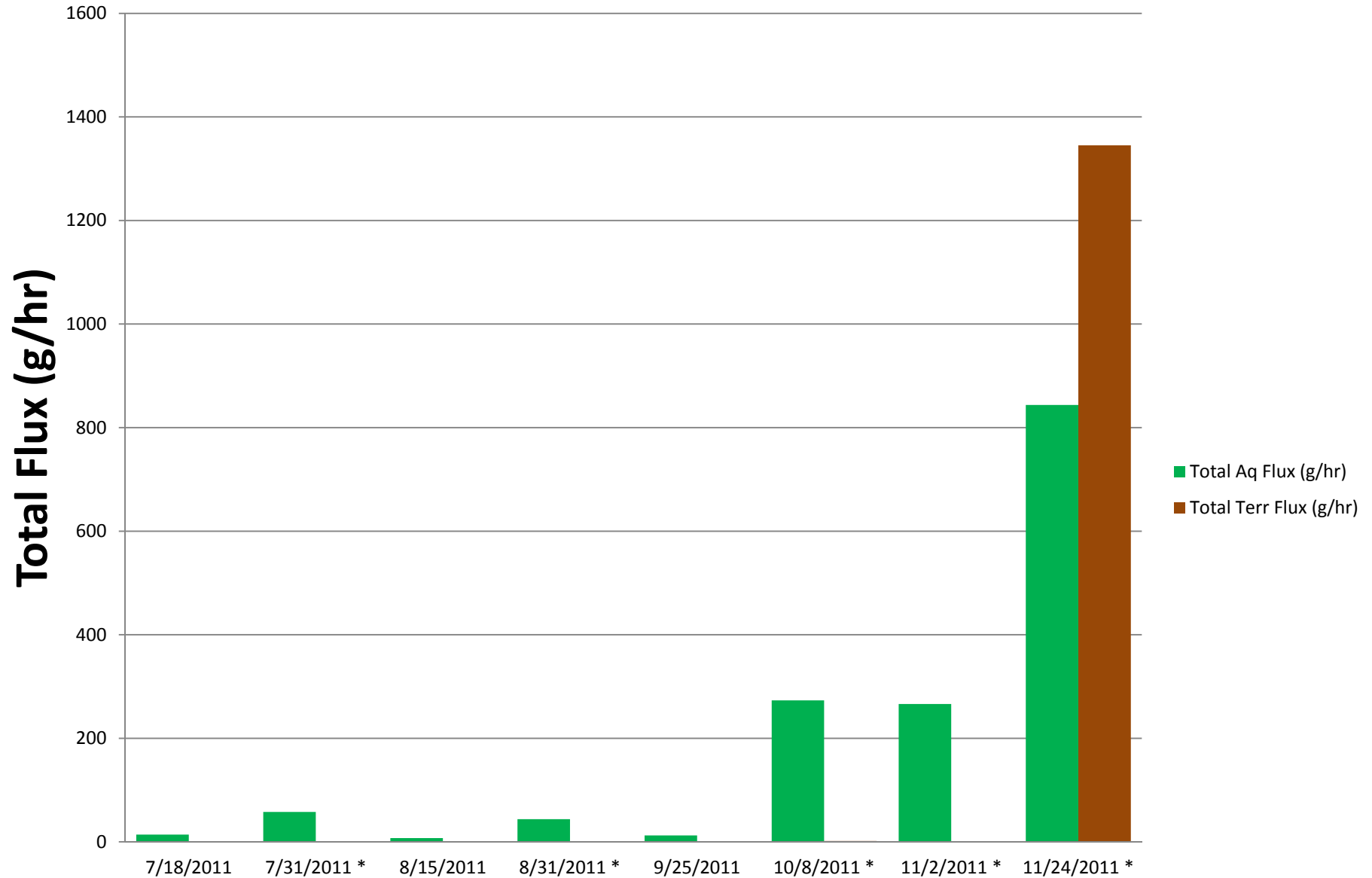






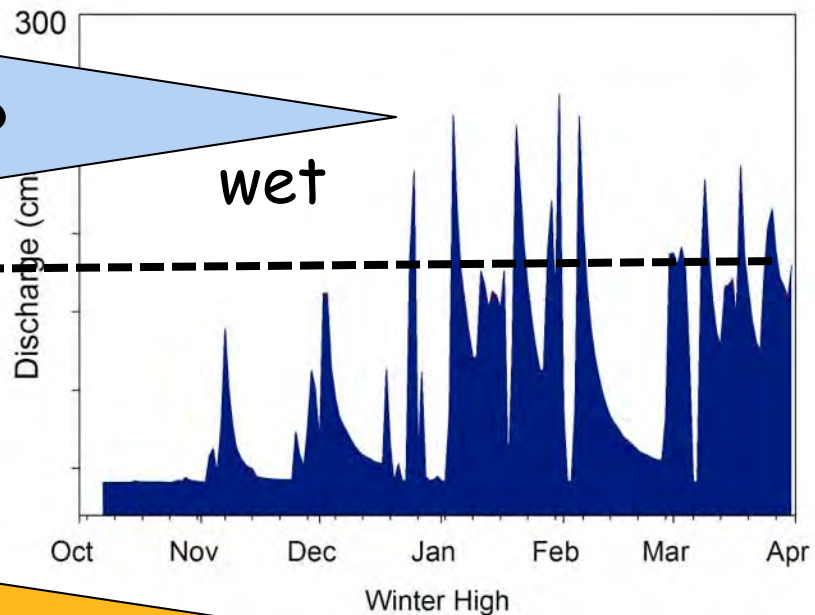
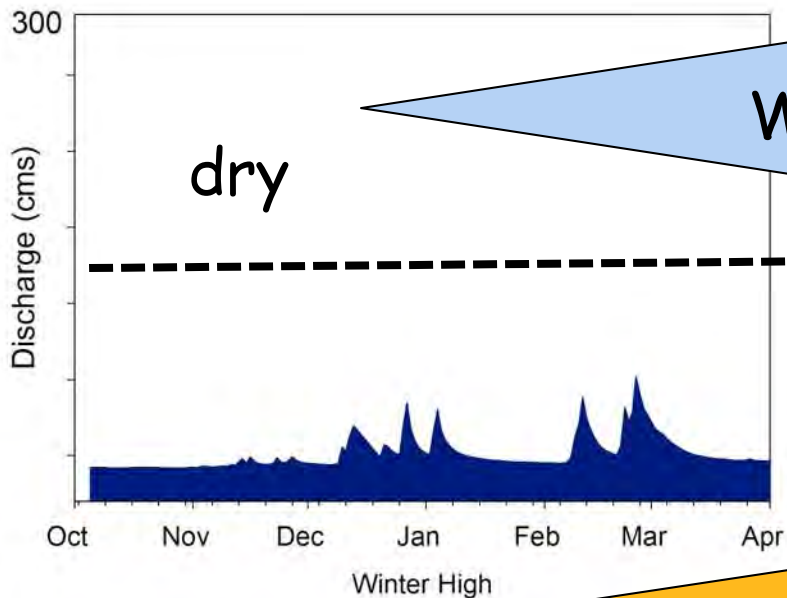


# Organic Matter Flux at Fernbridge

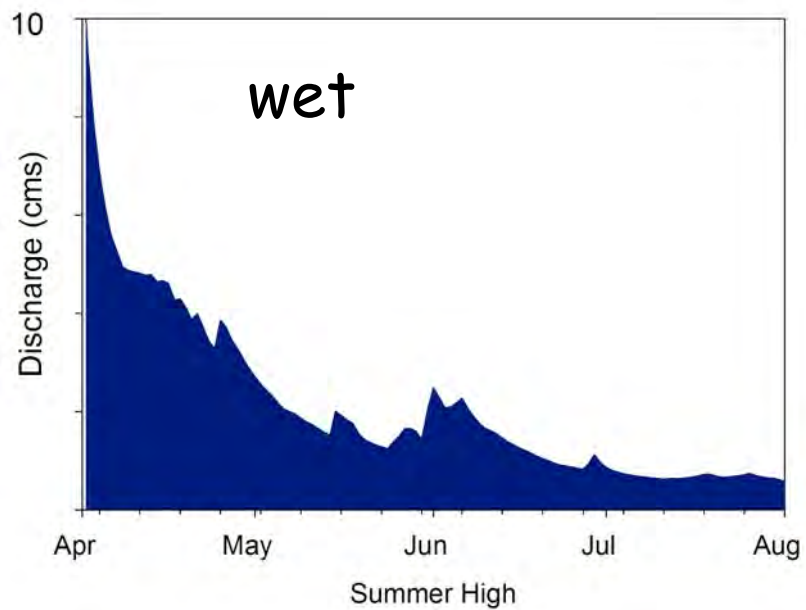
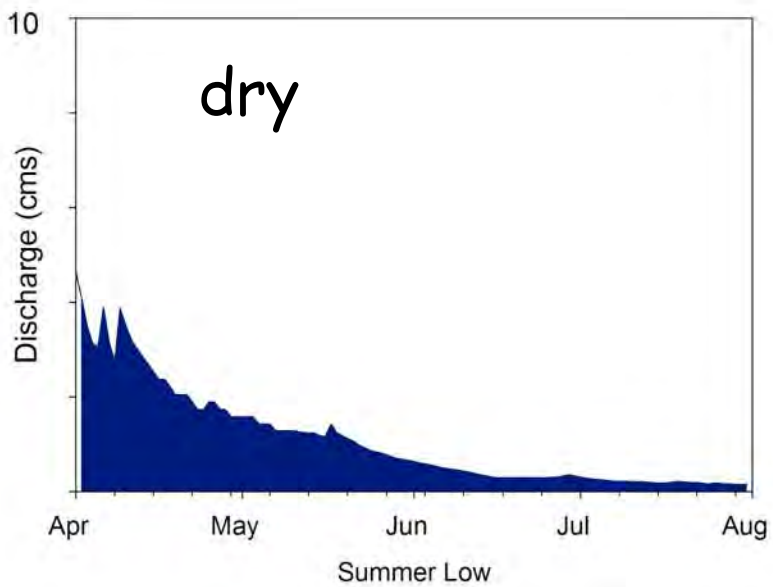


\* Flux on these dates was subsampled, and total flux was estimated as the drift collected divided by the ratio of the discharged sampled to the total discharge

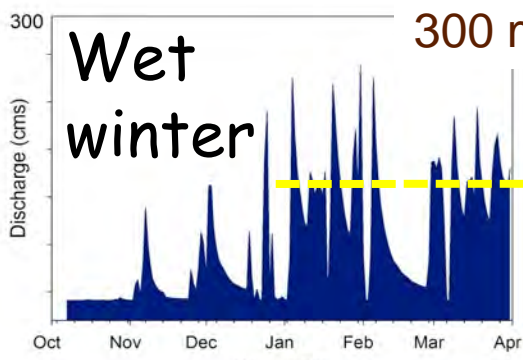
Winter ?



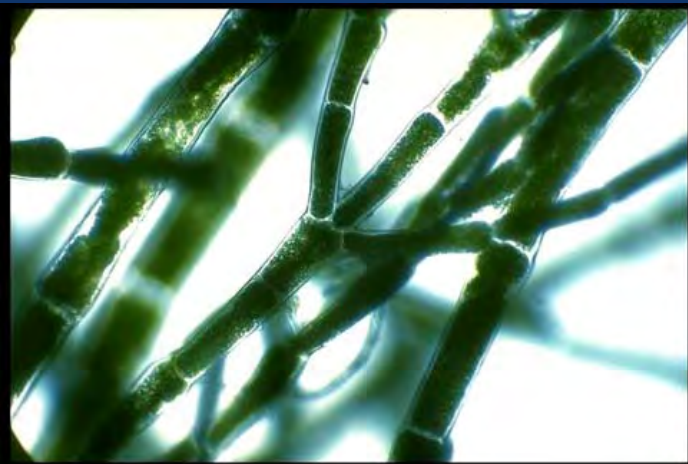
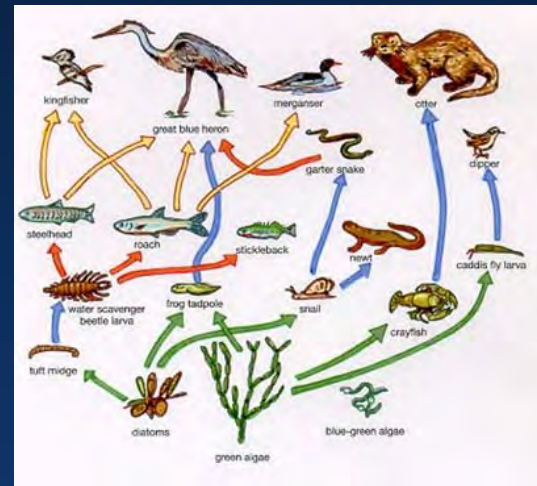
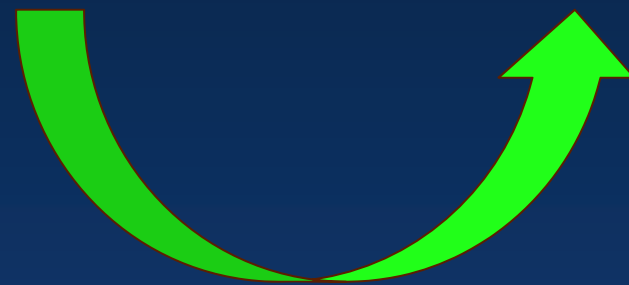
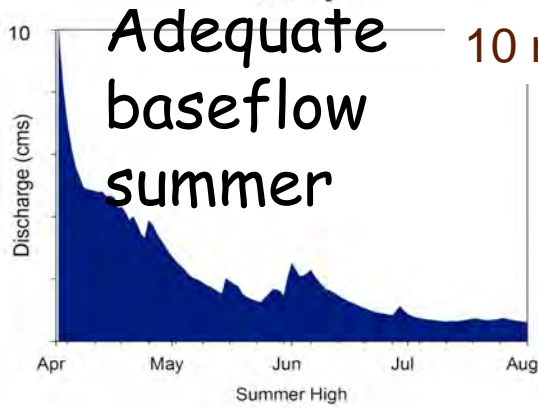
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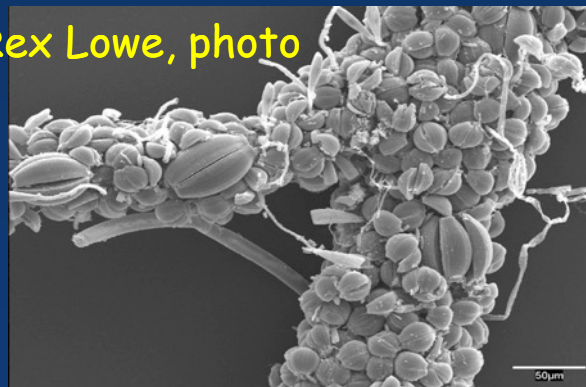


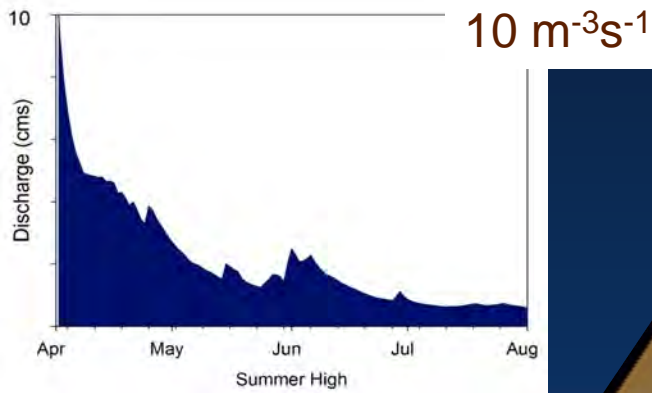
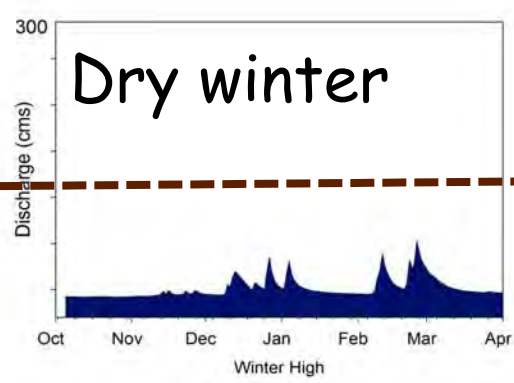
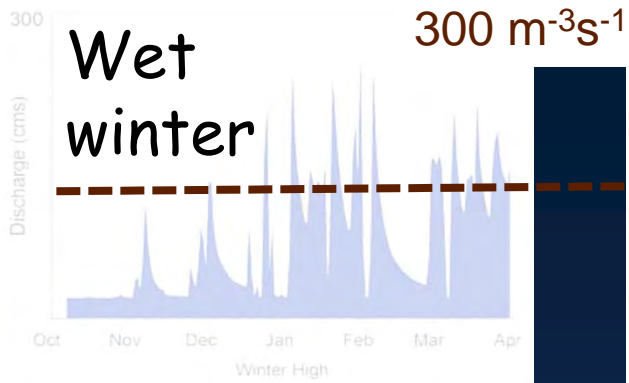


Bed Scour

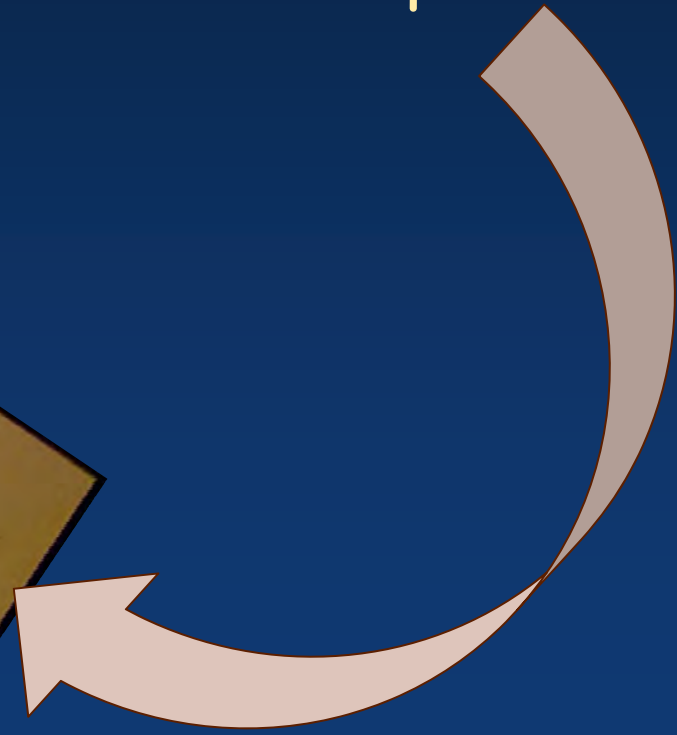


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Armored  
grazers  
suppress  
algal accrual  
and fish  
production





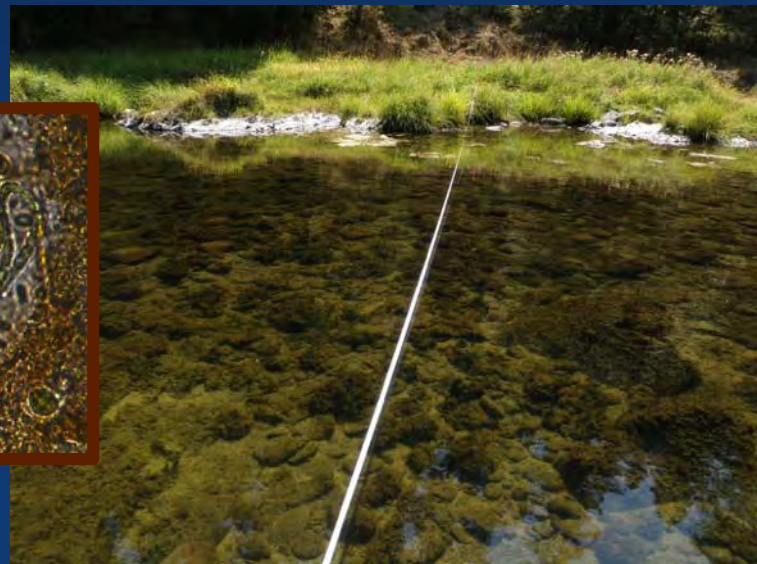
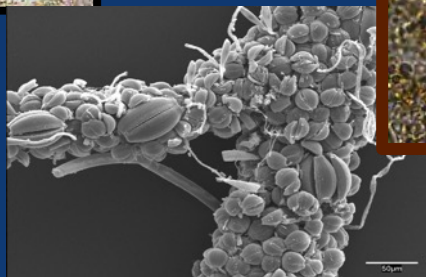
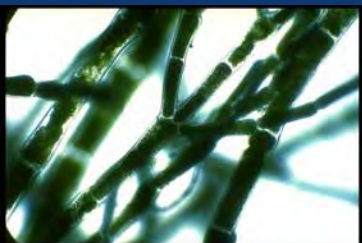
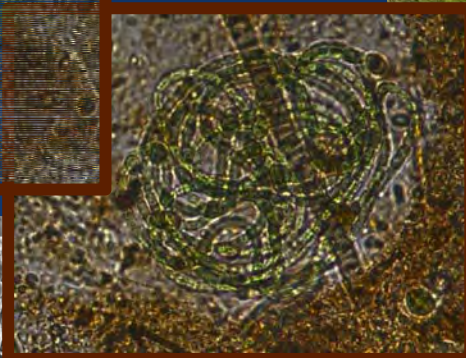
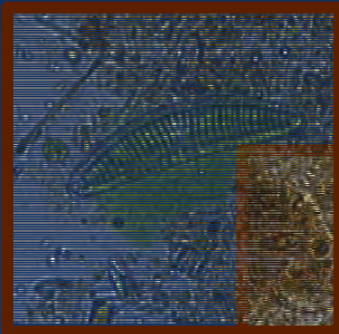
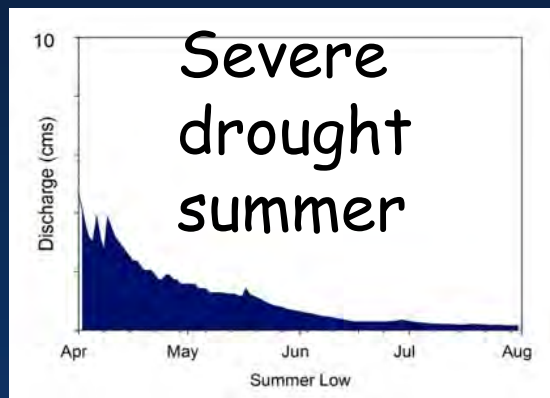
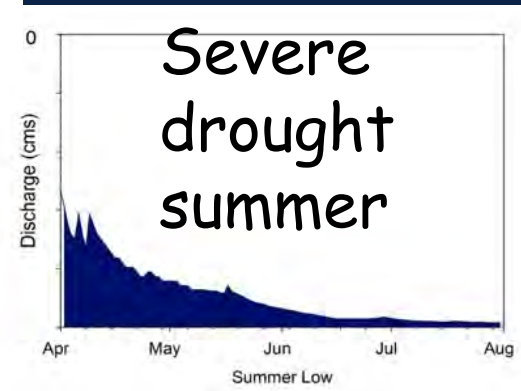
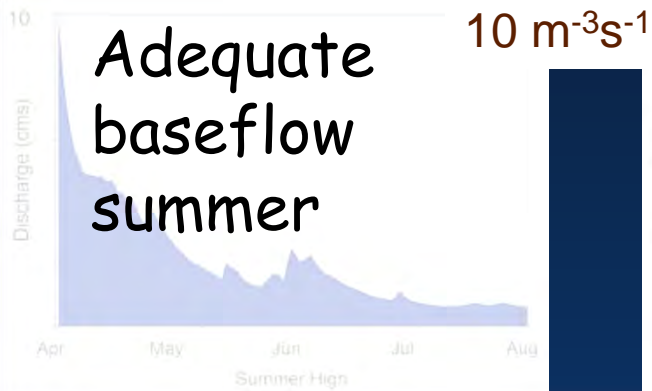
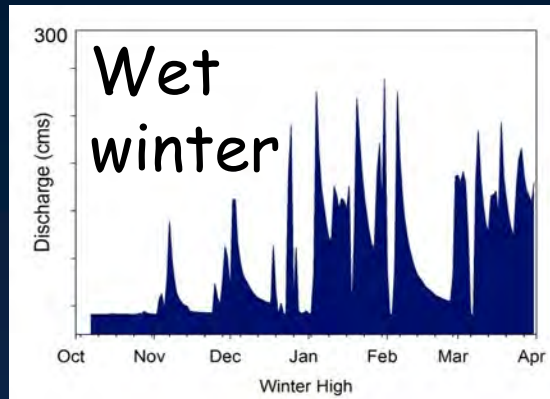
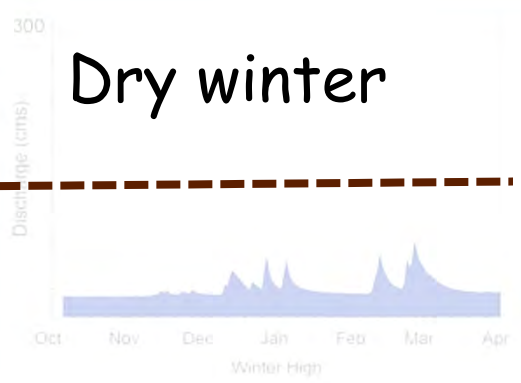
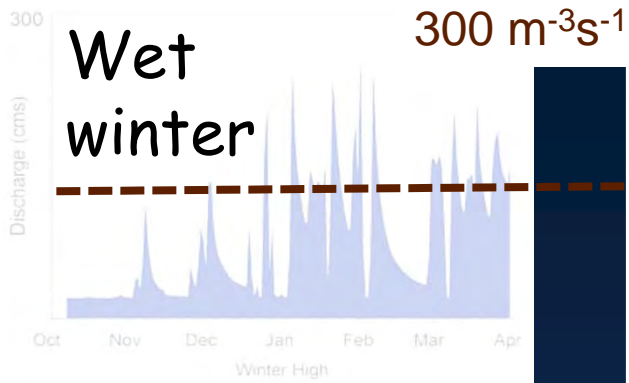
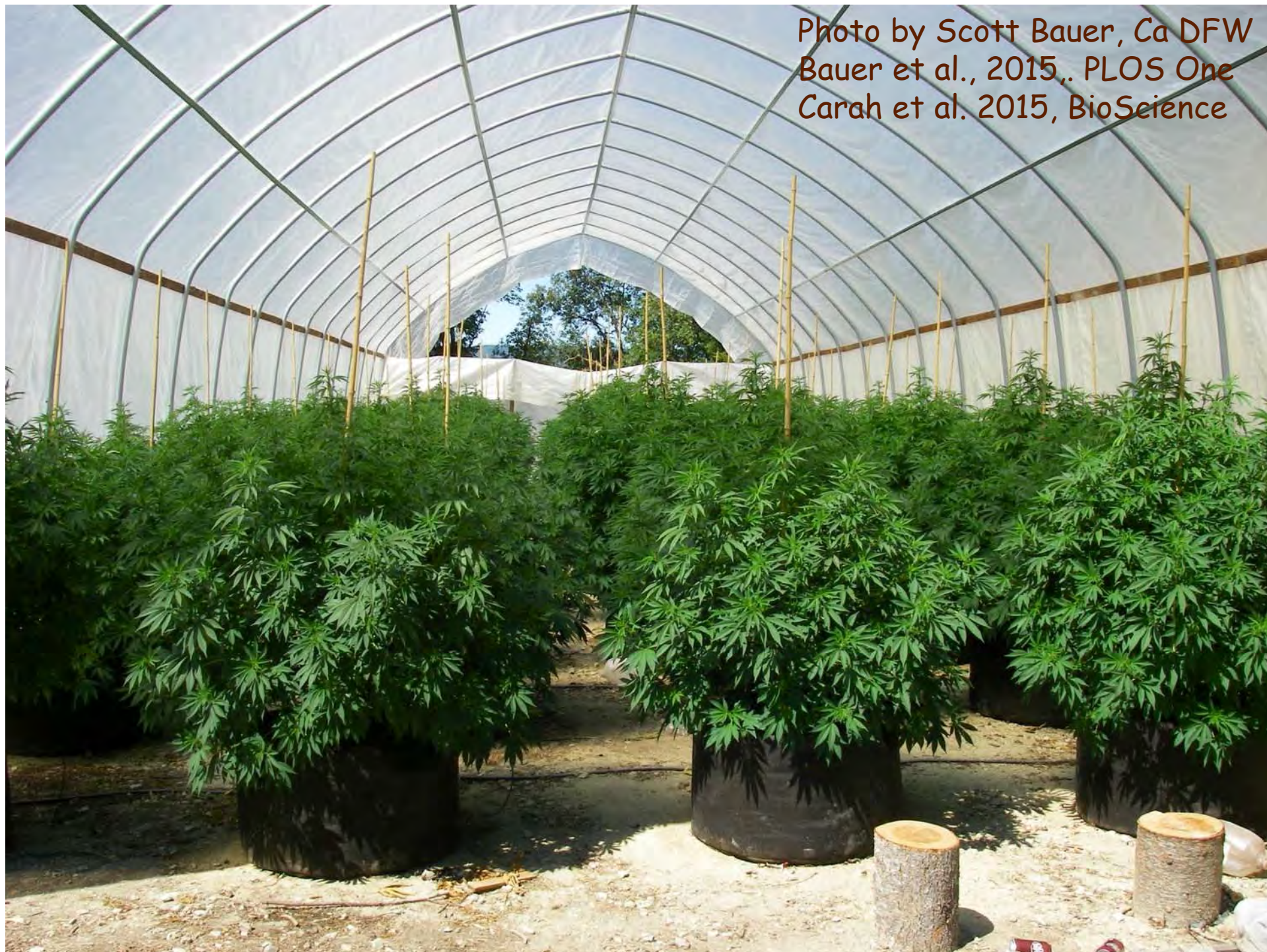




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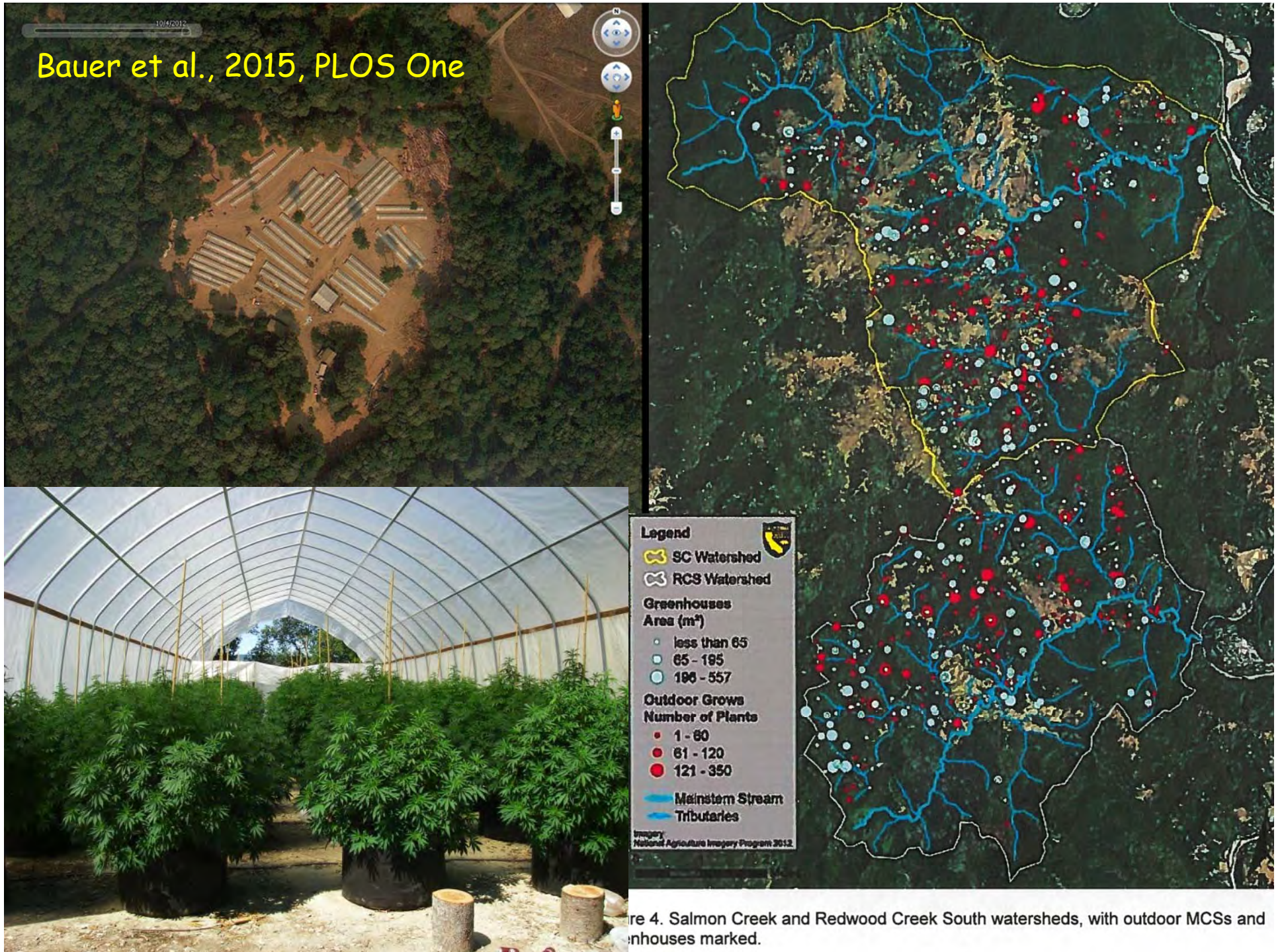
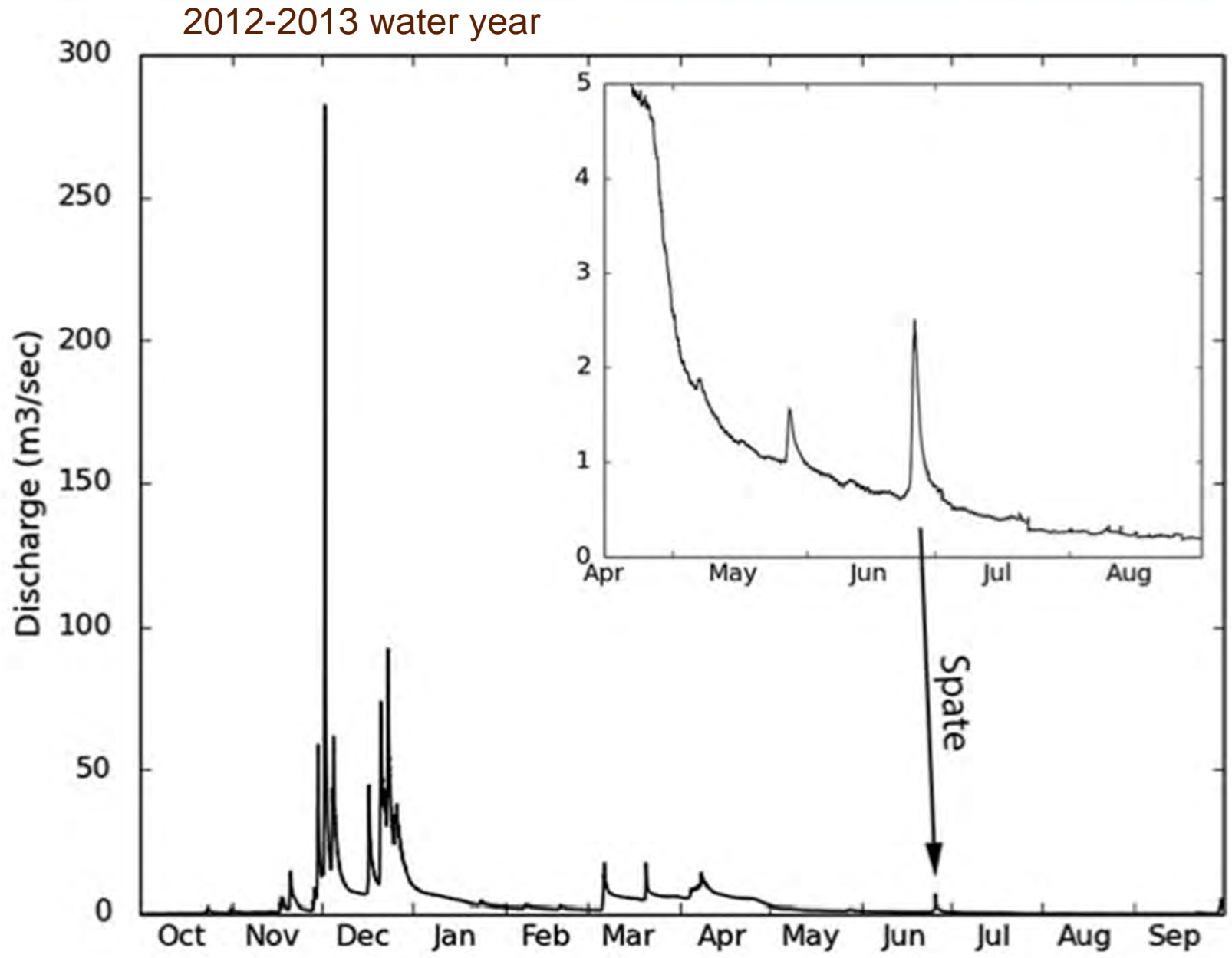


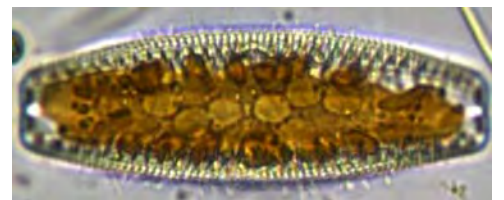
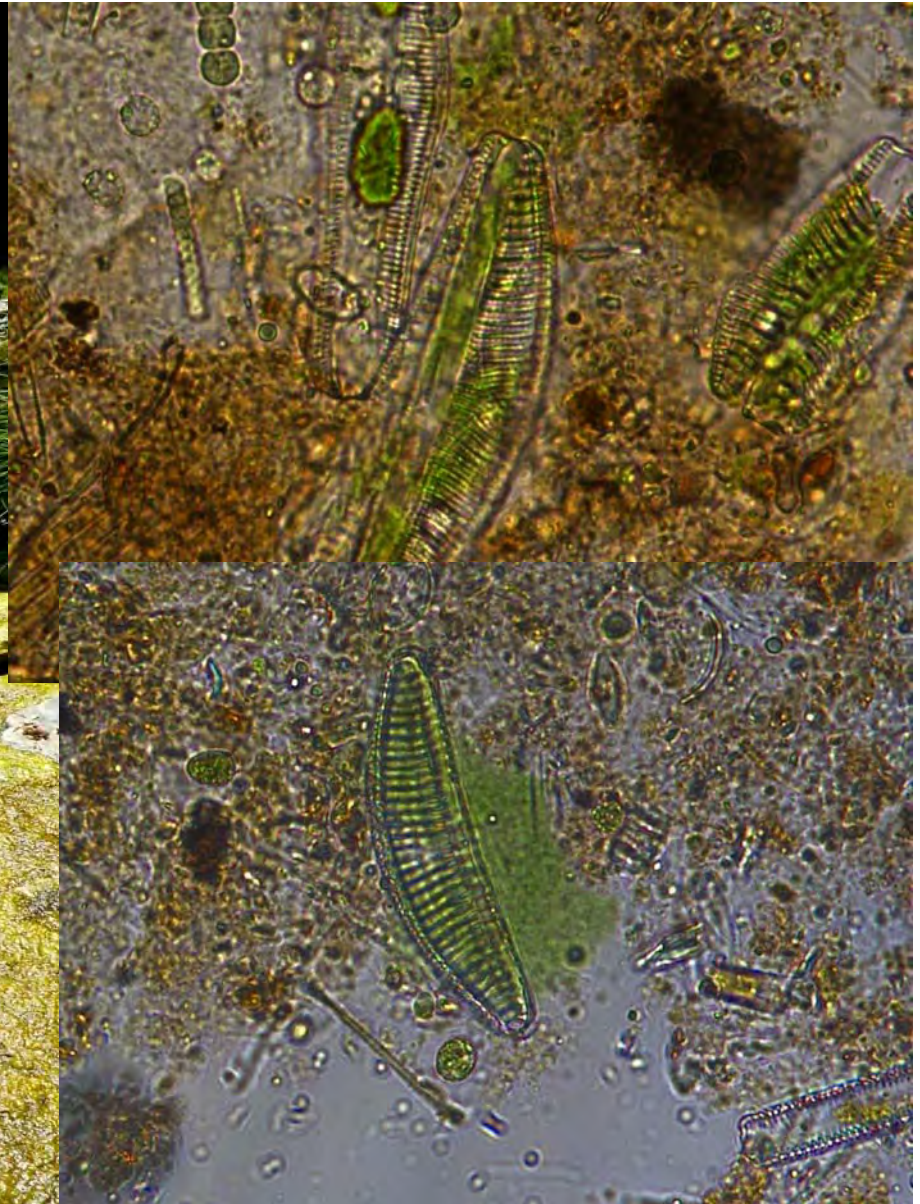
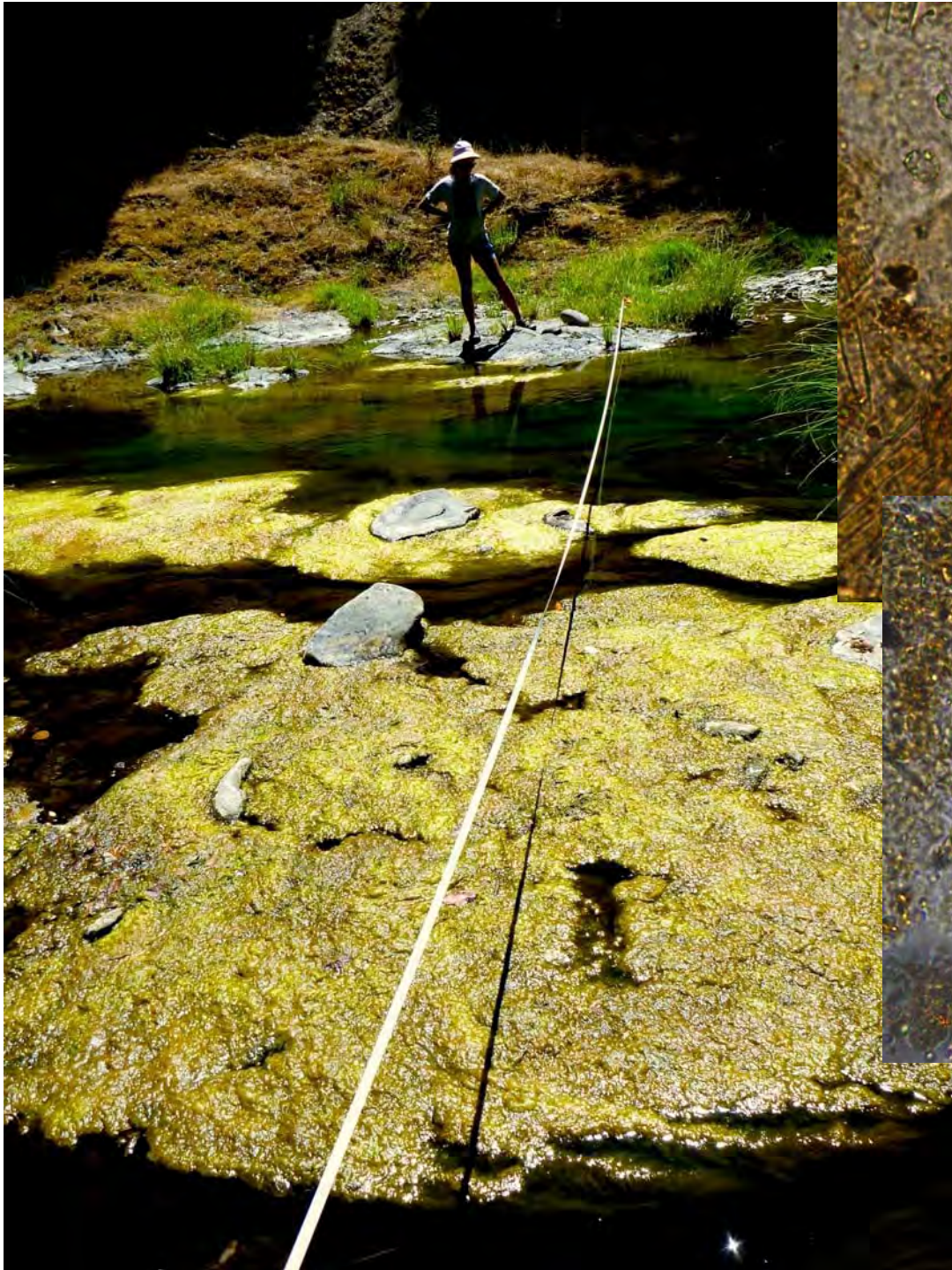
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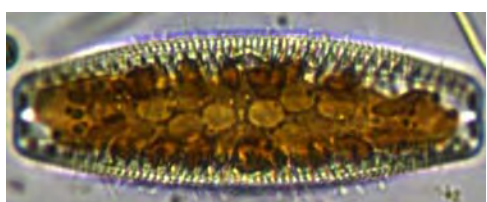
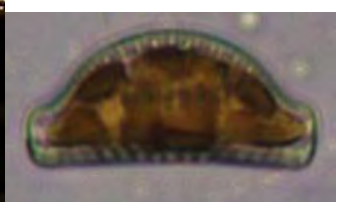
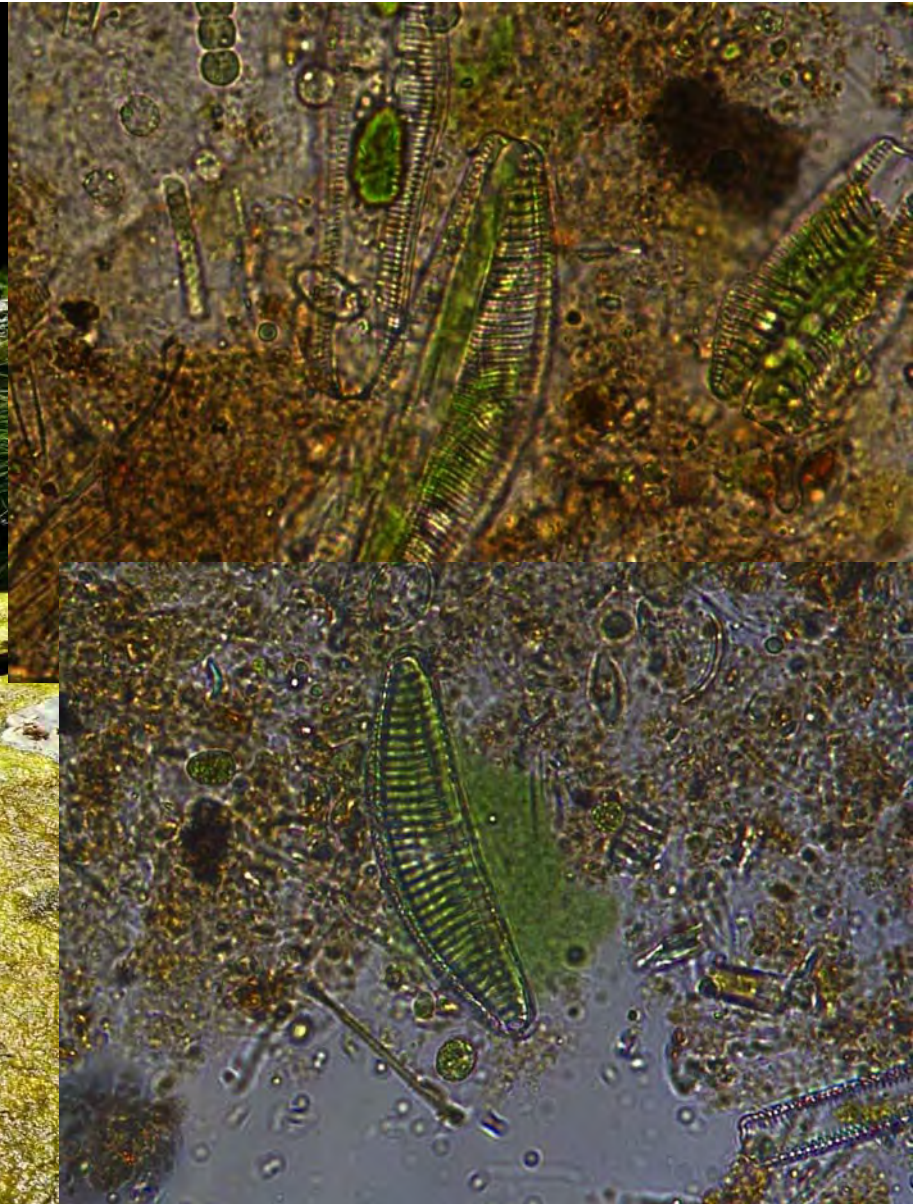
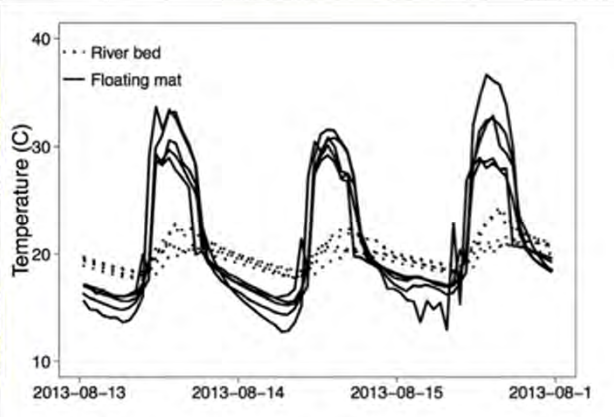
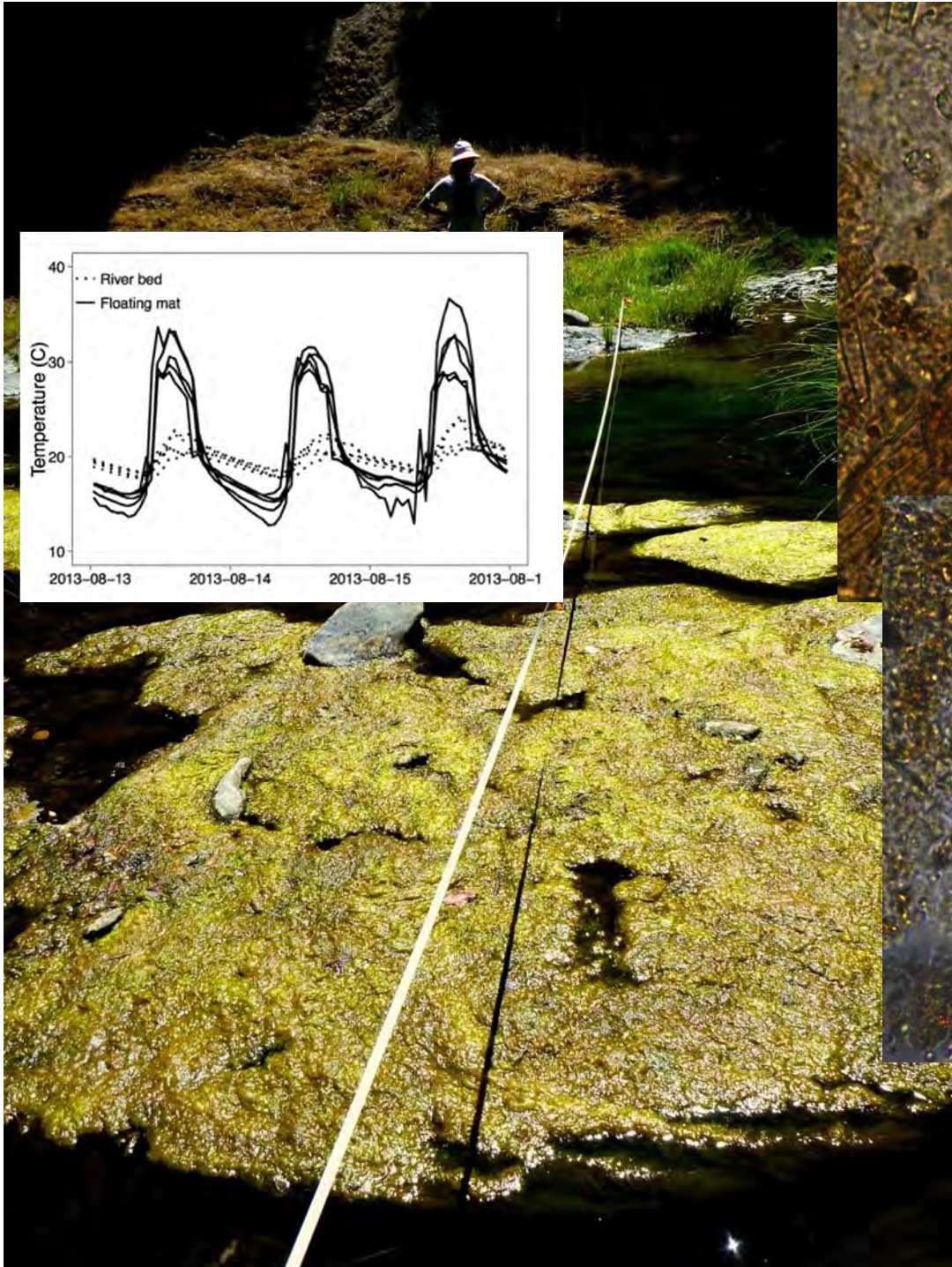
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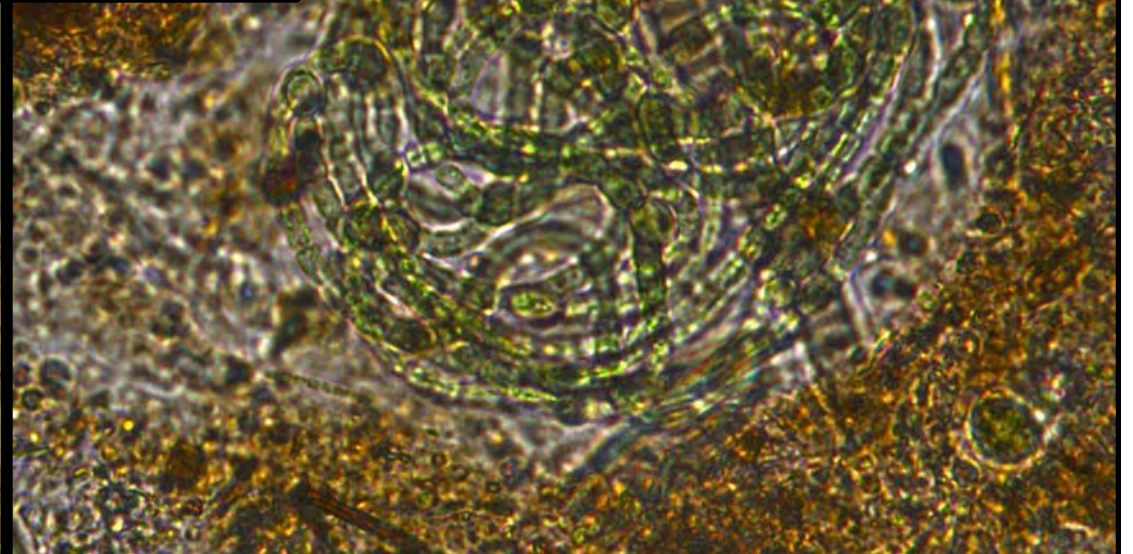
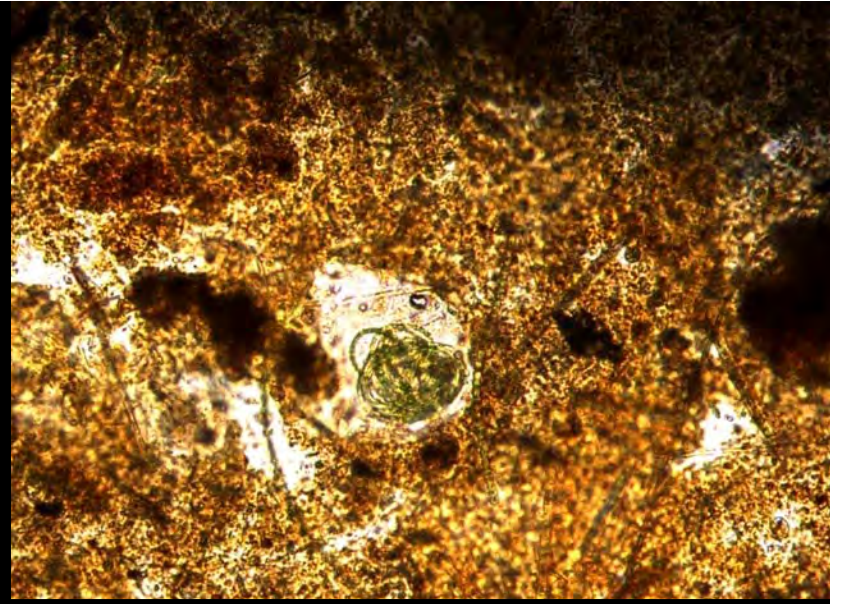


















# Cyanotoxins in the Eel

## Keith Bouma-Gregson, Ph.D. candidate

### Dog Deaths



Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services  
 Division of Environmental Health

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 Voice: 707-445-6215 - Fax: 707-441-5699 - Toll Free: 800-963-9241  
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 For Distribution to Animal Health Workers

Prepared by: Harriet Hill, Division of Environmental Health, revised July 2010

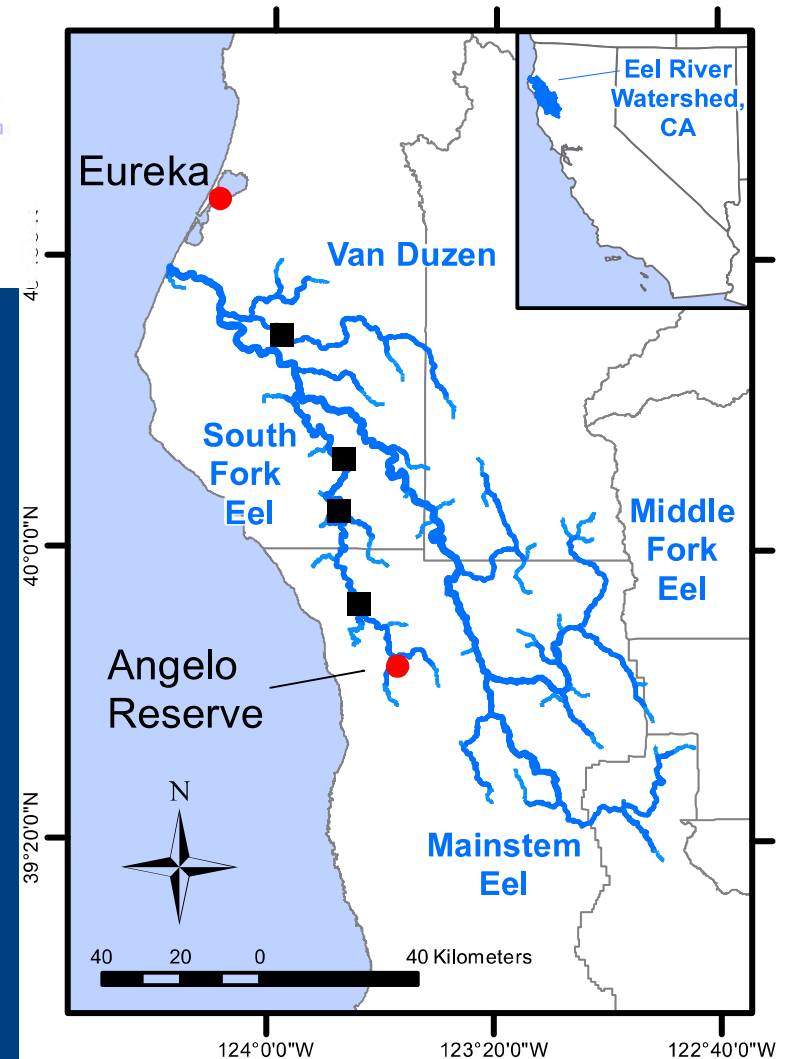
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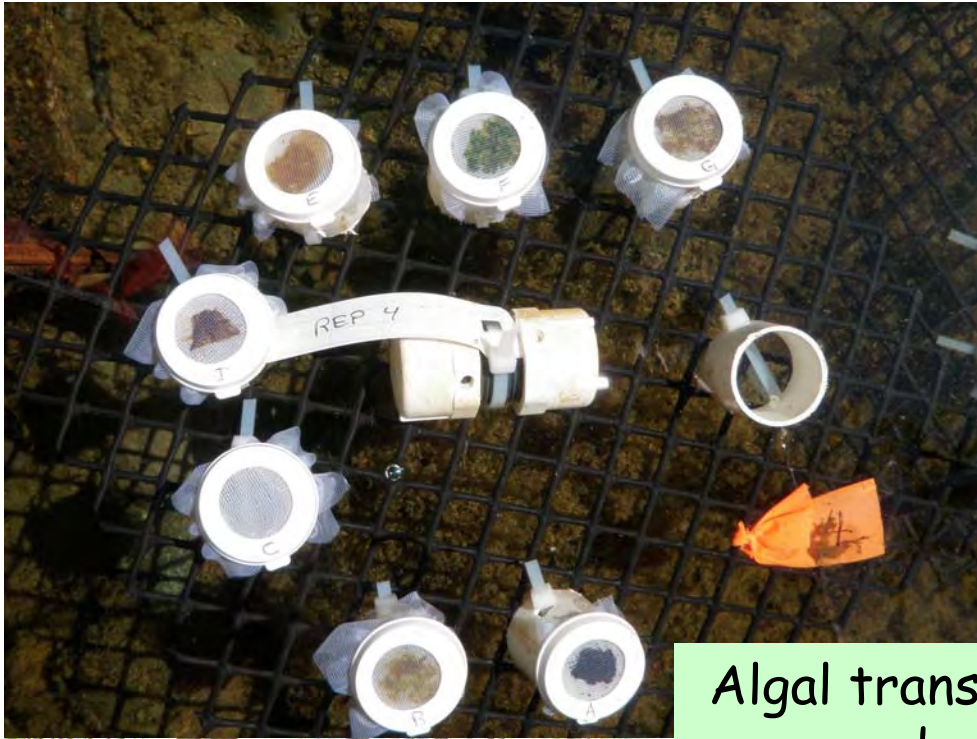


Keith Bouma-Gregson, UCB

Raphael Kudela, UCSC SPATT samplers  
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Algal transplant and common garden experiments







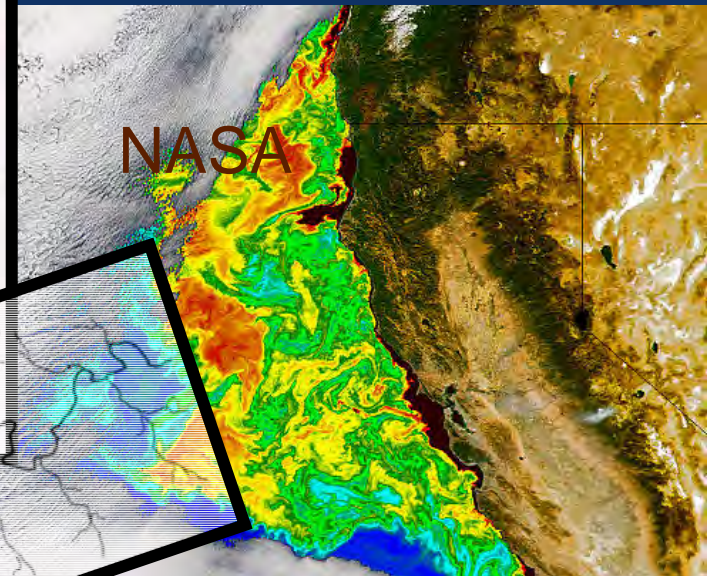
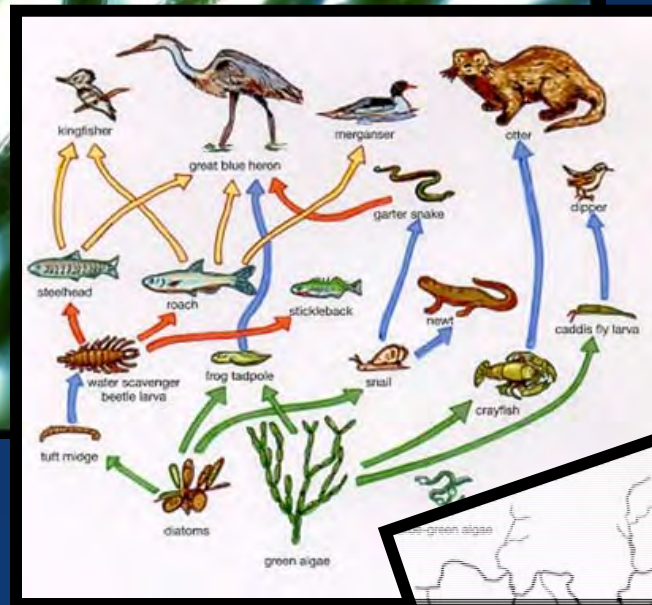
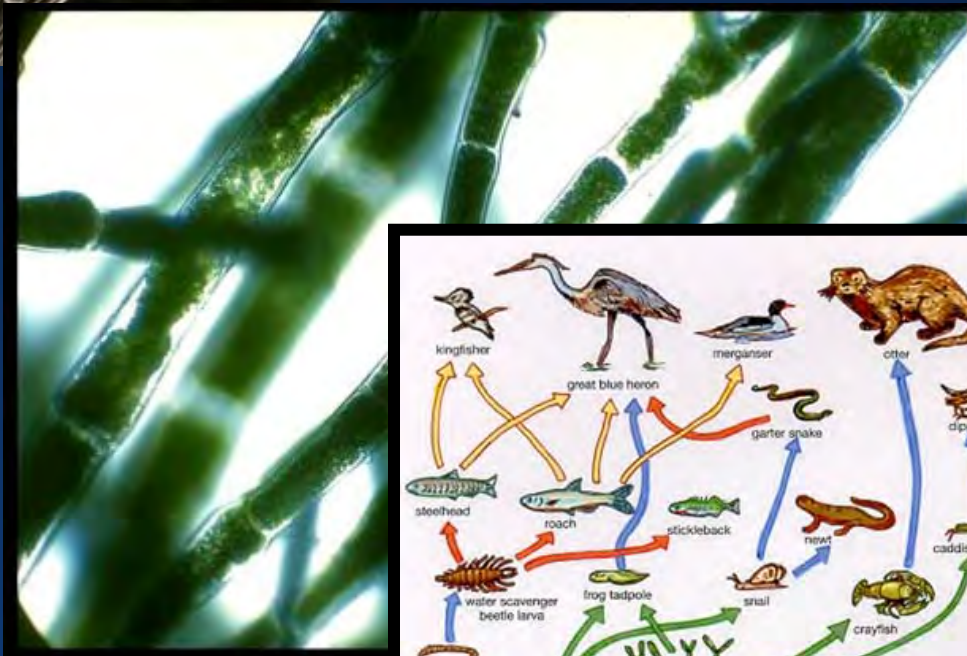
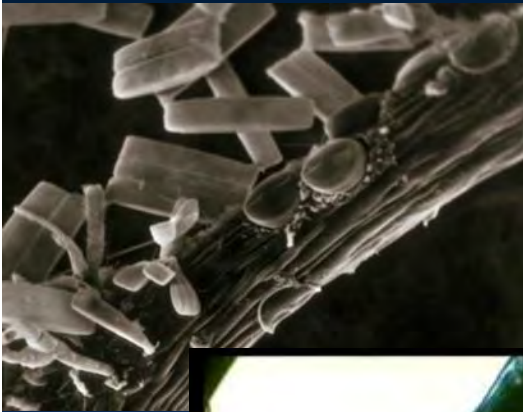
Thanks Rex Lowe,  
Paula Furey, and  
Keith Bouma-  
Gregson





*How does hydrology control the type and fate of algae in river (and coastal) food webs?*

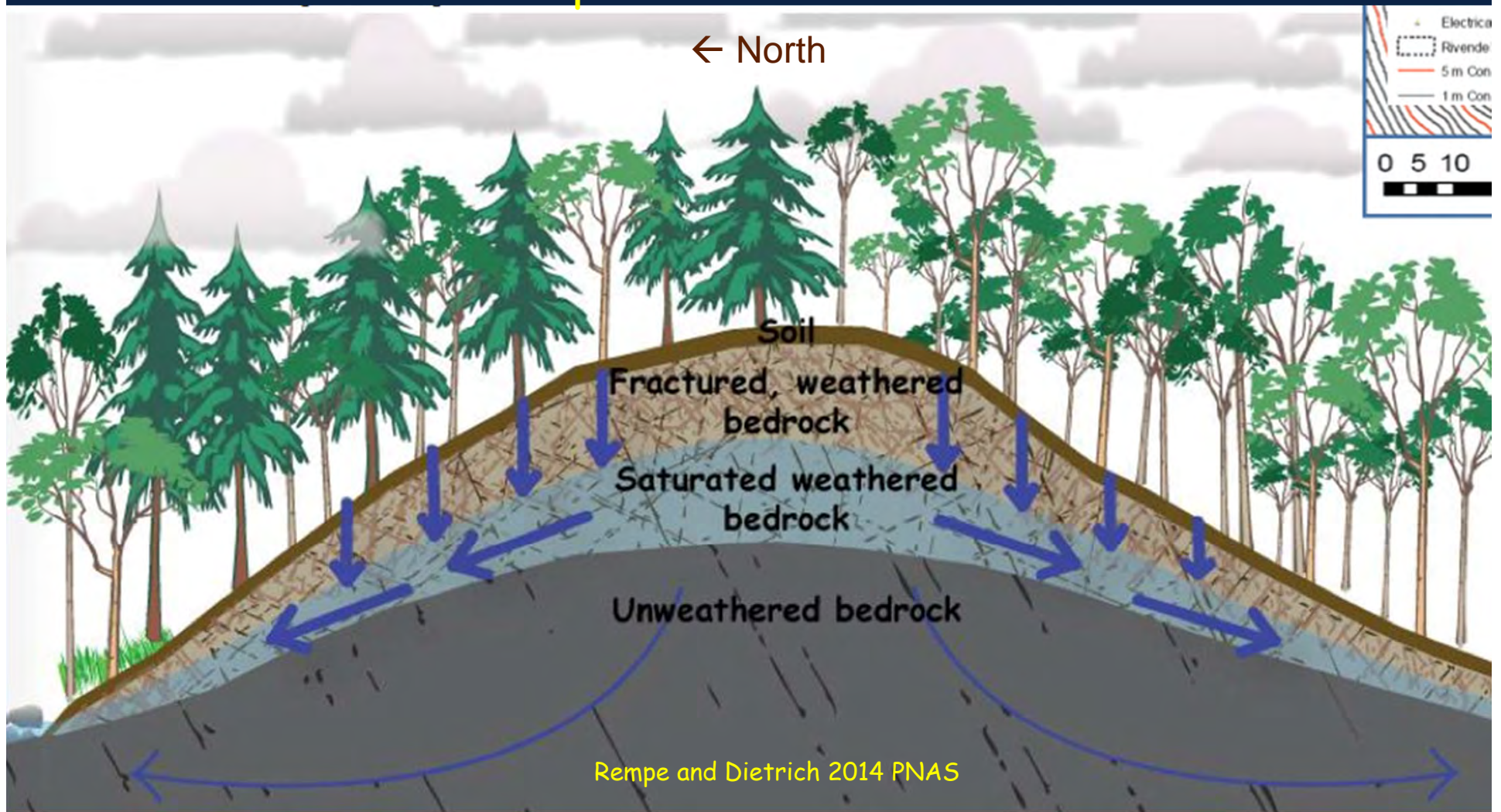
*And what can we do about it?*





Critical Zone: from the top of the vegetation canopy to the "bottom of the water table"

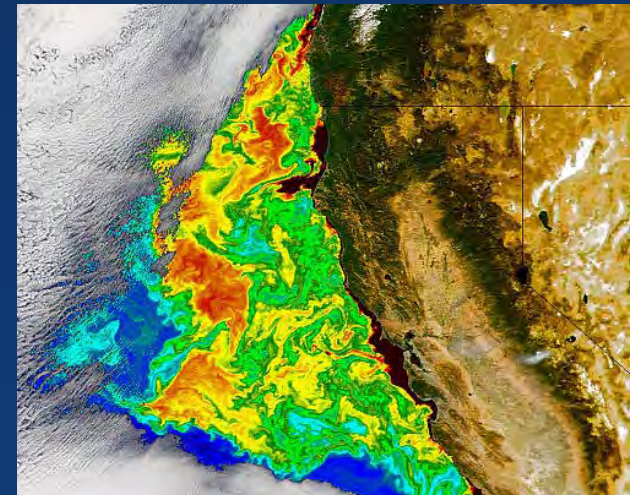
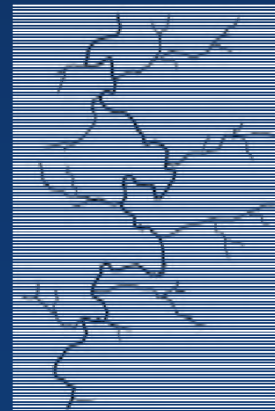
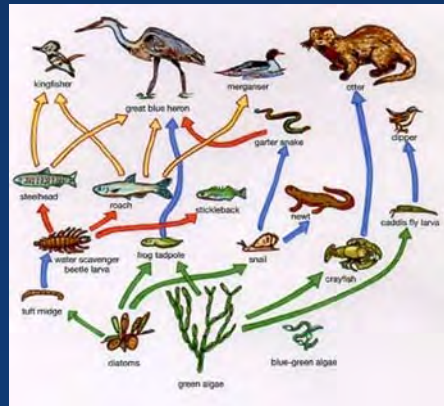
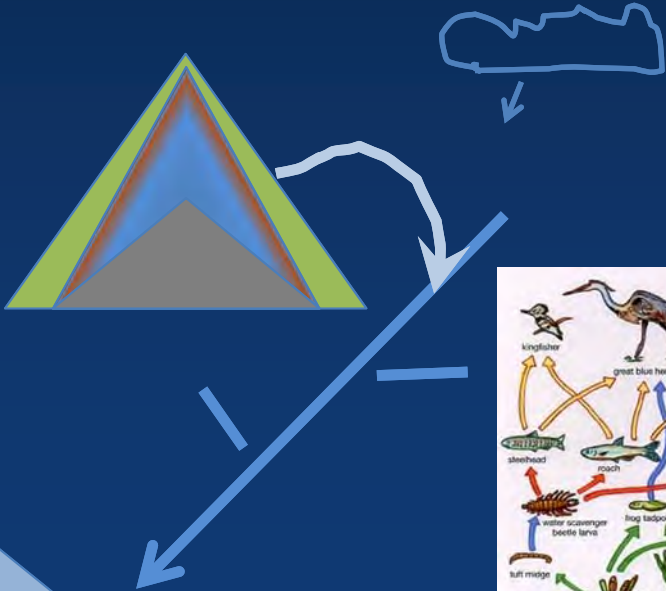
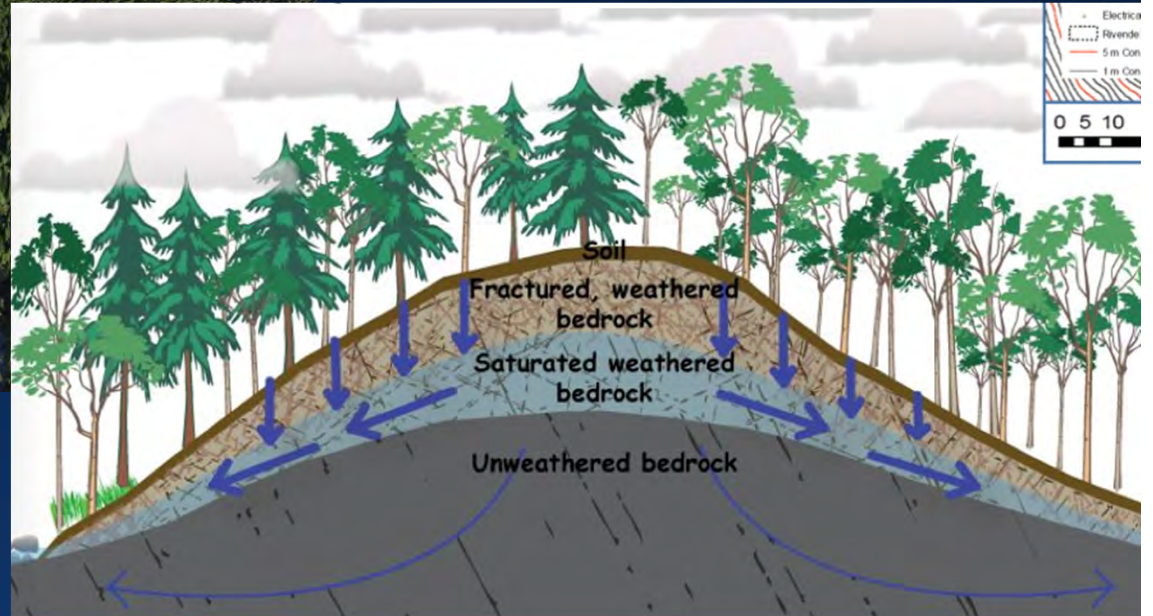
= unweathered bedrock where water is no longer mobile enough to sustain plants or surface waters.





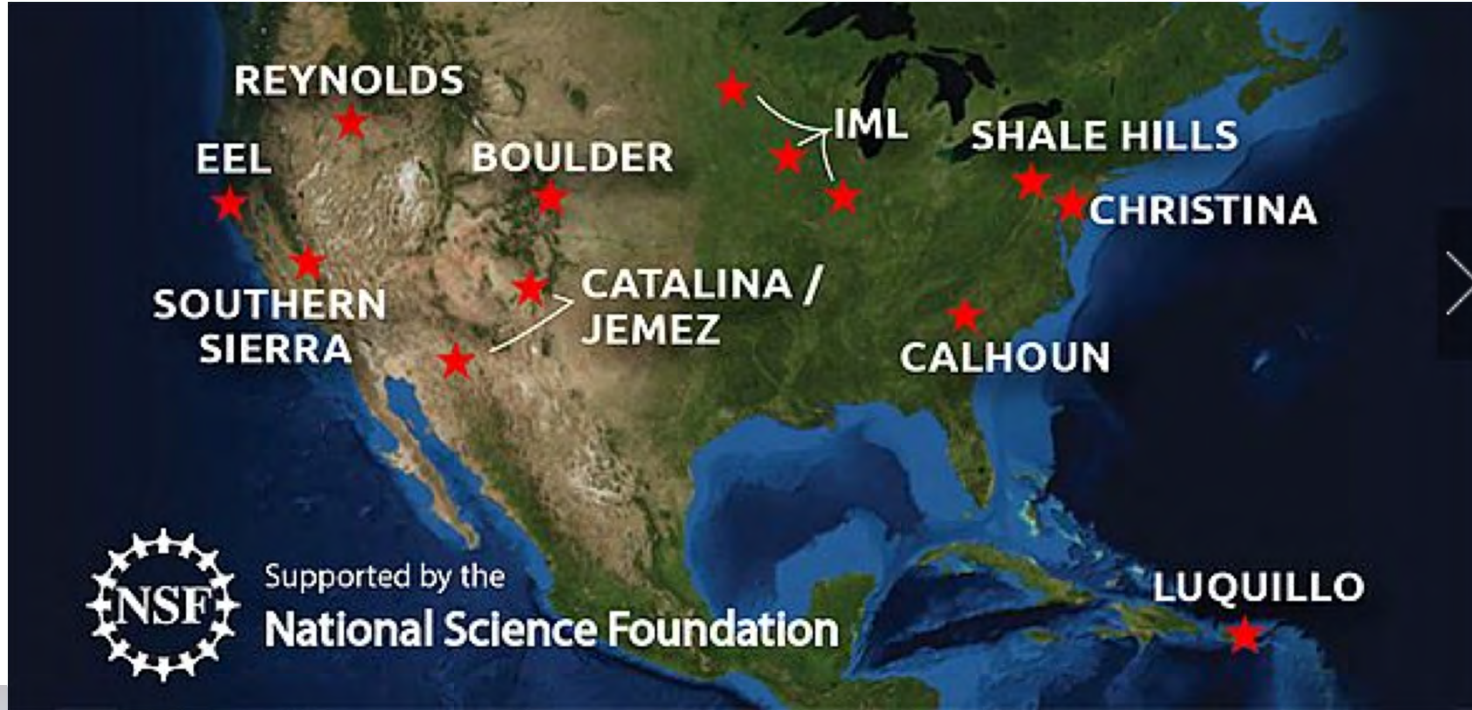


# What lies beneath → what lies beyond





# Eel River Critical Zone Observatory



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**Jill Banfield**- geobiologist  
**Mary Firestone** - soil microbiologist  
**Stephanie Carlson**- river ecologist  
**Todd Dawson**- tree physiologist  
**Sally Thompson**- ecohydrologist  
**Inez Fung**- atmospheric scientist  
**Mary Power**- food web ecologist  
**Bill Dietrich**- geomorphologist  
**Collin Bode** data manager





Making a killing or a living?  
Forest tending and sustaining  
cool flowing water in rivers  
during drought?

Karuk-Berkeley Consortium  
Round Valley Tribes



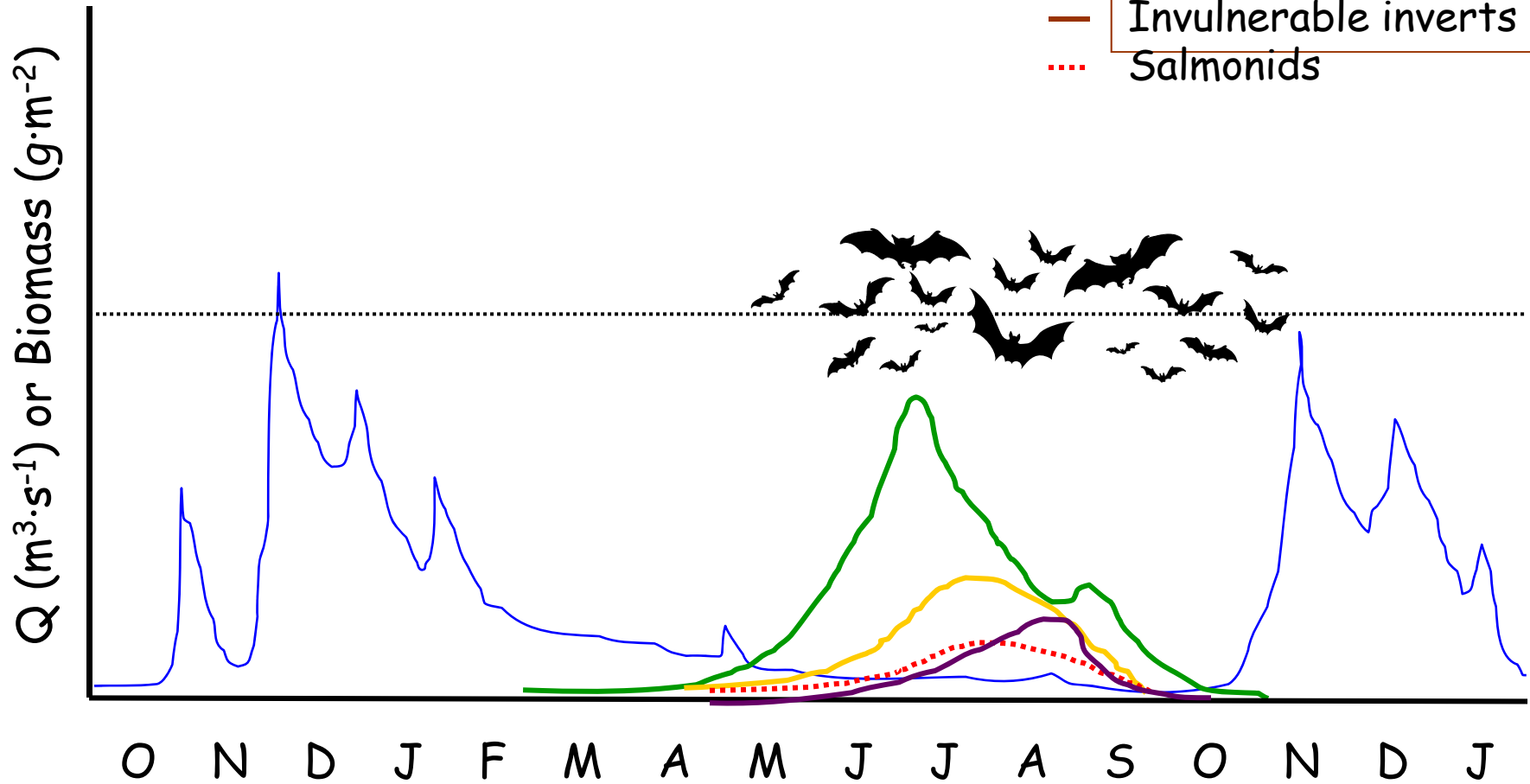
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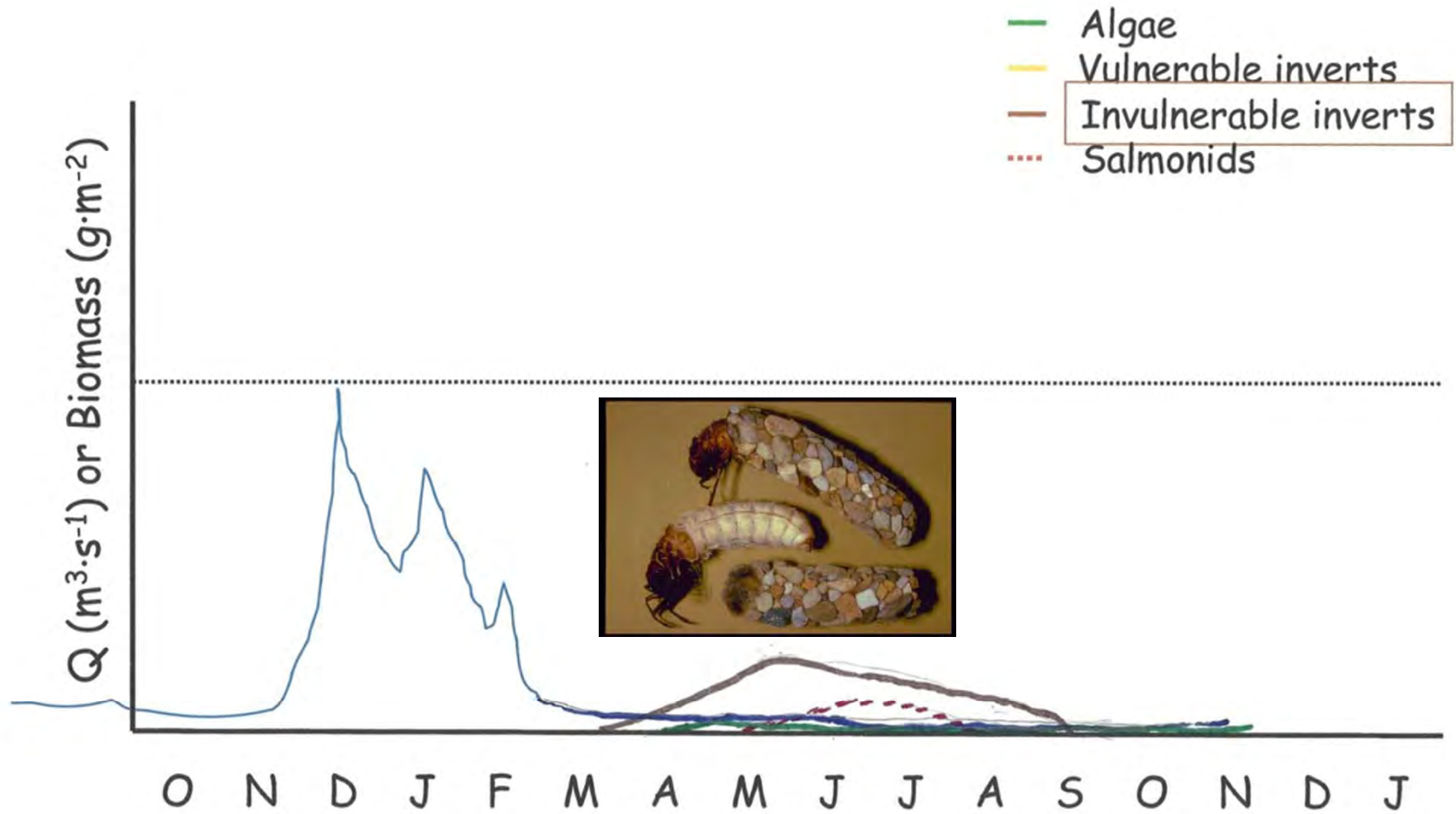
# 'Typical' Mediterranean Seasonality

- Algae
- Vulnerable inverts
- Invulnerable inverts
- Salmonids

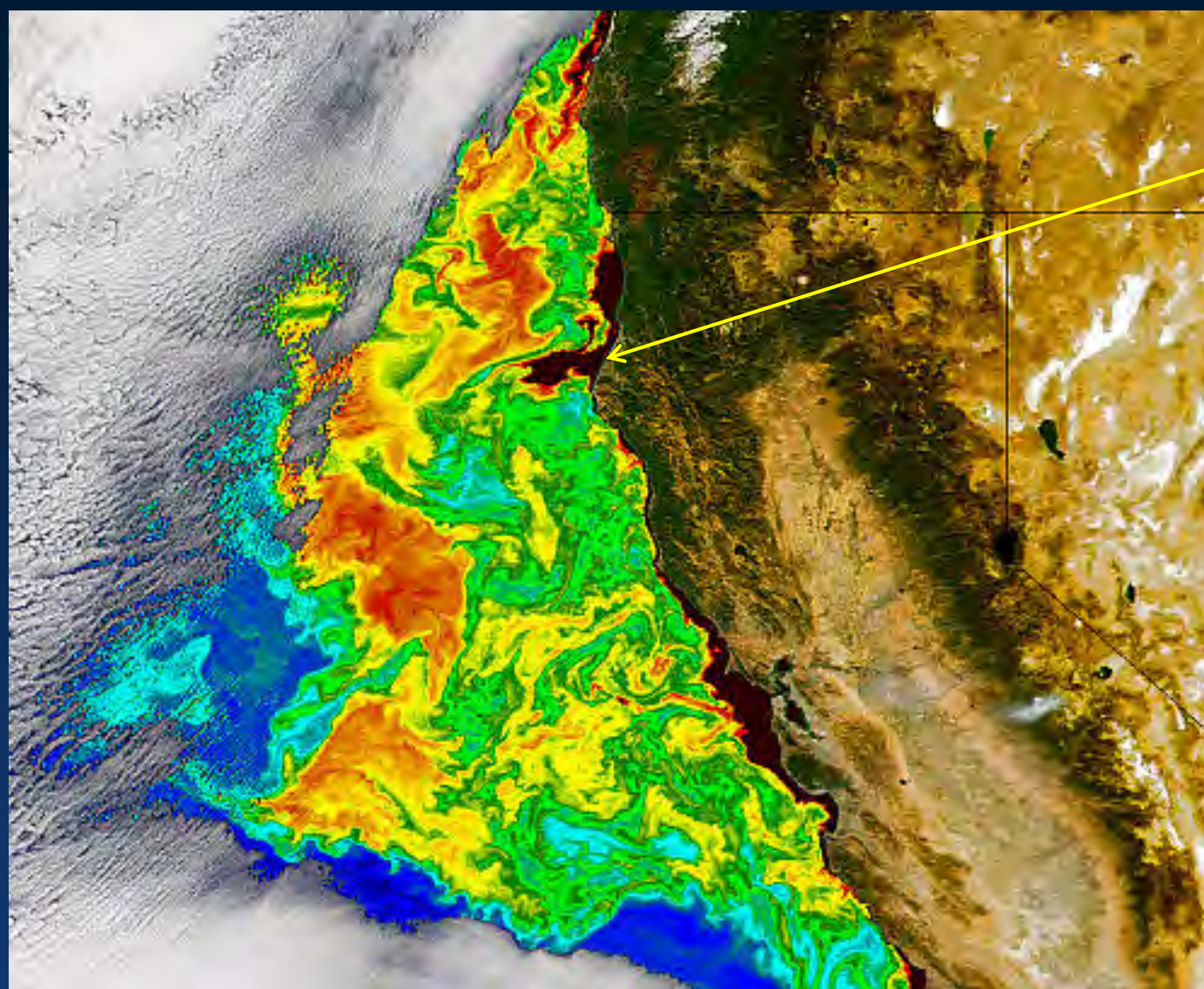




## Drought (sub-bankfull scour) winter







Chlorophyll blooms  
off mouth of Eel  
River

Some out of synch  
with ocean  
upwellings

What do riverine  
algae deliver to  
coastal ocean?

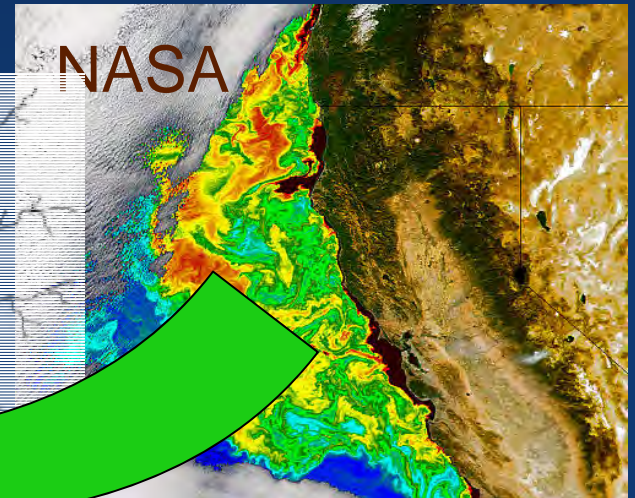
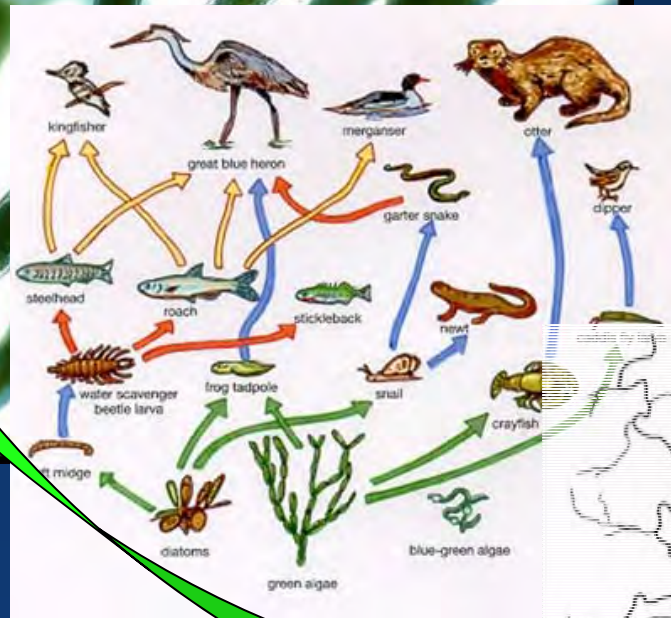
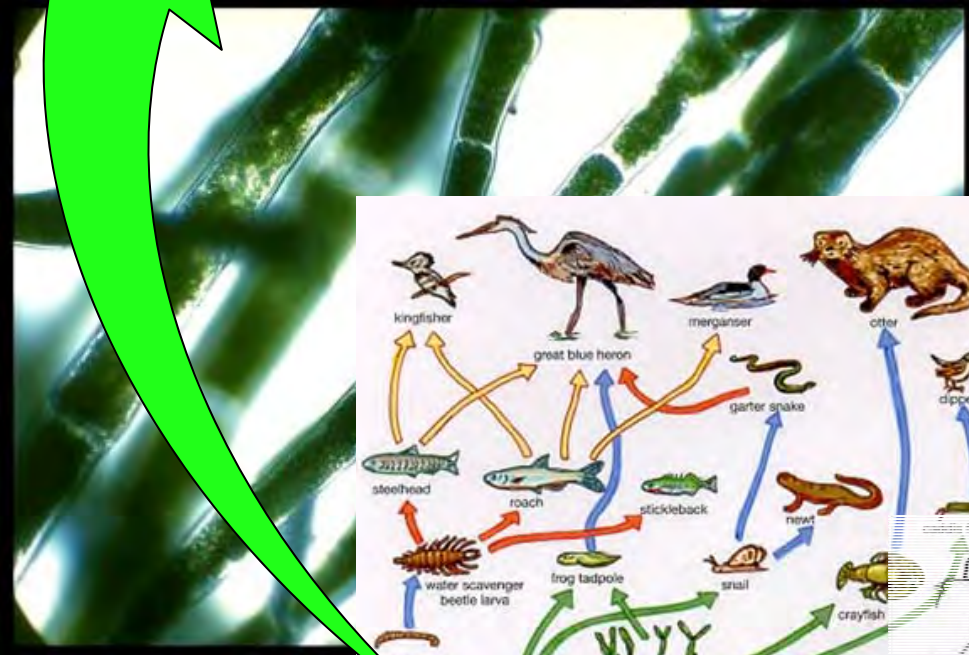
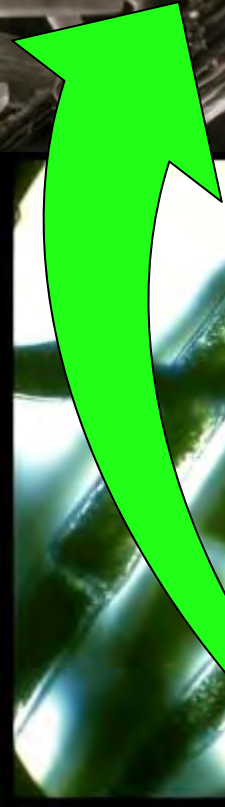
Will the amount and  
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affect algal-  
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What does the Eel deliver to the  
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<http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/oc/eancolor>

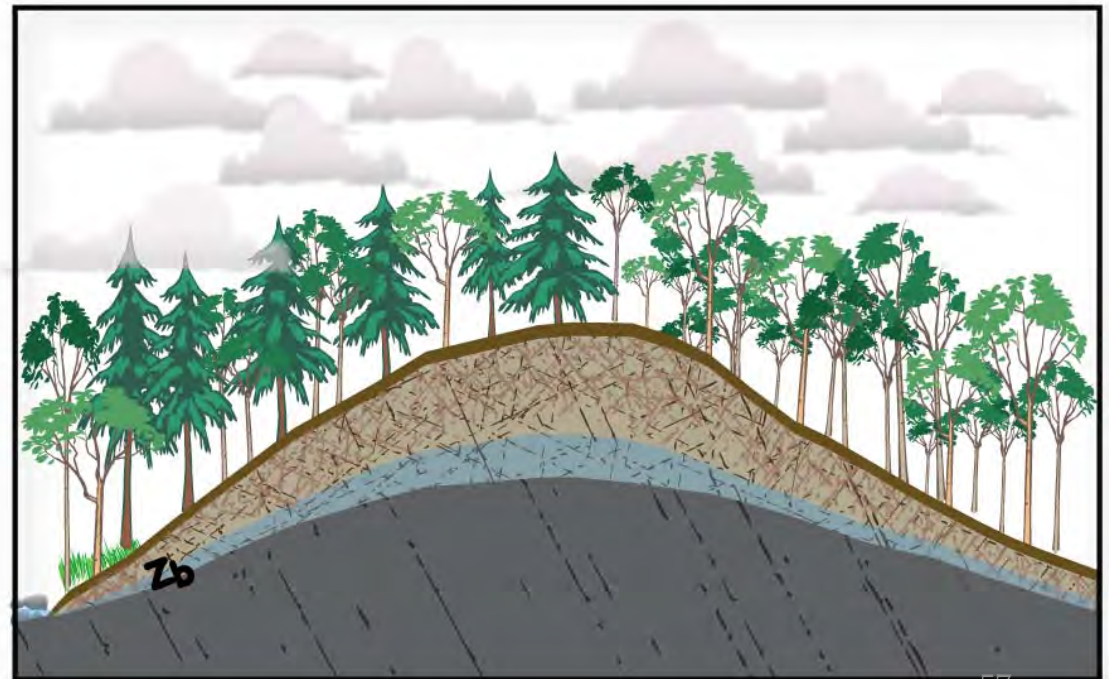
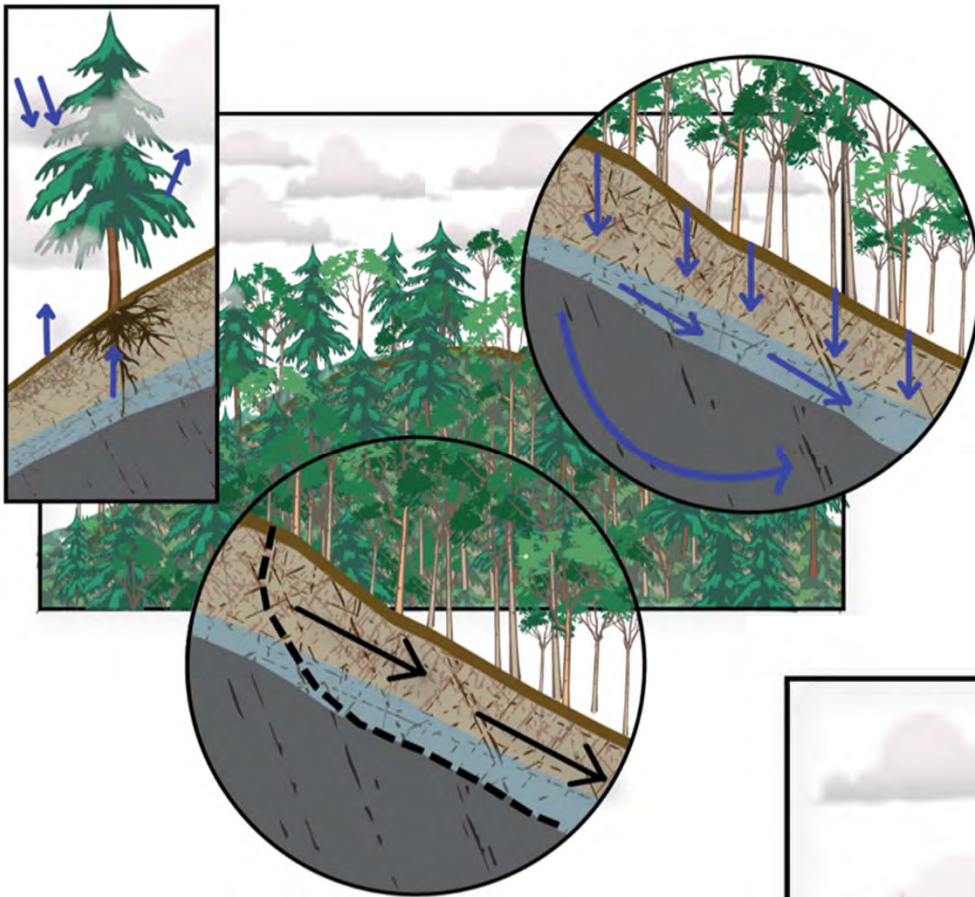


# How much and what type of algae? Linked scales of controls and consequences...





# The hydrologic dynamics of hillslope interiors



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← Thanks Paula!!

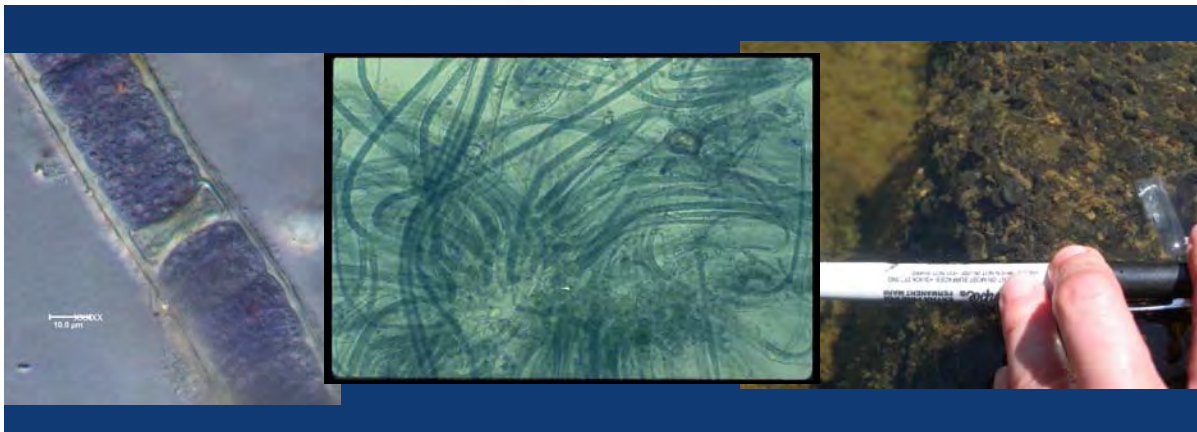
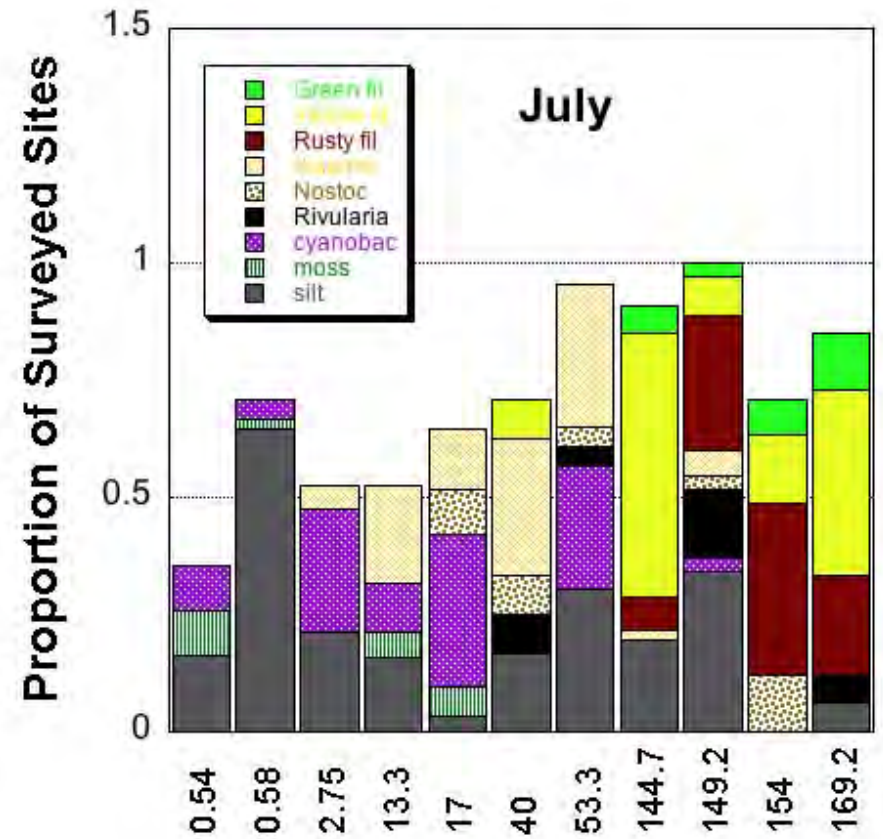
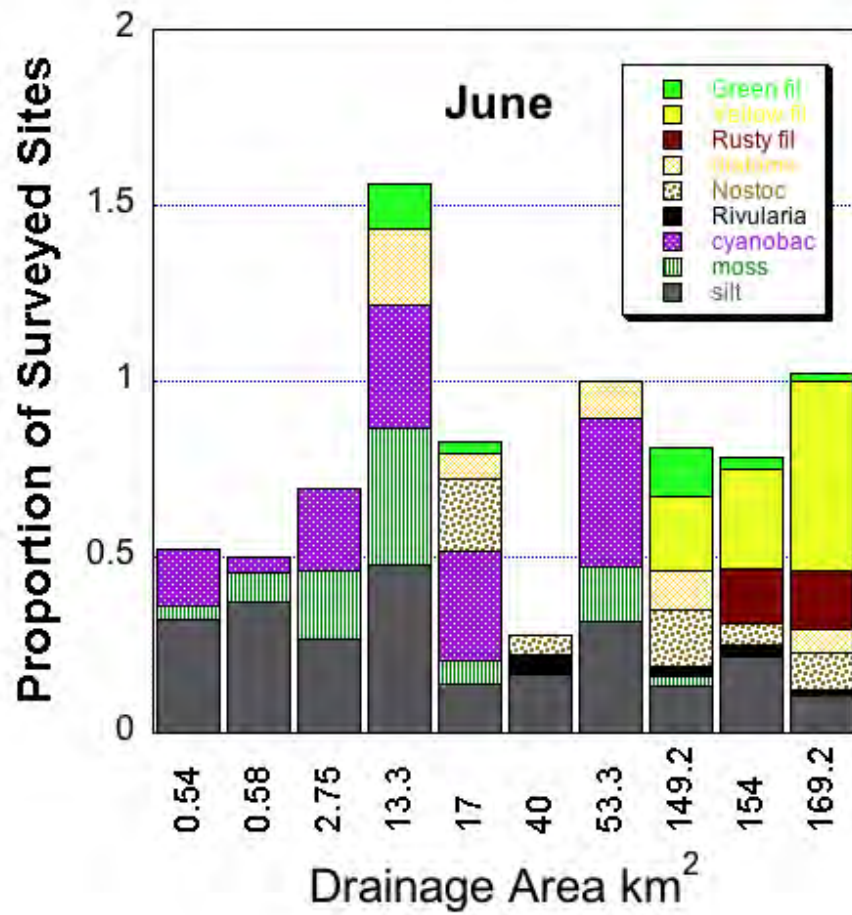
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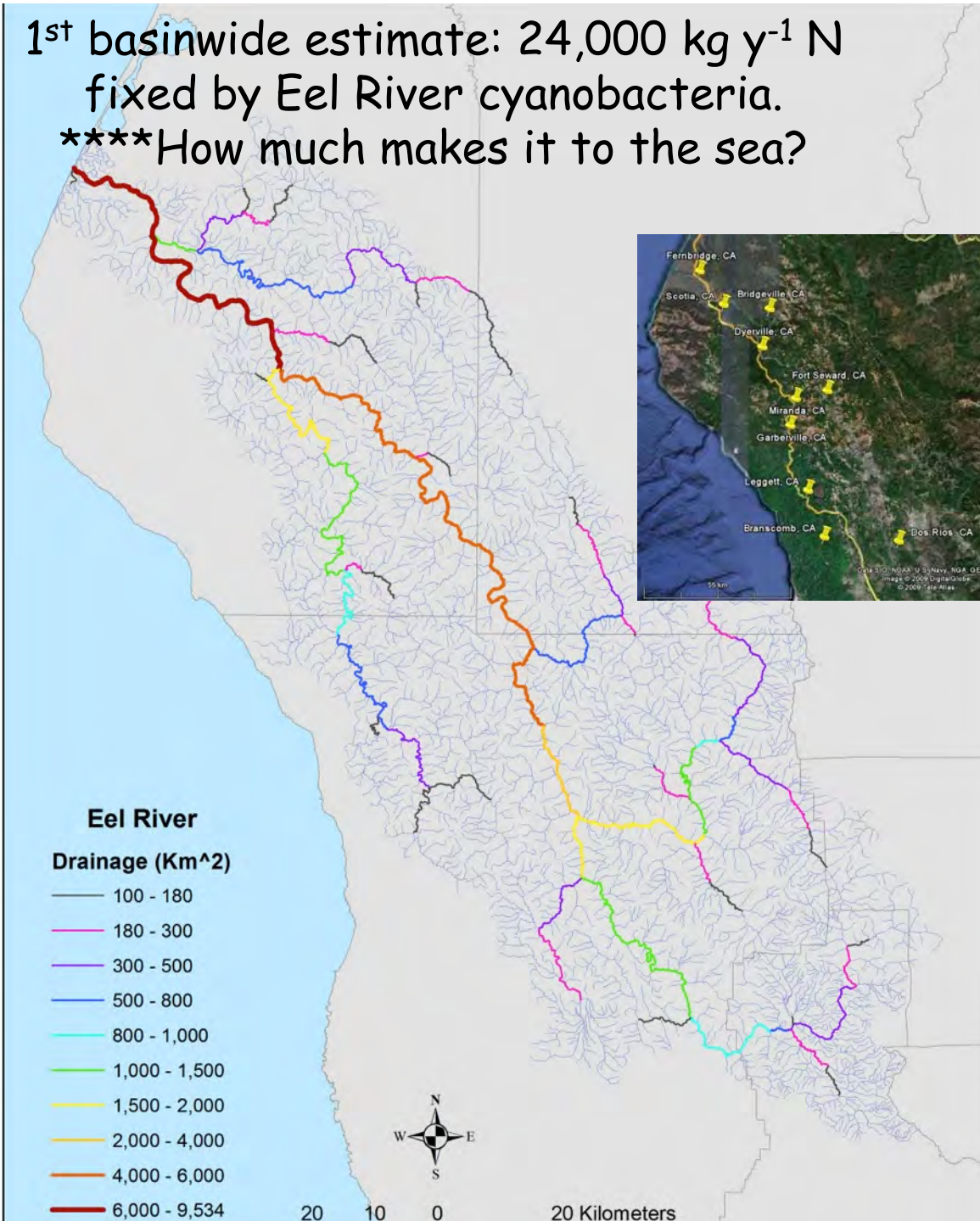
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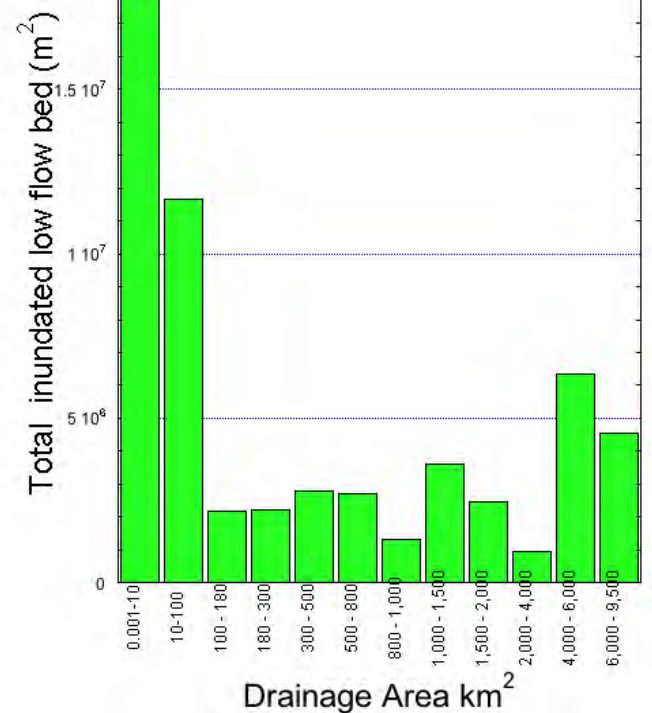
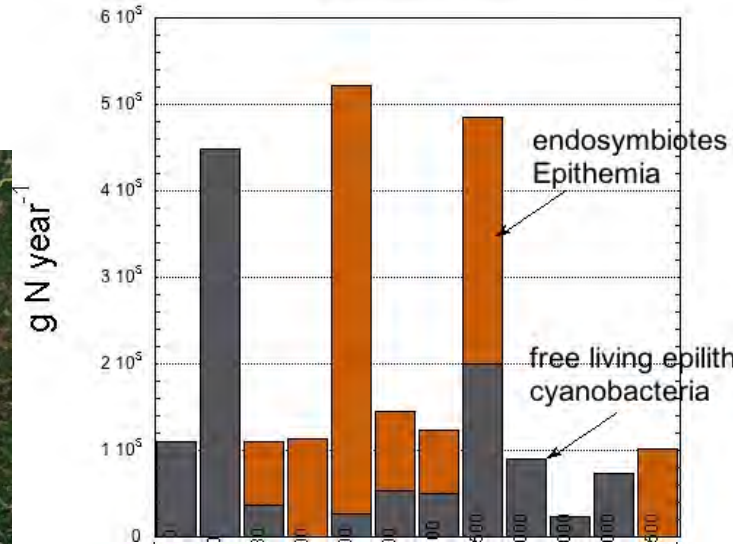




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 \*\*\*\*How much makes it to the sea?

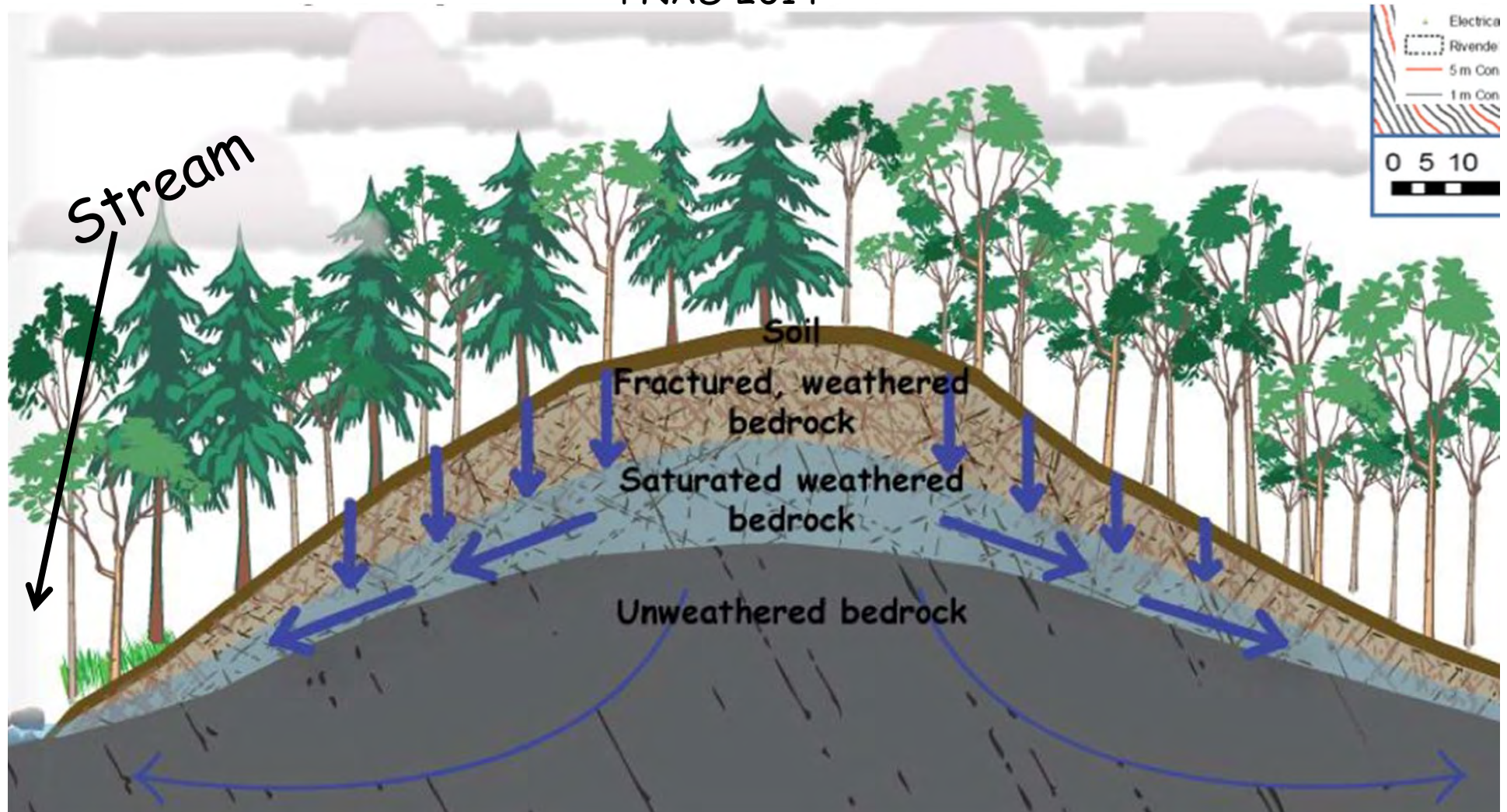


Basinwide nitrogen loaded by cyanobacteria





Daniela Rempe, Bill Dietrich PNAS: a bottom up view of Critical Zone evolution and dynamics  
PNAS 2014





# Extinction or Reconciliation: Alternative Futures for California salmonids



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SRF, April 8, 2016



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32 kinds of salmon and trout in California!



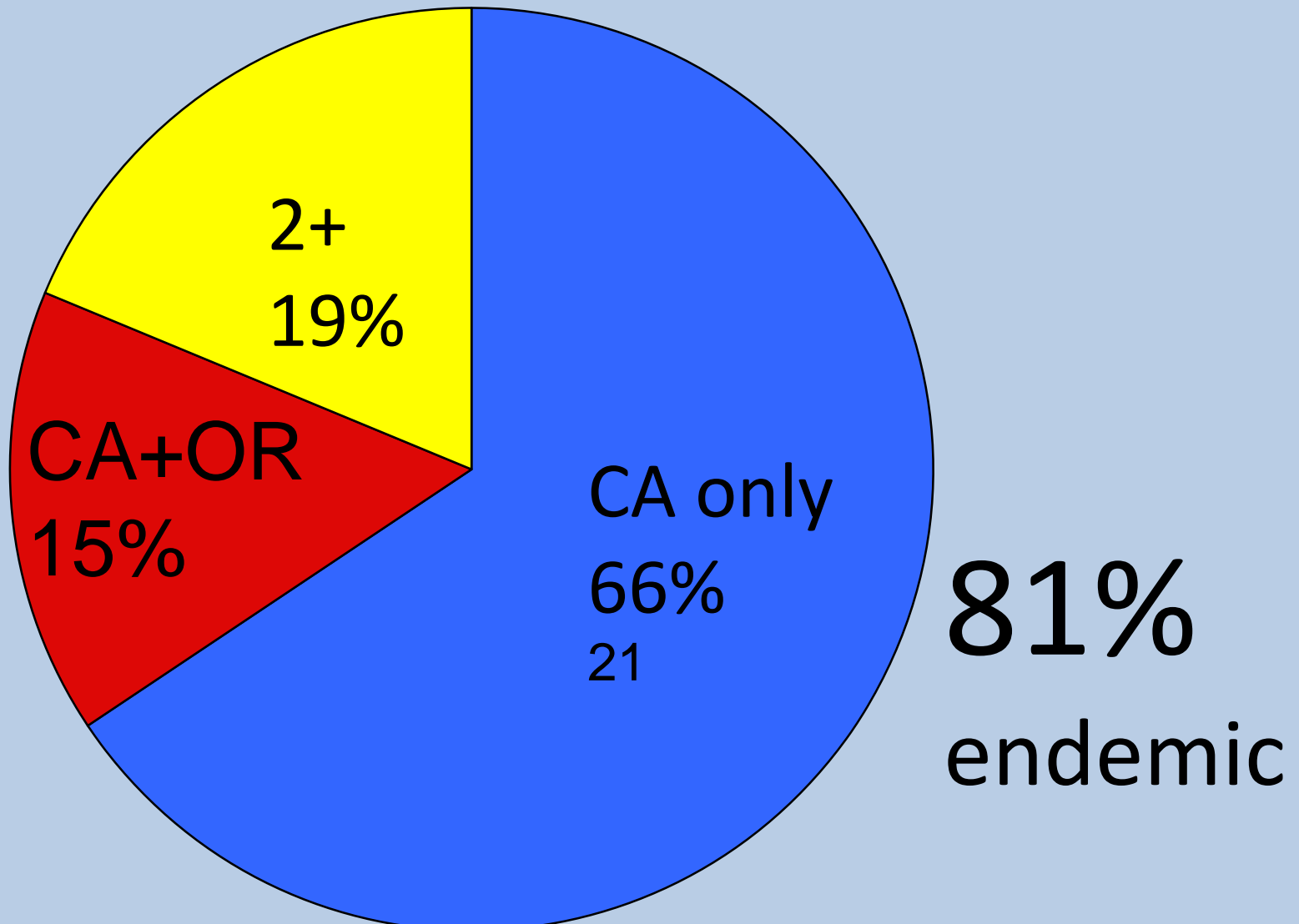




3 golden trout  
3 rainbow/redband trout  
3 cutthroat trout  
12 salmon  
8 steelhead  
bull trout  
mountain whitefish



# Most of California's 32 salmonids are found ONLY in California



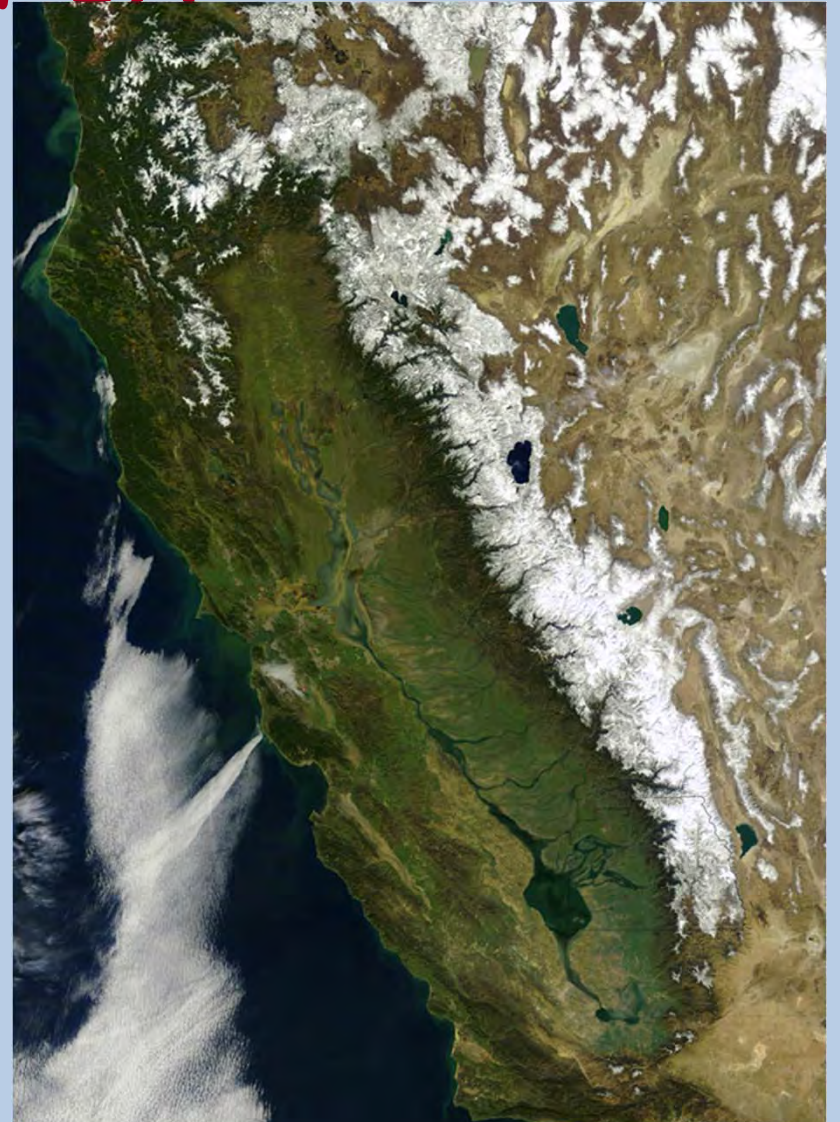




California has southernmost populations of many species



# CV Salmonids adapted to a different CA





# Salmon, Steelhead, and Trout in California

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## *Status of an Emblematic Fauna*

A report commissioned by California Trout, 2008

# November 2008

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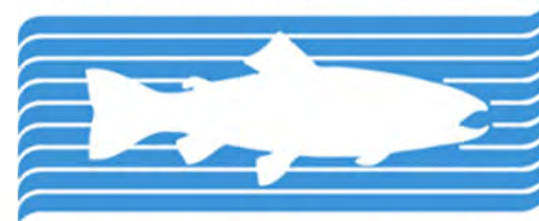


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**CALIFORNIA TROUT**

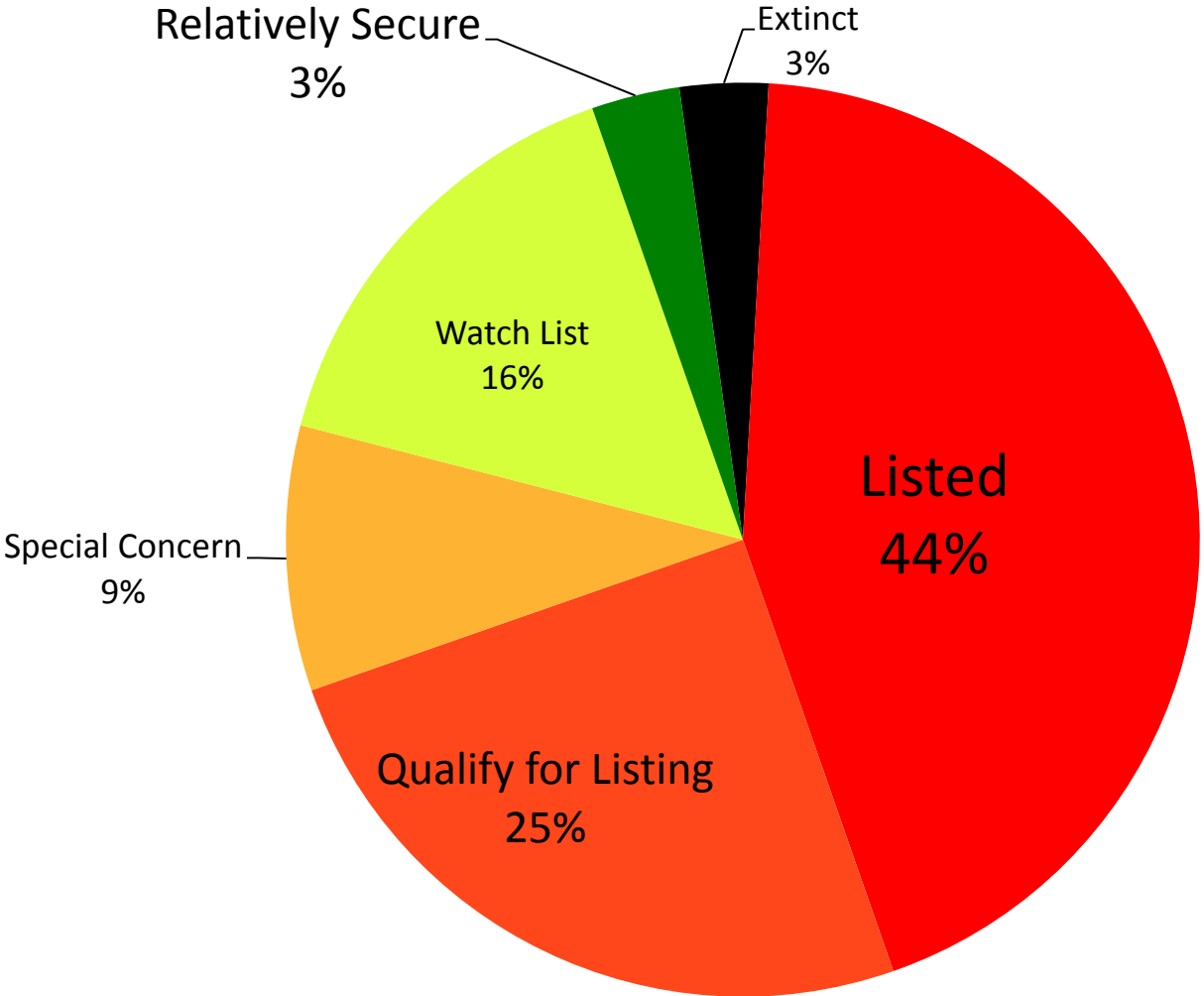


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# STATUS OF CALIFORNIA SALMONIDS, N = 32

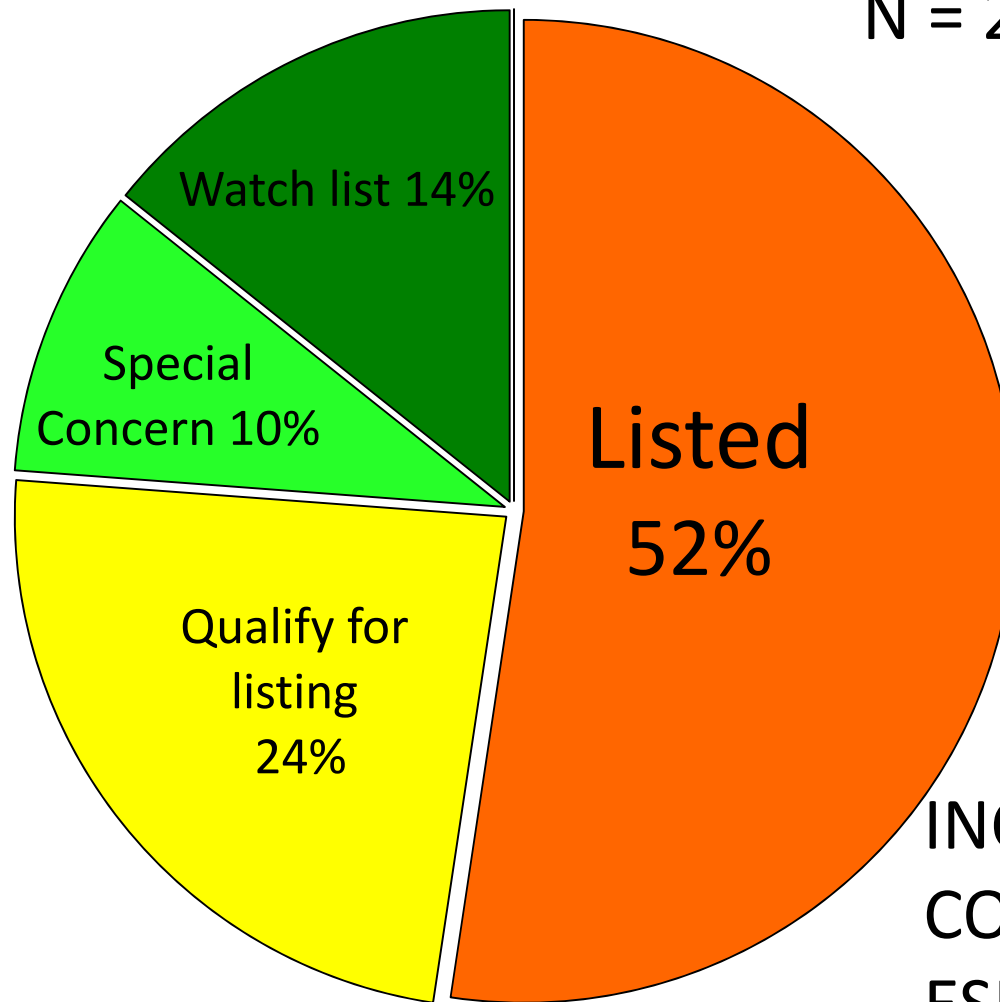
Anadromous 21, Non-anadromous 11





# ANADROMOUS CA SALMONIDS

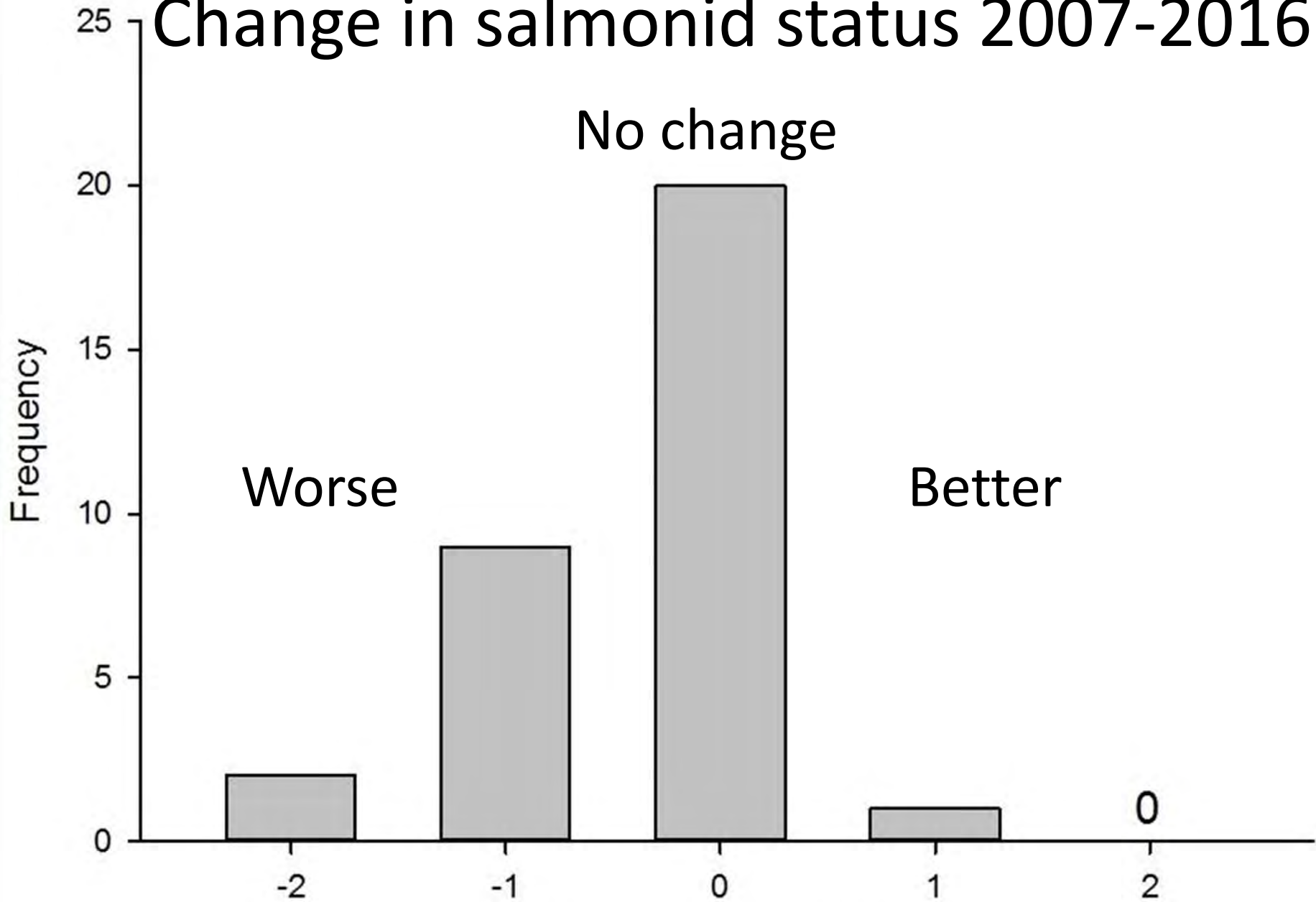
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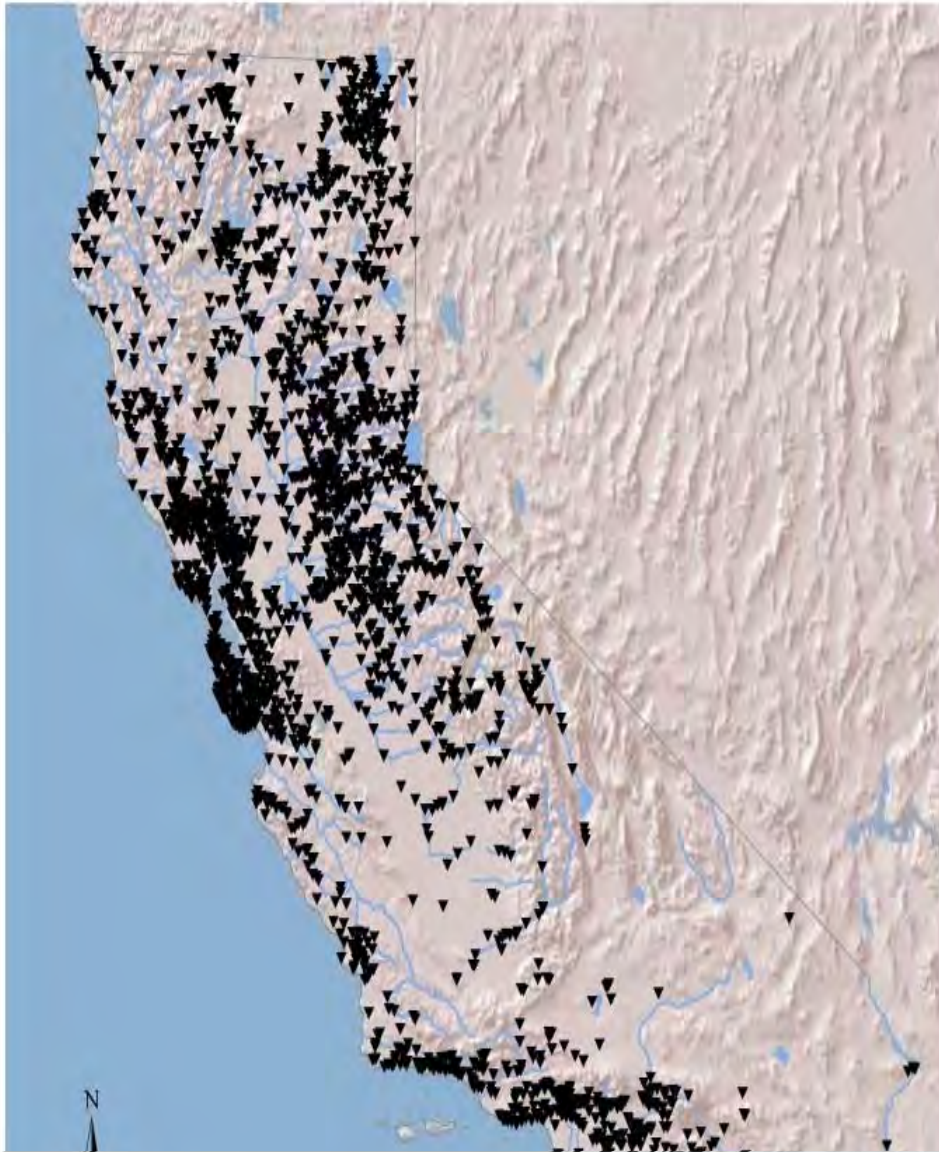
INCLUDES BOTH  
COHO SALMON  
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# Change in salmonid status 2007-2016







Competition for water

**1440**

'large' dams  
(1.8+ m)

**753** potentially  
harming fish

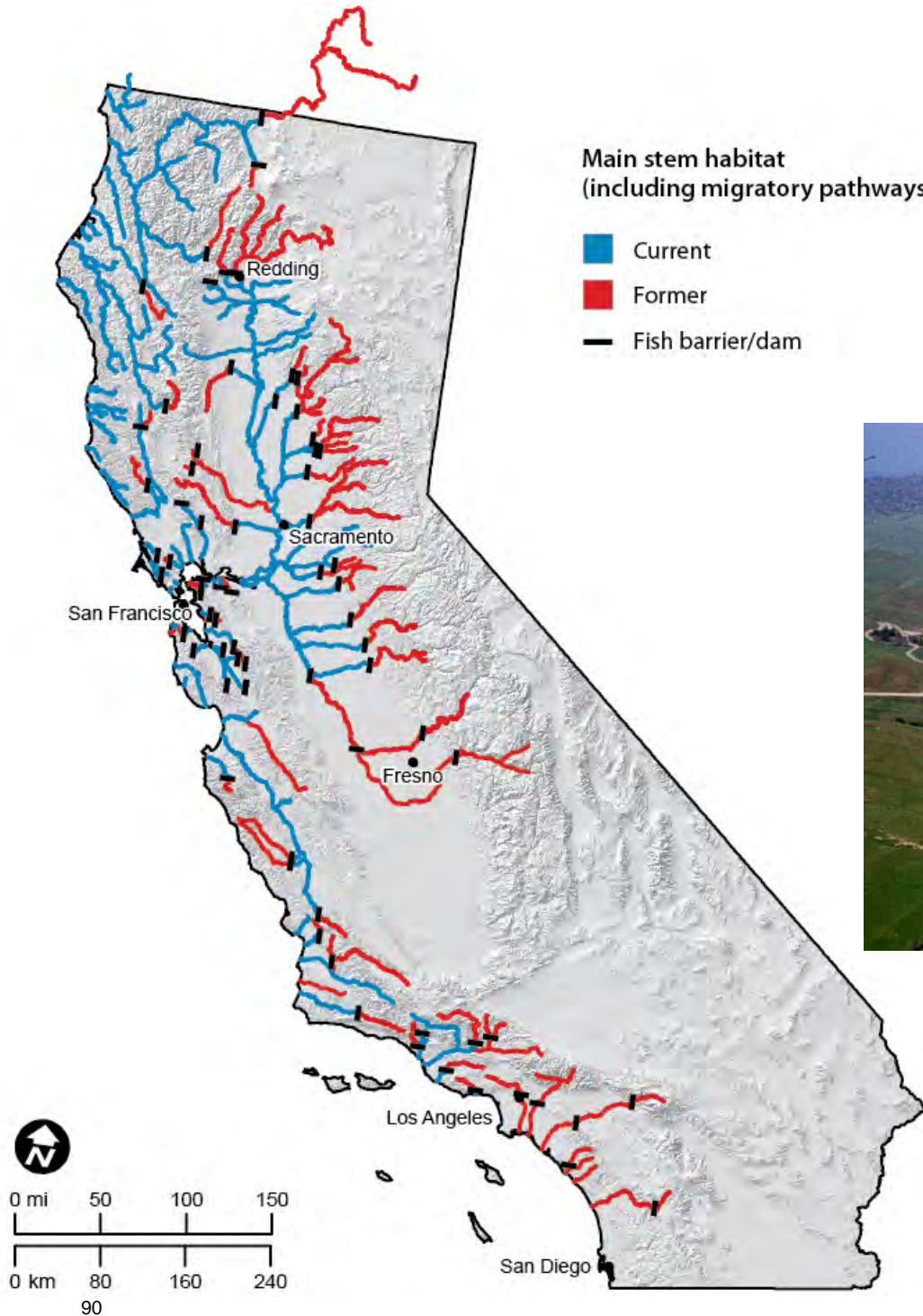
250 more than 20 m  
high

**Grantham et al. 2014**

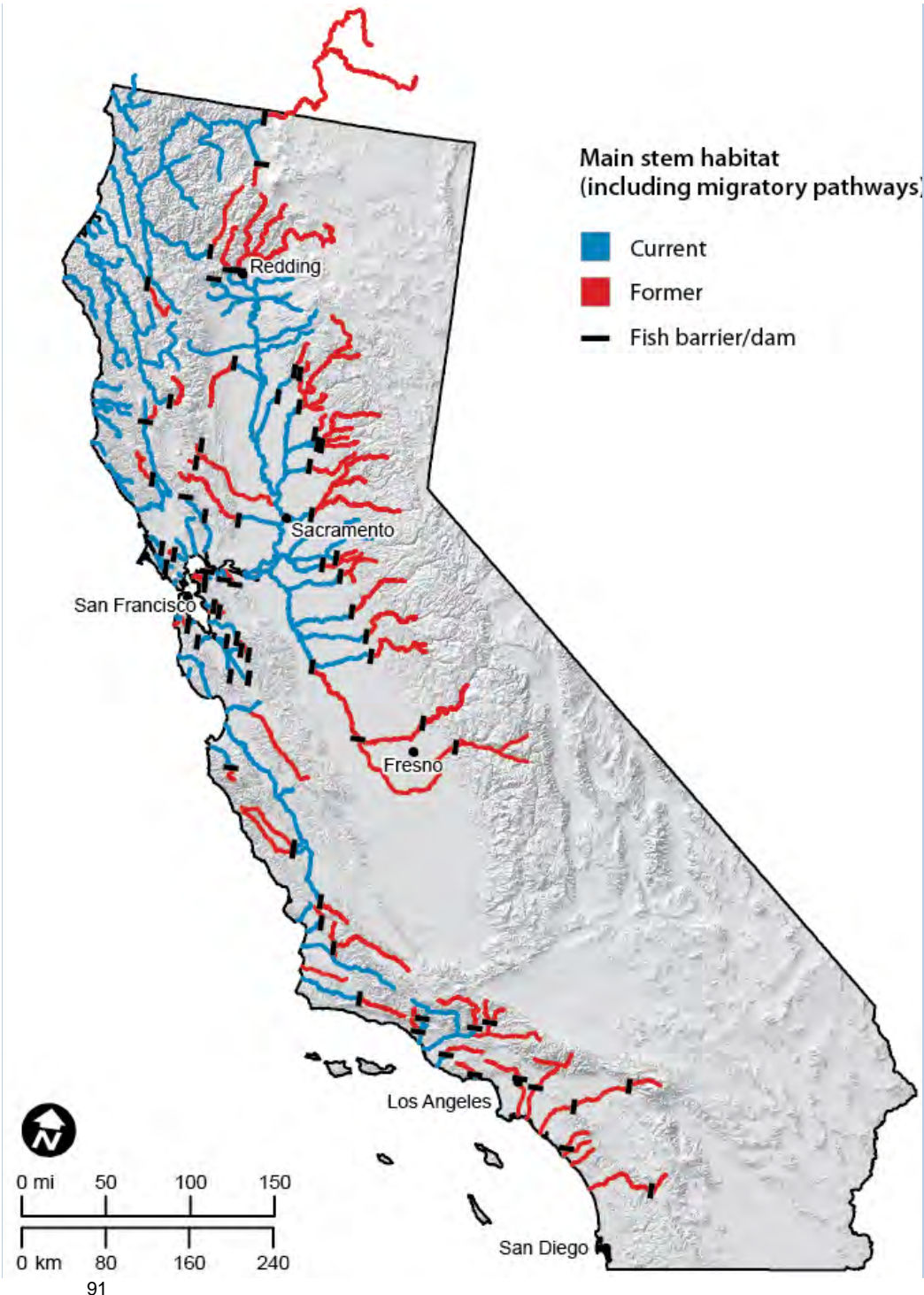


# SALMON & STEELHEAD:

# 70% of habitat lost







## Other factors

Climate change

Land use

Diversions

Hatchery practices

Contaminants

Alien species

Disease

Etc...

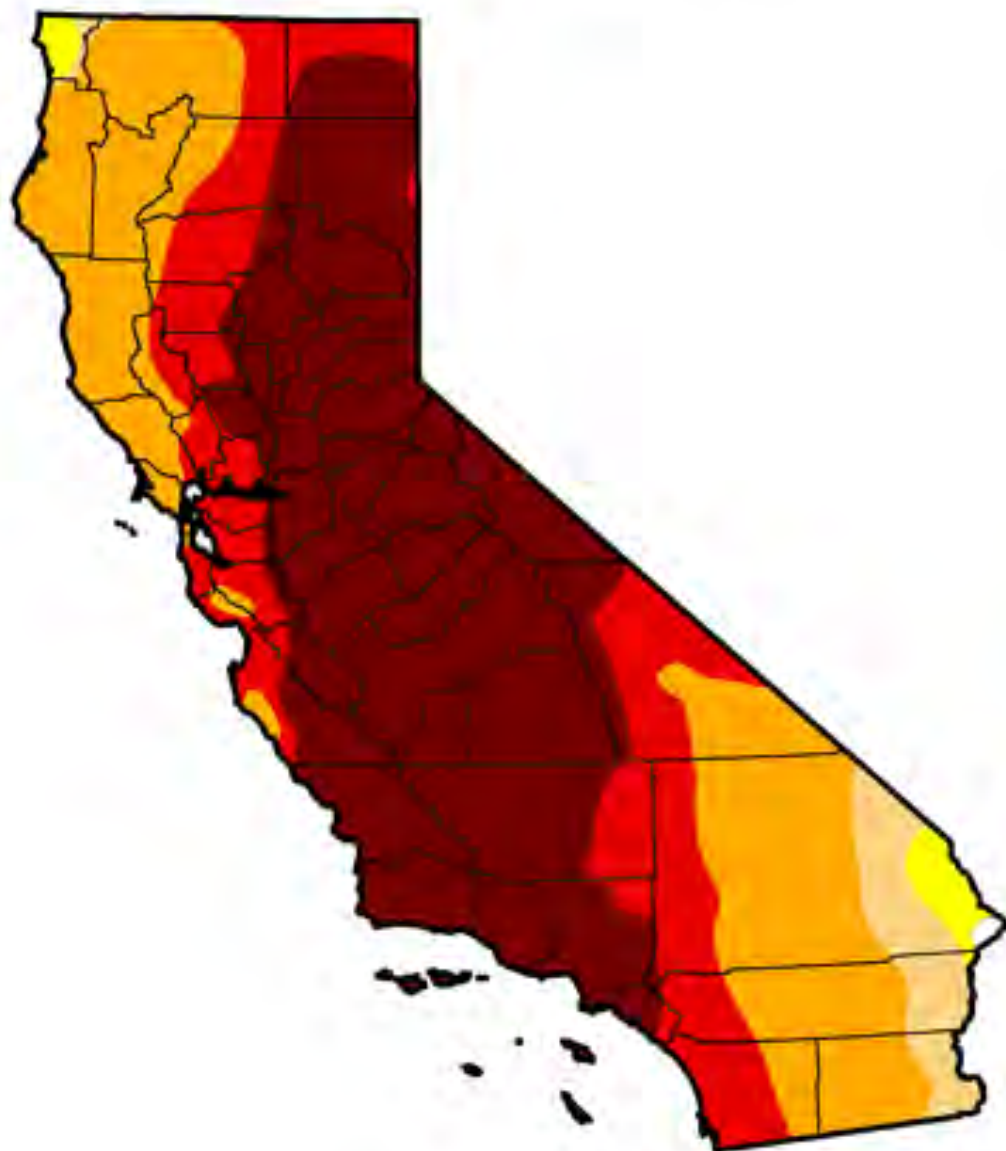


# U.S. Drought Monitor California

**May 5, 2015**

*(Released Thursday, May. 7, 2015)*

**Valid 7 a.m. EST**



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.14	99.86	98.28	93.91	66.60	46.77
<b>Last Week</b> 4/28/2015	0.14	99.86	98.11	93.44	66.60	46.77
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/3/2015	0.16	99.84	98.13	93.57	77.46	39.99
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/31/2014	0.00	100.00	98.12	94.34	77.94	32.21
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/30/2014	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.04	81.92	58.41
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/6/2014	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.93	76.68	24.77

***Intensity:***

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

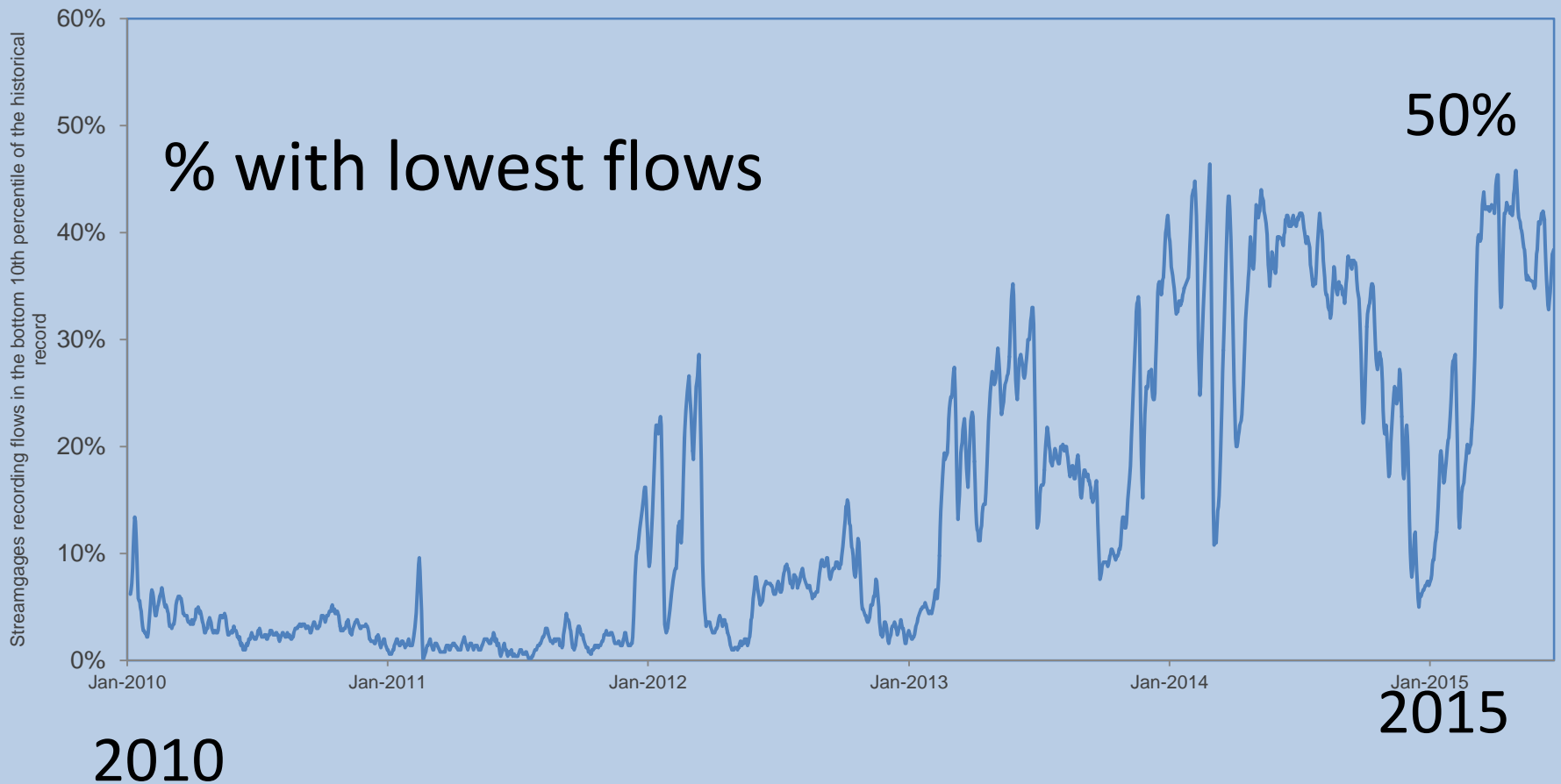
*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

**Author:**  
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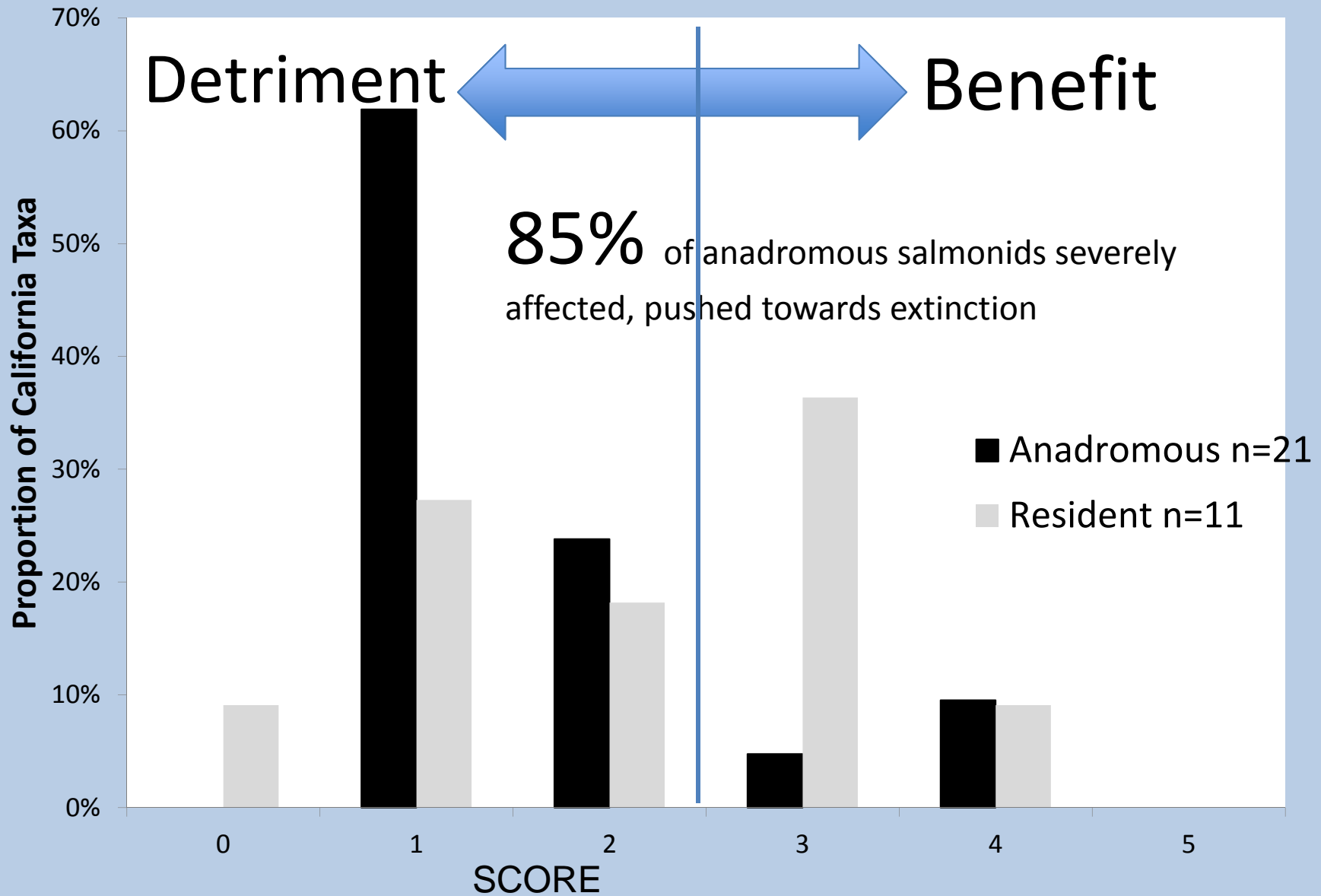




**40+% CA stream gages recording flows in lowest 10% of historic flows (PPIC 2015)**



# Climate change effects: salmonids





# EXTINCTION HAPPENS !

Bull trout, *Salvelinus confluentus*

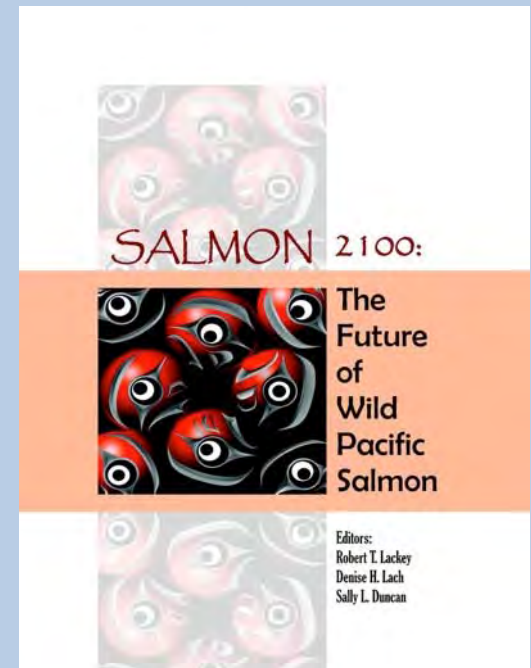


2<sup>ND</sup> TO LAST BULL TROUT  
CAUGHT, 1975

# What should we do?

“Most experts concluded that by 2100 wild salmon in the Central Valley will be extirpated or minimally abundant if current trends continue.”

Franks and Lackey 2015, OSU



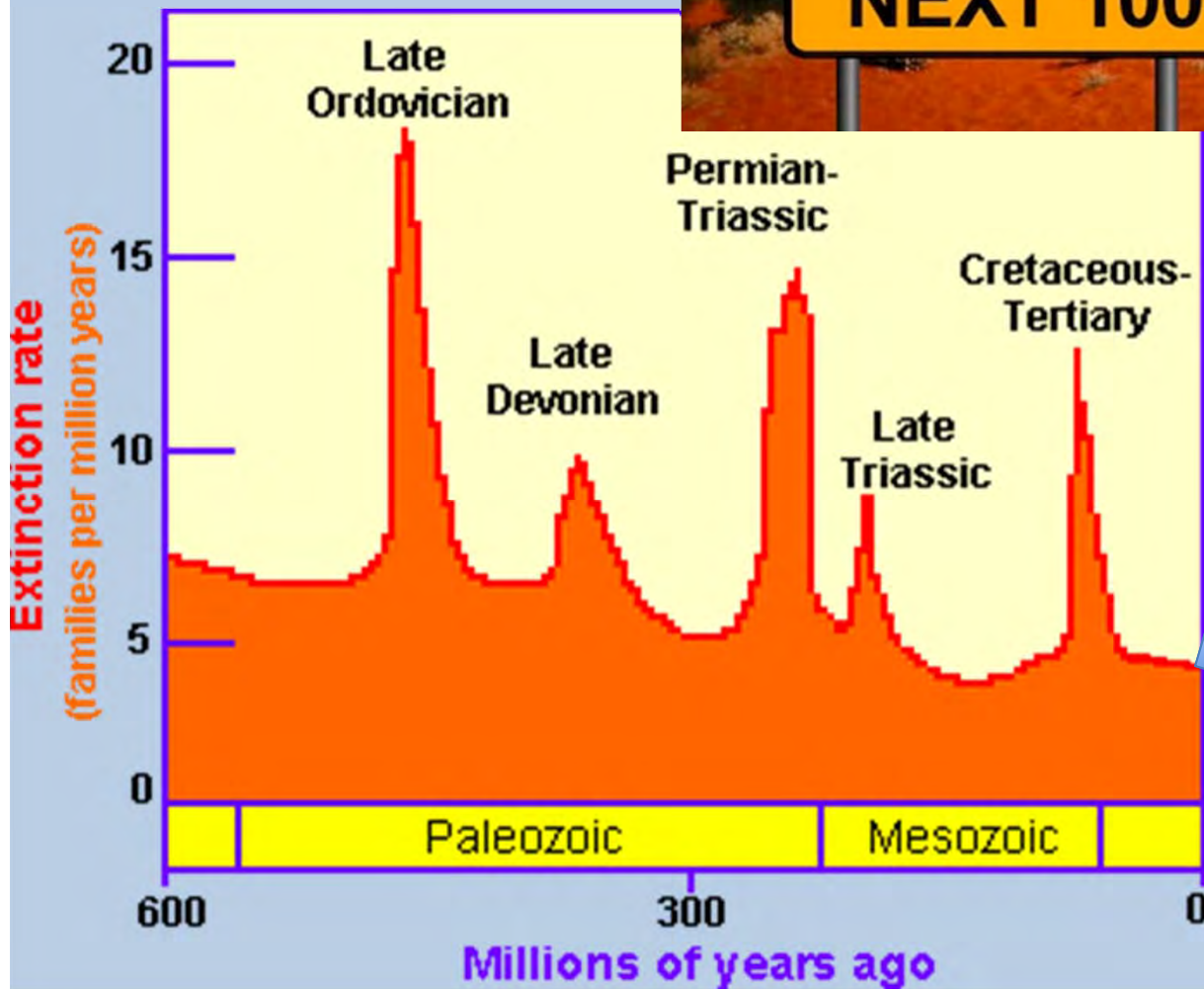
Forecasting the Most Likely Status of Wild Salmon in the California Central Valley in 2100



# Extinction vs. Reconciliation



Alan Harthorne Friends of Butte Creek



Sixth  
Mass  
Extinction  
Starting



# Extinction

- What is it?
- How is it declared?
- How should it be determined?
  - A proposal.



# What is extinction?

1. Conservation reliance
2. Regional extinction
3. Extinct in native range
4. Extinct in the wild
5. Visual extinction
6. Complete (global) extinction





# Regional Extinction

- Species that are still extant, but extinct (extirpated) from a geographically defined part of range.



BULL TROUT

# Conservation reliant species

- Species that depend on continuous human intervention to sustain populations.
- Extinct without human help.



Winter run Chinook salmon



# Extinct in Wild

- A species that is entirely maintained by captive populations with no self-sustaining presence in natural environment. Extreme conservation reliance.

Eagle Lake  
rainbow trout  
(more later)



## Extinct in native range

- Still extant as wild populations but absent from native range; all populations the result of introductions outside native range.



Sacramento perch



# Visually extinct species

- Species so rare no one sees them any more; unverified extinction.



IUCN (1994): a species is extinct “when there is no reasonable doubt the last individual has died.”

# Global (absolute) extinction

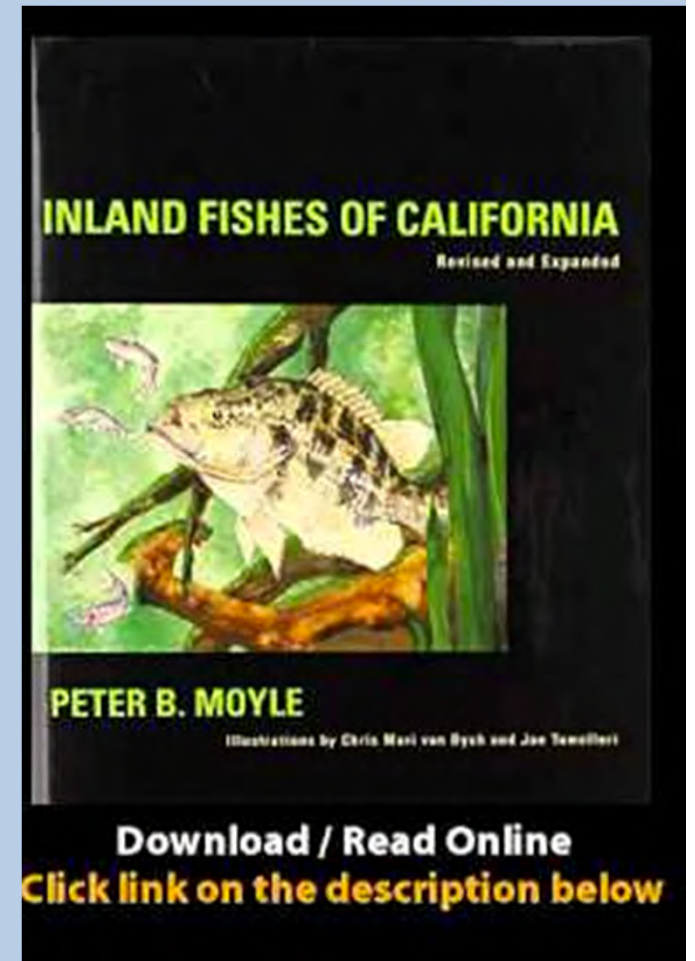
- A species which is no longer present in wild or in captive populations on planet Earth.





# How is extinction be determined?

- No widely accepted criteria
- Consensus of experts
- Reported in literature
  - Inland Fishes of California
  
- IUCN: 50 years of no detection
- USFWS (informal): 20 years

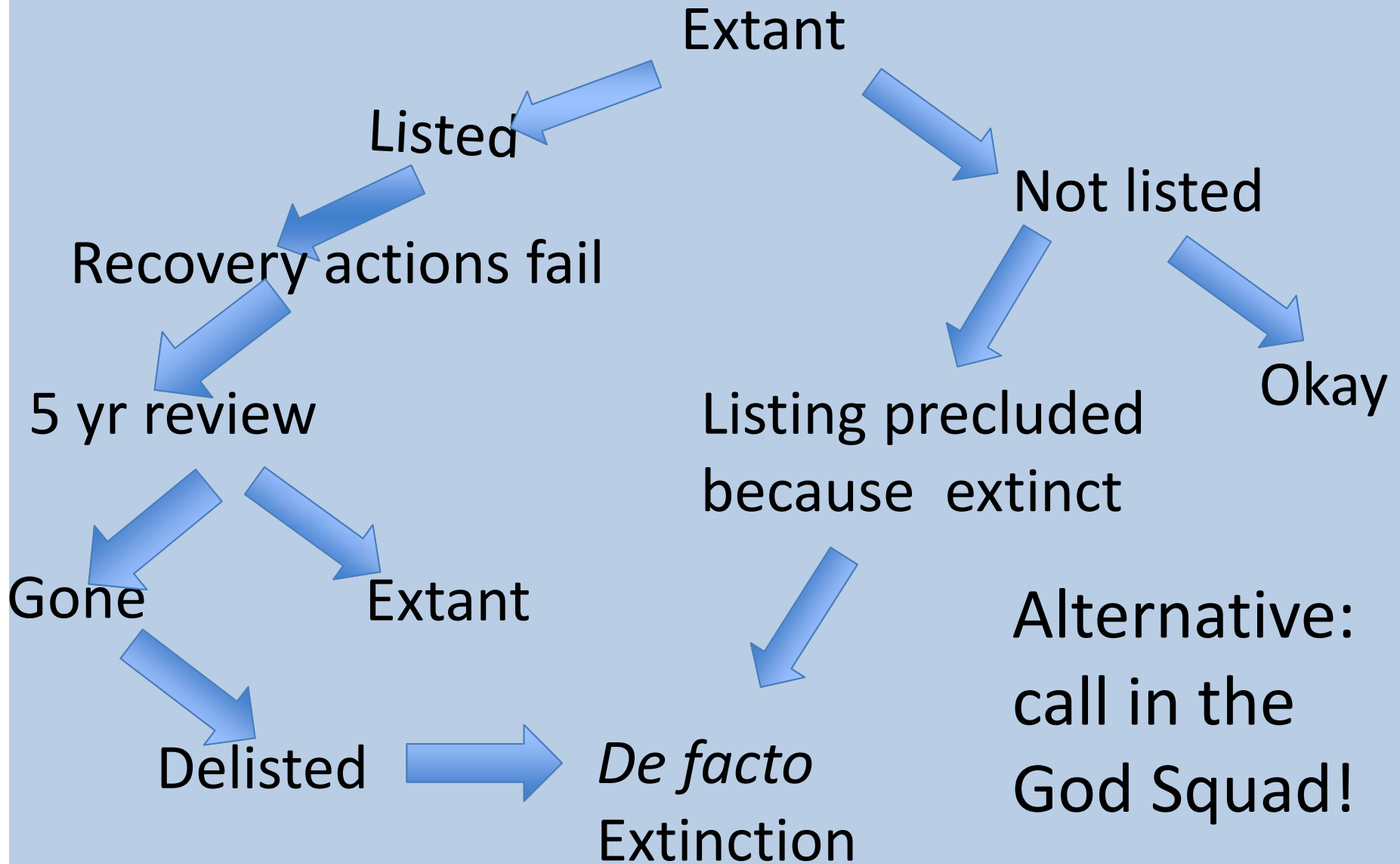


# How is global extinction determined officially?

1. Species listed under state and federal ESAs
2. Recovery actions fail
3. 5 year review: determined not to be extant
4. Delisted (de facto extinction)
5. Feds: Director of USFWS approves decision
6. State: CDFW petitions Fish and Game Commission



# How extinction is declared



# How should extinction be determined?

## A **proposal** for fish in CA

1. Take all recovery actions
  1. Including extreme measures
  2. Until they fail
2. Determine absence from routine surveys
3. Do intensive surveys in likely & unlikely places
4. Go back to routine surveys for x generations
5. Determine likelihood it is still extant
6. Present findings to Multiagency Committee
7. Committee makes recommendation to director of CDFG or Fish and Game Commission
8. Governor declares extinction



# 1. Take all recovery actions ordinary and extraordinary



Sacramento winter run  
Chinook salmon

## 2. Absence from routine surveys

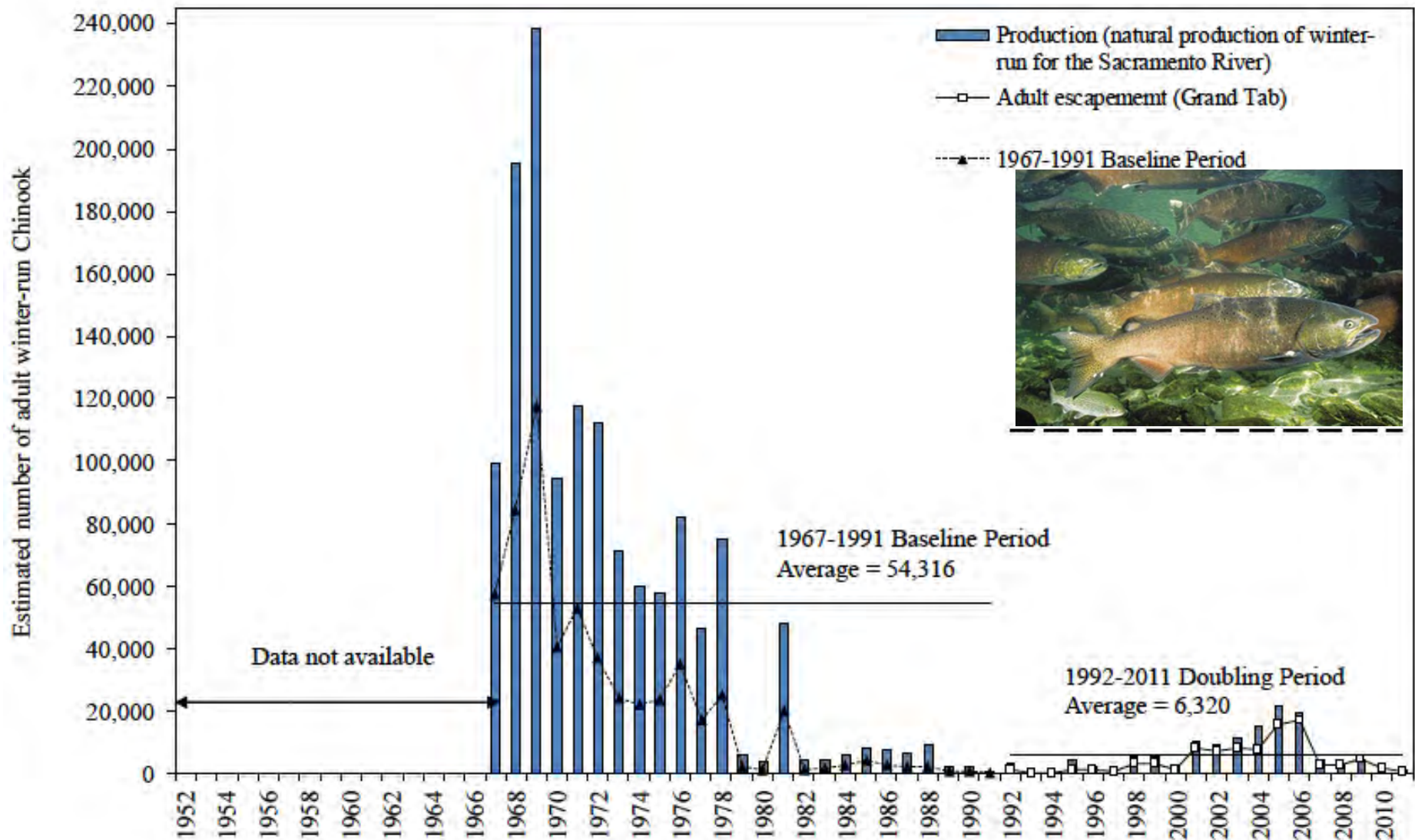


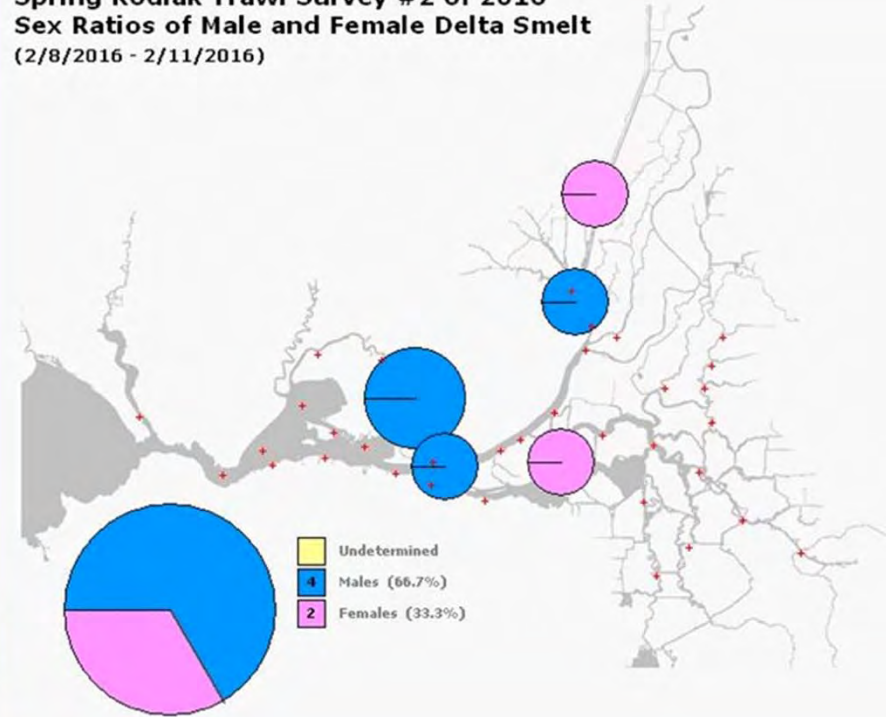
Figure 8. Estimated yearly adult natural production, and in river adult escapements for above RBDD mainstem Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon. 1992 - 2011 numbers are from CDFG Grand Tab (Apr 24, 2012). 1967-1991 Baseline Period numbers are from Mills and Fisher (CDFG, 1994).



# 3. Intensive surveys in likely and unlikely places



Spring Kodiak Trawl Survey #2 of 2016  
Sex Ratios of Male and Female Delta Smelt  
(2/8/2016 - 2/11/2016)



Make a determined effort to find extant population

## 4. Go back to routine surveys for $x$ generations

- Generation time 1-5 years = 10 generations
- Generation time 5+ years = 5 generations
- Isolated or small habitats = 1 generation/year

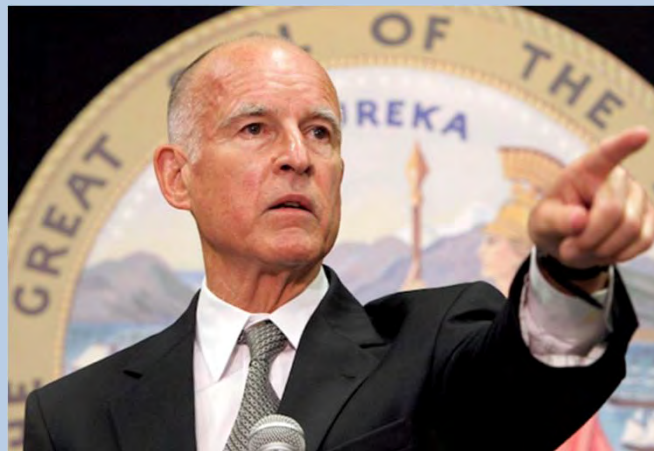


Coho salmon = 30 years



# Declare Extinction

5. Determine species is extinct  
experts, modeling etc.
6. Present findings to Multiagency Committee
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# Reconciliation Ecology

An alternative to extinction

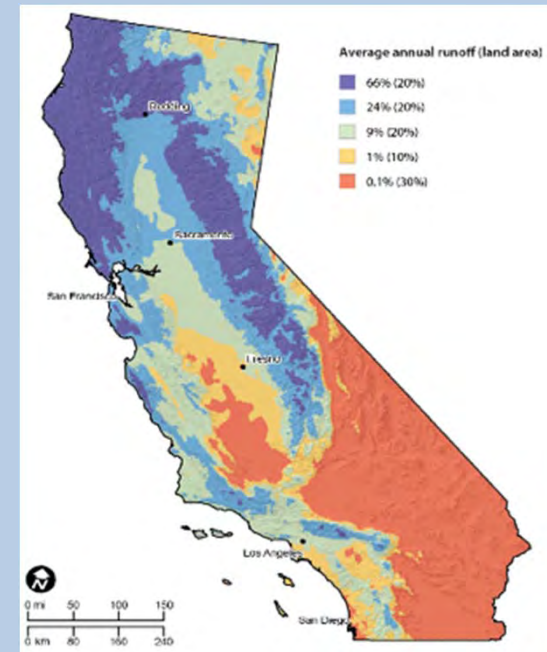
- Most ecosystems are *novel ecosystems*
  - Alien species & altered habitats
  - Human dominated
- R.E. = Incorporate conservation into human dominated ecosystems





# Reconciliation: Statewide strategy

- GOALS:
- A home for every species
  - All life history stages
- Best examples of all major habitats
- All streams =living streams
  - Natural hydrographs
- Drought preparedness
  - Plans for every species

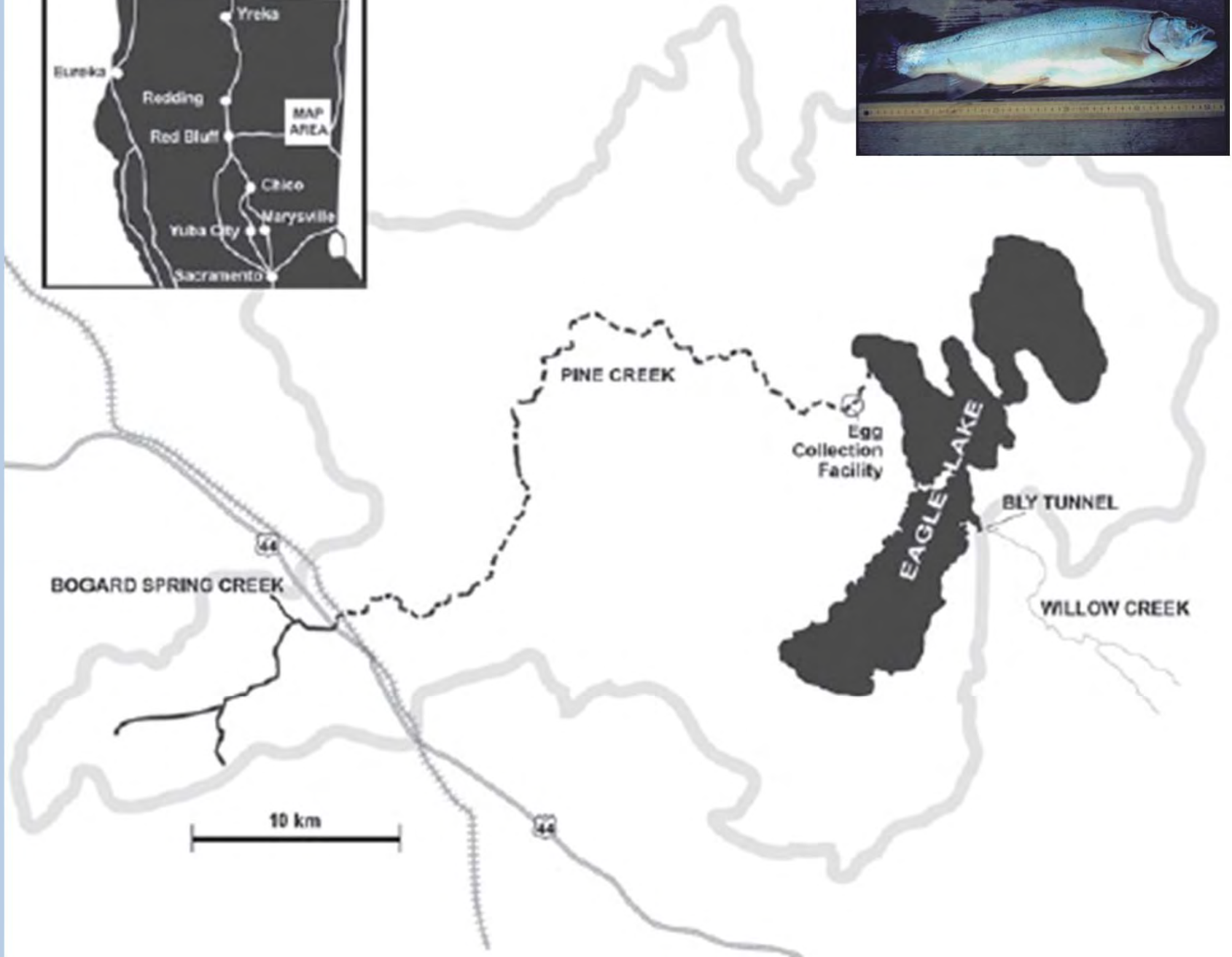


A home for every species:  
Eagle Lake rainbow trout



Eagle Lake, Lassen County







Historic spawning & rearing grounds  
of Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout



# BEST EXAMPLES of major habitats Blue Creek



# Yurok Tribal Salmon Sanctuary



THE YUROK TRIBE



WESTERN RIVERS  
CONSERVANCY

# Shasta River : Spring-fed Streams

Cold + high productivity

Resistant to climate change





# All streams = living streams





# Environmental Flows Below Dams

Environmental flows first, then flows for direct human use



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# LOWER PUTAH CREEK

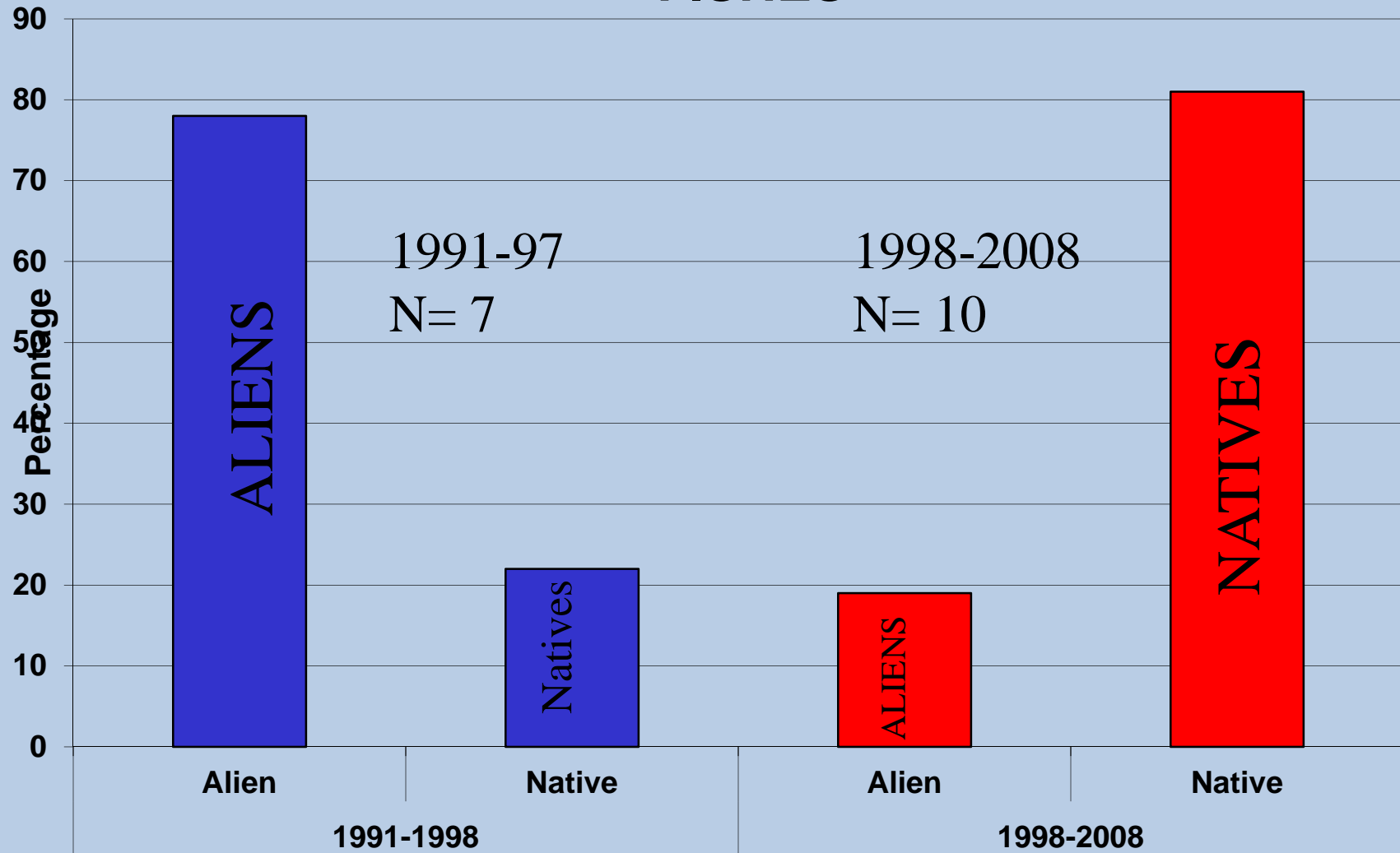
- Regulated by dams
- 30km Riparian “shred”
- Novel Ecosystem
- Model for reconciled aquatic/riparian ecosystems







# MANAGING THE FLOW REGIME FOR NATIVE FISHES



BEFORE

AFTER



Chinook salmon spawning, December 2013  
Photo by Ken Davis



# Re-connect Floodplains

The missing part of salmon habitats.





Salmon can thrive in rice fields in winter

Jacob Katz 9 AM Saturday





## Native Fish Rescue Facilities

- “Emergency rooms” for fish
  - Drought
- Proposed Rio Vista facility for Delta fishes
- “Re-purposing” trout hatcheries
  - e.g., Mt Shasta Hatchery
- Ponds and other facilities statewide



**REMEMBER: ONLY *YOU* CAN  
PREVENT FISH EXTINCTIONS!**





Questions?