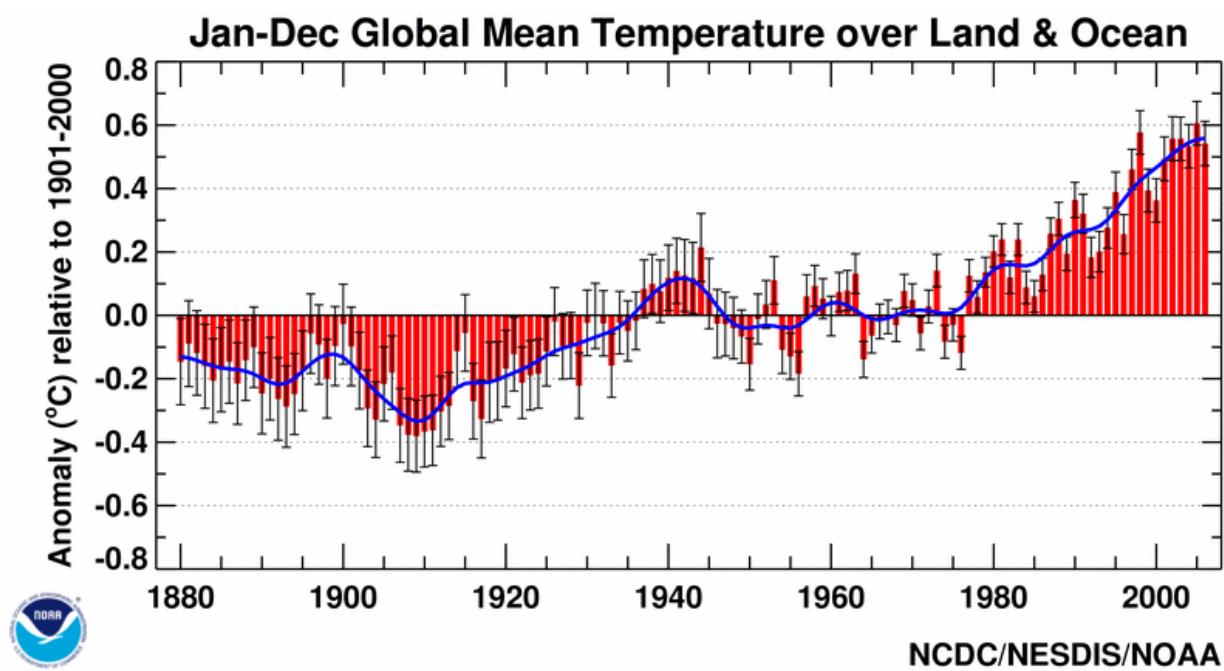


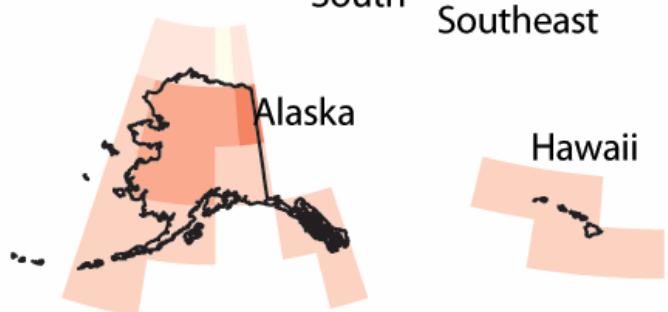
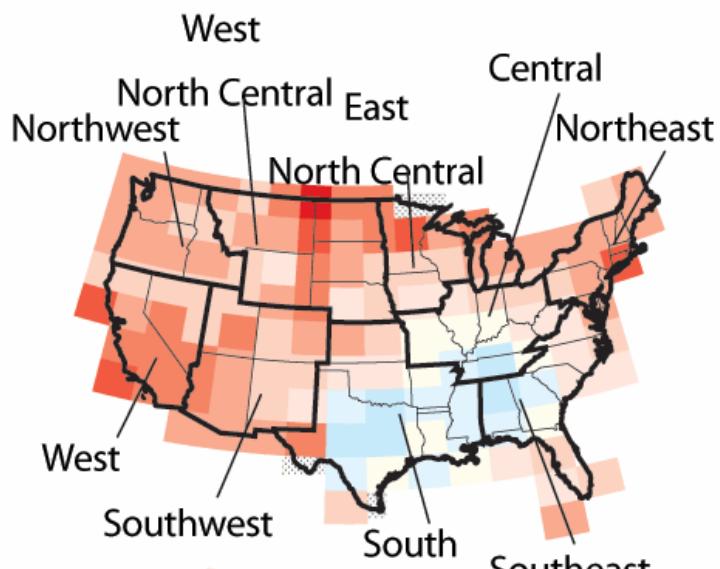
# California Salmon in a Changing Climate

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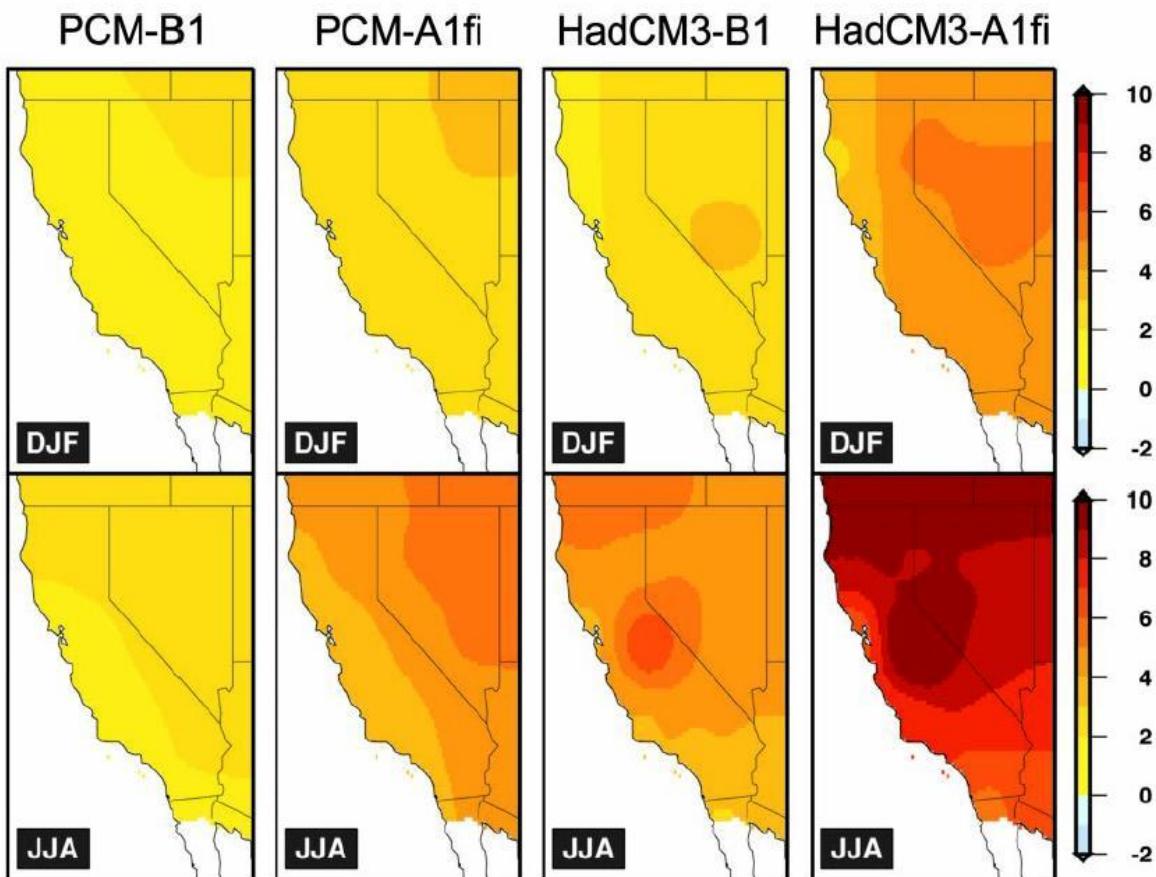


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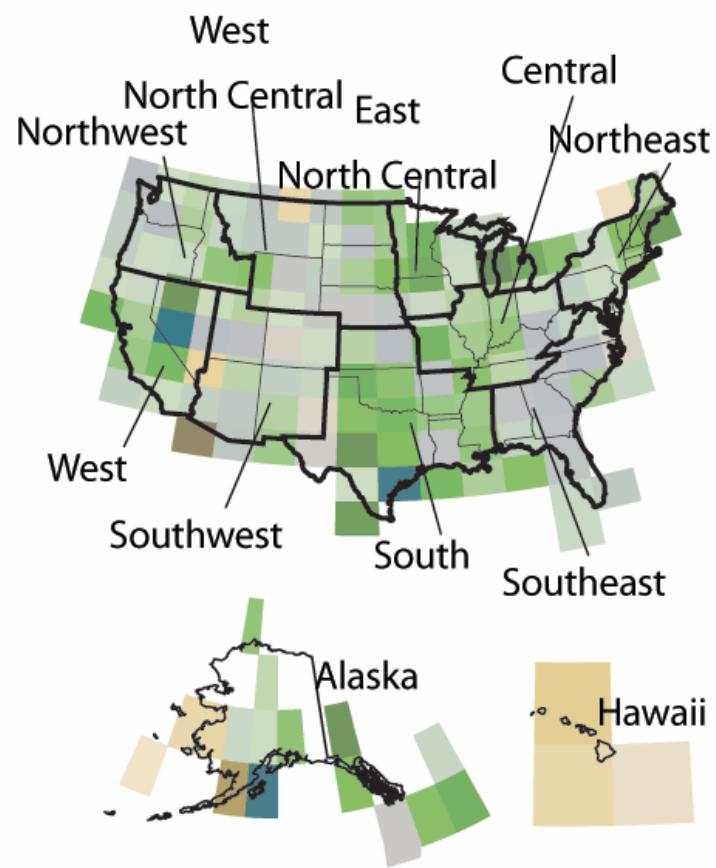
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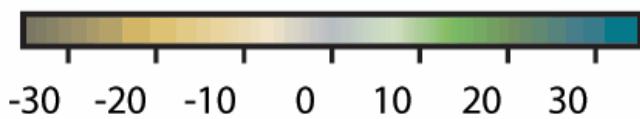


**Fig. 1.** Downscaled winter (DJF) and summer (JJA) temperature change ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for 2070–2099, relative to 1961–1990 for a  $1/8^{\circ}$  grid. Statewide, SRES B1 to A1fi winter temperature projections for the end of the century are  $2.2\text{--}3^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $2.3\text{--}4^{\circ}\text{C}$  for PCM and HadCM3, respectively, compared with previous projections of  $1.2\text{--}2.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $3\text{--}3.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  for PCM and HadCM2, respectively. End-of-century B1 to A1fi summer temperature projections are  $2.2\text{--}4^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $4.6\text{--}8.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  for PCM and HadCM3, respectively, compared with previous projections of  $1.3\text{--}3^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $3\text{--}4^{\circ}\text{C}$  for PCM and HadCM2, respectively (11–14).

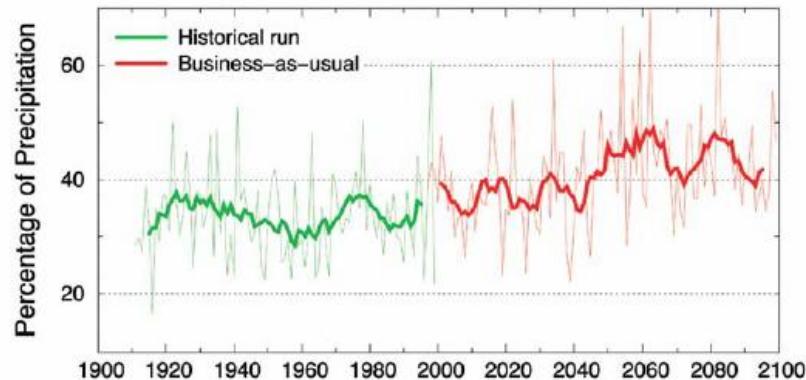
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Change in precipitation (% per century):



**MERCED RIVER RESPONSES TO PCM-SIMULATED CLIMATES**  
**(a) Rainfall as a Fraction of Total Precipitation**



**(b) Centroid Dates of Snowmelt**

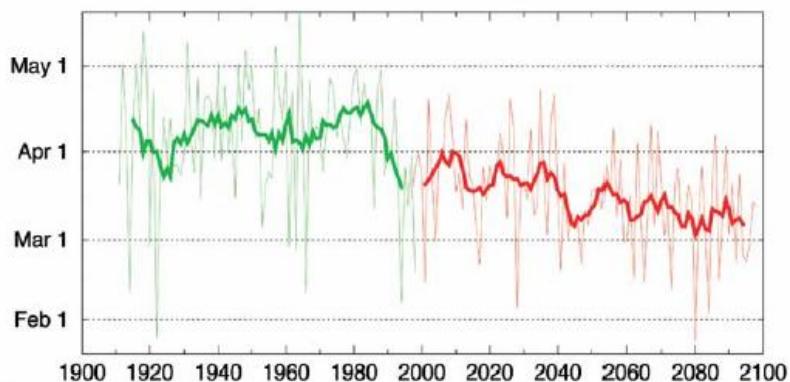
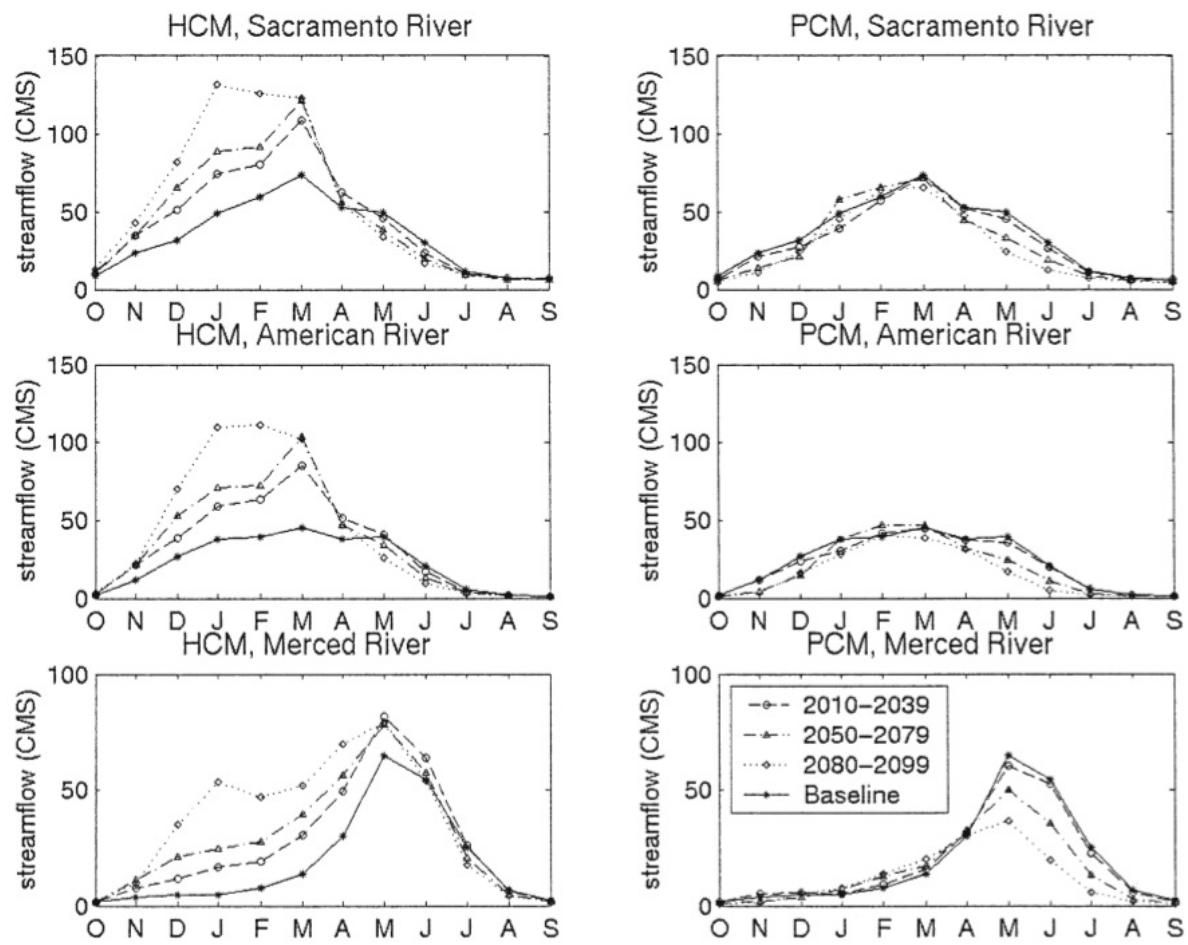
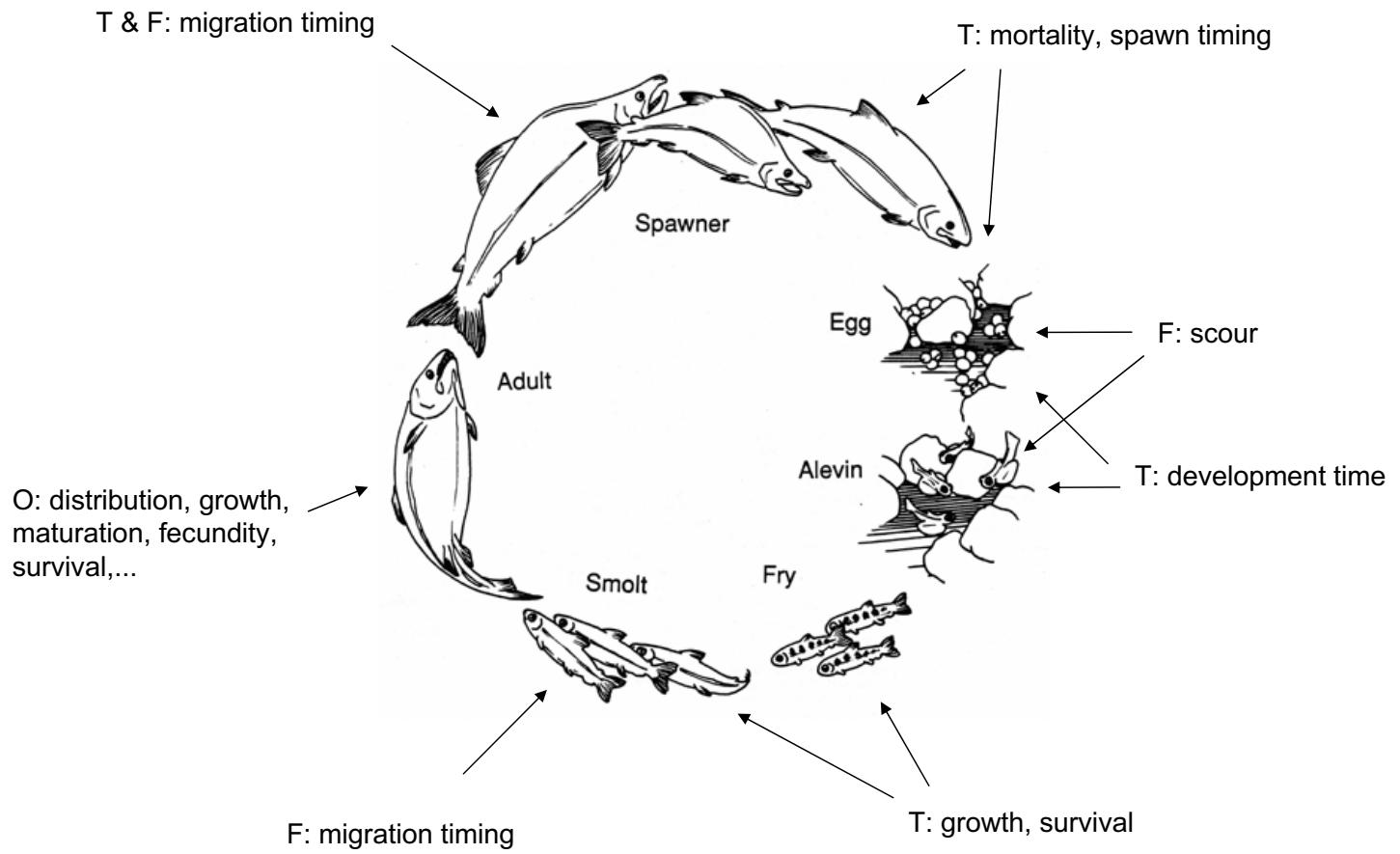


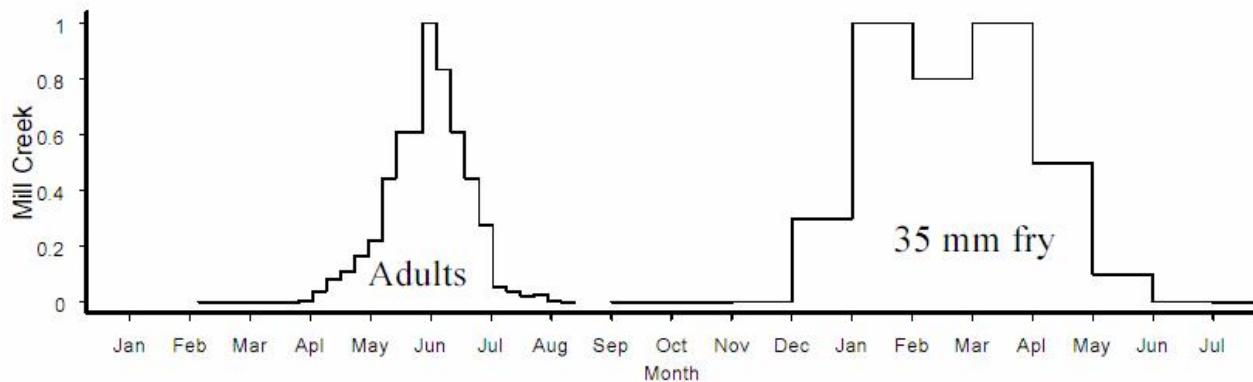
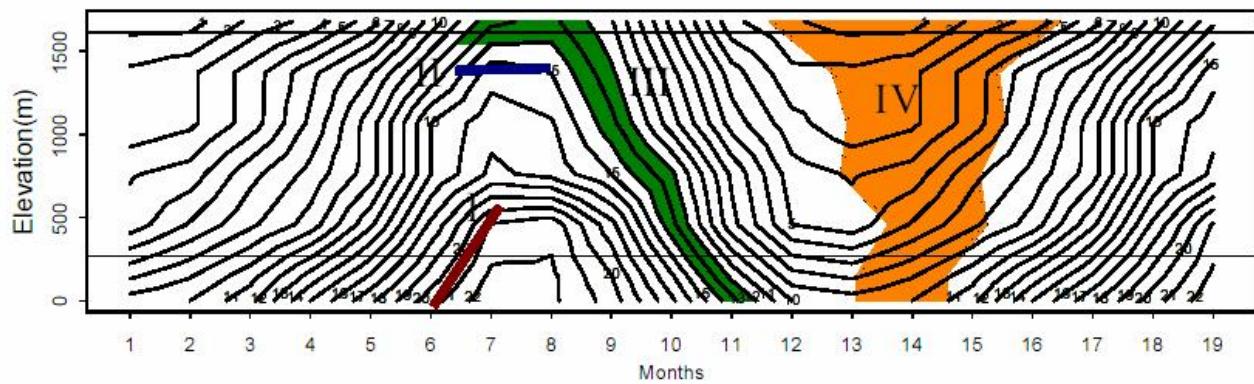
Figure 10. (a) Water-year fractions of total precipitation as rainfall; and (b) water-year centroids of snowmelt timing in the Merced River basin, in response to PCM-simulated climates; heavy curves are 9-yr moving averages.

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Species	Season			
	winter	spring	summer	fall
winter chinook	adults enter FW; fry migrate downstream	adults migrate to headwater springs; smolts enter ocean	adults spawn in headwater springs	fry emerge, rear in springs
spring chinook	adults in ocean, fry in river	adults enter FR, smolts enter ocean	adults hold in high-elev. pools	adults spawn in rivers above barriers to fall chinook
fall chinook	eggs and fry in lower river	smolts enter ocean all in ocean		adults enter FW
late-fall chinook	adults enter FW and spawn in river	fry in river, smolts (1y.o.) enter ocean	parr in FW	parr in FW
steelhead	adults enter FW	adults spawn in small trib.; smolts enter ocean	parr in FW	parr in FW



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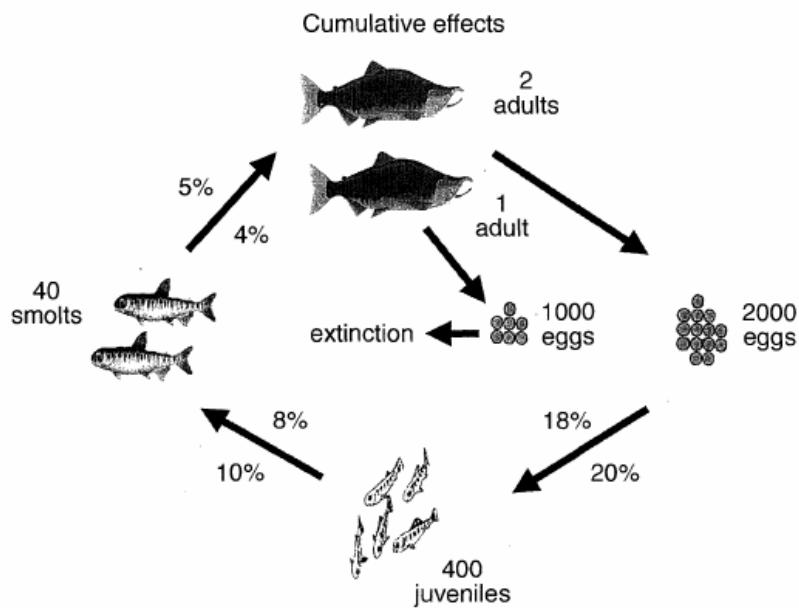
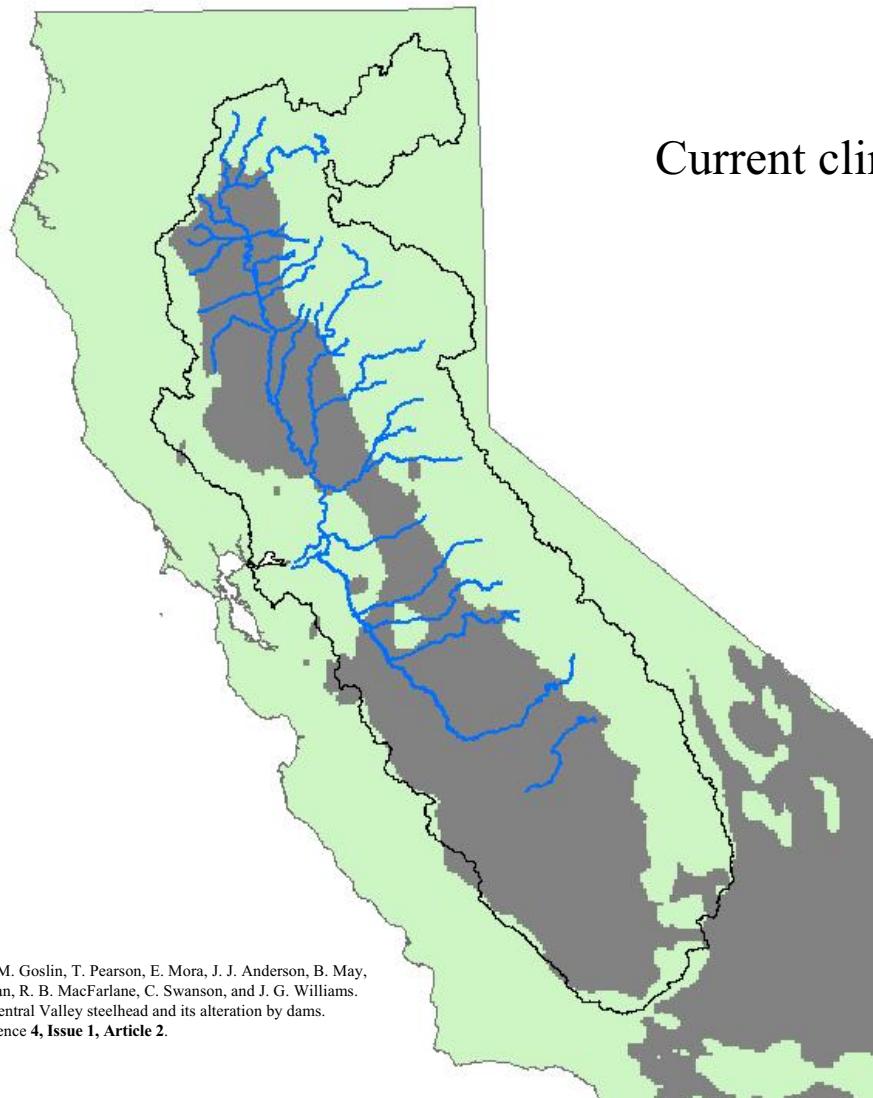


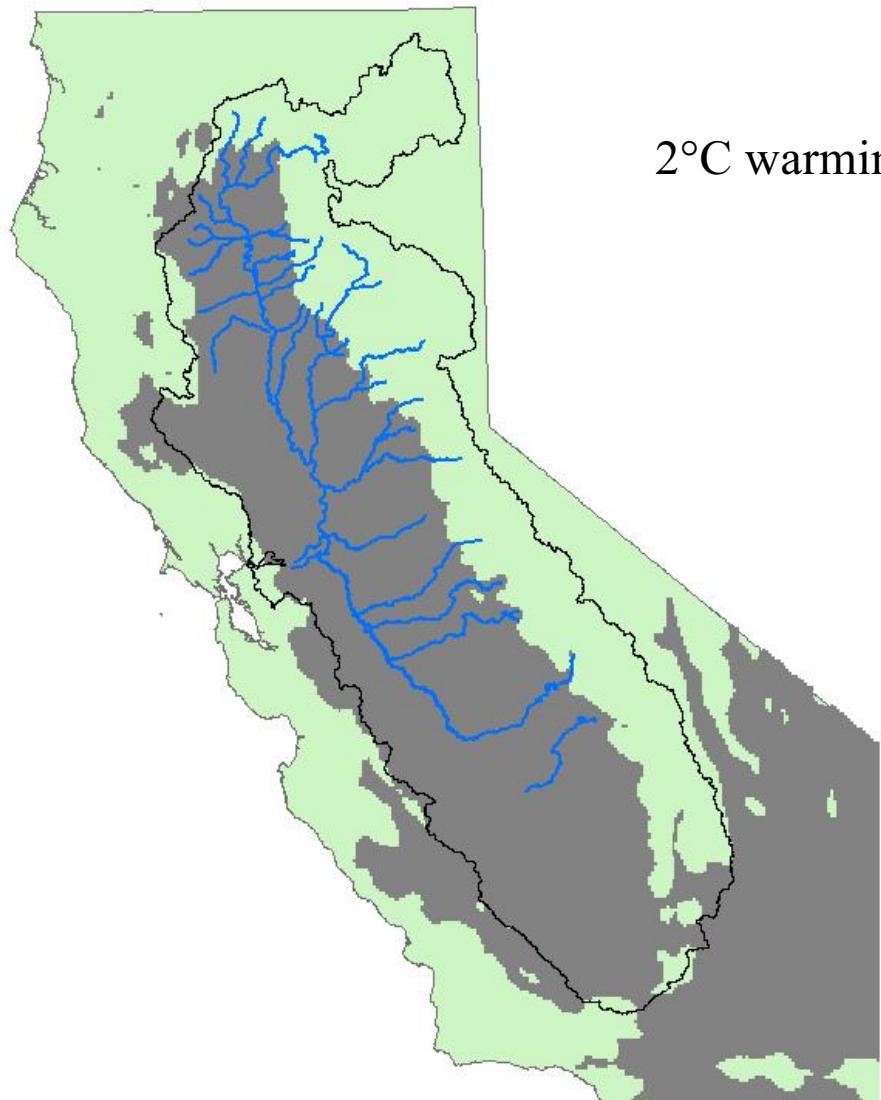
FIG. 9. Illustration of cumulative effects associated with different life stages of Pacific salmon. It is possible to increase population size, or drive the population to extinction, by only slight changes in survivorship at each life history stage. See *Consequences: Cumulative effects* for full explanation.

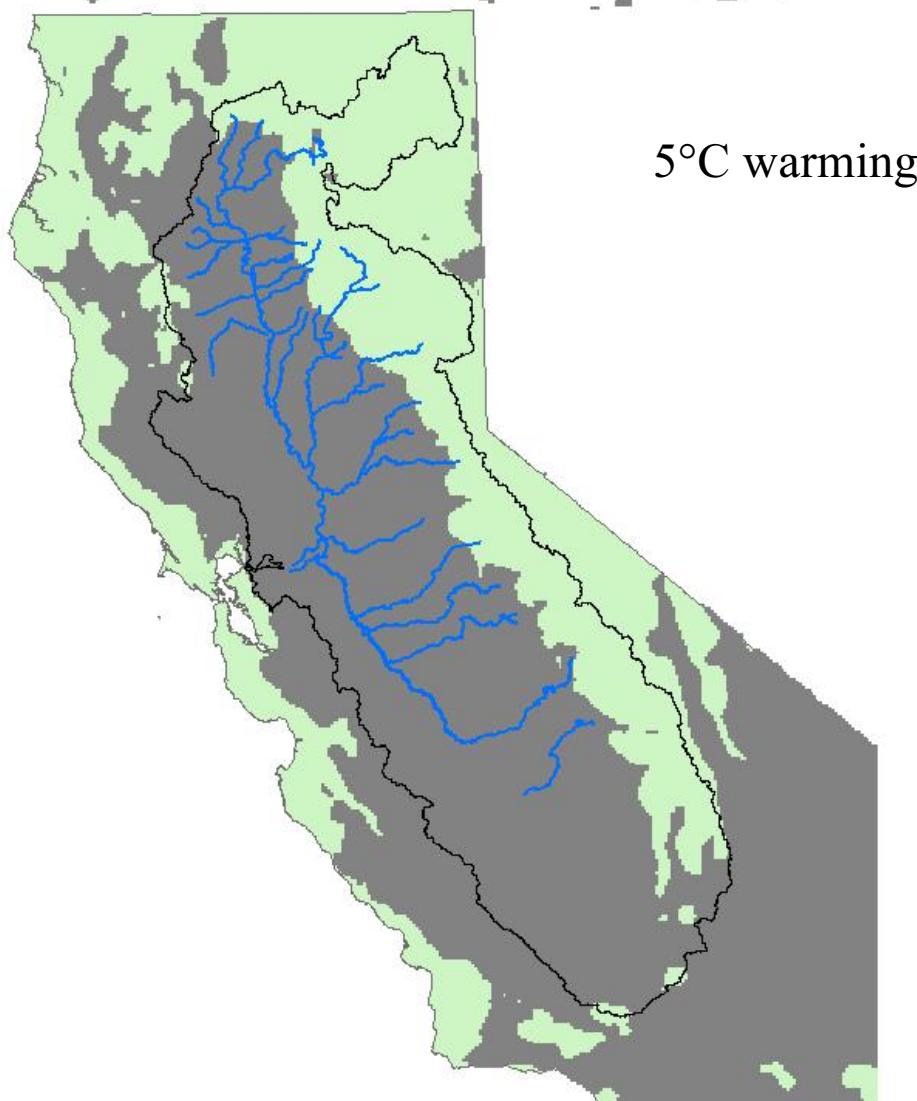
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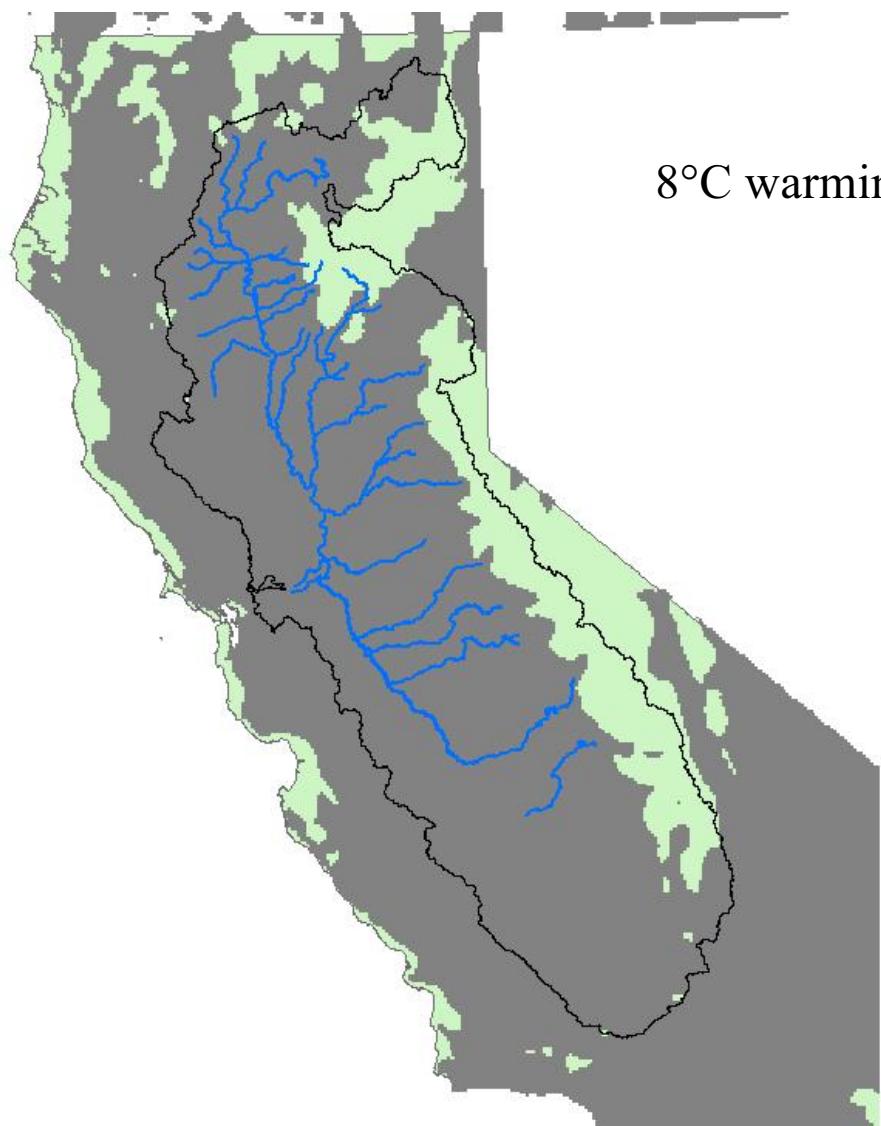


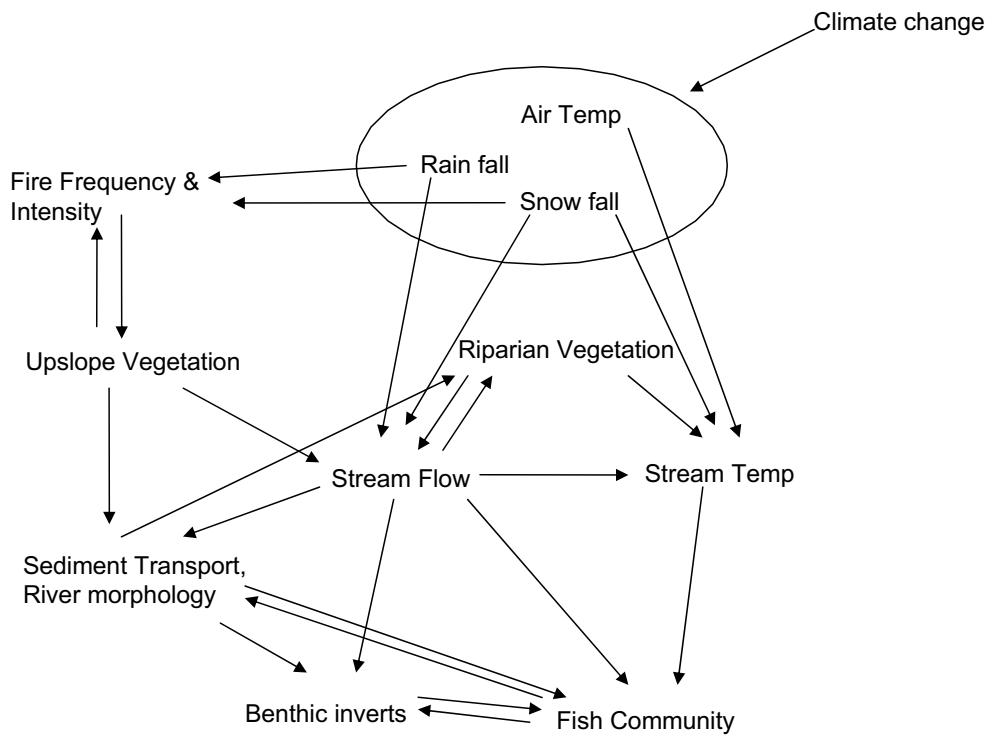
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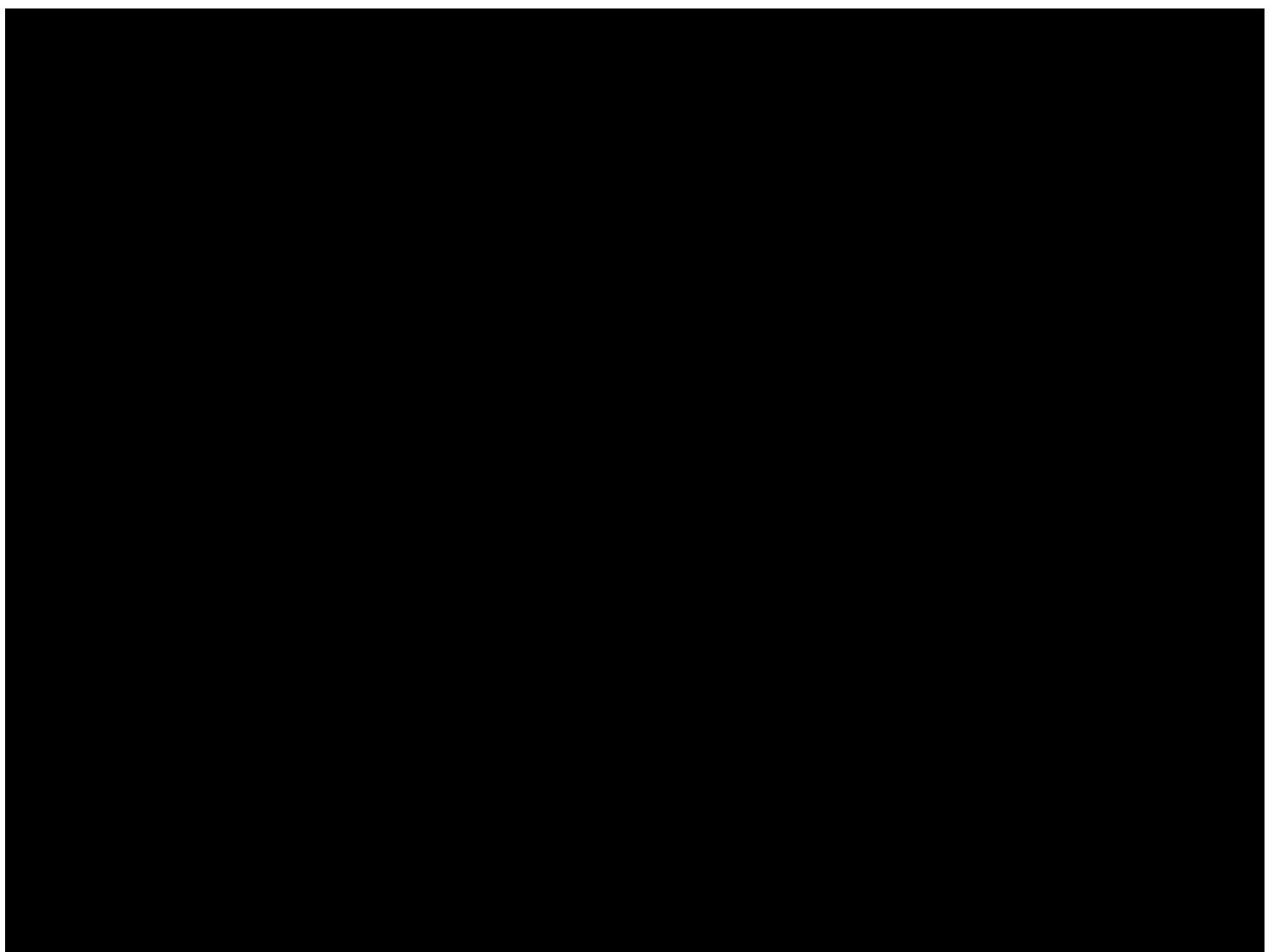




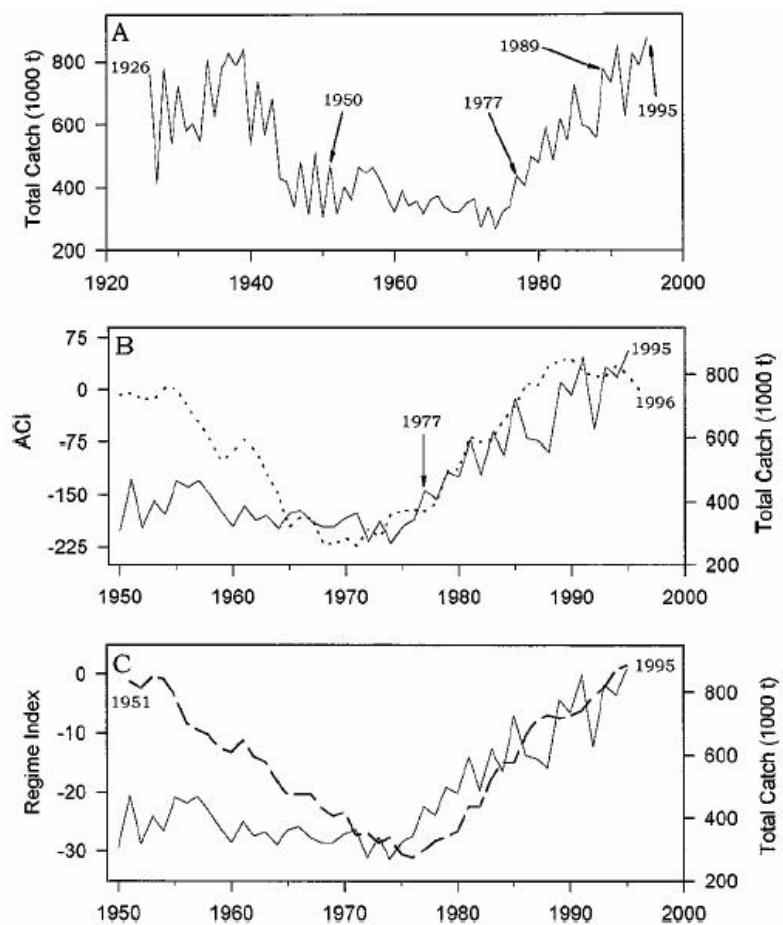
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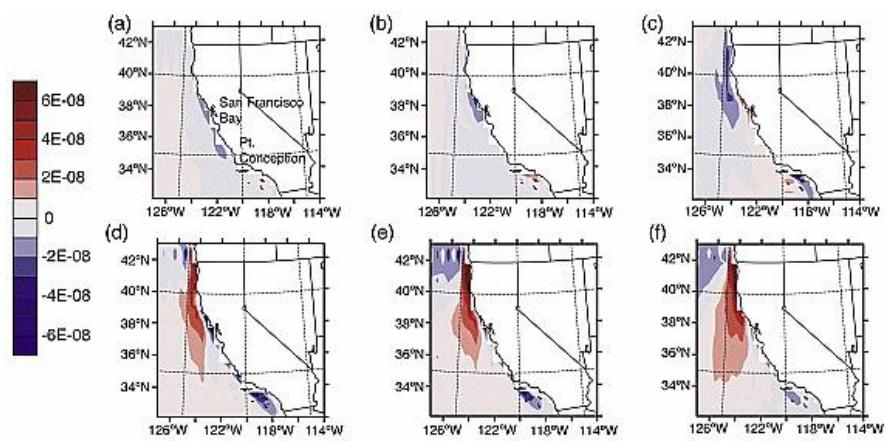




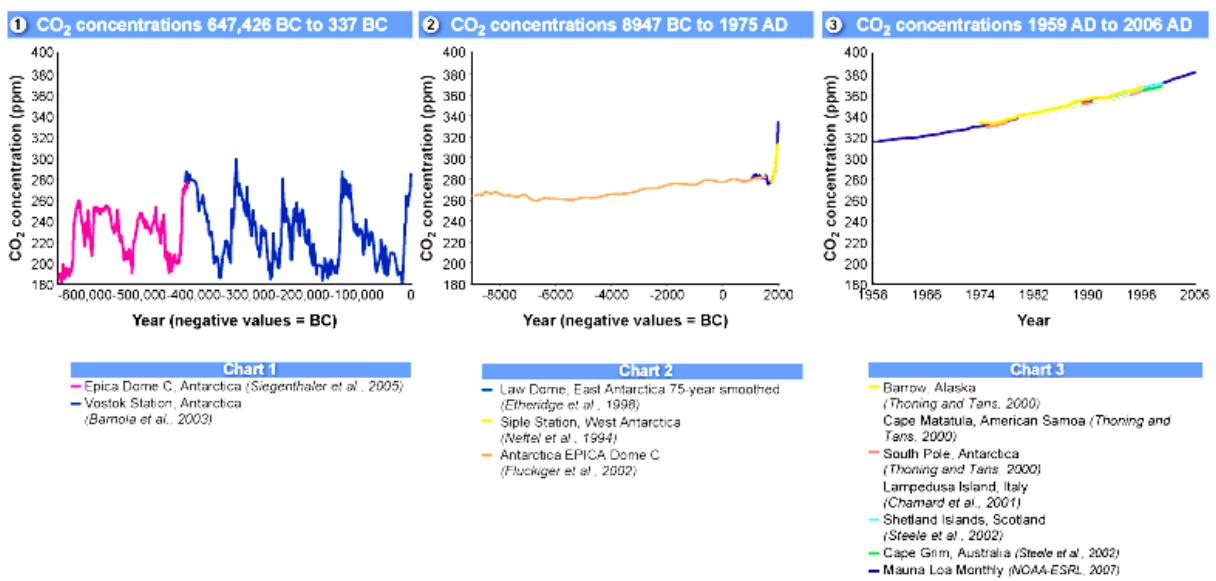


**Fig. 6.** (A) Total North Pacific catch of pink, chum, and sockeye salmon from 1926 to 1995. (B) Relationship between total catch (solid line) and general atmospheric circulation index (ACI) (dotted line), from 1950 to 1995 (ACI is shown to 1996). (C) The relationship between total catch (solid line) and the regime index (broken line) from 1950 to 1995. Note that the CuSum form demonstrates the persistence of trends before and after the change in the late 1970's.





Difference of the monthly average wind-stress curl ( $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$ ), calculated as  $2X-1X$ , for (a) Apr, (b) May, (c) June, (d) July, (e) August, (f) September. From Snyder, 2003. Geophys Res Let 30: 1823.



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