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Economics Top Freshwater Fish Species Imported By Canada Catfish, tilapia, trout, salmon, and carp are imported in large quantities by Canada as evident from data presented below. Salmon is a popular choice of cuisine in Canada. The commercial fishing and aquaculture industry in Canada is a source of direct employment to approximately 80, people. Freshwater fish species imported into Canada in large quantities include catfish, tilapia, trout, salmon, and carp. Catfish Catfish is the leading freshwater fish species imported into Canada accounting for Catfish belong to a group of fish with ray-like fins. There are over 3, species of catfish that can be found on all continents apart from Antarctica. Most catfish species live in freshwater ecosystems such as streams and rivers while others are adapted to living in caves and salt waters and some species such as the Mekong catfish are critically endangered. Catfish is among the popular types of fish used in fish farming, and their meat is eaten worldwide as a delicacy. Tilapia Tilapia is the second leading freshwater fish species imported into Canada accounting for Tilapia is the common name given to a type of fish species belonging to the Cichlidae family, which are represented by a many species native to Africa that are mostly found in freshwater. Tilapia is popular because they have high potential as they mature fast for harvesting, readily available diet and resistant to diseases are among the commercial benefits of tilapia farming. Together with high consumer demand, tilapia is ranked number three as the most important fish in aquaculture. Trout Trout are the third leading freshwater fish species imported into Canada accounting for The trout fish mostly live in freshwater habitats and are closely related to salmon. Trout are mainly classified under two genera which include the *Oncorhynchus* genus which comprises of several trout species as well as salmon and the *Salvelinus* genus which consists of several trout species which may be as regards as chars. Trout are a primary source of food for both humans and wild animals. Salmonidae Salmonidae is the fourth leading freshwater fish species imported into Canada accounting for 1. Salmonidae is a family of ray-finned fish, including chars, graylings, salmons, whitefishes, and trout which are also the most intensively studied and popular family breed of fish. Salmonidae is born in freshwater but later migrate to the sea or ocean only to come back to fresh water for purposes of reproduction. Salmonidae is famous for their sporting qualities and highly consumed for their exquisite taste thus giving them a degree of economic importance to the countries doing commercial fishing of Salmonidae. Carp Carp are the fifth leading freshwater fish species exported by Canada accounting for 0. Carp are greenish-brown fish from the Cyprinidae family with two barbels on each side of its upper jaw. Despite the fish being native to Asia, it was introduced to other parts of the world, including, North America, Europe among other regions. Carp tend to exist in small schools or live in solitude mostly in quiet or weedy ponds, rivers, and lakes that are mud-bottomed. Carp fish are considered undesirable due to their odd behavior of stirring up mud when searching for food which adversely affects a lot of aquatic plant and animal species.

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This successful and adaptive group of freshwater fishes are found in an incredible range of diverse habitats from the seasonal pools of the Mojave Desert to the Alpine lakes of South America. Their success is further illustrated by comparing the volume of freshwater habitats to that of the oceans. Many entire fish faunas currently face the threat of extinction due to over exploitation, environmental degradation, habitat alteration, and the introduction of exotic species Andrews and Kaufman in press, Andrews Andrews and Kaufman in press , suggest this figure greatly under represents the magnitude of threats facing fish communities and individual species around the world. Most notable in recent years; the collapse of the Haplochromine cichlid fauna of Lake Victoria due to the introduction of an exotic predator, introduction of exotic species and habitat alteration threaten the desert fishes fauna of northern Mexico and the North American Southwest, and the destruction of aquatic habitat due to deforestation of tropical rainforests in Southeast Asia, Australia, Africa, and South and Central America Kaufman a. Andrews and Kaufman in press , reported the percentages of total populations of freshwater fish faunas currently threatened in Europe, Southeast Asia, Australia, and Africa. Whereas these problems seem overwhelming and the hope of reversing many of these situations maybe unrealistic, there are clearly ways in which zoos and aquariums can participate in meaningful and productive conservation Kaufman a, Andrews , Andrews and Kaufman in press. These include ecological research, raising public awareness of aquatic conservation problems, habitat preservation, raising popular and financial support for in situ efforts, and captive maintenance and propagation Andrews , Kaufman a. Captive breeding program of endangered freshwater fish species, in conjunction with in situ research and conservation efforts preserve valuable options and serve as a hedge against extinction, while population restoration possibilities are being assessed Kaufman These include amongst others; efforts by the Cleveland Zoo to breed the Australian lungfish *Neoceratodus forsteri* , propagation efforts by the John G. In addition, there are a great number of captive breeding programs not involving zoos and aquariums which involve governmental, aquaculture, academic, commercial and amateur hobbyist sectors. For the purpose of this paper, we will explore the progress, current status, and present goals of these three programs, and offer some preliminary discussion on the processes and ethics of recovery plans, reintroduction, and captive propagation of freshwater fish by zoos and aquariums. Lake Victoria Current data indicates that the Lake Victoria ecological tragedy actually began circa Worthington and Beadle, The subsequent increase in lake turbidity can be related to agricultural development and the increased use of fertilizers. Increases in turbidity due to algal bloom exhibit a high degree of correlation with inadvertent input of nutrients as well as the Nile perch *Lates niloticicus* population Newell , Talling , Kitaka , Ochumba and Kibaara Core samples taken from the lake bottom provide evidence that, although portions of the lake have gone anoxic on a seasonal basis before, never has it happened to the extent that we are witnessing today Kaufman and Sackley, pers. All indications are that this environmental upheaval is far from over and could result in the complete eutrophication of the lake before it has run its course. A steady increase in turbidity is registered up to a point in time coinciding to the perch population explosion of The mitigating effect of schools of algae-eating *Oreochromis* suffered two major blows; fishing, which developed into over fishing, particularly since the arrival and misuse of smaller and smaller monofilament gill nets Graham , Marten , and secondly the alien introductions which out compete or inhaled the natives. The turbidity responded in kind with an accelerated rate of increase. Industrial airborne pollution seems to be a factor fueling the eutrophication process by providing sulfur or other nutrients, which in their absence, once held the eutrophication process in check Kaufman , , in press. Lake Victoria contributes to the sustenance and livelihood of more than 30 million people in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania: It is not surprising that the L. The introduced fisheries, particularly for the Nile perch, are more productive than those replaced

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Ligtvoet and Mkumbo, In , a group of African, North American, and European scientists joined forces as the Lake Victoria Research Team LVRT to monitor the changing fisheries and environment of the lake, and to build the international support base needed to carry out research, management, and restoration efforts in the lake basin. Institutional captive maintenance efforts in this country began in earnest at the New England Aquarium in the fall of with several species being offered from the earlier Selbrink importation of 22 October Contact was established with our Dutch colleagues who experienced the fall of the Haplochromini first hand while working in the Mwanza Gulf, Tanzania Witte et. These animals represent a rough cross section of the trophic specializations which have been recovered from the lake. It is important to try and preserve as complete a cross section as possible paying particular attention to those animals which seem most specialized Kaufman b, , in press. Current priorities within the VSSP are to establish minimum viable populations MVPs , for each species of two hundred individuals within a single generation, least removed from the wild Kaufman. Ideally, each species should be represented at at least three institutions. With the recent addition of the St. Individual species are coordinated by species coordinators which currently include; the John G. In addition to institutional participation appendix 2 , the following individuals have participated on a semi-professional basis; Ole Seehausen, Chuck Rambo, Paul Sackley, and Russ McAndrews. Desert Fishes Human activities have severely impacted the fragile ecosystems of the desert through groundwater mining, pollution, and habitat alteration, threatening the survival of desert species Loiselle, pers. In response to this, a formal proposal of collaboration in Desert Fish conservation efforts between the New York Aquarium and the Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon Mexico has been signed Loiselle, a. The first shipment of endangered Mexican fishes to foreign participants in the Desert Fishes SSP was received in March , logistics having been managed with the invaluable assistance of the Dallas Aquarium Loiselle, a. Six species of Cyprinodontids and three Xiphophorus sp. Absent a comprehensive captive breeding program, the extirpation of their associated fish and invertebrate faunas is certain. Appalachian Stream Fishes Stream fishes of the Appalachian mountain watersheds in the southeastern U. Unfortunately, these fragile streams have suffered the effects of habitat destruction, alteration, pollution, and acid rain. The proposed Appalachian Fishes SSP, although still in its forming stages, holds great promise and will involve, amongst others, the newly opened Tennessee State Aquarium Andrews and Kaufman, in press. Acid rain is killing our lakes and streams, while damaging ancient forests. Tropical and temperate forests are leveled to make way for short term agricultural and cattle interests. Life giving topsoil is lost to the sea through erosion. Coral reefs are choked by siltation and pollution. Emission from residential, commercial, and industrial sources clog the air and threaten to artificially warm the planet. The natural landscape is manipulated and remolded several times over. Mighty rivers are dammed, channelized and in some cases reduced to a mere trickle. In the shadow of these events, species and entire ecosystems are being damaged and lost at an alarming rate. In an effort to help protect resources and wildlife, regional recovery plans have been formed and implemented. Recovery plans for damaged ecosystems and endangered species must be part of a holistic menu of issues in order to be effective and usable Reading et. As Culbert and Glair point out, recovery plans must consider the biological issues, socioeconomic issues, political issues, and financial and physical limitations. Reintroduction of an extirpated or endangered species is often at the forefront of a recovery plan, but as Griffith et. Far too often, the reintroduction issue is seen only from one point of view in which the other side id: Captive propagation, as well, must be part of a larger holistic effort if reintroduction is its ultimate objective. Varner and Monroe point out, that captive breeding must be married to habitat preservation efforts if they are to have meaningful, long lasting, and ethical value. Unfortunately, numerous ecosystems are overlooked by present efforts because man is not willing to address the problem of habitat preservation or the problem is on such a large scale it would be impractical for a financial and logistical standpoint. Lake Victoria is such an example. In these cases, faunal rescue operations and captive maintenance are preferable to in situ protection. In the context of the captive breeding programs of freshwater fishes outlined in this paper, we have a long and arduous road ahead of us. Habitat re-construction, along with research and educational objectives, is hopefully our underlying ultimate goal. The argument can be easily

made that the effort needed to be successful, is too overwhelming and impractical for financial, logistical, and space required, not to mention the numerous biological questions that arise. Extinction of the Haplochromine fauna of Lake Victoria and the desert fishes of Northern Mexico continue at an alarming rate while recovery plans and the resources to carry them out are assembled Kaufman, pers. Habitat destruction to the point of extinction is a crisis situation and maintenance in captivity and captive propagation preserve valuable time and options. In an effort to unite a more holistic front, two important meetings have been organized for this year. National Science Foundation has funded an international workshop to draw together scientists, conservationists, and government officials to review the status of the Lake, to assess the implications of data gathered by LVRT and others from - , and to establish guidelines for future research, conservation, and sustainable development in the Lake Victoria basin. The Future, Think and Act Locally Aside from the three regional efforts outlined in this paper, zoos and aquariums should seek to become involved in local efforts. Its objectives include; the captive propagation, documentation of life history, determination of habitat populations within its former range, and to acquaint 15, school children with this small top minnow. The project is small, relatively inexpensive, and realistically obtainable. Perhaps least emphasized in a recovery plan is the effort given to public education. Strong local support can lead to strong national support. In the end, this may help secure the financial, popular and thus political support to successfully execute larger scale recovery programs. Conclusion Zoos and aquariums clearly have a role to play in the conservation of aquatic communities and species. These areas include; participation in the funding or ecological research, raising of public awareness, raising popular and financial support for in situ efforts, and captive propagation. Regarding freshwater fishes, currently three regional efforts are being organized and are in varying stages or operation. As zoos and aquariums, we must be willing to plunge in while there is still time. Literature Cited Andrews, C. The conservation of fish by zoos and aquaria. Edited by Dresser, B. Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. How many recent fishes are there? Recovery planning and endangered species. The Victoria Nyanza and its fisheries. IUCN Publications, pp. Caught between a reef and a hard place: Factors underlying ecosystem collapse in Lake Victoria: Desert fishes species survival program: A race to save Lake Victoria. Lake Victoria fishes master plan. Fishes of the World. The hydrology of Lake Victoria. Towards an endangered species reintroduction paradigm. Ten year recovery plan for the western banded killifish, *Fundulus diaphanous menoma*. The annual cycle of stratification and phytoplankton growth in Lake Victoria. The impolitic of endangered species. More on the ethics of captive breeding. Recovery of the western banded killifish: The destruction of the endemic species flock:

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Environment Native Fish Species Of Algeria Algeria shares much of its fish biodiversity with neighboring Tunisia, both in the Mediterranean Sea and inland freshwater bodies. The Algerian Finless Aphantius. Algeria shares much of its fish biodiversity in both the Mediterranean Sea and its freshwater resources with neighboring Tunisia. Most of these species are not threatened, but their geographical distribution ranges usually overlap with marine protected areas as in the Ringneck Blenny. Algerian Finless Aphantius obtained this name from being the only member in the Aphantius genus without pectoral fins. This broad distribution keeps the populations in sufficient numbers, unlike species that exhibit type locality. Aphantius Apodus can grow up to 40 to 45 millimeters in length. It has no pectoral fins. Males have yellow bellies with six to eight vertical bars and irregularly distributed spots near the caudal peduncle. Females, on the other hand, are larger, plainer, having a small number of dark spots on the flanks but the finnage is entirely hyaline. Small aquatic crustaceans constitute the main diet, but it also feeds on worms, larvae, algae, zooplanktons and plant materials. This species is endemic to the Tellian Atlas Mountains, northeastern Algeria. It is a freshwater species preferring to inhabit springs, ponds, and streams where aquatic vegetation and filamentous algae grow in abundant. The fish breed from April to September. The females lay single eggs or a cluster of them where they become attached to algae and other surfaces through tiny filaments. The incubation period is usually 7 to 14 days. It is a freshwater species living in springs, canals, ditches, and irrigated land surfaces. It prefers warm waters and is particularly numerous in water bodies having 60 degrees Celsius. At maturity, North African Haplo reaches 15 centimeters in length. Males have an olive-green base color with each of the scales having a small dot that reflects a bright blue-green coloration. These species also exhibit mouth brooding by females. Water abstraction for agriculture, especially in the dates plantation, constitute the primary causes of habitat loss. Other reasons include extraction of ground water for irrigation, construction and then channelization of artificial water courses and also drought. Currently, there are no efforts put forward to conserve and protect this species. The species prefers to live in depth ranges of 0 to 25 meters. The body has dark bands on the upper sides and dark spots on the undersides. There are other dark bands in the bottom region of the head. The pectorals have a pale to dusky color whereas the dorsal is dark or has many spots. Adults live on the rocky shores and at surf-exposed steep walls. This fish is oviparous, and eggs get attached to substrates through tiny filaments. The larvae are planktonic occurring mostly in shallow coastal waters. No known threats are facing this species. Also, there are no conservation efforts in place, but the species distribution range overlaps several areas protected by the Marine. This ray-finned species is endemic to the Kebir River of Algeria, the central regions of Tunisia, and perhaps even Morocco. The species natural habitats include rivers, water storage area, and freshwater lakes. Algae, microzoobenthos, larvae, and small fish constitute this species diet. Spawning takes place in spring, and during this time the Algerian Barb considerably reduces feeding or stops doing so altogether. The species has a good distribution and is abundant in population, thus not considered as a threatened species by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature IUCN. Its diet mainly comprises of insects, tadpoles, and urodela. The dorsal fin is short in length than its height, and its location is more posterior than in other Salmo species. The caudal fin is forked, round, and has black spots on the sides. The primary threat facing this species is the hybridization with the newly introduced trout species. Fish Conservation in Algeria These fishes have found a home in the waters of Algeria. So far, they are abundant in numbers and widely distributed, so they are hardly a concern according to the IUCN. However, more studies are needed on some species like the Algerian trout and Algerian Barb, to study their biology, reproduction, and behaviors. The country should also put conservation efforts and breed some of these species in captivity for a better understanding of their biology.

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Freshwater fish distribution is an excellent companion reference to Nelson () Fishes of the world. Significant changes in nomenclature have occurred since the atlas. The author used Nelson () for most of the changes, except for the Siluriformes and Characiformes, which are based on Buckup () and de Pinna ().

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The first words long-distance swimmer Ben Lecomte uttered after becoming the first person to swim 3, miles across the Atlantic Ocean in were, "Never again. In comparison, it takes dorado catfish hatchlings about a month to cover 3, miles 5, km as they travel from the Andes mountains to the mouth of the Amazon river. And then they make the return journey just as effortlessly a few years later when they are ready to breed. For the dorado catfish, life is one epic endurance test. Part of the goliath catfish genus, this silvery gold specimen is an apex predator that can reach lengths of two meters 6. The countdown to its epic journey begins when new adults bid goodbye to their nurseries in the Amazon estuary and travel thousands of kilometers upriver to spawning grounds in or near the Andes. Once they are done breeding, they then travel downstream to their new home in the western Amazon, only returning to the Andes to spawn again the next year. When the hatchlings emerge from the eggs, they instinctively head for the nurseries in the estuary where they will spend the next two to three years leading a carefree existence maturing into adults before embarking on the journey that their parents embarked upon before them. All in all, researchers estimate that the dorado catfish has an average life-cycle migration of approximately 11, km more than 7, miles. In this study, an international team of researchers adopted a three-prong approach by studying the distribution of mature size classes, downstream migration of larvae and juveniles, as well as otolith signatures of four goliath catfish species including the dorado. They mapped their movements and distribution in river channels across the Amazon using two kinds of data: The route taken by the Dorado catfish during its migration through the Amazon River basin Credit: WCS Their findings confirmed that the long-distance migratory journey of the adult dorado catfish, traveling upstream from the Amazon estuary to reach their spawning grounds in or near the Andes, can take up to two years. In addition, the scientists found that the area is also a breeding hotspot for at least two other goliath catfish species. The dorado is a crucial food source for the local community Credit: In this regard, the evidence of long-distance migratory movements in the river channels highlights the potential dangers posed by encroaching development, such as dam construction and mining operations, to the catfish population and overall health of the river ecosystem. As the authors note in their study: Of special relevance is the expected infrastructure development in the Andes, especially the combination of dams, headwater deforestation and mining activity, which could present major threats to important spawning areas ranging from Colombia in the north to Bolivia in the south. Even if high-wall dams [in the Andes] are located upstream of spawning sites, they would greatly alter sediment and nutrient cycles downriver where spawning occurs. The long-distance migratory goliath catfishes provide a profound biological indicator of ecosystem health from the Andes to the freshwater Amazon River plume in the Atlantic, and the impacts on them should be considered in all major infrastructure development. The dorado faces the same problems plaguing other migratory fish:

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About species are considered native to the state, which includes described species and 20 species that have not yet been formally described by ichthyologists. An additional 19 species are not native to the state but have been introduced through intentional stockings or accidental releases. In order of decreasing diversity, the most diverse Georgia freshwater fish families are the minnows Cyprinidae , darters Percidae , sunfishes Centrarchidae , suckers Catostomidae , and Catfishes Ictaluridae. Five described species are endemic to the state of Georgia and occur nowhere else in the world: Ocmulgee shiner *Cyprinella callisema* , Altamaha shiner *Cyprinella xaenura* , Chattahoochee sculpin *Cottus chattahoochae* , Etowah darter *Etheostoma etowahae* and Cherokee darter *Etheostoma scotti*. Dozens more are nearly endemic and have the majority of their range within the boundaries of our state. On the puny side are the least killifish *Leptolucania ommata* and pygmy killifish *Heterandria formosa* , both which max out around an inch in length and several species of pygmy sunfishes *Elassoma* spp. Atlantic sturgeon are representative of a group of highly migratory species that migrate hundreds or perhaps thousands of miles between feeding and breeding areas; other highly migratory species include American eels, striped bass, several species of shad, and mountain mullet. While most of our fishes do not make these epic journeys to complete their life cycle, movement between feeding, breeding, and refuge habitats has been shown to be important for even small species like minnows and darters. For example, the trispot darter *Etheostoma trisella* is known to migrate from large river feeding habitats into the tiniest headwater streams for spawning in late winter and early spring. The diversity of breeding habitats and behaviors exhibited by Georgia fishes is amazing, but also important to know for management and conservation efforts. Most fishes are broadcast spawners that lay large numbers of eggs and invest no-parental care in their offspring, but there are many interesting variations and exceptions to this pattern. For example, male bluehead chubs and river chubs are known to construct a spawning nest by moving gravel and small pebbles into a mound. While this nest-building behavior is fascinating in its own right, these nests also provide spawning habitat for a variety of other minnow species. These nest-associating minnows are some of the most colorful fishes in our streams and are easily observed from stream banks in late spring to early summer throughout central and North Georgia. Another interesting example is catfishes family Ictaluridae , which nest under cavities formed by rocks and logs. Male and female catfishes may contribute to parental care, which includes nest site preparation, fanning of the eggs with their fins, and guarding of the eggs and larvae. The males are the brightly colored animals with bluish-white patches on their heads and red tails. The white patches are formed by tubercles tiny horns or bumps composed of Keratin , which may function in combat between rival males and in signaling reproductive status to females. A few females with a gold lateral stripe but without tubercles or distinctive coloration can be seen darting into the crevice. The male and female will swim along the crevice and deposit eggs and sperm you cannot see this in the video, but it is probably going on. Other males may also make solo runs along the crevice in an attempt to fertilize some of the eggs. Crevice spawning, which is characteristic of minnows in the genus *Cyprinella*, is considered an adaption to reduce predation on eggs. Male trispot darter *Etheostoma trisella*. This species is known to migrate from larger creeks and rivers into tributary streams for spawning. Conserving the trispot darter requires the protection of small creeks, larger rivers, and the movement corridor between these habitats. Photo by David Neely Male bluehead chub *Nocomis leptocephalus* , a minnow species that constructs a gravel mound for spawning. It is a highly migratory species that feeds on insect larvae, crustaceans, and mollusks. Sculpins inhabit cold, rocky streams throughout north Georgia. They have huge mouths that they use to prey upon insects, crayfishes, and even small fishes. They breed in the cavities under rocks. Excessive water withdrawals, sedimentation, and vegetation removal threaten the few remaining populations. Darters are generally found in moderate to fast

currents within clean rocky streams. The white bumps on the head are tubercles and indicate that this male is in breeding condition. This grazing behavior is ecologically significant because it transfers large amounts of energy from primary producers to the predators e. This species is endemic to the Etowah River system and occurs nowhere else in the world. This species is known only from the Toccoa River in Georgia, where it can be readily observed while snorkeling. Males exhibit peak coloration in spring and early summer. Below we explain each of these factors and provide recommendations on how to minimize their impact on aquatic resources. The purpose of this discussion is not to impugn any one land use type or economic sector but to show that we are all connected to aquatic habitat degradation and that we can all help to correct and prevent these problems. Runoff from impervious surfaces e. Urbanization Urbanization negatively affects stream ecosystems in a multitude of ways. This runoff also carries many pollutants into streams. Because water rapidly runs off, instead of infiltrating into the groundwater more slowly, there is less water available in streams during low-flow periods. The effect of urbanization on aquatic communities has been well documented by scientists, who have discovered that some fish species are becoming extirpated i. Runoff from unimproved roads often flushes undesired sediments into stream, threatening water quality and aquatic species. Sedimentation is one of the leading reasons for declines in many aquatic species. Sediment runoff from agricultural fields, developing areas, and unimproved roads all contribute large volumes of sediment into adjacent streams and rivers, in turn covering stream bottoms where many fish spawn and all mussels live. This video shows the sediment runoff into a small creek in Early County, Georgia during a 10 minute storm in August Notice the colorless water from the naturally forested watershed upstream of the drainage ditch in contrast to the brown color of water washing in to the creek from the ditch. These impacts are most extreme in areas where cultivation occurs right up to stream banks or when livestock are allowed access to streams for watering. Sedimentation, which can also result from forestry practices and construction activities, is an almost ubiquitous problem in Georgia streams. Suspended sediment decreases water clarity and interferes with sight-feeding and other visually oriented fish and mussel behaviors e. Sediment also fills in the spaces between larger rocks, which eliminates habitats used for spawning, feeding, and shelter. Nutrient pollution from such sources as fertilizer runoff and animal waste can lead to algal blooms, which in turn may affect water clarity, oxygen levels, and also the condition of other aquatic plants that are beneficial to fishes e. Cattle access point lower left contributes to sedimentation and nutrient pollution from Cattle waste. This site also lacks an adequate riparian forest buffer, which provides shade, filtering of runoff, wildlife habitat, and a food source leaves for aquatic insects. There are now many programs to help farmers reforest stream buffers with native plants and to develop off-channel watering areas for cattle. Depending upon the size of the operation and its location, forestry operations may negatively impact streams and their fishes. Mechanisms of impact include sediment runoff associated with vegetation removal, soil disturbance from forestry equipment, and stream bank destabilization from poorly designed stream crossings. Additionally, the removal of trees from sensitive habitats such as cypress swamps, floodplains, or other wetlands contributes to sedimentation and increases in water temperature. Reservoirs Because most of our native riverine aquatic species cannot survive or complete their life-cycles in deep or slow-flowing habitats, large amounts of habitat are destroyed when reservoirs are created. Reservoirs and smaller impoundments e. Such movements are necessary for spawning migrations and feeding, and for colonization when disturbances e. Depending upon their size and outflow structure, reservoirs may also change the quality and quantity of downstream waters. One of the best ways to minimize the impacts of reservoirs on native fishes is to adopt water conservation practices that prevent the need for additional reservoirs. American Rivers released a report in showing how water efficiency measures decrease the need for additional reservoirs and also conserve significant taxpayer dollars. If water demand cannot be met entirely through efficiency measures or existing water withdrawals, then there are ways to minimize the impacts of new reservoirs. For example, expanding the size of an existing reservoir is usually much less detrimental than building a new reservoir. Similarly, locating a reservoir in a stream with existing downstream reservoirs will fragment fish populations less than building new reservoirs in free-flowing

systems. Some new reservoirs are off-channel, meaning that they are built on smaller tributary streams but are filled by pumping water from a larger river. Although it may be more costly to filter water during floods, filling these reservoirs during high flow events is much less harmful than removing water during normal or low-flow periods. This protocol helps identify the relative impacts of different reservoir locations on rare aquatic species. Our program also routinely reviews proposals for new reservoirs and can help applicants identify areas that would be least detrimental to state and federally listed fishes. Early coordination with us and other resource agencies will usually result in a better process and outcome for the applicant and for natural resources. While dams and reservoirs may be important for flood control, water supply, hydropower, and recreation, they also negatively impact many of our native fishes. Impacts include loss of free-flowing stream habitat, barriers to migration, and alteration of downstream water quality. Chemical Pollution The effect of pesticides and other chemicals originating from industrial sources may cause lethal effects in rare cases but more frequently are associated with subtle effects which may ultimately have similar consequences. Chemicals may reduce immune system function making aquatic species more susceptible to diseases. Pesticides often affect the nervous system and cause altered behavior which can make an aquatic species less effective at feeding or hiding from predators. A number of chemicals have been shown to interfere with the endocrine system of fish, which regulates reproduction, growth, development and other activities. Potential impacts include direct predation, competition for habitat and food, and disease. These factors are a natural part of aquatic ecosystems and our fishes have adapted to them throughout their shared evolutionary history with other native species. However, our fishes may be poorly adapted to these factors when they are associated with introduced species. For example, native bullhead catfishes *Ameiurus* spp maintain healthy populations in the face of flathead catfish predation where both species naturally occur, but suffer large population declines where flathead catfish have been introduced. Another important impact of non-native species is the loss of unique genetic diversity when closely related species interbreed. Once a non-native species has become established, it is very difficult or perhaps impossible to eradicate them. Thus, strategies to prevent the accidental introduction of non-native species are critical to the protection of our native species. Anglers, recreational boaters, and aquarists have a very important role to play in preventing additional introductions and the further spread of species that have already been introduced. Please visit our invasive species page to learn more about what you can do. You can also click on the icons below for more information. We maintain a large database of fish distribution records, which is used in a variety of ways to protect fishes and aquatic habitats. For example, we routinely provide recommendations on how to minimize impacts associated with development, road construction, reservoir building and other activities that can negatively affect fish populations. Our data is also used to prioritize areas for conservation and to monitor trends of individual species. We are constantly updating the database with new information from fish survey and monitoring efforts. Our staff conducts targeted surveys for rare fishes, focusing on species that have not been extensively surveyed in the past or that are critically imperiled. Protecting fish populations requires watershed-level conservation efforts, which is well beyond the capacity of our program. One of our main roles, then, is to provide information about rare species that will facilitate conservation efforts by these groups. Endangered Species Act , provides us with funding to meet conservation and research needs for federally protected fishes.

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