California Salmon in a Changing Climate

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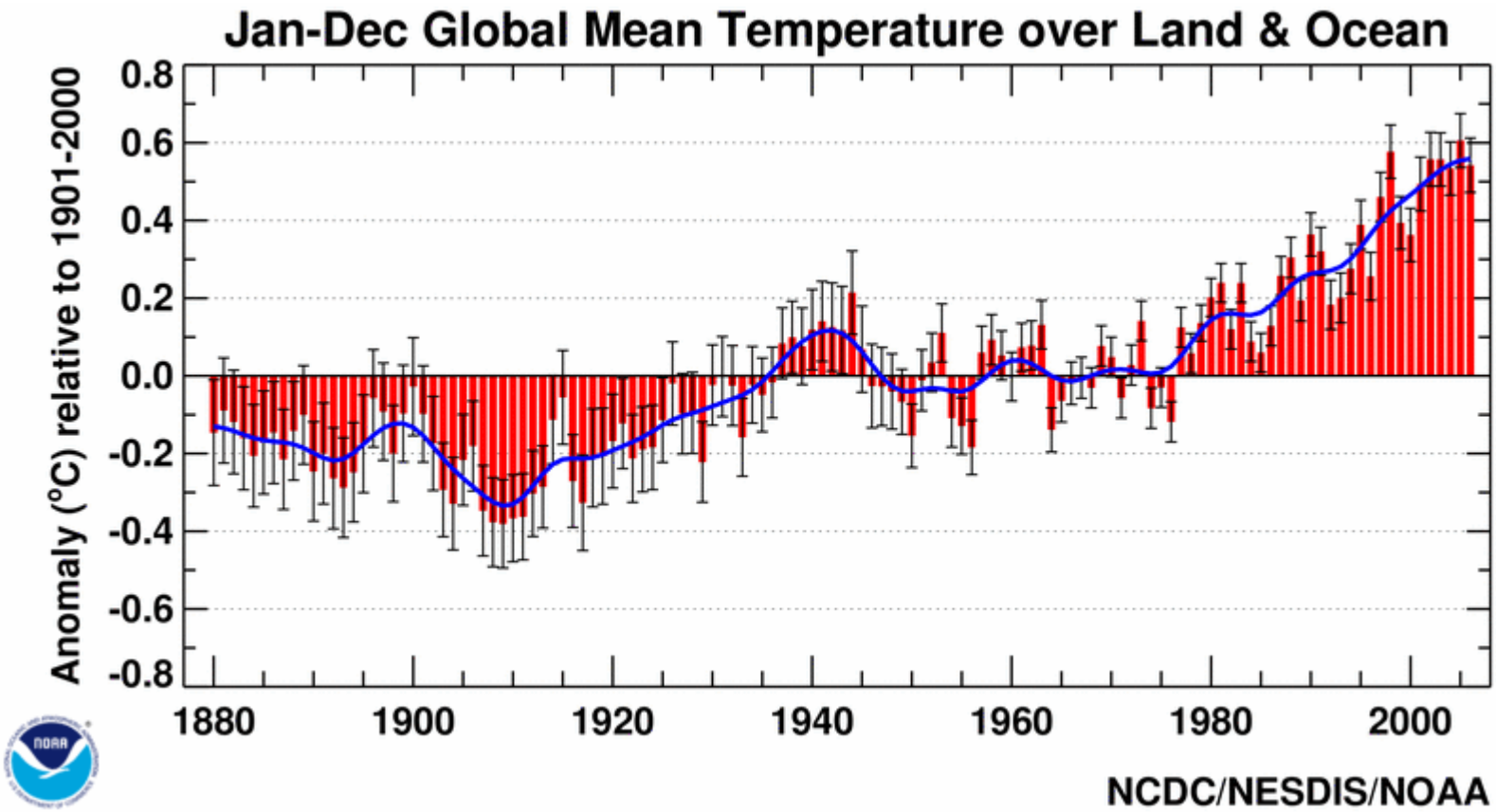

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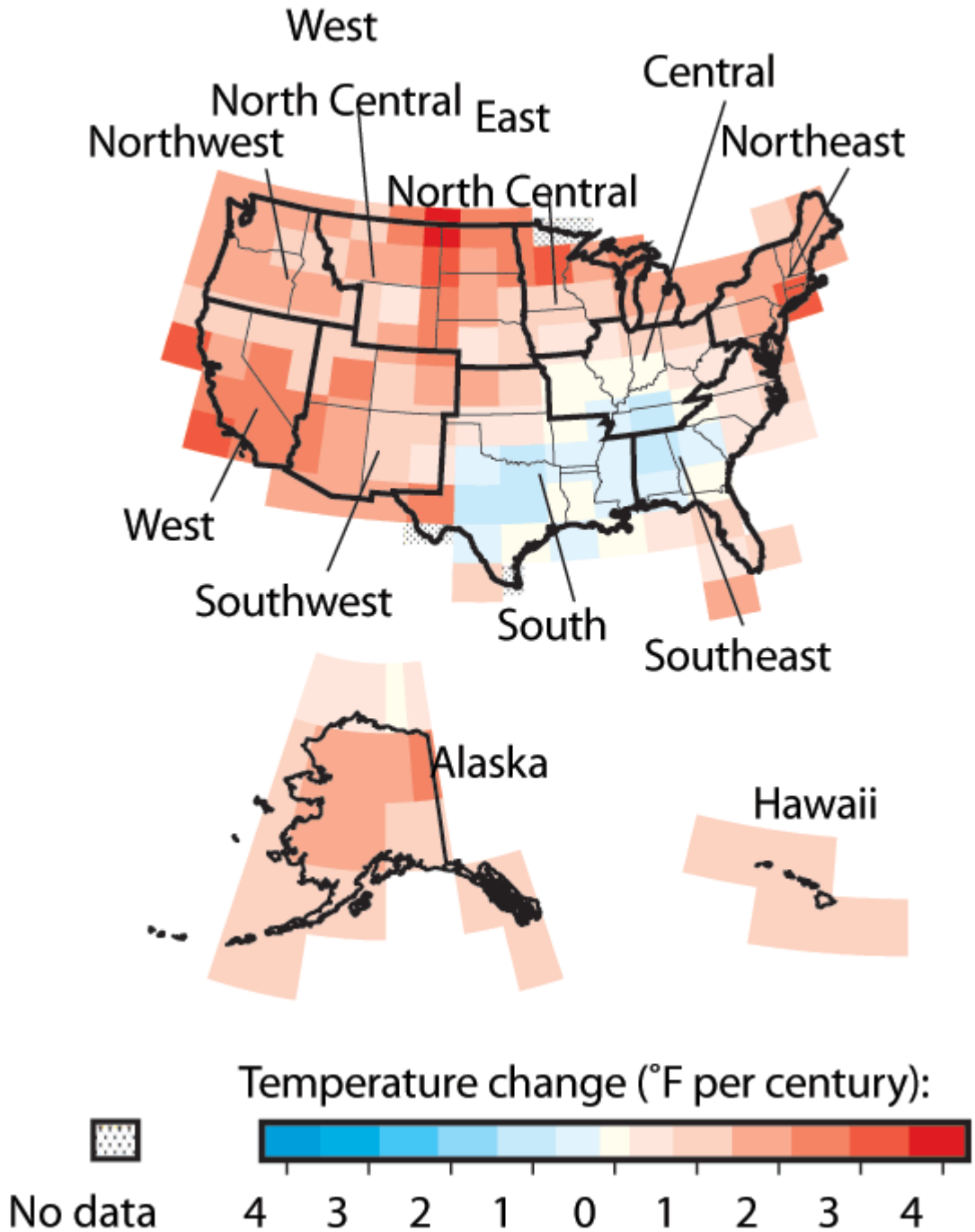

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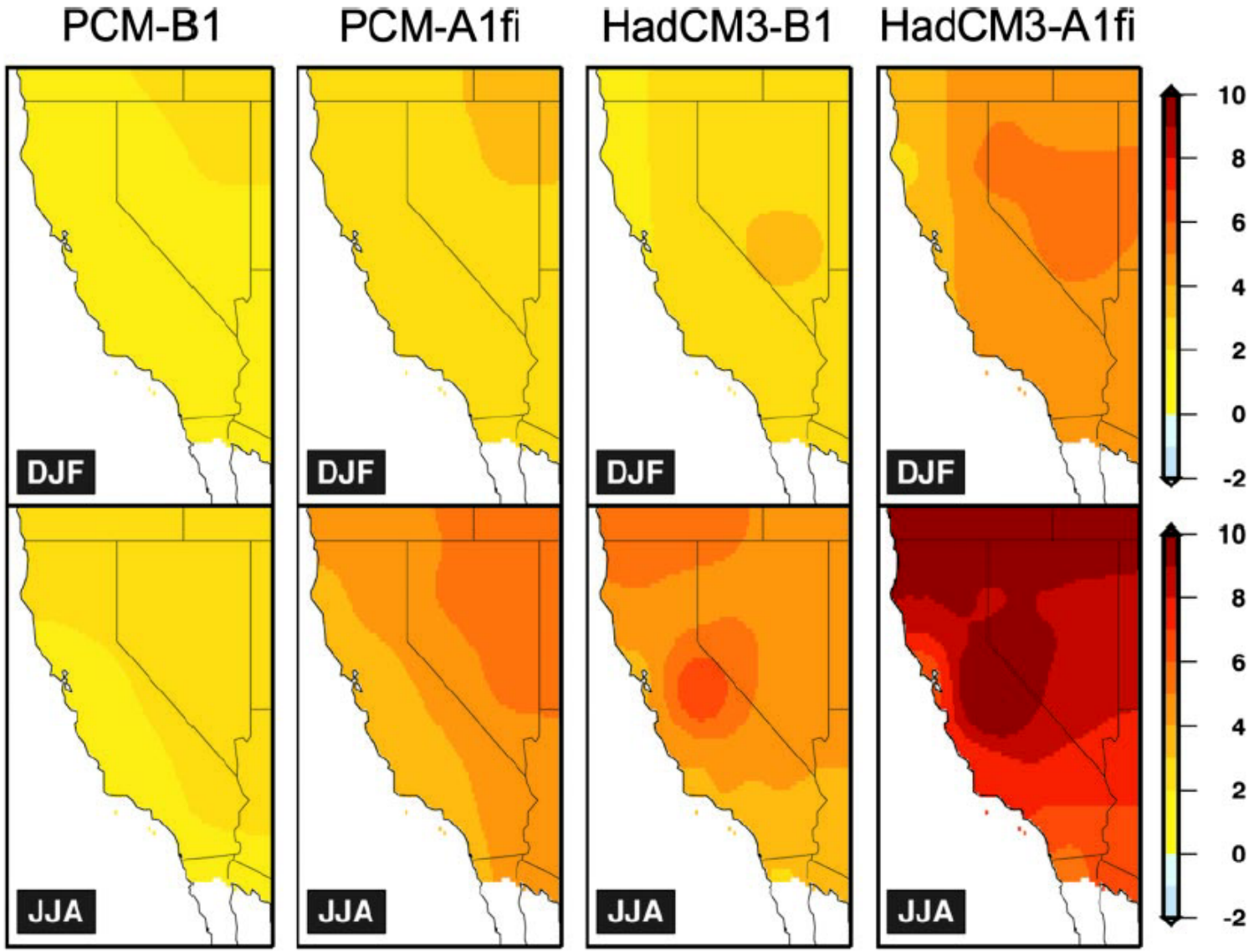

Fig. 1. Downscaled winter (DJF) and summer (JJA) temperature change (°C) for 2070–2099, relative to 1961–1990 for a 1/8° grid. Statewide, SRES B1 to A1fi winter temperature projections for the end of the century are 2.2–3°C and 2.3–4°C for PCM and HadCM3, respectively, compared with previous projections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

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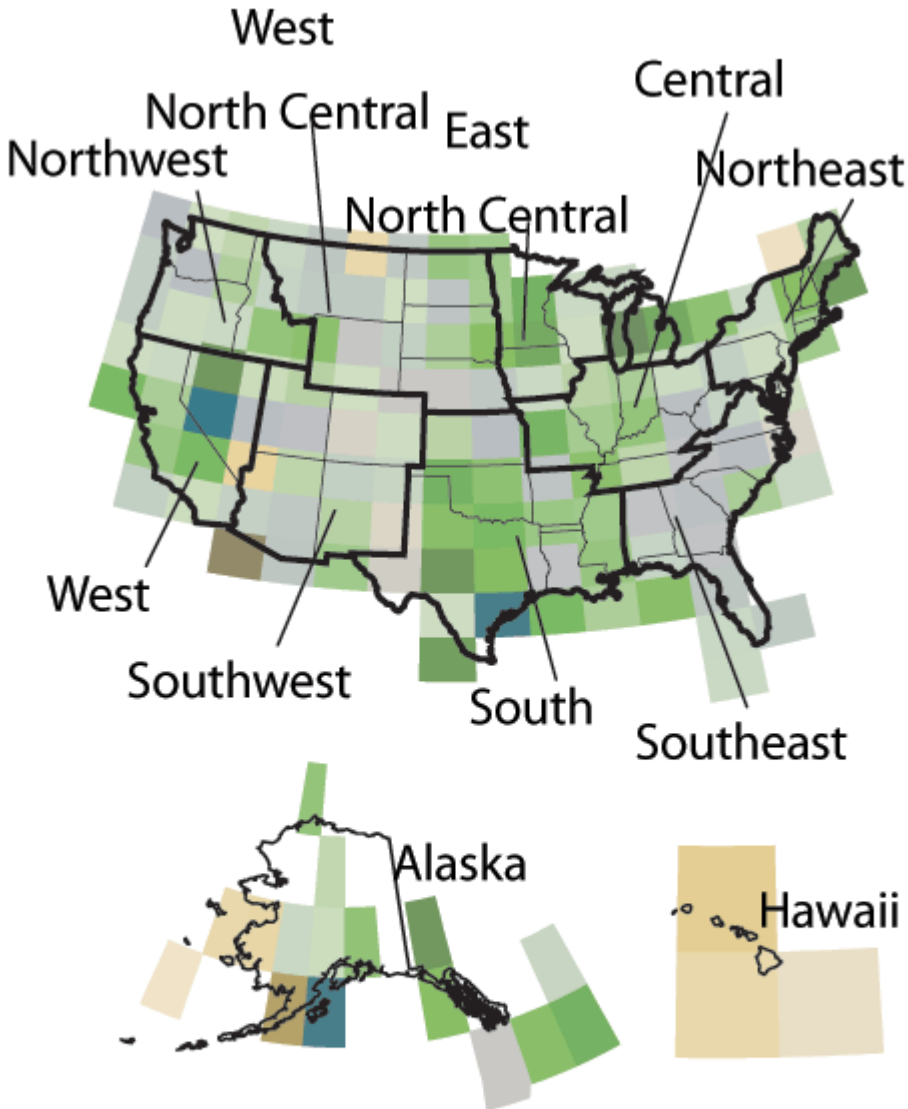
West
North Central
East
Central
Northwest
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West
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Change in precipitation (% per century):
-30
-20
-10
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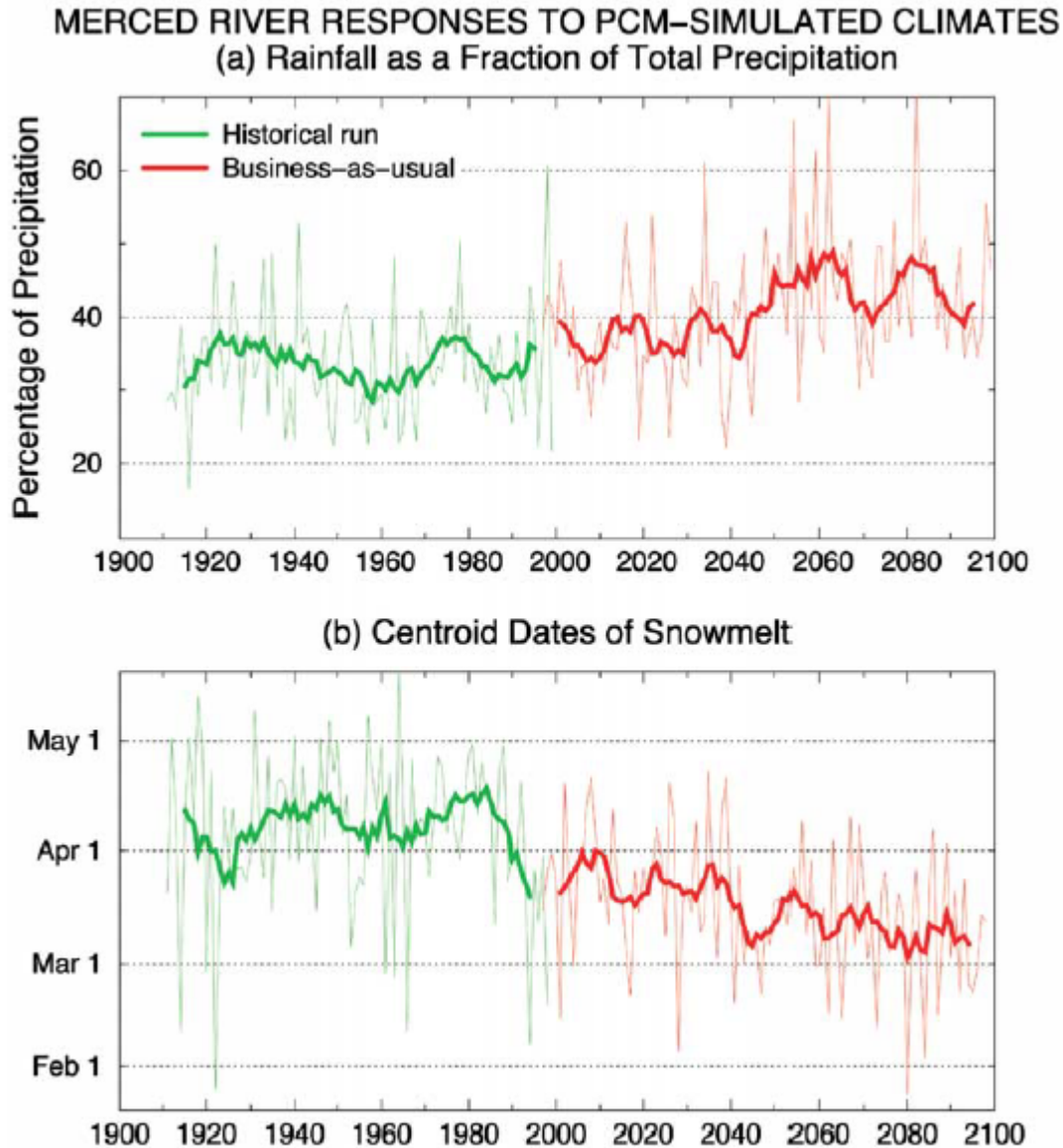

Figure 10. (a) Water-year fractions of total precipitation as rainfall; and (b) water-year centroids of snowmelt timing in the Merced River basin, in response to PCM-simulated climates; heavy curves are 9-yr moving averages.

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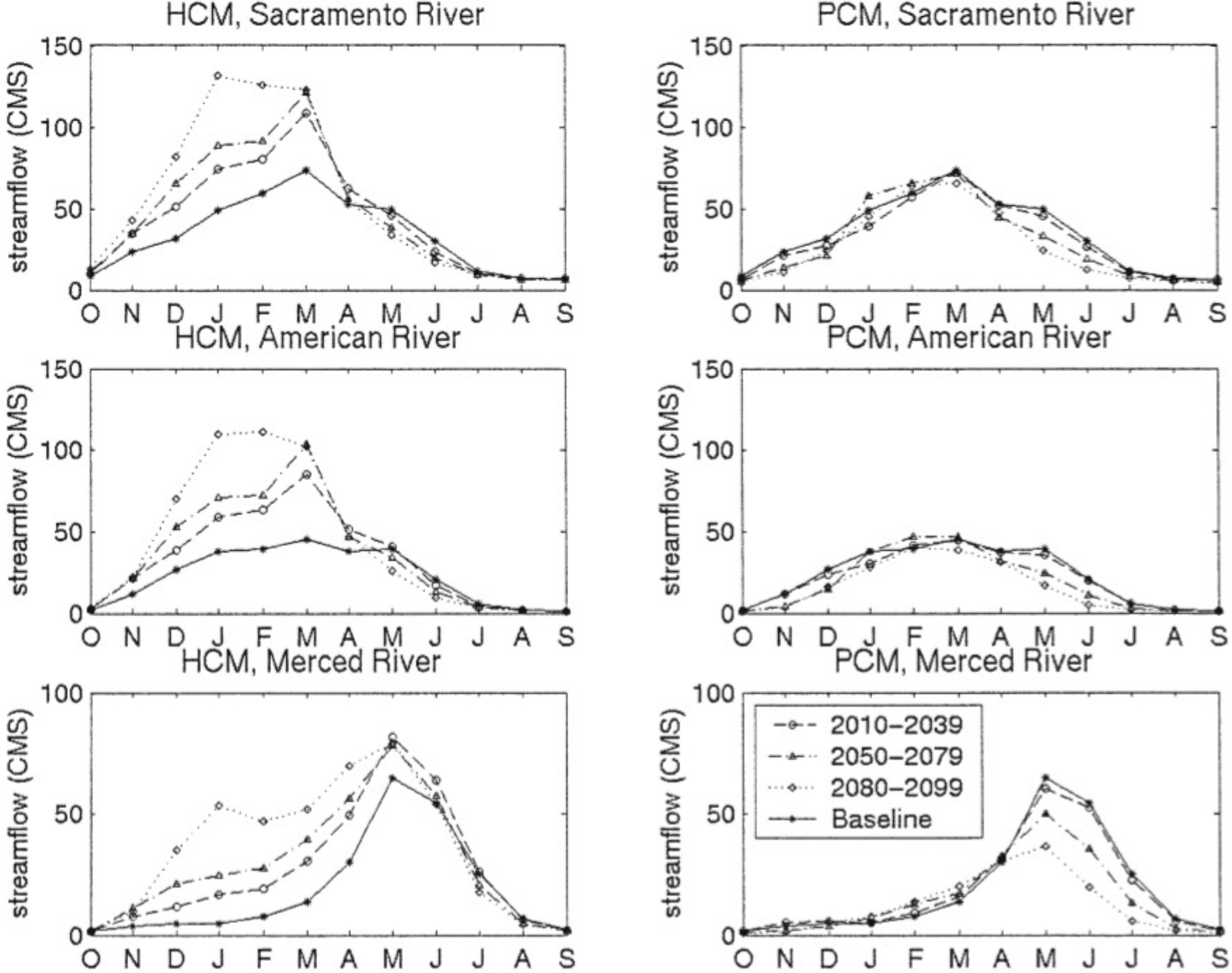

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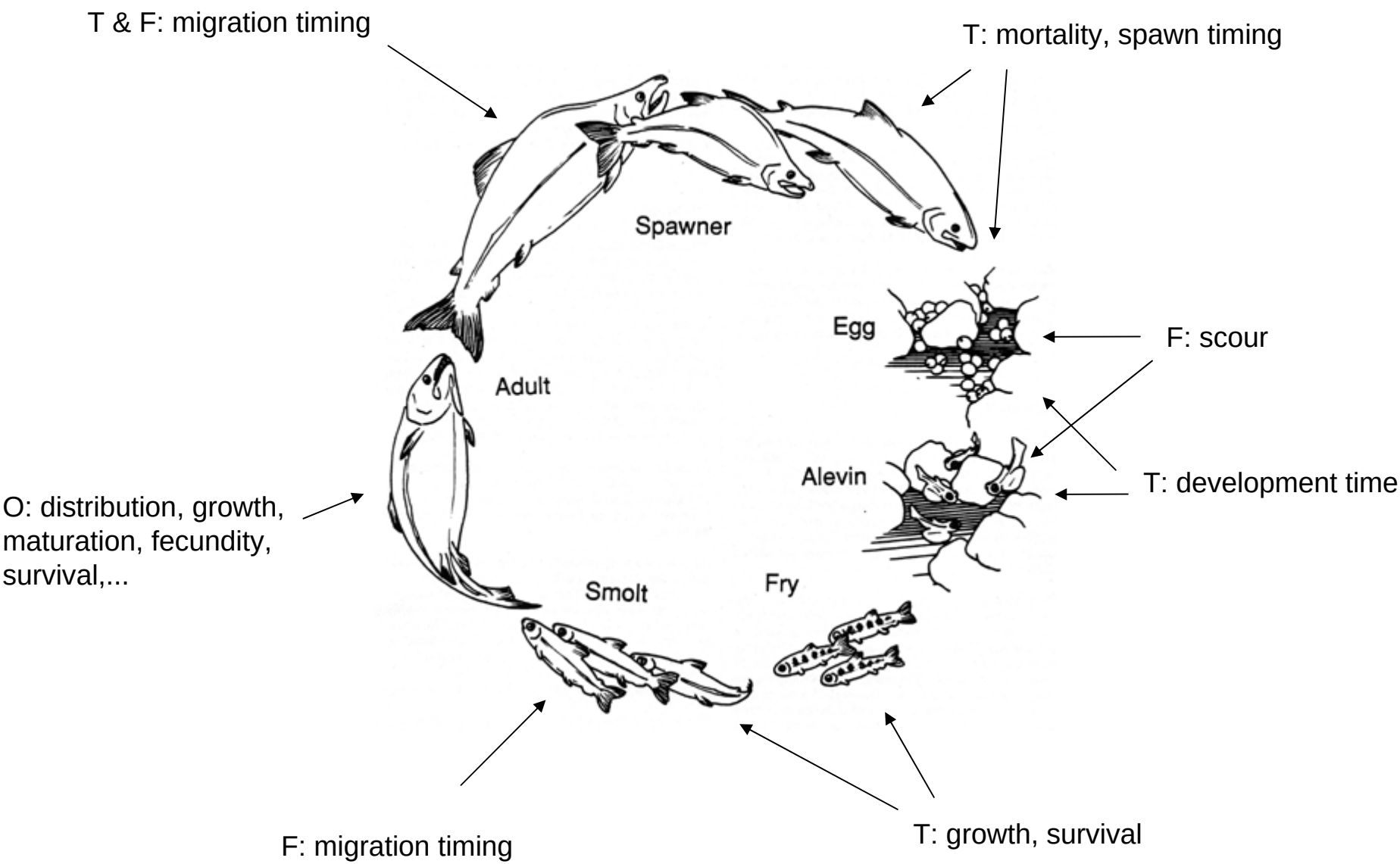
T & F: migration timing
T: mortality, spawn timing
Spawner
Egg
F: scour
Adult
Alevin
T: development time
O: distribution, growth, maturation, fecundity, survival,...
Smolt
Fry
F: migration timing
T: growth, survival

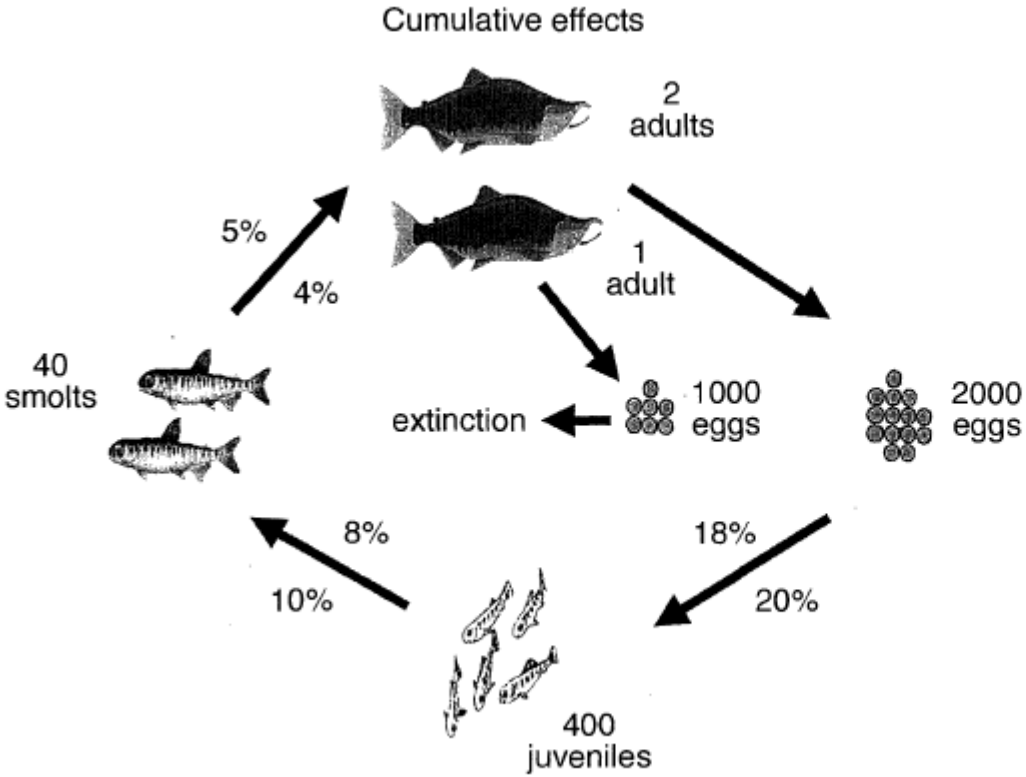

FIG. 9. Illustration of cumulative effects associated with different life stages of Pacific salmon. It is possible to increase population size, or drive the population to extinction, by only slight changes in survivorship at each life history stage. See *Consequences: Cumulative effects* for full explanation.

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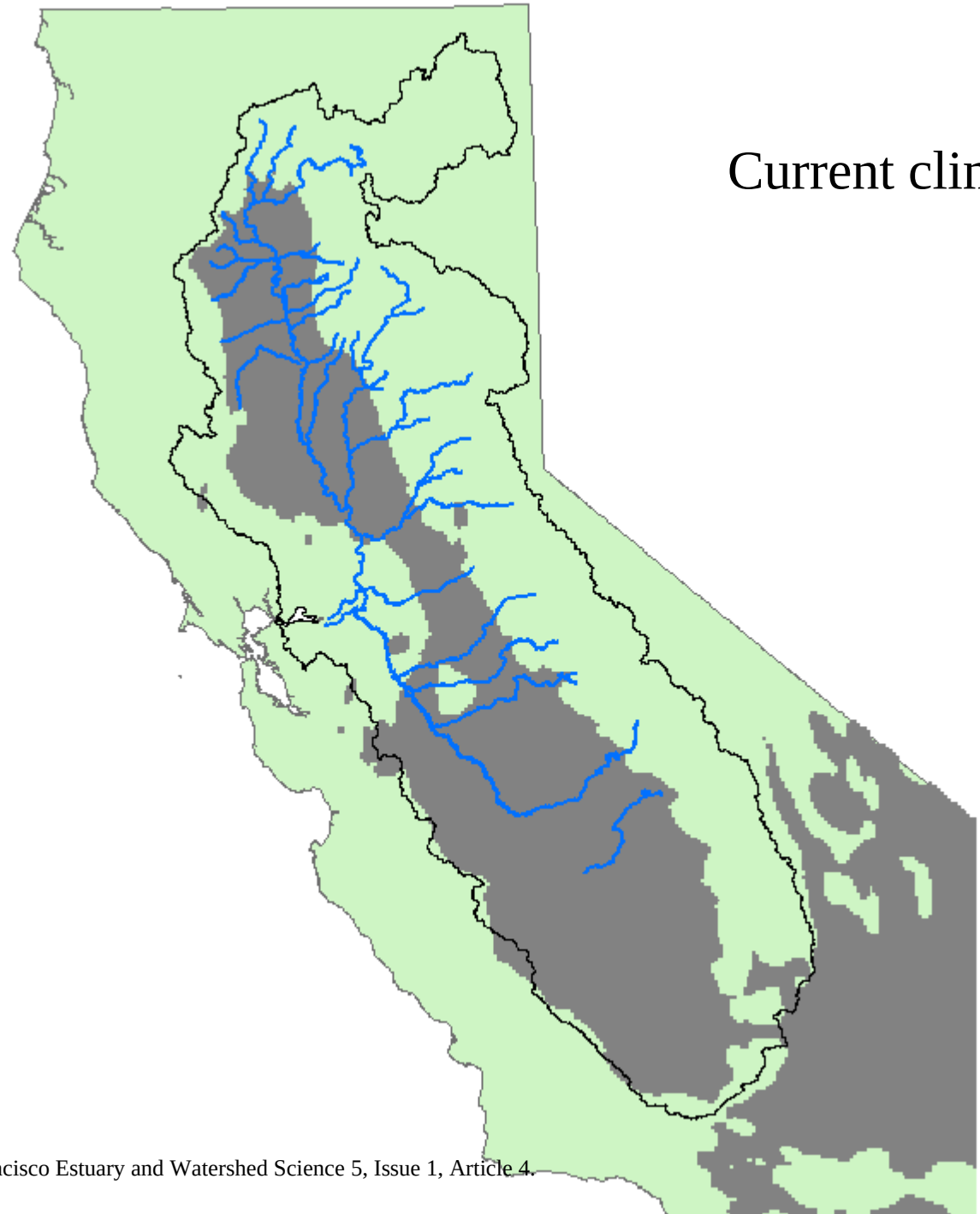
	Season			
Species	winter	spring	summer	fall
winter chinook	adults enter FW; fry migrate dhownstream	adults migrate to headwater springs; smolts enter ocean	adults spawn in headwater springs	fry emerge, rear in springs
spring chinook	adultsin ocean, fry in river	adults enter FR, smolts enter ocean	adults 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 tribs; smolts enter ocean	parr in FW	parr in FW



Current climate

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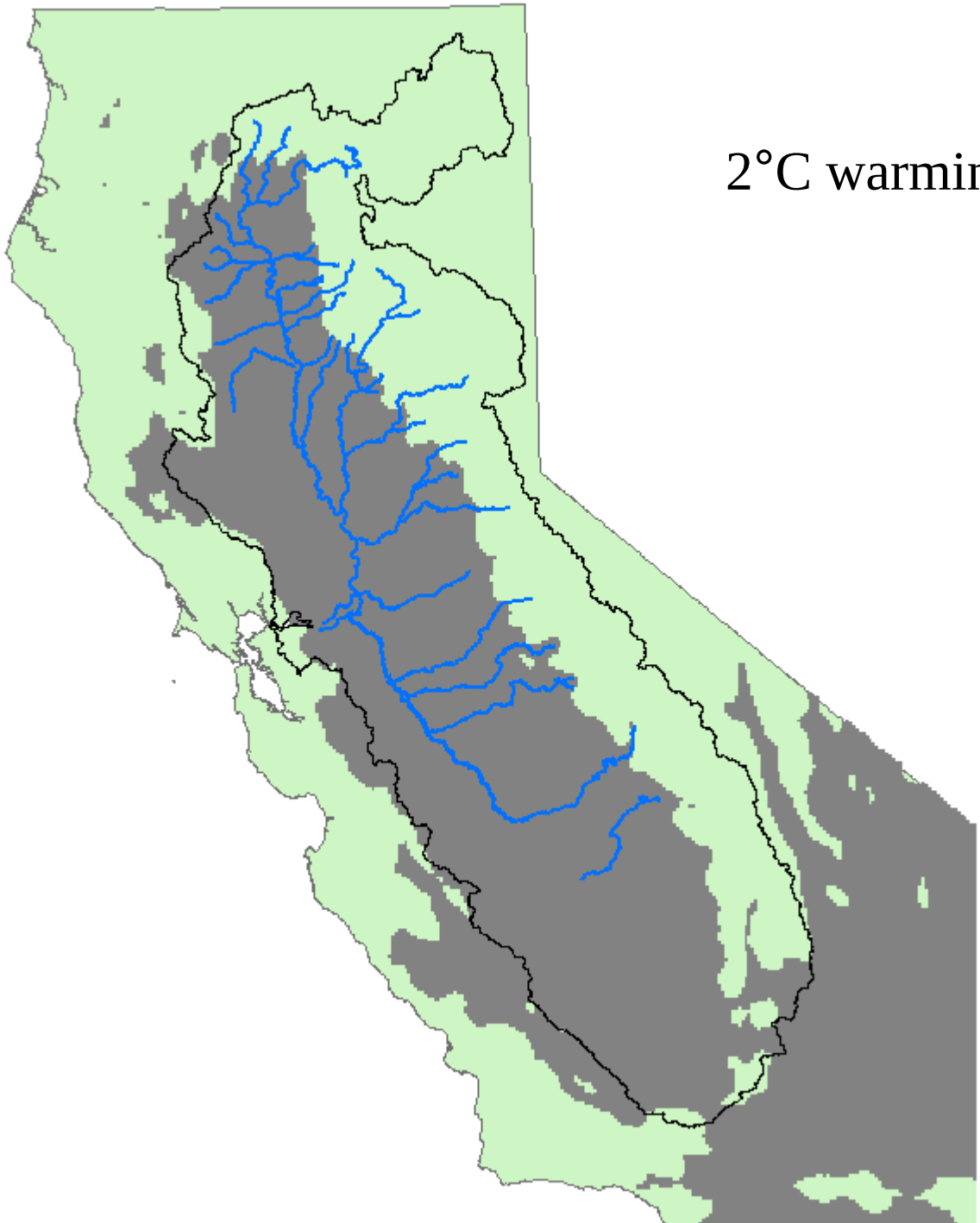
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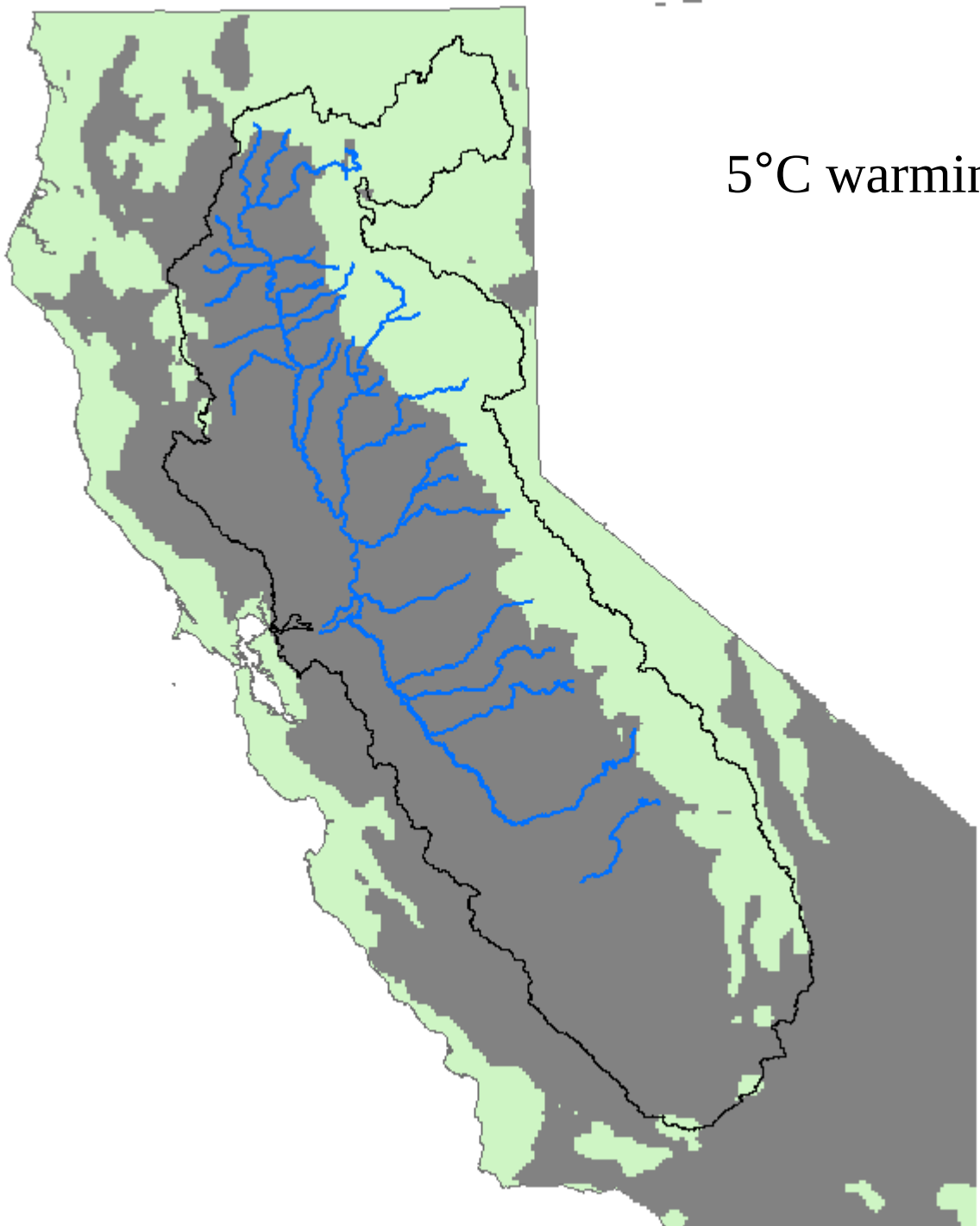
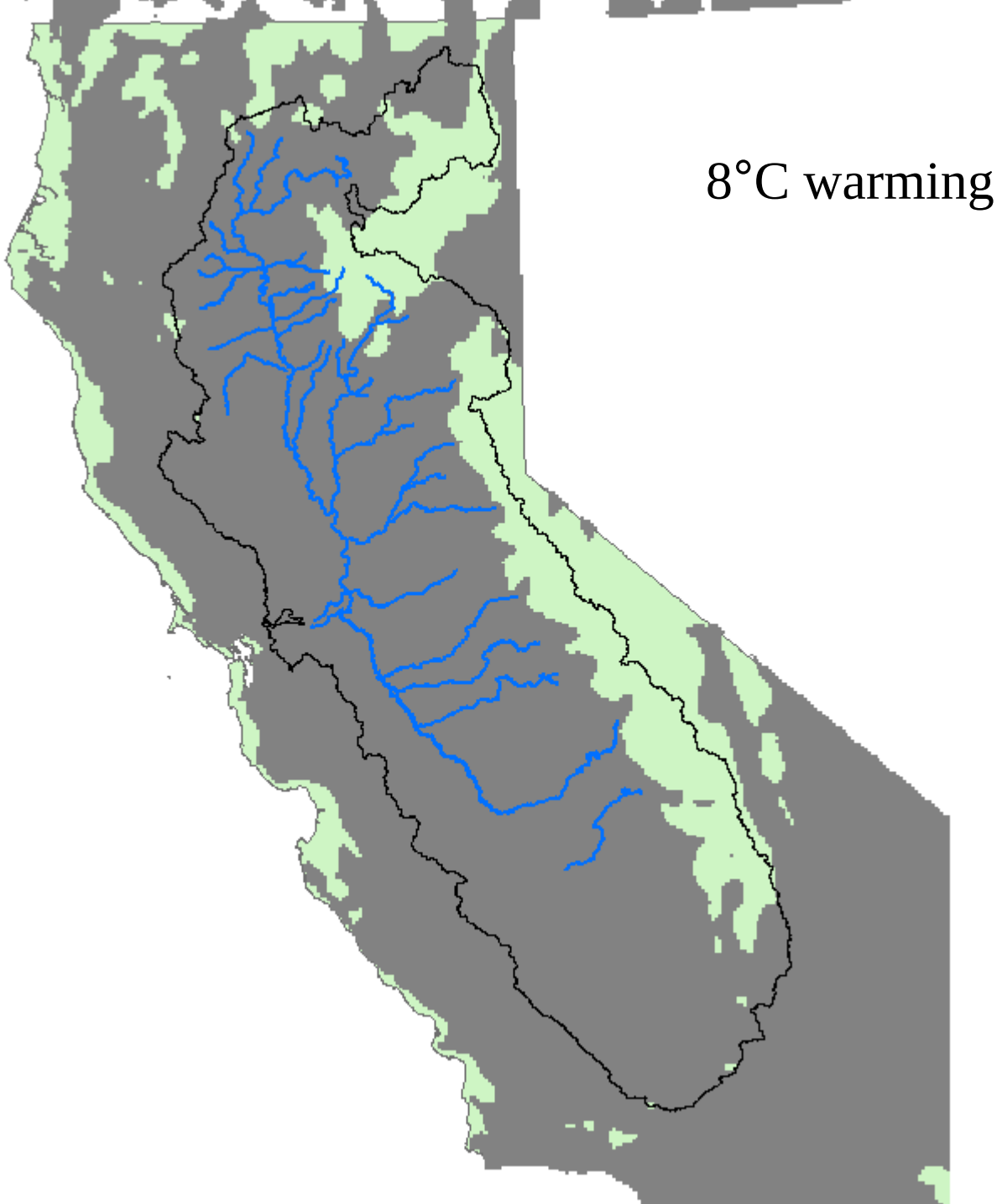
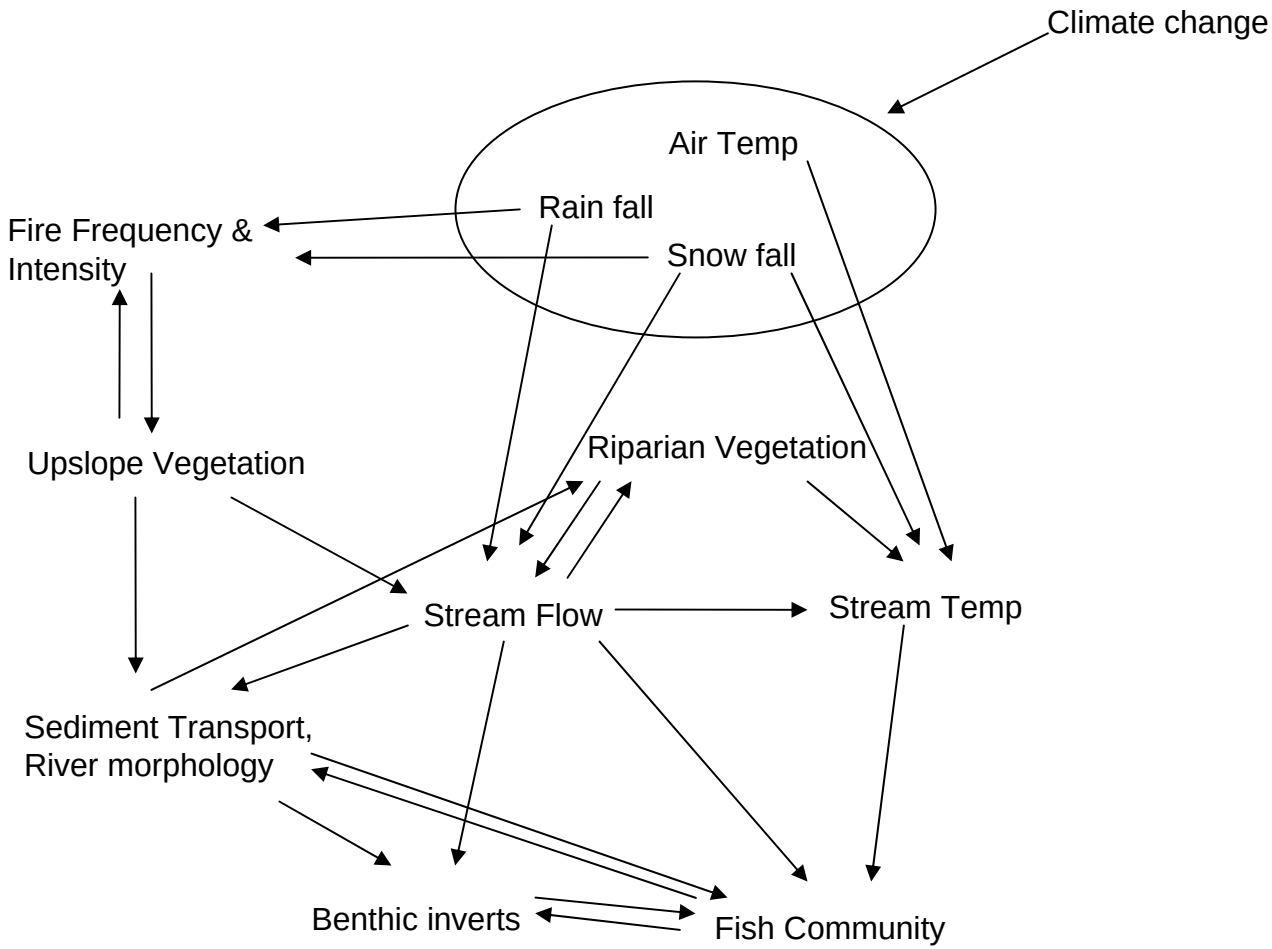
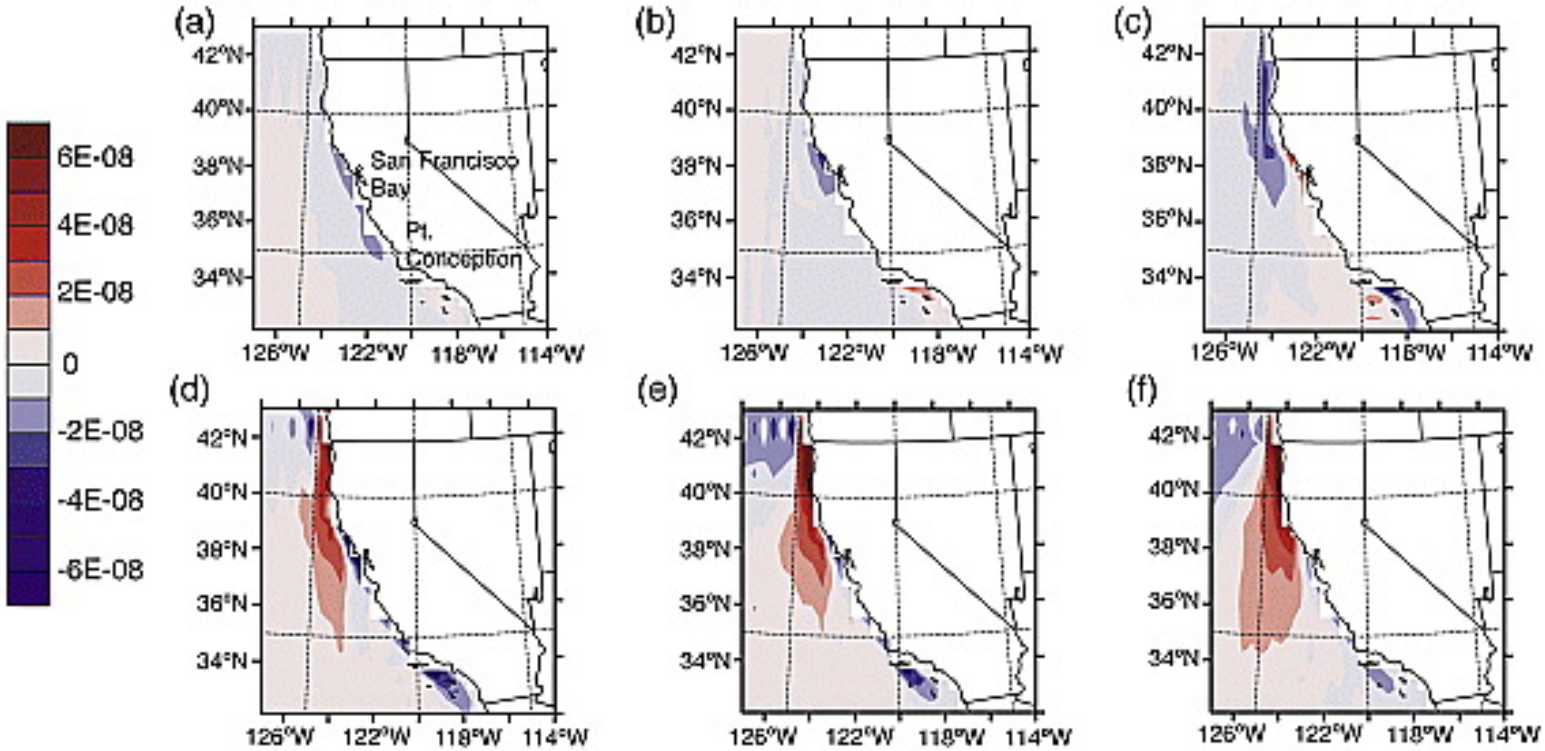

5°C warming


8°C warming


Climate change
Air Temp
Rain fall
Snow fall
Fire Frequency &
Intensity
Upslope Vegetation
Riparian Vegetation
Stream Flow
Stream Temp
Sediment Transport,
River morphology
Benthic inverts
Fish Community



Difference of the monthly average wind-stress curl (N/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.

Keys to survival

- Access to thermal refugia
- Maintain adaptive potential
- Compensate where possible