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|          |   |
|----------|---|
| BIA      | Bureau of Indian Affairs                              |
| BLM      | Bureau of Land Management                             |
| CalTrans | California Department of Transportation               |
| CDFG     | California Department of Fish and Game                |
| DO       | Dissolved oxygen                                      |
| EPA      | Environmental Protection Agency                       |
| ESA      | Endangered Species Act                                |
| FERC     | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission                  |
| FY       | Fiscal Year   |
| GIS      | Geographic Information System                         |
| HUC      | Hydrologic Unit Code (USGS)                           |
| IUCN     | International Union for Conservation of Nature        |
| MOA      | Memorandum of Agreement                               |
| mtDNA    | Mitochondrial DNA                                     |
| NMFS     | National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA)              |
| NOAA     | National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration |
| P.G.&E   | Pacific Gas and Electric Company                      |
| PLCI     | Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative               |
| RKM      | River Kilometer                                       |
| RM       | River Mile  |
| RMU      | Regional Management Unit                              |
| SWCD     | Soil and Water Conservation District                  |
| USACE    | U.S. Army Corp of Engineers                           |
| USBR     | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation                            |
| USFS     | U.S. Forest Service                                   |
| USFWS    | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service                        |
| USGS     | U.S. Geological Survey                                |
| WQ       | Water quality   |

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### **Introduction**

Pacific Lamprey, *Entosphenus tridentatus*, were historically widely distributed from Mexico north along the Pacific Rim to Japan. They are culturally important to indigenous people throughout their range and play a vital role in the ecosystem: cycling marine nutrients, passing primary production up the food chain as filter feeding larvae, promoting bioturbation in sediments, and serving as food for many mammals, fishes and birds. Recent observations of substantial declines in the abundance and range of Pacific Lamprey have spurred conservation interest in the species, with increasing attention from tribes, agencies, and others.

In 2003 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was petitioned by 11 conservation groups to list four species of lamprey in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California, including the Pacific Lamprey, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (Nawa et al. 2003). The USFWS review of the petition indicated a likely decline in abundance and distribution in some portions of the Pacific Lamprey's range and the existence of both long-term and proximate threats to this species, but the petition did not provide information describing how the portion of the species' petitioned range (California, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington) or any smaller portion is appropriate for listing under the ESA. The USFWS was therefore unable to define a listable entity based on the petition and determined Pacific Lamprey to be ineligible for listing (USFWS 2004).

It is the USFWS's strategy to improve the status of lampreys by proactively engaging in a concerted conservation effort. This collaborative effort, through the development and implementation of the Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative (PLCI) initiated in 2004,

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will facilitate opportunities to address threats, restore habitat, increase our knowledge of Pacific Lamprey, and improve their distribution and abundance in the United States portion of their range. The approach of the PLCI is to use the best scientific and empirical information available to assess current issues affecting the viability of Pacific Lamprey throughout its range in the western United States, to resolve knowledge gaps that limit our ability to conserve the species and to identify the specific conditions that must be addressed in order to conserve both regional and local populations. This document reviews risks identified in the Assessment and Template for Conservation Measures in California (Goodman and Reid 2012, USFWS 2019, Boyce and Reid 2022) and updates earlier implementation plans (Goodman and Reid 2015), including completed, ongoing and proposed implementation actions to aid in conservation of the species. These documents do not represent analyses required by the Endangered Species Act to determine if a species is warranted for listing as a threatened or endangered.

The Assessment and Template for Conservation Measures in California includes introductory chapters describing the overall assessment and conservation strategy of the PLCI, general biology of and threats to Pacific Lamprey, and methodology. Successive chapters focus on Pacific Lamprey in the California Region as a whole and in seven specific geographic subregions (Regional Management Units - RMU's) within California. Each RMU is further examined at the watershed level, using 4th field Hydrologic Unit Code watersheds (HUC). Habitat conditions, population status and threats are evaluated for each HUC. The demographic information and identified threats were then used to qualitatively assess the relative risks of extirpation for Pacific Lamprey within each HUC using a NatureServe Assessment Model.

### **Implementation Plans**

We use the combined results of viability and threats assessments in the California Assessments, review of available literature, site visits, the authors' experience with lampreys and discussions with stakeholders to develop implementation plans for each of seven RMU's (Figure 2, Appendix A); identifying conservation efforts, knowledge gaps and implementation projects that we believe will reduce risks to Pacific Lamprey within each RMU and its HUCs, thereby promoting conservation and management of the species range-wide.

### **Regional Conservation Strategy**

The California regional conservation strategy uses the combined results of the viability and threats assessments in the 2012, 2018 and 2022 California Assessments to develop implementation plans for each Regional Management Unit (RMU). These plans will identify specific conservation efforts, knowledge gaps and key implementation projects that we believe will reduce risks to Pacific Lamprey within each of California's seven RMU's and their component HUC watersheds, thereby promoting the conservation and management of Pacific Lamprey both locally and range-wide. They are intended to provide a tool to managers and conservation biologists to guide conservation efforts, prioritize projects, and monitor progress. Ultimately, the various subregional plans will

be incorporated into a regional plan for the whole of California and coordinated with implementation efforts in other regions.

Our current understanding of the biology and conservation needs of the Pacific Lamprey is relatively limited. Unlike western salmonids, which have long commercial management histories and have been extensively studied, little attention has been given to Pacific Lampreys in the past. Therefore, key conservation needs include the incorporation of lampreys into existing conservation and restoration projects, education of stakeholders and the general public, as well as filling major gaps in our basic understanding of their life history, distribution, behavior, habitat utilization and sensitivity to environmental factors such as temperature, flow regimes, and eutrophication. Nevertheless, it is also a primary goal of this implementation strategy to move forward with prioritized on-the-ground projects and recognized conservation needs that can be rapidly addressed over the next five year to directly benefit Pacific Lamprey. Crucial to the success of this strategy is the collaboration of multiple and diverse stakeholders working together proactively to promote the conservation of a keystone species integral to the health and ecological function of western rivers. Both the Conservation Assessments and Implementation Plans are intended as living documents that will be updated as we develop new information and understanding of lamprey conservation status and as implementation progresses. Already, many of the proposed implementation projects from earlier plans have been initiated or are well underway. It is our goal to continue this progress.

### **Implementation Planning - Methodology**

The initial phase of this implementation planning was assessment of population status and identification of threats within individual 4th field Hydrologic Unit Code watersheds (HUCs) through the 2012, 2018 California Assessment process (Goodman and Reid 2012, USFWS 2019). These results are incorporated into the implementation plans, where they serve to prioritize populations of particular concern and specific threats that need to be addressed by proposed implementation actions. The results of the 2012, 2018 and updated 2022 California Assessments are summarized herein, but the Assessments contain additional detail and background for the reader, including introductory chapters describing the overall assessment and conservation strategy of the PLCI, general biology of and threats to Pacific Lamprey, and methodology. Successive chapters focus on Pacific Lamprey in California as a whole and in specific geographic subregions, describing conditions, population status and threats at the watershed level. The demographic information and identified threats were then used to qualitatively assess the relative risks of extirpation for Pacific Lamprey within each watershed using a NatureServe Assessment Model (see Reid and Goodman (2012; USFWS 2019, Boyce and Reid 2022). Collaborative stakeholder discussions and site visits were held in each HUC to seek out local experience, conservation concerns and suggestions for information needs and conservation actions (see Figure 2 and Appendix A for stakeholder discussions and workshops). Outreach and information gatherings included multiple stakeholder discussions or workshops and included over 200 different stakeholders. Stakeholder discussions also provided an opportunity to increase collaboration, raise general

awareness and promote participation in lamprey conservation, as well as to inform the PLCI team of ongoing conservation actions in local watersheds.

The development of specific information needs and actions to be incorporated into the present implementation plan was guided by the 2012, 2018 and 2022 threat assessments and drew upon various sources of information, including review of available literature, site visits, the authors' experience with lampreys across California and discussions with local stakeholders. For each recognized threat, actions were developed that would specifically address that threat, or would provide information needed for further assessment and development of mitigation measures. Final development of proposed actions incorporated the results of stakeholder meetings, workshops, ongoing conversations with stakeholders and local biologists, site visits, and the experience of the PLCI team. The principal goal of the implementation plans is to identify specific conservation efforts, knowledge gaps and key implementation projects that we believe will reduce risks to Pacific Lamprey within each RMU and its component watersheds (HUC). However, there were also certain conservation efforts that are universal within the RMU, and often the broader region as well. These include outreach, education coordination and incorporation of lampreys into existing aquatic conservation efforts, as well as basic research into aspects of lamprey life-history that directly relate to their conservation needs.

All proposed actions and conservation needs were entered into an implementation database that incorporates:

- 1) Information on the threat addressed,
- 2) Description of the action and its rationale,
- 3) Scale and location of the action,
- 4) Prioritization factors,
- 5) Feasibility factors,
- 6) Additional benefits of the project, and
- 7) General status and details of the project.

Actions are grouped into the following categories:

- 1) Assessment - assessment of potential threats or project needs.
- 2) Coordination - including, outreach, collaboration and incorporation of lampreys into existing conservation efforts.
- 3) Research - information needs that directly relate to their conservation needs or are needed to assess general threats.
- 4) Survey/monitor - distribution of lampreys, suitable habitat, monitor populations or mapping of point threats (e.g. diversions, barriers).
- 5) Instream/on-the-ground projects

See Appendix B for specific fields and details of the database structure.

Prioritization of conservation actions is facilitated through the implementation database by inclusion of separate factors that may guide selection of individual projects. Priorities will be influenced by such factors as the specific needs of Pacific Lamprey in an area

(region or HUC), the level of threat addressed (scale, scope or severity), habitat gained, specific funds available, capabilities of participants, and stakeholder or program goals. Therefore, actions in the database were not prioritized explicitly, allowing for flexibility to accommodate a broad suite of applications. Instead, a framework is provided with a series of factors ranked independently that may contribute to a prioritization scheme. Factors evaluated for each action include the scope, scale and severity of threats addressed, effectiveness in addressing the threat, and quantity of habitat gain. These factors may be used in combination to guide strategic conservation measures in a variety of implementation scenarios.

The implementation database is intended as a living document that evolves with our understanding of threats to Pacific Lamprey, their conservation needs and the status of specific conservation projects. It is intended to provide a tool to managers and conservation biologists to address the specific needs of Pacific Lamprey, guide conservation efforts, prioritize projects and monitor progress. See Appendix C for proposed implementation tasks and contact information.



Figure 1. Map of seven California Regional Management Units (RMU's).

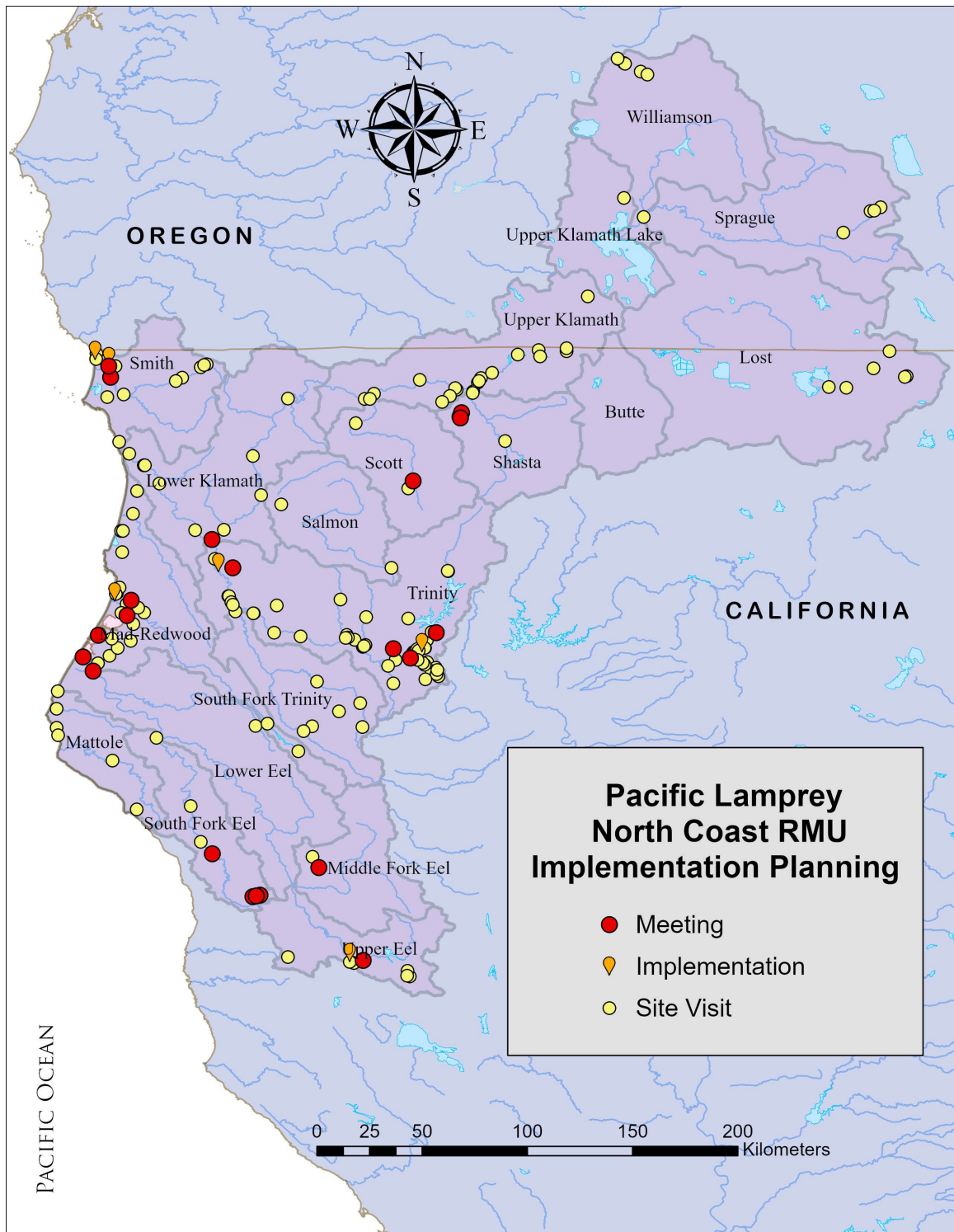


Figure 2. Map of stakeholder discussions, workshops and site visits which informed the development of the North Coast implementation plan.

## North Coast RMU - Status and distribution of Pacific Lamprey

The North Coast RMU (Figure 3) includes all coastal drainages from Punta Gorda (Mattole River) north to the Oregon border, including the northern half of the Northern California Coastal (01) and the entire Klamath (02) USGS accounting units. It includes 19 watersheds (4th field HUICS), ranging from 1,292 - 7,759 km<sup>2</sup> (Table 5-1). The RMU extends from the coast inland, cutting through the Klamath and Cascade mountain ranges into the interior and occupies the Coast Range, Klamath Mountains, Cascade, and Eastern Cascade, slopes and foothills ecoregions. Due to subregional differences in hydrology, habitat and threats, we have grouped the HUCs into three sub-groupings: Klamath Basin, Eel Basin and Coastal. The population status and distribution of Pacific Lamprey in the North Coast RMU are reviewed below and in Table 1 (adapted from 2018 Assessment with current information, USFWS 2019).

### Historical Range Extent

Pacific Lamprey are assumed to have been widely distributed and abundant historically in the North Coast RMU, based on current distribution, available habitat and tribal knowledge of fisheries. The principal uncertainty is how far they extended into the upper Klamath Lake Basin (east of the Cascades), for which there are no records. However, for the purpose of this assessment we assume that they were able to utilize all suitable habitat with anadromous access. This is based on the evidence for anadromous salmonids in the past (Hamilton et al. 2005), the widespread presence of other similar species of lamprey (*Entosphenus* spp.) throughout the Klamath Basin, historical records of Pacific Lamprey at elevations of up to at least 4,900' in California, and the absence of natural barriers (Reid and Goodman 2017).

### Current Occupancy

Pacific Lamprey currently occupy most historical anadromous habitat in the North Coast RMU downstream of impassable dams, except perhaps in higher gradient reaches or smaller tributaries (Reid and Goodman 2017). The principal dams in the RMU are the Klamath River dams, with the lowest being Iron Gate (constructed 1962, but preceded by Copco #1 constructed a short distance upstream in 1912), the Lewiston and Trinity dams on the Trinity River (constructed 1962), Dwinnell Dam on the Shasta River (constructed 1926), Matthews Dam on the Mad River (constructed 1962), and the Cape Horn (constructed 1907; fish ladder 1922) and Scott (constructed 1922) dams on the upper Eel River. Only the Cape Horn Dam has facilities for fish passage, although the older fishway was not suitable for lampreys. In 2017 it was modified with the addition of a lamprey-specific passage and monitoring facility under the PLCI (Goodman and Reid 2017, unpubl. data). The mainstem Klamath River dams are planned for removal in 2023, and the upper Eel River dams (Cape Horn and Scott dams) are currently under review.



### California North Coast RMU HUCs

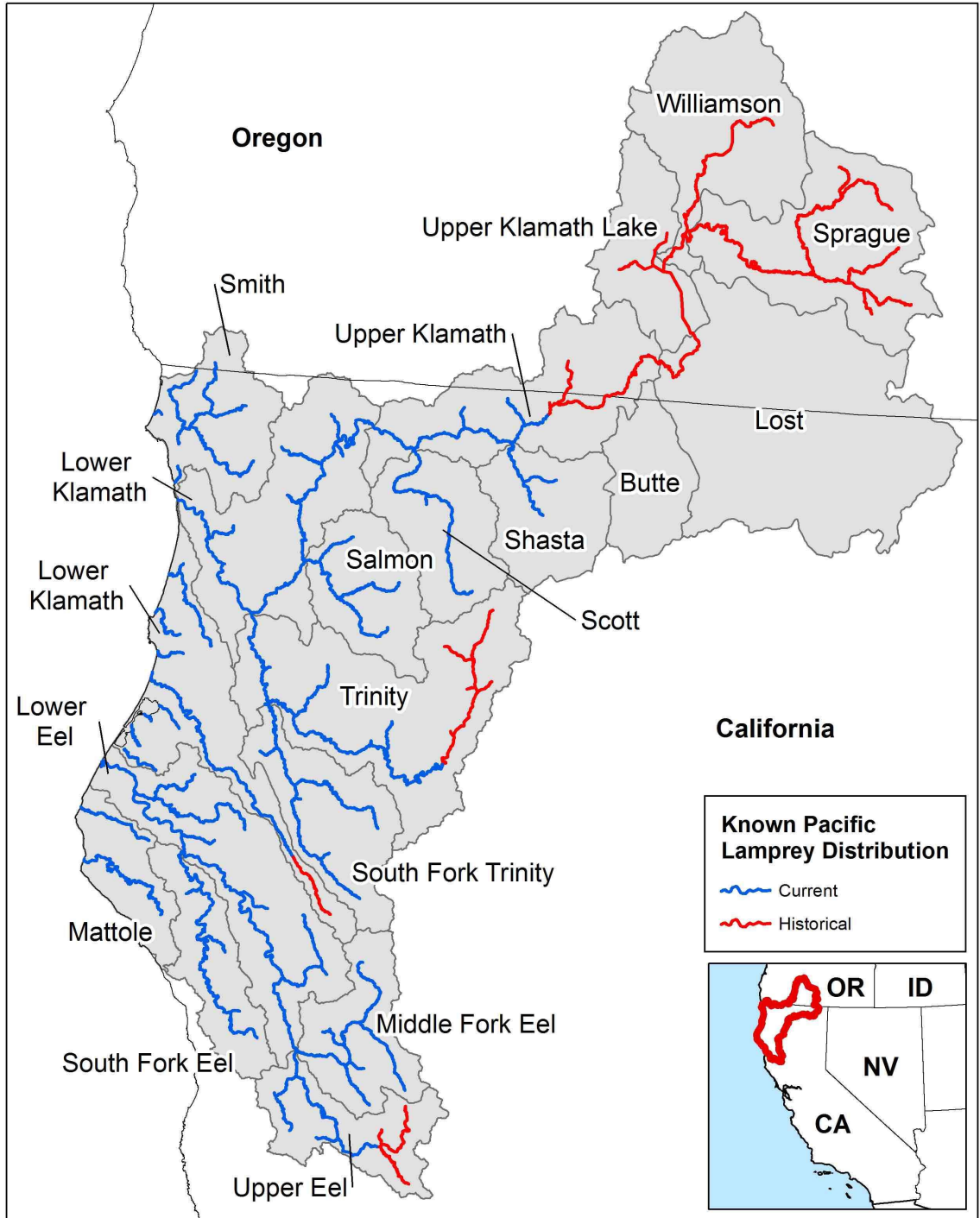


Figure 3. North Coast Regional Management Unit (RMU) and its watersheds (4th field HUCs), with current and historical distribution of Pacific Lamprey in 4th order and higher streams (Reid and Goodman 2017).

Table 1. Conservation Status Ranks and Population demographics in the 4<sup>th</sup> Field watersheds (HUC) in the CA North Coast Region. Note that historical and current occupancies are linear stream distances (4th order and above), reflecting improved distribution data since the 2012 Assessment. The Butte HUC is endorheic (NA - not anadromous). Adapted from the 2018 Assessment (USFWS 2019); note an updated assessment is expected in late 2022.

| Watershed         | Conservation Status Rank | Historical Occupancy (km) | Current Occupancy (km) | Ratio Current/ Historical | Population Size (adults) | Short-Term Trend (% Decline) |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Klamath</u>    |                          |                           |                        |                           |                          |                              |
| Williamson        | SX                       | 136                       | 0                      | 0                         | Extinct                  | -                            |
| Sprague           | SX                       | 427                       | 0                      | 0                         | Extinct                  | -                            |
| Upper             | SX                       | 92                        | 0                      | 0                         | Extinct                  | -                            |
| Lost              | SX                       | 48                        | 0                      | 0                         | Extinct                  | -                            |
| Butte             | -                        | NA                        | -                      | -                         | -                        | -                            |
| Upper             | S2                       | 288                       | 164                    | 0.57                      | 250-1000                 | 50 - 70%                     |
| Shasta            | S1                       | 84                        | 84                     | 1                         | 250-1000                 | 50 - 70%                     |
| Scott             | S2                       | 139                       | 139                    | 1                         | 250-1000                 | 50 - 70%                     |
| Salmon            | S2                       | 161                       | 161                    | 1                         | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| Trinity           | S2                       | 449                       | 316                    | 0.7                       | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| South Fork        | S2                       | 249                       | 249                    | 1                         | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| Lower             | S2                       | 373                       | 373                    | 1                         | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| <u>Eel Basin:</u> |                          |                           |                        |                           |                          |                              |
| Lower Eel         | S2                       | 517                       | 517                    | 1                         | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| Middle Fork       | S2                       | 220                       | 220                    | 1                         | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| South Fork Eel    | S2                       | 225                       | 225                    | 1                         | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| Upper Eel         | S2                       | 241                       | 160                    | 0.66                      | 1000-2500                | 50 - 70%                     |
| <u>Coastal:</u>   |                          |                           |                        |                           |                          |                              |
| Smith             | S2                       | 227                       | 227                    | 1                         | Unknown                  | 50 - 70%                     |
| Mad-Redwood       | S2                       | 401                       | 362                    | 0.9                       | Unknown                  | 50 - 70%                     |
| Mattole           | S2                       | 154                       | 154                    | 1                         | Unknown                  | 50 - 70%                     |

### **Ratio of Current Occupancy to Historical Range Extent**

With the exception of the entire upper Klamath Basin (970 km of potential anadromous habitat), which was blocked in 1917 by the construction of Copco #1 Dam (Hamilton et al. 2005), the North Coast RMU has seen relatively little loss of historical distribution caused by obstruction of passage, generally < 10%. The Lewiston/Trinity dams blocked about 1,860 km<sup>2</sup> of the upper Trinity River (ca. 35% of the HUC). Scott Dam blocks about 750 km<sup>2</sup> of the Upper Eel HUC (ca. 40%), and the Cape Horn Dam, now with a lamprey-specific fishway, somewhat restricts access to another 140 km<sup>2</sup>. Obstruction of smaller tributaries by culverts was assessed in the Eel (Stillwater Sciences 2014) and Trinity drainages (Reid 2017). However, much of this habitat is higher gradient and not utilized by lampreys.

### **Population Size**

Adult population size in the North Coast RMU is poorly understood and not formally monitored. However, unlike other areas, there is a long tribal history of subsistence fishing in the North Coast drainages, especially in the Eel and Klamath rivers. Tribal participants estimated 1,000-10,000 adult lampreys migrating into their drainages in recent years (distributed among HUCs). The Hoopa Valley Tribe caught an estimated 2,755 adults in the lower Trinity River in 2012 providing a very conservative estimate of adult population entering the Trinity HUC (Hoopa preliminary tribal creel estimate; Billy Matilton pers. com). Nevertheless, there is only one formal counting of lampreys in the RMU, and most estimates represent a conservative minimum adult population size for the RMU. At Cape Horn Dam (upper Eel, RM 156), 700 adults were collected at and passed over the dam in Spring 2012 by CDFW, facilitated by collection in the lowest sections of the ladder. In 2013, 255 were counted passing the midsection of the ladder. In 2016, a video monitoring station was installed in the newly installed lamprey passage facility. Counts at the station, which represent all lampreys passing the dam, have been highly variable, ranging from 4 to 11,506 (2017). Downstream migrant monitoring at screw-traps is generally focused on salmonids and hampered, especially in the Klamath, by the presence of additional lamprey species in the catch, inability to sample during high flows utilized by emigrating juveniles, and seasonal monitoring that may miss the principal lamprey migration times (Goodman et al. 2015).

### **Short Term Trend**

While in most areas the lack of formal monitoring of adult migrations makes any quantification of population trends impossible, the presence of a long tribal fishery in the North Coast with living recollections of past lamprey runs allows us to get some sense of comparison between historic and present populations. Tribal fishermen who fished in the 1970-80's recollect much larger runs and suggest declines of at least 90% from those days and consistently low runs since the mid 1980's with continued decline. Fish biologists also anecdotally recount seeing large numbers of lampreys at Cape Horn dam (upper Eel), Hayfork Falls (South Fork Trinity), and in Indian Creek (Lower Klamath), all sites where lampreys still exist, but are not seen in such large numbers. Even members of the general public with experience along the rivers typically remember large numbers of 'eels' in the 70's that they no longer see. These anecdotal declines are in agreement with

records from the Oregon Coast at Winchester Dam on the North Fork Umpqua River (Goodman and Reid 2012; USFWS 2019).

### **NatureServe Risk Ranks**

NatureServe risk ranks generally varied from imperiled to vulnerable (S2-S3), except for the upper Klamath Basin HUCs, which were extirpated by mainstem dams, and the Smith River, which was the only HUC with a ranking of Apparently Secure (S4). The Smith River was also the only HUC in any of the West Coast regions to be ranked as secure. Nevertheless, it is subject to metapopulation declines caused by regional threats outside the watershed. See discussion of threats below.

### **North Coast RMU - Threats and Limiting Factors to Pacific Lamprey**

Threats and limiting factors to Pacific Lamprey in the North Coast RMU are provided in Table 2 for the principal five threats, also discussed below. The remaining threat categories were either of low risk throughout the RMU or were not considered in this assessment as a whole due to lack of information (see discussion under Goodman and Reid 2014, Chap. 4 - California Regional Summary: Small Population Size, Disease, Lack of Awareness, Ocean Conditions, and Climate Change). While Harvest was not a major threat in most of California, the North Coast is the only area where there is substantial tribal harvest which is currently limited to subsistence purposes.

The primary threats in the North Coast RMU vary between areas. The mainstem Klamath River is primarily affected by the presence of multiple hydropower dams, demands for agricultural water and flow management. The Scott River is affected by water withdrawals and the legacy effects of streambed alteration. The Trinity is affected by the Trinity/Lewiston dams, water withdrawals, water management and the legacy effects of streambed alteration. In the Eel River watershed the primary threats are associated with water quality issues such as high water temperatures and nutrient loading, as well as watershed management effects on channel morphology and bedload dynamics in the Lower Eel, and two large dams and diversions in the Upper Eel. Predator threats were not resolved but included marine mammals at the mouth of the Klamath, Brown Trout in the Trinity, and introduced Sacramento Pikeminnow in the Eel. The three smaller coastal HUCs (Smith, Mad-Redwood and Mattole) and the Salmon (tributary to the Klamath) were all ranked relatively low for threats.

### **Passage (dams, culverts, water diversions, tide gates, other barriers)**

Major impassable dams caused the extirpation of Pacific Lamprey in all the upper Klamath Basin HUCs, as well as isolation of the upper Trinity. The upper Eel River also lost about a quarter of its watershed to the Scott Dam, and the Cape Horn Dam downstream restricts upstream passage by lampreys, although some do pass the dam. Otherwise, passage concerns in the remaining watersheds are generally limited to culverts and smaller diversions on tributaries, many of which block less suitable habitat (e.g. higher gradient, seasonal, or sediment poor streams), and were generally ranked low in scope.

### **Dewatering and Stream Flow Management (reservoirs, water diversions, instream projects)**

Flows in the Klamath River itself are heavily managed. Flow-ramping to meet hydroelectric demands can produce rapid drops in water-level and mortality of ammocoetes in shoreline sediments, and agricultural demands can reduce flows, which when combined with high summer temperatures and eutrophic conditions has resulted in major fish die offs. Dewatering for agricultural uses, including groundwater pumping, also ranked as high in the Shasta and Scott rivers. Outside the Klamath Basin dewatering and flow management associated with large dams were generally ranked as low (scope and severity) in the Eel and other coastal drainages, except in the Upper Eel where the Potter Valley Project diverts a large proportion of summer flow into the Russian River Basin, reducing instream flow for a considerable reach below Cape Horn Dam. However, dewatering and eutrophication due to small-scale legal and illegal agricultural uses which reduce flow, raise summer temperatures, add nutrients and promote algal blooms in the mainstems are considered major concerns in the Eel, Mattole, and S.F. Trinity drainages.

### **Stream and Floodplain Degradation (channelization, loss of side channel habitat, scouring)**

Stream and floodplain degradation was generally ranked as low threat, except in four HUCs (Scott, Trinity, S.F. Trinity and Lower Eel River), which ranked moderate in scope and severity. The Scott River was ranked for degradation due to gravel operations, channelization, rip-rapping, and historical logging operations. The two Trinity HUCs were ranked due to instream gravel operations, loss of complexity and fines due to historical mining and water management, and dredge mining. In the Lower Eel, historical watershed management has shifted the system to one dominated by coarse bedload without extensive fine substrates. It has also changed the timing and intensity of runoff and shifted the riparian corridor from narrow and tree-lined with deeper pools to a wide, shallow and denuded channel.

### **Water Quality (Water temperature, chemical poisoning and toxins, accidental spills, chemical treatment, sedimentation, non-point source)**

Water quality issues were generally ranked as widespread, but low in severity throughout the RMU, except in the Klamath River itself (Upper Klamath HUC) where significant eutrophication affects water quality in the summer and fall, and in the Eel River where high summer water temperatures and low flows promote the growth of algae and associated dissolved oxygen effects.

### **Predation**

Predation was not generally considered a threat in the north coastal streams, except in the Eel River, where introduced Sacramento Pikeminnow (native to the Russian River and Central Valley drainages) are now common in the mainstem, and in the Trinity River which supports a large Brown Trout population. Large pikeminnow are piscivorous and are known to consume juvenile lampreys (Nakamoto and Harvey 2003). However, the two species are successfully sympatric throughout the Central Valley and Russian River drainages. Brown Trout are also known predators of juvenile lamprey and feed nocturnally, so they may encounter lamprey more often than other predatory fishes do

Table 2. NatureServe risk ranks, maximum threat level and principal threat rankings for Pacific Lamprey within the North Coast RMU, grouped by major drainages. The Butte HUC is endorheic (NA - not anadromous) but included for reference. NatureServe ranks: SX, Extinct; SH, Believed extinct; S1, Critically imperiled, S2, Imperiled, S3, Vulnerable, S4 Apparently secure, and S5. Maximum threat ranks: X, Extinct due to dams (prior to 1985); and A to H, substantial and imminent threat to unthreatened. Individual threat rankings for Scope and Severity: 1 to 4, Insignificant to High; U = Unknown Secure. Adapted from the 2018 Assessment (USFWS 2019); note an updated assessment is expected in late 2022.

| Watershed             | Risk Rank | Maximum Threat | Individual Threats ( Scope - Severity ) |                  |                    |               |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|---|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
|                       |           |                | Passage                                 | Dewatering /Flow | Stream Degradation | Water Quality | Predation |
| <u>Klamath Basin:</u> |           |                |   |                  |                    |               |           |
| Williamson            | SX        | X              | X                                       | -                | -                  | -             | -         |
| Sprague               | SX        | X              | X                                       | -                | -                  | -             | -         |
| Upper Klamath Lake    | SX        | X              | X                                       | -                | -                  | -             | -         |
| Lost Butte            | SX        | X              | X                                       | -                | -                  | -             | -         |
| Upper Klamath         | NA        | -              | -                                       | -                | -                  | -             | -         |
| Shasta                | S2        | B              | 3 - 4                                   | 3 - 3            | 1 - 1              | 4 - 3         | 2 - 1     |
| Scott                 | S2        | C              | 1 - 4                                   | 3 - 2            | 1 - 1              | 3 - 3         | 1 - 1     |
| Salmon                | S2        | C              | 2 - 2                                   | 3 - 3            | 3 - 3              | 3 - 3         | 2 - 1     |
| Trinity               | S3        | D              | 2 - 2                                   | 1 - 1            | 1 - 1              | 4 - 2         | 1 - 1     |
| South Fork Trinity    | S2        | C              | 2 - 4                                   | 3 - 2            | 3 - 3              | 4 - 2         | 3 - 3     |
| Lower Klamath         | S2        | C              | 2 - 2                                   | 4 - 2            | 3 - 3              | 4 - 2         | 2 - 1     |
| Lower Klamath         | S3        | C              | 2 - 2                                   | 2 - 2            | 2 - 2              | 4 - 2         | 4 - 1     |
| <u>Eel Basin:</u>     |           |                |   |                  |                    |               |           |
| Lower Eel             | S2        | B              | 2 - 2                                   | 4 - 3            | 3 - 3              | 4 - 3         | 4 - 2     |
| Middle Fork Eel       | S2        | B              | 2 - 2                                   | 4 - 3            | 1 - 1              | 4 - 3         | 4 - 2     |
| South Fork Eel        | S2        | B              | 1 - 4                                   | 4 - 3            | 1 - 1              | 4 - 3         | 4 - 2     |
| Upper Eel             | S2        | B              | 2 - 4                                   | 4 - 3            | 1 - 1              | 4 - 3         | 4 - 2     |
| <u>Coastal:</u>       |           |                |   |                  |                    |               |           |
| Smith                 | S3        | G              | 1 - 3                                   | 1 - 1            | 1 - 1              | 3 - 1         | 1 - 1     |
| Mad-Redwood           | S3        | D              | 2 - 2                                   | 2 - 2            | 1 - 1              | 4 - 2         | 2 - 1     |
| Mattole               | S3        | D              | 2 - 2                                   | 2 - 2            | 1 - 1              | 4 - 2         | 2 - 1     |

(Heggenes et al. 1993). The impact of either predator on local populations is not known and may be ameliorated by downstream out-migration of juveniles during periods of high flow and turbidity and, in the case of pikeminnow, by the generally nocturnal activity patterns of lampreys. In the lower Klamath River, and perhaps other rivers, seals and sea lions feed on migrating runs of adult lampreys near the mouth, and this pressure has increased as pinniped populations increase. Nevertheless, the character and severity of threats due to predators could not be assessed, and they were ranked as Unknown for the time being, although they are proposed for assessment.

### **North Coast RMU – Implementation Plan**

This plan is intended to identify conservation efforts, knowledge gaps and implementation projects that we believe will reduce risks to Pacific Lamprey within the North Coast RMU and its component HUCs, thereby promoting the conservation and management of the species range-wide. A summary of the plan is provided below, with details available in the Implementation Database (Appendix C).

#### **General conservation needs within the North Coast RMU**

Within the North Coast RMU there are some general conservation needs that pertain to all HUCs. These include coordination efforts (outreach, education, and incorporation of lampreys into existing aquatic conservation efforts), as well as basic research into aspects of lamprey life-history that directly relate and are applicable to their conservation needs region-wide. There are also common needs for distribution surveys, population monitoring, habitat assessments and barrier mapping.

##### *Coordination*

As in most of the region, the lack of awareness, understanding and consideration of lampreys by the general public, resource managers and restoration projects in the North Coast RMU has resulted in the conservation needs of Pacific Lamprey being ignored or actively imperiled. A major goal of the PLCI implementation is to increase awareness of Pacific Lamprey, attract more participation by stakeholders and promote consideration of its conservation needs by providing outreach, training and local education to stakeholders, resource managers and community members.

A specific regional focus is proposed for coordination with other passage stakeholders (e.g. USBR, CalTrans, CDFG, Pacificorp, P.G.&E, and USFWS) to insure lamprey consideration in existing passage structures, as well as current and future projects. Passage obstruction has been identified as one of the primary threats to Pacific Lamprey region-wide, isolating over 40% of potential anadromous habitat and eliminating the ecological role of Pacific Lamprey in reaches above barriers. Furthermore, active passage programs/projects focusing on salmonids often ignore the needs of, or actively block lampreys due to their design and/or management.

A specific regional focus is also proposed for increasing awareness of adverse impacts caused by small-scale diversions and nutrient inputs by small-scale legal and illegal agricultural activities in the North Coast RMU. Unregulated water withdrawals reduce flows in or even fully dry up smaller tributaries and ultimately degrade habitat in the

mainstem rivers. Even short-term loss of surface flow is lethal to ammocoete populations, resulting in the local loss of up to seven year classes. Higher temperatures caused by lower flows and increased nutrient loading promoting algal blooms in mainstem rivers further degrade habitat used by over-summering adults and ammocoetes, who cannot tolerate anoxic sediments.

#### *General research needs*

**Passage:** Although passage obstruction is identified as a primary threat to Pacific Lamprey region-wide, there is limited information on how lampreys move past barriers or how to design instream structures to facilitate lamprey passage. Therefore, a number of basic research goals will investigate and develop designs or management approaches for passage at culverts, low-head dams or weirs, and fish ladders. Other projects investigate entrainment risk from small-scale (<4") unscreened pumping stations and development of downstream passage/screening criteria for ammocoetes and emigrating juveniles.

**Ammocoete habitat:** Ammocoetes during their 5-7 year instream development are highly dependent on the habitat provided by fine sediments. We know little about fine-scale habitat selection by ammocoetes, nor about the effect of sediment conditions on ammocoete populations or system carrying capacity. Therefore, a number of basic research goals will investigate sediment habitat needs of ammocoetes, the role of temperature and dissolved oxygen levels in sediment habitat quality, the impact of eutrophication and associated algal blooms on sediment conditions, and mitigation measures for use during in-water projects to reduce mortality of ammocoetes.

**Adult holding habitat:** Many adult lamprey hold over during the summer/winter and spawn the following spring. Observations of dead adults in summer months, outside the expected spawning period, indicate that high water temperatures and low DO may seriously impact adult survival during the holding period. Research is proposed to determine thermal and DO tolerances for adult lamprey during summer holding period.

Due to our currently limited understanding of the specific distribution and population dynamics of Pacific Lamprey, distributional surveys of ammocoetes, spawning areas and over-wintering habitat, as well as adult population censusing and emigrant monitoring, are recommended for each individual HUC. Although these surveys are common to all HUCs, they are specified individually for each in the database due to differences in threat level, stakeholders and project development, and to facilitate progress monitoring within HUCs.

Similarly, general survey and assessment of potential instream barriers (including low-head dams, diversions and culverts) is recommended for all HUCs to assess and prioritize conservation needs related to lamprey passage and/or entrainment.

Below are brief summaries of principal implementation needs and proposed projects in the three subareas (Klamath, Eel and Coastal) and their individual HUCs. Details are available in the Implementation Database.



### **Klamath Basin:**

The Klamath Basin as a whole represents the largest drainage on the west coast between the Sacramento and Columbia rivers (Figure 4). The Klamath River drainage below Keno represents 21,427 km<sup>2</sup>, and the upper Klamath Lake Basin would have potentially added another 17,555 km<sup>2</sup> of anadromous habitat were it not blocked by dams. By contrast, the next largest basin is the Eel, with 9,526 km<sup>2</sup>.

In keeping with the importance and long history of tribal lamprey fisheries in the Klamath (incl. Trinity) this basin offers an opportunity to monitor adult populations in association with the tribal fisheries. Furthermore, the presence of established programs for monitoring salmonids in the basin provides opportunities to monitor lamprey production through in-place emigration monitoring programs (downstream rotary screw-traps). Both programs are recommended in the implementation plan as coordinated multi-program projects in each HUC.

#### *Upper Klamath*

Much of the upper Klamath River drainage and the entire Klamath Lakes Basin (including the Upper Klamath Lake, Williamson, Sprague and Lost River HUCs) have been isolated and the Pacific Lamprey populations extirpated by the mainstem Klamath dams. The dams and associated flow management issues also adversely influence environmental conditions (water quality, flow and substrate conditions) in the Klamath River mainstem downstream of Iron Gate Dam. Therefore, removal of the dams and restoration of natural hydrologic flow regimes to the Klamath River would have the greatest positive influence on Pacific Lamprey in these HUCs.

Additional implementation needs in the area of the Upper Klamath HUC below Iron Gate Dam include projects to assess the effects of flow management and ramping rates on lampreys in the mainstem Klamath River, assess and address impacts of summer diversions in principal tributaries, and improve habitat conditions in the mainstem reach from Iron Gate Dam to the Scott River (47 mi), which has been found to represent a "dead zone", containing few ammocoetes, presumably due to flow management, poor WQ, lack of sandy fines and high deposition rates of organic material.

#### *Lower Klamath*

The Lower Klamath is generally included under mainstem Klamath projects. This HUC however is unique since it includes the Klamath mouth and estuary. The implementation plan calls for an assessment of the impact of pinnipeds on adult lamprey in river mouths. Pinnipeds are known predators on in-migrating lampreys, but their actual impact on the population is not quantified.

#### *Shasta*

The Shasta is a highly managed agricultural region. As such the majority of proposed implementation projects involve the assessment and resolution of issues associated with water diversions and instream structures, including water quality, flow management, entrainment and passage. The implementation plan calls for incorporation of lamprey needs into the Scott and Shasta Rivers Instream Flow Study Plans and Data Needs Assessment. While a number of known structures (e.g. Dwinnel Dam, Granada

Diversion, Rice/Novy and Parks dams/diversions) are identified in the plan, additional projects are likely to be added following assessment of the HUC for instream structures.



Figure 4. The lower Klamath River near the town of Klamath Glen.

### *Scott*

The Scott is a highly managed agricultural region. As such the majority of proposed implementation projects involve the assessment and resolution of issues associated with water diversions and instream structures, including water quality, flow management, entrainment and passage. The Scott is also heavily influenced by ground water pumping and associated dewatering of surface flow channels. The implementation plan calls for incorporation of lamprey needs into the Scott and Shasta Rivers Instream Flow Study Plans and Data Needs Assessment. While a number of known structures (e.g. Farmers Ditch Diversion and Scotts Diversion (Young's Dam) are identified in the plan, additional projects are likely to be added following assessment of the HUC for instream structures.

### *Salmon*

The Salmon Drainage generally has relatively low threat levels and no major passage issues. There are a few minor instream structures to be assessed in smaller tributaries (Little North Fork Salmon, Knownothing and Hotelling creeks), and additional projects

are likely to be added following assessment of the HUC for instream structures. Resident Brown Trout populations are recognized as an active predation threat in both the Salmon and Trinity HUCs. Brown Trout assessment and suppression are proposed to reduce predation on ammocoetes/ macrophthalmia.

#### *Trinity*

The presence of Trinity and Lewiston dams on the mainstem Trinity greatly influence mainstem lamprey habitat through flow reduction, sediment removal, and alteration of natural hydrology, as well as blocking passage to the spawning and rearing habitat in the upper Trinity Basin above Lewiston. High priority implementation projects include assessment of the impact of managed mainstem flow regimes on spawning lampreys, outmigrating macrophthalmia and availability of fines that serve as ammocoete rearing habitat, followed by incorporation of lamprey needs into the Trinity mainstem management programs. Passage projects are proposed in tributaries for the Buckhorn Debris Dam's existing spillway ramp (Grass Valley Creek) and diversions in Weaver Creek. To a greater extent than the Salmon Drainage, resident Brown Trout populations in the Trinity are recognized as an active predation threat. Brown Trout assessment and suppression are proposed to reduce predation on ammocoetes/macrophthalmia.

#### *South Fork Trinity*

In the South Fork Trinity, extensive bedload manipulation by legacy and ongoing hydraulic and gravel mining operations, as well as extensive logging followed by the 1964 flood which destabilized hill slopes and introduced fine sediment, have resulted in major changes to channel structure. Mainstem pools that historically provided deep, cool resting areas in the summer have filled in and channel depth is generally shallower, resulting in higher summer temperatures. Primary implementation goals focus on restoration of natural channel morphology to reduce temperature and deepen channels, in order to improve habitat for holding adults. As in much of the RMU, unregulated water withdrawals and associated environmental impacts are also a particular concern in the South Fork Trinity (see above: General conservation needs). While passage is not a widespread problem in the South Fork Trinity, implementation projects are proposed for low head dams and a deteriorated fishway at Hayfork Falls in the Hayfork drainage, its largest tributary.

#### **Eel Basin:**

Unregulated water withdrawals are a particular concern throughout the Eel Basin (see above: General conservation needs). Additional project identification and priorities will depend on the outcome of general survey and assessment of potential instream barriers (including low-head dams, diversions and culverts). Specific priorities within individual HUCs are reviewed below.

#### *Lower Eel*

In the lower Eel, extensive bedload manipulation by legacy and ongoing hydraulic and gravel mining operations have resulted in major changes to channel structure. Mainstem channels are widened and shallower, with lower flow and less shading than historically present, resulting in higher summer temperatures and WQ issues associated with algal blooms. Primary implementation goals focus on restoration of natural channel

morphology to reduce temperature, increase flow velocities, deepen channels and promote areas of fine sediments, thereby improving habitat for ammocoetes and holding adults.

#### *Middle Fork Eel*

In the Middle Fork Eel, low water levels in Round Valley and the Round Valley Indian Reservation, resulting in desiccation of stream beds and loss of ammocoete habitat, are concerns. The Middle Fork Eel is otherwise relatively undeveloped. Proposed projects include assessment of lamprey distribution and conservation needs in Round Valley drainages.

#### *South Fork Eel*

Diversion of flows in upper Cahto Creek (a headwater tributary) above Laytonville Rancheria result in annual desiccation of the stream, loss of ammocoete habitat, and mortality of over-summering adults. Proposed projects include assessment of impacts to lampreys, coordination with stakeholders and landowners, and regulatory enforcement.

#### *Upper Eel*

The principal implementation focus on the upper Eel is on dams and diversions in the upper watershed, including: 1) Scott Dam at Lake Pillsbury, which has no fish ladder, blocks 36 miles of mainstem habitat, and reduces downstream sediment transport, 2) the Cape Horn fish ladder (12 mi below Scott Dam), and 3) the Potter Valley project diverts a substantial amount of water out of the Eel Basin, exacerbating low summer flow conditions and WQ/temperature conditions downstream and potentially entraining lampreys. Projects include passage improvements and study of lamprey movements at Cape Horn Dam (Figure 5), assessment of passage (upstream and downstream) opportunities and habitat suitability above Scott Dam, and assessing entrainment at the Potter Valley diversion.



Figure 5. Cape Horn Dam on the Eel River. The dam and fish ladder restricts passage of Pacific Lamprey to upstream reaches and is being used to study lamprey passage capabilities and test lamprey specific passage facilities. In 2016, a new lamprey passage and minoring system was installed, with 11,506 lampreys counted passing in 2017.

**Coastal:**

With the exception of the Smith drainage, unregulated water withdrawals are a particular concern throughout the coastal subarea (see above: General conservation needs).

Additional project identification and priorities will depend on the outcome of general survey and assessment of potential instream barriers (including low-head dams, diversions and culverts). Specific priorities within individual HUCs are reviewed below.

*Smith*

The Smith HUC is one of the least altered in California, and there are few major threats to lampreys (Figure 6). The principal implementation project in the drainage is assessment and modification of the Rowdy Creek fish hatchery weir to facilitate lamprey passage. A lamprey passage structure and video monitor system was installed in 2020.

This project will provide anadromous lamprey access to the entire Rowdy Creek watershed (ca. 10 mi of mainstem), possible outreach opportunity for public observation of migrating lampreys, and a population monitoring site.

### *Mad-Redwood*

Principal projects in the Mad-Redwood HUC are associated with assessments of possible water quality effects in the Mad River, the operation of the Arcata Water Treatment Plant (Mad) and the impacts of Ruth Lake flow management on downstream reaches.

### *Mattole*

Coarse grain bedload has changed the morphology of the Mattole watershed and sediment storage has affected channel morphology, limiting availability of ammocoete rearing habitat. The Mattole basin is also subject to large numbers of small-scale water diversions that impact summer flow conditions. Assessment of habitat availability and flow impacts are high priorities and will guide future projects.



Figure 6. The Smith River is one of the least altered rivers in California and one of the few without a major dam.

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## Appendices

Appendix A. Stakeholder implementation meetings, discussions and workshops. For map of implementation site visits, see Figure 2.

| Meeting Type                          | Location              | Date        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| <u>2012 Threat assessment:</u>        | Eureka                | 1 Sep 2009  |
|                                       | Weitchpec             | 14 Oct 2009 |
| <u>Lamprey Summit:</u>                | Portland OR           | 20 Jun 2012 |
| <u>2015 Implementation planning:</u>  | Weitchpec             | 8 Feb 2013  |
|                                       | Weaverville           | 5 Mar 2013  |
|                                       | Yreka                 | 17 Apr 2013 |
|                                       | Cape Horn             | 20 May 2014 |
|                                       | Round Valley          | 21 May 2013 |
|                                       | Laytonville           | 22 May 2013 |
|                                       | Arcata                | 23 May 2013 |
|                                       | Arcata                | 24 May 2013 |
|                                       | Arcata                | 7 Jun 2013  |
|                                       | Sacramento            | 26 Mar 2014 |
|                                       | Eureka                | 3 Apr 2014  |
| <br><u>Workshops:</u>                 |                       |             |
| Lamprey identification                | Arcata                | 17 Mar 2006 |
| Roads and crossings                   | Trinity Lake          | 22 Oct 2012 |
| Lamprey passage design                | Ukiah                 | 6 Feb 2013  |
| Emigration monitoring                 | Arcata                | 22 Jan 2014 |
| Emigration monitoring                 | Yreka                 | 19 Feb 2014 |
| Lamprey passage design                | Eureka                | 29 Jan 2017 |
| <br><u>Stakeholder Discussions:</u>   |                       |             |
| Hoopla Tribe, USFWS                   | Hoopla                | 13 May 2014 |
| CalTrans                              | Cedar Creek           | 14 May 2014 |
| CDFW, PG&E                            | Cape Horn             | 16 May 2014 |
| Tolowa Tribe                          | Rowdy Creek           | 6 Mar 2015  |
| Tolowa Tribe                          | Rowdy Creek           | 25 Sep 2015 |
| Hoopla, Yurok, Karuk Tribes           | Hoopla                | 8 Aug 2016  |
| Trinity River RCD, USBR               | Grass Valley, Trinity | 11 Jul 2017 |
| Scott River Water. Council, landowner | Etna, Young's Dam     | 21 Aug 2017 |
| USBR                                  | Grass Valley, Trinity | 27 Aug 2018 |
| USBR, TRRP, Yurok Tribe               | Grass Valley, Trinity | 24 Sep 2018 |
| Tolowa Tribe                          | Rowdy Creek           | 8 Jan 2020  |
| USBR, TRRP, Yurok Tribe               | Grass Valley, Trinity | 19 Oct 2020 |

Appendix B. Data fields and criteria / coding used in Implementation tables.

HUC IDENTIFIER

FID - Feature ID ESRI

HUC - USGS Hydrologic Unit Code Levels 1-4

Name - HUC Name (USGS)

THREAT

Threat\_Category:

- Passage
- Dewatering/Flow
- StreamDegradation
- Water Quality
- Predation
- Population
- Other

Subcategory- depends on threat category

- T\_Scope- from Calif. Conservation Assessment (Goodman & Reid 2012)
- T\_Severity- from Calif. Conservation Assessment (Goodman & Reid 2012)
- T\_Overall- from Calif. Conservation Assessment (Goodman & Reid 2012)
- Threat- brief description of the threat addressed.

ACTION and RATIONALE

Description- short description of proposed action

Type- type of action proposed

- Assessment - assessment of potential threats or project needs.
- Coordination - including, outreach, collaboration and incorporation of lampreys into existing conservation efforts.
- Research - information needs that directly relate to their conservation needs or are needed to assess general threats.
- Survey/monitor - distribution of lampreys, suitable habitat, monitor populations or mapping of point threats (e.g. diversions, barriers).
- Instream - on the ground projects
- Rationale- rationale for action or benefit to lampreys
- Habitat gain- in linear miles of suitable habitat
- Adult- lifestage addressed (checked)
- Juv- lifestage addressed (checked)
- Larvae- lifestage addressed (checked)

## SCALE and LOCATION

Scale- area impacted or addressed by action:

- Point (Lat/Long)
- Stream
- Mainstem
- Watershed
- HUC
- Basin
- Subregion
- Region - CA

Location - description, as specific as possible, depends on scale

Lat - Decimal degrees NAD83

Long - Decimal degrees NAD83

## PRIORITIZATION

Scale of threats addressed

- 4 - Regional: Action addresses threat in >50% of region (action's impact, not overall threat)
- 3 - Multi-HUC: Action addresses a threat in multiple HUC's (<50% of region)
- 2 - HUC: Action addresses a threat in a single HUC
- 1 - Drainage: Action addresses threat within a drainage, reach or site, w/o broader impacts

Scope of threats addressed

- 4 - High: 71-100% of total population, occurrences, or area affected
- 3 - Medium: 31-70% of total population, occurrences, or area affected
- 2 - Low: 11-30% of total population, occurrences, or area affected
- 1 - Insignificant: <10% of total population or area affected

Severity of threats addressed

- 4 - High: 71-100% degradation or reduction of habitat/habitat function, and/or 71-100% reduction of population within scope
- 3 - Medium: 31-70% degradation or reduction of habitat/habitat function, and/or 31-70% reduction of population within scope
- 2 - Low: <30% degradation or reduction of habitat/habitat function, and/or <30% reduction of population within scope
- 1 - Unknown or n/a: Severity of threat unknown, or assessment and severity not applicable

Effectiveness of action

- 4 - High: Removes or causes threat to be insignificant; or provides all information needed to address threat (ie. Assessments, Coord., Research, Survey)

- 3 - Medium: Substantially reduces threat; or provides substantial information/collaboration
- 2 - Low: Has some effect on threat, but does not reduce it substantially; or provides minimal information/collaboration
- 1 - Insignificant: Minimally effective or not targeted at a known threat

### Feasibility

#### Technical difficulty

- 4 - Simple: Utilizes simple technology or readily achievable methods
- 3 - Moderate: Moderately complex, but utilizes existing technology and standard methods
- 2 - Difficult: Requires high level of engineering, assessment, development or multiple stakeholder support development
- 1 - Unfeasible: Not likely to be possible at this time (5 years) due to excessive technical difficulty or complicated economic or political issues

#### Duration to implement

- 4 - Short: 0-2 years
- 3 - Medium: 3-5 years
- 2 - Long: > 5 years
- 1 - Extended: extended time frame or perpetual

#### Readiness

- 4 - Underway: Already underway or funded
- 3 - High: Can be initiated in the next two years.
- 2 - Medium: Could be initiated in the next 3-5 years.
- 1 - Low: May take five or more years for additional assessment and planning

#### Cost

- 4 - Inexpensive: \$ < 10 k
- 3 - Moderate: \$ 10-50 k
- 2 - Expensive: \$ 50-250 k
- 1 - Very Expensive: \$ 250 k - millions

#### Funding Source

- 4 - Funded: Funding has been obtained
- 3 - Identified: Appropriate funding sources identified and likely to participate
- 2 - Unspecified: Various appropriate funding sources exist but have not been selected
- 1 - Uncertain: Funding is uncertain

#### Partner participation

- 4 - High: All potential stakeholders are supportive
- 3 - Medium: Necessary stakeholders are supportive
- 2 - Low: Additional stakeholders need to be incorporated

1 - Problematic: Necessary stakeholders are not supportive

Prerequisites: Brief description of additional actions needed.

### Additional Benefits

Prerequisite for other actions: Is action necessary prior to other implementation actions?

1 - Yes

2 - No

### Additional benefits

4 - High: Will have substantial benefits beyond the specific goals of the action (e.g. outreach, technology, precedent setting)

3 - Medium: Will provide additional benefits to conservation efforts outside the drainage

2 - Low: Localized benefits to species or stakeholders

1 - Insignificant: Benefits restricted to action purpose only

### Public awareness

4 - High: High public awareness and positive outreach benefit

3 - Medium: Increased stakeholder awareness and benefit outside of action area

2 - Low: Unlikely to come to attention of public outside action area

1 - Insignificant: Will probably not be noticed by anyone except those carrying out the action

### Status

#### Status

- 'No status'
- Proposed
- Funded
- Underway
- Ongoing
- Completed

Work in Progress: Brief description of current work underway or completed

Implementing Entity: Lead entity, and partners

Contact: Primary contact for threat or action

Cost: Approximate (this is difficult)

Funding Source: Current or potential

Funds available: Percent (%) of total cost

Stakeholders: Involved/effected parties - not necessarily implementer or funder

Notes:

## Appendix C. Proposed implementation tasks and needs - North Coast.

The Implementation Database is intended as a living document that will be updated as we develop new information and improve our understanding of lamprey conservation status and as implementation progresses and the status of individual projects changes. A current version of the Implementation Database is maintained at the Arcata USFWS Field Office. Interested stakeholders can contact us either for electronic access to the implementation database, to provide updated information or to recommend additional projects.

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Appendix D. Proposed implementation tasks and needs - North Coast. Listed items include tasks and needs that are general to the state, as well as specific to individual HUC's within the North Coast RMU.

| HUC             | Threat Category  | Subcategory          | Action Description   | Type     | Status    |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|--|----------|-----------|
| <b>REGIONAL</b> |                  |                      |  |          |           |
| Statewide       | Dewatering/ Flow | Dewatering           | Investigate ammocoete responses to fluctuating hydrographs.  | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Other            | Dredging             | Assess dredging impacts to lampreys in California, focusing on the lower Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.  | Assess.  | Underway  |
| Statewide       | Other            | Habitat              | Investigate the role of beavers in lamprey life history.   | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Other            | Lack of awareness    | Provide outreach, training and local education to stakeholders, resource managers and community members.   | Coord.   | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Other            | Lack of Coordination | Establish Lamprey Working Groups, including active stakeholders.   | Coord.   | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Passage          | Culverts             | Determine how lampreys move through culverts and what culvert characteristics limit passage.   | Research | Completed |
| Statewide       | Passage          | Culverts             | Develop passage criteria for assessments in California Fish Passage Database (PAD).  | Research | Completed |
| Statewide       | Passage          | Dams, small          | Develop design criteria for instream structures encountered by adult lampreys.   | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Passage          | Entrainment          | Determine entrainment risk from small-scale (<4") unscreened pumping stations.   | Research | -         |
| Statewide       | Passage          | Entrainment          | Develop downstream passage/screening criteria for ammocoetes and out-migrating juveniles.  | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Passage          | Entrainment          | Assess potential risks of entrainment and mitigation strategies for ammocoetes and out-migrating juveniles.  | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Passage          | Fish Ladders         | Coordinate with other passage stakeholders to insure lamprey consideration in existing passage structures, as well as current and future projects. | Coord.   | Ongoing   |
| Statewide       | Passage          | General              | Review PAD to provide new/modified field that are informative for lampreys.  | Assess.  | Completed |
| Statewide       | Passage          | General              | Hold a Lamprey Passage Workshop to educate stakeholders on lamprey issues and promote sharing of experience, solutions and perspective.            | Coord.   | Completed |
| Statewide       | Population       | Biology              | Examine the role ammocoetes play in in-stream concentration of <i>E. coli</i> .  | Research | Completed |
| Statewide       | Population       | Biology              | Evaluate the swimming capability of adult Pacific Lamprey.   | Research | Completed |
| Statewide       | Population       | Biology              | Examine the outmigration of macrophthalmia to better understand timing and behavior, especially with relation to environmental cues.               | Research | Completed |

| HUC                | Threat Category    | Subcategory       | Action Description   | Type     | Status    |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|----------|-----------|
| Statewide          | Population         | Biology           | Examine the role ammocoetes play in stream food webs.  | Research | Completed |
| Statewide          | Population         | Biology           | Determine whether there are individual/population differences in maturity state and timing of in-migrating adult Pacific Lamprey.  | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide          | Population         | Distribution      | Determine the probably historical range of Pacific Lamprey in California, based on tribal information, post-contact historical records, scientific collections, environmental constraints and natural barriers, as well as evidence from the current distribution. | Research | Completed |
| Statewide          | Population         | Distribution      | Develop standard methods for ammocoete presence/absence surveys and assess probabilities of detection.   | Research | Completed |
| Statewide          | Stream Degradation | Education         | Develop ammocoete mitigation measures for use in inwater projects to reduce mortality of ammocoetes.   | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide          | Stream Degradation | Restoration       | Assess use and design features from samonid restoration for improvements for lamprey ammocoetes in local restoration projects.   | Assess.  | -         |
| Statewide          | Stream Degradation | Sediment          | Determine sediment habitat needs of ammocoetes   | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide          | Stream Degradation | Sediment          | Investigate ammocoete habitat needs and ecology.   | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide          | Water Quality      | Assessment        | Determine impact of eutrophication and associated algal blooms on ammocoetes.  | Research | -         |
| Statewide          | Water Quality      | Assessment        | Determine thermal and DO tolerances for adult lamprey during summer holding period.  | Research | -         |
| Statewide          | Water Quality      | Assessment        | Determine effects of low DO on ammocoetes in fine-grained depositional rearing habitats.   | Research | Ongoing   |
| Statewide          | Water Quality      | Assessment        | Determine effects of temperature on ammocoetes and potential impact of climate change on distribution of Pacific Lamprey   | Research | Ongoing   |
| California Coastal | Population         | Distribution      | Assess historical and current use of small coastal drainages by Pacific Lamprey and explore limiting factors that determine distribution.  | Assess.  | Completed |
| California Coastal | Predation          | Pinnipeds         | Assess impact of pinnipeds on adult lamprey in river mouths  | Assess.  | Underway  |
| <b>North Coast</b> |                    |                   |  |          |           |
| All HUCS           | Dewatering/ Flow   | Dewatering        | Increase awareness of adverse impacts caused by small-scale diversions and nutrient inflows throughout the region and promote more responsible use of water.   | Coord.   | Ongoing   |
| All HUCS           | Other              | Disease           | Assess disease prevalence and effects on population health/survival of lampreys in the Klamath Basin.  | Research | -         |
| All HUCS           | Other              | Lack of awareness | Develop a lamprey exhibit at the Eureka Zoo  | Coord.   | Completed |



| HUC           | Threat Category    | Subcategory          | Action Description  | Type               | Status    |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| All HUCS      | Passage            | Culverts             | Map and assess culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | Completed |
| All HUCS      | Passage            | Diversions           | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                   | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| All HUCS      | Passage            | Fish Ladders         | Replace current fishladder into and thru the culvert with a lamprey friendly design.  | Instream           | Completed |
| All HUCS      | Population         | Distribution         | Use telemetry to determine migration behavior and areas utilized by over-summering adult Pacific Lamprey within the Klamath River and tribs | Research           | Completed |
| All HUCS      | Population         | Distribution         | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries in the Eel Basin.                        | Survey             | Ongoing   |
| All HUCS      | Population         | Monitoring           | Develop a monitoring program and adapt facilities to census lampreys at the Cape Horn fish ladder.  | Instream           | Completed |
| All HUCS      | Population         | Monitoring           | Maintain long-term monitoring dataset at the Freshwater Creek weir (trib. to Humboldt Bay).   | Survey/<br>Monitor | Ongoing   |
| All HUCS      | Population         | Monitoring           | Develop and implement a tribal harvest monitoring program.  | Survey/<br>Monitor | Proposed  |
| All HUCS      | Population         | Monitoring           | Develop Klamath Basin population monitoring plan for out-migrating macrophthalmia utilizing existing screwtrap programs.                    | Survey/<br>Monitor | Underway  |
| All HUCS      | Population         | Spawning             | Determine migration timing, spawning locations and timing in principal streams.   | Research           | Underway  |
| All HUCS      | Predation          | Non-Native Predators | Assess impact of bullheads on ammocoetes.   | Assess.            | -         |
| All HUCS      | Predation          | Non-Native Predators | Assess impact of Brown Trout on ammocoetes/macrophthalmia.  | Assess.            | Completed |
| All HUCS      | Stream Degradation | Sediment             | Determine sediment habitat needs of ammocoetes  | Research           | Completed |
| All HUCS      | Water Quality      | Assessment           | Assess impact of eutrophication and associated algal blooms on ammocoetes.  | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| All HUCS      | Water Quality      | Assessment           | Assess impact of mercury on ammocoetes.   | Assess.            | Ongoing   |
| All HUCS      | Water Quality      | Assessment           | Determine effects of low DO on ammocoetes in fine-grained depositional rearing habitats.  | Research           | Ongoing   |
| All HUCS      | Water Quality      | multiple             | Contaminants survey w/ ammocoetes   | Survey             | -         |
| Lower Eel     | Stream Degradation | Restoration          | Restoration of natural channel morphology in mainstem Eel River.  | Instream           | -         |
| Lower Klamath | Passage            | Culverts             | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.                               | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| Lower Klamath | Passage            | Diversions           | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                   | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| Lower Klamath | Population         | Distribution         | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems  | Survey             | -         |

| HUC             | Threat Category     | Subcategory     | Action Description   | Type               | Status   |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|----------|
|                 |                     |                 | and principal tributaries within the Lower Klamath HUC4.   |                    |          |
| Lower Klamath   | Population          | Monitoring      | Utilize existing screw trap programs for monitoring outmigrant macrophthalmia.   | Survey/<br>Monitor | Underway |
| Lower Klamath   | Predation           | Pinnipeds       | Assess impact of pinnipeds on adult lamprey in river mouths  | Assess.            | Underway |
| Mad-Redwood     | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Flow management | Assess role of Ruth Lake reservoir releases in maintaining suitable downstream habitat and incorporate PL into management strategies.                          | Assess.            | -        |
| Mad-Redwood     | Passage             | Culverts        | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.  | Survey/<br>Assess. | -        |
| Mad-Redwood     | Passage             | Diversions      | Entrainment and dewatering at Arcata treatment plant / pumps.  | Assess.            | -        |
| Mad-Redwood     | Passage             | Diversions      | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                                      | Survey/<br>Assess. | -        |
| Mad-Redwood     | Population          | Distribution    | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in minor tributaries within the Mad-Redwood HUC4 with consideration of current limits of anadromy. | Survey             | Underway |
| Mad-Redwood     | Water Quality       | Survey          | Survey distribution of PL in mainstem to determine areas where WQ may be substantially affecting habitat.  | Survey/<br>Assess. | -        |
| Mattole         | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Dewatering      | Assess impact of water diversions on summer flow and WQ in mainstem Mattole River.   | Assess.            | -        |
| Mattole         | Passage             | Culverts        | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.  | Survey/<br>Assess. | Underway |
| Mattole         | Passage             | Diversions      | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                                      | Survey/<br>Assess. | -        |
| Mattole         | Population          | Distribution    | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the Mattole HUC4.                                    | Survey             | Underway |
| Mattole         | Stream Degradation  | Sediment        | Survey available ammocoete habitat (fines and sands) in mainstem Mattole River. Determine need for/appropriateness of sand augmentation.                       | Survey/<br>Assess. | -        |
| Middle Fork Eel | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Dewatering      | Assess lamprey distribution and conservation needs in Round Valley drainages.  | Assess.            | -        |
| Salmon          | Passage             | Culverts        | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.  | Survey/<br>Assess. | -        |
| Salmon          | Passage             | Culverts        | Improve Hotelling Creek road crossing  | Instream           | Underway |
| Salmon          | Passage             | Diversions      | Assess and resolve the diversion at Little North Fork Salmon.  | Instream           | -        |
| Salmon          | Passage             | Diversions      | Assess and resolve the old diversion at Knownothing Creek.   | Instream           | -        |

| HUC    | Threat Category     | Subcategory     | Action Description   | Type               | Status          |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| Salmon | Passage             | Diversions      | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                    | Survey/<br>Assess. | -               |
| Salmon | Population          | Distribution    | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the Salmon HUC4.                   | Survey             | Ongoing         |
| Salmon | Predation           | Suppression     | Brown Trout suppression to reduce predation on ammocoetes/macrophthalmia.  | Instream           | -               |
| Scott  | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Dewatering      | Assess groundwater extraction effects on surface stream flow and lamprey habitat/populations.  | Assess.            | Proposed        |
| Scott  | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Dewatering      | Incorporate lamprey needs into the Scott and Shasta Rivers Instream Flow Study Plans and Data Needs Assessment (2014).                       | Coord.             | Proposed        |
| Scott  | Passage             | Culverts        | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.                                | Survey/<br>Assess. | -               |
| Scott  | Passage             | Dams, small     | Assess Farmers Ditch Diversion screen and passage.   | Assess.            | Completed       |
| Scott  | Passage             | Diversions      | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                    | Survey/<br>Assess. | -               |
| Scott  | Passage             | Diversions      | Develop instream flow projects to protect lampreys in the Scott Drainage.  | Coord.             | Proposed        |
| Scott  | Passage             | Fish Ladders    | Scotts Diversion (Young's Dam) passage assessment.   | Assess.            | Completed       |
| Scott  | Passage             | Fish Ladders    | Scotts Diversion (Young's Dam) passage improvement   | Instream           | Funded<br>2022? |
| Scott  | Population          | Distribution    | Use telemetry to determine areas utilized by over-summering adult Pacific Lamprey within the Scott HUC4 to support instream flow management. | Research           | Ongoing         |
| Scott  | Population          | Distribution    | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the Scott HUC4.                    | Survey             | Ongoing         |
| Scott  | Population          | Monitoring      | Utilize existing screw trap programs for monitoring outmigrant macrophthalmia.   | Survey/<br>Monitor | Underway        |
| Shasta | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Flow management | Manage Dwinell Dam to incorporate lamprey habitat needs, minimum summer flow, oxygenated sediments, ensure outmigration pulse flows.         | Coord.             | -               |
| Shasta | Passage             | Culverts        | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.                                | Survey/<br>Assess. | -               |
| Shasta | Passage             | Dams, large     | Evaluate current dam and create lamprey passage for Dwinell Dam.   | Instream           | -               |
| Shasta | Passage             | Dams, large     | Survey above Dwinell reservoir for resident lamprey and habitat.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | -               |
| Shasta | Passage             | Dams, small     | Assess and resolve passage/entrainment issues at the Rice/Novy seasonal flashboard dam for lamprey passage/entrainment issues.               | Instream           | -               |

| HUC                | Threat Category     | Subcategory  | Action Description  | Type               | Status    |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| Shasta             | Passage             | Dams, small  | Assess passage/entrainment issues at the Granada water diversion flashboard dam.  | Assess.            | Underway  |
| Shasta             | Passage             | Dams, small  | Resolve passage/entrainment issues at the Granada water diversion flashboard dam, if necessary, based on assessment.                          | Instream           | Underway  |
| Shasta             | Passage             | Diversions   | Assess and resolve passage/entrainment issues at the Parks Creek diversion (Montague irrigation district).                                    | Instream           | -         |
| Shasta             | Passage             | Diversions   | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                     | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| Shasta             | Passage             | Diversions   | Develop instream flow projects to protect lampreys in the Shasta Drainage.  | Coord.             | Proposed  |
| Shasta             | Passage             | Diversions   | Incorporate lamprey needs into the Scott and Shasta Rivers Instream Flow Study Plans and Data Needs Assessment (2014).                        | Coord.             | Proposed  |
| Shasta             | Population          | Distribution | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the Shasta HUC4.                    | Survey             | -         |
| Shasta             | Population          | Distribution | Use telemetry to determine areas utilized by over-summering adult Pacific Lamprey within the Shasta HUC4 to support instream flow management. | Research           | Ongoing   |
| Shasta             | Population          | Monitoring   | Utilize existing screw trap programs for monitoring outmigrant macrophthalmia.  | Survey/<br>Monitor | Underway  |
| Smith              | Passage             | Culverts     | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.                                 | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| Smith              | Passage             | Dams, small  | Assess the Rowdy Creek weir for lamprey passage and provide recommendations.  | Assess.            | Completed |
| Smith              | Passage             | Dams, small  | Modify or retrofit the Rowdy Creek weir for lamprey passage.  | Instream           | Completed |
| Smith              | Passage             | Diversions   | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.                     | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| Smith              | Population          | Distribution | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the Smith HUC4.                     | Survey             | Underway  |
| South Fork Eel     | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Dewatering   | Assess flow management in upper Cahto Creek   | Assess.            | Completed |
| South Fork Eel     | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Dewatering   | Reduce diversion and impoundment of flow in upper Cahto Creek and restore permanent water to Cahto Creek.                                     | Coord.             | Underway  |
| South Fork Trinity | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Dewatering   | Assess distribution and scale of small-scale water use in South Fork Trinity  | Assess.            | -         |
| South Fork Trinity | Passage             | Culverts     | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.                                 | Survey/<br>Assess. | Completed |
| South Fork Trinity | Passage             | Dams, small  | Survey, assess and remediate low head dams in the Hayfork drainage.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | Completed |

| HUC                | Threat Category     | Subcategory     | Action Description  | Type               | Status    |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| South Fork Trinity | Passage             | Dams, small     | Assess current passage success over Hayfork Falls and explore opportunities to improve, if necessary.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | Underway  |
| South Fork Trinity | Passage             | Diversions      | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| South Fork Trinity | Population          | Distribution    | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the South Fork Trinity HUC4.  | Survey             | Completed |
| South Fork Trinity | Stream Degradation  | Sediment        | Investigate adult summer holding habitat/distribution and assess effects of sediment infilling of summer pools.   | Research           | -         |
| Trinity            | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Flow management | Assess effects of artificial flow regulation on out-migrating lamprey in the mainstem Trinity River.  | Assess.            | Underway  |
| Trinity            | Dewatering/<br>Flow | Flow management | Determine timing of spawning and location of lamprey spawning in the mainstem Trinity and assess impacts of peak streamflow events and restoration releases timing on redd scour.                     | Research           | Underway  |
| Trinity            | Passage             | Culverts        | Map, assess and prioritize culverts in principal tributaries and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | Completed |
| Trinity            | Passage             | Dams, large     | Assess the passage potential and constraints of transporting adult lampreys past the Lewiston and Trinity dams, and assess downstream outmigration issues for macrophthalmia.                         | Assess.            | -         |
| Trinity            | Passage             | Dams, large     | Assess the passage potential and constraints of the Buckhorn Debris Dam's existing spillway ramp (Grass Valley Creek), provide passage if feasible.   | Assess.            | Completed |
| Trinity            | Passage             | Diversions      | Assess impact of diversions in Weaver Creek.  | Assess.            | -         |
| Trinity            | Passage             | Diversions      | Map, assess and prioritize principal diversions for downstream passage, entrainment and dewatering of downstream reaches.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| Trinity            | Population          | Distribution    | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the Trinity HUC4.   | Survey             | Completed |
| Trinity            | Population          | Monitoring      | Utilize existing screw trap programs for monitoring outmigrant macrophthalmia.  | Survey/<br>Monitor | Underway  |
| Trinity            | Predation           | Suppression     | Brown Trout suppression to reduce predation on ammocoetes/macrophthalmia.   | Instream           | -         |
| Trinity            | Stream Degradation  | Sediment        | Evaluate sediment use by ammocoetes and sediment management strategies in the Hamilton Ponds, Trinity. Develop sediment management strategy that benefits or reduces impacts to ammocoete population. | Research           | Completed |
| Trinity            | Stream Degradation  | Sediment        | Assess availability of fines in the mainstem Trinity below Lewiston Dam and the opportunities to modify gravel  | Assess.            | Proposed  |

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|               |                    |                 | augmentation projects to include suitable particle size-ranges for ammocoete rearing.  |                    |           |
| Upper Eel     | Dewatering/ Flow   | Flow management | Assess impact of Scott Dam and Potter Valley diversion flow management on lampreys.  | Assess.            | -         |
| Upper Eel     | Passage            | Dams, large     | Assess passage (upstream and downstream) opportunities and habitat suitability at/above Scott Dam.   | Assess.            | Ongoing   |
| Upper Eel     | Passage            | Diversions      | Assess entrainment at Potter Valley diversion.   | Assess.            | Underway  |
| Upper Eel     | Passage            | Fish Ladders    | Assess passage constraints for lampreys at the Cape Horn fish ladder and develop improvements.   | Assess.            | Completed |
| Upper Eel     | Passage            | Fish Ladders    | Make modifications to the Cape Horn fish ladder to improve lamprey passage as necessary, depending on results of assessment.   | Instream           | Completed |
| Upper Klamath | Dewatering/ Flow   | Flow management | Assess effects of artificial flow regulation on out-migrating lamprey in the mainstem Klamath River.   | Assess.            | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Dewatering/ Flow   | Flow management | Assess effects of ramping rates on ammocoetes and holding adults. Develop guidance for ramp rates to minimize impacts to ammocoetes and adults.  | Assess.            | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Passage            | Dams, large     | Remove mainstem Klamath River dams (Iron Gate, Copco 1, Copco 2, JC Boyle).  | Instream           | Proposed  |
| Upper Klamath | Passage            | Dams, small     | Assess and modify (if necessary) passage past Keno Dam fishladder on mainstem Klamath River.   | Instream           | Ongoing   |
| Upper Klamath | Passage            | Diversions      | Assess seasonal (summer) diversions in Beaver Creek.   | Assess.            | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Passage            | Diversions      | Assess seasonal (summer) diversions in Bogus Creek.  | Assess.            | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Passage            | Diversions      | Assess seasonal (summer) diversions in Horse Creek.  | Assess.            | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Passage            | Diversions      | Assess seasonal (summer) diversions in Seiad Creek.  | Assess.            | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Passage            | General         | Map, assess and prioritize potential barriers in principal tributaries (3rd+ order) above Iron Gate Dam and in the Upper Klamath Lake Basin and evaluate available lamprey habitat upstream. | Survey/<br>Assess. | Underway  |
| Upper Klamath | Population         | Distribution    | Carry out distribution surveys to determine upstream extent in mainstems and principal tributaries within the Upper Klamath HUC4 below Iron Gate Dam.  | Survey             | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Population         | Monitoring      | Utilize existing screw trap programs for monitoring outmigrant macrophthalmia.   | Survey/<br>Monitor | Underway  |
| Upper Klamath | Stream Degradation | Assessment      | Evaluate distribution of ammocoetes, availability of suitable habitat and potential for habitat restoration in Cottonwood Creek.   | Survey/<br>Assess. | -         |
| Upper Klamath | Stream Degradation | Management      | Incorporate stream flow variation into hydrograph and management discussions.  | Coord.             | Completed |

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| Upper Klamath | Stream Degradation     | Restoration        | Assess use and design features from Coho restoration for improvements for lamprey ammocoetes in Seiad and Grider off channel pond restorations.                      | Assess.     | Underway      |
| Upper Klamath | Stream Degradation     | Sediment           | Work up Karuk/USFWS ammocoete habitat sampling; determine if additional information is needed; develop resource selection functions for use in 2-D habitat modeling. | Research    | Underway      |
| Upper Klamath | Stream Degradation     | Water Quality      | Assess sediment interface habitat quality in mainstem; dead zone Iron Gate to Scott absence of sands from upstream.  | Assess.     | -             |