

# Mapping the implications of low oxygen (hypoxia) on available habitat for select species of flatfish in Elkhorn Slough

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Fishery Impacts?



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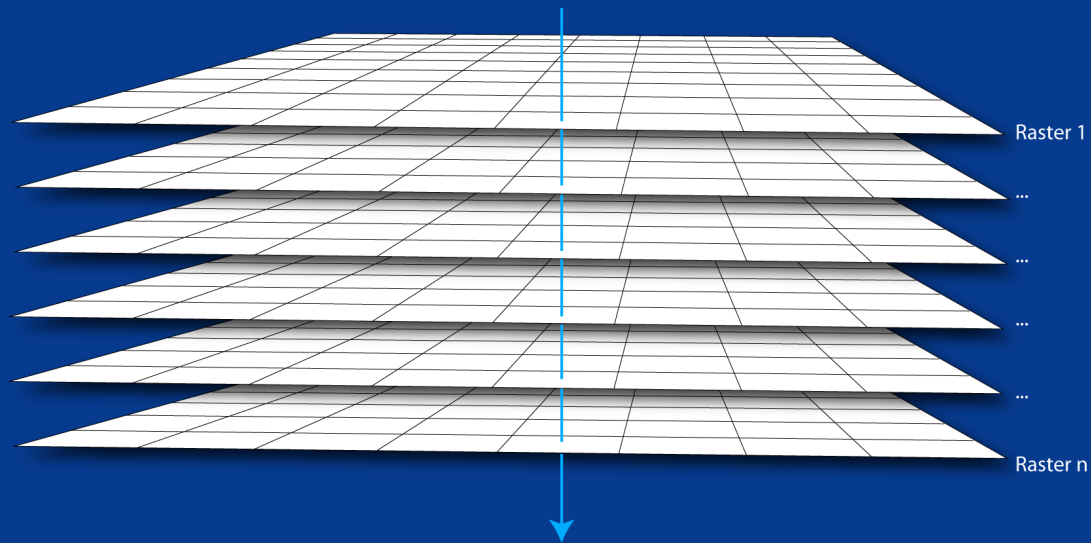
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# GIS Problem

Long term monitoring =  
Really big Excel worksheet  
How to filter, sort, and QA data?

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How to analyze 250+ rasters?  
Calculate the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of DO





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How to detect influence of climate regimes on DO→ fish habitat?

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How to calculate fish probabilities of occurrence for different climate regimes?

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Is available habitat affected by the influence of ENSO condition on hypoxia?

# Elkhorn Slough



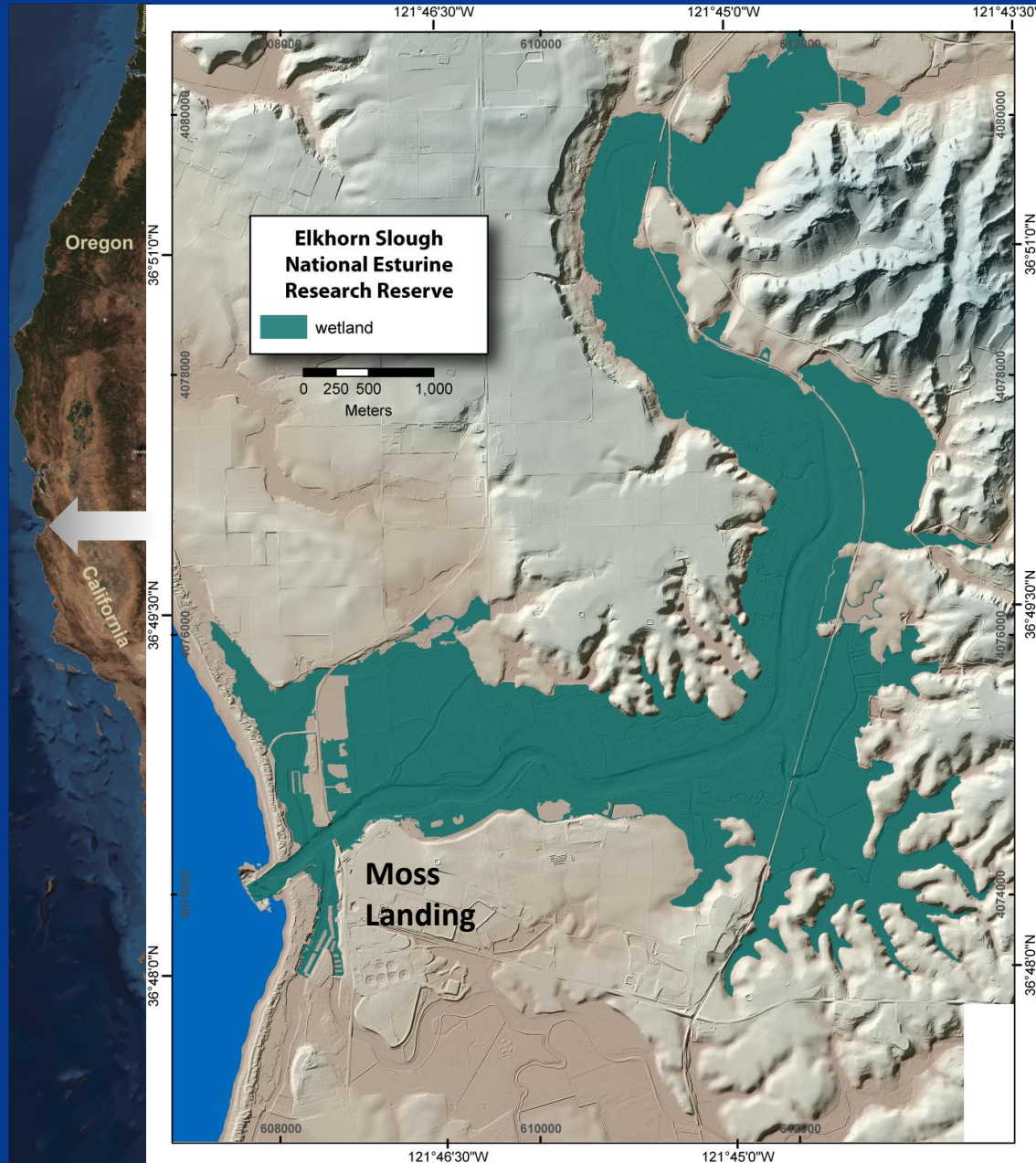
# Elkhorn Slough

Part of the NERR system

Nutrient loaded

Moderately eutrophic

Important nursery for  
juvenile flatfishes



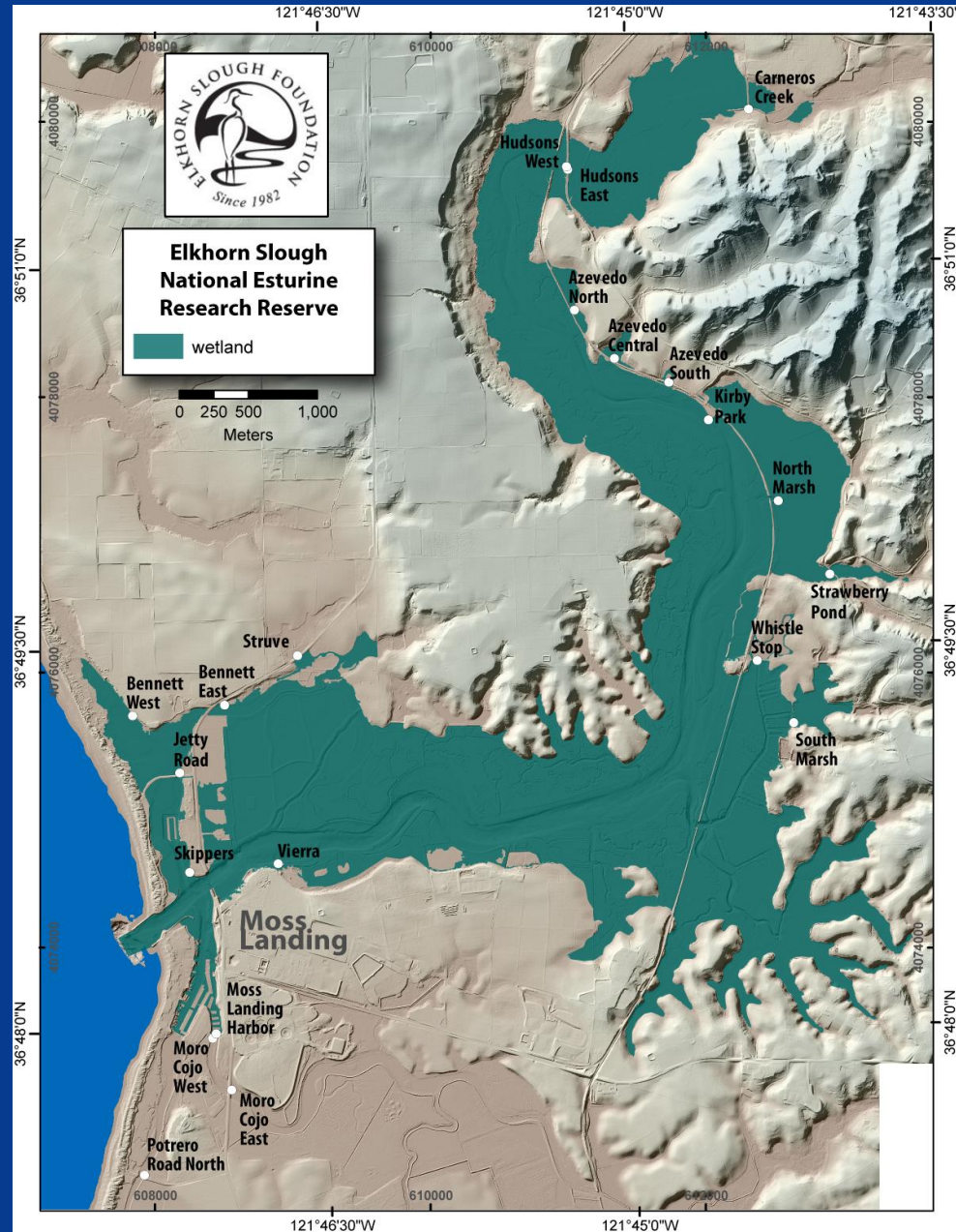


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## Climate condition added

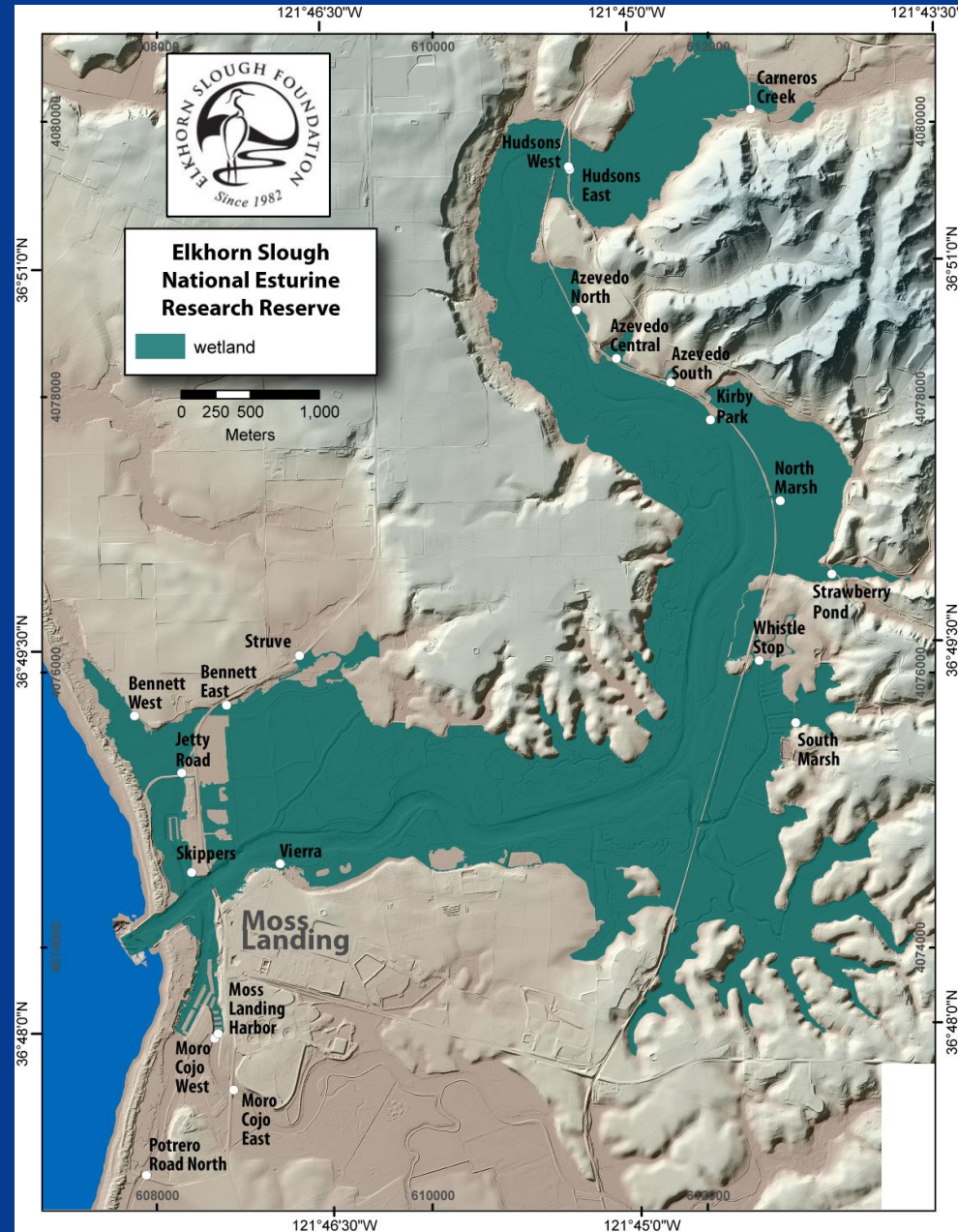
El Niño Southern Oscillation Index

12 month moving average

ENSO Index  $> 0.5$  = El Niño

ENSO Index  $< -0.5$  = La Niña

ENSO Index  $-0.5 - 0.5$  = “La Nada”



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Nicked from [www.outsidethebeltway.com](http://www.outsidethebeltway.com)

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Model Builder useful but limited to ArcGIS

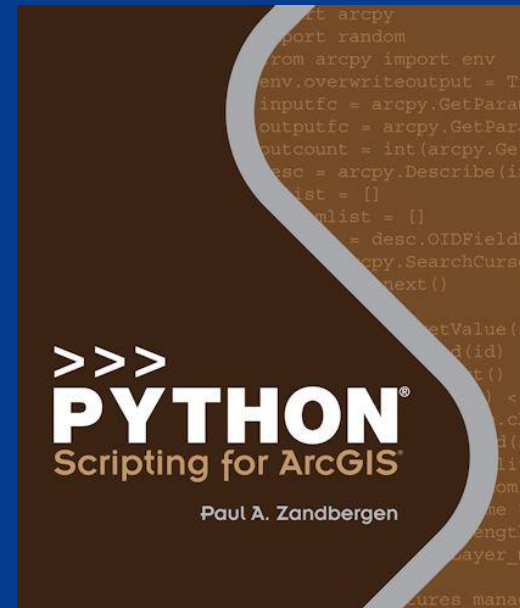
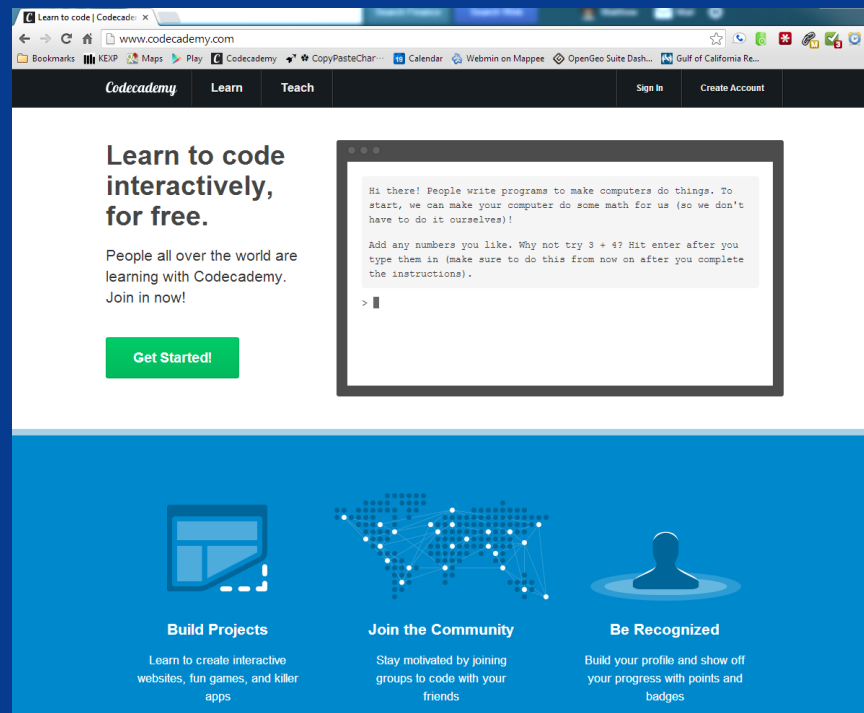
# Solution: learn Python

<http://www.codecademy.com>

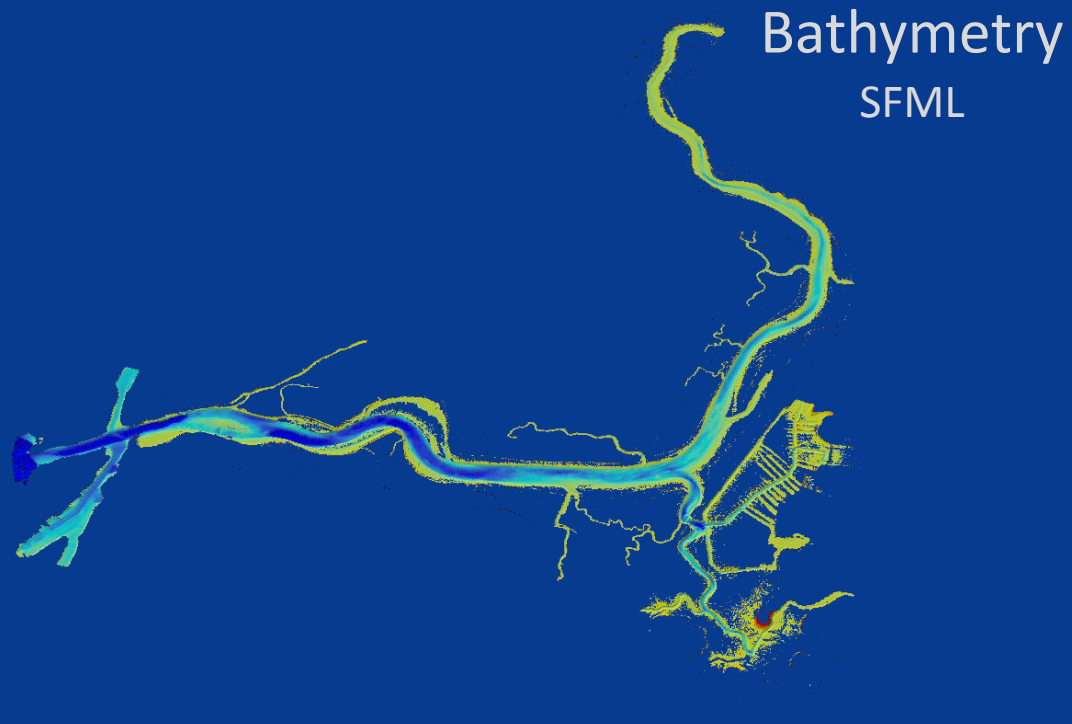
ESRI Press: *Python Scripting for ArcGIS*

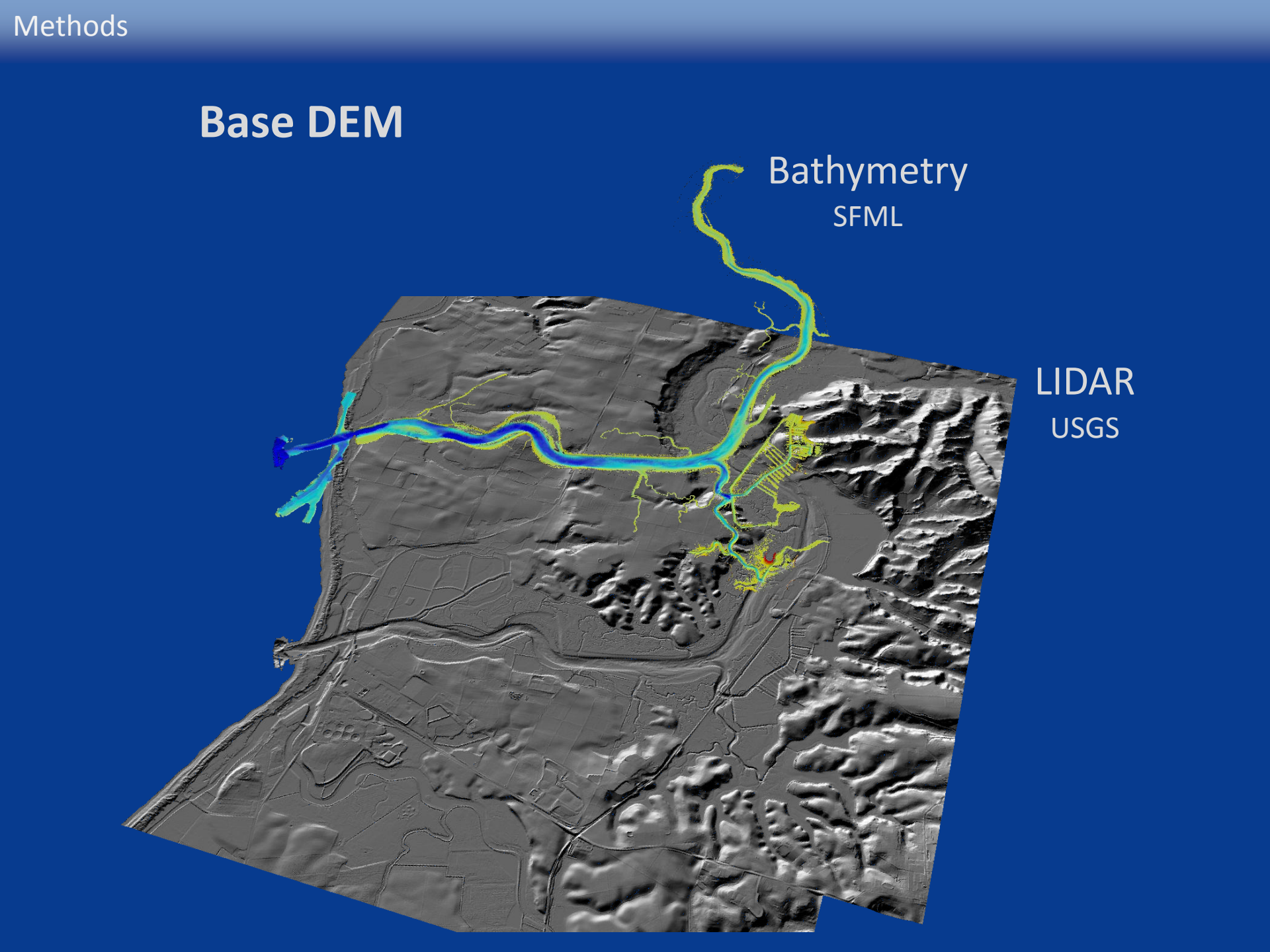
ArcGIS Help

Numpy and Scipy



## Base DEM

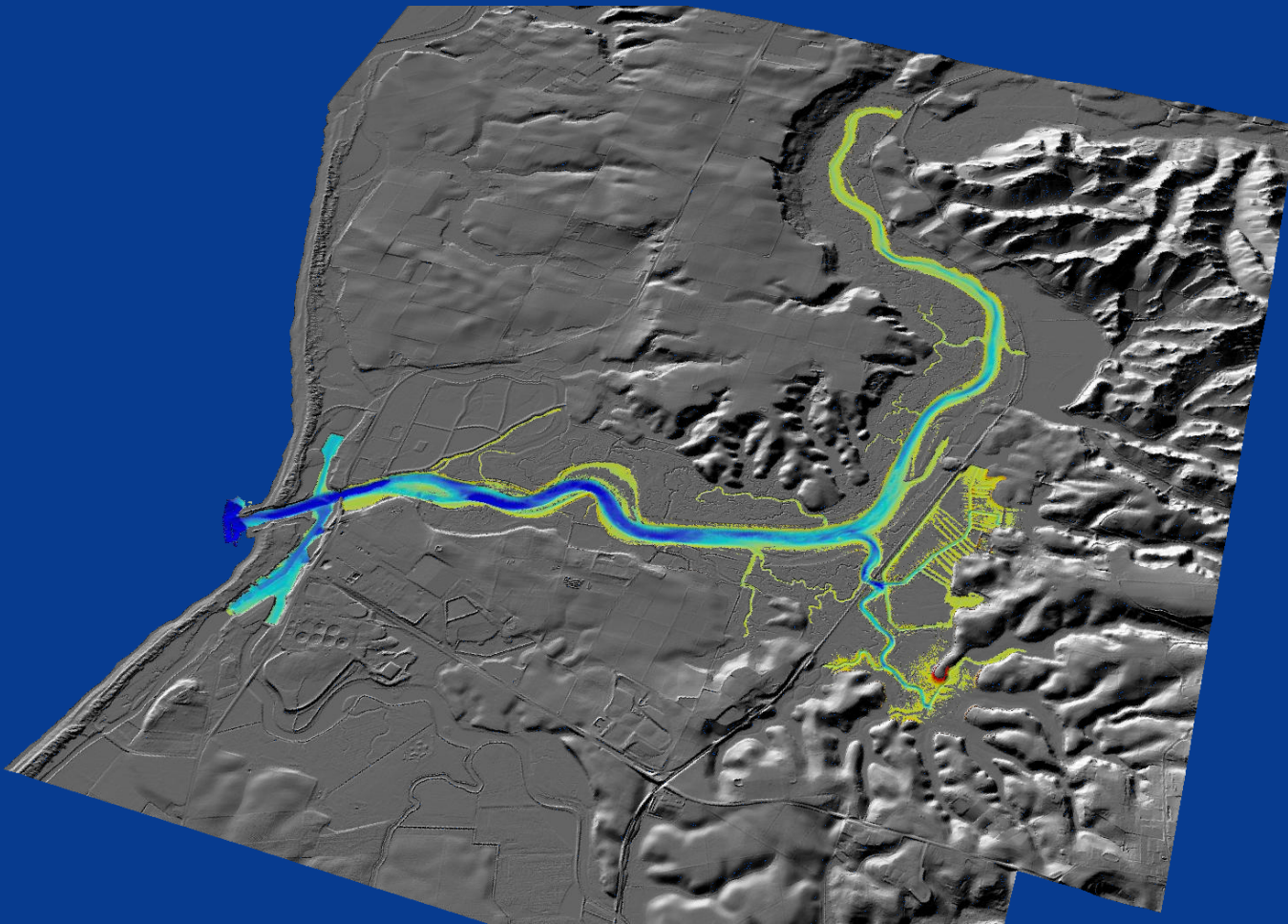




## Base DEM

Resolution: 1m x 1m

Vertical datum: NAVD 88



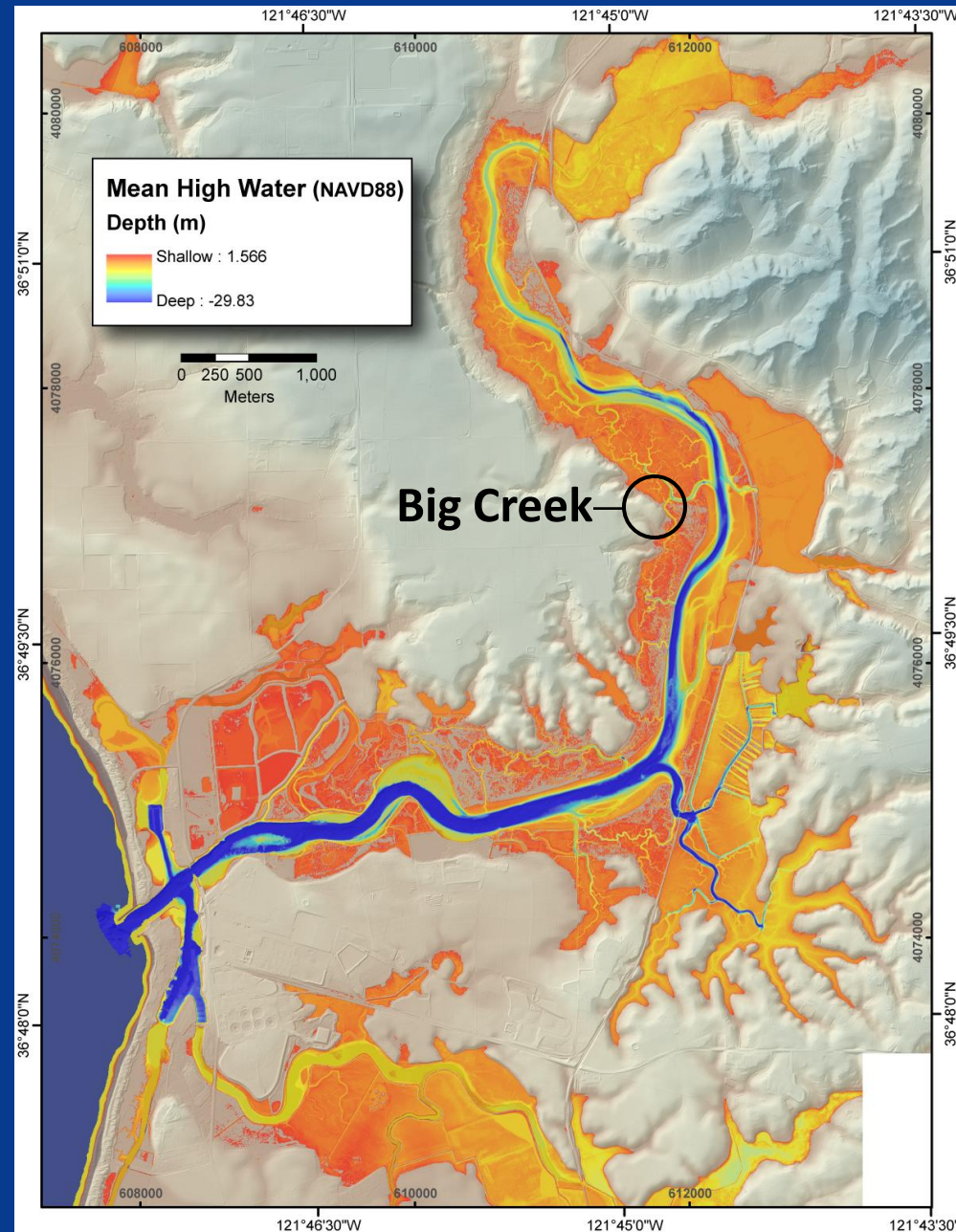


## Base DEM

To determine available fish habitat

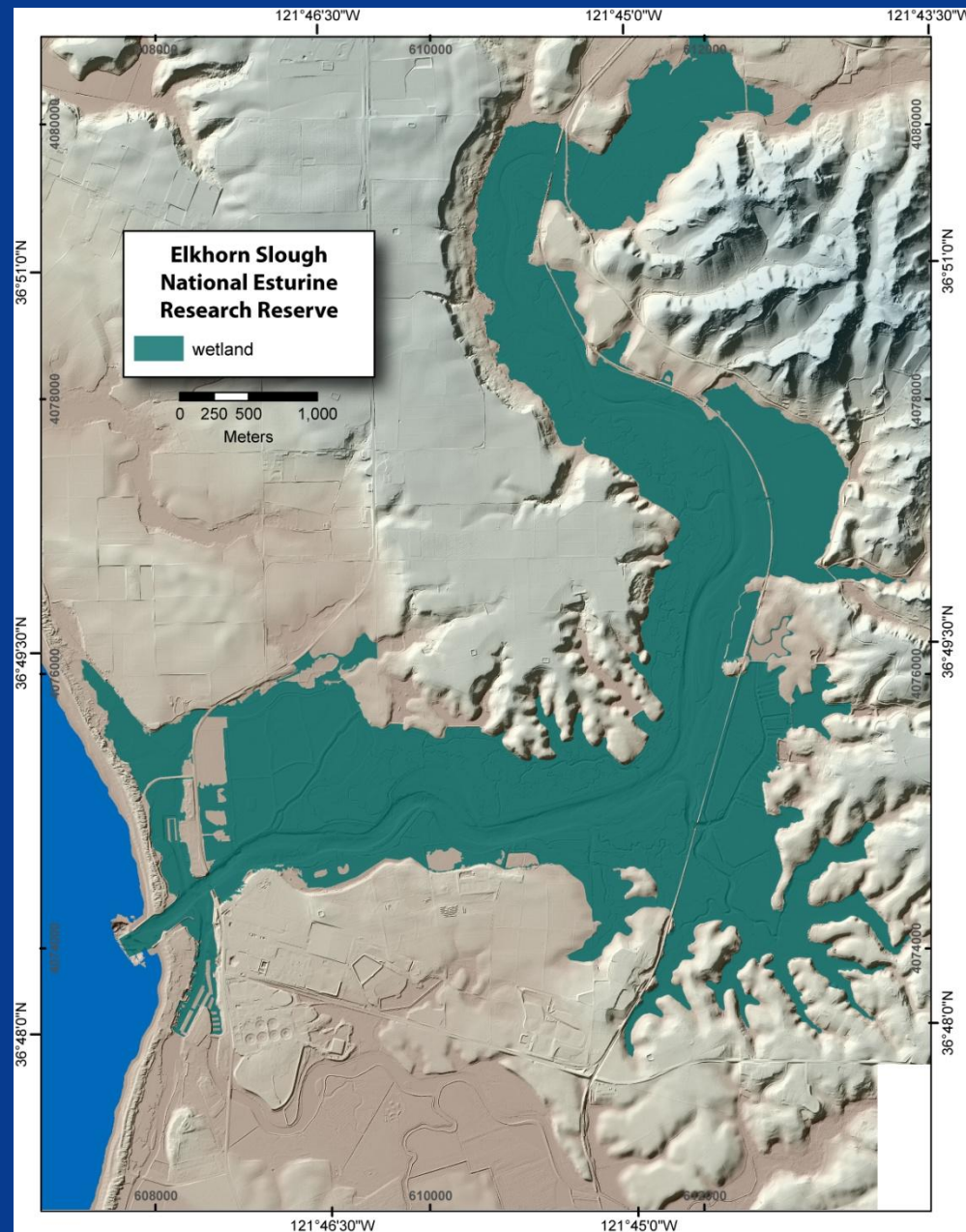
Extracted depths below MHW  
(Van Dyke et. al 2012)

Converted to a polygon



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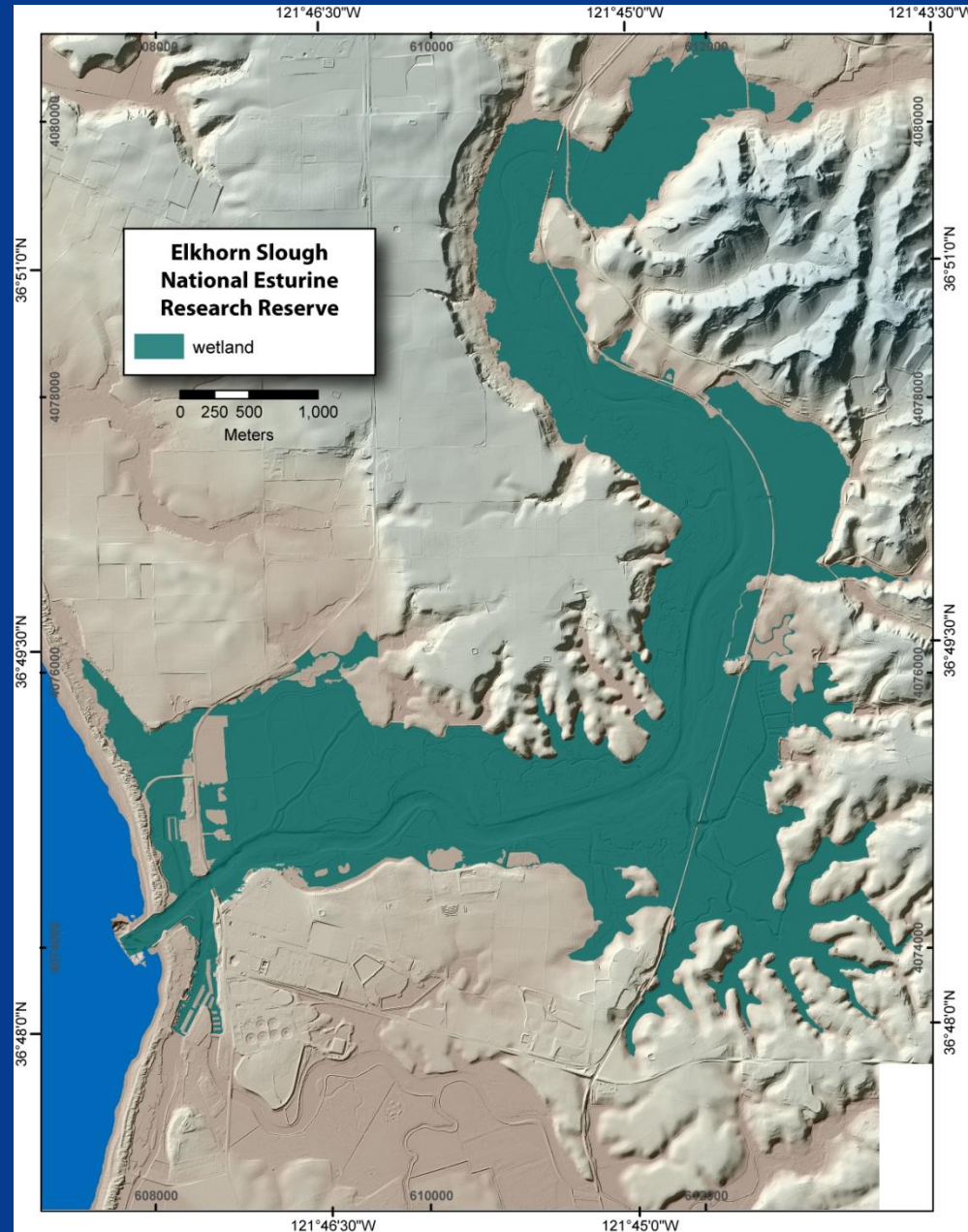


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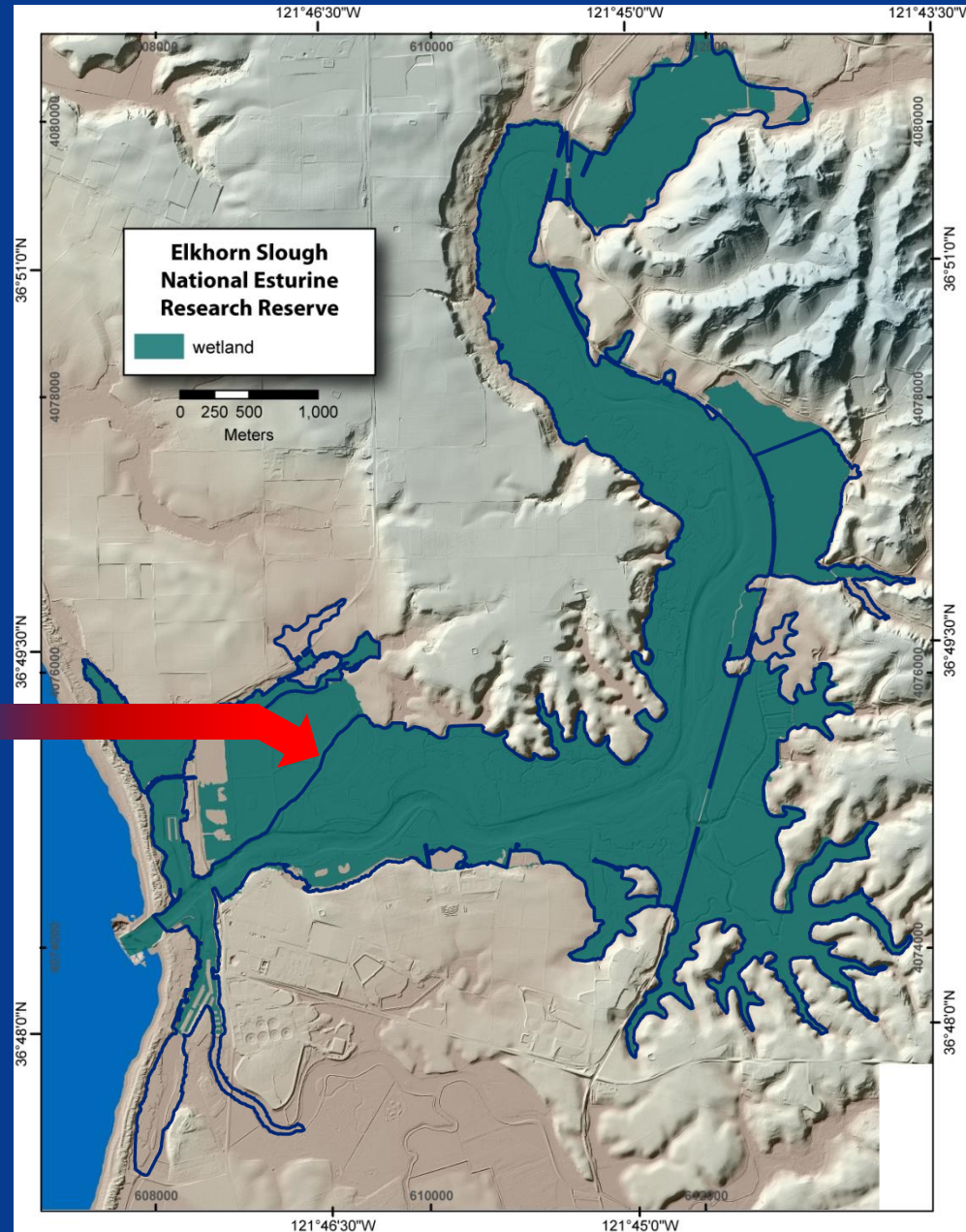
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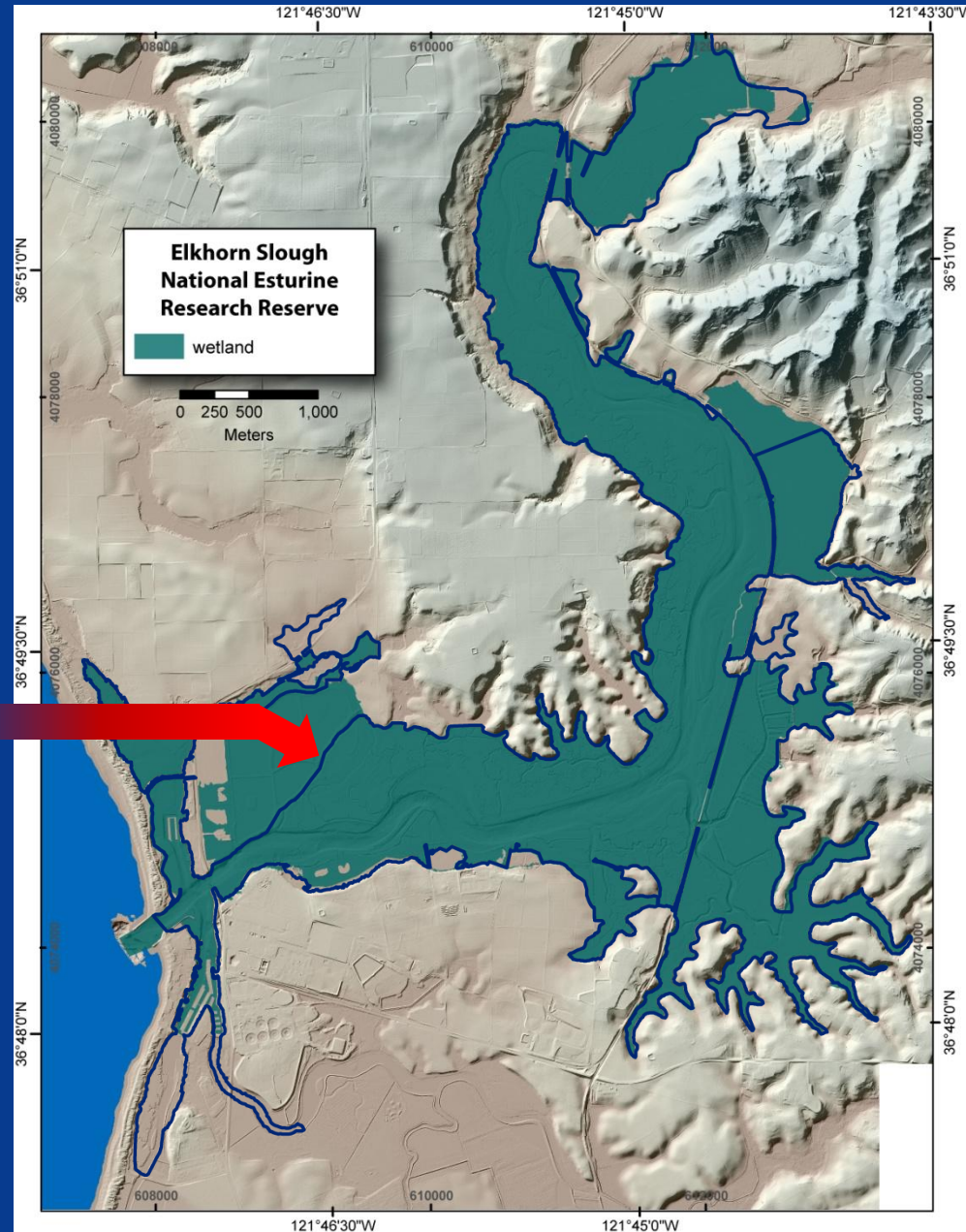
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And more converting and  
filtering stuff!





## **Python Scripting, cont.**

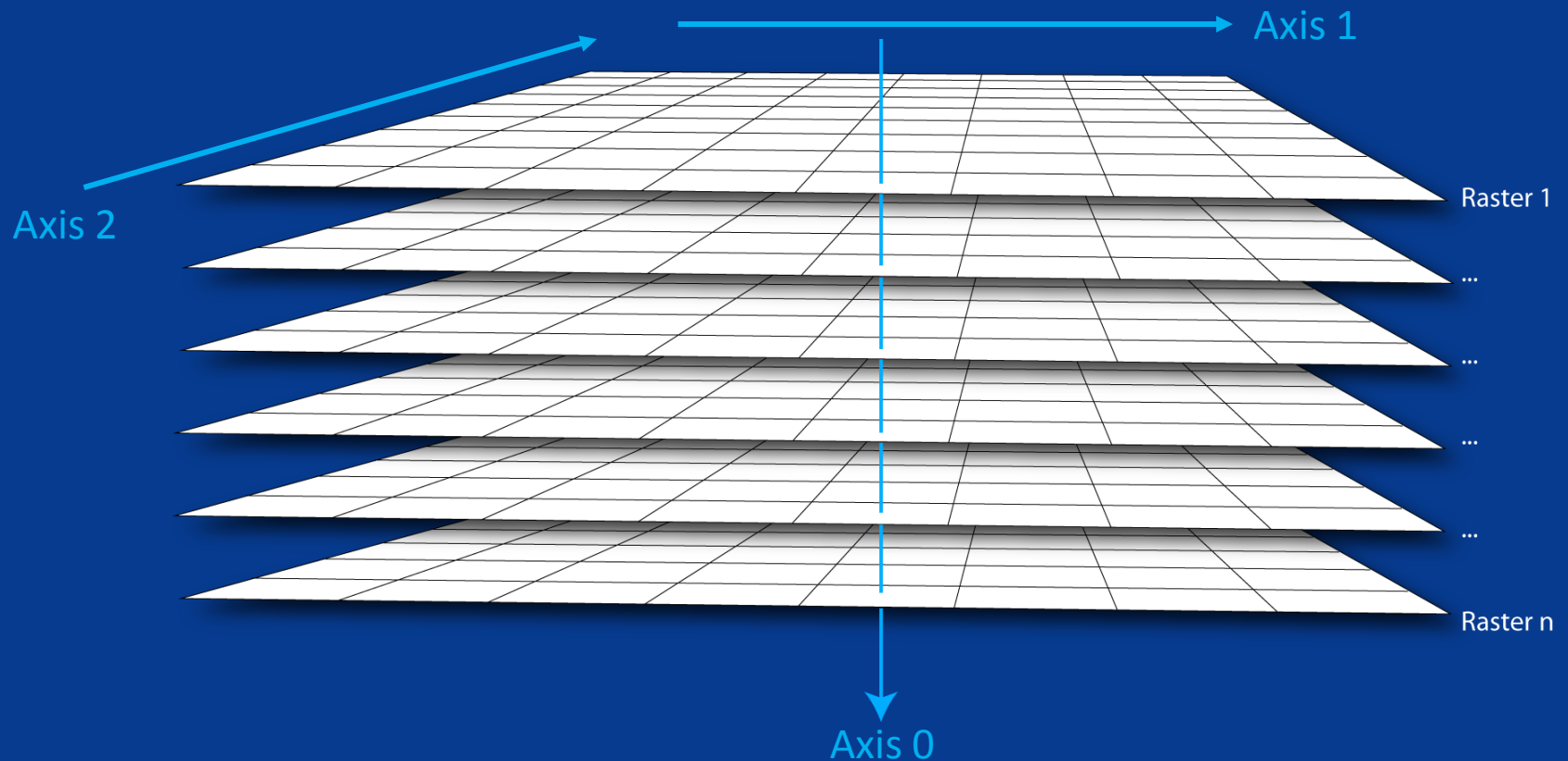
Calculate 10<sup>th</sup> percentile DO  
and create a raster for  
each climate regime

## **Python Scripting, cont.**

Convert to numpy array using  
`arcpy.RasterToNumpyArray`

## Python Scripting, cont.

Use `numpy.percentile` function  
along axis 0 (3<sup>rd</sup> dimension)



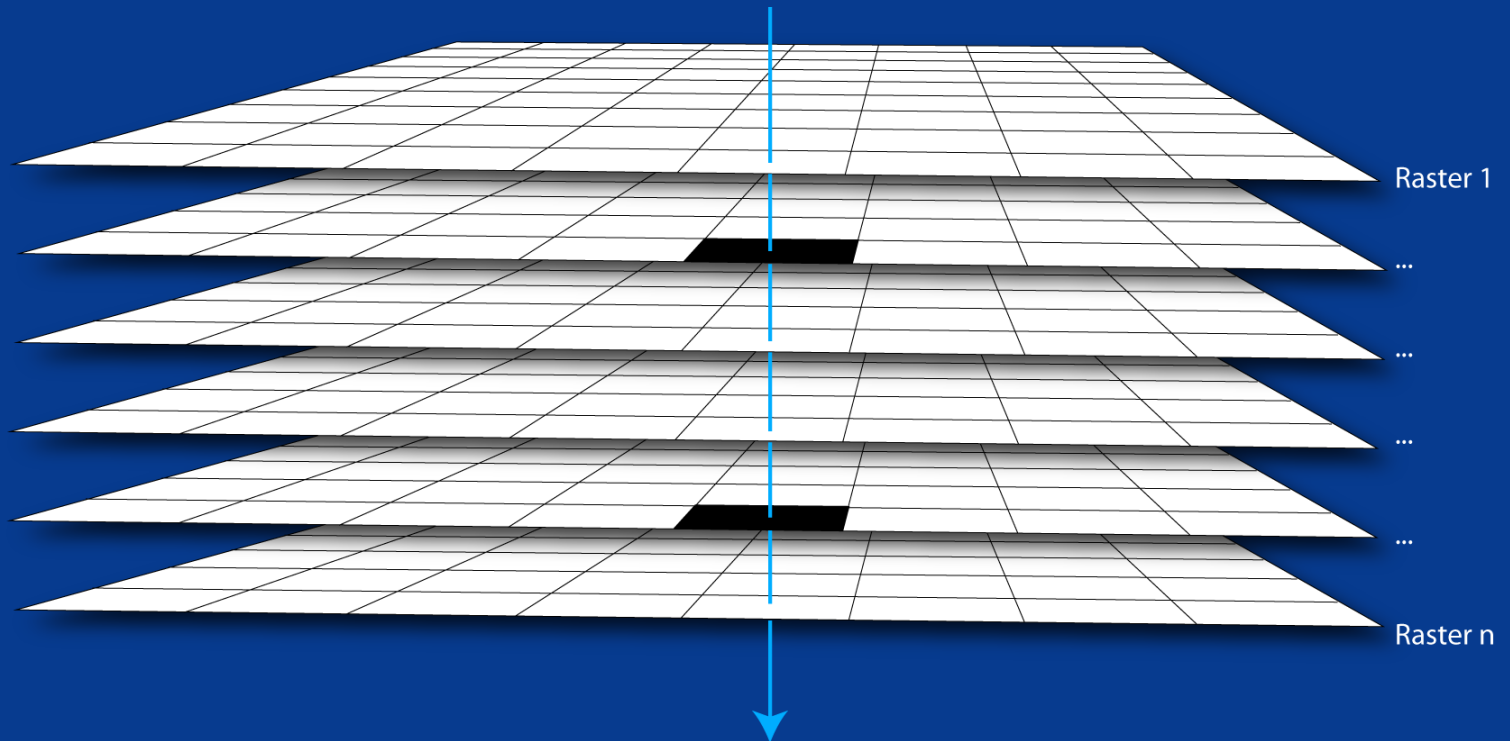
## **Paranoia not always bad**

Bad results with NODATA cells

# Paranoia not always bad

Numpy treats NODATA as valid data

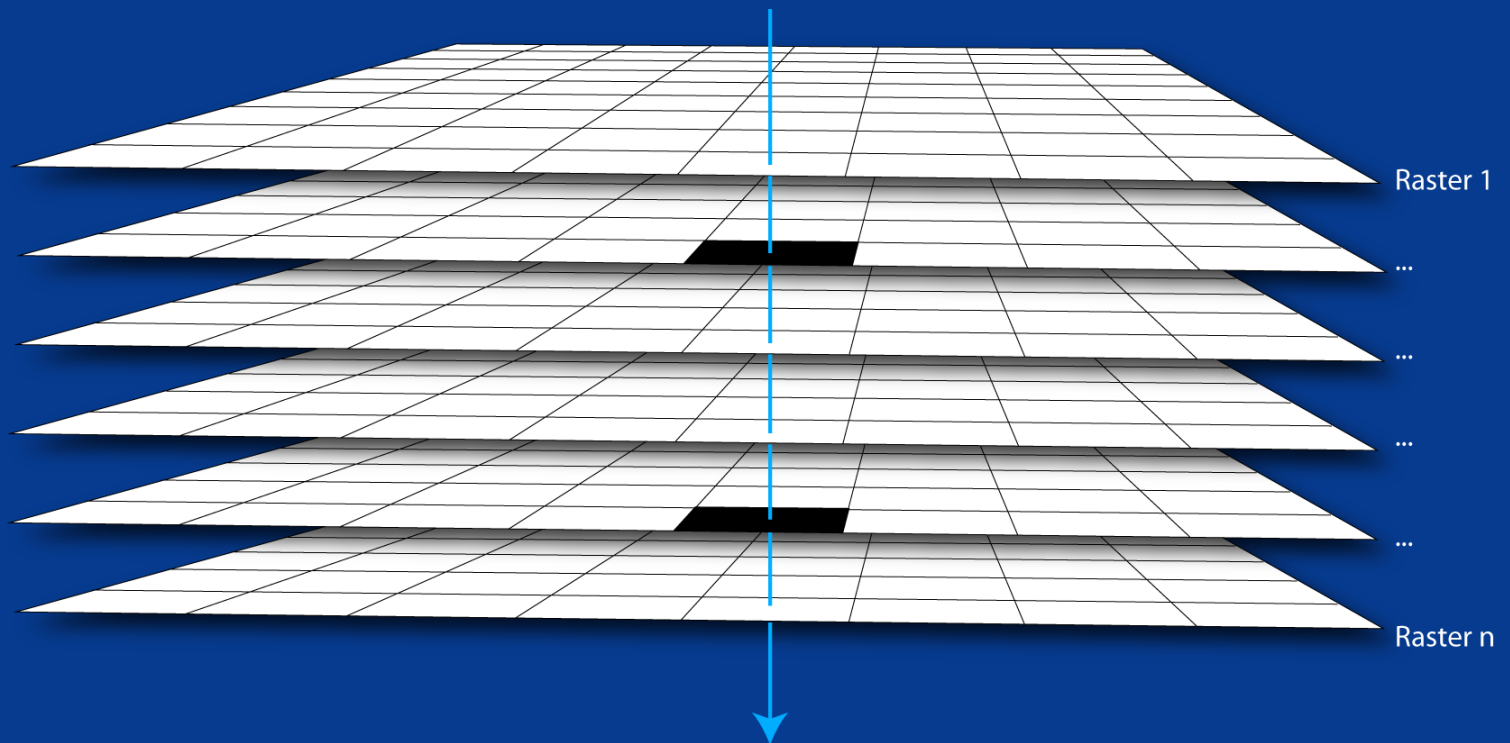
 = NODATA = -3.40282346639e+038





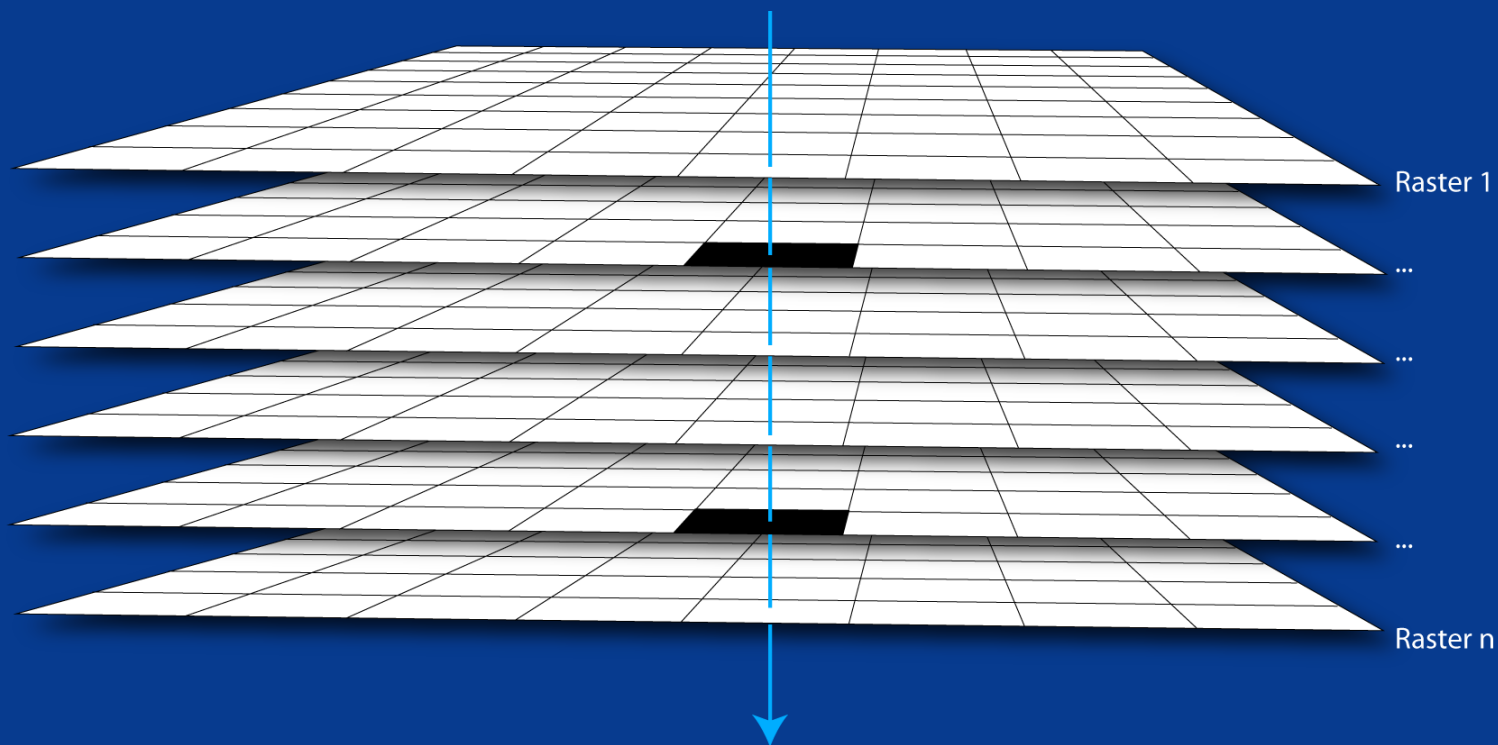
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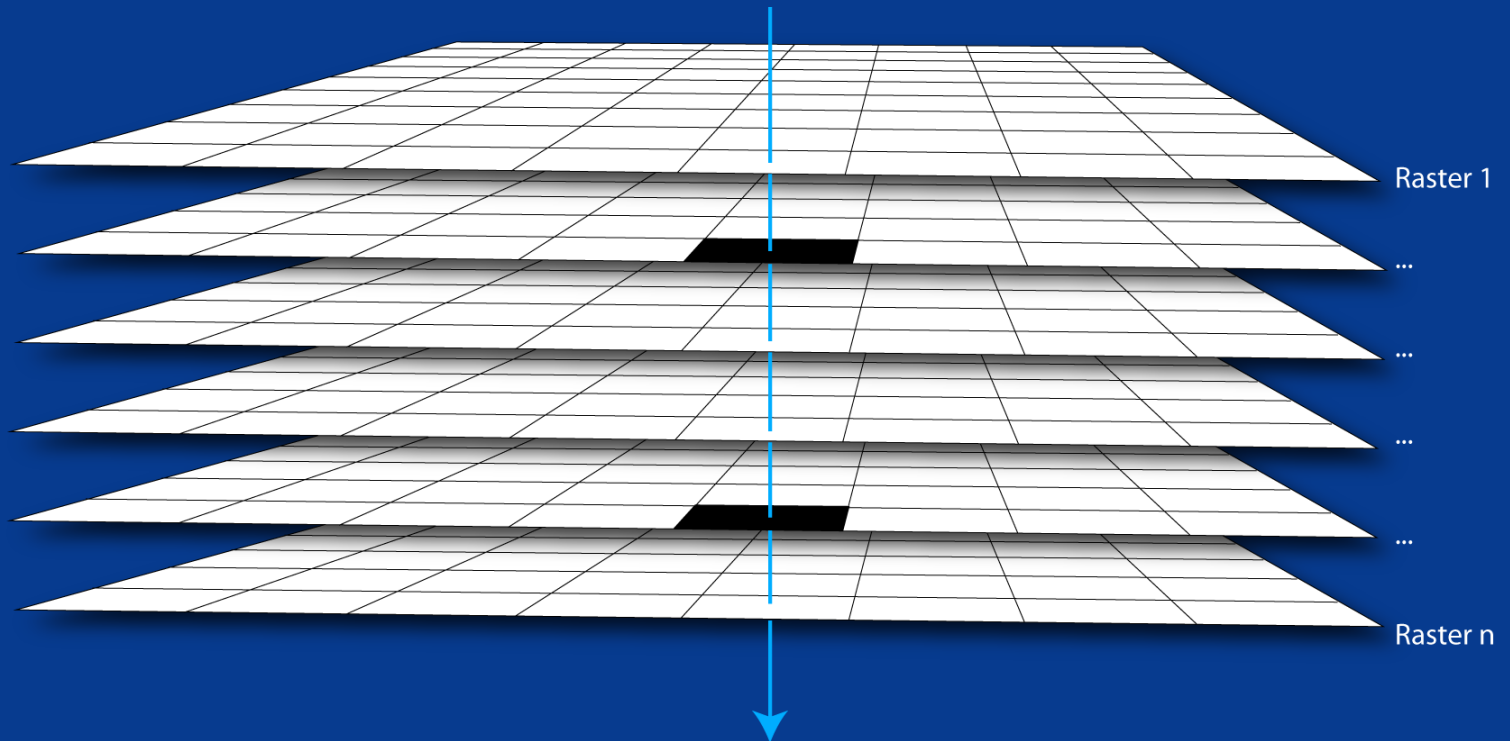
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## Paranoia not always bad

Solution: convert NODATA to NaNs,  
run calcs, then convert back to NODATA

 = NaN



# Only code I will show, promise

```

• 76     if el_nino:
• 77         print "Adding %s to El Nino..." % (raster)
• 78         eln_array = arcpy.RasterToNumPyArray(raster, "", 302, 421, -9.999)
• 79         eln_array[eln_array == -9.9989996] = None
• 80         elnino.append(eln_array)

```

NODATA to Nan

```

115     # El Nino
116
•117     print "Working on El Nino"
•118     pct_eln = np.percentile(elnino, 10, axis = 0)
•119     pct_eln[np.isnan(pct_eln)] = -3.40282346639e+038
•120     stdev_eln = stats.nanstd(elnino, axis=0)
•121     stdev_eln[np.isnan(stdev_eln)] = -3.40282346639e+038
122
123     # Convert back to rasters, project, and save
124
•125     pcteln = arcpy.NumPyArrayToRaster(pct_eln, point, 20, 20, "")
•126     pcteln.save("pct10_nino")
•127     arcpy.DefineProjection_management("pct10_nino", sR)
128
•129     std_eln = arcpy.NumPyArrayToRaster(stdev_eln, point, 20, 20, "")
•130     std_eln.save("stdv_nino")
•131     arcpy.DefineProjection_management("stdv_nino", sR)
132

```

Calculations and  
Nan to NODATA

Converting  
back to raster

## **Oh yeah, the fish!**

Long-term fish  
monitoring dataset

Monterey Bay National  
Marine Sanctuary's  
SIMoN program

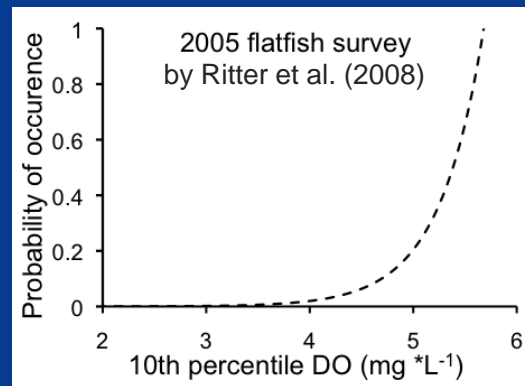
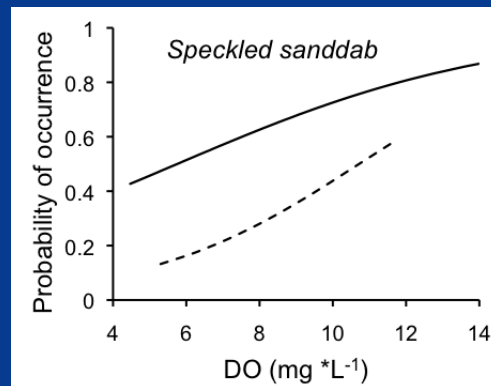
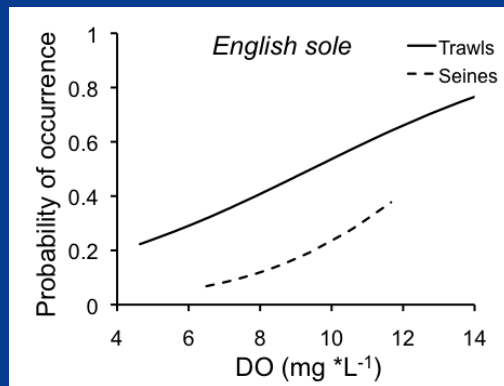


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10<sup>th</sup> percentile DO rasters



Logistic Regression equation from  
fish presence/absence



Predicted fish probability  
of occurrence rasters

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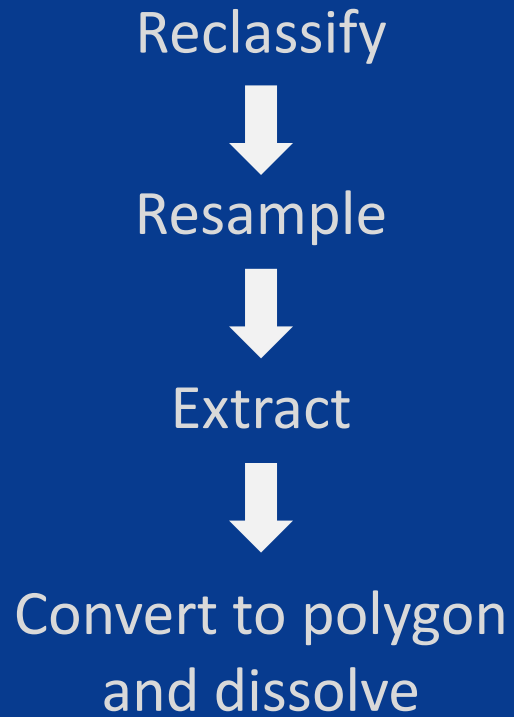
Extract

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> 5	1

1m;  
natural neighbors

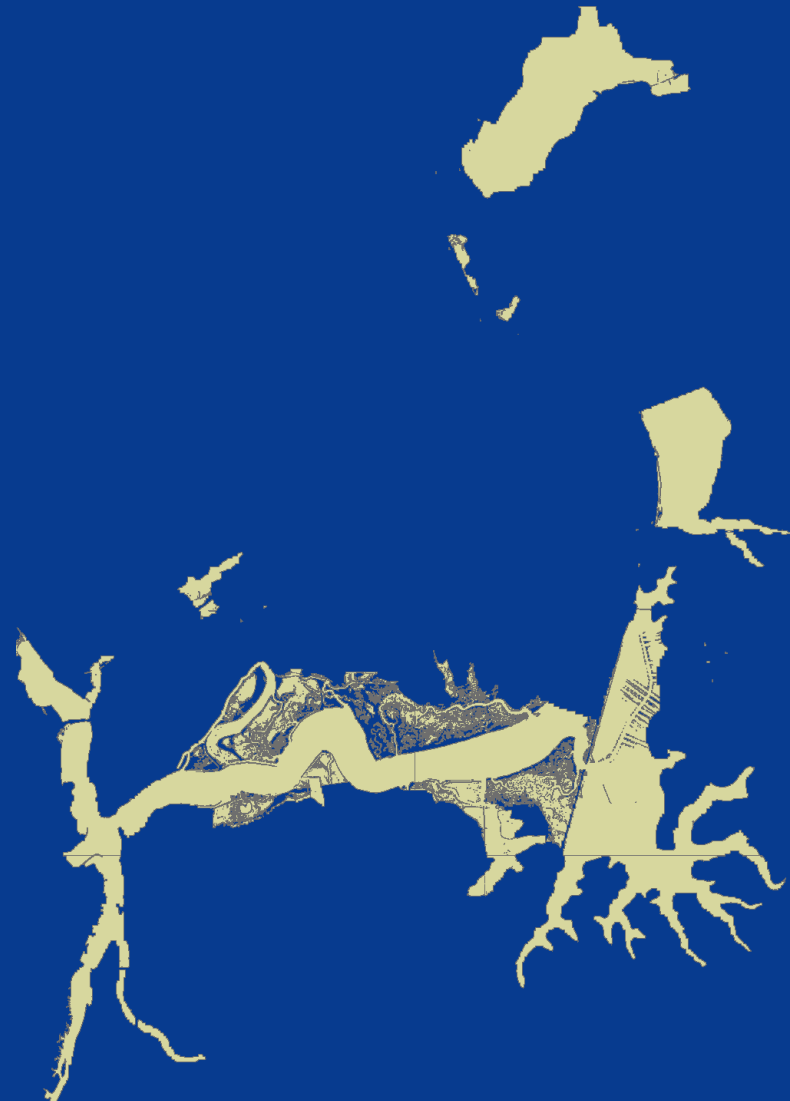
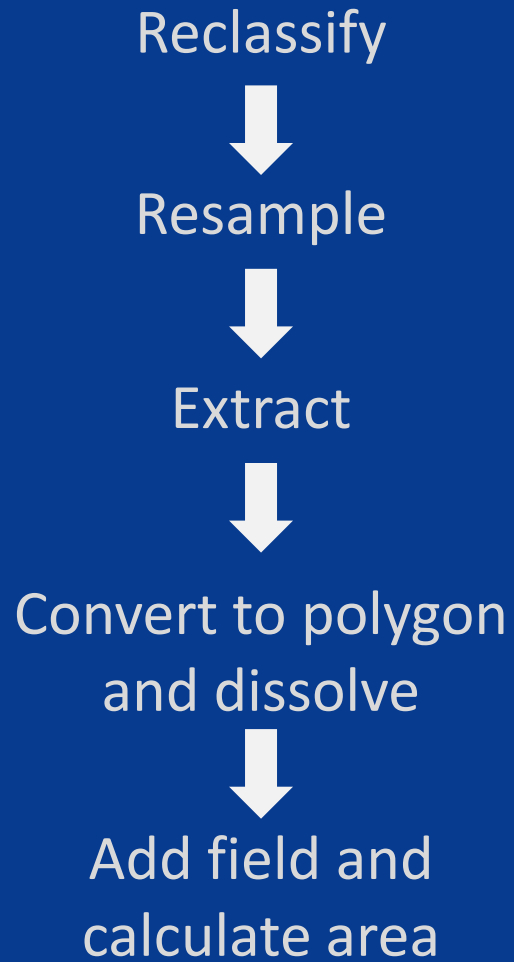
MHW  
polygon

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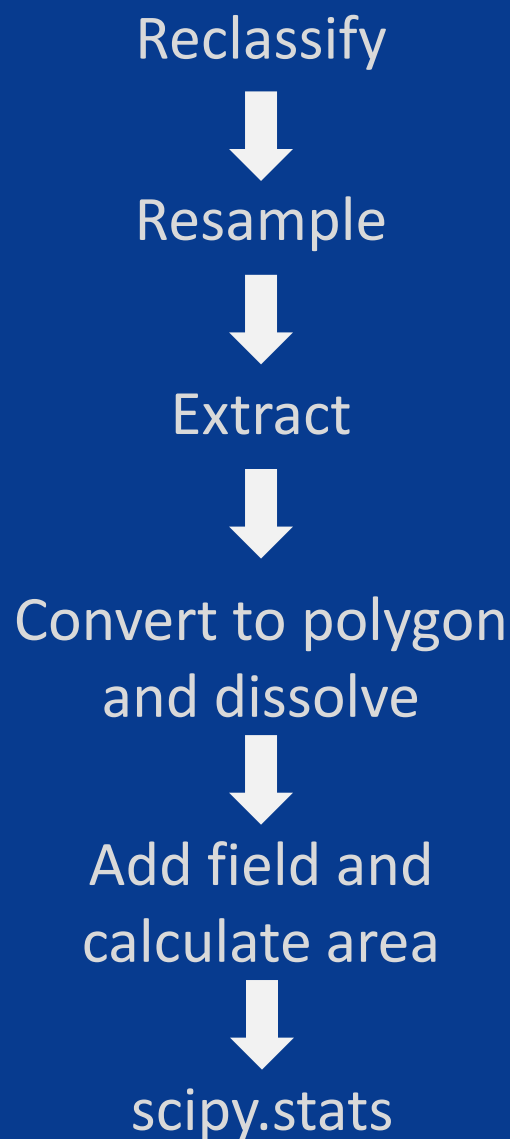




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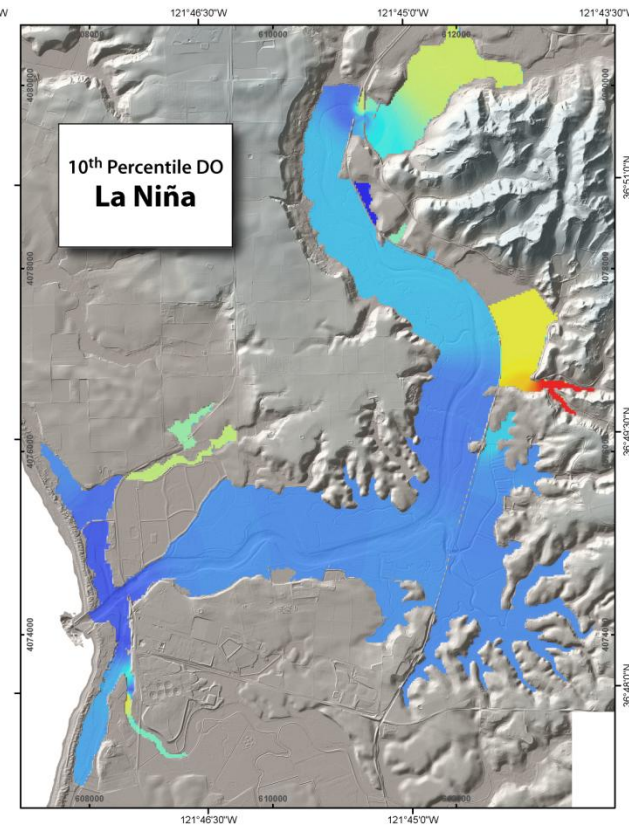
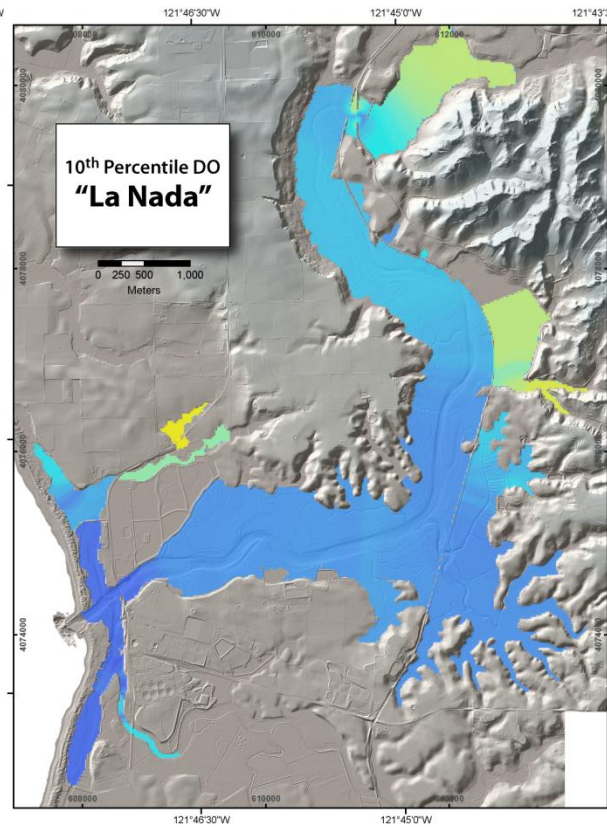
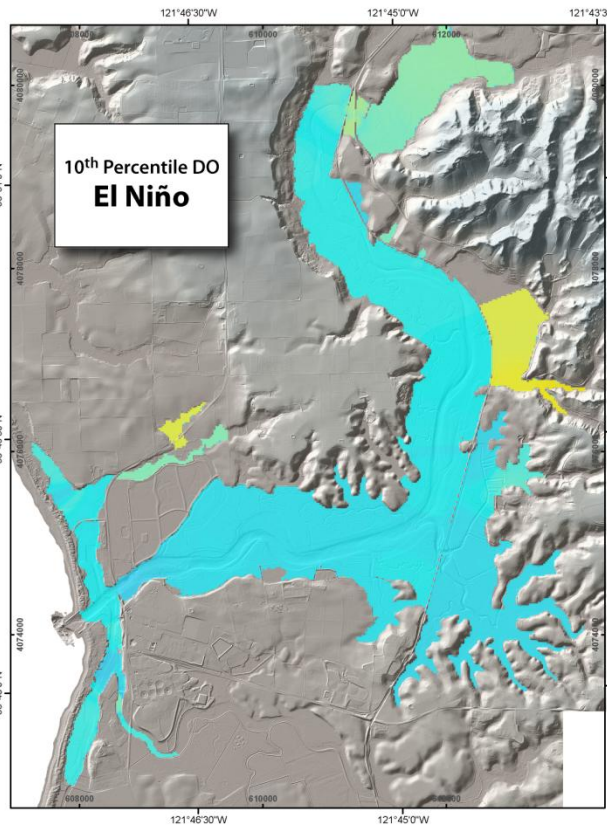


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El Niño

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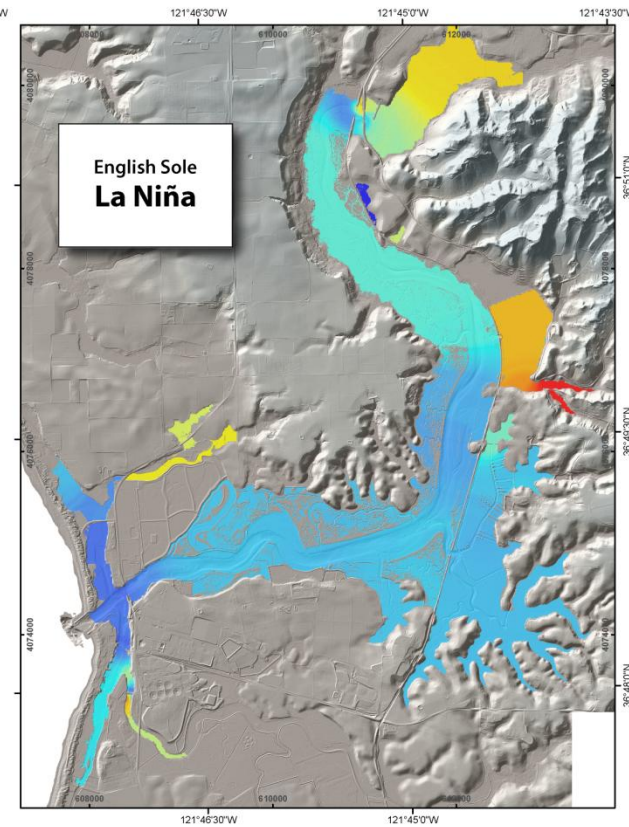
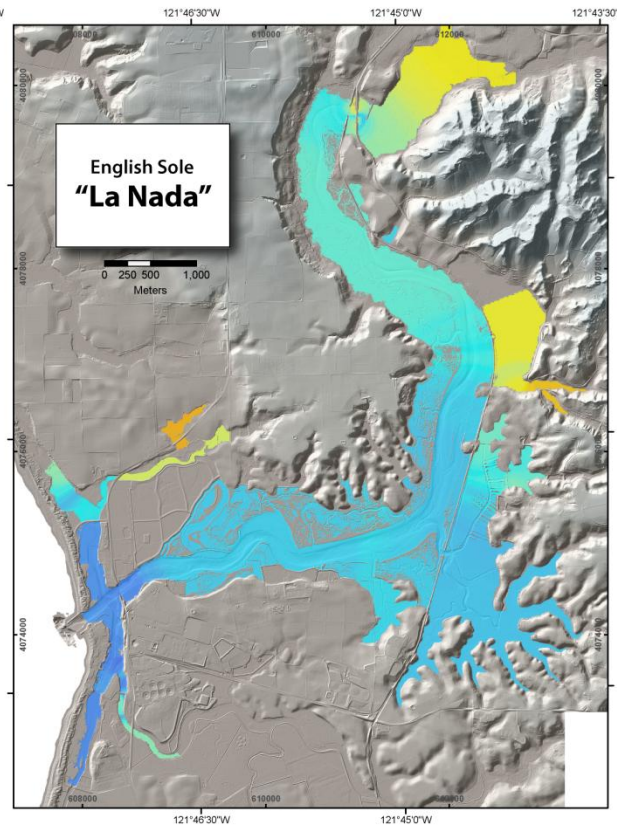
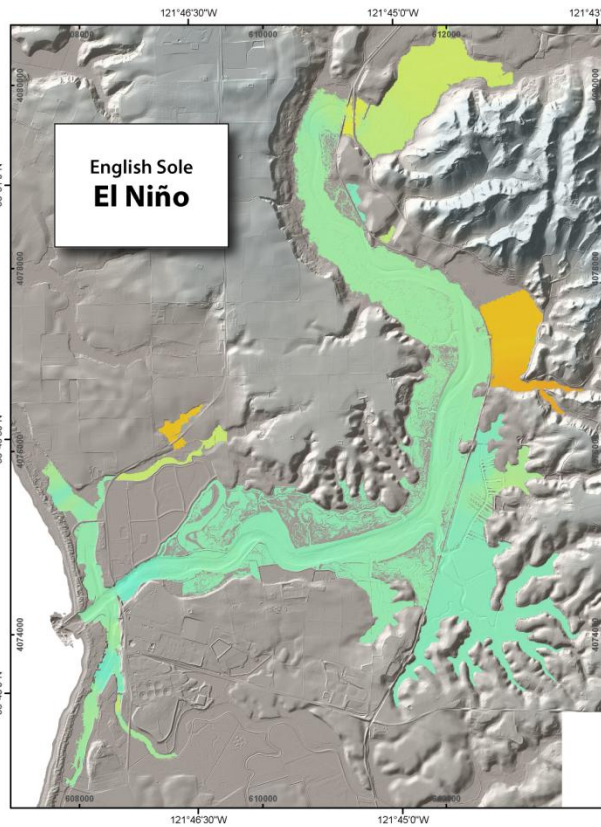


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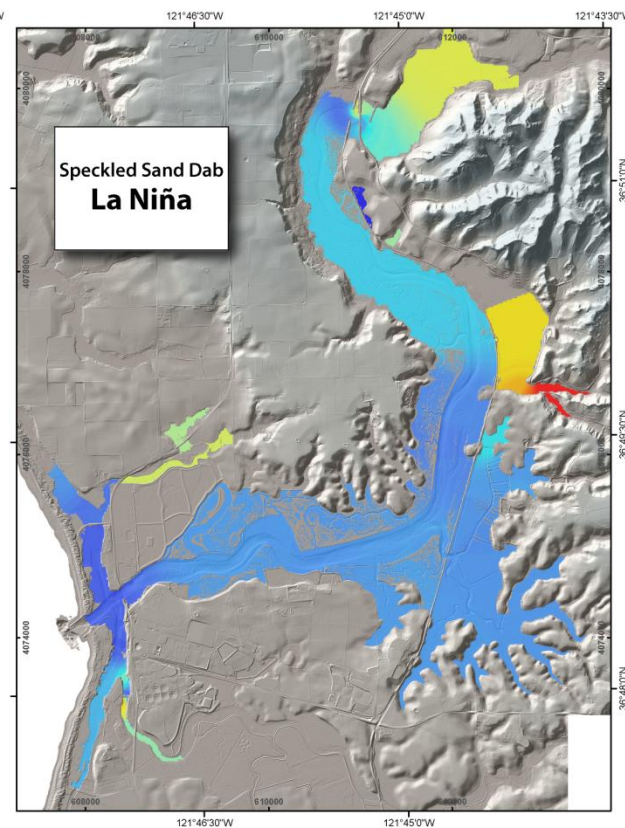
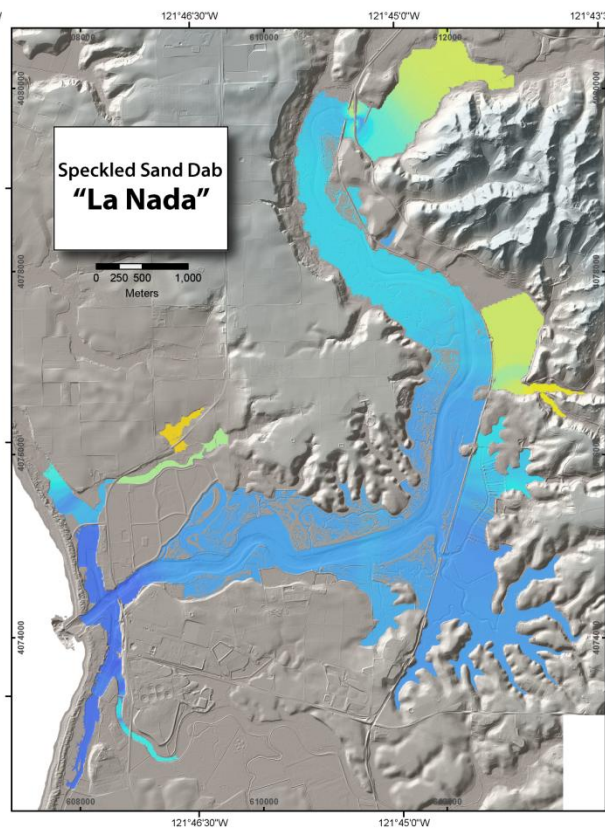
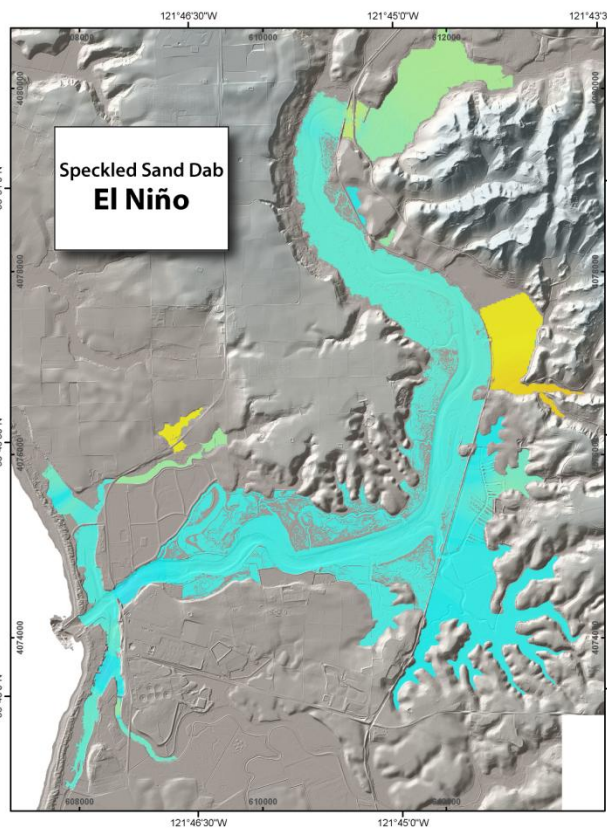


# Speckled Sand Dab Probability of Occurrence

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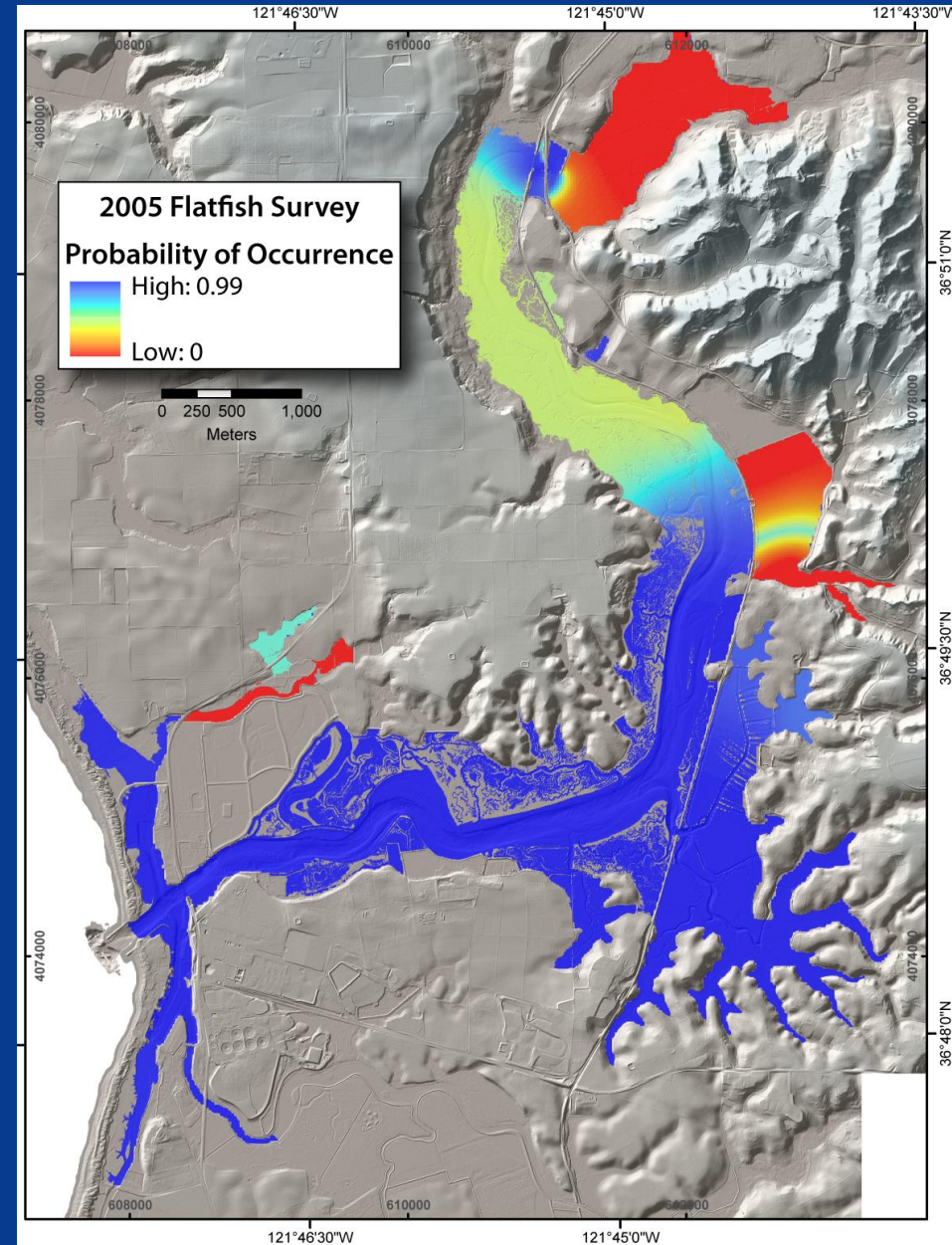
“La Nada”

La Niña



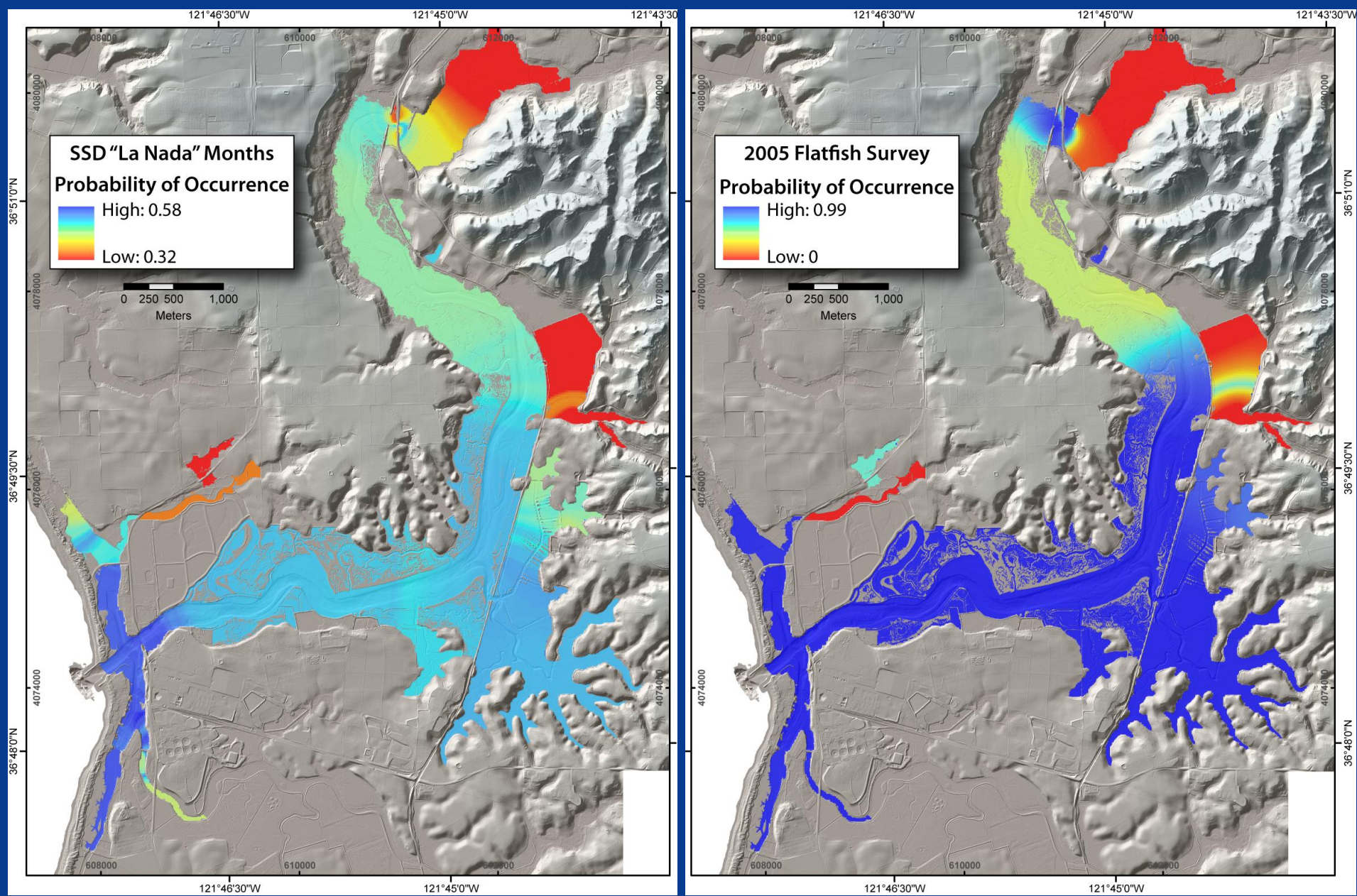


# 2005 Flatfish Probability of Occurrence





# Results



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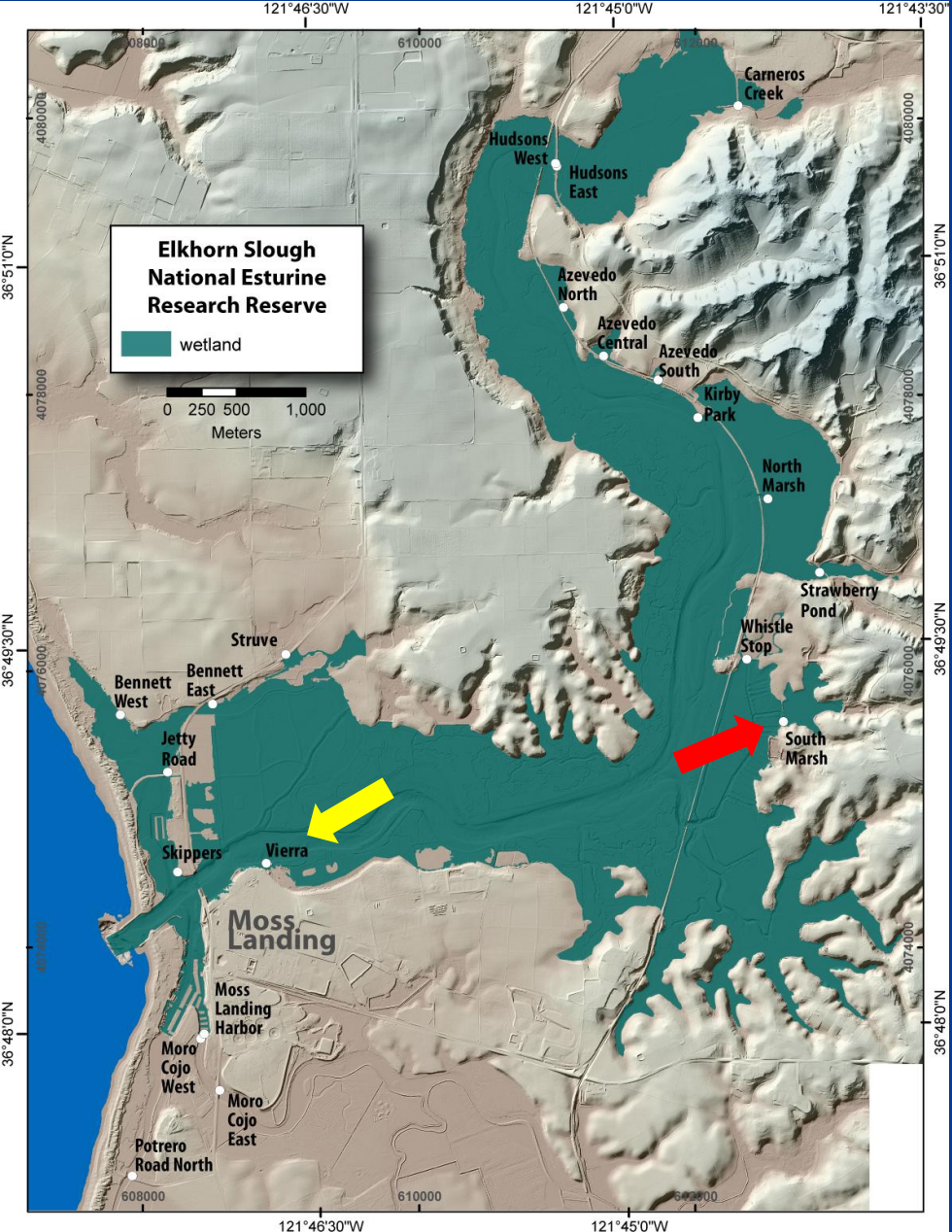
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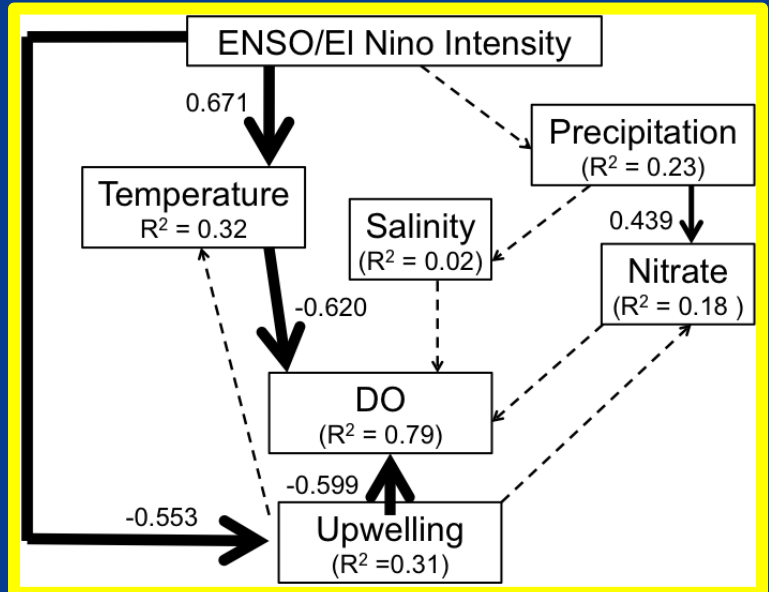
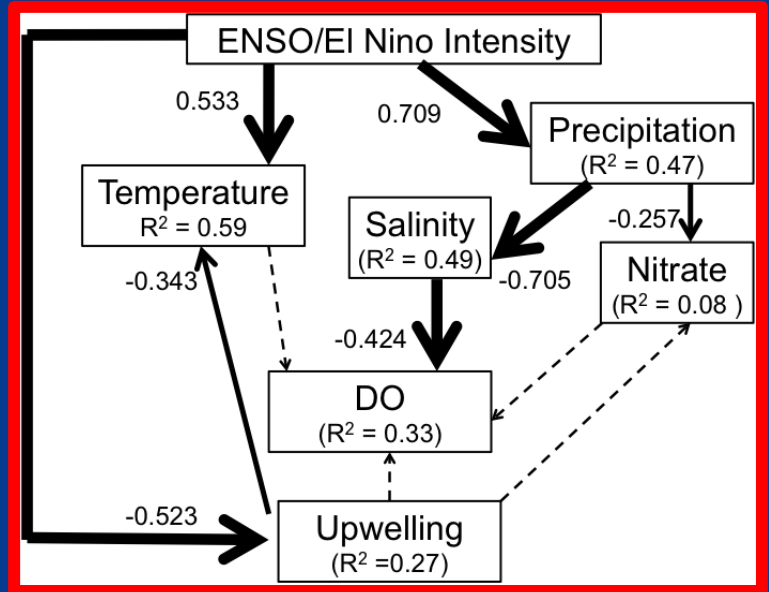
Kruskal-Wallace:  $p = 0.14$   
No significant difference







Path Analysis

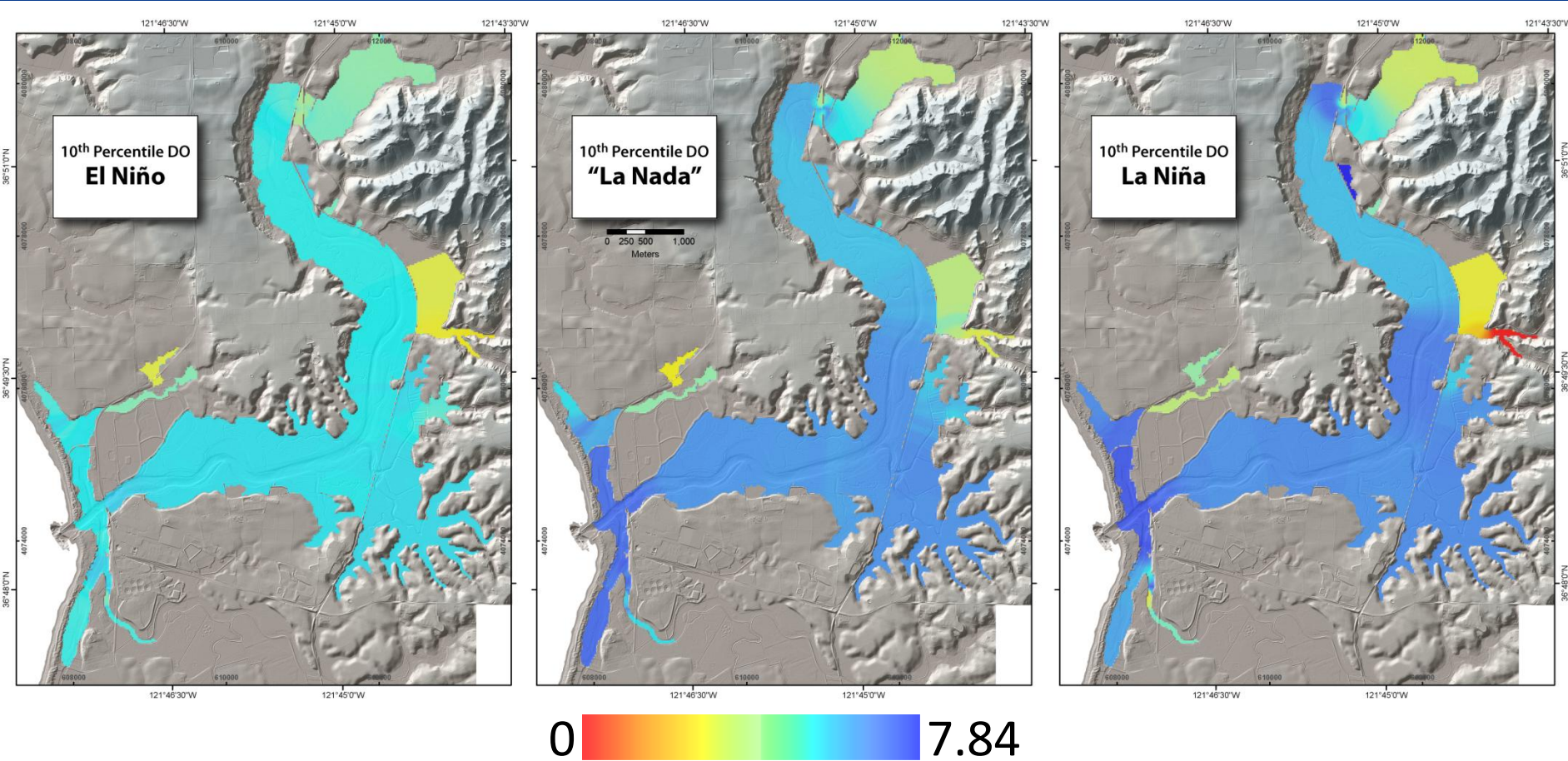


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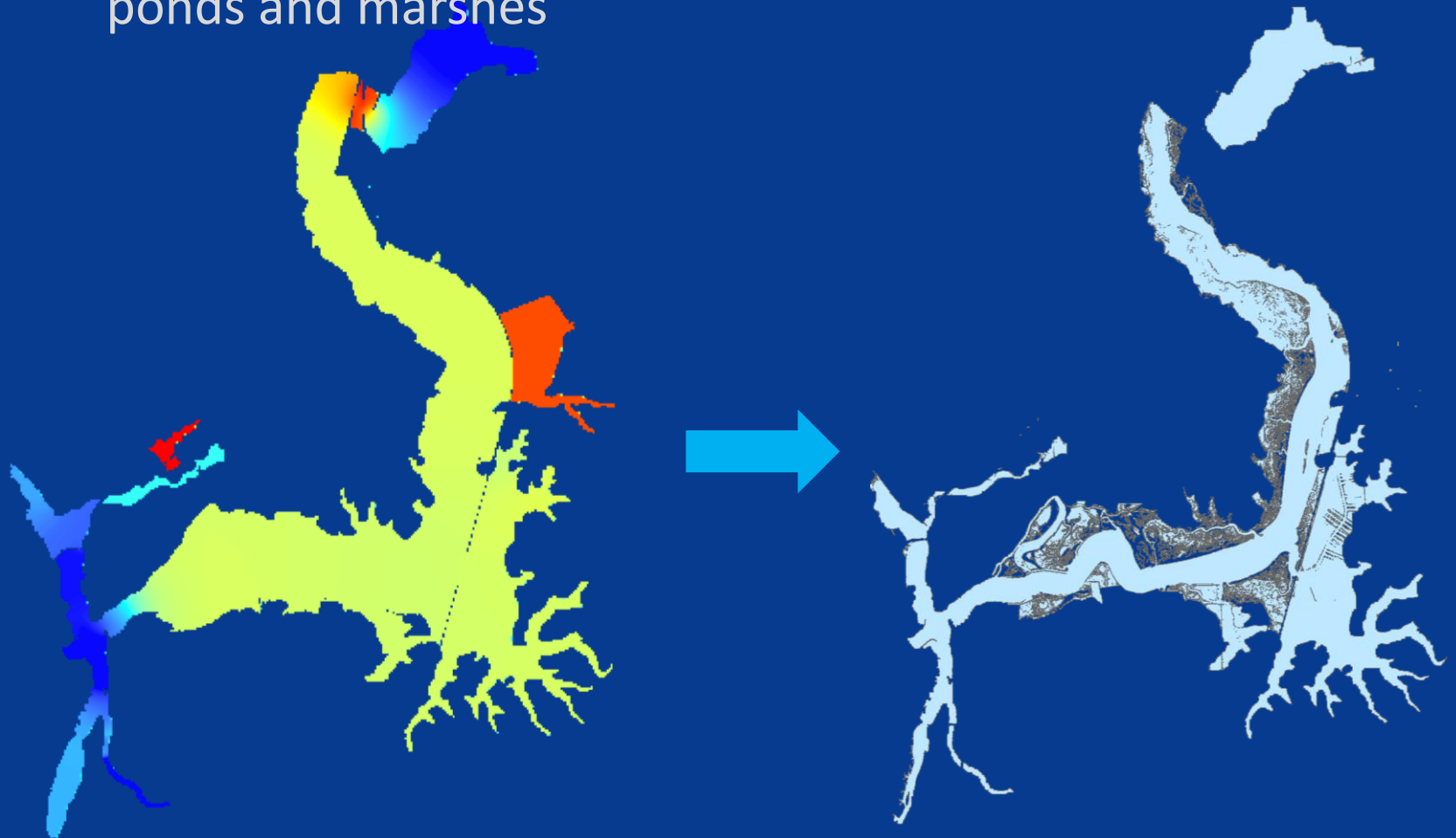
Climate regime does not have an  
effect on habitat availability

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