Delta Stewardship Council

FARM TO FISH: LESSONS FROM A MULTI-YEAR STUDY ON AGRICULTURAL FLOODPLAIN HABITAT.

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Sommer et al. 2020. San Francisco Estuary & Watershed Science.

A CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY Sacramento River **Flooded Rice Fields:** More primary production and invertebrate prey Higher juvenile salmon growth rate

Sacramento River:

- Less primary production and invertebrate prey
- juvenile salmon growth rate

During drought, fields seasonally flooded experimentally were found to produced low and variable survival rates for juvenile salmon

Flow and connectivity were found to be critical features of juvenile salmon habitat on fields seasonally flooded by experiment