



Remote Sensing for Freshwater Habitats

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Course Structure

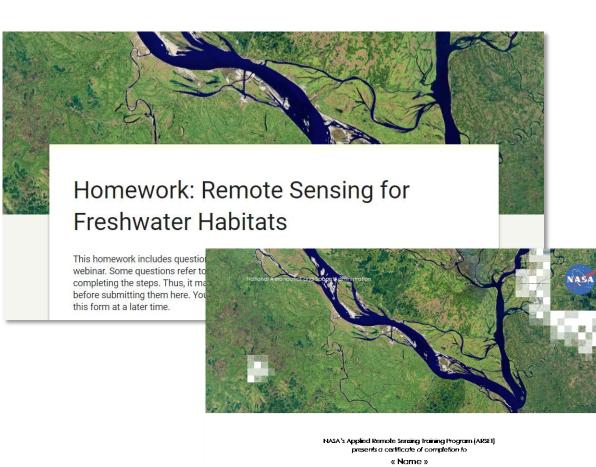
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- Three, 1-hour sessions on September 17, 24, and October 1
- The same content will be presented at two different times each day:
 - Session A: 10:00-11:00 EST (UTC-4)
 - Session B: 18:00-19:00 EST (UTC-4)
 - Please only sign up for and attend one session per day
- Webinar recordings, PowerPoint presentations, and the homework assignment can be found after each session at:
 - https://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/land/webinars/2019-freshwater
- Q&A: Following each lecture and/or by email
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Homework and Certificates

- Homework
 - One homework assignment
 - Answers must be submitted via Google Forms
- Certificate of Completion:
 - Attend both live webinars
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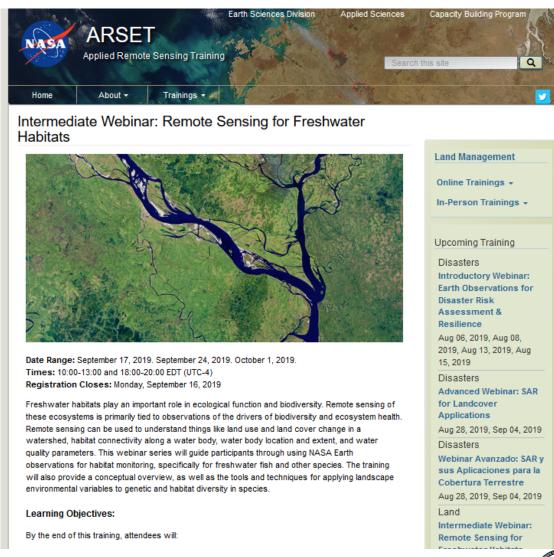
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Prerequisites and Course Materials

- Prerequisite
 - Please complete <u>Sessions 1 & 2A of</u>
 <u>Fundamentals of Remote Sensing</u>, or have equivalent experience
 - Attendees who do not have this knowledge may not follow the pace of the training
- Course Materials
 - Found here:https://arset.gsfc.nasa

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Course Outline



Session 1: Aquatic Remote Sensing

- Satellites and sensors
- Data limitations
- Combining multiple data types for freshwater habitat mapping
- Some case study examples

Session 2: Riverscape Analysis Project (RAP)

- Case studies
- RAP overview
- Data and analysis with RAP
- RAP demo

Session 3: Freshwater Health Index

- Freshwater health metrics overview
- FHI overview
- FHI demo





Review of Session 1

- Inland waters are important for drinking sources, ecosystem services, biodiversity, recreation, power, irrigation, etc.
- Remote Sensing can be used for assessing freshwater habitats and water quality parameters:
 - Depth, sediment size, water surface extent:
 LiDAR
 - Water quality (Chl-a, suspended sediments, etc.): multispectral and hyperspectral sensors (e.g. MODIS, HyspIRI)
 - River complexity: Landsat, Sentinel-2
 - And many more!



- Case study examples
 - Lake Erie Algal blooms
 - Bathymetry in Yellowstone
 National Park



Session 2 Agenda

- Landscape genetics
 - Ties to remote sensing data
- Case-study examples of landscape genetics assessments
- Overview of the Riverscape Analysis Project (RAP)
- Data access and analysis with RAP
- RAP Demo
- Question and Answer session

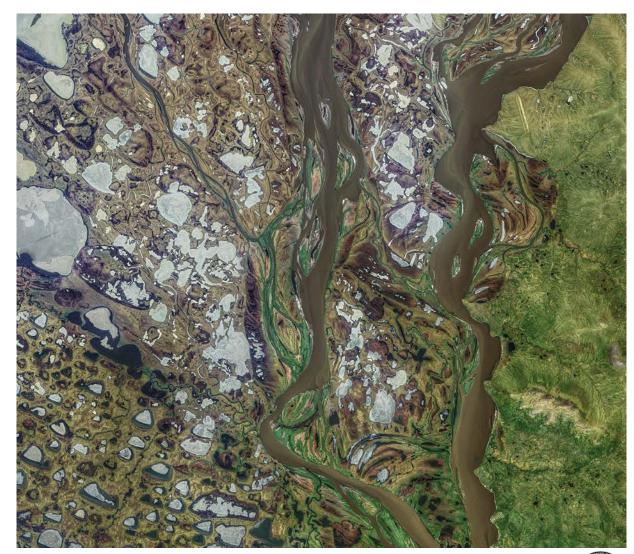
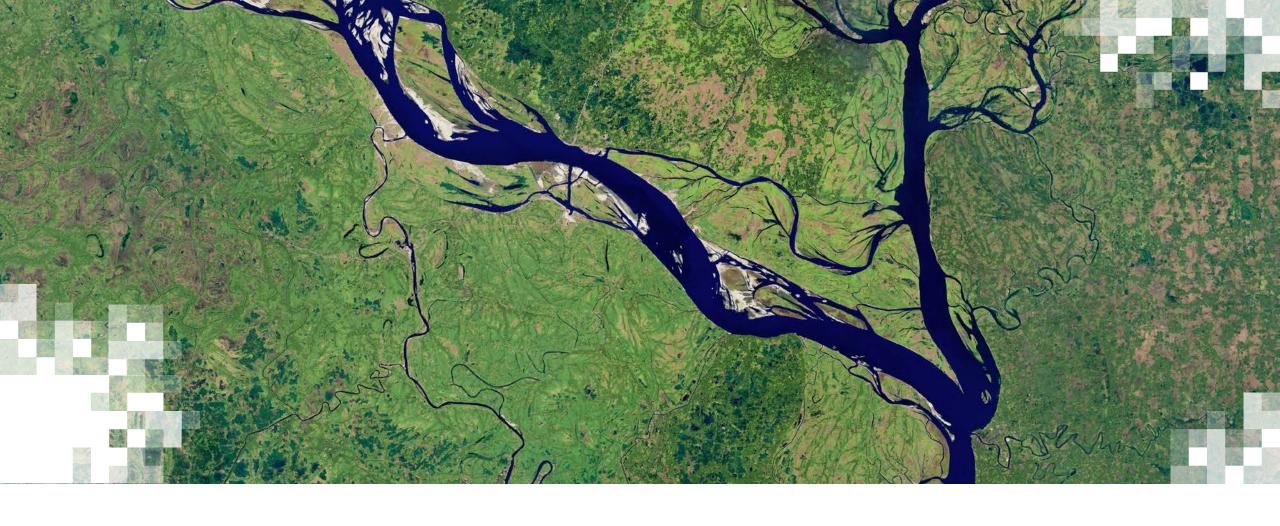


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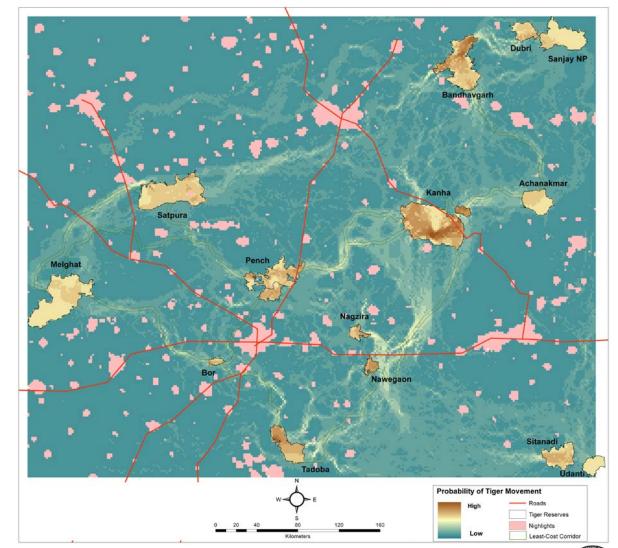




Landscape Genetics

Landscape Genetics

- The study of the influence of the landscape or environmental features on the genetic diversity of populations
- Combination of
 - landscape ecology and
 - genetic monitoring



Tiger movement probability in Central India. Yumnam et al., 2014.



Landscape Ecology

- The study of the pattern and interaction between ecosystems within a region of interest and how these interactions affect the ecological process
 - Remote sensing and geospatial analysis have transformed the discipline
 - Land cover classification (habitat types)
 - Change detection
 - Connectivity and fragmentation
 - -Corridor mapping
 - -patch identification
 - Climate change assessments





Genetic Monitoring

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- Study of the structure and function of chromosomes and gene expression
- Use of genetic markers to:
 - Identify and monitor individuals and populations
 - Quantify changes in population genetic metrics
 - Population size, genetic diversity, etc.
 - Detect changes in species abundance and/or diversity
- This is important for biodiversity and conservation

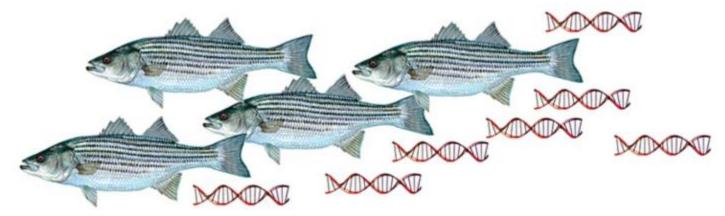
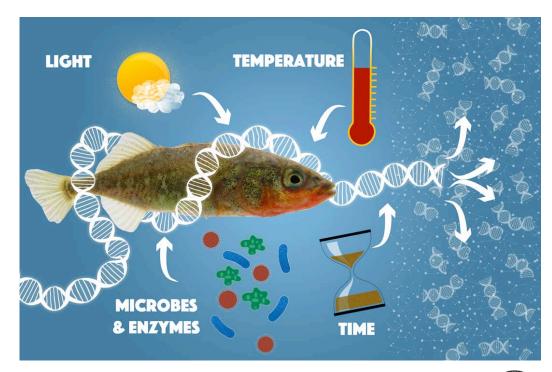


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Environmental DNA (eDNA)

- Genetic material obtained directly from environmental samples without any obvious signs of biological source material [1]
- Collected from soil, rocks, and the water column
- Allows for biomonitoring without collection of the living organism
 - Effective for freshwater species, including invasive species
 - Estimates presence and abundance



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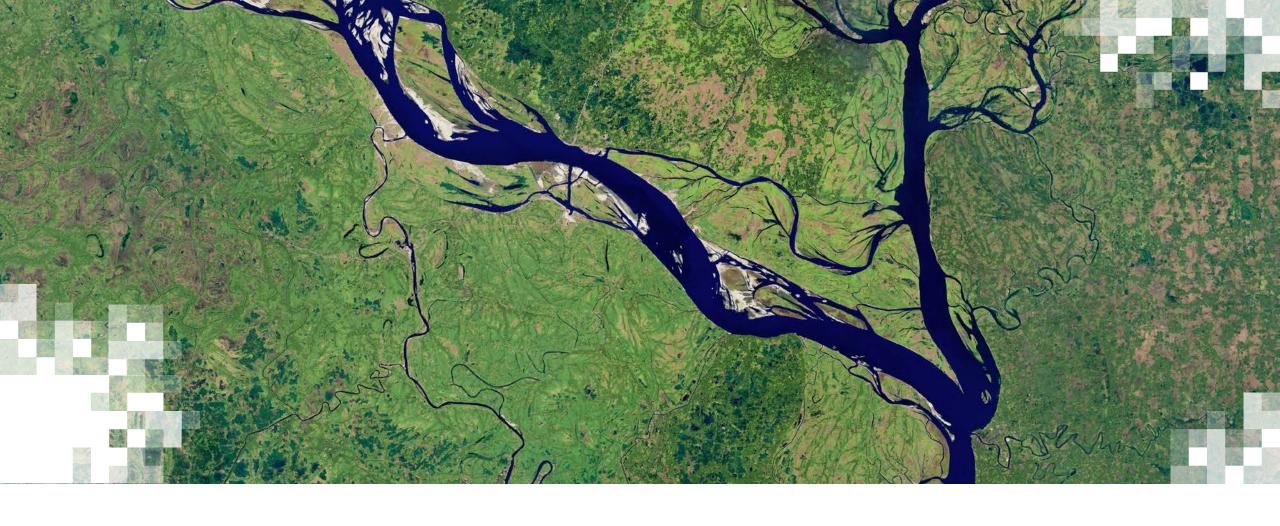


Environmental DNA (eDNA)

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Conducting Landscape Genetics Analyses

Conducting Landscape/Riverscape Genetics Analyses

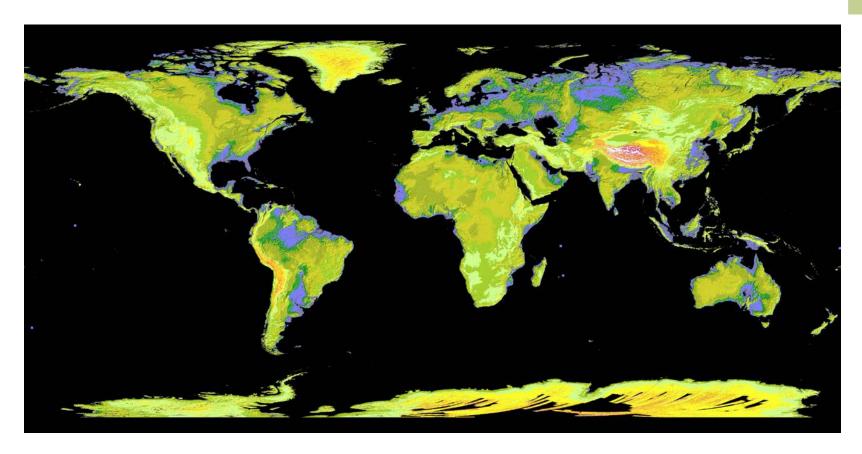


- 1. Data acquisition
- 2. Landscape/environmental variable analysis
 - Creating resistance map layers
- 3. Modeling movement pathways
- 4. Analyzing geospatial statistics, and
- 5. Combining this information and conducting multiple model runs to assess species movement and/or vulnerability



1. Data Acquisition

- Obtain landscape/environment al data
 - Examples:
 - Elevation
 - Habitat type
 - Snow cover
 - Road cover
 - Stream locations
 - Water quality
 - See session 1



Global digital elevation model (DEM) from NASA's ASTER sensor





1. Data Acquisition

- Collection of eDNA or DNA samples
 - Water samples (eDNA)
 - Fin clips or other biocollections (DNA)
- Followed by genetic analyses in lab
- Many projects have citizen science component



Researchers collecting eDNA samples for the USGS





Citizen scientists collecting fin clips of trout for the RAP project

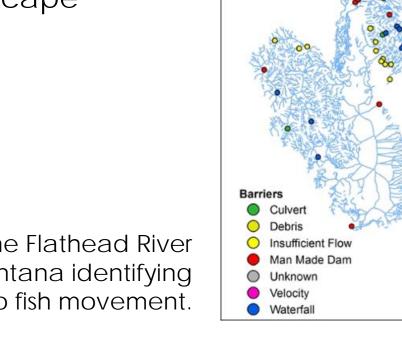
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2. Landscape/Environmental Variable Analysis

- Combine weighted, individual landscape features into a resistance surface or map
- Resistance Map: A hypothesis of species dispersal based on weighted landscape variables suspected to be important to gene flow
 - Multiple grids representing all the landscape variables that fit into your model
 - Continuous or classified data

Drainage in Montana identifying barriers to fish movement.

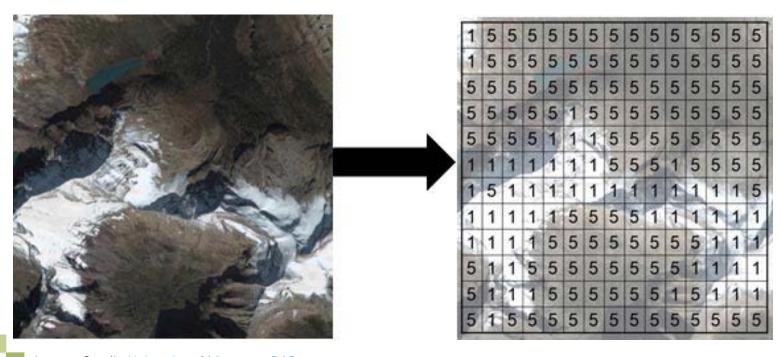
Image: Map of the Flathead River



2. Landscape/Environmental Variable Analysis

Resistance Map Layers

- Each cell for a variable is assigned a weight based on how that variable effects movement, survival, abundance, or reproduction [2]
 - This identifies the relative "cost" of animal movement through the image



Example of species movement (or gene flow) across the landscape where the species of interest prefers snow cover to bare landscape

Image Credit: <u>University of Montana RAP</u>

2. Landscape/Environmental Variable Analysis



Resistance Map Layers

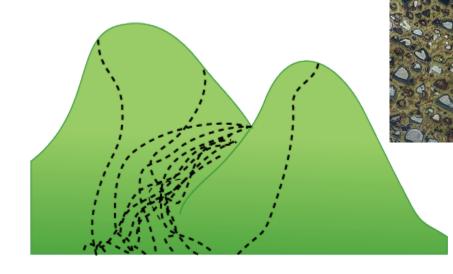
- How to assign "weights"
 - Where will individuals move to-from?
 - What in the environment might enhance or limit this movement?
 - How might this affect variations in future individuals or populations?
- Data used to identify pathways AND barriers to gene flow
 - Can be difficult to determine how factors are weighted
 - In Freshwater systems, barriers can be damns, changes in water quality parameters (e.g. temperature, chlorophyll-a), streamflow direction, changes to stream size, etc.



3. Modeling Movement Pathways

Resistance Map Layer "Weights"

- Analyze this through the use of connectivity modeling
- How will the individual move?
 - 2 models:
 - Least-cost path
 - Circuit theory



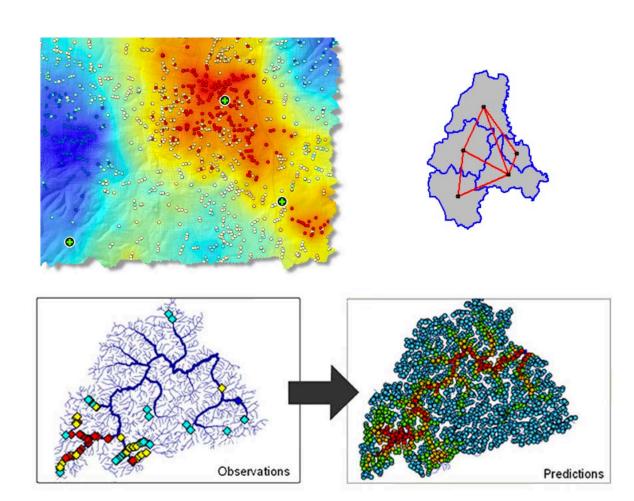


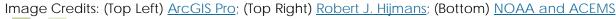


4. Statistical Analyses

Approaches

- Common approaches to identify spatial genetic patterns:
 - Regression analysis
 - Spatial autocorrelation
 - Bayesian clustering
 - Multivariate analyses
 - Mantel's test
- For detailed information on these tests see: Manel et al., 2003 [4]







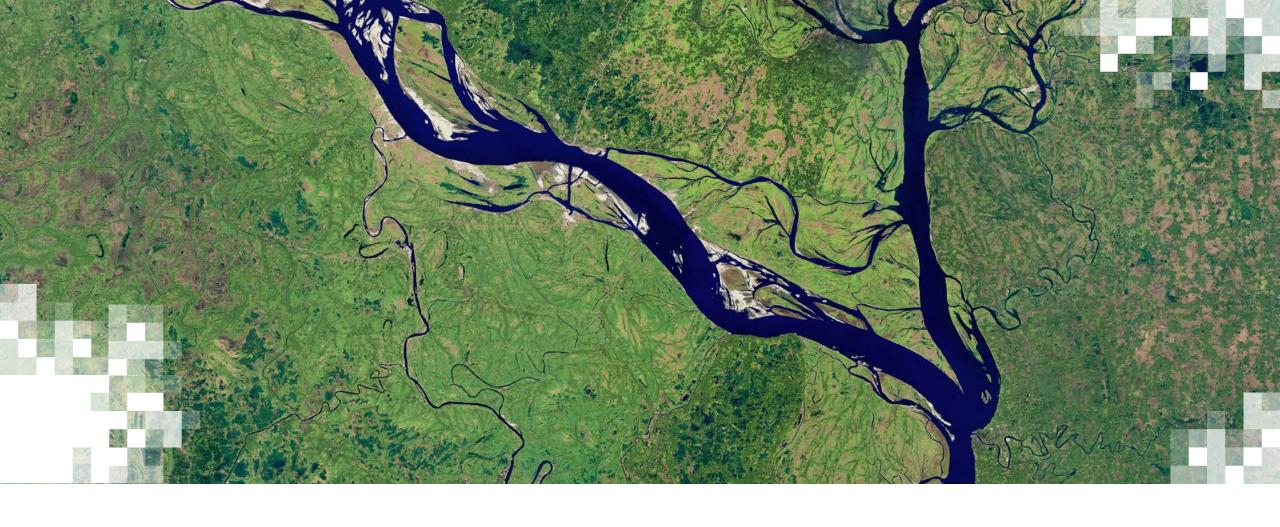
5. Vulnerability Assessments

- Identify the degree of future risks from climatic change and to identify vulnerable areas to provide a solid foundation for climatic change mitigation planning (IPCC, 2007).
 - For Freshwater systems: species are sensitive to temperature shifts and altered stream flows





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Case Study Examples

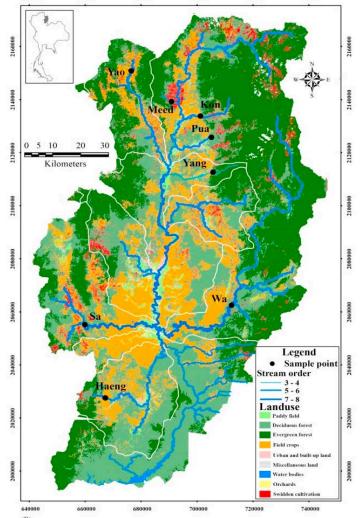
Tropical Fish in Thailand

- Effects of landscape features on tropical fish in the Nan river of Thailand
- Landcover and stream order (size)mapping
- Individual sampling and genetic diversity indices assessed
- Examined correlations between landscape features and genetic diversity (allelic richness) and genetic differentiation
- 4 genetic clusters identified in different regions of the Nan River: river topology plays a role

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Above: Garra cambodgiensis (Stone lapping minnow).
Right: Landcover and stream order map with sample locations of fish



Brook Charr in Canada

- Influence of habitat on genetic diversity in La Mauricie National Park (LMNP) [5]
- Sampled Brook Charr in 26 lakes, representative of seven different drainage system
- Use of statistical technique canonical correspondence analysis (CCA)
 - Multivariate analysis
- What variables (lake elevation or drainage pattern) can best account for genetic diversity?
 - Altitude: accounted for significant proportion of genetic diversity
 - Lake size: not a contributing factor

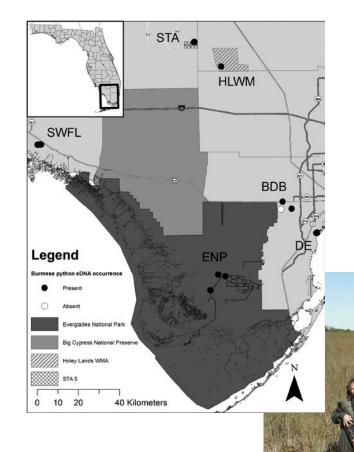


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Pythons in South Florida

- Invasive constrictors snakes pose a threat to native species [6]
- Species-specific genetic tests for pythons, boa constructors, and anacondas
 - Burmese pythons detected in over half of the field locations
 - And along the northern edge of the known population boundary
- These data can be used for conservation efforts





Biodiversity in California and Florida

- NASA-funded M-BON projects using eDNA and remote sensing
- NASA-data used: MODIS and VIIRS (SST, Ocean color) and Landsat (land cover classification, bathymetry)
- Use of eDNA genetic markers to provide snapshot of biodiversity across various groups
 - Data collection in the Monterey Bay and in Florida Keys
- Higher biodiversity of plankton and vertebrates in warmer waters in Florida and Monterey Bay

Observations Seascapes Data Integration **eDNA**

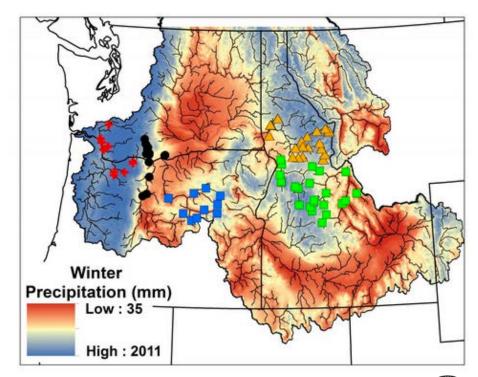


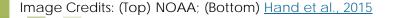


Steelhead Trout in the Pacific Northwest

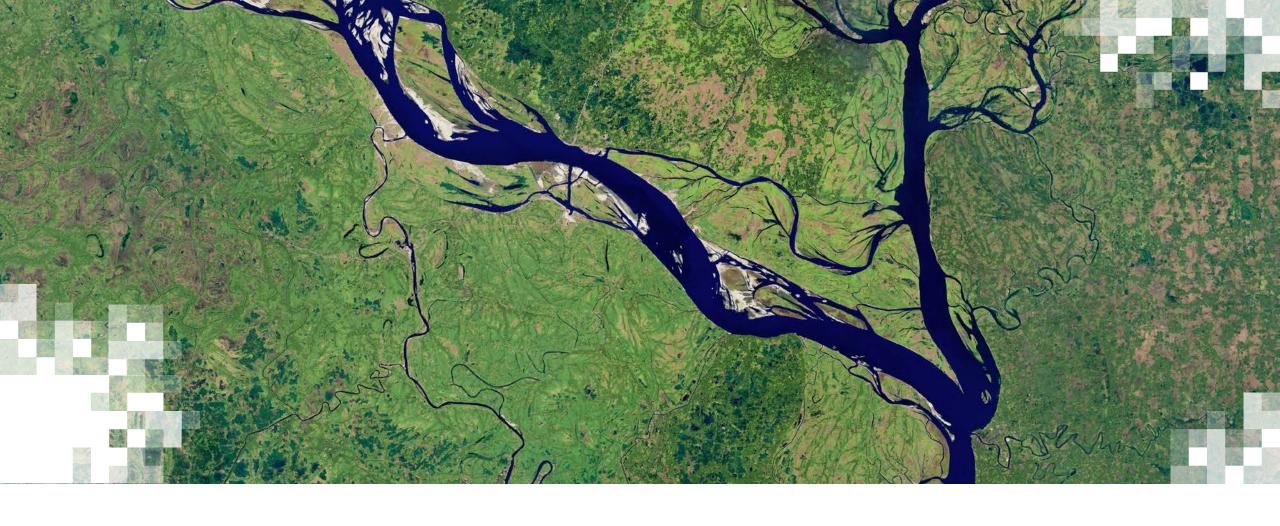
- Fiver metapopulations of threatened steelhead trout in Columbia River Basin
- Riverscape genetics to assess climate and habitat influences on genetic differentiation (FST)
- Wintertime precipitation correlated to FST
- Under increased precipitation: certain populations will become more fragmented
- Managers can use this to monitor species and conduct management activities to reduce or prevent fragmentation











Riverscape Analysis Project (RAP)

Salmon Habitat Importance

- Salmonids: a culturally and economically critical keystone species
- North Pacific Rim rivers and coastal systems are critical habitats for spawning and juvenile salmon
- Freshwater habitat often poorly defined
- Human development and climate change present challenges to these ecosystems
- Need to define and prioritize effective conservation strategies
 - Robust classification of rivers to map habitat quality and abundance needed
 - Riverscape Analysis Project (RAP)

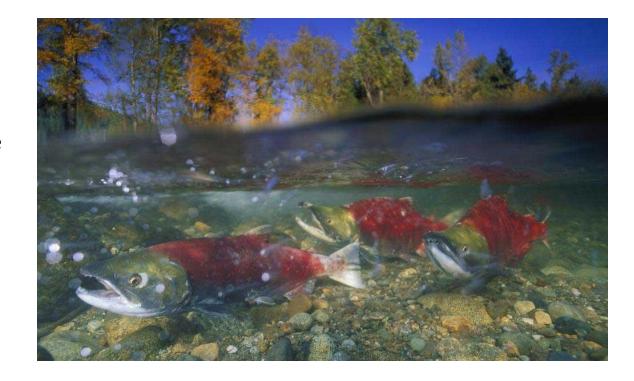


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Riverscape Analysis Project

- Web-Based Decision Support System (DSS)
 - Datasets, tools, and educational resources for salmonid conservation across the North Pacific Rim (NPR) Rivers
- Features
 - Download remote sensing data
 - Access habitat classification and suitability rankings
 - Conduct climate change vulnerability assessments
 - Access riverscape genetic analyses
 - Access genetic and demographic monitoring















The Riverscape Analysis Project (RAP)

http://www.ntsg.umt.edu/rap/default.php



RAP: Citizen Science

- Contribute to the RAP project through collecting trout genetic samples
 - Fin clips
 - Fish length measurements
 - Pictures
- Contact the team to contribute!
- Email Gordon Luikat with "citizen science" in the subject line

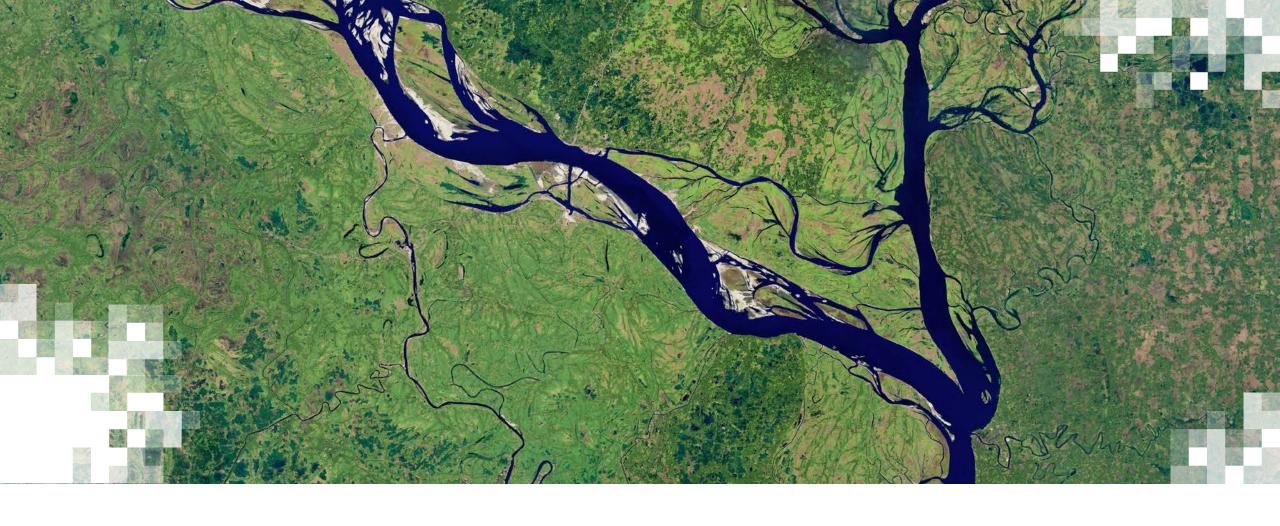






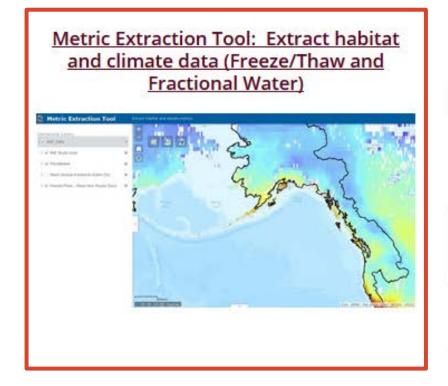
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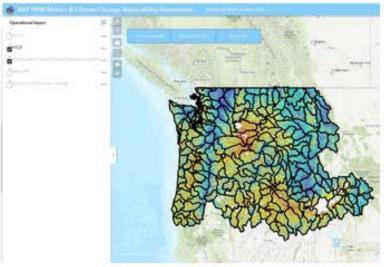


RAP Tool Demonstration

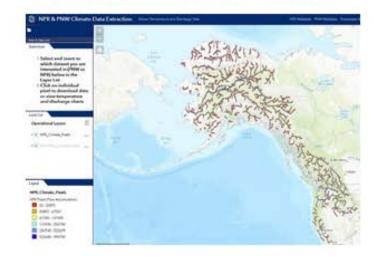
Salmon Habitat Tools



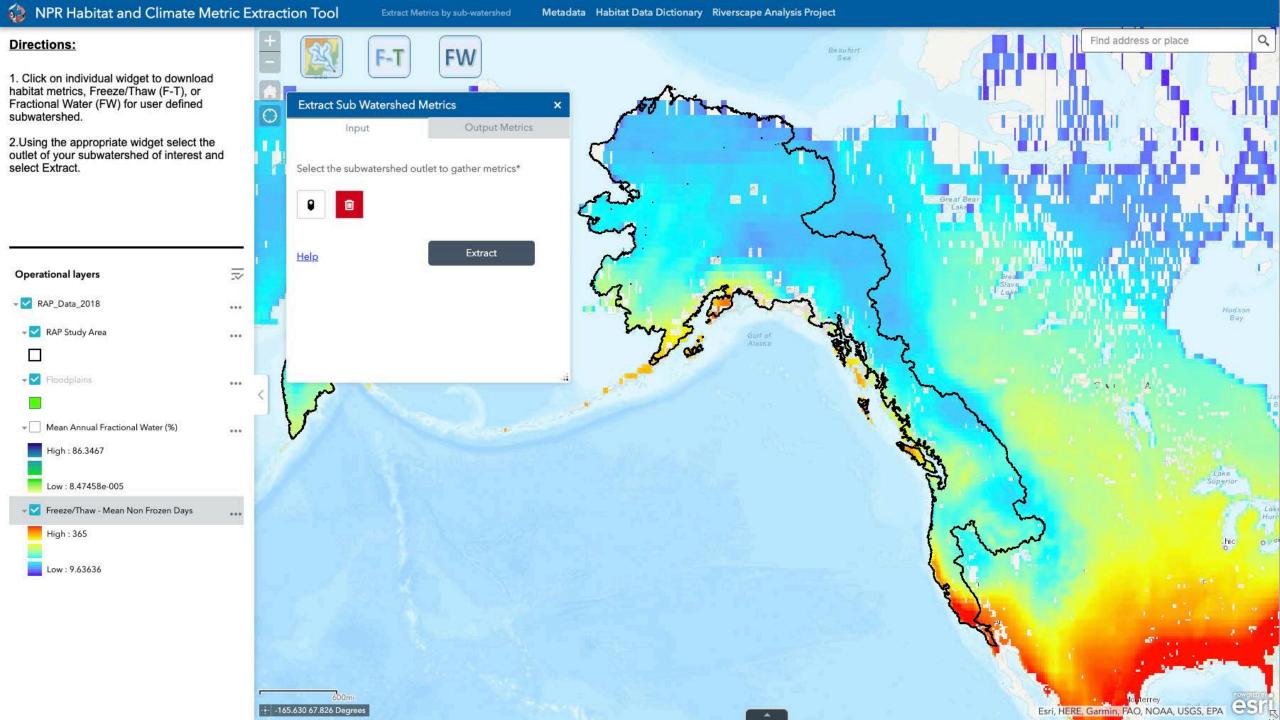
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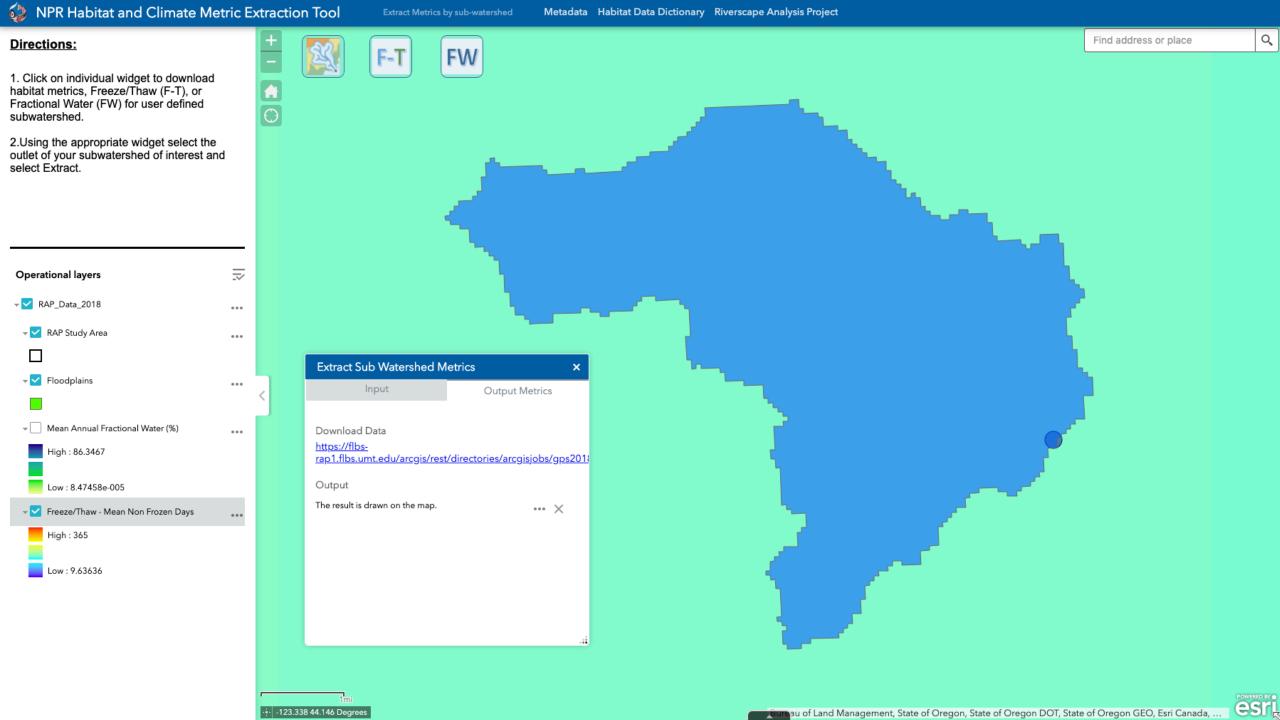


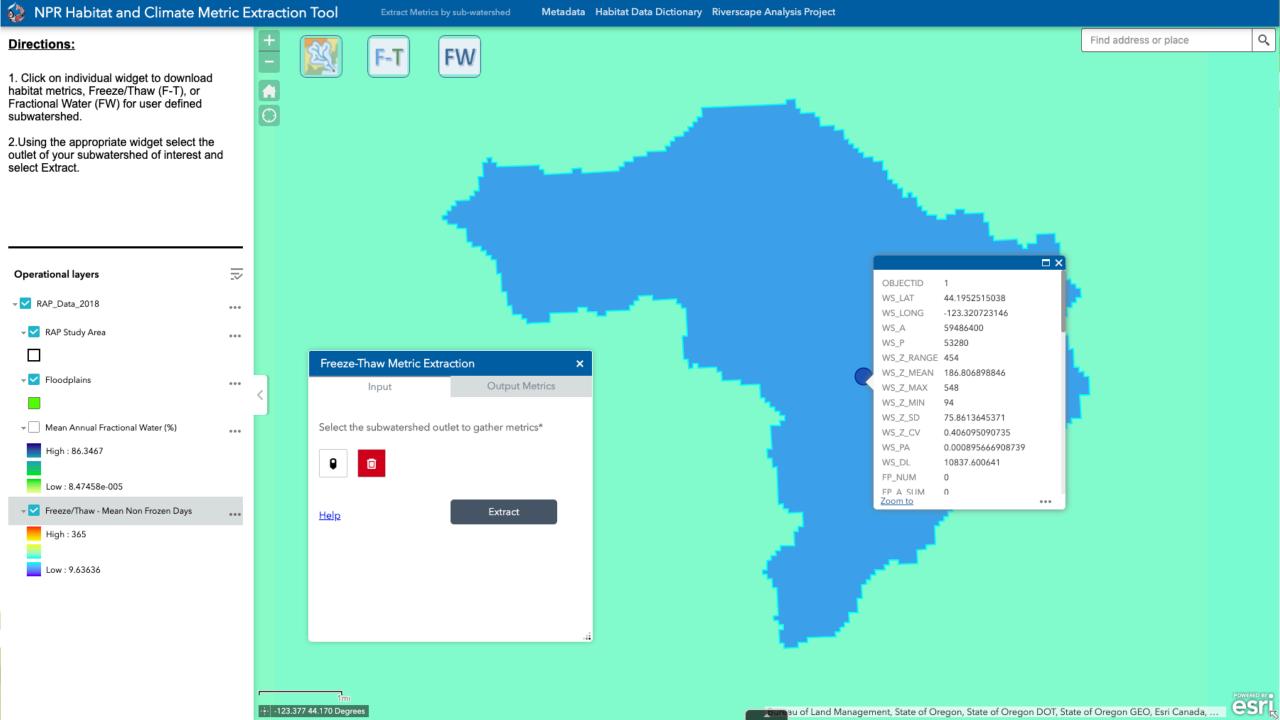
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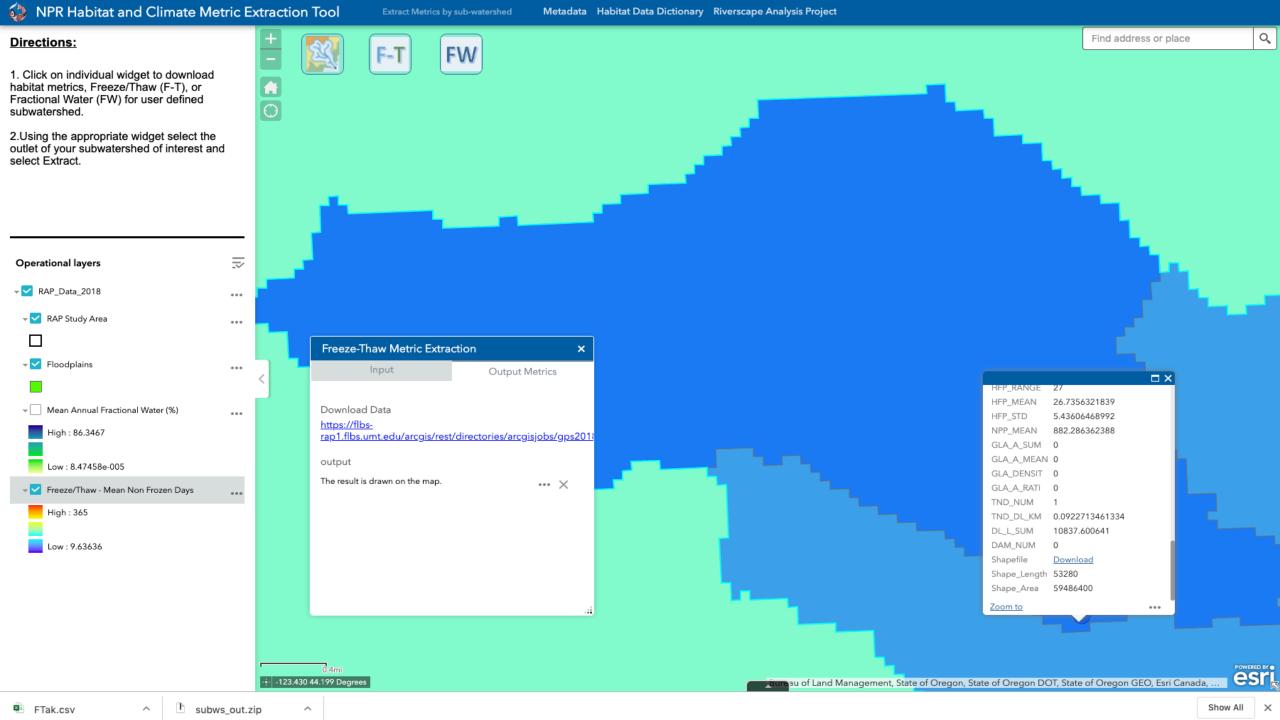


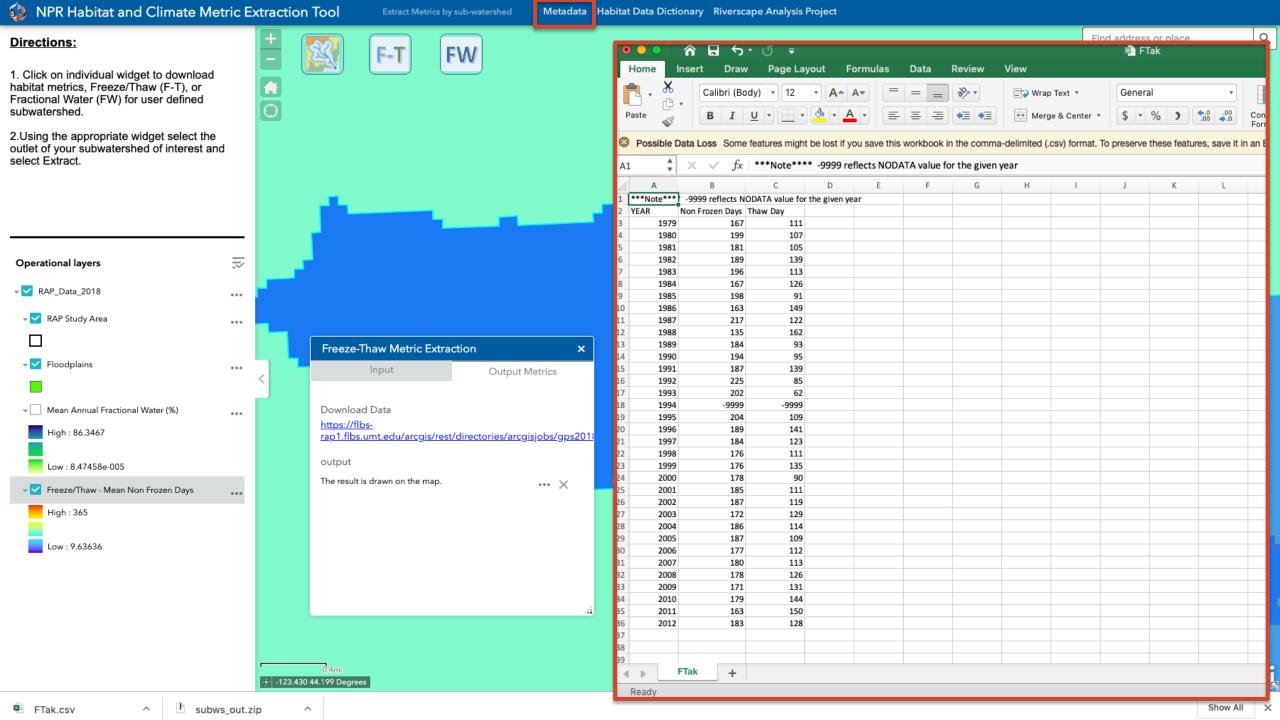


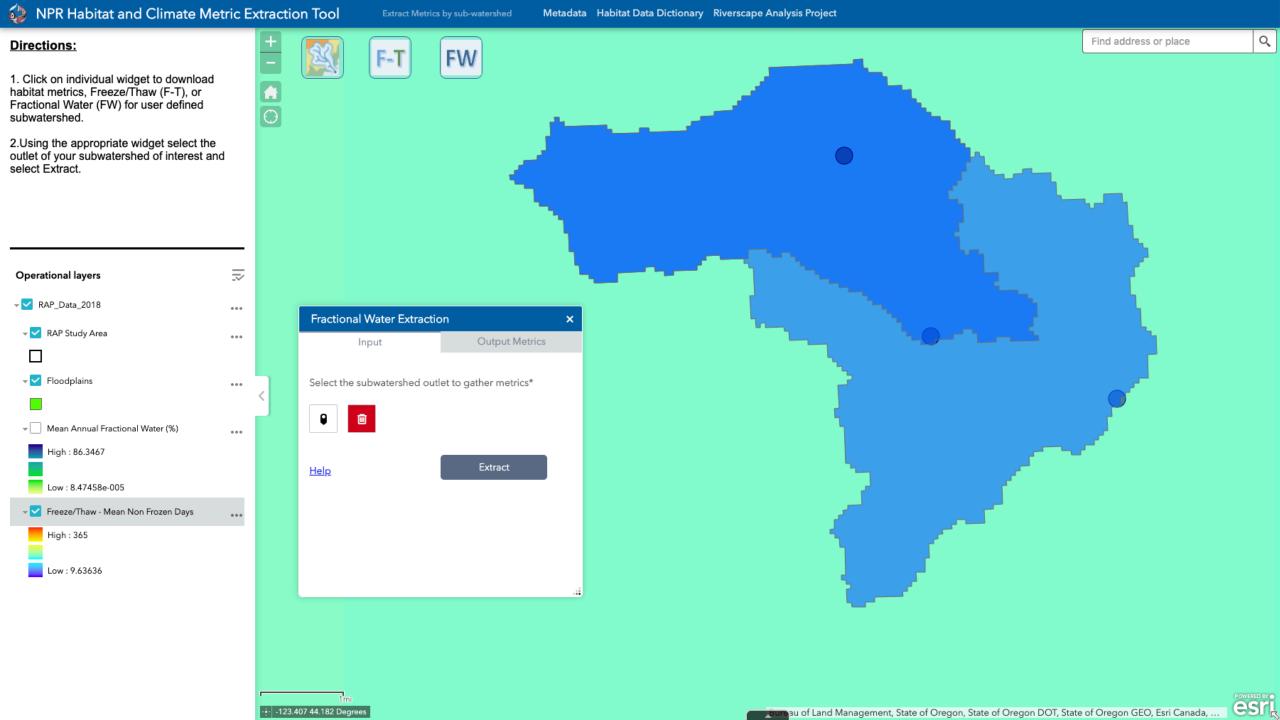


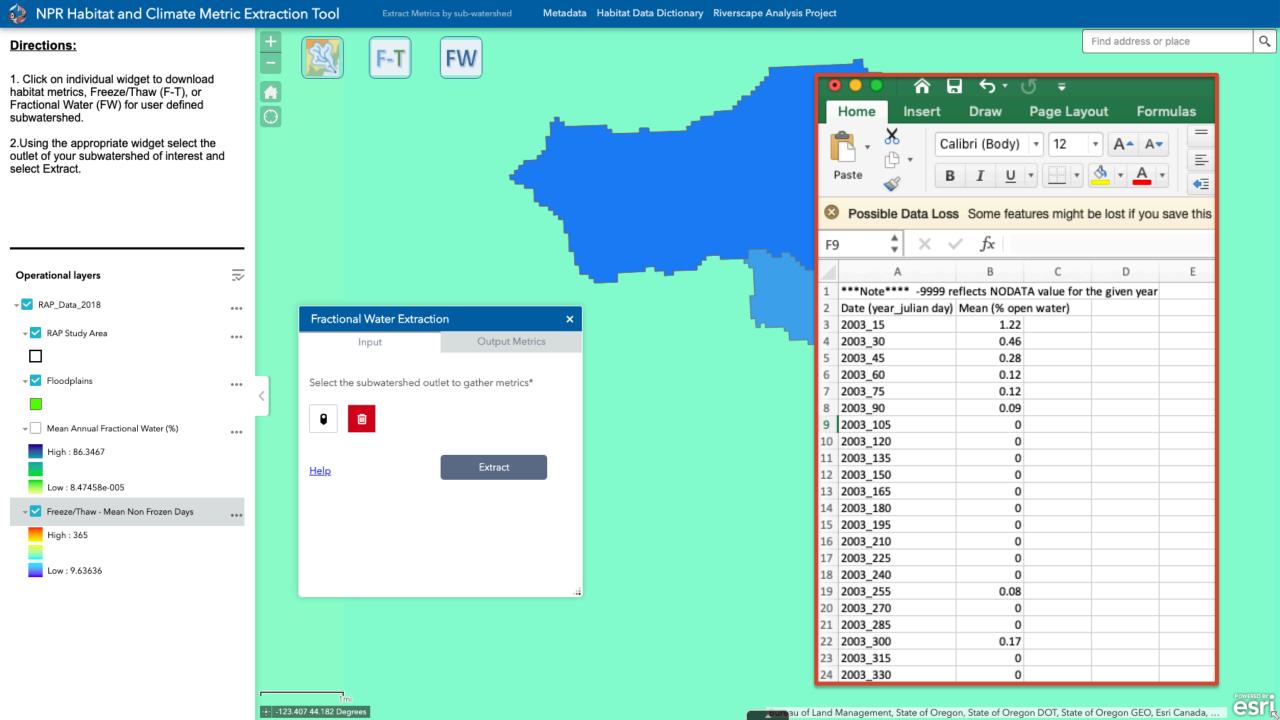






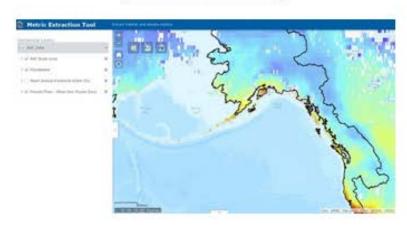




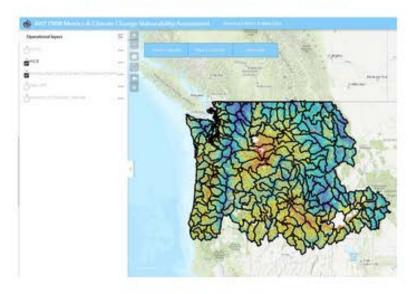


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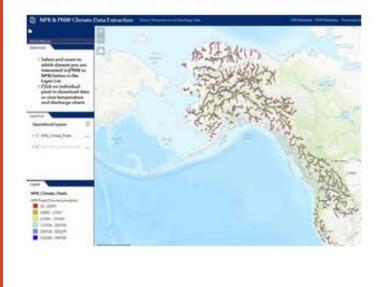




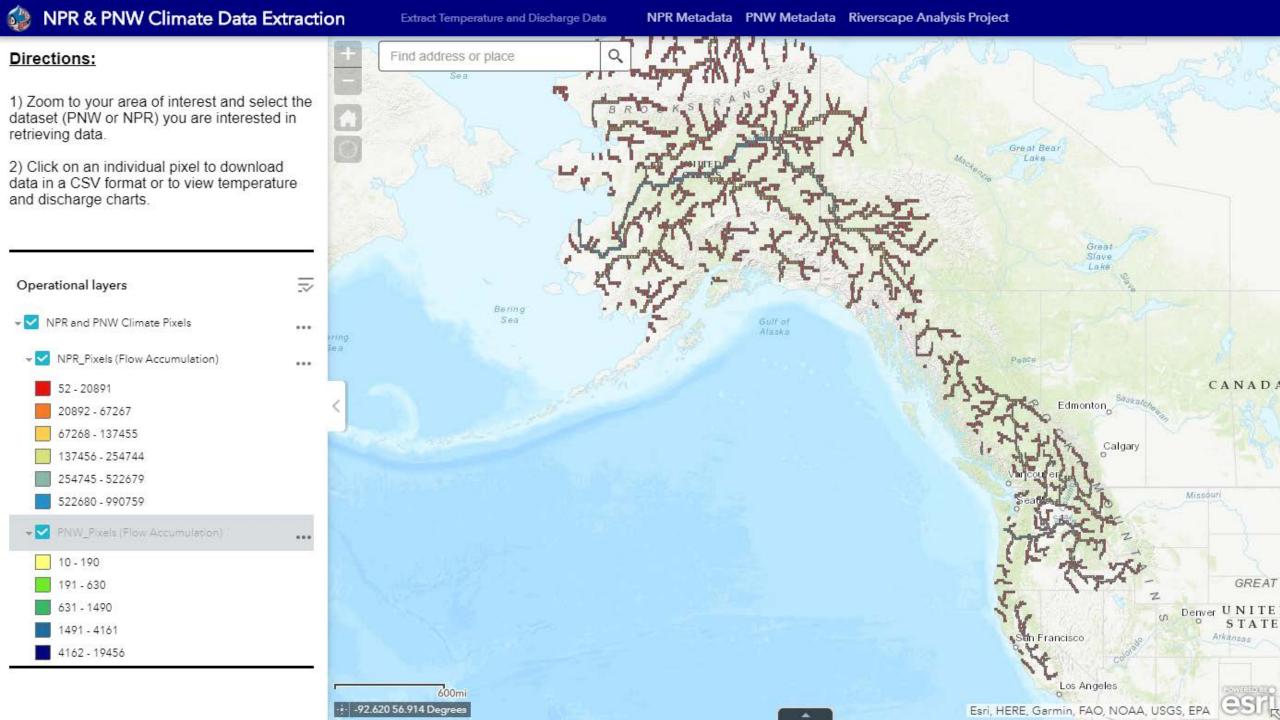
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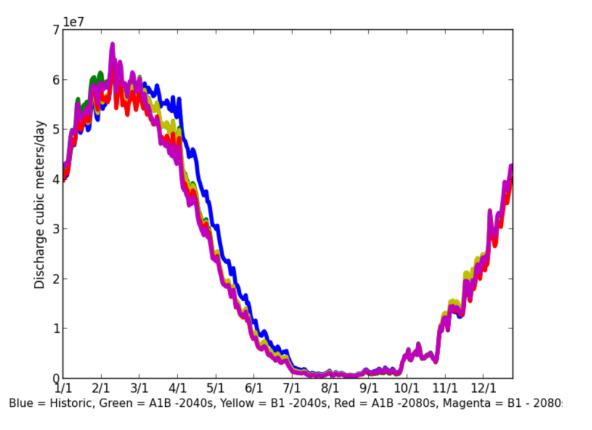


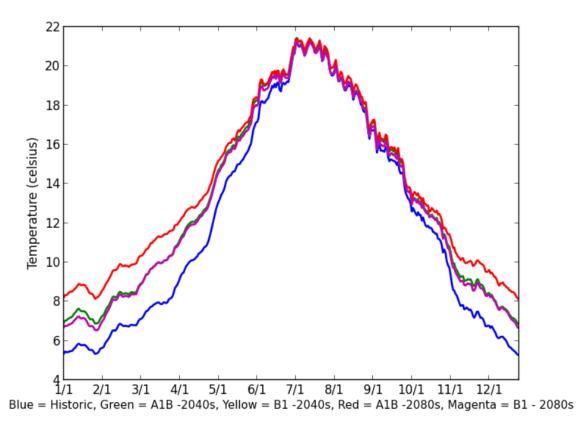
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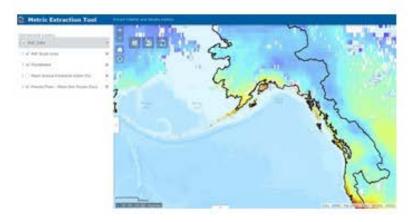


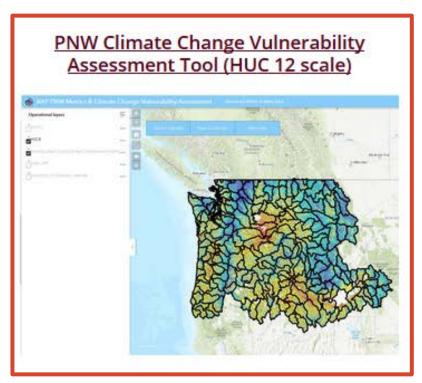




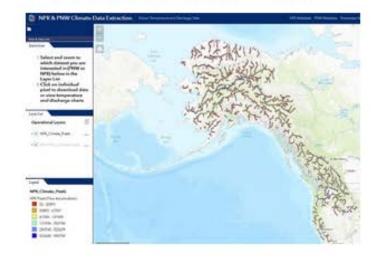
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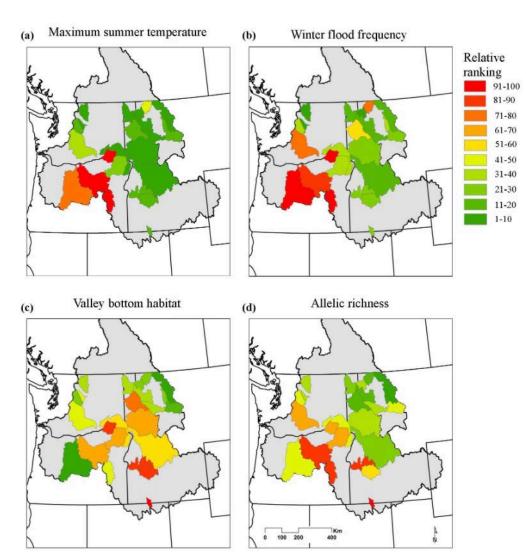


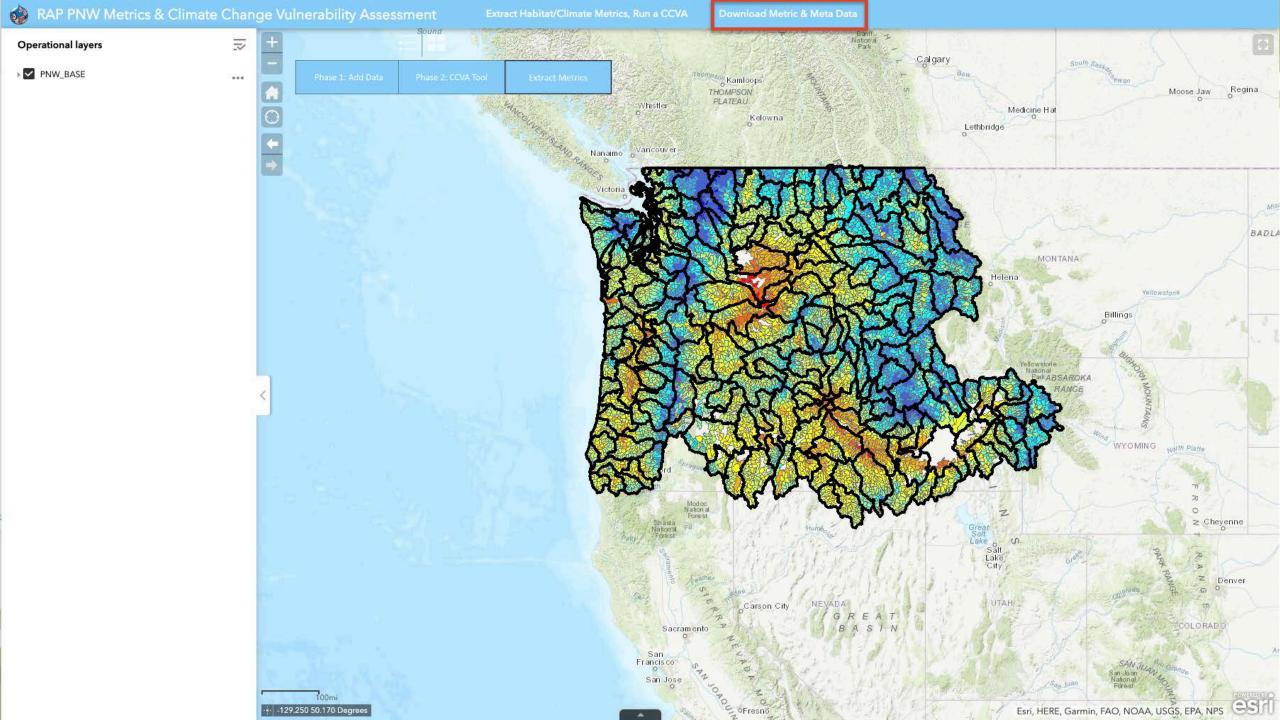


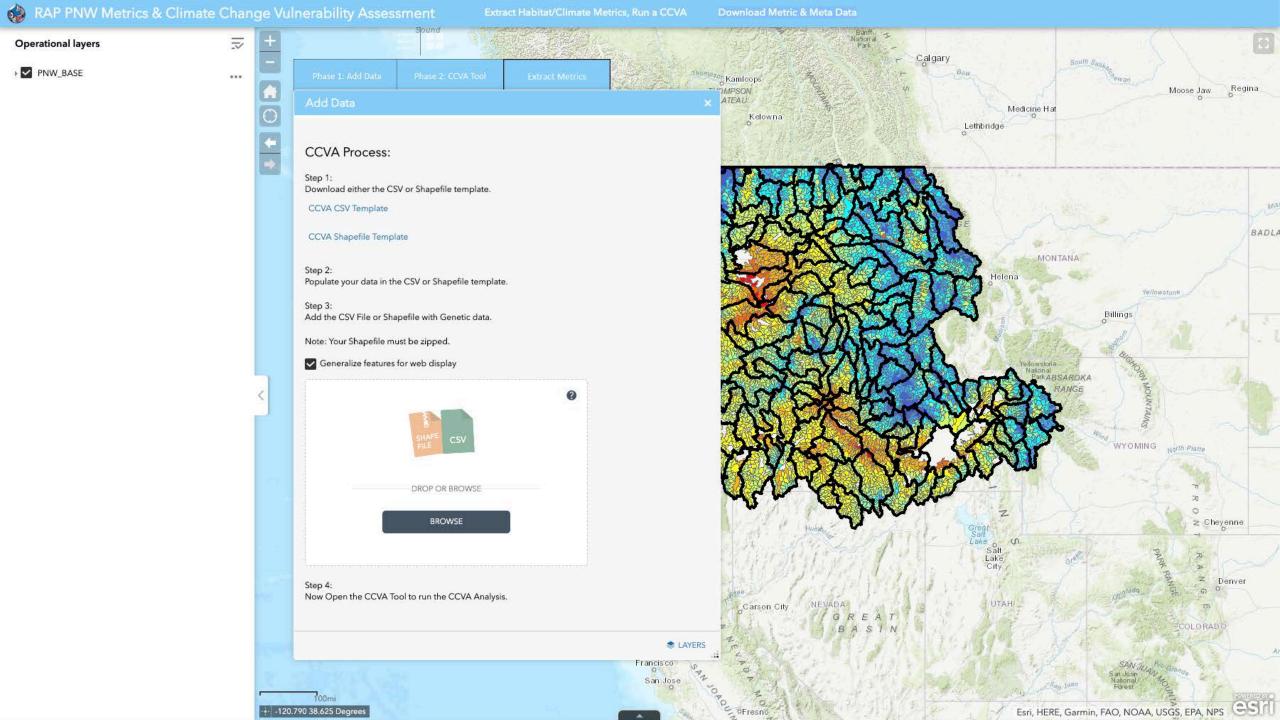
Bull Trout Example

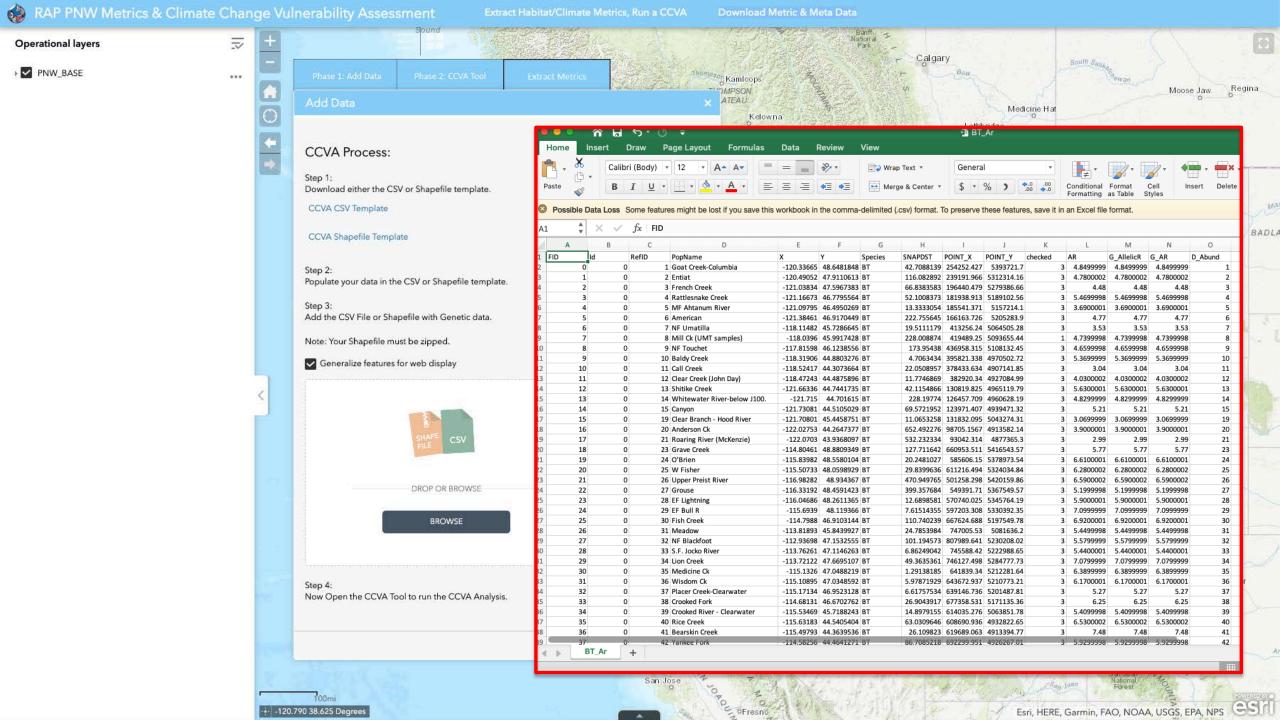
- RAP team tests if patterns of genetic diversity in Bull Trout of the Columbia River Basin were related to climatic variation and habitat features
- Compared allelic richness to:
 - Total stream length
 - Bathymetry
 - Winter flood frequency
 - Maximum summer temperature
- Genetic diversity strongly linked to stream temperatures and winter flooding
 - Increases under climate change scenarios will adversely affect ecological and evolutionary processes for Bull Trout

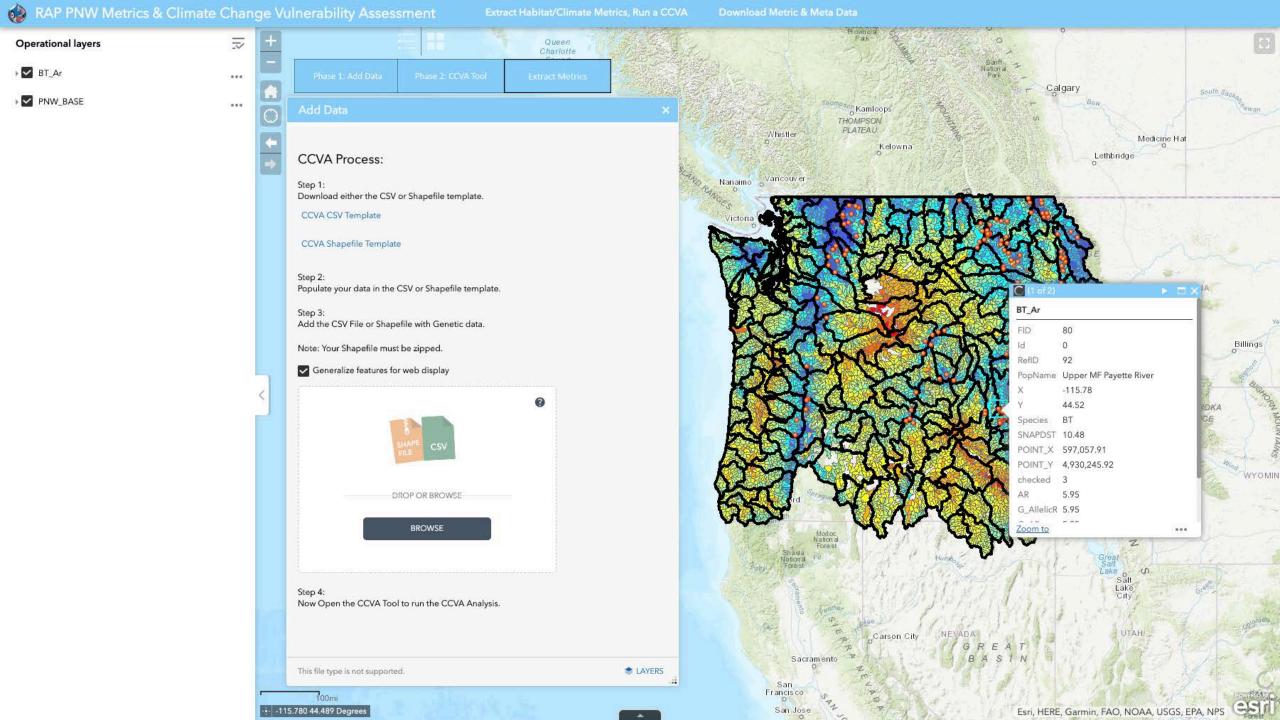
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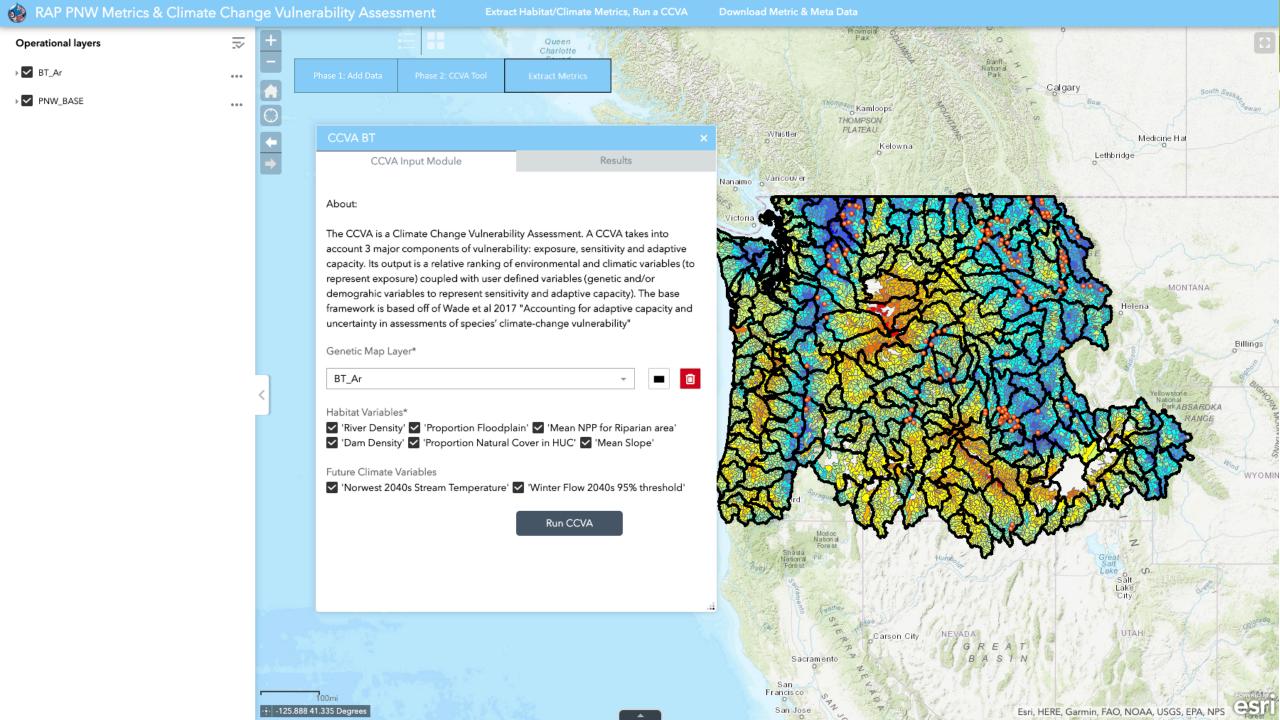


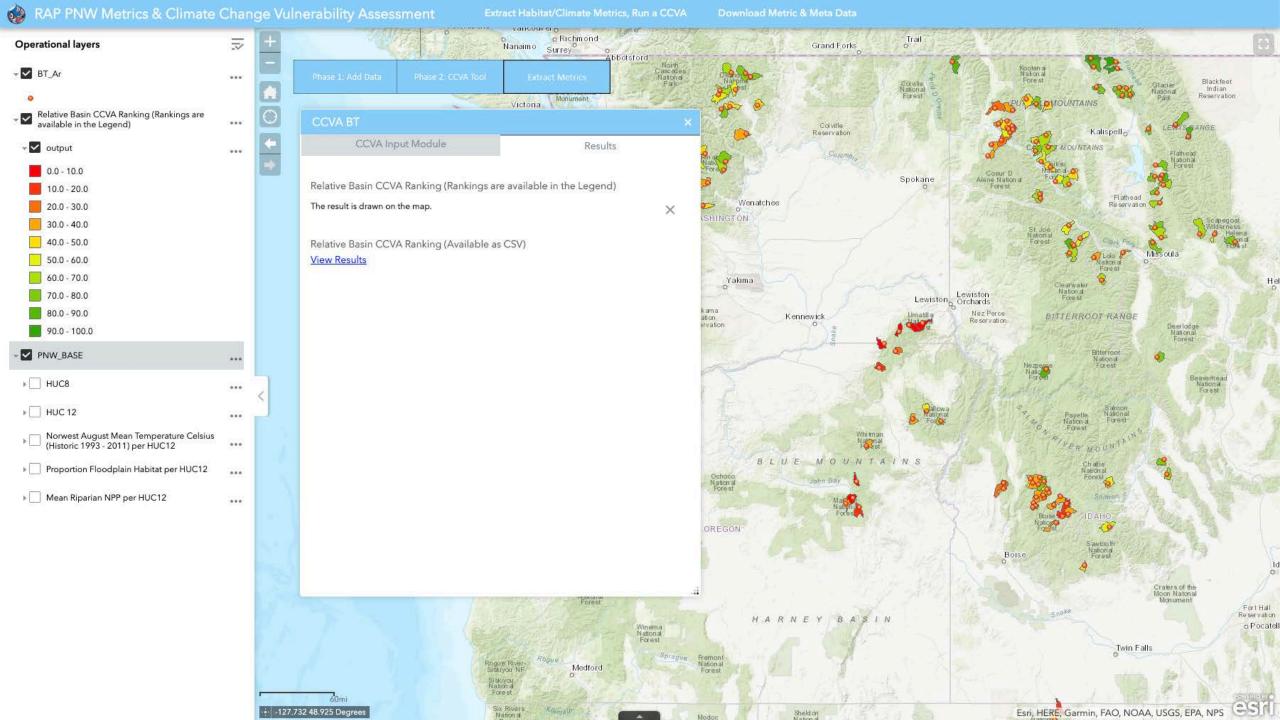


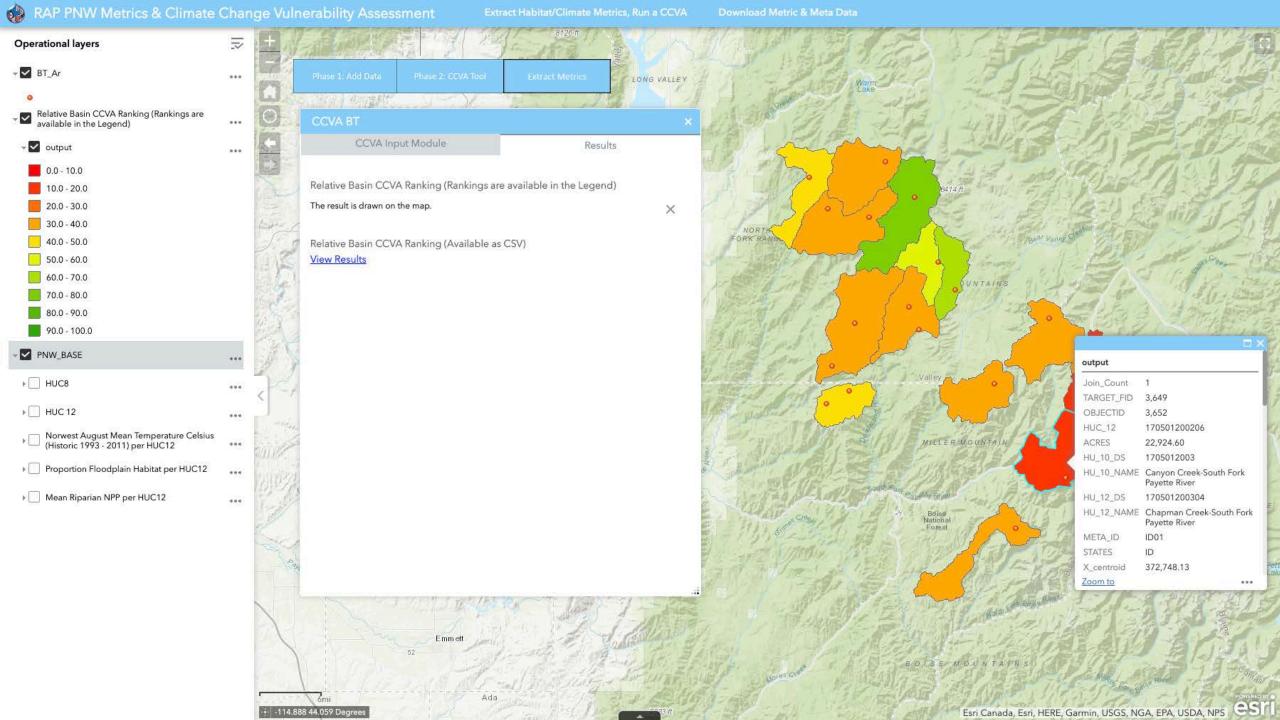












Summary



- Landscape genetics can be a powerful tool to study freshwater species and their vulnerability to changing conditions
 - eDNA can be used for elusive and/or sensitive species to estimate abundance and understand genetic diversity
- Remote sensing, GIS, and modeling technology is key in multi-step vulnerability assessments
- The Riverscape Analysis project provides information, opportunities for citizen science, and multiple online tools for acquiring and analyzing freshwater habitats in the Pacific Northwestern region of the U.S.



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Next Session: Freshwater Health Index (FHI)

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Thank You!



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