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NORTH COAST REGION

The North Coast Region stretches from the Oregon border to Sonoma County. The largest watershed in the North Coast region is the Klamath, covering over 12,000 square miles and containing four major freshwater tributaries: the Trinity, Salmon, Scott, and Shasta Rivers.

MAJOR ISSUES

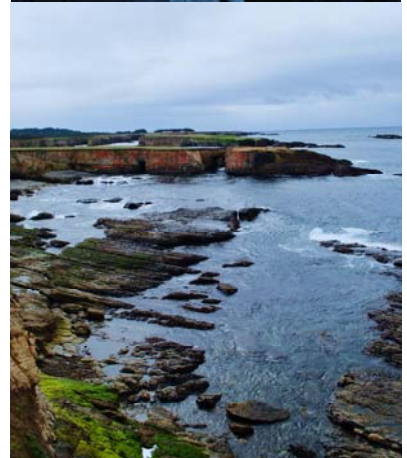
Flows for Fish. The water in California's rivers and streams has been over allocated and over-diverted to the point that natural systems and fish populations are collapsing. Eight native fish species have gone extinct, and 15 are threatened or endangered, with the number growing. Inadequate surface flows will only worsen as groundwater, often hydrologically interconnected with surface water, continues to be over-pumped. Removing dams on the Klamath, controlling groundwater diversions along the Scott and Shasta, and reducing stream diversions for vineyards are key 2011 topics.

North Coast MLPA Adoption. The MLPA process is currently underway to establish marine protected areas along the North Coast, from the Oregon border to Alder Creek. Community stakeholders have reached consensus on the first-ever “unified” marine protected area proposal; the Fish and Game Commission will vote on the final proposal this year.

Sea Level Rise. Critical infrastructure, essential coastal habitats, and an estimated \$100 billion of property along the coast face steadily increasing flooding risks if no adaptation actions are taken. Despite growing information about the projected impacts of climate change, adaptation strategies remain largely in the planning phase.

Gravel Mining. In-stream gravel mining has caused significant property loss and is degrading key spawning habitat for endangered Coho and Chinook salmon, particularly in Russian River watersheds.

Stormwater Runoff. Stormwater pours more contaminants into California's coastal waters than any other source of pollution. Stormwater from streets and industrial sites carries trash, oil, pesticides, metals other pollutants to our waters. The State Water Board is considering new, statewide industrial, Caltrans and municipal stormwater permits in 2011.



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