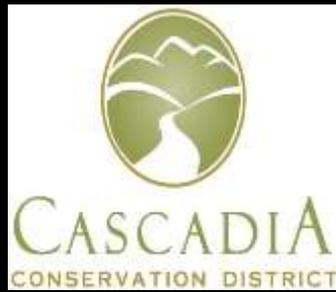


Kids in the



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Prepare for an
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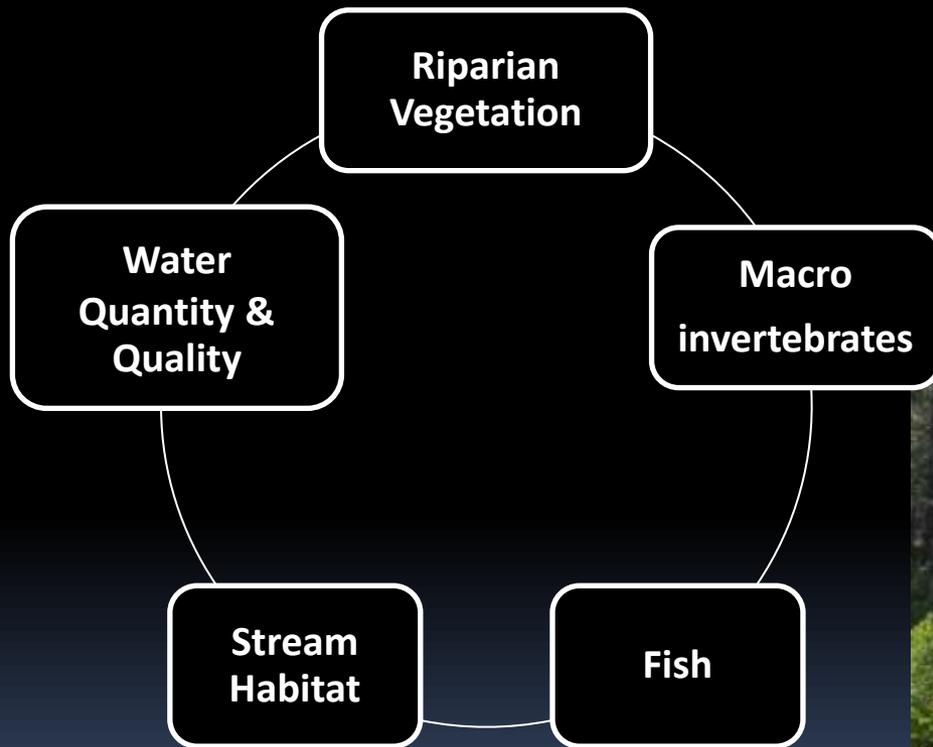
Credits



At Kids in the Creek you will learn about:

- Invert Investigator
- Riparian Rx
- Habitat Sense
- What's in the H₂O? (Quality)
- What's in the H₂O? (Quantity)
- Fish Health

Water connects everything from the mountaintops to the streams



Invert Investigator



❖ Key Terms:

- ❑ Macroinvertebrate
- ❑ Dichotomous Key
- ❑ Functional Feeding Groups: Predator, Scraper, Shredder, and Collector
- ❑ Indicator species
- ❑ Intolerant
- ❑ Tolerant
- ❑ Metamorphosis
 - Incomplete & Complete Metamorphosis
- ❑ Instar
- ❑ Entomologist

Macroinvertebrate



Caddisflies (Larvae)

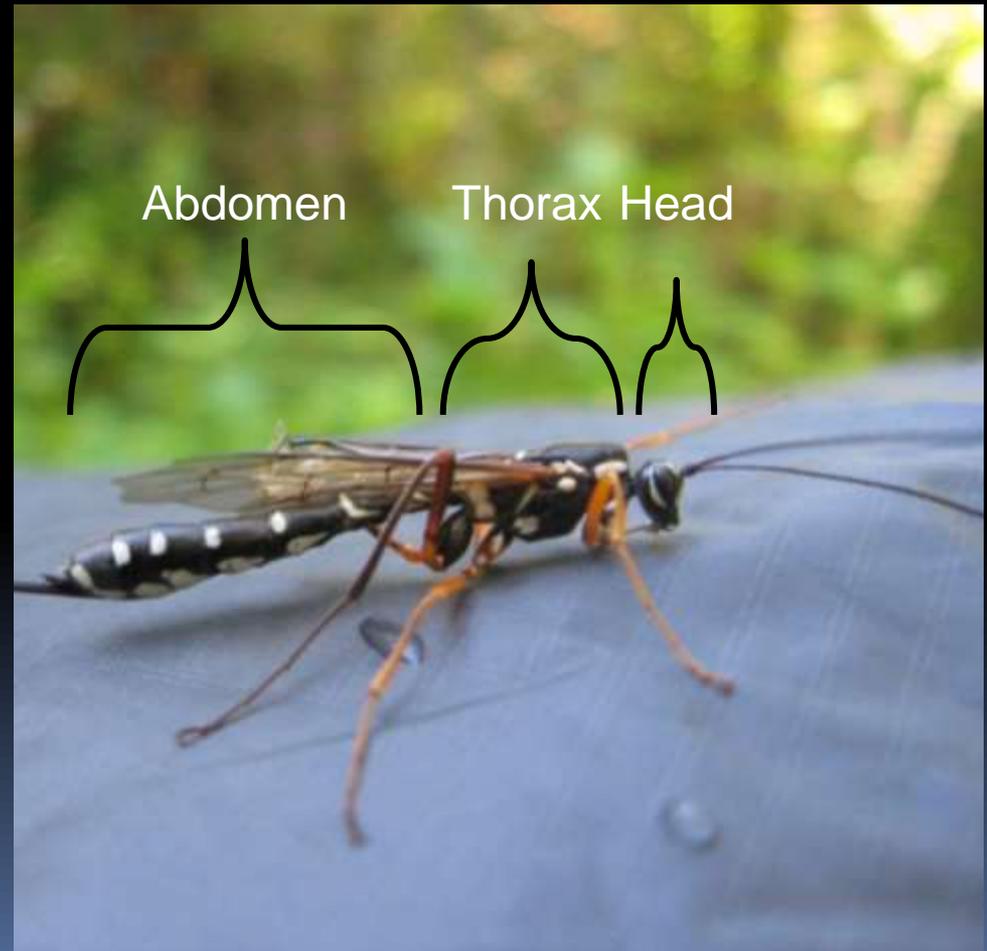


Stoneflies (Plecoptera)

Organisms that lack an internal skeleton and are large enough to be seen with the naked eye.

Three Main body parts of an Insect

- Head
- Thorax
- Abdomen

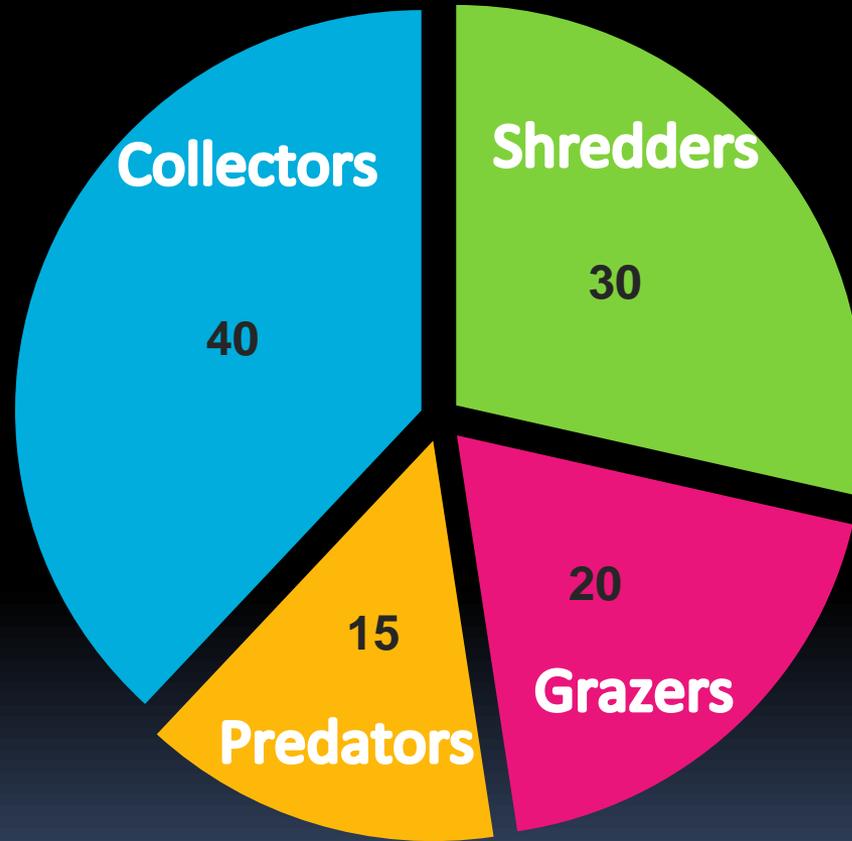


Dichotomous Key

A key for the identification of organisms based on a series of choices between alternative characteristics.

Become familiar with the dichotomous key provided in your curriculum

Functional Feeding Groups



Predator

Eats living animals



Scraper

Mouthparts scrape
food, often diatoms



Mayflies (Ephemeroptera)



Snail

Shredder



Stoneflies (Plecoptera)



Caddisflies (Trichoptera)

Tear away small pieces
of leaves or other
plant parts to eat

Collector

Collects loose food particles of suitable size by filtering or gathering



Caddisflies (Trichoptera)

Indicator Species

An organism whose presence indicates something about the quality of the environment

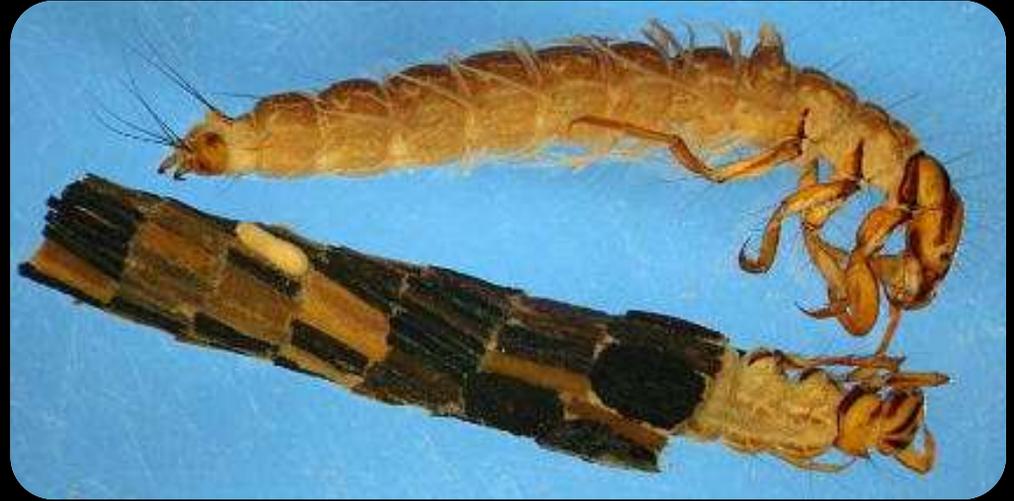
Tolerant



True Fly (Diptera Larvae)

Macroinvertebrates that can survive in a variety of conditions including high sediment, low oxygen, and pollutants

Intolerant

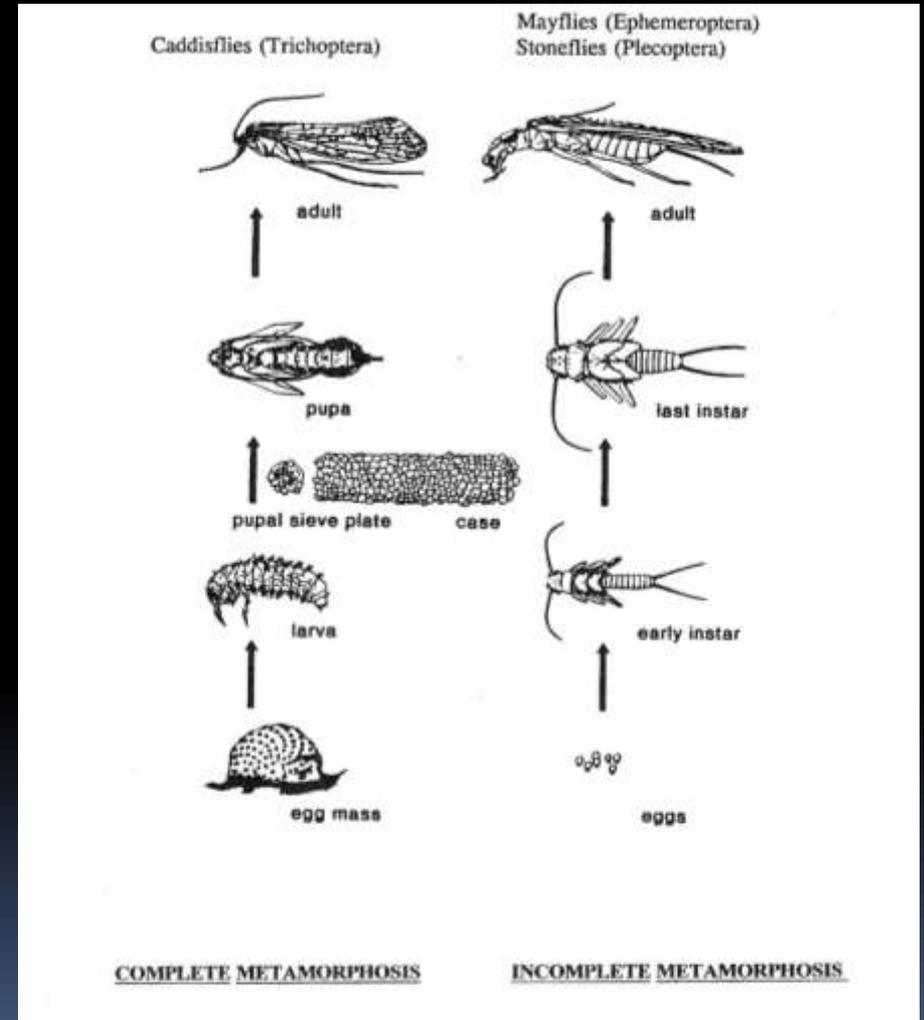


Caddisfly (Trichoptera)

Macroinvertebrates that need high water quality including clean well oxygenated water

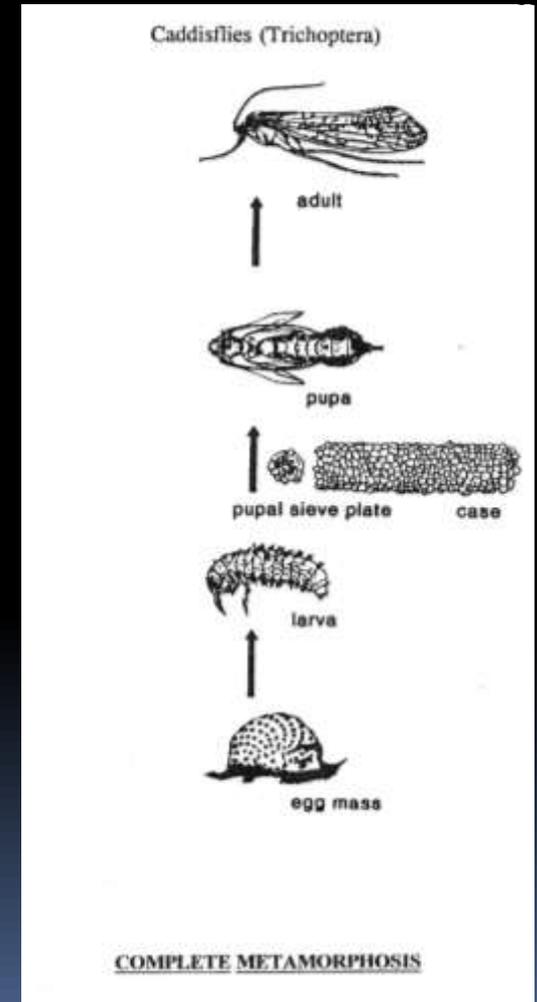
Metamorphosis

The process by which larval animals transform to adults



Complete Metamorphosis

Life cycle includes egg, larva (immature) pupa, and adult stages

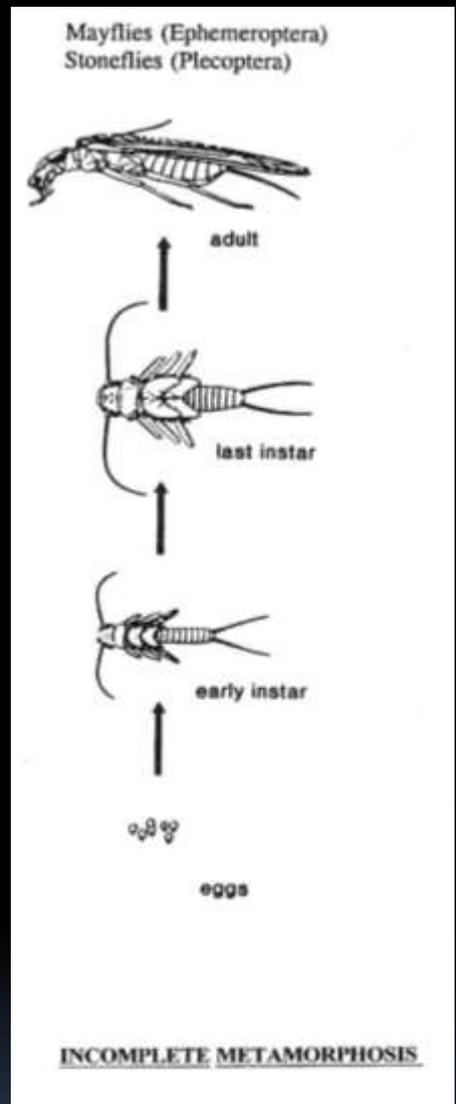


Incomplete Metamorphosis

Life cycle includes egg,
instars, and adult stages.

Instar:

As the insect grows larger, it molts.
The wingless instar continues to get
larger and each molt results in a
different size of instar

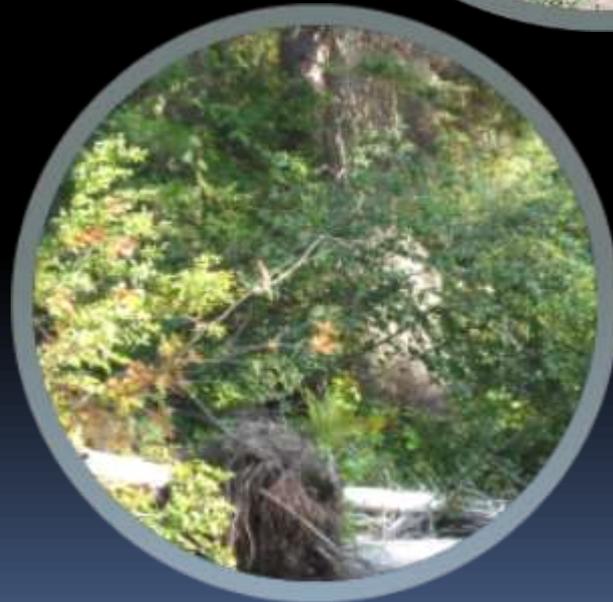
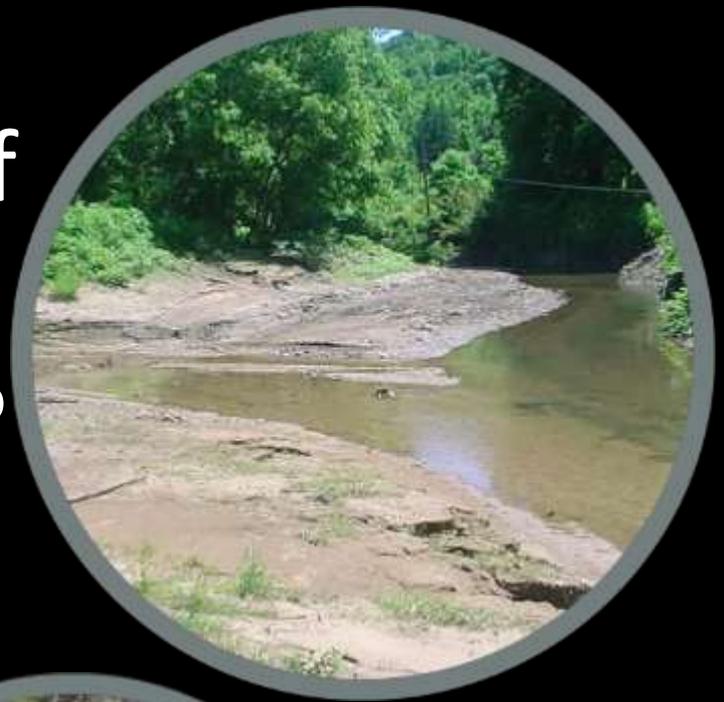


Entomologist

Someone who studies insects



What affects the types of macroinvertebrates you will find at a stream site?





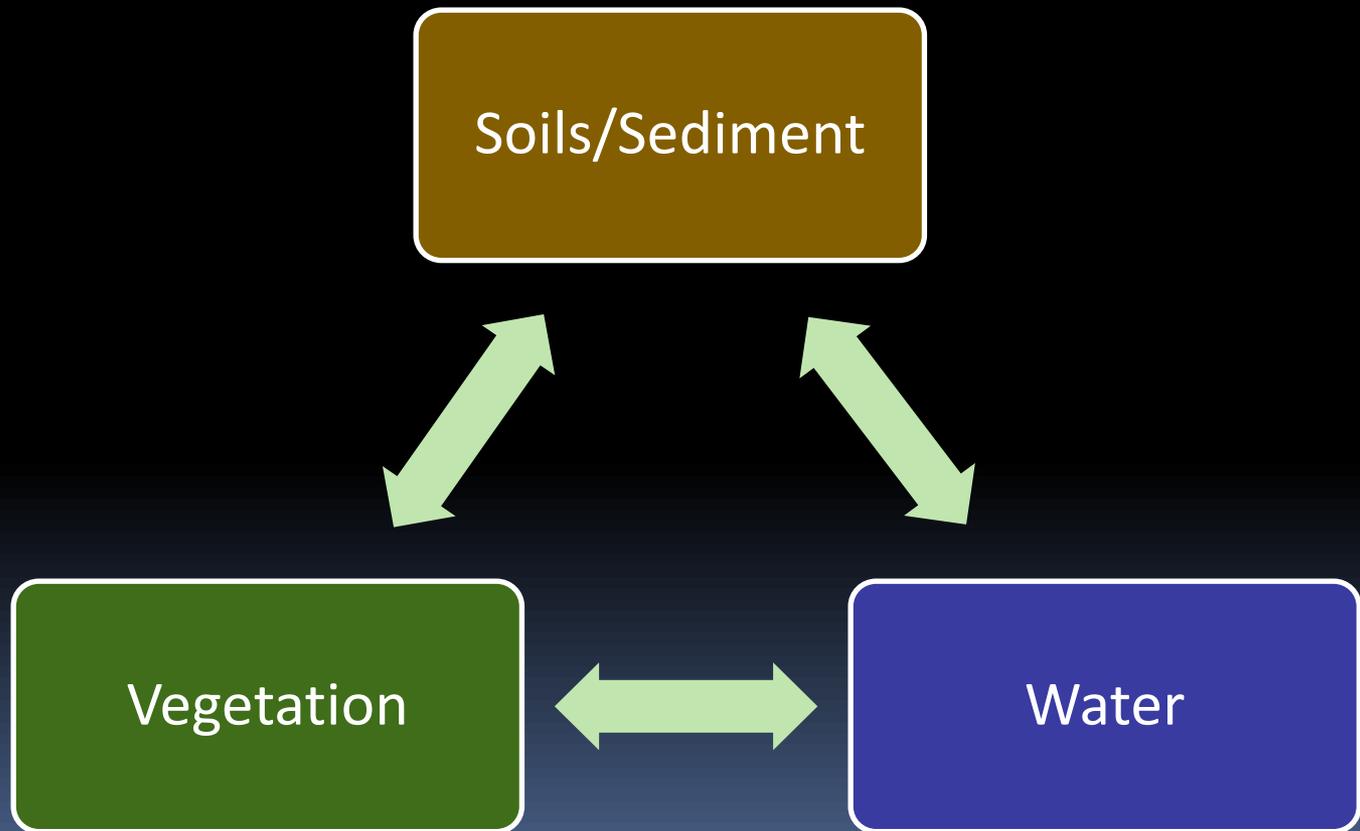
Riparian Rx



❖ Key Terms:

- ❑ Riparian
- ❑ Flora
- ❑ Herb
- ❑ Canopy (tree)
- ❑ Succession
- ❑ Transect

Three Critical Elements of a riparian zone



Riparian

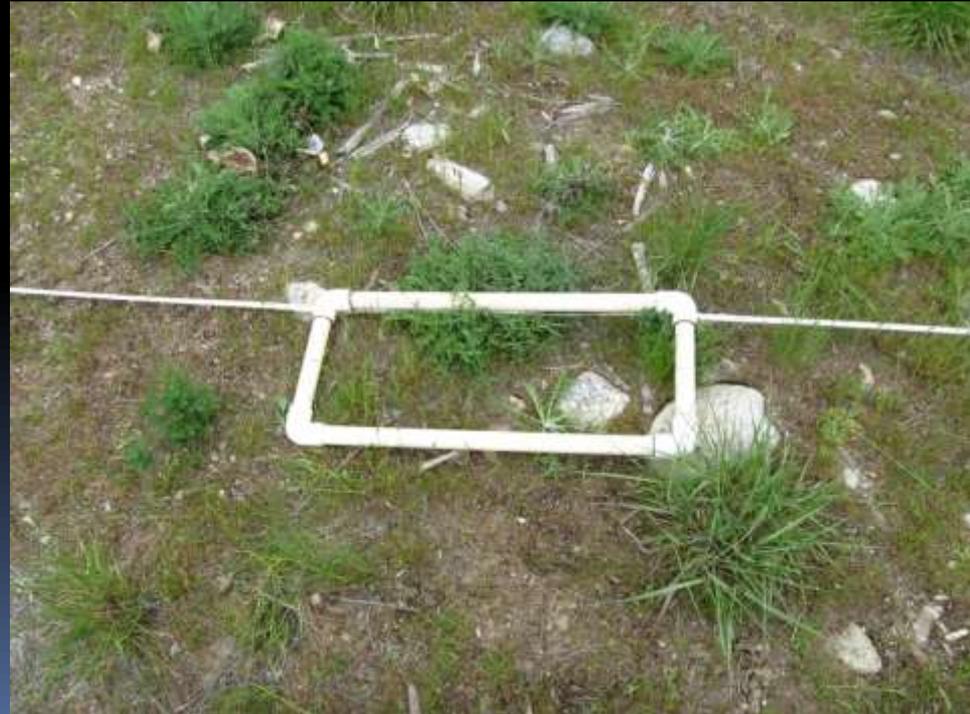
The vegetated area along a stream or other body of water that uses soil moisture provided by the stream.



Transect

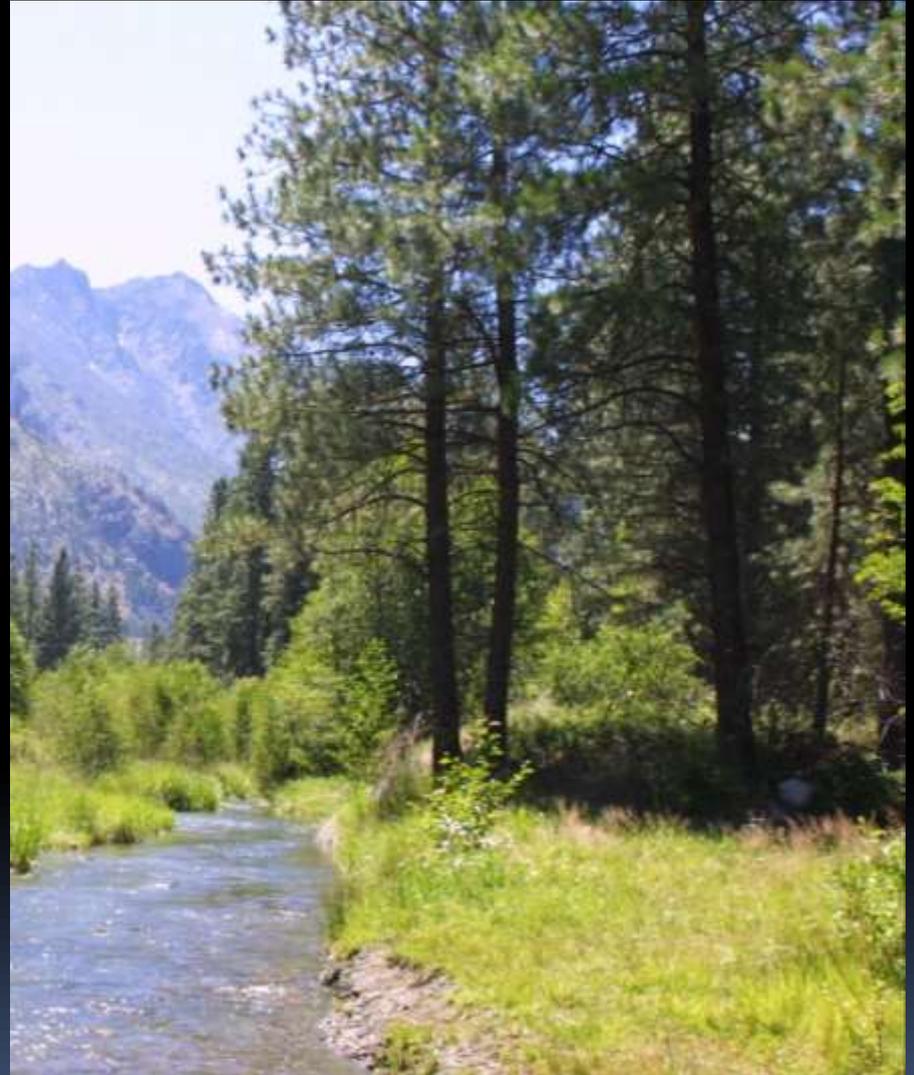
A way to randomly sample vegetation

The vegetation within a transect is described and assigned a value based on the space it occupies



Succession

The gradual replacement of one community by another



Canopy



Tree Types



Deciduous



Coniferous / Conifer

Flora

Plant life in an area or time period, especially the native plants.



All of the plants around the Columbia River are considered the flora for the area.

Herb



Includes forbs and grasses,
have a fleshy stem instead of
woody, and die back each year.

Ethnobotany

The scientific study of the relationships between people and plants.



For example: Indigenous tribes sometimes used Horsetails to scrub pots.



What is the
importance
of the
riparian
zone
to the
stream?

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Riparian

Rx

Habitat Sense



❖ Key Terms

- ❑ Stream Reach
- ❑ Habitat Type:
- ❑ Pool
- ❑ Riffle
- ❑ Glide
- ❑ Side Channel
- ❑ Substrate
- ❑ Interstitial space
- ❑ Streambank erosion
- ❑ Embeddedness
- ❑ Woody Debris
- ❑ Fish Cover

Stream Reach



A section of river or creek

Stream Habitat Type

Streams can be divided
into slow and fast
water habitat types



Streams can be also be
divided into pools,
riffles, and glides

Pool



Deeper area with water held in at the lower end by the tail pool crest, maintains water depth.

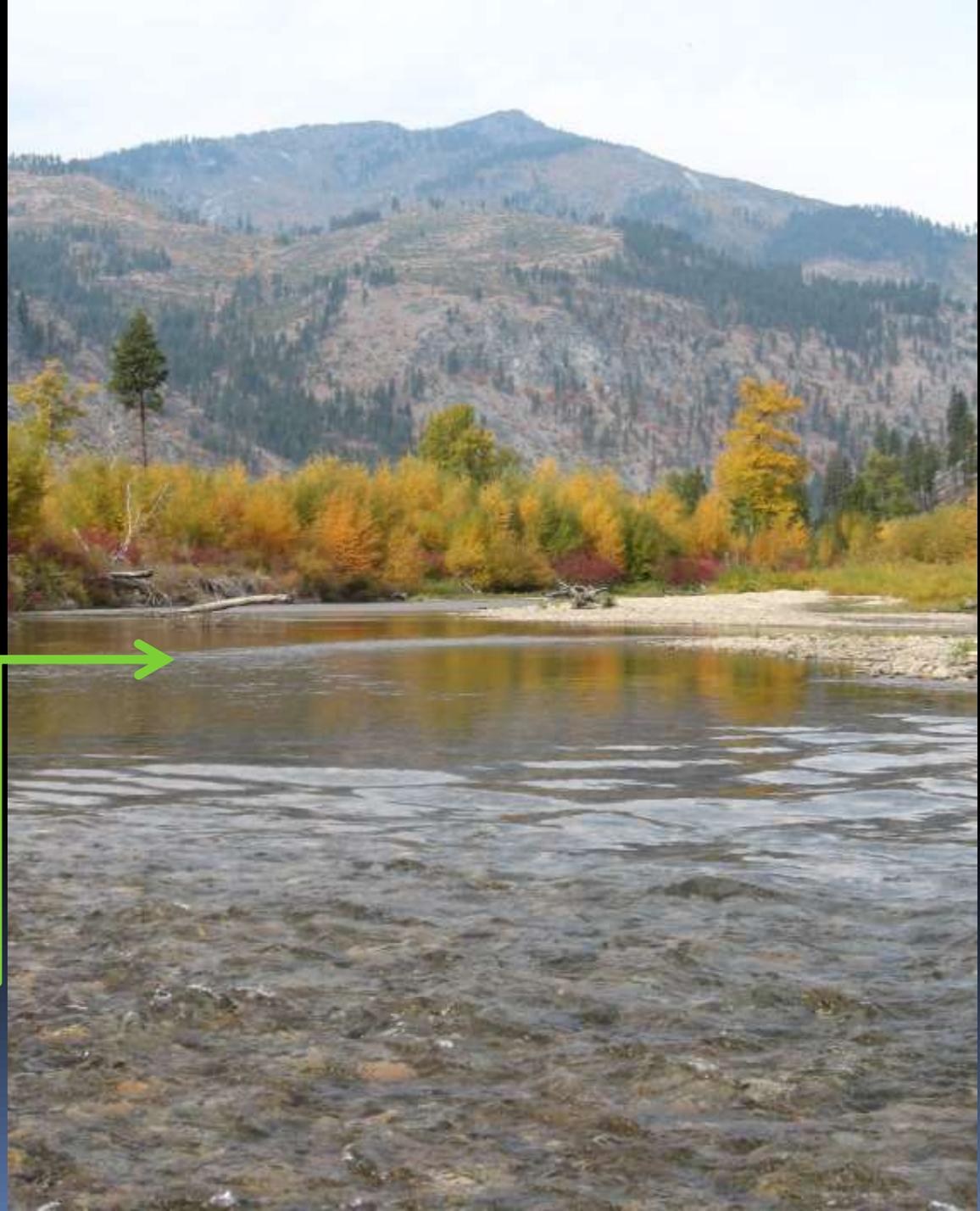
Riffle



Faster water with surface broken by water flowing over substrate.

Slower water,
relatively
shallow, no
surface
turbulence

Glide



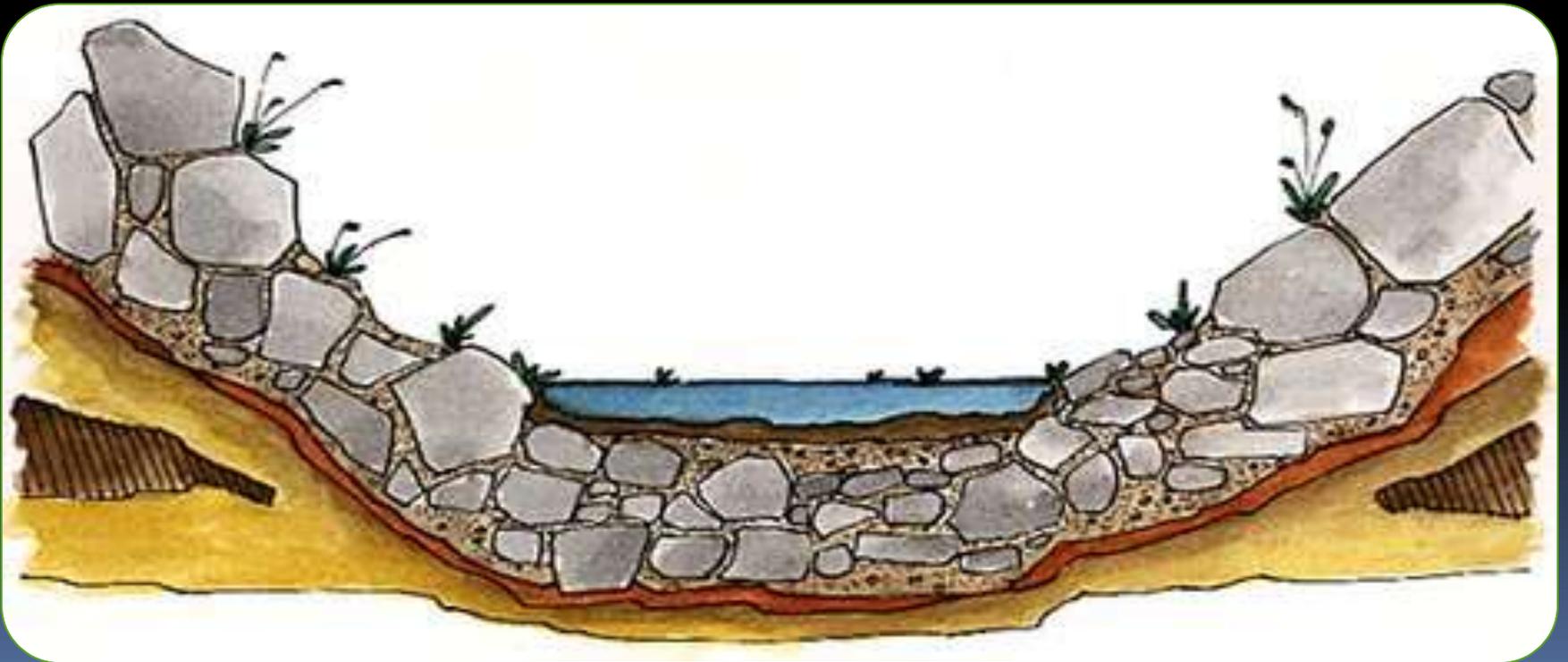
Side Channel

Adjacent to main channel, smaller in size, and generally slower water



Substrate

The sand, silt, clay, gravel, cobble, boulders, and bedrock that form the stream bed



Interstitial Space

Spaces or openings in substrate.

What organisms might use them?



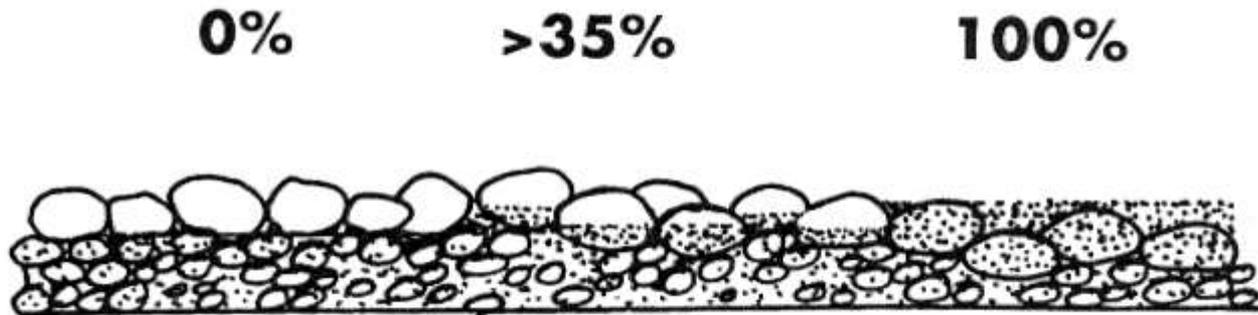
Streambank Erosion

The wearing away of the streambank soils and substrate by high flows, or land use practices.



Embeddedness

The degree that gravel, cobbles, or boulders are surrounded by sand and silt.



Woody Material

Wood material in
the stream
channel.

What does it do
for the stream
channel? for fish?



Fish Cover

Provides cover for the fish from predators and other dangers.

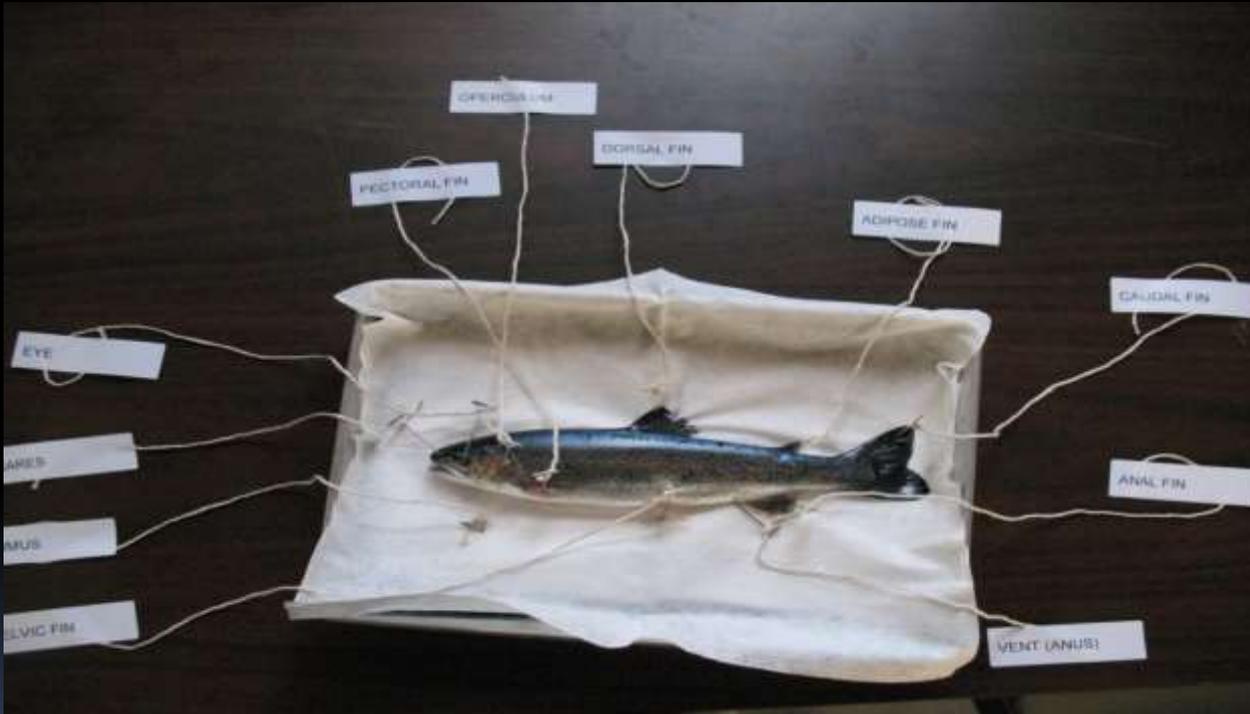


How can we measure stream habitat to see what it provides for fish and to monitor change?





Fish Health



❖ Key Terms:

- ❑ Anadromous
- ❑ Acclimation
- ❑ Adaptation
- ❑ Lateral Line
- ❑ Disease
- ❑ Viruses, bacteria, parasites

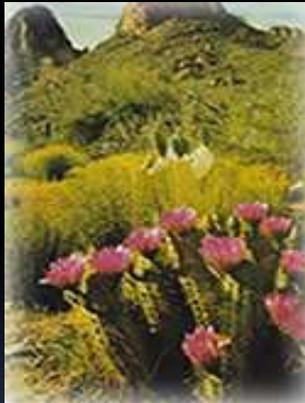
Anadromous

Fish that migrate from saltwater to fresh water for spawning



Acclimation

adjustment to environmental conditions:
within minutes, days, weeks.



Adaptation

adjustment to environmental conditions:
over time scales covering multiple
generations of a population



Praying mantis:
Camouflage, turn
head 180°, and see
up to 60' away



Lynx: Relatively
large feet adapted
to walk on snow

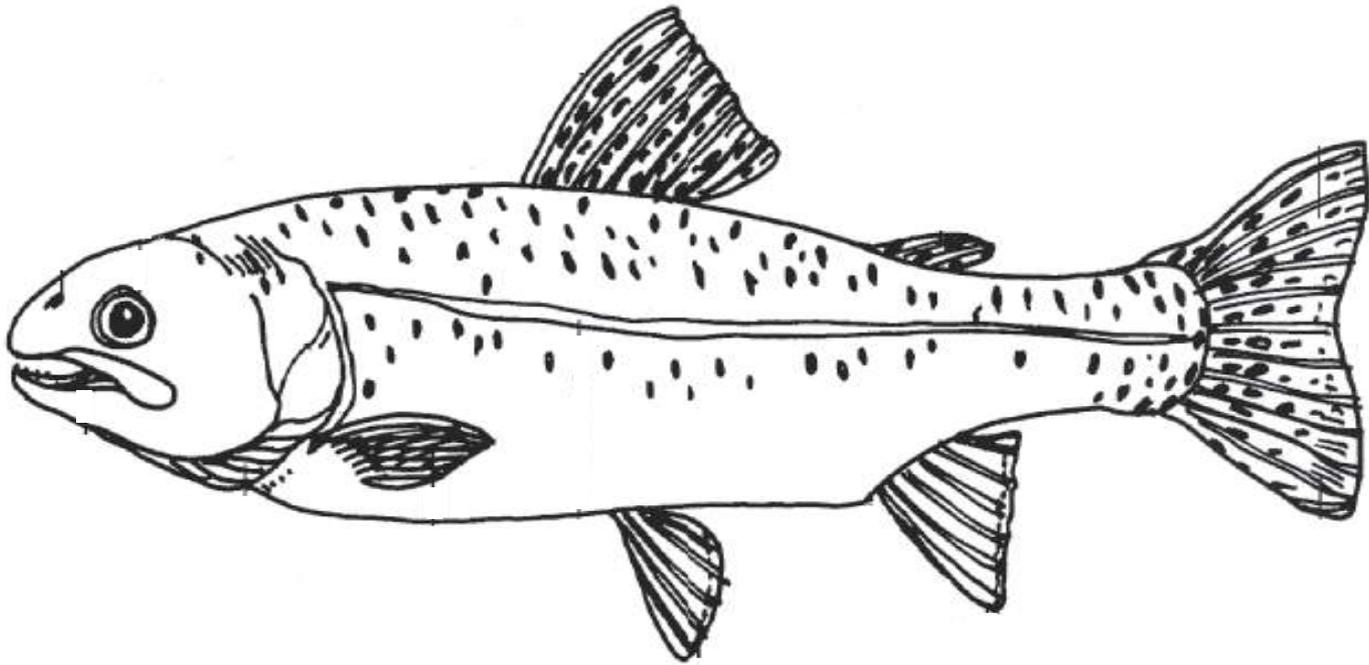


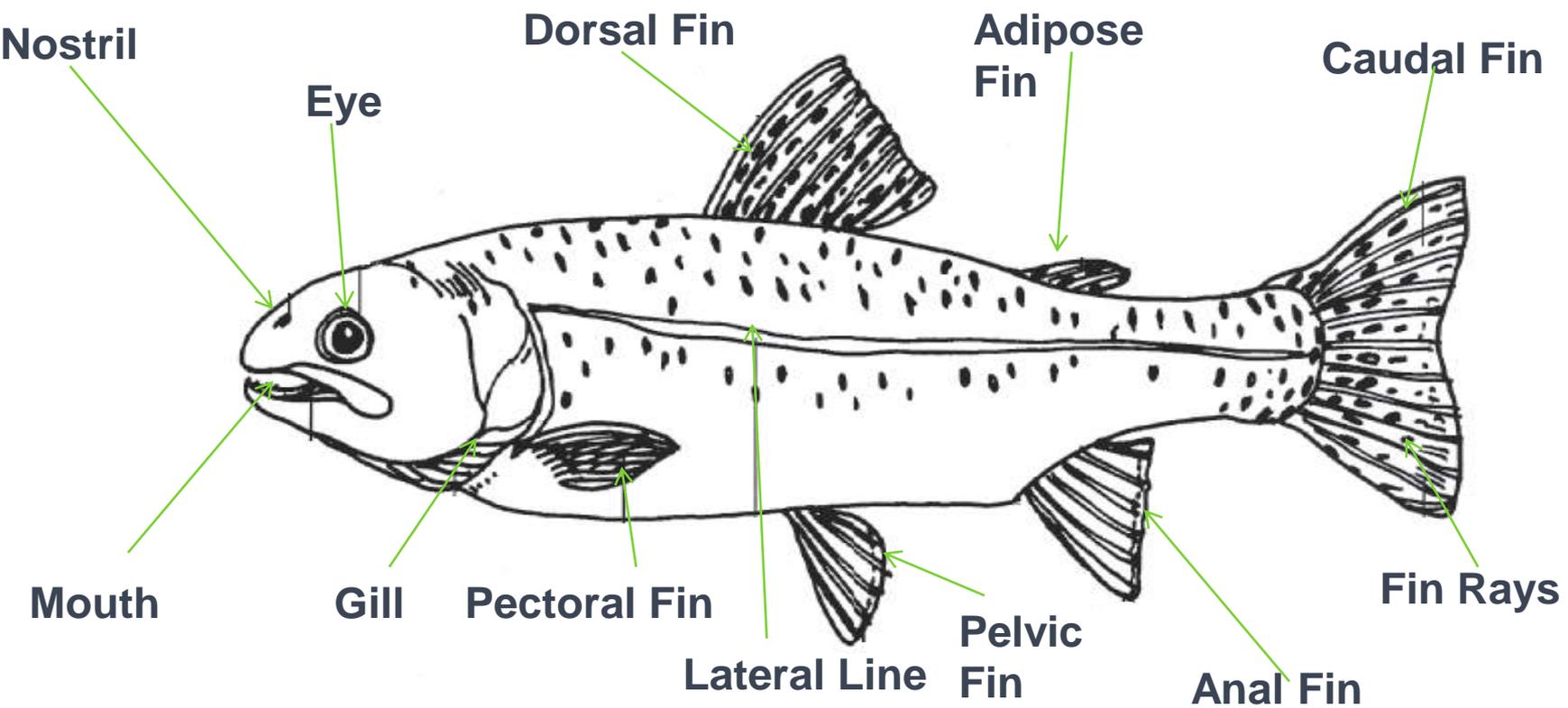
Fingerling salmon:
Countershading; dark
on top/light on
bottom; camouflage



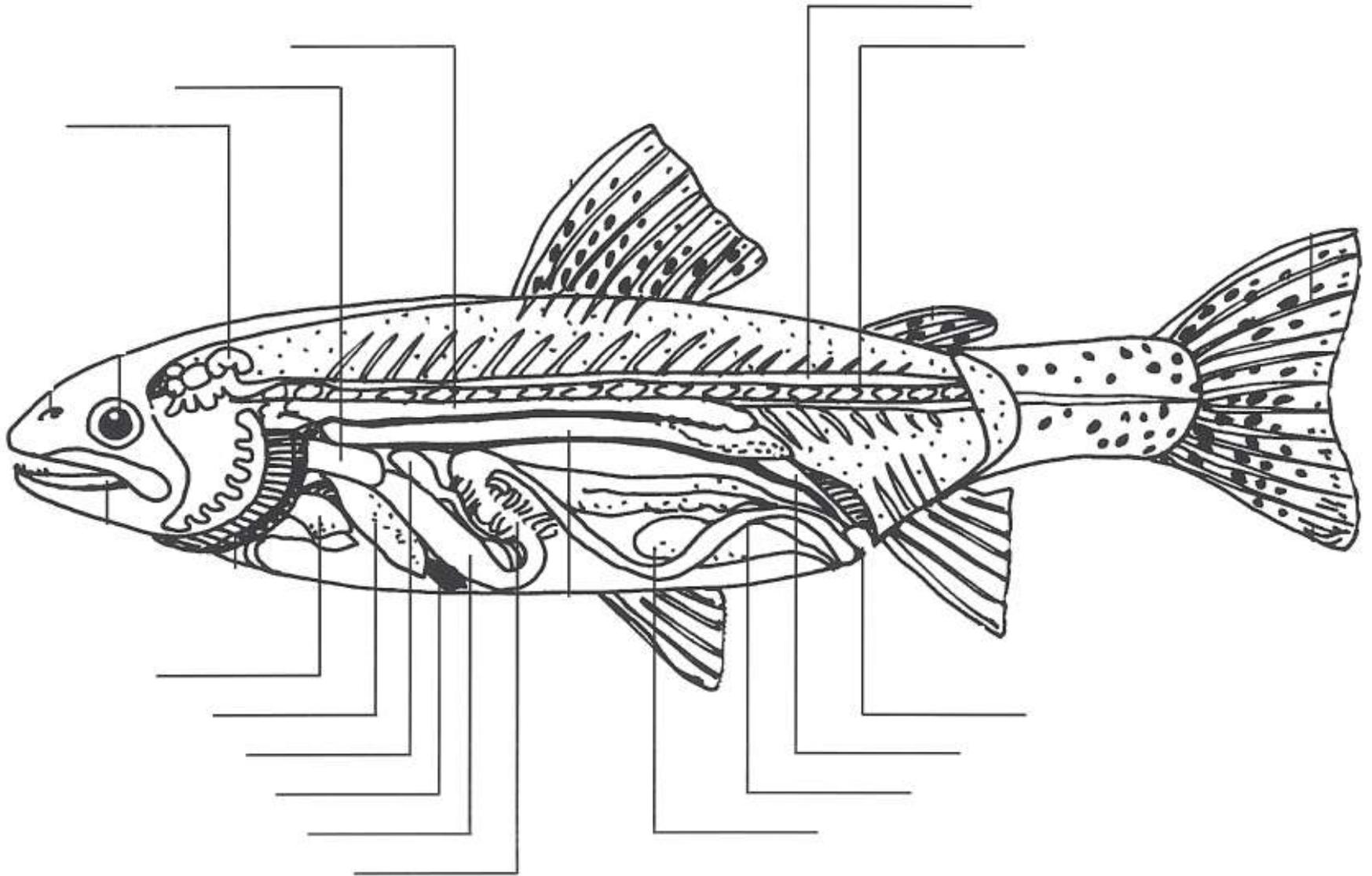
Fern: Small
leaves with large
groupings to
capture sunlight
through the
canopy

Can you name the
external parts of a fish?

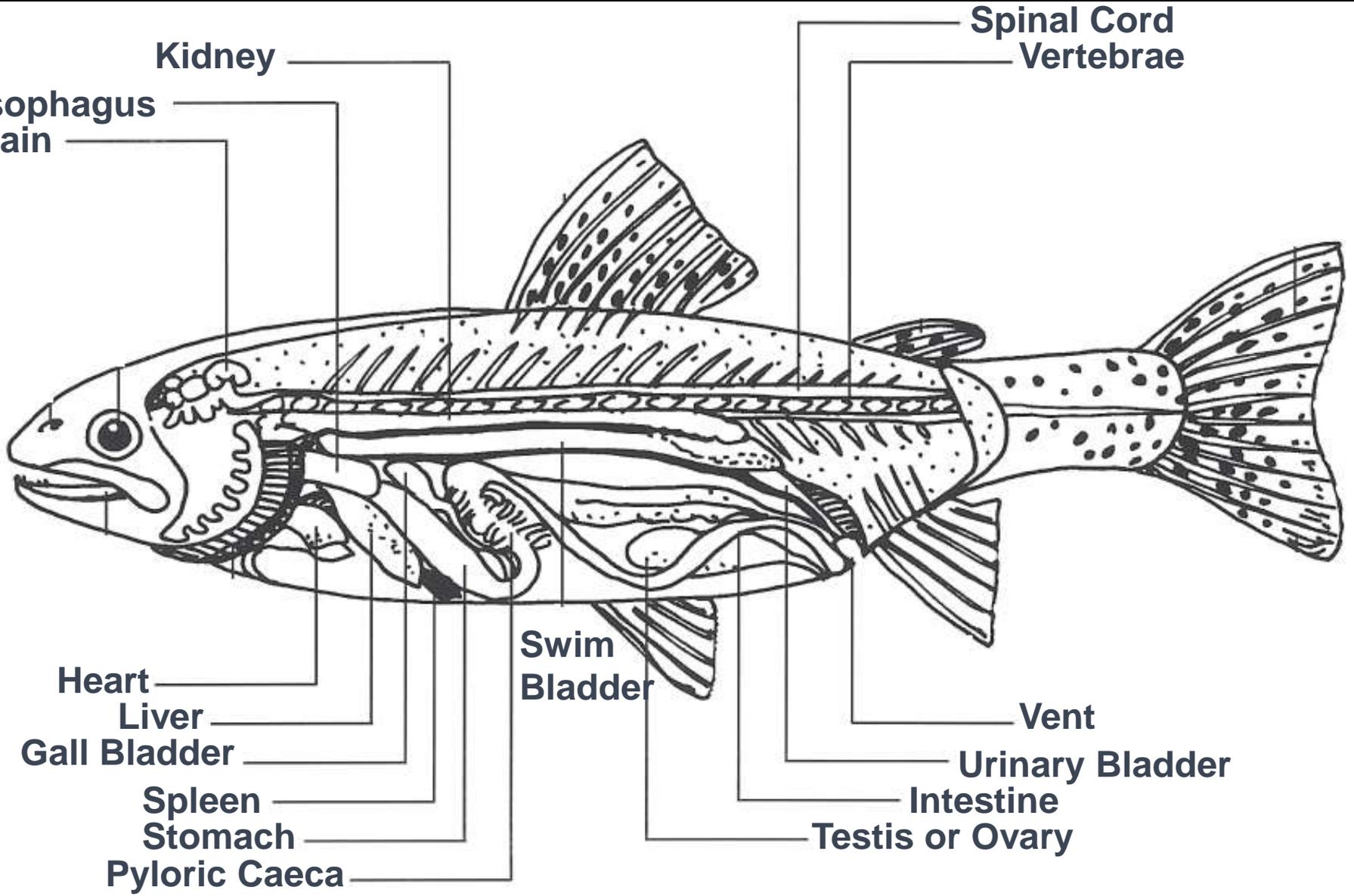




Can you name the internal parts of a fish?



Name _____



How do fish and humans differ externally?

- Humans have appendages
 - Arms
 - Legs
- Humans have skin with hair.
- Fish have fins
 - Pectoral
 - Pelvic
- Fish have skin with scales and slime.



How do humans and fish breathe?

Lungs to get
oxygen out of air



Gills to get oxygen
out of water

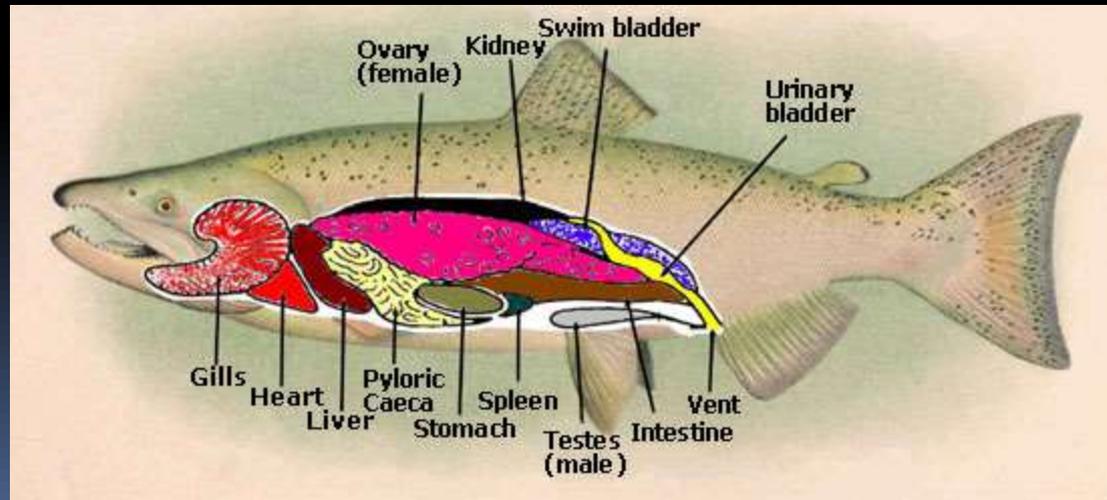
What are the 2 internal structures in a fish that humans do not have?

Pyloric caeca

Pyloric caeca are on the intestine of most bony fish. They are blind sacs that help with digestion and absorption.

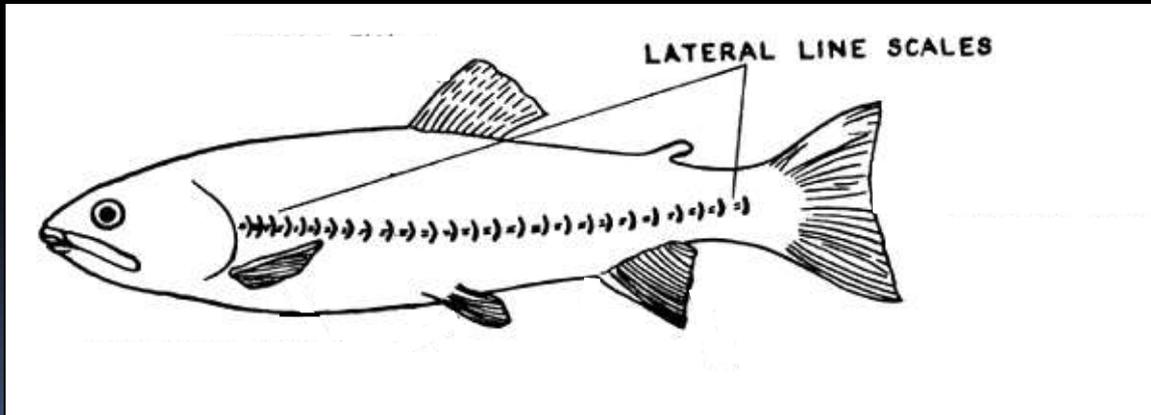
Swim Bladder

Organ of a fish that is responsible for a fish's buoyancy.



How do fish sense sound and movement?

Lateral line



A series of pores that run along the sides of fishes body

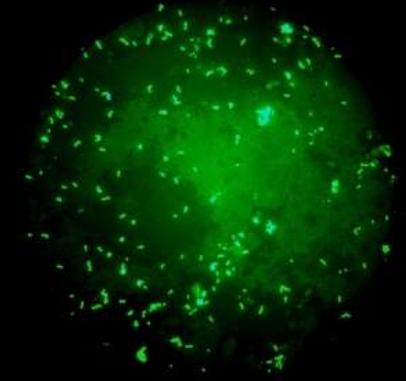
Fish can get sick from diseases, viruses, bacteria, and parasites



Unhealthy
Chinook salmon



Juvenile Chinook
with lordosis

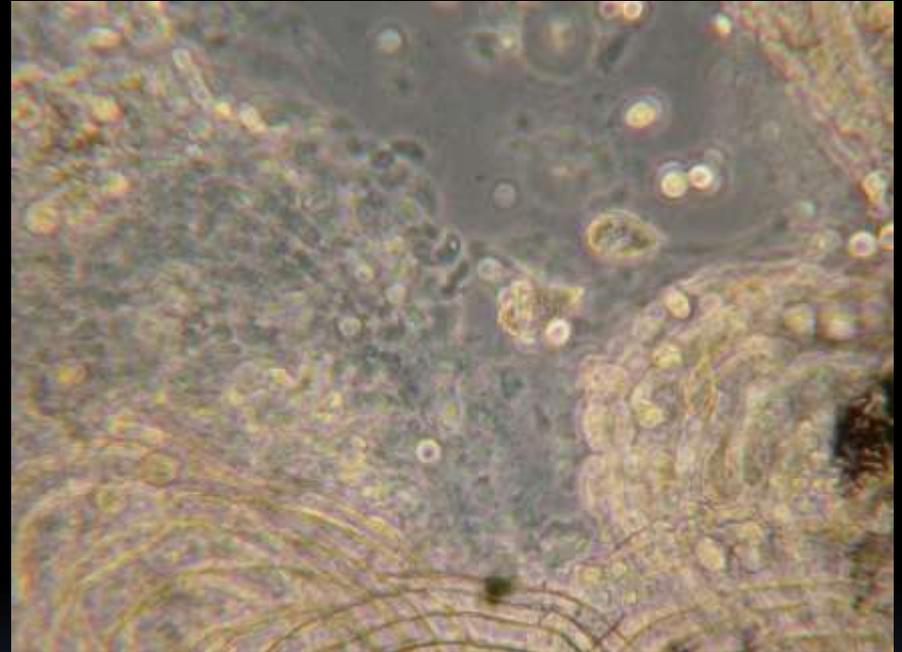


Fluorescent
antibody test for
bacteria



Fish health biologist

Can you find the parasite on the gills and in skin scrape?



How can we keep our streams healthy for fish?

- Healthy Riparian Areas
- Keep water in the streams
- Cool water temperatures
- High water quality
- Hatchery fish with low levels of pathogens
- Keep antibiotics and other medicines out of streams





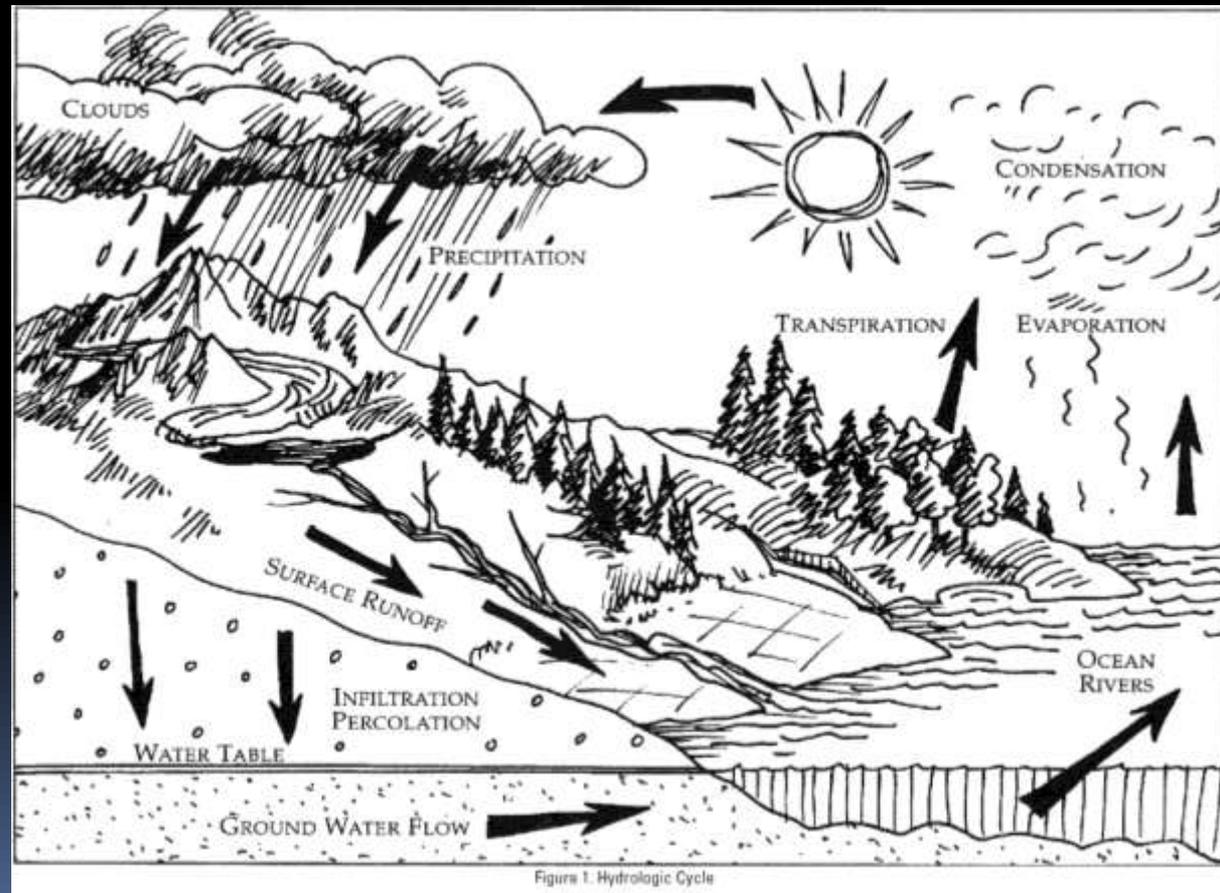
What's in that H₂O (Quality)

❖ Key Terms:

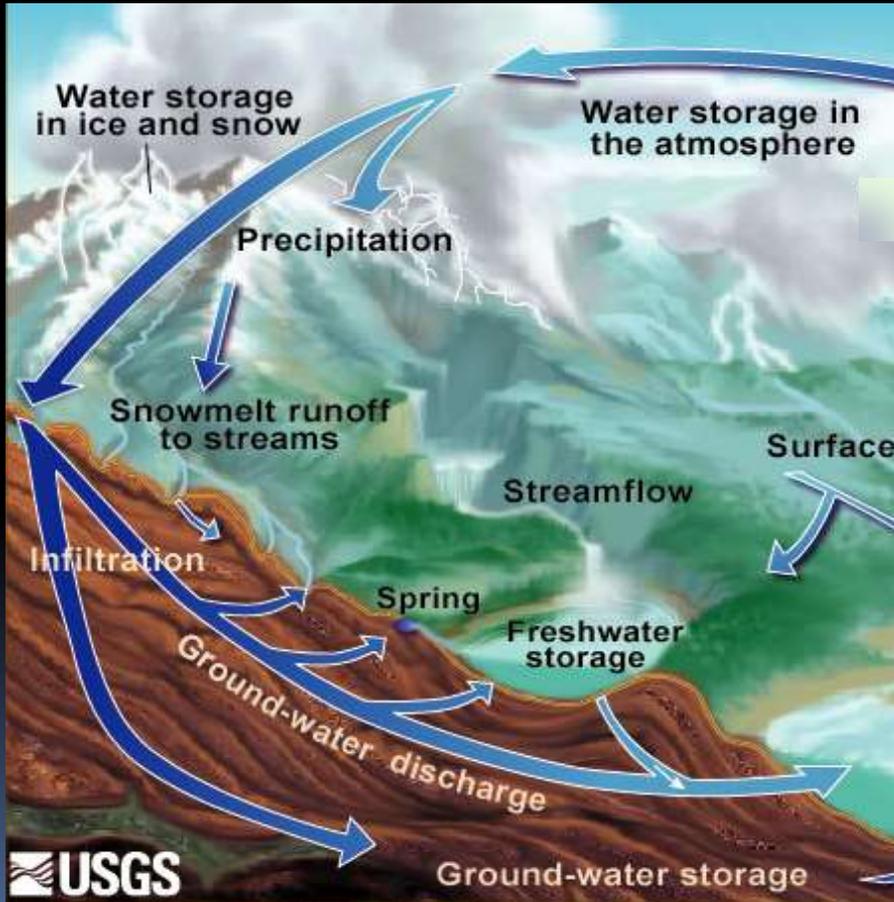
- ❑ Hydrologic cycle
- ❑ Infiltration
- ❑ Runoff
- ❑ Point Source pollution
- ❑ Non-point Source pollution
- ❑ Dissolved Oxygen
- ❑ pH
- ❑ -Acidic & Basic
- ❑ Turbidity
- ❑ Silt and Sediment

Hydrologic Cycle

The continuous circulation of water in systems throughout the planet, involving precipitation, condensation, runoff, evaporation and transpiration



Infiltration



Process by which water moves from the earth or surface water into the groundwater system

Runoff

Water that drains or flows off the surface of the land

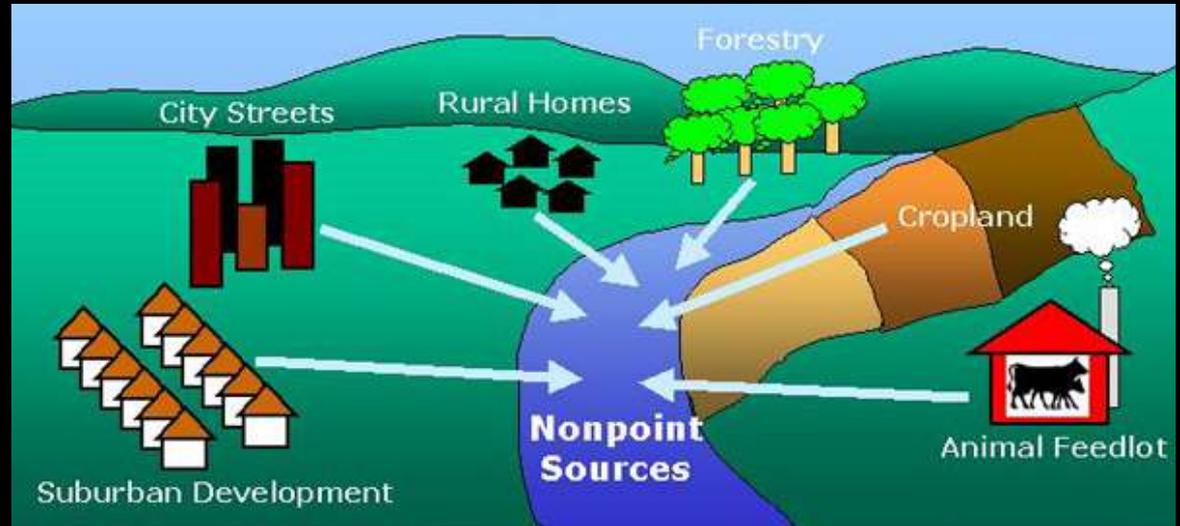


Point Source Pollution



Pollution from a specific location that can be controlled (can point to it)

Non point source pollution



Pollution deriving from many unidentified sources includes runoff from urban and agricultural areas.

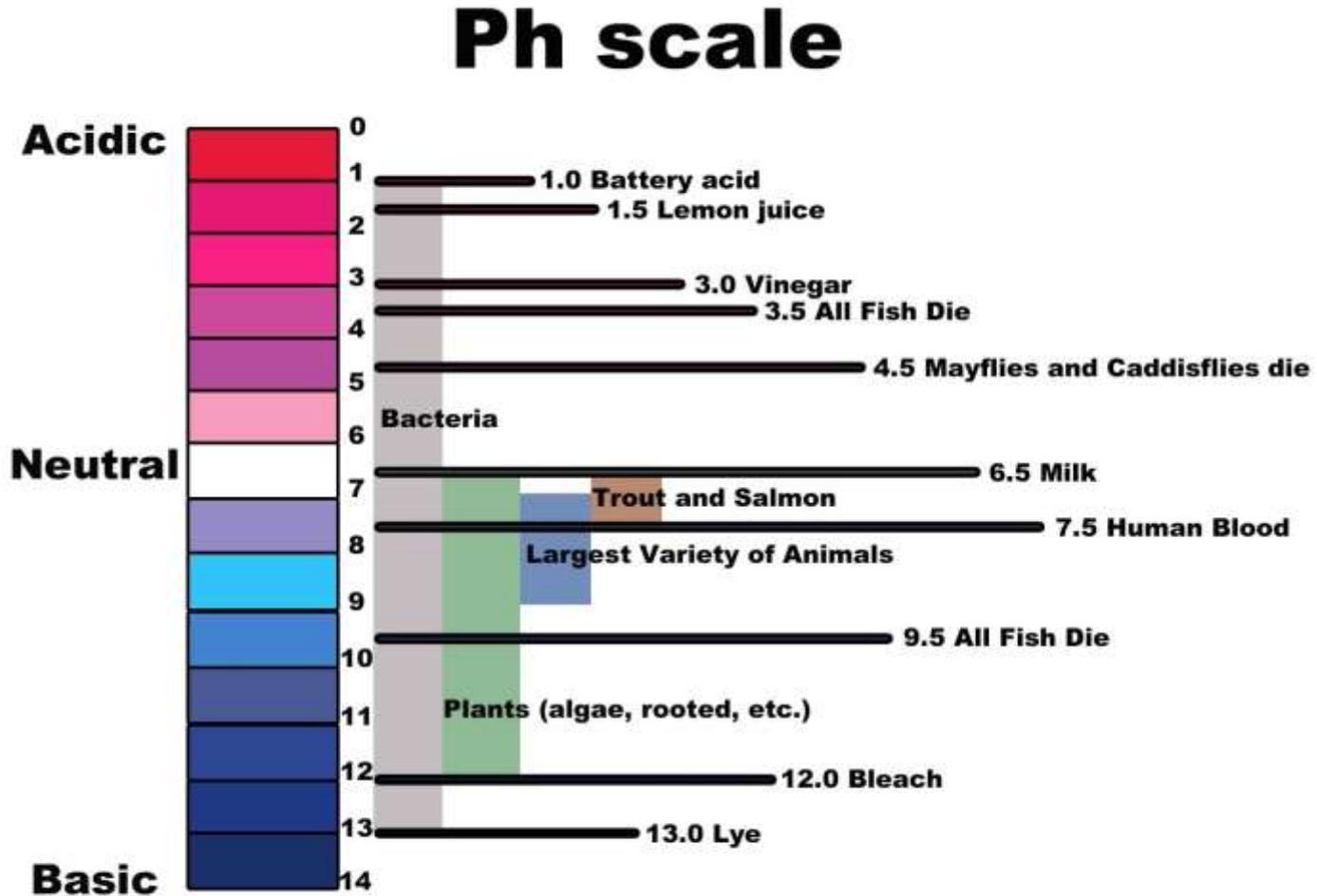
Dissolved Oxygen



The amount of oxygen dissolved in the water.

pH

The scale ranges from 0 (most acid) to 14 (most basic)



For every one unit change on the pH scale, there is approximately a tenfold change

Turbidity



Nephelometer



Degree to which light penetration is blocked because water is muddy or cloudy.

Sediment

Fine substrate that settles to the bottom the stream



Parts per million

Parts Per Million or ppm is a measure of concentration



Example:

4 drops of ink in one 55-gallon barrel of water would produce an ink concentration of 1 ppm



How do riparian plants affect water quality?



What's in that H₂O (Quantity)

- ❖ Key Terms:
 - Gradient
 - Velocity
 - Stream Flow
 - Cubic Feet per Second(CFS)

Stream Flow

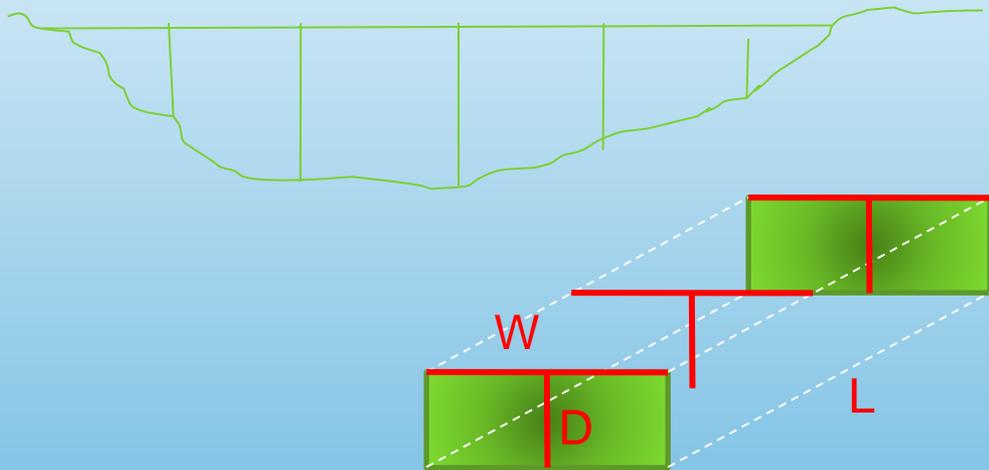
A volume of water moving past a given point per unit time (CFS).

1. Measure stream velocity:

$$\text{Velocity} = \text{Distance} / \text{Time} \text{ (feet/second)}$$

2. Measure the cross sectional area of the stream:

$$\text{Area} = \text{Average width} * \text{Average depth, (feet}^2\text{)}$$



3. Velocity * Area = Flow

$$\text{(feet/second)} * \text{(feet}^2\text{)} = \text{feet}^3\text{/second} = \text{CFS}$$

How would you make these measurements?

Is water velocity always the same within a stream reach?

Gradient



Vertical drop of the stream over a distance and it affects stream velocity, size of substrate, geomorphology, etc.

How does watershed health depend on stream flow? (fish habitat, water quality, types of macroinvertebrates, and vegetation)

How do floods change the streams?





Watershed Wonders

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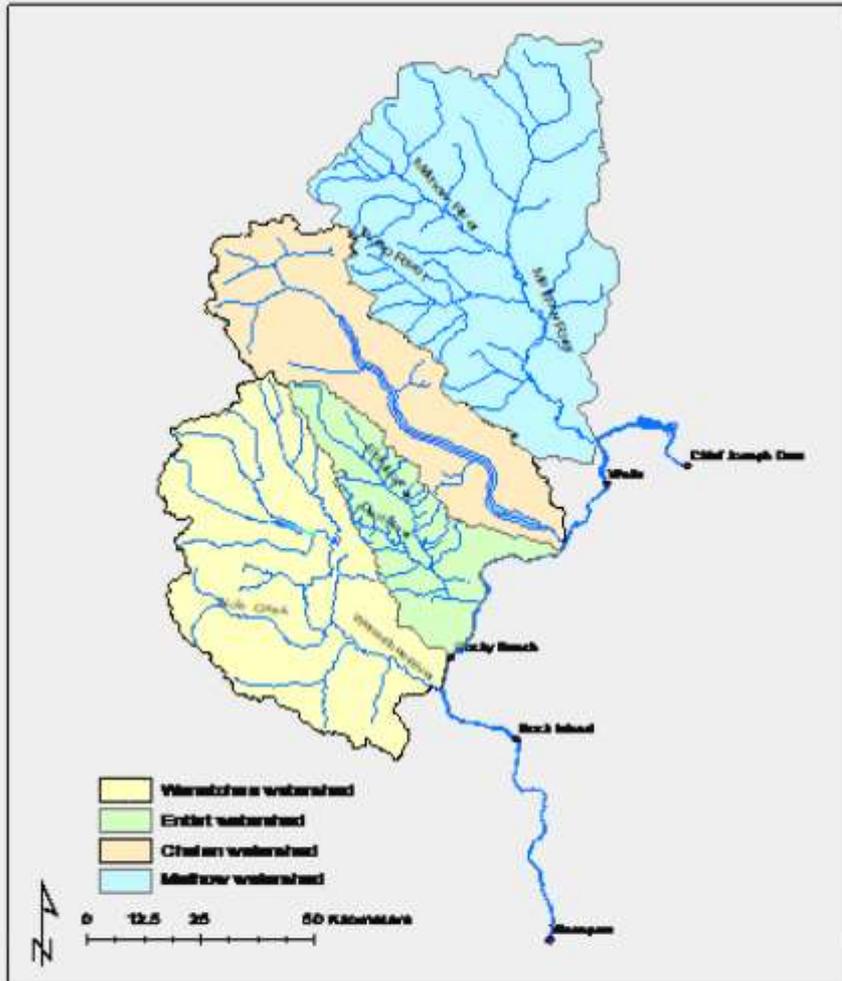
- Watershed
- Best Management Practices
- Mitigation



Watershed:

all of the land area with a common drainage

What is your watershed address?



- Example:
- river mile 6 Mad River
- Entiat River
- Columbia River
- Pacific Ocean

Best Management Practices

Sustainable methods used to best reduce or mitigate harm to the environment



Fencing in livestock, is one type of management practice

Mitigation

To lessen the effects of potentially harmful activities



Construction of fish passage structure at water diversion dam in Peshastin Creek



Stream restoration structures on the Entiat River

Can you name some activities that might affect your watershed?



STUDENTS: Preparing for the field day...

- ✓ Become familiar with the essential vocabulary (KITC powerpoint)
- ✓ Wear a name tag
- ✓ Bring a clipboard, Packet of student worksheets , and a pencil
- ✓ A sack lunch
- ✓ Water bottle (optional)
- ✓ Check the weather
- ✓ Wear appropriate clothes and warm socks
- ✓ Bring raingear (optional)
- ✓ Wear warm socks
- ✓ Pack extra socks
- ✓ Wear a hat, sunglasses, or bring sunscreen (optional)