

Table 3 - Summary of Occupancy Studies

Category	Mahardja et al (2017)	Simonis & Merz (2019)	Petersen & Barajas (2018)			Bever et al. (2016)	Latour (2016)	Hendrix et al. (2022)	Polansky et al. (2018)	Duarte & Petersen (2021)		Hamilton & Murphy (2020)	Mahardja et al (2017)	Petersen & Barajas (2018)			Hendrix et al. (2022)	Duarte & Petersen (2021)	
Analytical Approach	Regression	Bayesian	State Space			UnTRIM, correlation	GLM	Bayesian	State Space GAM	State Space		Affinity Analysis	Regression	State Space			Bayesian	State Space	
Dependent Variable	Population adjusted abundance	Density	Probability of Occupancy			Station Rank	CPUE	Probability of Occupancy	Density	Probability of Occupancy	Probability of Occupancy	Catch relative to effort	Probability of detection	Probability of detection			Probability of detection	Probability of detection	
Survey(s) Analyzed	20mm	20mm	20mm	STN	Bay Study	FMWT	FMWT	FMWT	SKT	EDSM	SKT	SKT, 20mm, STN, FMWT	20mm	20mm	STN	Bay Study	FMWT	EDSM	SKT
Period	Apr-Jul	Apr-Jul	Apr-Dec	Jun-Aug	Jan-Dec	Sep-Dec	Sep-Dec	Sep-Dec	Jan-May	Jun-Mar	Jan-May	Jan-Dec	Apr-Jul	Apr-Dec	Jun-Aug	Jan-Dec	Sep-Dec	Jun-Mar	Jan-May
Factor																			
Abiotic																			
Salinity/EC	O	O	O	O	O	O	x	O	O	O	O	O							
Temperature	O		x	O	x	x	x	O	x (a priori considered and discarded)	O		O							
Turbidity/Secchi	O	O	d	d	d	O	O	x	O			O		D	D	D	D	D	D
Prey		O					x					O							
Flow or X2		O	O	O	O		x	x		x									
Velocity		O				O		x											
Dissolved Oxygen																			
Sampling																			
Tide Stage	x		d	d	d	x			O				D	x	x	D	D		D
Sampling Duration/Volume			d	d	d	x								D	D	x	D	D	
Physical																			
Region (Categorical)			O	O	O		O	x	O (space as continuous, not categorical)	O	O								D
Depth			d	d	d	x								x	D	D	x		
Bathymetry						x													
Water Body Type												O							
Distance to Wetlands								x											
Distance to shore										x									
Fish																			
Prior Distribution		n	n	n	n														
Length/Size			d	d	d								D	D	x	x	D		
Competitors								x											
Predation Pressure								x											
Prior Abundance																			
Timing																			
Year (categorical)	O		O	x	x		O		O								x		D
Month							O		O									D	
Day of year	O		O	O	x			x	O	O	O		D					D	
Time of day			d	d	d	x								D	D	x		D	D
Source:	Table 3	Fig 4, p.19	Tables 6,7			Table 3	Table 1	p.8/17	Table 1	Table 2	Table 2	Table 6	Table 3	Tables 3,4			p.8/17	Table 2	Table 2

Legend

O included in best occupancy model

d included as a factor in the detection model

x considered but not included in the best model

blank not considered in the analysis

n spatio-temporal autocorrelation noted

Bever, A. J., MacWilliams, M. L., Herbold, B., Brown, L. R., and Feyrer, F. (2016). Linking hydrodynamic complexity to delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*) distribution in the San Francisco Estuary, USA. *San Franc. Estuary Watershed Sci.* 14, 1–27. doi: 10.15447/sfews.2016v14iss1art3

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Hamilton, S. A., and Murphy, D. D. (2020). Use of affinity analysis to guide habitat restoration and enhancement for the imperiled delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*). *Endanger. Species Res.* 43, 103–120. doi: 10.3354/esr01057

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Polansky, L., Newman, K. B., Nobriga, M. L., and Mitchell, L. (2018). Spatiotemporal models of an estuarine fish species to identify patterns and factors impacting their distribution and abundance. *Estuar. Coasts* 41, 572–581. doi: 10.1007/s12237-017-0277-3

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## Correspondence

11/1/2022 Request sent to corresponding authors to review

11/2/2022 Jim Petersen did not request changes

11/2/2022 Leo Polansky suggested changes. These were incorporated 11/8/22.

11/7/2022 Aaron Bever did not request changes

11/7/2022 Shawn Acuna suggested considering:

Tobias, V. (2021) Simulated fishing to untangle catchability and availability in fish abundance monitoring. *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science*, 19(3).

Duarte, A., & Peterson, J. T. (2021). Space-for-time is not necessarily a substitution when monitoring the distribution of pelagic fishes in the San Francisco Bay-Delta. *Ecology and Evolution*, 11(23), 16727–16744.

Mitchell, L., & Baxter, R. (2021). Examining Retention-at-Length of Pelagic Fishes Caught in the Fall Midwater Trawl Survey. *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science*, 19(2).

From Tobia p.12:

"For Delta Smelt, the species simulated here, the simulation shows that the effect of turbidity on catchability is small when availability is held constant. This suggests that water clarity's influence on reaction distance is not likely to be the cause of the relationship between Secchi depth and Delta Smelt catch reflected in the monitoring data."

Duarte & Petersen was added to the list of studies.

From Mitchel & Baxter p.9:

"We found that 95% retention of Threadfin Shad, American Shad, and Delta Smelt in the FMWT cod end occurs around 45-, 49-, and 61-mm fork length, respectively".