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Conversion Factors

International System of Units to U.S. customary units

Multiply	By	To obtain
Length		
millimeter (mm)	0.03937	inch (in.)
meter (m)	3.281	foot (ft)
kilometer (km)	0.6214	mile (mi)
meter (m)	1.094	yard (yd)
Area		
square kilometer (km²)	247.1	acre
square kilometer (km²)	0.3861	square mile (mi²)
Volume		
cubic meter (m³)	0.0002642	million gallons (Mgal)
Mass		
kilogram (kg)	2.205	pound avoirdupois (lb)

Temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) may be converted to degrees Fahrenheit (°F) as follows:  
°F = (1.8 × °C) + 32.

Datum

Vertical coordinate information is referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88).

Horizontal coordinate information is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

## Abbreviations

AUC	area under the receiver operating characteristic curve
BRT	boosted regression trees
GAP	Gap Analysis Project
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility
HUC	hydrologic unit code
NFHP	National Fish Habitat Partnership
NLCD	National Land Cover Database
SDM	species distribution model
TSS	True Skill Statistic
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey



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## Abstract

This report explains the steps and specific methods used to predict fluvial fish occurrences in their native ranges for the conterminous United States. In this study, boosted regression tree models predict distributions of 271 ecologically important fluvial fish species using relations between fish presence/absence and 22 natural and anthropogenic landscape variables. Models developed for the freshwater portions of the ranges for species represented 28 families. *Cyprinidae* was the family with the most species (87 of 271) modeled for this study, followed by *Percidae* (34) and *Ictaluridae* (17). Model predictive performance was evaluated using four metrics: area under the receiver operating characteristic curve, sensitivity, specificity, and True Skill Statistic, which are all from tenfold cross-validation results. The relative importance of the predictor variables in the boosted regression tree models was calculated and ranked for each species. The three strongest natural predictors of fish distributions were network catchment area, the mean annual air temperature of the local catchment, and the maximum elevation of the local catchment, while the three strongest anthropogenic predictors were downstream main stem dam density, distance to downstream main stem dam, and the percentage of pasture/hay land use area within network catchment boundaries. Study results showed 61 fish species were sensitive to climate variables, and 40 fish species were sensitive to anthropogenic stressors. The models developed in this study can be used to derive critical information regarding habitat protection priorities, anthropogenic threats, and potential effects of climate change on habitat suitability, aiding in efforts to conserve fluvial fishes now and into the future.

## Introduction

An overarching mission of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Aquatic Gap Analysis Project (GAP) is to support national and regional assessments of the conservation status of vertebrate species and plant communities by providing information on the most common and abundant aquatic species found in the United States, while also advancing knowledge on distributions and habitat suitability of rarer, poorly characterized aquatic species. To meet these needs, Aquatic GAP uses spatial analyses and species distribution models (SDMs) to assess aquatic biodiversity and habitats to identify gaps in species protection or threats to habitats. Products of these analyses contribute to conservation planning and prioritization efforts throughout the United States. However, data characterizing habitat suitability and key landscape factors limiting species distributions are lacking for many fluvial fishes in the United States. Development of fluvial fish SDMs provides an opportunity to fill these knowledge gaps.

SDMs are widely used as a management tool to analyze freshwater species distributions and quantify habitat suitability (Bouska and others, 2015). Regression-based approaches are commonly used in SDM development (Guisan and Zimmermann, 2000). Through a logit link function, species presence/absence data are used as the response variable, whereas landscape data can be used as predictor variables for habitat characteristics. This is based on the established understanding that landscape factors of stream catchments can affect fishes through effects on habitats (Allan, 2004). However, regression-based models have several limitations, such as sensitivity to multicollinearity, influence of outliers, and difficulties representing interactions among predictor variables (Elith and others, 2008). Nonparametric machine learning models can overcome limitations inherent in regression-based models (Elith and others, 2008). Machine learning models can improve model performance automatically by experience; this occurs through building a model based on part of the sample data (training set) and using the remaining data points (testing set) to tune the model. This process is done iteratively to improve model predictions and maximize the proportion of model deviation that is explained (Hastie and others, 2009).

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Among machine learning approaches, boosted regression trees (BRT) have been recognized as a powerful and robust method for SDM development (Elith and others, 2008).

An important aspect of SDM development is the evaluation of candidate model performance and final selection of the model with the best predictive ability. Reporting this predictive ability assures users of the validity of SDMs and their corresponding use in conservation planning and biodiversity assessments. Many evaluation metrics can be derived from a confusion matrix (Liu and others, 2011), which is a simple table that records numbers of correctly and incorrectly predicted presences and absences. Sensitivity and specificity, two metrics commonly derived from a confusion matrix, indicate the proportions of correctly predicted presences and correctly predicted absences.

Most evaluation metrics are calculated by identifying a threshold value associated with probabilities of SDM predictions. For example, 0.5 is often used as a threshold value for sampling data with similar numbers of presences and absences (Liu and others, 2011). However, the number of presences is often much smaller than the number of absences in an aquatic species survey, and 0.5 may not be suitable in these situations. Besides threshold-dependent evaluation metrics, threshold-independent metrics (for example, area under the receiver operating characteristic curve [AUC]) are frequently used in model evaluation (Liu and others, 2011). Due to inherent differences among evaluation metrics and associated strengths and weaknesses in measuring accuracy, no single metric provides a comprehensive measure of model predictive ability. Therefore, combining multiple evaluation metrics is crucial to appropriately assess model performance.

In addition to predicted habitat suitability, another important outcome of SDM development is the ability to characterize potential species responses to environmental factors that may be important drivers of species distributions. In the context of SDMs, this information can be derived from predictor variable contributions and evaluation of partial dependence plots. In SDMs, the contribution of each predictor variable to response variable prediction (species presence or absence) provides information on the major natural and anthropogenic factors influencing species distributions. Predictor variable contributions often vary among species; thus, SDMs can reveal critical patterns of predictor variable relative importance across multiple species. For instance, including both climate and anthropogenic predictor contributions in each model can help identify climate-sensitive species and species sensitive to anthropogenic stressors. Partial dependence plots investigate the influence of each individual predictor independently by holding all other predictors to their mean values, and they can be used to visualize complex, nonlinear species responses to predictors. Collectively, this information can assist managers in prioritizing conservation policies and management of habitats such as forest cover, dam density, and water withdrawals, based on the relative importance and fish responses to these landscape variables.

This report describes the development of SDMs for 271 fluvial fish species across the conterminous United States. Descriptions of SDM development include the following: (1) an overview for developing SDMs for the Aquatic GAP, (2) results from five diagnostic metrics evaluating overall model performance, (3) important model predictor variables that provide insights into the natural and anthropogenic factors limiting fluvial fish species distributions, (4) species presence/absence predictions for all stream reaches within their native ranges, and (5) habitat suitability assessment that offers valuable information for natural resources management.

## Materials and Methods

This section includes detailed descriptions of response variables, predictor variables, statistical models, and model evaluation metrics. The following section titled “Spatial Framework and Landscape Predictors” describes the variables that were used to predict distributions of species.

### Spatial Framework and Landscape Predictors

The 1:100,000 scale National Hydrography Dataset Plus Version 2.1, or NHDPlusV2.1, was used as the spatial framework for this project (McKay and others, 2012). This dataset includes ~2.3 million stream reaches in the conterminous United States. In this framework local catchments are defined as the land area draining directly to a given stream reach, while network catchments are defined as the entire upstream drainage area above a stream reach including a stream reach’s own local catchment. Similarly, local buffers include riparian land area within the local catchment that is 90 meters (m) on either side of stream reach, while network buffers include the 180-m riparian land area in the entire upstream network, including a stream reach’s own local buffer. Nine natural and 13 anthropogenic landscape factors were attributed to the spatial framework and used as predictor variables in species distribution modeling (table 1). These predictor variables have also been used in earlier Aquatic GAP fluvial fish distribution model development (Cooper and others, 2019; Yu and others, 2020) and were summarized within five spatial units, including the stream reach, catchments, or buffers (fig. 1).

Nine natural landscape variables were used as predictors in modeling. These included five at the network catchment scale, including catchment area, mean annual precipitation, percentage of overall wetland (combining forested and emergent wetlands) and open-water land-cover types, and base-flow index (percentage contribution of base flow to overall streamflow). The remaining four natural landscape predictor variables included mean annual air temperature and maximum elevation in local catchments, amount of forest land cover within network buffers, and stream reach slope (gradient).

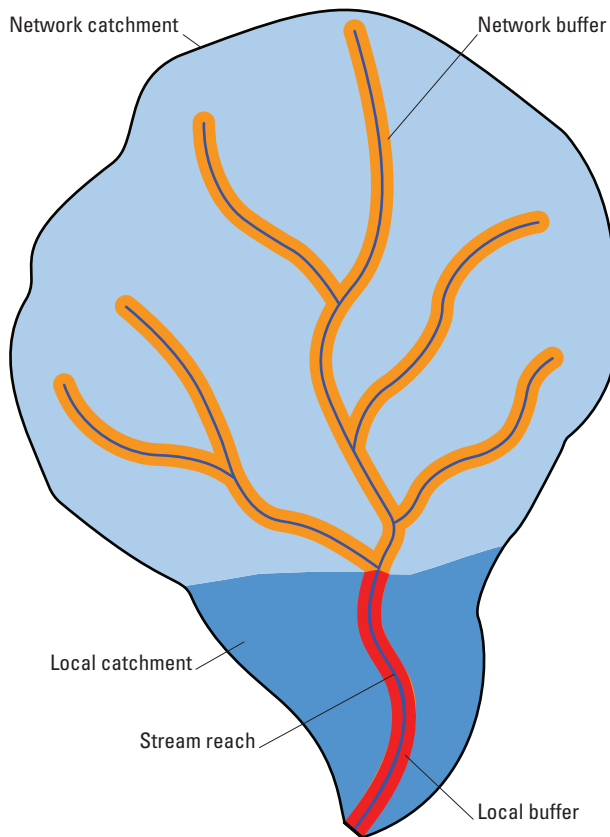


**Table 1.** Predictor variables used in species distribution model development.

[km<sup>2</sup>, square kilometer; EPA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; USGS, U.S. Geological Survey; %, percent; km, kilometer; mm, millimeter; OCS, Oregon Climate Service; °C, degrees Celsius; m/m, meter per meter; cm, centimeter; MRLC, Multi-Resolution Land Cover Characteristics Consortium; m, meter; NA, not applicable; no./km, number per square kilometer; PCS, permit compliance system; ICIS, Integrated Compliance Information System; SEMS, Superfund Enterprise Management System; NPDES, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; TRIS, toxic release inventory system; kg/km<sup>2</sup>, kilogram per square kilometer; SPARROW, SPAtially Referenced Regression On Watershed attributes; HUC8, 8-digit hydrologic unit code; HUC12, 12-digit hydrologic unit code; TIGER, Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing]

Variable and description (units)	Source	Dataset	Scale or resolution
Predictor variable type: Natural			
N_areasqkm: network catchment area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Ross and others, 2022	National Hydrography Dataset Plus version 2	1:100,000
N_bfi: network catchment base-flow index (% of base flow contribution to total flow)	Ross and others, 2022	Base-Flow Index Grid for the Conterminous United States (2003)	1 km
N_precip: network catchment mean annual precipitation (mm)	Ross and others, 2022	OCS PRISM 1990–2010	4 km
L_temp: local catchment mean annual air temperature (°C)	Ross and others, 2022	OCS PRISM 1990–2010	4 km
L_fl_slope: stream reach gradient (m/m)	Ross and others, 2022	National Hydrography Dataset Plus version 2	1:100,000
L_maxelev: local catchment maximum elevation (cm)	Ross and others, 2022	National Hydrography Dataset Plus version 2	30 m
NB_nlcd11_41_43: network buffer forest land cover (%)	Ross and others, 2022	2011 National Land Cover Database	30 m
N_nlcd11_11c: network catchment water land cover (%)	Ross and others, 2022	2011 National Land Cover Database	30 m
N_nlcd11_90_95: network catchment woody and emergent herbaceous wetland land cover (%)	Ross and others, 2022	2011 National Land Cover Database	30 m
Predictor variable type: Anthropogenic			
N_nlcd11_21_24: network catchment urban land use; developed open, low, medium, and high intensity (%)	Ross and others, 2022	2011 National Land Cover Database	30 m
N_nlcd81: network catchment cultivated crops (%)	Ross and others, 2022	2011 National Land Cover Database	30 m
N_nlcd82: network catchment pasture/hay (%)	Ross and others, 2022	2011 National Land Cover Database	30 m
N_pop11den: network catchment human population density (no./km <sup>2</sup> )	Ross and others, 2022	U.S. Census 2010	1:100,000
N_allepa_den: network catchment density of EPA point-source pollution sites (PCS, ICIS, SEMS, NPDES, and TRIS sites) (no./km <sup>2</sup> )	Ross and others, 2022	EPA Facility Registry Service	NA
N_allmine_den: network catchment mineral, coal, and uranium mine density (no./km <sup>2</sup> )	Ross and others, 2022	Locations of mines and mining activity in the United States	NA
N_total_p_yield: network catchment total phosphorus yield (kg/km <sup>2</sup> )	Ross and others, 2022	SPARROW	HUC8
N_totww_mgalc: network catchment total water withdrawal (million gallons/year)	Ross and others, 2022	EnviroAtlas	HUC12
UDOR: degree of regulation: estimated annual discharge stored in upstream reservoirs (%)	Cooper and Infante (2022)	Dam fragmentation	1:100,000
UNDR: upstream network dam density (no./100 km)	Cooper and Infante (2022)	Dam fragmentation	1:100,000
DMD: downstream main stem dam density (no./100 km)	Cooper and Infante (2022)	Dam fragmentation	1:100,000
DM2D_fishtail: distance to downstream main stem dam if present; otherwise distance to network outlet if no downstream dam is present (km)	Cooper and Infante (2022)	Dam fragmentation	1:100,000
N_rx_stlen_dens: stream network road crossing density (no./km)	Ross and others, 2022	2006 TIGER Roads SE	1:100,000

The 13 anthropogenic variables used as model predictors included the following: total urban land use (combining open, low, medium, and high urban), row crop land use, pasture land use, human population density, total water withdrawal, total phosphorous yield, mine density, and point source pollution site density in network catchments. Dam influences were represented by downstream main stem dam density, downstream main stem availability, upstream network dam density, and upstream degree of regulation (percentage of predicted annual streamflow volume stored in all upstream reservoirs) (Cooper and others, 2017), while road influences were represented by upstream road-crossing density in network catchments for stream reaches.

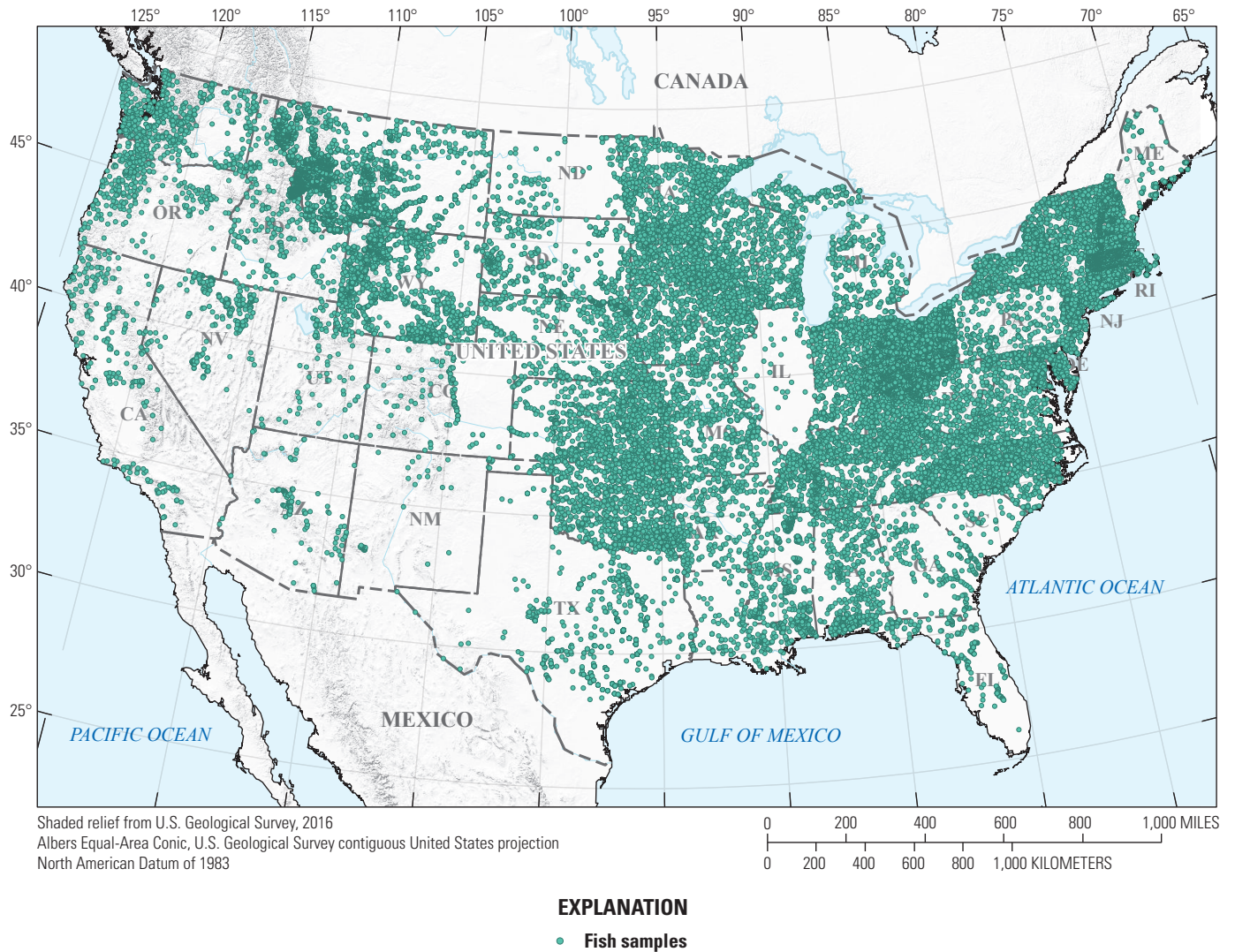


**Figure 1.** Simplified diagram representing the five spatial units used to summarize landscape variables.

## Fish Community Data

The fish data used for presence/absence species distribution modeling were derived from an existing fish database developed for a national fish habitat assessment in support of the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP; <http://assessment.fishhabitat.org/>) and additional fish data collected in support of this project. Goals for collecting additional fish data were threefold. First, because NFHP fish data span the period 1990–2013, more recent data from 2014 to 2019 were needed to evaluate current conditions. Second, few western States were represented with fish data in the NFHP fish database, thus collection of fish data from data-poor regions was given a high priority to fill in spatial gaps in data availability. Third, whereas NFHP analyses required data that characterized the abundances of all species comprising assemblages, methods for creating SDMs used in this study required presence/absence data. Presence/absence data enabled use of datasets that included targeted samples of specific species or that reported species presence/absence compared to relative abundances. In total, 51 State, academic, and nonprofit sources were contacted, with a total of 14 institutions providing new fish data that could be used for this effort in addition to many datasets previously provided for NFHP. The models also included data from a Federal source (USGS BioData, <https://apps.usgs.gov/biodata/>; March 15, 2019), an existing consortium of State agency fish databases called Multistate Aquatic Resources Information System (USGS, 2013), and publicly available online State databases. All samples were georeferenced to stream reaches in the National Hydrography Dataset Plus Version 2.1, and the Latin species, genus, and family names used here were validated against and referenced by Integrated Taxonomic Information System taxonomic serial numbers for all records (Integrated Taxonomic Information System, 2019).

A tiered site-selection process based on sample species richness and year sampled was used to create the final fish dataset used in presence/absence modeling. This process ensured that a single, most recent, and species-rich sample was selected for stream reaches that had multiple sampling events. First, samples were assigned to one of six periods (1990–94, 1995–1999, 2000–4, 2005–9, 2010–14, and 2015–19). For each stream reach, the sample with the highest species richness within the most recent period was selected. When the most recent period for a given reach had multiple samples with the same species richness, the sample with the most recent sampling date was selected. This process resulted in the final selection of 35,918 fish samples spanning 1990–2019 for the conterminous United States (fig. 2).



**Figure 2.** Locations of the 35,918 fish samples for the conterminous United States spanning 1990–2019.

## Fish Species Native Ranges

Fish species native range maps were used to constrain model input (fish presence/absence data) and output (projected model presence/absence). The USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Program assisted in acquisition of USGS eight-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC8) -level range maps of 149 species, delineating their range status as native or introduced (Daniel and Neilson, 2020) (fig. 3; table 2). In these cases, use of these range maps ensured that SDMs were built with presence/absence data occurring within a species' native range, excluding presence locations from introduced portions of the range. Species' introduced ranges could represent novel environmental conditions, and therefore, affect model development and potentially limit utility of results intended to support native species conservation. Additionally, range maps were used to limit model projections to stream reaches located within a given

species' native range, ensuring that predicted presence/absence locations were not projected to areas where species are not known to be native.

For an additional 122 species lacking detailed native and introduced range maps, HUC8 range maps were developed using all known occurrences (noted as Michigan State University, or MSU, in table 2). These range maps were derived from four data sources: point occurrences from the Aquatic GAP fish database (previously described), point occurrences from the IchthyMaps dataset (Frimpong and others, 2015), point occurrences from Global Biodiversity Information Facility (2020), and HUC8 level range maps developed by NatureServe (NatureServe, 2020) (fig. 4). For Global Biodiversity Information Facility, or GBIF, data, the following data filters were applied to ensure accuracy of both species identification and observation locations: (1) observations were limited to the United States only, (2) observation coordinate uncertainty was less than or equal to 1,000 meters,



and (3) observations were made by collectors from Federal, State, or academic institutions (observations based on citizen science were excluded). While these range maps do not include native compared to introduced range status, they do provide geographic boundaries from which to constrain model input/output data and are based on a large set of known occurrences and ranges.

## Species Distribution Modeling with Boosted Regression Trees

Previous analyses by the USGS Aquatic GAP tested multiple species distribution modeling techniques for fluvial fishes, including logistic regression, BRT, classification and regression trees, and MaxEnt (A. Ostroff, U.S. Geological Survey, written commun., 2013). Based on results of these analyses and feedback from Aquatic GAP steering committee members, the BRT approach was selected for Aquatic GAP species distribution modeling efforts. BRT differs significantly from regression-based approaches by adaptively combining simple tree models using a boosting technique to improve predictive ability (Elith and others, 2008). Boosting is a sequentially stagewise procedure to link simple trees by emphasizing observations underrepresented in simpler models. Like other machine learning models, regularization is required for BRT to avoid overfitting in the training dataset. Three regularization parameters are commonly used in BRT: learning rate, tree complexity, and bag fraction. Learning rate is used to shrink the contribution of each individual tree in BRT. Tree complexity, ranging from 1 to 5, determines the number of nodes in each tree in the model. If the tree complexity equals 1, interaction effects are not analyzed in the BRT model. If the tree complexity equals 2, BRT models are fit with up to two-way interactions and so on (Elith and others, 2008). Finally, bag fraction is defined as the proportion of training data that are selected in each iteration, which introduces randomness into boosting. A preliminary study evaluated different value combinations of learning rate, tree complexity, and bag fraction (Cooper and others, 2019). Based on results of Cooper and others (2019), an initial learning rate of 0.05 for species with many occurrences (greater than 100) and a learning rate of 0.01 for species with few occurrences (less than or equal to 100) was used in this study. A tree complexity of 5 and bag fraction of 0.75 were used in each model. To ensure a minimum of 1,000 trees in the final model, the learning rate was divided by 2 in each iteration with the maximum number of trees capped at 10,000 to avoid overfitting. All the models were developed using the *dismo* package (Species Distribution Modeling Version 1.3-3R; Hijmans and others, 2020).

BRT models were evaluated using a tenfold cross-validation procedure in which the entire dataset was split into 10 nonoverlapping subsets and the BRT model was run 10 times. Each time, one of the 10 subsets was used as

a test set while the remaining formed a training set for model fitting. The predicted values of all 10 test sets were then used to calculate diagnostic metrics for evaluating the BRT models.

## Model Evaluation

Five diagnostic metrics were used to evaluate model performance in this study, including four fundamental measures often used in SDM evaluation: proportion of deviance explained (Elith and others, 2008), sensitivity, specificity, AUC, and True Skill Statistic (TSS) (Allouche and others, 2006). AUC is a threshold-independent metric that avoids the subjective selection of presence/absence cutoff values to develop a confusion matrix for model evaluation. AUC values range between 0 and 1, with larger values indicating better predictive ability. An AUC of 0.5 means that the prediction capability of the model is no better than random, and values greater than 0.7 are considered adequate for modeling species distributions (Swets, 1988). TSS is equal to the sum of sensitivity and specificity minus 1 (Fielding and Bell, 1997). In this study, predicted presences and absences for each fish species were separated by a threshold value that equals the observed prevalence of each sample species, where prevalence represents the proportion of sites in which the species was recorded present.

## Predictor Relative Importance

The relative importance (or percent contribution) of each predictor variable was calculated for each species as follows:

$$RI_i = 100\% \times \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M I_i^2(T_m)$$

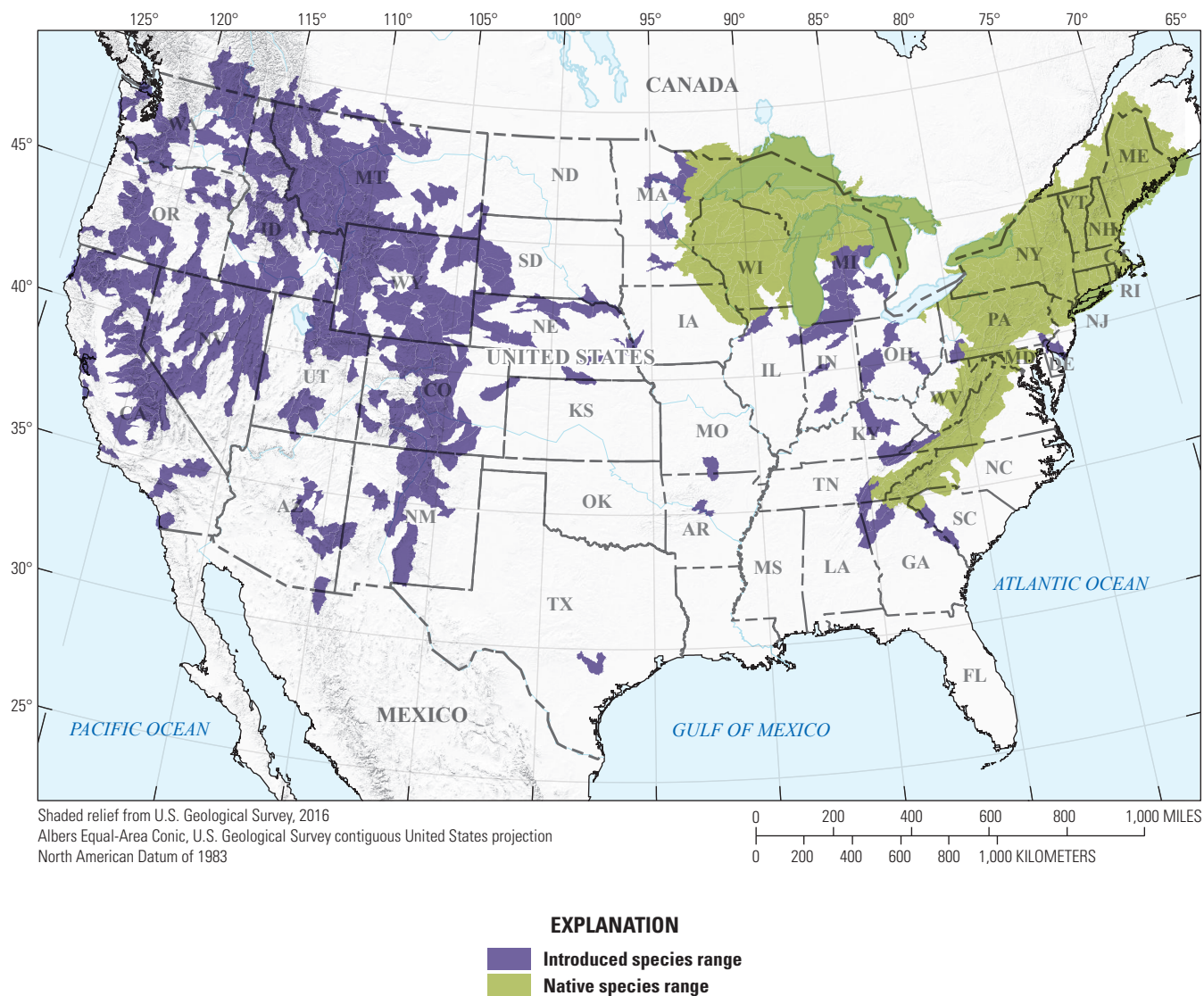
where

$RI_i$  stands for the relative importance of the  $i^{th}$  predictor variable,

$M$  is the number of trees, and

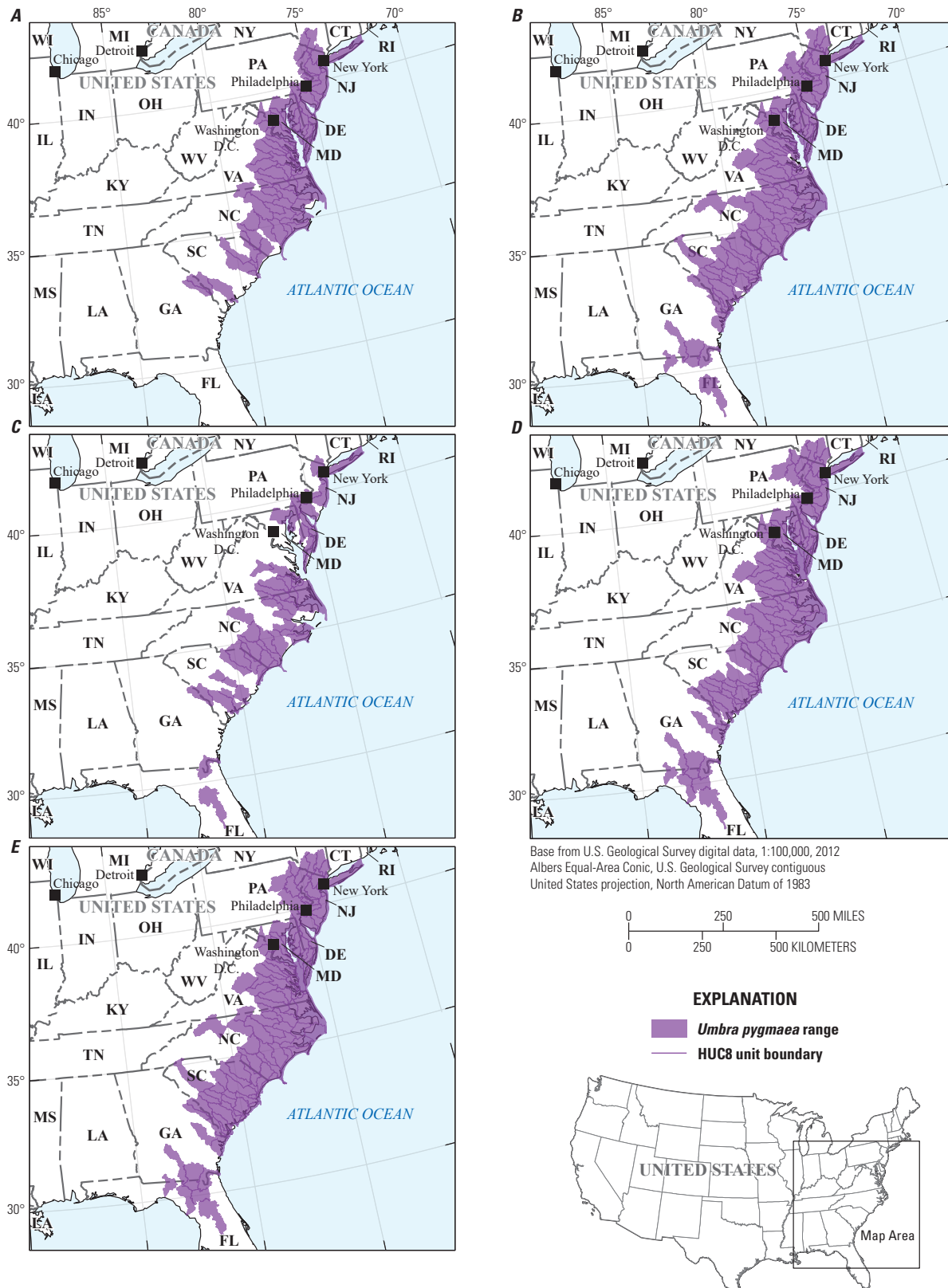
$I_i^2(T_m)$  is the squared improvement of each predictor weighted by the number of times it was chosen as the splitting variable in tree  $m$  (Hastie and others, 2009).

The relative importance of each predictor variable was scaled so that the sum was equal to 100 percent (Elith and others, 2008). Relative importance of all predictor variables in the BRT model was calculated for each species, providing insights into the major natural and anthropogenic factors controlling species distributions.



**Figure 3.** Example U.S. Geological Survey Nonindigenous Aquatic Species range map depicting native compared to introduced eight-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC8) origin status for *Salvelinus fontinalis* (Mitchill, 1814) (brook trout).

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**Figure 4.** Example range map development for *Umbra pygmaea* (DeKay, 1842) (eastern mudminnow) using all known occurrences from **A**, the Aquatic Gap Analysis Project fish database, **B**, IchthyMaps, **C**, Global Biodiversity Information Facility, and **D**, NatureServe to produce **E**, a final range map used to constrain model input/output for this species.

**Table 2.** List of fluvial fish species analyzed.

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<i>Acantharchus pomotis</i>	Mud sunfish	168095	124	1,509	0.0759	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	Lake sturgeon	161071	16	7,477	0.0021	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>	Blueback herring	161703	24	4,426	0.0054	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>	Skipjack herring	161707	130	5,260	0.0241	NAS	N	Y
<i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i>	Alewife	161706	39	4,942	0.0078	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Alosa sapidissima</i>	American shad	161702	49	7,256	0.0067	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ambloplites ariommus</i>	Shadow bass	168099	252	1,236	0.1694	NAS	Y	N
<i>Ambloplites cavifrons</i>	Roanoke bass	168098	17	370	0.0439	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ambloplites constellatus</i>	Ozark bass	168100	73	59	0.553	NAS	Y	N
<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	Rock bass	168097	4,853	9,237	0.3444	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ameiurus brunneus</i>	Snail bullhead	164035	124	860	0.126	NAS	N	Y
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	White catfish	164037	92	6,486	0.014	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ameiurus melas</i>	Black bullhead	164039	2,310	17,055	0.1193	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>	Yellow bullhead	164041	6,280	15,963	0.2823	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	Brown bullhead	164043	1,371	19,645	0.0652	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ameiurus platycephalus</i>	Flat bullhead	164045	278	1,407	0.165	MSU	N	Y
<i>Amia calva</i>	Bowfin	161104	409	7,666	0.0507	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	American eel	161127	2,189	18,916	0.1037	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Apeltes quadracus</i>	Fourspine stickleback	166397	11	3,632	0.003	NAS	N	Y
<i>Aphredoderus sayanus</i>	Pirate perch	164405	1,363	4,571	0.2297	NAS	N	Y
<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>	Freshwater drum	169364	1,705	15,193	0.1009	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Atractosteus spatula</i>	Alligator gar	201897	34	1,607	0.0207	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Campostoma anomalum</i>	Central stoneroller	163508	9,931	8,224	0.547	NAS	N	Y
<i>Campostoma oligolepis</i>	Largescale stoneroller	163509	803	3,447	0.1889	MSU	N	Y
<i>Carpionodes carpio</i>	River carpsucker	163919	1,363	11,876	0.103	NAS	N	Y
<i>Carpionodes cyprinus</i>	Quillback	163917	1,341	16,314	0.076	NAS	N	Y
<i>Carpionodes velifer</i>	Highfin carpsucker	163920	224	10,368	0.0211	NAS	N	Y
<i>Catostomus ardens</i>	Utah sucker	163899	39	208	0.1579	NAS	N	Y
<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>	Longnose sucker	163894	558	7,142	0.0725	NAS	N	Y
<i>Catostomus clarkii</i>	Desert sucker	163901	85	63	0.5743	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Catostomus commersonii</i>	White sucker	553273	13,277	13,208	0.5013	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Catostomus discobolus</i>	Bluehead sucker	163902	45	620	0.0677	MSU	N	Y
<i>Catostomus insignis</i>	Sonora sucker	163905	72	73	0.4966	NAS	N	Y
<i>Catostomus latipinnis</i>	Flannelmouth sucker	163906	80	447	0.1518	NAS	N	Y
<i>Catostomus macrocheilus</i>	Largescale sucker	163896	217	2,226	0.0888	MSU	N	N
<i>Catostomus occidentalis</i>	Sacramento sucker	163908	50	69	0.4202	NAS	N	N
<i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i>	Mountain sucker	163909	417	2,948	0.1239	MSU	N	Y
<i>Catostomus tahoensis</i>	Tahoe sucker	163914	66	249	0.2095	NAS	N	N
<i>Centrarchus macropterus</i>	Flier	168102	198	3,180	0.0586	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Chrosomus eos</i>	Northern redbelly dace	913993	707	5,087	0.122	MSU	N	Y
<i>Chrosomus erythrogaster</i>	Southern redbelly dace	913994	1,549	8,962	0.1474	MSU	N	Y
<i>Chrosomus neogaeus</i>	Finescale dace	913995	211	3,352	0.0592	MSU	N	Y



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<i>Chrosomus oreas</i>	Mountain redbelly dace	913996	196	2,389	0.0758	MSU	N	Y
<i>Clinostomus elongatus</i>	Redside dace	163373	468	7,162	0.0613	NAS	N	Y
<i>Clinostomus funduloides</i>	Rosyside dace	163371	800	3,544	0.1842	MSU	N	Y
<i>Cottus aleuticus</i>	Coastrange sculpin	167230	81	395	0.1702	NAS	N	Y
<i>Cottus bairdii</i>	Mottled sculpin	167237	3,206	12,982	0.198	MSU	N	Y
<i>Cottus beldingii</i>	Paiute sculpin	167238	141	1,080	0.1155	NAS	N	Y
<i>Cottus carolinae</i>	Banded sculpin	167239	901	2,658	0.2532	MSU	N	Y
<i>Cottus cognatus</i>	Slimy sculpin	167232	1,067	9,945	0.0969	NAS	N	Y
<i>Cottus confusus</i>	Shorthead sculpin	167240	143	1,977	0.0675	MSU	N	N
<i>Cottus hypselurus</i>	Ozark sculpin	167263	13	129	0.0915	NAS	N	N
<i>Cottus rhotheus</i>	Torrent sculpin	167252	248	799	0.2369	MSU	N	Y
<i>Couesius plumbeus</i>	Lake chub	163535	185	4,548	0.0391	NAS	N	Y
<i>Culaea inconstans</i>	Brook stickleback	166399	1,622	8,675	0.1575	NAS	N	Y
<i>Cycleptus elongatus</i>	Blue sucker	163953	150	6,290	0.0233	NAS	N	Y
<i>Cyprinella analostana</i>	Satinfin shiner	163766	403	3,222	0.1112	MSU	N	N
<i>Cyprinella camura</i>	Bluntface shiner	163776	237	1,156	0.1701	MSU	N	Y
<i>Cyprinella galactura</i>	Whitetail shiner	163782	369	1,849	0.1664	MSU	N	Y
<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	Red shiner	163792	2,819	2,904	0.4926	NAS	N	Y
<i>Cyprinella spiloptera</i>	Spotfin shiner	163803	3,941	12,708	0.2367	MSU	N	Y
<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>	Blacktail shiner	163809	780	1,944	0.2863	MSU	N	Y
<i>Cyprinella whipplei</i>	Steelcolor shiner	163811	452	7,548	0.0565	MSU	N	Y
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	Gizzard shad	161737	2,561	17,397	0.1283	NAS	Y	N
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	Threadfin shad	161738	136	716	0.1596	NAS	N	N
<i>Elassoma zonatum</i>	Banded pygmy sunfish	168171	154	2,610	0.0557	NAS	N	Y
<i>Enneacanthus chaetodon</i>	Blackbanded sunfish	168108	10	1,099	0.009	NAS	N	Y
<i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>	Bluespotted sunfish	168113	289	2,439	0.1059	NAS	N	Y
<i>Enneacanthus obesus</i>	Banded sunfish	168117	123	5,074	0.0237	NAS	N	Y
<i>Entosphenus tridentatus</i>	Pacific lamprey	159699	73	992	0.0685	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Erimystax dissimilis</i>	Streamline chub	163821	106	5,948	0.0175	NAS	N	Y
<i>Erimystax x-punctatus</i>	Gravel chub	163824	153	6,865	0.0218	NAS	N	Y
<i>Erimyzon oblongus</i>	Eastern creek chubsucker	163924	1,305	14,304	0.0836	MSU	N	Y
<i>Erimyzon sucetta</i>	Lake chubsucker	163922	132	7,845	0.0165	MSU	N	Y
<i>Esox americanus</i>	Redfin pickerel	162140	2,542	16,807	0.1314	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Esox lucius</i>	Northern pike	162139	1,282	6,473	0.1653	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Esox niger</i>	Chain pickerel	162143	1,126	13,551	0.0767	MSU	Y	Y
<i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>	Greenside darter	168375	4,373	6,875	0.3888	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>	Rainbow darter	168378	4,447	7,050	0.3868	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma camurum</i>	Bluebreast darter	168379	118	6,502	0.0178	NAS	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma cragini</i>	Arkansas darter	168386	150	715	0.1734	NAS	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma exile</i>	Iowa darter	168393	421	8,128	0.0492	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>	Fantail darter	168394	5,415	9,525	0.3624	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma fusiforme</i>	Swamp darter	168358	118	4,975	0.0232	MSU	N	Y



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<i>Etheostoma gracile</i>	Slough darter	168366	223	2,408	0.0848	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma kennicotti</i>	Stripetail darter	168405	117	896	0.1155	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma lynceum</i>	Brighteye darter	168456	76	615	0.11	NAS	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>	Least darter	168411	75	8,376	0.0089	NAS	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>	Johnny darter	168369	7,774	10,643	0.4221	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma olmstedi</i>	Tessellated darter	168360	2,710	6,743	0.2867	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma punctulatum</i>	Stippled darter	168425	234	424	0.3556	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma radiosum</i>	Orangebelly darter	168426	249	357	0.4109	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma rufilineatum</i>	Redline darter	168428	191	1,091	0.149	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma simoterum</i>	Snubnose darter	168431	204	1,166	0.1489	MSU	N	N
<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>	Orangethroat darter	168368	2,957	6,696	0.3063	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma stigmaeum</i>	Speckled darter	168437	238	2,461	0.0882	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma swaini</i>	Gulf darter	168439	202	1,166	0.1477	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma variatum</i>	Variegate darter	168446	254	4,871	0.0496	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma whipplei</i>	Redfin darter	168448	247	1,712	0.1261	MSU	N	Y
<i>Etheostoma zonale</i>	Banded darter	168449	1,849	7,541	0.1969	NAS	N	Y
<i>Exoglossum maxilllingua</i>	Cutlip minnow	163356	852	2,773	0.235	NAS	N	Y
<i>Fundulus catenatus</i>	Northern studfish	165660	562	2,769	0.1687	MSU	N	Y
<i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>	Banded killifish	165646	282	11,938	0.0231	NAS	N	Y
<i>Fundulus kansae</i>	Northern plains killifish	165654	249	1,880	0.117	MSU	N	Y
<i>Fundulus notatus</i>	Blackstripe topminnow	165663	1,572	8,715	0.1528	MSU	N	Y
<i>Fundulus olivaceus</i>	Blackspotted topminnow	165655	1,321	2,545	0.3417	MSU	N	N
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	Seminole killifish	165667	34	101	0.2519	NAS	N	N
<i>Fundulus zebrinus</i>	Plains killifish	165658	258	2,234	0.1035	MSU	N	N
<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	Western mosquitofish	165878	3,068	10,477	0.2265	MSU	N	N
<i>Gila robusta</i>	Roundtail chub	163558	55	496	0.0998	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Hesperoleucus symmetricus</i>	California roach	163565	16	83	0.1616	NAS	N	N
<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>	Goldeye	161905	240	8,240	0.0283	NAS	N	Y
<i>Hiodon tergisus</i>	Mooneye	161906	134	8,789	0.015	NAS	N	Y
<i>Hybognathus argyritis</i>	Western silvery minnow	163362	79	2,024	0.0376	NAS	N	Y
<i>Hybognathus hankinsoni</i>	Brassy minnow	163363	921	5,673	0.1397	MSU	N	Y
<i>Hybognathus nuchalis</i>	Mississippi silvery minnow	163360	185	5,416	0.033	MSU	N	Y
<i>Hybognathus placitus</i>	Plains minnow	163361	225	4,337	0.0493	NAS	N	Y
<i>Hybognathus regius</i>	Eastern silvery minnow	163359	119	4,045	0.0286	MSU	N	Y
<i>Hybopsis amblops</i>	Bigeye chub	163476	567	10,796	0.0499	MSU	N	Y
<i>Hybopsis amnis</i>	Pallid shiner	201917	14	2,340	0.0059	NAS	N	Y
<i>Hybopsis dorsalis</i>	Bigmouth shiner	689231	109	814	0.1181	MSU	N	Y
<i>Hybopsis winchelli</i>	Clear chub	201918	1,601	4,040	0.2838	MSU	N	Y
<i>Hypentelium etowanum</i>	Alabama hog sucker	163950	147	792	0.1565	NAS	N	Y
<i>Hypentelium nigricans</i>	Northern hog sucker	163949	112	154	0.4211	NAS	N	Y
<i>Hypentelium roanokense</i>	Roanoke hog sucker	163951	6,064	9,113	0.3996	NAS	N	Y
<i>Ichthyomyzon castaneus</i>	Chestnut lamprey	159725	62	117	0.3464	MSU	N	Y

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<i>Ichthyomyzon fossor</i>	Northern brook lamprey	159726	166	4,414	0.0362	NAS	N	Y
<i>Ichthyomyzon gagei</i>	Southern brook lamprey	159727	64	3,181	0.0197	NAS	N	Y
<i>Ichthyomyzon greeleyi</i>	Mountain brook lamprey	159728	169	2,168	0.0723	NAS	N	Y
<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	Blue catfish	163997	111	1,449	0.0712	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	Channel catfish	163998	140	4,453	0.0305	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Ictiobus bubalus</i>	Smallmouth buffalo	163955	3,544	16,874	0.1736	MSU	Y	Y
<i>Ictiobus cyprinellus</i>	Bigmouth buffalo	163956	961	12,240	0.0728	MSU	Y	Y
<i>Ictiobus niger</i>	Black buffalo	163957	515	10,849	0.0453	MSU	N	Y
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	Brook silverside	166016	273	7852	0.0336	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lampetra aepyptera</i>	Least brook lamprey	159705	1,467	13,856	0.0957	MSU	N	Y
<i>Lampetra richardsoni</i>	Western brook lamprey	159707	490	6,097	0.0744	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	Spotted gar	161095	28	687	0.0392	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	Longnose gar	161094	432	5,417	0.0739	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i>	Shortnose gar	161096	1,063	17,549	0.0571	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	Florida gar	161098	359	6,157	0.0551	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	Redbreast sunfish	168131	76	218	0.2585	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	Green sunfish	168132	1,970	6,304	0.2381	NAS	Y	N
<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	Pumpkinseed	168144	10,914	6,315	0.6335	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Lepomis humilis</i>	Orangespotted sunfish	168151	1,762	14,669	0.1072	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	Bluegill	168141	1,821	10,191	0.1516	NAS	Y	N
<i>Lepomis marginatus</i>	Dollar sunfish	168152	9,943	8,599	0.5362	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>	Longear sunfish	168153	310	2,139	0.1266	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	Redear sunfish	168154	5,587	5,063	0.5246	NAS	Y	N
<i>Lepomis miniatus</i>	Redspotted sunfish	168157	589	2,914	0.1681	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	Spotted sunfish	168155	306	2,275	0.1186	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Lepomis symmetricus</i>	Bantam sunfish	168156	374	458	0.4495	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lethenteron appendix</i>	American brook lamprey	914061	25	924	0.0263	MSU	N	Y
<i>Lota lota</i>	Burbot	164725	442	8,886	0.0474	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Luxilus albeolus</i>	White shiner	163826	518	8,031	0.0606	MSU	N	N
<i>Luxilus cardinalis</i>	Cardinal shiner	163828	254	825	0.2354	MSU	N	Y
<i>Luxilus cerasinus</i>	Crescent shiner	163830	190	386	0.3299	MSU	N	N
<i>Luxilus chrysocephalus</i>	Striped shiner	163832	150	903	0.1425	MSU	N	Y
<i>Luxilus coccogenis</i>	Warpaint shiner	163834	4,907	7,753	0.3876	NAS	N	Y
<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>	Common shiner	163836	269	474	0.362	NAS	N	Y
<i>Luxilus zonatus</i>	Bleeding shiner	163840	4,482	12,384	0.2657	MSU	N	N
<i>Lythrurus ardens</i>	Rosefin shiner	163847	215	410	0.344	MSU	N	Y
<i>Lythrurus fasciolaris</i>	Scarlet shiner	201928	166	4,968	0.0323	MSU	N	Y
<i>Lythrurus fumeus</i>	Ribbon shiner	163853	1,185	3,627	0.2463	MSU	N	Y
<i>Lythrurus snelsoni</i>	Ouachita shiner	163859	165	1,828	0.0828	NAS	N	Y
<i>Lythrurus umbratilis</i>	Redfin shiner	163861	45	111	0.2885	MSU	N	Y
<i>Macrhybopsis storeriana</i>	Silver chub	163870	1,732	10,098	0.1464	MSU	N	Y
<i>Margariscus margarita</i>	Allegheny Pearl Dace	163873	232	10,436	0.0217	NAS	N	Y

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<i>Menidia beryllina</i>	Inland silverside	165993	76	1,882	0.0388	MSU	N	Y
<i>Micropterus cataractae</i>	Shoal bass	564610	203	4,350	0.0446	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Micropterus coosae</i>	Redeye bass	168163	17	64	0.2099	MSU	Y	Y
<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	Smallmouth bass	550562	91	833	0.0985	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>	Spotted bass	168161	4,035	10,099	0.2855	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	Largemouth bass	168160	1,908	6,343	0.2312	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Minytrema melanops</i>	Spotted sucker	163959	7,089	12,364	0.3644	MSU	N	Y
<i>Morone americana</i>	White perch	167678	1,167	11,600	0.0914	NAS	Y	N
<i>Morone chrysops</i>	White bass	167682	69	3,663	0.0185	NAS	Y	N
<i>Morone mississippiensis</i>	Yellow bass	167683	399	9,191	0.0416	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	Striped bass	167680	28	1,657	0.0166	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Moxostoma anisurum</i>	Silver redhorse	163933	53	4,331	0.0121	MSU	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma breviceps</i>	Smallmouth redhorse	163929	1,157	12,953	0.082	NAS	N	N
<i>Moxostoma carinatum</i>	River redhorse	163936	404	5,257	0.0714	NAS	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma collapsum</i>	Notchlip redhorse	201946	245	8,392	0.0284	MSU	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma congestum</i>	Gray redhorse	163931	154	1,388	0.0999	NAS	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma duquesnii</i>	Black redhorse	553274	35	116	0.2318	MSU	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma erythrurum</i>	Golden redhorse	163939	1,498	9,783	0.1328	MSU	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</i>	Shorthead redhorse	163928	3,946	12,611	0.2383	NAS	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma poecilurum</i>	Blacktail redhorse	163932	1,517	9,614	0.1363	MSU	N	Y
<i>Moxostoma rupiscartes</i>	Striped jumprock	163946	252	1,176	0.1765	MSU	N	N
<i>Moxostoma valenciennesi</i>	Greater redhorse	163947	168	915	0.1551	NAS	N	Y
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	Striped mullet	170335	168	4,099	0.0394	MSU	N	Y
<i>Nocomis biguttatus</i>	Hornyhead chub	163395	164	1,857	0.0811	NAS	N	Y
<i>Nocomis leptcephalus</i>	Bluehead chub	163393	1,410	9,375	0.1307	MSU	N	Y
<i>Nocomis micropogon</i>	River chub	163392	1,023	1,971	0.3417	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	Golden shiner	163368	1,027	9,186	0.1006	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis amabilis</i>	Texas shiner	163410	2,899	25,193	0.1032	NAS	N	N
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	Emerald shiner	163412	37	85	0.3033	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis blennioides</i>	River shiner	163429	1,652	17,354	0.0869	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis boops</i>	Bigeye shiner	163430	154	7,945	0.019	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis buccatus</i>	Silverjaw minnow	163478	620	5,157	0.1073	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis chiliticus</i>	Redlip shiner	163435	2,774	6,427	0.3015	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis cummingsae</i>	Dusky shiner	163438	201	419	0.3242	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis girardi</i>	Arkansas River shiner	163442	17	1,036	0.0161	NAS	N	Y
<i>Notropis heterolepis</i>	Blacknose shiner	163446	263	8,626	0.0296	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>	Spottail shiner	163404	871	13,936	0.0588	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis leuciodus</i>	Tennessee shiner	163451	239	1,190	0.1672	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis longirostris</i>	Longnose shiner	163452	177	684	0.2056	MSU	N	N
<i>Notropis lutipinnis</i>	Yellowfin shiner	163453	88	599	0.1281	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis nubilus</i>	Ozark minnow	163456	378	1,116	0.253	NAS	N	Y
<i>Notropis percobromus</i>	Carmine shiner	689522	374	3,771	0.0902	MSU	N	N

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**Table 2.** List of fluvial fish species analyzed.—Continued

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Scientific name	Common name	ITIS TSN	Presences	Absences	Prevalence	Range map source	Game fish	SGCN
<i>Notropis petersoni</i>	Coastal shiner	163460	125	997	0.1114	MSU	N	N
<i>Notropis photogenis</i>	Silver shiner	163461	1,020	7,449	0.1204	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis procne</i>	Swallowtail shiner	163407	351	2,873	0.1089	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis rubellus</i>	Rosyface shiner	163409	1,212	13,840	0.0805	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis stramineus</i>	Sand shiner	163419	4,843	12,834	0.274	MSU	N	Y
<i>Notropis telescopus</i>	Telescope shiner	163470	294	1,891	0.1346	MSU	N	N
<i>Notropis texanus</i>	Weed shiner	163420	359	2,670	0.1185	NAS	N	Y
<i>Notropis topeka</i>	Topeka shiner	163471	27	2,152	0.0124	NAS	N	Y
<i>Notropis volucellus</i>	Mimic shiner	163421	1,081	16,167	0.0627	MSU	N	Y
<i>Noturus albater</i>	Ozark madtom	164006	47	172	0.2146	NAS	N	N
<i>Noturus exilis</i>	Slender madtom	164010	654	1,913	0.2548	NAS	N	Y
<i>Noturus flavus</i>	Stonecat	164013	1,756	15,529	0.1016	NAS	N	Y
<i>Noturus gyrinus</i>	Tadpole madtom	164003	983	20,262	0.0463	NAS	N	Y
<i>Noturus insignis</i>	Margined madtom	164004	917	2,028	0.3114	NAS	N	Y
<i>Noturus leptacanthus</i>	Speckled madtom	164019	298	997	0.2301	MSU	N	N
<i>Noturus miurus</i>	Brindled madtom	164020	322	9,573	0.0325	NAS	N	Y
<i>Noturus nocturnus</i>	Freckled madtom	164005	337	3,546	0.0868	MSU	N	Y
<i>Oncorhynchus clarkii</i>	Cutthroat trout	161983	2,907	1,945	0.5991	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>	Coho salmon	161977	206	503	0.2906	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Rainbow trout	161989	659	510	0.5637	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	Chinook salmon	161980	30	405	0.069	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Opsopoeodus emiliae</i>	Pugnose minnow	163876	192	6,576	0.0284	MSU	N	Y
<i>Perca flavescens</i>	Yellow perch	168469	1,807	18,000	0.0912	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Percina caprodes</i>	Logperch	168472	3,219	14,114	0.1857	MSU	N	Y
<i>Percina evides</i>	Gilt darter	168483	169	3,930	0.0412	NAS	N	Y
<i>Percina maculata</i>	Blackside darter	168488	2,659	11,986	0.1816	NAS	N	Y
<i>Percina nigrofasciata</i>	Blackbanded darter	168490	572	867	0.3975	MSU	N	Y
<i>Percina peltata</i>	Shield darter	168474	191	1,947	0.0893	MSU	N	Y
<i>Percina phoxocephala</i>	Slenderhead darter	168494	685	8,152	0.0775	MSU	N	Y
<i>Percina roanoka</i>	Roanoke darter	168496	179	698	0.2041	MSU	N	N
<i>Percina sciera</i>	Dusky darter	168475	547	5,712	0.0874	MSU	N	Y
<i>Percopsis omiscomaycus</i>	Trout-perch	164409	421	9,802	0.0412	MSU	N	Y
<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>	Sea lamprey	159722	197	5,203	0.0365	NAS	N	Y
<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>	Suckermouth minnow	163502	1,960	10,250	0.1605	NAS	N	Y
<i>Pimephales notatus</i>	Bluntnose minnow	163516	10,143	12,332	0.4513	MSU	N	Y
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	Fathead minnow	163517	4,873	21,247	0.1866	MSU	N	N
<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>	Bullhead minnow	163518	1,334	10,333	0.1143	MSU	N	Y
<i>Platygobio gracilis</i>	Flathead chub	163882	245	2,867	0.0787	NAS	N	Y
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	Paddlefish	161088	22	7,511	0.0029	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>	White crappie	168166	1,332	14,622	0.0835	NAS	Y	N
<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	Black crappie	168167	1,362	16,632	0.0757	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Prosopium williamsoni</i>	Mountain whitefish	162009	476	4,154	0.1028	NAS	Y	Y

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Scientific name	Common name	ITIS TSN	Presences	Absences	Prevalence	Range map source	Game fish	SGCN
<i>Ptychocheilus grandis</i>	Sacramento pikeminnow	163524	26	66	0.2826	NAS	N	N
<i>Ptychocheilus oregonensis</i>	Northern pikeminnow	163523	117	2,315	0.0481	NAS	Y	N
<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>	Flathead catfish	164029	1,238	11,045	0.1008	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	Blacknose dace	163382	5,872	15,446	0.2754	MSU	N	Y
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	Longnose dace	163384	4,136	14,805	0.2184	MSU	N	Y
<i>Rhinichthys obtusus</i>	Western blacknose dace	689949	3,146	9,545	0.2479	MSU	N	Y
<i>Rhinichthys osculus</i>	Speckled dace	163387	654	1,627	0.2867	MSU	N	Y
<i>Richardsonius balteatus</i>	Redside shiner	163528	310	3,133	0.09	MSU	N	Y
<i>Salmo salar</i>	Atlantic salmon	161996	223	3,753	0.0561	NAS	N	Y
<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>	Bull trout	162004	511	1,887	0.2131	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	Brook trout	162003	3,019	7,630	0.2835	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Sander canadensis</i>	Sauger	650171	451	9,942	0.0434	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Sander vitreus</i>	Walleye	650173	795	13,325	0.0563	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>	Shovelnose sturgeon	161082	50	4,286	0.0115	NAS	Y	Y
<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	Creek chub	163376	13,586	13,198	0.5072	MSU	N	Y
<i>Semotilus corporalis</i>	Fallfish	163375	1,512	6,137	0.1977	NAS	N	Y
<i>Thoburnia rhotoea</i>	Torrent sucker	553276	86	358	0.1937	MSU	N	Y
<i>Umbra limi</i>	Central mudminnow	162153	2,088	7,187	0.2251	NAS	N	Y
<i>Umbra pygmaea</i>	Eastern mudminnow	162148	412	1,639	0.2009	MSU	N	Y

## Results

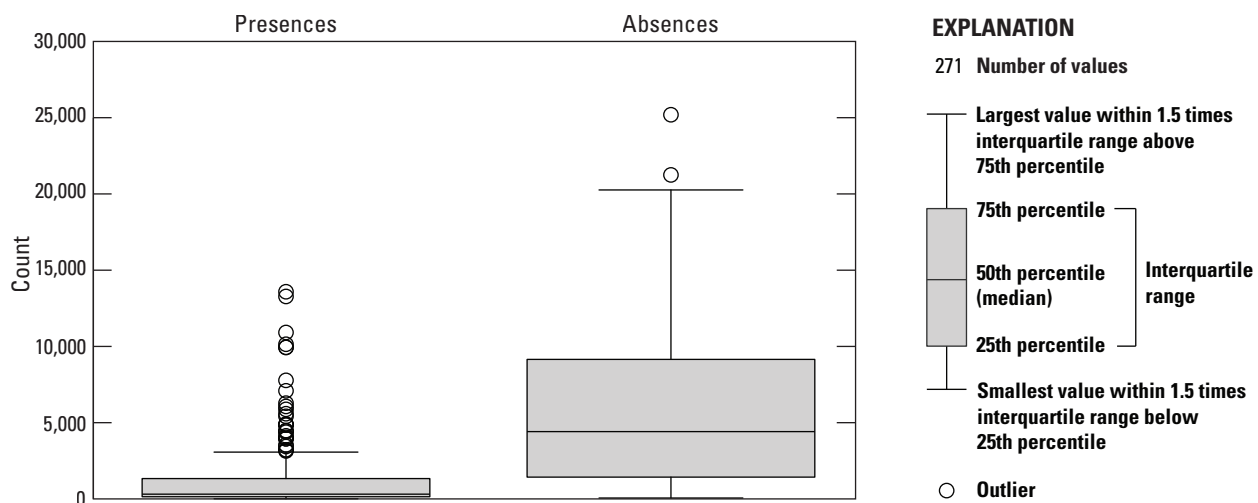
We modeled the distributions of 271 species out of a set of 298 total fluvial fish species (table 2). For 27 species, lack of occurrences resulted in either the inability to attempt model development due to low number of occurrences (less than 10) or an inability of the BRT approach to create a stable model due to lack of model convergence (see table 1.1 in app. 1). For modeled species, the range in number of presences, number of absences, and prevalence was large (figs. 5 and 6). In total, 263 species were considered to have low to moderate prevalence (less than 0.5), while 10 species had high prevalence (greater than 0.5). Species prevalence ranged from 0.0021 (*Acipenser fulvescens*, lake sturgeon) to 0.6335 (*Lepomis gibbosus*, pumpkinseed), with a mean of all the prevalence values plus or minus ( $\pm$ ) standard error of  $0.1566 \pm 0.0082$ . The proportion of deviance explained by the BRT model also varied considerably across fish species (table 3; fig. 7), ranging from 0.0562 (*Moxostoma congestum*, gray redhorse) to 0.7198 (*Micropterus cataractae*, shoal bass) with a mean of  $0.3442 \pm 0.0065$ . The model predictive performance evaluation metrics calculated from tenfold cross validation varied across models (table 3; fig. 7). In total, 270 of 271 models were considered acceptable based on AUC values (greater than or equal to 0.7).

The contributions of the predictor variables varied across species; however, network catchment area was consistently the most influential predictor, and overall, natural variables tended to have the greatest influence across species (fig. 8). The top three natural predictors, listed here with their variable names in order of mean relative importance, were network catchment area (N\_areasqkm, 14.88 percent), local catchment mean annual air temperature (L\_temp, 9.12 percent), and local catchment maximum elevation (L\_maxelev, 6.70 percent). The top three anthropogenic predictors based on mean relative importance were downstream main stem dam density (DMD, 5.59 percent), distance to downstream main stem dam (DM2D\_fishtail, 4.85 percent), and network catchment pasture and hay (N\_nlcd82, 4.03 percent). There were seven predictors whose mean relative importance was less than 3 percent. These included upstream network dam density, network catchment mine density, degree of regulation, network catchment point source pollution density, network catchment human population density, network catchment urban land use, and stream network road crossing density. While average relative importance for these variables was low, influence of these variables was occasionally very high (greater than 20 percent) for certain species. These predictors could be reassessed for future modeling efforts, potentially dropping these predictors for some species or

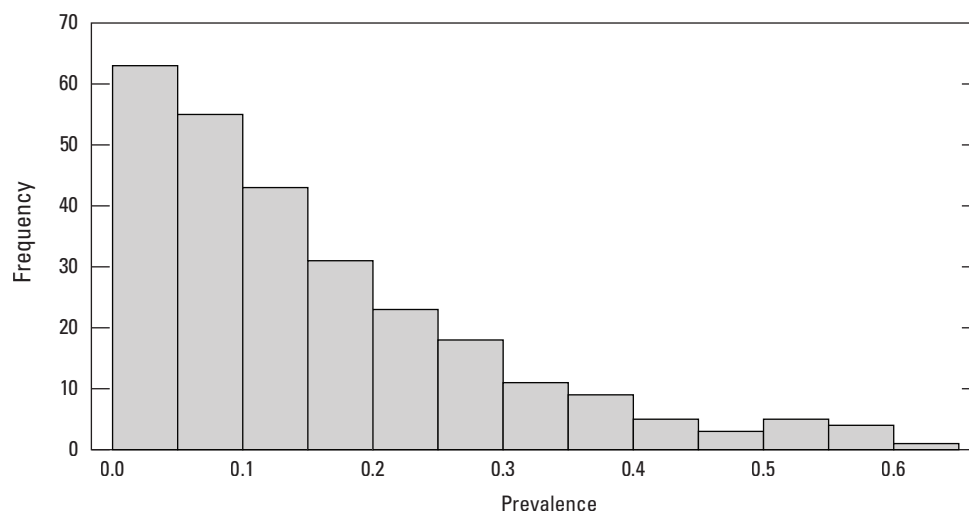


regions. Among climate-based predictors, mean annual air temperature played an important role in BRT models (relative importance greater than 10 percent) for 87 of 271 species modeled, while precipitation was less important with 37 of 271 species modeled meeting this cutoff. The influences of these climate variables pointed to 61 climate-sensitive fish species (having a sum relative importance of mean annual air temperature and precipitation greater than 20 percent) (table 4). Further, 40 fish species were responsive to anthropogenic stressors (having a sum relative importance of all anthropogenic variables greater than 50 percent) (table 5). The summaries in this section are based on 2 climate predictor variables and 13 anthropogenic predictor variables used to develop SDMs for each species.

To provide examples of SDM output, three fish species with differing prevalence characteristics were selected as example species (table 6; figs. 9–11). The AUC plots of these species showed that the AUC scores were related to the number of presences (fig. 12). Partial dependence plots of predictor variables for these species showed the relative importance of the top 12 predictor variables (fig. 13). The predictor variables showed different levels of importance to species' distributions. For instance, network catchment area was the most important predictor variable for *Semotilus atromaculatus* (Mitchill, 1818) (creek chub), the sixth most important for *Cottus beldingii* (Eigenmann and Eigenmann, 1891) (Paiute sculpin), and not in the top 12 for *Enneacanthus chaetodon* (Baird, 1955) (blackbanded sunfish).



**Figure 5.** Boxplots of presences and absences for the 271 fish species modeled. The left boxplot represents the distribution of presences of the 271 fish species, and the right boxplot represents the distribution of absences of the 271 fish species.



**Figure 6.** Histogram of prevalence for the 271 fish species modeled.

**Table 3.** Proportion of boosted regression tree model deviance and performance statistics for fluvial fish species distribution models.

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Scientific name	ITIS TSN	Dev exp	AUC	Sensitivity	Specificity	TSS
<i>Acantharchus pomotis</i>	168095	0.273455	0.882752	0.311644	0.975391	0.287035
<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	161071	0.380867	0.983065	0.083333	0.999321	0.082654
<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>	161703	0.242115	0.895504	0.059908	0.997401	0.057309
<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>	161707	0.545646	0.969485	0.193929	0.996873	0.190802
<i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i>	161706	0.267295	0.942352	0.104167	0.998082	0.102249
<i>Alosa sapidissima</i>	161702	0.399099	0.962159	0.111413	0.998847	0.11026
<i>Ambloplites ariommus</i>	168099	0.206497	0.808224	0.395238	0.919476	0.314714
<i>Ambloplites cavifrons</i>	168098	0.270639	0.859777	0.243243	0.977143	0.220386
<i>Ambloplites constellatus</i>	168100	0.237221	0.820525	0.756757	0.706897	0.463653
<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	168097	0.378368	0.887134	0.68987	0.884575	0.574445
<i>Ameiurus brunneus</i>	164035	0.166562	0.767076	0.297297	0.935172	0.23247
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	164037	0.321094	0.916765	0.100775	0.995449	0.096224
<i>Ameiurus melas</i>	164039	0.253209	0.84792	0.333595	0.957128	0.290723
<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>	164041	0.263703	0.834591	0.533159	0.894028	0.427187
<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	164043	0.171372	0.813339	0.173433	0.974221	0.147654
<i>Ameiurus platycephalus</i>	164045	0.305727	0.878176	0.459746	0.949711	0.409457
<i>Amia calva</i>	161104	0.302421	0.893271	0.214386	0.984227	0.198614
<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	161127	0.579605	0.966524	0.550324	0.986502	0.536826
<i>Apeltes quadracus</i>	166397	0.196631	0.759999	0.048276	0.998856	0.047132
<i>Aphredoderus sayanus</i>	164405	0.300667	0.863348	0.524964	0.927667	0.452631
<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>	169364	0.464044	0.934777	0.450032	0.978223	0.428255
<i>Atractosteus spatula</i>	201897	0.327291	0.879983	0.147651	0.991957	0.139608
<i>Camptostoma anomalum</i>	163508	0.342746	0.866148	0.805279	0.764584	0.569863
<i>Camptostoma oligolepis</i>	163509	0.403592	0.899819	0.573357	0.947117	0.520474
<i>Carpionodes carpio</i>	163919	0.459579	0.935917	0.424972	0.979507	0.404479
<i>Carpionodes cyprinus</i>	163917	0.409888	0.9248	0.345358	0.983411	0.328768
<i>Carpionodes velifer</i>	163920	0.43299	0.950289	0.178704	0.996741	0.175445
<i>Catostomus ardens</i>	163899	0.200186	0.815582	0.4	0.937853	0.337853
<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>	163894	0.364336	0.915454	0.328879	0.981898	0.310777
<i>Catostomus clarkii</i>	163901	0.120928	0.736508	0.725	0.602941	0.327941
<i>Catostomus commersonii</i>	553273	0.321196	0.856125	0.766613	0.780173	0.546786
<i>Catostomus discobolus</i>	163902	0.235354	0.855448	0.237288	0.968921	0.20621
<i>Catostomus insignis</i>	163905	0.342594	0.872527	0.794521	0.805556	0.600076
<i>Catostomus latipinnis</i>	163906	0.389564	0.918205	0.52381	0.965087	0.488897
<i>Catostomus macrocheilus</i>	163896	0.517104	0.947363	0.487936	0.983092	0.471027
<i>Catostomus occidentalis</i>	163908	0.371764	0.87913	0.769231	0.850746	0.619977
<i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i>	163909	0.29378	0.878014	0.395503	0.954772	0.350275
<i>Catostomus tahoensis</i>	163914	0.231306	0.843252	0.534091	0.9163	0.45039
<i>Centrarchus macropterus</i>	168102	0.233491	0.843705	0.222772	0.977273	0.200045
<i>Chrosomus eos</i>	913993	0.275081	0.864422	0.35894	0.961485	0.320425
<i>Chrosomus erythrogaster</i>	913994	0.378826	0.903724	0.476281	0.962671	0.438952
<i>Chrosomus neogaeus</i>	913995	0.281555	0.882181	0.265472	0.983723	0.249196

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<i>Chrosomus oreas</i>	913996	0.483888	0.95252	0.444444	0.987313	0.431758
<i>Clinostomus elongatus</i>	163373	0.378014	0.917223	0.332413	0.983649	0.316062
<i>Clinostomus funduloides</i>	163371	0.367426	0.890425	0.535004	0.943207	0.478211
<i>Cottus aleuticus</i>	167230	0.268905	0.867042	0.458333	0.926966	0.3853
<i>Cottus bairdii</i>	167237	0.341741	0.882146	0.530996	0.941915	0.47291
<i>Cottus beldingii</i>	167238	0.278707	0.864263	0.391473	0.958463	0.349936
<i>Cottus carolinae</i>	167239	0.461566	0.922751	0.685845	0.939123	0.624968
<i>Cottus cognatus</i>	167232	0.336628	0.888504	0.380466	0.968282	0.348749
<i>Cottus confusus</i>	167240	0.327649	0.913739	0.332344	0.982614	0.314958
<i>Cottus hypselurus</i>	167263	0.132454	0.771616	0.257143	0.962617	0.21976
<i>Cottus rhotheus</i>	167252	0.360038	0.885416	0.592262	0.931083	0.523345
<i>Couesius plumbeus</i>	163535	0.329156	0.911532	0.233333	0.987509	0.220842
<i>Culaea inconstans</i>	166399	0.367101	0.899351	0.467277	0.960563	0.42784
<i>Cycleptus elongatus</i>	163953	0.564445	0.978974	0.277344	0.99865	0.275994
<i>Cyprinella analostana</i>	163766	0.3326	0.891468	0.37851	0.966857	0.345367
<i>Cyprinella camura</i>	163776	0.396511	0.895493	0.545455	0.946378	0.491833
<i>Cyprinella galactura</i>	163782	0.355755	0.888902	0.504488	0.94702	0.451508
<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	163792	0.474995	0.917167	0.824633	0.856017	0.68065
<i>Cyprinella spiloptera</i>	163803	0.441616	0.911478	0.630769	0.932669	0.563438
<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>	163809	0.300041	0.856279	0.603109	0.887436	0.490545
<i>Cyprinella whipplei</i>	163811	0.364136	0.914407	0.272167	0.98523	0.257397
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	161737	0.399987	0.908105	0.449346	0.96543	0.414776
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	161738	0.531808	0.951579	0.642458	0.968796	0.611255
<i>Elassoma zonatum</i>	168171	0.171764	0.834891	0.169935	0.976766	0.1467
<i>Enneacanthus chaetodon</i>	168108	0.333239	0.776934	0.175	0.997194	0.172194
<i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>	168113	0.35339	0.903757	0.395797	0.970793	0.36659
<i>Enneacanthus obesus</i>	168117	0.174368	0.858816	0.120357	0.990716	0.111073
<i>Entosphenus tridentatus</i>	159699	0.234519	0.871133	0.236111	0.974087	0.210198
<i>Erimystax dissimilis</i>	163821	0.4782	0.953587	0.206074	0.998033	0.204107
<i>Erimystax x-punctatus</i>	163824	0.552337	0.962424	0.319249	0.997421	0.31667
<i>Erimyzon oblongus</i>	163924	0.374934	0.910549	0.365091	0.978274	0.343365
<i>Erimyzon sucetta</i>	163922	0.436181	0.917359	0.140351	0.99613	0.136481
<i>Esox americanus</i>	162140	0.298854	0.871009	0.386146	0.957976	0.344122
<i>Esox lucius</i>	162139	0.348532	0.890135	0.463292	0.952175	0.415468
<i>Esox niger</i>	162143	0.269458	0.868757	0.251335	0.975325	0.22666
<i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>	168375	0.350333	0.872518	0.71538	0.857098	0.572478
<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>	168378	0.375941	0.884101	0.71934	0.871946	0.591286
<i>Etheostoma camurum</i>	168379	0.423671	0.944408	0.195021	0.99609	0.191111
<i>Etheostoma cragini</i>	168386	0.451713	0.925967	0.610577	0.964992	0.575569
<i>Etheostoma exile</i>	168393	0.218983	0.853443	0.145529	0.983955	0.129484
<i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>	168394	0.331533	0.865184	0.678233	0.86311	0.541343



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<i>Etheostoma fusiforme</i>	168358	0.154425	0.838969	0.0887	0.989461	0.078161
<i>Etheostoma gracile</i>	168366	0.253753	0.873763	0.299639	0.972557	0.272196
<i>Etheostoma kennicotti</i>	168405	0.306356	0.868208	0.438776	0.962056	0.400832
<i>Etheostoma lynceum</i>	168456	0.228591	0.828477	0.322368	0.949907	0.272276
<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>	168411	0.284231	0.915993	0.093805	0.99721	0.091016
<i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>	168369	0.365097	0.877913	0.734528	0.858158	0.592686
<i>Etheostoma olmstedii</i>	168360	0.348808	0.878421	0.62068	0.907206	0.527886
<i>Etheostoma punctulatum</i>	168425	0.241885	0.819787	0.614286	0.835979	0.450265
<i>Etheostoma radiosum</i>	168426	0.442236	0.904717	0.775	0.90184	0.67684
<i>Etheostoma rufilineatum</i>	168428	0.308594	0.87293	0.463816	0.948875	0.412691
<i>Etheostoma simoterum</i>	168431	0.344841	0.888377	0.489933	0.945896	0.435828
<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>	168368	0.354747	0.878778	0.65017	0.892431	0.542601
<i>Etheostoma stigmaeum</i>	168437	0.223362	0.831639	0.291429	0.960902	0.25233
<i>Etheostoma swaini</i>	168439	0.168828	0.797301	0.348168	0.93002	0.278188
<i>Etheostoma variatum</i>	168446	0.430444	0.948479	0.363636	0.989897	0.353533
<i>Etheostoma whipplei</i>	168448	0.278742	0.868433	0.423611	0.958088	0.381699
<i>Etheostoma zonale</i>	168449	0.369557	0.890777	0.544737	0.940565	0.485301
<i>Exoglossum maxillingua</i>	163356	0.350654	0.882804	0.584381	0.919952	0.504333
<i>Fundulus catenatus</i>	165660	0.395186	0.909642	0.554591	0.954455	0.509046
<i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>	165646	0.27785	0.883571	0.132161	0.992606	0.124767
<i>Fundulus kansae</i>	165654	0.433229	0.93005	0.484848	0.975882	0.460731
<i>Fundulus notatus</i>	165663	0.278731	0.857791	0.421846	0.943842	0.365689
<i>Fundulus olivaceus</i>	165655	0.325018	0.863321	0.646739	0.886878	0.533617
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	165667	0.236318	0.825568	0.555556	0.9	0.455556
<i>Fundulus zebrinus</i>	165658	0.281646	0.870353	0.322064	0.960104	0.282168
<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	165878	0.377076	0.893437	0.553506	0.942045	0.495551
<i>Gila robusta</i>	163558	0.466019	0.94813	0.511111	0.980477	0.491588
<i>Hesperoleucus symmetricus</i>	163565	0.14175	0.823042	0.4	0.918919	0.318919
<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>	161905	0.588814	0.974619	0.337079	0.996182	0.33326
<i>Hiodon tergisus</i>	161906	0.44664	0.965409	0.138826	0.998631	0.137458
<i>Hybognathus argyritis</i>	163362	0.238133	0.880773	0.188356	0.986748	0.175104
<i>Hybognathus hankinsoni</i>	163363	0.246744	0.848015	0.366331	0.951328	0.31766
<i>Hybognathus nuchalis</i>	163360	0.321884	0.914528	0.181481	0.992068	0.17355
<i>Hybognathus placitus</i>	163361	0.439618	0.92743	0.319343	0.987544	0.306887
<i>Hybognathus regius</i>	163359	0.220832	0.847169	0.109489	0.987353	0.096842
<i>Hybopsis amblops</i>	163476	0.371916	0.928704	0.31295	0.986764	0.299714
<i>Hybopsis amnis</i>	201917	0.08879	0.745147	0.038462	0.99636	0.034822
<i>Hybopsis dorsalis</i>	689231	0.383778	0.892119	0.63499	0.916969	0.551959
<i>Hybopsis winchelli</i>	201918	0.175267	0.800587	0.364964	0.929323	0.294287
<i>Hypentelium etowanum</i>	163950	0.290853	0.845199	0.72807	0.809211	0.537281
<i>Hypentelium nigricans</i>	163949	0.388501	0.888279	0.732438	0.863905	0.596343

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<i>Hypentelium roanokense</i>	163951	0.248472	0.824097	0.630137	0.849057	0.479194
<i>Ichthyomyzon castaneus</i>	159725	0.303727	0.900949	0.204583	0.98967	0.194253
<i>Ichthyomyzon fossor</i>	159726	0.161049	0.839015	0.074919	0.993158	0.068077
<i>Ichthyomyzon gagei</i>	159727	0.234432	0.851544	0.251716	0.968947	0.220664
<i>Ichthyomyzon greeleyi</i>	159728	0.45405	0.947214	0.405172	0.987199	0.392371
<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	163997	0.552636	0.973566	0.351955	0.996694	0.34865
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	163998	0.458865	0.927934	0.557011	0.964995	0.522006
<i>Ictiobus bubalus</i>	163955	0.475484	0.945477	0.388703	0.986591	0.375294
<i>Ictiobus cyprinellus</i>	163956	0.305864	0.899528	0.198404	0.985027	0.183432
<i>Ictiobus niger</i>	163957	0.401452	0.944709	0.20342	0.993299	0.196719
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	166016	0.287671	0.869851	0.309819	0.967004	0.276823
<i>Lampetra aepyptera</i>	159705	0.278189	0.875435	0.29381	0.971875	0.265685
<i>Lampetra richardsoni</i>	159707	0.131325	0.829278	0.120301	0.979381	0.099682
<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	161095	0.367696	0.914641	0.308318	0.980814	0.289132
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	161094	0.370234	0.921974	0.266767	0.988237	0.255004
<i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i>	161096	0.344437	0.913221	0.269652	0.984032	0.253684
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	161098	0.415719	0.915319	0.693182	0.927184	0.620366
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	168131	0.518801	0.938533	0.679472	0.9529	0.632372
<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	168132	0.229812	0.803475	0.806313	0.633304	0.439617
<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	168144	0.199398	0.80448	0.395651	0.915091	0.310742
<i>Lepomis humilis</i>	168151	0.310882	0.87573	0.425221	0.951312	0.376533
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	168141	0.230955	0.804429	0.74223	0.72647	0.4687
<i>Lepomis marginatus</i>	168152	0.131248	0.765104	0.270833	0.927968	0.198802
<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>	168153	0.363044	0.872829	0.788885	0.79289	0.581775
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	168154	0.356235	0.877753	0.501742	0.940575	0.442317
<i>Lepomis miniatus</i>	168157	0.231595	0.841551	0.353448	0.949525	0.302974
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	168155	0.339714	0.866976	0.742268	0.806306	0.548574
<i>Lepomis symmetricus</i>	168156	0.079916	0.742381	0.085271	0.982927	0.068198
<i>Lethenteron appendix</i>	914061	0.264976	0.869286	0.221477	0.981845	0.203322
<i>Lota lota</i>	164725	0.386684	0.917286	0.310239	0.984138	0.294377
<i>Luxilus albeolus</i>	163826	0.357005	0.885674	0.605341	0.932615	0.537956
<i>Luxilus cardinalis</i>	163828	0.536089	0.941192	0.779343	0.933884	0.713227
<i>Luxilus cerasinus</i>	163830	0.391633	0.915836	0.531818	0.960384	0.492202
<i>Luxilus chrysocephalus</i>	163832	0.383179	0.88682	0.724564	0.871576	0.59614
<i>Luxilus coccogenis</i>	163834	0.324137	0.864438	0.66358	0.871122	0.534702
<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>	163836	0.334214	0.870555	0.580661	0.910411	0.491072
<i>Luxilus zonatus</i>	163840	0.630723	0.959716	0.834025	0.963542	0.797567
<i>Lythrurus ardens</i>	163847	0.381091	0.904683	0.238095	0.991104	0.2292
<i>Lythrurus fasciolaris</i>	201928	0.314831	0.865969	0.564229	0.91617	0.480398
<i>Lythrurus fumeus</i>	163853	0.178327	0.790839	0.22449	0.957474	0.181964
<i>Lythrurus snelsoni</i>	163859	0.357568	0.893694	0.62963	0.892157	0.521786

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<i>Lythrurus umbratilis</i>	163861	0.364313	0.901866	0.475762	0.959964	0.435726
<i>Macrhybopsis storeriana</i>	163870	0.397959	0.944315	0.148618	0.996463	0.145081
<i>Margariscus margarita</i>	163873	0.11199	0.785377	0.127946	0.977122	0.105068
<i>Menidia beryllina</i>	165993	0.430607	0.930711	0.293286	0.99072	0.284006
<i>Micropterus cataractae</i>	564610	0.719817	0.976103	0.761905	0.983333	0.745238
<i>Micropterus coosae</i>	168163	0.419146	0.929699	0.474359	0.977865	0.452224
<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	550562	0.406161	0.896394	0.665835	0.91067	0.576505
<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>	168161	0.284807	0.848611	0.524554	0.91048	0.435034
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	168160	0.183469	0.779072	0.572891	0.811039	0.383929
<i>Minytrema melanops</i>	163959	0.244046	0.847497	0.270626	0.966432	0.237058
<i>Morone americana</i>	167678	0.241679	0.881963	0.131443	0.994617	0.126061
<i>Morone chrysops</i>	167682	0.484609	0.950607	0.281488	0.992149	0.273637
<i>Morone mississippiensis</i>	167683	0.253758	0.908117	0.092308	0.993289	0.085596
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	167680	0.306549	0.948822	0.105405	0.996512	0.101918
<i>Moxostoma anisurum</i>	163933	0.488505	0.941345	0.421702	0.985884	0.407586
<i>Moxostoma breviceps</i>	163929	0.629815	0.971759	0.529235	0.989788	0.519023
<i>Moxostoma carinatum</i>	163936	0.40987	0.940826	0.184188	0.995592	0.179779
<i>Moxostoma collapsum</i>	201946	0.218316	0.845831	0.292754	0.955723	0.248476
<i>Moxostoma congestum</i>	163931	0.056148	0.667734	0.404255	0.846154	0.250409
<i>Moxostoma duquesnii</i>	553274	0.349293	0.884616	0.432018	0.957324	0.389342
<i>Moxostoma erythrurum</i>	163939	0.375291	0.887747	0.580737	0.92266	0.503397
<i>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</i>	163928	0.507037	0.941914	0.548833	0.971986	0.520819
<i>Moxostoma poecilurum</i>	163932	0.244767	0.830327	0.432763	0.926398	0.359161
<i>Moxostoma rupiscartes</i>	163946	0.477555	0.944223	0.59919	0.976077	0.575267
<i>Moxostoma valenciennesi</i>	163947	0.333957	0.902576	0.207381	0.986479	0.193861
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	170335	0.473984	0.946311	0.42284	0.98409	0.406929
<i>Nocomis biguttatus</i>	163395	0.428904	0.921717	0.507389	0.96761	0.474999
<i>Nocomis leptocephalus</i>	163393	0.52548	0.936905	0.76652	0.917698	0.684218
<i>Nocomis micropogon</i>	163392	0.410779	0.916047	0.44986	0.973422	0.423282
<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	163368	0.148159	0.77747	0.220037	0.952815	0.172852
<i>Notropis amabilis</i>	163410	0.349889	0.881717	0.690476	0.9	0.590476
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	163412	0.407726	0.91198	0.394856	0.977899	0.372756
<i>Notropis blennioides</i>	163429	0.469311	0.940281	0.16771	0.99726	0.16497
<i>Notropis boops</i>	163430	0.446315	0.933524	0.456093	0.976185	0.432279
<i>Notropis buccatus</i>	163478	0.268151	0.837997	0.57448	0.878176	0.452656
<i>Notropis chiliticus</i>	163435	0.45368	0.913036	0.708155	0.906977	0.615131
<i>Notropis cummingsae</i>	163438	0.427514	0.921365	0.468421	0.972715	0.441136
<i>Notropis girardi</i>	689231	0.583401	0.98819	0.571429	0.999024	0.570453
<i>Notropis heterolepis</i>	163442	0.344755	0.921033	0.157703	0.993877	0.151581
<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>	163446	0.337654	0.903722	0.266983	0.984114	0.251097
<i>Notropis leuciodus</i>	163404	0.367799	0.894715	0.529586	0.945005	0.47459

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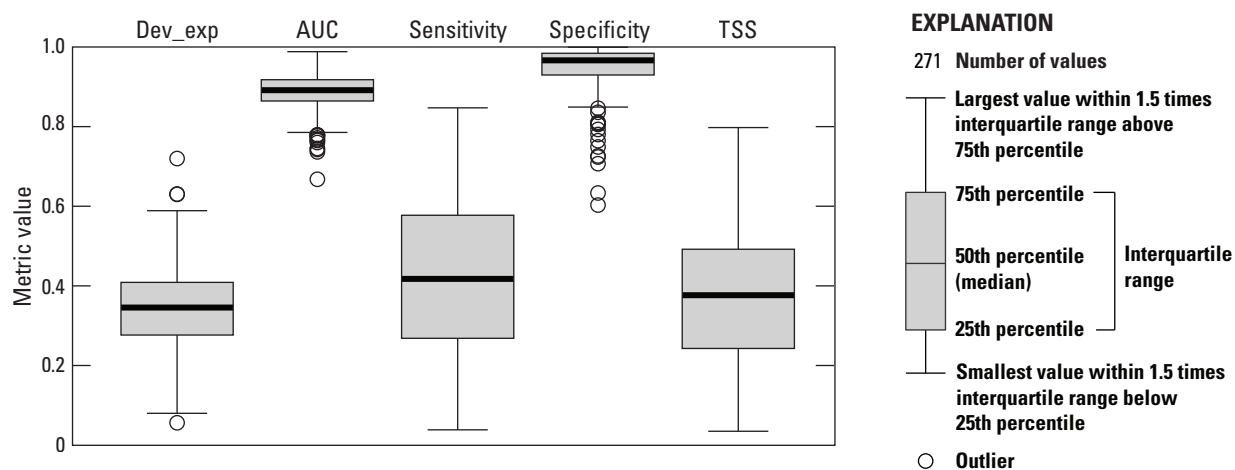
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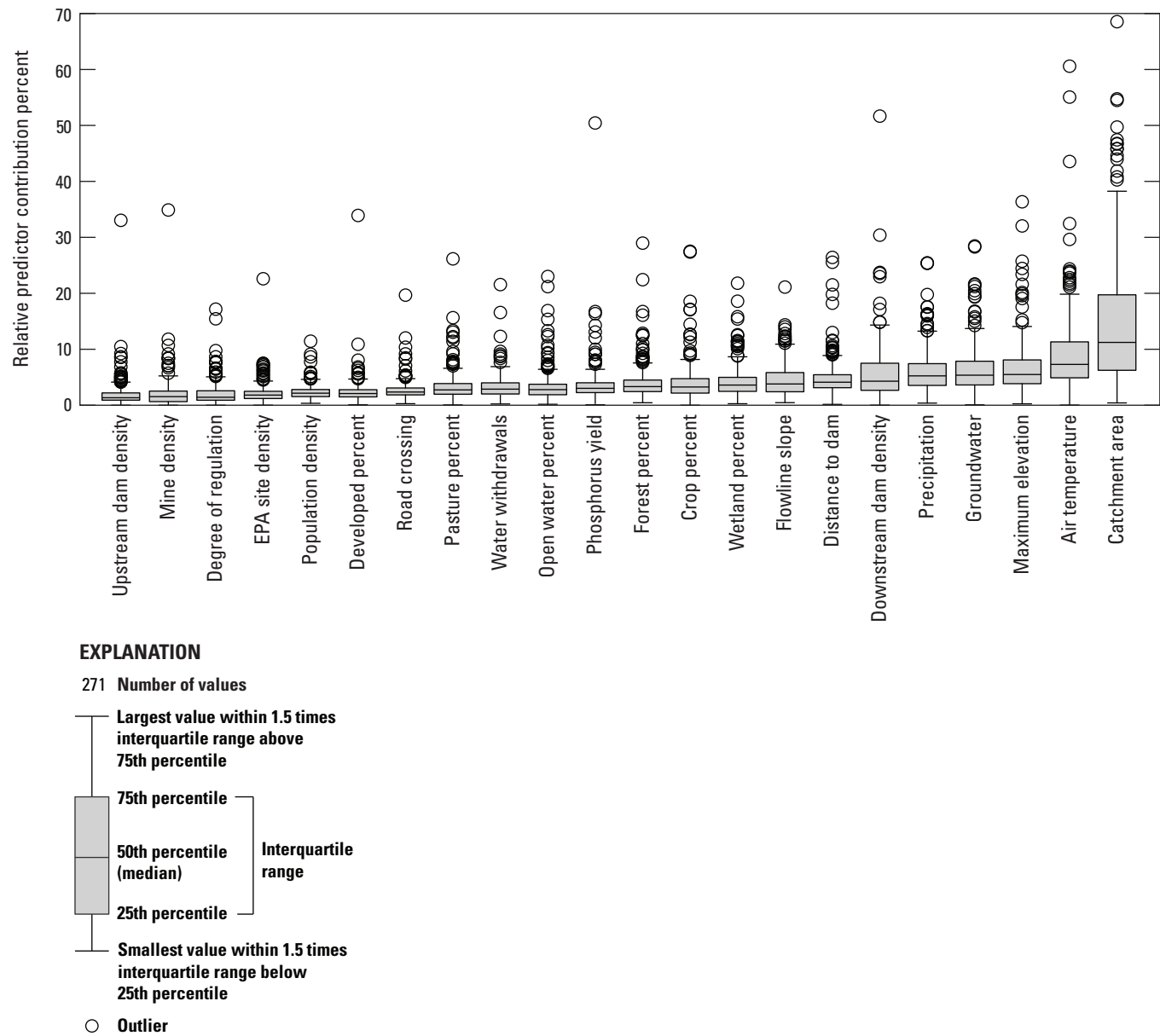
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<i>Notropis longirostris</i>	163451	0.223025	0.821563	0.465385	0.906822	0.372207
<i>Notropis lutipinnis</i>	163452	0.480297	0.938344	0.601695	0.970123	0.571818
<i>Notropis nubilus</i>	163453	0.453838	0.920279	0.66951	0.937561	0.607071
<i>Notropis percobromus</i>	163456	0.325086	0.890405	0.359335	0.972346	0.331681
<i>Notropis petersoni</i>	163460	0.206225	0.824851	0.334694	0.950969	0.285663
<i>Notropis photogenis</i>	163461	0.39533	0.910658	0.462457	0.969155	0.431612
<i>Notropis procne</i>	163407	0.372988	0.909449	0.414097	0.972867	0.386964
<i>Notropis rubellus</i>	163409	0.358354	0.899983	0.351249	0.977115	0.328364
<i>Notropis stramineus</i>	163419	0.395401	0.896293	0.628526	0.919472	0.547998
<i>Notropis telescopus</i>	163470	0.315882	0.881918	0.449064	0.954225	0.40329
<i>Notropis texanus</i>	163420	0.477143	0.93912	0.49359	0.978794	0.472384
<i>Notropis topeka</i>	163471	0.28941	0.894568	0.15	0.997057	0.147057
<i>Notropis volucellus</i>	163421	0.304347	0.887732	0.24728	0.982668	0.229948
<i>Noturus albater</i>	164006	0.170003	0.779193	0.414286	0.879195	0.29348
<i>Noturus exilis</i>	164010	0.399989	0.901661	0.650852	0.931805	0.582657
<i>Noturus flavus</i>	164013	0.31892	0.887501	0.353198	0.97155	0.324748
<i>Noturus gyrinus</i>	164003	0.298364	0.893476	0.203385	0.986463	0.189849
<i>Noturus insignis</i>	164004	0.297257	0.852559	0.617958	0.88115	0.499108
<i>Noturus leptacanthus</i>	164019	0.303465	0.864779	0.513453	0.918728	0.432181
<i>Noturus miurus</i>	164020	0.301551	0.895617	0.181458	0.989227	0.170685
<i>Noturus nocturnus</i>	164005	0.27884	0.873358	0.329562	0.967254	0.296816
<i>Oncorhynchus clarkii</i>	161983	0.378698	0.884544	0.847158	0.748886	0.596044
<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>	161977	0.382641	0.88724	0.675676	0.931111	0.606787
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	161989	0.257544	0.829257	0.809524	0.723562	0.533086
<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	161980	0.251126	0.855556	0.35	0.976	0.326
<i>Opsopoeodus emiliae</i>	163876	0.281799	0.899119	0.119841	0.992556	0.112398
<i>Perca flavescens</i>	168469	0.284847	0.863506	0.292748	0.968166	0.260914
<i>Percina caprodes</i>	168472	0.321559	0.874191	0.488583	0.939851	0.428434
<i>Percina evides</i>	168483	0.501329	0.961432	0.348894	0.992687	0.341581
<i>Percina maculata</i>	168488	0.347941	0.884012	0.508547	0.940377	0.448924
<i>Percina nigrofasciata</i>	168490	0.412658	0.897335	0.735385	0.880862	0.616246
<i>Percina peltata</i>	168474	0.363216	0.912057	0.39267	0.976651	0.369322
<i>Percina phoxocephala</i>	168494	0.470636	0.942591	0.399734	0.988413	0.388147
<i>Percina roanoka</i>	168496	0.361015	0.898049	0.580913	0.938679	0.519592
<i>Percina sciera</i>	168475	0.335449	0.898903	0.325653	0.975187	0.300839
<i>Percopsis omiscomaycus</i>	164409	0.338242	0.911788	0.238532	0.987773	0.226306
<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>	159722	0.288921	0.905082	0.203704	0.988506	0.192209
<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>	163502	0.342045	0.891119	0.476966	0.954545	0.431511
<i>Pimephales notatus</i>	163516	0.472587	0.917364	0.804217	0.873249	0.677466
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	163517	0.379183	0.896154	0.520965	0.947253	0.468217
<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>	163518	0.496734	0.944375	0.503537	0.979266	0.482803

**Table 3.** Proportion of boosted regression tree model deviance and performance statistics for fluvial fish species distribution models.—Continued

[ITIS TSN, Integrated Taxonomic Information System taxonomic serial number; dev exp, deviance explained; AUC, area under the receiver operating characteristic curve; TSS, True Skill Statistic]

Scientific name	ITIS TSN	Dev exp	AUC	Sensitivity	Specificity	TSS
<i>Platygobio gracilis</i>	163882	0.498321	0.947296	0.45977	0.98319	0.44296
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	161088	0.248879	0.917067	0.048544	0.999031	0.047575
<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>	168166	0.245571	0.855397	0.253546	0.97243	0.225977
<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	168167	0.247369	0.857795	0.232049	0.974719	0.206768
<i>Prosopium williamsoni</i>	162009	0.345543	0.900391	0.380902	0.969268	0.350171
<i>Ptychocheilus grandis</i>	163524	0.291792	0.86014	0.548387	0.852459	0.400846
<i>Ptychocheilus oregonensis</i>	163523	0.44812	0.959454	0.362007	0.992569	0.354576
<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>	164029	0.455277	0.936639	0.417552	0.981831	0.399383
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	163382	0.402116	0.899928	0.631613	0.92721	0.558823
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	163384	0.327922	0.874088	0.51829	0.931649	0.449939
<i>Rhinichthys obtusus</i>	689949	0.429729	0.912374	0.620787	0.939394	0.560181
<i>Rhinichthys osculus</i>	163387	0.37346	0.88653	0.644156	0.895433	0.539589
<i>Richardsonius balteatus</i>	163528	0.358293	0.912851	0.348675	0.97799	0.326665
<i>Salmo salar</i>	161996	0.265759	0.87731	0.25	0.977568	0.227568
<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>	162004	0.448997	0.923728	0.645706	0.948454	0.594159
<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	162003	0.31771	0.859587	0.580209	0.889417	0.469626
<i>Sander canadensis</i>	650171	0.540302	0.965833	0.396	0.994145	0.390145
<i>Sander vitreus</i>	650173	0.47434	0.945396	0.376731	0.990662	0.367393
<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>	161082	0.46423	0.970359	0.149007	0.998761	0.147767
<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	163376	0.40266	0.891953	0.807999	0.806592	0.614591
<i>Semotilus corporalis</i>	163375	0.281146	0.85258	0.49385	0.921525	0.415375
<i>Thoburnia rhotoea</i>	553276	0.383496	0.912758	0.596491	0.945455	0.541946
<i>Umbra limi</i>	162153	0.447939	0.918557	0.631502	0.944385	0.575887
<i>Umbra pygmaea</i>	162148	0.407484	0.909618	0.587189	0.944929	0.532118

**Figure 7.** Boxplots of proportion of model deviance explained. Dev\_exp, deviance explained; AUC, area under the receiver operating curve; TSS, True Skill Statistic.



**Figure 8.** Boxplots of relative importance of the predictor variables for fluvial fish species presence, absence, and prevalence. See [table 1](#) for predictor variable explanations. EPA, Environmental Protection Agency.

**Table 4.** Fluvial fish species considered sensitive to climate influences in the conterminous United States.

[L\_temp represents the relative importance of mean annual air temperature in percent, and N\_precip represents the relative importance of mean annual precipitation in percent. Species with the sum of temperature and precipitation (sum) with variable importance greater than 20 percent are considered sensitive. ITIS TSN, Integrated Taxonomic Information System taxonomic serial number]

Scientific name	ITIS TSN	L_temp	N_precip	Sum
<i>Erimyzon sucetta</i>	163922	60.70	4.26	64.96
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	161098	55.17	0.60	55.78
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	168131	43.63	1.91	45.54
<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	165878	29.69	12.19	41.88
<i>Culaea inconstans</i>	166399	14.36	25.39	39.75
<i>Lythrurus snelsoni</i>	163859	32.51	2.56	35.08
<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>	163518	16.48	16.28	32.76
<i>Campostoma oligolepis</i>	163509	22.21	10.01	32.22
<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>	163792	11.71	19.82	31.52
<i>Umbra limi</i>	162153	5.59	25.47	31.07
<i>Notropis texanus</i>	163420	23.87	6.98	30.85
<i>Erimyzon oblongus</i>	163924	22.84	5.81	28.64
<i>Rhinichthys obtusus</i>	689949	11.76	16.38	28.15
<i>Esox lucius</i>	162139	11.78	16.28	28.06
<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>	163502	13.05	14.62	27.66
<i>Notropis heterolepis</i>	163446	18.05	9.53	27.59
<i>Micropterus coosae</i>	168163	15.60	11.97	27.57
<i>Notropis boops</i>	163430	18.00	9.36	27.36
<i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>	168113	24.02	3.13	27.15
<i>Percina nigrofasciata</i>	168490	12.70	14.42	27.12
<i>Etheostoma cragini</i>	168386	24.40	2.62	27.03
<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	161095	23.65	3.24	26.89
<i>Oncorhynchus clarkii</i>	161983	16.84	10.05	26.88
<i>Cottus hypselurus</i>	167263	0.71	25.46	26.17
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	168141	21.83	4.33	26.17
<i>Sander vitreus</i>	650173	22.51	3.54	26.05
<i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>	168369	16.35	9.32	25.67
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	168155	21.54	3.69	25.24
<i>Ichthyomyzon fossor</i>	159726	18.88	5.91	24.79
<i>Etheostoma exile</i>	168393	7.20	17.56	24.75
<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	162003	19.88	4.76	24.64
<i>Chrosomus eos</i>	913993	14.87	9.73	24.61
<i>Nocomis biguttatus</i>	163395	14.31	10.14	24.45
<i>Chrosomus oreas</i>	913996	11.08	13.33	24.41
<i>Etheostoma fusiforme</i>	168358	21.15	3.11	24.26
<i>Lythrurus ardens</i>	163847	14.88	9.32	24.20
<i>Chrosomus neogaeus</i>	913995	13.22	10.46	23.68
<i>Couesius plumbeus</i>	163535	7.67	15.99	23.65
<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>	162004	9.62	13.95	23.57
<i>Catostomus commersonii</i>	553273	15.36	7.97	23.34
<i>Fundulus zebrinus</i>	165658	14.37	8.68	23.05



**Table 4.** Fluvial fish species considered sensitive to climate influences in the conterminous United States.—Continued

[L\_temp represents the relative importance of mean annual air temperature in percent, and N\_precip represents the relative importance of mean annual precipitation in percent. Species with the sum of temperature and precipitation (sum) with variable importance greater than 20 percent are considered sensitive. ITIS TSN, Integrated Taxonomic Information System taxonomic serial number]

Scientific name	ITIS TSN	L_temp	N_precip	Sum
<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>	168378	5.39	17.62	23.01
<i>Hesperoleucus symmetricus</i>	163565	18.61	4.11	22.72
<i>Ameiurus melas</i>	164039	6.48	16.15	22.63
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	170335	16.52	5.95	22.47
<i>Cottus carolinae</i>	167239	18.93	3.44	22.37
<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>	168153	18.59	3.67	22.26
<i>Opsopoeodus emiliae</i>	163876	17.11	4.94	22.05
<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	161127	17.28	4.75	22.03
<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>	168368	11.07	10.85	21.92
<i>Cyprinella venusta</i>	163809	15.71	6.17	21.88
<i>Lepomis marginatus</i>	168152	14.03	7.82	21.85
<i>Cottus cognatus</i>	167232	12.72	9.05	21.77
<i>Enneacanthus obesus</i>	168117	12.89	8.34	21.23
<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	163376	10.07	10.99	21.05
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	168160	13.99	6.99	20.98
<i>Etheostoma radiosum</i>	168426	9.64	11.20	20.84
<i>Etheostoma whipplei</i>	168448	8.58	12.02	20.59
<i>Centrarchus macropterus</i>	168102	10.09	10.41	20.50
<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>	163404	15.70	4.59	20.29
<i>Fundulus diaphanus</i>	165646	10.78	9.50	20.28



**Table 5.** Fluvial fish species in the conterminous United States considered responsive to anthropogenic stressors.

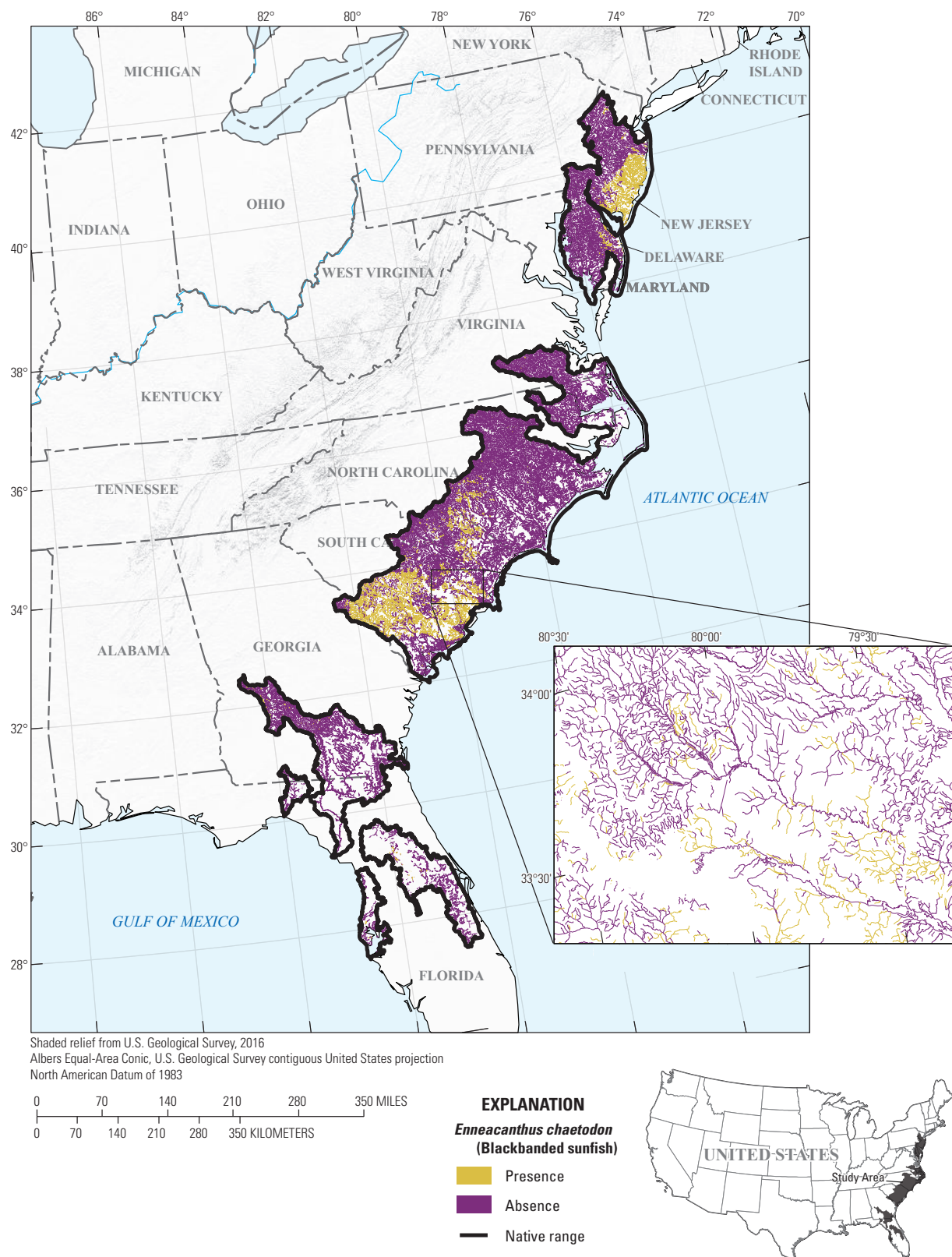
[Species for which the sum of the anthropogenic variable importance (sum of relative importance) values is greater than 50 percent are considered sensitive. ITIS TSN, Integrated Taxonomic Information System taxonomic serial number]

Scientific name	ITIS TSN	Sum of relative importance
<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	161071	82.65
<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>	161703	55.63
<i>Alosa sapidissima</i>	161702	52.69
<i>Apeltes quadracus</i>	166397	63.19
<i>Atractosteus spatula</i>	201897	61.57
<i>Catostomus discobolus</i>	163902	50.31
<i>Catostomus latipinnis</i>	163906	55.60
<i>Cottus confusus</i>	167240	53.16
<i>Cyprinella camura</i>	163776	57.91
<i>Enneacanthus chaetodon</i>	168108	71.93
<i>Erimystax dissimilis</i>	163821	52.40
<i>Erimystax x-punctatus</i>	163824	56.54
<i>Etheostoma camurum</i>	168379	55.38
<i>Etheostoma lynceum</i>	168456	51.70
<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>	168411	57.86
<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>	168368	53.08
<i>Etheostoma variatum</i>	168446	54.02
<i>Fundulus catenatus</i>	165660	53.71
<i>Fundulus notatus</i>	165663	51.11
<i>Gila robusta</i>	163558	68.38
<i>Hybognathus regius</i>	163359	53.79
<i>Hybopsis amblops</i>	163476	51.52
<i>Hybopsis amnis</i>	201917	64.91
<i>Hybopsis dorsalis</i>	689231	56.50
<i>Lampetra aepyptera</i>	159705	50.50
<i>Lepomis symmetricus</i>	168156	53.06
<i>Luxilus zonatus</i>	163840	73.31
<i>Margariscus margarita</i>	163873	54.86
<i>Micropterus cataractae</i>	564610	56.24
<i>Morone americana</i>	167678	53.84
<i>Nocomis leptocephalus</i>	163393	50.27
<i>Notropis amabilis</i>	163410	50.36
<i>Notropis lutipinnis</i>	163453	52.79
<i>Notropis nubilus</i>	163456	56.73
<i>Notropis topeka</i>	163471	67.81
<i>Noturus exilis</i>	164010	51.79
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	161088	55.78
<i>Richardsonius balteatus</i>	163528	52.21
<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>	161082	54.71
<i>Thoburnia rhotoca</i>	553276	56.10

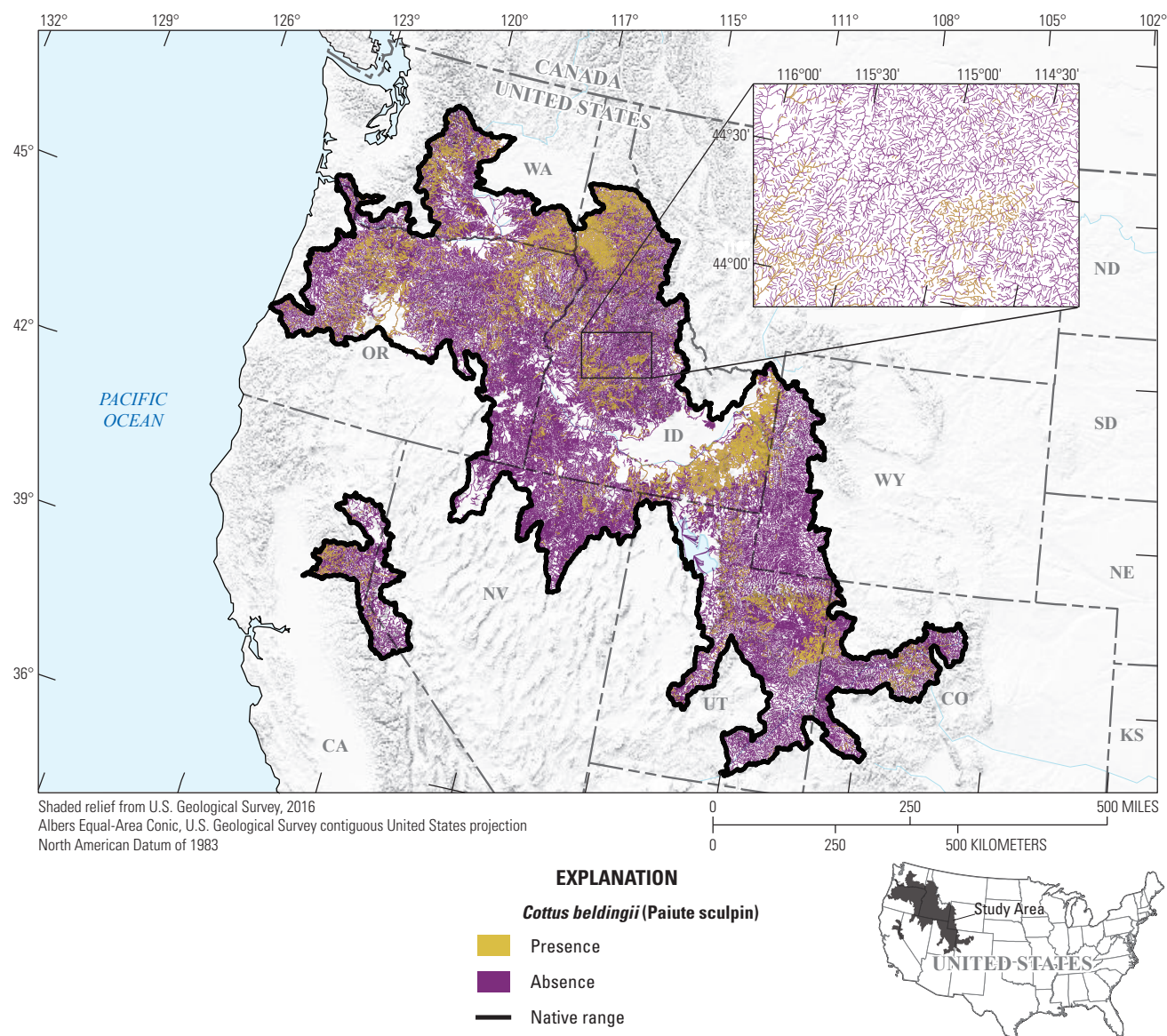
**Table 6.** Presences, absences, and prevalence for three fluvial fish species selected to provide examples of species distribution model output.

[ITIS, Integrated Taxonomic Information System]

Scientific name	ITIS	Presences	Absences	Prevalence	Characteristic
<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	163376	13,586	13,198	0.5072	Highest presence
<i>Cottus beldingii</i>	167238	141	1,080	0.1155	Median prevalence
<i>Enneacanthus chaetodon</i>	168108	10	1,099	0.009	Lowest presence

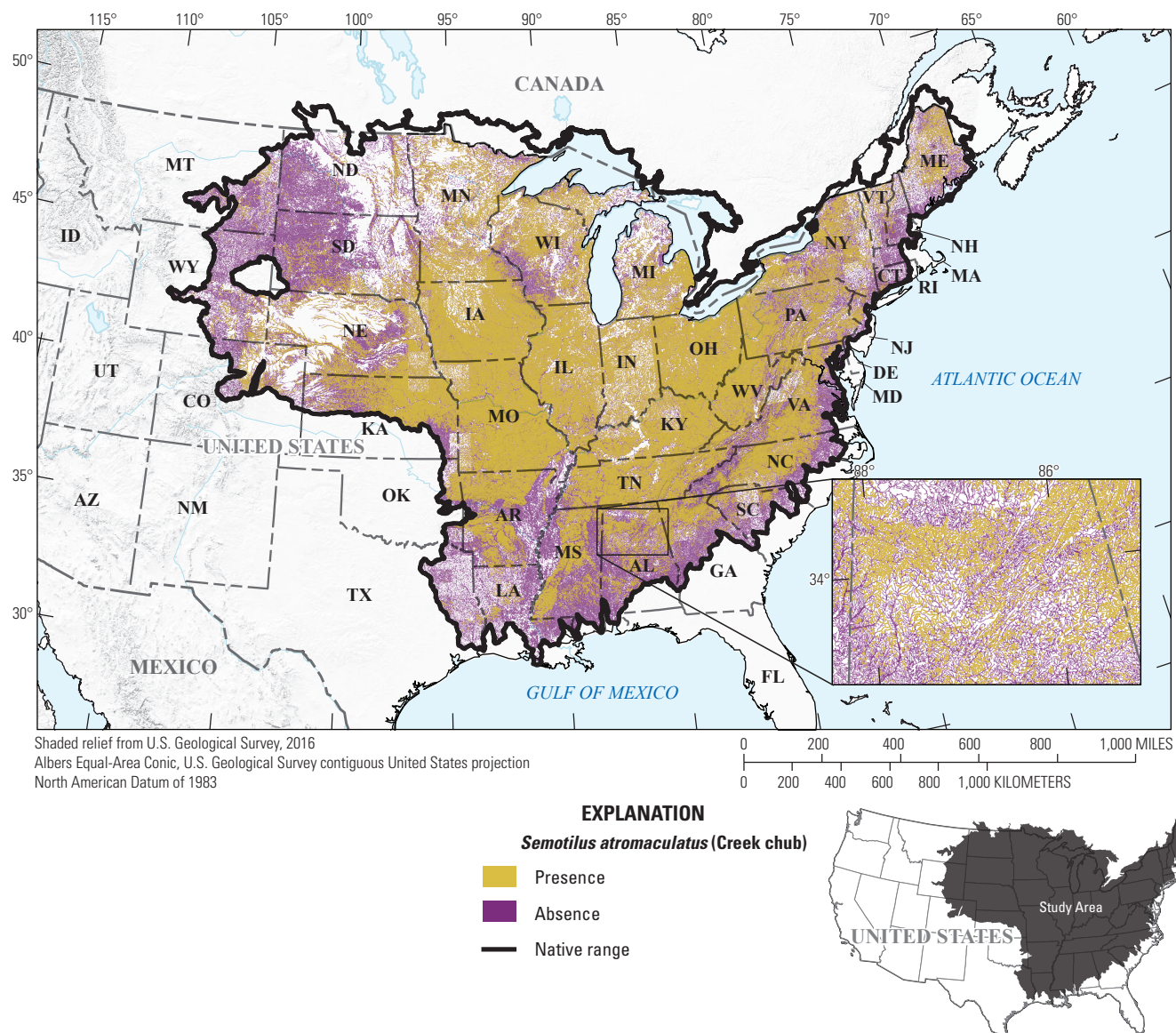


**Figure 9.** Map of species distribution model predictions for *Enneacanthus chaetodon* (Baird, 1855) (blackbanded sunfish).

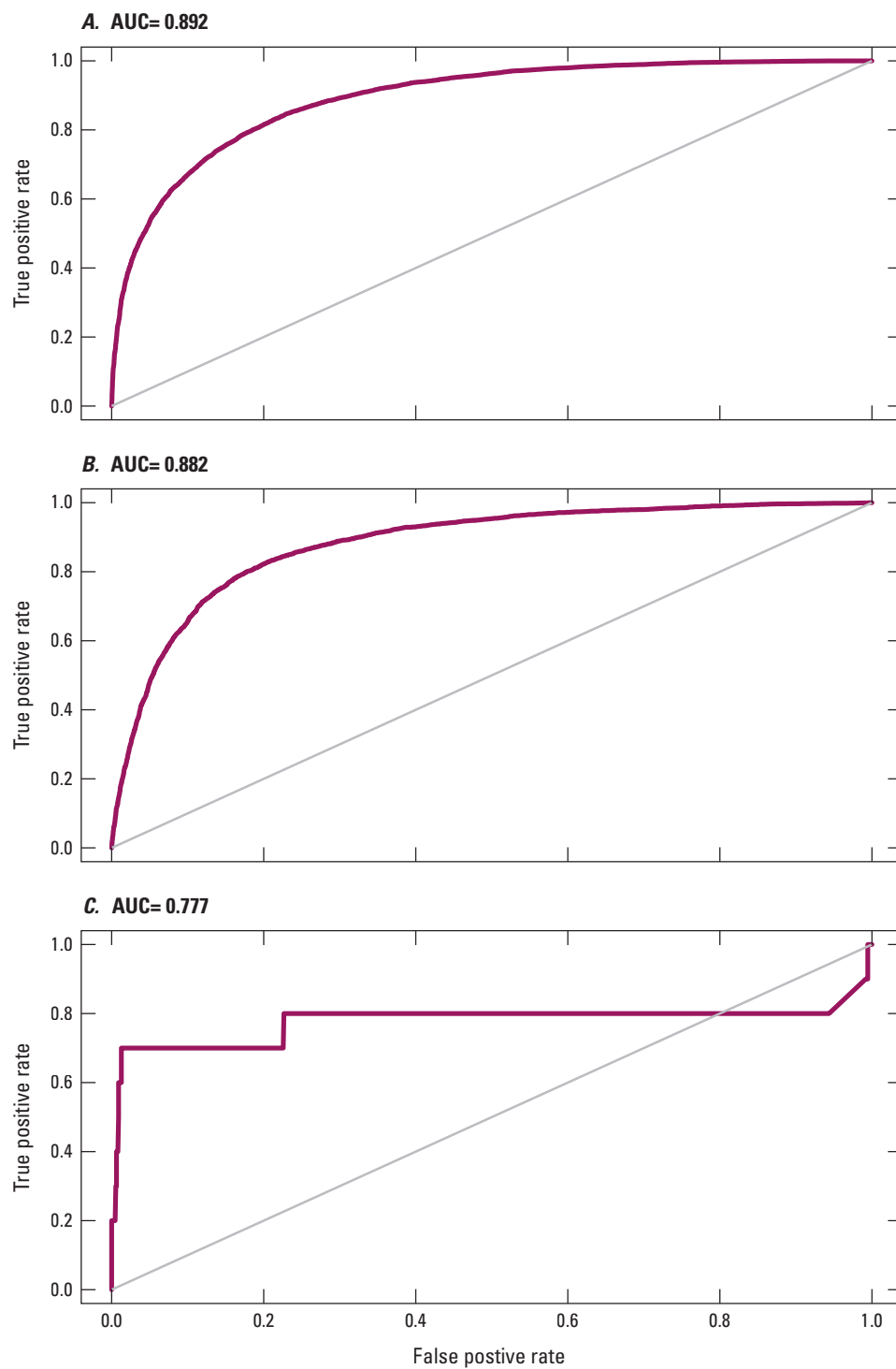


**Figure 10.** Map of species distribution model predictions for *Cottus beldingii* (Eigenmann and Eigenmann, 1891) (Paiute sculpin).

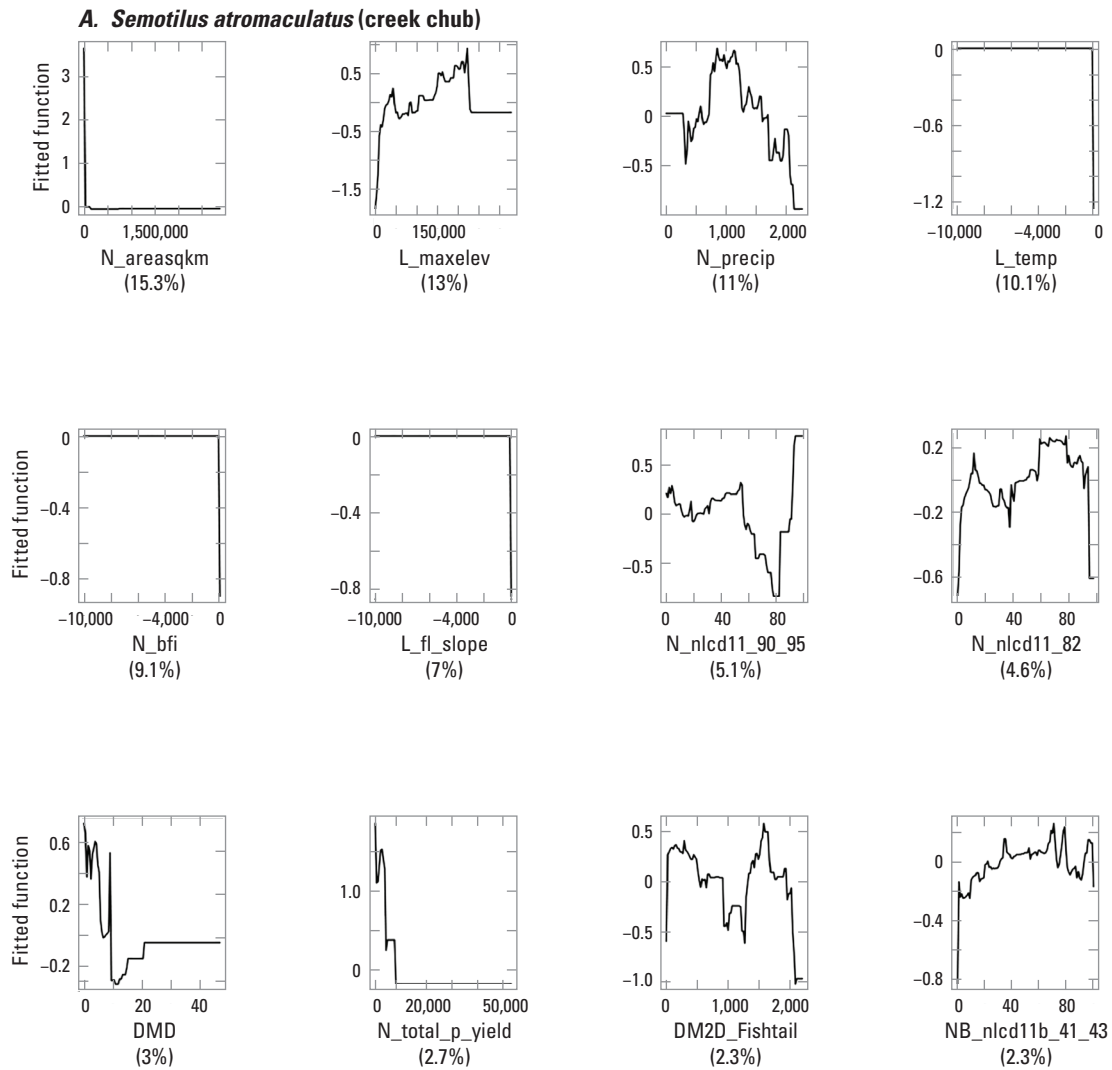




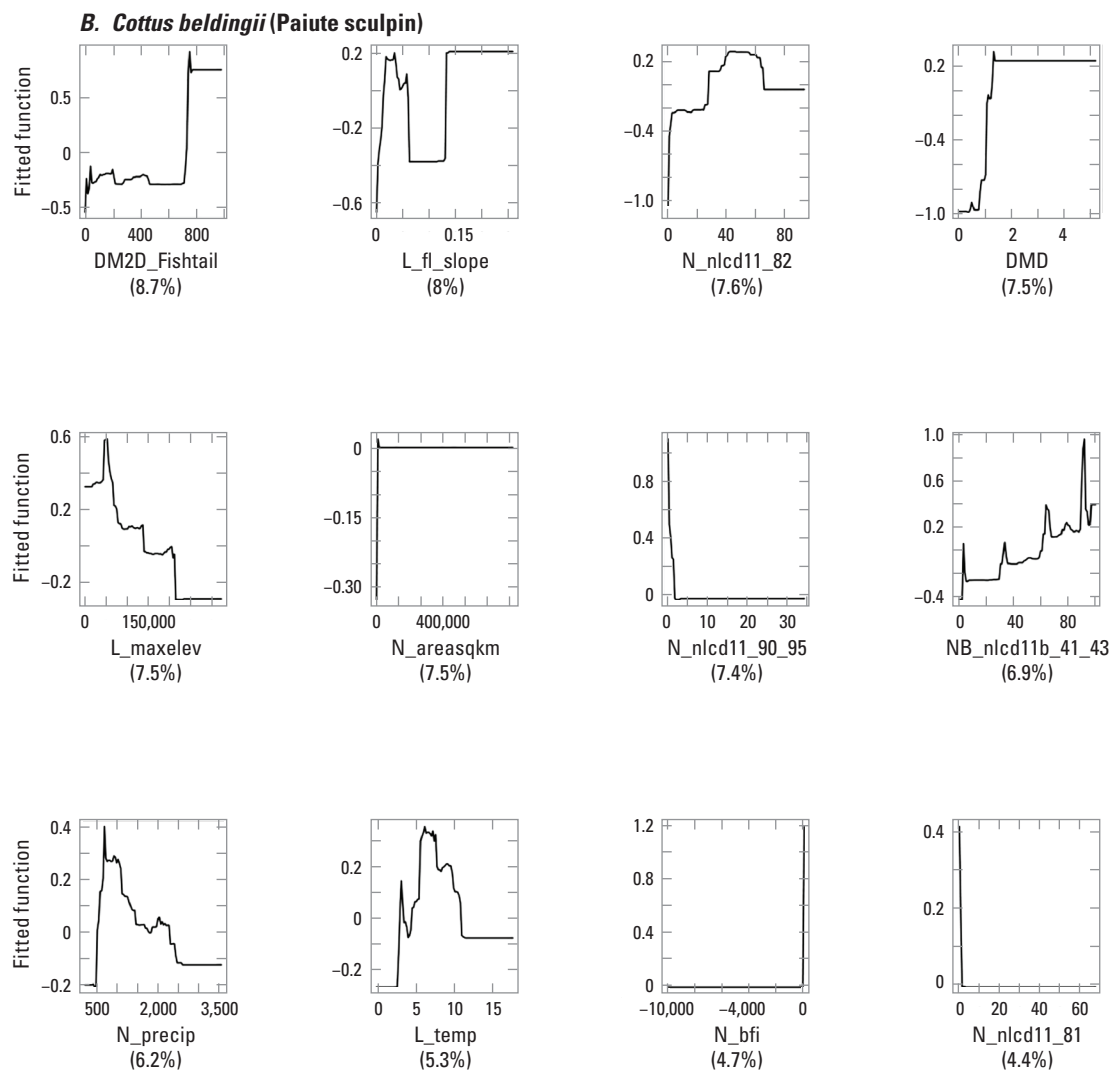
**Figure 11.** Map of species distribution model predictions for *Semotilus atromaculatus* (Mitchill, 1818) (creek chub).



**Figure 12.** Area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) plots for three example fish species: A, *Semotilus atromaculatus* (Mitchill, 1818); B, *Cottus beldingii* (Eigenmann and Eigenmann, 1891); and C, *Enneacanthus chaetodon* (Baird, 1855).



**Figure 13.** Partial dependence plots for three example fish species: *A*, *Semotilus atromaculatus* (Mitchill, 1818) (creek chub); *B*, *Cottus beldingii* (Eigenmann and Eigenmann, 1891) (Paiute sculpin); and *C*, *Enneacanthus chaetodon* (Baird, 1855) (blackbanded sunfish). The rug tiles in each figure represent the distribution of predictor variable values.



**Figure 13.—Continued.**



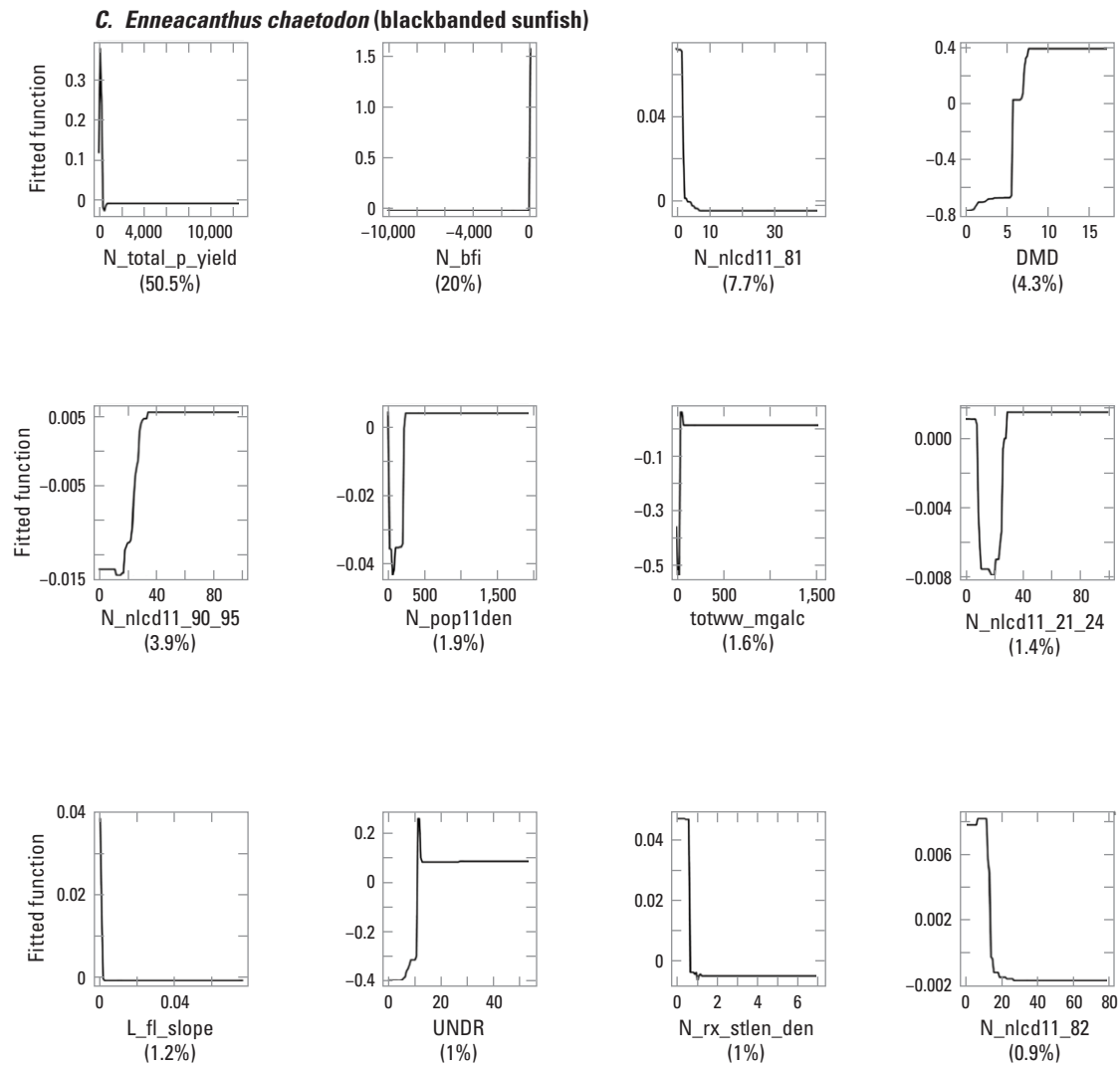


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## Discussion

The models in this study represent 271 (~34 percent) of approximately 800 known freshwater fish species in the United States (Warren and Burr, 1994), and to our knowledge, this study represents the largest effort of its type for freshwater fishes based on geographic and taxonomic scope in the conterminous United States. In addition, the unprecedented spatial scale of this modeling effort provides the ability to identify locations that support many species and locations that support individual species of conservation or recreational importance, including Species of Greatest Conservation Need or priority game fish.

With this scope in mind, the SDMs generated provide a critical framework to develop additional products that may be beneficial to management and conservation of fluvial fishes in the United States. In Cooper and others (2019), species characterized as common within nine large ecoregions in the conterminous United States were evaluated using range extent, abundance, and habitat usage, and their distributions were modeled within ecoregions. The amount of protected land area in catchments required to consider them protected (protection target levels) was established for all streams in the conterminous United States by using information on protected areas from the USGS Protected Areas Database of the United States (USGS, 2020) and the known responses of fish communities to two prominent landscape stressors (urban and agricultural land uses). An assessment of protection target levels in conjunction with predicted species distributions indicated that protected areas are severely lacking among fish habitats for most common species in the United States (Cooper and others, 2019). Based on these methods, predicted presences from SDMs developed in this study can be coupled with protected areas from the Protected Areas Database of the United States dataset to identify the percentage and location of habitats that meet protection target levels. This type of analysis can identify spatial gaps in species protection for both rare and common species and harkens to the foundational analyses that spurred the inception of the USGS Gap Analysis Project.

Future expansion of this modeling could provide additional insights and products in support of aquatic conservation initiatives. For instance, further evaluation of species responses based on model results can be used to gain understanding of the natural and anthropogenic factors limiting species distributions. Model results for more climate-sensitive fish species can be used to understand potential effects on habitat suitability from climate change, and they can also help map habitats potentially gained or lost with projected changes in climate for individual species. Further, this information could be coupled with known locations of dams to explore the role of fragmentation in constraining range expansions and population dynamics under climate change. For a subset of species in this study, both native and introduced ranges were available. This

information could be used to test or project native range models into introduced portions of a species' range, providing an analytical framework for understanding potential invasiveness and ability of species to inhabit environments with novel conditions outside of a species' known native range.

## Evaluating Habitat Condition

Data representing stream fragmentation by dams (Cooper and others, 2017) can be used to analyze species-level fragmentation, quantifying the amount of connected habitat for any given location. Such information can be used as the basis for analyzing fish passage mitigation opportunities and identifying potential project locations that maximize habitat reconnections for multiple species, including migratory or imperiled species. Projected species presence/absence can result in much-needed information for conservation because these projections provide results for numerous unsampled stream reaches through a given species' range. This information could inform field sampling efforts, with potential to identify previously unknown populations.

## Identifying Sensitive Species

Climate change may dramatically affect fluvial fish distribution by altering air temperature and precipitation. The SDMs used in this study can be used to assess the effects of a changing climate by incorporating climate variables as predictor variables. The framework of building up SDMs, selecting model evaluation metrics, and ranking predictor relative importance will help classify and identify climate-sensitive species and sensitive stream reaches, information that can benefit natural resource managers.

## Next Steps in Modeling

Extending modeling efforts to additional freshwater fish species could provide SDMs for species that have limited distributions or are underrepresented in the current Aquatic GAP fish database. Modeling of these species would likely require testing and application of novel analytical techniques (for example, weighted BRT, Maxent, random forest, deep-learning techniques, and community-based modeling approaches) to account for cases of limited presence/absence data. Further, adding measures of model uncertainty would improve model output by providing users with predictive uncertainty values that could be applied and analyzed for all predicted habitats for a given species. Yu and others (2020) used a novel approach that uses species abundances in model weighting to develop presence/absence SDMs. Results for 55 fluvial fish species native to the northeast United States indicated that this weighting approach outperforms a traditional, unweighted modeling approach for rarer fish species that have smaller range extents, lower abundance,

and less diverse habitat usage (Yu and others, 2020). As a result, this new approach has the potential to improve SDMs for species of high conservation importance, with utility not only in aquatic studies but terrestrial realms as well. While updating the fish dataset used in SDM analysis was a focus during this project, acquiring new information on distributions of other types of aquatic organisms, including freshwater mussels, would set the stage for developing SDMs for other aquatic taxa.

## Summary

This study offers insights into stream habitat suitability for 271 fluvial fish species (including Species of Greatest Conservation Need and game species) in the conterminous United States. Our results showed that network catchment area, mean annual air temperature of the local catchment, and maximum elevation of the local catchment were the three strongest natural predictors of fish distributions. Additionally, downstream main stem dam density, distance to downstream main stem dam, and the percentage of pasture/hay land use area within network catchment boundaries were the three strongest anthropogenic predictors of distributions. Additionally, by considering species-specific responses to individual environmental variables, we found that 40 fish species were sensitive to anthropogenic stressors, and 61 species were sensitive to climate variables. Such insights into the overall important predictors of fish distributions as well as important predictors for specific species can help natural resource managers better understand current habitat conditions and potential variations in the future. These and additional modeling efforts and potential applications using results from species distribution models, such as those described here, could contribute to efforts to conduct a national assessment in support of the Aquatic Gap Analysis Project, including integrating the effects of conservation actions into a landscape-scale context.

## Data Access

Each of the datasets produced for this analysis are available to the public. The data are organized under a parent item with four child items. The parent item describes the modeling effort and includes a species list (species\_model\_list.csv), which provides a complete list of the species that have been modeled to date with the common name and the Integrated Taxonomic Information System taxonomic serial number allowing the user to know which species have been modeled. In addition, the species list includes the model's digital object identifier, the modeled habitat type, and geographic extent of that model. The citations for the data products include the following:

- Model Collection:
  - Wieferich and others (2022)
- Model Parameters:
  - Ross and others (2022)
  - Cooper and Infante (2022)
- Species Ranges and Occurrence Data:
  - Cooper and others (2022)
  - Yu, Ross, and others (2022)
- Species Distribution Model Predictions:
  - Yu, Cooper, and others (2022)

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## Appendix 1. Fluvial Fish for Which Insufficient Occurrence Data Were Available to Support Species Distribution Modeling

**Table 1.1.** Fluvial fish for which insufficient occurrence data were available to support species distribution modeling.

[ITIS TSN, Integrated Taxonomic Information System taxonomic serial number]

Scientific name	Common name	Family	Order	ITIS TSN	Presences	Absences	Prevalence
<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	Atlantic sturgeon	Acipenseridae	Acipenseriformes	553269	0	4,220	0.0000
<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>	Mexican tetra	Characidae	Characiformes	162850	14	18	0.4375
<i>Alosa alabamae</i>	Alabama shad	Clupeidae	Clupeiformes	161705	7	1,997	0.0035
<i>Alosa mediocris</i>	Hickory shad	Clupeidae	Clupeiformes	161704	2	2,990	0.0007
<i>Catostomus santaanae</i>	Santa Ana sucker	Catostomidae	Cypriniformes	163912	2	19	0.0952
<i>Cycleptus meridionalis</i>	Southeastern blue sucker	Catostomidae	Cypriniformes	639711	2	328	0.0061
<i>Moxostoma lachneri</i>	Greater jumprock	Catostomidae	Cypriniformes	163942	5	47	0.0962
<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	Razorback sucker	Catostomidae	Cypriniformes	163968	5	160	0.0303
<i>Cyprinella callitaenia</i>	Bluestripe shiner	Cyprinidae	Cypriniformes	163774	3	78	0.0370
<i>Cyprinella gibbsi</i>	Tallapoosa shiner	Cyprinidae	Cypriniformes	163784	5	4	0.5556
<i>Gila pandora</i>	Rio Grande chub	Cyprinidae	Cypriniformes	163556	7	11	0.3889
<i>Notropis candidus</i>	Silverside shiner	Cyprinidae	Cypriniformes	163433	2	155	0.0127
<i>Notropis perpallidus</i>	Peppered shiner	Cyprinidae	Cypriniformes	163459	1	223	0.0045
<i>Pogonichthys macrolepidotus</i>	Splittail	Cyprinidae	Cypriniformes	163603	1	70	0.0141
<i>Pteronotopis euryzonus</i>	Broadstripe shiner	Cyprinidae	Cypriniformes	201939	1	9	0.1000
<i>Novumbra hubbsi</i>	Olympic mudminnow	Umbridae	Esociformes	162161	1	114	0.0087
<i>Osmerus mordax</i>	Rainbow smelt	Osmeridae	Osmeriformes	162041	0	3,650	0.0000
<i>Archoplites interruptus</i>	Sacramento perch	Centrarchidae	Perciformes	168175	0	66	0.0000
<i>Micropterus notius</i>	Suwannee bass	Centrarchidae	Perciformes	168164	2	50	0.0385
<i>Micropterus treculii</i>	Guadalupe bass	Centrarchidae	Perciformes	168162	9	91	0.0900
<i>Herichthys cyanoguttatum</i>	Rio Grande cichlid	Cichlidae	Perciformes	649487	5	2	0.7143
<i>Elassoma okefenokee</i>	Okefenokee pygmy sunfish	Elassomatidae	Perciformes	168170	1	208	0.0048
<i>Etheostoma tallapoosae</i>	Tallapoosa darter	Percidae	Perciformes	201996	5	4	0.5556
<i>Oncorhynchus gorboscha</i>	Pink salmon	Salmonidae	Salmoniformes	161975	1	251	0.0040
<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>	Kokanee	Salmonidae	Salmoniformes	161979	1	672	0.0015
<i>Salvelinus malma</i>	Dolly Varden	Salmonidae	Salmoniformes	162000	1	168	0.0059
<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>	Lake trout	Salmonidae	Salmoniformes	162002	0	3,142	0.0000

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