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Workshop Brings Scientists and Resource Managers Together to Share Climate Research

SACRAMENTO--Bridging the communications gap between climate scientists and the people who manage public lands and waters for fish, wildlife and plants is the theme of a day-long workshop sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey and California Department of Fish & Game on Wednesday (Nov. 3) at California State University - Sacramento.

The workshop "Bridging the Gap, Downscaling Climate Models to Inform Management Actions" brings scientists who are engaged in cutting edge climate research together with resource managers who are making decisions about how public lands and waters in California will be managed into the future. The workshop presentations and panels will provide participants with a shared technical understanding of how results of global and regional climate research can be applied to inform local resource management decisions.

"Every day scientists are learning more about the potential effects of climate change on our natural resources and this workshop is about connecting these scientists with managers to discuss information needs, gaps in understanding and dealing with uncertainty," said Rebecca Fris, Science Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC). The California LCC is a management-science partnership among state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and other entities that informs on-the-ground conservation actions addressing climate change and other stressors within and across landscapes. The workshop was organized by the California Department of Fish and Game Climate Change Work Group, a collaborative of conservation groups who are addressing the effects of climate change on California's wildlife resources.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 5:30 p.m. at CSU-Sacramento Library-Room 11. Presentations, panel discussions and audience question and answer periods will be available to the public via live webcast. Webcast instructions are available on the workshop website: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/climatechange/downscaling-workshop> A meeting summary and presentations will be posted on the website following the workshop.

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