

Coastal Cutthroat Trout Range-wide coordination: Data gaps, information needs, and future efforts

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Since 2006, the Coastal Cutthroat Trout Interagency Committee has been working to coordinate efforts for the Committee's namesake species, Coastal Cutthroat Trout (CCT). This is a complex, multi-agency effort focusing on a species that is not well understood and for a variety of factors face a suite of challenges. While the status, in general, appears stable, there are stated concerns by biologists regarding the sea-run component in some locations, habitat issues associated with low flows, climate change issues, urbanization, public engagement, and legacy land-use issues. In this talk, we will present the strategy the CCTIC has developed to address these challenges and explore data gaps and data needs. We will highlight synergistic efforts and outline potential future strategies and activities. We will share an example from Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout that introduces novel methods to better understand complex human dimensions in conservation.