



The “wet” parts of braided rivers: Important habitat considerations for native fish.

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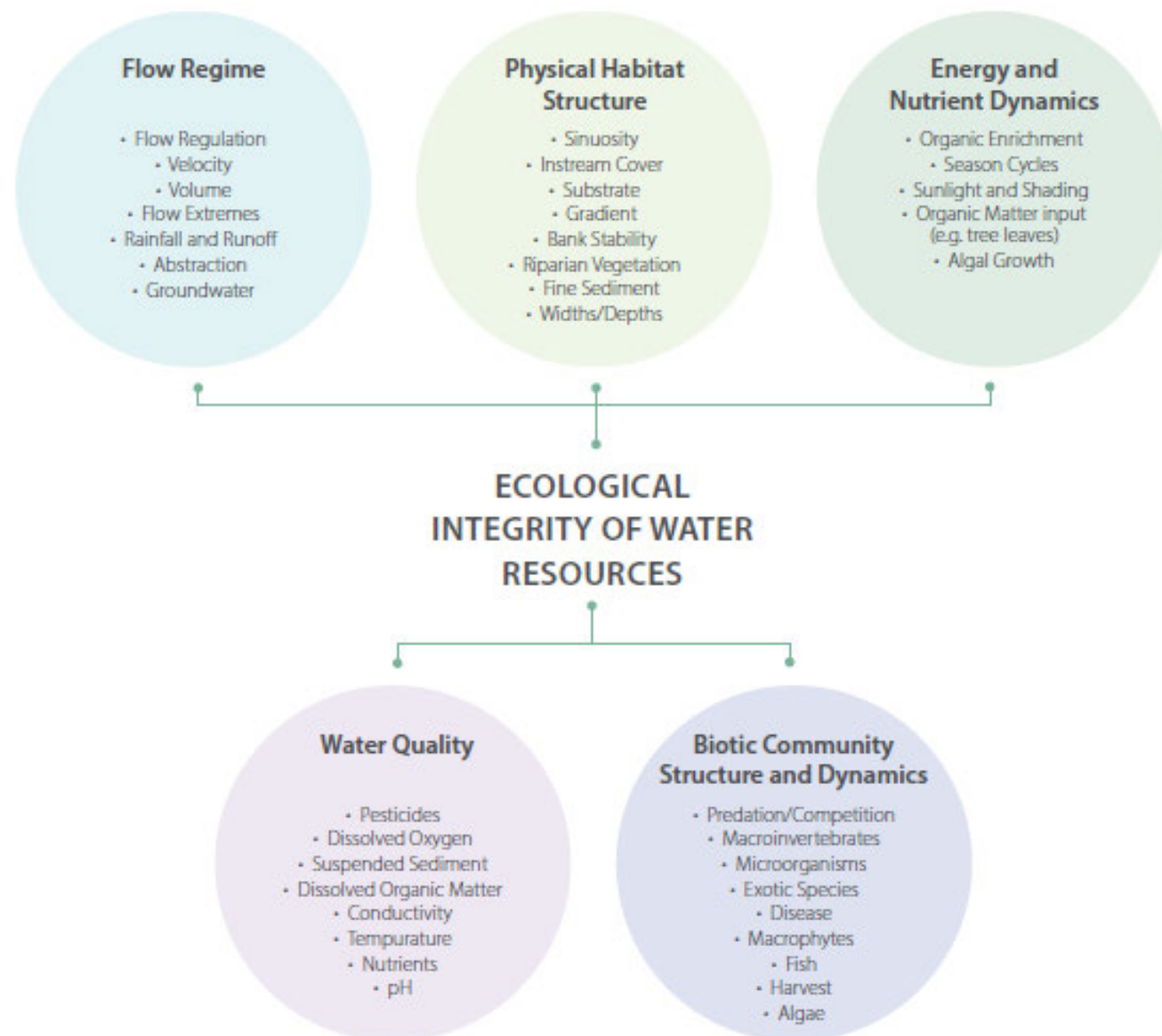
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1 Cast studies of:

Longfin eel

Lamprey

Torrent fish and Bluegill Bully

Smelt

(but there are many other braided river fish,
aquatic insects, and algae species we could talk
about)

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Longfin eel





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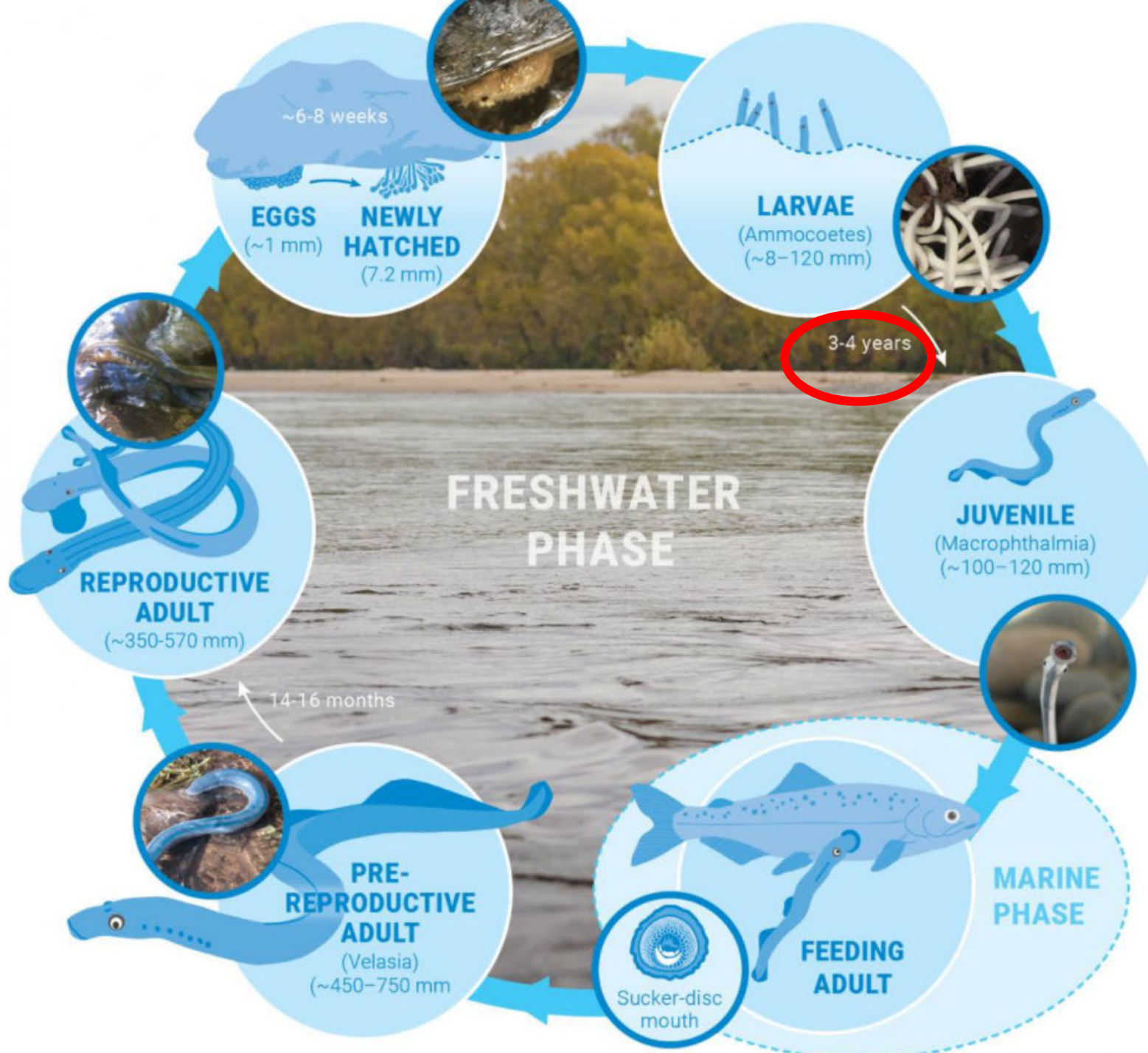
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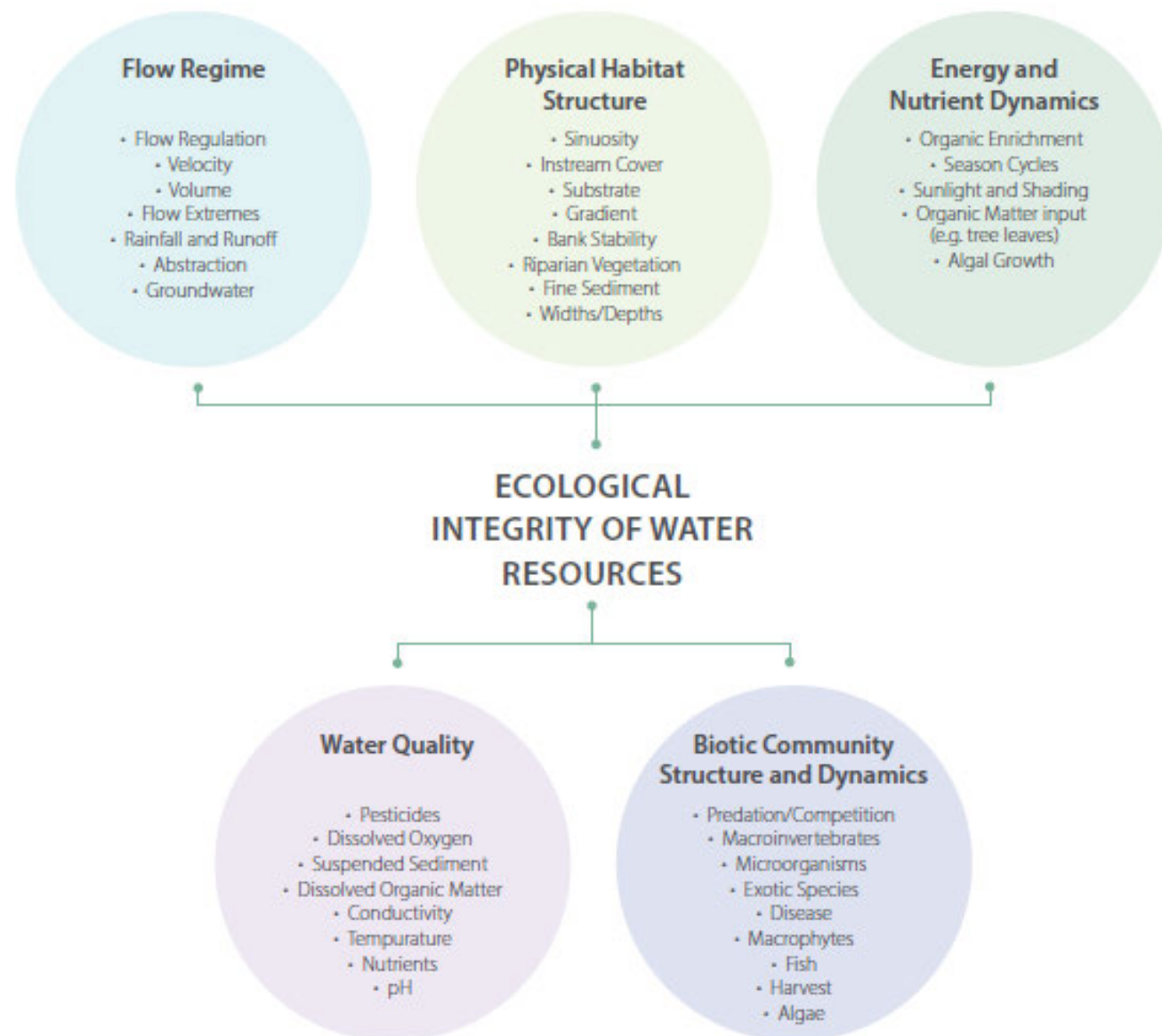
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Fish communities are important components of healthy braided rivers

Many native river fish species have very specific HABITAT requirements

These HABITATS need to be acknowledged and protected in braided river management

To give effect to a Healthy river philosophy.





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