



Figure. Mean of monthly mean flow on the Big Sur River, 1952–2010. Data are from USGS gage 11143000. The data are plotted from December through November to represent a “steelhead water year” given that steelhead spawners typically begin arriving in the stream on an increasing hydrograph during December, and the summer-to-fall low-flow period that represents a bottleneck to juvenile steelhead rearing typically extends through October-November.