



Why are Pacific lampreys important?

- Lamprey ammocoetes are a known food source for other fish and birds.
- Adult Pacific lampreys may act as a buffer for migrating adult salmon from predation from marine mammals.
- Pacific lampreys, like salmon, return important marine nutrients to the freshwater systems in which they spawn and die.
- Pacific lampreys remain important to the Native Americans both culturally and as a food source.
- Today, Pacific lampreys are used for research, education, and anticoagulants.