

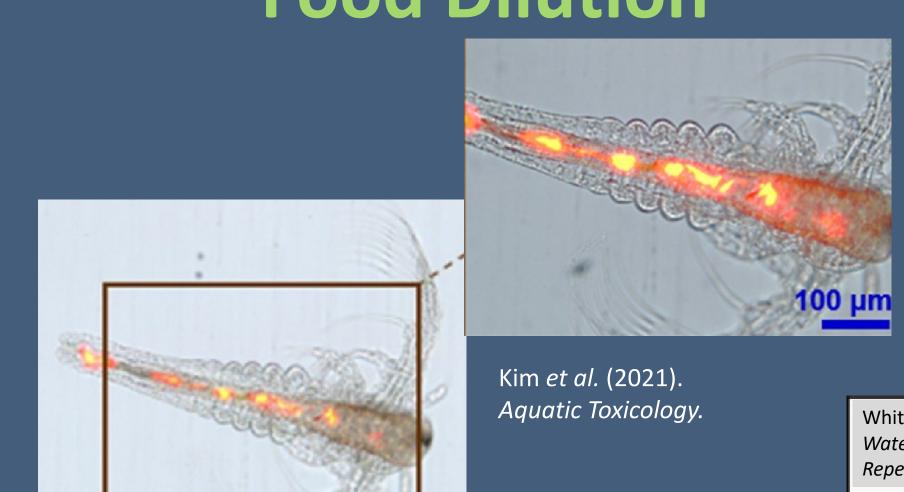
# Impacts of Microfiber & Chemical Pollution Scott Coffin, Ph.D. | Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment



# Science

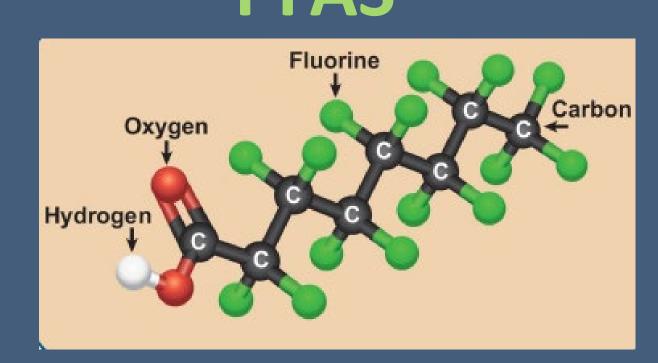
#### Physical Ecological Impacts Cellular Impacts Food Dilution

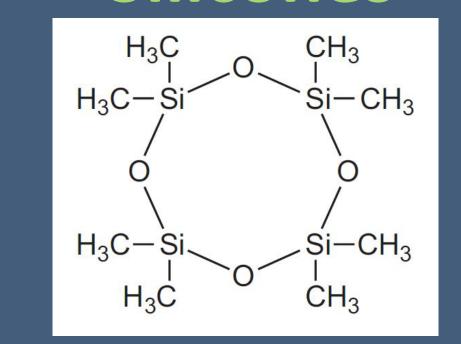
**Apoptosis** 



#### Chemical Impacts **PFAS**

Hazard classification per endpoint





**Ecotoxicity** 

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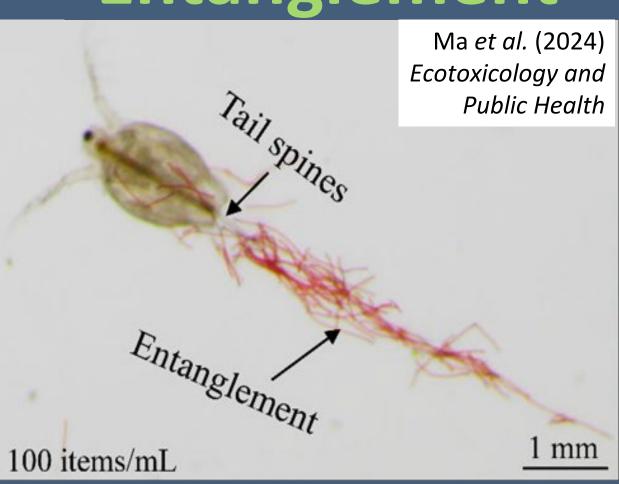
# Immune balance disruption Cardiac developmental disorders **Placenta** Division O Reduced cell division Metabolism related Brain development disorders

Human Health Impacts

**Diverse and Poorly Understand Impacts** 

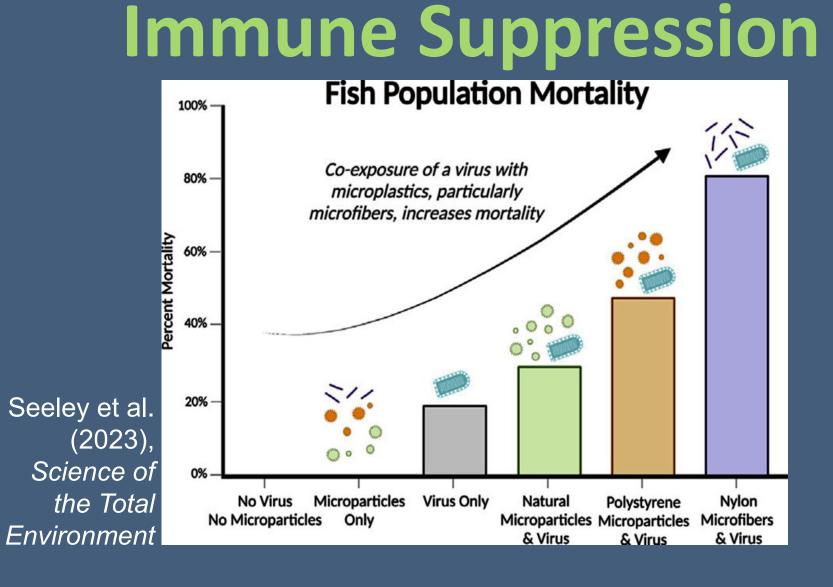
Balali et al. (2024). Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology

#### Entanglement



Statewide Microplastics Strategy

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# Management Ecological Risk Assessment

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### Two-track approach 1. "No-regrets" solutions



Strategic & Adaptive Management

- Pathway Interventions
- Outreach & Education

2. Science to Inform Future



# Monitoring

Benchmark chemical

Short-chain silanols #

Trimethyl silanol #

Hydrocarbons

Paraffin Wax #

Side-chain fluorinated polymers

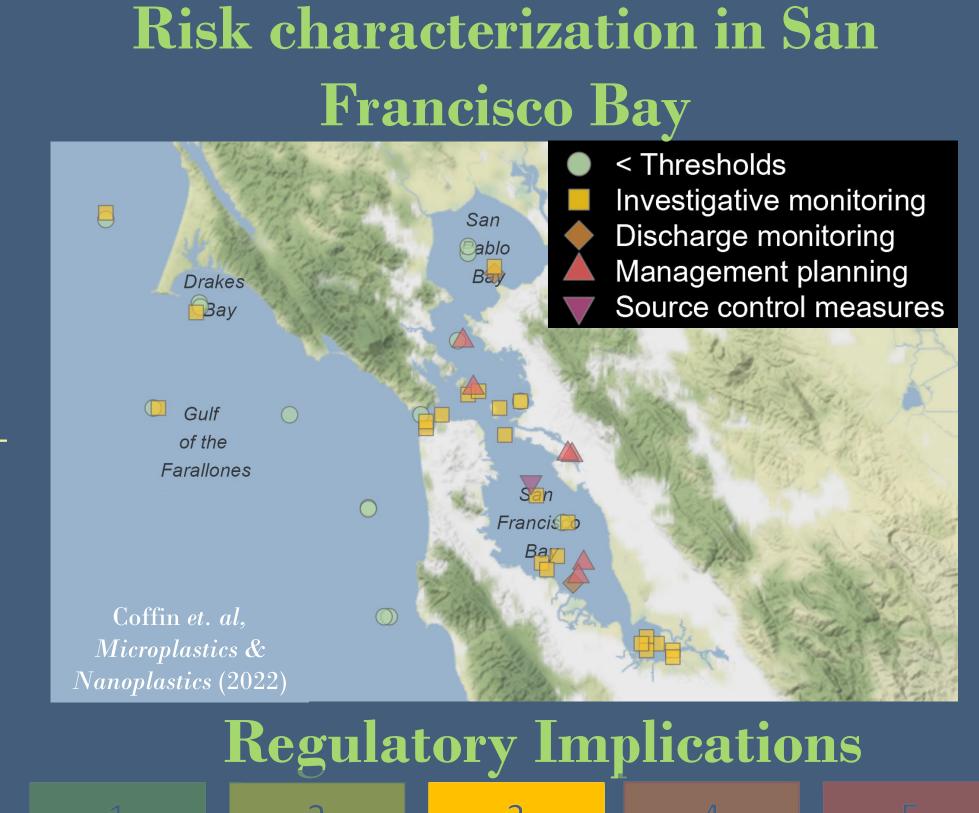
PFOA # \*

PFHxA # \*

PFBS # \*

Silicones

Hazard Assessment					
Threshold	Food Dilution (particles/L)	Tissue Translocation (particles/L)			
Investigative monitoring	0.3	60			
Discharge monitoring	3.0	320			
Management planning	5.0	890			
Source control measures	34	4,100			



Coffin et. Microplastics	ics & (2022)	tory Im	plicatio	ns
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At least one core beneficial use is supported and none are known to be impaired.	Not enough information to determine beneficial use support.	• Not enough information to determine beneficial use support; but there is information that indicates beneficial uses may be threatened.	<ul> <li>4A: All 303(d) listings in the waterbody are being addressed and at least one is being addressed by a USEPA approved TMDL.</li> <li>4B: All 303(d) listings in the waterbody are being addressed by actions other than a TMDL</li> </ul>	• There are one or more 303(d) listings in the waterbody, and at least one of the listings has not yet been addressed by a TMDL.
	: Resources Contro eport. Recommend		<ul> <li>4C: Impairment is the result of pollution and not a specific pollutant.</li> </ul>	
under the	United State Clear	Water Act.		

## Drinking Water Monitoring

