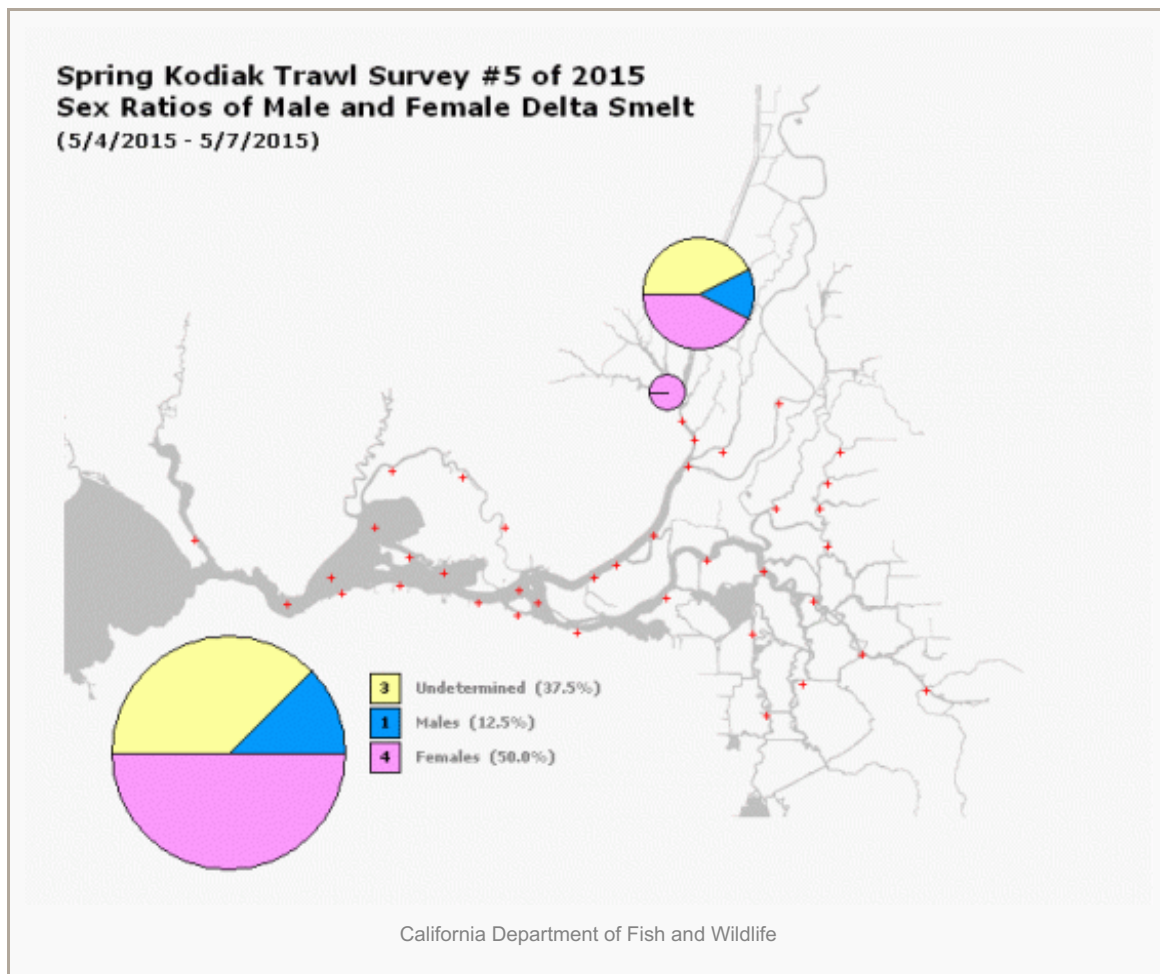


For Delta smelt, eight is not enough

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After locating [just one Delta smelt](#) in extensive surveys last month, officials apparently found eight this month, clustered in the area of the Sacramento Deep Water Channel.



That's still a very poor showing. Last year's May survey turned up 28 fish. The year before that, 19. The year before that, 121.

But there was only one way the results from April could have gotten any worse. And that, at least, didn't happen.