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# **Stage 1 – Desired Results**

# **Established Goals**

### B3.4A

• Describe ecosystem stability. Apply understanding that if a disaster such as flood or fire occurs, the damaged ecosystem is likely to recover in stages of succession that eventually results in a system similar to the original one.

#### B3.4C

• Examine the negative impact of human activities.

### B3.5 C

• Predict the consequences of an invading organism on the survival of other organisms

## Meaning

## **Enduring Understandings**

Students will understand that...

- \*Humans have a major impact on ecosystems
- \*Species that seem unconnected within an ecosystem are still linked through other species
- \*Ecosystem stability is important for the species within it.

## **Essential Questions**

Students will keep considering...

- \*How are organisms in an ecosystem connected?
- \*How can I help protect ecosystems?
- \*How do invasive species impact an ecosystem?
- \*What happens to an ecosystem after a major event?

## **Acquisition of Knowledge and Skills**

### Students will know...

- \*How humans impact the environment
- \*That a single species can impact an entire ecosystem
- \*Ecosystems can come back to the original state following a major event.

Students will be skilled at...

- \*Analyzing human impact on the environment
- \*Using information such as food webs to predict how a new species may impact the ecosystem

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Stage 2 - Evidence	
Code	Assessment/Assignment Evidence
B3.4A	Multiple choice section (summative assessment) targeting ecosystem stability and succession.
	<ul> <li>Students will complete on-paper activity regarding succession in a pond ecosystem</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Students will create dioramas to demonstrate visible changes during succession of a field</li> </ul>
	ecosystem.
B3.4C	<ul> <li>Short essay on summative assessment: Name three negative effects humans have on the</li> </ul>
	environment (name what they do and how it impacts). Do you think humans have any positive impacts on the environment? If so, what?
	<ul> <li>Students will complete small group activity regarding human activities, the impacts and results of impacts</li> </ul>
	• Students will complete reflection question: What do you do daily that negatively impacts the environment? How could you lesson this impact?
B3.5C	Short essay: Story-type question introducing a fictional invasive organism and a food web of its new ecosystem. Students will be asked to predict what native organisms will be impacted and how.
	<ul> <li>Students will read an article regarding an invasive shrimp species and answer accompanying questions</li> </ul>
All	Other evidence:
	Student involvement in class discussions
	<ul> <li>Student involvement in small group/pair discussions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Student responses to one-on-one instructor prompts/questions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Student responses on exit cards (reflecting the day's topic)</li> </ul>
	Other formative assessments throughout unit
	Instructor observations

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