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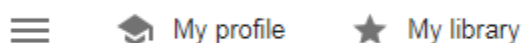
Learn to set up Google Scholar to search databases at PCC Library; save articles; find full text articles; use Google Scholar citation tools.

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Pacific Northwest salmon: forecasting their status in 2100

[RT Lackey](#) - *Reviews in fisheries Science*, 2003 - Taylor & Francis

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Lackey, Robert T. "Pacific Northwest Salmon: Forecasting Their Status in 2100." *Reviews in Fisheries Science*, vol. 11, no. 1, Mar. 2003, pp. 35-88.

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