

Figure S1. Map showing the stream order of the Geum River basin

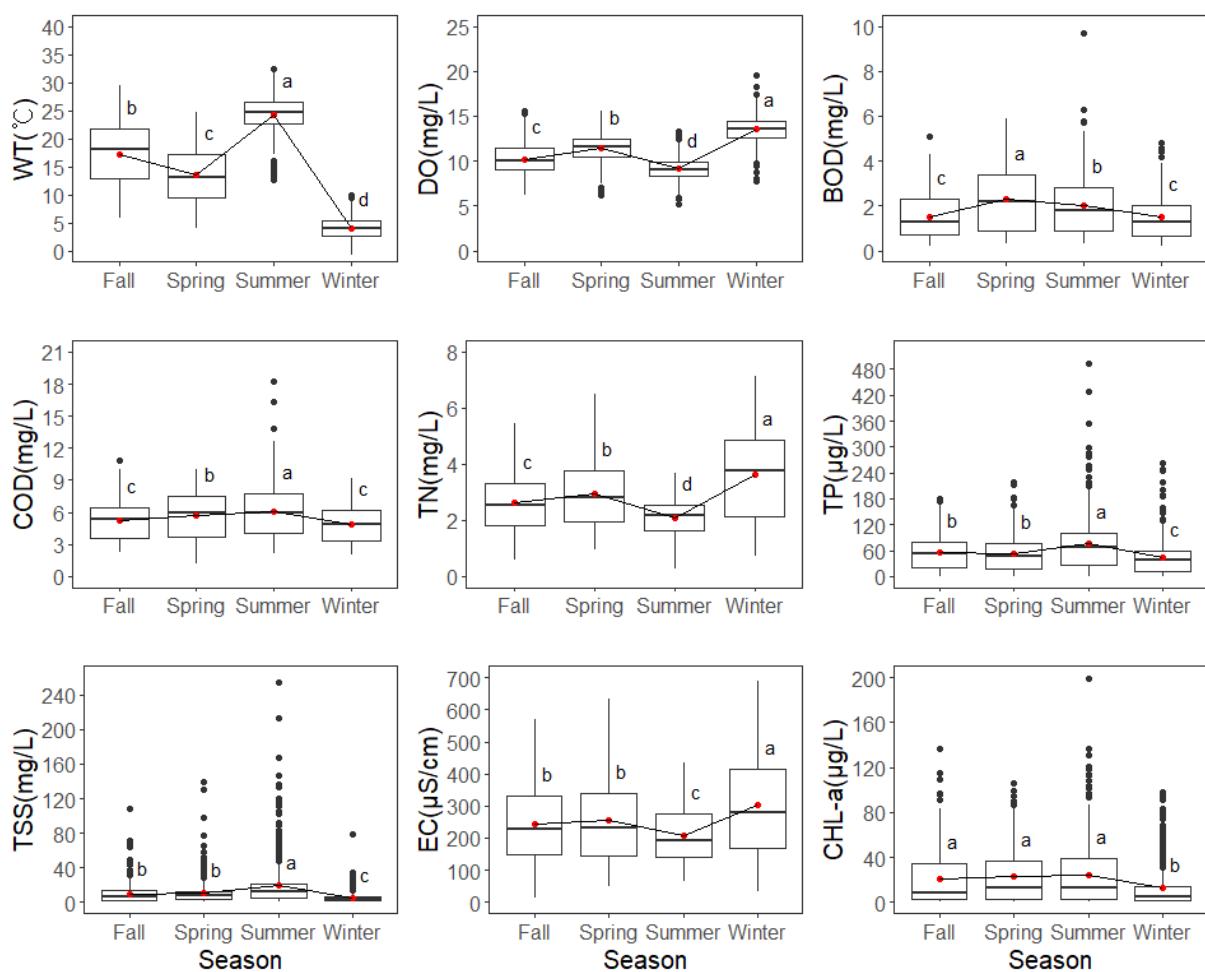


Figure S2. Seasonal variations of water quality parameters in the Geum River basin (WT: water temperature, DO: dissolved oxygen, BOD: biological oxygen demand, COD: chemical oxygen demand, TP: total phosphorus, TN: total nitrogen TSS: total suspended solids, EC: electrical conductivity and CHL-a: chlorophyll-a, Spring: Mar-May, Summer: Jun-Aug, Fall: Sep-Nov, Winter: Dec-Feb, the red dots indicate the mean value)

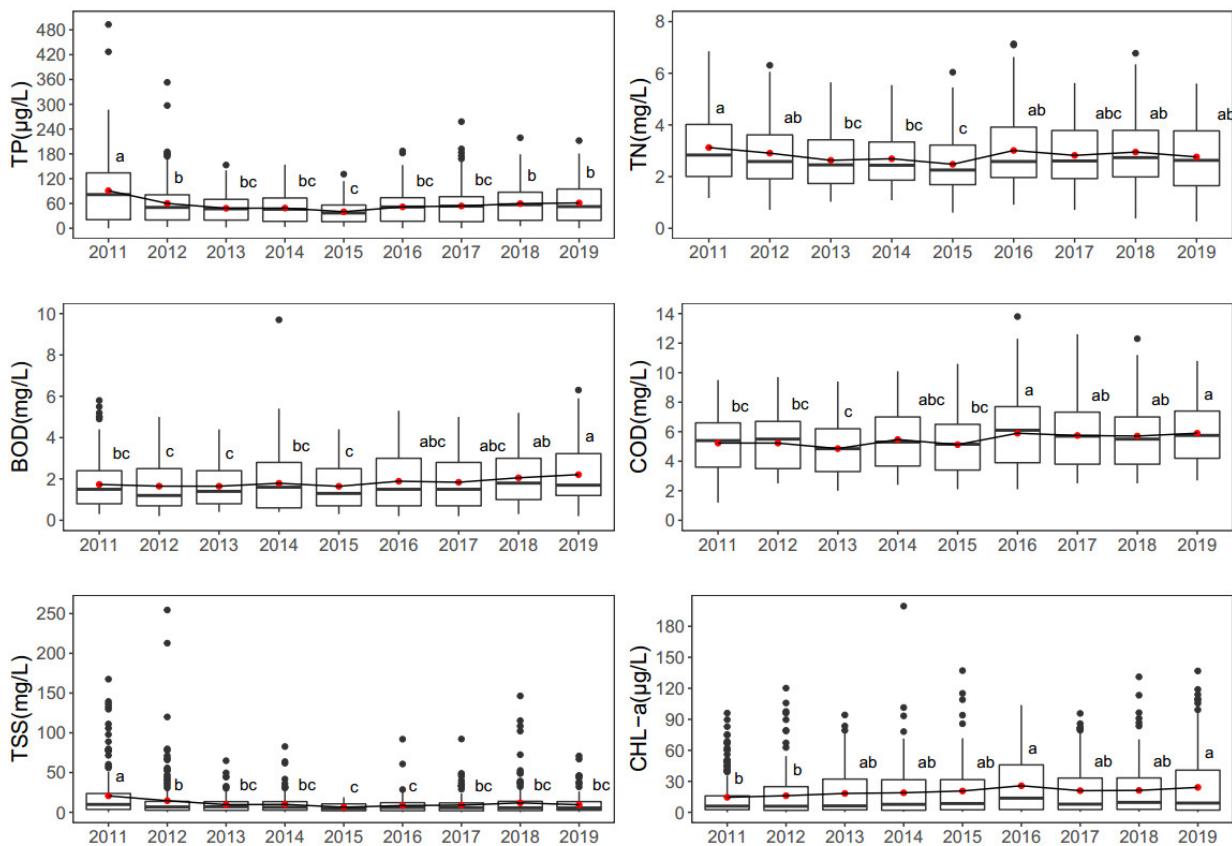


Figure S3. Yearly variations of water quality variables in the Geum River basin (TP: total phosphorus, TN: total nitrogen, BOD: biological oxygen demand, COD: chemical oxygen demand, TSS: total suspended solids, and CHL-a: chlorophyll-a, the red dots indicate the mean value)

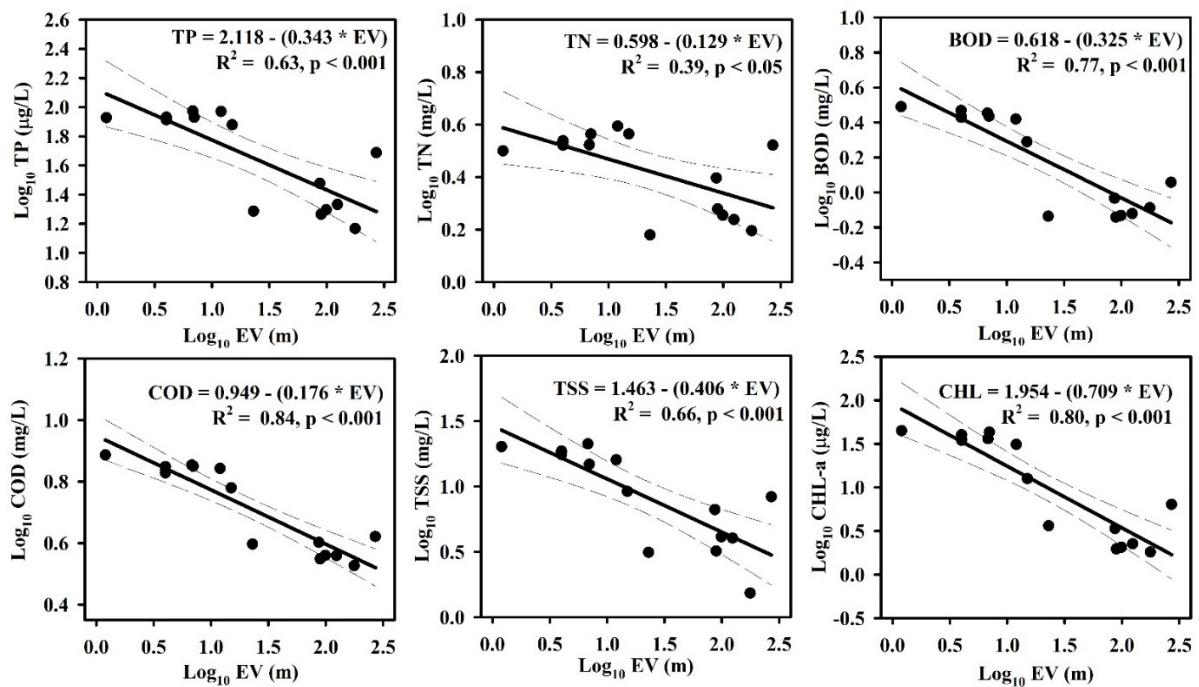


Figure S4. Relations of nutrients (TP: total phosphorus, TN: total nitrogen), organic matters (BOD: biological oxygen demand, COD: chemical oxygen demand), total suspended solids (TSS) and chlorophyll-a with elevation (EV) in the Geum River basin

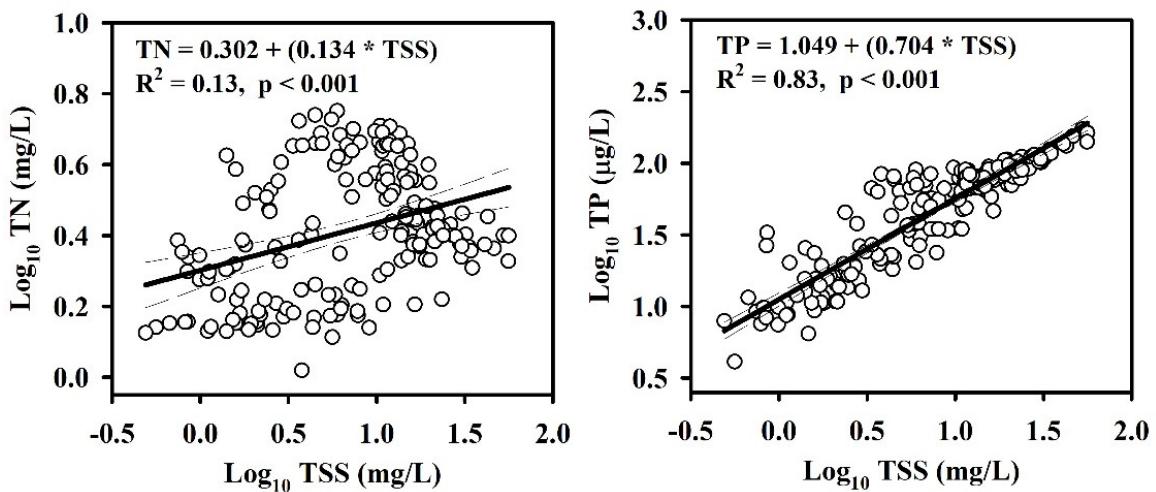


Figure S5. Relations of suspended solids with nutrients (TP: total phosphorus, TN: total nitrogen)

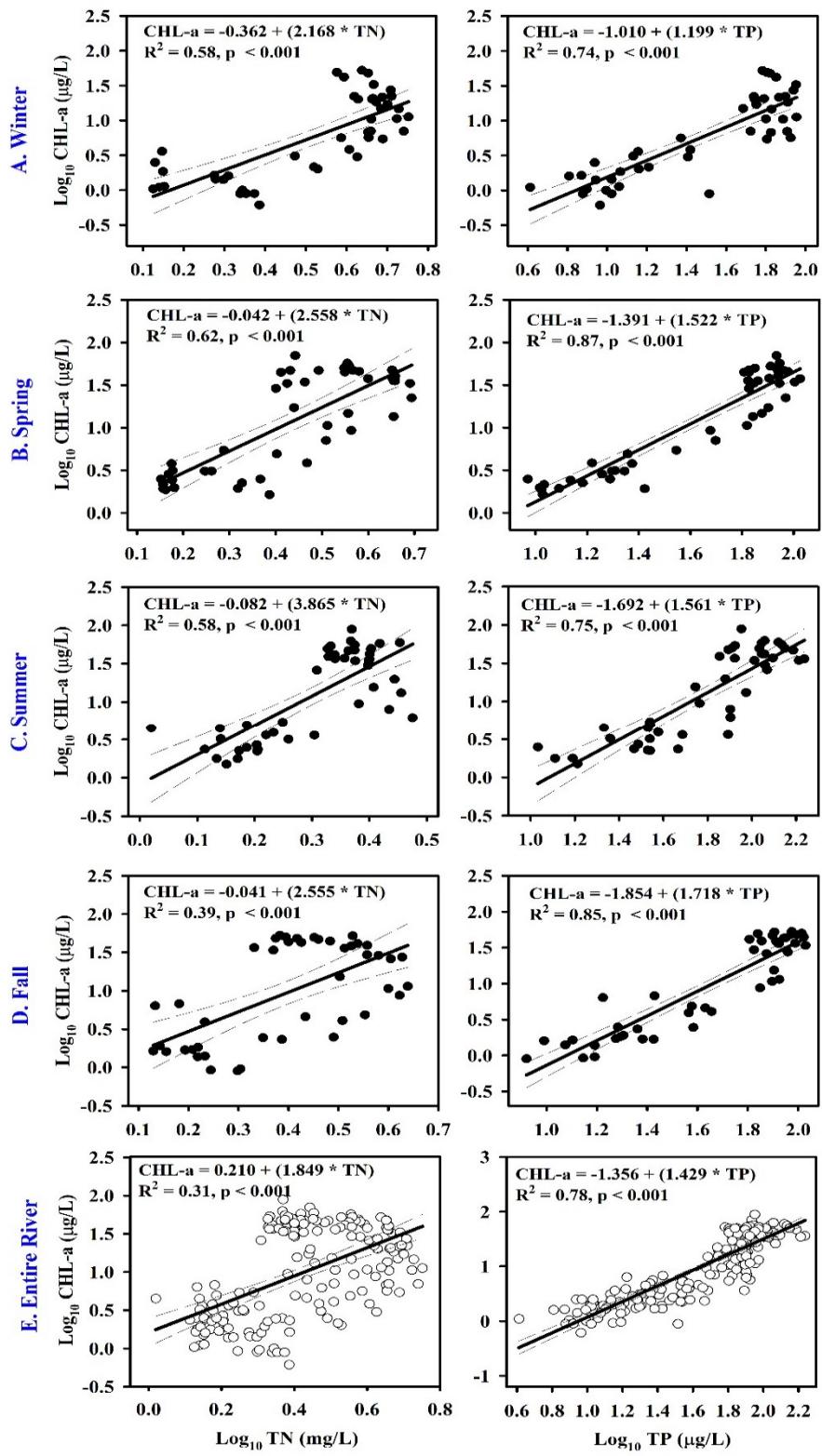


Figure S6. Relations of algal chlorophyll (CHL-a) with total nitrogen (TN) and total phosphorus (TP) in the Geum River (Spring: Mar-May, Summer: Jun-Aug, Fall: Sep-Nov, Winter: Dec-Feb)

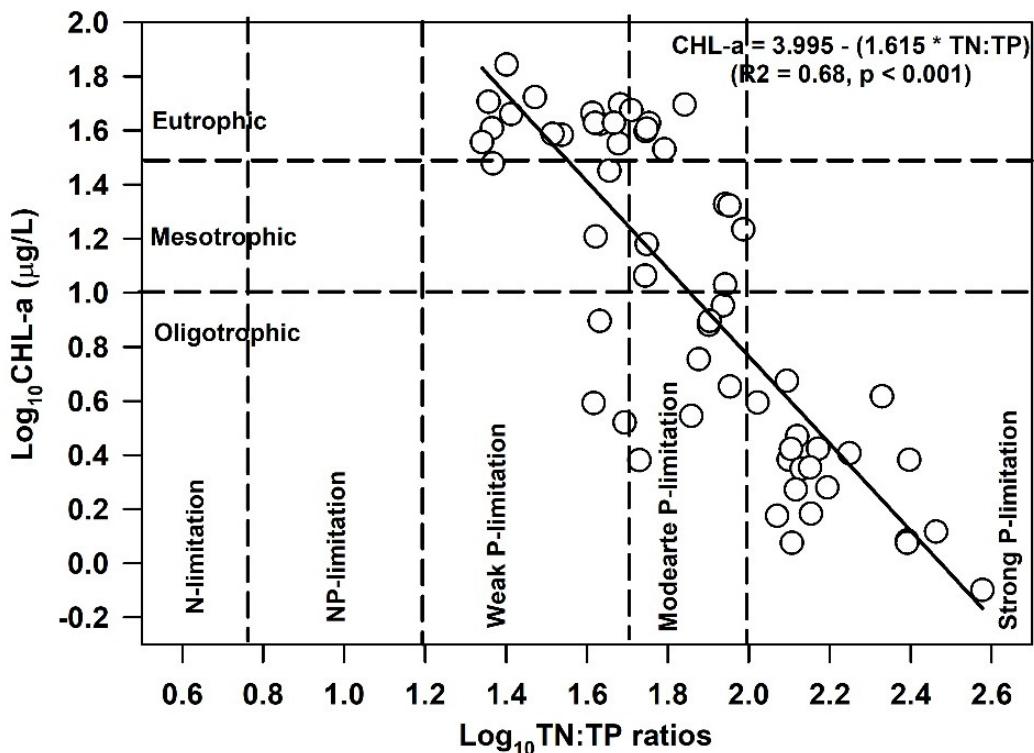


Figure S7. Nutrient limitation status determination based on the empirical relationship of algal chlorophyll (CHL-a) with TN:TP ratios.

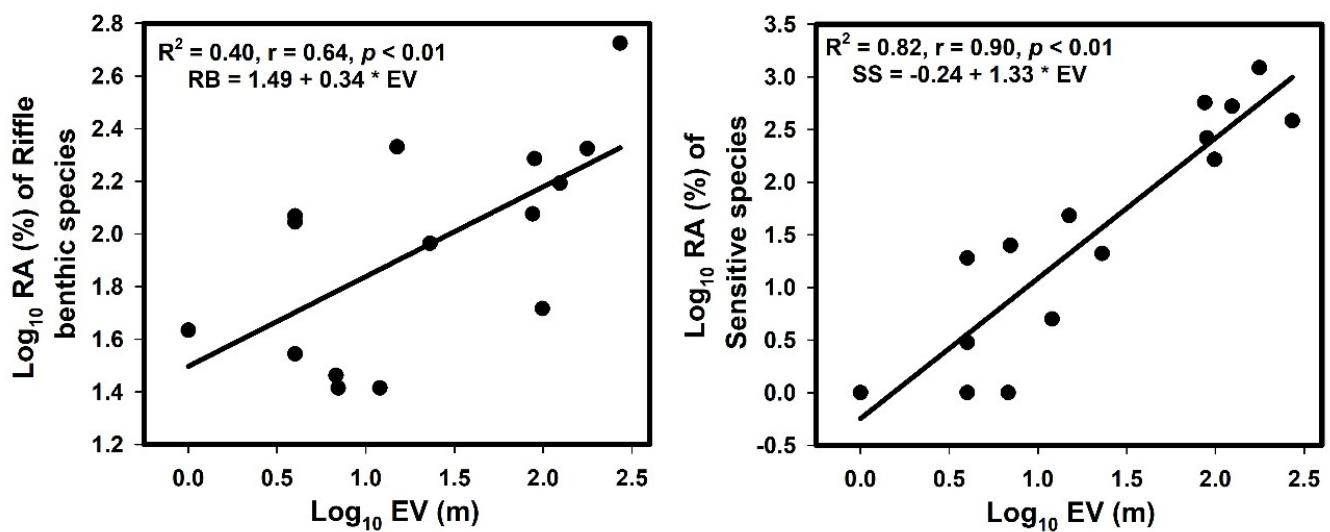


Figure S8. Relations of riffle benthic and sensitive fish species with elevation.

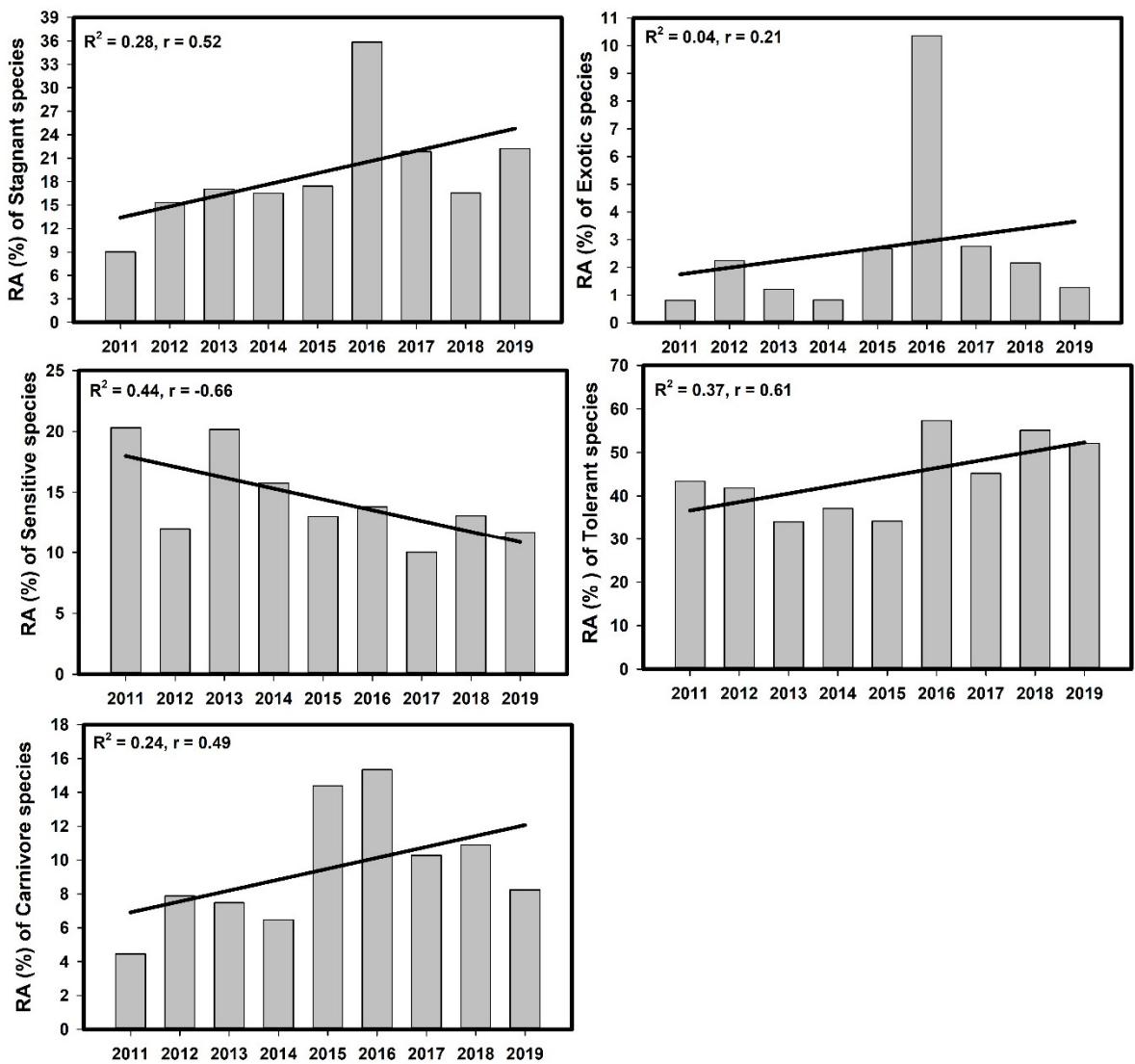


Figure S9. Yearly variations of stagnant, exotic, sensitive, tolerant, and carnivore fish species in the Geum River (the black line indicates the regression line)

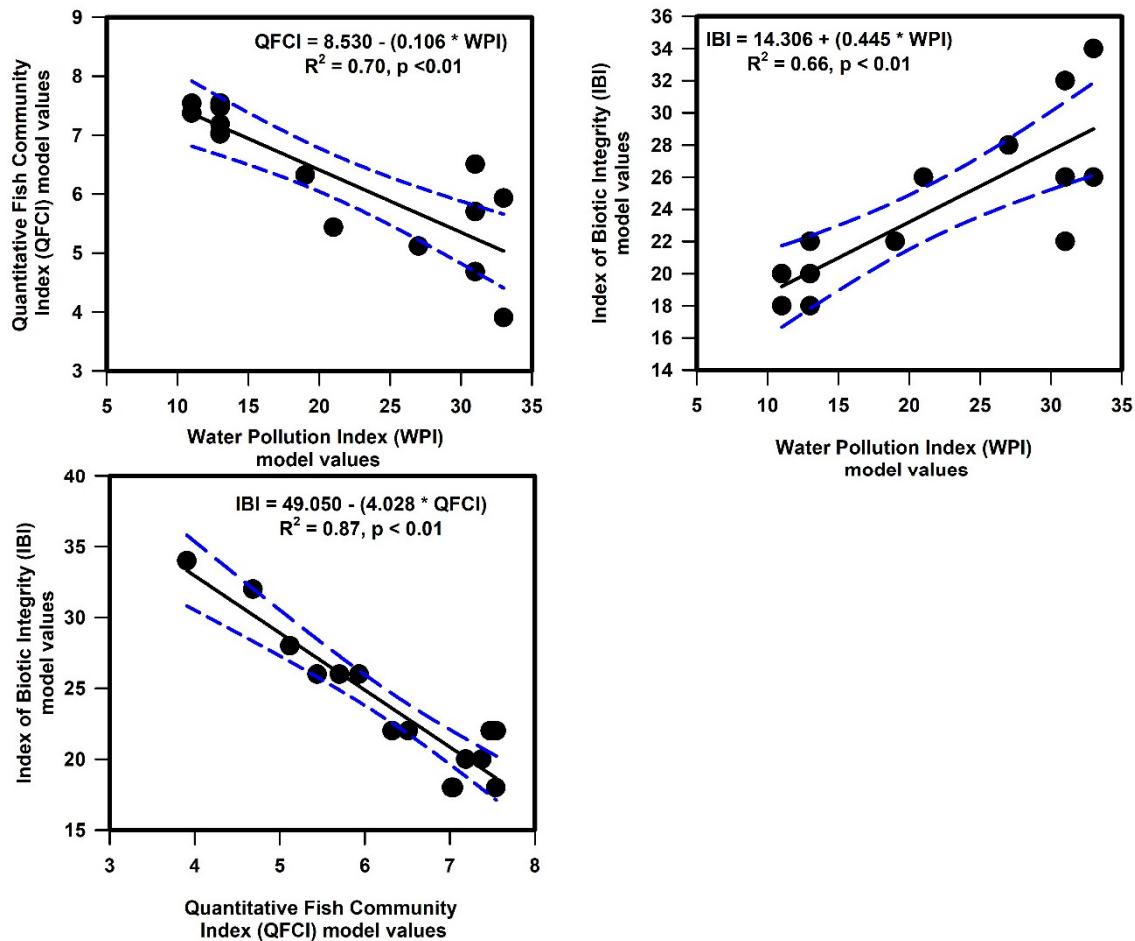


Figure S10. Relations among Water Pollution Index (WPI), Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) and Quantitative Fish Community Index (QFCI) model values.

Table S1. Mann-Kendall trend analysis of water quality parameters in the Geum River basin.
 (WT: water temperature, EC: electrical conductivity, TSS: total suspended solids, BOD:
 biological oxygen demand, COD: chemical oxygen demand, TP: total phosphorus, TN: total
 nitrogen, CHL-a: chlorophyll-a)

Water Quality parameters	S value	P-value	Slope	Intercept	Trend	Sign
WT	10	0.17	0.09	14.31	No trend	↔
EC	20	0.02	11.15	196.87	Increasing trend	↑
TSS	-12	0.12	-0.92	15.75	No trend	↔
BOD	20	0.02	0.06	1.52	Increasing trend	↑
COD	18	0.03	0.10	4.93	Increasing trend	↑
TP	4	0.37	-1.75	65.99	No trend	↔
TN	-4	0.37	-0.01	2.87	No trend	↔
TN:TP	2	0.45	-0.05	93.33	No trend	↔
CHL-a	30	0.00	1.09	14.53	Increasing trend	↑

Table S2. Fish fauna and guild composition in the Geum River watershed. (Tol.G.: tolerance guild, Tro. G.: trophic guild, Hab. G.: habitat guild, RA: relative abundance, TNI: total number of individuals, TRA: total relative abundance, TNS: total number of species, ¥: exotic species, *: endangered species, SS: sensitive species, IS: intermediate species, TS: tolerant species, O: omnivores, I: insectivores, C: carnivores, H: herbivores, RB: riffle benthic species)

Species	Type of Fish Guild			Relative abundance of fish species (RA, %)															TNI	TRA(%)	
	Tol. G.	Tro. G.	Hab. G.	S01	S02	S03	S04	S05	S06	S07	S08	S09	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15			
<i>Zacco platypus</i>	TS	O		44.49	13.22	27.45	39.66	35.70	32.42	14.03	39.03	29.77	7.40	30.08	4.72	3.36	5.13	5.79	5696	25.62	
<i>Pseudogobio esocinus</i>	IS	I		4.00	0.60	0.79	6.23	2.78	3.55	7.84	9.46	15.96	10.99	9.08	9.78	13.02	9.09	8.15	1398	6.29	
<i>Zacco koreanus</i>	SS	I		7.59	23.13	12.64	0.06	12.52	2.18	0.78	0.63								1305	5.87	
<i>Pungtungia herzi</i>	IS	I		6.81	8.67	14.35	10.31	7.04	3.28	7.45	0.91	0.08	0.24						1113	5.01	
<i>Hemibarbus labeo</i>	TS	I		1.22	0.00	1.45	1.22	0.52	1.47	7.52	8.48	11.41	14.41	5.66	6.35	6.58	5.59	9.66	956	4.30	
<i>Acheilognathus lanceolata</i>	IS	O			0.12	2.04	5.47	2.70	2.07	27.43	7.85	1.68	2.39	6.70	2.56	3.36			900	4.05	
<i>Acheilognathus yamatsutae</i>	IS	O		0.04	3.64	5.46	8.10	13.22	12.61	1.80	1.26			0.30					894	4.02	
<i>Microphysogobio jeoni</i>	IS	I										0.08	5.73	4.62	36.11	9.26	3.96	5.58	867	3.90	
<i>Rhinogobius brunneus</i>	IS	I	RB	10.07	0.08	0.20	1.05	0.61	5.51	3.21	8.83	1.12	1.59	7.37	6.00	3.89	0.70	1.93	829	3.73	
<i>Opsariichthys uncirostris amurensis</i>	TS	C		3.43		0.53	0.76	0.17	2.46		2.73	6.30	2.79	3.35	12.29	22.01	12.82	7.73	818	3.68	
<i>Acheilognathus koreensis</i>	IS	O		0.16	21.97	5.07	0.82	3.09	0.55										726	3.27	
<i>Squalidus japonicus coreanus</i>	TS	O		0.04					0.16	0.16	0.84	2.15	11.31	8.71	8.10	8.86	16.78	11.16	633	2.85	
<i>Coreoleuciscus splendidus</i>	SS	I	RB	4.24	6.83	8.03	1.69	1.17	1.31	0.31	0.63								490	2.20	
<i>Carassius auratus</i>	TS	O		0.04		0.07	2.62	0.13	0.38	7.76	0.70	11.97	5.73	1.12	0.41	1.74	2.80	4.08	454	2.04	
<i>Pseudopungtungia nigra*</i>	SS	I			7.67	5.40	0.35	2.04	3.00										382	1.72	
<i>Hemibarbus longirostris</i>	IS	I		4.00	0.80	2.24	2.74	1.13	2.40	2.82	1.40	0.08	0.80	0.97	0.29	1.61		0.21	367	1.65	
<i>Squaliobarbus curriculus</i>	IS	O								0.11	0.63	0.21	0.64	2.79	2.76	3.61	4.43	24.24	15.24	363	1.63

<i>Micropterus</i>	TS	C		1.31		1.51	1.81	0.04	0.55	1.18	1.33	1.36	4.94	4.91	0.76	2.55	3.73	7.08	357	1.61	
<i>Sarcocheilichthys</i>	SS	I			0.08	2.37	4.31	2.91	5.51	0.00	0.56	0.08		0.30					293	1.32	
<i>Squalidus</i>	IS	O		0.08				1.04	6.33	0.39	0.42	0.72	3.26	1.79	1.40	5.37		0.21	292	1.31	
<i>Microphysogobio</i>	IS	O	RB	5.10	0.04	1.25	0.29	1.87	3.06	0.08	0.77	0.80	0.08		0.12				274	1.23	
<i>Zacco temminckii</i>	SS	I		0.69	6.47	2.04		1.43	0.60										254	1.14	
<i>Hemiculter</i>	TS	O							3.71	0.08	0.00	0.40	2.87	3.28	1.63	6.31	0.23	0.86	234	1.05	
<i>Odontobutis</i>	IS	C		0.12		0.59	3.44	1.61	0.44	3.61	2.94	1.60	0.24	0.52					234	1.05	
<i>Tridentiger</i>	IS	I	RB	0.08				0.13	0.55	3.61	3.99	0.16	0.32	1.34	0.35	0.81	6.06	7.30	214	0.96	
<i>Erythroculter</i>	TS	C								0.24	0.28	1.68	0.80	0.60	3.84	3.89	4.43	10.73	210	0.94	
<i>Coreoperca herzi</i>	SS	C		0.53	3.00	1.71	1.34	1.91	0.93	0.08									199	0.89	
<i>Lepomis</i>	TS	I						0.06	0.26	0.11	0.94	0.28	0.32	12.10			0.67			186	0.84
<i>Pseudorasbora</i>	TS	O						0.29	0.04	0.00	0.71	0.42	8.06	0.32	1.19	0.41	0.81	0.23	0.64	159	0.72
<i>Odontobutis</i>	SS	C		0.57	0.92	0.92	0.82	1.26	0.44	0.47	0.21			0.07					112	0.50	
<i>Sarcocheilichthys</i>	IS	I			0.04	0.39	0.99	1.78	0.33	0.24	0.63			0.89			0.93		99	0.45	
<i>Iksookimia</i>	IS	I	RB	1.96	1.04	0.39	0.00	0.13	0.11	0.00				0.00					85	0.38	
<i>Acheilognathus</i>	IS	O				0.39	1.05	0.04	2.46	0.00	0.56		0.16	0.15					82	0.37	
<i>Rhinogobius</i>	TS	O							0.11	0.24	0.56		0.56	0.97	0.93		1.63	0.64	59	0.27	
<i>Acanthorhodeus</i>	IS	O							0.16	2.51	0.00	0.48	0.48	0.52		0.40	0.23		58	0.26	
<i>Rhodeus uyekii</i>	IS	C			0.64	1.25	0.29	0.57					0.08						54	0.24	
<i>Pseudobagrus</i>	SS	I	RB	0.16	0.32	0.46		1.00			0.77								53	0.24	
<i>Siniperca</i>	SS	C		0.73	0.08	0.20	0.99	0.09	0.27	0.00	0.21	0.08	0.08	0.07					53	0.24	
<i>Rhodeus notatus</i>	IS	O					0.93	0.26		1.18	0.07		0.56	0.37					50	0.22	
<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	TS	O					0.17			0.55	0.35	0.48	1.59	0.37		0.13		0.21	48	0.22	

<i>Acheilognathus macropterus</i>	IS	O					0.12		0.05	0.00	0.35	0.64	1.51	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.21	45	0.20	
<i>Gnathopogon strigatus</i>	IS	I							0.11	0.24	1.47	0.80	0.40						41	0.18	
<i>Rhynchoscypris oxycephalus</i>	SS	I		0.73								0.08	1.67							40	0.18
<i>Squalidus gracilis majimae</i>	SS	I		0.29	0.08	0.13		0.04	0.11			0.16	0.16	0.97		0.40			34	0.15	
<i>Misgurnus anguillicaudatus</i>	TS	O		0.41			0.06			1.33	0.07	0.16			0.06	0.13			33	0.15	
<i>Pseudobagrus fulvidraco</i>	TS	I					0.82	0.09	0.55	0.08		0.08				0.40	0.23	0.21	33	0.15	
<i>Misgurnus mizolepis</i>	TS	O		0.16	0.12		0.06	0.09		0.47	0.21	0.24	0.16		0.06				25	0.11	
<i>Plecoglossus altivelis</i>	IS	H		0.90															22	0.10	
<i>Abbottina rivularis</i>	TS	O										0.16	0.48	0.45	0.23					18	0.08
<i>Gobiobotia brevibarba*</i>	SS	I	RB		0.08	0.53		0.22											15	0.07	
<i>Carassius cuvieri</i> ♀	TS	O					0.29				0.14	0.08	0.24						11	0.05	
<i>Macropodus ocellatus</i>	TS	I					0.58												10	0.04	
<i>Oryzias sinensis</i>	TS	O			0.16													1.29	10	0.04	
<i>Rhodeus ocellatus</i>	IS	O										0.72							9	0.04	
<i>Channa argus</i>	TS	C				0.07	0.17			0.07	0.08								6	0.03	
<i>Cobitis choii</i>	SS	I								0.35									5	0.02	
<i>Silurus asotus</i>	TS	C					0.06	0.09		0.08						0.23			5	0.02	
<i>Liobagrus obesus</i>	SS	I	RB					0.17											4	0.02	
<i>Tridentiger obscurus</i>	TS	I																0.86	4	0.02	
<i>Leiocassis ussuriensis</i>	IS	I			0.04			0.09											3	0.01	
<i>Oryzias latipes</i>	TS	O			0.12														3	0.01	
<i>Hypomesus nipponeensis</i>	IS	I									0.080		0.074						2	0.009	
<i>Liobagrus mediadiposalis</i>	SS	I	RB	0.041	0.040														2	0.009	
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	TS	H														0.233	0.215	2	0.009		

<i>Cobitis nambanti</i>	IS	I						0.055									1	0.004	
<i>Gobiobotia macrocephala*</i>	SS	I	RB			0.066											1	0.004	
<i>Gobiobotia nakdongensis*</i>	SS	I	RB									0.080					1	0.004	
TNS				30	28	31	36	39	38	34	38	36	37	32	22	23	21	23	
TNI				2452	2503	1519	1717	2300	1832	1276	1427	1253	1256	1343	1717	745	429	466	22,235

Table S3. Sites-based Chemical health assessment (CHA) based on multi-metric water pollution index (WPI) in the Geum River basin. (EX: excellent, G: good, F: fair, P: poor, VP: very poor.

Category	Model Metric	Scoring Criteria			Geum River														
		5	3	1	S01	S02	S03	S04	S05	S06	S07	S08	S09	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15
Nutrient regime	M ₁ : total nitrogen (mgL ⁻¹)	<1.5	1.5-3.0	>3	3.33 (1)	1.57 (3)	1.73 (3)	1.80 (3)	2.49 (3)	1.90 (3)	1.51 (3)	3.67 (1)	3.93 (1)	3.67 (1)	3.45 (1)	3.40 (1)	3.32 (1)	3.34 (1)	3.16 (1)
	M ₂ : total phosphorus (μgL ⁻¹)	<30	30-100	>100	48.57 (3)	15.44 (5)	21.48 (5)	19.75 (5)	29.98 (5)	18.37 (5)	19.32 (5)	75.67 (3)	93.44 (3)	85.14 (3)	84.77 (3)	85.18 (3)	81.78 (3)	94.02 (3)	84.68 (3)
	M ₃ : TN:TP ratio	>50	20-50	<20	108.1 (5)	151.2 (5)	145.5 (5)	154.3 (5)	135.1 (5)	183.1 (5)	114.5 (5)	58.2 (5)	50.6 (5)	50.9 (5)	55.1 (5)	51.4 (5)	52.2 (5)	41.5 (3)	45.2 (3)
Organic matter	M ₄ : biological oxygen demand (mgL ⁻¹)	<1	1-2.5	>2.5	1.14 (3)	0.82 (5)	0.76 (5)	0.74 (5)	0.93 (5)	0.72 (5)	0.73 (5)	1.95 (3)	2.62 (1)	2.73 (1)	2.71 (1)	2.94 (1)	2.68 (1)	2.84 (1)	3.09 (1)
Ionic contents and solids	M ₅ : total suspended solid (mgL ⁻¹)	<4	4-10	>10	8.32 (3)	1.53 (5)	4.02 (3)	4.11 (3)	6.65 (3)	3.20 (5)	3.13 (5)	9.14 (3)	16.00 (1)	14.79 (1)	18.37 (1)	17.55 (1)	18.66 (1)	21.18 (1)	20.20 (1)
	M ₆ : electrical conductivity (μS·cm ⁻¹)	<180	180-300	>300	184.7 (3)	107.8 (5)	126.0 (5)	140.3 (3)	180.6 (5)	158.1 (5)	153.3 (5)	289.6 (3)	382.9 (1)	370.5 (1)	346.9 (1)	350.4 (1)	334.1 (1)	336.8 (1)	321.6 (1)
Primary production indicator	M ₇ : chlorophyll (μgl ⁻¹)	<3	3-10	>10	6.37 (3)	1.81 (5)	2.25 (5)	2.05 (5)	3.36 (3)	1.96 (5)	3.63 (3)	12.61 (1)	31.14 (1)	43.07 (1)	35.73 (1)	40.13 (1)	34.76 (1)	36.18 (1)	44.86 (1)
CHA Scores					21	33	31	31	27	33	31	19	13	13	13	13	11	11	
Chemical Status of the River					F	EX	EX	EX	G	EX	EX	F	P	P	P	P	VP	VP	

Table S4. Yearly Chemical health assessment (CHA) based on multi-metric water pollution index (WPI) in the Geum River basin. (F: fair, P: poor).

Table S5. Sites-based Biological health assessment (BHA), based on the index of biotic integrity (IBI_{KR}) using fish assemblages in the Geum River Basin. (F: fair, G: good, P: poor)

Model Category	Model Metric	Scoring Criteria			Geum River														
		5	3	1	S01	S02	S03	S04	S05	S06	S07	S08	S09	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15
Species richness and composition	M ₁ : total number of native fish species	Expectations of M ₁ -M ₃ vary with stream size and region	29 (5)	28 (5)	31 (5)	33 (5)	37 (5)	36 (5)	32 (5)	35 (5)	33 (5)	34 (5)	31 (5)	21 (5)	21 (5)	20 (5)	22 (5)		
	M ₂ : number of riffle benthic species		7 (5)	7 (5)	7 (5)	3 (3)	7 (5)	5 (3)	4 (3)	5 (3)	3 (1)	4 (3)	2 (1)	3 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)		
	M ₃ : number of sensitive species		10 (5)	12 (5)	12 (5)	7 (5)	12 (5)	9 (5)	4 (1)	7 (3)	4 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)	0 (1)	1 (1)	0 (1)	0 (1)		
	M ₄ : proportion of individuals as tolerant species	<5%	5-20%	>20%	51.10 (1)	13.62 (3)	31.28 (1)	48.63 (1)	31.73 (1)	41.92 (1)	35.29 (1)	55.50 (1)	74.70 (1)	65.68 (1)	60.69 (1)	39.78 (1)	57.45 (1)	54.08 (1)	61.69 (1)
Trophic composition	M ₅ : proportion of individuals as omnivore species	<20%	20-45%	>45%	50.53 (1)	39.39 (3)	42.61 (3)	60.22 (1)	58.87 (1)	64.19 (1)	59.37 (1)	53.82 (1)	58.42 (1)	42.68 (3)	59.20 (1)	24.23 (3)	34.90 (3)	51.98 (1)	40.34 (3)
	M ₆ : proportion of individuals as native insectivore species	>45%	20-45%	<20%	41.88 (3)	56.61 (5)	51.82 (5)	30.36 (3)	35.79 (3)	30.66 (3)	34.44 (3)	38.23 (3)	30.26 (3)	41.39 (3)	31.27 (3)	58.88 (5)	36.22 (3)	26.57 (3)	33.91 (3)

Fish abundance and condition	M ₇ : total number of native individuals	Expectations of M ₇ vary with stream size and region			2420 (5)	2503 (5)	1519 (5)	1680 (5)	2293 (5)	1820 (5)	1249 (5)	1427 (5)	1231 (5)	1039 (5)	1277 (5)	1704 (5)	721 (5)	413 (5)	433 (5)
	M ₈ : percent of individuals with anomalies	0%	0-1%	>1%	>1 (1)	<1 (3)	<1 (3)	<1 (3)	<1 (3)	<1 (3)	<1 (3)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	
Overall IBI Scores			26	34	32	26	28	26	22	22	18	22	18	22	20	18	20		
Biological Health Status of the River			F	G	G	F	G	F	F	F	P	F	P	F	F	P	F		

Table S6. Yearly biological health assessment (BHA), based on the index of biotic integrity (IBI_{KR}) using fish assemblages in the Geum River Basin. (F: fair, G: Good)

Model Category	Model Metric	Scoring Criteria			Geum River								
		5	3	1	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Species richness and composition	M ₁ : total number of native fish species	Expectations of M ₁ -M ₃ vary with stream size and region			46 (5)	44 (5)	42 (5)	47 (5)	46 (5)	42 (5)	48 (5)	44 (5)	50 (5)
	M ₂ : number of riffle benthic species				6 (3)	7 (5)	7 (5)	8 (5)	9 (5)	8 (5)	6 (5)	7 (5)	8 (5)
	M ₃ : number of sensitive species				11 (5)	11 (5)	10 (5)	12 (5)	12 (5)	10 (5)	9 (5)	9 (5)	13 (5)
	M ₄ : proportion of individuals as tolerant species	<5%	5-20%	>20%	43.35 (1)	41.81 (1)	34.05 (1)	37.14 (1)	34.26 (1)	57.34 (1)	45.19 (1)	55.12 (1)	52.07 (1)
Trophic composition	M ₅ : proportion of individuals as omnivore species	<20%	20-45%	>45%	56.43 (1)	48.14 (1)	46.26 (1)	48.99 (1)	38.82 (1)	46.58 (1)	55.17 (1)	56.85 (1)	52.19 (1)
	M ₆ : proportion of individuals as native insectivore species	>45%	20-45%	<20%	39.12 (3)	43.99 (3)	46.11 (5)	44.48 (3)	46.74 (5)	38.09 (3)	34.04 (3)	31.63 (3)	38.69 (3)
Fish abundance and condition	M ₇ : total number of native individuals	Expectations of M ₇ vary with stream size and region			3170 (5)	2483 (5)	2530 (5)	2420 (5)	2003 (5)	1920 (5)	1940 (5)	2268 (5)	2947 (5)
	M ₈ : percent of individuals with anomalies	0%	0-1%	>1%	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)	>1 (1)
Overall IBI Scores				24	26	28	26	28	26	26	26	26	26
Biological Health Status of the River				F	F	G	F	G	F	F	F	F	F

Table S7. Canonical correspondence analysis of trophic and tolerance guilds with water quality variables and land-use pattern and elevation. IS: intermediate species, SS: sensitive species, TS: tolerant species, C: carnivore, I: Insectivores, O: omnivores, AG: agricultural land-use coverage, WT: water temperature, BOD: biological oxygen demand, COD: chemical oxygen demand, TSS: total suspended solids, TP: total phosphorus, TN: total nitrogen, CHL-a: chlorophyll-a and EC: electrical conductivity (*p<0.05)

Variables	Parameters	Axis 1	Axis 2
Response variables	IS	-0.13	0.24
	SS	3.82	0.52
	TS	-0.72	-0.32
	C	-1.23	2.84
	I	0.35	0.74
	O	0.01	-1.24
Environmental Variables	% AG	-0.03	0.24
	% Forest	0.56	-0.27
	% Built-up	-0.61	0.12
	Elevation (m)	0.72	-0.10
	WT	-0.23	0.39
	BOD	-0.74	0.39
	COD	-0.78	0.32
	TSS	-0.76	0.37
	TN	-0.68	0.08
	TP	-0.76	0.25
	TN:TP	0.75	-0.30
	CHL-a	-0.72	0.41
	EC	-0.79	0.19
% of variance		72*	14.6
Cumulative %		72	86.6