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Frontispiece: The Black Oystercatcher (*Haematopus bachmani*) is a charismatic resident of intertidal habitats in western North America. Black Oystercatcher counts suggest that the species is declining in some regions and increasing in others, but is globally stable. Current modeling shows that a globally stable population is consistent with vital rates from the literature. Photo by Jason Erickson/iStock.