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# ACLIM: The Alaska Climate Integrated Modeling Project

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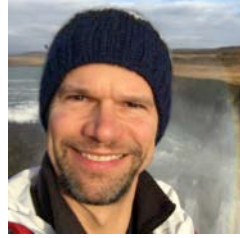
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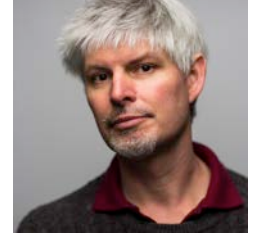
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*our science is only as good  
as the questions we ask*



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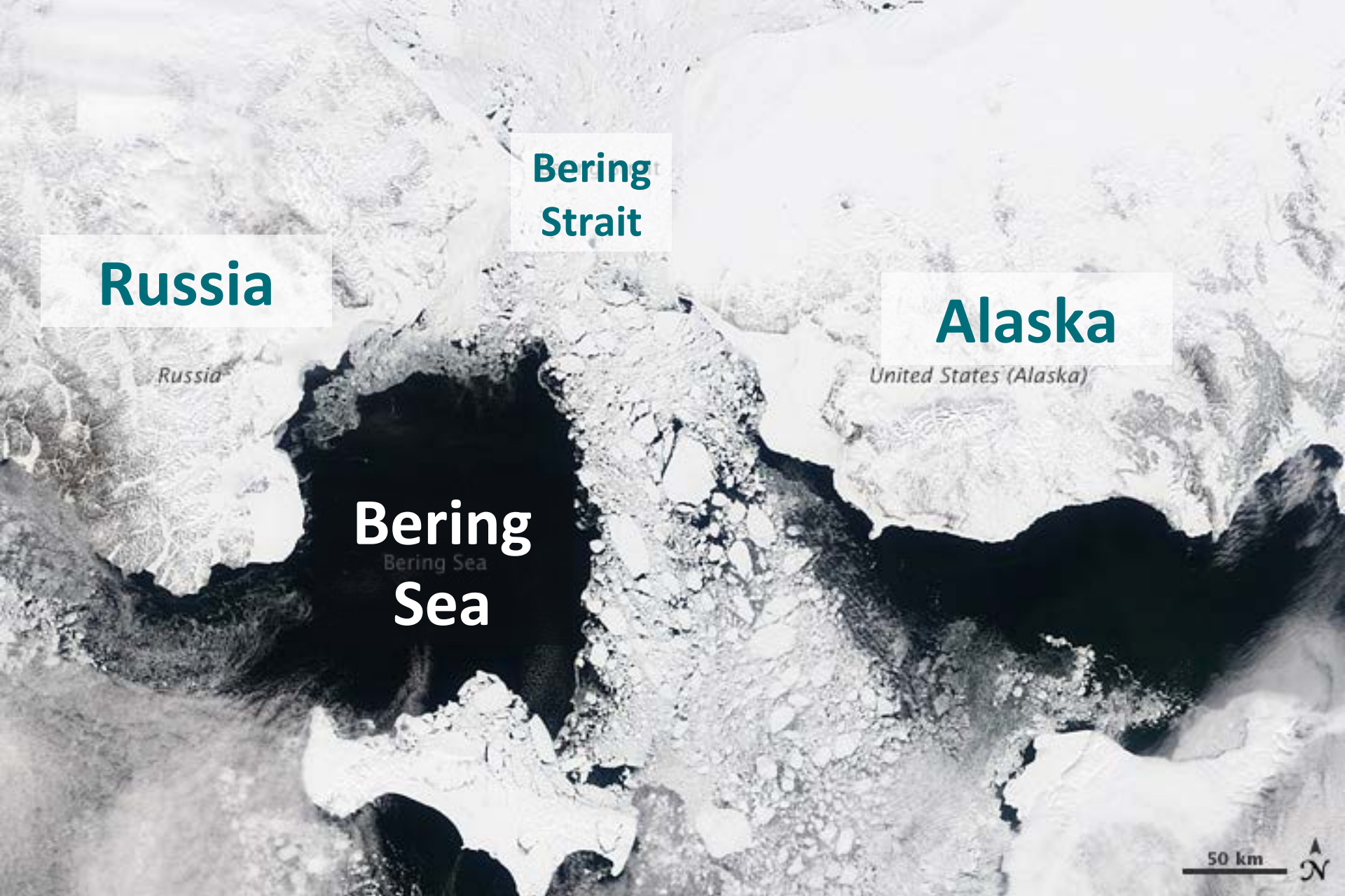
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## Discussion of fishing scenarios



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**Russia**

**Bering Strait**

**Alaska**

**Bering Sea**

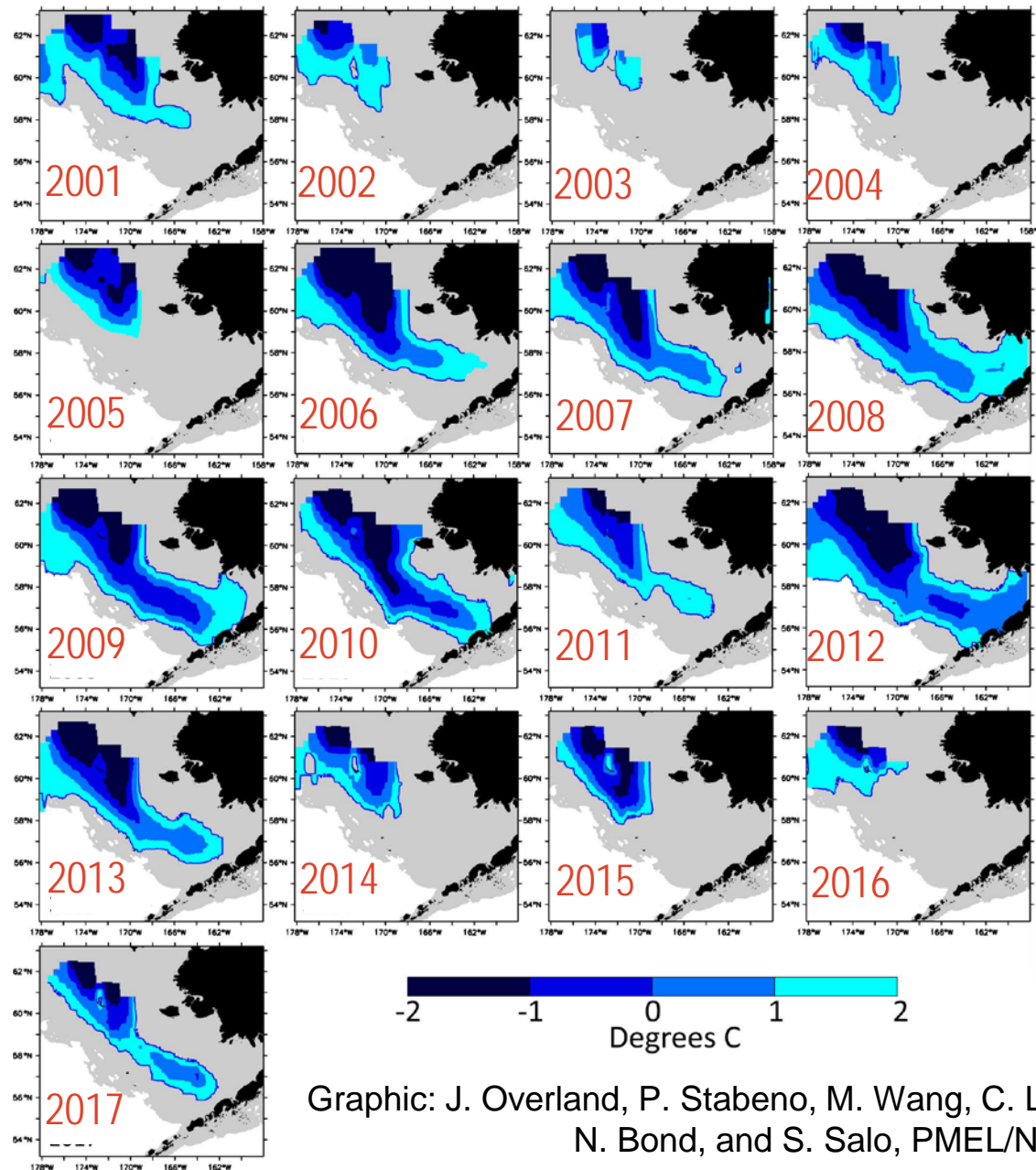
50 km



NASA MODIS image by Jesse Allen



# Bering Sea "Cold Pool" 2001-2017



Graphic: J. Overland, P. Stabeno, M. Wang, C. Ladd, N. Bond, and S. Salo, PMEL/NOAA

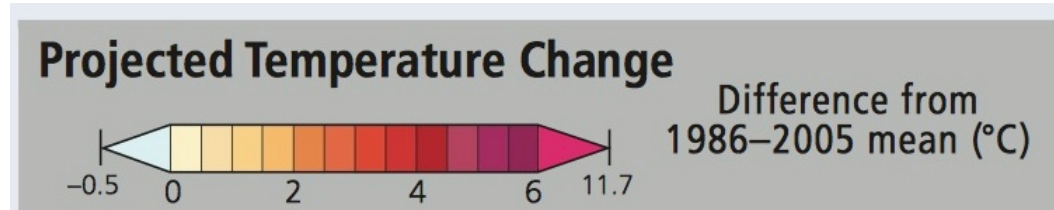
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**MORE FOOD**

**MORE FISH**

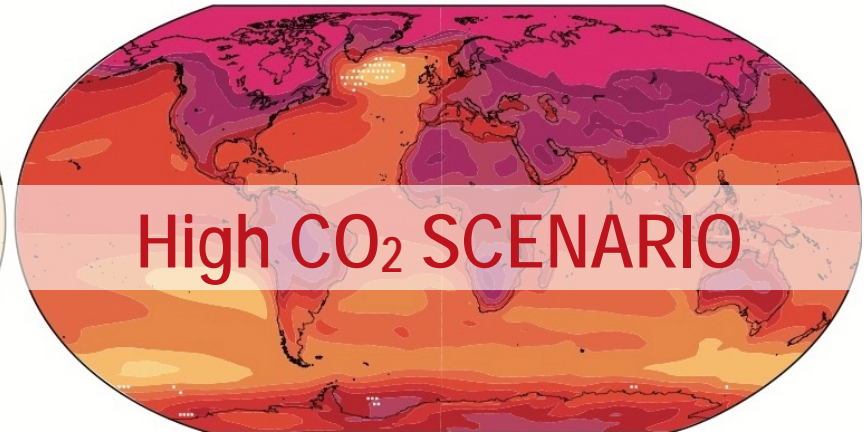
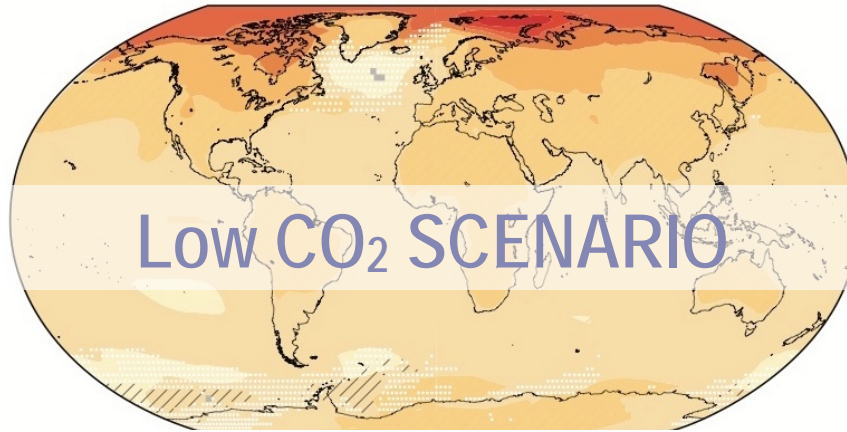
**HIGHER CATCH**

# Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report (2013, 2014)



**RCP2.6 2081–2100**

**RCP8.5 2081–2100**



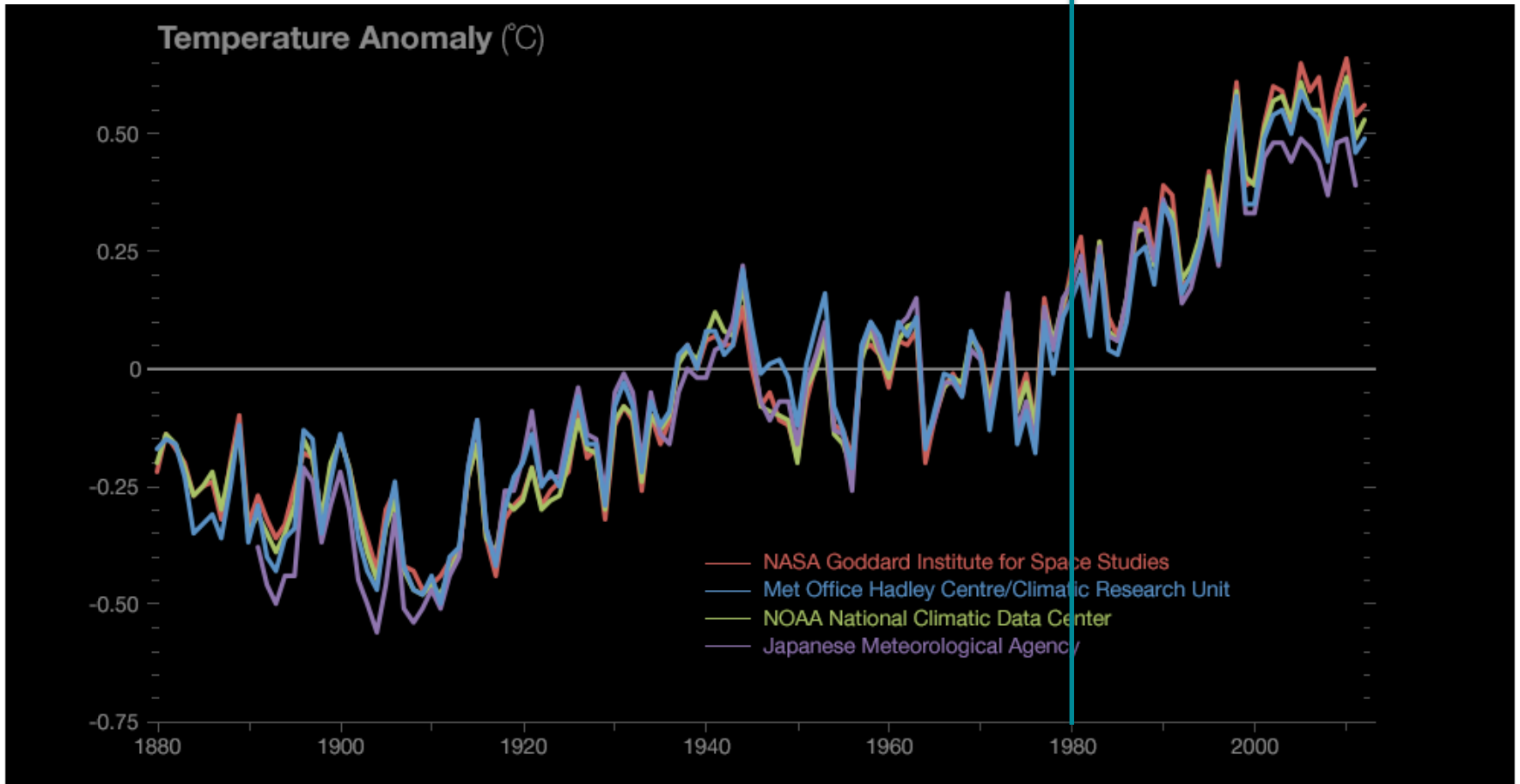
“Paris COP21 agreement”

“Business as usual”

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/>



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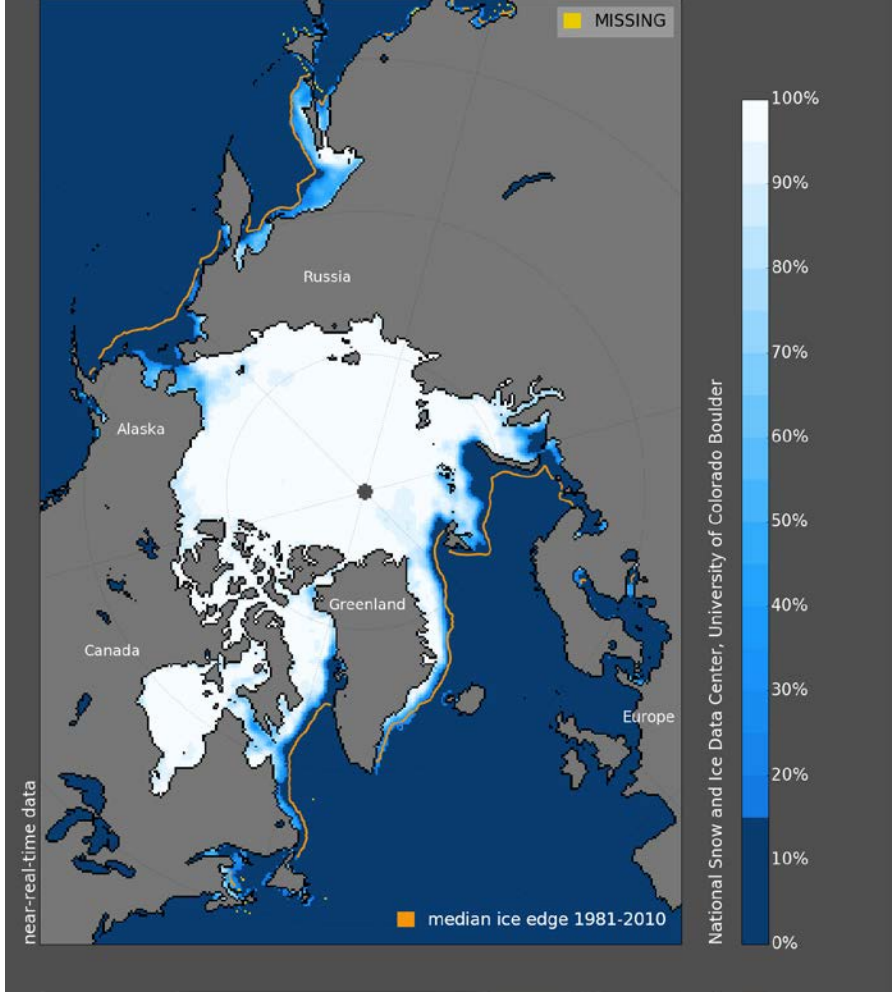
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[climate365.tumblr.com](http://climate365.tumblr.com) | [go.nasa.gov/climate365](http://go.nasa.gov/climate365)

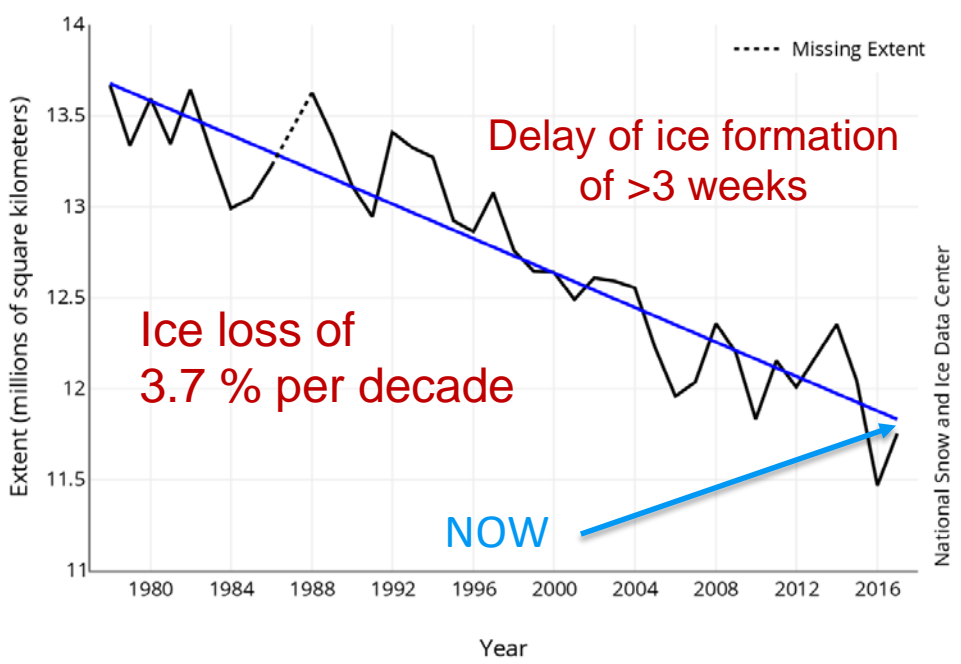


**NOAA FISHERIES**

# Sea Ice Concentration, 07 Jan 2018

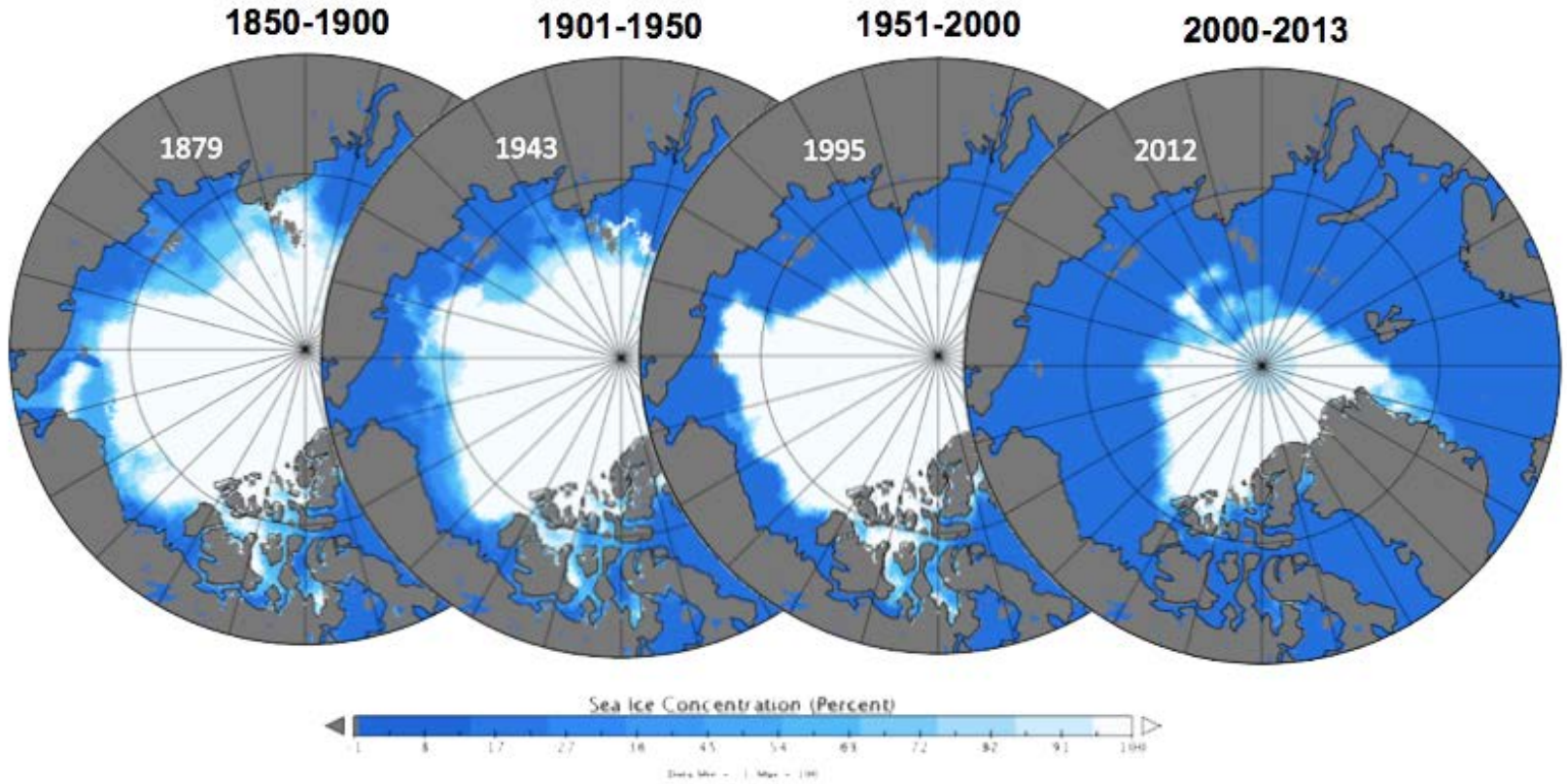


Average Monthly Arctic Sea Ice Extent  
December 1978 - 2017



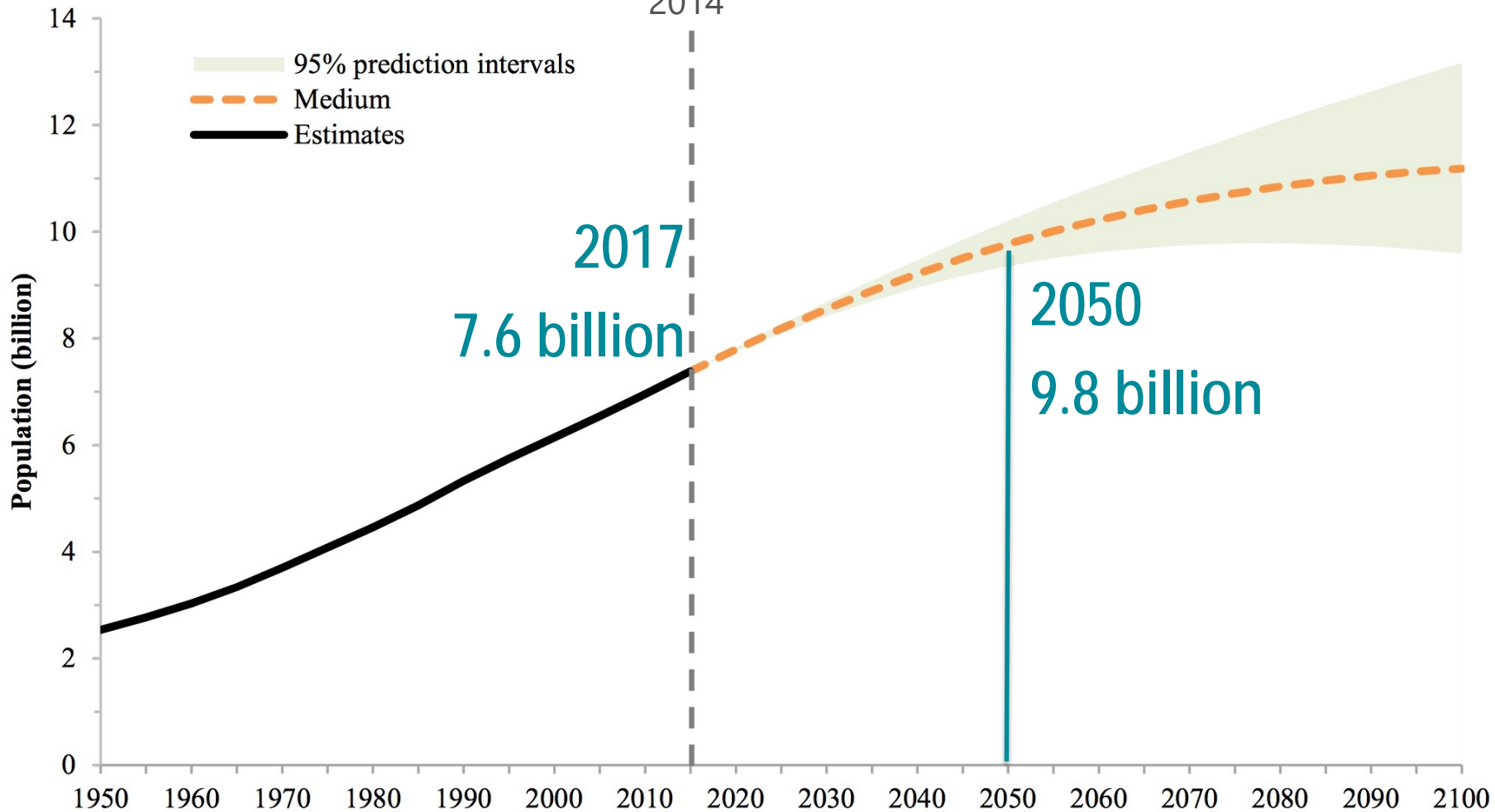
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## Lowest September minimum Arctic sea ice extents



# Global Population

“The health of our planet as well as our own health and future food security all hinge on how we treat the blue world,”  
FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva,  
2014



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2017).  
*World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision*. New York: United Nations.

Improve management **foresight** in a changing climate



# Project changes in Bering Sea ocean conditions and fish populations

*Physical, biological, & socioeconomic change;  
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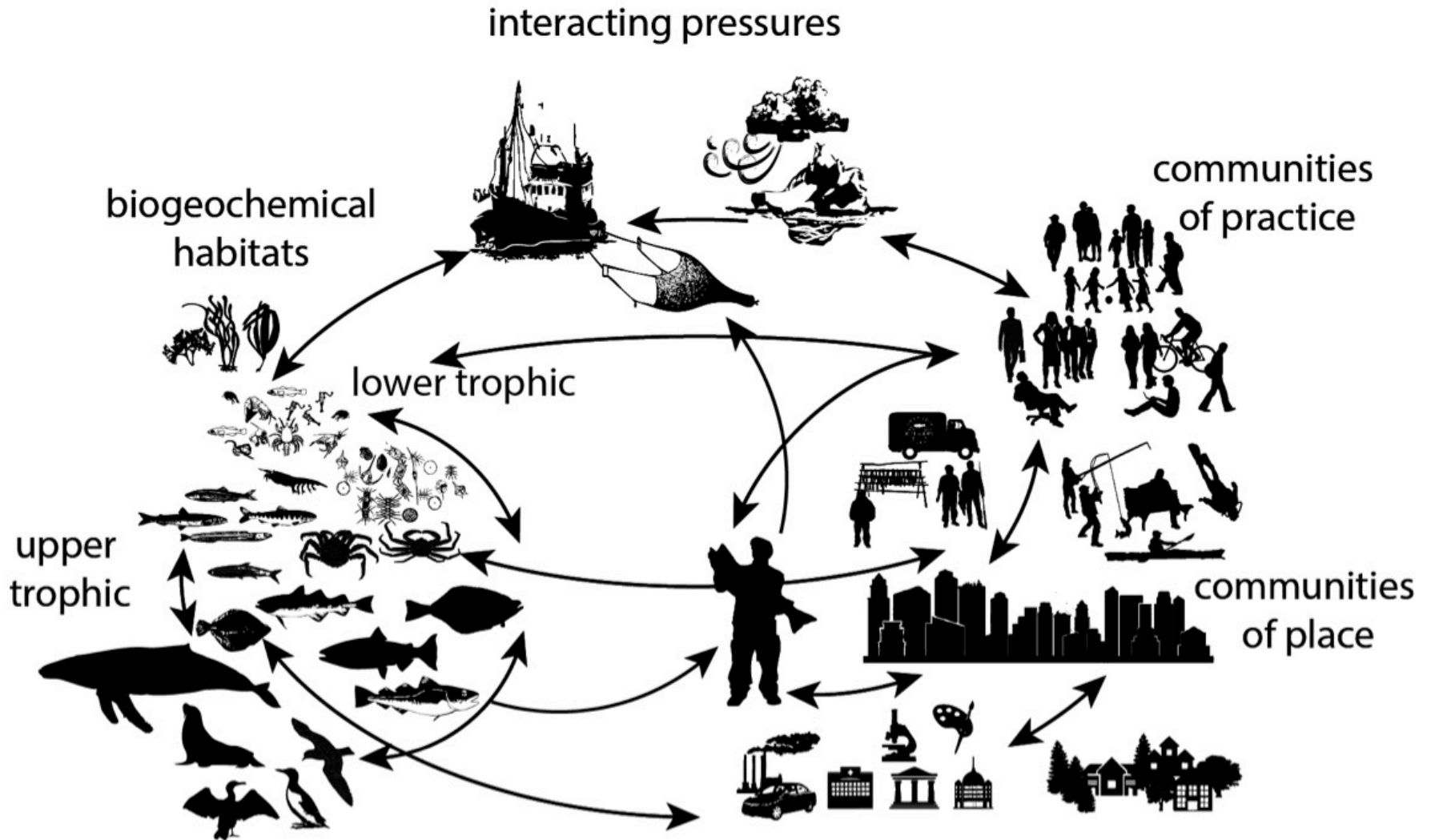
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**Evaluate how management can adapt to minimize  
negative impacts of future changes**

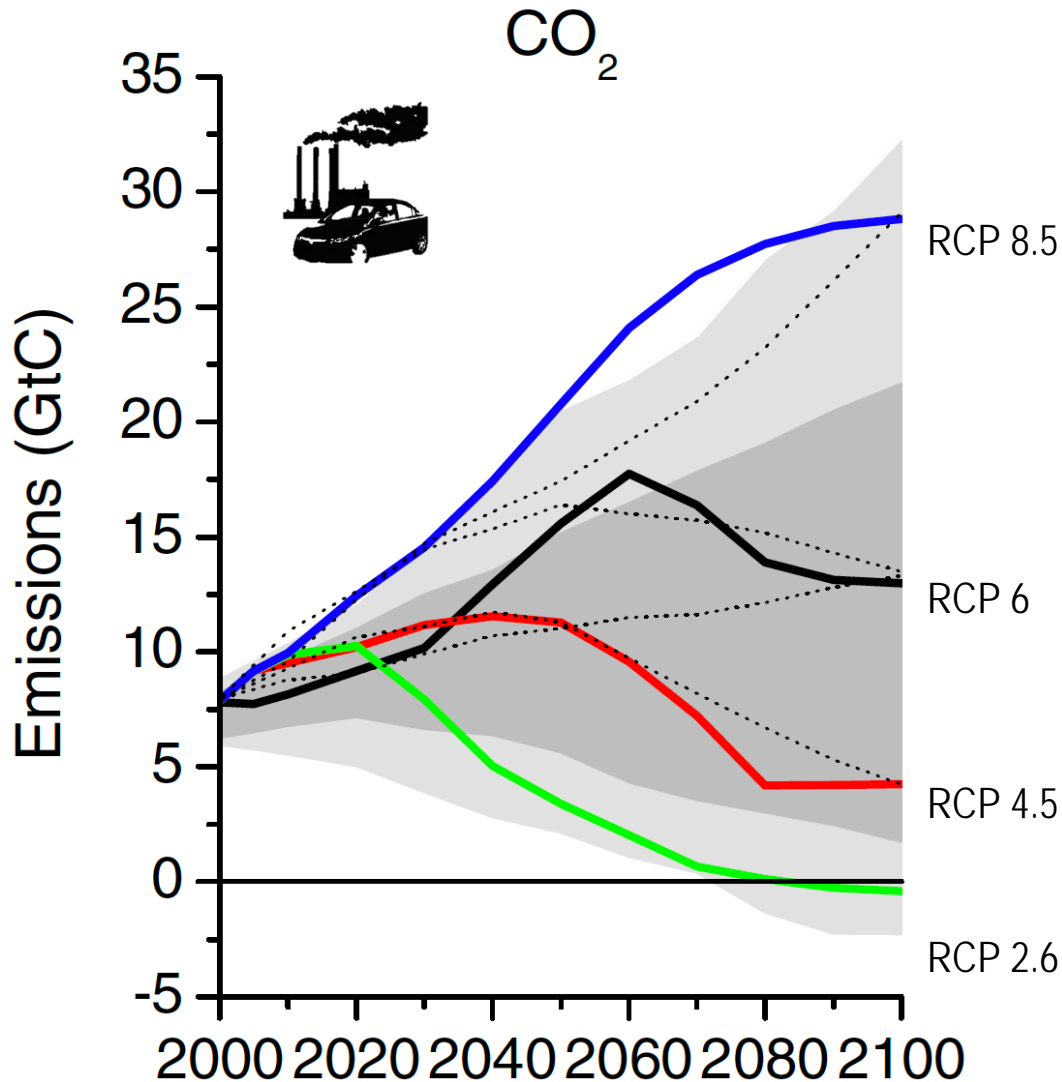
*gradual change & sudden shocks;  
test existing & new tools; estimate risk*



# ACLIM utilizes a fully integrated approach



# Carbon Emission Scenarios



*“plausible descriptions of how the future may evolve with respect to a range of variables”*

*van Vuuren et al. 2011*

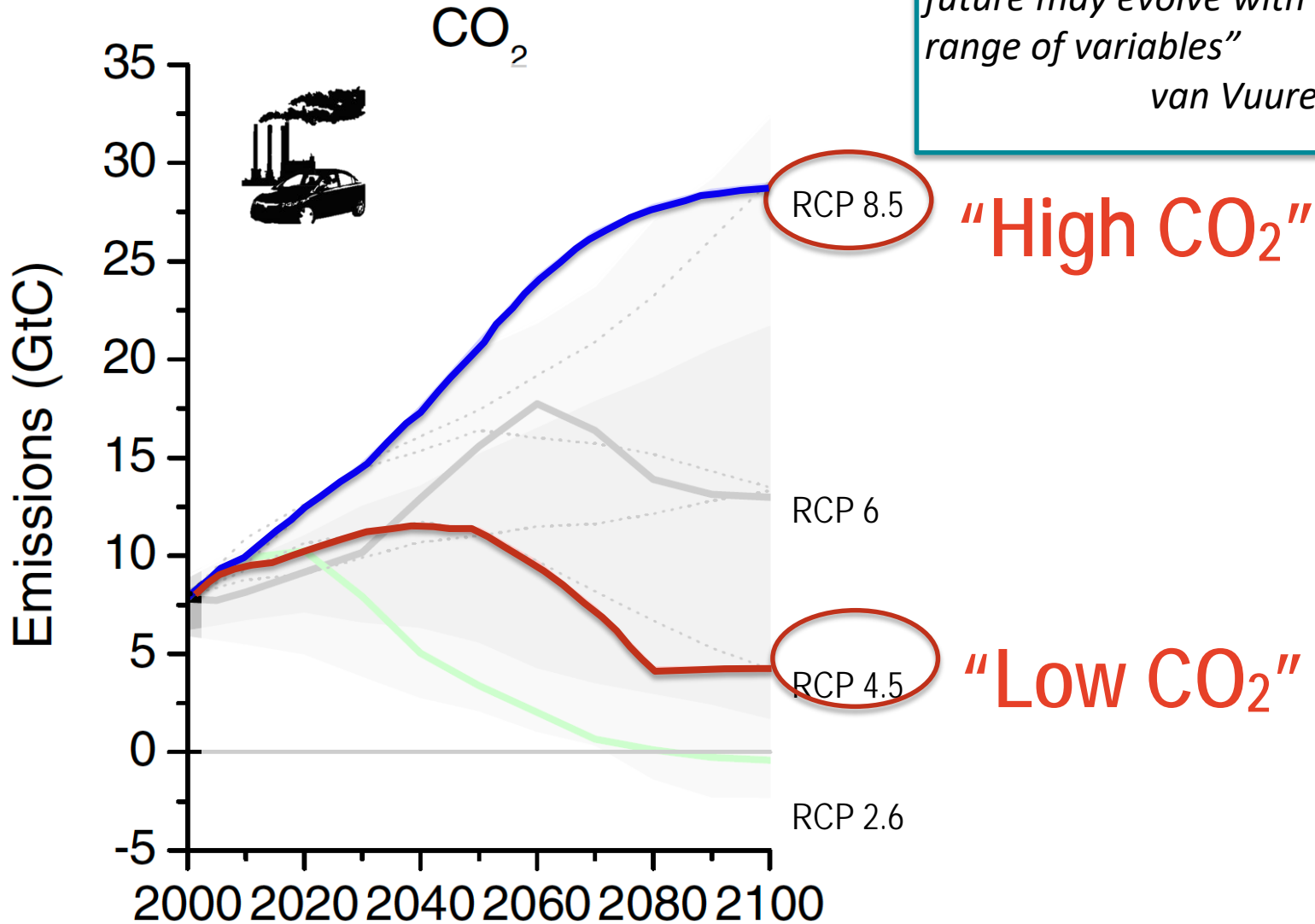
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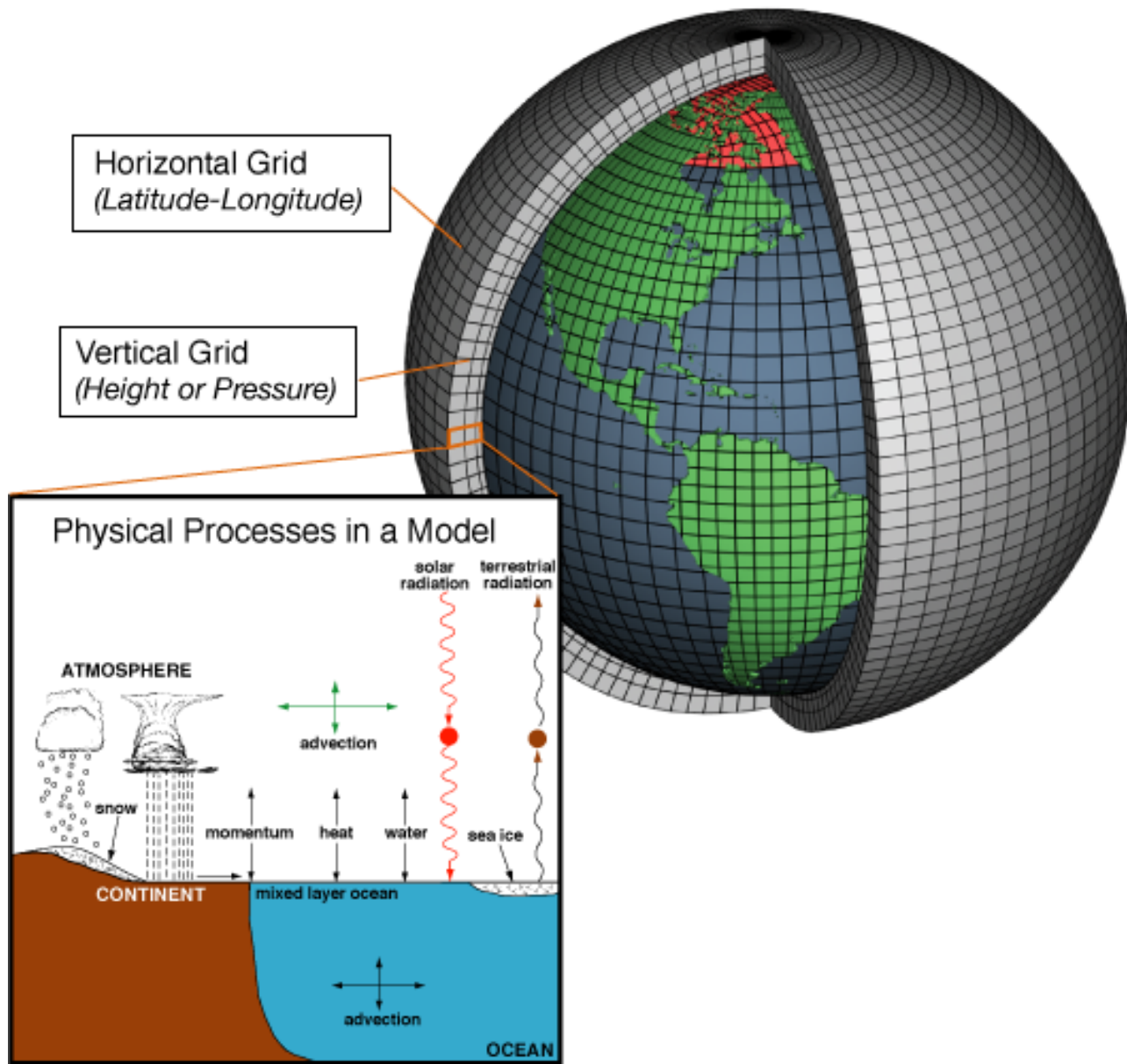
**“Significant global reduction in carbon use”**

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Source: GFDL



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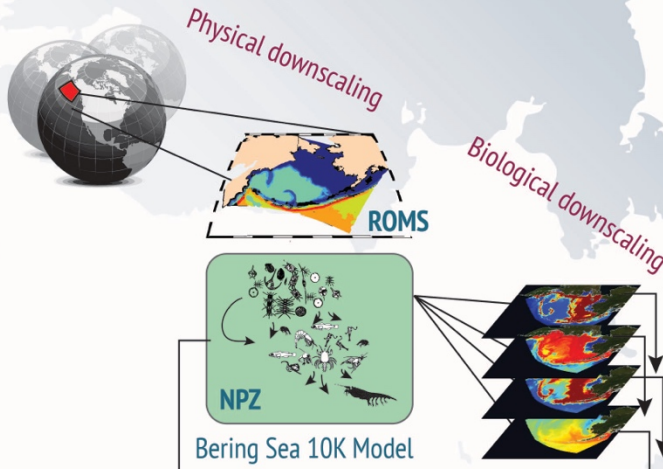
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**Global Climate Models (x 7)**

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**Projection Scenarios (x3)**

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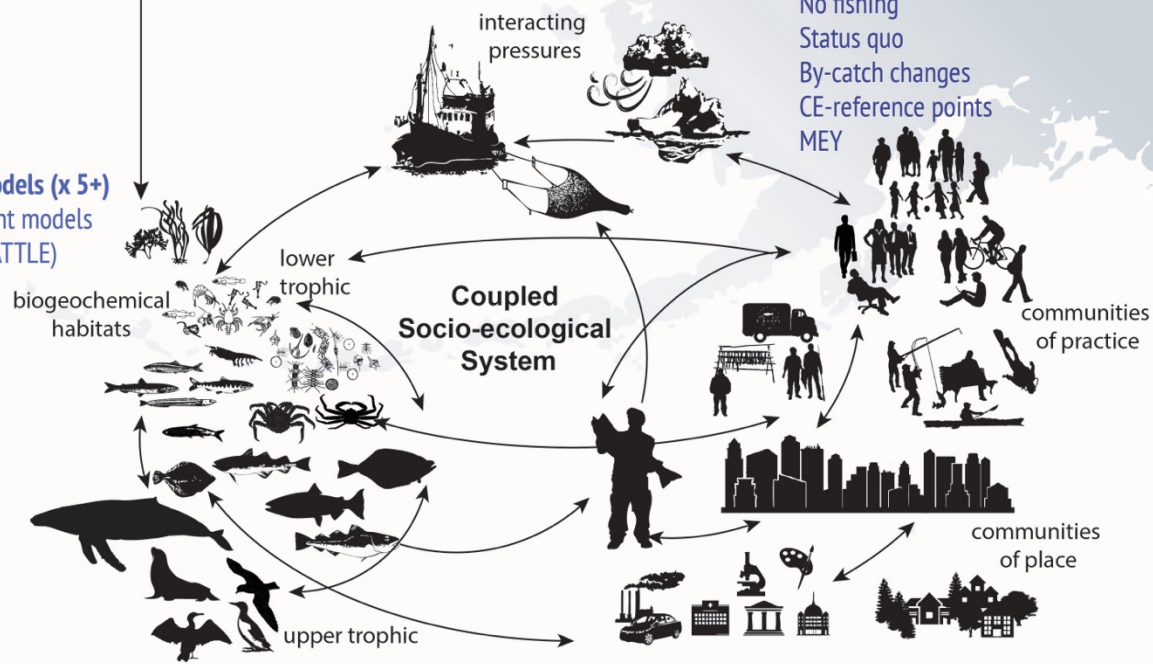


**Climate Enhanced Biological models (x 5+)**

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- CE - Size spectrum model
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- End-to-End model (FEAST)

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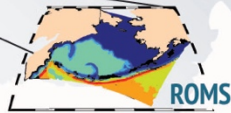
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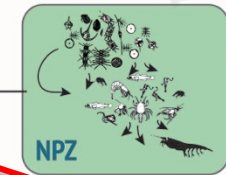
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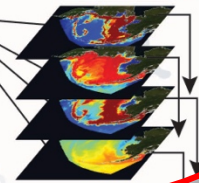
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Biological downscaling

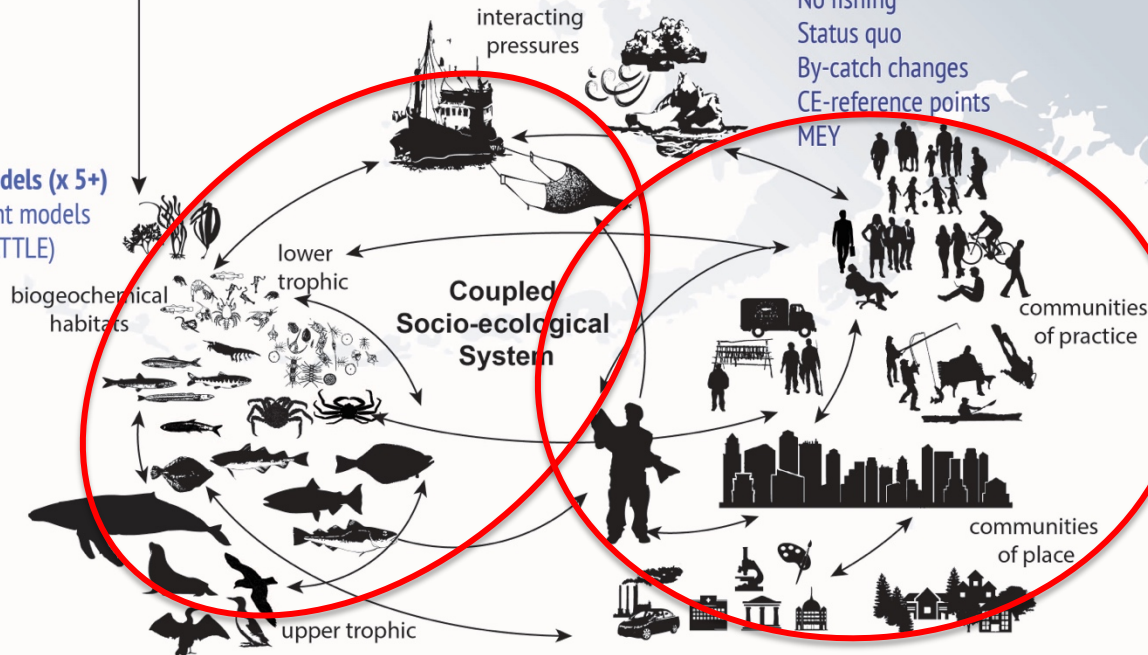


Bering Sea 10K Model



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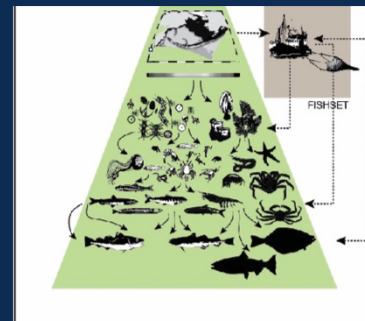
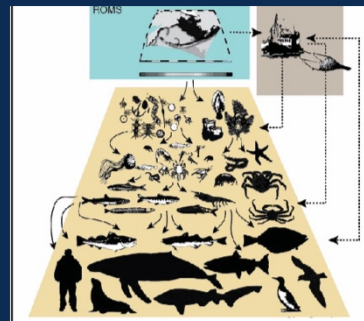
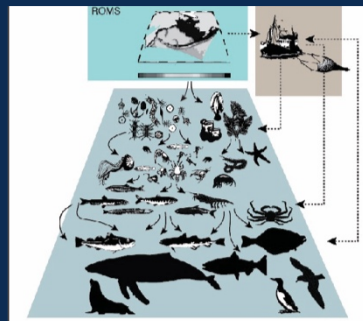
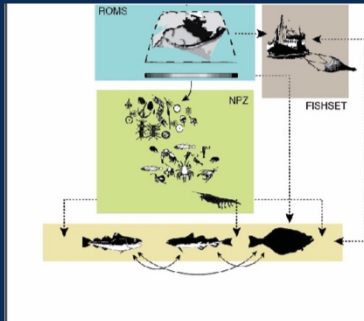
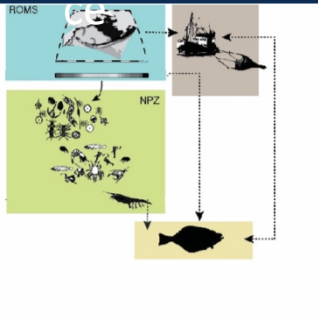
CE-SSM

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CE-EwE

CE-MIZER

FEAST



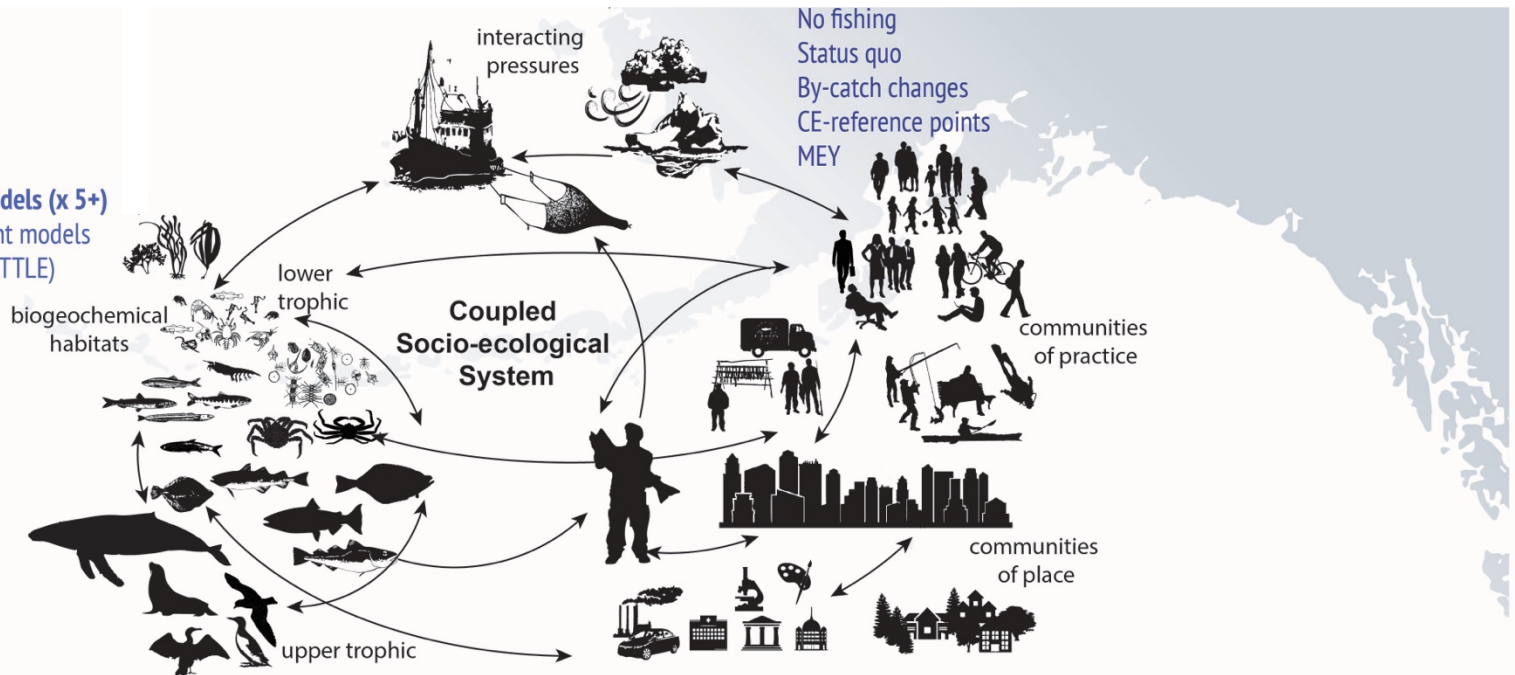
Fast  
Statistical  
Implicit ecosystem noise



Slow  
High resolution  
Explicit ecosystem interactions

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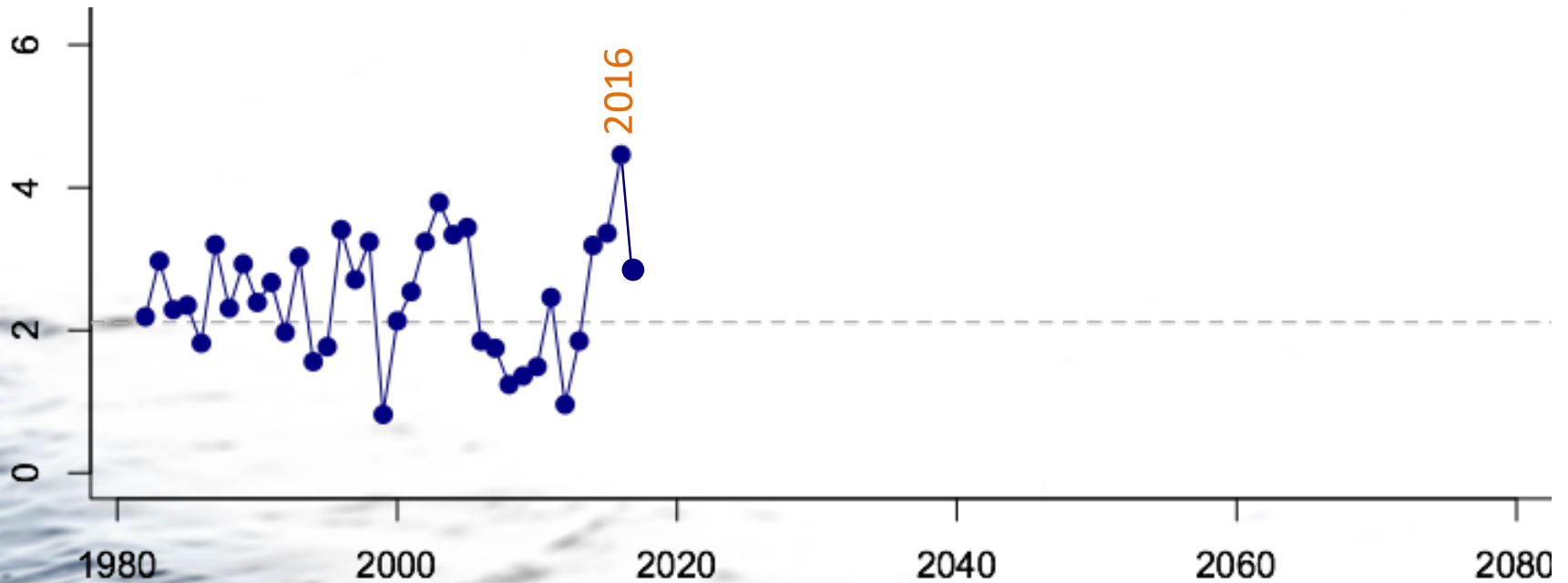
*(physical projections)*



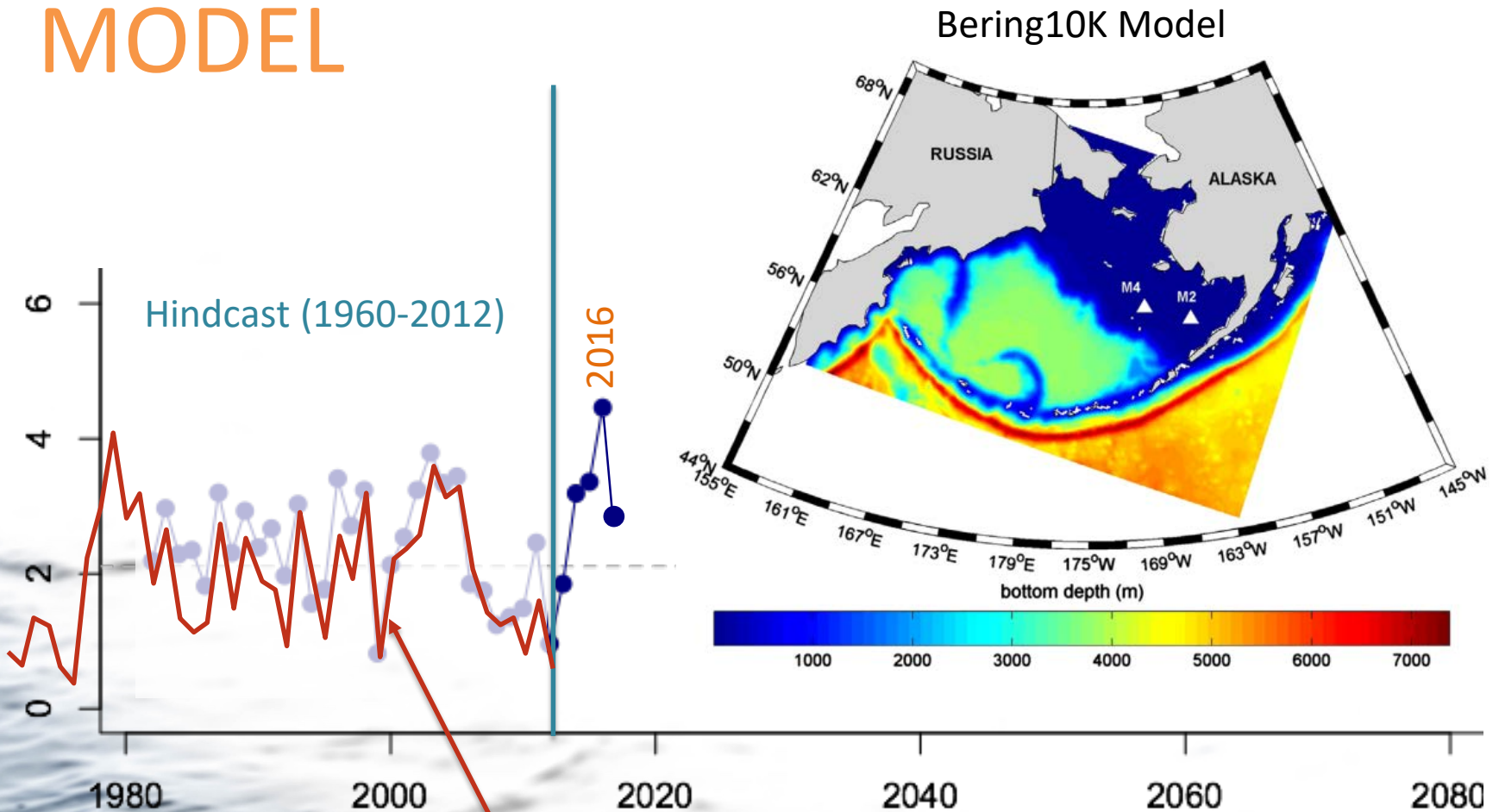
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# Summer Bottom Temperature (°C)

## OBSERVED



# Summer Bottom Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) MODEL



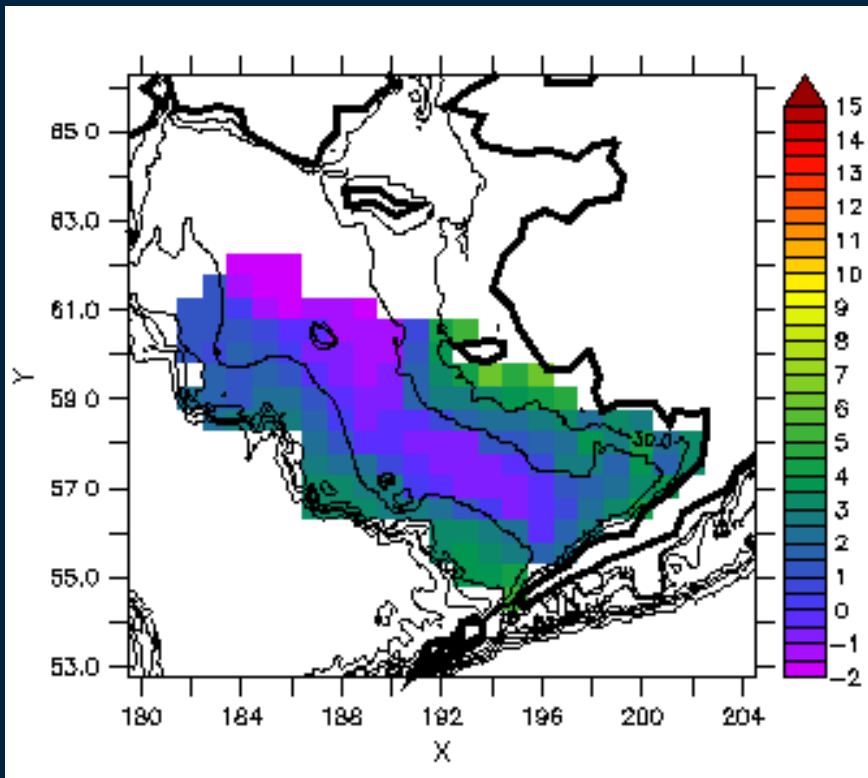
Model Reproduced Bottom Temp.



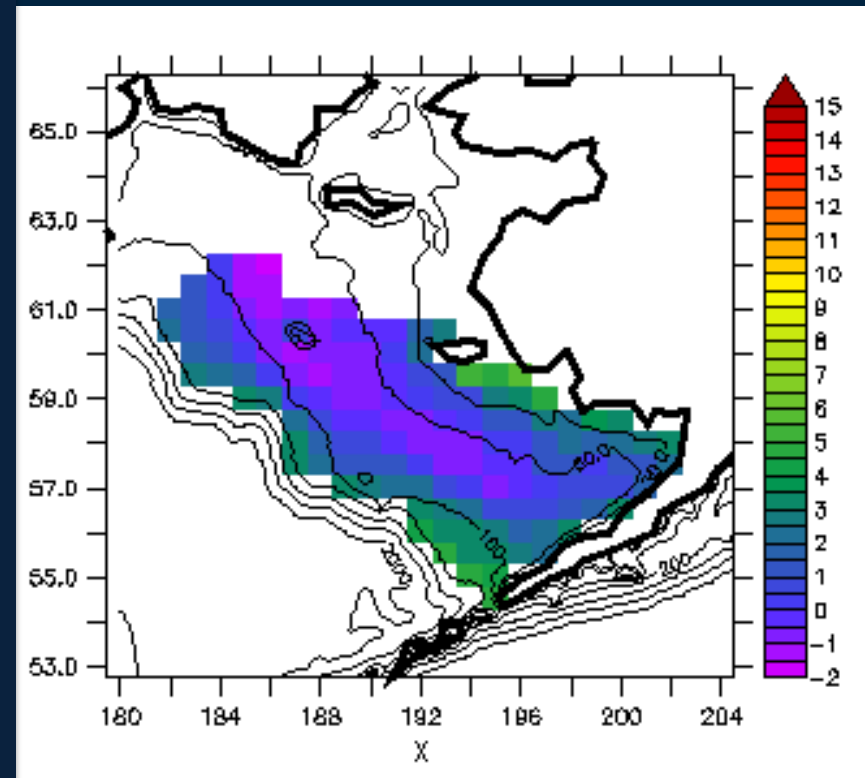
# "Bering10K" Regional Oceanography Model

## Bottom T. (°C) Summer 2009

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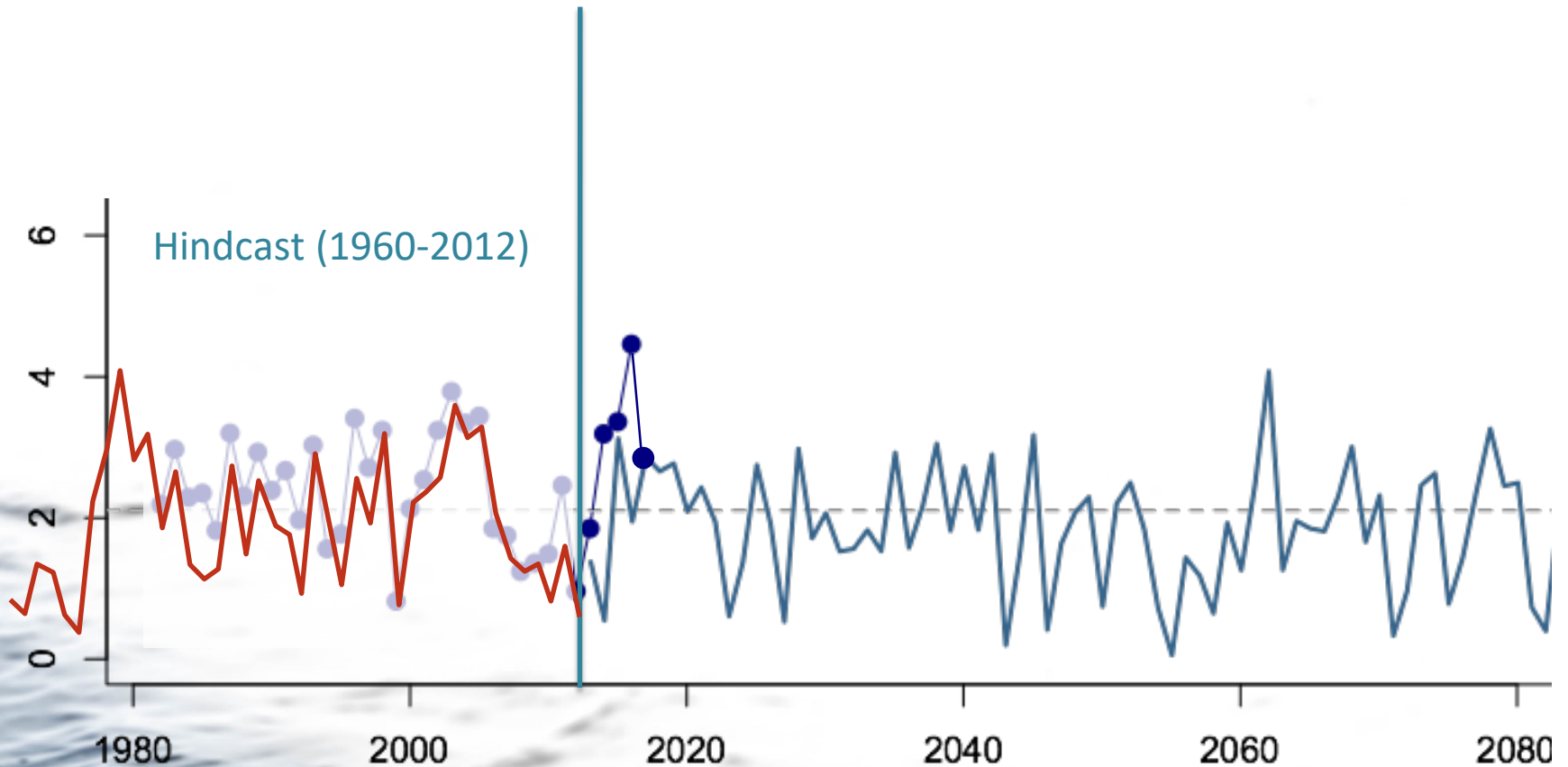
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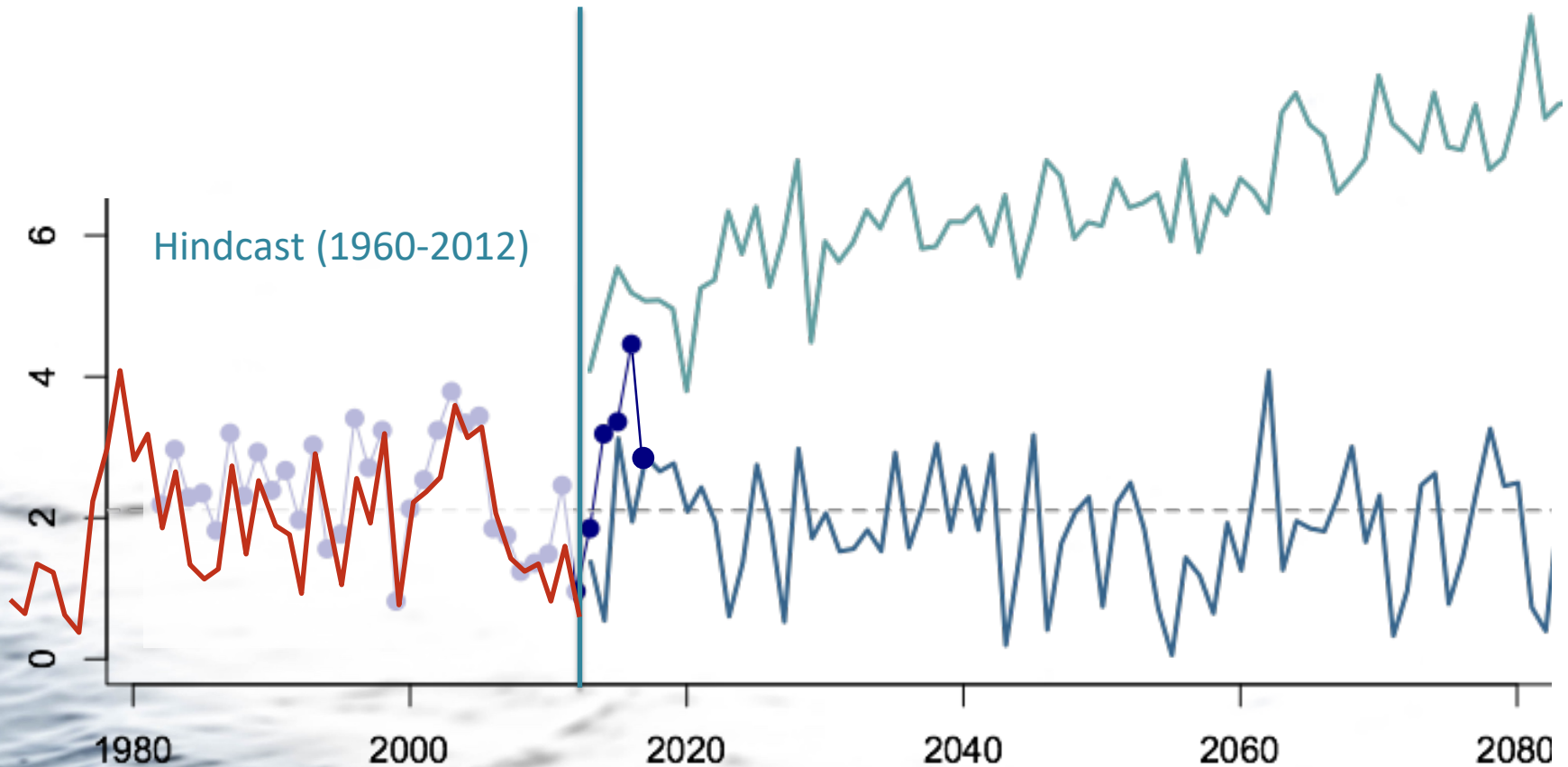
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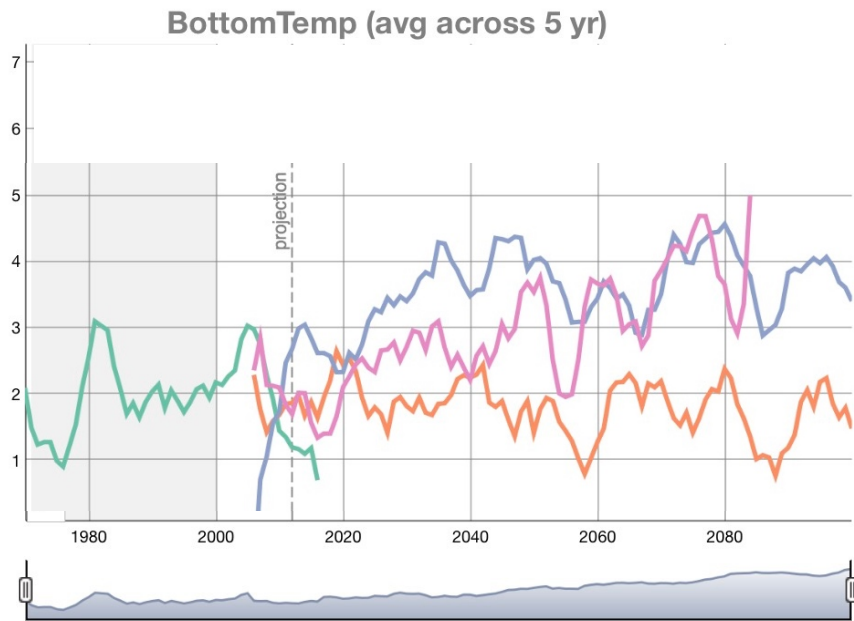
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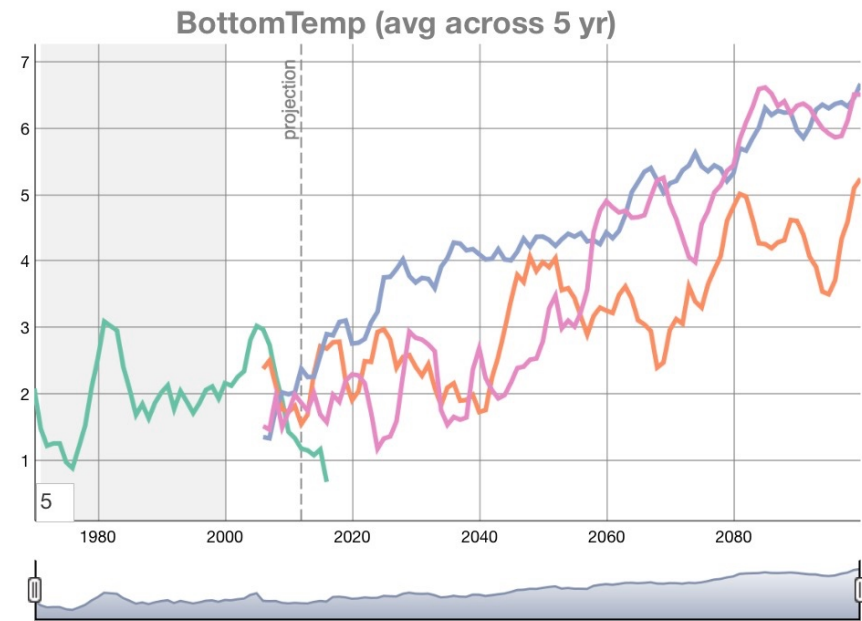


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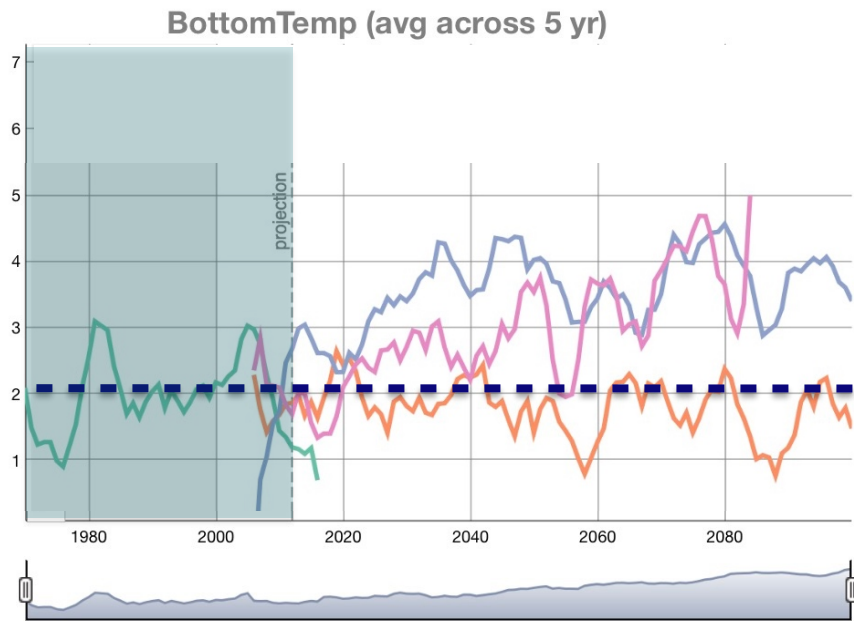
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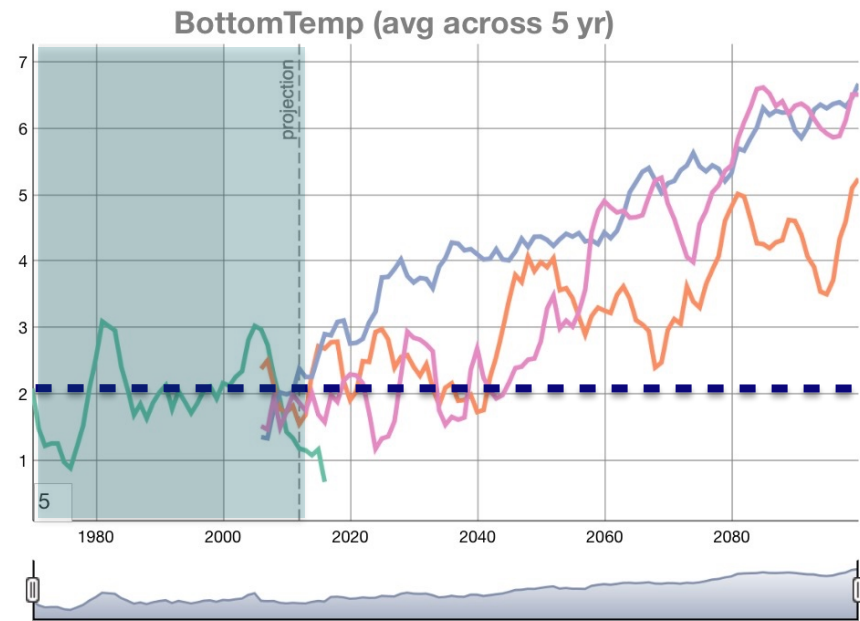
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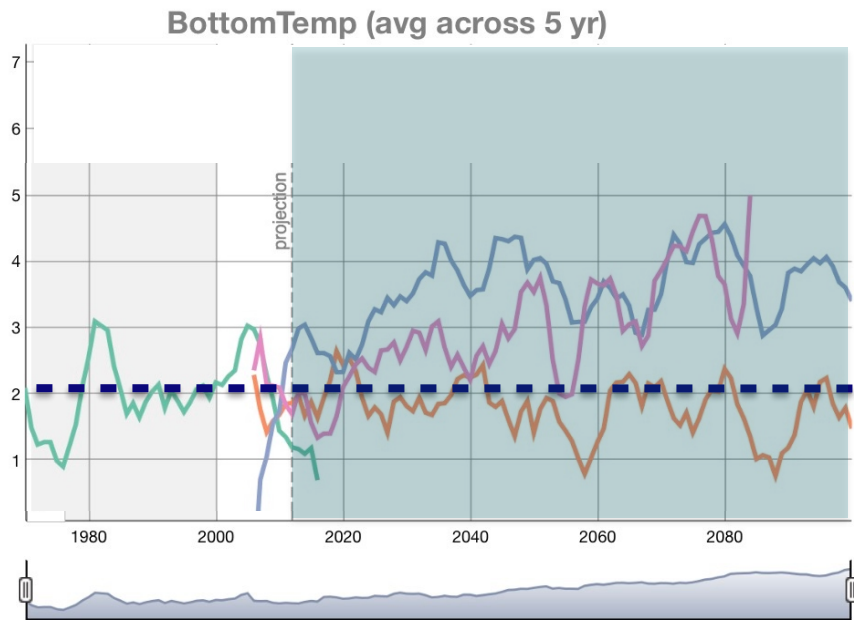


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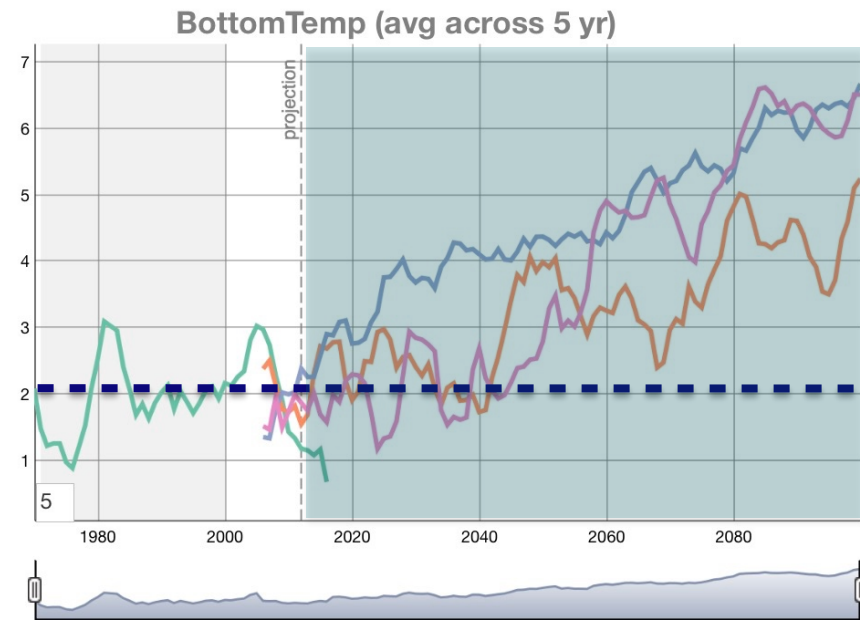


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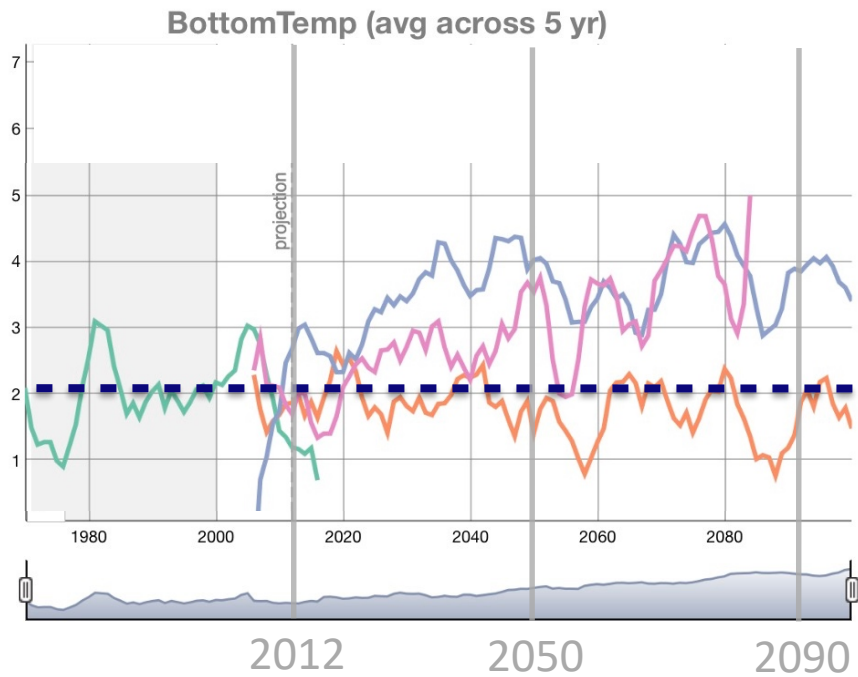
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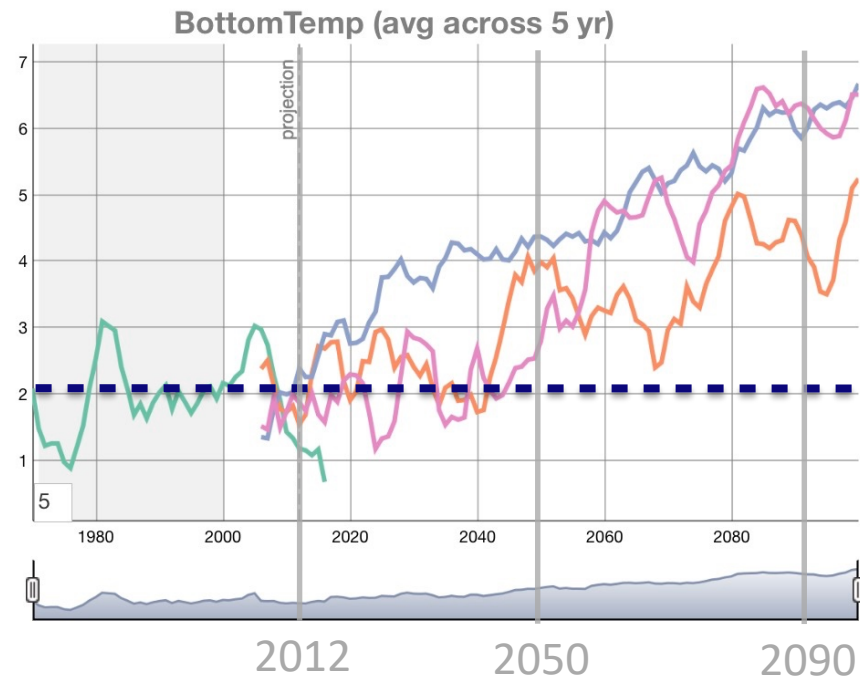
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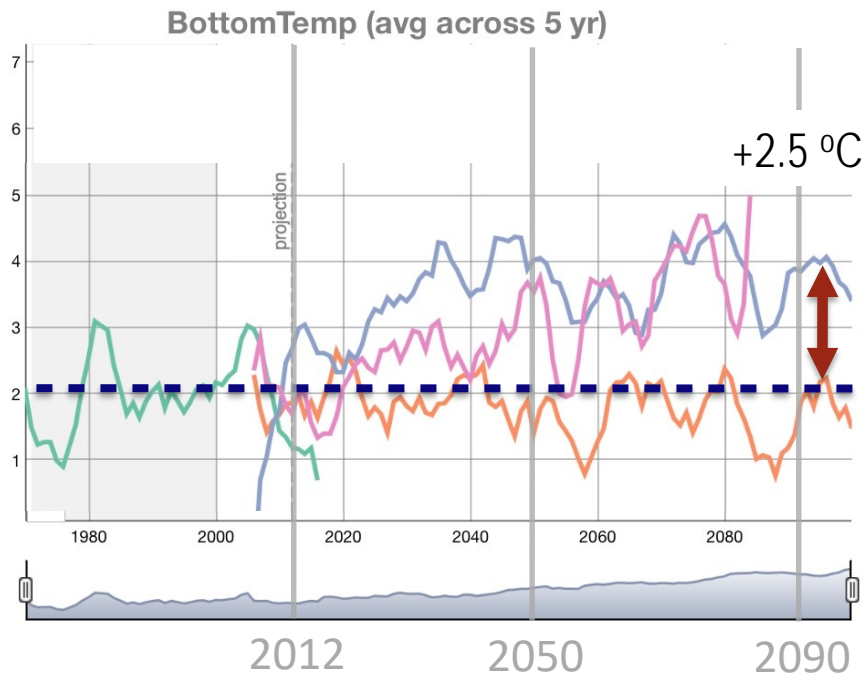
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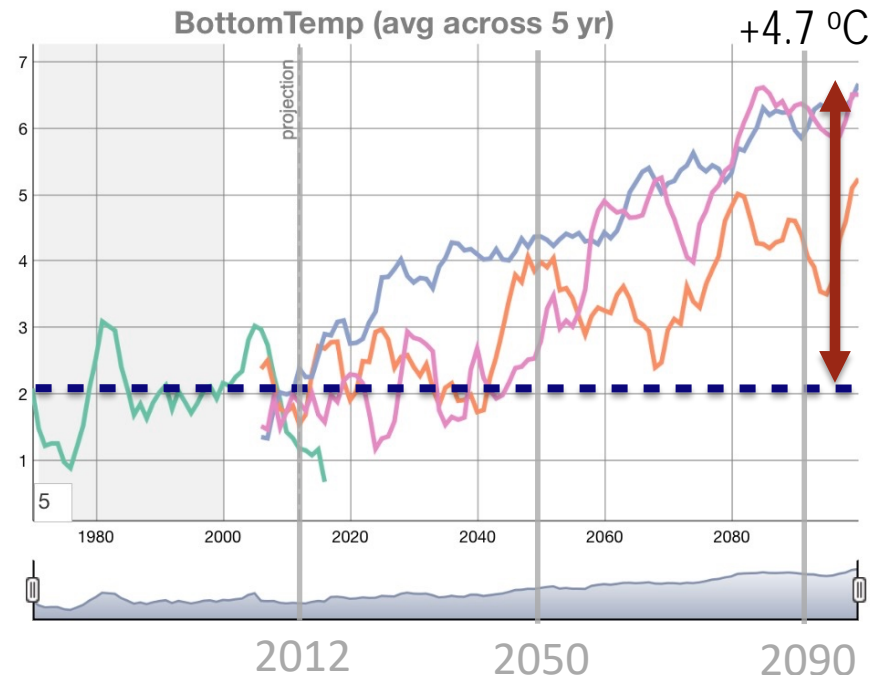
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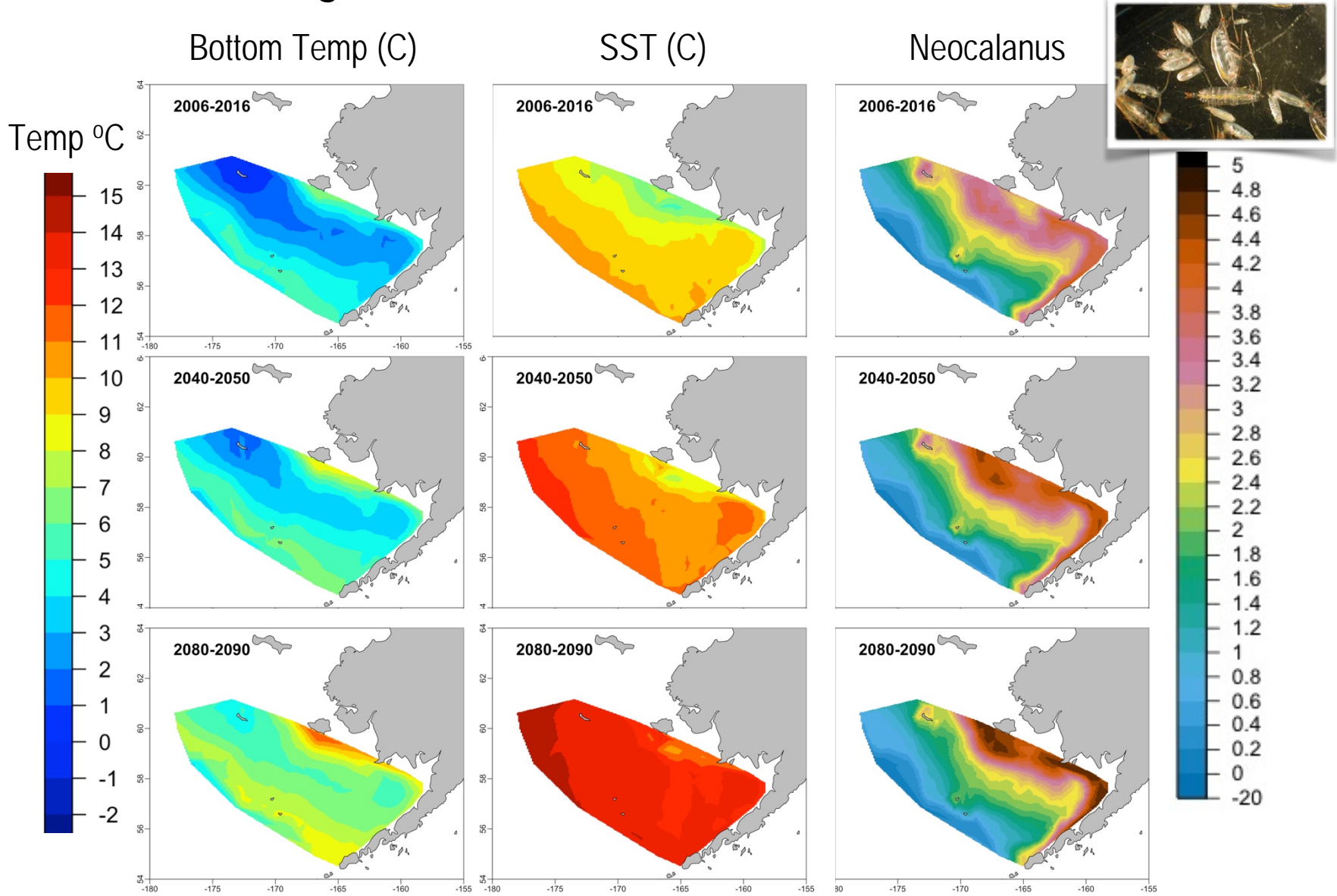


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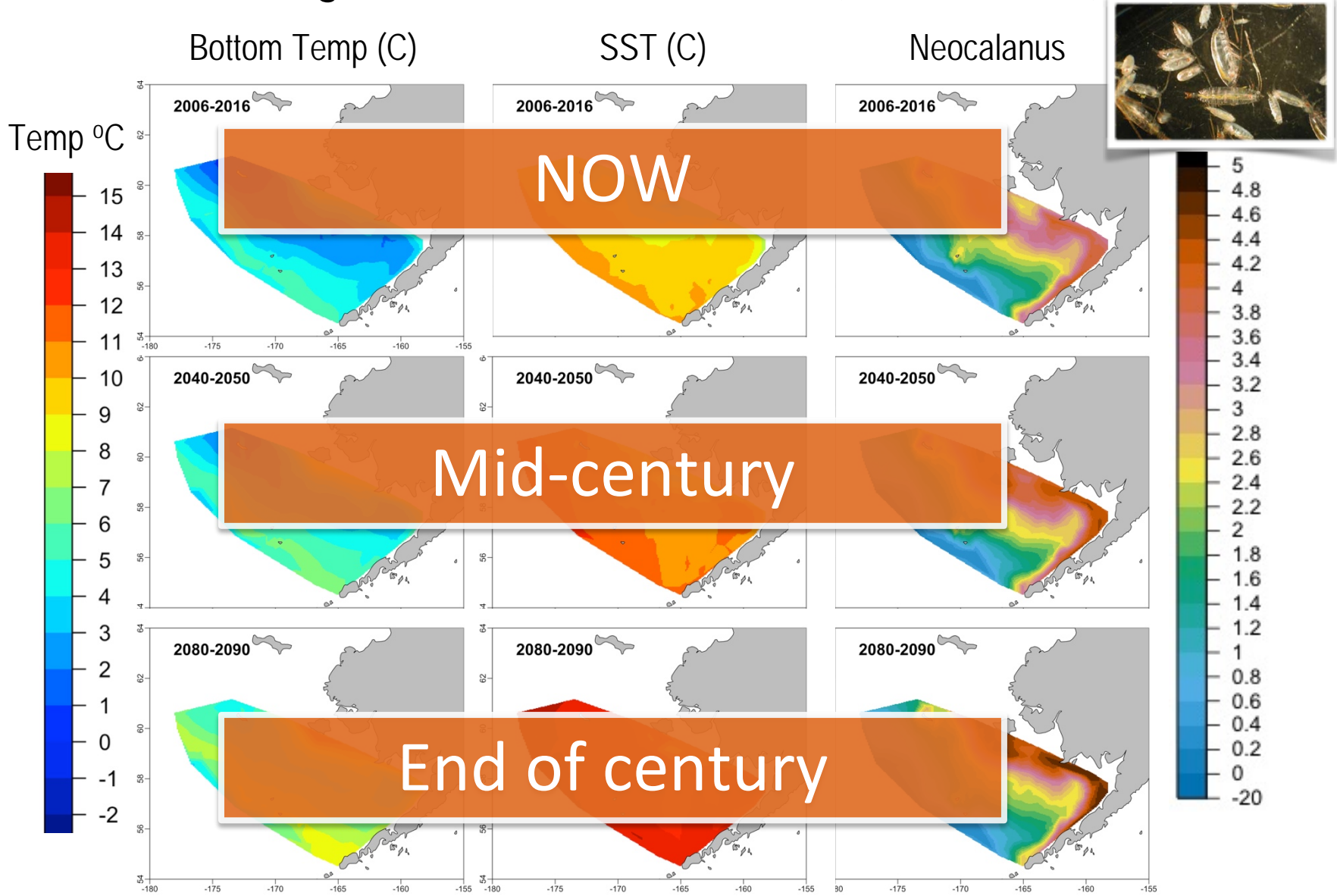


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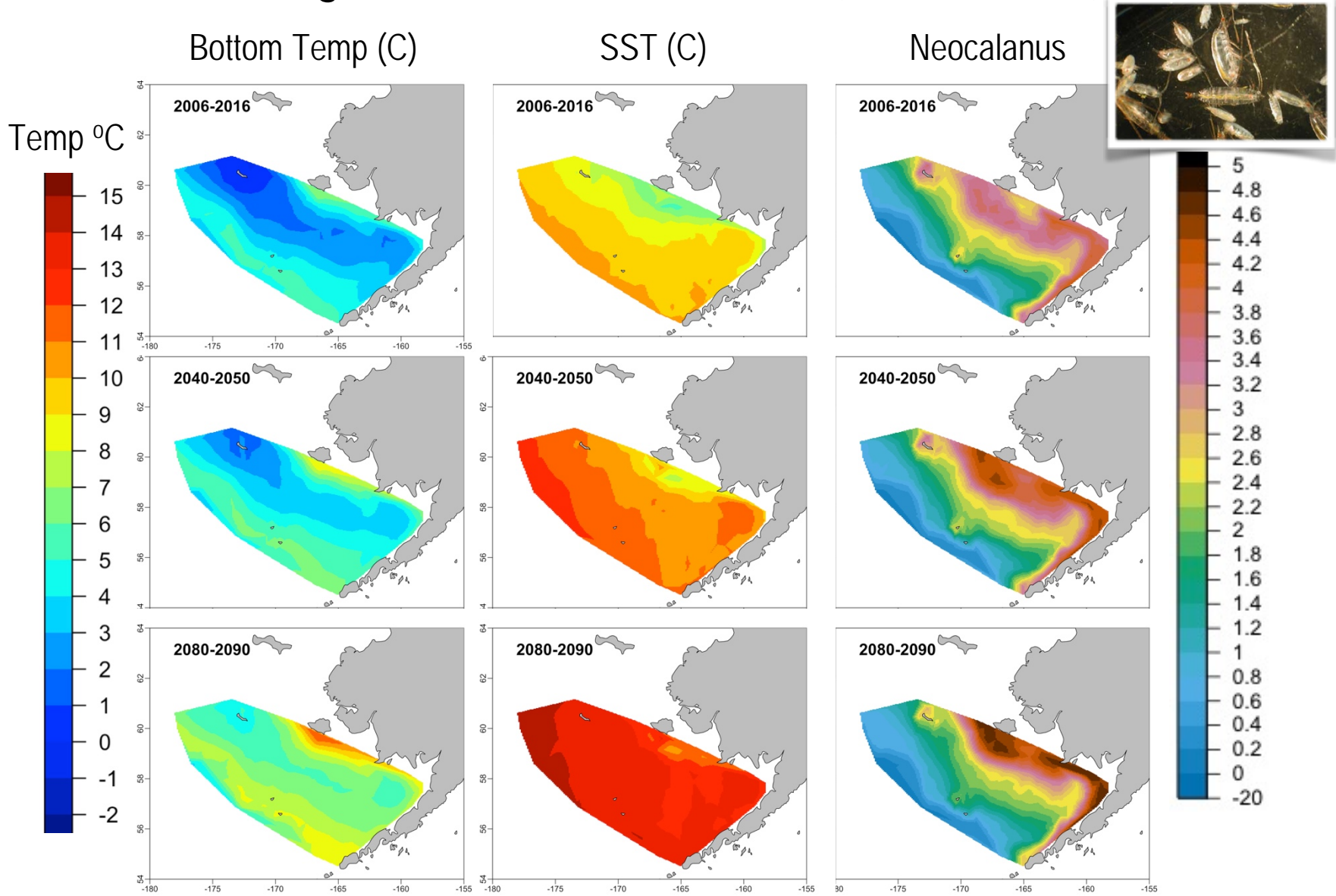
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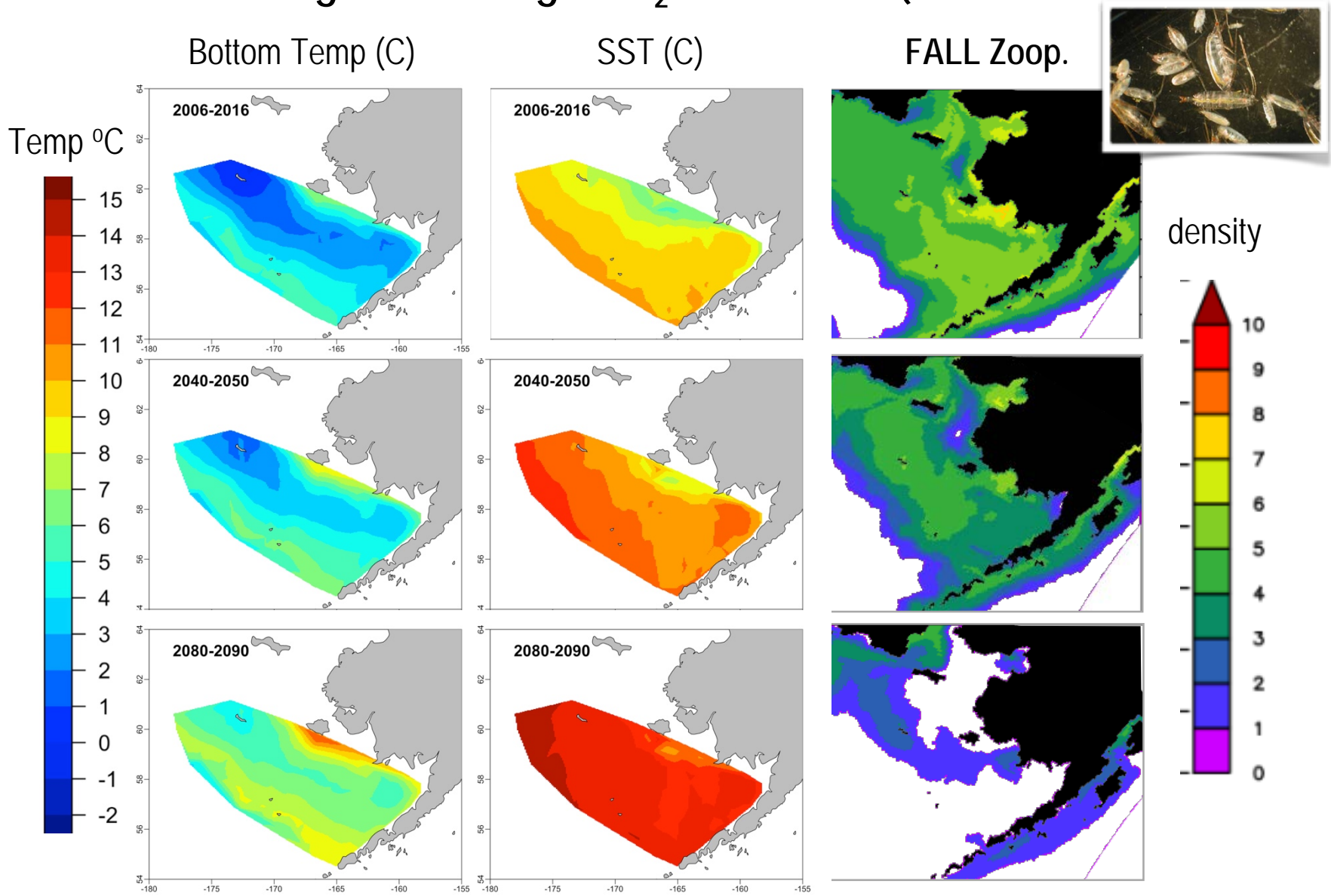
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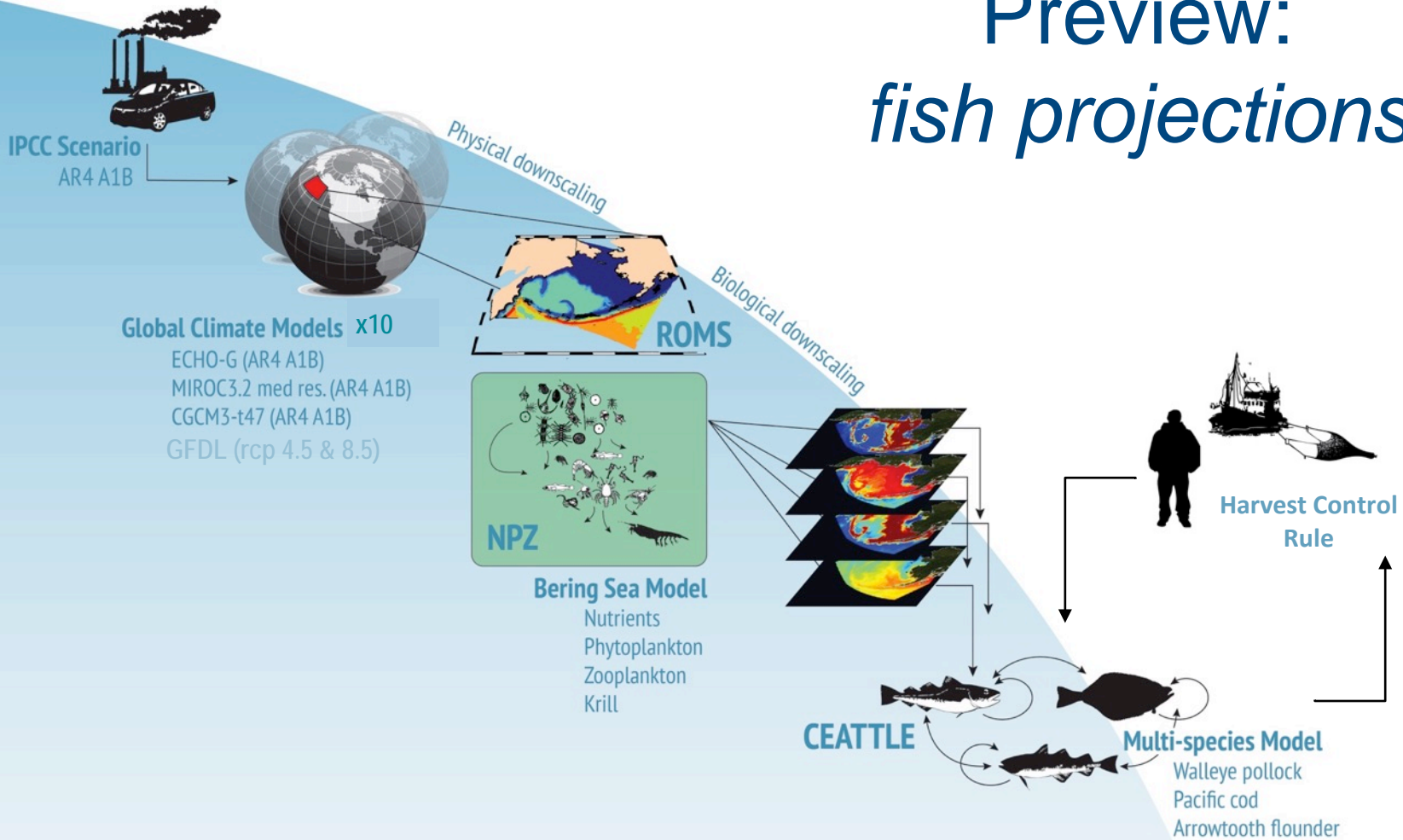
# Preliminary Results

*(fish projections)*

*No fishing & "Status quo"  
assuming we don't adjust our management but the climate changes*



# Preview: *fish projections*



Holsman et al. in prep

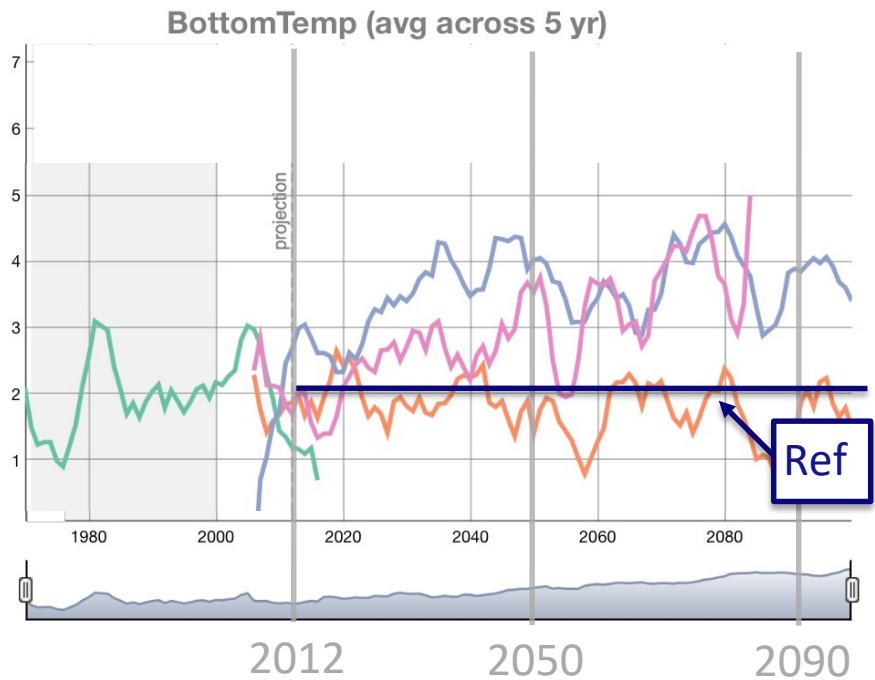
Climate-specific Harvest &  
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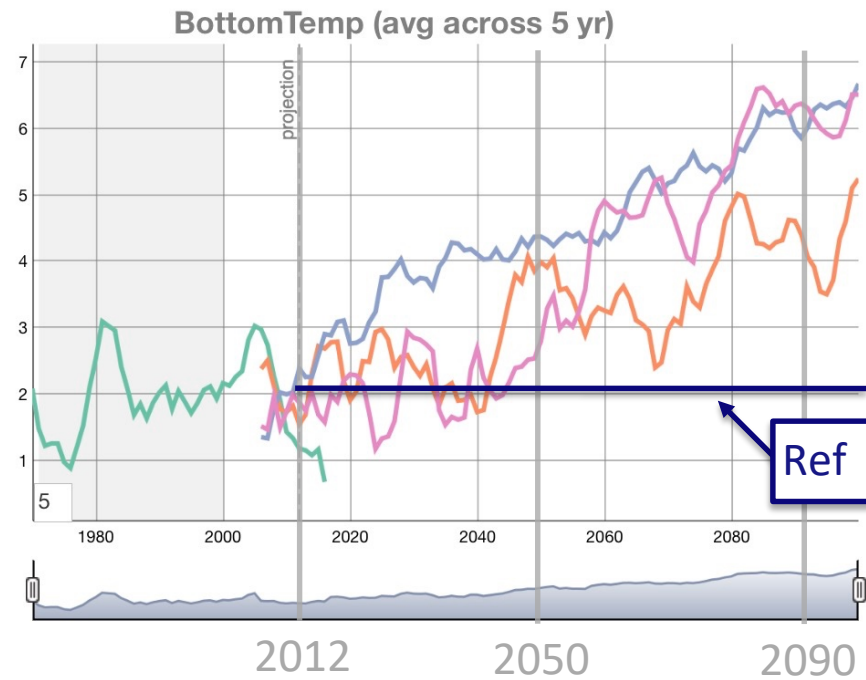
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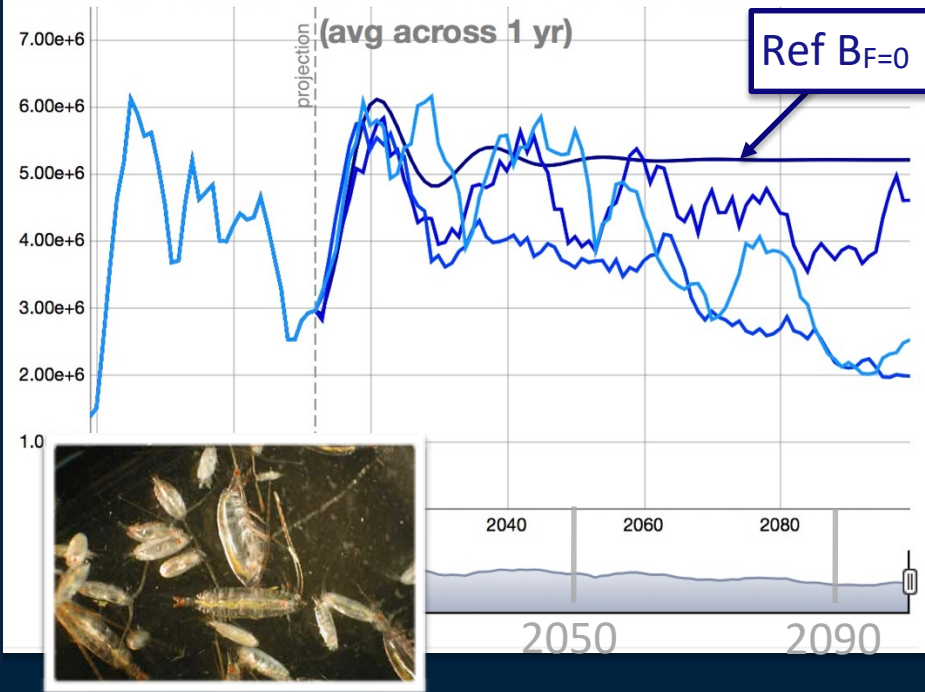
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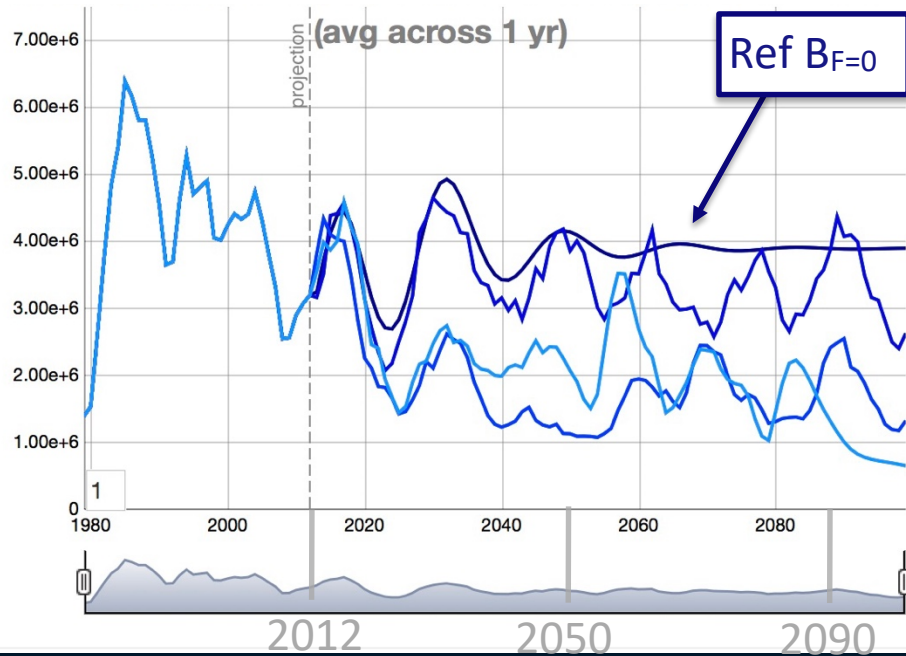
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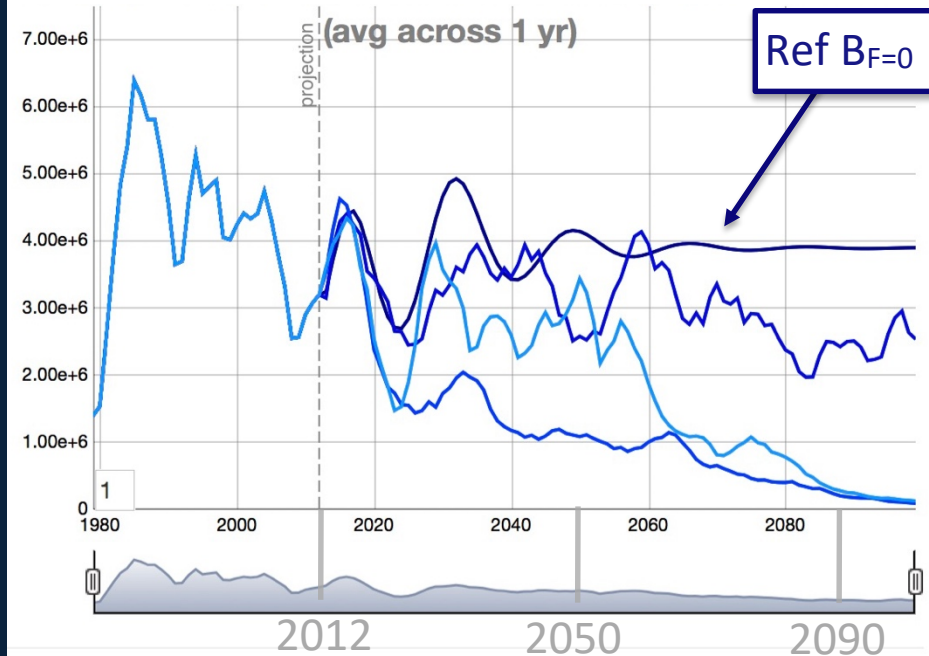
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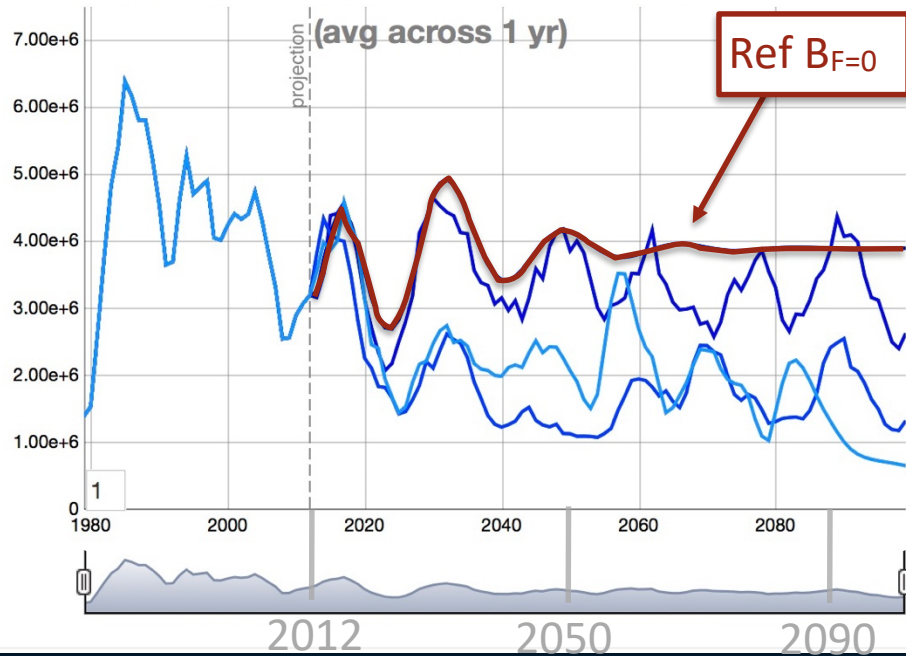
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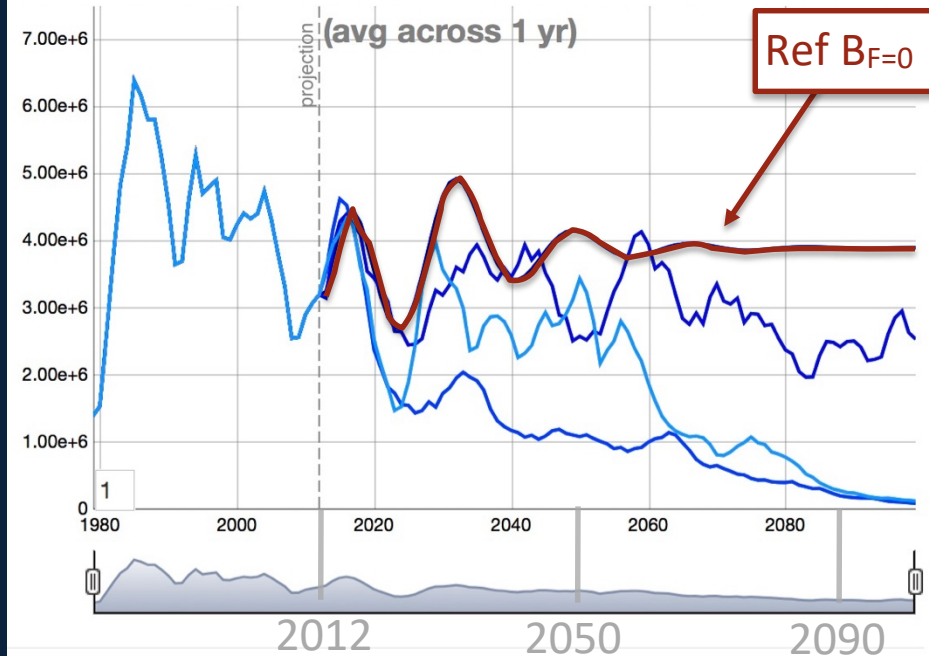
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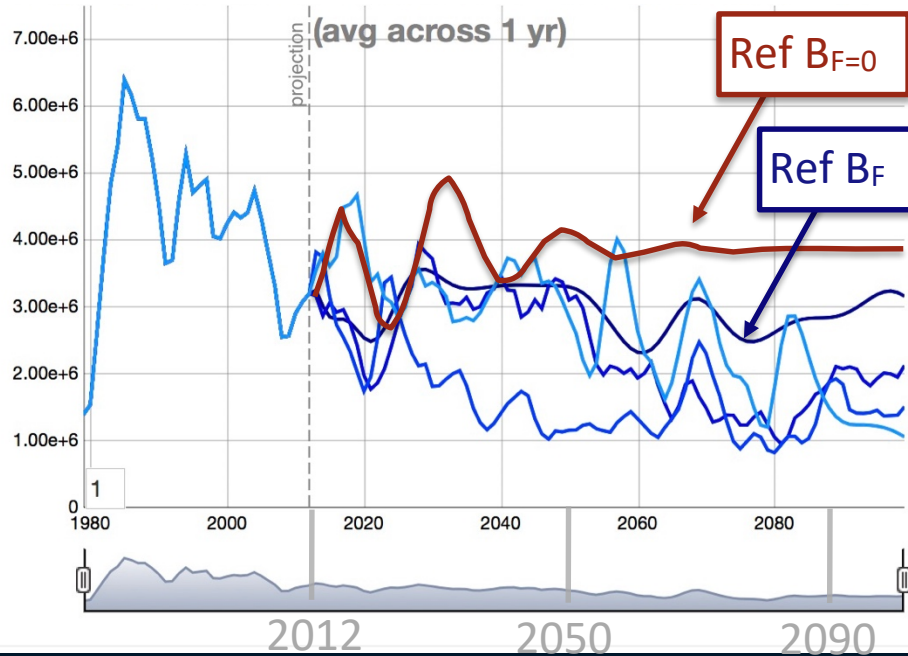
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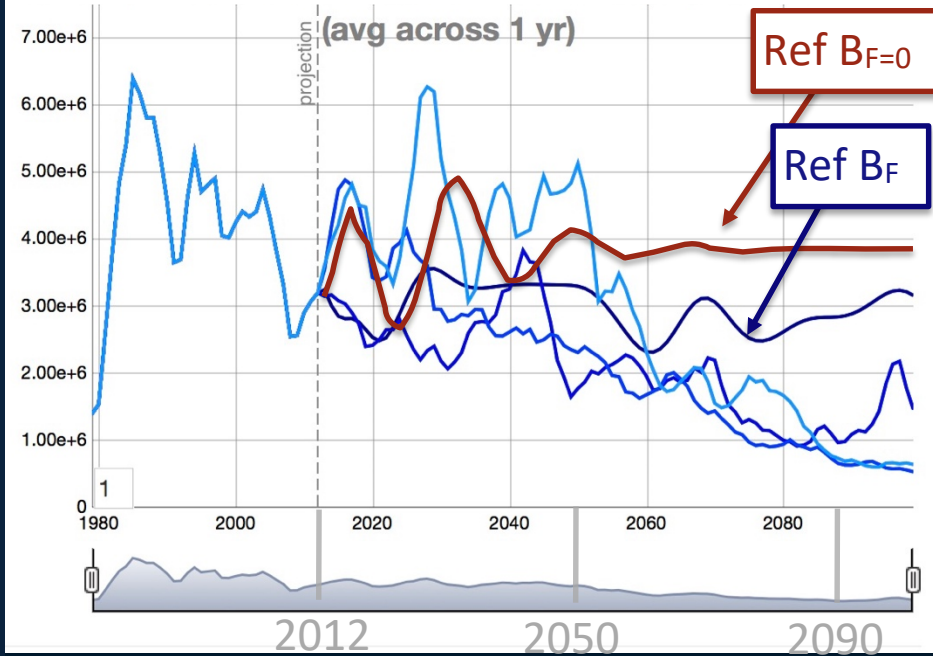
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“Climate only”

“Climate + Fishery Management”

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Global Climate Models (x 7)

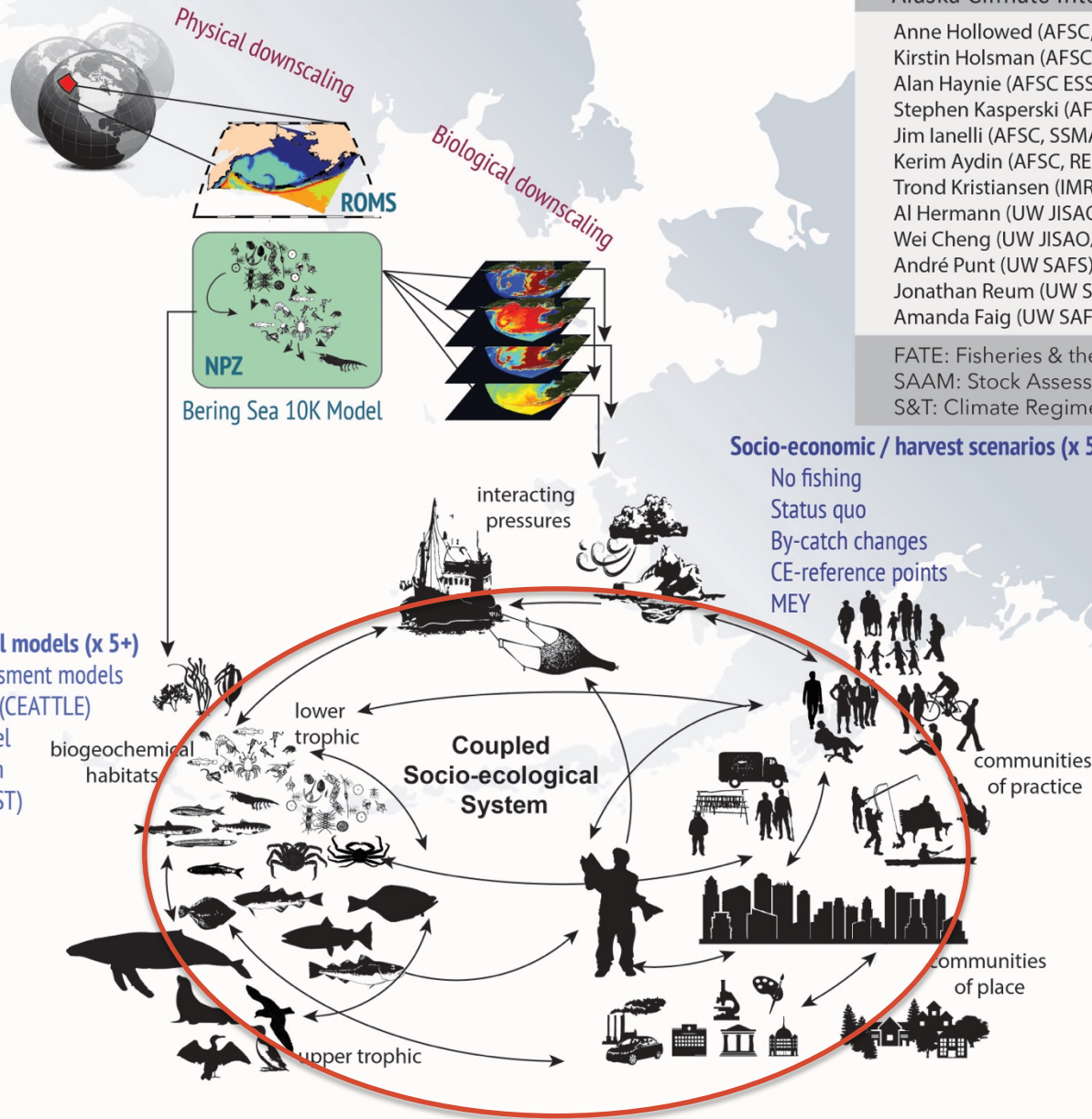
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- CGCM3-t47
- CCSM4-NCAR-PO
- MIROCESM-C-PO
- GFDL-ESM2M\*-PO
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Projection Scenarios (x3)

- AR4 A1B
- AR5 RCP 4.5
- AR5 RCP 8.5

Climate Enhanced Biological models (x 5+)

- CE- single species assessment models
- CE- multispecies model (CEATTLE)
- CE - Size spectrum model
- CE- Ecosim with Ecosim
- End-to-End model (FEAST)





# The Human Connection



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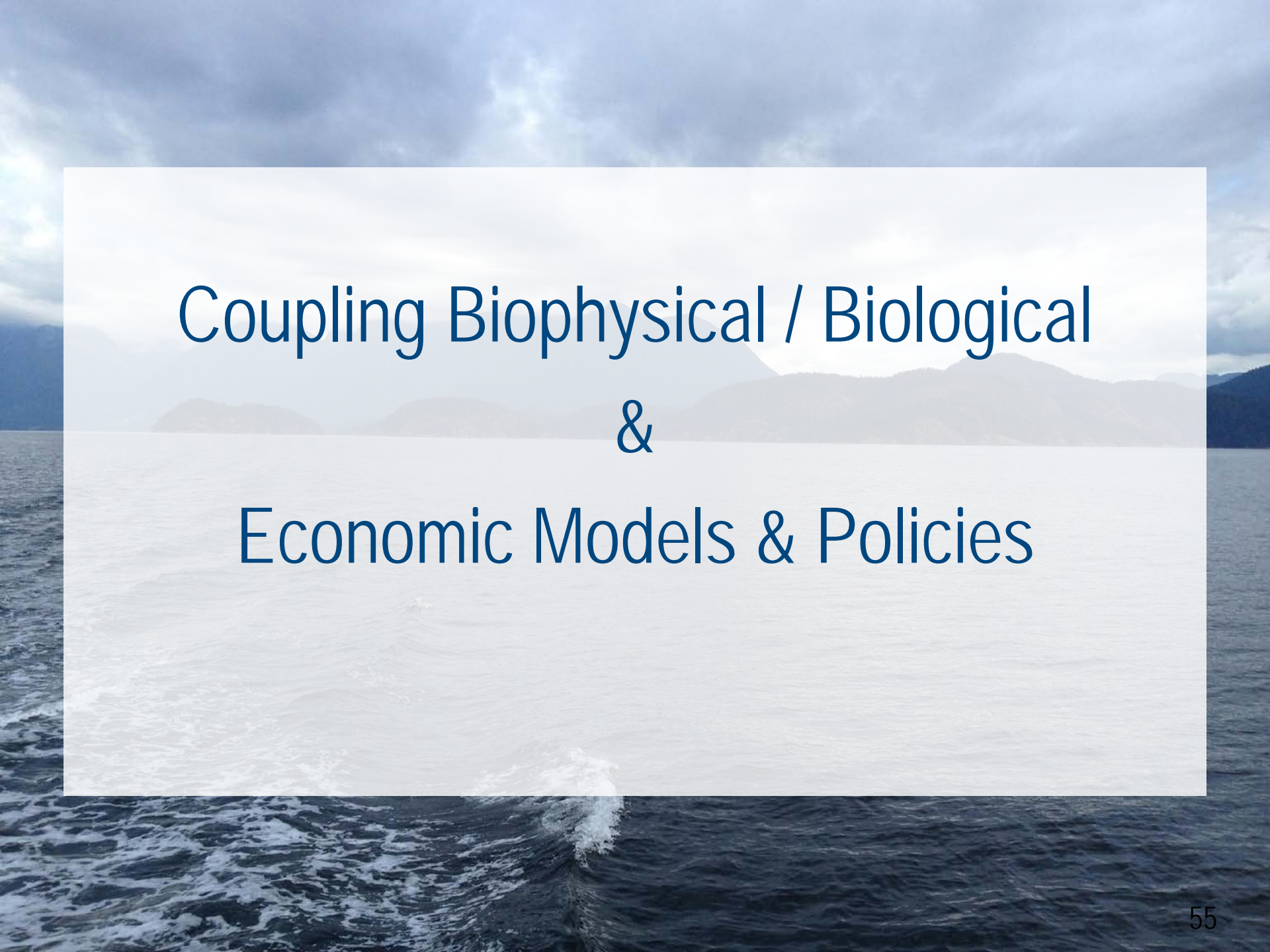
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Coupling Biophysical / Biological  
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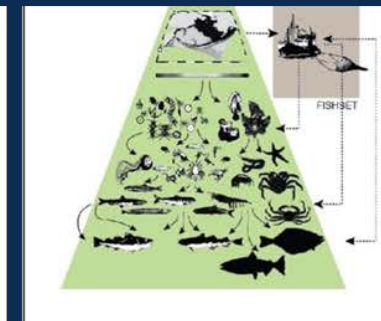
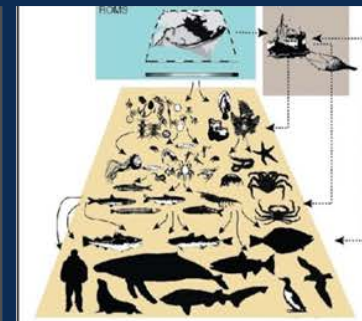
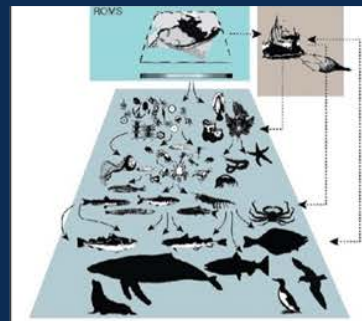
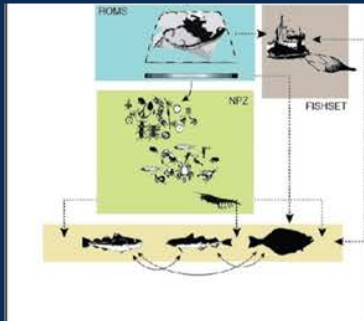
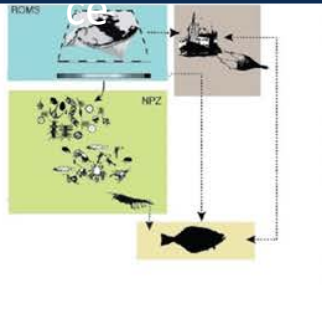
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FEAST



Fast  
Statistical  
Implicit ecosystem noise



Slow  
High resolution  
Explicit ecosystem interactions

ACLIM  
utilizes  
economic  
models of  
different  
complexity

- Status quo
- Effort response to abundance
- Spatial models of fleets responding to shifts in fish distributions.
- Maximum economic yield (MEY)
- Community impact analyses



# Status Quo Management under the Ecosystem Cap

- For each species,  $TAC \leq ABC$
- The sum of all TACs  $\leq 2$  MMT
- In 2017,  $\text{Sum}(ABCs) = \sim 4$  MMT

The Council chooses TAC reduction for each species below its ABC so the BSAI  $TAC < 2$  million MT

# Biomass – TAC - Catch Model for Projections

## 1. Use ABC to predict TAC

- Observe past Council decisions
- Model relationship between Council & ABC
- Impose 2 Million metric ton cap



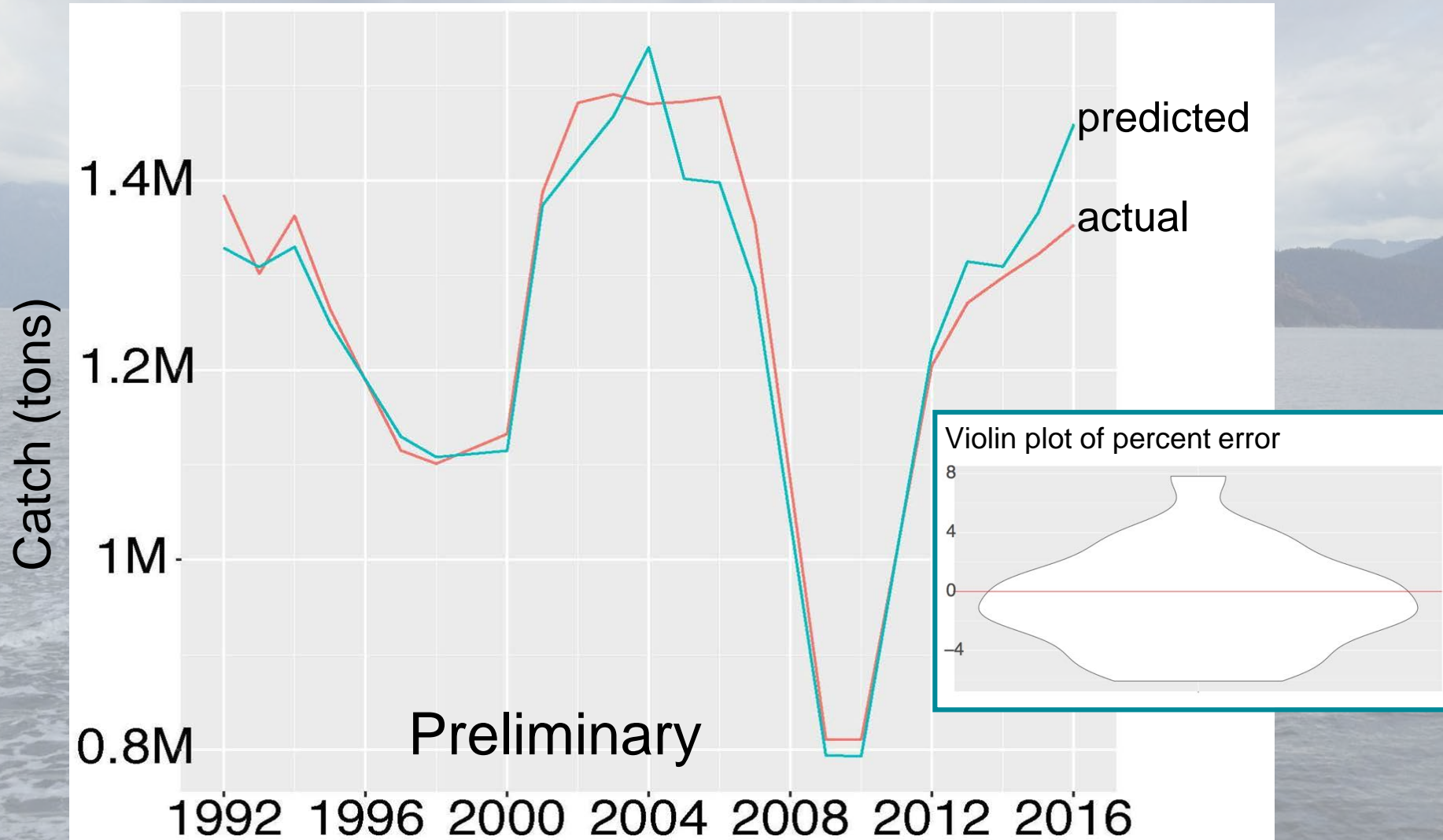
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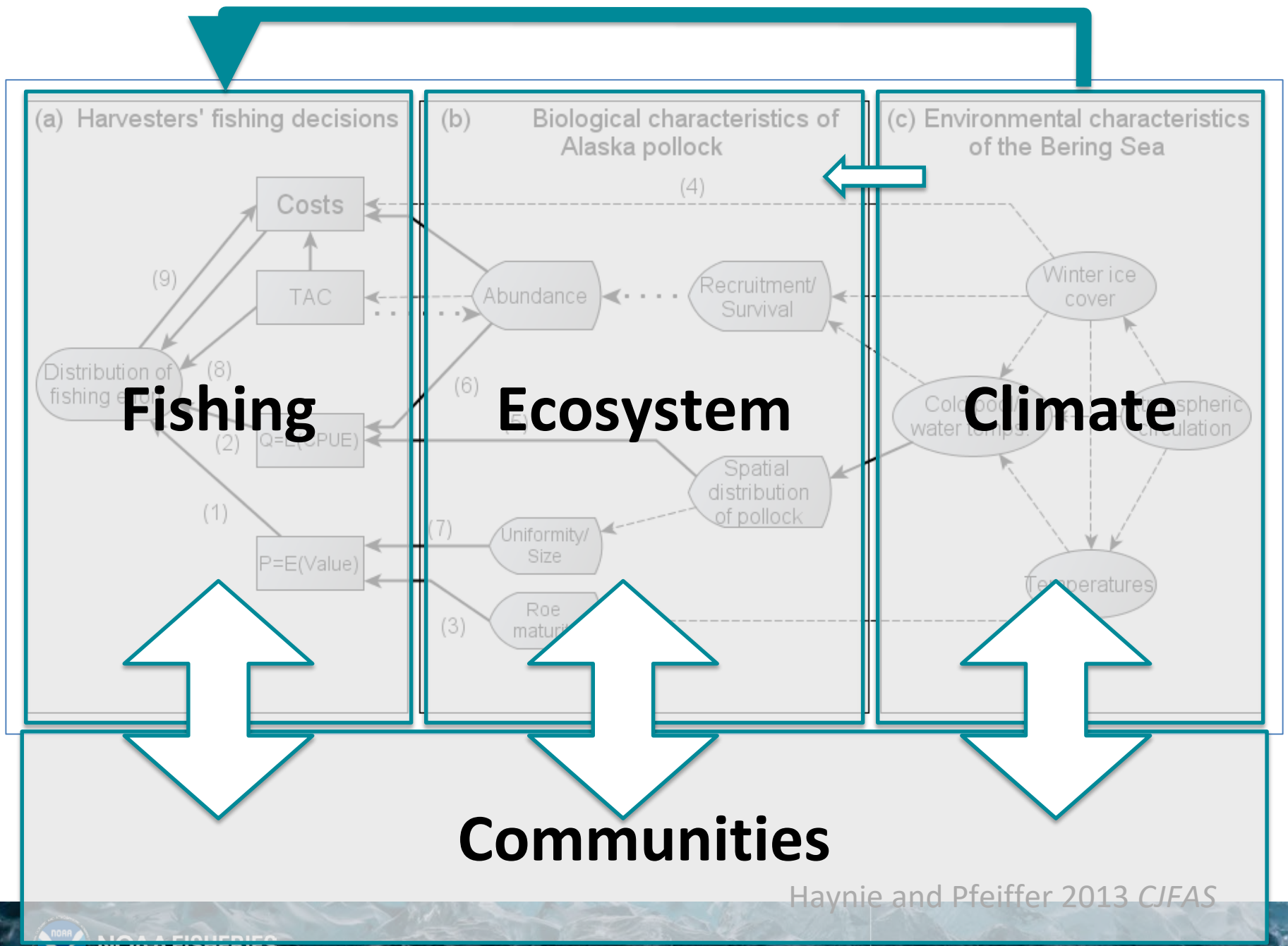
## 2. Use TAC prediction to predict Catch

- Model catch based on past fishery outcomes, weighted to recent behavior.
- Limit catch to not exceed ABC

# Bering Sea Pollock, historical evaluation

BS Pollock catch, predicted from ABC

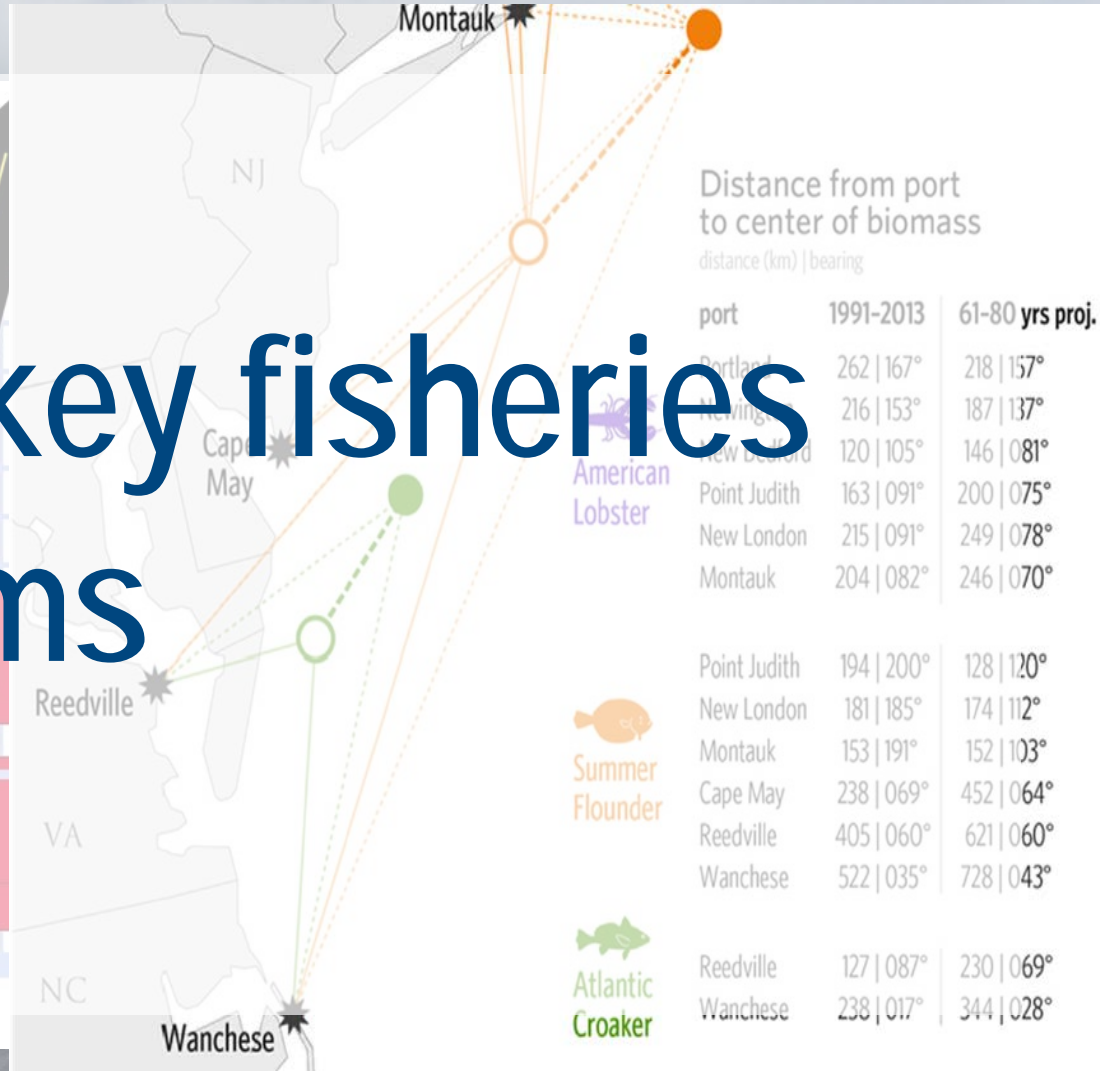




Haynie and Pfeiffer 2013 *CJFAS*

# Translating global changes to fisheries changes

## Focus on key fisheries mechanisms



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- Net Trip Revenue
- Skill in selective harvesting
- Flexibility of fishing opportunities

# Characterize expected impacts & uncertainty

- Catch
- Revenue
  - Average returns
  - Variability
  - Fleet & community distribution



# Consider Feasible Management Tools

- New technology
- Catch shares
- Dynamic / fixed area closures
- Bycatch reduction incentives
- Revised harvest control rules
- Other suggestions?
- Tools of the future!

# Future process

- Understand possible changes
- Council & stakeholders consider outcomes they most want to avoid or achieve - develop thresholds
- Evaluate policies based on Council & stakeholder preferences.

# The goal of ACLIM is constant improvement

- These models use the best available knowledge about the ecosystem
- As we learn more, the models and projections will be updated.

# Take-home Messages

- The Bering Sea is likely to change
- ACLIM tools will evolve & improve
- Continued excellent and responsive management will be essential.

# Our questions for you:

- What are we missing?
- What are the biggest challenges to management and fishery adaptation?
- How can we best share results with the Council & other stakeholders?

# Thanks!

NPRB & BSIERP Team  
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*"Behind these numbers lies, of course, an infinity of movements and of destinies."*

– von Bertalanffy 1938

*...and of people!*

## Funding:

- Fisheries & the Environment (FATE)
- Stock Assessment Analytical Methods (SAAM)
- Climate Regimes & Ecosystem Productivity (CREP)
- Economics and Human Dimensions Program
- NOAA Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Program (IEA)
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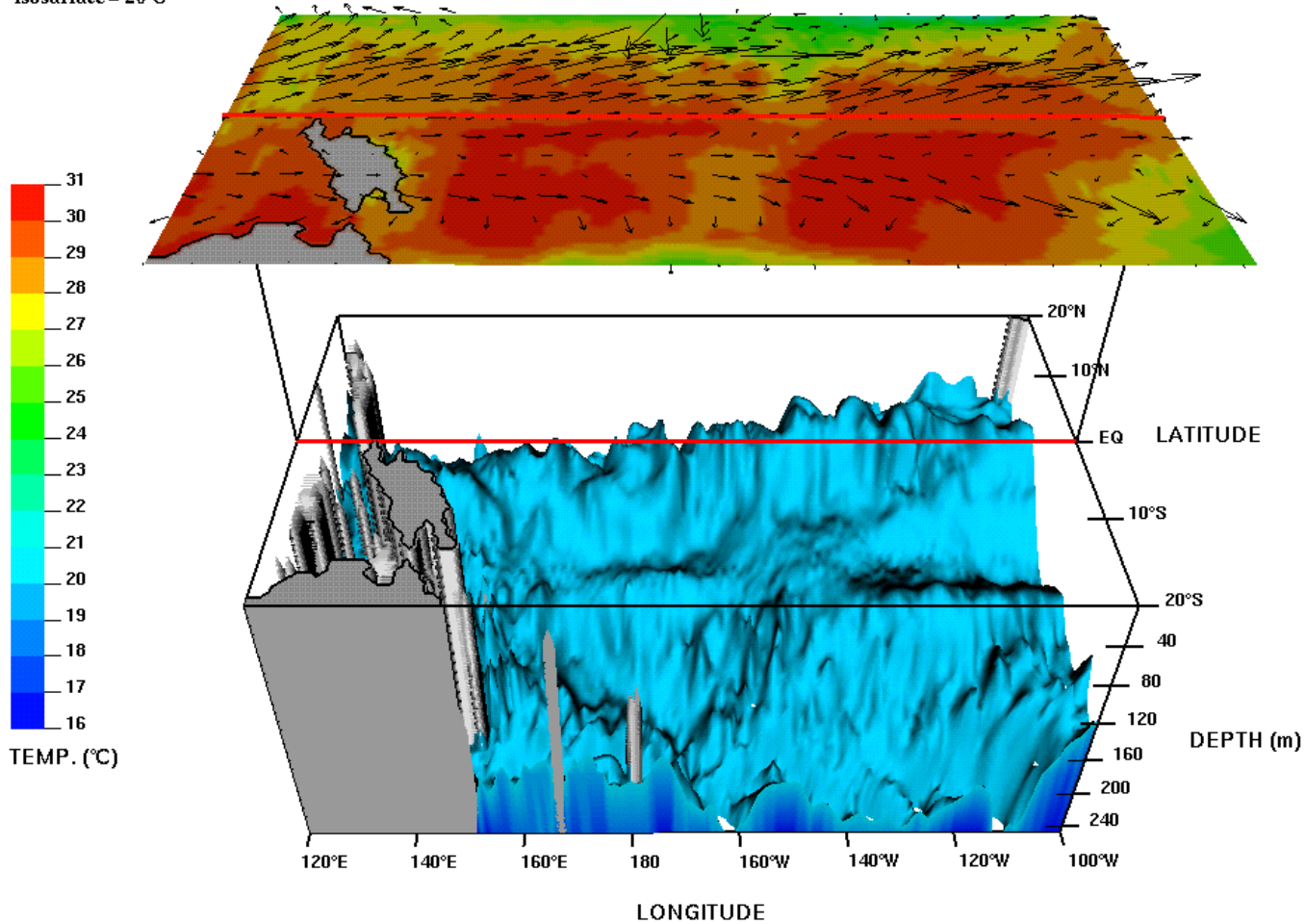


EXTRA Slides follow



January 1983

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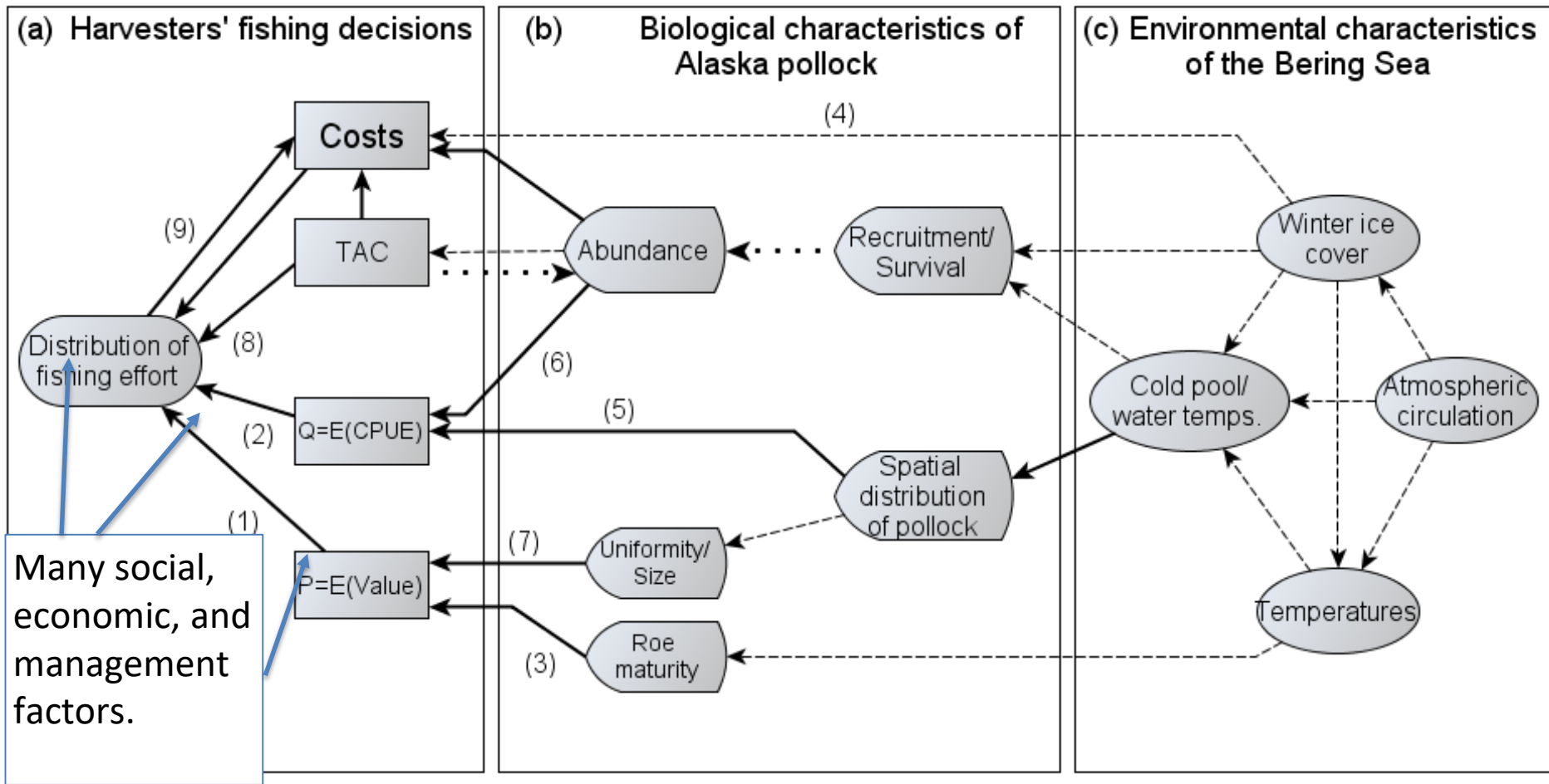
Source GFDL:

Modeled ocean temperature and surface current distribution over the tropical Pacific Ocean region obtained from a GFDL coupled ocean-atmosphere model used to predict El Nino/Southern Oscillation (ENSO).



NOAA FISHERIES

Fishery Mechanisms	Why this might increase	Why this might decrease
Fish prices	Driven by consumer demand, income and/or scarcity	Driven by fishing and aquaculture demand or smaller populations
Change in relative price of premium fish	Concentrated wealth interacting with scarcity	Increased value of protein for humans or input to aquaculture
Number of species fished	Markets may develop for other species; invasives or changes	Environmental change may lead to the decline of some species
Fishing and processing costs	Increased fuel costs or carbon tax. Land or labor costs may increase.	Improved or more selective fishing or processing technology
Priority on conservation	Change in demand or strength of conservation measures	Change in weak stock policies; change in the Endangered Species Act
Change in protection of fishing communities	Additional concern about preserving the distribution of fishing opportunities	Change in number of people in remote areas; more large fishing vessels.



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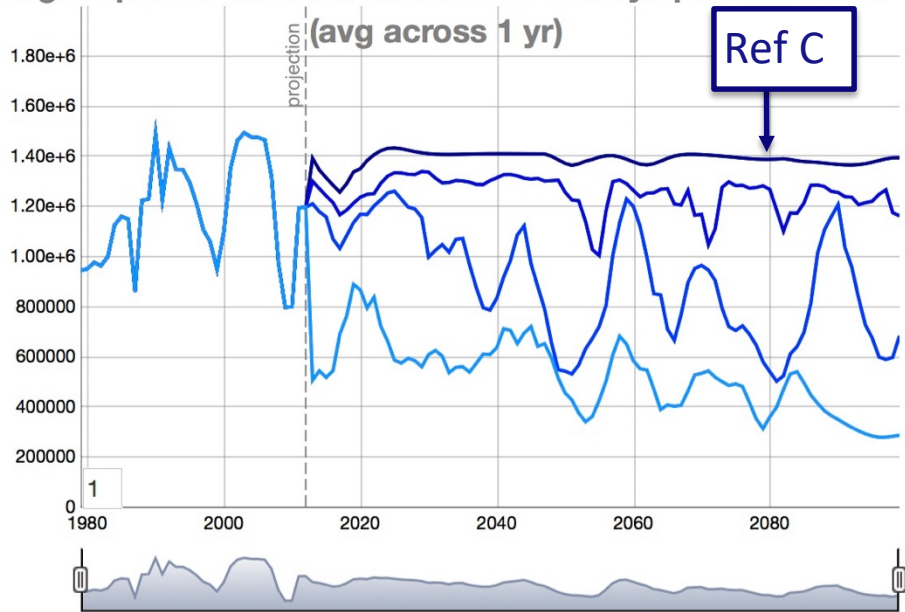
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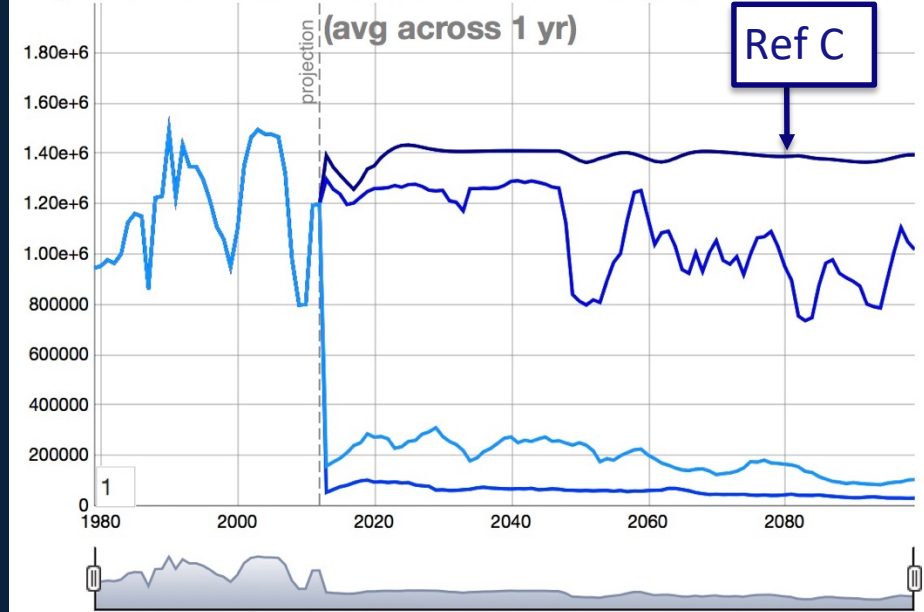
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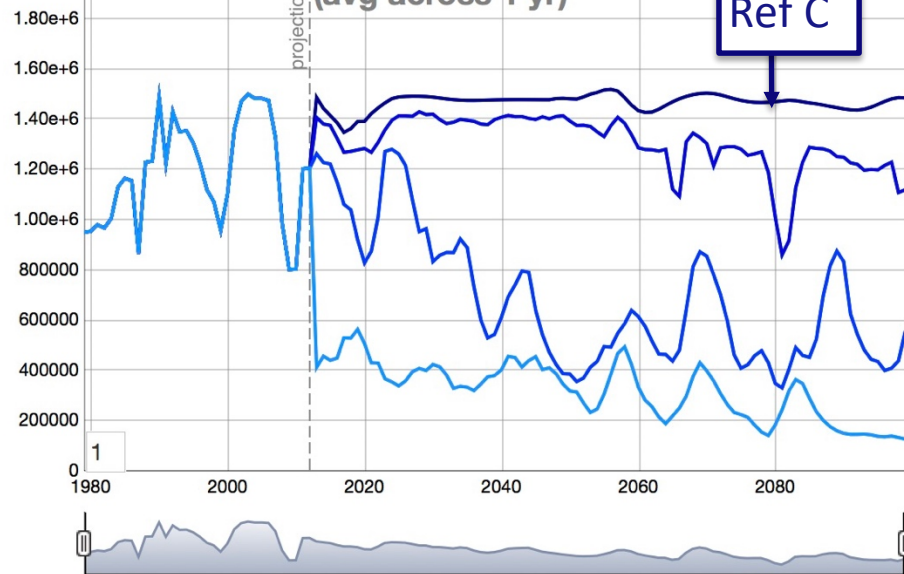
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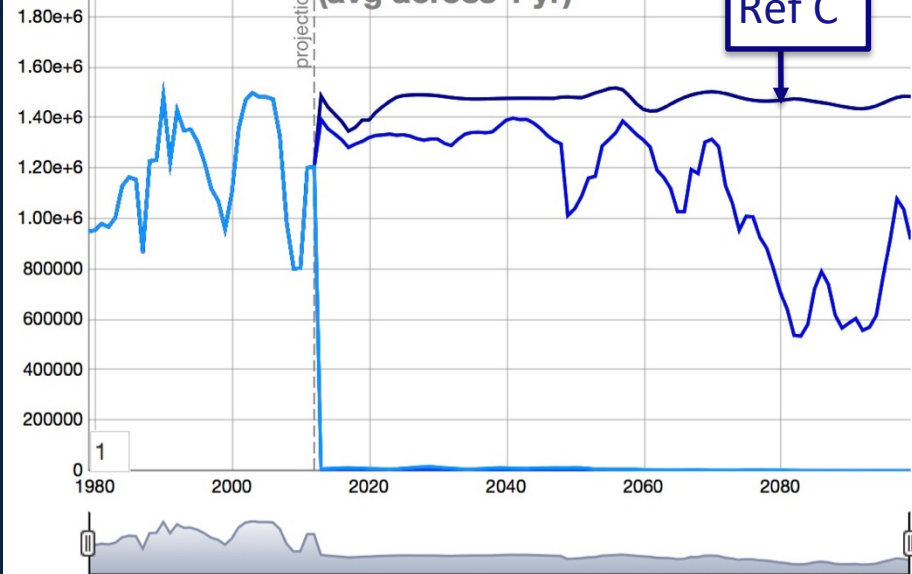
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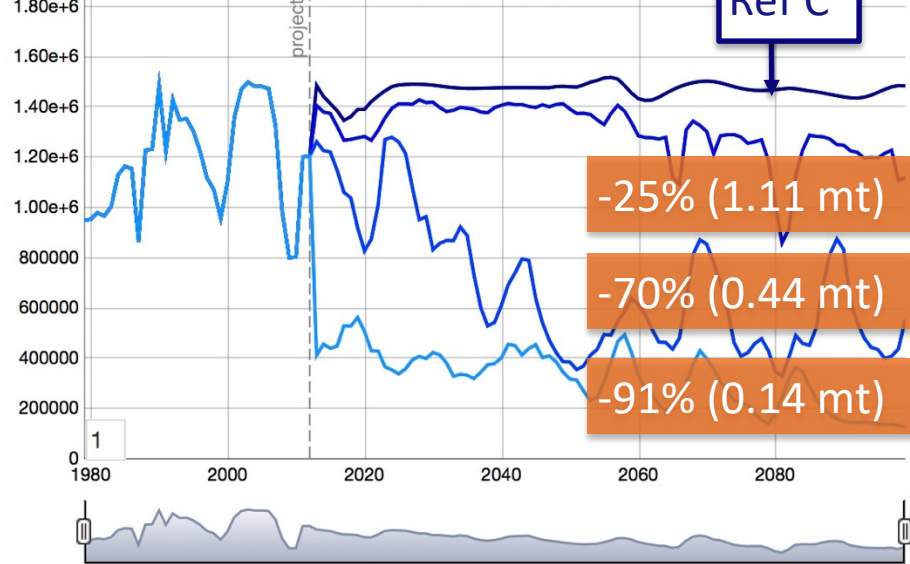
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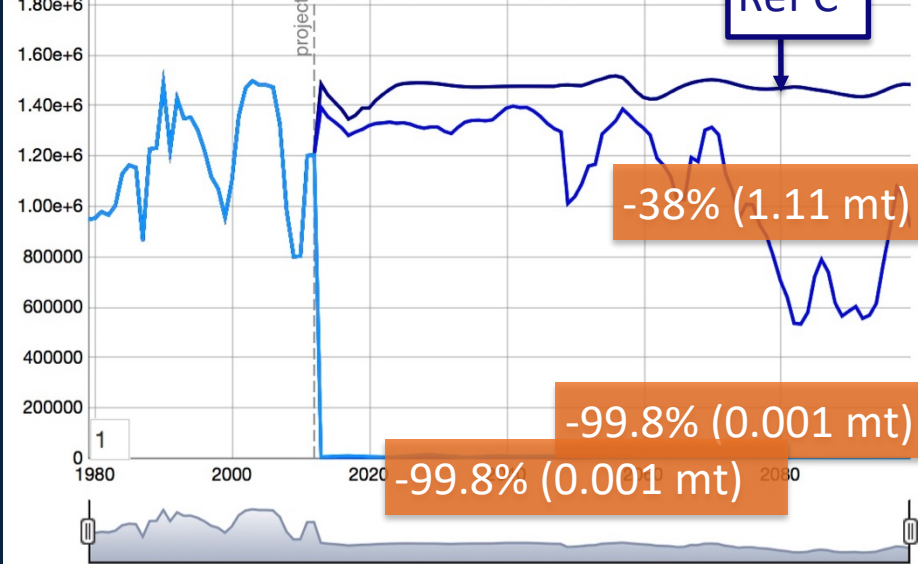
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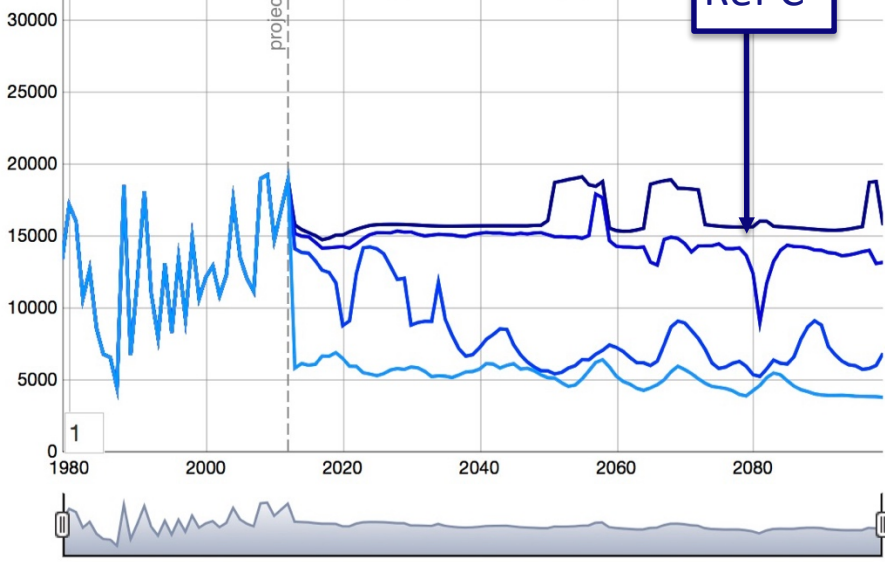


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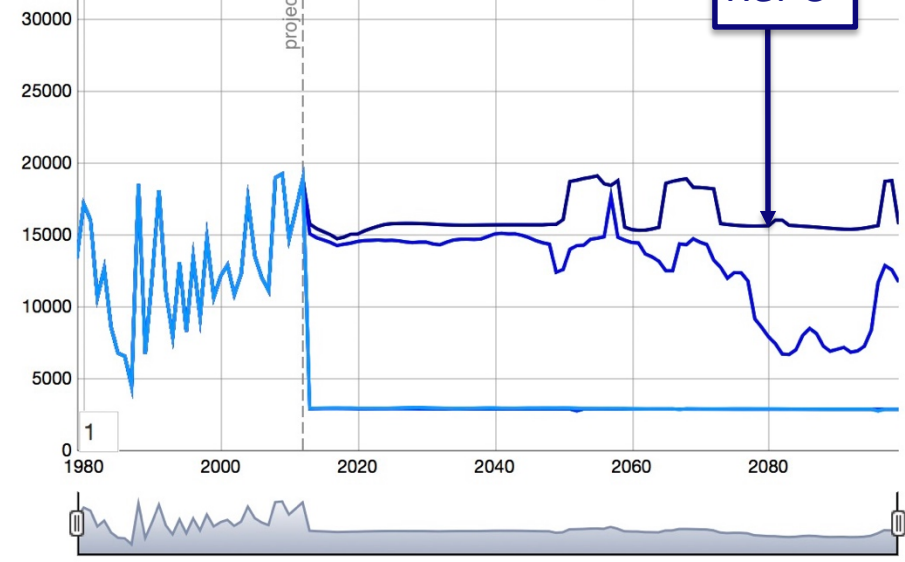
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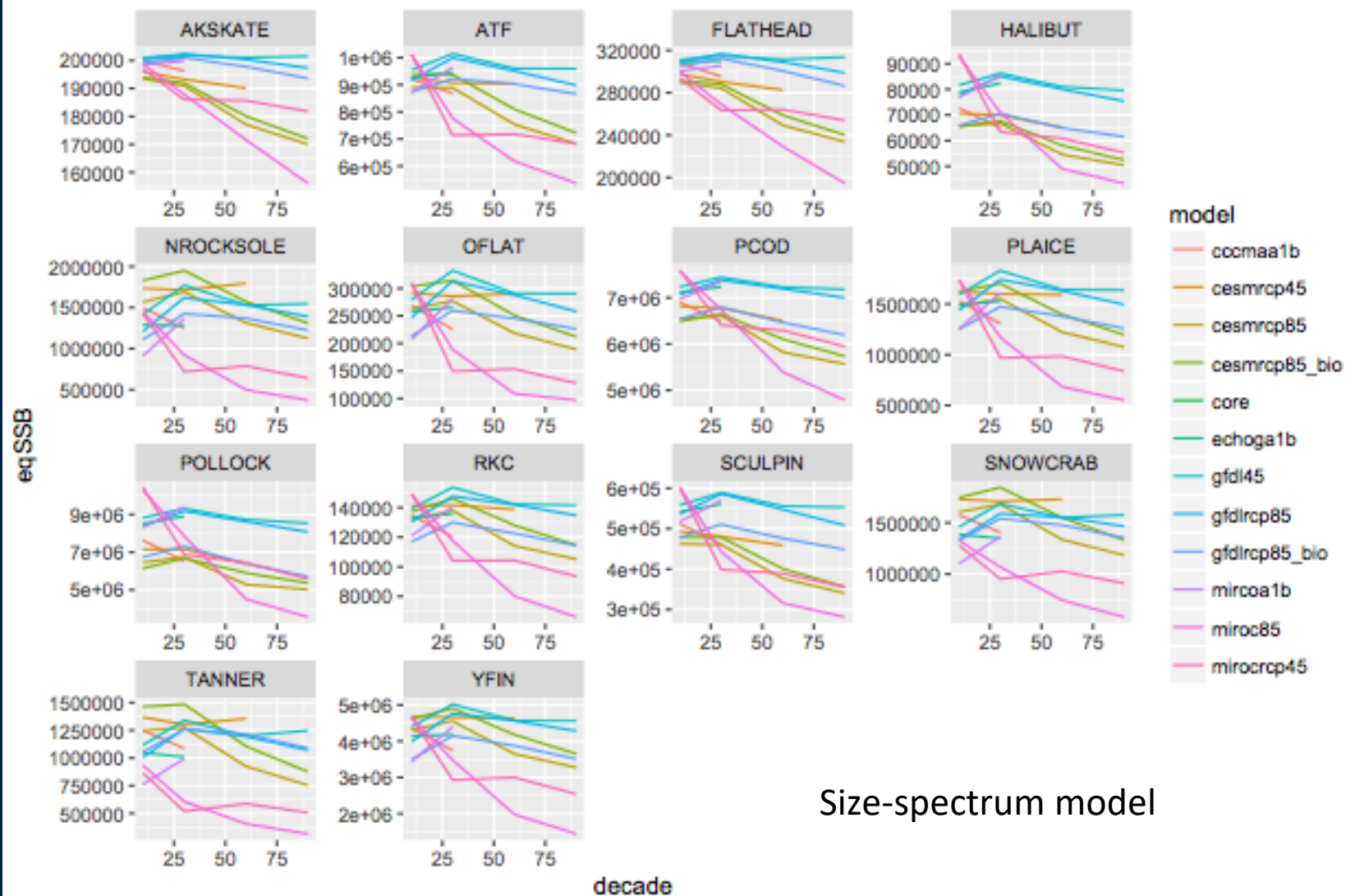
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