

# 2021 ADF&G Dredge Survey - Yakutat and Prince William Sound registration areas



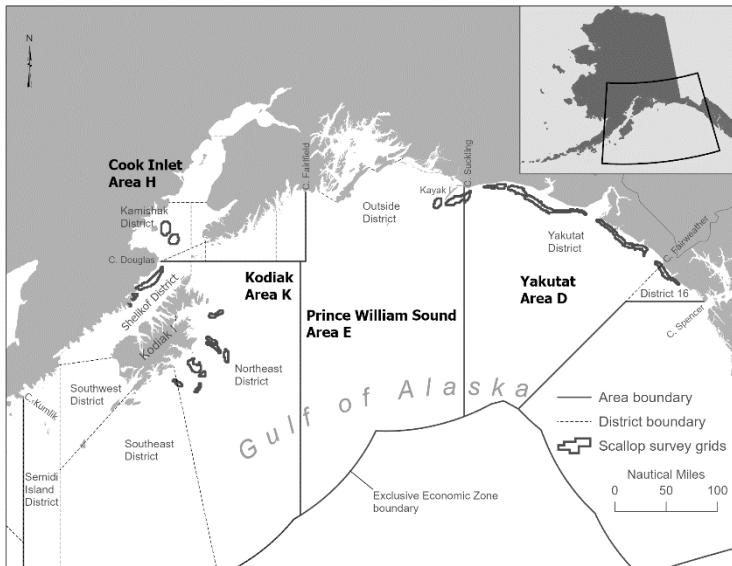
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# Annual Survey Plan



## 2016 to 2019 Objective

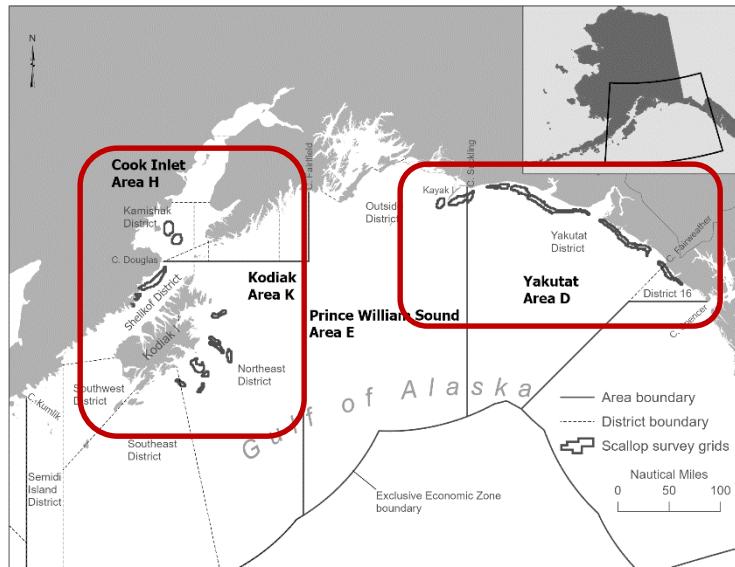
- Regional rotation
  - Address local management concerns
  - Bed level CV < 0.20





2020 forward

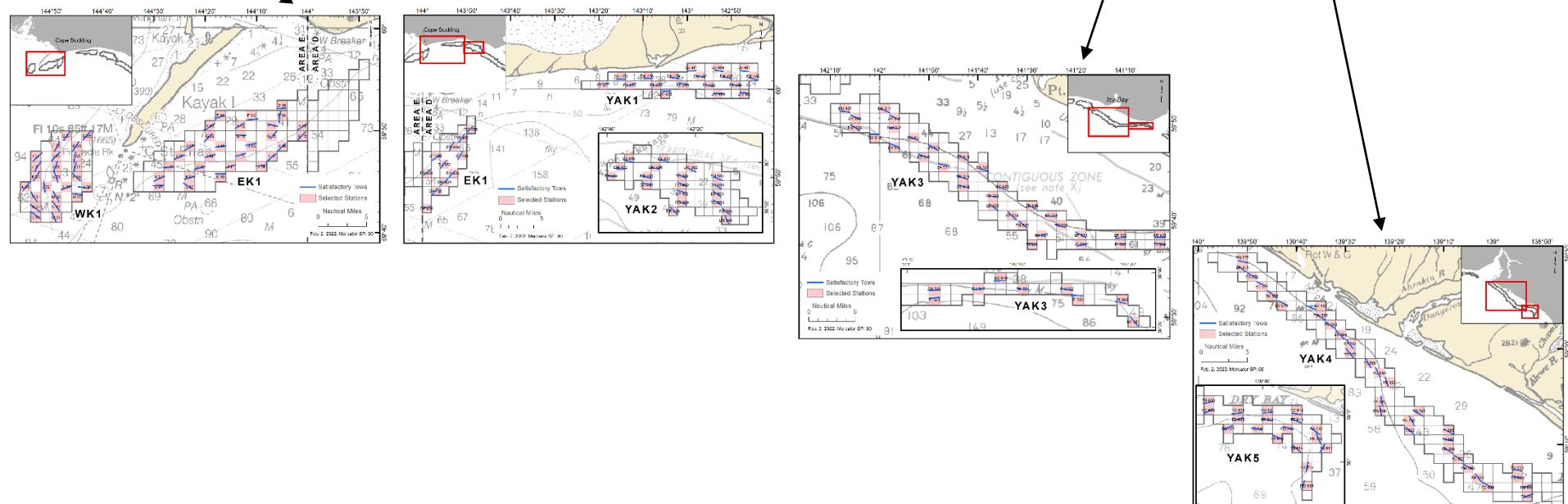
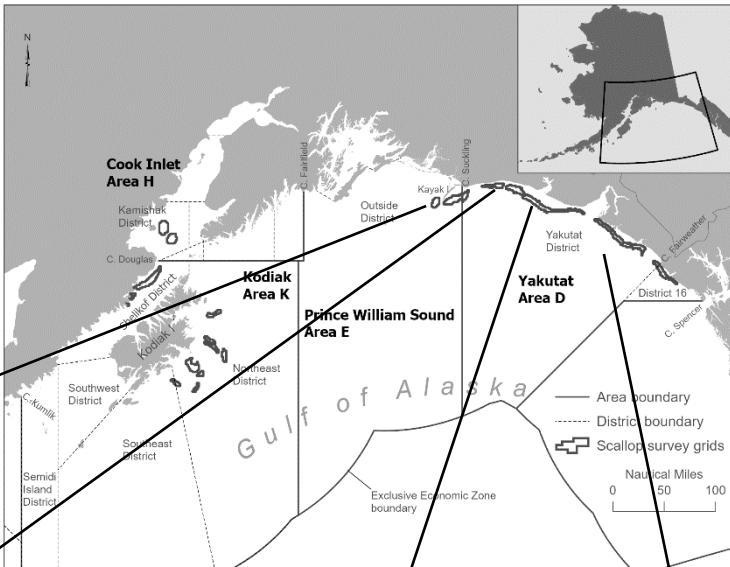
- Regional rotation
  - Sample *most* beds within registration areas.
    - Sacrifice precision
    - + Gain consistency



Westward Region Beds						Central Region Beds						Southeast Region Beds							
Area K (KNE)			Area K (KSH)			Area H (KAM)			Area E			Area D (YAK)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	S	N	WK1	EK1	B	1	2	3	4	5	6
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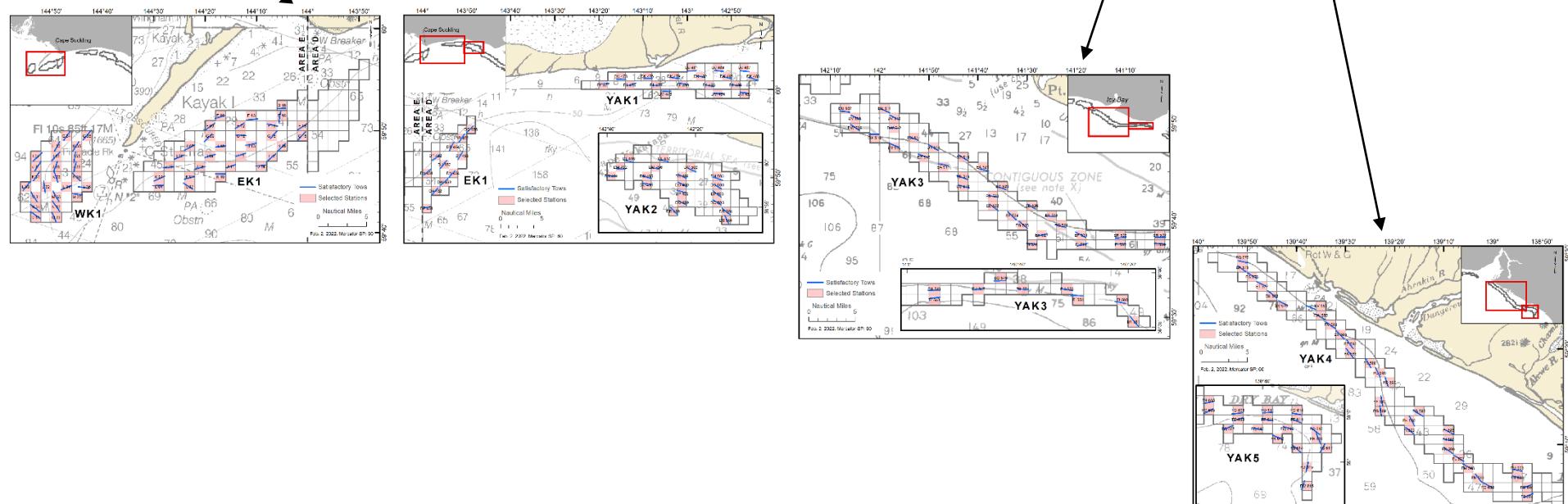
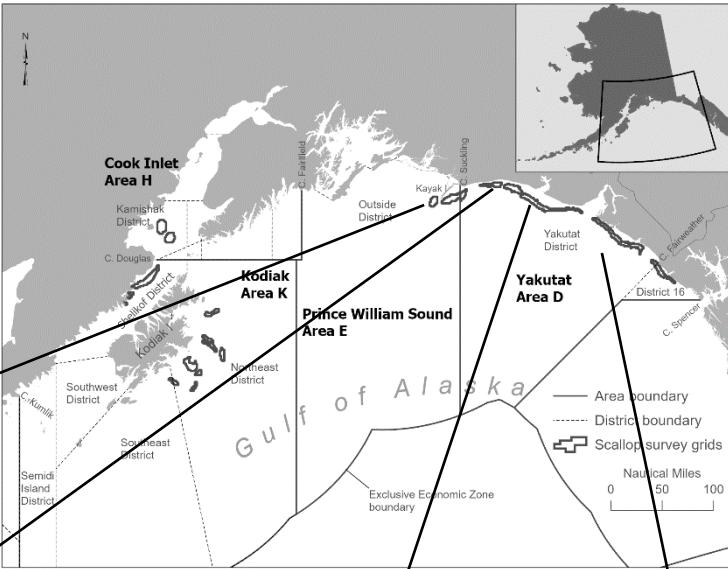


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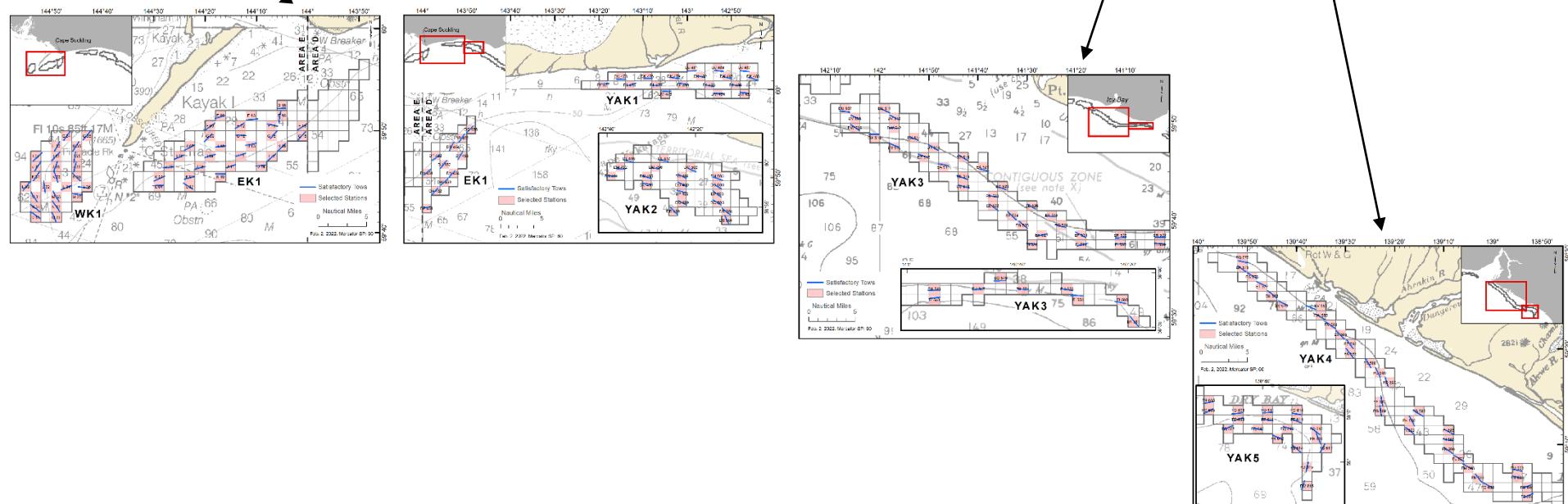
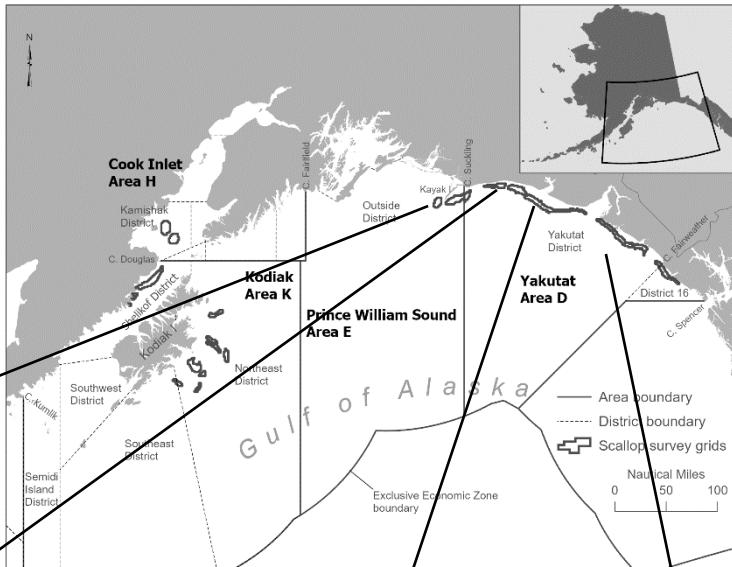


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Metric	District	Bed	2016	2017	2018	2019	Mean	2021
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		WK1	0.52		0.37	0.44		0.43
	YAK	EK1		0.29		0.28	0.29	0.31
		YAK1		0.40	0.39		0.39	0.22
		YAK2		0.28	0.12		0.20	0.20
		YAK3		0.30	0.32	0.31		0.70
		YAK4		0.27		0.23	0.25	0.21
		YAK5		0.47		0.44	0.46	0.35

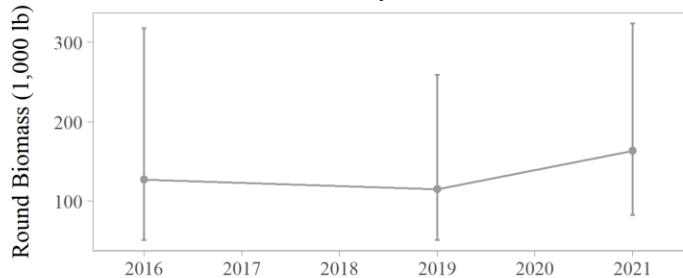
CV for Large ( $\geq 100$  mm)

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		WK1	0.40			0.37	0.39	0.28
	YAK	EK1		0.16		0.19	0.18	0.12
		YAK1		0.23	0.17		0.20	0.13
		YAK2		0.17	0.13		0.15	0.14
		YAK3			0.17	0.19	0.18	0.42
		YAK4		0.15		0.13	0.14	0.23
		YAK5		0.28		0.24	0.26	0.25
Biomass	PWS Outside	EK1	0.25		0.21		0.23	0.18
		WK1	0.39			0.37	0.38	0.30
	YAK	EK1		0.16		0.17	0.17	0.14
		YAK1		0.21	0.17		0.19	0.11
		YAK2		0.16	0.12		0.14	0.16
		YAK3			0.16	0.17	0.17	0.37
		YAK4		0.15		0.12	0.14	0.23
		YAK5		0.27		0.22	0.25	0.26

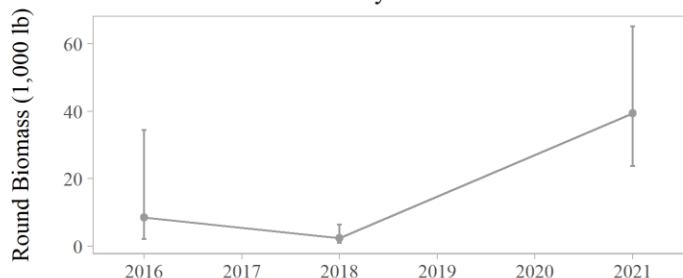


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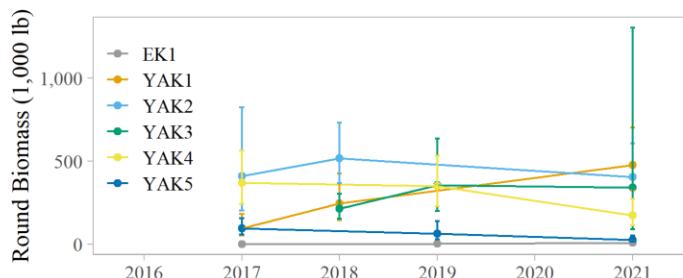
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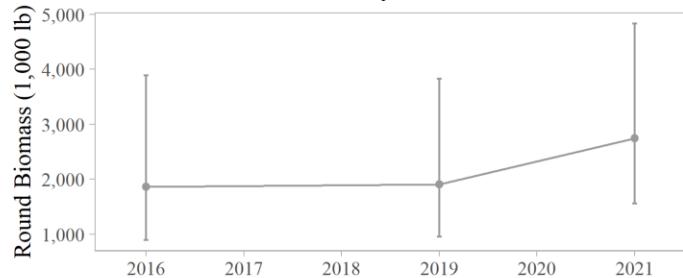


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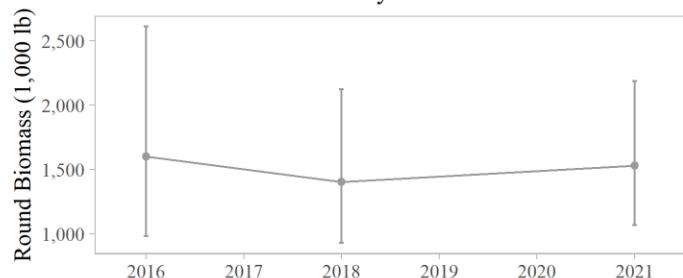


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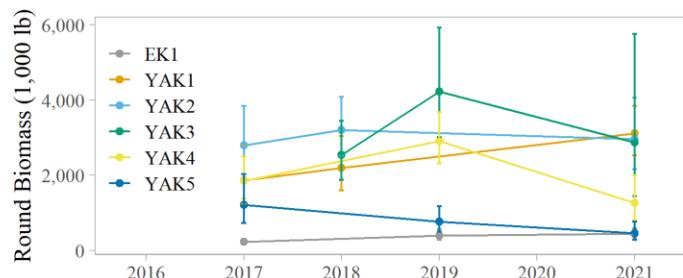
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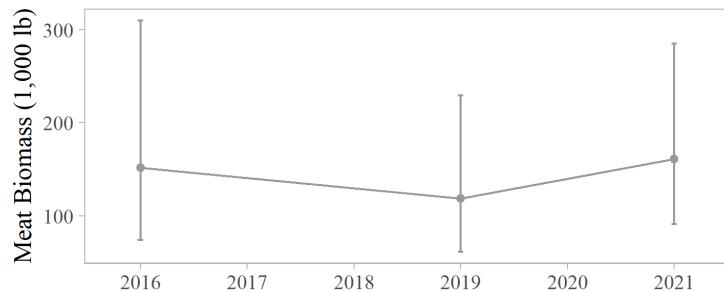
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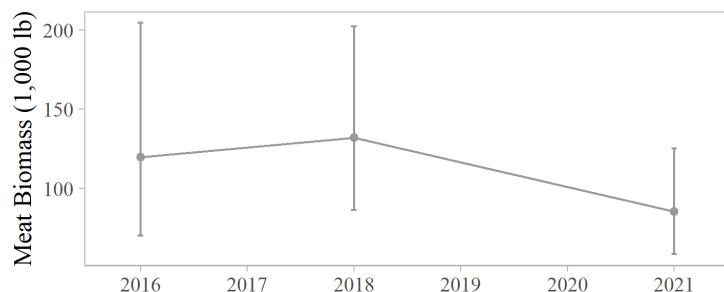
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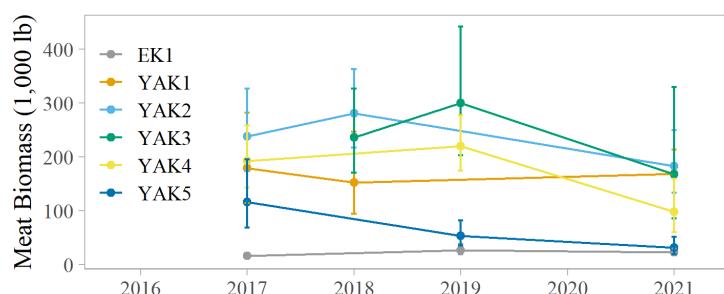
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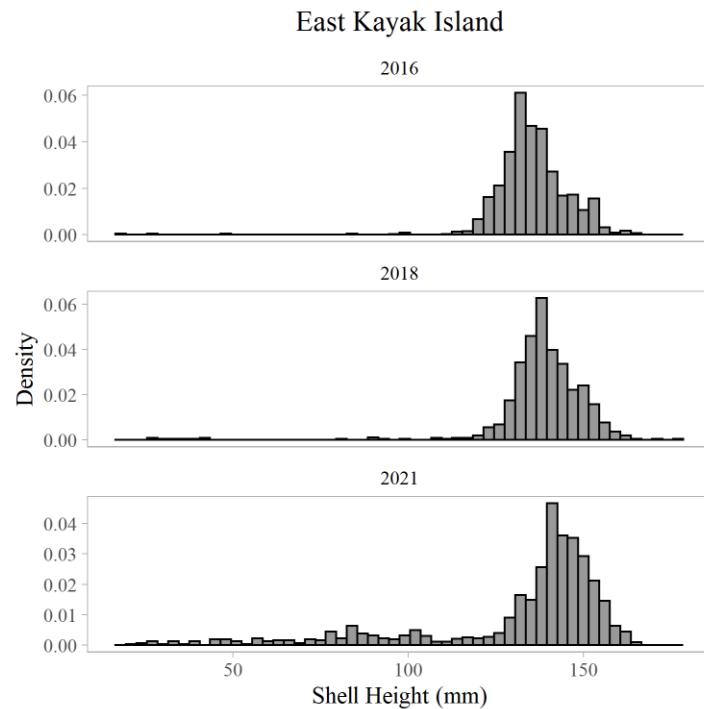
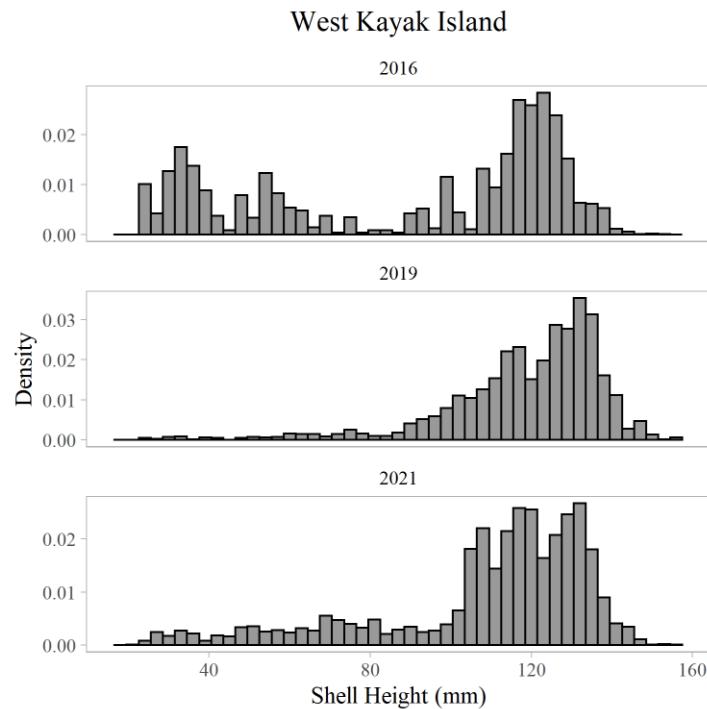


Yakutat





## PWS Outside

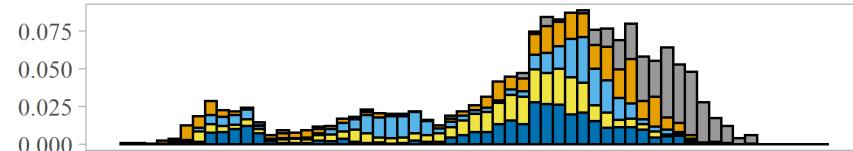


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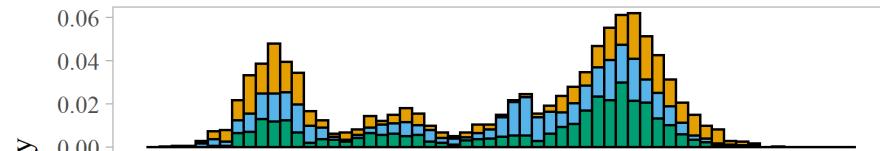


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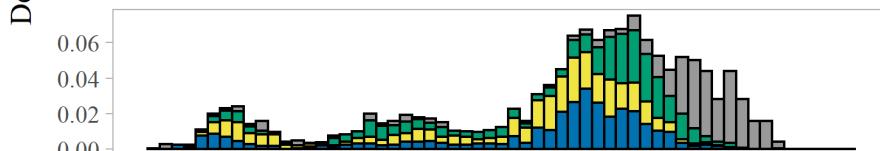
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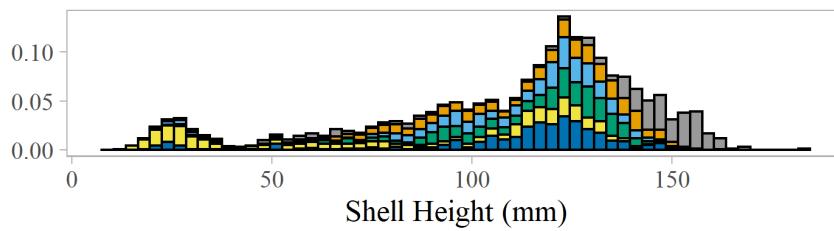
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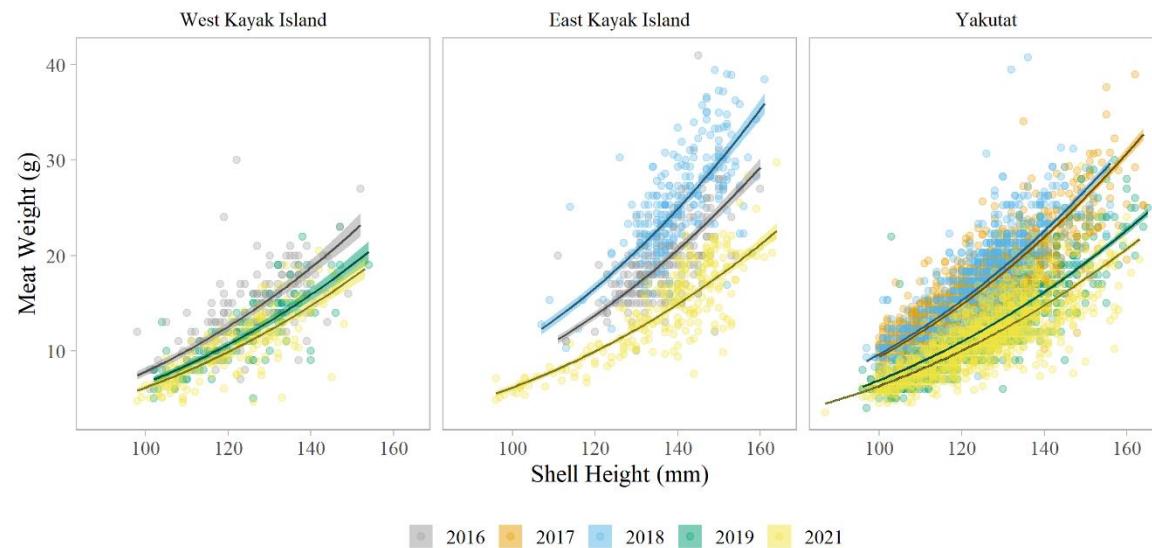
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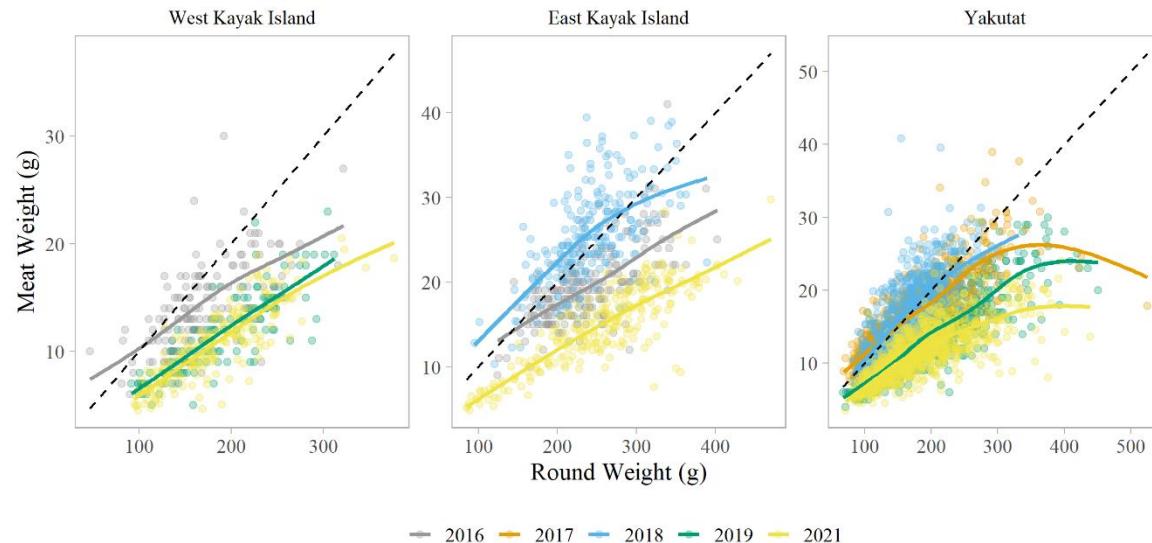
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Meat weight /  
shell height



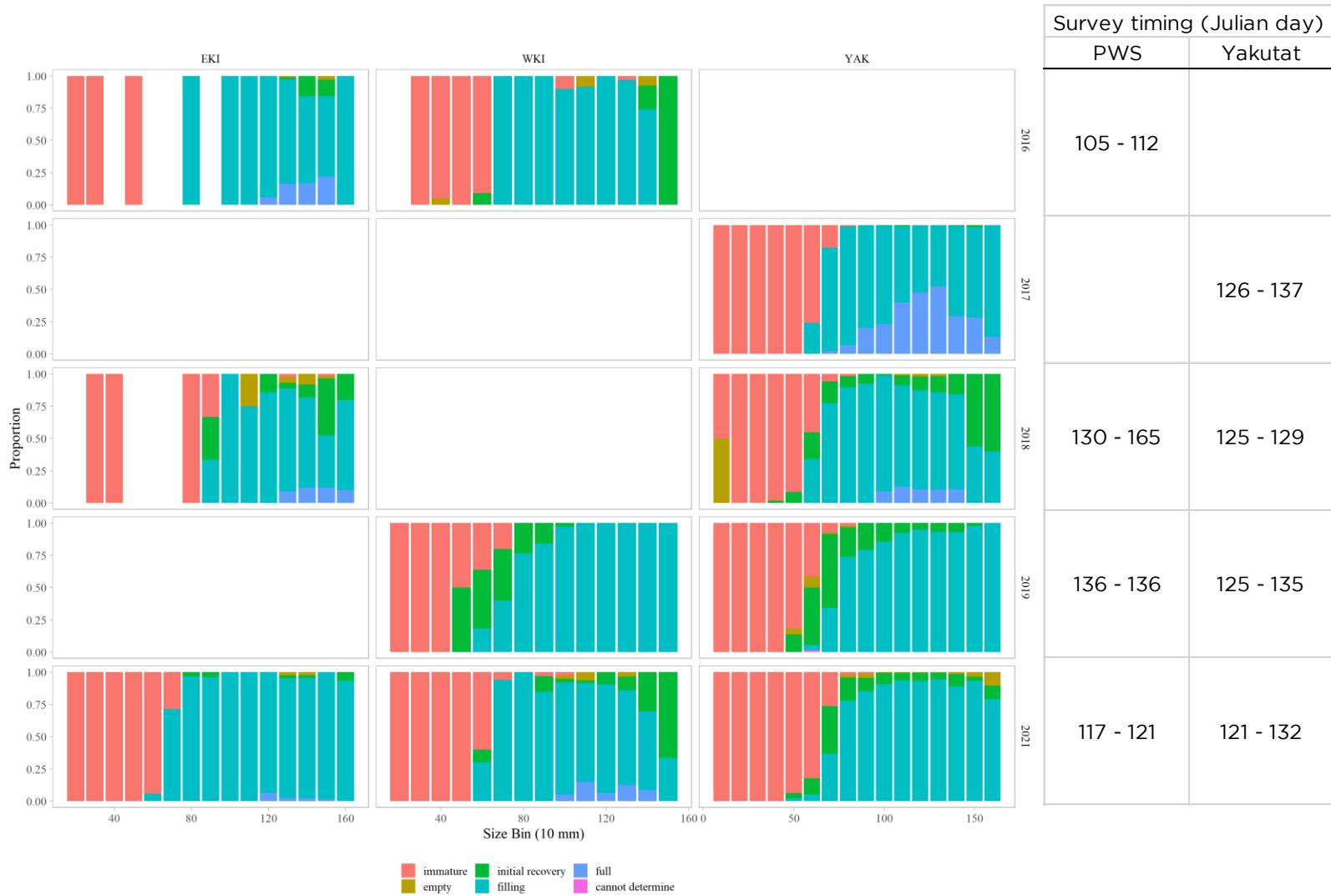
Meat weight /  
round weight



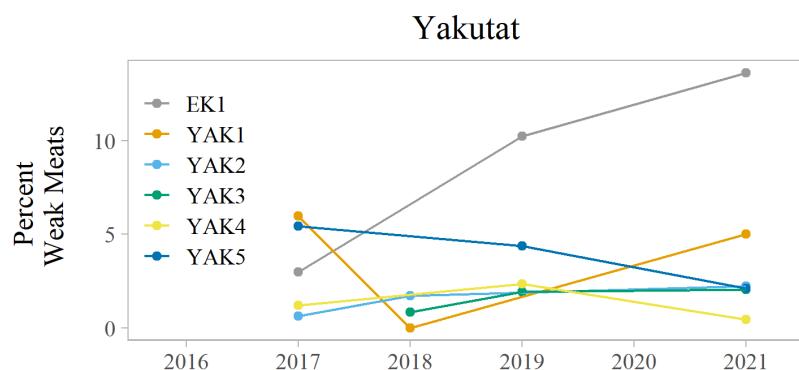
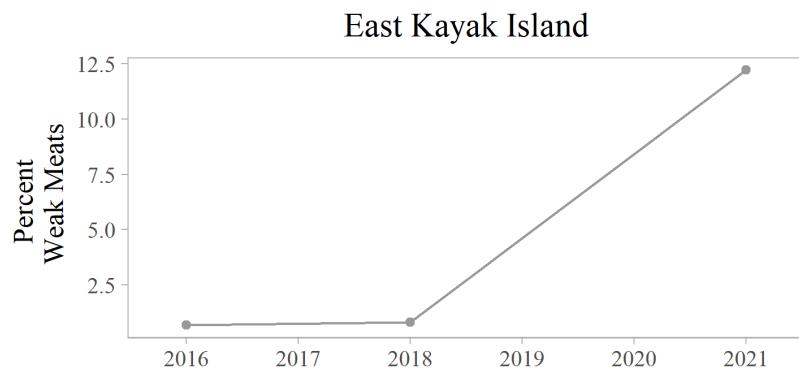
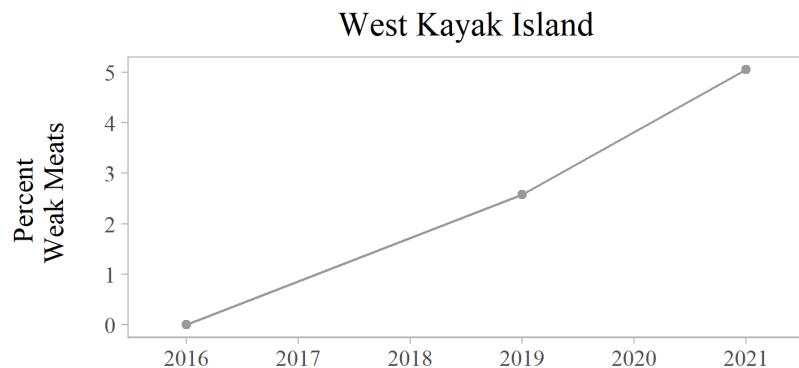
# Results - Gonad condition



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# Results - Weak meats





## Shell Worms



## Mud Blisters





- Survey performance
  - Sampled both Area E beds and all but one (YAK6) of the Area D beds
  - Overall, sampling at a larger spatial scale did not have much effect on survey precision except for small scallops in the largest bed (YAK3)
- Area E
  - Continued low recruitment to EKS; low biomass of large scallops
  - Large scallop biomass in WKS trended up slightly in 2021
  - Both stronger and more frequent recruitment observed in WKS
  - Percent weak meats up in both beds. EKS had highest percentage (12.5%) for Area E and D.



- Area D

- Generally more consistent recruitment observed compared to Area E
- Downward trend in small scallop abundance from 2018 to 2021
- Currently a trend in both small and large scallop CPUE in biomass being very low in the southern most Yakutat District bed surveyed (YAK5) increasing to north peaking in YAK1
- Though YAK1 is the smallest bed in the Yakutat District (third the size of YAK3), it presently has the highest estimated biomass (round weight) of large scallops.
- Meat weight estimates were down in 2021 for all beds except YAK1.

