Developing a workplan for the FEP Climate Change Module

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- Intro to module
- Brief background
- Module overview:
 - Synthesize current & projected climate change impacts
 - b) Rapid Climate Vulnerability Assessments,
 - Operationalized climate change management strategy evaluations (MSEs)
 - Project changes in species distributions and phenology
 - Performance, validation, and operationalized delivery of 9 month seasonal forecasts
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 - **Products**
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"support climate change adaptation pathways and long-term resilience for the coupled social-ecological system of the Eastern Bering Sea."

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"support climate change adaptation pathways and long-term resilience for the coupled social-ecological system of the Eastern Bering Sea."

- ✓ synthesize current knowledge regarding climate change effects on the EBS system,
- ✓ identify potential climate-resilient management measures that can improve adaptive capacity and avoid maladaptation
- ✓ evaluate the risk, timescale, and probability of success of various climate-resilient management policies under future scenarios of change.

Policy relevant not policy prescriptive

(climate-resilient management would go through the existing Council process)

"knowledge and culture construct societal limits to adaptation, but these <u>limits are mutable</u>" - Adger et al. (2009).



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"Interconnections among risks can span sectors and regions with multiple climatic and non-climatic influences, including societal responses to climate change and other issues (Helbing 2013; Moser and Hart 2015; Oppenheimer 2013)."



"One ongoing challenge is developing and addressing research questions from a Traditional Knowledge lens rather than solely from a western researcher's perspective."

Raymond-Yakoubian, J., & Daniel, R. (2018). Marine Policy, 97:101–108.

WHO?

Taskforce comprised of diverse knowledge holders and experts



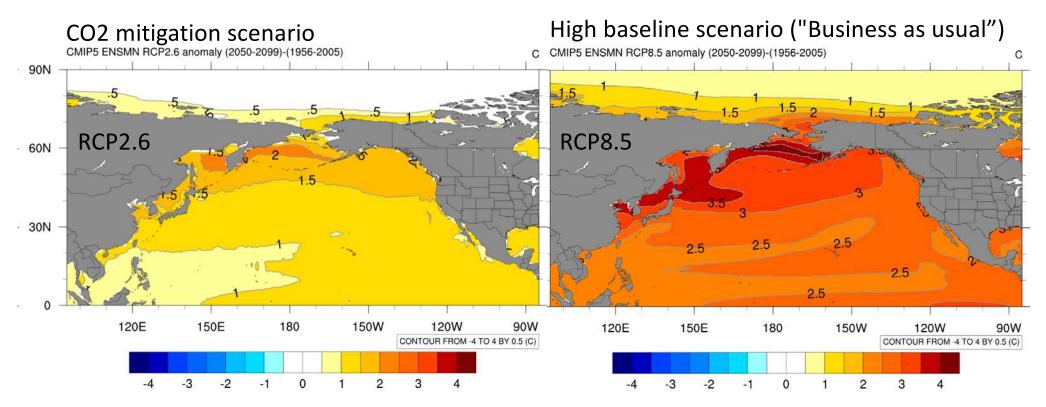
WHAT:

- a) Synthesize current and projected climate change impacts on the coupled social-ecological Bering Sea system through synthesis of diverse knowledge sources of understanding, context and impacts of change and evaluation of future impacts and risk.
- **b)** Rapid Climate Vulnerability Assessments, which use expert knowledge to identify vulnerable species and communities to climate change and prioritize research needs.
- c) Operationalized climate change management strategy evaluations (MSEs) of various alternative harvest strategies for key species under the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projections of carbon mitigation scenarios (sensu ACLIM: Alaska Climate Integrated Modeling Project). Include synthesis of current understanding from cross regional and global coordination of ensemble modeling projects aimed at evaluating climate-resilient management tools.
- d) Project changes in species distributions and phenology which includes projected changes in habitat under future climate scenarios in order to estimate potential shifts in BSAI FMP species distributions and potential fishing grounds (sensu Predicting changes in habitat for groundfishes under future climate scenarios using spatial distribution modeling)
- e) Performance, validation, and operationalized delivery of 9 month seasonal forecasts of Bering Sea conditions and fish and fisheries specifically aimed at informing the annual groundfish assessment cycle (sensu The Bering Seasons Project).

WHY?



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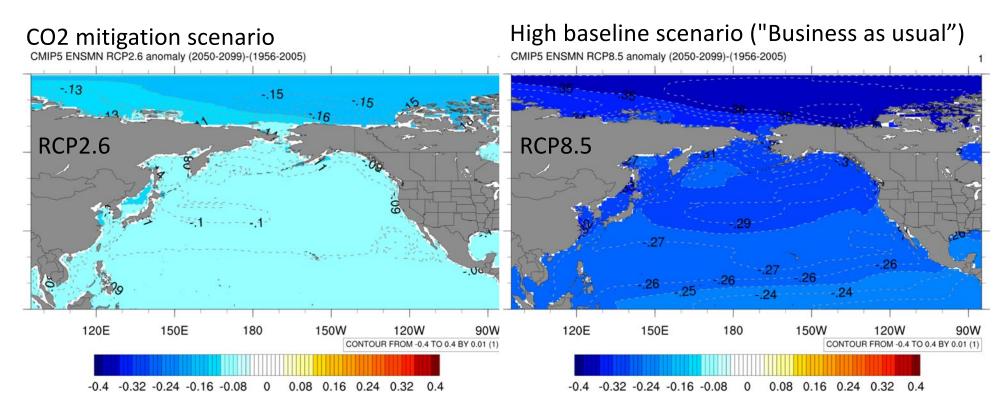


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CMIP5 ENSMN Annual Ocean pH anomaly (2050 to 2099) - (1956 to 2005)

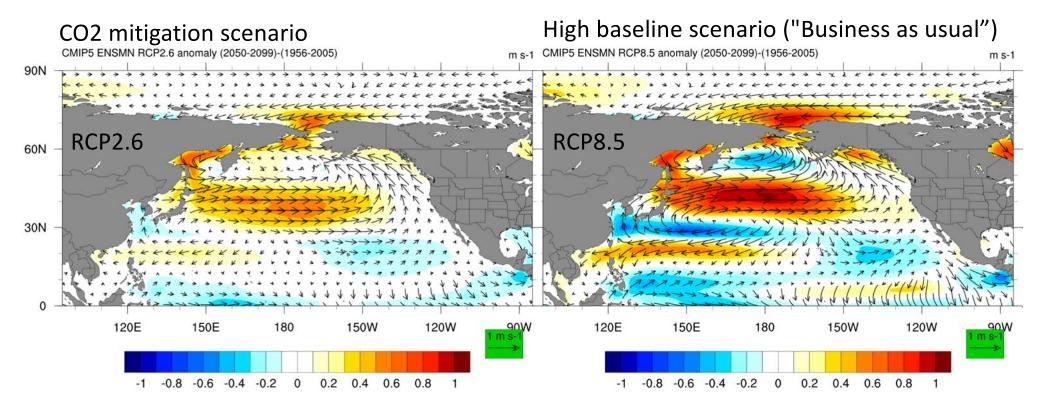


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CMIP5 ENSMN JFM Wind Speed anomaly (m/s) (2050 to 2099) - (1956 to 2005)

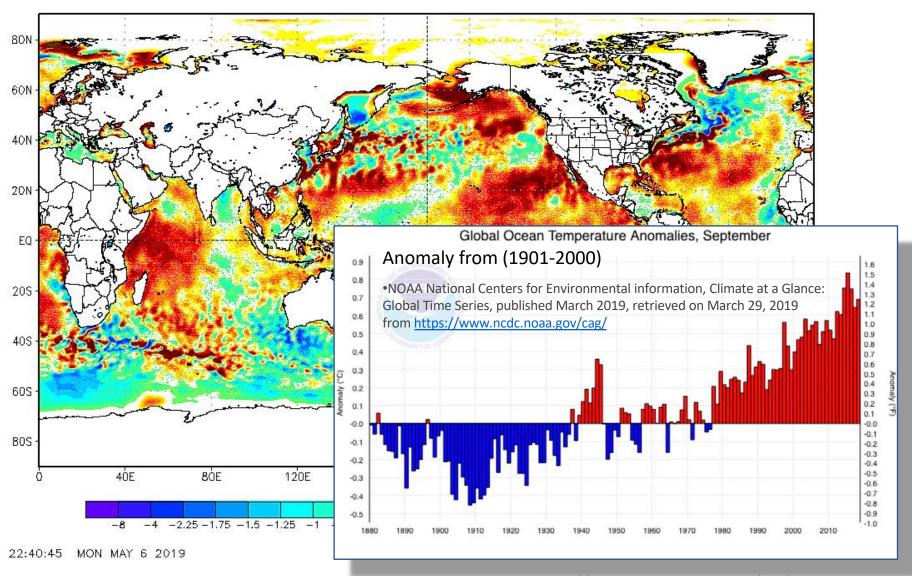


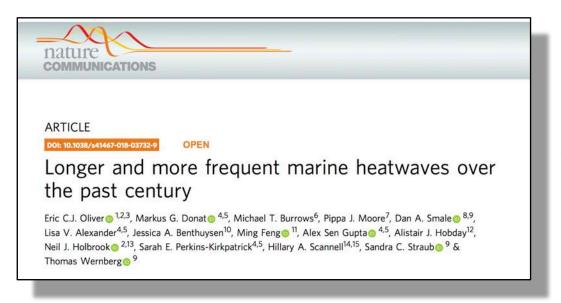
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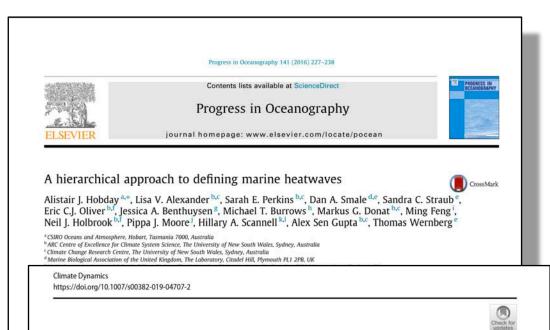


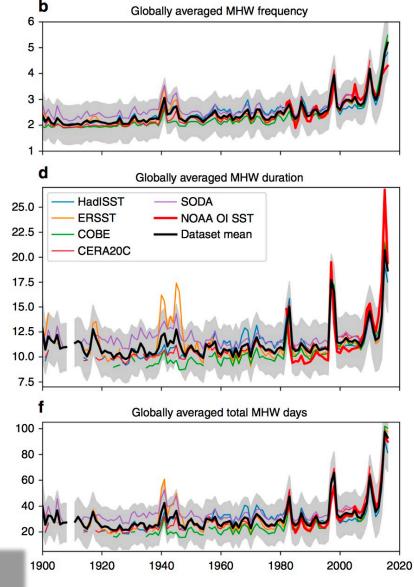
Anomaly from 1961-1990 climatology, 1 degree, weekly resolution

NOAA/NWS/NCEP/EMC Marine Modeling and Analysis Branch Oper H.R. RTG_SST_HR Anomaly (0.083 deg X 0.083 deg) for 06 May 2019





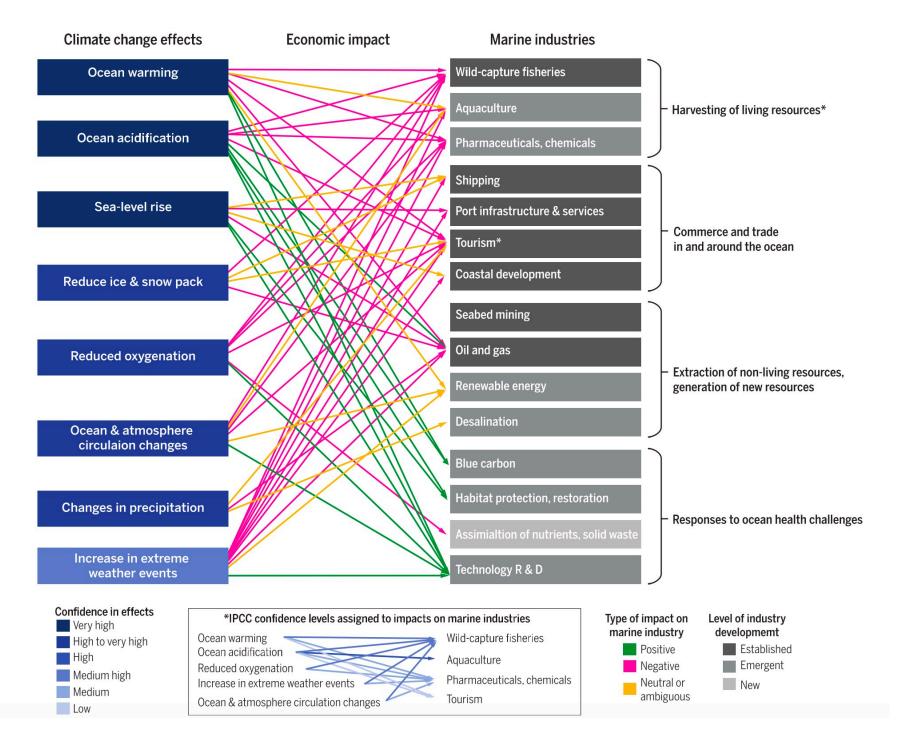




Mean warming not variability drives marine heatwave trends

Eric C. J. Oliver¹

Received: 1 May 2018 / Accepted: 1 March 2019 © Springer-Verlag GmbH Germany, part of Springer Nature 2019 "We find that <u>mean SST change was the dominant driver of</u> <u>increasing MHW</u> exposure over nearly two thirds of the ocean, and of changes in MHW intensity over approximately one third of the ocean."



Climate change in the oceans: Human impacts and responses E. Allison and H. R. Bassett (November 12, 2015) Science 350 (6262), 778-782.

COMMENT

POLICY Rubric for prioritizing action on the Sustainability Development Goals p.320

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Vomen from a traditional sea-harvesting community fishing in Mozambique.

Fall in fish catch threatens human health

Christopher Golden and colleagues calculate that declining numbers of marine fish will spell more malnutrition in many developing nations.

ow will the 10 billion people expected to be living on Earth by 2050 obtain sufficient and nutritious food? This is one of the greatest challenges humanity faces. Global food systems must supply enough calories and protein for a growing human population and pro-

under five is attributable to undernutrition; nutritional deficiencies are responsible for 50% of years lived with disability in children aged four and under.

Fish are crucial sources of micronutrients, often in highly bioavailable forms. And fish populations are declining. Most Waters'. This new view underlines the nee for nutrition-sensitive fisheries policies.

NUTRITIONAL RISK

Presently, 17% of the global population is zinc deficient, with some subpopulations being particularly at risk!. Nearly one-fifth of preg-





Potential impacts of climate-related decline of seafood harvest on nutritional status of coastal First Nations in British Columbia, Canada

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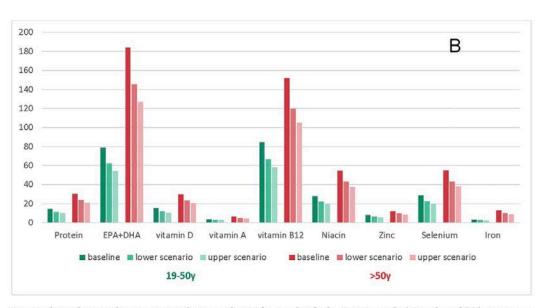
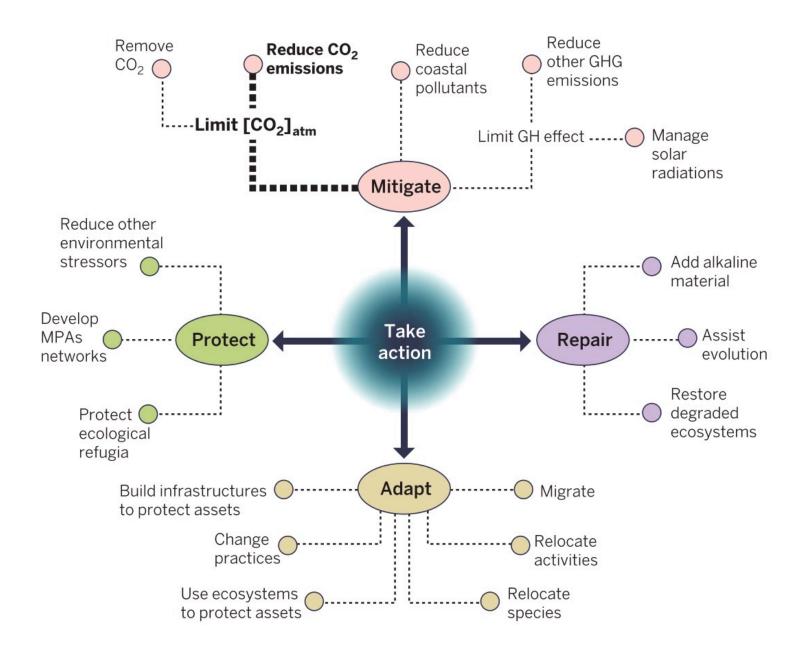
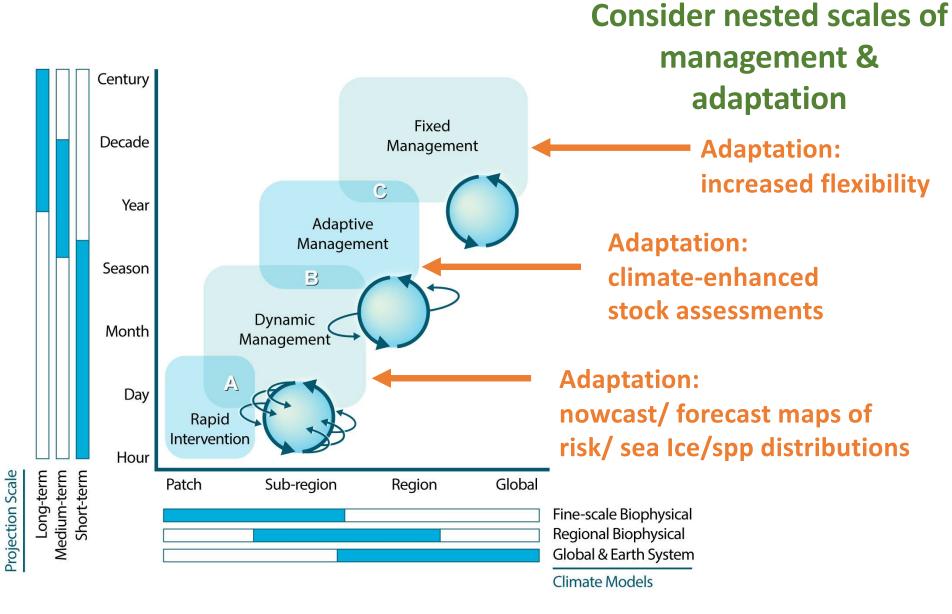


Fig 4. Baseline and projected percentage contributions to the DRI from total seafood in First Nations by (A) gender and (B) by age groups, under 'strong mitigation' (RCP 2.6) and 'business-as-usual' (RCP 8.5) climate change scenarios. DRI—dietary reference intakes using recommended dietary allowance (RDA) and recommended intake (RI) for EPA+DHA.

https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0211473.g004



Gattuso et al. (2015). Contrasting futures for ocean and society from different anthropogenic CO 2 emissions scenarios. Science, 349(6243), aac4722. https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aac4722



Holsman, K. K., Hazen, E. L., Haynie, A., Gourguet, S., Hollowed, A., Bograd, S. J., ... Aydin, K. (2019). Towards climate resiliency in fisheries management. ICES Journal of Marine Science. https://doi.org/10.1093/icesjms/fsz031

Test new & existing tools

Adaptation

incremental (normative) adaptation to preserve current livelihoods, health, and well being and meet future demands

transformational adaptation, especially to address/prevent continued marginalization and promote diverse well being, values, and views

Build capacity to revaluate & enable transformative actions

Iterative Decision Cycles

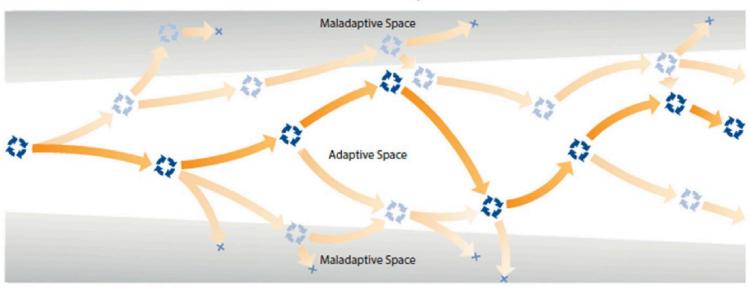


Fig. 1 from Wise et al. 2014. Reconceptualising adaptation to climate change as part of pathways of change and response. Global Environmental Change 28: 325–336

'Adaptation Pathways'

M. Haasnoot et al./Global Environmental Change 23 (2013) 485-498

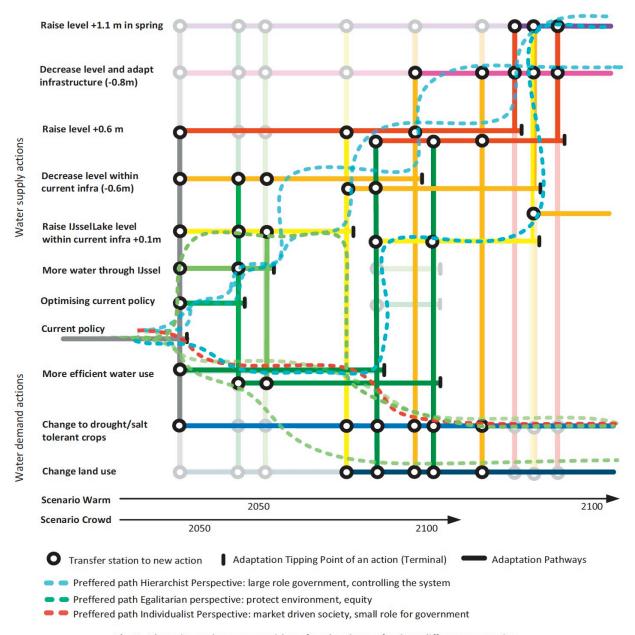


Fig. 7. Adaptation pathways map with preferred pathways for three different perspectives.

HOW?



'Adaptive Policymaking'

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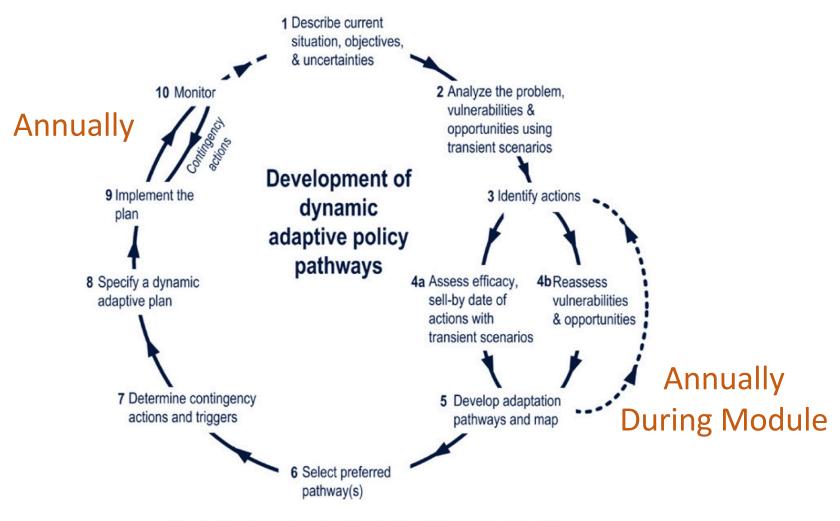


Fig. 4. The Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathways approach.

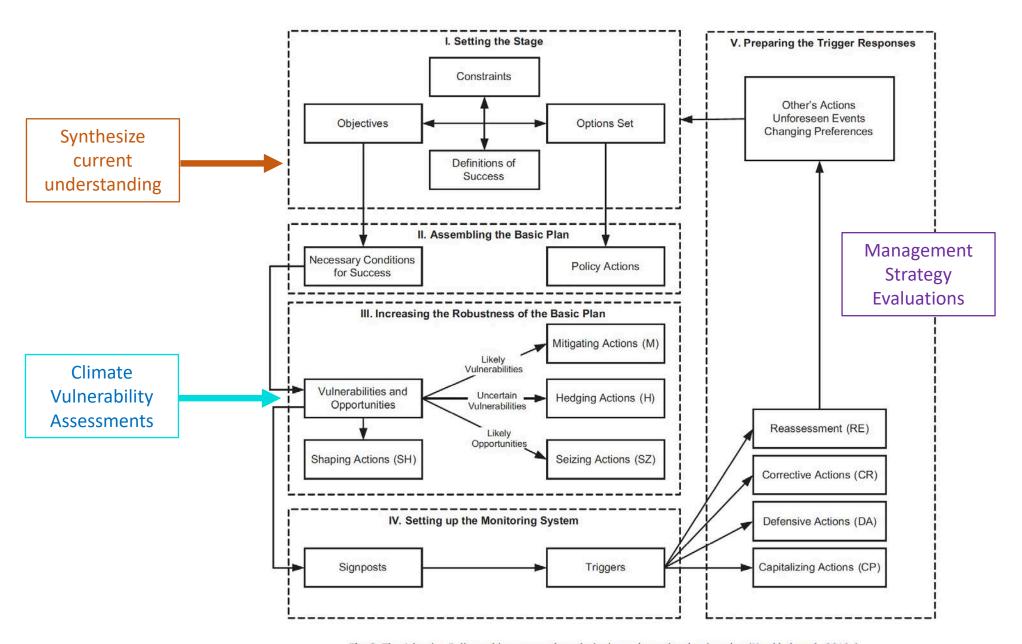


Fig. 3. The Adaptive Policymaking approach to designing a dynamic adaptive plan (Kwakkel et al., 2010a).



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An Indigenous approach to ocean planning and policy in the Bering Strait region of Alaska



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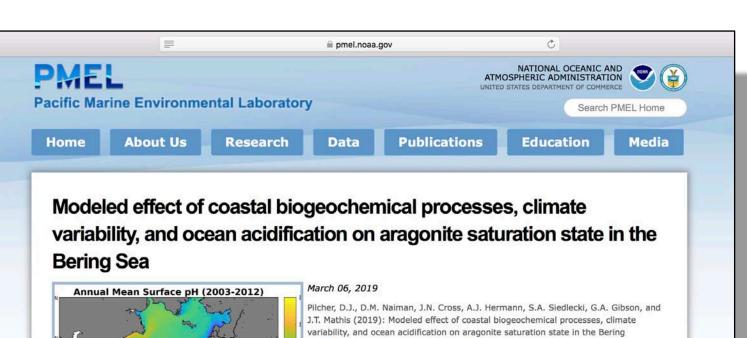
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Table 1Ocean values from the Bering Strait region and example applications to the governance and decision-making component of ocean planning.

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Ocean Values	Example	Application to ocean planning	
Ecosystem	Knowledge of food web connections	Along with science, provides the knowledge base to better understand impacts	
Health and well-being	Time on the water observing and hunting marine mammals	Informing vessel traffic routing measures	
Economic	Walrus ivory carving	Provides means and ability to actively participate in walrus management	
Cultural	Knowledge of ocean currents	Ability to effectively plan for and respond to maritime disasters	

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Modeled annual mean surface pH over the 2003-12 timeframe. Cooler colors indicate corrosive, low pH water while warmer colors indicate relatively buffered, high pH water

In this paper, the authors developed a computational m

Sea. Front. Mar. Sci., 5, 508, doi: 10.3389/fmars.2018.00508.

Due to naturally cold, low carbonate concentration waters, the Bering Sea is highly vulnerable to ocean acidification (OA), the process in which the absorption of human-released carbon dioxide by the oceans leads to a decrease in ocean water pH and carbonate ion concentration. Emerging evidence suggests that a number of important species in the Bering Sea (such as red king crab and Pacific cod) are vulnerable to OA due to direct (e.g., reduced growth and survival rates) and indirect (e.g., reduced food sources) effects. However, the harsh winter conditions, prevalence of sea ice, and large size of

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Contribution to the Symposium: 'The effects of climate change on the world's oceans' Projected biophysical conditions of the Bering Sea to 2100 under multiple emission scenarios

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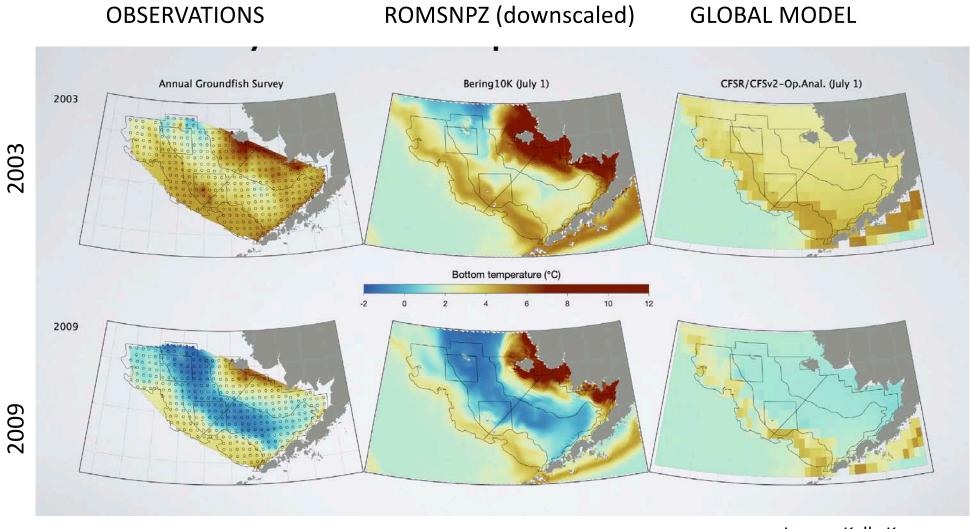
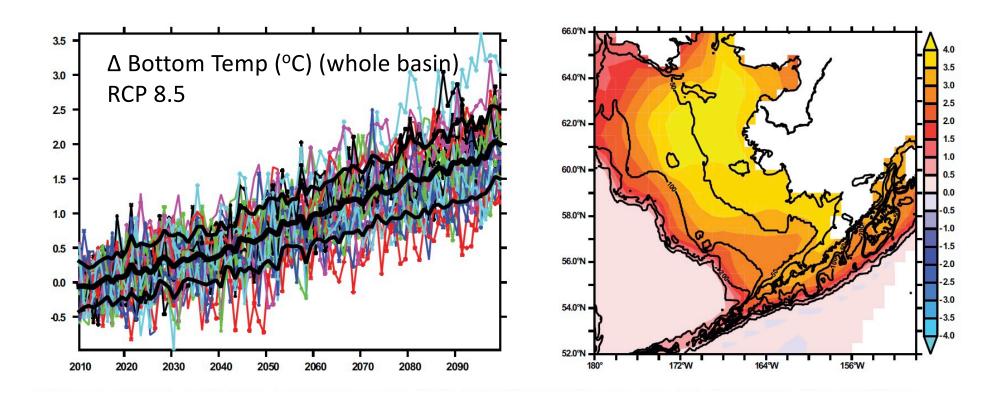


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Increased warming (2090-2099)-(2010-2019)



(2019) Hermann, A. J., G.A. Gibson, W. Cheng, I. Ortiz1, K. Aydin, M. Wang, A. B. Hollowed, and K. K. Holsman. Projected biophysical conditions of the Bering Sea to 2100 under multiple emission scenarios. ICES. doi: 10.1093/ices/fsz043

Declines in large zooplankton

(2090-2099)-(2010-2019)

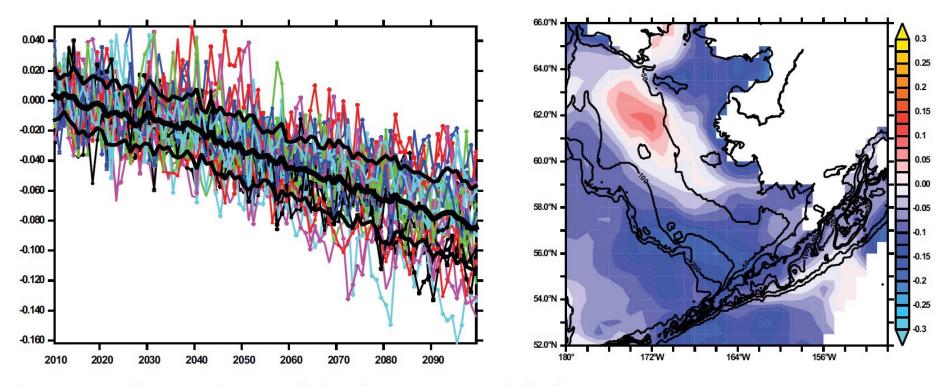


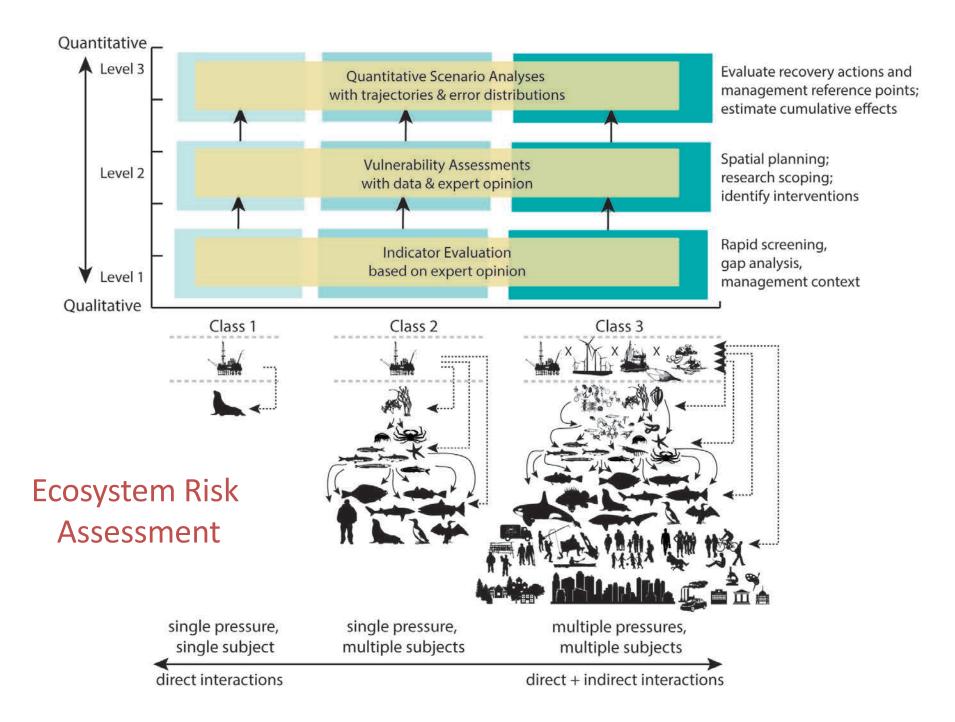
Figure 13. Ensemble results as in Figure 12, for log_{10} (large crustacean zooplankton).

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HOW?

b) Climate Vulnerability Assessments





Holsman et. al 2017. An ecosystem-based approach to marine risk assessment. Ecosystem Health and Sustainability 3(1):e01256. 10.1002/ehs2.1256

Methodology – Framework

Species Vulnerability

Exposure

Sensitivity

- Sea surface temperature
- Bottom temperature
- Air temperature
- Salinity
- Ocean acidification (pH)
- Precipitation
- Currents
- Sea surface height
- Large zooplankton biomass
- Phytoplankton biomass and bloom timing
- Mixed layer depth

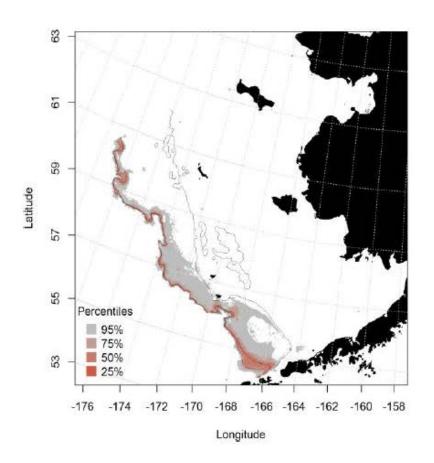
- Habitat Specificity
- Prey Specificity
- Sensitivity to Ocean Acidification
- Sensitivity to Temperature
- Stock Size/Status
- Other Stressors
- Adult Mobility
- Spawning Cycle

- Complexity in Reproductive Strategy
- Early Life History Survival and Settlement Requirements
- Population Growth Rate
- Dispersal of Early Life Stages

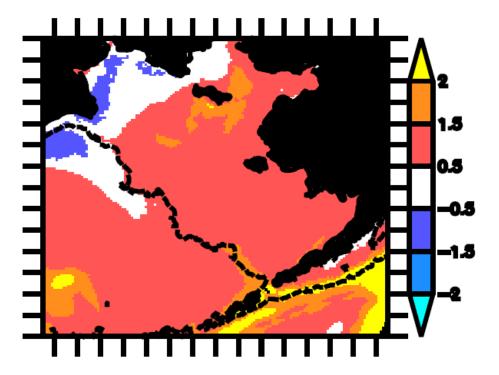
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Exposure scoring, general methodology

Compare maps of exposure factors to maps of stock distributions and qualitatively estimate their overlap. Example for Pacific ocean perch shown below



Z-score for annual bottom temperature



Example of Species Specific Results (from EBS)

Pacific ocean perch



Bootstrap outcomes:

<1 Very High

10 High

89 Moderate

<1 low

Pacific ocean perch – Sebastes alutus
Overall Vulnerability Rank = Moderate
Biological Sensitivity = High
Climate Exposure = Moderate

Sensitivity Data Quality = 75% of scores ≥ 2

Exposure Data Quality = 56% of scores ≥ 2

Sebastes alutus		Expert Scores	Data Quality	Expert Scores Plots (Portion by Category)
	Habitat Specificity	1.9	2.5	
Sensifivity attibutes	Prey Specificity	1.9	2.2	
	Adult Mobility	2.4	2.1	
	Dispersal of Early Life Stages	1.6	1.8	
	Early Life History Survival and Settlement Requirements	2.6	1.5	
	Complexity In Reproductive Strategy	2.3	1.8	
	Spawning Cycle	3.8	2.2	
	Sensitivity to Temperature	3.2	2.5	
	Sensitivity to Ocean Acidification	2.1	2.4	
	Population Growth Rate	3.6	2.9	
	Stock Size/Status	1.1	3.0	
	Other Stressors	1.1	2.8	
	Sensitivity Score	High		
\dashv	Sea Surface Temperature	2.0	2.0	
ŀ	Sea Surface Temperature (variance)	1.9	2.0	
ŀ	Bottom Temperature	2.2	2.0	
ŀ	Bottom Temperature (variance)	2.8	2.0	
Exposure factors	Salinity	1.3	2.0	
	Salinity (variance)	2.6	2.0	
	Ocean Acidification	4.0	2.0	
	Ocean Acidification (variance)	1.4	2.0	
	Phytopiankton Biomass	1.1	1.2	
	Phytopiankton Biomass (variance)	1.2	1.2	
	Plankton Bloom Timing	1.7	1.0	
	Plankton Bloom Timing (variance)	2.3	1.0	
	Large Zooplankton Blomass	1.1	1.0	
	Large Zooplanton Biomass (variance)	1.5	1.0	
	Mixed Layer Depth	1.9	1.0	
	Mixed Layer Depth (variance)	2.4	1.0	
	Currents	1.4	2.0	
	Currents (variance)	1.7	2.0	
	Air Temperature	NA.	NA	
	Air Temperature (variance)	NA.	NA	
	Precipitation	NA.	NA NA	
	Precipitation (variance)	NA.	NA.	
	Sea Surface Height	NA.	NA.	
	Sea Surface Height (variance)	NA.	NA	
	Exposure Score	Moderate		
	Overall Vulnerability Rank	Moderate		

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Potential next step – linking to socialeconomic variables

For northeast US study, information on the species composition of different fishing ports was combined with species vulnerability to estimate vulnerability of fishing communities (Colburn et al 2016)

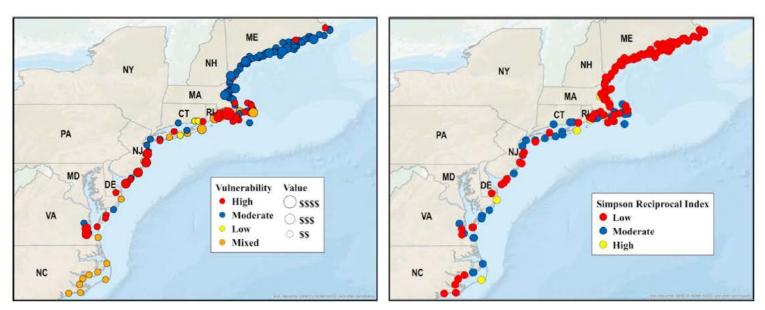
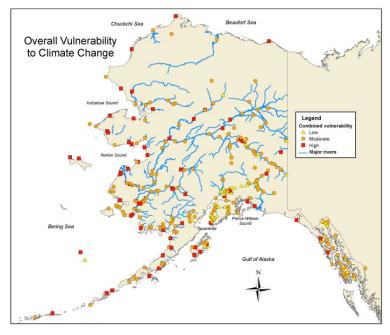


Fig. 6. New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishing communities' climate vulnerability classification based on categories of dependence on vulnerable species (left), and catch diversity scores (Simpson's Reciprocal Index (right)). Only communities with total landings value of 100 thousand dollars or more were mapped.

OA Risk Assessment



Himes-Cornell and Kaspersky 2014



Fig. 11. Individual components of the final ocean acidification risk index for each census area.

J.T. Mathis et al./Progress in Oceanography xxx (2014) xxx-xxx

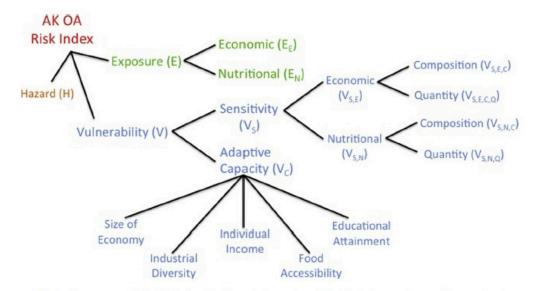


Fig. 3. Components of the risk index. Each branch is evenly weighted relative to others at the same level.



NAS

Vulnerability of Arctic marine mammals to vessel traffic in the increasingly ice-free Northwest Passage and Northern Sea Route

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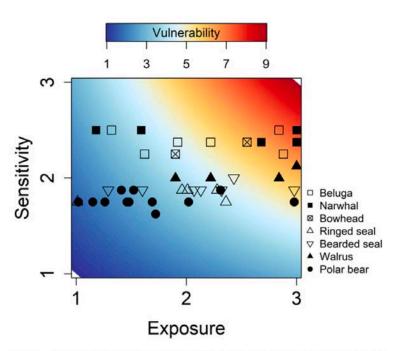


Fig. 2. Vulnerability plot expressing sensitivity and exposure scores across Arctic marine mammal subpopulations exposed to the Northwest Passage or Northern Sea Route. Vulnerability is the product of exposure and sensitivity.

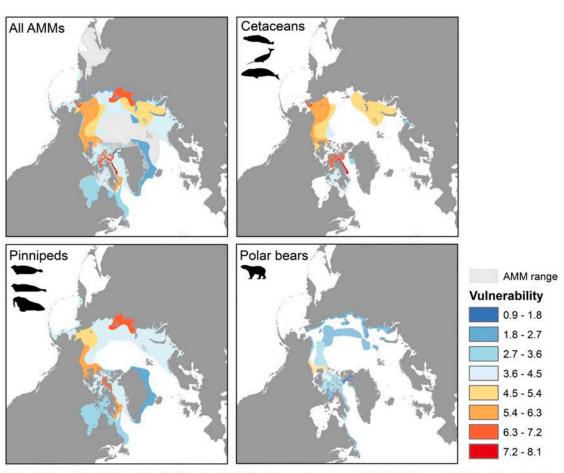


Fig. 4. Maximum vulnerability scores for all AMM species (*Top Left*) and taxonomic groups exposed to the Arctic sea routes. Vulnerability color shading corresponds to the vulnerability plot in Fig. 2. The combined ranges of all other AMM subpopulations that did not overlap the Arctic sea routes are shown in gray in the *Top Left*, including portions of polar bear subpopulations that range onto land during the open-water period.



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Table 1Comparison of environmental and cultural risks (columns) and regulatory measures (rows). The first four risks are environmental ones and also cultural risks for those who depend on the environment for food and well-being. Note that most or all regulatory measures can be implemented by voluntary, domestic, or international action. Which vessels would be covered by each type of action, and how much of the risk would be reduced, depends on the details of the shipping activities in question.

Risk/Regulatory measure	Ship strikes	Noise	Discharges and contamination	Accidental oil spills	Vessel collisions	Disturbance to hunting	Damage to cultural heritage
Shipping lanes	Х	Х		Х	X	Х	
Areas-to-be-avoided	X	X		X	X	X	X
Speed limits	X			X	X	X	
Communications	X				X	X	X
Reporting systems					X	X	
Emission controls		X	X			X	
Salvage and oil spill prevention and preparedness			X	X			
Rescue tug capability			X	X			
Voyage and contingency planning	X			X	X	X	X
Charting				X			X



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Table 2
Categories of regulatory implementation. Although mandatory measures are not necessarily dependent on having voluntary measures in place (and domestic measures are
not required prior to international measures) in practice the development of regulations typically starts with voluntary and domestic measures and moves on from there

Category of implementation	To whom the measures apply	Effectiveness at reducing risk
Voluntary	All vessels, but with no enforcement power	Depends on compliance, but there is likely to be pressure to comply Can be enhanced if insurers and others regard such measures as appropriate standards of care Can be enhanced by monitoring and communication
Mandatory (domestic)	Vessels addressed by the regulations that are either (a) registered in the country issuing the regulations, or (b) traveling to or from a port in that country	Depends on the proportion of vessels in the area that are subject to the regulations Other vessels may comply voluntarily or be required to do so by insurers Can be enhanced by monitoring and enforcement
Mandatory (international)	All vessels addressed by the regulations	Compliance can be enhanced by monitoring and enforcement

HOW?

c) Operationalized climate change management strategy evaluations (MSEs)



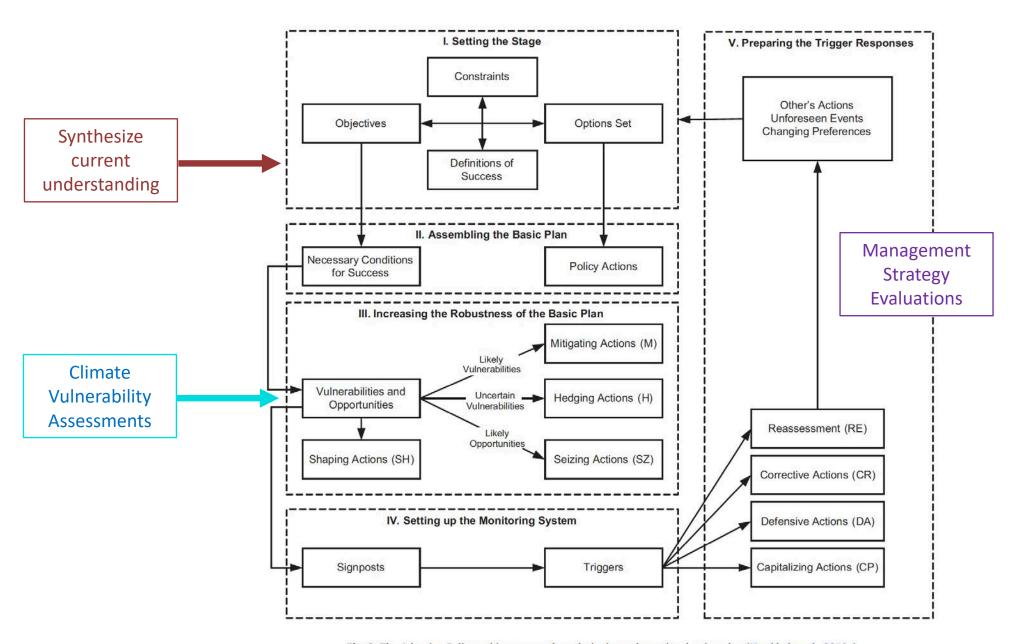
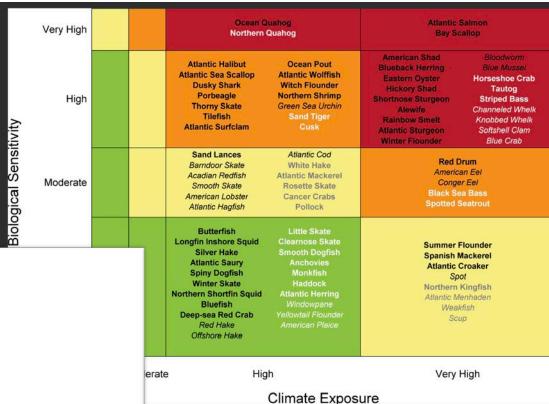


Fig. 3. The Adaptive Policymaking approach to designing a dynamic adaptive plan (Kwakkel et al., 2010a).

Examples:



Management Strategy Evaluation

Rapid vulnerability Assessment

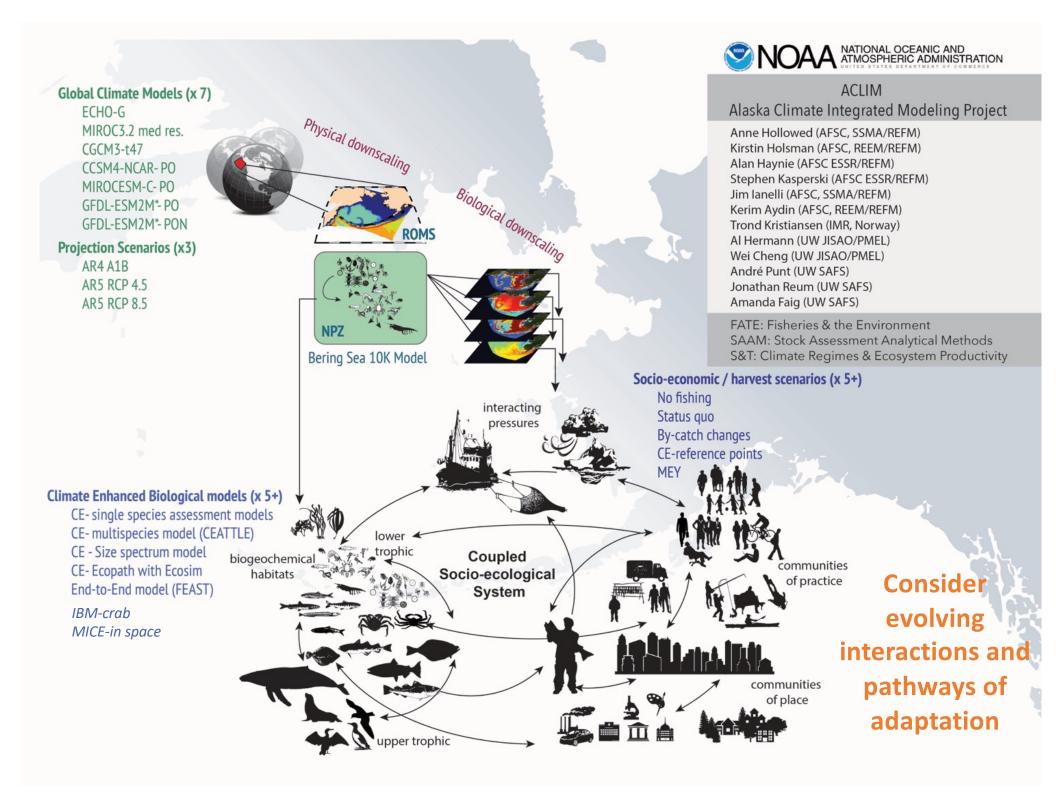
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Impact Scoping

yes no

Hare et al. (2016) A Vulnerability Assessment of Fish and Invertebrates to Climate Change on the Northeast U.S. Continental Shelf. PLOS ONE 11(2): e0146756. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0146756

Holsman et al. 2017



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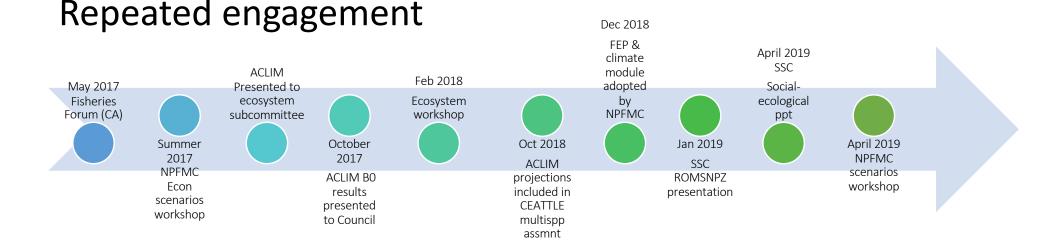
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www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-climate-integrated-modeling-project

Challenges to evaluating adaptation options:

- <u>long time horizons</u> of adaptation outcomes;
- the <u>shifting baseline and uncertainty</u> around climate hazards;
- assessing <u>attribution</u> of any results;
- addressing the <u>additional climate risk</u> and counterfactual scenarios

"an <u>approach built on mixed methods, participation and learning helps alleviate some</u>
<u>of the uncertainties</u> around interpreting results on adaptation." Craft & Fisher 2018, Fisher 2015



The Decision Cycle (Re)assess climate-affected decisions and overall goals Select preferred Decision Potential option, implement impacts within Cycle and monitor decision lifetime Adaptation options and risk minimization **Iterative Decision Cycles** Maladaptive Space Adaptive Space Maladaptive Space

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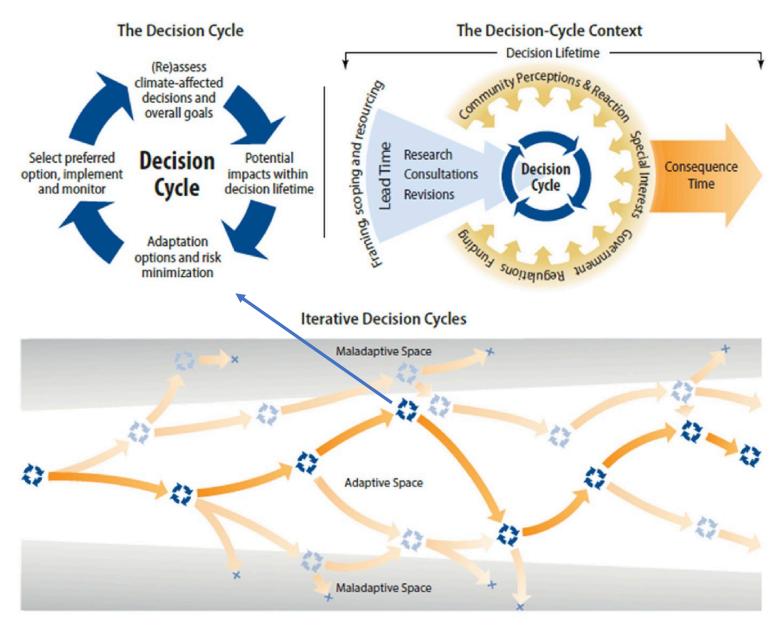
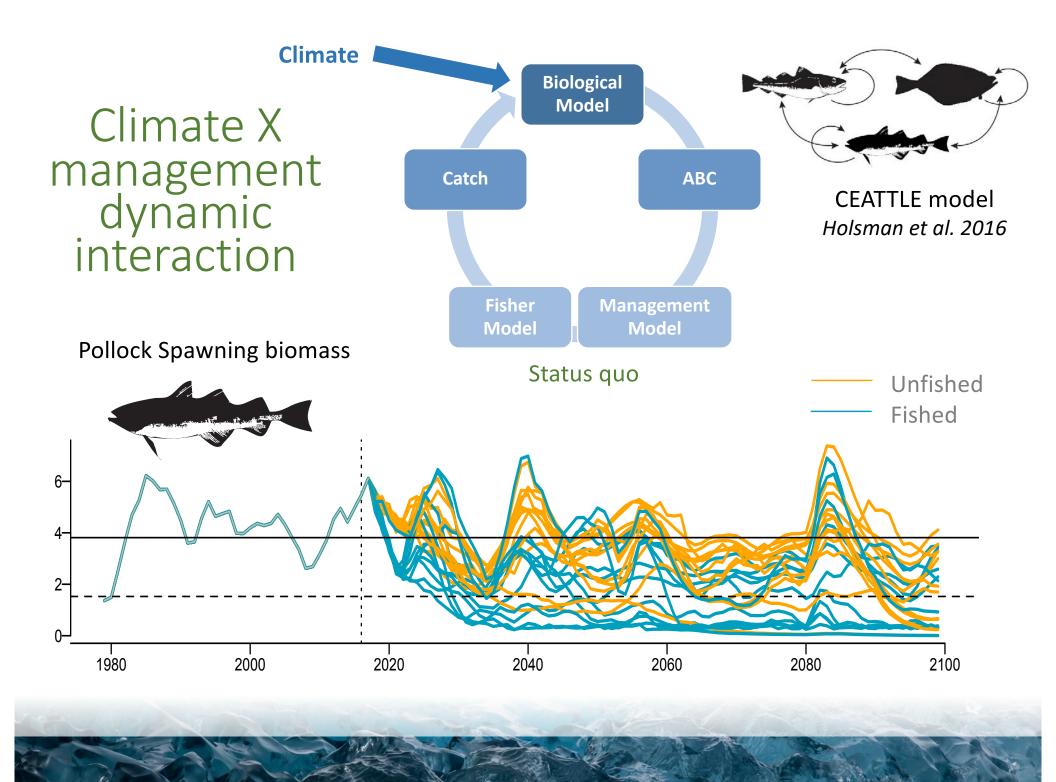
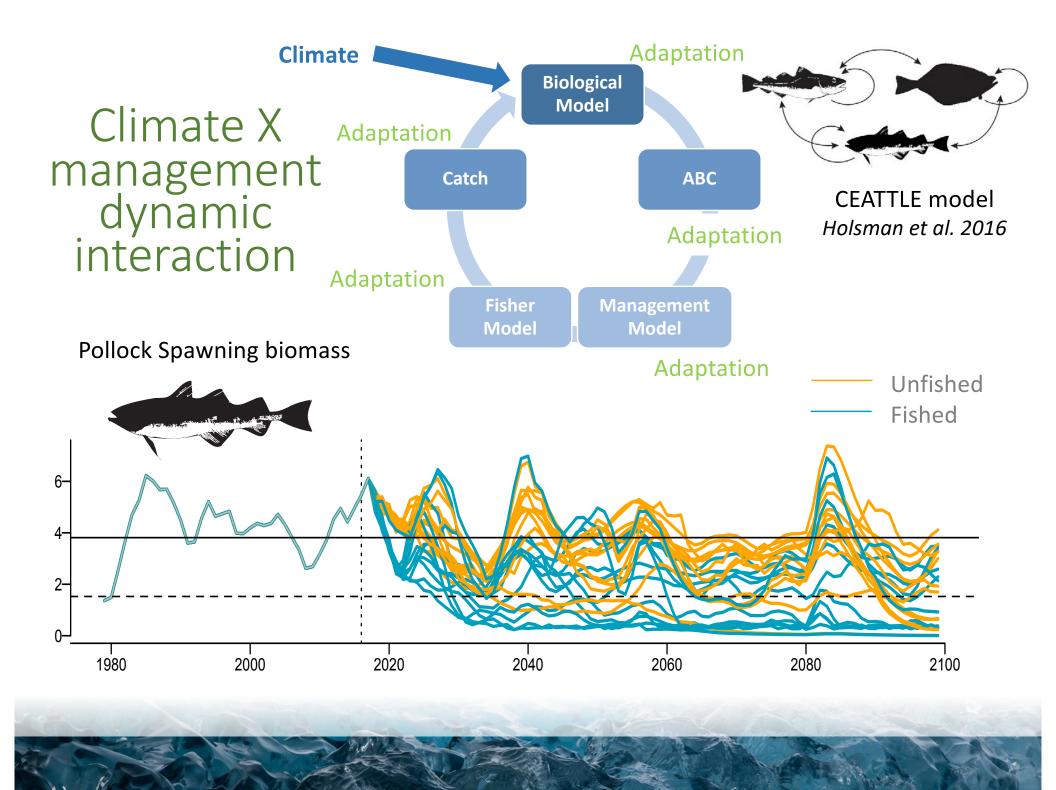
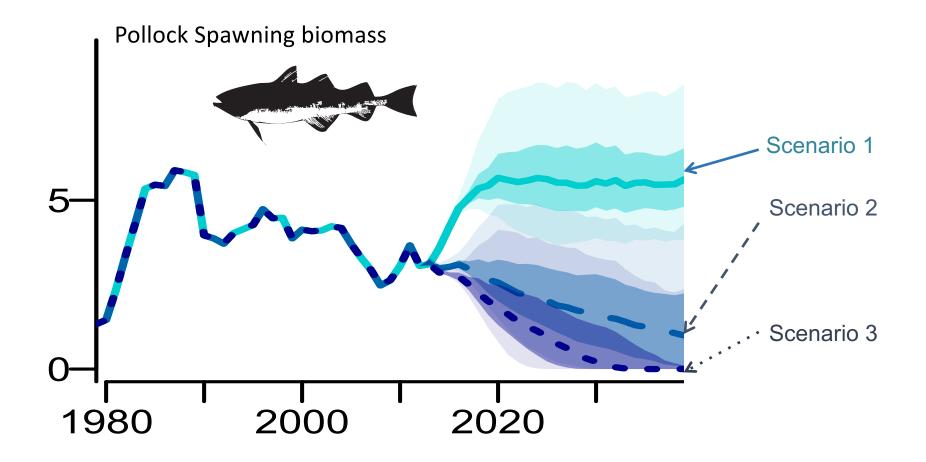


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HOW?

d) Project changes in species distributions and phenology



Future Essential Fish Habitat

(Chris Rooper, Ivonne Ortiz, Ned Laman, Al Hermann, in prep)

Used Slope, SE Bering Sea shelf and Northern Bering Sea data to build EFH models 1982-2017 except when noted

- AK plaice
- Arrowtooth flounder (1993-) 7) Red king crab (1996-)
- flathead sole
- Northern rock sole (2001-)
- Pacific cod

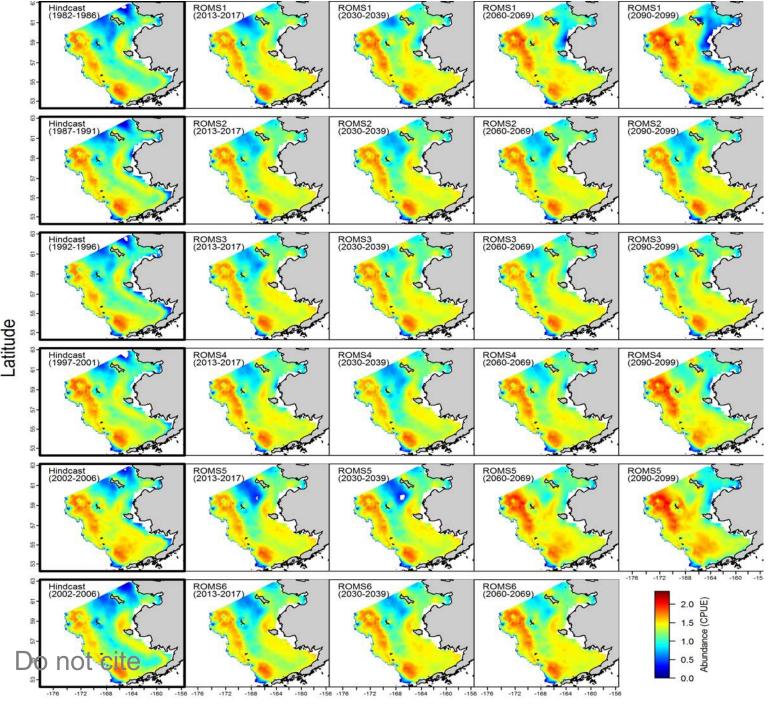
- 6) Walleye pollock
- - 8) Snow crab
- 9) Tanner crab
- 10)Yellowfin sole

Variables used: depth, slope, maximum tidal current, sediment grain size, mean bottom ocean current, bottom temperature

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- Intro to module
- Brief background
- Module overview:
 - Synthesize current & projected climate change impacts
 - b) Rapid Climate Vulnerability Assessments,
 - Operationalized climate change management strategy evaluations (MSEs)
 - Project changes in species distributions and phenology
 - Performance, validation, and operationalized delivery of 9 month seasonal forecasts
- **Next Steps:**
 - Taskforce
 - **Products**
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Potential Products:

- Topical expert briefings sensu SEARCH
- Annual updates during October meeting on module developments
- Management Scenario Evaluations (MSEs) annually? Biannually?
 - Tactical relevant results and findings → ESR / ESP
- Synthesis report to Council every 5 years
- Others...



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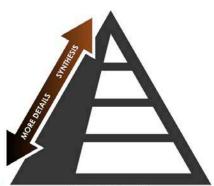
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How is diminishing Arctic sea ice influencing coastal communities?

THE ISSUE. Loss of sea ice, thawing permafrost, reduced snow cover, and rising sea level are reducing hunting and fishing opportunities and degrading infrastructure for rural Arctic communities. Most Alaska Native communities are affected by erosion and flooding, with 31 communities imminently threatened and 12 planning to relocate. Local responses to these stresses are hampered by the nation's highest prices for food and fuel and widespread poverty across rural Alaska.

WHY IT MATTERS. Climate change amplifies challenges confronting Arctic communities, where 60-80% of households depend on wild game and fish for food, harvesting several hundred pounds per person annually. Already faced with economic, social, and cultural changes, traditional ways of life in rural Alaska are further threatened by climate change impacts on diminishing food security, deteriorating water and sewage systems, increasing risk of accidents, and greater expenditures to construct and maintain infrastructure. Government agencies and other institutions need to promote policies that reduce stresses on Arctic communities and foster responses consistent with local economies and cultures.

STATE OF KNOWLEDGE. Arctic communities and scientists have worked together to document local observations of climate change; the associated impacts on hunting, fishing, safety, and food security; and the potential impacts of projected changes into the future. More recently, researchers have been assessing the efficacy of local responses. For example, subsistence whalers on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea have initiated a fall harvest to help make up for spring whaling seasons made shorter by changing ice conditions. At Kivalina-a village that is also facing relocation due to erosion-changing spring ice conditions have prevented the harvest of bowhead whales for over 20 years. In other cases, changes can amplify one another. Limited time off from jobs means that whalers from Nuigsut now have much shorter time available for whaling in fall. In Alaska's Arctic region, 78% of Native Iñupiat households combine jobs and subsistence to meet their economic, cultural, and nutritional needs. The



Map of the 11 Alaska traditional whaling communities, with the 2015 and 1981-2010 median September ice extents shown.

benefits of employment are lessened, however, by the reduction in time devoted to harvesting wild foods. Less time to hunt means less chance to wait out fall storms or to adapt to other changes in weather or animal migration patterns. Those migration patterns may be further altered as diminishing sea ice opens opportunities for industrial activities (for example, shipping and offshore petroleum development). The cumulative effects of stresses and changes are broadly recognized but difficult to measure.

WHERE THE SCIENCE IS HEADED.

More work is needed to understand how local responses can be effective (such as the St. Lawrence Island fall whaling season) as well as how how they fall short of what is needed (such as Kivalina's inability to hunt in spring). In addition, future research must address ways that policies exacerbate or mitigate such impacts, for example by imposing additional constraints on what communities can do, or by supporting flexibility and local initiative to solve problems. Actions made without adequate knowledge of local conditions, no matter how well intentioned, may undermine local well-being by promoting ineffective responses or fostering dependence on outside intervention rather than on local talent, capacity, and creativity. Ultimately, communities need support to identify local solutions.



lñupiat hunters establish a whaling camp on coastal se ice near Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow), Alaska, where thinning ice and warming temperatures in Spring are reducing hunting opportunities and increasing risks to personal safety. (Courtesy: M. Druckenmiller)

FURTHER READING

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1 April: Registration Opens

1 April: Travel Award Program Announced

20 May: Poster Abstracts Due

20 May: Travel Award Applications Due

17 June: Poster Decisions and Travel Award Winners Announced

10 July: Early-bird Registration Rates End

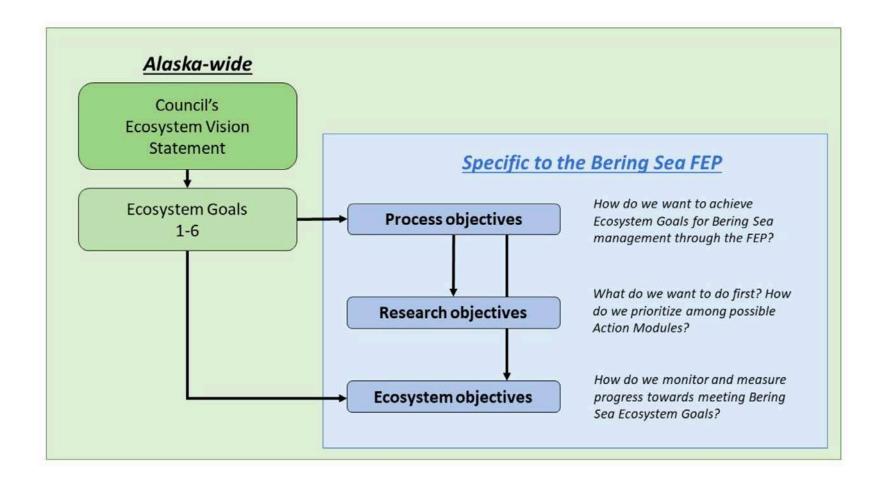
 The Conference Organizing committee has extended the original May 1st deadline for Poster abstracts and Travel Award applications.

HOW?

Tracking progress



Objectives



Ecosystem Goal	Ecosystem Objectives	Module evaluations	Metrics & indicators
	1. Maintain target biomass levels for target species, consistent with optimum yield, using available tools.	MSE: test climate informed biological reference points; test spatial and temporal regulations to address shifting distributions	long-term B/B0; total yield; volatility in B or C; access to subsistence resources; catch>wellbeing analyses
Ecosystem Goal 1: Maintain, rebuild, and restore fish stocks at levels sufficient to protect, maintain, and restore food web	2. Maintain healthy populations and function of non-target and forage species.	Identify species at Risk/exposure to Climate change for non-target species (maybe based around long-term projections, scenarios, and recent extreme events)	Rapid vulnerability and Risk synthesis (IK/TK based and expert opinion); LK observations of change; long- term shifts in monitoring timeseries; ID uncertainty/gaps
structure and function	3. Adjust fishing-related mortality from the system to be commensurate with total productivity and continue to limit optimum yield to 2 million metric tons for the BSAI groundfish fisheries.	MSE: test climate informed multispecies reference points; tes spatial and temporal regulations to address shifting distributions	Aggregate yield; long-term B/B0; total yield; volatility in B or C; access to subsistence resources; catch>wellbeing analyses
Ecosystem Goal 2: Protect, restore, and maintain the	4. Maintain key predator/prey relationships.	MSE & spatial analyses: evaluate changes to species overlap; project food-webs	Risk of collapse; changes in overlap; changes in diet & food web interactions
ecological processes, trophic levels, diversity, and overall productive capacity of the system	5. Conserve structure and function of ecosystem components.	MSE and spatial analyses: project scenario changes in Fishing X Climate change scenarios through coupled social-ecological system	Benthic/pelagic productivity ratios; length of food-chain; access to key subsistence resources; economic and social indicators

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