Developing a workplan for the FEP Climate Change Module

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 - a) Synthesize current & projected climate change impacts
 - b) Rapid Climate Vulnerability Assessments,
 - c) Operationalized climate change management strategy evaluations (MSEs)
 - d) Project changes in species distributions and phenology
 - e) Performance, validation, and operationalized delivery of 9 month seasonal forecasts

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Today

GOAL:

"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)

- ✓ Risk inherently depends on values
- ✓ Include a "plurality of perspectives" *
- ✓ Consider interacting (non-linear) pressures

"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?





ARTICLE

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Longer and more frequent marine heatwaves over the past century

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A hierarchical approach to defining marine heatwaves



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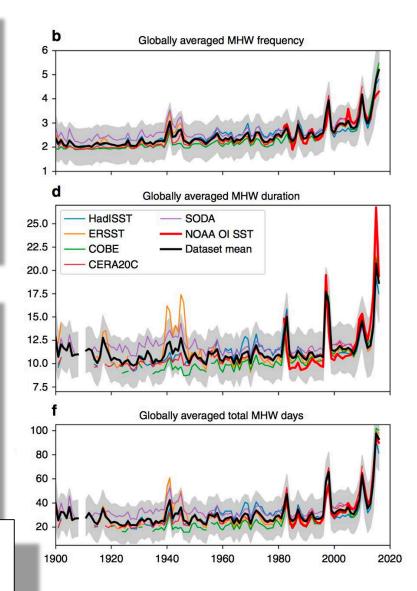
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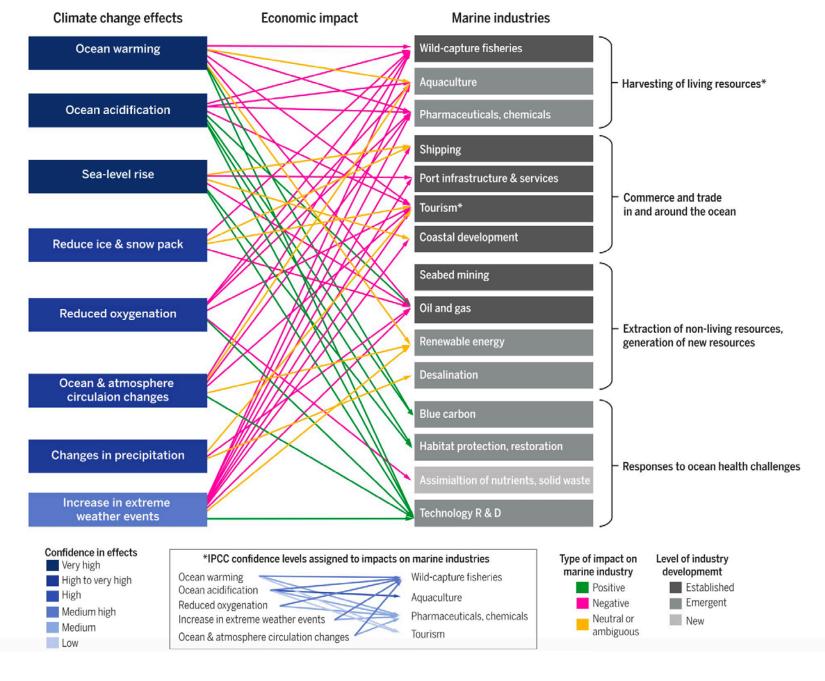


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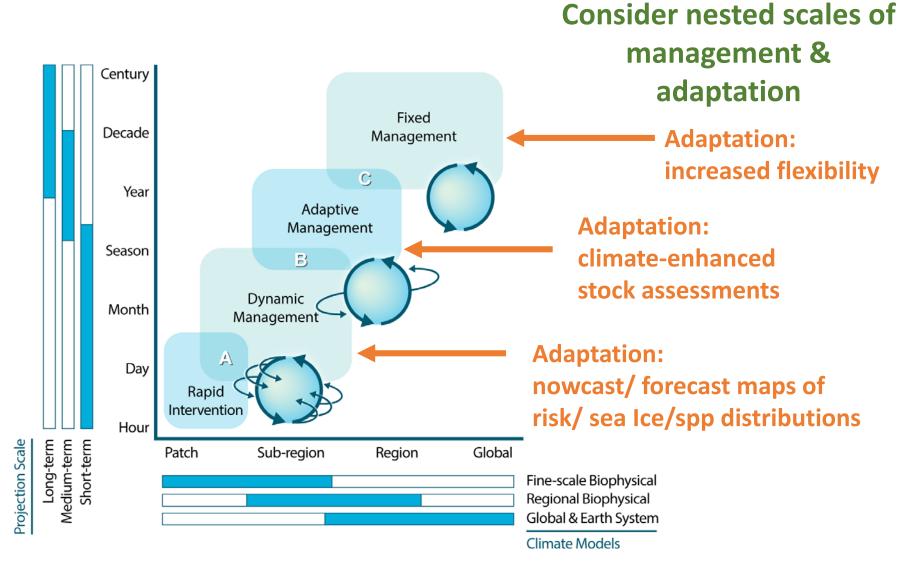
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"We find that mean SST change was the dominant driver of increasing MHW exposure over nearly two thirds of the ocean, and of changes in MHW intensity over approximately one third of the ocean. "



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



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

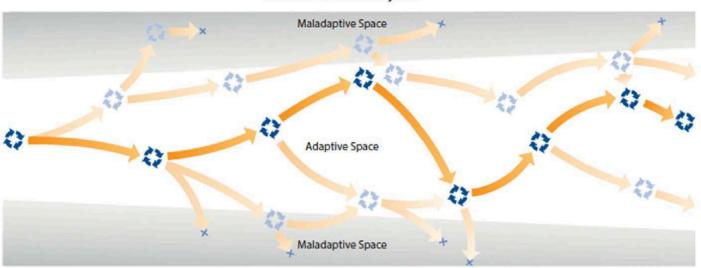


Fig. 1 from Wise et al. 2014. Reconceptualising adaptation to climate change as part of pathways of change and response. Global Environmental Change 28: 325–336

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'Adaptive Policymaking'

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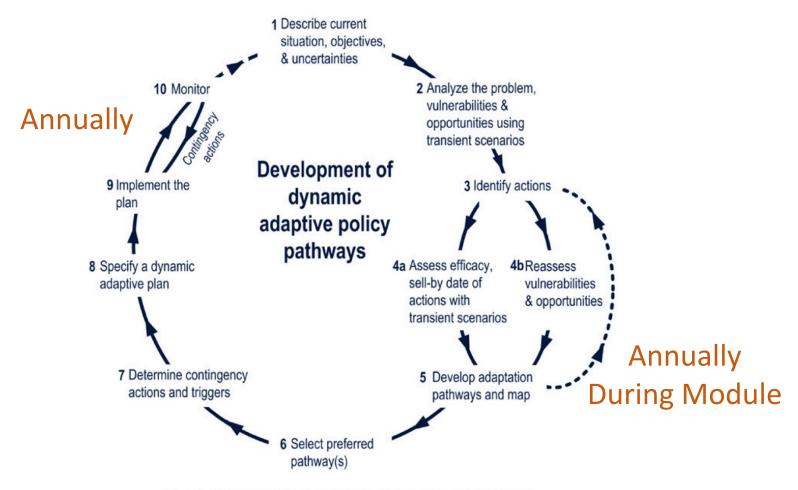
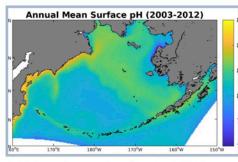


Fig. 4. The Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathways approach.

Modeled effect of coastal biogeochemical processes, climate variability, and ocean acidification on aragonite saturation state in the Bering Sea



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 n

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Pilcher, D.J., D.M. Naiman, J.N. Cross, A.J. Hermann, S.A. Siedlecki, G.A. Gibson, and J.T. Mathis (2019): Modeled effect of coastal biogeochemical processes, climate variability, and ocean acidification on aragonite saturation state in the Bering 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

ICES Journal of Marine Science



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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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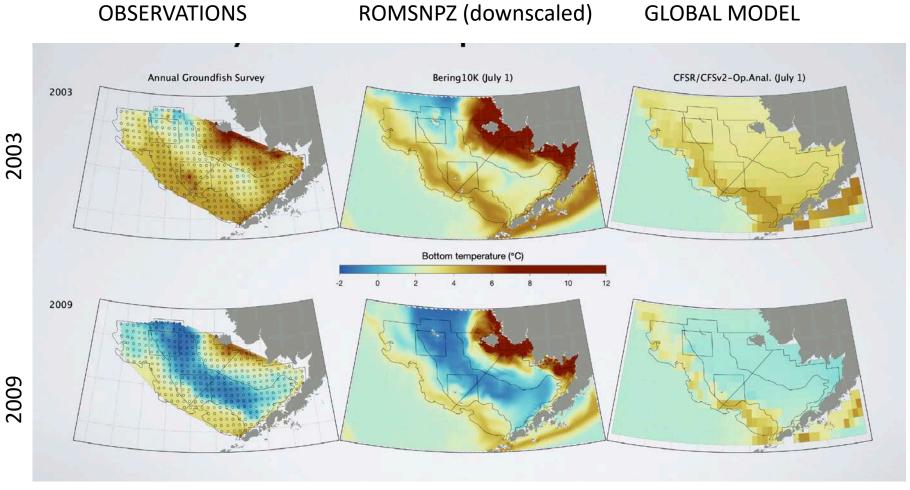
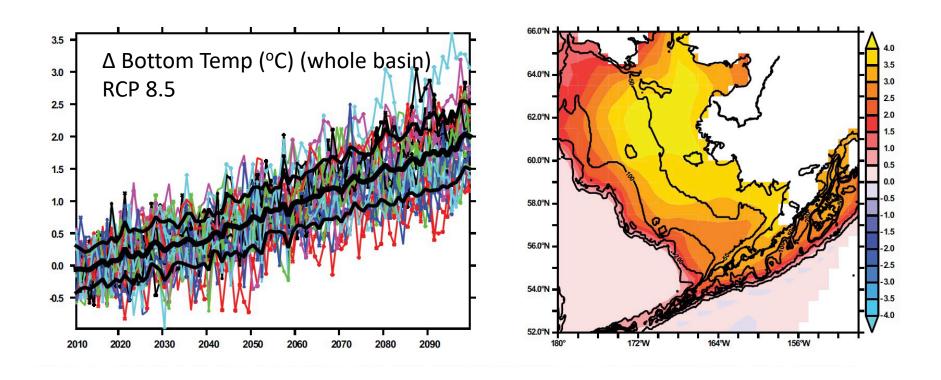


Image: Kelly Kearney

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



HOW?

b) Climate Vulnerability Assessments





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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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

Currents (variance)

Air Temperature (variance)

Precipitation (variance)
Sea Surface Height

Sea Surface Height (variance)

Exposure Score

Overall Vulnerability Rank

Exposure Data Quality = 56% of scores ≥ 2

	Sebastes alutus	Expert Scores	Data Quality	Expert Scores Plots (Portion by Category)	Low
Sensitivity attributes	Habitat Specificity	1.9	2.5		☐ Moderate ☐ High
	Prey Specificity	1.9	2.2		■ Very High
	Adult Mobility	2.4	2.1		1
	Dispersal of Early Life Stages	1.6	1.8		1
	Early Life History Survival and Settlement Requirements	2.6	1.5		
	Complexity In Reproductive Strategy	2.3	1.8		1
	Spawning Cycle	3.8	2.2		1
	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		1
	Sensitivity Score	Hi	gh		
Exposure factors	Sea Surface Temperature	2.0	2.0		
	Sea Surface Temperature (variance)	1.9	2.0]
	Bottom Temperature	2.2	2.0]
	Bottom Temperature (variance)	2.8	2.0		1
	Salinity	1.3	2.0		1
	Salinity (variance)	2.6	2.0]
	Ocean Acidification	4.0	2.0		
	Ocean Acidification (variance)	1.4	2.0		
	Phytoplankton Biomass	1.1	1.2]
	Phytoplankton Blomass (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		
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NA

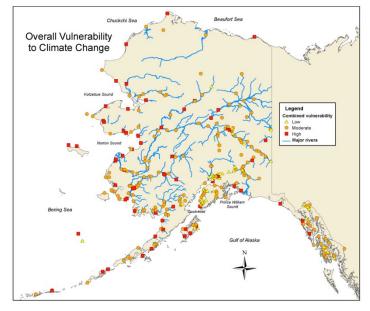
Moderate Moderate

NA.

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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

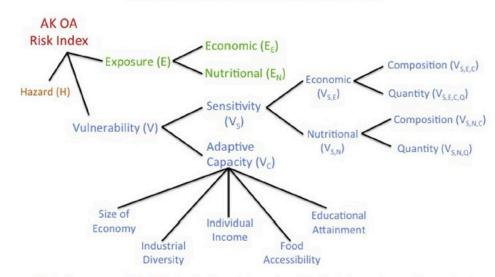


Fig. 3. Components of the risk index. Each branch is evenly weighted relative to others at the same level.



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Marine Policy





Vessels, risks, and rules: Planning for safe shipping in Bering Strait



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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	X		X	X	X	
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

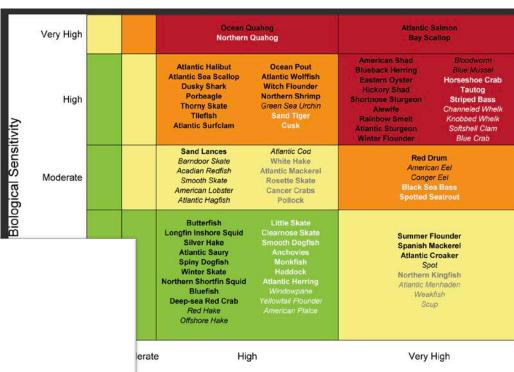


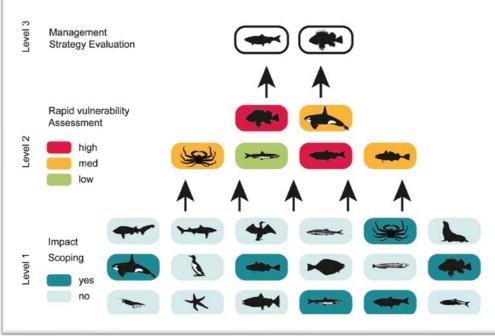
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c) Operationalized climate change management strategy evaluations (MSEs)



Examples:

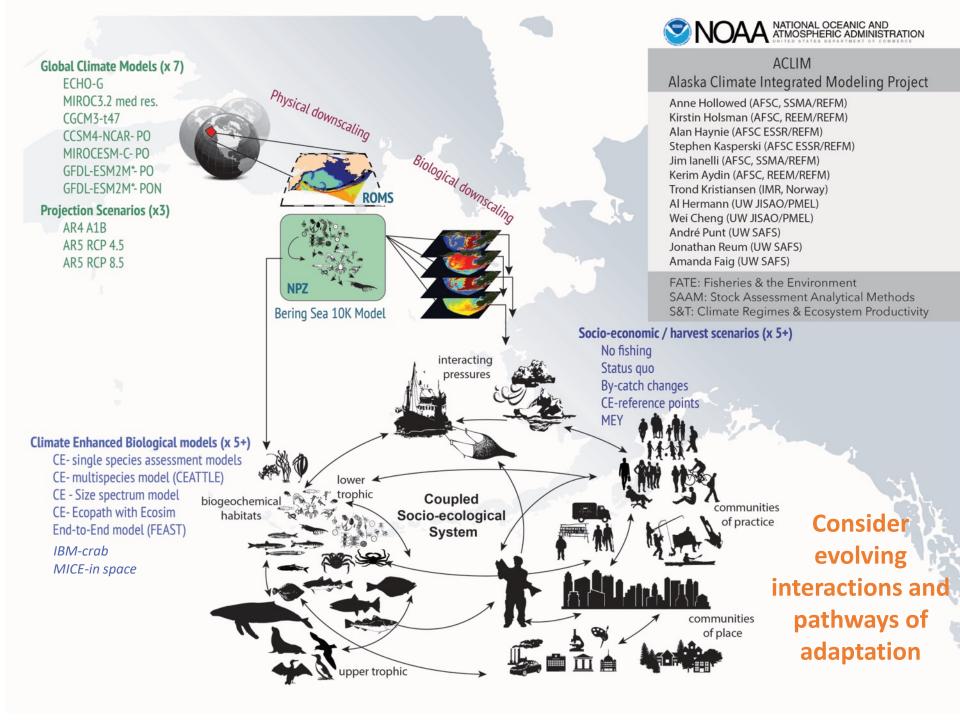




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Climate Exposure

Holsman et al. 2017





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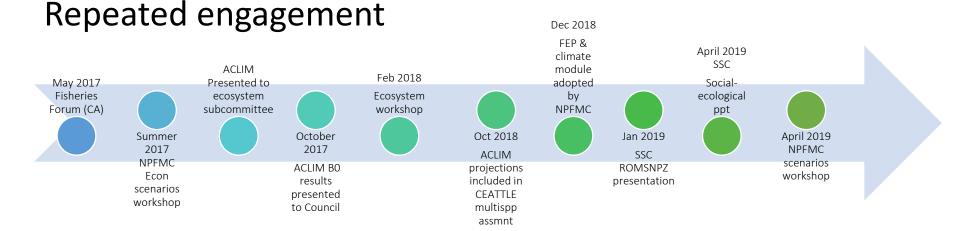
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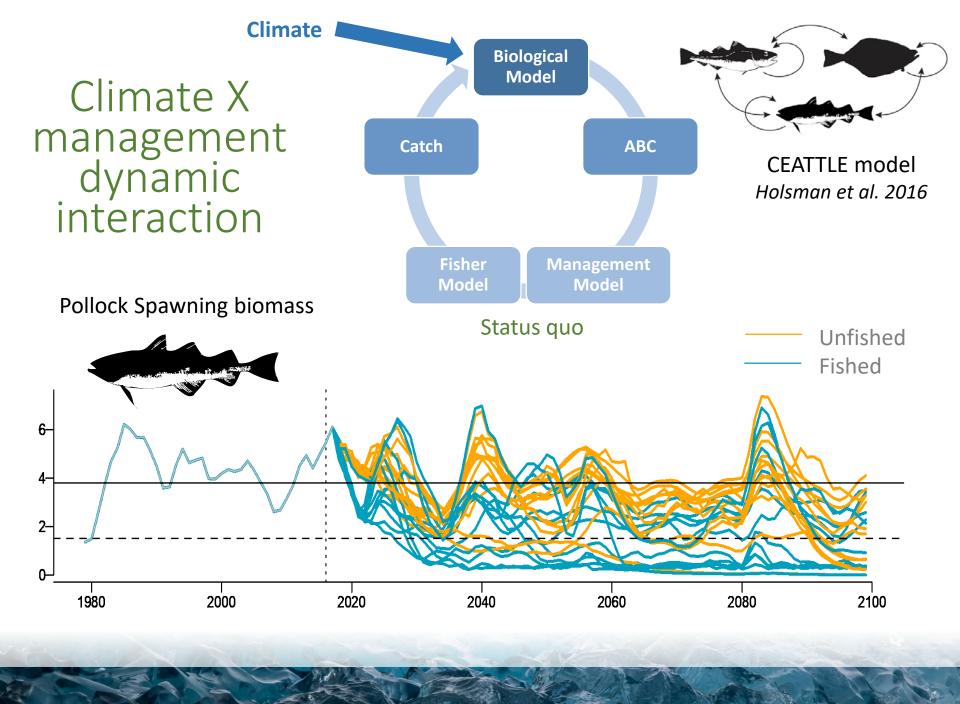
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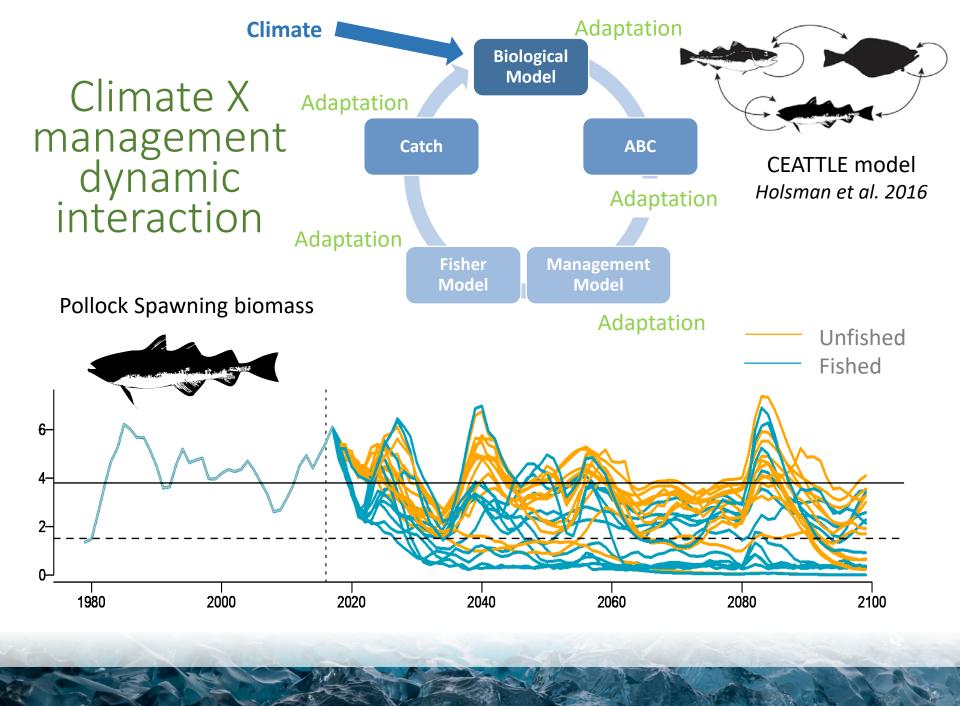
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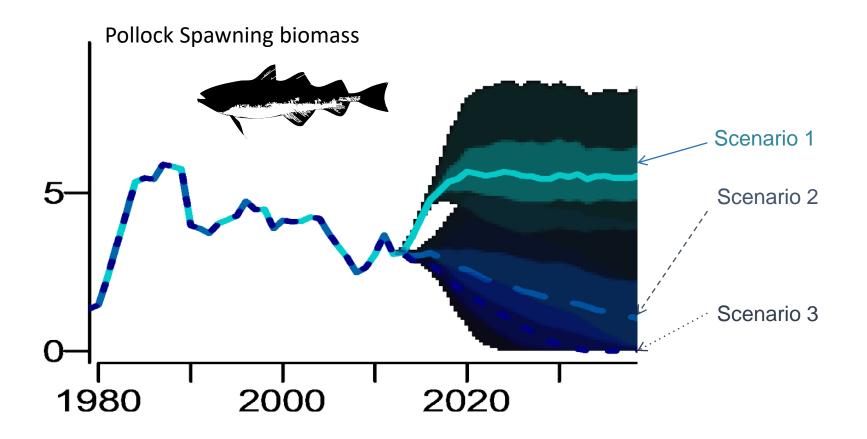
- long time horizons of adaptation outcomes;
- the **shifting baseline and uncertainty** around climate hazards;
- assessing <u>attribution</u> of any results;
- addressing the <u>additional climate risk</u> and counterfactual scenarios

"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









Ianelli, J KK Holsman, AE Punt, K Aydin (2016). Multi-model inference for incorporating trophic and climate uncertainty into stock assessment estimates of fishery biological reference points. Deep Sea Res II. 134: 379-389 DOI: 10.1016/j.dsr2.2015.04.002



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

- 1) AK plaice
- 2) Arrowtooth flounder (1993-)
- 3) flathead sole
- 4) Northern rock sole (2001-)
- 5) Pacific cod

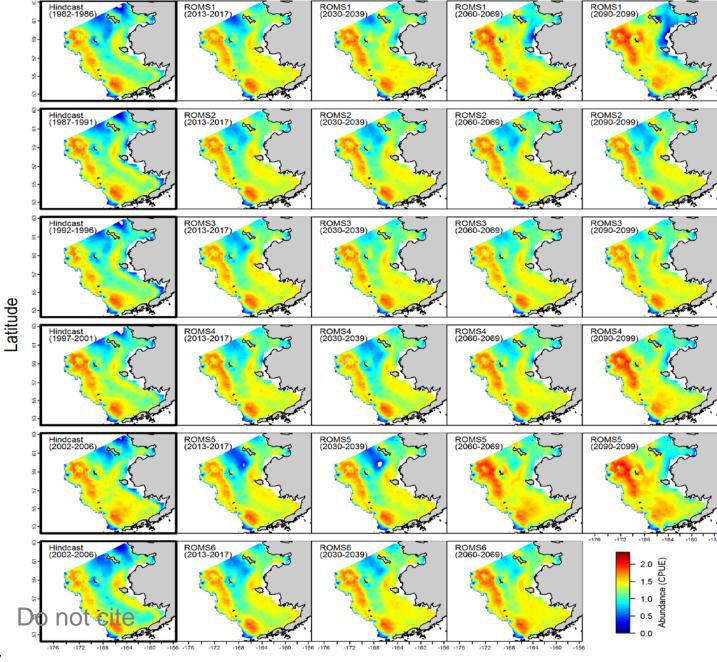
- 6) Walleye pollock
- 7) Red king crab (1996-)
- 8) Snow crab
- 9) Tanner crab
- 10)Yellowfin sole

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

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



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