

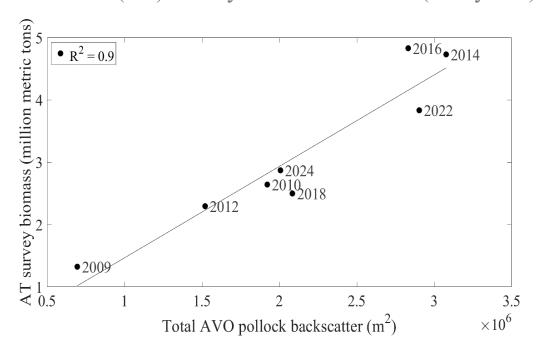
AVO Acoustic Vessel-of-Opportunity

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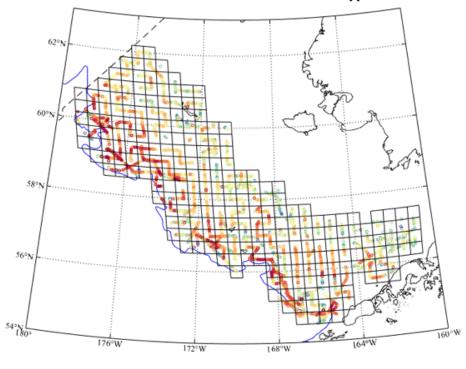
Midwater Assessment and Conservation Engineering Program

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- Annual index of midwater pollock backscatter from bottom trawl (BT) survey acoustics:
 - This works well because the midwater is primarily pollock
- There are no concurrent midwater trawls during the BT survey:
 - Do not know pollock size composition from AVO data
- Provides information on midwater pollock in years when the acoustic-trawl (AT) survey is not conducted (odd years)



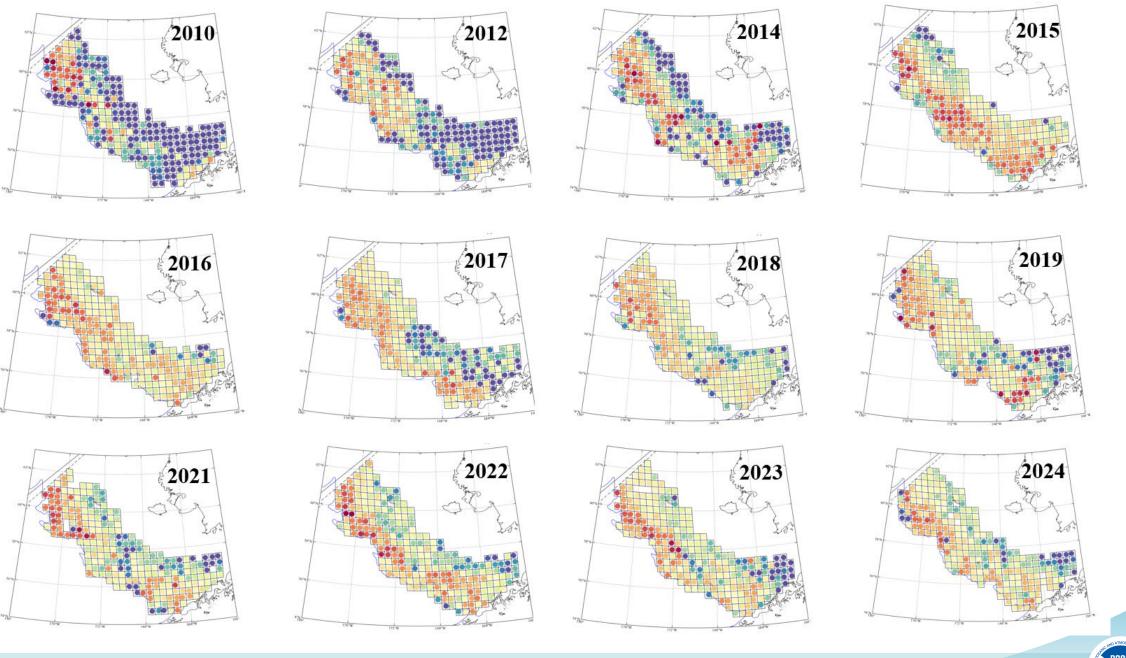
2024 AVO pollock backscatter (38 kHz s_A, m² nmi⁻²)



Latitude

Longitude





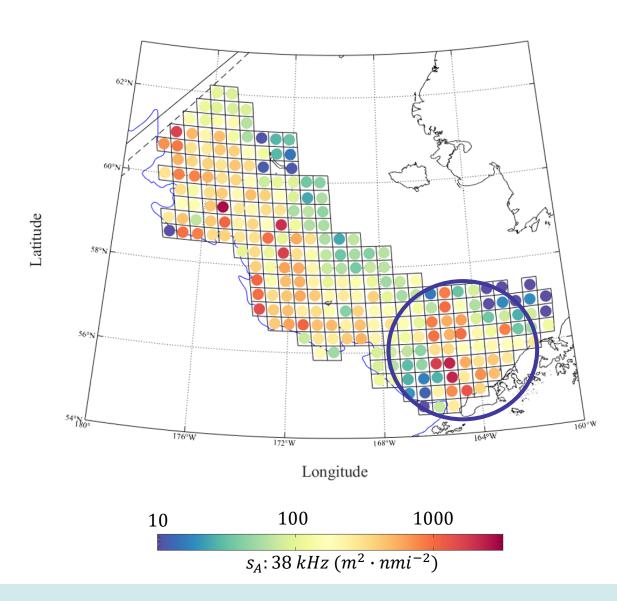
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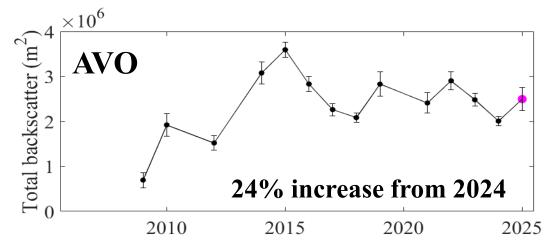
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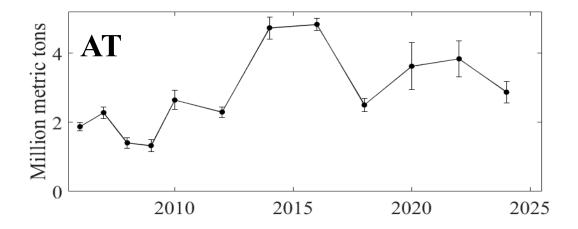
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Preliminary 2025 AVO estimate

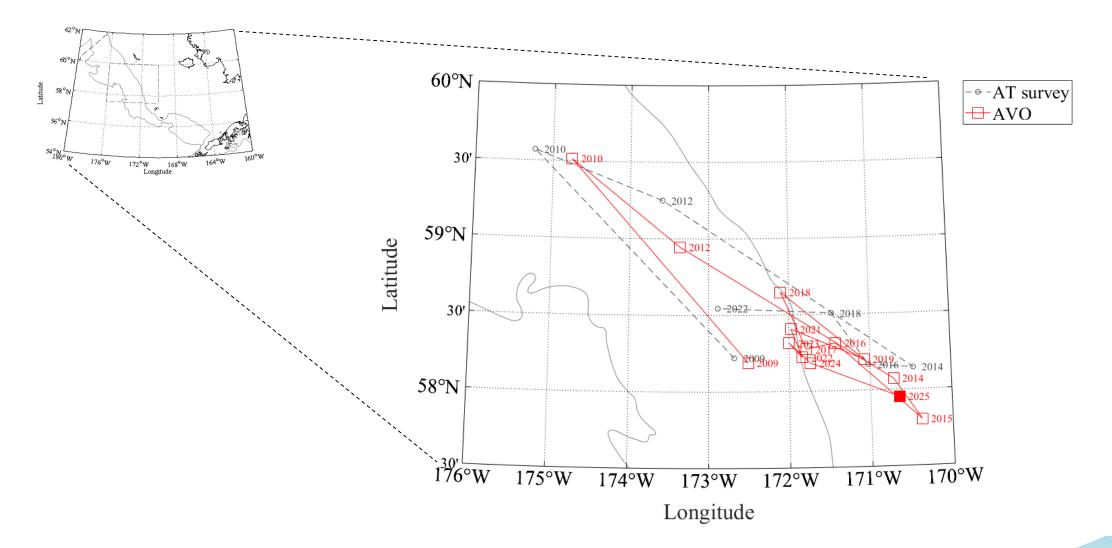








Center of gravity- AVO 2025 midwater pollock





Questions?

Thanks to bottom trawl personnel for collection quality acoustic data and performing calibrations!

