

Bering Sea climate-enhanced multi-species stock assessment



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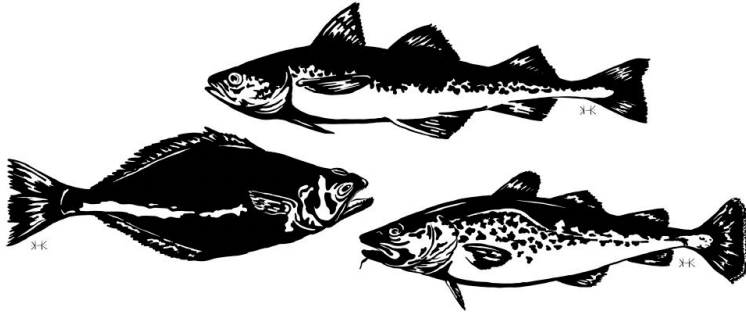
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pollock, Pacific cod, and arrowtooth flounder in the eastern Bering
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Two models presented each year:

- SSM : without trophic interactions (single-species mode)
- MSM : with trophic interactions (multi-species mode)

Produced annually 2016 - present

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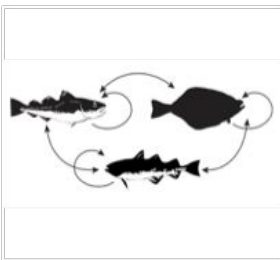
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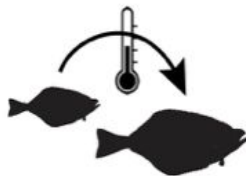
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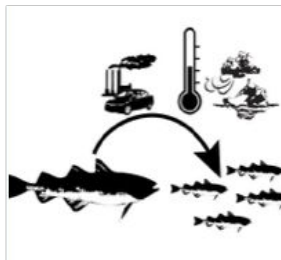
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Plan Team and SSC comments

Plan Team recommendations from Nov. 2023 included 'the author intends to communicate with stock assessment authors earlier in next year's assessment cycle to help facilitate risk assessment, which is further recommended by the Team'.

- *CEATTLE team members have been working to improve the flow of advice to the risk table teams, in this year that included providing early results to Ebbett Siddon to provide context for discussions. Additional workflow and streamlining approaches are being discussed as part of operationalizing the Multispp assessment*



Plan Team and SSC comments

The SSC agrees with the BSAI GPT's proposal in their presentation to move the multi-species model out of the pollock stock assessment, where it has been included as an appendix since it was first developed. Instead, they suggested it would be a separate chapter listed in parallel with the ESR, as it applies to multiple stocks and informs the ESRs.

- *Done this year (2024); further advancements plan for 2025*

The SSC recognizes the multi-species model as a 'research model' and therefore recommends placing information that appears comparable to a stock assessment specifications table in a regular table (at the end of the document) in order to avoid confusion.

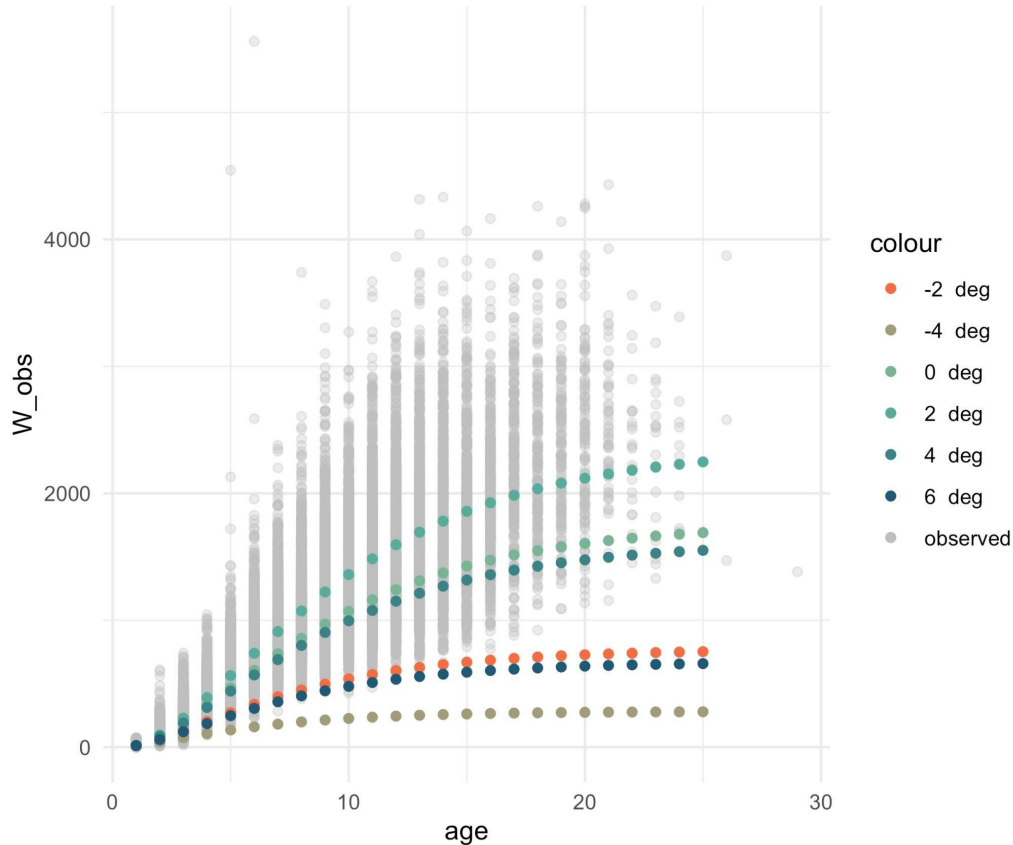
- *Table moved to further into the document*

The SSC supports the multi-species model authors' plan to work with individual assessment authors early in the process to facilitate incorporation of those results into stock assessments.

- *Ongoing efforts to do this include a CEATTLE team approach*



Weight at Age



- Hist: Empirical used when avail; missing yrs have vonBT (currently updating with new TMB version of *vonBT()*)
- Projections: VonBT
- <https://github.com/NOAA-REEM/vonBEE>

Holsman & Aydin 2015

Plan Team and SSC comments

Weight-at-age in the multi-species model is temperature driven based on a bioenergetic model. It would be useful to compare these estimates to empirical weights-at-age or the random effects model estimates of weight-at-age in the main pollock assessment.

- This work is planned for 2025 under CEFI and in coordination with development of a climate-enhanced TMB standalone model (vonBEE) available here: <https://github.com/NOAA-REEM/vonBEE>

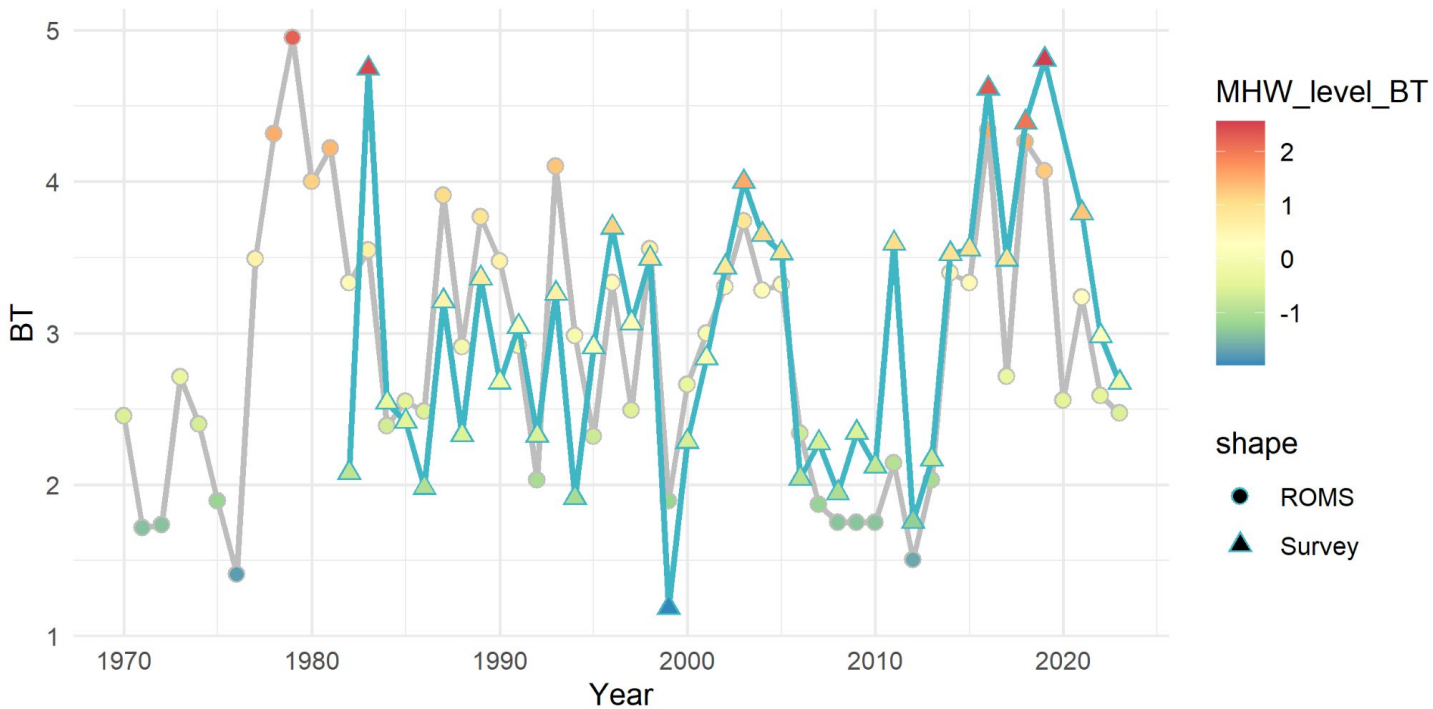
Consider how output from the multispecies model may best be interpreted independently from results of the actual stock assessment without drawing inference from the same data twice.

- Continued effort to focus on capturing climate and other ecosystem driven changes in the multispecies assessment to compliment status quo stock assessments in the EBS and GOA. This includes aligning data inputs and structure as much as possible.

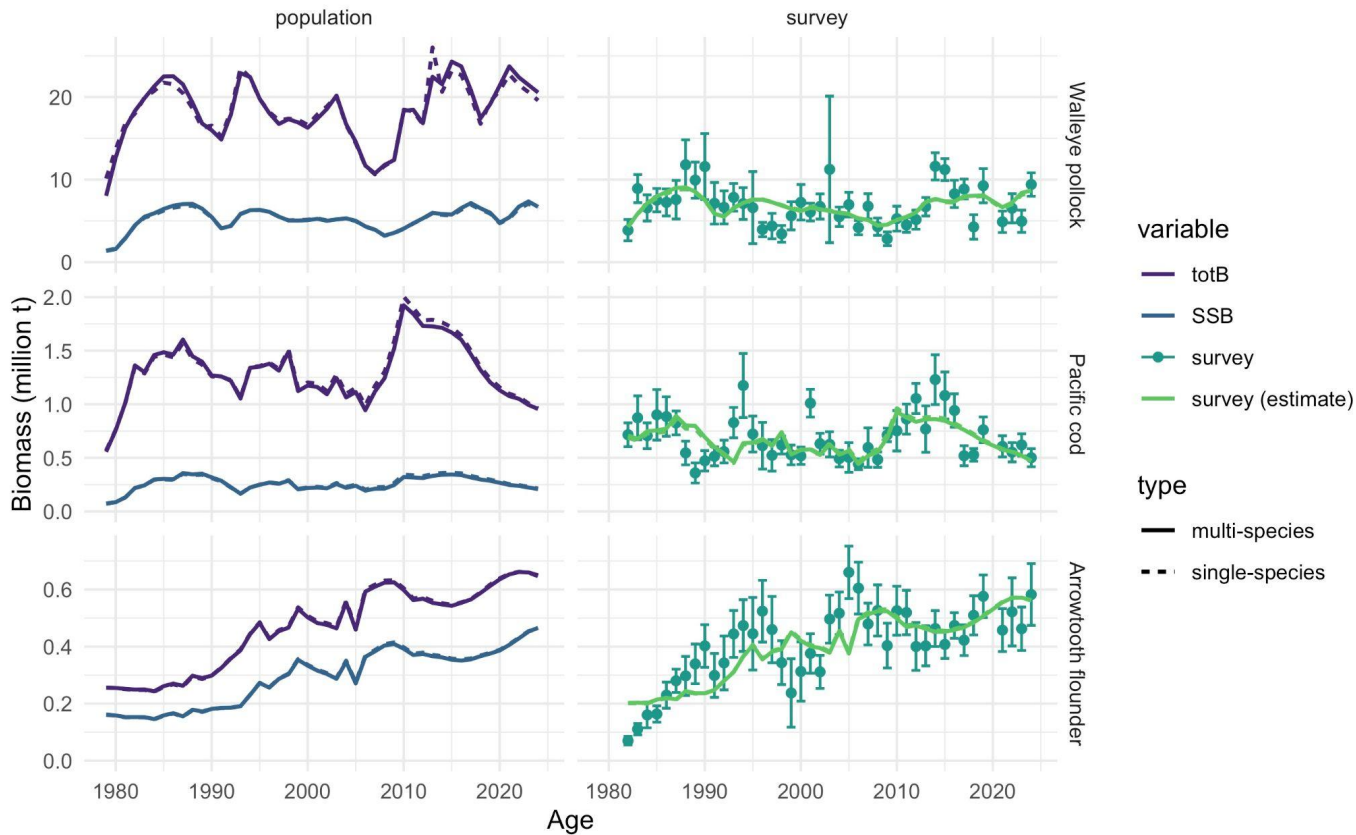


ROMS output

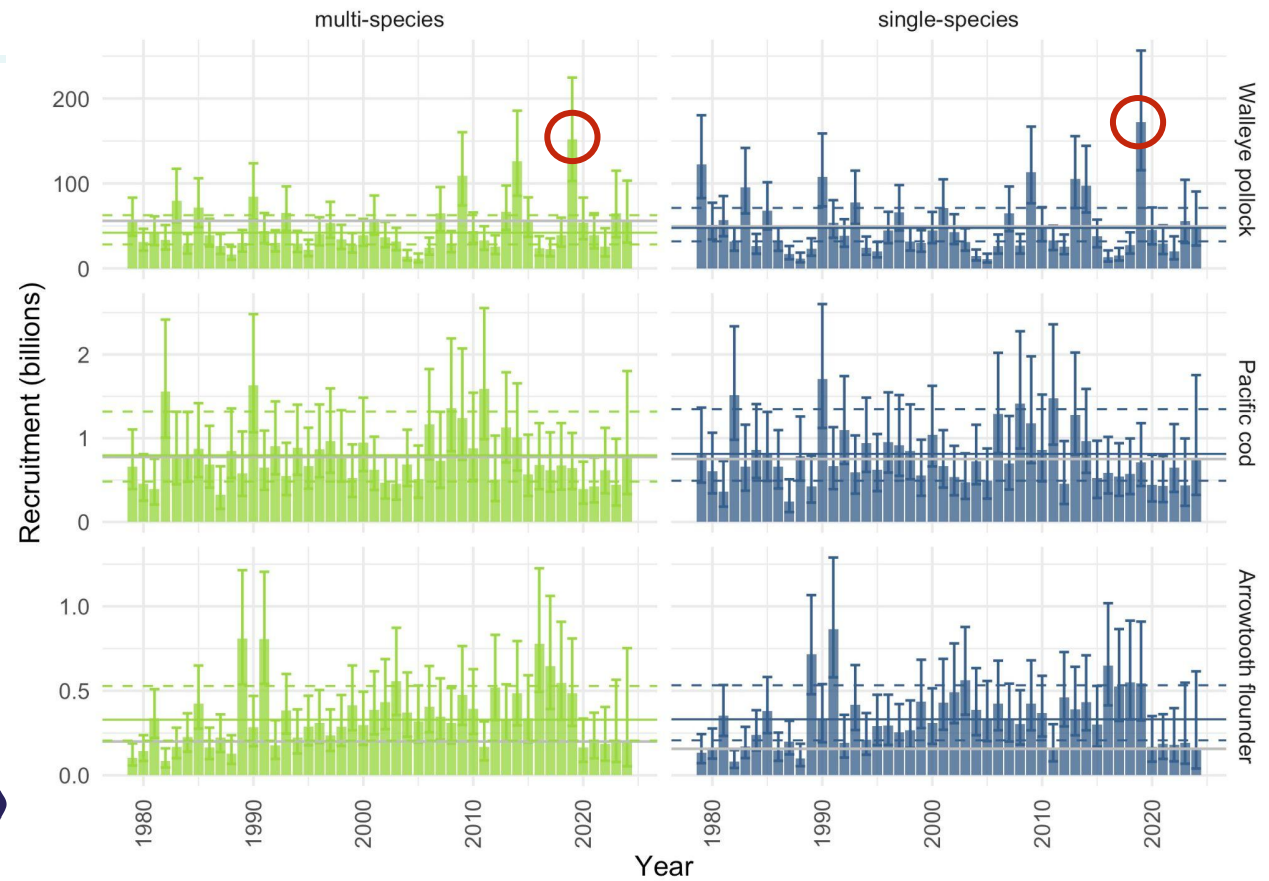
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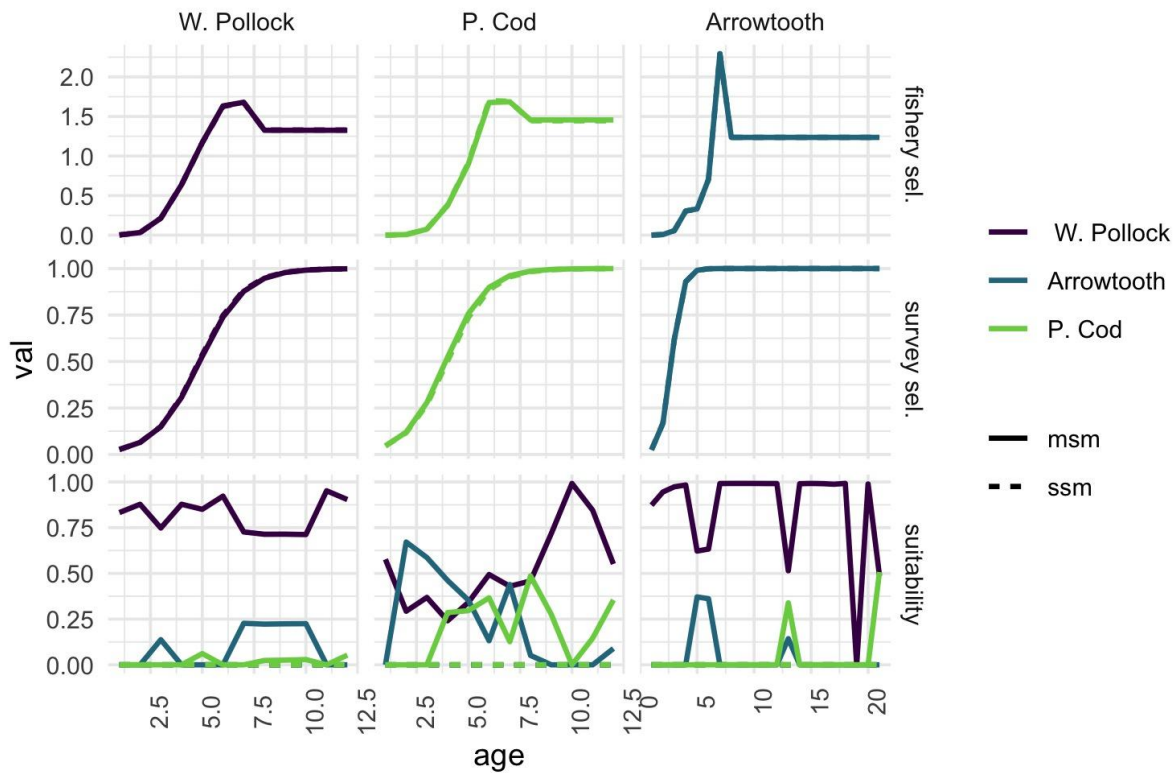


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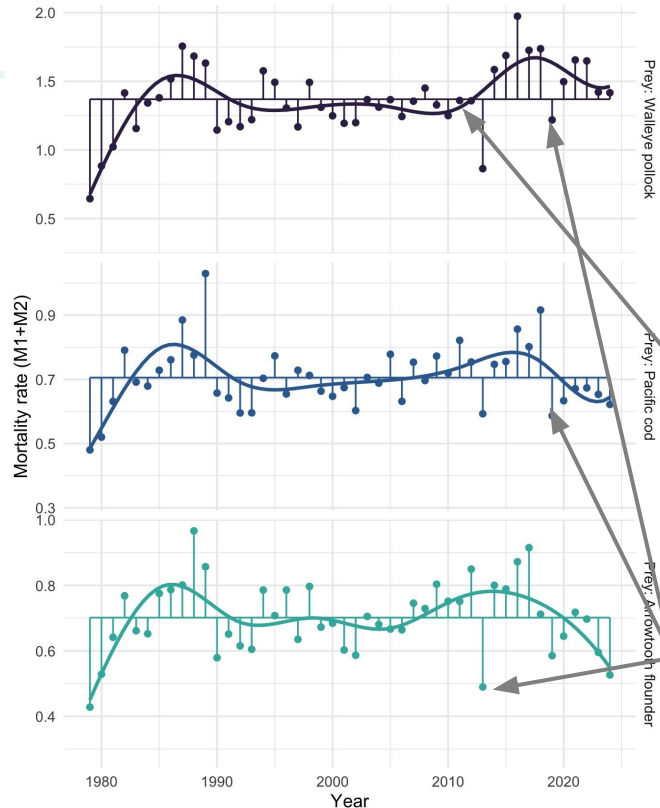


Recruitment





Age 1 natural mortality



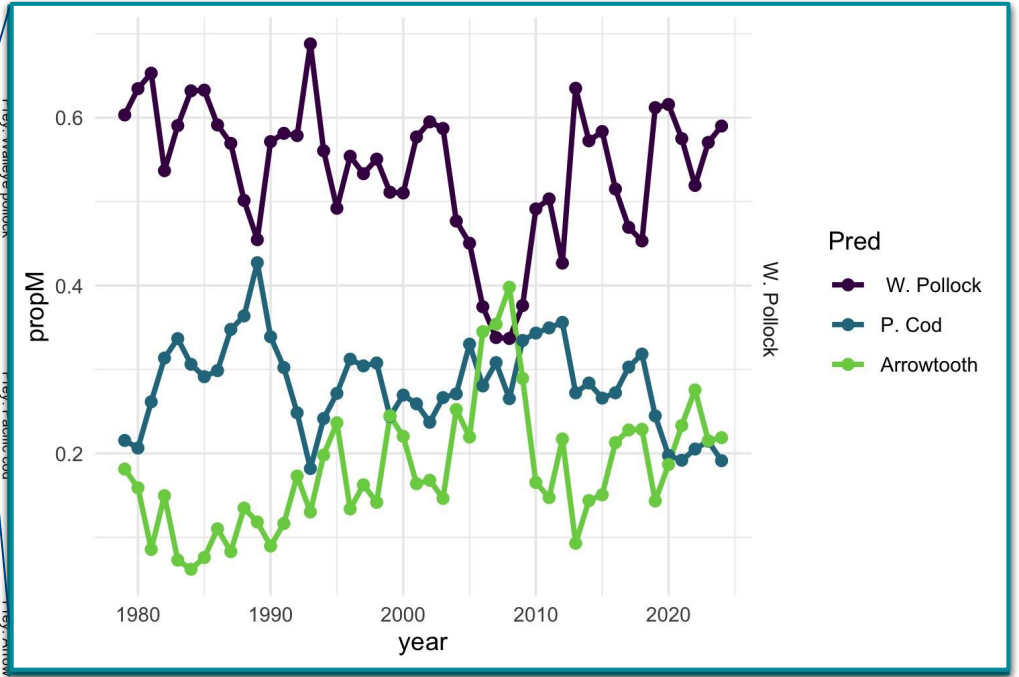
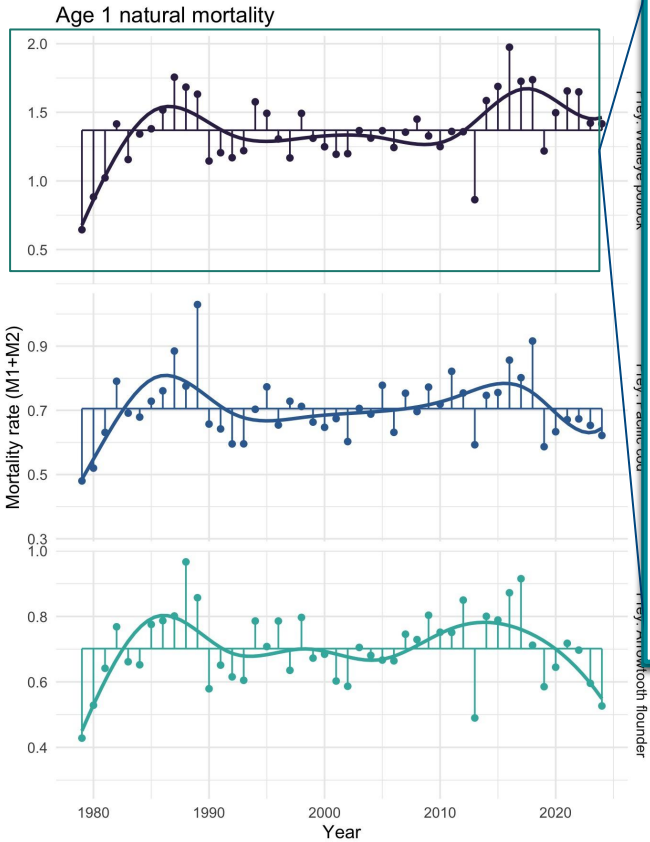
Species — Prey: Walleye pollock — Prey: Pacific cod — Prey: Arrowtooth flounder

M1 in single species (CEATTLE) model = $\text{avg}(M1+M2)$ from multispecies model

Predation mortality decreased in 2023



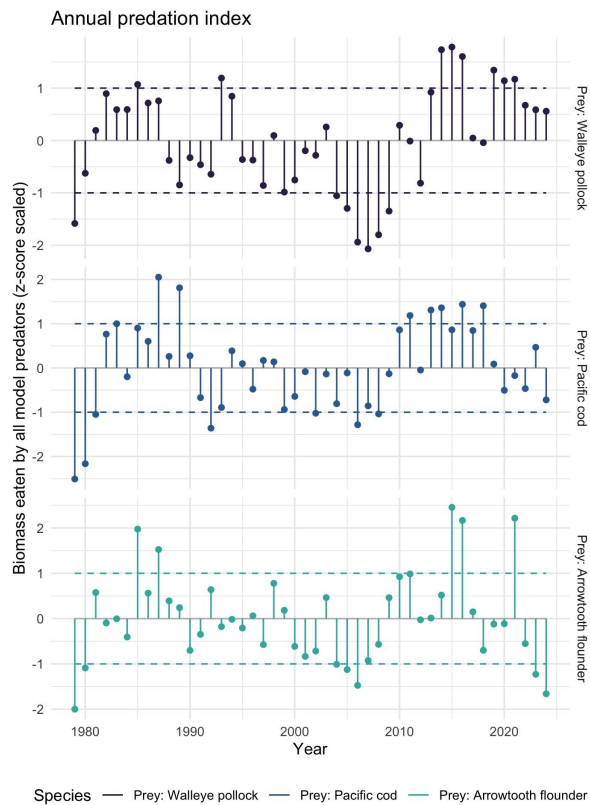
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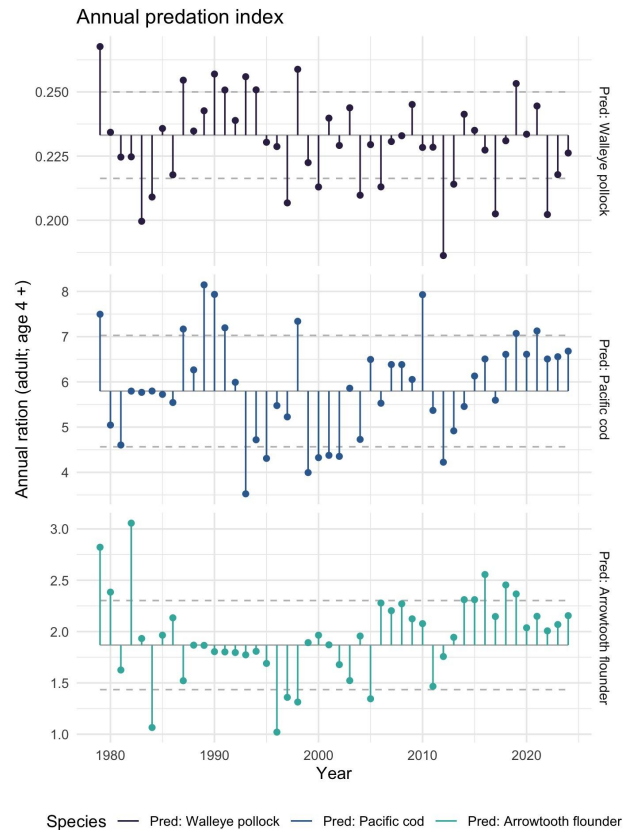
walleye pollock

ESPs

Use this if: need index of mortality for plk, pcod, or atf

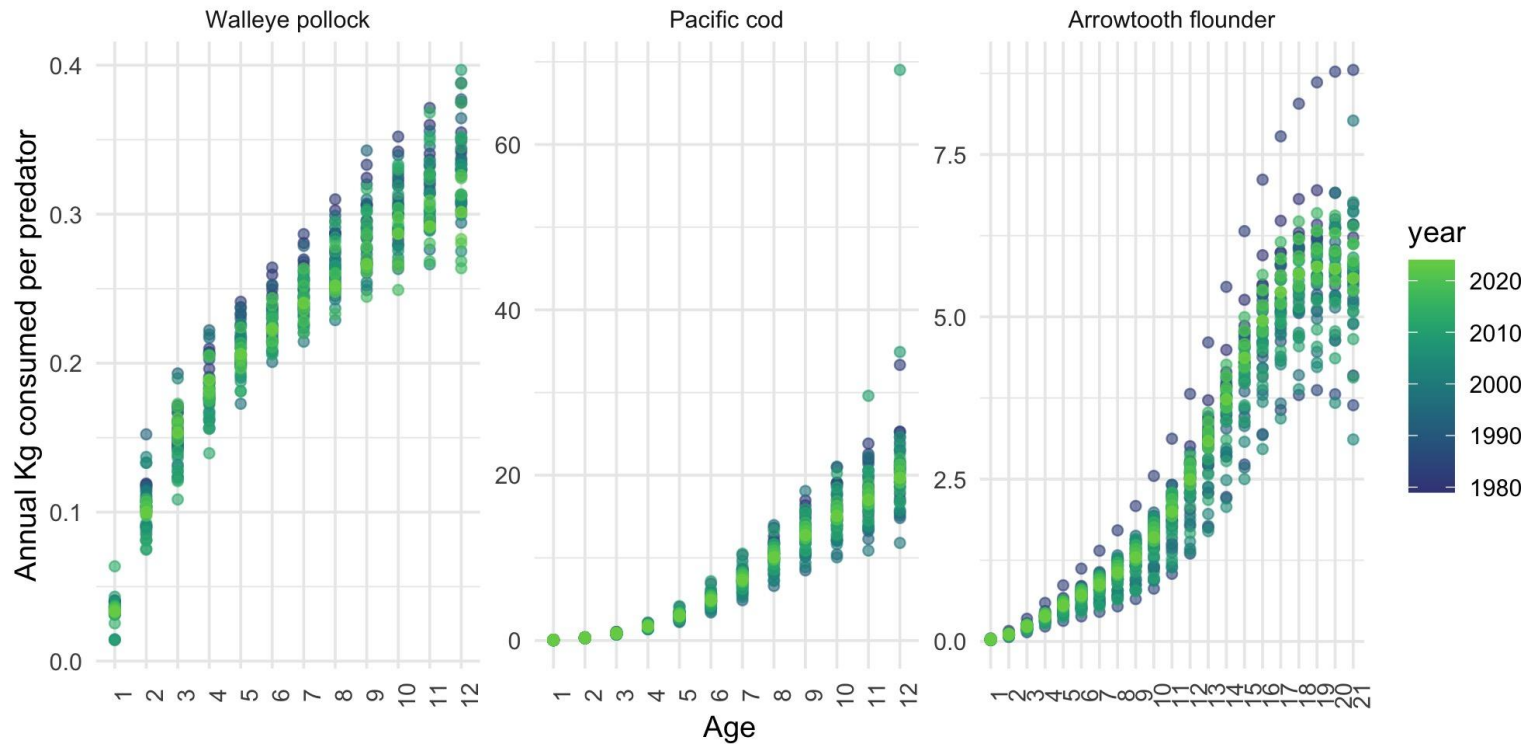


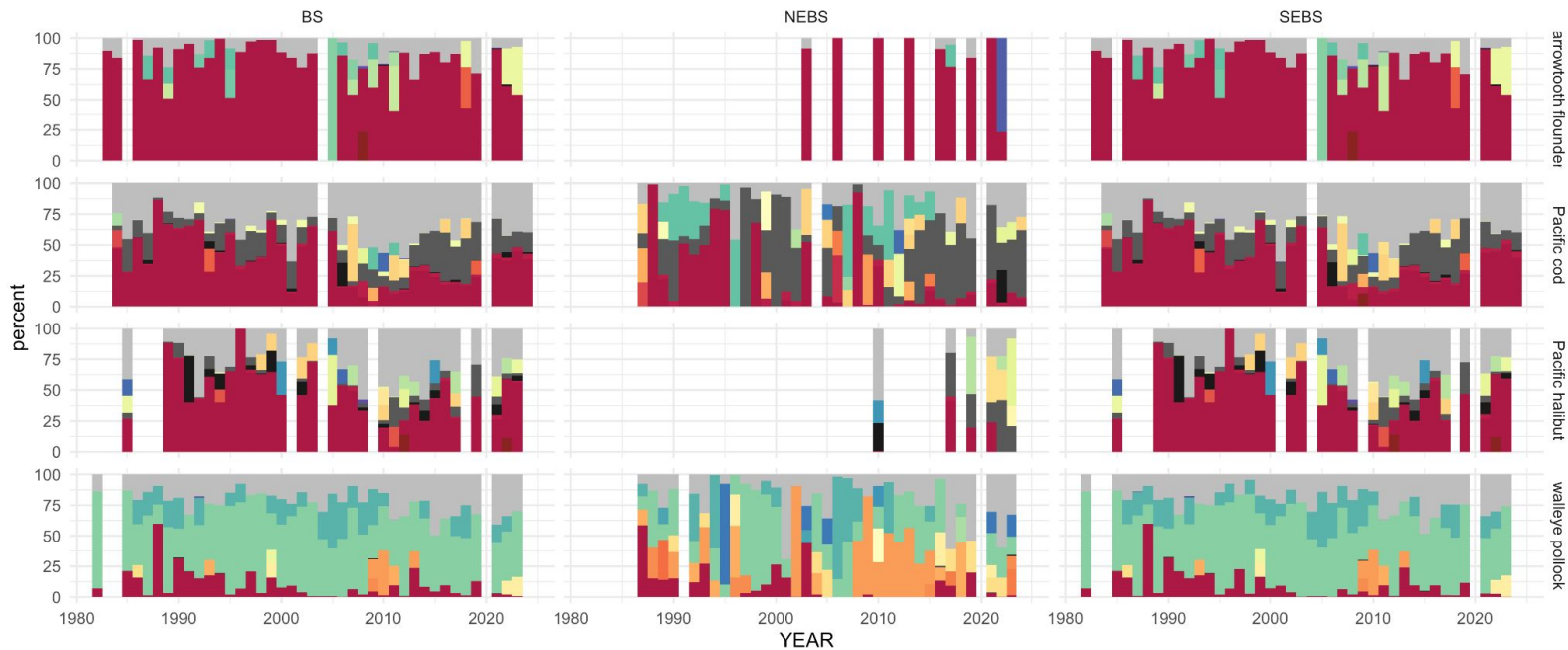
Use this if: need index of plk, pcod, atf eating other prey



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Annual estimates of prey consumed per fish





Data from food habits lab



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ESP indices expanded

Diet
database
& survey
CPUE

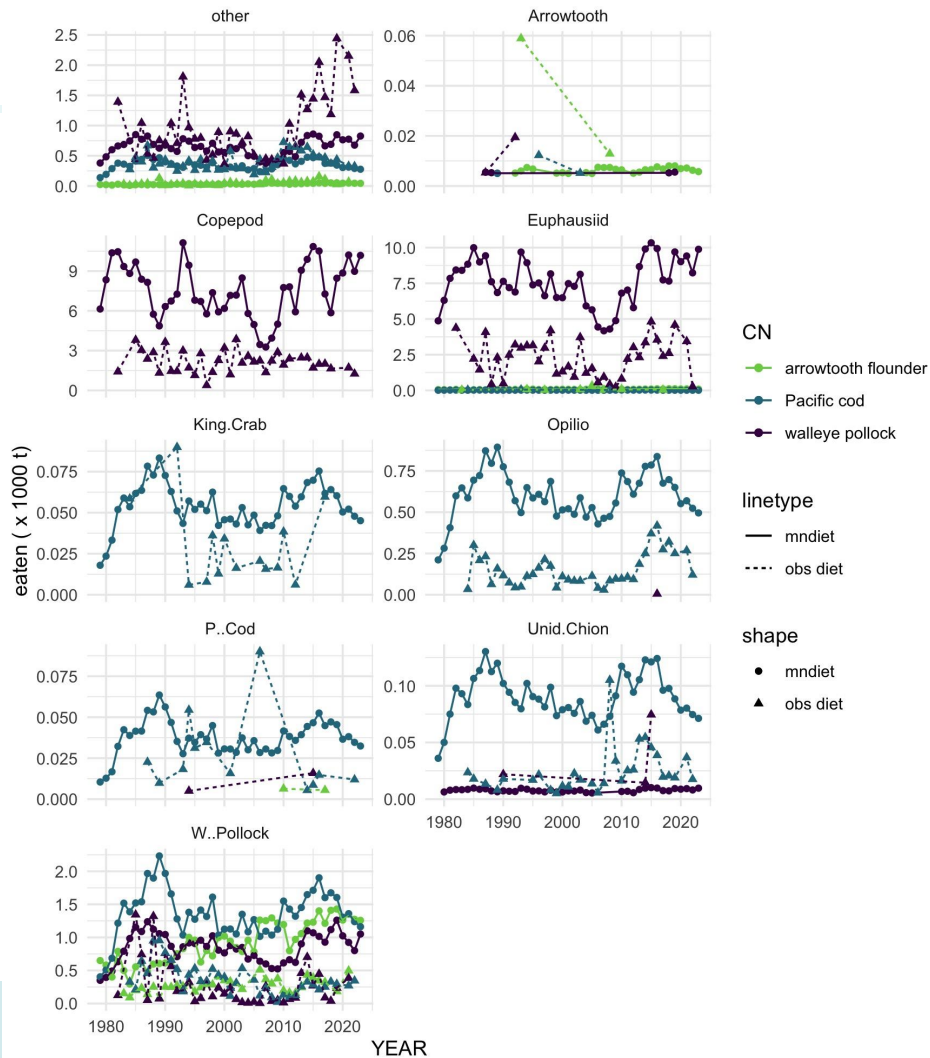
CEATTLE
outputs

$$\text{sum}(\text{avgP}_{i,j,k,y} * \text{L2A}) * \text{AvgN}_{a,k,y} * \text{C}_{a,k,y}$$

Ration
(kg pred⁻¹ yr⁻¹)

Biomass weighted
avg prop of prey i in
diet of pred size j

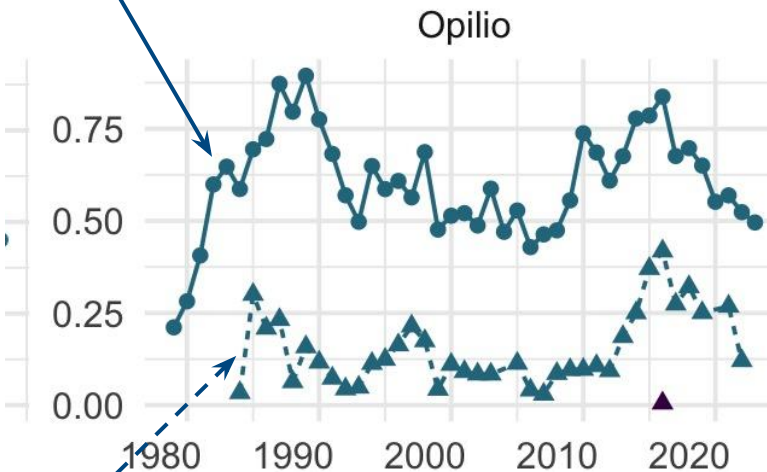
Holsman et al. in prep



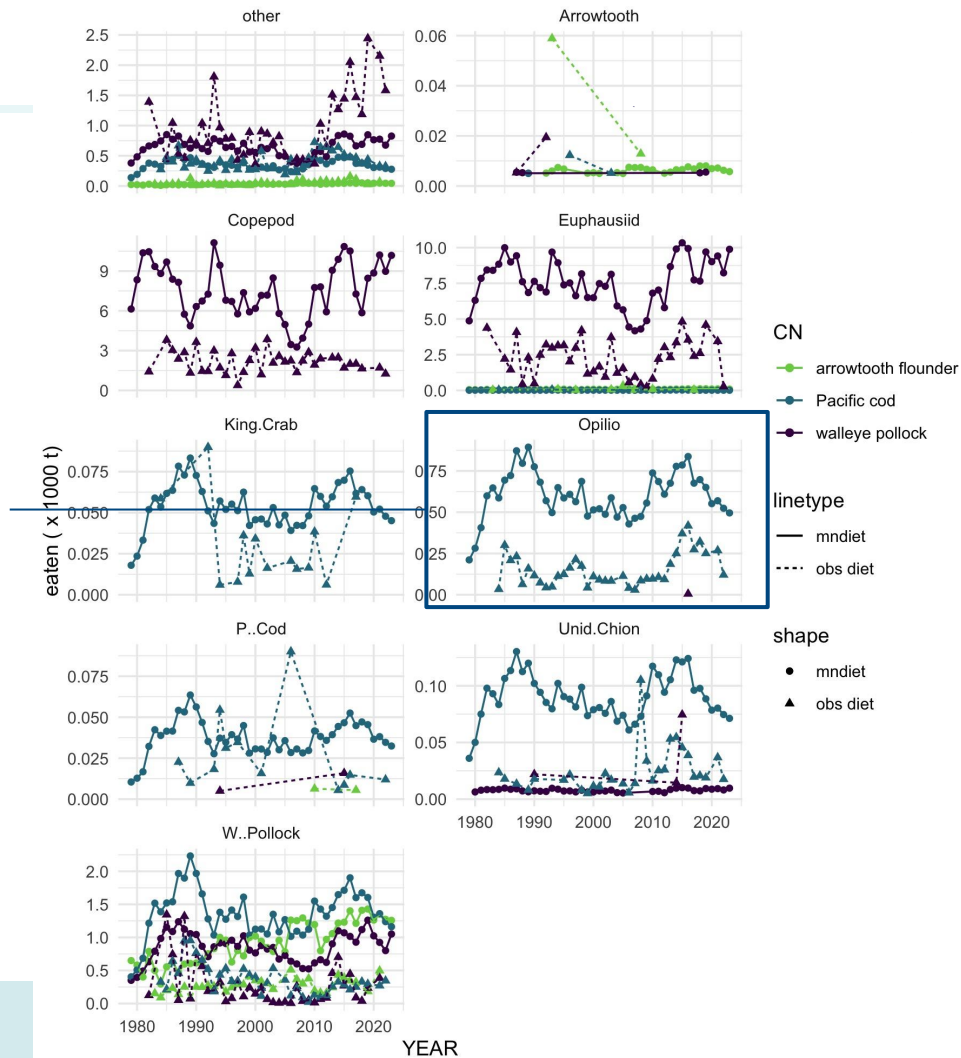
ESP indices expanded

$$\text{sum}(\text{avgP}_{i,j,k,A} * \text{L2A}) * \text{AvgN}_{a,k,y} * \text{C}_{a,k,y}$$

A = cold, warm, avg T years



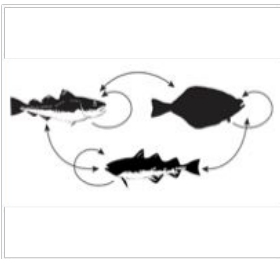
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Output available as .Rdata

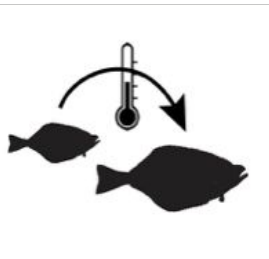
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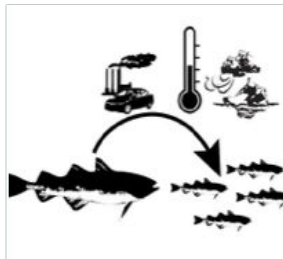
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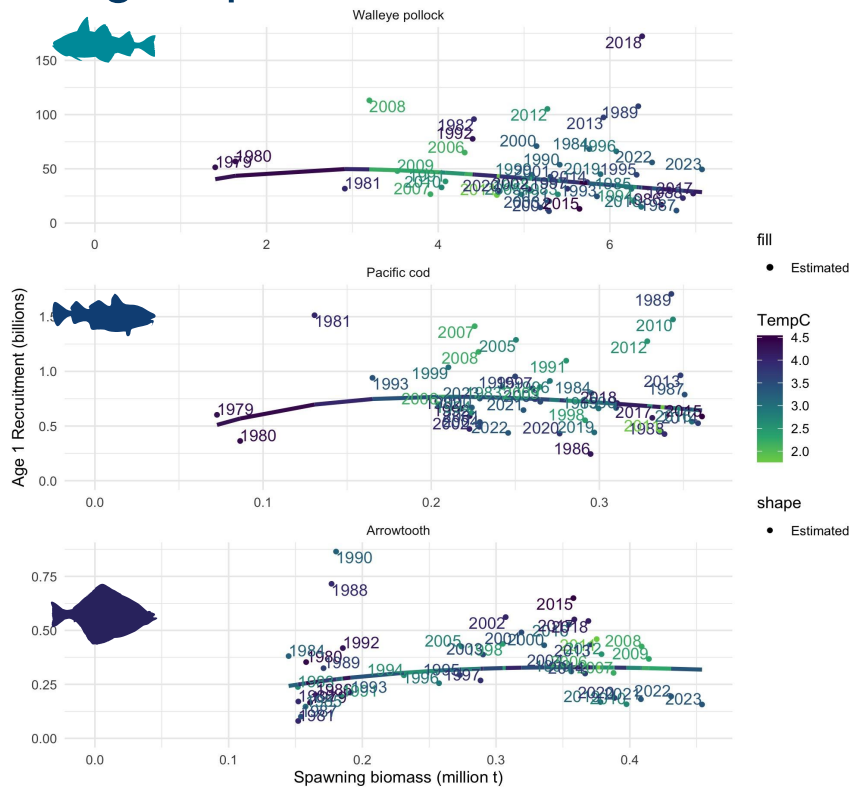
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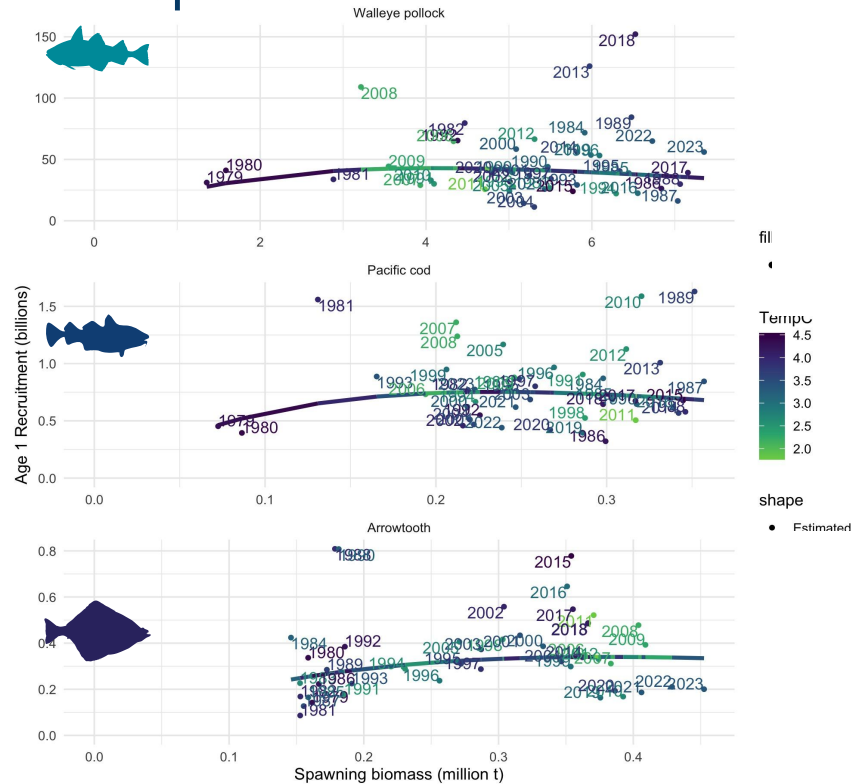
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Recruitment (note: scales vary)

Single-species

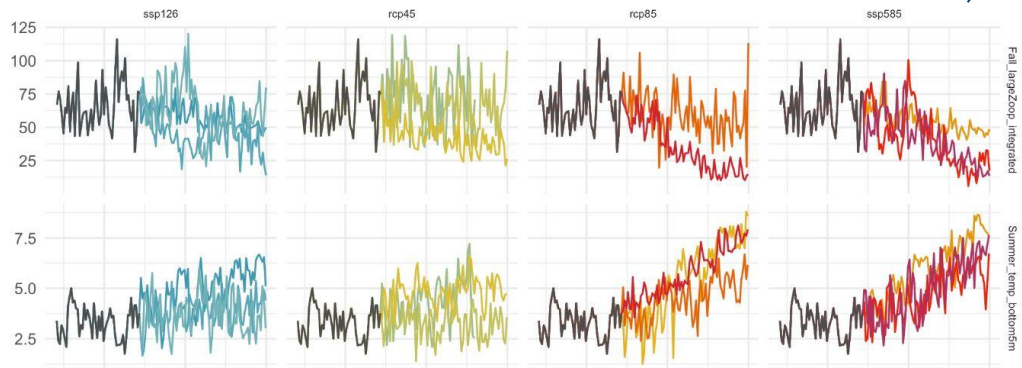


Multispecies

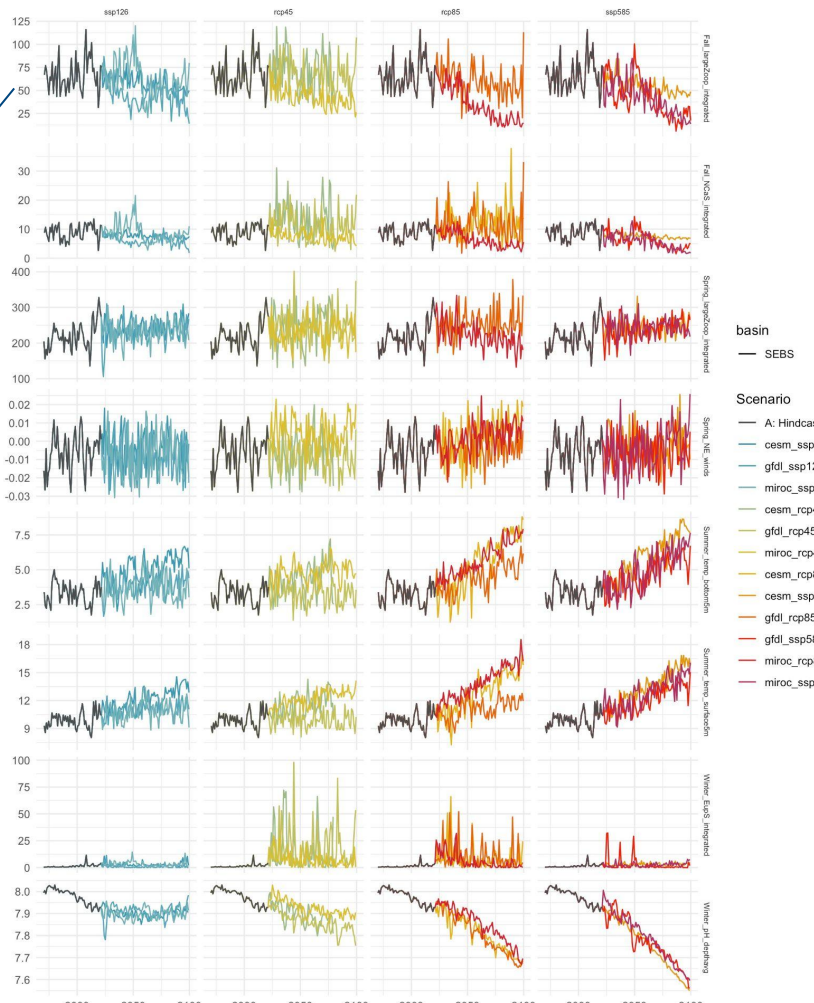


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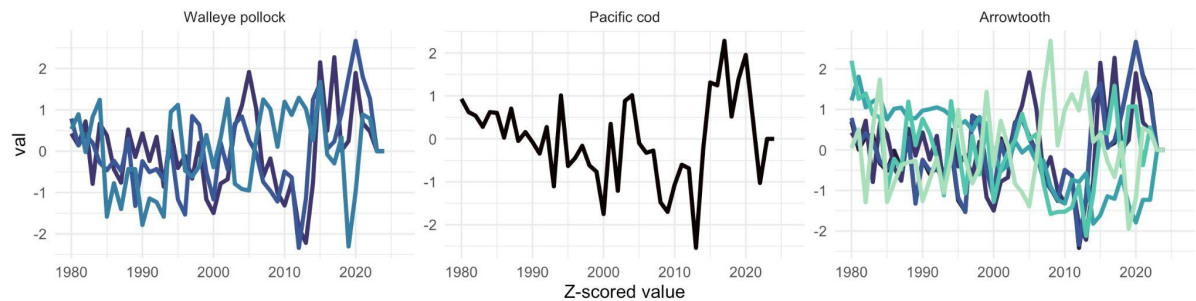
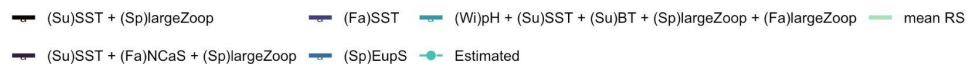
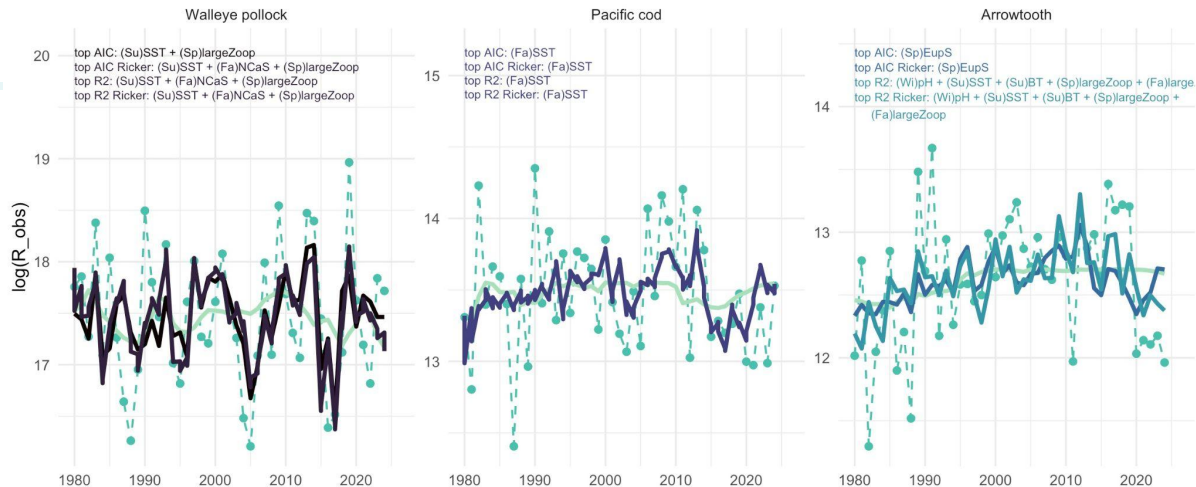
ACLIM indices

Single sp mode

AICc used to select top set of models

Top set and top R2 reported in the Assessment

Single-species

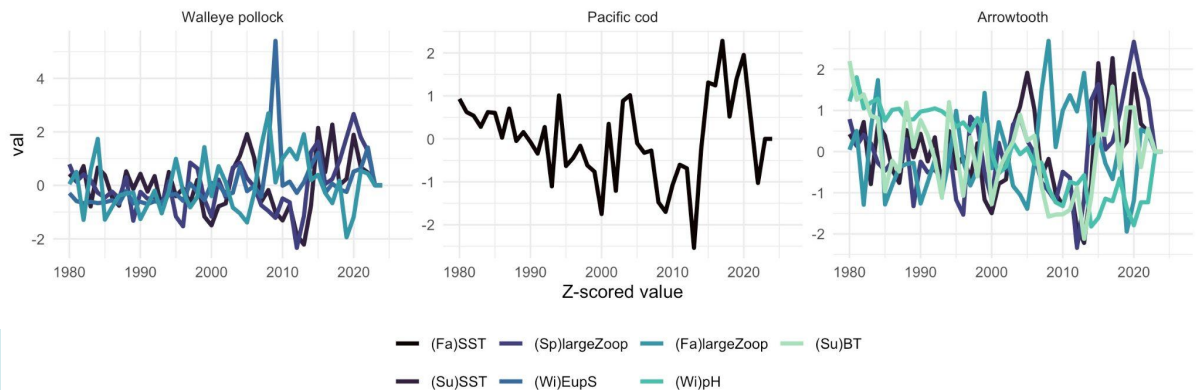
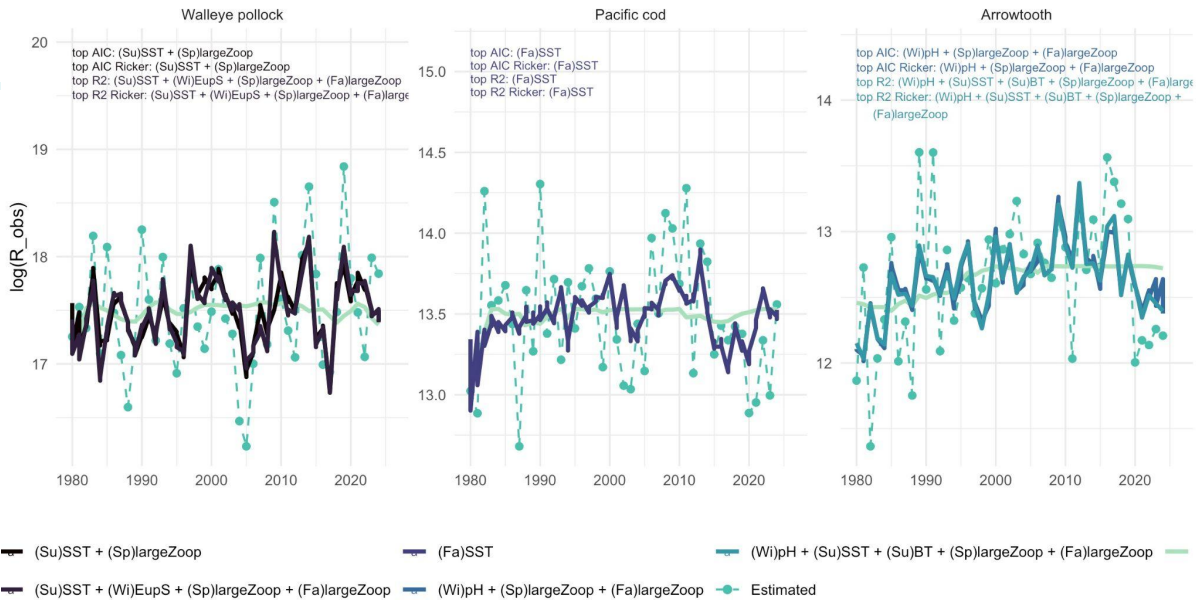


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Table 7: Top selected Ricker recruitment models for each species and mode.

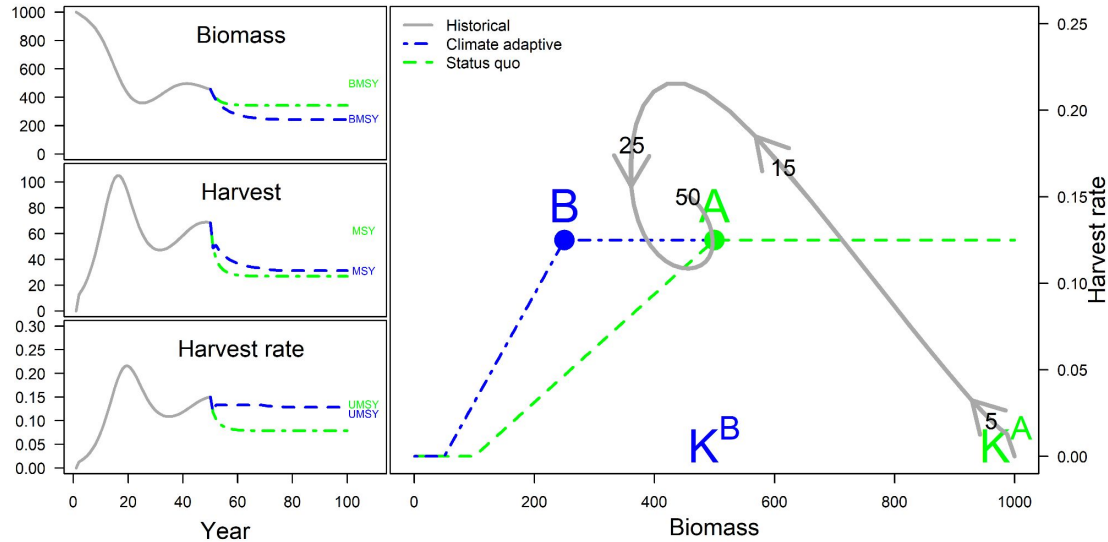
Species	Covariates	Type	R2	deltaAIC	cumIAIC
a) Single-species					
W. Pollock	(Su)SST + (Fa)NCaS + (Sp)largeZoop	Ricker	0.4	2.476	0.3
P. Cod	(Fa)SST	Ricker	0.11	3.647	0.31
Arrowtooth	(Sp)EupS	Ricker	0.09	0	0.02
Arrowtooth	(Wi)pH + (Su)SST + (Su)BT + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Ricker	0.25	6.631	0.92
b) Multi-species					
W. Pollock	(Su)SST + (Sp)largeZoop	Ricker	0.26	3.734	0.5
W. Pollock	(Su)SST + (Wi)EupS + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Ricker	0.42	6.149	0.79
P. Cod	(Fa)SST	Ricker	0.1	3.149	0.35
Arrowtooth	(Wi)pH + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Ricker	0.3	0.033	0.04
Arrowtooth	(Wi)pH + (Su)SST + (Su)BT + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Ricker	0.31	5.635	0.82

Table 8: Top selected (all) recruitment models for each species and mode.

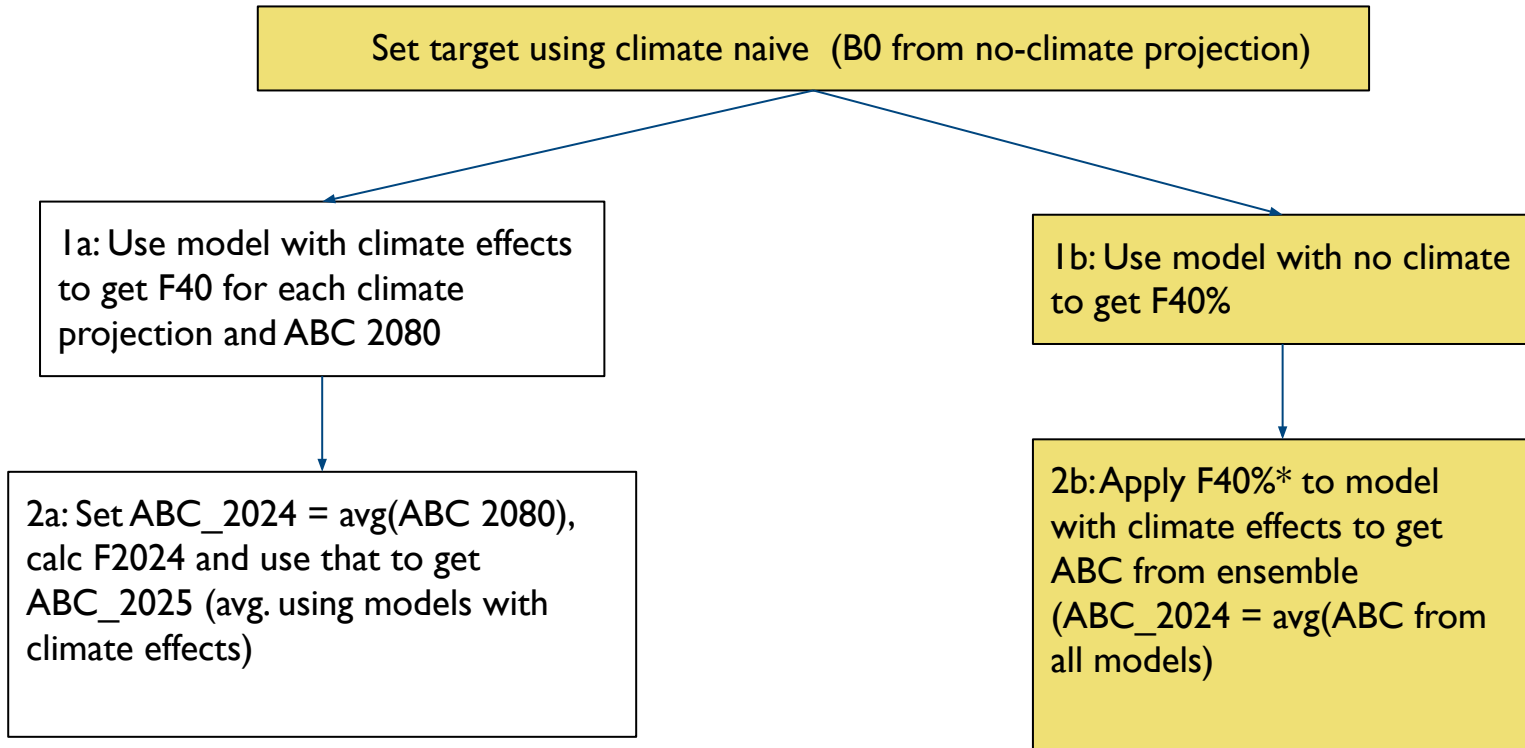
Species	Covariates	Type	R2	deltaAIC	cumIAIC
a) Single-species					
W. Pollock	(Su)SST + (Sp)largeZoop	Linear	0.27	0	0.03
W. Pollock	(Su)SST + (Fa)NCaS + (Sp)largeZoop	Linear, SSB(y-1)	0.42	1.389	0.14
P. Cod	(Fa)SST	Linear	0.16	0	0.07
P. Cod	(Fa)SST	Linear, SSB(y-1)	0.16	2.398	0.12
Arrowtooth	(Sp)EupS	Ricker	0.09	0	0.02
Arrowtooth	(Wi)pH + (Su)SST + (Su)BT + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Ricker	0.25	6.631	0.92
b) Multi-species					
W. Pollock	(Su)SST + (Sp)largeZoop	Linear	0.28	0	0.03
W. Pollock	(Su)SST + (Wi)EupS + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Linear, SSB(y-1)	0.46	4.456	0.62
P. Cod	(Fa)SST	Linear	0.13	0	0.04
P. Cod	(Fa)SST	Linear, SSB(y-1)	0.14	1.886	0.19
Arrowtooth	(Wi)pH + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Linear	0.23	0	0.02
Arrowtooth	(Wi)pH + (Su)SST + (Su)BT + (Sp)largeZoop + (Fa)largeZoop	Ricker	0.31	5.635	0.82

Adapting reference points to reflect changes in productivity

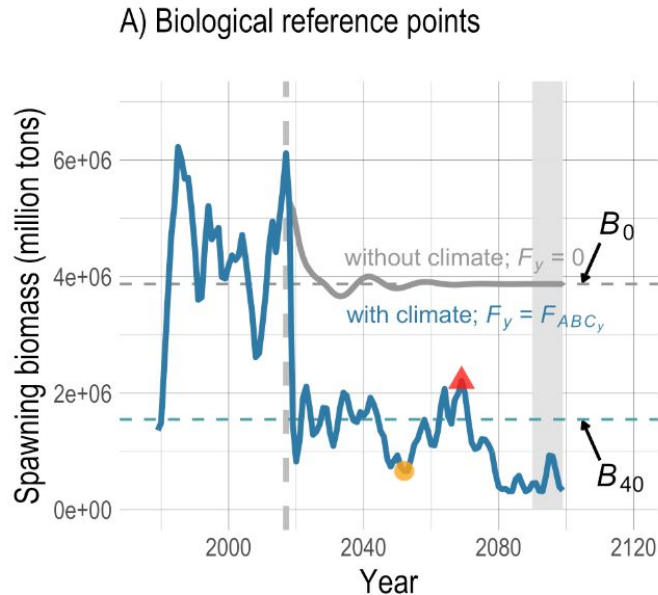
- MSA directs reference points to reflect current and probable future environmental conditions
- Changing reference points for stocks undergoing climate-related productivity shifts can result in counter-intuitive management actions:
 - Declining stocks fished harder
 - Flourishing stocks fished more conservatively



Climate informed BRPs



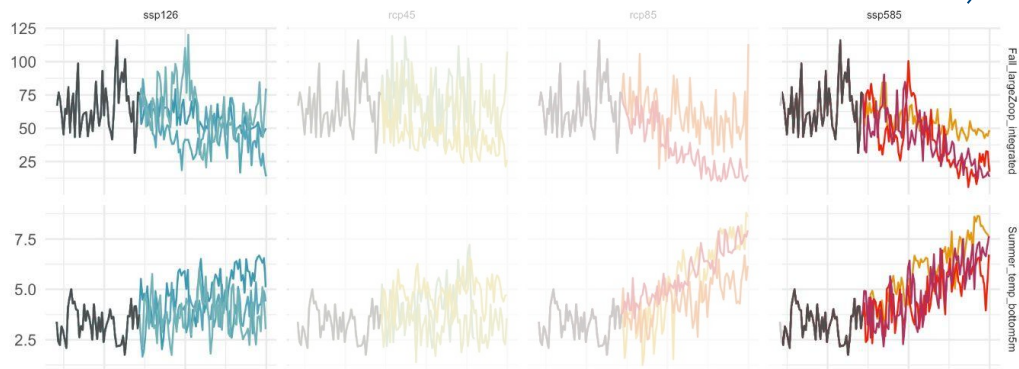
Climate informed biological reference points



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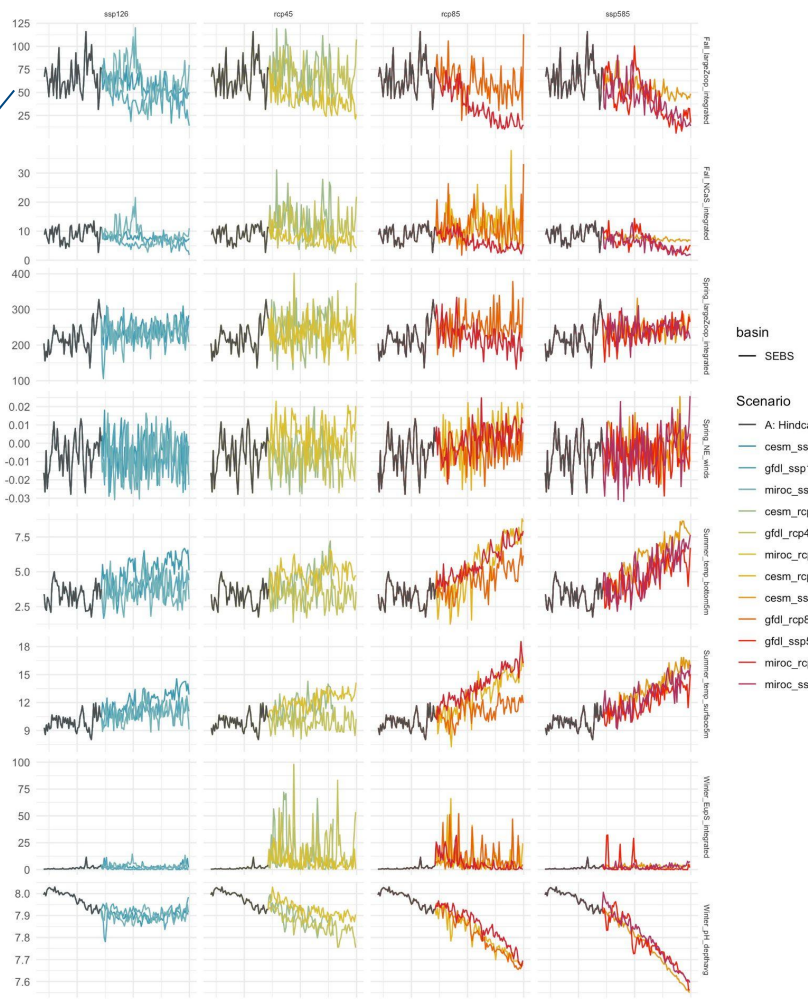
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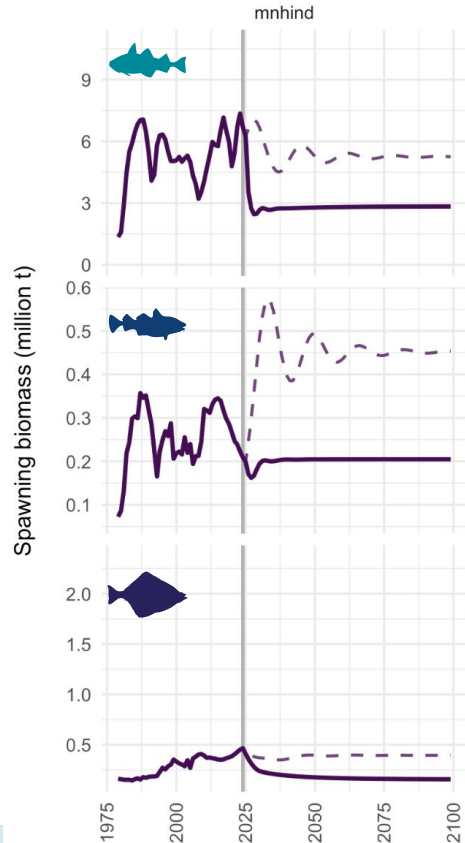
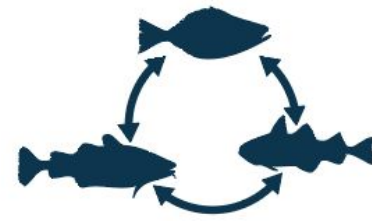


carbon mitigation

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Biomass (multispecies)

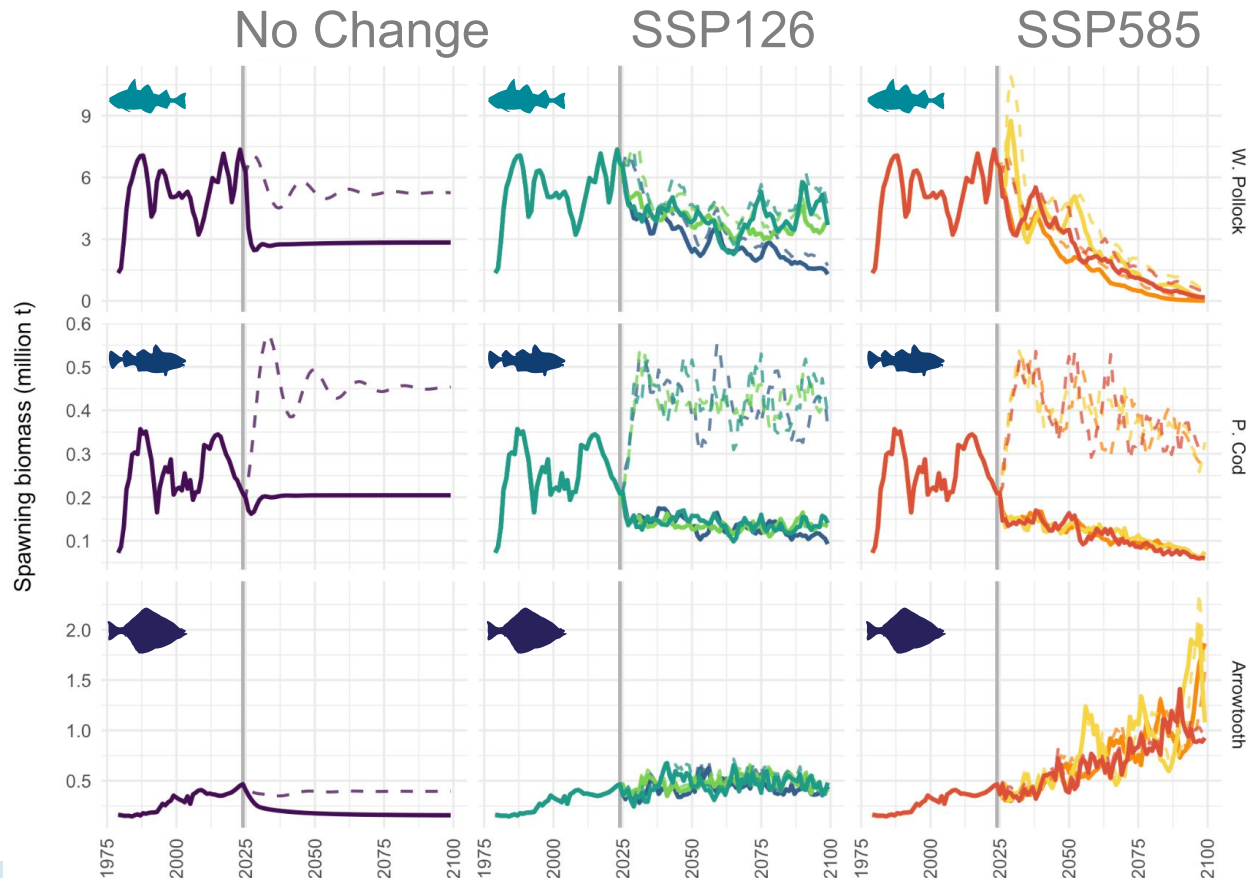
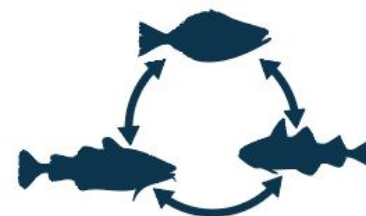


Project to 2099 such that
 F that results in $B_{2095-2099} \sim 0.4 B_{100\%}$
AND $B_y > 0.35 B_{100\%}$

Pollock & P. cod first, then arrowtooth

(Holsman et al. 2016)

Biomass (multispecies)



- fished
 - - unfished
 - fished
- type_sim2
 - Cl-cesm_ssp126
 - Cl-cesm_ssp585
 - Cl-gfdl_ssp126
 - Cl-gfdl_ssp585
 - Cl-miroc_ssp126
 - Cl-miroc_ssp585
 - CN-mnhnd

Assumes no climate adaptation (in fish, fishery or fisheries management)

Climate informed BRPs and ABC evaluations

5 Climate-informed outlook

5.1 Probability of near-term (+ 1-2 yr) biomass decline or increase

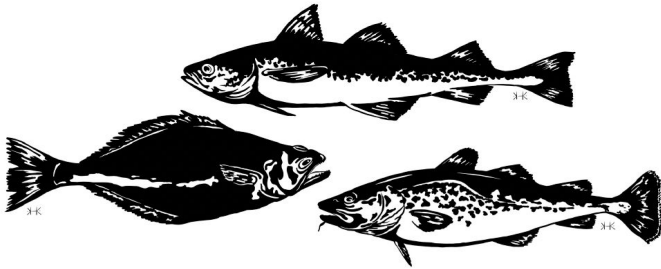
- Relative to 2024 levels, the model projects SSB of pollock will decline in 2025 (projected based on 2024 catch) followed by a decline in SSB in 2026 (projected with F_{ABC}). For Pacific cod, the model projects a decline (slightly) in SSB in both 2025 and 2026.
- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models and projected future warming scenarios (including high (ssp126), moderate(RCP45), and low (ssp585) carbon mitigation scenarios, as well as a persistence scenario and assuming 2024 catch for 2025 and F_{ABC} for 2026, estimate a 95% probability that pollock SSB will remain between 92-95% of 2024 SSB in 2025 and will be between 79-82% of 2024 SSB levels in 2026.
- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models based on long-term projections estimate a 95% chance that Pacific cod SSB will continue to decline to between 93-98% of 2024 SSB in 2025 and between 75-78% of 2024 SSB levels in 2026.
- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models based on long-term projections estimate a 95% chance that arrowtooth SSB will be between 82 and 93% of 2024 SSB in 2025 and will be between 77 and 87% of 2024 SSB levels in 2026.



Multispecies assessment

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Climate-informed outlook

Probability of near-term (+ 1-2 yr) biomass decline or increase

- Relative to 2023 levels, the model projects SSB of pollock will decline in 2024 (projected based on 2023 catch) followed by a decline in SSB in 2025 (projected with F_{ABC}). For Pacific cod the model projects

Use climate informed model to characterize risk in +1 & +2 years

2024 and between 78-82% of 2023 SSB levels in 2025.

- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models based on long-term projections estimate a 95% chance that arrowtooth SSB will be between 84 and 98% of 2023 SSB in 2024 and will be between 76 and 86% of 2023 SSB levels in 2025.

Low warming scenarios (SSP126): probability of long-term (2033, 2050, 2080) biomass decline or increase

- Trends in biomass and recruitment under high carbon mitigation (low warming; SSP126) scenarios are very similar to near-present day. *Note that projections assume no adaptation by the species, fishery, or*

Use climate informed model to characterize risk in 10 + years with low warming

- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models based on long-term projections estimate a 95% chance that arrowtooth SSB will be between 62-74% of 2023 SSB in 2033, between 63-68% of 2023 SSB levels in 2050, and between 59-66% of 2023 SSB levels in 2080.

High warming scenarios (SSP585): probability of long-term (2033, 2050, 2080) biomass decline or increase

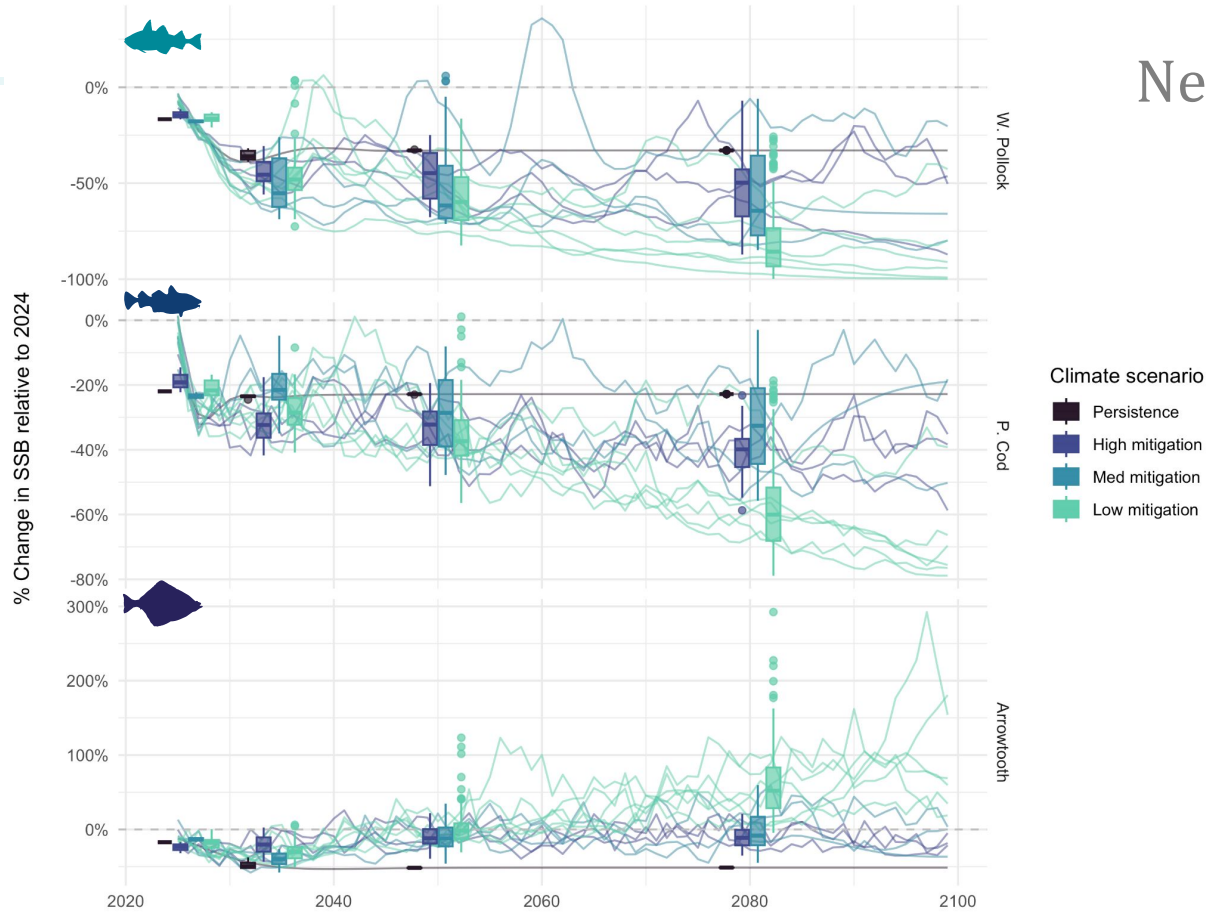
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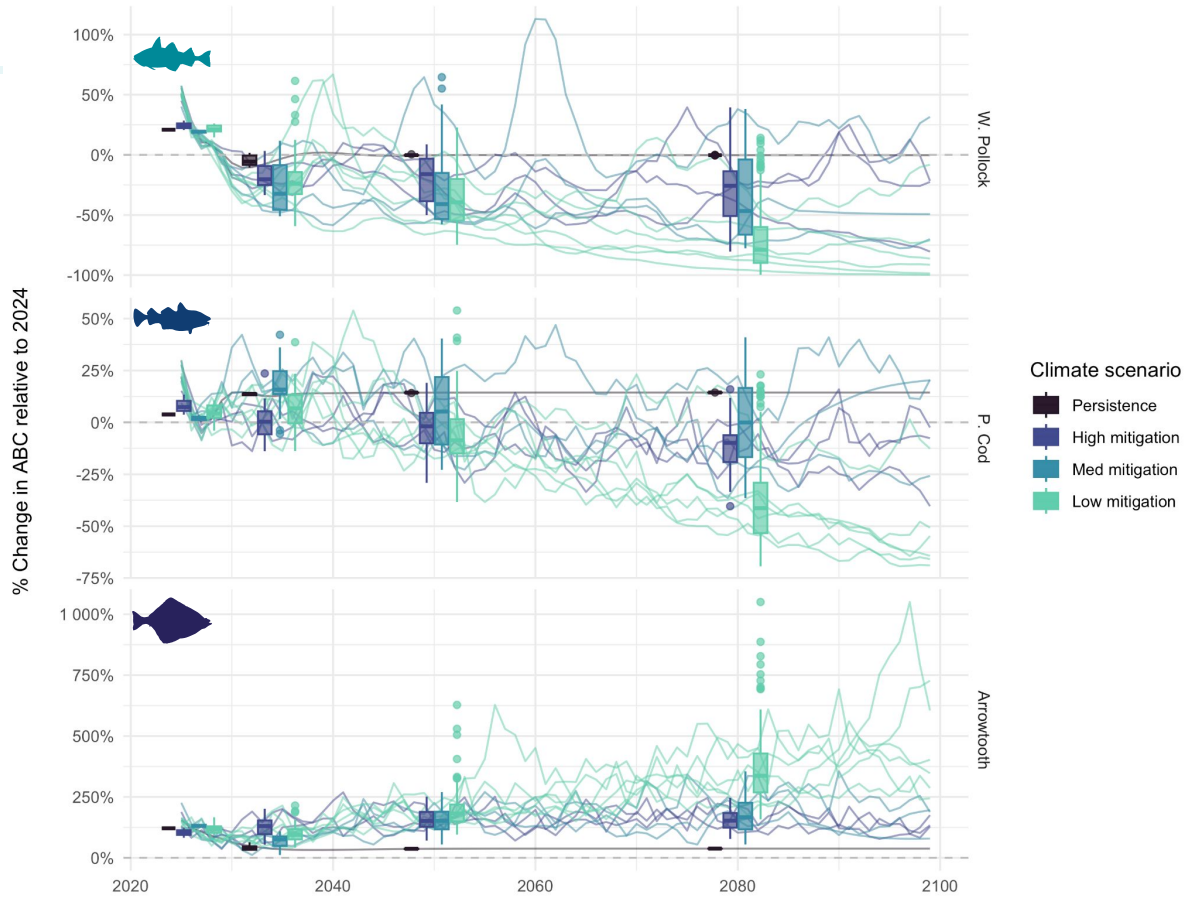
Use climate informed model to characterize risk in 10 + years with high warming

and 69% of 2023 SSB levels in 2050, and between 37 and 42% of 2023 SSB levels in 2080.

- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models based on long-term projections estimate a 95% chance that arrowtooth SSB will be between 64 and 74% of 2023 SSB in 2033, between 58 and 61% of 2023 SSB levels in 2050, and between 40 and 43% of 2023 SSB levels in 2080.

New this year





2023 Climate informed targets & reference points

Quantity	Walleye pollock		Pacific cod		Arrowtooth flounder	
	SSM	MSM	SSM	MSM	SSM	MSM
2023 M (age 1)	1.313	1.195	0.653	0.594	0.658	0.468
2023 Average 3+ M	0.306	0.306	0.38	0.38	0.227	0.227
Projected (age 3+) B_{2024} (t)	15,860,694	16,265,727	679,301	686,562	566,160	569,909
SSB_{2023} (t)	6,790,160	7,044,480	157,340	155,597	429,700	428,256
% change in SSB (t) from 2022	10.3	10.3	-9.2	-9.0	0.1	0.2
Projected SSB_{2024} (t)	6,239,390	6,475,040	156,408	155,652	374,227	373,806
Projected SSB_{2025} (t)	5,828,060	5,819,550	128,478	123,214	351,317	348,509
*Projected $SSB_{0,2100}$ (t)	6,164,698	6,504,694	322,907	372,244	368,306	426,212
*Projected $SSB_{target,2100}$ (t)	3,044,850	3,136,376	164,934	169,131	147,286	170,536
**Target 2100 B/B_0	0.494	0.482	0.511	0.454	0.4	0.4
$F_{target,2100}$	0.345	0.547	0.443	0.481	0.08	0.086
$F_{ABC,2024}$	0.134	0.192	0.498	0.566	0.033	0.042
ABC_{2024}	2,054,020	2,965,510	188,498	205,756	17,411	21,741
ABC_{2025}	1,853,370	2,521,900	156,934	165,274	16,533	20,573



Climate informed BRPs and ABC evaluations

5.2 Low warming scenarios (SSP126): probability of long-term (2034, 2050, 2080) biomass decline or increase

- Trends in biomass and recruitment under high carbon mitigation (low warming; SSP126) scenarios are very similar to near-present day. *Note that projections assume no adaptation by the species, fishery, or fishery management.* See Figures 32 and 33 for more information.
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Climate informed BRPs and ABC evaluations

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- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models based on long-term projections estimate a 95% chance that Pacific cod SSB will be between 68 and 73% of 2024 SSB in 2034, between 64 and 67% of 2024 SSB levels in 2050, and between 38 and 42% of 2024 SSB levels in 2080. Projections also estimate a 95% chance that the ABC for Pacific cod will be between 111 and 120% of 2024 ABC in 2034, between 103 and 108% of 2024 ABC levels in 2050, and between 62 and 68% of 2024 ABC levels in 2080.
- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models based on long-term projections estimate a 95% chance that arrowtooth SSB will be between 73 and 91% of 2024 SSB in 2034, between 110 and 122% of 2024 SSB levels in 2050, and between 190 and 215% of 2024 SSB levels in 2080. Projections also estimate a 95% chance that the ABC for arrowtooth will be between 241 and 305% of 2024 ABC in 2034, between 369 and 409% of 2024 ABC levels in 2050, and between 636 and 721% of 2024 ABC levels in 2080.

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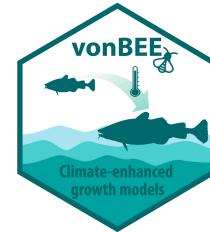
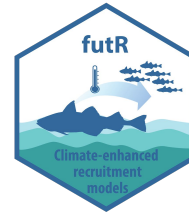
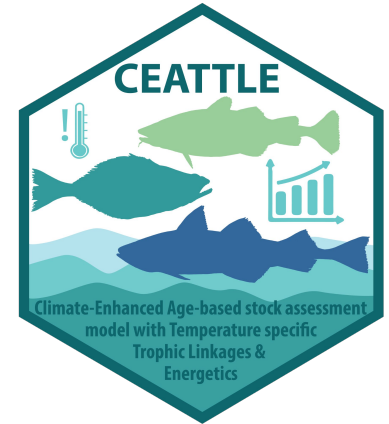
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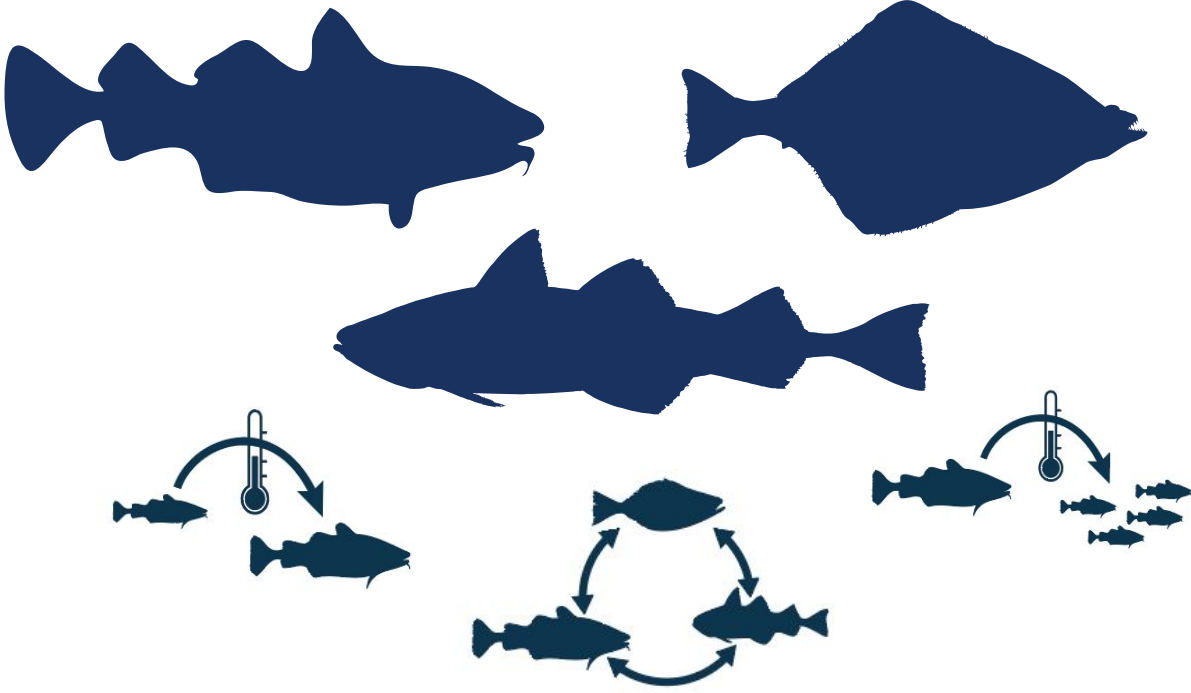
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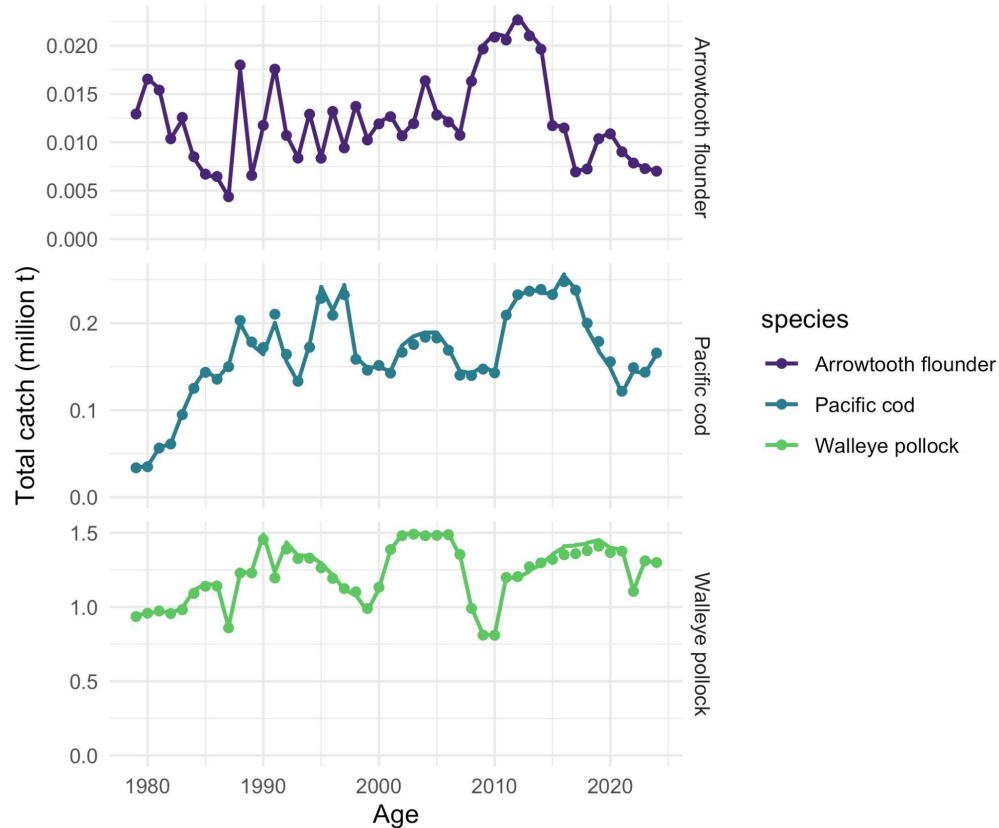
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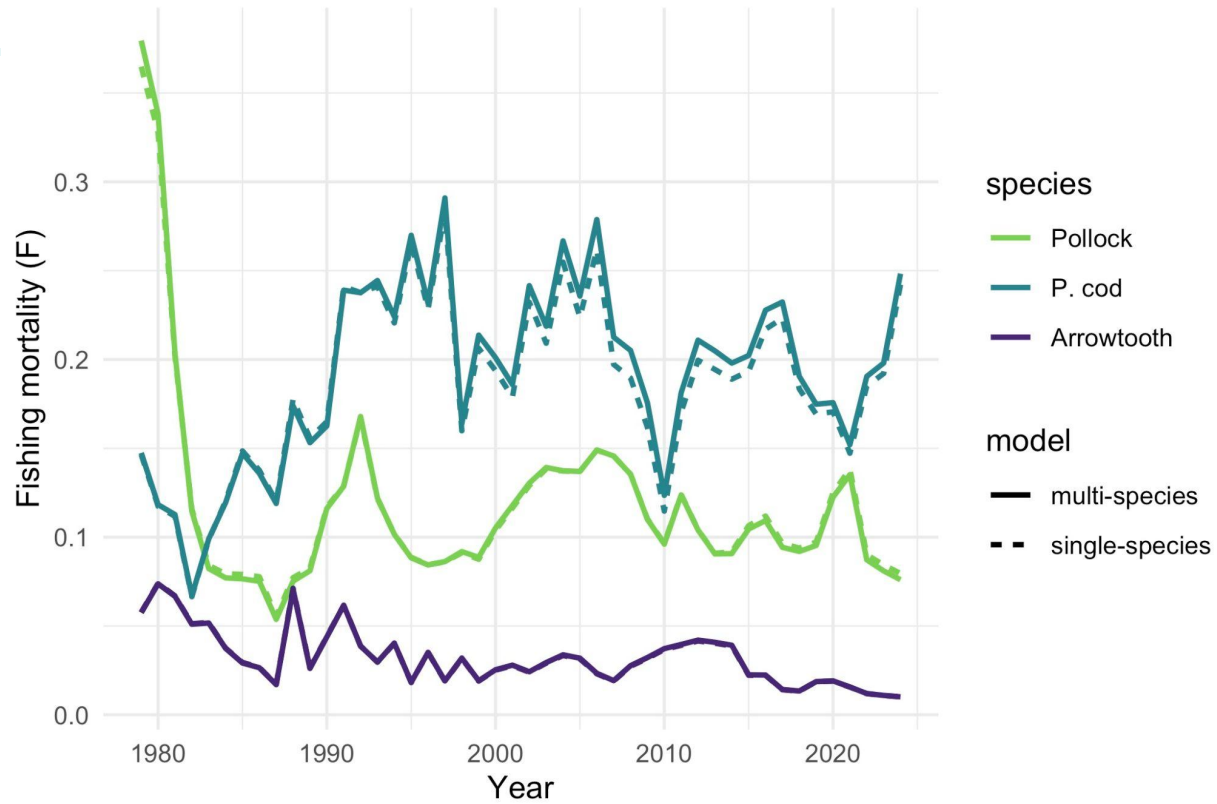


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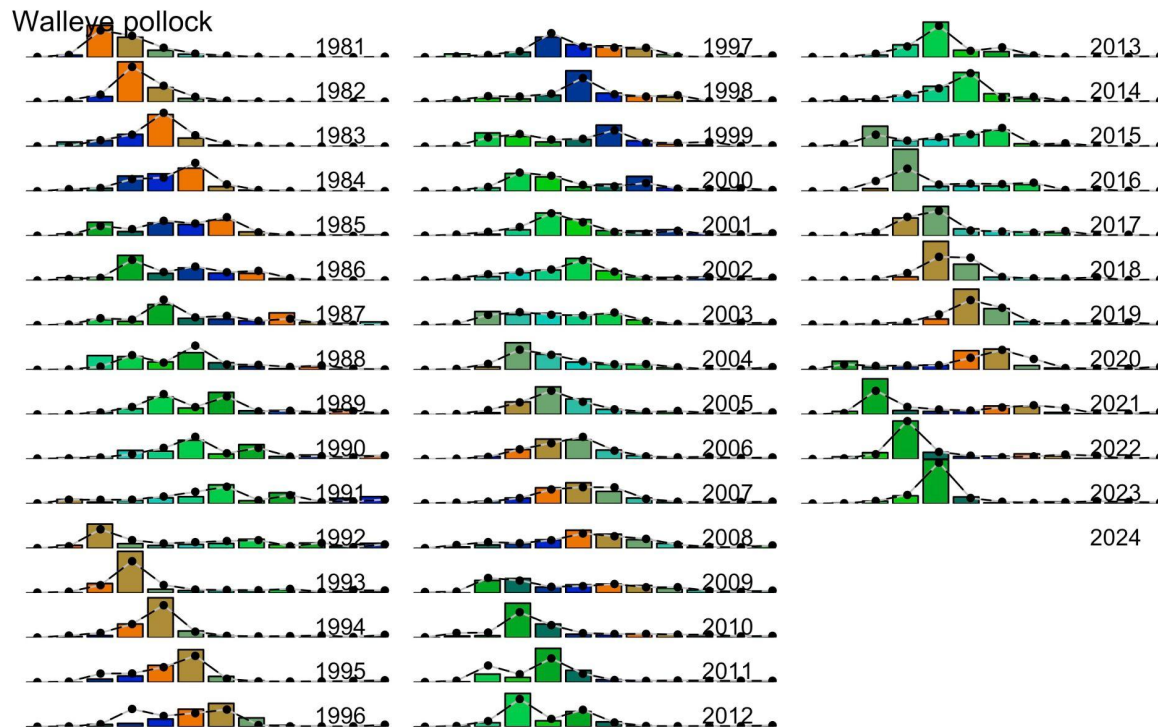




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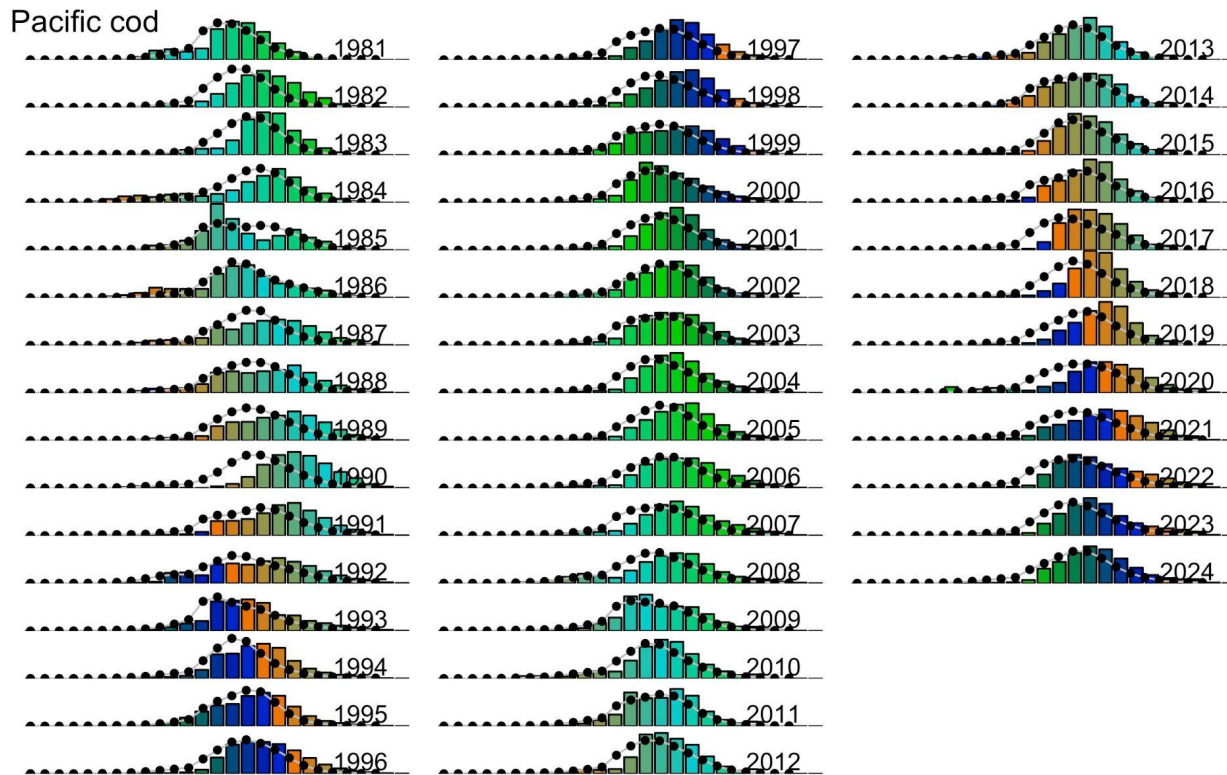


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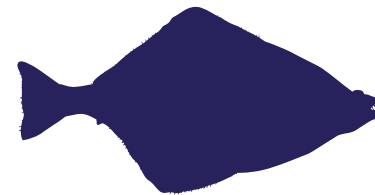
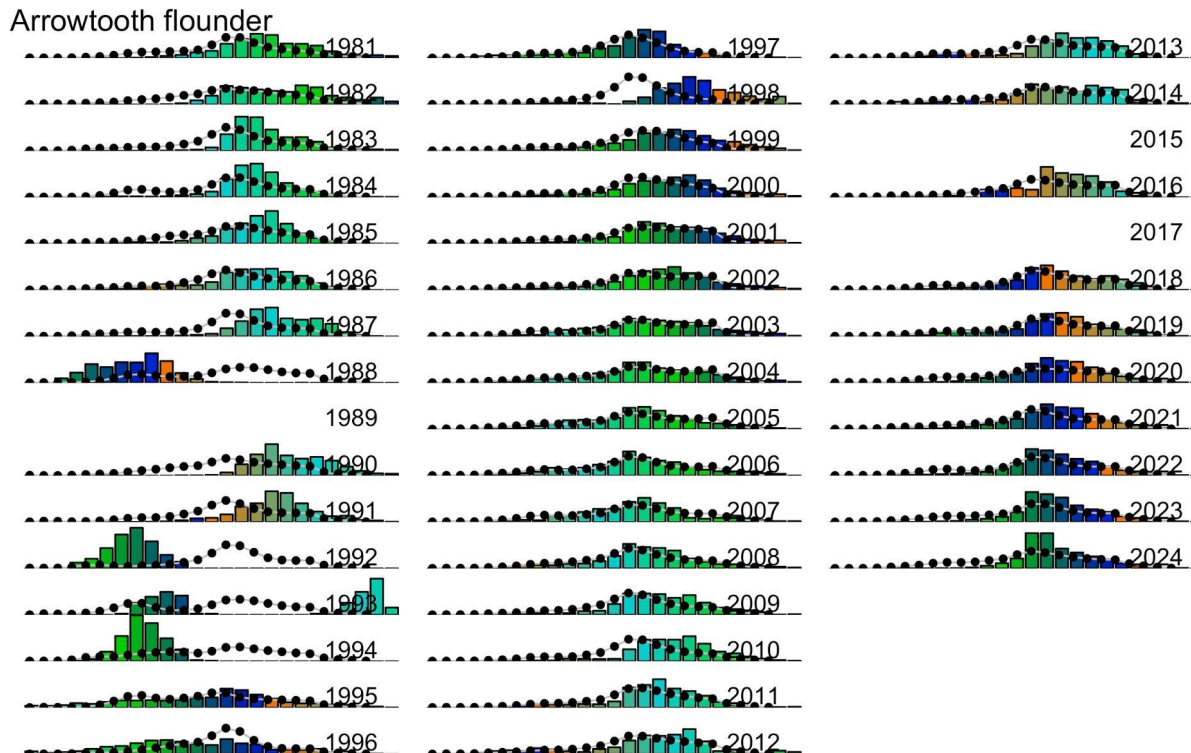


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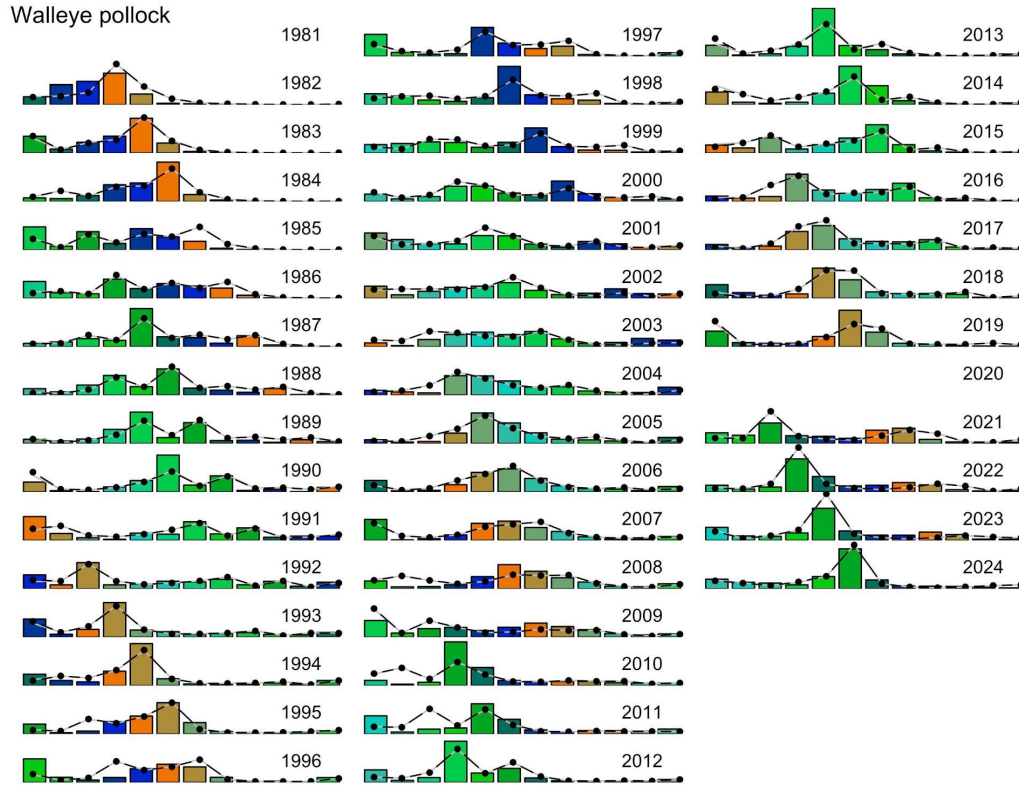


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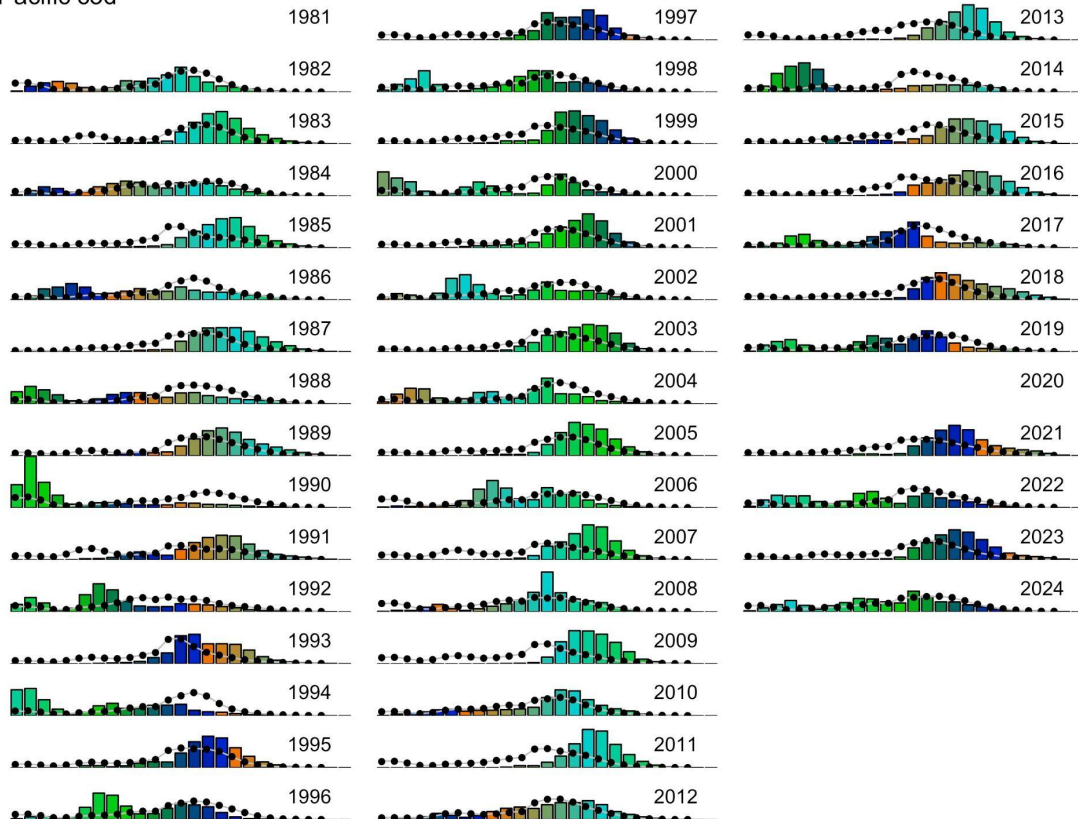
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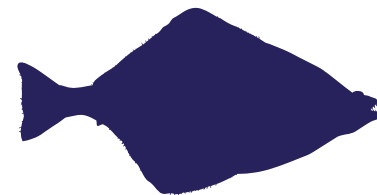
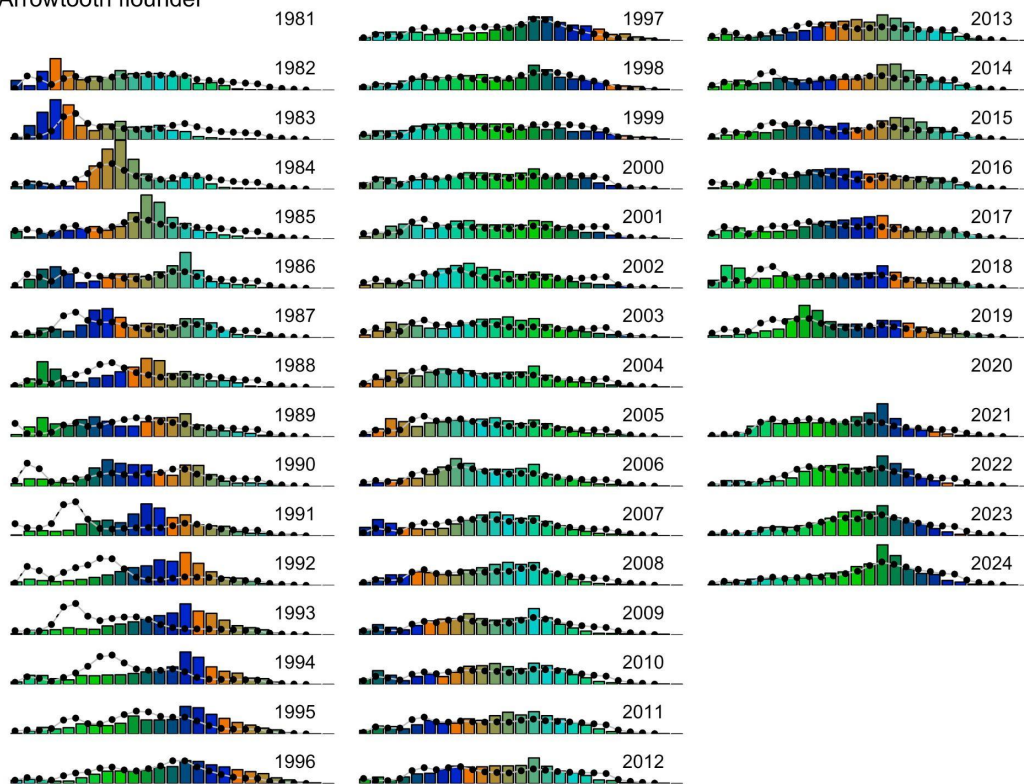
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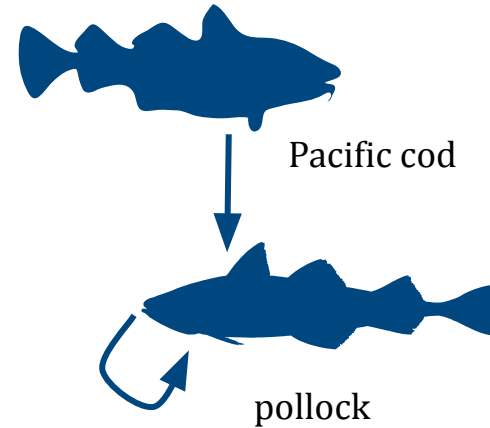
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Jurado-Molina et al. 2005 doi: 10.1139/F05-110



MSVPA → Statistical MSM



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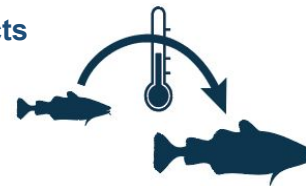
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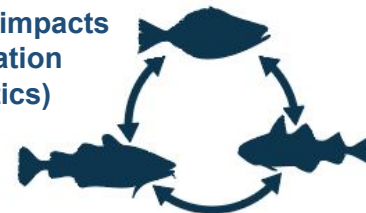
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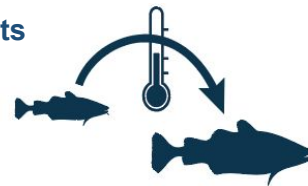
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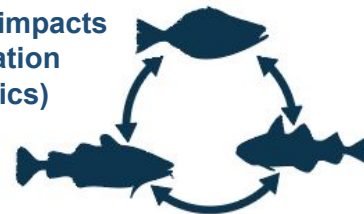


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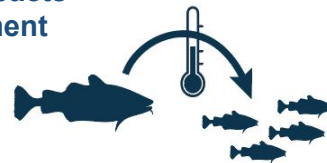


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- o M2 index for EBS ecosystem status report (2016 to now)
- o M2 index for ESP (2020 to now)

ACLIM/Bering Sea:

- o 2010-2015 BSIERP MSE
- o 2016- now ACLIM - climate MSE
- o 2019- 2023 Lenfest NFS
- o Lenfest ocean wealth



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Bering Seasons

- o Forecasts under 9mo

GOA

- o G. Adams (UW) : 3 and 4 species model for GOA (Adams et al, in review)
- o G. Adams (UW) : M2 index for GOA Ecosystem Status Report (2021-now)
- o Climate MSE underway for GOA

Hake (S. Wassermann)

Model Summary

CEATTLE (Holsman et al. 2016)

- NEBS+EBS
- Age or Length based
- Multi- or single-species
- ADMB
- Climate (energetics) effects on
 - Growth
 - Mortality (if in MSM)
 - Recruitment
- Used to derive climate-inform. ABC
- Pollock, Pcod, ATF
- Operational 2016 - now (annually)
- Climate naive targets; climate informed reference points

Rceattle (Adams et al. 2022)

- GOA
- Age or Length based
- Multi- or single-species
- TMB
- Random effects
- Data weighting
- Climate (energetics) effects on
 - Growth*
 - Mortality (if in MSM)
 - Recruitment
- Used in EBS, GOA, and Cali Current (hake)
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Discussion : Climate informed BRPs

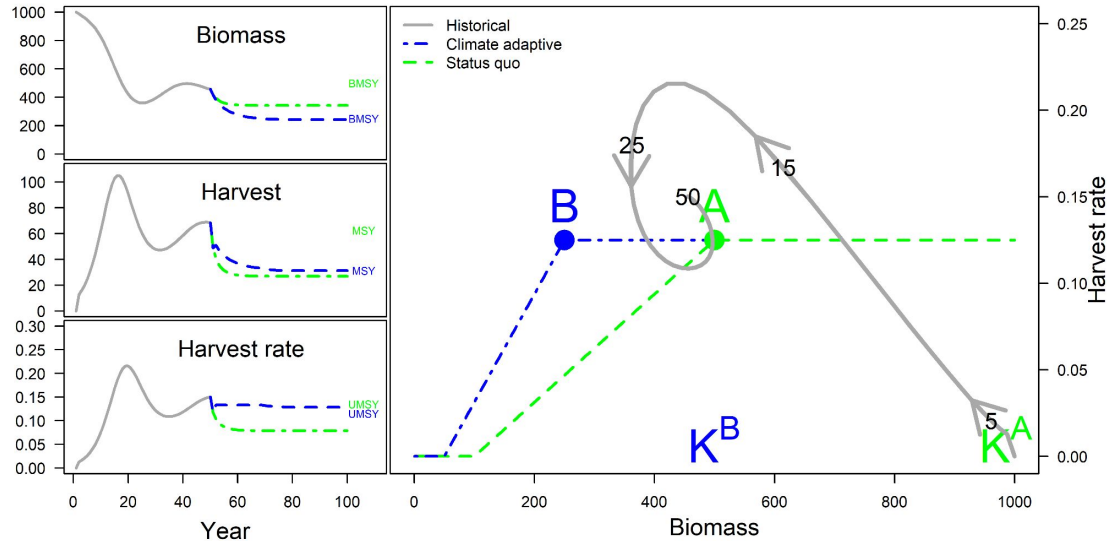
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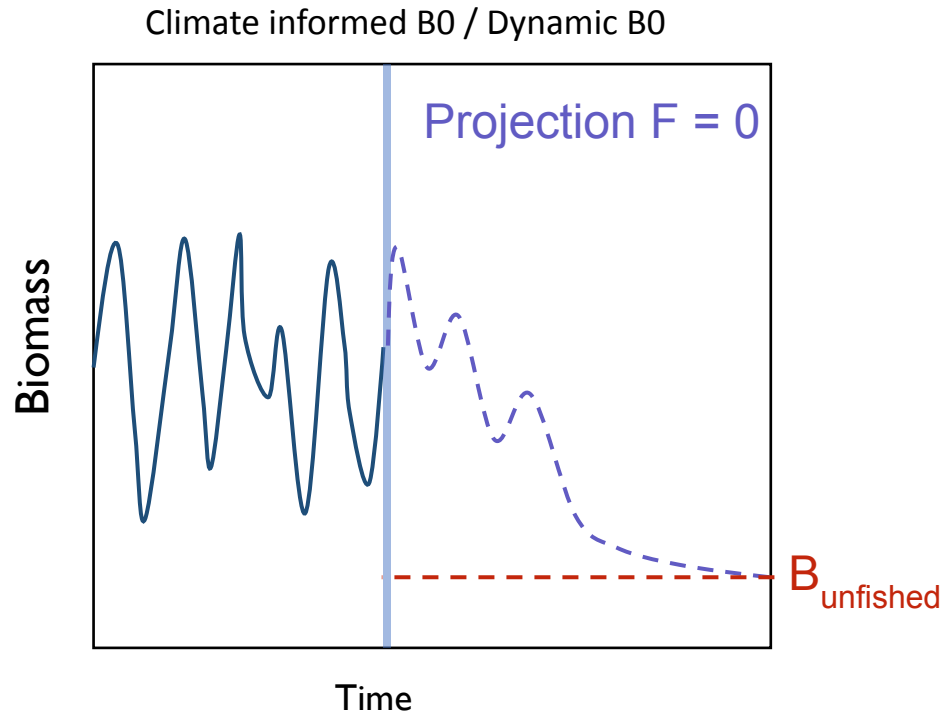


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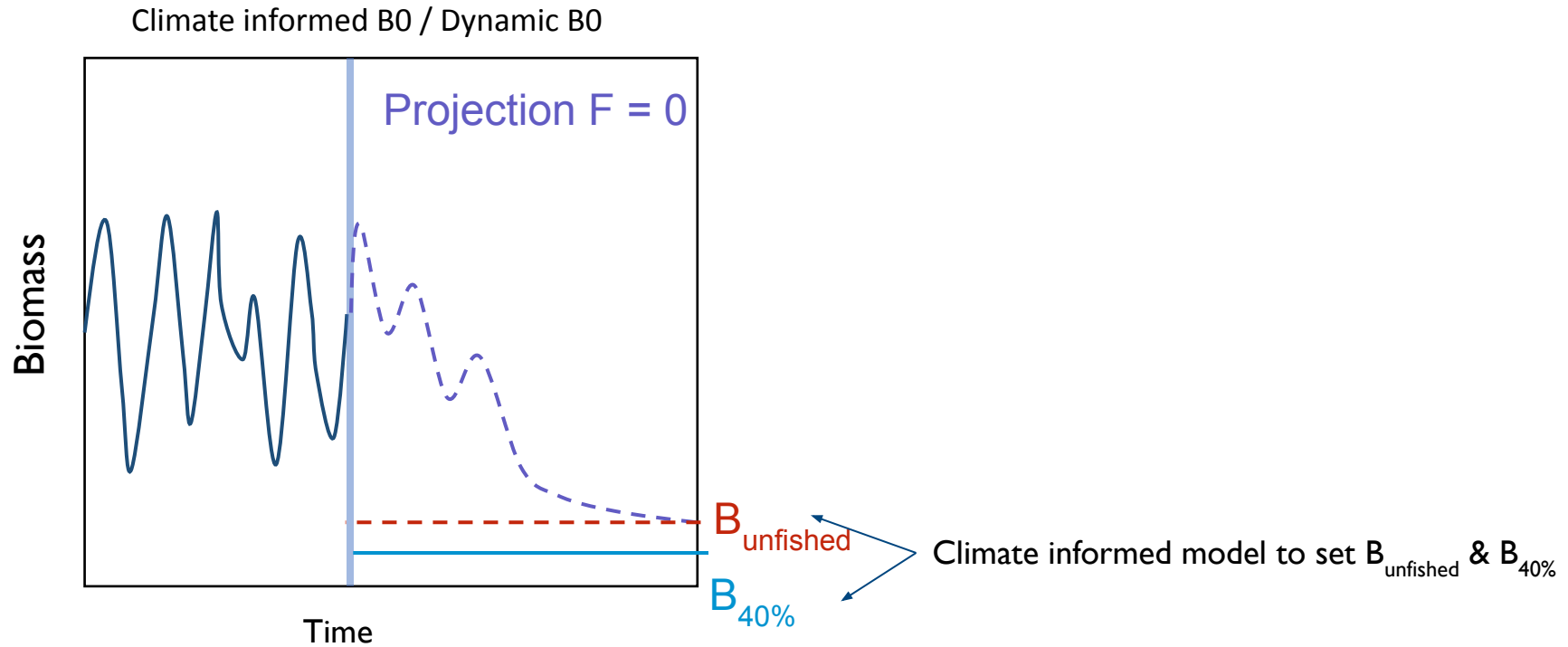
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 - Flourishing stocks could be fished more conservatively



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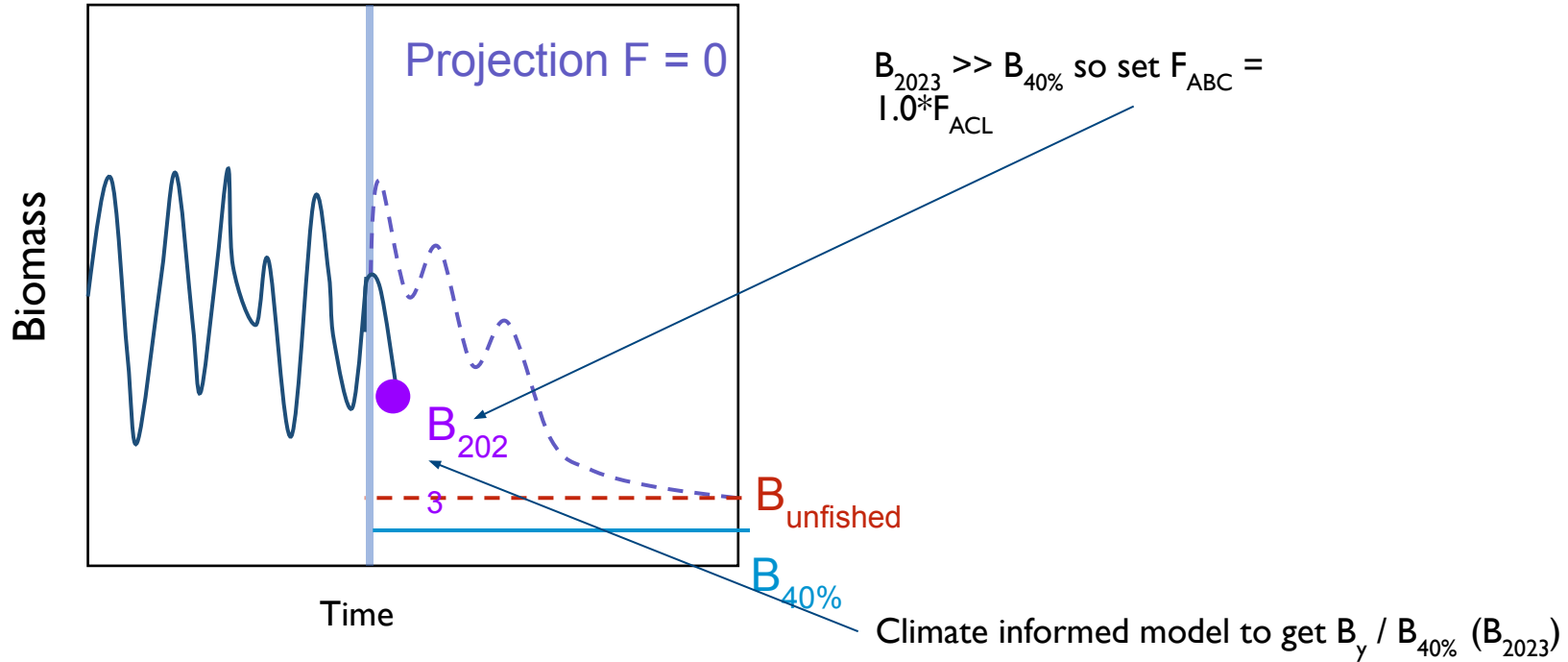


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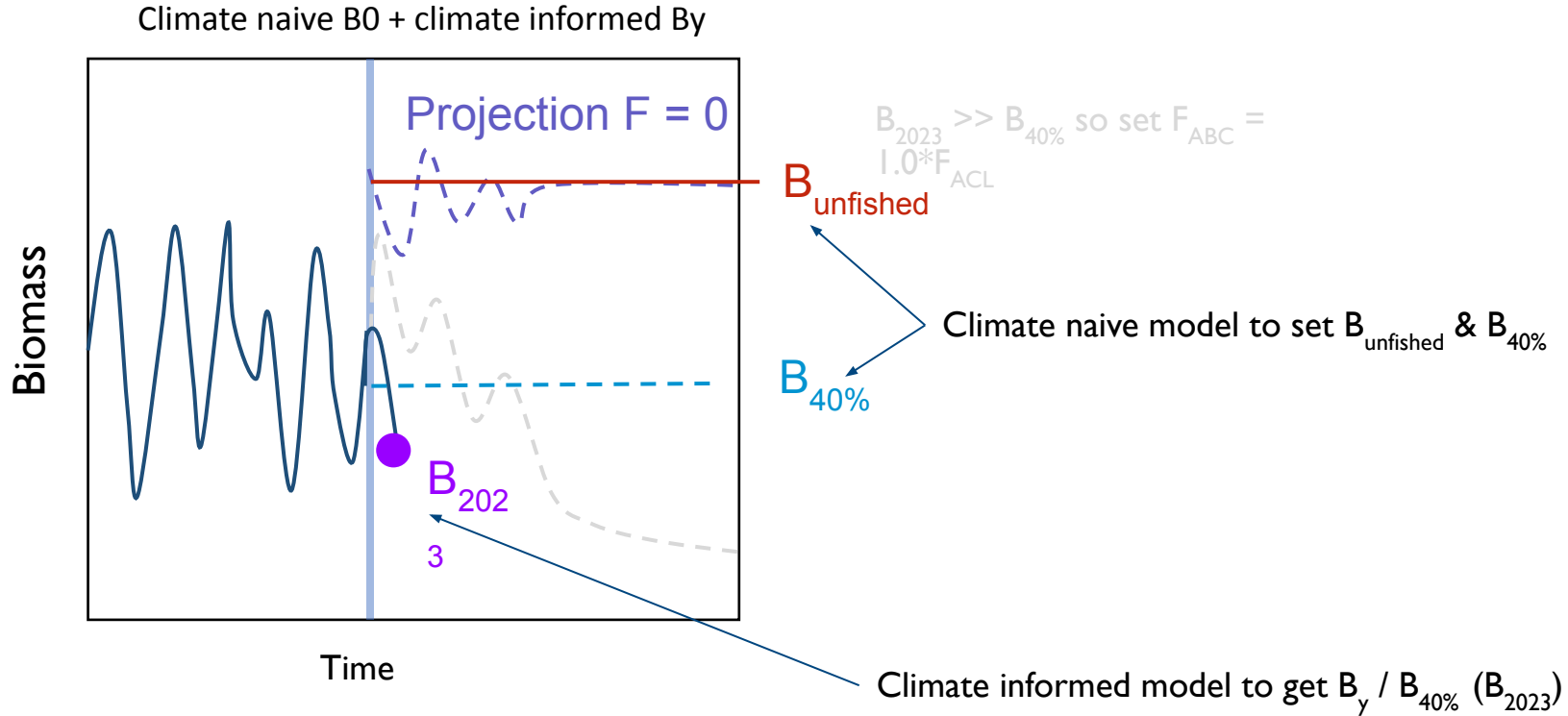


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Climate informed B0 / Dynamic B0



“hybrid” climate- naive & climate informed approach



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