



Climate Change Scenario Planning

A brief overview

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Warming in the Arctic is 2-3 x global average

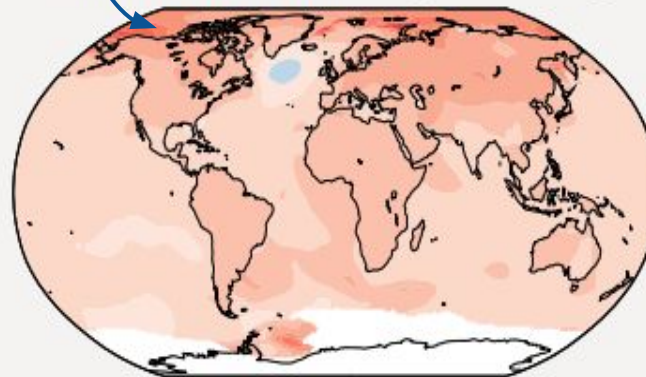
1.07°C of “Global mean warming” = Warming of 2-3°C in the Arctic

“Arctic Amplification”

a) Annual mean temperature change (°C) at 1 °C global warming

Warming at 1 °C affects all continents and is generally larger over land than over the oceans in both observations and models. Across most regions, observed and simulated patterns are consistent.

Observed change per 1 °C global warming



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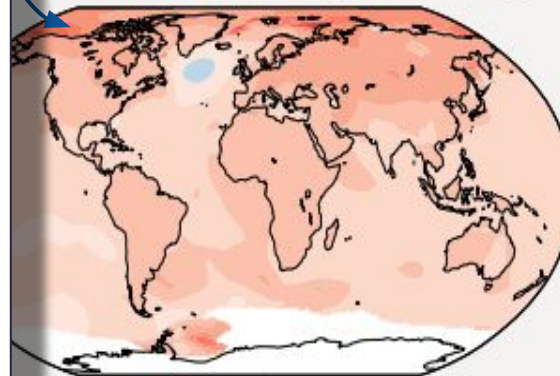
The Arctic has warmed nearly four times faster than the globe since 1979

Mika Rantanen¹, Alexey Yu. Karpechko¹, Antti Lipponen², Kalle Nordling^{1,3}, Otto Hyvärinen¹, Kimmo Ruosteenoja¹, Timo Vihma¹ & Ari Laaksonen^{1,4}

In recent decades, the warming in the Arctic has been much faster than in the rest of the world, a phenomenon known as Arctic amplification. Numerous studies report that the Arctic is warming either twice, more than twice, or even three times as fast as the globe on average. Here we show, by using several observational datasets which cover the Arctic region, that during the last 43 years the Arctic has been warming nearly four times faster than the globe, which is a higher ratio than generally reported in literature. We compared the observed Arctic amplification ratio with the ratio simulated by state-of-the-art climate models, and found that the observed four-fold warming ratio over 1979–2021 is an extremely rare occasion in the climate model simulations. The observed and simulated amplification ratios are more consistent with each other if calculated over a longer period; however the comparison is obscured by observational uncertainties before 1979. Our results indicate that the recent four-fold Arctic warming ratio is either an extremely unlikely event, or the climate models systematically tend to underestimate the amplification.

Global average “Arctic Amplification”

observed change per 1 °C global warming

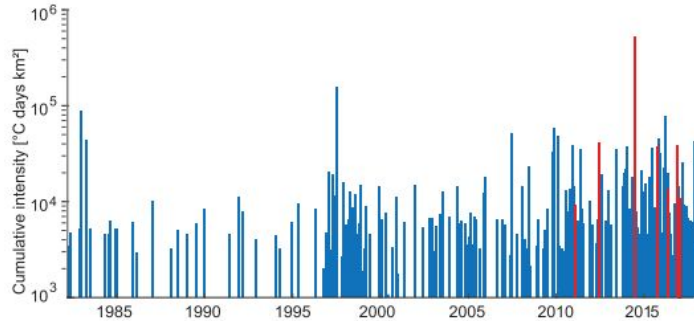


Climate change : Marine Heatwaves

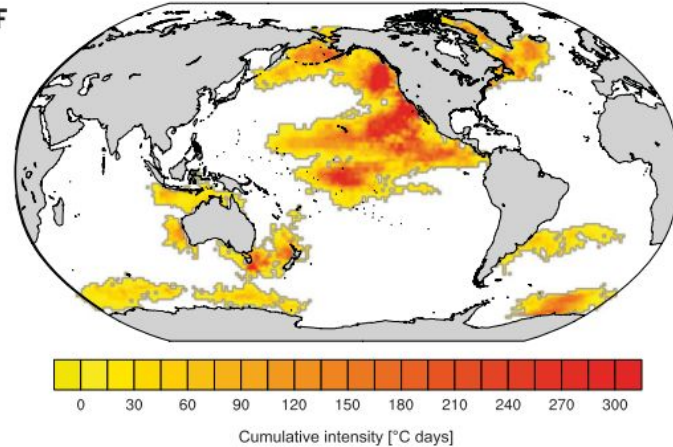
“We show that the occurrence probabilities of the duration, intensity, and cumulative intensity of most documented, large, and **impactful MHWs have increased more than 20-fold as a result of anthropogenic climate change.**”

Pre-industrial (0°C GWL) = once every 100-1,000 y
1.5°C global warming = once every 10 - 100 y
3.0°C global warming = once every 1 - 10 y

E MHW Intensity



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[supporting effective adaptation]
“to climate change depends on
society’s ability & willingness to anticipate the change,
recognise its effects,
plan to accommodate its consequences,
& implement a coordinated portfolio of informed solutions”

-- IPCCWGII Chp.3



Why do scenario planning now?

To gather & organize the information, tools, & support for navigating future change



What can be done? Prediction, Planning, Preparing



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A scenic view of a forested shoreline next to a body of water. The water is a light teal color, and the forest is dense with green trees. The shoreline is rocky and pebbly.

What is Scenario Planning?

- “Scenario planning is a strategy organizations use to **consider possible future events so they can develop effective and relevant long-term plans.**”
- “Scenario planning differs from forecasting because it considers trend analyses and **qualitative** data in addition to examining **quantitative** data and past events.”
- “Regular and consistent scenario planning can help organizations **allocate resources successfully, mitigate risks** and decrease production costs.”

Scenario planning

(figure from NPS)

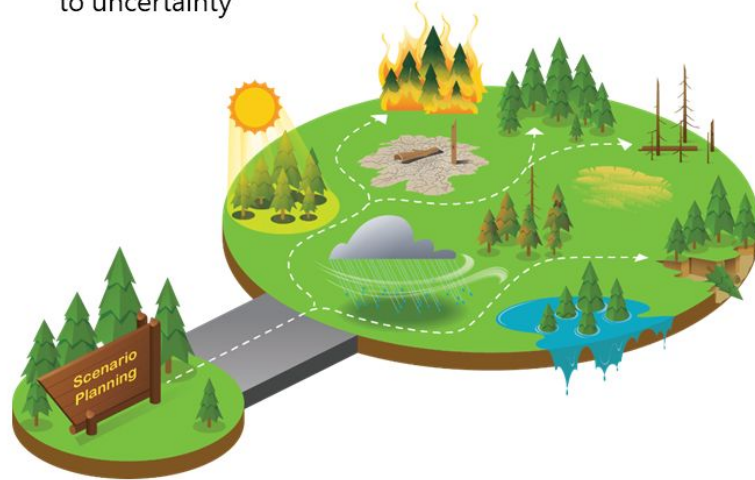
Traditional planning

- Assumes the future will resemble the past
- Assumes high certainty in our ability to accurately predict the future
- Encourages a precise characterization of the future
- Leaves managers vulnerable to surprises in situations of high uncertainty



Scenario planning

- Assumes the future will likely differ from the past
- Recognizes uncertainty and asks "what might happen?" in a rigorous and structured way
- Encourages broad and open-minded exploration of future possibilities and surprises
- Helps managers identify strategies that are robust to uncertainty

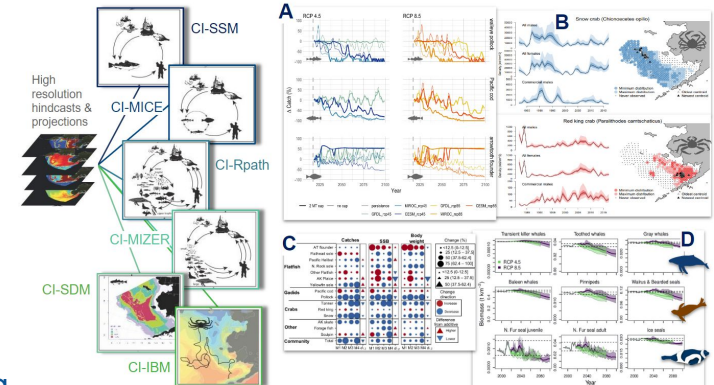
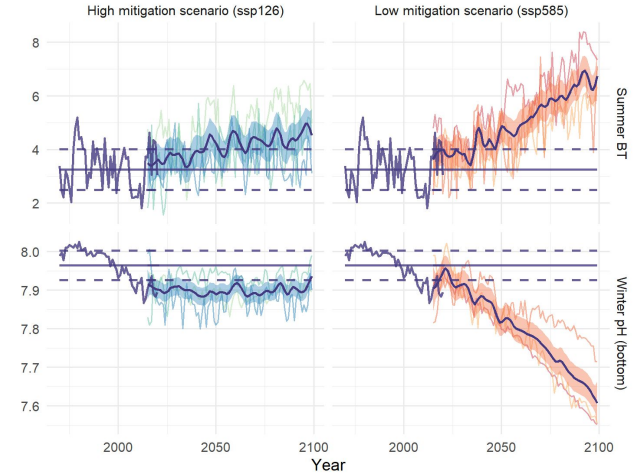


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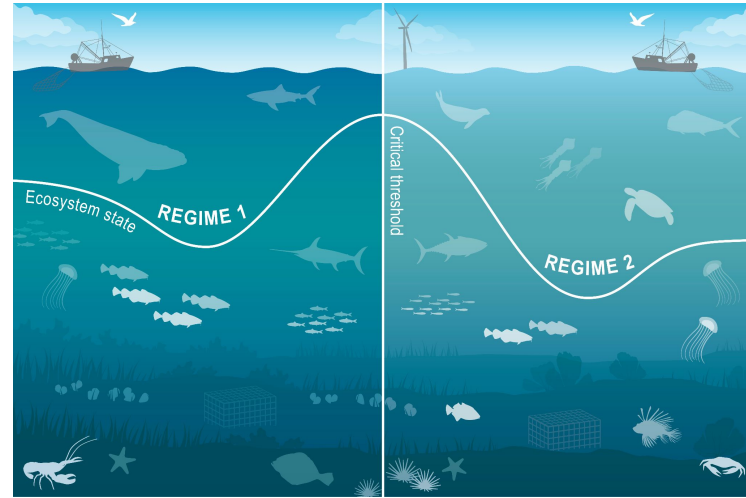
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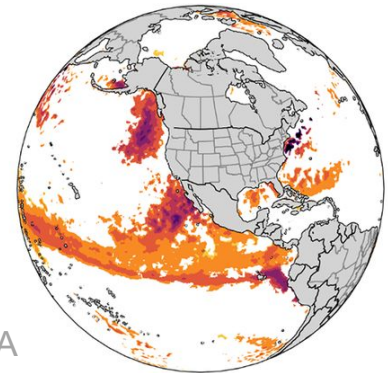
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<https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/scenario-planning>



https://noaa-edab.github.io/presentations/20210310_MAFM_C_SSC_Gaichas.html#6

What if ?



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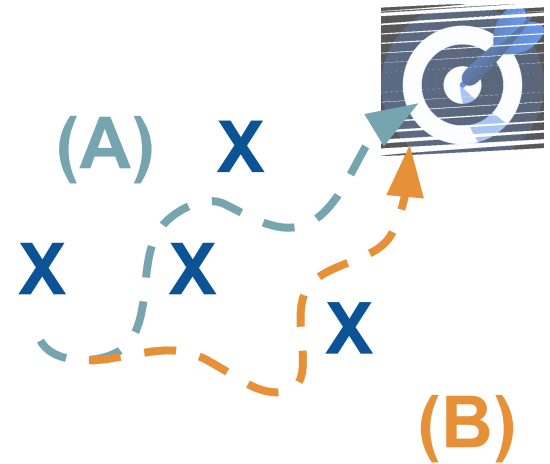


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Given different futures...

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Participatory and inclusive approaches

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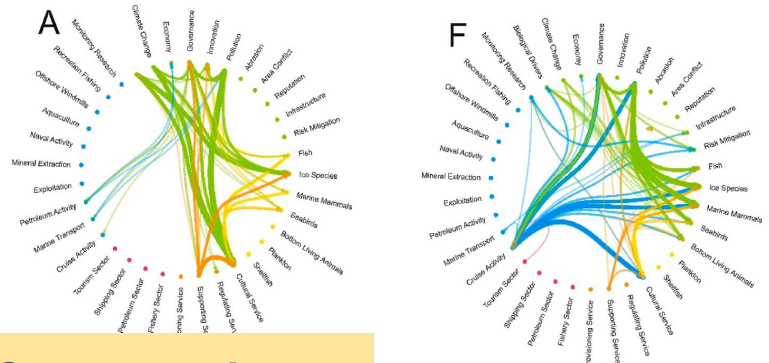
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Multiple stakeholders' perspectives of marine social ecological systems, a case study on the Barents Sea

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Holistic solutions emerge from a plurality of perspectives

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Directed graphs
Stakeholder engagement

The Barents Sea ecosystem components and services are under pressure from climate change and other anthropogenic impacts. Following an Ecosystem-based management approach, multiple simultaneous pressures are addressed by using integrative strategies, but regular prioritization of key issues is needed. Identification of such priorities is typically done in a 'scoping' phase, where the characterization of the social-ecological system is defined and discussed. We performed a scoping exercise using an open and flexible multi-stakeholder approach to build conceptual models of the Barents Sea social-ecological system. After standardizing vocabulary, a complex hierarchical model structure containing 155 elements was condensed to a simpler model structure containing a maximum of 36 elements. To capture a common understanding across stakeholder groups, inputs from the individual group models were compiled into a collective model. Stakeholders' representation of the Barents Sea social-ecological system is complex and often group specific, emphasizing the need to include social scientific methods to ensure the identification and inclusion of key stakeholders in the process. Any summary or simplification of the stakeholders' representation neglects important information. Some commonalities are highlighted in the collective model, and additional information from the hierarchical model is provided by multicriteria analysis. The collective conceptual stakeholder model provides input to an integrated overview and strengthens prioritization in Ecosystem-based management by supporting the development of qualitative network models. Such models allow for exploration of perturbations and can inform cross-sectoral management trade-offs and priorities.

- Explore multiple conceptualizations of the system
- Don't aim for consensus
- No need to "drop" information
- Can be used to identify maladaptation
- Shared solutions emerge

Scenario Planning

Scenario Planning: An Introduction for Fishery Managers

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“Scenario planning is a flexible tool that has potential to help fisheries managers plan for a future that is full of uncertainty by **working with the uncertainty** rather than attempting to reduce it.”

“**Stakeholder engagement** is at the core of scenario planning, and **confers benefits that transcend the planning process.**”

“Inclusion of a **diverse group of stakeholders contributes a broad knowledge base** to the project and helps open lines of communication to various groups in the community.”

“The ongoing nature of implementation means that all the **results of a scenario planning project may not be realized for a long time.** Scenario planning should be viewed as a long-term investment in resources management.”

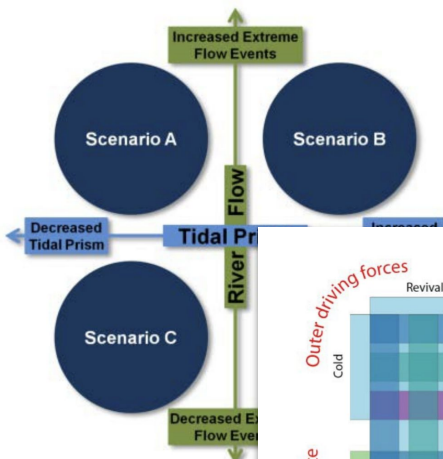


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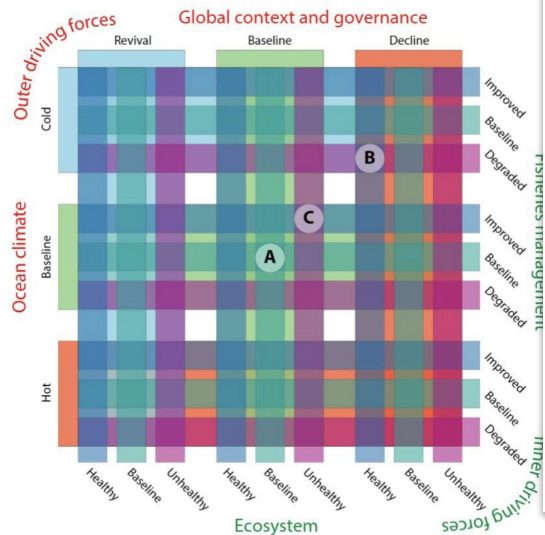
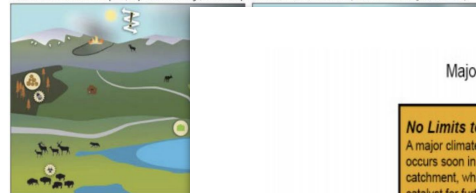


Figure 5: Single-perspective scenarios combined to form multi-perspective scenarios in the Barents Sea Circles marked "A", "B", and "C" represent scenarios selected for analysis (Planque, et al., 2019).

Scenario 1: High Cumulative Impacts, Unpredictable Change, Exploitative Scenario 2: High Cumulative Impacts, Gradual Change, Exploitative



Scenario 3: Low Cumulative Impacts, Unpredictable Change, Stewardship Scenario 4: Low Cumulative Impacts, Gradual Change, Stewardship



- Legend
- ▲ = Selective Harvesting
 - = Sustainable Building
 - ☘ = Beetle Kill

Figure 6: Scenarios of ecological change 2015).

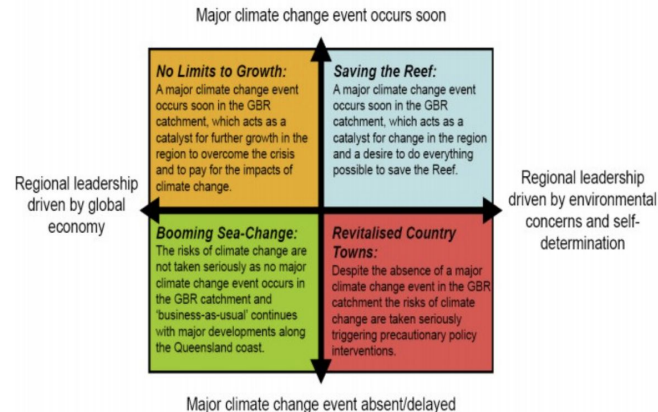
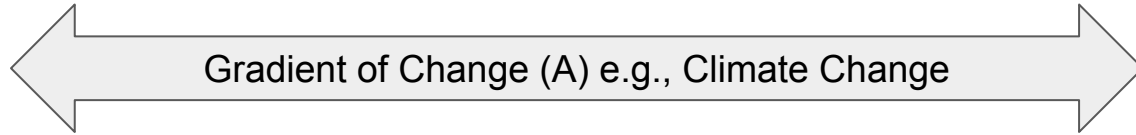
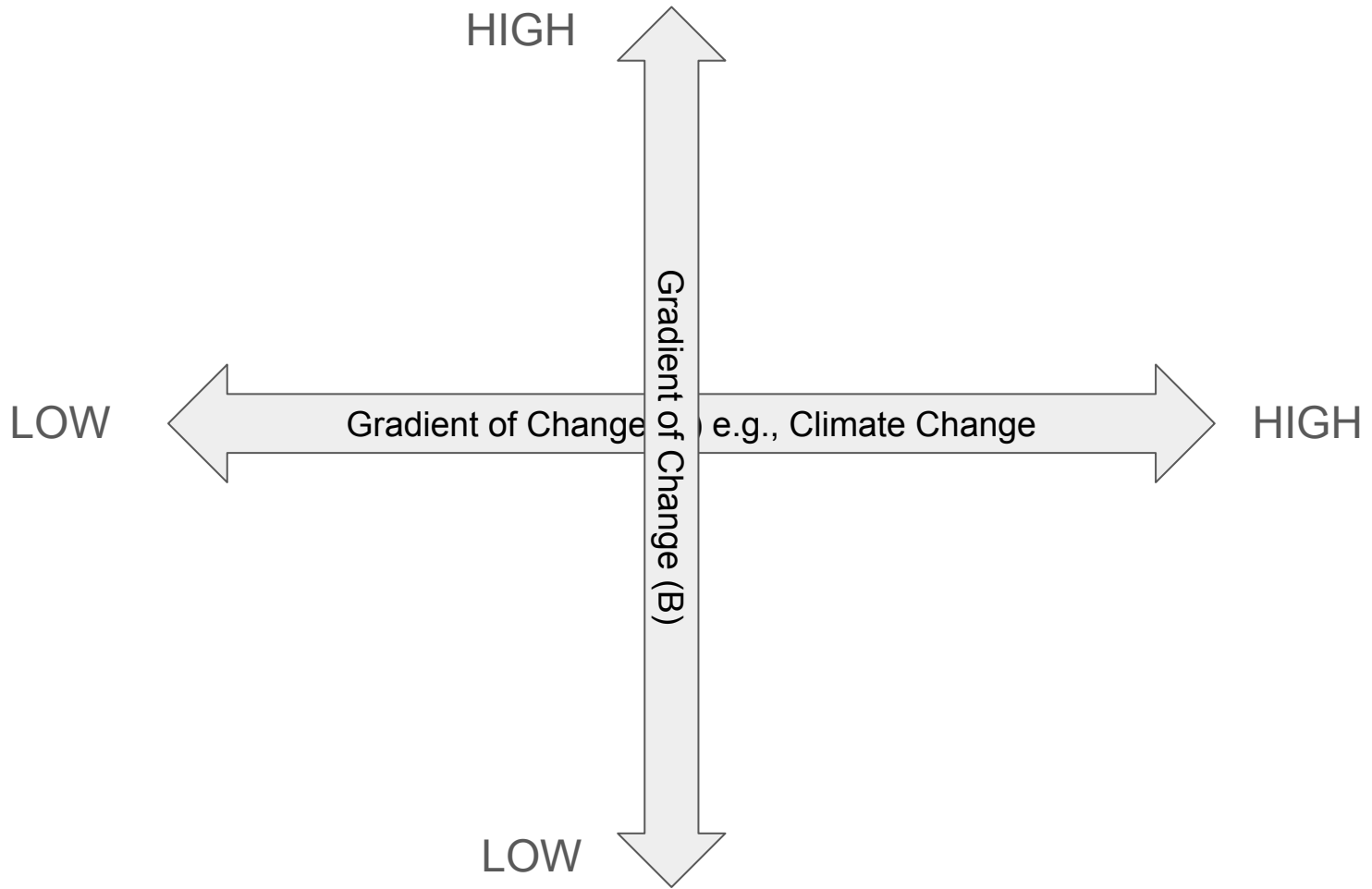


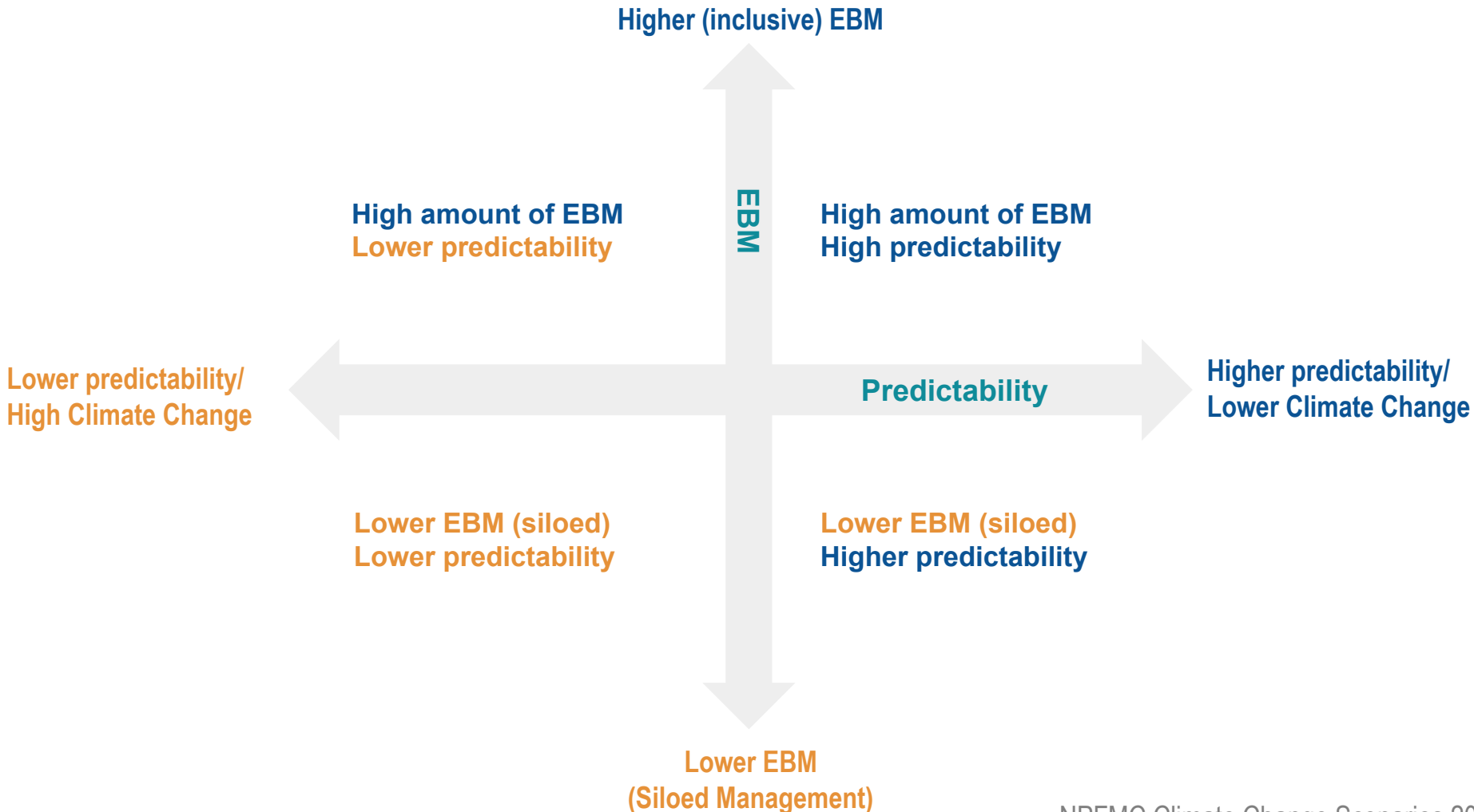
Figure 3: Two drivers combined to form four possible futures for the Great Barrier Reef catchment (Bohnet, Bohensky, Gambley, & Waterhouse, 2008).

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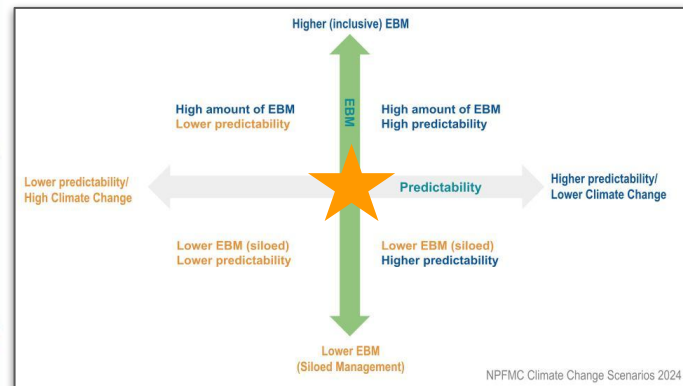
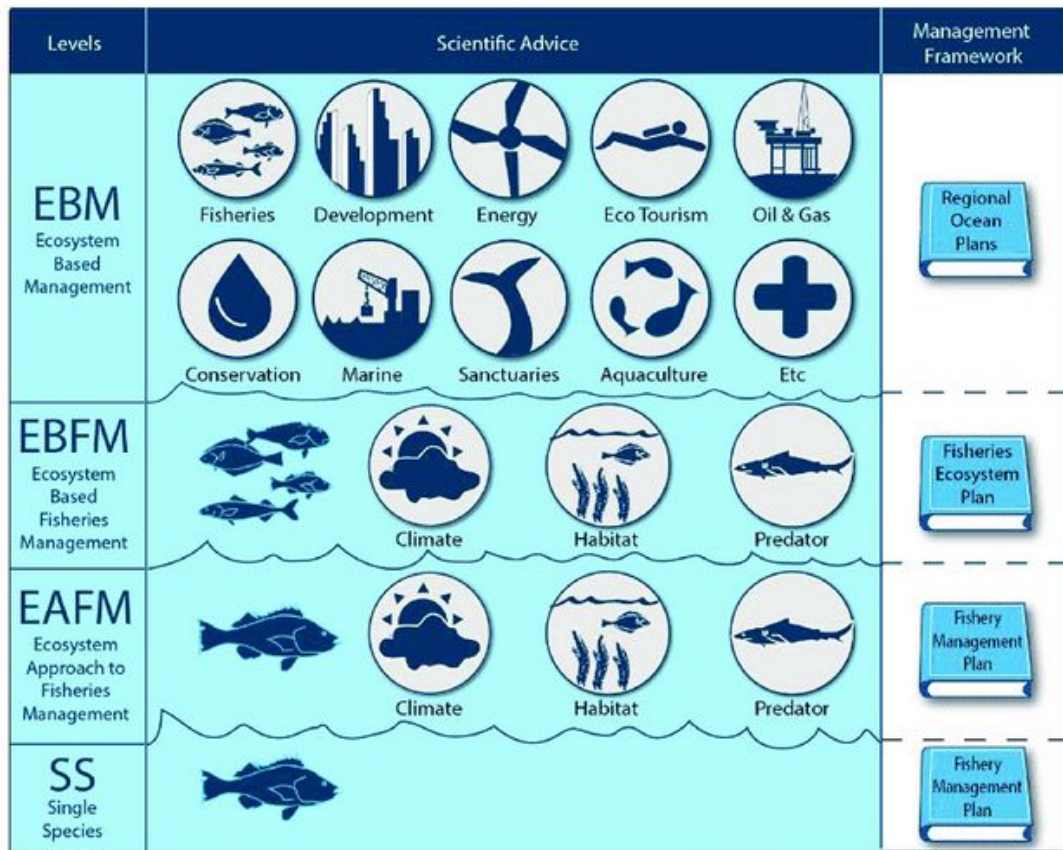


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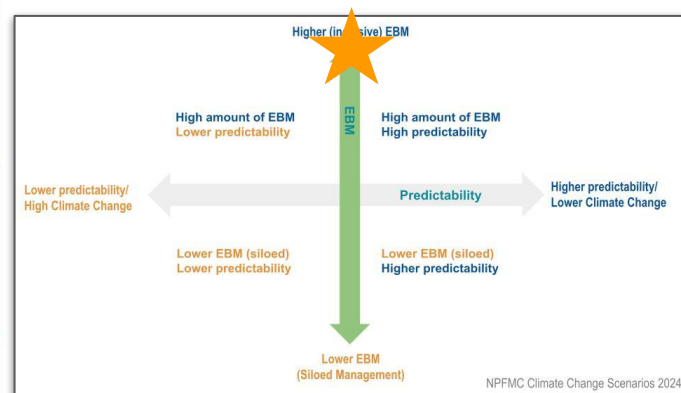
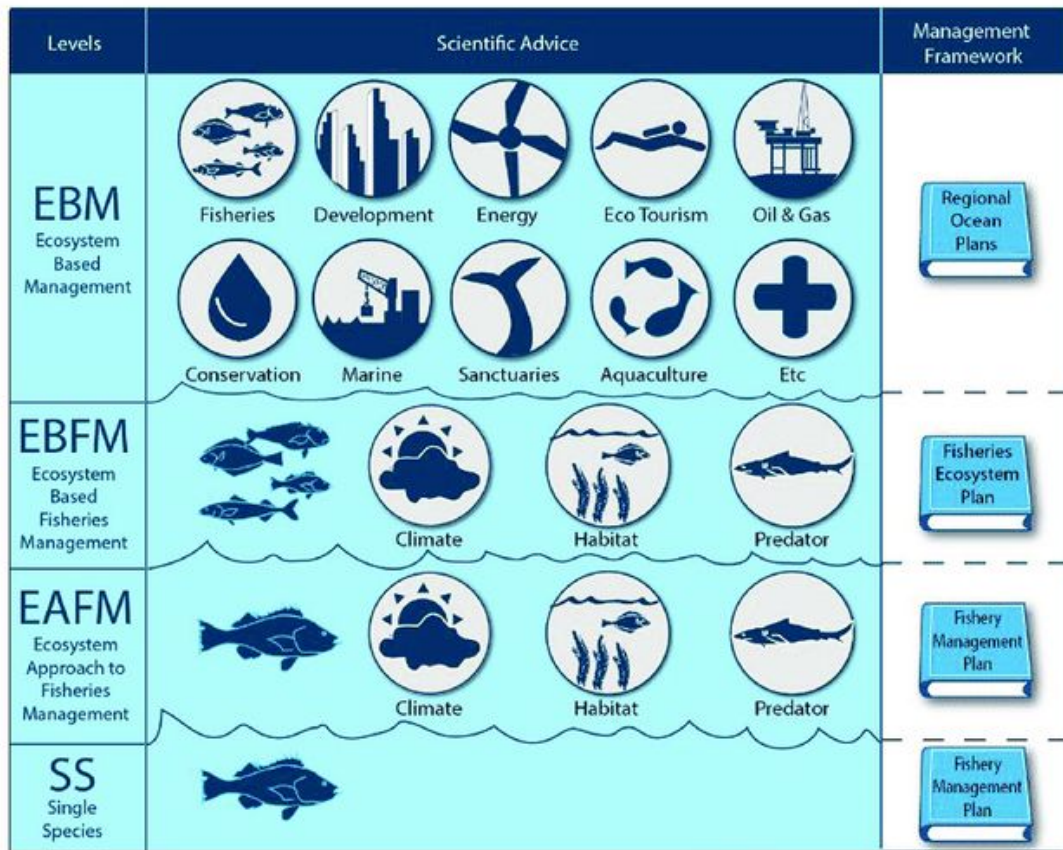




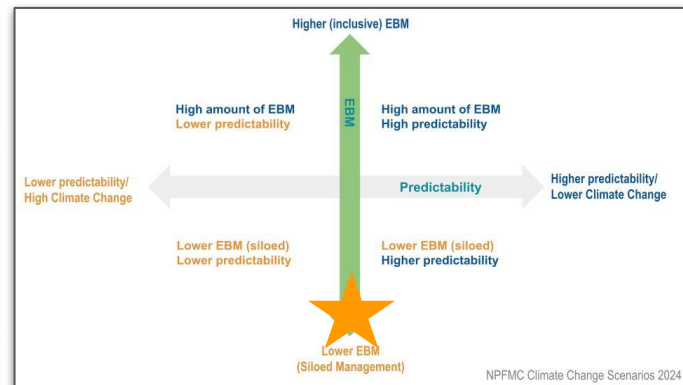
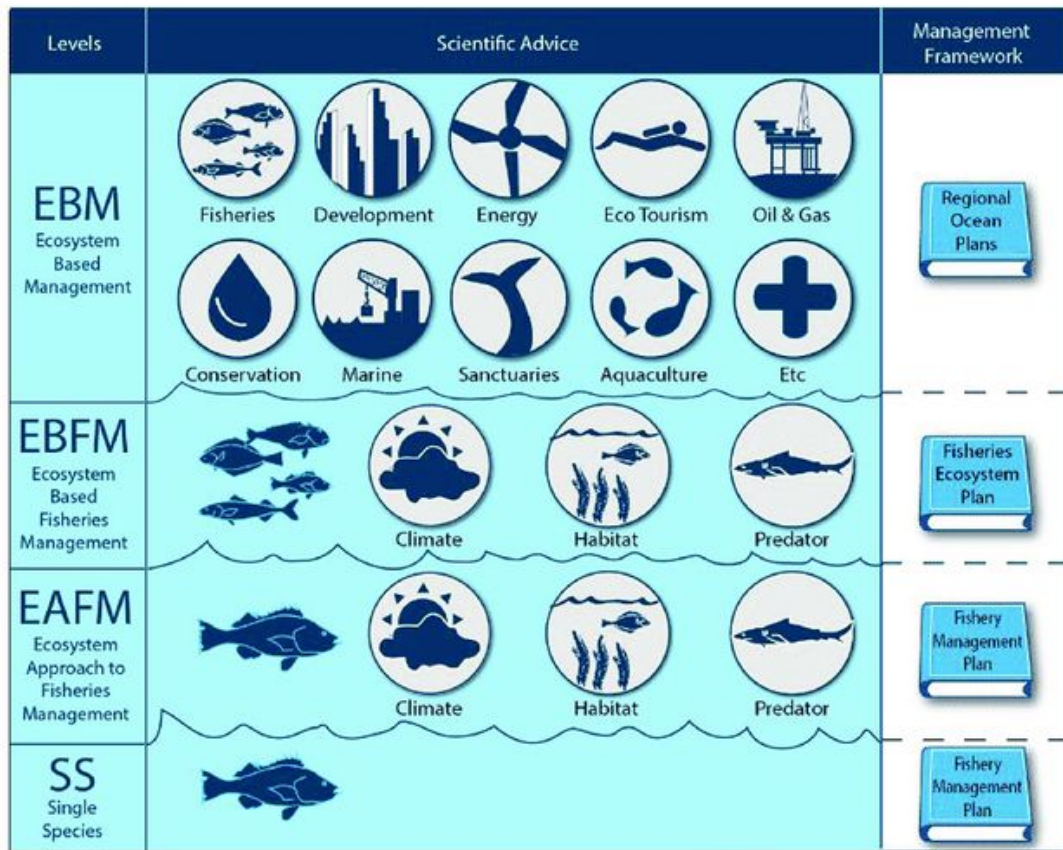
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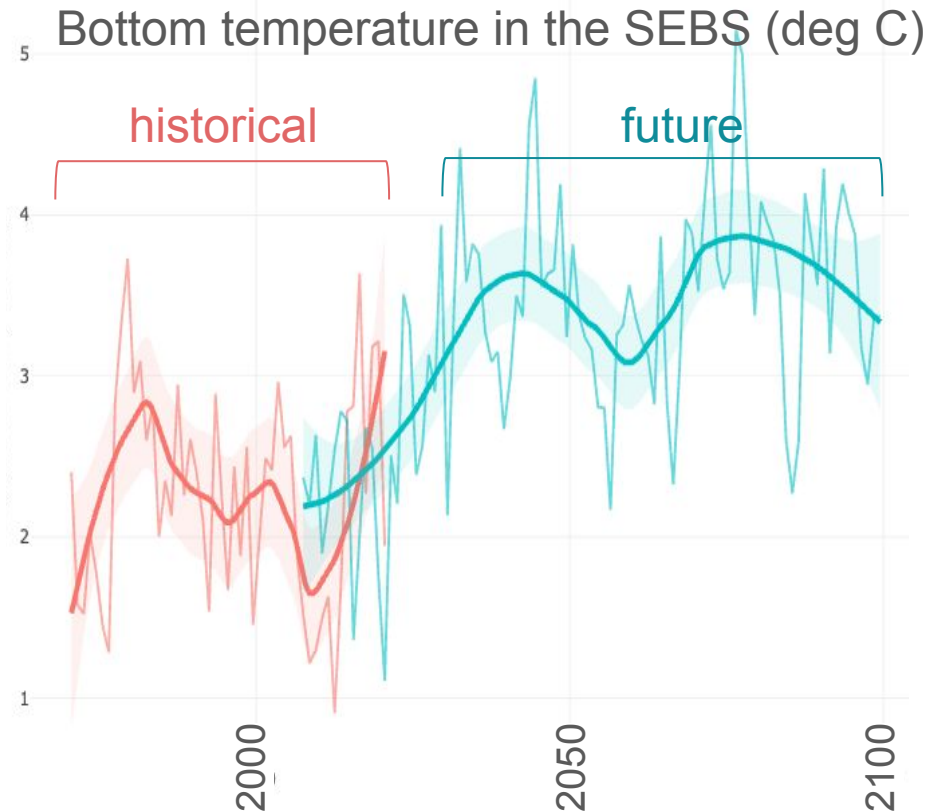
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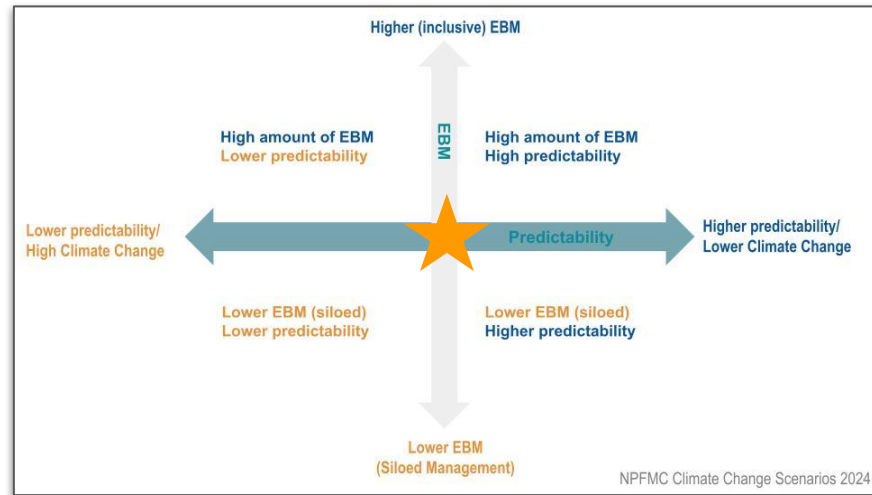
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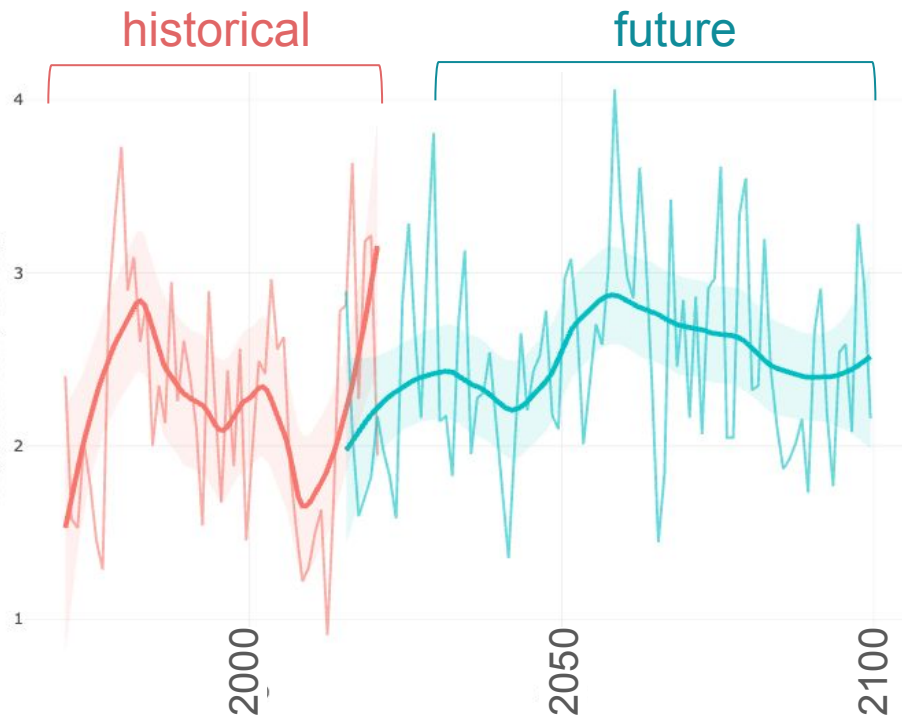


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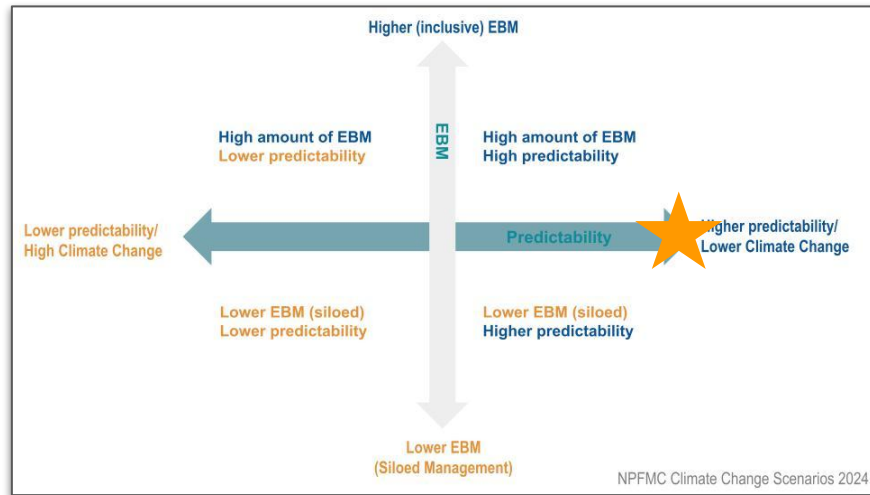


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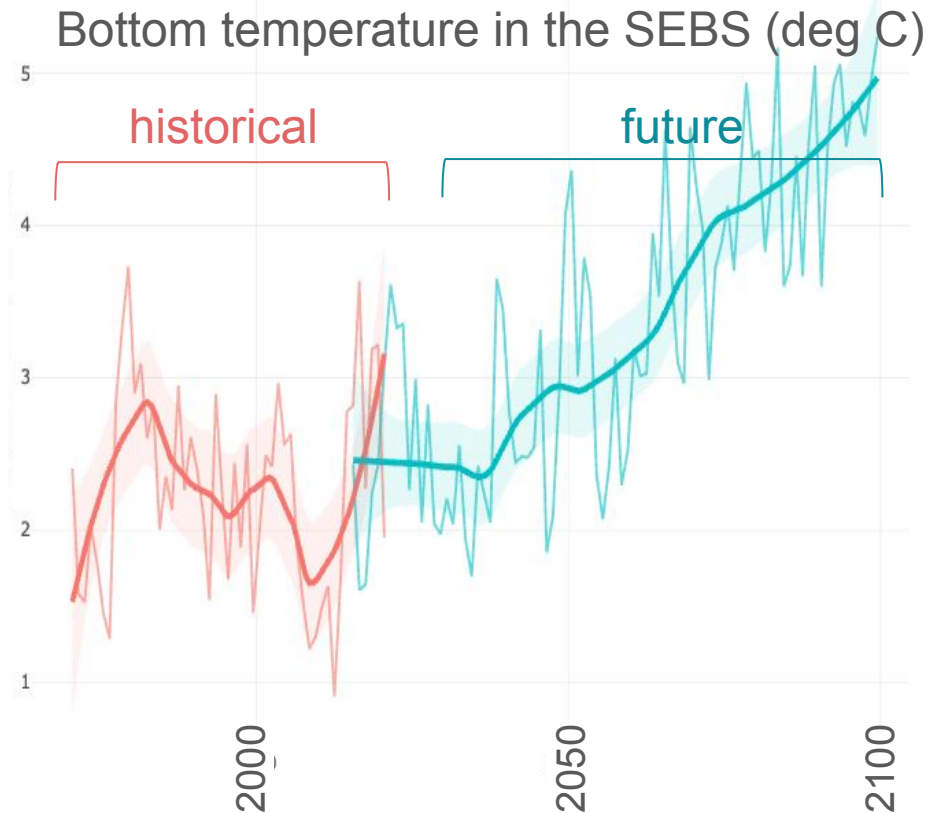
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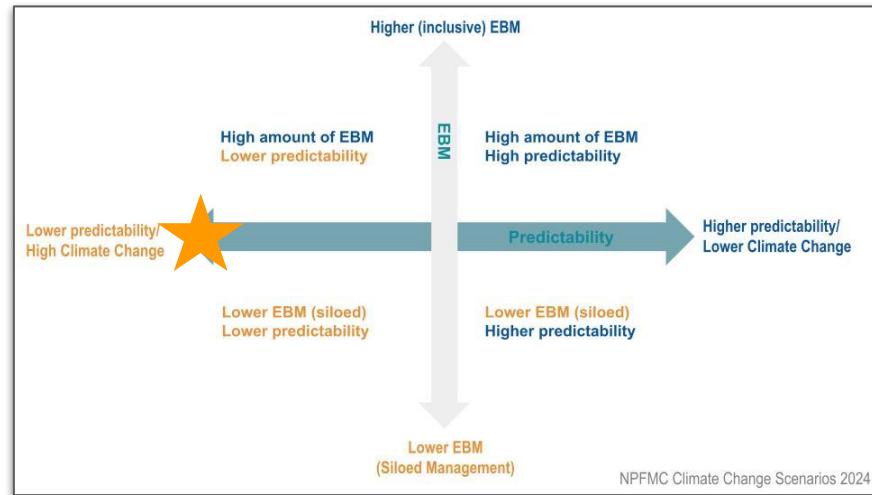
Lower warming (SSP126)
& higher predictability



Future climate conditions



High warming (SSP585)
& lower predictability



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Scenario 3: EBM and rapid change

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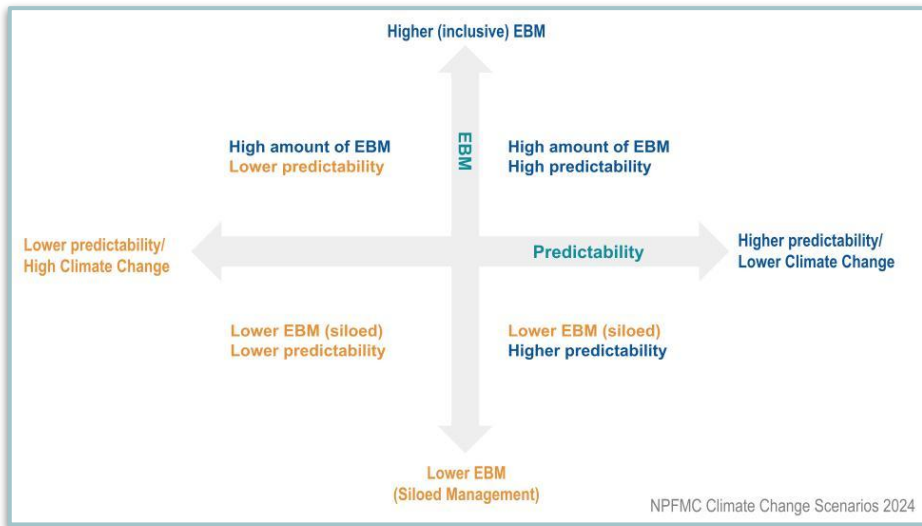
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Scenario 4: Siloed management and high challenges

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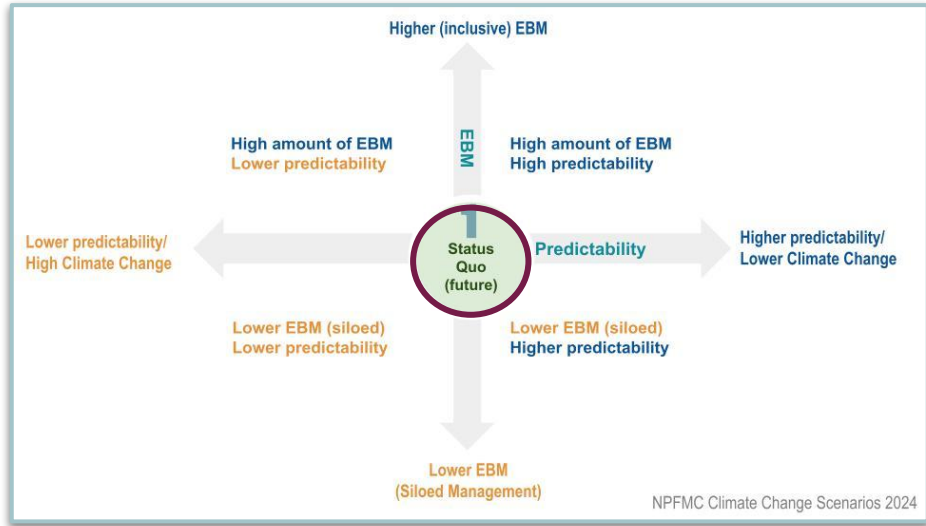
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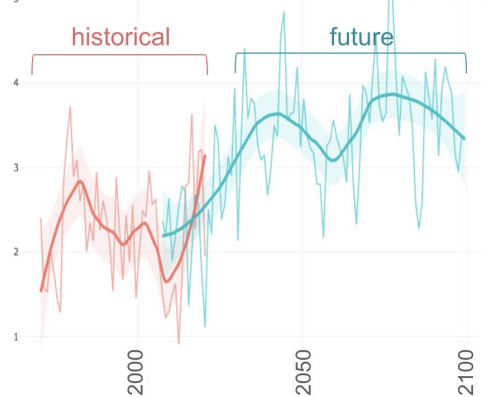
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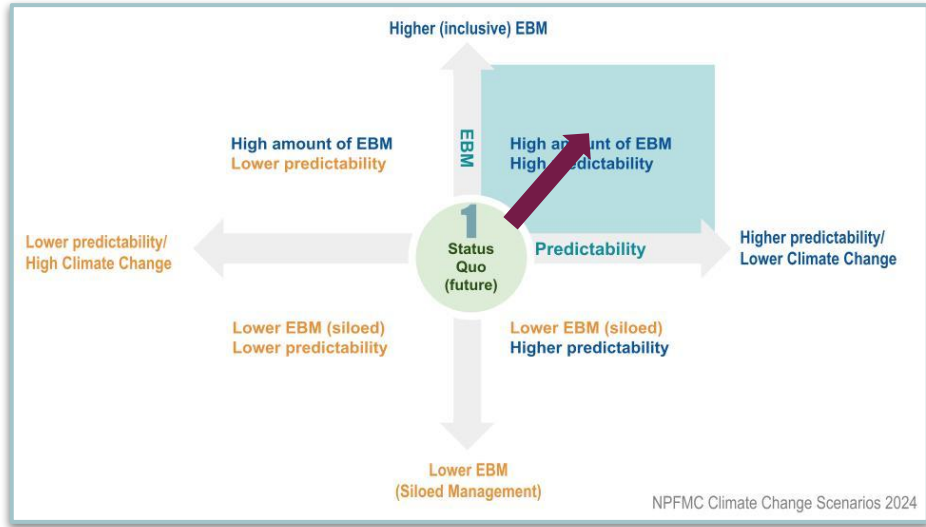
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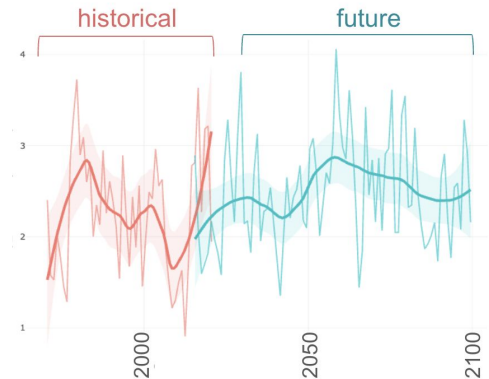
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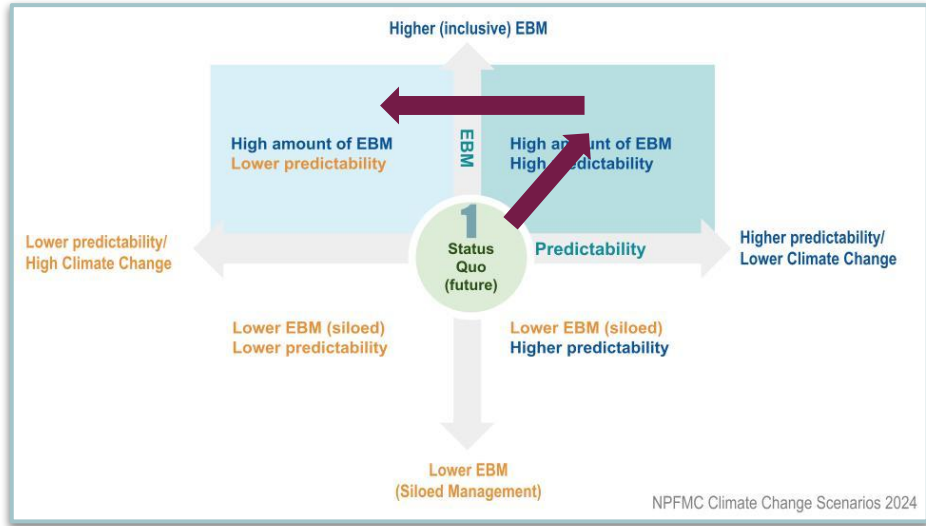
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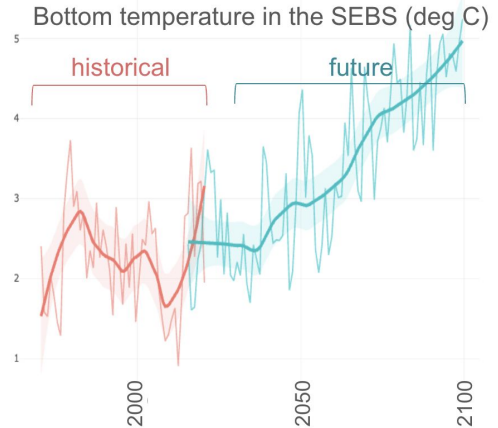
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Step 3: Now, consider if climate change impacts are severe...

Scenario 3: EBM and rapid change

Highly effective and inclusive ecosystem-based management (EBM), high climate change impacts, and low predictive capabilities

Managers are able to practice effective ecosystem-based management but climate change impacts are more severe than in Scenario 2. As a result, predictive capabilities are low and management is reactive.

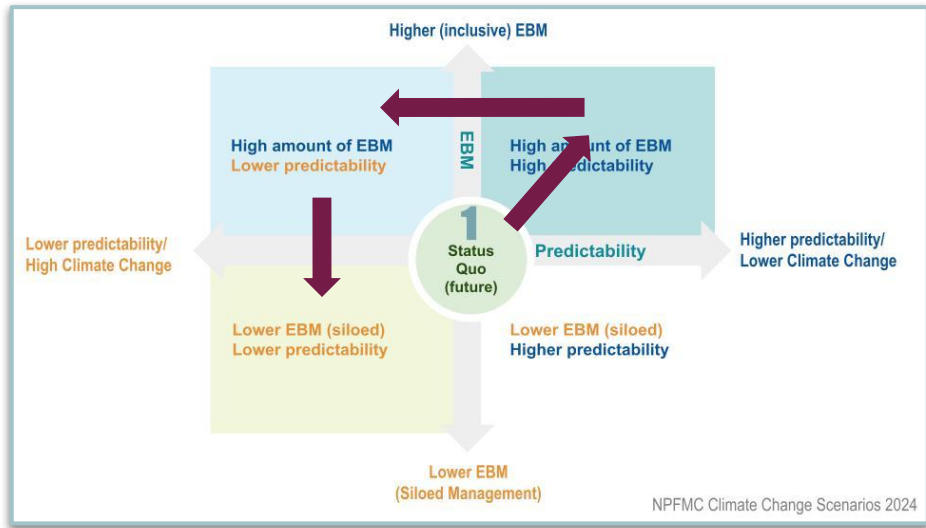
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Step 4: Now, consider if management is siloed...

Scenario 4: Siloed management and high challenges

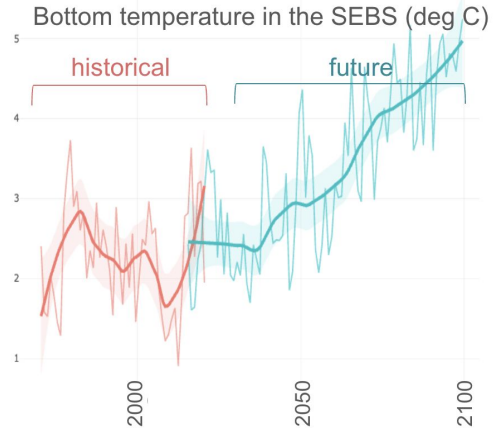
Sector and stock specific management focus, extreme climate change impacts, and low predictive capabilities

Extreme climate events and market shocks are common and predictive capabilities are low. Management is reactive and focused on individual stocks, sectors, and fleets. The rapid rate of change creates instability for fisheries and communities.



NPFMC Climate Change Scenarios 2024

Levels	Scientific Advice	Management Framework
EBM Ecosystem Based Management	Fisheries, Development, Energy, Eco Tourism, Oil & Gas, Conservation, Marine, Sanctuaries, Aquaculture, Etc.	Regional Ocean Plans
EBFM Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management	Climate, Habitat, Predator	Fisheries Ecosystem Plan
EAFM Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management	Climate, Habitat, Predator	Fishery Management Plan
SS Single Species		Fishery Management Plan



How should I prepare?

- **Bring your personal expertise and experiences** to the workshop.
- **Come ready to share** ideas, brainstorm, listen to others, and connect dots in terms of possible mutual challenges and shared solutions.
- **Plan to generate a diversity of considerations and responses** (consensus is not the goal) to inform tradeoffs and design.



Discussion questions during the workshop:

From your perspective:

1. What does climate resilience look like in each scenario?
2. What are the challenges to climate resilience?
3. What management tools and approaches could help?
4. What scientific tools and information could help?
5. What other assets and opportunities could help support climate resilience? (E.g., diverse knowledge sources, collaborative approaches, community and industry-led initiatives).
6. How can the Council support a robust and inclusive process for climate readiness planning?shocks

What will we do with the outcomes?

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Types of Management Actions

Catch Quotas: Specify overfishing limits (OFL), allowable biological catch levels (ABC), and total allowable catch (TAC)



Catch Quotas

Gear Types and Seasons: identification of legal gear types, and seasons to distribute harvest in time to avoid gear conflicts, reduce bycatch and marine mammal interactions



Gear Types and Seasons

Bycatch and PSC: Bycatch and prohibited species catch limits, time/area/ gear type closures



Bycatch and PSC Limits

Protected Resources: Time and area closures to protect critical areas, prey species limitations



Protected Resources

Habitat: Description and identification of essential fish habitat for all managed species, gear/area closures to protect key areas



Habitat

Community Protections: Harvest quota set asides for communities, regional delivery restrictions



Community Protections

Limited Access Privileges: Create limited access programs, sector allocations, rationalization privileges



Limited Access Privileges

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Types of info. that may be identified may include (not limited to):

- **Information on-ramps** to enhance response and predictability
- **Management measures** to increase flexibility
- **Scientific tools** to increase predictability and characterize risks or benefits of alternative actions
- **Governance, and teams to increase inclusive discussions** and navigate climate shocks and potential climate conflicts
- Communication & processes to **increase information exchange**
- **Financing tools** to increase flexibility & response & help navigate climate shocks

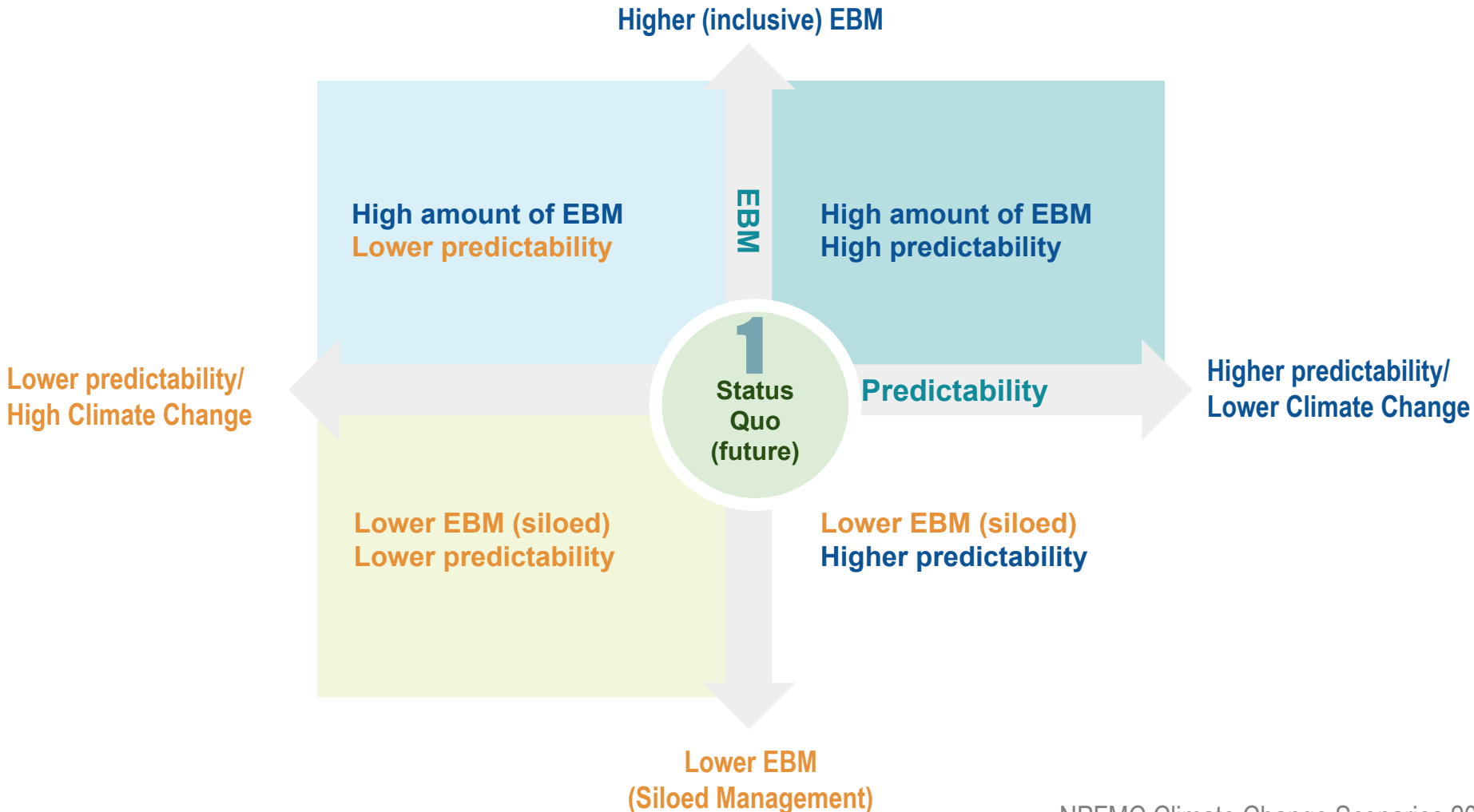


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QUESTIONS?



EXTRA SLIDES



EXAMPLES OF SCENARIO PLANNING FRAMEWORKS

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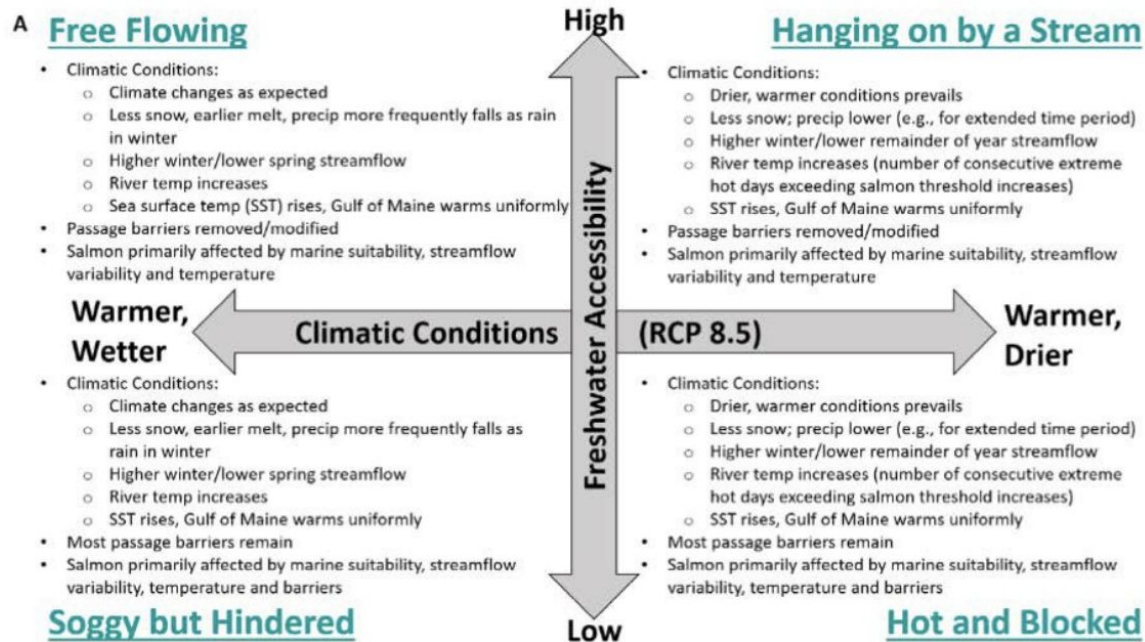


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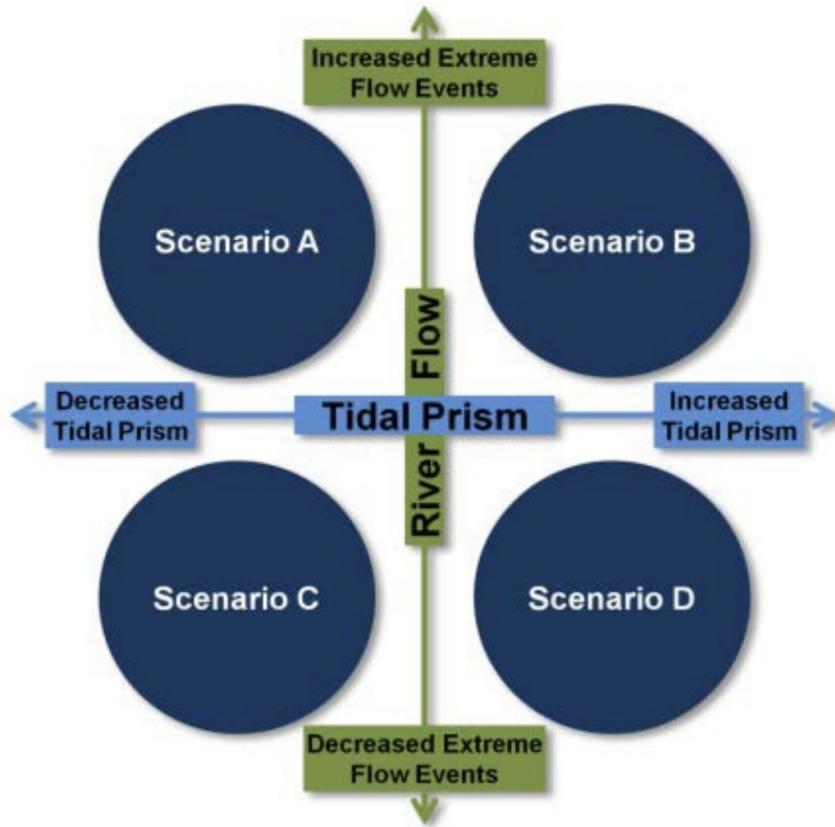


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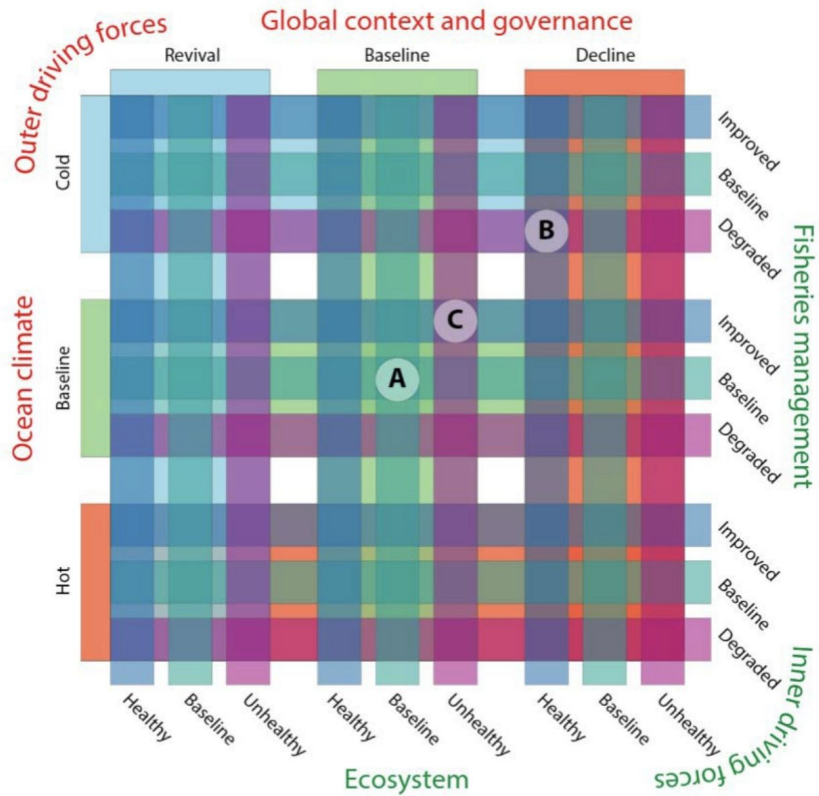


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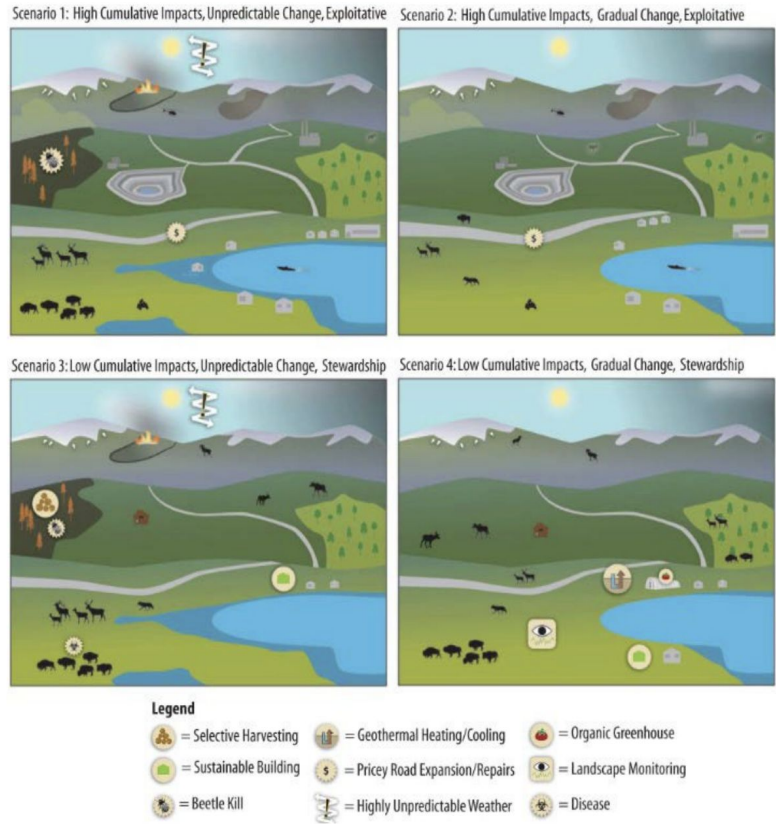


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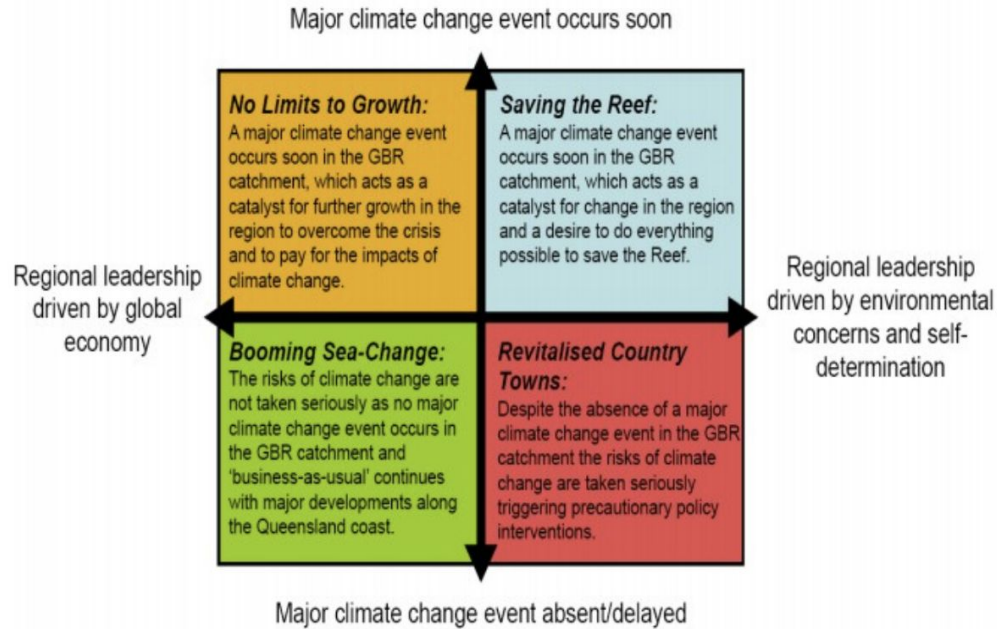


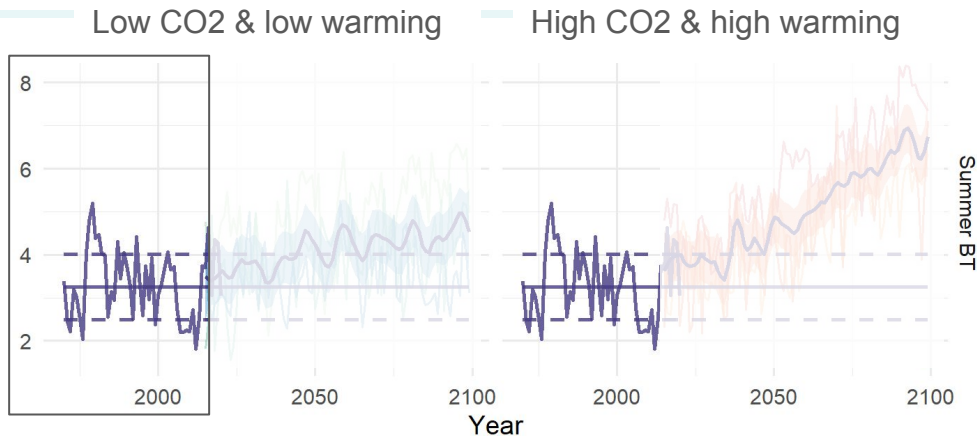
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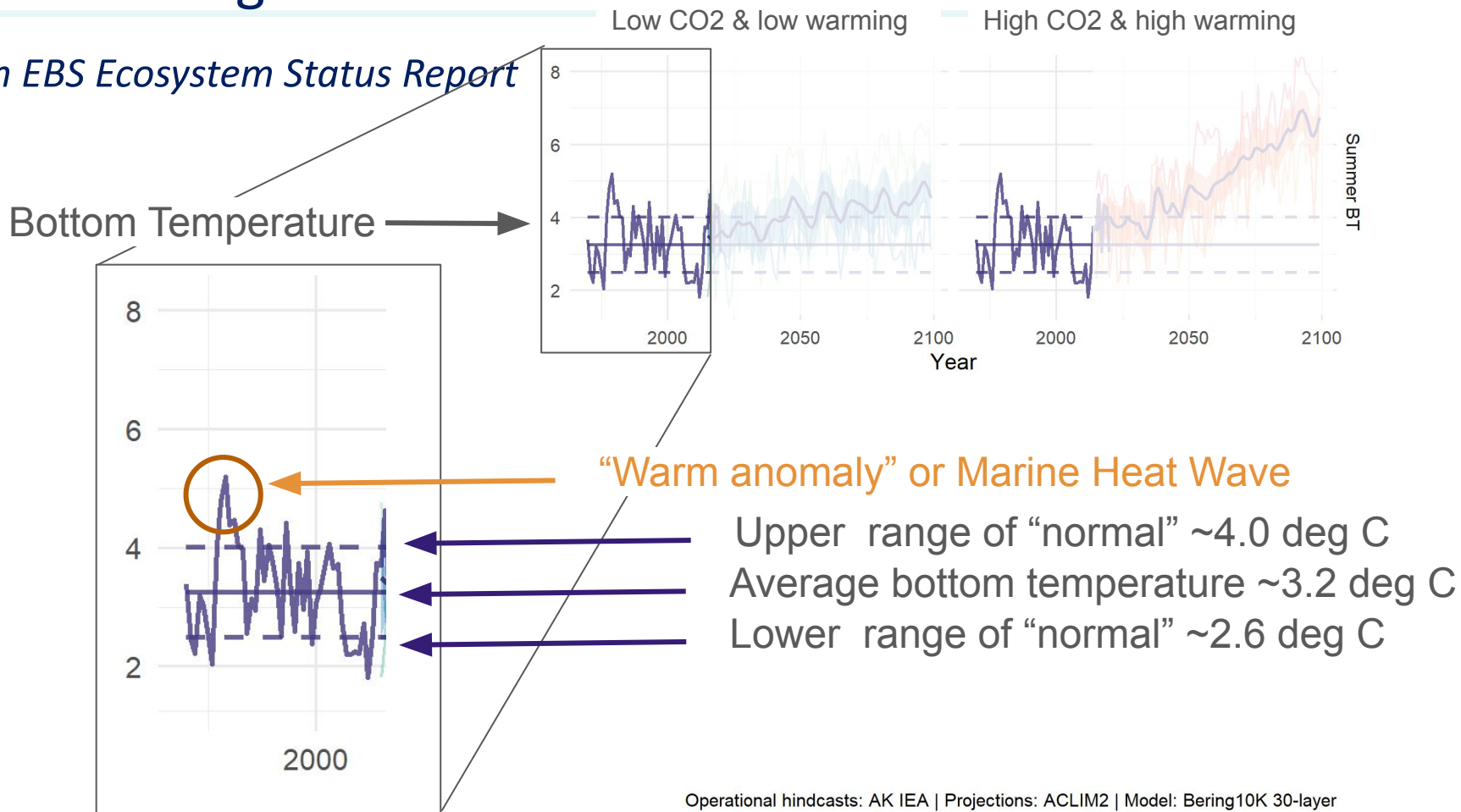
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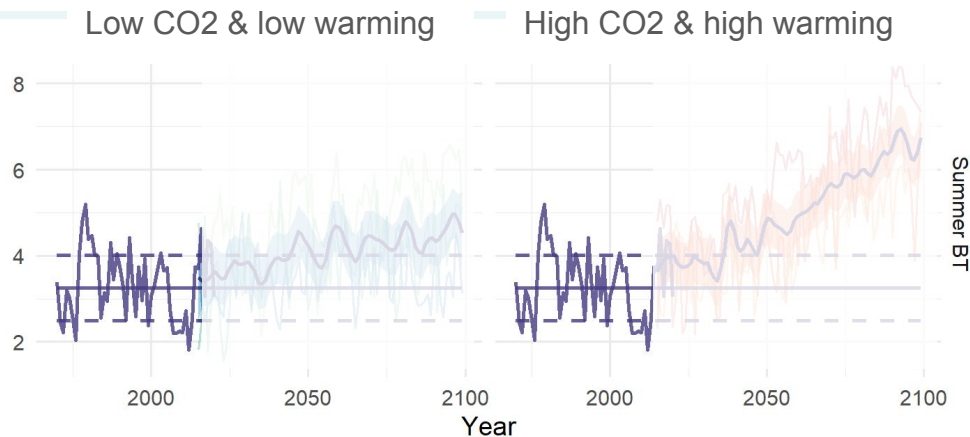


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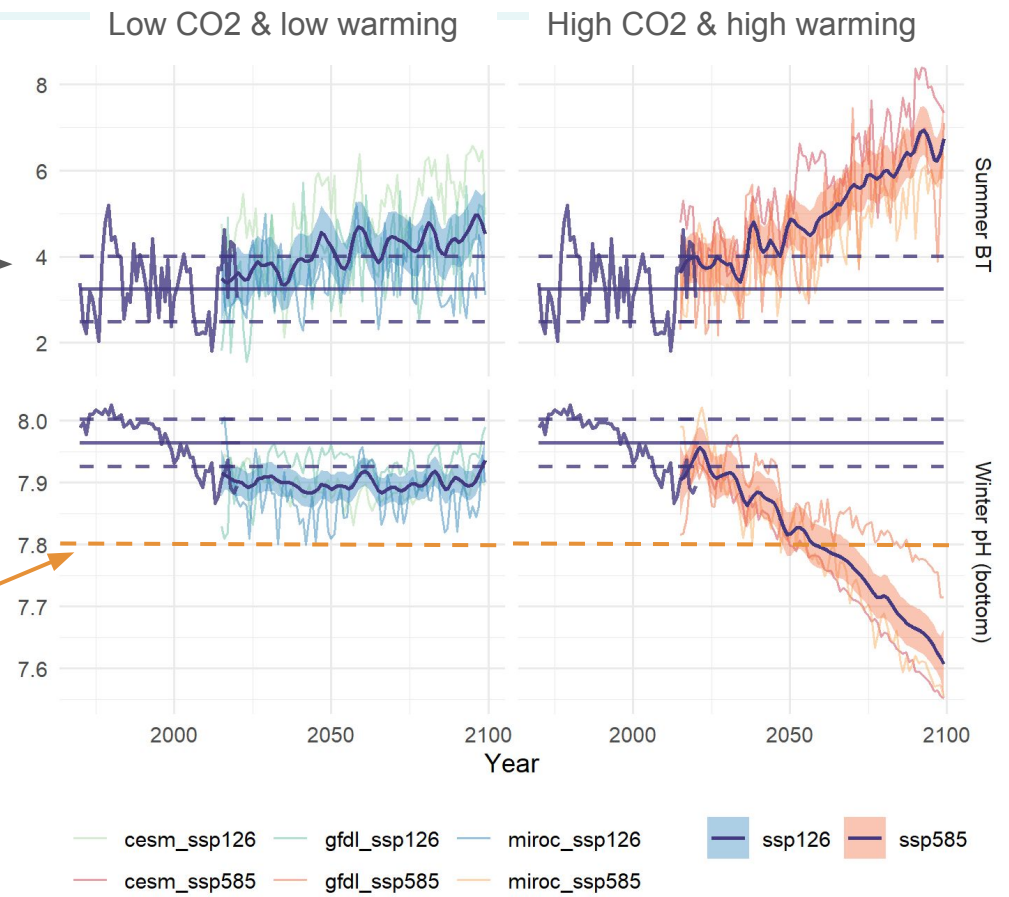
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Critical threshold for shellfish growth & survival

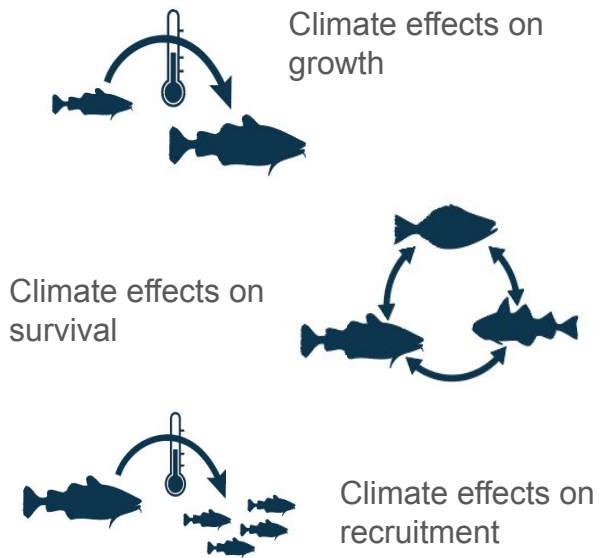
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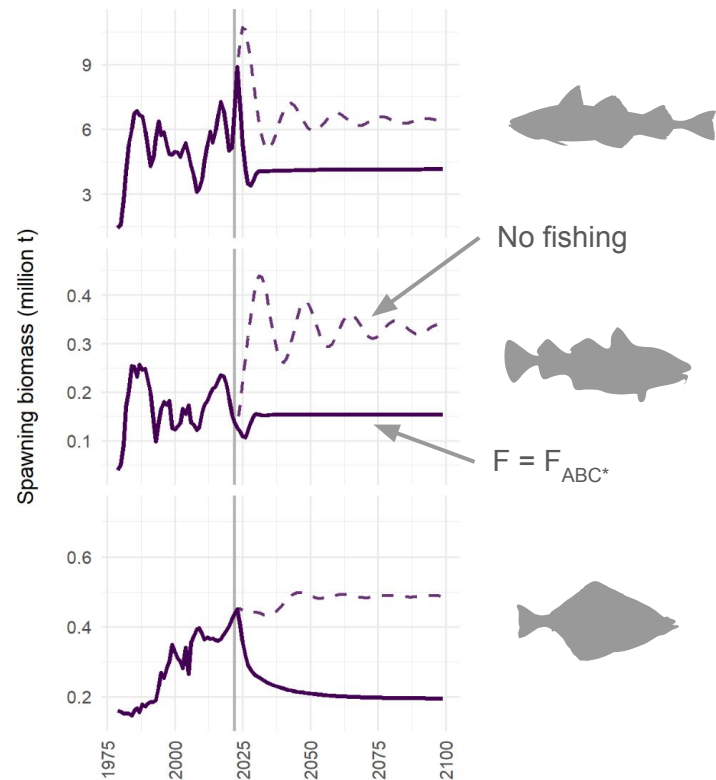
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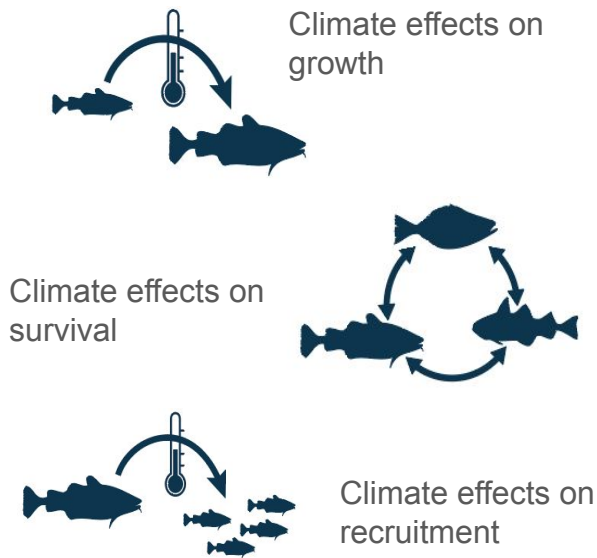
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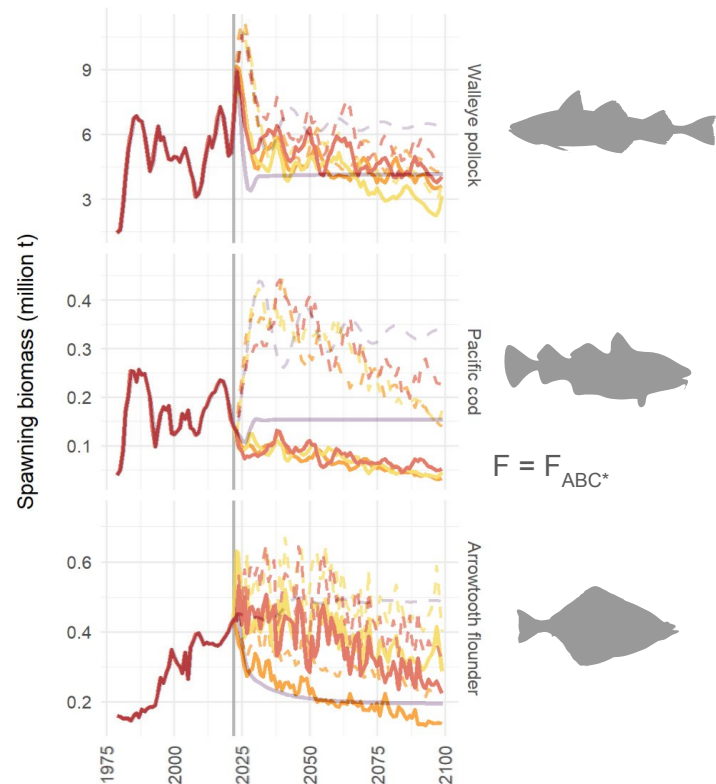
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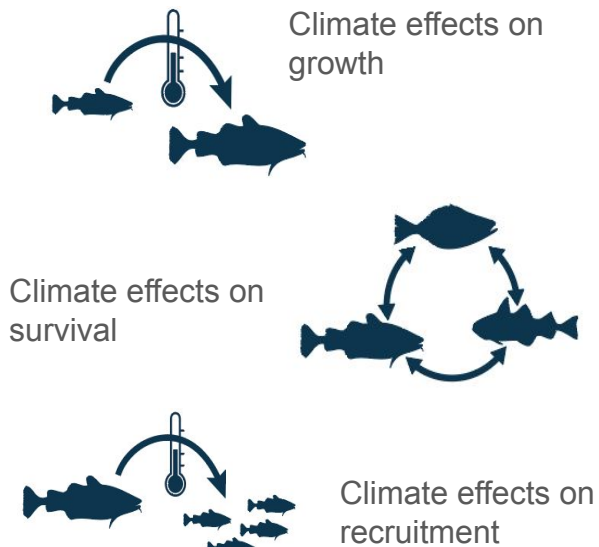
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High CO₂ & high warming



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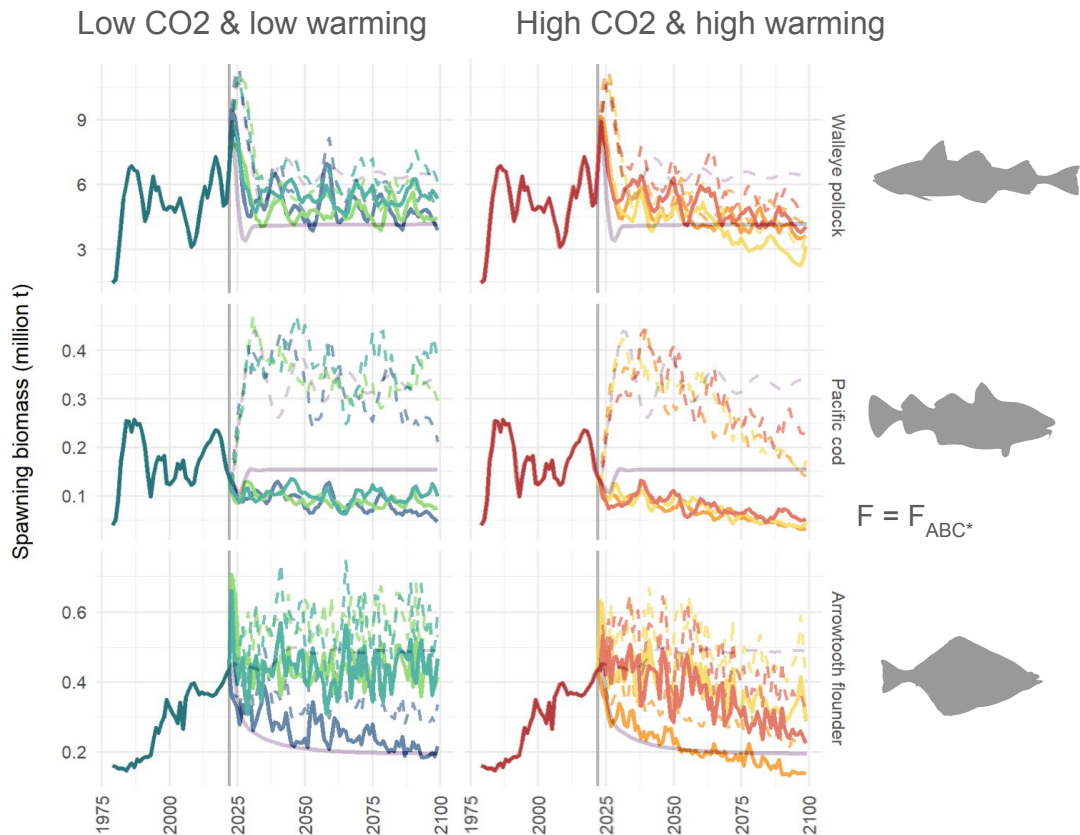
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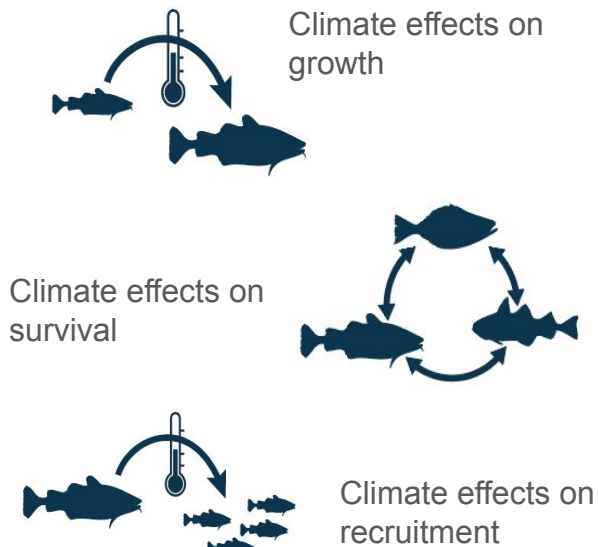
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