



# Alternative HCR evaluations

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# Today's Discussion

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- **[10-15 min] Review of ABC/F\_ABC (step2), HCR (step3), and TAC modeling (step 4)**
  - ◆ ACLIM & GOACLIM modeling:
    - Target setting (ABC/F\_ABC)
    - HCR options
    - TAC options (cap or other policy actions that impact TAC specifically)
- **[90 min] Discussion**
  - ◆ HCR options for crab?
  - ◆ Meaning of “status quo”?
  - ◆ Priorities and objectives?
- **Outcome**
  - ◆ Draft climate information objectives and process and prioritization for the CPT (will be added to the climate workplan)

# Today's Discussion Topics

***Outcome:** Draft climate information objectives and process for the CPT (will be added to the climate workplan)*

## 1. HCR options for crab

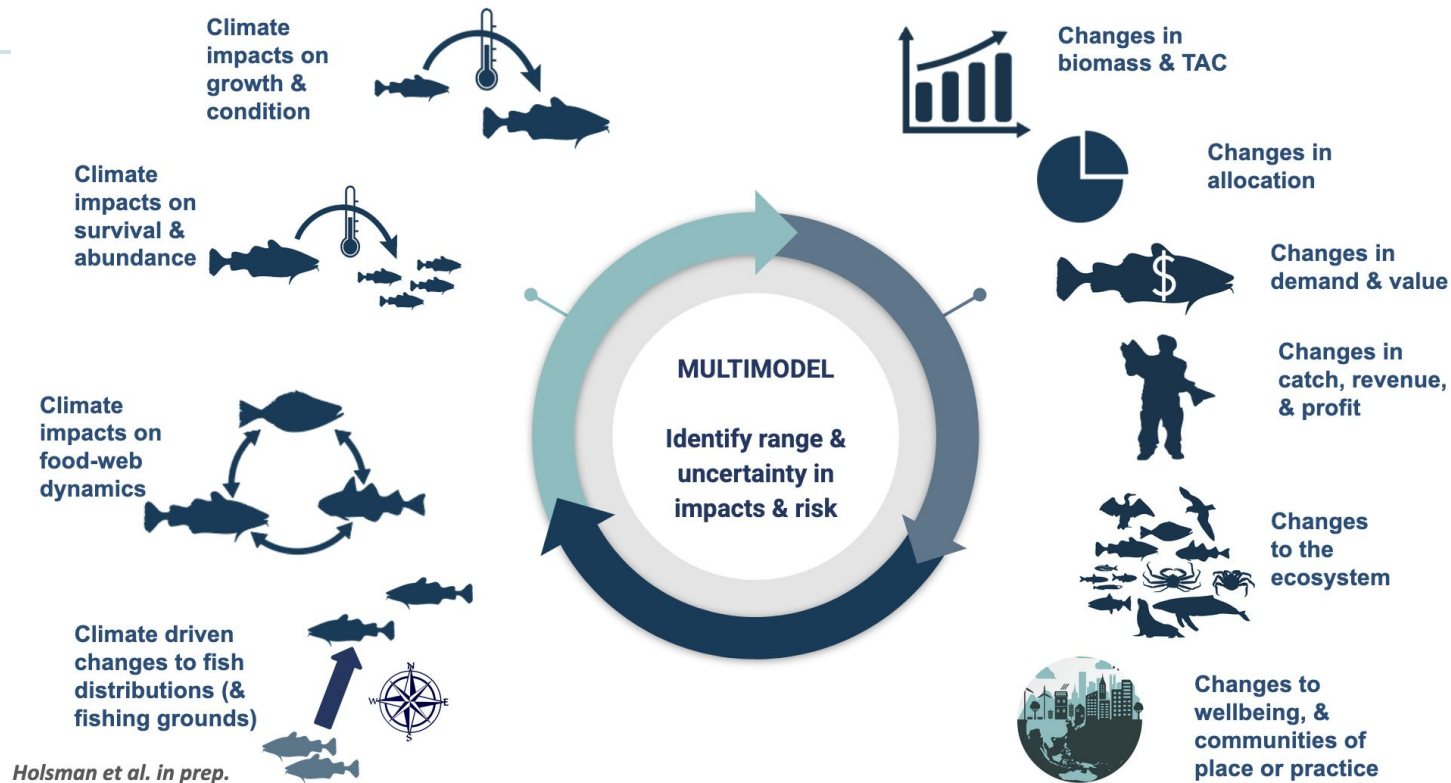
- a. What role would an HCR play specifically in crab management?
- b. Can HCR 7 (alpha modifier on B<sub>status</sub>) represent the buffer approach currently used for crab?
- c. Could this be implemented as a quantitative buffer based on forecasts of environmental conditions (e.g., marine heatwaves, regime shifts)?
- d. Are crab specific HCRs needed or is the current set enough?

## 2. Meaning of “status quo”

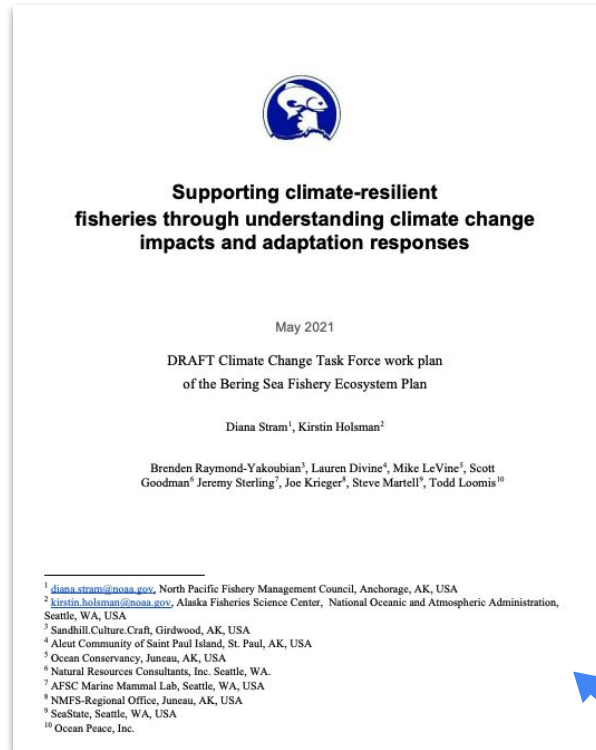
- a. “Status quo” is identified as an ACLIM & GOACLIM goal. What does “status quo” mean for crab management in practice?

## 3. Priorities and objectives

- a. Is this a priority for the CPT?
- b. If so, what are we trying to achieve by incorporating climate information into:
  - i. HCRs?
  - ii. Potentially ABC and TAC as well?
  - iii. Do we need a more meaningful or refined ABC for crab? What if that results in less conservative buffers?

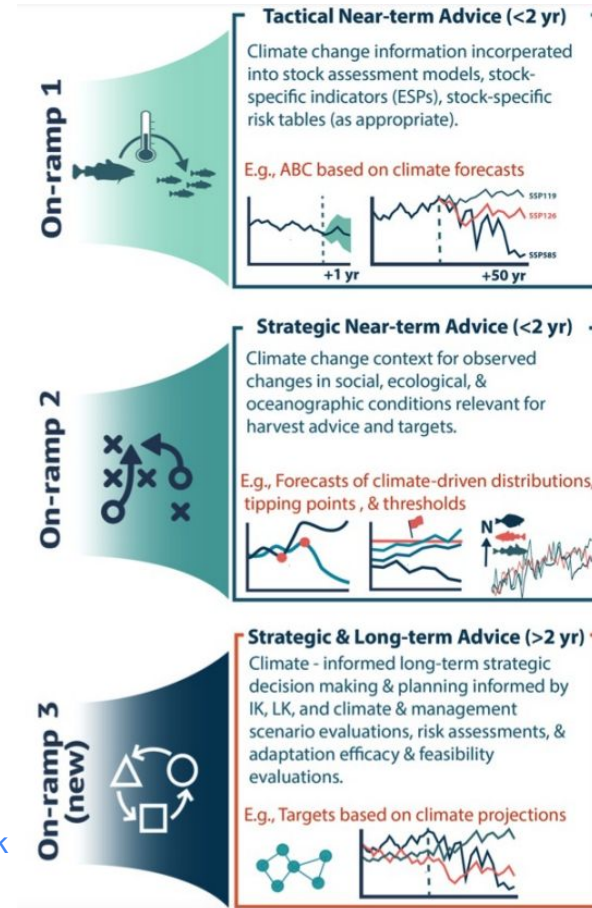


# Provide tools and approaches to support climate informed management decisions



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## Climate information on ramps for fisheries management

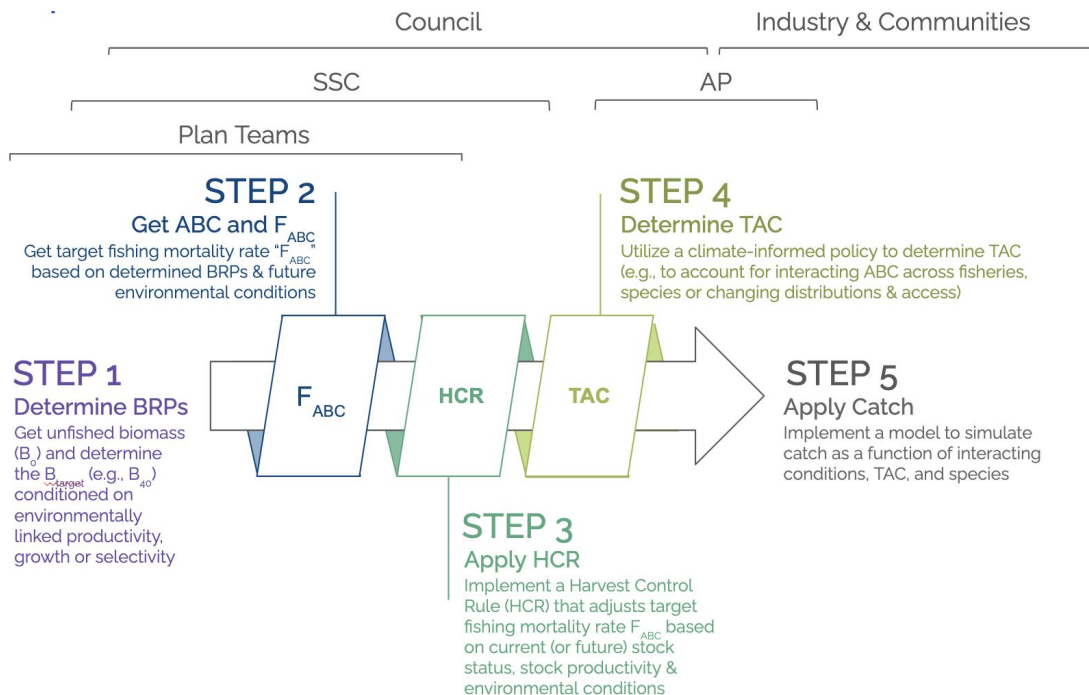




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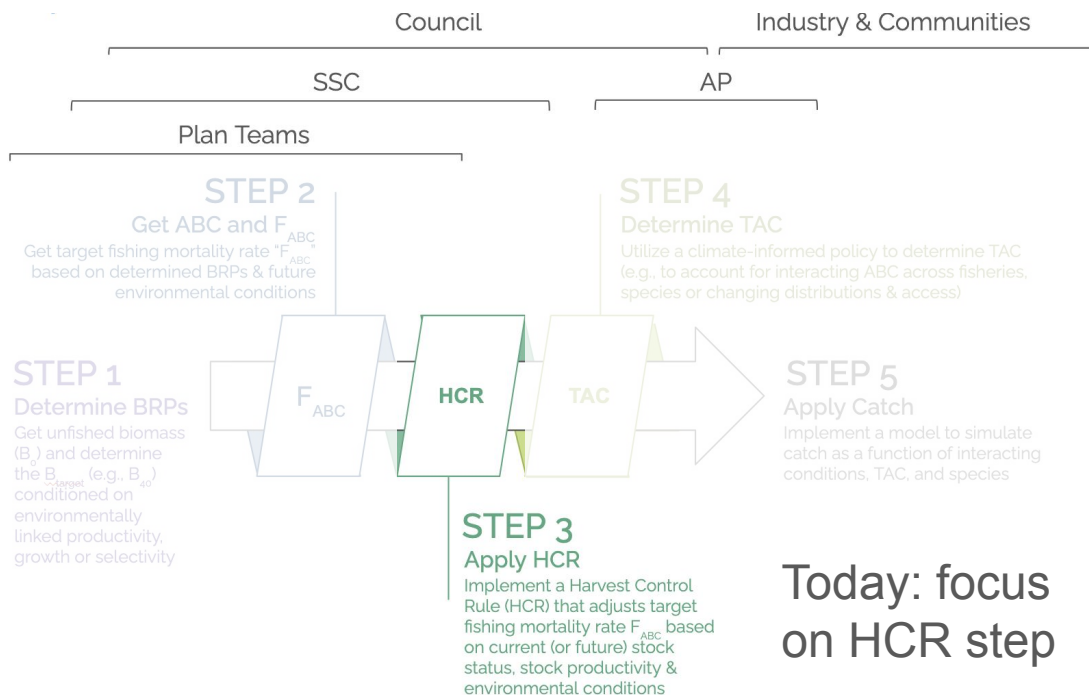
## Climate Robust Policy & Process



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Today: focus on HCR step

## Climate Robust Policy & Process





# HCR Overview



# SSC HCR Workshop Whitepaper



## An Overview of Stage 1 (2025-2026) Alternative HCR Evaluations Through ACLIM and GOACLIM



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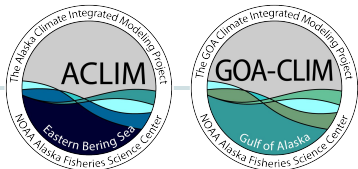
Table 1: Overview of ACLIM and GOACLIM 2025 HCR options. "Stage 2" denotes the HCRs that are not being evaluated as part of the Council's request following the June SSC workshop, but have been or are being evaluated as part of the ACLIM and GOACLIM work.

HCR	Name	Detail	HCR Stage
<b>HCR 1</b>	Status quo	This HCR is the baseline sloping harvest control rule used for groundfish in Alaska	1
<b>HCR 5</b>	Maximize productivity/ increased reserve (buffer shocks)	HCR 5 is designed to maximize ecosystem and spawning biomass productivity by increasing reserves, creating a buffer against environmental shocks and enhancing long-term sustainability.	1
<b>HCR 7</b>	Risk Table Bridging, R/S variability covariate adjusted HCR	This HCR provides a way to transition from qualitative risk tables to a more explicit, analytical approach for species whose productivity is known to vary with environmental conditions.	1
<b>HCR 10</b>	Maximize productivity/increased reserve, linear version (1/B_target) with offset	This HCR builds on HCR 5 by applying a proportional reduction in fishing mortality based on biomass levels, further enhancing stock and environmental productivity through strengthening the buffer against environmental shocks.	1
(Stage 2 HCRs Below)			
<b>HCR 2</b>	Lagged recovery to estimate emergency relief financing needs	Simulations with this HCR will mimic economic-driven fishery closures and delayed recovery in order to estimate emergency relief needs.	2
<b>HCR 3</b>	Long-term resilience (stronger reserve) B_target	This HCR aims to enhance long-term stock resilience by adjusting B_target (as a proportion of unfished biomass)	2
<b>HCR 4</b>	Environmental index informed sloping rate, e.g., MHW category alpha	Simulations with this HCR will assess whether adjusting harvest intensity based on poor forecasted conditions—such as marine heatwaves—can accelerate stock recovery following climate or environmental disturbances.	2
<b>HCR 6</b>	Combination of MHW (HCR4) + Maximize productivity (HCR5)	This HCR combines the approaches of HCR 4 and HCR 5 to address both immediate and long-term environmental impacts.	2
<b>HCR 8</b>	Adjust effective spawning biomass (simulate adjusted B_target)	This HCR adjusts the effective spawning biomass instead of the target biomass threshold, serving as a sensitivity approach to explore variability in spawning stock biomass (SSB) estimates within a given assessment year or to evaluate alternative B_target	2

# Interactive HCR explorer tool

<https://kholzman.shinyapps.io/HCRshiny/>

**Research question:**  
Are there alternative HCRs that can perform better than status quo under alternative future scenarios?



## Harvest Control Rule (HCR) Explorer

Download HCR  
Parameters  
(HCRpar.xlsx)

Download HCR plot  
data

[ACLIM2 HCR R function](#)

☒ Show Status Quo on each plot

☒ Show Custom HCR

### HCR Visualization

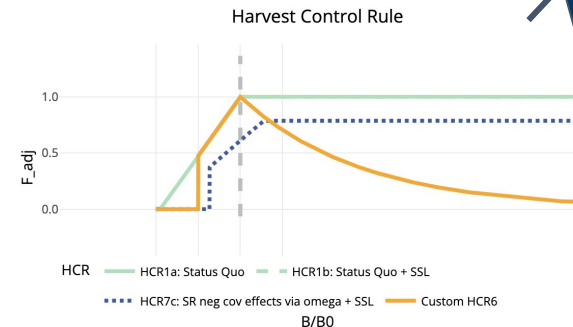
#### HCR Scenarios to Display

HCR1a: Status Quo  
HCR1b: Status Quo + SSL  
HCR7c: SR neg cov effects via omega + SSL

### Optional Custom Inputs

Plot Compare Plot Summary Detailed Information

### HCR Visualization



### Explanation

## About Harvest Control Rules

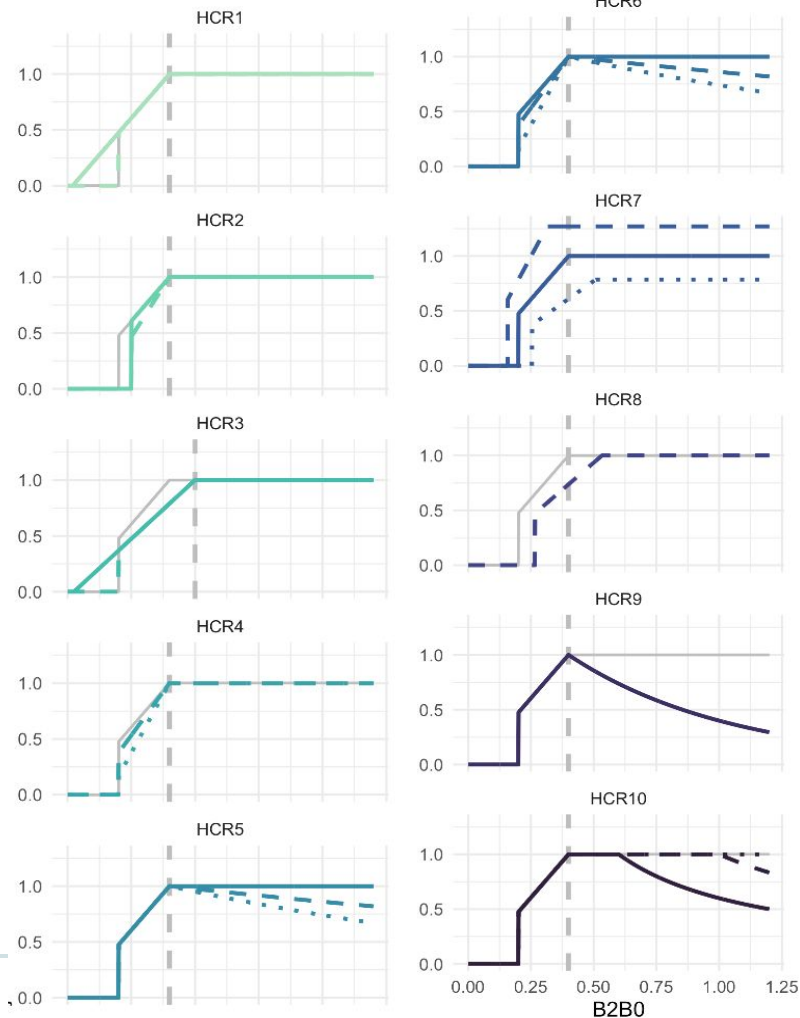
Harvest Control Rules (HCRs) are pre-agreed guidelines that determine how much fishing can take place based on the current status of the fish stock.

- B/B0** represents the current biomass relative to the unfished biomass
- F<sub>adj</sub>** represents the HCR adjusted  $F_{ABC}$  ( $F_{ABC} = F_{adj} * F_{maxABC}$ )

# HCR Scenarios

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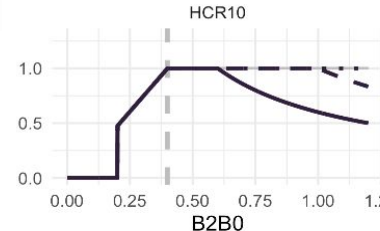
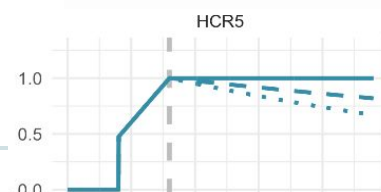
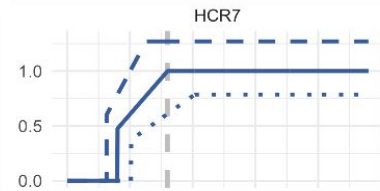
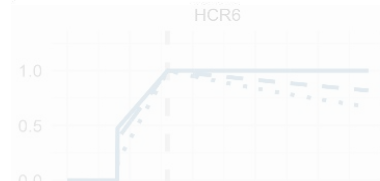
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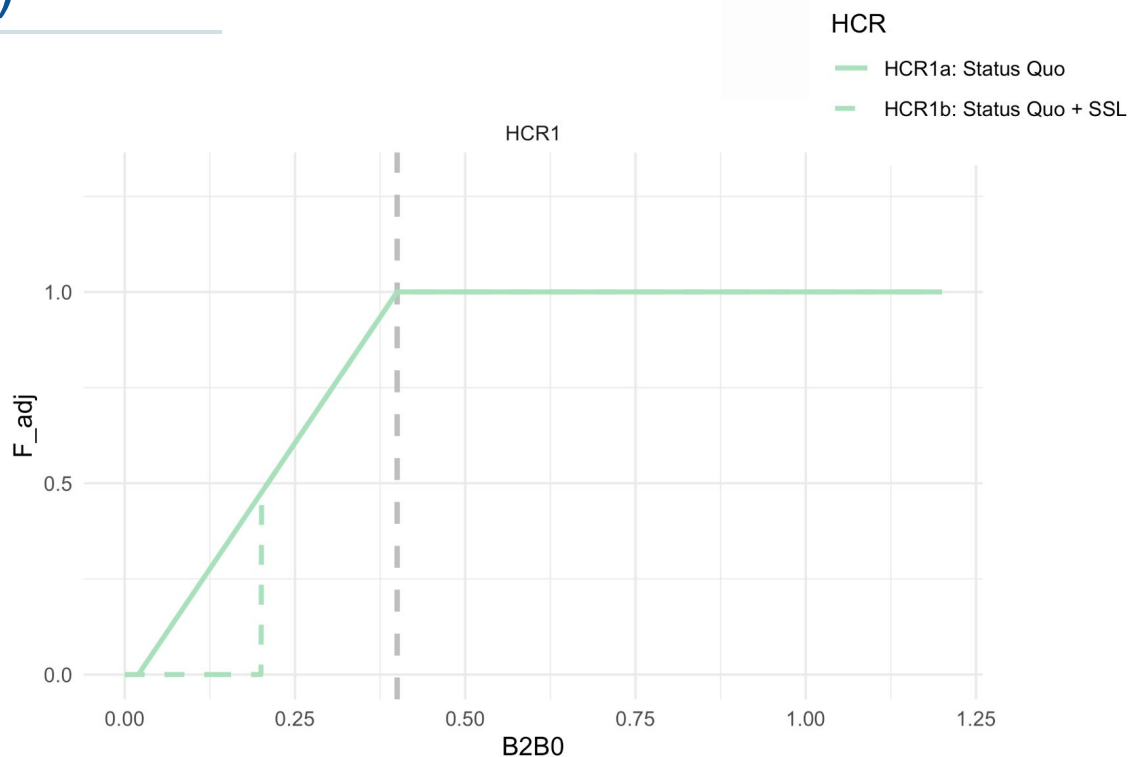
# HCR 1: Status quo (Tier 3)

## Simulation Goal:

This HCR is the baseline sloping harvest control rule used for groundfish in Alaska

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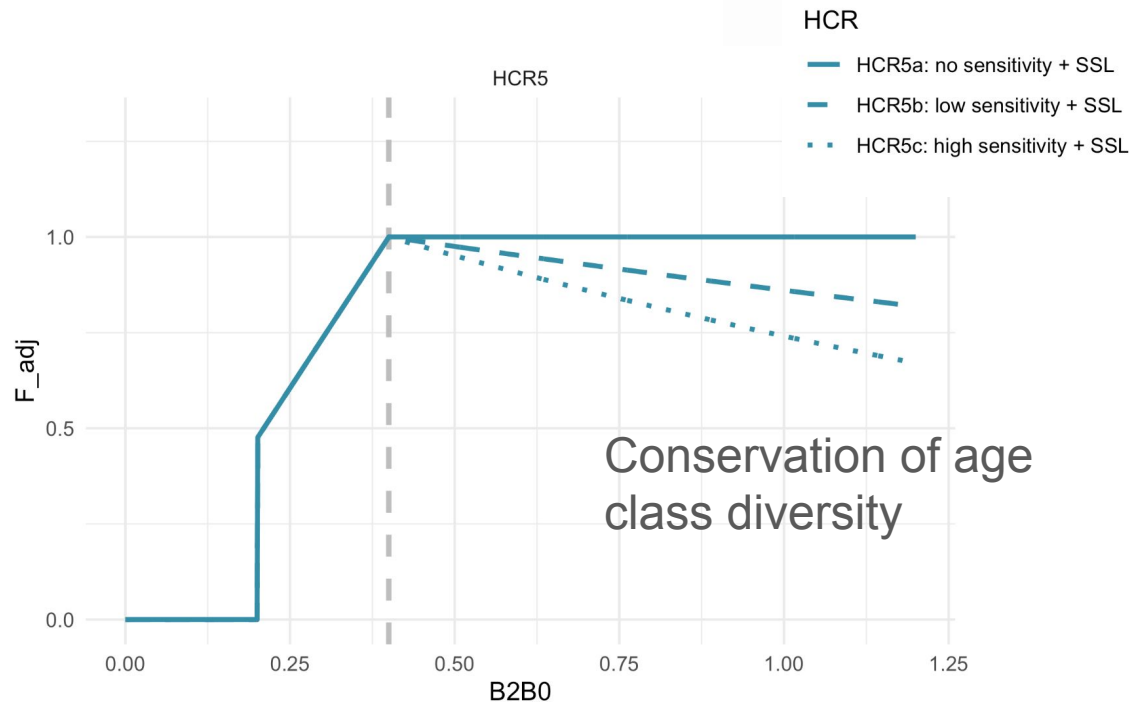


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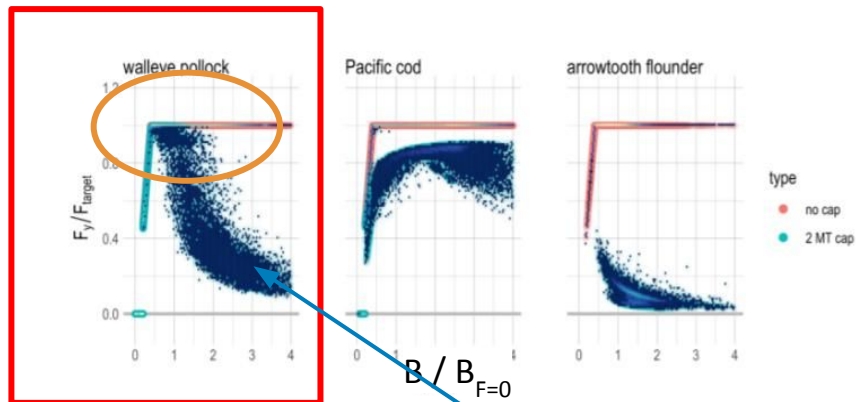
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# Apply effective pollock HCR cap-like effect



Supplementary Figure 3. Effective harvest rate  $F_y$  under the no cap and 2 MT cap

Holsman et al. 2020

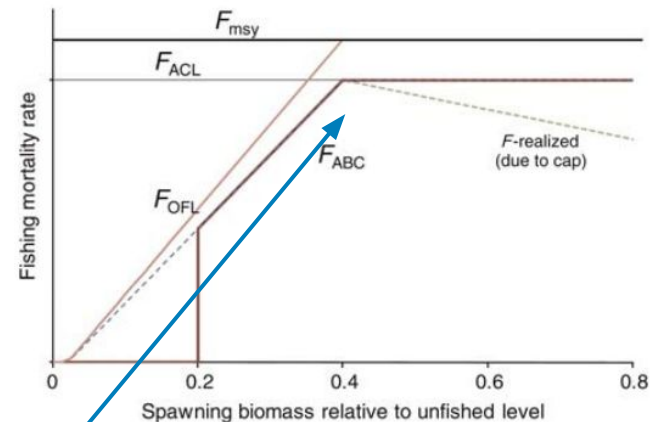


Figure 4. Schematic of harvest control rule currently affecting ABC or annual catch limit (ACL) for Alaska groundfish species like pollock (thick line). Note that this schematic indicates that  $B_{\text{msy}}$  is 40% of the unfished expected spawning biomass.

Ianelli et al. 2011

## Effect of the 2 mt Cap on pollock



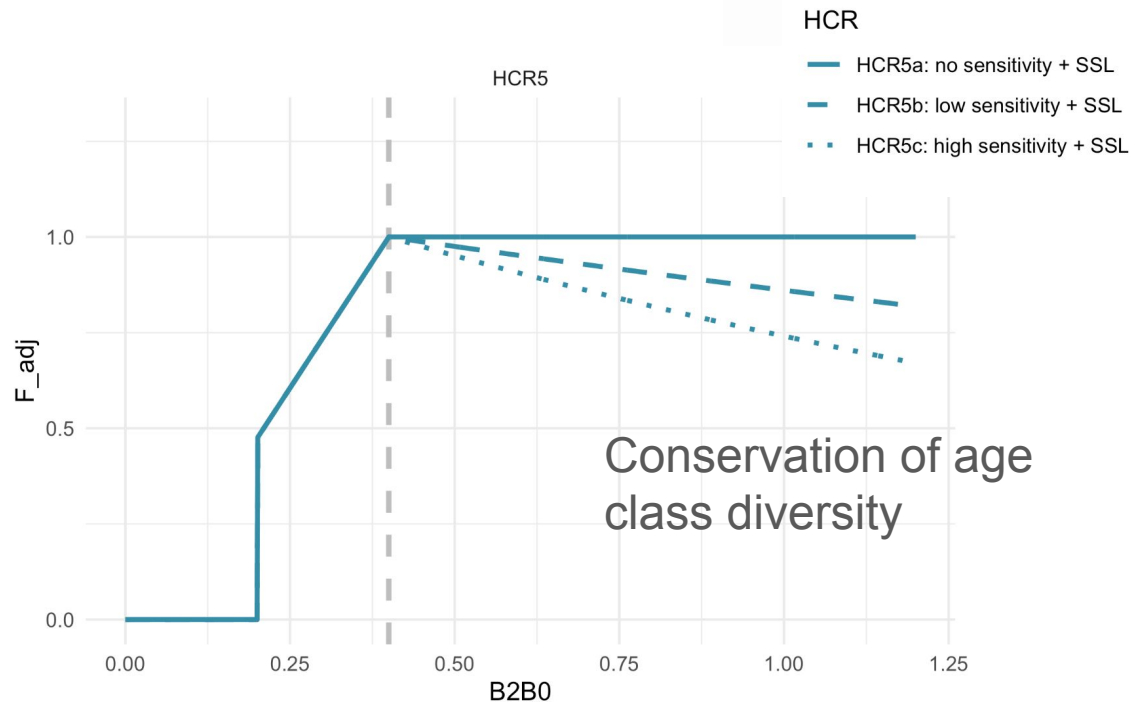


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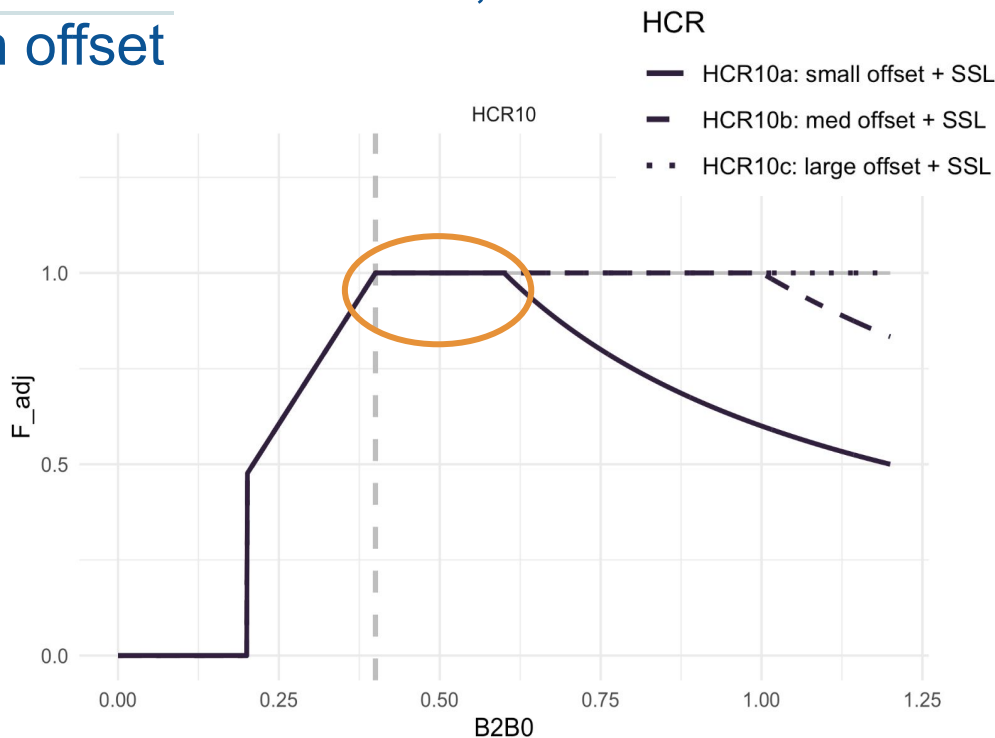


# HCR 10: Maximize productivity/increased reserve; linear version (1/ B\_target) with offset

## Simulation Goal:

This HCR builds on HCR 5 by applying a proportional reduction in fishing mortality based on biomass levels, further enhancing stock and environmental productivity through strengthening the buffer against environmental shocks.

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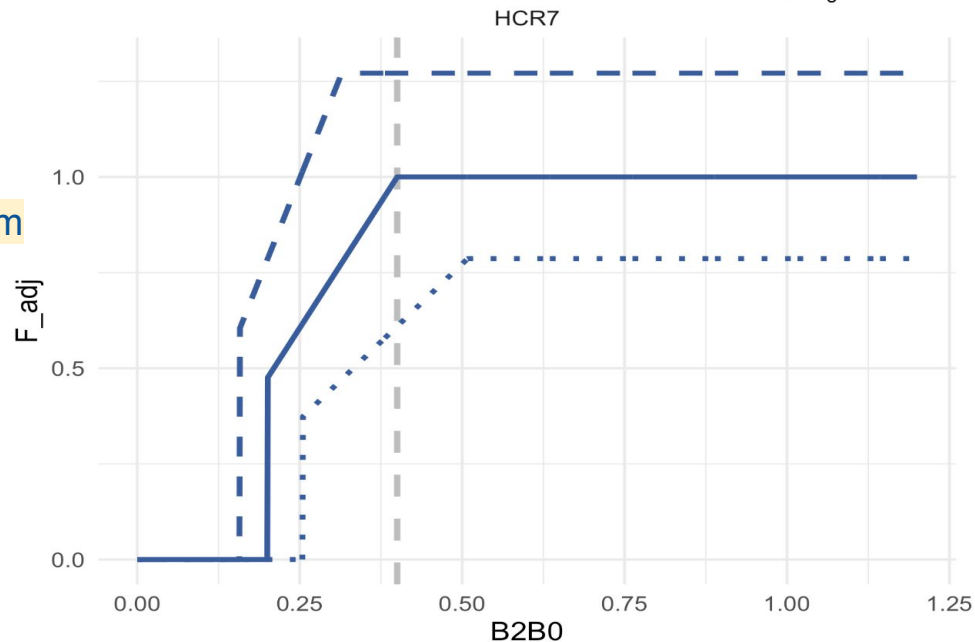
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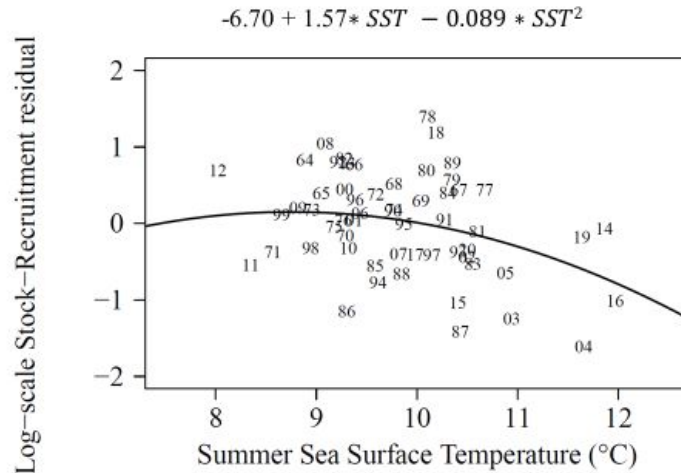
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HCR

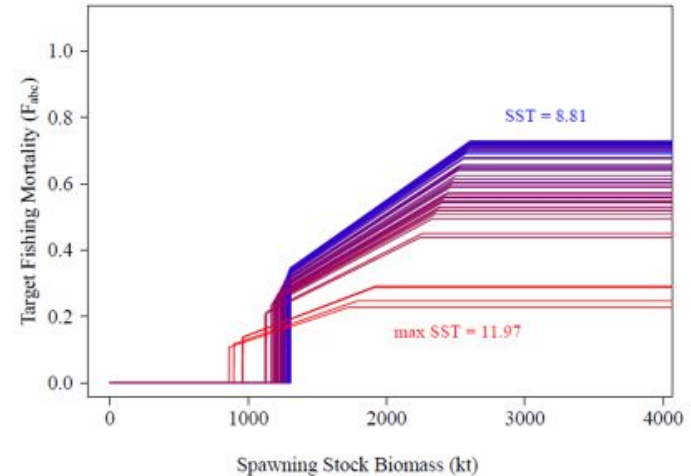
- HCR7a: max productivity (SQ) + SSL
- - HCR7b: SR pos cov effects via omega + SSL
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## Effect of temperature on recruitment



## How would the harvest control rule change with temperature?



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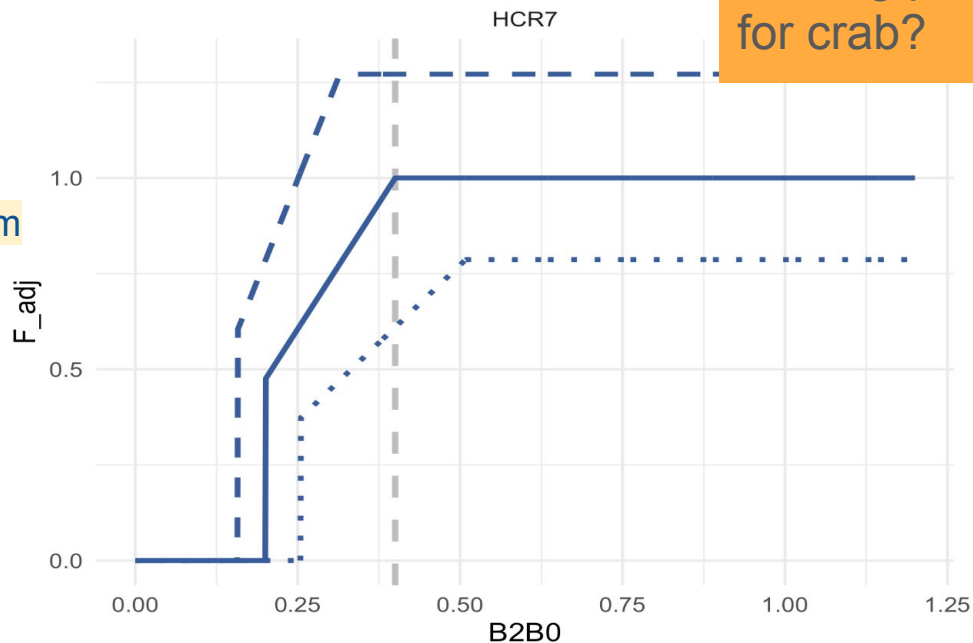
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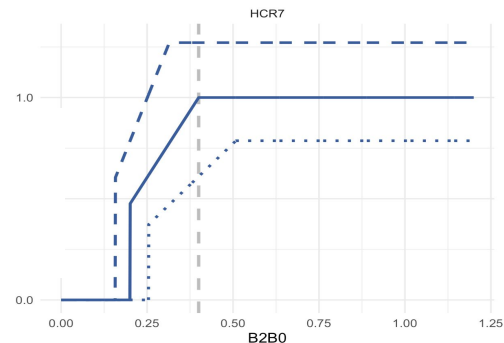
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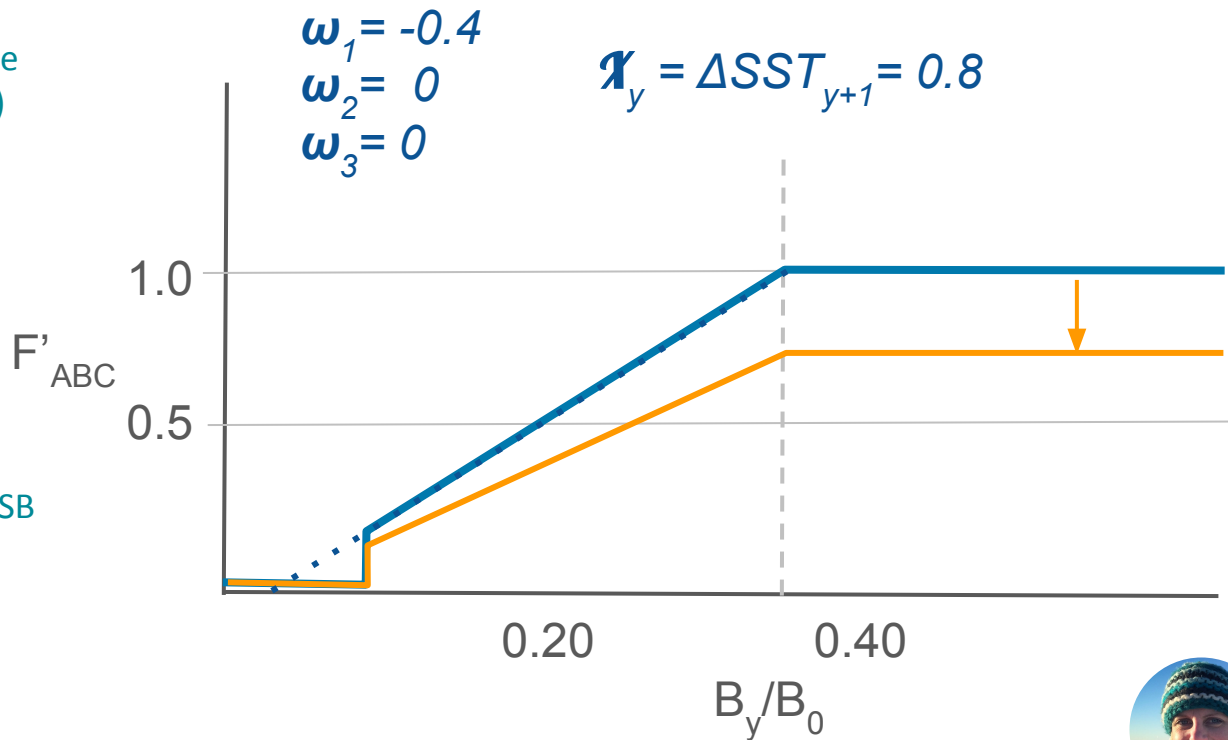
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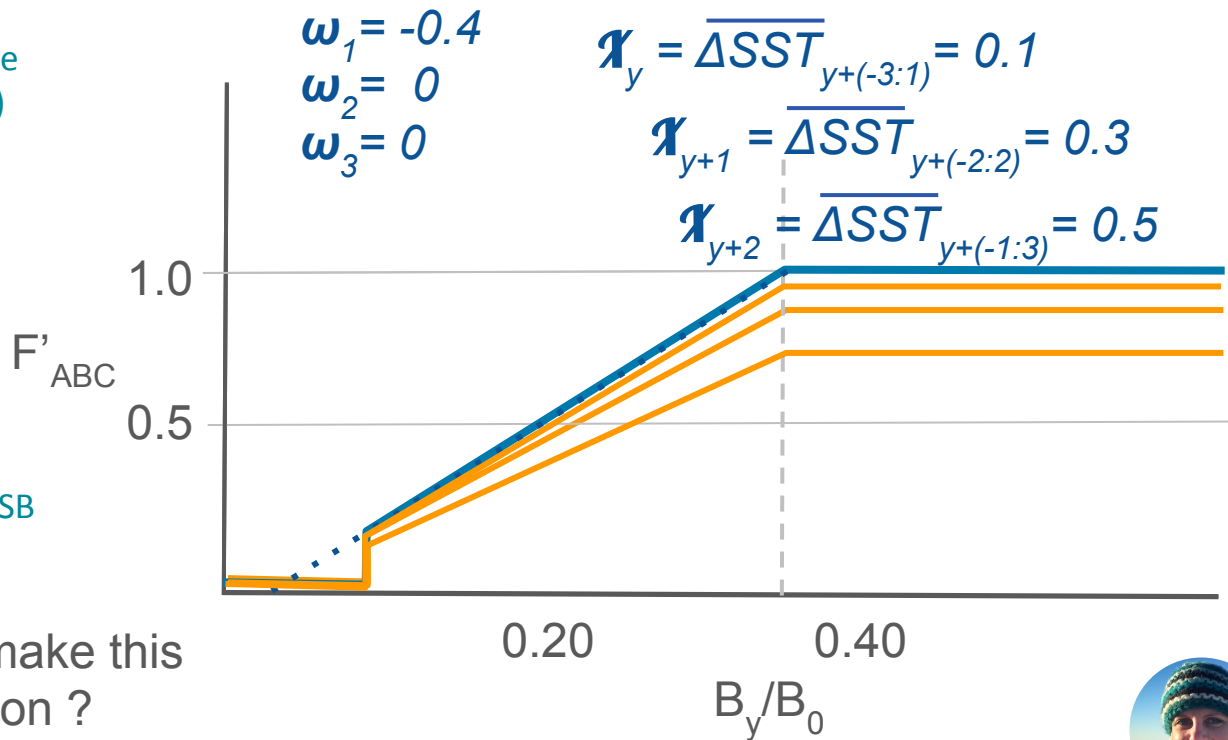
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Andre: Can we make this a smooth transition ?





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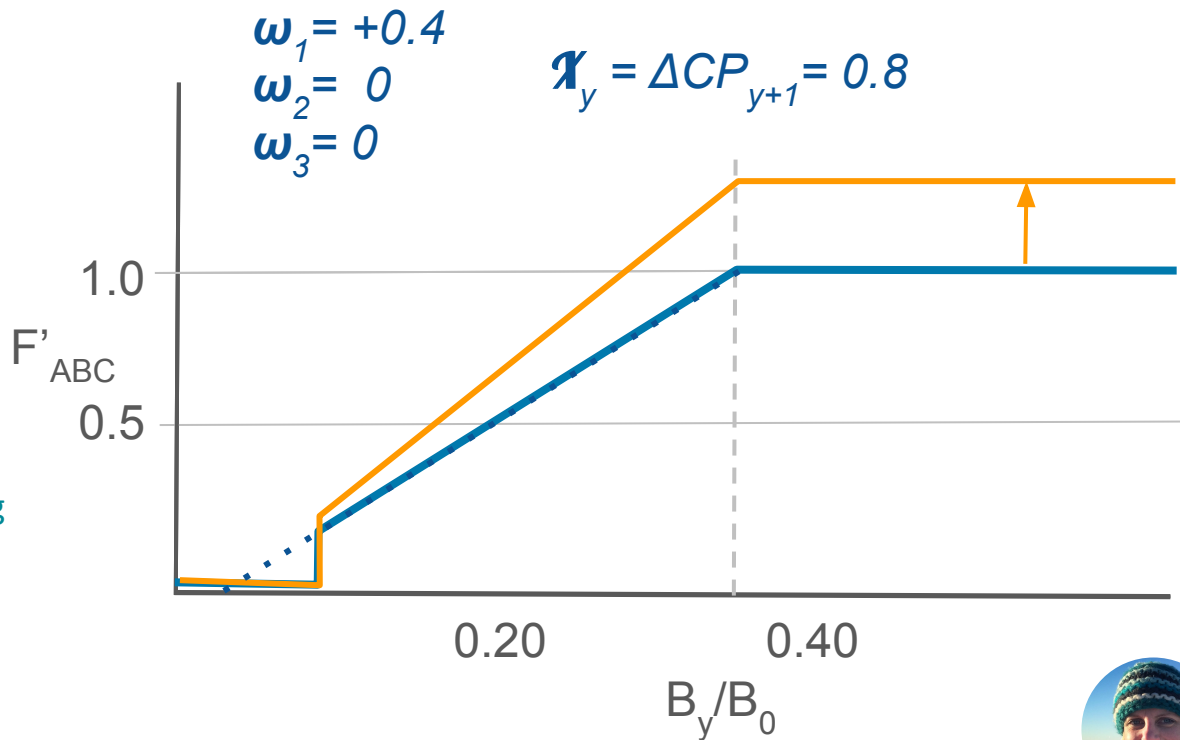
model is climate naive but we know there is a **POSITIVE** effect of cold pool on survival (i.e., model based harvest rate  $F_{35\%}$  is too low relative to “true”  $F_{35\%}$ )

### CPT Goal:

Capture effect of future cold pool on productivity

### How:

Adjust  $F_{ABC}$  upward to account for the positive impact of future environmental conditions on future SSB and  $F$ , assuming that model based harvest rate is too low



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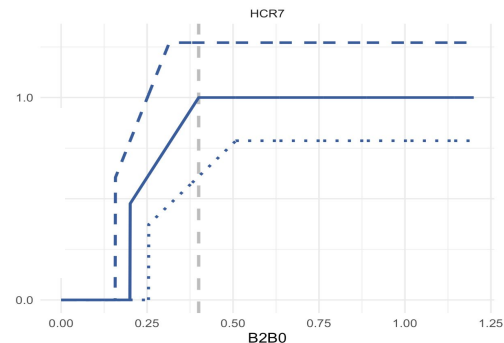
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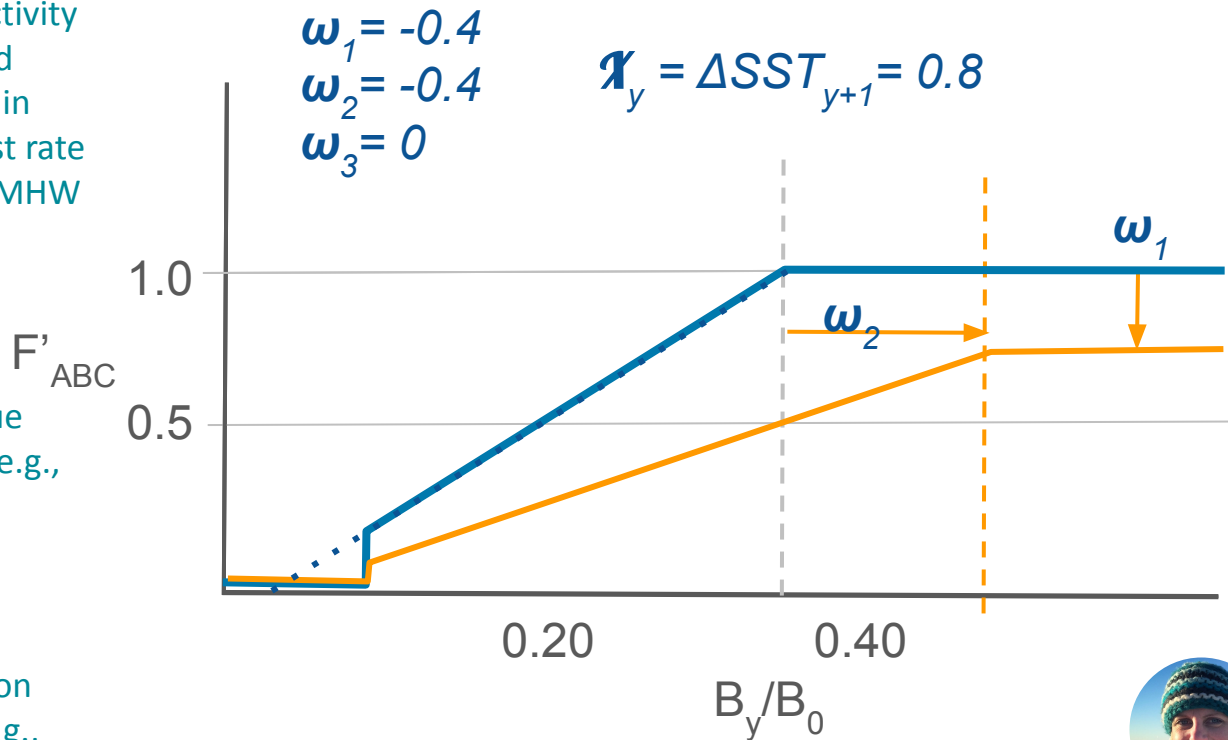
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## CPT Goal:

Capture effect of future MHW on productivity and manage closer to true optimal SSB under MHW conditions (e.g.,  $B_{48\%}$ )

## How:

Adjust  $F_{ABC}$  down to account for the negative impact of future conditions on future SSB and  $F$ , shift  $B_{target}$  higher (e.g.,  $B_{48\%}$ )





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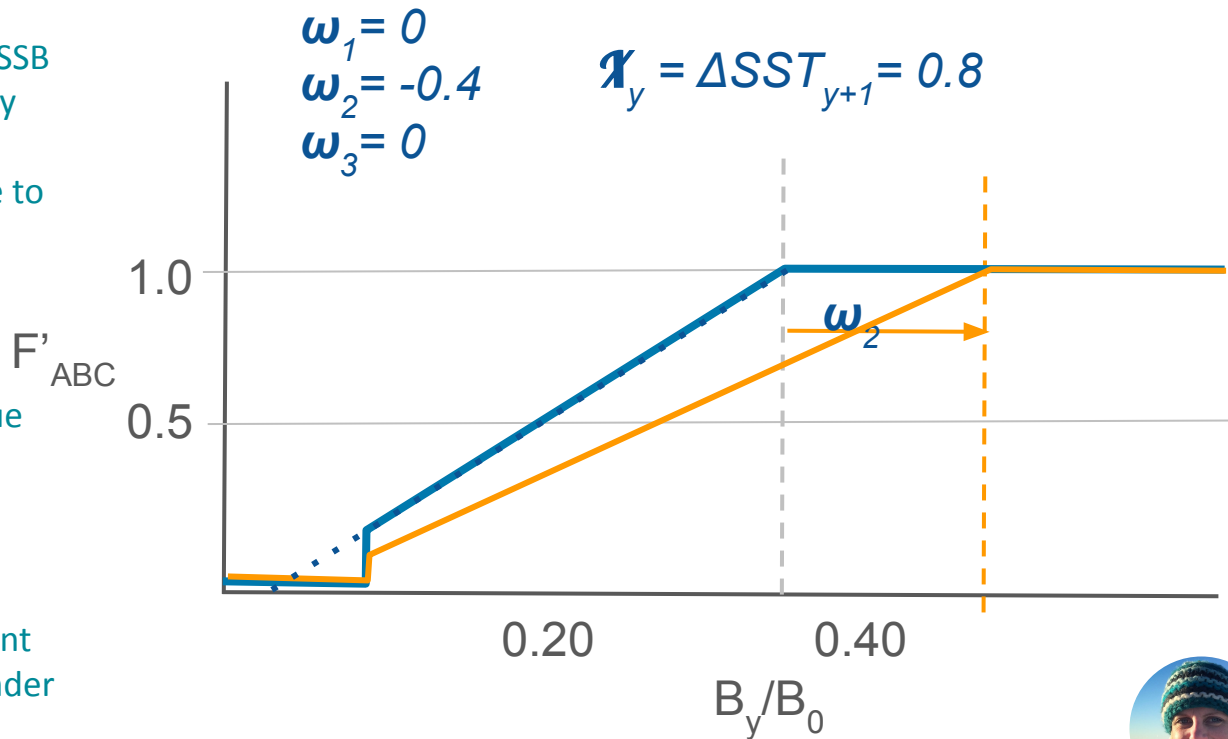
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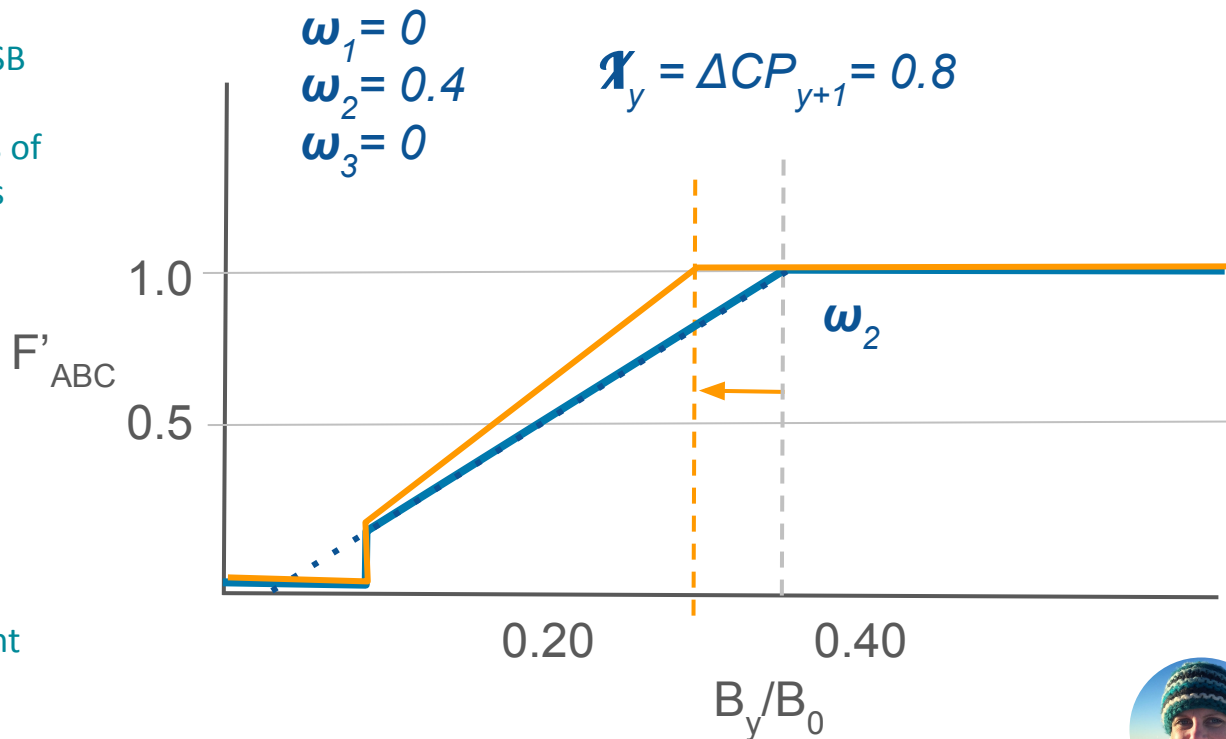
model is climate naive but we know there is a **POSITIVE** effect of CP on productivity and we know that less SSB is needed during favorable cold conditions to support the same levels of productivity (i.e., model based  $B_{35\%}$  is too high in cold conditions relative to “true”  $B_{MSY}$ )

## CPT Goal:

Capture effect of future cold pool on productivity and allow harvest to be closer to MSY (e.g.,  $B_{25\%}$ )

## How:

Shift  $B_{\text{target}}$  lower (e.g.,  $B_{25\%}$ ) to account for lower optimal Biomass at MSY under cold productive conditions

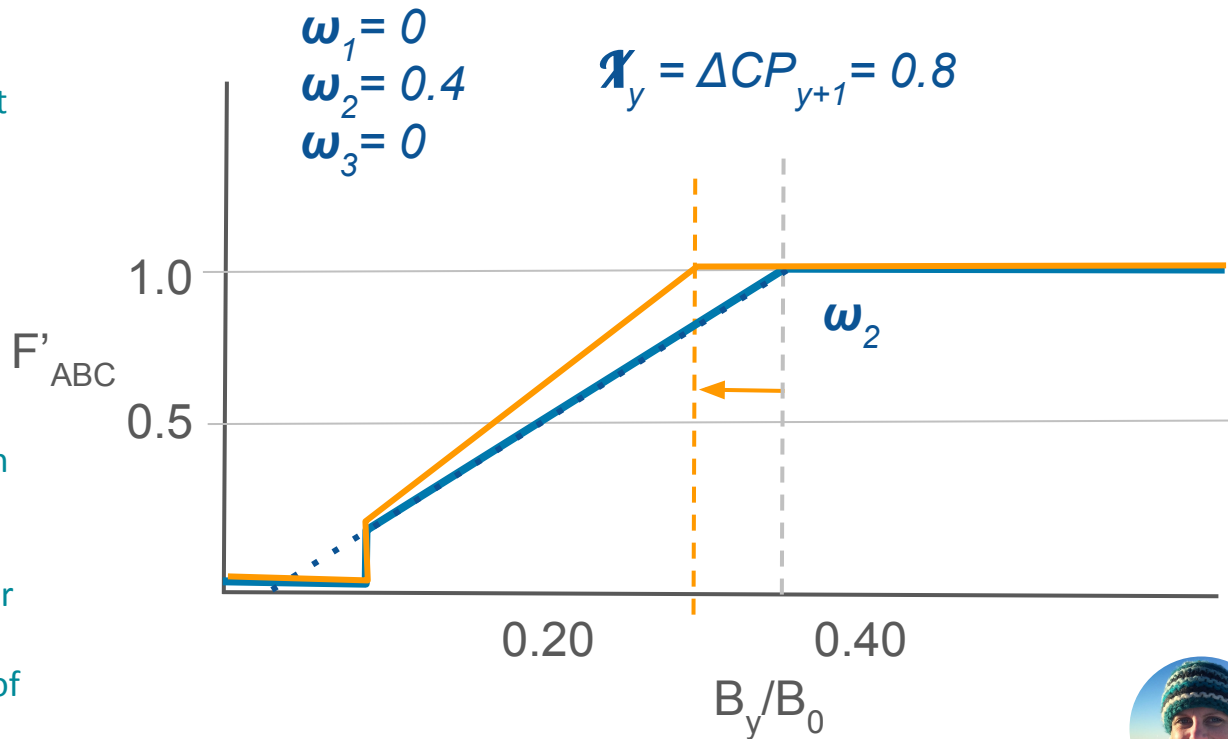




# HCR 7: Add climate-linked buffers

## Bottom line:

- Replace expert judgement adjustments with quantitative approach to get adjusted  $F'_{ABC}$  rather than qualitative or abrupt changes to  $F$ .
- Define when to use adjust  $F$  and how beforehand
- Test the approach beforehand using simulations to understand skill and to know if the approach will result in desired outcomes
- Optional: Can set adjustments or buffers based on confidence in future indices (e.g., probability of the forecast being true)

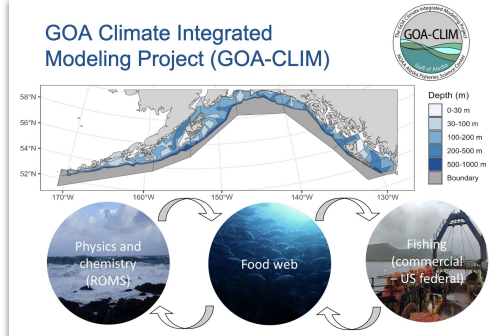
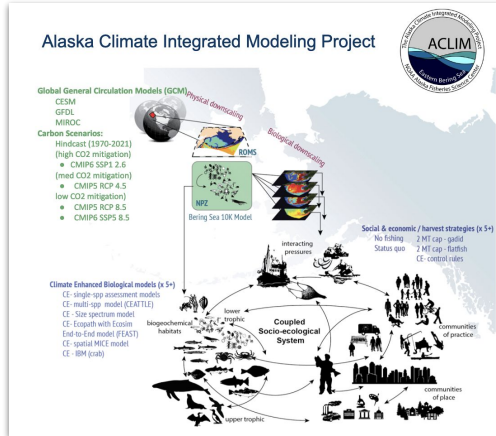




# Consideration : indices and information increasingly available

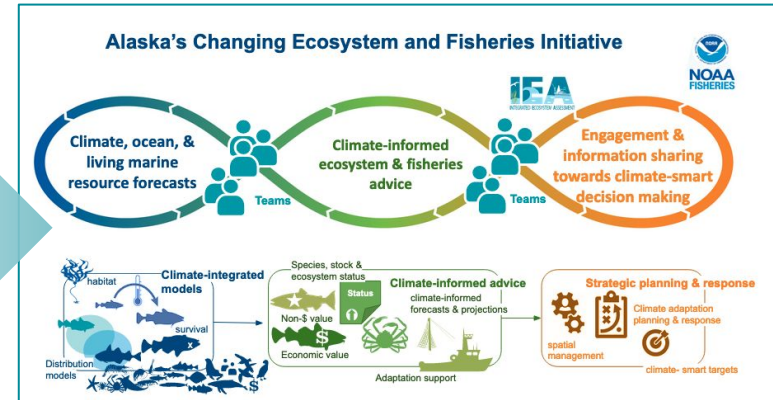


## Research & development

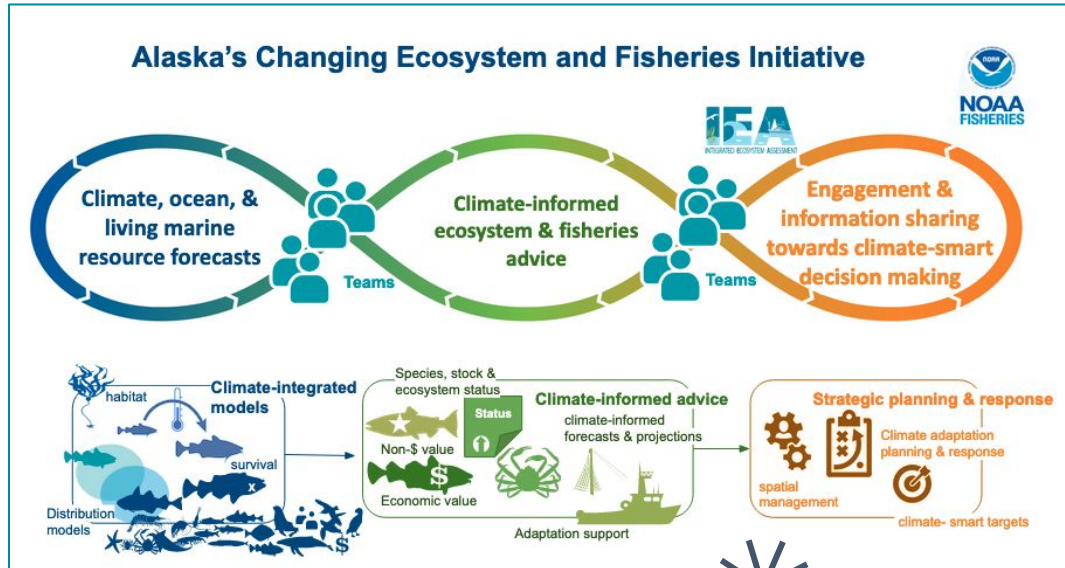


Climate & Ecological (CE) forecasts  
CE assessment & foodweb models  
CE informed SDMs  
CE informed EBM advice  
Robust alternative HCRs & CAPs  
CE planning support & scenarios

## Long-term operational support



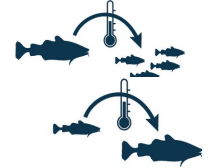
# Strategic foresight & predictions



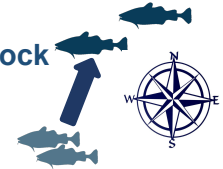
Climate change  
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Climate  
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# Performance criteria



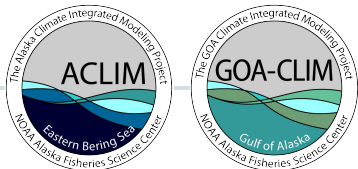
Alaska Integrated Climate Modeling

Hollowed et al.

**TABLE 6** | Suite of candidate performance indicators for ACLIM.

Name	Derivation	Purpose
Core species abundance	Mean and variance for time block	Sustainable fishing index
Core species recruitment	Mean and variance for time block	Sustainable fishing index
Core species average size and age at maturity	Mean and variance for time block	Sustainable fishing index
Core species exploitation	Annual time trend $F/F_{MSY}$	Sustainable fishing index
Core species crab status	Annual time trend reproductive potential vs. target reproductive potential.	Sustainable fishing index
Core species crab catch	Mean and variance for time block	Sustainable fishing index
Centroid of distribution for core species	Annual time trend	Index distribution
Euphausiid biomass	Mean and variance for time block	Ecosystem stability index
Motile epifauna biomass	Mean and variance for time block	Trophic structure index
Benthic forager biomass	Mean and variance for time block	Trophic structure index
Pelagic forager biomass	Mean and variance for time block	Trophic structure index
Apex predator biomass	Mean and variance for time block	Trophic structure index
Species diversity index	Alpha and beta diversity indices	Ecosystem stability index
Mean trophic level of the catch	Mean and variance for time block	Ecosystem Based Fishery Management index
Number of fishery closures by core species	Average for time block	Fishery efficiency index
Core species and fleet CPUE	Annual time trend of CPUE by species and fleet	Fishery catchability index
Fishing effort by fleet	Annual time trend of fishing effort	Fisheries participation and employment
Core species first-wholesale revenue index	Annual time trend	Economic index
Core species percent TAC utilization	Percentage of total allowable catch landed	Management index
Fleet species diversity index	Annual measure of diversity of target species revenues	Measure of fishery portfolio by sector
Fleet revenue variability	Coefficient of variations of fisheries revenue by sector	Financial risk index

- ☐ %time below B20
- ☐ Number of  $F = 0$ , closures
- ☐ Diversity of age classes (sensu Ianelli et al.)
- ☐ Total Catch
- ☐ Total \$ Yield
- ☐ Stability of Catch over time
- ☐ Mean age
- ☐ R/S or other product. indices
- ☐ Mean trophic level



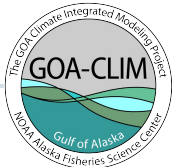
*Hollowed et al. 2020*

# CLIM Modeling questions for CPT

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- What is the most useful (to you) starting point or status quo simulation for crab?
- Do you agree HCR7 would be useful to evaluate in simulations during 2026?
- What are the key performance criteria?





# HCR Discussion (90 min)



# Today's Discussion Topics

***Outcome:** Draft climate information objectives and process for the CPT (will be added to the climate workplan)*

## 1. HCR options for crab

- a. What role would an HCR play specifically in crab management?
- b. Can HCR 7 (alpha modifier on B<sub>status</sub>) represent the buffer approach currently used for crab?
- c. Could this be implemented as a quantitative buffer based on forecasts of environmental conditions (e.g., marine heatwaves, regime shifts)?
- d. Are crab specific HCRs needed or is the current set enough?

## 2. Meaning of “status quo”

- a. “Status quo” is identified as an ACLIM & GOACLIM goal. What does “status quo” mean for crab management in practice?

## 3. Priorities and objectives

- a. Is this a priority for the CPT?
- b. If so, what are we trying to achieve by incorporating climate information into:
  - i. HCRs?
  - ii. Potentially ABC and TAC as well?
  - iii. Do we need a more meaningful or refined ABC for crab? What if that results in less conservative buffers?



# Considerations on revising harvest control rules to be more climate resilient



- ❑ Identify available flexibility and/or lack thereof in current groundfish and crab tier systems [*paper posted to eAgenda*]
- ❑ Identify recent issues by stock with the application of current system [*periodic discussions by Plan Teams and SSC; April 2025 discussion on risk table application*]
- ❑ Compile existing literature and ACLIM/GOACLIM results to help inform sensitivity of stocks to HCR shapes compared with biological reference points and/or fishing rate modifications
- ❑ Council would need to weigh in on policy objectives (including risk tolerance) in modification of HCRs or reference levels





**EXTRA SLIDES**

# NPFMC Dec. 2024 Motion

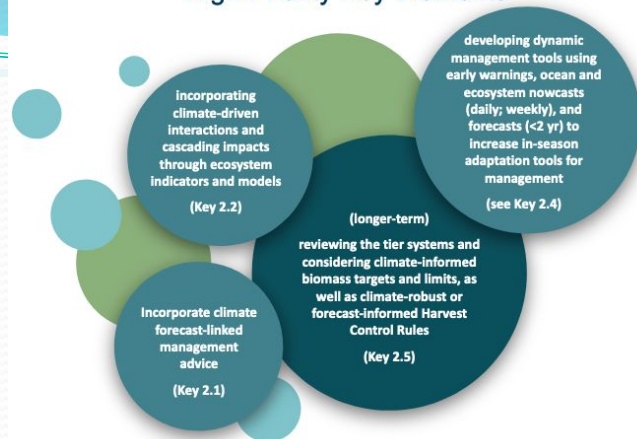
D-1 Climate Change Task Force Report  
Council Motion  
December 8, 2024

The Council acknowledges the final recommendations of the Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) that was established by the Bering Sea FEP and appreciates the extensive contributions of the Task Force members. The Council establishes a climate resilience workplan as recommended by the CCTF, with efforts guided by the principles outlined in the CCTF Key Element 1 (to expand existing inclusive processes, collaborations, and partnerships that facilitate inclusion of multiple knowledge systems in climate planning), and Key Element 2 (to consider management tools and options focused on the inclusion of existing and emergent climate information). The Council requests staff format the workplan, including timeframes, with the intent that it guides near-term actions for enhanced climate resilient management in the GOA and the BSAI. As an initial step, the work plan contains the following items as recommended by the CCTF; additional longer-term items and priority actions may be considered in the future. The Council anticipates that output from the NOAA Climate, Ecosystems and Fisheries Initiative (CEFI) will provide invaluable contributions to these work plan items.

- **Incorporate climate forecast linked management advice (2.1).** Use climate and ecosystem forecasts to improve management advice through assessments and supportive documents:
  - a. Incorporate forecasts of climate and ecosystem conditions (+1-2 yrs) in the harvest projections and specifications processes, including through the assessment of maximum allowable catch, ABC and overfishing limit, OFL; as well as climate, ecosystem, and socioeconomic sections of Ecosystem Status Reports (ESRs), and Ecosystem and Socio-economic Profiles (ESPs) that are used in the Risk Tables (i.e., for ABC) and in the context of informing the TAC-setting process.
  - b. Include climate forecast information and vulnerability assessments in management advice to inform Risk Tables and discussions around ABC or TAC. Climate information on risk could be communicated via updates and expanded climate risk sections of the Annual Community Engagement and Participation Overviews (ACEPOs), through an appendix to ESRs, or as a standalone report or assessment.
  - c. Consider climate-forecast linked spatial management measures (e.g., via climate specific species distribution models) to inform apportionments.
- **Incorporate climate-driven interactions and cascading impacts through use of ecosystem indicators and models (2.2).** Develop and use ecological indicators and multi-species, multi-fleet, or ecosystem models that quantify uncertainty, interactions, and risk across multiple fisheries or species. As part of this effort risk table discussions can be aligned around climate buffers/risks.
- **Consider and incorporate dynamic management tools to increase in-season adaptation capacity (2.4).** Examples of these kinds of tools include:
  - a. Using nowcasts (daily; weekly) and forecasts (<2 years) to inform spatial in-season and annual management actions
  - b. Increase in-season flexibility and responsiveness in harvest measures through incorporation of real-time observations from a broader suite of observations and information
- **Review tier systems, consider climate-informed biomass targets and limits and climate-robust or forecast-informed harvest control rules (2.5)**



## High Priority Key Elements



### Key Element 1



Expand existing & create new inclusive processes, collaborations, & partnerships that facilitate incorporation of multiple knowledge systems into climate planning & response

### Key Element 2



Consider management tools & options focused on the inclusion of existing & emergent climate information

### Key Element 3



Establish a dedicated review group charged with reviewing & packaging climate information entering Council processes

## Climate Change Work Plan



To best advance the Council's goals related to climate readiness, the Climate Change Task Force recommends that a work plan be developed to advance resilience in the face of rapid change. The work plan should be crafted inclusively through engagement with the public using best practices identified by the CEC and LKTK Task Force.



# Conceptual Model

