# A new temperature metric for temperature-varying catchability of Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod





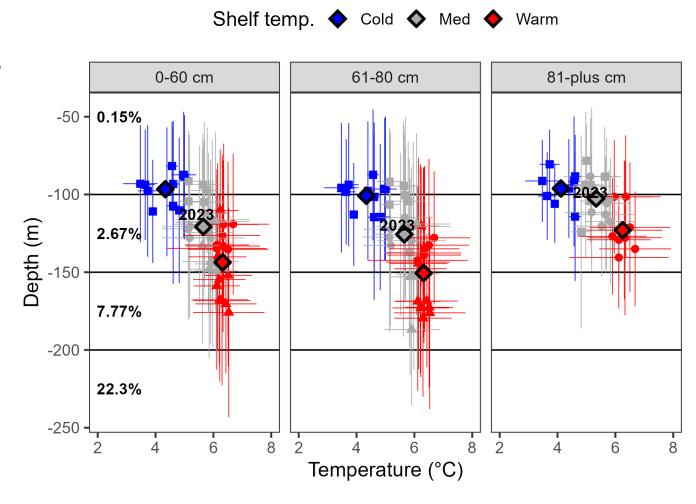
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### Adult Pacific cod move into deeper during warm conditions

- The Gulf of Alaska stock assessment model includes a temperature-at-depth link on longline survey catchability
- June temperature-at-depth estimates from CFSR, an ocean model
  - Older model
  - Very difficult on assessment timeline



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### Project goals

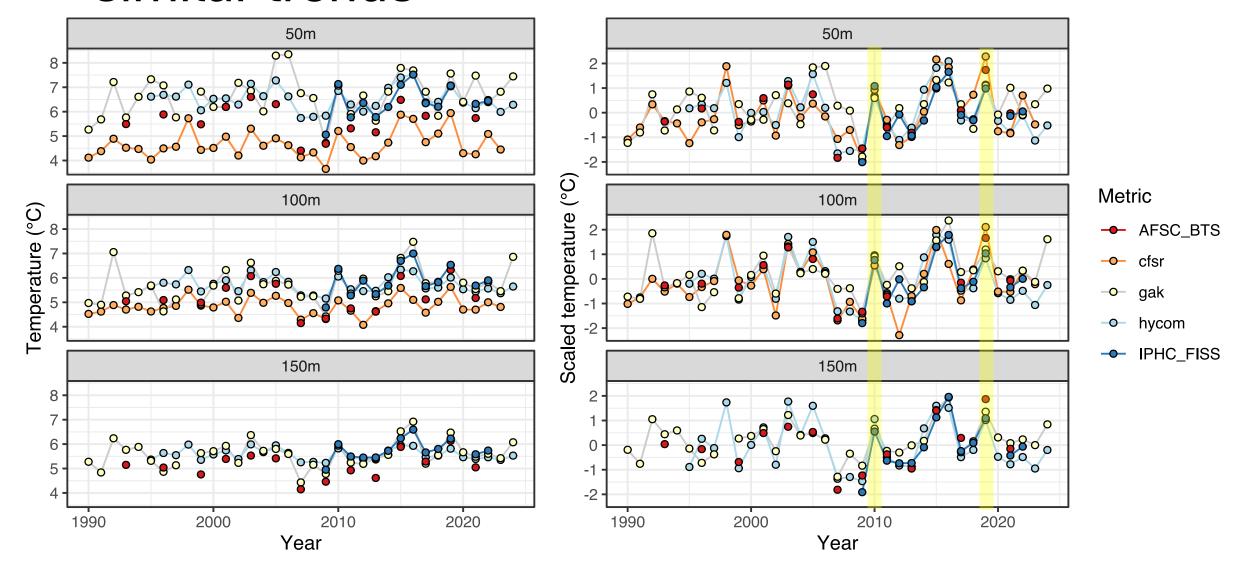
- Investigate other potential metrics for temperature-at-depth in the Gulf of Alaska
- Determine whether an alternative metric could provide similar or better assessment model fit
- Investigate whether temperature measurements/estimates from other depths or months could improve assessment model fit

#### The metrics

- In situ
  - AFSC bottom trawl survey
  - IPHC setline survey
  - GAK1 (mooring and monthly CTD)
- Model-derived
  - Climate Forecast System Reanalysis (CFSR)
    - global, high resolution, coupled atmosphere-ocean-land surface-sea ice system
  - HYbrid Coordinate Ocean Model or HYCOM
    - data-assimilative hybrid isopycnal-sigma-pressure (generalized) coordinate ocean model

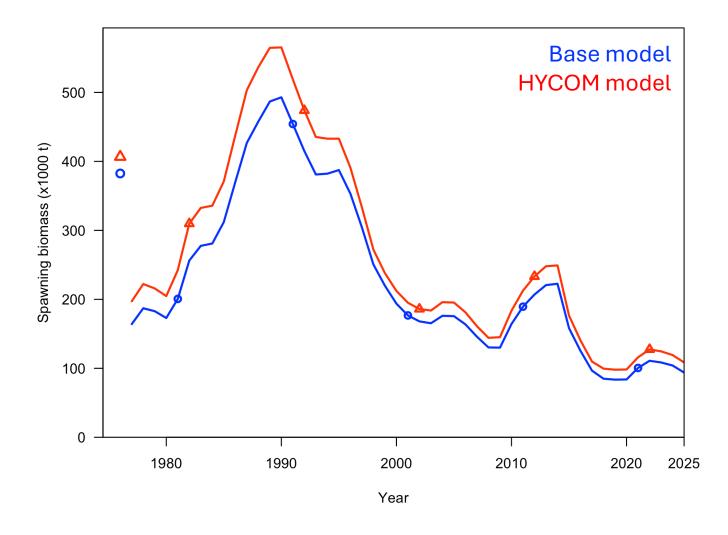


## Differences in absolute temperatures, but similar trends

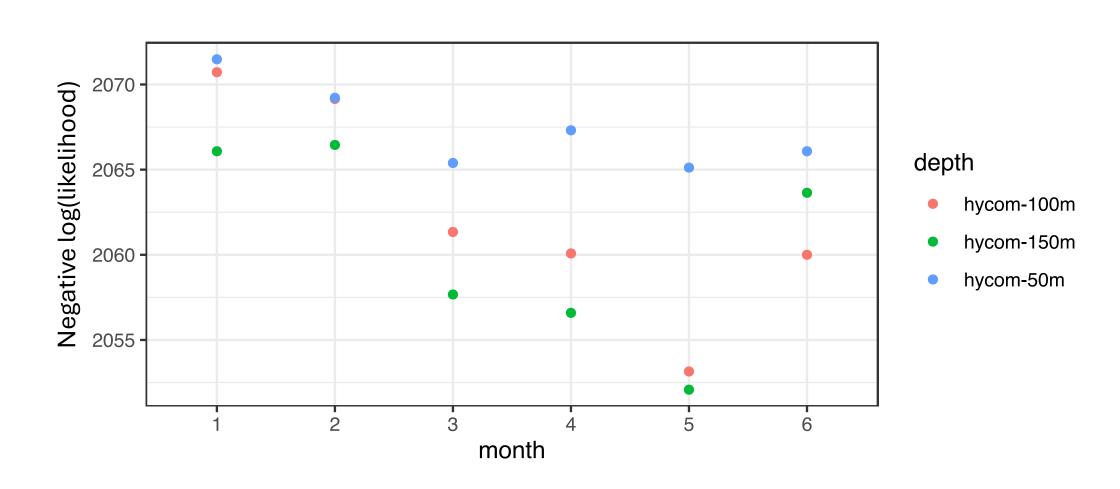


## HYCOM provides meaningful improvement in stock assessment model

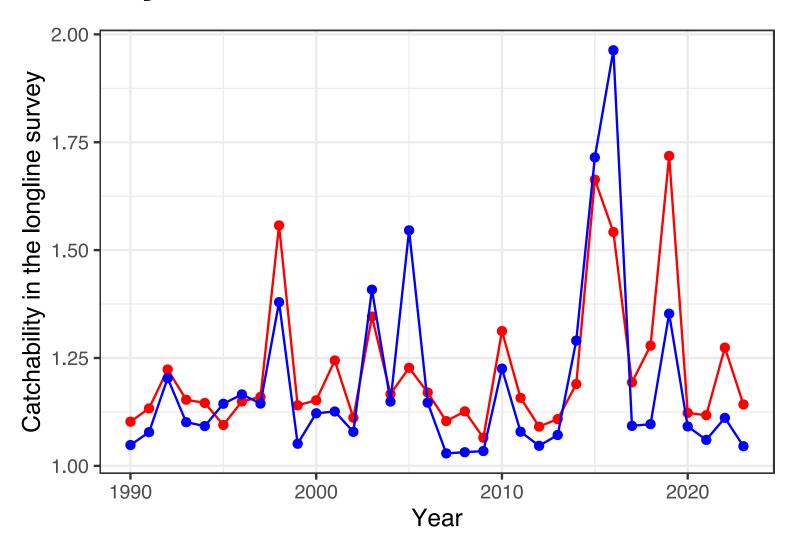
- Lower total negative log(likelihood) (2067.0) than the current base model that includes temperature estimates from CFSR (2069.5)
- Mostly through improved fit to longline survey, though worse fit to bottom trawl survey



# Does using temperature from different depth or month improve fit?

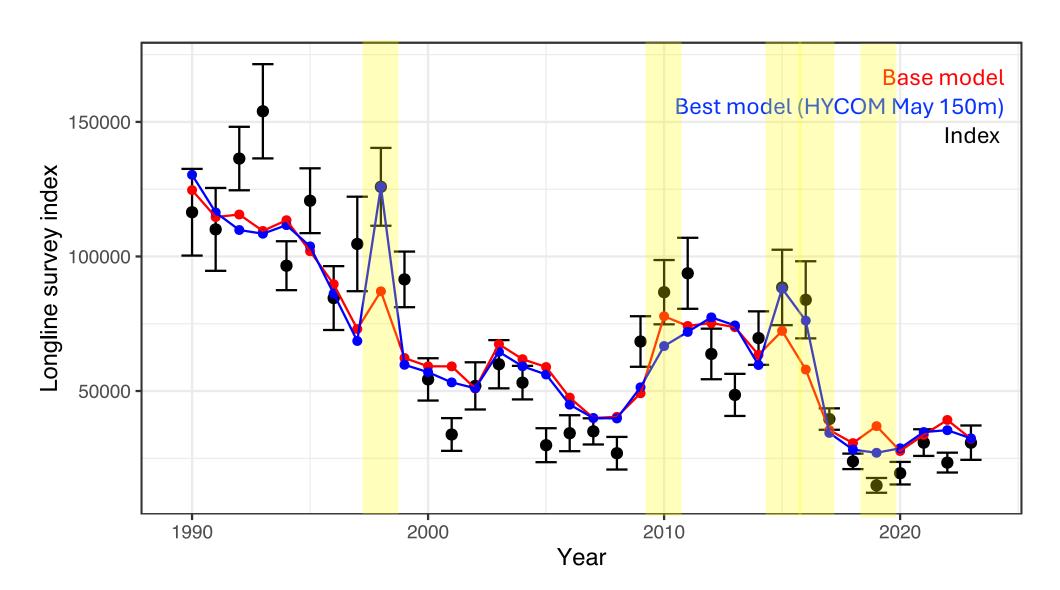


### Catchability



Base model Best model (HYCOM May 150m)

#### HYCOM (especially May 150m) improves fit to longline survey

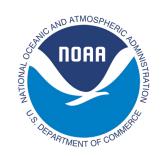


### Next steps

- HYCOM provides a promising and easier to access alternative to CFSR
  - Both share drawbacks associated with model derived-estimates
  - Code and data (to date) available through this project
- We are replacing CFSR temperature estimates with HYCOM May 150m temperature estimates

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