

# Climate informed decision support tools

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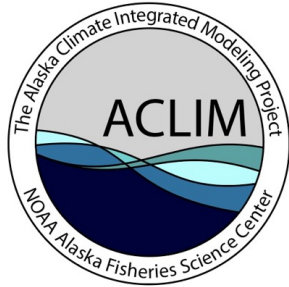


## ACLIM & CEFI

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**SSC Workshop**  
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Supporting climate  
resilience through  
climate-informed  
Ecosystem Based  
Management advice

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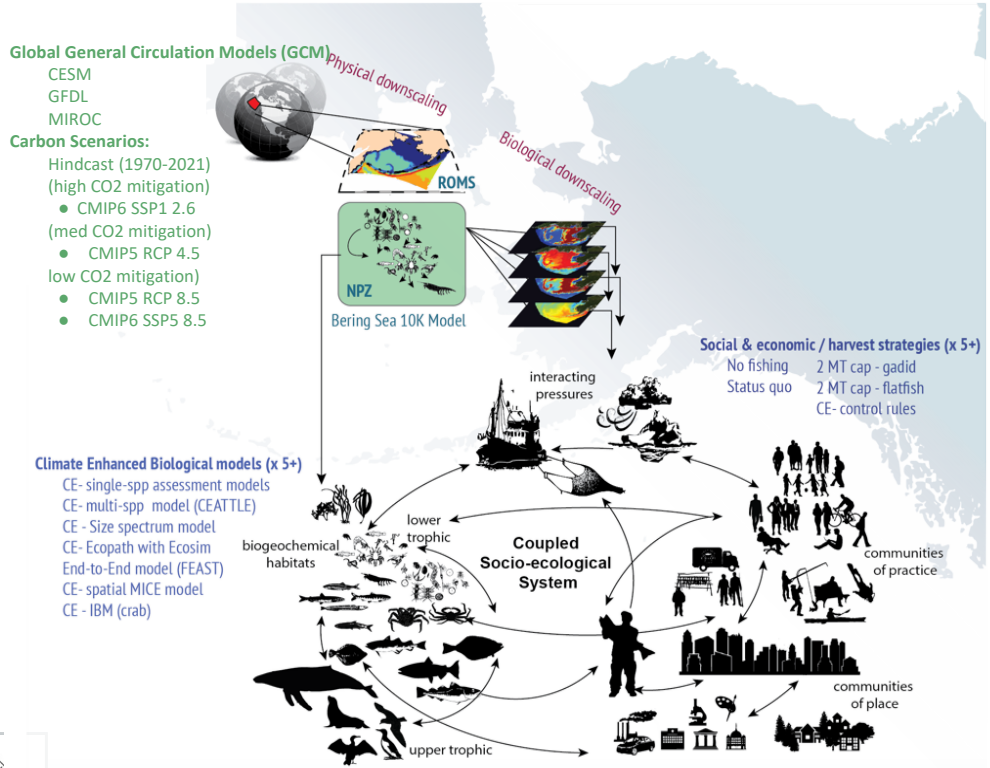
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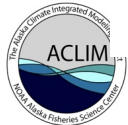
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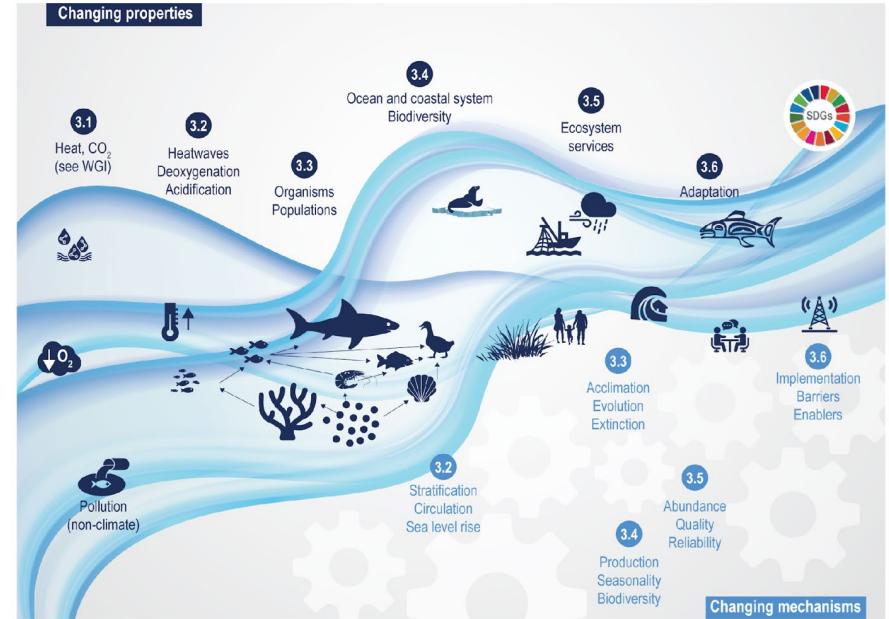
## Today's Talk

1. Brief introduction to climate planning, risk, adaptation, and CO2 mitigation
2. Linking to day 1: projected changes to NEBS conditions and carrying capacity
3. Actionable advice
  - a. Climate informed control rules (ACLIM2 spring sprint)
  - b. Climate informed spatial and scenario planning
4. Next steps, CEFI and ACLIM3

# Example Climate Change Impacts & Risks

- Shifting distributions & altered access
- Shifts in trophic pathways & size spectra
- Phenological mismatches & changes in productivity
- Reductions in fishery & subsistence resources
- Future risk to food & nutritional security
- Geopolitical, survey, stock boundary challenges
- Increased interactions between protected species & fisheries (e.g., pot fisheries)
- Compound multiple climate impacts (MHW, HABs, and low DO) & non-climate pressures (e.g., pollution, shipping)
- Increasing fishery emergencies & economic losses
- Reduced confidence in management
- Supply chain disruption (e.g., ports)
- Changes in safety & security
- Changes in markets & demand (interactions with agriculture)

WGII AR6 Chapter 3 concept map



[www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-ii](http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-ii)

Adaptation is underway but remains largely reactive, uncoordinated, and uneven across regions, communities, and sectors.



## 14.3.4 Factors Influencing Perceptions of Climate-Change Risks and Adaptation Action

“**Communicating** to educate or enhance knowledge on climate-change science or consensus can, but **does not necessarily lead individuals to revise their beliefs**”

“**Psychological distancing**—the perception that the greatest impacts occur sometime in the distant future and to people and places far away—**can lead to discounting of risk and the need for adaptation**”

“**Communication focused extensively on risks and dangers** of climate change can produce fear or dread, lessen agency and **create fatalism that hinders action**”

Estimated percent (%) of adults who think earth is getting warmer

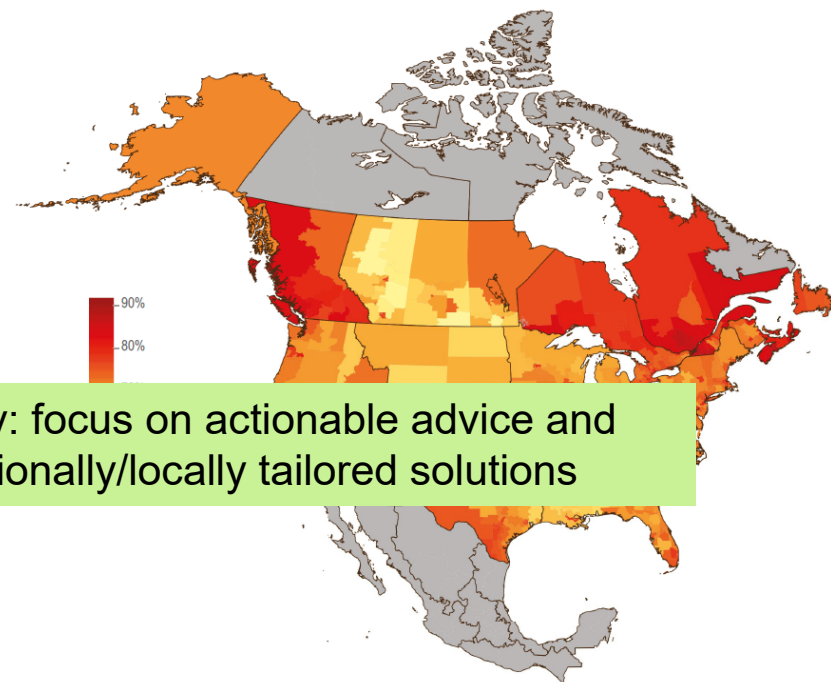


Figure 14.3 | Regional distribution of public perception that ‘the Earth is getting warmer’ as a surrogate for public acceptance that climate change is happening (percent of population). Scale is the Canadian federal electoral district or riding level and US congressional district. The three northern territories and Labrador, in Canada, did not meet population thresholds for modelling. The figure updates Mildenberger et al. (2016) and is based on equivalent public surveys in both countries: Canadian ‘Earth is getting warmer’ and US ‘global warming is happening’ undertaken in 2019. Equivalent surveys and modelling for Mexico are not available at the time of writing.

# COASTAL MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

While coastal managers and planners have called for new, adaptive policies to manage climate change, practitioners often continue to carry out the same conventional management strategies.



We surveyed practitioners to find out how they perceived adaptation actions.



Practitioners were broadly concerned that climate change is not well incorporated into current policies.



## ECOLOGICAL ACTIONS

were perceived as most useful.



## SOCIAL ACTIONS

are important for regional implementation.

## MAIN BARRIERS TO ADOPTING MORE ADAPTIVE POLICIES



POLITICAL ACTION



REDUCING SCIENTIFIC UNCERTAINTY



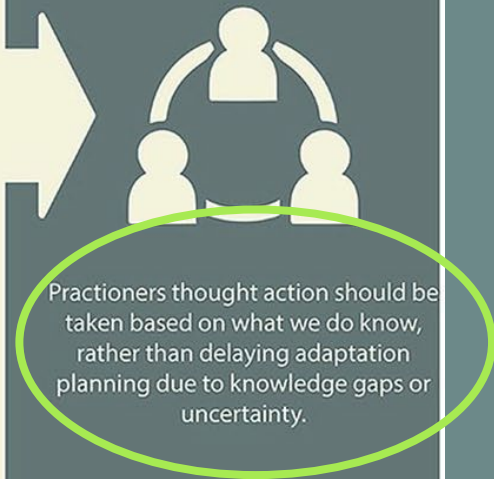
IMPROVING COMMUNICATION



INCREASING CAPACITY

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING POLICIES

Across multiple scales of governance management – from Indigenous governance, to provincial, to federal – practitioners identified a need for greater collaboration.





# Complex but solvable... all futures are “still on the table”

Overall, the latest studies on the net economic implications of decarbonisation – which also account for avoided climate damages – **point to overall benefit from the transition.**

*-Prof Valentina Bosetti*

If people are provided with opportunities to make choices supported by policies, infrastructure and technologies, there is an untapped mitigation potential to **bring down global emissions by between 40 and 70% by 2050** compared to a baseline scenario.

*-Prof Joyashree Roy*

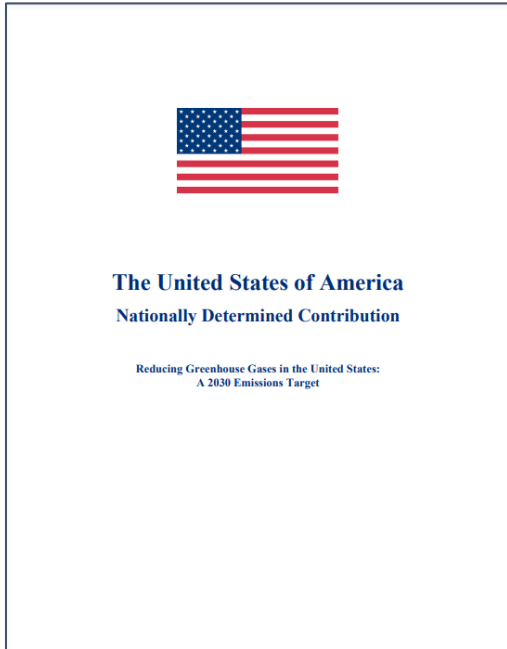
The evidence is clear: there are now mitigation options available in all sectors that could together **halve global greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.**

*-Dr Céline Guivarch*



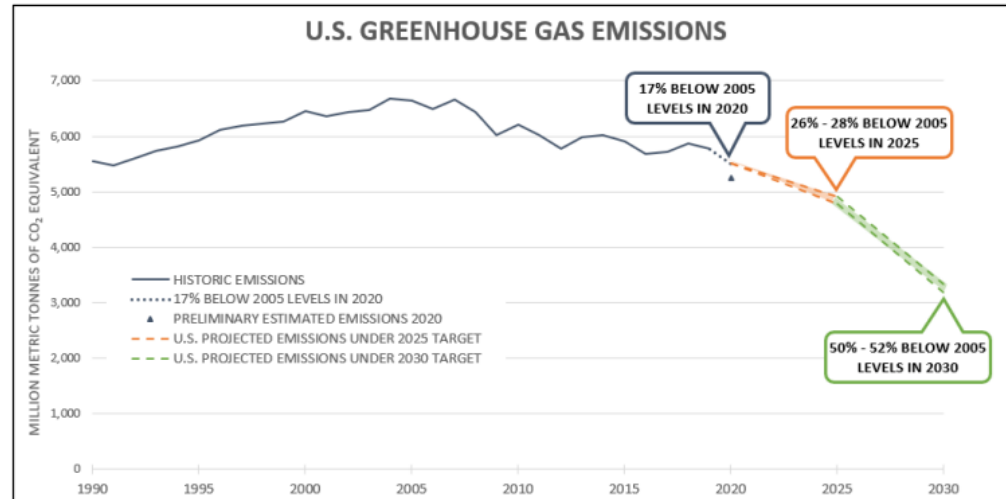
# Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

<https://unfccc.int/ndc-information/nationally-determined-contributions-ndcs>



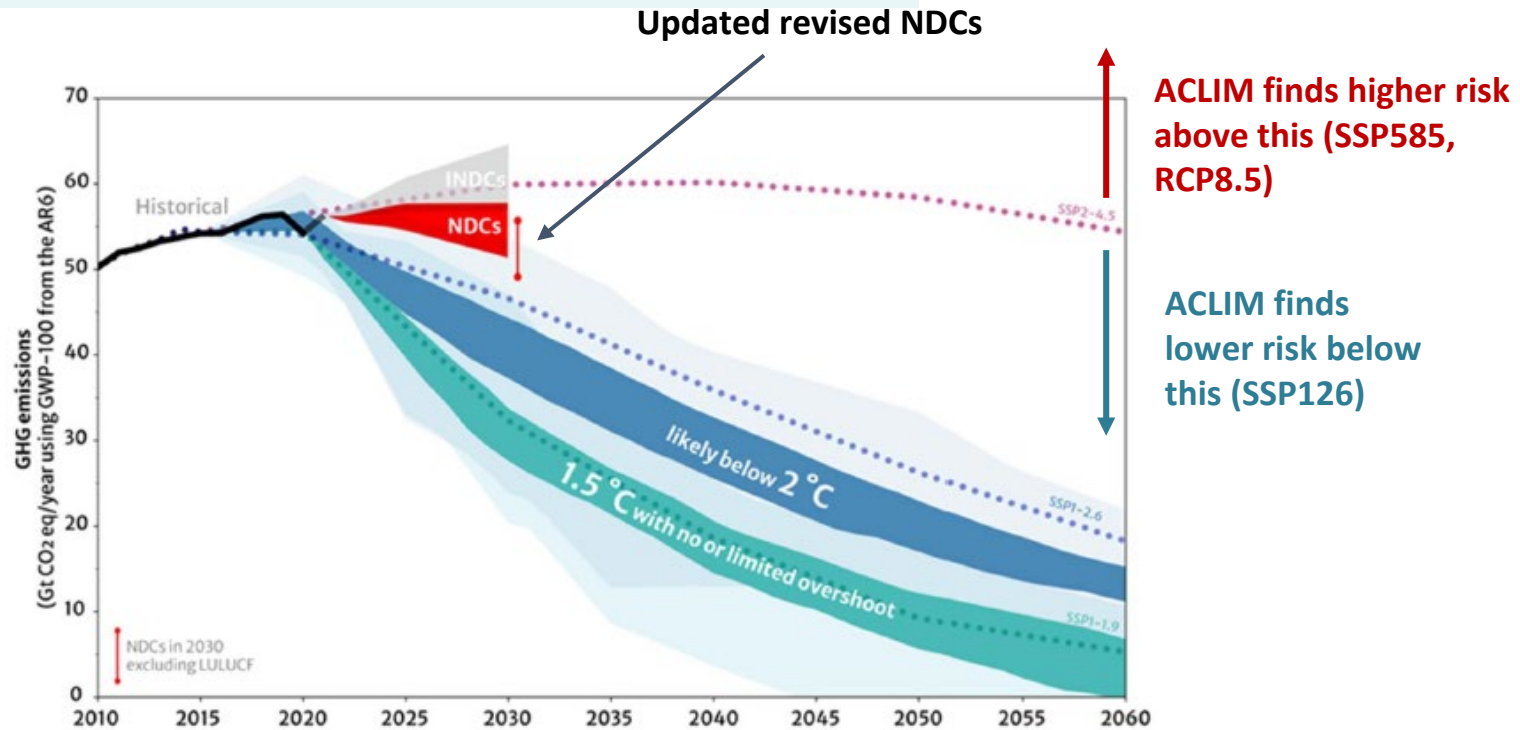
## PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

1. Limit the avg. global temperature increase to <math>< 2^\circ</math> centigrade + achieve net zero emissions by mid-century
2. Enhance resilience and adaptation to climate impacts certain to occur
3. Align financial flows in the world with these objectives



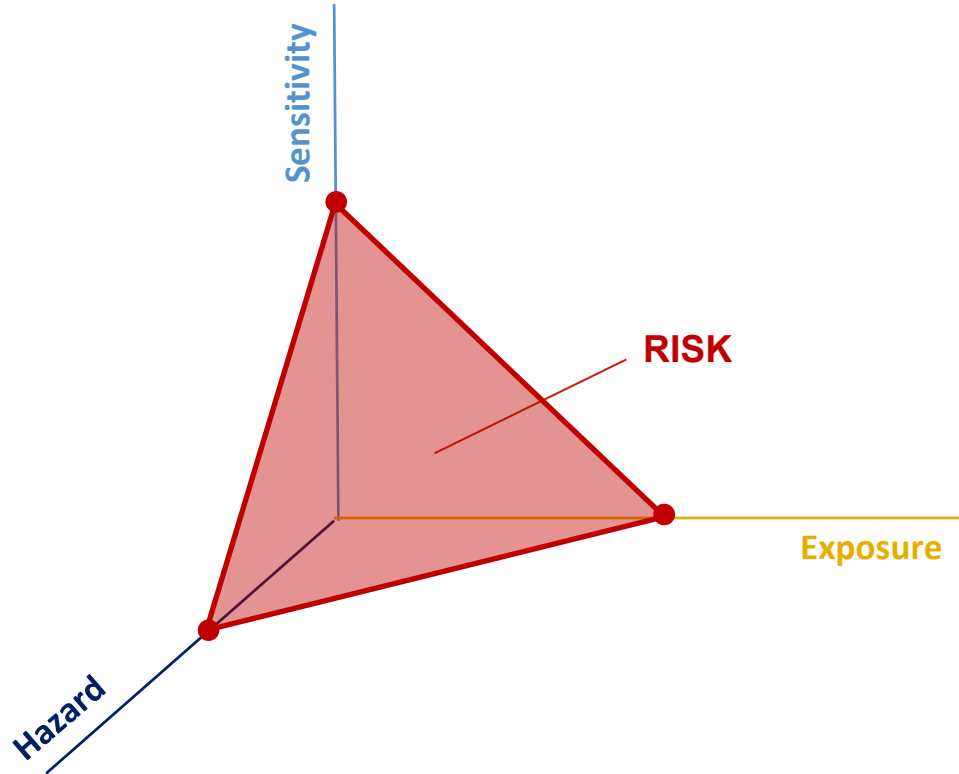
*United States Historic Emissions and Projected Emissions Under 2030 Target*

# UNFCCC 2022 NDC Synthesis report



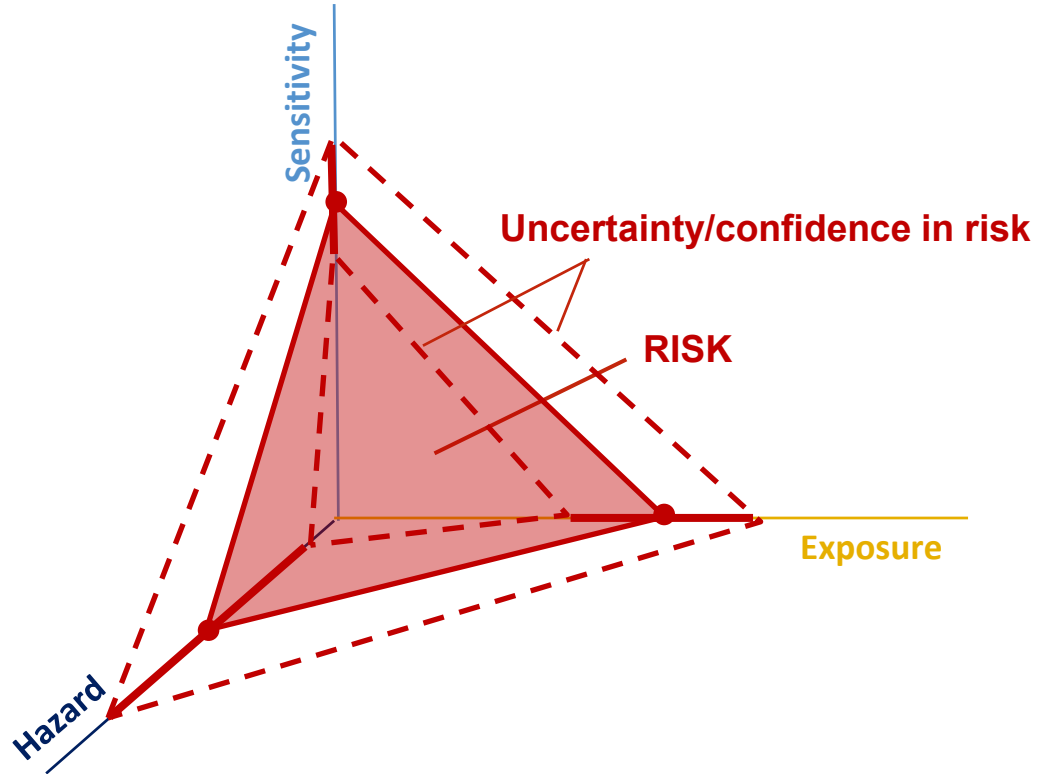
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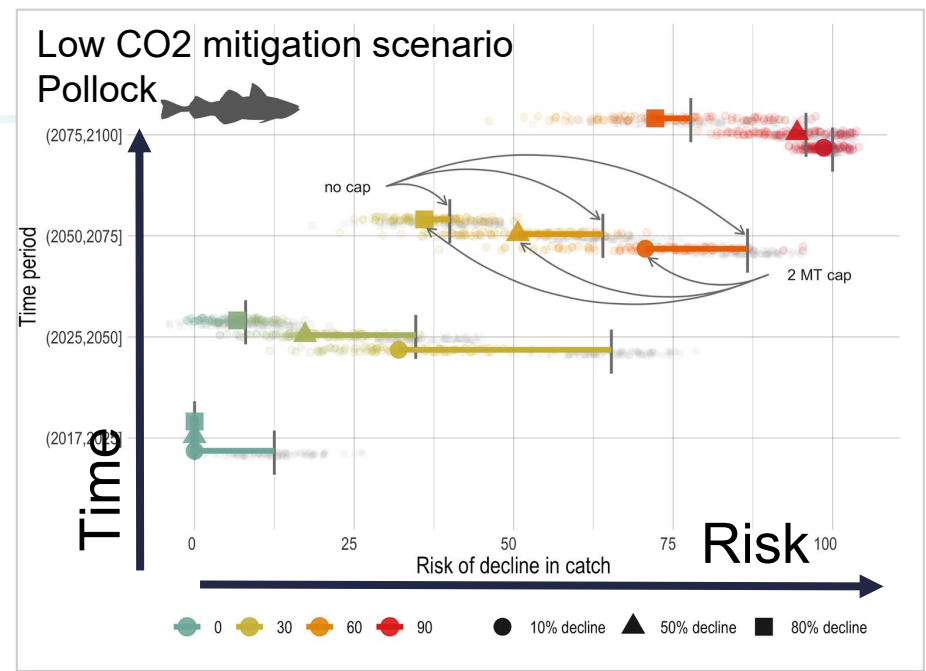
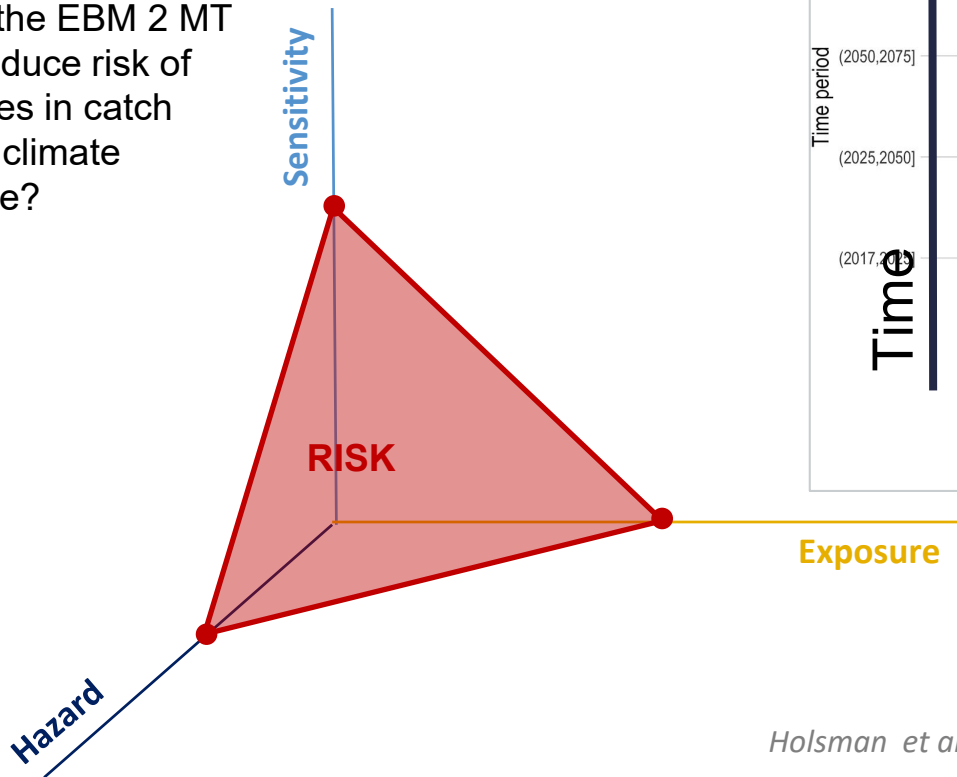
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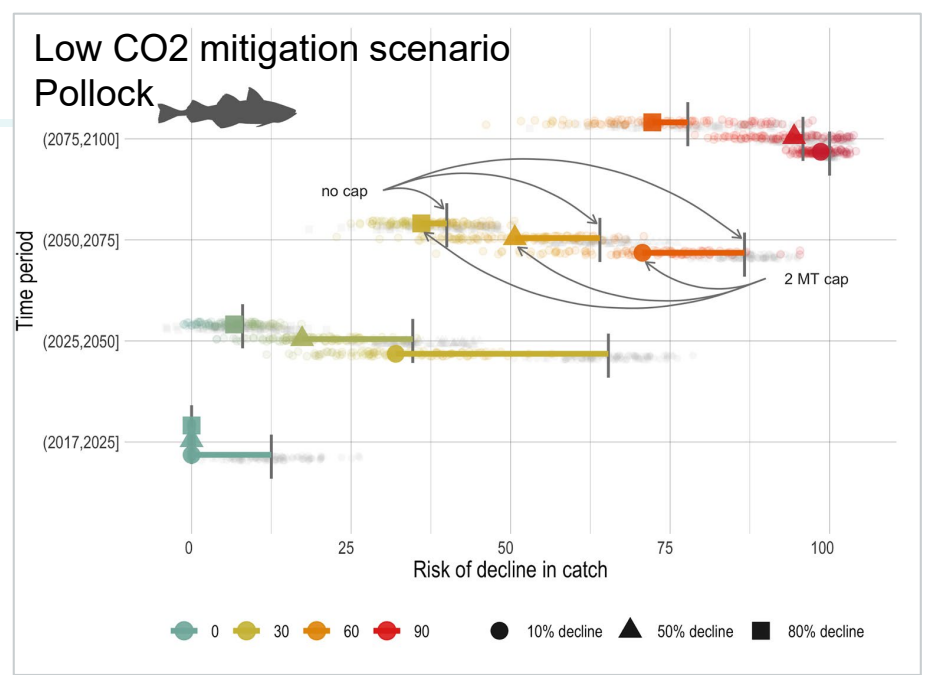
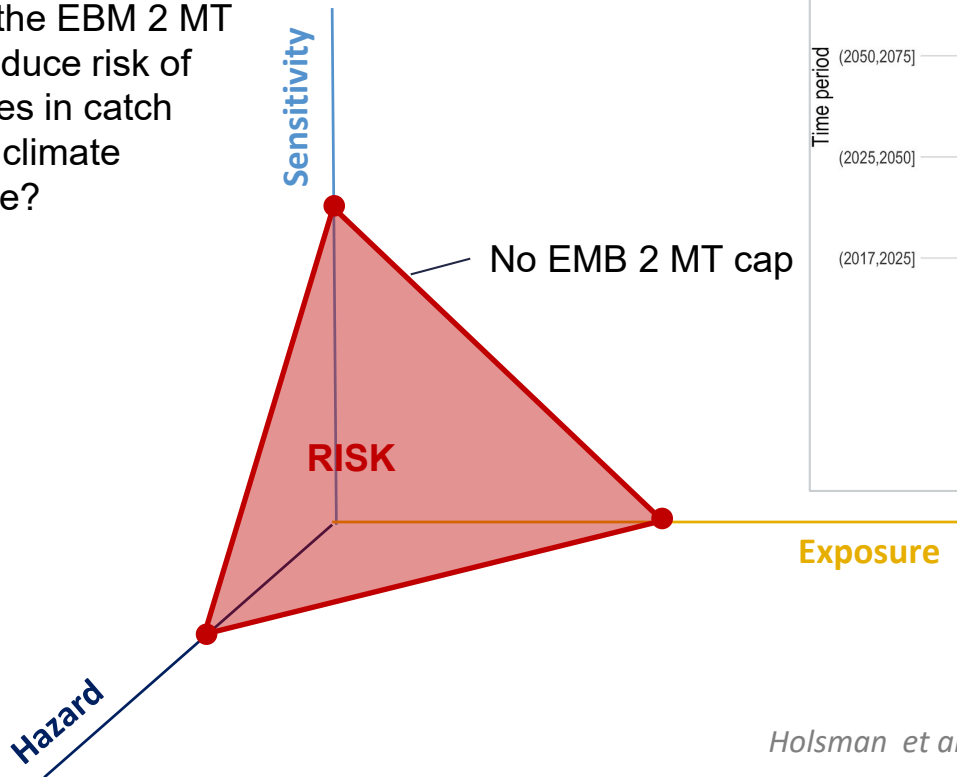
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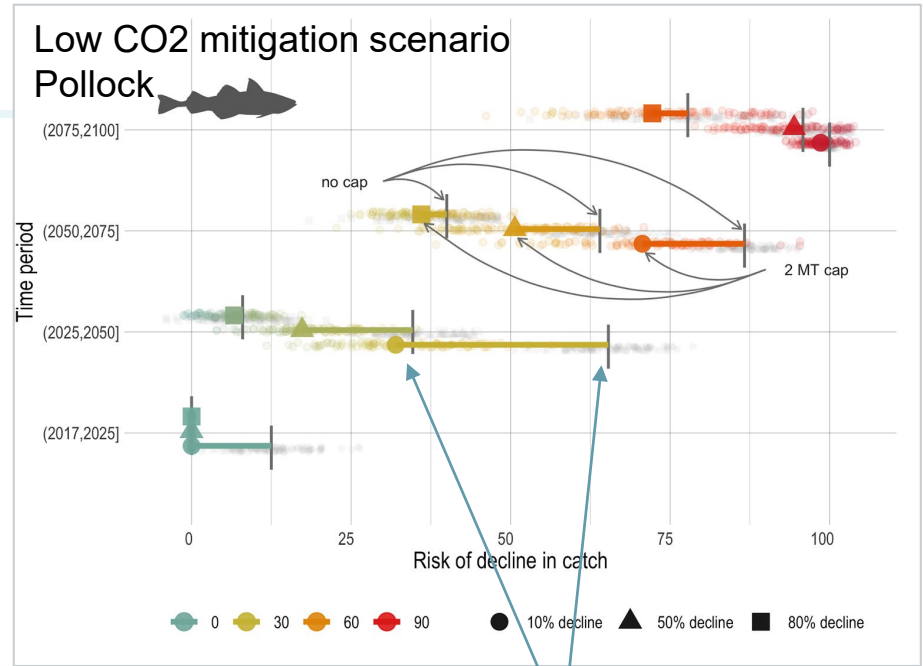
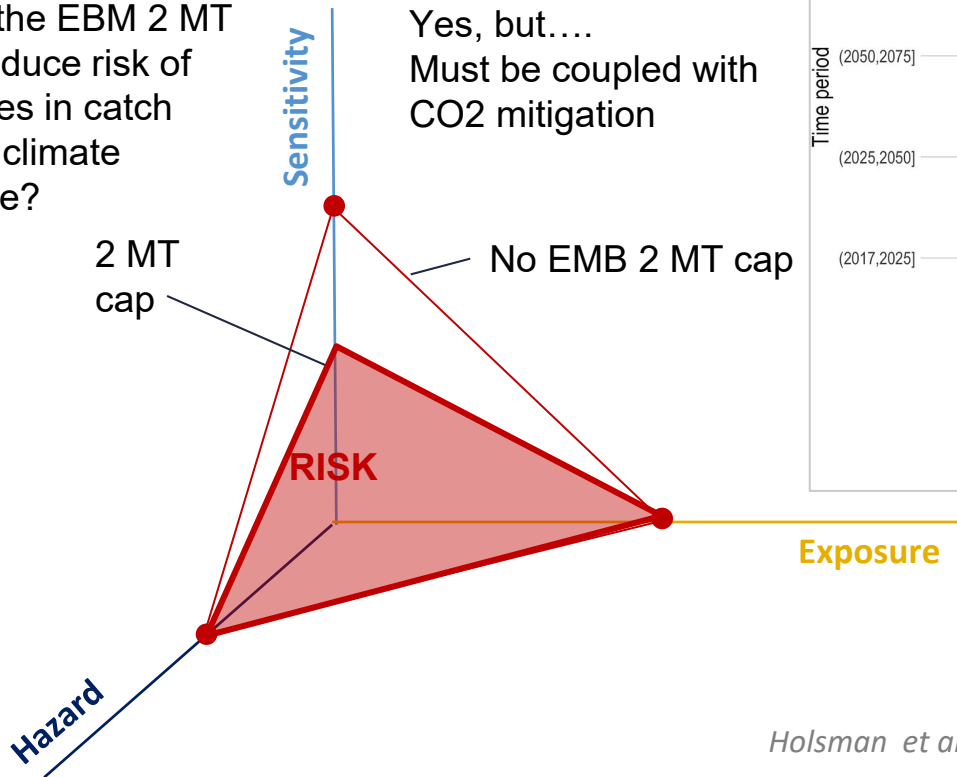
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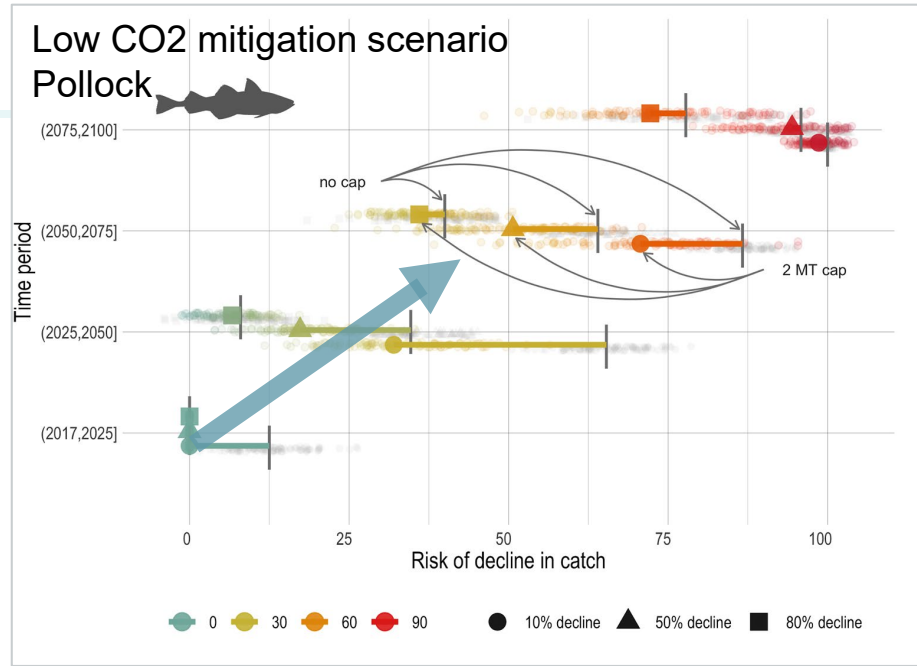
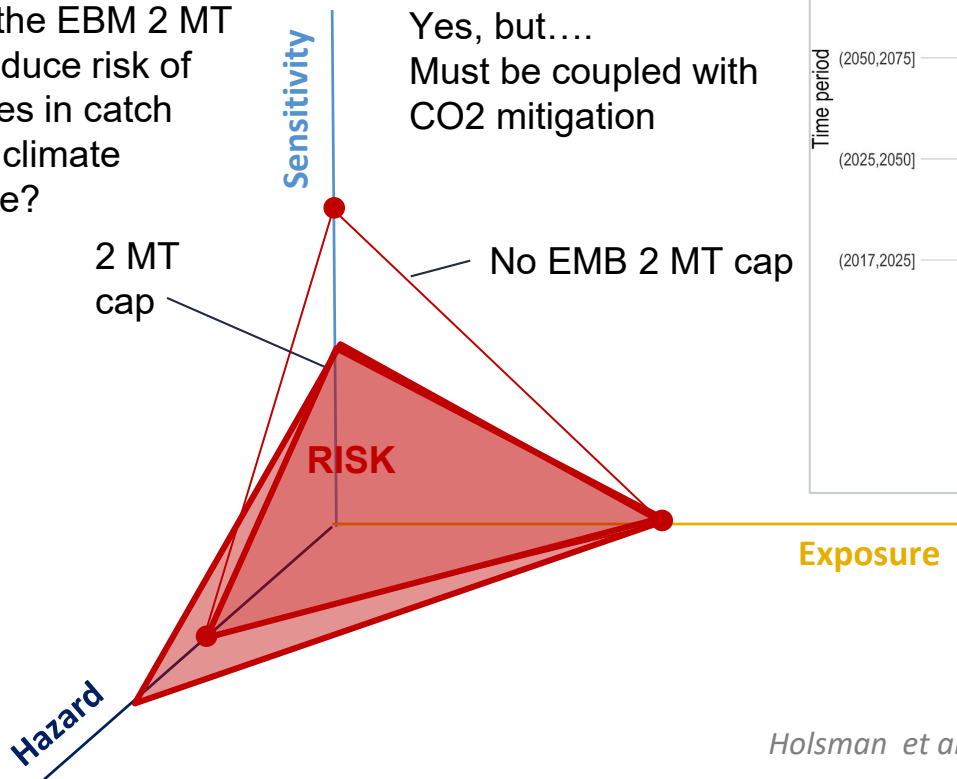


Risk is lower  
for EBFM



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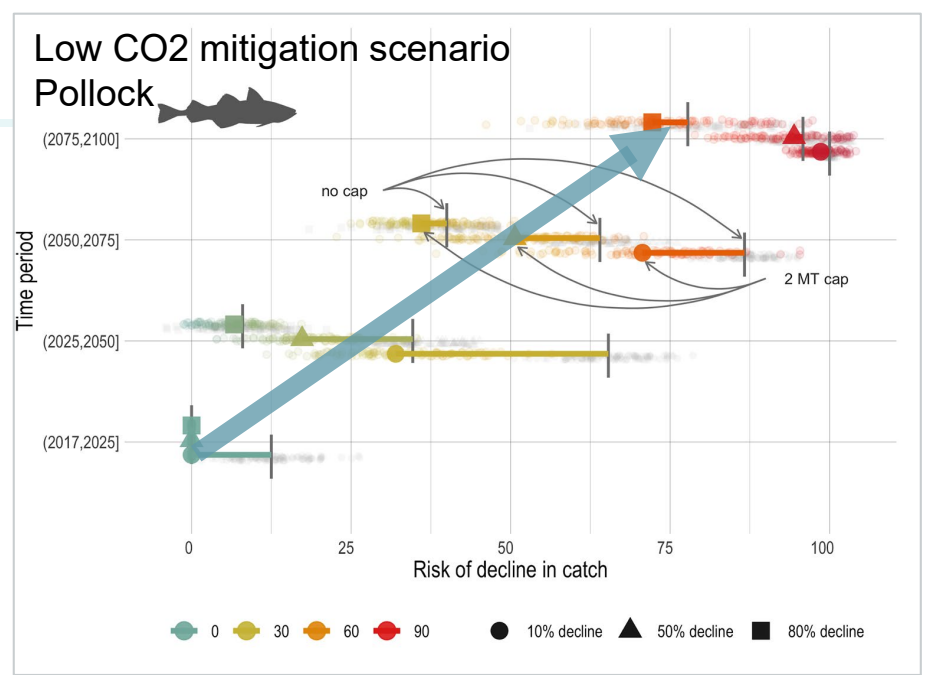
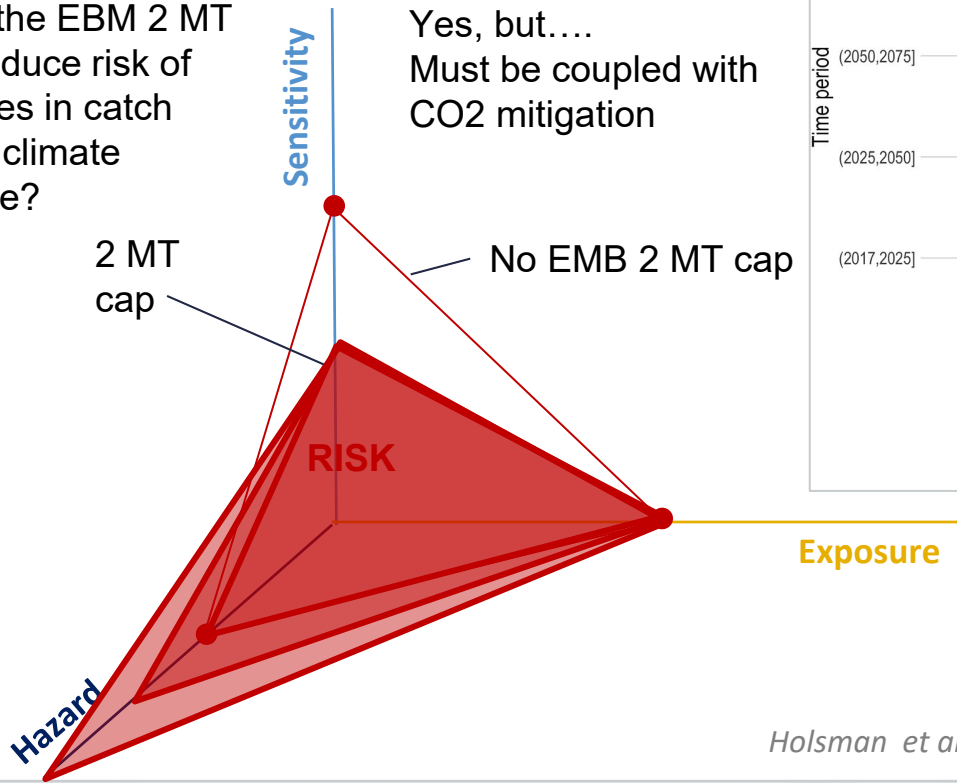
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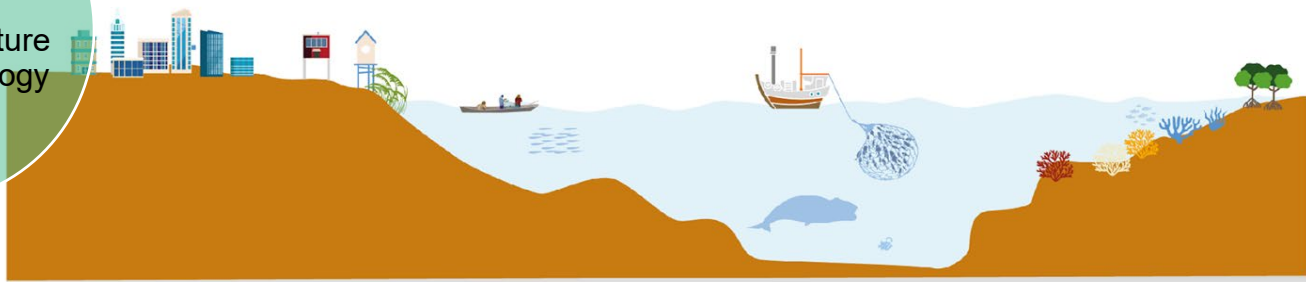
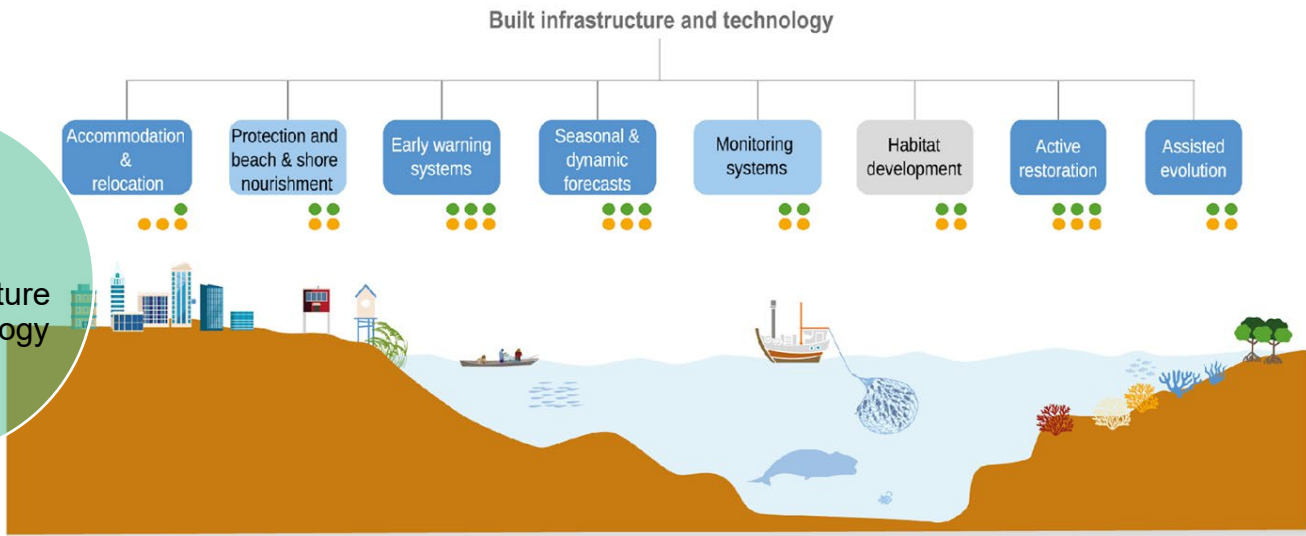
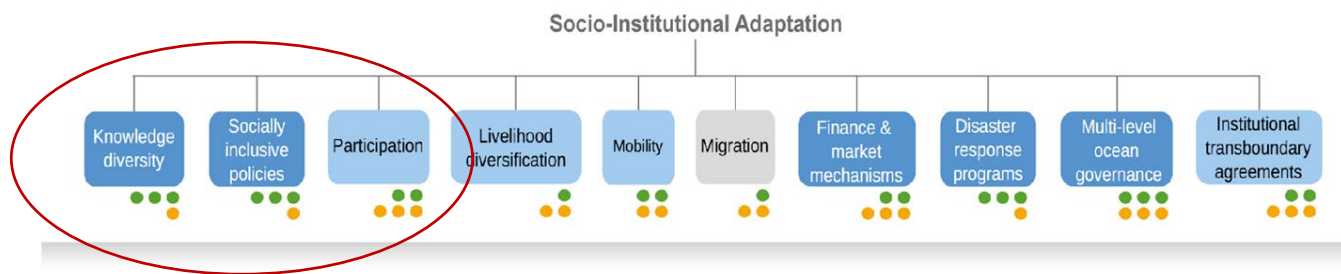
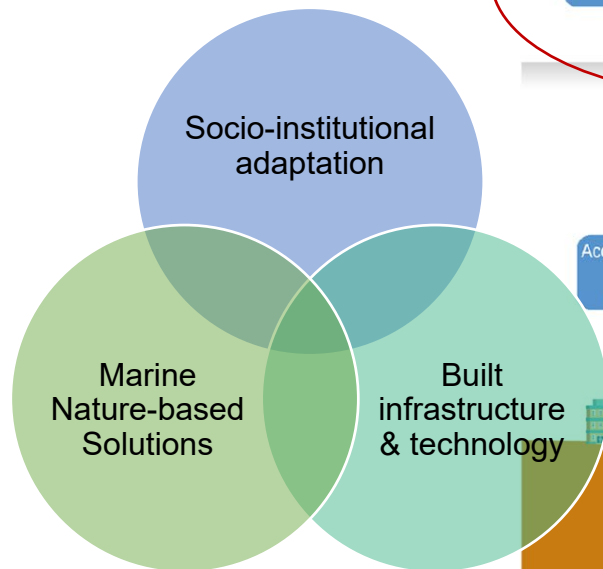
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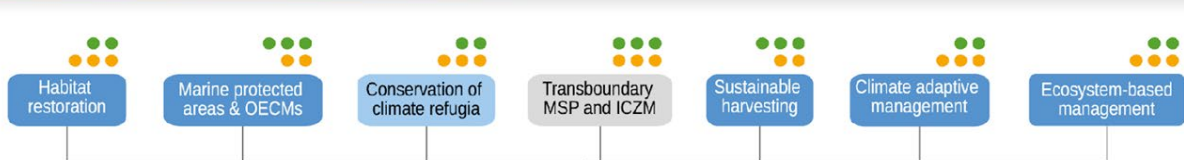
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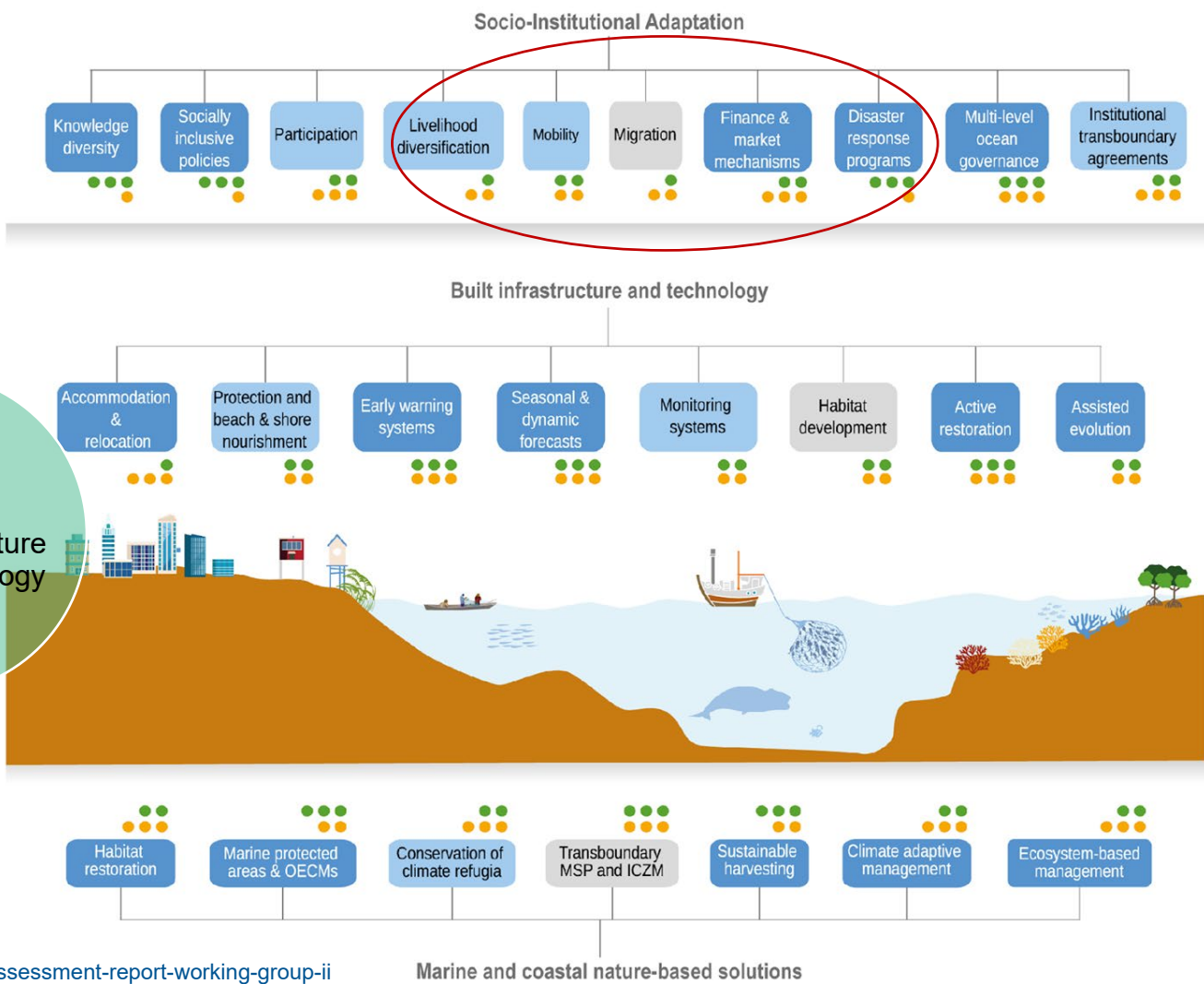
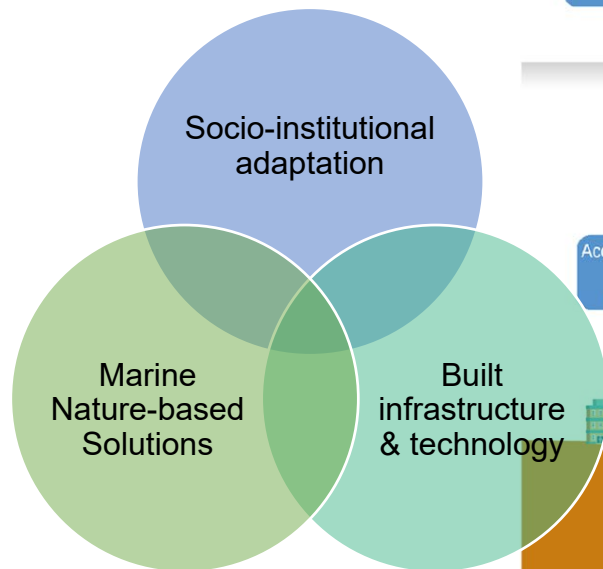
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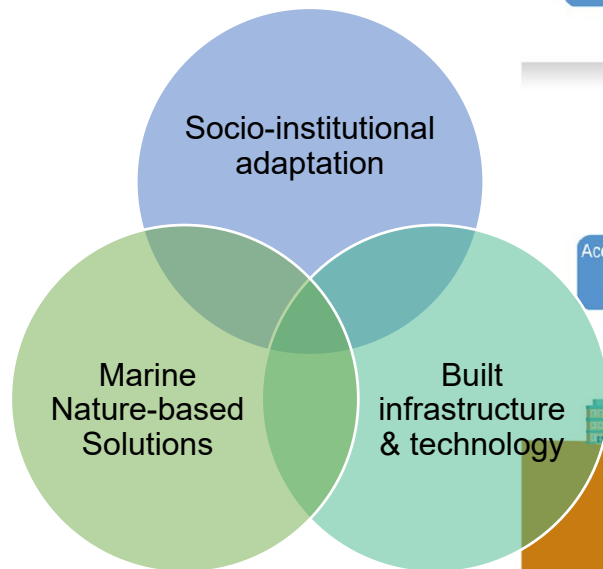
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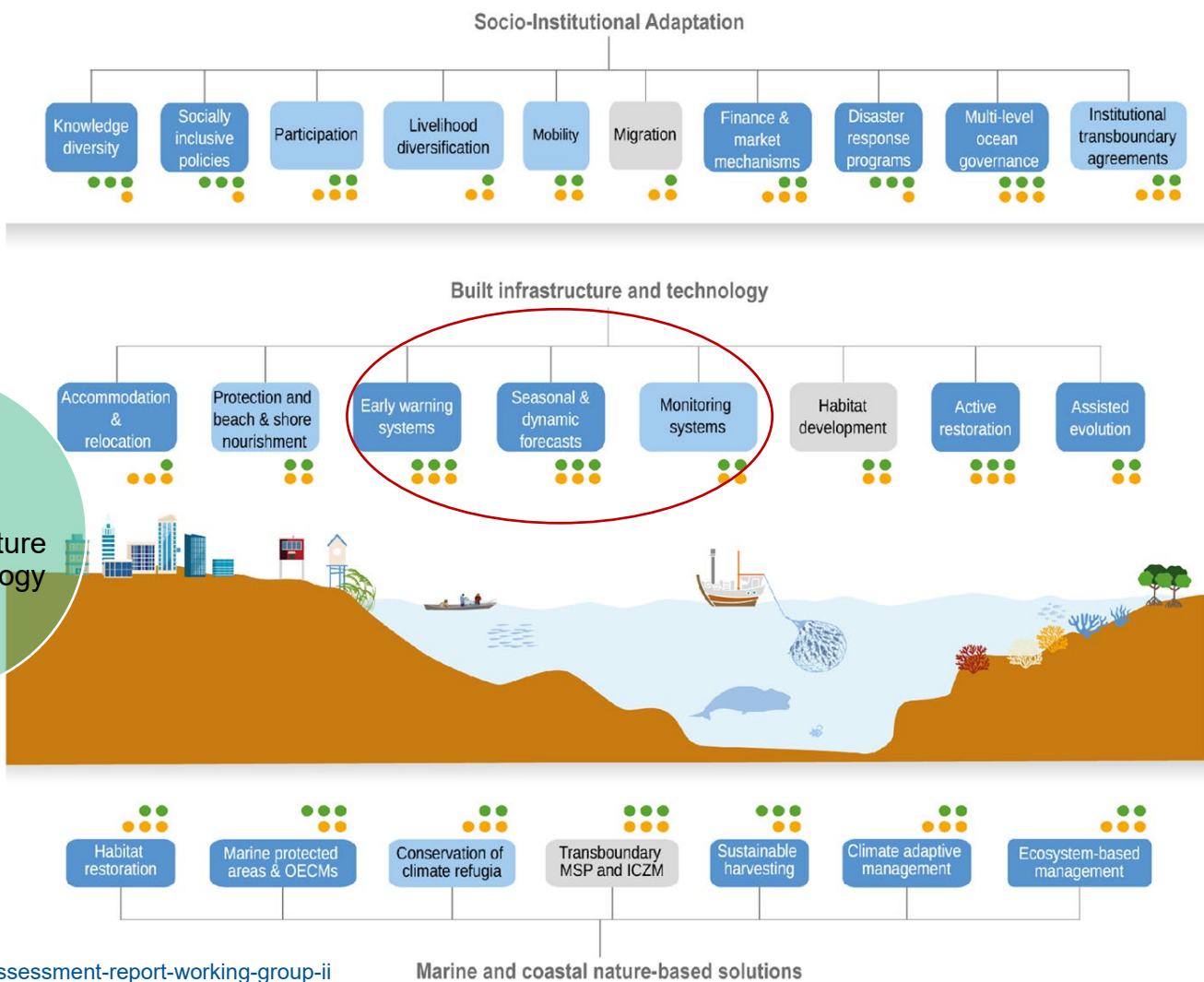
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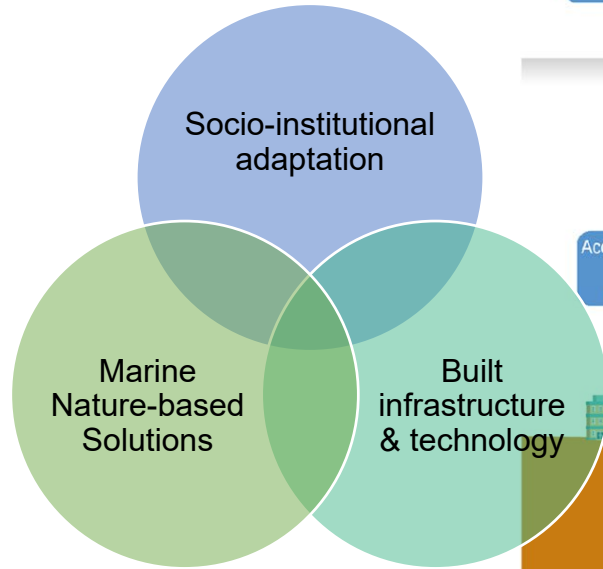
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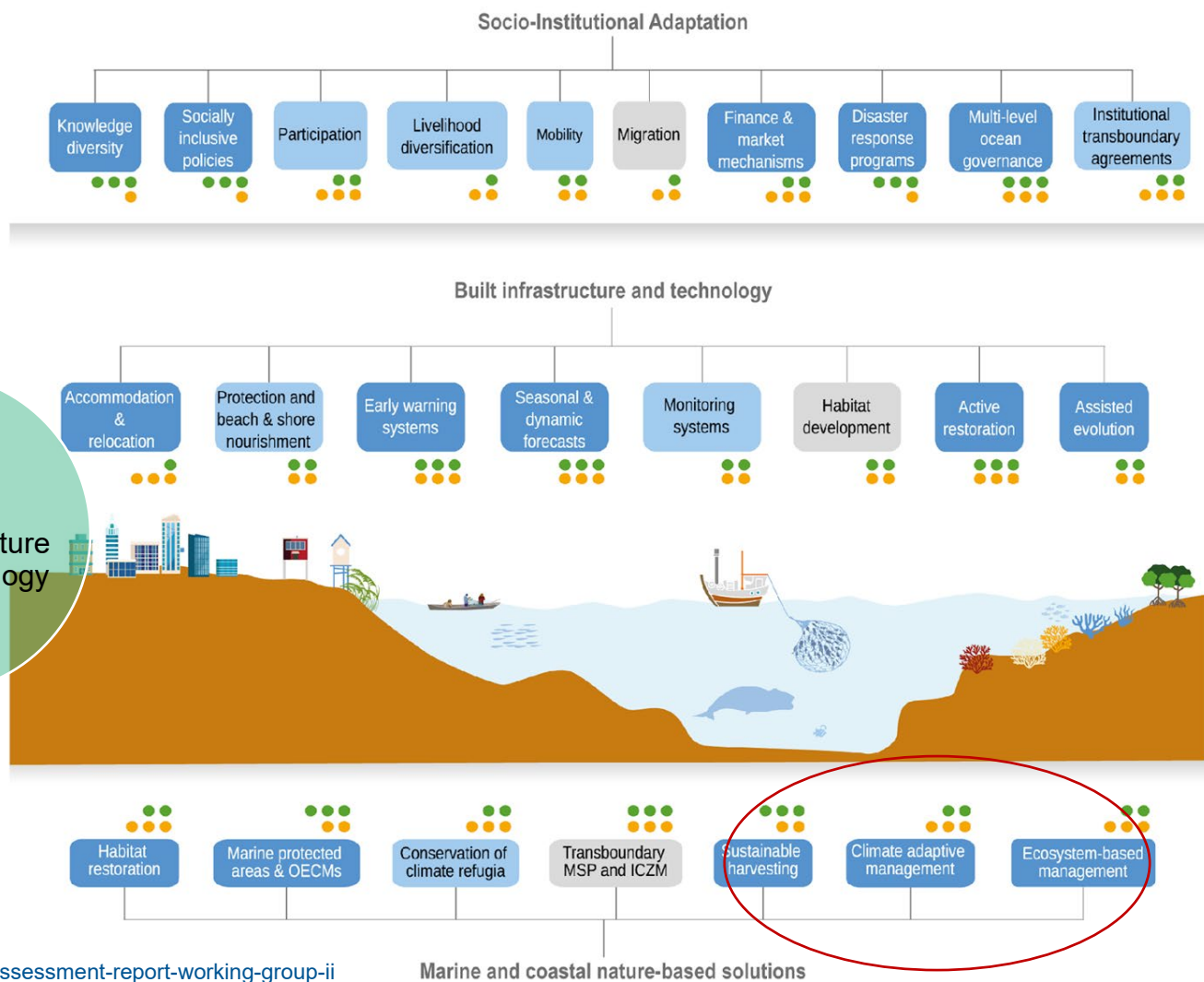
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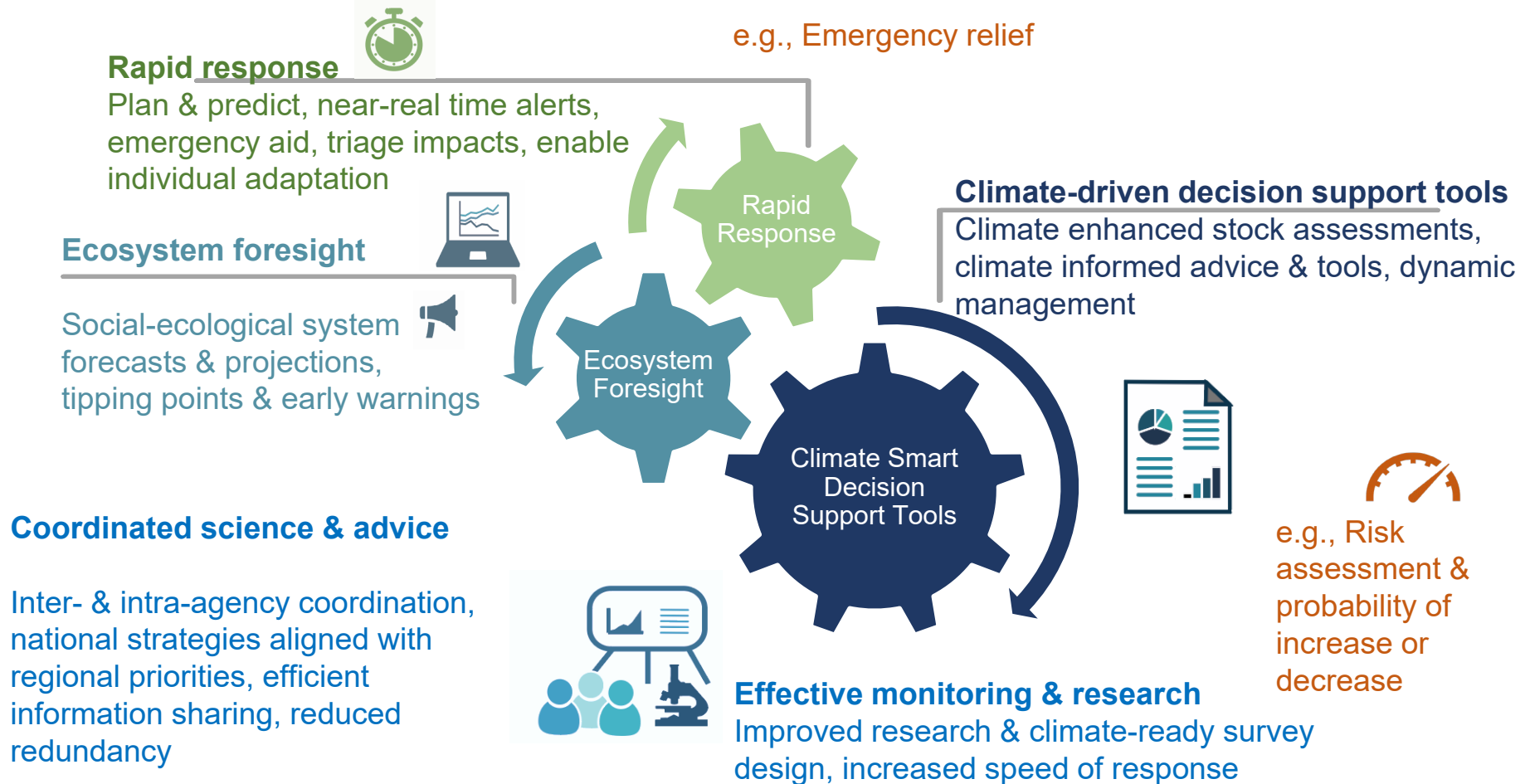
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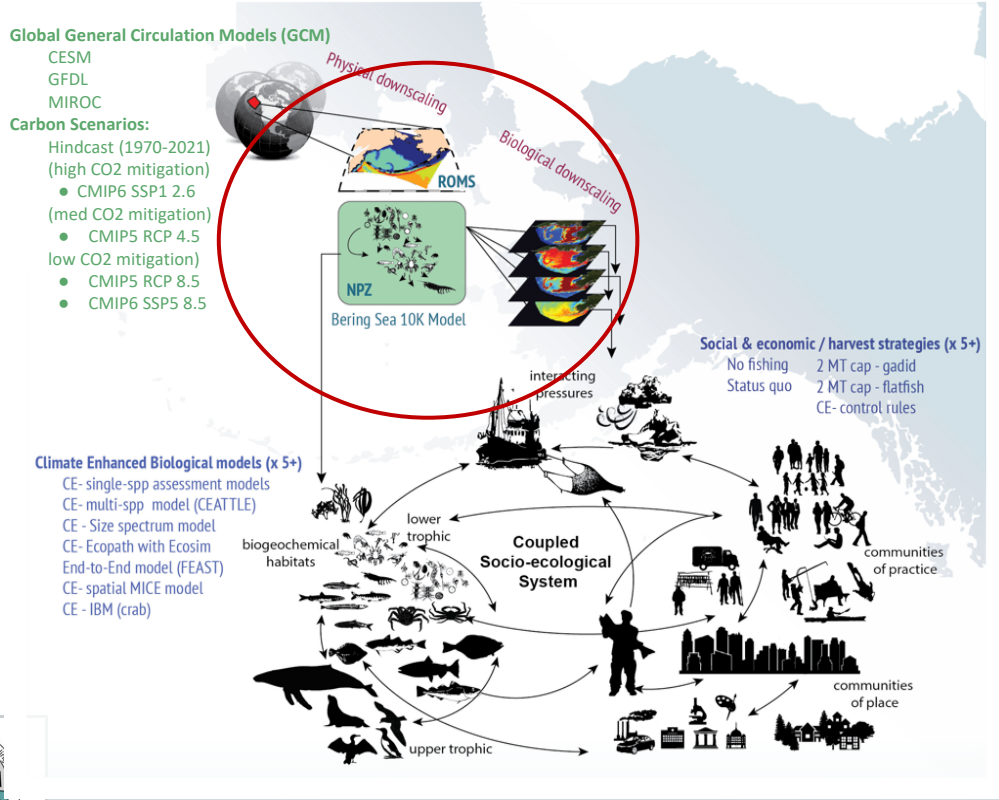


# Key elements of climate ready advice



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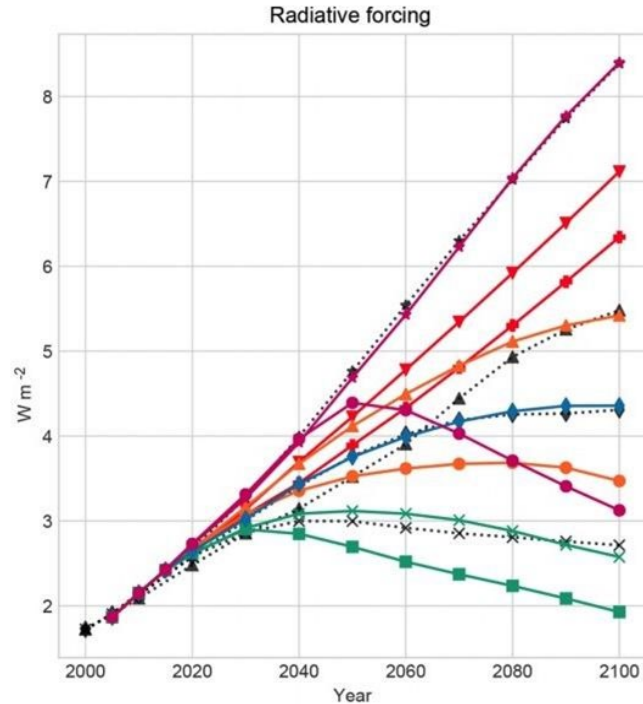
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# Carbon Emission Scenarios

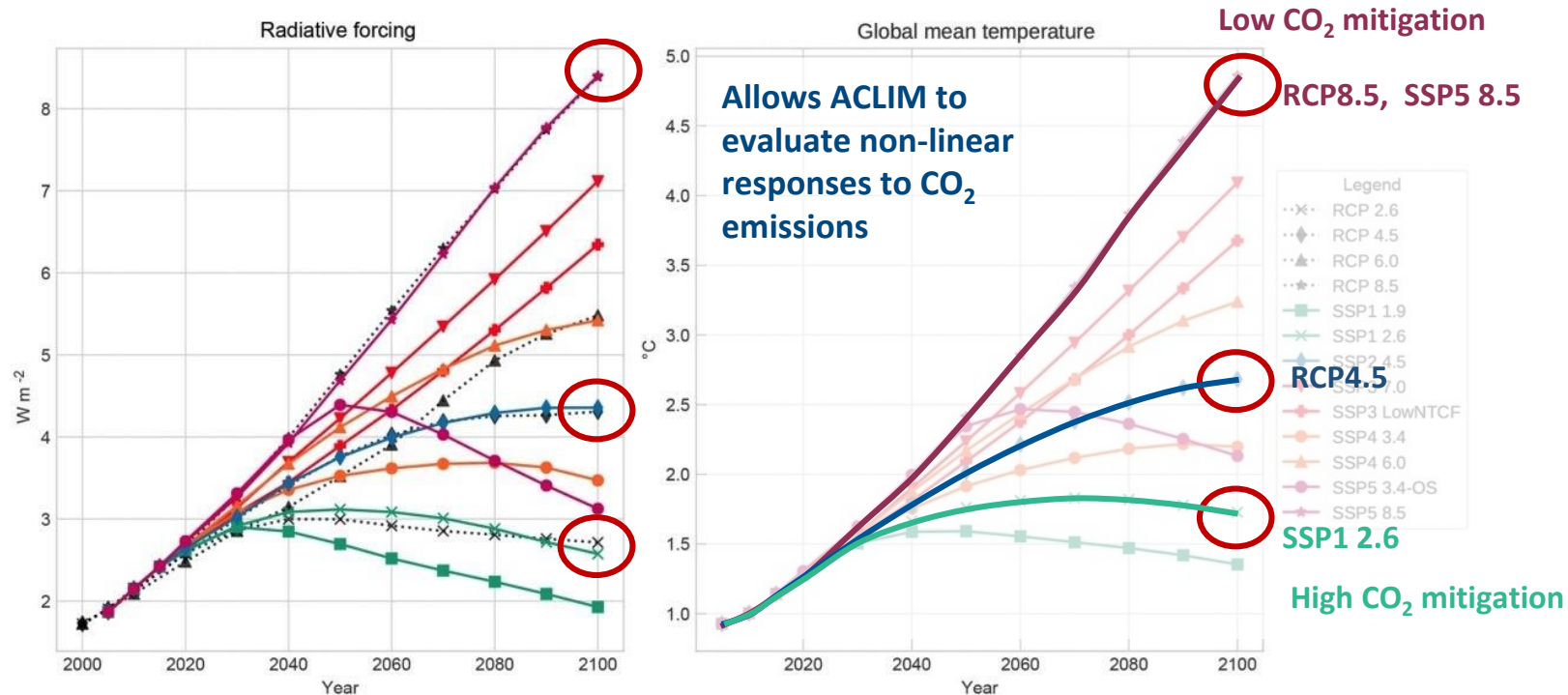


“**plausible descriptions** of how the future may evolve with respect to a range of variables...they are not meant to be policy prescriptive, (i.e. **no likelihood or preference is attached** to any of the individual scenarios of the set)”

van Vuuren et al. 2011



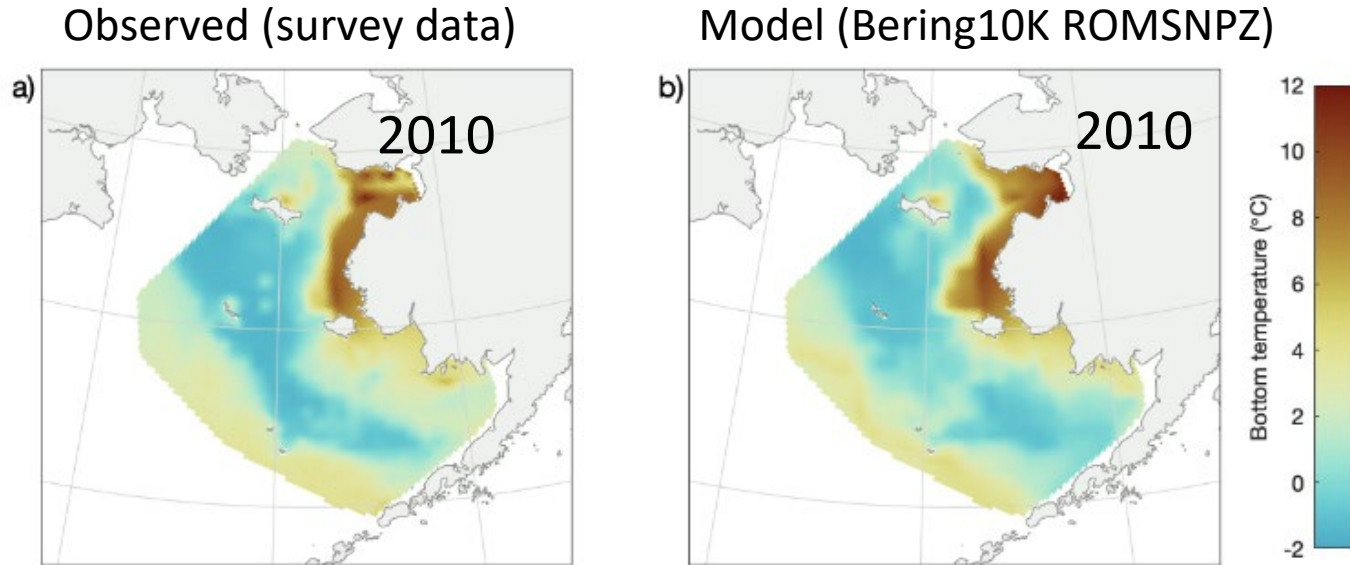
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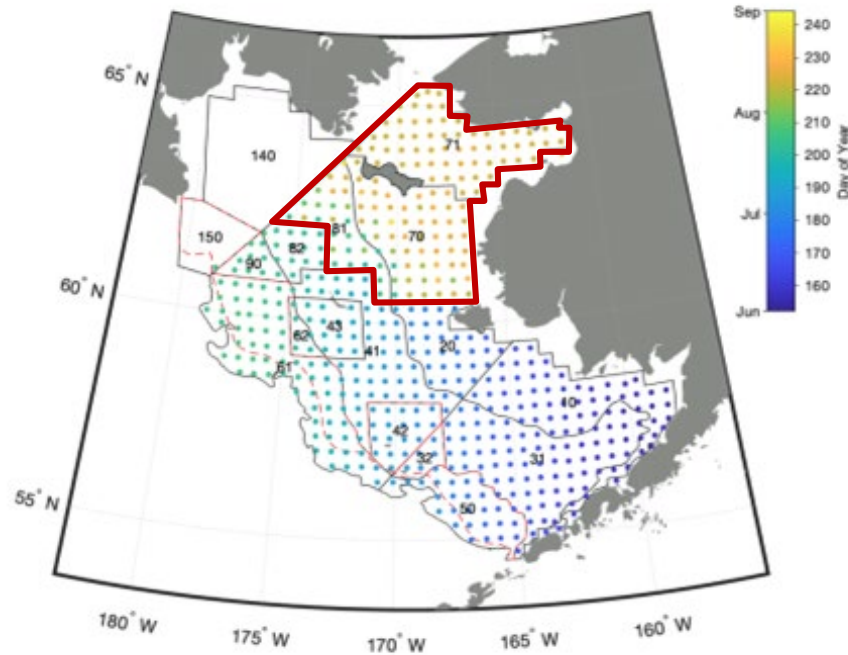


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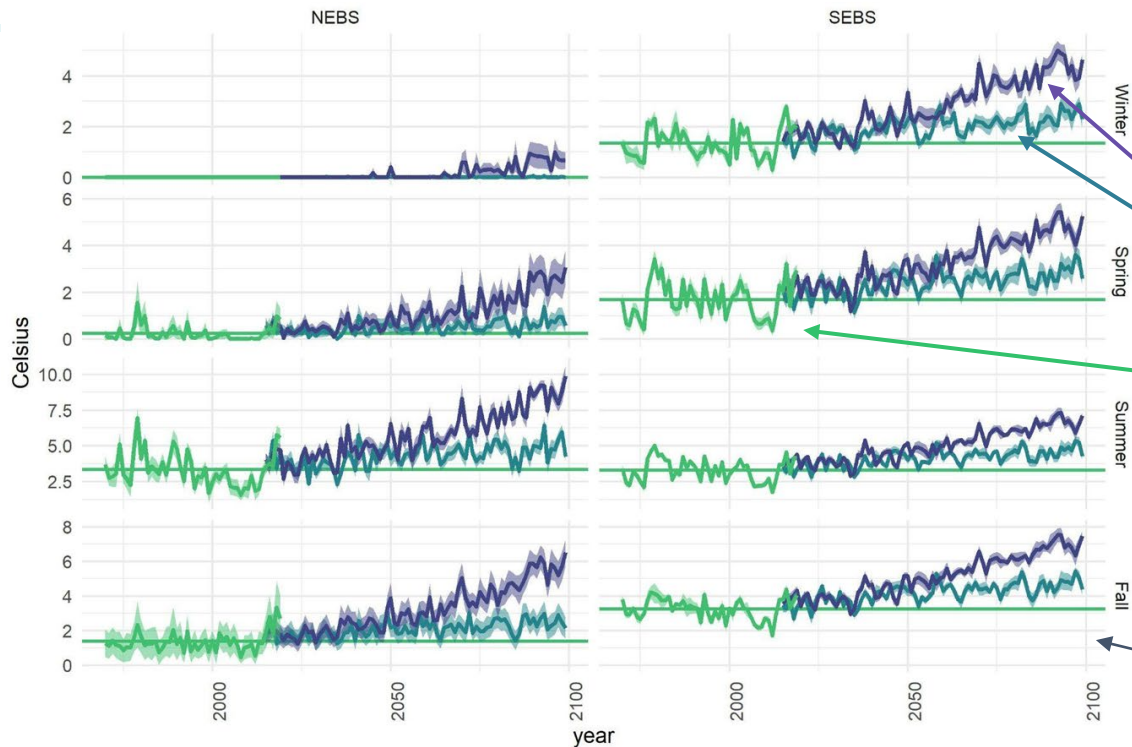


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temp\_bottom5m

potential temperature, bottom 5m mean



### Bottom Temperature

- SEBS >> NEBS, except summer
- NEBS Spring - Fall warming > 2012
- NEBS warming > SEBS

Hindcast  
High CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation  
Low CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation

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alice

fraction of cell covered by ice

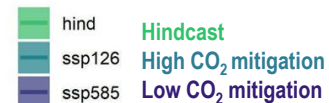


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## Fraction of area with ice

- NEBS>SEBS
- Rapid declines > 2010
- NEBS looks like current EBS around 2070 under low CO2 mitigation

scen



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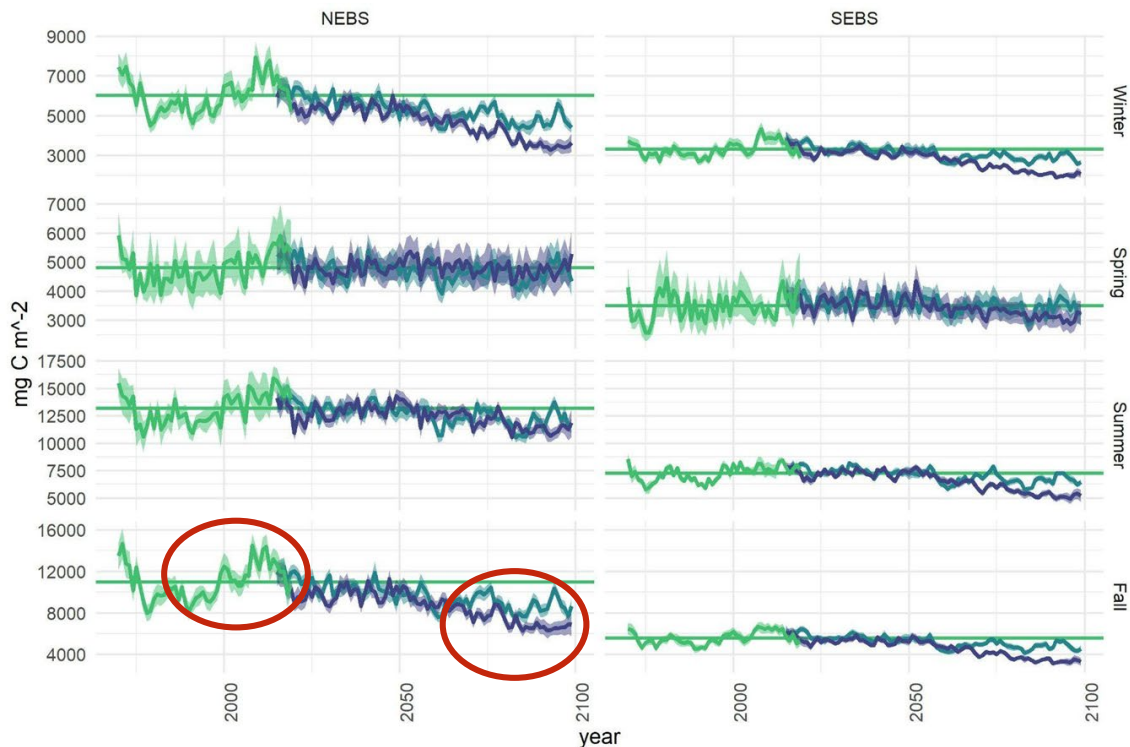
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## Ben

Benthic infauna concentration



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## Benthos

- Higher in NEBS>SEBS
- “Switching” between pelagic (warm) and benthic (cold)
- Projected declines in benthos with warming, except in spring
- **NOTE: validation is on-going**

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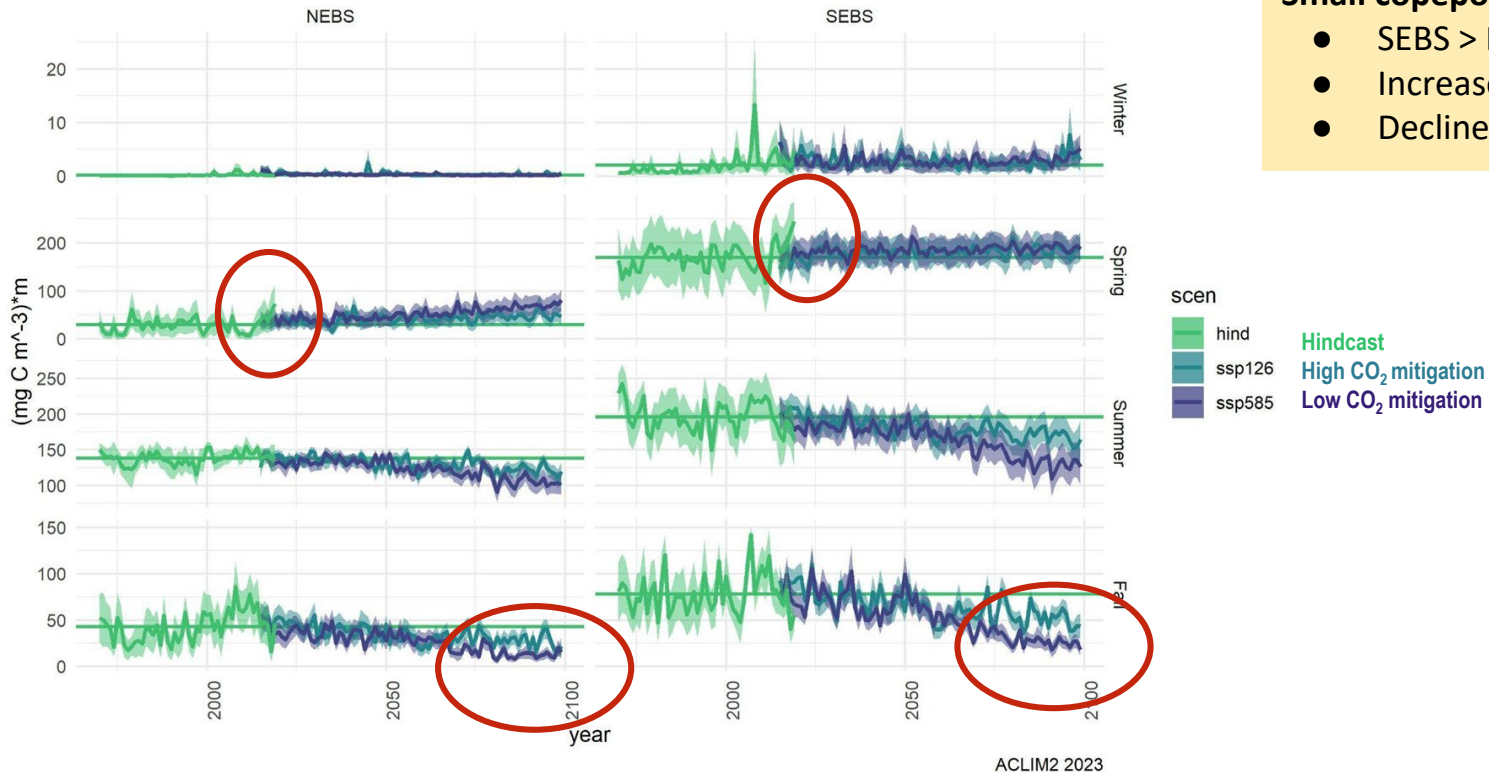
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## Cop\_integrated

Small copepod concentration, integrated over depth



## Small copepods

- SEBS > NEBS
- Increases in spring
- Declines in summer & fall



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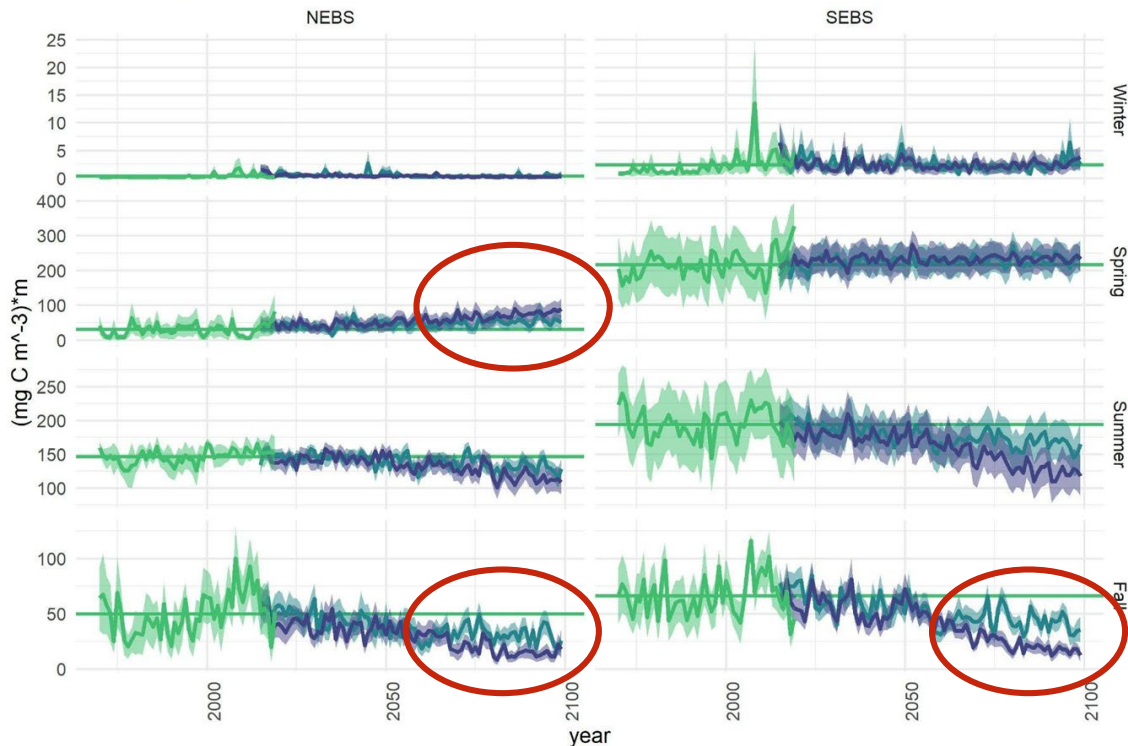
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## largeZoop\_integrated

On-shelf euph. + large cop., integrated over depth



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## Large Zoop (“SEBS type”)

- Increases in spring >2015
- Fall decreases >2010
- SEBS declines > 2015
- NEBS declines > 2050

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Reduction in carrying capacity  
for the NEBS?



### Model: Bering10K vK20P19 ROMSNPZ

Pilcher et al. 2019 <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fmars.2018.00508/full>

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Hermann et al. (2021) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2021.104974>

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# Change in the timing (phenology) of prey resources

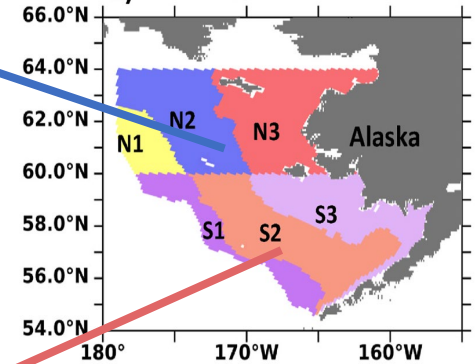
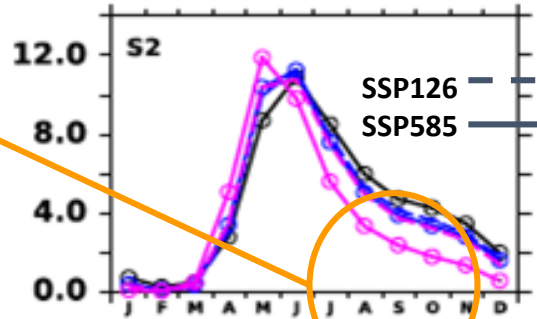
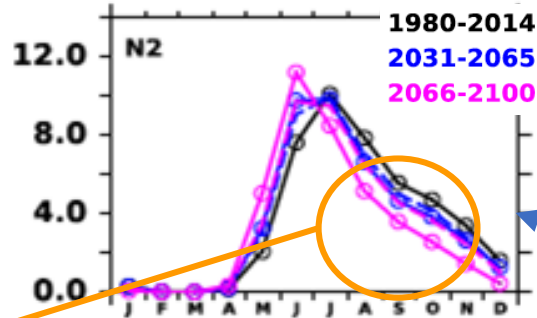
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Declines projected during critical bottlenecks for fish overwinter survival



large zooplankton (mgC/m<sup>3</sup>)



# Recap of ROMSNPZ model projections

## Bottom Temp:

- SEBS>NEBS, except summer
- SEBS Winter warming > 2012
- NEBS Fall warming > 2012
- NEBS warming > SEBS

## Ice Area:

- NEBS>SEBS
- Rapid declines > 2010
- NEBS looks like 2019 SEBS around 2070 under low CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation

## Dissolved Oxygen:

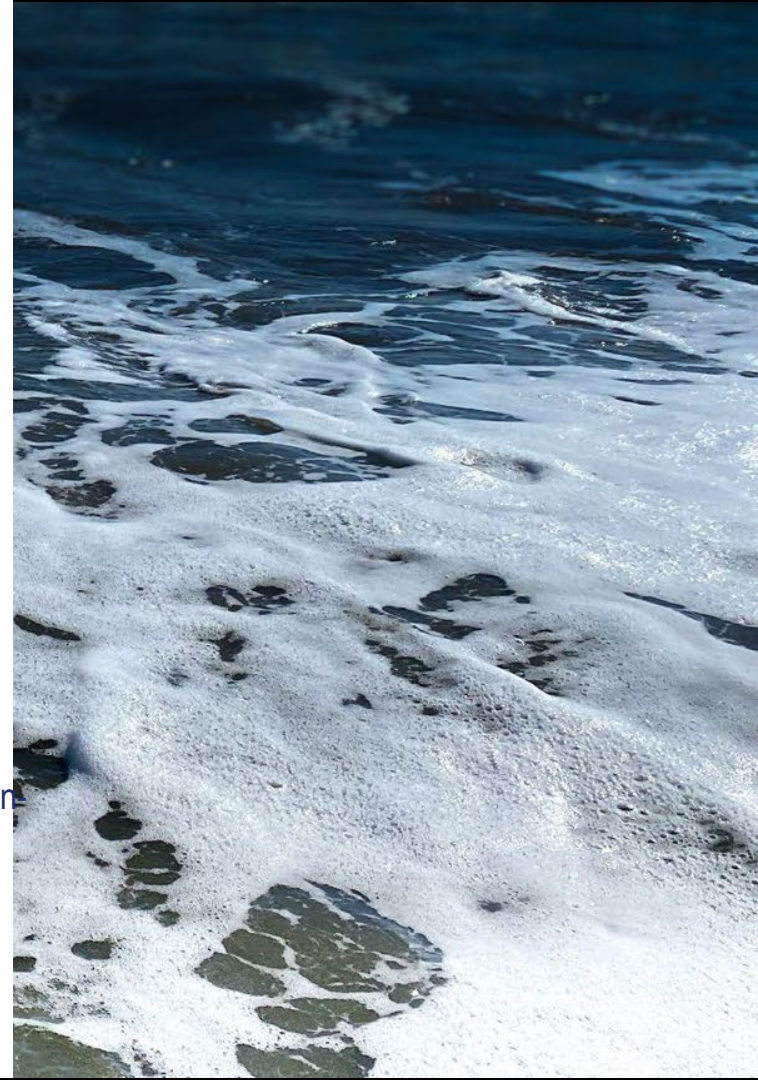
- SEBS some declines >2010
- O<sub>2</sub> stays well above hypoxia

## Ph (Ocean acidification)

- Declines in all areas > 2000
- NEBS declines 2010
- Significant declines under low mitigation projected but skill validation is on going

## Zooplankton:

- SEBS > NEBS
- Small increases in spring, shift earlier peaks
- Large declines in summer & fall under low CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation



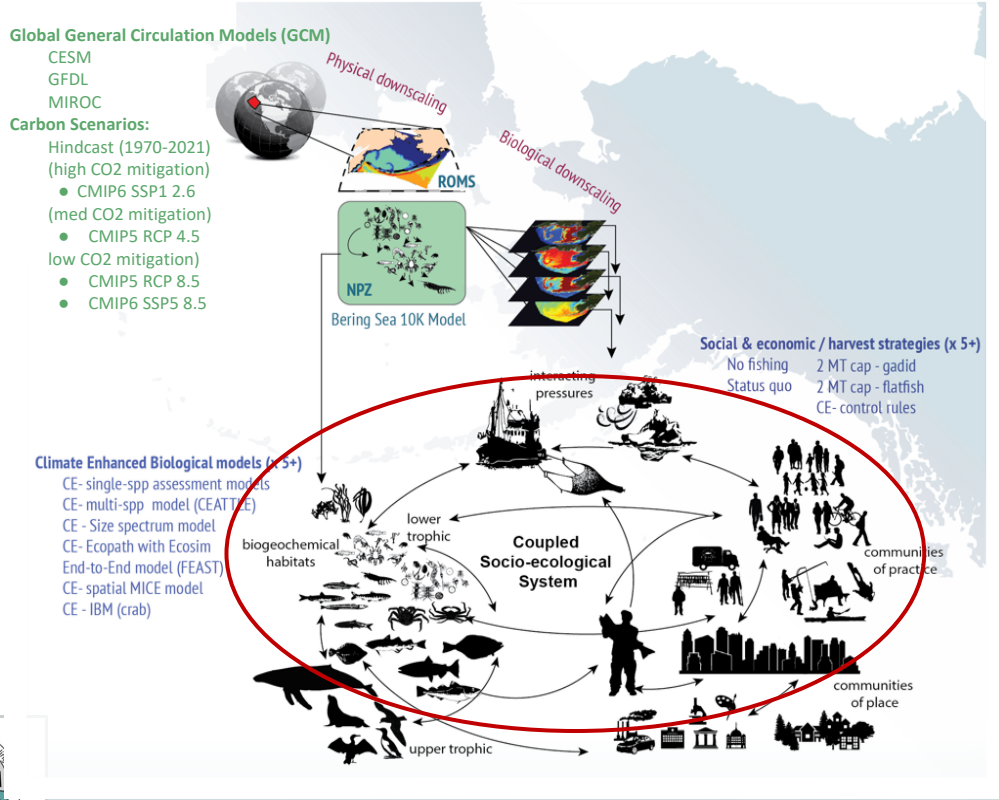


## Today's Talk

1. Brief introduction to climate planning, risk, adaptation, and CO2 mitigation
2. Linking to day 1: projected changes to NEBS conditions and carrying capacity
3. Actionable advice
  - a. Climate informed control rules (ACLIM2 spring sprint)
  - b. Climate informed spatial and scenario planning
4. Next steps, CEFI and ACLIM3

# The Alaska Climate Integrated Modeling Project

**Goal: To address climate information needs with best available science & tools**



### What to expect?

- Project physical and ecological conditions under levels of climate change (levels of global carbon mitigation)
- Characterize uncertainty

### What can be done?

Evaluate effectiveness of adaptation actions including those supported by fisheries management



[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-climate-integrated-modeling-project](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-climate-integrated-modeling-project)

# ACLIM Scenarios workshop

**NOAA FISHERIES** National Marine Fisheries Service  
Alaska Fisheries Science Center

**Wednesday June 8**  
5:30 - 7:30pm

## ACLIM Socioeconomic Scenario Workshop

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting**  
Harrigan Hall Auditorium, Sitka AK

The Alaska Climate Integrated Modeling project (ACLIM) is an interdisciplinary collaboration to project and evaluate climate impacts on marine fisheries in the Bering Sea, Alaska.

The ACLIM Project Team is looking to better understand climate-related concerns, priorities, and adaptation needs of stakeholders.

We will hold a public workshop at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting at the Auditorium in Harrigan Hall in Sitka from 5:30 - 7:30pm, Wednesday, June 8.

After a project introduction, the workshop will use interactive discussions in breakout groups with attendees to help ACLIM scientists better understand stakeholder priorities. Questions for discussion include:

- Are you adapting to climate change now? How?
- Do you know how you might adapt to future changes in fish distribution or abundance?
- What types of predictions will most benefit your community, family, or business?

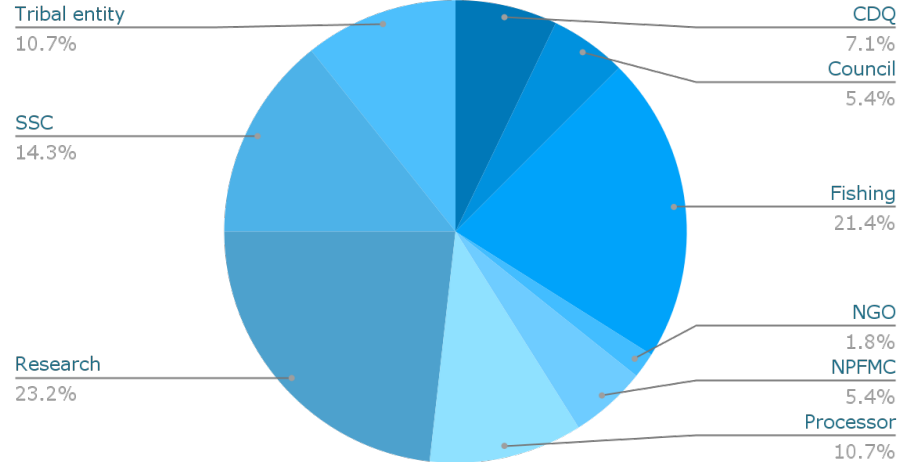
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ACLIM

8 Remote  
48 In Person

## Attendees



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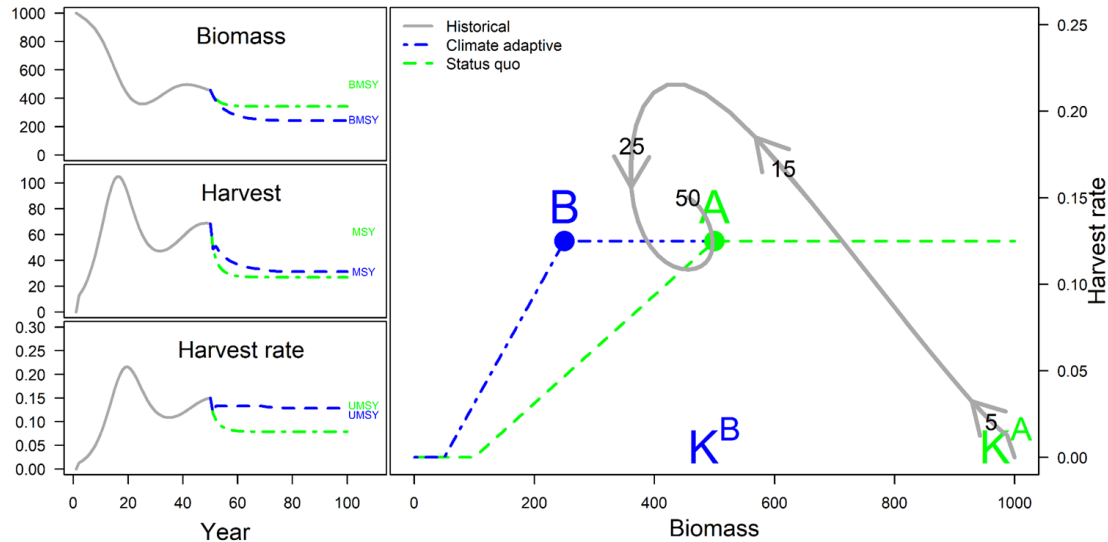
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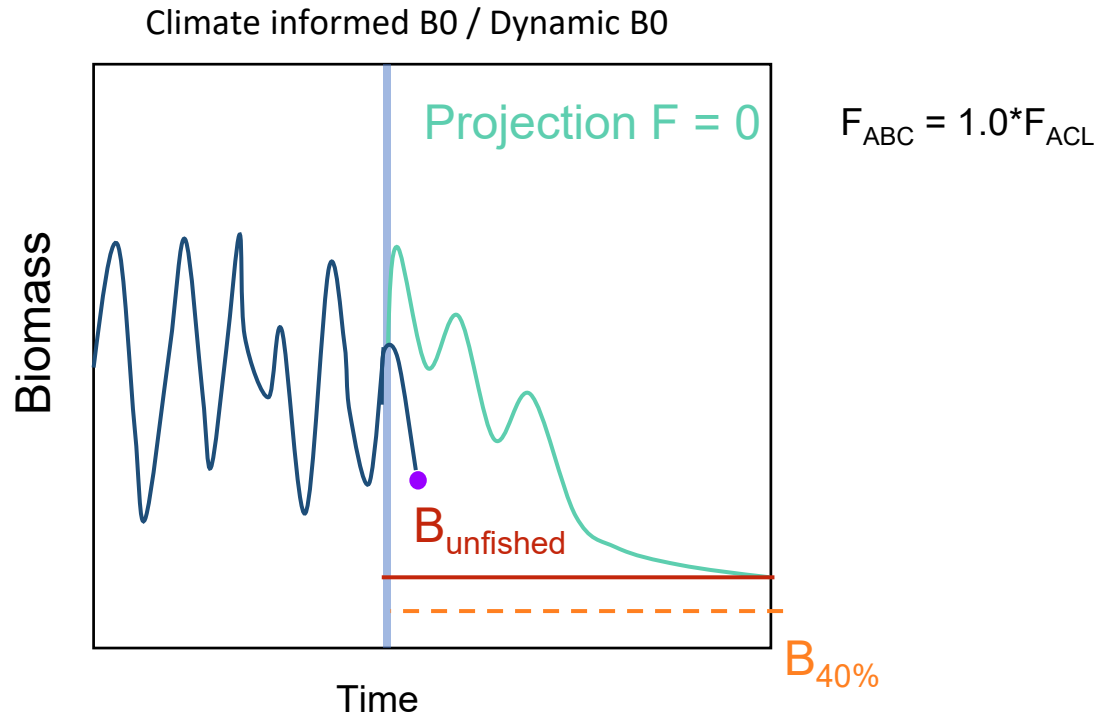


# Adapting reference points to reflect changes in productivity

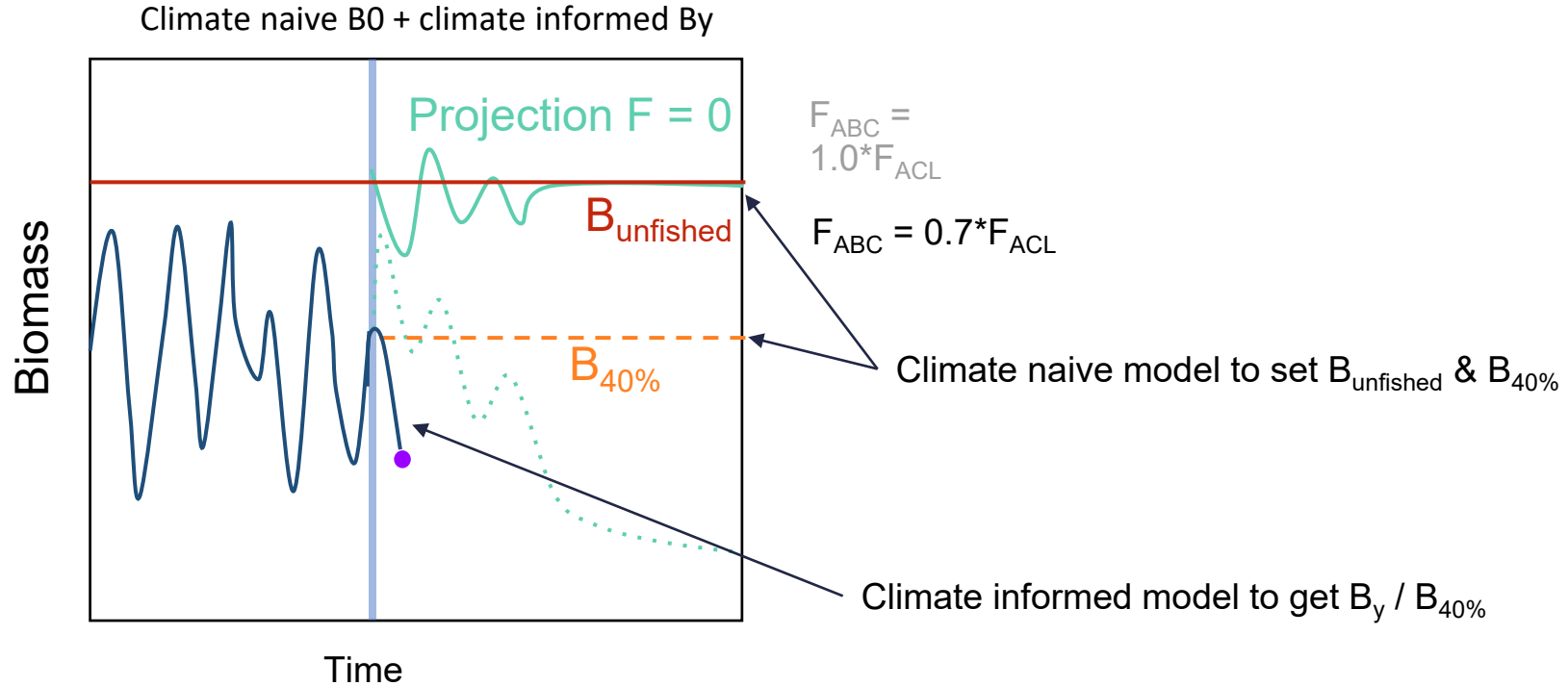
- MSA directs reference points to reflect current and probable future environmental conditions
- Changing reference points for stocks undergoing climate-related productivity shifts can result in counter-intuitive management actions:
  - Declining stocks could be fished harder
  - Flourishing stocks could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



# First: Set Target / reference points



# “hybrid” climate- naive & climate informed approach



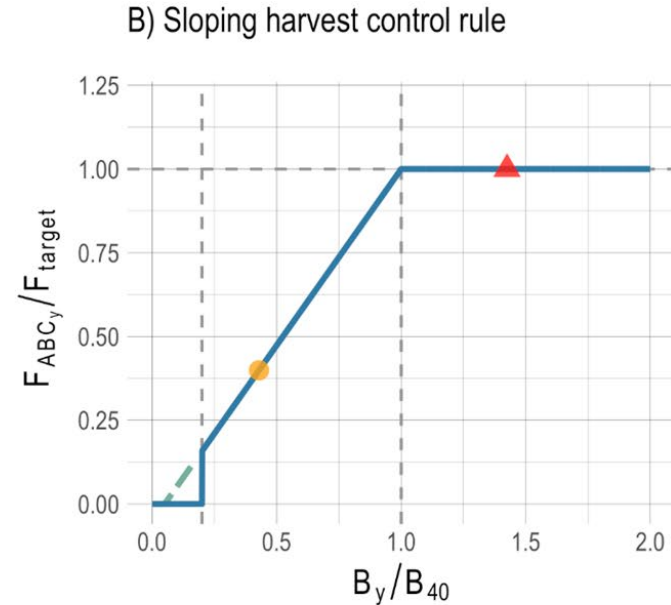
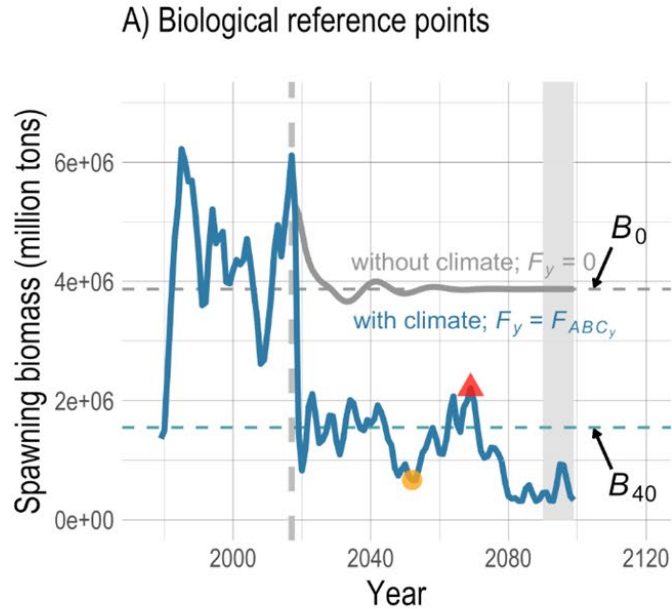


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## Solution?

Set  $B_{40}$  using climate naive models (or historical  $B_{\text{unfished}}$ ), eval. current B:B40 using climate informed models



# Multispecies assessment

November 2022 Council Draft

EBS Multispecies supplement (CEATTLE)

## 2022 Climate-enhanced multi-species Stock Assessment for walleye pollock, Pacific cod, and arrowtooth flounder in the South Eastern Bering Sea

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Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA,  
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### Summary of assessment results for 2022:

#### Biomass

- At 6.8 million tons, the 2022 SEBS pollock spawning biomass from the multispecies model is above the long-term (1979-2015) average of 4.9 million tons and represents a 31% change from 2021 and 35% change from 2020 spawning biomass levels. Similarly, the downward trend in total biomass observed in the past few years has continued through 2022, with recent declines placing the total 2022 biomass (23 million t) above the 1979-2015 average of 15.4 million tons. However it is important to note that because there was no Alaska Fisheries Science Center summer bottom trawl survey in 2020, estimates of, and differences relative to the 2020 biomass should be interpreted cautiously.
- The 2022 SEBS Pacific cod female spawning biomass has declined -10% since 2021 and -26% since 2020. 2022 estimates are approximately -17% below the 1979-2015 average. Total biomass in the SEBS has declined -45% since 2016, and at approximately 758 thousand tons, is 26% below the long-term 1979-2015 average of 1 million tons. These patterns are driven in part by continued low survey indices in 2021 and warm bottom temperatures that have induced northward redistribution of the P. cod stock (Spies et al. 2020, Stevenson et al. 2019). This assessment does not include Northern Bering Sea survey data collected in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- Arrowtooth total and spawning biomass estimates are 48% and 65% greater than the long-term 1979-2015 average (respectively), and trends suggest relatively stable biomass since 2012.
- The multispecies model estimates of a 31% and -10% change in spawning biomass (SSB) between 2021 and 2022 for pollock and Pacific cod (respectively) agree with CEATTLE single species model patterns of decline (25% and -10%, respectively). Both models predict an increase (slightly) in spawning biomass for arrowtooth flounder relative to 2021.

#### Recruitment

- While pollock age 1 recruitment estimates for this year are 35% above the 1979-2015 average, estimated recruitment has decreased (slightly) in 2022 relative to 2021 (note that the most recent estimates have the highest uncertainty).

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

- Relative to 2022 levels, the model projects SSB of pollock will increase in 2023 (projected based on 2022 catch) followed by an increase in SSB in 2024 (projected with  $F_{ABC}$ ). For Pacific cod the model projects a decline in SSB in both 2023 and 2024.
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## Use climate informed model to characterize risk in +1 & +2 years

Ensemble projections estimate a 95% chance that arrowtooth SSB will be between 92 and 130% of 2022 SSB in 2023 and will be between 87 and 117% of 2022 SSB levels in 2024.

### Probability of long-term (2032, 2050, 2080) biomass decline or increase under high mitigation (low warming) scenarios:

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- Ensemble projections using climate-enhanced recruitment models and projected future warming scenarios estimate a 95% chance that pollock SSB will be between 71-75% of 2022 SSB in 2032, between 69-74% of 2022 SSB in 2050, and between 69-74% of 2022 SSB in 2080.
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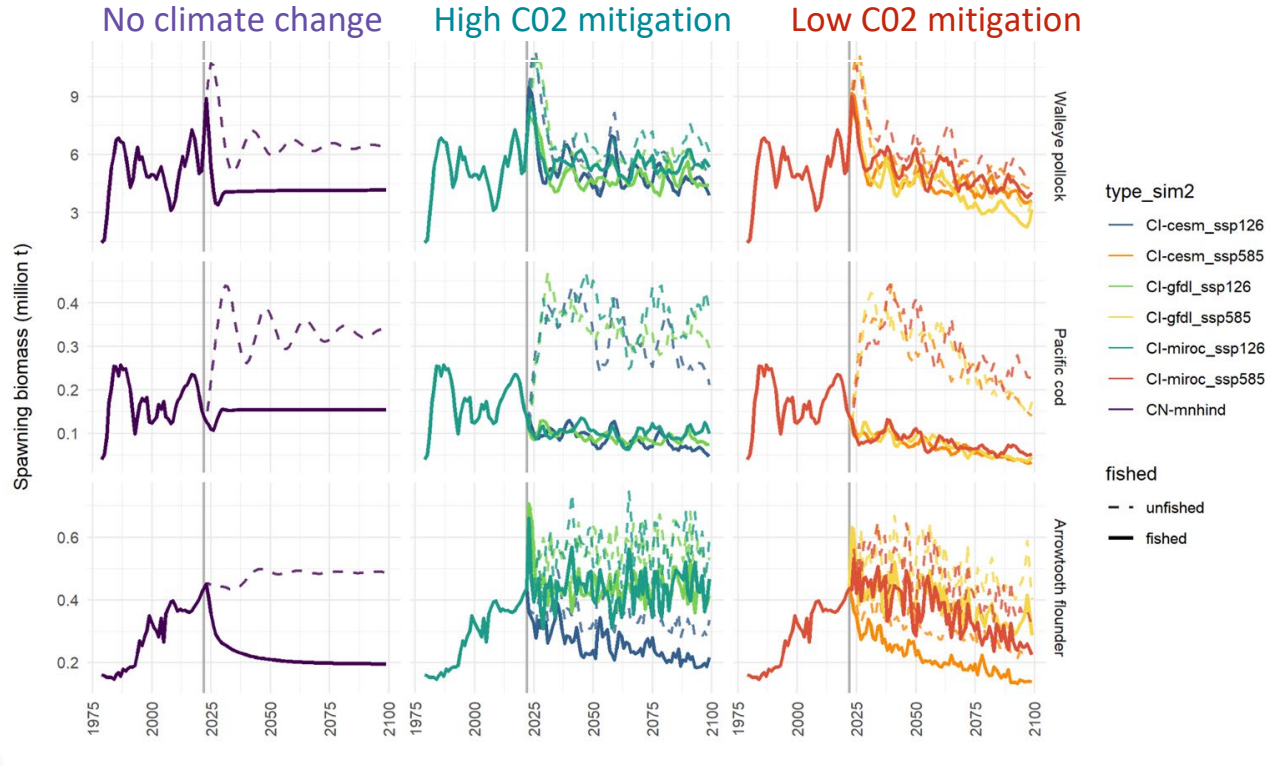
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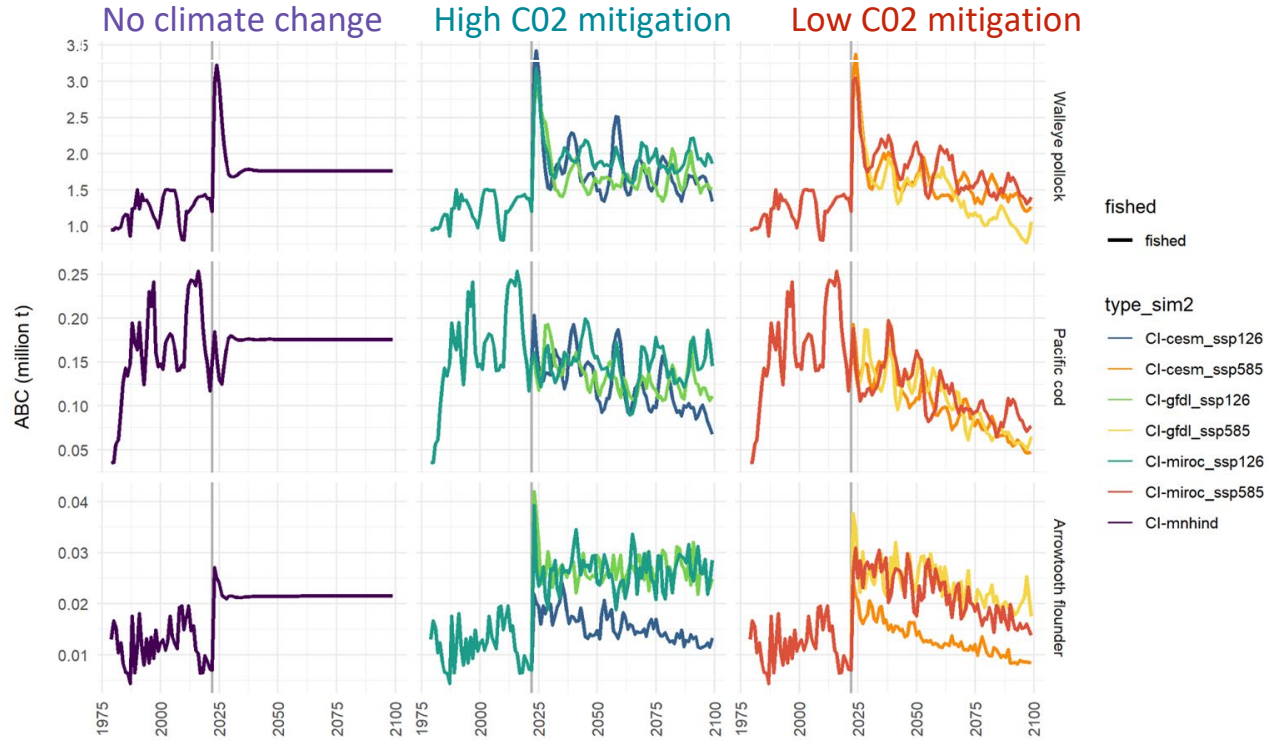
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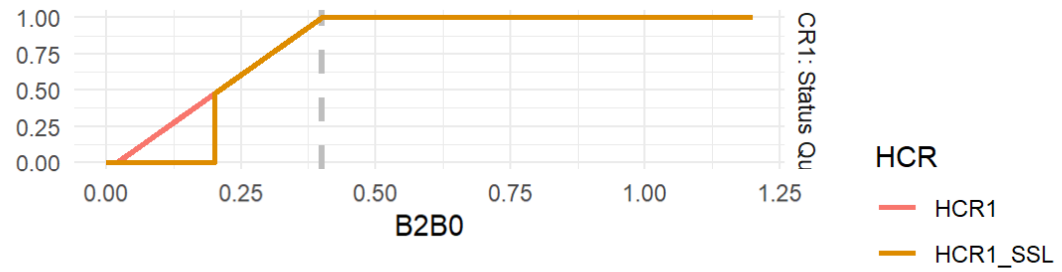
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## CE-HCR evaluations

# HCR1

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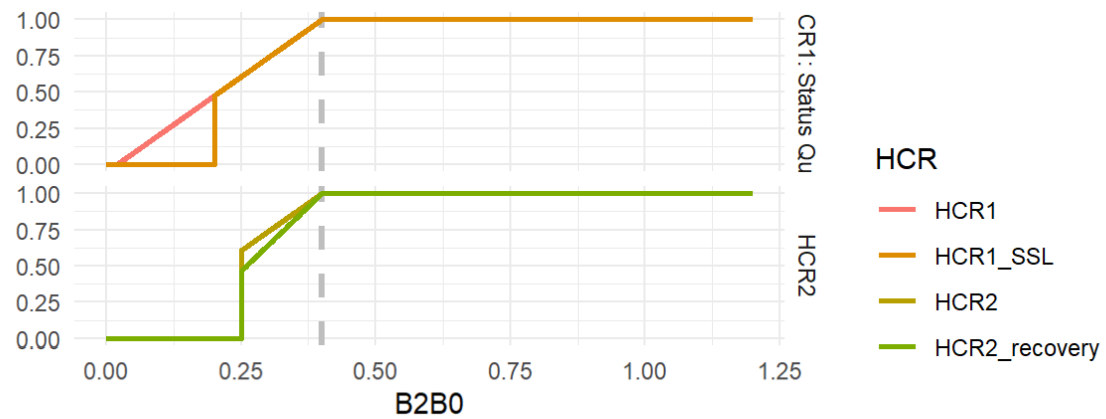
$$F_{\text{ABC}} = F_{\text{target}} * F_{\text{adj}}$$



## CE-HCR evaluations

### HCR2

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  - $\alpha = 0.05$
  - *Opt b: alpha recovery = 0.3*
  - $F \rightarrow 0$  at B25%

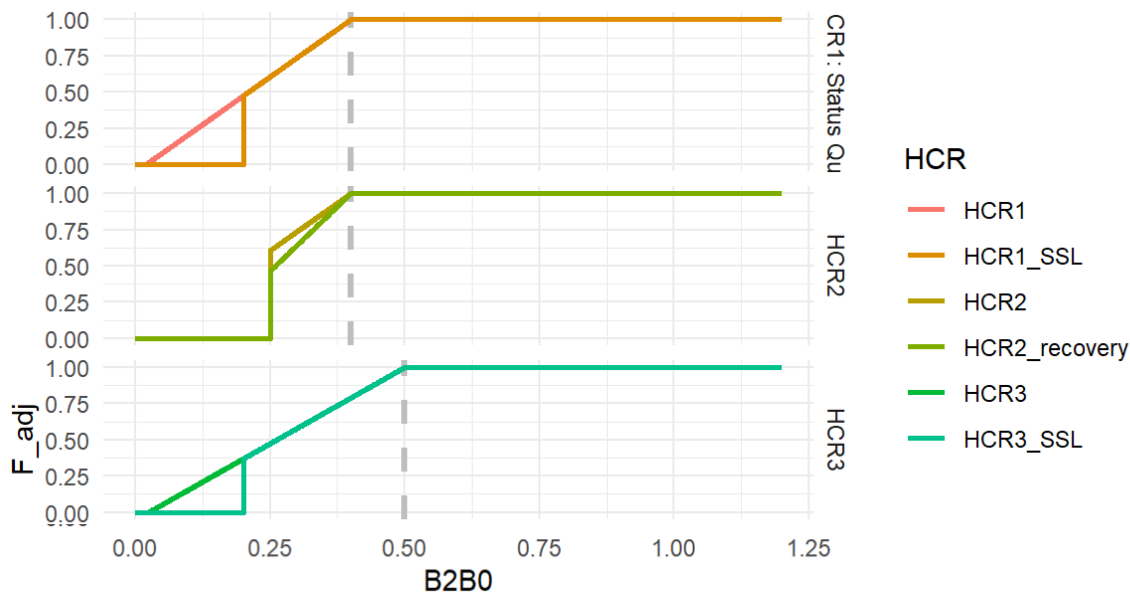


Simulate effective closure at B25% and lag following shock in order to estimate emergency relief financing needs

## CE-HCR evaluations

### HCR3

- Set  $B_{F=0}$  based on 2015
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Long-term resilience  
via larger B “target”?

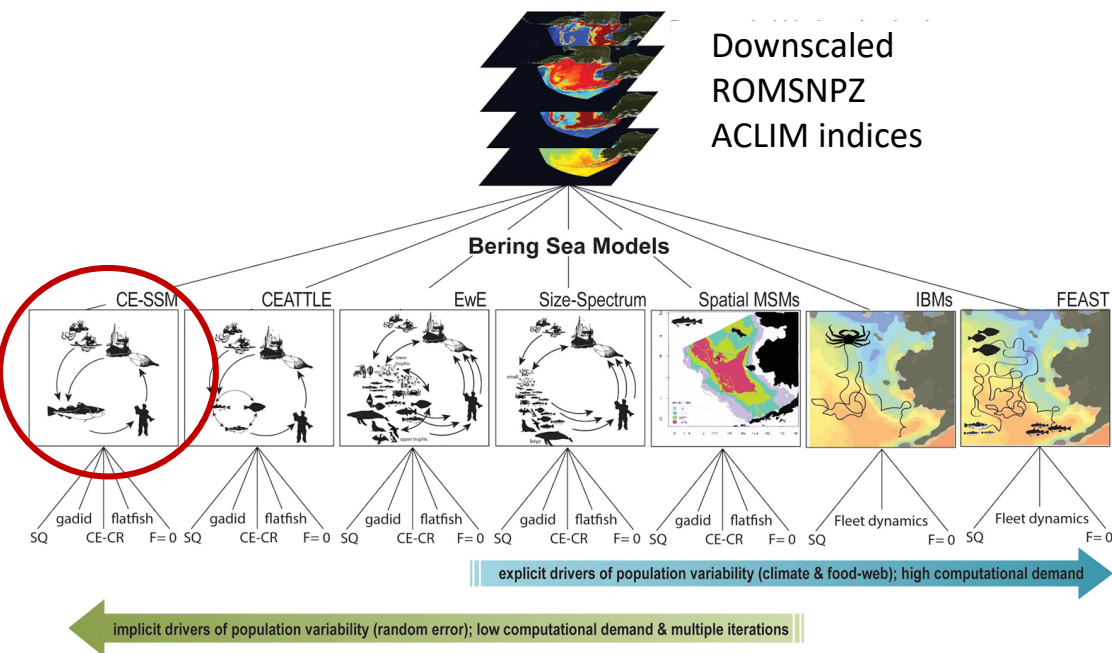
# Examples

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Draft results from ACLIM2  
Spring modeling sprint



# Integrated Climate Management Strategy Evaluations



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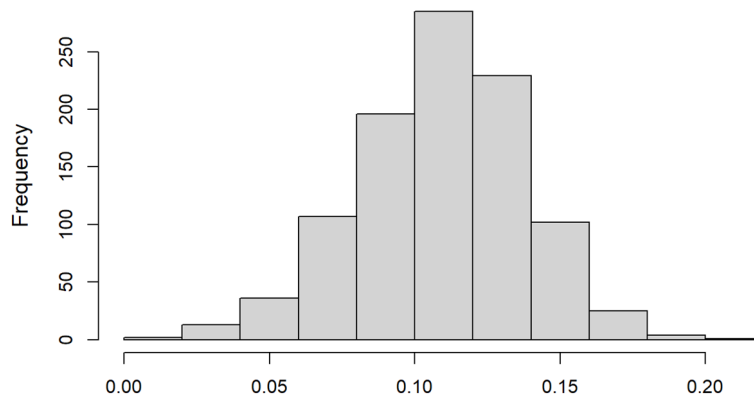




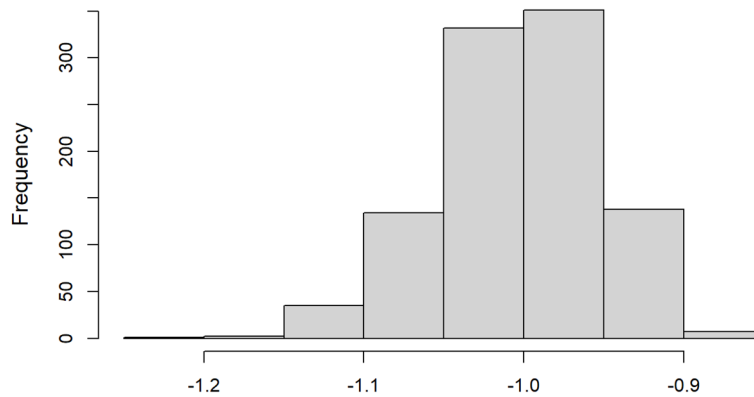
Pacific cod in the eastern Bering Sea

## An extended single-species assessment

- Based on model 19-12 (one of four models in the 2022 assessment).
- **Length-at-age 1** and **recruitment** deviations are related to **sea surface temperature**.
- For today results will be based on MLEs but Bayesian analysis suggests fairly strong environmental effects.



SST impact of L(min)



SST impact of recruitment deviations

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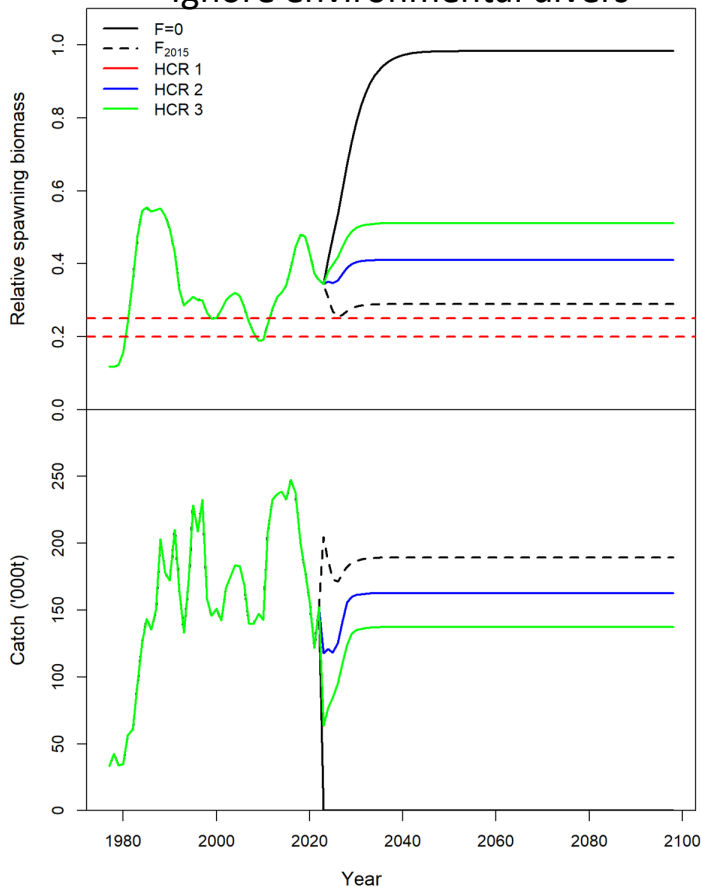


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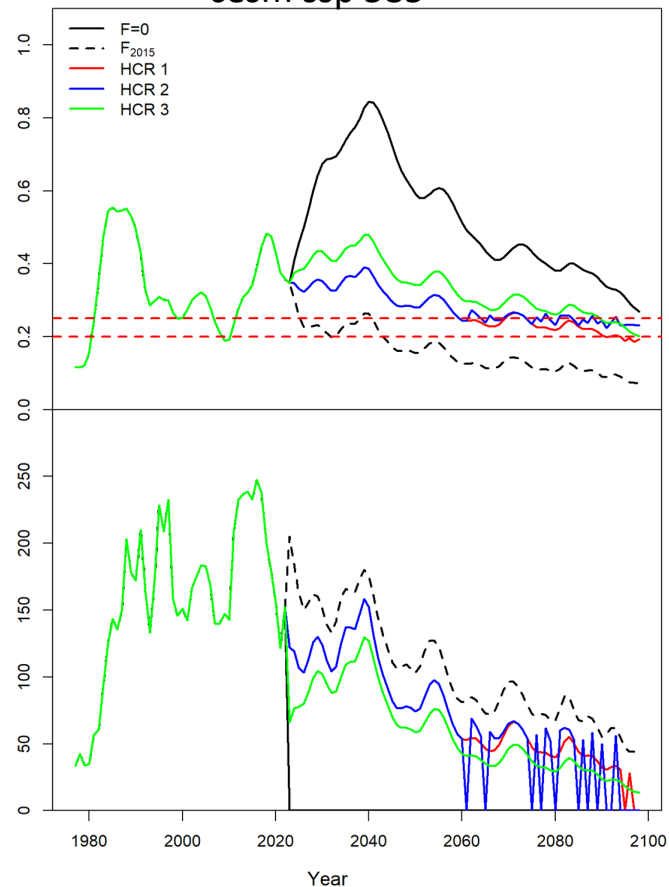
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Based on a “special”  
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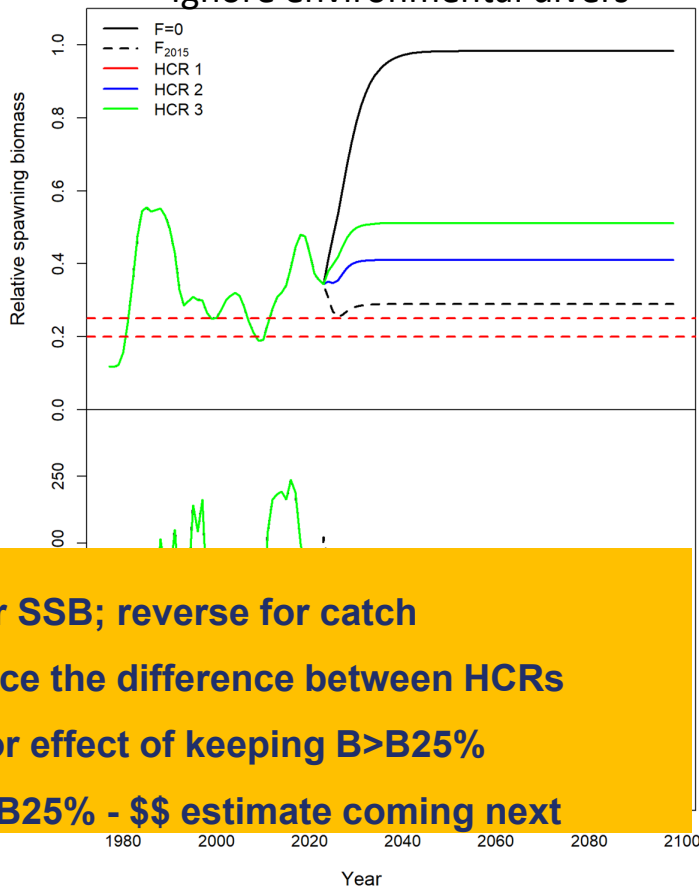


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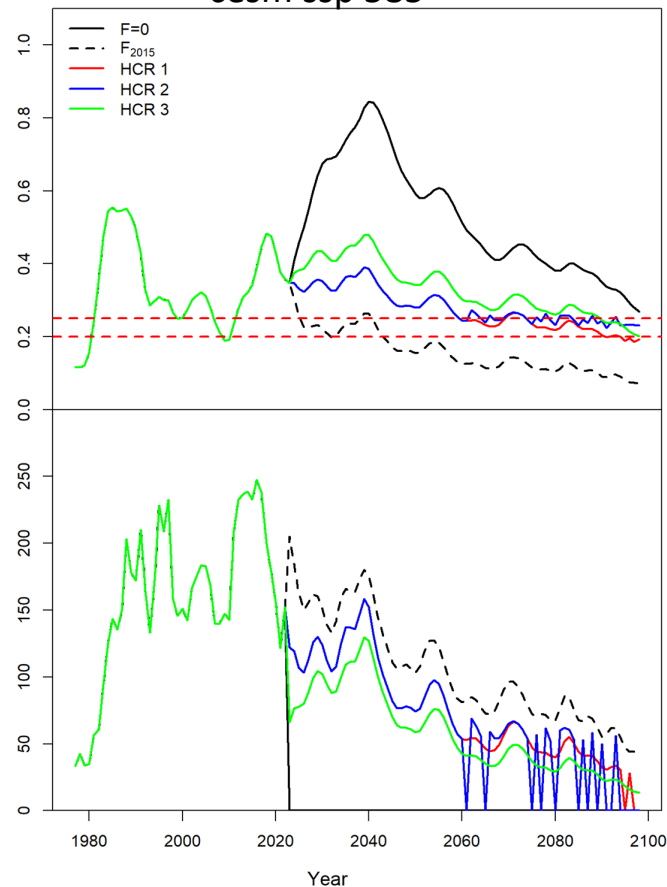
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**HCR 3 > HCR1&2 for SSB; reverse for catch**

**Climate effects reduce the difference between HCRs**

**HCR2 only has minor effect of keeping  $B > B_{25\%}$**

**Non-minor costs of  $B_{25\%}$  - \$\$ estimate coming next**

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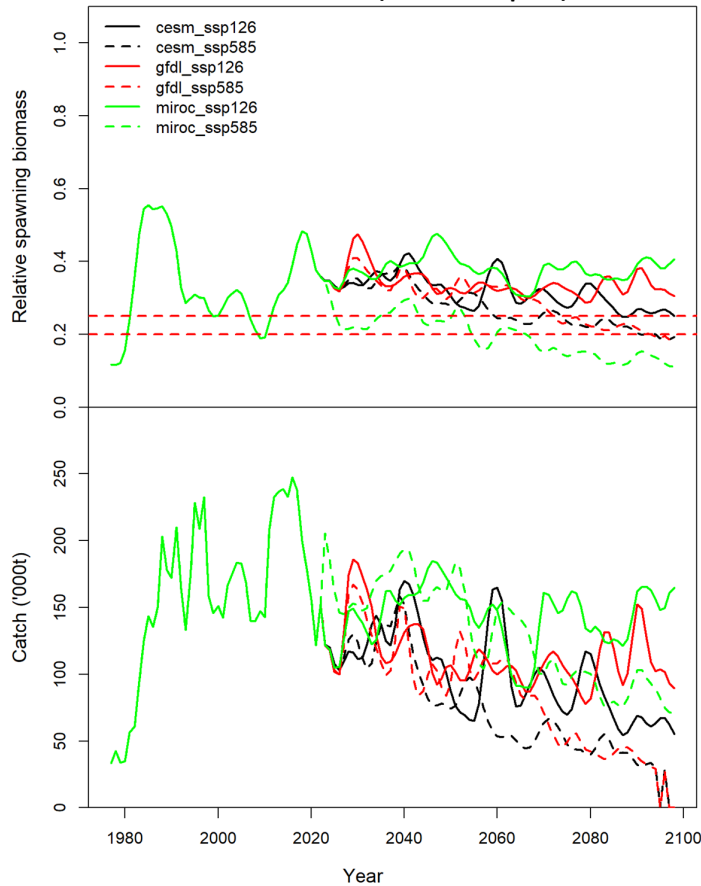




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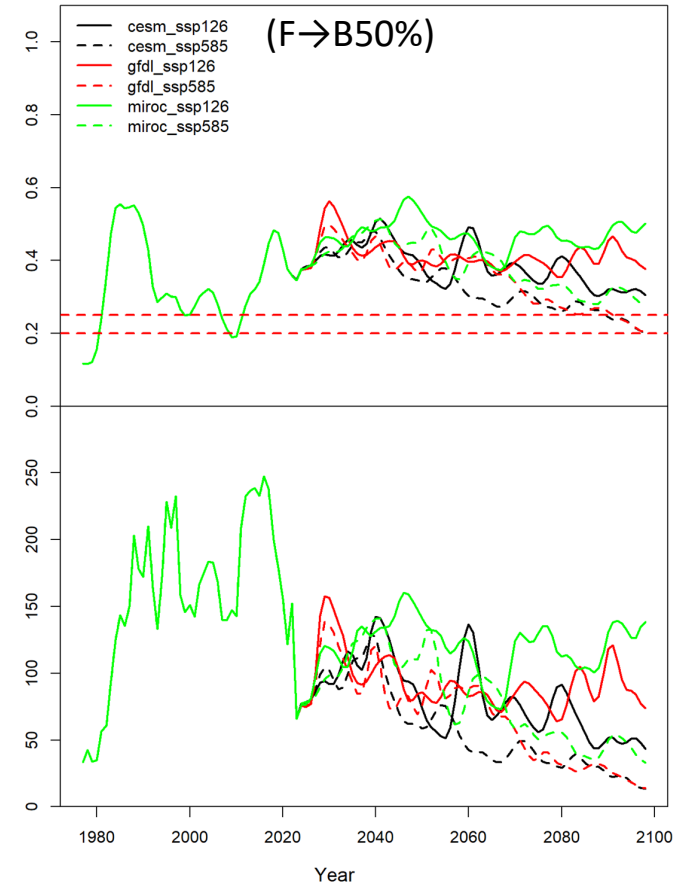
- Bayesian samples
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### HCR 1 (status-quo)



### HCR 3

(F→B50%)



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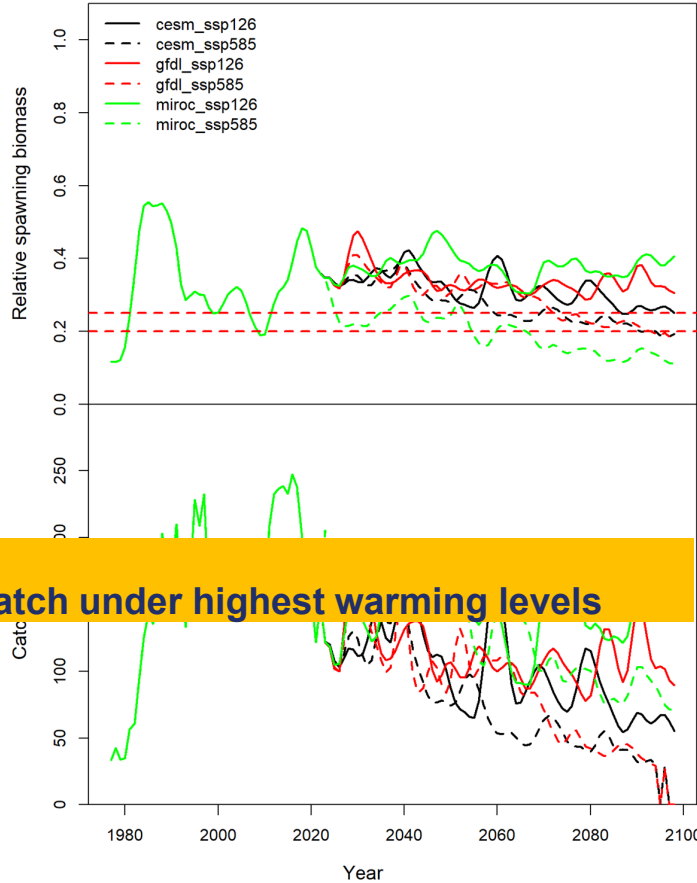




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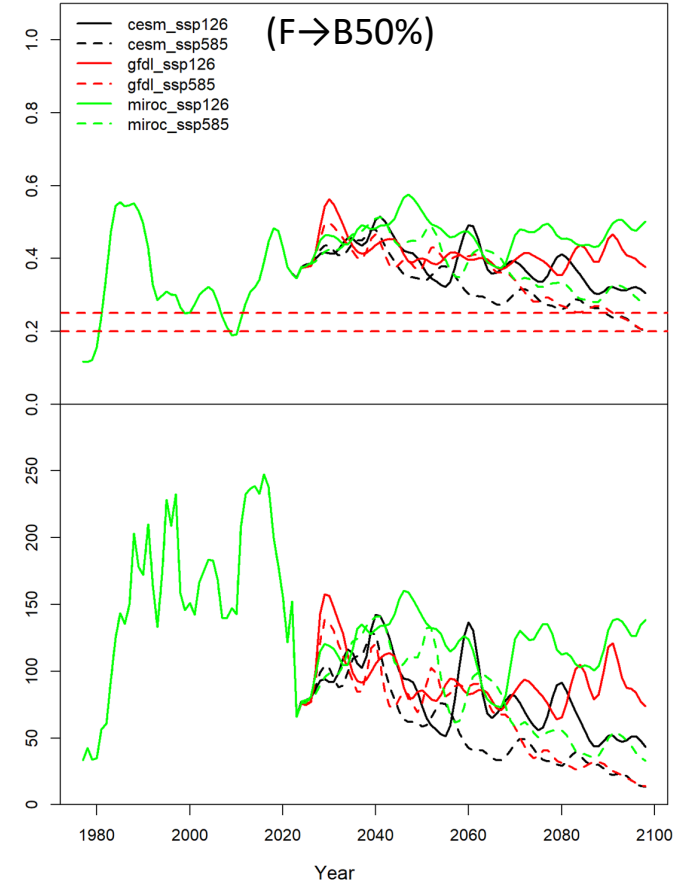
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**HCR 3 > HCR1 for catch under highest warming levels**

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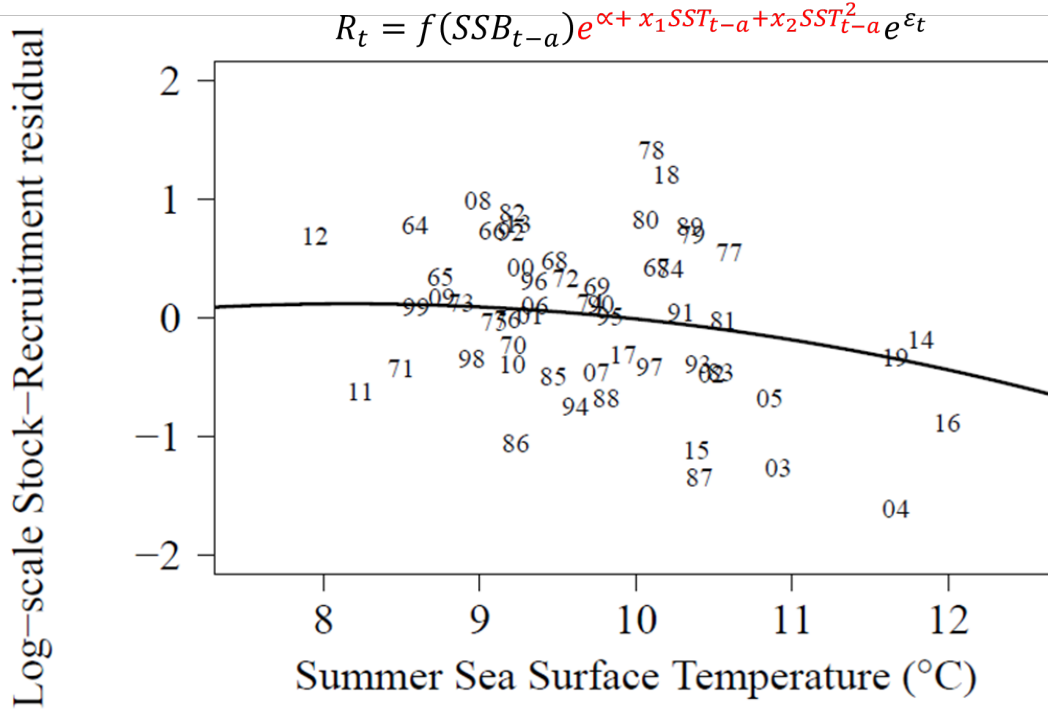


# Effect of temperature on recruitment

$$-2.41 + 0.62 * SST - 0.038 * SST^2$$



Pollock



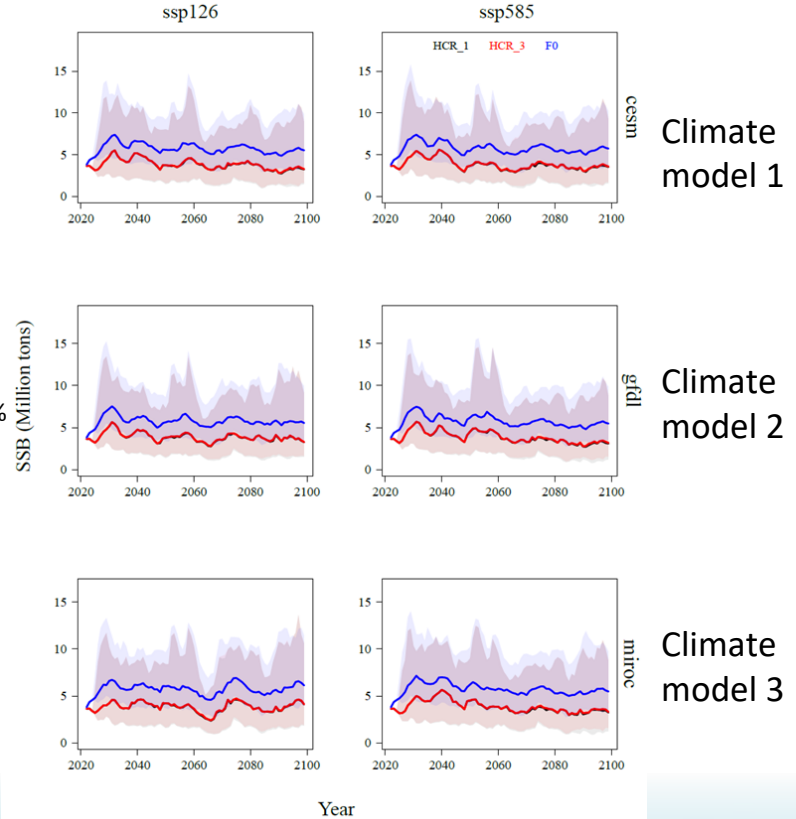
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# Projections of SSB

- Little differences between HCR 1 – 3 on the projected catch and biomass
- Future work will include
  - Model selection criteria (i.e., predictive ability of the stock-recruitment modeling alternatives)
  - Additional HCR formulations



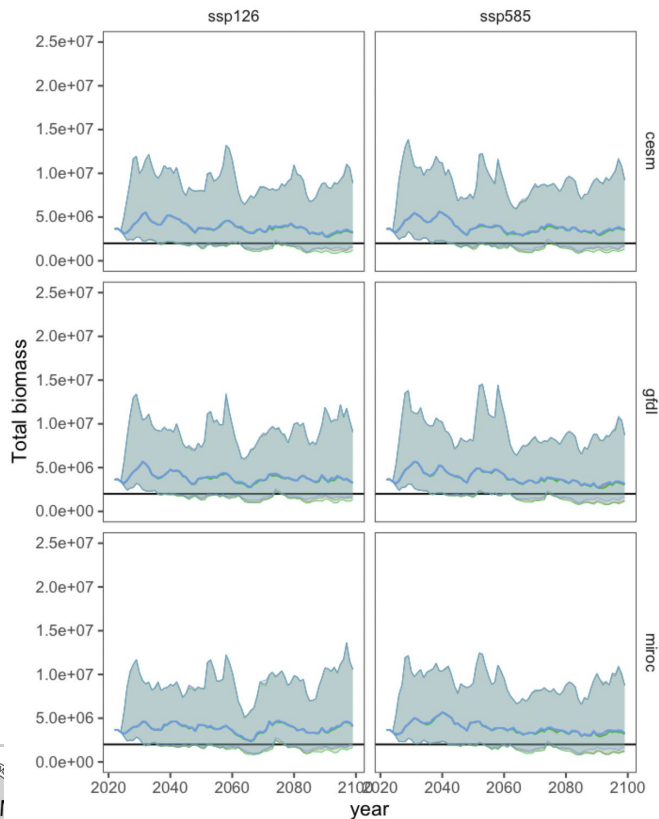
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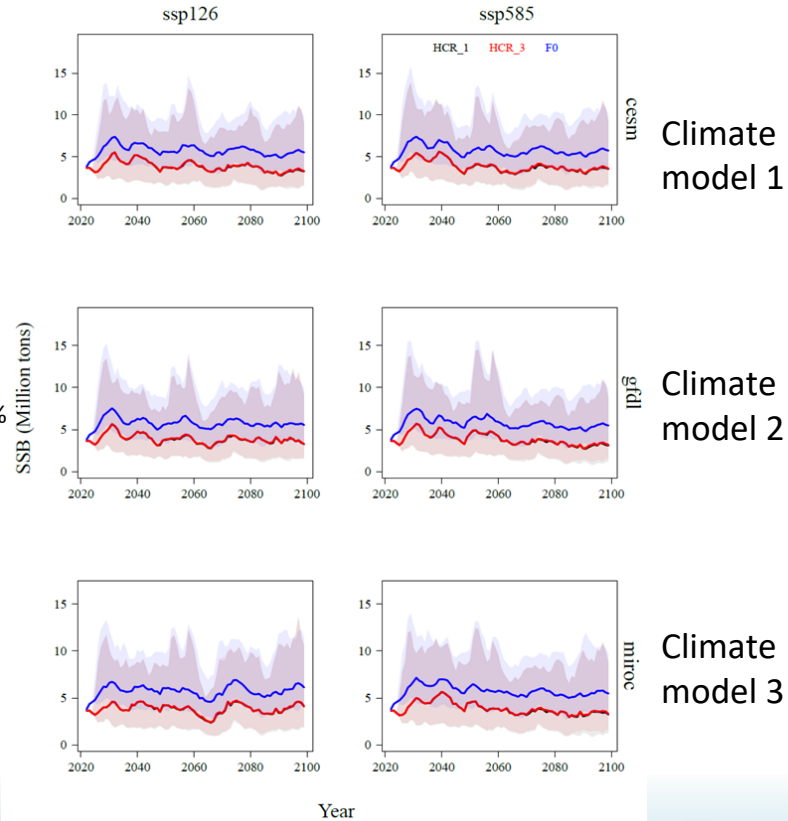


# Projections of SSB

Pollock : EBM 2 MT cap >> HCR levels



act  
 HCR\_1\_ssb Status quo  
 HCR\_2\_ssb Bmin = B25%  
 HCR\_3\_ssb B50%



Climate model 1

Climate model 2

Climate model 3

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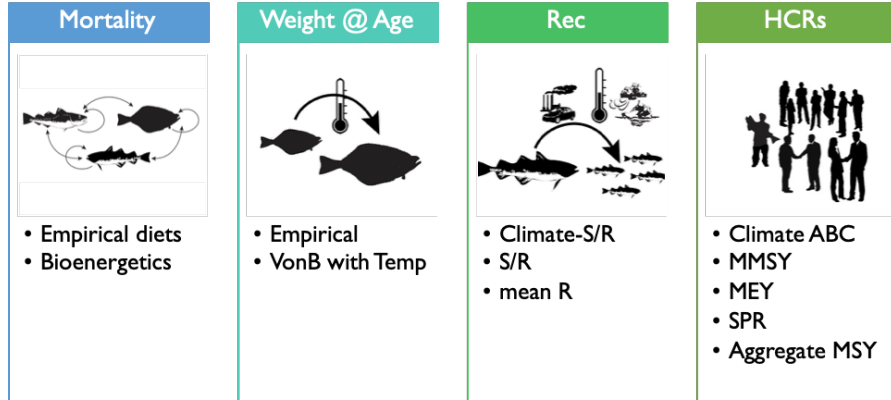
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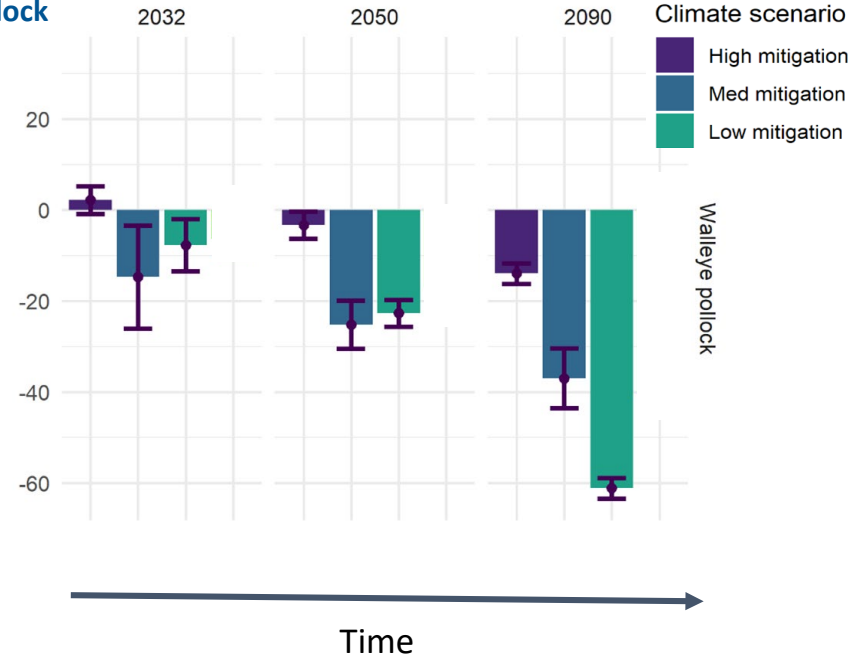
# CEATTLE Model



Change in unfished SSB for pollock from “no climate change” simulation



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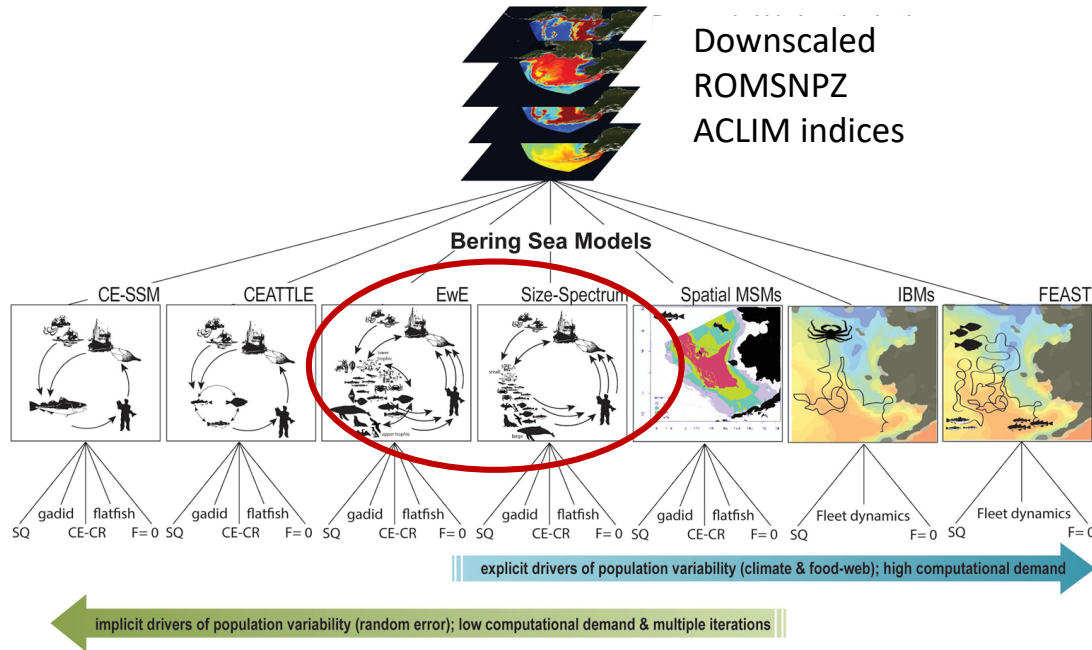
- Pollock : Evidence of threshold effect
- Adding climate effects on mortality, growth and rec. results in different projections under CC



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# Integrated Climate Management Strategy Evaluations



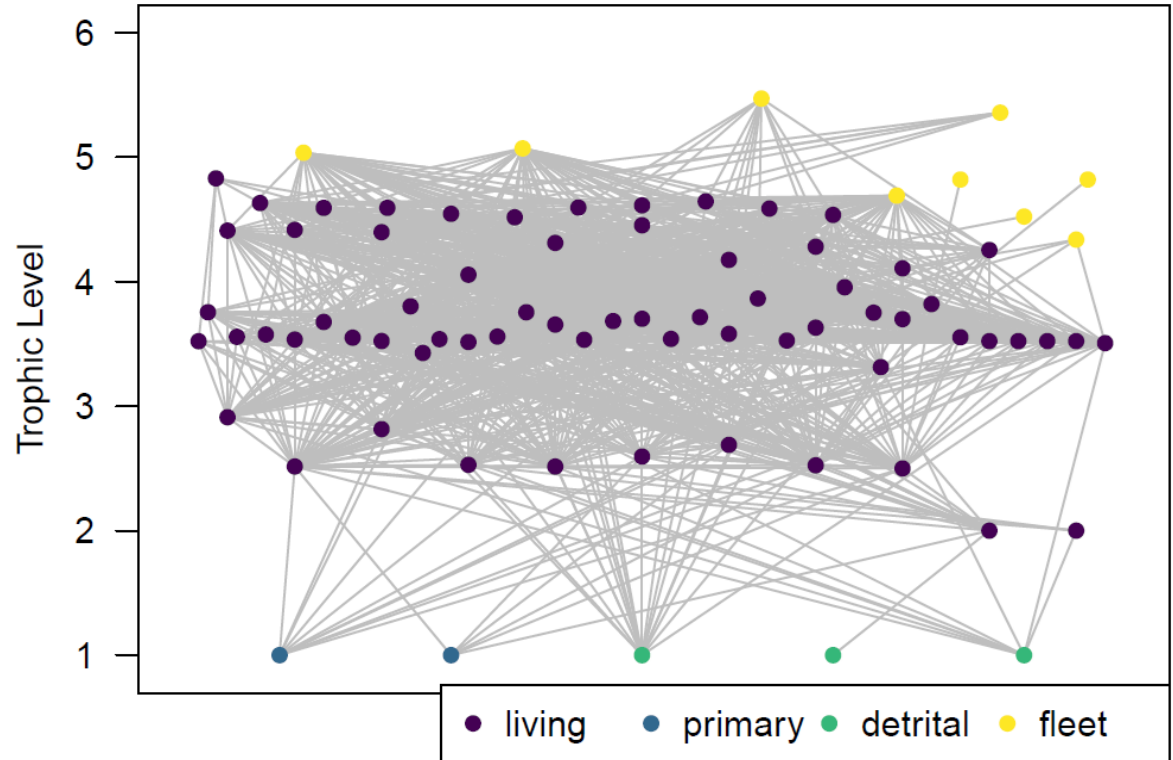
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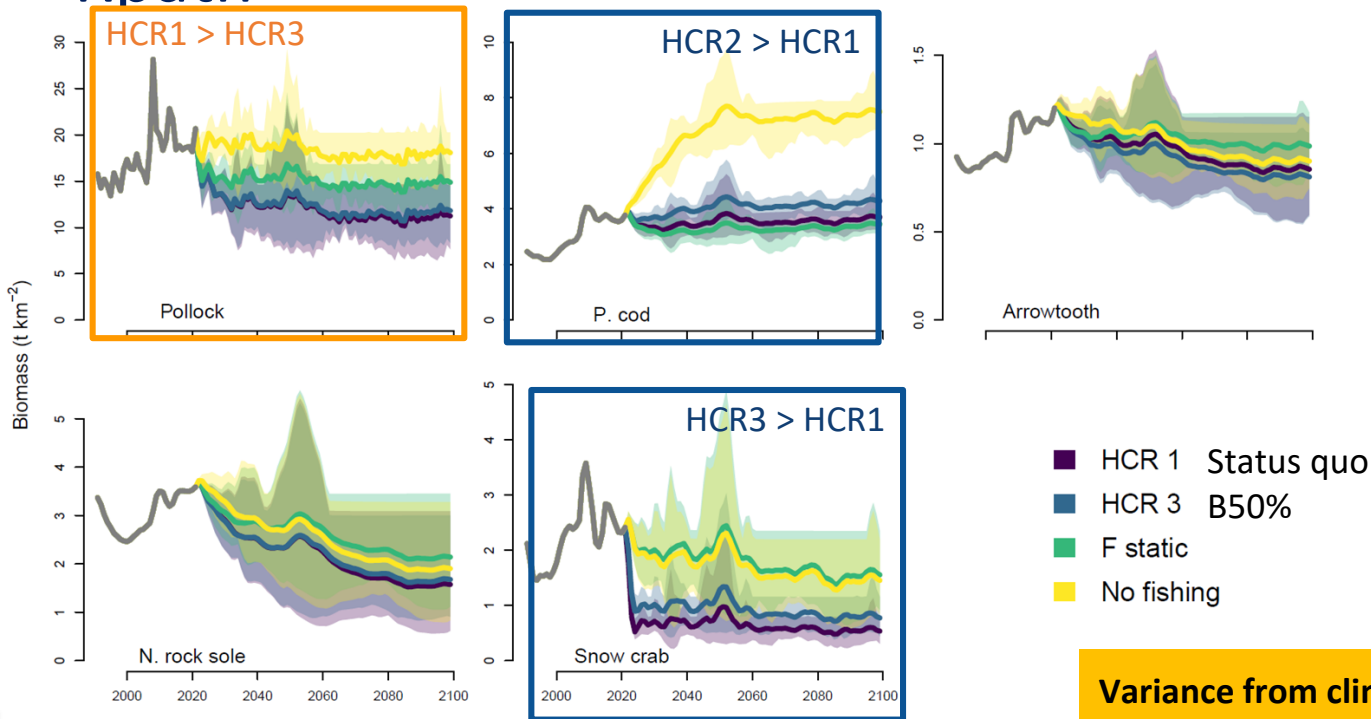


# Rpath ecosystem model (A Whitehouse)

- Whole food web
  - Ecopath with Ecosim algorithms as implemented in R
- 72 biological groups
- Including all 20 federally managed groundfish stocks
- 9 marine mammal groups
- 6 seabird groups
- 6 pelagic forage fish groups (incl. squids)
- ATTACH for harvest control rules under 2 MMT cap



# Rpath



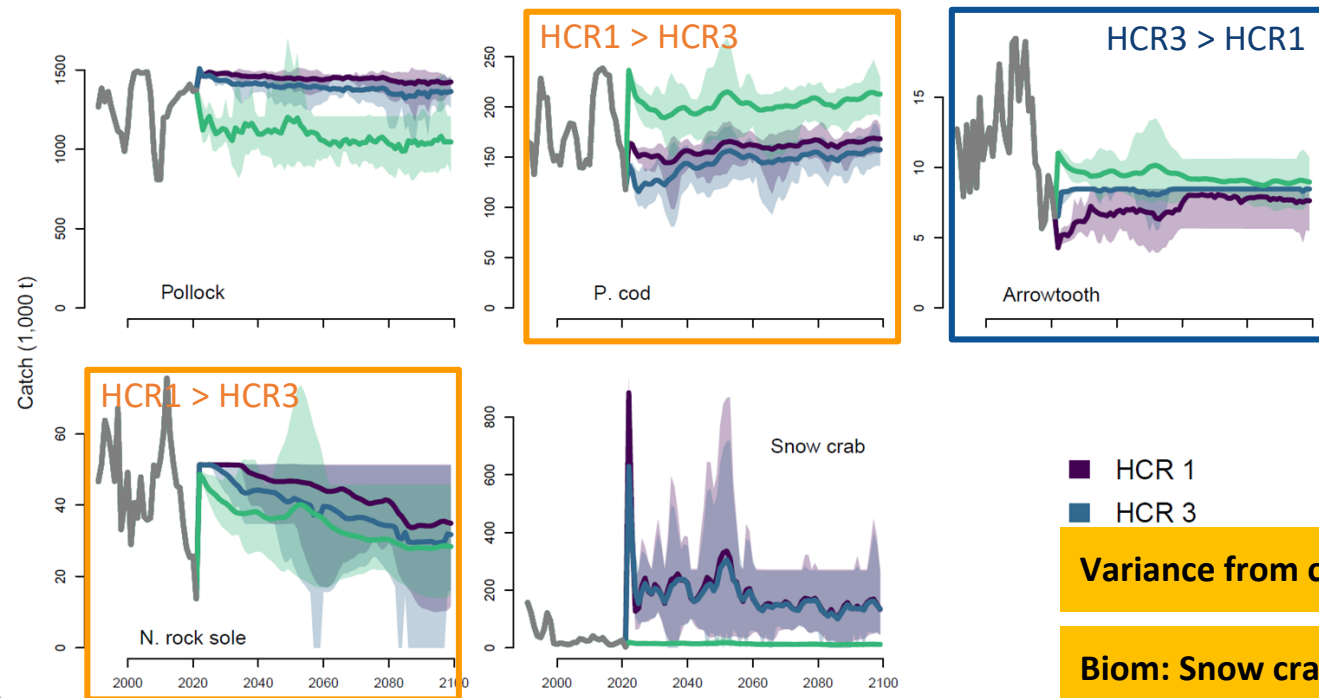
- Wide range of end of century outcomes across climate scenarios (3 ESMs x 2 SSPs and climate persistence)
- mean biomass projections for HCR 1 (status quo) and HCR 3 (B50) on similar trajectories

**Variance from climate scenarios > HCRs**

**Biom: Snow crab and P cod HCR3 > HCR1 (slightly)**



# Rpath



- Lower catch for pollock, P.cod and northern rock sole with HCR 3 (B50 target) vs. HCR 1 (status quo, B40 target).
- Northern rock sole biomass drops below HCR 3 limit threshold (B20) in GFDL SSP126 and SSP585 climate scenarios

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**Catch: NRS and P.cod HCR1 > HCR2**

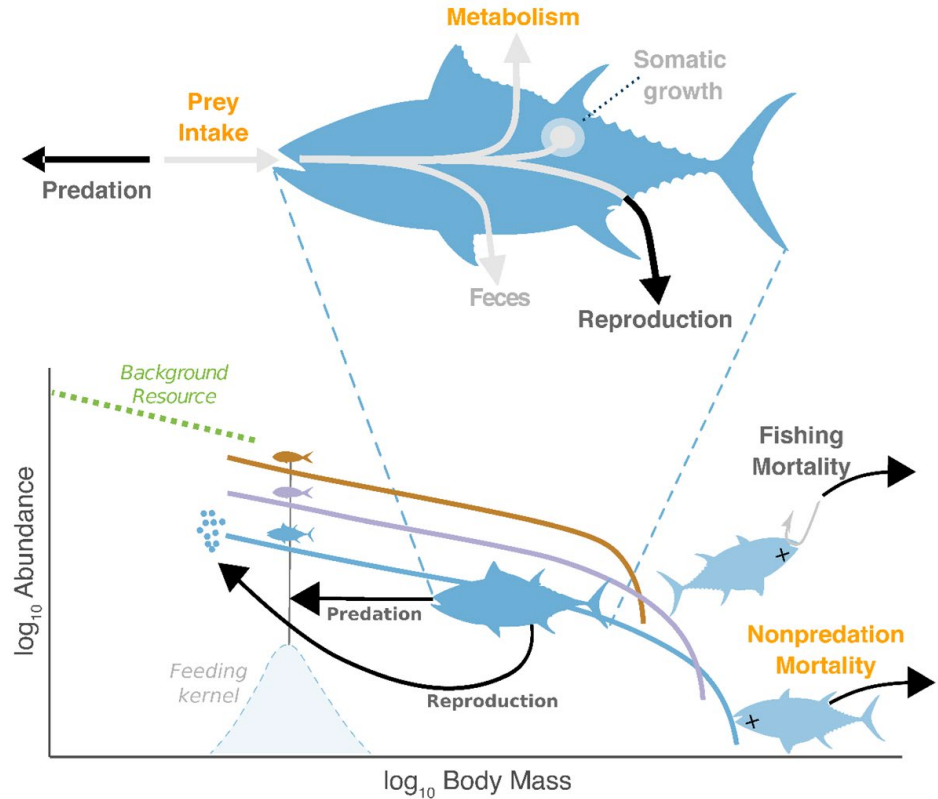
- **Ongoing work**

- Model fitting
- Temperature-dependent bioenergetics for federally managed groundfish
- Additional harvest control rules

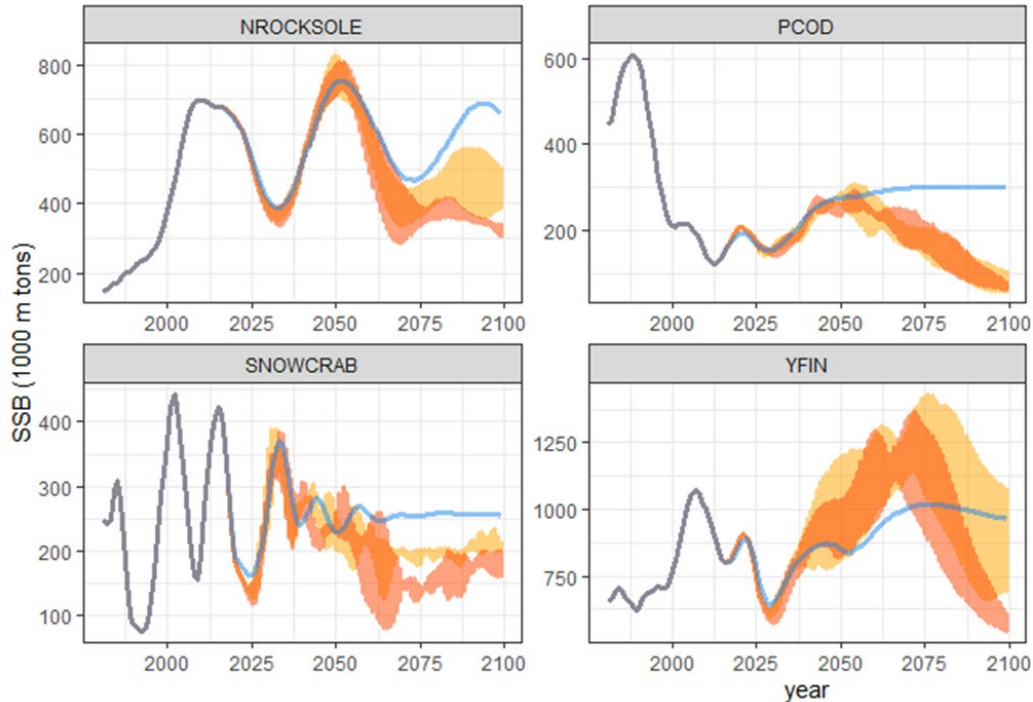
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# MIZER (J. Reum)

- Represents community and population size structure
- Predation and biological rates are size-dependent
- 8 fish species, 3 crab species
- 2 functional groups (sculpins & foragefish)
- ATTACH for harvest control rules under 2 MMT cap



# Size-spectrum food web model. *Status quo* HCRs



ssp

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ssp585 Low CO2 mitigation

static

- Adding climate effects on mortality, growth results in different projections under CC
- Evidence of goldilocks effect (non-linear response)

Low CO2 mitigation  
No climate change

- Climate forcings
  - Temperature effects
    - Metabolism
    - Consumption
    - Natural mortality
  - Pelagic and Benthic prey resources
  - Warmer futures support lower fish biomass

CE- MIZER

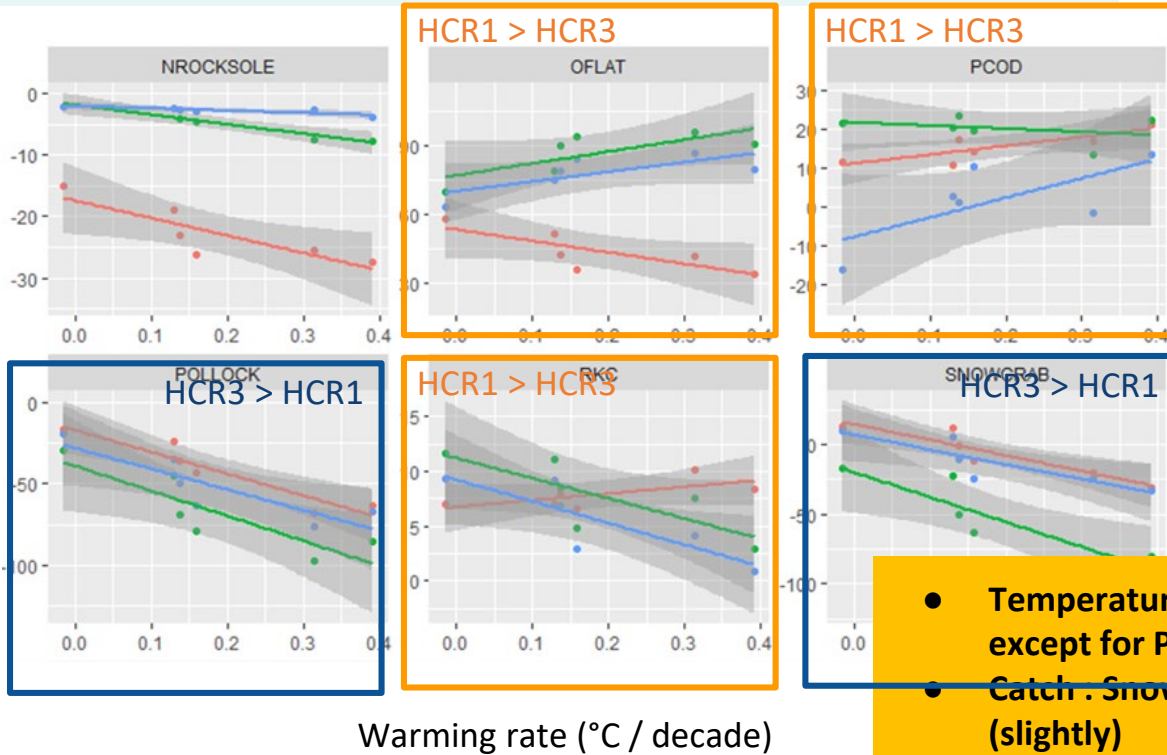


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# Size-spectrum food web model

% Change in Catches  
(End of century vs. recent)



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- Warmer futures support lower fish biomass
- HCRs influence extent of catch reductions

- Temperature has negative effect on catch, except for Pcod (depends on HCR)
- Catch: Snow crab and pollock HCR3 > HCR1 (slightly)
- Pcod HCR 1 > HCR 3 (similar to Rpath)

# Key Takeaways

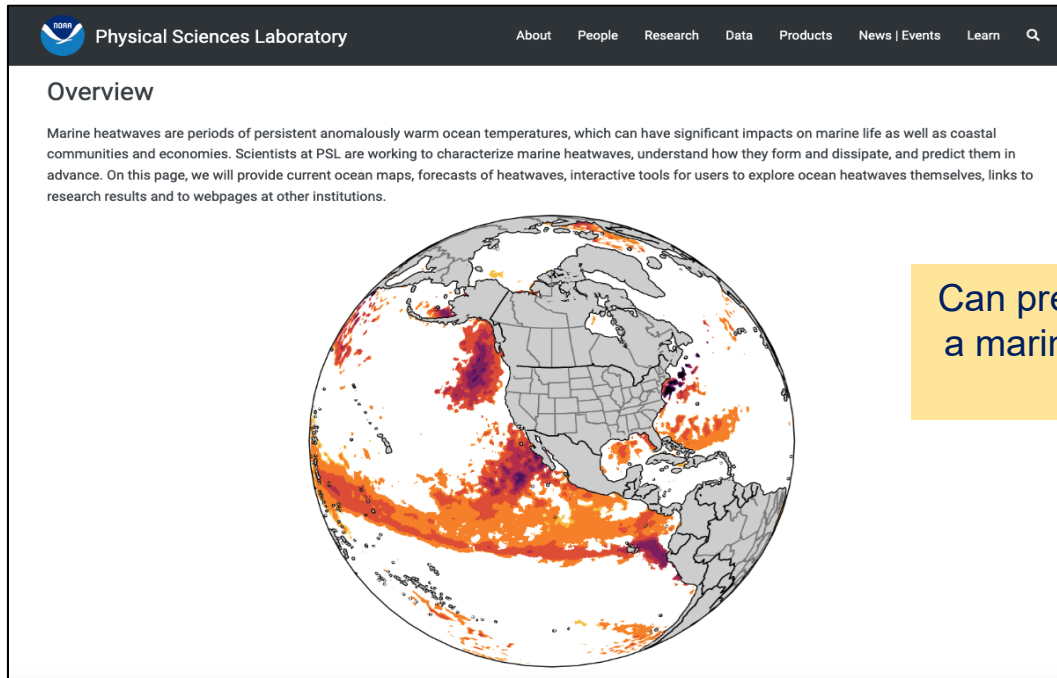
- We have information needed to start planning & design
- Risk scales non-linearly with warming & are lower with CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation
- Declines in biomass and catch scale with warming
  - ◆ Some species exhibit “goldilocks” effect (non-linear)
- EBM measures like the 2 MT cap >> HCR “levers”
  - ◆ 2 MT cap has stronger effect than changing B<sub>target</sub> or B<sub>cutoff</sub>
  - ◆ HCRs effects were stronger for species with complex coupling to climate
- Changing B<sub>cutoff</sub> to B<sub>25%</sub> had little benefit to biomass, but non-minor loss to fisheries
- Climate effects reduce the difference between HCRs
- Projected declines in snow crab with high warming
  - ◆ For snow crab and pollock B<sub>50%</sub> might be > B<sub>40%</sub> (based on food web models)
  - ◆ Maybe for Pcod too under highest warming



**WHAT NEXT?**

# New predictive tools can help fisheries prepare & plan

[psl.noaa.gov/marine-heatwaves](https://psl.noaa.gov/marine-heatwaves)



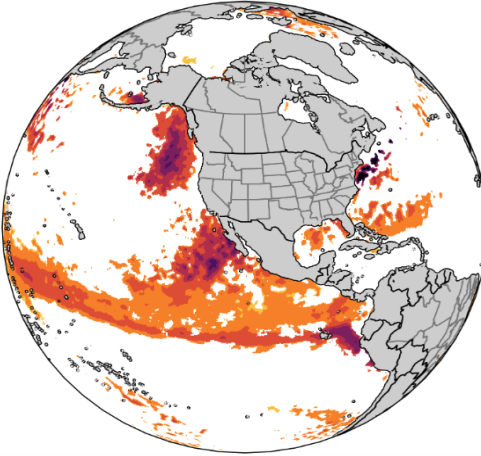
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## Overview

Marine heatwaves are periods of persistent anomalously warm ocean temperatures, which can have significant impacts on marine life as well as coastal communities and economies. Scientists at PSL are working to characterize marine heatwaves, understand how they form and dissipate, and predict them in advance. On this page, we will provide current ocean maps, forecasts of heatwaves, interactive tools for users to explore ocean heatwaves themselves, links to research results and to webpages at other institutions.



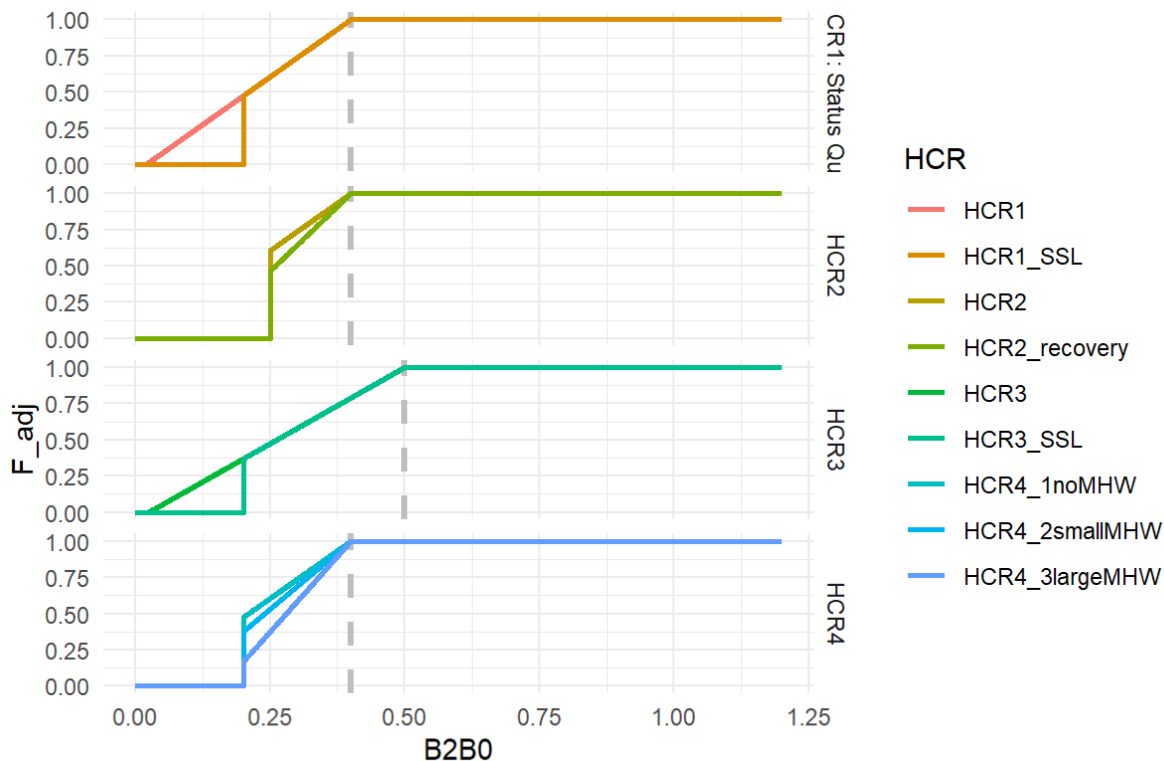
Can predict the probability of a marine heatwave 1-12 mo ahead of time



## CE-HCR evaluations

# HCR4

- Set  $B_{F=0}$  based on 2015
- $F_{\text{target}}$  is F rate to get to 40%  $B_{F=0}$
- $F_{\text{adj}}$  from sloping HCR where
  - alpha
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    - Small MHW = 0.2
    - Large MHW = 0.4
  - $F \rightarrow 0$  at B20%

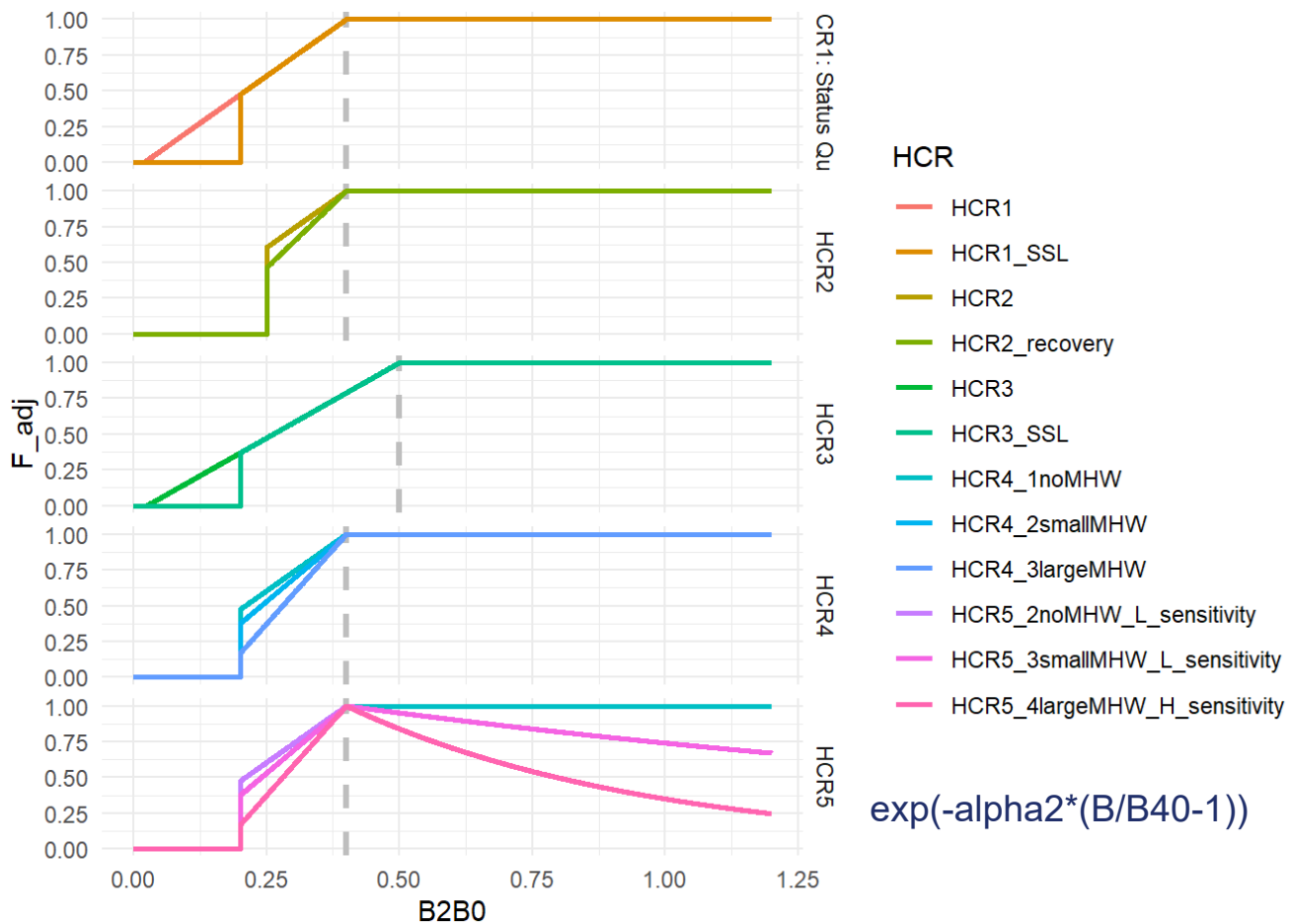


CE- HCR, scale back F in climate shocks

## CE-HCR evaluations

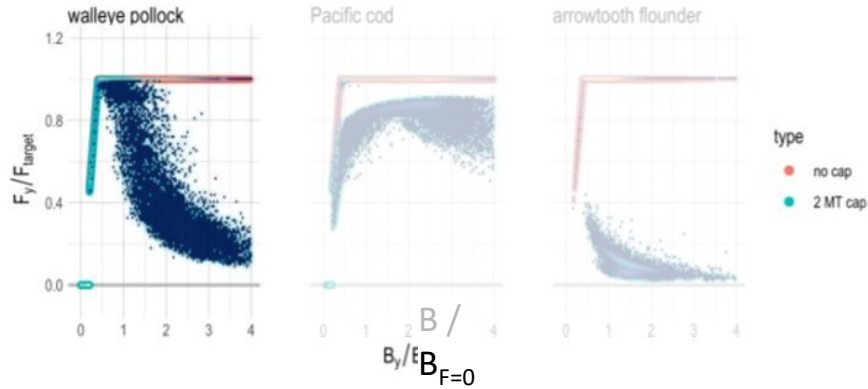
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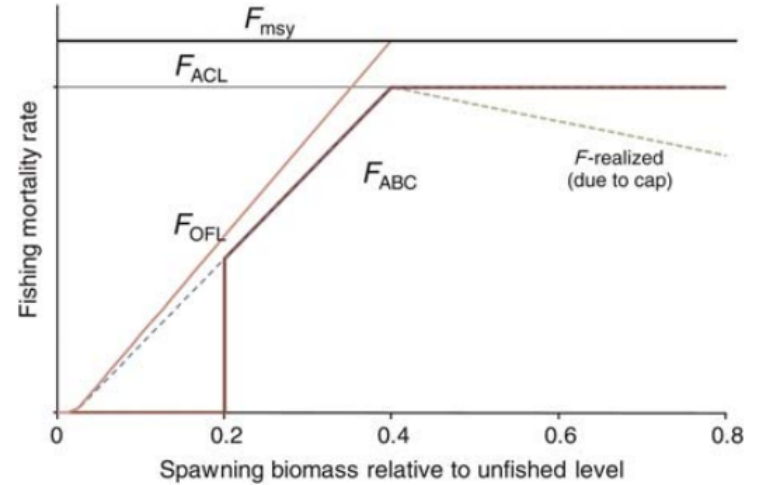


Build reserve for climate sensitive species

# Apply effective pollock HCR cap-like effect



Holsman et al. 2020

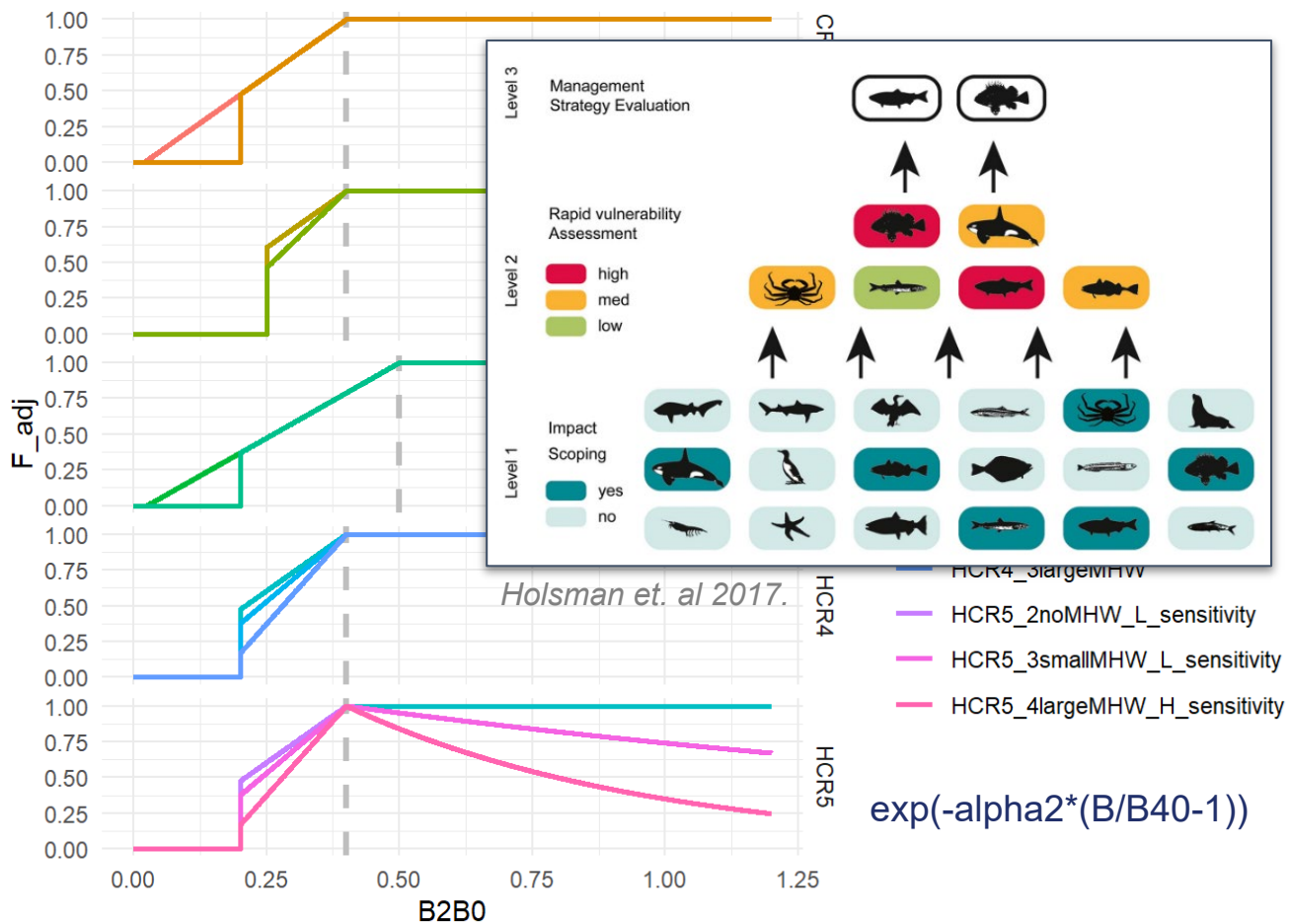


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# Additional results

Draft results from ACLIM2



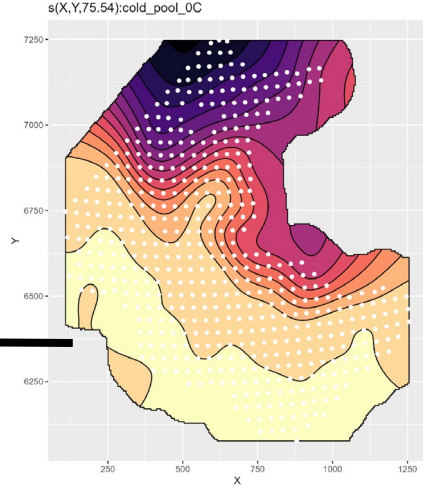
# Species distribution models (Delta-Gamma GAMs)

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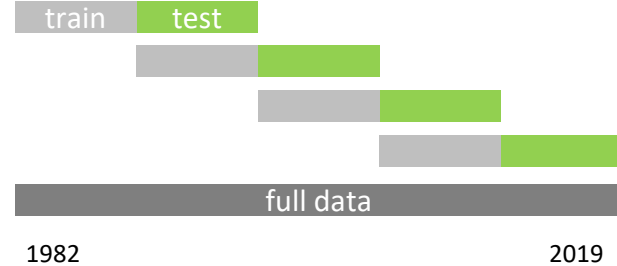
- Temperature (bottom 5m)
- Depth
- Oxygen (bottom 5m)
- Euphausiids (integrated)
- pH (bottom 5m)
- Cold pool (0C/2C – spatially varying) ←
- Total biomass (spatially varying)
- Principle components axes 1 & 2:

Ice area, salinity, alkalinity, Benthic infauna, boundary layer depth, Iron, NCaO, NH<sub>4</sub>, Ice algae concentration, large & small plankton concentration, total inorganic carbon

~ 50% of variation explained



Environmental covariates selected via time-series cross validation, i.e. based on forward predictive skill



## Preliminary models built for adults & juveniles:

walleye pollock, Pacific cod, Pacific halibut, arrowtooth flounder, yellowfin sole, & northern rock sole

## Additional species planned:

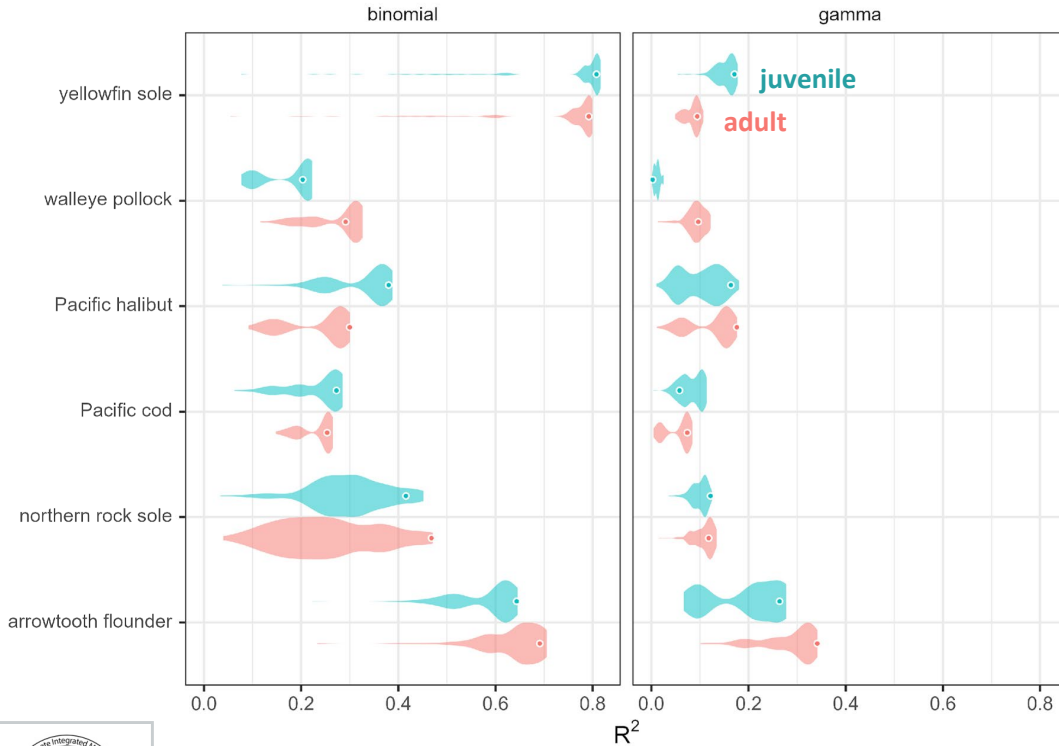
Chinook salmon, red king crab, snow crab, capelin

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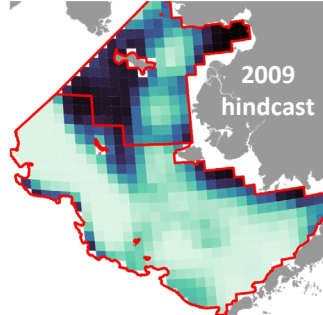
- Bering-10K environmental covariates explain substantial variation in some species ranges, but relatively little in others
- Models can be used to project probably of encounter / presence-absence field, and/or relative biomass distribution
- Uncertainty in species distribution models can be propagated into estimates of area occupied, range centroids, and species overlap
- Overlap indices can potentially be incorporated in multispecies models for scenario testing



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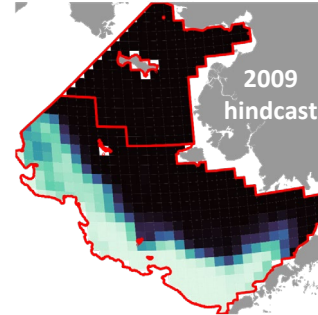
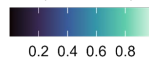
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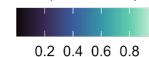
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Adult arrowtooth flounder



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Example preliminary probability of encounter estimates (CMIP6 MIROC)

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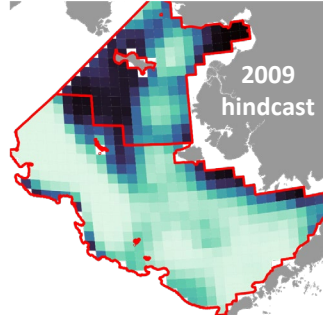
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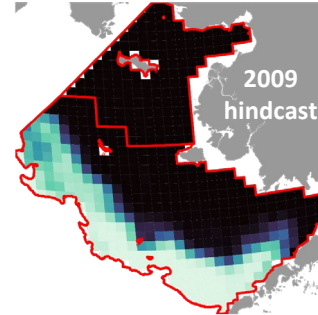
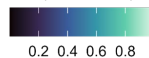
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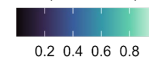
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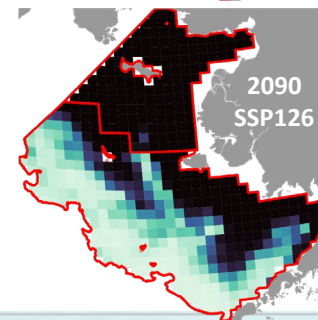
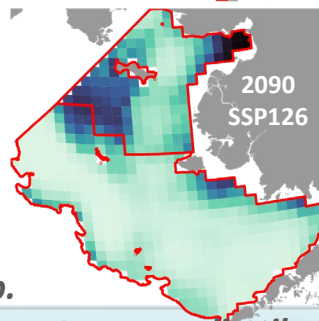
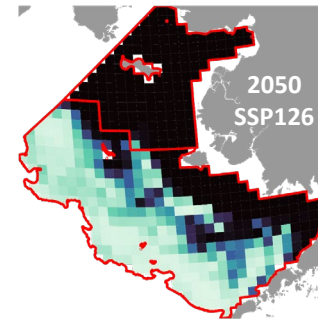
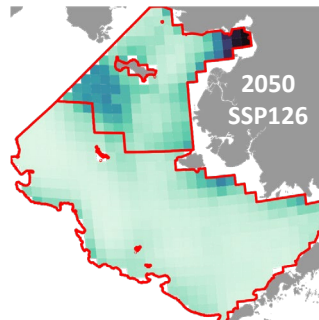
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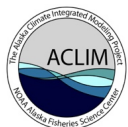
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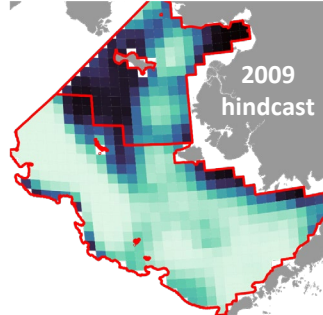
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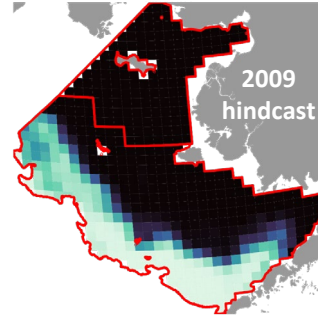
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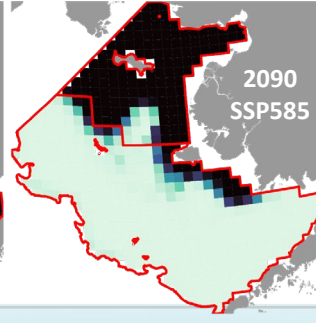
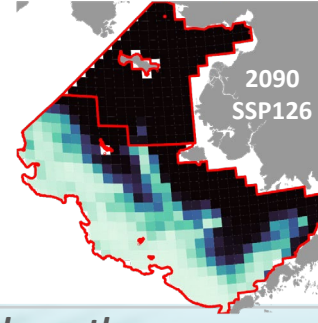
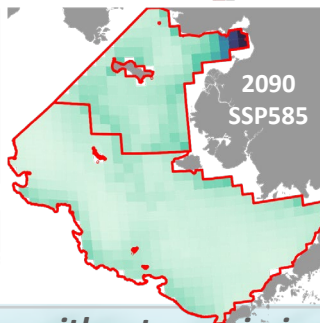
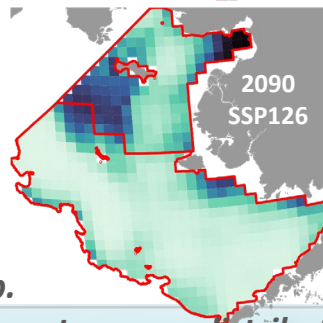
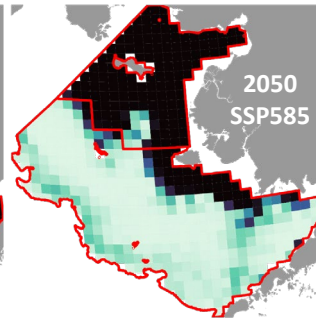
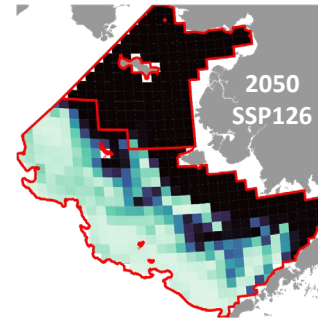
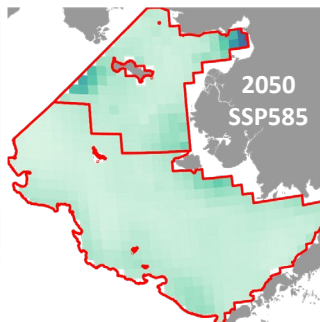
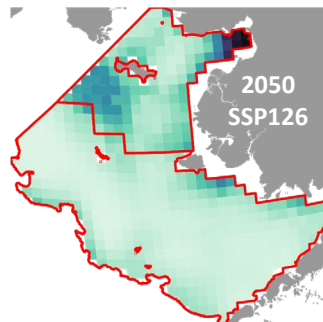


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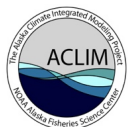
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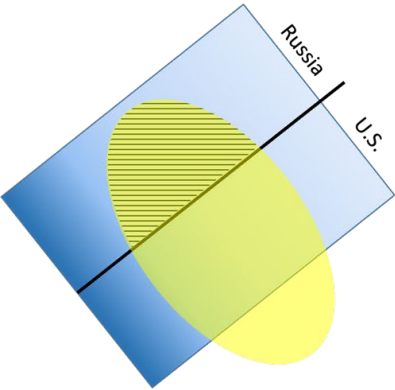
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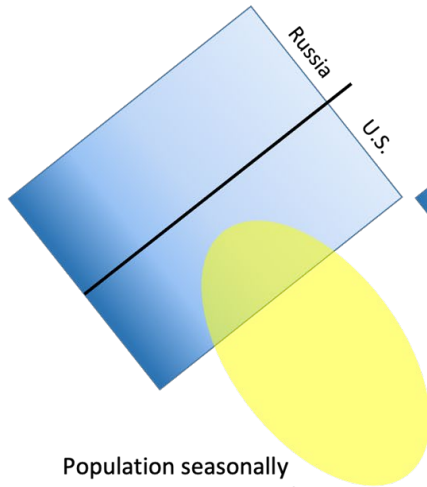
# ROMS-US/RUS pollock work (R. Levine, De Robertis, Ianelli)

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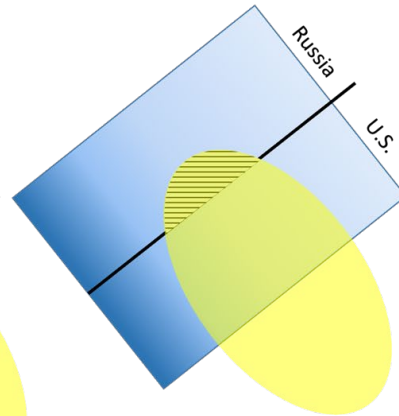
Historically warm conditions in the northwestern Bering Sea

Winter 2019/2020



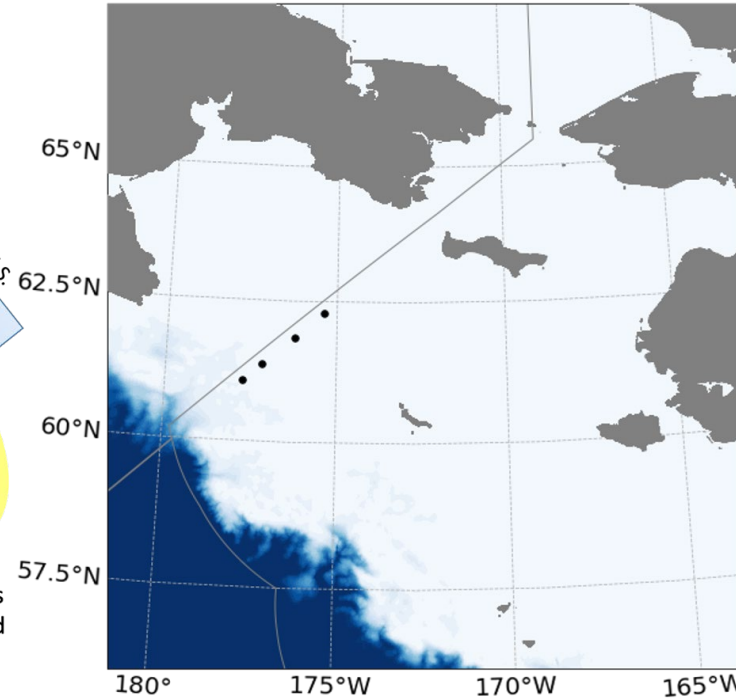
Population seasonally retreats to warmer and deeper water in winter

Summer 2020



The northwestern Bering Sea was cooler than the previous year and a greater portion of the population stayed in U.S. waters

Levine, De Robertis, Ianelli



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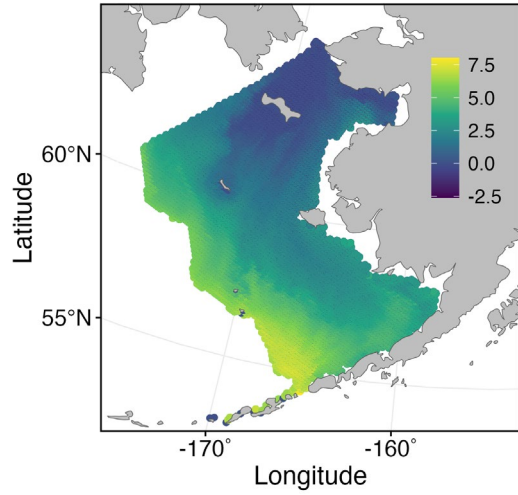
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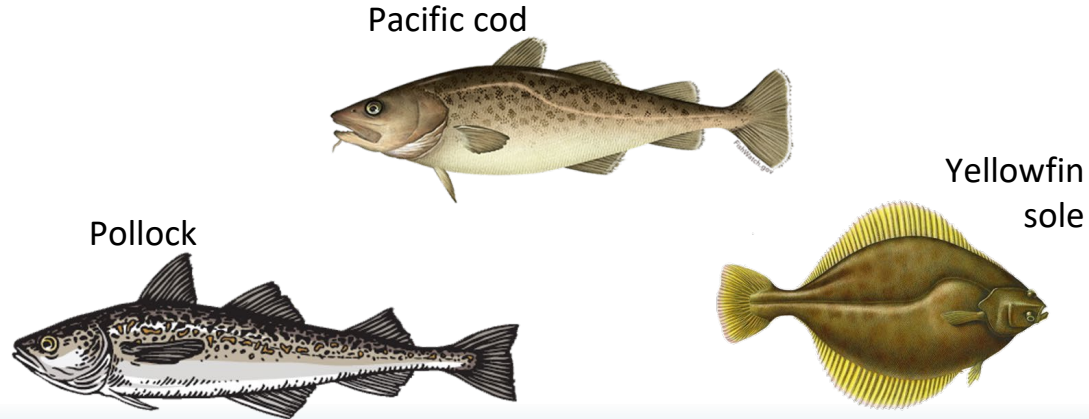
# Size-at-age model (J. Bigman)

Coupling Bering10k ROMS temperature and oxygen hindcasts and projections with survey data to understand and predict how changes in size and growth with warming will affect size-at-age, reproductive output, and fisheries productivity

Bering10k ROMS bottom temperature



Survey data: age & weight

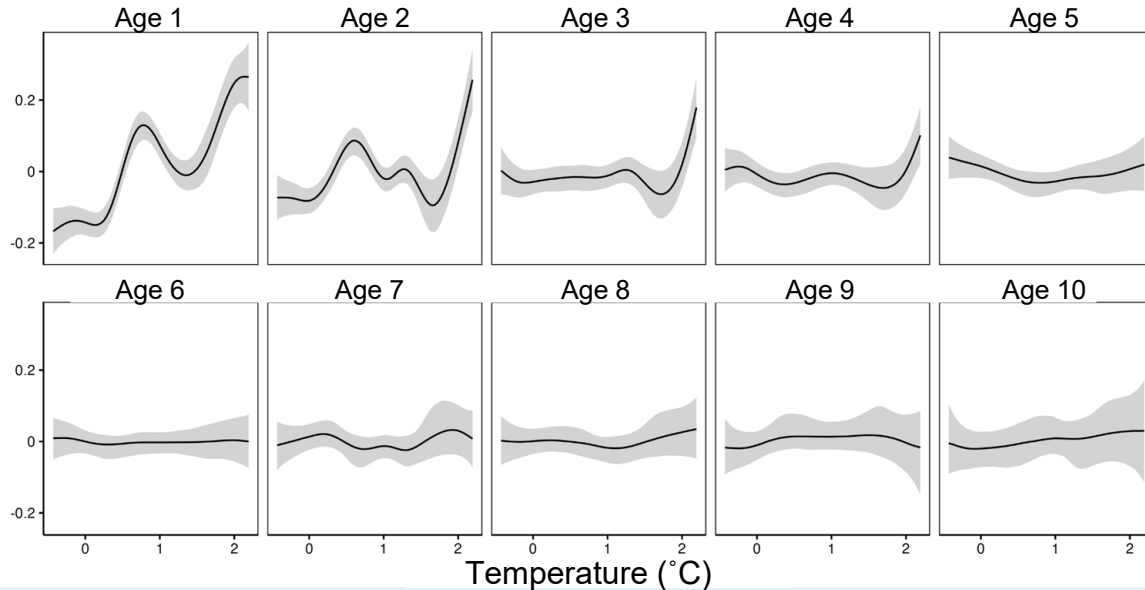


# Size-at-age model (J. Bigman)

For example, we see larger size-at-age for early life stages and around age-at-maturity, relationship changes for Pollock; use age-specific relationships with temperature to predict future size-at-age, as well as how reproductive output and spawning stock biomass may change



Partial effect on weight-at-age for pollock



# Salmon & Communities (Yasumiishi & Wise et al.)



Identify candidate ROMS/NPZ indicators for Yukon River Chinook salmon survival based on scientific and traditional knowledge.

H1: Bering Sea temperature warming at 2-4 year lags increases marine growth & decreases age (size) at maturity resulting in smaller spawners and lower survival.

H2: Weaker north winds decrease run size.

**Produce recruitment projections under different climate & emission scenarios**



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## Today's Talk

1. Brief introduction to climate planning, risk, adaptation, and CO2 mitigation
2. Linking to day 1: projected changes to NEBS conditions and carrying capacity
3. Actionable advice
  - a. Climate informed control rules (ACLIM2 spring sprint)
  - b. Climate informed spatial and scenario planning
4. Next steps, CEFI and ACLIM3

# NOAA Climate, Ecosystems, & Fisheries Initiative (CEFI)

National Marine Fisheries Service

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## CEFI Integrated Ocean Modeling and Decision Support System

▶ Advancing Climate, Ocean, and Ecosystem Understanding

▶ Operational Climate, Ocean, and Ecosystem Decision Support Systems

▶ Climate Ready Decision Making



Operational support for Climate-informed EBFM

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/climate-change/climate,-ecosystems,-and-fisheries>



# Regional ocean prediction capacity from seasons to centuries built from OAR's Modular Ocean Model 6 (MOM6)

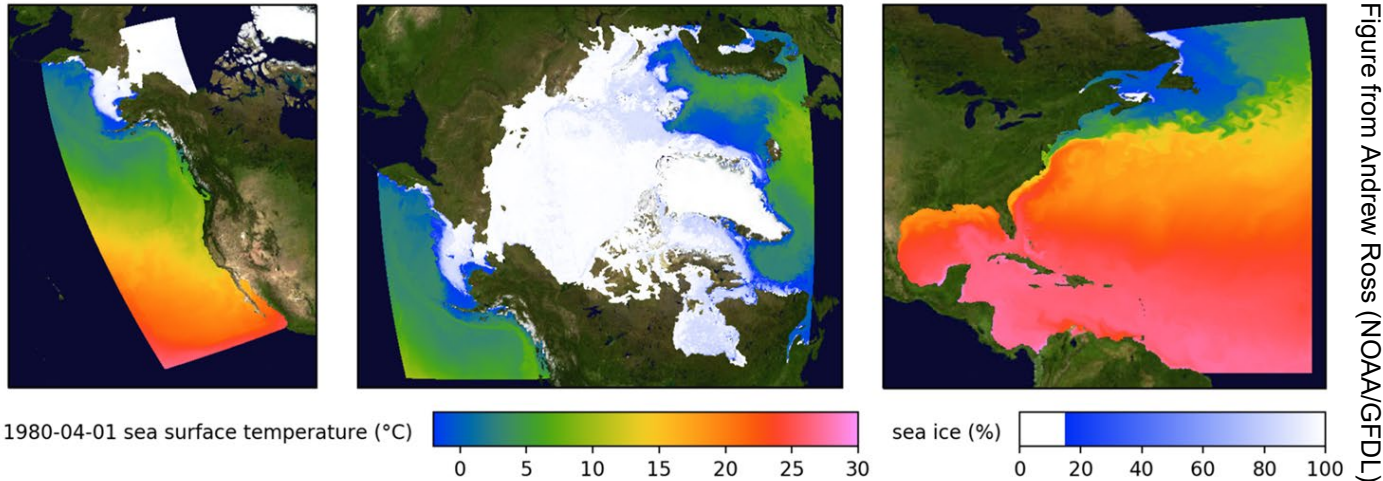
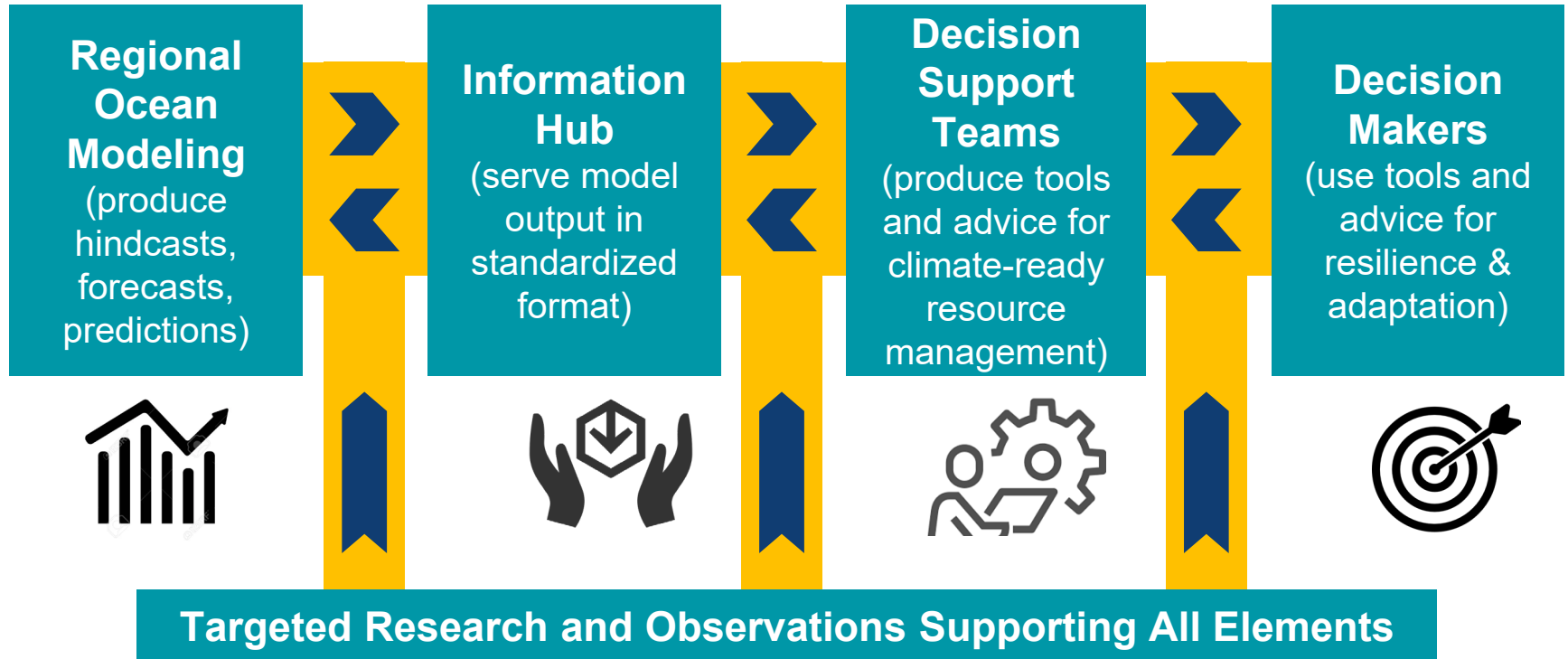


Figure from Andrew Ross (NOAA/GFDL)

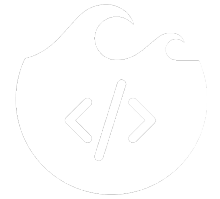
Prototype MOM6 coast-wide domains for seasons to decades (**Great Lakes, Pacific Islands in progress**)

- **Ocean predictions spanning the range of ocean futures** powered by HPC computing.
- **Regional Ocean Modeling Teams** customize products for NMFS and other users.
- **CEFI Information Portal** provides easy access, efficiency and national data standards

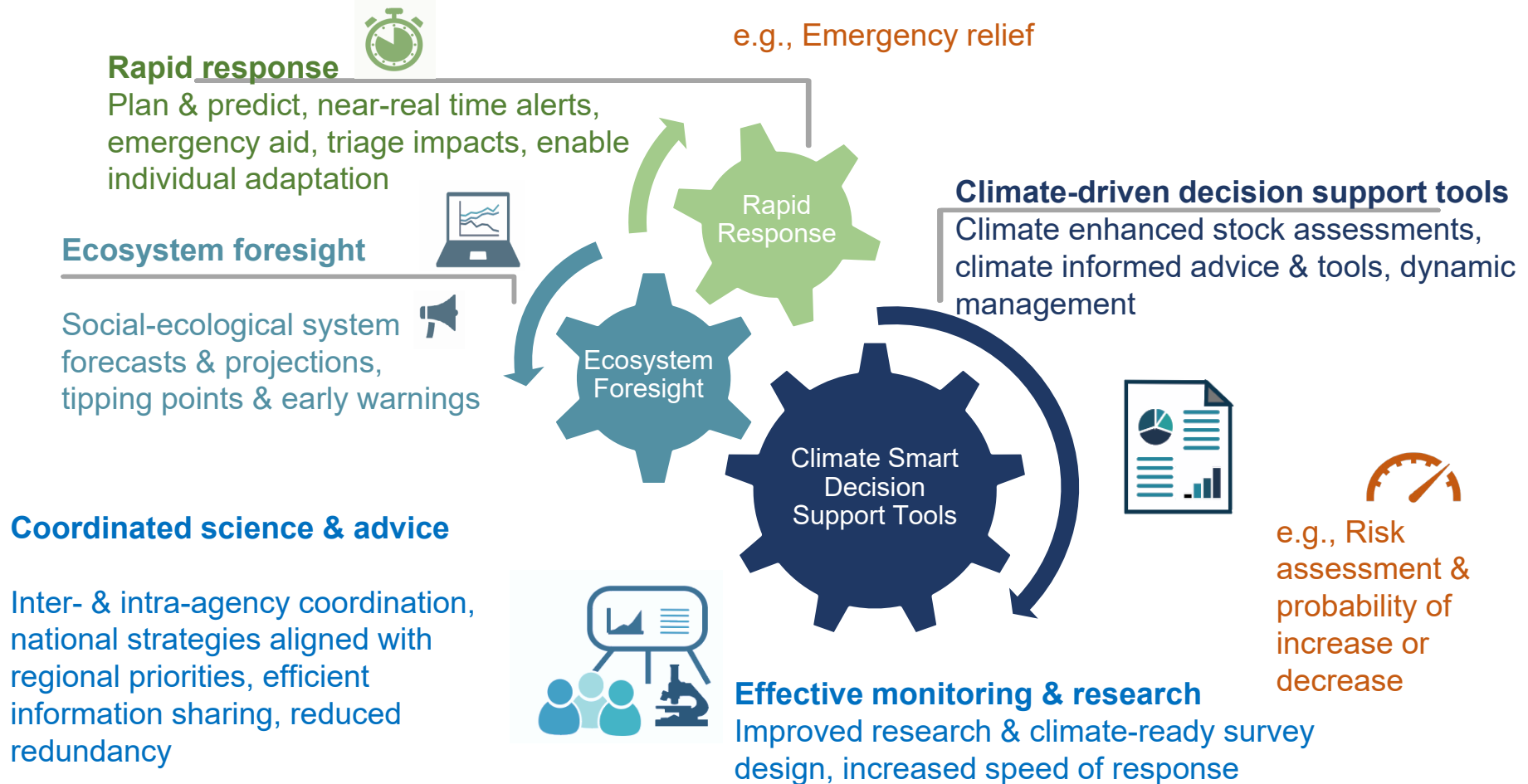
# CEFI Decision Support System



# Modeling Teams



# Key elements of climate ready advice





# ACLIM support

- ACLIM 1.0 funding:
  - Fisheries & the Environment (FATE)
  - Stock Assessment Analytical Methods (SAAM)
  - Climate Regimes & Ecosystem Productivity (CREP)
  - Economic and Human Dimensions Program, AFSC, OAR
  - NMFS Economics and Human Dimensions Program
  - NOAA Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Program (IEA)
  - NOAA Research Transition Acceleration Program (RTAP)
  - Alaska Fisheries Science Center
- ACLIM 2.0 funding:
  - NOAA's [Coastal and Ocean Climate Applications \(COCA\) Climate and Fisheries Program](#)
  - NOAA Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Program (IEA)
  - Alaska Fisheries Science Center

## Collaboration support:

MAPP Bering Seasons & FATE EFH

- NPRB & BSIERP Team
- GOA-CLIM Team
- AFSC REEM, REFM, RACE
- ICES PICES Strategic Initiative on climate change and marine ecosystems (SICCME/S-CCME)
- NPFMC Climate change task force, the Ecosystem Committee of the NPFMC



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# Questions?

# ACLIM1 Publications:

1. (in review) Torre, M. , W. T. Stockhausen, A. J. Hermann, W. Cheng, R. Foy, C. Stawitz, K. Holsman, C. Szuwalski, A. B. Hollowed. (In Review). Early life stage connectivity for snow crab, *Chionoecetes opilio*, in the eastern Bering Sea: evaluating the effects of temperature-dependent intermolt duration and vertical migration. *Deep Sea Research II*,
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