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# Ocean Color & Fisheries

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# What is Fisheries?



There are three principal aspects of fisheries:

1. Harvesting (catching “fish”)
2. Stock Assessment (counting “fish”)
3. Management & Conservation (saving “fish”)

Fisheries is more than just fish, it encompasses all living marine resources (LMRs), i.e. marine mammals, sea turtles and invertebrates.

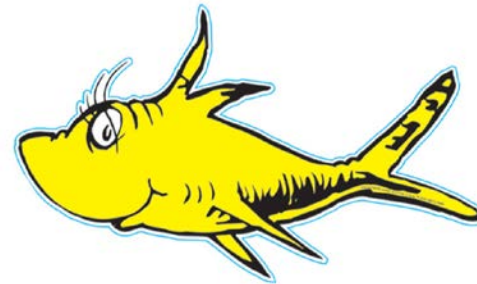
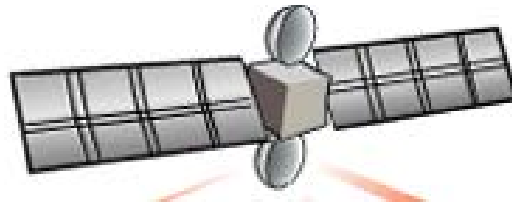


# 1. Harvesting





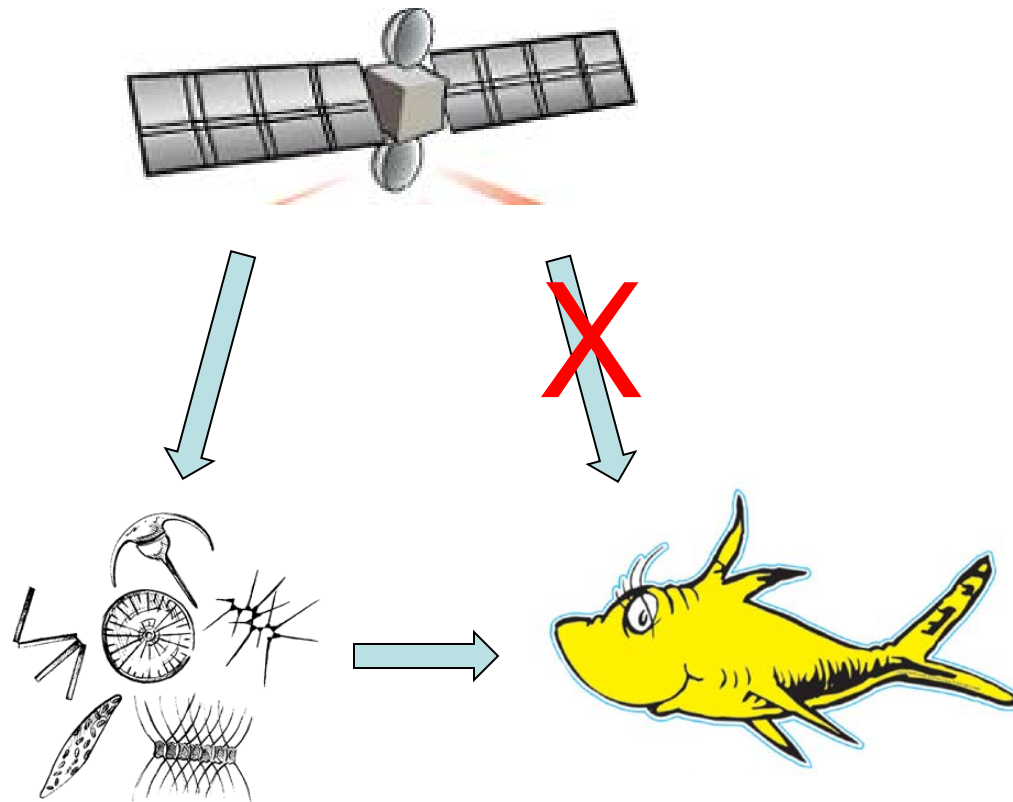
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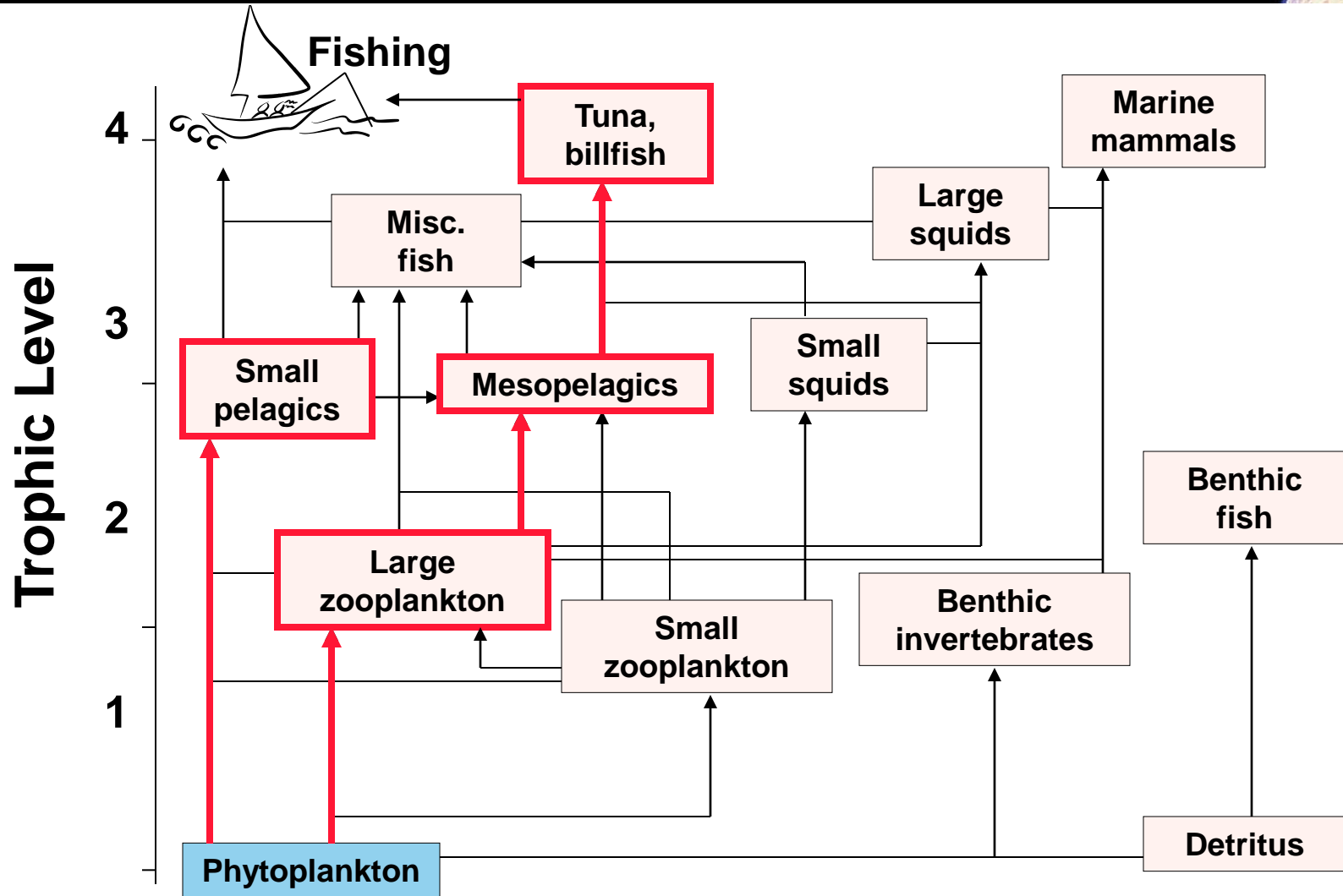
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chlorophyll-*a*  
in phytoplankton  
(different sizes and types)



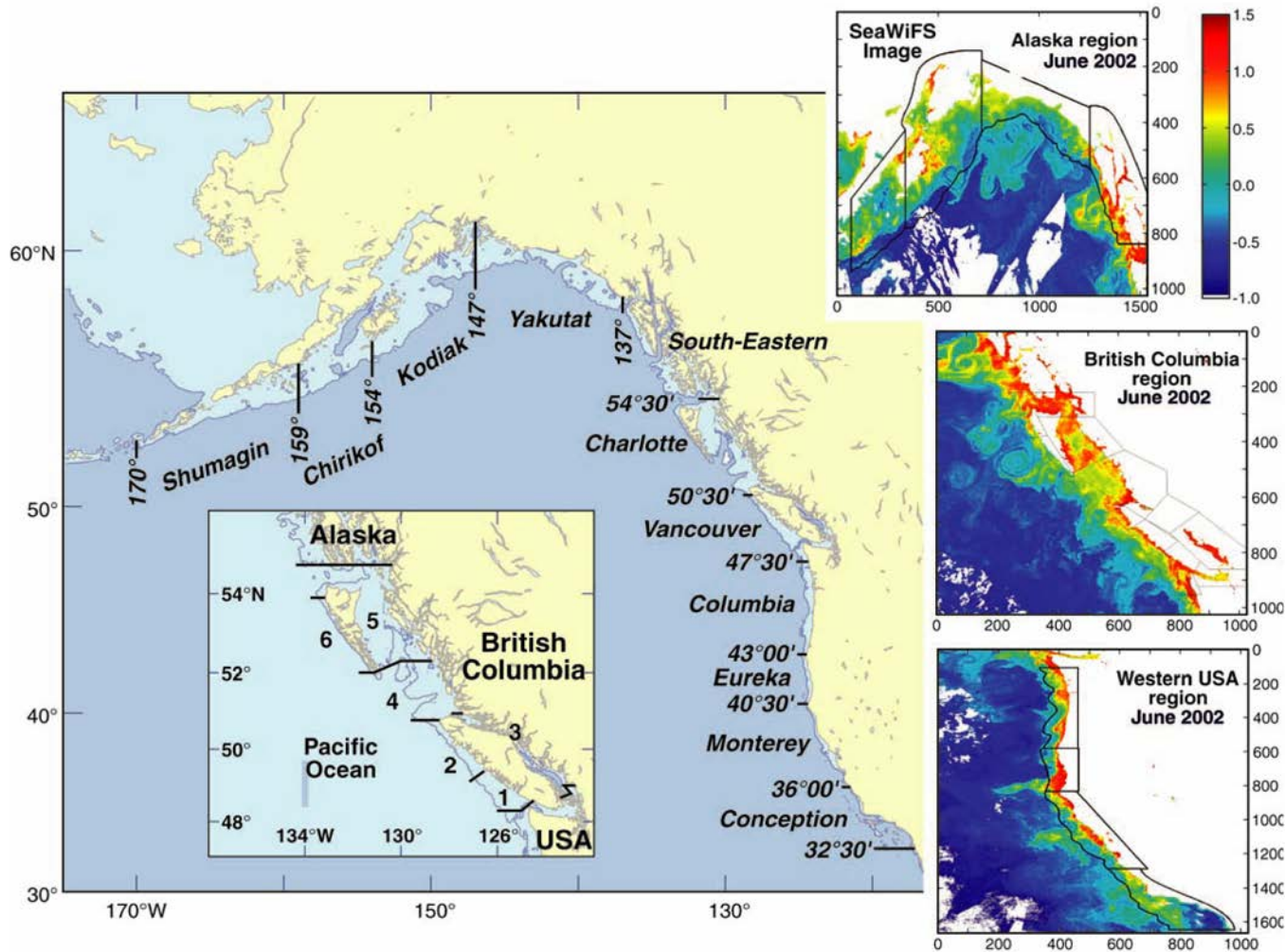
# Oceanic Food Web



Modified from Pauly & Christensen [1993]



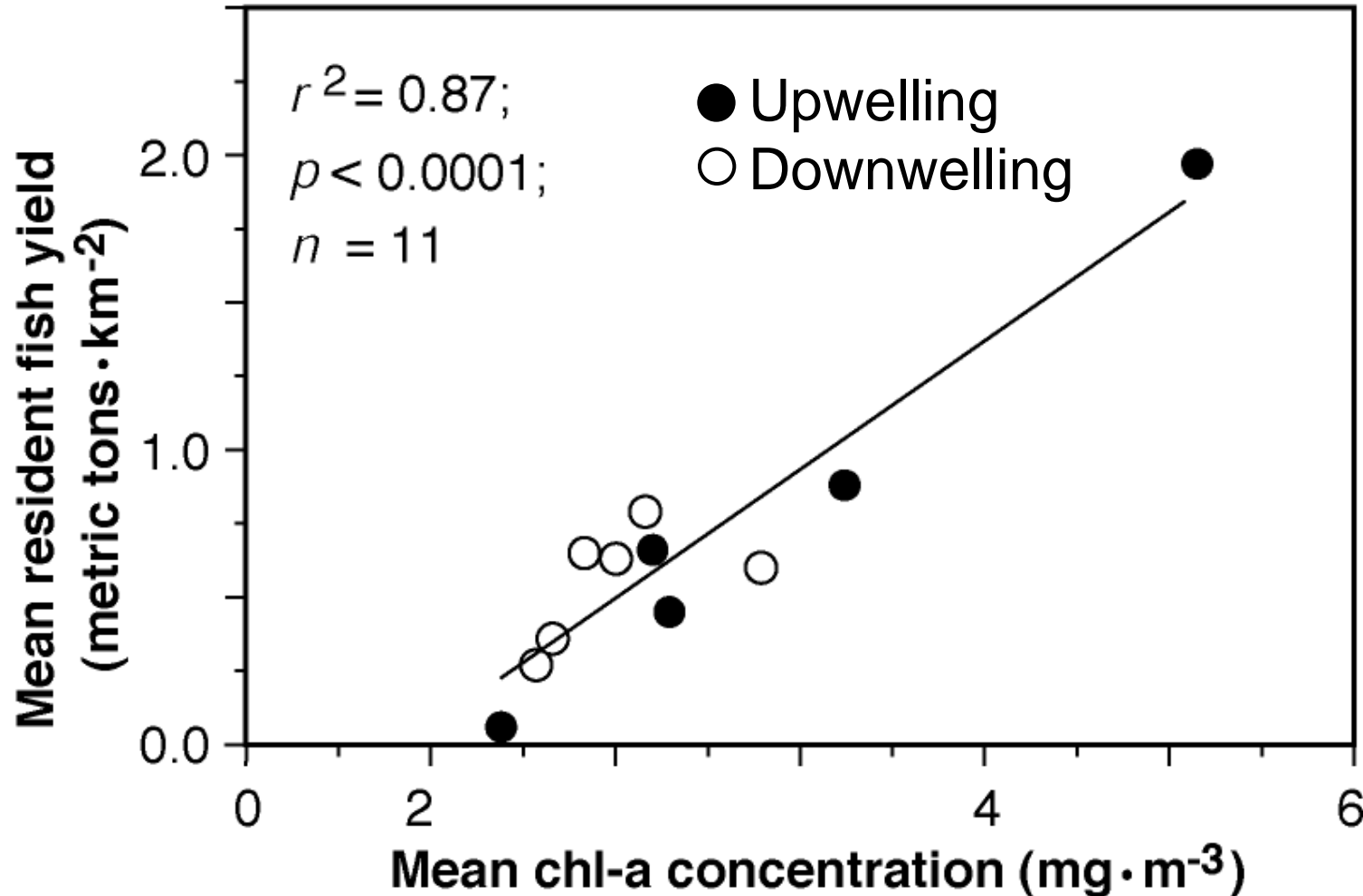
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From Ware & Thomson, Science, 2003



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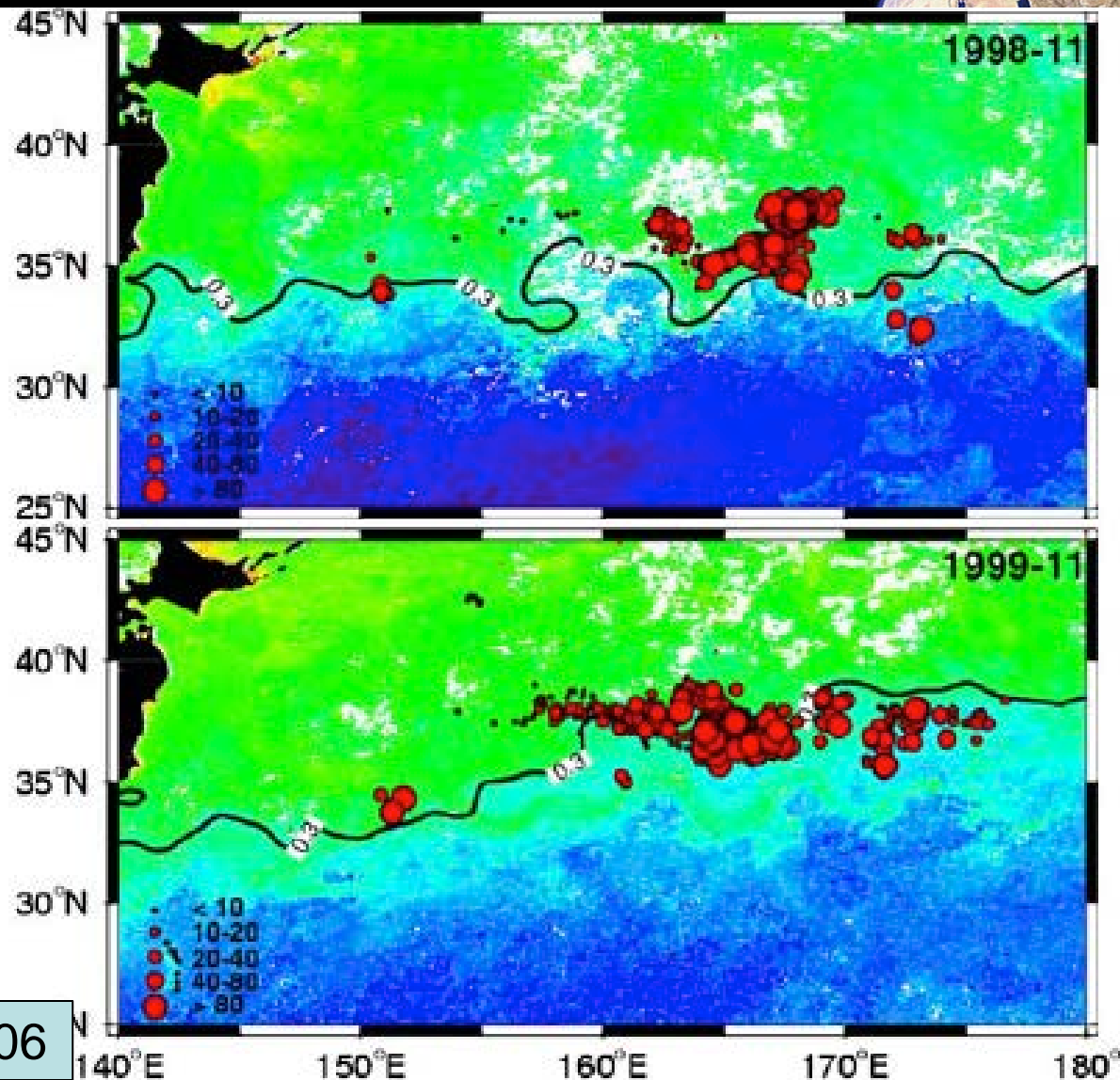




# Frontal Zones



Albacore CPUE (catch per unit effort) overlain on SeaWiFS chlorophyll, showing that the longline fishery largely operates along the transitional zone chlorophyll front (TZCF)



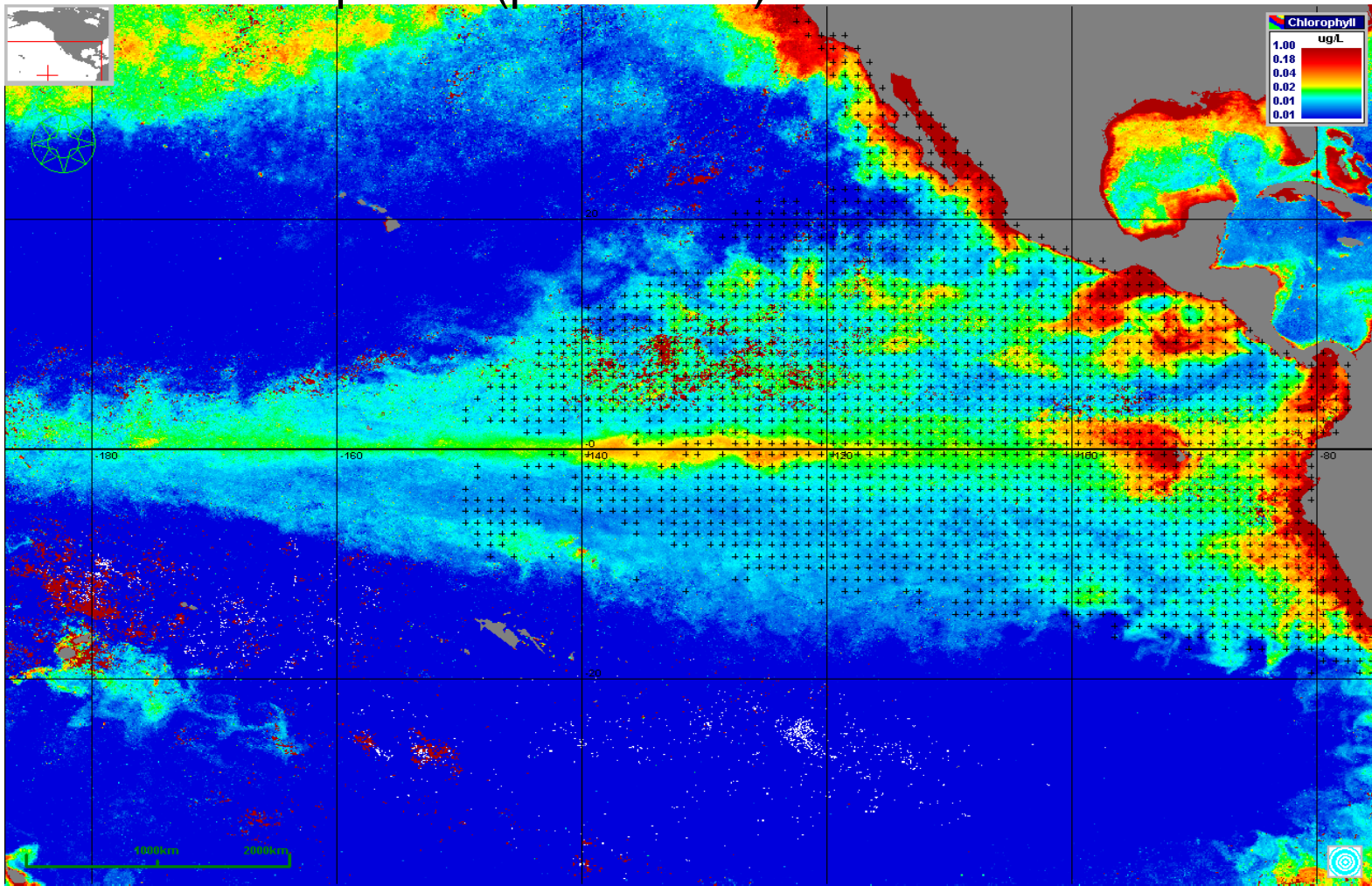
Zainuddin et al., DSR-II, 2006



# Upwelling Areas



Dots show the distribution of the tuna purse seine fishery in the Pacific.  
From Dale Kiefer's poster (poster #70)







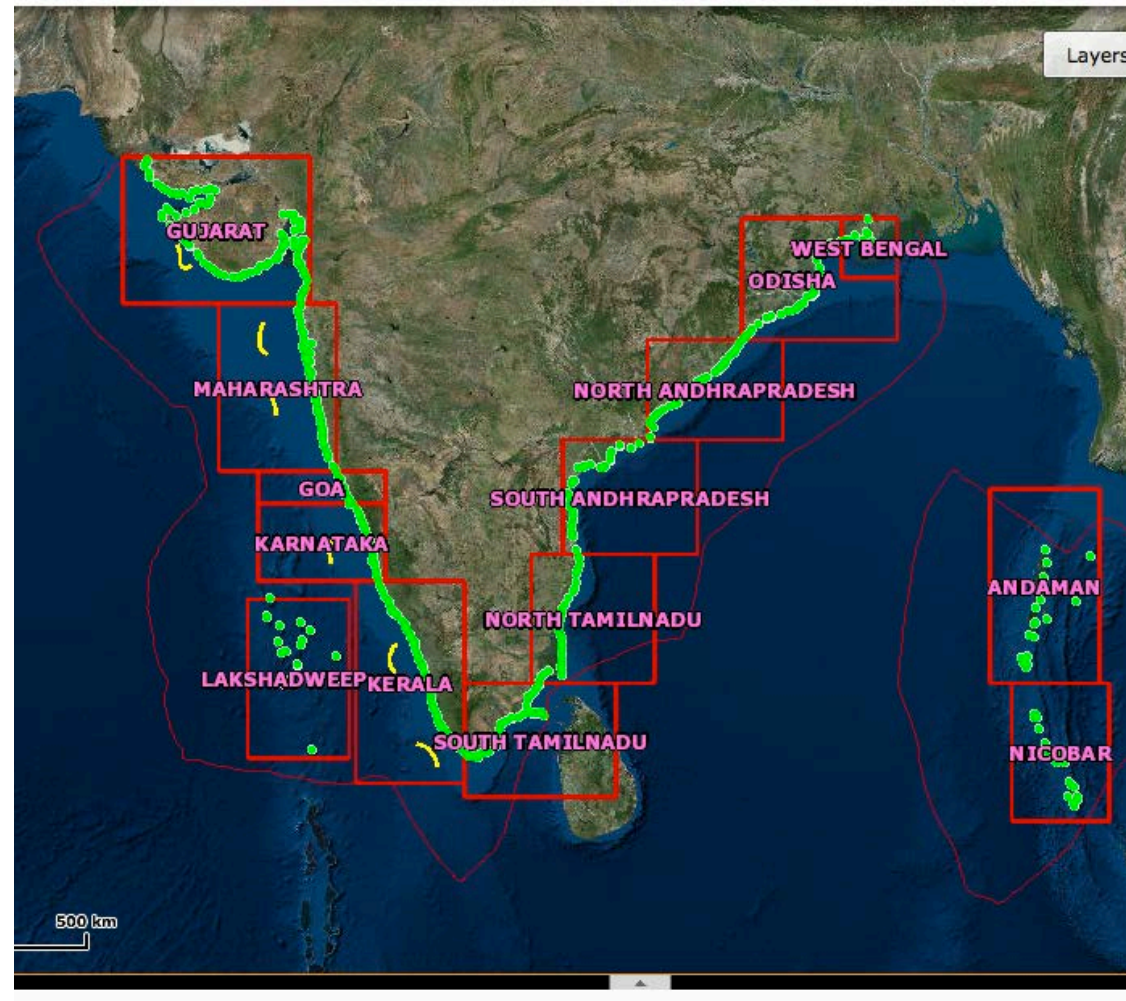
# INCOIS – Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) Advisories



Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) generates and distributes Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) advisories to the Indian Fishing Community.

The PFZs are generated using SST and chlorophyll data.

-INCOIS - Potential Fishing Zone Advisory





# INCOIS – Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) Advisories



## GUJARAT

Select Landing Center:

SATELLITE DATA SHOWS LIKELY AVAILABILITY OF FISH STOCK TILL 18 APR 2015

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## Potential Fishing Zone

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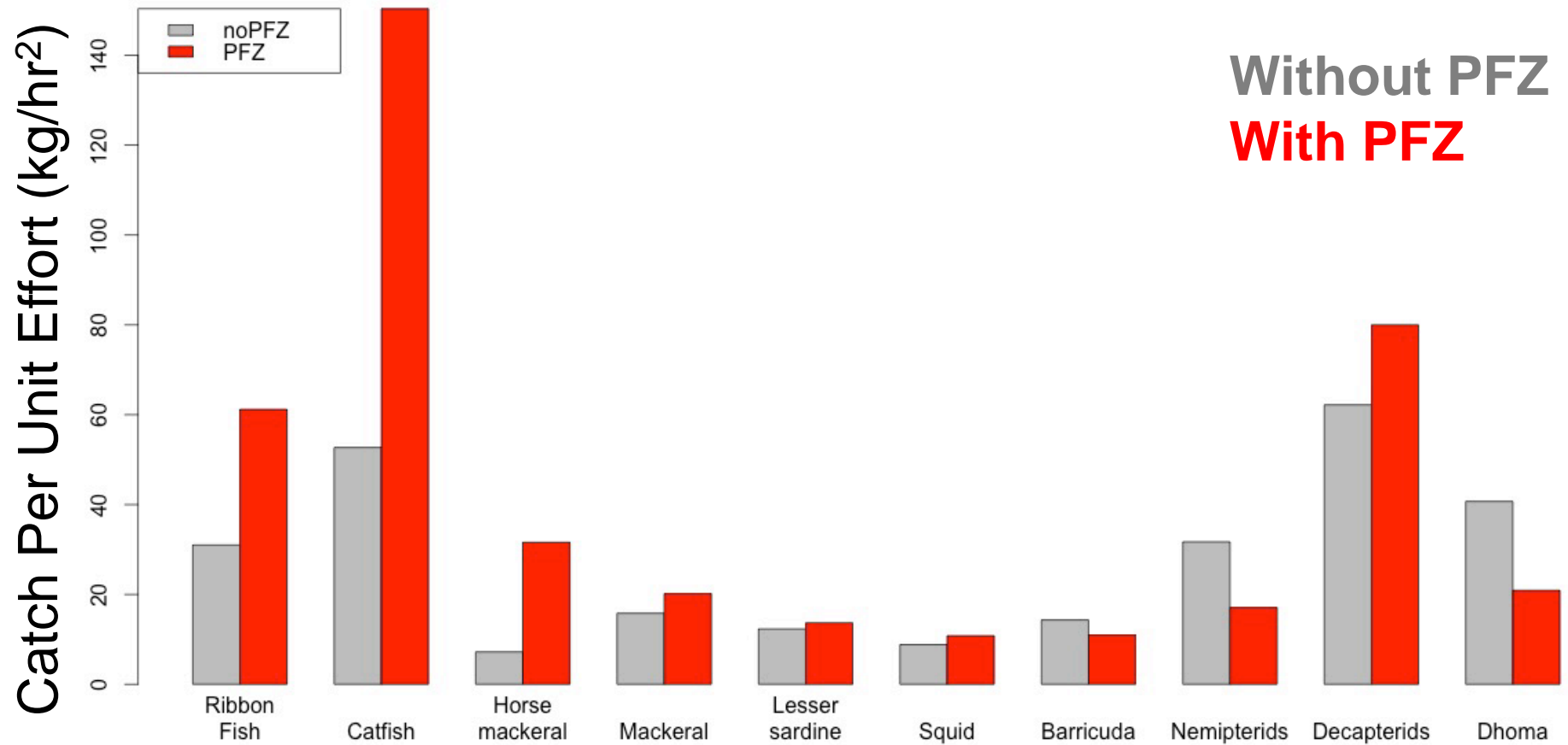
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# Impact of PFZ on CPUE



From Solanki et al., CSR, 2005



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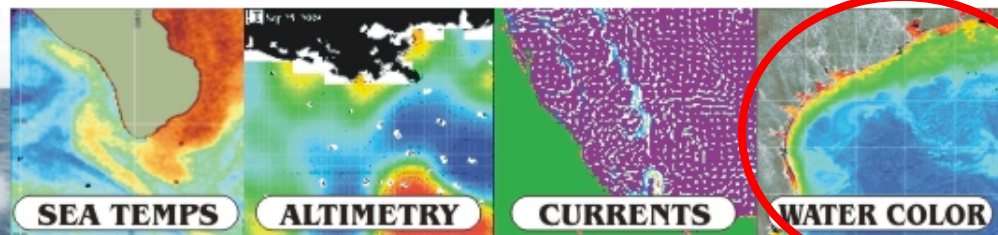
## FISHING ANALYSES

## CATCH REPORTS

A photograph of three men on a white boat, proudly displaying a large, dark marlin. The man on the left is holding the fish's head, while the man on the right is holding its tail. The man in the middle is also smiling. They are all wearing light blue shirts and hats. The background shows a clear blue sky and the ocean.

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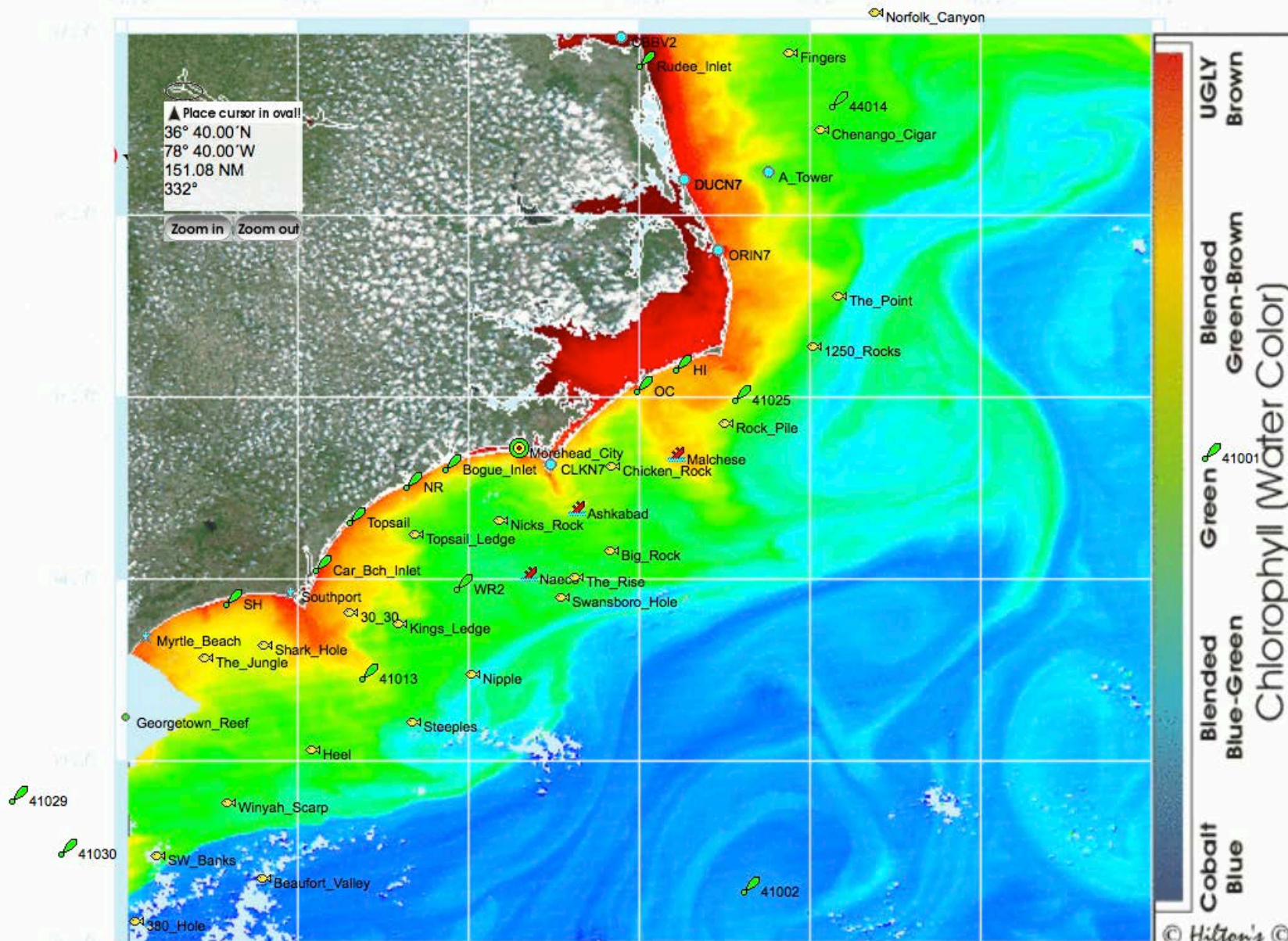
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## 2. Stock Assessment



Stock Assessment?





# Stock Assessment



Stock Assessment is a fancy way of saying "counting fish"





# Stock Assessment



NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service) is responsible for managing ~450 fish stocks. In addition, NMFS manages ~200 protected or endangered species (marine mammals and turtles).



# Stock Assessment



In theory, counting fish seems relatively straightforward.



# Stock Assessment



Photo credit: Octavio Aburto

In practice, it's much more complicated.



# Stock Assessment



from <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/stock-assessment/index>

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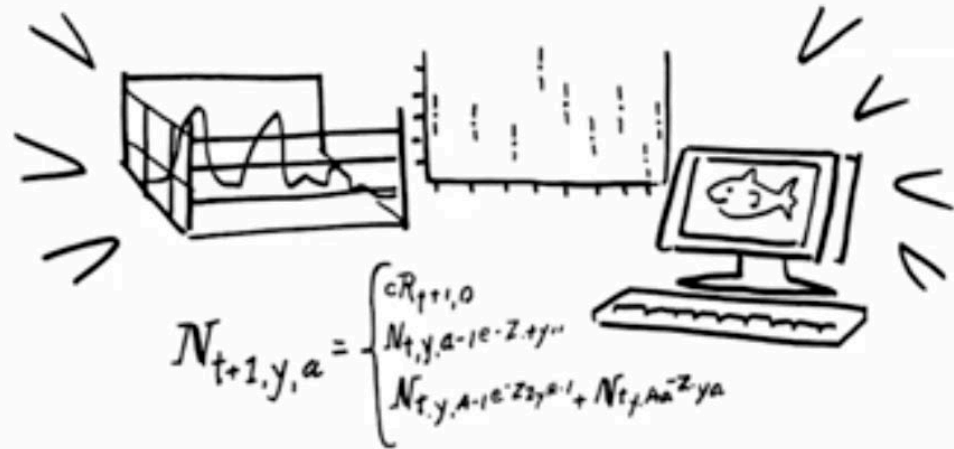
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Stock Assessment



Assessments provide the technical basis  
for setting annual fishery harvest levels

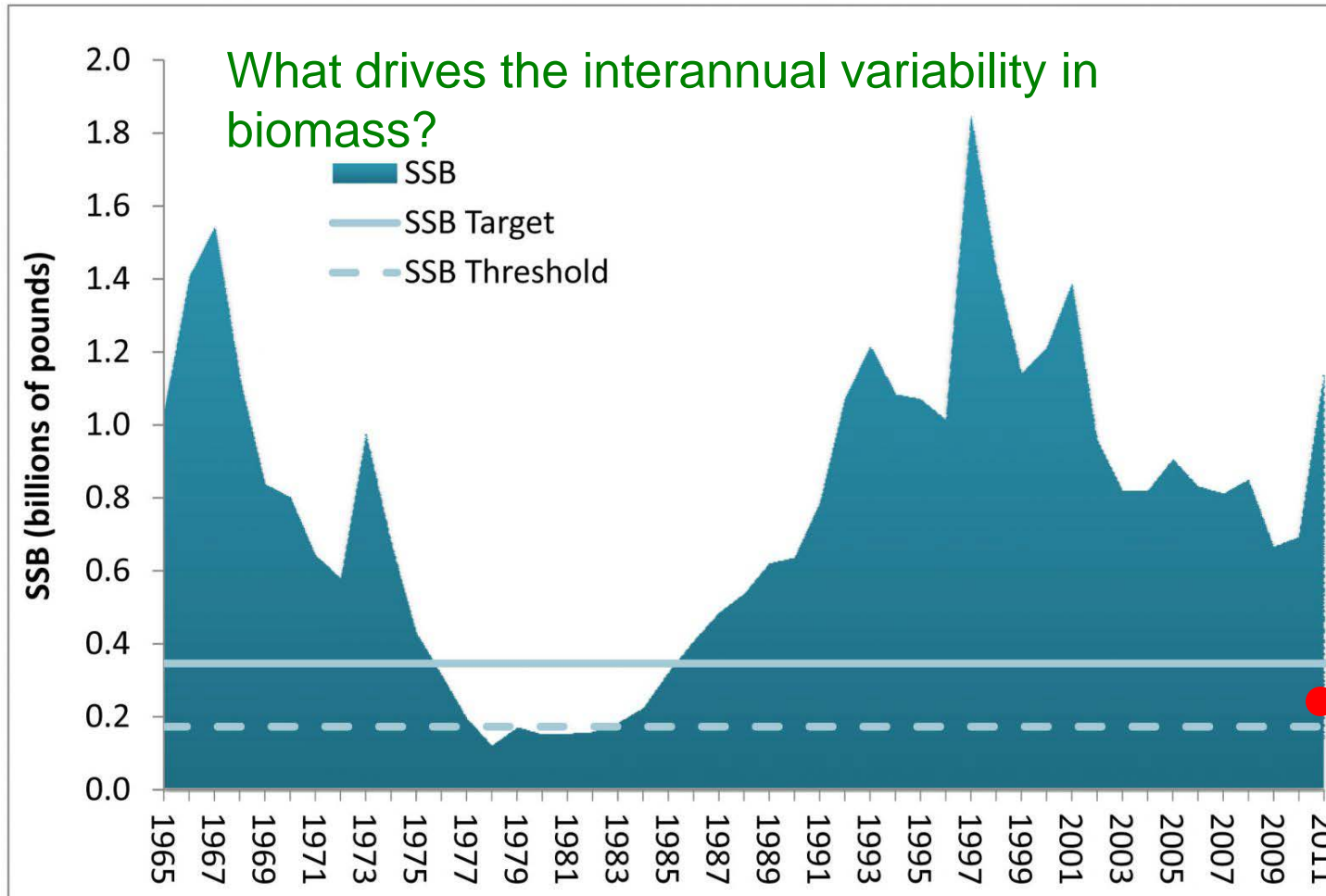




# Stock Assessment



## Atlantic Herring Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB)



Annual catch limit (ACL) for 2013-2015 set at 238 million pounds

Source: 54<sup>th</sup> Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop, 2012



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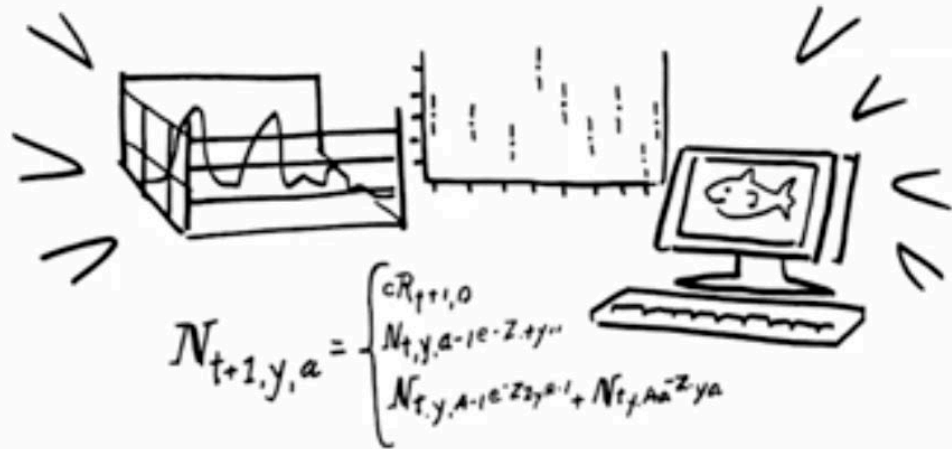
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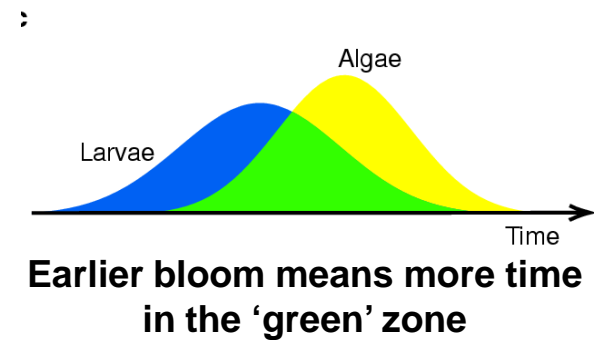
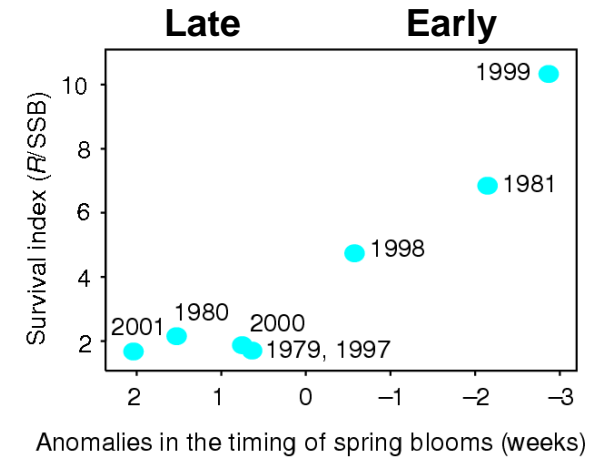
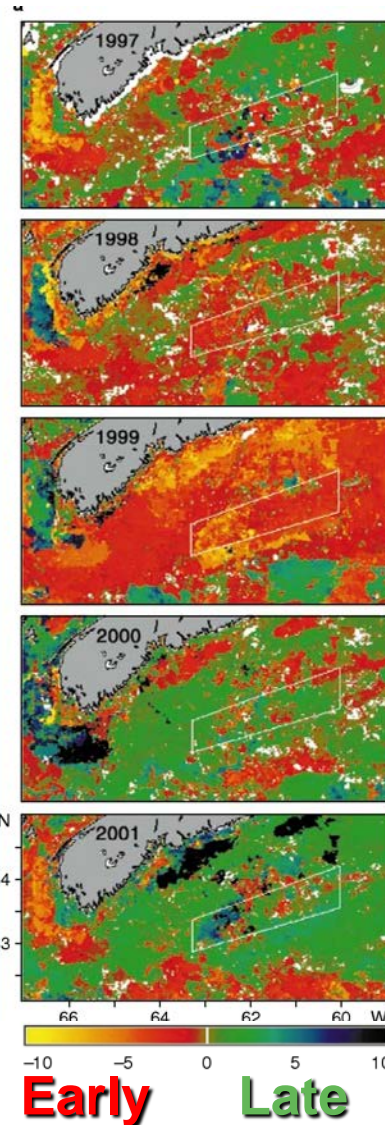


# Match-Mismatch Hypothesis



## Timing of the spring bloom & Haddock survival

Annual anomaly in the timing of the spring bloom based on SeaWiFS chlorophyll data.



From Platt et al., Nature, 2003





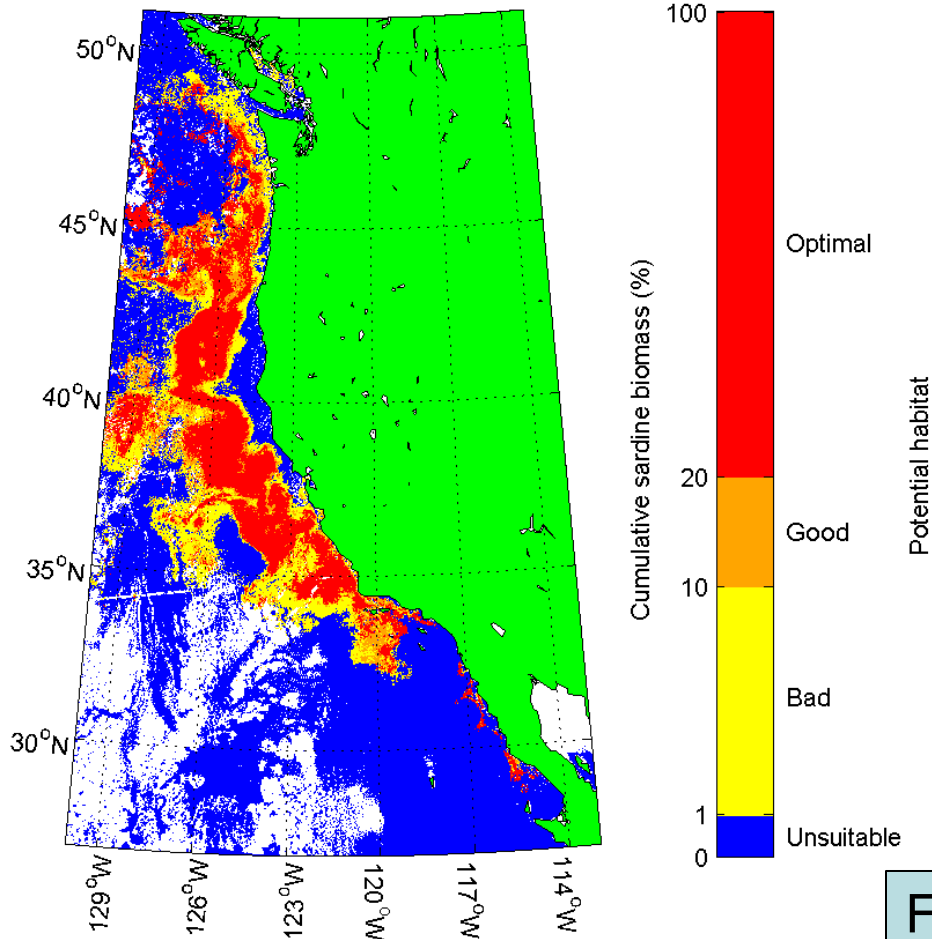
# Habitat Modeling



## Potential Sardine Habitat

02-May-2015

Data averaged from 27-Apr-2015



- Model predicts sardine occurrence based on satellite SST, **chlorophyll** and SSH
- Was developed to optimize the timing and location of ship surveys for sardine stock assessment (i.e., to improve the “A” part of the stock assessment)



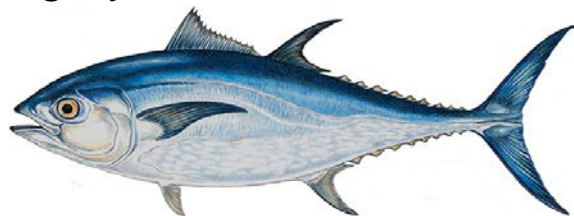
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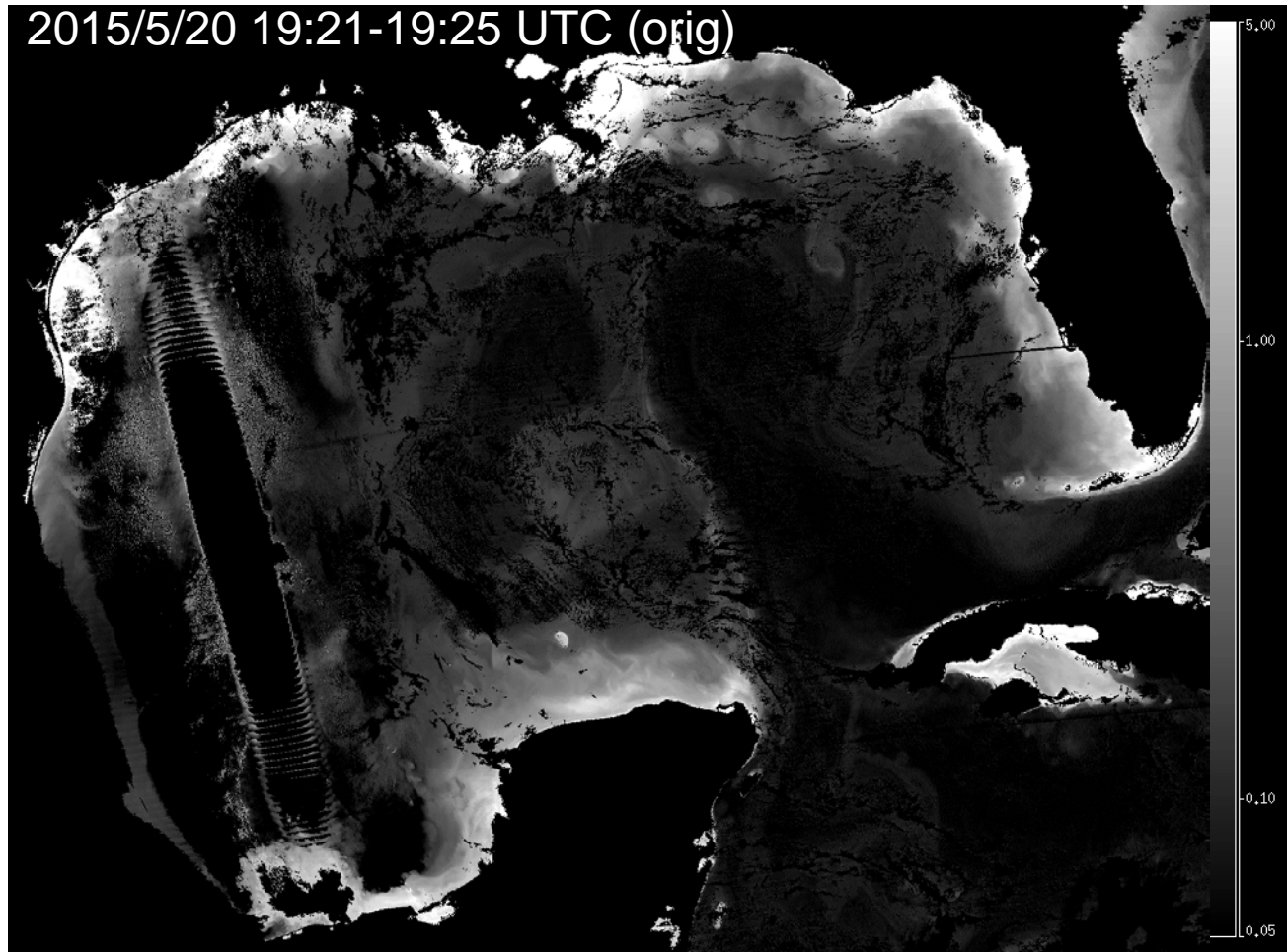
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- VIIRS chl image generated by NESDIS in support of a SEFSC survey cruise looking for bluefin tuna larvae.
- Images are used to position stations to cover frontal features, small and mesoscale oceanographic features, and to ensure as many different water masses as possible are sampled.
- They requested the images in gray scale.



2015/5/20 19:21-19:25 UTC (orig)



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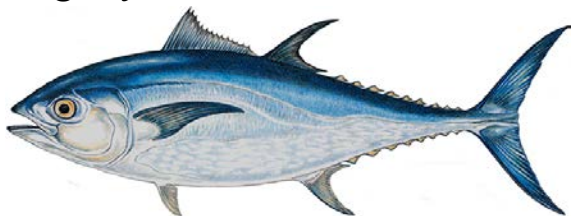




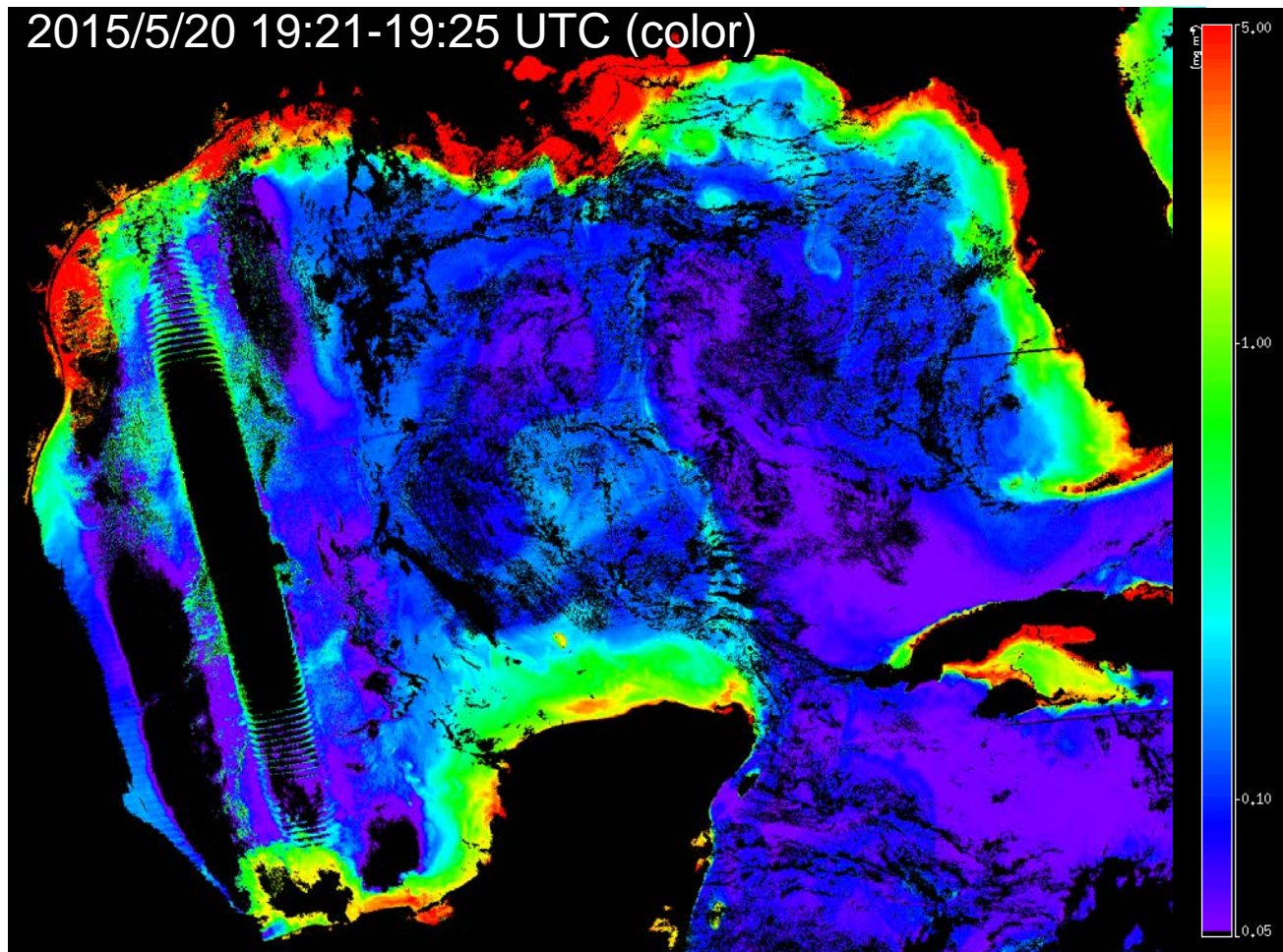
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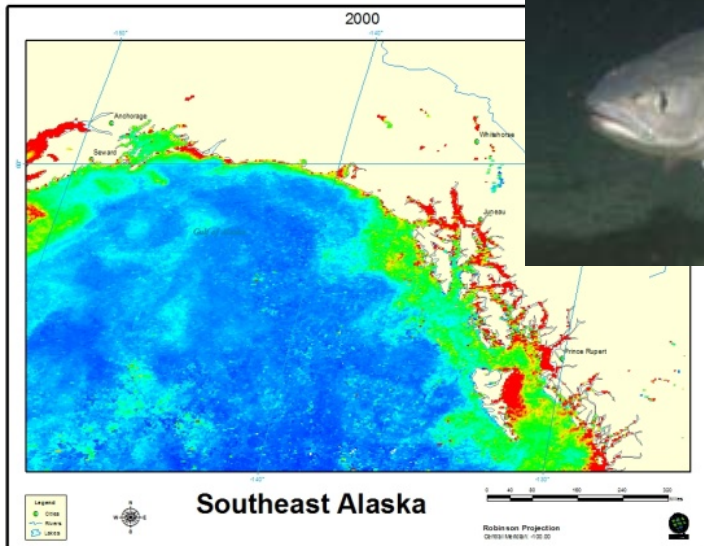
# Recruitment Variability



## Developing ecological indicators for sablefish recruitment

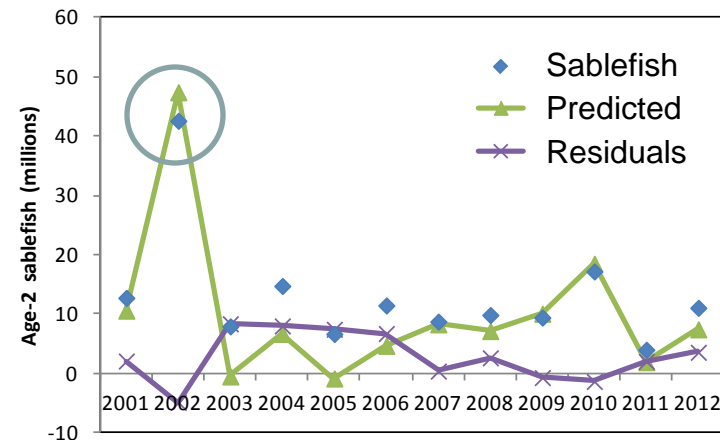
### Objectives

1. Support an ecosystem approach to management
2. \$ 142 million fishery for sablefish in U.S.
3. Develop indicators for sablefish recruitment
4. **Use satellite color data to index chl-a, blooms**
5. Quantify blooms in rearing areas
6. Link to future sablefish recruitment



### Model Prediction

High age-2 recruitment in 2002 was linked to high chlorophyll-a in the late summer in 2000.



Age-2 sablefish modeled as a function of Chl-a ( $t-2$ ), sea temperature (ST) ( $t-2$ ), and age-2 sablefish ( $t-1$ ) with data collected in situ, 1999-2010 (Martinson et al. 2013).

Coastal rearing habitat for young sablefish

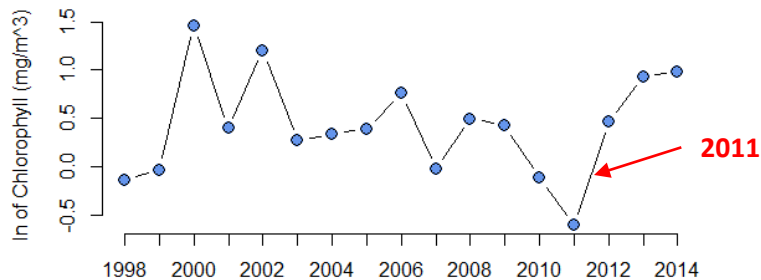
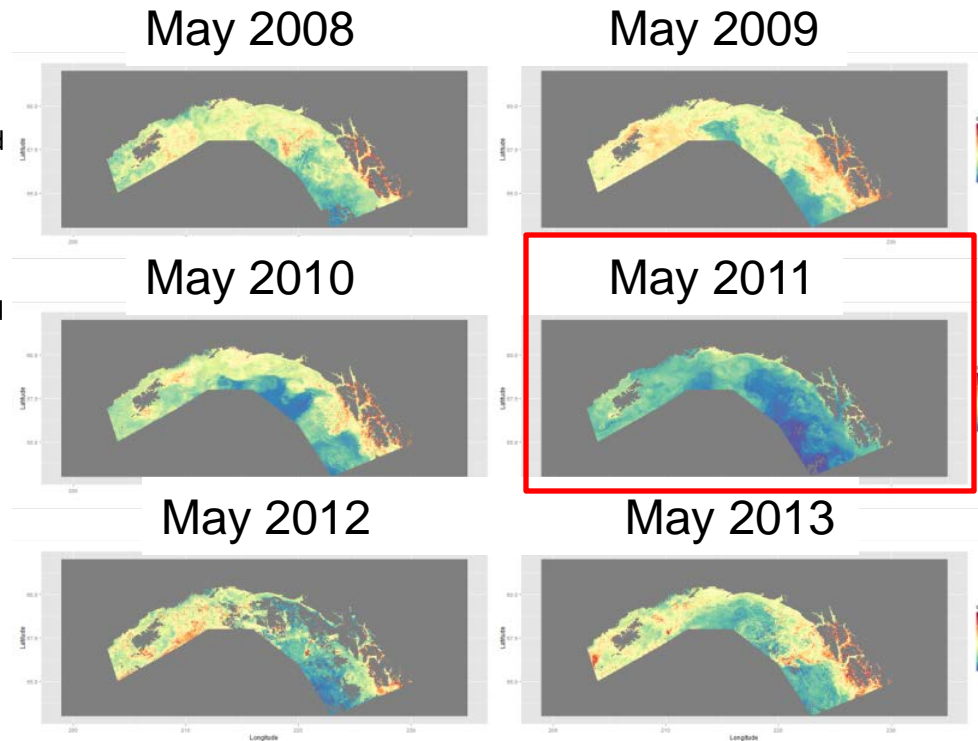
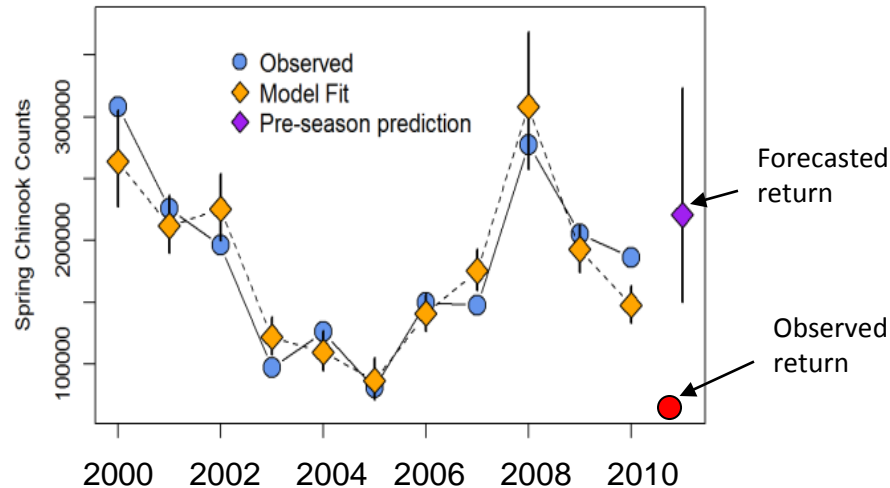
Ellen Martinson, NMFS/AFSC/ABL



# Salmon Survival in 2011



## Adult Chinook Returns – What happened in 2011?



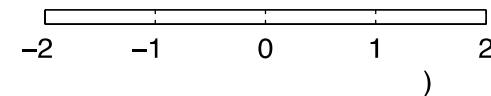
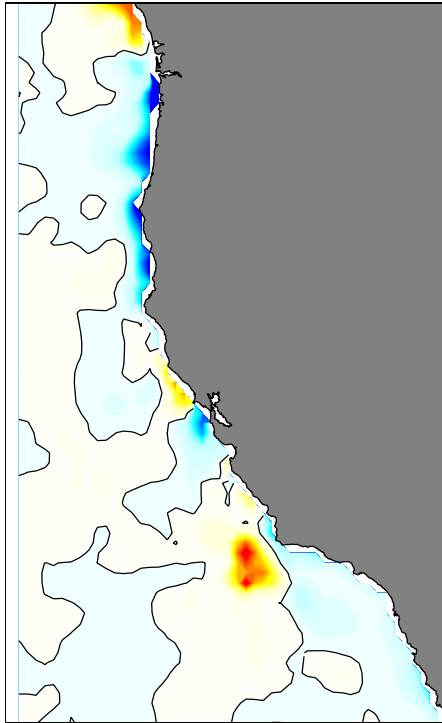
Time series of average April-May chlorophyll concentrations in coastal Gulf of Alaska. The lowest value (2011) suggests that low productivity could have negatively influenced salmon survival that year.

Brian Burke  
Fish Ecology Division  
NWFSC, NOAA Fisheries





# CA Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA)



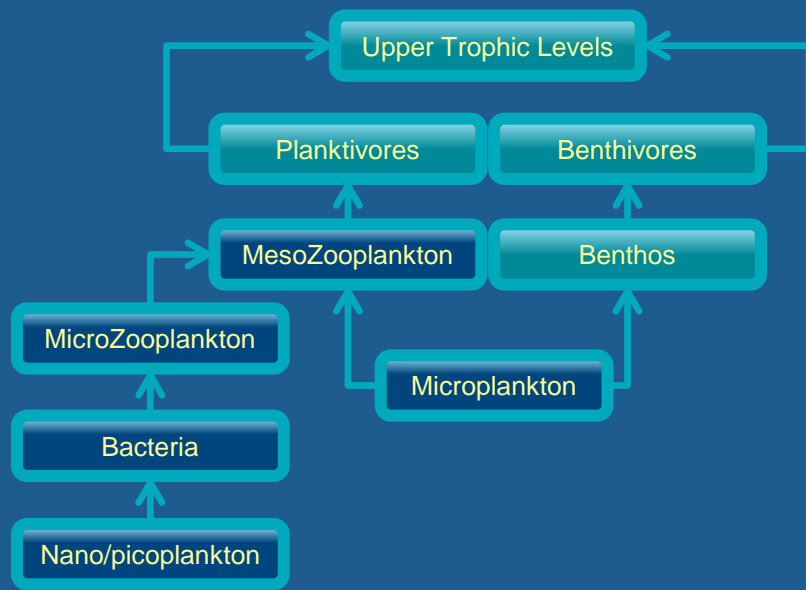
From the 2013 California Current System IEA report



# Ecosystem Production Potential Modeling

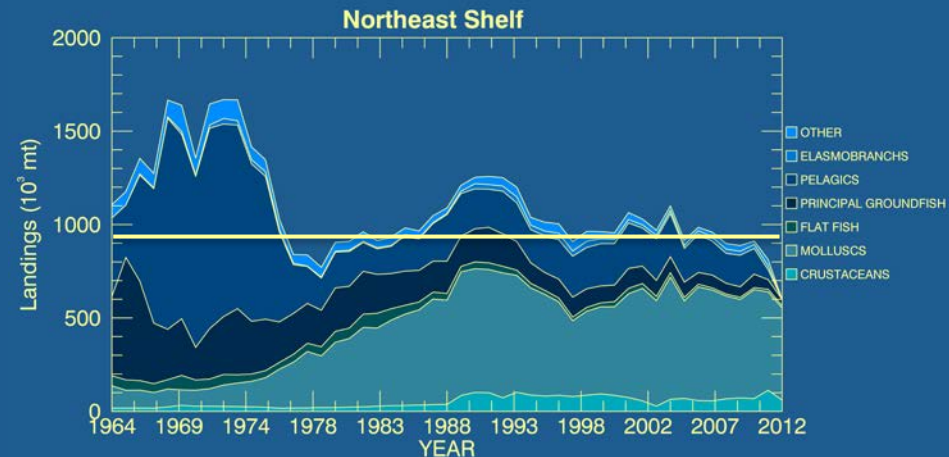
Northeast Fisheries Science Center - Kimberly Hyde & Michael Fogarty

The NEFSC is using a (satellite derived) bottom-up approach to determine fisheries production potential and exploitation for various ecosystem components.



Trace size fractionated primary production through the food web to determine the amount of upper trophic level production that can be extracted at sustainable levels.

The proposed ecosystem limit reference point is that the exploitation rate should not exceed the fraction of microplankton production (~20-30%).



Fishery removals exceeded recommended levels (~935,000 t) in the past, but are now close to estimates of sustainable extraction rates.





### 3. Management & Conservation





# Tagged Species

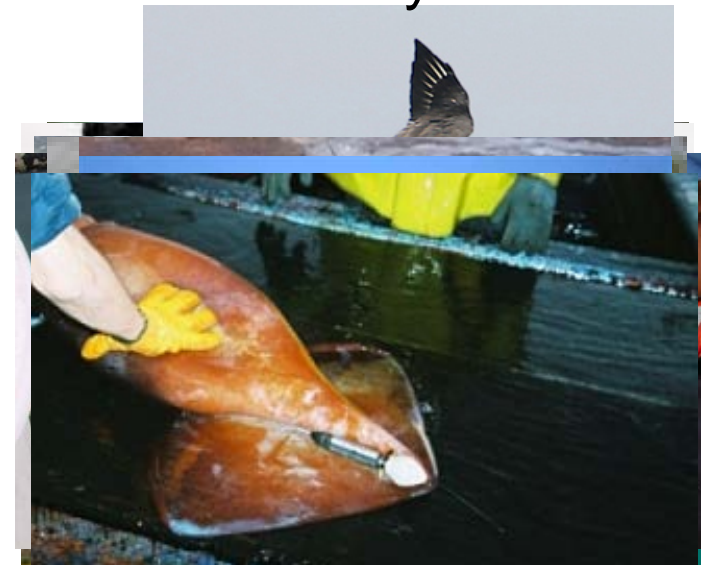


Electronic tagging is a key methodology used by NOAA Fisheries to gather information on stock productivity and recruitment, fish behavior, feeding ecology and habitat selection— information needed for accurate and responsible fisheries management.<sup>1</sup>

Satellite data, such as ocean color, SST, SSH and SVW, are necessary to place the telemetric data from tags in an environmental context as part of the transition to an ecosystem approach to management.

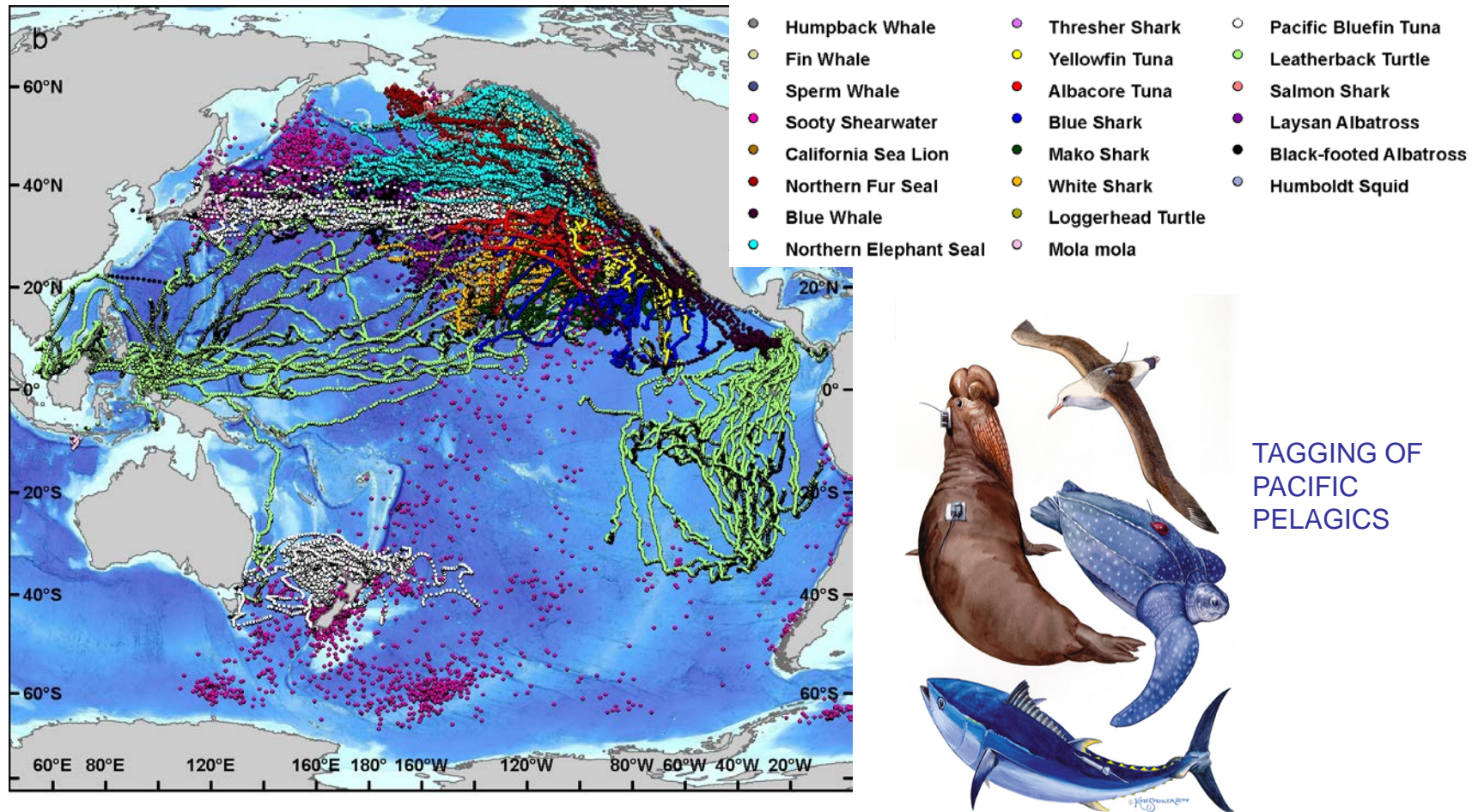
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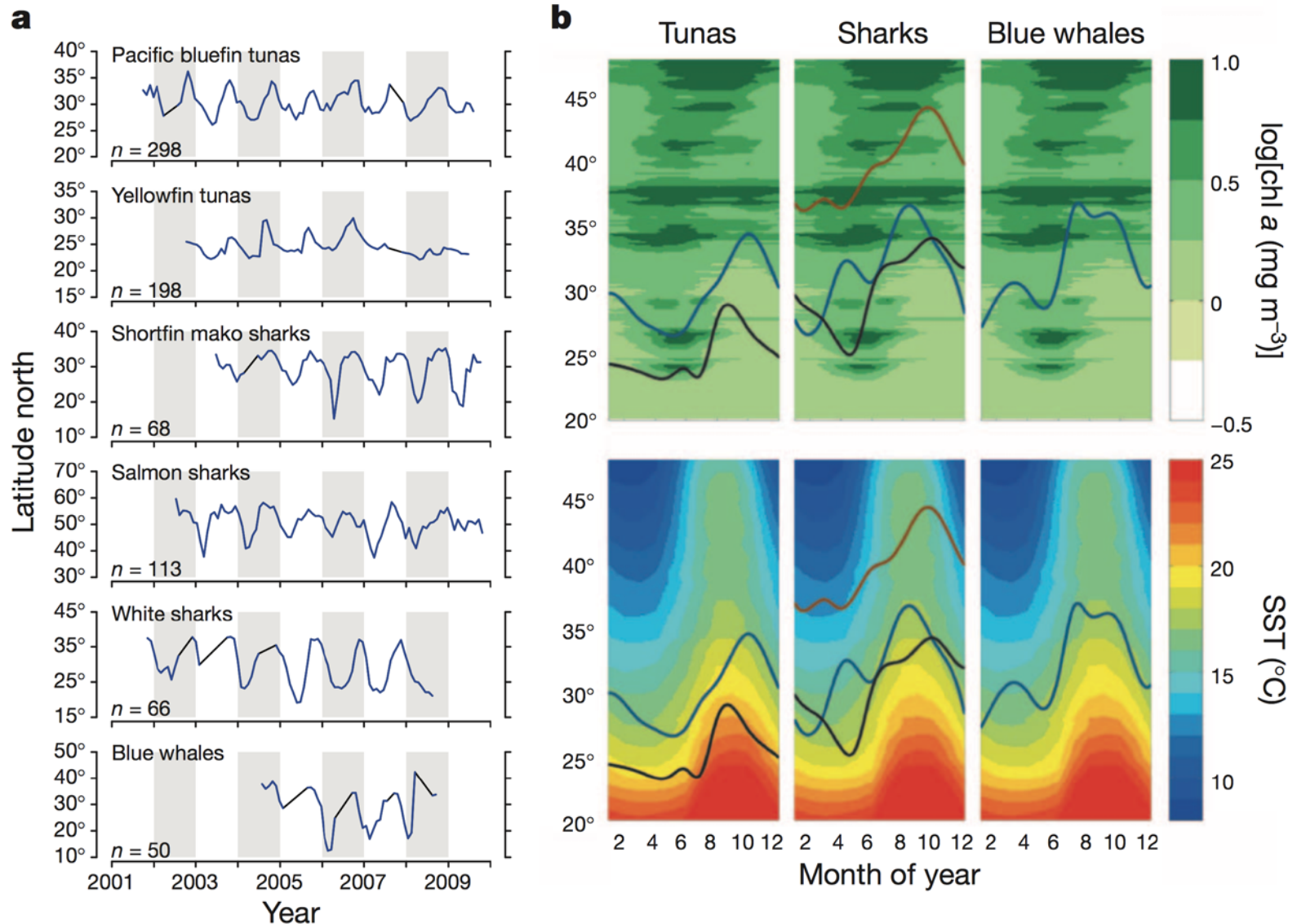
# Top Predator Exploration of the Pacific Ocean



- 23 species; 4,000 tags; >1 Million profiles
- Tracking, conservation, ocean observation

From Block et al, 2011,  
Nature **475**, 86–90

# TOPP Synthesis: Marine Predator Migrations



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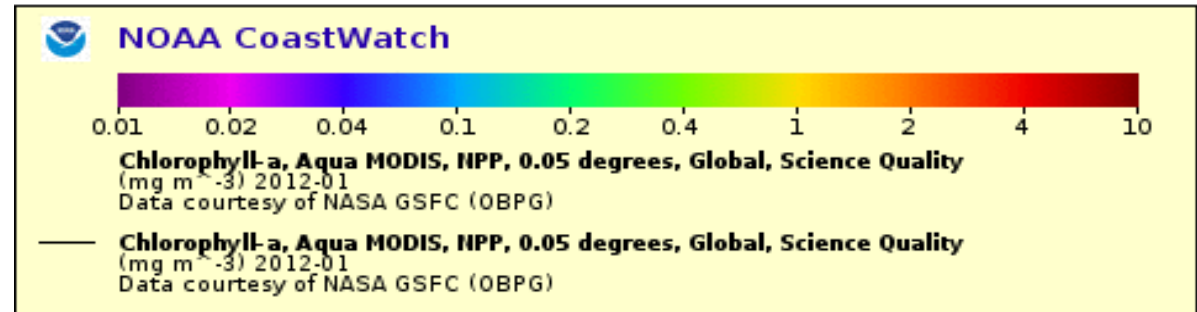
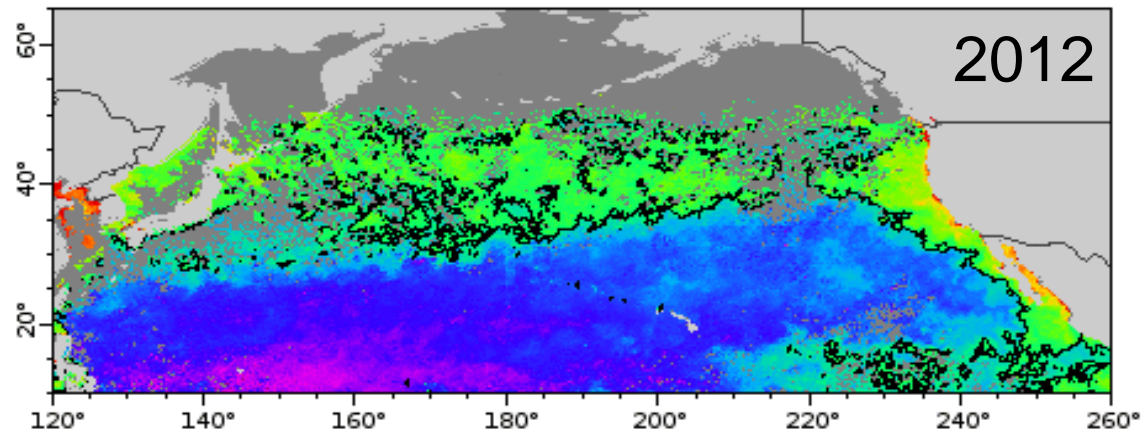




# TZCF



## Transitional Zone Chlorophyll Front

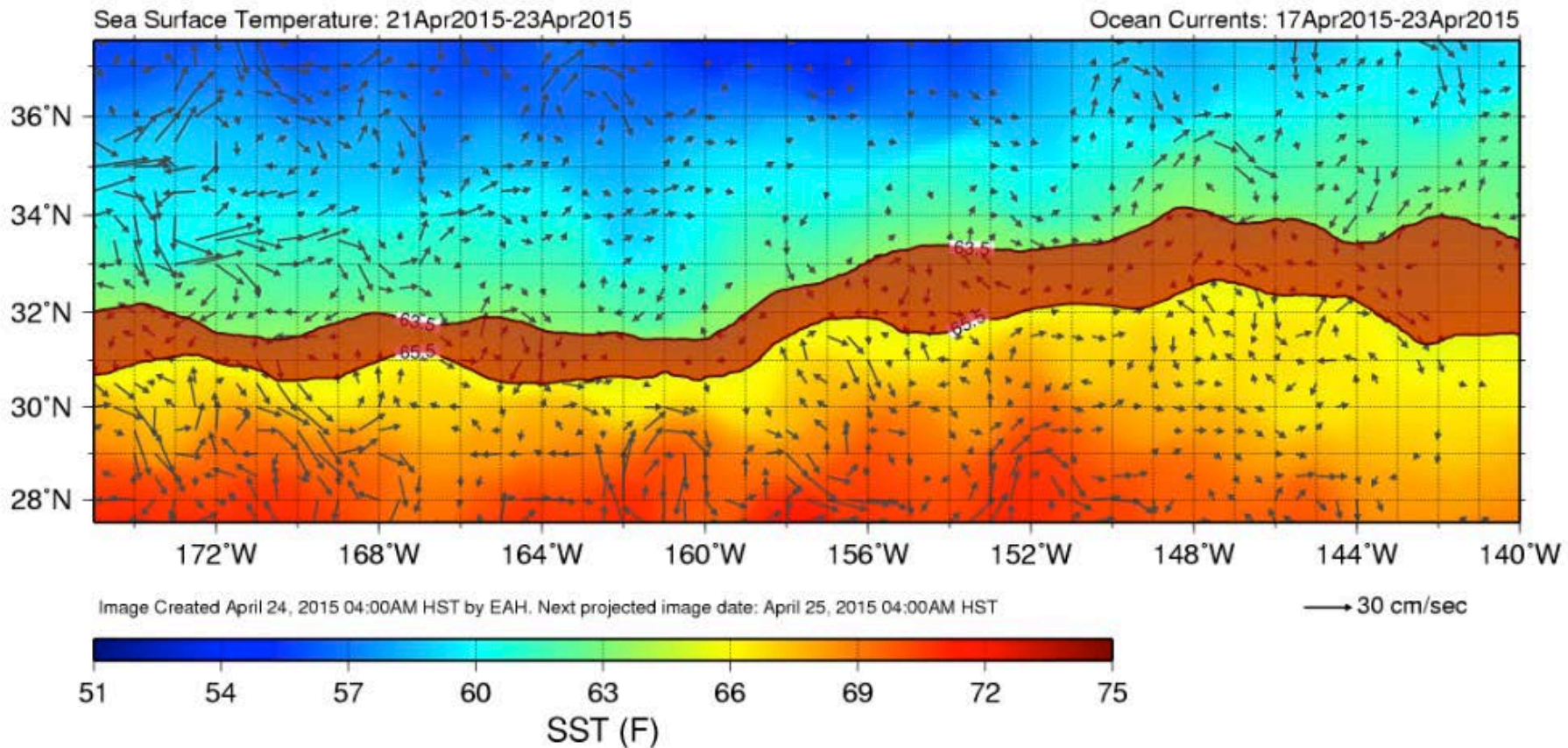


- Migration route for sea turtles, squid and tuna (Ichii et al, 2009, Polovina et al, 2015, Zainunddin et al, 2008)
- It's interannual variability affects the population of the endangered monk seal in the Hawaiian islands (Baker et al., 2007, 2012)



# EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT

avoid fishing between solid black 63.5°F and 65.5°F lines  
to help reduce loggerhead sea turtle interactions



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<http://www.pifsc.noaa.gov/eod/turtlewatch.php>  
contact: Evan.Howell@noaa.gov

Data provided by Central Pacific CoastWatch node

## TURTLEWATCH



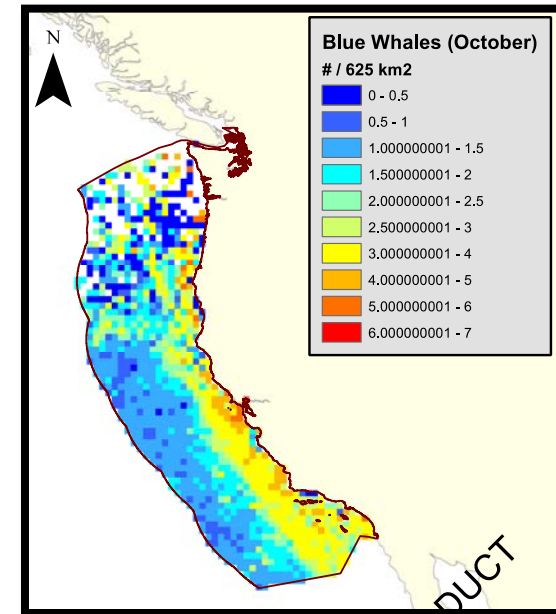
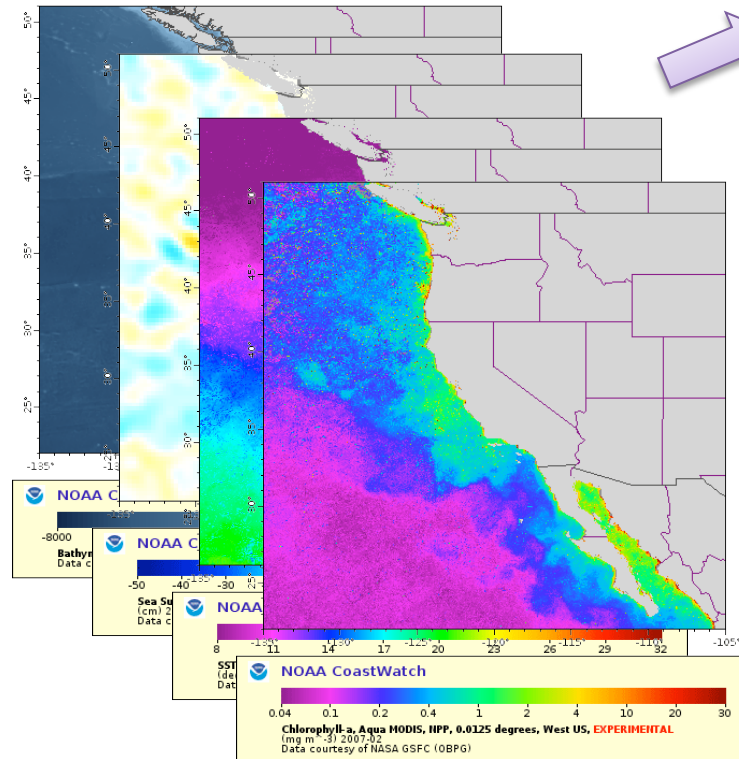
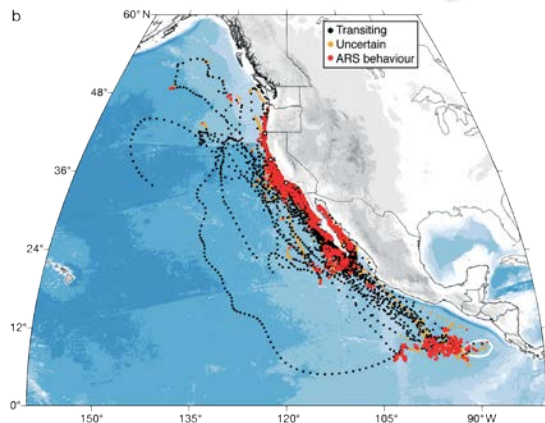
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# Whale Watch



- Use satellite data to model blue whales & ship strike risk in near real time
- 104 OSU Blue Whale tracks
- NASA funded



Elliott Hazen et al., NMFS/SWFSC



# EcoCast

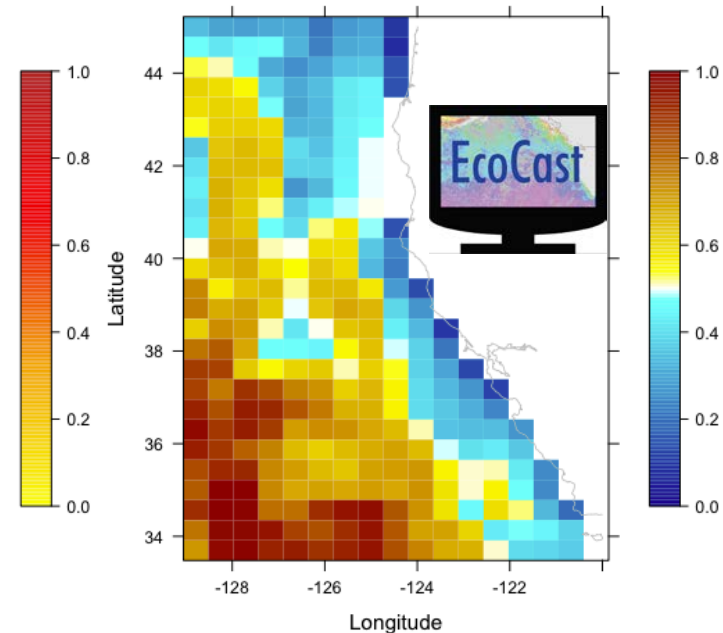
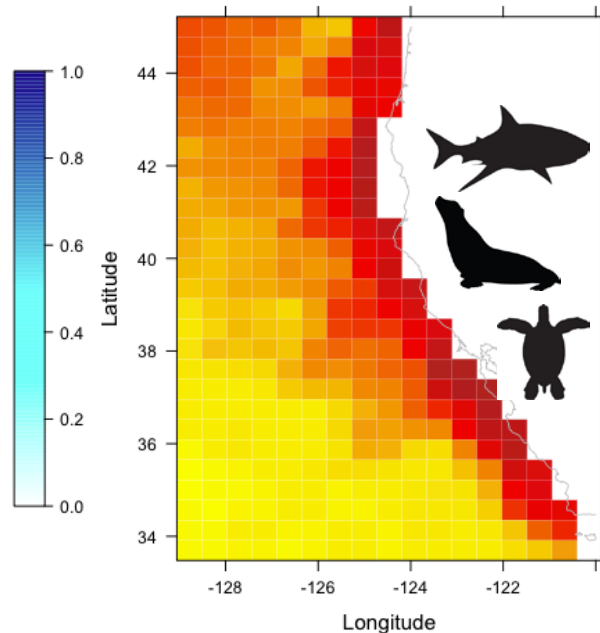
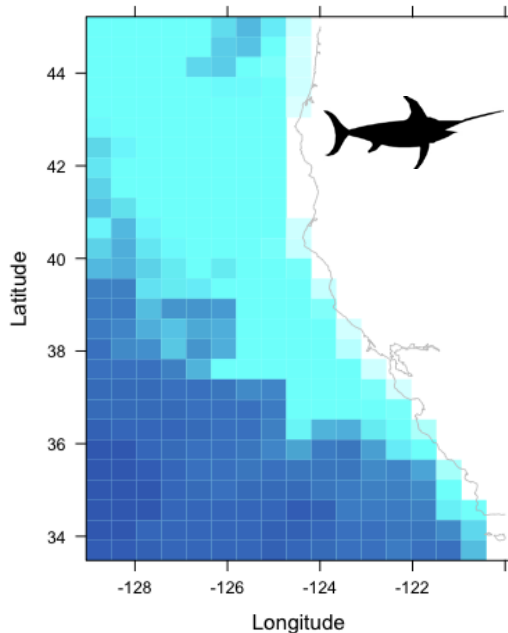


## Predicting fishery bycatch for management

Predicted catch

+ Predicted bycatch →

EcoCast



Using remotely sensed products, these surfaces can be predicted in near-real time for use by managers and fishers. A NASA funded project.

Elliott Hazen et al., NMFS/SWFSC





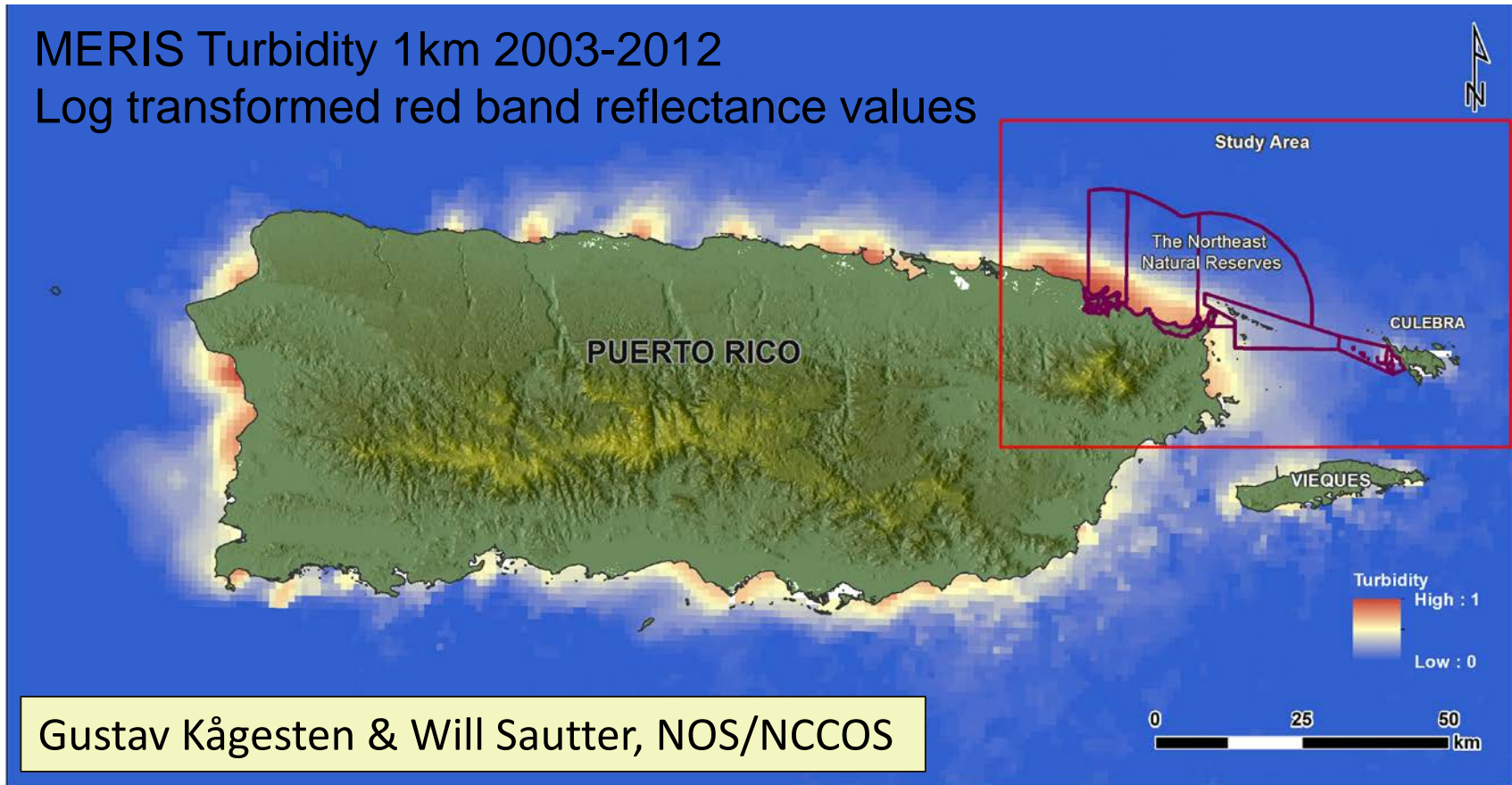
# MPA Development



Biogeographical assessment of new MPA (marine protected area) in Puerto Rico

MERIS Turbidity 1km 2003-2012

Log transformed red band reflectance values



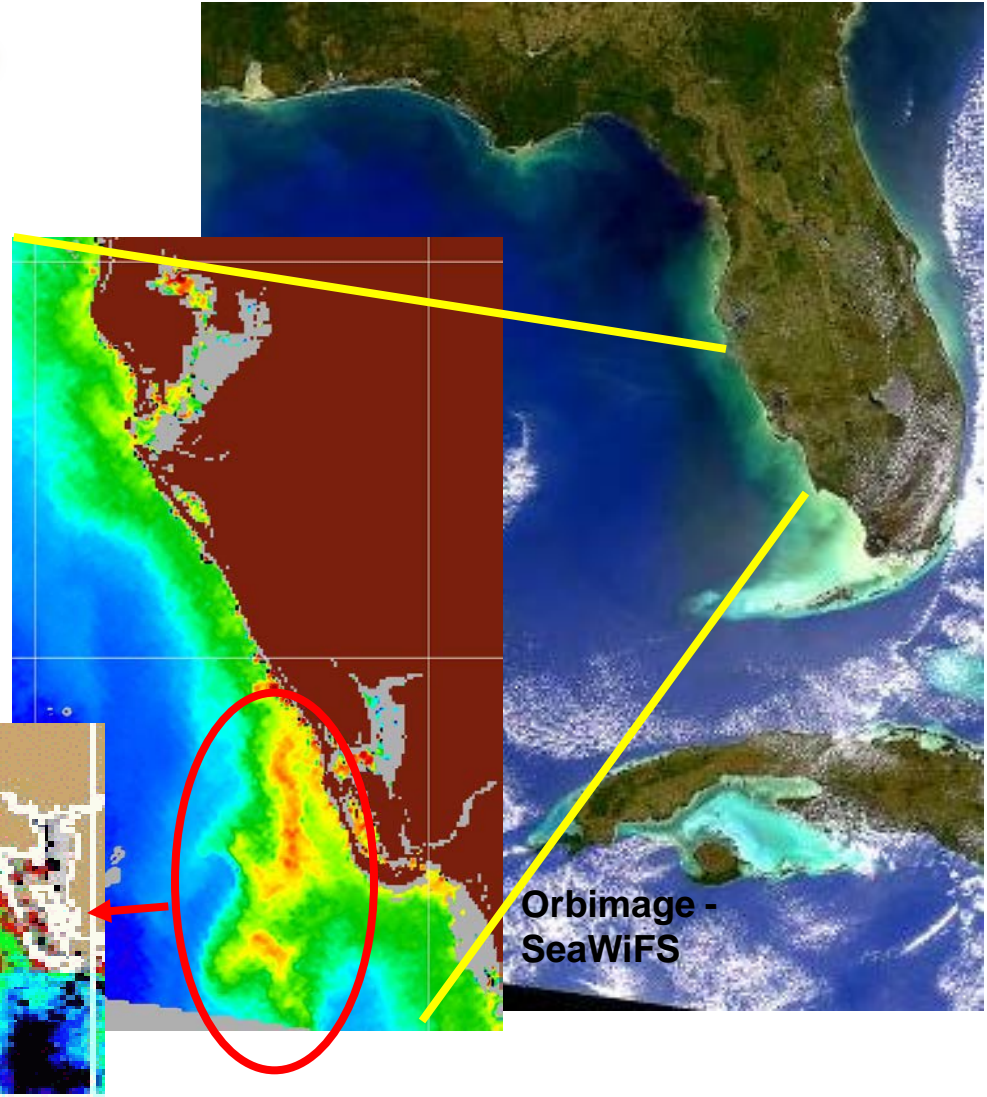
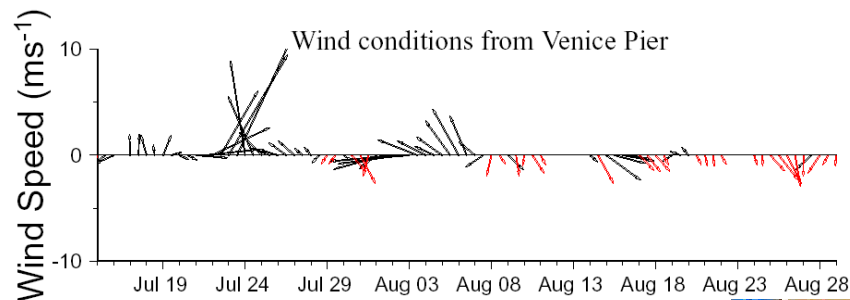
- High resolution (750m) ocean color and SST data from VIIRS will be extremely useful
- Need data in a format that is easy to pull into ArcGIS



# Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)



## NOAA National Ocean Service Operational Monitoring and Forecasting of HABs in the Gulf of Mexico



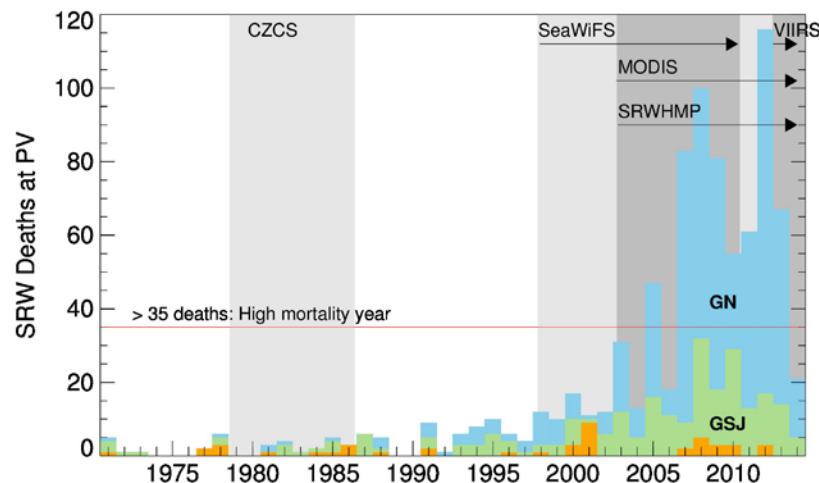
*Courtesy of Rick Stumpf, NOS*



# HABs & mortality events



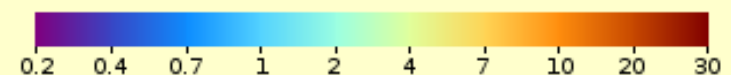
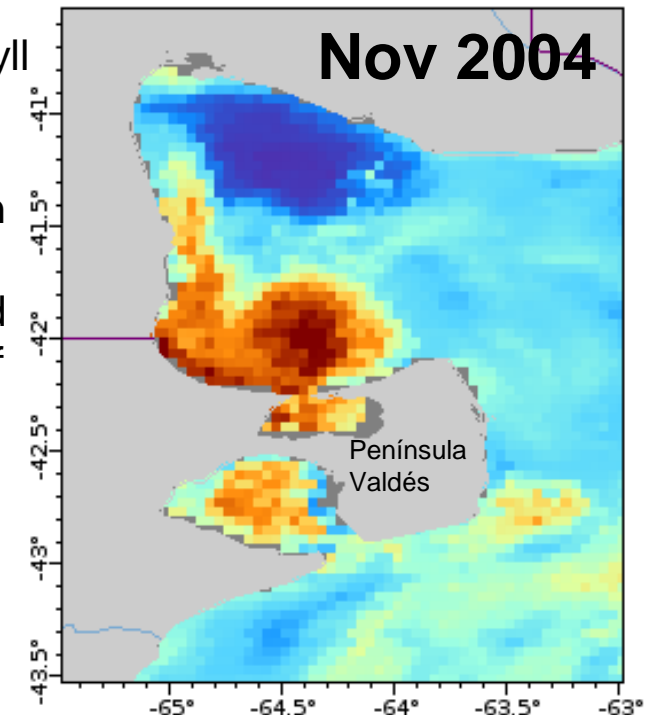
*Are southern right whale calf deaths at Península Valdés caused by HABs?*



The chlorophyll maximum of the spring phytoplankton bloom at PV has increased by an order of magnitude in the past 10 years.

In the past 10 years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of SRW deaths at their calving ground in Argentina. Most of the deaths (~90%) are calves less than 3 months old.

See Wilson *et al.* poster  
under review for  
*Marine Mammal Science*



**Mean Chlorophyll a Concentration (mg m<sup>-3</sup>)**  
Chlorophyll-a, Aqua MODIS, NPP, L3SM1, Global, Science  
Quality (Monthly Composite)  
(2004-11-16T00:00:00Z)  
Data courtesy of NASA/GSFC OBPG



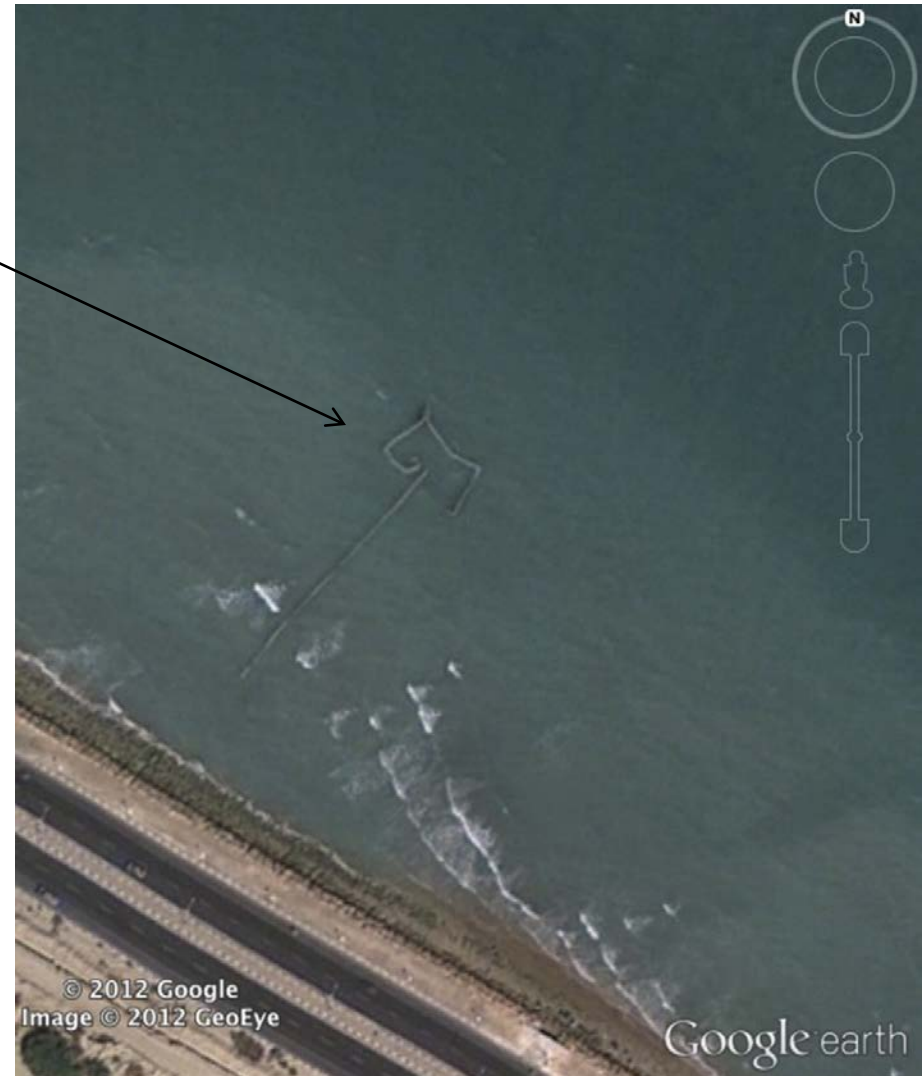


# Estimate Harvesting from Space



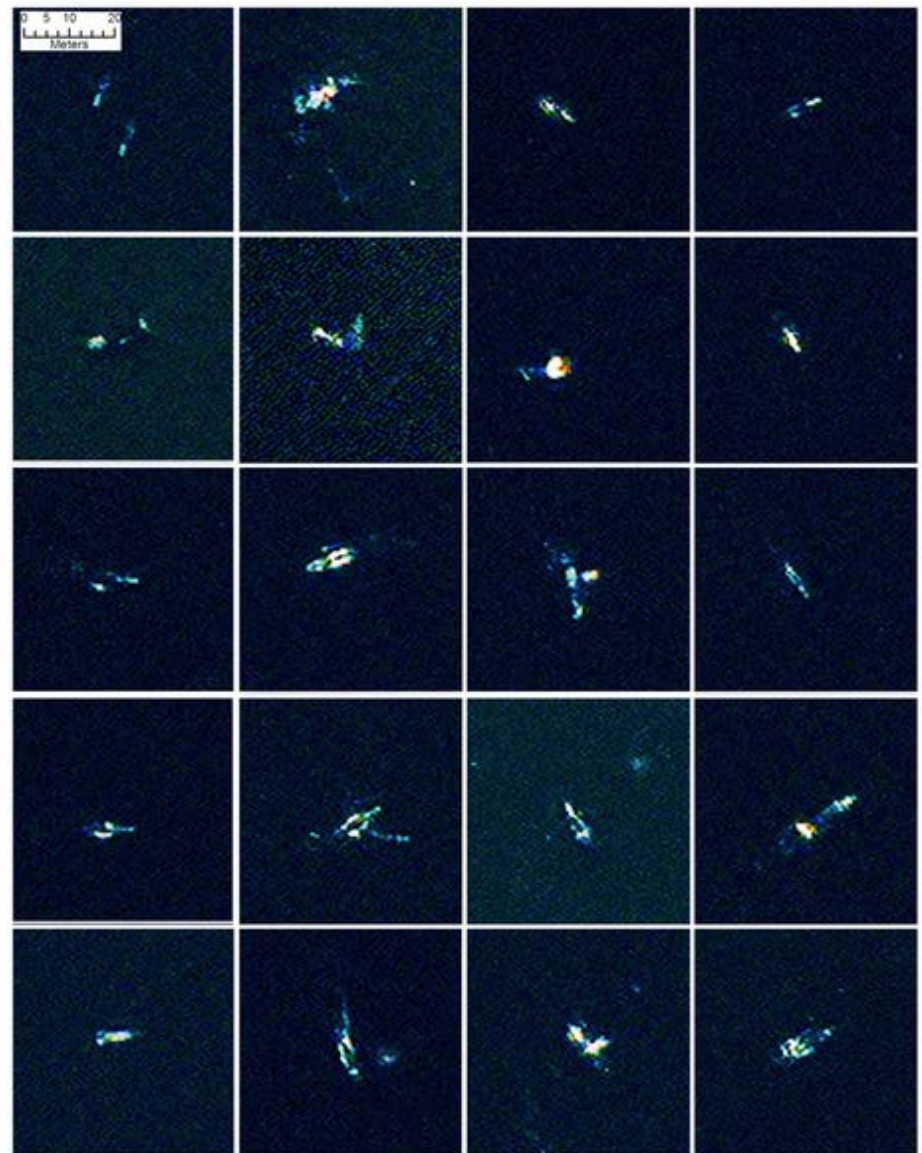
- Used Google Earth imagery to identify intertidal weirs in the Persian Gulf.
- Estimated the 19,000 visible weirs catch > 30,000 tons of fish per year, six times greater than the official reported catch of 5,000 ton/year.
- Observed weirs in areas where they have been banned (Qatar).

Al-Abdulrazzak & Pauly,  
ICES J. Mar. Sci. 2013



# Whales from Space

- A selection of 20 comparable false color image chips from the WorldView2 satellite of probable whales found by automated analysis.
- This study was done in Península Valdés, Argentina, which is a calving ground for Southern Right Whales (see Wilson et al. poster).



Fretwell PT, Staniland IJ, Forcada J (2014) Whales from Space: Counting Southern Right Whales by Satellite. PLoS ONE 9(2): e88655.

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# Take Home Points



- “Fisheries” is more than just catching fish; stock assessment, management and conservation are important aspects to fisheries, which encompasses all living marine resources.
- NRT ocean color data are needed for optimizing harvesting and assessment surveys, detecting and monitoring HABs and making forecasts.
- Long-term Climate Quality ocean color data are needed for use in stock assessments, ecosystem assessments, and management and conservation applications.





**Thank you !**