



Effects of the North Pacific Current on Pacific salmon productivity vary across time and space

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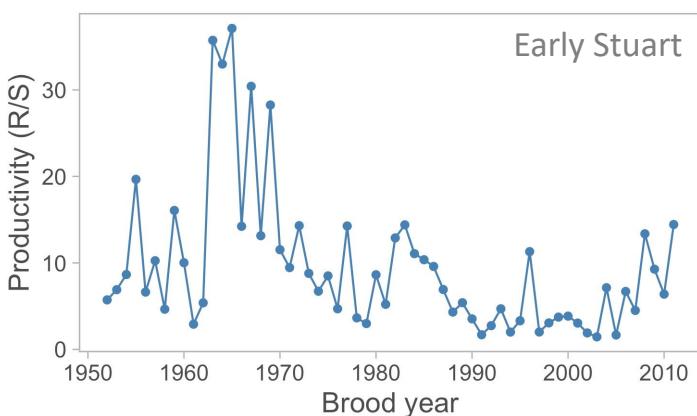
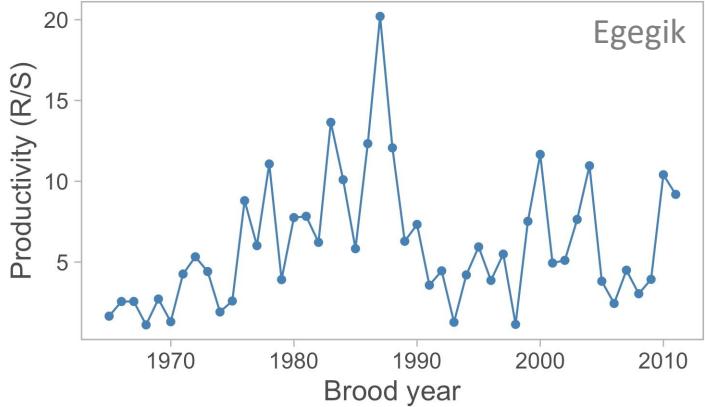
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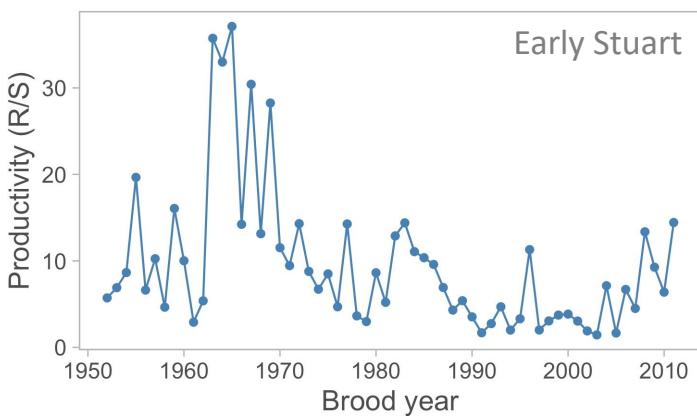
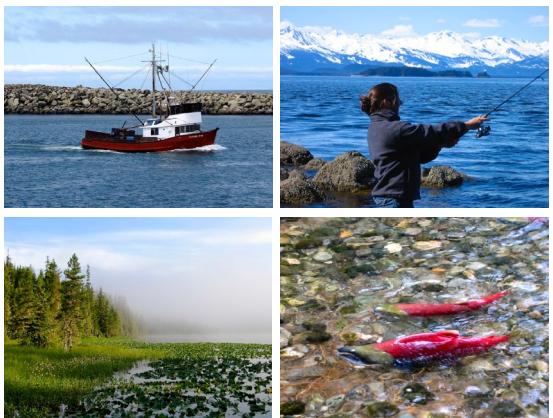
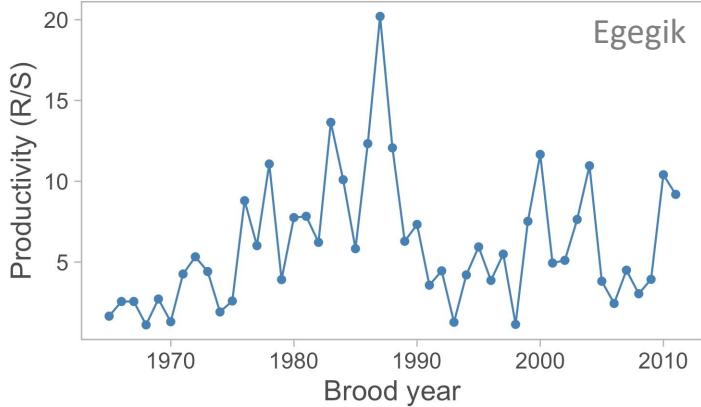


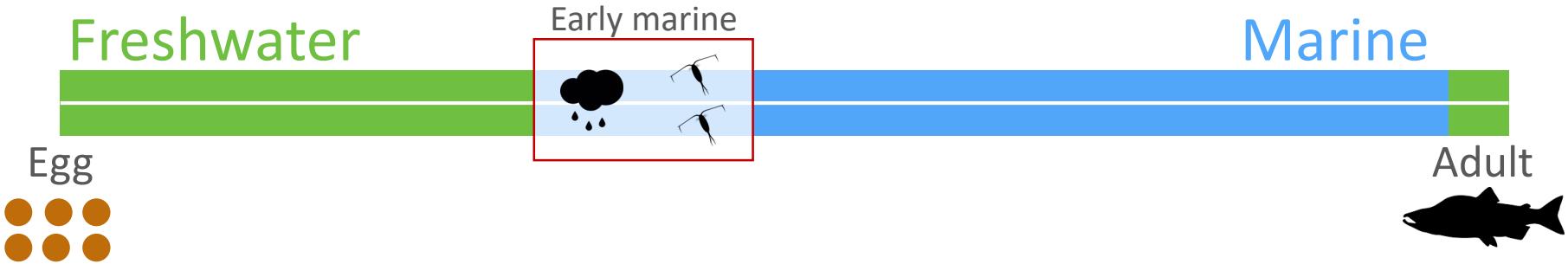
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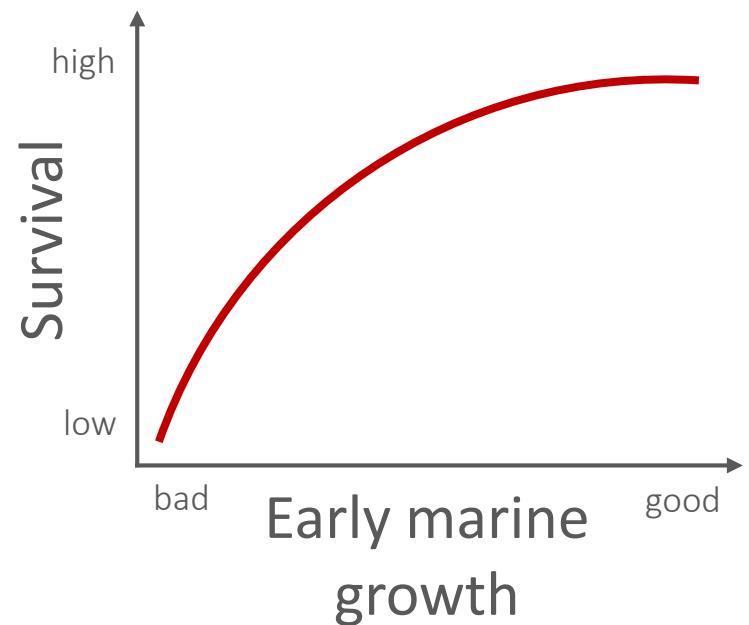


Climate effects on growth, phenology, and survival of sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*): a synthesis of the current state of knowledge and future research directions

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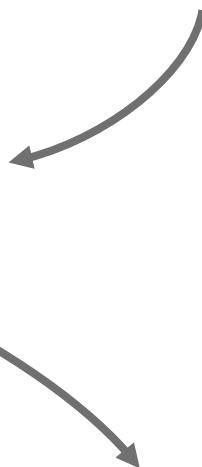
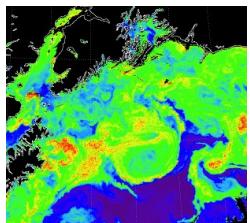


Climate processes

PDO, NPGO, NPI, AL

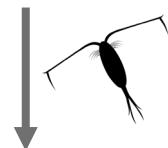
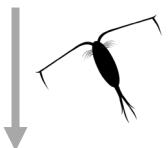
Vertical transport

upwelling, wind mixing,
tidal mixing, stratification



Lower trophic level processes

primary and secondary production,
Zooplankton composition



Salmon productivity

recruits/spawner

Growth of Juvenile Coho Salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) off Oregon and Washington, USA, in Years of Differing Coastal Upwelling

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Relationships between Coastal Ocean Conditions and Survival Rates of Northeast Pacific Salmon at Multiple Lags

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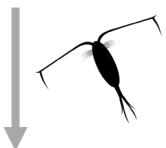
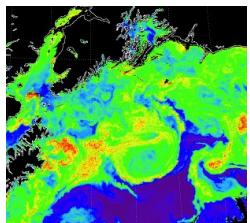
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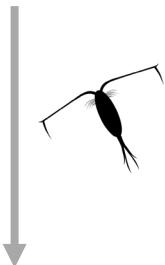
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Horizontal transport

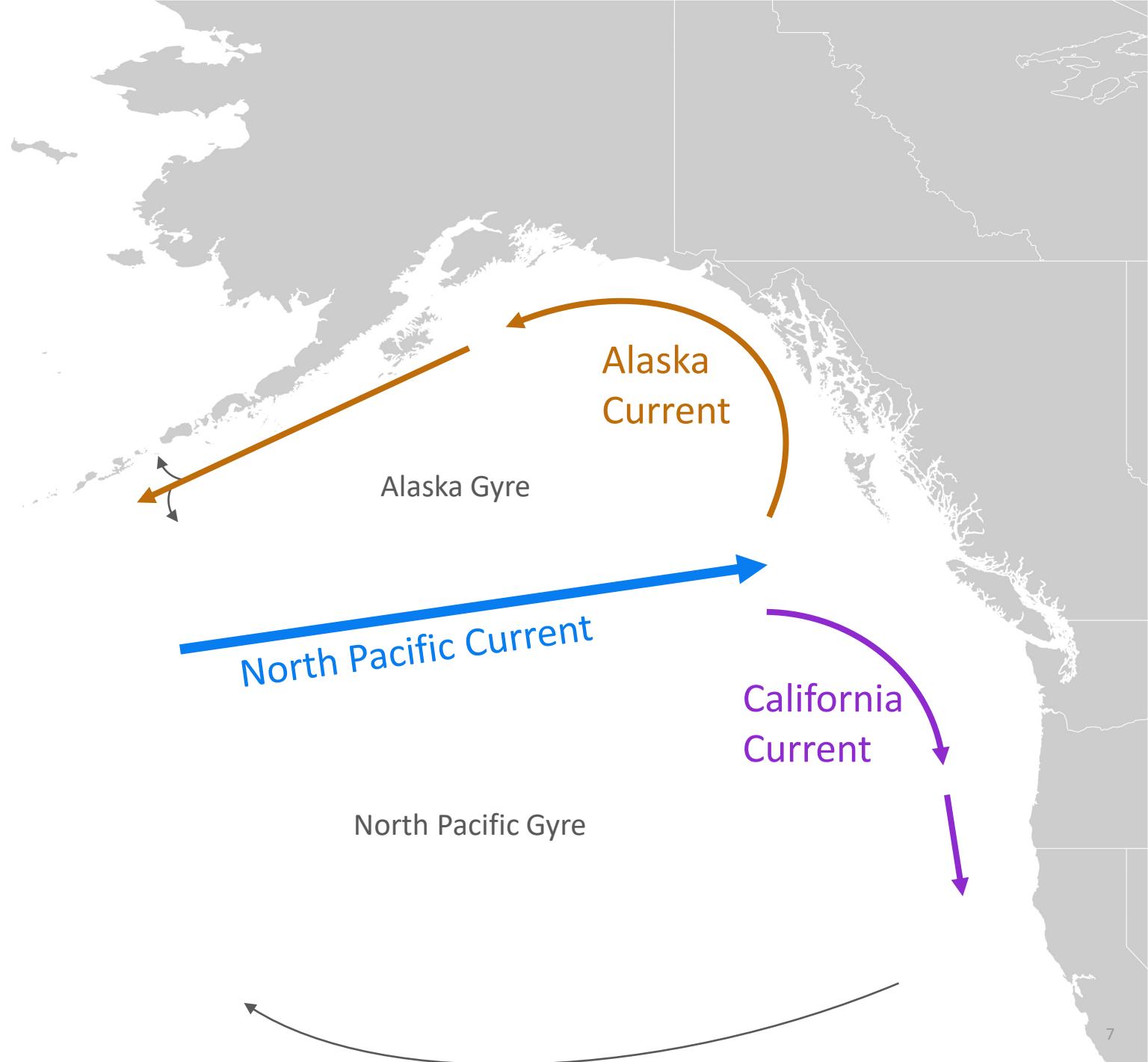
along-shore and cross-shelf,
currents, eddies



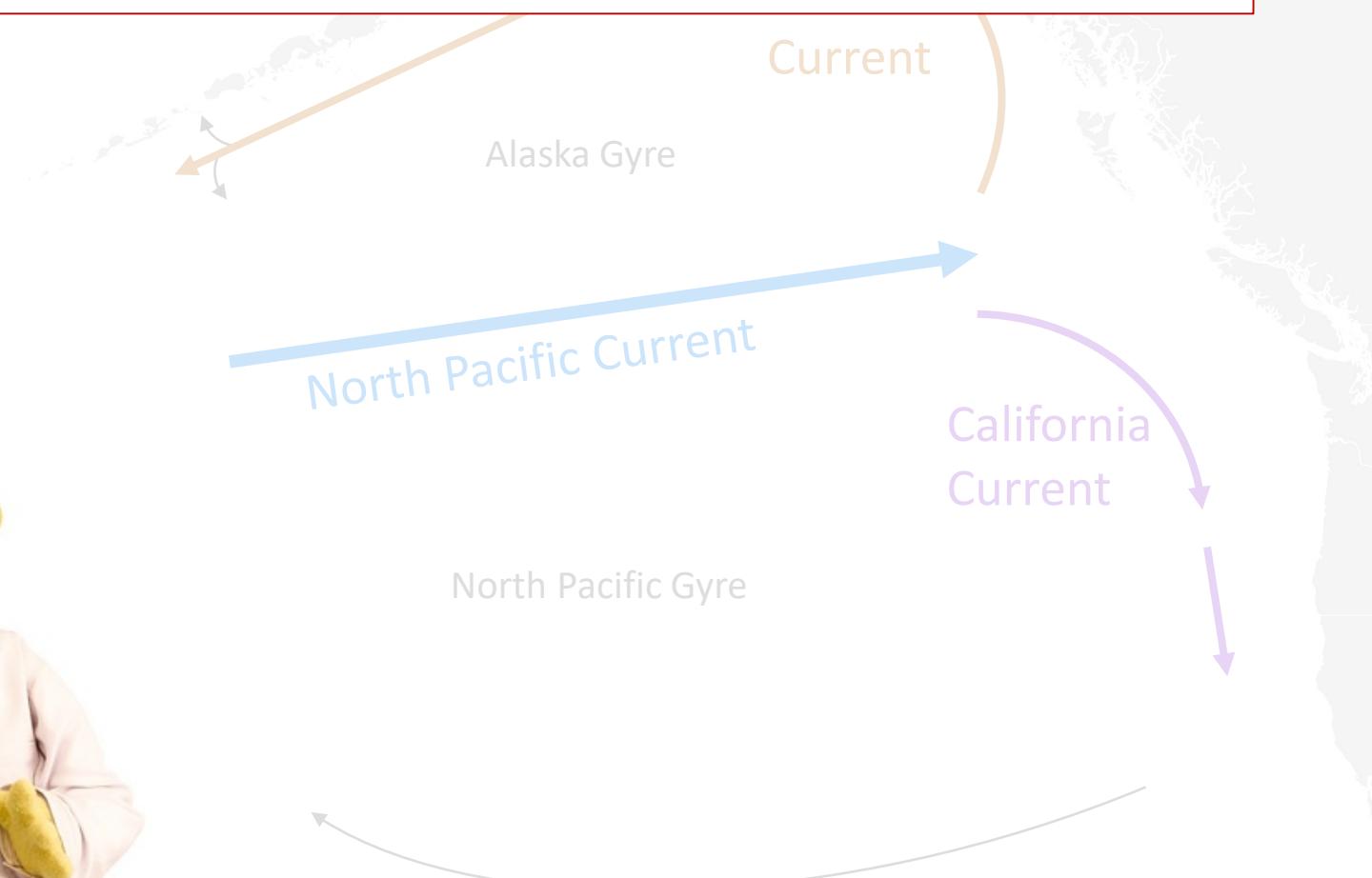
Salmon productivity

recruits/spawner





Does the north-south positioning of the North Pacific Current impact salmon productivity?

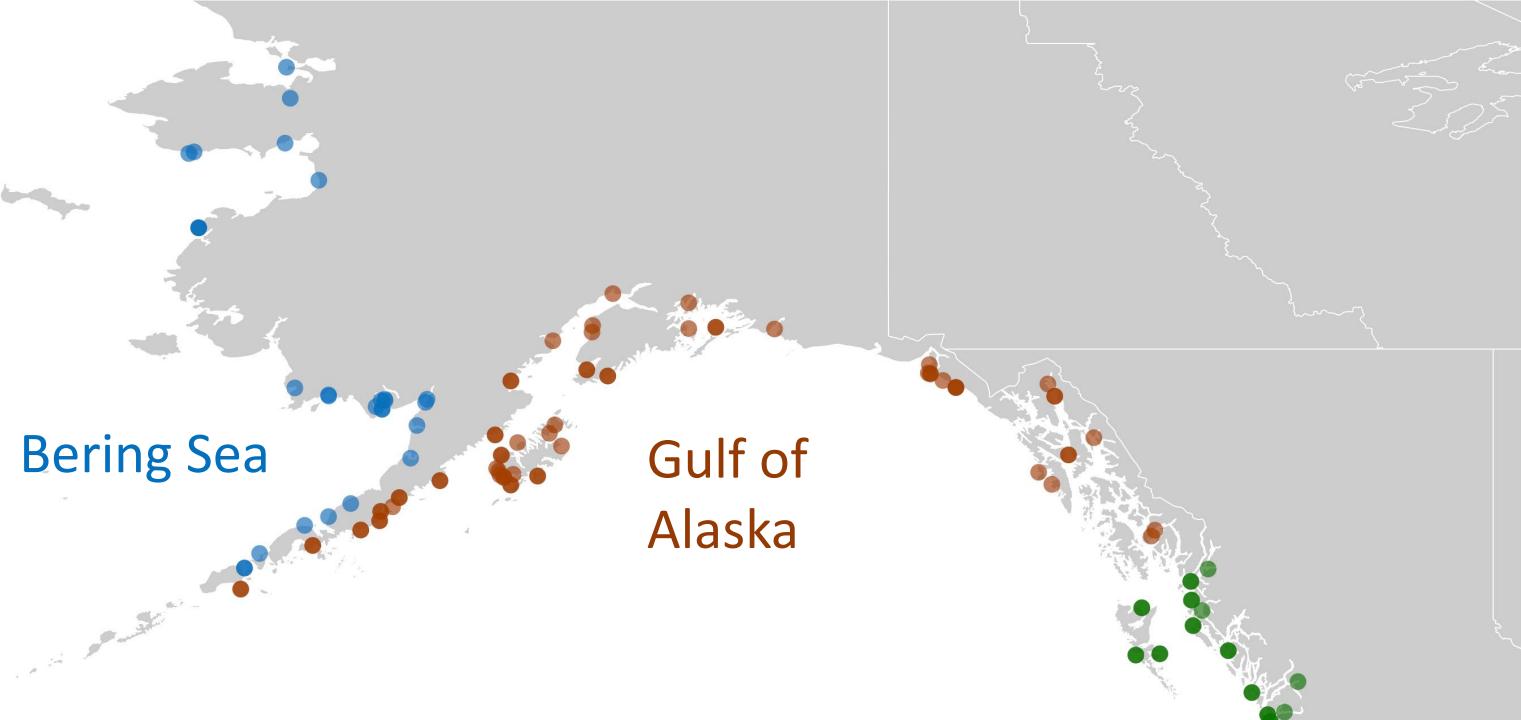


163 salmon stocks

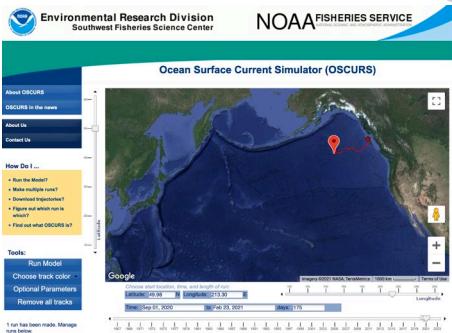
Pink: 46 stocks

Chum: 53 stocks

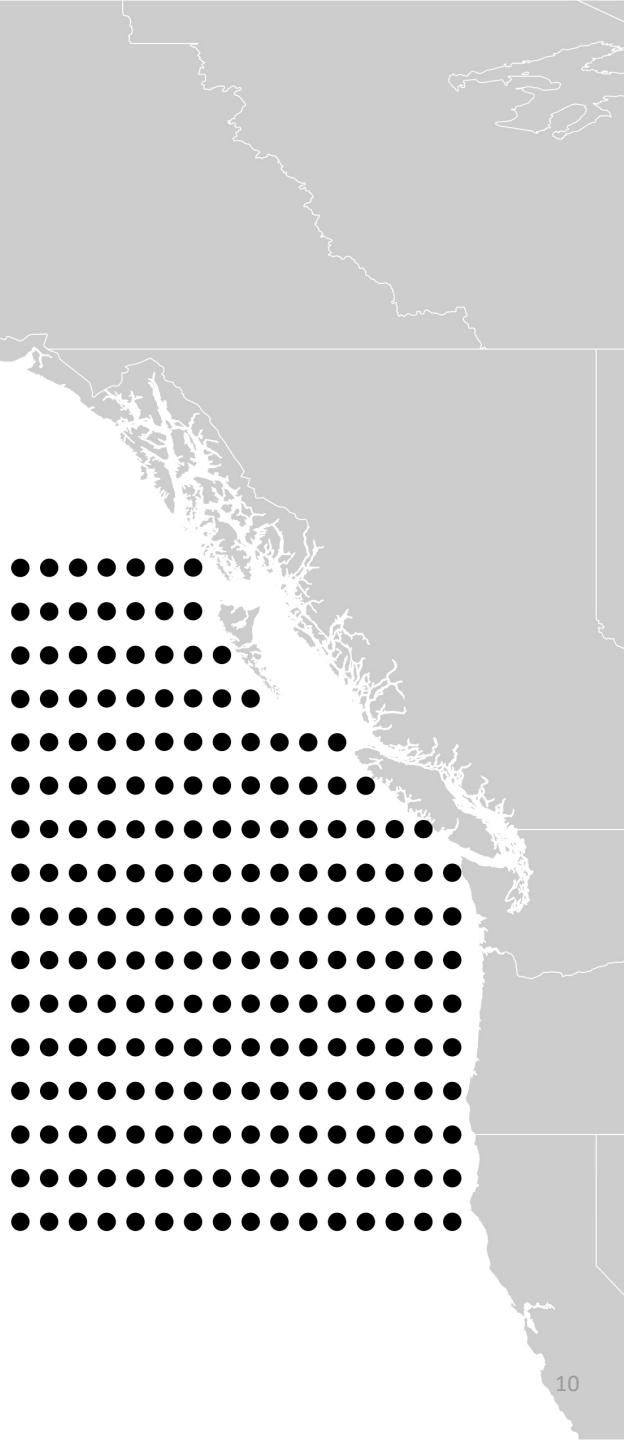
Sockeye: 64 stocks



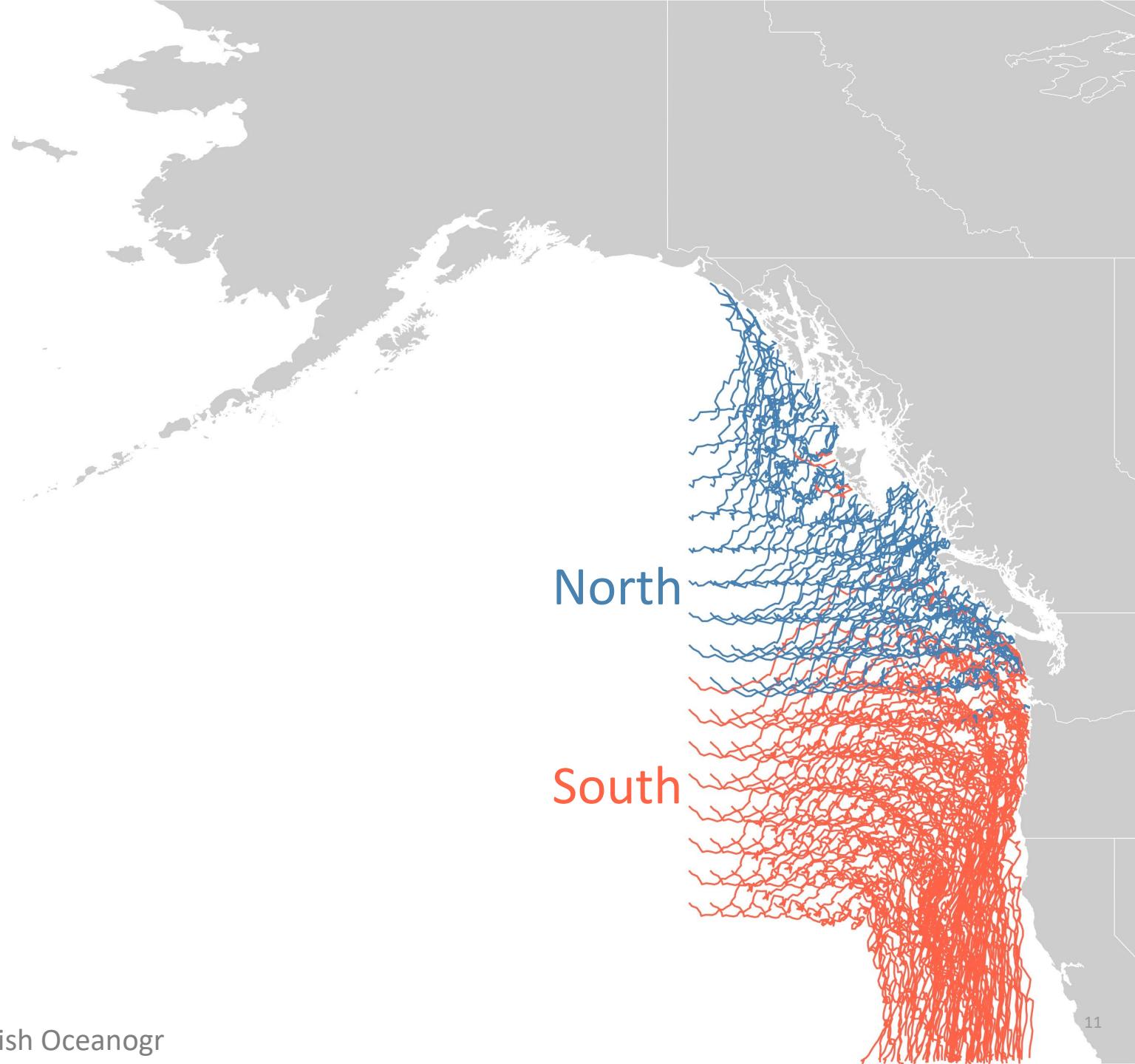
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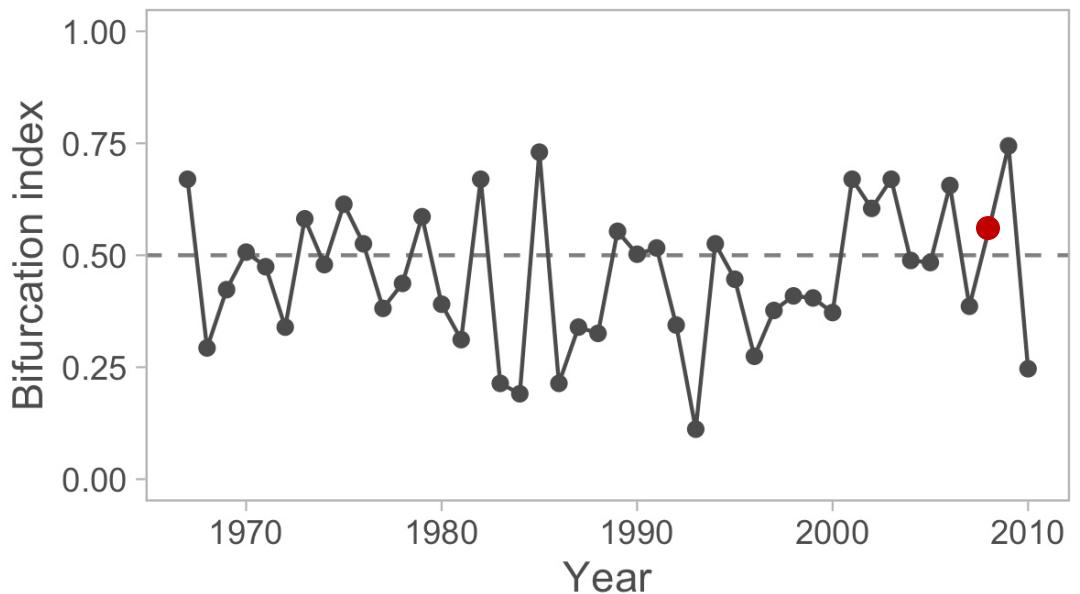
Drifter simulation
215 drifters
Feb 1 – June 30
1967 – 2010



2008

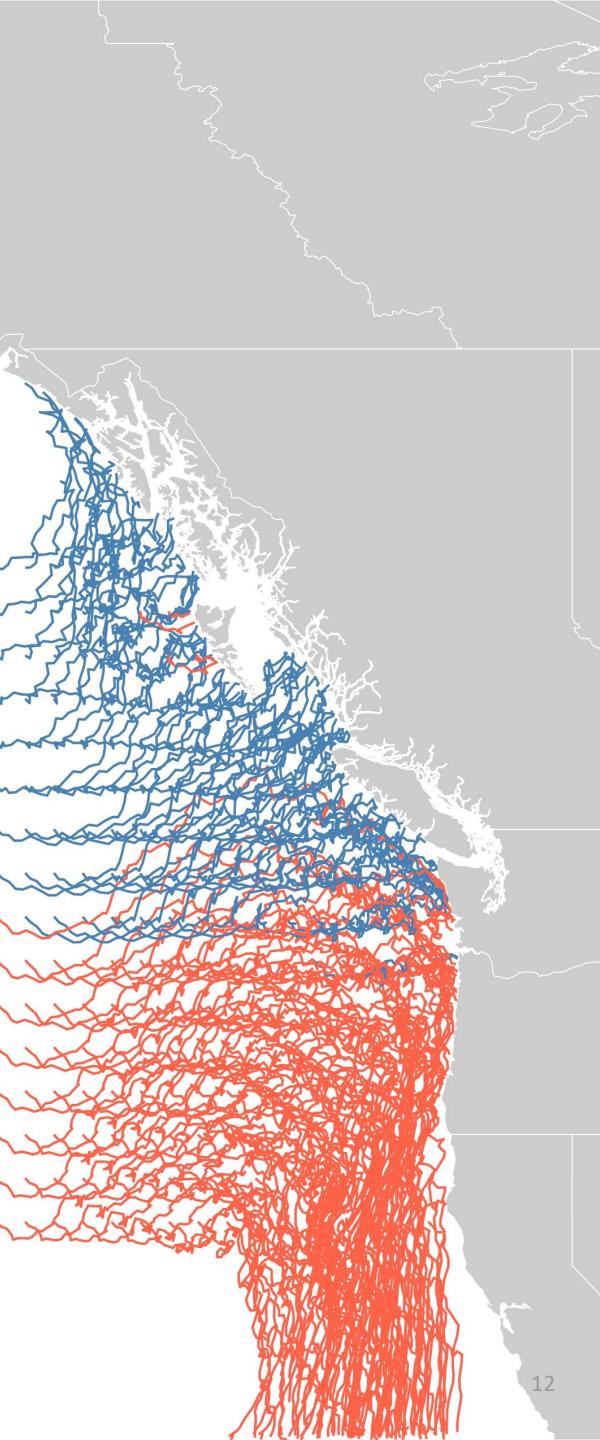


2008

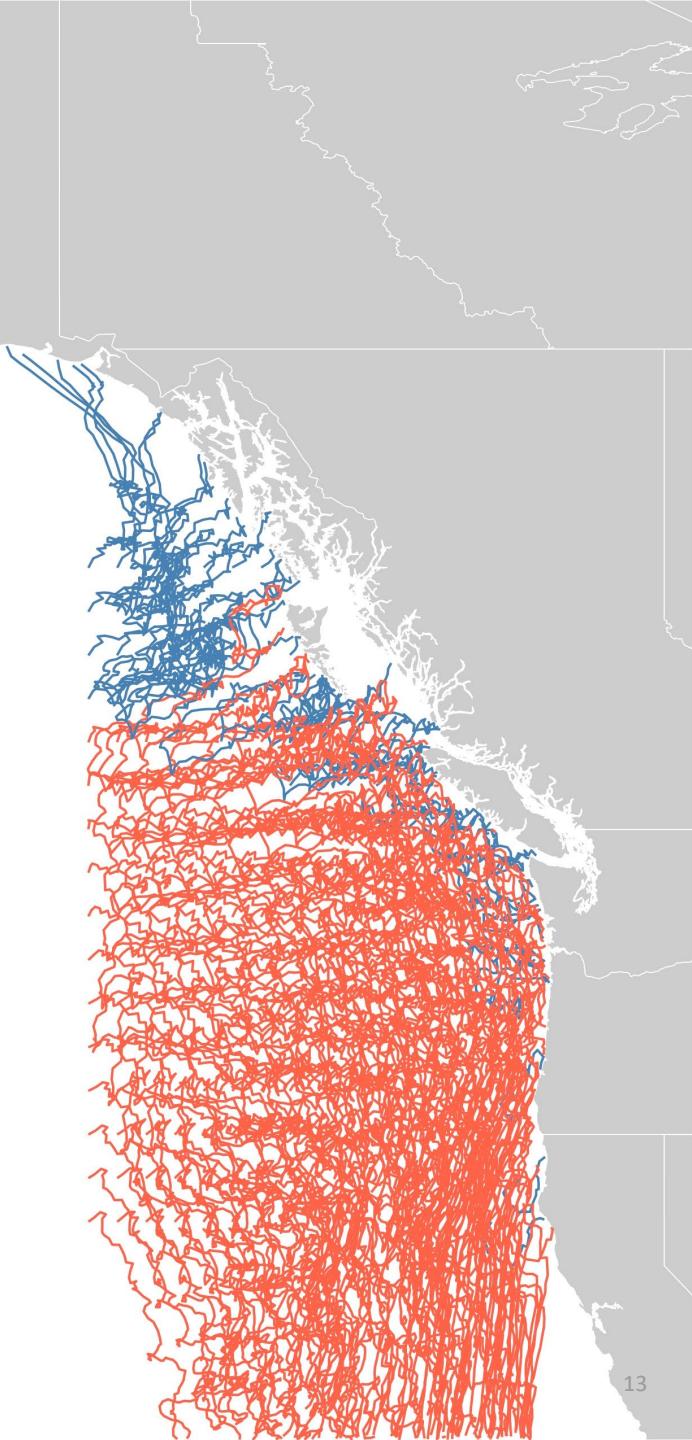
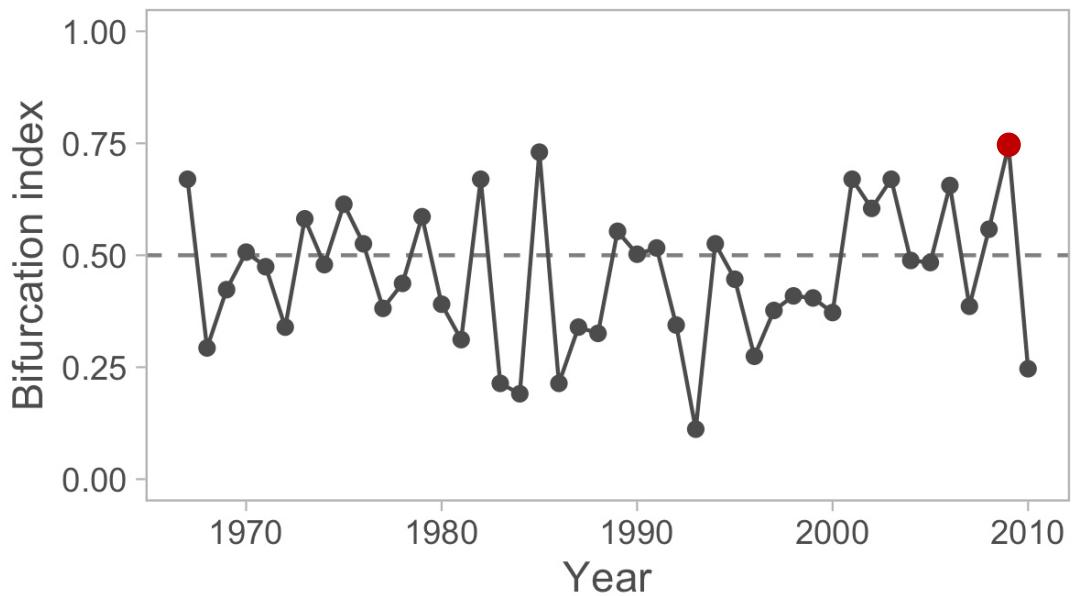


North

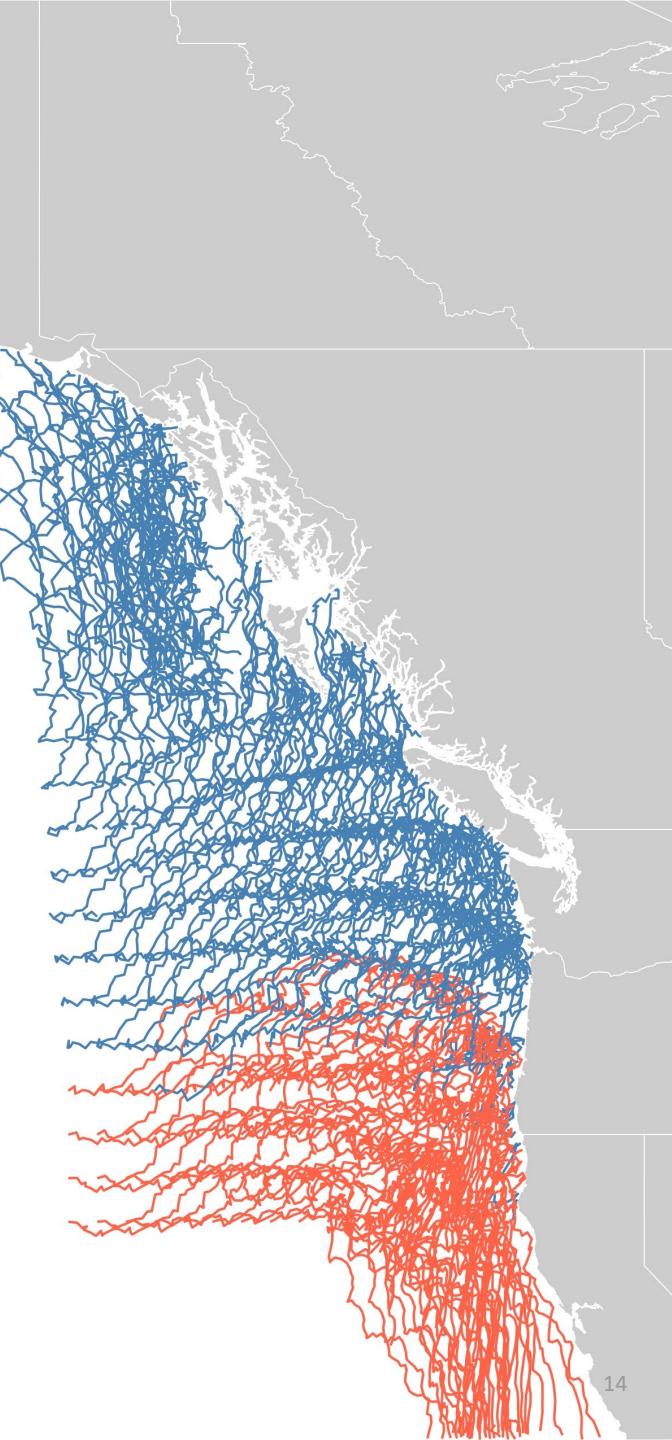
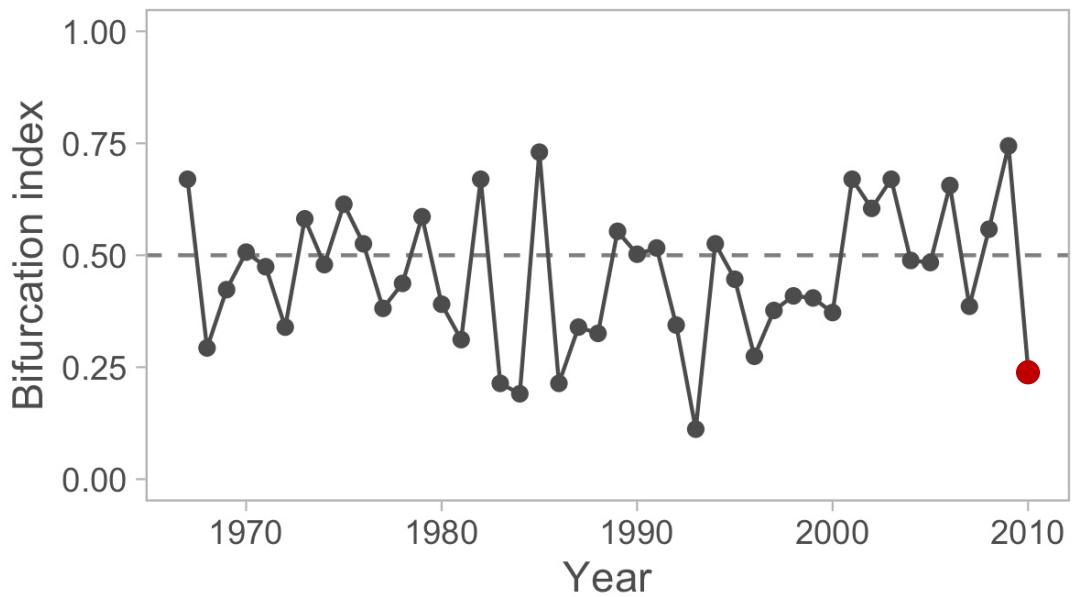
South



2009



2010

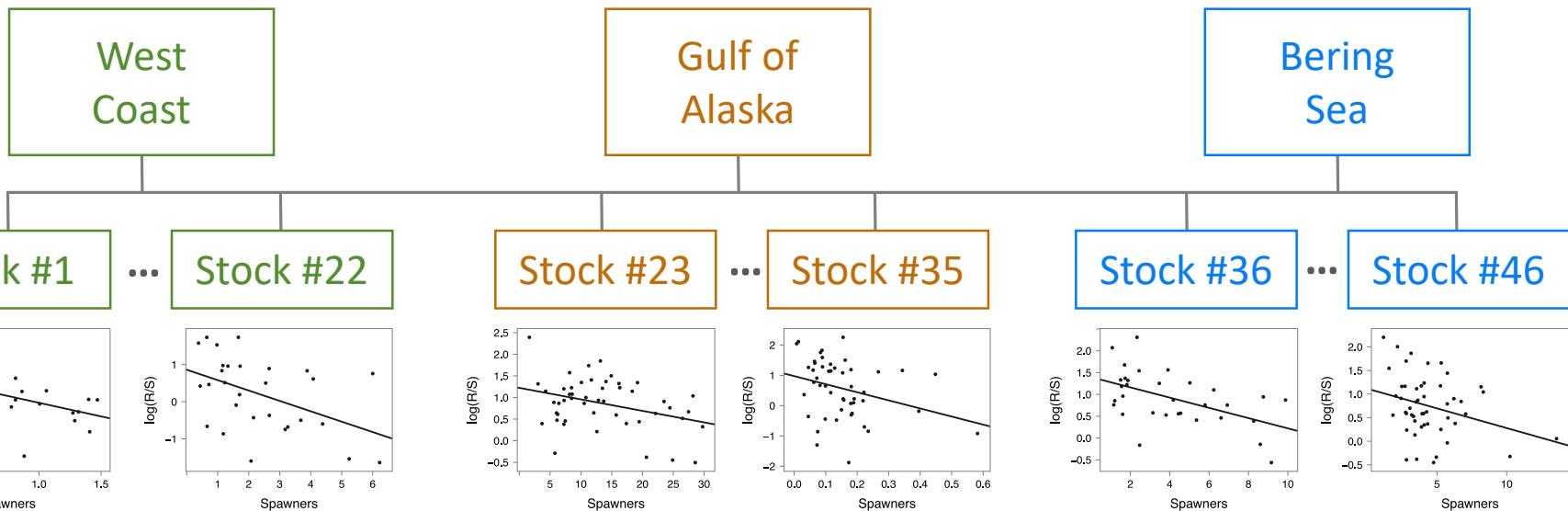


Bayesian hierarchical models

$$\log\left(\frac{R_{i,t}}{S_{i,t}}\right) = \alpha_i + \beta_i S_{i,t} + \gamma_i X_{i,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

Productivity
Density dependence
Bifurcation covariate

Intrinsic productivity
Bifurcation effect
Residual error





Sockeye

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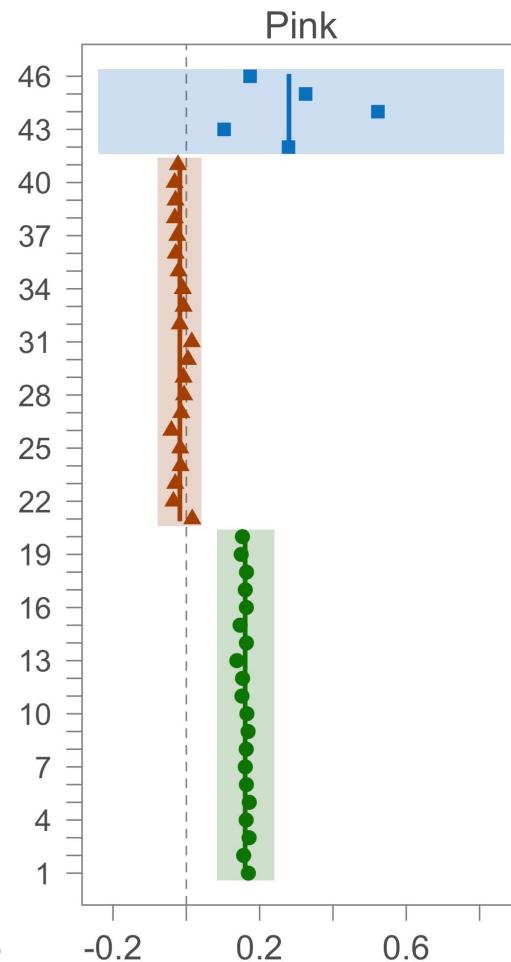
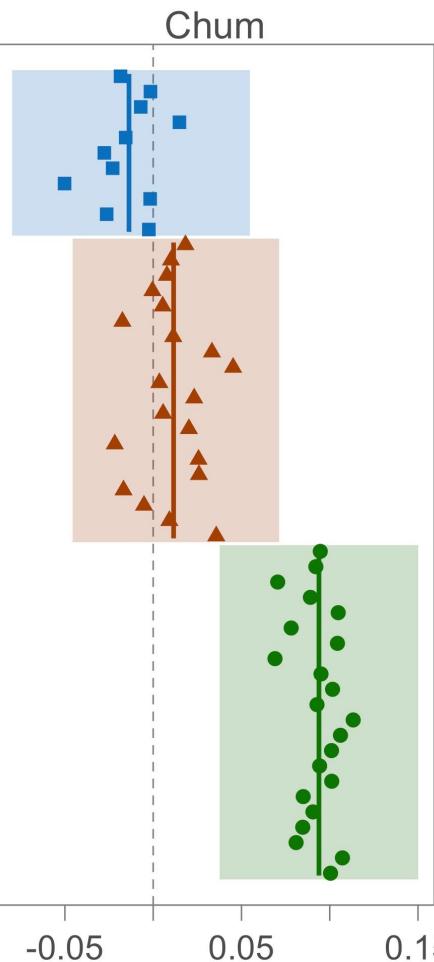
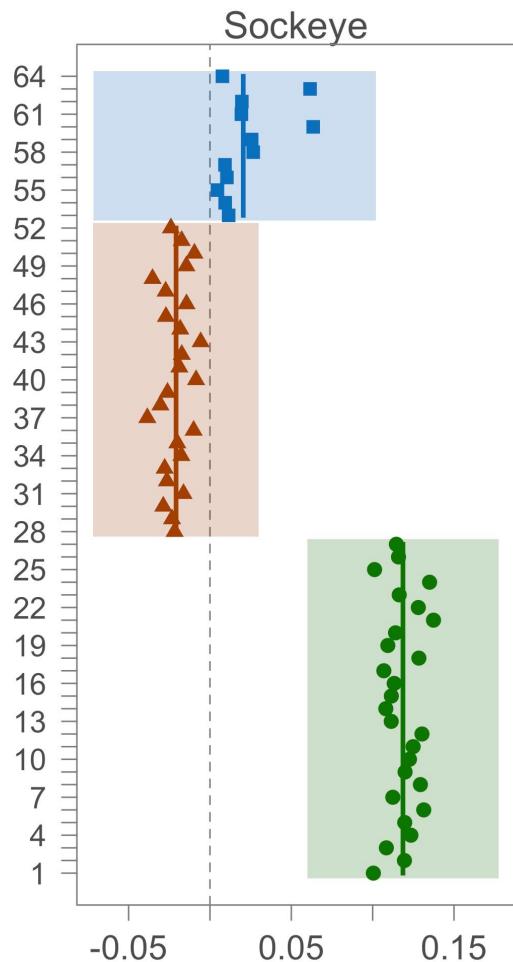
Pink

Bering Sea

Gulf of Alaska

West Coast

Stock number



Bifurcation coefficient



Sockeye

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Weak effects of NPC positioning on productivity

Northward shift in NPC = Beneficial

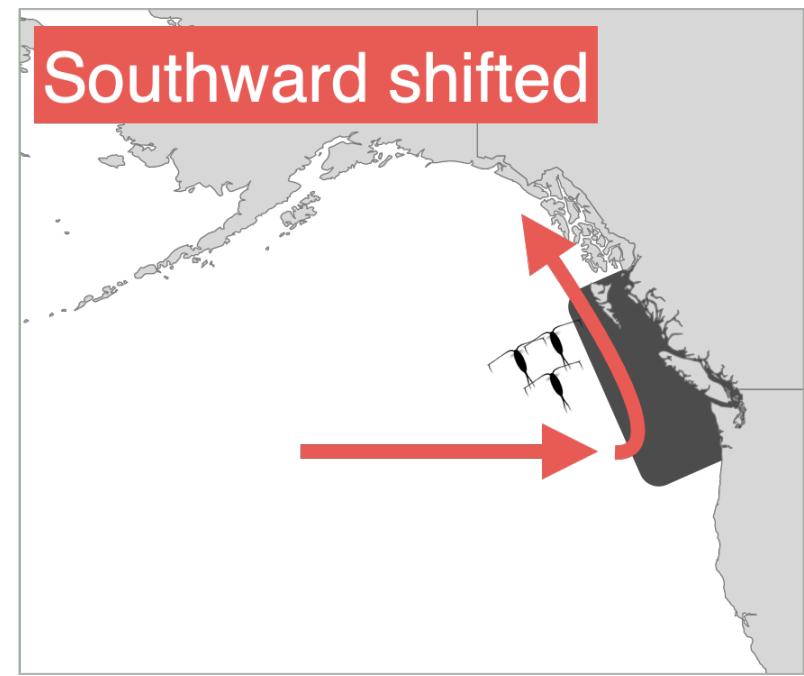
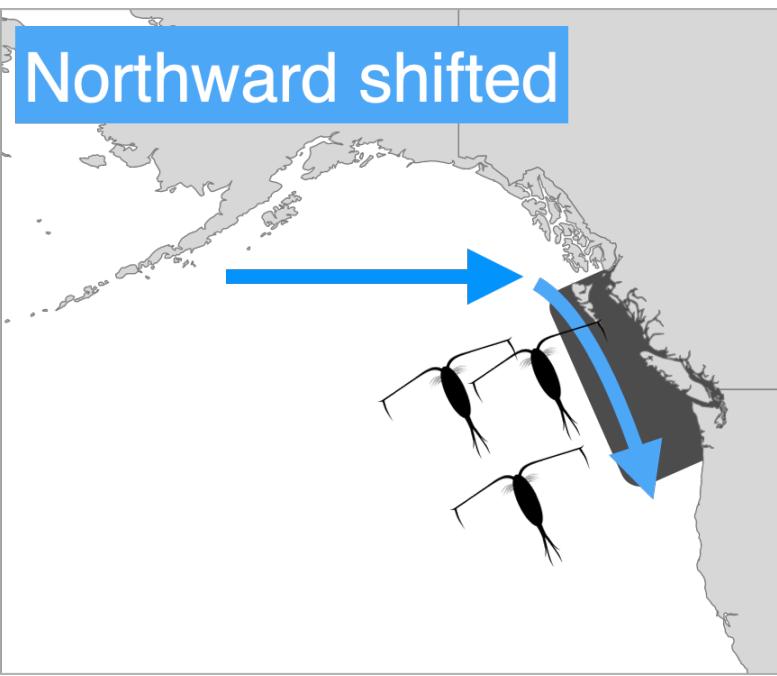
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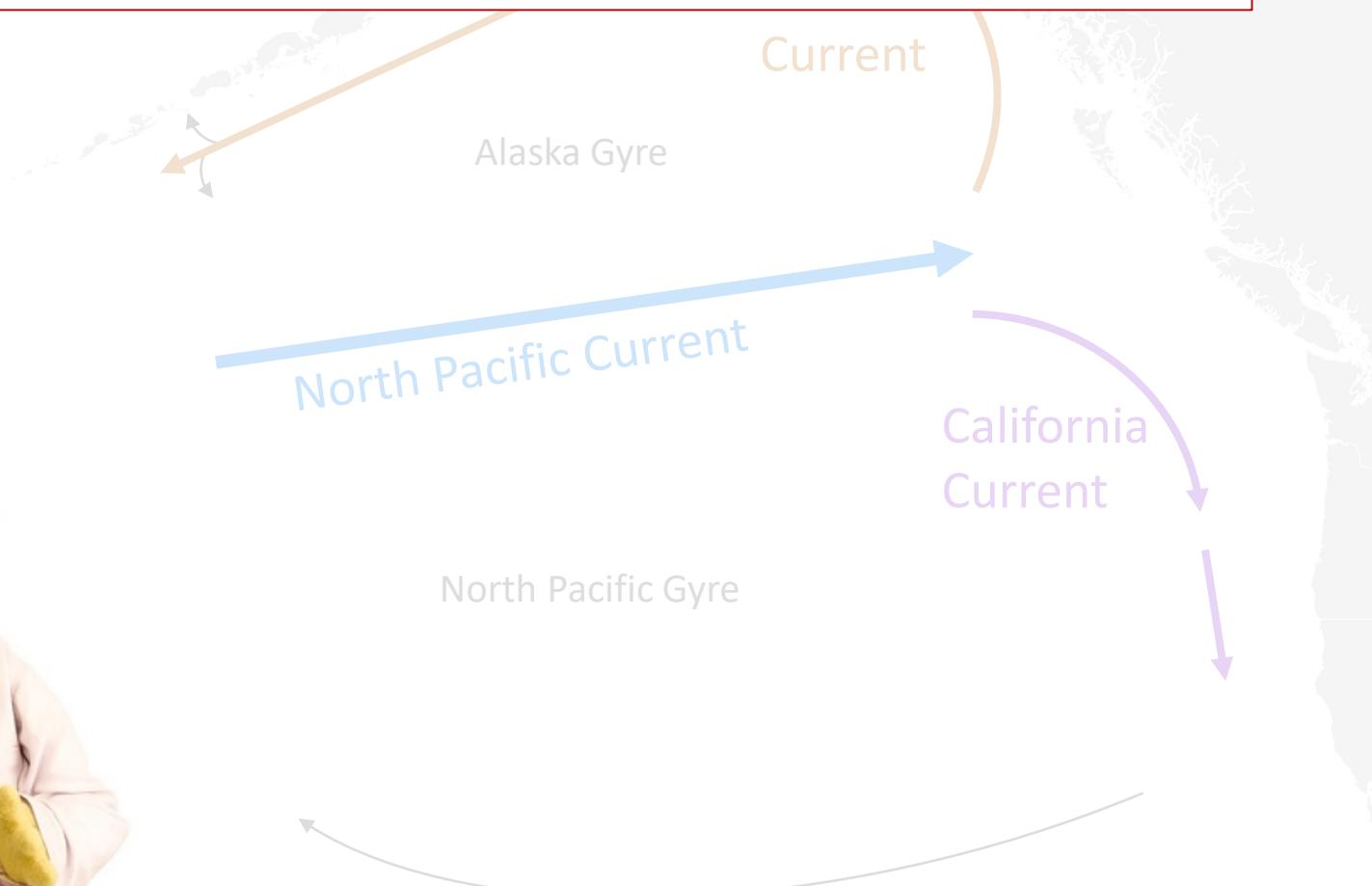
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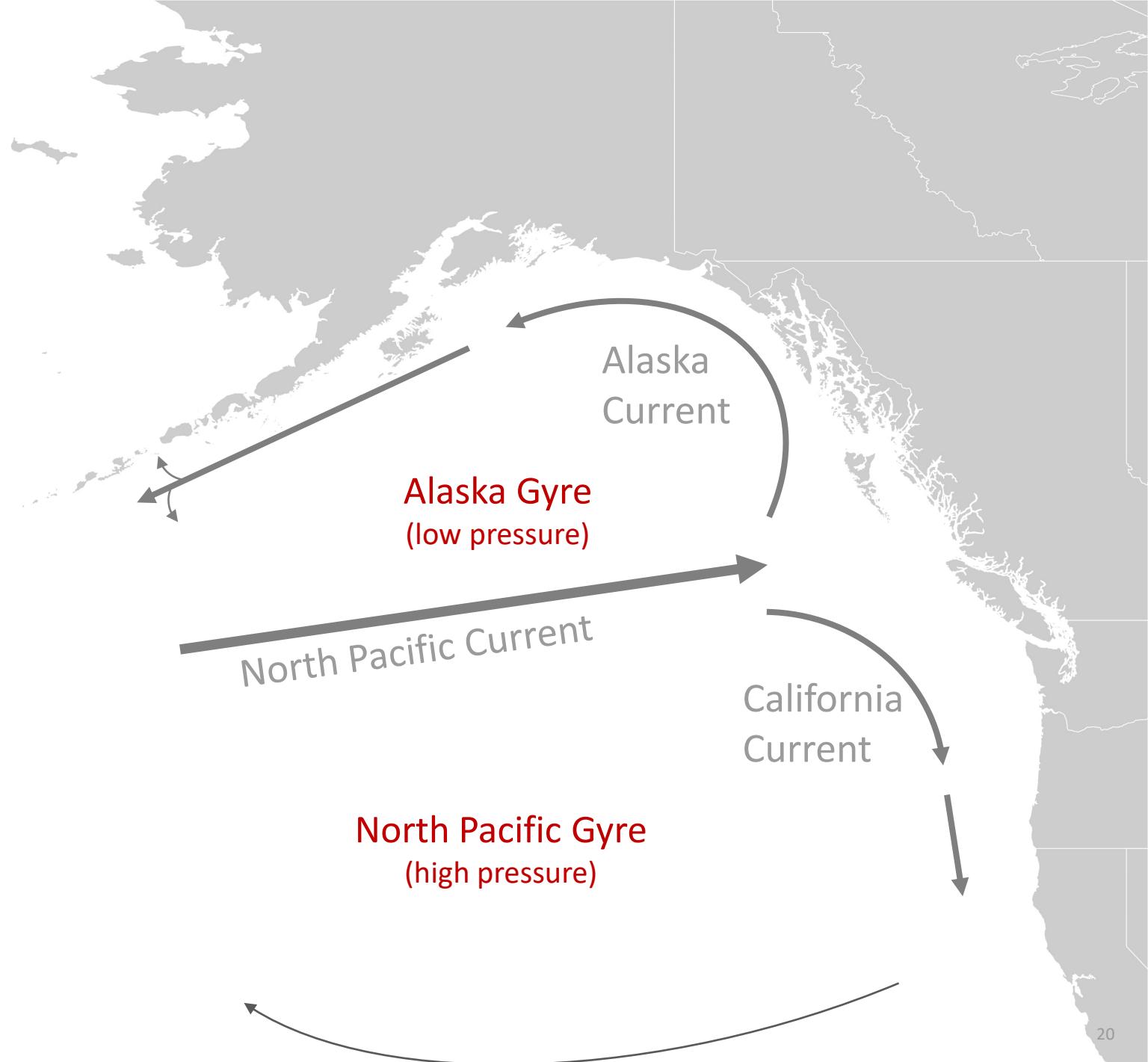
Bifurcation coefficient

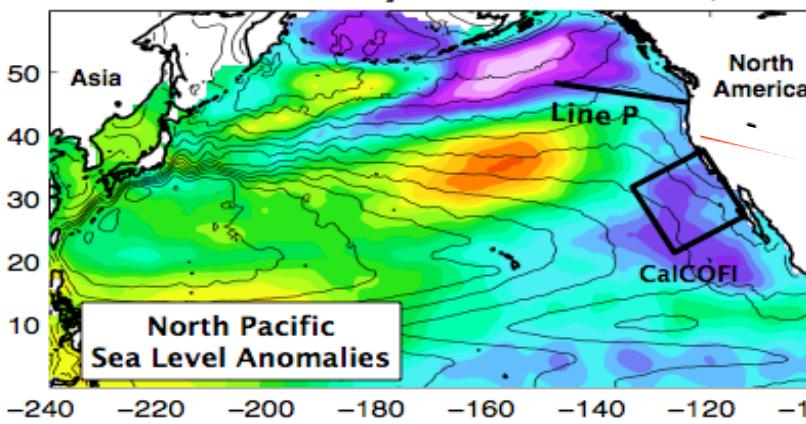
NPC bifurcation may impact quality of food resources in early marine period



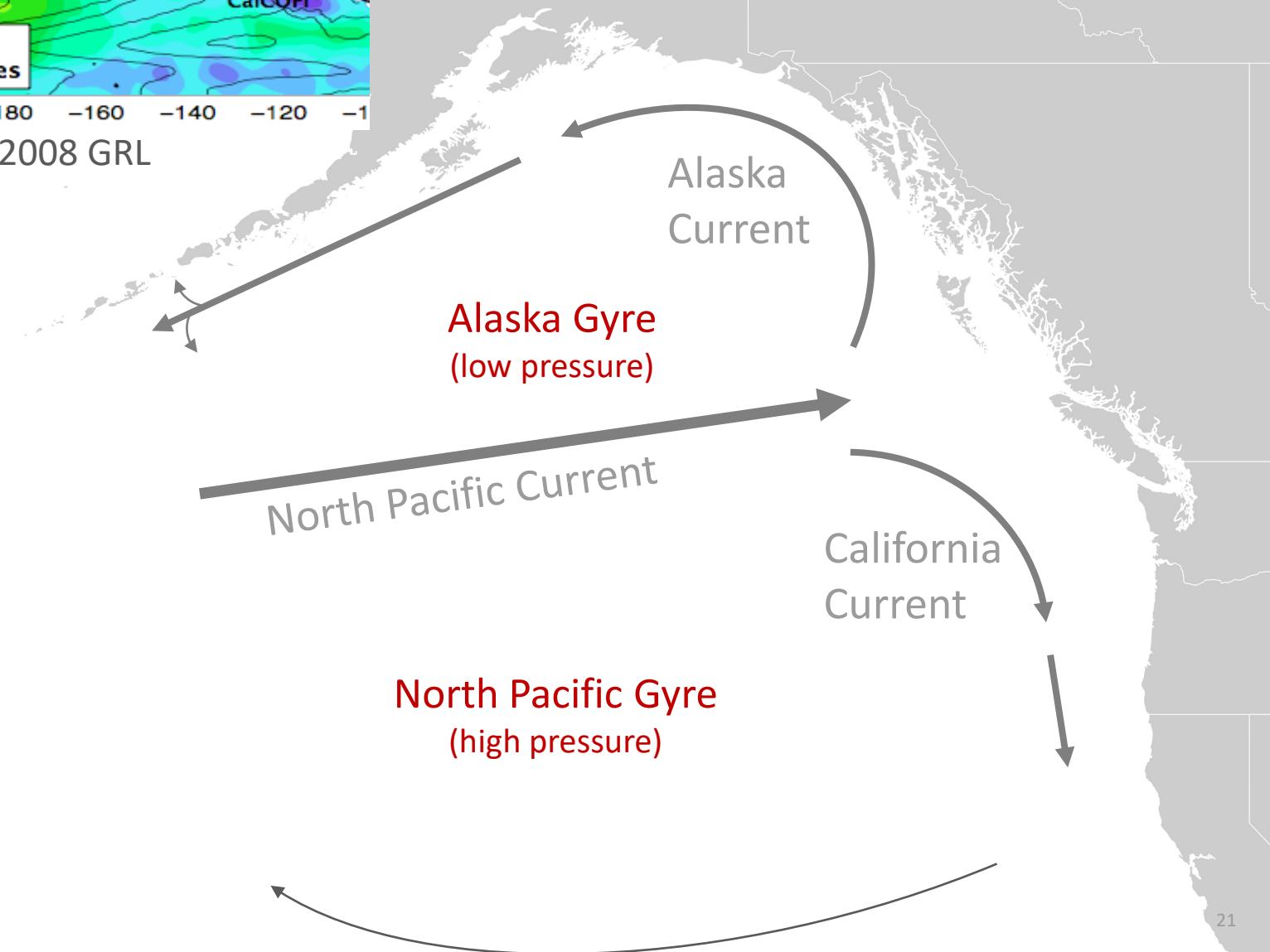
Does the **intensity** of the North Pacific Current impact salmon productivity?

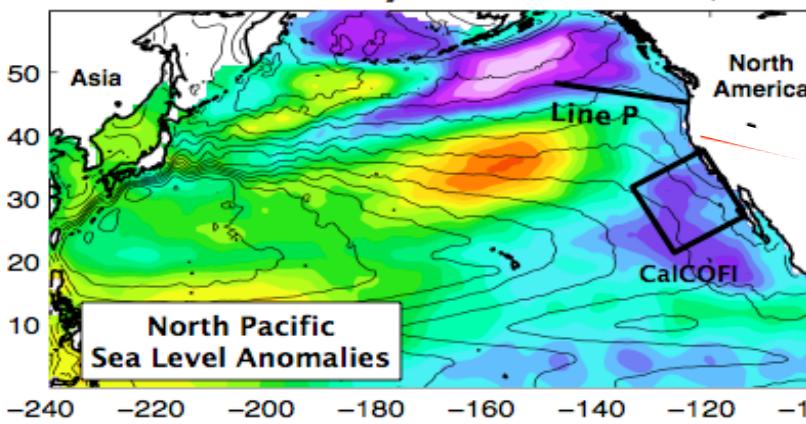






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Quantifying a Novel Climate Through Changes in PDO-Climate and PDO-Salmon Relationships

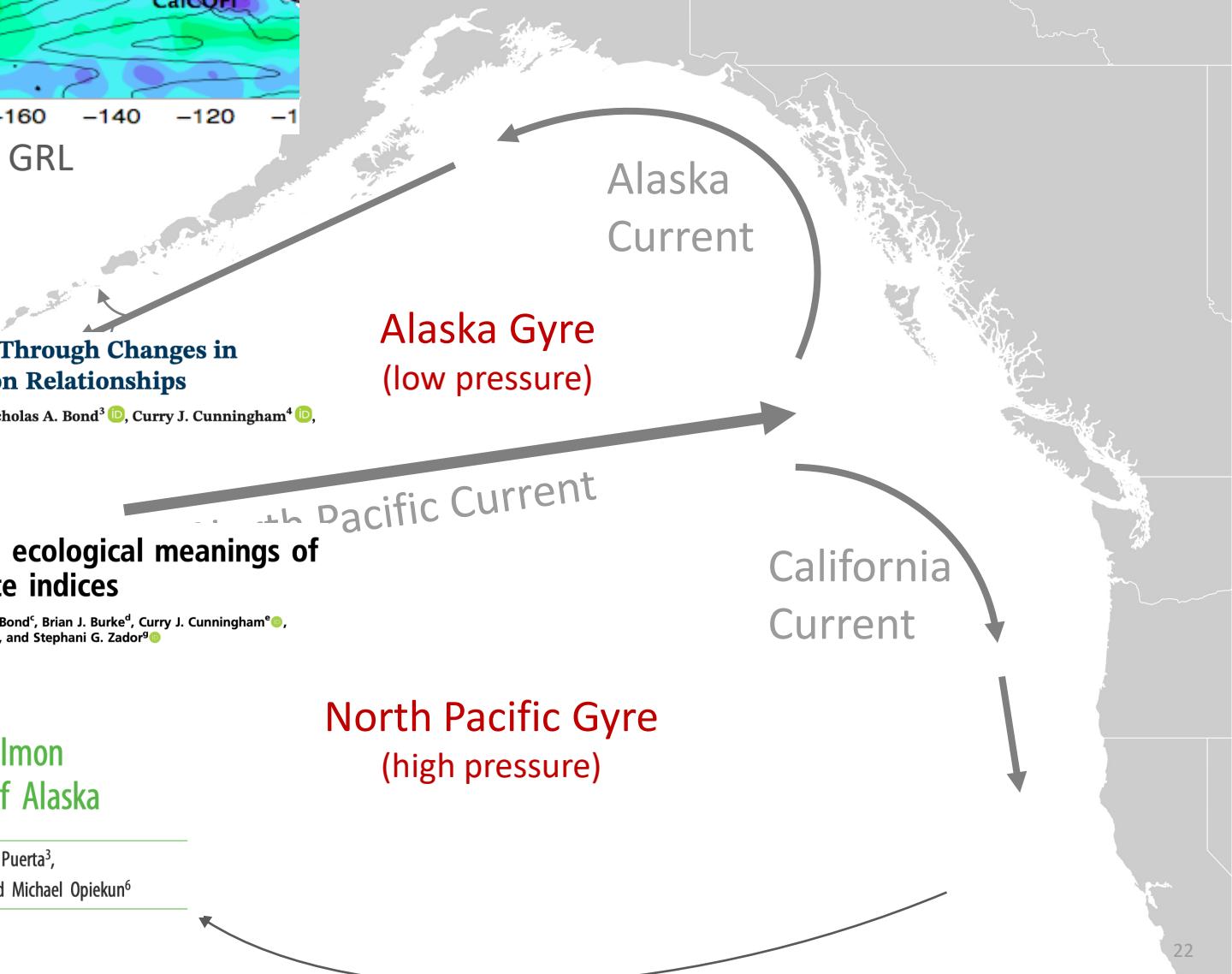
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The changing physical and ecological meanings of North Pacific Ocean climate indices

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Non-stationary climate–salmon relationships in the Gulf of Alaska

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Time-varying hierarchical models



$$\log\left(\frac{R_{i,t}}{S_{i,t}}\right) = \alpha_i + \beta_i S_{i,t} + \gamma_{i,t} X_{i,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

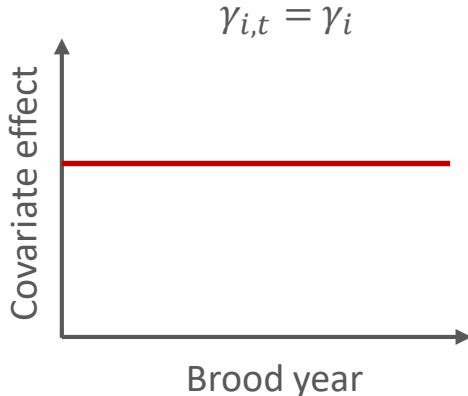
Productivity
|
 $\log\left(\frac{R_{i,t}}{S_{i,t}}\right)$
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Intrinsic productivity

Density dependence
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 $\alpha_i + \beta_i S_{i,t}$
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NPGO effect

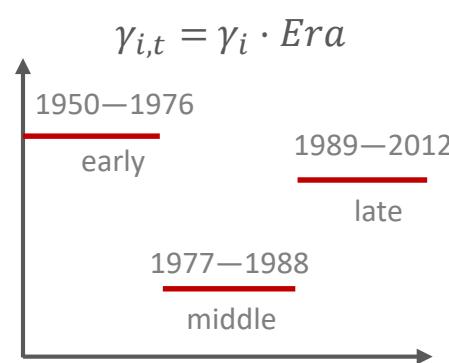
NPGO covariate
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 $\gamma_{i,t} X_{i,t}$
|
Residual error

$\varepsilon_{i,t}$

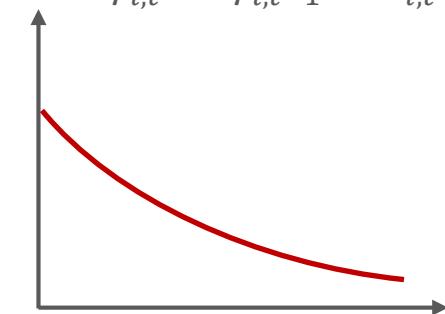
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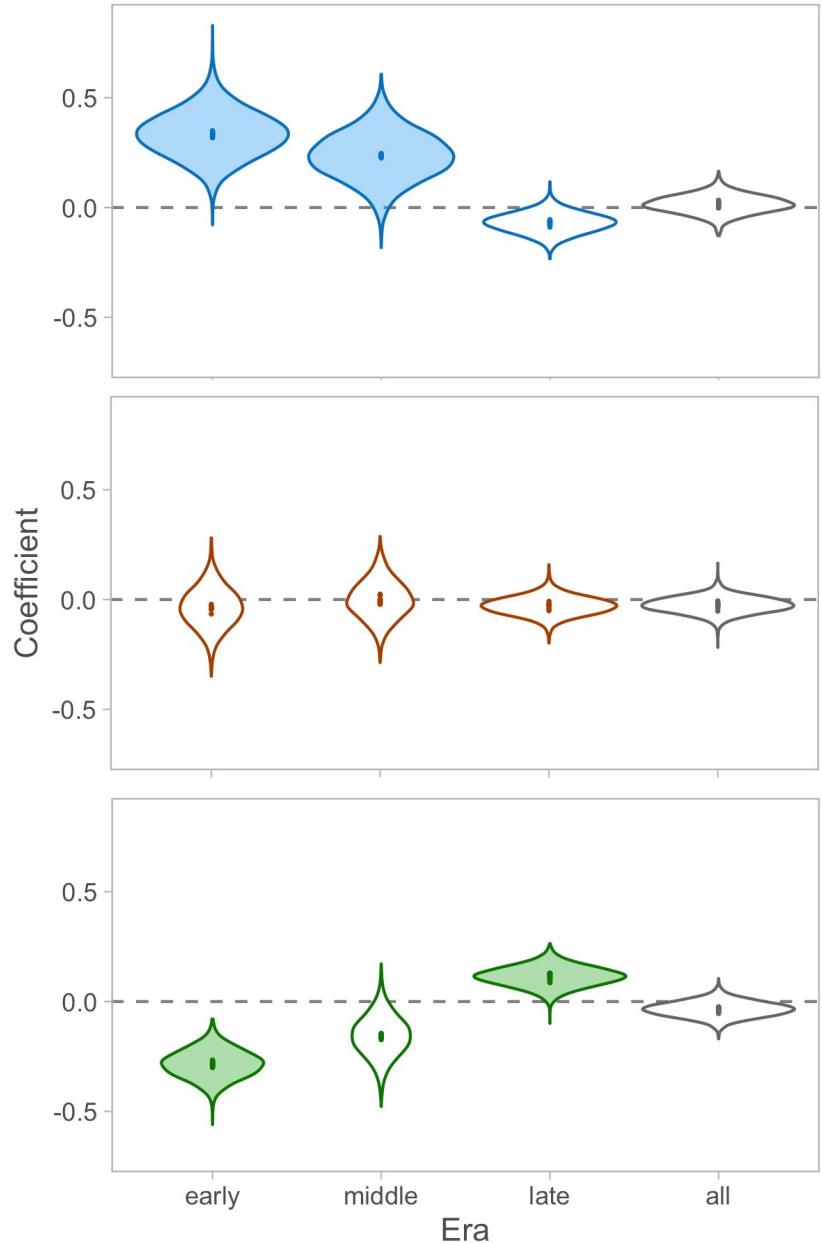
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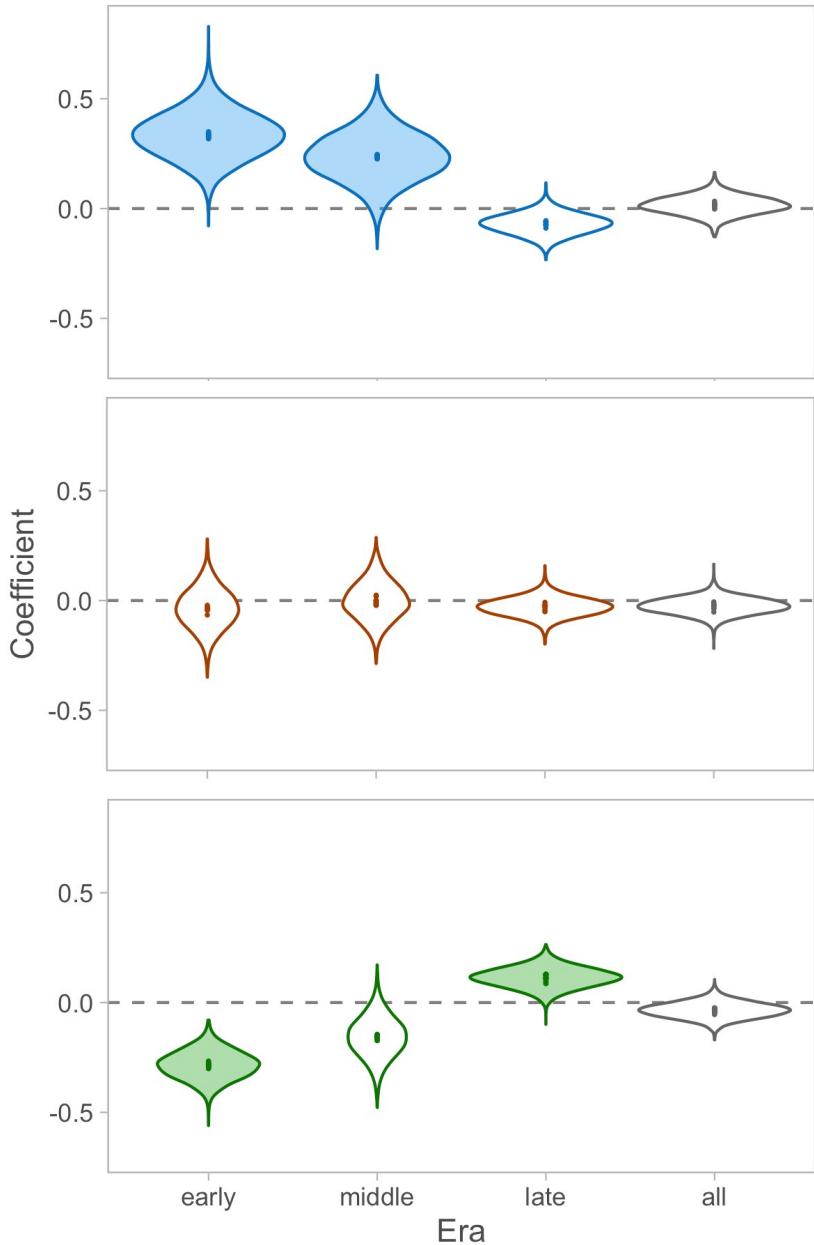
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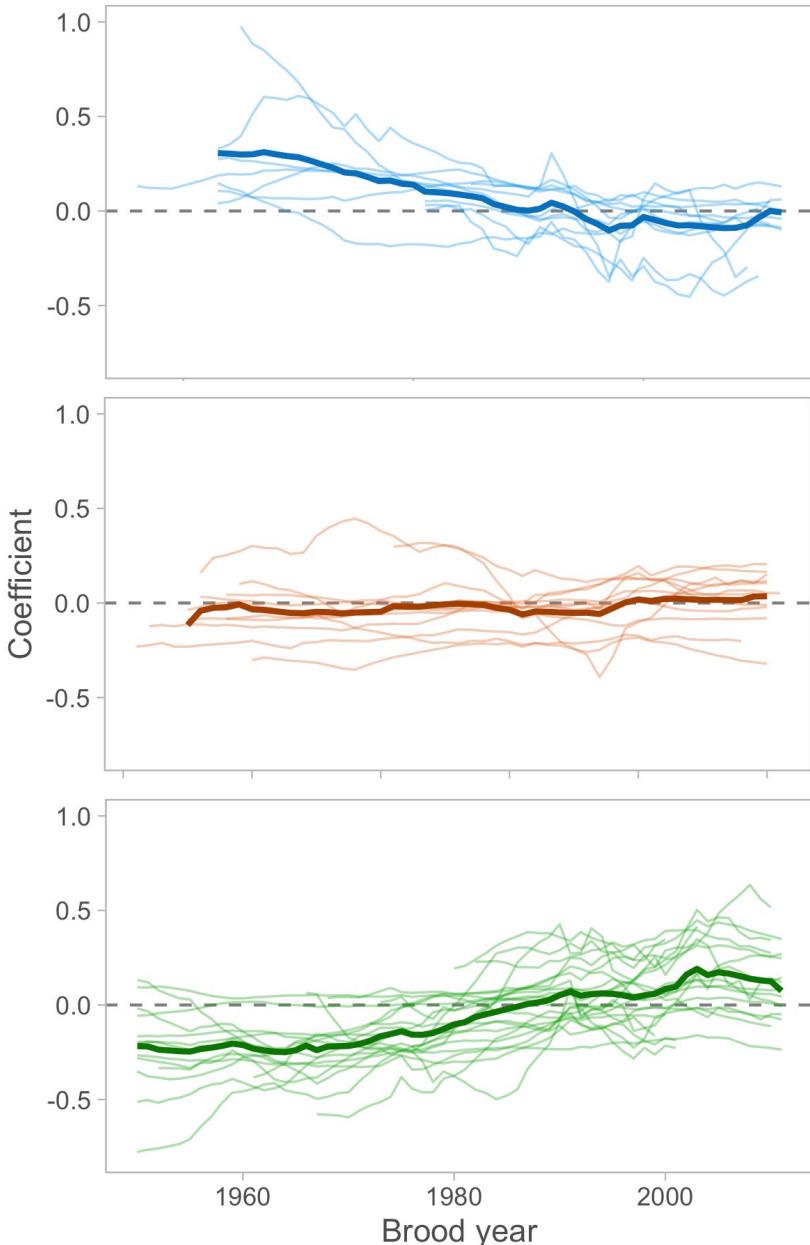
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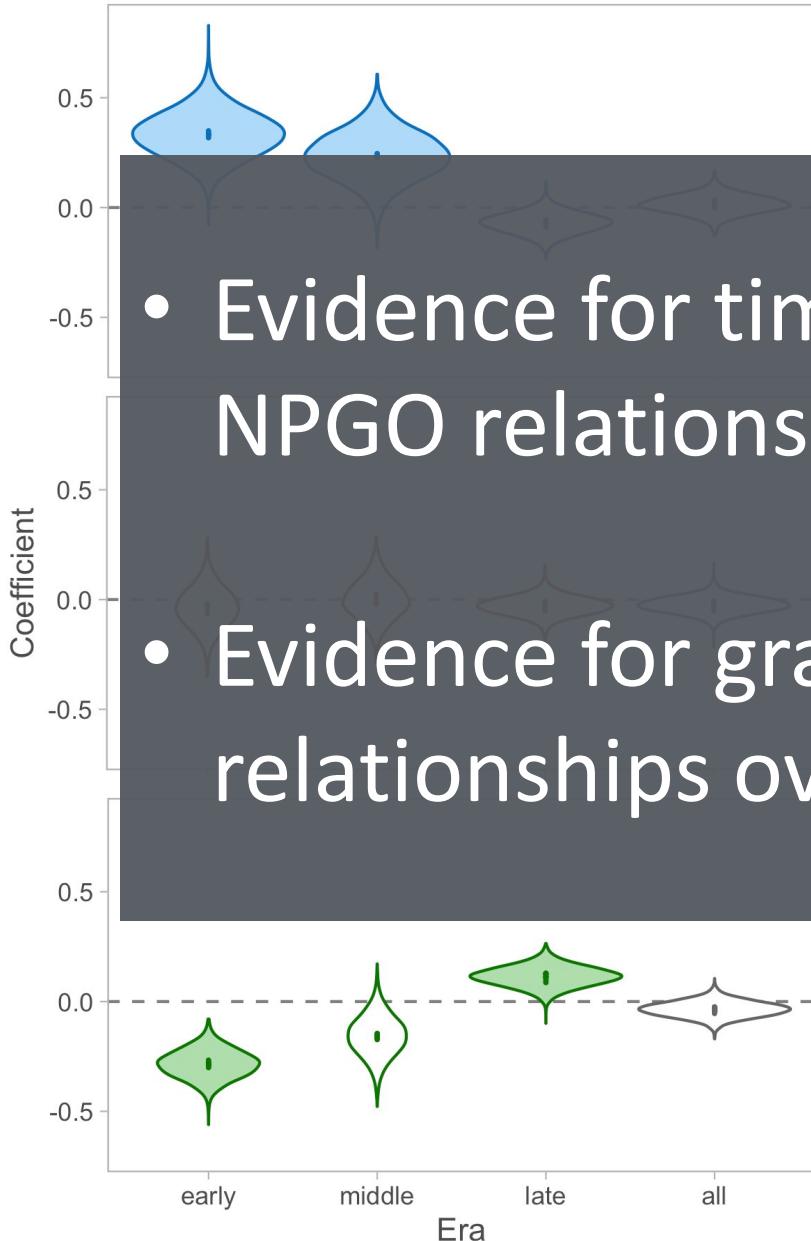
Era model



State-space model



Era model



- Evidence for time-varying salmon—NPGO relationships
- Evidence for gradual shifts in relationships over six decades

State-space model

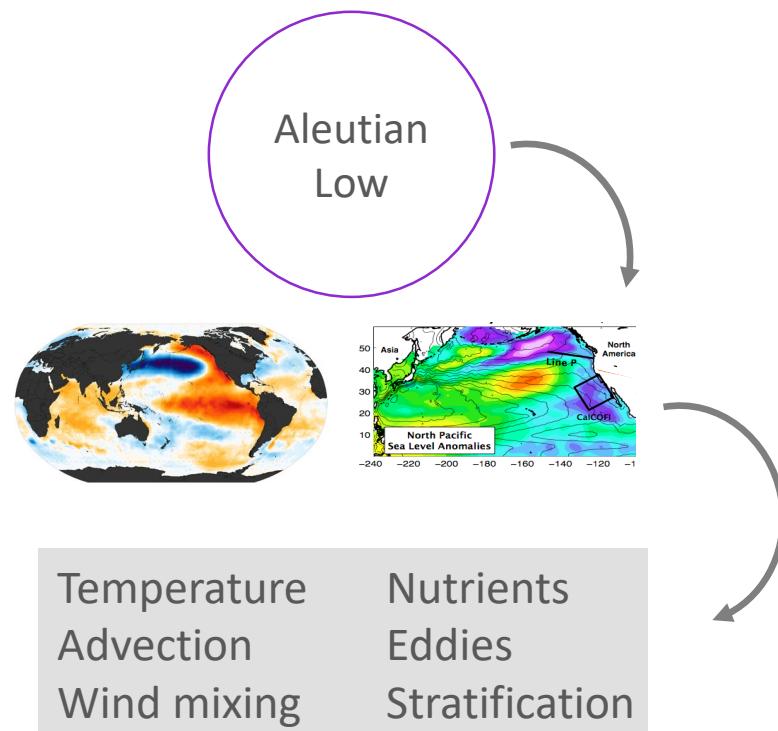


Mapping between basin scale ocean patterns and regional or local ocean processes is not temporally fixed

Aleutian Low variance declined in 1980's

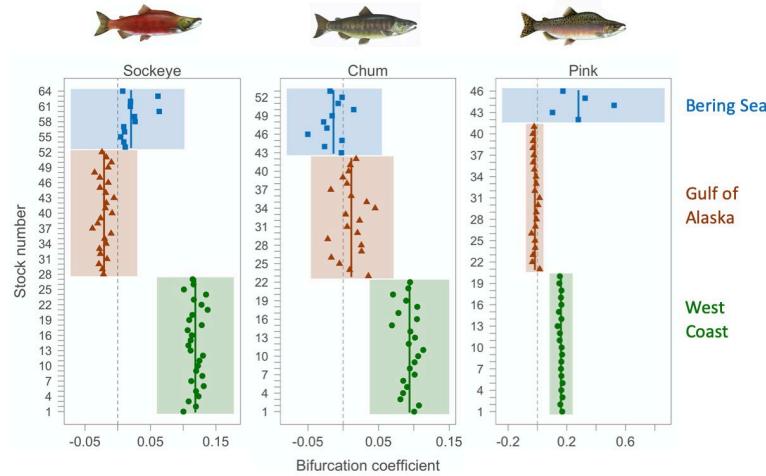
Relative importance of PDO and NPGO shifted in 1980's

Regional-scale ocean processes indexed by PDO and NPGO shifted over time



Horizontal ocean transport impacts salmon productivity, but the effects vary across space and time.

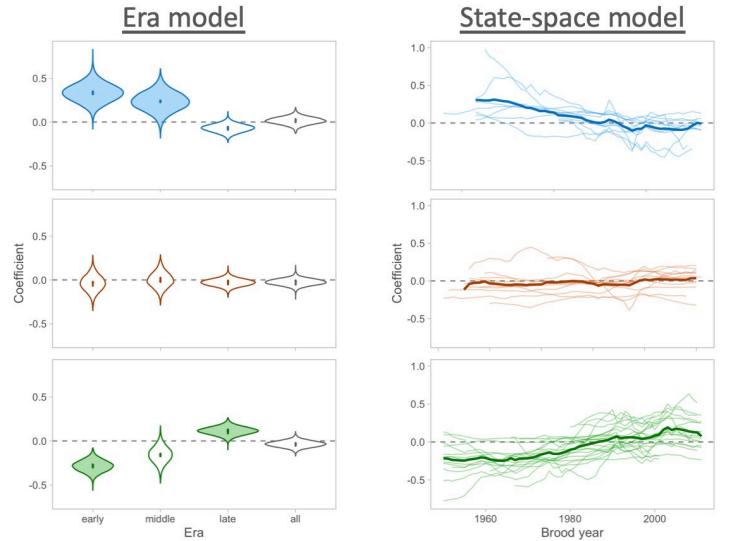
Bifurcation



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Intensity (NPGO)



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bifurcation-index

Code to calculate bifurcation index presented in Malick et al. (2017)

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<https://github.com/michaelmalick/bifurcation-index>

