

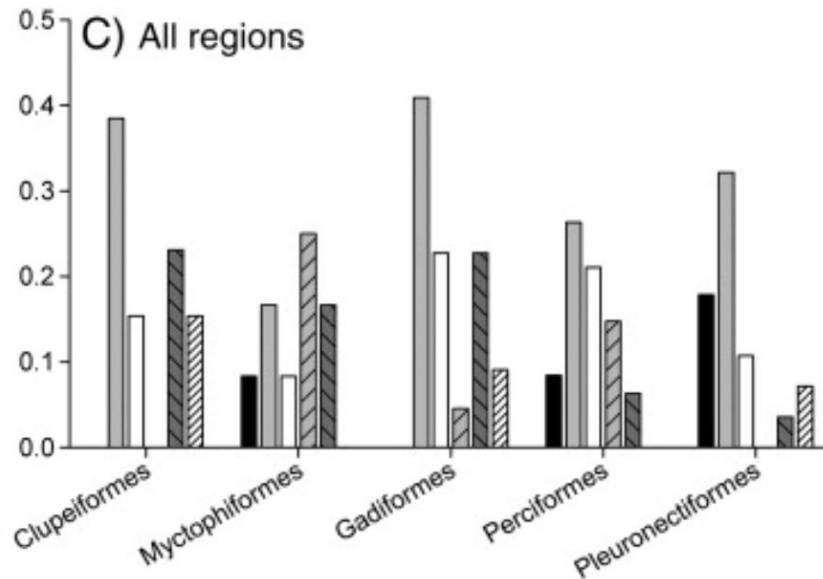
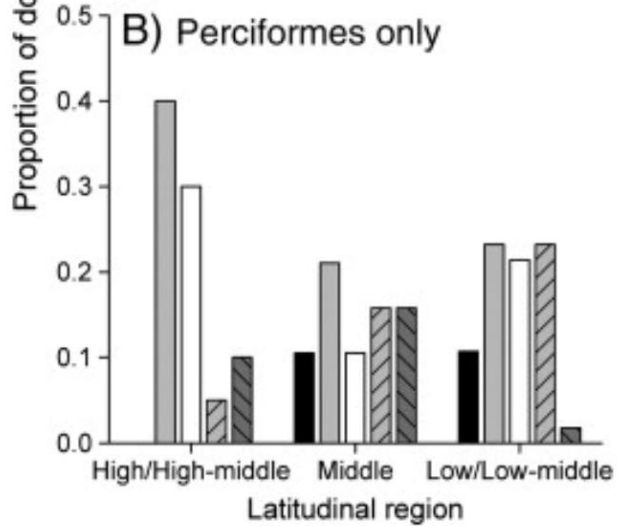
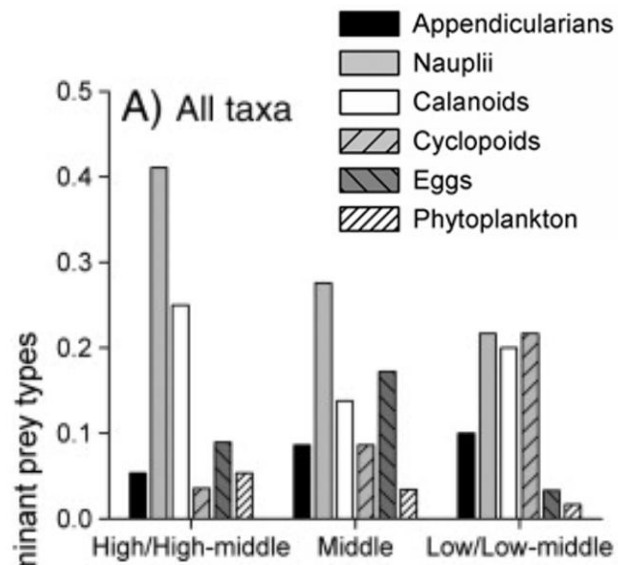


Joel Kyle Llopiz
our friend and colleague
passed away on 19 January 2026 at the age of 48



- 2000 B.S. Marine Science - Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2007 La Paz, Mexico (1st CLIOTOP meeting – poster)
- 2008 PhD University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, Miami, FL
- 2010 Post-doc positions in Miami and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI)
- 2012 Joined WHOI staff and was a tenured scientist in 2023

- 2008-15 *CLIOTOP Early Life History working group lead*
- 2018-21 *CLIOTOP co-chair*



Early Life History and Fisheries Oceanography New Questions in a Changing World

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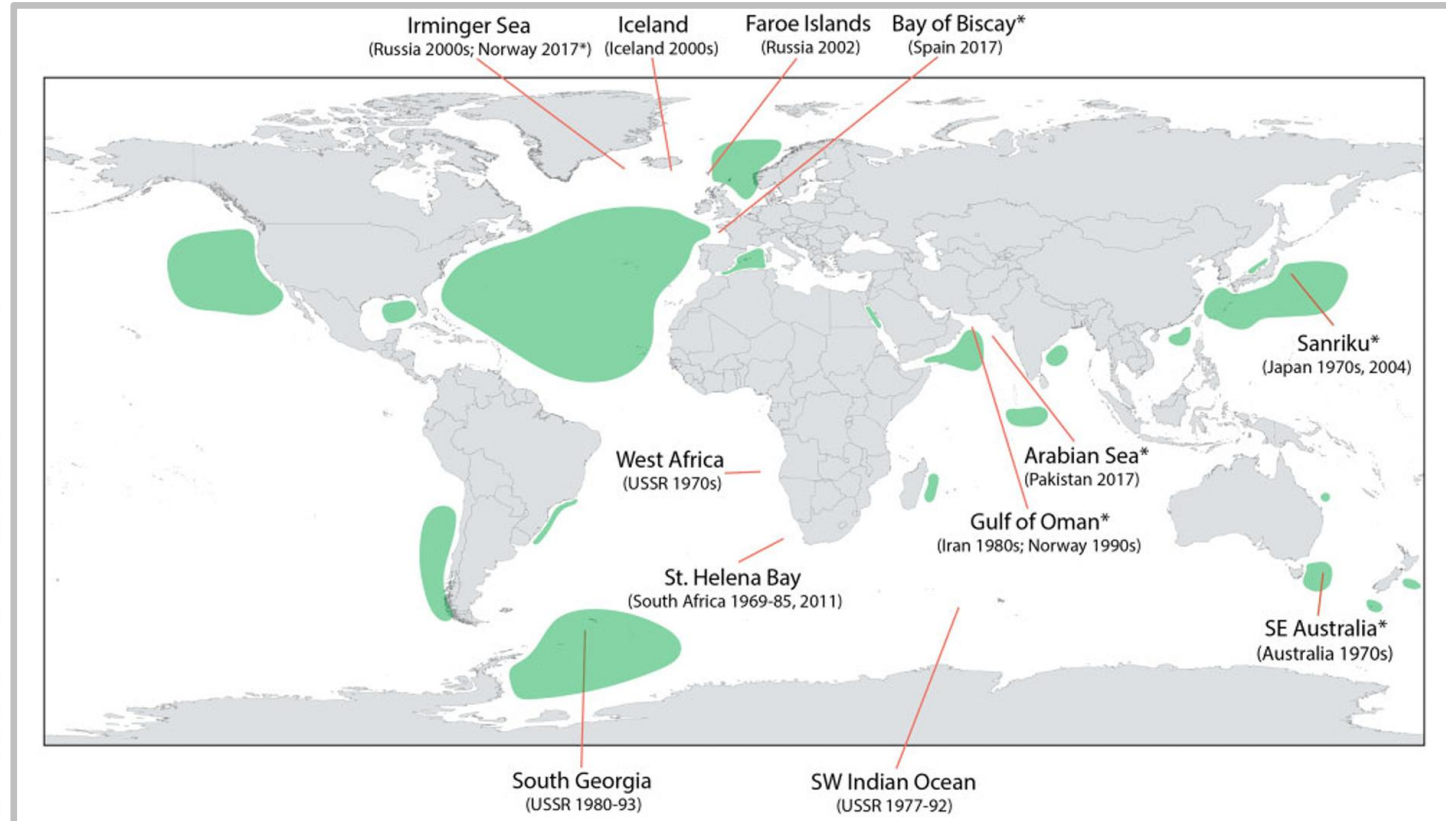
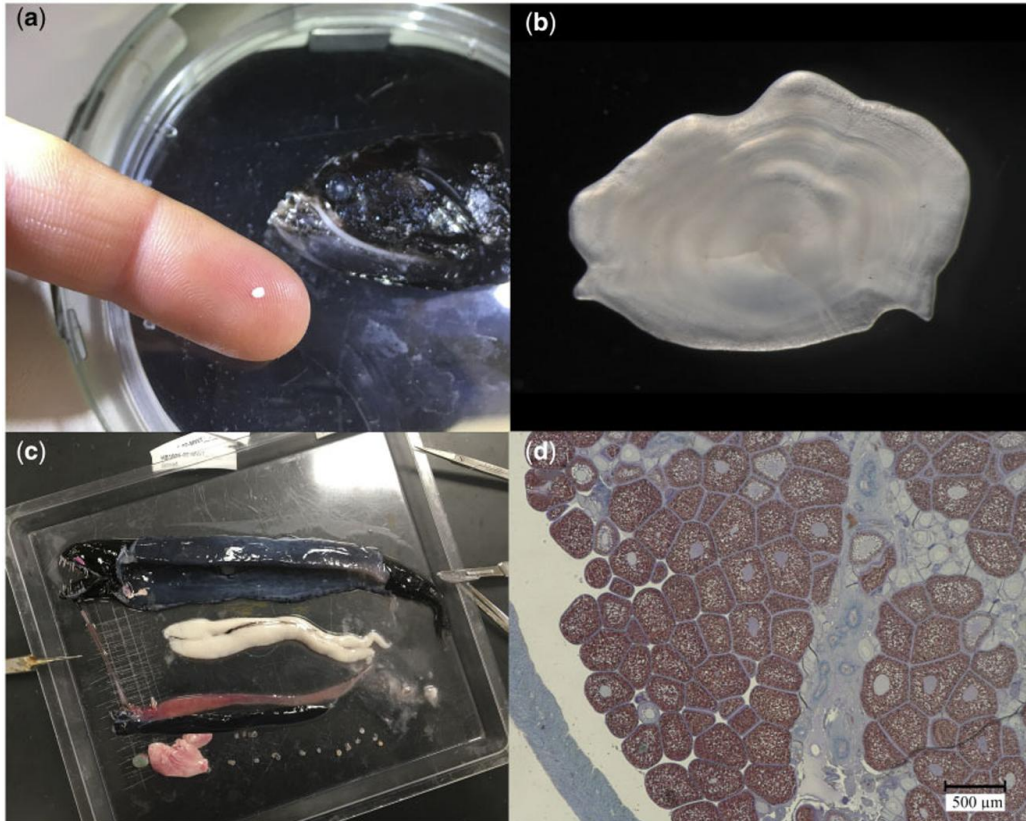
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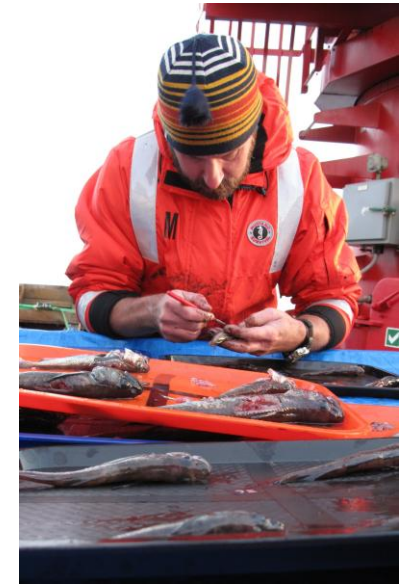
“He worked throughout his career to make oceanography a place where collaboration, cooperation and inclusion were inherent.... By virtue of his innate gentleness, Joel fostered a warm and welcoming community of scientists that allowed that diversity to flourish and supported greater scientific progress... “ (Marta Hauff)





“I had the great privilege to work at sea with Joel over 12 cruises in the past decade. I learned so much from him, not only about zooplankton and fish, but also about how research in the field can be made more welcoming for everyone. As one of our colleagues put it so well, Joel inspired the people around him to be better and do better”

[Heidi Sosik, WHOI](#)



“One of the hallmarks of Joel’s career is his sustained support, mentorship, and advancement of students (graduate, undergraduate, high school) and postdocs... I like this photo because it has Joel, his two students (Christina Hernandez - middle and Justin Suca - right), a recent postdoc (Mike Lowe), and an early career technician who later went on to receive a MS degree and now works at WHOI (Jennifer Johnson - left). The team epitomizes Joels’ commitment to mentoring and early career researchers.”

Carin Ashjian, WHOI



USCGC Healy
Chuckchi Sea 2011



Joel is survived by his Wife (Marta Hauff) and his 10-year-old son (Silas) and his sweet old dog (Penny).

Joel K. Llopiz
(22 September 1977 – 19 January 2026)