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## Climate and ecosystem linkages explain widespread declines in North American Atlantic salmon populations

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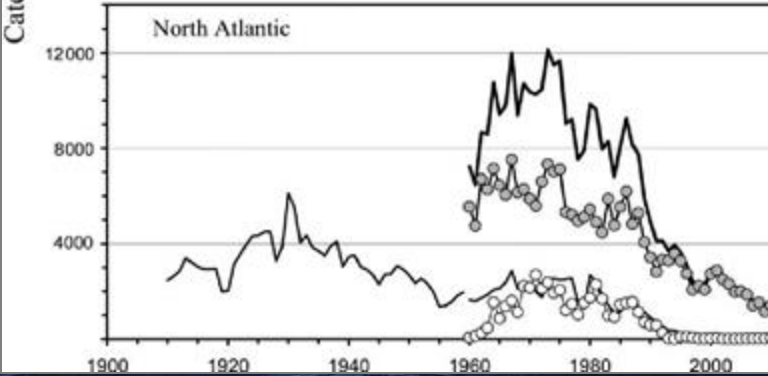
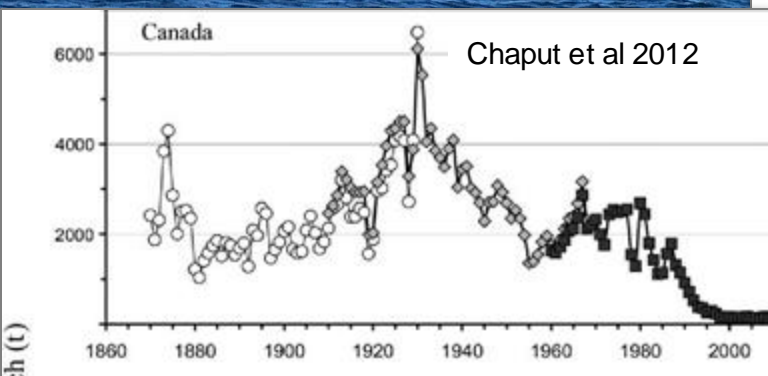
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## RAPID COMMUNICATION / COMMUNICATION RAPIDE

## A widespread decrease in productivity of sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) populations in western North America

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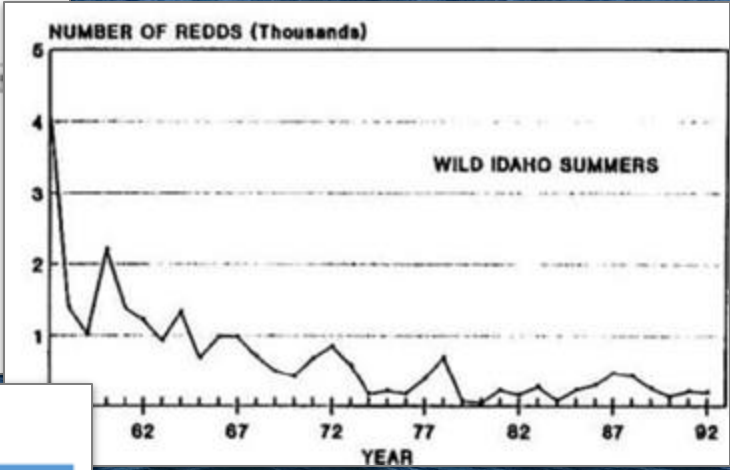
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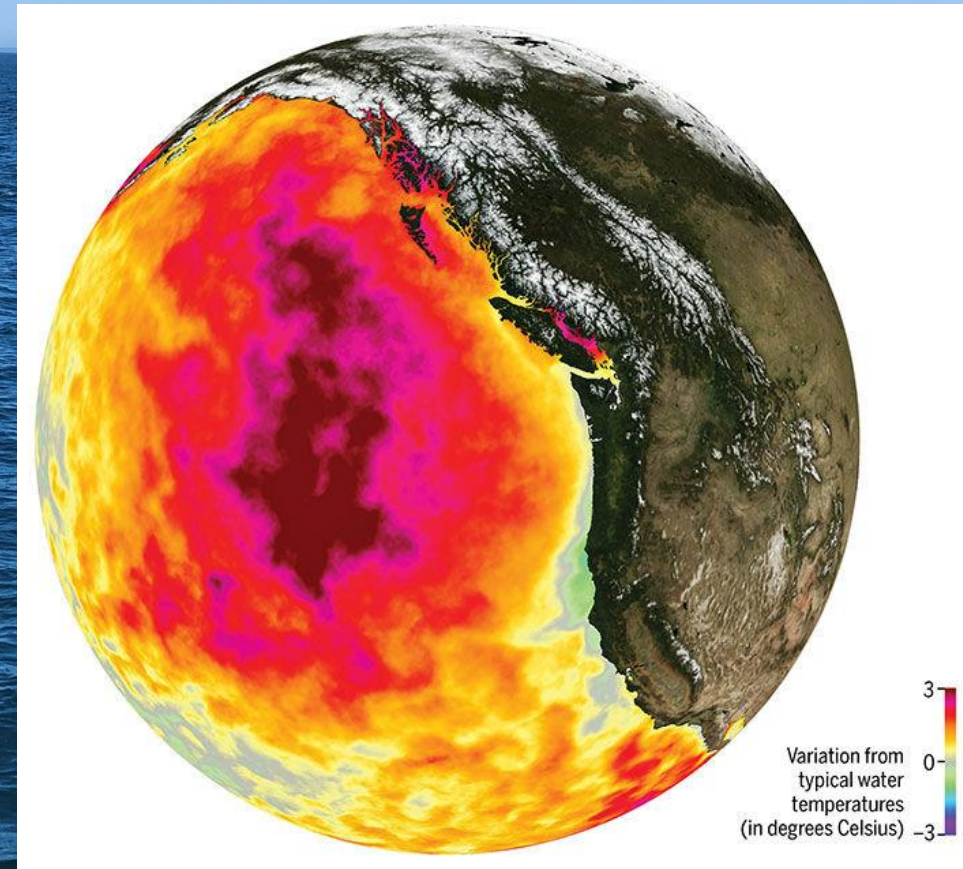
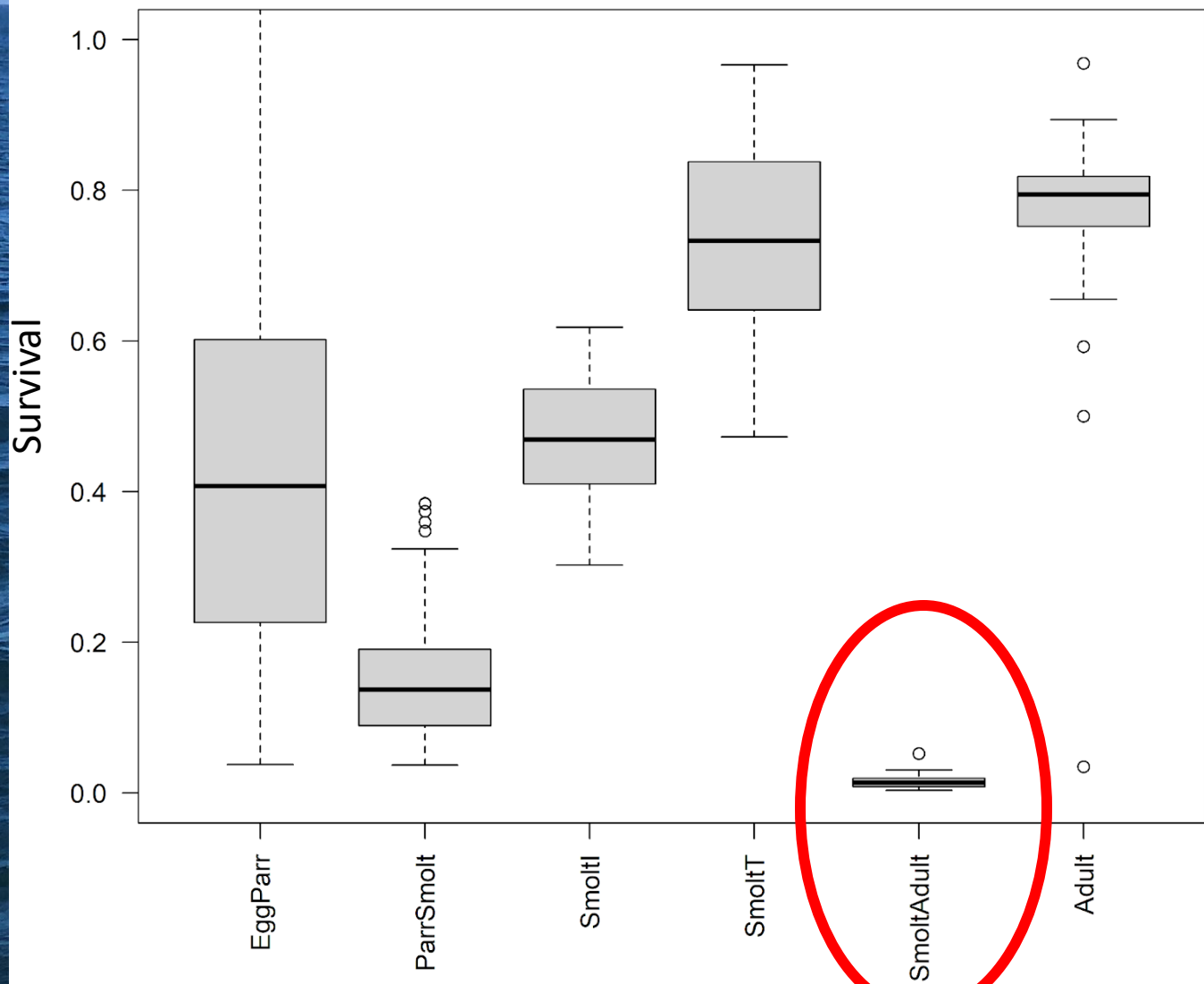
## Recent declines in salmon body size impact ecosystems and fisheries

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## Short term salmon trends (since “the blob”)

Species	Bering Sea/Yukon	Central & SE Alaska	Fraser River-Puget Sound	Columbia River	Oregon & California
Sockeye	↘	↘	↘	↘	
Pink	↘ (Even) ↗ (Odd)	↘	↘		
Chum	↘	↘	↘		
Coho	↘	↘	↘		
Chinook	↘	↘	↘	↘ (Fall) ↘ (Spring)	↘
Steelhead		↘	↘	↘	↘





Source: NOAA Fisheries

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Top-down modeling and bottom-up dynamics: Linking a fisheries-based ecosystem model with climate hypotheses in the Northern California Current

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Interannual variability in the Northern California Current food web structure: Changes in energy flow pathways and the role of forage fish, euphausiids, and jellyfish

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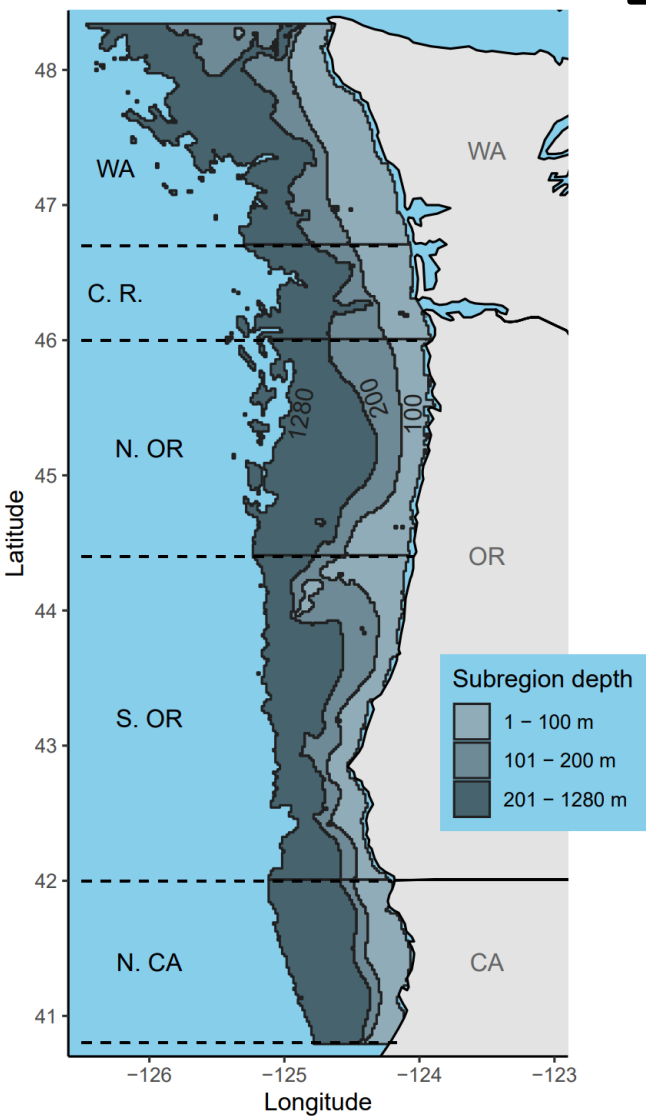
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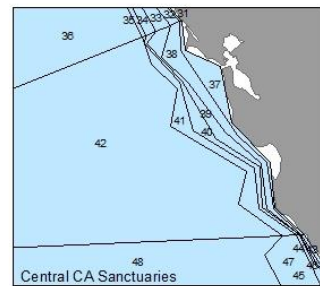
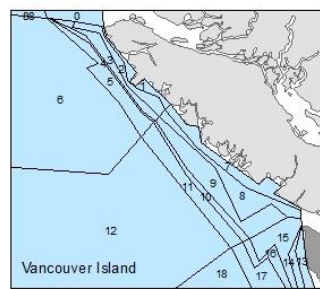
Developing a high taxonomic resolution food web model to assess the functional role of forage fish in the California Current ecosystem

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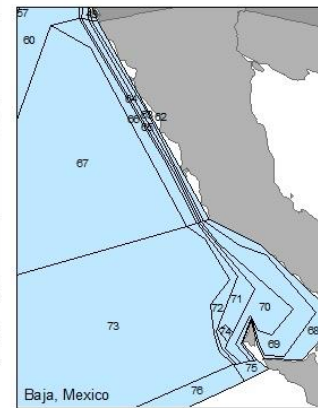
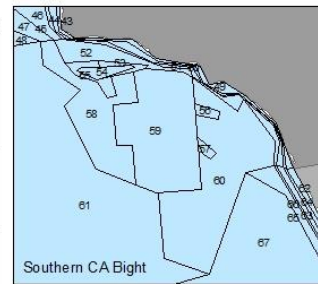
# Data-hungry ecosystem models



EcoTran



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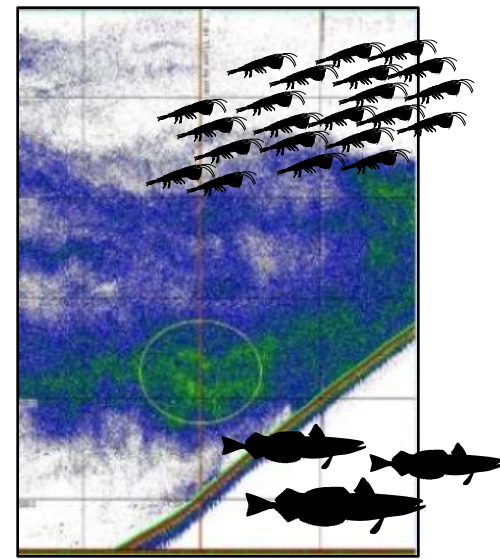


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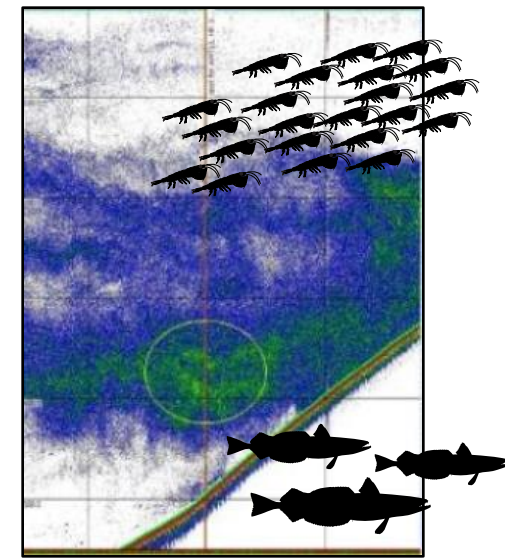
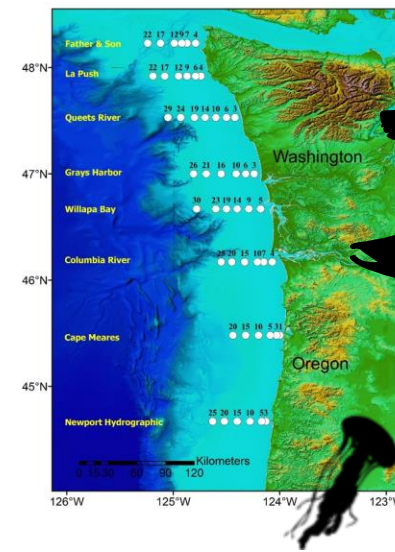
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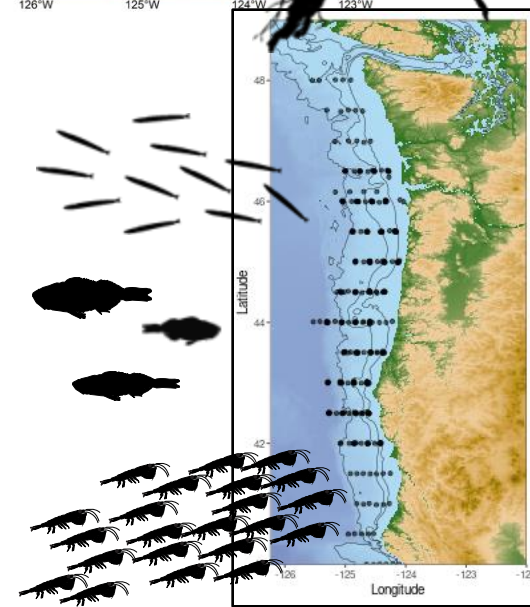
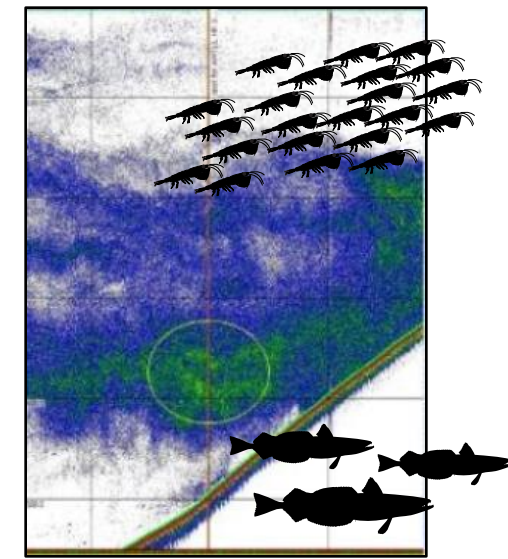
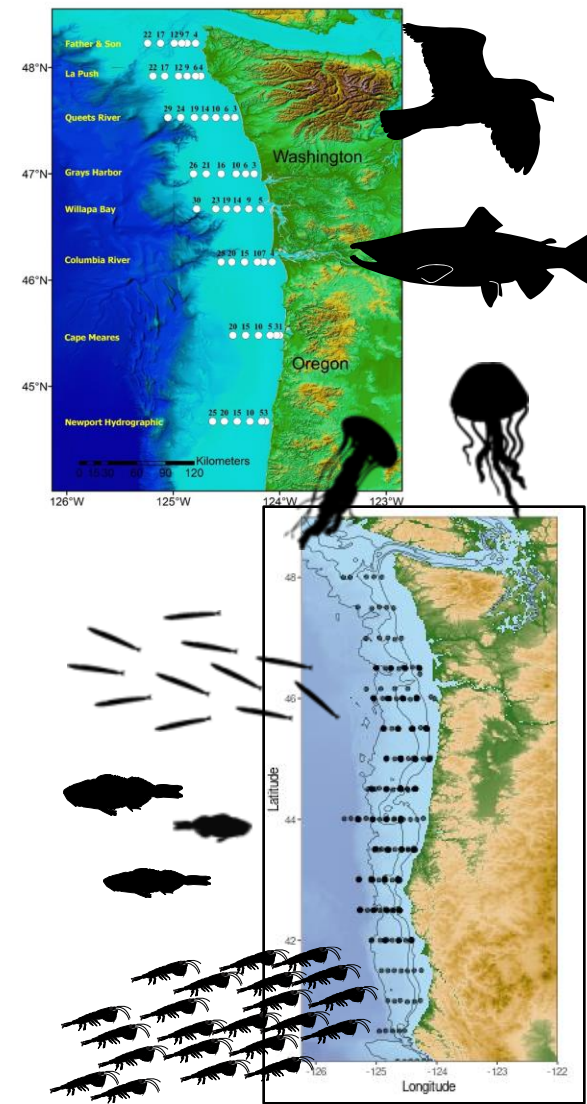
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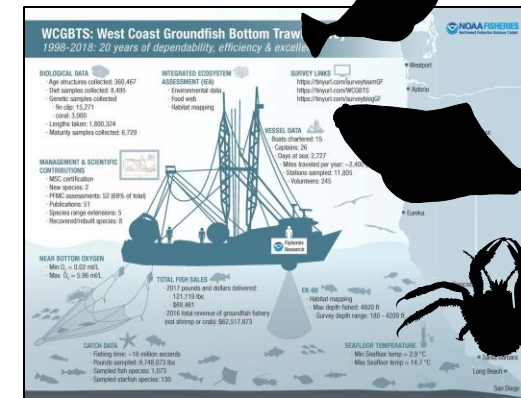
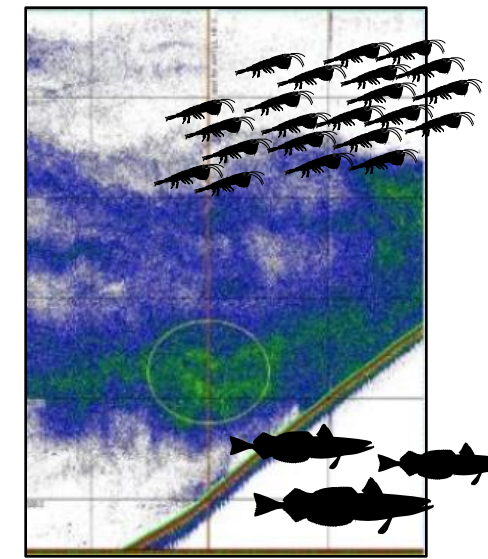
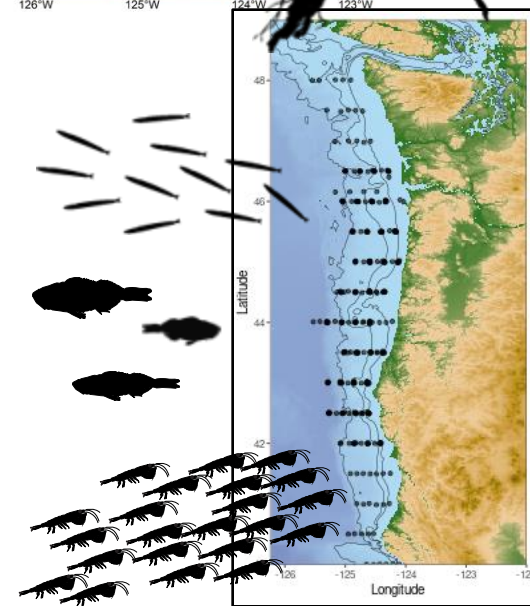
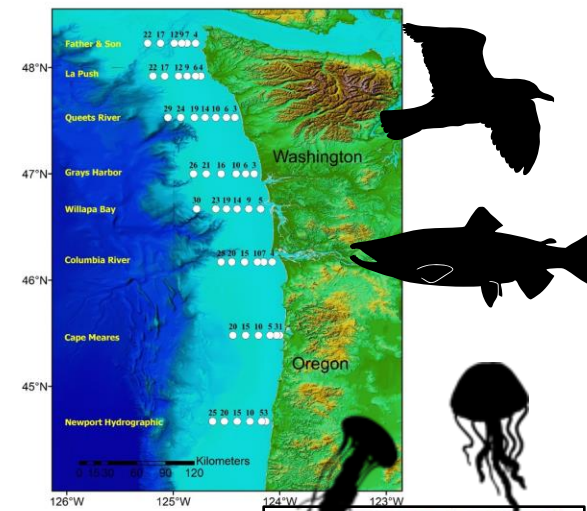
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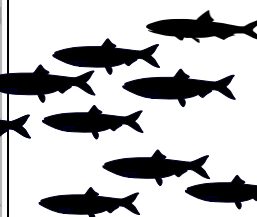
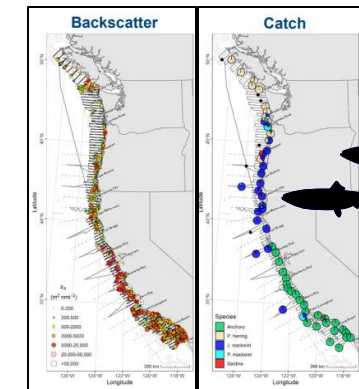
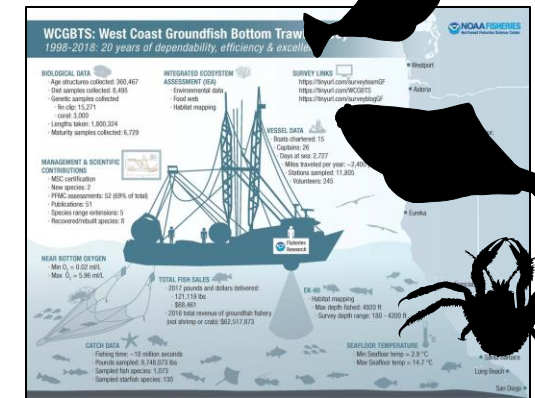
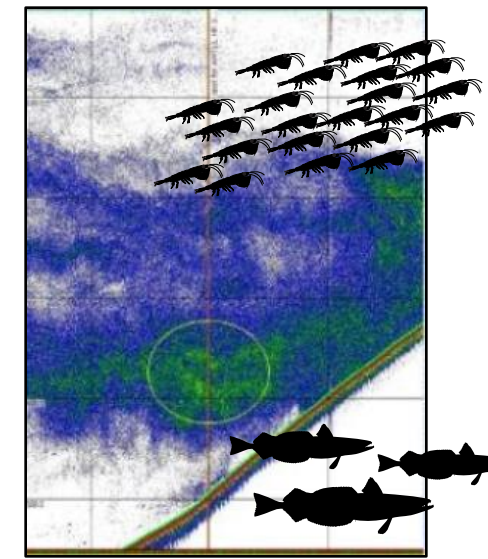
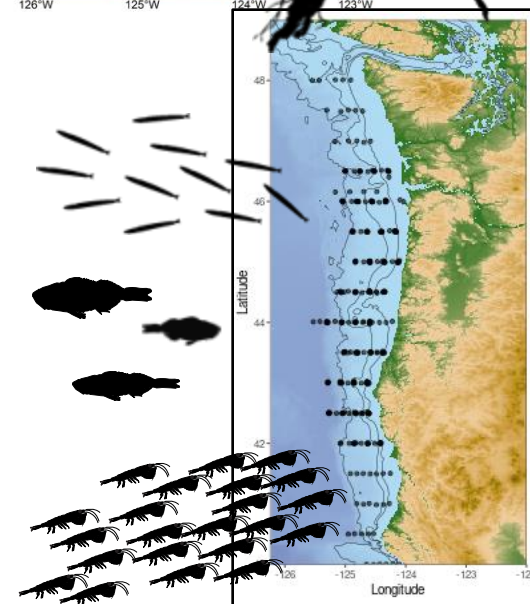
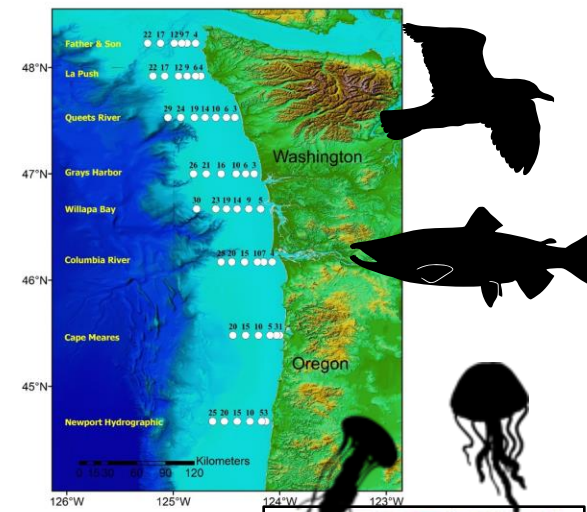
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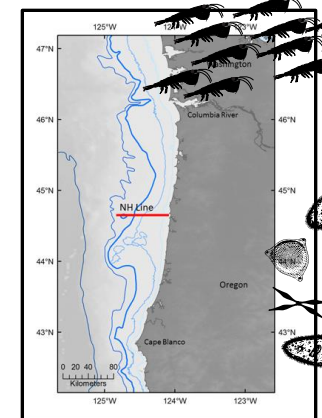
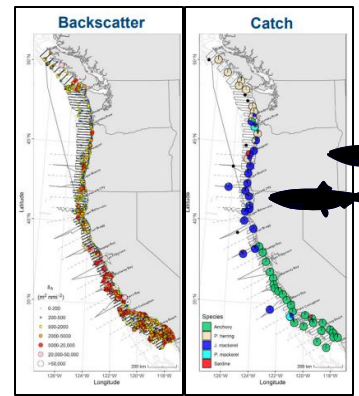
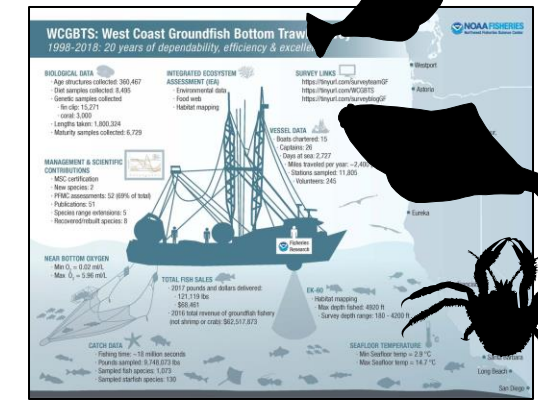
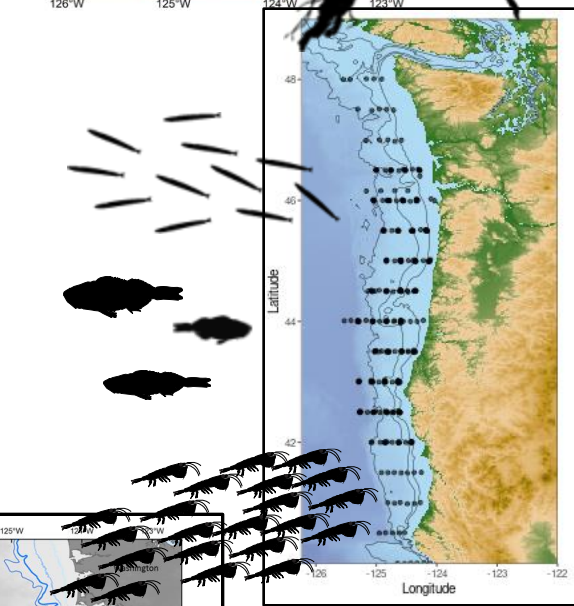
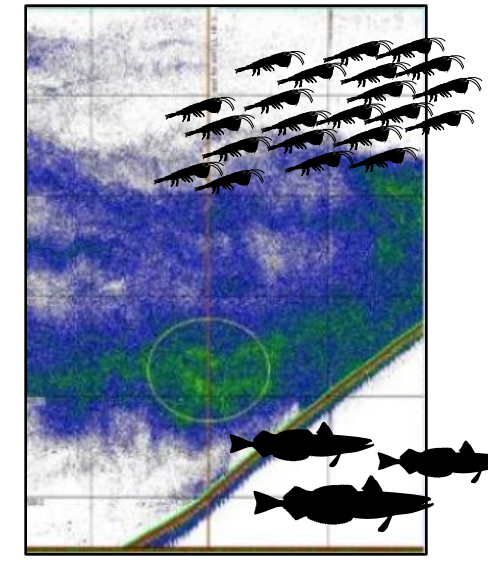
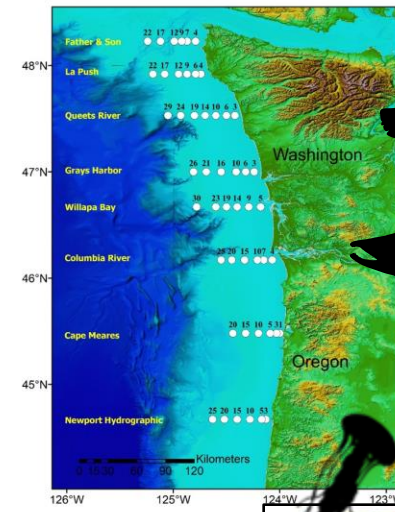
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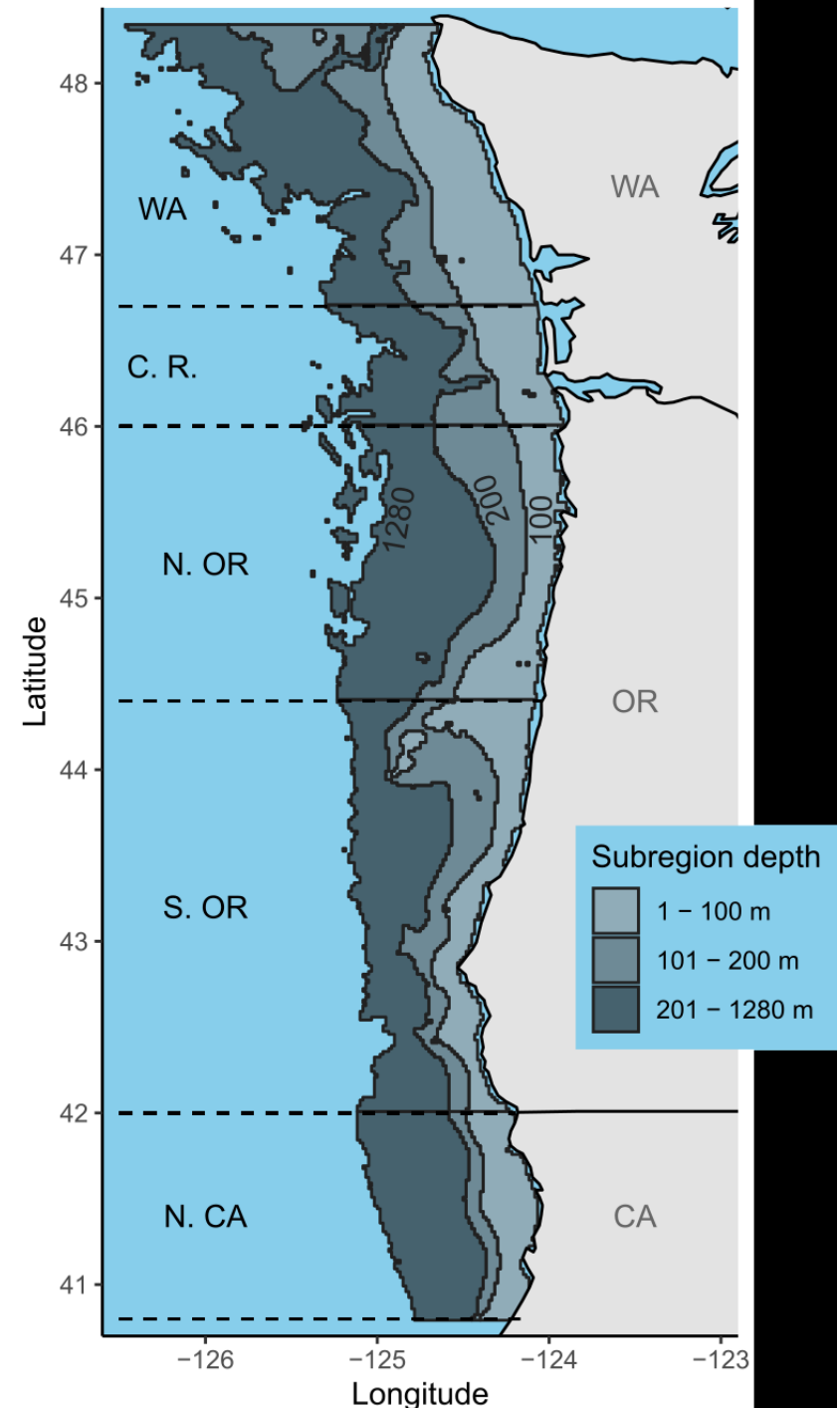
# The NCC Model Domain

## Five latitudinal zones:

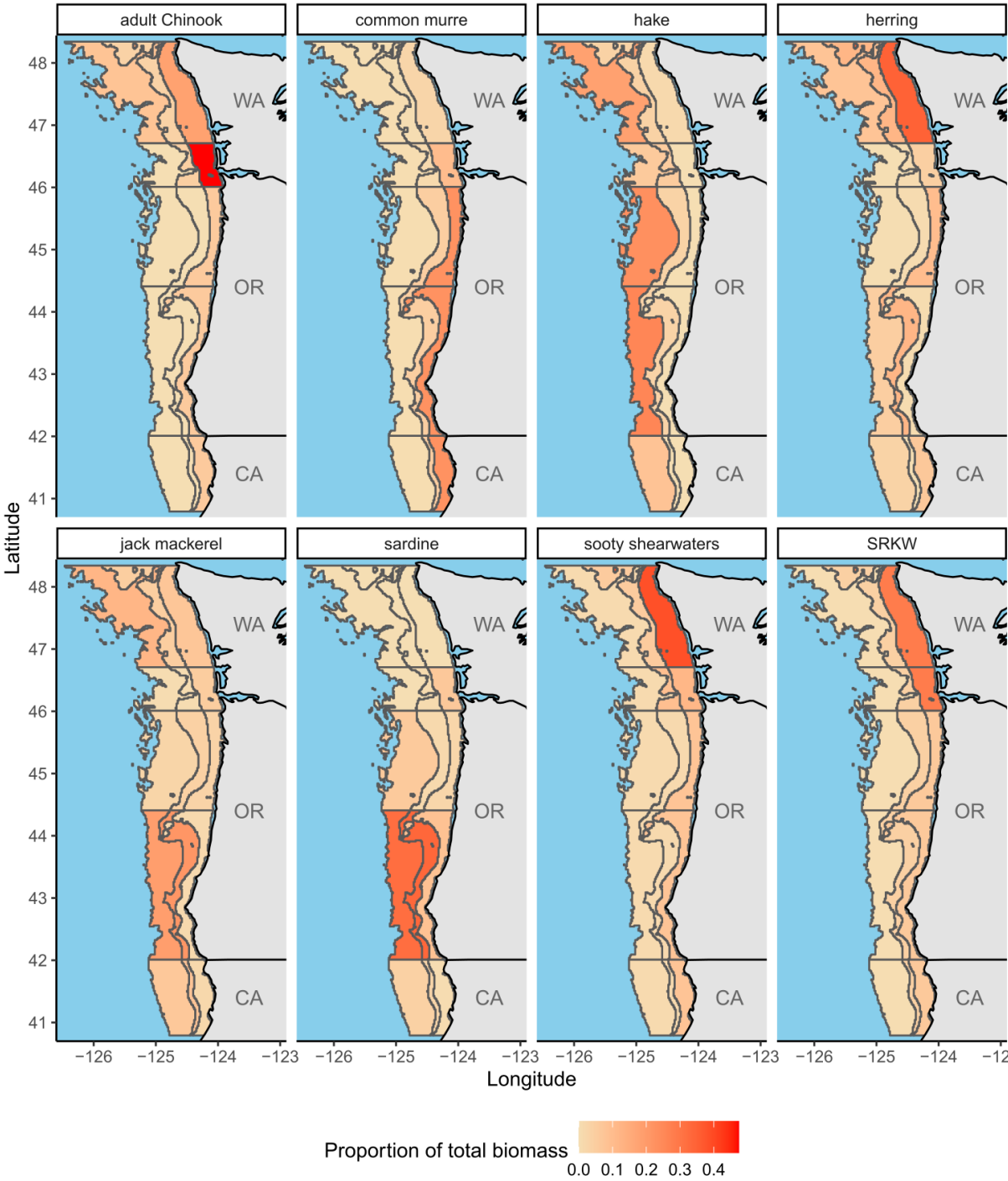
1. Washington coast:  $46.7\text{--}48.34^\circ\text{ N}$
2. Columbia River zone:  $46\text{--}46.7^\circ\text{ N}$
3. northern Oregon:  $44.4\text{--}46^\circ\text{ N}$
4. southern Oregon:  $42\text{--}44.4^\circ\text{ N}$
5. northern California:  $40.8\text{--}42^\circ\text{ N}$

## Three bathymetric zones:

1. inner shelf:  $1\text{--}100\text{ m}$
2. mid shelf:  $101\text{--}200\text{ m}$
3. outer shelf:  $201\text{--}1280\text{ m}$



Sub-regional food webs were defined by proportion of whole-domain predation demands of each functional group

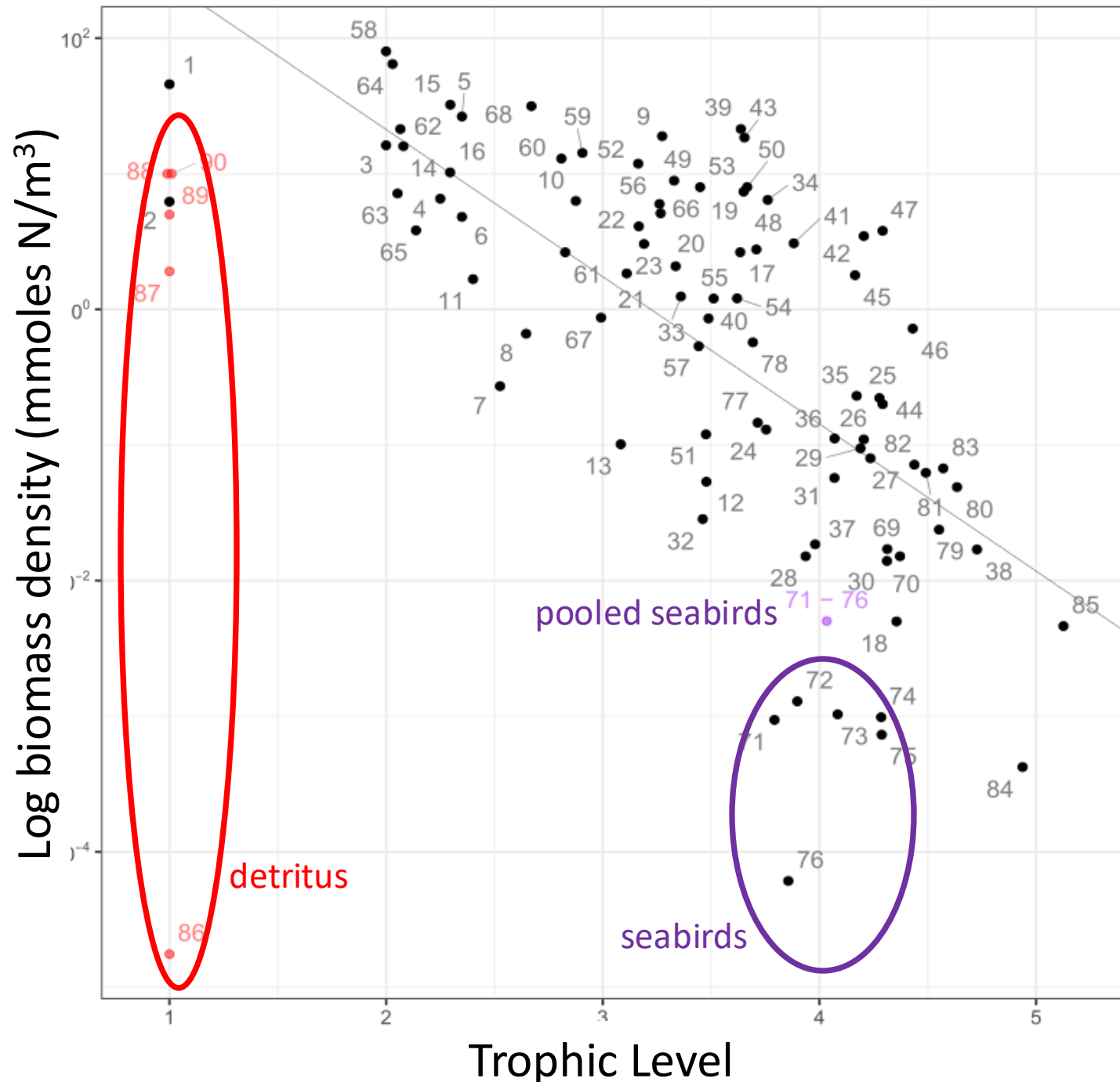


EcoTran model was consistent with ecological energetics, as suggested by the “PREBAL” criteria of Link

- Biomass densities span 6 orders of magnitude (within 5–7 suggested range)
- slope on the log scale is about an 8.5% change at each trophic level (within the 5–10% suggested range)

#### PREBAL

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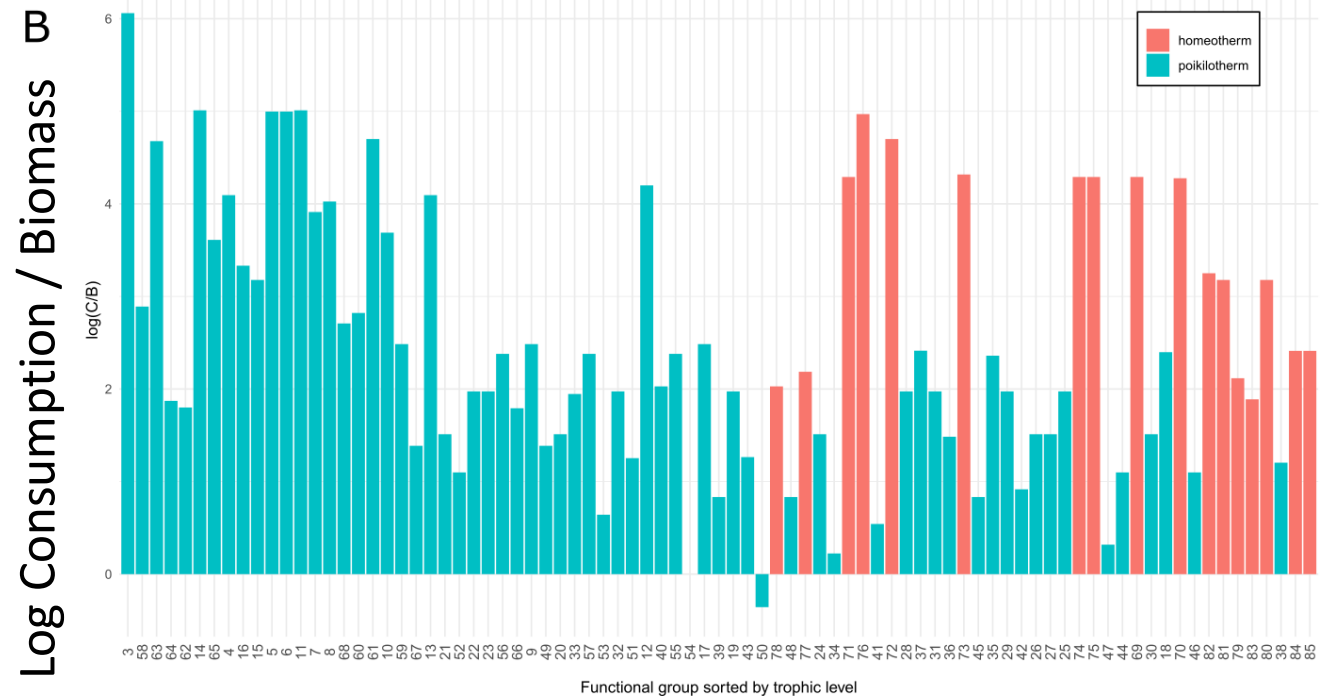
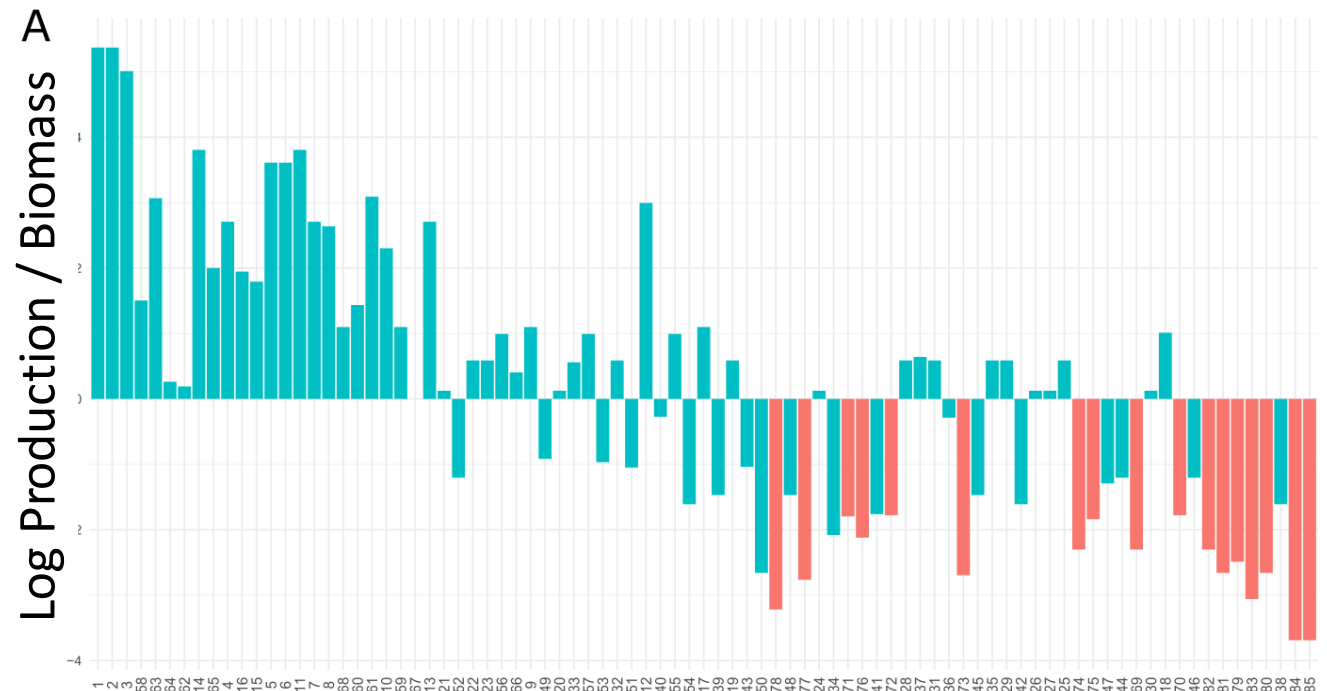




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- Weight-specific **Production & Consumption** rates should decrease as trophic level (TL) increases

- **homeotherms** should have lower P/B and higher C/B than other groups



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# EcoTran

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**consumers**

$Q_{pc}$	$P_1$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$F_1$
$P_1$	0	180	20	0
$C_1$	0	20	35	5
$C_2$	0	0	8	2
$F_1$	0	0	0	0

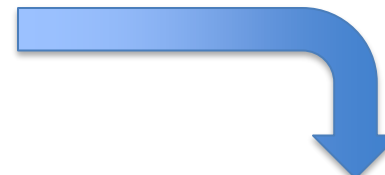
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***ECOPATH “solution”***

**Consumption Matrix:**

***Who eats how much of what?***




**EcoTran Trophic Matrix:**

***What is the fate of production?***

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$C_2$	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3
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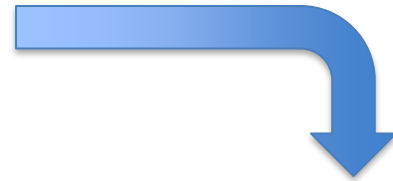
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	$C_1$	0.5	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.3	
	$C_2$	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	
	$F_1$	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	
	$M0$	0.3	0.2	0.4	0	0	0	
	<i>feces</i>	0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0	0	


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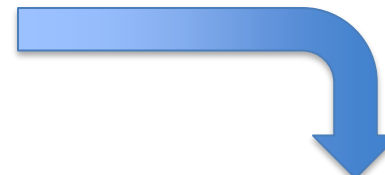
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$P_1$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9
$C_1$	0.5	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0
$C_2$	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0
$F_1$	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0
$MO$	0.3	0.2	0.4	0	0	0	0
<i>feces</i>	0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0	0	0
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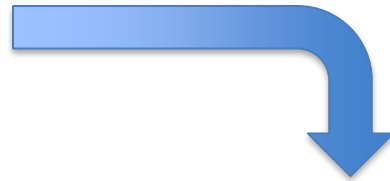
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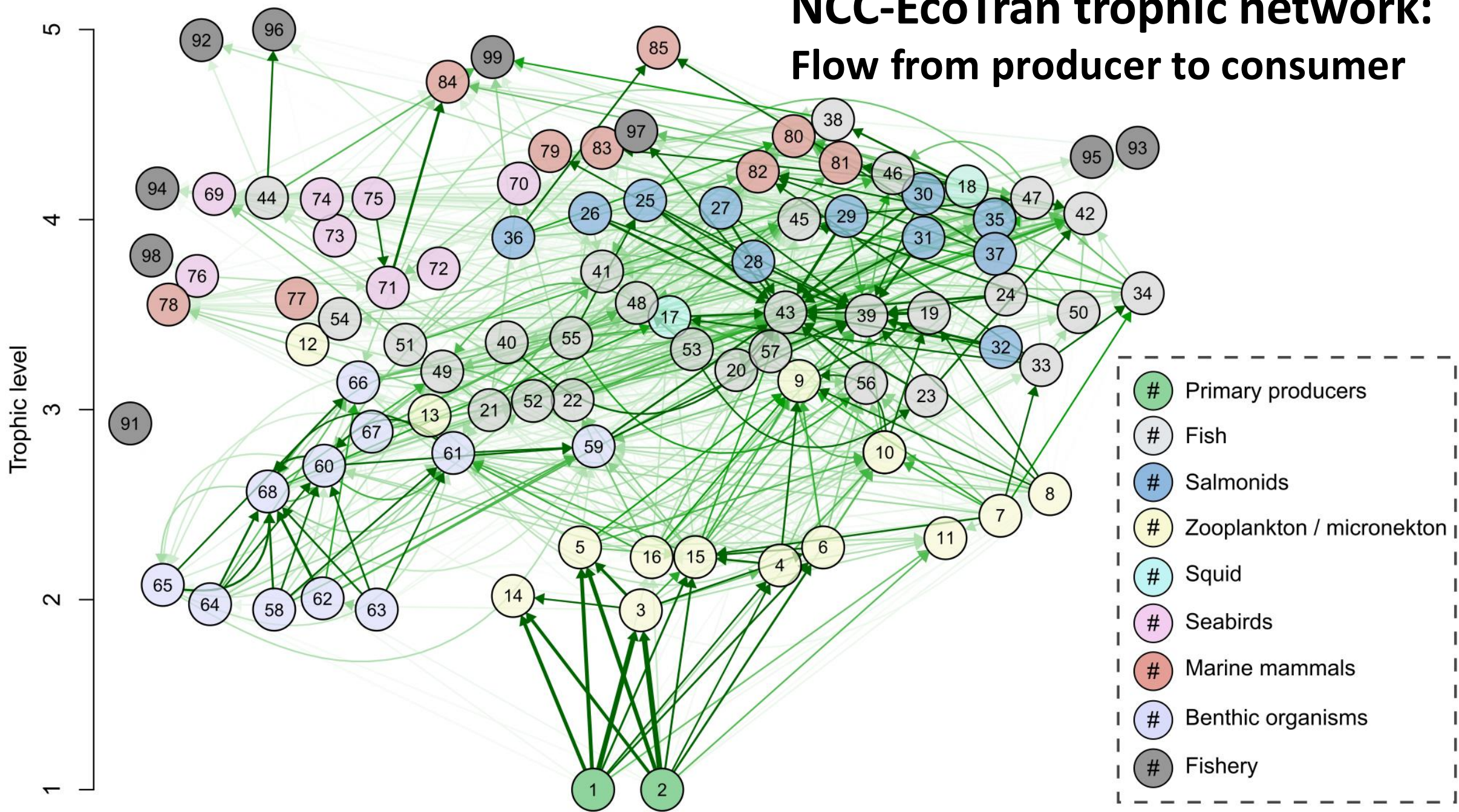


### EcoTran Trophic Matrix:

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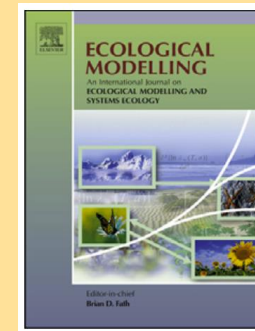
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consumers	$NO_3$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
	$P_1$	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9
	$C_1$	0	0.5	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0
	$C_2$	0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0
	$F_1$	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0
	$MO$	0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0	0	0	0
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	$NH_4$	0	0	0.1	0.2	0	0.4	0.4	0

# NCC-EcoTran trophic network: Flow from producer to consumer



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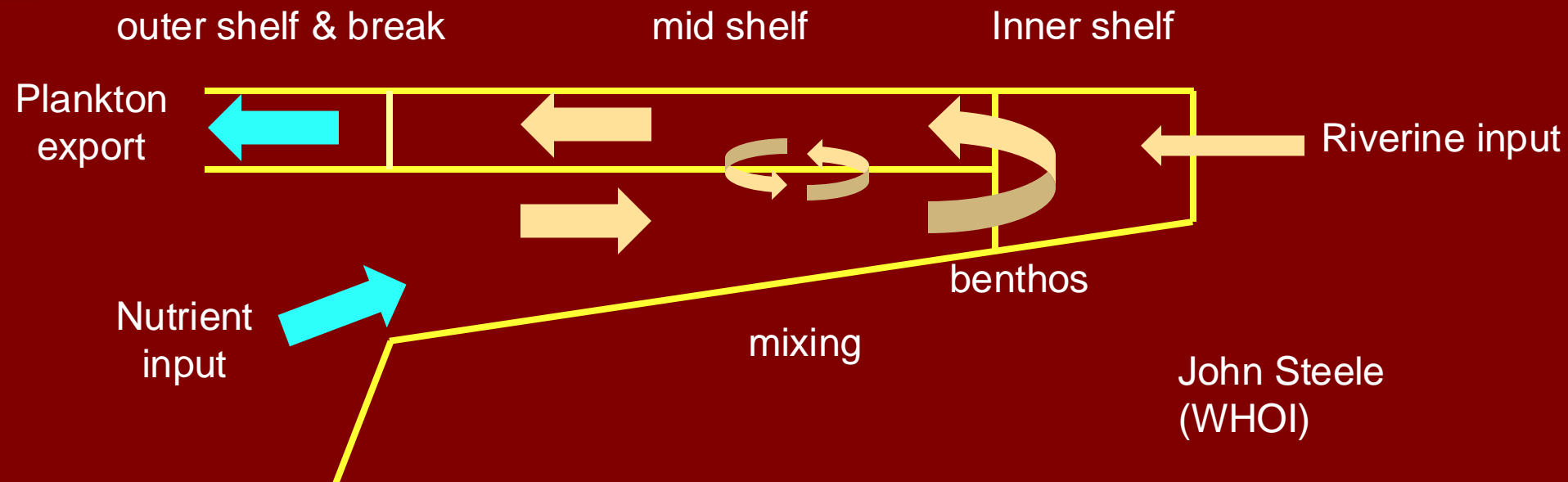
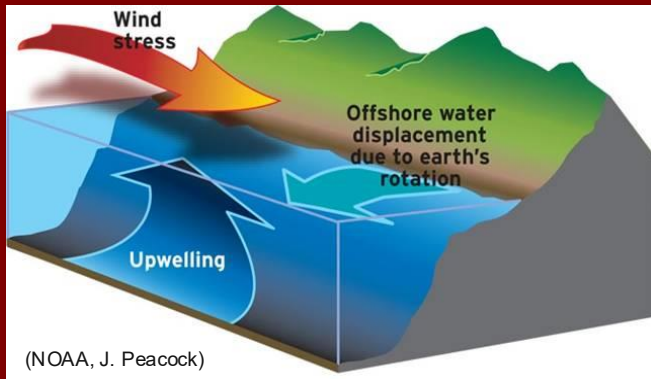
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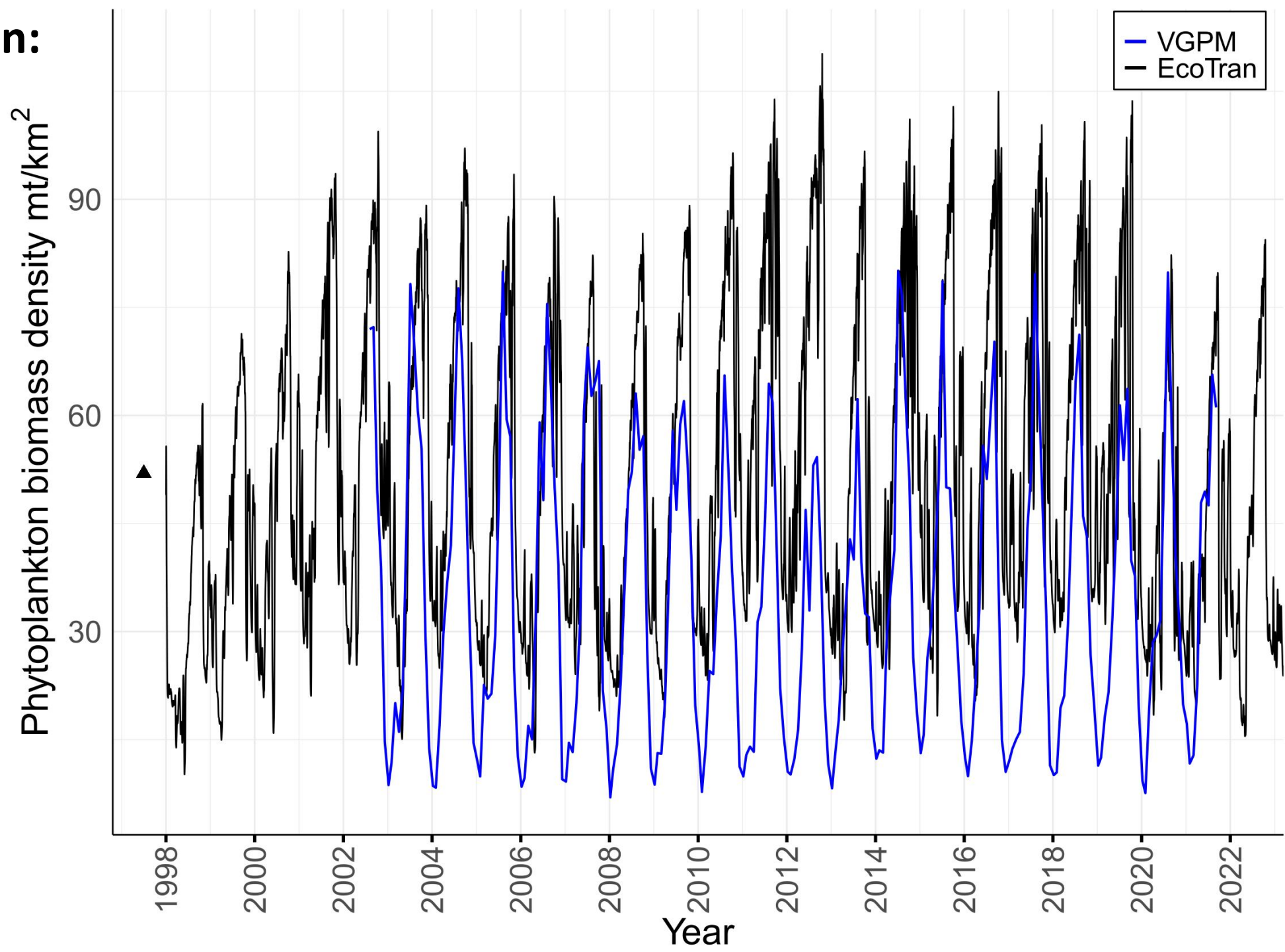
## The main physical constraints on trophic fluxes:

- rate of **input** of inorganic nutrients
- **export** of planktonic production out of the system



# Primary production: NCC-EcoTran vs satellite-derived vertically generalized production model (VGPM)

**VGPM**  
Behrenfeld & Falkowski.  
Photosynthetic rates  
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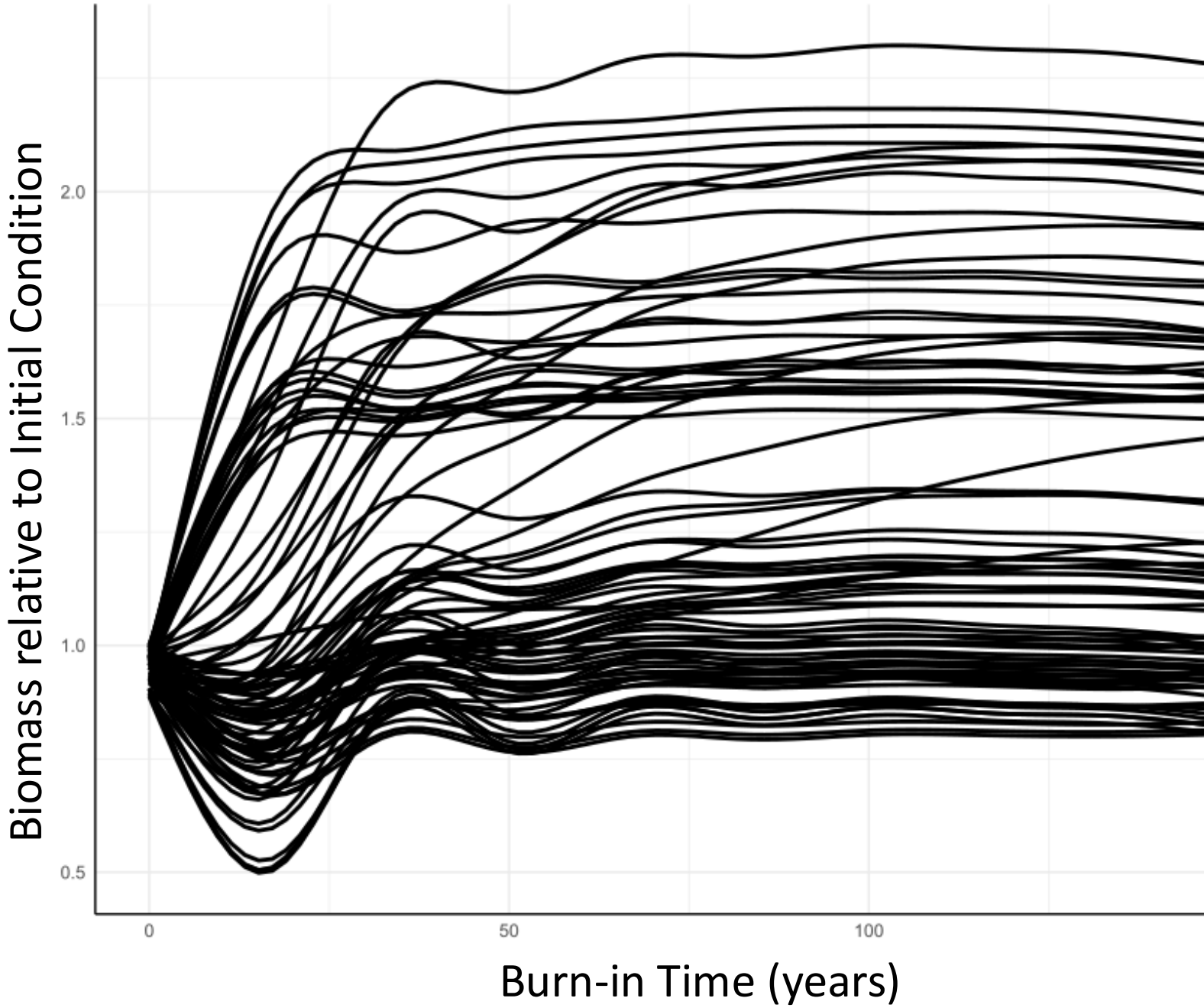


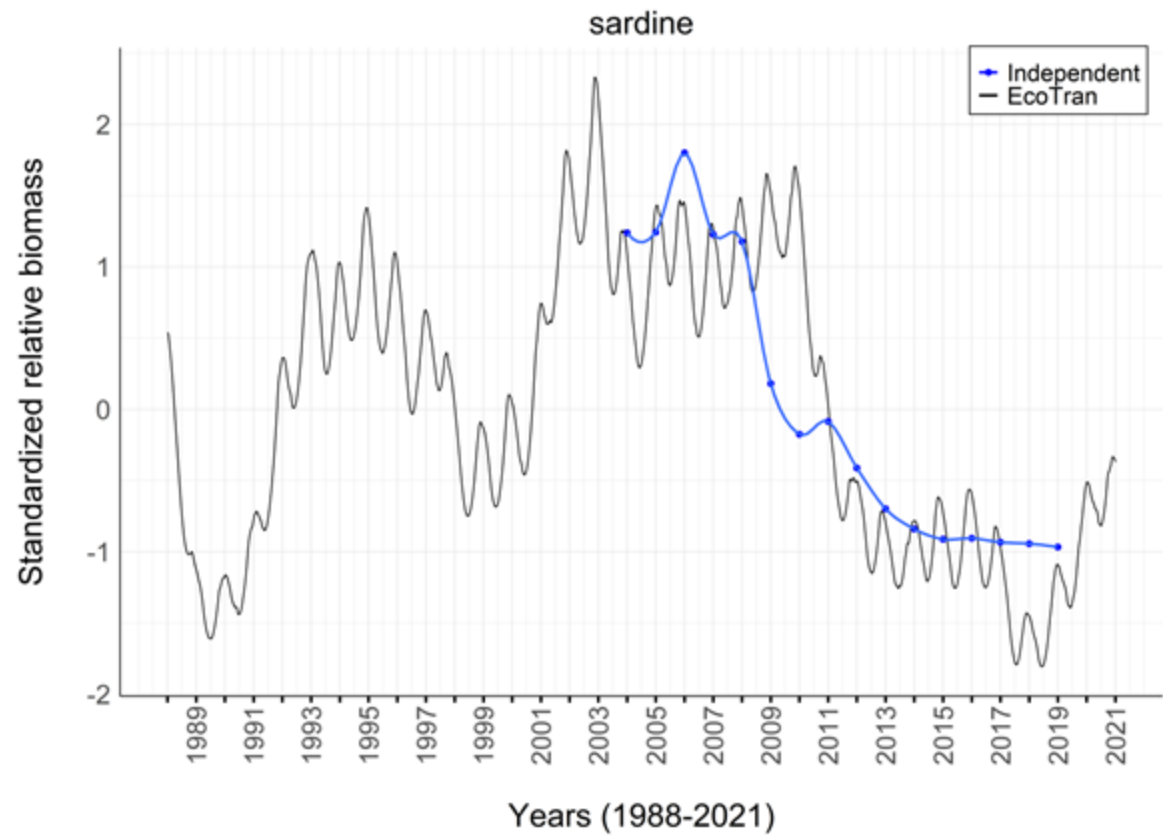
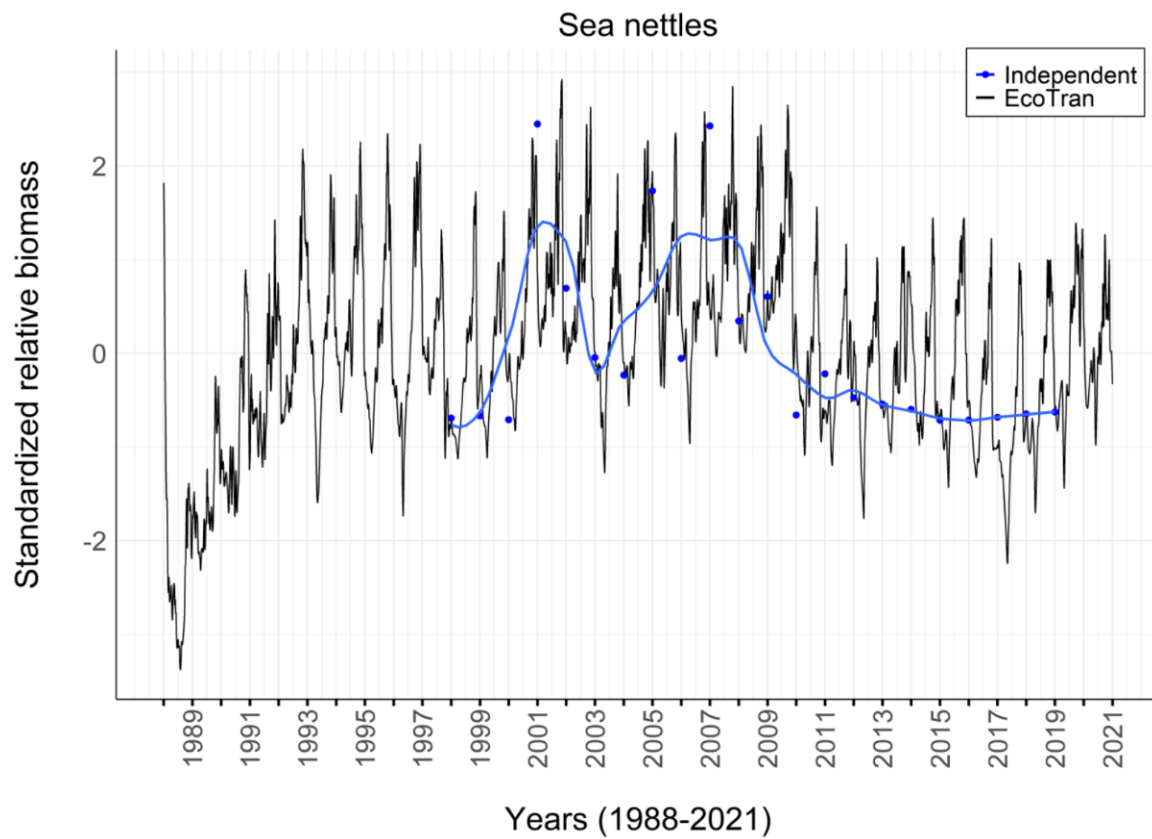


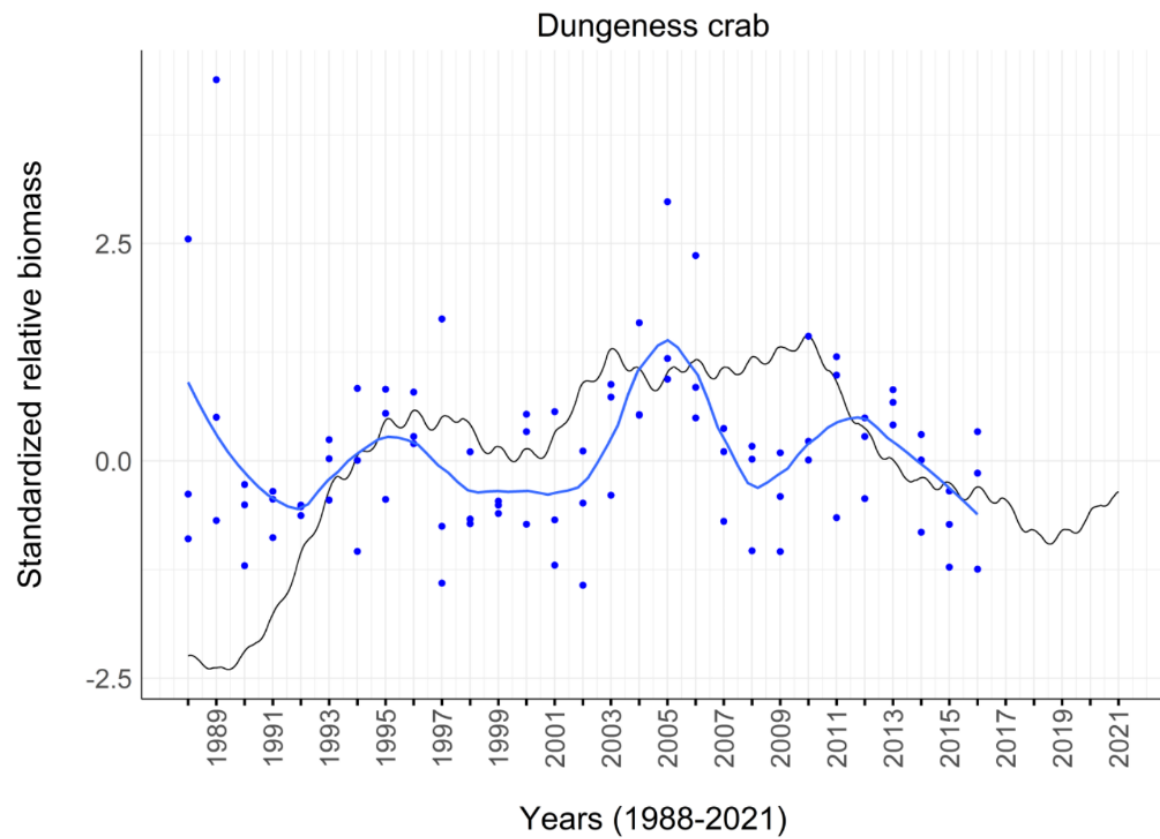
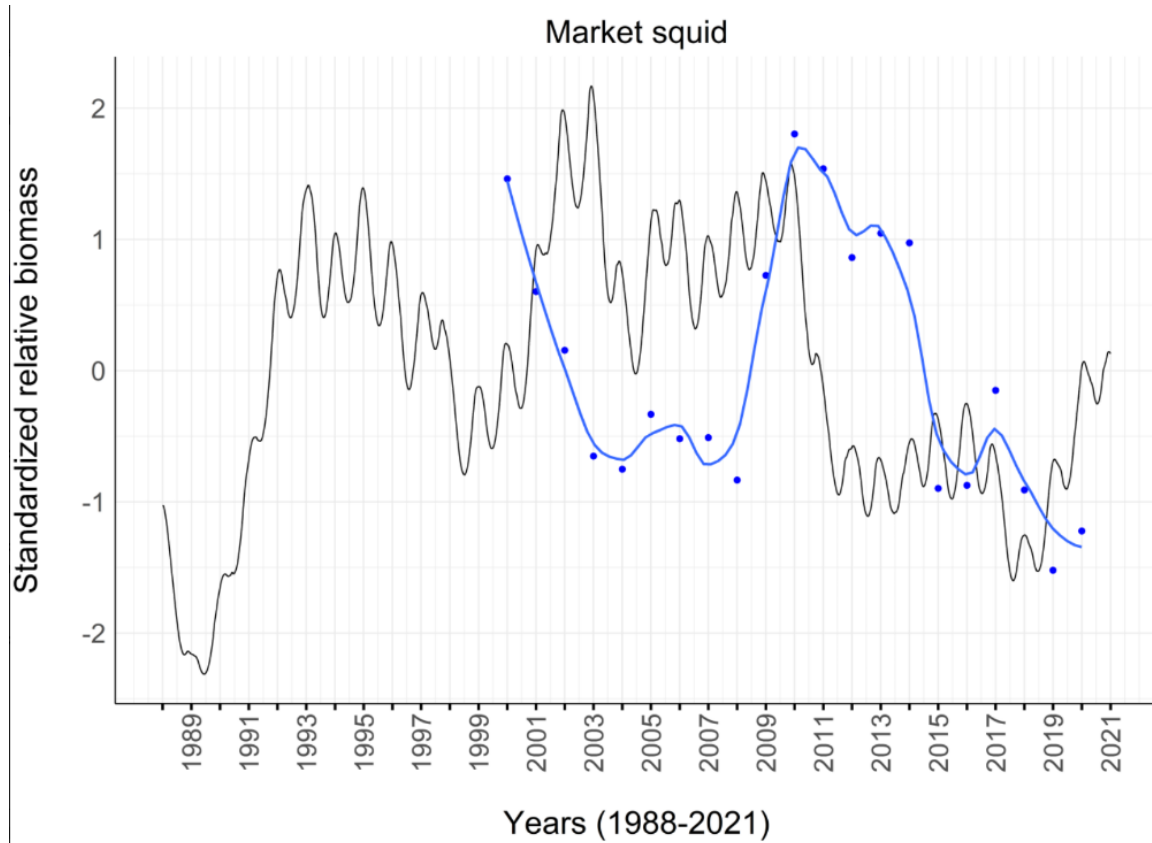
# Assessing stability:

150-year model simulation driven by average upwelling time series (1988-2021)

- No extinctions
- none change by more than 5% in final 20 years







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