### A Cascade of Warming Impacts Brings Bluefin Tuna to Greenland Waters

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The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not *'Eureka!'* but *'That's funny...* 



#### - Isaac Asimov





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#### Exploratory Fishery for Mackerel in East Greenland 2012





#### **Distribution Range of Bluefin Tuna**





Fromentin et al. 2013 Fish. Oceanogr.



#### -rare/absent in

E. Greenland & Irminger Sea



#### Capture Location in 9-11° C Water





#### Rising Temperatures in East Greenland-Irminger Sea





#### Quantifying Variability of Thermal Habitat



-area of suitable habitat increased by amount similar to France



#### A changing marine ecosystem

-changes in distributions of pelagic fish stocks -mackerel, herring, blue whiting

-changes in species interactions and food web



#### Mackerel Distribution Expansion to Iceland





## Changes in Zooplankton Spatial Distributions in N. Atlantic



Photo: DFO Canada

Replacement of Arctic species by cold-temperate species near Iceland-Færoes Cold-temperate Arctic species species 1958 - 19811958 - 19812003 - 20052003-2005



#### Warming Leads a Trophic Cascade

Increasing temperature



Northward shifts in zooplankton species distributions (earlymid 90s) e. g., Beaugrand papers



Changes in distributions of zooplanktivorous fish spp. (00s-10s) e. g., ICES WGWIDE, Astthorsson et al. 2012, etc.



Migration of large piscivorous fish (10s), e. g., this study



# A developing story... what has happened since 2012?



2013 – colder temperatures, more mackerel fishing, but no tuna

2014 – temperatures rose again, more mackerel fishing, and...



# More tuna!





#### 2014 – Present Again



 -21 bluefin tuna had been caught in mackerel fishery by late August (along with 65,000 t mackerel)
-also being caught in Icelandic waters (30 t quota)

#### The Sunday Times 3 August 2014

#### Greenlandsposten Week 33, 2014

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### Conclusions:

Temperatures have been rising in the East Greenland – Irminger Sea area

Temperatures have reached levels that support bluefin tuna in other summer feeding areas

Bluefin tuna were captured in the area, together with their prey.

If temperatures continue to be >  $\sim$ 11 C, and if stocks managed well, all could become regular summer residents in future.

