



**NORTH PACIFIC MARINE SCIENCE ORGANIZATION**

**North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report**

**PICES 2019 Victoria, Canada**

**Peter Chandler  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

# **North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report**

# **3**

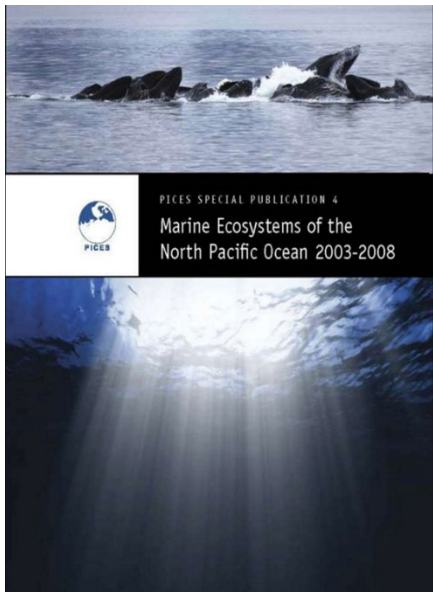
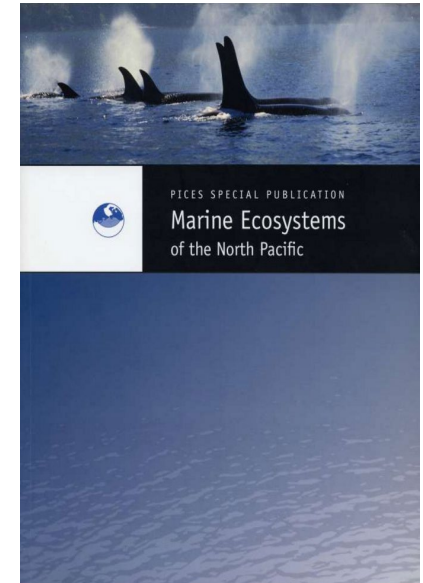


**Working Group 35: Co-chairs Peter Chandler and Sinjae Yoo**



**NPESR1** *Perry, R.I. and McKinnell, S.M. [Eds.] 2004, 280 p.*

The first North Pacific ecosystem status report was produced by PICES in 2004 to identify, describe, and integrate recent observations of change in the North Pacific Ocean. Specifically to summarise climate, oceanography, chemistry and biology information into regional assessments and then into a broad basin-wide synthesis.



**NPESR2** *McKinnell, S.M. and Dagg, M.J. [Eds.] 2010, 393 p.*

A second hard copy book with a focus period of 2003-2008 that summarized ecosystem status and trends in the four marginal seas, the four coastal boundary currents, and the large oceanic region at their centre. An overall synthesis report was also written by an international group of senior scientists and reviewed by scientists who were not involved in the project.

<https://meetings.pices.int/publications/special-publications>

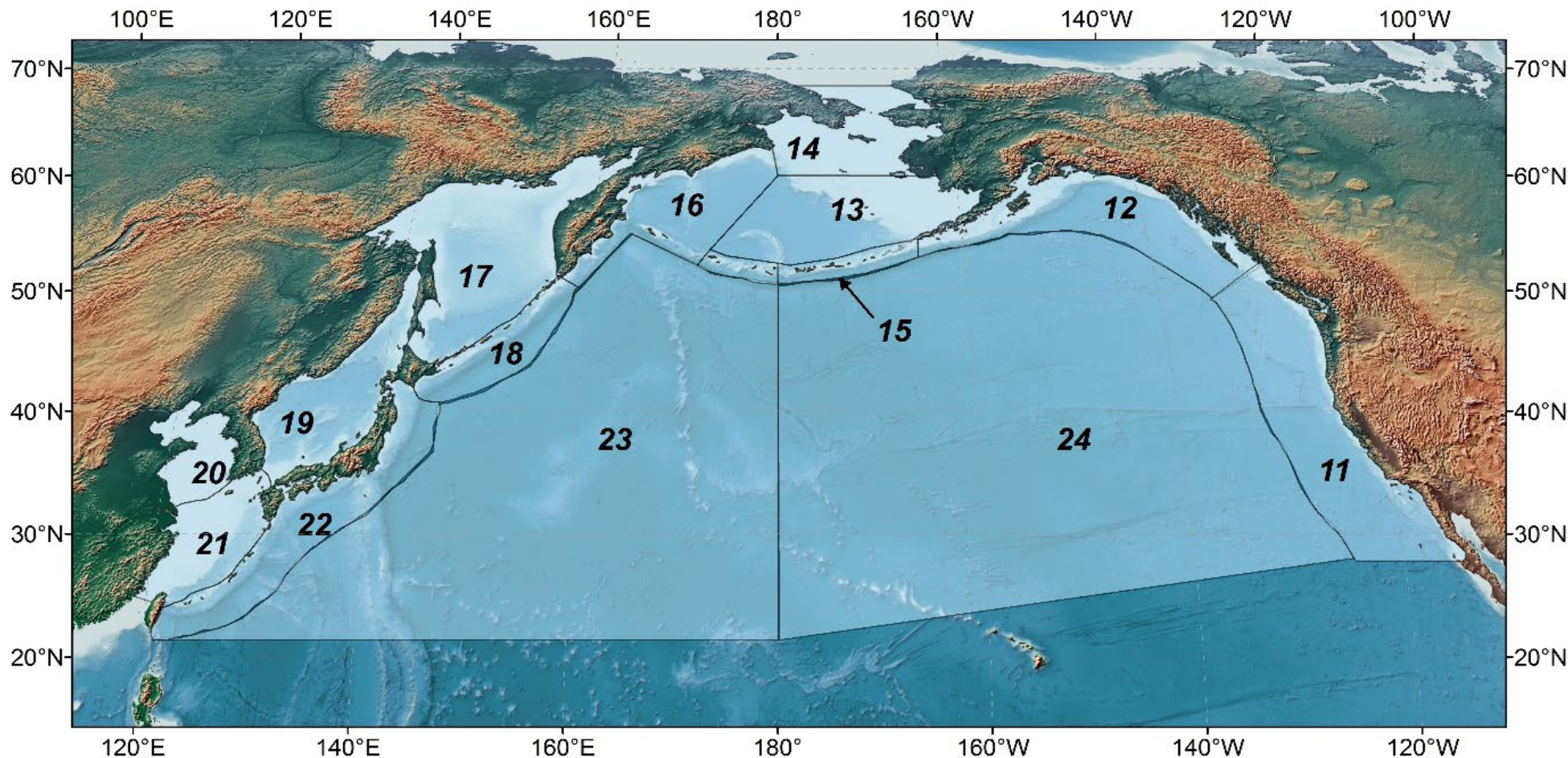


**AGAIN?**



*Blue sky thinking*

1. Define regions in North Pacific based on the Large Marine Ecosystems of the World.
2. Build a **web accessible database** of national and International ecosystem time series observations **“ETSOs”**.
3. Establish the NPESR3 editorial board from PICES committees to peer review ETSOs and reports.



PICES Region	Lead Author
11	Bill Sydeman
12	Stephani Zador Steve Kasperski
13	Elizabeth Siddon
14	Matt Baker
15	Ivonne Ortiz
16	Kirill Kivva
17	Yury Zuenko
18	Hiroshi Kuroda
19	Vyacheslav Lobanov
20	Sinjaee Yoo
21	Yu Fei
22	Kazuaki Tadokoro
23	Tsuneo Ono
24	Sonia Batten
Climate	Nick Bond
Human dimensions	Keith Criddle

Map of the North Pacific Ocean showing the 14 regions and the PICES naming convention used in the regional reports that form the basis of the North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report (NPESR3).



## **Highlights**

### **Introduction**

### **Atmosphere**

(temperature, sea level pressure)

### **Physical Ocean**

(Currents, hydrography/stratification,  
seasonal sea ice, rivers)

### **Chemical Ocean**

(oxygen, nutrients, OA)

### **Phytoplankton**

Biomass

Productivity

HABS

### **Zooplankton**

Microzooplankton

Mesozooplankton

Ichthyoplankton

Gelatinous zooplankton

### **Fishes and Invertebrates**

Species Composition/Diversity

Catch and Biomass

Distribution

Recruitment

### **Benthos**

**Biogenic habitat** (e.g. eelgrass, coral)

### **Marine Birds**

### **Marine Mammals**

### **Pollutants/Contaminants**

### **Human Dimensions**

Catch value, Fisheries  
participation/employment, Aquaculture  
(production volume, value)

### **Climate Change, Ecosystem Considerations & Emerging Issues**



### North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report – Ecosystem Time Series Observations

More ▾

Submit

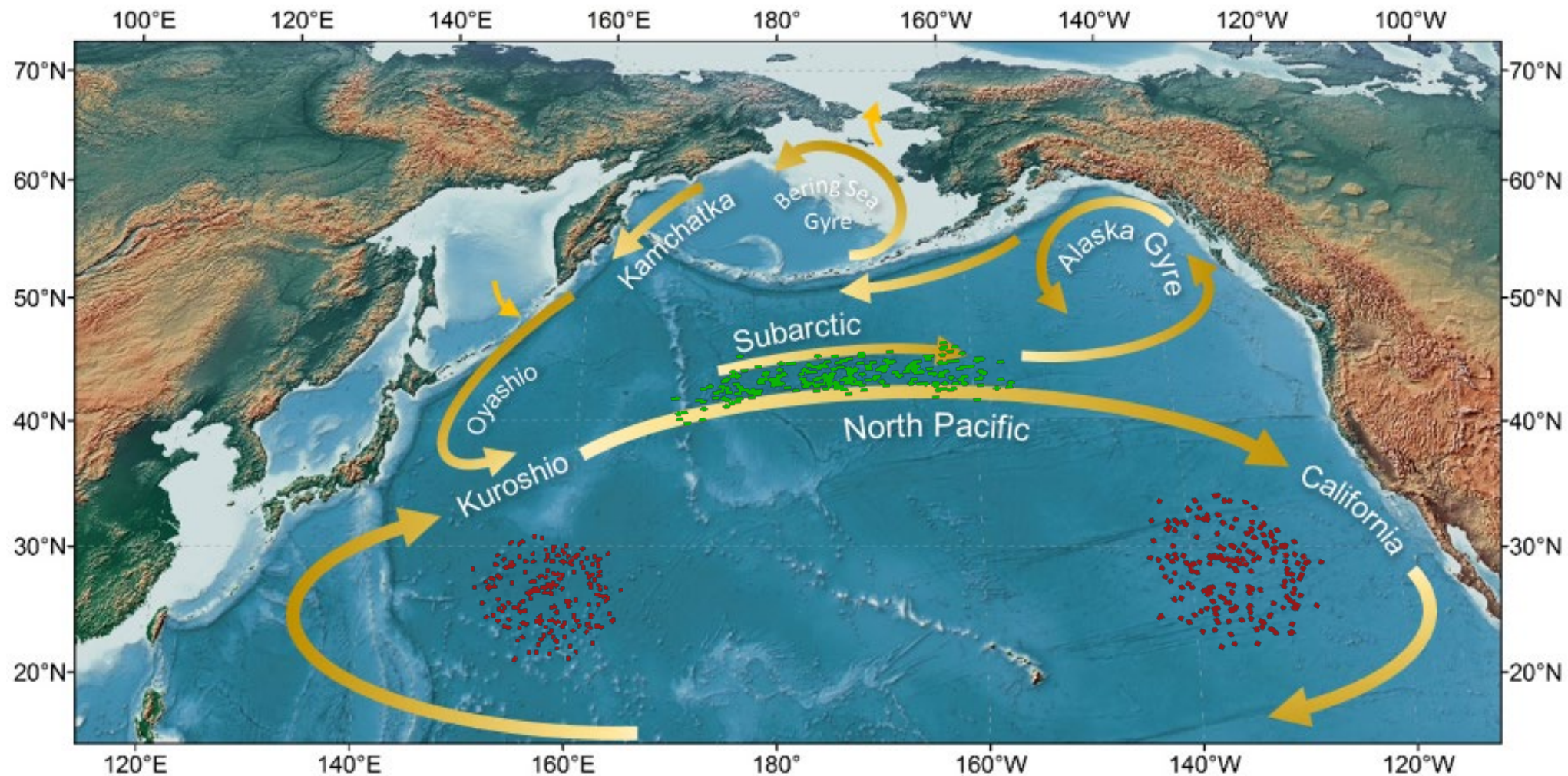
<https://pices.submittable.com/submit/65185/north-pacific-ecosystem-status-report-ecosystem-time-series-observations>

Assign  Message  Additional Forms  Open Editing  Accept  Decline  Complete  Other ▾

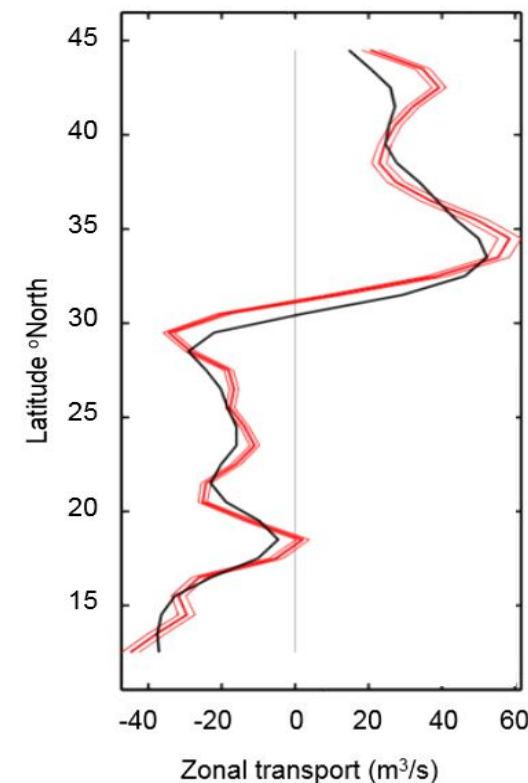
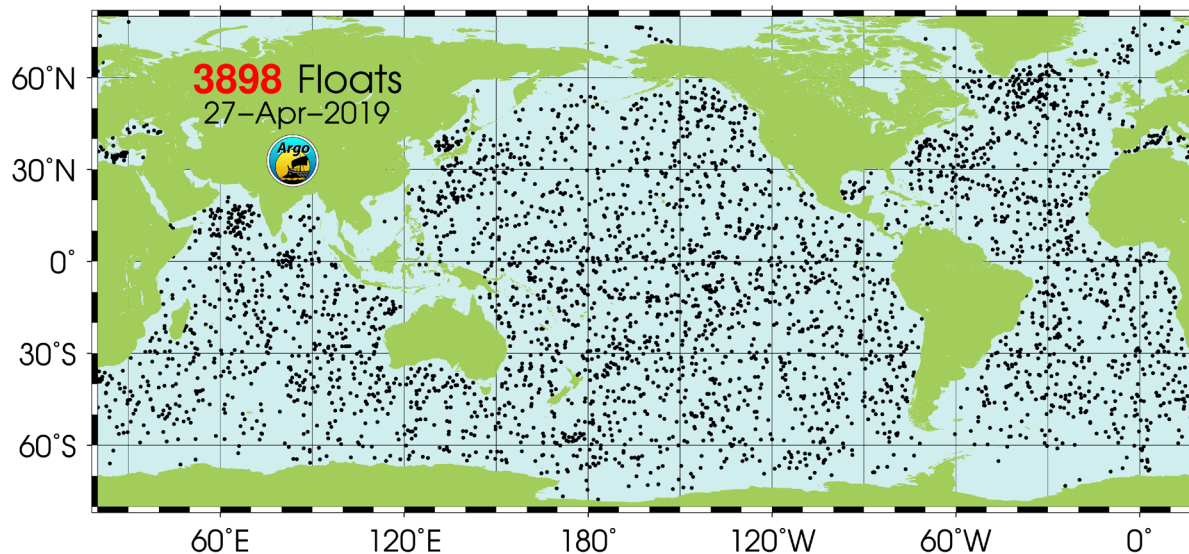
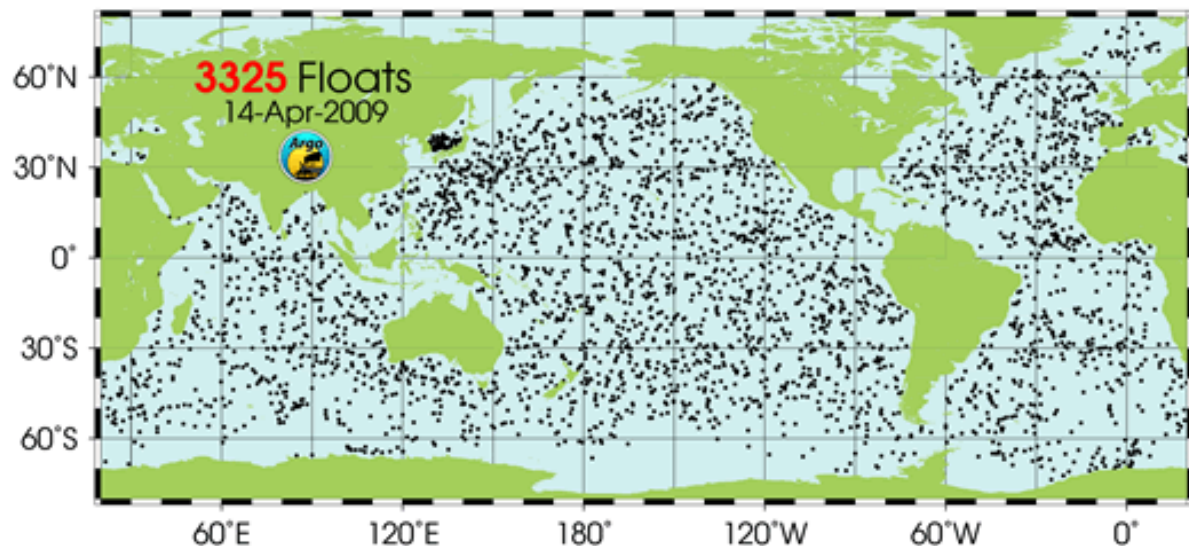
+/-	SUBMISSION ↑	SUBMITTER	FORM	DATE	STATUS	ASSIGNED
	overall length		Ecosystem Time Series Observations			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada: Quantity of wild and aquaculture seafood per species	<a href="#">Lesley MacDougall</a>	North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report – Ecosystem Time Series Observations	11/3/2017	<input type="button" value="In-Progress"/>	William Sydeman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada: Value of Wild and Aquaculture seafood per species	<a href="#">Lesley MacDougall</a>	North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report – Ecosystem Time Series Observations	11/3/2017	<input type="button" value="In-Progress"/>	William Sydeman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada: Vessel Descriptions_2012	<a href="#">Lesley MacDougall</a>	North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report – Ecosystem Time Series Observations	11/3/2017	<input type="button" value="In-Progress"/>	William Sydeman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chl a concentration at the surface of the central Okhotsk Sea	<a href="#">Yury Zuenko</a>	North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report – Ecosystem Time Series Observations	12/16/2018	<input type="button" value="In-Progress"/>	Yury Zuenko
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate Indices and Air Temperatures	<a href="#">Nicholas Bond</a>	North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report – Ecosystem Time Series Observations	11/7/2017	<input type="button" value="In-Progress"/>	Multiple Team Members

first prev **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 next last Show 20 rows per page of 169 total results

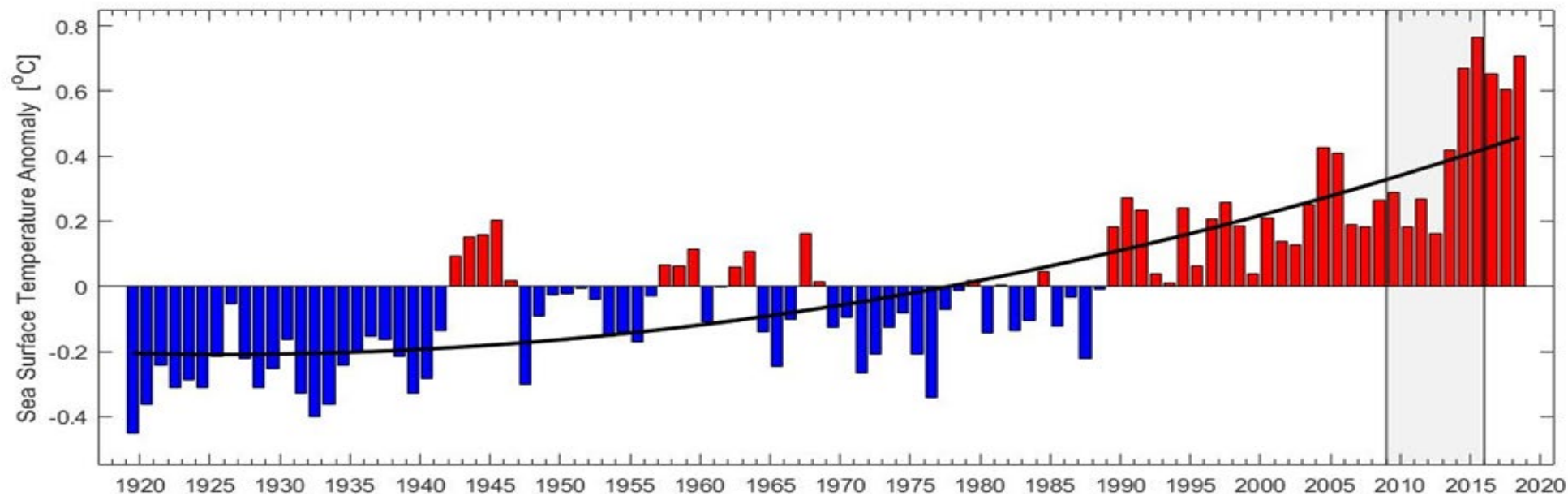
View: active |



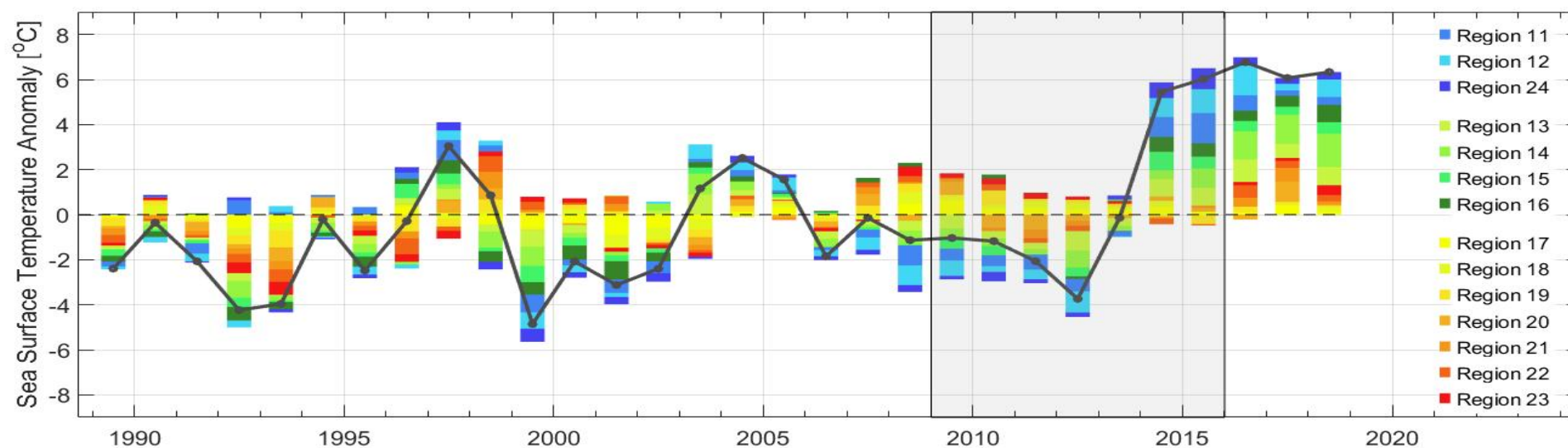


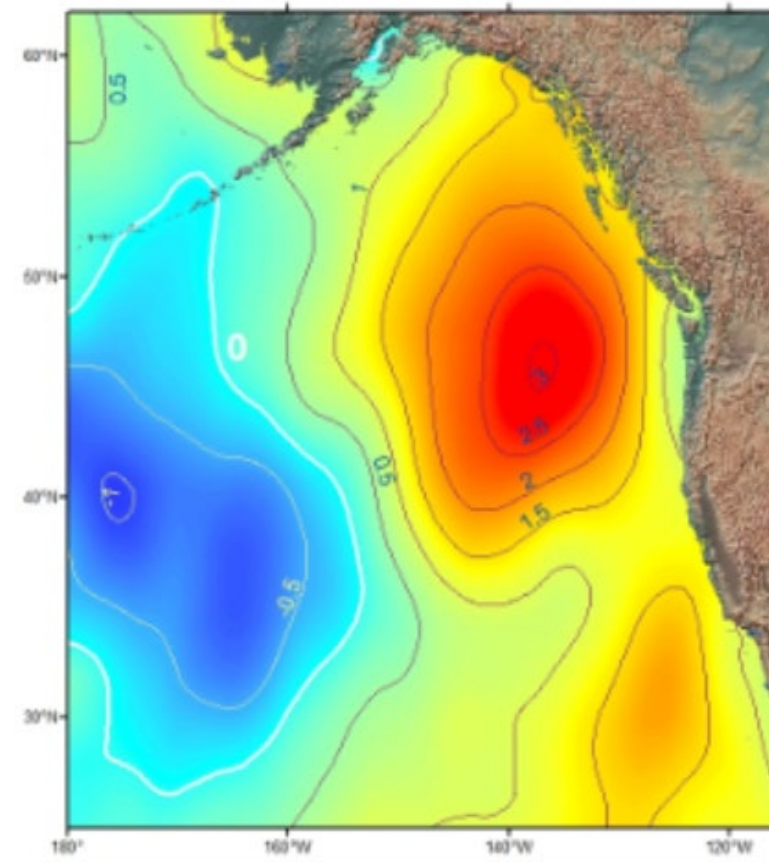
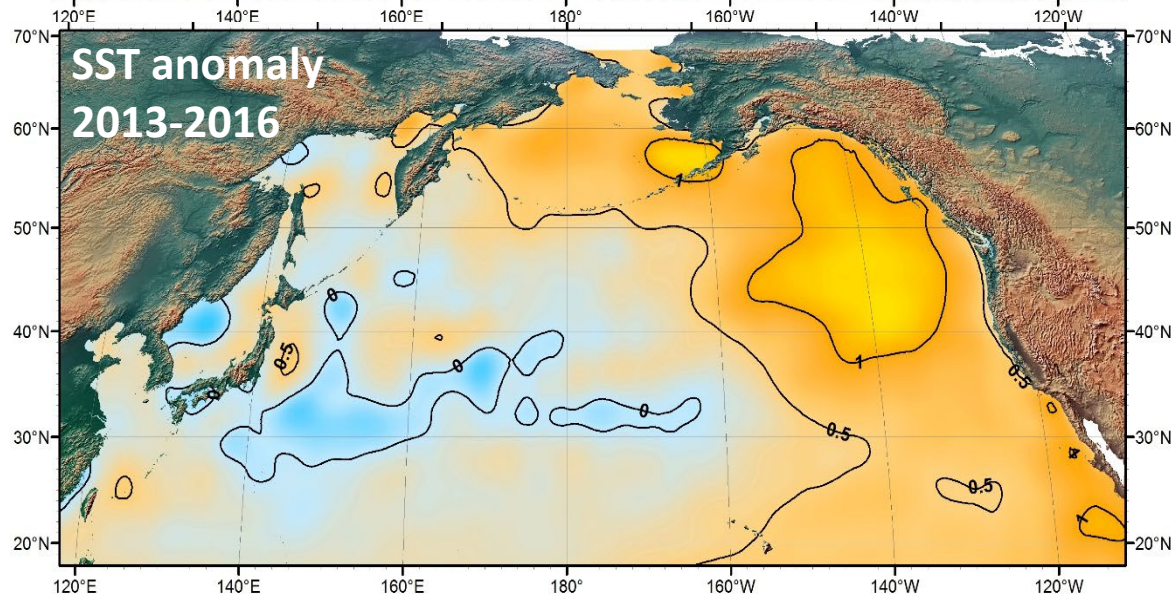
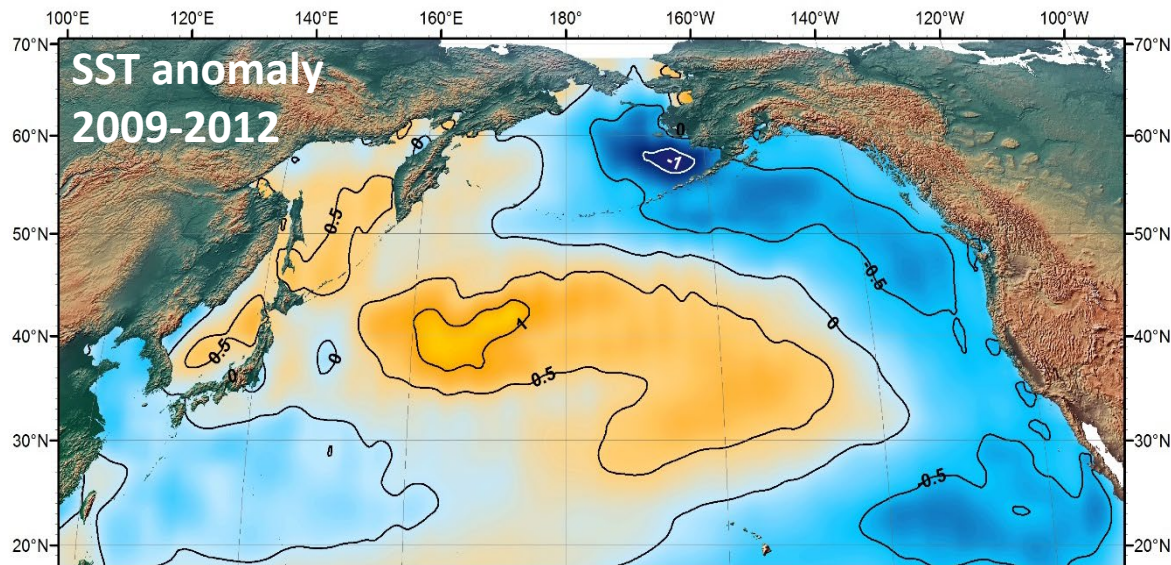


Zonal transport per degree latitude in the upper 1900 db (150–170°E average) referenced to the Argo trajectory data (red line, with error bars) and referenced to the 1975 db (black line). Giglio, D., 2014.



# Sea Surface Temperature



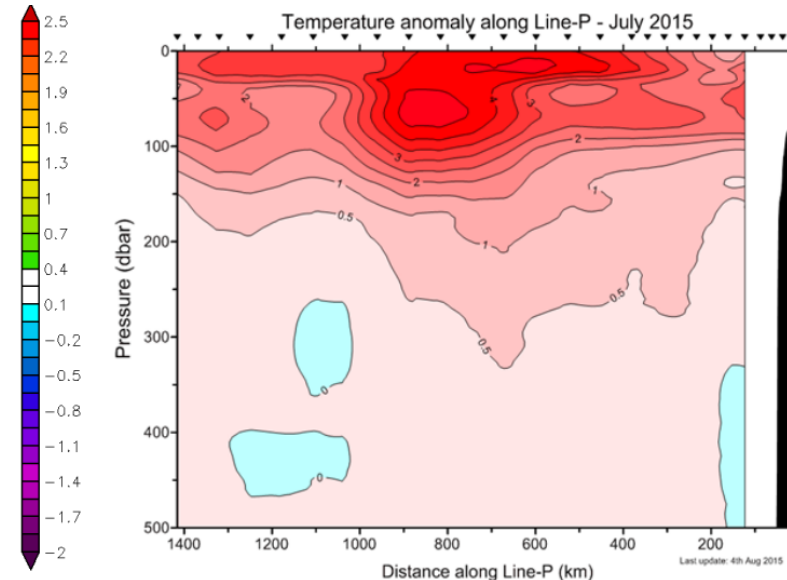
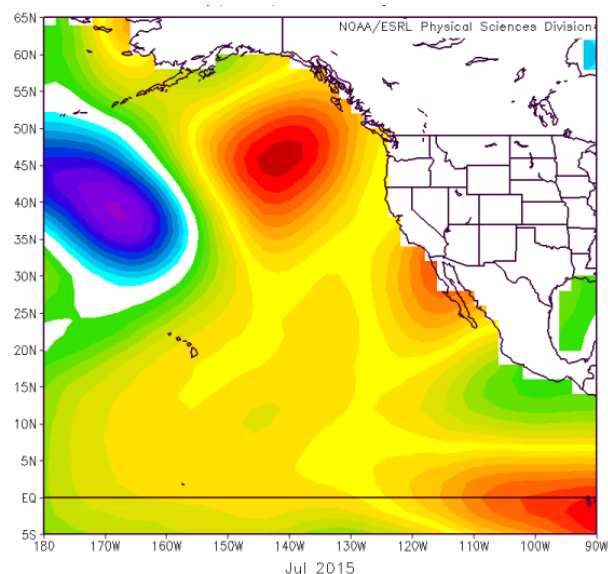


Sea surface temperature anomaly ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) at a  $2^{\circ}\times 2^{\circ}$  resolution, blue areas are below normal, red areas above normal where normal is the 30 year average from 1981 – 2010, Data source: NOAA\_ERSST\_V3 data, NOAA/OAR/ESRL PSD, Boulder Colorado



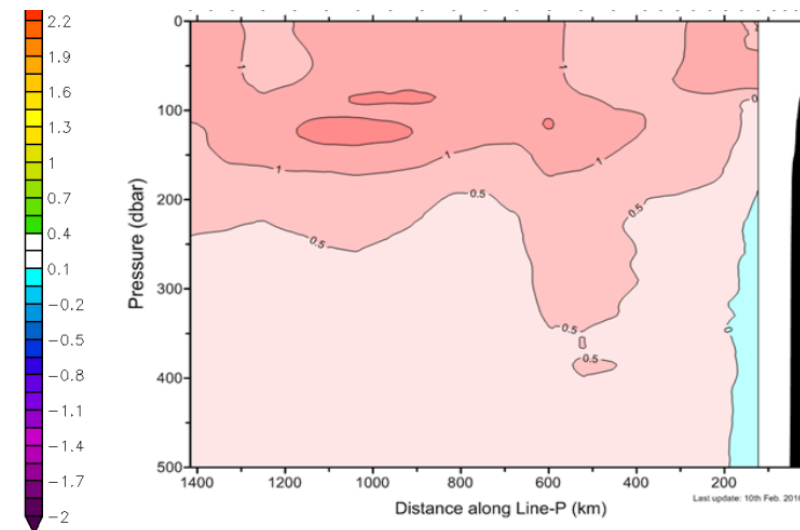
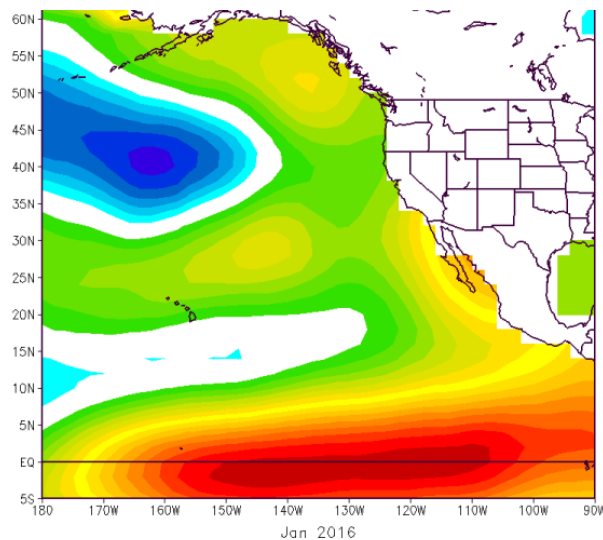
### July 2015

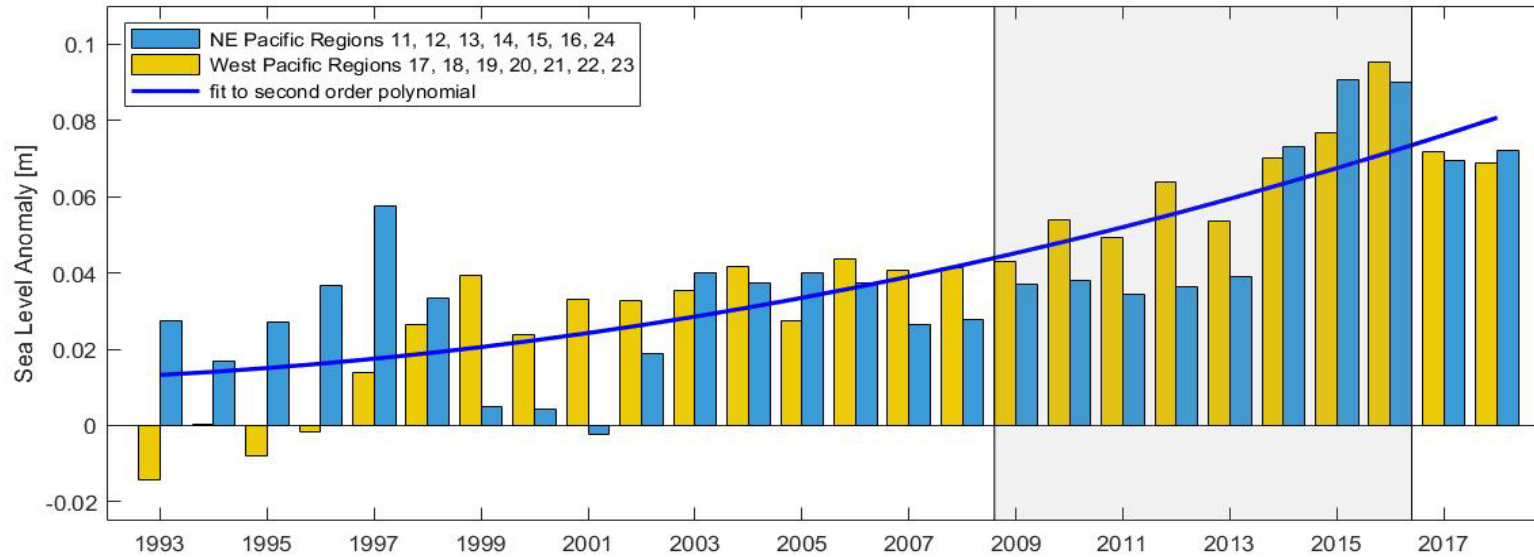
Well developed marine heat wave  
Strong positive anomalies at depth  
Emerging El Nino



### January 2016

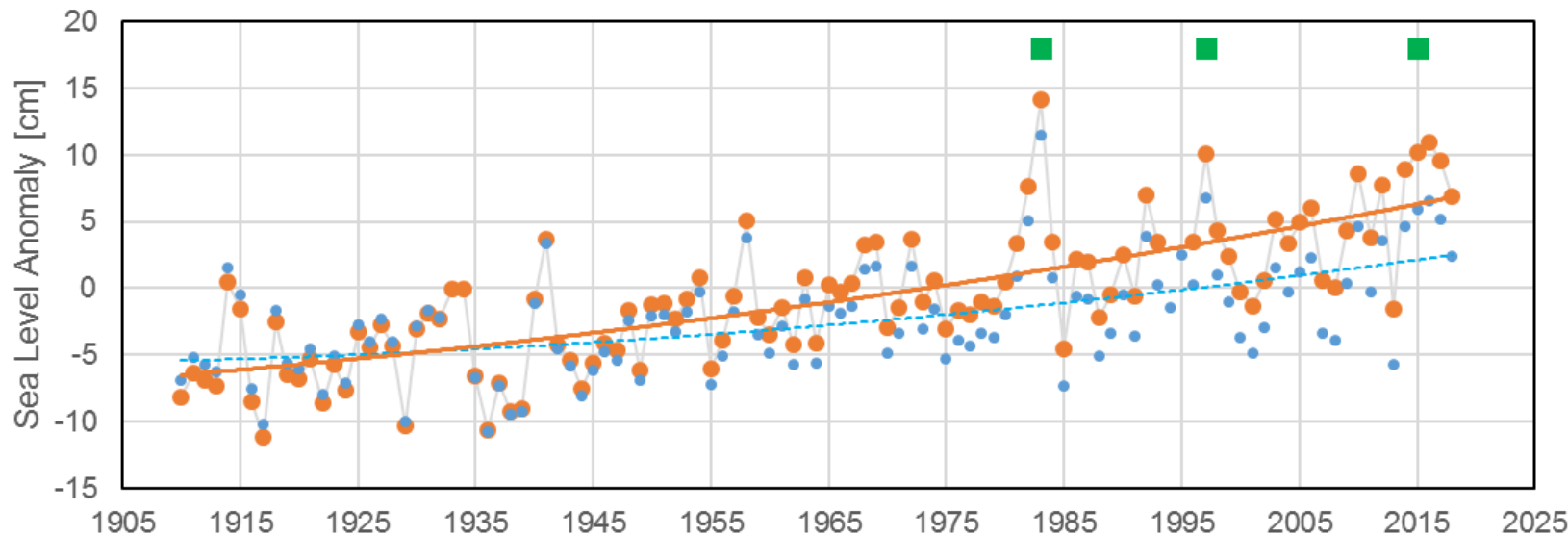
Remnants of the marine heat wave  
Still positive anomalies at depth  
Well developed El Nino



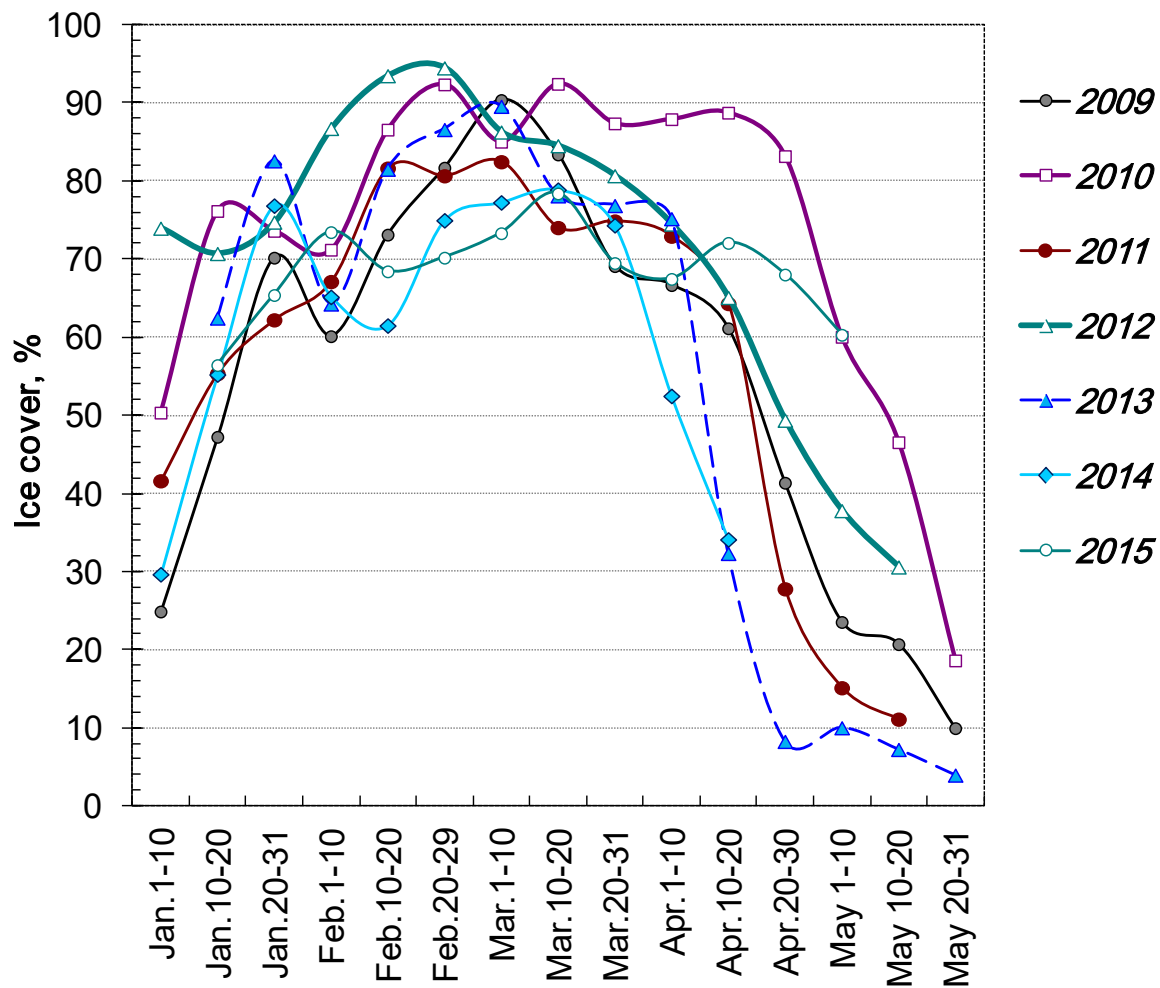


# Sea Level

Annual sea level anomaly computed with respect to a 20-year mean reference period (1993-2012)



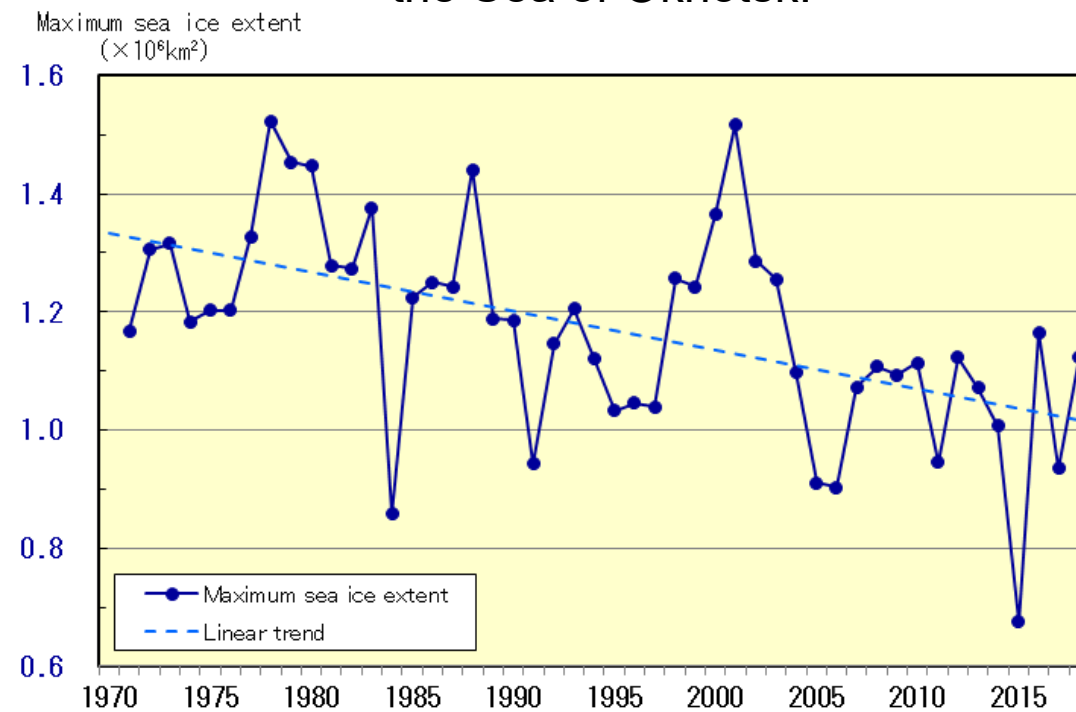
Tide gauge data from the Canadian Hydrographic Service in Victoria, Canada, corrected with uplift data from the Pacific Geoscience Centre, BC, Canada. Blue dots are uncorrected data, orange are corrected data, green squares show timing of strong El-Nino events.

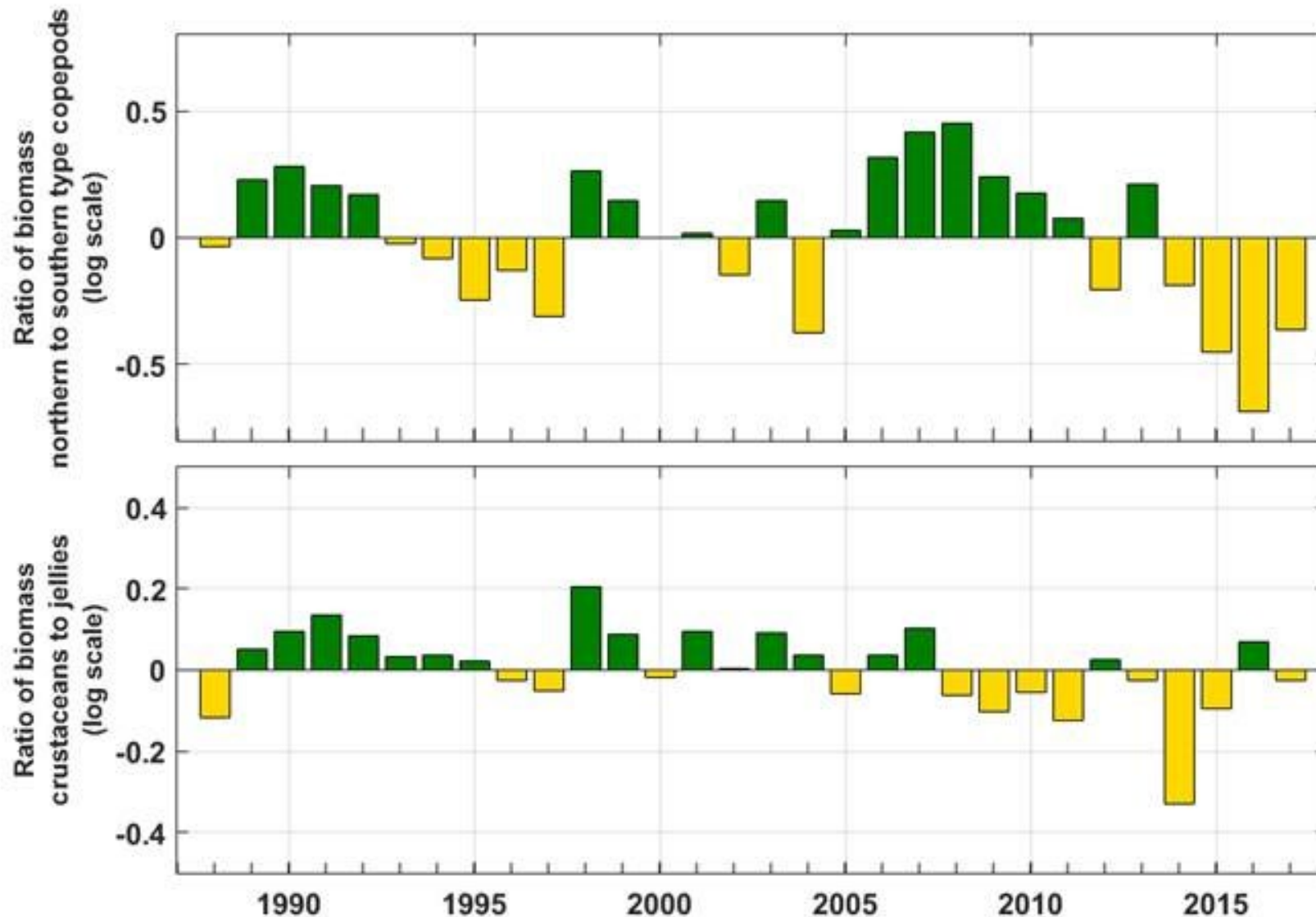


Seasonal dynamics of the ice cover in the area at West Kamchatka in Region 17.

# Sea Ice

Maximum sea ice extent in Region 17, the Sea of Okhotsk.





# Zooplankton

*The 1988-2017 time series of yearly averaged anomalies of zooplankton biomass off southern Vancouver Island in Region 11.*

*(a) the ratio of northern to southern species of copepods;  
(b) (b) the ratio of crustaceans to jellies. );*

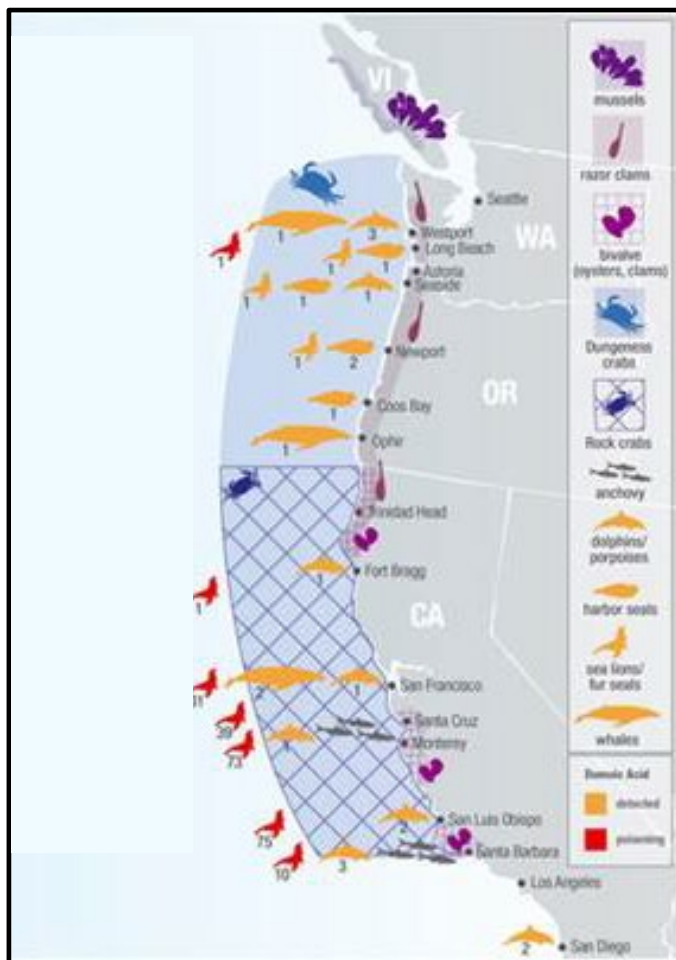
*green – fish food favourable, amber - less favourable fish food conditions.*



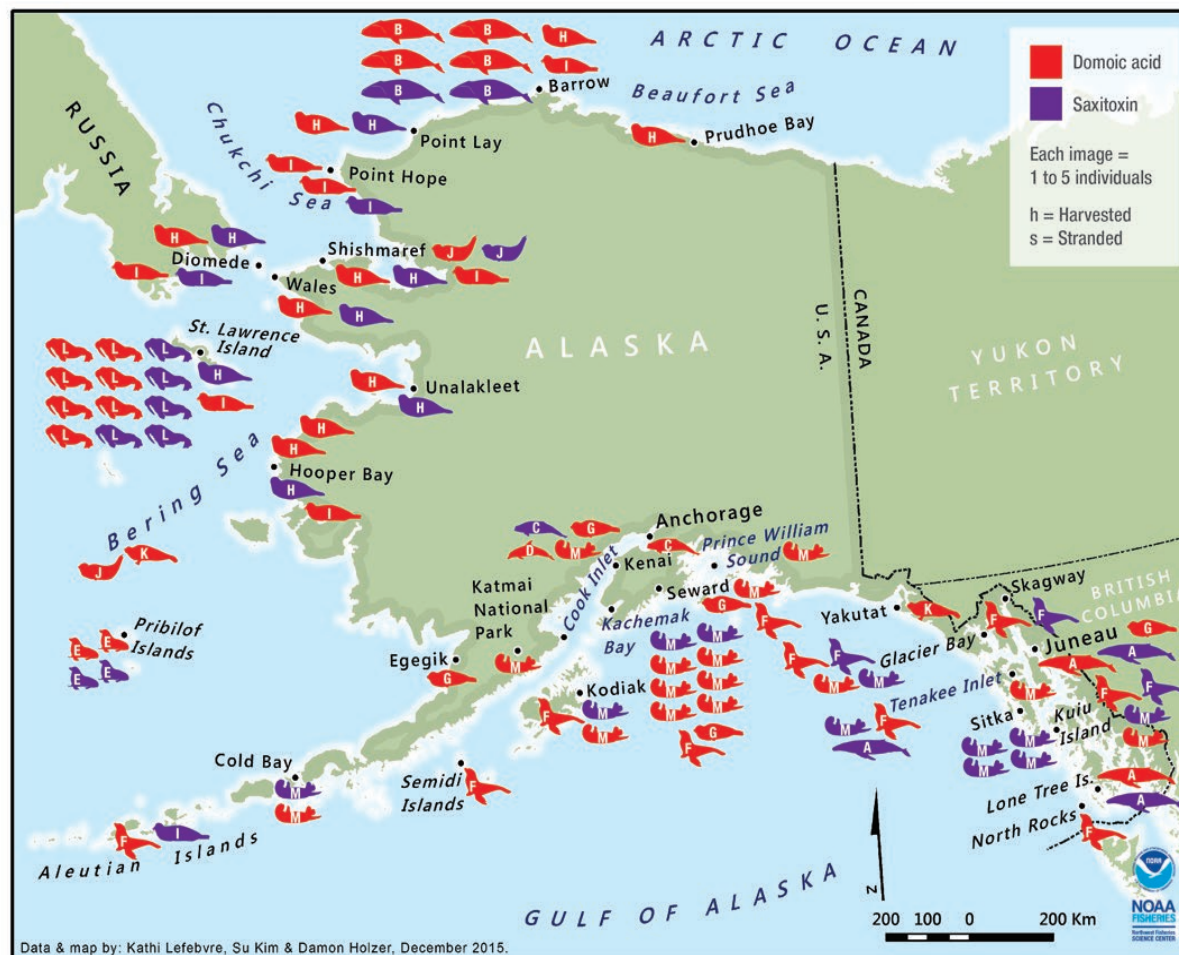
Impacts of domoic acid (DA) on fisheries and marine mammals in 2015.

# HABs

Region 11



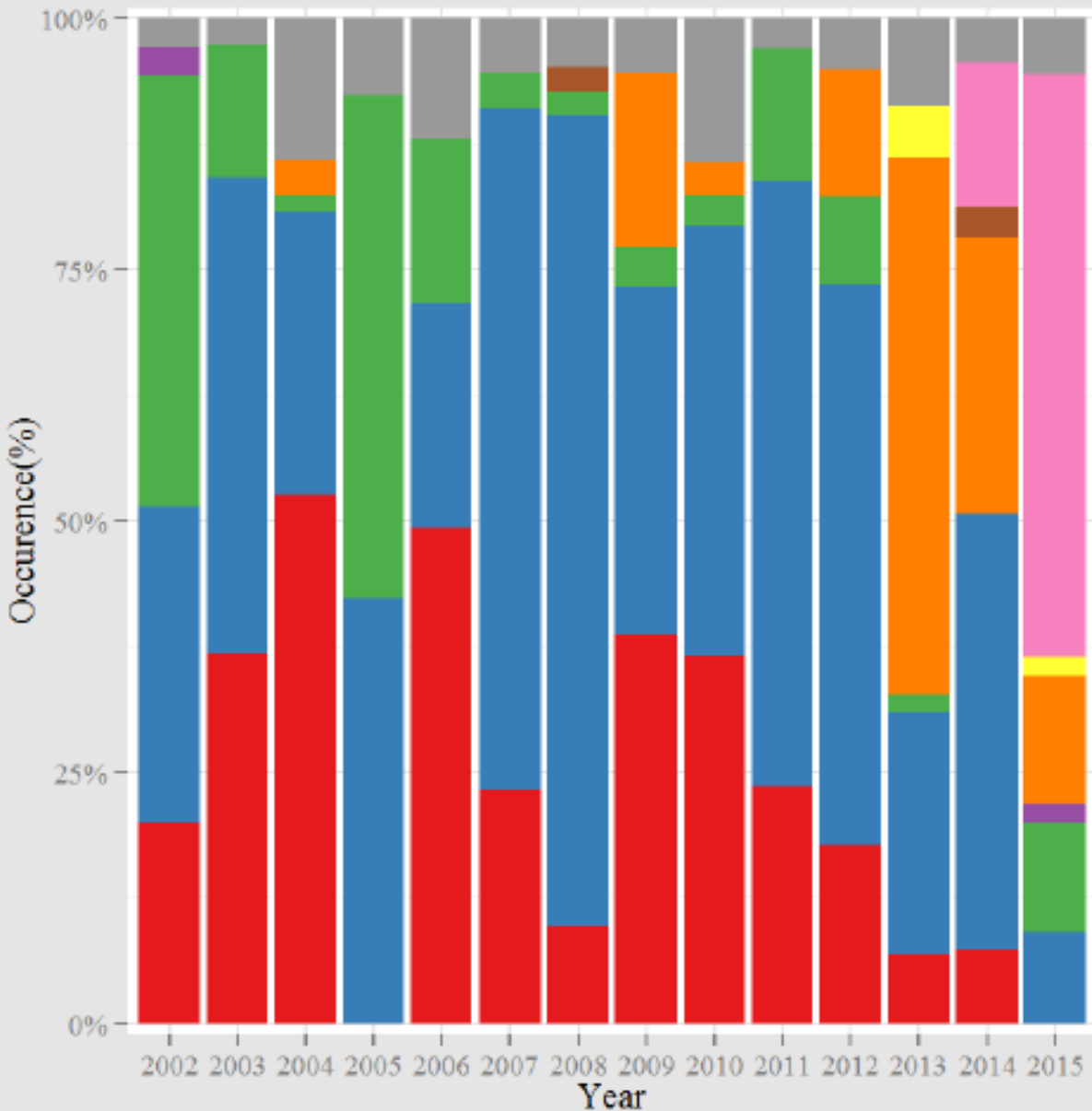
Regions 12, 13, 14, 15



- A Humpback whales (s)
- B Bowhead whales (h)
- C Beluga whales (s)
- D Harbor porpoises (s)
- E Northern fur seals (s)
- F Steller sea lions (s)
- G Harbor seals (s)
- H Ringed seals (h)
- I Bearded seals (h)
- J Spotted seals (h)
- K Ribbon seals (h)
- L Pacific walrus (h)
- M Northern sea otters (s)

Data & map by: Kathi Lefebvre, Su Kim & Damon Hoizer, December 2015.

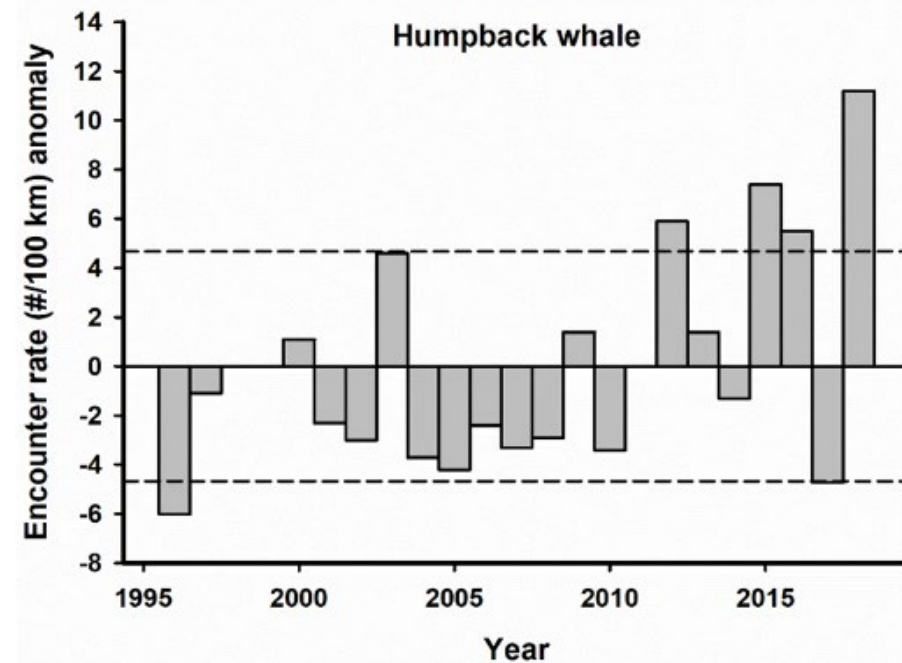


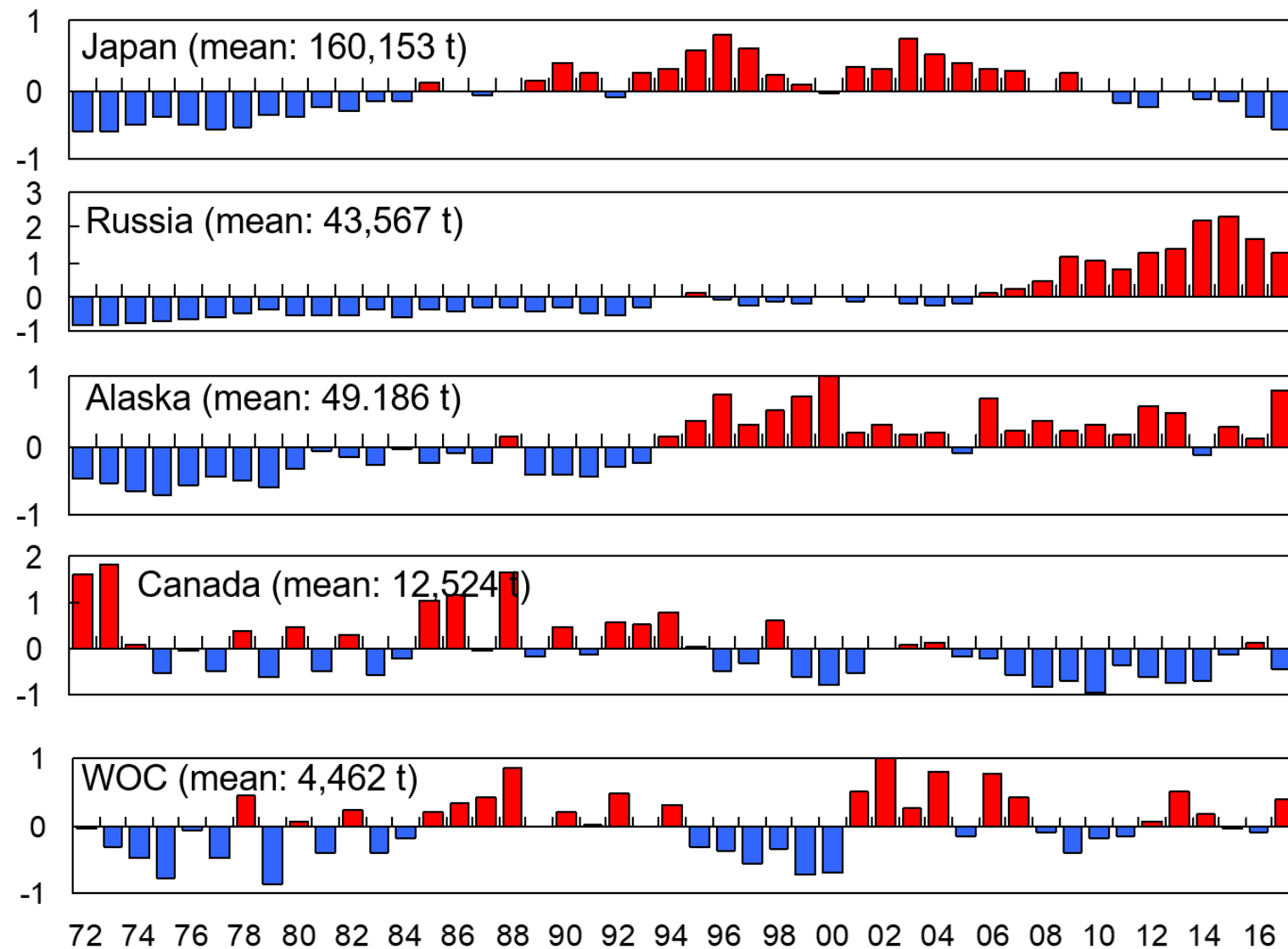


Trend of prey composition in the stomach contents of sei whales during 2002-2015 JARPNII

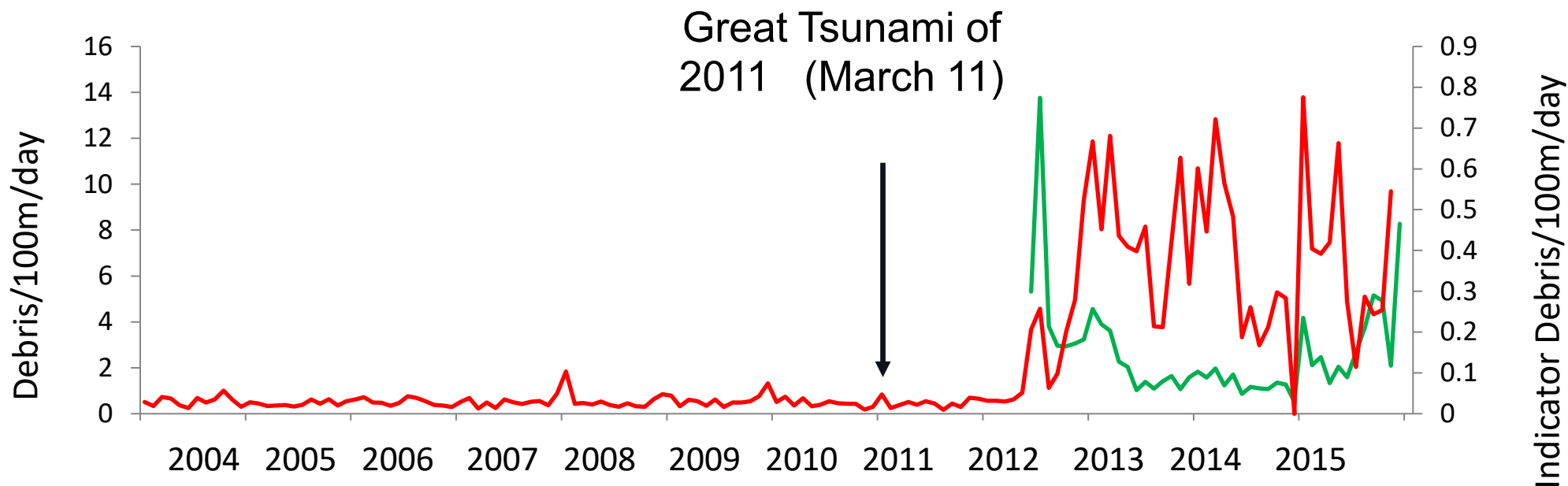


Humpback whale abundance in Region 11





Chum salmon catch (weight in metric tonnes) anomalies by region, 1972-2017



Mean monthly debris influx of indicator items (indicator debris items per 100 m per day) from 2004 to 2015 at sites in northern Washington State (red line) and mean monthly influx of all debris items (debris items per 100 m per day) for Washington (WA), Oregon (OR) and California (CA) from 2012 to 2015 (green line). Adapted from Murray et al. 2018.



## Highlights

A marine heat wave (MHW) occurred in the Northeast Pacific Ocean in 2014-16; it was an extreme event unprecedented in terms of its magnitude, duration, geographic scope and its impacts on the ecosystem from lower-trophic levels to top predators.

Ecosystem impacts associated with the 2014-2016 MHW include lower concentrations of chlorophyll *a*, smaller phytoplankton, a record toxic algae bloom, and shifts in the distribution and community composition of fish populations.

Warm water zooplankton taxa have shown increases in abundance and/or a northwards extension. Gelatinous zooplankton became more abundant in the eastern North Pacific but the extraordinary jellyfish blooms noted in the western regions in NPESR2 were absent during this focus period.

Warm water events in the Eastern North Pacific were associated with years of poor reproduction and widespread mortality events of birds and marine mammals. There were also localized reproductive failures in the Western North Pacific, but no large-scale coherent pattern.



## Expected Publication Dates:

Synthesis report – spring 2020 – printed copy about 80 pages

Regional reports – autumn 2020 – pdfs on PICES website



## Contributing authors

**W.J. Sydeman**, SA. Thompson, E. Bjorkstedt, S. Bograd, R. Brodeur, J. Field, J. Fisher, M. Galbraith, M. García-Reyes, R. Goericke, C. Harvey, M. Jacox, J. Jahncke, T. Jones, M. Kahru, J. Lanksbury, B. Lavaniegos, S. Lippiatt, S. Melin, C. Morton, J. Parrish, A. Peña, R. Robertson, I. Schroeder, R. Suryan, A. Thompson, and P. Warzybok, **Stephani Zador and Stephen Kasperski**, Nicholas Bond, William Stockhausen, Steve Barbeaux, Seth Danielson, Russell Hopcroft, Peter Chandler, Suzanne Strom, Kathy Kuletz, Sonia Batten, Kenneth Coyle, Lauren Rogers, Alison Deary, Kathryn Mier, Andy Whitehouse, Sarah Gaichas, Chris Rooper, Franz Mueter, Jennifer Boldt, Jerry Hoff, Gregory Ruggerone, Jim Irvine, Heather Renner, Nora Rojek, Arthur Kettle, Brie Drummond, Katie Sweeney, Tom Gelatt, K. Savage, John Elliott, Aroha Miller, Kyle Elliott, Sandi Lee, **Elizabeth C. Siddon**, Andrews, John Bengtson, Jennifer Boldt, Nicholas Bond, Gregory Buck, Kristin Ciecziel, Curry Cunningham, Elizabeth Dawson, Andrew Dimond, Sherri Dressel, Lisa Eisner, Nissa Ferm, Robert Foy, Corey Fugate, Jeanette Gann, Colleen Harpold, Jordan Head, Jerry Hoff, **Matt Baker**, David Kimmel, Carol Ladd, Jesse Lamb, Christie Lang, Robert Lauth, Franz Mueter, Jim Murphy, James Overland, Rolf Ream, Heather Renner, Patrick Ressler, John Richar, Chris Rooper, Marc Romano, Sigrid Salo, Katie Sechrist, Elizabeth Siddon, Jeremy Sterling, Rod Towell, Jordan Watson, Michael Williams, Ellen Yasumiishi, and Stephani Zador, **Ivonne Ortiz**, Causey, D., Dahle, S.P., Fritz, L., Irvine, J.R., Ladd, C., Laman, N., London, J., Mordy, C.



## Contributing authors

**Kirill Kivva**, Padula, V., Poe, A., Rea, L., Renner, J.H., Rojek, N., Rooper, C., Ruggerone, G., Suryan., R., Stabeno, P.J, S.Y. Glebova, A.L. Figurkin, L.S. Muktepavel, V.I. Matveev, E.P. Dulepova, E.E. Ovsianikov, S.V. Loboda, N.L. Aseeva, A.O. Zolotov, A.Y. Dubinina, V.N. Koblikov, **Yury Zuenko**, A.V. Lysenko, M.V. Simokon, L.T. Kovekovdova, **Hiroshi Kuroda**, Kuroda, H. Mitsudera, H., Sugimoto, S., Kakehi, S., Kasai, H., Sasano, D., Ono, T., Kaeriyama, H., Taniuchi, Y., Tadokoro, K., Okazaki, Y., Furuichi, S., Yukami, R., Kamimura, Y., Kaga, T., Kidokoro, H., Saito, T., Watanuki, Y., Yamamura, O. **Sinjaee Yoo**, S. Ahn, M. Choi, C. Guan, C. Hahn, C. Huo, D.-W. Hwang, S. Jung, Y.S. Kang, J. Khim, H. Kim, M. Kim, C.E. Kong, Y.-W. Lee, R. Li, W. Lim, H.-B. Moon, J. Mu, G. Na, H. Sohn, S. Sun, X. Sun, Q. Wei, Y. Yao, S. Yeh, **Yu Fei**, Ishizaka, Joji; Jung, Sukgeun; Lee, Jae-Hak ; Liu, SuMei; Lobanov, Vyacheslav B.; Matsuno, Takeshi; Xu, Dongfeng; Yu, Rencheng ; Zhang, Jing ; Xinyu Guo; Atsuhiko Isobe; Sang-Wook Yeh; Gui-Ling Zhang; Xianguo Li; Sai-Chun Tan; Wuchang Zhang; Guangtao Zhang; Xinzheng LI; Weiwei Xian; **Kazuaki Tadokoro**, Kityotaka Hidaka, Takeshi Okunishi, Tsuneo Ono, Yoshioki Oozeki, Chiyuki Sassa, Takashi Setou, Yugo Shimizu, Shusaku Sugimoto, Akinori Takasuka, Keiichi Yamazaki, **Tsuneo Ono**, Yu Kanaji, Hideki Kaeriyama, Naoki Nagai, Akira Nagao, Syu Saito, Eko Siswanto, Tsutomu Tamura, Sayaka Yasunaka, Tomoko M. Yoshiki, Masahide Wakita, Shiroh Yonezaki, **Sonia Batten**, Marie Robert, Lisa Miller, Moira Galbraith, Angelica Pena, Tetjana Ross, **Keith Criddle**, Ron Felthoven, Jean Lee



**NORTH PACIFIC MARINE SCIENCE ORGANIZATION**

**North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report**

**PICES 2019 Victoria, Canada**

**Peter Chandler  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

*Thank you*