# WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME: RECENT MISMATCHES IN FOOD AVAILABILITY TO SALMON AND SEABIRDS IN CALIFORNIA

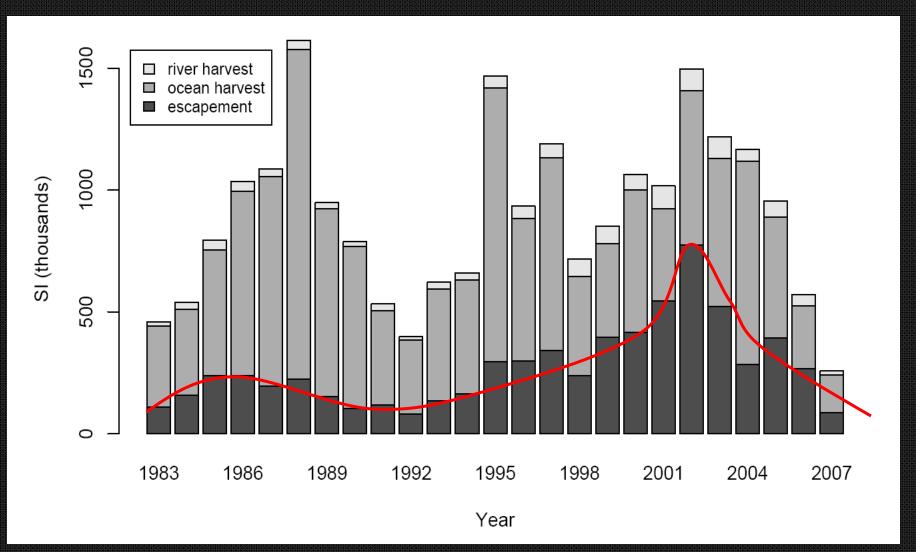
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#### **BACKGROUND**

#### CHINOOK SALMON POPULATION



#### RETURNS (NO. FISH)

2002 - 800,000

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2007 - 90,000

2008 - 60,000

2009 - ? (better)

2010 - ?

SIMILAR PATTERNS ACROSS SALMON POPULATIONS, AND WITH SEABIRDS...

...SUGGEST LARGE-SCALE (CLIMATE-OCEAN) FACTORS AT PLAY

**Black-footed Albatross** 

(GIVEN LONG-STANDING RIVER DEGRADATION, DECREASE IN STOCK RESILIENCY)

## TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ECOLOGICAL COMPLEXITY (OPC ENV-07)

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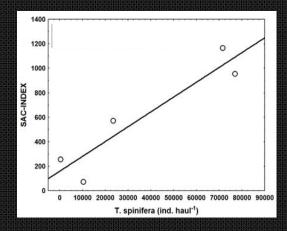
### WHAT HAVEWE LEARNED?

### PREDATORS NEED FOOD AT THE RIGHT PLACE AND TIME TO THRIVE AND SURVIVE

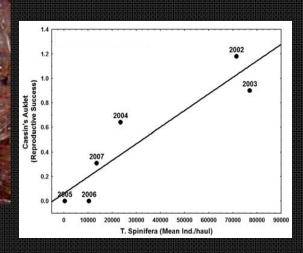
# KRILL - RIGHT PLACE AND RIGHT TIME = BETTER SURVIVAL AND REPRODUCTIVE SUCCESS...

Chinook Salmon

Cassin's Auklet

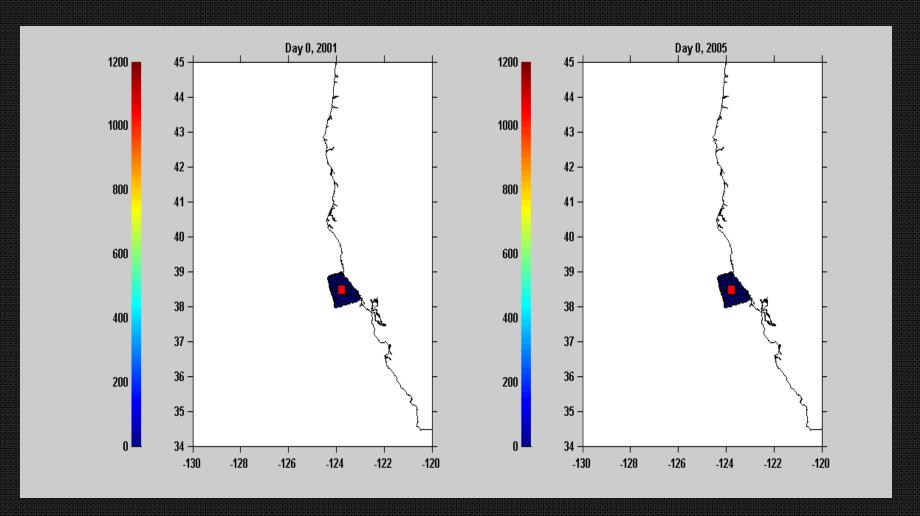






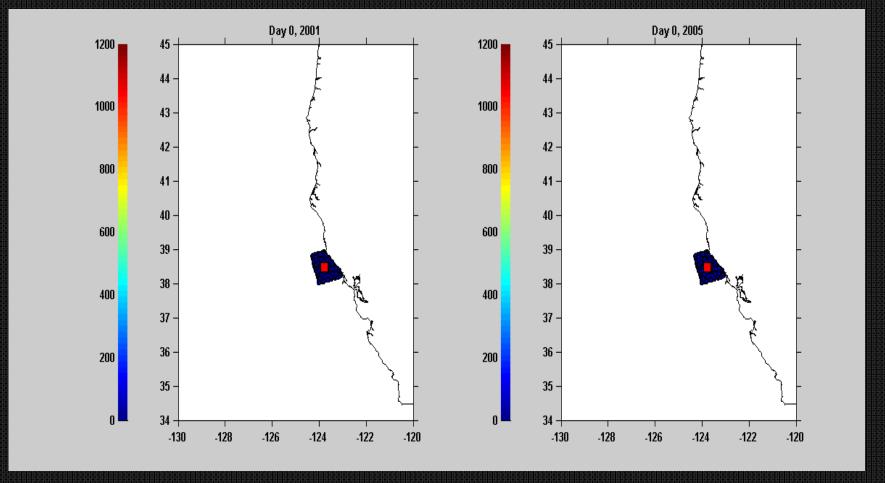
### WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? THE CLIVATE CONNECTION

#### **CLIMATE IMPACTS VIA CURRENTS?**

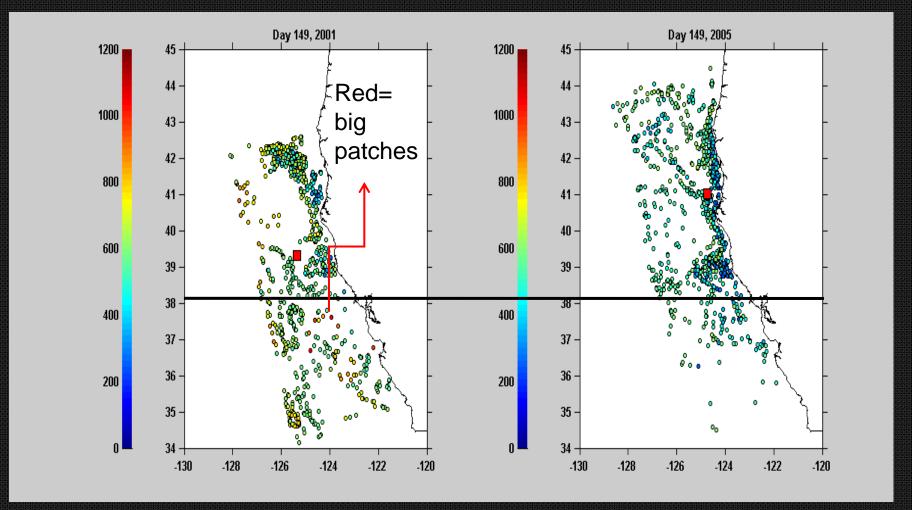


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## HOW? COUPLE REGIONAL OCEAN MODEL WITH KRILL POPULATION MODEL (WINDS – CIRCULATION – PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY – KRILL DIST'N)

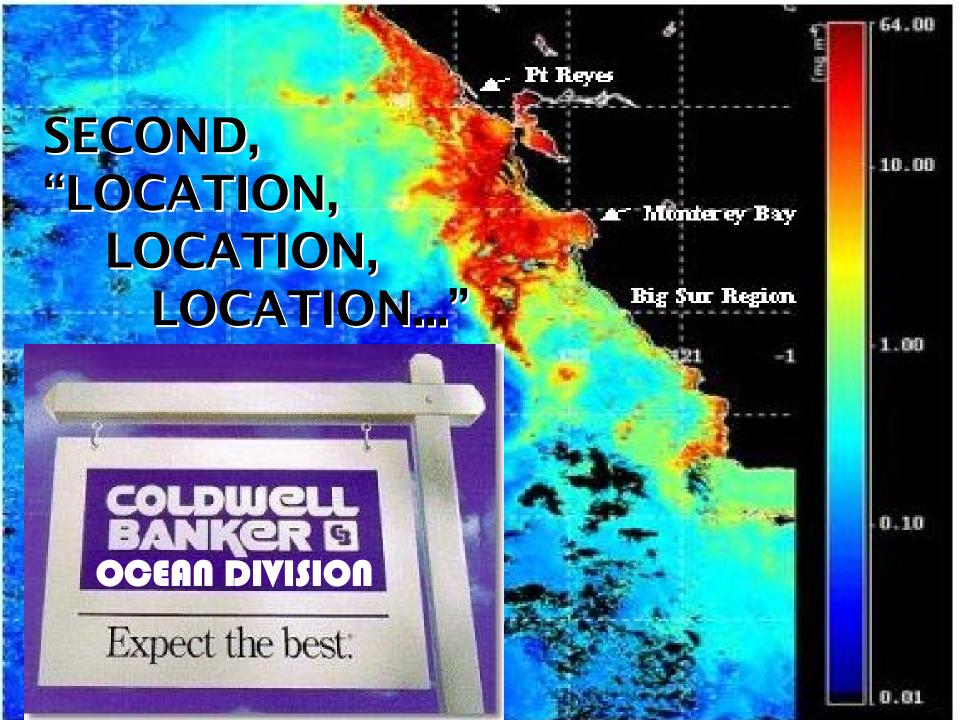


#### MODEL RESULTS: GOOD VS. BAD YEAR...



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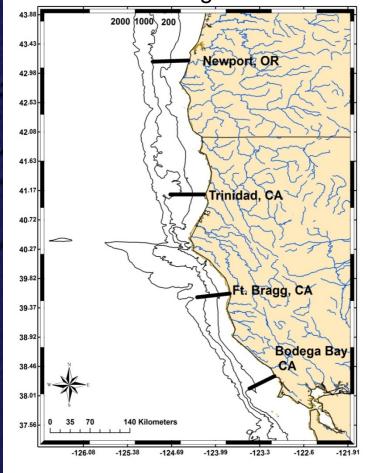






- OCEAN CLIMATE IMPACTS HERE AND NOW
- FOOD (RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME) IMPORTANT TO JUVENILE SALMON SURVIVAL = RUN HEALTH YEARS LATER
  - > ~30M SMOLTS PRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA'S: HATCHERIES...'
- CAN WE RELEASE AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF YEAR TO INCREASE RESILIENCY?

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