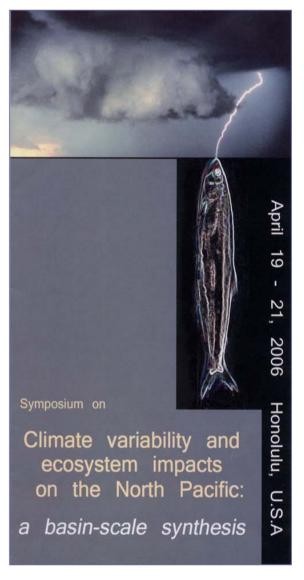
# Climate variability and ecosystem impacts on the North Pacific: A basin-scale synthesis



PICES, GLOBEC International, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center—NOAA, North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, North Pacific Research Board, Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council, Pelagic Fisheries Research Program, Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research, U.S. GLOBEC, and Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute



# Climate Variability and Change through "Time"



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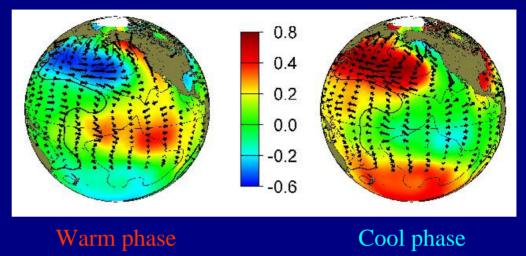
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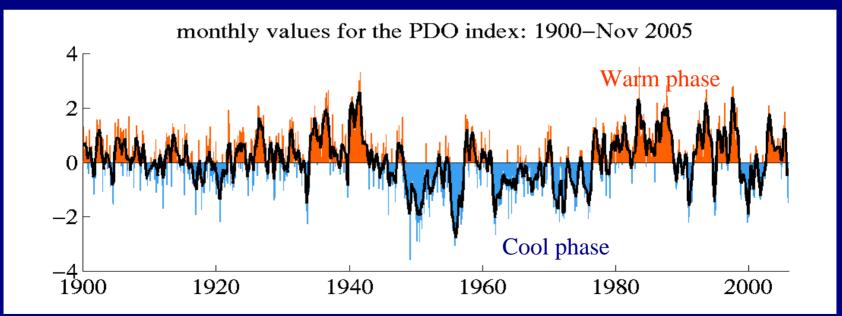
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SST – colors

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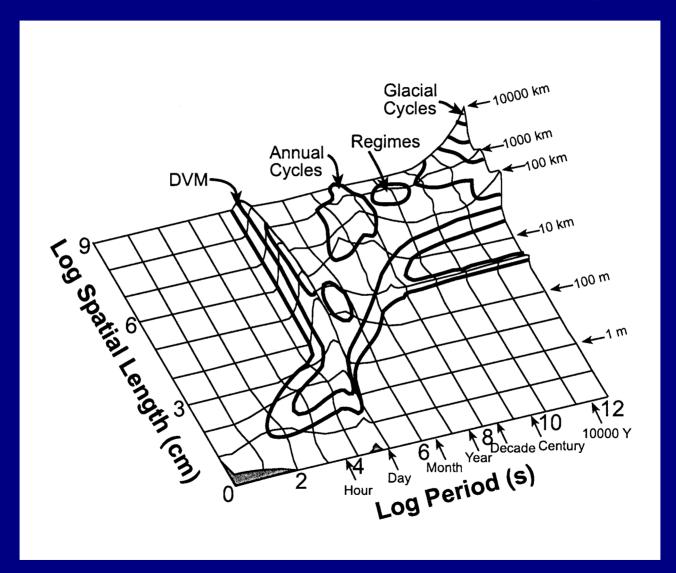
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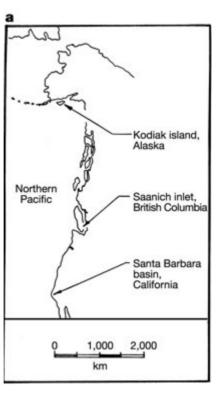


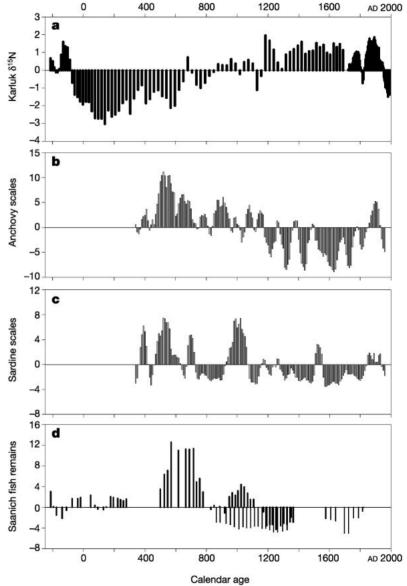
http://jisao.washington.edu/pdo/

#### Ocean Pattern and Process in Time and Space



Reminder: CCCC since 1995; catch/climate observations since ca. 1900; missing longer term variability—indicated by paleoclimatology; paleoecology





Finney et al. (2002; Nature, 416, 729)

# Climate Change and Carrying Capacity (CCCC) Mission

- Provide a strategy for determining the carrying capacity for higher trophics in the subarctic North Pacific (salmon, pollock, birds, mammals, etc.)
- Develop a plan for a cooperative study of how changes in ocean conditions affect the productivity of key fish species in the subarctic North Pacific and coastal zones of the Pacific rim

(1993)

On the importance of the CCCC program to PICES...

"We are trying to think of how to move PICES along to the next stage of its life. It functions but hasn't really yet accomplished anything that impacts marine research in the region"



Chairman of PICES, 1992-1996

Warren Wooster in a November 1995 letter to William T. Burke (Prof. of Law and Marine Affairs, Univ. Washington)

# 1995 – PICES CCCC accepted as a regional program of the IGBP GLOBEC International Program

• Ultimate CCCC Goal: "to forecast the consequences of climate variability on the ecosystems of the subarctic Pacific"

## **CCCC** General Question

• "how do interannual and decadal variation in ocean conditions affect the species dominance, biomass, and productivity of the key zooplankton and fish species in the ecosystems of the PICES area?"

• Applied to:

Physical forcing LTL Response

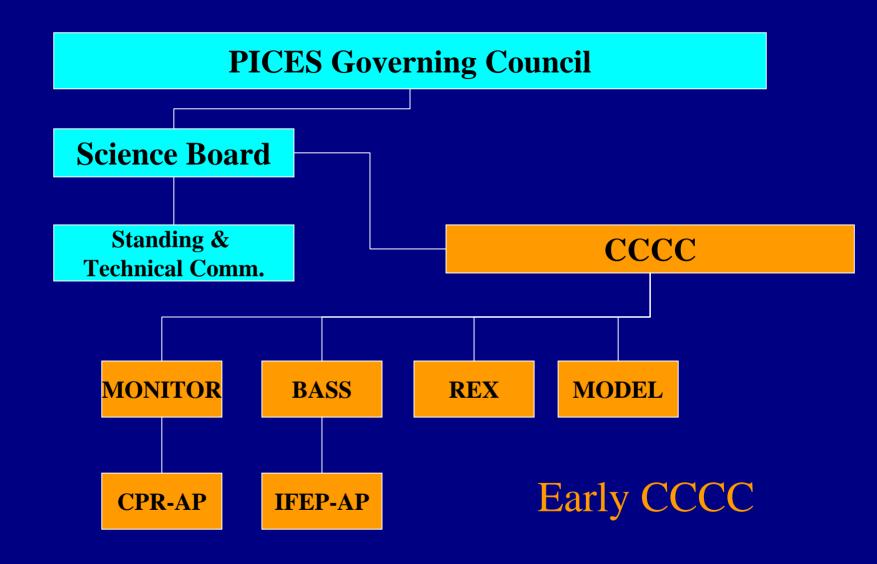
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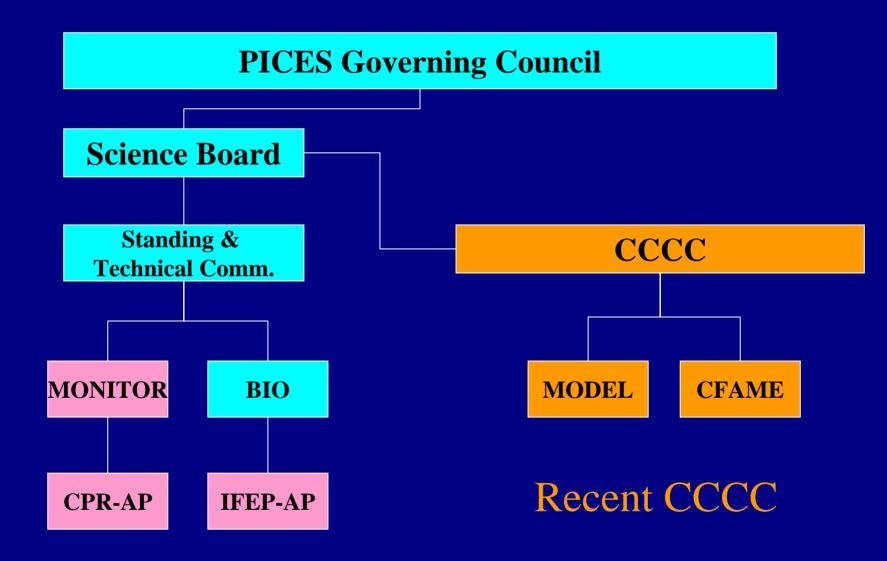
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- Integrate and stimulate national activities on the effects of climate variations on marine ecosystems of the subarctic North Pacfic
- Determine how the PICES scientific committee and WGs can support the program
- Identify national/international research programs with which CCCC could coordinate
- Provide scientific direction

# CCCC Implementation Panel establishes 4 Task Teams (TT)

- MODEL to advance the development of conceptual and modeling studies
- BASS (BASin Scale) to develop the basin-scale component
- REX (Regional EXperiments) to develop interregional comparisons among national studies
- MONITOR (a little later) to review, improve and design a monitoring system for ocean and ecosystem observations in the NoPac; assist in developing a coordinated program to detect and describe events that strongly affect the NoPac; provide a liaison role to GOOS





#### GLOBEC INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE

#### **GLOBEC Scientific Steering Committee**

C. Werner (SSC Chair)

#### RESEARCH FOCI

- 1 Retrospective Analysis WG (J.Alheit)
- 2 Process Studies WG (R. Harris)
- 3 Prediction andModelling WG (B de Young& M. Kishi)
- 4 Feedback from Ecosystem Changes WG (R. Ommer & I. Perry)



## National Activities

Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, UK

## Multinational Activities

BENEFIT (S. AFRICA) LIFECO (EC) TASC (EC)

## REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

PICES- Climate Change and Carrying Capacity (H.Batchelder & S. Kim)

ICES- Cod and Climate Change

(G. Otterson & K. Drinkwater)

**Southern Ocean** 

(E. Hofmann)

<u>Small Pelagic fish And</u> <u>Climate Change</u> (C. Roy & D. Checkley)

# PICES Study Group on Future Integrative Scientific Program

#### SG tasks are to:

- Solicit ideas for a new integrative program
- Review and assess potential themes of broad interest
- Solicit feedback from the PICES community
- Provide recommendations to GC

# SGFISP – Future Directions in Establishing a New Program

- Build upon the successful CCCC program
- Move from climate variability to global change
- Bring climate into management models
- Key Elements Forecasts, human dimension, mechanisms, scenarios

### SGFISP – A Possible Name?

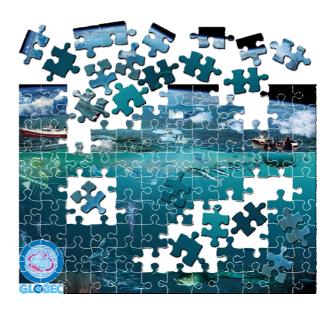
#### FUTURE

- -Forecasting and
- Understanding
- -Trends,
- Uncertainty and
- $-\mathbf{R}$ esponses of
- -**E**cosystems

#### Final Thoughts . . .

Analysis. 1. A resolution of anything, whether an object of the senses or of the intellect, into its constituent or original elements; an examination of the component parts of a subject, each separately, as the words which compose a sentence, the tones of a tune, or the simple propositions which enter into an argument. It is opposed to synthesis.; 2. (Logic) The tracing of things to their source, and the resolving of knowledge into its original principles.

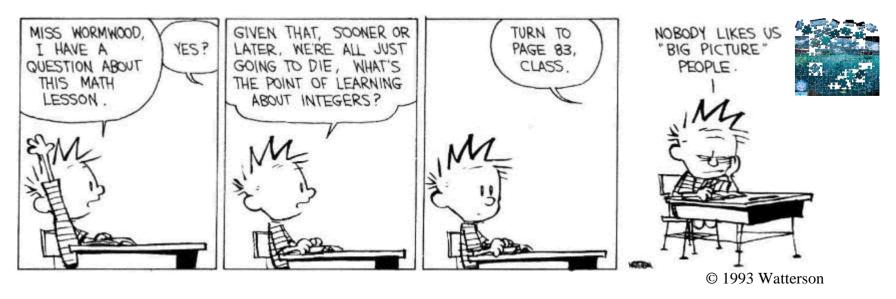
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#### **Central Scientific Issues (CCCC Implementation Plan)**

#### **Physical Forcing:**

What are the characteristics of climate variability, can interdecadal patterns be identified, how and when do they arise?

#### **Lower Trophic Level Response**

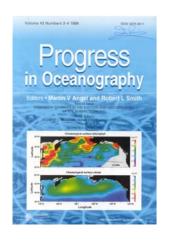
How do primary and secondary producers respond in productivity, and in species and size composition, to climate variability in different ecosystems of the subarctic Pacific?

#### **Higher Trophic Level Response**

How do life history patterns, distribution, vital rates, and population dynamics of higher trophic level species respond directly and indirectly to climate variability?

#### **Ecosystem Interactions**

How are subarctic Pacific ecosystems structured? Is it solely through bottom-up forcing, or are there significant intra-trophic level and top-down effects?



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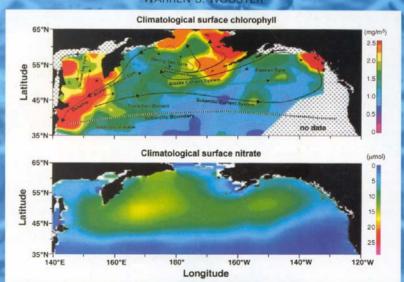
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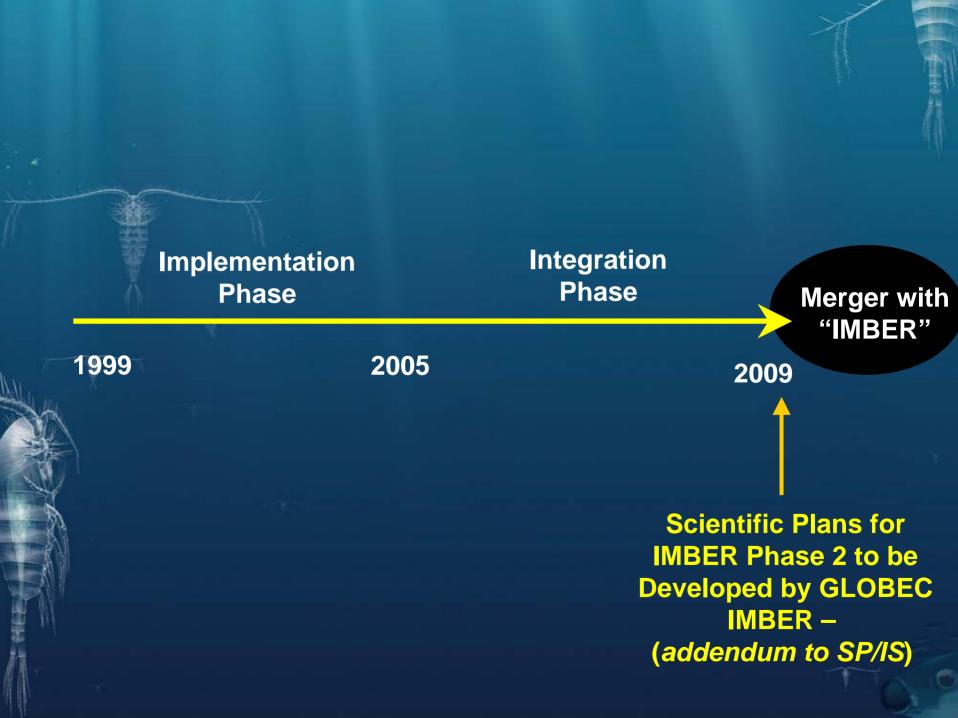
Guest Editors

RICHARD J. BEAMISH, SUAM KIM, MAKOTO TERAZAKI

and

WARREN S. WOOSTER





#### GLOBEC's Blueprint to Integration and Synthesis

#### A. What encapsulates GLOBEC's philosophy

- Multi/ interdisciplinary international collaboration
- Physical-biological interactions
- From key species to ecosystems/ from individuals to populations
- Coupled models as integrative tools
- Multi-scale (time, space, institutional) analysis

#### B. What body of knowledge does GLOBEC contribute to?

- Ecosystem Structure and Function
  - How are ecosystems structured and how does structure affect function
  - Demonstrate the role of Climate variability in affecting marine ecosystem changes
  - Identify the relative role of ecosystem components (plankton, fish, humans) in ecosystem functioning
  - Enhanced understanding of the role of high trophic levels and top-down controls (hierarchical)

#### Forcings

- Determine the space/time modes of variability in natural climate processes
- Highlight the mechanisms behind ecosystem teleconnections
- Recognise the role of Humans as forces of change
- Physical/ Biological/ Human interactions and Feedbacks

## C. What innovative methodologies is GLOBEC introducing/advancing?

- •Sampling and technological advances in support of GLOBEC science
- •Coupled Models (trophic, scale, time) to investigate structure, function and variability
- •Retrospective studies (particularly multidecadal to centennial) on past ecosystem states
- Comparative approach (mostly regional)

#### D. Efforts for transferring information to management bodies

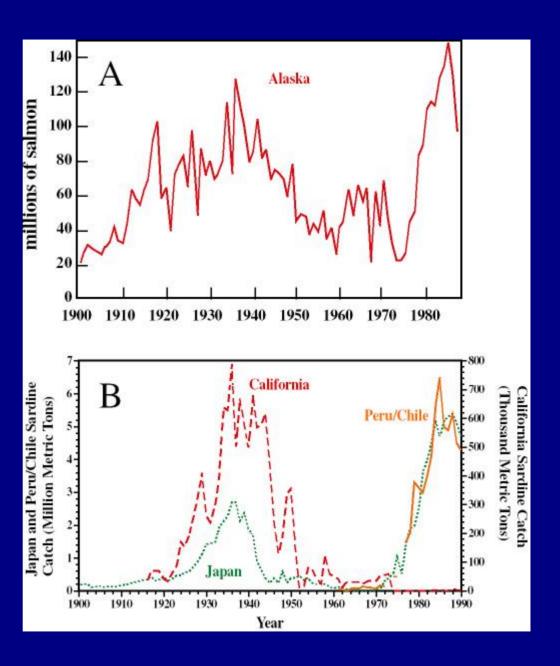
- Policy (providing conceptual understanding of ecosystem function)
- •Managers (providing tools to incorporate climate-driven variability)
- Communities (enhancing communication on GEC and marine sustainability)

#### E. What education/ outreach objectives are we conducting?

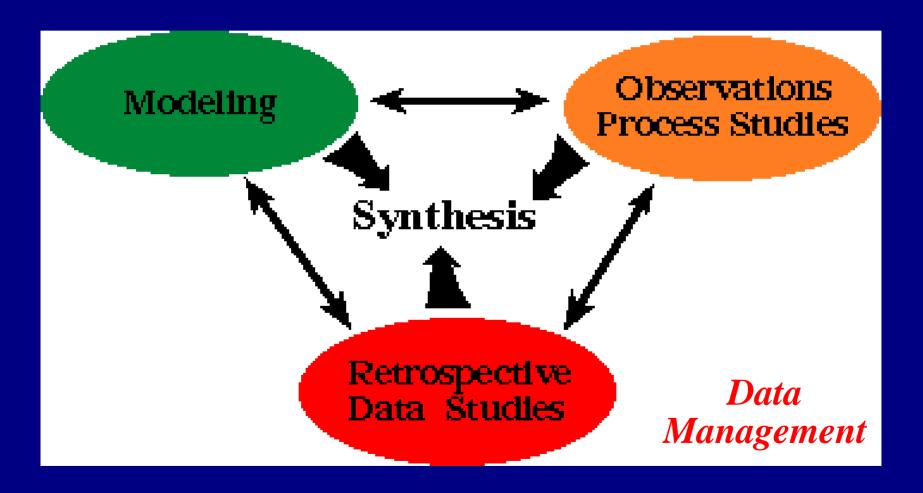
- Curriculum development
- Web-based approaches
- Animations (scenarios)
- •Lessons learned



Synchronous Population Fluctuations?



### CCCC uses the GLOBEC Approach



# Distribution of Steller Sea Lions (from North Pacific Universities Marine Mammal Research Consortium website)



1-CCSS; 2-CCSN; 3-SE-SCAK; 4-EBS; 5-WBS; 6-OKH; 7-OY-KU; 8-JASE; 9-BOHAI; 10-EACH WSG-Western Subarctic Gyre; ESG-Eastern Subarctic Gyre

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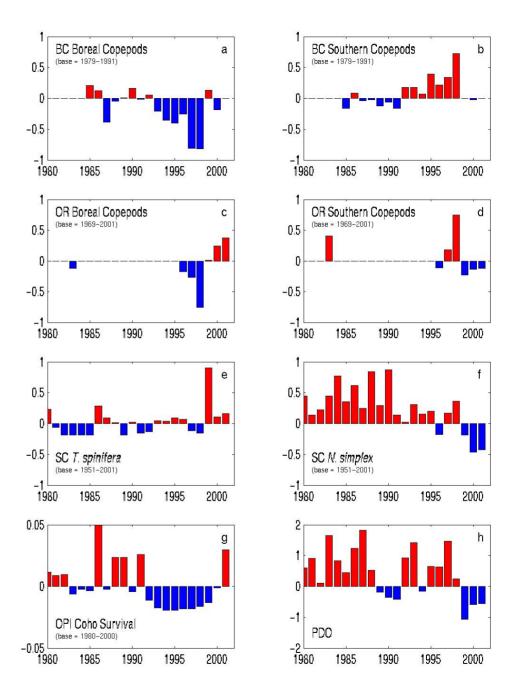
## Ecosystem Status Report

- Summarize what is known about the NoPac ecosystem (every 1-2 years?) [climate, oceanographic and fisheries data]
- Identify data gaps requiring further study
- Ecosystem based management of marine fisheries requires integration of environmental data into traditional stock assessment advice
- First ESR to be available in draft form for 2002 PICES Mtg

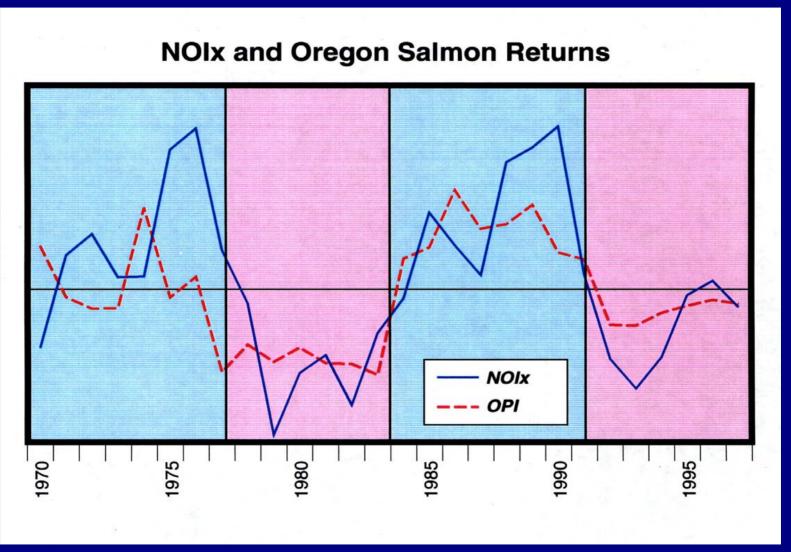
#### 1998 Regime Shift?

- •Boreal Copepods increase
- •Southern Copepods decline
- •Shift in euphausiid species composition in SoCal
- •Marked increase in Coho survival

Parallel pattern in PDO, but the mechanisms are not known

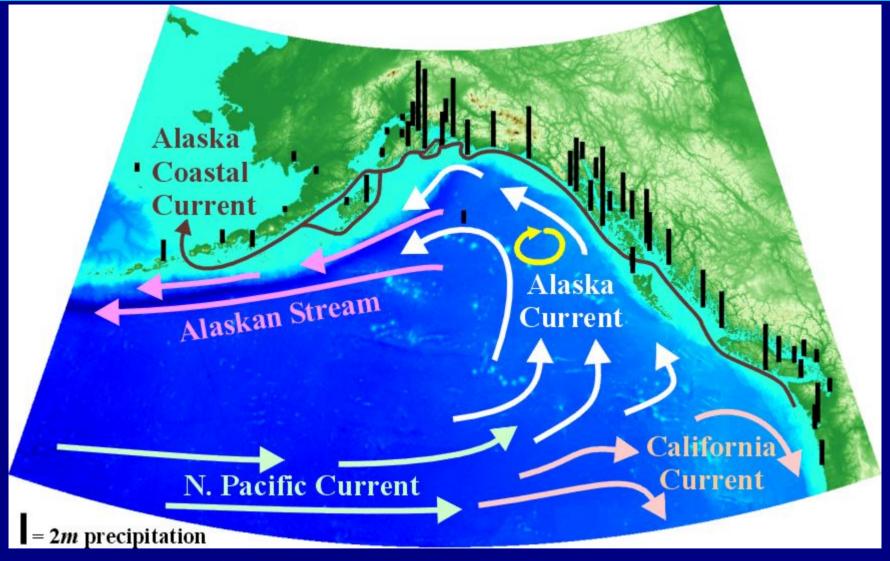


#### **Evidence for Climate Connections to Salmon Catch?**



(figure courtesy of F. Schwing)

#### **Introduction:** Gulf of Alaska Circulation



• The Alaska Coastal Current is a wind and buoyancy driven coastal current directly influencing the distribution of freshwater, biota and pollutants around the Gulf of Alaska

# A REVIEW OF THE PICES CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARRYING CAPACITY (CCCC) PROGRAM

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Seattle, WA

Takashige Sugimoto Ocean Research Institute, University of

Tokyo, Tokyo



"The Santiago", Gordon Miller (1997), with permission (source: Canadian Museum of Civilisation)

# Abundance estimates of marine mammals in the North Pacific prior to industrial exploitation

### Large whales:

**Blue** 5,000

Humpback 63,000

**Sperm** 1,250,000

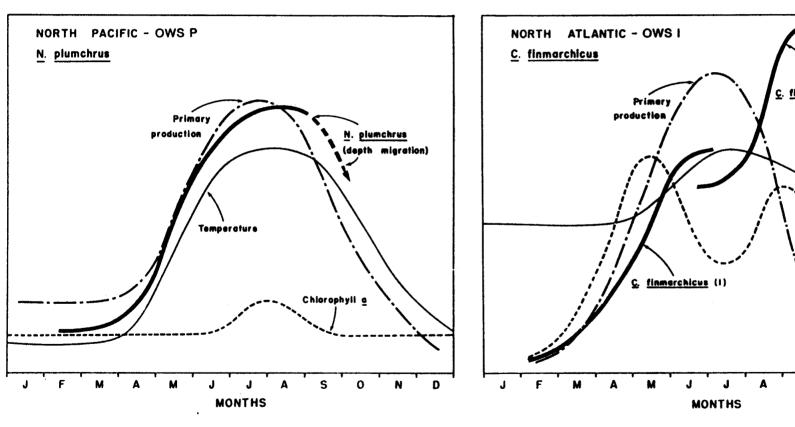
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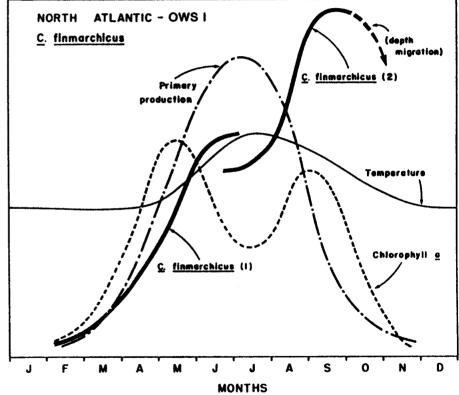
North Pacific Right ?

**Sea otters:** 300,000

Fur seals (Bering Sea) 3,000,000

## 1960's-1970's view: Ecosystems in the NE Pacific functioned differently from NW Pacific and North Atlantic.



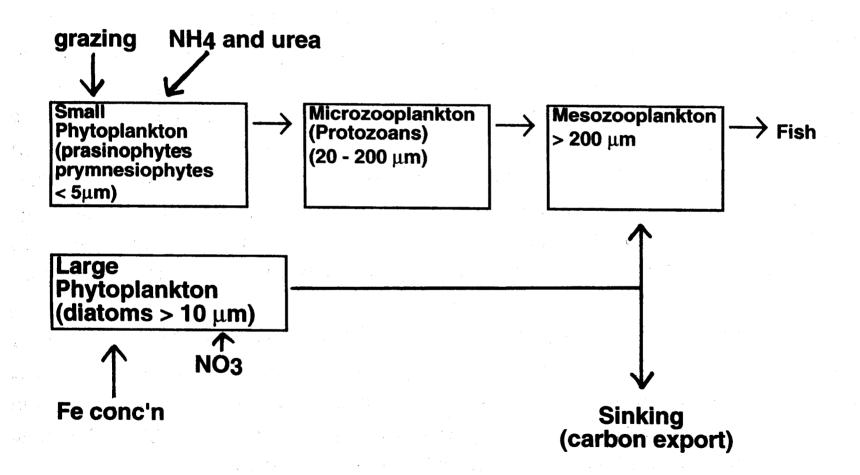


Source: Parsons and Lalli. 1988. Oceanogr. Mar. Biol. Ann. Rev. 26:317-359

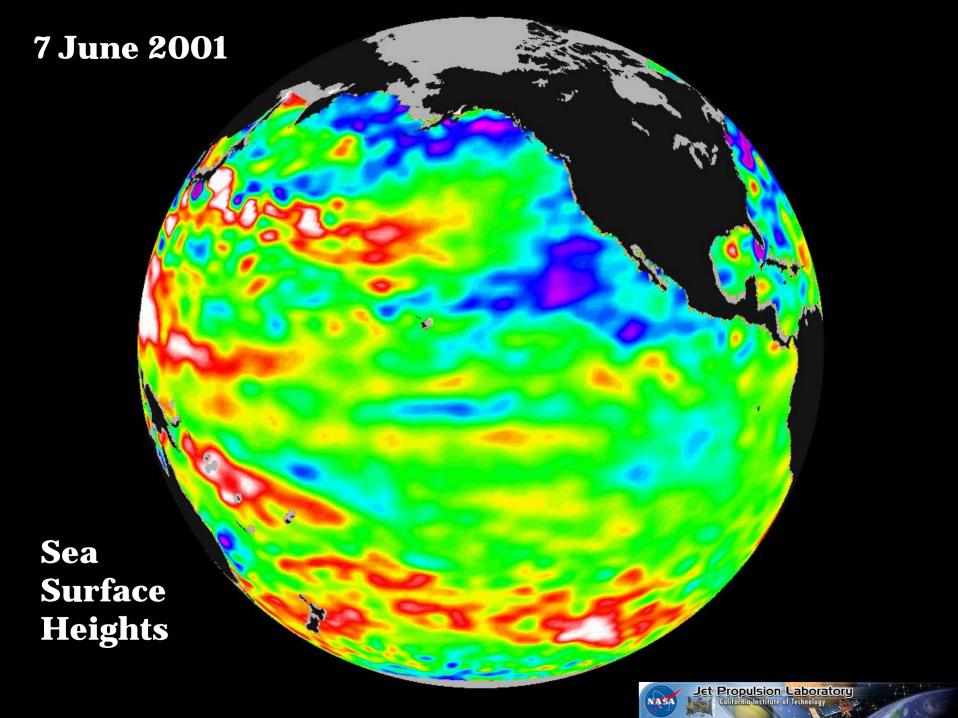
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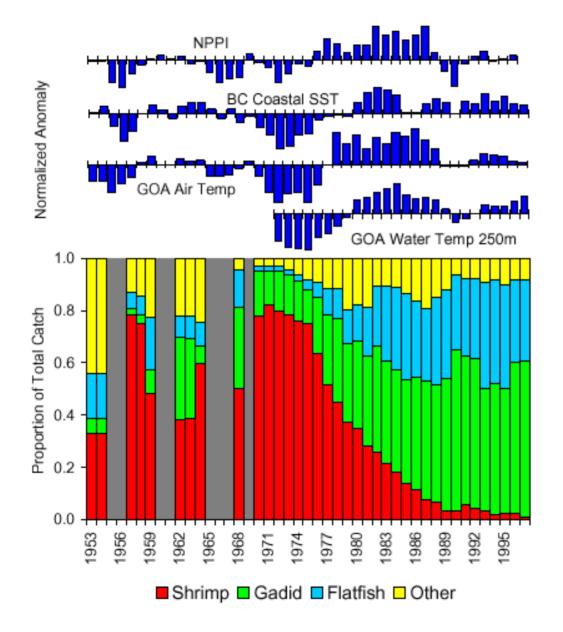
- 20 years later, in the 1990's, the view of the North Pacific changed again, with a different understanding of:
  - 1) why the North Pacific is a High Nutrient Low Chlorophyll region
  - 2) the extent of connections across basins and with the atmosphere
  - 3) the connections between environmental changes and marine populations

Simple food web at Station P, showing bottom up control of large phytoplankton by Iron (Fe), and top down control of small phytoplankton by microzooplankton grazing



Source: Harrison et al. 1999. Progr. Oceanography 43: 205-234.





Connections of living marine resources with large-scale climate indices:

Changes in large-scale environmental indices and species composition from Alaskan small-mesh trawl surveys

Source: Anderson and Piatt. 1999. Mar. Ecol. Progr. Ser. 189: 117-123.

### **Major Question:**

How has the PICES Climate Change and Carrying Capacity Program (CCCC) contributed to this recent view of the ecosystems of the North Pacific?

# PICES Climate Change and Carrying Capacity (CCCC) Program:

- Governing Council approved development of a CCCC Program at the  $2^{nd}$  Annual PICES Meeting (1993)
  - •Scientific program would include (Annual Rept. 3rd Meeting):
    - 1) a strategy for determing the <u>carrying capacity for High</u> <u>Trophic Level carnivores</u> in the subarctic Pacific
    - 2) a plan for a cooperative study of how changes in ocean conditions affect the productivity of key fish species in the subarctic Pacific and the coastal zones of the Pacific Rim

# PICES Climate Change and Carrying Capacity (CCCC) Program:

- Science Plan (1994); Implementation Plan (1995)
- Ultimate goal:

"to forecast the consequences of climate variability on the ecosystems of the subarctic Pacific" (*Implementation Plan*)

#### **General Question:**

"How do interannual and decadal variations in ocean conditions affect the species dominance, biomass, and productivity of the key zooplankton and fish species in the ecosystems of the PICES area?" (*Implementation Plan*)

In 1997, the Terms of Reference for the CCCC Program were revised to:

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- 4) provide scientific direction

### 3 Task Teams (established 1995):

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conceptual / theoretical and

modelling studies

BASS develop the basin scale component

of CCCC

**REX** develop intercomparisons among

regional (National) studies

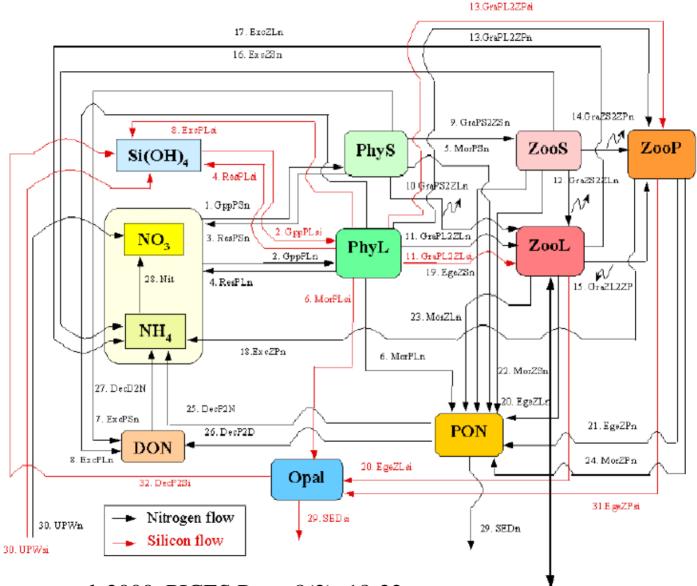
### **MONITOR Task Team (established 1997)**

- 1) review and suggest improvements to monitoring by PICES Nations
- 2) consult on designing the PICES monitoring system (calibrations, standardisation, etc.)
- 3) assist with development of a coordinated monitoring program to detect and describe events that strongly affect the subarctic Pacific
- 4) report to CCCC on the montoring needs in the subarctic Pacific to be implemented in GOOS (Global Ocean Observing System)

## **Major Accomplishments** MODEL

- 1) identification of modelling needs of the CCCC scientific community:
  - development of Lower Trophic Levels models, and coupling them with physical models and Higher Trophic Level models, lagged behind development of physical models
- 2) development of the Lower Trophic Level NEMURO model
  - refinements and testing of NEMURO
  - work with BASS to couple NEMURO model to High Trophic Level models (ECOPATH / ECOSIM)
  - work with REX to couple NEMURO model with pelagic fish (e.g. herring) dynamics

## **NEMURO** "North Pacific Ecosystem Model for Understanding Regional Oceanography"



Source: Megrey et al. 2000. PICES Press 8(2): 18-22.

## **Major Accomplishments BASS**

- 1) Science Board symposium on "Comparing Eastern and Western Gyres of the Subarctic Pacific"
- 2) Advisory Panel on an Iron Fertilisation Experiment (IFEP) in the subarctic Pacific
- 3) BASS MODEL workshop on Lower Trophic Level

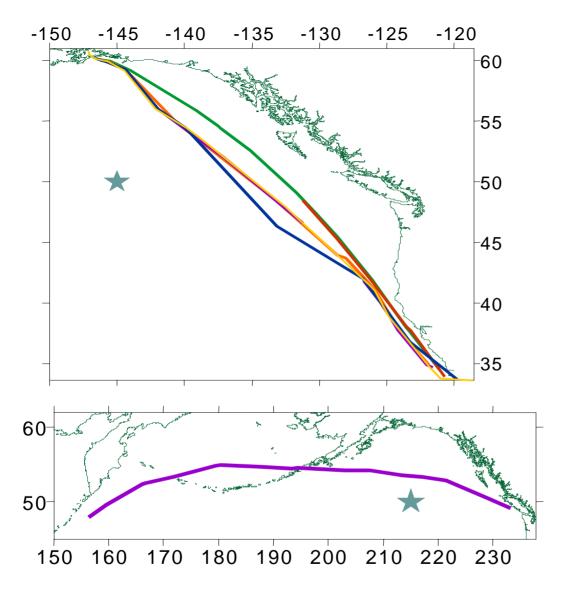
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## **Major Accomplishments** MONITOR

- 1) Science Board symposium on "The Nature and Impacts of North Pacific Climate Regime Shifts" (published in *Progress in Oceanography*)
- 2) GOOS workshop, and role as a contact with GOOS in the Pacific
- 3) Advisory Panel on the Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR) program, and establishment of a pilot project



North Pacific
CPR Routes
(pilot project),
2000

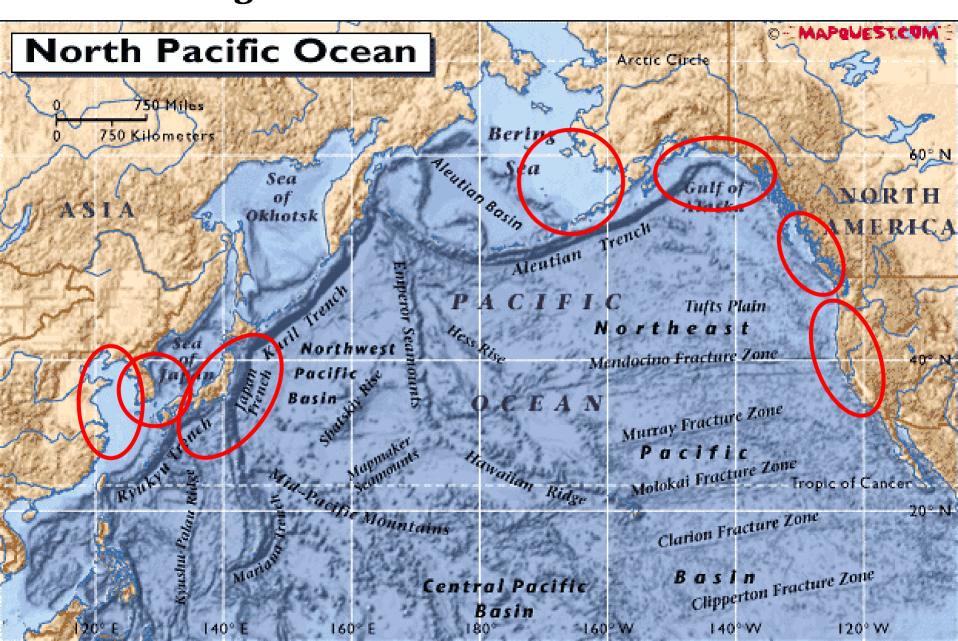
Figure 2. The positions of the transects operated in 2000.

(a) Monthly N-S and (b) E-W in June. Key to colours: March (Green), April (Red), May (Brown), June (Violet), July (Blue), August (Orange). Station Papa is shown for reference (Star).

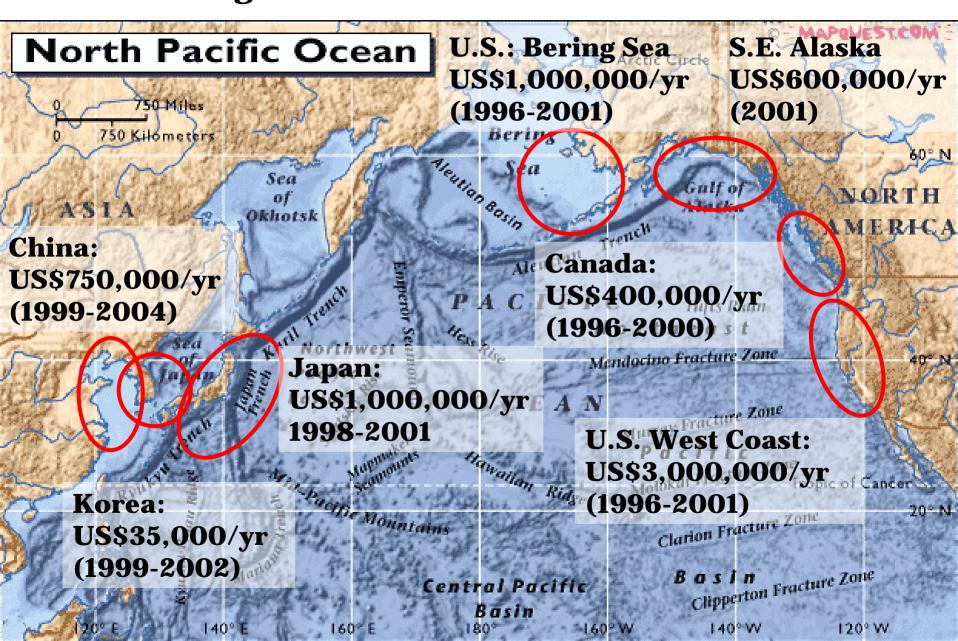
### **Major Accomplishments REX**

- initially expected to develop "regional experiments" among the 10 identified regions of the Pacific continental margins
- 1) very active initially as a forum for discussion and information exchange on the needs and developments of National programs
- 2) recently developed a workshop series on small pelagics especially herring, and has been assembling data on life history patterns across the Pacific basin
  - •2001 symposium: "Temporal variations in size-at-age for fish species in coastal areas around the Pacific rim"

# **Locations of Regional (National) CCCC-related Programs of PICES Member Nations**



# Funding of Regional (National) CCCC-related Programs of PICES Member Nations



#### **PROBLEMS:**

### 1) Heavy administrative structure:

	Number of Members		
CCCC EC/IP	≥ 10		
CCCC IP	27		
BASS	12		
IFEP Panel	16		
MODEL	16		
MONITOR	17		
CPR Panel	14		
REX	13		
<b>Total "Positions"</b>	≥ 125		
(not people, as some			
people have >1 position)			

#### **Problems:**

- 1) Heavy administrative structure
- 2) Lack of direct funding to the PICES CCCC Program
  - Program elements are funded separately by each Nation, which set their own priorities
  - Result: CCCC program identifies an overall structure, but each element is assembled from the Nationallyfunded programs
    - This leaves gaps and missing pieces
  - BUT: the CCCC Program has encouraged a tremendous infusion of new resources to be devoted to Science in the North Pacific Ocean

# How has the CCCC program contributed to the 1990's changed view of the North Pacific?

- Further understanding of what drives Lower Trophic Level productivity and its consequences
  - NEMURO model, connections with Upper Trophic Level models; IFEP project
- Much improved understanding of similarities, differences, and connections among East and West subarctic Pacific, and with atmospheric forcing
  - BASS symposium and publication; Regional programs
- Understanding of the large (basin) scale synchrony of marine populations, and how they are connected to atmospheric and oceanographic processes
  - MONITOR symposium and publication; CPR Program; REX workshops

### Has the CCCC program been a success or a failure?

Answer depends on what is believed as its principal objective:

- to stimulate and integrate programs on climate variations and marine ecosystems in the North Pacific?
  - Answer must be Outstandingly Successful
- to initiate a cooperative study with its own observational program of how changes in ocean conditions affect lower & upper trophic levels?
  - Answer is

**Less Successful** 

#### Program gets poor marks on

- integrating with other PICES Committees
- coordinating data management issues in CCCC

#### **FUTURE DIRECTIONS:**

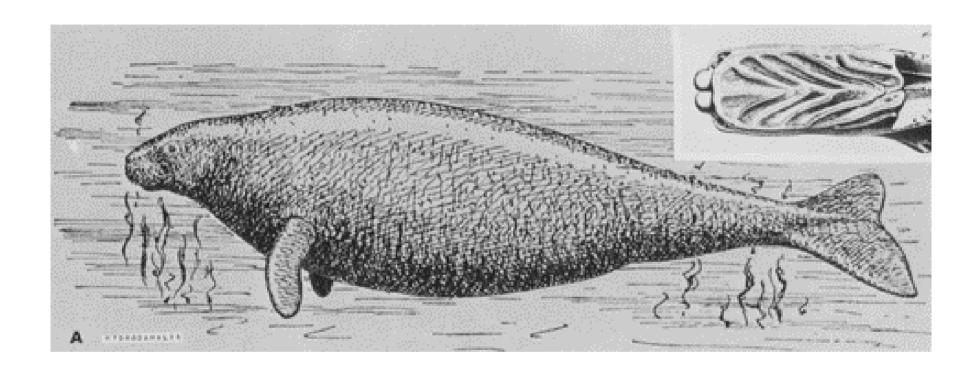
- revise Adminstrative structure:
  - disband Implementation Panel; combine REX & BASS
- improve synthesis and coordination, with perhaps re-focusing of the Objectives
  - use the Ecosystem Status Report project as a means to summarise what we know, and identify key unknowns that need study
  - integration with GOOS
- terminate program and start something new?

#### **FUTURE DIRECTIONS (CONT.)**

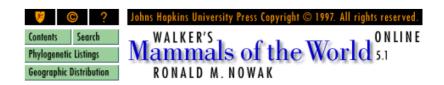
- PICES should serve as a source of scientific information on issues related to the North Pacific
  - model is Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
  - CCCC could be the start of this for climate impacts, and our ability to distinguish these from more direct human forcing

Historical views of the natural history / science of the North Pacific:

 at the time of European contact (mid-1500's in Japan; mid/late 1700's in North America), the peoples of the North Pacific were highly maritime-adapted societies



Steller's sea cow (*Hydrodamalis gigas*): Photo from *Extinct and Vanishing Mammals of the Western Hemisphere*, Glover M. Allen.; inset: steller's sea cow's palate, from *Symbolae Sirenologicae*, drawing by J.F. Brandt.



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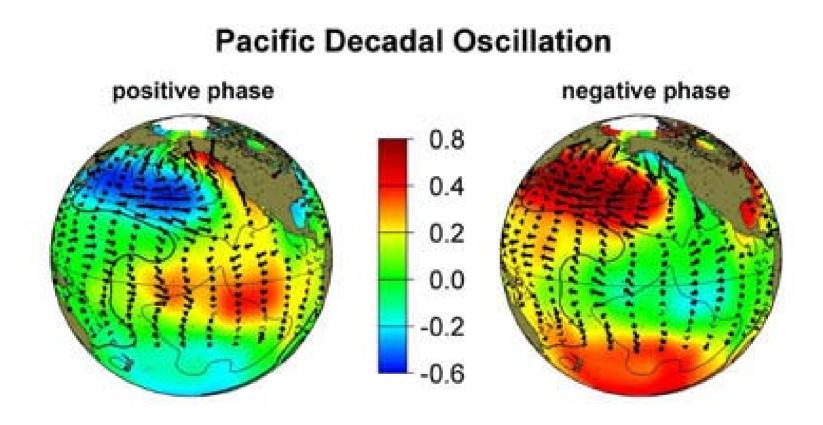


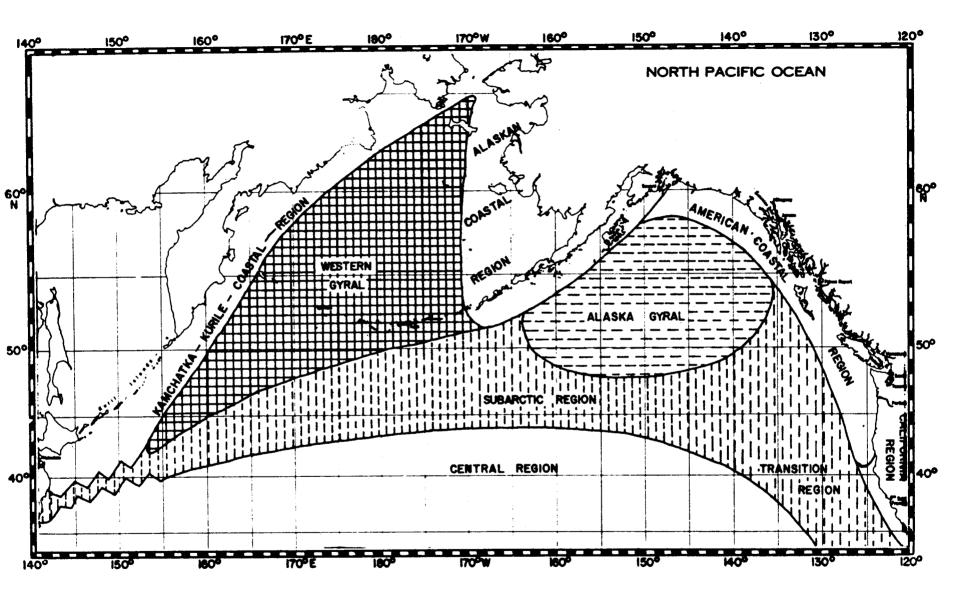
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Historical views of the natural history / science of the North Pacific:

• 200 years later, in the 1960's and 1970's, the view of the North Pacific had changed



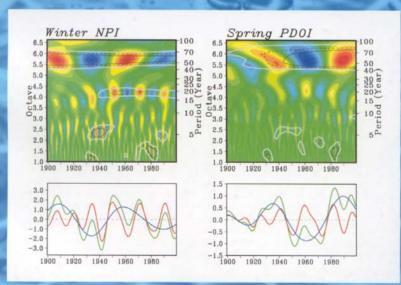
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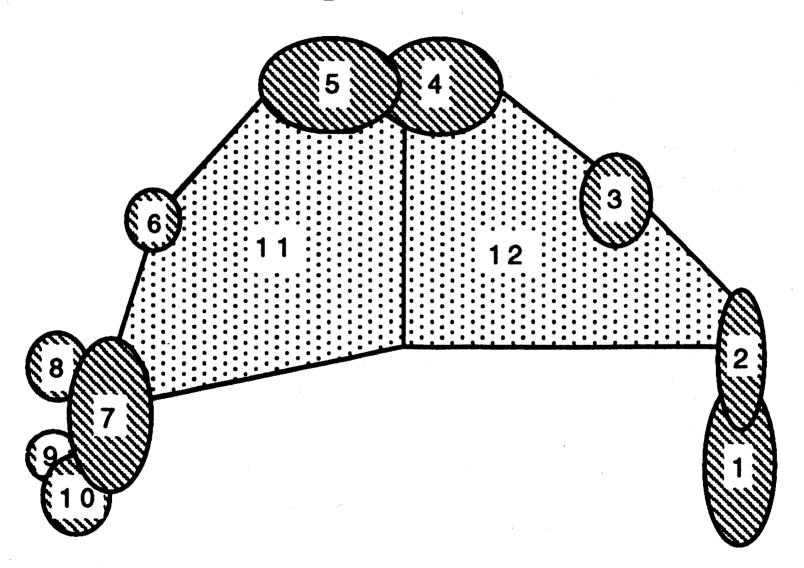
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# Original view of CCCC Regions for GLOBEC experiments



### **Regional Programs - China**

"Ecosystem Dynamics and Sustainable Utilization of Living Resources in the East China Sea and Yellow Sea"

### **Program goals:**

- identify key processes of ecosystem dynamics, and improve predictive and modelling capabilities in the East China Sea and the Yellow Sea;
- provide scientific underpinnings for sustainable utilization of marine ecosystems and the rational management of fisheries and other marine life

### 12 projects

**\$4.5** million over the period 1999-2004

### **Regional Programs - Korea**

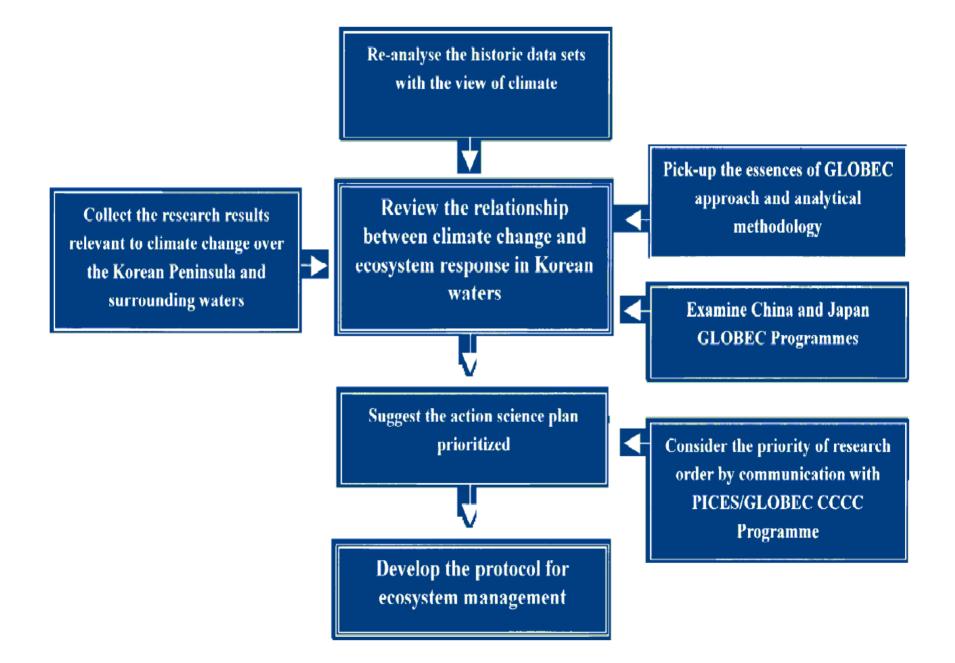
### **Overall Program goal:**

"to provide a long-term science and strategic plan for Korean waters to establish effective and resonable conservation and sustainable measures for fisheries and ecosystem management"

US\$100,000 for period 1999 - 2002

Several Task Teams formed to review: Retrospective data; scientific program development; capacity building; and fisheries & ecosystem management approaches

### Organisation of Korea GLOBEC program



### **Regional Programs - <u>Japan</u>**

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### **Regional Programs - United States**

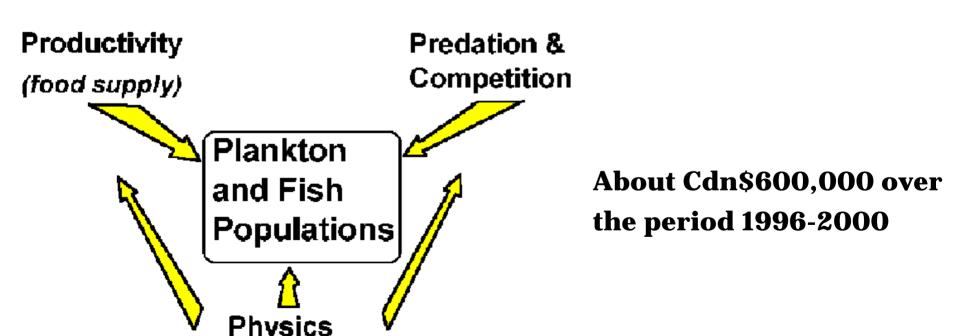
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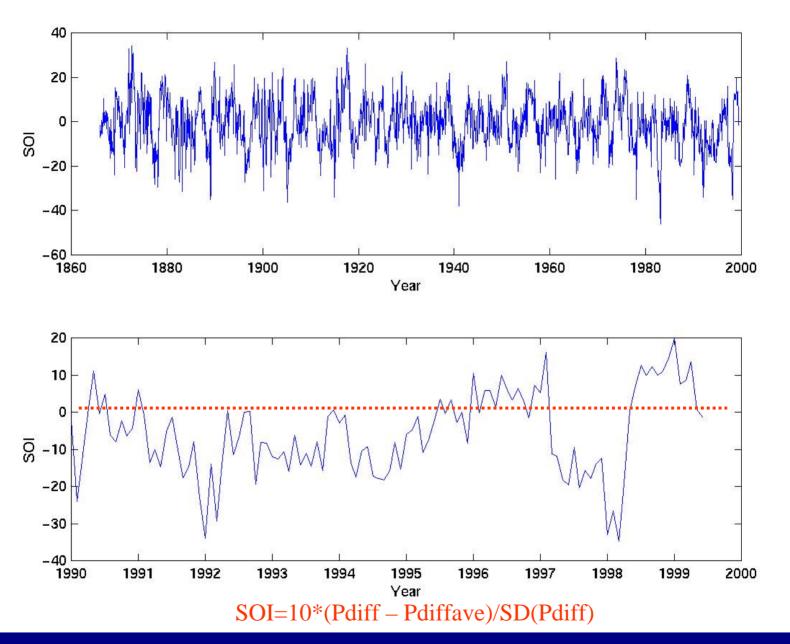
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### **Regional Programs - Canada**

#### **Key Issues:**

- seasonality and timing matches between physics and biology
- freshwater inputs, and effects on mixing and transport
- advective coupling among continental shelf, margin and deep ocean
- interaction between zooplankton and fish populations





Pdiff=Tahiti SLP-Darwin SLP; Pdiffave=long-term mean diff; SD(Pdiff)=long-term SD

# PICES Study Group on Future Integrative Scientific Program

#### SG tasks are to:

- Solicit ideas for a new integrative program
- Review and assess potential themes of broad interest
- Solicit feedback from the PICES community
- Provide recommendations to GC

# SGFISP – Future Directions in Establishing a New Program

- Build upon the successful CCCC program
- Move from climate variability to global change
- Bring climate into management models
- Key Elements Forecasts, human dimension, mechanisms, scenarios

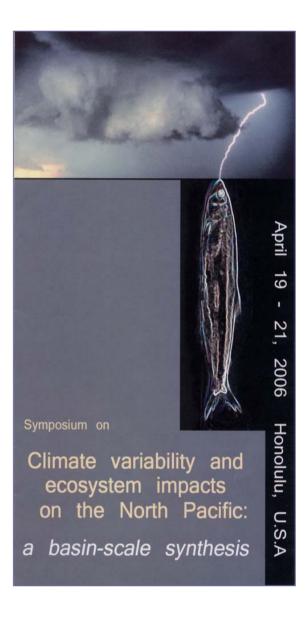
### SGFISP – A Possible Name?

- ☐ FUTURE
  - Forecasting and
  - Understanding
  - **T**rends,
  - Uncertainty and
  - Responses of
  - Ecosystems

### Climate variability and ecosystem impacts on the North Pacific: A basin-scale synthesis



- Three Main Therics
  - Regime Shifts
  - Ecosystem Productivity and Structural Responses to Physical Forcing
  - Pan-Pacific Comparisons



# **MODEL**

- LTL models and coupling to physical models and HTL models
- NEMURO North Pacific Ecosystem Model for Understanding Regional Oceanography (also from workshop held in Nemuro, JP)
  - 11 state variables, incl. Fluxes of both N and Si
- Collaborations with BASS to couple NEMURO to HTL (ECOPATH; ECOSIM)

# **BASS**

- Develop CCCC activities in the deep basins
- Comparison of WSG and ESG
  - Science board symposium (1997)
- Advisory Panel on Iron Fert. Expt (IFEP; 1999)
  - Coordinate an Fe fert. Expt and examine LTL responses (species composition; export flux rates)
- Develop LTL-HTL linkages with MODEL

### REX

- REX played an integral role in information exchange in the early development of national GLOBEC-CCCC programs
- Workshop series on small pelagics, esp. herring (life history data; size-at-age)
- Working with MODEL to develop and add a "Fish" box to NEMURO (January 2002 workshop)

# **MONITOR**

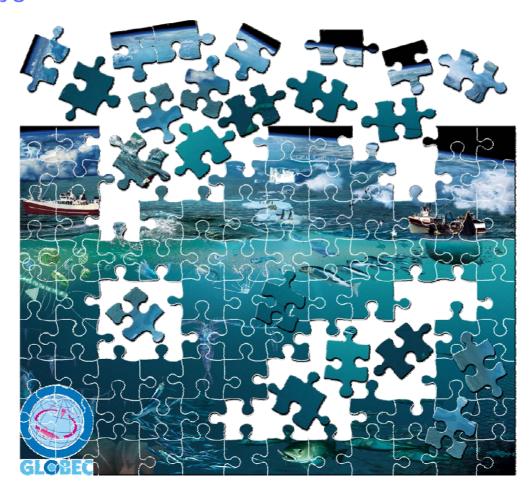
- Both backward and forward looking responsibilities
- Retrospective analysis of existing datasets
- Design of future observational systems
- Nature & Impacts of No Pac Regime Shifts
  - Science Board Symposium (1999)
- Fledgling CPR program (Advisory Panel)
  - 5 north-south transects per year (Mar-Aug)
  - 1 east-west transect per year (June-July)

# **CFAME**

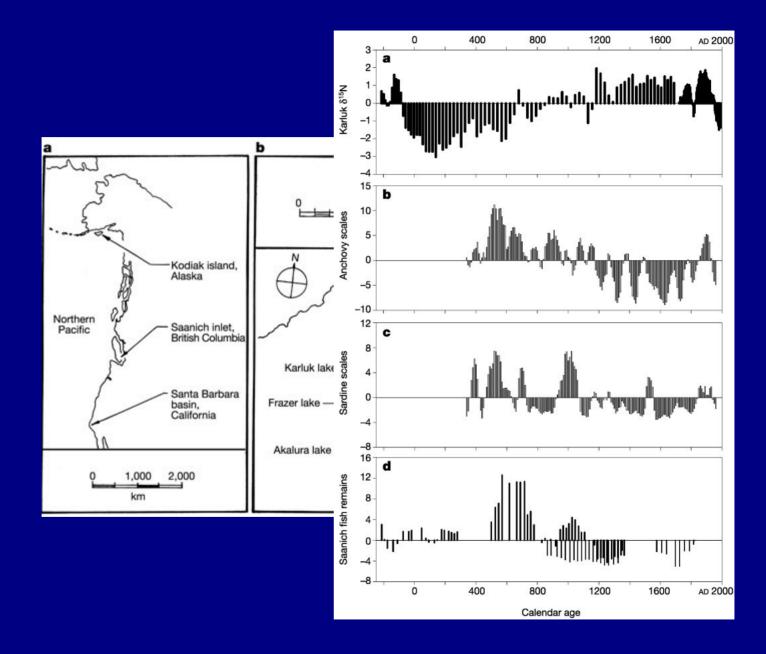
- Promote, coordinate, integrate and synthesize research activities related to the CCCC Program through meetings, periodic scientific symposia or workshops;
- Hypothesis testing of model experiments, by providing a forum for interaction between data-gathering and distribution programs (MONITOR) and theoretical experimentation and development (MODEL) groups;
- Test ecosystem-level hypotheses, through review and examination in a collaborative environment, of (i) comparisons between regional and/or basin ecosystems, (ii) linkages in time, space, or seasonality between climate and ecosystems, and (iii) responses of regional ecosystems to basin-scale forcing;

*Integration*. The act or process of making whole or entire. The process by which the manifold is compacted into the relatively simple and permanent.

*Synthesis*. The art or process of making a compound by putting the ingredients together, as contrasted with analysis; thus, water is made by synthesis from hydrogen and oxygen.









An intergovernmental scientific organization that was established and held its first meetings in 1992. Its present members are Canada, People's Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and the United States of America.

- Promote and coordinate marine research in the northern North Pacific and adjacent seas especially northward of 30 degrees North
- Advance scientific knowledge about the ocean environment, global weather and climate change, living resources and their ecosystems, and the impacts of human activities
- Promote the collection and rapid exchange of scientific information on these issues

