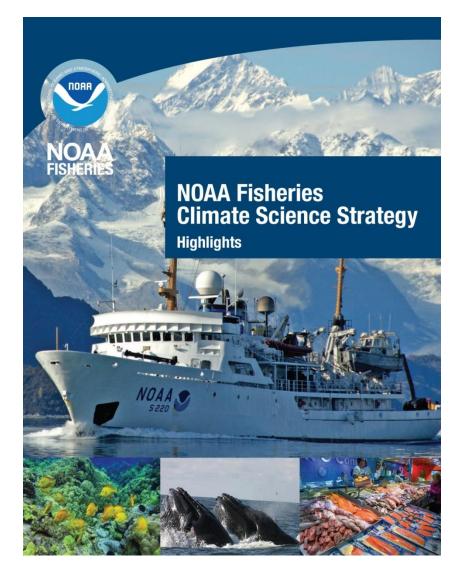


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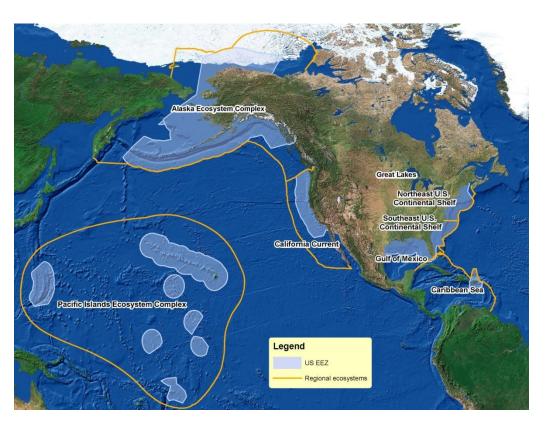
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Increase the production,
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NOAA Fisheries mandates

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Gulf of Mexico Regional Action Plan

- Draft plan a great time for input!
- Scheduling, staging, prioritizing actions
- Thorough assessment of funding requirements
- Identify additional partners





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- Strategic planning for climate science
- Build and strengthen capacity
- Infrastructure
- Strengthen partnerships
- Citizen Science

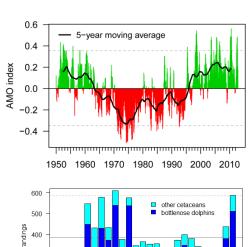


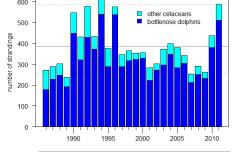
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6. Status, Trends and Early Warnings

- Critical baseline data
- Ecosystem Status Report
- Early warning toolbox



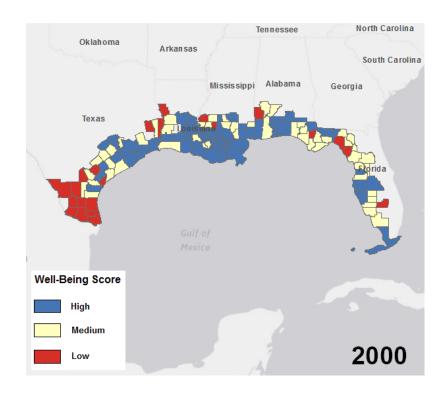






5. Information on Mechanisms of Change

- Vulnerability assessments
- Research & monitoring

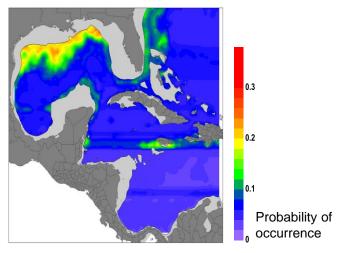




4. Robust Projections of Future Conditions

- Predictive modeling
- Application of existing models
- Standard modeling toolbox





Muhling et al. 2015



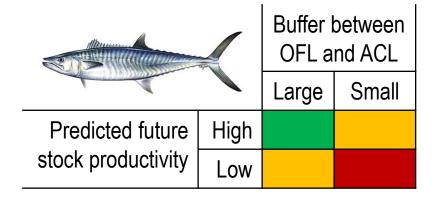
May 2012 Bluefin tuna larval cruise, photo by K. Davis





3. Adaptive Management Processes

- Quantify management tradeoffs under climate change scenarios
- Respond to events in real time
- Strengthen dialogue, e.g., what trends are fishermen observing?



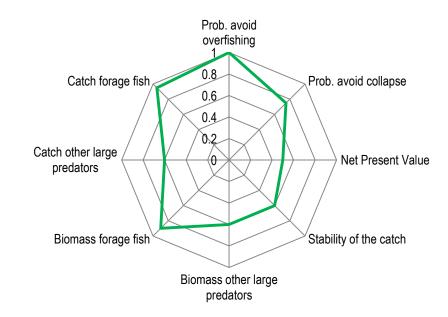


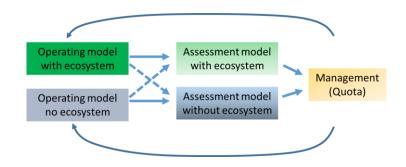
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2. Robust Management Strategies

- Management strategy evaluations
- Define management objectives collaboratively
- Ecosystem Considerations Summary (e.g., AKFSC)







1. Climate-Informed Reference Points



May 2012 Bluefin tuna larval cruise, photo by Katie Davis

- Consider climate as we develop reference points
- Share ideas, models, approaches among regions

Next Steps

- · Refine action items
- Incorporate input from Councils, States, and other partners
- Public comment (summer 2016)
- Finalize all regional plans by October 2016



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