

# Hypoxia Coordination Workshop

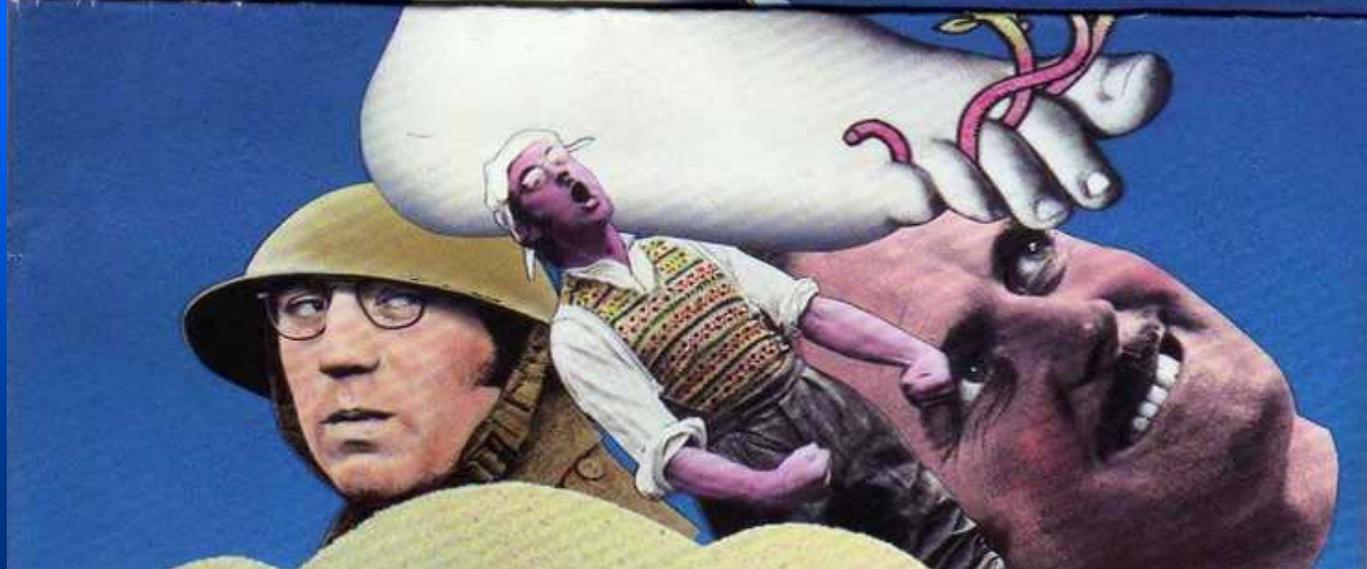
## Incorporating Hypoxia Into The Fishery Management Process: To Be or Not To Be?

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**But First...**

**SOMETHING  
COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT**



# Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 1976

Why? - During the 1960's and 70's:

1. Fisheries were declining (or at least not increasing)
2. Foreign fleets were operating within 3 miles of the U.S. coast
3. It was during the Cold War!



American Shad  
Commercial Landings

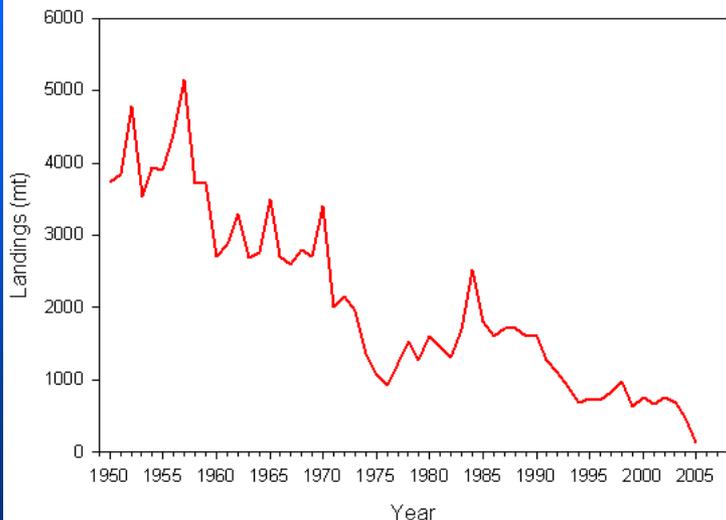
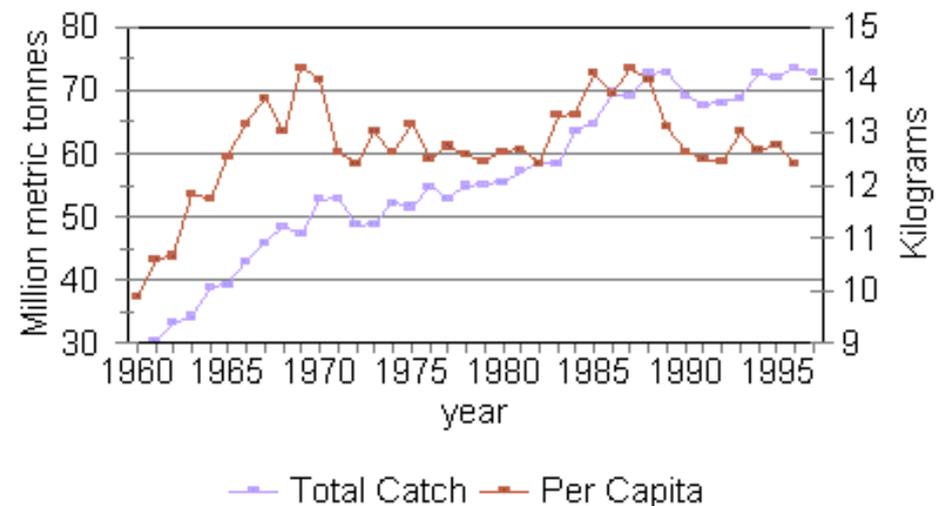


Figure 39.2. Commercial landings for American shad, 1950-2005.

## World Marine Fish Catch

Catch per capita



# Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (later - the Magnuson-Stevens Act - MSA)

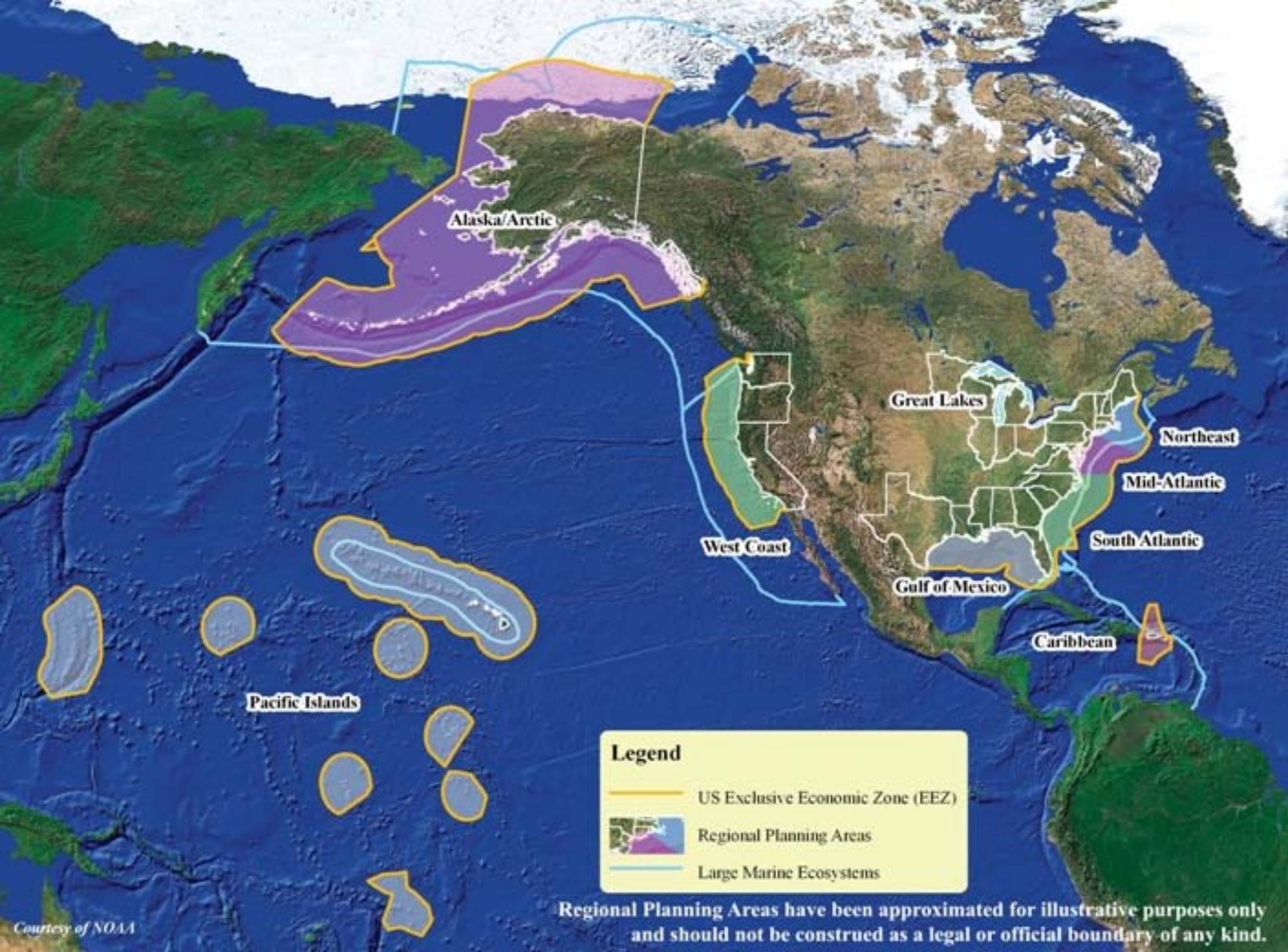
Established comprehensive federal management:

1. Loan programs to increase U.S. fishing capacity.
2. Created eight federal fishery management councils
3. Established a Fishery Conservation Zone to 200 miles  
(later called the Exclusive Economic Zone - EEZ)
4. Established National Standards









Alaska/Arctic

Great Lakes

Northeast

Mid-Atlantic

South Atlantic

Gulf of Mexico

Caribbean

West Coast

Pacific Islands

**Legend**

- US Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
-  Regional Planning Areas
-  Large Marine Ecosystems

Regional Planning Areas have been approximated for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as a legal or official boundary of any kind.

# Established National Standards

1. Achieve Optimum Yield (OY) & prevent overfishing
2. Use the best scientific information available
3. Manage stocks as a unit
4. Allocations are fair and equitable, promote conservation, & prevent excessive shares
5. Consider efficiency & not have economic allocation as sole purpose
6. Allow for variation & contingencies
7. Minimize costs & avoid duplication
8. Consider fishing communities & minimize adverse impacts\*
9. Minimize bycatch & bycatch mortality\*
10. Promote safety of human life at sea\*

\* Added in 1996 reauthorization

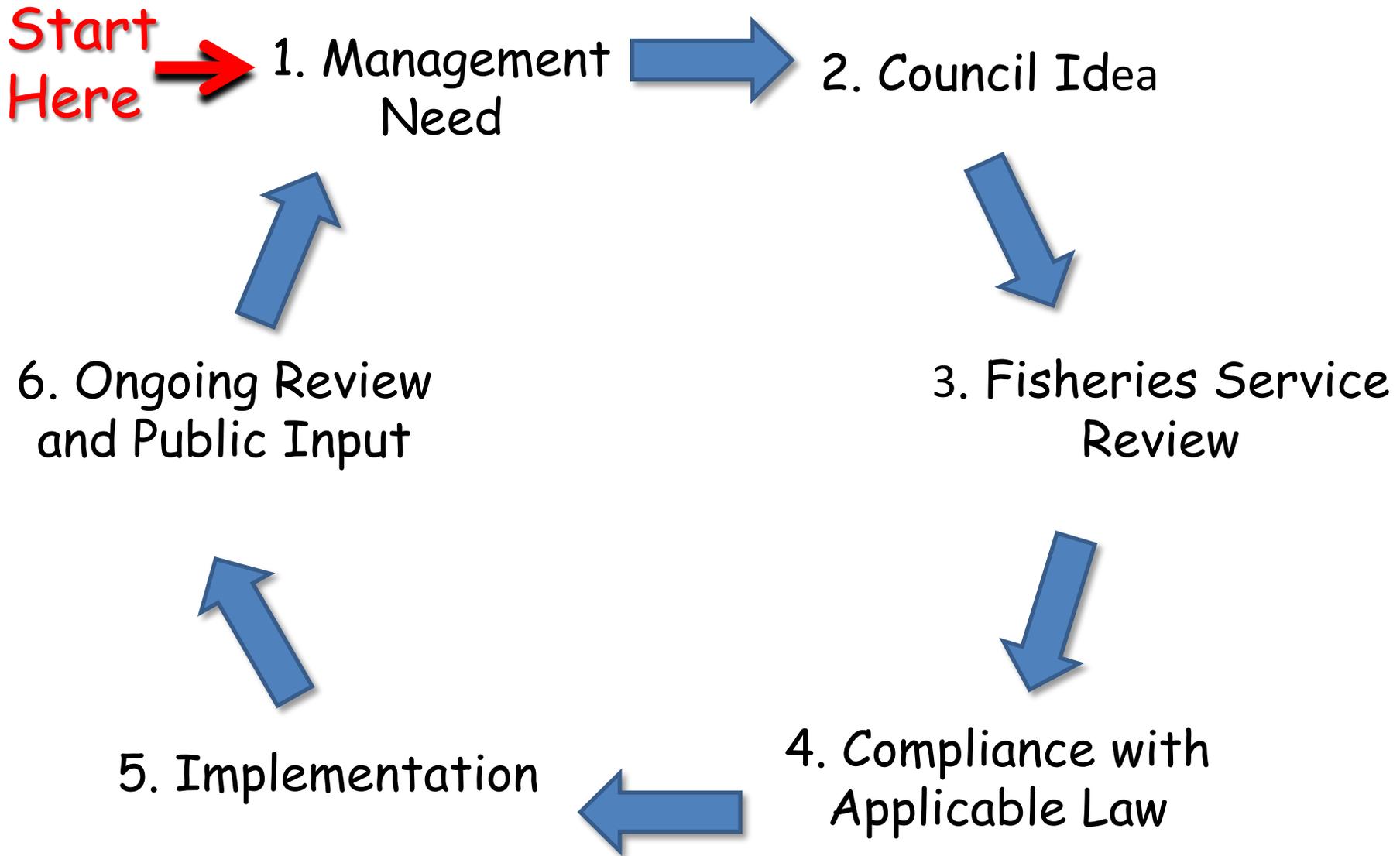
# ...and there are Fishery Management Plans



The Councils use Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) and amendments to address problems identified in a particular fishery - usually by suggesting an Accountability Measure (i.e., size limit, bag limit, closed season etc.) to attain a specified catch level



# Fisheries Management - The Big Picture



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

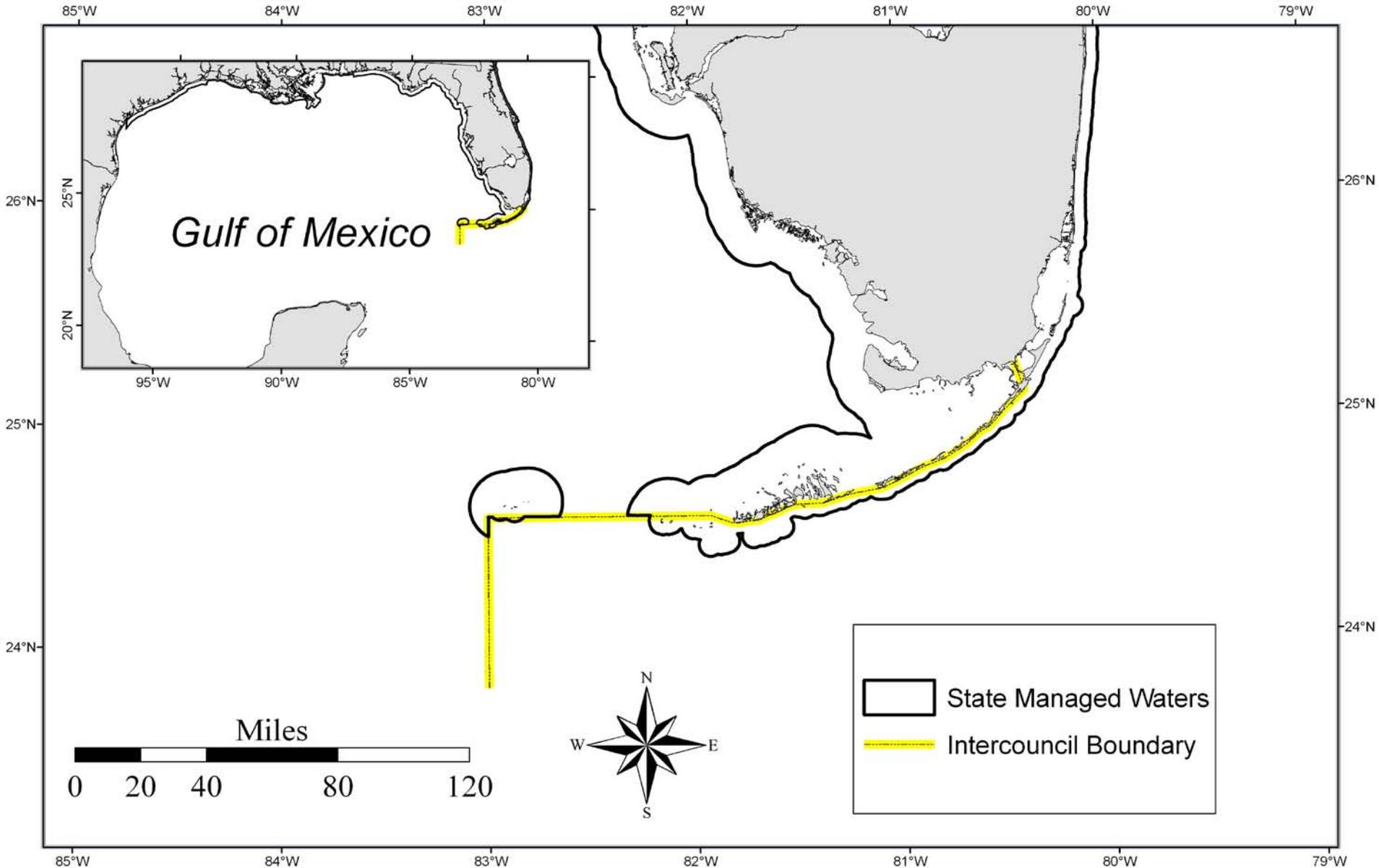
Council Process  
Overview





In the Gulf of Mexico, there is a 3-mile inshore limit to federal jurisdiction off Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama and a 9-mile limit off Texas and Florida

# It's Complicated!



# Gulf Council membership...

## 17 voting members:

Governor appointments from states	= 11
State resource managers from each state	= 5
Fisheries Service Regional Administrator	= <u>1</u>
	17

## Non-voting members:

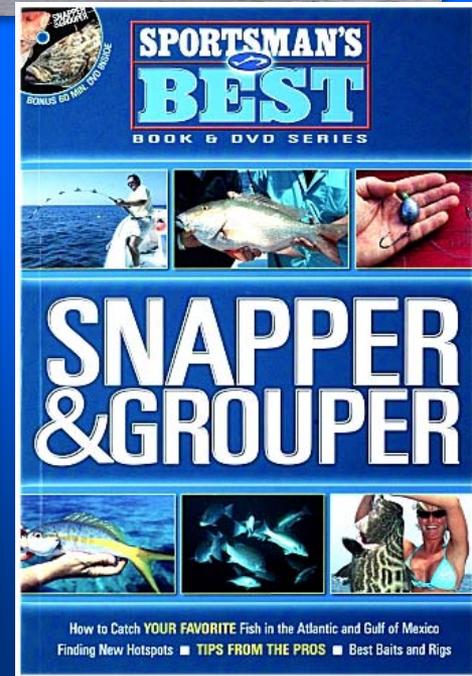
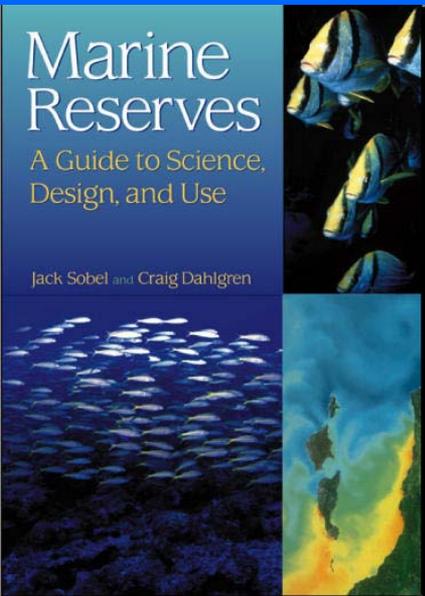
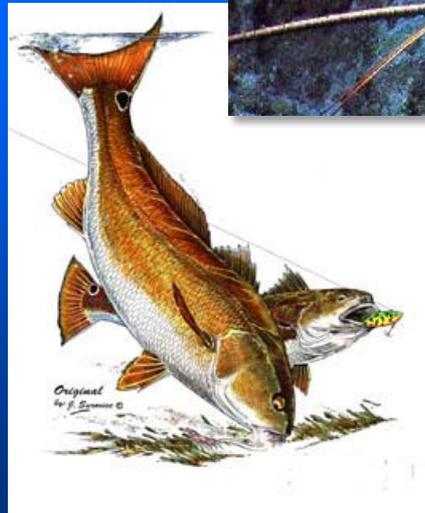
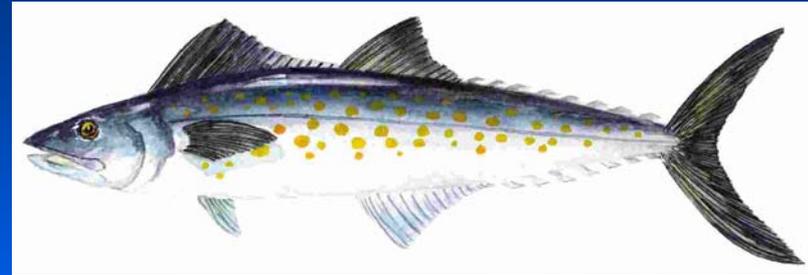
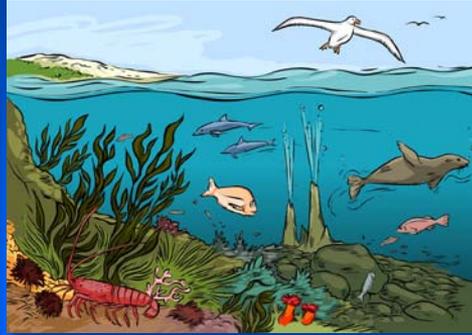
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Office of Foreign Affairs



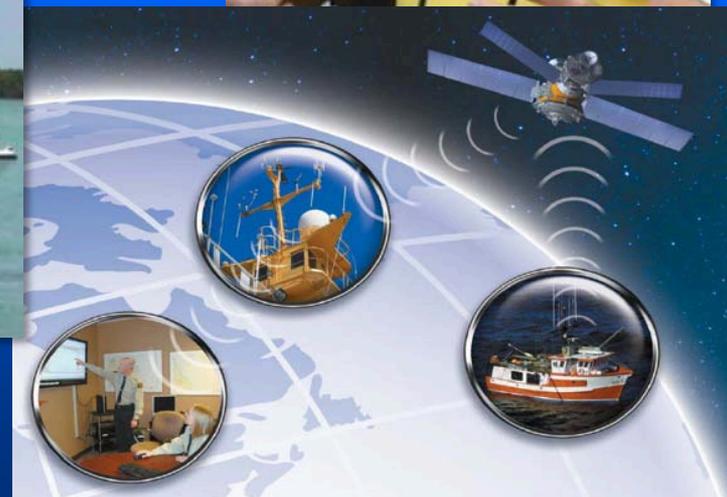
# Potential Gulf Council Products

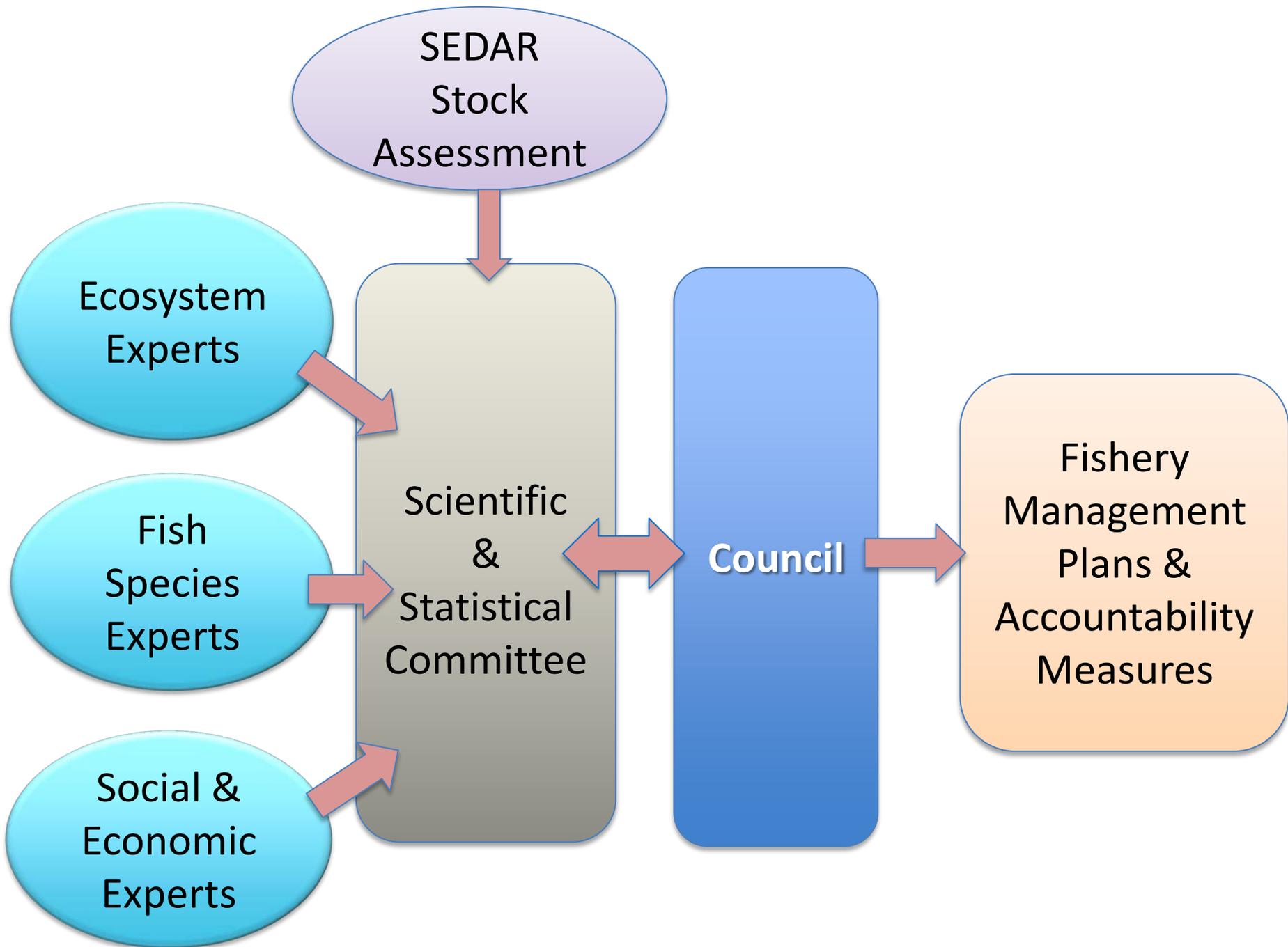
- Fishery Management Plan (FMP)
- FMP or Regulatory Amendment
- Interim Rule for depleted stocks
- Emergency Rule (two 180-day periods)
- Accountability Measures
  - In-season :
    - Size limits, bag limits, season closures
  - Post-season:
    - Adjust the quota

# Scientific & Statistical Committee with special committees



# Advisory Panels: include most of the Scientific & Statistical Committees plus...





# SEDAR

## Southeast Data Analysis and Review

Involves:

- Fisheries scientists from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center in Miami
- Scientific & Statistical Committee members
- Council staff and Council members
- Other experts as appropriate

# Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act of 2006

Greater movement toward precautionary management:

1. Councils must set annual catch limits (2011)
2. Greater responsibilities for SSCs: estimate OFL & ABC
3. Tightens rebuilding timelines



# Stocks the Gulf Council Manages

69 Species in all

Coastal Migratory Pelagics - Cobia, Mackerels, Sharks

Reef Fish - Red, Vermilion, & Yellowtail Snapper

Deep-water Groupers - Warsaw, Snowy, Misty

Shallow-water Groupers - Gag, Black, Scamp, Yellowmouth

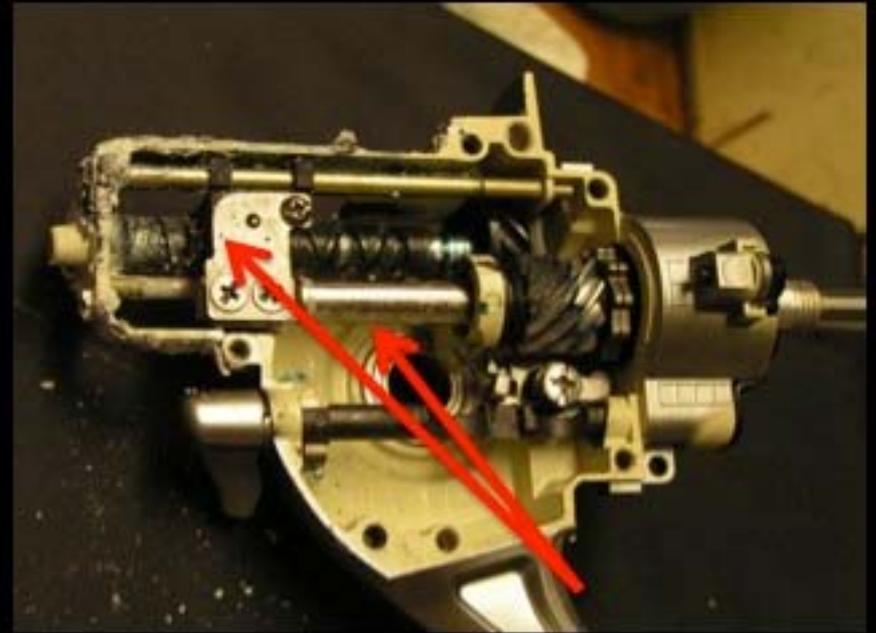
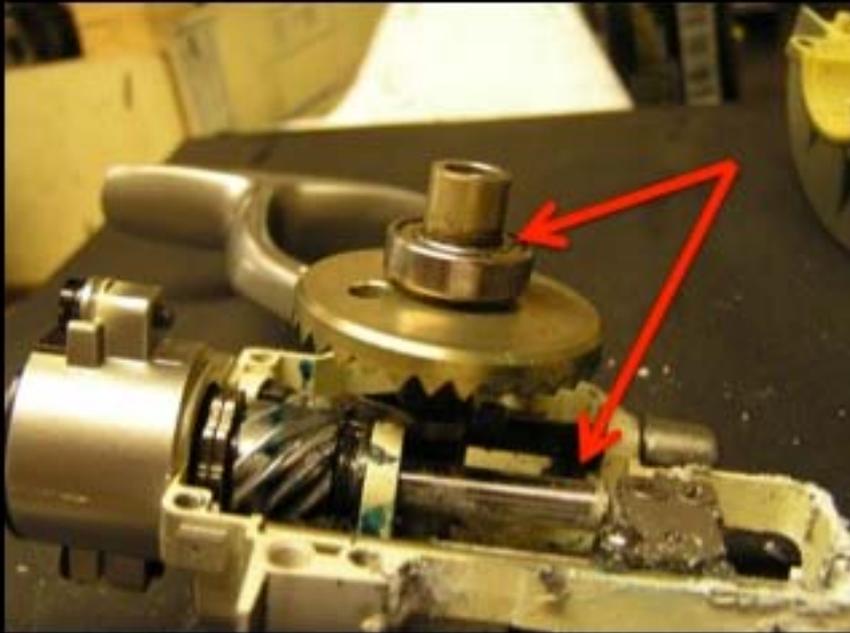
Other Reef Fish - Triggerfish, Amberjack



Species	Overfishing	Overfished
Red Snapper		X
Greater Amberjack	X	X
Gray Triggerfish	X	X
Gag	X	X



# Changing gears!

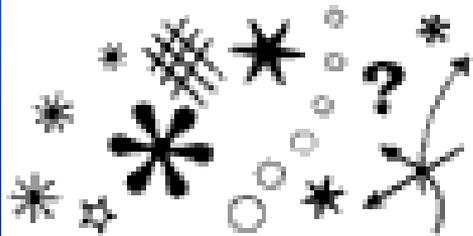


# HYPOXIA

## Dead Zone



# LACK OF OXYGEN!

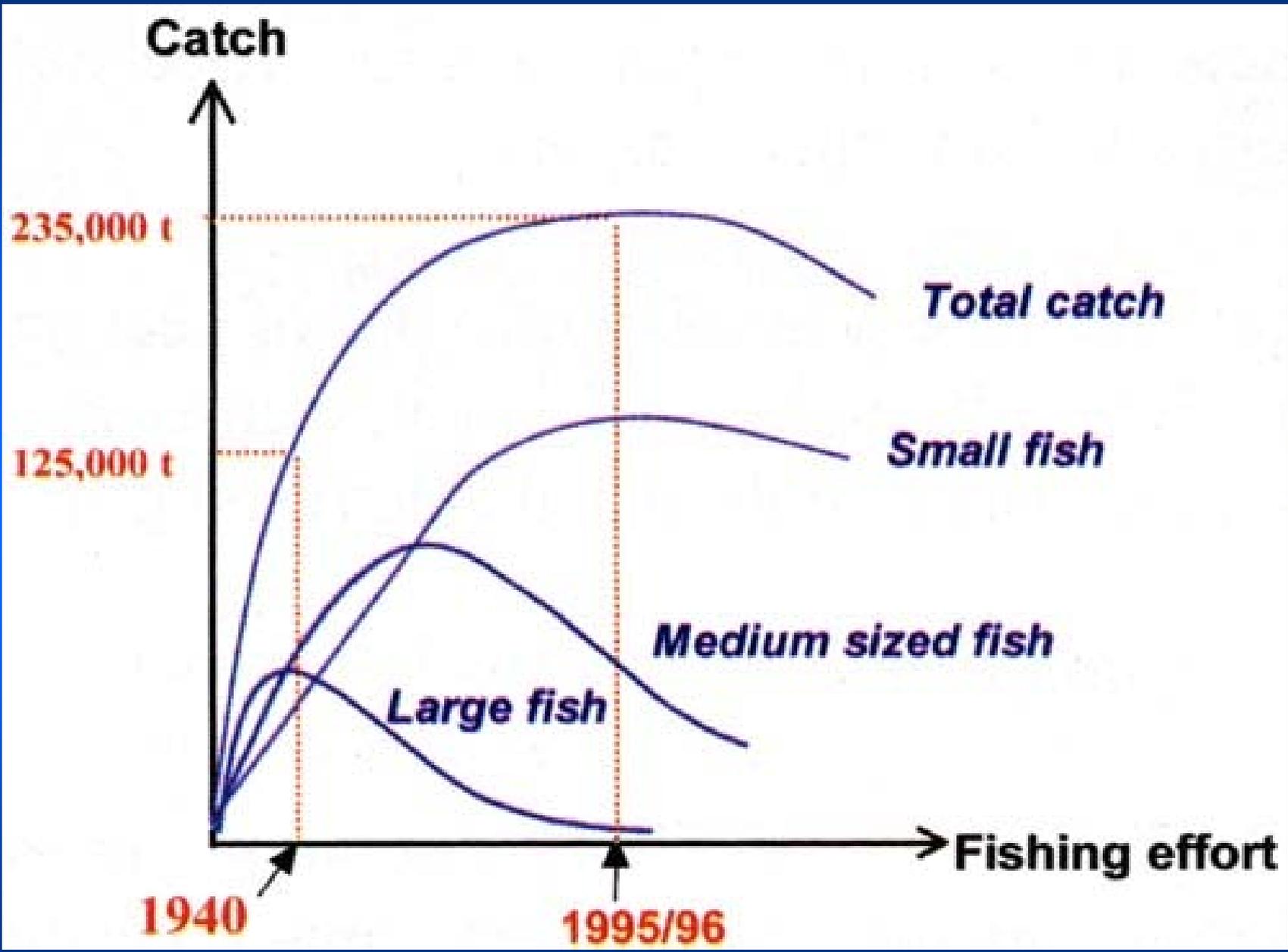


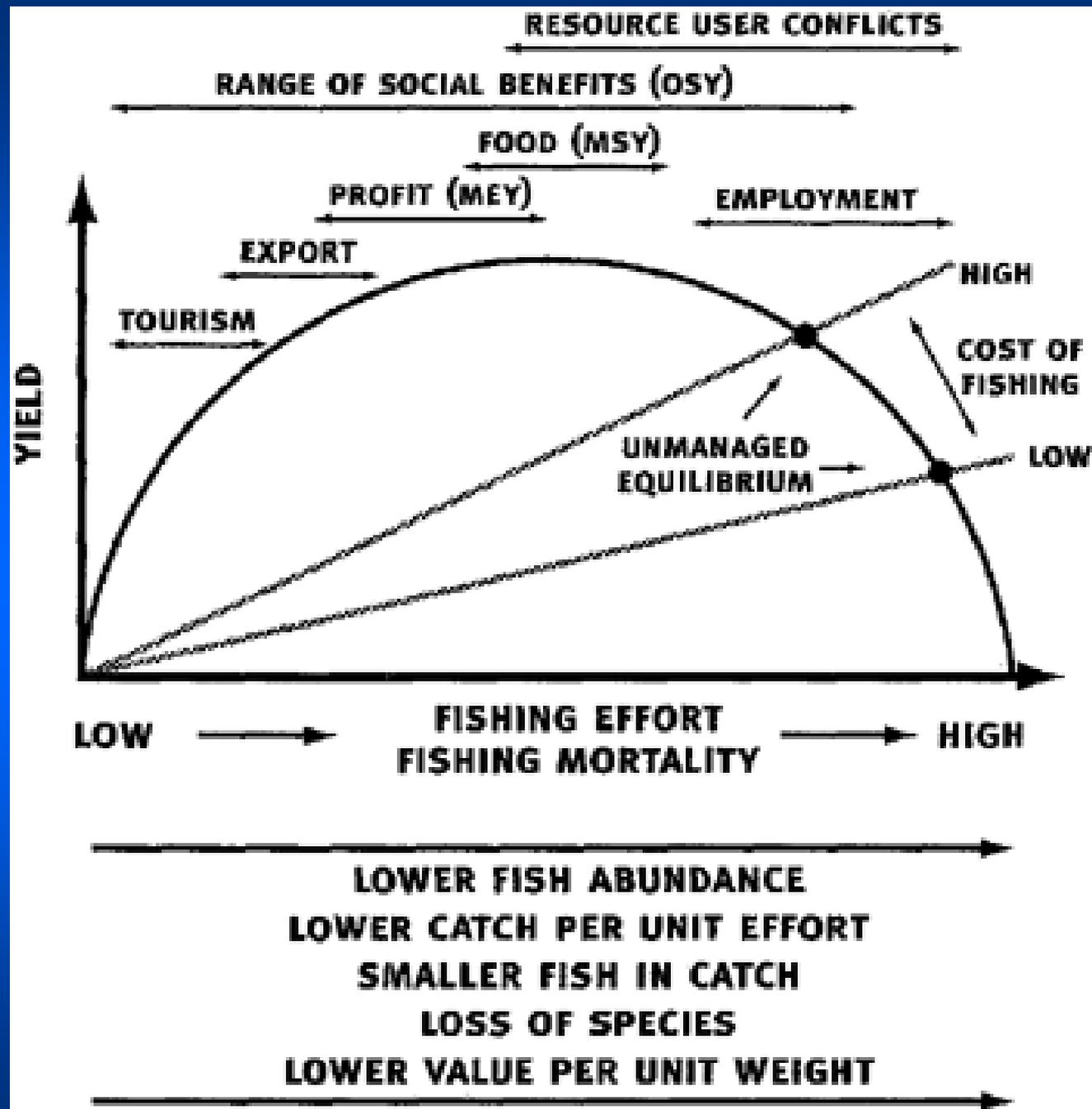
Can cause the same effect as a couple of Martinis

OVERCONFIDENCE...InCoOrDiNaTiOn

USE OXYGEN OVER 12,000 FEET







$$F = \frac{\frac{n_1}{t} \log_e \left( \frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)}{N_o \left( 1 - \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)}$$

$$M = \frac{1}{t} \left[ \log_e \frac{n_1}{n_2} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{n_1}{N_o \left( 1 - \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)} \right]$$

## Beverton & Holt equations for stock assessments

$$\frac{Y'}{R} = EU^m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{3U}{1+m} \right) + \left( \frac{3U^2}{1+2m} \right) - \left( \frac{U^3}{1+3m} \right) \right] \quad (8)$$

where  $U = 1 - \left( \frac{L_c}{L_\infty} \right)$ ;  $m = \frac{1-E}{\frac{M}{K}} = \frac{K}{Z}$ ; and  $L_c =$  length



$$N_{y+1,0,g}^c = \lambda^c R_0^T \frac{4hB_y^c}{B_0^c(1-h) + B_y^c(5h-1)} e^{\varepsilon_y - \sigma_T^2/2} \times e^{\eta_y^c - \sigma_c^2/2}$$

# EcoSim/EcoPath – biomass components

## CMPs

cobia  
king mack. (2 stanzas)  
Span. mack. (2 stanzas)  
dolphinfish/wahoo/tunnies/jacks

## HMPs

LC sharks  
SC sharks  
billfish & tuna

## Seabirds

sardine/herring  
complex

## Dolphins

sm. oce. pel.  
(flyingfish, ballyhoo)

## Reef Fish

red snapper (2 stanzas)	other DWG	other SWG
vermilion snapper	gag grp. (3 stanzas)	triggerfish/hogfish
other snapper	red grp. (3 stanzas)	amberjacks
tilefish	black grp. (3 stanzas)	black sea bass
yellowedge (3 stanzas)	goliath grp.	

reef carn.  
(grunt, porgy,  
wrasse, perch)

reef omn.  
(angelfish,  
surgeonfish, chub)

lg. coas. carn.  
(drum, sheepshead,  
catfish)

sm. coas.  
carn.  
(mojarra, eels,  
searobbin,  
lizardfish)

rays/skates

Mullets

Coastal piscivores  
(tarpon, snook, seatrout)

coas. omin.  
(pinfish)

## Benthic Invertebrates

shrimp	bivalves
lobsters	ses. epibenthos
large crabs	small infauna
octopods	sm. mob. epifauna
stomatopods	meiofauna
echino./g-pods	microbes

anchovies/  
silversides

## Zooplankton

sm. copepods  
mesozooplankton  
carn. zooplankton  
ichthyoplankton  
carn. jellyfish

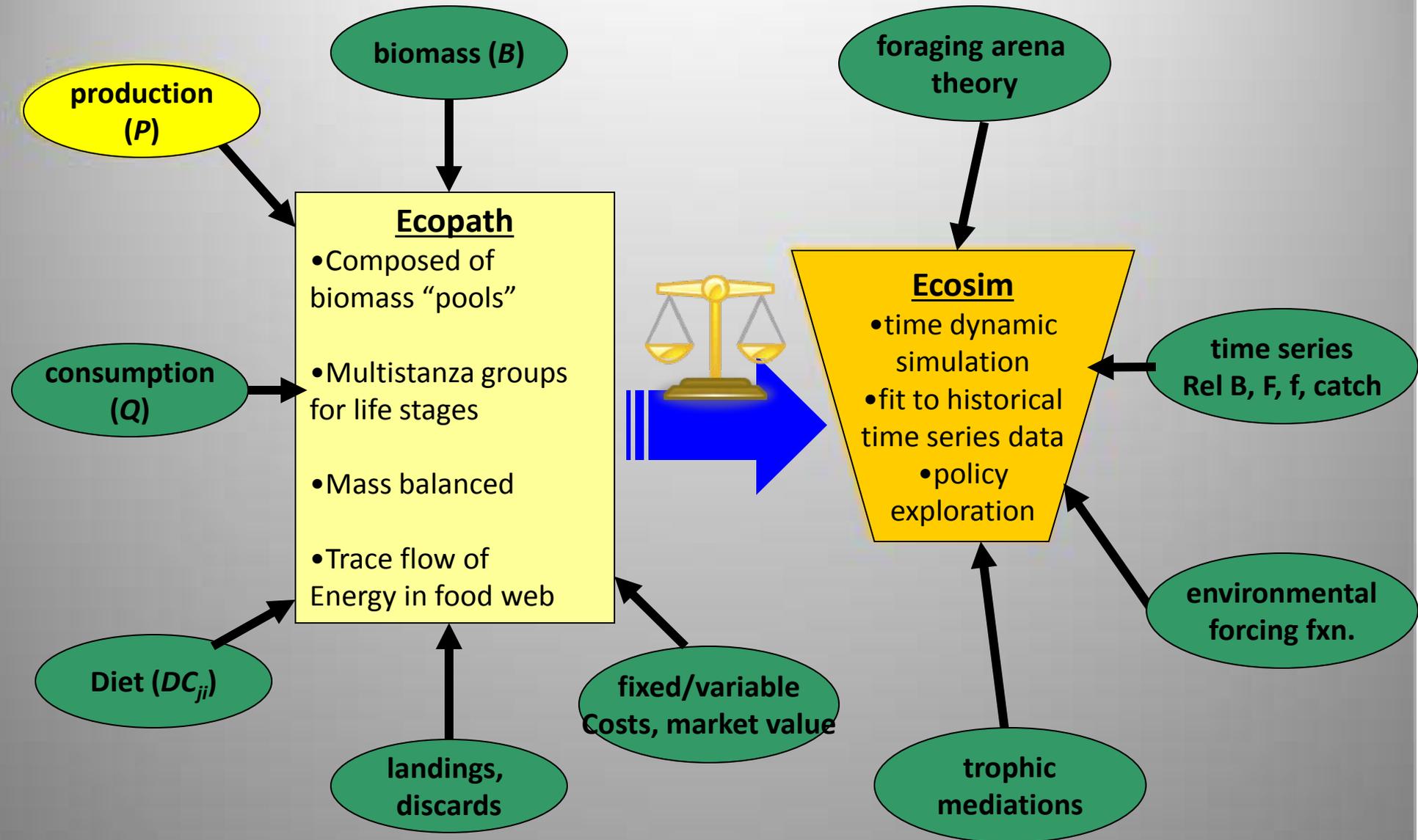
## PPs

ben. micro algae  
macroalgae  
phytoplankton  
seagrass

## Detritus

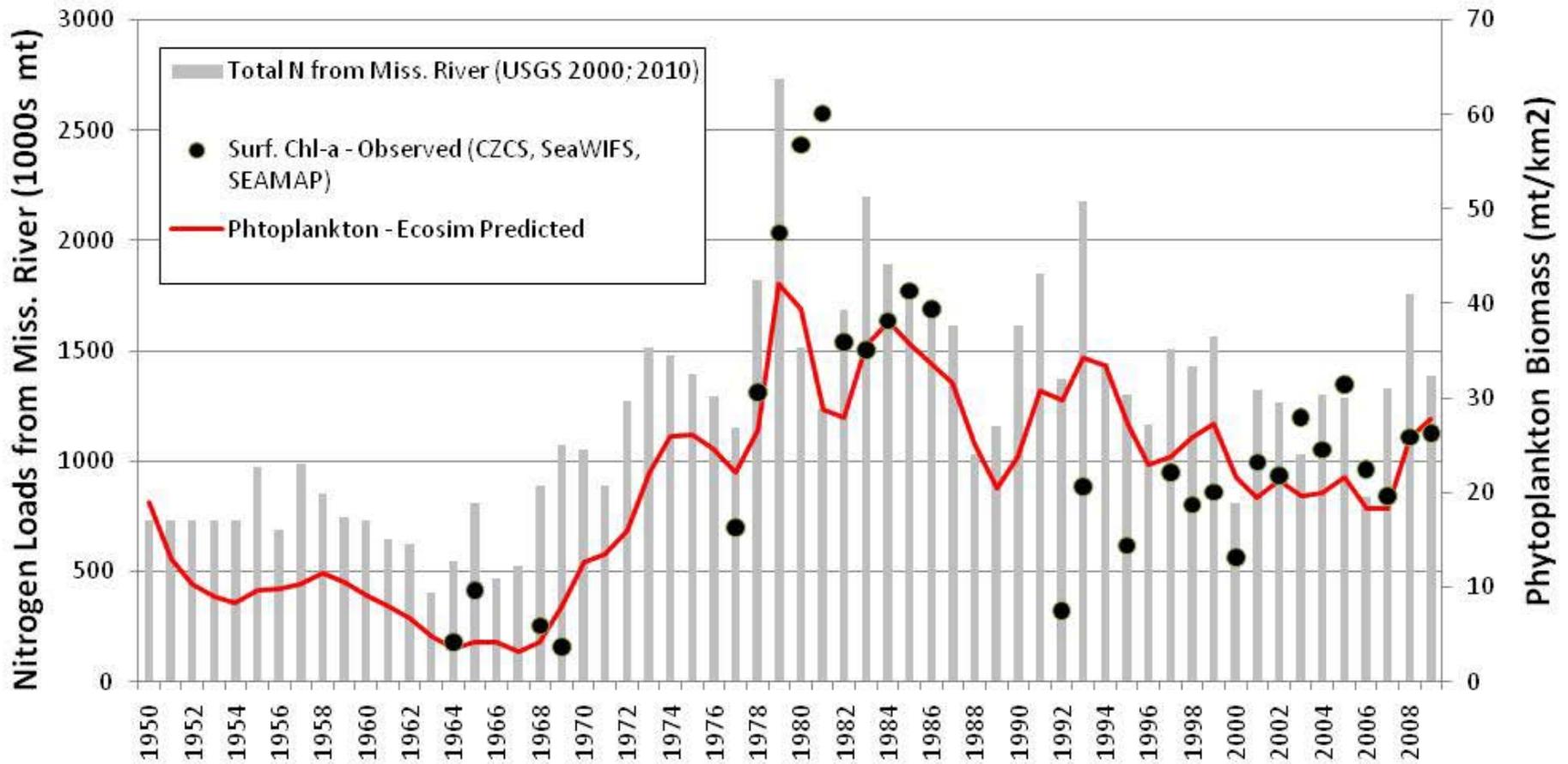
water column  
sediment  
dead discards

# Ecopath with Ecosim



# Primary Production on the West Florida Shelf

## Nitrogen Loads, Chl-a, and estimated phytoplankton biomass in the Gulf of Mexico



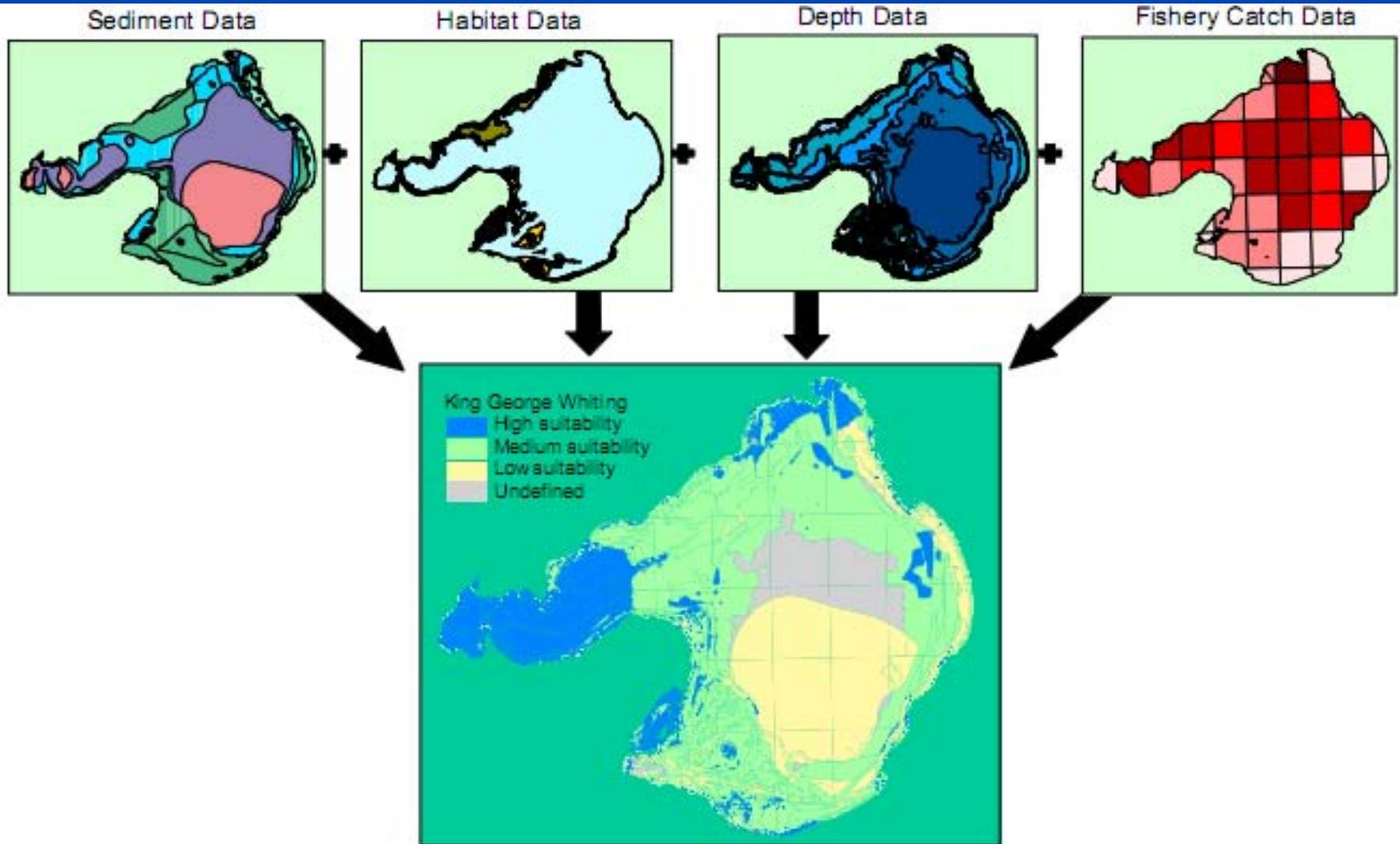
Chlorophyll Plumes on West Florida Shelf (Gilbes et al. 1996) – “Green River Phenomenon”:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log_e C_{yt} - \log_e C_{bt} \\
&= (\log_e q_{ym,g} - \log_e q_{bm,g}) + \alpha(\log_e K_{yt} - \log_e K_{bt}) \\
&\quad + \beta(\log_e \text{Len}_{yt} - \log_e \text{Len}_{bt}) + (\log_e z_{y0} - \log_e z_{b0}) \\
&\quad + m_f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \frac{H_{yi}}{w_i} - \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \frac{H_{bi}}{w_i} \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=\tau-t+1}^t a_{1i}(\text{OI}_{yi} - \text{OI}_{bi}) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=\tau-t+1}^t a_{2i}(\text{TI}_{yi} - \text{TI}_{bi}) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=\tau-t+1}^t a_{3i}(\text{SI}_{yi} - \text{SI}_{bi}) + b_1(\log_e O_{yt} - \log_e O_{bt}) \\
&\quad + b_2(\log_e T_{yt} - \log_e T_{bt}) + b_3(\log_e S_{yt} - \log_e S_{bt}) \\
&\quad + (\varepsilon_{yt} - \varepsilon_{bt}). \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$



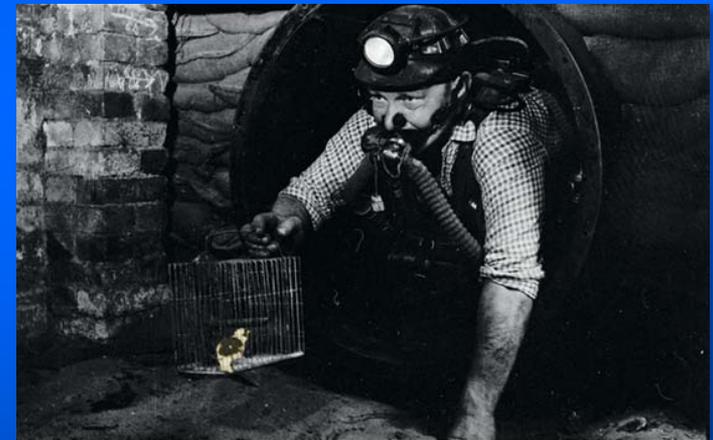
Huang, L, M.D. Smith, & J.K. Craig. 2010. Quantifying the economic effects of hypoxia on a fishery for brown shrimp *Farfantepenaeus aztecus*. *Marine and Coastal Fisheries: Dynamics, Management, and Ecosystem Science* 2:232-248.

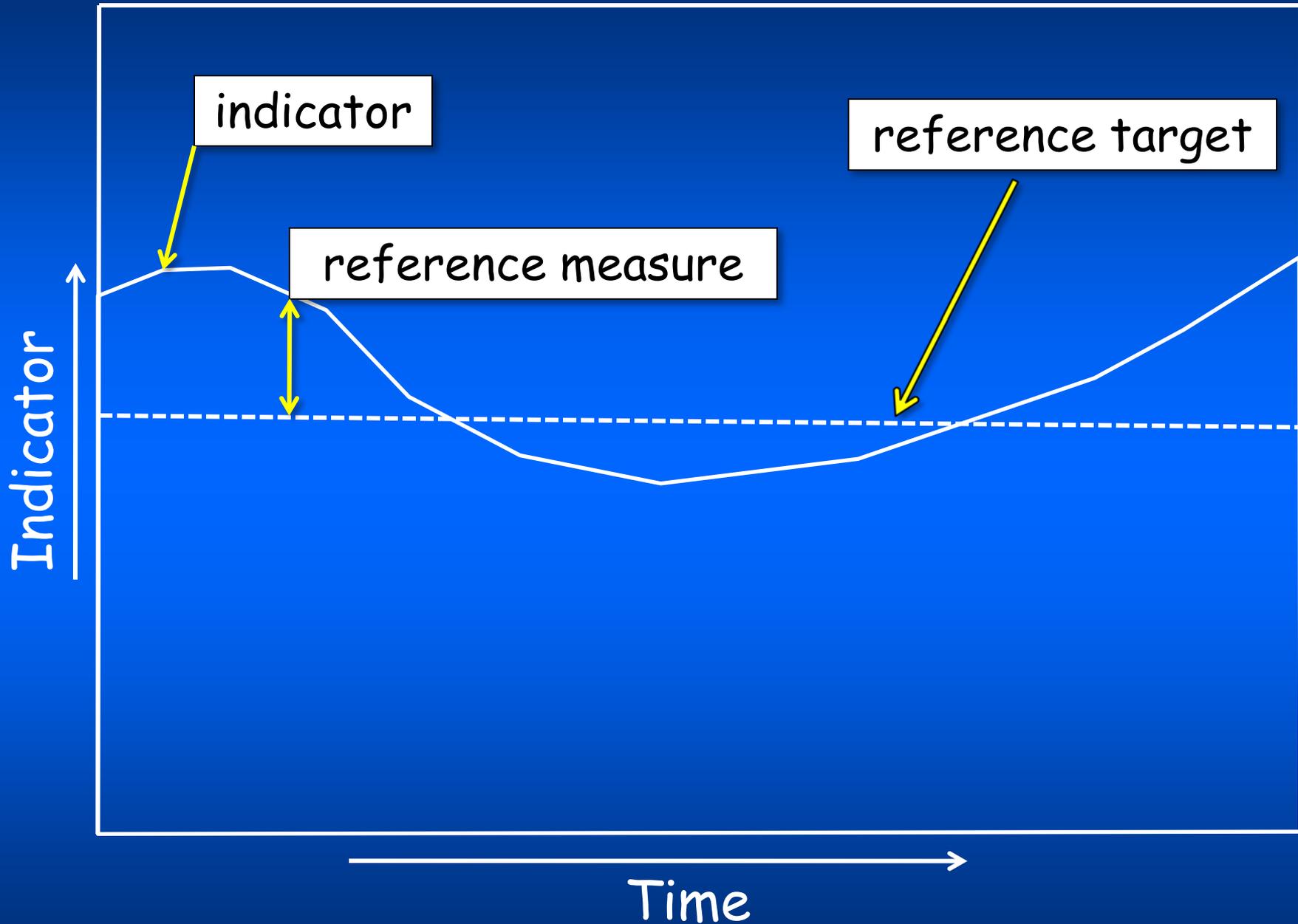
# Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning



# Ecosystem-Based Management Indicators

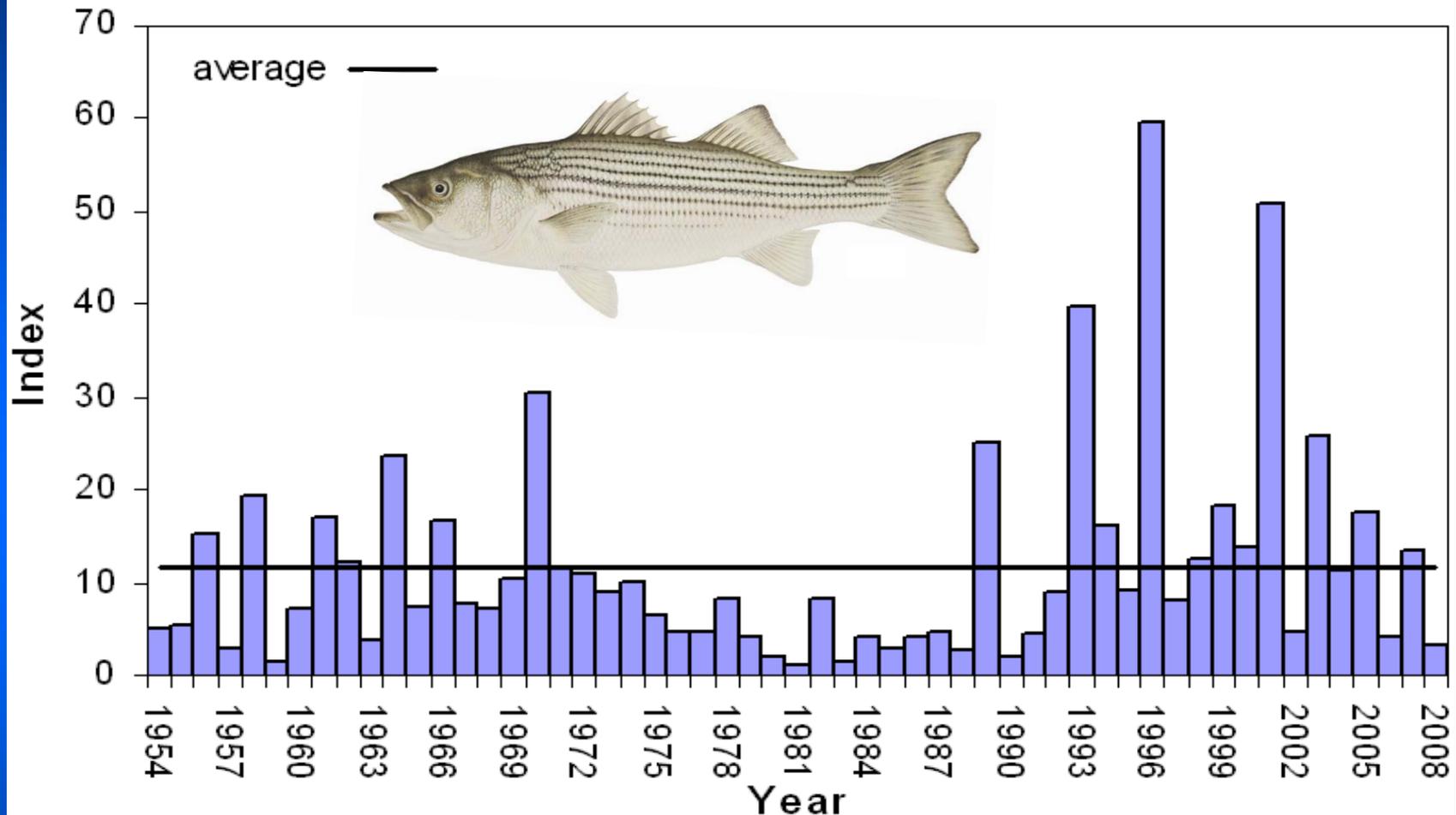
- Impetus: limited resources to fully assess exploited species and ecosystems
- Desire for ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management (EBM)
- Indicators:
  - Reflect processes
  - Serve as signals of something more basic or complicated (NRC 2000).
- Long history of use in sciences





# MD DNR Juvenile Striped Bass Index

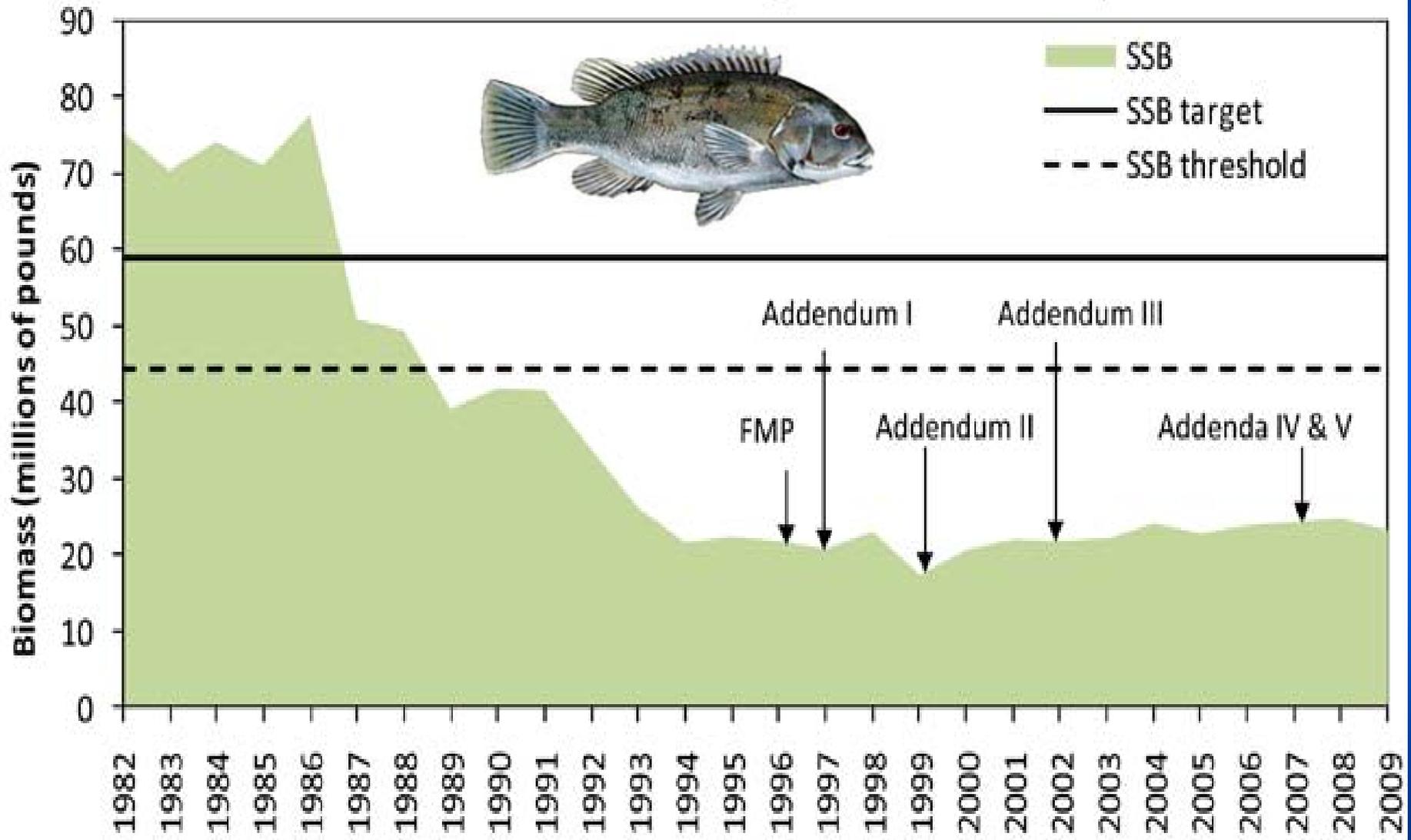
## Arithmetic Mean (AM) Catch per Haul



Juvenile index: Annually since 1954; 22 fixed stations; Jul. (I), Aug. (II), & Sep. (III). Replicate seine hauls (30.5-m x 1.24-m bagless beach seine, 6.4-mm mesh).

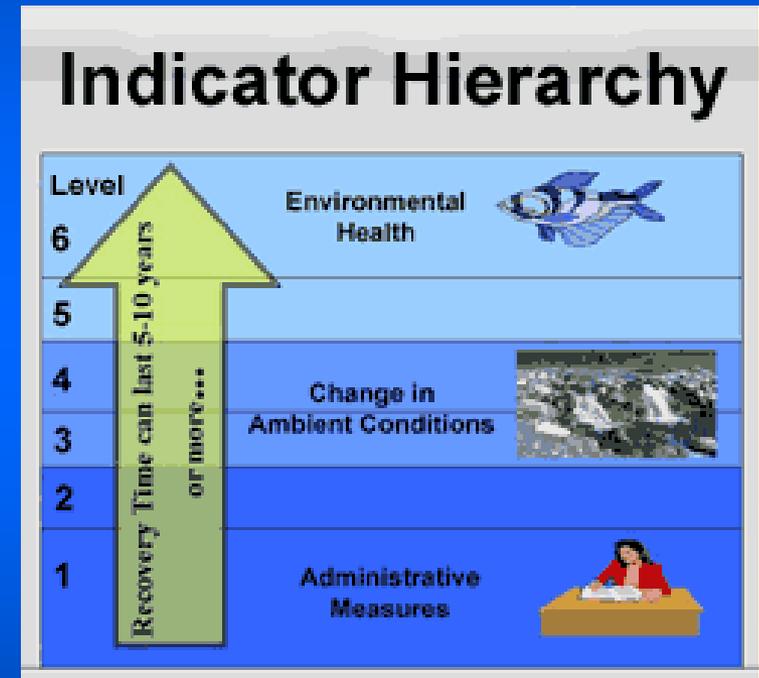
# Tautog Spawning Stock Biomass

Source: ASMFC 2011 Tautog Stock Assessment Update



# Indicator selection for Ecosystem-Based Management for the GOM

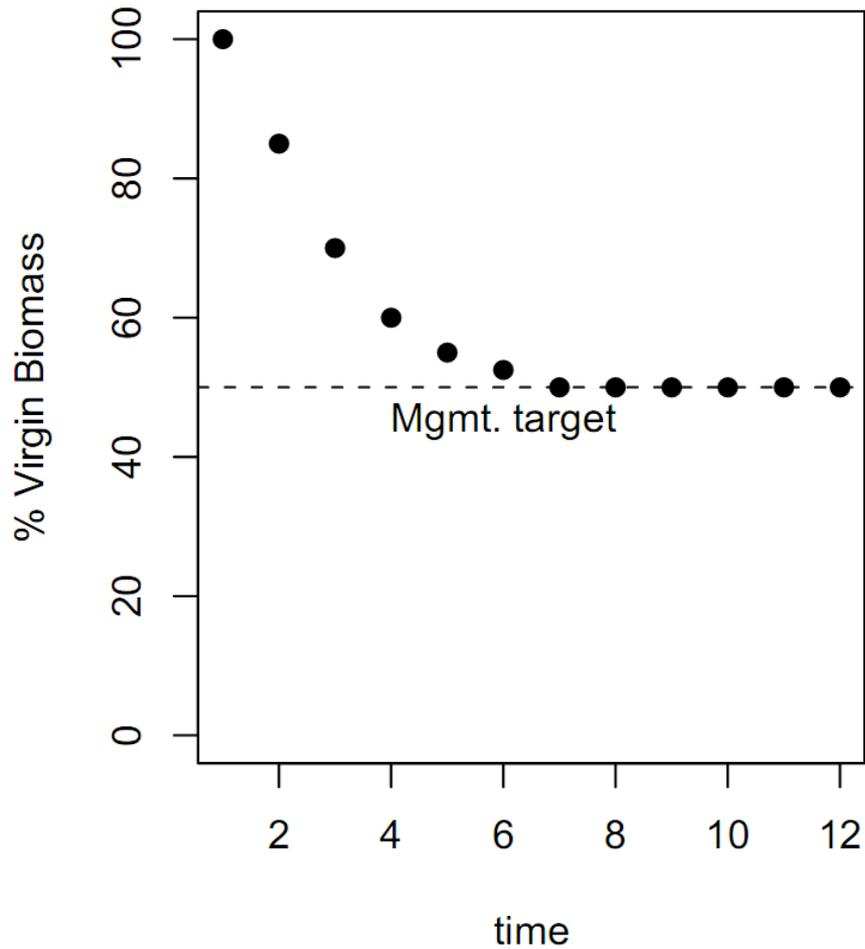
- Are indicators appropriate or adequate for GOM?
  - Data availability
  - Management Goals
  - Focus on status or trend
    - Trend detection:
      - Indicators over time
      - Appropriate analytical technique to balance Type I & II errors



# What is a trend?

1. General: general tendency or direction (eyeball)
2. Statistical:  $Indicator_{ij} = x_i + y_j + x^*y_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}; p < 0.05$
3. Useful:
  - Integrates long and short term properties of series
  - Low error probability (Type I & II)
  - Scientifically grounded
  - Simple and flexible enough to apply to variety of metrics
  - Incorporates uncertainty
  - Assumptions can be evaluated via simulation or data
  - Easy to communicate results to wide audience

# What is a trend?



# Alternative Methodology

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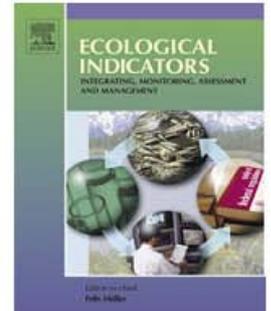


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## Intersection–union tests for characterising recent changes in smoothed indicator time series

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# Alternative methodology cont.

**Table 1 – Test results for recent trends and change Southern North Sea fish ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) using linear regression. p-Values for  $\chi^2$ -test for GAM model fit to entire time series. Trends: decreasing ( $\searrow$ ), increasing ( $\nearrow$ ) or stable. Change derivatives ( $\nabla$ ); positive derivatives ( $\nearrow$ ).**

Scientific name	1984-2006	2004-2006			
	$\chi^2$ p-value	LR p-value	LR	MK	IU
<i>Agonus cataphractus</i>	0.001	0.06	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\nearrow$
<i>Arnoglossus laterna</i>	0.051	0.51	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	
<i>Buglossidium luteum</i>	0.039	0.64	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\nearrow$
<i>Callionymus lyra</i>	<0.001	0.92	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow \nabla$
<i>Chelidonichthys gurnardus</i>	0.001	0.07	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$
<i>Clupea harengus</i>	<0.001	0.42	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\searrow$
<i>Echiichthys vipera</i>	0.052	0.40	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	
<i>Enchelyopus cimbrius</i>	0.002	0.19	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\nearrow$
<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	<0.001	0.31	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\nearrow$
<i>Ammodytidae</i>	<0.001	0.96	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\searrow$

- Long and short term properties
- Low probability of error (Type I & II)
- Scientifically grounded
- Flexible
- Incorporates uncertainty
- Assumptions can be evaluated
- Easy to communicate results?

# Examples

- Data: Annual Catch Limit data set used to inform harvest levels for data-poor GOM managed species

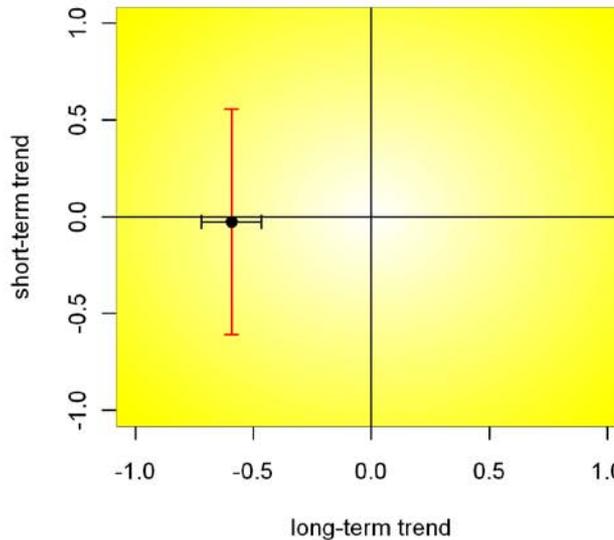
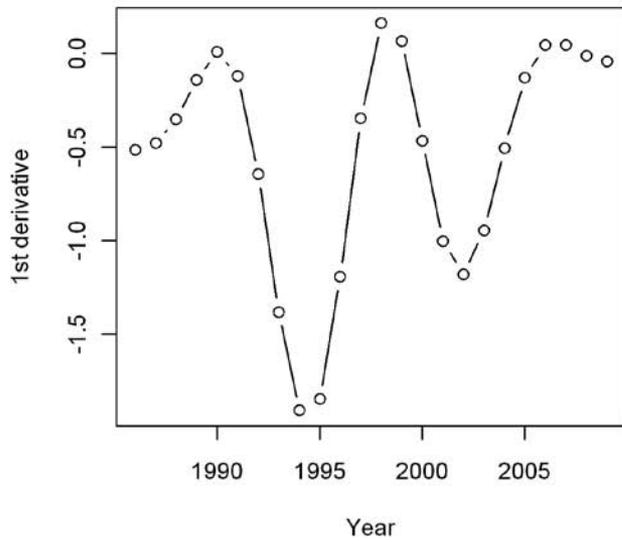
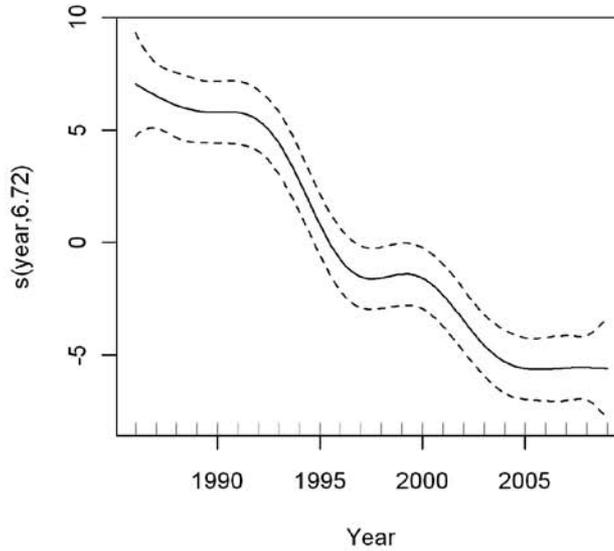
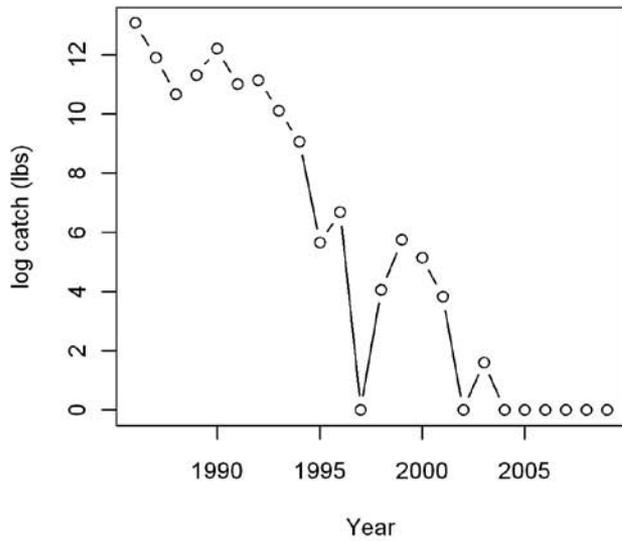
- Landings

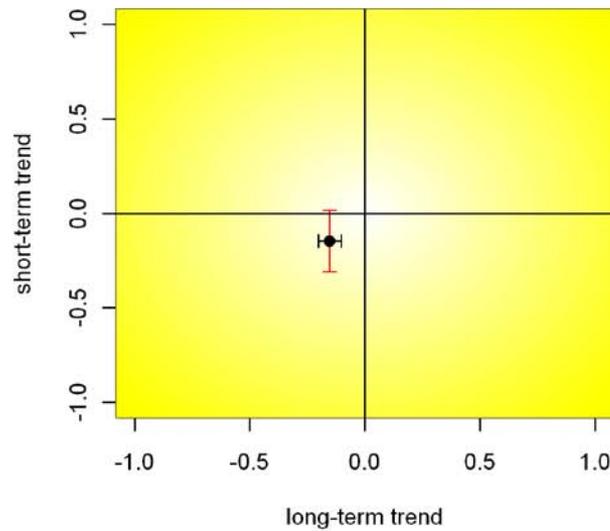
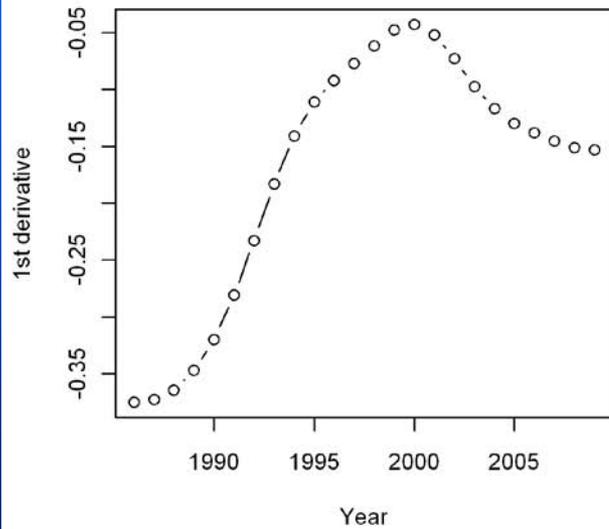
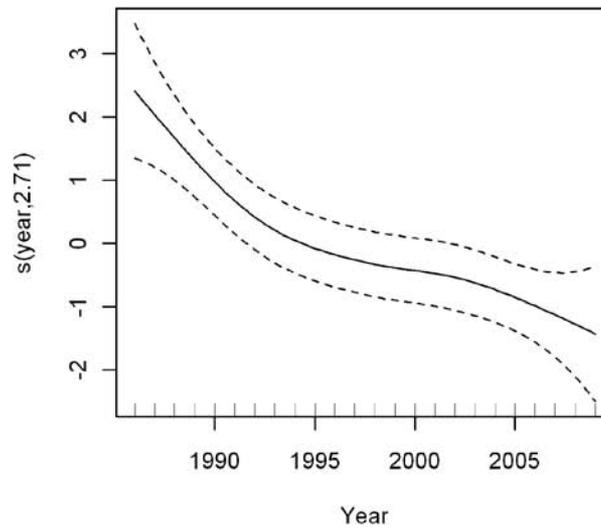
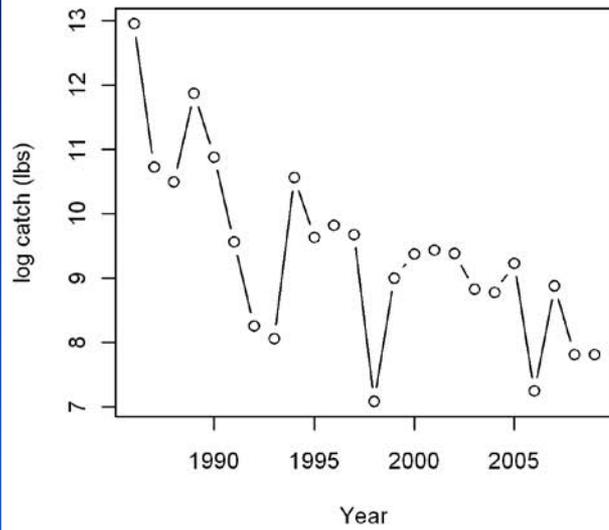
- lbs whole weight
- Recreational
- For-hire
- Commercial
- 1986 - 2009



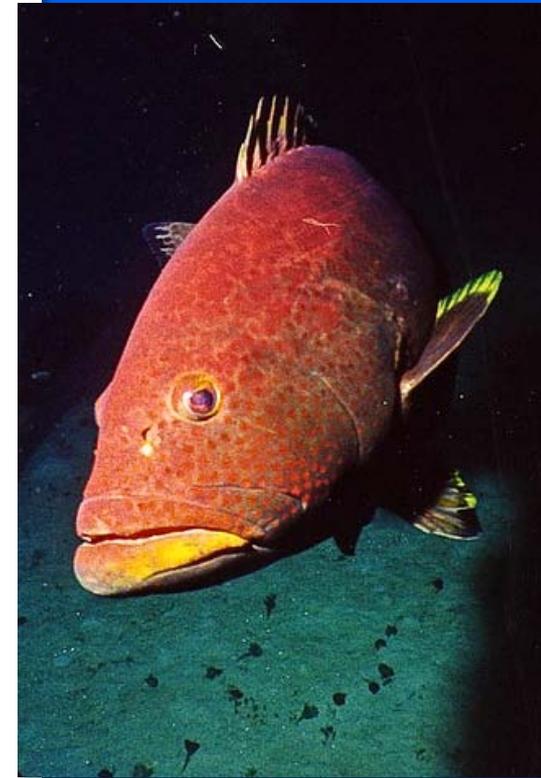
- Based on methodology of Trenkel and Rochet 2009

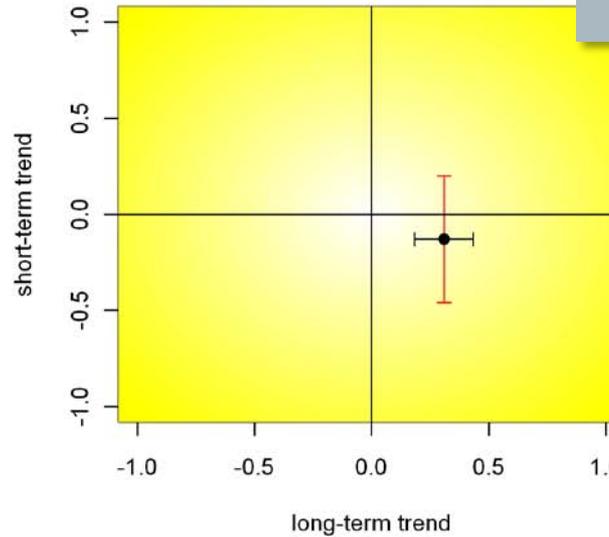
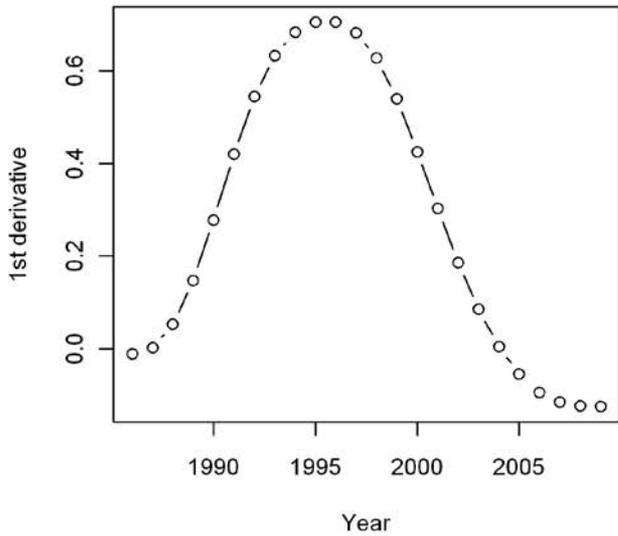
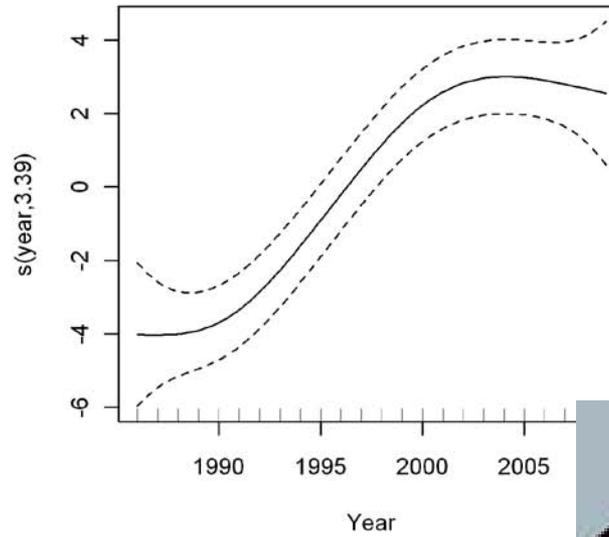
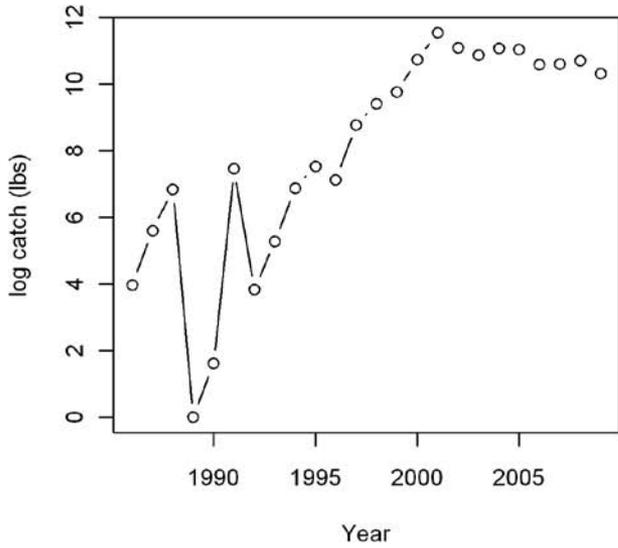
# Nassau Grouper





# Yellowfin Grouper





Wenchman







"Are we there yet?"



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Lynch