

#### **Drivers Products Temporal Scale Observations** Daily **GRP Models** Cruise data Seasonal Habitat Observing systems Yearly Satellites **Quality Indices** Mean/max % change Volume/area Models **Spatial Scale** Hydrodynamics 1-D, 2-D, 3-D Water quality Resolution Food web Depth ROMS Fish size & production **Habitat suitability** physical/biological **EwE foodweb** model model

#### **Tools & Products**

- Parameterized and validated habitat models for ~ 6 -10 species
- Quantitative habitat maps and annual production potential
  - Data Driven
  - Model driven with Nutrient loading scenarios

 Spatial/temporal indices of fish habitat quality and production





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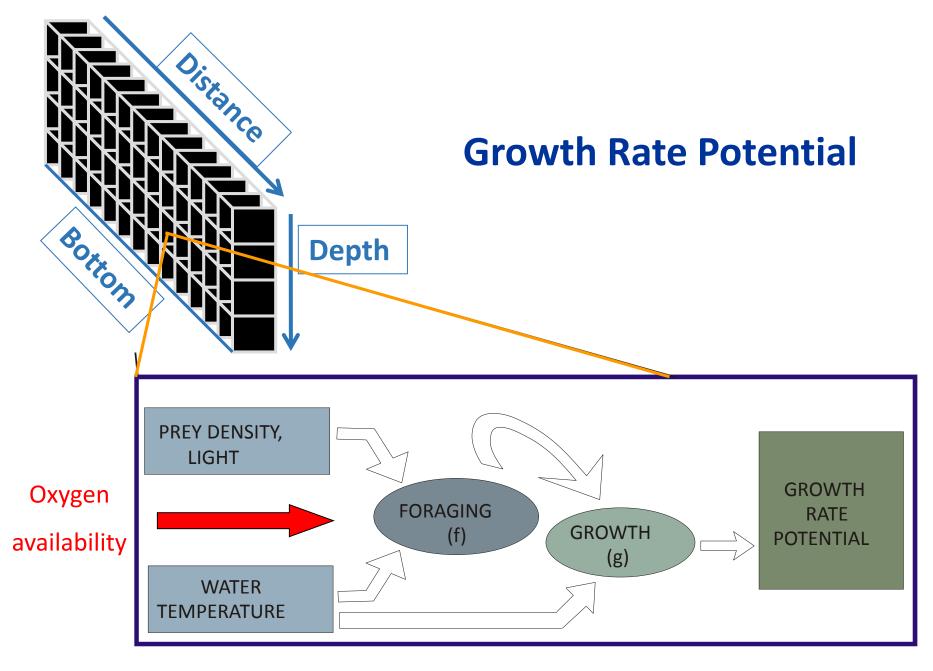


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## Habitat Quality = Growth Rate Potential

 Expected daily growth rate of a fish if placed in a volume of water with known conditions such as prey size and density, temperature, oxygen and light

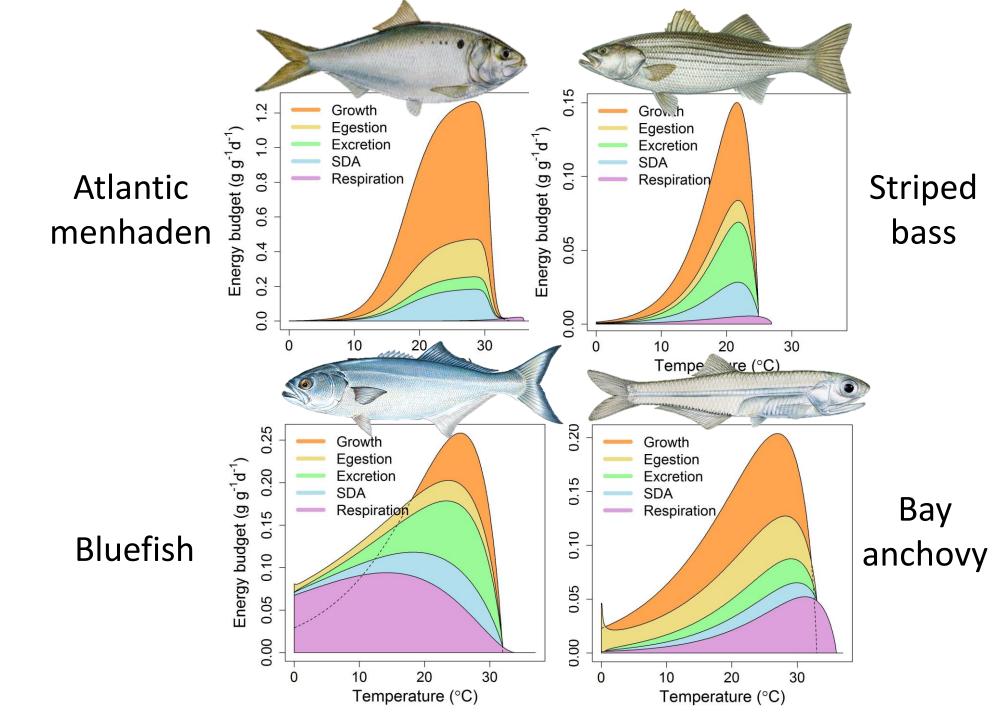




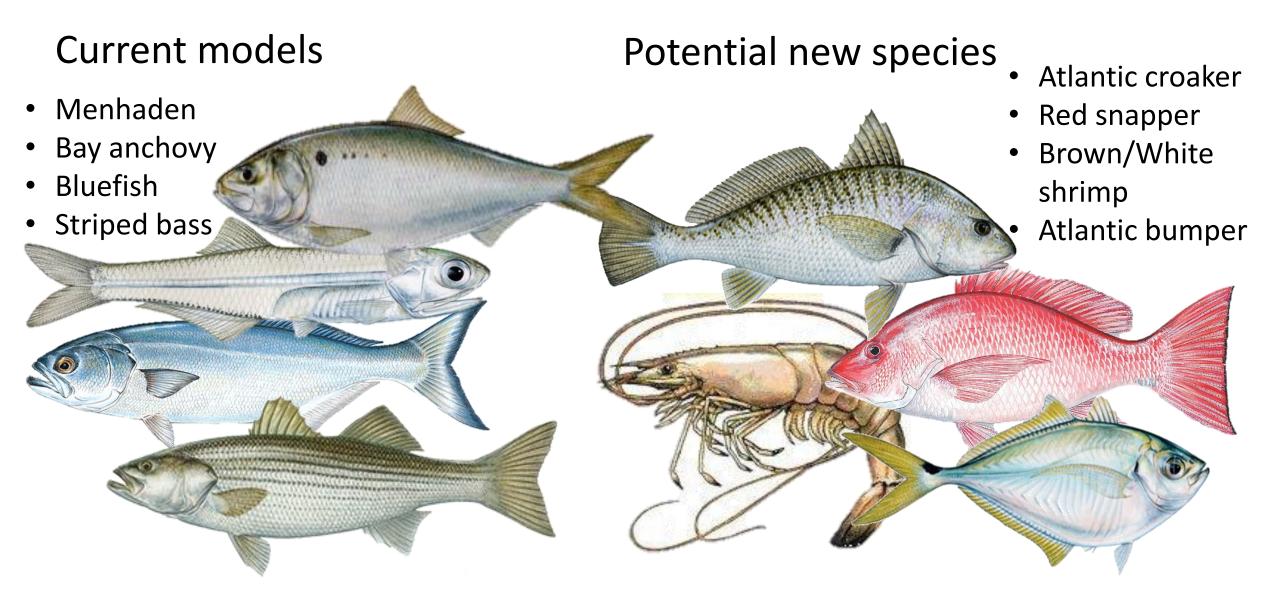
- Bioenergetics for ~10 species
  - 4 previously created
  - ~6 new for this project
- GRP on observations
  - CTD, XBT, and PFL casts between 1922 and 2015
  - Yearly or monthly
- GRP on ROMS model output
  - Daily, for each cell

# Prior GRP models

- Models tested and published
- Consumption also varies with DO

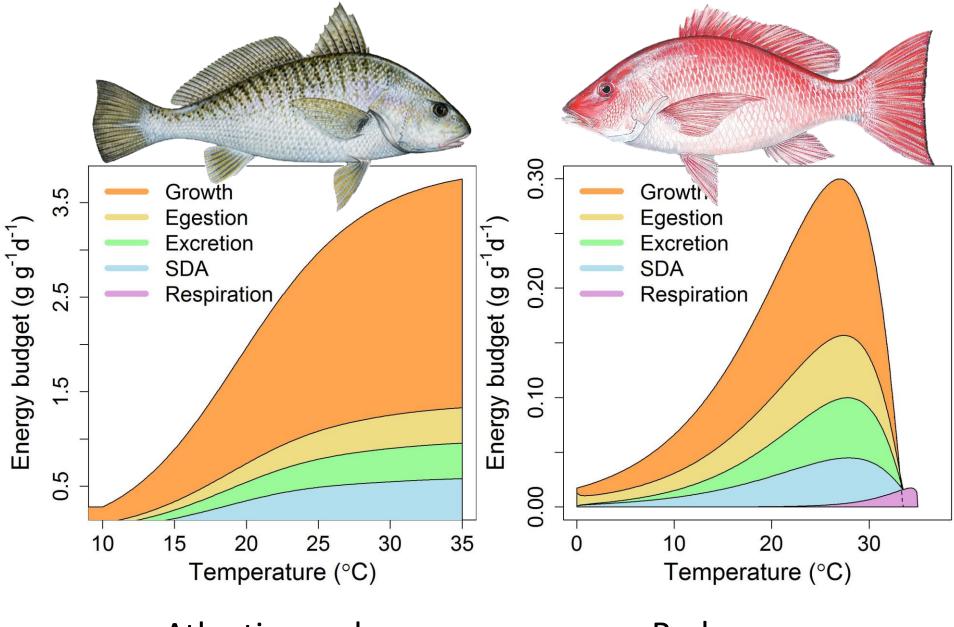


## Next Steps: Better Coverage of the Food Web



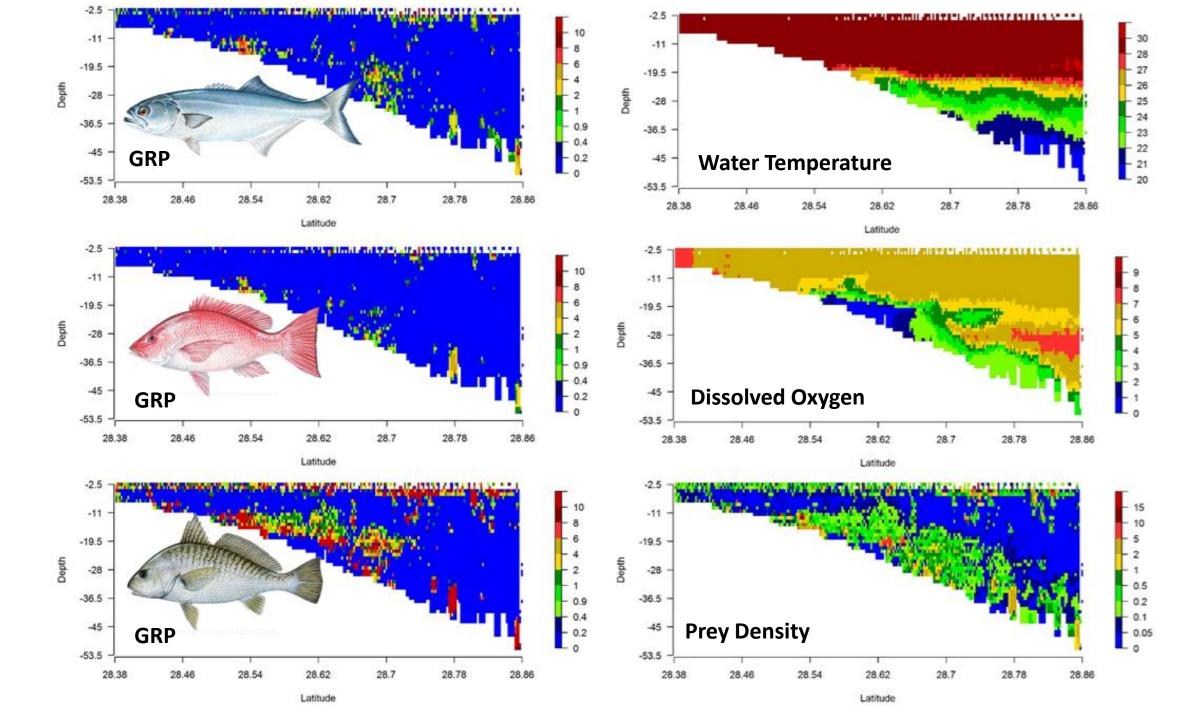
## New GRP models

- Collaborated with Kenny Rose to create croaker model
  - Will allow comparisons between model approaches



Atlantic croaker

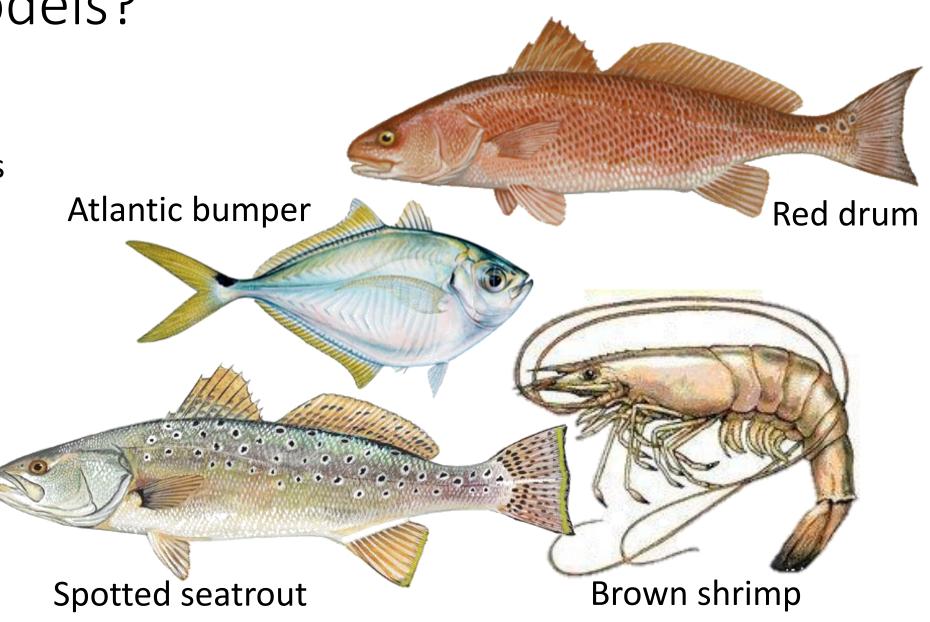
Red snapper



## Future models?

 Focus on key species of the region

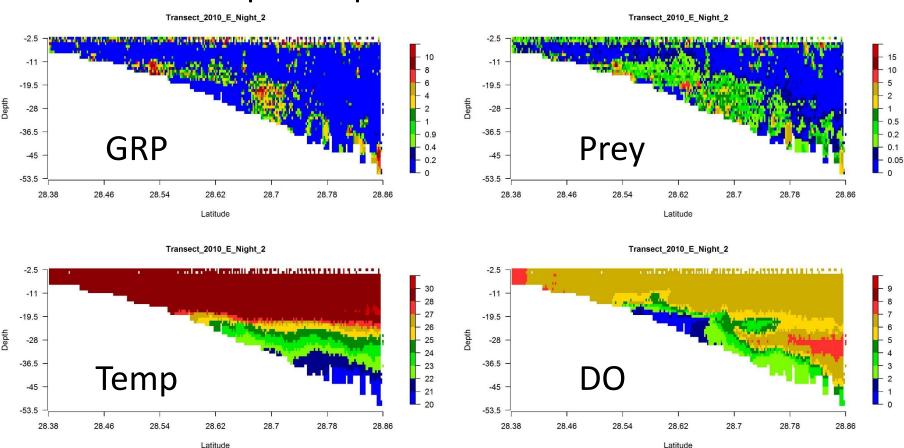
 Bumper, seatrout, and drum were recommendations from worshop participants



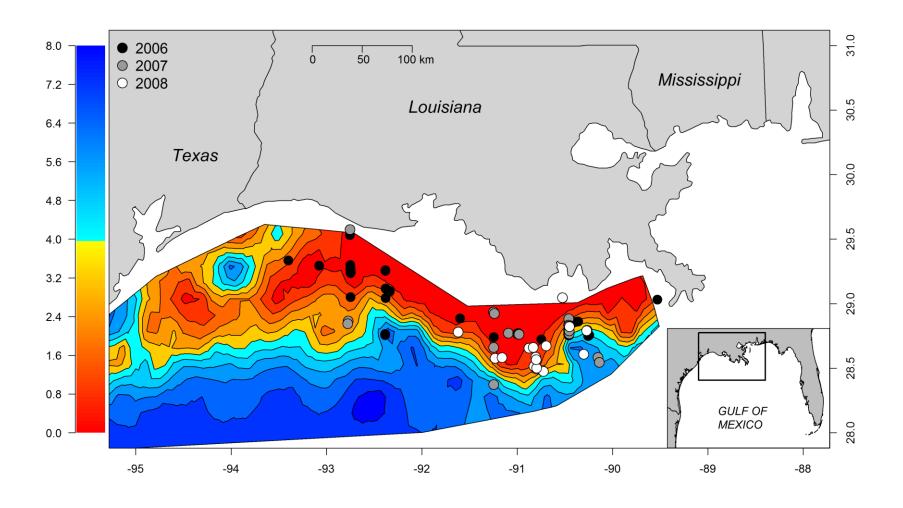
#### Open source GRP

- Open source version of the GRP model in R
- Anticipated product: R package
- Freely shared
- Adapted to interface with observing systems

#### Sample output for vertical transects



#### Improving food web models: fish diet



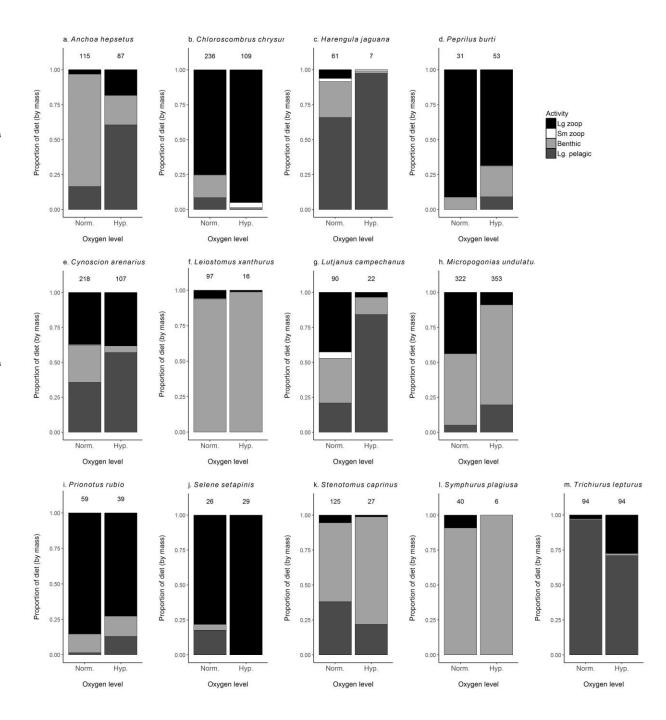
- Location of trawl samples 2006-2008
- Species-specific diet under hypoxic and normoxic conditions

Oxygen contours (mg L<sup>-1</sup>) for 2008 from SEAMAP

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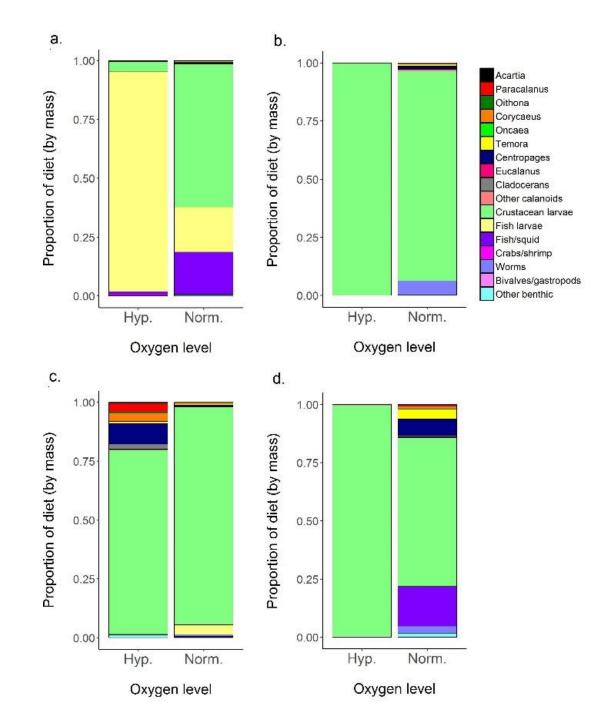
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- Diets of fish from hypoxic regions significantly different from diets of fish from normoxic regions
- Fish in hypoxic areas generally consumed more fish and less benthic organisms
- Diet information (n=4,810, 36 species) will facilitate the creation of new GRP models



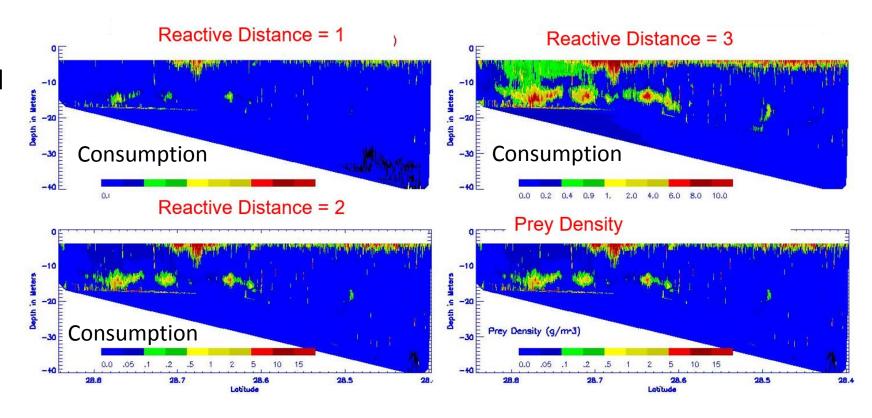
#### Atlantic bumper diet

- Diet information (n=610) for Atlantic bumper lacking
- Crustacean larvae made up the largest component of diets by mass
- Bumper in hypoxic areas consumed less fish, squid, and worms
- Diet information will be incorporated into bumper GRP model

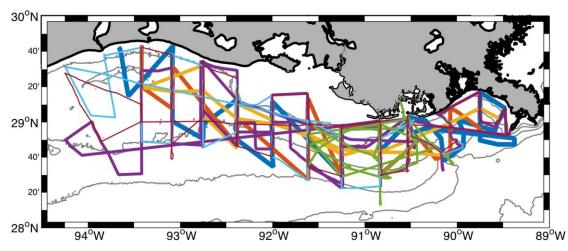


#### Minimum data needs

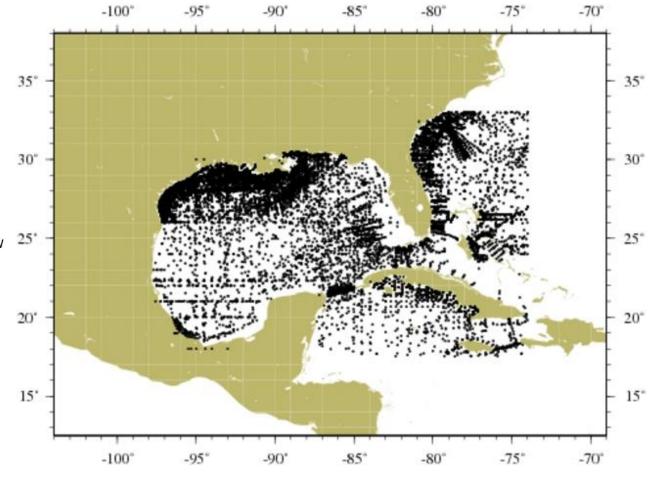
- Focused on sensitivity of foraging model
- Reactive distance and swimming speed hard to find
- Low swimming speed = low sensitivity when when prey biomass is very high or low
- Low reactive distance
  = much lower
  consumption rates
  that would result in
  under-use of prey
  hotspots



## GRP using historical data

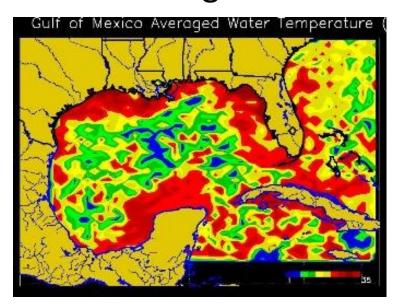


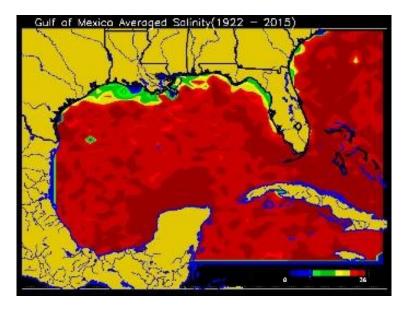
- Seven cruises conducted between 2003 and 2011
- 20,776 CTD, XBT, and PFL casts between 1922 and 2015 (NOAA NODC)

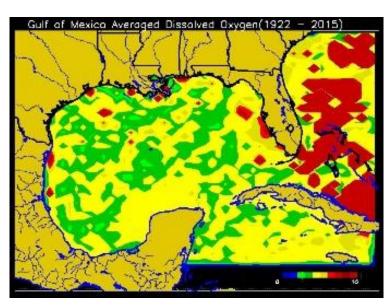


#### Historical data: CTD, XBT, and PFL casts

- Shown: averages over all depths and across all years (1922-2015)
- Salinity and dissolved oxygen vary considerably in nearshore areas
- Temperature and dissolved oxygen vary in offshore waters
- A few regions exhibited average dissolved oxygen of 3 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, including coastal Louisiana



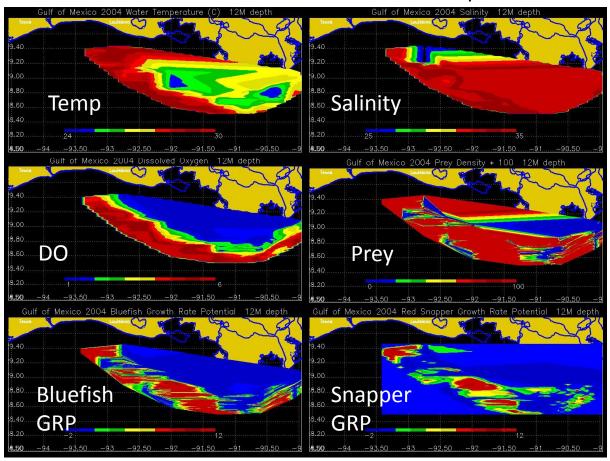




#### Historical data: Field transects

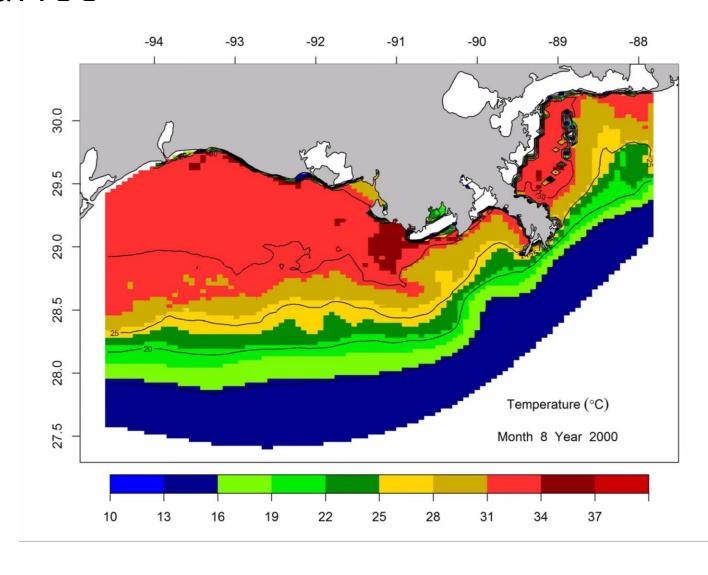
- Research cruises (2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010)
- Plotted DO, temperature and salinity for depths ranging from 0 – 29
- Plotted prey densities from acoustic profiles
- All transects processed to remove noise caused by non-biological sources, and have undergone an extensive QA/QC process
- Constructed horizontal and vertical transects of growth rate potential for both bluefish and red snapper (1,827 plots)
- Future work
  - GRP for remaining species
  - Validation of ROMS model

12 m depth horizons



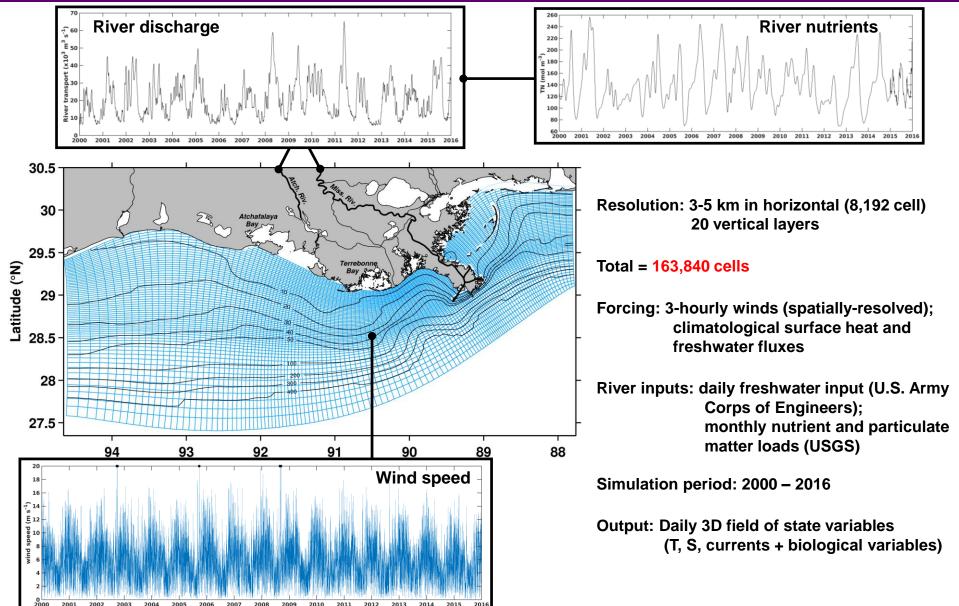
#### ROMS N and P scenarios

- Obtained (from A. Laurent) and processed N100P100, N90P80, and N60P60 scenarios
- Horizontal maps of temperature, dissolved oxygen, salinity, phytoplankton, and zooplankton for 20 depth layers
- Daily 1/1/2000-1/1/2017
- Next steps, GRP



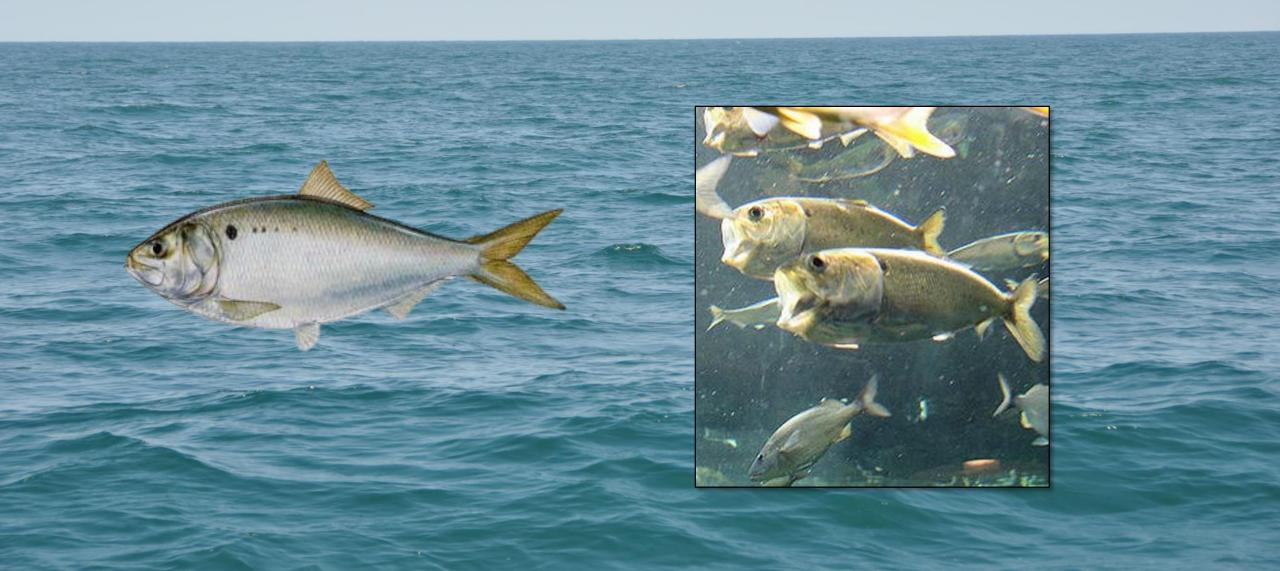


#### **Circulation Model (ROMS)**

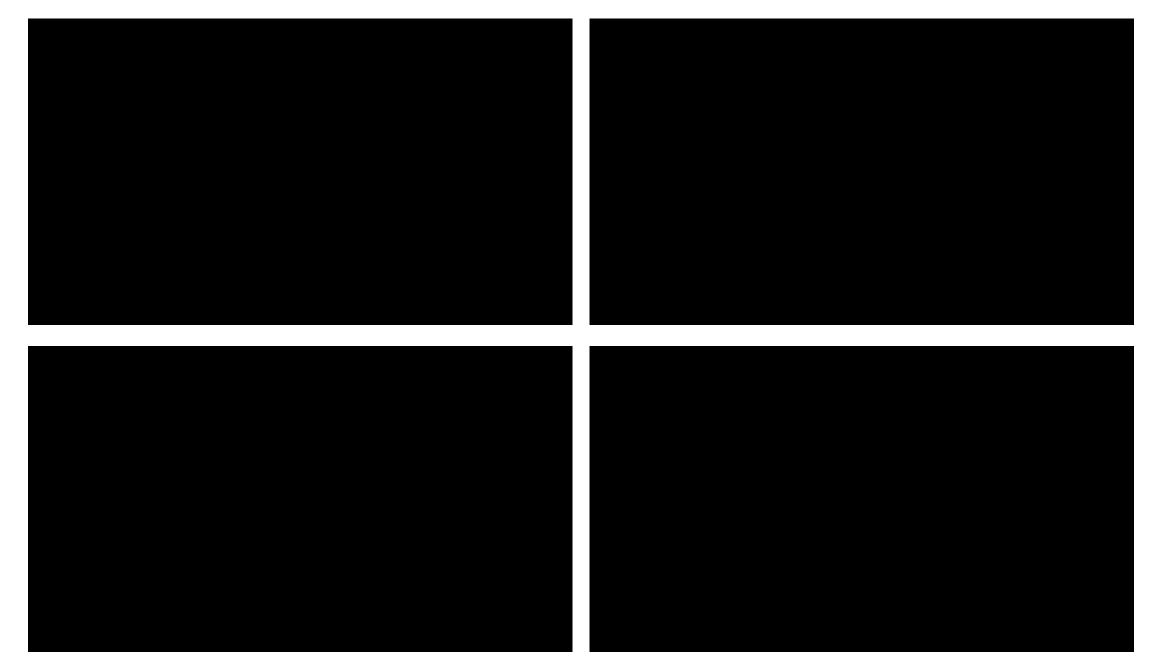




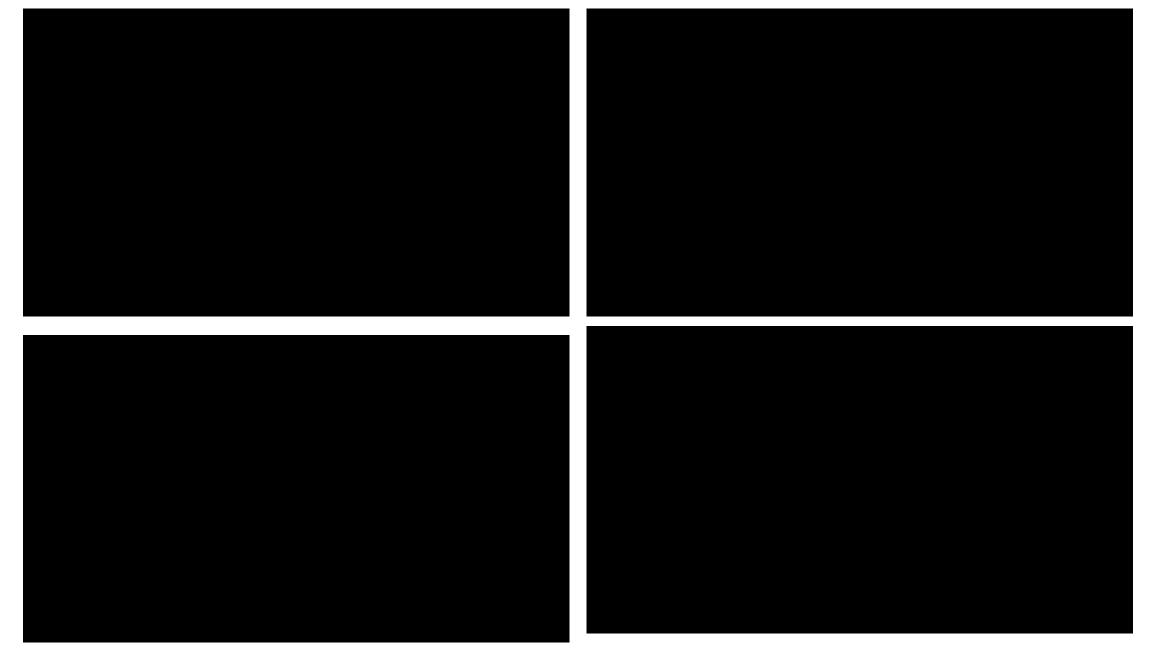
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#### N100P100 Bottom layer



#### N100P100 Surface layer



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## Future directions: GRP as an Index for Production

- Use framework developed for Chinook salmon
  - Incorporate indices of habitat quality in population models
- Conversion of growth to production through body sizefecundity-recruitment relationships



