

# Ecosystem Socioeconomic Profile (ESP) Introduction

ESP Definition: A standardized framework that facilitates the integration of ecosystem and socioeconomic factors within the stock assessment process and acts as a proving ground for use in management advice.



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# Communication Gap

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**STOCK ASSESSMENT AND FISHERY EVALUATION REPORT  
FOR THE GROUND FISH RESOURCES  
OF THE BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS REGIONS**

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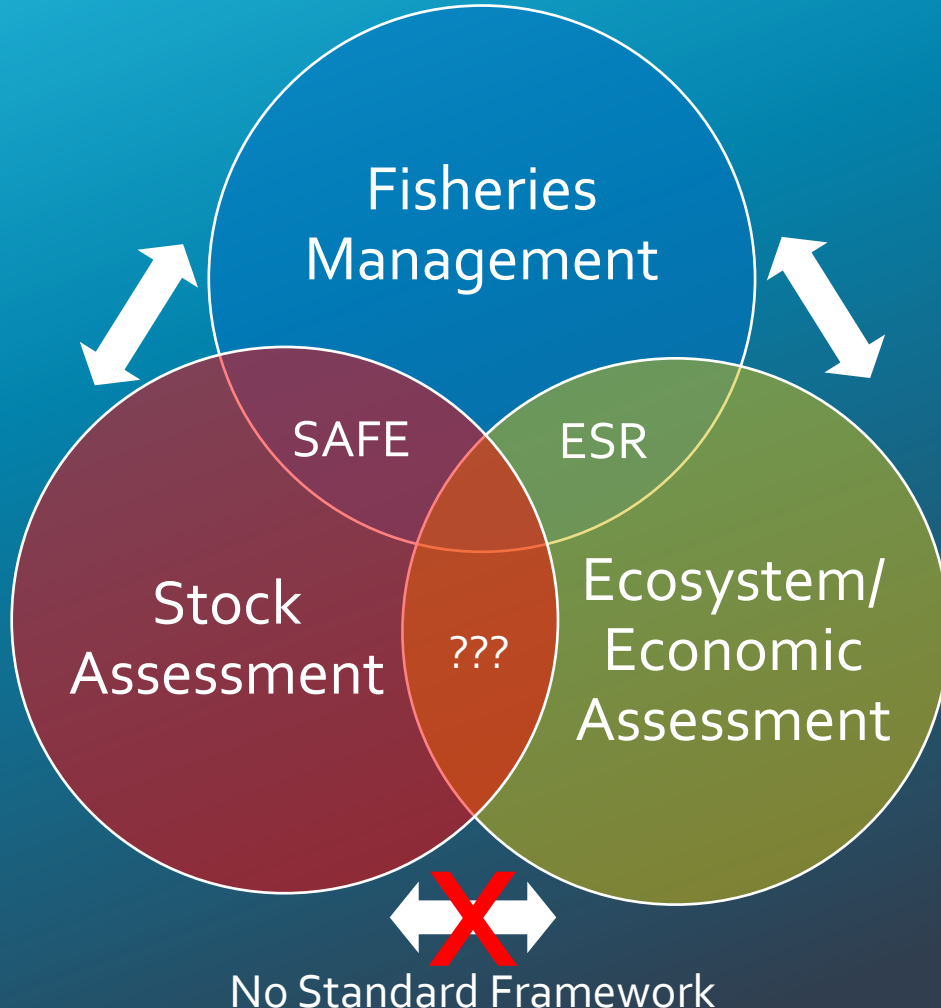


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**Ecosystem Considerations 2017  
Status of the  
Eastern Bering Sea Marine Ecosystem**



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ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE GROUND FISH FISHERIES OFF ALASKA, 2016

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# ESP Progression

Prioritization

Improve

Product

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Initialization

Development

Review

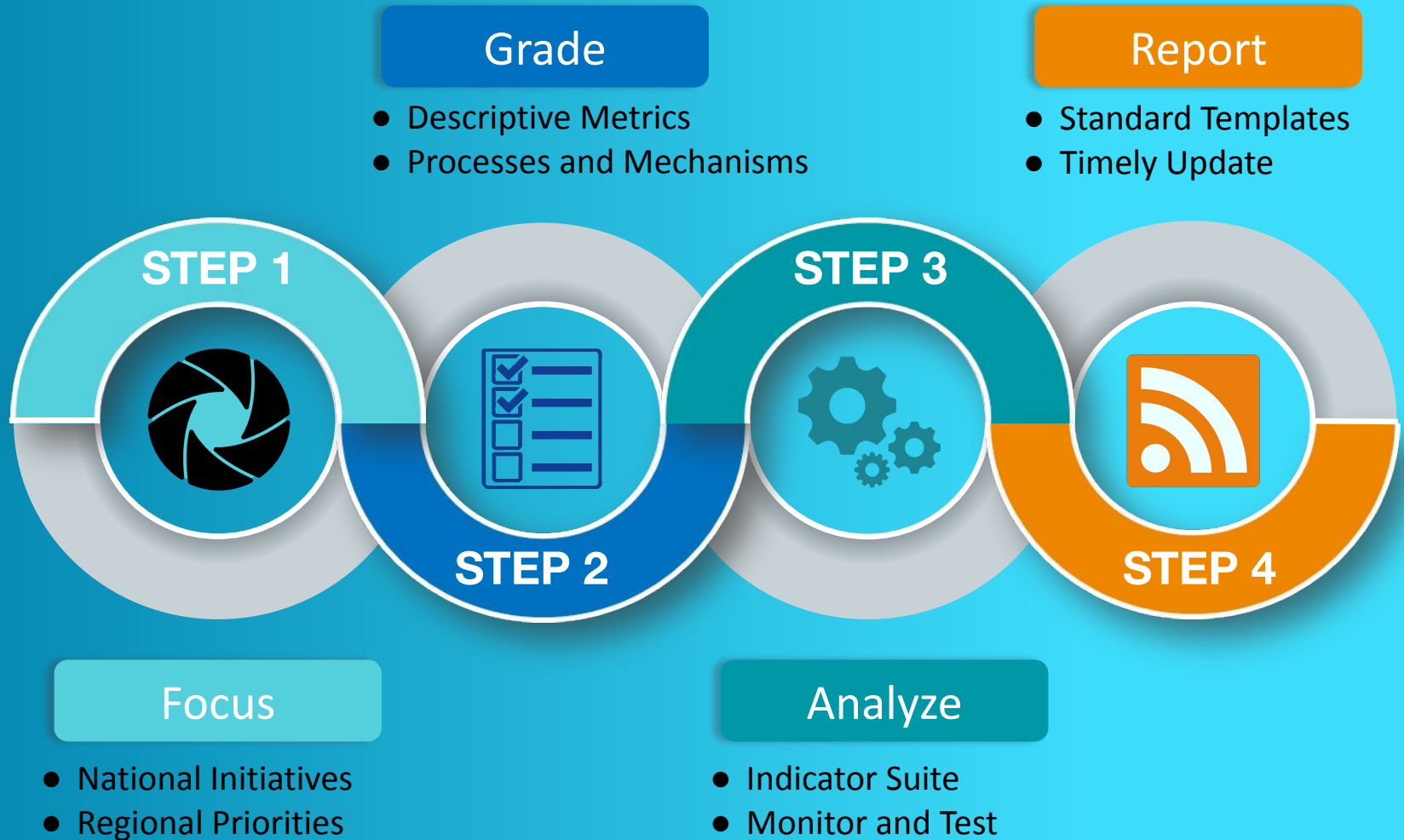
Groundfish Plan Team

Scientific and Statistical Committee

Crab Plan Team

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# ESP Process



# ESP Product

## Appendix in SAFE report

- 1) 4 main sections:  
introduction, metrics  
assessment, indicators  
assessment, and conclusions
- 2) Lead stock assessment  
author reviews ESP and  
determines use

### **Appendix xx. Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profile of the Myfish stock in the Myarea**

[List of authors who wrote the ESP assessment]  
Draft 2019

[Picture of stock, if desired]

*With Contributions from:*  
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#### **Executive Summary**

Short description of national initiative and regional recommendations to produce ESP  
Short description of ESP process type (e.g., general, stage-based)

#### **Ecosystem Considerations**

- Summary conclusions from metric assessment
- Summary conclusions from indicator assessment

#### **Socioeconomic Considerations**

- Summary conclusions from metric assessment
- Summary conclusions from indicator assessment

#### **Introduction**

Summary of regional ecosystem considerations priorities

Description of four-step ESP process and reference, include metric and indicator definition

Metrics = quantitative stock-specific measures that identify vulnerability or resilience of the stock with respect to biological or socioeconomic processes. Where possible, evaluating these metrics by life history stage can highlight potential bottlenecks and lead to mechanistic understanding of ecosystem or socioeconomic pressures on the stock.

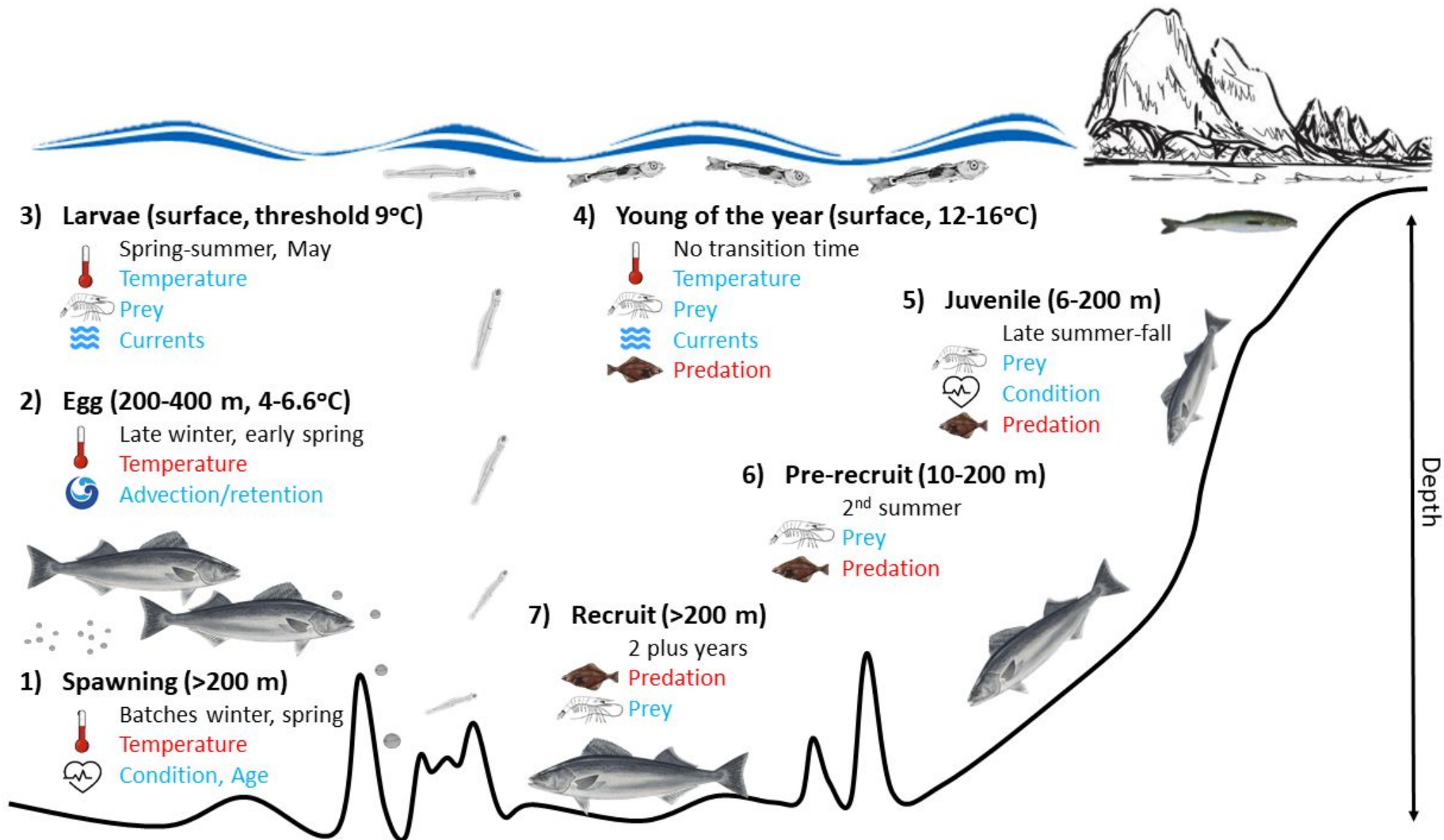
Indicator = time-series data that represent the critical processes identified by metrics and useful for stock assessment (regularly updated, reliable, consistent, and long-term).

#### **Justification**

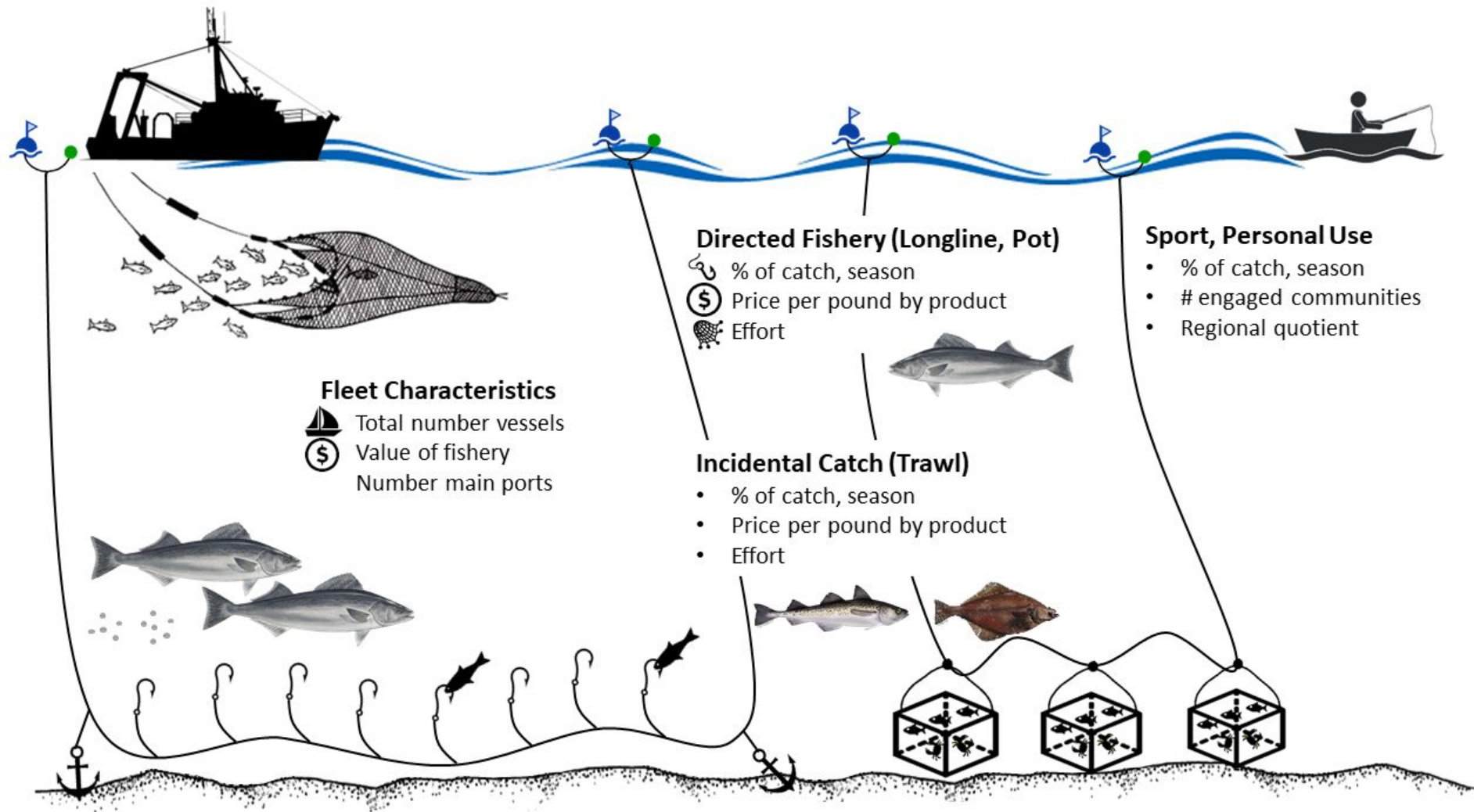
Scores in relevant national initiatives, stock assessment classification results

Stock-specific regional research priorities (e.g., annual guidance memo, strategic plans, etc.)

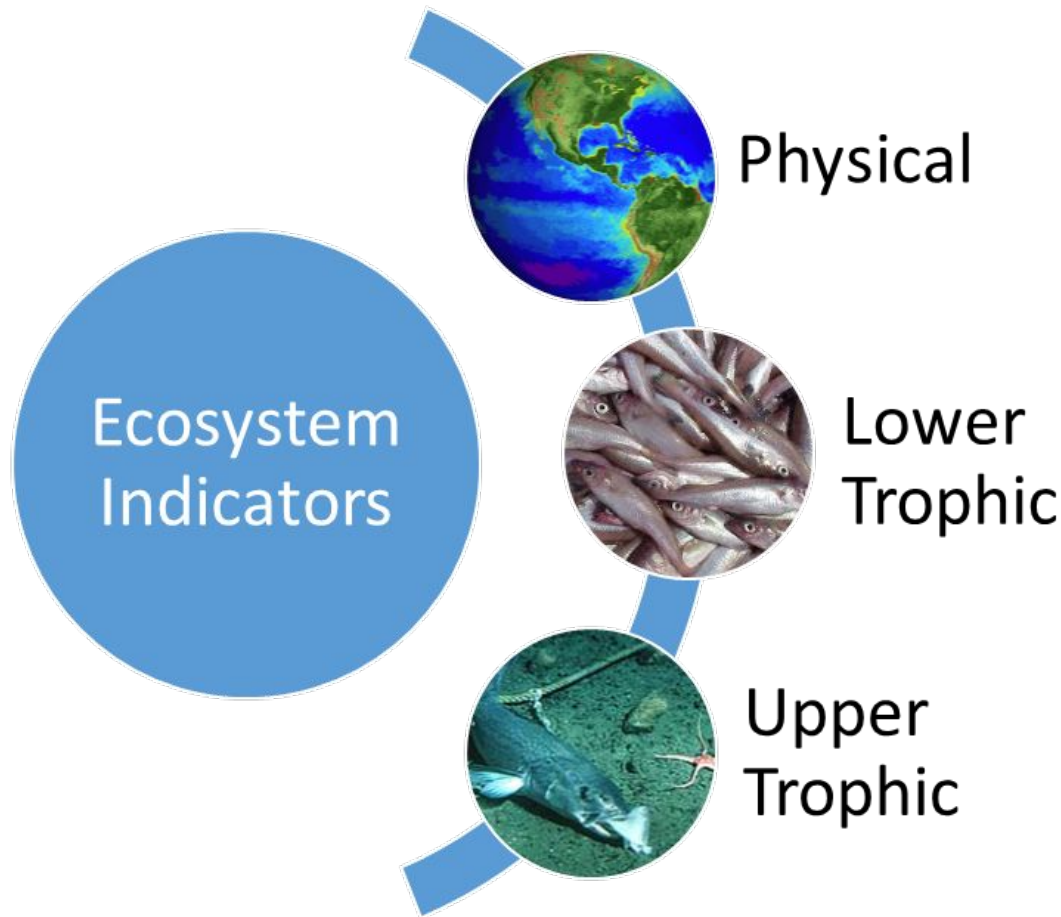
# Ecosystem Processes



# Socioeconomic Processes



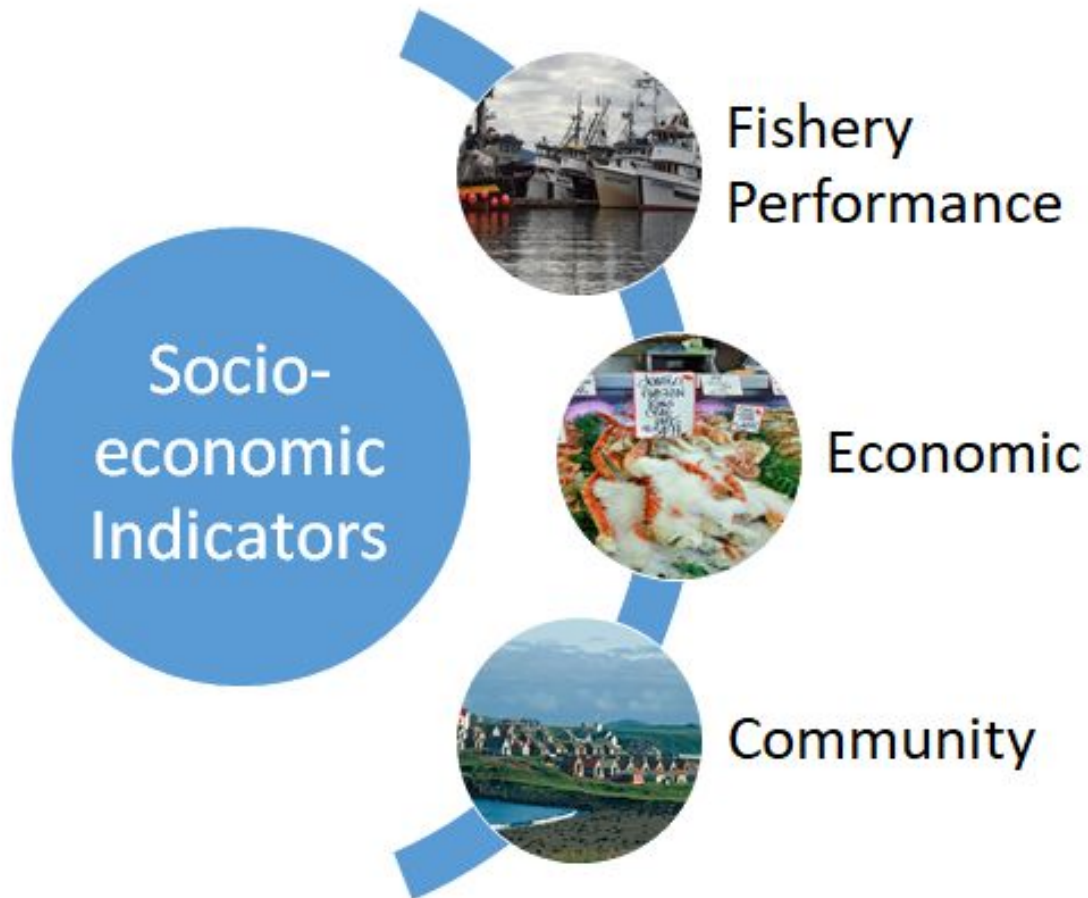
# Current Ecosystem Indicators



1. Marine heatwave index
2. Bottom temperature (LL, BT, ROMS)
3. SST, wind stress, sea-ice (satellite)
4. Corrosivity index (ROMS-NPZ)
5. Production (chlorophyll *a*, satellite)
6. Small/Large copepods (CPR, survey)
7. Euphausiids (acoustic backscatter)
8. Seabird reproductive success
9. Larval fish abundance, condition
10. YOY biomass, growth seabird diets
11. Juvenile CPUE, condition (survey)
12. Juvenile predation mortality (model)
13. Proportion euphausiid in fish diet
14. Adult condition (survey, fishery)
15. Center of gravity, area occupied (VAST)
16. Predator biomass (ATF, Pacific cod)
17. Steller sea lion non-pup estimates



# Current Socioeconomic Indicators



1. CPUE by season, gear
2. Effort (#vessels, #processors)
3. Bycatch by gear, region
4. Ex-vessel value, revenue share
5. Ex-vessel price per pound
6. Price by size class
7. Roe per-unit-catch
8. Fish condition in the fishery
9. TAC utilization (percent)
10. Processors active in fishery
11. Processing employment
12. Local, Regional Quotient

# Indicator Analysis Stages

## Beginning



### Traffic Light

- Historical simple score (SSC)
- Current year trends relative to mean of series
- Evaluate whole suite utility

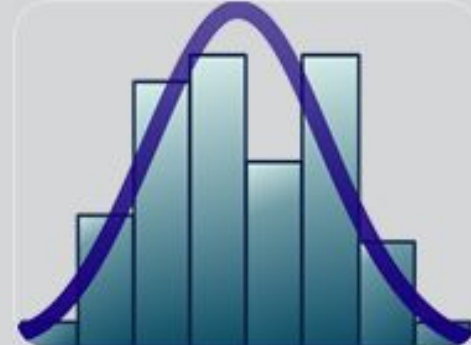
## Intermediate



### Importance

- Regression  $R^2$
- Direction, magnitude, uncertainty, inclusion weight
- Prediction performance

## Advanced



### Ecosystem Model Run

- Comparison w/ operational
- Retrospective
- Prediction performance
- Terminal SSB

# Recommendations

- **Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Summary**
  - Main takeaways from the metric and indicator assessment for both the ecosystem and socioeconomics
  - Test results from indicator analysis stages 1-3
- **Data Gaps and Research Priorities**
  - Includes caveats of current indicators, discussion of needed indicators or improvements
  - Statement of ecosystem and socioeconomic research priorities for the ESP

# AFSC ESP Workshops

<p>Data (2019)</p>	<p>ESP Process</p> 	<p>Collect</p> 	<p>Coordinate</p> 	<p>Create</p> 
<p>Model (2020)</p>	<p>Review</p> 	<p>Discuss</p> 	<p>Perform</p> 	<p>Improve</p> 
<p>Advice (2021)</p>	<p>Review</p> 	<p>Forecast</p> 	<p>Evaluate</p> 	<p>Provide</p> 

# ESP Teams & Reports

- ESP Teams

- Consist of facilitator, stock assessment author, status report representative and subject matter experts
- Sablefish, GOA pollock, Pacific cod, Crab, Data-limited

- ESP Reports

- Full template completed when ESP first initiated, ~5 years
- Partial template is reduced and based on SAFE format, potentially initiated for a “red flag” response
- Report card template is simple and for updating annually

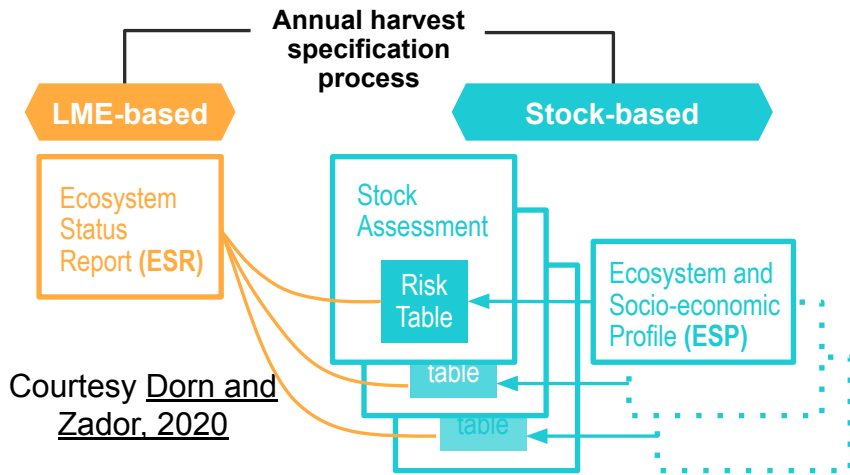
# Report Summary

<b>Stock</b>	<b>Year initiated</b>	<b>Full ESP</b>	<b>Partial update</b>	<b>Report card</b>
Sablefish	2017	2017 - 2019	2020	2021, 2022
Gulf of Alaska Pollock	2019	2019	2020	2021, 2022
EBS Pacific Cod	2020	2021		2021, 2022
GOA Pacific Cod	2020	2021		2021, 2022
St Matthew Blue King Crab	2019	2019	2020	2022
Bristol Bay Red King Crab	2020	2020		2021, 2022
Bering Sea Snow Crab	2021	2022		2022

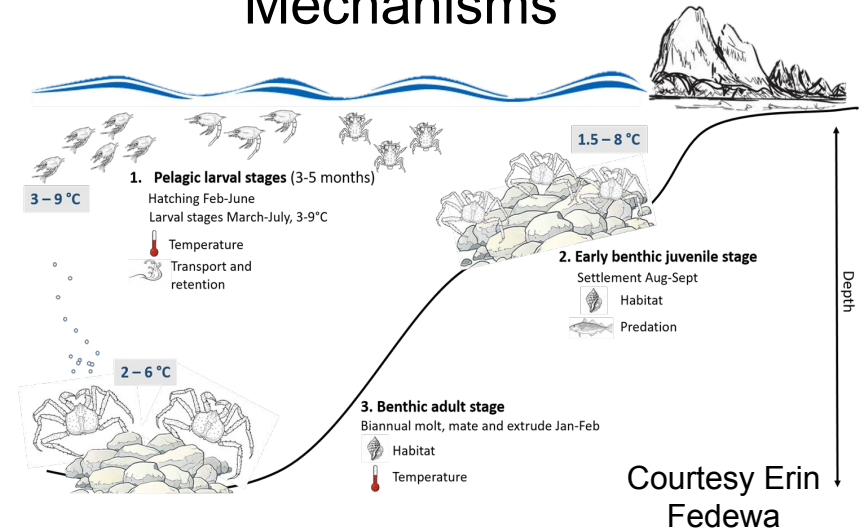
Note: Report cards are produced annually unless no SAFE

# Management Decisions

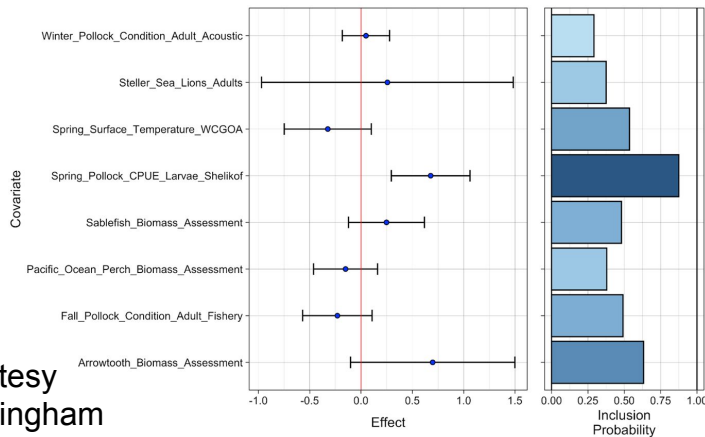
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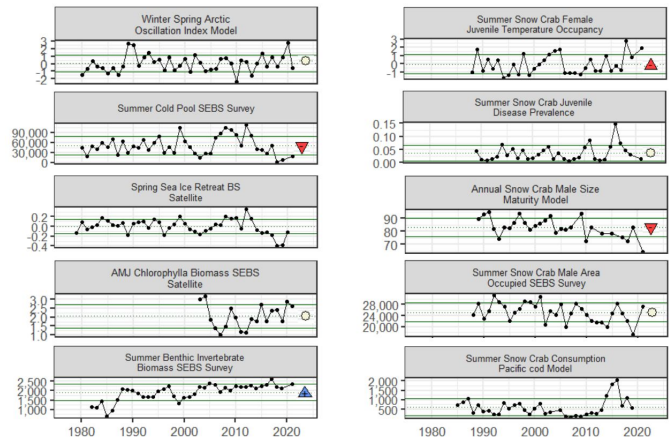
## Mechanisms



## Models



## Planning



# Coordination with ESRs

## Requests

Indicator contribution requests are aligned and streamlined through data management tool

## Meetings

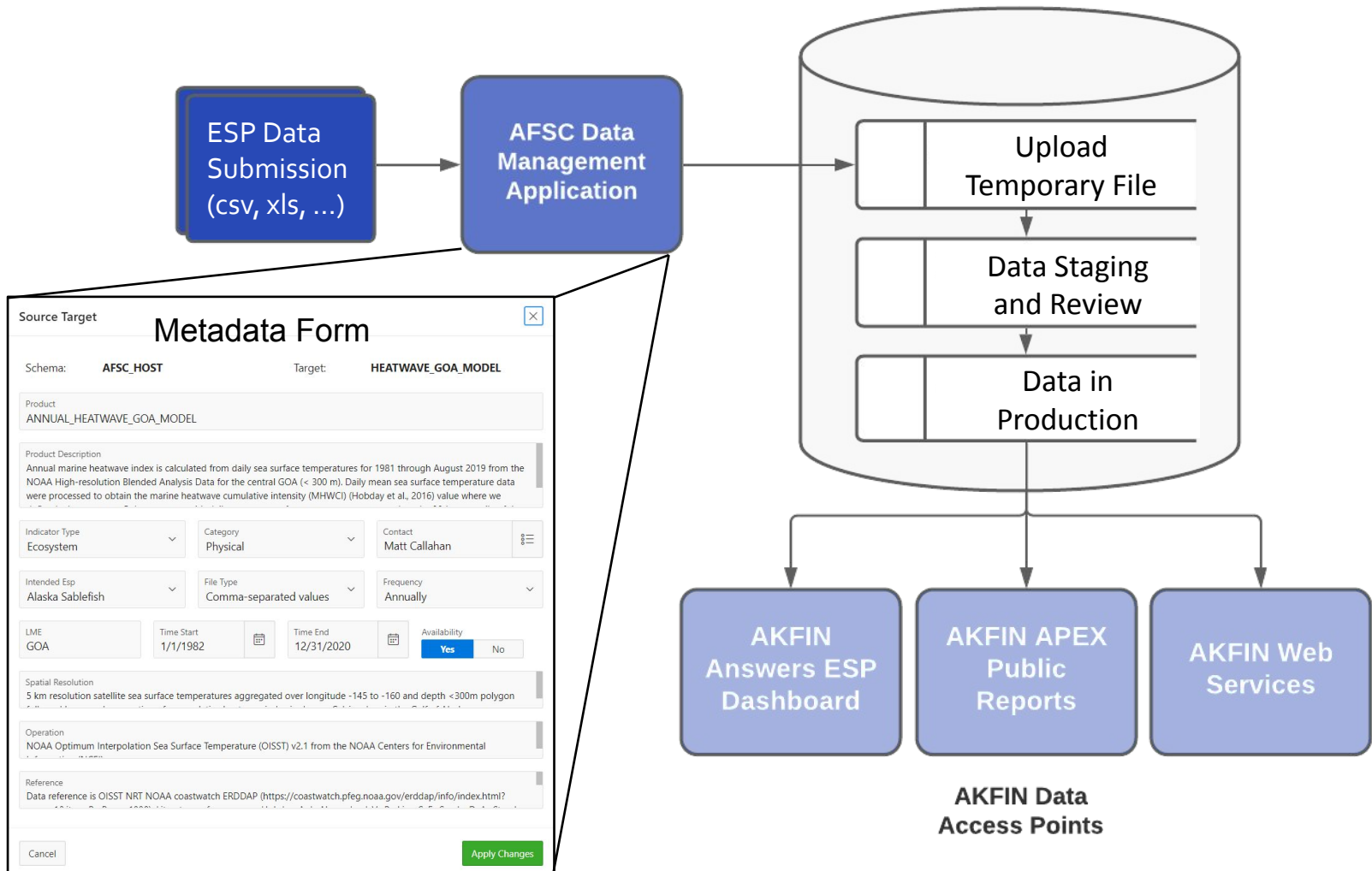
Indicator development and risk table discussions are coordinated, transparent, and efficient

## Reporting

Templates are reproducible and redundancy is minimized through communication on report scope



# Submissions



# Reproducibility

ESPs should be designed to take future needs into account and maximize reproducibility

← → ↻ atyrell3.github.io/AKesp/

AKesp 0.0.1 Vignettes ▾ Functions News

## Alaska ESP templates

### The purpose of this package

This package was created to facilitate the development and maintenance of the Alaska Fisheries Science Center's Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profiles.

### Create figures

This package can quickly generate styled figures based on indicator input data.

### Create ESP templates and reports

1. This package can create templates for ESP report cards. Up-to-date data is pulled from AKFIN and processed into figures and tables. The text is populated with default information and placeholders. The report is knit to Word, where it can be edited.
2. This package can create templates for partial and full ESP reports. After the user fills out these templates, this package can knit a final Word report, including pulling in figures and tables.

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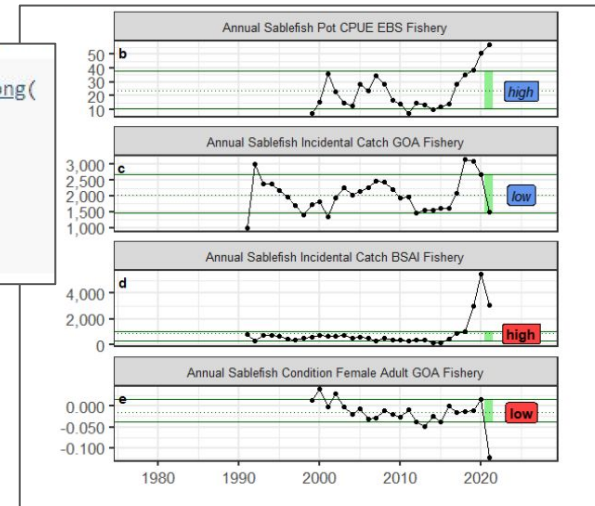
Developed by Abigail Tyrell.

Indicator category	Indicator	2017 Status	2018 Status	2019 Status	2020 Status	2021 Status
Lower Trophic	Spring Chlorophyll a Biomass EGOA Satellite	neutral	neutral	neutral	low	neutral
	Spring Chlorophyll a Biomass SEBS Satellite	low	neutral	low	neutral	neutral
	Spring Chlorophyll a Peak EGOA Satellite	neutral	low	neutral	low	neutral
	Spring Chlorophyll a Peak SEBS Satellite	low	high	neutral	neutral	neutral
	Annual Copepod Community Size EGOA Survey	neutral	low	low	neutral	neutral
	Annual Copepod Community Size WGOA Survey	neutral	low	high	neutral	neutral
	Summer Euphausiid Abundance Kodiak Survey	low	NA	neutral	NA	NA
	Annual Sablefish Growth YOY Middleton Survey	neutral	neutral	high	neutral	neutral

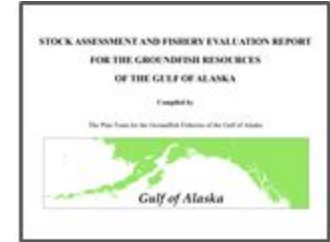
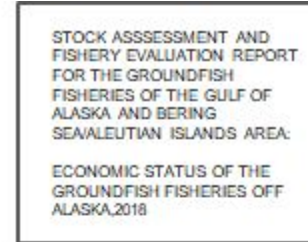
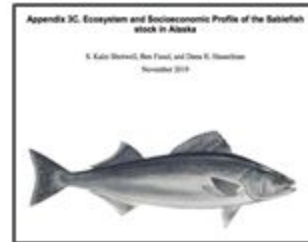
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Slides from Abigail Tyrell



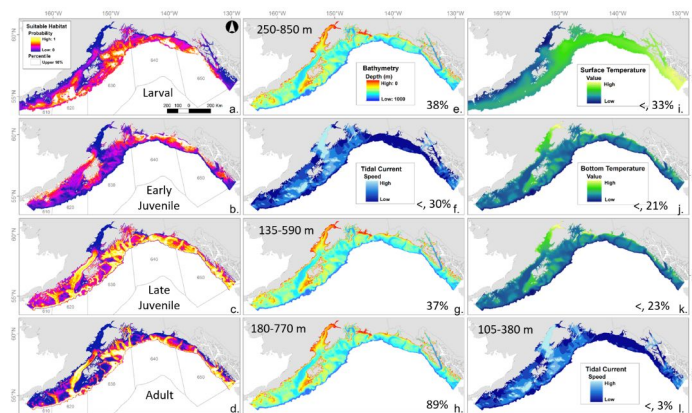
# Coordinated Reporting



Report		ESR	ESP	Economic SAFE	SAFE Chapters
Spatial		Large Marine Ecosystem	Stock-Specific	FMP	Stock-Specific
Temporal		Annual	Annual	Annual	Annual
Ecological Community		Mixed	Stock-specific		Stock-specific
Socio-Econ Community		Mixed	Fishery specific	Place/Practice	Fishery specific
Intent		Summary	Assessment	Summary	Assessment

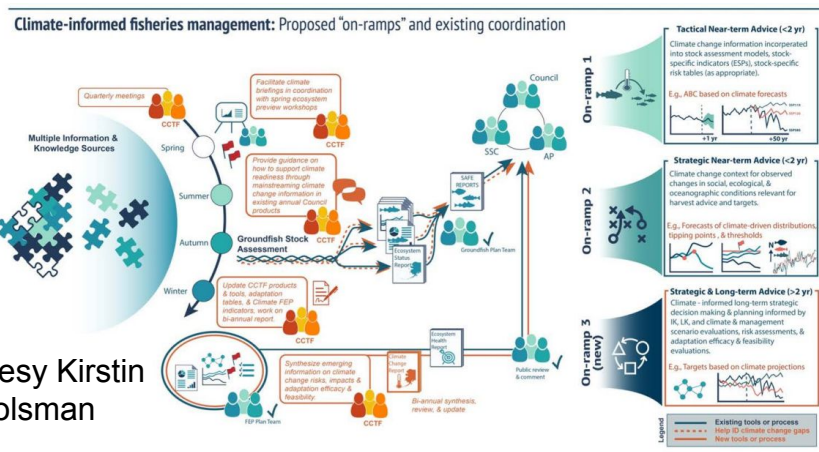
# Climate and EBFM

## EFH Research Plan



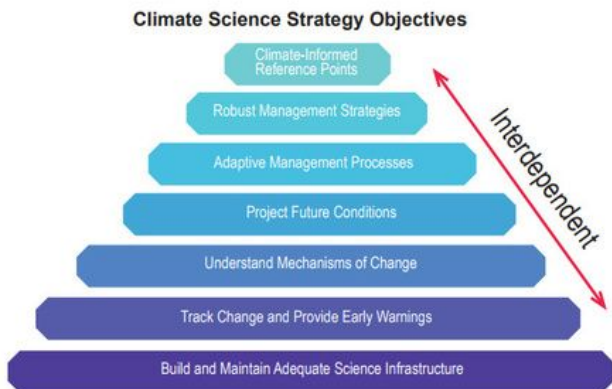
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## CLIMs and CCTF

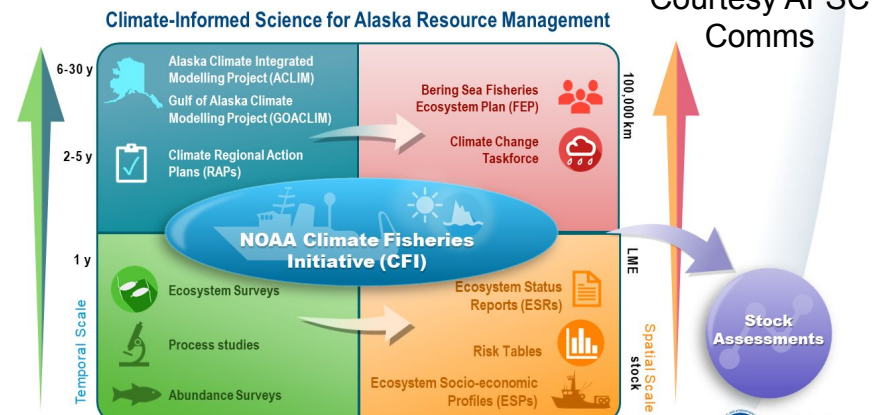


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## EBS and GOA RAPs



## NOAA Initiatives



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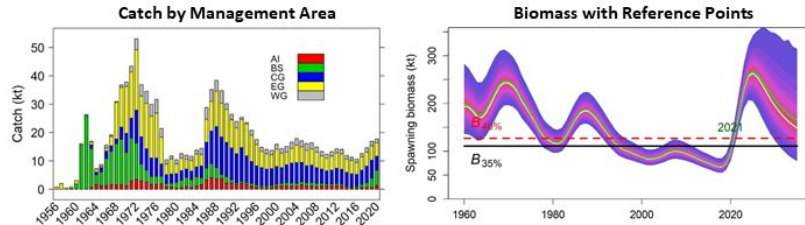


# Rapid Communication



## Stock Assessment & Status

- Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska stock with custom statistical catch-at-age model
- Benchmark assessment in 2016 included CIE recommendations to 1) account for whale depredation on the survey and fishery, and 2) propagate more structural uncertainty of management quantities.



Year	ABC	OFL	Total Biomass	B/ B <sub>MSY</sub>	F/ F <sub>MSY</sub>	Recruits (mill #s)	Total Catch	Ex-Value (mill \$)
2015	13,657	16,128	188,000	0.66	0.78	26.63	10,970	100.6
2016	11,795	13,397	170,000	0.63	0.78	163.65	10,257	98
2017	13,083	15,485	206,000	0.60	0.88	123.44	12,270	123.5
2018	14,957	29,507	515,000	0.59	0.77	12.47	14,341	93.7
2019	15,068	32,798	414,000	0.66	0.58	17.5	16,624	73.6

This stock is not subjected to overfishing, currently overfished, nor approaching an overfished condition.

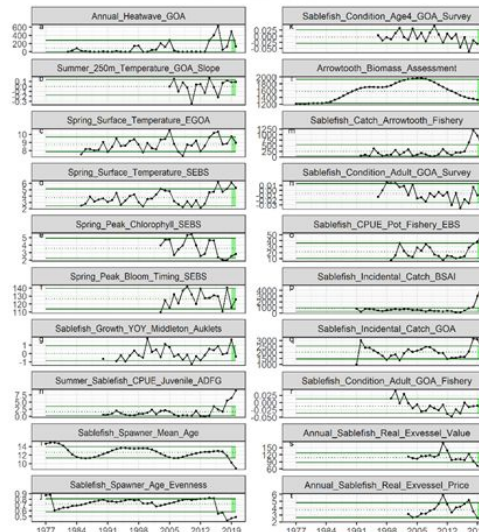
## Research Priorities

- Evaluate apportionment strategies for ABC, use spatially explicit research model
- Explore integration of ecosystem data to understand highly variable recruitment
- Refine fishery abundance index, identify covariates that affect catch rates

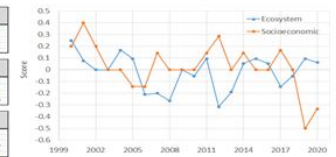
## Sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*)

- Data rich stock, high recruitment variability, rapid early life growth, shifting distribution, high value

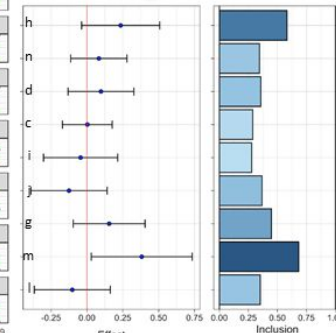
### Indicators



### Score



### Importance



- Presence of 2016 and 2019 year class in ADF&G survey, age 4 fish generally in poor condition, higher spatial overlap with arrowtooth in fishery, physical + but < from 2019, lower stable, upper slight >
- Incidental catch < in GOA, > in BSAI indicates expanding habitat, ex-vessel value and price/pound on recent decline, community analysis in progress

## Research Model Performance (hypothetical)

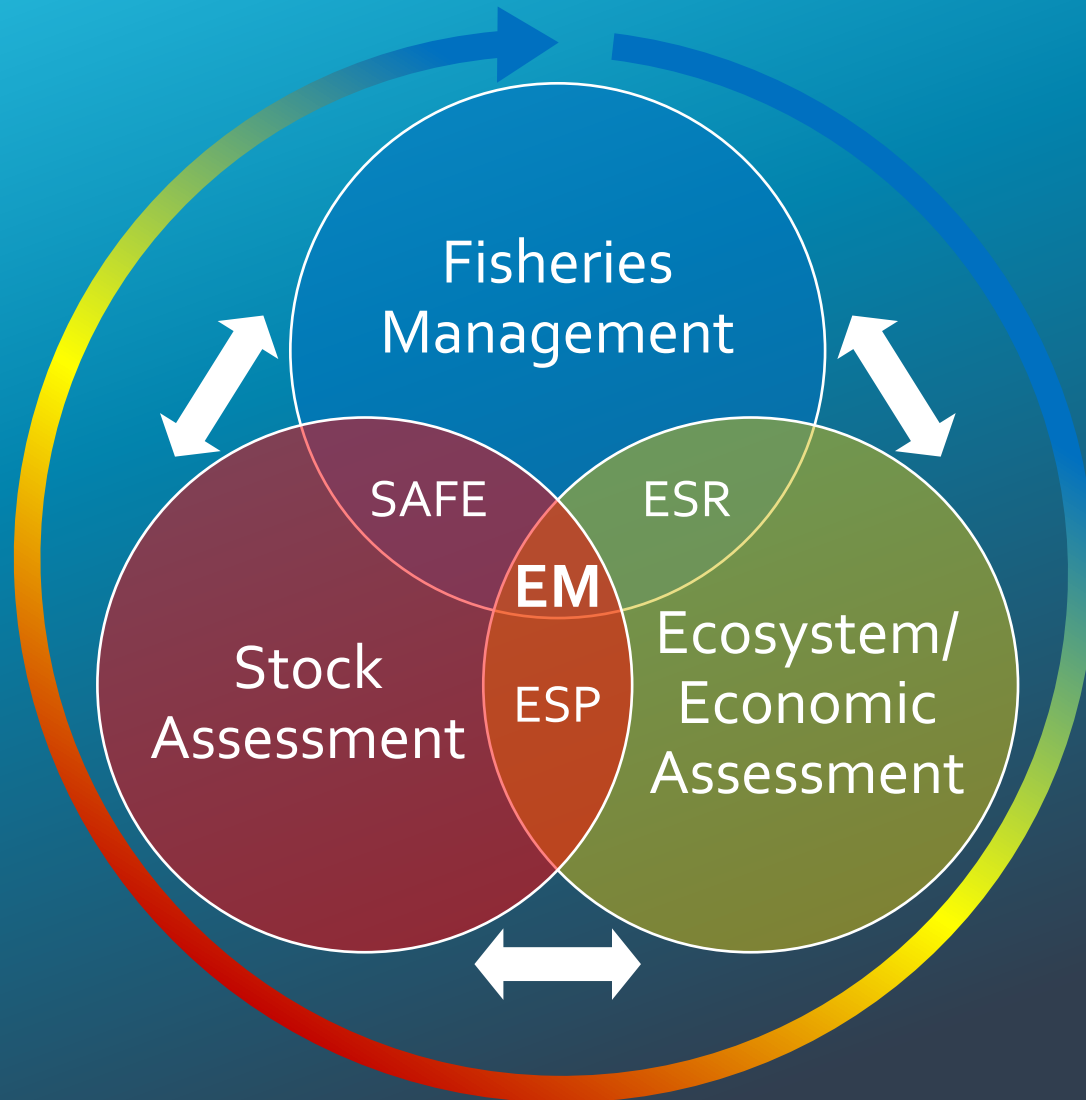
Model	ABC	OFL	Cross Validation	Retrospective	Recruitment Comparison	SSB Comparison
SAFE	26,250	30,000	28% +/- 6%	+0.19	0.5	0.5
Eco	23,625	27,000	46% +/- 12%	+0.07	0.65	0.3



# Future of ESPs

- Climate and EBFM
  - Expand products to be "climate ready"
  - Integrate other EBFM products
- National ESP Initiative
  - Training workshops, shareout forums
  - First workshop July 2022, next likely summer '23
  - Define metrics to track EBFM progress
- Rapid Communication
  - Github repository for these in progress
  - Drafting a paper with regional examples

# Communication Loop







# Questions?

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## Resources:

[Alaska ESP Examples](#)

[In-depth ESP Talk](#)

[ESP Introduction Manuscript](#)  
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