Marine Heatwaves and Impacts on Fisheries

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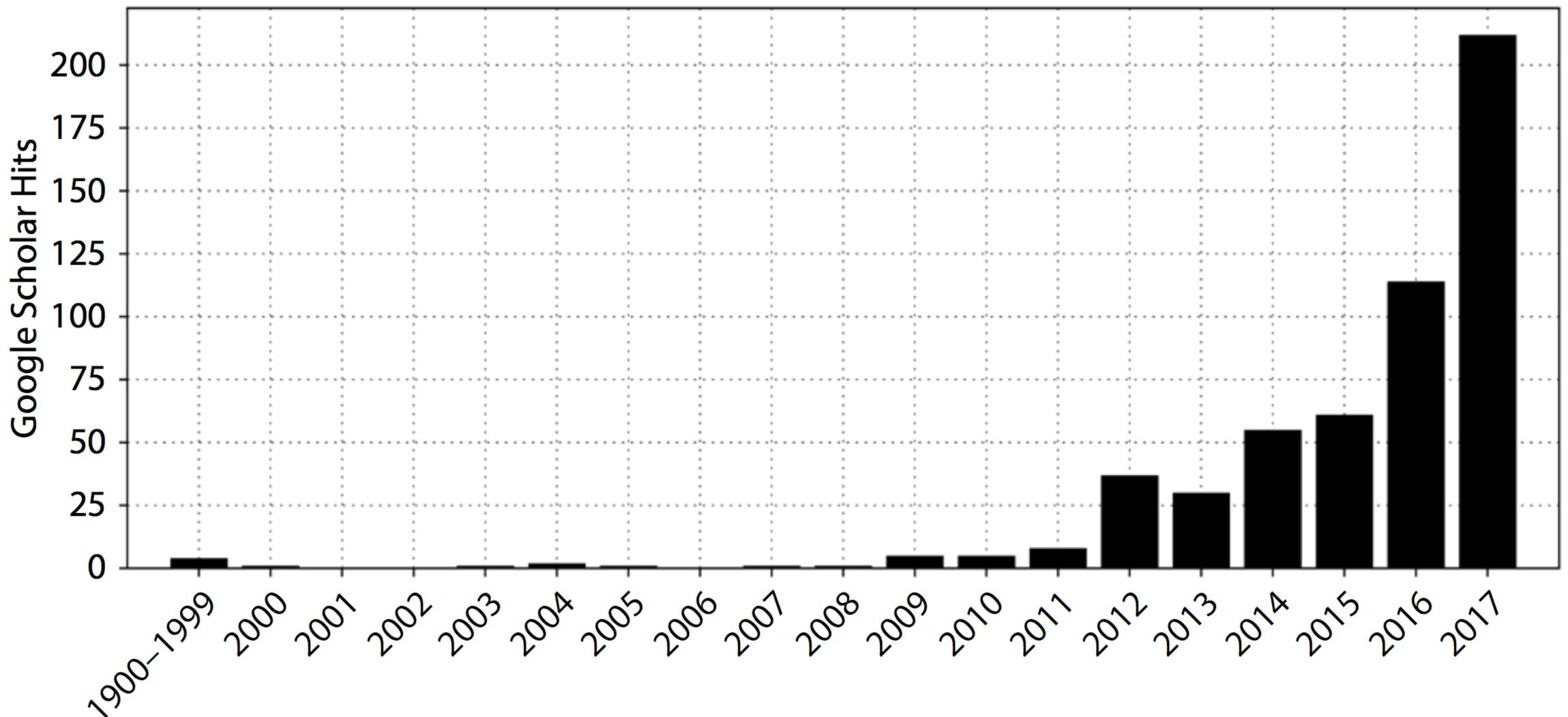
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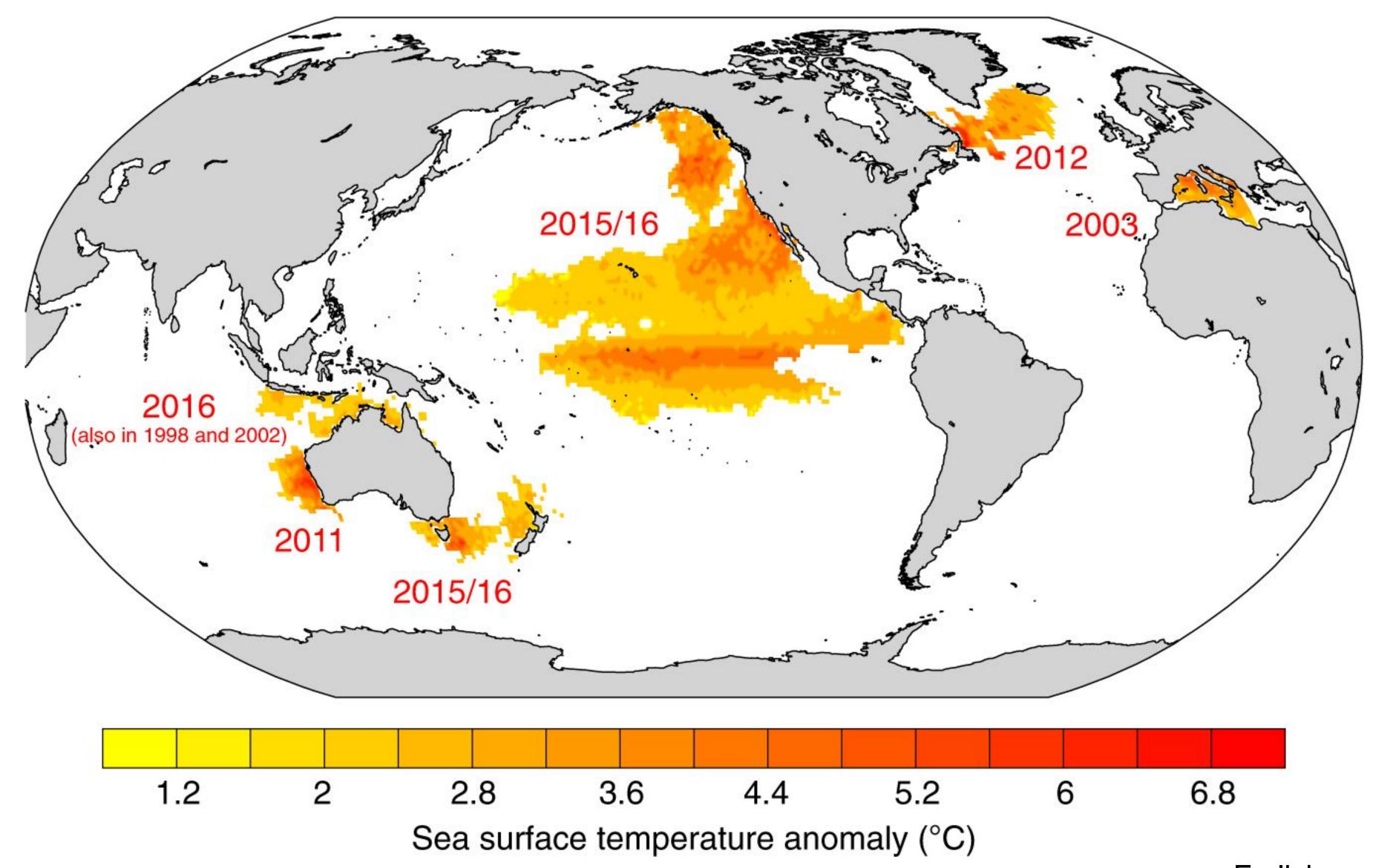


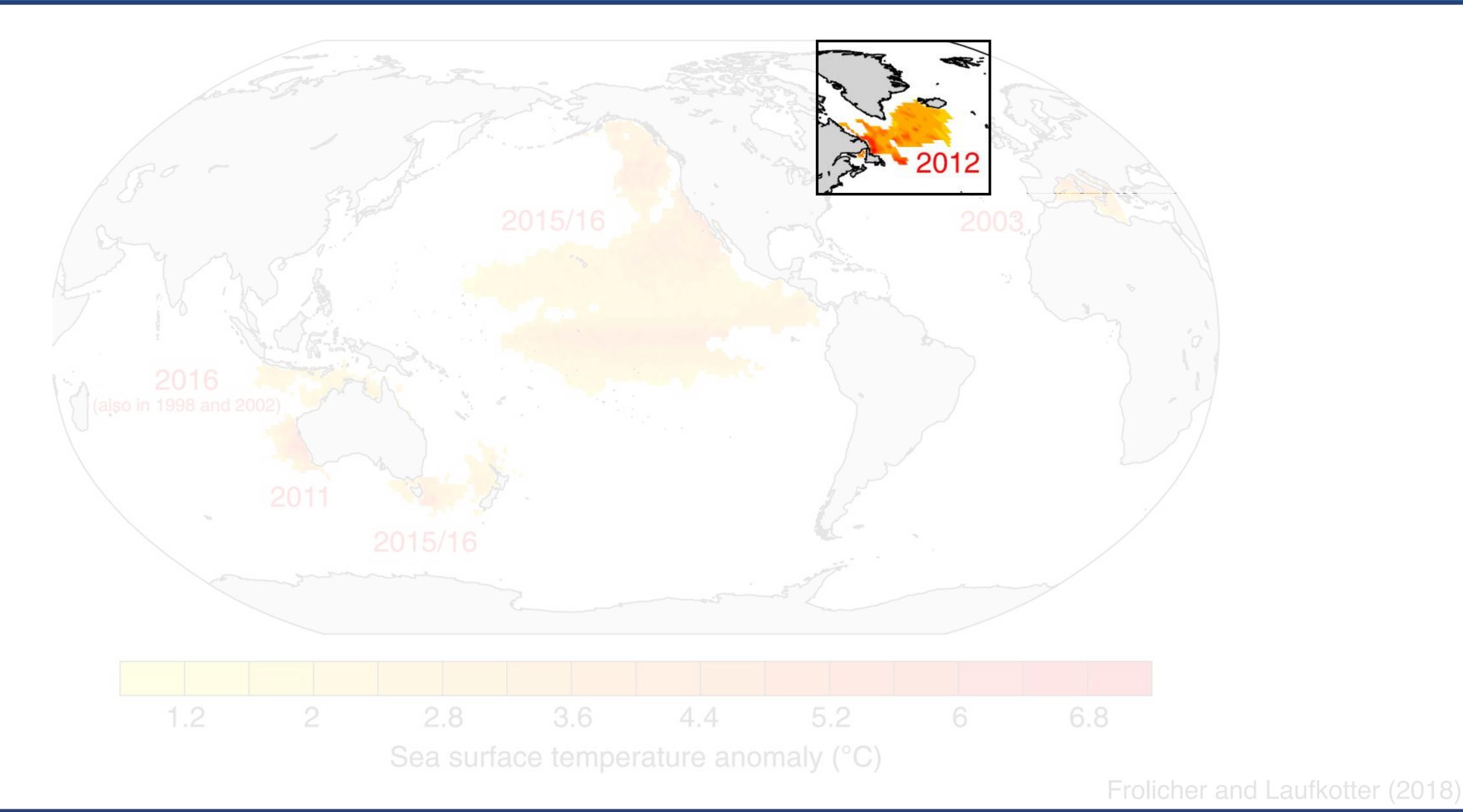
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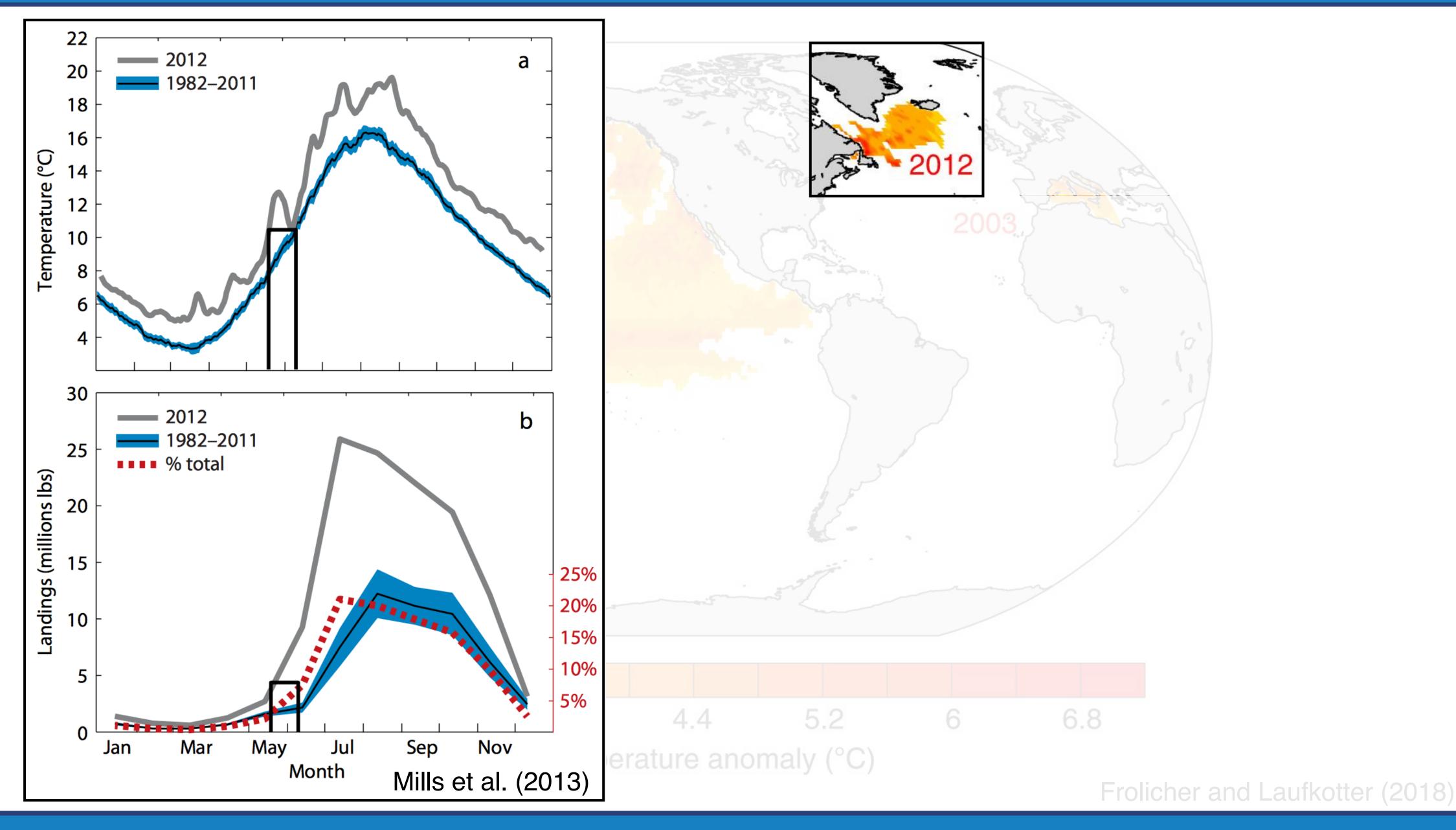
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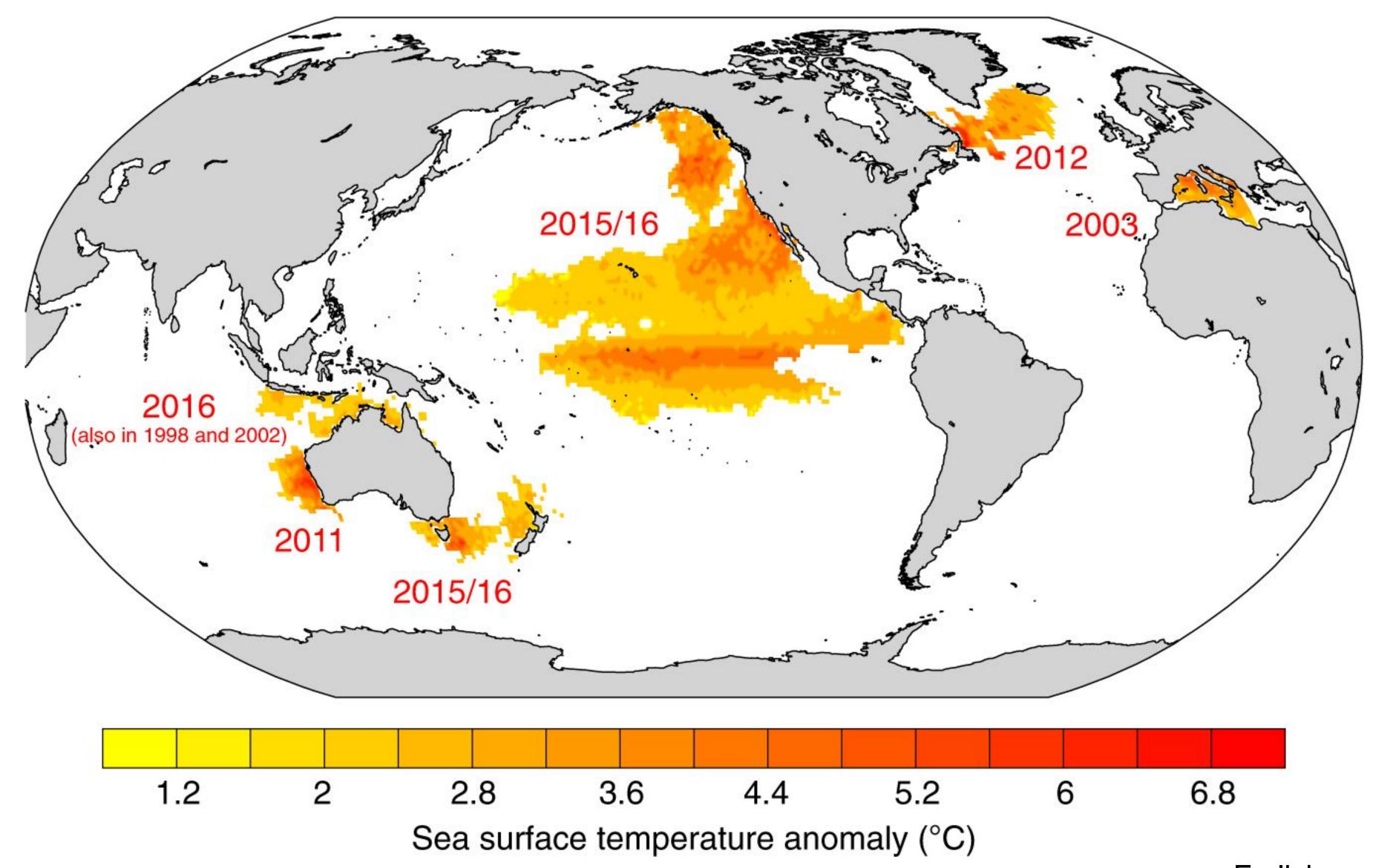


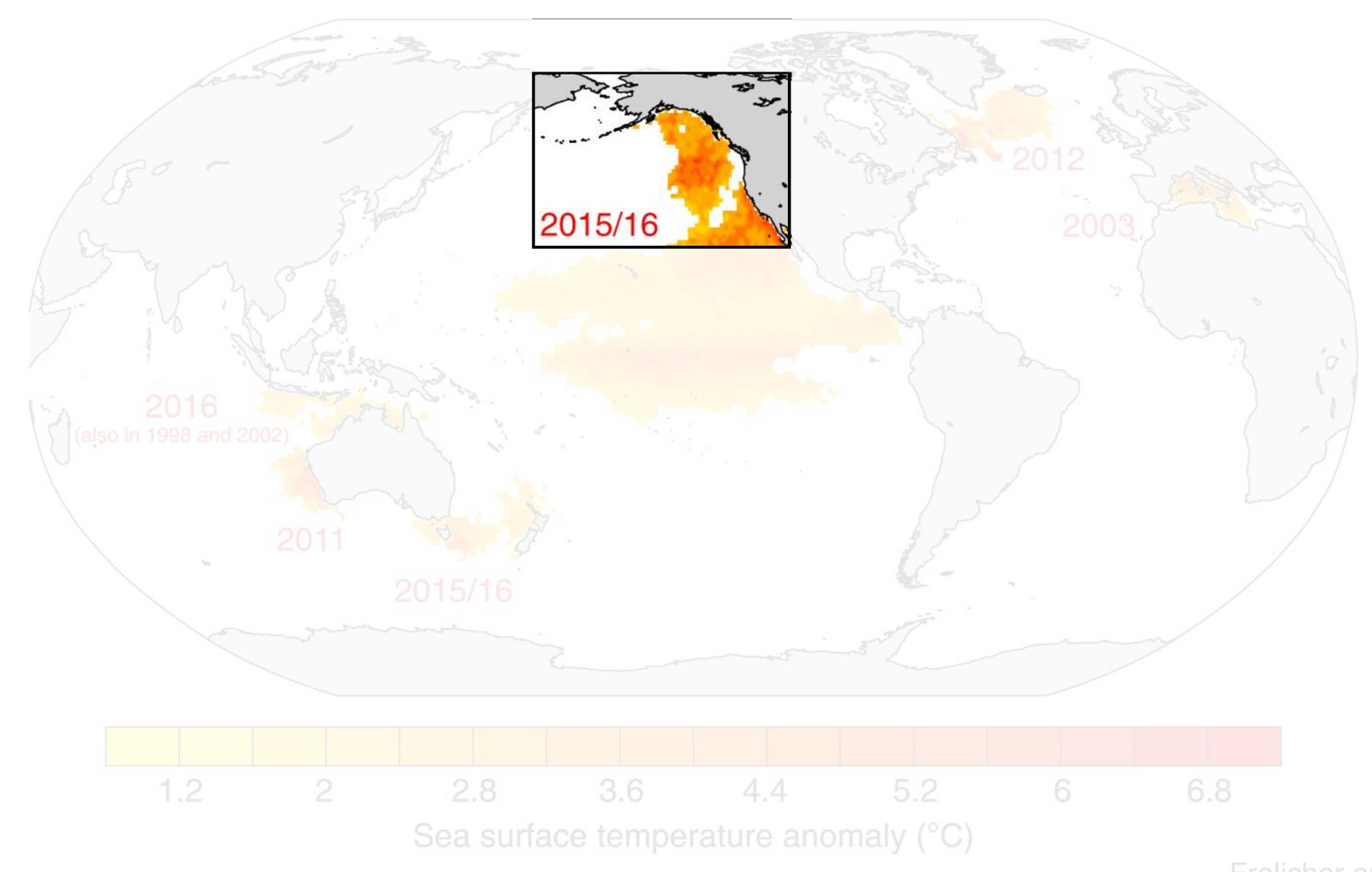
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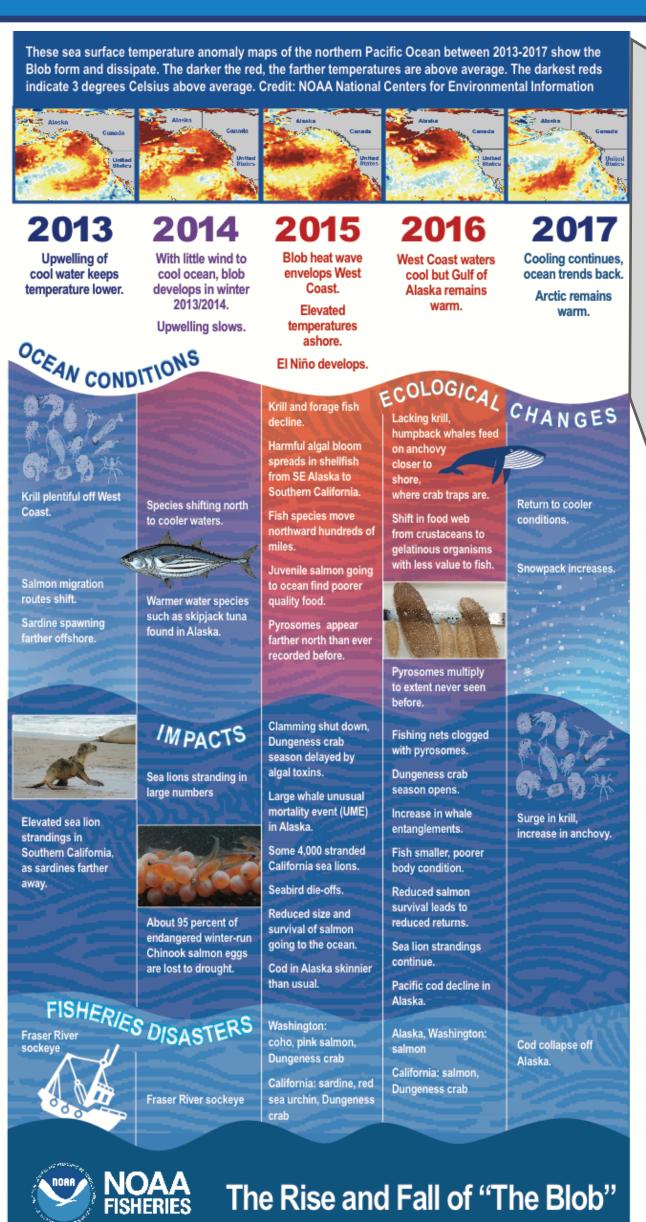




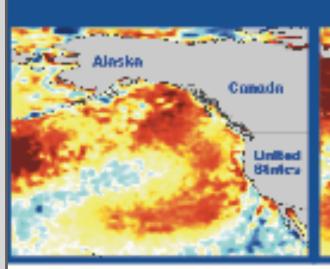


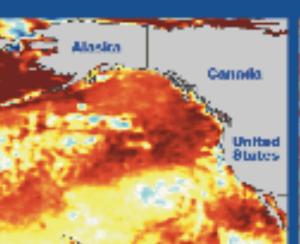


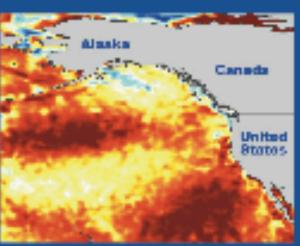


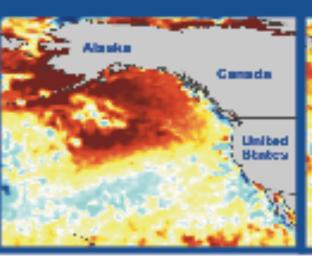


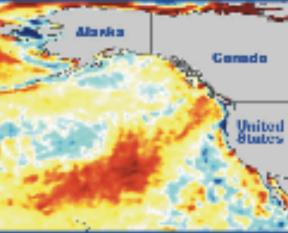
These sea surface temperature anomaly maps of the northern Pacific Ocean between 2013-2017 show the Blob form and dissipate. The darker the red, the farther temperatures are above average. The darkest reds indicate 3 degrees Celsius above average. Credit: NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information











2013

Upwelling of cool water keeps temperature lower.

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2014

With little wind to cool ocean, blob develops in winter 2013/2014.

Upwelling slows.

2015

Blob heat wave envelops West Coast.

Elevated temperatures ashore.

El Niño develops.

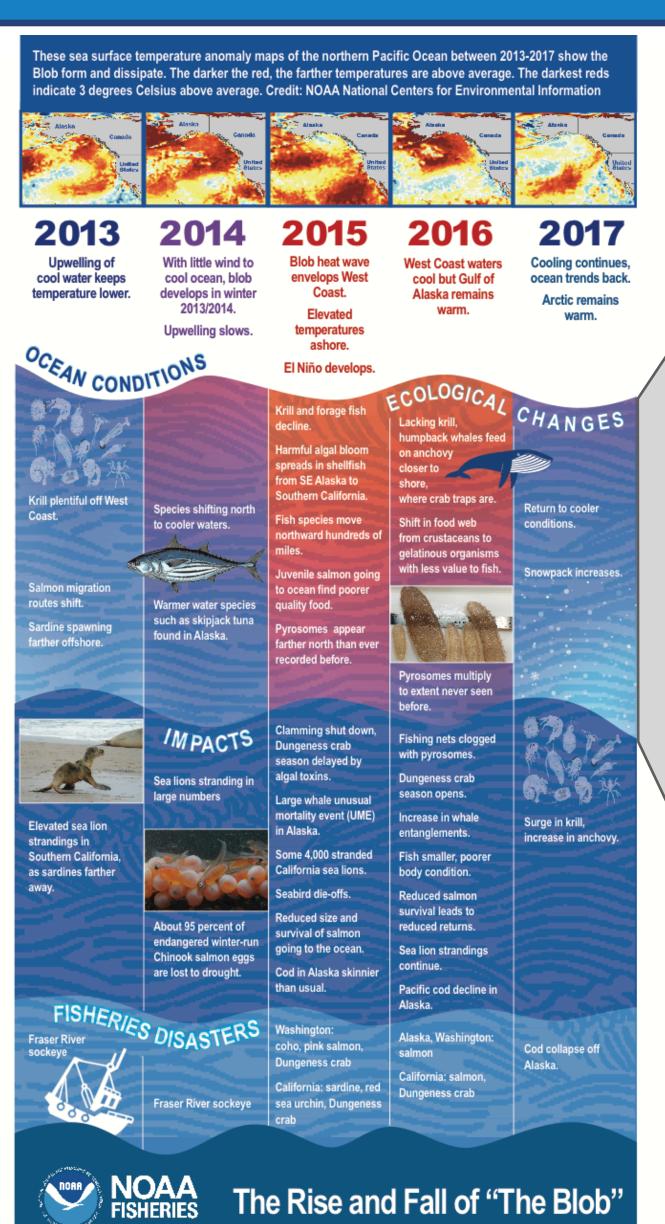
2016

West Coast waters cool but Gulf of Alaska remains warm.

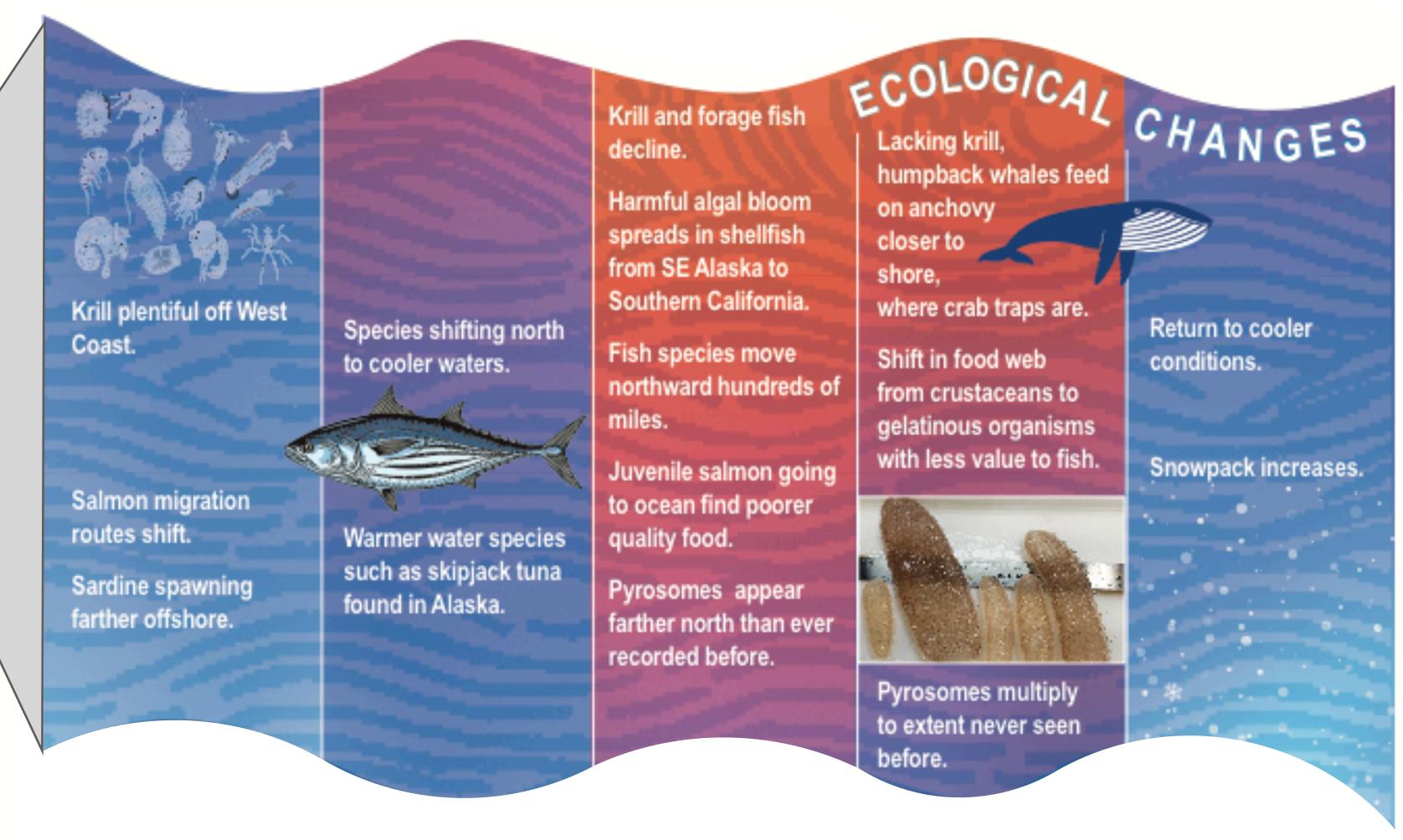
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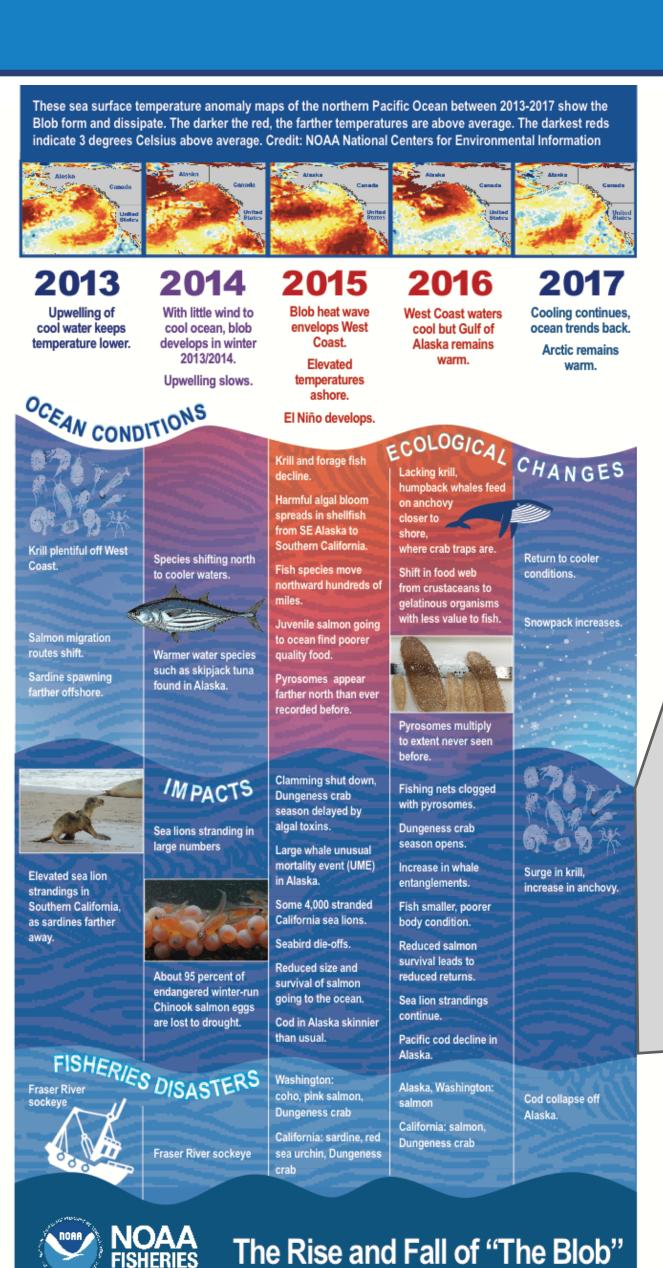
Cooling continues, ocean trends back.

Arctic remains warm.



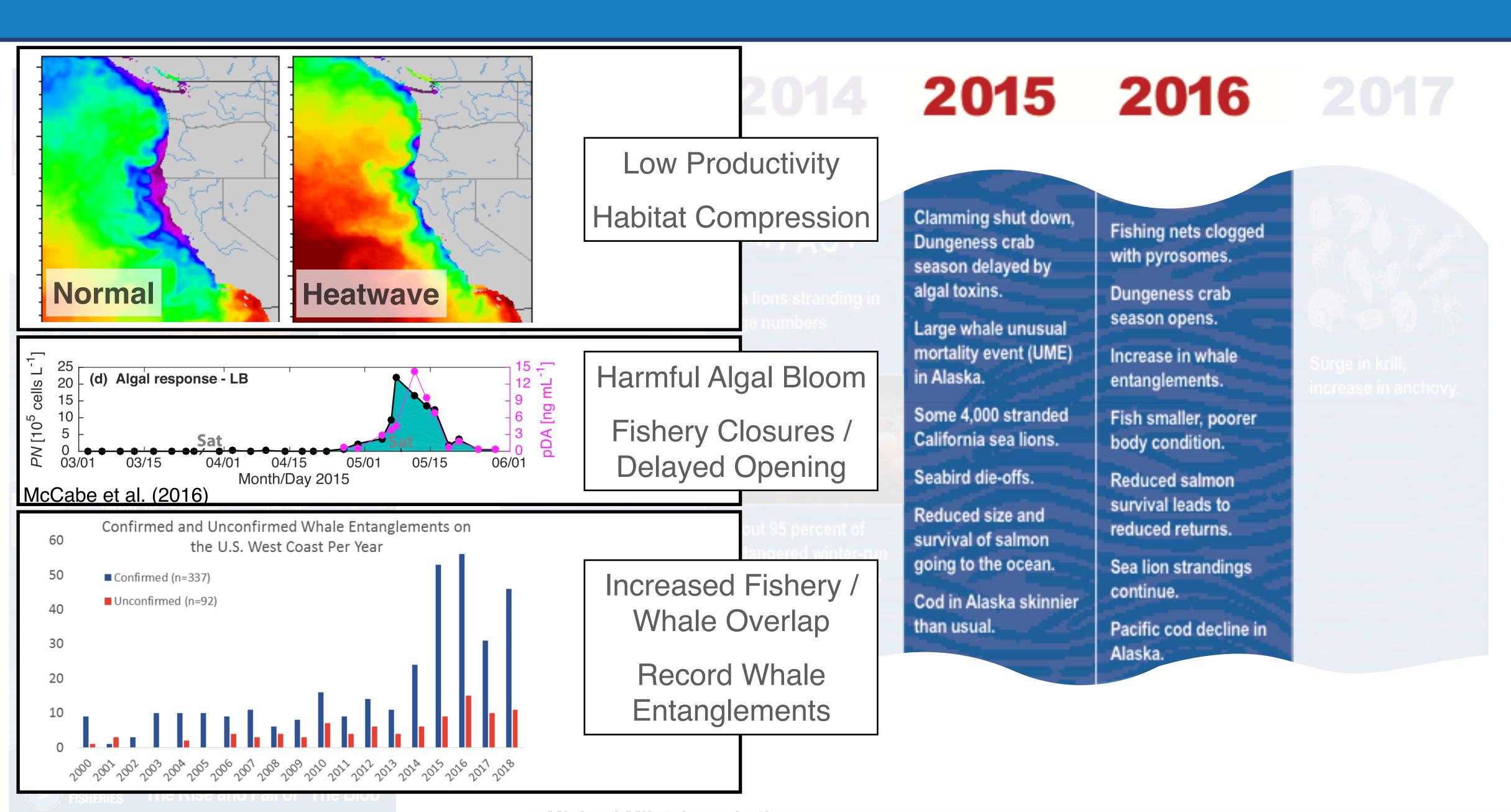
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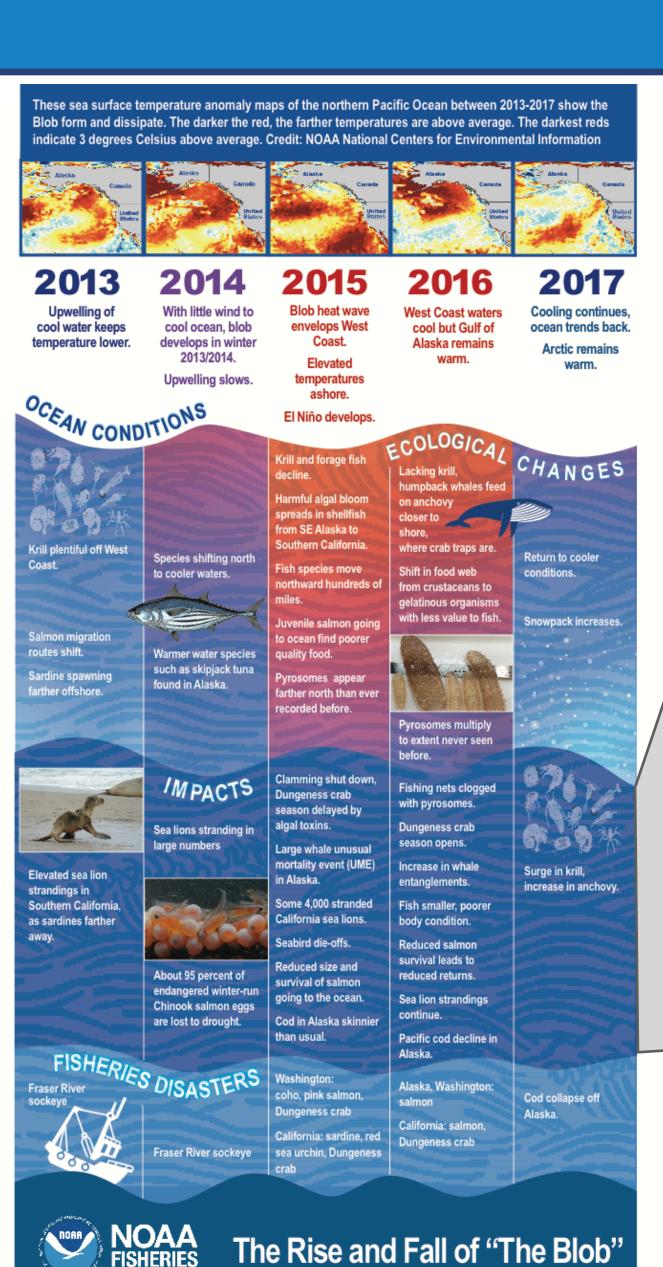




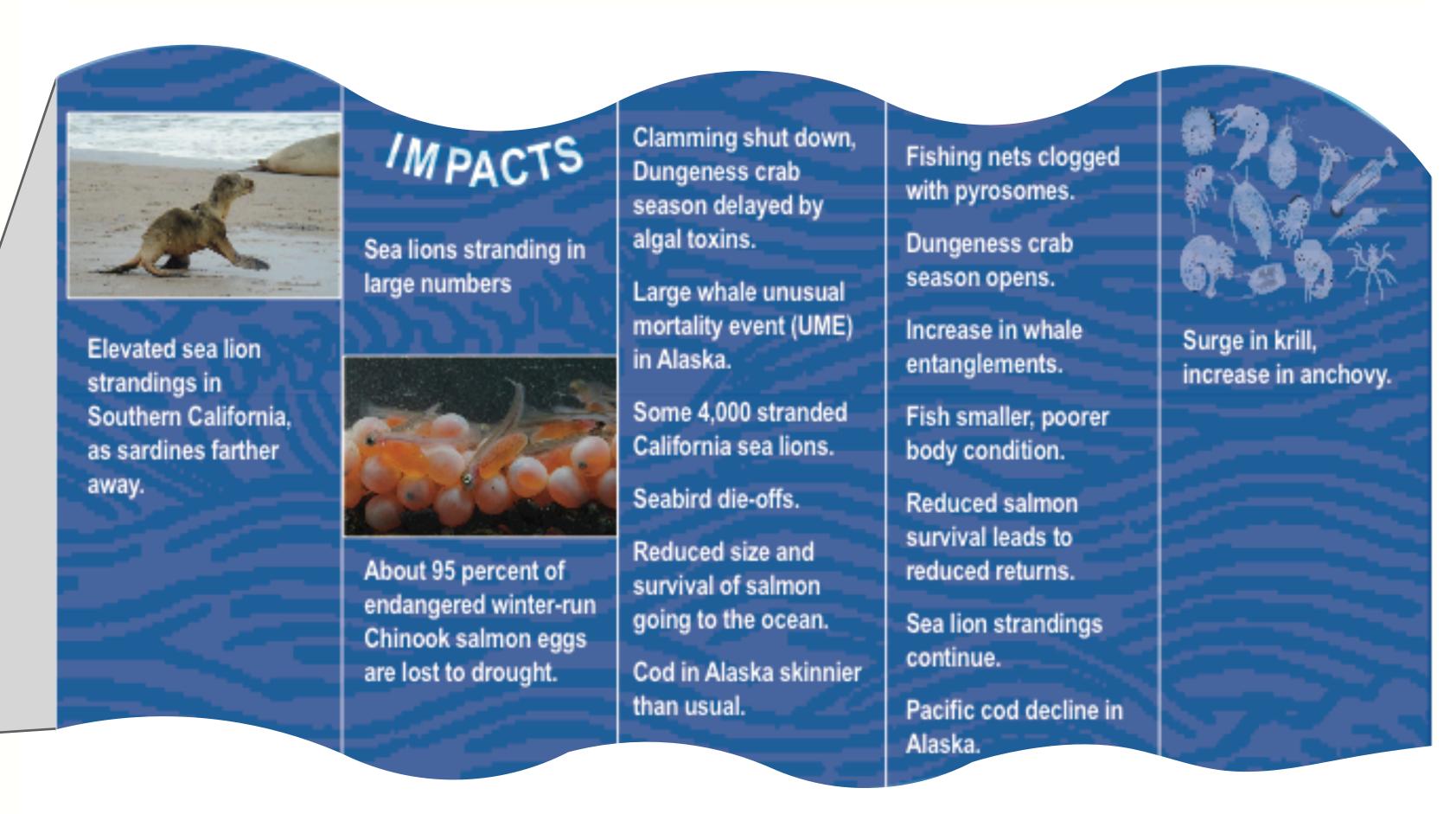
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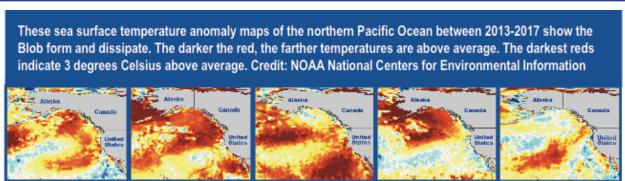






2013 2014 2015 2016 2017





Elevated

cool but Gulf of

Cooling continues Arctic remains

2017

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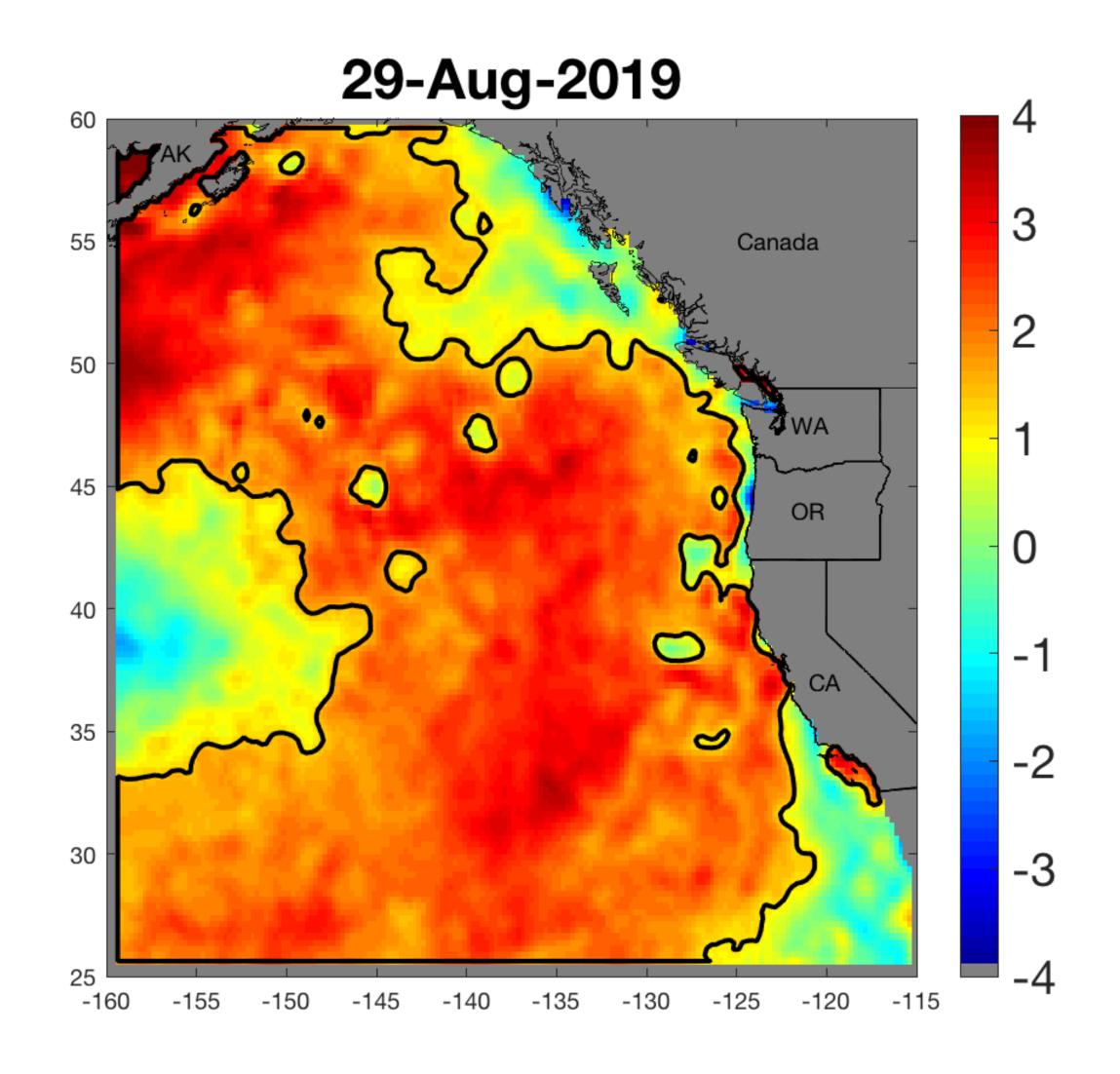
The Rise and Fall of "The Blob"

Reduced salmon

Pacific cod decline in

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017





Is 'The Blob' back? New marine heat wave threatens Pacific

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Marine Heat Wave Reminiscent of 'the Blob' Lingers off U.S. West Coast

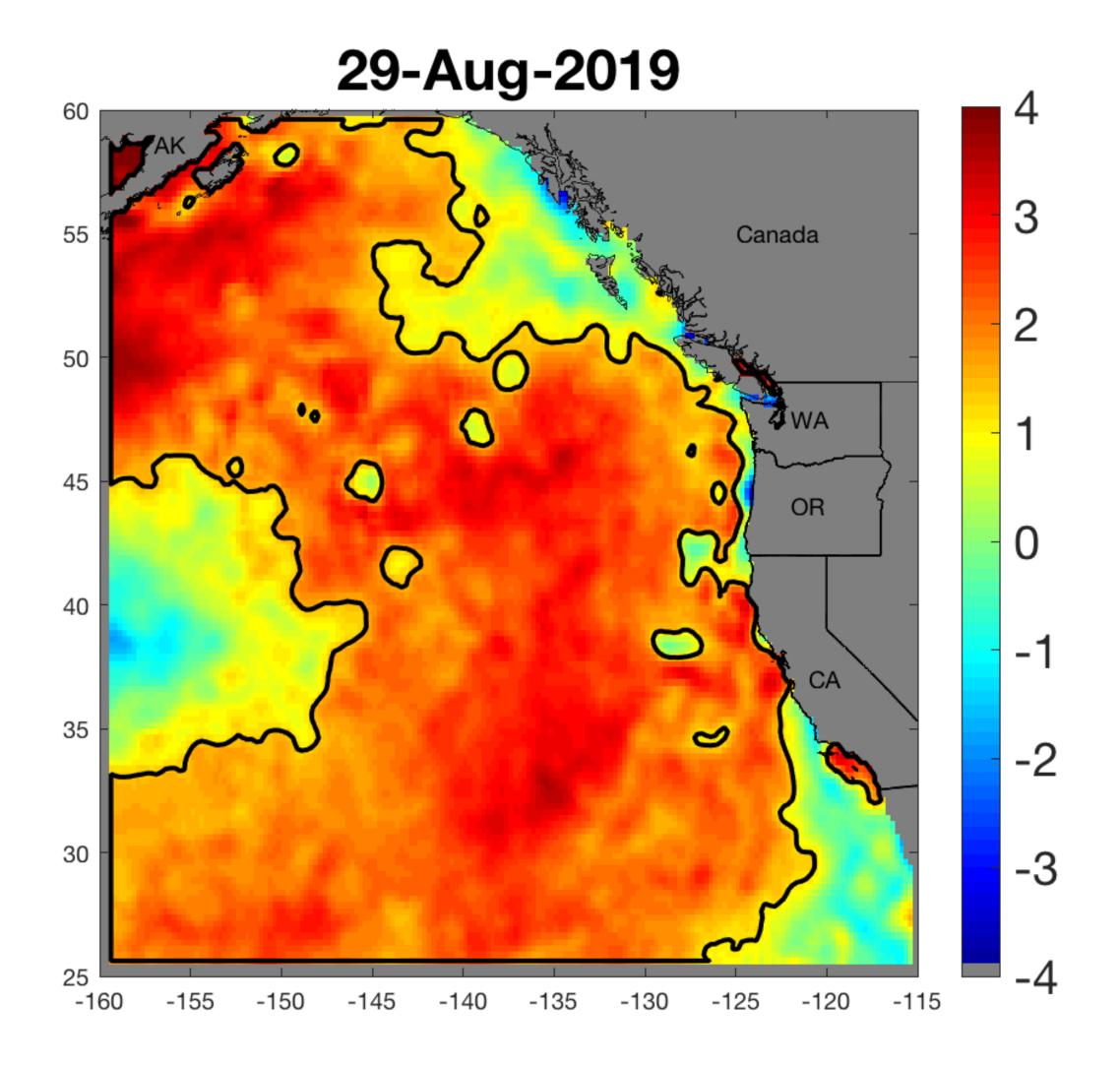
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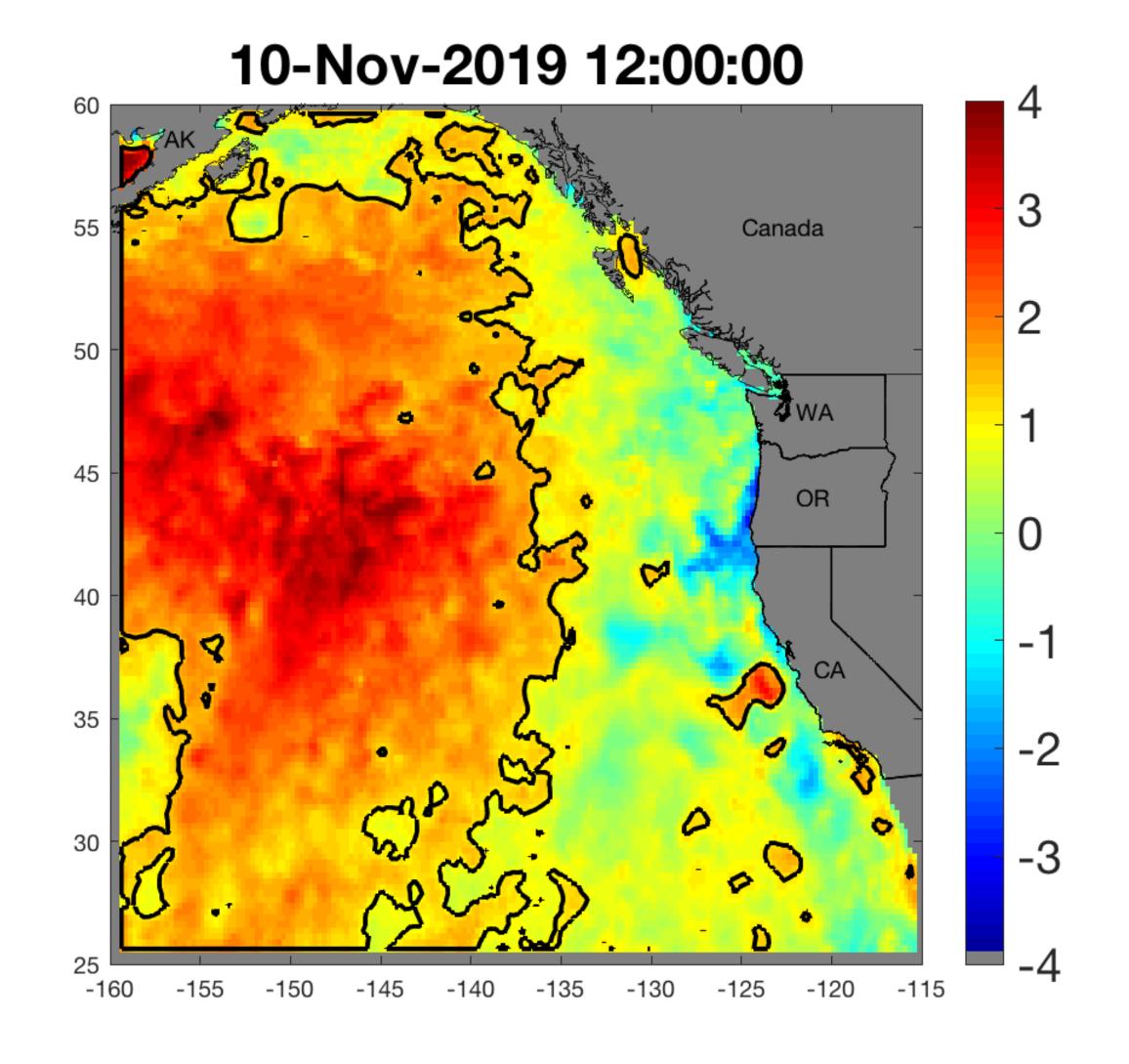
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Return of warm water 'blob' in the Pacific threatens marine life

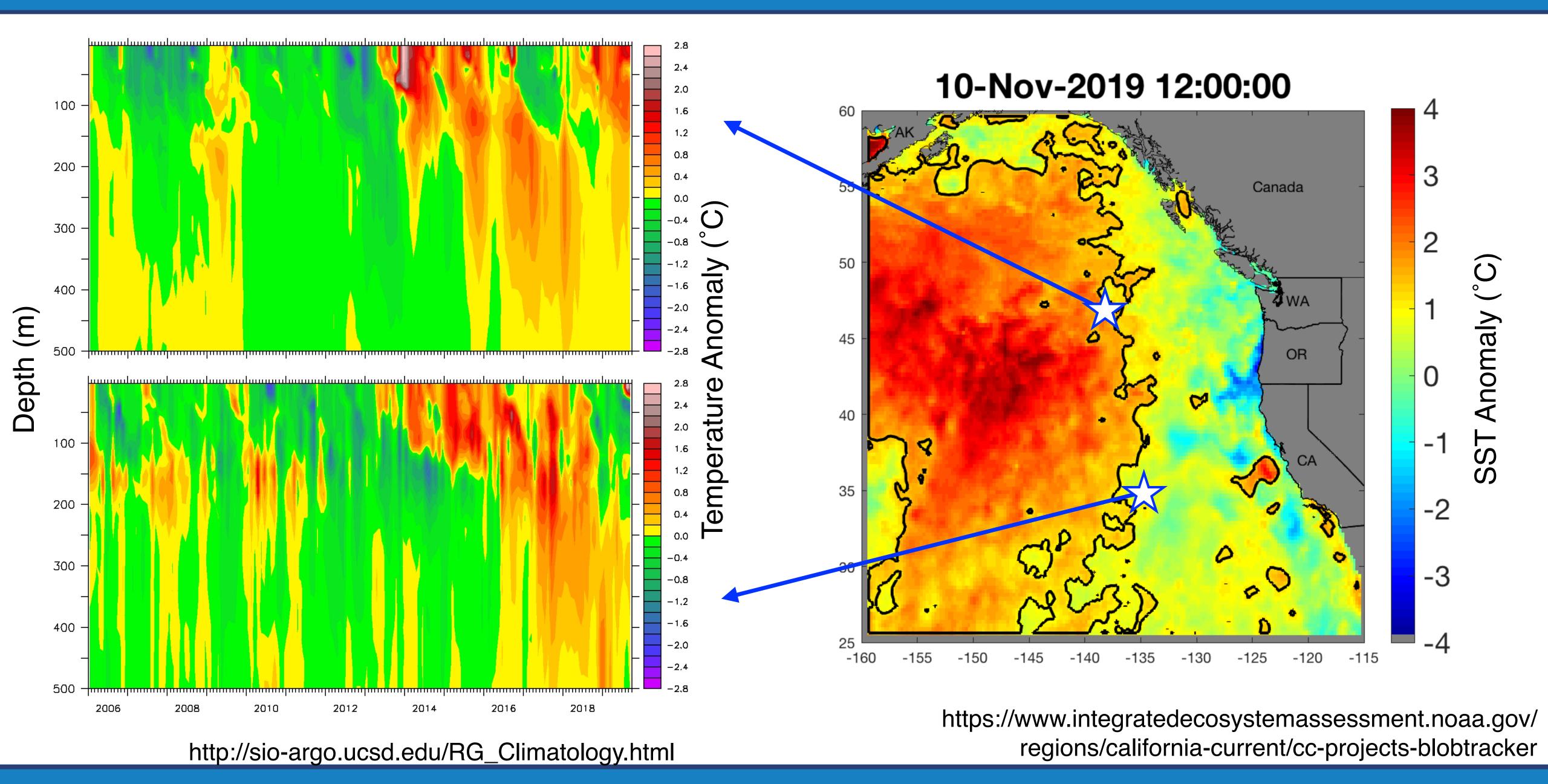


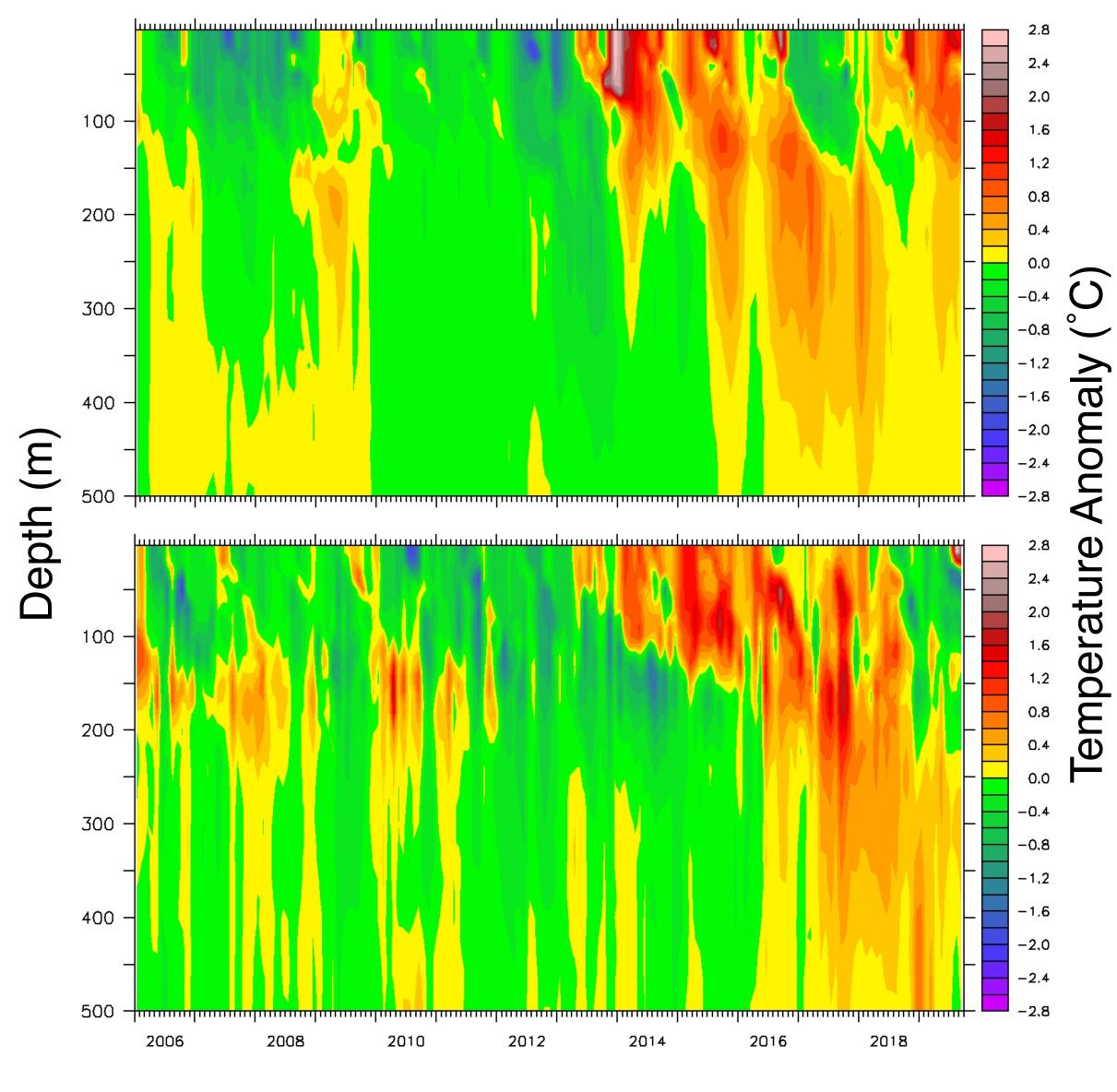
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NOAA and partners are closely monitoring conditions

Physical conditions and characteristics of MHW

Physics, chemistry and plankton off Newport, OR every 2 weeks

Physics, chemistry and plankton off Trinidad Head, CA every 4 weeks

Physics, chemistry and plankton from regional cruises (e.g. CalCOFI, CPS, etc)

Overwinter growth and survival of CA sea lion pups at San Miguel Island

Partners in states will monitor domoic acid and other HABrelated indicators

Coastwide network of partners will monitor bird strandings on beaches

Impact on fisheries along the west coast

Integrated ecosystem assessment