



Salish Sea Model

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Near the mouth of the Elwha
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Salish Sea Model: Significant Support from the Regional Scientific Community



- Observational records
- Shared insights
- Input data from other models
- Peer Review
- Opportunities for applications
- Numerous contributors



Contributors – thank you!

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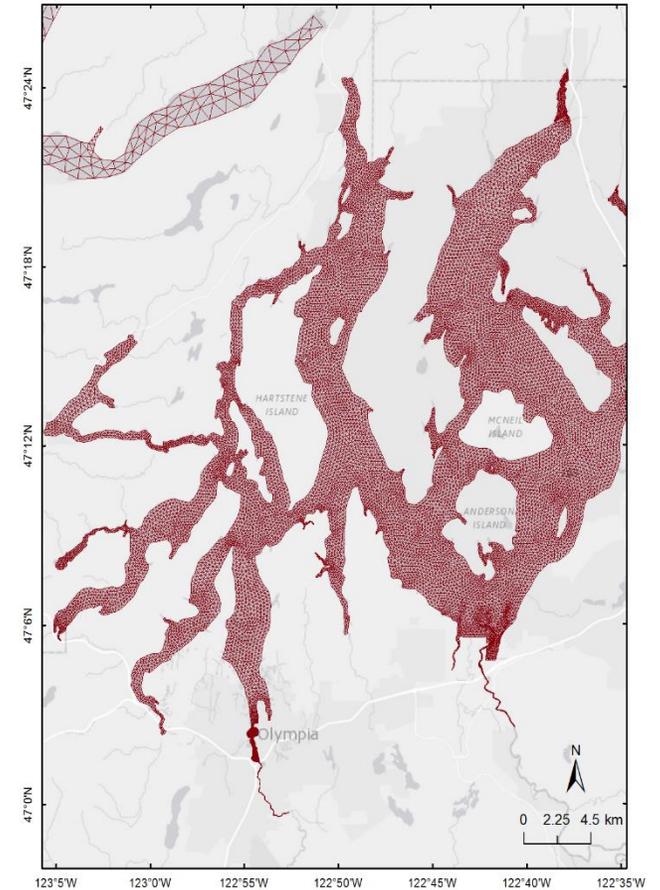
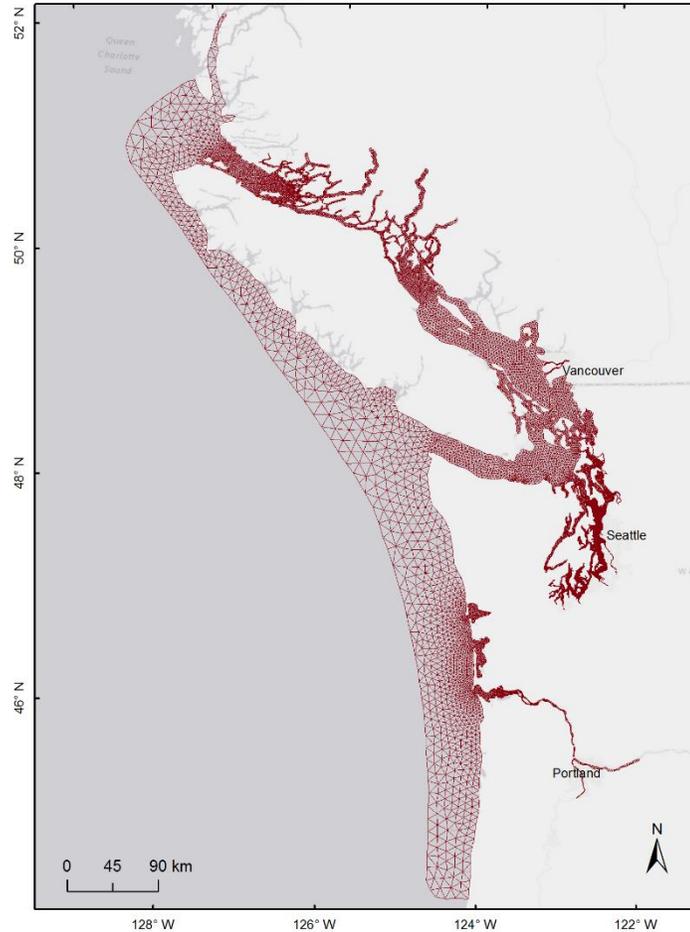
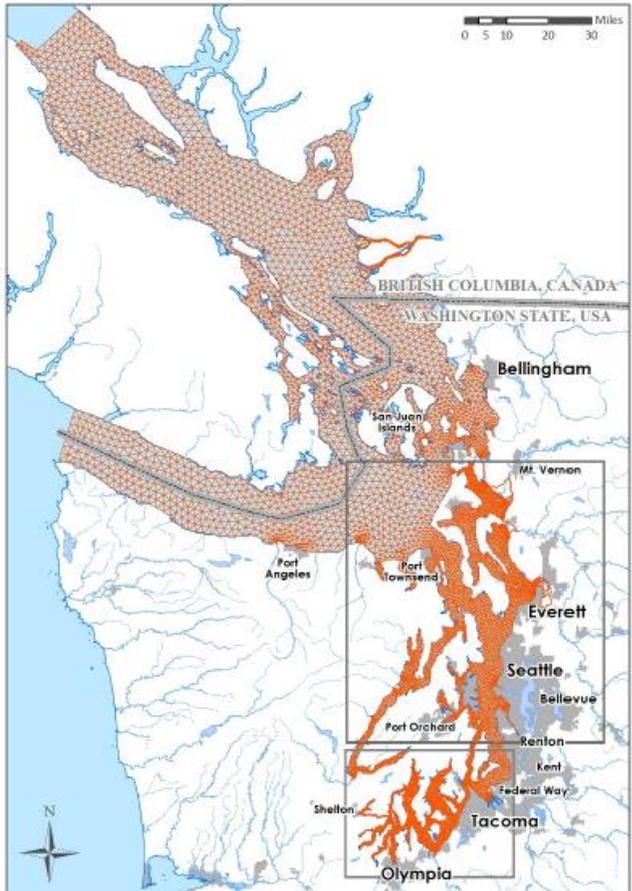
NW Regional Modeling Consortium <http://www.atmos.washington.edu/cliff/consortium.html>

Salish Sea Model: What is it? Why is it needed?

- SSM is a 3-D biogeochemical diagnostic tool for predicting responses to key ecosystem parameters due to discrete changes.
- It is needed to support in the assessment of impacts to our estuarine system. It is the backbone tool that will be used in the Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

24 Peer reviewed papers and technical reports

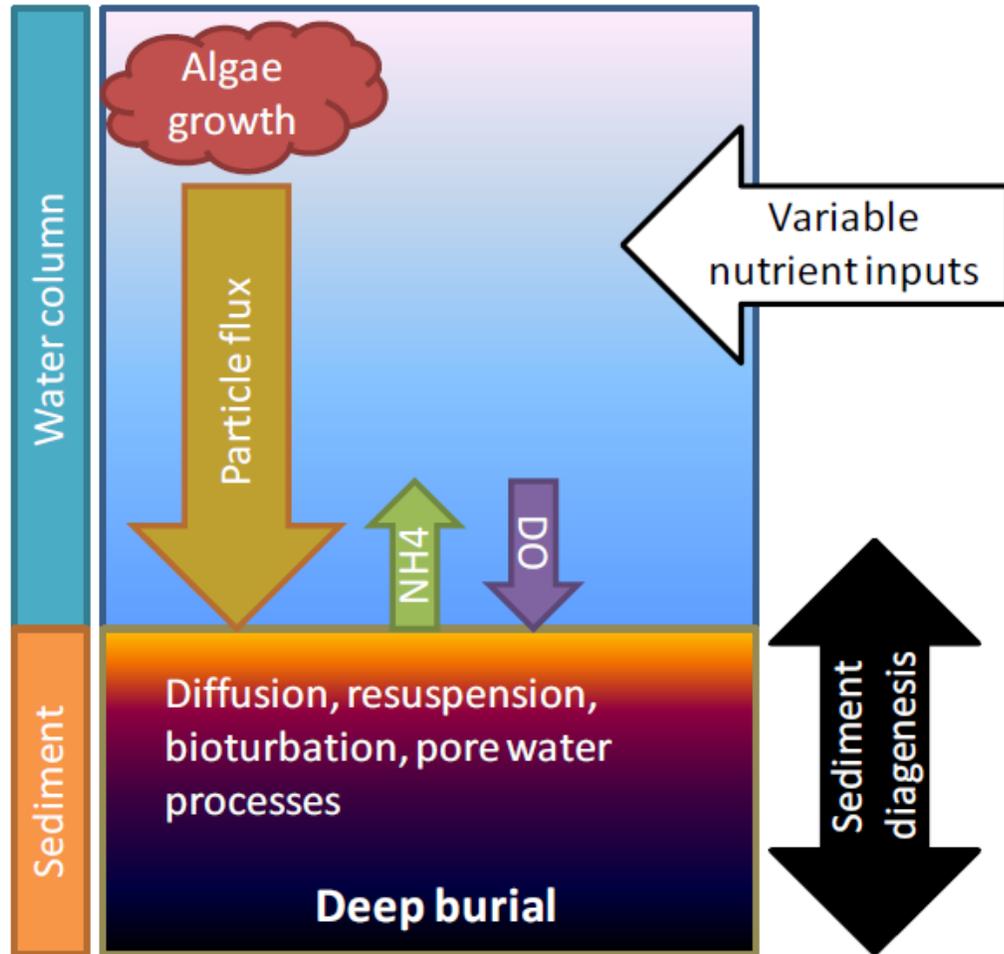
Spatial Scale: Model has evolved--larger domain with finer horizontal grids focusing on Puget Sound. Ten vertical layers.



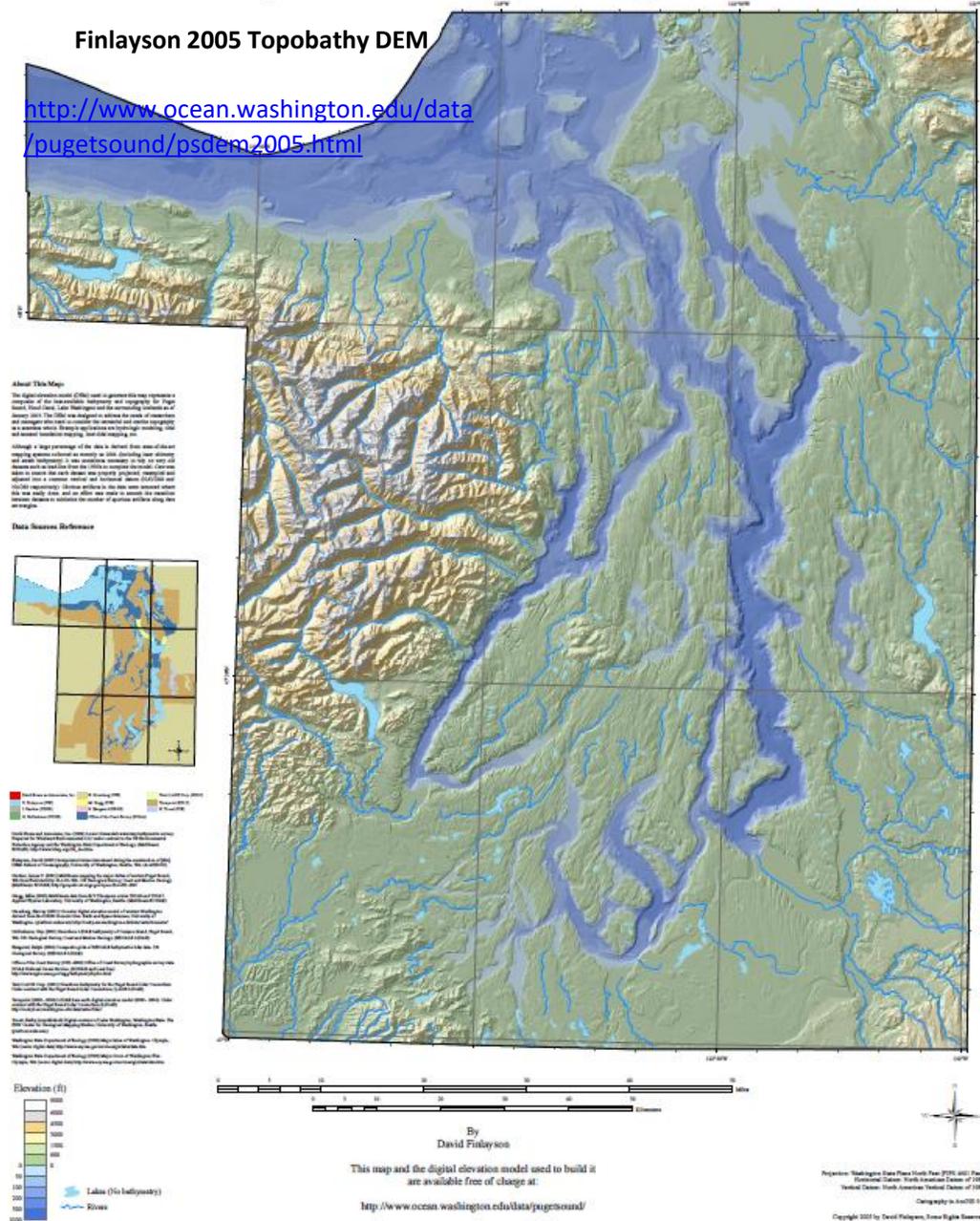
Intermediate scale model has a resolution varying from 250 meters in the inlets and bays to 800 meters in main basin, and up to 3000 meters in the strait of Juan de Fuca.

Finer scale grid has inlets and bays going down to approximately 40-50 m in South and Central Sound.

SSM: Approximating the biology, chemistry and physics of the Salish Sea



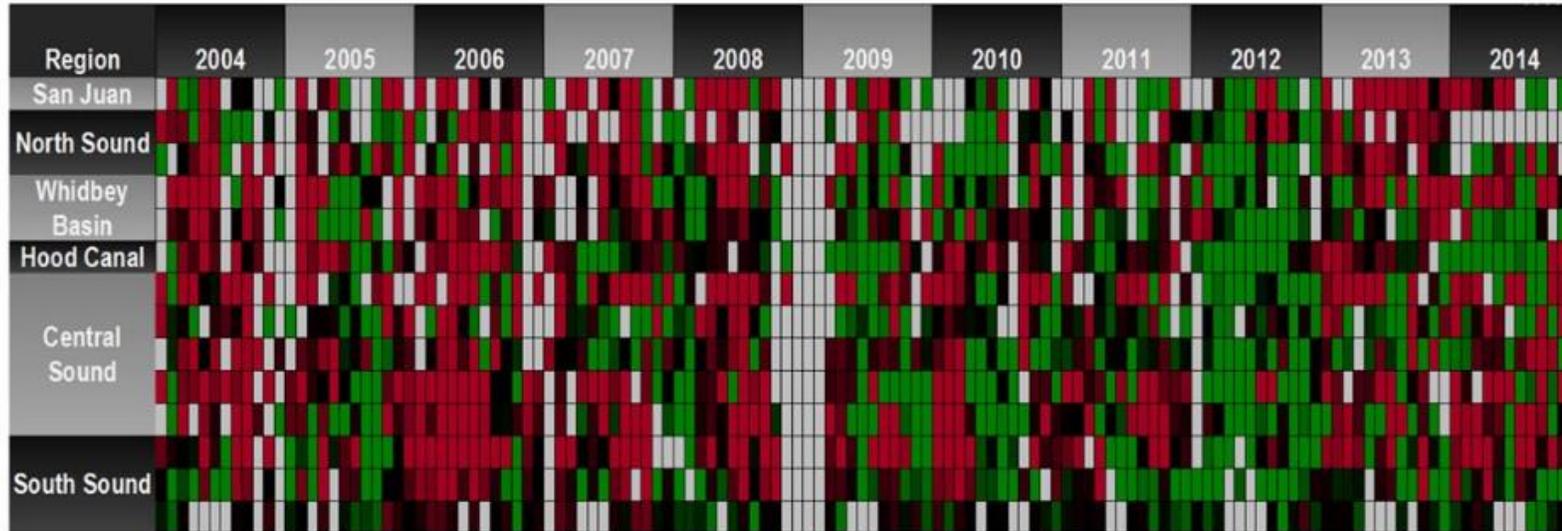
Combined Bathymetry and Topography of the Puget Lowland, Washington State



Temporal Scale: Annual Simulations, Hourly output

SSM simulations presented today will reference three separate years

Dissolved Oxygen



Source: MWCI, Department of Ecology, Christopher Krembs, Julia Bos, Skip Albertson, Mya Keyzers, Laura Hermanson and Carol Maloy

2014

- Relative to previous years, Hood Canal DO conditions improved.
- Historic mean river flows exceeded in Spring.
- In September and October, the “Blob” moved in.

PSEMP 2014 Report

2006

“In September 2006, thousands of dead fish washed up on shore in Hood Canal.”

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/fish-kill-risk-in-hood-canal/>

2008

High rates of shellfish larvae die-offs reported by Hood Canal commercial shellfish growers

Personal communication, Bill Dewey

Comparable approach used to study Chesapeake Bay



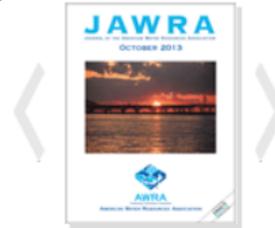
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Featured Collection: Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load Development and Application

Twenty-One-Year Simulation of Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Using the CE-QUAL-ICM Eutrophication Model[†]

Carl F. Cerco, Mark R. Noel

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Comparable model performance

Mean Difference Between Model and Observations		
	DO (mg/L)	Chlorophyll ($\mu\text{g/L}$)
Range of annual statistics		
Salish Sea	-1.56 to 0.35	-0.31 to 0.82
Chesapeake Bay	-0.522 to 0.775	0.32 to 1.55

An Overview of the *Salish Sea Model*: (A tool for Water Quality and Ecosystem Management) *Hydrodynamics, Biogeochemistry, & Sediments ...*

Model Framework and Skill

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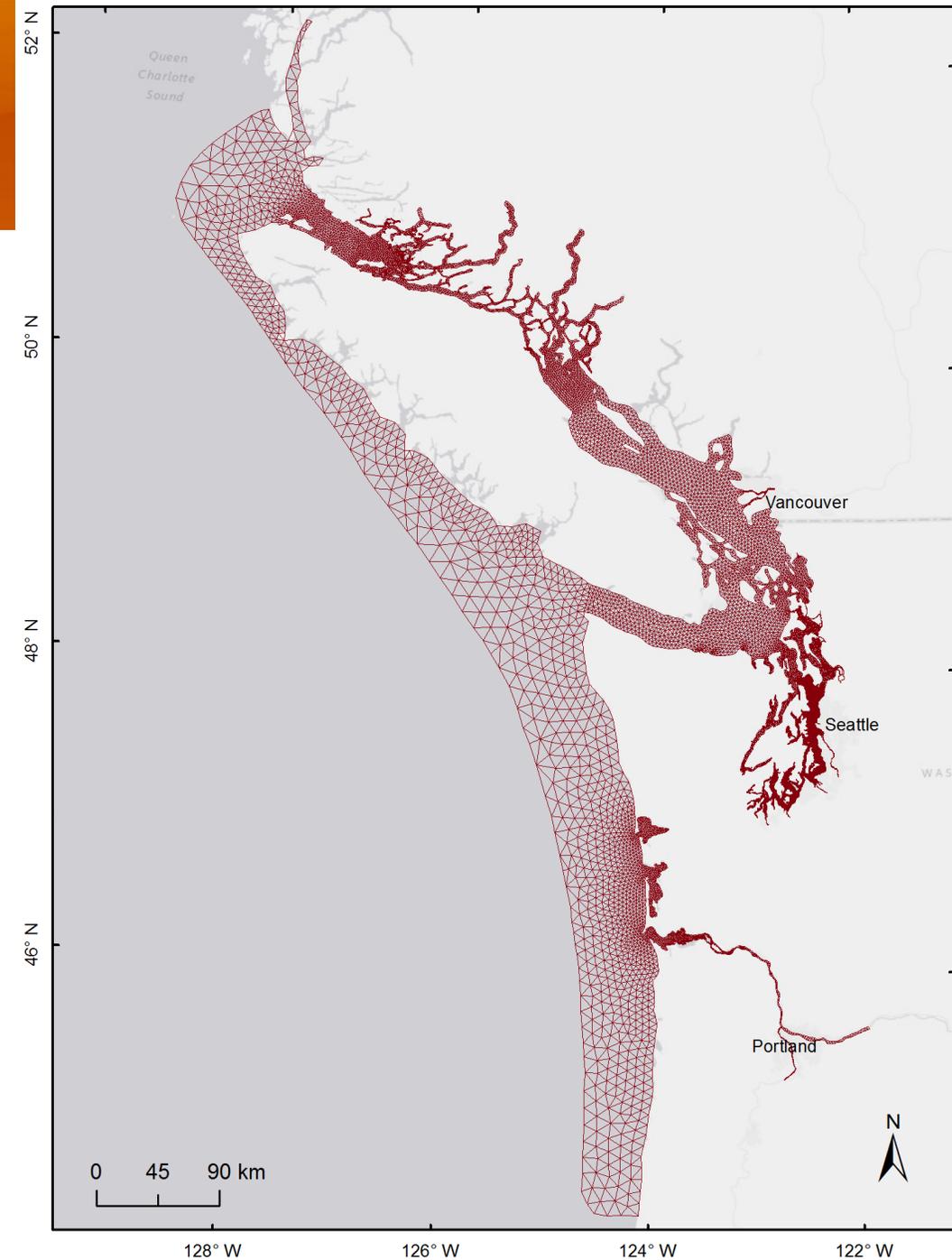
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Salish Sea Model (2017)

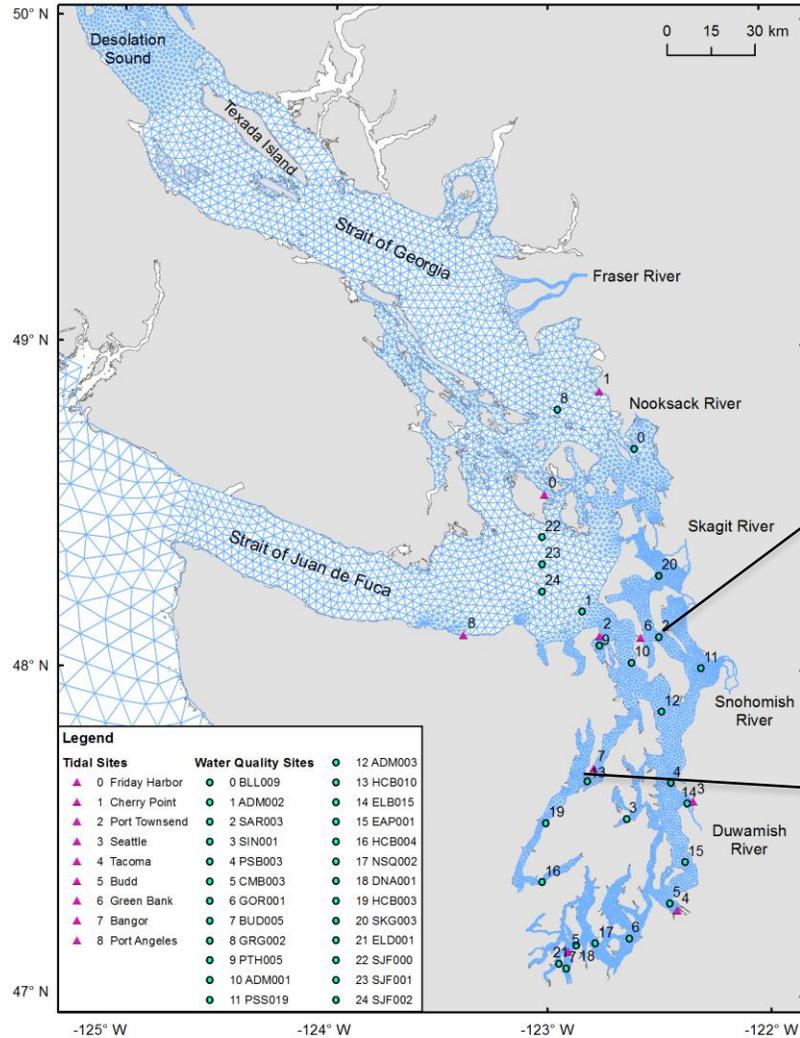
Hydrodynamic Component

► Expanded Salish Sea Model

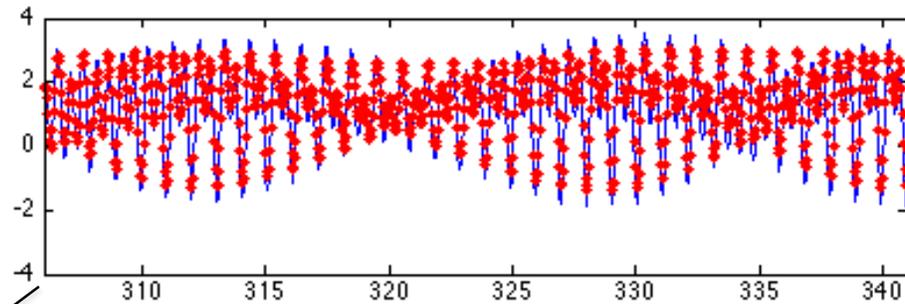
- The NW Straits
- Vancouver Island
- Continental shelf
- 18 Major Rivers and 145 fresh water & WWTP point sources
- Additional Rivers (Pacific Ocean)
 - Columbia / Willamette Rivers
 - Chehalis River
 - Willapa River
- Tidal forcing
- Meteorology
 - UW / WRF Model
- Ocean boundary conditions
 - Monitoring data or WOA



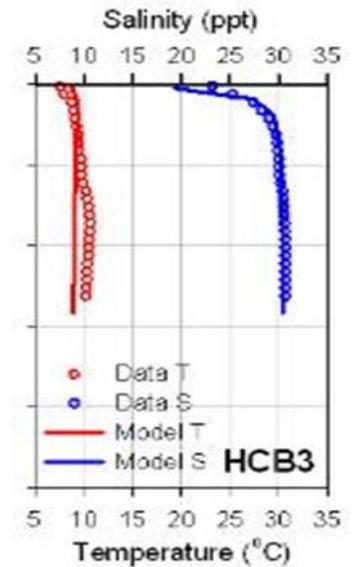
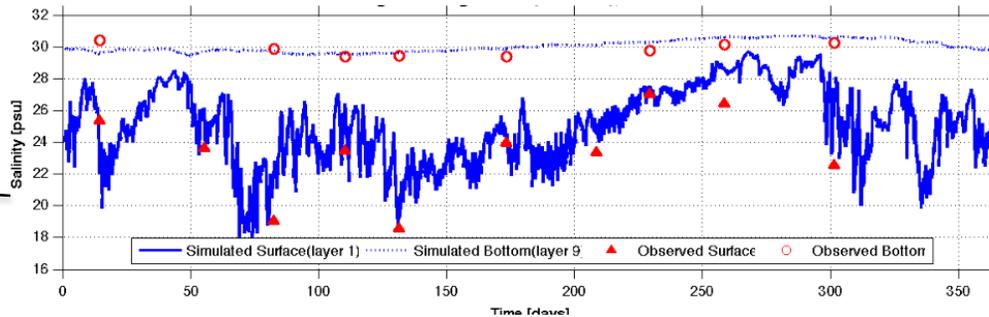
Model Calibration – Tides, S, & T Year 2014



Tides – Greenbank, Whidbey Basin

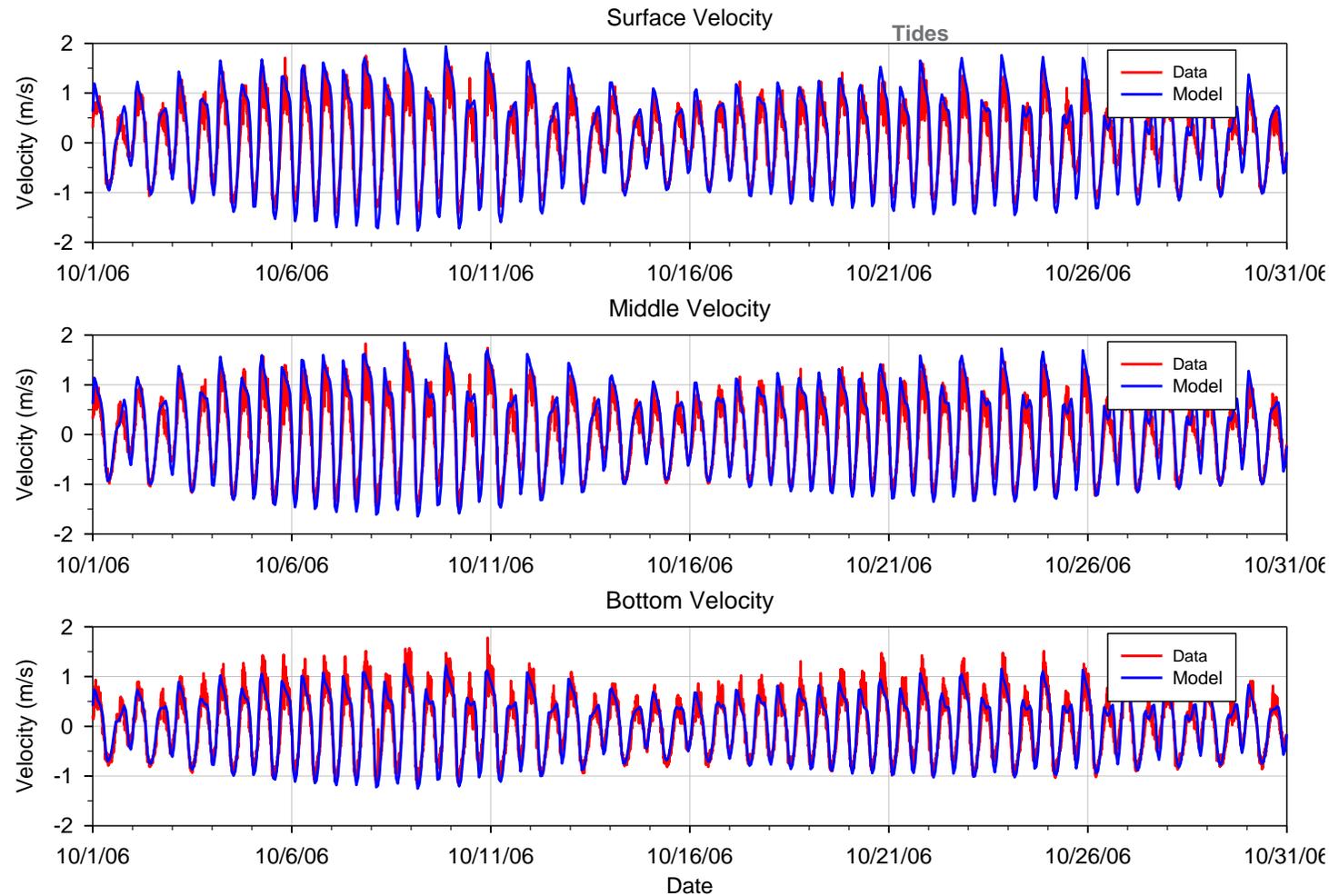


Salinity – Bangor, Hood Canal



Calibration: Velocity

Dana Passage (example)

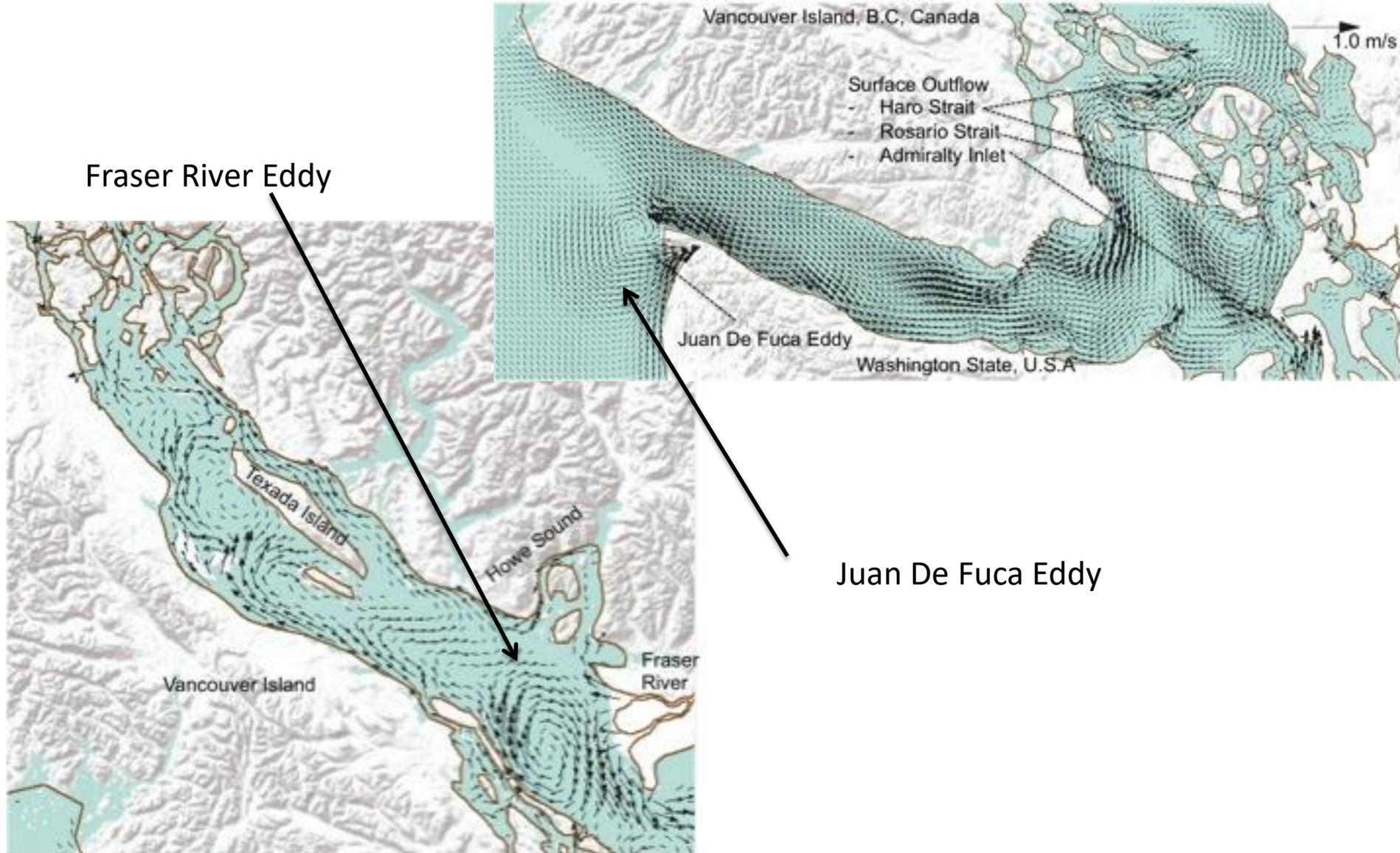


Surface Currents



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Fraser River Eddy

Juan De Fuca Eddy

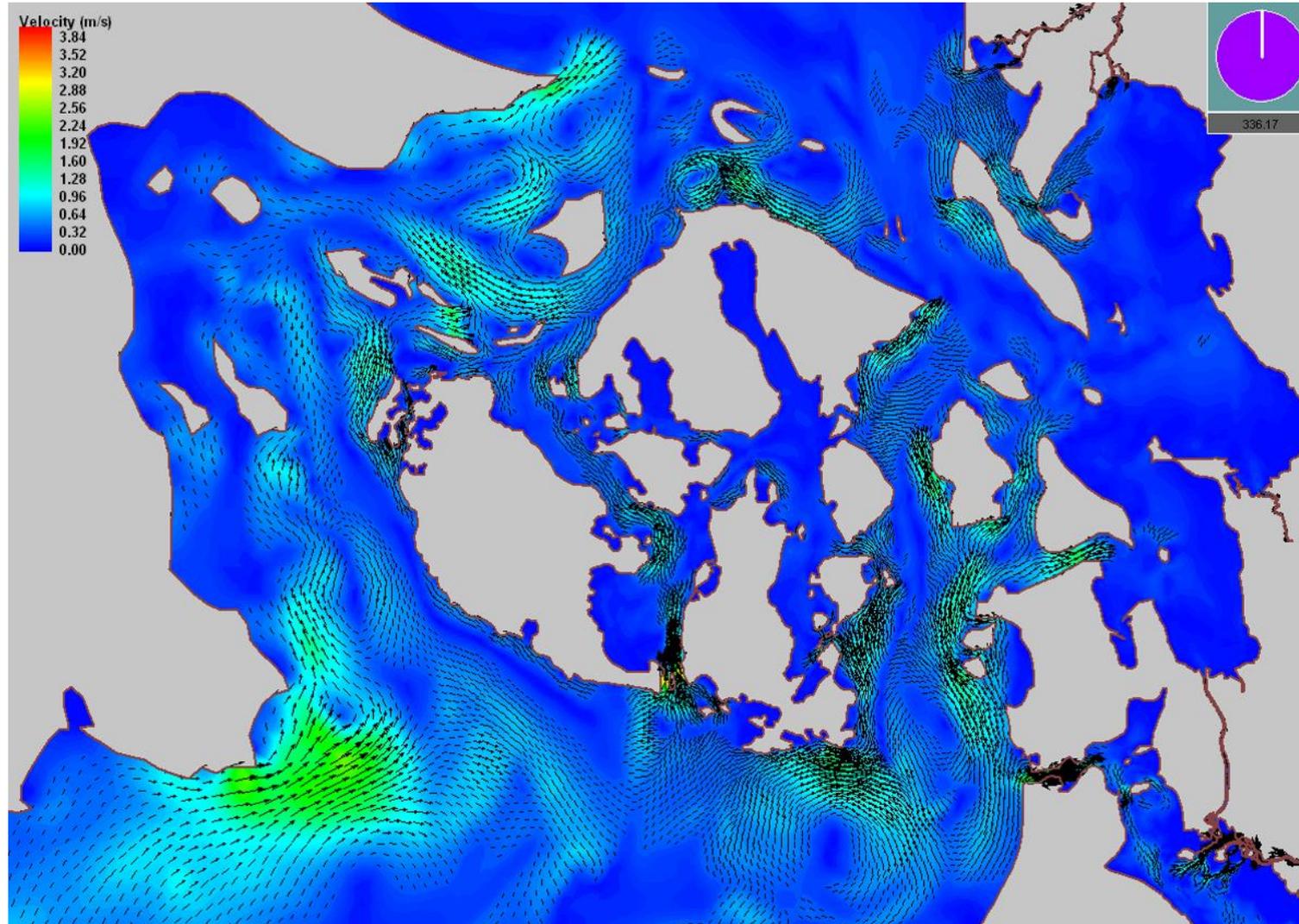
Tidal Currents – San Juan Islands

High Resolution - Subdomain



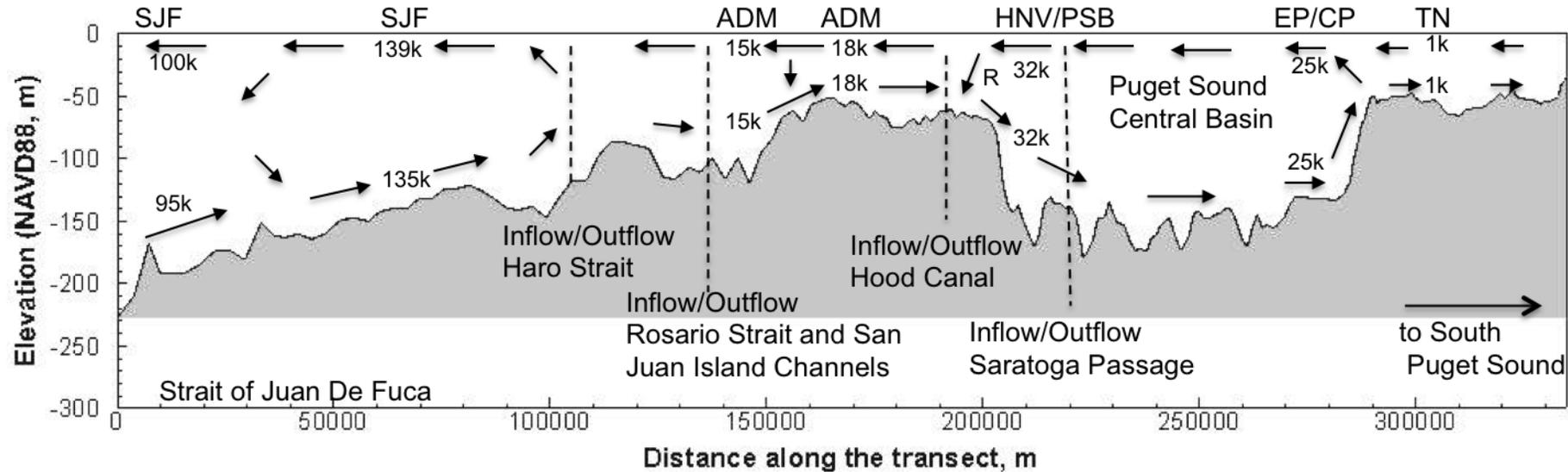
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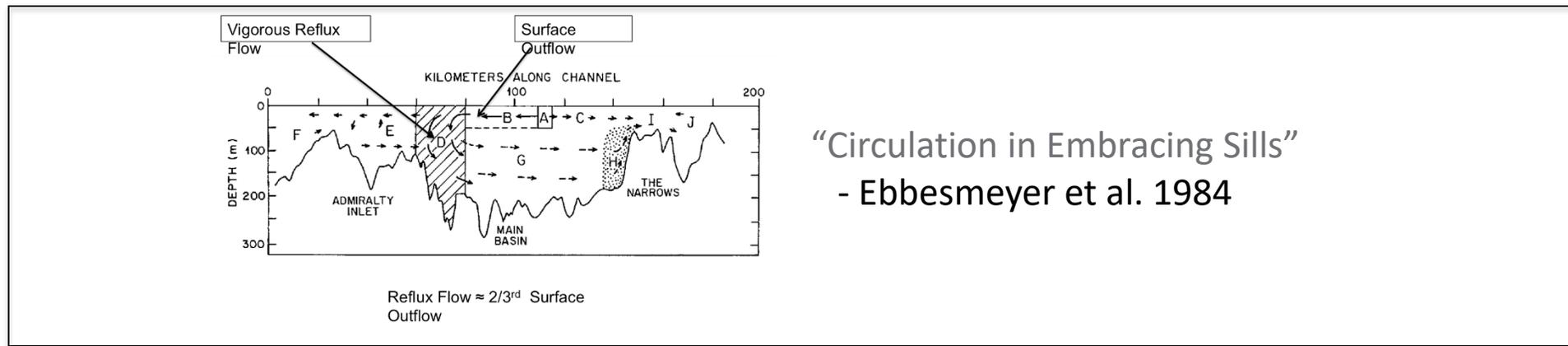
Circulation in the Salish Sea

Puget Sound – Reflux flows



SJF = Strait of Juan De Fuca
ADM = Admiralty Inlet
HARO = Haro Strait
R = Reflux Flow at Admiralty Sill (estimated at 19 k, $\approx 60\%$ of surface outflow)

HNV/PSB = Hansville, Puget Sound
EP/CP = East Passage / Colvos Passage
TN = Tacoma Narrows



“Circulation in Embracing Sills”
- Ebbesmeyer et al. 1984

Simulated Surface Constituents (2006)



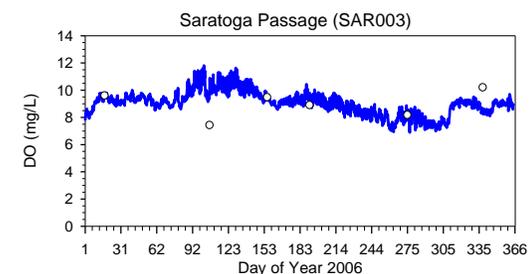
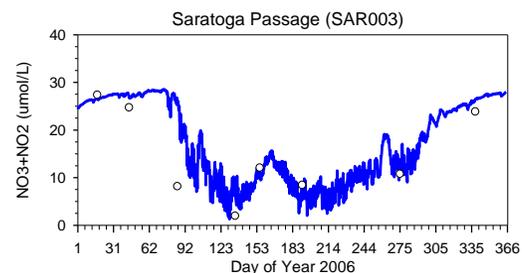
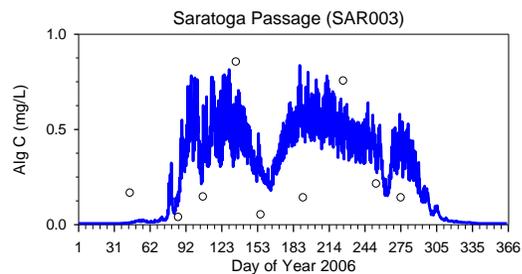
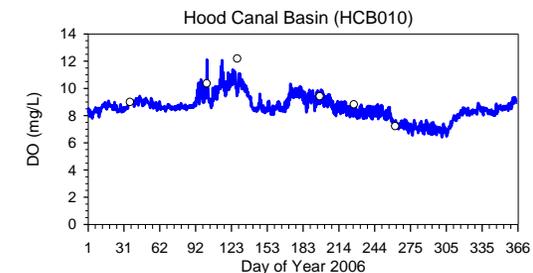
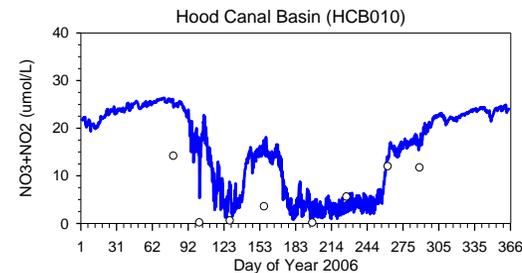
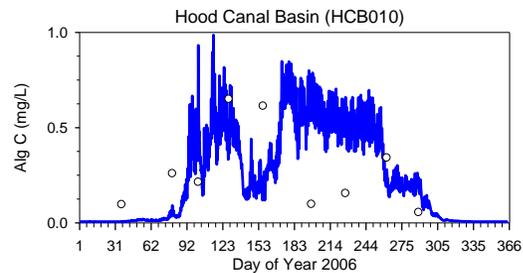
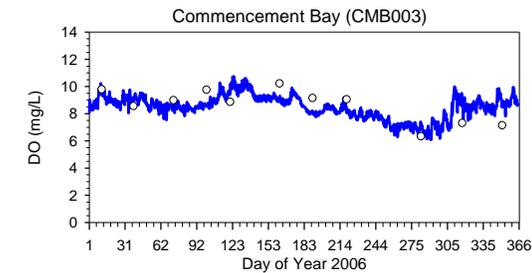
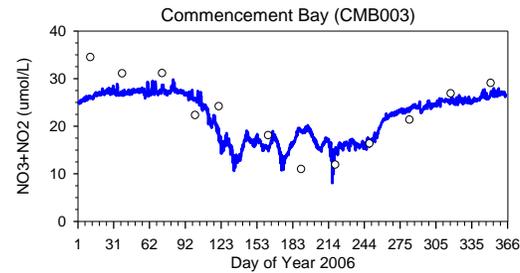
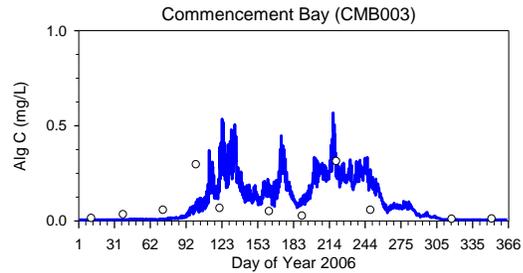
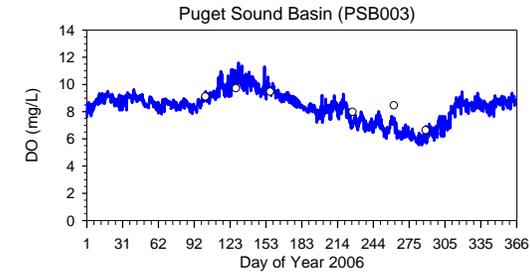
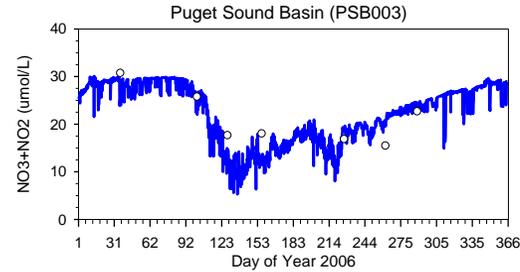
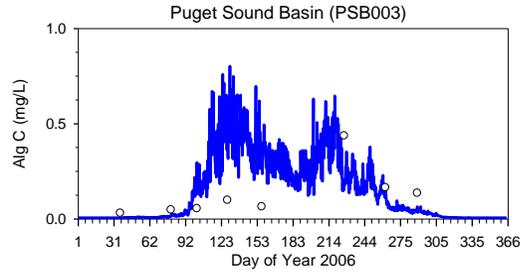
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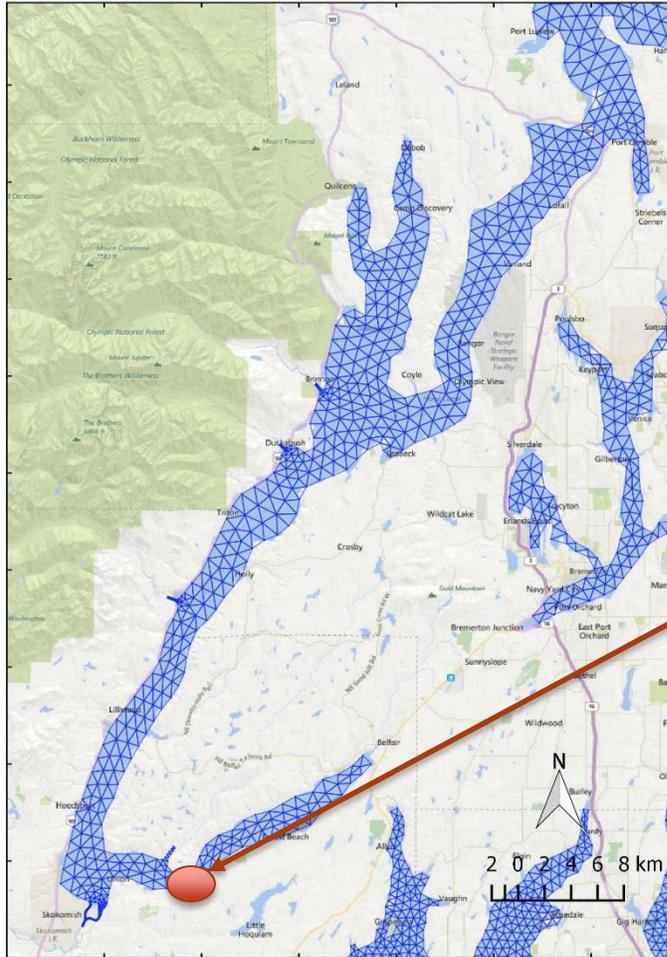
Algae

NO₃+NO₂

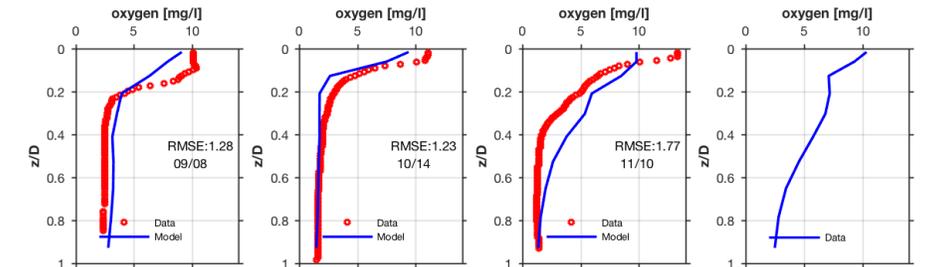
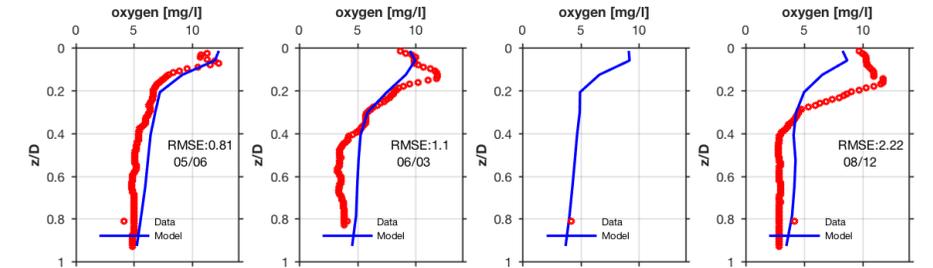
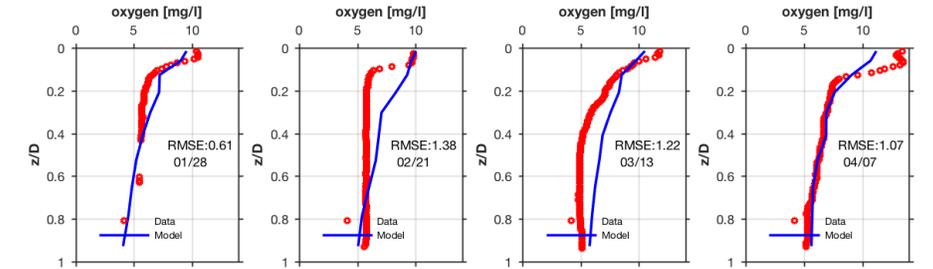
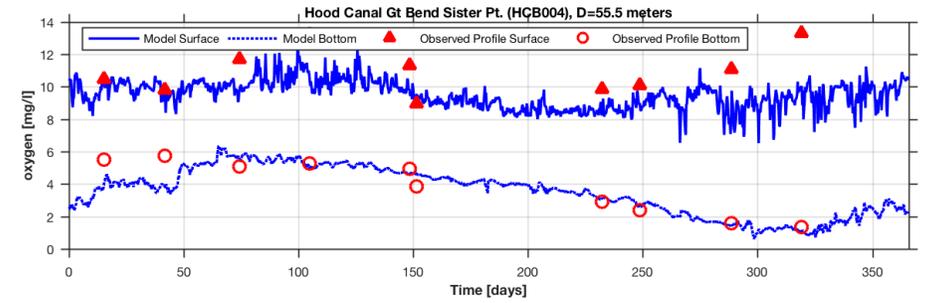
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Simulation of Hypoxia - Hood Canal

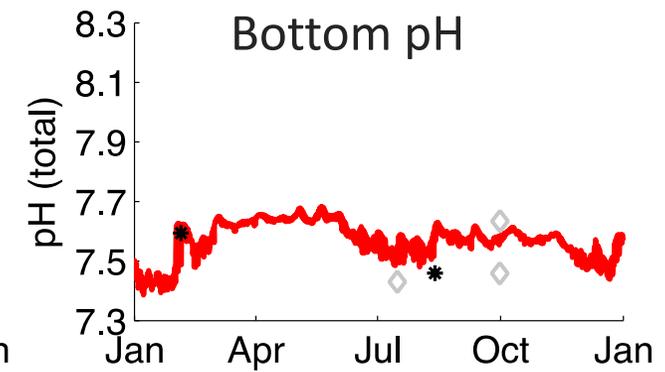
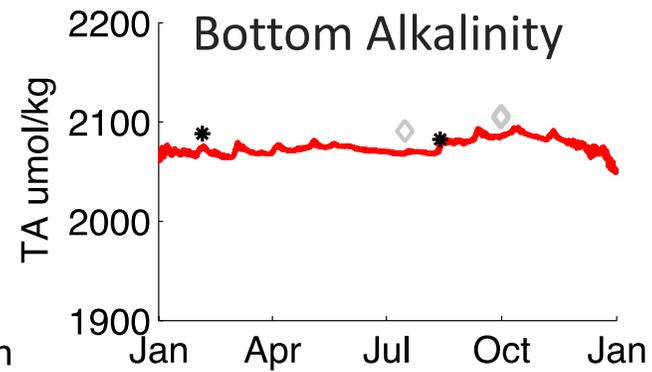
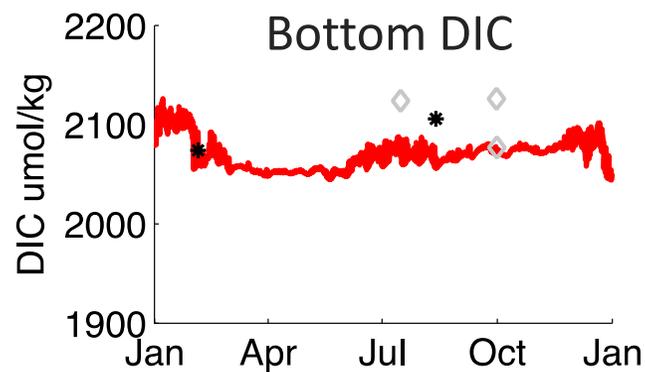
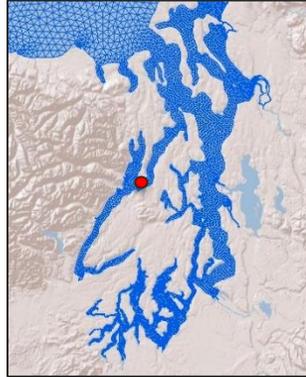
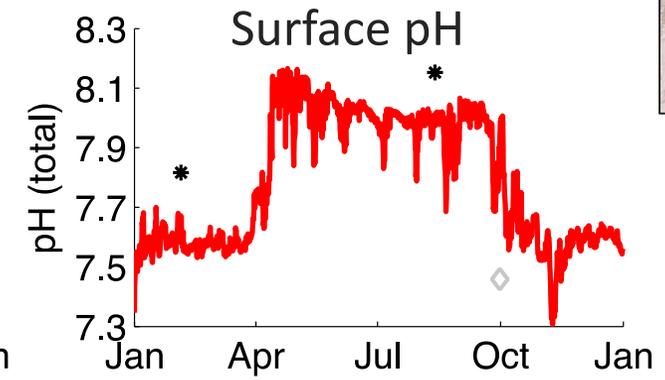
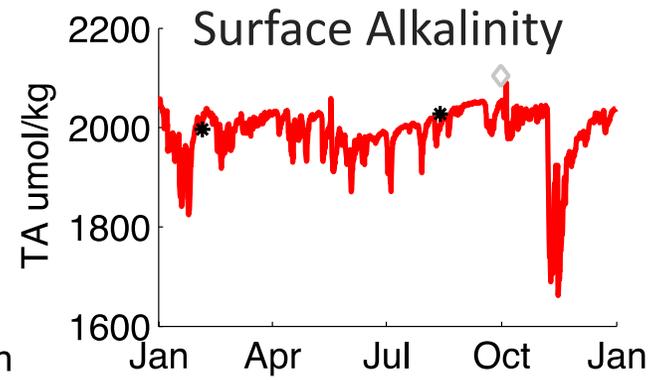
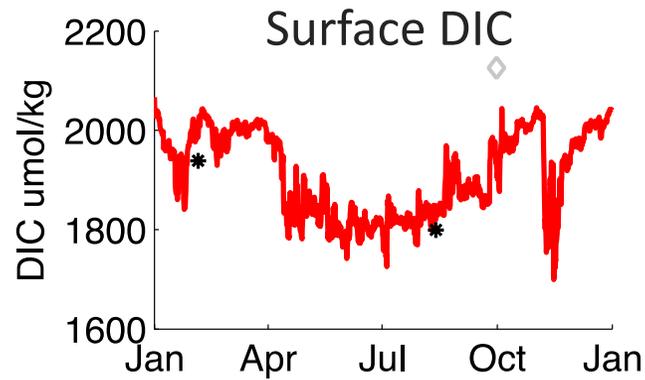
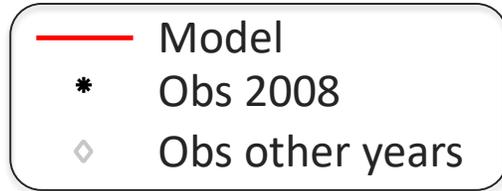


Lynch Cove, Hood Canal – Ecology Station HCB004





The model can predict ocean acidification





Representative Model Error Statistics

Hydrodynamics

Tides

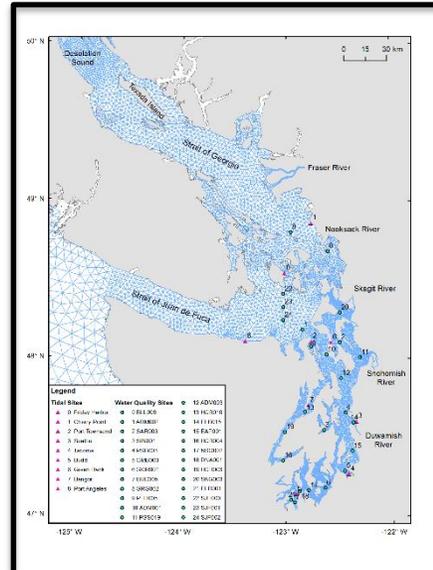
ME (m)	MAE (m)	RMSE (m)	RME (%)
-0.03	0.29	0.35	7.8%

Salinity

ME (ppt)	RMSE (ppt)
0.35	1.2

Temperature

ME (°C)	RMSE (°C)
0.32	0.83



Water Quality

DO

ME (mg/L)	RMSE (mg/L)
0.35	0.99

Nitrate

ME (ug/L)	RMSE (uM/L)
0.99	6.53

Algae (Chl – a)

ME (ug/L)	RMSE (ug/L)
0.82	4.37

Phosphate

ME (mg/L)	RMSE (mg/L)
-0.69	0.94

pH

ME	RMSE
0.12	0.21



Salish Sea Model summary

▶ Hydrodynamic Model of Salish Sea

- <http://salish-sea.pnnl.gov/>

[Khangaonkar & Wang (2013) – *Appl. Ocean Research*]

[Khangaonkar et al. (2011) – *Estuary Coast and Shelf Science*]

▶ Expanded Domain Improvement

- Validation of the Circulation in Embracing Sills concepts proposed by Ebbesmeyer and Barnes (1980)
 - Nearly 2/3rd of surface outflow is refluxed back to Puget Sound near the Admiralty Inlet sill

[Yang and Khangaonkar. (2010) – *Ocean Dynamics*]

[Khangaonkar et al. (2017) – *Ocean Modelling*]

▶ Biogeochemical Model of Salish Sea

- Nutrients, phytoplankton (two algae groups) and carbon
- Sediment diagenesis
- Carbonate chemistry – alkalinity and pH

[Khangaonkar et al. (2016) - *Northwest Science*]

[Kim and Khangaonkar. (2011) – *Environmental Modelling Software*]

[Khangaonkar et al. (2012) – *Ocean Dynamics*]

[Bianucci et al. (2017 *submitted*)]

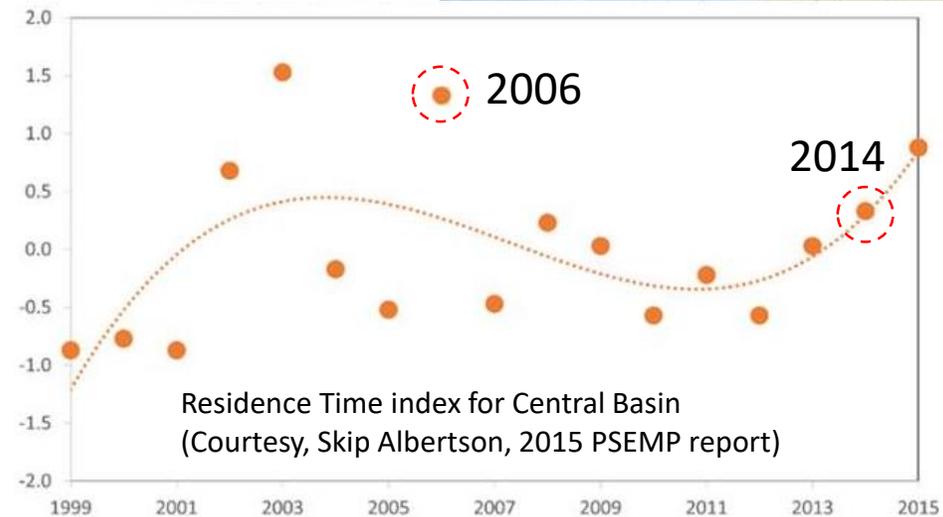
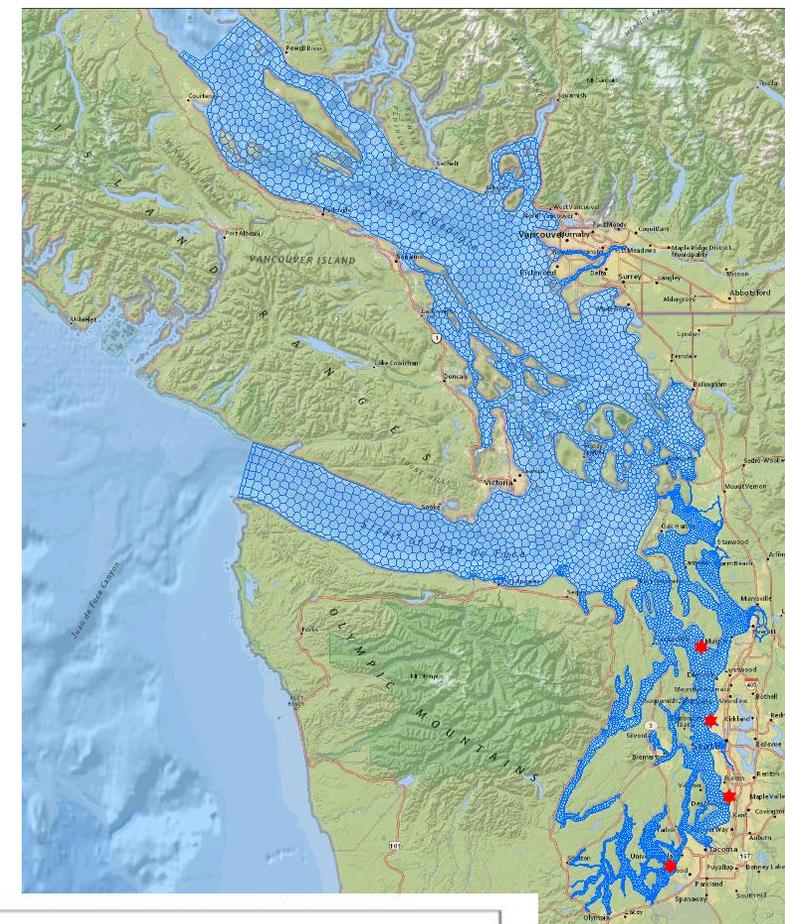


Residence Times in Salish Sea

How long a mass of water stays at a certain location?

Longer residence times promotes :

- Buildup of pollutant concentrations
- Increased productivity and depletion of nutrients
- Oxidation of ammonia to nitrate which depletes oxygen
- Decomposition of organic carbon (dead algae) by heterotrophic bacteria which deplete oxygen
- hot spots for biogeochemical stressors

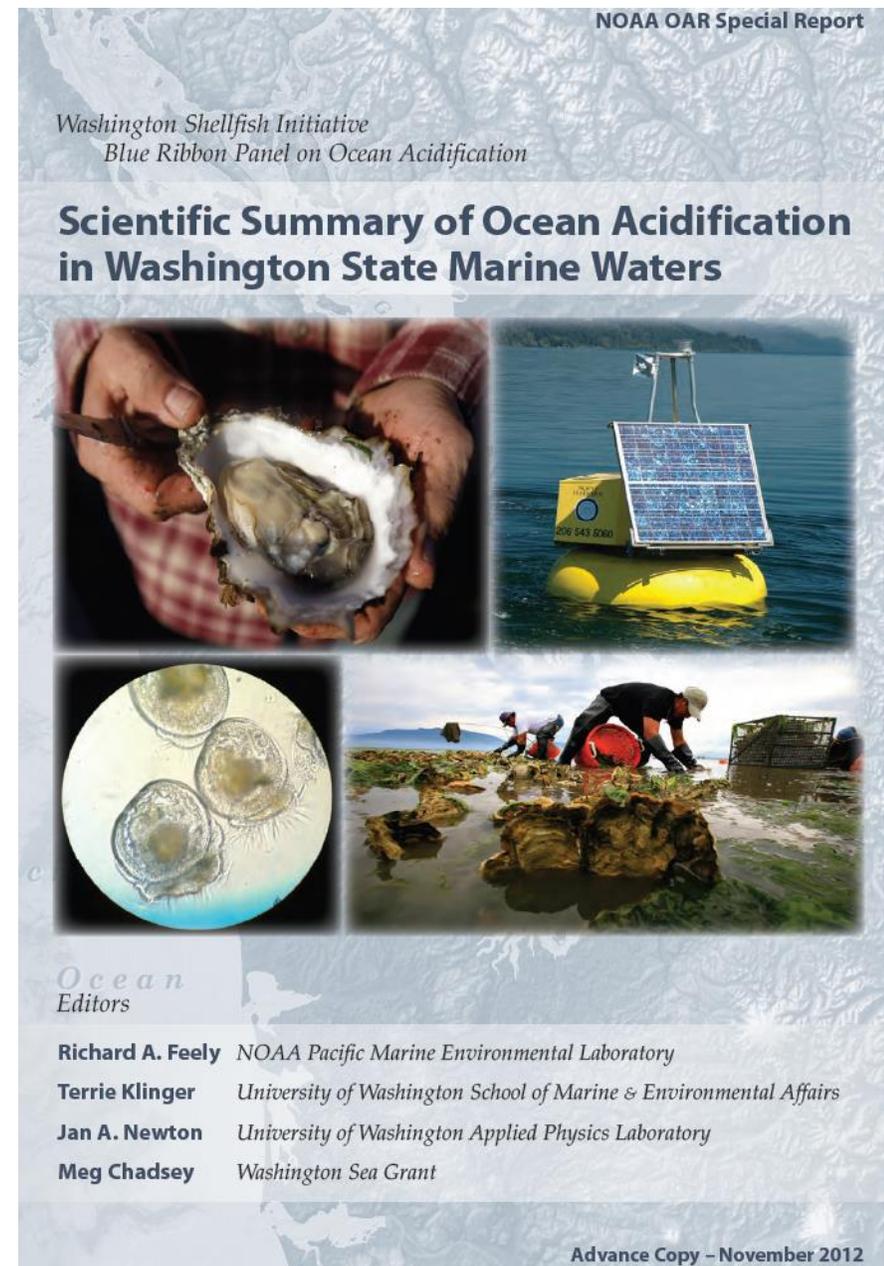


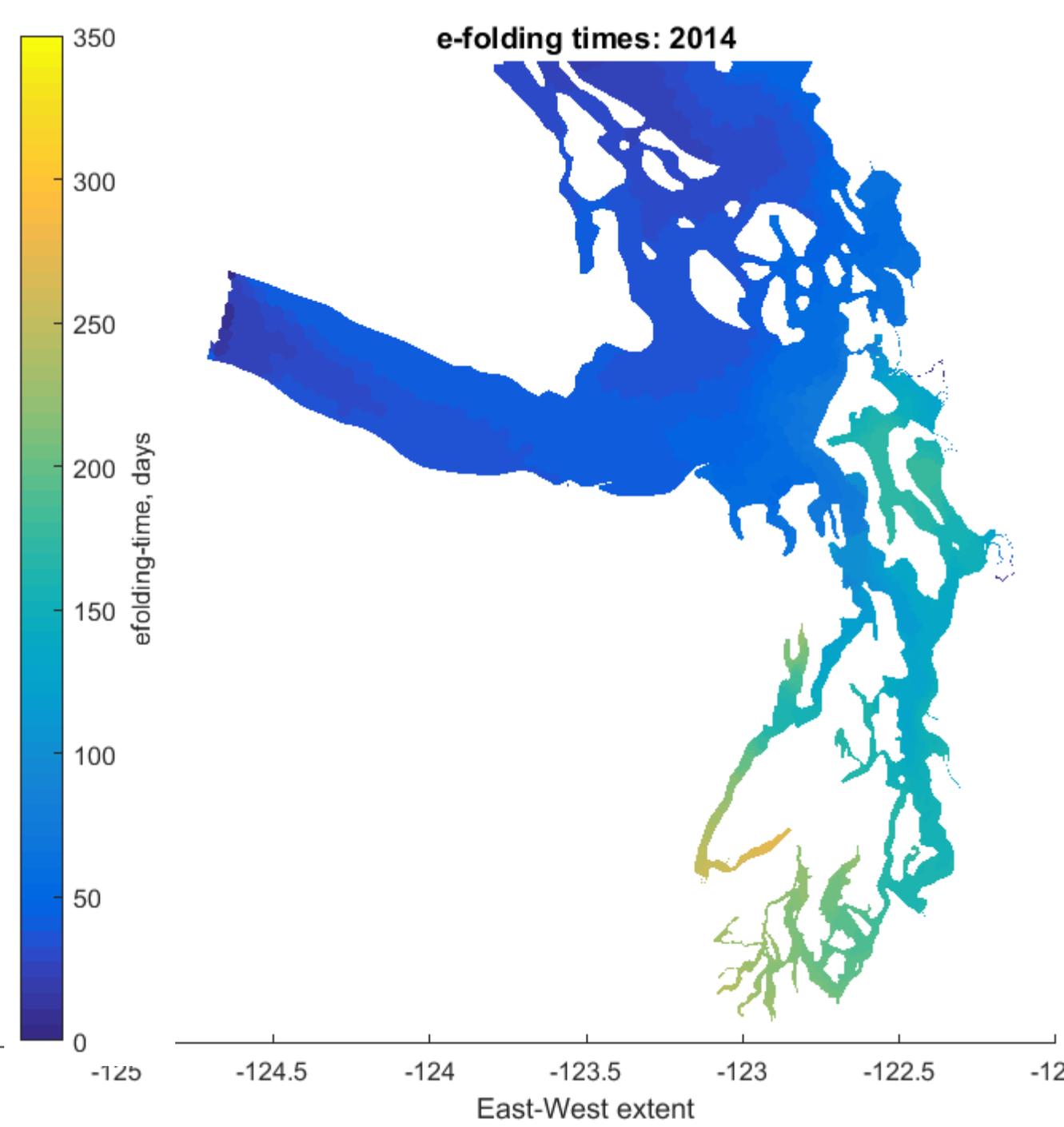
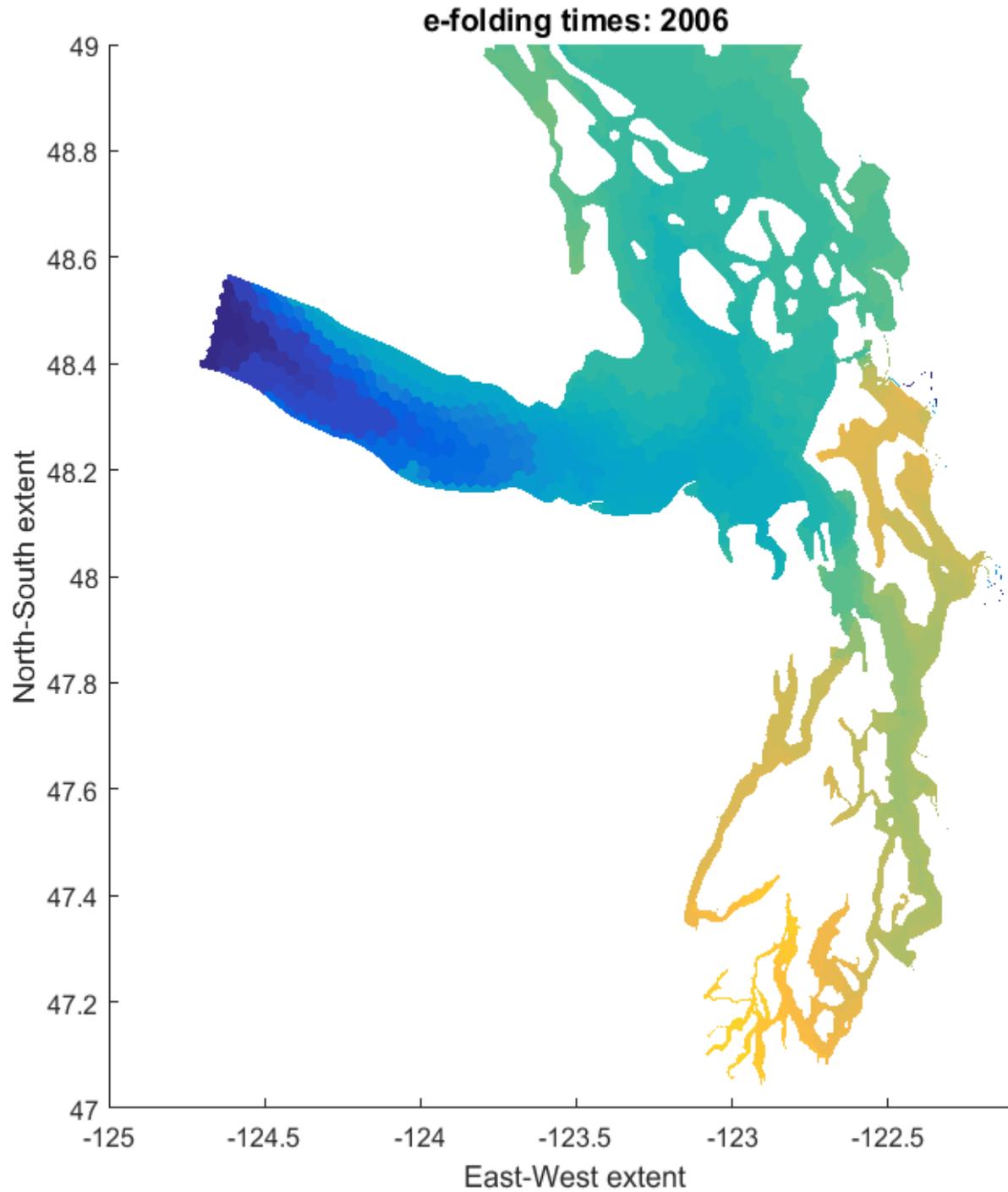
Washington Shellfish Institute: Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification, 2012

“ **What is *not* known** is the magnitude of the effect that the anthropogenic nitrogen inputs have on pH or aragonite saturation levels.

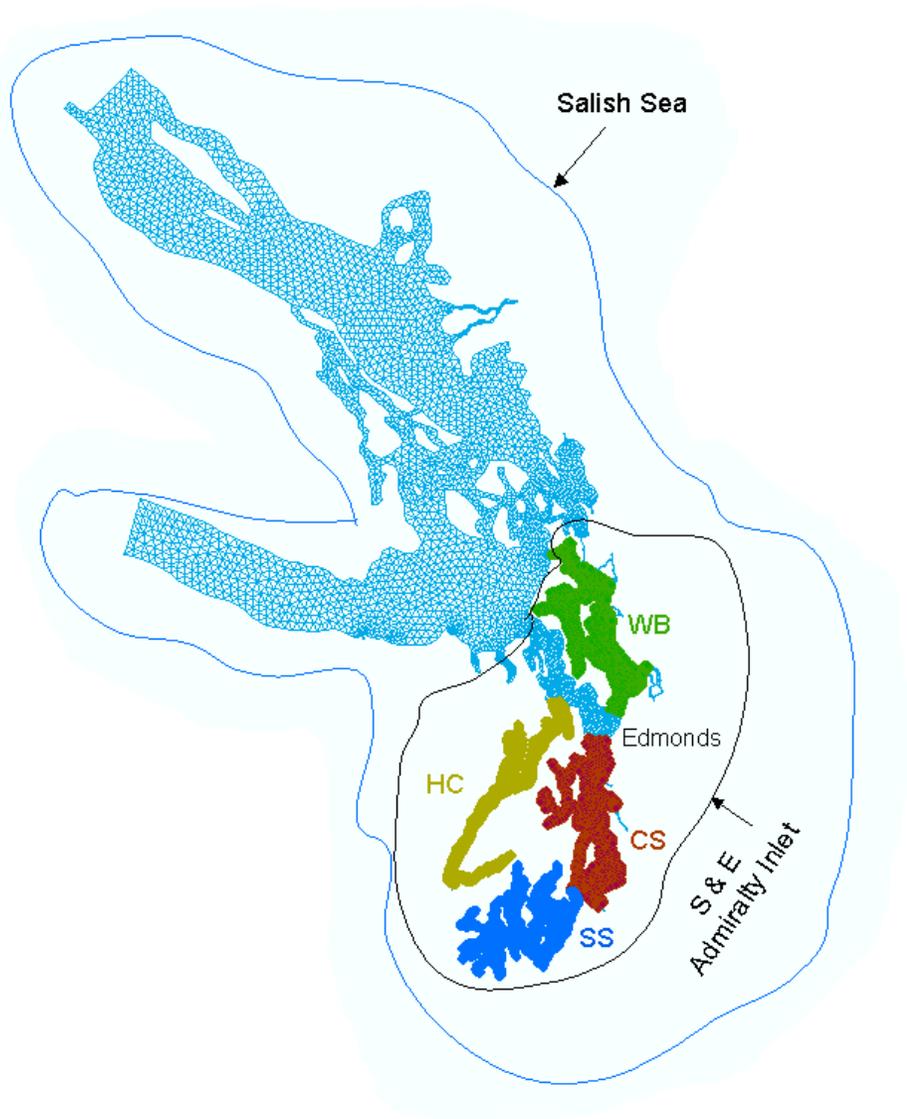
Resolving this issue is not trivial; **it will require new knowledge of residence times**, export production (the amount of particulate organic carbon that sinks out of the euphotic zone and is remineralized at depth), and oceanic boundary conditions (baseline pH and carbon species signals from the coast).”

“**Basins with strong stratification and long residence times should be the most susceptible to land-based and human sourced inputs of nitrogen**”.





Residence times in different basins, days



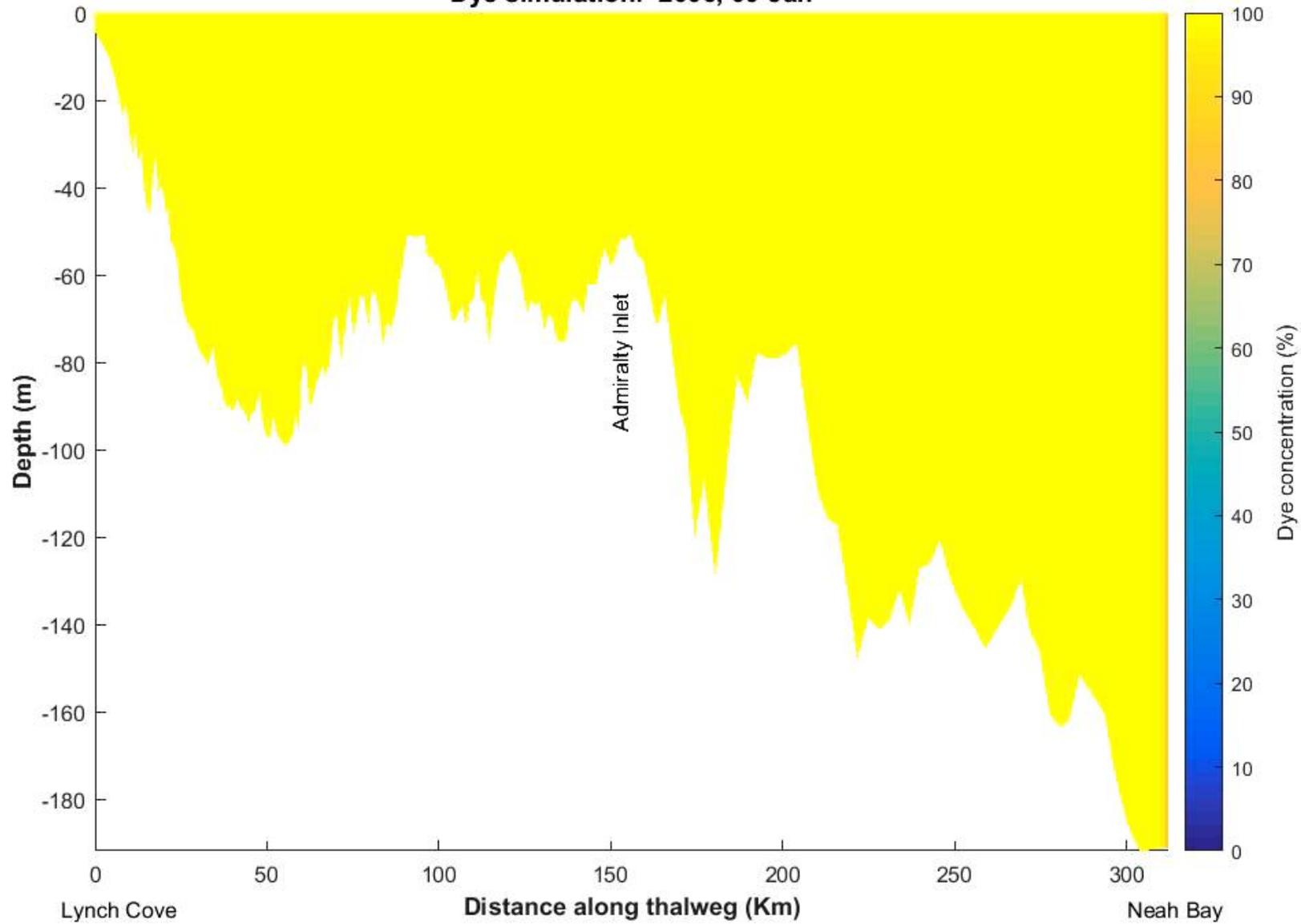
Annual average flows, cms		
Fraser	2179	2940
Skagit	470	574
Stillaguamish	274	320

Basin	2006	2014
Salish Sea	160	54
South Sound	289	208
South & Central *	249	165
Whidbey Basin	258	154
Hood Canal	261	181
South & East Admiralty	249	158

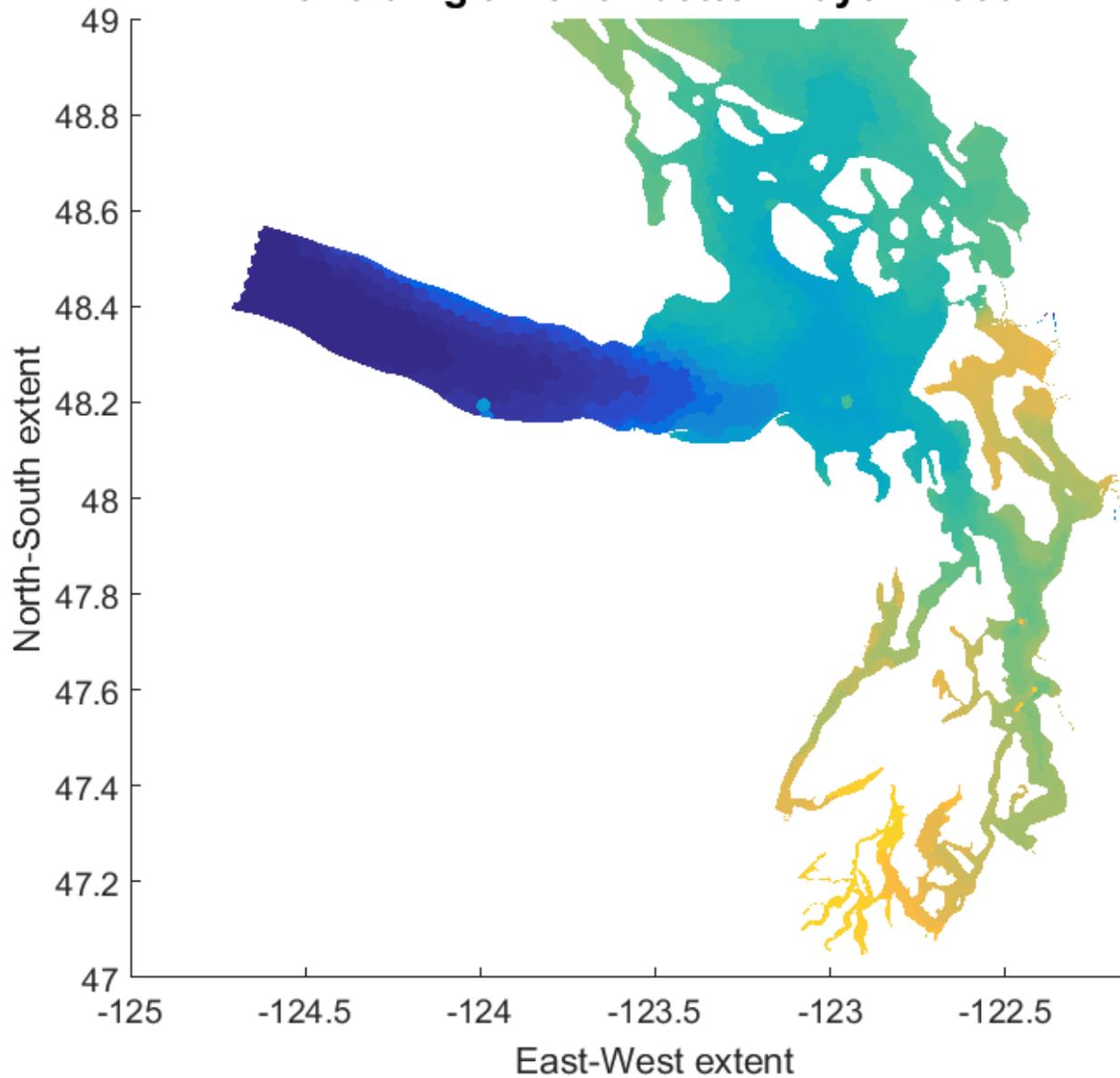
* South of Edmonds

Lynch Cove – Neah Bay Thalweg dye animation

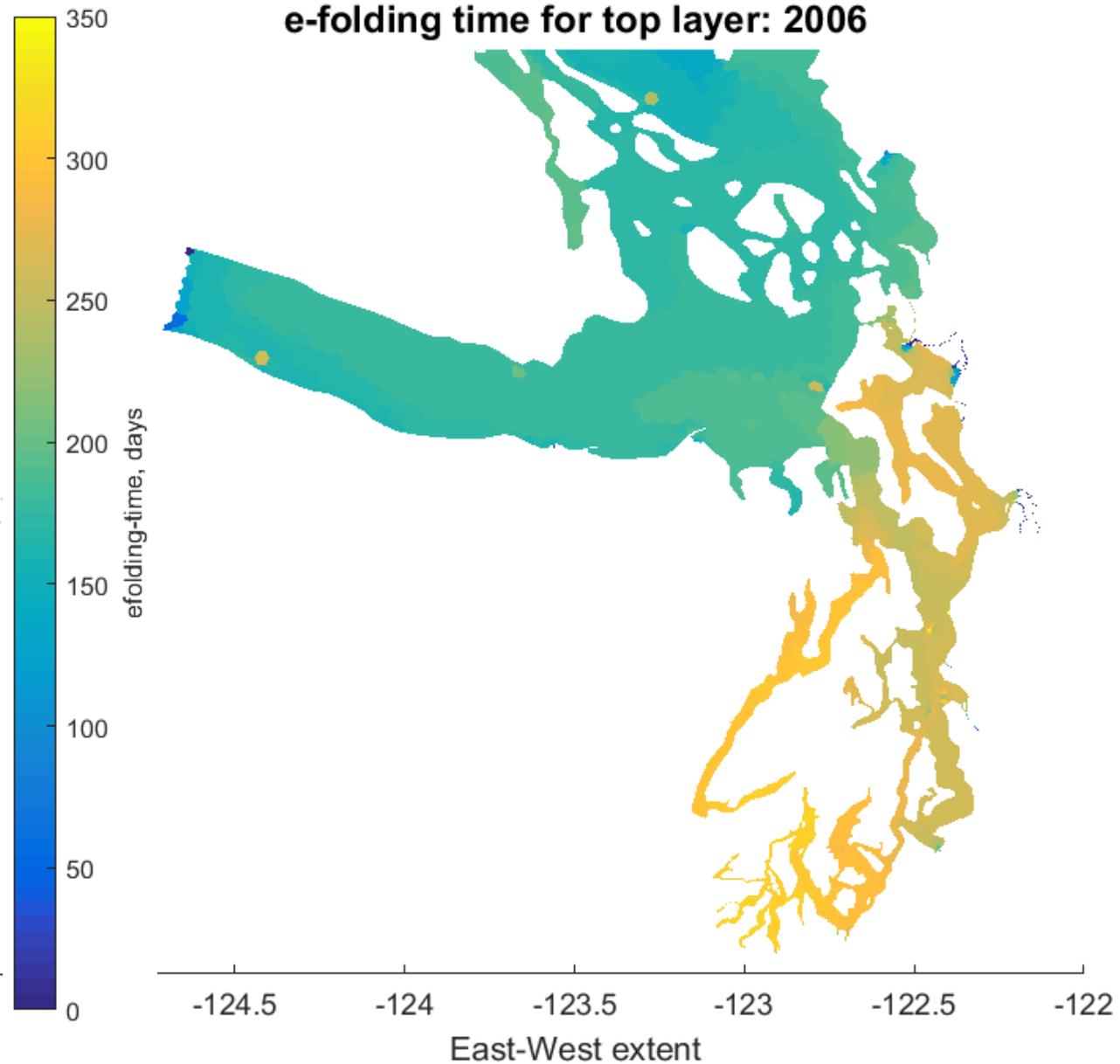
Dye simulation: 2006, 00-Jan



e-folding time for bottom layer: 2006

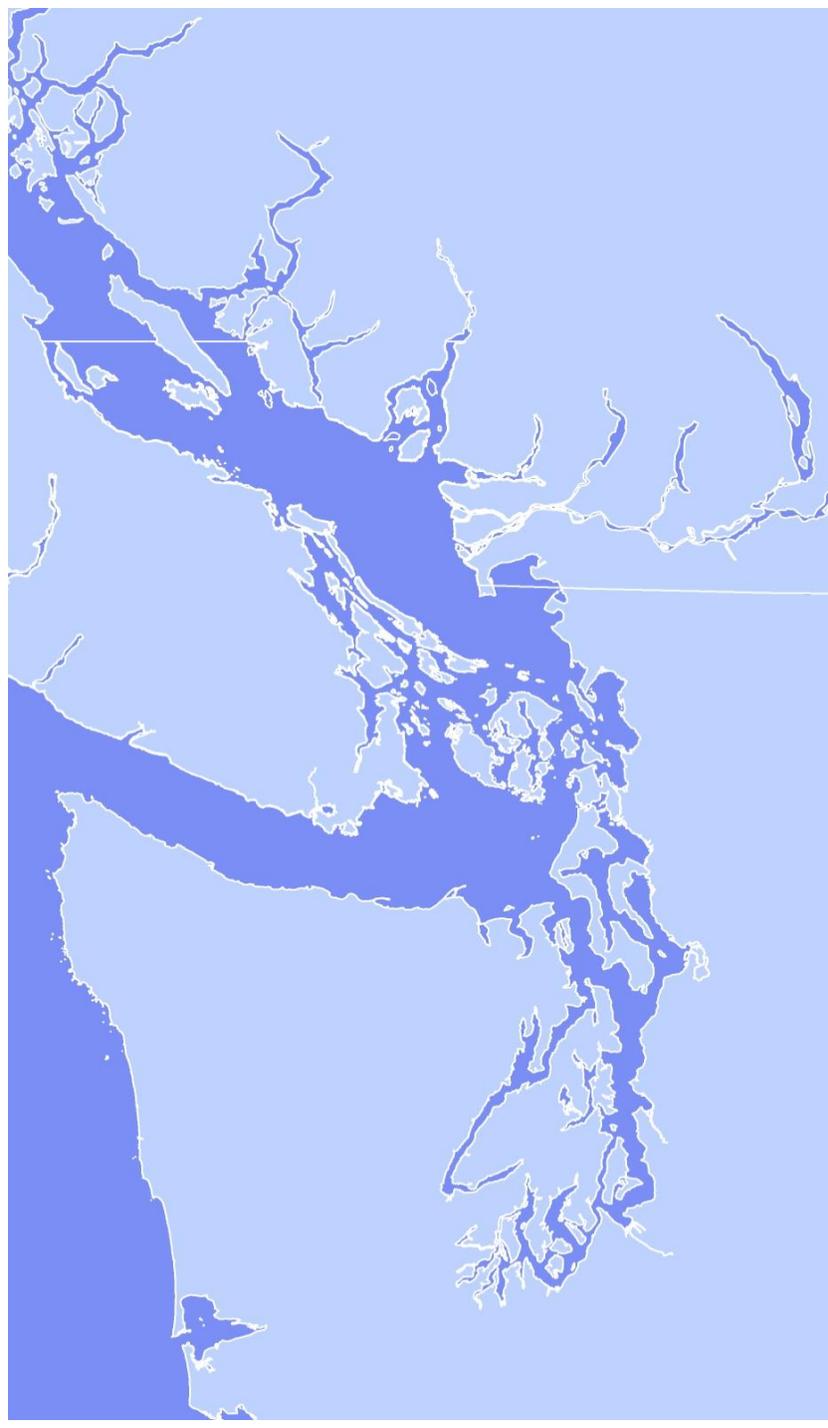


e-folding time for top layer: 2006



Conclusions

1. Longer residence times occur in remote inlets and “trapped” basins
2. In general, longer residence times occur for surface waters compared to bottom waters
3. Longer residence times occur with poor estuarine circulation from low freshwater flows
4. We can now use the Salish Sea model as tool to quantify residence times for any portion of the model domain or year.
5. Residence time maps show us areas that are susceptible to biogeochemical stressors, and can be made available to the scientific community



Puget Sound Nutrient Loading

SOURCES AND MAGNITUDES



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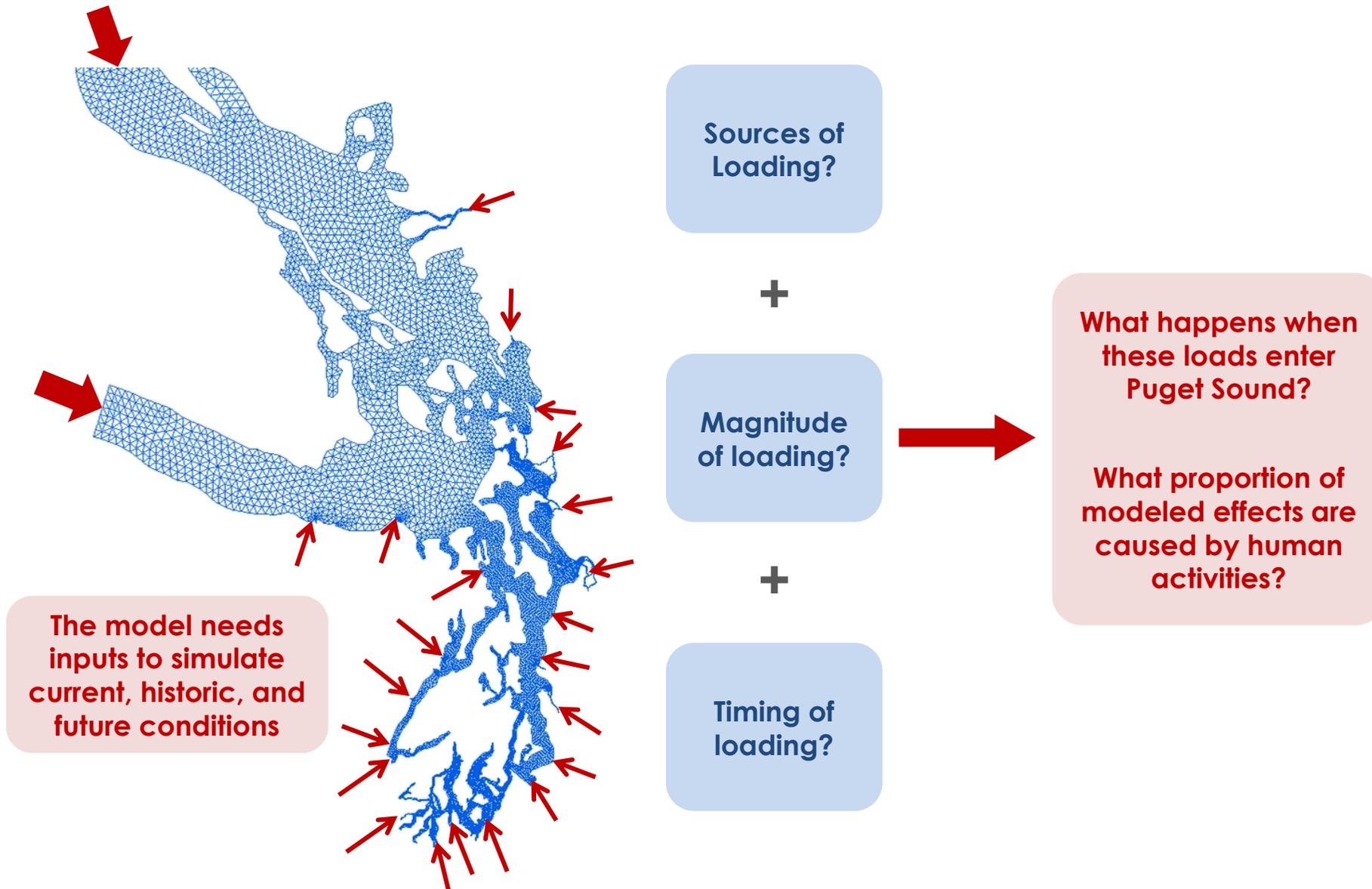


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Puget Sound Nutrient Dialogue

July 19, 2017

Nutrients entering the Salish Sea Model

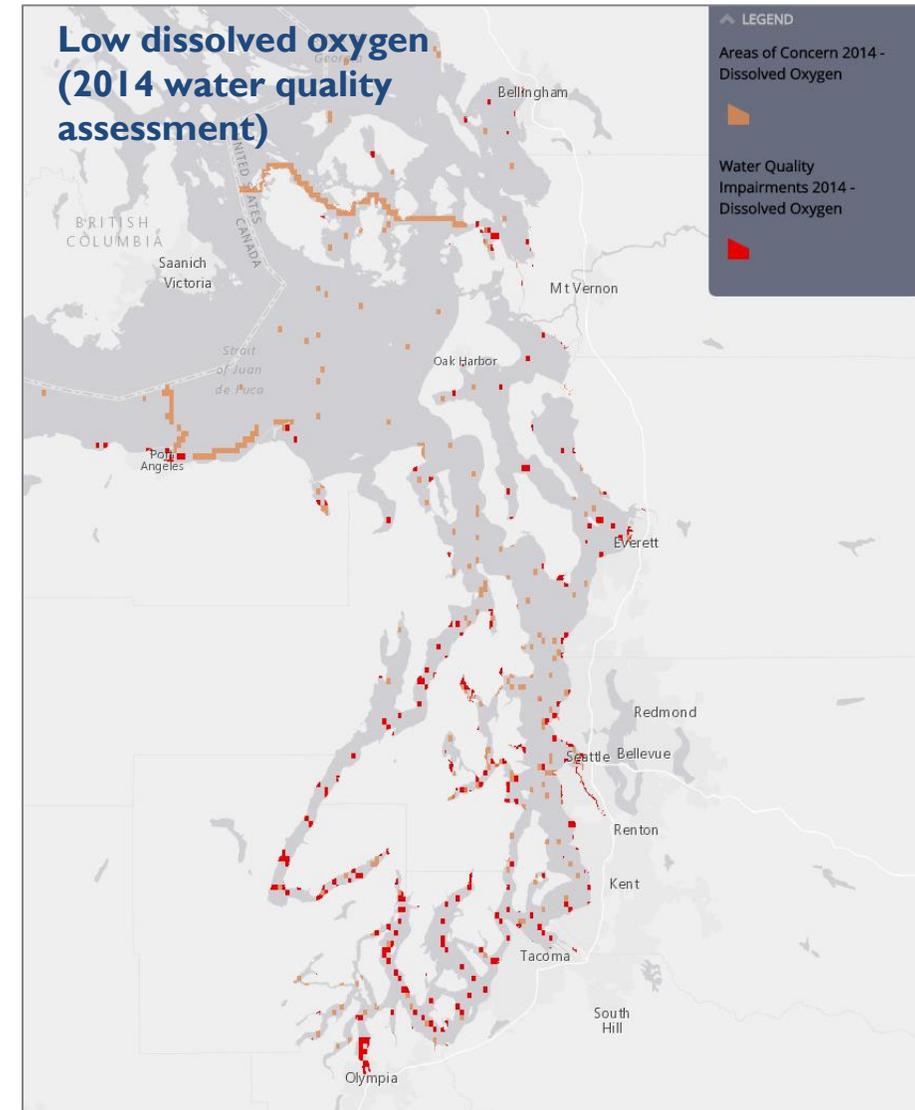
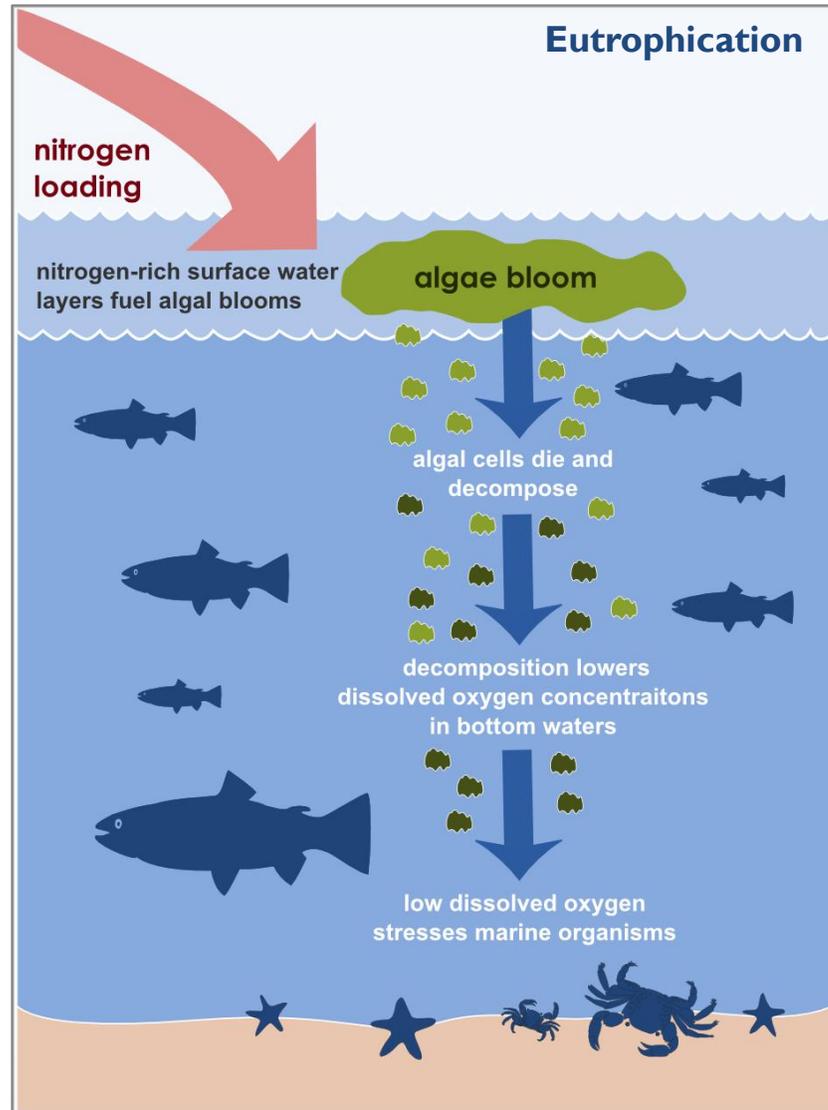


Nutrient parameters

- Model includes a full suite of water quality parameters, including:
 - nitrogen
 - phosphorus
 - carbon
- Both nitrogen and carbon parameters affect oxygen levels and acidification parameters and were both modified in the estimate of reference conditions
- Focus on this presentation is on inorganic nitrogen – limiting nutrient in growing season
- But, model results also show that organic carbon from human sources also plays a role

Parameter Name	Parameter Abbreviation
Measured Parameters	
Nitrate + Nitrite	NO23N
Ammonium	NH4N
Total Persulfate Nitrogen	TPN
Dissolved Total Persulfate Nitrogen	DTPN
Ortho-Phosphate	OP
Total Phosphorus	TP
Dissolved Total Phosphorus	DTP
Total Organic Carbon	TOC ¹
Dissolved Organic Carbon	DOC ¹
Calculated Parameters	
Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen	DIN
Particulate Organic Nitrogen	PON
Dissolved Organic Nitrogen	DON
Particulate Organic Phosphorus	POP
Dissolved Organic Phosphorus	DOP
Particulate Organic Carbon	POC

Excess nutrients are a problem



Sources of nutrients

Rivers

Includes all upstream sources that drain into rivers, and are transformed by stream dynamics, before entering Puget Sound at their mouths

Atmospheric Deposition

Deposition of atmospheric nutrients (from natural sources plus emissions) onto watersheds and directly onto marine waters

Net Ocean Exchange

Nutrients from the Pacific Ocean and Puget Sound get exchanged at the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Admiralty Inlet

Sources included implicitly:

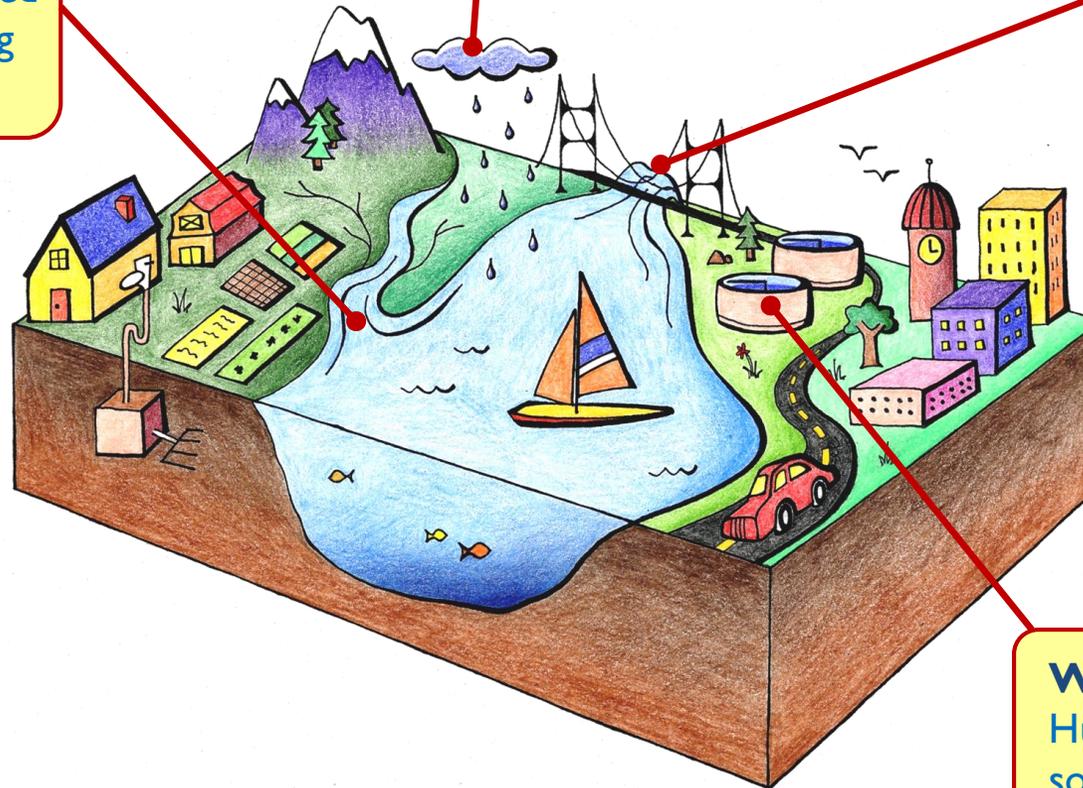
- near-shore septic systems
- direct marine discharge of groundwater

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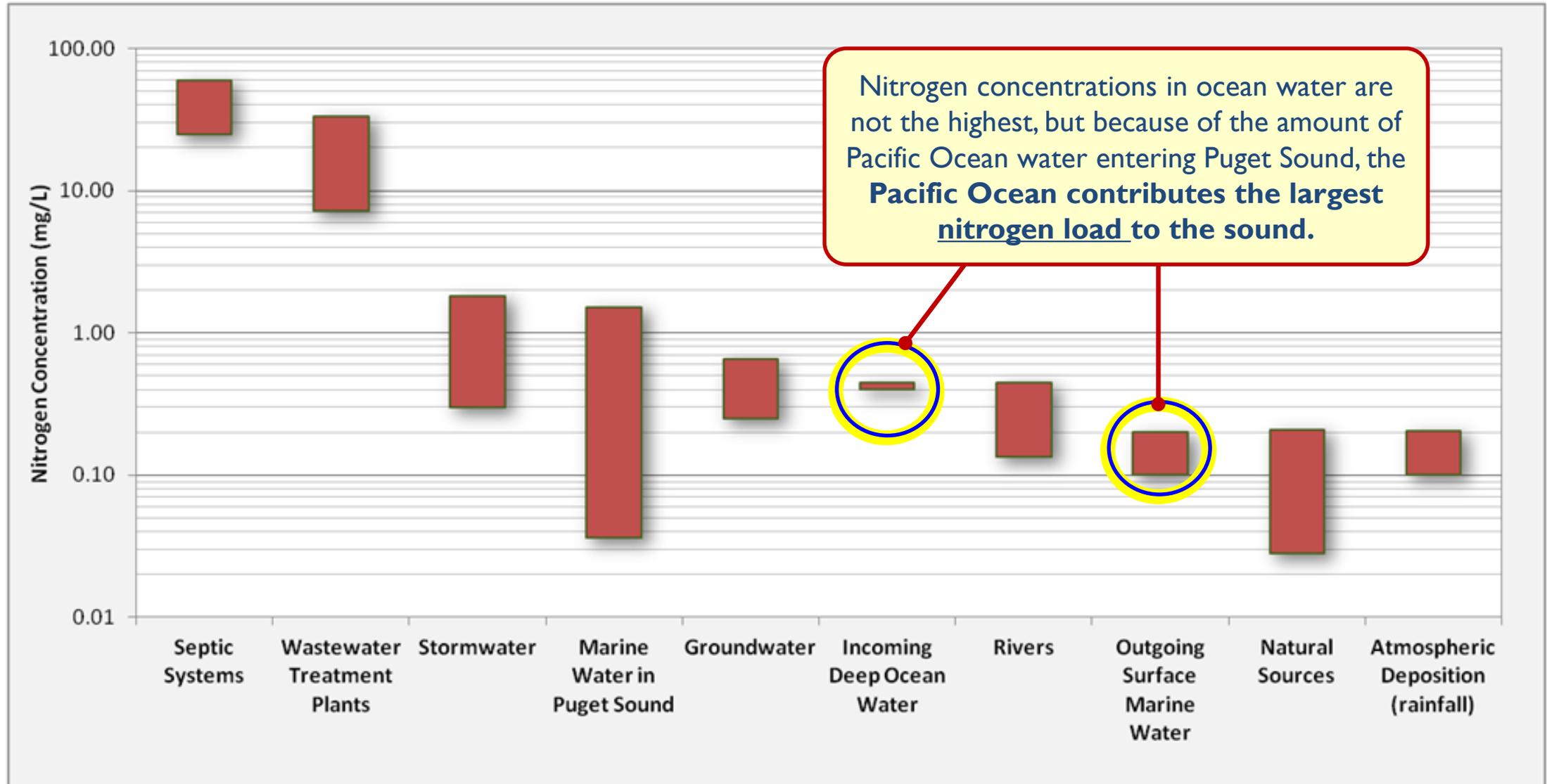
- net pens
- vessel discharges
- Combined sewer outflows

WWTPs + other point sources

Human wastewater and industrial point sources with outfalls in marine waters

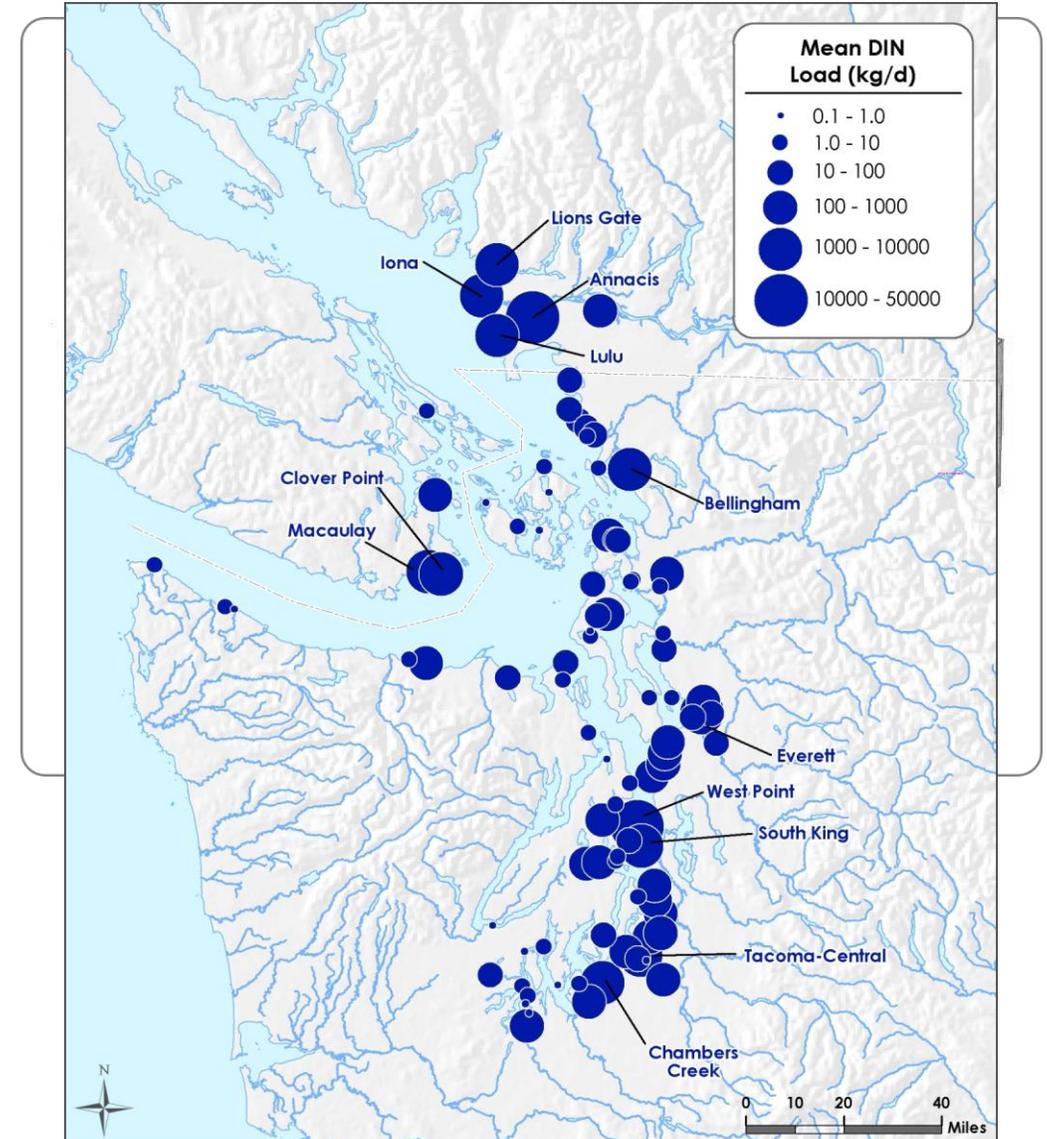


Nitrogen concentrations



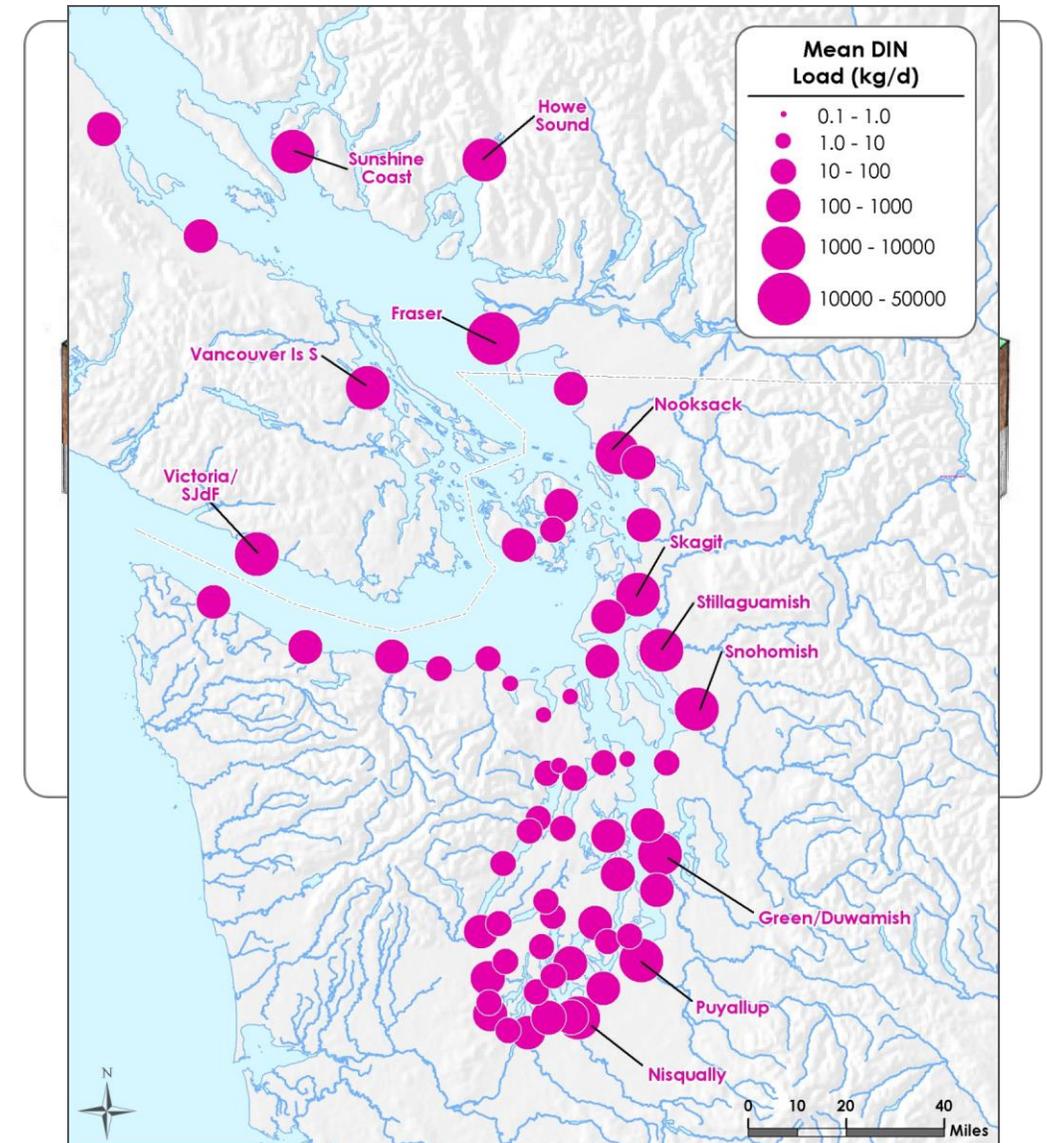
Nitrogen from point sources

- All facilities that have outfalls in marine waters
- Model includes discharges from:
 - 78 US wastewater facilities
 - 10 US industrial facilities
 - 9 Canadian wastewater facilities
- Largest DIN loads coincide with the largest population centers



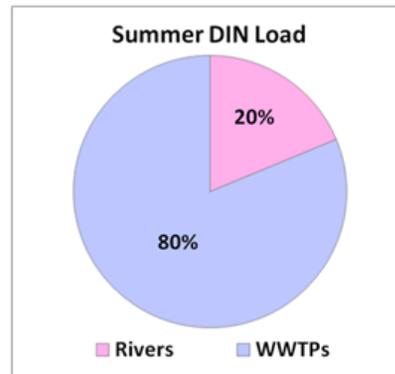
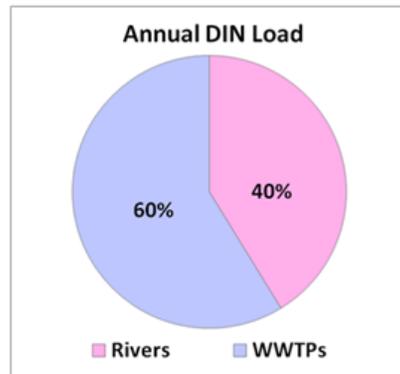
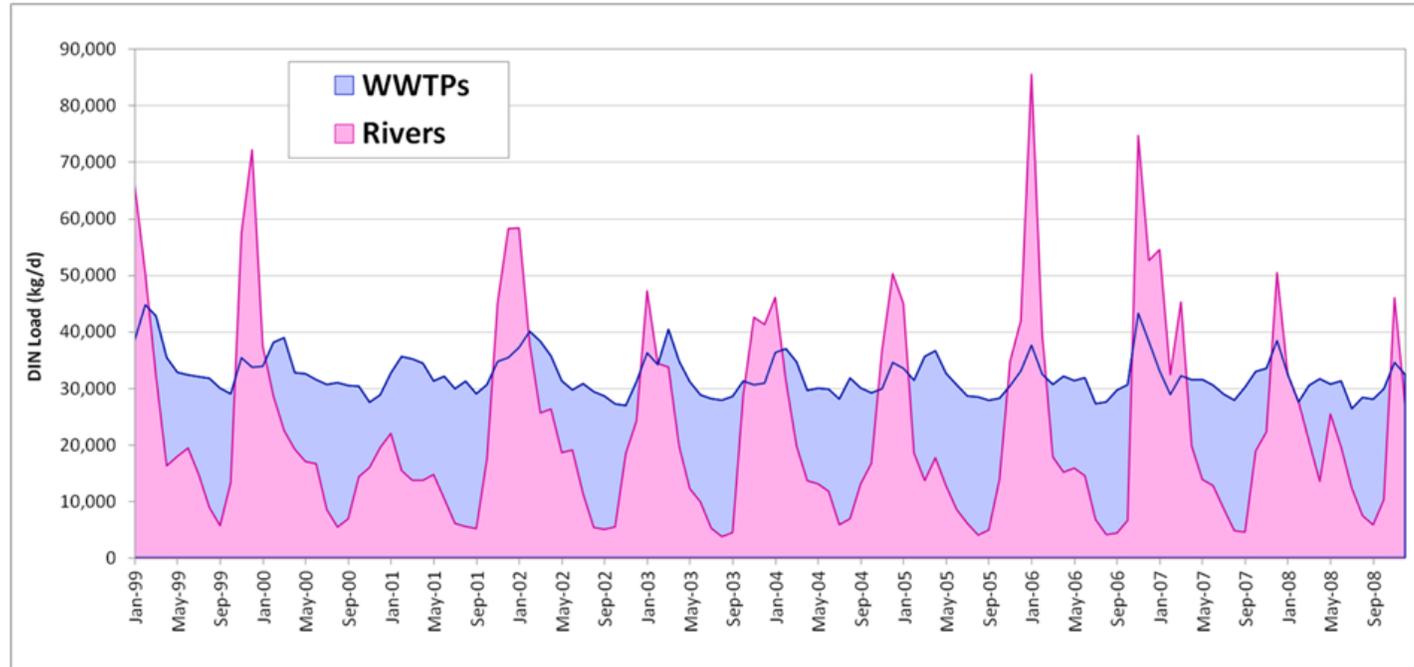
Nitrogen from nonpoint sources

- Model needs nutrients entering the model domain from all watersheds/river/nonpoint sources
- **Estimates shown are at the mouth of each river and stream and include all upstream sources:**
 - Stormwater runoff
 - Livestock manure
 - Agricultural and urban fertilizer application
 - Natural sources
 - Watershed septic systems
 - Point sources with outfalls in rivers/streams
 - Groundwater baseflow in streams
- Further source tracking studies may be necessary to identify upstream nutrient reduction strategies



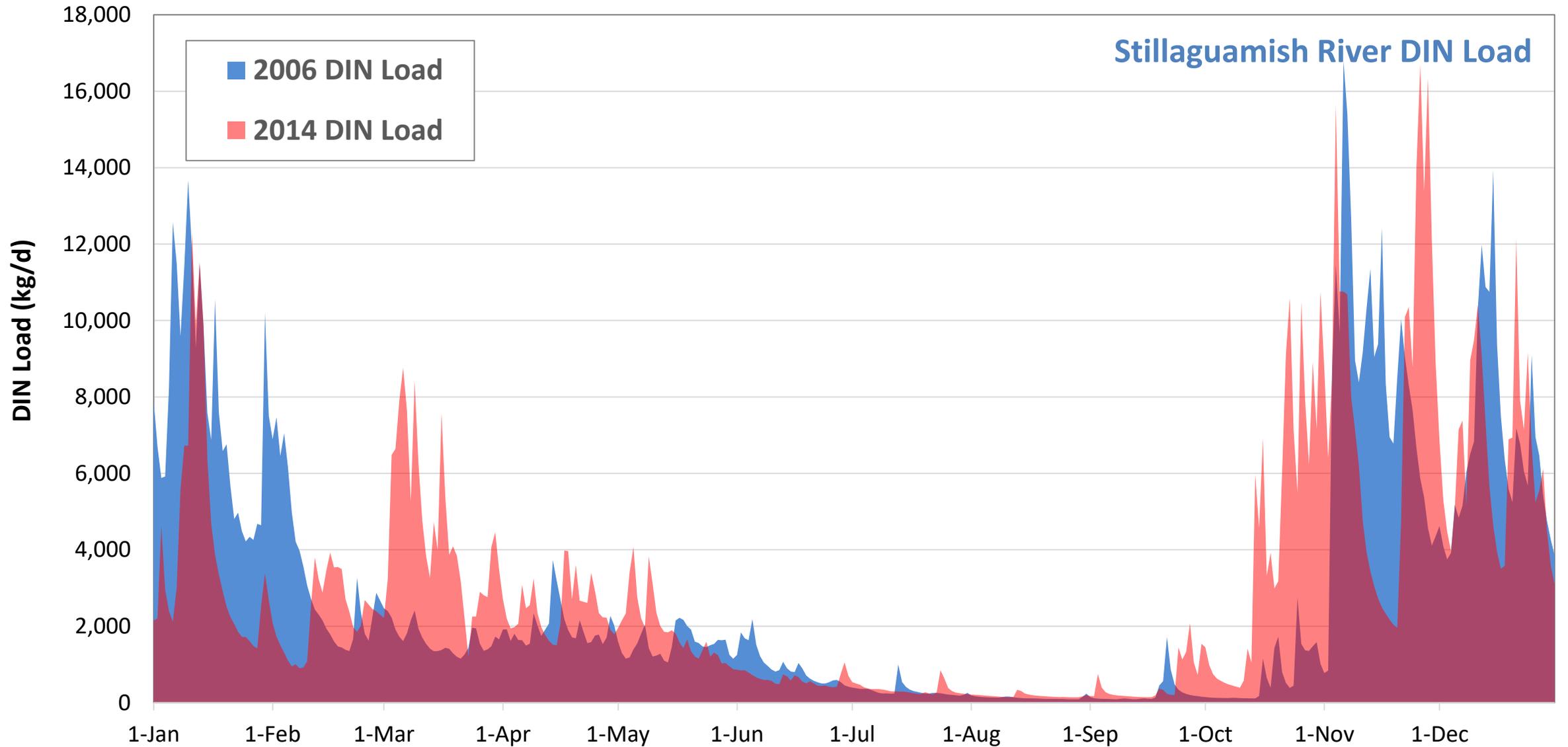
Seasonality of river and WWTP nitrogen loading

Monthly DIN loads entering Puget Sound south of Admiralty Inlet

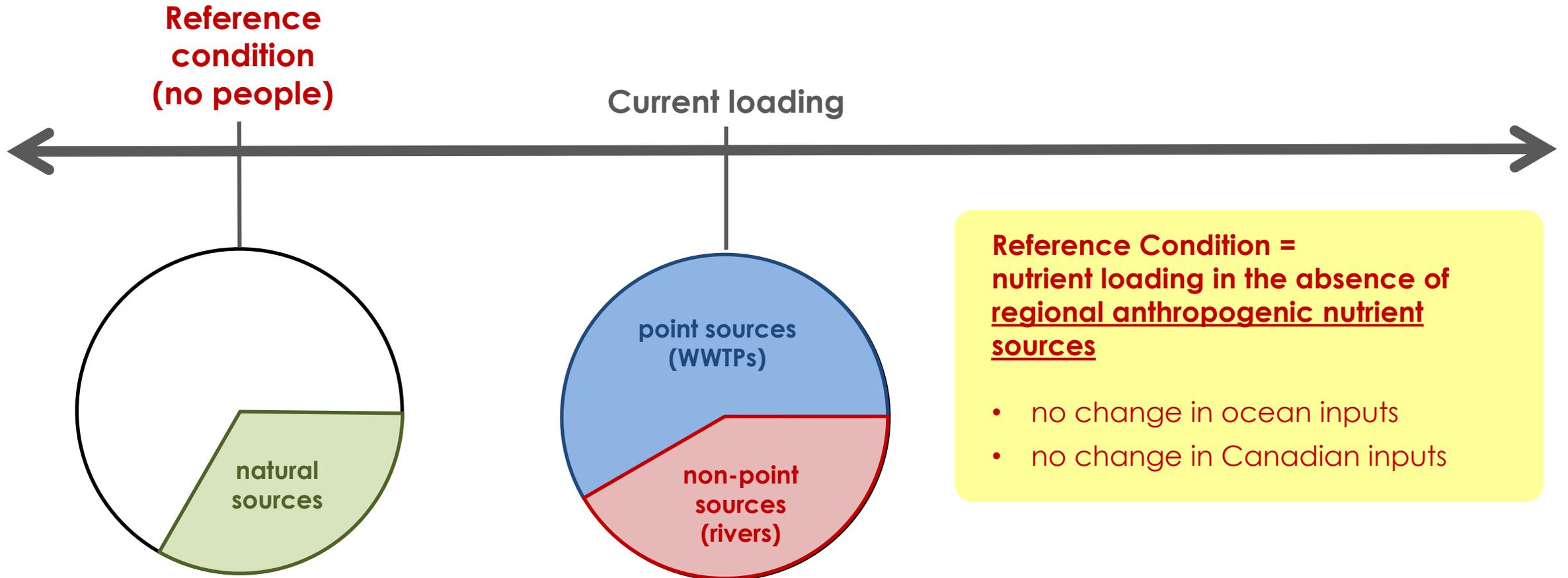


	Annual DIN Load	SUMMER DIN Load
Rivers	22,630 kg/d	6,760 kg/d
WWTPs	32,210 kg/d	29,320 kg/d

Inter-annual variability of river loading



Nutrient loading scenarios

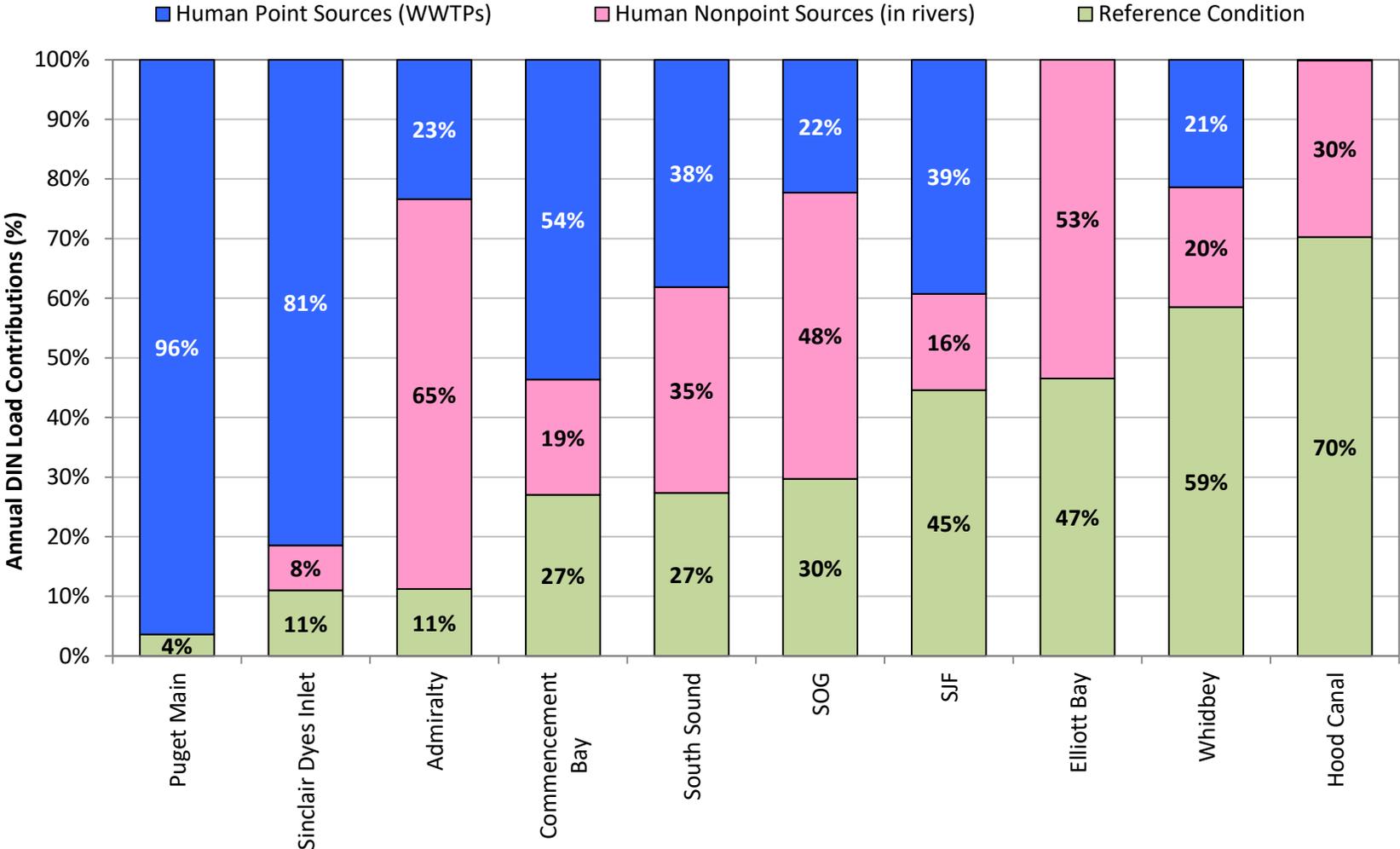


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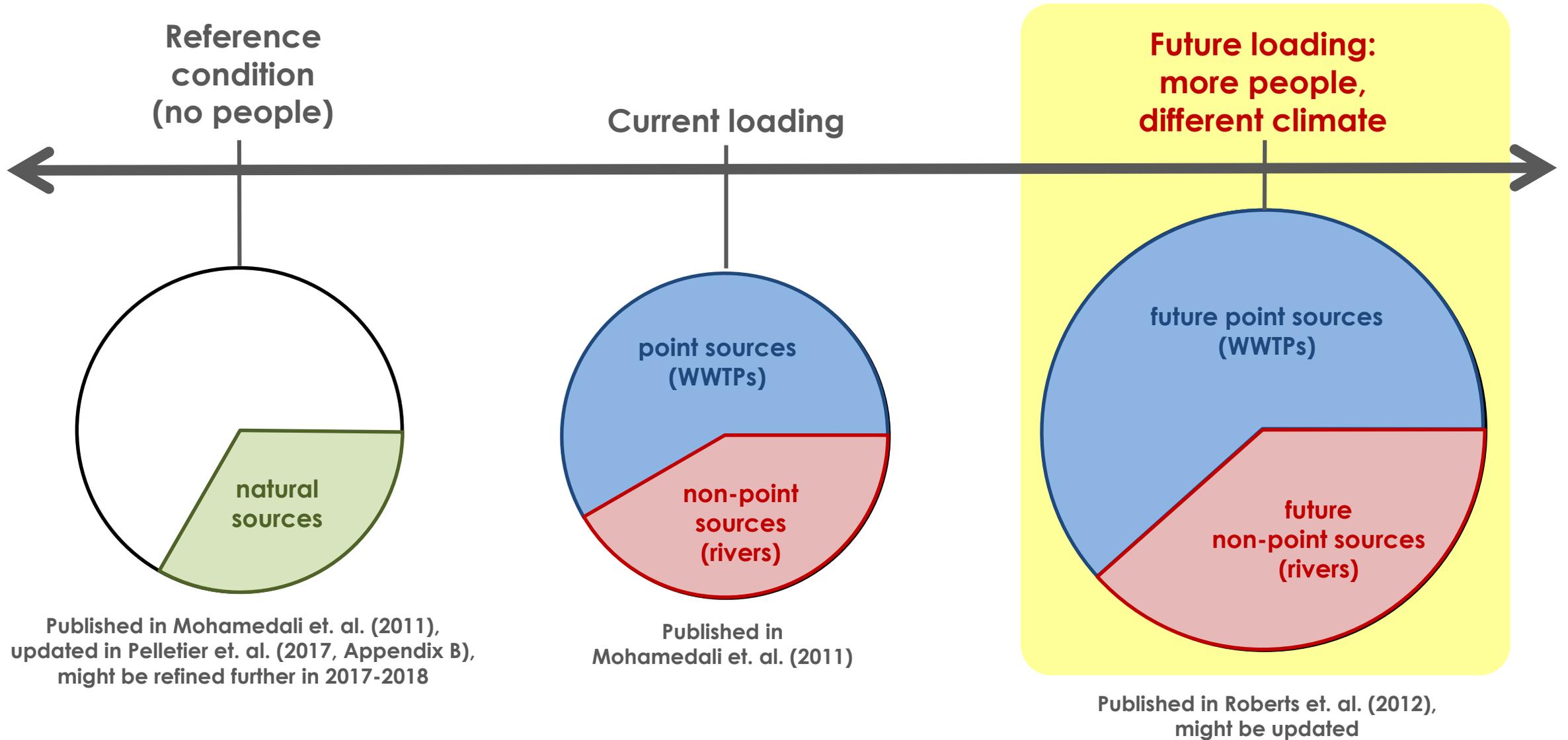
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Reference condition point and nonpoint source loading

Reference vs. human point and nonpoint source DIN loads to different regions in Puget Sound



Nutrient loading scenarios

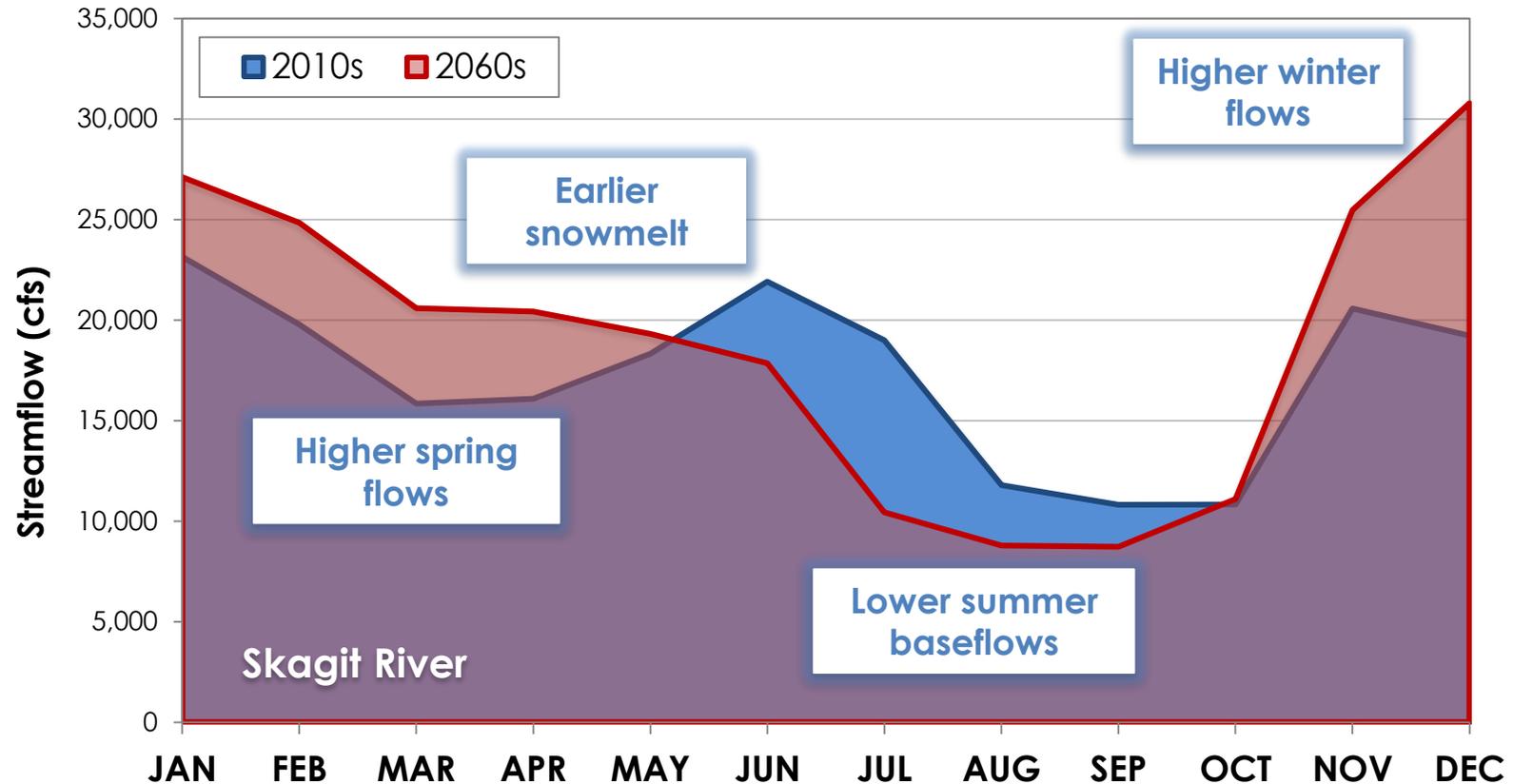


Future nutrient loading

1. Climate Change

- Changes in precipitation
- Changes to river hydrology
- Change in timing of freshwater flows and nitrogen loads to Puget Sound

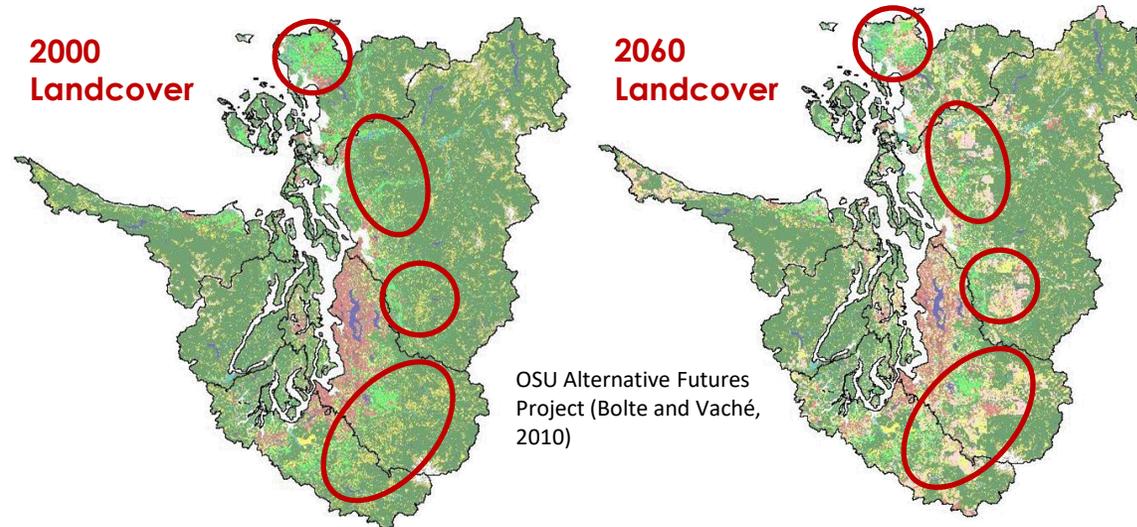
2. Population Growth



Future nutrient loading

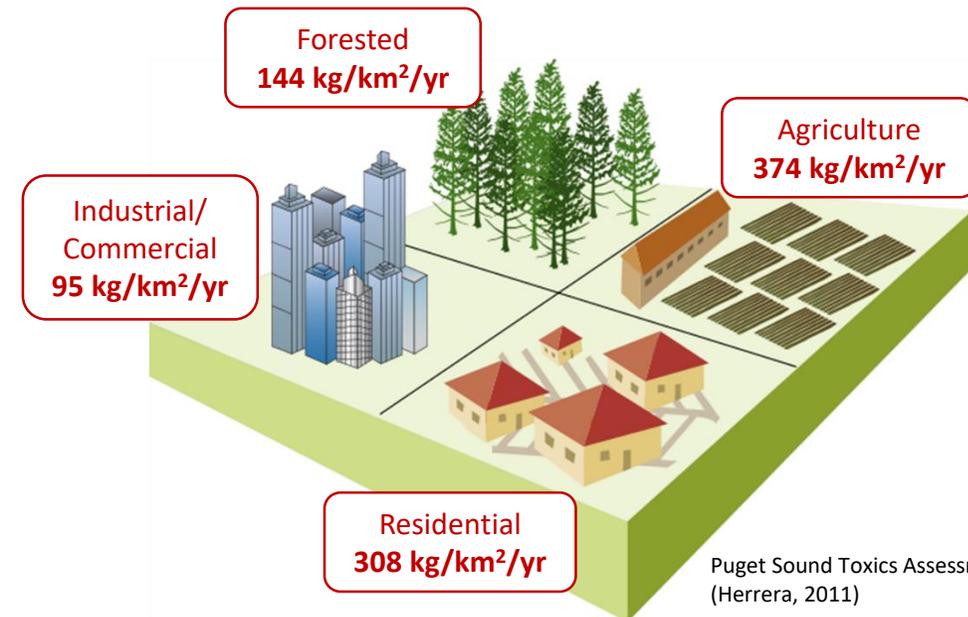
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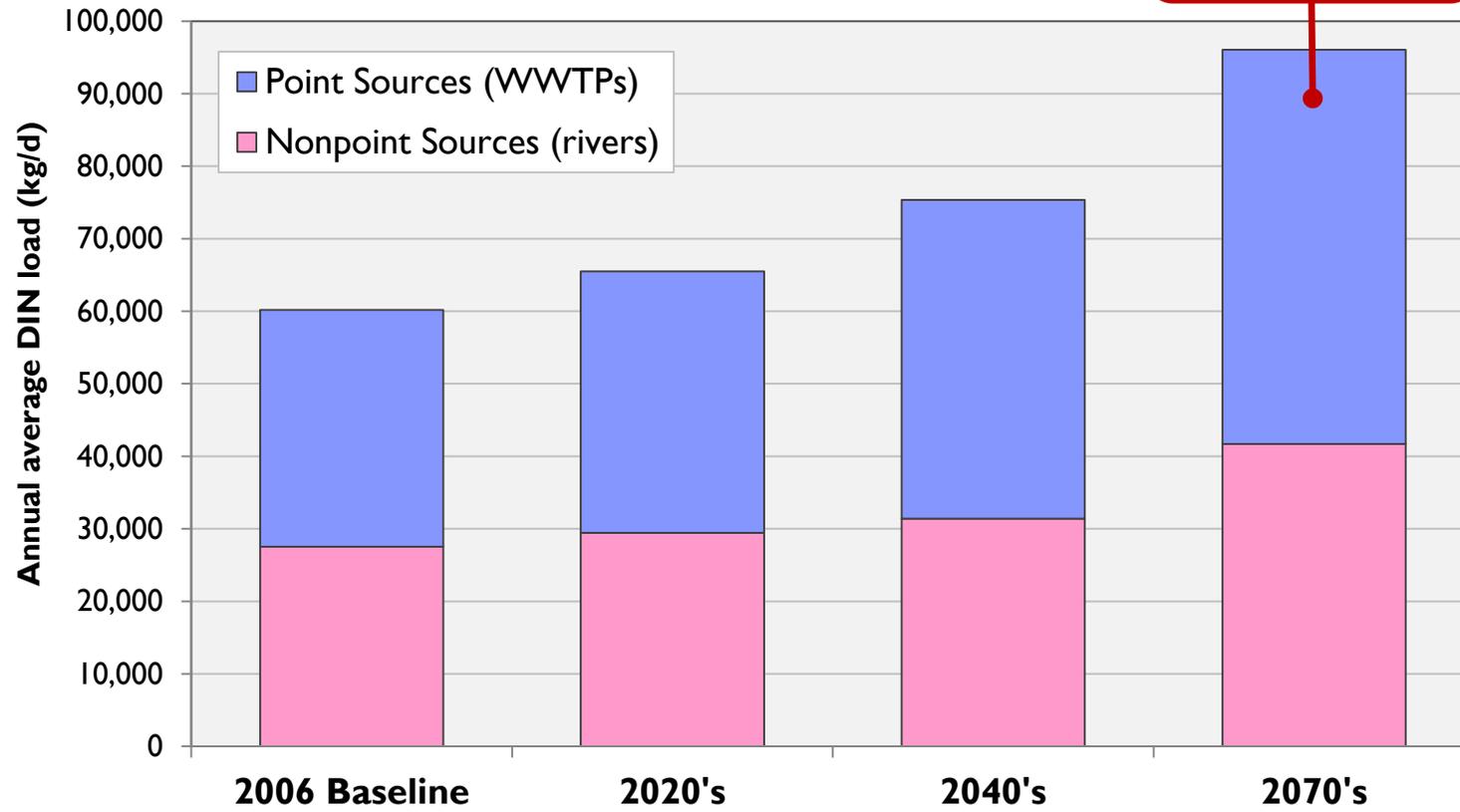
2. Population Growth

- Urbanization & development
- Less forested/natural lands
- Agriculture may or may not increase
- **More people = more wastewater**
- **Possible technology changes to wastewater treatment**



Future point and nonpoint source loading

Annual average DIN loading estimates from point and nonpoint sources into Puget Sound (south of Admiralty Inlet)



Key assumptions:

- OFM 2012 'medium' population projections
- No change in WWTP treatment processes/technologies or per capita wastewater flow, no new facilities
- Future hydrology from UW Climate Impacts Group VIC model based on downscaled A/B emissions scenarios
- Future nitrogen nonpoint source concentrations are only a function of empirical relationships to land use
- Future land use based on a 'status quo' of current land use trends in the region

Published in Roberts et. al. (2012), might be updated

'Nitrogen in Puget Sound' Story Map: (coming soon!)

Nitrogen in Puget Sound
A story map of nitrogen in Puget Sound, created by the Washington State Department of Ecology

Overview | Excess Nitrogen | Sources of Nitrogen | Rivers and WWTP Sources | Monitoring Nitrogen | River Trends

Puget Sound: an overview

This story map, developed by scientists at the Washington State Department of Ecology, shares the story of what we know about nitrogen in Puget Sound, related monitoring efforts, and analysis, as well as gaps in our current understanding.

Puget Sound is the second largest estuary in the United States, part of the Salish Sea. It is a complex fjord with many basins and waterways, and is connected to the Pacific Ocean by Admiralty Inlet and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Puget Sound receives seasonal freshwater flows from the Olympic and Cascade watersheds. The combination of Pacific Ocean inflows, tides and physical bathymetry, governs circulation within Puget Sound.

Puget Sound is very sensitive to changes in the Pacific Ocean. At the same time, it is also sensitive to the changes that affect the watersheds that surround it due to human activity, landscape and human wastewater discharges to marine waters.

Puget Sound is an attractive place to live, work and play, and therefore home to a growing population. The Puget Sound region is a vital food source and the foundation of the region's resource economy.

Understanding nitrogen loading to Puget Sound is important for studying Puget Sound water quality issues and water quality. Nitrogen loading is becoming an issue as the region faces local stressors from population growth, development, and in combination with the global stressors of climate change and ocean acidification.

This map was created by Paula Cracknell, Sheelagh Teizen Mohamedali.

Excess nitrogen

Algal Blooms

Algal blooms are shown in this photo taken from an airplane just north of Elliott Bay. Algal blooms are a common feature in Puget Sound, where we typically see a spring bloom and a summer bloom when phytoplankton in the water become productive. Excess nitrogen can result in a higher frequency, and duration of algal blooms in Puget Sound.

Algae growth also depends on factors other than nitrogen which can enhance or inhibit algae growth and the extent to which algae decomposition leads to decreases in dissolved oxygen.

Some algal blooms are called harmful algal blooms (HABs) because they can be toxic and can affect human health either directly by swimming in the water, or indirectly by consuming shellfish that are grown in water which has been exposed to a harmful algae. While we know that nitrogen contributes to algal blooms, we do not know if nitrogen is also linked to harmful algal blooms in marine waters.

Low dissolved oxygen

Low dissolved oxygen levels have been observed in Puget Sound for a number of years, but were also present historically. Low dissolved oxygen conditions are

Nitrogen Monitoring

Ecology has several monitoring programs in and around Puget Sound that monitor for a variety of water quality parameters, including nitrogen. Ambient monitoring involves repeated sampling at the same stations over a long period of time. The data from these efforts enable us to observe long-term trends in water quality conditions. Ecology has a few focused nitrogen monitoring efforts designed to answer a specific question or explore data or water quality conditions in a specific location in more detail.

This map shows Ecology's freshwater and marine monitoring stations within the Puget Sound.

Nitrogen in Puget Sound

Overview | Excess Nitrogen | Sources of Nitrogen | Rivers and WWTP Sources | **Monitoring Nitrogen** | River Trends

LEGEND

- Freshwater Core Monitoring Stations
- Freshwater Ambient Monitoring Stations
- Marine Core Monitoring Stations
- Marine Rotational Monitoring Stations
- River

Cascadia Basin

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Summary

- **Dynamic variation in time and space is important**
 - Inter-annual variability
 - Residence time matters: higher flows = higher loads ≠ higher impact
 - Location matters: largest loads do not necessarily coincide with largest impact
 - Need to consider interaction between processes at different temporal and spatial scales
- **Pacific Ocean:**
 - Future conditions are highly uncertain and may change: incoming temperature, oxygen and nutrient levels, timing and duration of upwelling events
 - While highly influential, we are limited in our ability to manage these changes
- **Extent of human influence:**
 - Future nutrient loading will likely exacerbate local human impacts
 - Existing and reference condition model inputs can be used to run model scenarios in order to estimate the impact of human nutrients on Puget Sound, something we have not been able to do before – Greg's presentation (next)

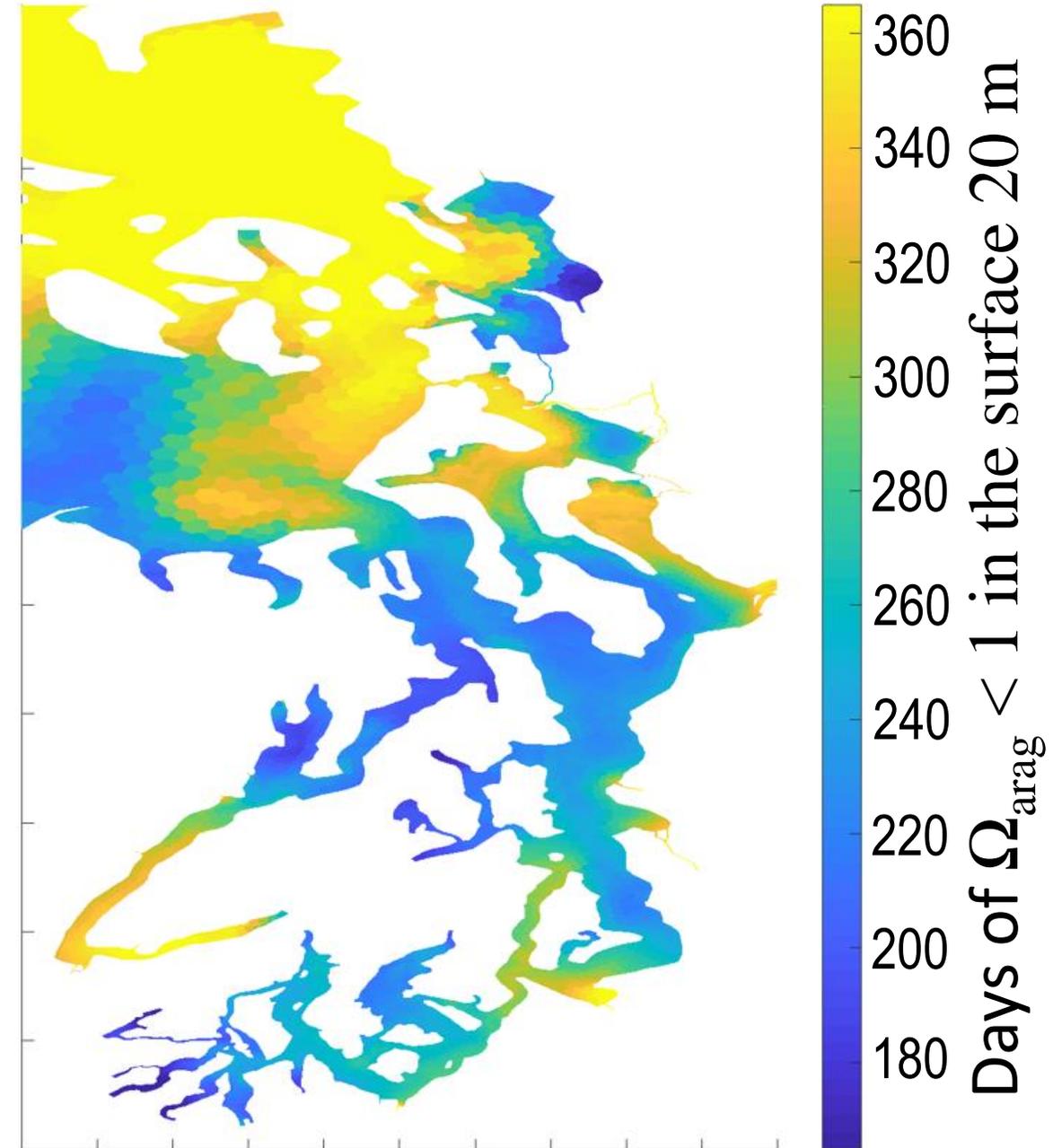
Salish Sea Model

Current model results and the response to regional anthropogenic nutrient sources

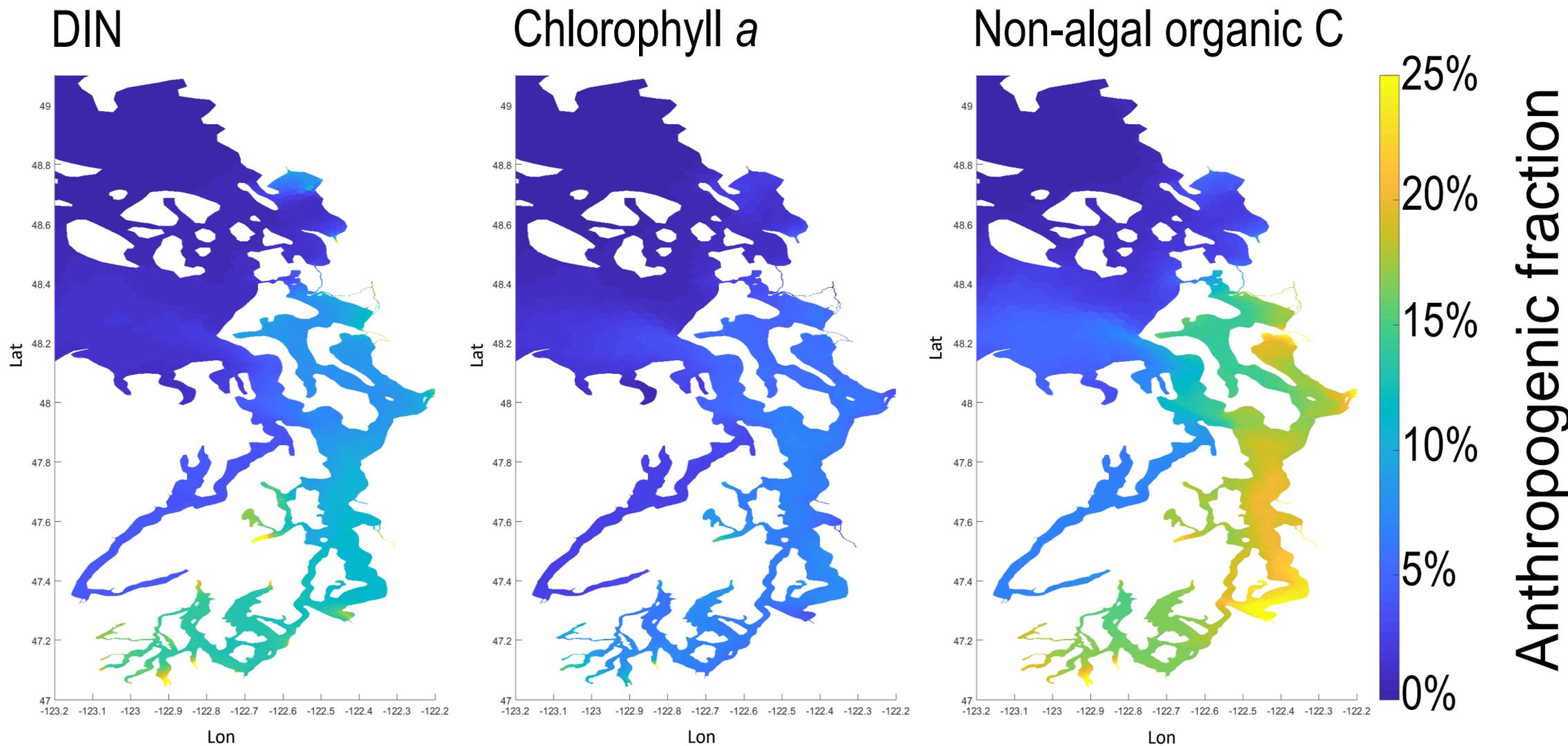
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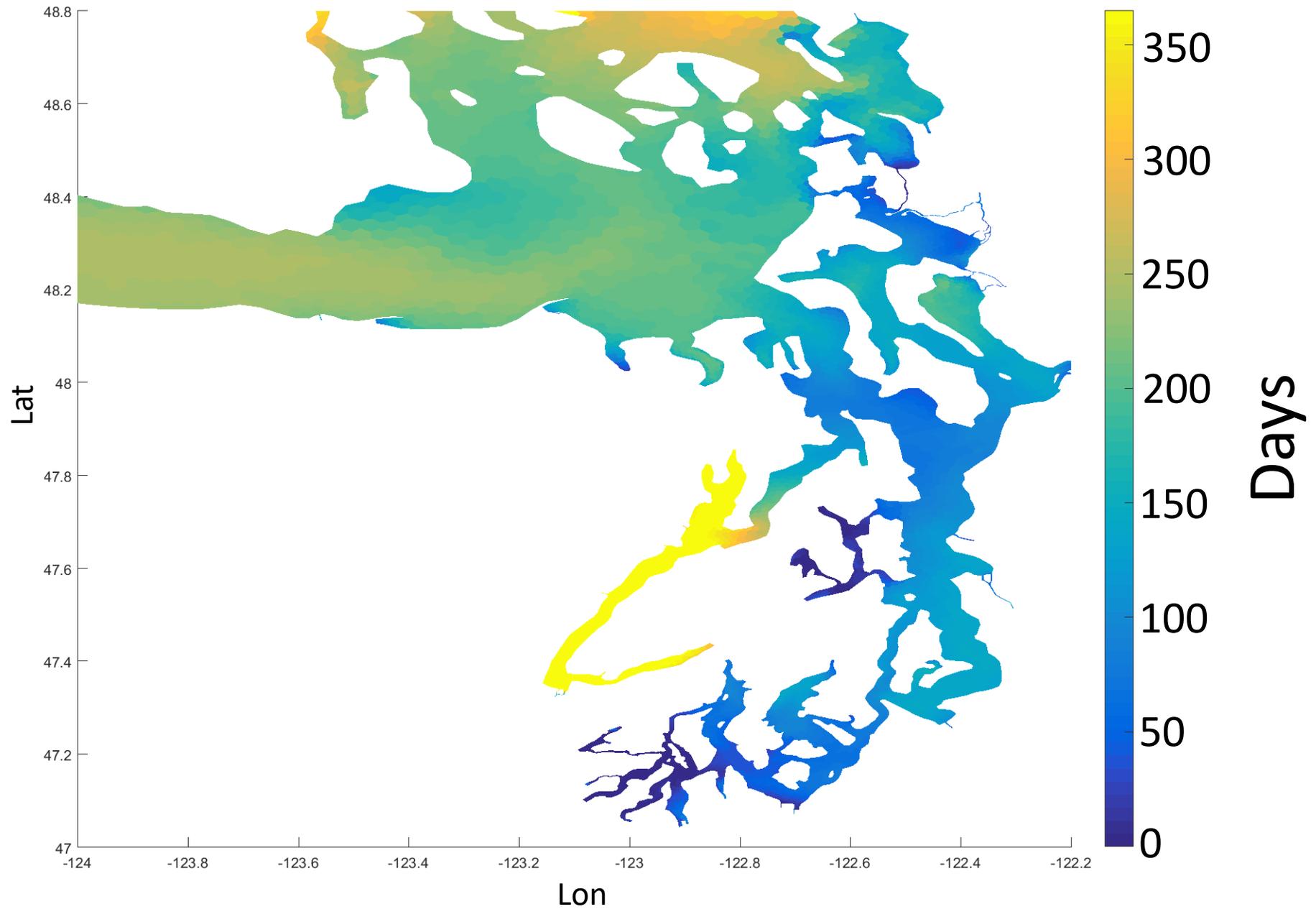
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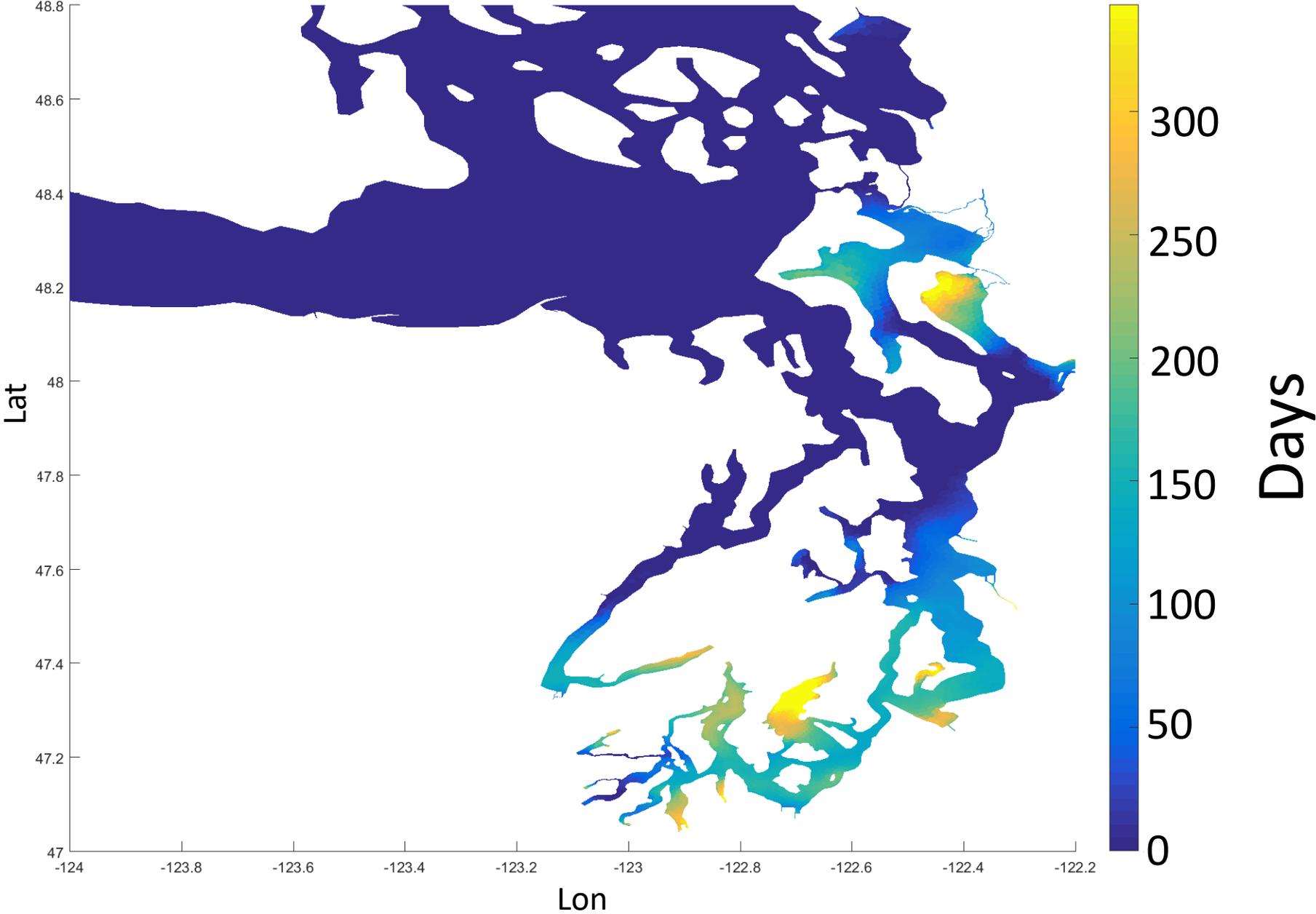
Fraction of May-Sep DIN, chlorophyll *a*, and non-algal organic C due to anthropogenic nutrient loads, surface 20 m



Cumulative days with DO less than 5 mg/l during 2006

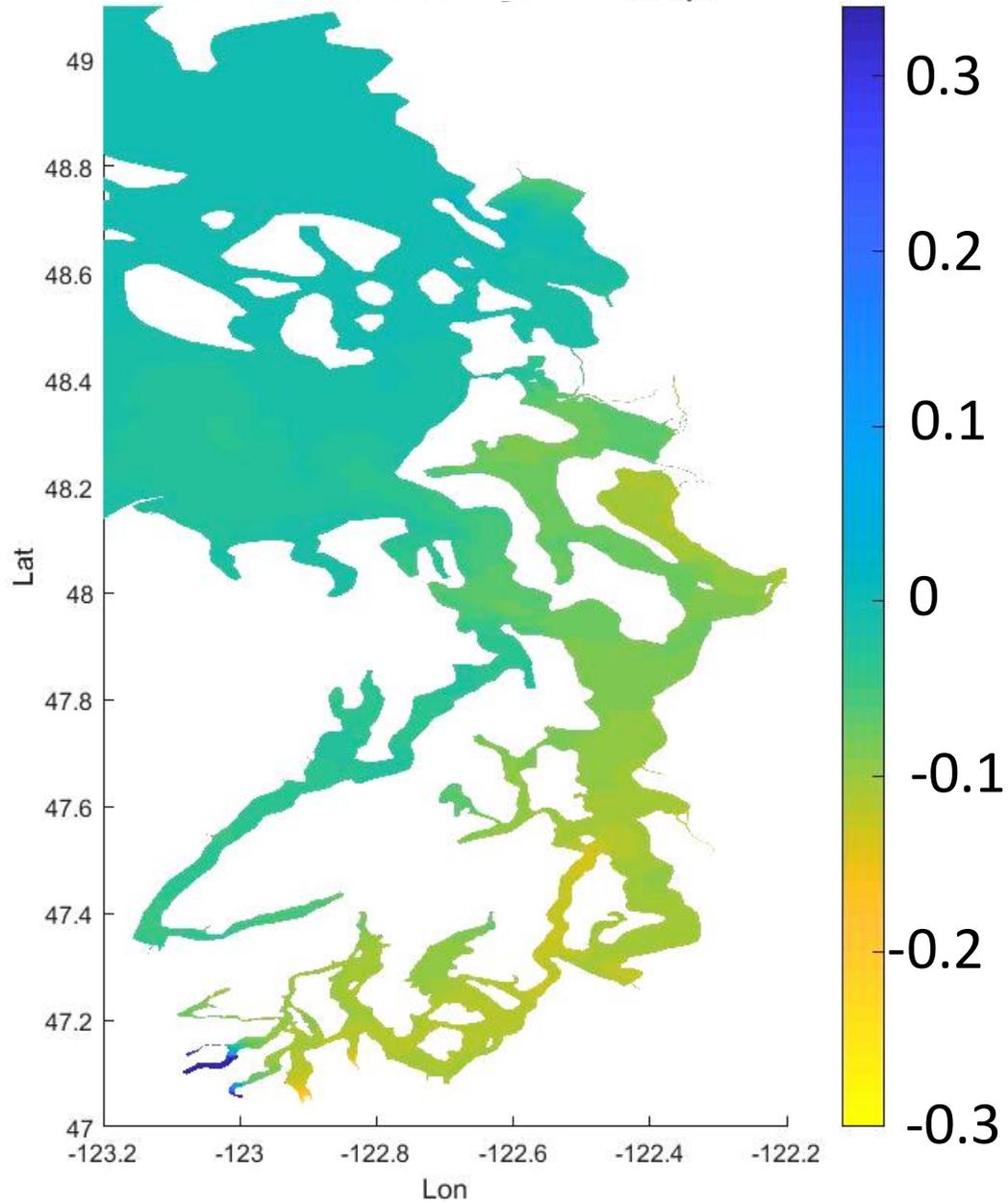


Cumulative days with DO depletion > 0.2 mg/l during 2006



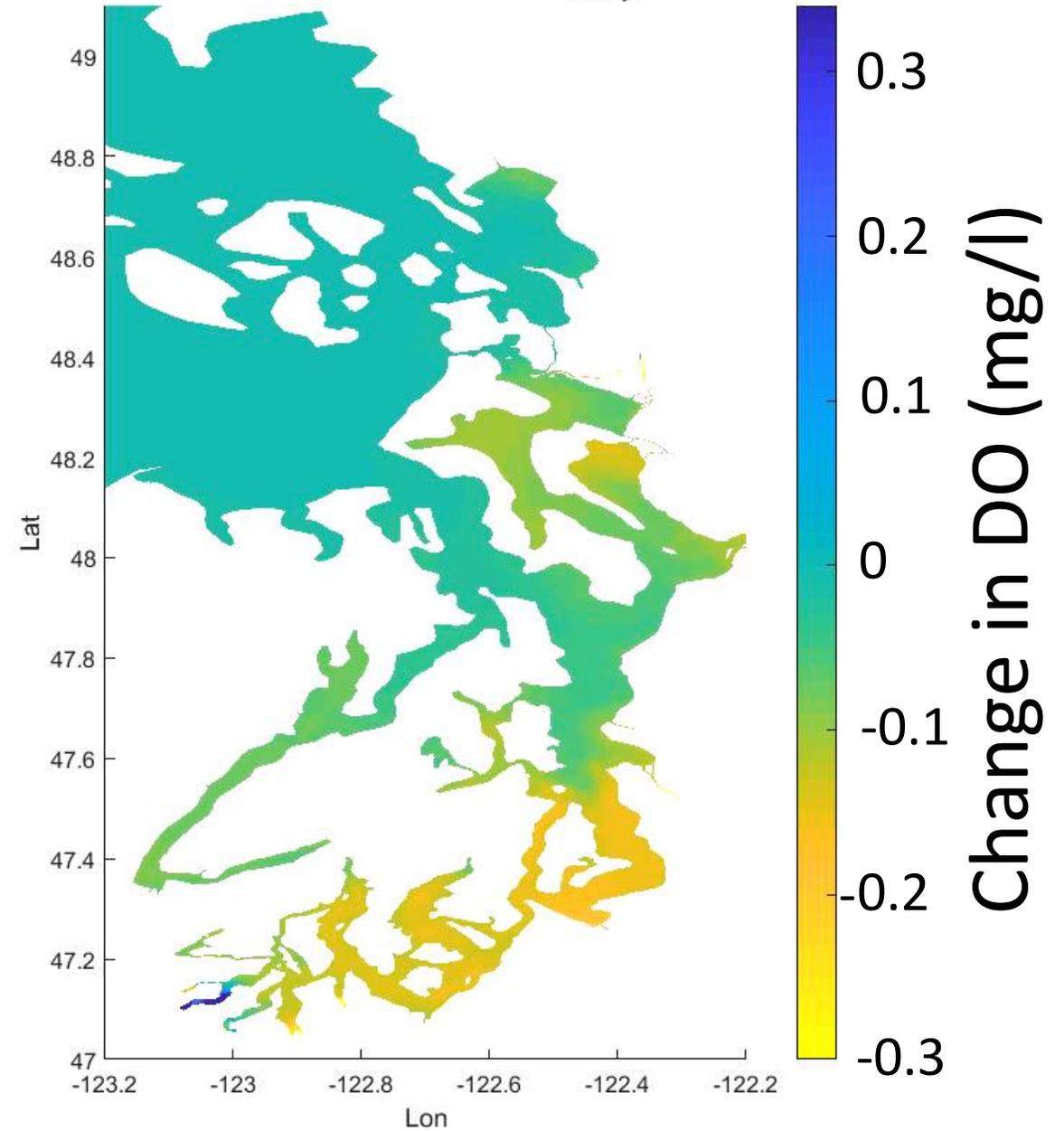
Surface 20 m

01-Apr



Bottom layer

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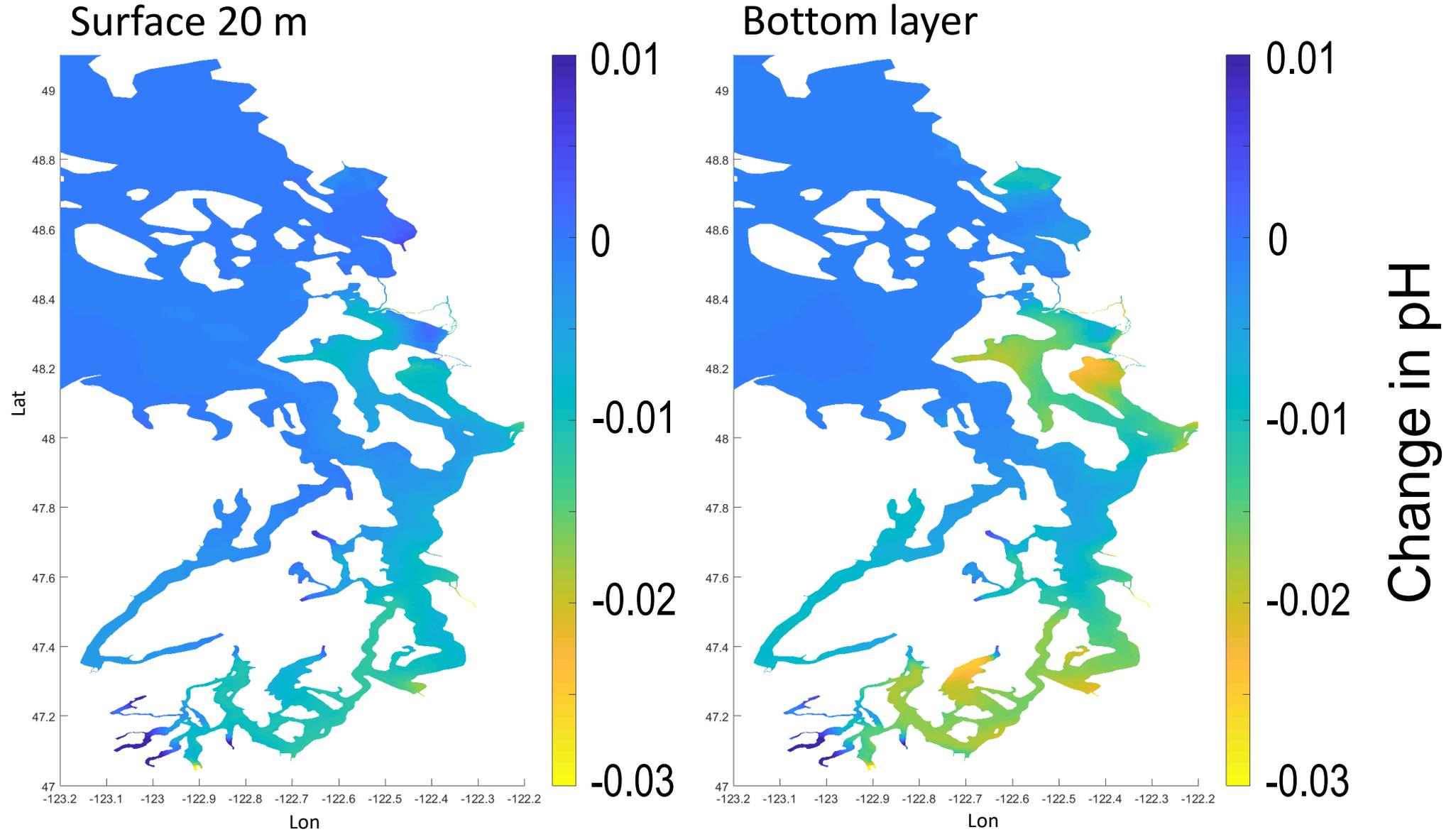


Change in DO (mg/l)

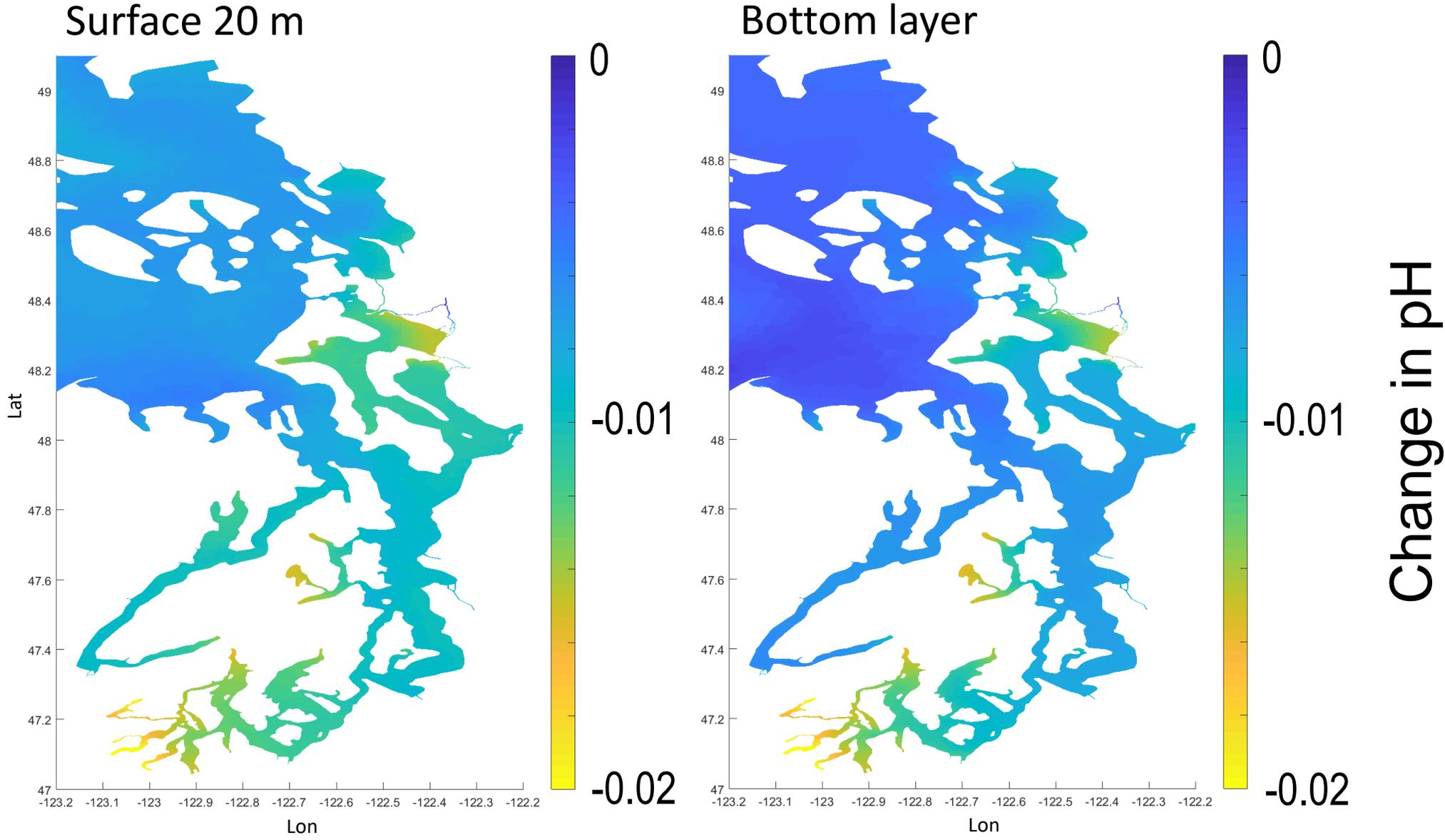
Changes in pH and Ω_{arag} due to anthropogenic sources

	Regional anthropogenic nutrient sources (this study)	Global anthropogenic sources (Feely et al. 2010)
	Range of monthly average differences between historical (2008) and estimated pre-industrial	Difference between cruise observations (February and August, 2008) and estimated pre-industrial
pH (surface 20 m)	-0.07 to 0.06	-0.11 to 0.03
pH (bottom)	-0.10 to 0.05	-0.06 to 0.00
Ω_{arag} (surface 20 m)	-0.06 to 0.19	-0.33 to -0.09
Ω_{arag} (bottom)	-0.12 to 0.17	-0.16 to -0.02

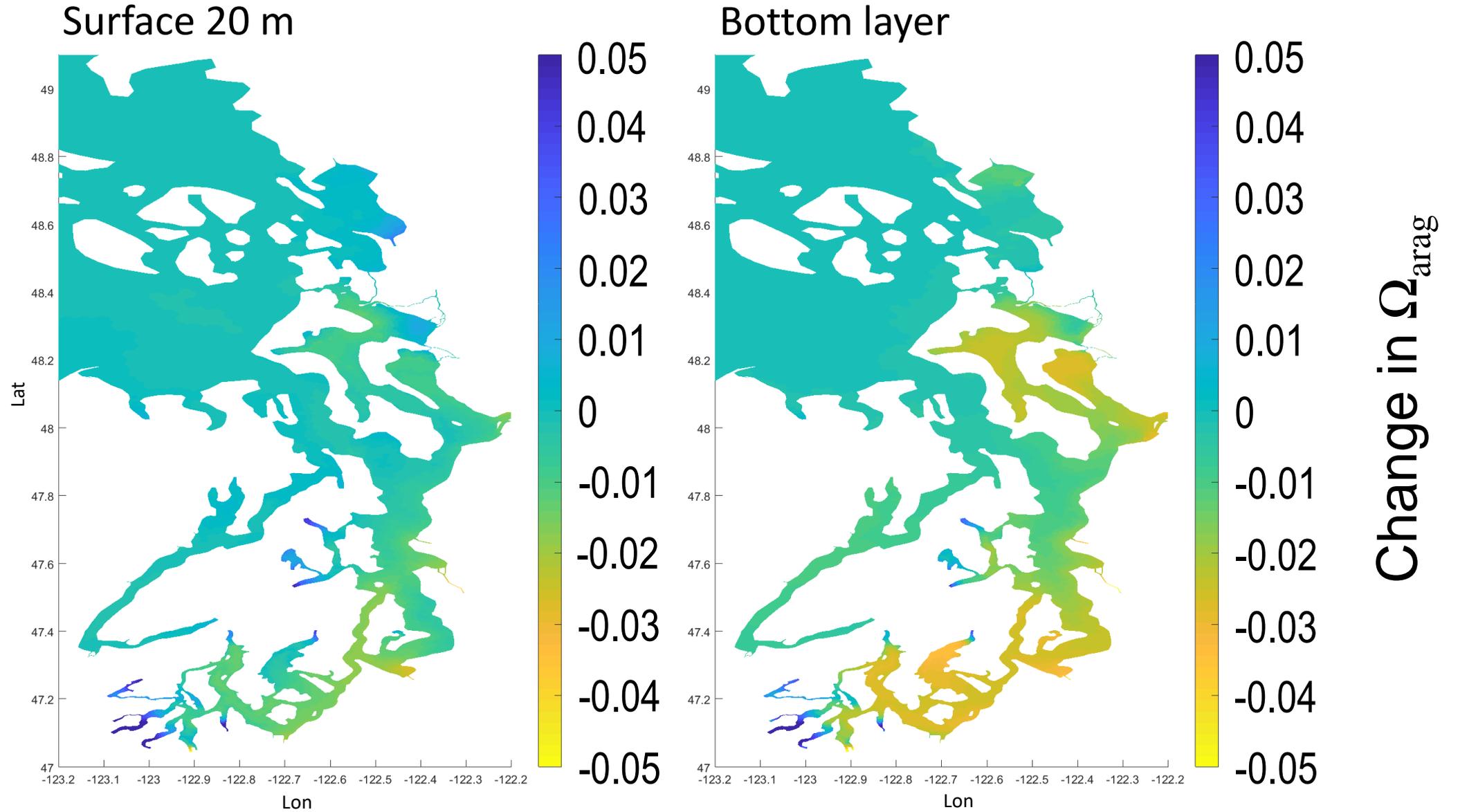
Annual average change in pH due to regional anthropogenic nutrient sources



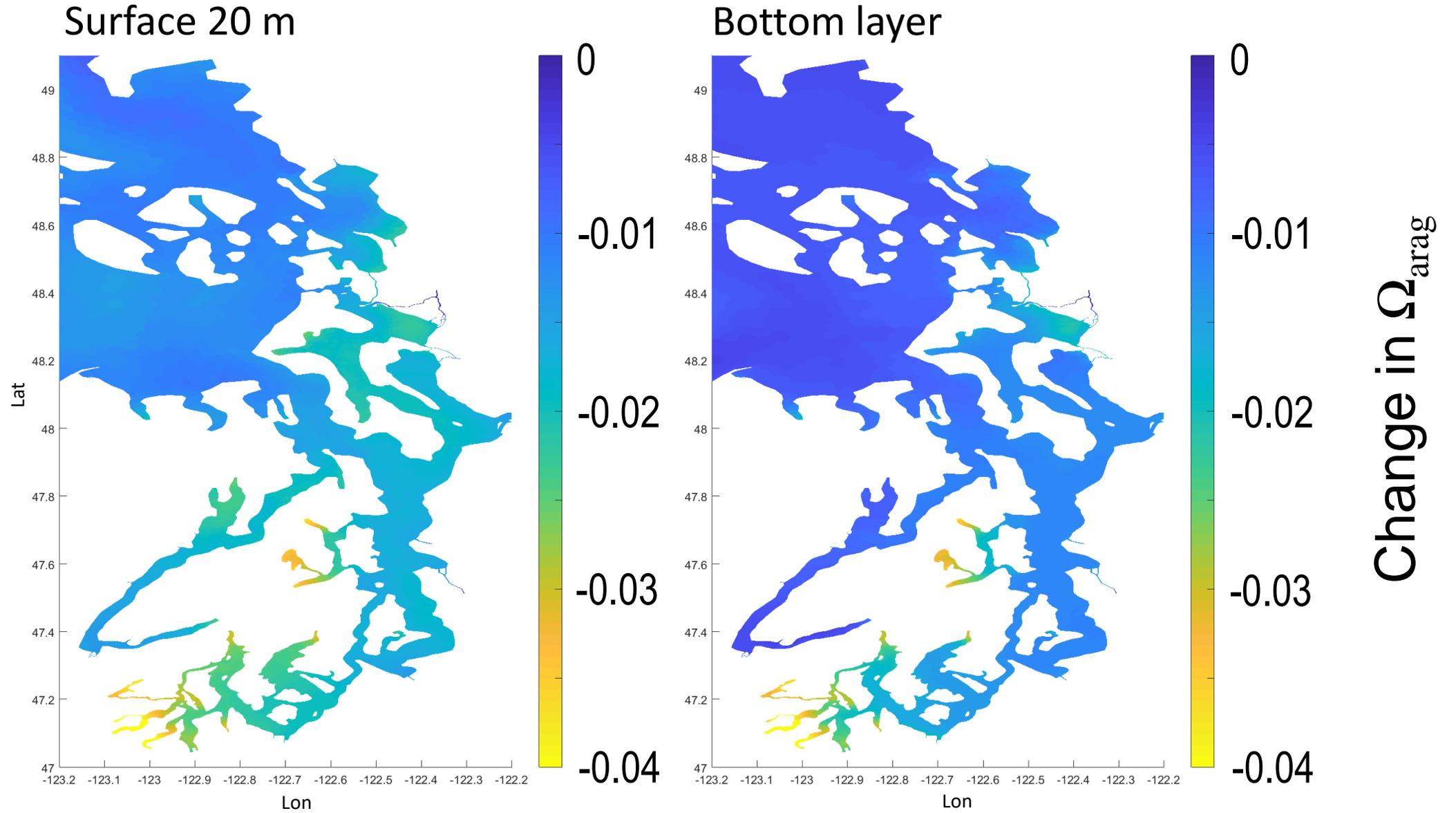
Change in pH due to regional atmospheric CO₂ increase from 400 to 450 ppm

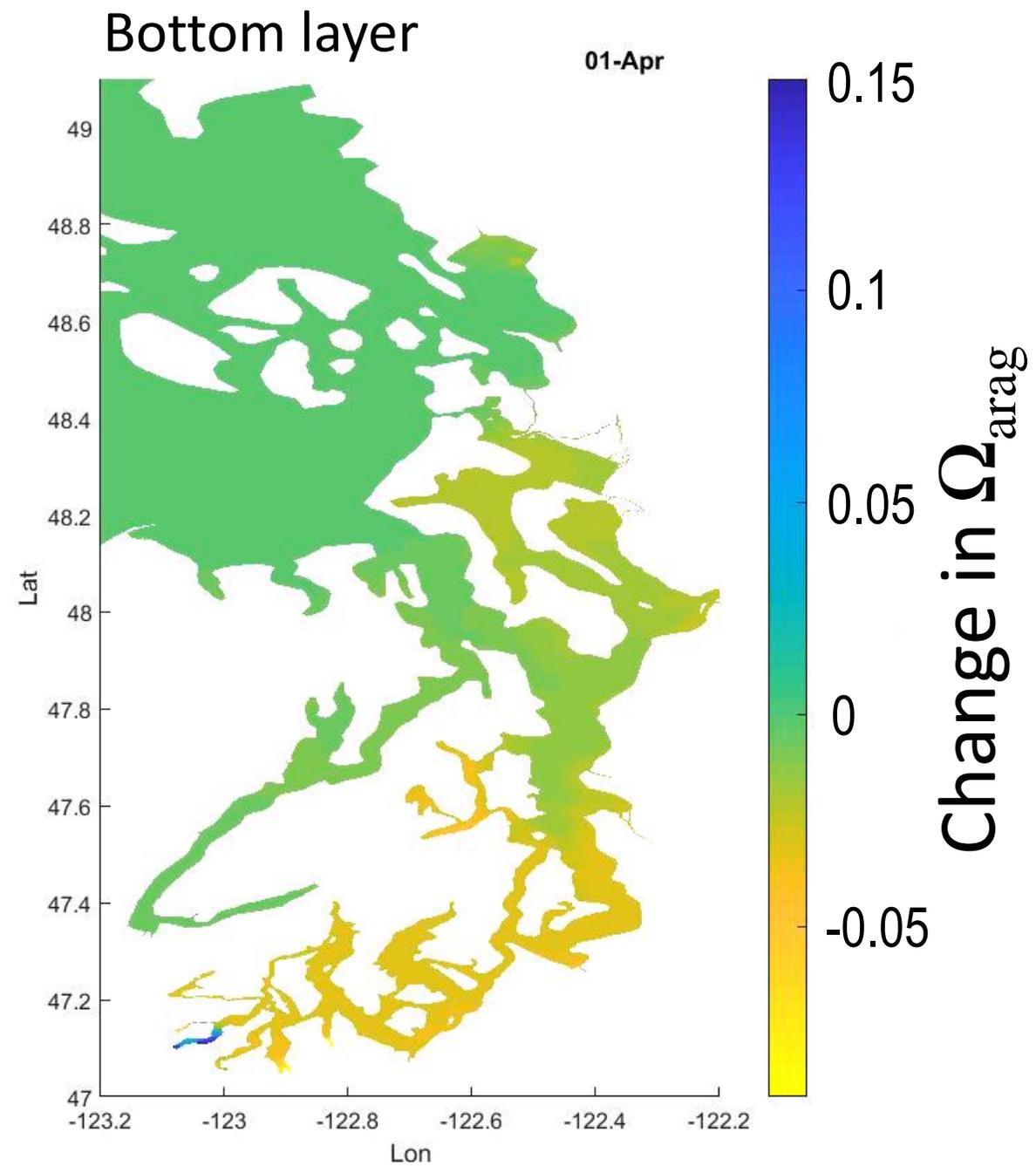
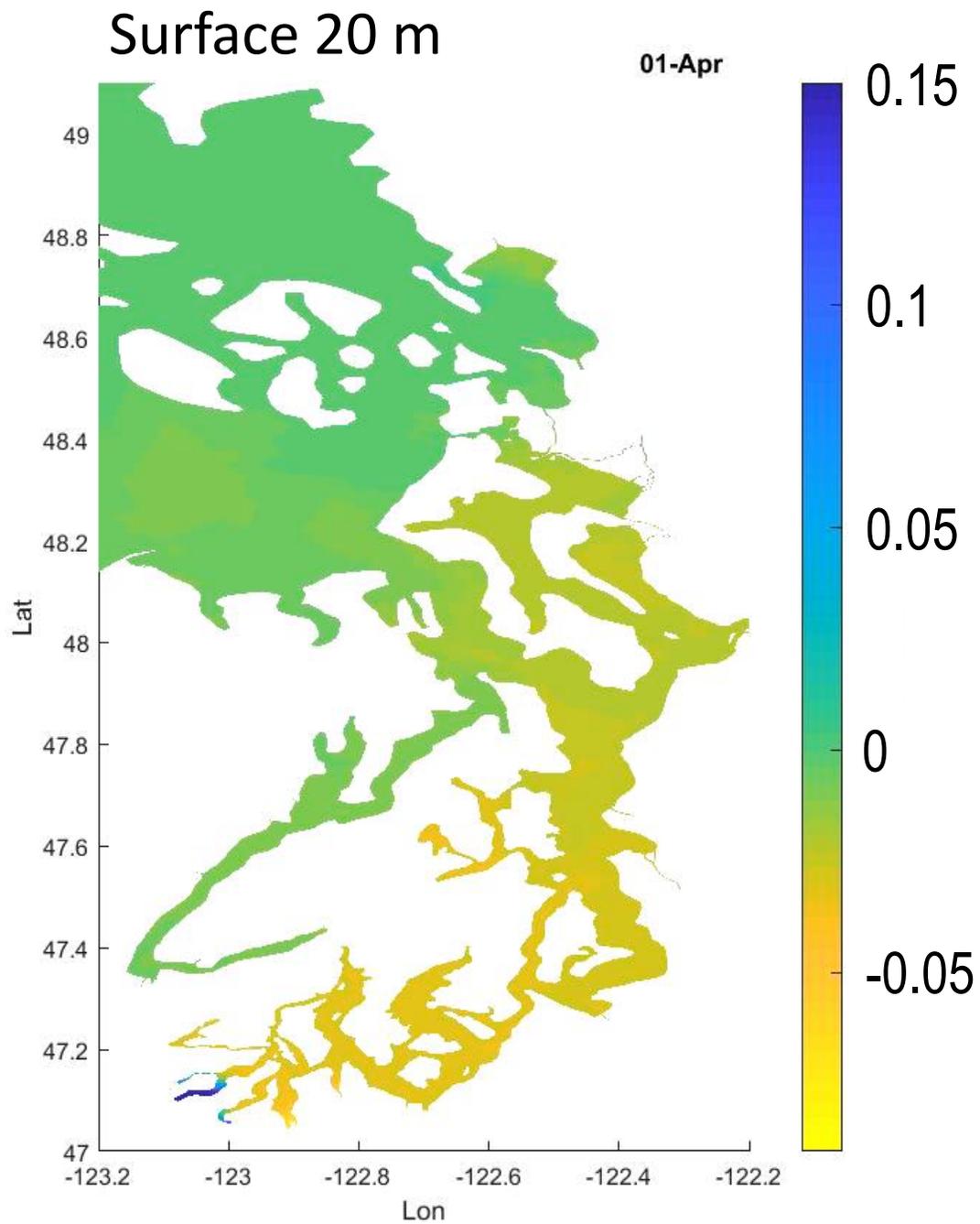


Annual average change in Ω_{arag} due to regional anthropogenic nutrient sources



Change in Ω_{arag} due to regional atmospheric CO₂ increase from 400 to 450 ppm





Conclusions

- Regional anthropogenic nutrient sources significantly deplete DO
- Regional anthropogenic nutrient sources significantly decrease pH and Ω_{arag} , especially in the deep layer
- pH and Ω_{arag} are sensitive to expected increases in local atmospheric CO₂, especially in the surface 20 m



Salish Sea Model

Next Steps:

Updated reference conditions

Organic N, carbon (before it was only DIN) . May update again after further review/analysis

Refining nutrient loading inputs for refined model grid – finer delineations

Scenario Runs

Reference condition & future scenarios to be run on expanded, refined grid

Model Improvements

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