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# Annex IV Environmental Research Webinar Series

# Recent Research of Interest to the MRE Industry





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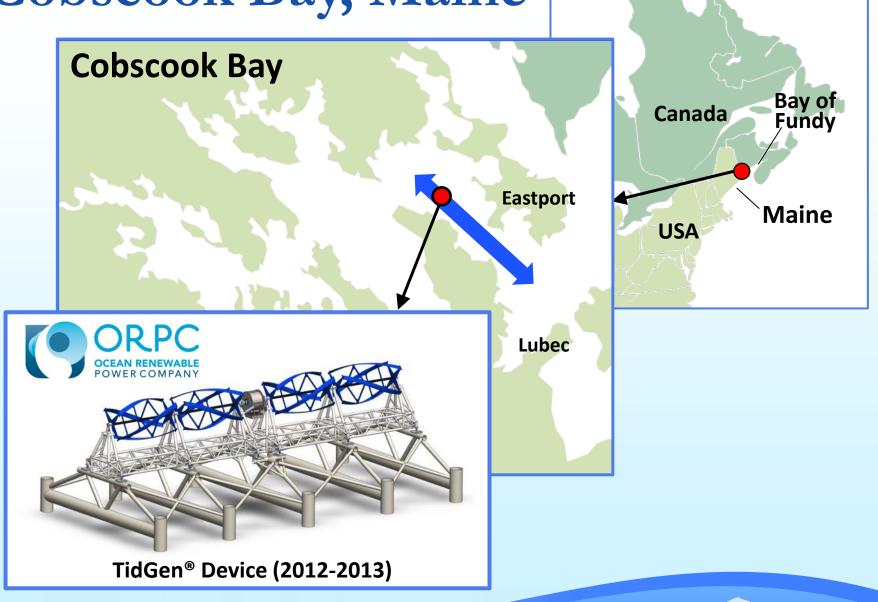


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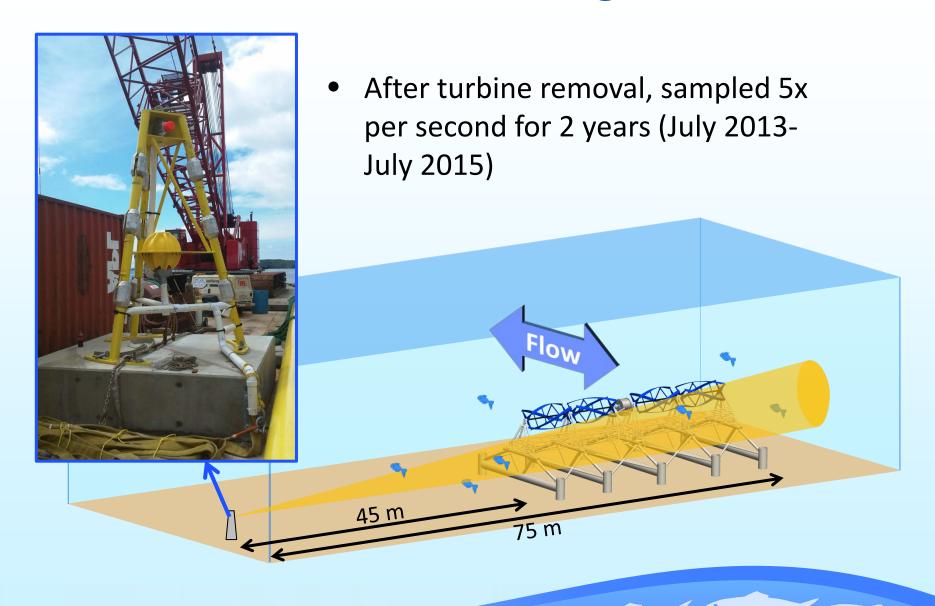
#### **Haley Viehman**

Post doc at Acadia University (Dr. Anna Redden) **Presenting PhD work from the University of Maine** (Advisor: Dr. Gayle Zydlewski)

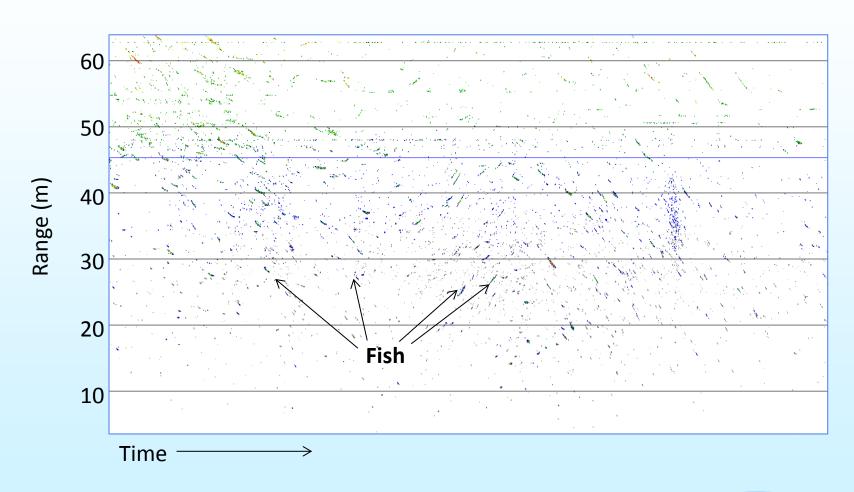
## Cobscook Bay, Maine



#### Bottom-mounted, side-looking echosounder



#### Hydroacoustic data



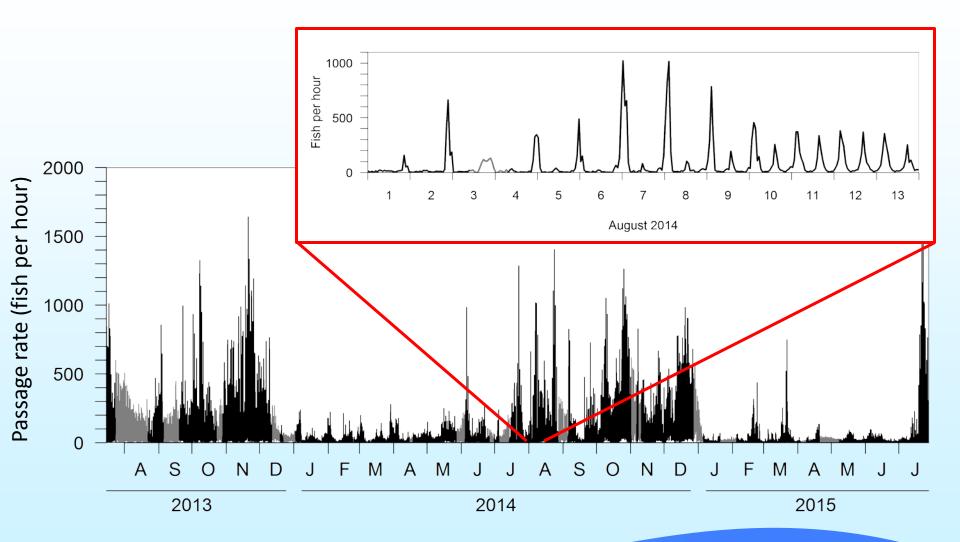


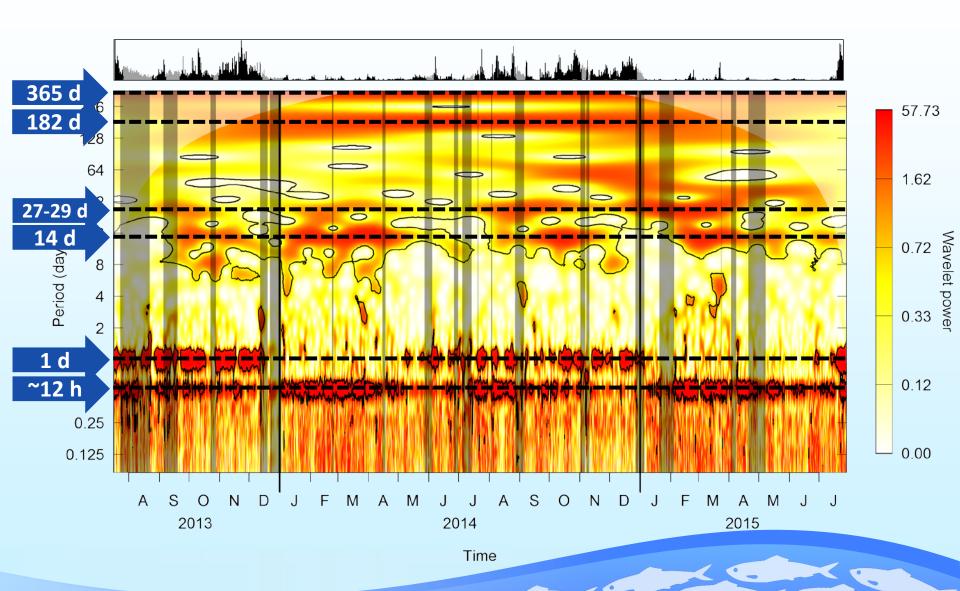
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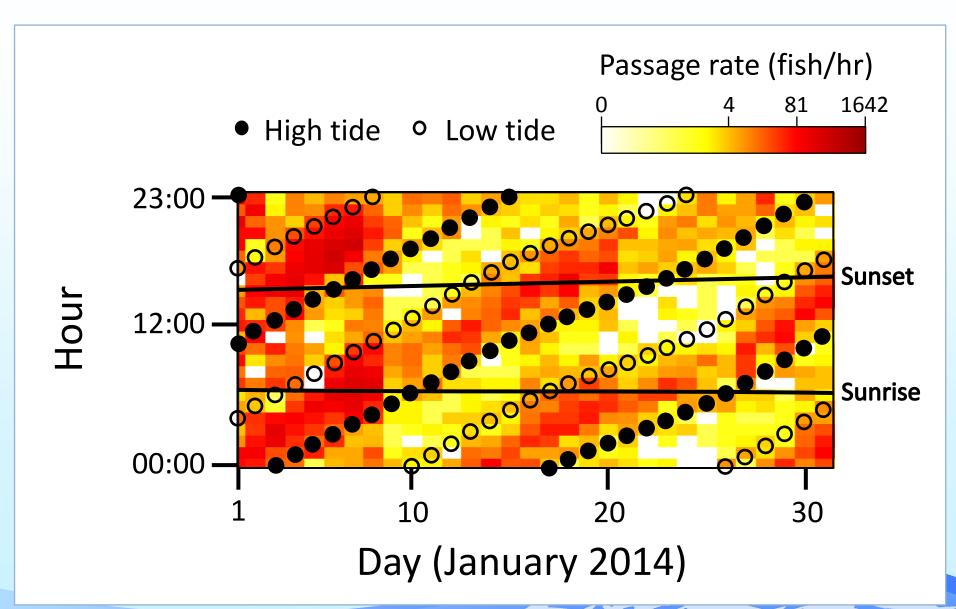
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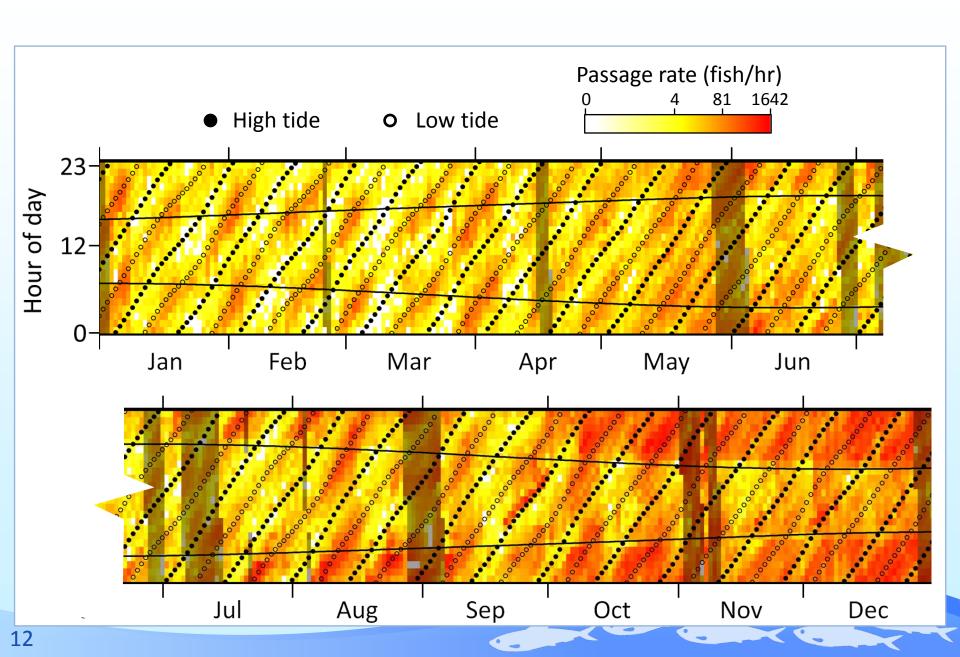
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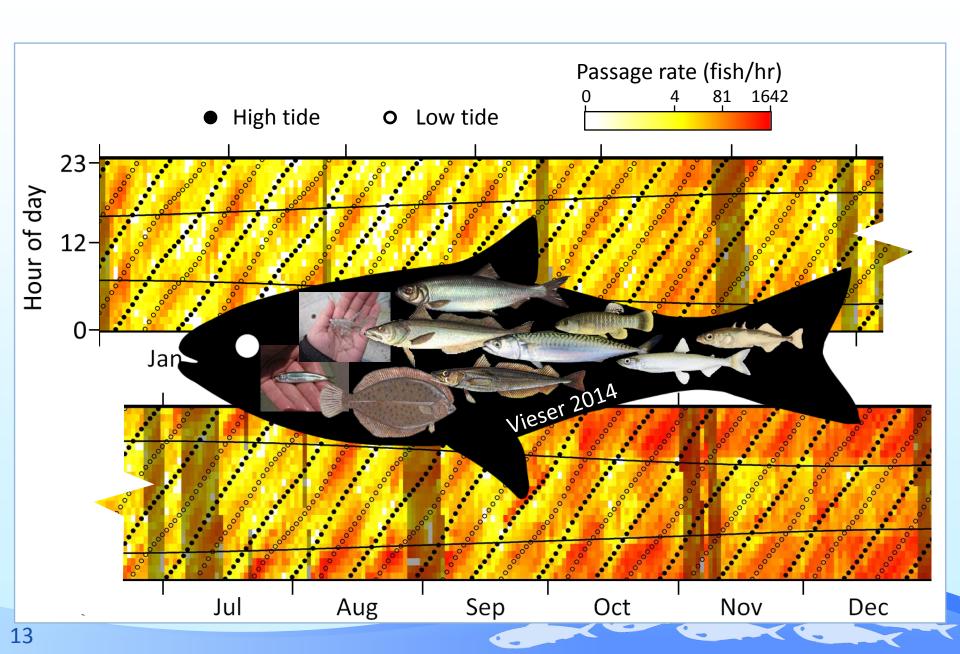


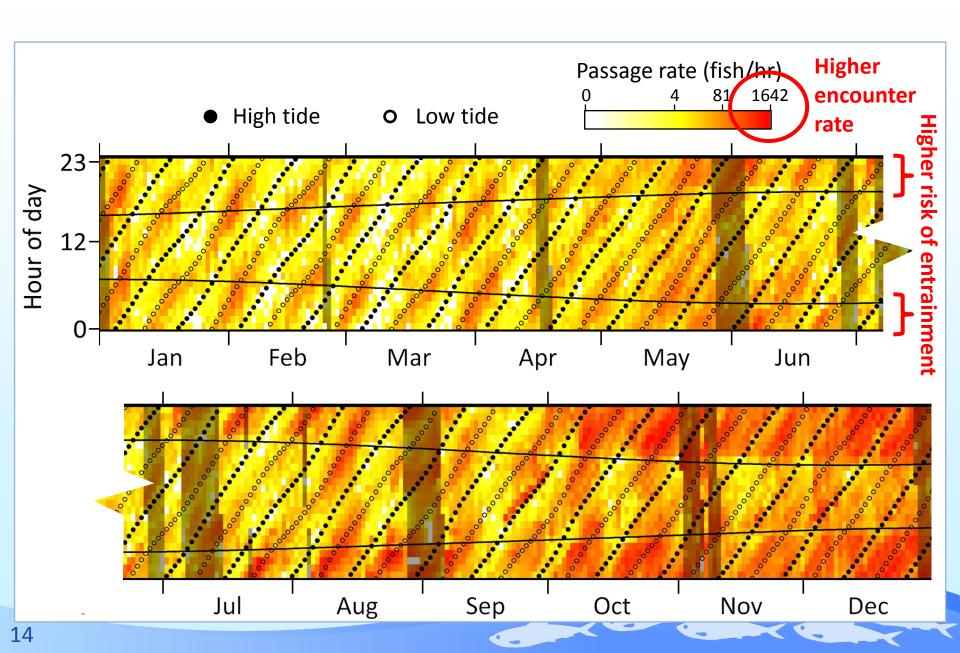












#### **Summary**

- Passage rate (encounter rate) varies greatly over time, and is related to interacting environmental cycles
- Presence not linked to current speed
  - Contrasts other sites (e.g. Broadhurst et al. 2014)
- Sampling time could greatly affect observations
- To observe fish interactions, target times of high passage rate



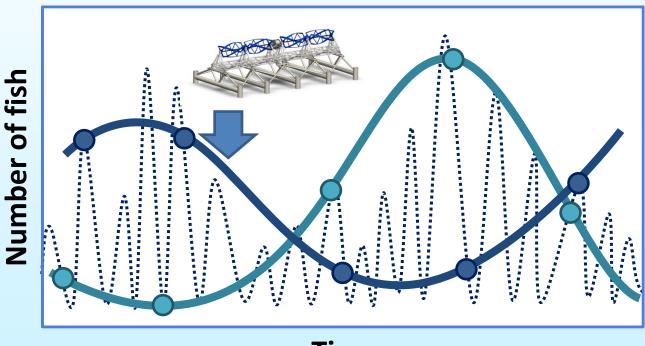
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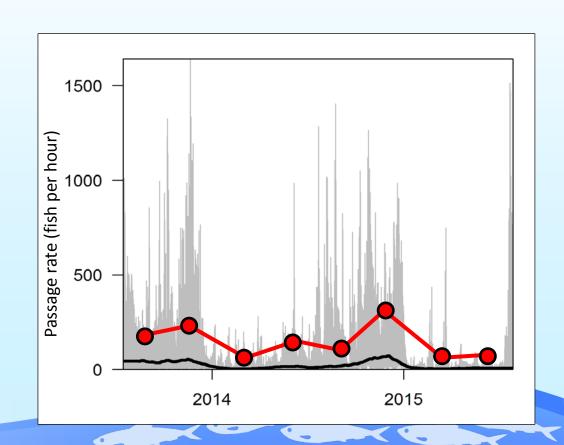


- Ideally, sample continuously for a long time.
- Realistically, sample intermittently.

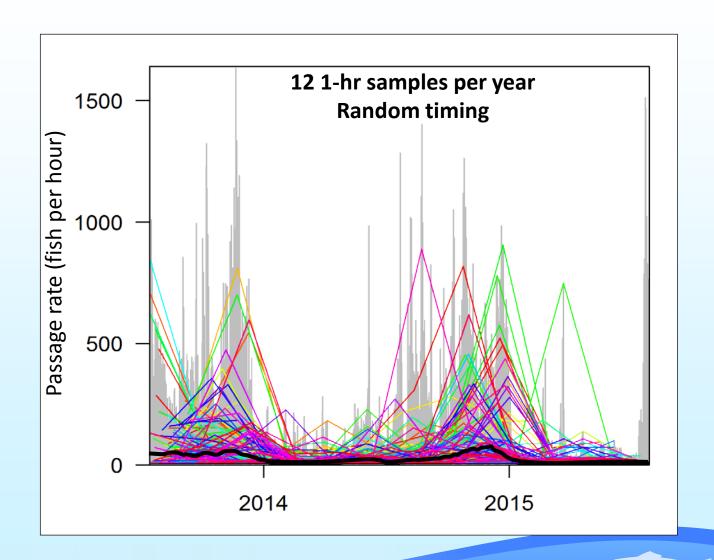


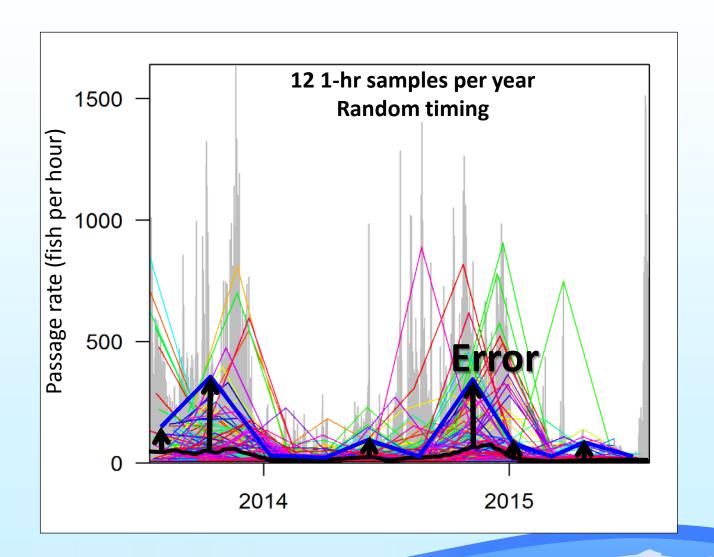
# Can the underlying patterns be used to design an accurate *and* economic study?

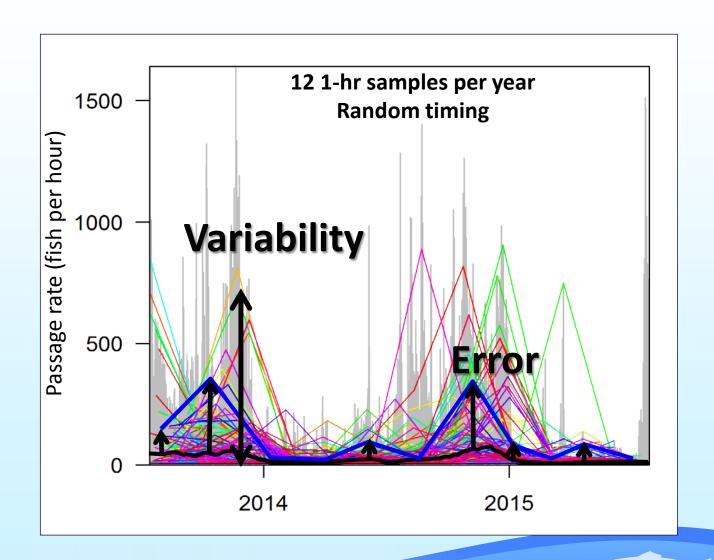
- Goal: Use discrete samples to capture seasonal pattern in fish presence
- Subsample the time series to simulate different study designs

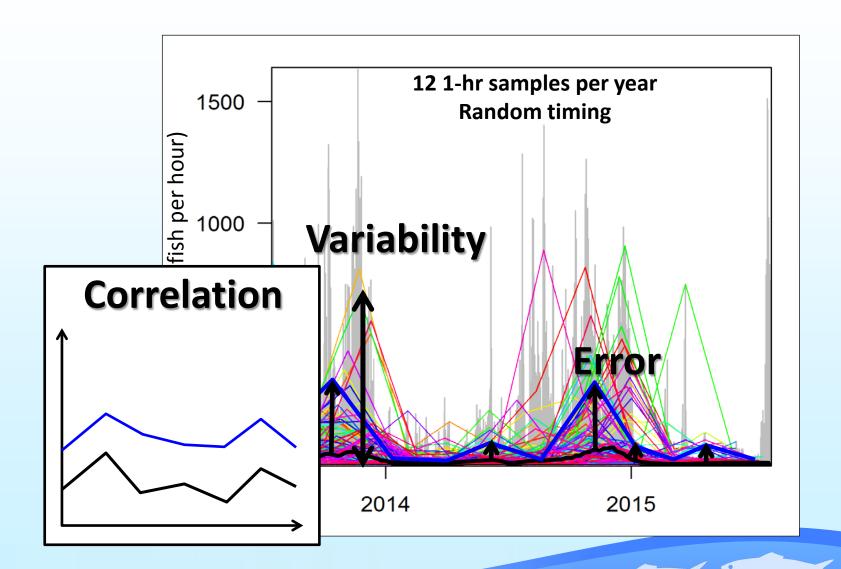


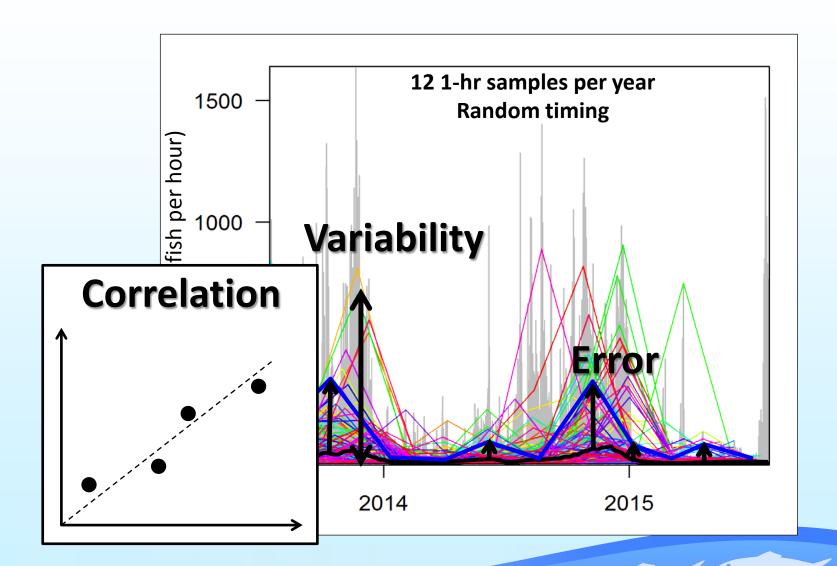
- Sample duration: 1-, 12-, 24-hr samples
- Sample frequency: 3 to 12 times per year
- Sample **timing**:
  - Random
  - Informed: cyclic environmental factors held constant
    - 1 hr: tidal, diel, lunar cycles
    - 12 hr: diel, lunar cycles
    - 24 hr: lunar cycle
- 500 iterations of each study design

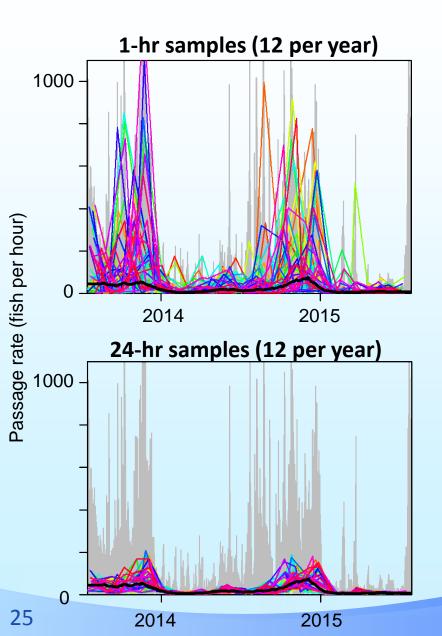


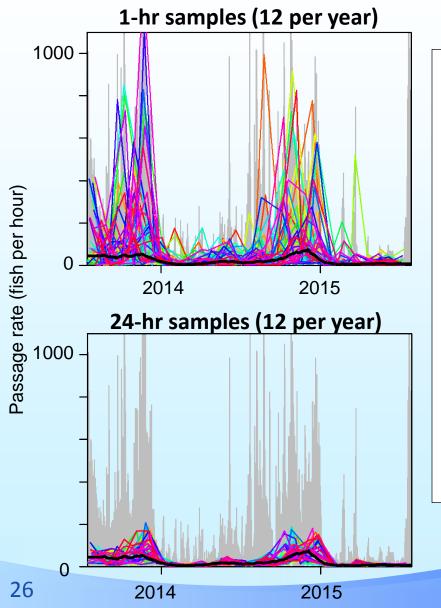


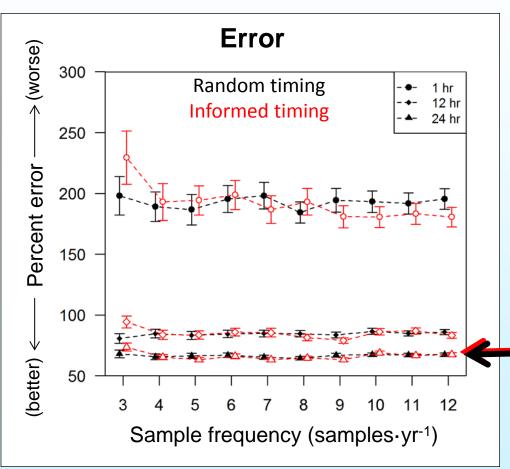


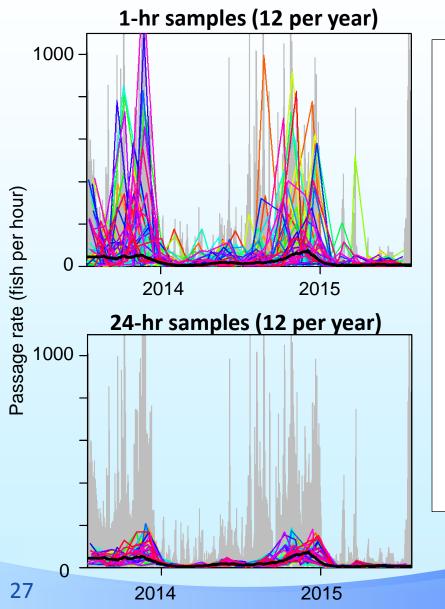


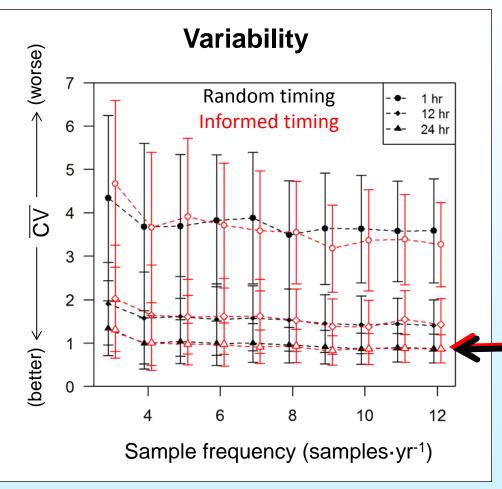


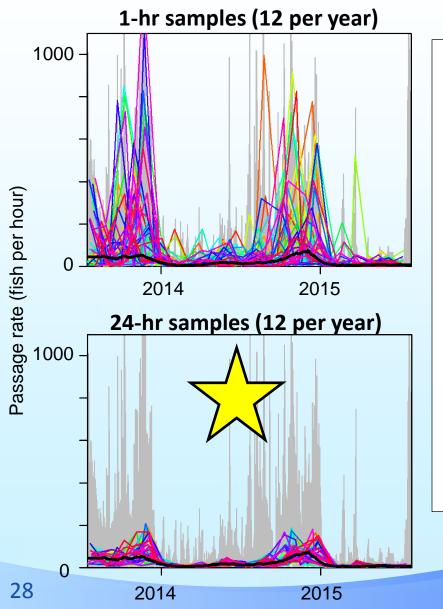


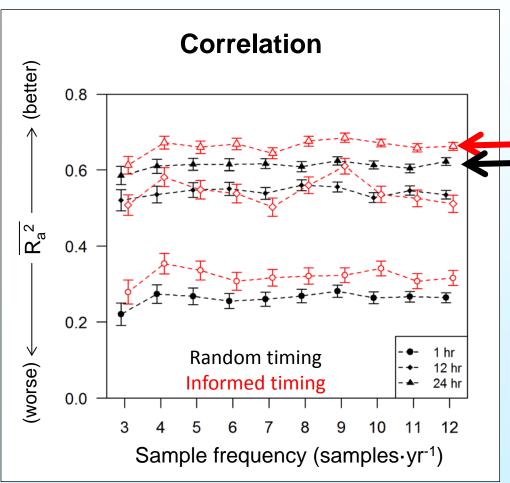




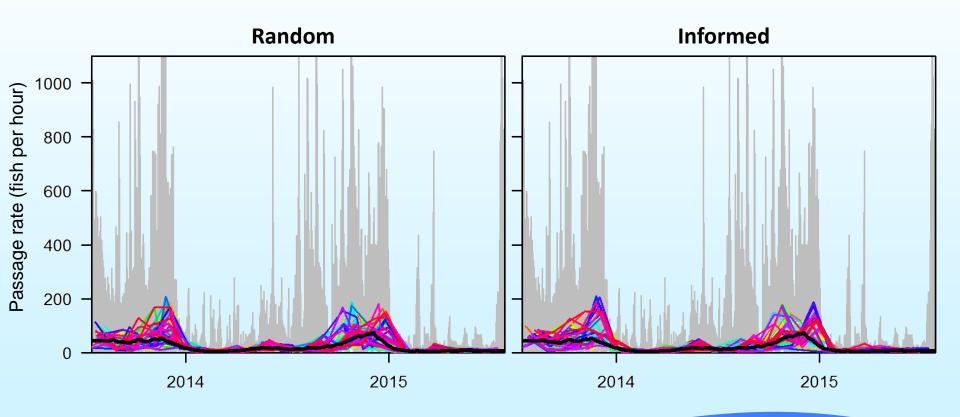




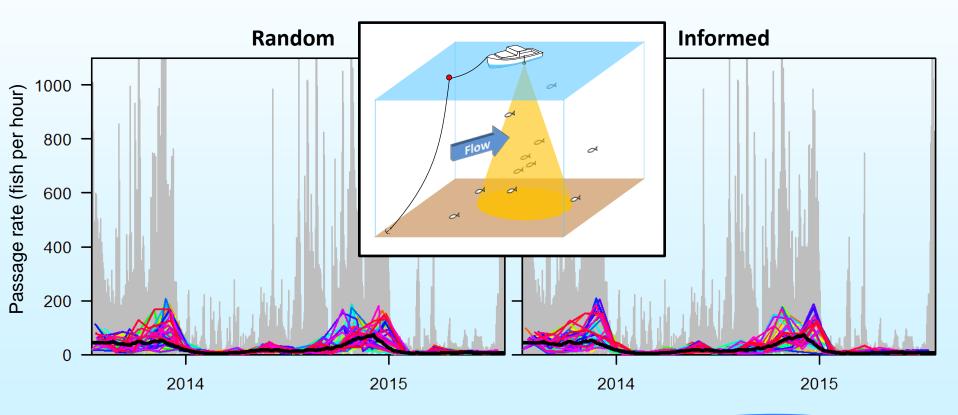




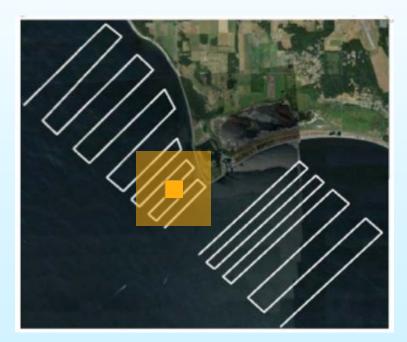
#### 24-hr samples



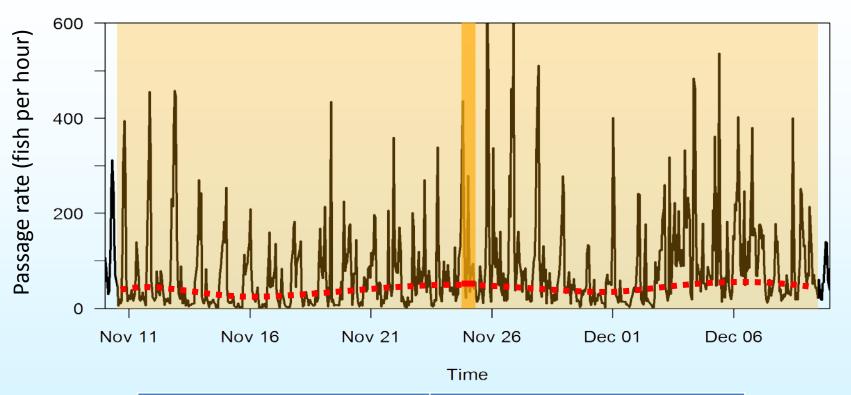




How much time is represented by one sample?



Jacques and Horne 2014



Sample duration	Time represented
1 hr	72 hr
12 hr	29 days
24 hr	44 days

#### **Summary**

- Cyclic nature of fish presence can be used in study design to improve results
- 24-hr surveys, timed with lunar cycle, provided best estimate of seasonal changes at this site
- Longer surveys are representative of longer time spans
- Approach likely applicable to other tidal energy sites, which have similar environmental forcing



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  - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
    - EMF Environmental Effects & Risk







#### **EMF Environmental Effects & Risk**

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#### Moving Electricity from Offshore to Onshore is a Common Global Technology



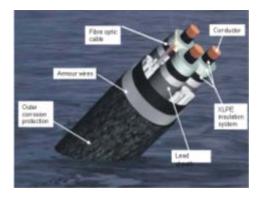


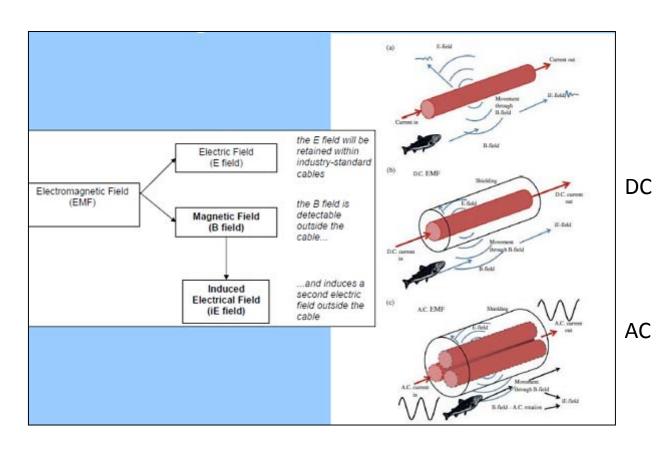
#### **Defining Electromagnetic Fields for AC and DC Power Cables**

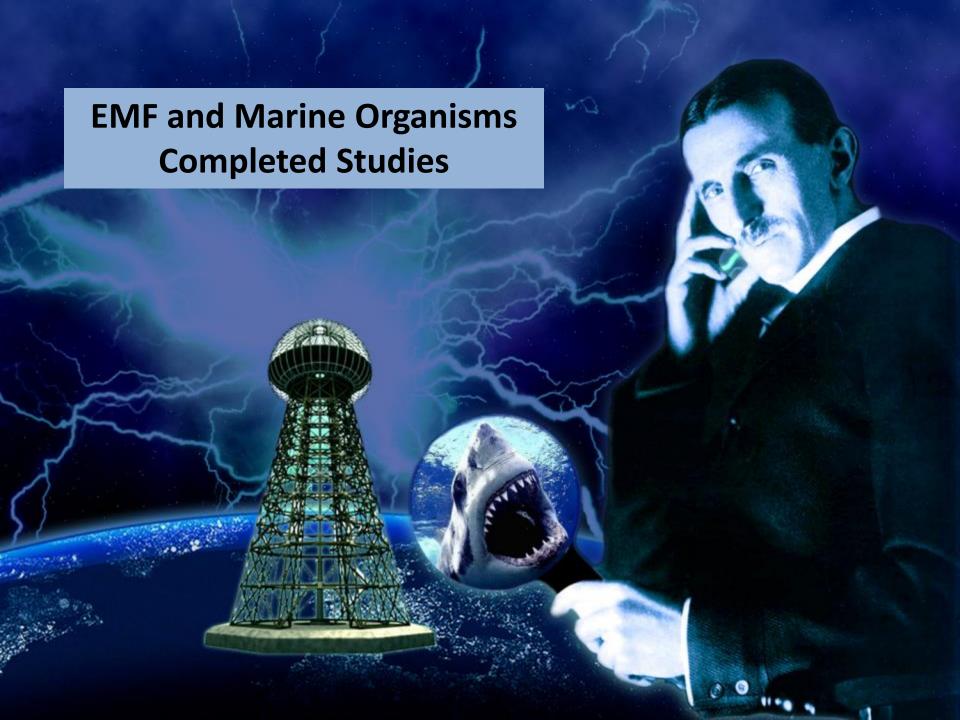
#### DC Cable



#### **AC Cable**









#### Some Completed Studies Related to EMF

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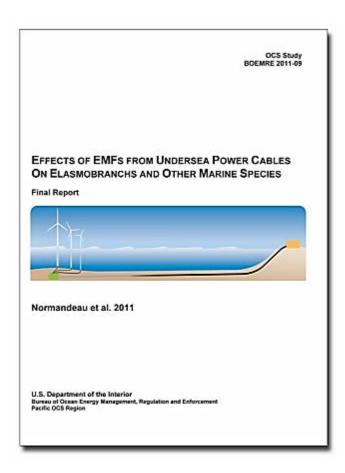
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- Annex IV State of the Science <a href="http://tethys.pnnl.gov/publications/state-of-the-science-2016">http://tethys.pnnl.gov/publications/state-of-the-science-2016</a>



# **Effects of EMFs from Undersea Power Cables on Elasmobranchs and Other Marine Species**

What does the literature say about EMF? Can the anticipated EMF fit a model?



#### Objectives:

- Describe and quantify predicted EMF from power cables connected to offshore renewable energy projects.
- Compile information on sensitive marine species that have the potential for exposure effects.
- Understand sensitive marine species and the potential effects of exposure to EMF from offshore power cables.

Normandeau et al. 2011



#### **Some Findings from Literature Study**

- Anticipated EMFs from power cables can be modeled easily <u>if</u> specific information is available:
  - Cable design
  - Anticipated burial depth and layout
  - Magnetic permeability of the sheathing
  - Anticipated electrical loading range
- Pehavioral responses to and some effects from electro- or magnetic fields are known for a few species; extrapolation to many other species or to population impacts is speculative.









#### **Effects of Electromagnetic Fields on Fish and Invertebrates**

What do laboratory experiments say?



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- Perform experiments under tightly controlled conditions in the laboratory.

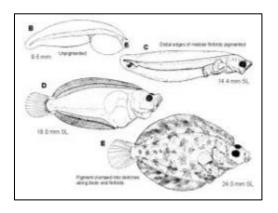
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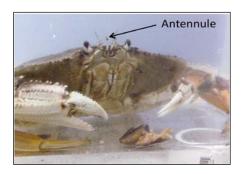


#### Some Findings from the Laboratory Studies

- Little evidence to indicate distinct or extreme behavioral responses in the presence of elevated EMF at 3 mT (3000  $\mu$ T) for the species tested.
- Several developmental and physiological responses were observed in the fish exposures, although most were not statistically significant.
- Several movement and activity responses were observed in the crab experiments.
- There may be possible developmental and behavioral responses to even small environmental effects; however, further replication is needed in the laboratory as well as field verification.









# EMF-Sensitive Fish Response to EM Emissions from Subsea Electricity Cables of the Type Used by the Offshore Renewable Energy Industry

What does a mesocosm study say?



March 2009

#### COWRIE 2.0 Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) Phase 2

EMF-sensitive fish response to EM emissions from subsea electricity cables of the type used by the offshore renewable energy industry

> Contract No.: COWRIE-EMF-1-06 Ref: EP-2054-ABG

#### COWRIE 2.0 EMF Final Report

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COWRIE 2.0 Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) Phase 2 was a collaborative project between Cranfield University, Centre for Fisheries, Environment and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), CIMS Centre for Intelligent Monitoring systems, University of Liverpool & Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies Ltd.

#### Objectives:

Determine response of electromagnetically sensitive organisms to anthropogenic EMF.

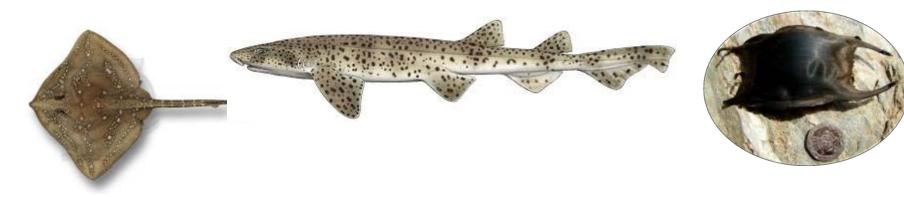
- Test if electromagnetically (EM) sensitive organisms respond to anthropogenic EMFs expected from offshore wind farms.
- Conduct the study under *in situ* controlled coastal conditions to improve its applicability to the actual offshore situation.
- Create a mesocosm experiment to mimic the EMF type and magnitude generated by offshore wind farms.

Gill et al. 2009



#### **Some Findings from Mesocosm Study**

- There is no evidence from the study to suggest any positive or negative effect on elasmobranchs from the encountered EMF.
- The benthic elasmobranchs species did respond to the presence of EMF emitted by the sub-sea cable.
- Target monitoring would be considerably cheaper than a catch-all comprehensive fishery survey to determine changes in numbers, demographics of populations, and recruitment.
- The use of large-scale mesocosms (40m x 5m) with replicate studies and the inclusion of a control are a feasible way of understanding environmental effects at a scale appropriate to the marine renewable energy sector.





# Sub-sea Power Cables and the Migration Behaviour of the European Eel

What does a migration study say?





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KEYWORDS: Baltic Sea, cables, electromagnetic fields, negration, telemetry

#### Introduction

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#### Objectives:

- Investigate if the effects of 130 kV AC fields on fish behaviour could be demonstrated.
- Use acoustic tags and a receiver array to study the effect of a sub-sea AC cable on fish migration.
- Investigate possible effects of low-frequency EMF from AC cables on eel migration behaviour.

Westerberg and Lagenfelt 2008



#### Some Findings from the Eel Migration Study

- Eels swam slower crossing an unburied 130 kV AC cable during migration and slower speed was related to EMF.
- The effect of the cable on eels was small.
- There was no evidence that the cable was an obstruction to eel migration.
- The experimental technique using sonic tags in an array with fixed receivers is able to detect even small environmental effects.

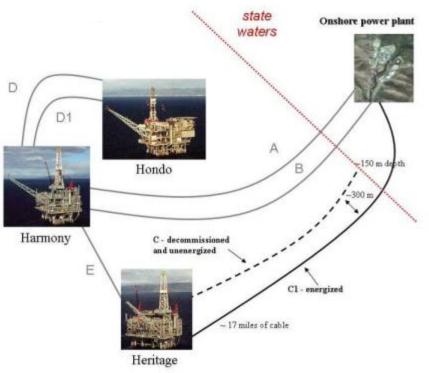






#### Renewable Energy in situ Power Cable Observation

What does an observational study say?



#### of EMF along both energized and unenergized cables.

Objectives:

Determine attraction/repulsion of fish and macroinvertebrates to the EMF from the power cables.

Measure the strength, spatial extent, and variability

Determine the effectiveness of the commonly proposed mitigation of cable burial.

Identical 35 kV AC power cables carrying a usual load of 17 to 18 MW and occasionally as high as 26 MW

Love et al. 2016



#### Some Findings from in situ Study

- No response (attraction/repulsion) from fish or macroinvertebrates to EMF from a 35 kV AC *in situ* power transmission cable.
- At a usual electricity load of 17 to 18 MW, and occasionally as high as 26 MW, the mean value EMF was 109-120  $\mu$ T (~0.11 0.12 mT) directly on the 35 kV energized cable.
- Carrying no electricity load, the mean value EMF was 0.5 μT directly on the unenergized cable, which is approaching background value.
- The scalar magnitude of the magnetic field diminishes to background levels at 1m from the energized cable.
- Actual EMF measured on and away from the cables closely fit the model results found in Normandeau 2011 EMF study.
- Apparent lack of response would indicate burial is not always essential for biological reasons; however, burial could be used as mitigation to further decrease potential exposure.



#### **2016 State of the Science Report**

Environmental Effects of Marine Renewable Energy Development Around the World What does a major literature update say about EMF?



#### Objectives:

- Summarize the state of the science of integrations and effects of marine renewable energy devices on the marine environment.
- Update and complement prior Annex IV reports.
- Present case studies that examine siting/permitting/consenting of marine renewables.

https://tethys.pnnl.gov/stressor/emf





# Some Ongoing Field Studies Testing EMF Effects at AC and DC Power Cables on the Seafloor

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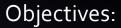
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  - http://www.boem.gov/EMF-Impacts-on-Elasmobranch-and-American-Lobster/
- Potential Impacts of Submarine Power Cables on Crab Harvest <a href="http://www.boem.gov/pc-14-02/">http://www.boem.gov/pc-14-02/</a>
- Assessment of Potential Impact of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) from Undersea Cable on Migratory Fish Behavior
  - http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/04/f14/CX-011385.pdf
- Characterization of EMF Emissions from Submarine Cables and Monitoring for Potential Responses of Marine Species
  - https://tethys.pnnl.gov/publications/characterization-emf-emissions-submarine-cables-and-monitoring-potential-responses

#### Electromagnetic Field Impacts on Elasmobranch and American Lobster Movement and Migration from Direct Current Cables









Determine if animals sensitive to EMF will behave abnormally near a HVDC cable.

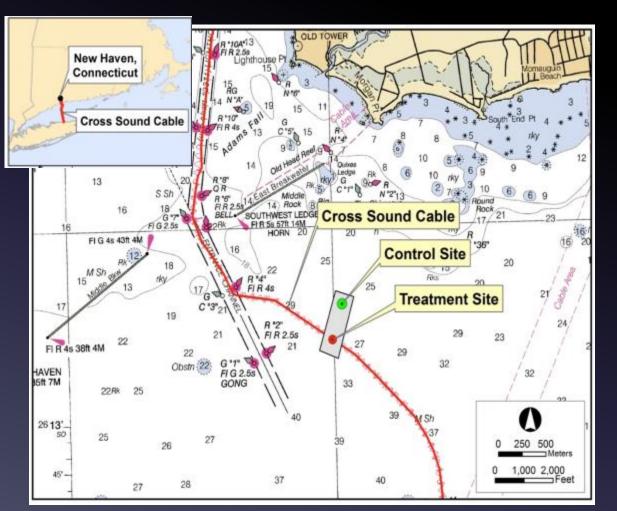
- Synthesize existing information that updates BOEM report 2011-09.
- Design and execute a field survey plan that will detect statistically significant, very small effects of EMF from HVDC cables on marine species of concern.
- Develop a model to predict EMF, compare the model predictions with field measurements, and evaluate whether the model can be extrapolated to future higher capacity cables.

#### Electromagnetic Field Impacts on Elasmobranch and American Lobster Movement and Migration from Direct Current Cables









- Map cable EMF with high resolution "SEMLA" sensor, consisting of 3-axis electrode and fluxgate magnetometer.
- Situate submerged animal enclosures at high EMF location and at a nearby control site.
- Release 5 animals (lobsters or skates) into enclosure; record animal movement using acoustic tags on organisms and a hydrophone-based telemetry system.

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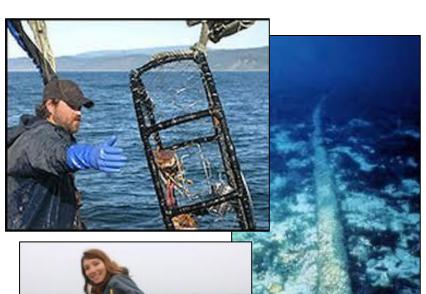
#### Deployment of Animal Enclosures and Electronics/Diving Platforms, August 2016

- Two enclosures: 1) "Treatment Site" on the Cross Sound Cable 2) "Control Site" (~ 360 meters from cable)
- Animal monitoring equipment housed on support platform moored at each location
- Divers assist with initial positioning of the submerged enclosure, and exchanging populations of test animals



#### **Potential Impacts of Submarine Power Cables on Crab Harvest**

Will EMF from a power cable affect commercial crab harvest?



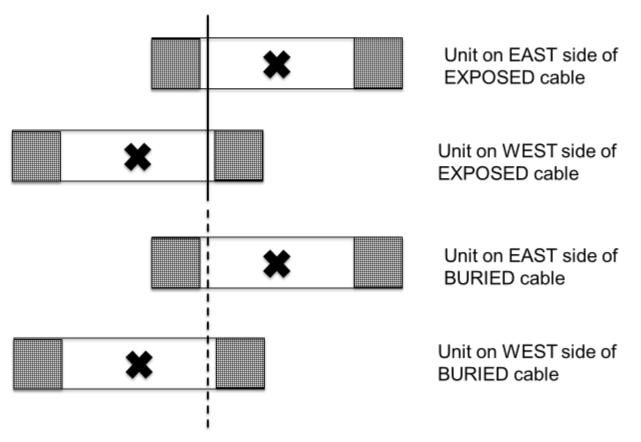
#### Objectives:

- Determine if rock crab and dungeness crab will cross a power cable and be caught in commercial baited traps.
- Expose rock crabs to 35 kV AC power cable with response choice in Santa Barbara Channel.
- Expose dungeness crabs to 69 kV AC power cables with response choice in Puget Sound.
- Determine likely impact on harvest for assessment documents and planning.



#### EXPERIMENTAL SET UP IN BOTH STUDY AREAS

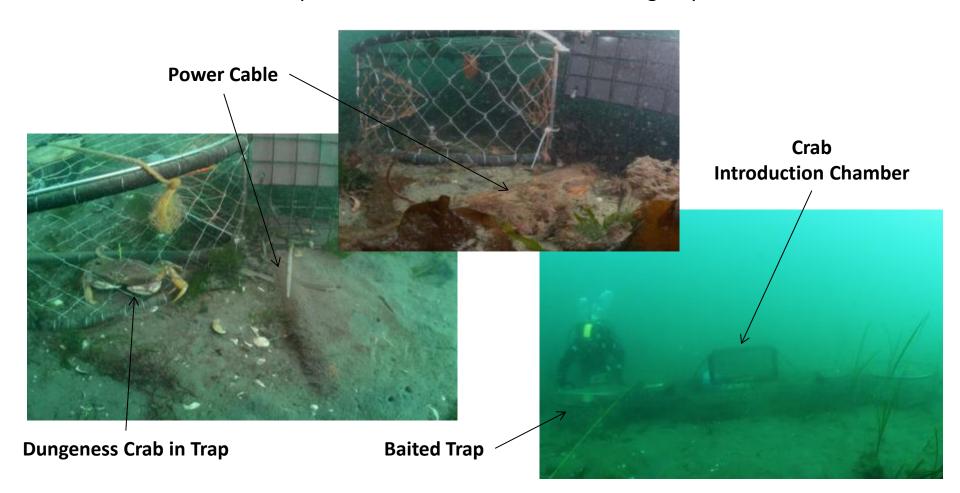
12 units, 3 replicates of each of 4 test conditions, were randomly placed along the cable





#### **Crab Experimental Design for Puget Sound**

Give crabs a choice to decide if they will cross an energized power cable in response to a baited commercial fishing trap





#### **Preliminary Findings from Crab Harvest Study**

Unpublished Results from Rock and Dungeness Crab Experiments

- Rock crabs will cross an unburied 35 kV AC power cable and Dungeness crabs will cross an unburied 69 kV AC power cable to enter baited commercial traps.
- Crabs tend to move into the current.
- Chemosensory response to bait in commercial traps is not impeded by energized power cables.







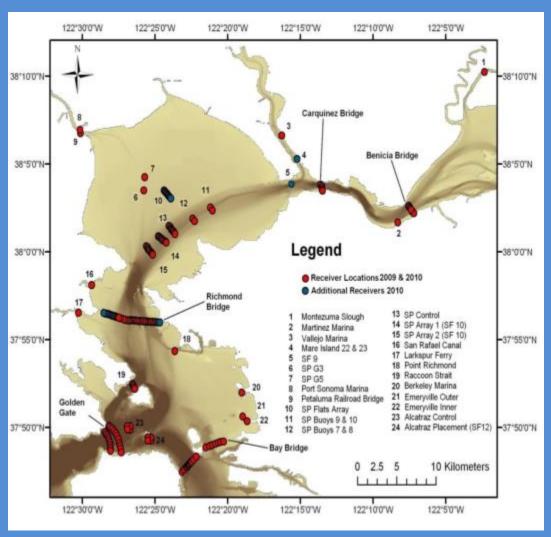
# Assessment of Potential Impact of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) from Undersea Cable on Migratory Fish Behavior



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### San Francisco Bay Perfect Site to Study EMF



- High voltage, direct current Trans Bay Cable runs from Pittsburg through Suisun and San Pablo Bays, crosses San Francisco Bay, to San Francisco
- It is either parallel or perpendicular to the migratory pathways of green and white sturgeon, salmon, and steelhead smolts.
- Their movements have been well described by placing coded beacons on them and detecting their passage with an array of monitors (see red circles in map).

#### Methods

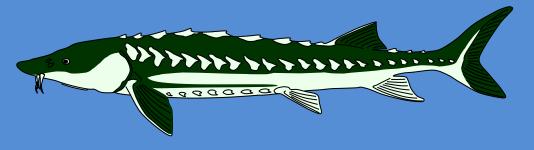
#### **Electronic Tags and Monitors**



 Late-fall run Chinook smolts (top), and green sturgeon (bottom) with electronic tags were released before and after cable energized

- Tag detecting monitors (left)
- Smolt tags (right top)
- Moorings with acoustic releases (right bottom)



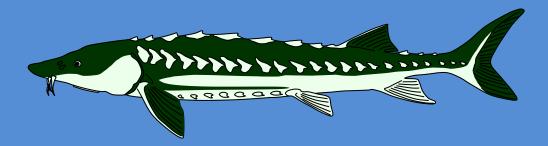


#### Tentative Results

Chinook salmon and green sturgeon migrate through San Francisco Estuary and Bay despite large distortions in local magnetic fields



- Salmon smolts may be attracted to the cable after activation (more cable location crossings, more detections at Bay Bridge, high importance of distance to cable in predicting fish location)
- The smolts are not impeded from successfully migrating through the San Francisco Bay (similar proportions of successful exits, faster transit rates)



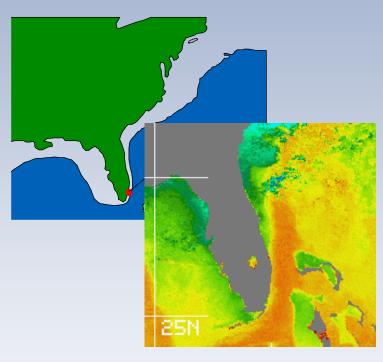
 Cable activity had opposite effects on outbound and inbound green sturgeon migrations: outbound migrations had significantly longer transit times while inbound migrations had significantly shorter migration times

# Characterization of EMF Emissions from Submerged Power Cables and Monitoring for Potential Responses of Marine Species

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## Location of EMF Surveys



Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division's South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility

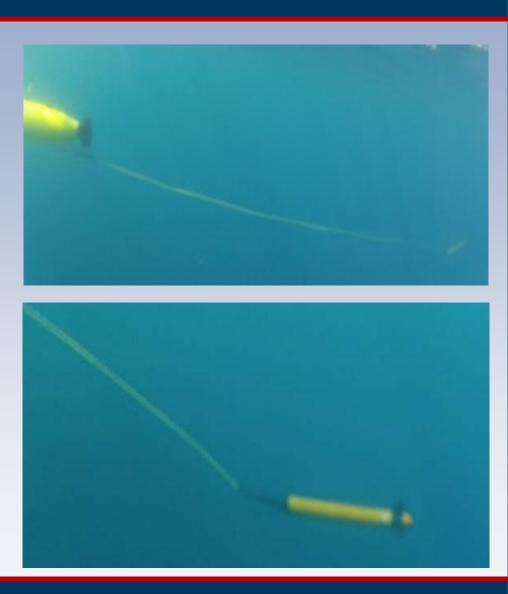
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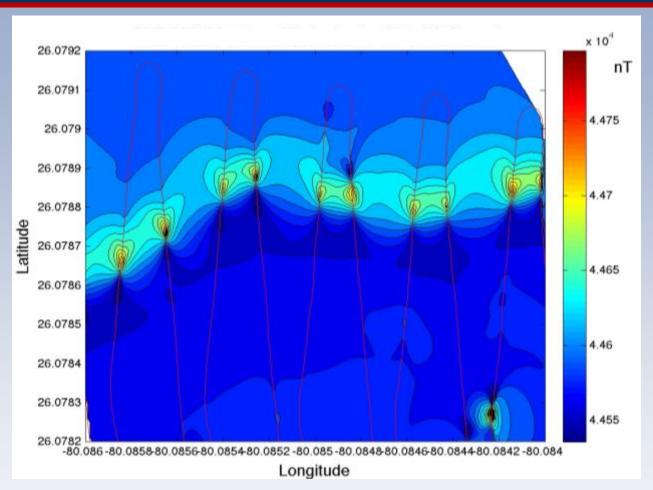
Characterize EMF emissions from subsea cables such as ones that may transmit power from offshore turbines to shore.

- Develop an AUV-based system for measuring and characterizing EMF levels in the water column.
- Determine the distribution and characteristics of the E and B field emissions in the region due to an energized submarine cable
- Compare power cables in an energized and unenergized condition.
- Use results to compare with and help validate predictions from models.



AUV-towed magnetometer: Aerial view (top), and side views (right)





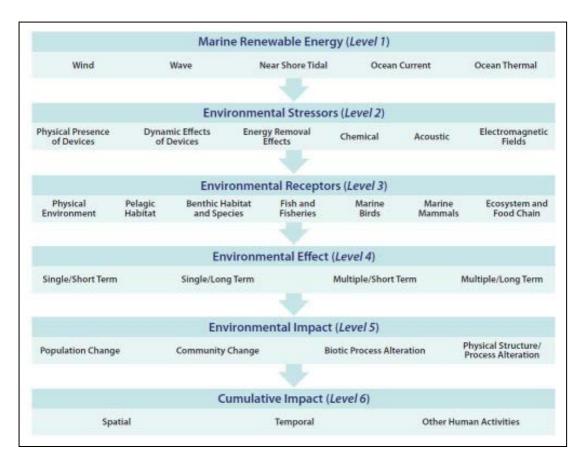
B-field at 2.2m altitude above a subsea cable energized with DC power. The lawn-mower pattern path of the AUV is superimposed on the contour map.





# Uncertainty about Environmental Effects Increases Regulatory and Industry Risk Confidence about Environmental Effects Stabilizes Risk

- Framework for consideration of environmental effects of marine renewable energy encompassing different scales.
- The reaction of an animal at level four does not indicate that the animal is adversely affected.
- Level five makes the key distinction between biological response of an animal (level four) and environmental impact.





## Based on Results from the Completed and Ongoing Studies How Should We Perceive EMF Risk?

- There is no indication from scientific research that EMF from seafloor power cables is a significant risk to marine animals or their habitat, or that EMF from cables prevents movement within habitats.
- > Research techniques are well understood and becoming standardized.
- Past and ongoing research likely provide an acceptable level of confidence about expected effects from EMF.
- Past and ongoing research suggest burial as a mitigation to further decrease exposure to and potential effects from EMF.







- Based on scientific research data, EMF is a low-risk stressor.
- Commercial installations and test facilities can provide real-time opportunities for monitoring to provide additional data.
- Regulating agencies should move to higher priority interactions.







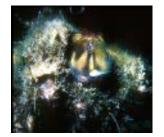


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