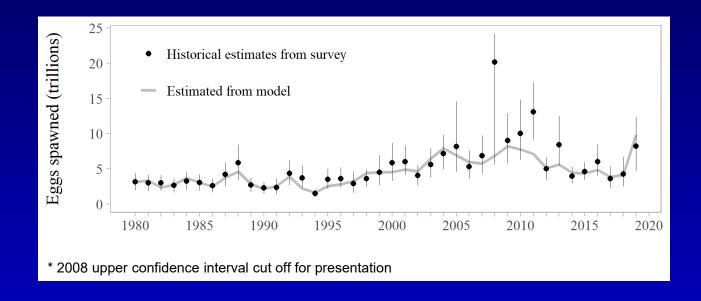
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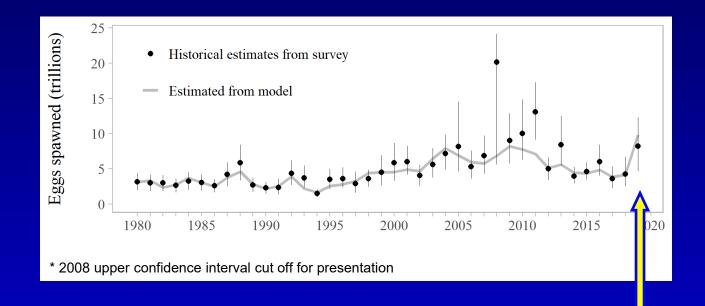


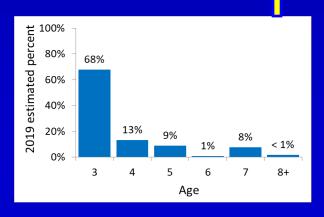
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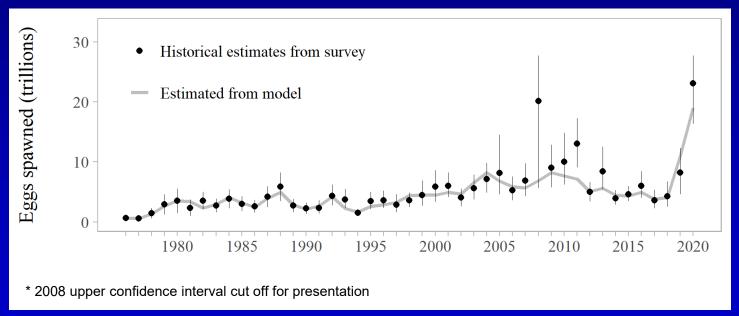
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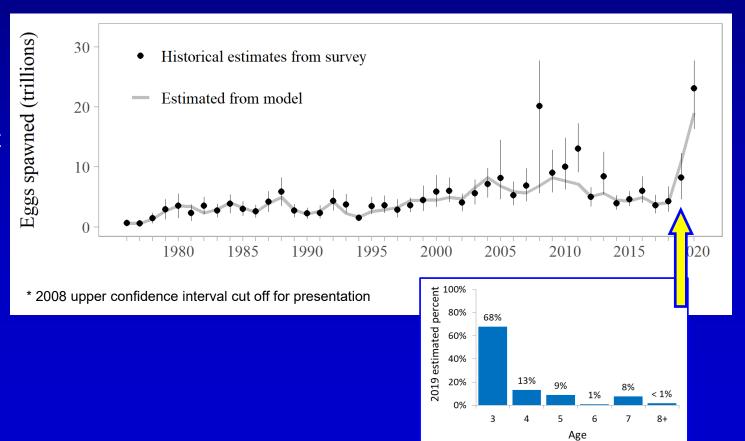
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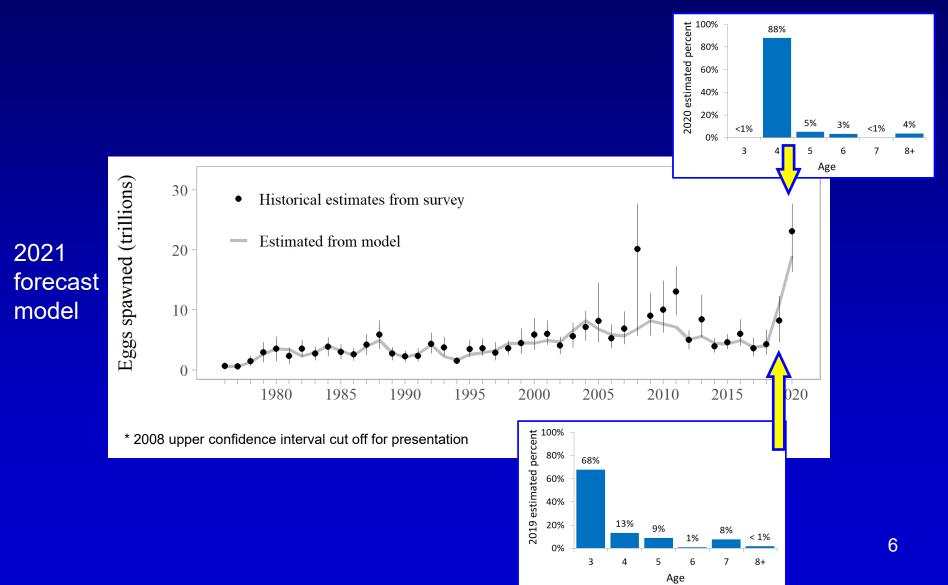




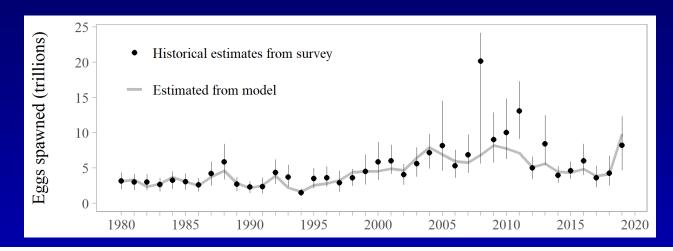




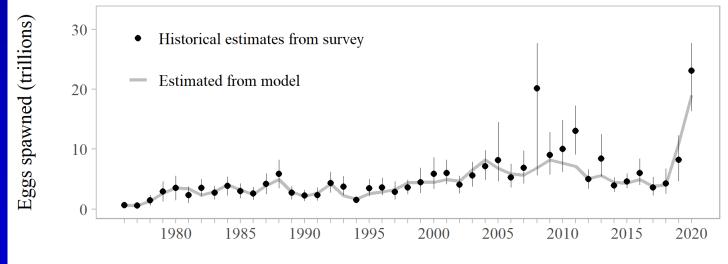




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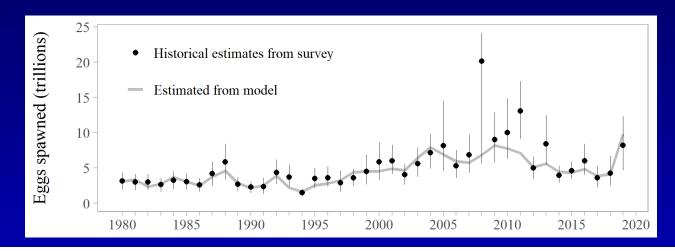


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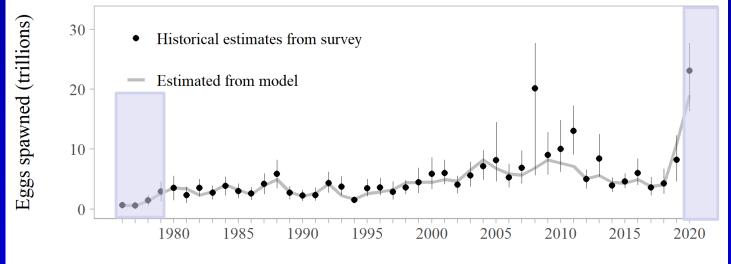


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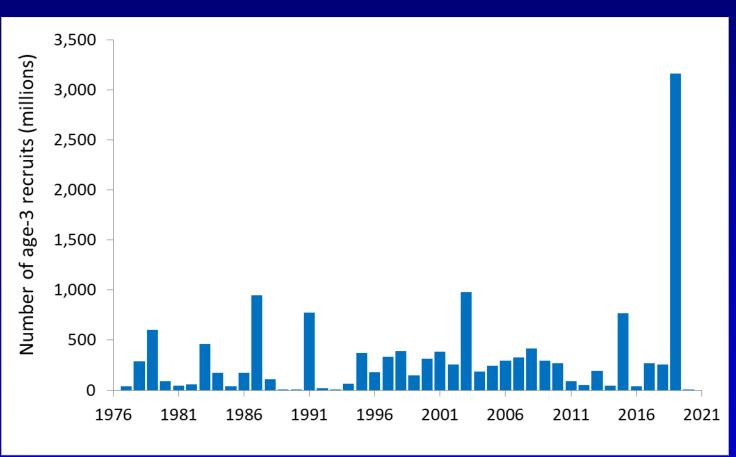
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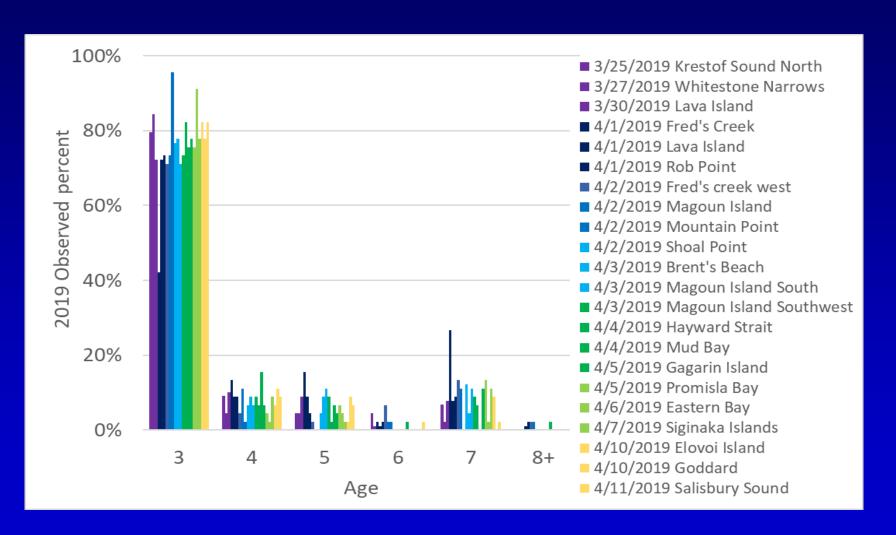
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### Sitka Sound recruitment

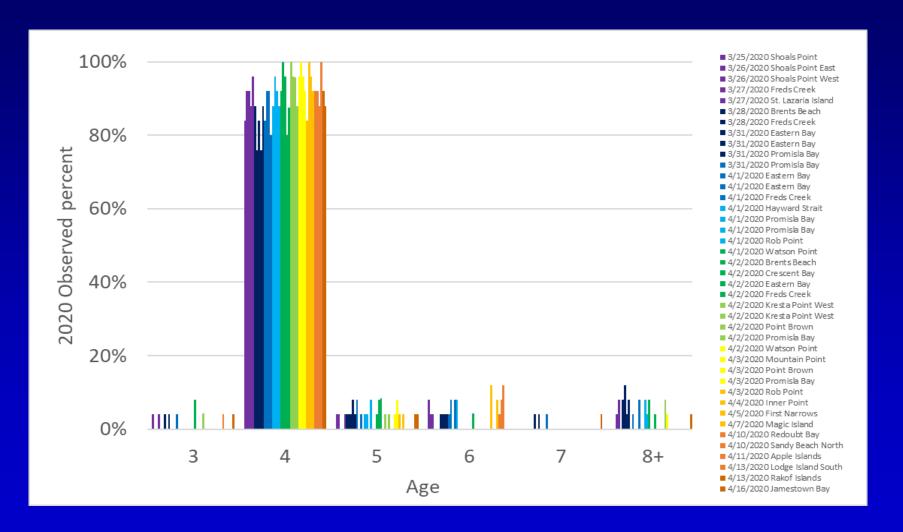
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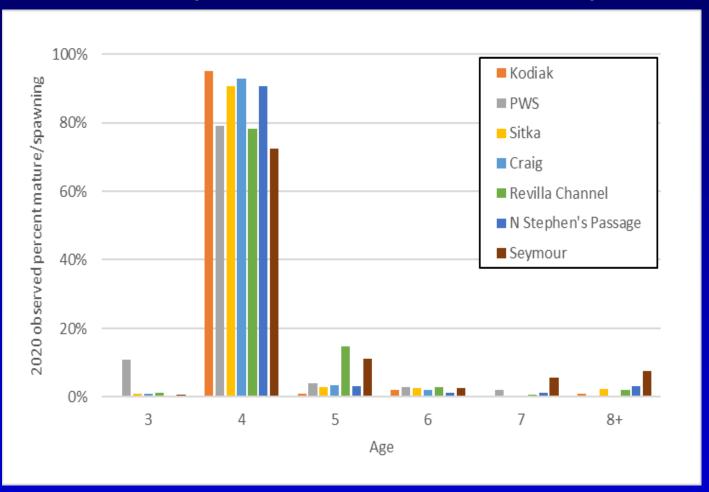
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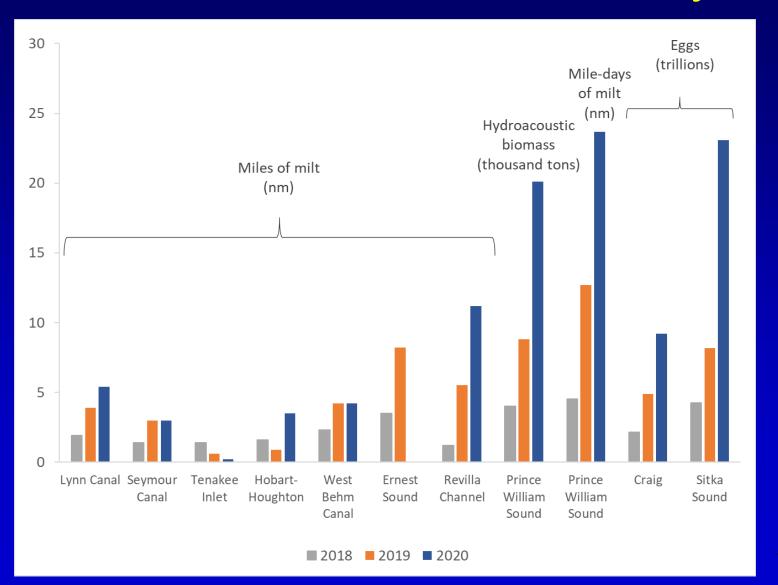
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# 2020 Observed age composition (cast net, seine, trawl)

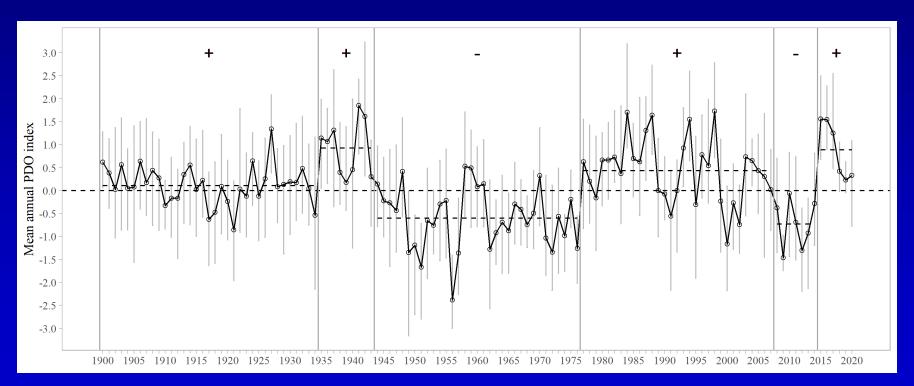


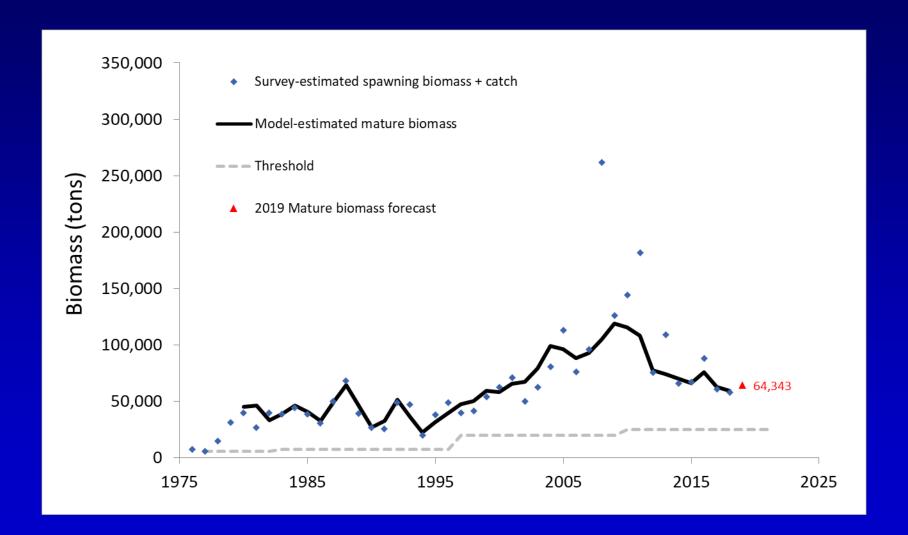
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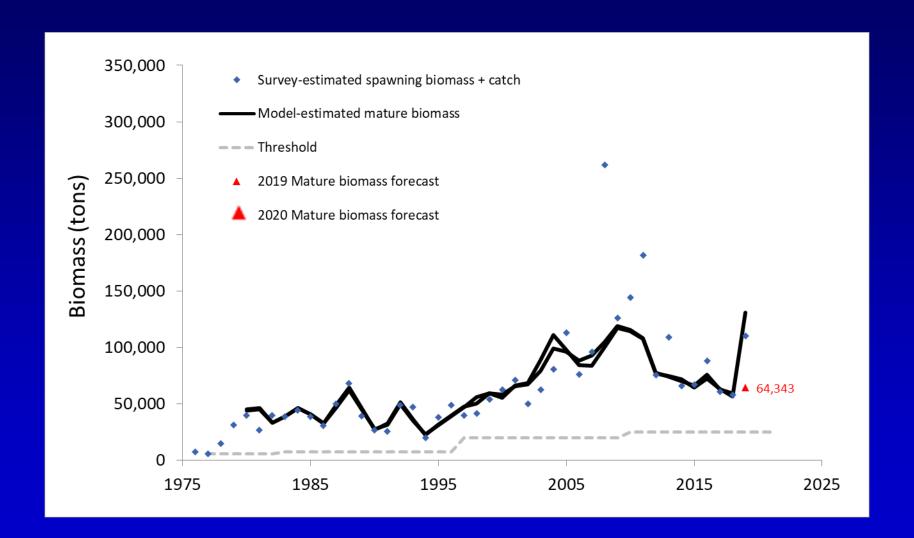


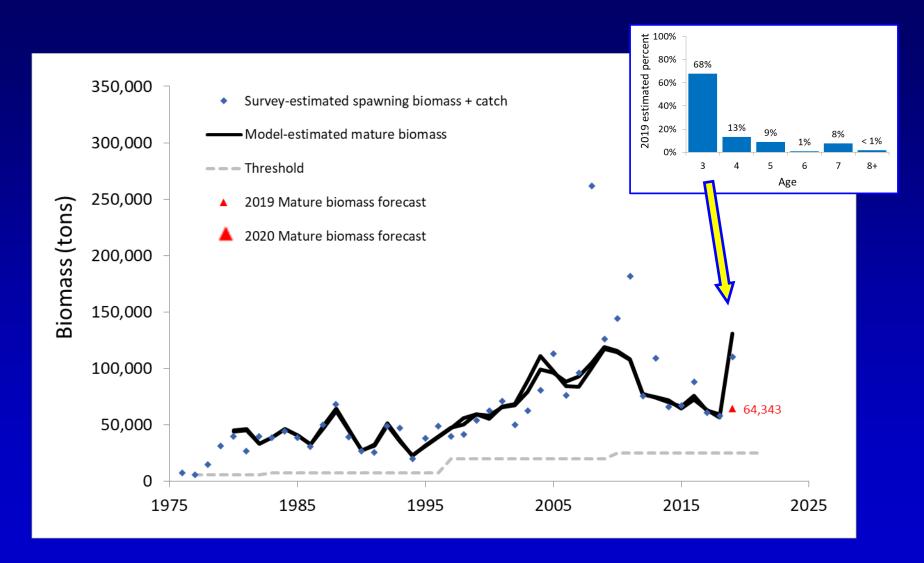
# Gulf-wide recruitment event likely resulted from Gulf-wide environmental conditions

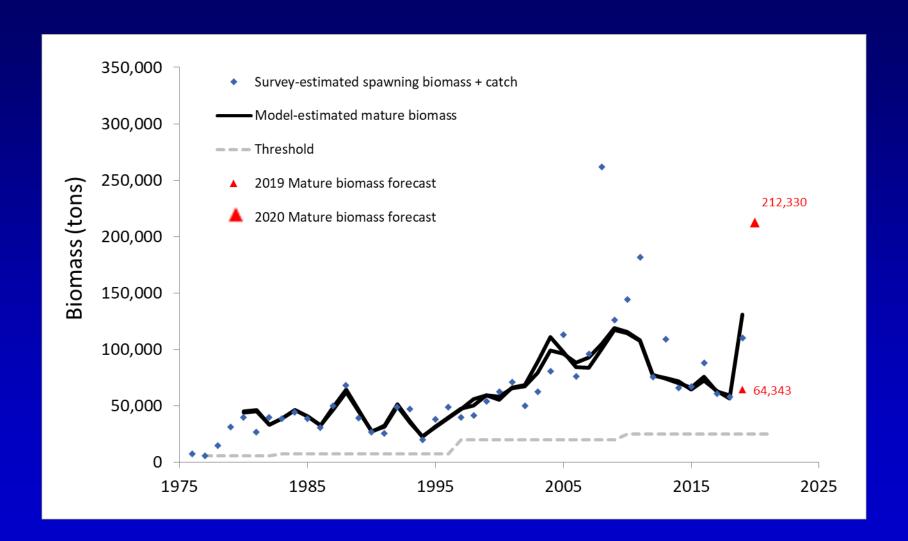
EXAMPLE: Pacific Decadal Oscillation Index (April through March of the noted year) shows ocean temperatures were unusually warm in 2016 when the 2019 age-3 herring cohort hatched

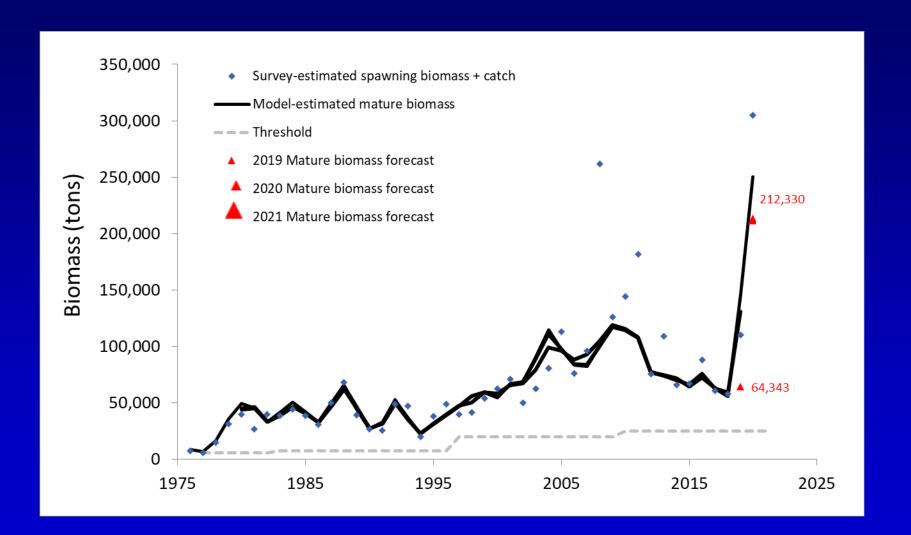


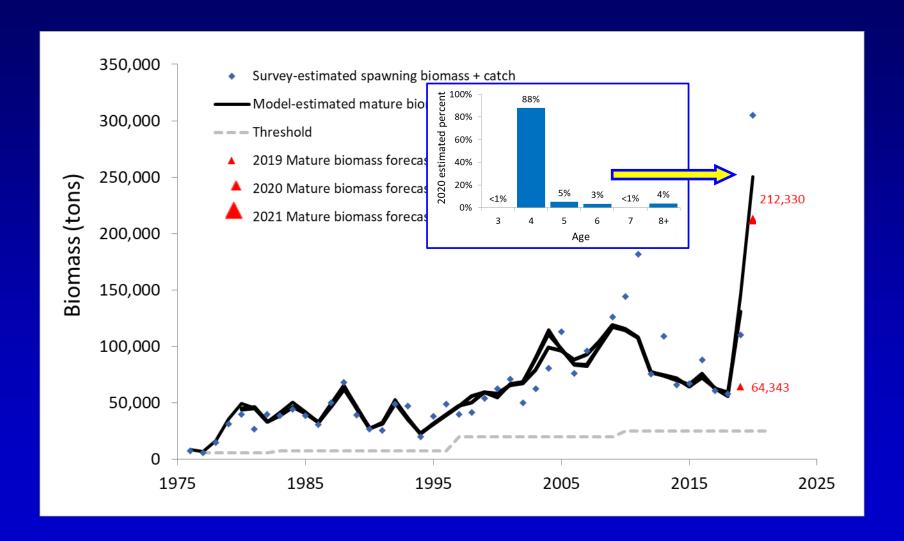


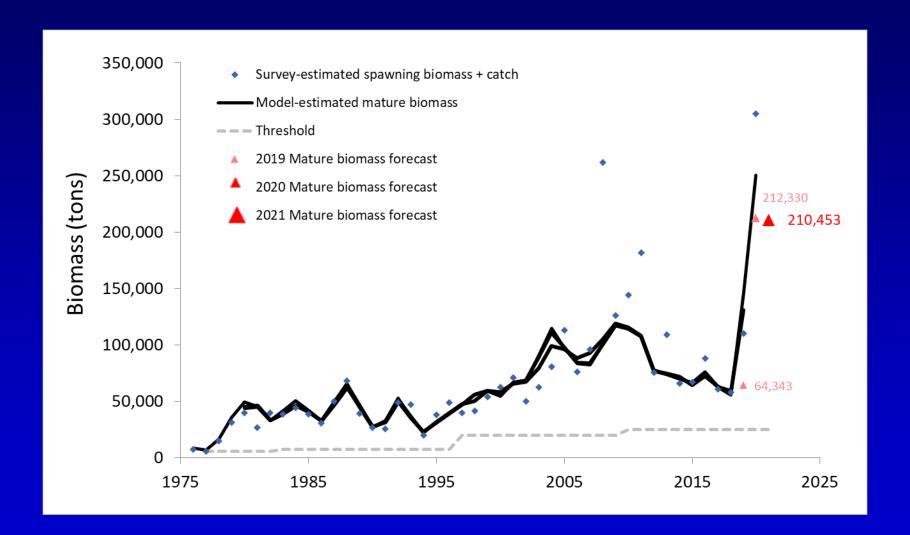


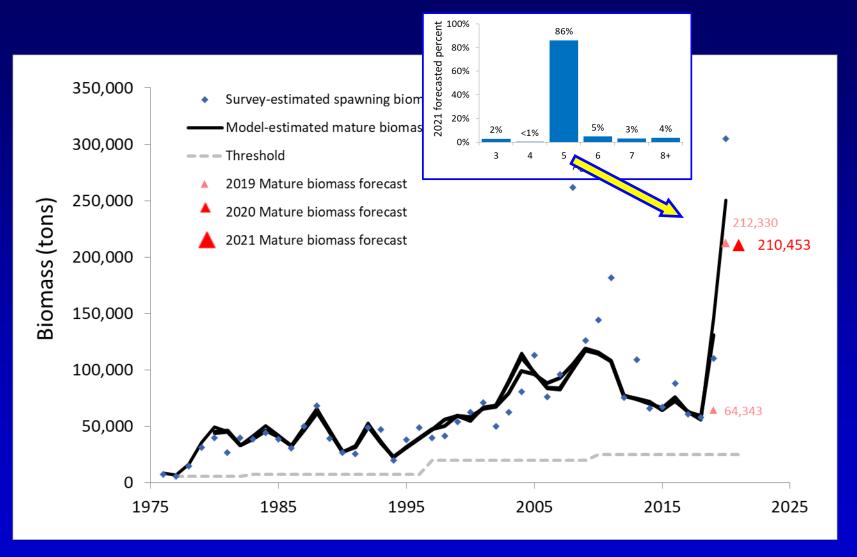




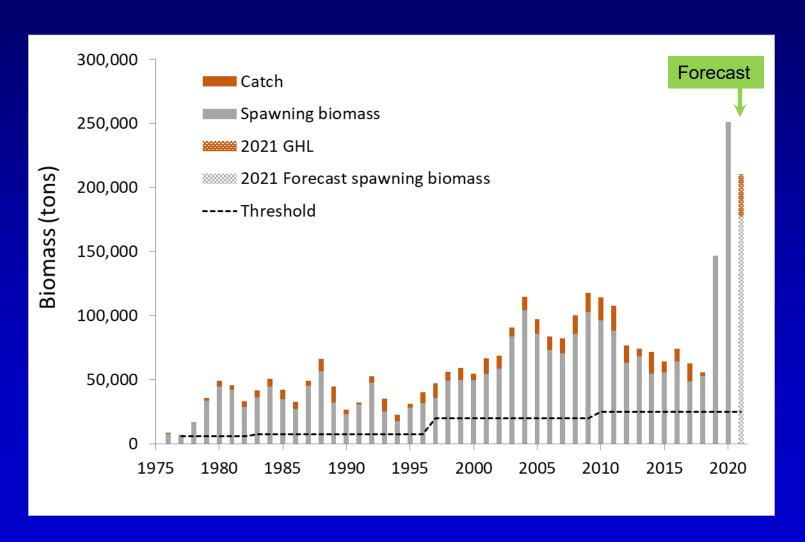






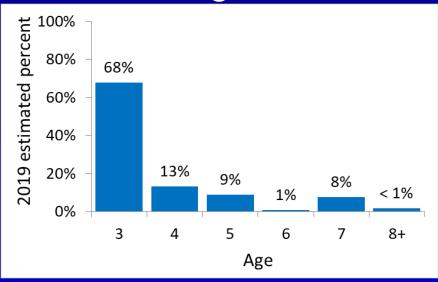


# Sitka Sound spawning biomass and harvest (2021 is forecasted biomass and GHL)

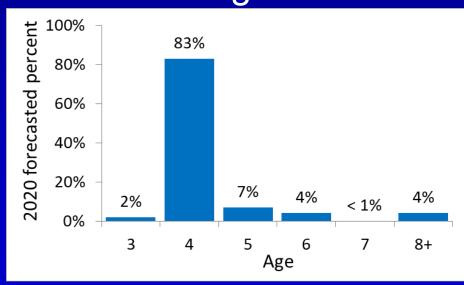


# Comparison of 2019 model-estimated and 2020 model-forecast age composition

2019
Estimated average wt = 90 grams

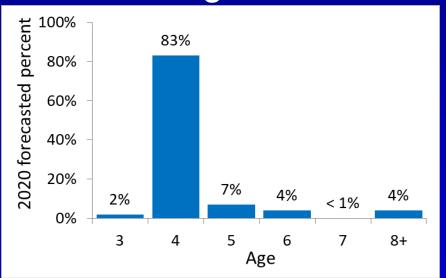


2020
Forecasted average wt = 97 grams

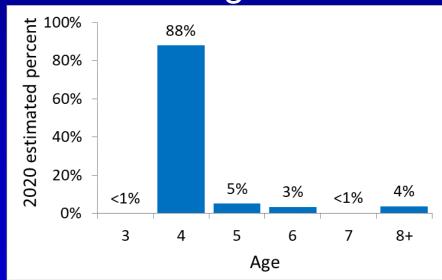


# Comparison of 2020 model-forecast and 2020 model-estimated (hindcast) age composition

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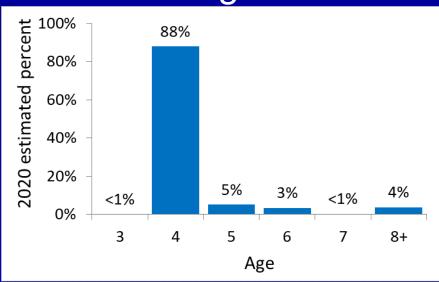


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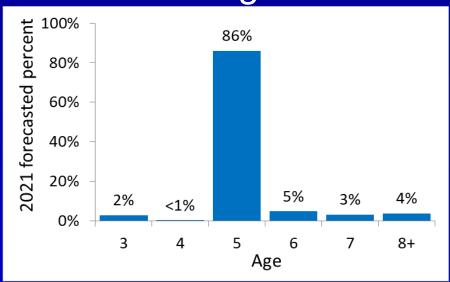


# Comparison of 2020 model-estimated and 2021 model-forecast age composition

2020 Estimated average wt = 97 grams



2021
Forecasted average wt = 112 grams

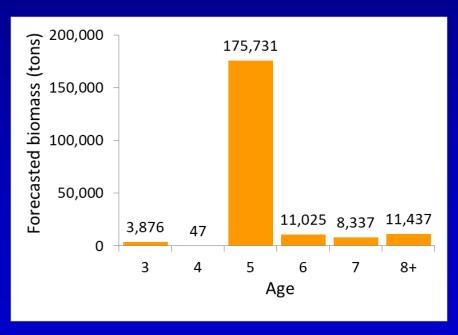


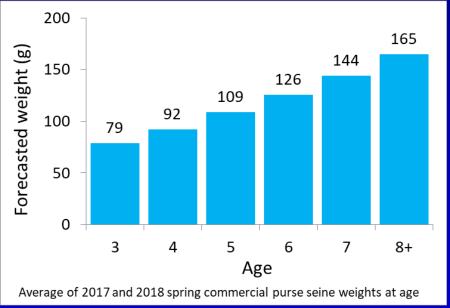
#### 2021 forecast biomass and weight at age

2021 Forecast = 210,453 tons

GHL = 33,304 tons

Forecast average weight = 112 grams





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