

# The Effects of Offshore Wind on Bottlenose Dolphin Strandings along the United States East Coast

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```
#loading packages  
library(tidyverse)
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## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --  
## v dplyr      1.1.3      v readr      2.1.4  
## v forcats    1.0.0      v stringr   1.5.0  
## v ggplot2    3.4.3      v tibble    3.2.1  
## v lubridate  1.9.2      v tidyr     1.3.0  
## v purrr      1.0.2  
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --  
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()  
## x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()  
## i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become errors
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```
library(ggplot2)  
library(GGally)
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## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'GGally':  
##   method from  
##   +.gg      ggplot2
```

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library(rmarkdown)
```

```
#setting WD  
setwd("~/ENV710Ayoung_Emma")
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```
#read in original data  
original_data <- read.csv("dolphins.csv")
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#read in data with unneeded variables  
strandings <- read.csv("dolphins_cleaned.csv")  
#attach data  
attach(strandings)
```

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#remove unneeded covariates in cleaned data  
cleaned_strandings <- subset(strandings, select = -c(Shot, Fishery.Interaction, Boat.Collision, Weight))
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#remove NAs from chosen variables
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cleaned_strandings <- na.omit(cleaned_strandings)

#removing blanks in Age.Class variable
cleaned_strandings <-
  cleaned_strandings[!grepl("^\\s*$", cleaned_strandings$Age.Class), ]
#removing unknowns in Age.Class
cleaned_strandings <-
  cleaned_strandings[!cleaned_strandings$Age.Class %in% c("UNKNOWN"), ]

#removing unknowns in Sex variable
cleaned_strandings <-
  cleaned_strandings[!cleaned_strandings$Sex %in% c("UNKNOWN"), ]

#create binary covariate for states with and without offshore wind
cleaned_strandings <- cleaned_strandings %>%
  mutate(turbine_presence = if_else(State %in% c("VA", "NY", "RI", "MA"), 1, 0))

#create subset of only states with offshore wind
turbine_data <-
  cleaned_strandings[cleaned_strandings$State %in%
    c("VA", "NY", "RI", "MA"), ]

#use mutate to create state binary variables for fit_4
turbine_data <- turbine_data %>%
  mutate(
    VA = ifelse(State == "VA", 1, 0),
    NY = ifelse(State == "NY", 1, 0),
    RI = ifelse(State == "RI", 1, 0),
    MA = ifelse(State == "MA", 1, 0))

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#count of strandings in wind farm states = 80
sum(cleaned_strandings$turbine_presence)

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## [1] 80
```

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#count of total number of stranding = 1419
nrow(cleaned_strandings)

```

```
## [1] 1419
```

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#reordering age classes so they are from youngest to oldest
age_class_order <- c("PUP/CALF", "YEARLING", "SUBADULT", "ADULT")

```

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#States info
table(cleaned_strandings$State)

```

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##
##  AL  DE  FL  GA  LA  MA  MD  ME  MS  NC  NJ  NY  RI  SC  TX  VA
##  85  25 295  39  92   9  20   1 157 182  35  17   1 102 306  53

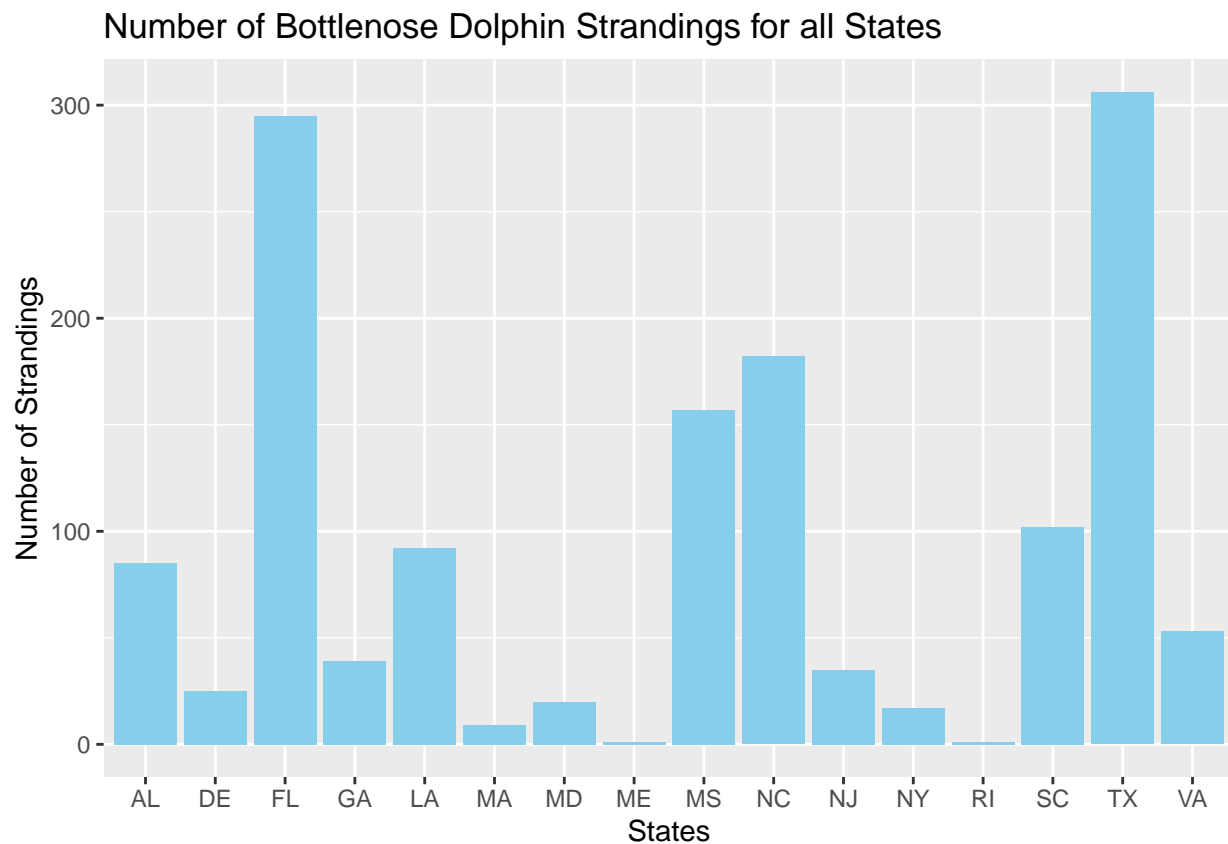
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# 15 states included
# Most strandings were in Florida (295) and Texas (306)
# Least were in Maine (1) and Rhode Island (1)
# States with offshore wind: Virginia, New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts

#plot of number of strandings for all states
standings_state <- ggplot(cleaned_strandings, aes(x = State)) +
  geom_bar(fill = "skyblue") +
  labs(x = "States", y = "Number of Strandings") +
  ggtitle("Number of Bottlenose Dolphin Strandings for all States")
standings_state

```

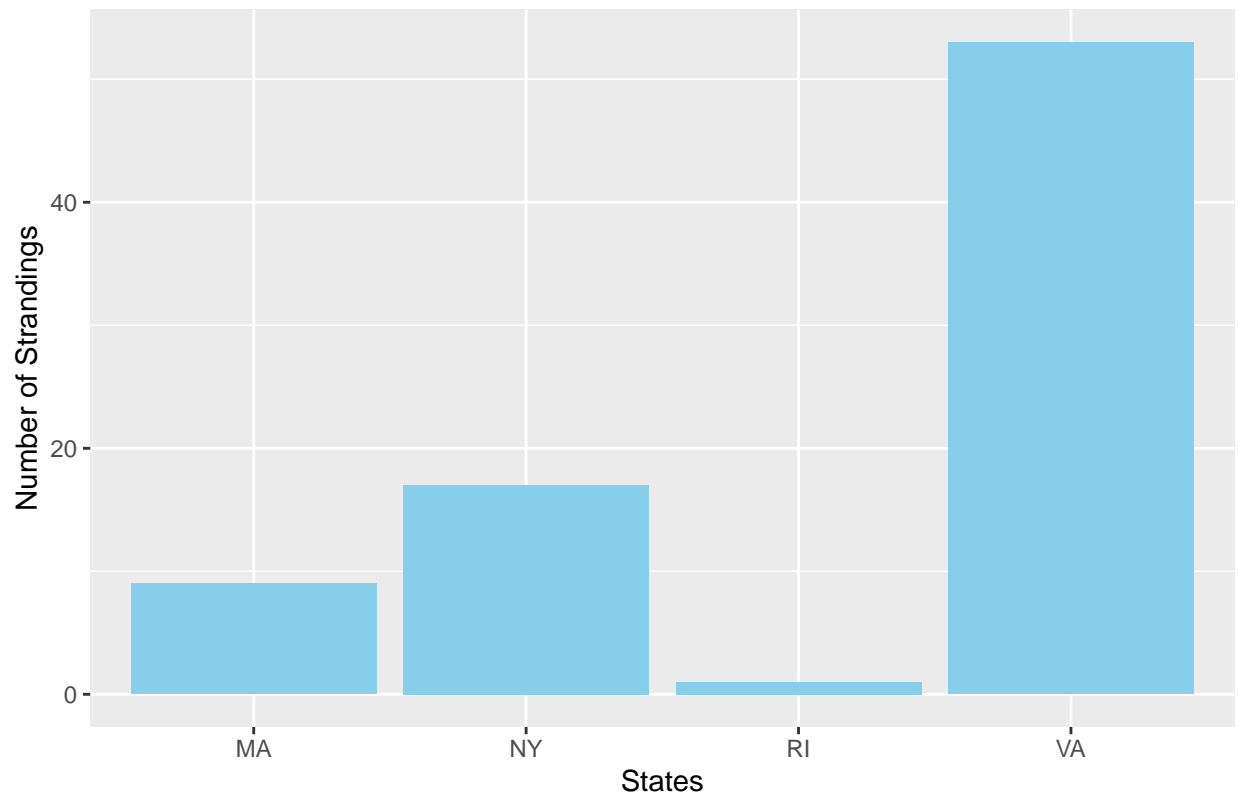


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#plot of number of strandings for each offshore wind state
standings_wf_state <- ggplot(turbine_data, aes(x = State)) +
  geom_bar(fill = "skyblue") +
  labs(x = "States", y = "Number of Strandings") +
  ggtitle("Number of Bottlenose Dolphin Strandings by Offshore Wind States")
standings_wf_state

```

Number of Bottlenose Dolphin Strandings by Offshore Wind States



```
#Length info
# average overall length 194.2091
mean(cleaned_strandings$Length)
```

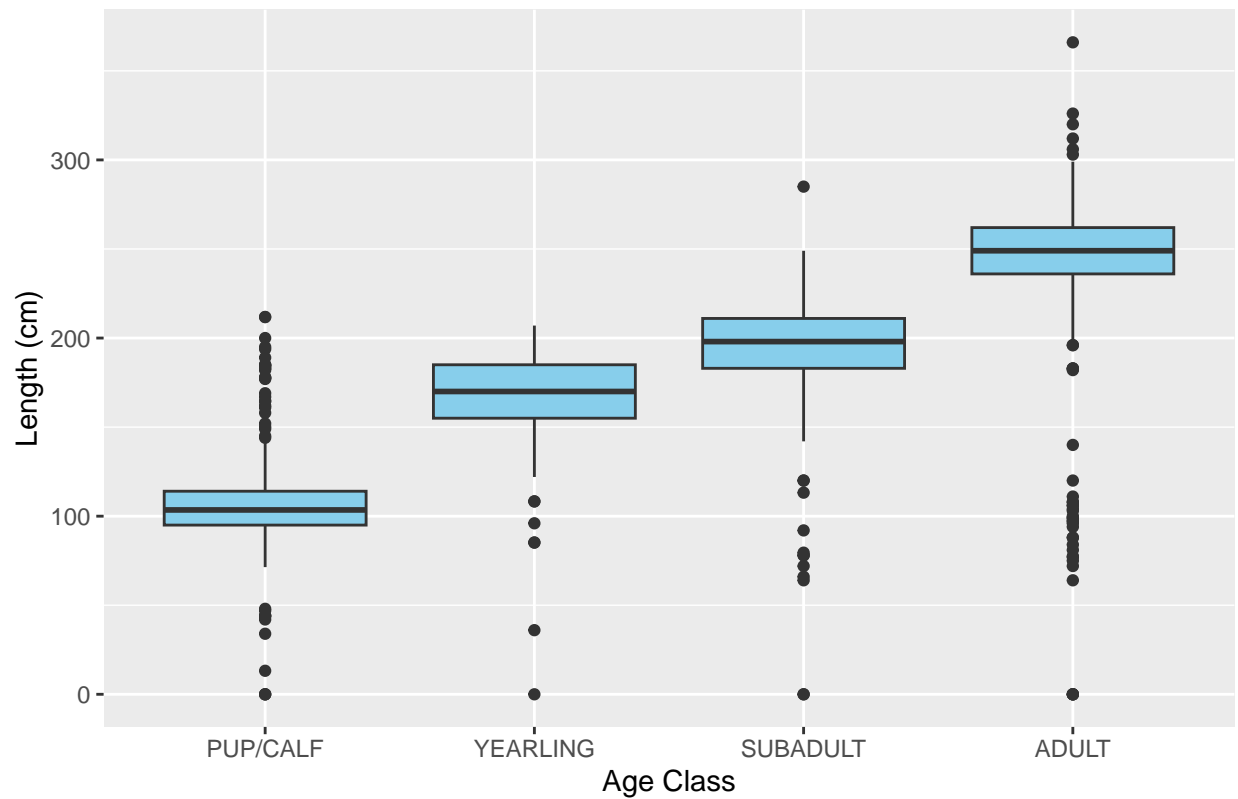
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## [1] 194.2091
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```
# average offshore wind length = 198.175
mean(turbine_data$Length)
```

```
## [1] 198.175
```

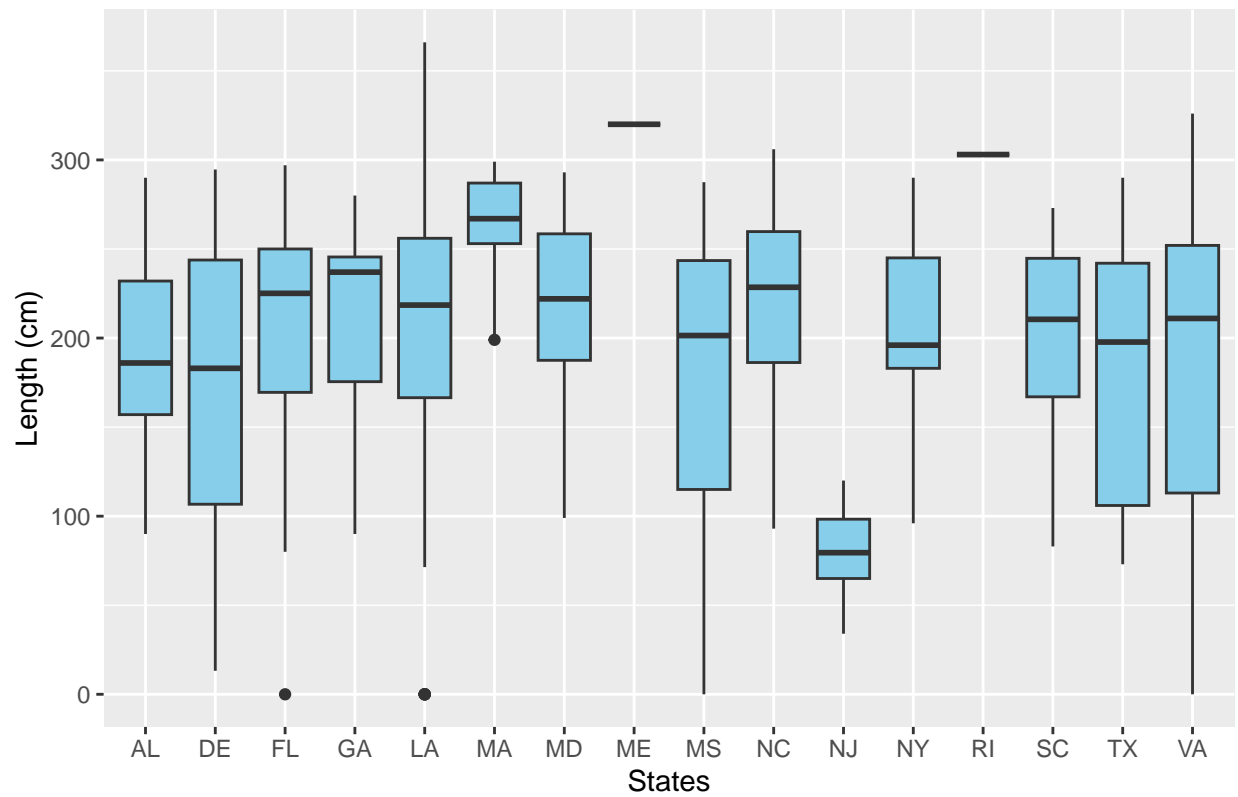
```
#summary graph of Age Class by Length
length_ageclass <- ggplot(cleaned_strandings,
                           aes(x = factor(Age.Class, levels = age_class_order),
                               y = Length)) +
  geom_boxplot(fill="skyblue") +
  labs(x = "Age Class", y = "Length (cm)") +
  ggtitle("Stranded Bottlenose Dolphin Length (cm) by Age Class")
length_ageclass
```

Stranded Bottlenose Dolphin Length (cm) by Age Class



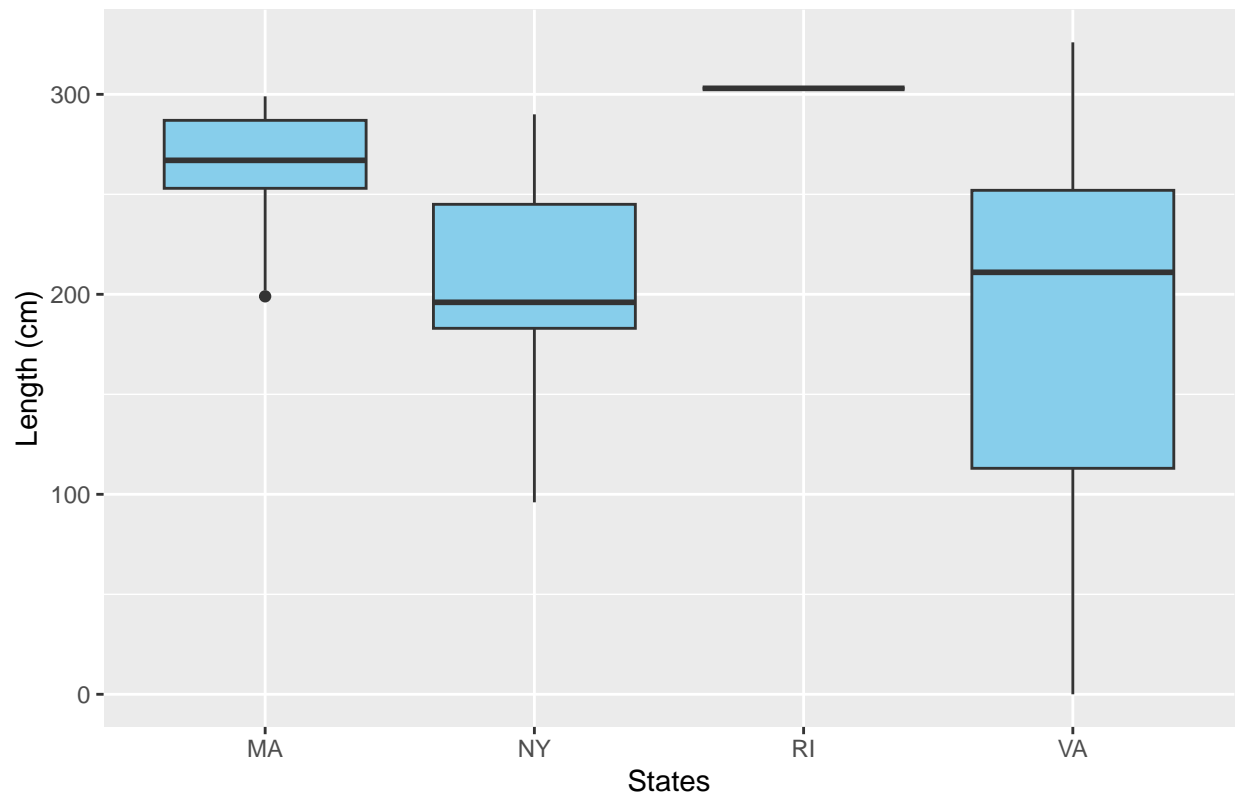
```
#plot of Lengths in each state
state_length <- ggplot(cleaned_strandings, aes(x = State, y = Length)) +
  geom_boxplot(fill="skyblue") +
  labs(x = "States", y = "Length (cm)") +
  ggtitle("Stranded Bottlenose Dolphin Length (cm) by State")
state_length
```

Stranded Bottlenose Dolphin Length (cm) by State



```
#plot of Lengths in each offshore wind state
turbinestate_length <- ggplot(turbine_data, aes(x = State, y = Length)) +
  geom_boxplot(fill="skyblue") +
  labs(x = "States", y = "Length (cm)") +
  ggtitle("Stranded Bottlenose Dolphin Length (cm) by States with Offshore Wind")
turbinestate_length
```

## Stranded Bottlenose Dolphin Length (cm) by States with Offshore Wind



*#Age Class Info*

*#finding ave length per age class: PUP/CALF 107.1709, YEARLING 163.3439, SUBADULT 194.0060, ADULT 242.8233*

`ave_length_ageclass <-`

`aggregate(Length ~ Age.Class, data = cleaned_strandings, FUN = mean)`

`ave_length_ageclass`

```
##   Age.Class  Length
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```
## 1    ADULT 242.8233
```

```
## 2 PUP/CALF 107.1709
```

```
## 3 SUBADULT 194.0060
```

```
## 4 YEARLING 163.3439
```

*#count of strandings in offshore states by age class ADULT 32, PUP/CALF 21, SUBADULT 26, YEARLING 1*

`count_ageclass <-`

`aggregate(turbine_presence ~ Age.Class, data = cleaned_strandings, FUN = sum)`

`count_ageclass`

```
##   Age.Class turbine_presence
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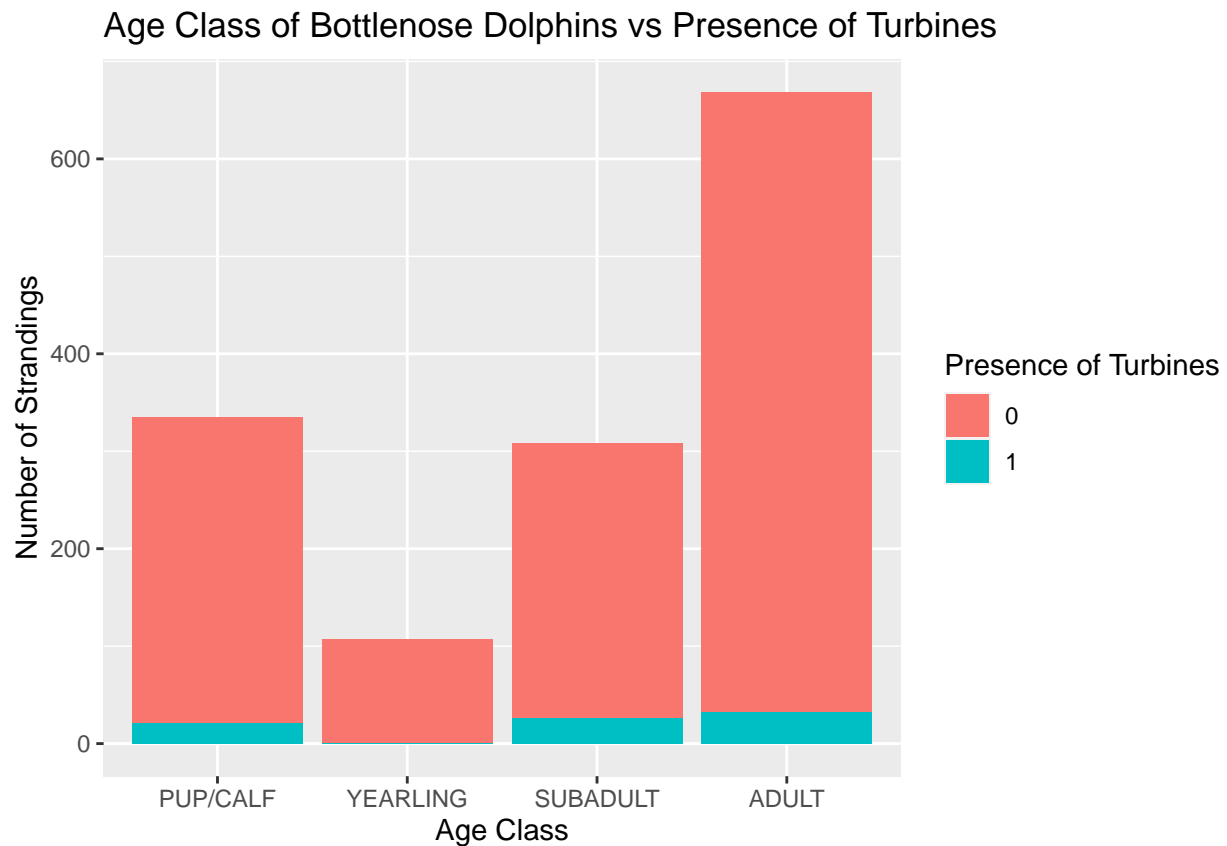
```
## 1    ADULT                32
```

```
## 2 PUP/CALF                21
```

```
## 3 SUBADULT                26
```

```
## 4 YEARLING                 1
```

```
#plot of the number of strandings in each age class
strandings_ageclass <- ggplot(cleaned_strandings,
                             aes(x = factor(Age.Class, levels = age_class_order),
                                fill = factor(turbine_presence))) +
  geom_bar(position = "stack") +
  labs(x = "Age Class", y = "Number of Strandings", fill = "Presence of Turbines") +
  ggtitle("Age Class of Bottlenose Dolphins vs Presence of Turbines")
strandings_ageclass
```



```
#Age Class Info
#finding ave length per sex: FEMALE 191.8816, MALE 195.8511
ave_length_sex <-
  aggregate.Length ~ Sex, data = cleaned_strandings, FUN = mean)
ave_length_sex
```

```
##      Sex   Length
## 1 FEMALE 191.8816
## 2  MALE 195.8511
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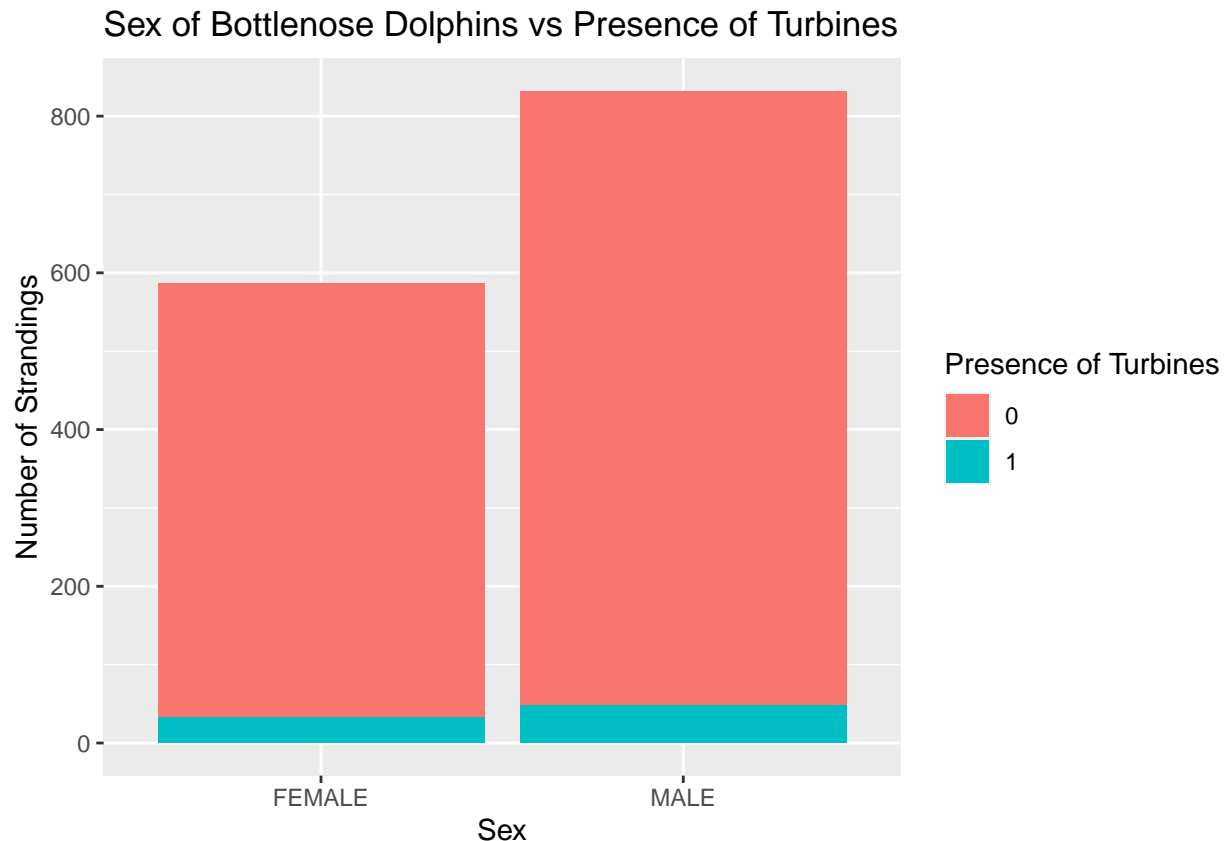
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#count of strandings in offshore states by sex FEMALE 32, MALE 48
count_sex <-
  aggregate(turbine_presence ~ Sex, data = cleaned_strandings, FUN = sum)
count_sex
```

```
##      Sex turbine_presence
```



```
## 1 FEMALE          32
## 2 MALE            48
```

```
#plot of the number of strandings in each sex
strandings_sex <- ggplot(cleaned_strandings,
  aes(x = factor(Sex), fill = factor(turbine_presence))) +
  geom_bar(position = "stack") +
  labs(x = "Sex", y = "Number of Strandings", fill = "Presence of Turbines") +
  ggtitle("Sex of Bottlenose Dolphins vs Presence of Turbines")
strandings_sex
```



```
#Fitting a regression model (Turbine Presence)
fit_1 <- glm(turbine_presence~1, family='binomial', data = cleaned_strandings)
#Summary of the regression model fit_1
summary(fit_1)
```

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##
## Call:
## glm(formula = turbine_presence ~ 1, family = "binomial", data = cleaned_strandings)
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  -2.8177      0.1151  -24.48  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
## Null deviance: 615.51 on 1418 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 615.51 on 1418 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 617.51
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
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exp(-2.8177)
```

```
## [1] 0.05974319
```

```
#Fitting a regression model (finding the odds of different age classes in offshore wind states)
fit_2 <- glm(turbine_presence~Age.Class,family='binomial', data = cleaned_strandings)
```

```
#Summary of the regression model fit_2
summary(fit_2)
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = turbine_presence ~ Age.Class, family = "binomial",
## data = cleaned_strandings)
##
## Coefficients:
## Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -2.9910 0.1812 -16.510 <2e-16 ***
## Age.ClassPUP/CALF 0.2862 0.2892 0.990 0.3224
## Age.ClassSUBADULT 0.6072 0.2735 2.220 0.0264 *
## Age.ClassYEARLING -1.6724 1.0209 -1.638 0.1014
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
## Null deviance: 615.51 on 1418 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 603.61 on 1415 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 611.61
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 7
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```
#Calculations of odds (probability) of each age class
exp(-2.99)
```

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## [1] 0.05028744
```

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exp(-2.9910+0.2862)
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## [1] 0.0668837
```

```
exp(-2.9910+0.6072)
```

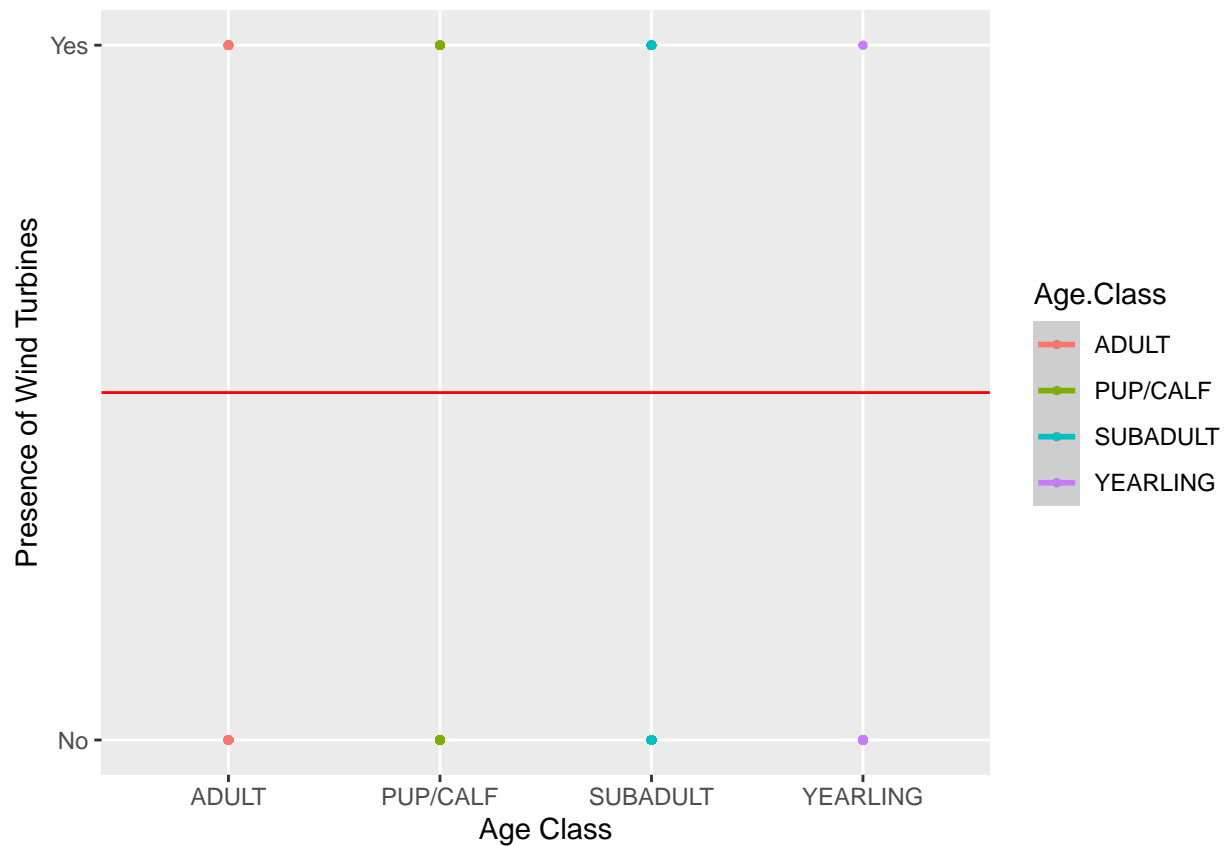
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## [1] 0.09219955
```

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exp(-2.9910-1.6724)
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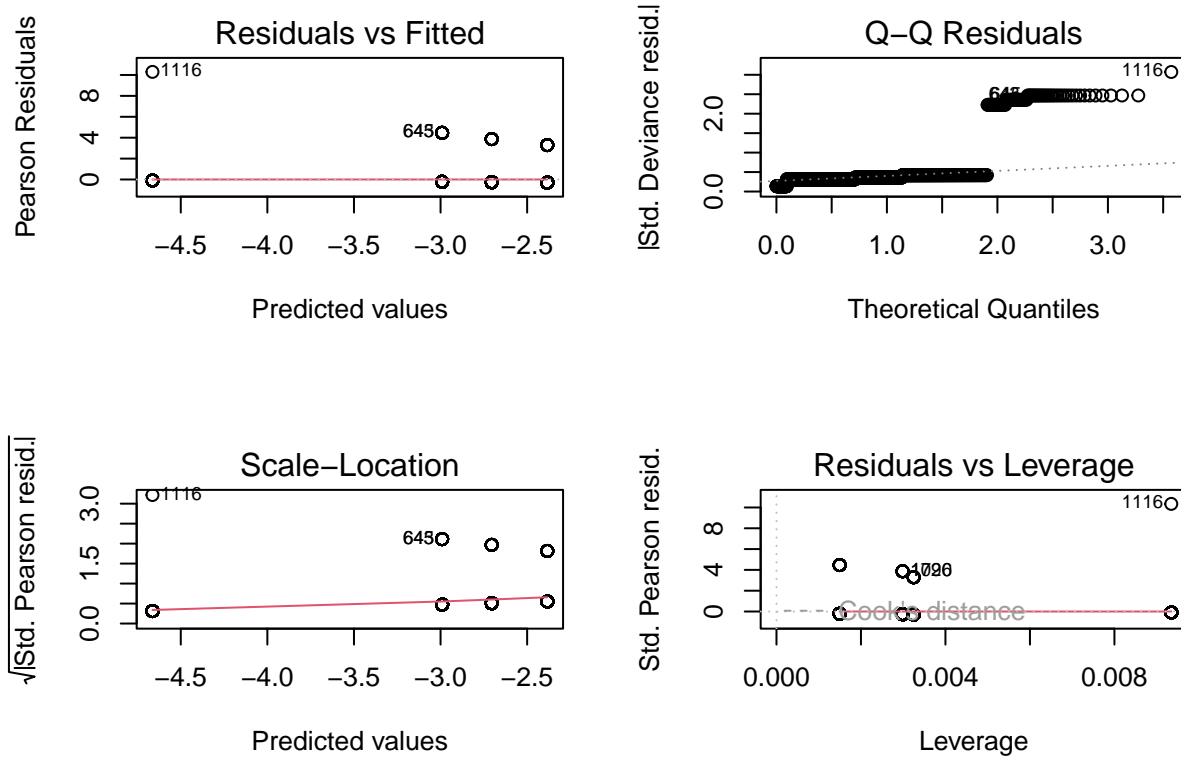
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## [1] 0.009434331
```

```
#fit_2 plot  
fit_2_plot <- ggplot(cleaned_strandings, aes(x=Age.Class, y =turbine_presence,color=Age.Class)) +  
  geom_point(size=1)+  
  geom_smooth(method=lm)+  
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0.5, color = "red") +  
  xlab("Age Class") +  
  ylab("Presence of Wind Turbines") +  
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(0, 1), labels = c("No", "Yes"),limits = c(0,1))  
  
fit_2_plot
```

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using formula = 'y ~ x'
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```
#qq plots for fit_2
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(fit_2)
```



```
# use to find difference in length in states
fit_3 <- lm(Length ~ State, data = cleaned_strandings)
#summary of linear regression
summary(fit_3)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Length ~ State, data = cleaned_strandings)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -204.59  -45.68   13.90   48.64  166.30
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   188.747     6.650   28.381 < 2e-16 ***
## StateDE       -16.521    13.950   -1.184  0.236508
## StateFL        15.847     7.548    2.099  0.035952 *
## StateGA        17.356    11.858    1.464  0.143541
## StateLA        10.951     9.225    1.187  0.235375
## StateMA        72.142    21.493    3.357  0.000810 ***
```

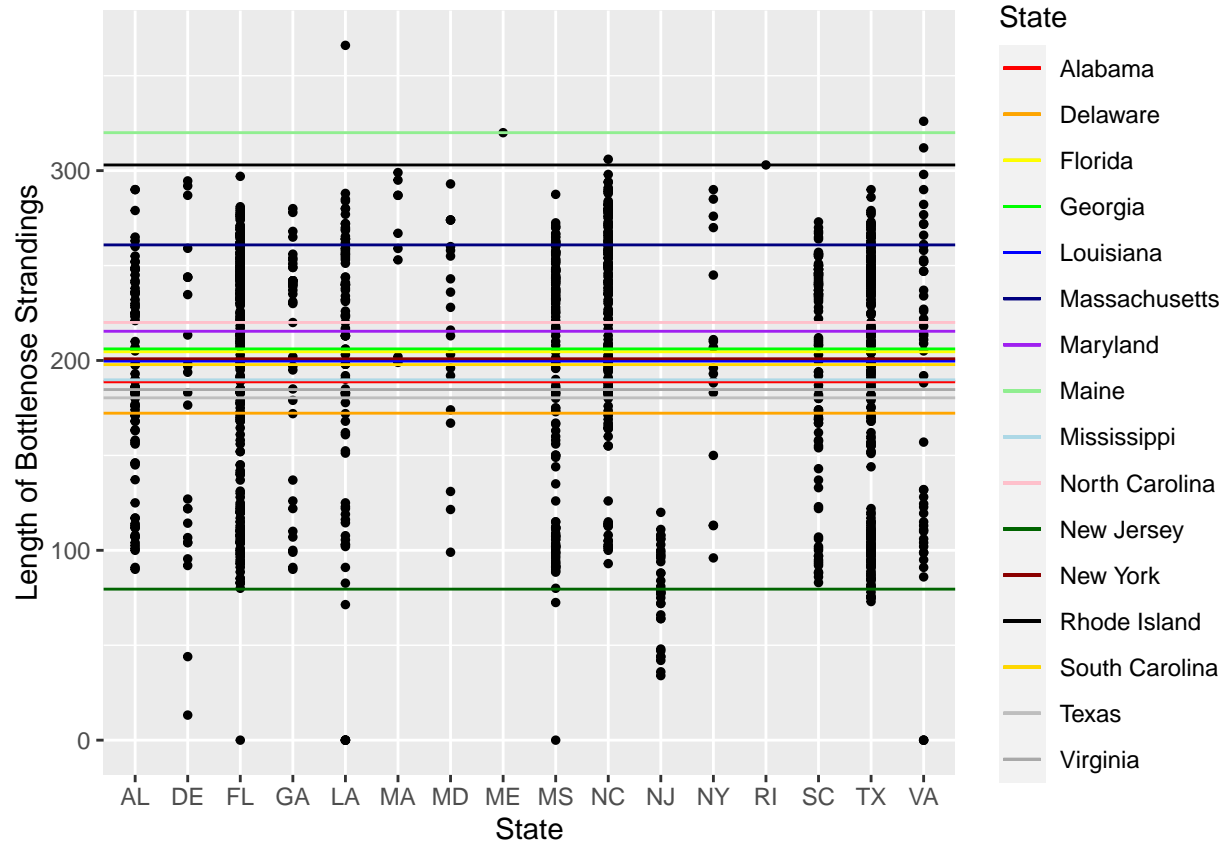
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## StateMD      26.638      15.238      1.748 0.080663 .
## StateME     131.253      61.674      2.128 0.033496 *
## StateMS       1.064       8.257      0.129 0.897506
## StateNC       31.281       8.055      3.883 0.000108 ***
## StateNJ     -109.191      12.314     -8.867 < 2e-16 ***
## StateNY       12.159      16.290      0.746 0.455558
## StateRI      114.253      61.674      1.853 0.064159 .
## StateSC        9.081       9.005      1.009 0.313384
## StateTX      -8.427       7.518     -1.121 0.262504
## StateVA      -4.075      10.731     -0.380 0.704178
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 61.31 on 1403 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.1291, Adjusted R-squared:  0.1198
## F-statistic: 13.86 on 15 and 1403 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

*#fit\_3 plot*

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fit_3_plot <- ggplot(cleaned_strandings, aes(x = State, y = Length)) +
  geom_point(size = 1) +
  geom_smooth(method = 1) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747, color = "AL"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 - 16.521, color = "DE"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 15.847, color = "FL"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 17.356, color = "GA"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 10.951, color = "LA"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 72.142, color = "MA"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 26.638, color = "MD"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 131.253, color = "ME"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 1.064, color = "MS"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 31.281, color = "NC"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 - 109.191, color = "NJ"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 12.159, color = "NY"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 114.253, color = "RI"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 + 9.081, color = "SC"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 - 8.427, color = "TX"), linetype = "solid") +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = 188.747 - 4.075, color = "VA"), linetype = "solid") +
  xlab("State") +
  ylab("Length of Bottlenose Strandings") +
  scale_color_manual(name = "State",
    values = c(AL = "red", DE = "orange", FL = "yellow", GA = "green", LA = "blue",
      MA = "navy", MD = "purple", ME = "lightgreen", MS = "lightblue",
      NC = "pink", NJ = "darkgreen", NY = "darkred", RI = "black",
      SC = "gold", TX = "grey", VA = "darkgrey"),
    labels = c(AL = "Alabama", DE = "Delaware", FL = "Florida", GA = "Georgia",
      LA = "Louisiana", MA = "Massachusetts", MD = "Maryland", ME = "Maine",
      MS = "Mississippi", NC = "North Carolina", NJ = "New Jersey",
      NY = "New York", RI = "Rhode Island", SC = "South Carolina", TX = "Texas",
      VA = "Virginia"))
```

fit\_3\_plot

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using formula = 'y ~ x'
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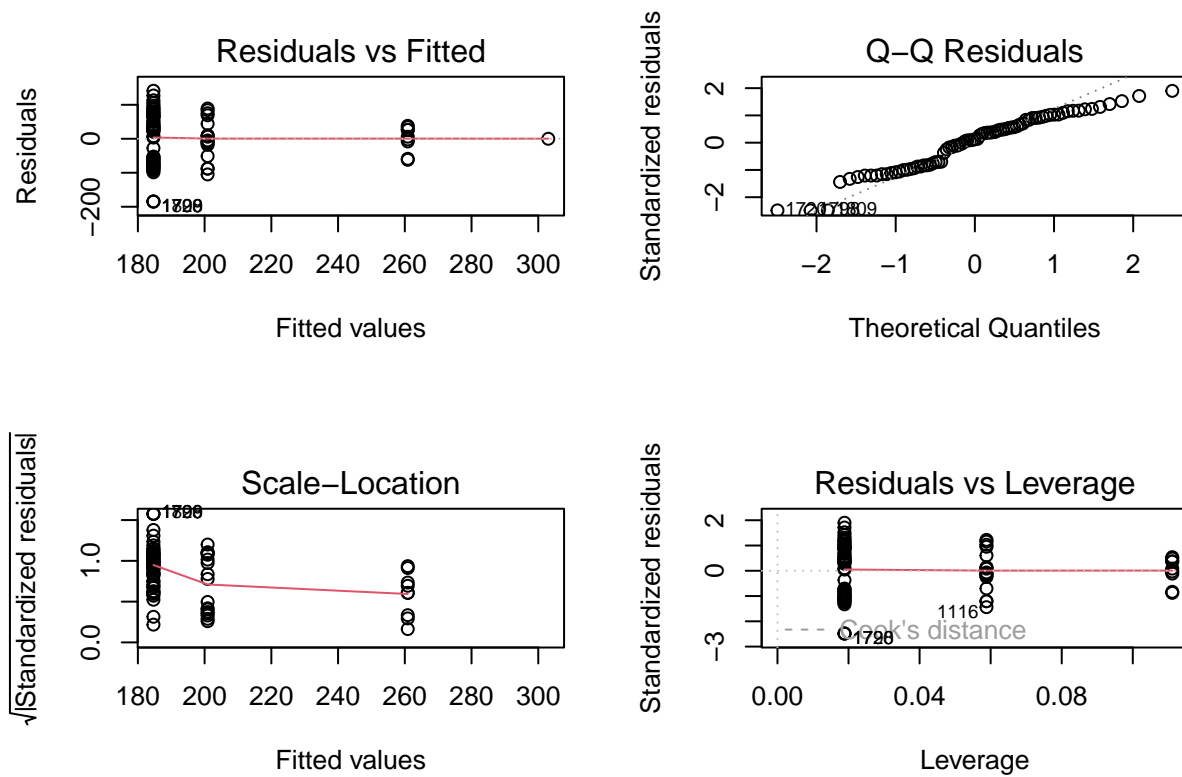


```
#finding significance of dolphin length across offshore wind states
fit_4 <- lm(Length ~ VA + NY + RI + MA, data = turbine_data)
#summary of linear regression
summary(fit_4)
```

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##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Length ~ VA + NY + RI + MA, data = turbine_data)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -184.672  -61.876   8.211   62.328  141.328
##
## Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   260.89     25.02   10.425 2.62e-16 ***
## VA            -76.22     27.07   -2.816  0.00619 **
## NY            -59.98     30.95   -1.938  0.05632 .
## RI             42.11     79.14    0.532  0.59618
## MA              NA         NA      NA      NA
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 75.07 on 76 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.1159, Adjusted R-squared:  0.08104
## F-statistic: 3.322 on 3 and 76 DF, p-value: 0.02413
```

```
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(fit_4)
```

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## Warning: not plotting observations with leverage one:
## 27
```



Introduction

Methodology

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Description of Participant Roles

Bibliography