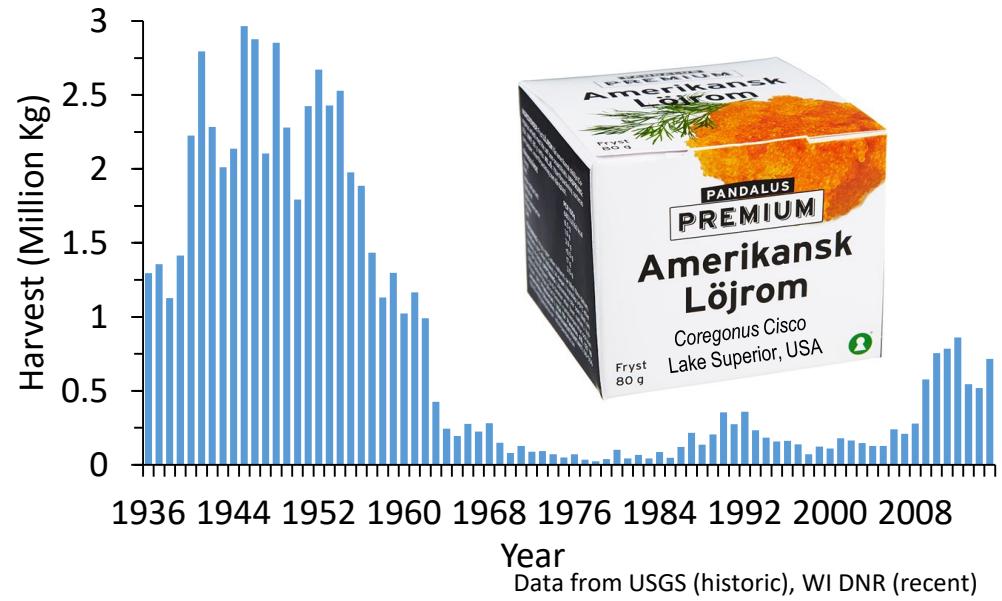
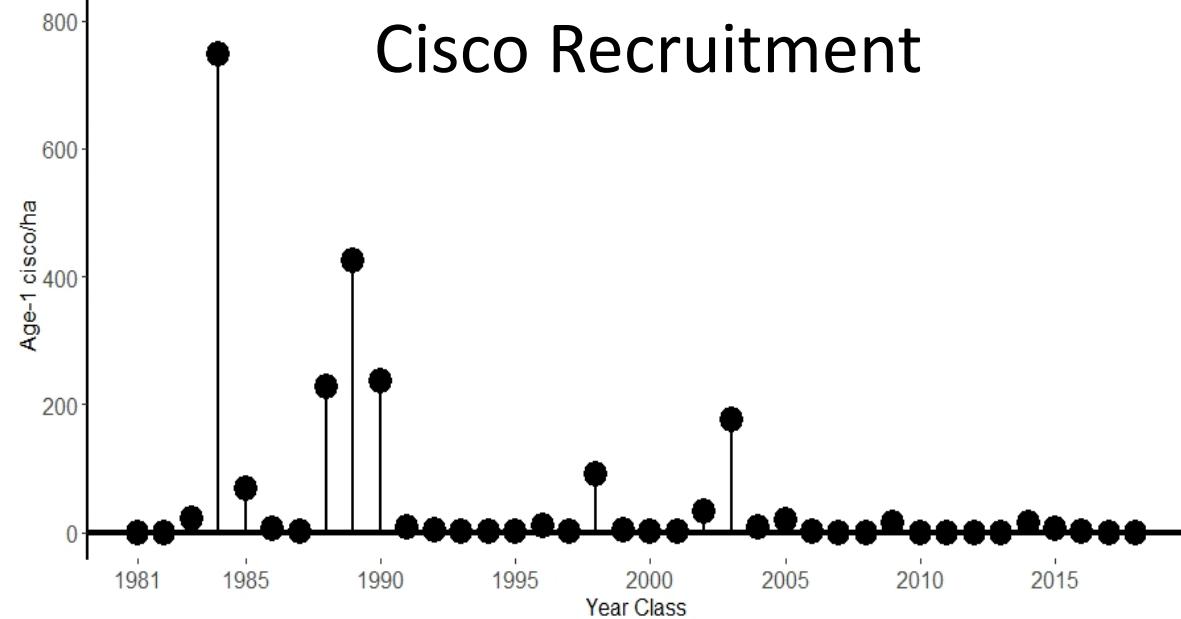
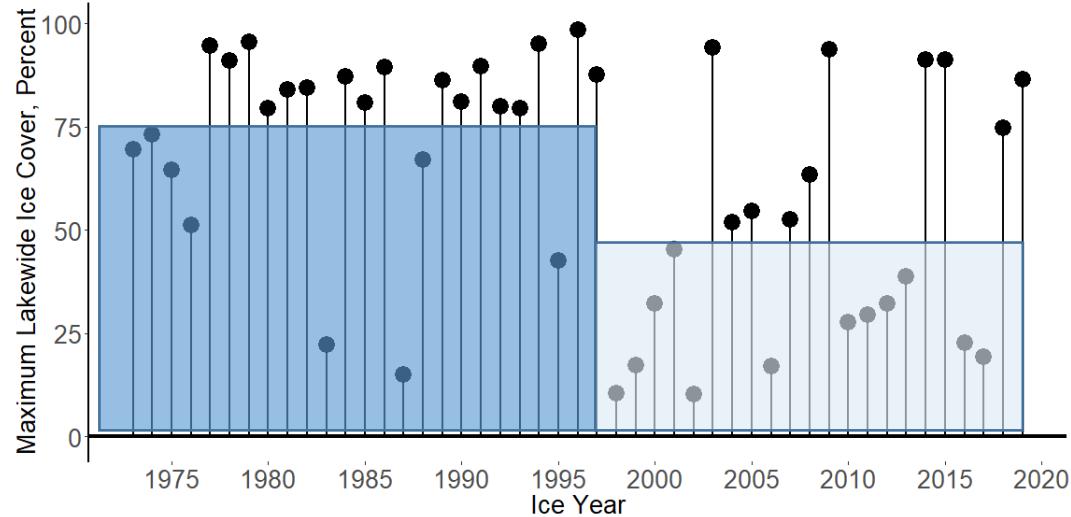


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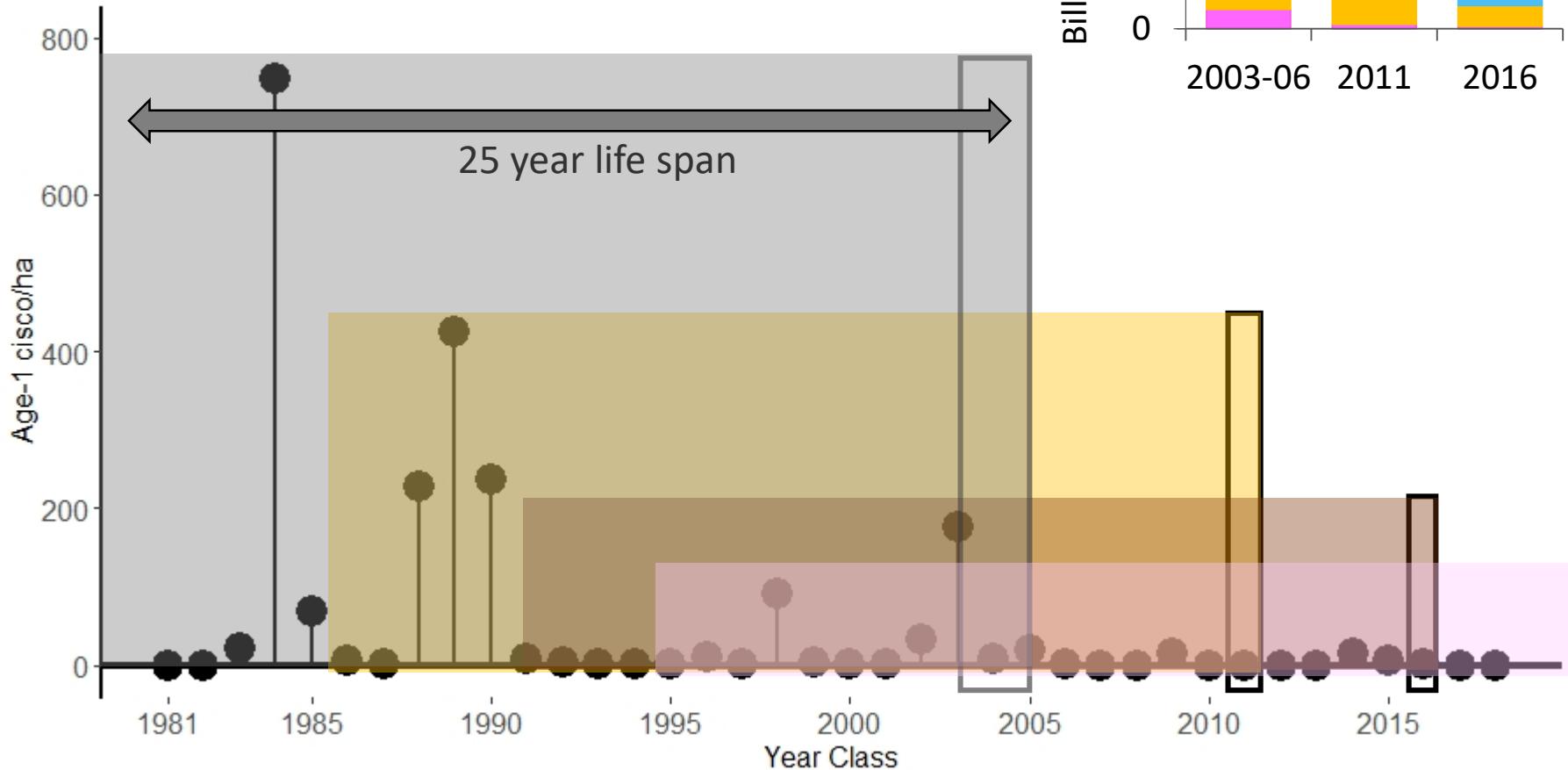
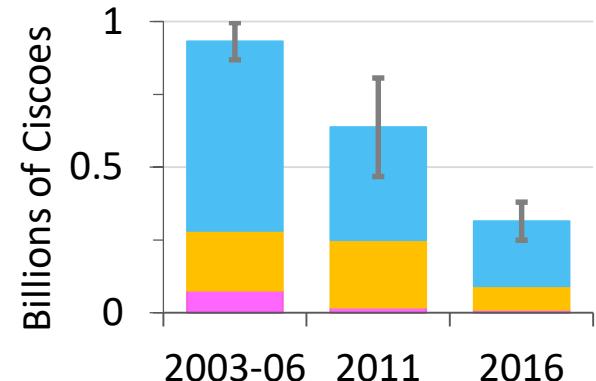
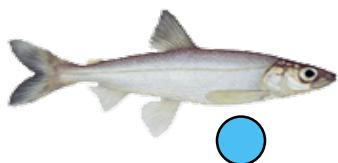


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# Lake Superior Ciscoe Population Dynamics



# Recruitment of Pelagic Fish in an Unstable Climate: Studies in Sweden's Four Largest Lakes

Pelagic fish population biology was studied in the large lakes Vänern, Vättern, Mälaren and Åsnen. The study is crucial for fish fry in temperate regions to hatch early in the growth season to survive, and achieve larger size at maturity. The key factors are the timing of hatching to match the spring development of phytoplankton, but to avoid predation by zooplankton. The study (Ostrem et al., 1998) shows that the growth of year-class strength is determined by the timing of hatching, which is influenced by temperature and density stratification.

At what life stage is year-class strength of coregonids (*Coregonus lavaretus* L.) in Lake Constance determined? Reiner Eckmann and Martin Pusch  
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In the large lakes Vänern, Vättern, Mälaren and Åsnen, researchers have found that the timing of hatching of vendace (*Coregonus albula*) place close to ice break (2-5). Especially from southern Norway populations need for a minimal disturbance to prevent hatching has been observed, e.g. temperature-induced water movement. The growth is fast and about 4 weeks after hatching, at a size between 20 and 30 mm, the young-of-the-year (YOY) vendace have reached a size of about 90 mm and a weight of 6 g. Vendace feeds on zooplankton during its entire life (5-10), but initially zoofiles may be more important (3). Vendace is of great importance for commercial fishing in Vänern and Mälaren.

Vendace (Cisco) from ca. 5 to 15 cm length to 2-3+ caught in L. Vänern at the beginning of the 1990s. The vendace are of harvestable size for the fishery for roe later in autumn.

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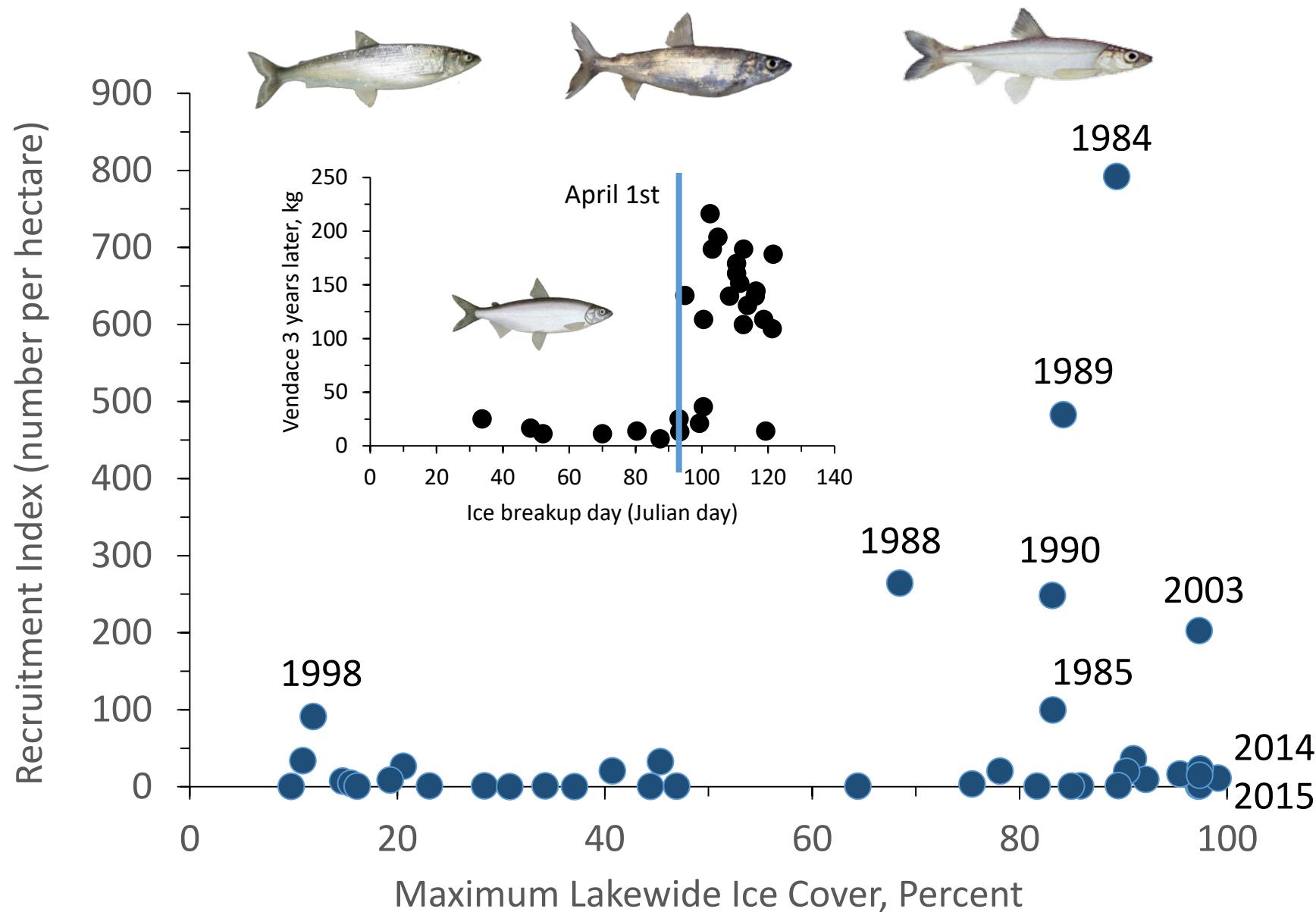
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# Lake Superior Ice Cover and Ciscoe Recruitment Relationship





# Lake Superior Cisco

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## Relationship with Ice Cover

## Relationship Status

### Family Members

*Bloater**Kiyi**Shortjaw**Blackfin*

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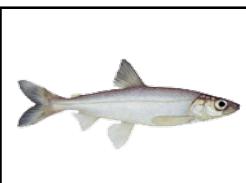
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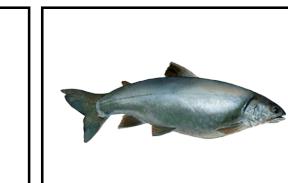
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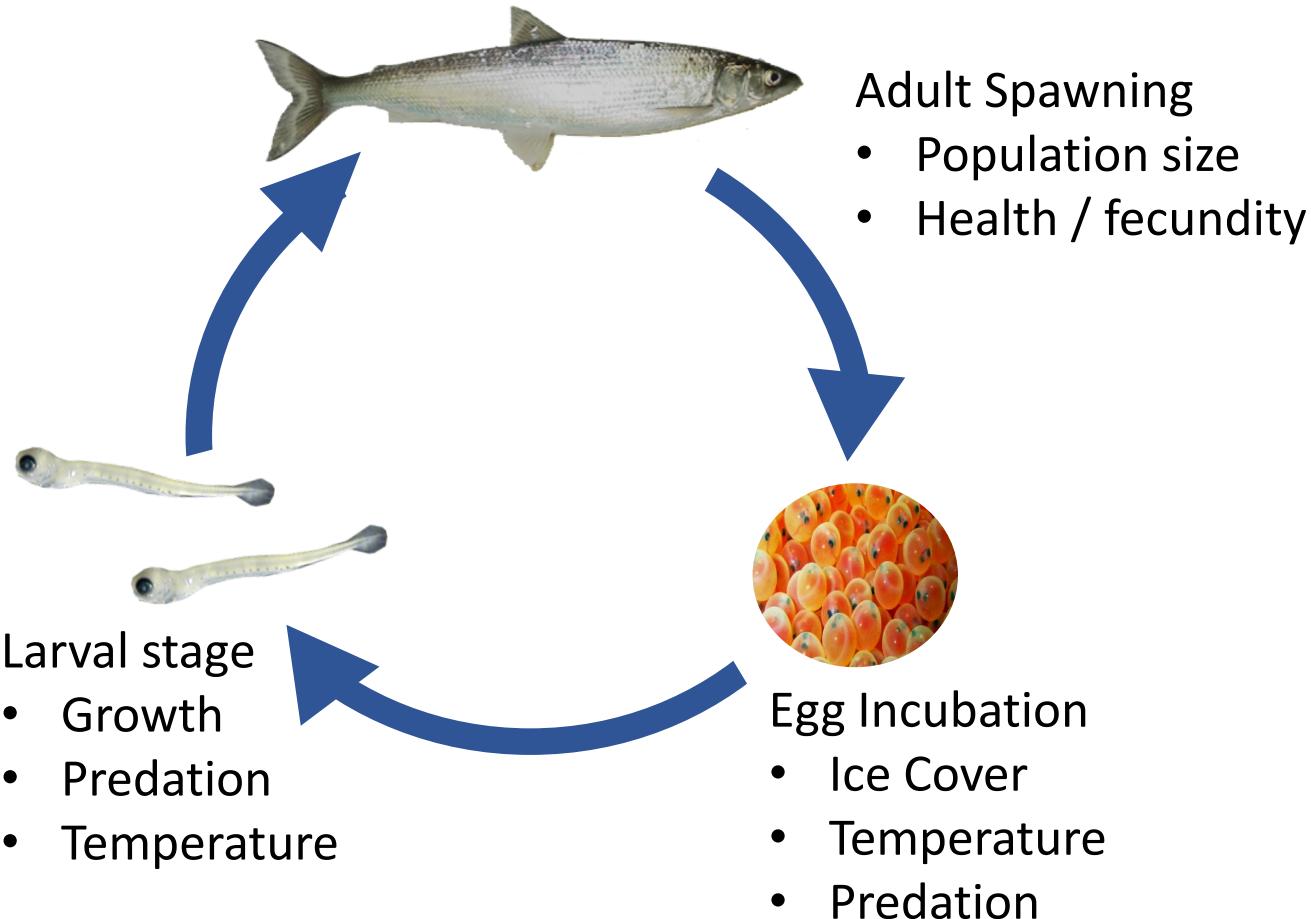


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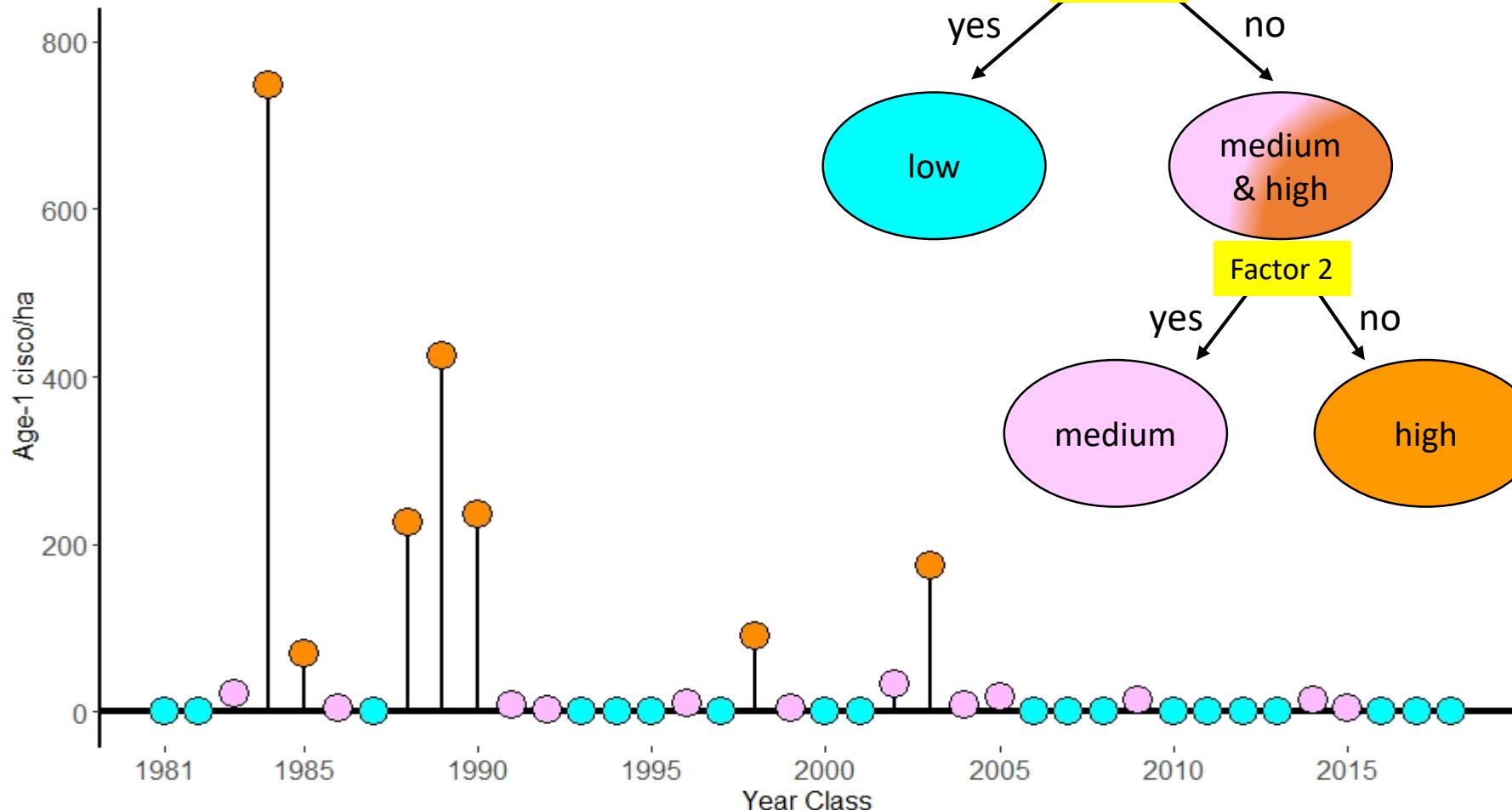
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# *Can we develop a model that identifies what factors underlie the variability in survival to age-1?*



# Lake Superior Ciscoe age-1 Recruitment Predictive Model

| Recruitment group | Years | Index value      |
|-------------------|-------|------------------|
| None-Low          | 19    | <2 fish / ha     |
| Measurable        | 12    | 3-33 fish / ha   |
| High              | 7     | 68-750 fish / ha |

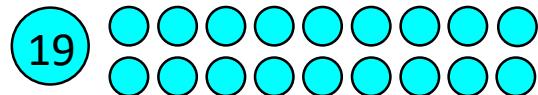


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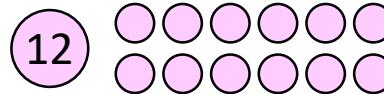
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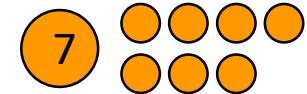
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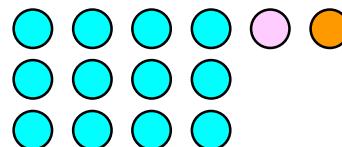
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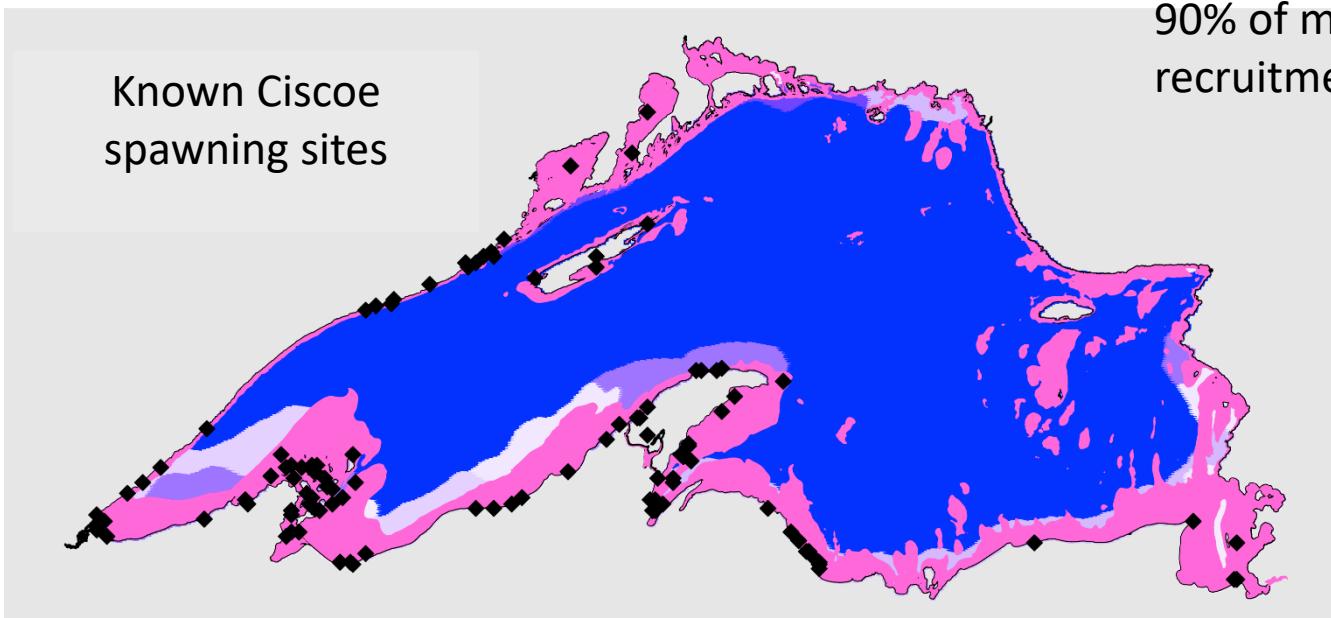
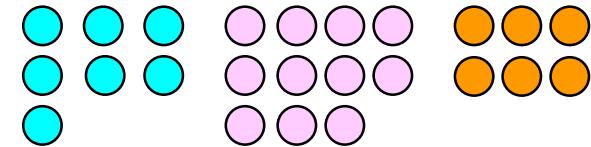
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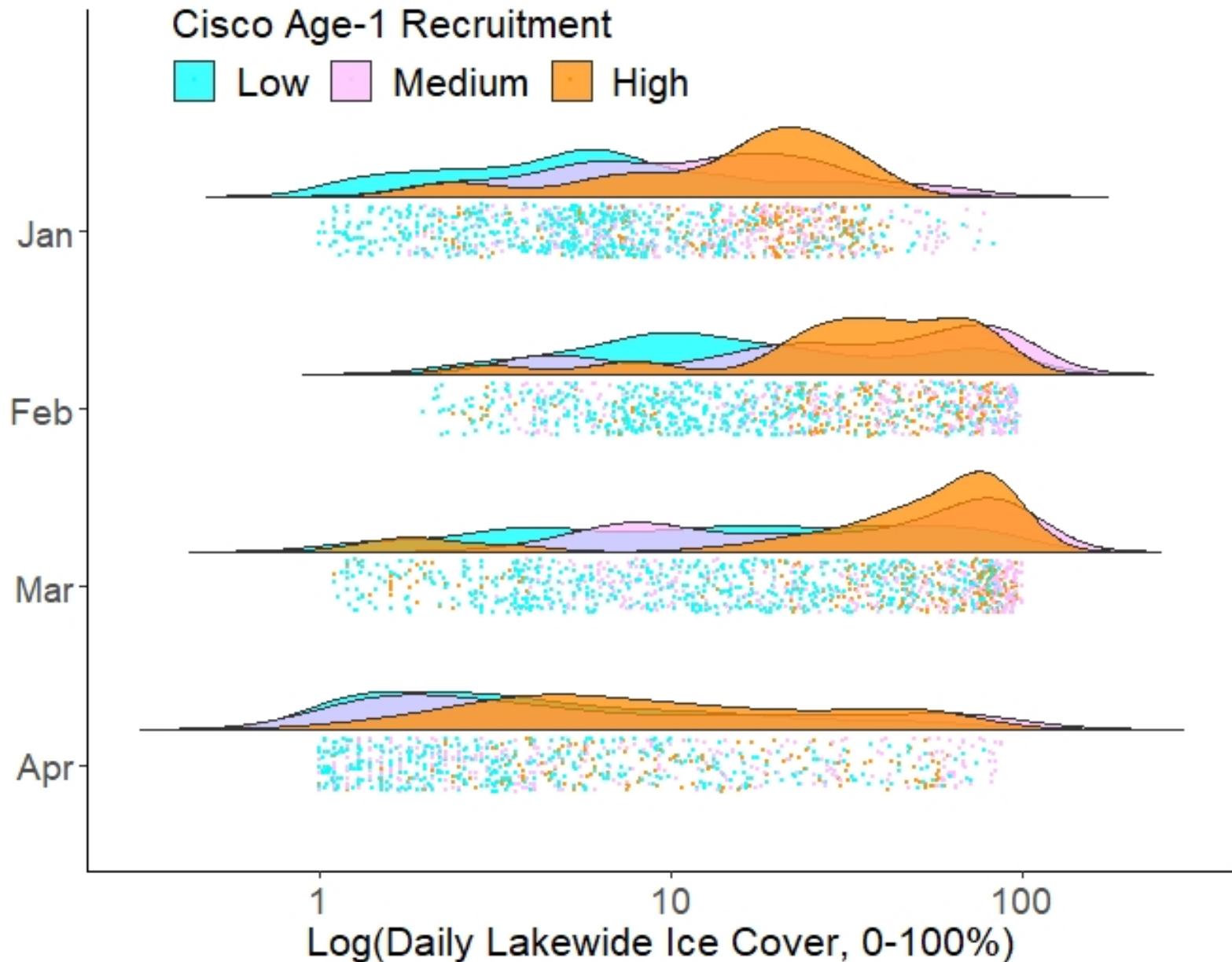
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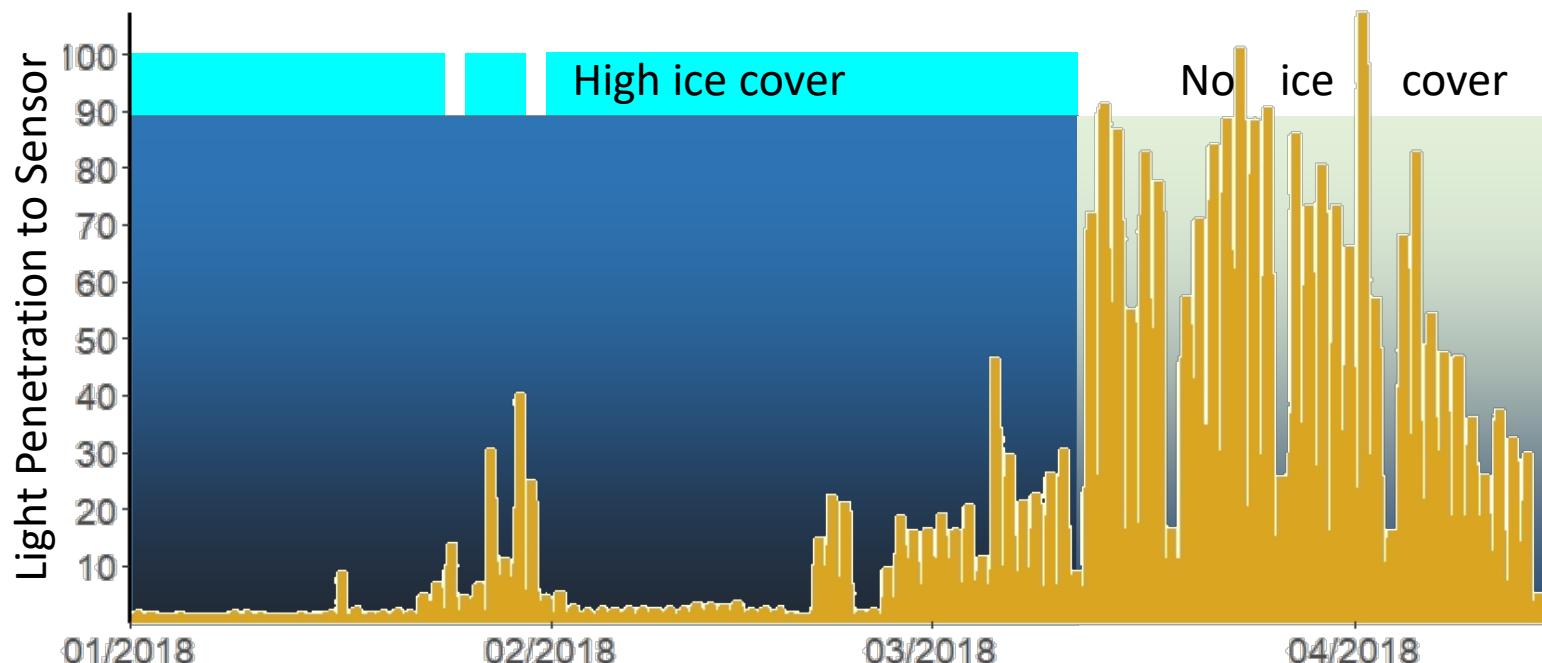
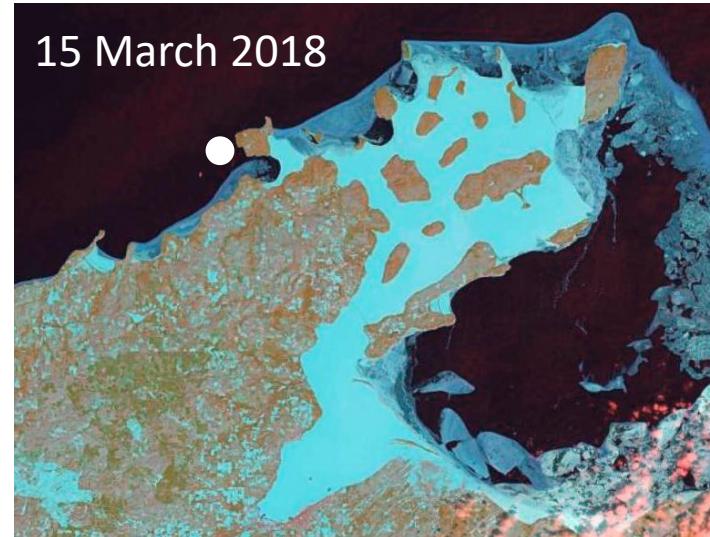
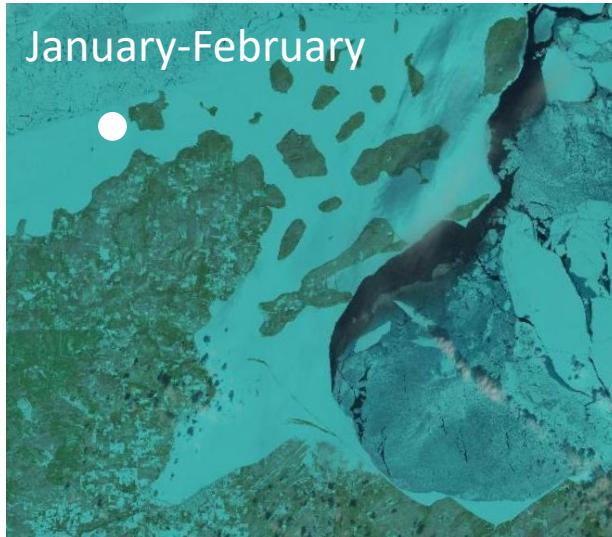
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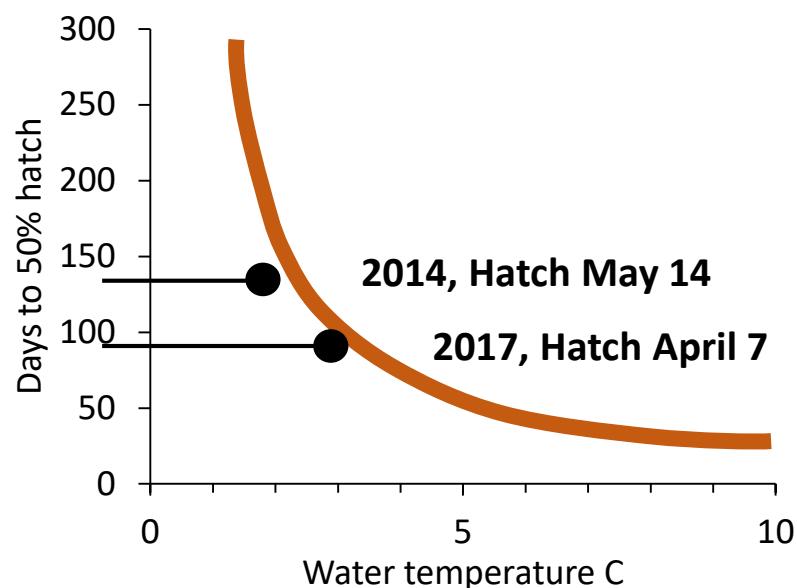
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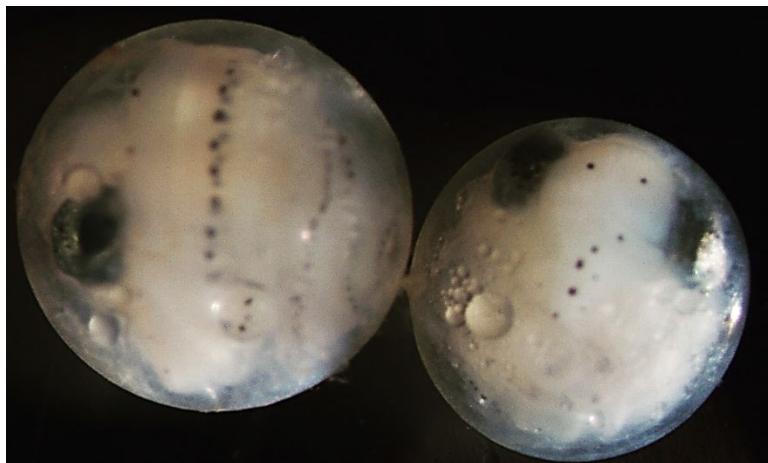
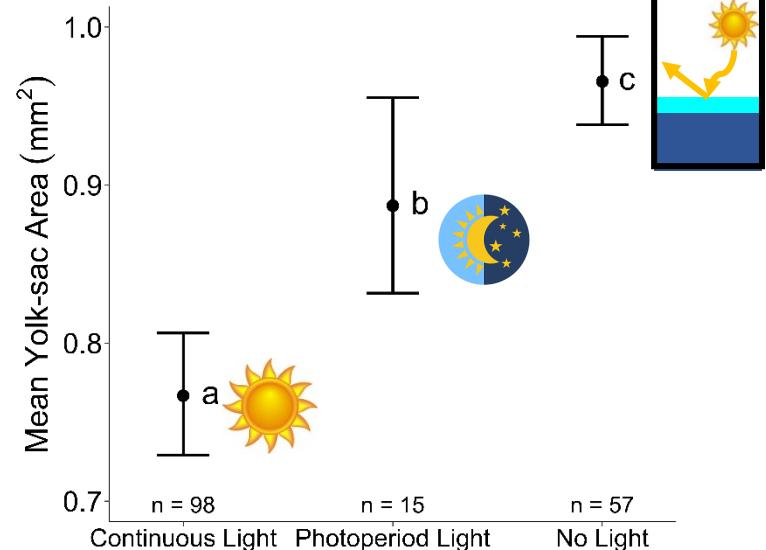


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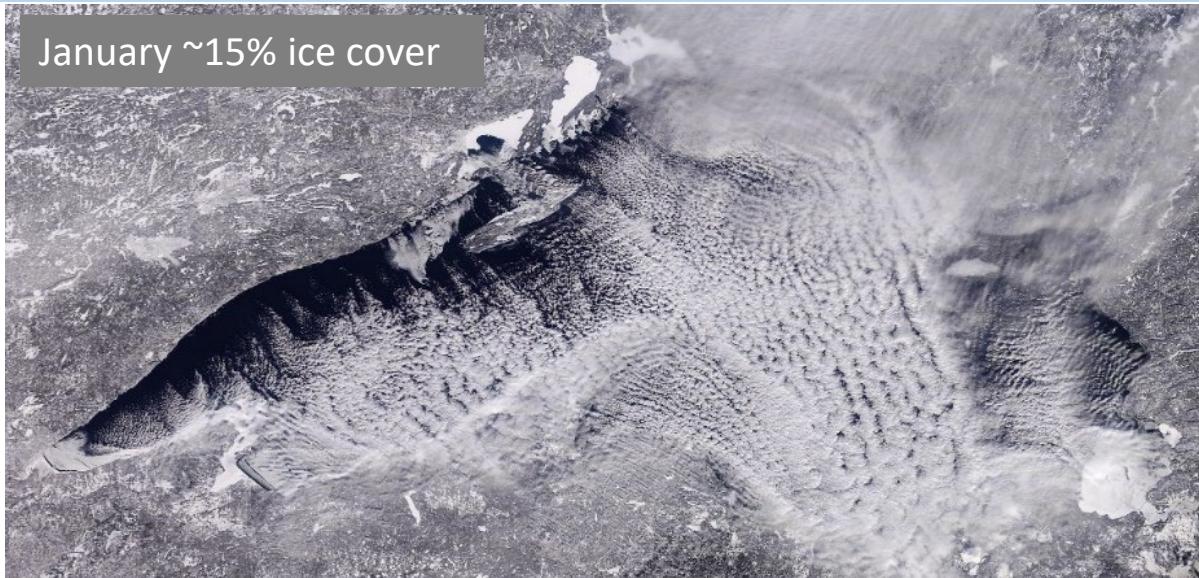
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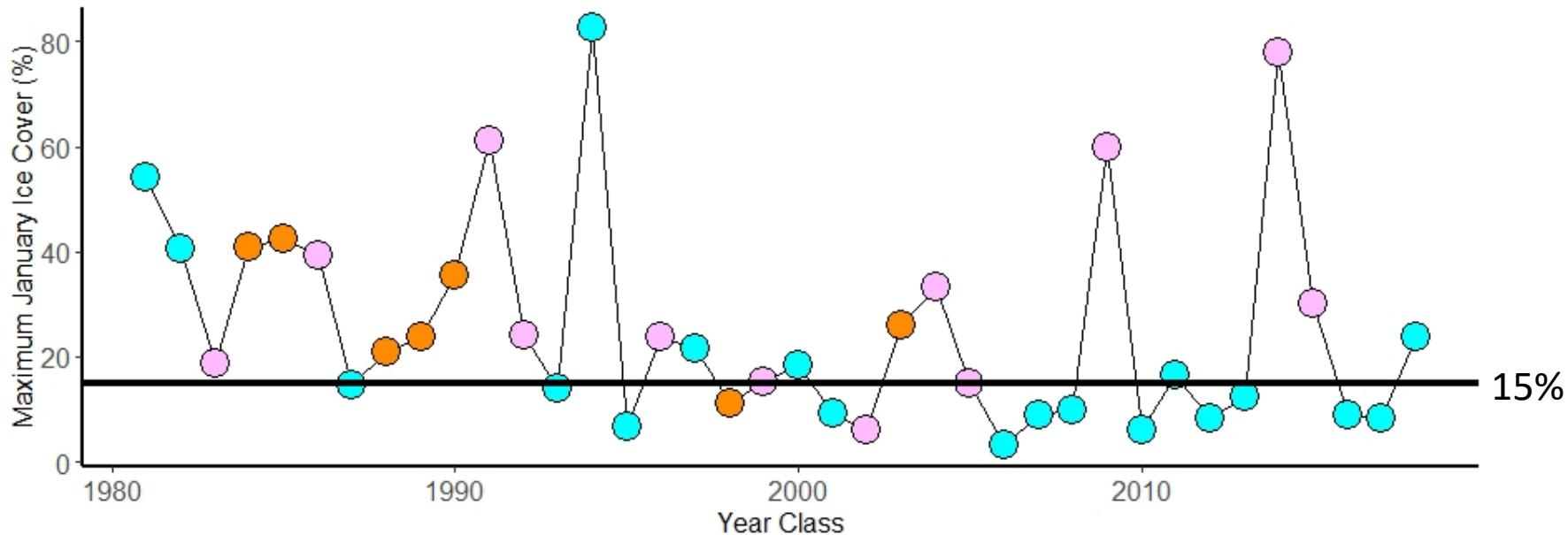
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# Trend in January Ice Cover

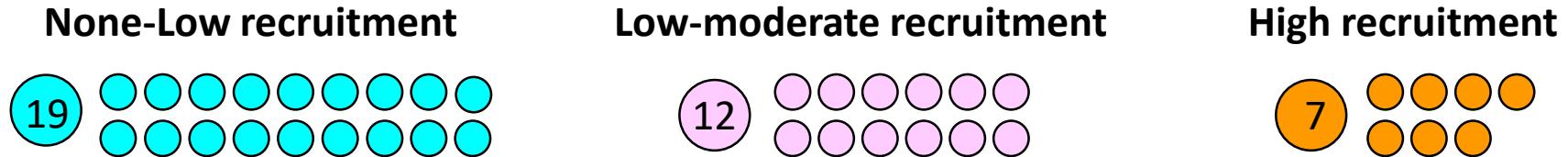


Recruitment: ● None-Low ● Medium ● High



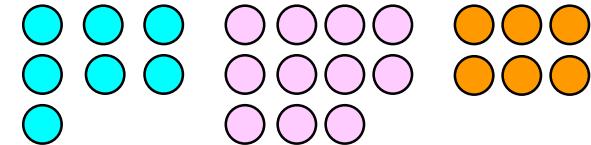
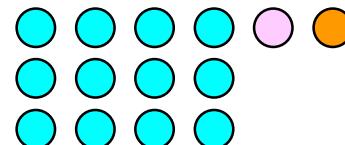
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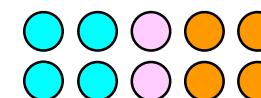
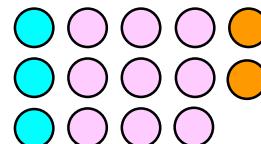
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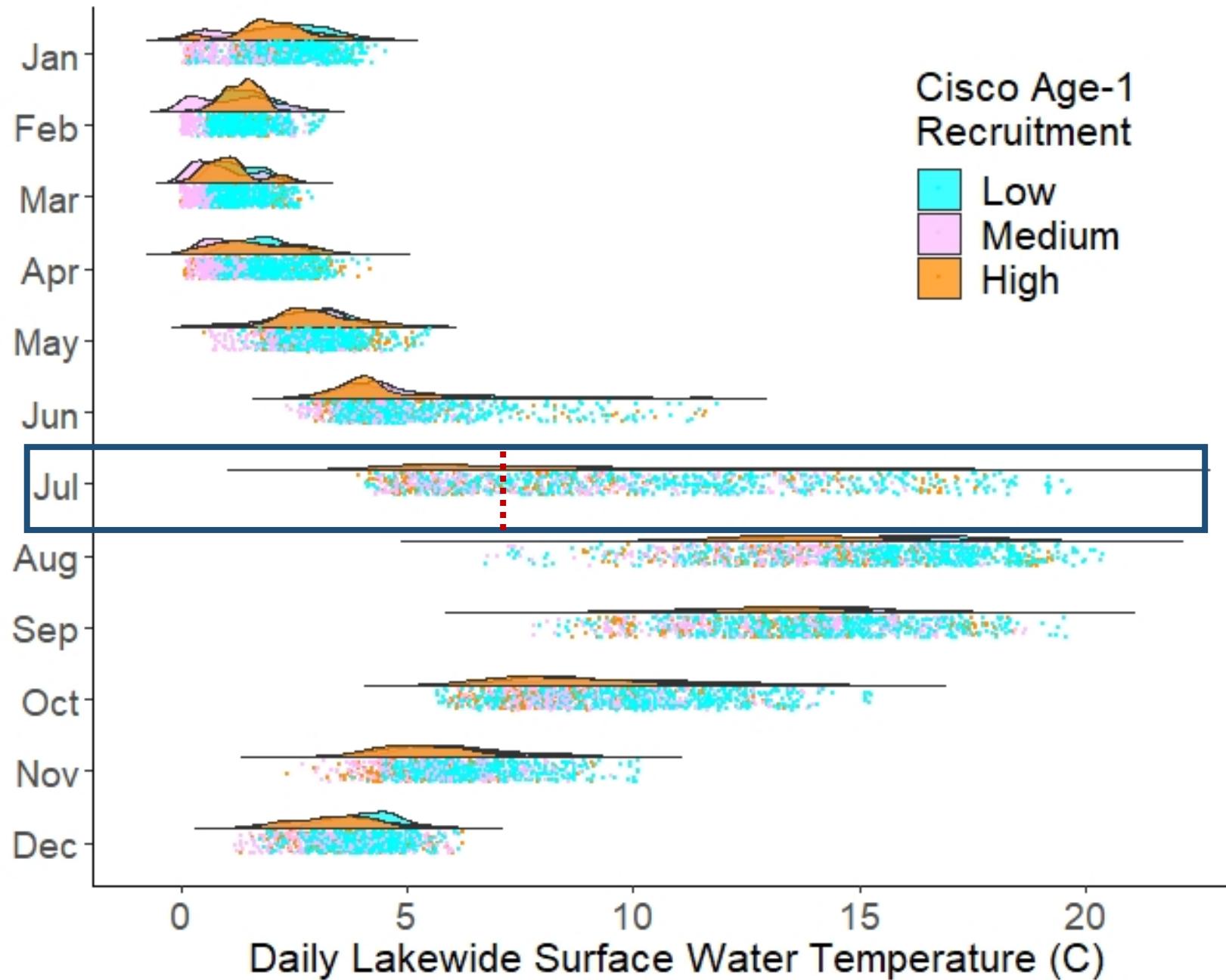
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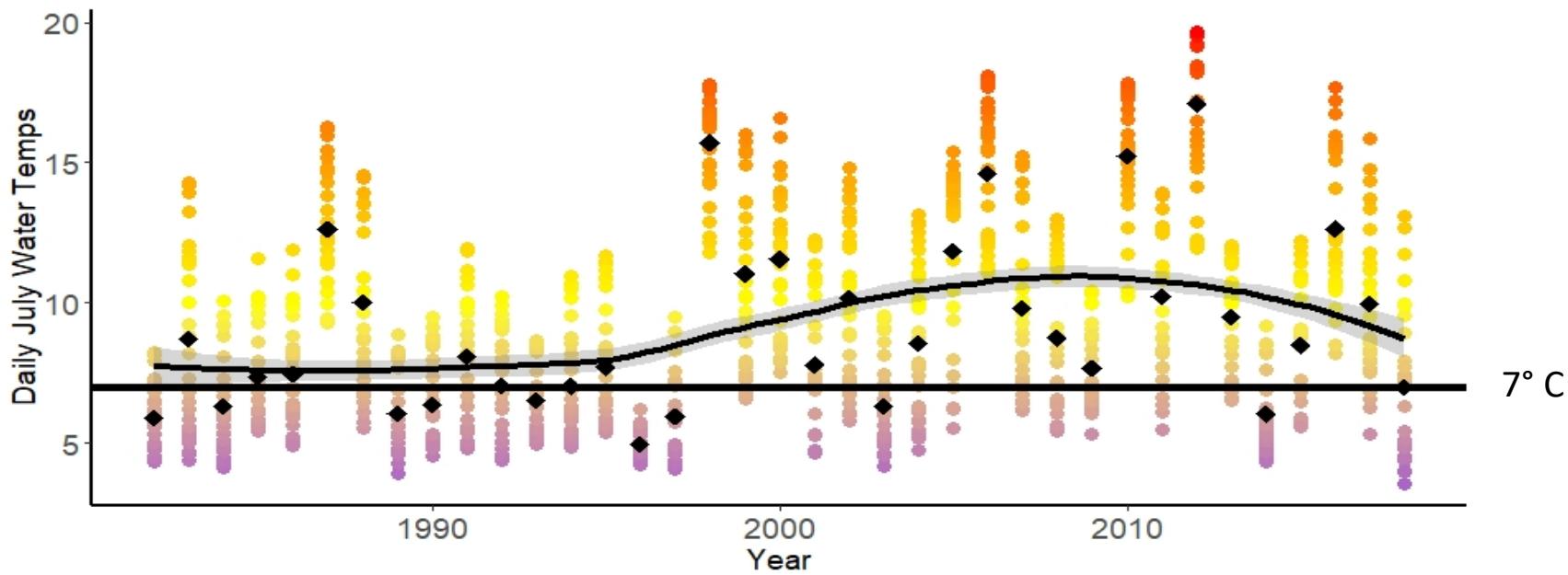
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# Cisco age-1 Recruitment and Water Temperature



# Trend in July Water Temperature



# Forecast

Ciscoe populations will continue to decline without successful recruitment

Current climate trends may increase ice cover variability

Can intermittent polar vortex years sustain ciscoe populations?

