

Appendices: Non-spawner covariate tests

Table A1. Covariate tests for the October-March catch (N_t). M is the base model with prior season October-March catch (N_{t-1}) and July-September catch two seasons prior (S_{t-2}) as the covariates. To the base model, the environmental covariates are added. ns-SST is nearshore (0-80km) and r-SST is regional (0-160km) SST. Similarly, ns-Chl is nearshore chlorophyll. The models are nested sets, e.g. 1, 2a, 3a and 1, 2b, 3b.

| Model | Resid. df | Adj. R^2 | RMSE | AICc | LOOCV RMSE | LOOCV MdAE |
|---|--------------|---------------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| catch only models 1983-2014 data | | | | | | |
| null model: $\ln(N_t) = \ln(N_{t-1}) + \epsilon_t$ | 32 | | 0.999 | 92.9 | 0.999 | 0.256 |
| base (M): 1. $\ln(N_t) = \alpha + s(\ln(N_{t-1})) + \epsilon_t$ | 29.1 | 45.9 | 0.824 | 87.7 | 0.955 | 0.323 |
| Precipitation | | | | | | |
| V_t = Jun-Jul Precipitation - satellite (S1) | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 44 | 0.824 | 90.5 | 0.99 | 0.353 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.9 | 46.1 | 0.791 | 91.5 | 1.037 | 0.354 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 44.7 | 0.819 | 90.1 | 0.989 | 0.315 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26.8 | 44.2 | 0.804 | 92.8 | 1.021 | 0.337 |
| V_t = Jun-Jul Precipitation - land gauges (S1) | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 54.1 | 0.745 | 84.1† | 0.964 | 0.351 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.9 | 59.6 | 0.685 | 82.1†† | 0.906‡ | 0.246‡‡‡ |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 45.2 | 0.815 | 89.8 | 1.01 | 0.339 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 27 | 43.2 | 0.814 | 93 | 1.05 | 0.356 |
| V_t = Apr-May Precipitation - satellite (S2) | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 44 | 0.823 | 90.5 | 0.968 | 0.36 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.8 | 41.9 | 0.819 | 94.2 | 0.996 | 0.457 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 44.5 | 0.82 | 90.2 | 0.958 | 0.374 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26.8 | 45.4 | 0.794 | 92.1 | 0.954 | 0.381 |
| V_t = Apr-May Precipitation - land gauges (S2) | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 47.4 | 0.799 | 88.5 | 0.913 | 0.368 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.2 | 46.1 | 0.781 | 93 | 0.93 | 0.389 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 44 | 0.824 | 90.5 | 0.965 | 0.314 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26.1 | 42.1 | 0.808 | 95.4 | 0.994 | 0.359 |
| Sea surface temperature | | | | | | |
| V_t = Mar-May r-SST (S5) | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 46.4 | 0.805 | 89.1 | 0.961 | 0.34 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.7 | 46.8 | 0.784 | 91.4 | 0.961 | 0.423 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 50 | 0.778 | 86.9 | 0.941 | 0.475 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26.6 | 50.9 | 0.751 | 89.1 | 0.928 | 0.398 |

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|---|--------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Upwelling | | | | | | |
| $V_t = \text{Oct-Dec ns-SST (L1)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 44.9 | 0.817 | 90 | 0.981 | 0.416 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 27.1 | 43.9 | 0.81 | 92.4 | 0.99 | 0.434 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 46.3 | 0.806 | 89.2 | 0.964 | 0.289 $\dagger\dagger$ |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 27.1 | 45.3 | 0.8 | 91.6 | 1.019 | 0.324 |
| $V_t = \text{Jun-Sep SST-derived UPW (L2)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 54.7 | 0.741 | 83.8 \dagger | 0.913 | 0.447 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.2 | 56.8 | 0.699 | 86 | 1.017 | 0.456 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 44 | 0.824 | 90.5 | 1.007 | 0.322 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26.1 | 47.2 | 0.772 | 92.4 | 1.084 | 0.35 |
| $V_t = \text{Jun-Sep ns-SST (L2)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 52.3 | 0.76 | 85.4 \dagger | 0.914 | 0.432 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.6 | 52.1 | 0.742 | 88.4 | 0.965 | 0.519 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 45.6 | 0.812 | 89.5 | 0.97 | 0.333 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26.6 | 44.4 | 0.798 | 93.2 | 0.995 | 0.307 \dagger |
| $V_t = \text{Jun-Sep Bakun-UPW (L2)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 46.5 | 0.805 | 89 | 0.948 | 0.37 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.6 | 47.7 | 0.775 | 91.1 | 0.945 | 0.309 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 44.9 | 0.817 | 90 | 0.951 | 0.342 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26.7 | 45.4 | 0.794 | 92.3 | 0.965 | 0.392 |
| Ocean climate | | | | | | |
| $V_t = \text{2.5-year average r-SST - AVHRR (A1)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 56.5 | 0.726 | 82.4 $\dagger\dagger$ | 0.844 $\dagger\dagger$ | 0.324 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 26.9 | 64.5 | 0.642 | 78.1 $\dagger\dagger$ | 0.758 $\dagger\dagger\dagger$ | 0.351 |
| $V_t = \text{2.5-year average r-SST - ICOAD (A1)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 58.9 | 0.706 | 80.6 $\dagger\dagger$ | 0.814 $\dagger\dagger$ | 0.436 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 27.3 | 61.5 | 0.673 | 79.9 $\dagger\dagger$ | 0.799 $\dagger\dagger$ | 0.311 |
| $V_t = \text{ONI (A2)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 48.5 | 0.79 | 87.8 | 0.916 | 0.453 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 27.5 | 48 | 0.785 | 89.2 | 0.929 | 0.44 |
| $V_t = \text{Sep-Nov DMI (A3)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 28.1 | 48.8 | 0.787 | 87.7 | 0.978 | 0.425 |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_t)$ | 25.8 | 48.9 | 0.754 | 92.2 | 1.119 | 0.493 |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 28.1 | 44.7 | 0.819 | 90.1 | 0.95 | 0.336 |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + s(V_{t-1})$ | 26 | 44.3 | 0.791 | 94.4 | 0.947 | 0.339 |
| catch only models 1998-2014 data | | | | | | |
| null model: $\ln(N_t) = \ln(N_{t-1}) + \epsilon_t$ | 17 | | 0.432 | 22 | 0.432 | 0.133 |
| base (M): 1. $\ln(N_t) = \alpha + p(\ln(N_{t-1})) + \epsilon_t$ | 14 | 26.5 | 0.334 | 22.3 | 0.422 | 0.369 |

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|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Chlorophyll | | | | | | |
| $V_t = \text{Jul-Sep ns-CHL (L3)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 13 | 24 | 0.327 | 25.7 | 0.441 | 0.344‡ |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + p(V_t)$ | 12 | 18.6 | 0.325 | 30.5 | 0.496 | 0.333‡ |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 13 | 31.5 | 0.311 | 24 | 0.418 | 0.348‡ |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + p(V_{t-1})$ | 12 | 25.8 | 0.311 | 28.9 | 1.616 | 0.362 |
| $V_t = \text{Oct-Dec ns-CHL (L3)}$ | | | | | | |
| 2a. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_t$ | 13 | 24 | 0.327 | 25.7 | 0.445 | 0.336‡ |
| 3a. $\ln(N_t) = M + p(V_t)$ | 12 | 35.1 | 0.29 | 26.6 | 0.391‡ | 0.217‡‡‡ |
| 2b. $\ln(N_t) = M + \beta V_{t-1}$ | 13 | 45.3 | 0.277 | 20.1† | 0.364‡‡ | 0.235‡‡‡ |
| 3b. $\ln(N_t) = M + p(V_{t-1})$ | 12 | 40.8 | 0.277 | 25.1 | 0.384‡ | 0.278‡‡‡ |

Notes: LOOCV = Leave one out cross-validation. RMSE = root mean square error. MdAE = median absolute error. AICc = Akaike Information Criterion corrected for small sample size. † and ‡‡ = AICc greater than 2 and greater than 5 below model M (base catch model). ‡, ‡‡, and ‡‡‡ = LOOCV RMSE 5%, 10% and 20% below model M, respectively. t indicates current season (Jul-Jun) and $t - 1$ is prior season. Thus a Jan-Mar covariate with $t - 1$ would be in the same calendar year as the Jul-Sep catch, though in a prior fishing season. With the exception that for covariates that are calendar year (Jan-Dec) or multiyear, t is the current calendar year.