

Appendix 8. Conditional overdispersion in sea duck abundance

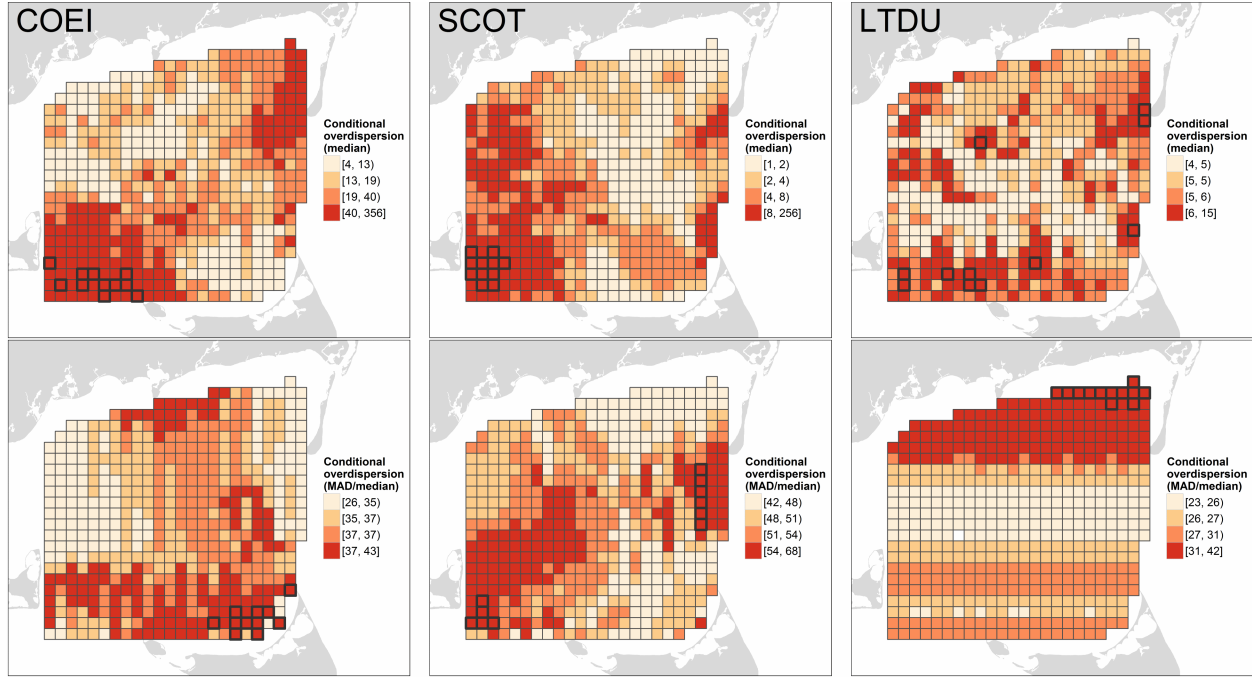


Figure 8.1. Overdispersion in the conditional abundance of Common Eider (COEI), scoter (SCOT), and Long-tailed Duck (LTDU) in Nantucket Sound during winter 2003 – 2005. Higher median conditional overdispersion values (top row) indicate increased variance in excess of the mean in the negative binomial model in counts of sea ducks, conditional on their presence, in a 1.5 km x ca. 180 m transect through a given segment predicted on 10 dates evenly-spaced from 15 November through 1 April in each winter. Spatiotemporal variation in conditional overdispersion is indicated by the median absolute deviation, MAD, relative to the median (%; bottom row). Predicted values are categorized based on their quartiles; segments with predictions = 98th percentile are outlined in black.