

Comparing VAST and sdmTMB Bering indices

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#pak::pak("pbs-assess/sdmTMB")
#pak::pak("pbs-assess/sdmTMB@index-split")
#pak::pak("afsc-gap-products/coldpool")
library(VAST)
library(sp)
library(sdmTMB)
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(here)
```

```
species <- "pollock"
#pollock pacific_cod yellowfin_sole
```

We will fit geostatistical spatiotemporal models with VAST and sdmTMB for the purposes of index standardization and compare the outputs given the same data. We will use data from the EBS/NBS AFSC GAP bottom trawl surveys. The density units we will work in are either kg/km² or n/km², for biomass or numerical abundance.

```
# TODO: standardize names better
if(species == "pacific_cod"){
  dat_ll <- readRDS(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "production",
    "data", "data_geostat_numerical_index.RDS"))
  dat_ll <- dplyr::transmute(dat_ll,
    cpue = Catch_N / AreaSwept_km2, #note last cod model used catch ~ effort
    year = as.integer(Year),
    vessel = "missing",
    effort = 1, # area swept is 1 when using CPUE instead of observed weight
    lat = Lat,
    lon = Lon,
    pass = 0) %>%
    as.data.frame() # ensure not a tibble
}
if(species == "pollock"){
  dat_ll <- read.csv(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "VAST_ddc_all_2023.csv"))
  dat_ll <- dplyr::transmute(dat_ll,
    cpue = ddc_cpue_kg_ha * 100, # converts cpue from kg/ha to kg/km^2
    year = as.integer(year),
    vessel = "missing",
    effort = 1, # area swept is 1 when using CPUE instead of observed weight
    lat = start_latitude,
    lon = start_longitude,
    pass = 0) %>%
    as.data.frame() # ensure not a tibble
}
```

```

}
if(species == "yellowfin_sole"){
  dat_ll <- readRDS(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "production",
    "data", "data_geostat_biomass_index.RDS"))
  dat_ll <- dplyr::transmute(dat_ll,
    cpue = Catch_KG / AreaSwept_km2,
    year = as.integer(Year),
    vessel = "missing",
    effort = 1, # area swept is 1 when using CPUE instead of observed weight
    lat = Lat,
    lon = Lon,
    pass = 0) %>%
    as.data.frame() # ensure not a tibble
}

```

We also need to pull in the appropriate environmental covariate as this is used as a spatially varying covariate in AFSC GAP Bering Sea indices. For yellowfin sole, this is the mean bottom temperature in waters less than 100m. For other species, this is the cold pool extent. The cold pool is defined here as the areal extent (in km²) of seawater equal to or colder than 2 degrees Celsius near the seafloor, calculated from observations from the AFSC GAP EBS/NBS bottom trawl survey. We center and scale this for inclusion as a covariate.

```

if(species == "yellowfin_sole"){
  env <- scale(coldpool::cold_pool_index$MEAN_BT_LT100M)
} else {
  env <- scale(coldpool::cold_pool_index$AREA_LTE2_KM2)
}

# TODO: drop below inclusion of missing year for sdmTMB? Or remove extra_year argument in sdmTMB()
covariate_data <- data.frame(Year = as.integer(c(coldpool::cold_pool_index$YEAR, 2020)),
  Lat = mean(dat_ll$lat),
  Lon = mean(dat_ll$lon),
  env = c(env, 0)) %>%

  filter(Year != 2024)

# TODO: replace "select(covariate_data, year, env)" with just "env" for sdmTMB
env_join <- covariate_data %>% select(year = Year, env)
dat_ll <- left_join(dat_ll, env_join, by = "year")

```

We begin by specifying the VAST model. To specify the mesh used to approximate the spatial process, which is used in the SPDE calculations, we use the k-means method in VAST. Rather than specifying the cutoff distance, meshes in VAST are typically generated by specifying only the number of knots, which we will later pass, along with other model settings to the function `make_settings`. We will use 750 knots, the same number in the mesh created in the existing production VAST index for this stock and region.

We will include a factor predictor that represents the mean estimate for each time slice. Settings used for index standardization are specified partially by specifying `purpose = "index2"` but we also explicitly provide arguments for these and other key settings here.

```

FieldConfig <- c("Omega1"="IID", "Epsilon1"="IID", "Omega2"="IID", "Epsilon2"="IID")
RhoConfig <- c("Beta1" = 0, "Beta2" = 0, "Epsilon1" = 4, "Epsilon2" = 4)
OverdispersionConfig <- c("Eta1"=0, "Eta2"=0)

```

Unlike in `sdmTMB`, the fitting and predicting steps are all accomplished with the function `fit_model()` and thus we need to specify the prediction grid (referred to as the “extrapolation grid” in VAST). Here, X and Y are coordinates in UTM zone 2.

```

if(species == "pacific_cod"){
  ObsModel = c(2, 4)
} else {
  ObsModel = c(2, 1)
}

settings <- make_settings(
  n_x = 750, # number of vertices in the SPDE mesh
  Region = c("Eastern_Bering_Sea", "Northern_Bering_Sea"),
  purpose = "index2", # index of abundance with Gamma for positive catches
  fine_scale = TRUE, # use bilinear interpolation from the INLA 'A' matrix
  zone = 2,
  FieldConfig = FieldConfig,
  RhoConfig = RhoConfig,
  OverdispersionConfig = c("Eta1" = 0, "Eta2" = 0),
  Options = c("Calculate_Range" = TRUE, "Calculate_effective_area" = TRUE,
    "treat_nonencounter_as_zero" = FALSE),
  ObsModel = ObsModel, #delta-Gamma; (2,4) if there are years with 100% encounter rate; (10, 2) for Twe
  bias.correct = TRUE,
  use_anisotropy = TRUE,
  max_cells = Inf, # use all grid cells from the extrapolation grid, production model used 2000
  knot_method = "grid", # or "samples"
  strata.limits = data.frame(STRATA = as.factor('All_areas'))
)

```

Next we will fit a GLMM (generalized linear mixed effects model).

```

# create folder for saved output:
dir.create(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison"), showWarnings = FALSE)

f <- here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "VASTfit_full.RDS")
if (!file.exists(f)) {
  fit <- fit_model(
    settings = settings,
    Lat_i = dat_ll[, "lat"],
    Lon_i = dat_ll[, "lon"],
    t_i = dat_ll[, "year"],
    b_i = dat_ll[, "cpue"],
    a_i = dat_ll[, "effort"],
    create_strata_per_region = TRUE,
    getJointPrecision = TRUE,
    getReportCovariance = TRUE,
    X1_formula = ~ env,
    X2_formula = ~ env,
    X1config_cp = as.matrix(2),
    X2config_cp = as.matrix(2),
    covariate_data = covariate_data,
    working_dir = paste0(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison"), "/")
  )
  saveRDS(fit, file = f)
} else {
  fit <- readRDS(f)
  fit <- reload_model(fit)
}

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```
}
#> Maximum absolute gradient of 0.000104: No evidence of non-convergence
```

We can look at parameter estimates. First we see estimates from the binomial component and second we see estimates from the positive Gamma component.

```
fit$parameter_estimates$diagnostics
#>      Param starting_value      Lower      MLE      Upper
#> 1      ln_H_input      0.09368142 -5.000000  0.09367727  5.000000
#> 2      ln_H_input     -0.42203177 -5.000000 -0.42203033  5.000000
#> 3      beta1_ft      0.30170208      -Inf  0.30166625      Inf
#> 4      beta1_ft      0.33837843      -Inf  0.33835976      Inf
#> 5      beta1_ft      0.43131191      -Inf  0.43128063      Inf
#> 6      beta1_ft      0.60580346      -Inf  0.60583287      Inf
#> 7      beta1_ft      1.16796996      -Inf  1.16801190      Inf
#> 8      beta1_ft      0.17451778      -Inf  0.17455755      Inf
#> 9      beta1_ft      1.07184515      -Inf  1.07184739      Inf
#> 10     beta1_ft      0.33847038      -Inf  0.33843465      Inf
#> 11     beta1_ft      0.30101791      -Inf  0.30098903      Inf
#> 12     beta1_ft      0.71431596      -Inf  0.71428788      Inf
#> 13     beta1_ft      0.58690508      -Inf  0.58684931      Inf
#> 14     beta1_ft      0.73834071      -Inf  0.73834665      Inf
#> 15     beta1_ft      1.18335522      -Inf  1.18328263      Inf
#> 16     beta1_ft      0.90190133      -Inf  0.90185533      Inf
#> 17     beta1_ft      0.91692073      -Inf  0.91683705      Inf
#> 18     beta1_ft      0.88081861      -Inf  0.88078865      Inf
#> 19     beta1_ft      1.04015840      -Inf  1.04012640      Inf
#> 20     beta1_ft      1.88233789      -Inf  1.88233009      Inf
#> 21     beta1_ft      1.31442606      -Inf  1.31441054      Inf
#> 22     beta1_ft      1.49167771      -Inf  1.49159599      Inf
#> 23     beta1_ft      1.06306471      -Inf  1.06301635      Inf
#> 24     beta1_ft      1.06163304      -Inf  1.06160466      Inf
#> 25     beta1_ft      1.51991178      -Inf  1.51992544      Inf
#> 26     beta1_ft      1.45497894      -Inf  1.45495691      Inf
#> 27     beta1_ft      1.24496417      -Inf  1.24491544      Inf
#> 28     beta1_ft      1.08817526      -Inf  1.08810577      Inf
#> 29     beta1_ft      0.57621930      -Inf  0.57623016      Inf
#> 30     beta1_ft      0.81126198      -Inf  0.81121881      Inf
#> 31     beta1_ft      0.68710040      -Inf  0.68704750      Inf
#> 32     beta1_ft      1.13393587      -Inf  1.13381313      Inf
#> 33     beta1_ft      1.53298882      -Inf  1.53295582      Inf
#> 34     beta1_ft      1.54829312      -Inf  1.54825073      Inf
#> 35     beta1_ft      1.92310470      -Inf  1.92306032      Inf
#> 36     beta1_ft      2.14952619      -Inf  2.14949117      Inf
#> 37     beta1_ft      2.07561957      -Inf  2.07556434      Inf
#> 38     beta1_ft      2.64423178      -Inf  2.64416488      Inf
#> 39     beta1_ft      0.73392039      -Inf  0.73379074      Inf
#> 40     beta1_ft      2.87185531      -Inf  2.87177500      Inf
#> 41     beta1_ft      3.07717118      -Inf  3.07709067      Inf
#> 42     beta1_ft      3.02883344      -Inf  3.02873850      Inf
#> 43     beta1_ft      2.86211219      -Inf  2.86198114      Inf
#> 44     L_omega1_z      1.38198578      -Inf  1.38201211      Inf
#> 45     L_epsilon1_z     0.37783132      -Inf  0.37782607      Inf
#> 46     logkappa1     -4.82305167 -6.061886 -4.82306045 -1.727504
```

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#> 47 Epsilon_rho1_f 0.93146056 -0.990000 0.93146173 0.990000
#> 48 log_sigmaXi1_cp -1.46067286 -Inf -1.46068017 Inf
#> 49 beta2_ft 5.49662471 -Inf 5.49669840 Inf
#> 50 beta2_ft 6.62714780 -Inf 6.62711580 Inf
#> 51 beta2_ft 5.70636508 -Inf 5.70643707 Inf
#> 52 beta2_ft 6.11019670 -Inf 6.11012671 Inf
#> 53 beta2_ft 5.29443585 -Inf 5.29453030 Inf
#> 54 beta2_ft 6.54880961 -Inf 6.54878020 Inf
#> 55 beta2_ft 5.71517581 -Inf 5.71531871 Inf
#> 56 beta2_ft 6.24684678 -Inf 6.24685041 Inf
#> 57 beta2_ft 5.98715461 -Inf 5.98709012 Inf
#> 58 beta2_ft 5.54440505 -Inf 5.54435104 Inf
#> 59 beta2_ft 5.59688654 -Inf 5.59695951 Inf
#> 60 beta2_ft 5.81474017 -Inf 5.81469664 Inf
#> 61 beta2_ft 5.19002529 -Inf 5.19005247 Inf
#> 62 beta2_ft 4.98345615 -Inf 4.98352657 Inf
#> 63 beta2_ft 5.02872993 -Inf 5.02870264 Inf
#> 64 beta2_ft 5.18775794 -Inf 5.18775123 Inf
#> 65 beta2_ft 5.14716603 -Inf 5.14709366 Inf
#> 66 beta2_ft 4.21573331 -Inf 4.21582454 Inf
#> 67 beta2_ft 5.41428700 -Inf 5.41430972 Inf
#> 68 beta2_ft 5.17132879 -Inf 5.17129896 Inf
#> 69 beta2_ft 5.45264196 -Inf 5.45264700 Inf
#> 70 beta2_ft 6.13038868 -Inf 6.13039487 Inf
#> 71 beta2_ft 5.19635151 -Inf 5.19633898 Inf
#> 72 beta2_ft 5.15421130 -Inf 5.15418014 Inf
#> 73 beta2_ft 4.32435436 -Inf 4.32430566 Inf
#> 74 beta2_ft 4.68618410 -Inf 4.68621148 Inf
#> 75 beta2_ft 4.69369581 -Inf 4.69370105 Inf
#> 76 beta2_ft 3.93204227 -Inf 3.93213920 Inf
#> 77 beta2_ft 4.76349572 -Inf 4.76348451 Inf
#> 78 beta2_ft 5.23854428 -Inf 5.23856349 Inf
#> 79 beta2_ft 4.80807912 -Inf 4.80803826 Inf
#> 80 beta2_ft 5.00598563 -Inf 5.00607695 Inf
#> 81 beta2_ft 5.74069395 -Inf 5.74073378 Inf
#> 82 beta2_ft 5.97492669 -Inf 5.97490182 Inf
#> 83 beta2_ft 5.90283332 -Inf 5.90279768 Inf
#> 84 beta2_ft 5.61851765 -Inf 5.61848539 Inf
#> 85 beta2_ft 6.36602488 -Inf 6.36602475 Inf
#> 86 beta2_ft 4.96082347 -Inf 4.96076687 Inf
#> 87 beta2_ft 4.26241346 -Inf 4.26242876 Inf
#> 88 beta2_ft 4.40867773 -Inf 4.40872612 Inf
#> 89 beta2_ft 4.56072500 -Inf 4.56077918 Inf
#> 90 L_omega2_z 1.03678604 -Inf 1.03679459 Inf
#> 91 L_epsilon2_z 1.17438212 -Inf 1.17438731 Inf
#> 92 logkappa2 -4.03459907 -6.061886 -4.03459935 -1.727504
#> 93 Epsilon_rho2_f 0.26162598 -0.990000 0.26162559 0.990000
#> 94 log_sigmaXi2_cp -1.15280394 -Inf -1.15281538 Inf
#> 95 logSigmaM 0.01717104 -Inf 0.01717057 10.000000
#> final_gradient
#> 1 -1.812314e-08
#> 2 -4.622542e-09
#> 3 -1.168168e-09
#> 4 2.098403e-09

```

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#> 5  -2.971156e-09
#> 6   8.811512e-10
#> 7   3.450751e-10
#> 8   4.521610e-09
#> 9  -5.657398e-09
#> 10  8.128609e-10
#> 11  2.008676e-09
#> 12  1.422357e-09
#> 13 -2.094936e-09
#> 14 -9.464358e-10
#> 15 -1.552692e-09
#> 16  1.022684e-10
#> 17 -5.217586e-10
#> 18  1.797517e-09
#> 19  4.506475e-10
#> 20 -6.026966e-10
#> 21  9.189236e-10
#> 22 -1.752824e-09
#> 23  1.164224e-10
#> 24  1.124270e-09
#> 25 -8.912266e-10
#> 26  1.258861e-09
#> 27  1.079748e-09
#> 28 -3.730875e-09
#> 29  4.253572e-09
#> 30 -1.263146e-09
#> 31  2.900343e-09
#> 32 -4.801016e-09
#> 33  1.697714e-09
#> 34 -2.410872e-11
#> 35  9.374830e-10
#> 36 -1.065551e-09
#> 37  8.023164e-10
#> 38  1.262478e-09
#> 39  2.889990e-10
#> 40  6.623253e-10
#> 41  1.347104e-09
#> 42  9.092957e-10
#> 43 -2.388148e-09
#> 44 -2.784986e-08
#> 45 -9.013840e-07
#> 46  1.948304e-07
#> 47 -1.229346e-06
#> 48 -1.787330e-08
#> 49 -1.851923e-09
#> 50 -4.672458e-10
#> 51 -4.904237e-10
#> 52  1.546539e-09
#> 53 -1.003976e-09
#> 54 -1.535341e-09
#> 55 -3.762338e-09
#> 56 -1.164679e-09
#> 57  1.955662e-09
#> 58  1.543825e-09

```

```

#> 59 3.885248e-11
#> 60 1.684775e-09
#> 61 9.194139e-10
#> 62 -6.211138e-10
#> 63 -1.986464e-10
#> 64 6.174403e-10
#> 65 7.163194e-10
#> 66 -6.499334e-11
#> 67 -3.723386e-10
#> 68 1.055781e-09
#> 69 -6.222365e-10
#> 70 -1.677499e-09
#> 71 -3.223661e-10
#> 72 1.750635e-10
#> 73 1.775490e-09
#> 74 1.045059e-09
#> 75 3.942375e-10
#> 76 -1.850673e-09
#> 77 2.237854e-10
#> 78 7.650129e-10
#> 79 2.324391e-09
#> 80 -1.731564e-09
#> 81 -2.106617e-09
#> 82 1.859917e-10
#> 83 2.181295e-10
#> 84 1.215398e-09
#> 85 -1.067029e-09
#> 86 9.525536e-10
#> 87 -7.673719e-10
#> 88 1.760299e-10
#> 89 2.521247e-09
#> 90 -1.789113e-08
#> 91 -5.245446e-07
#> 92 5.909958e-07
#> 93 1.845728e-07
#> 94 -3.279697e-08
#> 95 -6.009969e-08

```

Now we fit the same model in sdmTMB:

```

dat <- dat_ll %>%
  rename(X = lon, Y = lat) %>% filter(year != 2020) #drop dummy 2020 data

dat$year_f <- as.factor(dat$year)

coordinates(dat) <- ~ X + Y
proj4string(dat) <- CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84")
dat <- as.data.frame(spTransform(dat, CRS("+proj=utm +zone=2")))
# scale to km so values don't get too large
dat$X <- dat$coords.x1 / 1000
dat$Y <- dat$coords.x2 / 1000

f1 <- here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "fit_sdmTMB.RDS")
if (!file.exists(f1)) {

```

```

# make mesh and fit model
mesh <- make_mesh(dat, xy_cols = c("X", "Y"), mesh = fit$spatial_list$MeshList$anisotropic_mesh) #pa
#mesh <- make_mesh(dat, xy_cols = c("X", "Y"), n_knots = 50, type = "kmeans") #coarser mesh for expe

fit_sdmTMB <- sdmTMB(
  cpue ~ 0 + year_f,
  spatial_varying = ~ env,
  data = dat,
  mesh = mesh,
  family = delta_gamma(type = "poisson-link"),
  time = "year",
  spatial = "on",
  spatiotemporal = "ar1",
  extra_time = 2020L, #omit if dummy 2020 included in data
  silent = FALSE,
  anisotropy = TRUE,
  do_fit = TRUE
)
fit_sdmTMB
saveRDS(fit_sdmTMB, file = here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "fit_sdmTMB.RDS"))
} else {
  fit_sdmTMB <- readRDS(f1)
}

# diagnose estimation issues due to model structure
#TMBhelper::check_estimability(fit_sdmTMB$tmb_obj)

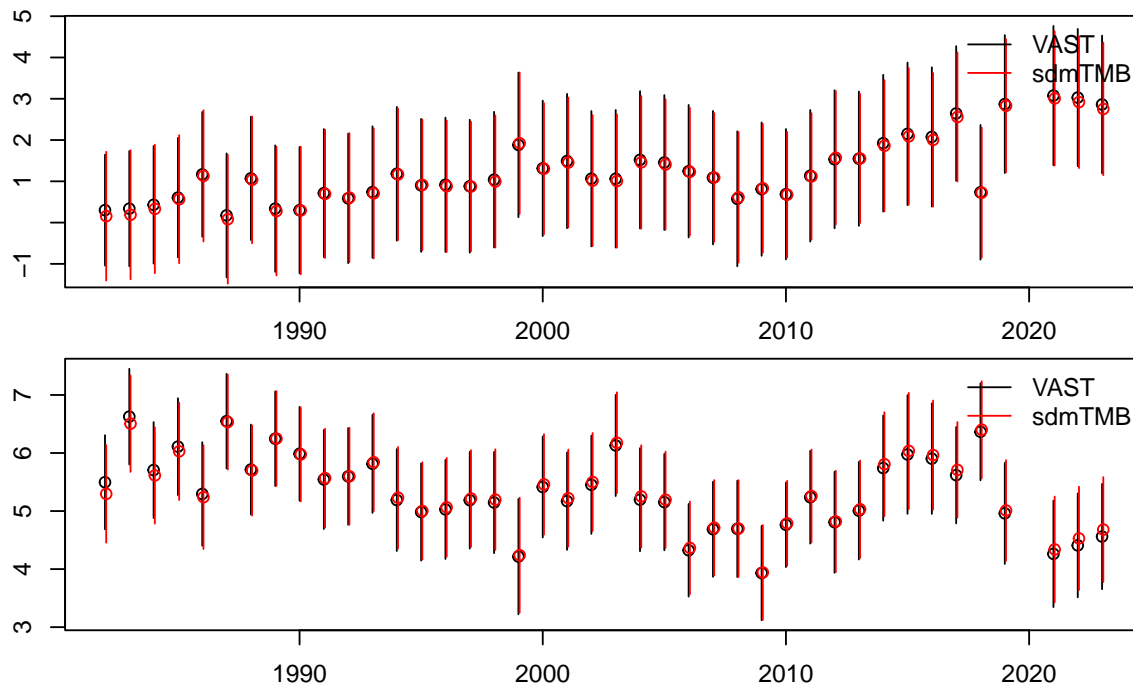
```

We wrote some custom code to extract comparable parameters (not shown above). Here are the annual mean estimates in link space with 95% confidence intervals for the two components to the delta model:

```

par(mfrow = c(2, 1), cex = 0.8, mar = c(1.5, 1, 1, 1), oma = c(2, 3, 1, 1))
plot_betas(fit, fit_sdmTMB, "beta1_ft", sdmTMB_pars = 1)
plot_betas(fit, fit_sdmTMB, "beta2_ft", sdmTMB_pars = 2)

```

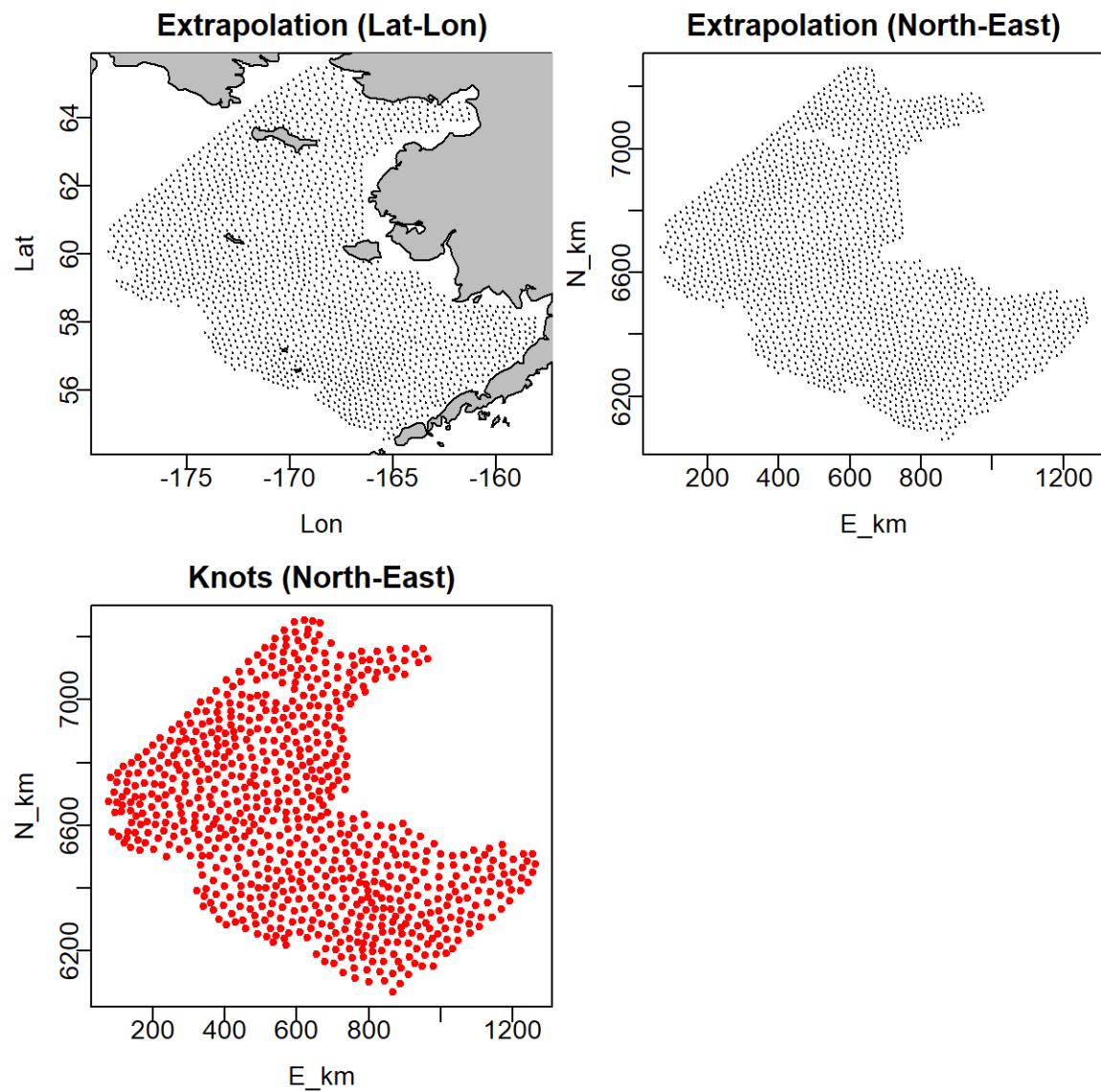
```
rm(fit)
```

While making custom plots of individual elements would require considerable additional code to extract and reformat the necessary components of each output, VAST has a wrapper function that generates the typical plots one may want. Here we stick with the default set of plots (`plot_set = 3`); however, one can specify different standard plots to make by changing the setting of this argument (see `?FishStatsUtils::plot_maps` and `?FishStatsUtils::plot_results`).

```
if(!file.exists(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "plots", "Data_and_knots"))) {
  plot(
    fit,
    check_residuals = FALSE,
    working_dir = paste0(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "plots"), "/")
  )
}
```

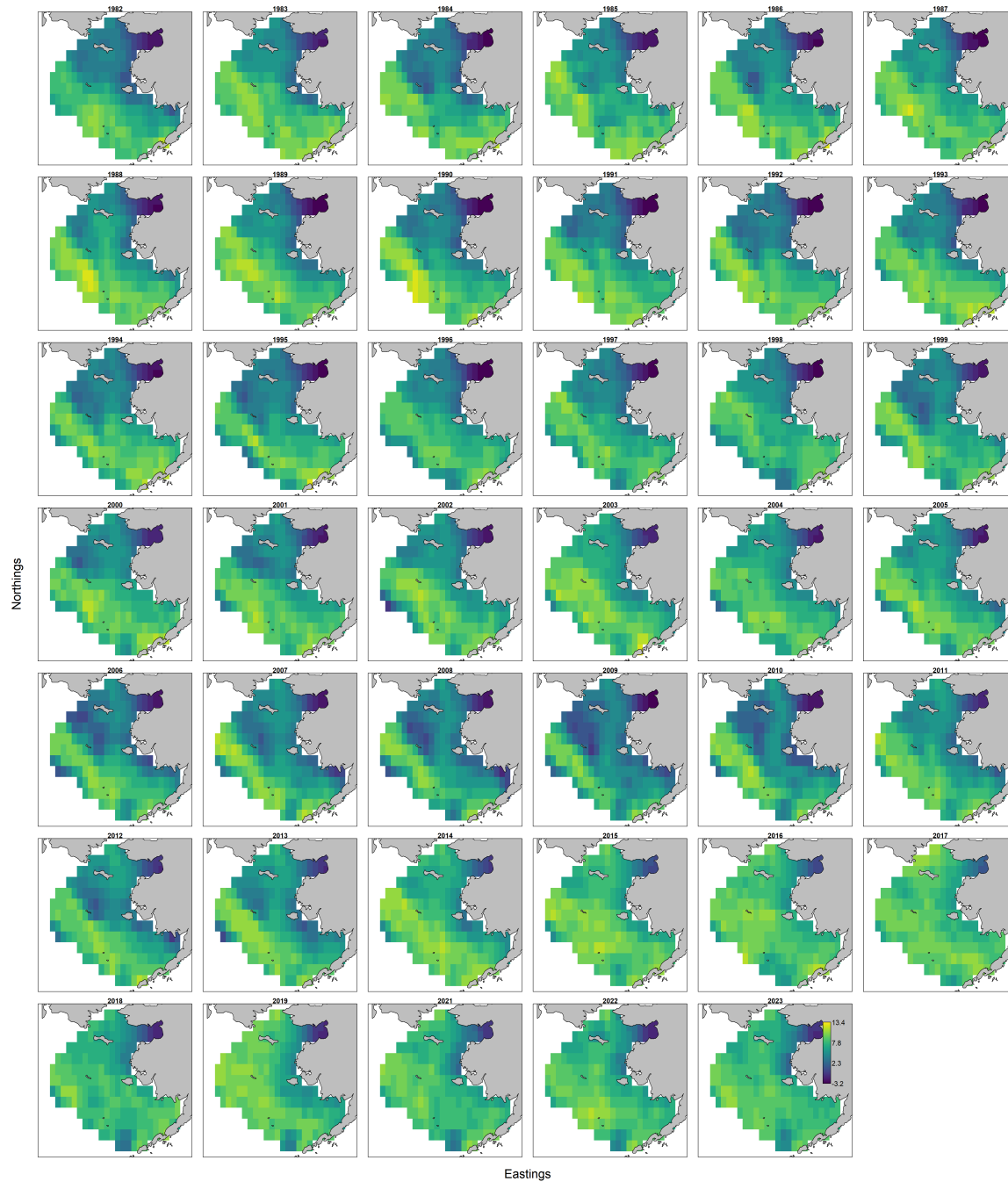
Here we will read in some key plots. We can start by looking at the location of samples and knots.

```
knitr::include_graphics(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "plots", "Data_and_knots"))
```



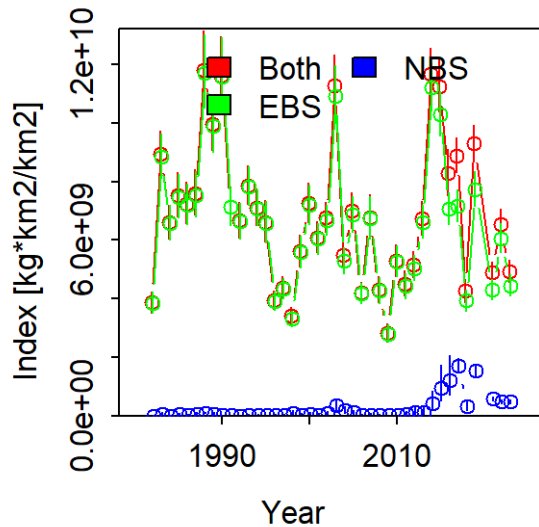
Then we can look at maps of the predicted population densities (here on the log scale).

```
knitr::include_graphics(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "plots", "ln_d
```



And finally the index.

```
if (file.exists(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "plots", "Index.png"))){
  knitr::include_graphics(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "plots", "Index.png"))
}
```



We can compare the index we would get using sdmTMB.

```
# TODO: save grid so it can be loaded to make prediction grid replicated for each year with covariate
# prep prediction grids (all, EBS, NBS) and transform to UTM projection
load(here("extrapolation_grids", "eastern_bering_sea_grid.rda"))
load(here("extrapolation_grids", "northern_bering_sea_grid.rda"))

# EBS grid
grid_ll_ebs <- as.data.frame(eastern_bering_sea_grid)
names(grid_ll_ebs) <- tolower(names(grid_ll_ebs))
grid_ll_ebs <- grid_ll_ebs %>%
  rename(X = lon, Y = lat)
coordinates(grid_ll_ebs) <- ~ X + Y
proj4string(grid_ll_ebs) <- CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84")
grid_ebs <- as.data.frame(spTransform(grid_ll_ebs, CRS("+proj=utm +zone=2")))
grid_ebs$X <- grid_ebs$coords.x1 / 1000 # scale to km to work with smaller numbers
grid_ebs$Y <- grid_ebs$coords.x2 / 1000

# NBS grid
grid_ll_nbs <- as.data.frame(northern_bering_sea_grid)
names(grid_ll_nbs) <- tolower(names(grid_ll_nbs))
grid_ll_nbs <- grid_ll_nbs %>%
  rename(X = lon, Y = lat)
coordinates(grid_ll_nbs) <- ~ X + Y
proj4string(grid_ll_nbs) <- CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84")
grid_nbs <- as.data.frame(spTransform(grid_ll_nbs, CRS("+proj=utm +zone=2")))
grid_nbs$X <- grid_nbs$coords.x1 / 1000 # scale to km to work with smaller numbers
grid_nbs$Y <- grid_nbs$coords.x2 / 1000

# Combined grid
grid <- bind_rows(grid_nbs, grid_ebs)

# replicate extrapolation grids for each year in data
pred_grid_ebs <- replicate_df(grid_ebs, "year_f", unique(dat$year_f))
pred_grid_nbs <- replicate_df(grid_nbs, "year_f", unique(dat$year_f))
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pred_grid <- replicate_df(grid, "year_f", unique(dat$year_f))
pred_grid_ebs$year <- as.integer(as.character(factor(pred_grid_ebs$year_f)))
pred_grid_nbs$year <- as.integer(as.character(factor(pred_grid_nbs$year_f)))
pred_grid$year <- as.integer(as.character(factor(pred_grid$year_f)))

# join in environmental covariate (cold pool or mean bottom temperature)
pred_grid_ebs <- left_join(pred_grid_ebs, rename(env_join, cpe = env), by = "year")
pred_grid_nbs <- left_join(pred_grid_nbs, rename(env_join, cpe = env), by = "year")
pred_grid <- left_join(pred_grid, rename(env_join, cpe = env), by = "year")
# TODO: update in new fits, as prior pollock model covariate was "cpe" rather than "env",
# so now rename if needed: from env_join to rename(env_join, cpe = env)

# get predictions for total area, and the two subareas of interest (EBS, NBS)
# f2 <- here("species_specific_code", "BS", species,
#           "index_comparison", "predictions.RData")
# if (!file.exists(f2)) {
#   p <- predict(fit_sdmTMB, newdata = pred_grid, return_tmb_object = TRUE)
#   p_ebs <- predict(fit_sdmTMB, newdata = pred_grid_ebs, return_tmb_object = TRUE)
#   p_nbs <- predict(fit_sdmTMB, newdata = pred_grid_nbs, return_tmb_object = TRUE)
#   save(p, p_ebs, p_nbs, file = f2)
# } else {
#   load(f2)
# }

# get indices for total area, and the two subareas of interest (EBS, NBS)
# f3 <- here("species_specific_code", "BS", species,
#           "index_comparison", "indices.RData")
# if (!file.exists(f3)) {
#   gc()
#   ind <- get_index(p, bias_correct = FALSE, area = pred_grid$area_in_survey_km2)
#   ind$stratum <- "Both"
#
#   ind_ebs <- get_index(p_ebs, bias_correct = FALSE, area = pred_grid_ebs$area_in_survey_km2)
#   ind_ebs$stratum <- "EBS"
#
#   ind_nbs <- get_index(p_nbs, bias_correct = FALSE, area = pred_grid_nbs$area_in_survey_km2)
#   ind_nbs$stratum <- "NBS"
#   save(ind, ind_ebs, ind_nbs, file = f3)
# } else {
#   load(f3)
# }

# NOTE: if using get_index_split() rather than get_index() you need to pass the
# model object and new data (not prediction object, you can bypass that step) and run:
f3 <- here("species_specific_code", "BS", species,
          "index_comparison", "indices.RData")
if (!file.exists(f3)) {
  gc()
  ind <- get_index_split(fit_sdmTMB, newdata = pred_grid, nsplit = 2, # may need 6 if have 64GB RAM
                        bias_correct = TRUE, area = pred_grid$area_in_survey_km2)
  #if using offsets also include the argument predict_args = list(offset = fake_offset)
  ind$stratum <- "Both"

  ind_ebs <- get_index_split(fit_sdmTMB, newdata = pred_grid_ebs, nsplit = 2,

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      bias_correct = TRUE, area = pred_grid_ebs$area_in_survey_km2)
ind_ebs$stratum <- "EBS"

ind_nbs <- get_index_split(fit_sdmTMB, newdata = pred_grid_nbs, nsplit = 2,
      bias_correct = TRUE, area = pred_grid_nbs$area_in_survey_km2)
ind_nbs$stratum <- "NBS"
save(ind, ind_ebs, ind_nbs, file = here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", ".Rsave"))
} else {
load(f3)
}
#> Calculating index in 2 chunks =====>----- 50% / ETA: 0s
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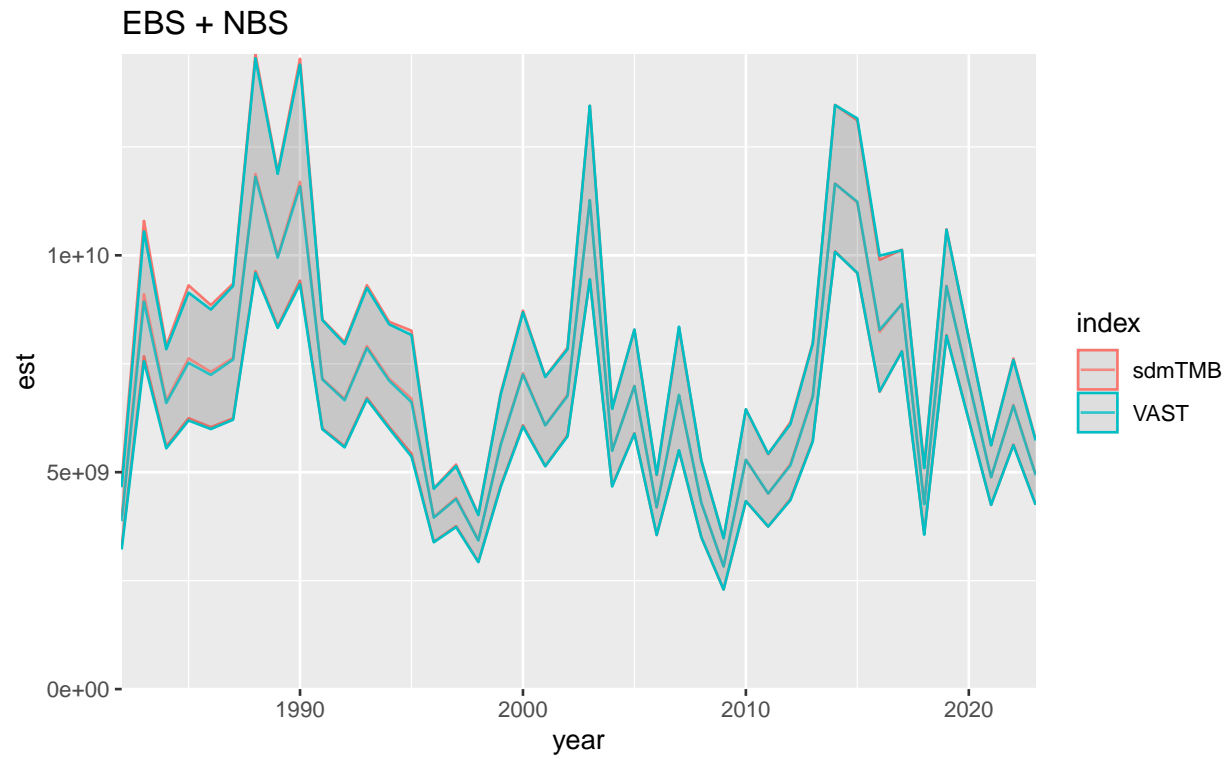
Now, we can compare the indices.

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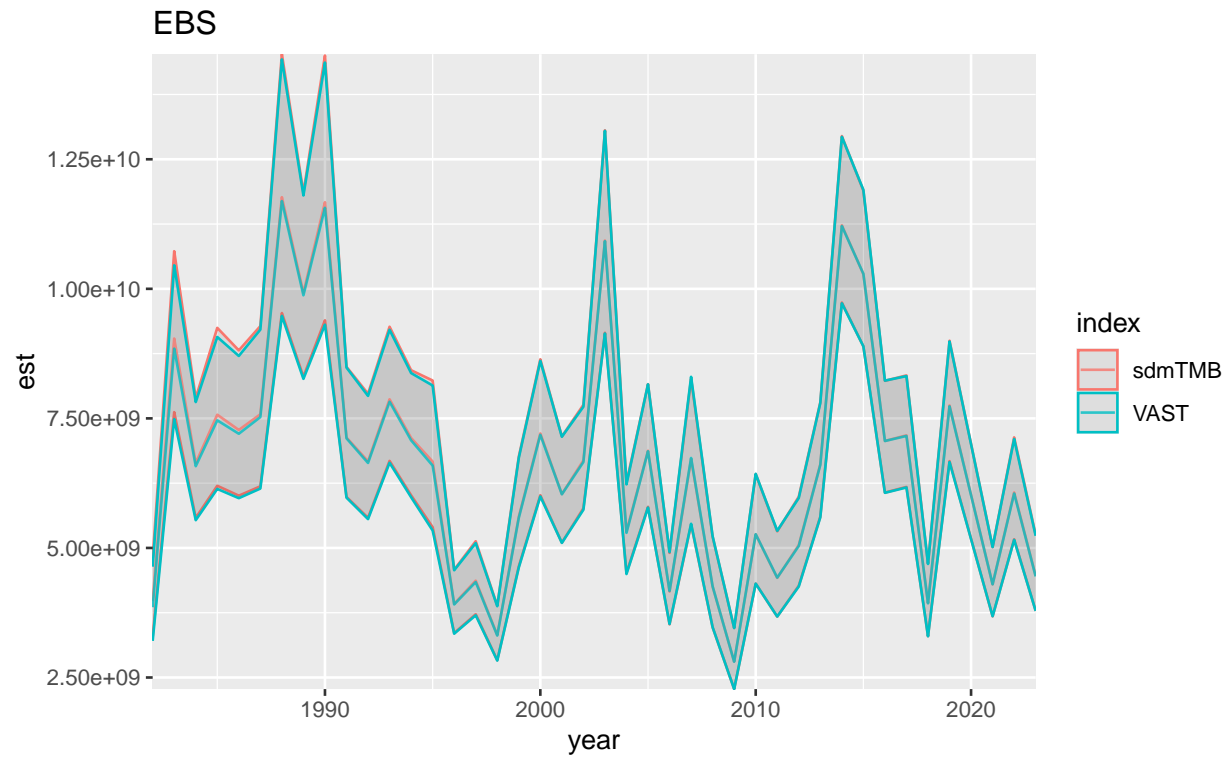
vast_i <- read.csv(here("species_specific_code", "BS", species, "index_comparison", "Index.csv")) %>%
  mutate(index = "VAST", year = as.numeric(Time), est = Estimate,
    se = Std..Error.for.ln.Estimate.) %>%
  select(index, year, est, se, stratum = Stratum) %>%
  filter(year != 2020) %>%
  mutate(lwr = exp(log(est) + qnorm(0.025) * se)) %>%
  mutate(upr = exp(log(est) + qnorm(0.975) * se))
sdm_i <- bind_rows(ind, ind_ebs, ind_nbs) %>% mutate(index = "sdmTMB")
both_i <- bind_rows(sdm_i, vast_i) %>% filter(est > 0)

ggplot(filter(both_i, stratum == "Both"), aes(x = year, y = est, ymin = lwr, ymax = upr, colour = index)) +
  geom_ribbon(alpha = 0.1) +
  geom_line(alpha = 0.8) +
  ylim(0, max(both_i$upr)) +
  ggtitle("EBS + NBS") +
  coord_cartesian(expand = FALSE)

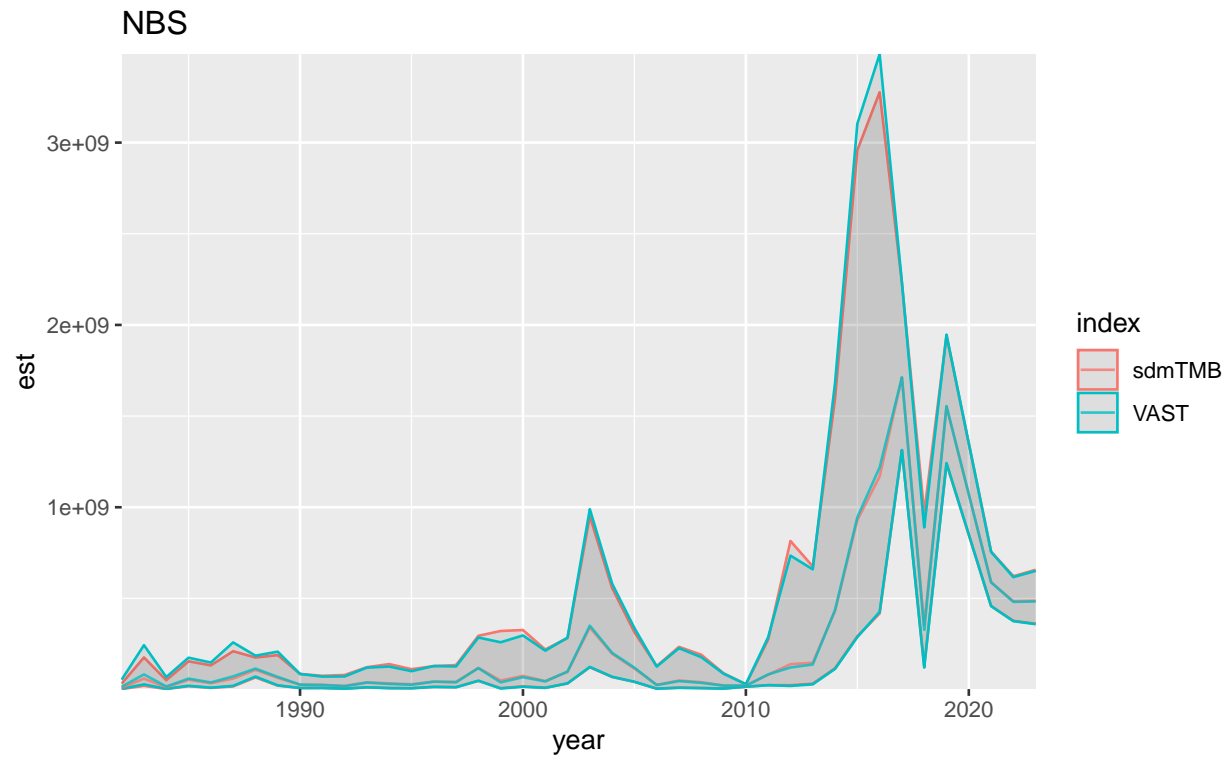
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ggplot(filter(both_i, stratum == "EBS"), aes(x = year, y = est, ymin = lwr, ymax = upr, colour = index)) +
  geom_ribbon(alpha = 0.1) +
  geom_line(alpha = 0.8) +
  ggtitle("EBS") +
  coord_cartesian(expand = FALSE)
```

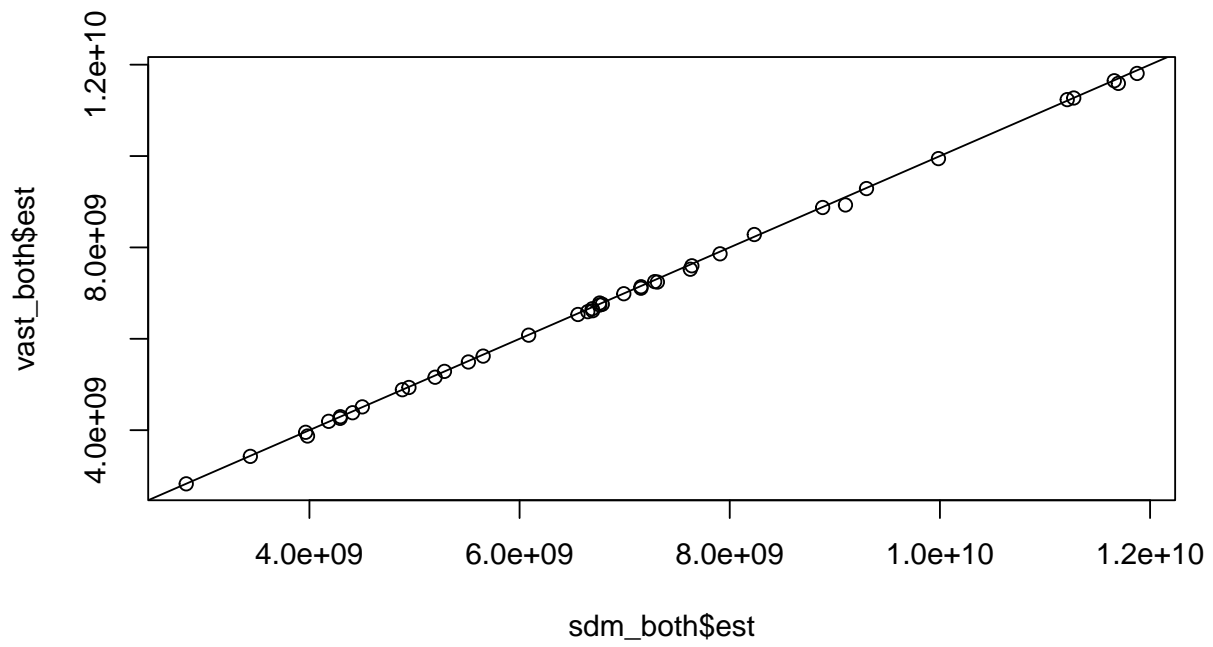


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ggplot(filter(both_i, stratum == "NBS"), aes(x = year, y = est, ymin = lwr, ymax = upr, colour = index)) +
  geom_ribbon(alpha = 0.1) +
  geom_line(alpha = 0.8) +
  ggtitle("NBS") +
  coord_cartesian(expand = FALSE)
```

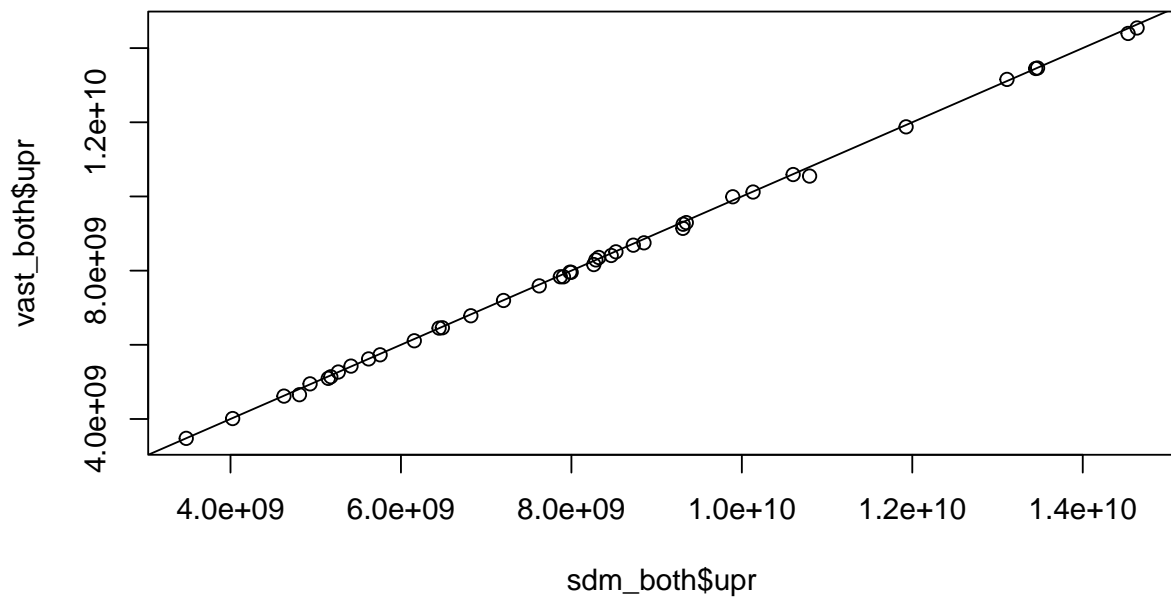



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vast_both <- filter(vast_i, stratum == "Both")
sdm_both <- filter(sdm_i, stratum == "Both")

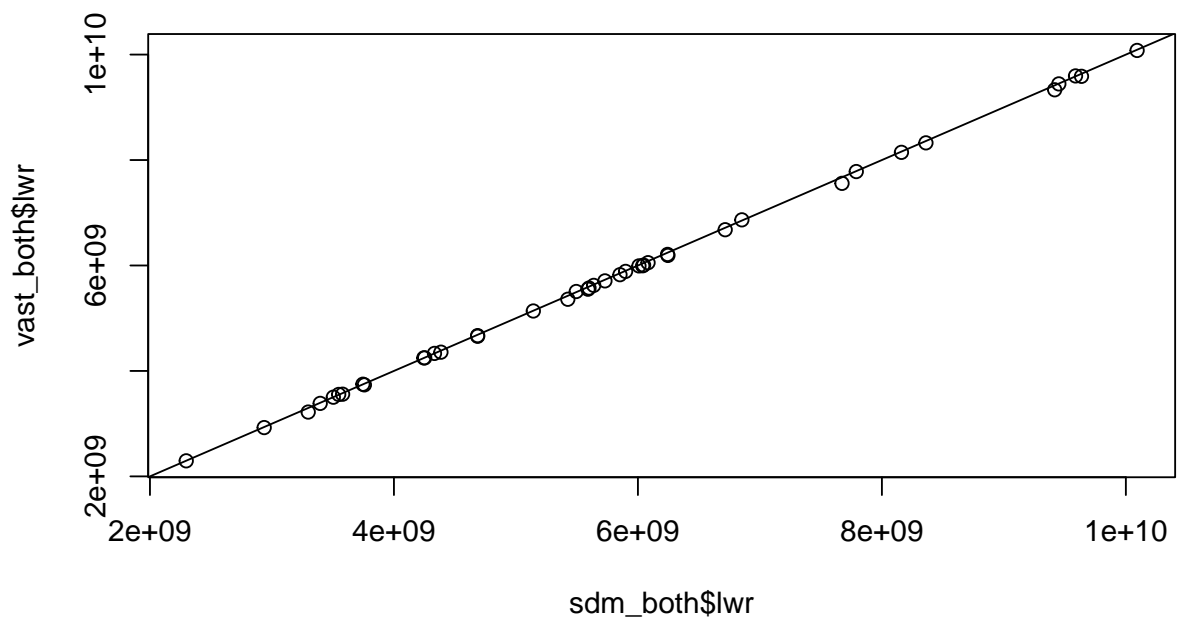
plot(sdm_both$est, vast_both$est);abline(0, 1)
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plot(sdm_both$upr, vast_both$upr);abline(0, 1)
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plot(sdm_both$lwr, vast_both$lwr);abline(0, 1)
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(sdm_both$est - vast_both$est) / vast_both$est
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```
#> [1] 2.844843e-02 1.923805e-02 8.259166e-03 1.363634e-02 9.520020e-03
#> [6] 5.508149e-03 5.776039e-03 4.212889e-03 9.253388e-03 2.255428e-03
#> [11] 5.102604e-03 6.041121e-03 6.799978e-03 1.226418e-02 2.770062e-03
#> [16] 6.698355e-03 3.400976e-03 5.790334e-03 4.777753e-03 1.133783e-03
#> [21] 4.661272e-03 2.801184e-04 3.750900e-03 7.985234e-04 -2.380418e-03
#> [26] -3.104861e-03 -3.030112e-05 9.015368e-04 -2.805398e-04 -1.458466e-03
#> [31] 7.237483e-03 3.425515e-03 9.357016e-04 -2.129354e-03 -5.869361e-03
#> [36] 1.141385e-03 7.931521e-03 1.419053e-03 -1.287037e-04 3.604492e-03
#> [41] 2.617912e-03
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(sdm_both$upr - vast_both$upr) / vast_both$upr
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#> [1] 0.0330466161 0.0232555893 0.0093036864 0.0183989423 0.0116944701
#> [6] 0.0057071724 0.0065256339 0.0042232075 0.0094956208 0.0018145812
#> [11] 0.0054294576 0.0065101921 0.0069592723 0.0122233449 0.0022665035
#> [16] 0.0075392727 0.0032780528 0.0054352552 0.0046108765 0.0011407541
#> [21] 0.0046352631 -0.0000983470 0.0040890215 -0.0002431368 -0.0027819081
#> [26] -0.0039910256 -0.0003629763 0.0007791243 -0.0005753755 -0.0022665393
#> [31] 0.0077815211 0.0030261660 0.0005504194 -0.0034303350 -0.0097881771
#> [36] 0.0011751539 0.0101640458 0.0010588223 0.0001502297 0.0045224201
#> [41] 0.0043495616
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(sdm_both$lwr - vast_both$lwr) / vast_both$lwr
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#> [1] 2.387072e-02 1.523628e-02 7.215726e-03 8.896012e-03 7.350243e-03
#> [6] 5.309164e-03 5.027003e-03 4.202571e-03 9.011214e-03 2.696469e-03
#> [11] 4.775857e-03 5.572268e-03 6.640710e-03 1.230502e-02 3.273873e-03
#> [16] 5.858139e-03 3.523913e-03 6.145539e-03 4.944657e-03 1.126811e-03
#> [21] 4.687282e-03 6.587270e-04 3.412892e-03 1.841269e-03 -1.978765e-03
#> [26] -2.217909e-03 3.024847e-04 1.023964e-03 1.438291e-05 -6.497389e-04
#> [31] 6.693739e-03 3.825023e-03 1.321132e-03 -8.266755e-04 -1.935036e-03
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#> [36] 1.107617e-03 5.703931e-03 1.779414e-03 -4.075593e-04 2.687403e-03  
#> [41] 8.892485e-04
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packageVersion("FishStatsUtils")  
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