

1. The Question

Is rapid warming in the Gulf of Maine altering physical/chemical and decadal zooplankton abundance relationships for *Calanus finmarchicus* and *Centropages typicus*?

Calanus finmarchicus

- Spring/Summer
- Large-bodied
- Full of Lipids
- Subarctic Ecosystems
- Fall/Winter Diapause
- Linked to right whale calving index and cod stock crashes

Centropages typicus

- Fall/Winter
- Small-bodied
- Reproduction is historically driven by food availability
- Thrives in warm water with a thermocline

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3. Methods

Time series analysis models allow for investigating *de-seasonalized* variance at a monthly resolution.

Jordan Basin

SARIMA
Seasonal
Auto Regressive
Integrated
Moving Average

Removing Season Structure
Residuals from a SARIMA fit are calculated for abundance, temperature, and salinity.

Relationship

- Bottom Temperature (+)
- Surface Salinity (-)
- Bottom Temperature (+)
- Surface Salinity (-)
- Bottom Temperature NA
- Surface Salinity (-)
- Bottom Temperature (-)
- Surface Salinity (+)

Fitting Co-predictors

Stepwise variable removal to select the best fit model was performed on *t-values* below one until lowest AIC value was obtained.

$$t\text{-Value} = \frac{\text{Coeff}}{\text{std. Err.}}$$

2. Hypotheses

Warm Phase
PDO(-) NAO(+)
Zonal Teleconnection
Warm Water

Cold Phase
PDO(+) NAO(-)
Meridional
Cold Water

Hypothesis 1:
Calanus finmarchicus and *Centropages typicus* abundance will have *inverse* relationships with zonal (warm) and meridional (cold) conditions.

Hypothesis 2: Trends in species abundance in R4 will *diverge* from previous regimes given that environmental conditions in the 4th regime *depart* from conditions in the first 3.

Red Warm Phase
Blue Cold Phase

Weaker Signal, Strong Cold Signal, Weaker Signal, Strong Warm Signal

4. Results/ Synthesis

Chronological Clustering
Clustered By t-value (similarity)

Climate
Phytoplankton
Temperature
Salinity

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Variable Key

- AMO: Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation
- PDO: Pacific Decadal Oscillation
- NAO: North Atlantic Oscillation
- AO: Arctic Oscillation
- PCI: Phyto Plankton Color Index
- ST: Surface temperature
- BT: Bottom temperature
- SS: Surface Salinity
- BS: Bottom Salinity
- W: winter
- SP: Spring
- SU: Summer
- F: Fall
- # Number of lagged months

T-Value Color Bar
-5 0 5

6. Conclusion

Results from this study put recent ecosystem change into the context of historic decadal trends and highlight a potential shift from local scale to global scale ecosystem drivers.

Hyp 1: Drivers for *Calanus finmarchicus* and *Centropages typicus* inversely shift between regimes that are dominated by environmental and climate variables. This corresponds with periods of *strong* and *weak* climate signals.

Hyp 2: Drivers of *Calanus finmarchicus* during the 4th regime significantly diverge from the first three regimes. This regime was dominated by significant increases in *bottom temperature* and *surface salinity*; *Calanus finmarchicus* are at the extent of their ecological niche and are more sensitive environmental change now.

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