

Figure S2. Change in species and functional groups sensitivity and amplification scores as a function of realized pathways of effects for an empirical food web of the St. Lawrence Estuary in the mid-1980s (Savenkoff 2012). A species trophic sensitivity and amplification is summarized using the sum of simulated trophic sensitivities $(S_{i,G})$ and amplifications $(A_{i,G})$ to pathways of effect (G) across a species motificance (M). The left-hand side of the figure presents species and functional groups, unitary pathways of effects (q) arising from individual stressors and their potential effects on population level mortality, physiology and behaviour, and the motif census (M) of species and functional groups measured as the frequency of times they hold unique positions in tri-trophic food chain, omnivory, exploitative and apparent competition interactions structuring of the food web. Main stressors in the St. Lawrence Estuary are fisheries (i.e. demersal destructive, demersal non-destructive high-bycatch and pelagic high-bycatch), climate change (i.e. ocean acidification, hypoxia and bottom and surface temperature anomalies), and shipping (Beauchesne et al. 2020). effects of stressors on individual ecological processes form unitary pathways of effect (g) that collectively affect food webs through integrative pathways of effect (G). The right-hand side of the figure presents trophic sensitivities and amplifications of species and functional groups. Negative or positive trophic sensitivities denote expected decreases or increases in species abundance as a response to pathways of effect. Species or functional groups with lowest or highest trophic sensitivities are positive or negative weak entry points (i.e. highly sensitive to disturbances), respectively. Negative or positive trophic amplifications identify species or functional groups expected to be affected synergistically (i.e. biotic amplifiers) or antagonistically (i.e. biotic buffers) by stressors.

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