

1 Displacement of fishing effort by Large Scale Marine
2 Protected Areas

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8 **Abstract**

9 Large-scale Marine Protected Areas (LSMPAs) have seen a significant increase over the last
10 years. Fishing effort is effectively eliminated within these protected areas upon implementation.
11 The benefits of reducing effort have been largely studied, and include increases in abundance,
12 biomass, and diversity within the bounded regions. These no-take zones may produce spillover
13 effects, which provide fish for outside areas. However, the economic and ecological implications
14 of displacing fishing effort are not yet fully understood. Novel data products that track fishing
15 effort at the vessel-level allow us to identify changes in fleet- and vessel-level behavior upon
16 the implementation of protected areas, as well as how these redistribute. This paper evaluates
17 the implications of implementing LSMPA, by evaluating changes in fishing hours, showing
18 that vessels in the effected region reduce fishing effort after the implementation of PIPA. Our
19 results are robust to a set of specifications. We also track the relative spatial allocation of
20 fishing events thorough time, and identify that areas closer to PIPA show an increase in relative
21 fishing hourse due to the displacement of PIPA-fishing vessels. Our results not only provide an
22 impact evaluation of the effect of LSMPAs on fishing activity, but provide insights into vessel
23 redistribution dynamics, which may have ecological and economic implications.

24 **1 Introduction**

- 25 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are intended to safeguard parts of the ocean from fishing and
26 other extractive activities. Current international goals aim to “effectively protect 10% of the ocean
27 environments by 2020”. In an effort to meet this target, the world has seen a rapid increase in MPA
28 coverage [Wood et al., 2008, Sala et al., 2018a]. A significant part of this rapid increase can be
29 attributed to the designation of a small number of Large Scale Marine Protected Areas [LSMPAs;
30 [Gray et al., 2017]]. These are defined as MPAs with at least 250,000 Km² in extension (Fig. 1), and
31 are often implemented in the pelagic environment, where the dominant human activity is industrial
32 fishing [Toonen et al., 2013, Gray et al., 2017, Kroodsma et al., 2018].
- 33 Due to weak property rights, limited habitat transformation, and potentially lower management
34 costs, pelagic MPAs provide an opportunity to safeguard the oceans Game et al. [2009]. A growing
35 body of literature has shown that closing the high seas to all fishing -effectively, turning them
36 into a LSMPA- could increase fishery yields and profitability of fisheries, with negligible costs to
37 food security [White and Costello, 2014, Sumaila et al., 2015, Sala et al., 2018b, Schiller et al.,
38 2018]. However, as with customary MPAs, it is important that we understand the socioeconomic
39 implications of management interventions.

40 Given the relatively recent establishment of most LSMPAs, very little is known about their human
41 dimensions and implication for fisheries [Gray et al., 2017]. LSMPAs were erroneously assumed
42 to have little social implications due to their remoteness [Agardy et al., 2011, Gray et al., 2017].
43 However, the anticipation of a LSMPA can lead to preemptive overfishing, which can erode or delay
44 the expected benefits of the intervention [McDermott et al., 2018]. LSMPAs have received great
45 attention in terms of governance and enforcement, but are yet to be the focus of economic analyses
46 [Gray et al., 2017].

47 Research on LSMPAs have been the focus of analysing X, Y, and Z. However, no studies look into
48 displacement of fishing effort. Redistribution of fishing effort has been evaluated in ssf by X, Y ,and
49 Z. Cabral et al. [2017] analyse the redistribution of fishing and non-fishing vessels following the
50 implementation of MPAs in California, and find that responses are idiosyncratic; commercial dive
51 boats follow a fishing-the-line pattern, while some fishing boats follow an ideal free distribution. The
52 way in which fishers react to a spatial closure can have major implications in its outcome [Smith
53 and Wilen, 2003, Hilborn et al., 2006]. This highlights the need to understand how fishers react to
54 the implementation of a LSMPA, and fishing effort changes and is spatially redistributed.

55 The main objective of this paper is to identify how fishers change their behavior due to the
56 implementation of LSMPAs. We combine novel vessel tracking technologies and causal inference
57 techniques to identify behavioral changes of fishing vessels due to the implementation of PIPA.
58 We focus on fishing hours and distance traveled as outcome variables that fishers might adjust
59 following implementation of a LSMPA in an impact-evaluation fashion. Additionally, we evaluate
60 the spatial redistribution of fishing effort that existed within PIPA before its implementation. This
61 work provides novel empirical insights into fisher's responses to the implementation of LSMPAs,
62 and can help guide future interventions. Our work is novel in the sense that it provides empirical
63 evidence of the effect of large-acale Marine Protected Areas in fishing behavior and distribution.

64 The next sections are as follows: Section 2 provides an overview of the Nauru Agreement and
65 associated countries, a description of the fleet that operates in the region, and a brief history of
66 PIPA. Section 3 describes our data and identification strategy. Section 4 presents our results, section
67 5 provides an extension of our results to other LSMPAs and discusses our results.

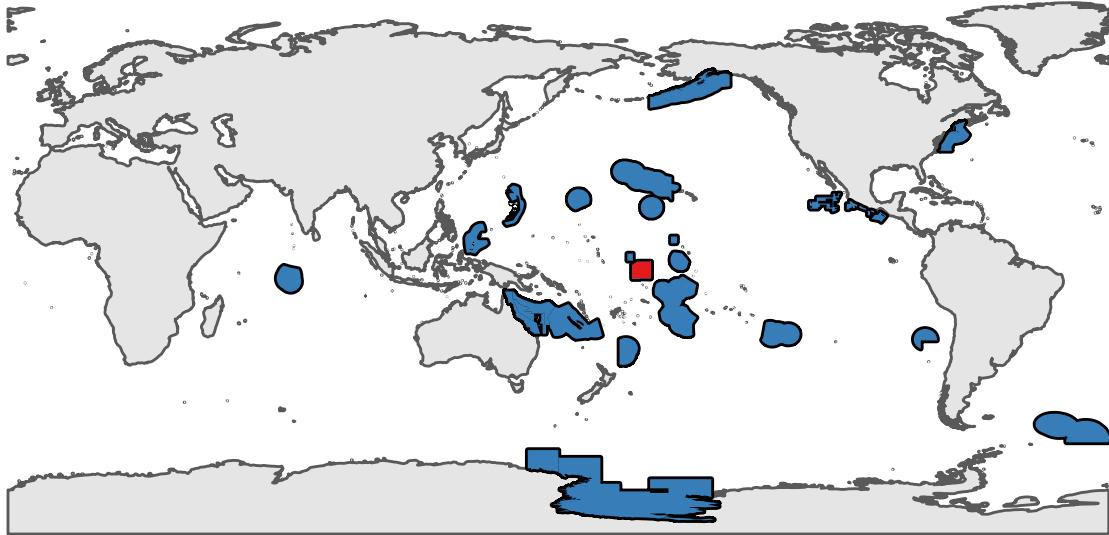


Figure 1:

68 2 Background

69 The Nauru Agreement was established in 1982 by Pacific island nations to manage their important
 70 tuna resources. PNA Members include Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands,

71 Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. The Nauru Agreement regulated
 72 access of foreign vessels (*i.e.* those from non-PNA countries). Holding ~80% of the historical purse

73 seining grounds within their Exclusive Economic Zones, PNA countries gained bargaining power
 74 when providing access to foreign fleets [Havice, 2010].

75 The cooperation that emerged thanks to the PNA allowed for subsequent agreements that strength-
 76 ened fisheries management, like the Palau Agreement, which limited the number of purse seiners at

77 205 vessels from 1995-2007¹. However, the most notable regulation is their approach to manage
 78 fishing effort: a Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) implemented in 2007 [Havice, 2013]. This effectively

79 modified how fishing effort was managed, from number of vessels under the Palau Agreement to
 80 fishing hours. The VDS works as follows: Each year, scientific advisors recommend a total number of
 81 fishing vessel-days per year. Hours are allocated to each PNA country based on catch history, and

¹See Havice [2010] for a detailed description of the Nauru, Palau, and Federal States of Micronesia agreements, their objectives, and outcomes.

82 they then sell fishing rights to other non-PNA countries [Aqorau et al., 2018]. While the effectiveness
83 of this scheme has been debated in terms of meeting their fishery management and conservation
84 objectives, the licensing significantly contributes to the economy of these island nations [Havice,
85 2010].

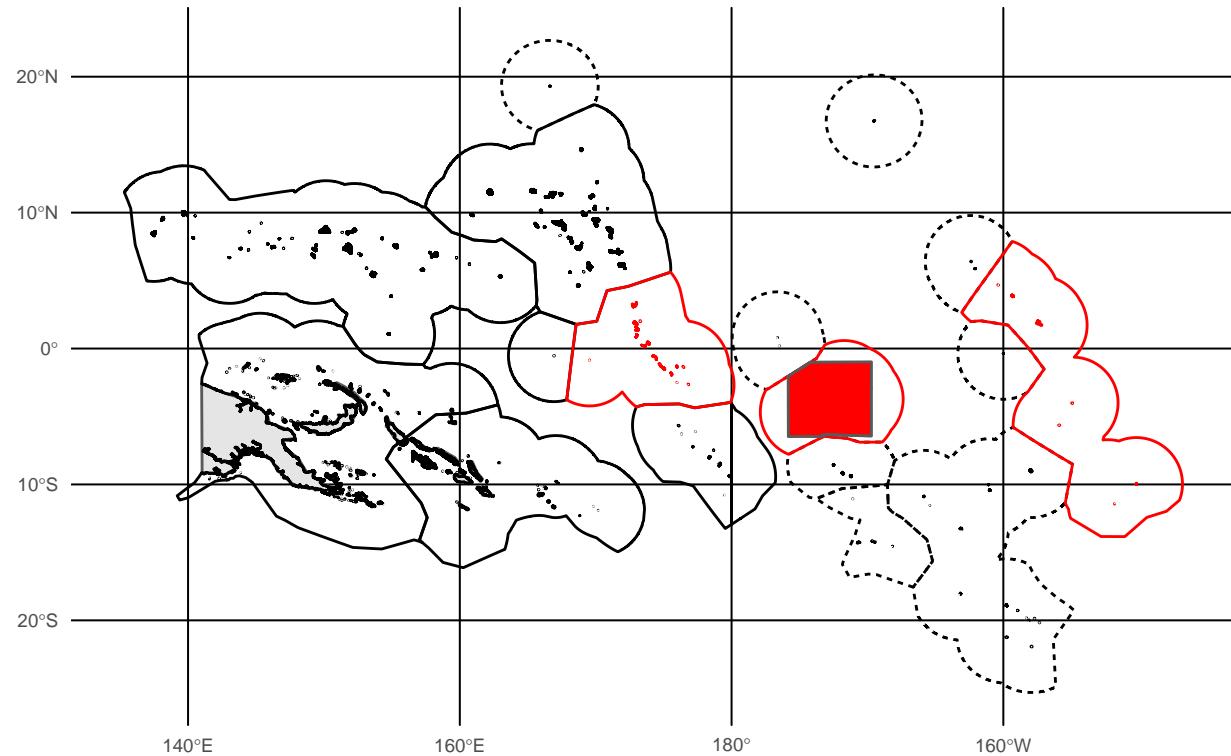


Figure 2:

- 86 The main tuna species caught in the region are skipjack (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), yellowfin (*Thunnus*
87 *albacares*), albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) and bigeye (*Thunnus obesus*). From these, the first two
88 are amongst the top-10 species represented in global fisheries production statistics, with catches
89 increasing relative to the 2005-2014 average [Food and of the United Nations, 2018]. The pacific
90 region has historically accounted for a large portion of tuna species production [Aqorau and Bergin,
91 1997]. Today, the PNA controls close to 50% of the global skipjack tuna production [PNA, 2018].
92 A large portion of these catches derive from purse seine vessels licensed under the VDS. Fishing
93 vessels from Australia, New Zeland, China, France, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan and the
94 United States participate in the purse-seining vessel day schemes.
95 For example, McDermott et al. [2018] show that fishing effort within the Phoenix Islands Marine
96 Protected Area (PIPA) is effectively reduced after implementation, and describe changes in fishing
97 behavior pre-implementation.

98 **3 Methods**

99 This section is divided into two main parts. First, we provide a general description of AIS data and
100 the process of identification of vessel-level fishing events done by Global Fishing Watch². Alongside,
101 we describe the subset of data that we use for these analyses. When relevant, we also point out
102 possible shortcomings in the data, or factors that must be considered in the later analyses. We
103 then move on to explain our empirical strategy for the identification of the behavioral changes and
104 redistribution of fishing effort.

105 **3.1 Data**

106 Automatic Identification Systems are on-board devices intended to provide at-sea safety and prevent
107 ship collisions by broadcasting vessel position, course, and activities to surrounding vessels. These
108 broadcasted messages can be received by satellites and land-based antennas. GFW uses a neural
109 network to infer vessel characteristics and whether each broadcasted position represents a fishing
110 event, thus allowing us to estimate near real-time fishing events globally since 2012 [Kroodsma
111 et al., 2018]. Our data contain information for 2012 - 2017. The recent addition of satellites that
112 can receive AIS signals causes an apparent increase in the number of broadcasted AIS messages (*i.e.*
113 points), and therefore number of vessels and fishing hours. The variability in AIS data and ocean
114 conditions require that temporal trends be taken into account. We do that by obtaining a subset of
115 data that meet a BACI design, which gives us the full tracks for vessels affected and unaffected by
116 the implementation of PIPA.

117 Our data contain over 45 million individual AIS messages (*i.e.* positions) for 371 purse seiners and
118 longliners. A total of 233 vessels have fished within PIPA waters; 217 did so at least once before
119 2015. However, not all vessels continued to fish elsewhere after PIPA implementation: 34 vessels
120 have no recorded AIS messages after 2015³, leaving us with 176 vessels that fished inside PIPA
121 before its implementation, and continued to fish elsewhere afterward. New vessels might have also
122 entered the fishery after PIPA closure, and were likely not exposed to the policy intervention in the
123 pre-treatment period. To account for this, we identify a subset of vessels which we track since before
124 the implementation of PIPA, and categorize them as treated or control vessels. Our treatment and
125 control groups are defined as follows.

126 The treatment group contains all vessels (n = 176) that fished within PIPA at least once before
127 the closure, and that continued to fish elsewhere afterwards. Vessels in the control group meet all
128 three of the following conditions: i) vessels never fished within PIPA waters, ii) vessels belong to
129 other PNA countries, and iii) vessels have fished in surrounding areas (*i.e.* PNA-countries' EEZ)
130 before and after PIPA closure. For each vessel meeting these characteristics, we calculate their total
131 monthly fishing hours. Figure 3 provides a visual representation of the vessel-level fishing events
132 that make up each group through time. Table 1 shows the number of vessels following a BACI
133 design, as well as the fishing hours, before and after PIPA.

²Global Fishing Watch: globalfishingwatch.org

³The 34 missing vessels might have exited the fishery, been decommissioned or sold (therefore changing their AIS and mmsi), or turned off their AIS transmitters. In either case, we are not able to observe these.

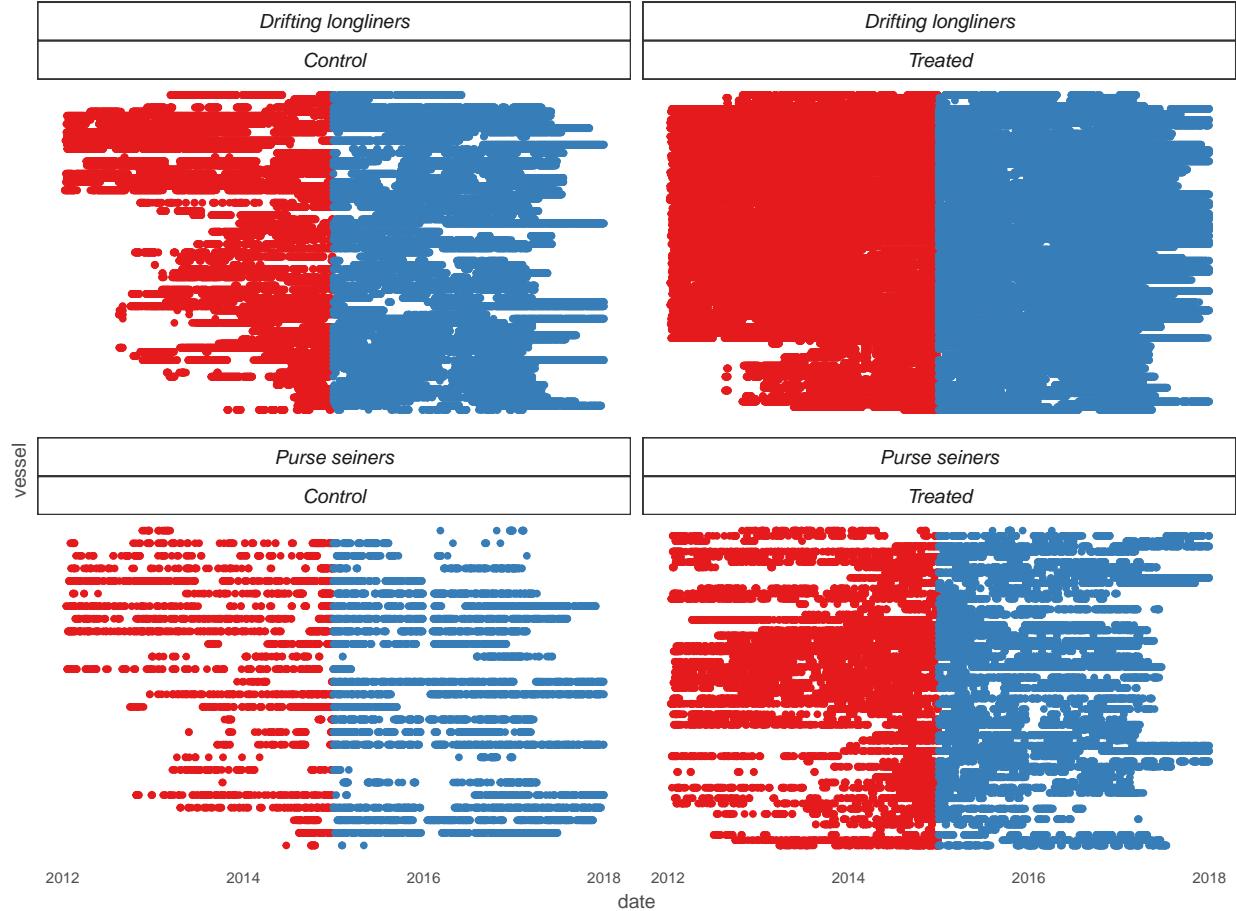


Figure 3: Stream of fishing events by vessels through time. Each line represents a vessel, with dots indicating months with fishing activity and colors indicating the pre and post periods.

Table 1: Number of fishing vessels and fishing hours by gear and treatment group before and after PIPA.

Gear	Treatment	n	Before	After	Change (A / B)
drifting_longlines	FALSE	77	39.03181	37.79044	0.9681958
drifting_longlines	TRUE	115	41.62659	40.43857	0.9714600
purse_seines	FALSE	26	11.73804	20.13247	1.7151474
purse_seines	TRUE	61	10.66939	18.36289	1.7210820

¹³⁴ **3.2 Analysis**

¹³⁵ The first analysis focuses on identifying the response of fishing vessels to PIPA closure. Our variables
¹³⁶ of interests are fishing effort, indicated by total fishing hours per month, and distance traveled (Km)
¹³⁷ on every fishing trip. We compare fishing hours⁴ before and after the implementation of PIPA using
¹³⁸ a Difference-in-Differences approach, where we track the variable of interest for vessels that used to
¹³⁹ fish inside PIPA and vessels that never fished inside PIPA, before and after PIPA implementation.
¹⁴⁰ Our specification is the following:

$$y_{i,t} = \alpha + \beta_1 Post_t + \beta_2 Treat_i + \beta_3 Post_t \times Treat_i + \mu_1 Y_t + \mu_2 Y_t^2 + \phi_t + \gamma_i + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

¹⁴¹ Where $y_{i,t}$ is the variable of interest for vessel i in time period t . A dummy variable $Post_t$ takes the
¹⁴² value of 0 for all dates prior to PIPA implementation and a value of 1 for all dates including and
¹⁴³ following PIPA implementation. $Treat_i$ is a dummy variable indicating whether a vessel belongs to
¹⁴⁴ the control ($Treat_i = 0$) or treatment ($Treat_i = 1$) group. α is the standard intercept, β_1 captures
¹⁴⁵ the temporal trend change, β_2 captures the difference between treated and control groups, and β_3
¹⁴⁶ is our parameter of interest: de DiD estimate capturing the treatment effect. Finally, μ_1 and μ_2
¹⁴⁷ are coefficients for a second order polynomial for years (Y_t), while ϕ_t and γ_i represent month-, and
¹⁴⁸ flag-level dummies that account for seasonality or country-level management interventions⁵.

¹⁴⁹ Our second part of the analyses focuses on the redistribution of fishing effort. In other words,
¹⁵⁰ identifying where do vessels that used to fish inside PIPA go after its establishment. We calculate
¹⁵¹ the monthly relative distribution of fishing hours by all treated vessels across all fished EEZs and
¹⁵² the high seas. These trends are shown in Figure 5, and the relative temporal change is presented in
¹⁵³ Table ???. EEZs that had sporadic fishing events were pooled into a group of “others”, leaving us
¹⁵⁴ with a total of $n = 23$ and $n = 0^6$ spatially defined regions (*i.e.* EEZs, High Seas, “other EEZs”,
¹⁵⁵ and PIPA) for purse seiners and longliners, respectively.

¹⁵⁶ To evaluate this change in effort allocation, we regress our variable of interest (*i.e.* fishing hours) on
¹⁵⁷ the interaction between a dummy variable indicating the policy intervention and a dummy variable
¹⁵⁸ for countries. This gives us the by-country change in proportional allocation of fishing effort:

$$y_{i,t} = \alpha + \beta_1 Post_t + \beta_{2,i} Country_i + \beta_{3,i} Post_t \times Country_i + \epsilon_{i,t}$$

¹⁵⁹ Our variable of interest, $y_{i,t}$ represents the proportion of fishing hours that country i receives at time
¹⁶⁰ t . $Post$ also represents a policy dummy that takes the value of 0 for all dates before implementation
¹⁶¹ of PIPA, and 1 otherwise. $Country$ is a dummy variable for countries, interpreted as individual
¹⁶² EEZs, the high seas, and a group of “other EEZs”. Our parameter of interest is $\beta_{3,i}$, which captures
¹⁶³ the country-level change in proportional fishing effort.

¹⁶⁴ All regression coefficients were estimated via ordinary least squares, and heteroskedastic-robust
¹⁶⁵ standard errors were calculated. All analyses were performed in R version 3.5.1 [R Core Team,
¹⁶⁶ 2018]. Raw data and code used in this work are available on github.

⁴ And soon, distance

⁵ An earlier specification included years as a dummy variable. Such results are included in the appendix, but are similar to the ones found under current specification.

⁶This number is likely to change upon finalizing the spatial analysis of longliners, which is currently running.

167 **4 Results**

168 Our data suggest that purse seiners and longliners have different responses to the implementation
 169 of a Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas. Fig. 4 shows that mean fishing hours for purse seiners
 170 have an abrupt increase, just before January 1st, 2015. This trend is observed for both treated
 171 and control groups. The pattern closely corresponds with the increase in total hours, but the
 172 total number of vessels doesn't entirely follow this pattern. The increase in fishing hours might be
 173 caused by the increased number of satellites⁷. Longliners, however, show no apparent trend with a
 174 clear seasonality [Ortuño-Crespo et al., 2018]. The number of mmsi codes also increases slightly
 175 through time, but becomes stable after 2015. For both gears and across all measures, the treatment
 176 and control vessels follow similar patterns, confirming our claim that the control group provides a
 177 plausible counterfactual.

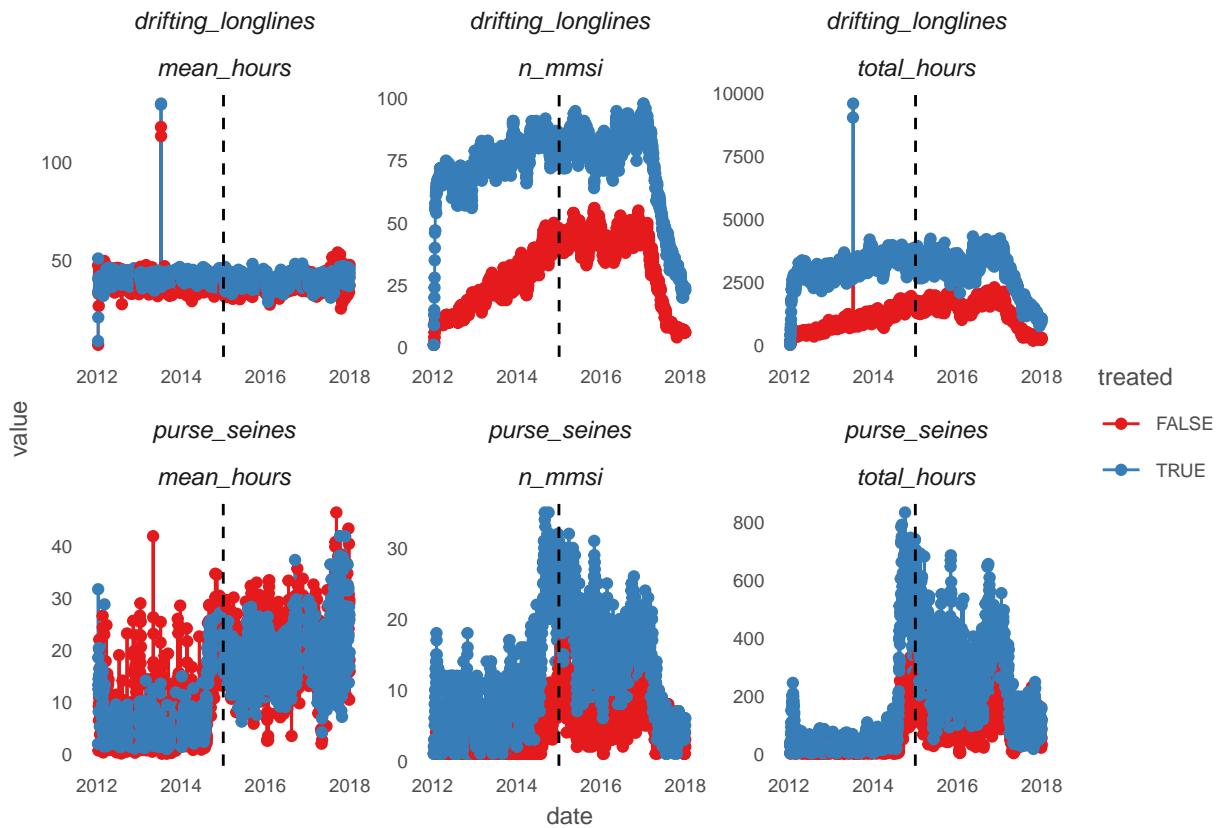


Figure 4: Fishing hours and number of vessels by month for all vessels. Vertical dashed line indicates PIPA closure.

178 Our DiD analysis shows that treated purse seiners reduce their fishing effort after PIPA implemen-
 179 tation in the order of 16 hours per month. This result is robust and significant ($p < 0.05$) for

⁷Need to check this. Not sure any satellites were incorporated during 2014. It is also possible that PNA countries started enforcing the requirement of having an AIS unit. On either case, both treatment and control groups seem to be affected equally.

180 all model specifications, with the effect varying between $\beta_3 = -16.457$ and $\beta_3 = -18.709$. Model
181 specifications that include the year polynomial show lower values for the β_1 coefficient associated
182 to the $Post_t$ policy dummy, and show positive and negative values for μ_1 and μ_2 , the linear and
183 quadratic terms for Y_t , respectively. These effectively represent the patterns observed in Figure 4.
184 Longliners show a similar pattern of effort reduction. However, the magnitude of the β_3 coefficient
185 is smaller (ranging from $\beta_3 = -9.851$ to $\beta_3 = -14.850$) and not significant across all model
186 specifications. This, along with higher standard error values suggest that longliners have a smaller
187 and more variable response to the implementation of LSMPAs.
188 Regressions coefficients for each gear type are shown in Tables ?? and 4. Column (1) presents the
189 DiD regression with no fixed effects, column (2) includes month fixed effects, column (3) includes
190 month and the second degree polynomial for years, and column (4) includes all of the above and
191 country-level fixed effects.
192 Recall that to evaluate the redistribution of fishing effort we only track fishing vessels that belong to
193 the treated group. In this case, we calculate the proportion of fishing effort allocated every month to
194 each spatially explicit region outlined by EEZs and the high seas. For purse seiners, these represent
195 9 main EEZs, PIPA, the high seas, and a group of other EEZs. Figure 5 shows the monthly relative
196 fishing hours that each region received by all 176 treated vessels. The top-left panel shows the
197 change in fishing effort inside PIPA, including the preemptive fishing and immediate reduction
198 previously reported [McDermott et al., 2018].
199 The change in the relative allocation of fishing effort by purse seiners increases in eight of the 12
200 regions after PIPA implementation (Table 2). The largest increase is observed for the I-Kiribati
201 EEZ, with an average increase of 0.11 ($p < 0.001$). In other words, the redistribution of treated
202 vessels caused a 10% increase in the *relative* allocation of fishing effort within I-Kiribati waters.
203 The only decrease is observed for Papua New Guinea, but the coefficient is not significant. Figure 6
204 provides a spatial representation of these changes. It is evident that the increase in relative fishing
205 effort is greater for regions closer to PIPA.

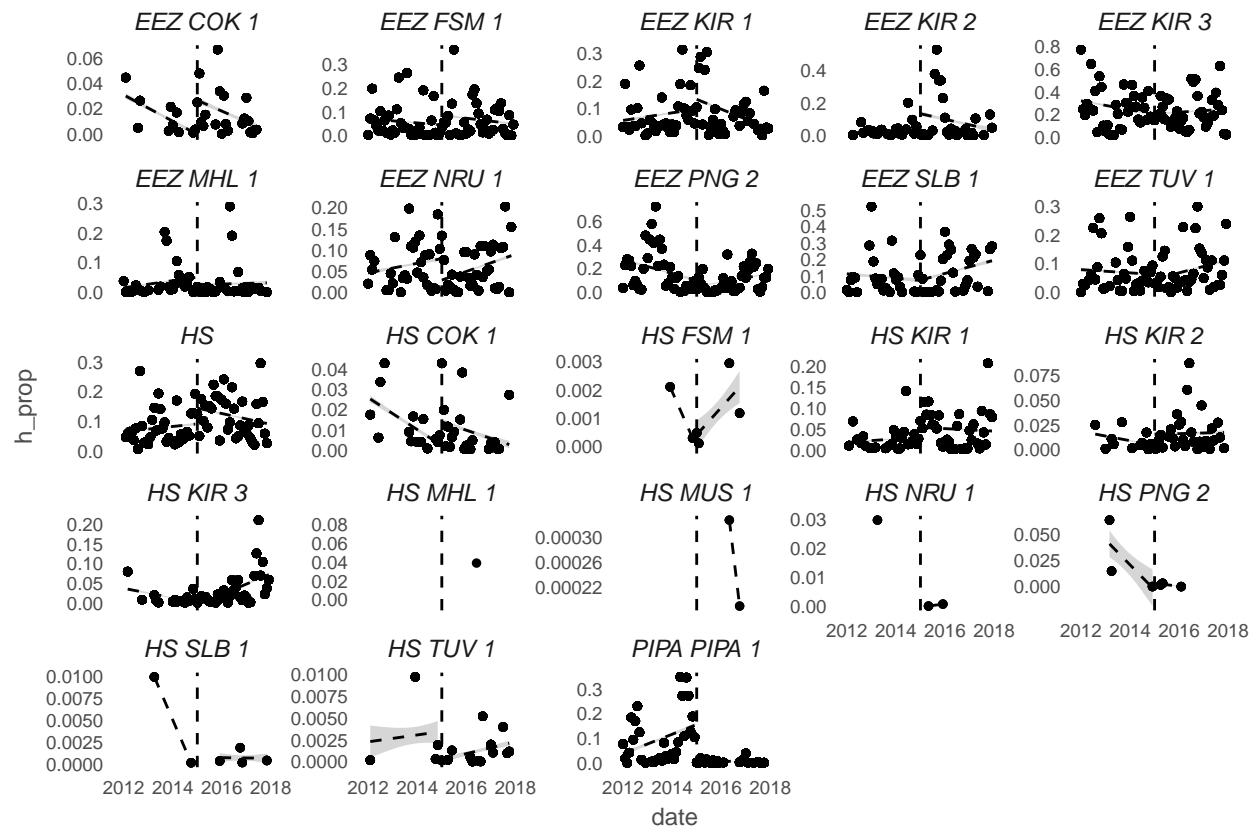


Figure 5: Monthly relative allocation of fishing effort by PIPA-fishing vessels before and after PIPA for 9 EEZs, PIPA, the high seas and ‘other EEZs’.

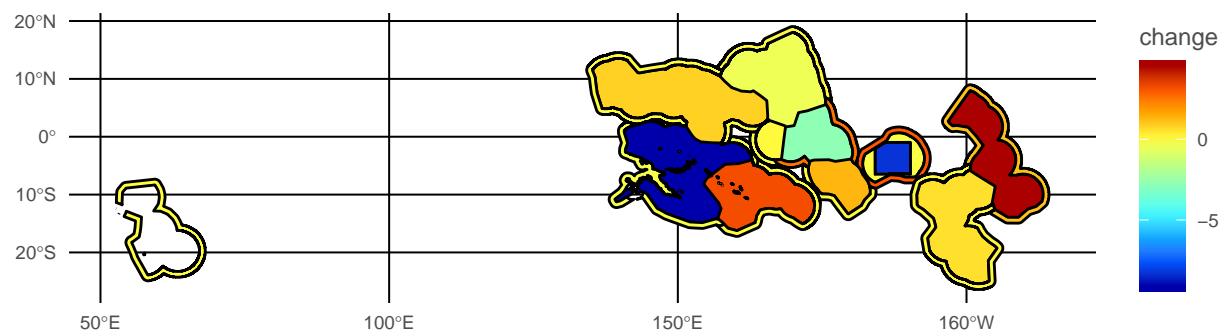


Figure 6: Spatial representation of the mean change in the monthly allocation of fishing effort for purse seiners.

Table 2: Change in the relative allocation of fishing hours by purse seiners for each region. Asterisks indicate significance levels. Numbers in parenthesis represent heteroskedastic-robust standard errors.

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>
	h_prop
post	0.005*** (0.001)
countryEEZ FSM 1	0.052*** (0.001)
countryEEZ KIR 1	0.067*** (0.002)
countryEEZ KIR 2	0.020*** (0.001)
countryEEZ KIR 3	0.250*** (0.003)
countryEEZ MHL 1	0.022*** (0.001)
countryEEZ NRU 1	0.049*** (0.001)
countryEEZ PNG 2	0.184*** (0.004)
countryEEZ SLB 1	0.062*** (0.002)
countryEEZ TUV 1	0.059*** (0.001)
countryHS	0.073*** (0.001)
countryHS COK 1	0.001*** (0.0004)
countryHS FSM 1	−0.004*** (0.0003)
countryHS KIR 1	0.015*** (0.001)
countryHS KIR 2	−0.001* (0.0003)
countryHS KIR 3	0.002*** (0.0004)
countryHS MHL 1	−0.004*** (0.0003)
countryHS MUS 1	−0.004*** (0.0003)
countryHS NRU 1	−0.003*** (0.001)
countryHS PNG 2	−0.001* (0.001)
countryHS SLB 1	−0.003*** (0.0003)
countryHS TUV 1	−0.003*** (0.0003)
countryPIPA PIPA 1	0.083*** (0.002)
post:countryEEZ FSM 1	0.003 (0.002)
post:countryEEZ KIR 1	−0.007*** (0.002)
post:countryEEZ KIR 2	0.040*** (0.003)
post:countryEEZ KIR 3	−0.033*** (0.005)
post:countryEEZ MHL 1	−0.010*** (0.002)
post:countryEEZ NRU 1	−0.005*** (0.002)
post:countryEEZ PNG 2	−0.096*** (0.004)
post:countryEEZ SLB 1	0.026*** (0.004)
post:countryEEZ TUV 1	0.007*** (0.002)
post:countryHS	0.034*** (0.002)
post:countryHS COK 1	−0.005*** (0.001)
post:countryHS FSM 1	−0.005*** (0.001)
post:countryHS KIR 1	0.024*** (0.001)
post:countryHS KIR 2	0.005*** (0.001)
post:countryHS KIR 3	0.020*** (0.001)
post:countryHS MHL 1	−0.004*** (0.001)
post:countryHS MUS 1	−0.005*** (0.001)
post:countryHS NRU 1	−0.006*** (0.001)
post:countryHS PNG 2	−0.007*** (0.001)
post:countryHS SLB 1	−0.006*** (0.001)
post:countryHS TUV 1	−0.005*** (0.001)
post:countryPIPA PIPA 1	−0.088*** (0.002)
Constant	0.004*** (0.0003)

206 **5 Discussion**

207 Our findings provide interesting insights into the effect that LSMPAs can have on vessel behavior
208 and the redistribution of fishing effort. These collection of results shows that the implementation of
209 PIPA caused treated vessels to reduce their fishing hours, and that this effect is greater for purse
210 seiners than longliners. Even though treated vessels fish less, their relative allocation of fishing
211 hours increased for all other fishing grounds. This does not imply that there is more fishing effort
212 exerted by treated vessels, but rather that each region receives a greater portion of the post-PIPA
213 fishing effort of these same vessels, which is lower than pre-PIPA levels. In this section we discuss
214 the implications of vessel-level reductions in fishing effort and the increase in relative allocation of
215 the remaining effort through space. We also provide plausible explanations as to why purse seiners
216 seem to be more reactive to the spatial closure.

217 A major shortcoming of our analyses is that we do not observe catches or revenues, which ultimately
218 are the factors that guide the decision making process of profit-maximizing agents. Therefore, it is
219 difficult to know whether the reduction in fishing effort represents a positive or negative impact.
220 A decrease in fishing effort is associated to an increase in catches (and therefore greater CPUE)
221 only when the entire fleet does it, and if previous levels of effort were greater than F_{MEY} (*i.e.* the
222 effort that would yield the maximum economic yield). Therefore, it is plausible that the reduction
223 of fishing hours is not done by choice, but rather results from fishers having to increase search time.
224 Upon being relocated, fishers may not identify the best fishing grounds as easily as before, and
225 therefore invest a greater proportion of their time searching for their catch. Further analysis of
226 temporal trends in non-fishing hours, as well as distance traveled should provide us with insights as
227 to why fishers reduced fishing hours.

228 Previous studies on insular environments suggest that vessels move to distant places, which might be
229 translated as increased costs [Stevenson et al., 2013]. Nevertheless, they do not use counterfactuals
230 that could help account for system- or fleet-level changes that occur through time. Others have
231 used similar satellite-tracking systems to show that fishing effort accumulates near the edges of
232 spatial closures, yielding greater catches [Murawski et al., 2005]. Yet, these vessel tracks do not
233 cover the pre-reserve period, making it difficult identify the contribution of spatial closures to the
234 observed spatial distribution of fishing vessels. Recent work by Elahi et al. [2018] identified that total
235 fishing effort in a focal region where a short-term MPA was implemented showed little change, likely
236 indicating that fishers redistributed fishing effort to compensate for the reduction in available space.
237 Our data is assembled in a similar way, with fishing positions before and after the implementation
238 of PIPA and vessels grouped into treated and control groups. Our BACI design, along with our
239 difference-in-differences analysis allows us to make causal inferences about the effect that large scale
240 marine protected areas have on fishing effort.

241 The different responses observed between purse seiners and longliners might have two possible
242 explanations. It is likely that PIPA did not contain habitat that longliners would consider optimal.
243 Therefore, the sporadic fishing events that occurred there are of little importance to the fleet, and it
244 is unlikely that the implementation of PIPA has an effect on them. Alternatively, the differences
245 may be due to the nature of each fishing gear. Purse seiners are often constrained by seafloor and
246 thermocline depth, and have a smaller spatial footprint [Kroodsma et al., 2018]. Tuna purse seiners
247 are known to have greater proportion of null sets (*i.e.* where purse seines effectively cast their nets,
248 but no catch is obtained) during El Niño years, where the thermocline deepens in the Eastern Pacific
249 [Dreyfus-Leon, 2015]. On the other hand, longliners may be more flexible as to where they can
250 deploy their longlines. Ortúñoz-Crespo et al. [2018] evaluated the ecological niche of the pelagic

251 longline fleet, and suggest that the fleet may be under-utilizing the ocean, meaning that they can
252 easily redistribute elsewhere.

253 Our work suggests that the implementation of LSMPAs can have important implications for purse
254 seiners, and less so for longliners. We also show that fishing effort is redistributed to areas close
255 by. Future management interventions that aim to close large portion of the oceans should consider
256 how fishing effort will change in space and through time, and the ecological implications of this
257 redistribution to ensure that fishing effort is not just displaced elsewhere, leading to overfishing in
258 adjacent waters.

259 **6 Appendix**

260 **6.1 Other model specifications**

261 **6.1.1 Year as dummy variables**

Table 3: Fishing hours from GFW for purse seiners ($n = 106$; 38 control, 68 treatment). Asterisks indicate significance levels. Numbers in parenthesis represent heteroskedastic-robust standard errors.

<i>Dependent variable:</i>				
	hours			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
post	8.394*** (0.267)	9.334*** (0.254)	14.934*** (0.312)	17.284*** (0.403)
treated	-1.069*** (0.249)	-0.770*** (0.234)	-0.993*** (0.219)	0.259 (0.269)
post:treated	-0.701** (0.308)	-0.899*** (0.295)	-0.530* (0.283)	-0.580** (0.292)
Constant	11.738*** (0.220)	11.281*** (0.292)	7.574*** (0.318)	10.077*** (0.422)
Month FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year FE	No	No	Yes	Yes
Flag FE	No	No	No	Yes
Observations	37,840	37,840	37,840	37,840
R ²	0.087	0.136	0.179	0.192

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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Table 4: Fishing hours from GFW for longliners ($n = 203$; 88 control, 115 treatment).. Asterisks indicate significance levels. Numbers in parenthesis represent heteroskedastic-robuste standard errors.

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>			
	hours			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
post	-1.241*** (0.116)	-1.026*** (0.116)	-0.944*** (0.157)	13.292*** (0.330)
treated	2.595*** (0.101)	2.708*** (0.101)	2.639*** (0.102)	1.493*** (0.116)
post:treated	0.053 (0.133)	-0.069 (0.133)	-0.029 (0.134)	-0.060 (0.135)
Constant	39.032*** (0.089)	38.105*** (0.131)	38.388*** (0.150)	36.993*** (0.178)
Month FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year FE	No	No	Yes	Yes
Flag FE	No	No	No	Yes
Observations	227,873	227,873	227,873	227,873
R ²	0.010	0.015	0.016	0.030

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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275 ## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
276 ## post & 8.394$^{***}$ & 9.334$^{***}$ & 9.139$^{***}$ \\
277 ## & (0.271) & (0.265) & (0.300) \\
278 ## & & & \\
279 ## treated & -$1.069$^{***}$ & -$0.770$^{***}$ & 0.041 \\
280 ## & (0.259) & (0.253) & (0.317) \\
281 ## & & & \\
282 ## month\_c10 & & 2.885$^{***}$ & 2.639$^{***}$ \\
283 ## & & (0.302) & (0.335) \\
284 ## & & & \\
285 ## month\_c11 & & 3.687$^{***}$ & 3.556$^{***}$ \\
286 ## & & (0.304) & (0.335) \\
287 ## & & & \\
288 ## month\_c12 & & 3.001$^{***}$ & 2.594$^{***}$ \\
289 ## & & (0.309) & (0.339) \\
290 ## & & & \\
291 ## month\_c2 & & -$0.989$^{***}$ & -$1.062$^{***}$ \\
292 ## & & (0.308) & (0.334) \\
293 ## & & & \\
294 ## month\_c3 & & -$2.238$^{***}$ & -$2.412$^{***}$ \\
295 ## & & (0.313) & (0.340) \\
296 ## & & & \\
297 ## month\_c4 & & -$3.643$^{***}$ & -$4.008$^{***}$ \\
298 ## & & (0.317) & (0.345) \\
299 ## & & & \\
300 ## month\_c5 & & -$4.590$^{***}$ & -$4.914$^{***}$ \\
301 ## & & (0.316) & (0.349) \\
302 ## & & & \\
303 ## month\_c6 & & -$4.420$^{***}$ & -$4.977$^{***}$ \\
304 ## & & (0.332) & (0.368) \\
305 ## & & & \\
306 ## month\_c7 & & -$3.580$^{***}$ & -$3.351$^{***}$ \\
307 ## & & (0.336) & (0.366) \\
308 ## & & & \\
309 ## month\_c8 & & 0.317 & 0.204 \\
310 ## & & (0.311) & (0.346) \\
311 ## & & & \\
312 ## month\_c9 & & 2.865$^{***}$ & 2.305$^{***}$ \\
313 ## & & (0.309) & (0.341) \\
314 ## & & & \\
315 ## flagECU & & & -$6.188$^{***}$ \\
316 ## & & & (0.434) \\
317 ## & & & \\
318 ## flagESP & & & -$2.949$^{***}$ \\
319 ## & & & (0.497) \\
320 ## & & & \\
321 ## flagFSM & & & -$4.729$^{***}$ \\
322 ## & & & (0.470)

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323 ## & & & \\
324 ## flagKOR & & & $-$3.708$^{***}$ \\
325 ## & & & (0.289) \\
326 ## & & & \\
327 ## flagMHL & & & $-$1.879$^{***}$ \\
328 ## & & & (0.310) \\
329 ## & & & \\
330 ## flagOTH & & & $-$2.244$^{***}$ \\
331 ## & & & (0.290) \\
332 ## & & & \\
333 ## flagTWN & & & $-$2.493$^{***}$ \\
334 ## & & & (0.332) \\
335 ## & & & \\
336 ## post:treated & $-$0.701$^{**}$ & $-$0.899$^{***}$ & $-$0.908$^{***}$ \\
337 ## & (0.314) & (0.306) & (0.344) \\
338 ## & & & \\
339 ## Constant & 11.738$^{***}$ & 11.281$^{***}$ & 13.942$^{***}$ \\
340 ## & (0.229) & (0.313) & (0.422) \\
341 ## & & & \\
342 ## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
343 ## Observations & 37,840 & 37,840 & 30,359 \\
344 ## R$^2$ & 0.087 & 0.136 & 0.151 \\
345 ## Adjusted R$^2$ & 0.087 & 0.136 & 0.150 \\
346 ## Residual Std. Error & 12.752 (df = 37836) & 12.405 (df = 37825) & 12.257 (df = 30337) \\
347 ## F Statistic & 1,203.929$^{***}$ (df = 3; 37836) & 427.020$^{***}$ (df = 14; 37825) & 256.280 \\
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365 ## \\[-1.8ex] & (1) & (2) & (3)\\
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367 ## post & 8.222$^{***}$ & 8.665$^{***}$ & 8.923$^{***}$ \\
368 ## & (0.444) & (0.431) & (0.429) \\
369 ## & & &

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370 ## treated & $-$0.015 & 0.059 & 2.910$^{***}$ \\
371 ## & (0.475) & (0.462) & (0.602) \\
372 ## & & & \\
373 ## month\_c10 & & 3.140$^{***}$ & 3.489$^{***}$ \\
374 ## & & (0.711) & (0.877) \\
375 ## & & & \\
376 ## month\_c11 & & 4.203$^{***}$ & 4.775$^{***}$ \\
377 ## & & (0.695) & (0.828) \\
378 ## & & & \\
379 ## month\_c12 & & 2.878$^{***}$ & 3.087$^{***}$ \\
380 ## & & (0.699) & (0.837) \\
381 ## & & & \\
382 ## month\_c2 & & $-$0.880 & $-$1.082 \\
383 ## & & (0.739) & (0.885) \\
384 ## & & & \\
385 ## month\_c3 & & $-$2.181$^{***}$ & $-$1.776$^{**}$ \\
386 ## & & (0.740) & (0.891) \\
387 ## & & & \\
388 ## month\_c4 & & $-$4.056$^{***}$ & $-$4.186$^{***}$ \\
389 ## & & (0.745) & (0.893) \\
390 ## & & & \\
391 ## month\_c5 & & $-$4.023$^{***}$ & $-$4.108$^{***}$ \\
392 ## & & (0.730) & (0.891) \\
393 ## & & & \\
394 ## month\_c6 & & $-$4.743$^{***}$ & $-$5.336$^{***}$ \\
395 ## & & (0.779) & (0.968) \\
396 ## & & & \\
397 ## month\_c7 & & $-$4.457$^{***}$ & $-$4.115$^{***}$ \\
398 ## & & (0.815) & (1.022) \\
399 ## & & & \\
400 ## month\_c8 & & 0.972 & 1.249 \\
401 ## & & (0.724) & (0.895) \\
402 ## & & & \\
403 ## month\_c9 & & 4.947$^{***}$ & 4.322$^{***}$ \\
404 ## & & (0.714) & (0.878) \\
405 ## & & & \\
406 ## flagMHL & & 2.969$^{***}$ \\
407 ## & & (0.467) \\
408 ## & & & \\
409 ## post:treated & $-$2.014$^{***}$ & $-$2.047$^{***}$ & $-$2.984$^{***}$ \\
410 ## & (0.610) & (0.592) & (0.766) \\
411 ## & & & \\
412 ## Constant & 11.415$^{***}$ & 10.972$^{***}$ & 8.160$^{***}$ \\
413 ## & (0.342) & (0.616) & (0.835) \\
414 ## & & & \\
415 ## \hline \\[-1.8ex] \\
416 ## Observations & 7,756 & 7,756 & 5,288 \\
417 ## R$^2$ & 0.069 & 0.132 & 0.145 \\

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418 ## Adjusted R$^2 & 0.069 & 0.131 & 0.142 \\
419 ## Residual Std. Error & 13.095 (df = 7752) & 12.652 (df = 7741) & 12.518 (df = 5272) \\
420 ## F Statistic & 191.591$^{***}$ (df = 3; 7752) & 84.244$^{***}$ (df = 14; 7741) & 59.406$^{***}$
421 ## \hline
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438 ##     \hline \\[-1.8ex] & (1) & (2) & (3) \\
439 ##     \hline \\[-1.8ex]
440 ##     post & 9.018$^{***}$ & 10.574$^{***}$ & 10.492$^{***}$ \\
441 ##       & (0.746) & (0.727) & (0.722) \\
442 ##       & & & \\
443 ##     treated & -$0.530 & -$0.039 & 0.430 \\
444 ##       & (0.629) & (0.612) & (0.683) \\
445 ##       & & & \\
446 ##     month\_c10 & & 2.437$^{***}$ & 2.224$^{***}$ \\
447 ##       & & (0.347) & (0.386) \\
448 ##       & & & \\
449 ##     month\_c11 & & 3.376$^{***}$ & 3.150$^{***}$ \\
450 ##       & & (0.350) & (0.389) \\
451 ##       & & & \\
452 ##     month\_c12 & & 2.625$^{***}$ & 2.072$^{***}$ \\
453 ##       & & (0.357) & (0.394) \\
454 ##       & & & \\
455 ##     month\_c2 & & -$1.197$^{***}$ & -$1.256$^{***}$ \\
456 ##       & & (0.354) & (0.386) \\
457 ##       & & & \\
458 ##     month\_c3 & & -$2.779$^{***}$ & -$2.850$^{***}$ \\
459 ##       & & (0.360) & (0.395) \\
460 ##       & & & \\
461 ##     month\_c4 & & -$3.767$^{***}$ & -$4.013$^{***}$ \\
462 ##       & & (0.361) & (0.397) \\
463 ##       & & & \\
464 ##     month\_c5 & & -$4.653$^{***}$ & -$5.032$^{***}$ \\

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465 ## & & (0.362) & (0.402) \\
466 ## & & & \\
467 ## month\_c6 & & $-$4.797$^{***}$ & $-$5.323$^{***}$ \\
468 ## & & (0.381) & (0.426) \\
469 ## & & & \\
470 ## month\_c7 & & $-$3.646$^{***}$ & $-$3.487$^{***}$ \\
471 ## & & (0.381) & (0.417) \\
472 ## & & & \\
473 ## month\_c8 & & 0.153 & $-$0.202 \\
474 ## & & (0.358) & (0.399) \\
475 ## & & & \\
476 ## month\_c9 & & 3.151$^{***}$ & 2.287$^{***}$ \\
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479 ## flagECU & & & $-$5.462$^{***}$ \\
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483 ## & & & (0.557) \\
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486 ## & & & (0.675) \\
487 ## & & & \\
488 ## flagKOR & & & $-$4.298$^{***}$ \\
489 ## & & & (0.379) \\
490 ## & & & \\
491 ## flagMHL & & & $-$2.361$^{***}$ \\
492 ## & & & (0.501) \\
493 ## & & & \\
494 ## flagOTH & & & $-$3.311$^{***}$ \\
495 ## & & & (0.402) \\
496 ## & & & \\
497 ## flagTWN & & & $-$3.266$^{***}$ \\
498 ## & & & (0.473) \\
499 ## & & & \\
500 ## post:treated & $-$1.325$^{*}$ & $-$2.136$^{***}$ & $-$2.253$^{***}$ \\
501 ## & (0.762) & (0.742) & (0.742) \\
502 ## & & & \\
503 ## Constant & 11.200$^{***}$ & 10.748$^{***}$ & 14.339$^{***}$ \\
504 ## & (0.617) & (0.654) & (0.812) \\
505 ## & & & \\
506 ## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
507 ## Observations & 28,315 & 28,315 & 22,766 \\
508 ## R$^2$ & 0.083 & 0.134 & 0.144 \\
509 ## Adjusted R$^2$ & 0.083 & 0.133 & 0.143 \\
510 ## Residual Std. Error & 12.672 (df = 28311) & 12.322 (df = 28300) & 12.231 (df = 22744) \\
511 ## F Statistic & 857.512$^{***}$ (df = 3; 28311) & 311.587$^{***}$ (df = 14; 28300) & 182.169$^{***}$ \\
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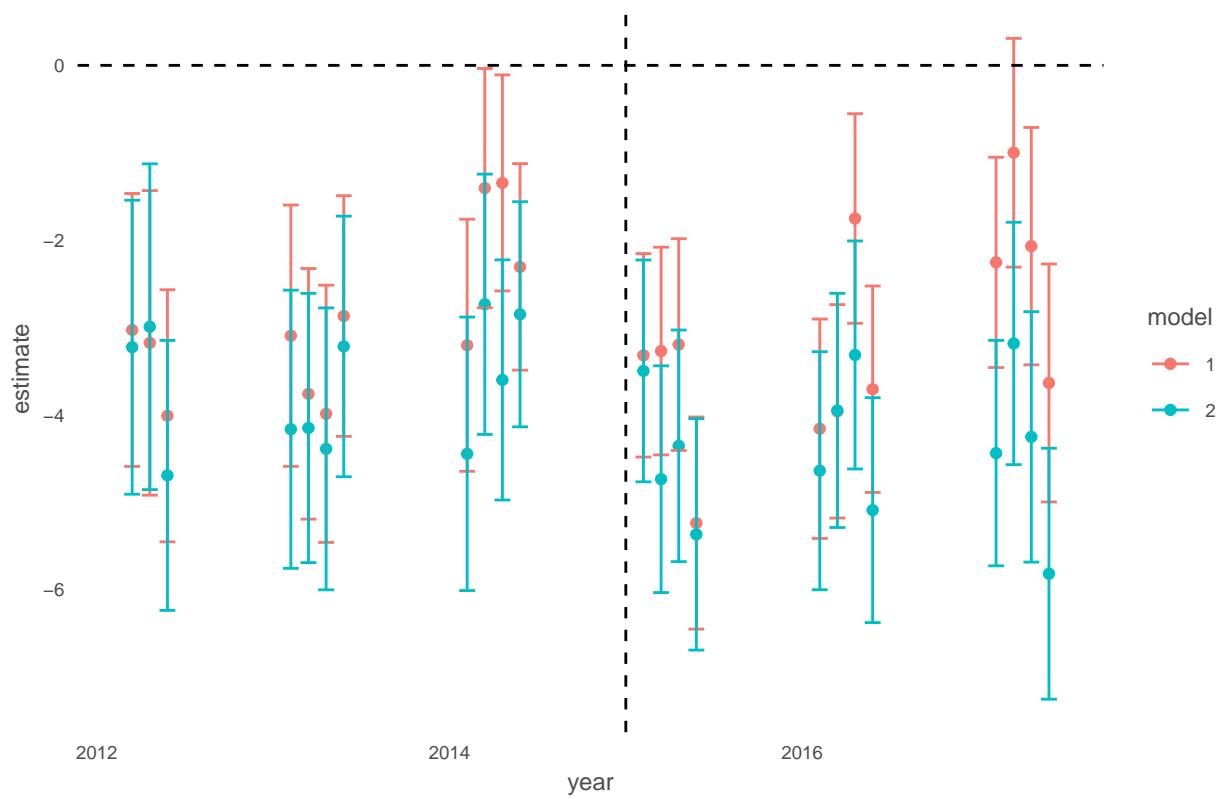
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530 ## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
531 ## post & 7.875$^{***}$ & 8.778$^{***}$ & 8.770$^{***}$ \\
532 ##   & (0.303) & (0.296) & (0.336) \\
533 ##   & & & \\
534 ## treated & $-\$0.751$^{***}$ & $-\$0.445$^{*}$ & 0.557 \\
535 ##   & (0.269) & (0.262) & (0.345) \\
536 ##   & & & \\
537 ## month\_c10 & & 2.848$^{***}$ & 2.445$^{***}$ \\
538 ##   & & (0.317) & (0.356) \\
539 ##   & & & \\
540 ## month\_c11 & & 3.647$^{***}$ & 3.320$^{***}$ \\
541 ##   & & (0.319) & (0.355) \\
542 ##   & & & \\
543 ## month\_c12 & & 3.011$^{***}$ & 2.457$^{***}$ \\
544 ##   & & (0.324) & (0.358) \\
545 ##   & & & \\
546 ## month\_c2 & & $-\$1.143$^{***}$ & $-\$1.308$^{***}$ \\
547 ##   & & (0.326) & (0.357) \\
548 ##   & & & \\
549 ## month\_c3 & & $-\$2.430$^{***}$ & $-\$2.707$^{***}$ \\
550 ##   & & (0.331) & (0.364) \\
551 ##   & & & \\
552 ## month\_c4 & & $-\$3.542$^{***}$ & $-\$4.025$^{***}$ \\
553 ##   & & (0.332) & (0.365) \\
554 ##   & & & \\
555 ## month\_c5 & & $-\$4.442$^{***}$ & $-\$4.842$^{***}$ \\
556 ##   & & (0.332) & (0.371) \\
557 ##   & & & \\
558 ## month\_c6 & & $-\$4.524$^{***}$ & $-\$5.275$^{***}$ \\
559 ##   & & (0.349) & (0.392) \\

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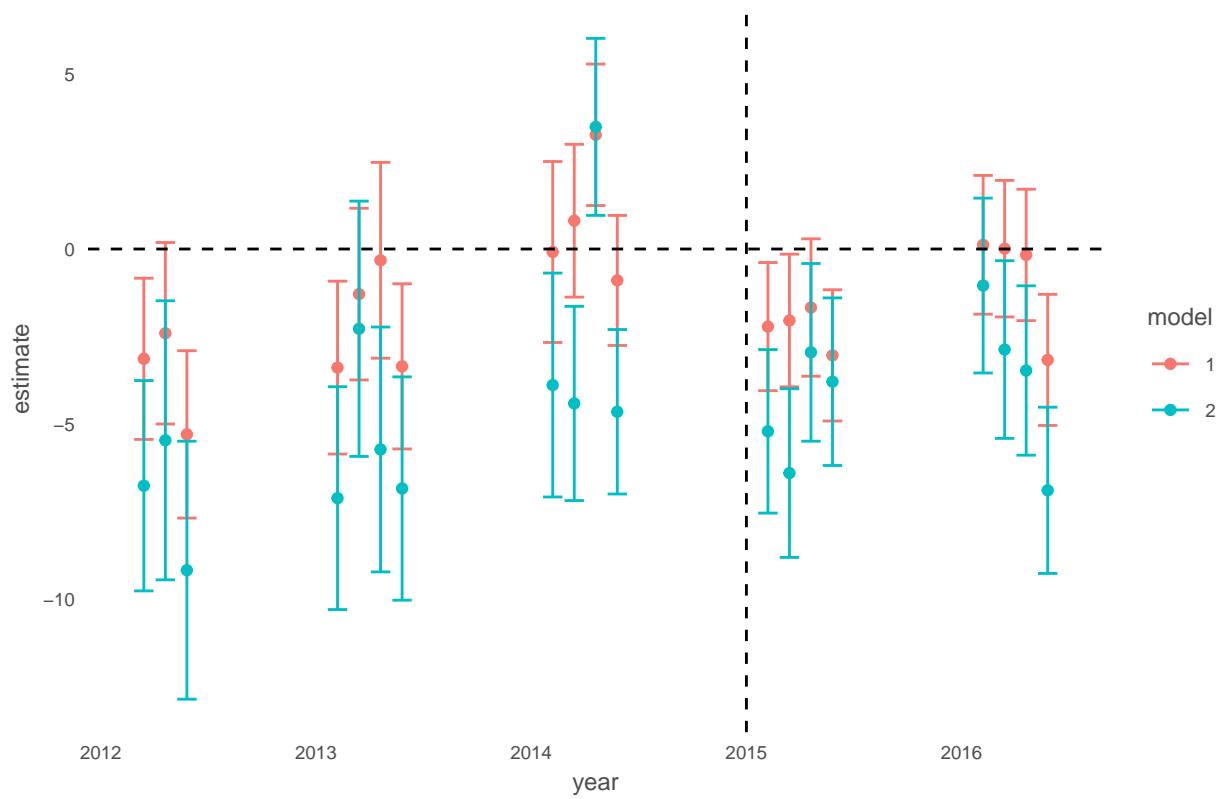
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561 ## month\_c7 & & $-$3.670$^{***}$ & $-$3.545$^{***}$ \\
562 ## & & (0.354) & (0.389) \\
563 ## & & & \\
564 ## month\_c8 & & 0.228 & 0.002 \\
565 ## & & (0.328) & (0.368) \\
566 ## & & & \\
567 ## month\_c9 & & 3.002$^{***}$ & 2.320$^{***}$ \\
568 ## & & (0.324) & (0.362) \\
569 ## & & & \\
570 ## flagECU & & & $-$6.396$^{***}$ \\
571 ## & & & (0.515) \\
572 ## & & & \\
573 ## flagESP & & & $-$3.432$^{***}$ \\
574 ## & & & (0.552) \\
575 ## & & & \\
576 ## flagFSM & & & $-$4.834$^{***}$ \\
577 ## & & & (0.553) \\
578 ## & & & \\
579 ## flagKOR & & & $-$4.212$^{***}$ \\
580 ## & & & (0.378) \\
581 ## & & & \\
582 ## flagMHL & & & $-$1.837$^{***}$ \\
583 ## & & & (0.442) \\
584 ## & & & \\
585 ## flagOTH & & & $-$3.284$^{***}$ \\
586 ## & & & (0.401) \\
587 ## & & & \\
588 ## flagTWN & & & $-$2.638$^{***}$ \\
589 ## & & & (0.439) \\
590 ## & & & \\
591 ## post:treated & $-$0.182 & $-$0.331 & $-$0.455 \\
592 ## & (0.342) & (0.333) & (0.379) \\
593 ## & & & \\
594 ## Constant & 11.420$^{***}$ & 10.972$^{***}$ & 14.036$^{***}$ \\
595 ## & (0.239) & (0.329) & (0.548) \\
596 ## & & & \\
597 ## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
598 ## Observations & 34,489 & 34,489 & 27,008 \\
599 ## R$^2$ & 0.082 & 0.133 & 0.147 \\
600 ## Adjusted R$^2$ & 0.082 & 0.132 & 0.147 \\
601 ## Residual Std. Error & 12.712 (df = 34485) & 12.359 (df = 34474) & 12.188 (df = 26986) \\
602 ## F Statistic & 1,031.434$^{***}$ (df = 3; 34485) & 377.251$^{***}$ (df = 14; 34474) & 222.04 \\
603 ## \hline
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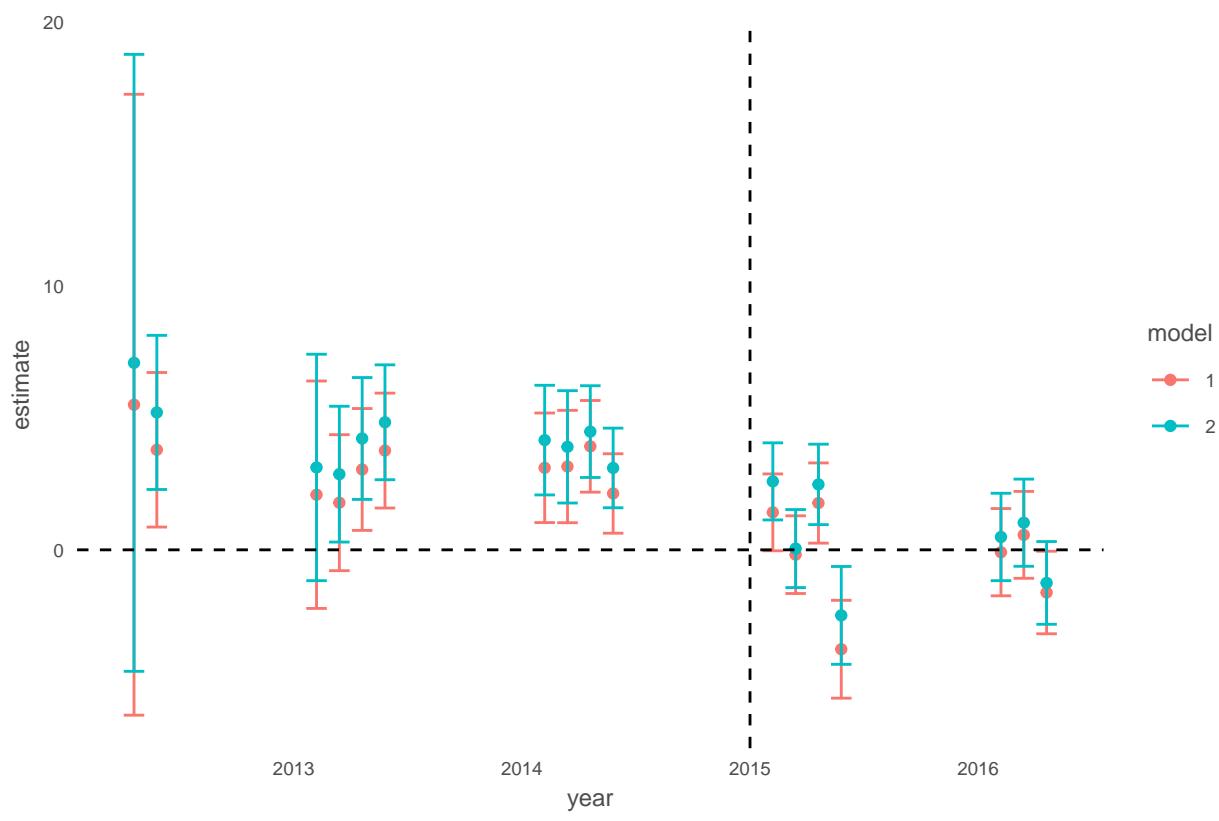
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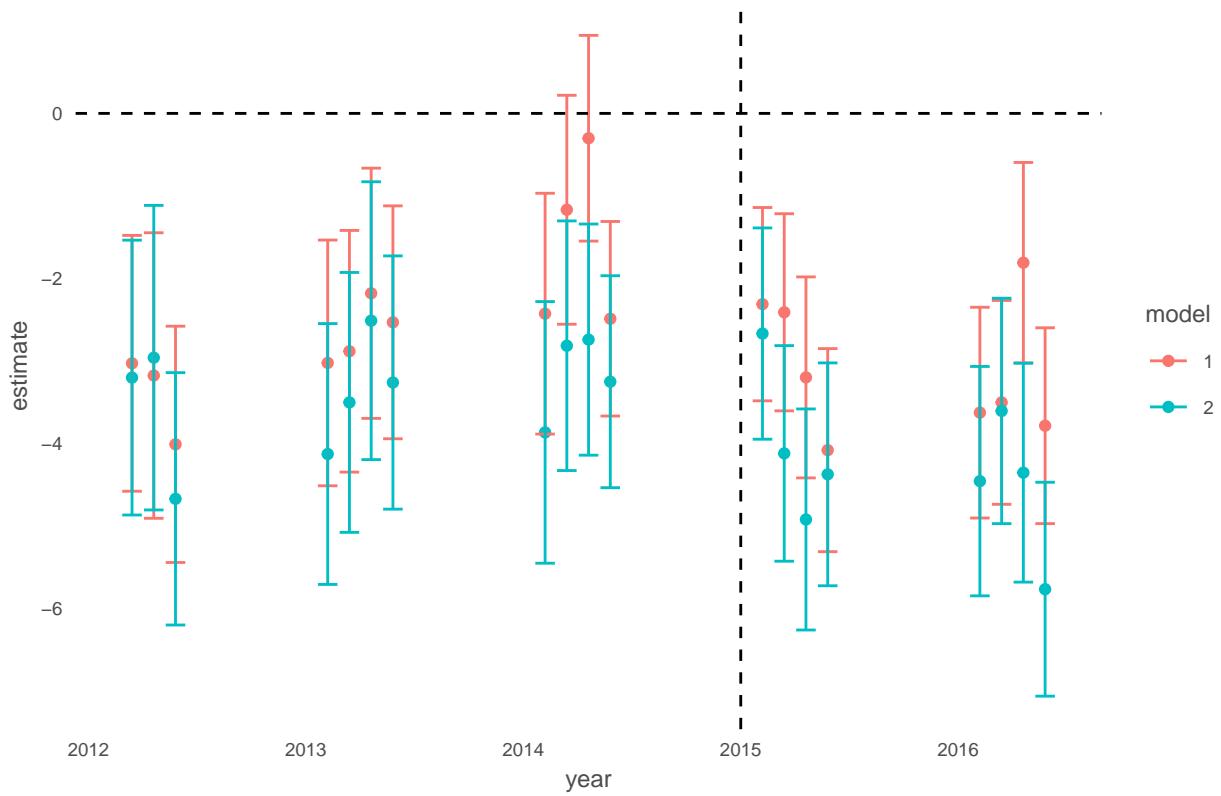
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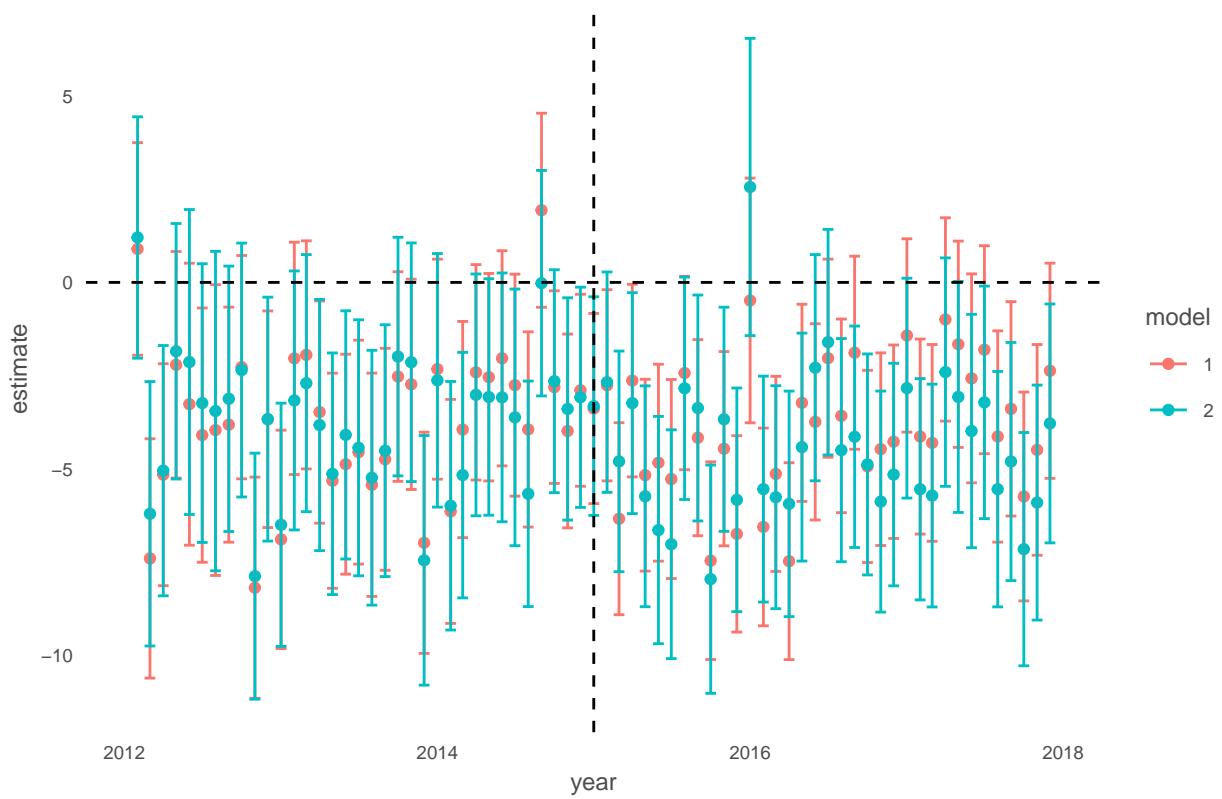
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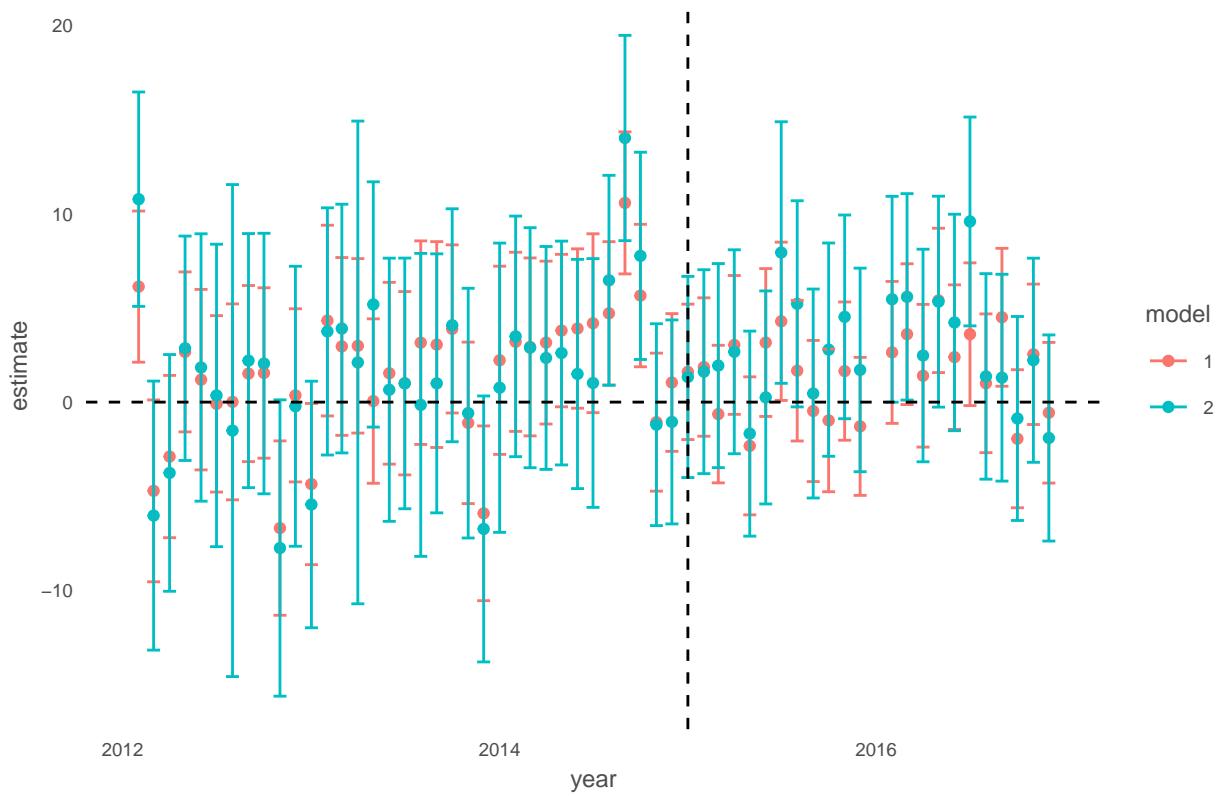
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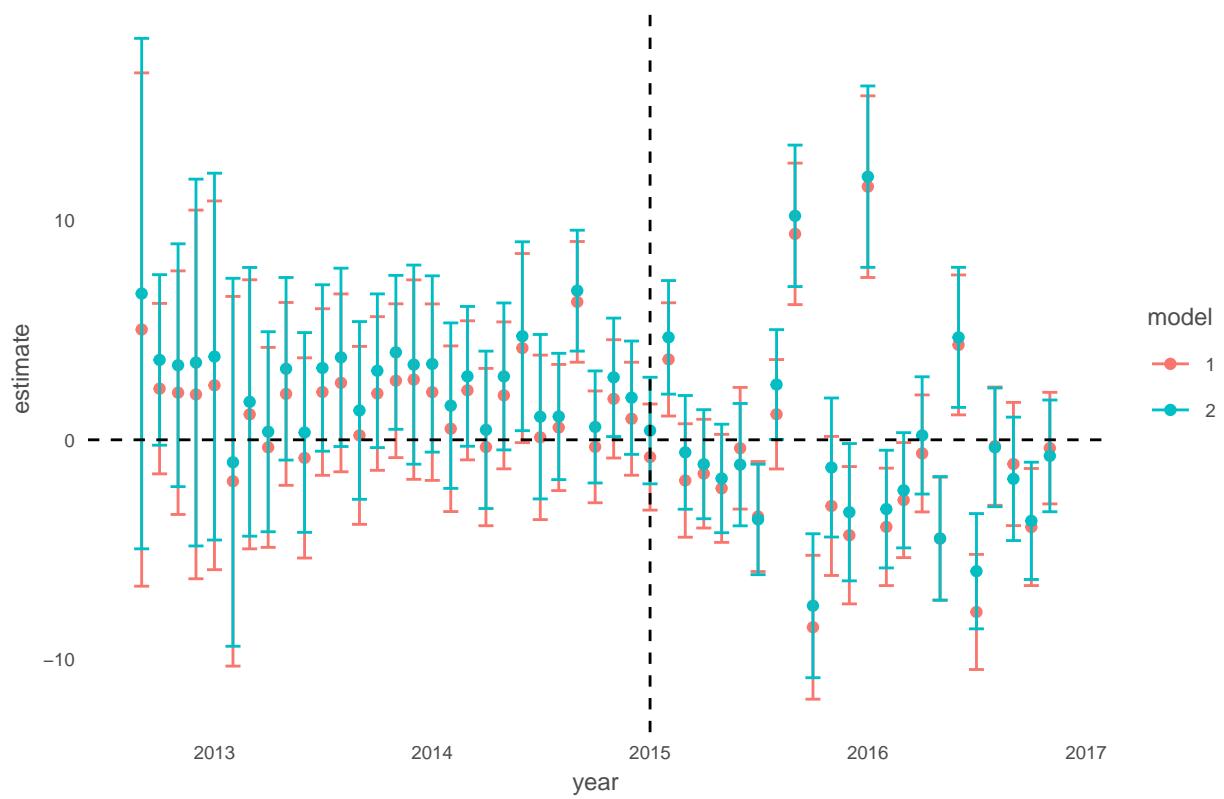
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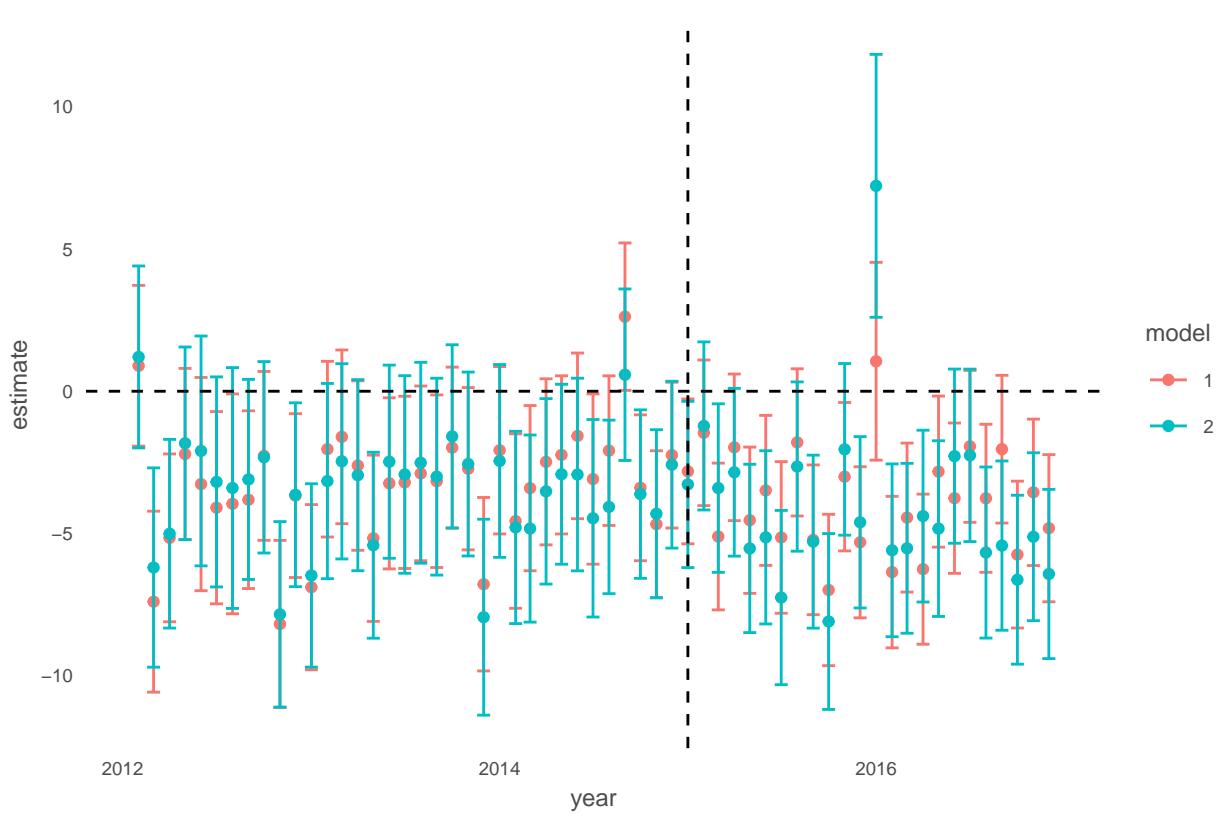
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