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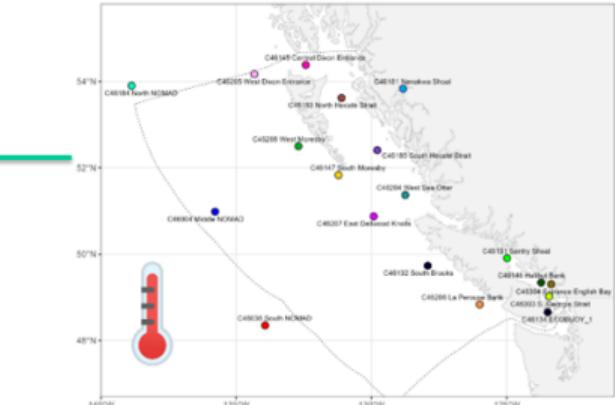
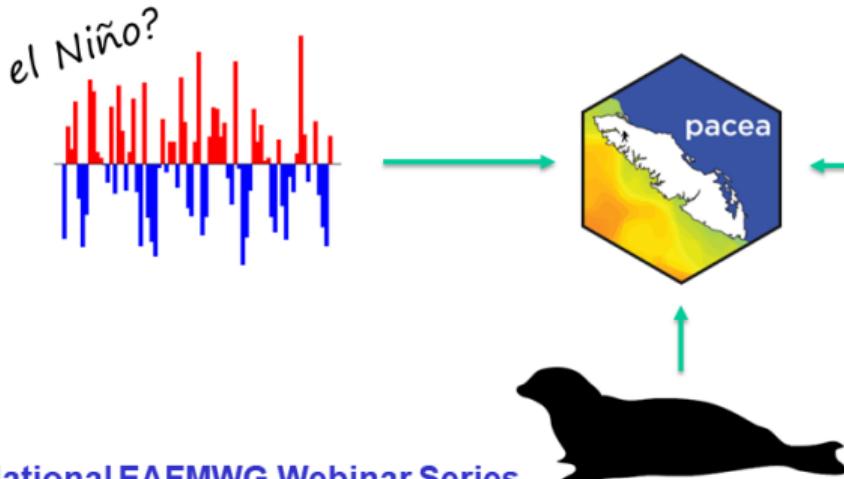


pacea: an R package of ecosystem information to help facilitate an ecosystem approach to fisheries management

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Motivation

- Revised Fisheries Act: “... the Minister shall take into account the environmental conditions affecting a fish stock.”
- Yet <50% of DFO’s stock assessments currently use environmental data.
- Only 28% of assessments in Pacific Region use environmental data.
- Leading cause of not using environmental data is availability of the data.

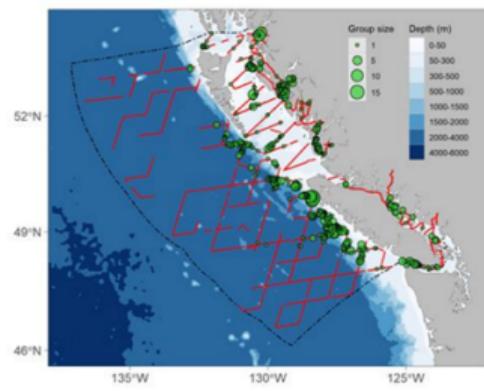
Kulka DW, Thompson S, Cogliati K, Olmstead M, Austin D, Pepin D. (2022). An Accounting of Integration of Environmental Variables in Fishery Stock Assessments in Canada. Can. Tech. Rep. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 3473: viii + 79 p.

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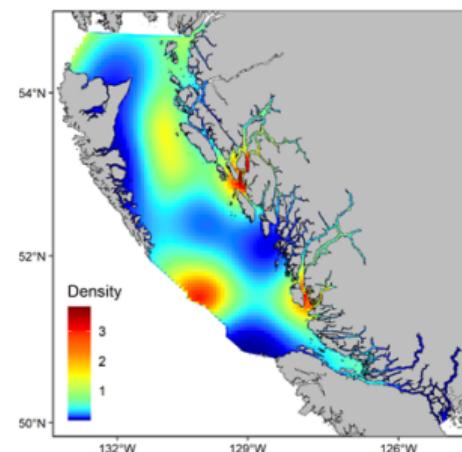
Motivation (based on a true story)

Survey sightings of Humpback Whales



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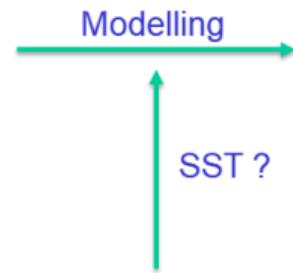
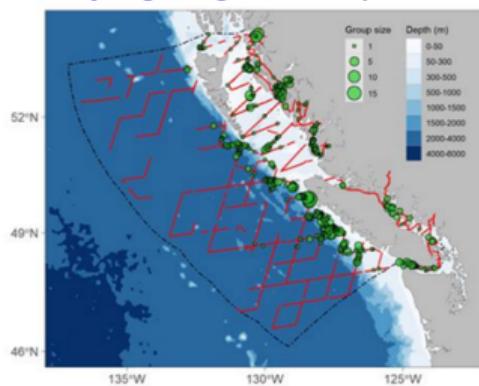


See Doniol-Valcroze et al. (2022) in last year's SOPO report.
Density plot courtesy Brianna Wright.

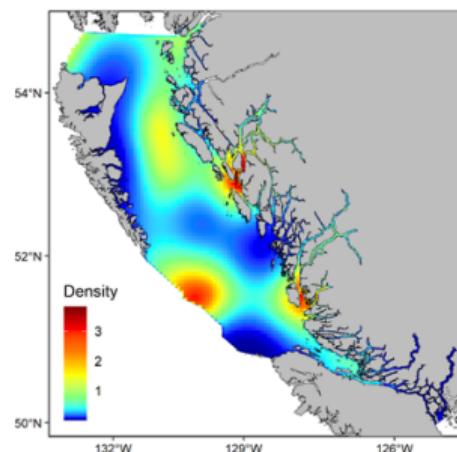


Motivation (based on a true story)

Survey sightings of Humpback Whales



Estimated densities



Motivation (based on a true story)

A search for sea surface temperature yields an overwhelming number (341) of choices:

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ERDDAP > Search

Do a Full Text Search for Datasets:

341 matching datasets, with the most relevant ones listed first.

(Or, refine this search with [Advanced Search](#))

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Likely requires extensive data wrangling to be usable, which usually takes way, way, longer than anticipated.

So the SST analysis did not happen.

Motivation

- Initial motivation was Dan Duplisea's `gslea` package for the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- Outputs from a BC physical biogeochemical model have been shared by Angelica Peña.
- But the netCDF format may be unfamiliar to non-oceanographers – we take care of the wrangling into R.
- Open Data is great, but can be hard to **convert raw data into usable information**.
- Primary audience is DFO stock assessment scientists, but usable by anyone (with a minimal working knowledge of R).

Duplisea et al. (2020). `gslea`: the Gulf of St Lawrence ecosystem approach data matrix R-package. R package version 0.1 <https://github.com/duplisea/gslea>

Why an R package?

- R is the computer programming language most widely used by stock assessment scientists.
- An R package is the standard way to share code (and data).
- Easy installation:

```
remotes::install_github("pbs-assess/pacea")
```

- Ensures proper documentation of data objects and functions (helps users).
- Include vignettes that walk users through various features.
- All data (except one type) is saved within the package, no further downloading required, so not relying on external websites being functional.

Why an R package on GitHub?

- Can host freely on GitHub: <https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea>
- Standard way to collaborate on code.
- Code is completely open source: transparent, traceable, and transferable.

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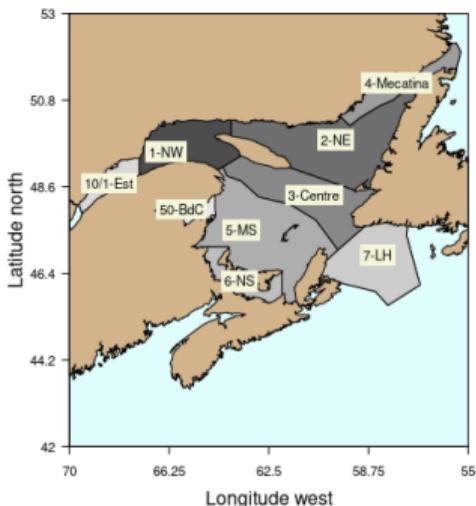
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- ‘Passing’ badge: ensures package can build in R.
- ‘codecov’ is the amount of the code that is covered by unit tests, which help weed out bugs.

Spatial domain

Started thinking about ecosystem assessment regions like in gslea:



But it became non-trivial to decide on regions, and we decided to explicitly include spatial information, especially regarding outputs of the biogeochemical model.

pacea objects

Currently, pacea contains:

- 205,179 calculations of daily sea surface temperature based on data from 19 buoys
- outputs from the spatial British Columbia continental margin (BCCM) model
- NOAA's spatial Optimum Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature (OISST) record
- 9 climatic and oceanographic indices, such as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation and those related to El Niño
- estimates of abundances for Harbour Seals
- estimates of spawning stock biomass and annual recruitments for Pacific Hake and Pacific Herring
- zooplankton biomass anomalies

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Sea surface temperature

Andrea Hilborn (IOS) maintains

https://github.com/IOS-OSD-DPG/Pacific_SST_Monitoring which is updated weekly to show recent SST from various sources for the Northeast Pacific (and anomalies and marine heatwave information).

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'Pacific_SST_Monitoring'. At the top, there's a header with the repository name, a search bar, and navigation links for Code, Issues (3), Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Security, and Insights. Below the header, the repository details are shown: 'Pacific_SST_Monitoring' (Public), 1 branch, 0 tags, Watch 1, Fork 1, Star 2. Underneath, there's a main navigation bar with 'main', 1 branch, 0 tags, Go to file, Add file, and a green 'Code' button. A commit history section shows a recent commit by 'schckngs' titled 'Updating plots' made 9 hours ago with 448 commits. To the right, there's an 'About' section with the text: 'Recent SST and buoy temperature data for monitoring current conditions'.

Sea surface temperature data from buoys

Data from 19 buoys maintained by DFO/ECCC (Environment and Climate Change Canada), hosted through CIOOS (Canadian Integrated Ocean Observing System).



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Sea surface temperature data from buoys

Extensive data processing to calculate daily mean SST:

- Resolution is every 10 minutes or every hour
- Come with quality control flags (mostly)
- We decided that for a daily mean we require:
 - at least one measurement every 2 hours
 - ≥ 10 2-hour measurements every day
- Switch from DFO data stream to ECCC data stream when appropriate
- Time zones and daylight savings time
- Still working on fixing a few outliers in the high-resolution data (hard to automate)

Sea surface temperature data from buoys

The data are saved as a tibble in pacea:

```
buoy_sst
# A tibble: 205,179 x 3
  date      stn_id    sst
  <date>    <fct>   <dbl>
1 1988-08-05 C46004  12.8
2 1988-08-06 C46004  12.7
3 1988-08-07 C46004  12.5
4 1988-08-08 C46004  12.5
5 1988-08-09 C46004  12.6
6 1988-08-10 C46004  12.6
# i 205,173 more rows
```

Sea surface temperature data from buoys

The data are saved as a tibble in pacea:

```
buoy_sst
# A tibble: 205,179 x 3
  date      stn_id    sst
  <date>    <fct>   <dbl>
1 1988-08-05 C46004  12.8
2 1988-08-06 C46004  12.7
3 1988-08-07 C46004  12.5
4 1988-08-08 C46004  12.5
5 1988-08-09 C46004  12.6
6 1988-08-10 C46004  12.6
# i 205,173 more rows
```

```
tail(buoy_sst)
# A tibble: 6 x 3
  date      stn_id    sst
  <date>    <fct>   <dbl>
1 2024-04-16 C46304  9.57
2 2024-04-17 C46304 10.0 
3 2024-04-18 C46304 10.1 
4 2024-04-19 C46304 10.1 
5 2024-04-20 C46304  9.92
6 2024-04-21 C46304 10.6
```

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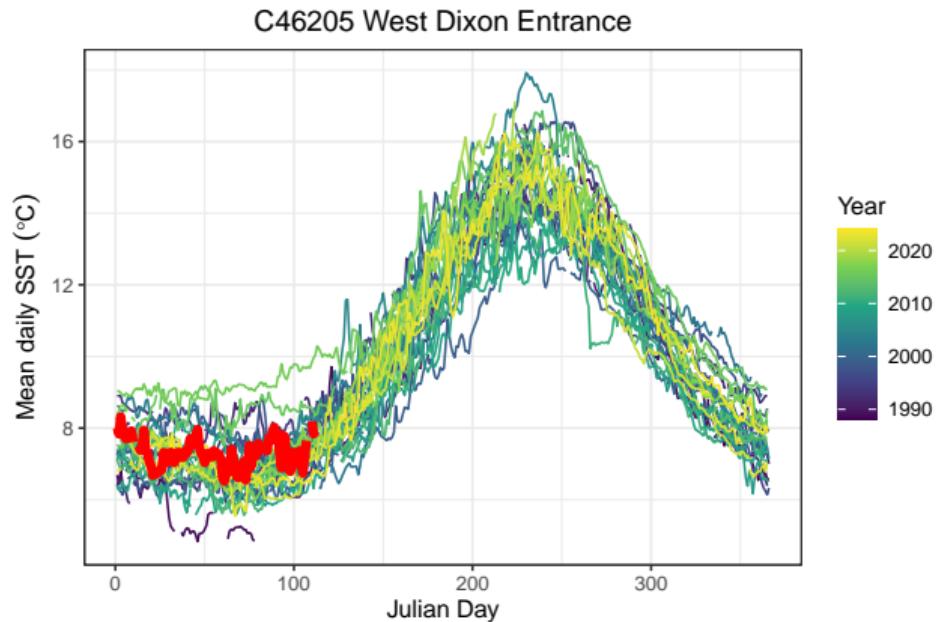
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Sea surface temperature data from buoys

Plot data from a single buoy for all years, the default is for buoy C46205:

```
plot(buoy_sst)
```



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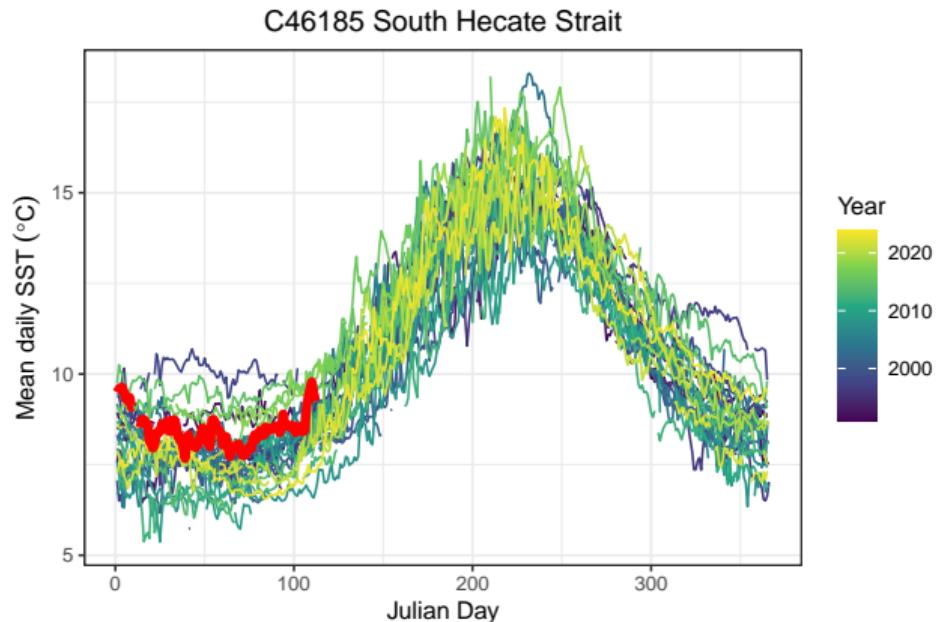
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Sea surface temperature data from buoys

Easy to look at values for any buoy

```
plot(buoy_sst,  
     stn_id = "C46185")
```



Help file for every object

?buoy_sst

Daily average sea surface temperatures for 19 buoys (yielding over 200,000 values) calculated with data from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and DFO.

Description:

A tibble of daily average calculations of sea surface temperature in coastal Canadian Pacific waters. The earliest data are from September 1987, and 14 buoys were still providing data as of May 2023. See the example code below to see the start and end dates for each buoy.

Usage:

```
buoy_sst
```

Format:

A tibble with columns:

date: date (of class `Date`) used to calculate the `sst`, based on UTC -8 hours (i.e. Pacific Standard Time, not changing due to daylight savings)

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Vignettes for each type of data

We have written vignettes for each type of data. Viewable directly on GitHub site (see the README).

Buoy Sea Surface Temperature Data

Andrew Edwards

Daily average sea surface temperature from buoys

```
library(pacea)
library(dplyr)
library(tibble) # Else prints all of a tibble
```

In pacea we include daily average sea surface temperature (SST) from 19 buoys in Canadian Pacific waters, yielding over 170,000 values. Data are from Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The earliest data are from September 1987, and 14 buoys were still providing data as of May 2023.

Metadata for the buoys is given by

```
buoy_metadata
#> # A tibble: 19 × 9
#>   wmo_id name    type  latitude longitude water_depth_m col_key stn_id name_key
#>   <fct>  <fct>  <fct>  <dbl>    <dbl>        <dbl> <fct>  <fct>  <fct>
#> 1 46004  Middle... NOMAD  51.0     -136.      3600 #0000FF C46004 C46004 ...
#> 2 46036  South ... NOMAD  48.4     -134.      3500 #FF0000 C46036 C46036 ...
#> 3 46131  Sentry... 3 me... 49.9     -125.      18 #00FF00 C46131 C46131 ...
#> 4 46132  South ... 3 me... 49.7     -128.      2040 #000033 C46132 C46132 ...
#> 5 46134  ECOBUO... 3 me... 48.7     -123.       65 #000033 C46134 C46134 ...
#> 6 46145  Centra... 3 me... 54.4     -132.      257 #FF0086 C46145 C46145 ...
```

Climatic and oceanographic indices

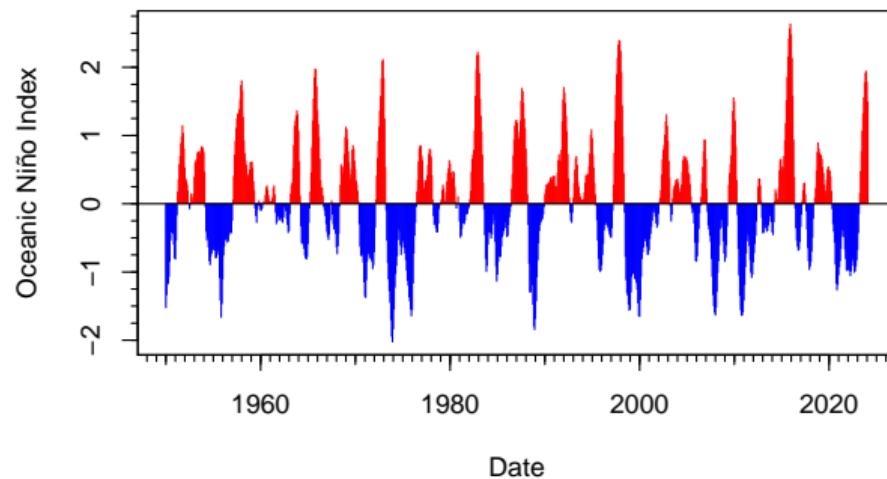
Various climate and oceanographic indices are currently included in pacea:

Object	Description	Resolution	Start year	End year
pdo	Pacific Decadal Oscillation	monthly	1854	2024
npi_monthly	North Pacific Index (monthly)	monthly	1899	2024
npi_annual	North Pacific Index (annual)	annual	1899	2024
alpi	Aleutian Low Pressure Index	annual	1900	2022
oni	Oceanic Niño Index	monthly	1950	2024
npg0	North Pacific Gyre Oscillation	monthly	1950	2024
ao	Arctic Oscillation	monthly	1950	2024
soi	Southern Oscillation Index	monthly	1951	2024
mei	Multivariate El Niño Southern Oscillation Index	monthly	1979	2024

Climatic and oceanographic indices

For example, to see a plot of the Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) anomaly, simply type

```
plot(oni)
```



This shows the onset of El Niño (positive index) conditions in April 2023.

Climatic and oceanographic indices

The values are readily available for doing your own analyses:

```
oni
# A tibble: 890 x 4
  year month value anomaly
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>
1 1950     1  24.7   -1.53
2 1950     2  25.2   -1.34
3 1950     3  25.8   -1.16
4 1950     4  26.1   -1.18
5 1950     5  26.3   -1.07
6 1950     6  26.3   -0.85
# i 884 more rows
tail(oni)
# A tibble: 6 x 4
  year month value anomaly
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>
1 2023     9  28.3    1.56
2 2023    10  28.5    1.78
3 2023    11  28.6    1.92
4 2023    12  28.6    1.95
5 2024     1  28.4    1.79
6 2024     2  28.4    1.5
```

Climatic and oceanographic indices

Each climatic and oceanographic index is saved as a data object, and properly documented, described, and referenced in its help file, for example:

```
?oni
```

ONI - Oceanographic Niño Index

Description:

The Oceanic Niño Index is a monthly index which is one measure of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation.

Usage:

```
oni
```

Format:

A tibble also of class `pacea_index` with columns:

year: year of value

month: month (1 to 12) of value

val: absolute values of three-month averages (preceding, current, and `next` month), deg C; note that recent values may change in subsequent updates - see details

anom: anomalies based on 30-year base periods that are updated

Climatic and oceanographic indices

Continuing the help...

The Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) is a 3-month running mean of sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies in the Niño 3.4 region (5 deg N to 5 deg S, 120 deg W to 170 deg W) plotted on the center month. The SST anomalies are calculated based on 30-year base periods that are updated every 5 years, which accounts for global warming and some of the decadal-scale SST variability (as seen in the Pacific Decadal Oscillation index). The ONI is provided by the NOAA's National Weather Service National Centers for Environmental Prediction CPC:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/ensostuff/ensoyears.shtml

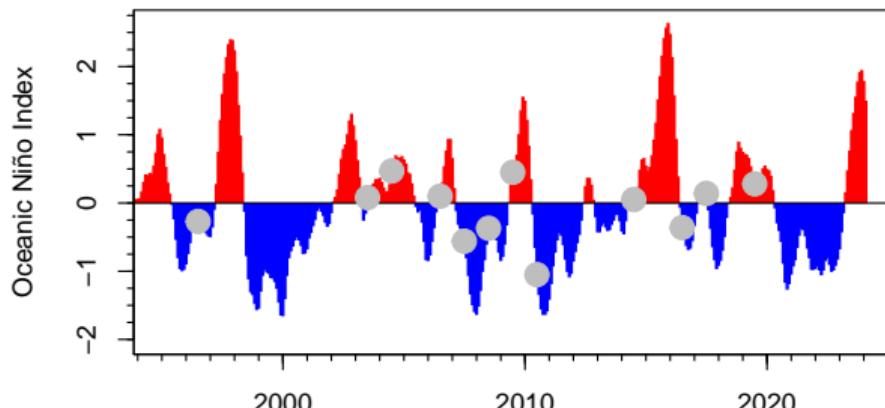
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Because of the high frequency filter applied to the ERSSTv5 data, `ONI values may change up to two months after the initial real time value is posted`. Therefore, the most recent ONI values should be considered an estimate.

Further plotting options and styles

Say you want to see if specific events coincide with El Niño (based on a true story, see help for details):

```
plot(oni,
  event_years = c(1996, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019),
  xlim = c(lubridate::dmy("01011995"),
            lubridate::dmy("01012024")),
  lwd = 2)
```



Estimates of animal populations

In pacea we include estimates of populations as calculated from recent stock assessments or analyses.

Currently, we have:

- Pacific Hake spawning biomass and recruitments for the coastwide stock off Canada and United States
- Pacific Harbour Seals abundance (the most abundant pinniped species in the Northeast Pacific)
- Pacific Herring spawning biomass and recruitments for all five stock assessment regions
- Zooplankton biomass anomalies for 24 species groups in the Strait of Georgia

Hake biomass

The hake biomass time series is saved as a tibble object in pacea:

```
hake_biomass
# A tibble: 59 x 4
  year   low median  high
  <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl>
1 1966  0.576  0.954  1.82
2 1967  0.587  0.959  1.83
3 1968  0.590  0.967  1.92
4 1969  0.685  1.10   2.19
5 1970  0.773  1.26   2.53
6 1971  0.785  1.30   2.62
# i 53 more rows

tail(hake_biomass)
# A tibble: 6 x 4
  year   low median  high
  <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl>
1 2019  1.00   1.40   2.50
2 2020  0.911  1.35   2.57
3 2021  0.699  1.12   2.27
4 2022  0.627  1.12   2.45
5 2023  0.652  1.34   3.22
6 2024  0.853  1.88   4.83
```

Hake biomass

?hake_biomass

Pacific Hake annual spawning stock biomass (females only) as estimated by the [2024](#) stock assessment.

Description:

The Pacific Hake stock is managed and assessed through an Agreement between Canada and the United States. The spawning stock biomass (mature females) estimates come from the most recent joint stock assessment, and, importantly, are [for](#) the coastwide stock from California to British Columbia.

Usage:

```
hake_biomass
```

Format:

A tibble also of class ``pacea_biomass`` with columns:

year: year of the estimate of spawning stock biomass (mature females), where the estimate is [for](#) the start of the year

low: low end ([2.5](#)th percentile) of the [95](#)% credible interval [for](#) biomass, units as [for](#) ``median``

median: median estimate of biomass, [in](#) millions of tonnes of female spawning biomass at the start of the year

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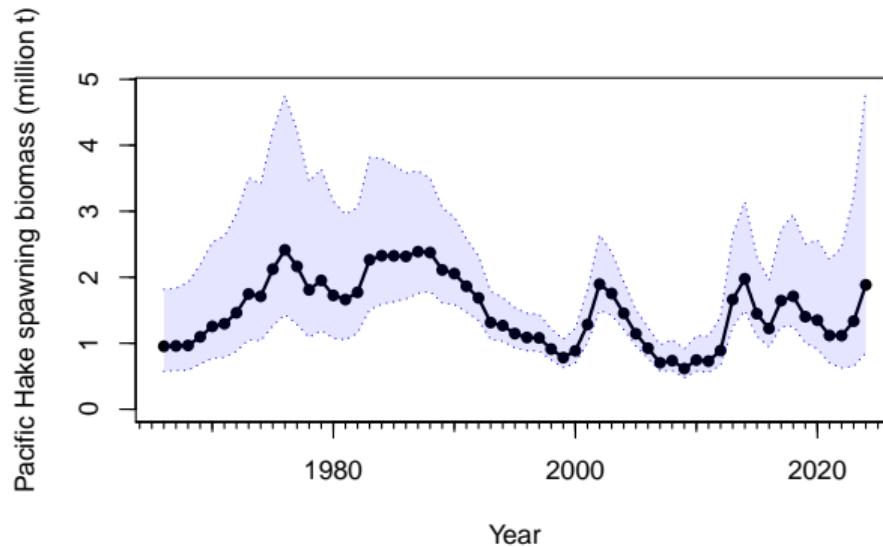
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Hake biomass

Time series of spawning biomass:

```
plot(hake_biomass)
```



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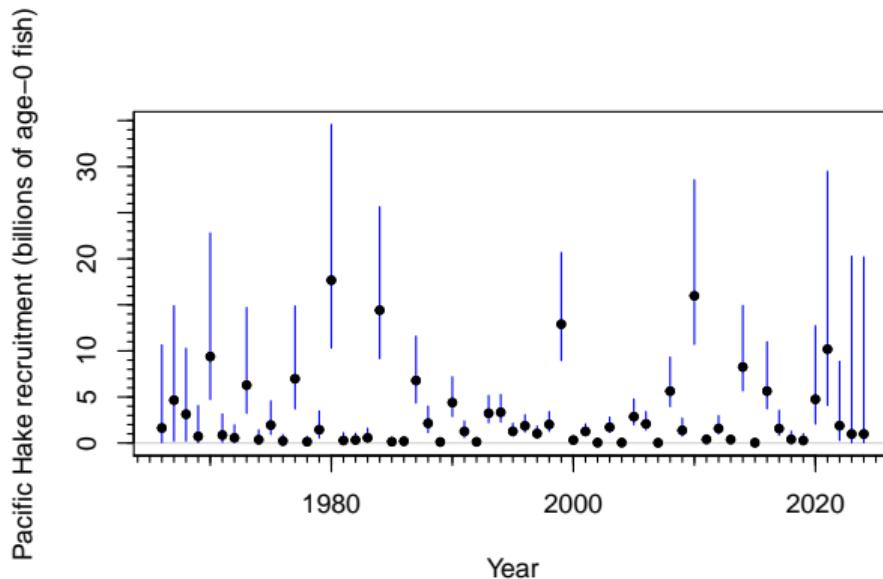
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Hake recruitment

Estimates of annual recruitment (exclude recent years for any analyses since not greatly informed by data; see ?hake_recruitment):

```
plot(hake_recruitment)
```



Herring biomass

The herring spawning biomass time series is saved similarly to hake, but contains values for five regions:

```
herring_spawning_biomass
# A tibble: 365 x 5
  year region   low median  high
  <dbl> <fct>  <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl>
1 1951 HG      7.20   9.86  14.4
2 1952 HG      3.71   6.55  11.5
3 1953 HG     15.8    20.7  28.6
4 1954 HG     42.7    51.9  65.5
5 1955 HG     55.9    63.8  72.9
6 1956 HG     11.7    14.7  18.0
# i 359 more rows
```

```
tail(herring_spawning_biomass)
# A tibble: 6 x 5
  year region   low median  high
  <dbl> <fct>  <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl>
1 2018 WCVI   11.8   15.3  19.6
2 2019 WCVI   11.7   15.4  20.2
3 2020 WCVI   13.7   18.1  24.2
4 2021 WCVI   17.8   24.0  32.8
5 2022 WCVI   24.2   34.7  49.4
6 2023 WCVI   24.4   41.2  67.5
```

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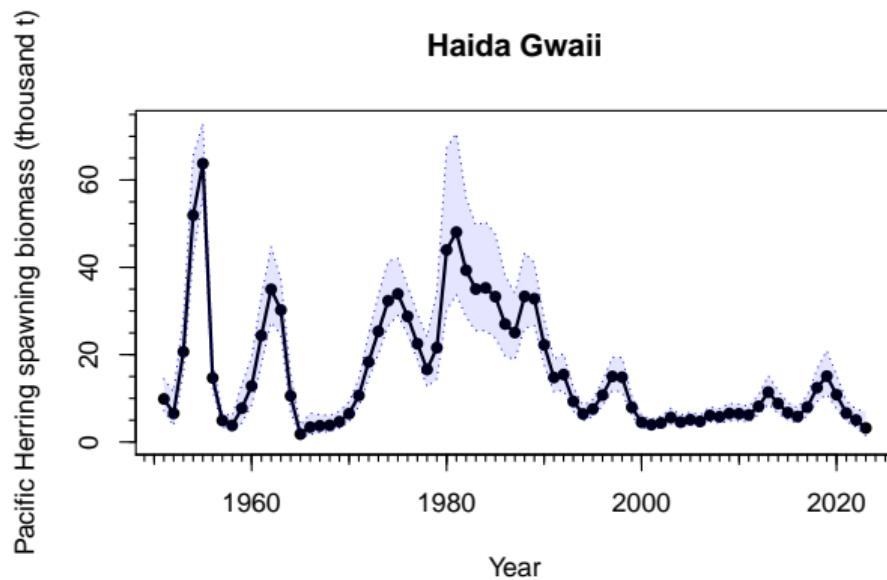
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Herring biomass

Estimates of spawning biomass for one region (HG = Haida Gwaii):

```
plot(herring_spawning_biomass,  
     region = "HG")
```



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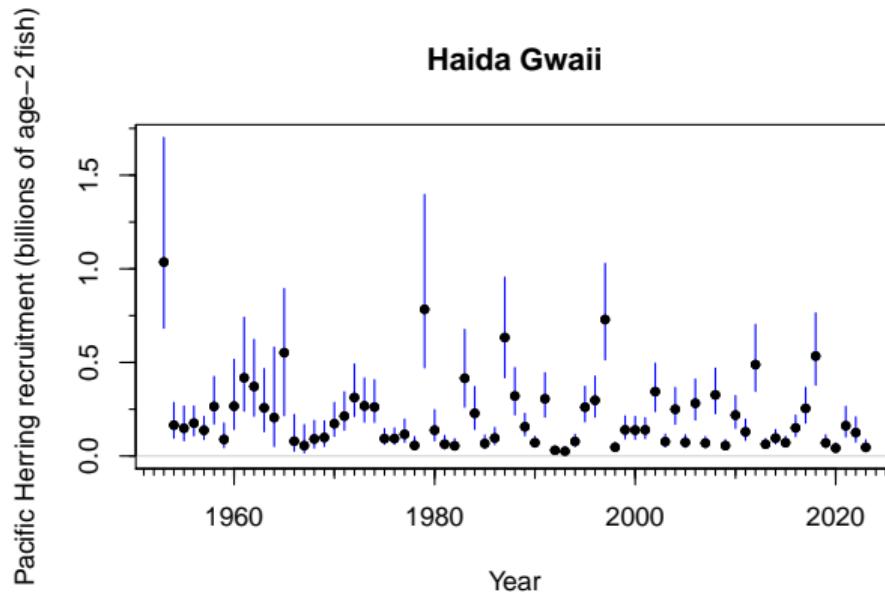
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Herring recruitment

Estimates of annual age-2 recruitment for one region (HG = Haida Gwaii):

```
plot(herring_recruitment,  
     region = "HG")
```



Pacific Harbour Seals

Estimated abundances for seven regions (and coastwide) were calculated by DFO (2022; SAR 2022/034), and included here:

```
harbour_seals
# A tibble: 640 x 5
  date      region    low   mean   high
  <date>    <fct>    <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>
1 1965-01-01 SOG     593. 1384. 3231.
2 1965-09-07 SOG     669. 1488. 3307.
3 1966-05-14 SOG     755. 1599. 3387.
4 1967-01-19 SOG     851. 1719. 3471.
5 1967-09-25 SOG     959. 1848. 3562.
6 1968-06-01 SOG    1080. 1988. 3661.
# i 634 more rows

tail(harbour_seals)
# A tibble: 6 x 5
  date      region    low   mean   high
  <date>    <fct>    <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>
1 2015-08-01 Coastwide 75072. 92401. 118166.
2 2016-04-07 Coastwide 73146. 91001. 117663.
3 2016-12-13 Coastwide 71189. 89638. 117317.
4 2017-08-20 Coastwide 69222. 88313. 117113.
5 2018-04-26 Coastwide 67259. 87026. 117031.
6 2019-01-01 Coastwide 65316. 85774. 117053.
```

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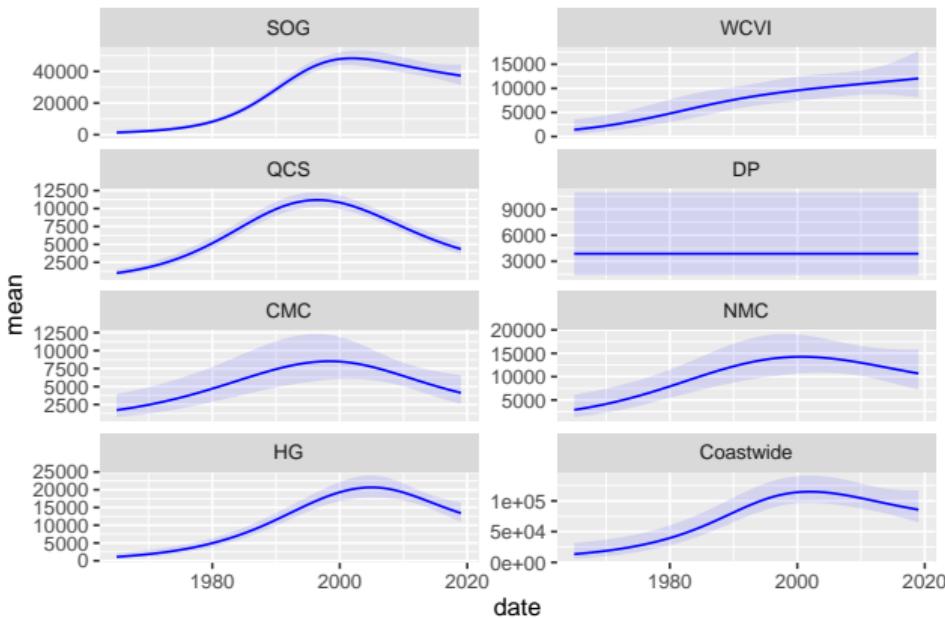
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Pacific Harbour Seals

Estimates for each region and coastwide, reproducing Figure 3 of DFO (2022):

```
plot(harbour_seals)
```



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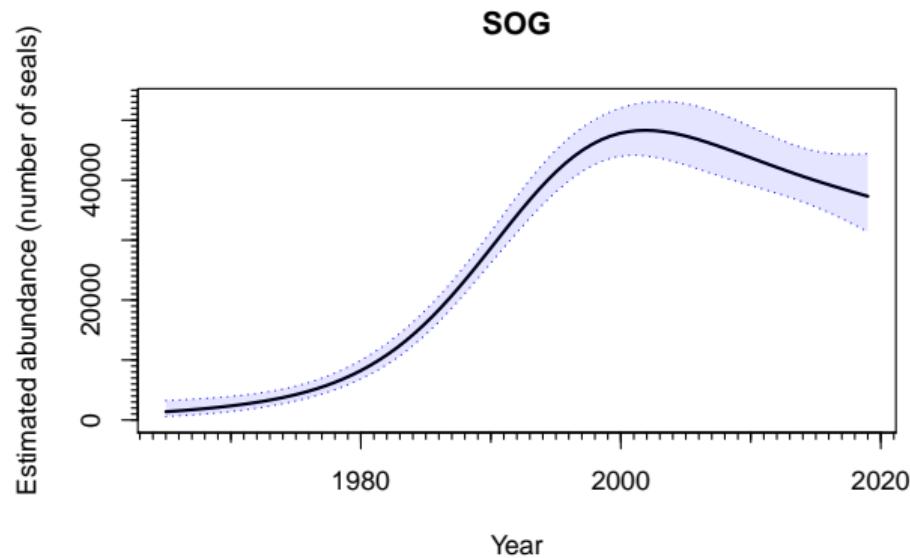
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Pacific Harbour Seals

Or just plot estimates for a single region:

```
plot(harbour_seals,  
     region = "SOG")
```



Zooplankton in the Strait of Georgia

Biomass anomalies of zooplankton biomass from 1996 onwards from Perry et al. (2021), as extended by Kelly Young each year for DFO's State of the Pacific Ocean Report.

```
zooplankton_sog
# A tibble: 28 x 28
   year number_samples volume_filtered total_biomass amphipods_gamma...
   <dbl>           <dbl>            <dbl>          <dbl>           <dbl>
1  1996              4            335.        0.0890        0.0338
2  1997             11            921.        0.0649        0.212 
3  1998             22           1584.       0.275         0.184 
4  1999              7            421.        0.229         0.0139
5  2000              4            484.        0.142         0.212 
6  2001              8            430.        0.0690       -0.0154
# i 22 more rows
# i 23 more variables: amphipods_hyperiid <dbl>, benthic_larvae <dbl>,
# calanoid copepods_large <dbl>, calanoid_copepods_medium <dbl>,
# calanoid_copepods_small <dbl>, cephalopoda <dbl>, chaetognatha <dbl>,
# cladocera <dbl>, ctenophora <dbl>, euphausiids <dbl>, fish <dbl>,
# larvacea <dbl>, medusae <dbl>, mysids <dbl>, natantia <dbl>,
# non_calanoid_copeopods <dbl>, ostracoda <dbl>, other <dbl>, ...
```

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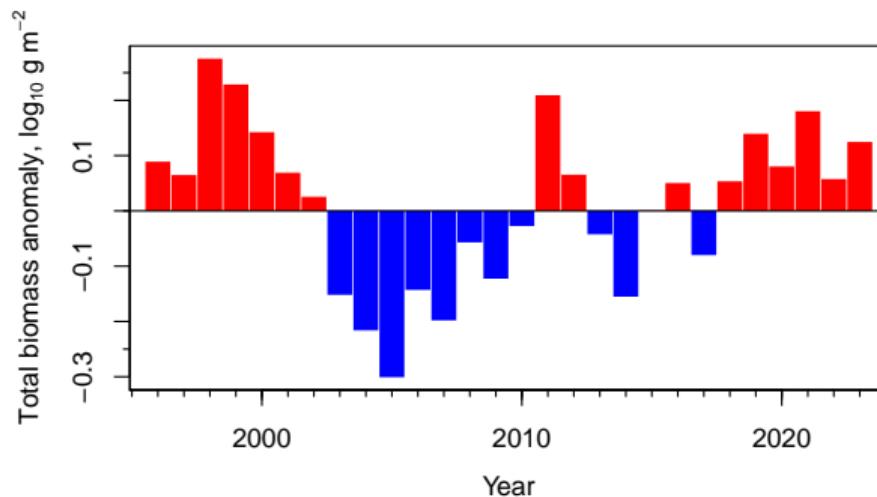
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Zooplankton in the Strait of Georgia

Default plot of anomalies of total biomass:

```
plot(zooplankton_sog)
```



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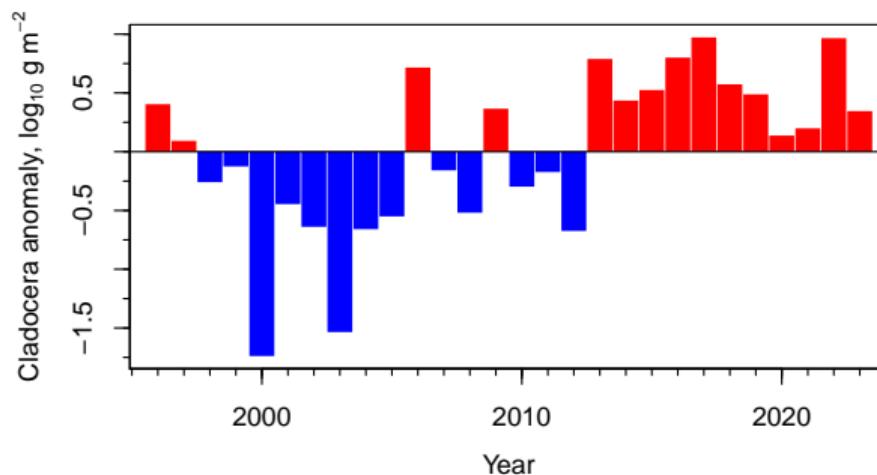
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Zooplankton in the Strait of Georgia

Or plot anomalies for a specific species group:

```
plot(zooplankton_sog,  
     species_group = "cladocera")
```



NOAA's Optimal Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature

OISST - long term gridded climate data record

- 1/4° longitude x latitude
- Interpolated to fill gaps
- Canada's Pacific EEZ
- 925 gridded cells
- September, 1981 to (relatively) present
 - Updated ~monthly

2 data products: weekly and monthly mean SST

- oisst_7day and oisst_month

R erddap - <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/optimum-interpolation-sst>

Huang, B., C. Liu, V. Banzon, E. Freeman, G. Graham, B. Hankins, T. Smith, and H. Zhang, 2021: Improvements of the Daily Optimum Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature (DOISST) Version 2.1. J. Climate, 34, 2923–2939, <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-20-0166.1>.

OISST – monthly mean

The data are saved as a sf (simple feature) tibble object in pacea:

```
oisst_month
```

```
Simple feature collection with 467125 features and 7 fields
Geometry type: POINT
Dimension:     XY
Bounding box:  xmin: -138.625 ymin: 46.625 xmax: -123.125 ymax: 54.625
Geodetic CRS:  WGS 84
# A tibble: 467,125 x 8
  year month   sst sst_sd sst_n start_date end_date
* <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <date>    <date>
1 1981     9 16.4  0.830    30 1981-09-01 1981-09-30
2 1981    10 14.3  0.838    31 1981-10-01 1981-10-31
3 1981    11 12.7  1.38     30 1981-11-01 1981-11-30
4 1981    12 10.2  0.549    31 1981-12-01 1981-12-31
5 1981     9 16.4  1.05     30 1981-09-01 1981-09-30
6 1981    10 14.2  0.697    31 1981-10-01 1981-10-31
# i 467,119 more rows
# i 1 more variable: geometry <POINT [BO]>
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

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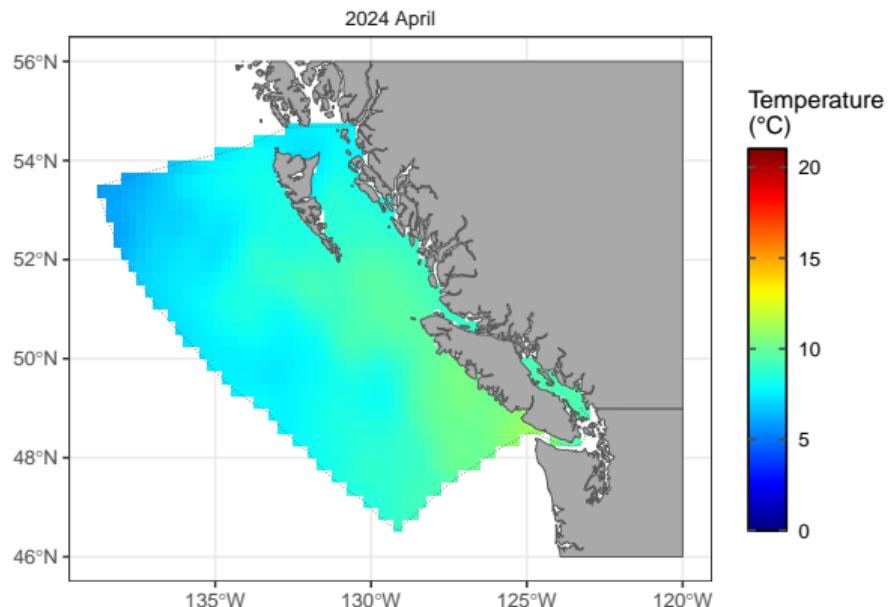
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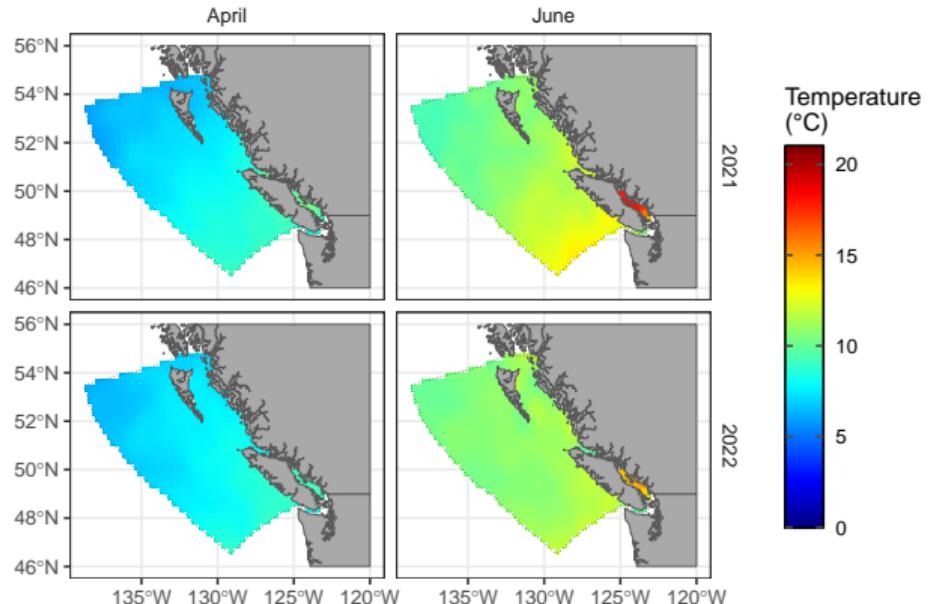
Built in plots – default

```
plot(oisst_month)
```



Built in plots – select years and months

```
plot(oisst_month, months.plot = c("April", "June"), years.plot = c(2021:2022))
```



British Columbia Continental Margin (BCCM) model

Physical biogeochemical oceanographic model

- Regional Ocean Modelling System (ROMS)
- Curvilinear grid at 3km x 3km resolution
- Interpolated to regular grid
- Clipped to Canada's Pacific EEZ

Model output provided by Angelica Peña at the Institute of Ocean Sciences (Fisheries and Oceans Canada).

Peña, M.A., Fine, I. and Callendar, W. 2019. Interannual variability in primary production and shelf-offshore transport of nutrients along the northeast Pacific Ocean margin. Deep-Sea Research II, [doi:10.1016/j.dsr2.2019.104637](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2019.104637).

Nearest neighbour linear interpolation

Curvilinear → regular grid

- Inshore ($2 \times 2\text{km}$) and offshore ($6 \times 6\text{km}$)
- Nearest neighbour interpolation
 - Performance = RMSE error
- 40,480 cells
- Monthly from 1993-2019

Available variables

The variables are:

- dissolved oxygen concentration
- pH
- salinity
- temperature
- depth-integrated phytoplankton
- depth-integrated primary production.

For applicable variables these are given for

- sea surface
- 0-40 m integration
- 40-100 m integration
- 100 m to the sea bottom
- sea bottom.

List of available variables

bccm_data for available variables

```
bccm_data
          data_name
1      bccm_surface_oxygen
2      bccm_surface_ph
3      bccm_surface_salinity
4      bccm_surface_temperature
5      bccm_avg0to40m_oxygen
6      bccm_avg0to40m_ph
7      bccm_avg0to40m_salinity
8      bccm_avg0to40m_temperature
9      bccm_avg40to100m_oxygen
10     bccm_avg40to100m_ph
11     bccm_avg40to100m_salinity
12    bccm_avg40to100m_temperature
13    bccm_avg100mtoBot_oxygen
14    bccm_avg100mtoBot_ph
15    bccm_avg100mtoBot_salinity
16   bccm_avg100mtoBot_temperature
17    bccm_bottom_oxygen
18    bccm_bottom_ph
19    bccm_bottom_salinity
20    bccm_bottom_temperature
21    bccm_phytoplankton
22    bccm_primaryproduction
```

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Downloading data locally

The data are saved as sf (simple feature) objects in a separate GitHub repository pacea-data (<https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea-data>).

One-time download to local machine (will take several minutes):

```
bccm_all_variables()

Downloading all BCCM data may take many minutes. Files will be downloaded to pacea_cache directory:
C:\Users\TAIT\AppData\Local\pacea\Cache
Would you like to continue?
1: Yes
2: No

Selection:
```

Example information

Average of pH from 100 m to sea bottom:

```
> bccm_avg100mtoBot_ph()

Simple feature collection with 33642 features and 324 fields
Geometry type: POLYGON
Dimension:      XY
Bounding box:   xmin: 164671.6 ymin: 163875  xmax: 1097612 ymax: 1103653
Projected CRS: NAD83 / BC Albers
# A tibble: 33,642 × 325
  `1993_1` `1993_2` `1993_3` `1993_4` ...               geometry
    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl> ...             <POLYGON [m]>
1     7.83    7.87    7.88    7.90 ... (((575612.5 1103653, 577612.5 ~
2     7.83    7.87    7.88    7.90 ... (((577612.5 1103653, 579612.5 ~
3     7.83    7.87    7.88    7.90 ... (((579612.5 1103653, 581612.5 ~
4     7.83    7.87    7.88    7.89 ... (((581612.5 1103653, 583612.5 ~
5     7.79    7.82    7.84    7.82 ... (((619612.5 1103653, 621612.5 ~
6     7.79    7.82    7.83    7.82 ... (((621612.5 1103653, 623612.5 ~
# i 33,636 more rows
# i 320 more variables: ...
```

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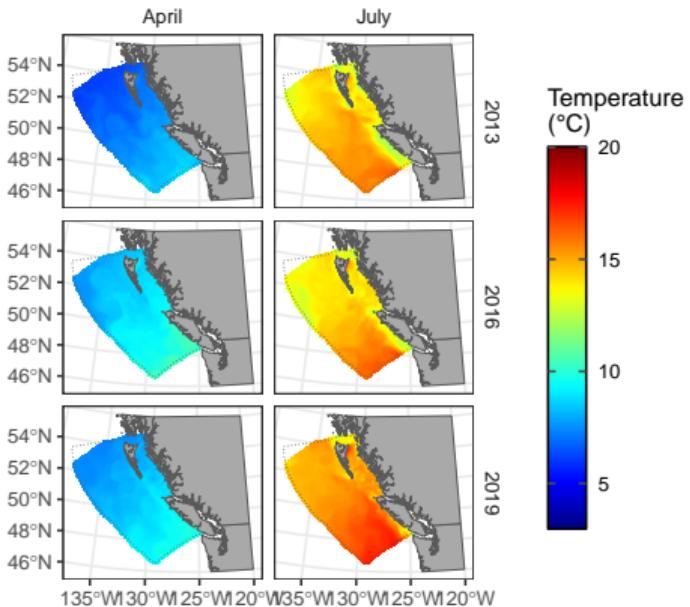
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Built in plotting

```
plot(bccm_surface_temperature(), months.plot = c("april", "july"), years.plot = c(2013, 2016, 2019))
```



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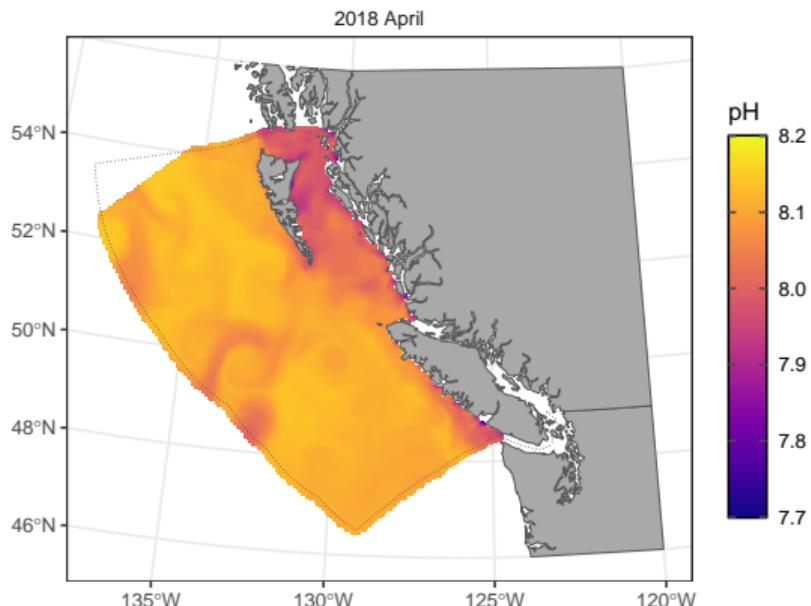
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Built in plotting

```
plot(bccm_surface_ph())
```



Extras – climatology function

Built in functions to calculate 30-year climatology

```
?calc_clim
```

Description

Function **for** calculating climatology of a pacea data object.

Usage

```
calc_clim(  
  data,  
  clim_years = c(1991:2020),  
  clim_time = "month",  
  time_period_return = "all"  
)
```

Arguments

data pacea data object: BCCM, OISST, buoy_sst data only

clim_years climatology period years

clim_time time units (e.g. month) to summarize climatologies

time_period_return vector of value(s) **for** the specific time units to estimate climatologies (e.g. '4' **for** week 4 or April). Set

...

Extras – climatology function

Output with each climatology time unit (e.g. week, month)

```
calc_clim(bccm_surface_temperature())  
  
Simple feature collection with 486960 features and 4 fields  
Geometry type: POLYGON  
Dimension: XY  
Bounding box: xmin: 164671.6 ymin: 163875 xmax: 1097612 ymax: 1103653  
Projected CRS: NAD83 / BC Albers  
# A tibble: 486,960 x 5  
  month clim_value clim_sd clim_n      geometry  
  <dbl>     <dbl>    <dbl>   <int>      <POLYGON [m]>  
1     1      5.80    0.721     27 ((575612.5 1103653, 5776~  
2     2      5.47    0.610     27 ((575612.5 1103653, 5776~  
3     3      5.64    0.627     27 ((575612.5 1103653, 5776~  
4     4      6.61    0.623     27 ((575612.5 1103653, 5776~  
5     5      8.49    0.732     27 ((575612.5 1103653, 5776~  
6     6     10.5     0.662     27 ((575612.5 1103653, 5776~  
# i 486,954 more rows  
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

And we can also use this with the OISST and buoy data

```
calc_clim(oisst_7day)  
calc_clim(buoy_sst)
```

Extras – anomaly function

Built in functions to calculate anomaly to the 30 year climatology

```
?calc_anom
```

Description

Function `for` calculating climatology of a pacea data object.

Usage

```
calc_anom(  
  data,  
  clim_years = c(1991:2020),  
  clim_time = "month",  
  time_period_return = "all",  
  years_return  
)
```

Arguments

`data` pacea data object: BCCM, OISST, buoy_sst data only

`clim_year` climatology period years

`clim_time` time units (e.g. month) to summarize climatologies

`time_period_return` vector of value(s) `for` the specific time units to estimate climatologies (e.g. '`4`' `for` week `4` or April). Set to

`years_return` vector of value(s) to return the years of interest. Defaults to all years `in` input data

...

Extras – anomaly function

Specify year(s) and time period (e.g. week, month) to return – otherwise all.

```
anom_dat <- calc_anom(bccm_surface_temperature(), time_period_return = "April", years_return = c(2010, 2015))

Simple feature collection with 40580 features and 2 fields
Geometry type: POLYGON
Dimension:      XY
Bounding box:   xmin: 164671.6 ymin: 163875 xmax: 1097612 ymax: 1103653
Projected CRS: NAD83 / BC Albers
# A tibble: 40,580 x 3
`2010_4` `2015_4`          geometry
<dbl>   <dbl> <POLYGON [m]>
1  0.114    1.09 ((575612.5 1103653, 577612.5 1103653, 577612.5 1101653, 575612.5 1101653, 575-
2  0.124    1.08 ((577612.5 1103653, 579612.5 1103653, 579612.5 1101653, 577612.5 1101653, 577-
3  0.150    1.07 ((579612.5 1103653, 581612.5 1103653, 581612.5 1101653, 579612.5 1101653, 579-
4  0.204    1.08 ((581612.5 1103653, 583612.5 1103653, 583612.5 1101653, 581612.5 1101653, 581-
5  0.204    1.07 ((583612.5 1103653, 585612.5 1103653, 585612.5 1101653, 583612.5 1101653, 583-
6  0.244    1.08 ((585612.5 1103653, 587612.5 1103653, 587612.5 1101653, 585612.5 1101653, 585-
# i 40,574 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

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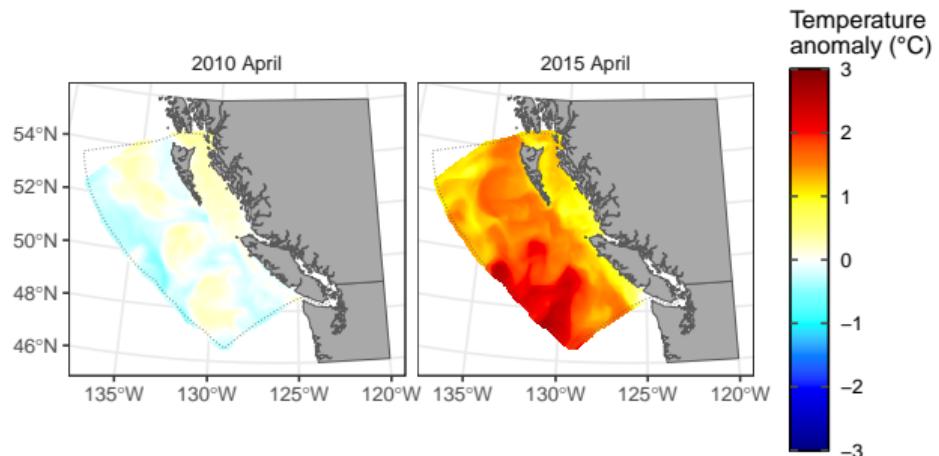
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Extras – anomaly plot

```
plot(anom_dat, months.plot = "April", years.plot = c(2010, 2015))
```



Extras – other tidbits in vignettes

Geospatial functions in vignettes

- `area_mean()` estimates inshore and offshore spatial mean (200m isobath)
- Masking/clipping specific areas (e.g. fishing regions of interest)
- Various other data visualisation examples

Commitments from package authors

We will:

- (try to) not break the package, by working on branches on GitHub before merging.
- ensure any improvements are back compatible.
- update the NEWS as we add/update data and make improvements.
- ideally update the following **on the 20th of every month (or soon after)** to get the latest raw data:
 - climatic and oceanographic indices
 - buoy sst
 - OISST

Commitments from package authors

- update other data as appropriate:
 - hake assessment output: February each year
 - harbour seals: next time assessment is updated
 - herring assessment output: when SAR published each year
 - BCCM model output: the model may be run into 2020 (boundary conditions come from a global model currently only available to Jan 2021).
 - note that BCCM is a research model (not an operational model) so updates depend on projects and access to High Performance Computing.

Recommended guidelines for users

Please:

- read the README!!
- check the help files and vignettes
- check the NEWS (for updates to data, useful additions, new data, etc.)
- understand the limitations of the data
- cite pacea and the original sources for any data you use

Current uses of pacea (that we know about)

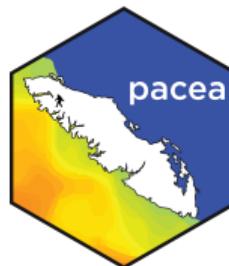
- Spiny Dogfish: understanding declines over the past 20 years
- shrimp: impact of including environmental variables on predicting distributions
- humpback whales and porpoises: environmental covariates in species distribution models
- Pacific Saury assessment: finding links between two basin-scale indices and process errors, directly supporting Canada's North Pacific Fisheries Commission commitments

Lessons learned (applicable to other regions)

- is possible to amalgamate different ecosystem information into one place
- not an off-the-side-of-your-desk project
- is being used by DFO scientists (and others)
- infrastructure of the package could be utilised in other regions if interested
 - e.g. my monthly download of buoy data is for all Canadian waters, the data processing, storing, and plotting functions could be adopted
 - similarly for other types of data/information

Summary

- <https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea>
- installation: `remotes::install_github("pbs-assess/pacea")`



We wrangle the data so you don't have to

```
citation("pacea")
```

Edwards AM, Tai TC, Watson J, Peña MA, Hilborn A, Hannah CG, Rooper CN (2023). "pacea: An R package of Pacific ecosystem information to help facilitate an ecosystem approach to fisheries management." <https://github.com/pbs-assess/pacea>.