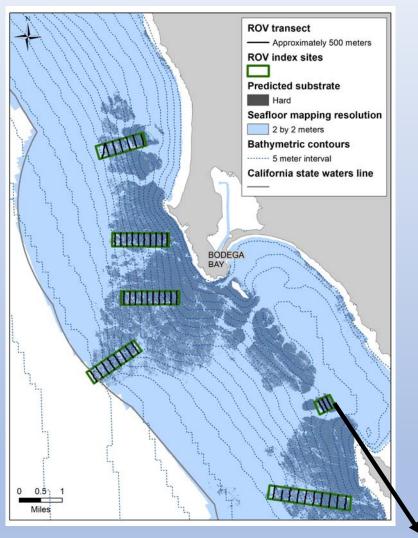
# ROV and Seafloor Data Processing and Analysis

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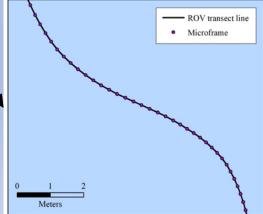




# **ROV Data Aggregation - Transects and Microframes**



- ROV transects are typically 500 m
- Transects composed of individual data points collected at 1 s interval
- Microframes grouped in 10 m or 20 m segment lengths.
- Correlations between ROV density observations, observed variables and terrain attributes derived from seafloor mapping data.



#### **20 Meter Segment Length Processing**



- All microframes included when grouping into 20 m segments
- Some microframes flagged as unusable because of:
  - Backsides of high relief
  - Stop pulls
  - Other
- Data from unusable microframes removed after 20 m segments defined
- Entire segments removed if <60% usable data (12 m)</li>
- Density estimates = fish counts/ usable seafloor area observed

### Methodology Review Overview

- Density Estimates-Index of Abundance
  - Generalized linear model
  - Generalized additive model
  - Distributions and variables
- Abundance Estimates
  - Habitat area from seafloor habitat mapping
  - Design-based methods
    - Poststratification of data based on Generalized Linear Model
    - Validate results of model-based
  - Model-based methods
    - Analogous to Young and Carr 2015 and Dick 2019
    - Generalized additive models of density with variables
    - Marine Geospatial Ecology Tools (Duke) used to expand based on variables identified
- Length Composition and Average Weight Estimation
  - Visual Approximation with paired lasers subject to error and bias
  - Validation with stereo camera data more limited but higher accuracy
  - Use of recreational length data as a proxy



## Species Considered

- Distribution vs. sampling effort
- Estimates of abundance vs index or exclude
- Detection Probability
   Concerns
  - Cryptic i.e. Cabezon
  - Demersal vs. semi-pelagic
     i.e. blue and black rockfish
  - Avoidance/Attraction
- Identification issues
  - Similar species
  - Ambiguous species ID

Species	Index of Abundance	Abundance Estimate
Brown Rockfish	X	X
Quillback Rockfish	Х	X
China Rockfish	X	X
Kelp Greenling	X	X
Copper Rockfish	X	X
Gopher Rockfish	X	X
Blue Deacon Rockfish		
Complex	X	
Black Rockfish	Х	
Vermilion Rockfish	X	X
Canary Rockfish	X	
Yelloweye Rockfish	X	
Lingcod	X	

#### Seafloor Data Sets

- "White zone" interpolated rocky reef estimates shoreward of the CSMP coverage
- CSMP coverage with 2x2 m and 3x3 resolution
  - derived terrain attributes
- CSMP coverage with 5x5 m and 10x10 resolution rocky reef estimates
- NOAA EFH Mapping, 10-20 m BOEM and MBARI. From Joe Bizzaro.
- U.S Coastal Relief Model 84 m resolution data.
- All combined to provide estimates of rocky reef habitat.

### Data by Seafloor Resolution

Table D. Area in square kilometer from the dataset that best represents depth and habitat between the

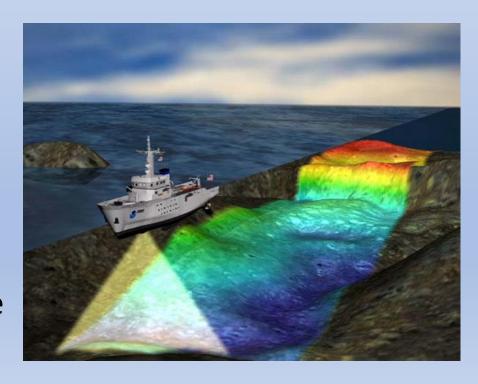
California Oregon border and Point Conception by 10 m depth intervals.

	Area (k	m) from Each	Resolutio	n of Data
	Depths defined	Depths d	efined	Depths defined
	by NOAA CRM	by CS	MP	by NOAA CRM
	White zone	2 meter	5 meter	84 meter
Depth (m)	(km)	(km)	(km)	(km)
0 - 10	407.551	147.539	2.119	0.413
10 - 20	29.052	936.584	1.143	5.431
20 - 30	4.268	1,112.596	1.038	123.660
30 - 40	3.180	1,018.159	1.275	283.376
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Total 0 to 120				
meters	445.651	5,943.277	522.617	8,458.333

Upshot: A generalized expansion on rock is preferable to limiting model for CSMP terrain attributes both in terms of data retention and spatial coverage

#### **California Seafloor Mapping Program**

- High resolution seafloor mapping data gathered in state waters between 2007 and 2010
- Data collected with multibeam sonar and available in raster format
- Resolution of data dependent on depth of collection:
  - 2 by 2 m in0 to 85 m depth range
  - 5 by 5 m in80 to 250 m depth range
  - 10 by 10 m in
     230 to 1500 m depth range

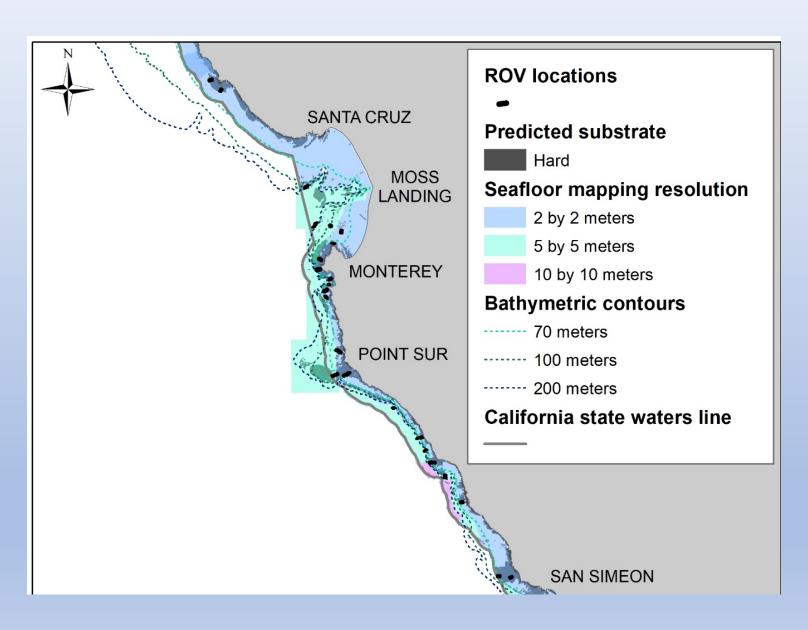


#### **Terrain Attributes from Seafloor Mapping Data**

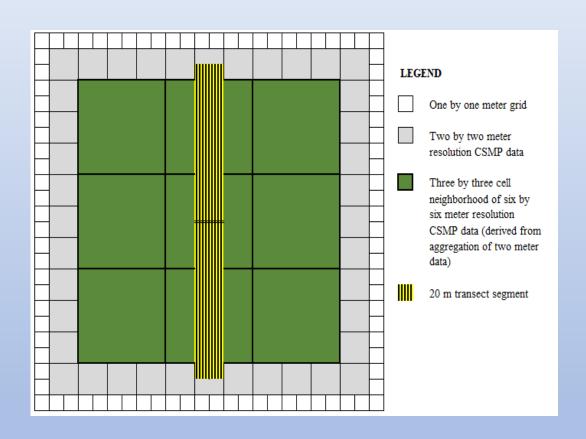
- Many rockfish inhabit rocky reef habitat
  - Terrain attributes derived from seafloor mapping provide measures of relief and rugosity/roughness
- Rockfish are found in specific depth ranges.
  - Seafloor mapping data provides high resolution characterizations of depth
- Uses:
  - Categorize seafloor for correlation with observed fish density (fish/square meter)
  - Expansion of density estimates for design-based and model-based estimates of abundance
- Tested methods with 2 m resolution data from the California Seafloor Mapping Project



## California Seafloor Mapping Program Resolution in Central California

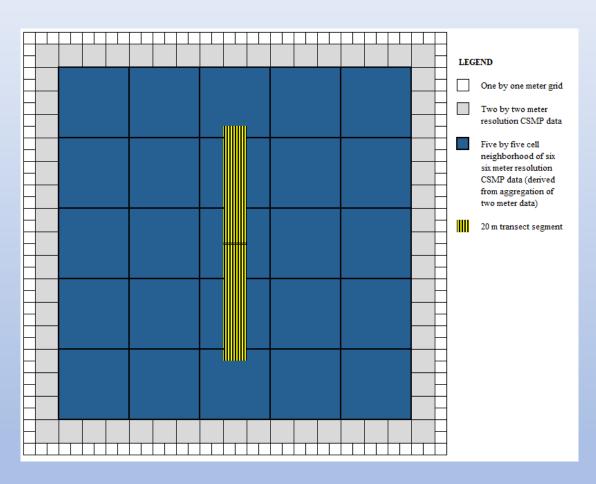


# Neighborhood Size Compared to Sample Unit 3 by 3



- 20 m segment example
- 3 by 3 neighborhood required in some cases
- Results in an 18 by 18 m neighborhood size if based on a 6 by 6 m cell

# Neighborhood Size Compared to Sample Unit 5 by 5



- 5 by 5 cell neighborhood of 6 by 6 m cells was used when possible
- Resulted in a neighborhood size of 30 by 30 m
- Reasonable
   neighborhood size for
   rockfish exhibiting high
   site fidelity

#### **Terrain Attributes Generated for Analysis**

Terrain Attribute	Description	Neighborhood Size	Tool
Depth range	Difference between the maximum and minimum cell depth	30 by 30 m: 5 by 5 cell neighborhood of 6 by 6 m cells	ArcGIS Spatial Analyst Focal Statistics, statistics type set to range
Standard deviation of depth	Standard deviation of depth values	30 by 30 m: 5 by 5 cell neighborhood of 6 by 6 m cells	ArcGIS Spatial Analyst Focal Statistics, statistics type set to STD
Slope	Maximum rate of change from the center cell to its neighbors	18 by 18 m: 3 by 3 cell neighborhood of 6 by 6 m cells	ArcGIS Spatial Analyst Slope
Standard deviation of slope	Standard deviation of slope values	30 by 30 m: 5 by 5 cell neighborhood of 6 by 6 m cells	ArcGIS Spatial Analyst Focal Statistics on slope raster, statistics type set to STD
Surface area to planar area	Ratio of surface area to planar area	18 by 18 m: 3 by 3 cell neighborhood of 6 by 6 m cells	Benthic Terrain Modeler for ArcGIS Surface Area to Planar Area tool

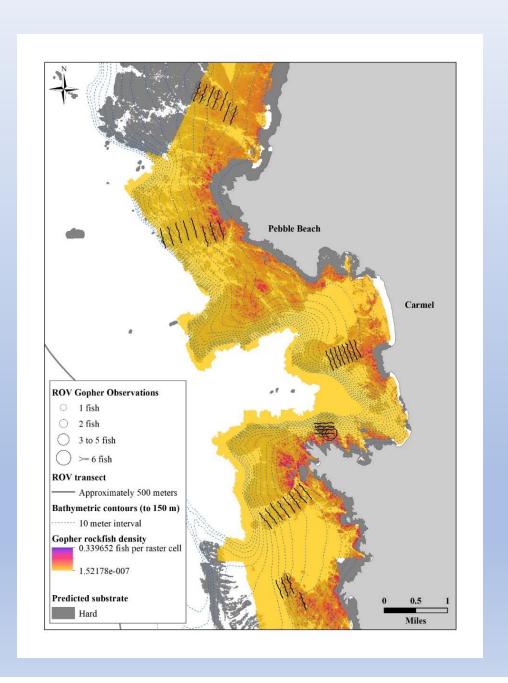
## Segment and Seafloor Mapping Data Aggregation Scale Alternatives

- 10 m segments paired with 2x2 m resolution CSMP data
  - Highest possible resolution of terrain attributes
  - More subject to spatial error.
- 20 m segments paired with 6x6 m resolution CSMP data
  - Seafloor mapping data were aggregated from their original 2 by 2 m cell size to 6 by 6 m.
  - Sufficiently large neighborhood available to ArcGIS tools hard coded with a three by three cell neighborhood size.
  - 6 by 6 m aggregation was chosen, limited effects of spatial error in terrain characteristics derived from depth.
- Transect Only application of seafloor is expansion to rock.

### Habitat Mapping for Biomass Estimation

Expansion of density estimates to habitat for absolute abundance estimates:

- CSMP 2x2 m habitat expansion of terrain attributes/percent rock
- Design-based expansion across estimated rocky habitat for all resolutions and data sources
- Model-based expansion across estimated rocky habitat for all resolutions and data sources and CSMP.



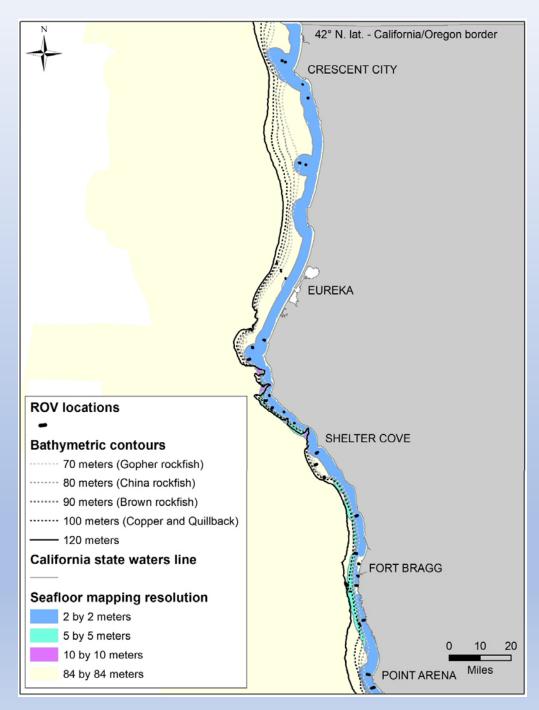
#### **Area From Each Resolution of Data**

	Are	ea (km) from Eac	h Resolution of I	Data
	Depths			Depths
	defined by			defined by
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#### **Predicted Substrate**

#### Considerations

- Spatial Coverage
  - CSMP limited to state waters
  - White zone shoreward
  - Lower resolution NOAA Coastal Relief Model
- Information content
  - Terrain attributes vs. rock.
- Resolution
  - Spatial error



#### **Data Sets**

- ROV data sets available N and S of Point Conception:
  - 10 m segments, with terrain attributes (49260 Segments, 1104 Copper Rockfish)
  - 10 m segments, not limited to availability of terrain attributes. (86289 Segments, 4297 Copper Rockfish)
  - 20 m segments, terrain attributes
  - 20 m segments, not limited to terrain attributes
  - Transect level combining segments or aggregated microframe data

#### Prior Variables from ROV and CSMP Data

- In situ ROV variables more consistently significant across distributions and species
- No consistent terrain attributes across species, few consistent across distributions
- Spatial error location of observation vs. attribute location

Table 16. Results of GLM with various distributions for copper rockfish density with variables derived from the ROV and CSMP. The \*\*\* is significant at the 0.001 level, \*\* is significant at the 0.01 level and \* is significant at the 0.05 level, . <0.1 is nearly significant. Values in brackets are the deviance for the variable in question. AIC values are indicated for each model and overdispersion test result provided. Estimates of overdispersion (>1 indicating overdispersion) and significance of overdispersion are indicated at the bottom of the table.

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Variables / Factors	Poisson	Zero- Inflated Poisson	Quasi- Poisson	Zero-Inflated Quasi- Poisson	Binomial	Negative Binomial
Latitude	*	*	*	*	**	*
Proportion Hard/Mix ROV	***		***		***	***
Depth						
Take		**		**		
DepthRange_3By3						
DepthRange_5By5						
DepthMean_3By3		*		*		
DepthMean_5By5						
RDMV_3By3	*		*		*	*
RDMV_5By5						
Slope_3By3		*		*		
STDofDepth_3By3		*		*		
STDofDepth_5By5						
STDofSlope_3By3						
STDofSlope_5By5	***		***		**	**
SurfaceAreaTo PlanarArea_3By3		*		*		
Proportion Hard CSMP	*	***	*	**		*
AIC	2019	1986	NA	1986	1913	2005
Dispersion	1.09 (0.09)					

 Aggregation of CSMP – loose microhabitat scale variation

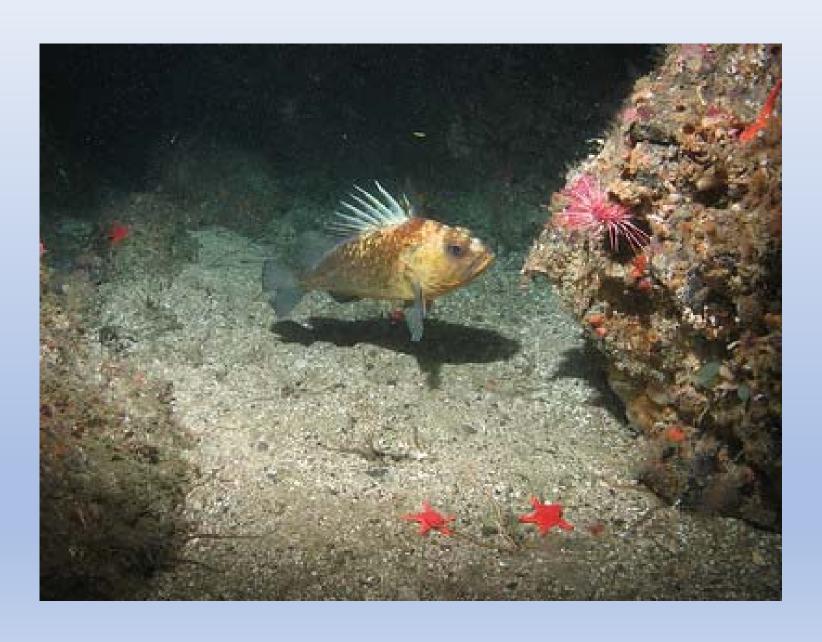
#### New Data

- 2020 Super Year (2019-2021) Second pass over the state.
- 10 m segments with 2 x 2 m resolution terrain attributes for comparison to 20 m and 6x6 m resolution terrain attributes to examine scale effects
- Percent hard in 2x2 m CSMP data for 15 x 15 cell area.
- CRFS district level assignment for regional analysis
- Cumulative recreational effort from 2005-2019 at district level
- Time since implementation of no-take MPAs
- Distance from port for each segment from Rebecca Miller SWFSC
- Length data for both paired laser approximations and stereo-cameras

#### **Analytical Directions**

- 1. Transects converted to segments to examine correlation of terrain attributes capturing relief/rugosity from the 2x2 m California Seafloor Mapping
  - 10 m segment analyzed with terrain attributes at a 2x2 m resolution
  - 20 m " " at 6 m x 6 m resolution
  - Index accounting for microhabitat variables capturing relief
  - Expansions limited to 2x2 m resolution CSMP grid area
  - Data loss due to limited underlying mapping from CSMP for areas observed by the ROV.
- 2. Transects or segments with variables from ROV observations and GIS derived variables
  - No measures of relief, only percent rocky reef from ROV observations or other habitat.
  - Index reflecting observations of the ROV and derived macro scale variables.
  - Expansions apply reflect rocky reef across scales of seafloor data.
  - Spatial autocorrelation between segments accounted for in INLA/SDM-TMB
  - Transects may contain variable depth despite aligning with bathy lines on paper
    - Bearing selected may cross bathylines in sampling

## End



#### **Data Sets**

## Sampling Locations/Number of Transects Over Time

Region	MPA Group	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Total Serie
		_																	Transects	Replicate
	Point St. George Reef Offshore SMCA										23	14					19	12	68	4
	Reading Rock SMR										19	19					20	14	72	4
	South Cape Mendocino SMR										14								14	1
	Mattole Canyon SMR										21	16							37	2
	Sea Lion Gulch SMR										15	6					18	20	59	4
	Big Flat SMCA										3								3	1
	Ten Mile SMR										19	20					20	18	77	4
	MacKerricher SMCA										12								12	1
North	Point Arena SMR/SMCA							12				17					14	12	55	4
	Saunders Reef SMCA											8							8	1
	Stewarts Point SMR											3							3	1
	Bodega Bay SMR/SMCA							31				45				38	44		158	4
	Point Reyes SMR/SMCA					21													21	1
	North Farallon Islands SMR																10		10	1
	Southeast Farallon Islands SMR/SMC	A						21				27				23	23		94	4
	Montara SMR											16					19	12.5	47.5	3
	Pillar Point SMCA											8					12	9	29	3
	Ano Nuevo SMR											9				10		10	29	3
	Soquel Canyon SMCA												3						3	1
	Portuguese Ledge SMCA												15			12		10	37	3
	Pacific Grove SMCA			12									8						20	2
Central	Asilomar SMR			13	26								15						54	3
	Carmel Bay SMCA			13							10		8						31	3
	Point Lobos SMR			12	31	23							24			23		34	147	5
	Point Sur SMCA				22				25				23			22		20.5	112.5	4
	Big Creek SMR/SMCA												28				13		41	2
	Piedras Blancas SMR/SMCA												8				15		23	2
	Point Buchon SMR				24	18			40				15			14		16	127	6
	Naples SMCA										4								4	1
	Campus Point SMCA										19					18		16	53	3
	Harris Point SMR	30	24	21	21	19					23	23				24	33		218	9
	Carrington Point SMR	25	31	25	25	25					25	26				24	40		246	9
	South Point SMR	37	31	26	26	26					24	25				26	31		252	9
	Gull Island SMR	44	41	39	39	38					39	40				32	41		353	9
	Scorpion Point SMR										3	6							9	2
South	Anacapa Island SMR/SMCA	39	29	30	28	25					59	29				28	37		304	9
	Point Dume SMR										18								18	1
	Santa Barbara Island SMR										19								19	1
	Farnsworth Offshore SMCA										25						27	18	70	3
	Swami's SMCA										25						13	14	52	3
	Point Conception SMR										17					16		13	46	3
	South La Jolla SMR/SMCA										24						27	20	71	3
	Total	175	156	191	242	195	_	64	65		484	357	147			327	476	281.5	3,161	142

# Data Loss to Filters for CSMP Terrain Attribute Variables

Filter	Segments	Segments Lost	Copper Lost
None	92966	0	0
Depth greater than 120 m	92946	20	0
No Depth	90499	2447	31
Lacking Terrain Attributes	70774	19725	1872
<6m	67709	3065	102
>50 m sq	67345	364	24
<14 m segment	66980	365	21
Remove percent hard blank	49260	17720	1412

## Data Filters for Rock Expansion

#### Copper 10 m File Manipulations and Data Loss for Rock Expansion

Filter	Segments	Segment	ts Lost	Coppe	r Lost
None	92966	0			0
Depth greater than 120 m	92955	1	1		0
No Depth	90497	2	457		75
<6m	86552	<b>→</b> 3	945		189
>50 m sq	67345	2	63		49
<14 m segment	66980	1			0

Extracting depth where possible to save some segments and observations. How concerned should we be about fragment length or area?

## Copper Rockfish Sample Sizes

Sum of Copper Rockfish Col	umn Labels 💌																			
	⊒ 2014		2014 Tot	al = 201	15	2015 Total	□201	6	2016 Tota	I □ 201	9		2019 Total	□ 2020		2020 Total	□ 20	021	2021 Total	Grand Total
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<b>□</b> Central					2	2	2 7	7 72	14	9 12	)	4	3 163	24	4:	2 66	5 1	126 20	146	526
Ano Nuevo											1		1 2	!				6	. 8	10
Big Creek								4 54	5	8				6	3!	5 41	1			99
Montara					1	1	1							3	1	3	3	5	5	9
Montara/Pillar Point																2 2	2	1	. 1	3
Piedras Blancas								7		7				11	. !	5 16	5			23
Pillar Point					1	1	L							4		4	4	3	3	8
Point Buchon								4 4		8	5		3 14	1				11	. 12	34
Point Lobos							1	3 2	1	5 3	9		3 47	1				72	77	139
Point Sur							2	1 3	2	4 5	3	1	5 69	1				26	29	122
Portuguese Ledge							2	8 9	3	7 2	1	1	31					3 8	11	79
■North	21	:	35	56 7	78 38	116	5			6	9	3	2 101	. 160	77	2 232	2	73 30	103	608
Bodega Bay				1	11	3 14	1			2	9	2	5 54	62	. 23	3 85	5			153
N Farallon Islands														2	!!!	5 7	7			7
Point Arena					8 11	19	9							28	1	2 30	)	14	18	67
Point St. George	13		3	16 1	14 1	15	5							7	'	3 10	)	10	10	51
Reading Rock	3		1	14	2 10	12	2							5	18	8 23	3	11 8	19	68
SE Farallon Islands				1	18	19	9			4	)		7 47	24		3 27	7			93
Sea Lion Gulch			5	5										7	10	0 17	7	9 10	19	41
Ten Mile	5		16	21 2	25 12	37	7							25	;	8 33	3	29	37	128
<b>■</b> South	543	37 1	59 7	49 61	11 33 209	849	9			63	9	14 16	821	719	11 26	4 994	4	48 1	63	3476
Anacapa Island	95	37	1	32 5	58 33	91	1			3	5	14	49	33	11 8	8 52	2			324
Campus Point	14			14						1	5		1 17	1				12	13	44
Carrington Point	60	1	00 1	50 5	53 100	153	3			6	5	8	149	148	8.	5 233	3			695
Farnsworth	18		L3	31										26	;	6 32	2	5 :	. 6	69
Gull Island	168		18 1	86 23	37 50	287	7			11	5	3	145	120	62	2 182	2			800
Harris Point	113		17 1	30 13	31 25	156	5			22	3	2	3 246	267	5	7 324	4			856
Point Conception	13			13						5	5		2 58	3				27	36	107
South La Jolla	1		1	2										3	1	1 4	4	1	4	10
South Point	61	:	20	81 13	32 30	162	2			12	9	2	3 157	113	4.5	5 158	3			558
Swami's														9	1	9	9	3 :	4	13
Grand Total	564	37 2	)4 8	05 69	91 33 243	967	7 7	7 72	14	9 82	8	14 24	3 1085	903	11 37	8 1292	2 2	247 6	312	4610

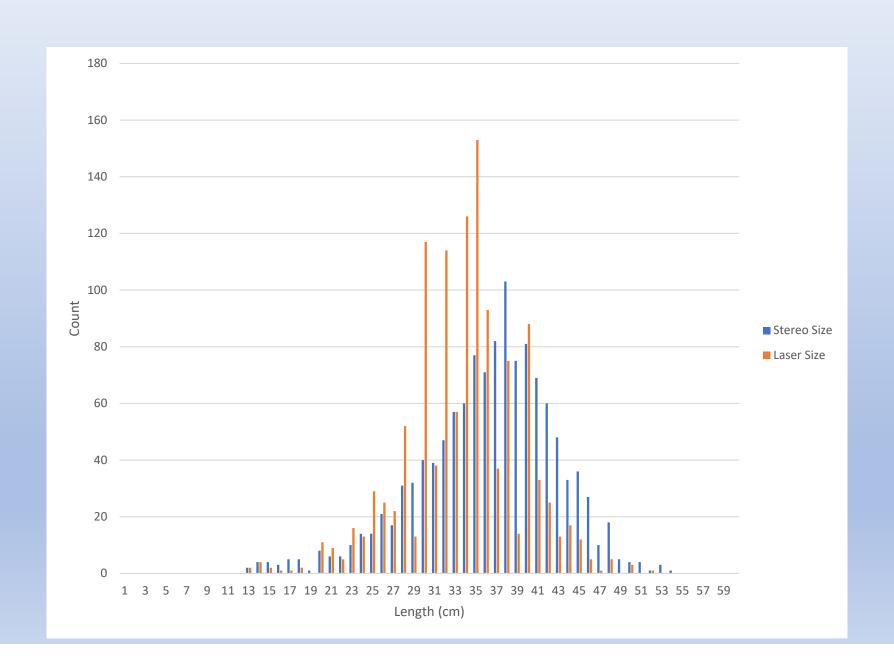
## Black Rockfish Sample Sizes

Sum of Black Rockfish	Column La	hole 🔻																	
Sulli Of Black ROCKISH		□ 2014	20	14 Total	∃ 2015	2015 Tot	al Fi	2016	2016 Total	2010	2019	[otal	⊡2020		2020 Total	□ 2021		2021 Total	Grand Total
Row Labels	<b>▼</b> MPA	MPA/Outside R			MPA MPA/Outside Reference			IPA Referenc		PA MPA/Outside Refere			MPA MPA/Outside Refere				Reference	2021 TOtal	Grand Total
□ Central		,			68 2		97	1 4		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			22	1			8	71	240
Ano Nuevo						3	3									2	1	3	
Big Creek								1	1										1
Montara					41		41						14		14	36		36	91
Montara/Pillar Po	oint				2	6	26							1	1		7	7	34
Piedras Blancas													3		3				3
Pillar Point					27		27						5		5	25		25	57
Point Buchon																			
Point Lobos								4	8 48										48
Point Sur																			
Portuguese Ledge	e																		
■North		32	130	162	61 1	8	79			8	38	46	151	94	245	72	67	139	671
Bodega Bay					5	4	9			8	38	46	23	2	25				80
N Farallon Islands	5																		
Point Arena					1	7	8						38	16	54	10	15	25	87
Point St. George		1	22	23															23
Reading Rock		12	45	57	44	7	51						85	46	131	55	12	67	306
SE Farallon Island	ls				8		8												8
Sea Lion Gulch			63	63									4	30	34	6	40	46	143
Ten Mile		19		19	3		3						1		1	1		1	. 24
■South			1	1							4	4	1	2	3				8
Anacapa Island																			
Campus Point																			
Carrington Point																			
Farnsworth																			
Gull Island			1	1															1
Harris Point													1		1				1
Point Conception											4	4							4
South La Jolla														2	2				2
South Point																			
Swami's																			
Grand Total		32	131	163	129 4	7 1	76	1 4	8 49	8	42	50	174	97	271	135	75	210	919

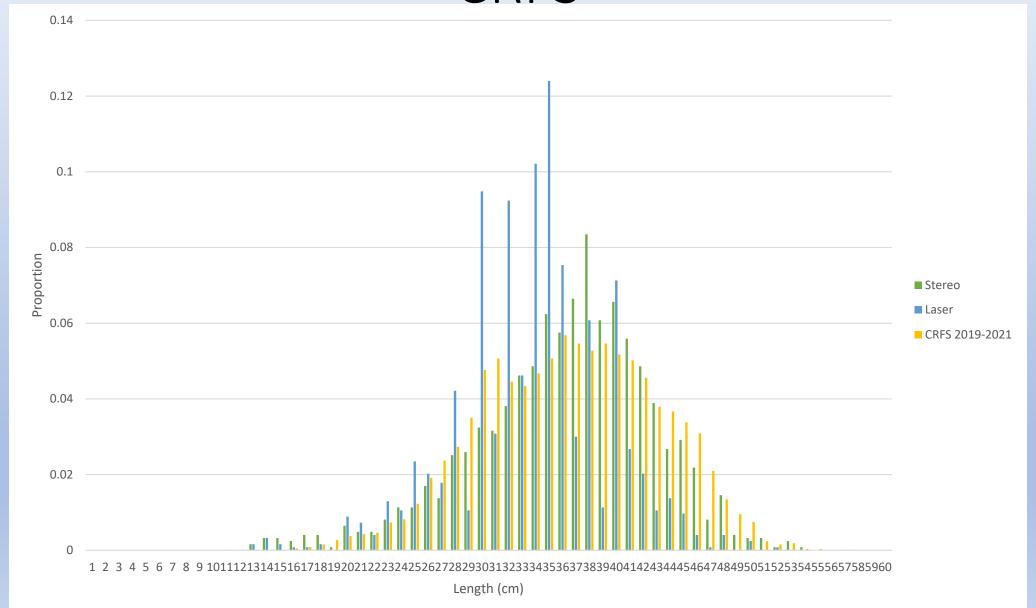
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<b>■Central</b>						233	78	311	103	99	202	44	83	127	39	44	83	190	77	267	990
Ano Nuevo						11	32	43				8	30	38				18	21	39	120
Big Creek									1	52	53					13	13				66
Montara						201		201							23		23	130		130	354
Montara/Pillar	Point						46	46								31	31		14	14	91
Piedras Blancas									8		8										8
Pillar Point						21		21							16		16	25		25	62
Point Buchon									4	7	11	1	2	3				2	1	3	17
Point Lobos									63	7	70	19	34	53				12	37	49	172
Point Sur									6	4	10	12	13	25				1		1	36
Portuguese Led	ge								21	29	50	4	4	8				2	4	6	64
■North		320		276	596	684	408	1092				460	329	789	1114	732	1846	351	261	612	4935
Bodega Bay						118	112	230				326	317	643	410	266	676				1549
N Farallon Islan	ds														20	28	48				48
Point Arena						61	108	169							170	50	220	49	60	109	498
Point St. George	2	232		98	330	202	21	223							247	133	380	141	14	155	1088
Reading Rock		12		82	94	15	18	33							38	40	78	20	22	42	247
SE Farallon Isla	nds					150	41	191				134	12	146	53	19	72				409
Sea Lion Gulch		18		25	43	13		13							29	17	46	21	82	103	205
Ten Mile		58		71	129	125	108	233							147	179	326	120	83	203	891
■South		5	1	3	9	9	5	14				4	10	14	14	11	25	3		3	65
Anacapa Island																					
Campus Point																					
Carrington Poin	t											1	2	3		4	4				7
Farnsworth																3	3	3		3	6
Gull Island						2		2							2		2				4
Harris Point		5		2	7	7	2	9				1	2	3	12	2	14				33
Point Conception	on																				
South La Jolla																					
South Point				1	1		3	3				2	6	8		2	2				14
Swami's			1		1																1
<b>Grand Total</b>		325	1	279	605	926	491	1417	103	99	202	508	422	930	1167	787	1954	544	338	882	5990

# Comparison of Stereo and Laser Lengths for Same Individuals



# Comparison of Laser, Stereo and CRFS



### BACK POCKET SLIDES

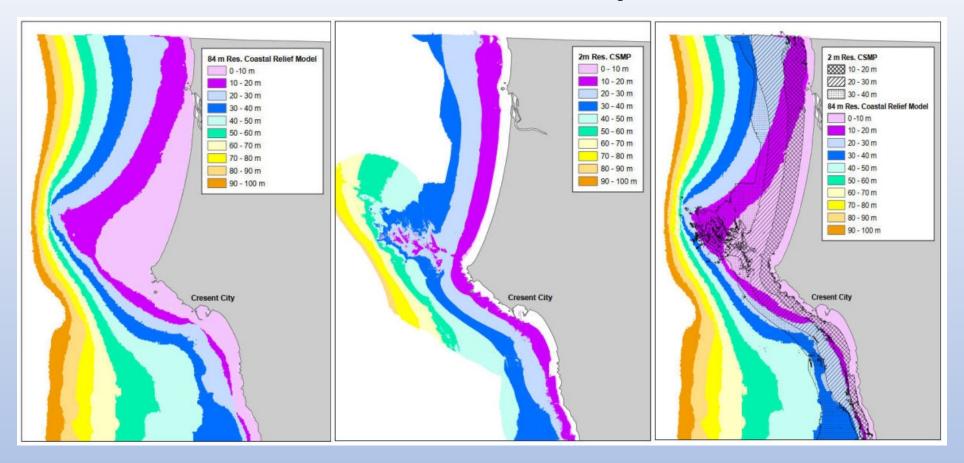
# **Back Up:** Seafloor Mapping Data Aggregation and Neighborhood Size

- Estimated ROV location spatial error is between 3 and 6 m
- This spatial error was considered when selecting resolution of the seafloor mapping data used to derive terrain attributes and when selecting the 20 m fixed length as the sample unit
- Terrain attributes are derived from seafloor depth raster files
- Focal statistics assigns a value to each raster cell based on calculations performed on neighborhood of cells around it

Depth Range Example

ļ	2	2	4	5			
5	3	5	5	1			
1	4	2	3	3		4	
L	2	3	2	4			
5	4	2	4	1			

#### **NOAA CRM vs. CSMP Depth Data**



 Data quality differences highlighted above should be considered when deciding whether to use low resolution NOAA CRM data to apply the same methods applied to high resolution CSMP data to estimate rockfish abundance.

## Sample Unit Considered But Rejected: 25 m<sup>2</sup> Fixed Area

- Reasons to reject 25 m<sup>2</sup> Fixed Area:
  - Inconsistency of segment length.
- Reasons why fixed area segments vary in length
  - Microframe area = swath width \* distance travelled
  - Swath width varies depending on how far off the bottom the ROV is
  - Distance travelled in a second is dependent on the speed of the ROV

## Sample Unit Considered But Rejected: Microframe

- Reasons to consider microframes:
  - Produces the largest possible sample size
  - Each fish observation paired with the high resolution raster cell that intersects the location of observation.
- Reasons to reject microframes:
  - Abundance of data points with no observations of fish.

#### Sample Unit Considered But Rejected: Full Transect

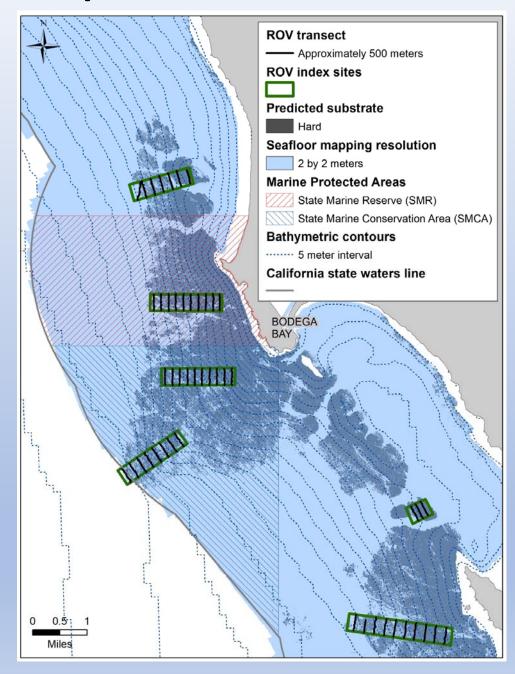
- Reasons to consider 500 m transects:
  - Data were already grouped into transects.
  - Very low number of units with zero observations.
- Reasons to reject 500 m transects:
  - Habitat is variable over the full transect length making associations between observations and habitat impossible to evaluate effectively.

#### **Pairing Terrain Attributes with ROV Observations**

- Terrain attributes were paired with ROV data to facilitate analysis
  of correlations between fish observations and terrain attributes.
- The following steps were taken to accomplish this:
  - ROV data were summarized based on unique 20 m sample unit ID
  - 20 m segment lines created using the ArcGIS Points to Lines tool
  - Center points created for each line using the Feature to Point tool
  - Terrain attribute values added to center point attributes using the ArcGIS Extract Multi Values to Points tool
  - Summarized ROV observation data were added to center point attributes

#### **Predicted Substrate and Depth in the White Zone**

- 50 to 500 m wide band of seafloor shoreward of the 2 m resolution CSMP data
- Data collection was prevented due to navigation hazards and technical limitations that prevented ship-board mapping
- Need GIS data on predicted substrate as well as depth from the white zone for abundance estimates



#### **Predicted Substrate and Depth in the White Zone**

- Raster data of predicted substrate at 30 m resolution are available in the white zone from CSMP and NOAA environmental Sensitivity Index shoreline habitat categorizations to generate predictive maps of substrate characterizations.
- Interpolations were not meant to precisely predict the location of specific reef features, but rather to provide a general estimate of the amount of rock versus soft bottom.
- Best raster data of depth is the National Geophysical Data Center's Coastal Relief Model with a resolution of 90 m.

#### **Predicted Substrate and Depth Offshore of State Waters**

- Region wide vector habitat classification data for federal was waters created for the groundfish Essential Fish Habitat review.
- Important notes on data quality from habitat classification metadata:
  - Derived from mixed resolutions of heterogenous quality.
  - Data are not intended to replace local site mapping nor are all areas are equally well known.
- Best region wide raster data of depth found is the National Geophysical Data Center's Coastal Relief Model.
  - resolution of 90 m.