

# Putting Ship Strikes and Entanglements in Perspective

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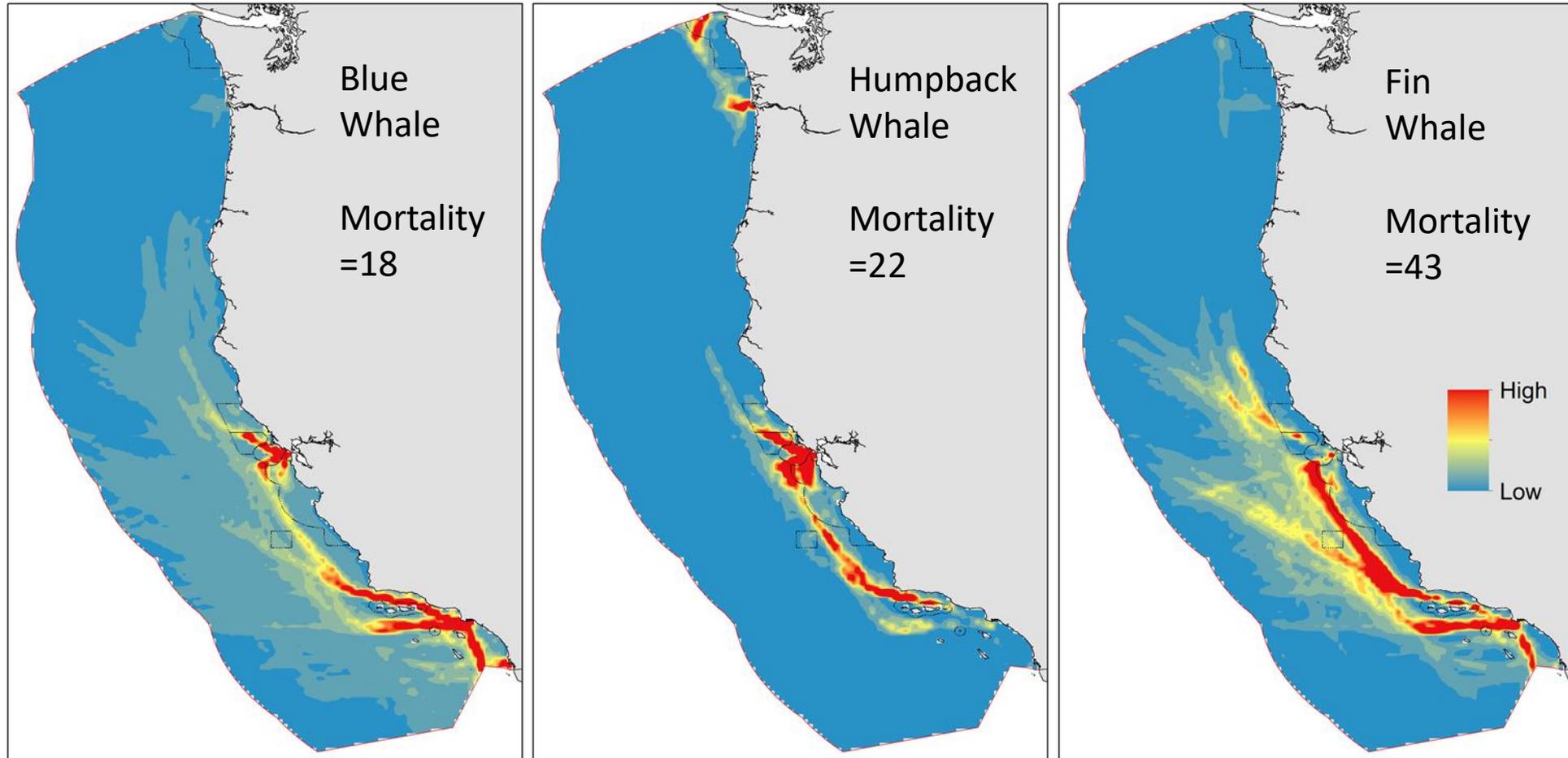
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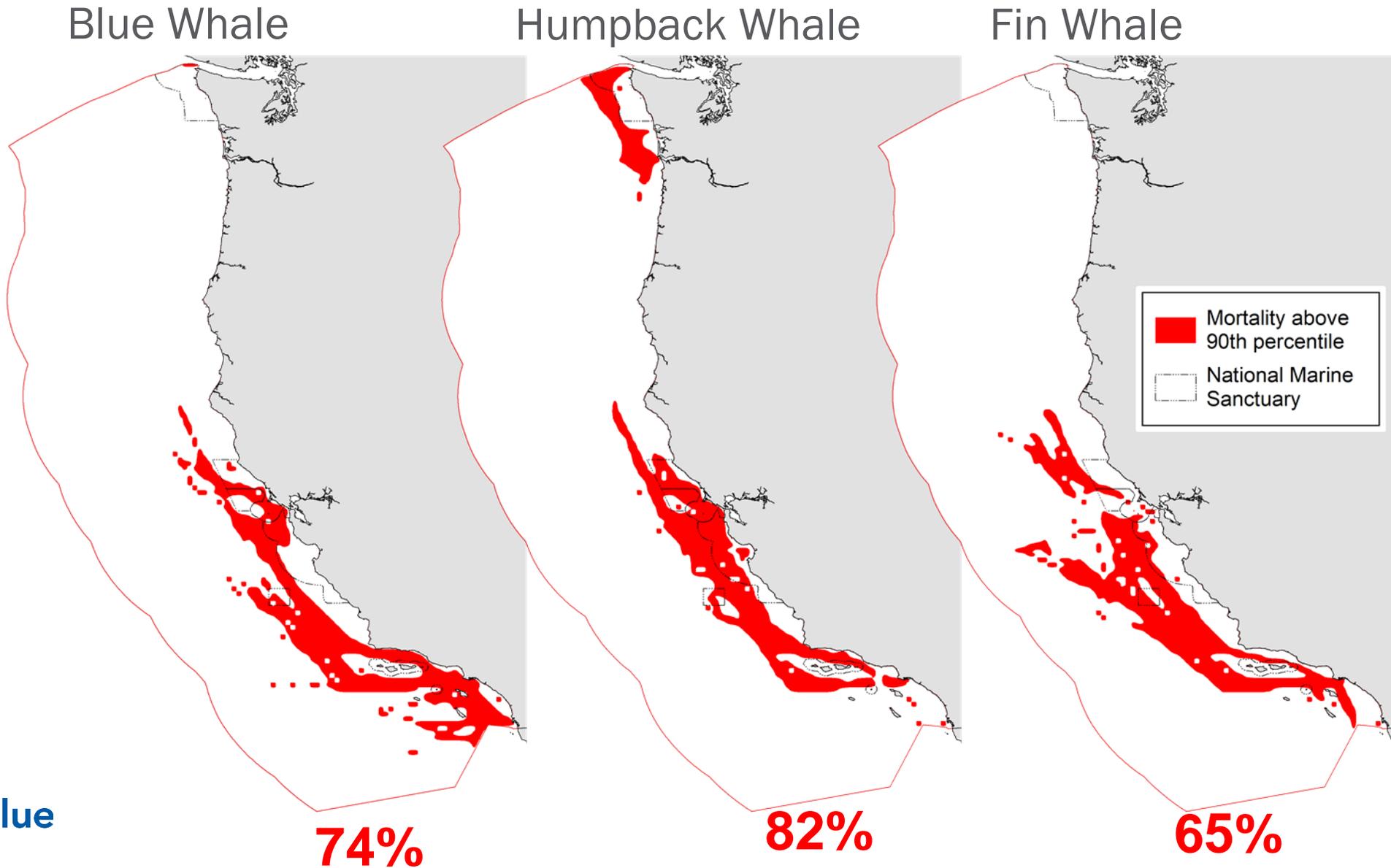
Decrease deadly  
ship-wildlife  
interactions

# More than 80 whales struck by ships

Estimated annual mortality is 8x (blue), 2x (humpback) greater than the U.S. federal guidelines



# Most mortality from nearshore traffic



# Proven Solutions

- Speed restrictions
- Traffic routing to avoid whale hotspots

# Strikes vs Entanglements

Species	Ship Strike Mortality (per year)	Entanglement Mortality (per year)
Humpback whales	22	14.1
Blue whales	18	0.9
Fin whales	43	0.5

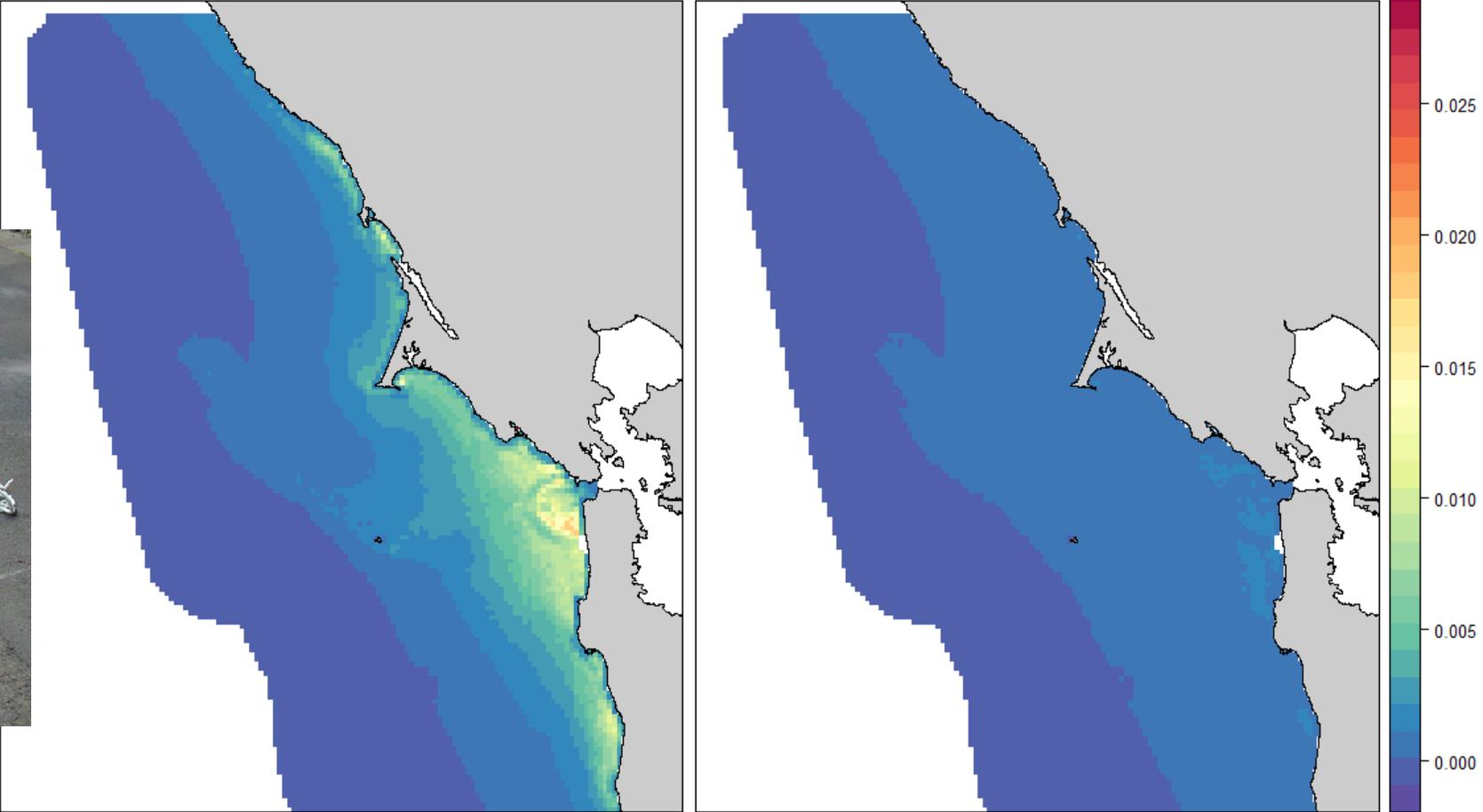
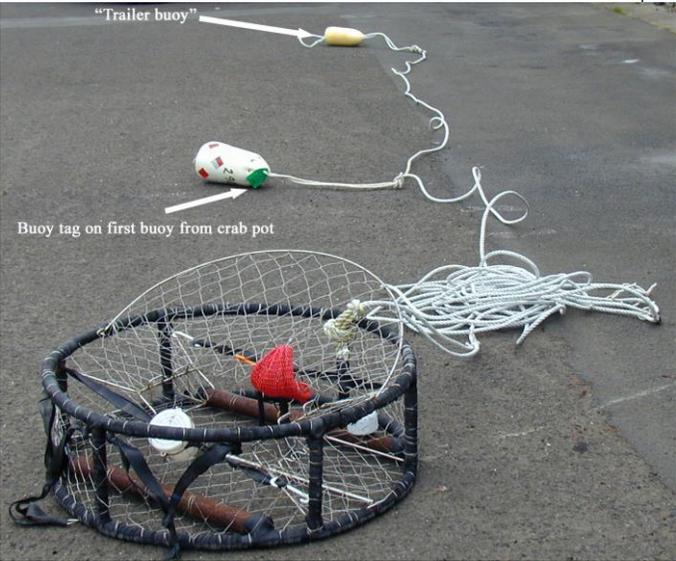
A photograph showing a whale's head and back partially submerged in the ocean. The whale is dark grey with white mottled patterns on its back. It is entangled in a yellow rope that is wrapped around its head. To the left of the whale, there is a yellow and red buoy. To the right, there is a red buoy. The water is a dark, choppy grey. The overall scene depicts a marine animal caught in human-made fishing equipment.

Decrease whale  
entanglements in  
fishing gear

# Crab pot gear in warm and cold years

Warm/poor years  
(2010, 2013)

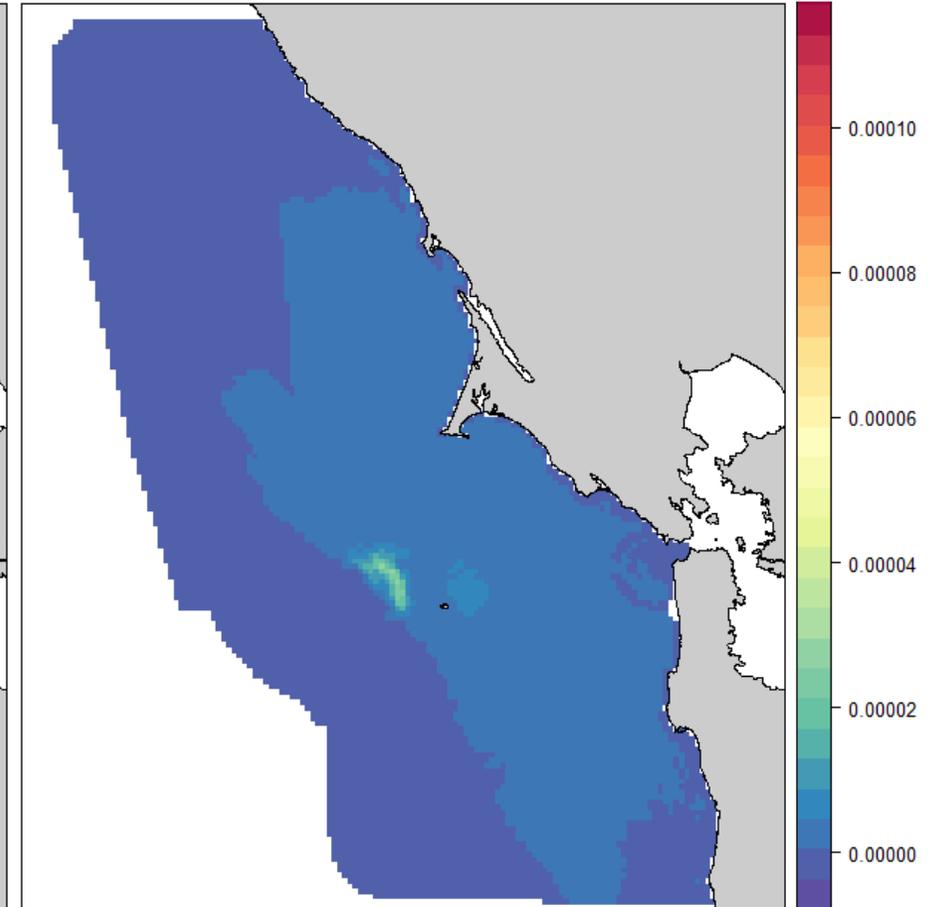
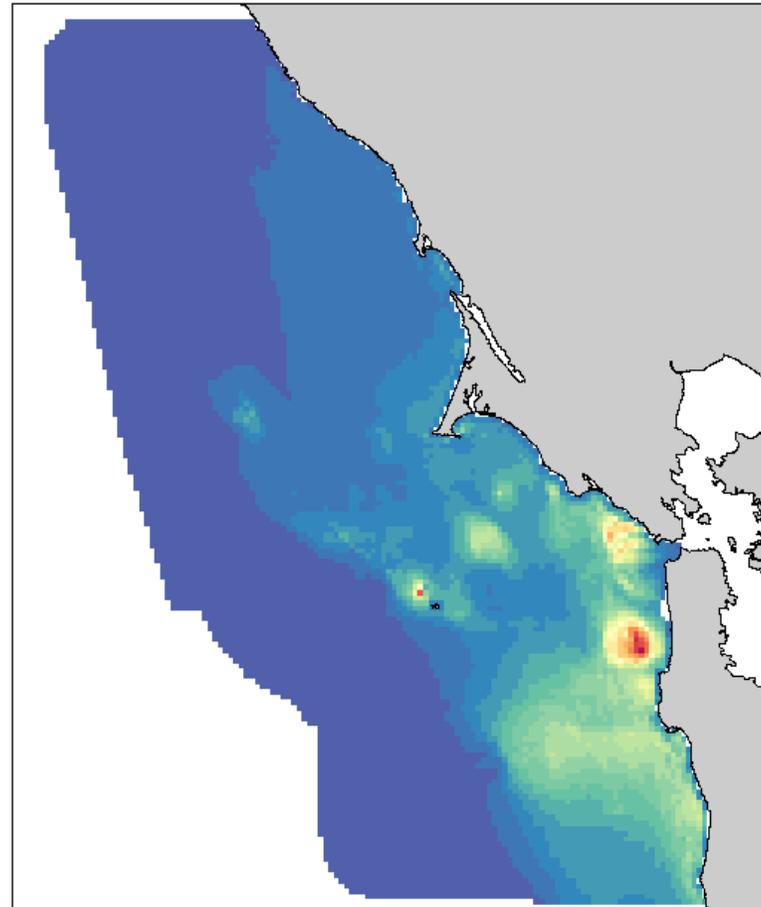
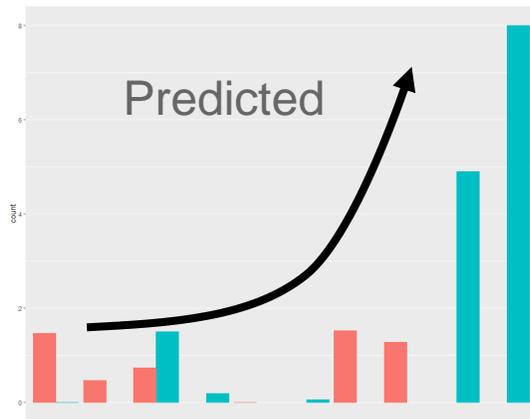
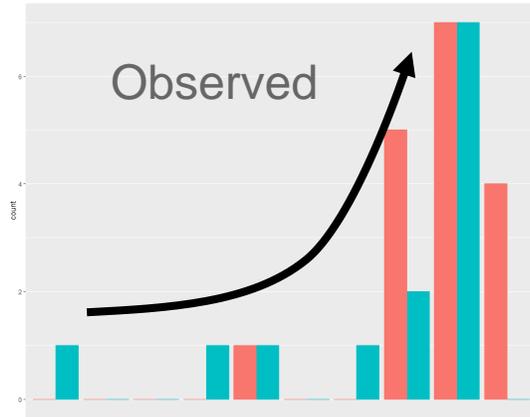
Cold/good years  
(2008, 2009 & 2011)



# Entanglement risk for humpback whales

Warm/poor years  
(2010, 2013)

Cold/good years  
(2008, 2009 & 2011)





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