The potential for resource impacts from long-term fishery monitoring surveys

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Survey background and methods

- Fishery-independent survey to generate abundance and biological data for structure-associated groundfish for use in assessments
- Conducted annually since 2004
- Southern CA: Pt Conception to Mexican border
- 20 125 fathoms
- 201 fixed sites
- 3 chartered sportfishing vessels operating simultaneously
- Gear deployed by rod and reel
- 75 total hooks per site:
 - ➤ 3 anglers
 - ➤ 5 coordinated drops
 - ➤ 5 hook sampling rig





Survey sites

Current sampling frame: 201 fixed sites

121 sites outside of CCAs (red dots)

Added 79 sites inside the two CCAs starting in 2014 (yellow dots)





Impact metrics and model type

- 1. Probability of a hook catching any species \rightarrow Binomial GLM
- 2. Probability of a hook catching a target species¹ \rightarrow Binomial GLM
- 3. Probability of a hook catching a non-target species² \rightarrow Binomial GLM
- 4. Probability of a hook catching a bocaccio \rightarrow Binomial GLM
- 5. Probability of a hook catching a vermilion/sunset rockfish → Binomial GLM
- 6. Species richness (count of unique species) \rightarrow Poisson GLM
- 7. Bocaccio length \rightarrow Gaussian GLM
- 8. Vermilion/sunset rockfish length \rightarrow Gaussian GLM

Temporal scales

- 1. **Short** (1-2 hr): from drop 1 to drop 5 during normal survey sampling
- Medium (48-96 hr): n = 29 instances of experimental re-sampling of a site following normal survey sampling and a "rest" interval of 2-4 days
- 3. Long (1-5 yr): comparing survey catch data from sampling visits when a site was skipped the previous year (for example, due to weather or Navy closures) vs. visits when it was sampled the previous year

¹**Target species**: Bank Rockfish, Barred Sand Bass, Blackgill Rockfish, Blue Rockfish, Bocaccio Rockfish, Bronzespotted Rockfish, Brown Rockfish, California Scorpionfish, California Sheephead, California Yellowtail, Canary Rockfish, Chilipepper Rockfish, Copper Rockfish, Cowcod Rockfish, Flag Rockfish, Gopher Rockfish, Greenblotched Rockfish, Greenspotted Rockfish, Lingcod, Mexican Rockfish, Ocean Whitefish, Olive Rockfish, Pacific Bonito, Pink Rockfish, Sablefish, Silvergray Rockfish, Speckled Rockfish, Starry Rockfish, Treefish, Vermilion Rockfish, Widow Rockfish, Yelloweye Rockfish, Yellowtail Rockfish

²Non-target species: Brown Smoothound, Calico Rockfish, Freckled Rockfish, Gray Smoothound, Greenstriped Rockfish, Halfbanded Rockfish, Honeycomb Rockfish, Lizardfish, Pacific Jack Mackerel, Pacific Mackerel, Pacific Sanddab, Pacific Spiny Dogfish, Petrale Sole, Pinkrose Rockfish, Rosethorn Rockfish, Rosy Rockfish, Sharpchin Rockfish, Shortbelly Rockfish, Southern Rock Sole, Squarespot Rockfish, Stripetail Rockfish, Swordspine Rockfish, White Croaker, Whitespeckled Rockfish, and all invertebrate species.





Drop number

Temporal scale: Short (1-2 h)

Species richness and length metrics

All models include: drop number (integer), site (factor), and year (factor)



Drop number



Sampling type

Temporal scale: Medium (48-96 h)

Species richness and length metrics

All models include: Sampling type (original or re-sample; factor) and site (factor)





Sampling type

Temporal scale: Long (1-5 yr)

Species richness and length metrics

All models include: Sampling type (skipped or consecutive; factor), site (factor), and year (factor)



Sampling type

Summary of results

			Temporal scale		
	Impact metric		Short (Drop 1 vs Drop 5)	Medium (Original vs Re-sample)	Long (Skipped vs Consecutive)
	Capture probability	All species	3.9 % ↓	0.3 % ↓	3.3 % ↓
		Target species	4.6 % ↓	1.5 % ↓	3.8 % ↓
		Non-target species	0.4 % 个	1.3 % 个	0.4 % 个
		Bocaccio	2.5 % ↓	1.2 % ↓	1.2 % ↓
		Vermilion/Sunset	2.0 % ↓	0.7 % ↓	0.8 % ↓
	Species richness (count)		0.06 ↓	0.03 ↓	0.06 ↓
	Bocaccio length		0.44 cm ↓	0.54 cm 个	0.58 cm ↓
	Vermilion/Sunset length		0.23 cm ↓	1.97 cm ↓	0.39 cm ↓

 \checkmark or \uparrow : sign of coefficient

Red = negative and statistically significant

Green = positive and statistically significant

Further analysis

Skipped visits are not distributed randomly spatially or temporally
Site*Year interaction term

- Many sites are regularly fished by the charter fleet and rec anglers
 - Explore including a rough estimate for fishing pressure in the models at a regional scale

 Include number of elapsed years between sampling visits for skipped sites



Thanks!

Questions?



