Potential applications of CESM linked to a fisheries model

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A ocean climate data dashboard for National Marine Sanctuaries



- Planning in NMSs requires knowledge on climate-driven changes
- Diverse stakeholders
- Co-design dashboard with NMS managers + stakeholders
- Includes surveys and workshops
- Flower Garden Banks and Florida Keys NMS sites as case studies

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Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary





- Medium depth coral reefs growing on underwater salt domes, banks
- Extremely diverse, many fish and other species
- Established marine sanctuary in 1992, with more reefs added in subsequent years; protection from increasing human activities (oil and gas extraction, anchoring on the reefs, commercial fishing)
- Reef managed by National Marine Sanctuary, advised by Sanctuary Advisory
 Council





All images: https://flowergarden.noaa.gov/

• Adaptive governance framework



Sanctuary advisory council meetings

- Fishermen, divers, researchers, sanctuary managers, oil & gas, educators
- Public welcome at all meetings



Climate data dashboard: Interested in climate-driven impacts on fish populations, ocean acidification, water temperature (coral bleaching), and storm activity

Images: https://flowergarden.noaa.gov/advisorycouncil/meetinginfo.html



FEISTY run on one CESM2-LE ensemble member



Increasing temperature \rightarrow coral bleaching \rightarrow habitat loss



Coral bleaching model

Photo:https://marinesantuary.org/blog/top-five-things-to-spot-in-flower-garden-banks-national-marine-sanctuary/



Rising Voices, Changing Coasts: Alaska regional hub

- RVCC is a NSF funded project with 4 regional hubs
- Focusing on community of Shishmaref (photo exhibit at Mesa Lab)
- Native communities rely on marine and terrestrial ecosystems for subsistence
- Concerned about many climate change-related things:
 - coastal erosion
 - sea ice loss
 - harmful algal blooms
 - ocean acidification
 - changes in fish abundance
- Idea to create a "Convergence Research Atlas" for community that combines Earth system science with local elder knowledge on environmental changes.



Narratives of Shoreline Erosion and Protection at Shishmaref, Alaska: The Anecdotal and the Analytical (Mason, et. al., 2012)

Background photo: Kaare Erikson

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Summary: Actionable Science using CESM with FEISTY fish model

- Linking CESM-MARBL planktonic ecosystem with FEISTY fish model
- Combine with other environmental changes simulated in CESM (sea ice loss, OA)
- Two actionable science research projects
 - Flower Garden Banks NMS
 - RVCC Alaska region
- Other potential uses:

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- Fish prediction in coastal areas (LMEs)
- Other RVCC hubs (e.g., Hawaii)
- Food resources for Antarctic marine predators (e.g., penguins; Alice's talk)



