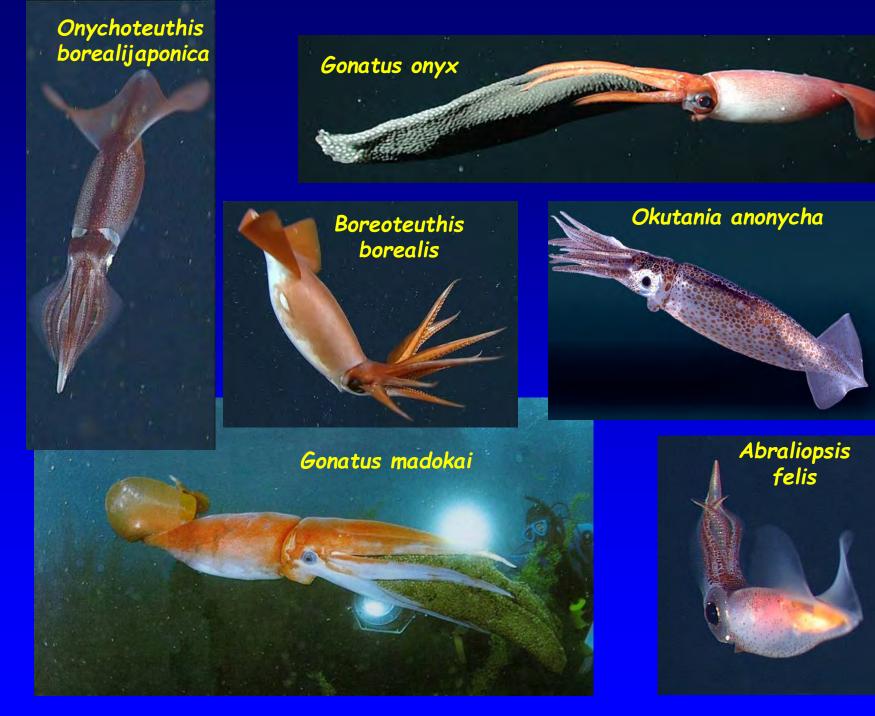
Distribution patterns of squid in the upper epipelagic Gulf of Alaska in winter 2019

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This is how those critters look when they come from the trawl net



Project Title: Species Identification of Squid General Description and Objectives:



Squid are an important component of the diet of salmon in offshore waters of the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and therefore are an integral component of the growth, maturation, and survival of salmon on the high seas.

Maturing epipelagic squid are particularly important in the diet of higher trophic level species (coho, chinook, steelhead), while occupying an important trophic position as intra-guild prey of pink and sockeye salmon. Top-down control of squid by pink salmon has the potential to influence the salmon forage base at different trophic levels as well as growth of other salmon species. The carrying capacity of the offshore Gulf of Alaska for salmon likely varies depending upon specific species and their relationship with squid. Despite their importance, relatively little is known about squid populations on the high seas, including their life cycle, population structure, spawning areas, and movement at different life stages relative to ocean currents.

Genetic samples from squid of various stages will be used as necessary to validate species ID, help confirm the lifespan of a key species found in salmon diets, and begin investigating genetic differentiation within *Okutania anonycha* (also known as *Berryteuthis anonychus*) across the North Pacific and Bering Sea.

Species ID: morphology, molecular genetics (CO1)

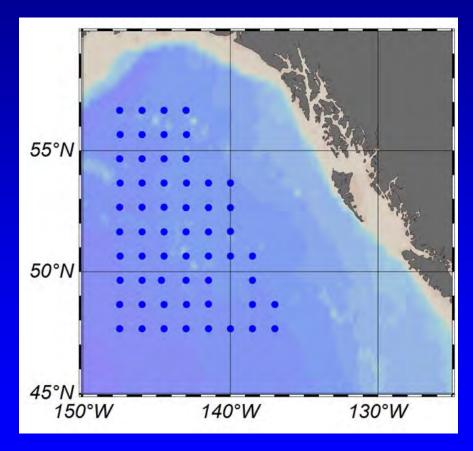
<u>Life Cycle</u>: 1 year vs 2 years in *Okutania anonycha*???

Genetic Differentiation and Environmental History: spatial population structure; odd- and even-year lines in *Okutania anonycha*???

Collection Protocol: While O. anonycha is likely to be the most dominant species encountered, other species will likely be present including these highly abundant species: Boreoteuthis borealis, Gonatus kamtschaticus, Berryteuthis magister, Gonatus onyx, and other Gonatid species

(1. Surface Trawls: 2. Salmon and other fish Diets:)

Analyze distribution
 patterns of cephalopods
 in the GoA in the early
 spring 2019 based on the
 upper epipelagic trawl
 catches



- Take a closer look at the occurrence of highly abundant species in the research area in the upper epipelagic layer, and at species that were expected to occur in large quantities in the GoA
- Use the existing sources of information on distribution of cephalopods in the NPO:
- (1) TINRO database on trawl catches collected in expeditions
- (2) GBIF (Global Biodiversity Information Facility—is an international network and research infrastructure with an open access to data about all types of life on Earth.

gbif.org

- analyze the occurrence of selected abundant and potentially abundant cephalopod species in the NPO with respect to geophysical and biotic factors, which may predict distribution patterns of those species
- Use the Bio-Oracle (Marine Data Layers for ecological modeling) to produce potential habitat for the selected cephalopod species in MaxEnt

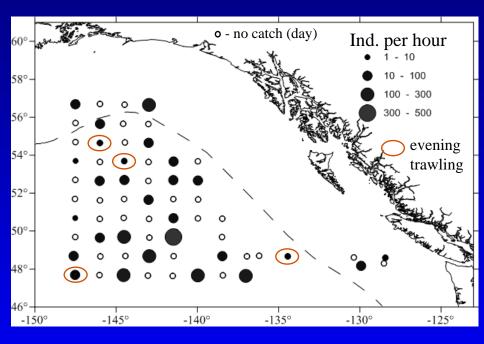
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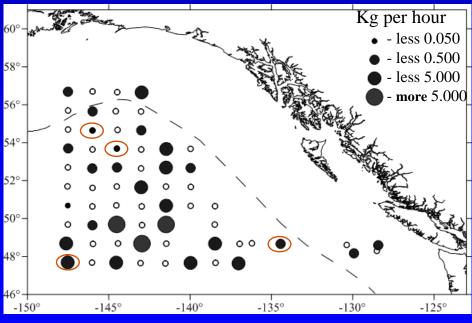
- relate the observed distribution patterns of cephalopods from the trawl survey in the GoA, their occurrence from databases and distribution patterns derived for those species from habitat modeling
- look at the discrepancies between cephalopod distribution patterns from various sources of information
- suggest improvement for data collection to get reliable information on distribution of pelagic cephalopods

Results from epipelagic trawl survey in the GoA in spring 2019

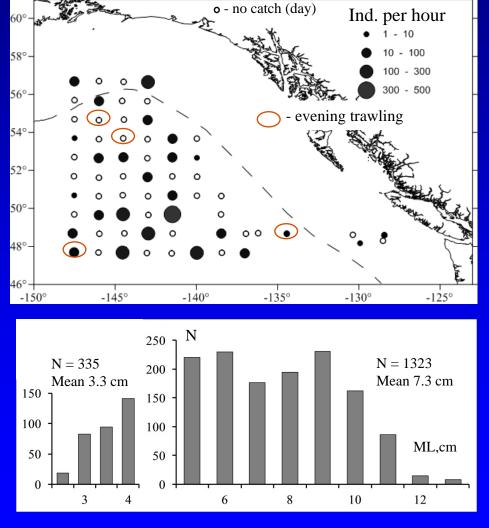
Species	Total occurrence % (64 trawl hauls)	Occurrence at night % (24 trawl hauls)	Occurrence in daytime % (40 trawl hauls)
Boreoteuthis borealis	40.6	100.0	5.0
Gonatus onyx	23.4	58.3	2.5
Gonatus madokai	7.8	16.7	2.5
Okutania anonycha*	6.3	16.7	
Onychoteuthis borealijaponica	26.6	66.7	2.5
Onykia (=Moroteuthis) robusta	1.6	4.2	
Chiroteuthis calyx	7.8	16.7	2.5
Abraliopsis felis	7.8	16.7	
Belonella borealis*	4.7	12.5	
Japetella diaphana	1.6	4.2	
* - occurrence in fish stomachs			

Distribution of cephalopods in the GoA 2019 spring upper epipelagic trawl survey

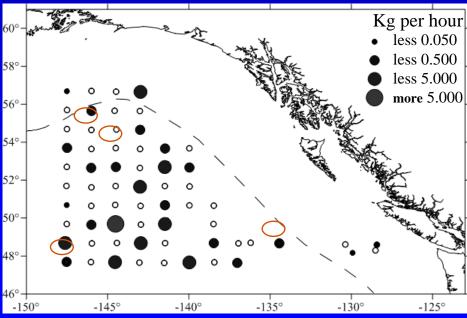




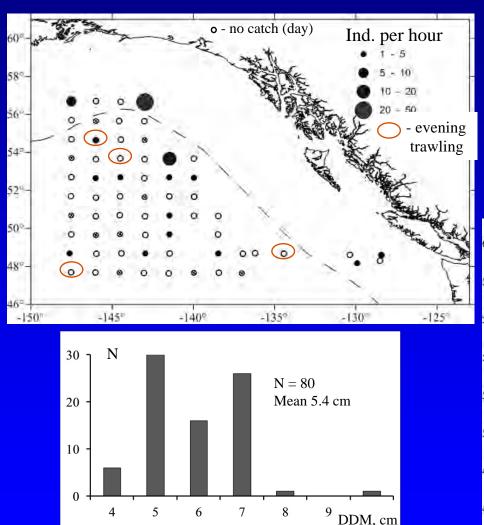
Boreoteuthis borealis



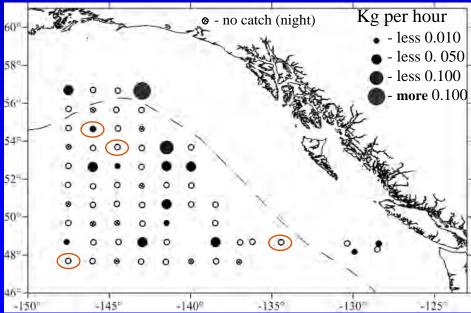
B.borealis – abundant and widely distributed across the research area; individuals were mostly young and immature



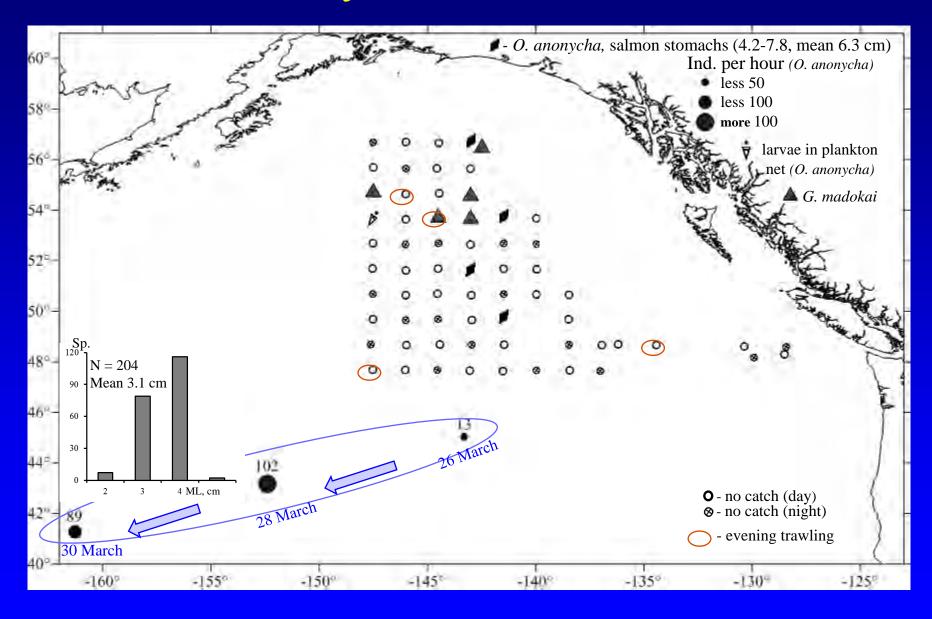
Gonatus onyx



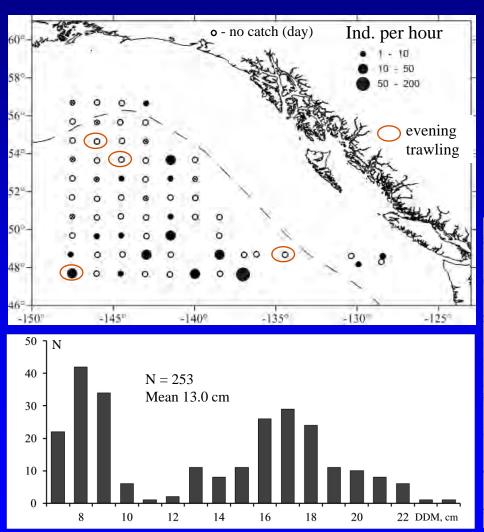
G.onyx also occurred widely across the research area (higher numbers in the northern areas); individuals were mostly young and immature



Okutania anonycha and Gonatus madokai

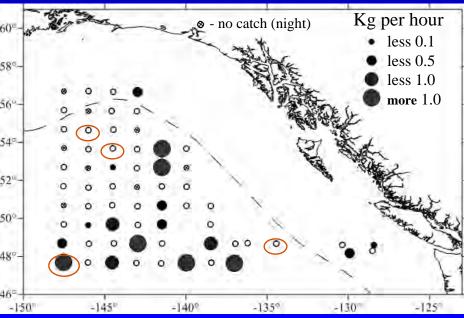


Onychoteuthis borealijaponica

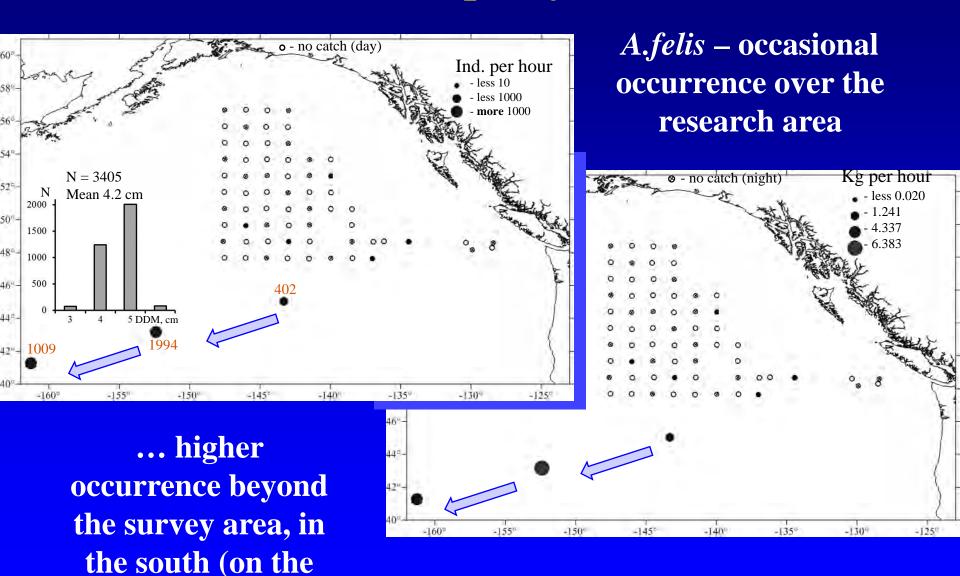


O.borealijaponica – abundant, widely distributed over the research area;

two size groups



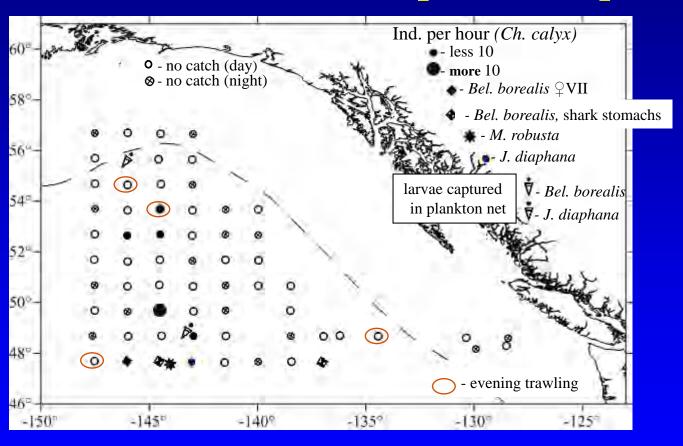
Abraliopsis felis



way back)

Other cephalopods:

Chiroteuthis calyx, Belonella borealis, Mororteuthis robusta and Japetella diaphana



What did the survey show us?

- During 2019 spring trawl survey in the GoA, several abundant pelagic squid were encountered
- Some species were regularly captured and in relatively high numbers (*B.borealils*,
 O.borealijaponica), some occurred regularly but in small numbers (*G.onyx*, *A.felis*)
- One potentially abundant species (*O.anonycha*) was absent from trawl catches, and occurred exclusively in salmon stomachs (!!!)

Abundant Squid Species in the NEP

north Boreal cold water mesopelagic

south Boreal warm water epipelagic

family Gonatidae

- Okutania anonycha
- Boreoteuthis borealis
- Gonatus onyx
- Gonatus madokai

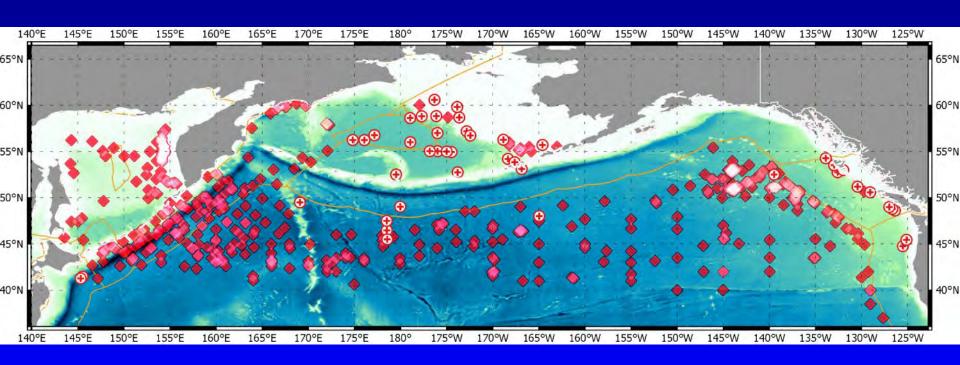
family Enoploteuthidae

Abraliopsis felis

family Onychoteuthidae

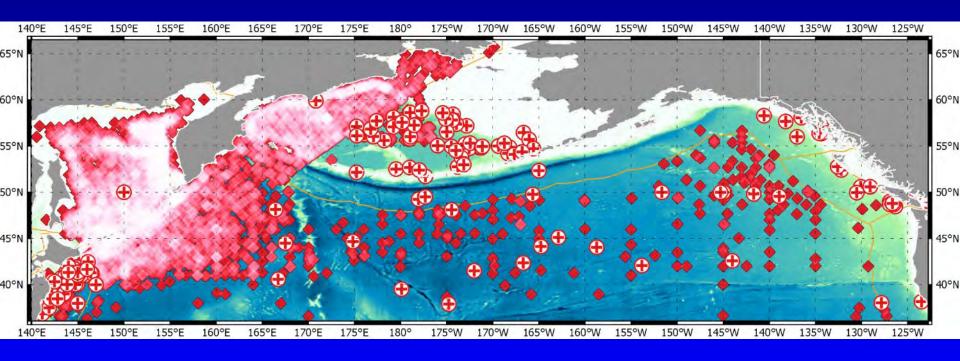
Onychoteuthis borealijaponica

Okutania anonycha Occurrence based on information from TINRO surveys ■ and GBIF ■



- 1) widely distributed across the NPO (boreal waters) with high concentrations in the NWPO and NEPO
- 2) rarely occurred in spring 2019 in GoA (no catch by surface trawl; rarely occurred in stomachs of sockeye, coho and chinook)

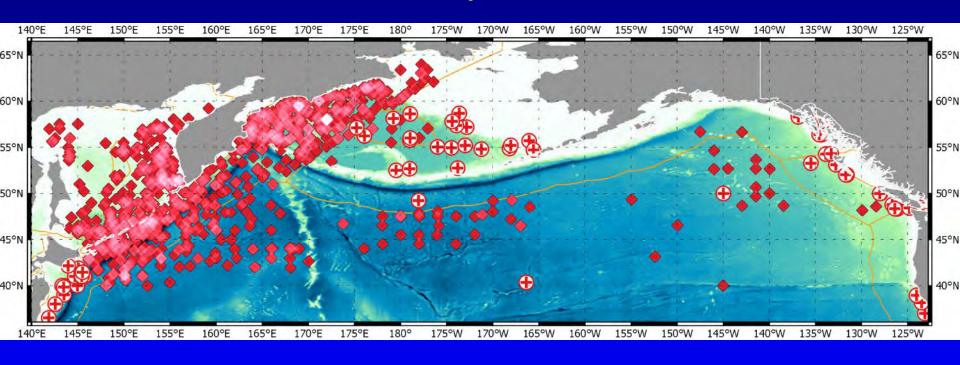
Boreoteuthis borealis Occurrence based on information from TINRO surveys ■ and GBIF ■



- 1) widely distributed in the NPO (boreal waters) with high concentrations across the entire range
- 2) regularly occurred in the 2019 GoA Trawl Survey (in 100% of trawl catches at night; all individuals were immature)

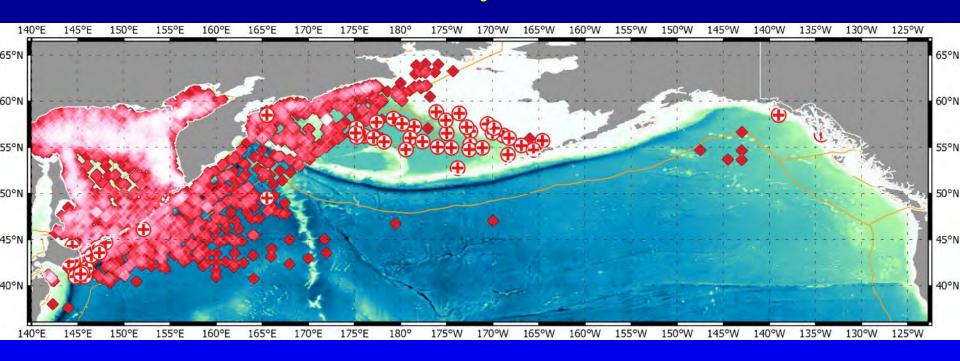
Gonatus onyx

Occurrence based on information from TINRO surveys and GBIF



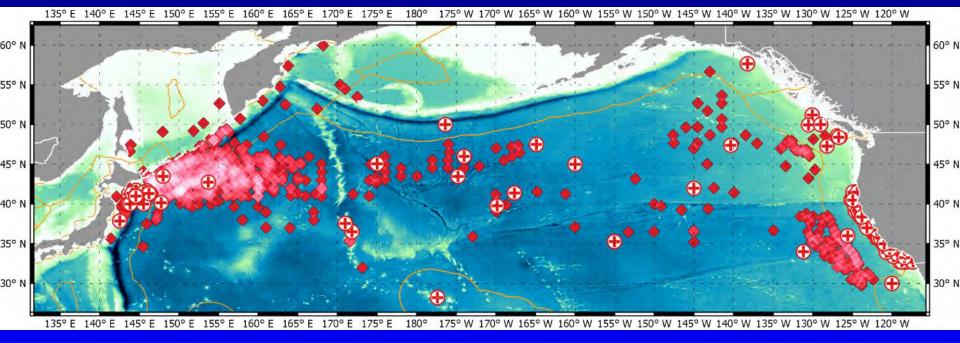
- 1) widely distributed in the NPO (boreal waters); occur regularly but without any record on high concentrations
- 2) occasionally occurred in the 2019 GoA Trawl Survey (juveniles and immature; mainly in night hauls)

Gonatus madokai Occurrence based on information from TINRO surveys ■ and GBIF ■



- 1) widely distributed in the NWPO (boreal waters); occur regularly;
- 2) occasionally occurred in the 2019 GoA Trawl Survey (juveniles and immature, mainly north of 53N)

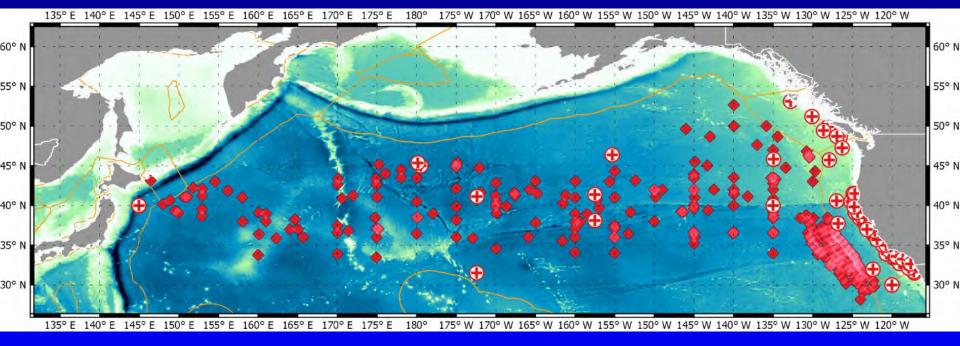
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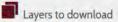
- 1) widely distributed in the NPO (lower boreal waters and transition zone); occur in high concentrations
- 2) regularly occurred in the 2019 GoA Trawl Survey (immature and maturing; mainly south of 50N)

Abraliopsis felis

Occurrence based on information from TINRO surveys and GBIF



- 1) widely distributed in the NPO (subtropical waters and transition zone); occur in high concentrations
- 2) occasionally occurred in the 2019 GoA Trawl Survey (mature!!! occasionally south of 53N)



Layer	Unit
Temperature	°C
Salinity	PSS
Currents velocity	m-1
Ice thickness	m
Sea ice concentration	Fraction
Nitrate	mol.m-3
Phosphate	mol.m-3
Silicate	mol.m-3
Dissolved molecular oxygen	mol.m-3
Iron	umol.m-3
Chlorophyll	mg.m-3
Phytoplankton	umol.m-3
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Calcite	mol.m-3
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Diffuse attenuation	m-1
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Range associated with squid

Geophysical and Biotic Factors

Select All Layers

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^{*} Lt. for average of the minimum and maximum records

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pathymean	1.45	1.40	53.31	1.20	2.99	11.50
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sstmean	19.68	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	4.70
carbonphytomin_ss	5.42	0.30	0.97	1.20	10.43	6.10
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curvelmax_ss	1.43	0.70	1.19	0.00	0.00	1.00
curvelmin_ss	2.14	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.73	1.10
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templtmin_bdmax	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.80
carbonphytomax_ss	0.22	0.10	0.00	0.40	1.25	0.20

Machine learning was based on squid occurrence and absence (no catch) in a trawl haul (training sample included 80% of observations, and test sample 20%)

Judging from the values of permutations (PI):

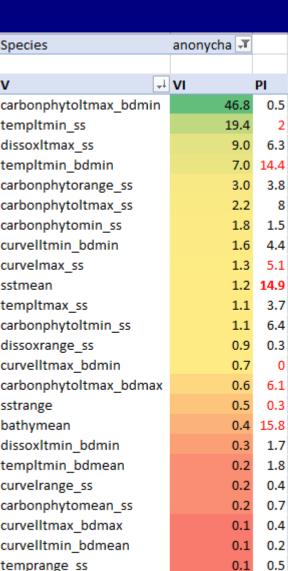
- 1) for Gonatid squid, SST values were less important, and Carbon values expressed via phytoplankton were more important
- 2) for *A. felis* and *O.borealijaponica* SST values were more important than other analyzed factors

Then we dropped (removed) variables until all of them had permutation importance (PI) greater than 0.5% for each species

AUC (Area Under Curve value) didn't change much, but the number of variables decreased to

- **O.** *anonycha* − 17
- O. borealijaponica 23
- **B.** *borealis* 18
- **A. felis** − 18
- **G.** madokai 24
- *G. onyx* − 30

All sets of selected variables were different for each species



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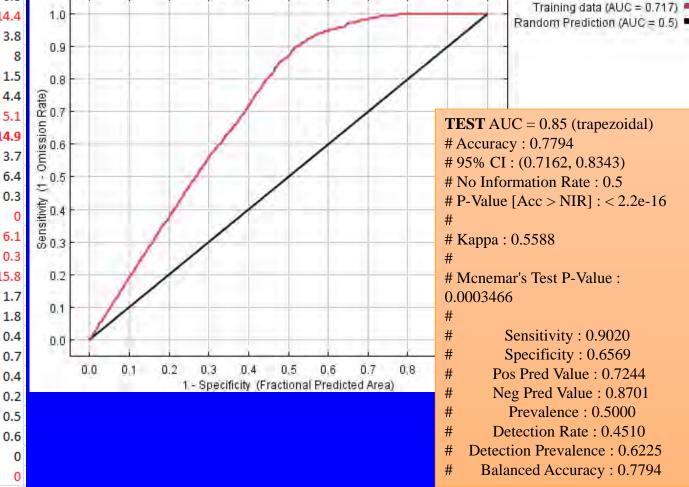
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Finally, we estimated PI and contribution of a variable (VI) in a full set for those variables which had PI > 0.5% during training

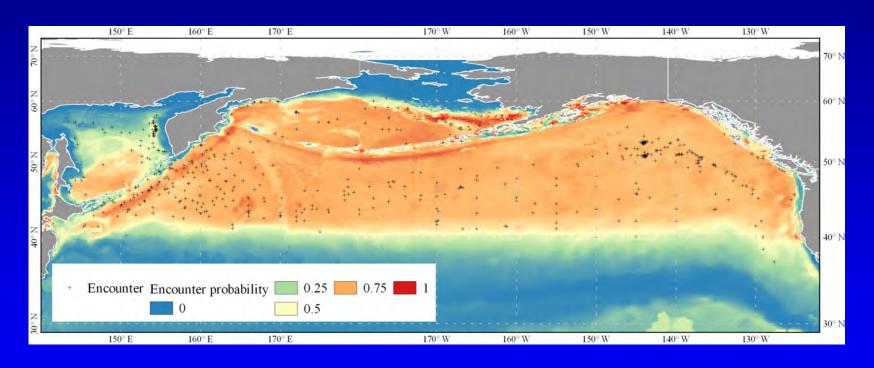
Okutania anonycha

Sensitivity vs. 1 - Specificity for species



Okutania anonycha

Occurrence and Encounter Probability based on abiotic and biotic factors from Bio-Oracle



- 1) relatively even encounter probability in the NPO
 - 2) increased probability along the island chains

Boreoteuthis borealis

borealis 🗐

39.6

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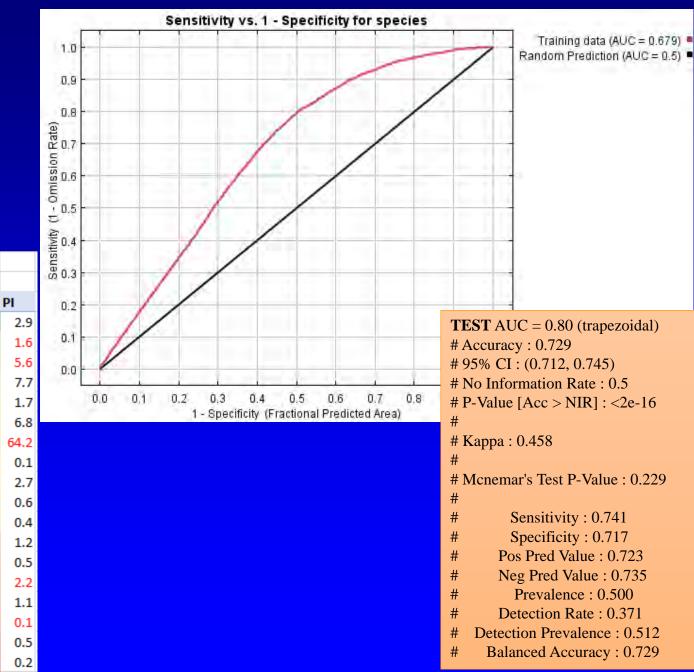
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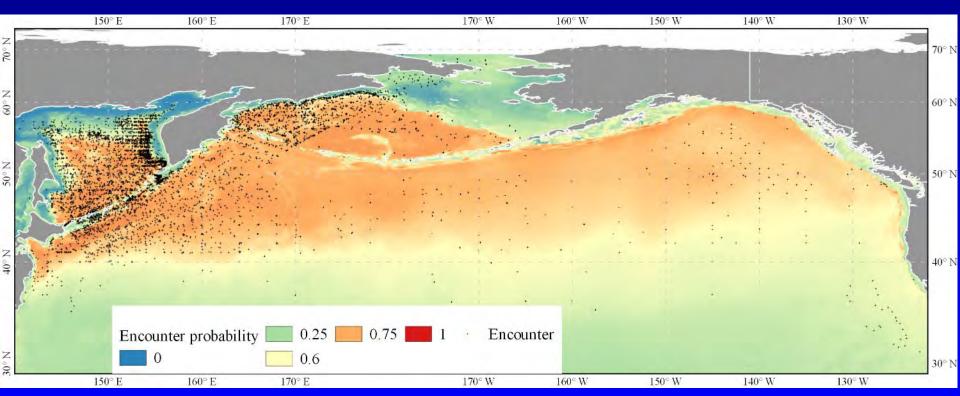
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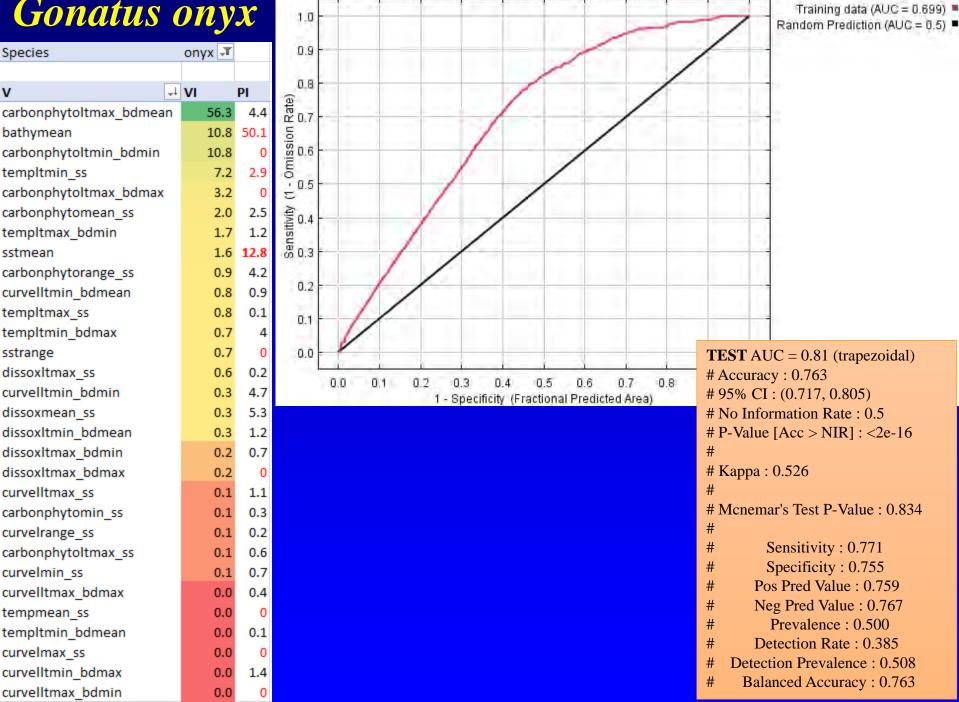
Boreoteuthis borealis

Occurrence and Encounter Probability based on abiotic and biotic factors from Bio-Oracle



- 1) higher probability in the NWPO compared to NEPO
 - 2) high probability in the Okhotsk Sea

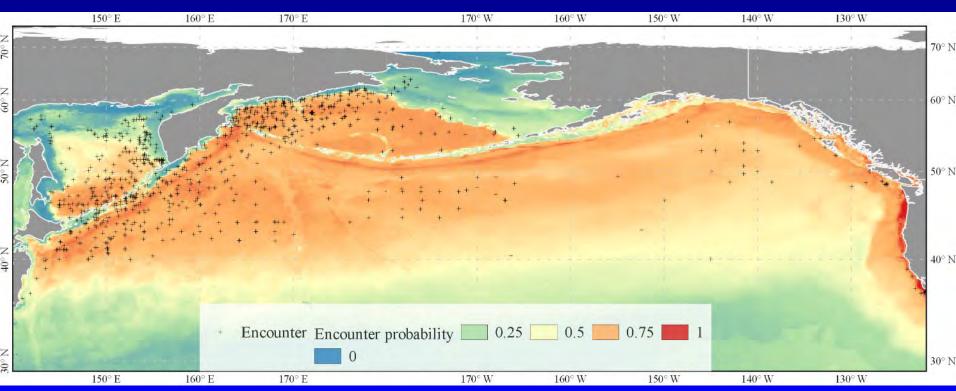
Gonatus onyx



Sensitivity vs. 1 - Specificity for species

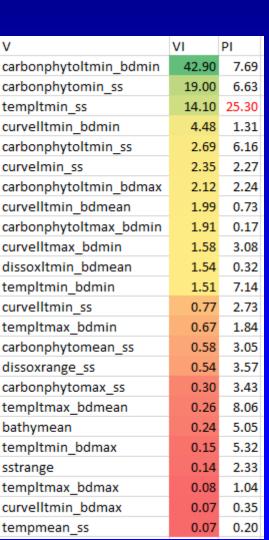
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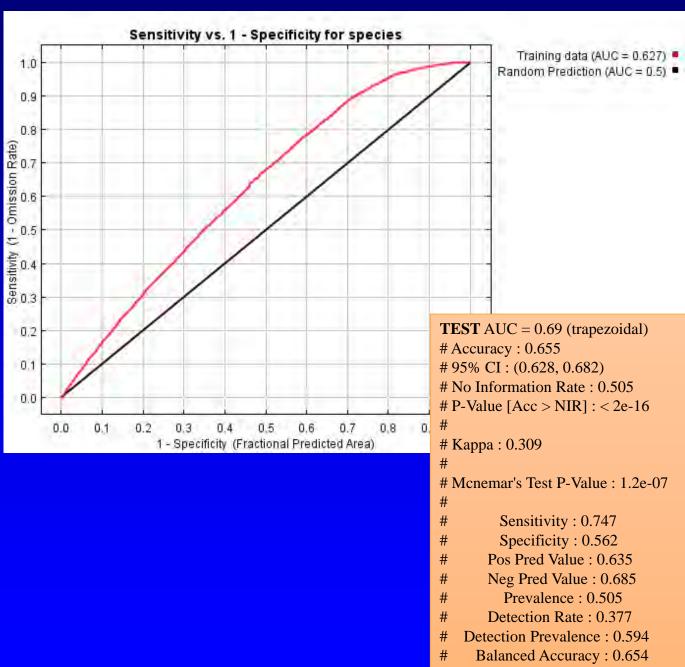
Occurrence and Encounter Probability based on abiotic and biotic factors from Bio-Oracle



- 1) higher probability in the NWPO compared to NEPO
- 2) increased probability of occurrence along the trenches

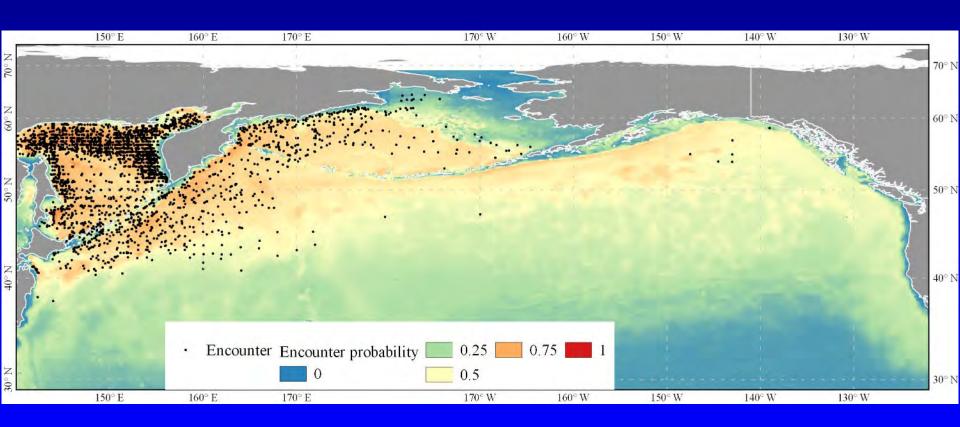
Gonatus madokai





Gonatus madokai

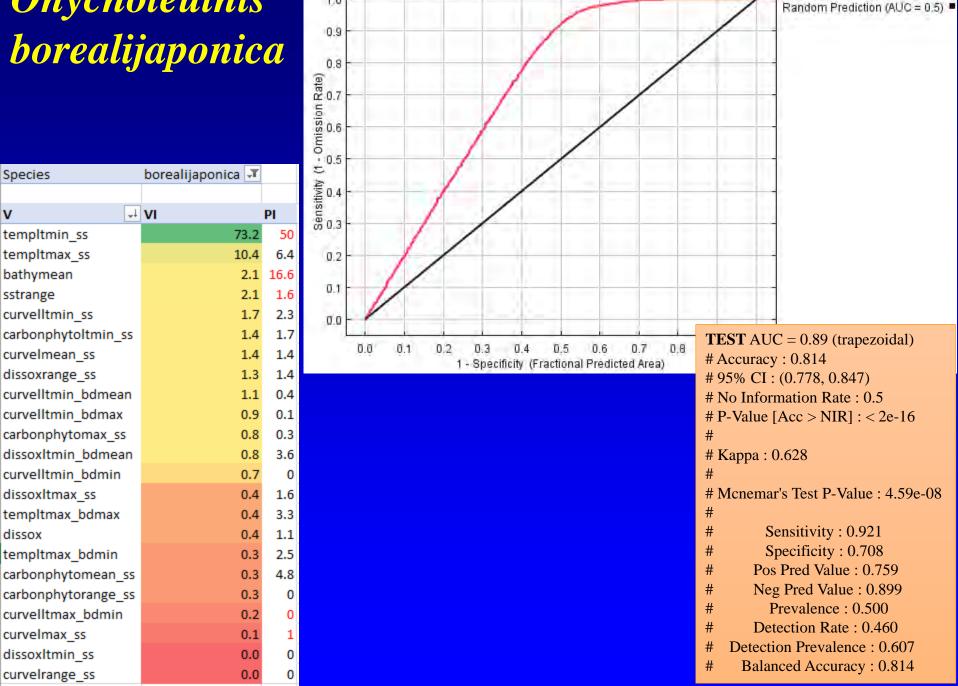
Occurrence and Encounter Probability based on abiotic and biotic factors from Bio-Oracle



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Onychoteuthis borealijaponica

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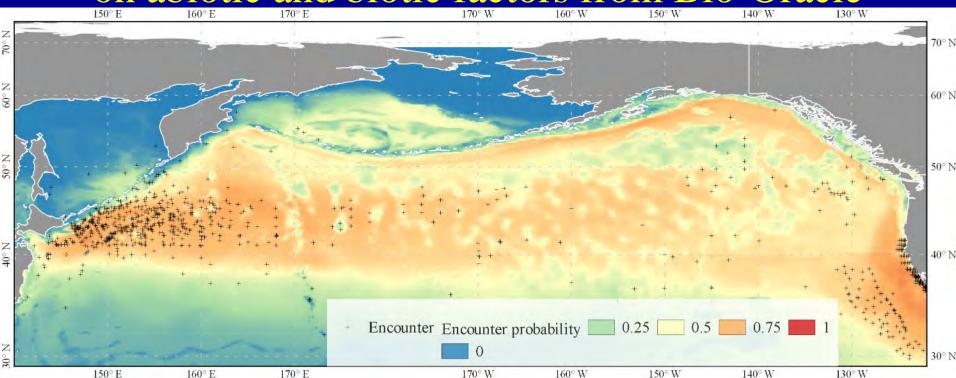


Sensitivity vs. 1 - Specificity for species

Training data (AUC = 0.737)

Onychoteuthis borealijaponica

Occurrence and Encounter Probability based on abiotic and biotic factors from Bio-Oracle



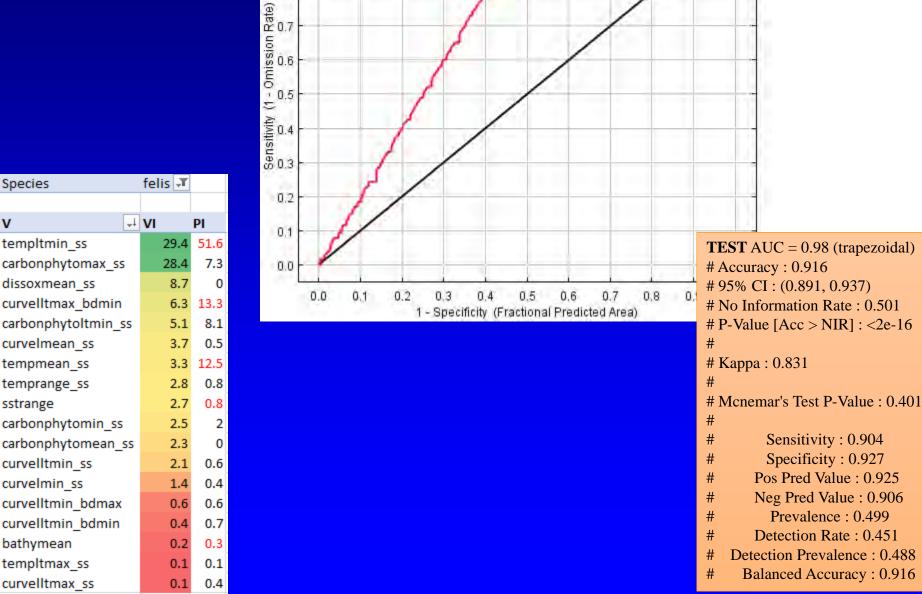
- 1) almost 0 probability of occurrence in the upper boreal regions
 - 2) patchy distribution in offshore areas

Abraliopsis felis

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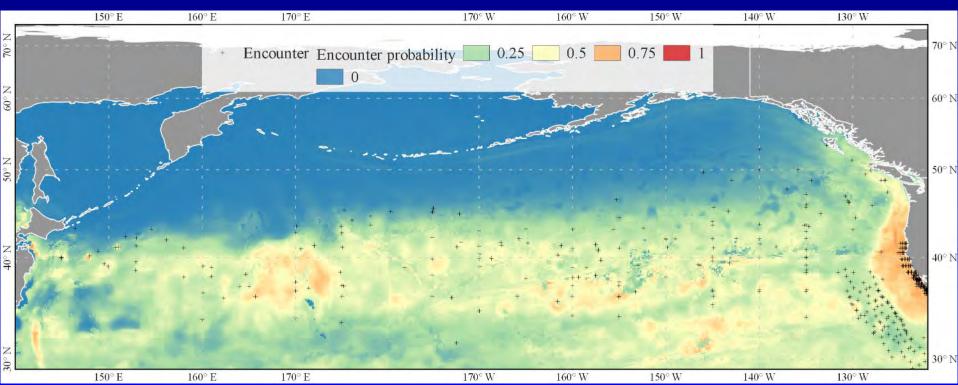
Sensitivity vs. 1 - Specificity for species

Training data (AUC = 0.738)

Random Prediction (AUC = 0.5) .

Abraliopsis felis

Occurrence and Encounter Probability based on abiotic and biotic factors from Bio-Oracle



- 1) higher probability of occurrence in the subtropical belt
 - 2) patchy (uneven) pattern

General observations on potential distribution patterns in the NPO for pelagic squid that have been encountered in the GoA 2019 spring survey

- specific habitat suitability patterns were constructed using MaxEnt for pelagic squid based on known species long-term occurrence in the NPO (TINRO database and GBIF) and Bio-Oracle layers
- from 17 to 30 abiotic and biotic variables per species were selected using PI (permutaion importance) and VC (variable contribution) to produce statistically robust (with AUC>0.65) distribution profiles for 6 species of pelagic squid
- the constructed potential distribution maps suggested that 4 species of the family Gonatidae (*Okutania anonycha, Boreoteuthis borealis, Gonatus onyx* and *G.madokai*) were associated basically with high latitude boreal (cold water) areas in the NPO, whereas the Enoploteuthid species (*Abraliopsis felis*) was associated mainly with lower latitude subtropical areas, and the Onychoteuthid species (*Onychoteuthis borealijaponica*) showed wide occurrence from subtropical through transitional and up to boreal waters
- specific spatial distribution differences were revealed for the Gonatid squid:
- (1) Okutania anonycha, Boreoteuthis borealis and Gonatus onyx showed up as wideboreal trans-pacific species, whereas Gonatus madokai showed clear tendency to be distributed mainly in the northwestern NPO
- (2) Okutania anonycha habitat appeared as mainly broadly oceanic offshore, whereas that of Boreoteuthis borealis more associated with higher latitude areas, and Gonatus onyx tended to be related to deep-sea trenches

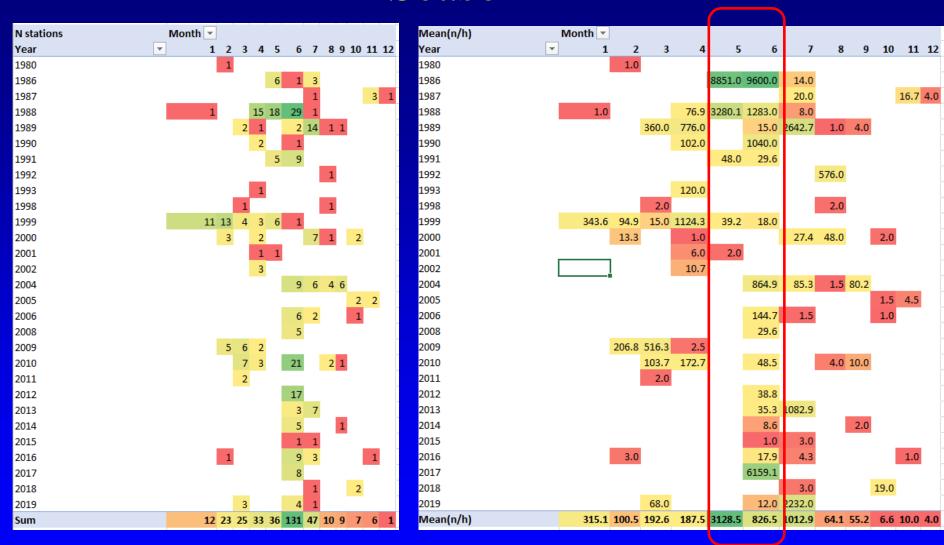
How does the information collected in the GoA 2019 cruise reflect the known (database) and revealed (modeled) patterns of distribution of pelagic squid?

- 5 out of 6 species that have been encountered in the GoA 2019 cruise well fit into the known and modeled distribution patterns:
- Boreoteuthis borealis and Onychoteuthis borealijaponica appeared as common species in the research area, GoA observations on those species well fit their known and potential distribution patterns;
- Gonatus onyx and G. madokai were much less frequently occurring than the first two, which was less expected for G.onyx, than for G.madokai;
- Abraliopsis felis were observed mainly to the south-west of the research area, which was also in line with the species distribution patterns
- ONE species, the smallfin gonate squid *Okutania anonycha* (=*Berryteuthis anonychus*), which was supposed to be highly abundant in the research area, occurred only in fish stomachs in the GoA 2019 spring survey !!! Several reasons for that can be considered...

Possible reasons for the absence of Okutania anonycha in the upper-epipelagic trawl catches in GoA in 2019 early spring survey

- False negative occurrence due to wrong season for research
- False negative occurrence due to wrong water layer studied (too shallow)

Season



- all-year-round occurrence
- maximum occurrence April-July
 - peak density in May-June

Depth

n > 0			
Depth of trawl	n/h	kg/h	n stations
000-050	829		217
051-100	2682		31
101-200	468		27
201-300	30		16
301-400	58		22
401-500	454		15
501-600	400		1
601-700	2		1
701-800	15		7
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n > 0 AND kg > 0	n/h	kg/h	n stations
000-050	843	31.355	213
051-100	2865	37.537	29
101-200	524	7.485	24
201-300	29	0.613	15
301-400	58	2.783	22
401-500	518	8.034	13
501-600	400	34.180	1
601-700	2	0.012	1
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- uneven depth occurrence
- maximum density at 50-100 m
 - second peak at 400-600 m

Cephalopods

- Love them
- Catch them
- Eat them
- Study them they are key components in pelagic marine ecosystems!!!



Thank you!