

Observations from the VIMS Dredge Surveys

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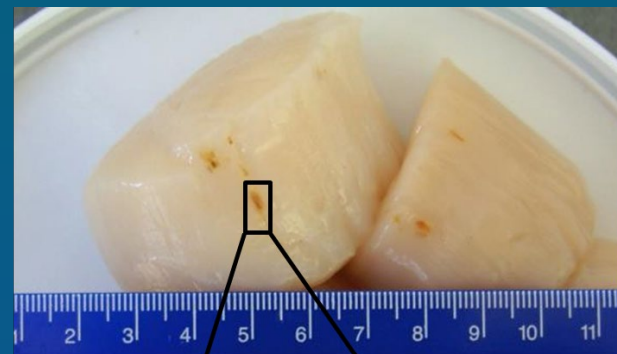
August 27-28, 2025



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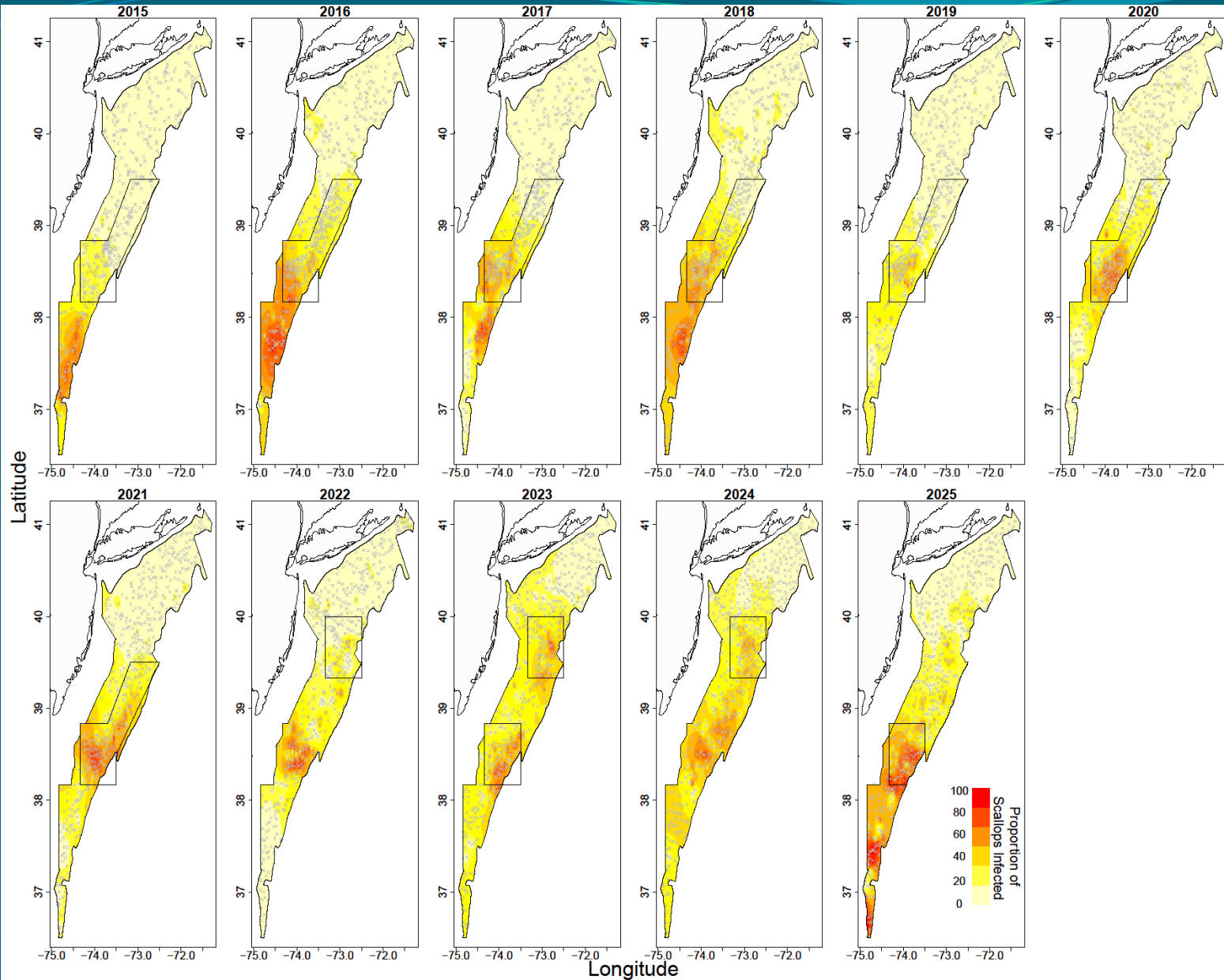
Disease Observations

- All scallops evaluated for SHMW workups are also assessed for several diseases
- Nematode Infections
 - Gross observation of nematode lesions
 - Intensity - Mean number of lesions per scallops given a scallop was infected
 - Prevalence – Percent of infected scallops/sample (prevalence)
- Information used to document spatial distribution of nematode infected scallops for 11 years



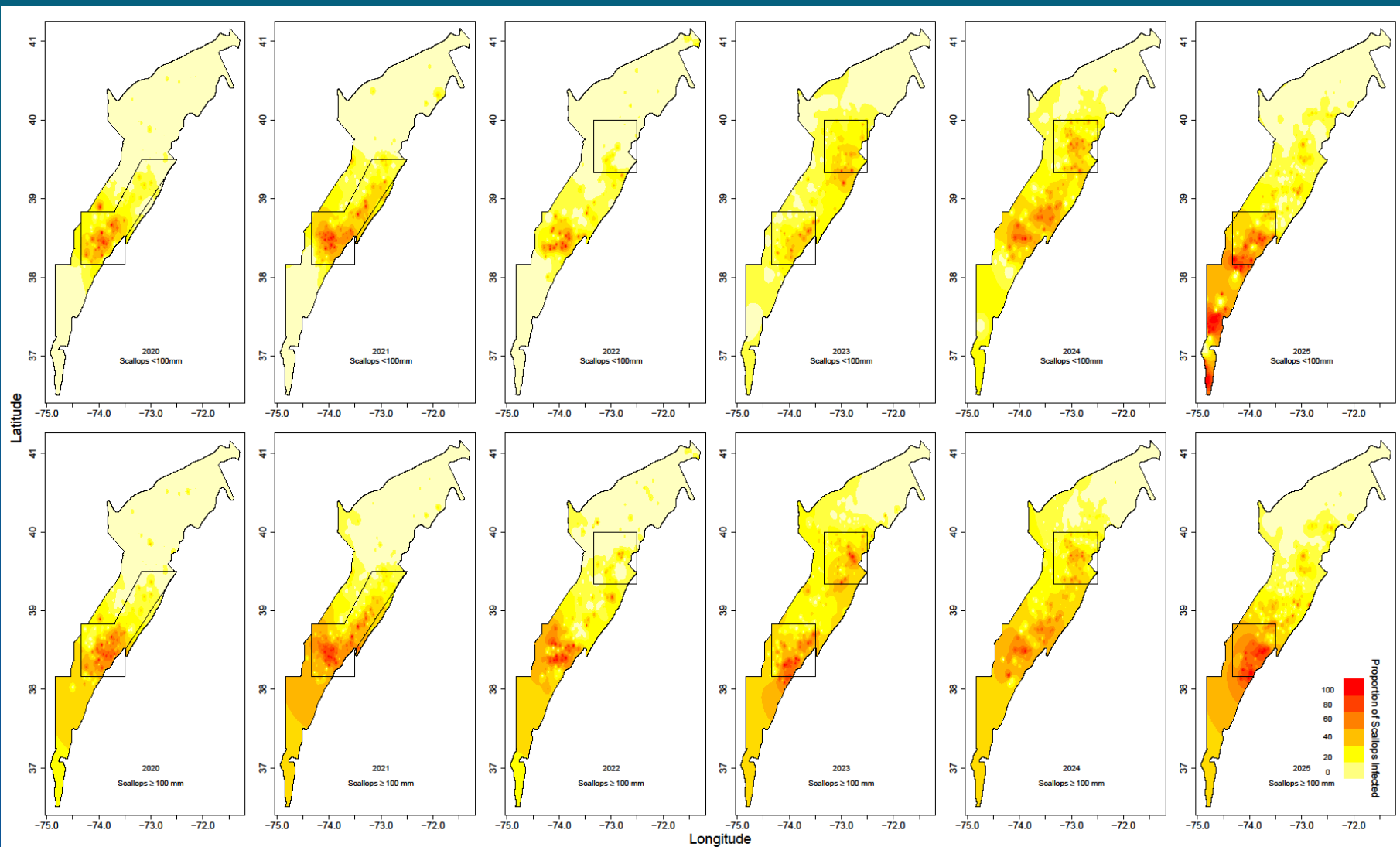
Nematode Prevalence 2015-2025

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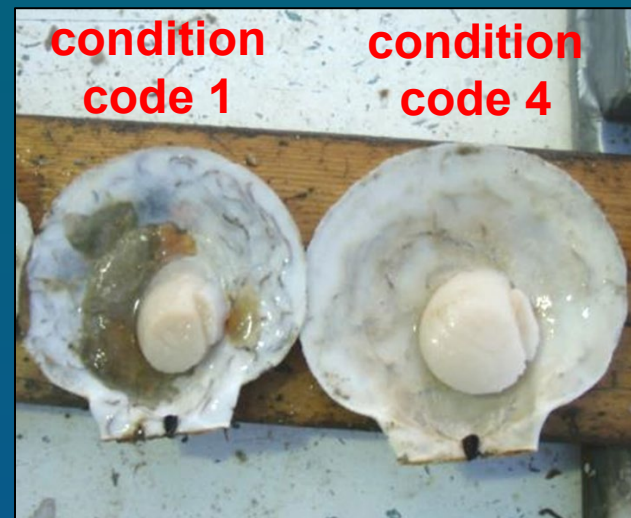
Nematode Prevalence by Size

2020 - 2025



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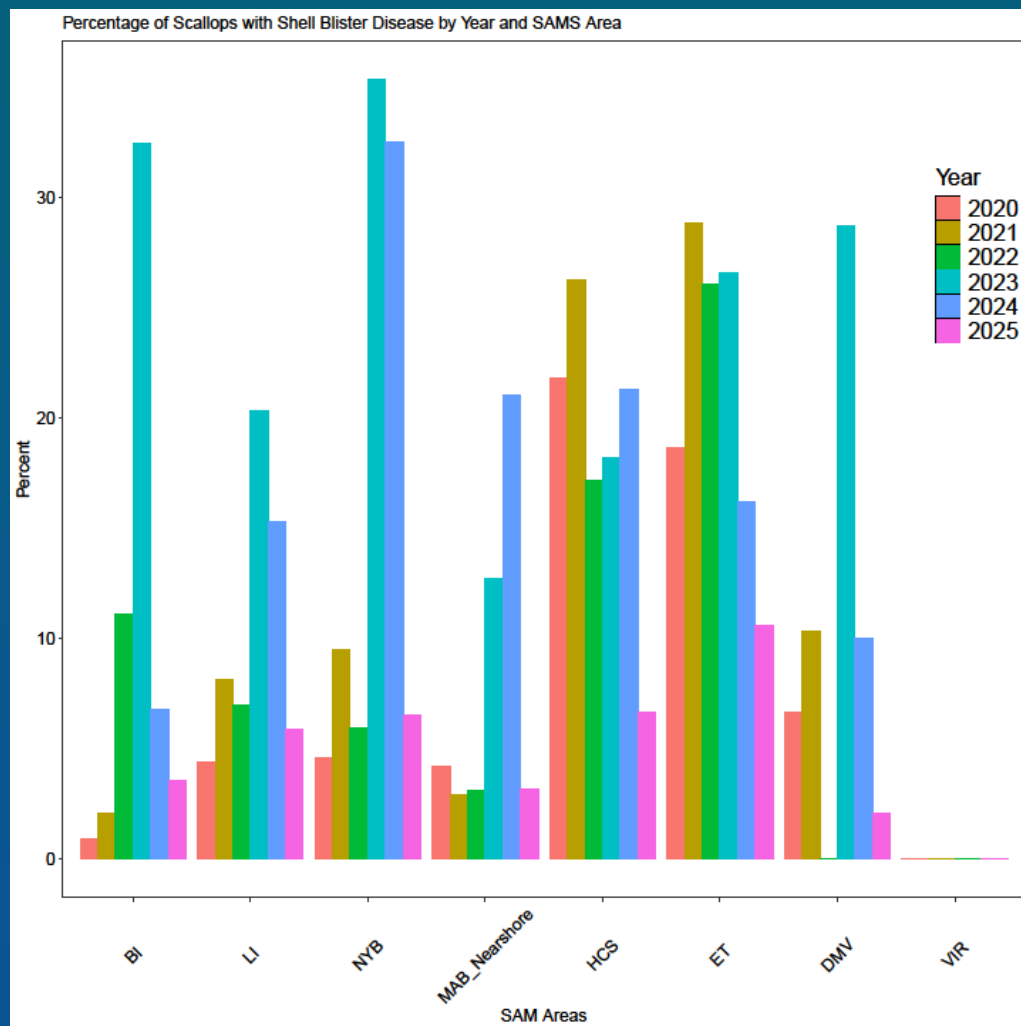
- Shell Blister
 - Shell blister condition
 - Qualitative scale used to rate condition of blister: 1 (worst) – 4 (no blister)
- Increased number of scallops observed in MAB with shell blister disease since 2020
- NL South scallops with shell blister disease also increased in 2021 & 2022



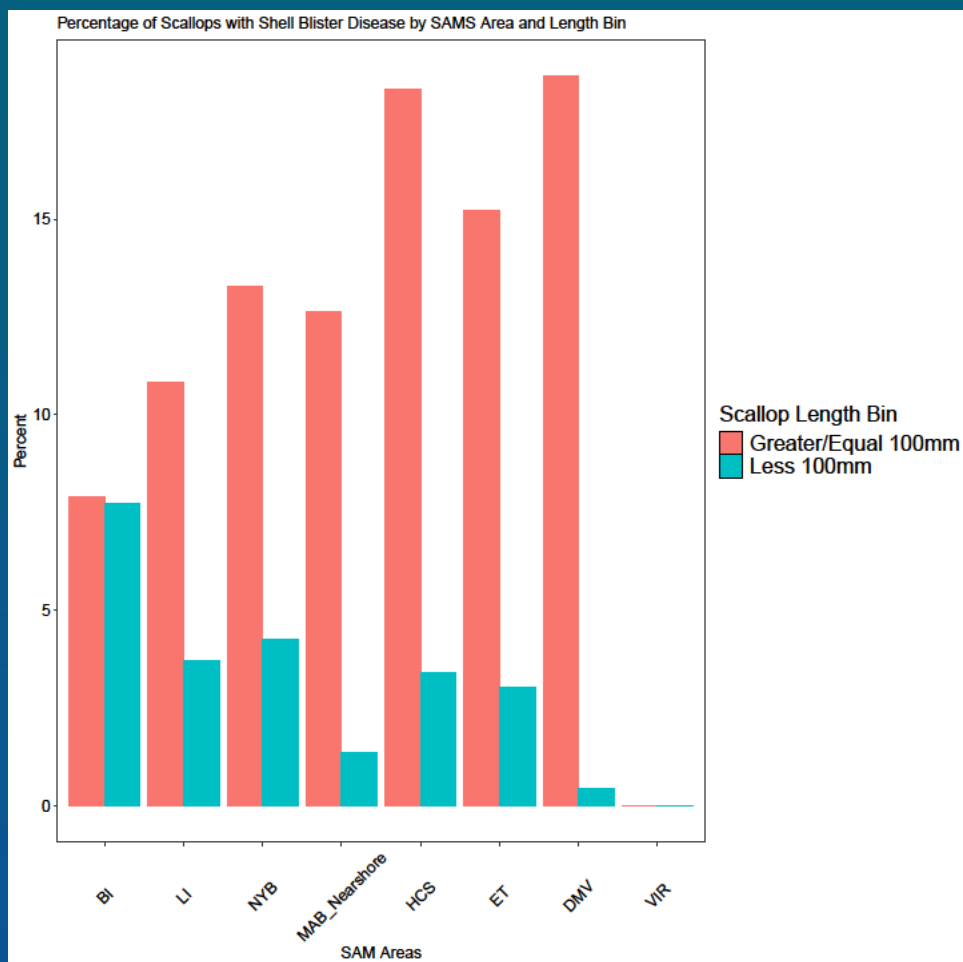
South Deep scallops April 18, 2022

Shell Blister - MAB

- Greatest number of blisters observed in 2016 – 2018 and again in 2020 – 2023
- Overall decline across all SAMS Areas in 2025
- Highest percentage of shell blister has been observed in the ET & HCS

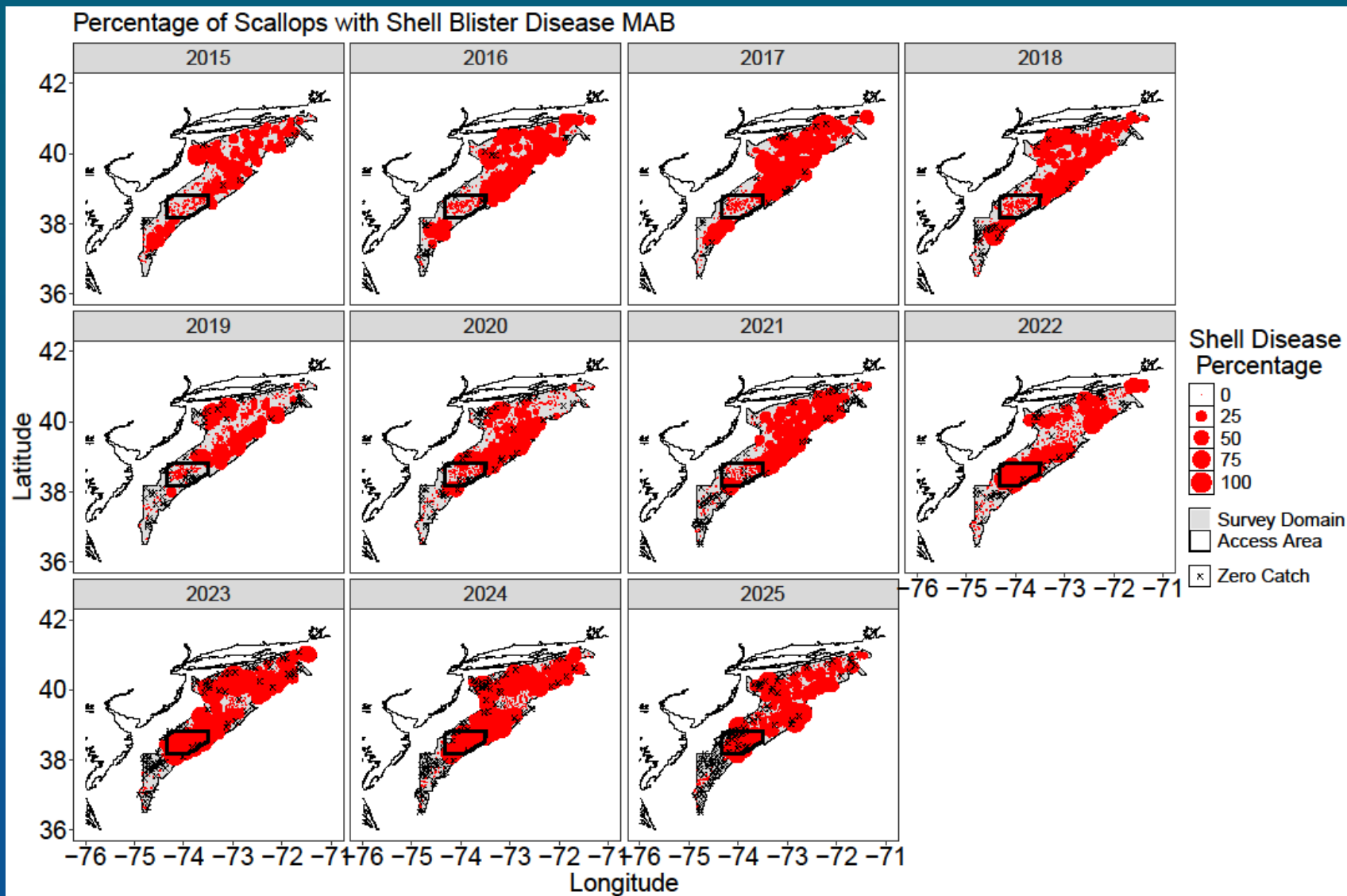


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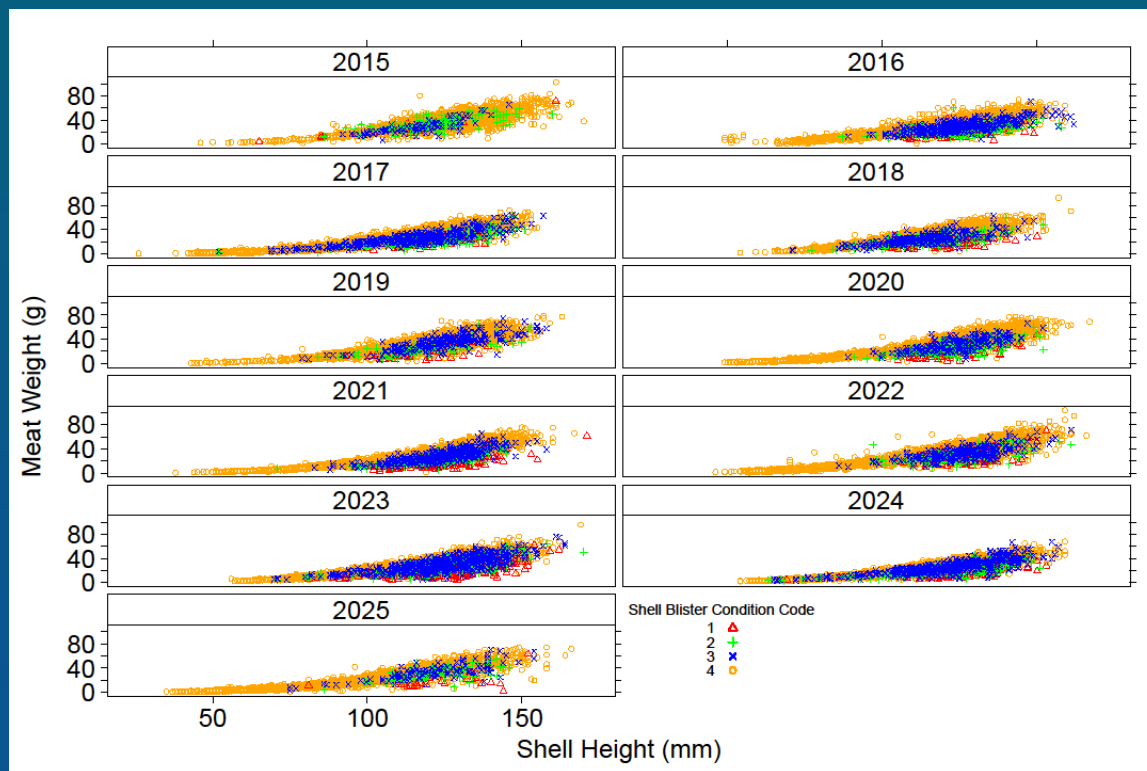
- Shell blister not observed as frequently in scallops less than 100 mm
- Trend is similar since 2023

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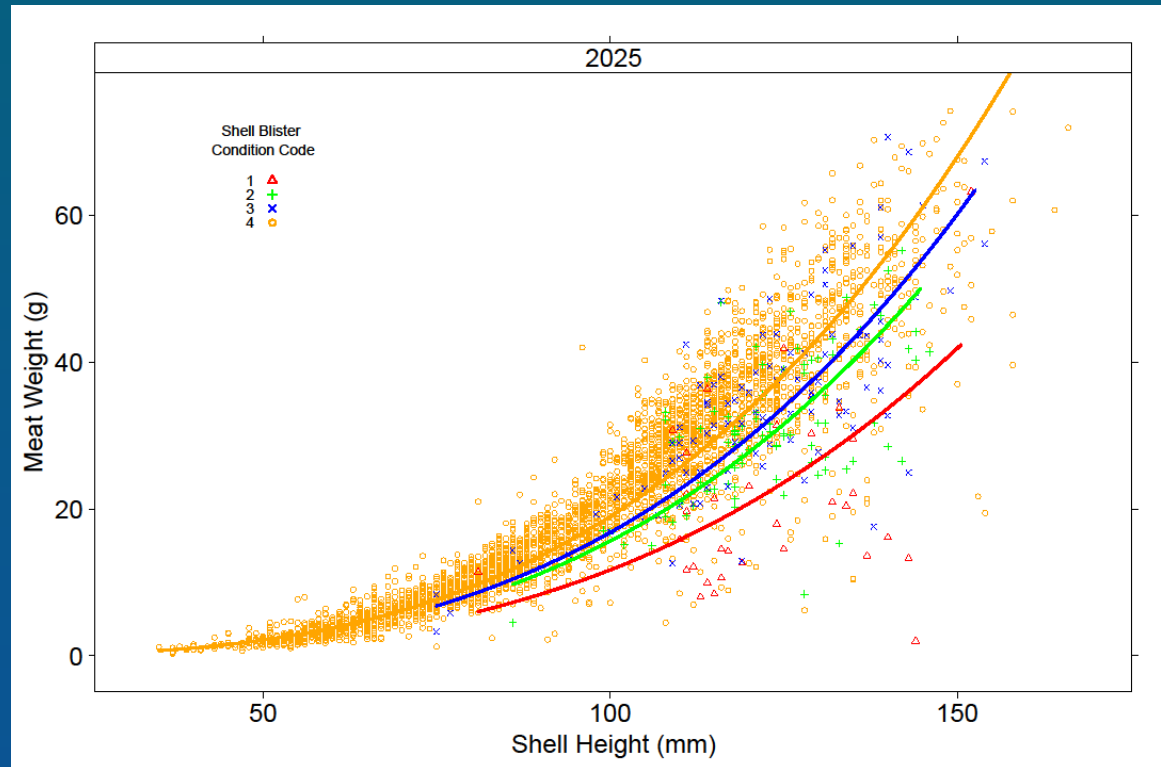
Shell Blister - MAB

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- As blister severity increases meat becomes stringy & discolored
- SHMW relationship is lower than expectation
- Preferred SHMW models in MAB since 2020 have an interaction of latitude & disease condition



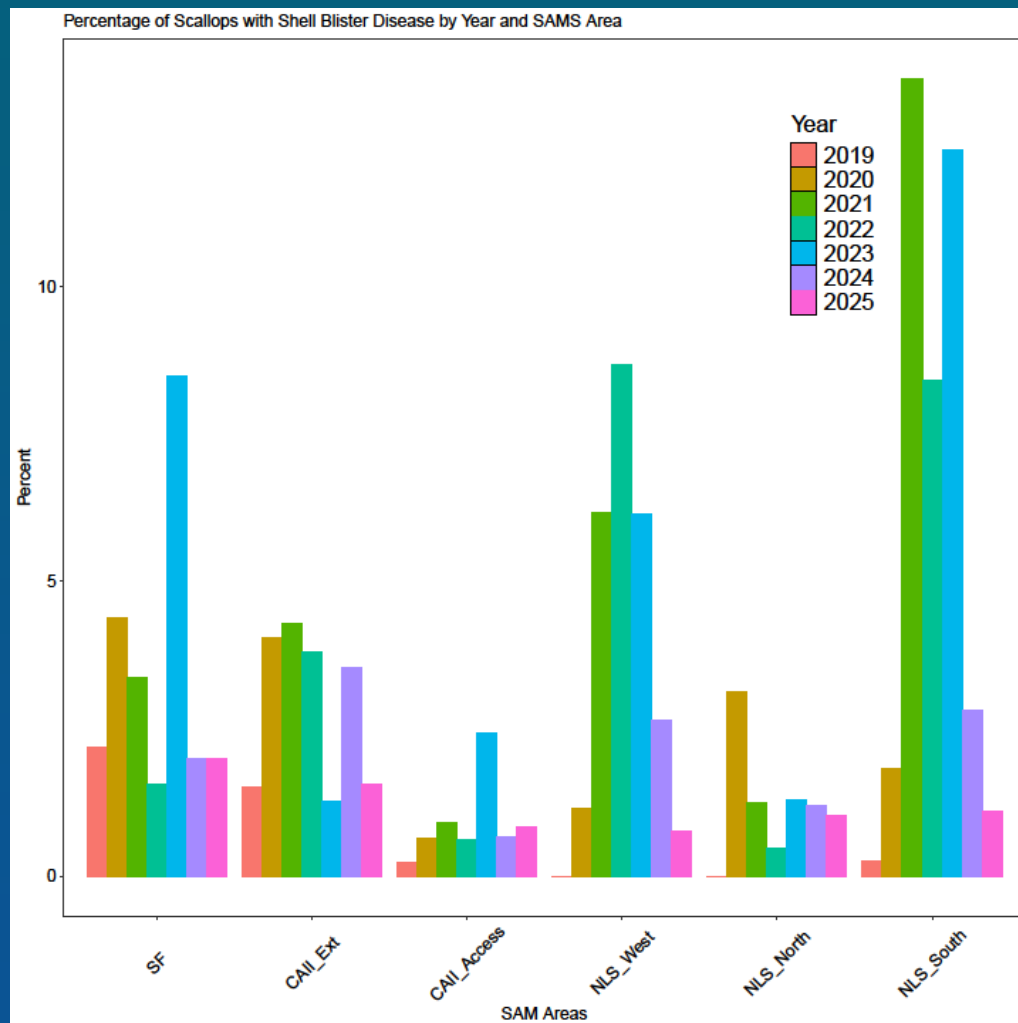
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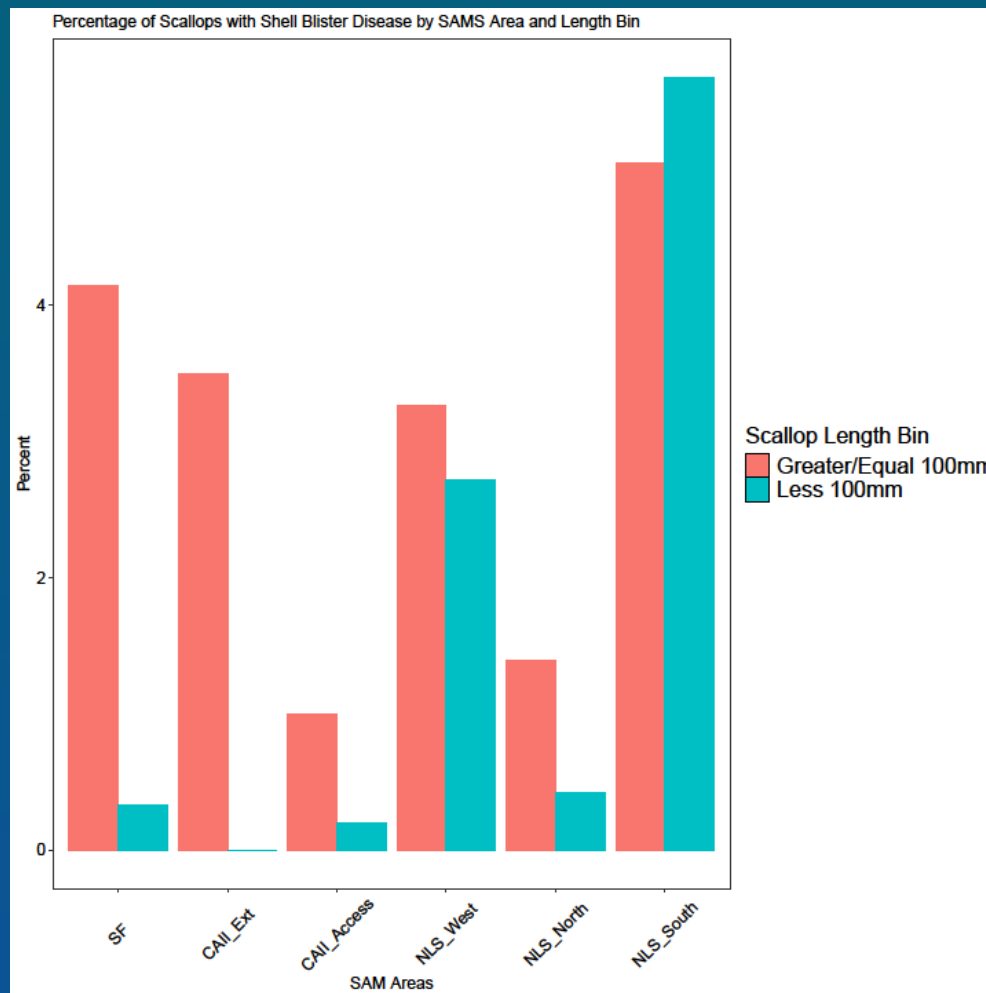


Shell Blister - GB

- High percentage of shell blister disease in NLS_West & NLS_South
- No consistent trend across SAMS Areas



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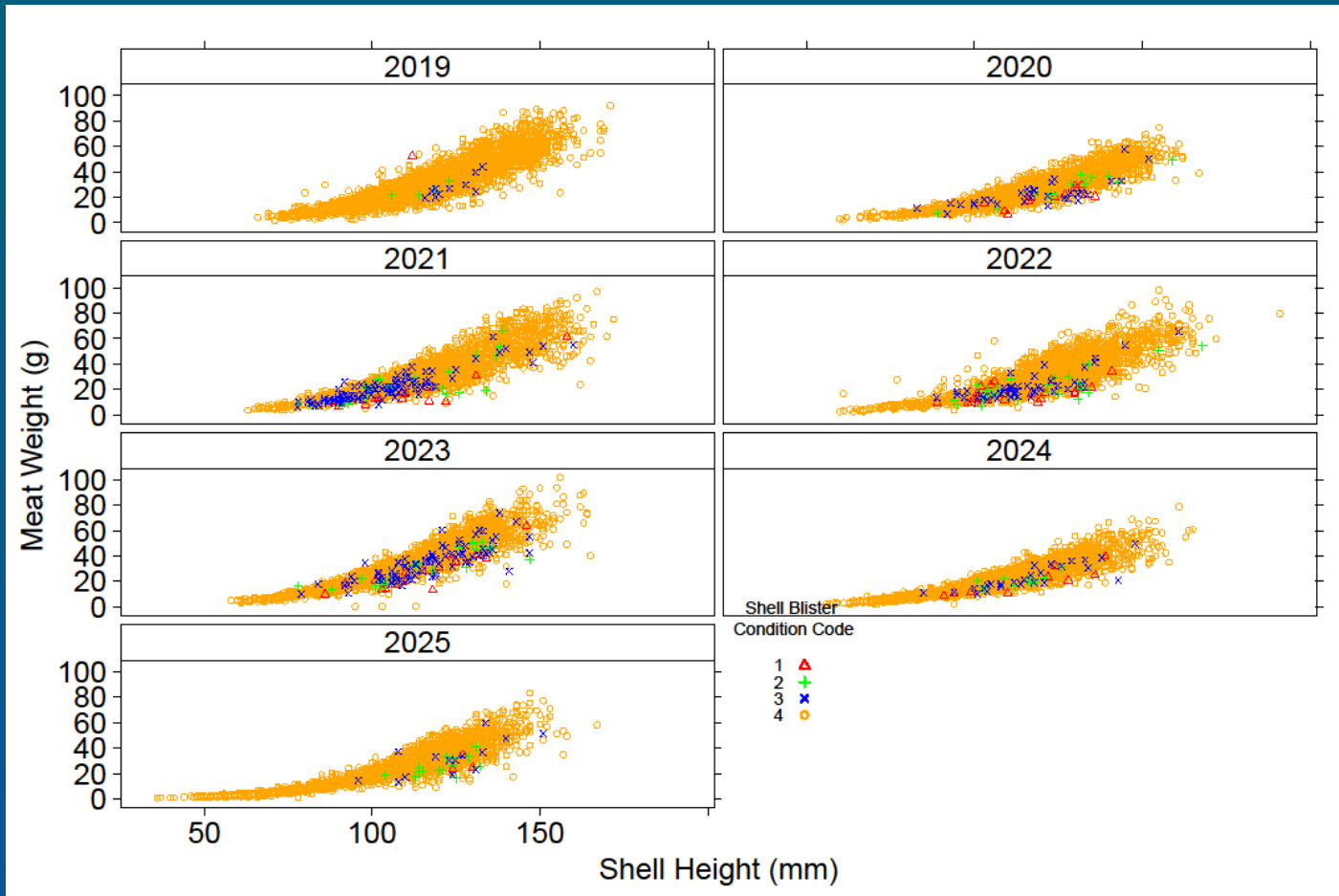


- Not as clear of a signal on GB
- Similar results since 2023

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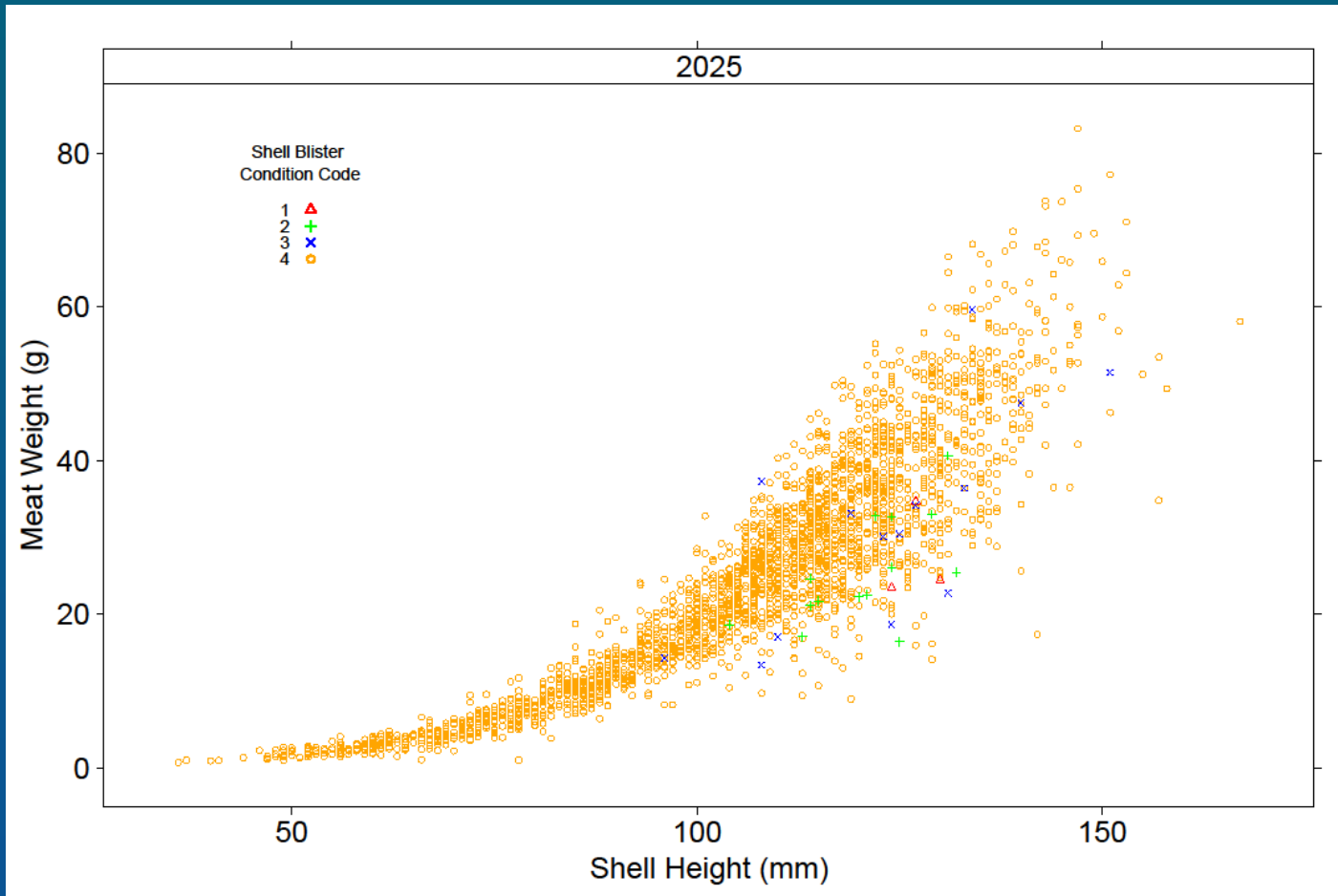


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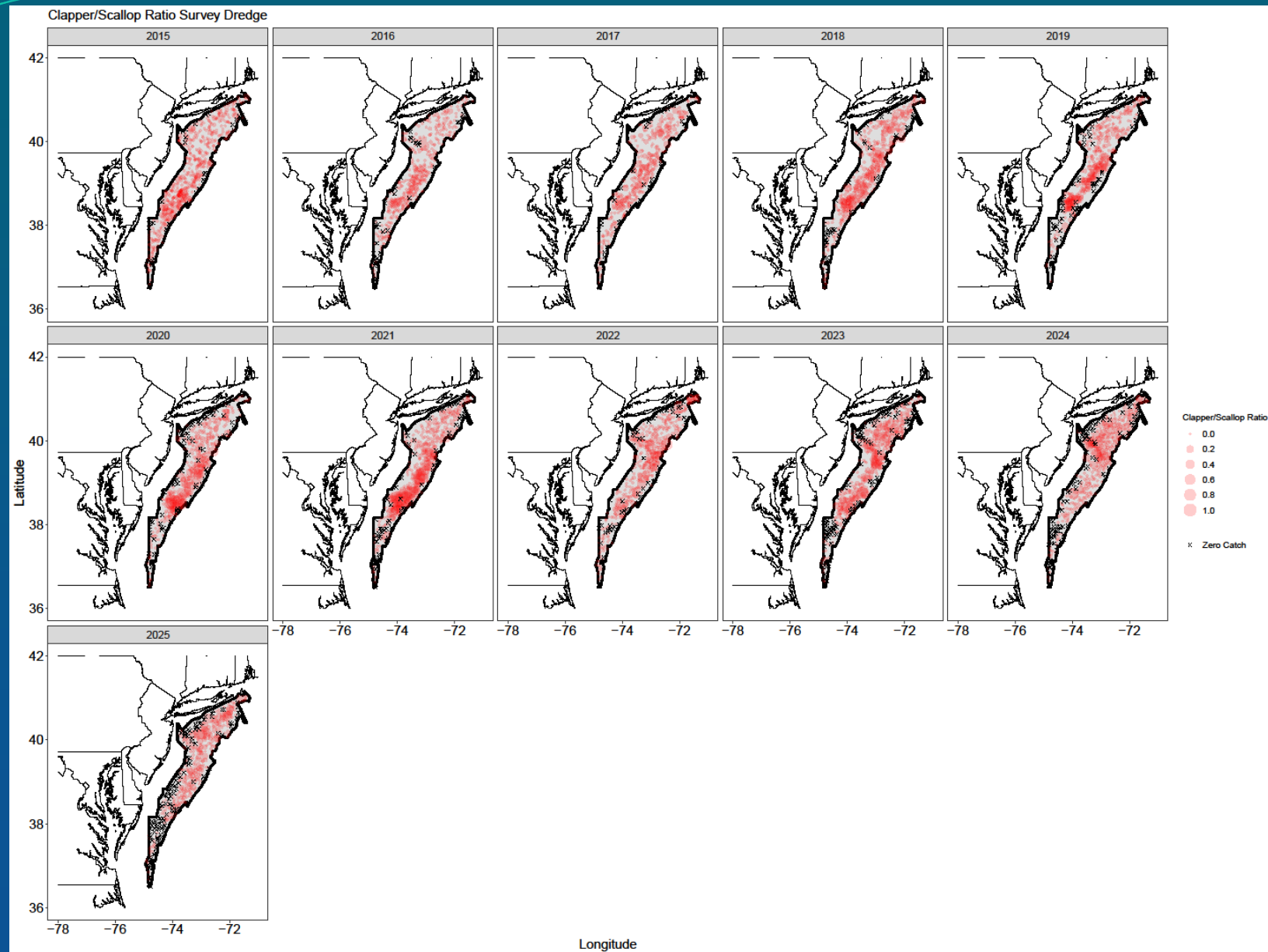
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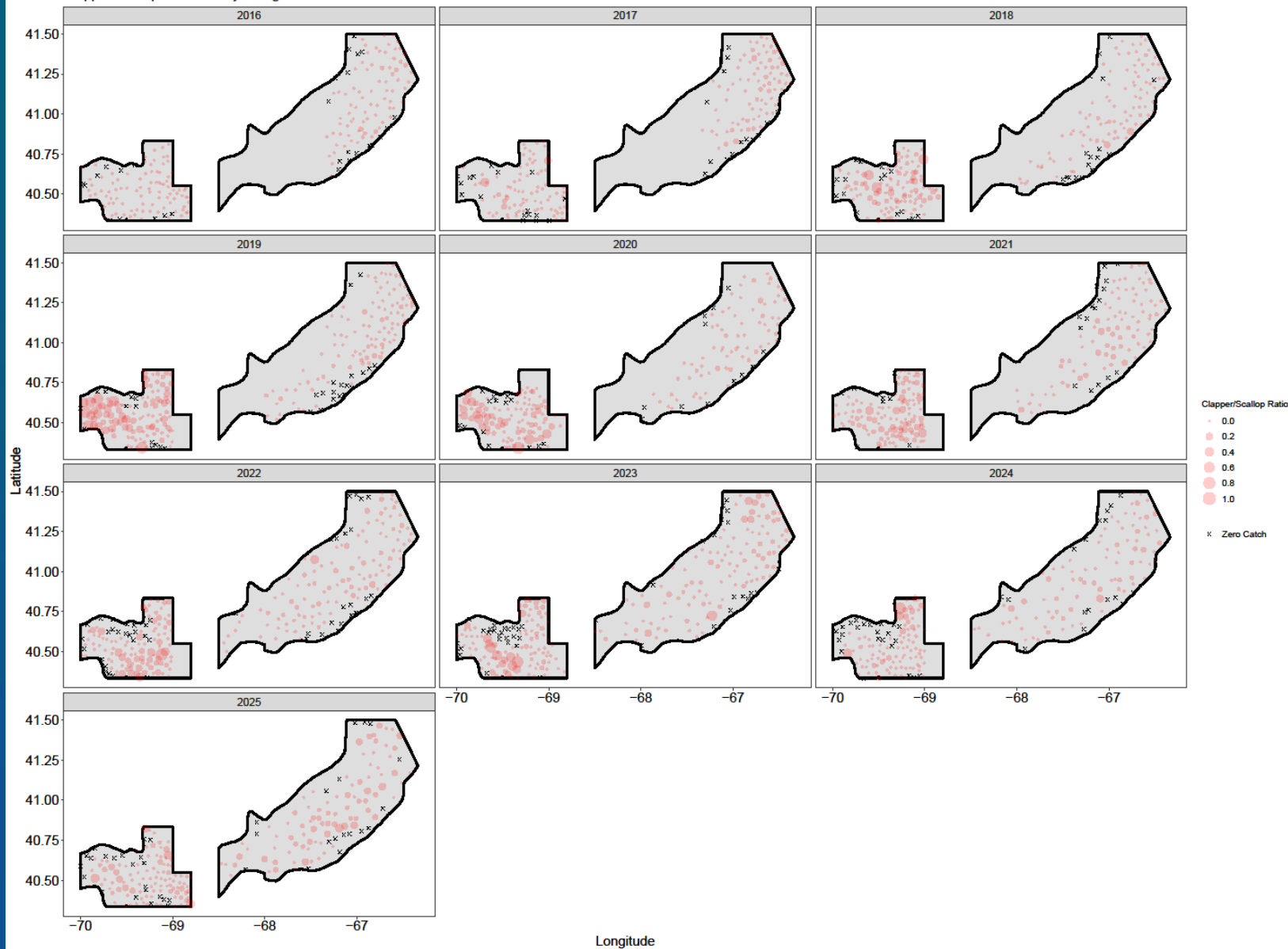
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MAB Clappers



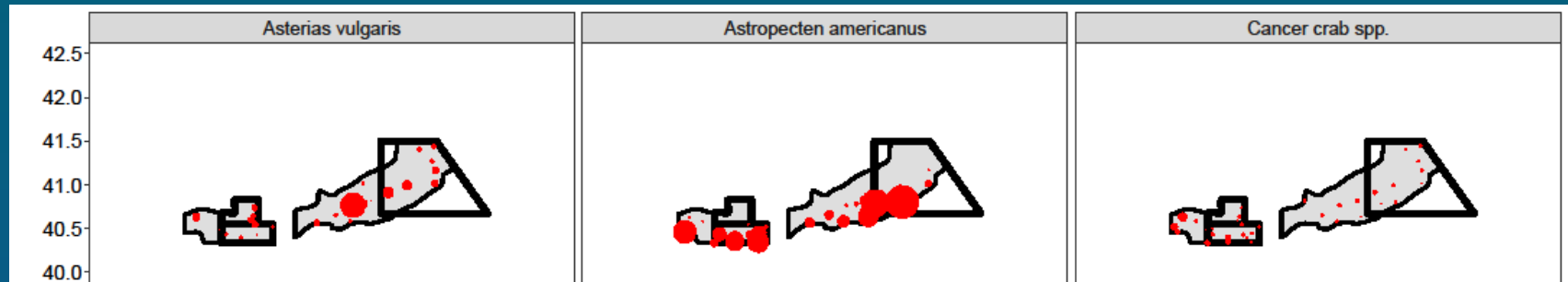
GB Clappers

Clapper/Scallop Ratio Survey Dredge

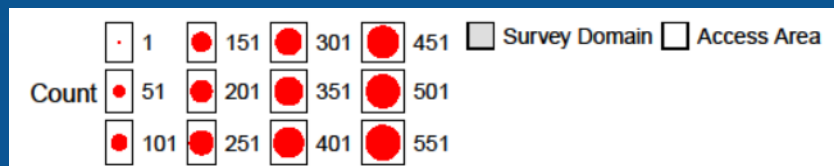
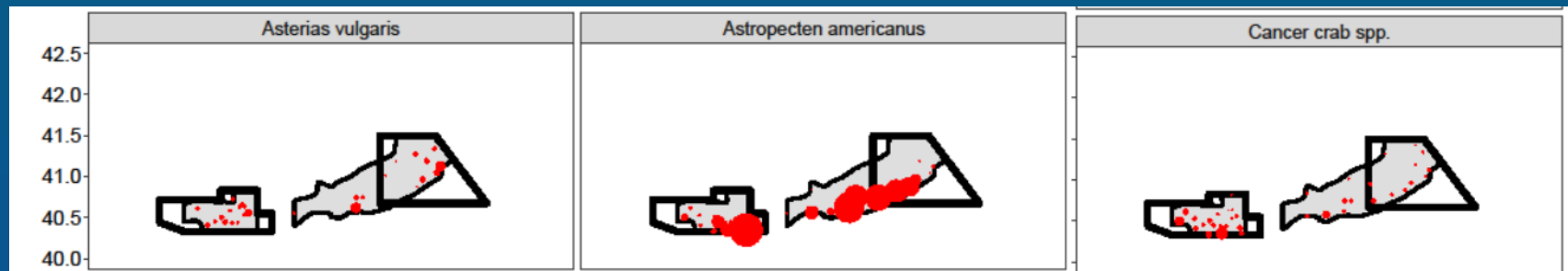


GB Predators

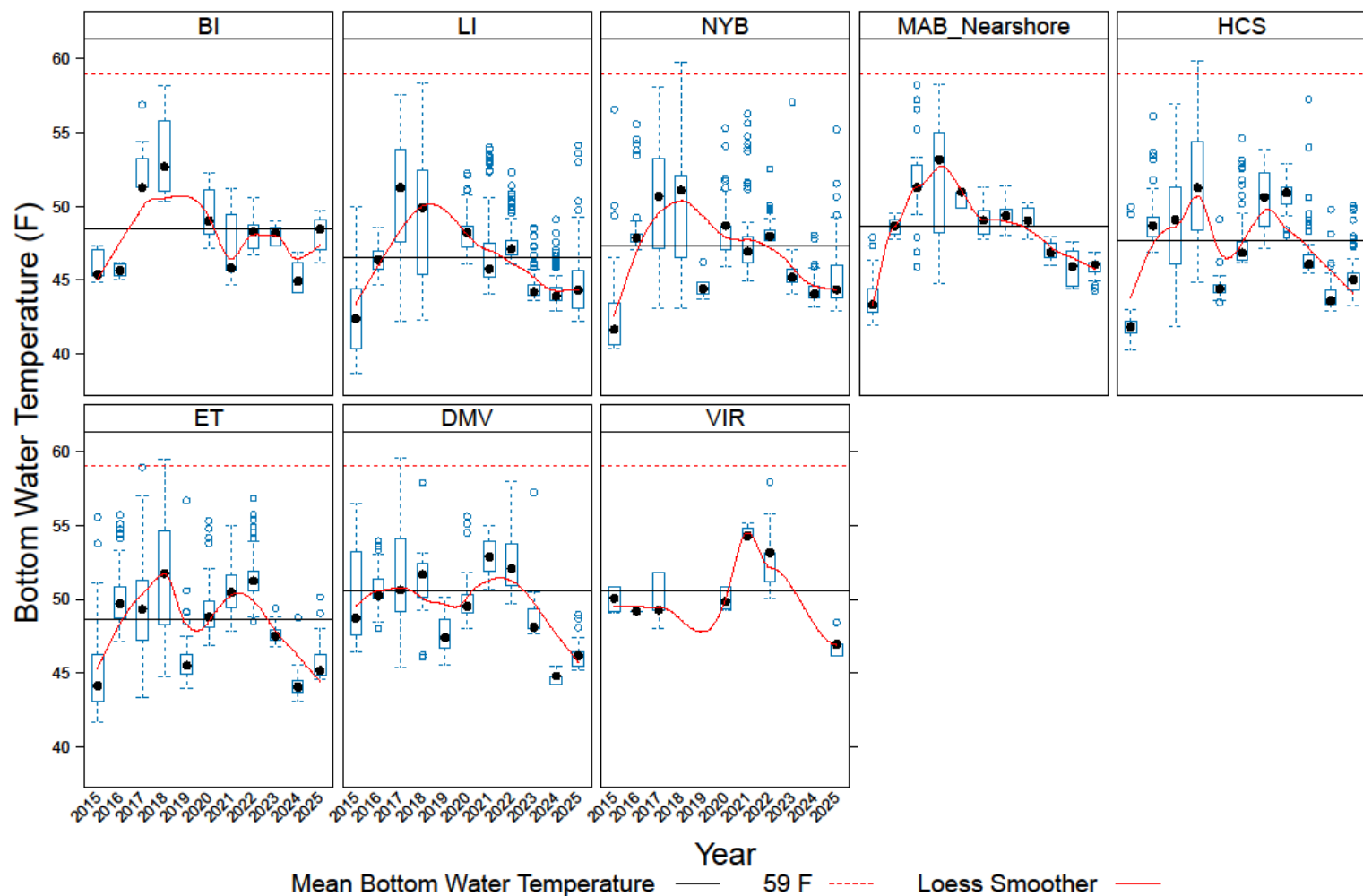
2025



2024



MAB Bottom Water Temperature



GB Bottom Water Temperature

