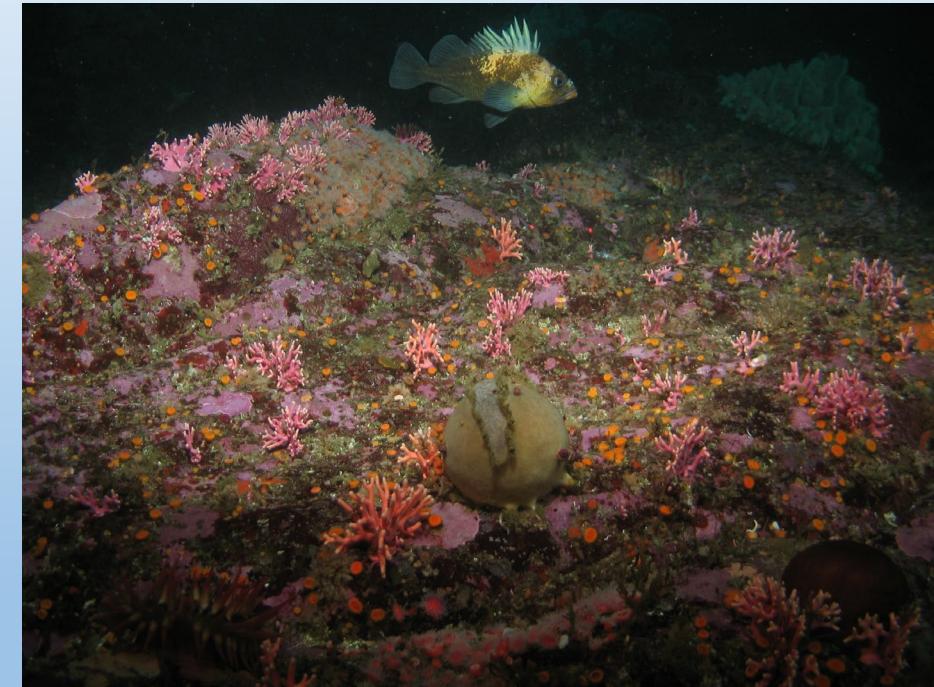


Transect Level ROV Index of Abundance for Quillback Rockfish

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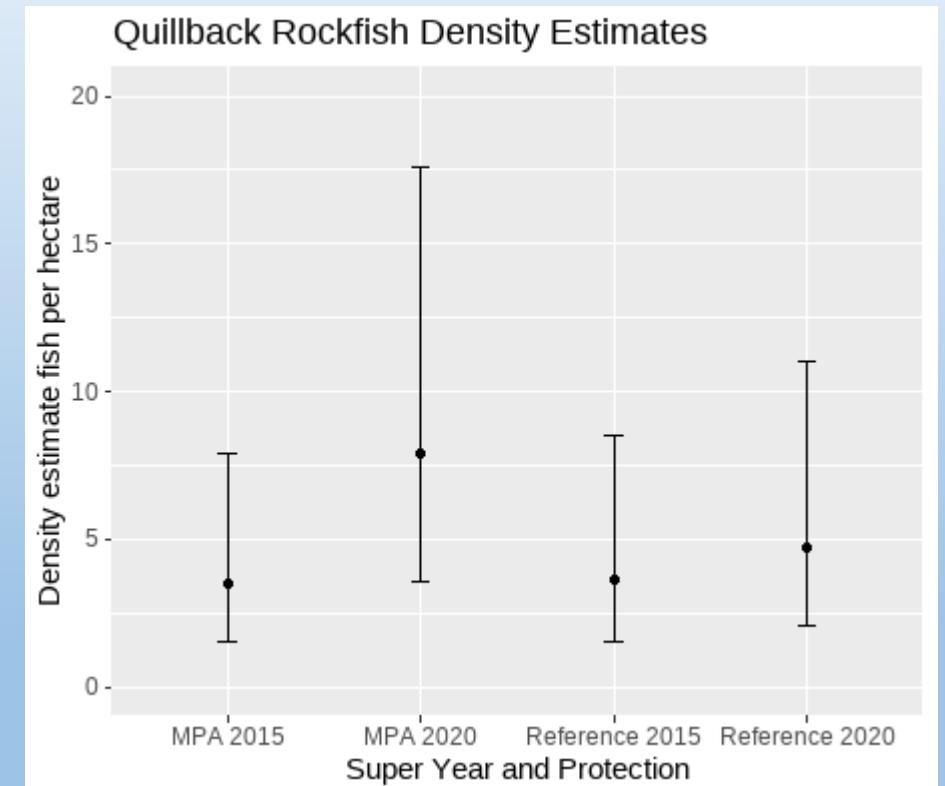
Overview

- Methodology review requested transect level index.
 - Random Site effect selected sites are among many potential sites and sampling proceeds on a randomized basis within a site.
 - Fixed effect might have less variance.
 - Appropriate scale given 8 to 12 km scale of autocorrelation.
- Evaluated methods accounting for MPAs, through an interaction term for super year and protection status since effect of closure varies with time.
- Evaluated alternative model error distributions Negative Binomial and Poisson with random site effect.
- Many error distributions evaluated with a simpler model with same variables.
- Comparison to 10 m segment data set results.



Transect Index for Quillback Rockfish

- New data set from MARE in SQL server can extract multiple resolutions 1 second microframes to full 500 m transect.
- Discussions with NMFS in 2022 for the Copper Rockfish Assessment, preference expressed for transect level data.
- Less resolution, but more independent than 10 m segments spatially.
- Incorporated random effect for Site variable and cross product of protection and super year in a GLMM.
- Evaluated alternative methods of accounting for closed areas.
- Habitat area weighted indices.
- Compared various distributions to the negative binomial.
- Comparison to 10 m results.



Data

- New SQL database produced by MARE
- Full 500 m transect level data set.
- Dependent Variable: Density (Fish per Square Meter)
- Independent variables: Depth, latitude, distance from port, protection status, years since protection, proportion rock, proportion soft, proportion hard, proportion mixed, proportion hard/mixed.
- Differences with protection status and Super Year examined in generating indices.

Super Year	Transects
2014-2016	390
2019-2021	545
Grand Total	935

Super Year	Quillback Rockfish
2014-2016	428
2019-2021	932
Grand Total	1360

Super Year	Usable Distance Observed (m)
2014-2016	198324
2019-2021	257079
Grand Total	455403

Data Filtering Steps

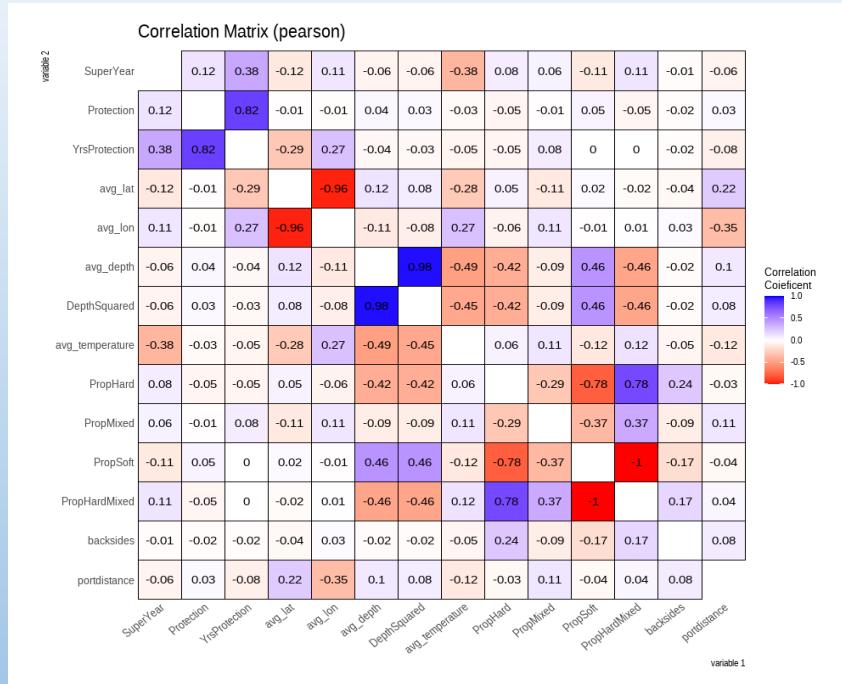
- Removed samples before 2013 to focus on 2015 (2014-2015) and 2020 (2019-2021) Super Years
- Removed sites without data to represent it in both super years
- Removed sites south of Point Conception
- Removed sites deeper than 110 m
- MARE pre filters outliers



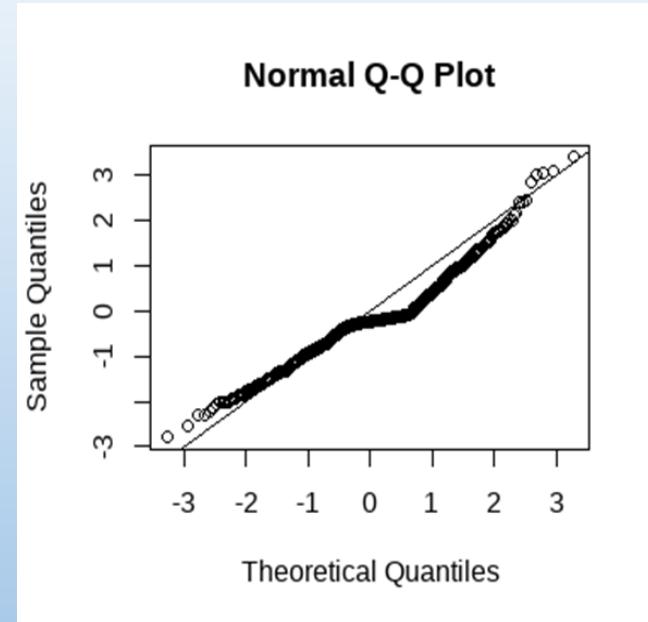
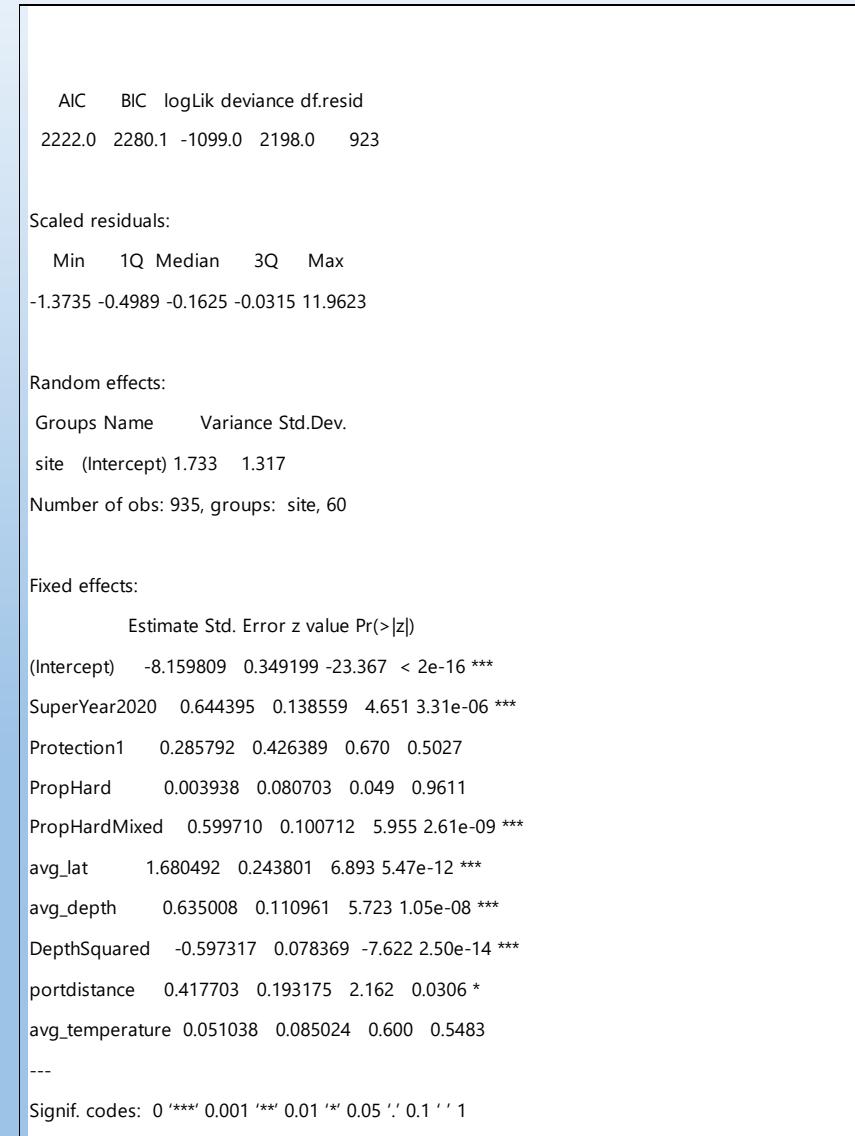
Model Overview

- The log of seafloor area observed included as an “offset” as the denominator of density in the dependent variable (fish/square meter)
 - Site level variable random effect
 - Generalized linear mixed model (GLMM) fit by maximum likelihood
 - Negative binomial error distribution with log link
 - Continuous variables were scaled prior to analysis by centering on the mean and dividing by the standard deviation
 - Different scales more comparable
 - Facilitates estimation of index values
 - Means and confidence intervals back calculated assuming all other covariates are at the mean value
 - Model Selection Criteria
 - Significance of Correlation
 - AIC
 - Deviance
 - QQ Plot
 - Dispersion
- Quillback.Rockfish ~ (1 | site) + SuperYear * Protection + PropHardMixed + avg_lat + avg_depth + DepthSquared, data = sc.dat, offset = log(usable_area_fish)
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- | | Estimate | Std. Error | z value | Pr(> z) |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| (Intercept) | -7.73411 | 0.38969 | -19.847 | < 2e-16 *** |
| SuperYear2020 | 0.29067 | 0.10672 | 2.724 | 0.006455 ** |
| Protection1 | -0.09709 | 0.51964 | -0.187 | 0.851785 |
| PropHardMixed | 0.19075 | 0.03692 | 5.166 | 2.39e-07 *** |
| avg_lat | 1.87562 | 0.29183 | 6.427 | 1.30e-10 *** |
| DepthSquared | -0.67173 | 0.06284 | -10.690 | < 2e-16 *** |
| SuperYear2020:Protection1 | 0.54935 | 0.14170 | 3.877 | 0.000106 *** |
| Signif. codes: | 0 '****' | 0.001 '***' | 0.01 '**' | 0.05 '*' |
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2022 Model: Negative Binomial Distribution



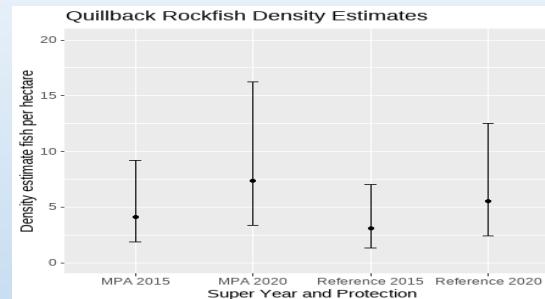
Model 1: Quillback.Rockfish ~ (1 | site) +
 SuperYear + Protection + PropHard +
 PropHardMixed + avg_lat + avg_depth +
 DepthSquared + portdistance
 + avg_temperature



Modeling Protection

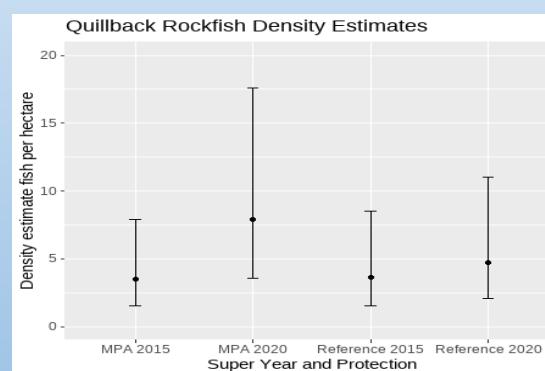
- **Variable:**

Model 2: Quillback.Rockfish ~
 $(1 | \text{site}) + \text{SuperYear} +$
 Protection + PropHardMixed +
 avg_lat + avg_depth +
 DepthSquared, data = sc.dat,
 offset = log(usable_area_fish)



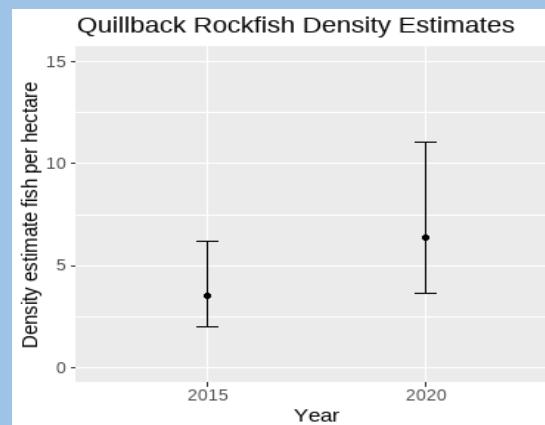
- **Interaction Term:**

Model 3: Quillback.Rockfish ~
 $(1 | \text{site}) + \text{SuperYear} *$
 Protection + PropHardMixed +
 avg_lat + avg_depth +
 DepthSquared, data = sc.dat,
 offset = log(usable_area_fish)



- **No accounting:**

Quillback.Rockfish ~ $(1 | \text{site}) +$
 SuperYear + PropHardMixed +
 avg_lat + avg_depth +
 DepthSquared, data = sc.dat,
 offset = log(usable_area_fish)



Model	2015				2020				Percent Change
	Area	Index	Weight	Index* Weight	Area	Index	Weight	Index* Weight	
2	Open	3.08	0.8	2.46	Open	5.51	0.8	4.41	79.07%
	MPA	4.13	0.2	0.83	MPA	7.39	0.2	1.48	
			Sum	3.29			Sum	5.88	
									79.07%
3	Area	Index	Weight	Index* Weight	Area	Index	Weight	Index* Weight	48.91%
	Open	3.65	0.8	2.92	Open	4.75	0.8	3.80	
	MPA	3.47	0.2	0.69	MPA	7.90	0.2	1.58	
			Sum	3.61			Sum	5.38	48.91%
4	Total	3.55		3.55		6.37		6.37	79.34%

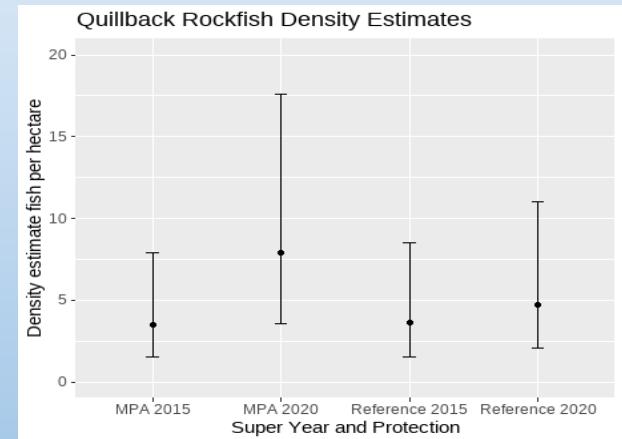
Area weighted combined index representing habitat inside (20%) and outside MPAs (80%).

Evaluation of Error Distributions

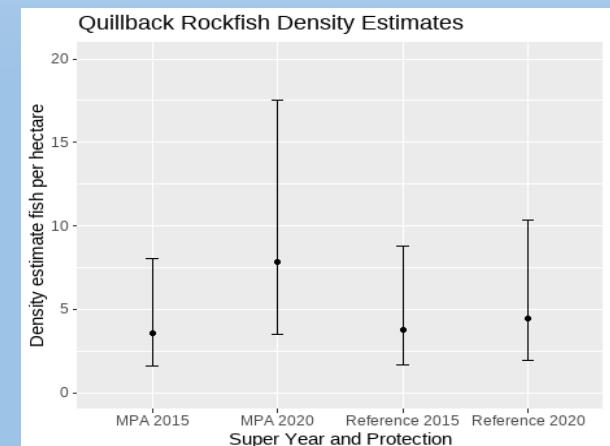
- Site level random effect
 - Negative Binomial
 - Poisson

`Quillback.Rockfish ~ (1 | site) + SuperYear * Protection + PropHardMixed + avg_lat + avg_depth + DepthSquared, Data: sc.dat, Family: poisson(log), Offset: log(usable_area_fish)`

Model	AIC	BIC	Log Likelihood	Deviance	Dispersion
Negative Binomial	2214.1	2262.5	-1101.6	2203.3	0.927
Poisson	2341.1	2384.7	-1161.6	2323.1	1.498



Model	2015				2020				Percent Change
	Area	Index	Weight	Index* Weight	Area	Index	Weight	Index*Weight	
Negative Binomial (Model 3)	Open	3.65	0.8	2.92	Open	4.75	0.8	3.80	48.91%
	MPA	3.47	0.2	0.69	MPA	7.90	0.2	1.58	
			Sum	3.61			Sum	5.38	
Poisson (Model 5)	Area	Index	Weight	Index* Weight	Area	Index	Weight	Index*Weight	37.19%
	Open	3.80	0.8	3.04	Open	4.48	0.8	3.58	
	MPA	3.57	0.2	0.71	MPA	7.85	0.2	1.57	
			Sum	3.76			Sum	5.15	

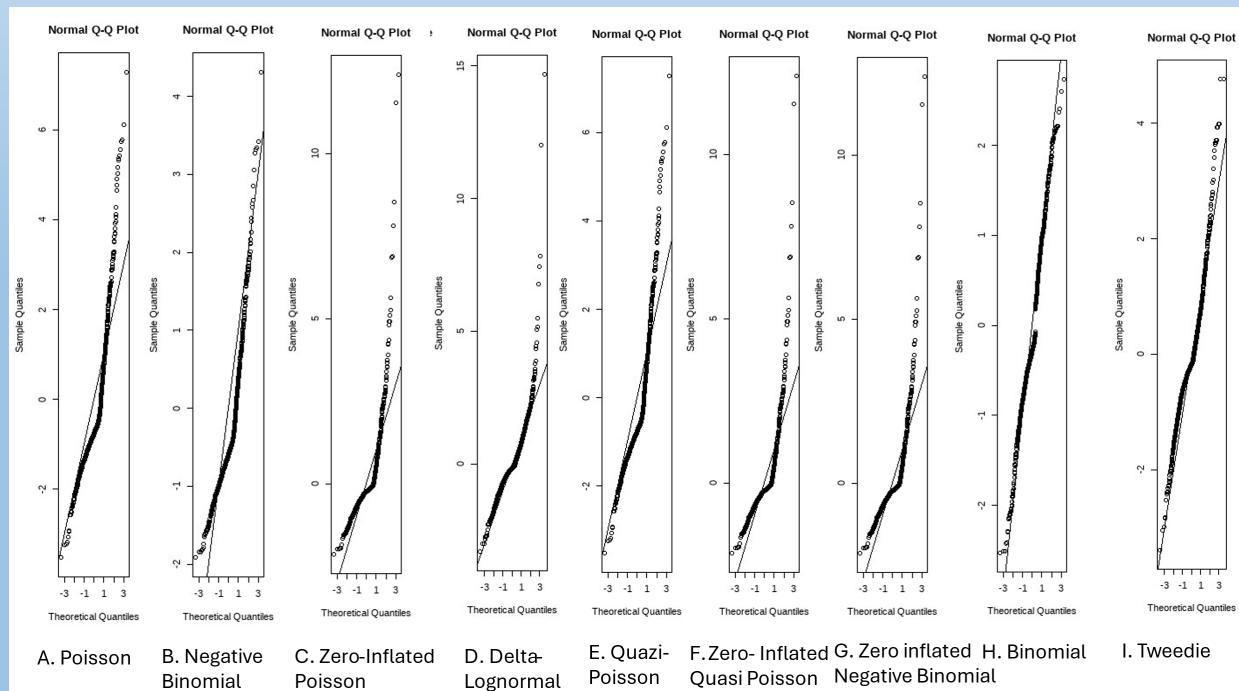


Evaluation of Distributions

- Simplified Model

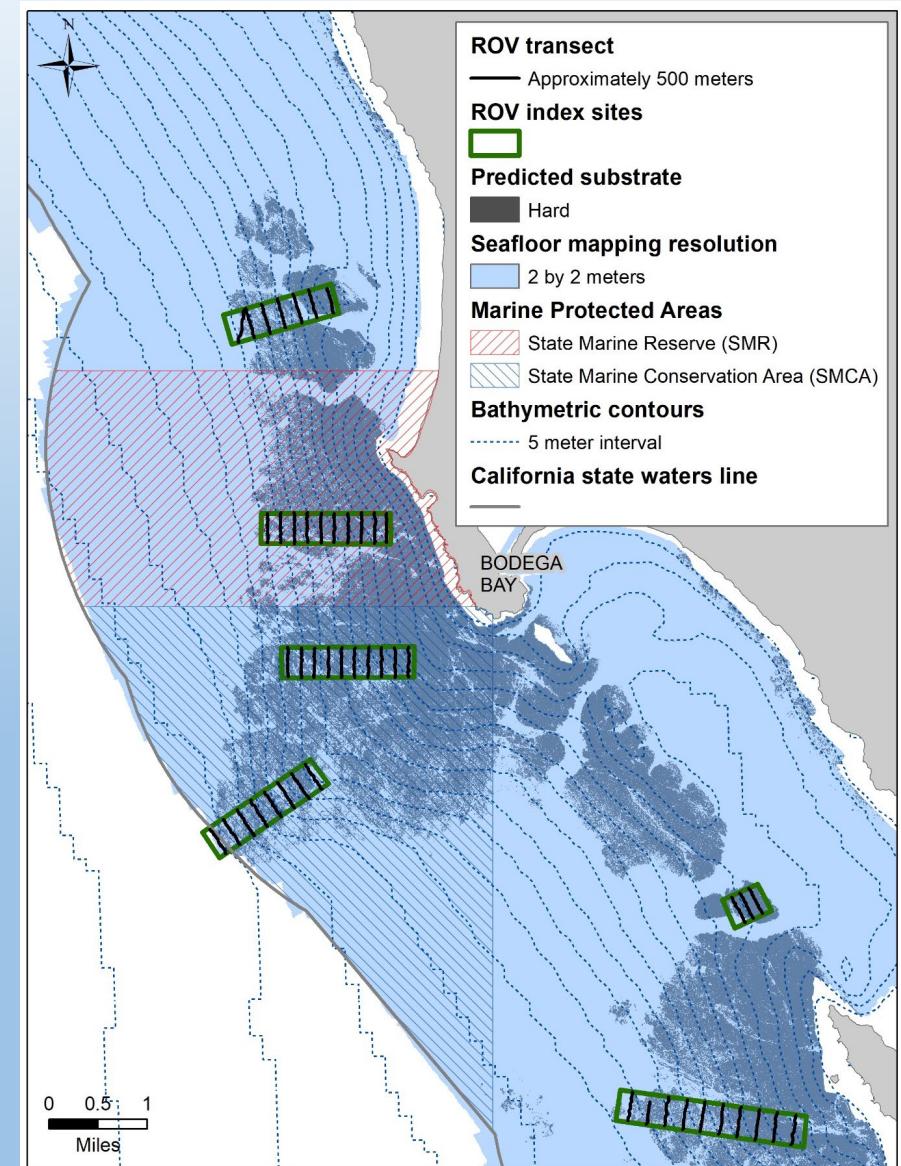
- Quillback.Rockfish ~ SuperYear * Protection + PropHardMixed + avg_lat + avg_depth + DepthSquared, family = X, data = sc.dat, offset = log(sc.dat\$usable_area_fish))

Variable	Poisson	Quasi-Poisson	Zero - Inflated Poisson	Zero-Inflated Quasi-Poisson	Negative Binomial	Zero-Inflated Negative Binomial	Binomial
AIC	3455.6	NA	NA	NA	2869.4	NA	938.5
Dispersion	3.18	3.12	1.42	1.42	0.96	1.42	0.96
Intercept	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Super Year	***	**	***	***	***	***	***
Protection							
Proportion Hard or Mixed	***	***	**	**	***	**	***
Average Latitude	***	***	**	**	***	**	***
Average Depth	***	***	*	*	***	*	***
Depth Squared	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Super Year *Protection	***	*	*	*	*	*	



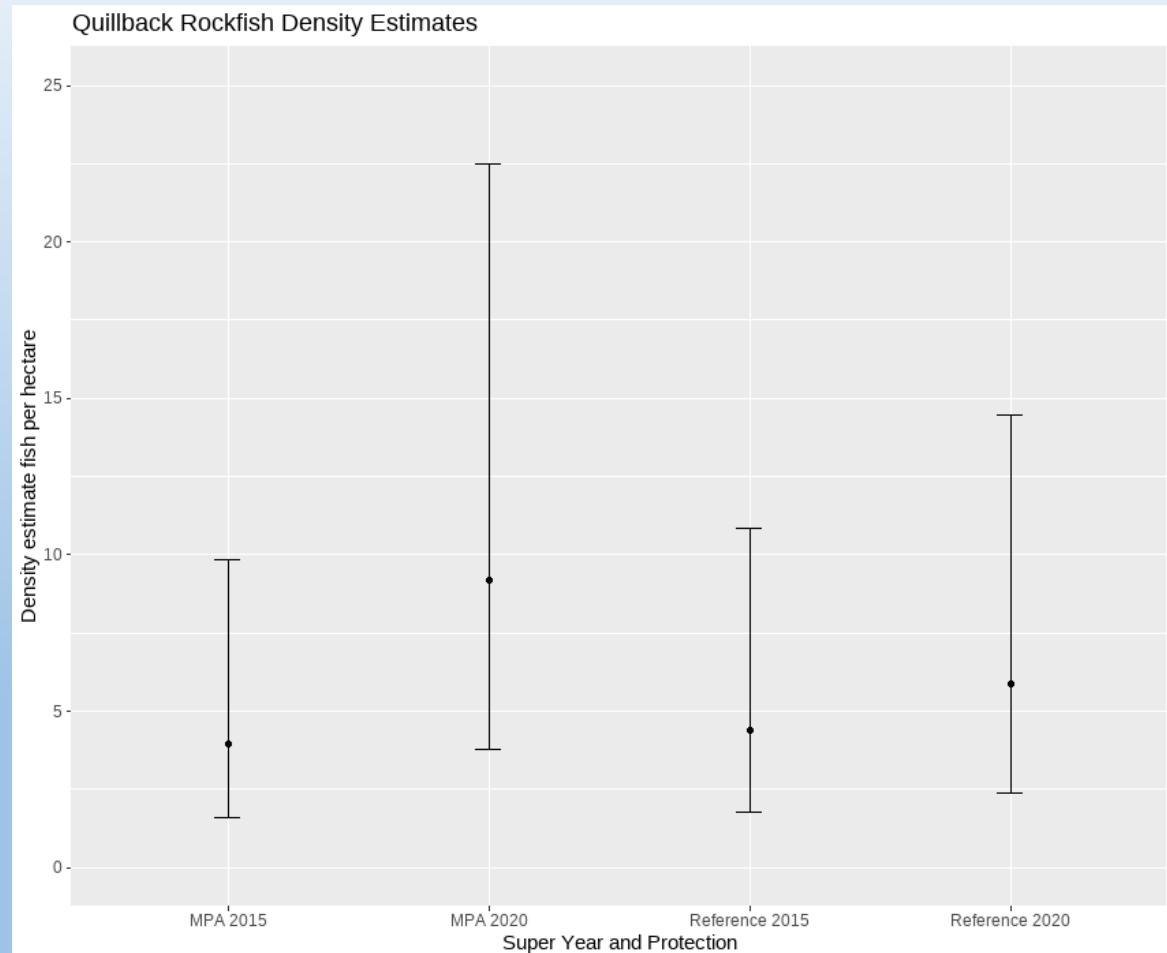
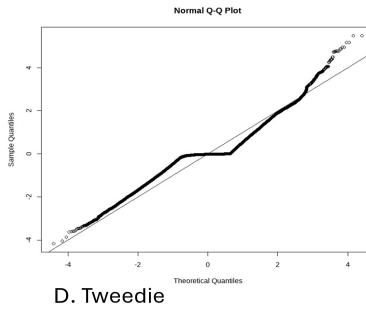
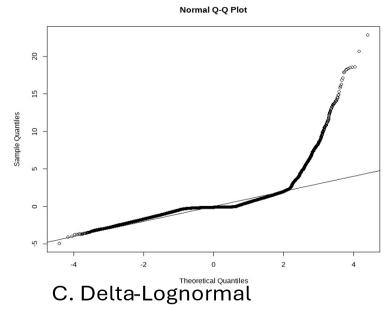
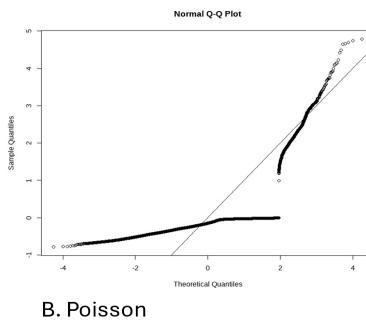
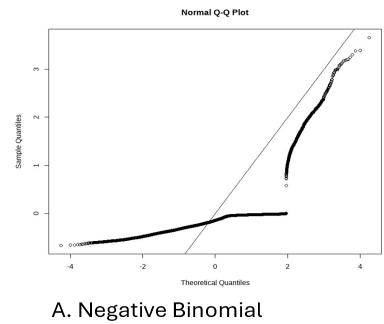
10 m Segment Index

- Finer resolution analysis-correlating density with seafloor characteristics from ROV and CSMP terrain attributes.
- 10 m resolution analysis conducted by Dr. Nick Perkins of University of Tasmania.
 - MPA effects over a longer time-period
 - Analyzed density over a suite of species evaluating MPA vs. Reference
 - Analysis of spatial autocorrelation
- 10 m analysis by CDFW for comparison to transect level analysis for quillback rockfish.



Comparison to 10 m Results

2015				2020				Percent Change
Area	Index	Weight	Index* Weight	Area	Index	Weight	Index*Weight	
Open	4.38	0.8	3.50	Open	5.85	0.8	4.68	
MPA	3.97	0.2	0.79	MPA	9.20	0.2	1.84	
Sum		4.30	Sum		6.52			



Conclusions

- Negative binomial distribution still preferred
- Site level variable improves the model
- Interaction term for protection and super year
- Transect level preferred to segments for broad scale analysis
- Area weighting for final index
- Consistent results for 10 m and transect
- Recent recruitment apparent in length composition, concomitant increase in encounters

