

Navigating Ecosystem Change: Pacific Cod in the GOA

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GOA Pacific Cod – population crash in 2018

PCod crash – unforeseen,
de facto ‘stress’ test for
our system

System response –
understanding the crash
in an ecosystem context

Ecosystem Workshop

Fortunate coincidence of
timing

Allowed the opportunity
for broader introspection

Broad participation and
lively engagement

Workshop results

Climate change effects being felt broadly

Importance of awareness

Broad support for Council process

Importance of new ways of tracking
ecosystem changes

- Indigenous knowledge
- Citizen science
- All aspects of ecosystem, not fish-centric

My takeaways

Marine heat waves are trouble.

The ride is about to get bumpier.

We passed the stress test.

But, we couldn't have done it w/out stakeholder support.

Surveys matter, a lot.

EBFM is our best bet.

Transition must be incremental and adaptive, and won't be smooth.