Clallam Marine Resources Committee Meeting Agenda

October 19th, 2026
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Hybrid meeting

Clallam MRC Zoom Meeting Link
Meeting ID: *837 6963 9254*
Passcode: *12345*

For more information about the MRC, please contact Chase O'Neil at 360-417-2361.

Welcome by Chair LaTrisha Suggs / Call to Order / Introductions

- Welcome: Laura Garrard, new alternate representing Conservation and Environmental Interests
- Determination of quorum

Public Comment *on agenda items & limited to 3 minutes per participant*

Approval of Minutes

- September minutes

Presentation

- Dr. Eileen Bates, Abalone Program Co-Lead at Puget Sound Restoration Fund, Pinto Abalone Project Update

New or special business

- Derelict vessel group participation
- Neah Bay Elementary School visit/talk opportunity
- December meeting: tentative cancellation

Announcements

- MRC conference: register by today, October 19th
- Northwest Straits Commission update – Alan Clark

Committee and Project Reports

- Project leads report only if an update is needed
- Education and outreach sub-committee
    - Fall Festivals 2026 recap
- Advisory sub-committee

Discussion of next meeting date and agenda

- Next regular meeting: November 16th
    - Dungeness crab population update
- Call for new agenda items

Good of the Order

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Adjourn

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2026 Meetings

January 26 (4th Mon)	April 20	No July meeting	October 19
February 23 (4th Mon)	May 18	August 17	November 16
March 16	June 15	September 21	December (TBD, may skip)

Meeting Highlights – September 2026

- Island MRC Member Carter Webb led a site visit of the Ebey's Landing Bull Kelp monitoring site, a 30.5-acre site and Island County's longest-monitored kelp bed. Explore Ebey's landing kelp data on SoundIQ:
    - 1) Open the Kelp Dataset
    - 2) Under the location selector (lower white box) select Ebey's Landing
    - 3) Flip the toggle next to the location to view its monitoring record
- Dr. Lisa Watkins, Community Science Specialist with Washington Sea Grant's (WSG) Crab Team, presented on WSG's Molt Search program where trained community members contribute to early detection of invasive European green crab. Please visit Speed Dating with Scientists to review past speakers and contact information.
- Registration for the 2026 MRC Conference closes on October 19. The option to register a guest for the Friday dinner and keynote closes September 29. Please check your inbox for a Conference registration link or reach out to info@nwstraits.org.
- NW Straits Commission 101 sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 from 10-11AM and Tuesday, October 20 from 10-11AM. These are opportunities for new and current MRC members, MRC volunteers, staff, and partners to learn more about the Commission's structure, work, and how it connects to MRCs. Links to these meetings are on our events page, or reach out to info@nwstraits.org.
- The NW Straits Commission Science Advisory Committee (SAC) has two offerings this year:
    - A year-round invitation for MRCs to schedule time with SAC members on topics/projects/ideas/advisory actions of interest to the MRC. These Collaborative Sessions may be used to work through whatever the MRC would like assistance with. Please contact Dana Oster (oster@nwstraits.org) if your MRC is interested.
    - The SAC is holding a 1.5 hour workshop on Friday, November 6 on Effective Ecological Monitoring. The workshop is being held at the MRC Conference venue in Port Townsend, just prior to the start of the conference. Folks can register to learn more about how to design/plan an ecological monitoring program when registering for the Conference.
- The NW Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act has passed the House and is expected to pass the Senate. Follow progress of the NW Straits reauthorization bill through these links House and Senate.
- The Commission will meet virtually on December 11, from 10AM – 12PM. More information will be available on our events page.
- Staff presented an executive summary of the 2026-2030 NW Straits Commission Communications Plan, what's new in the plan, and how this plan will guide our work moving forward.

- Email communications will be coming out soon that provides guidance on NW Straits Commission, Salish Sea Alliance and NW Straits Initiative logo and name use.

Restoring pinto abalone in Washington State



Eileen Bates
Puget Sound Restoration Fund



























We spearhead tangible, in-water actions to restore marine species, habitats, and waters - for people and place.

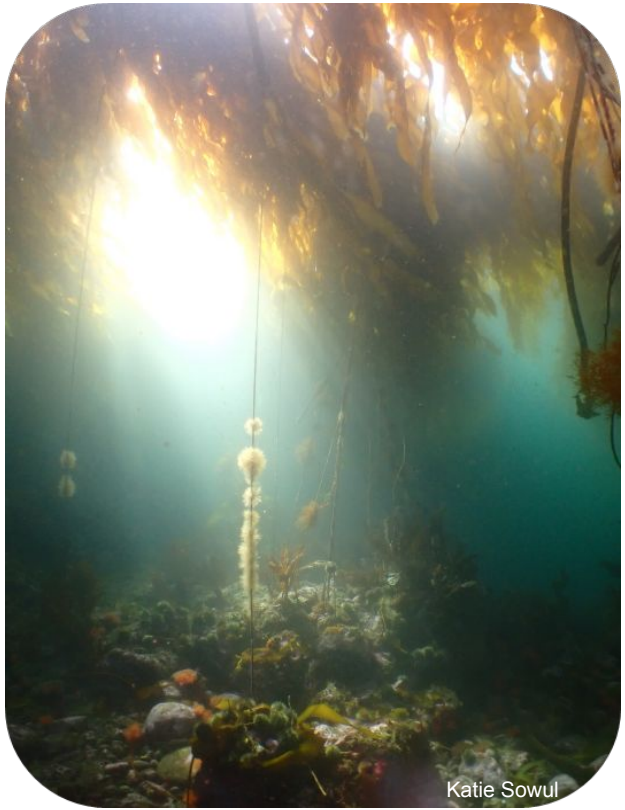
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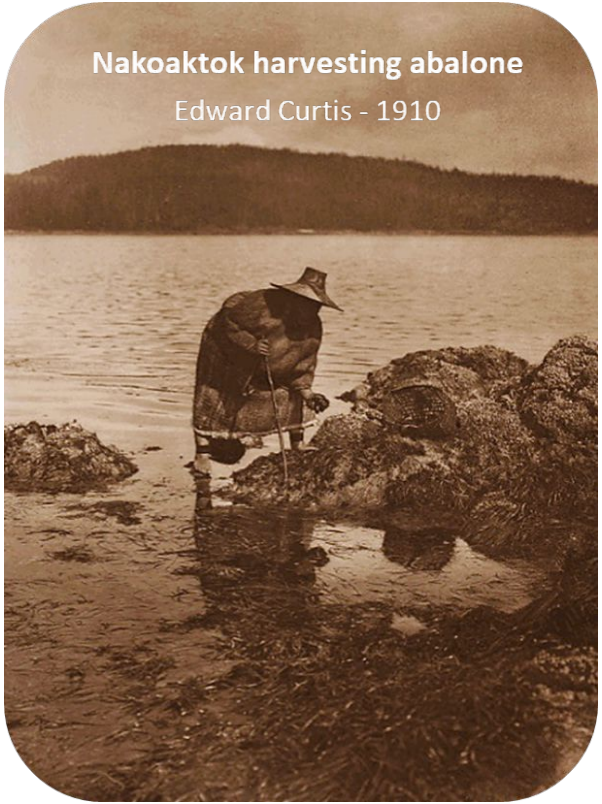
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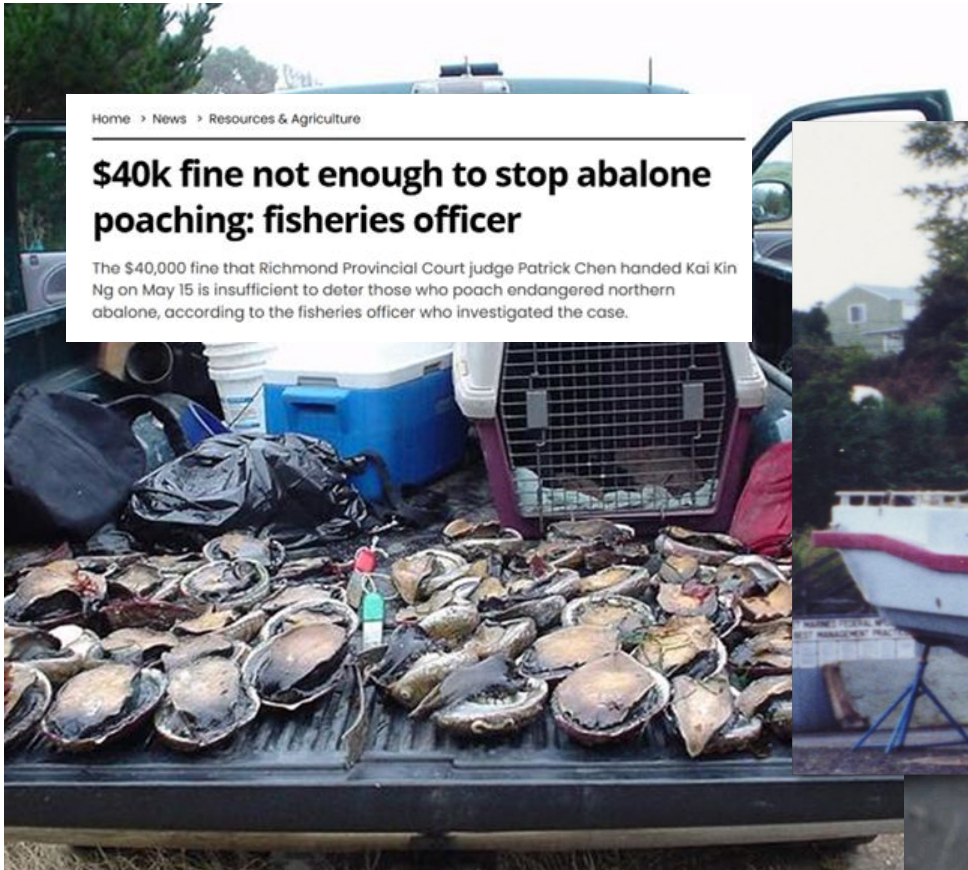
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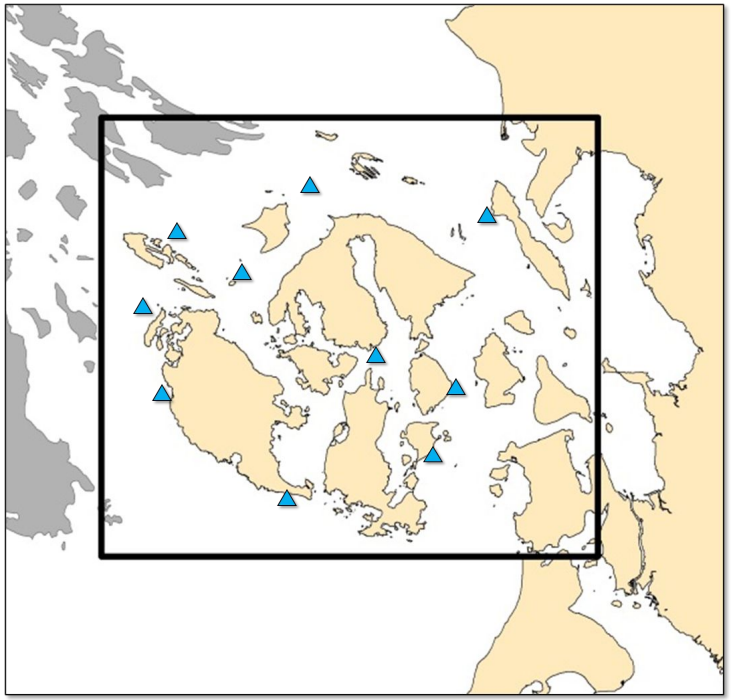
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$40k fine not enough to stop abalone poaching: fisheries officer

The $40,000 fine that Richmond Provincial Court judge Patrick Chen handed Kai Kin Ng on May 15 is insufficient to deter those who poach endangered northern abalone, according to the fisheries officer who investigated the case.

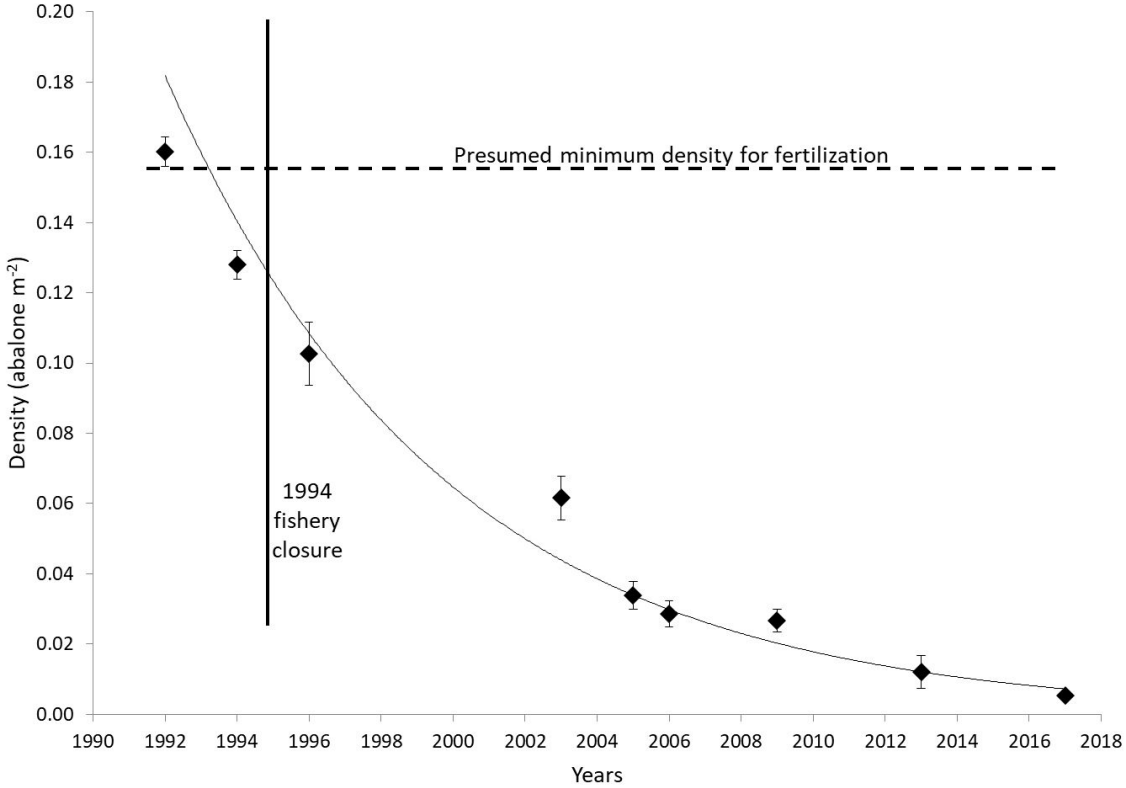


Pinto Abalone's Decline



10 index sites

Established and surveyed since 1992



Pinto Abalone Restoration Aquaculture Program

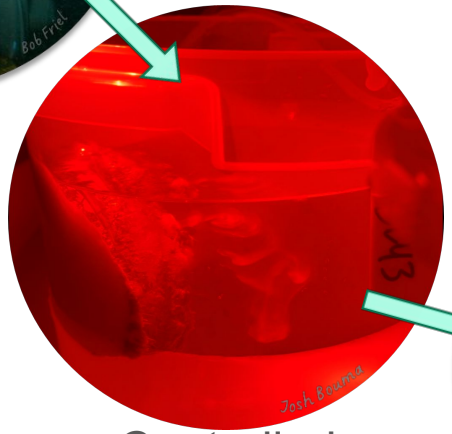


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Pinto Abalone Restoration Aquaculture Program



Collection of wild broodstock



Controlled spawning



Hatchery rearing of offspring for 1-2 years



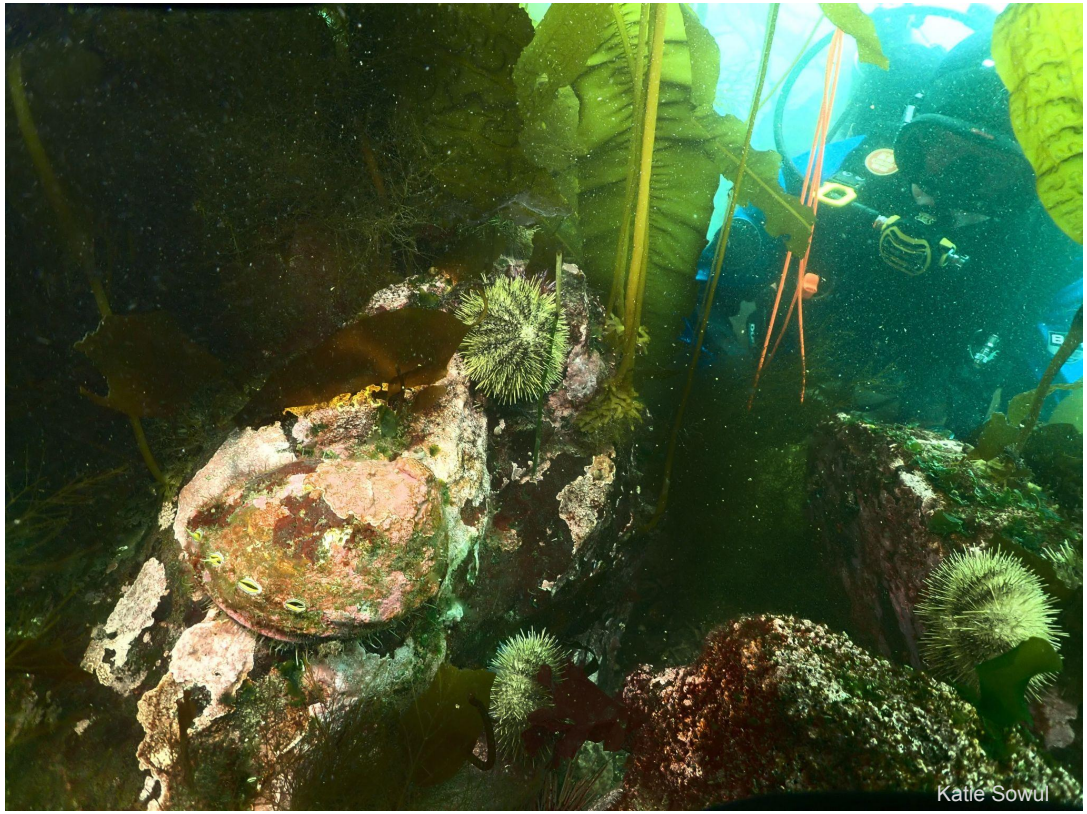
Release of juveniles to outplant sites



Monitoring & re-seeding

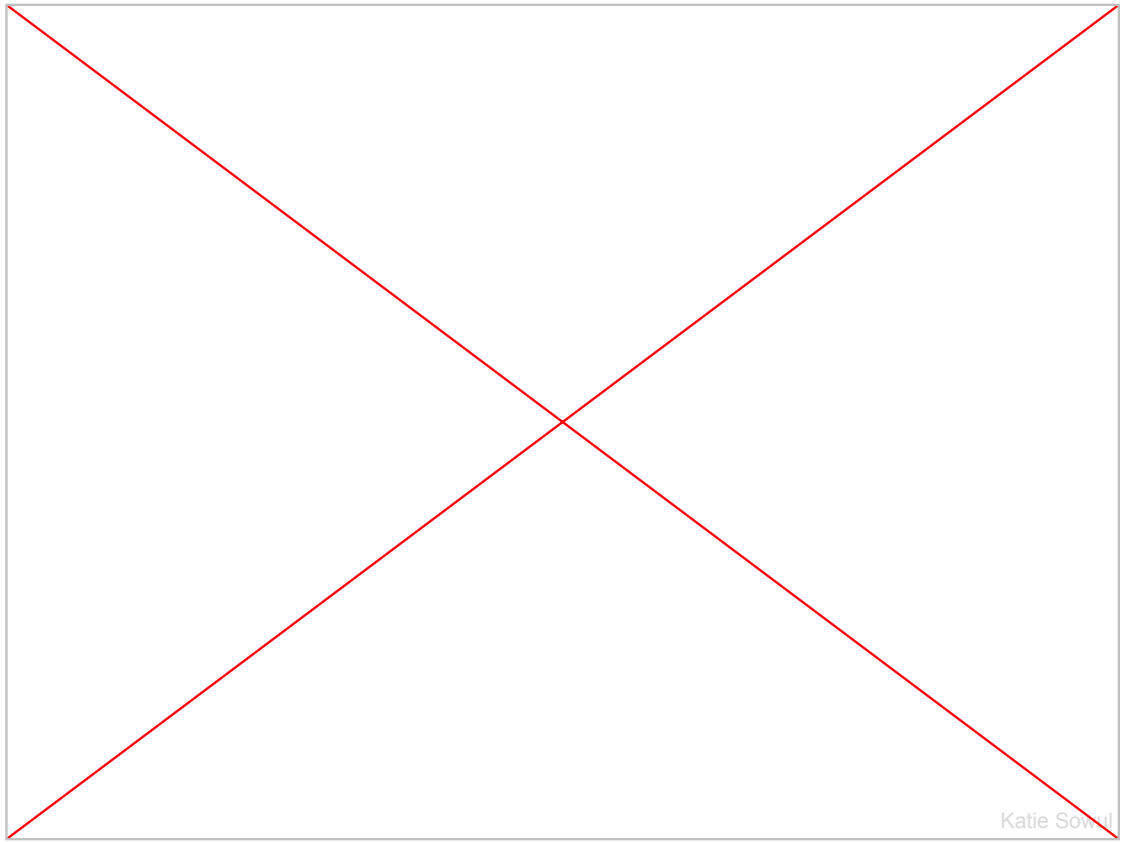
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Broodstock spawning in the hatchery

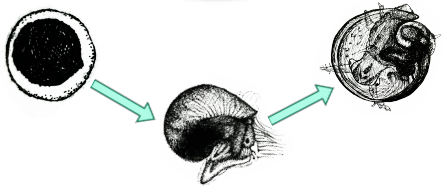






Hatchery Rearing: Larval care and settlement





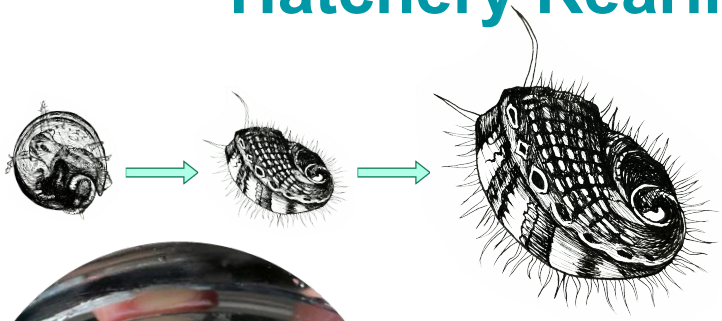








Hatchery Rearing: Long-term juvenile rearing



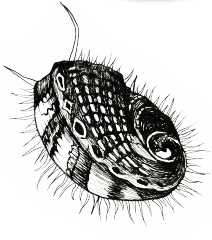


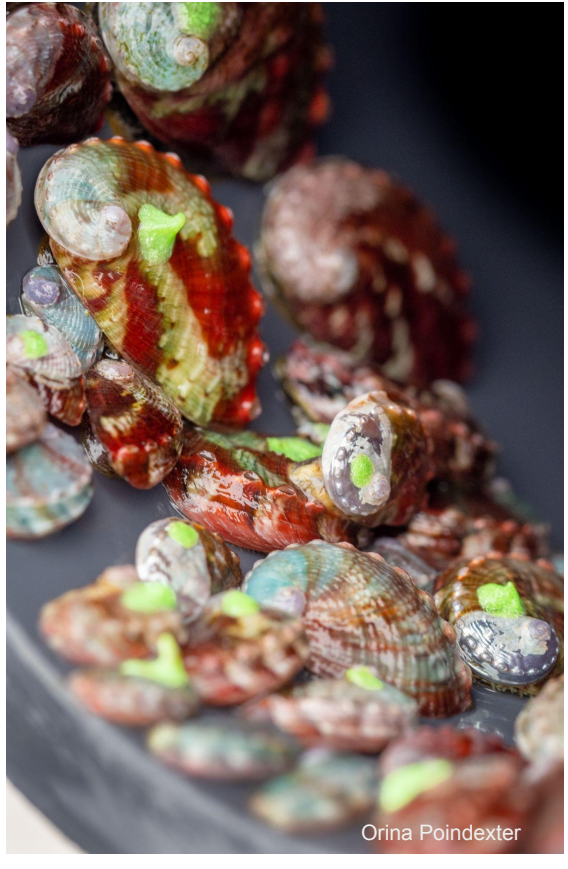


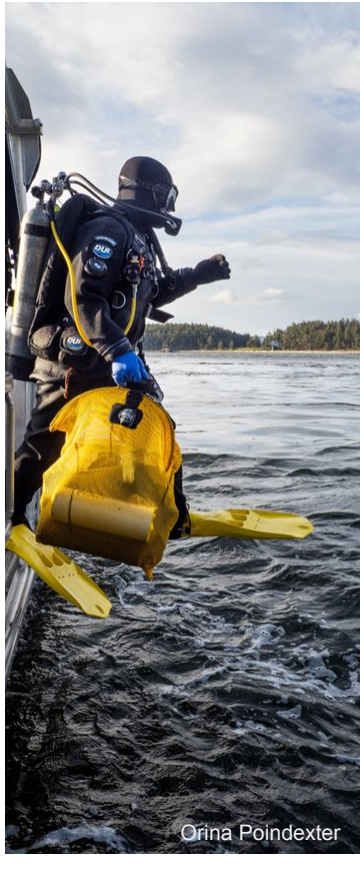


Juvenile Outplant



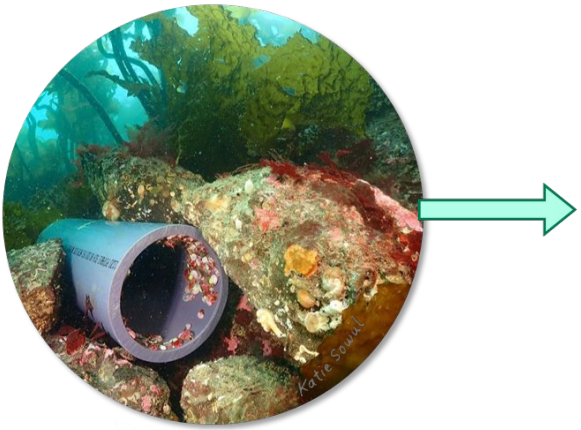


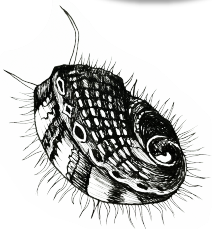


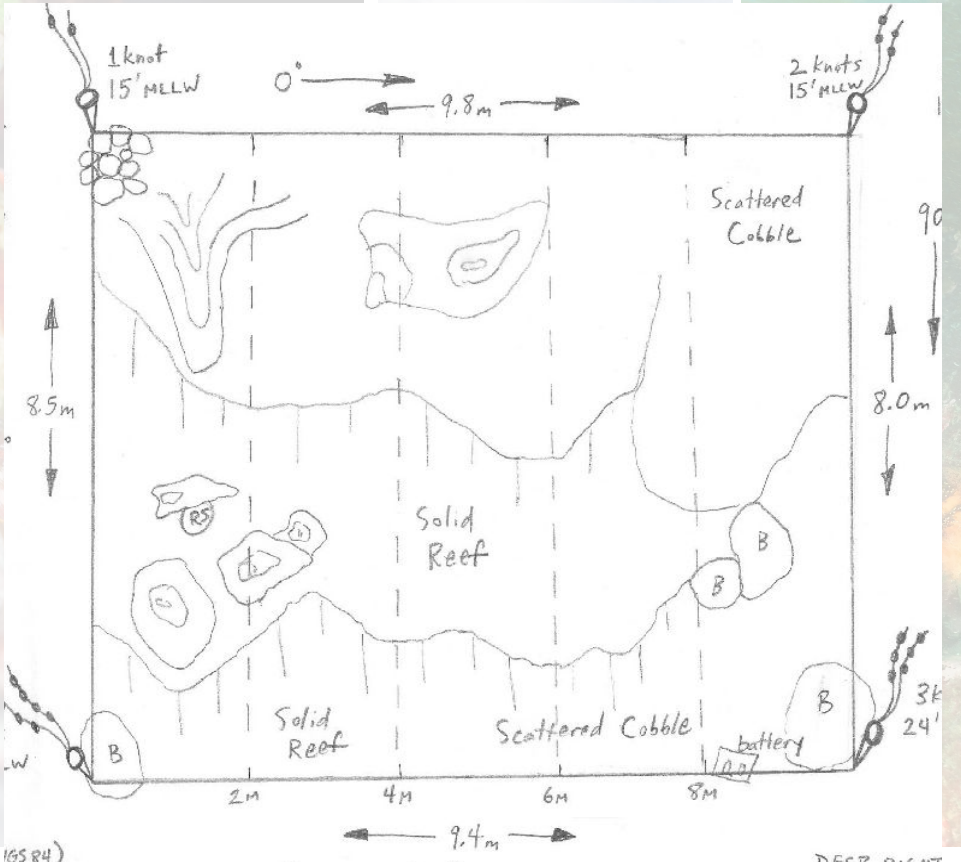




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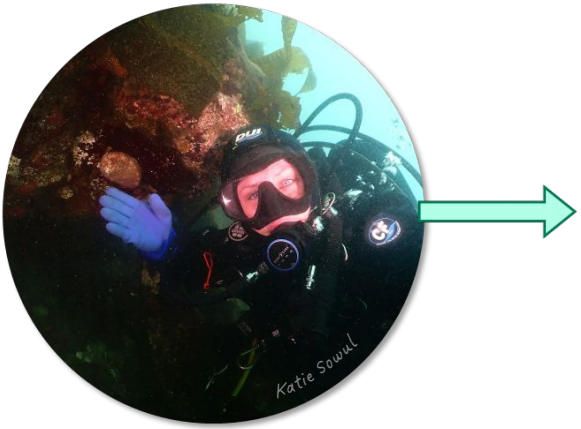


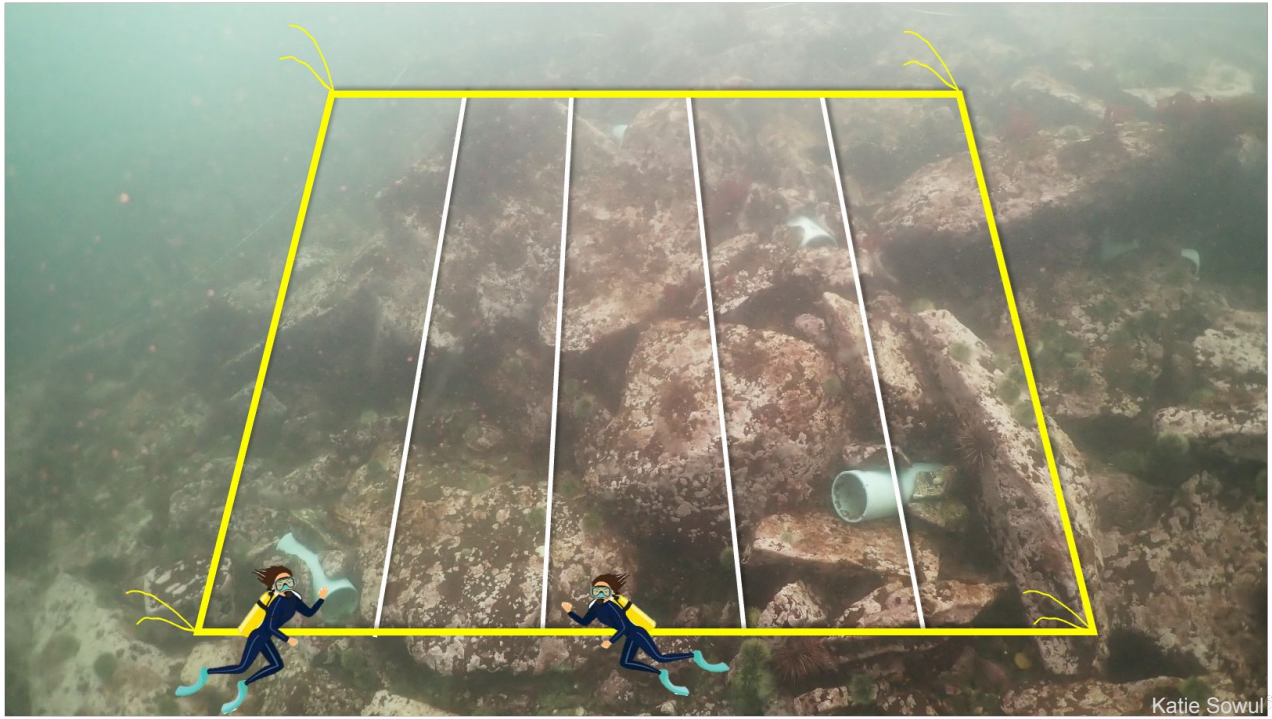
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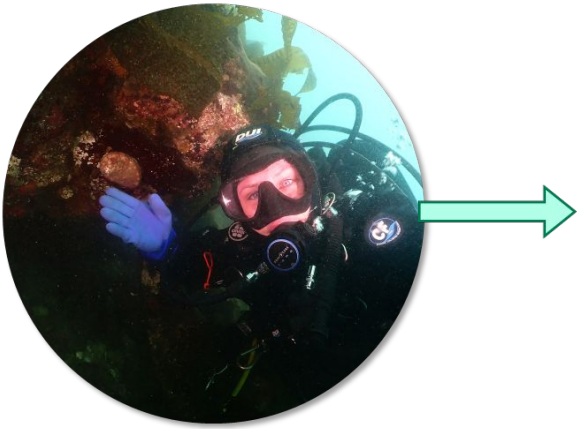


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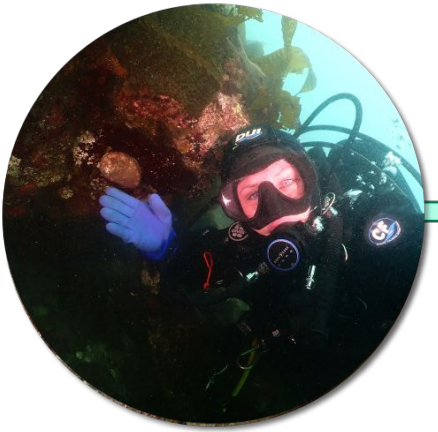


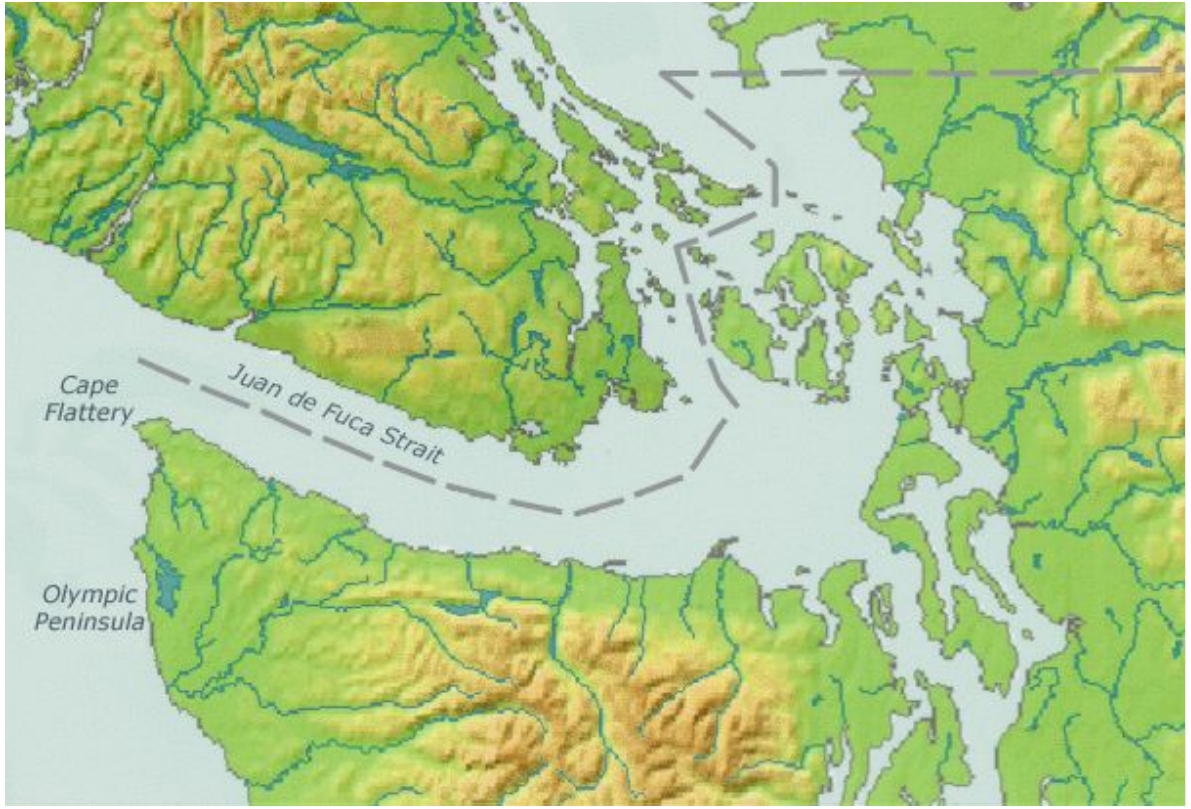
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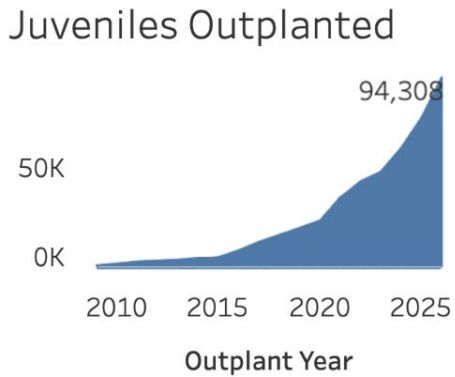


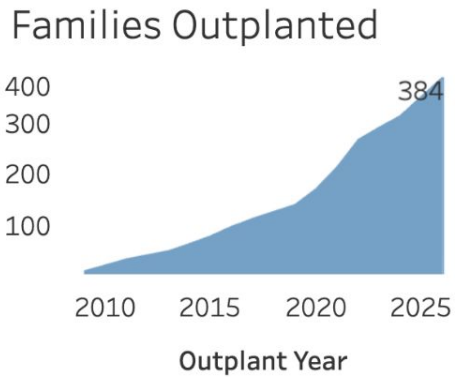
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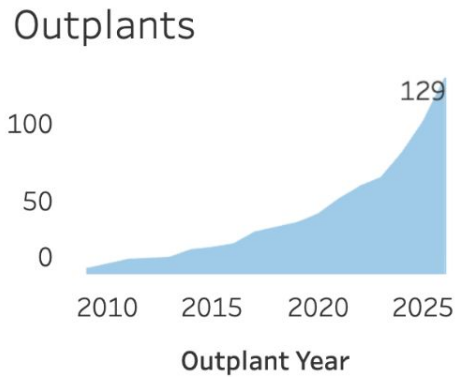


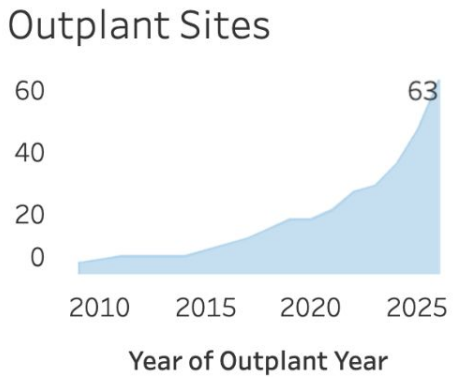


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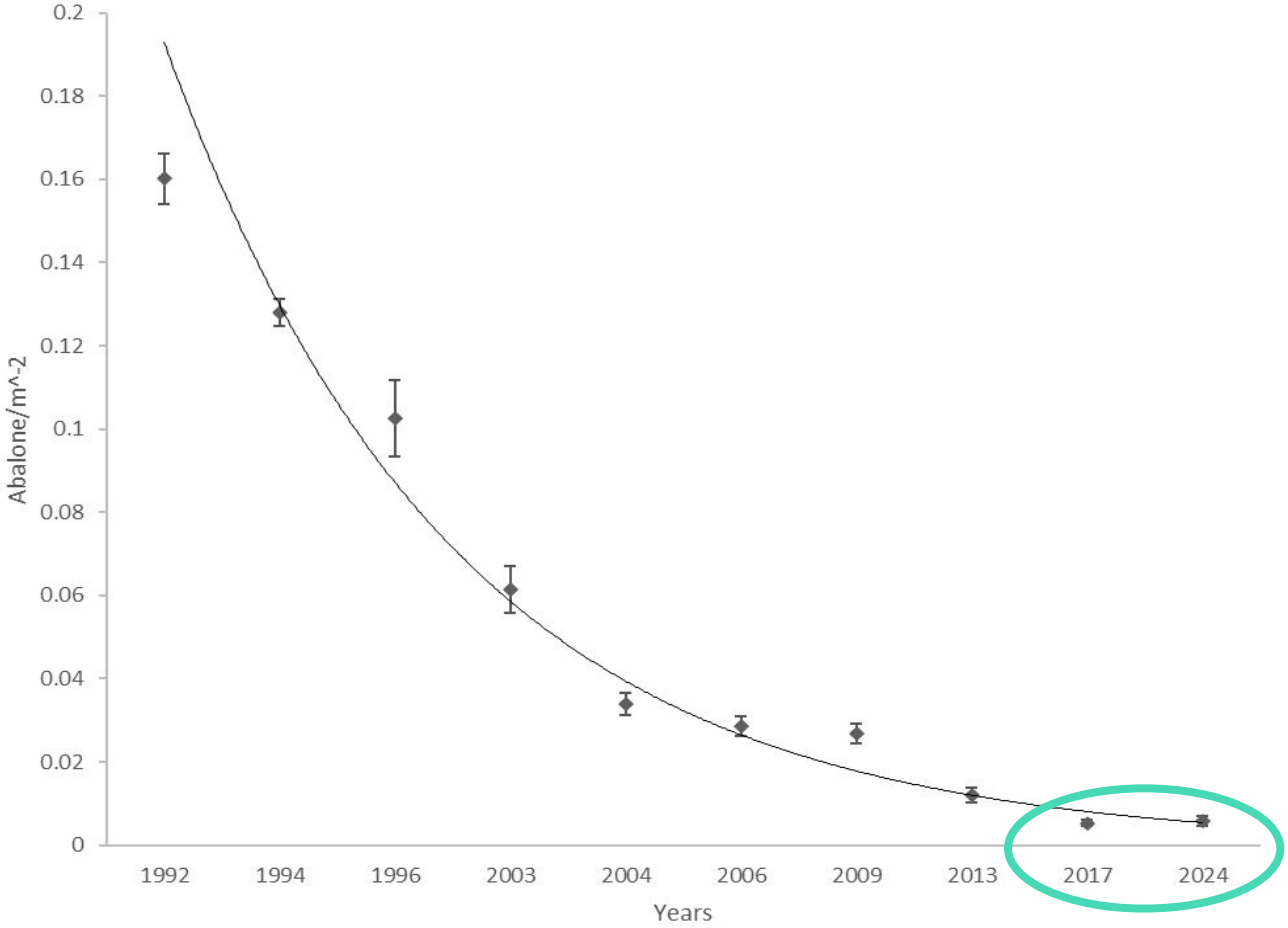




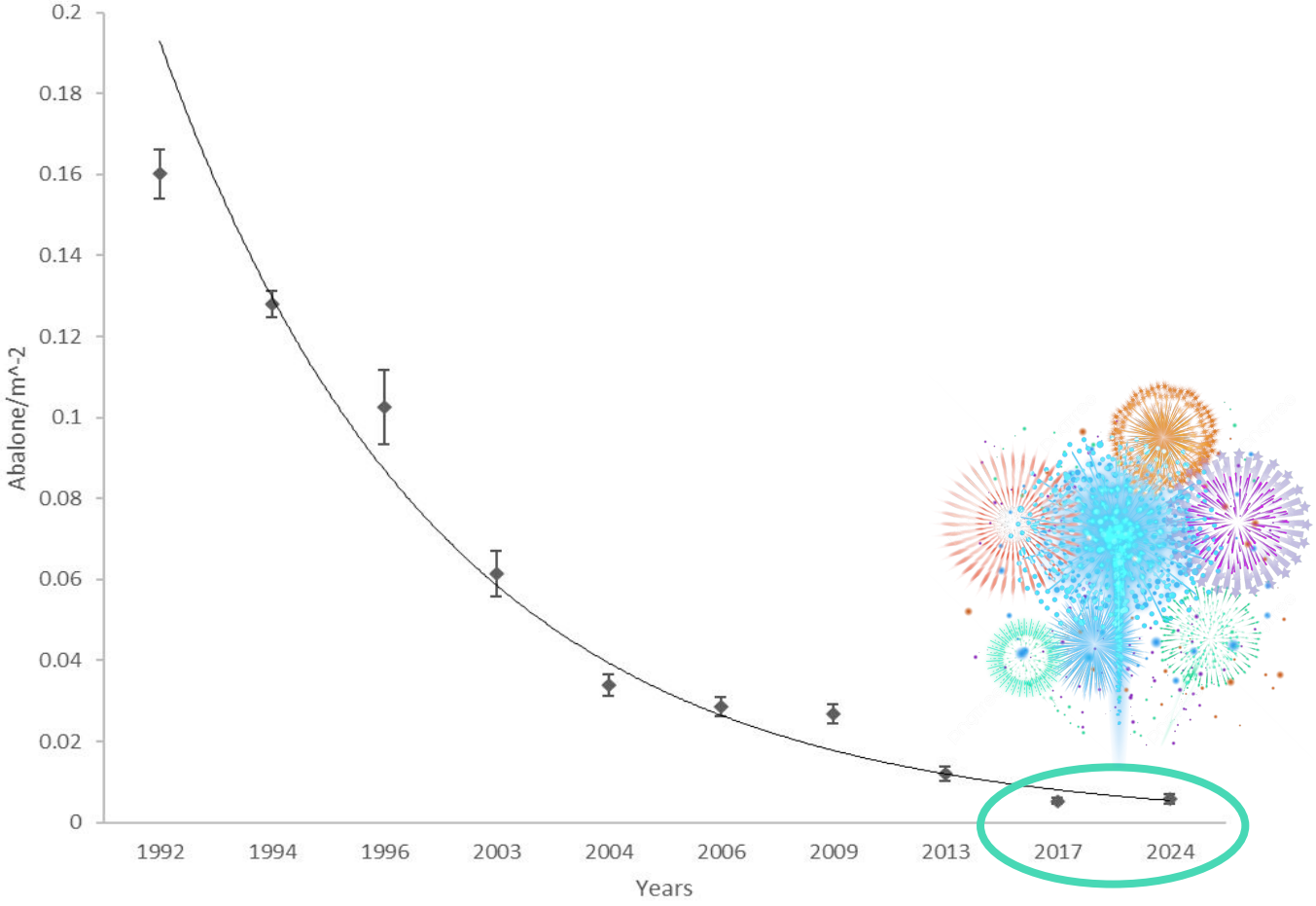


94,308 juveniles from **384** genetic families over **129** outplants to **63** sites

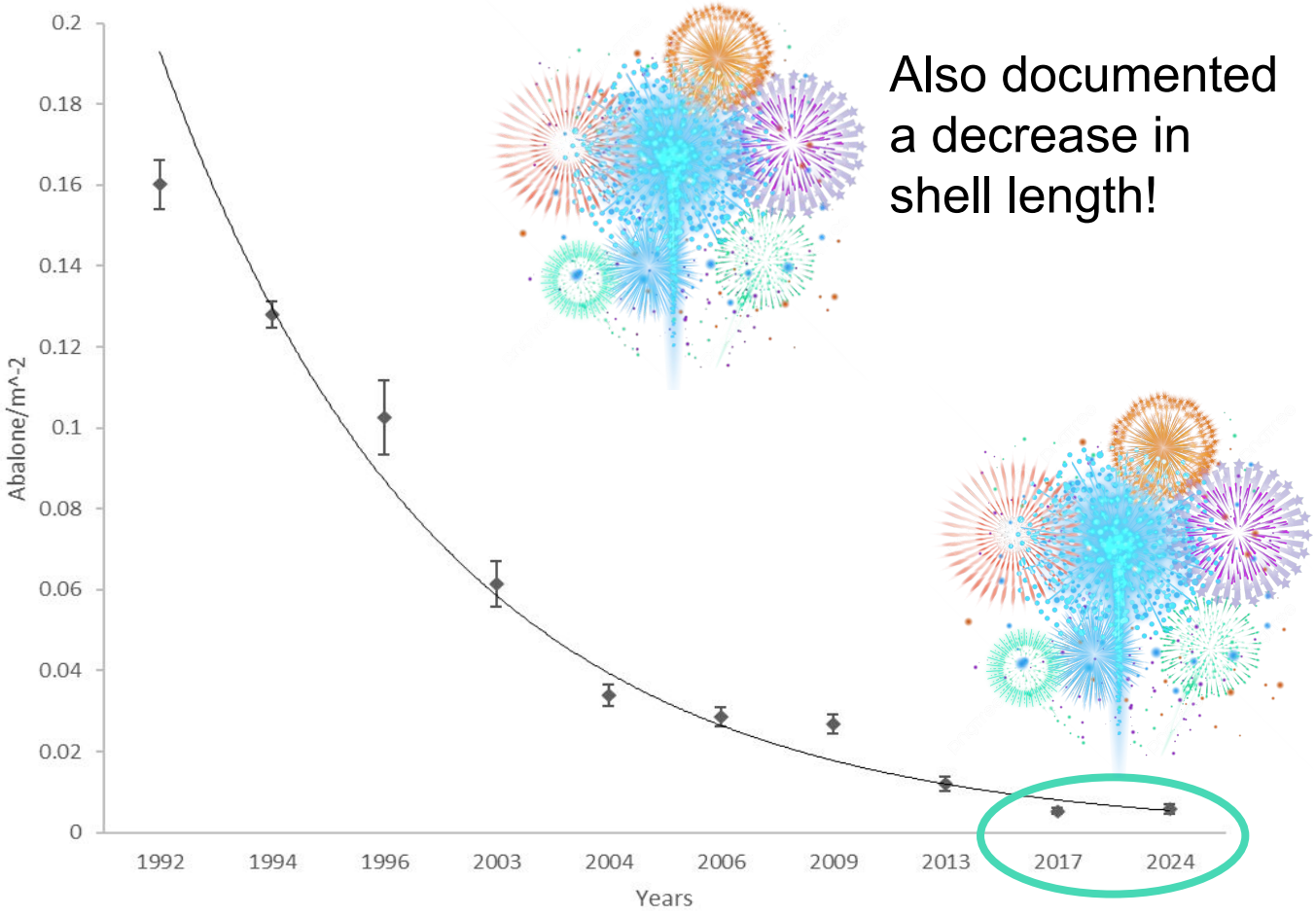
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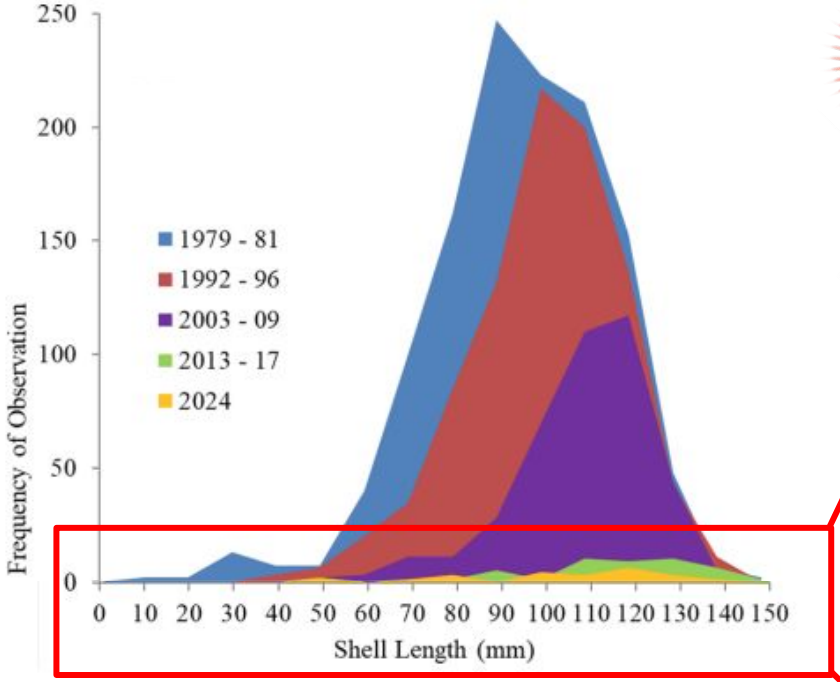


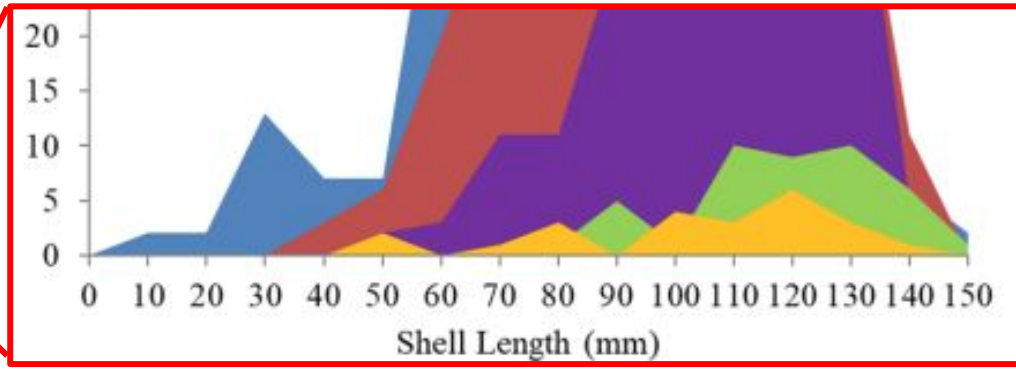
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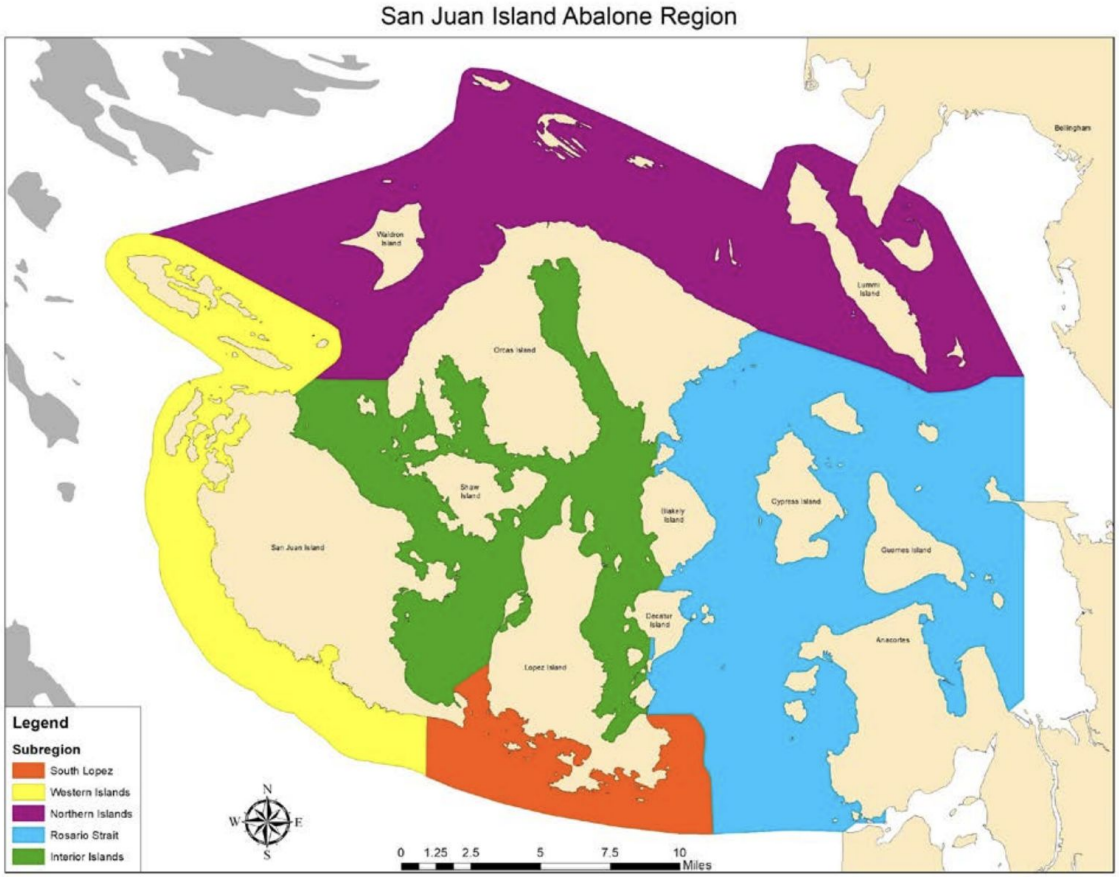




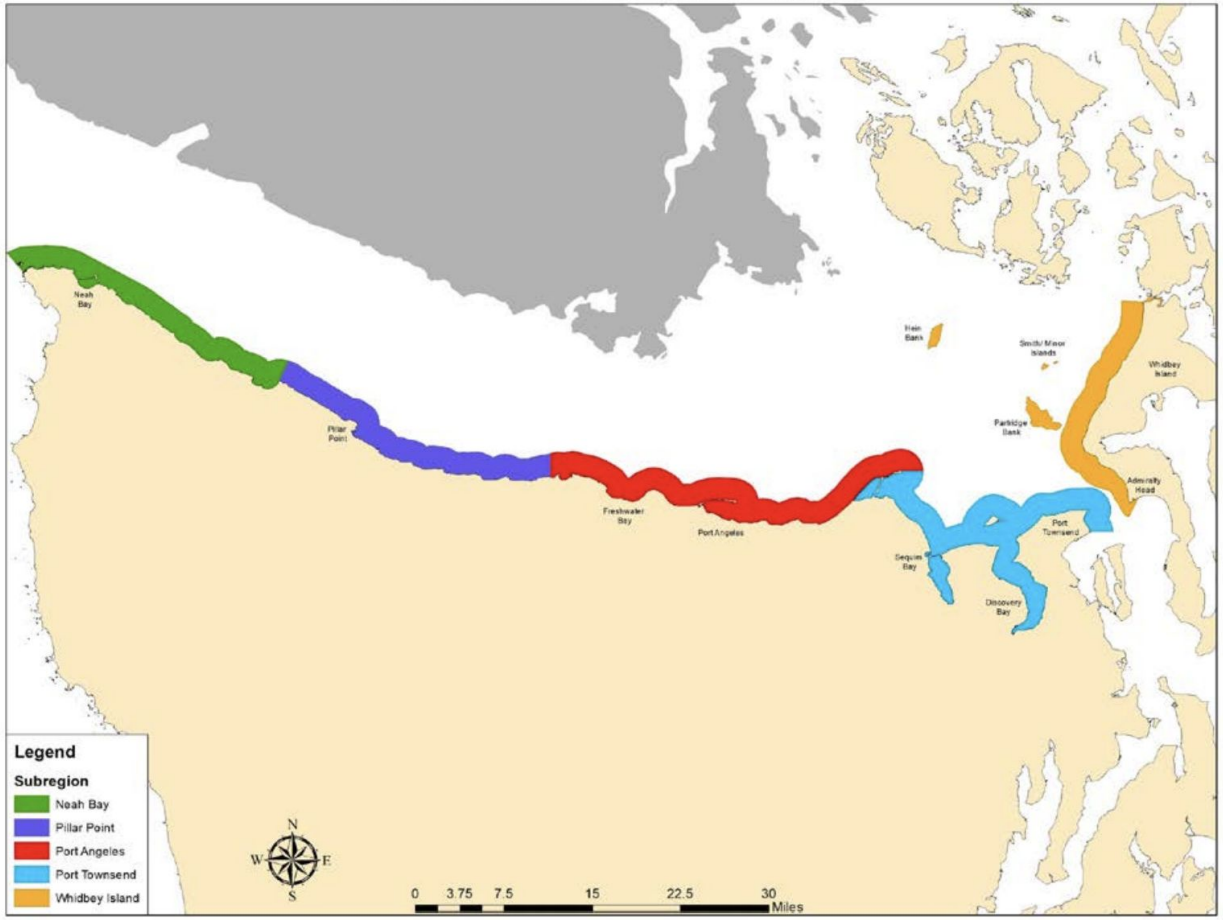
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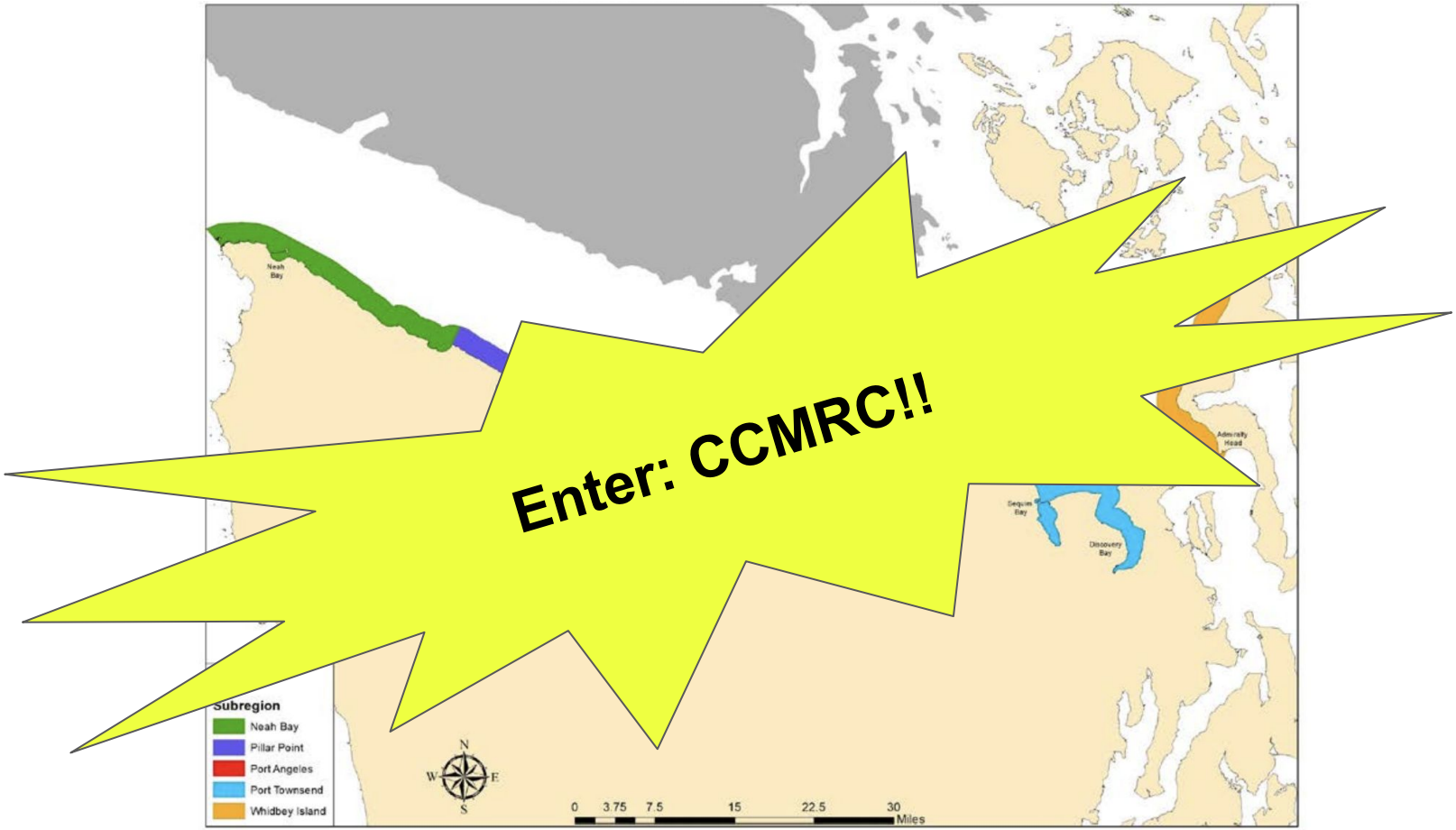
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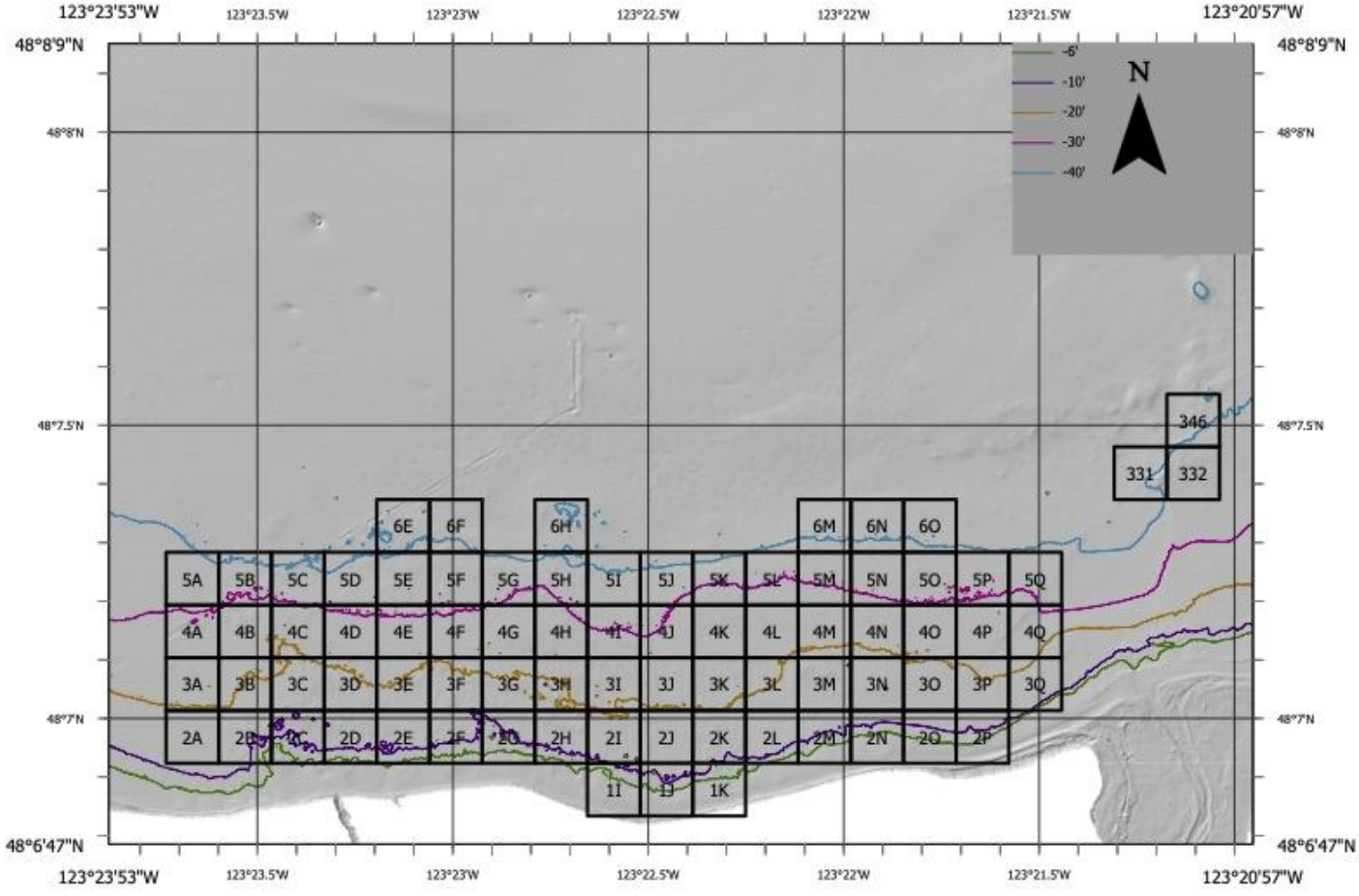
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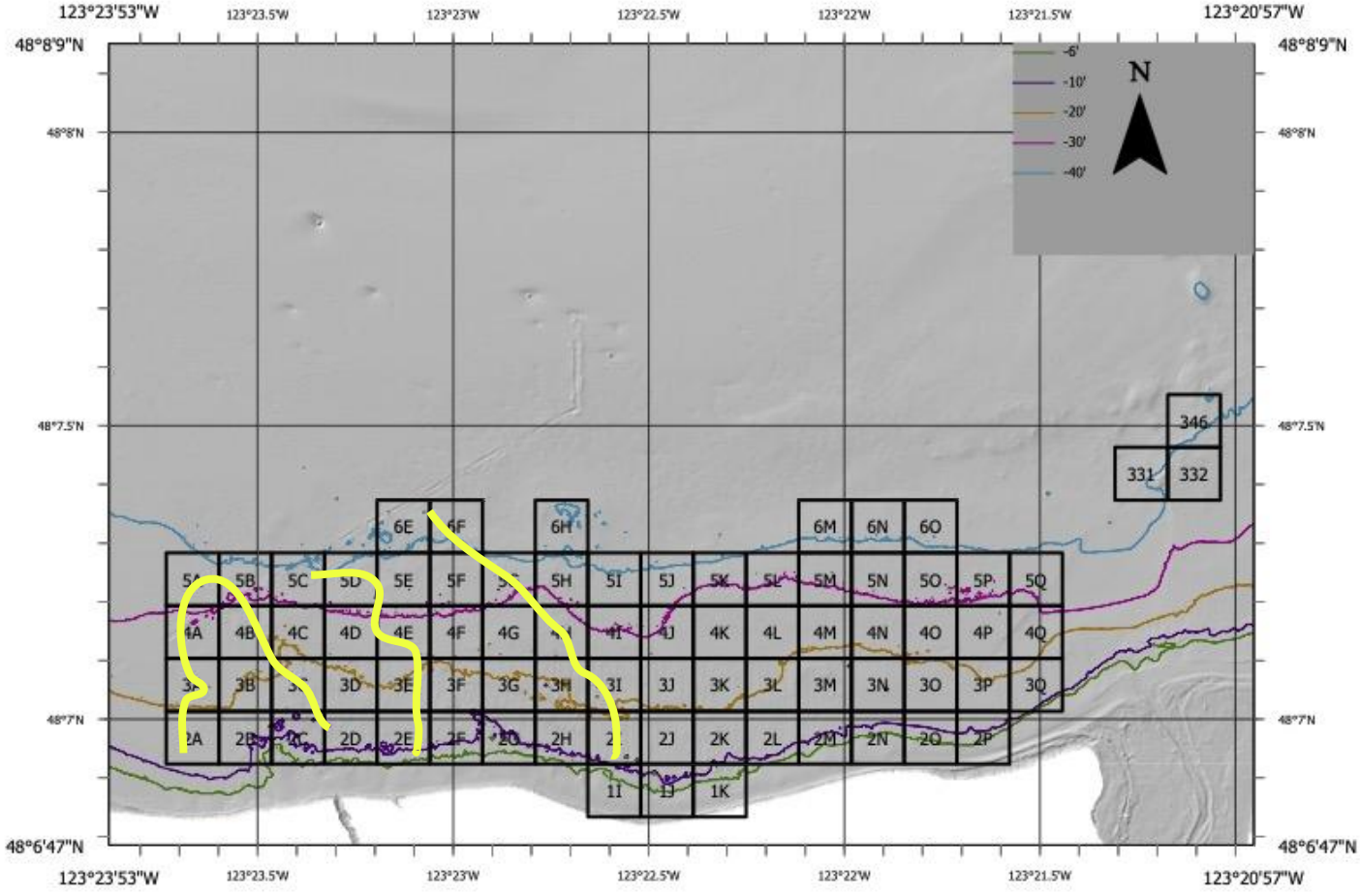
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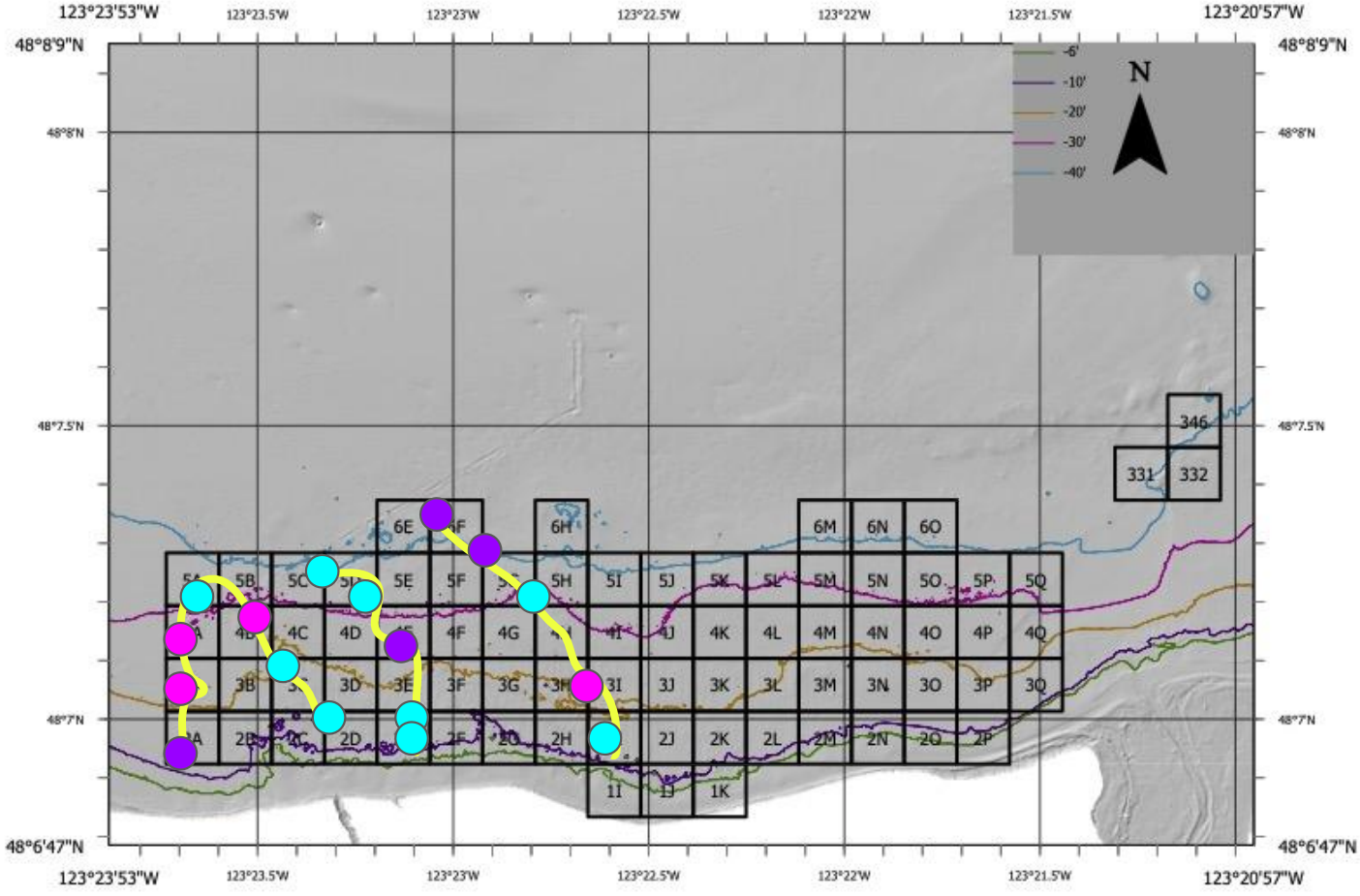
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Abalone Scouting ►Notes**:** Circle dominate substrate, slash thru others ►Agg = 2 or more abs within 3m of each other

Date:_____ Subregion/Square: _____ Divers: _____ Dive: _____

Start Depth: _____ Start Time: _____ Heading: _____

BP#: ___ Dive T: ____ Depth:____ **OP**: No-Go Soso Good Great **BS**: No-Go Soso Good Great

Abs: ____ Algae: Same? Nereo Macro Sac Lam Ptero Des Cost Cym Egre Agar Alar SRA LRA CCA

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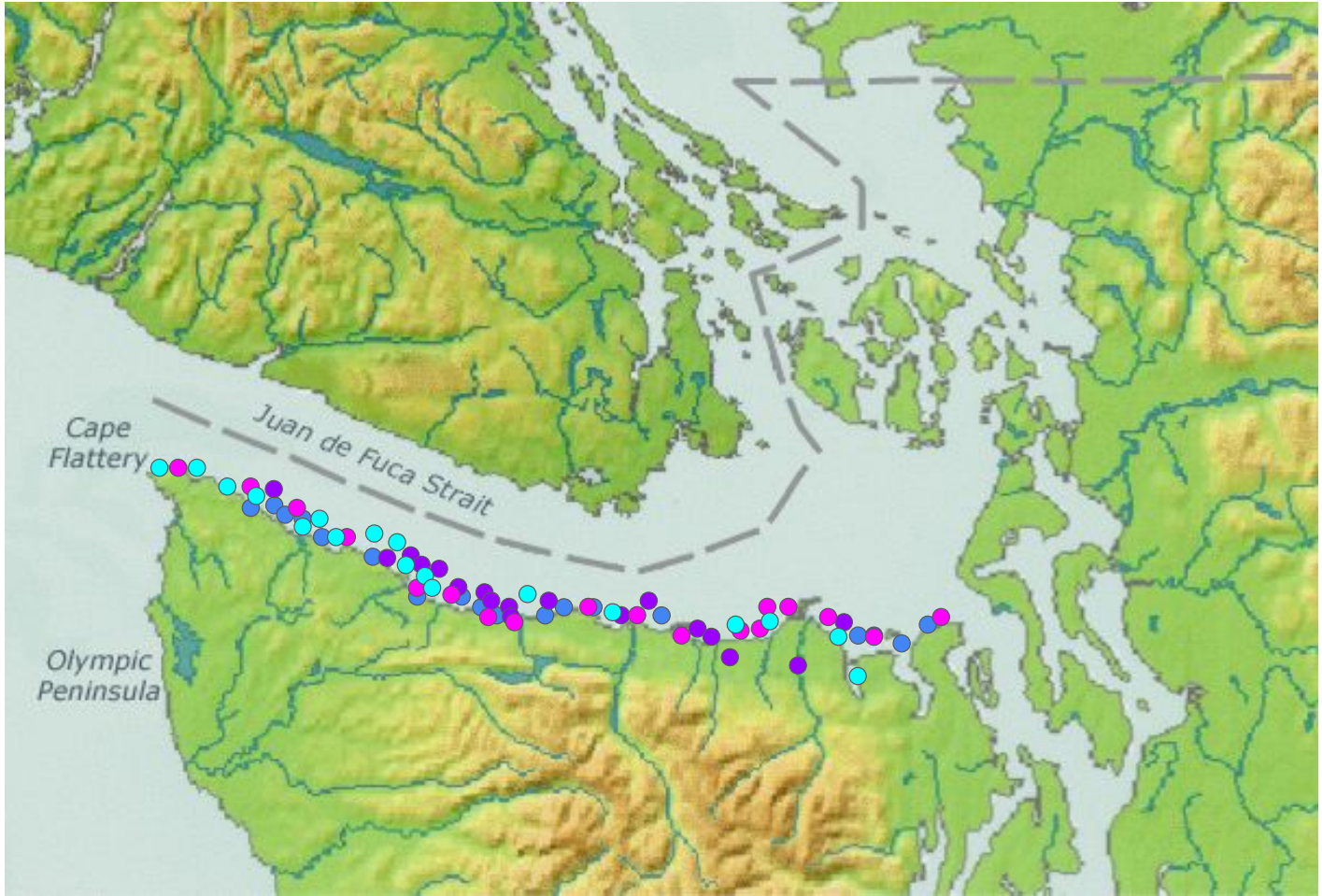
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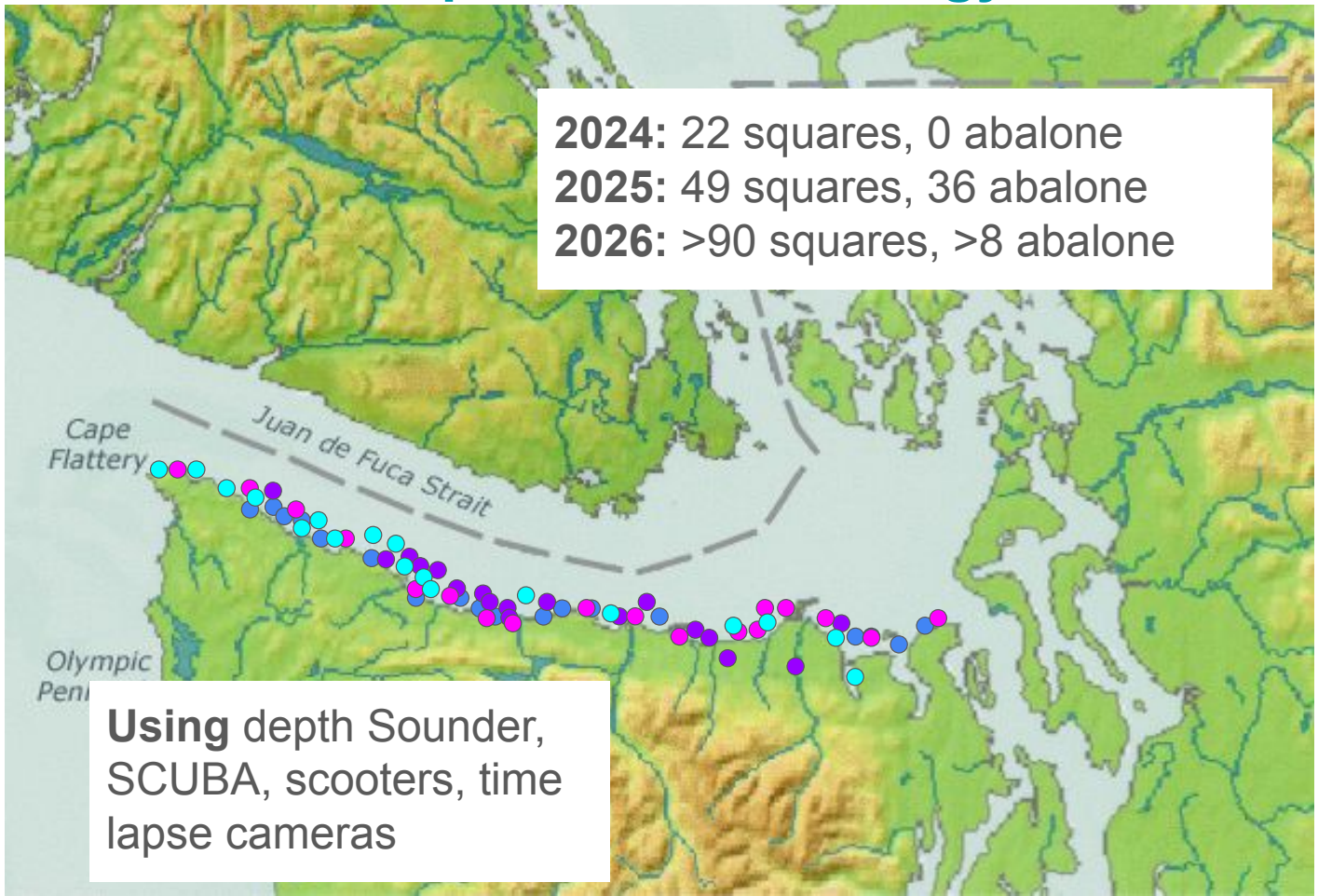
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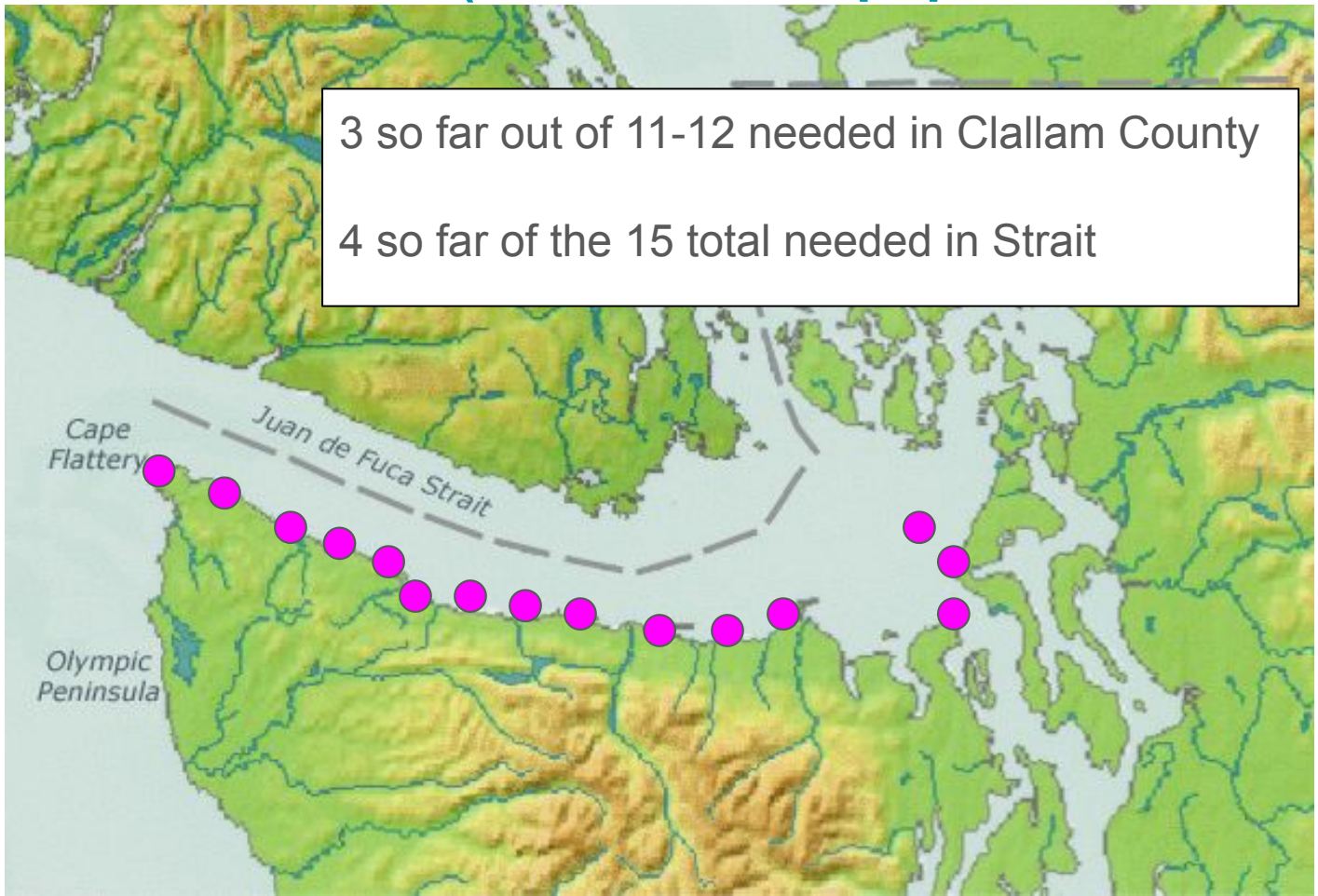
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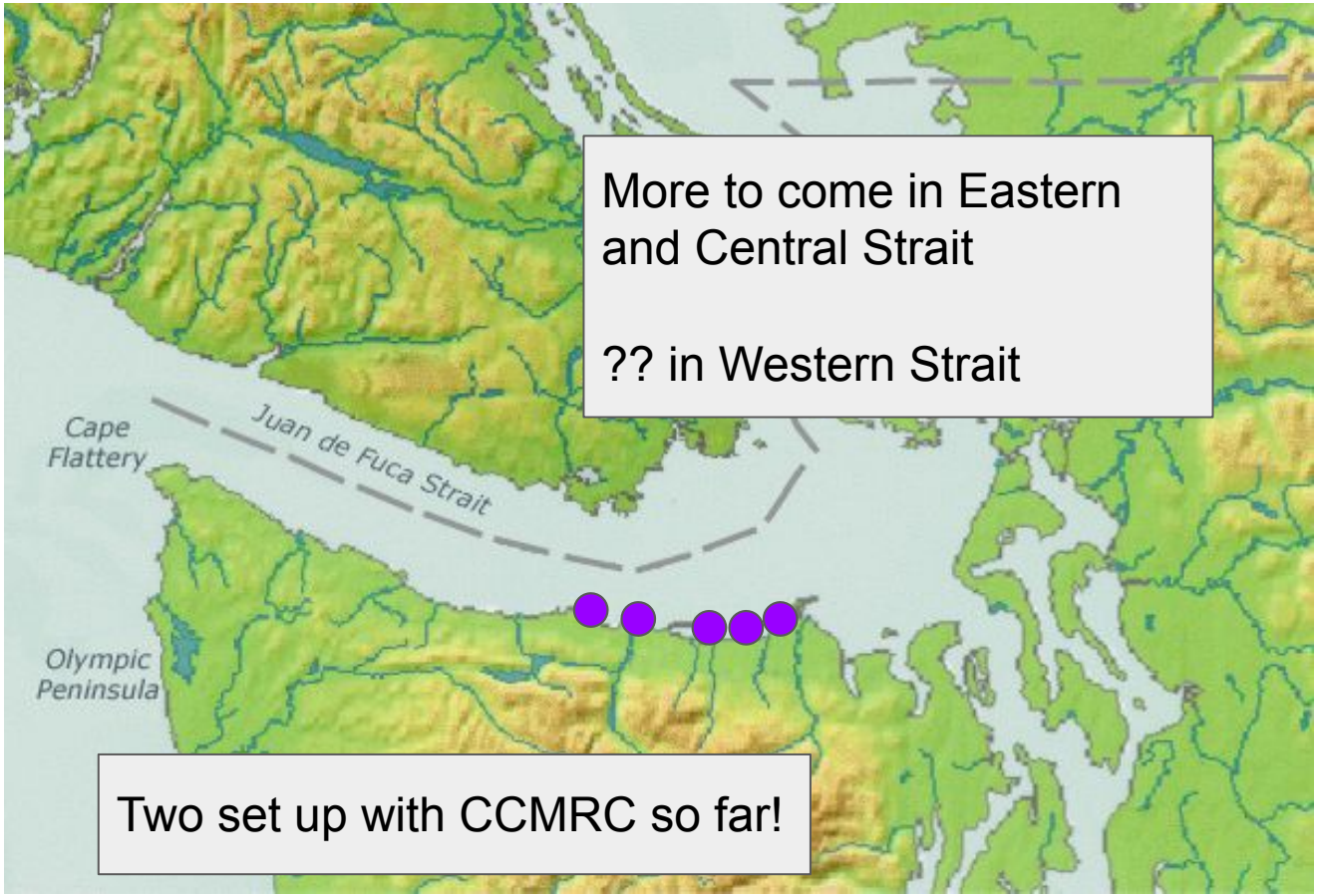
2024: 22 squares, 0 abalone
2025: 49 squares, 36 abalone
2026: >90 squares, >8 abalone

Using depth Sounder, SCUBA, scooters, time lapse cameras

New Index Sites (How we track population trends)



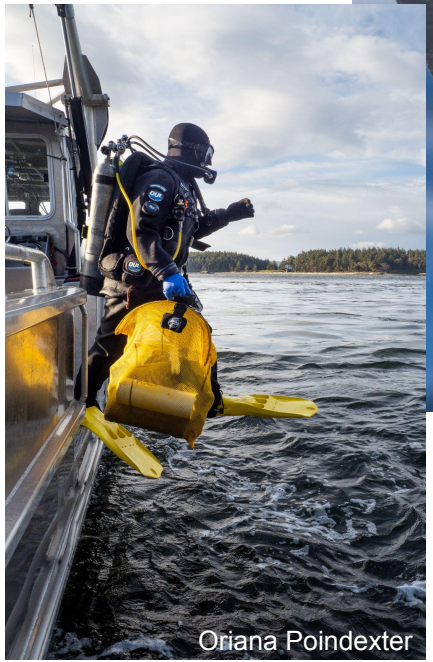
Outplants in the Strait



Planned Outplants in Clallam County next Year



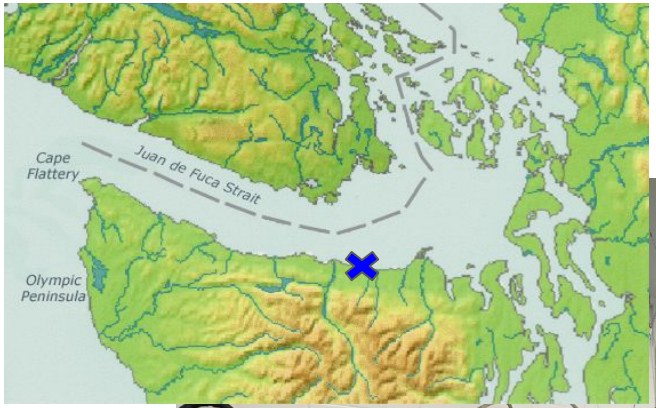


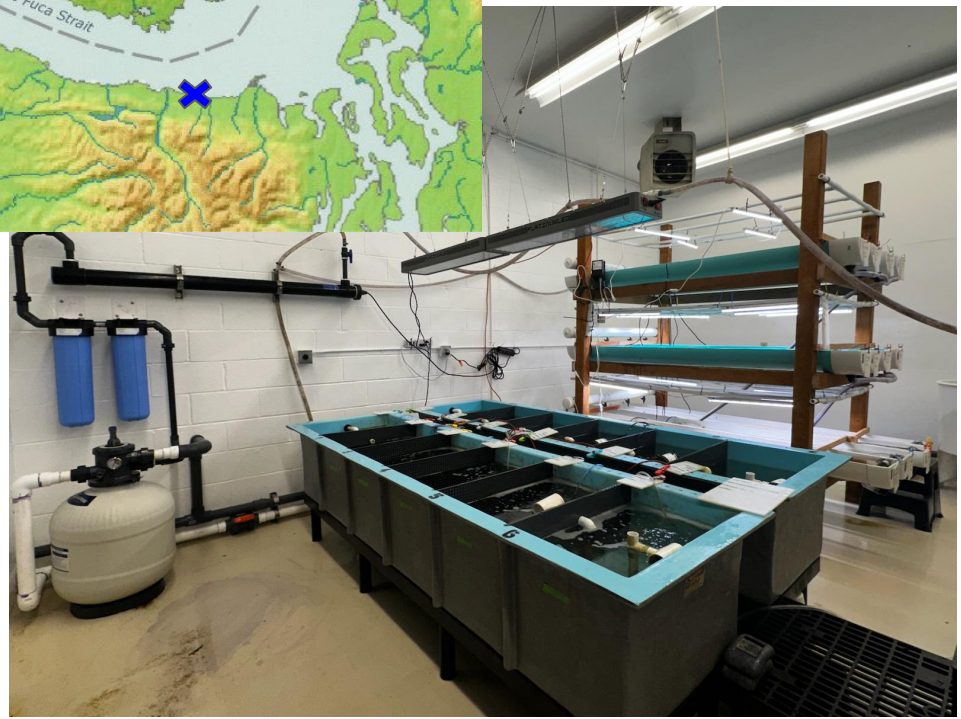






Abalone at new Olympic Coast Exploration Center?



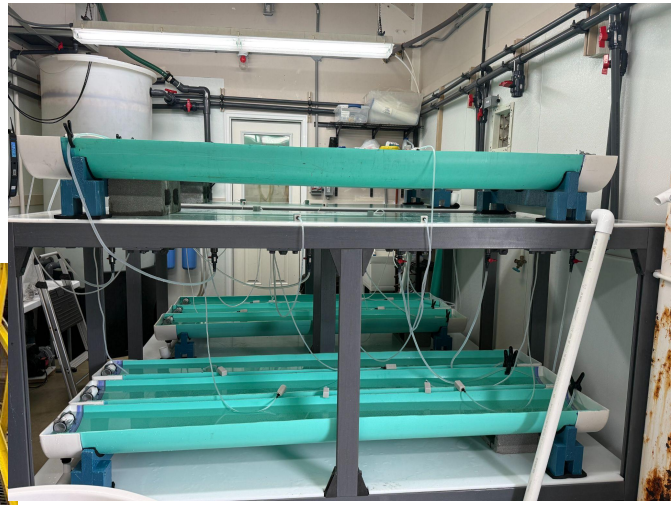


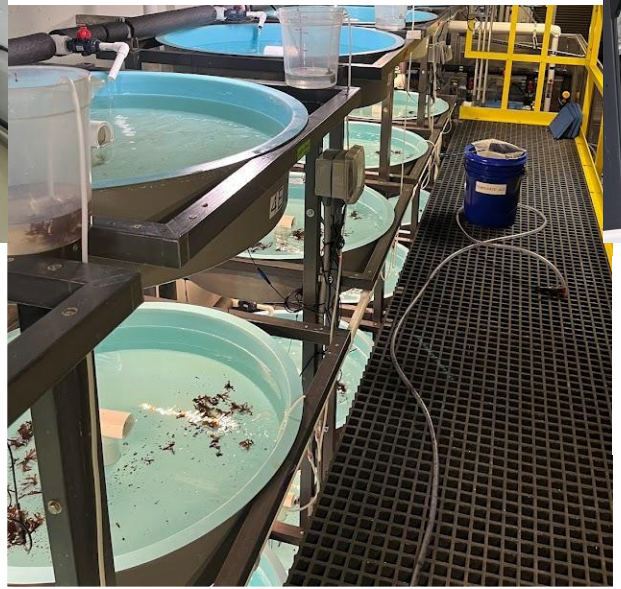


Olympic Coast Exploration Center as possible nursery: Success Stories so far



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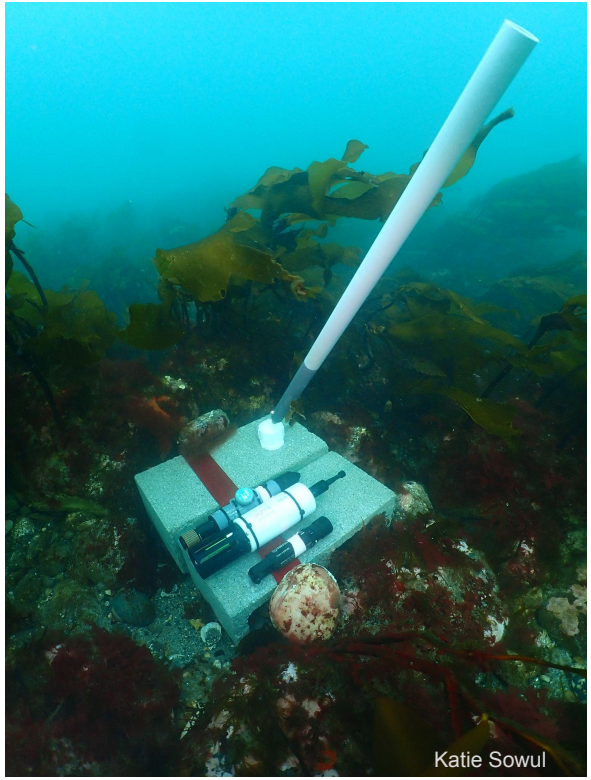
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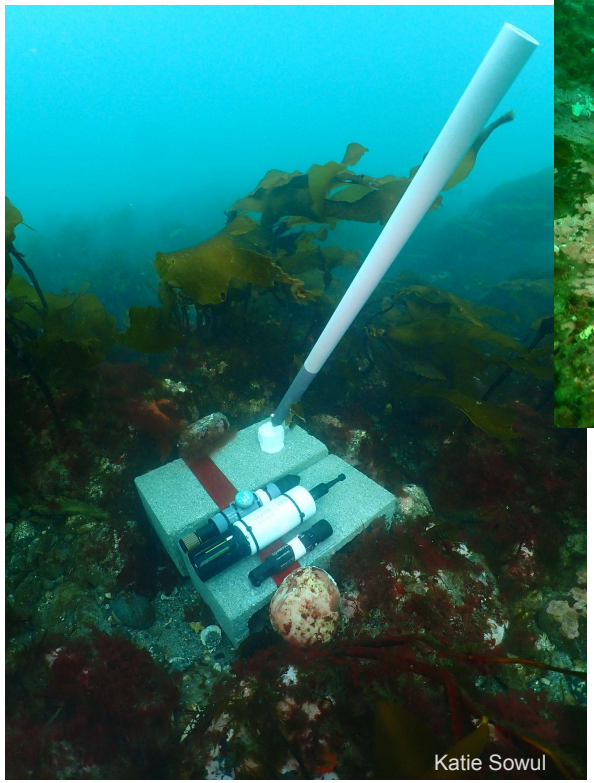


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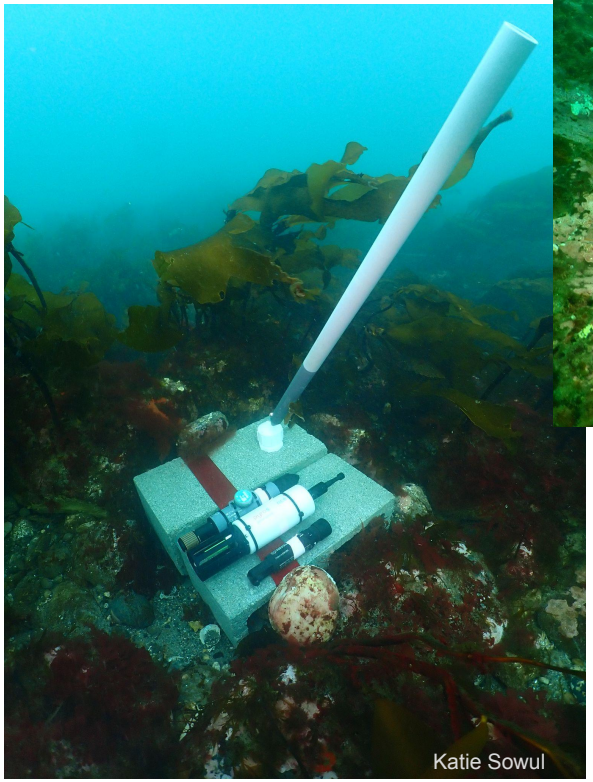
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