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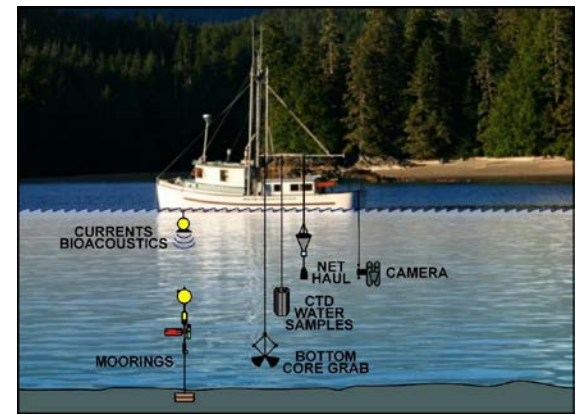
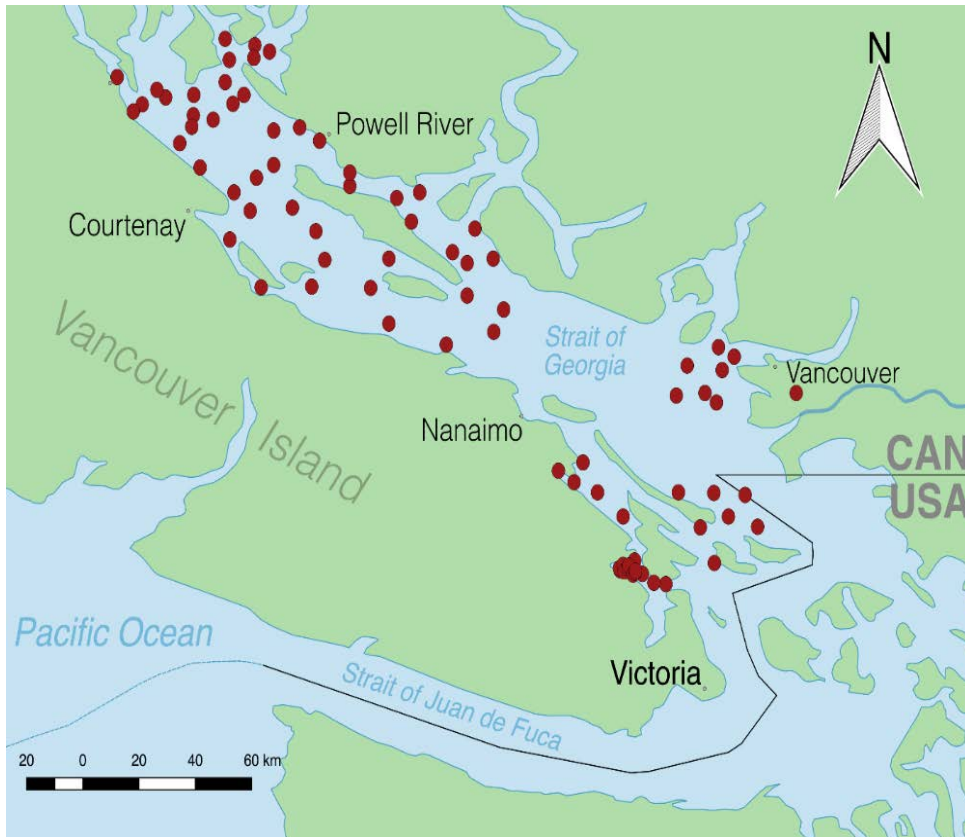
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- Nutrients
- Phytoplankton
- Zooplankton

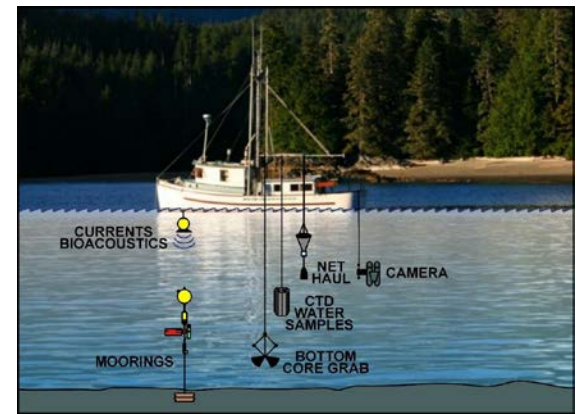
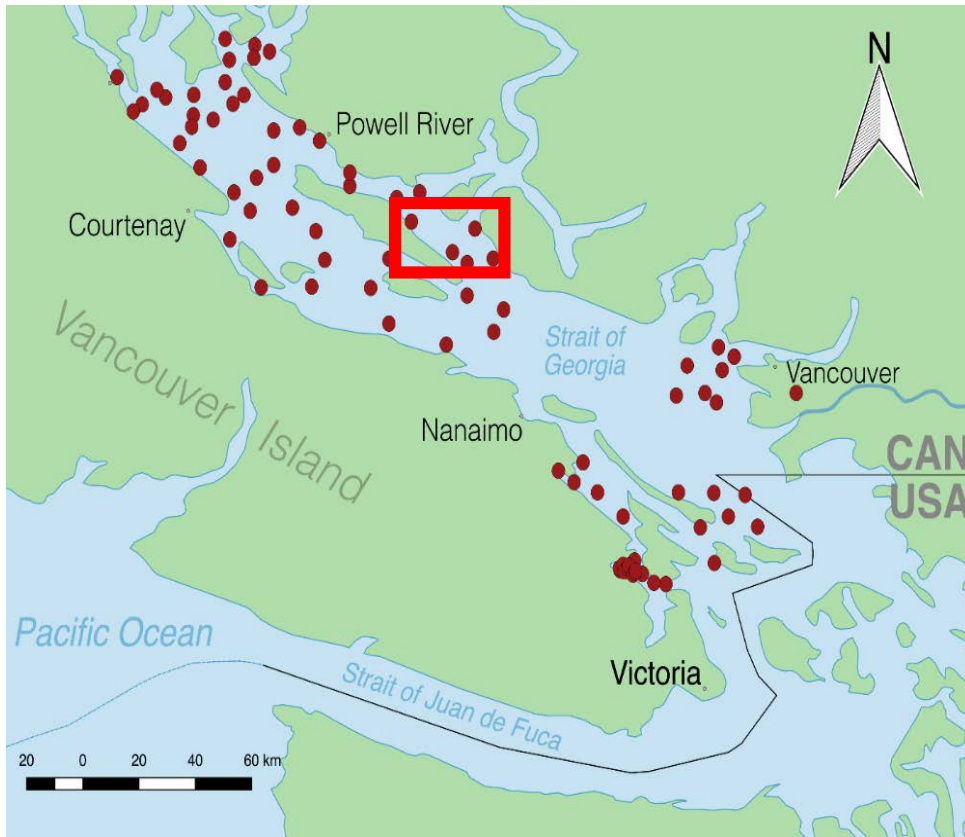
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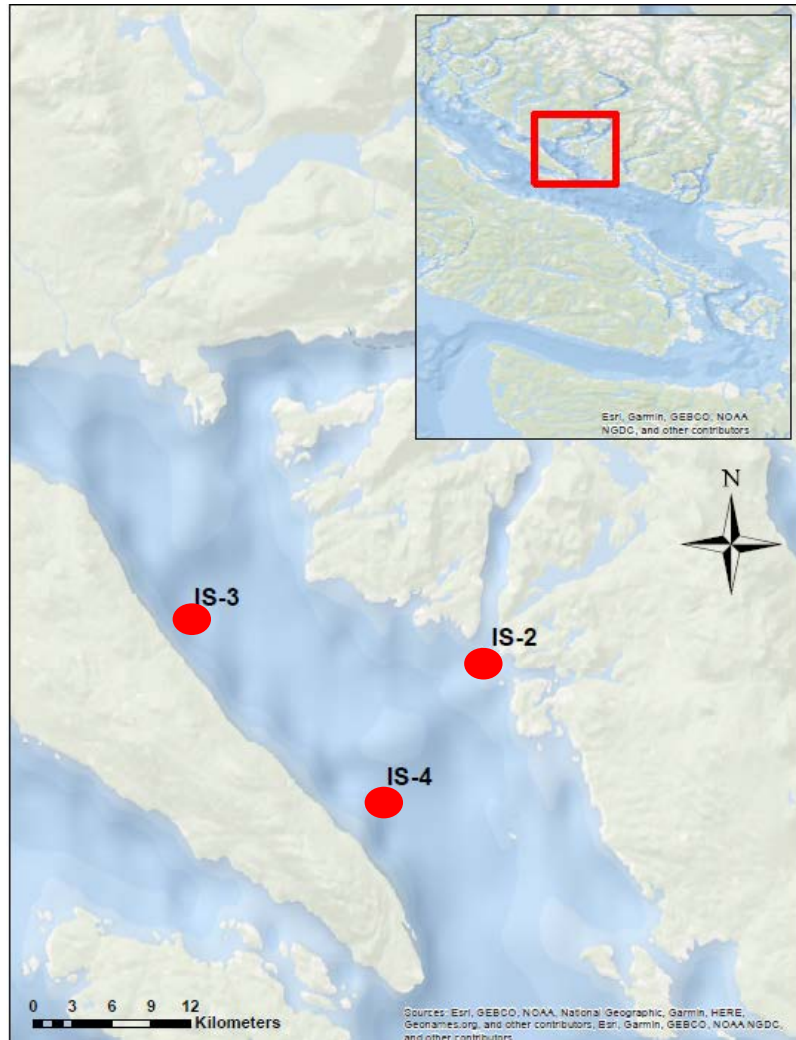
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Malaspina Strait data



Sites: IS-2 (~500m from the shore, depths <30m), IS-3 and IS-4 (>1500 m, >300 m)

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CTD: temperature, salinity, Chl

Nutrients: NO_3^- , PO_4^- (0 and 20m)

In situ Phytoplankton (0 m)

In situ Zooplankton (tow sample)

Additional data:

Fraser River discharge (at Hope)

Air temperature, precipitation (Powell River)

Hours of sunshine, wind (Vancouver)

Upwelling index

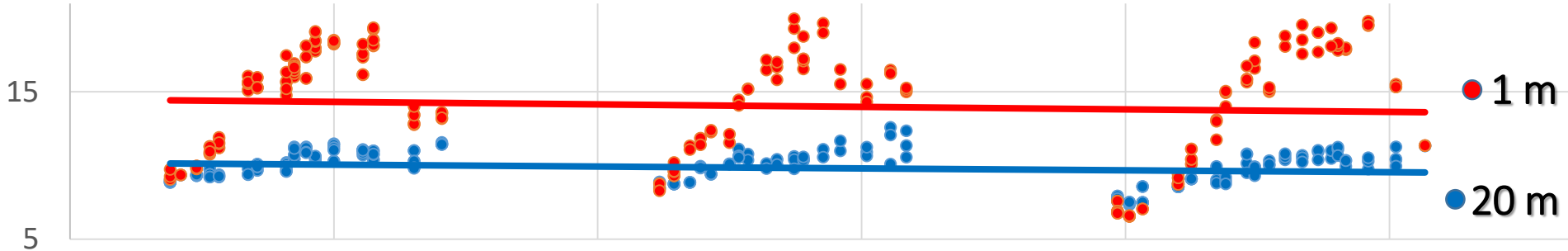
Trends

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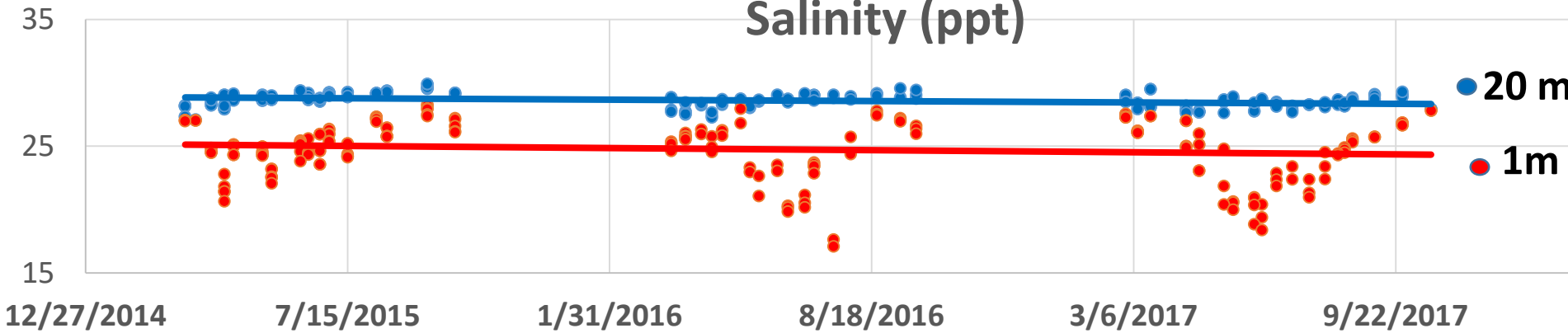
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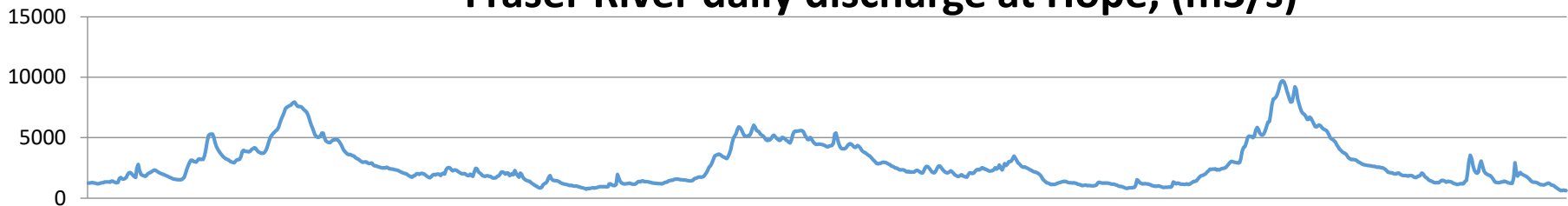
Water Temperature (C)



Salinity (ppt)



Fraser River daily discharge at Hope, (m³/s)



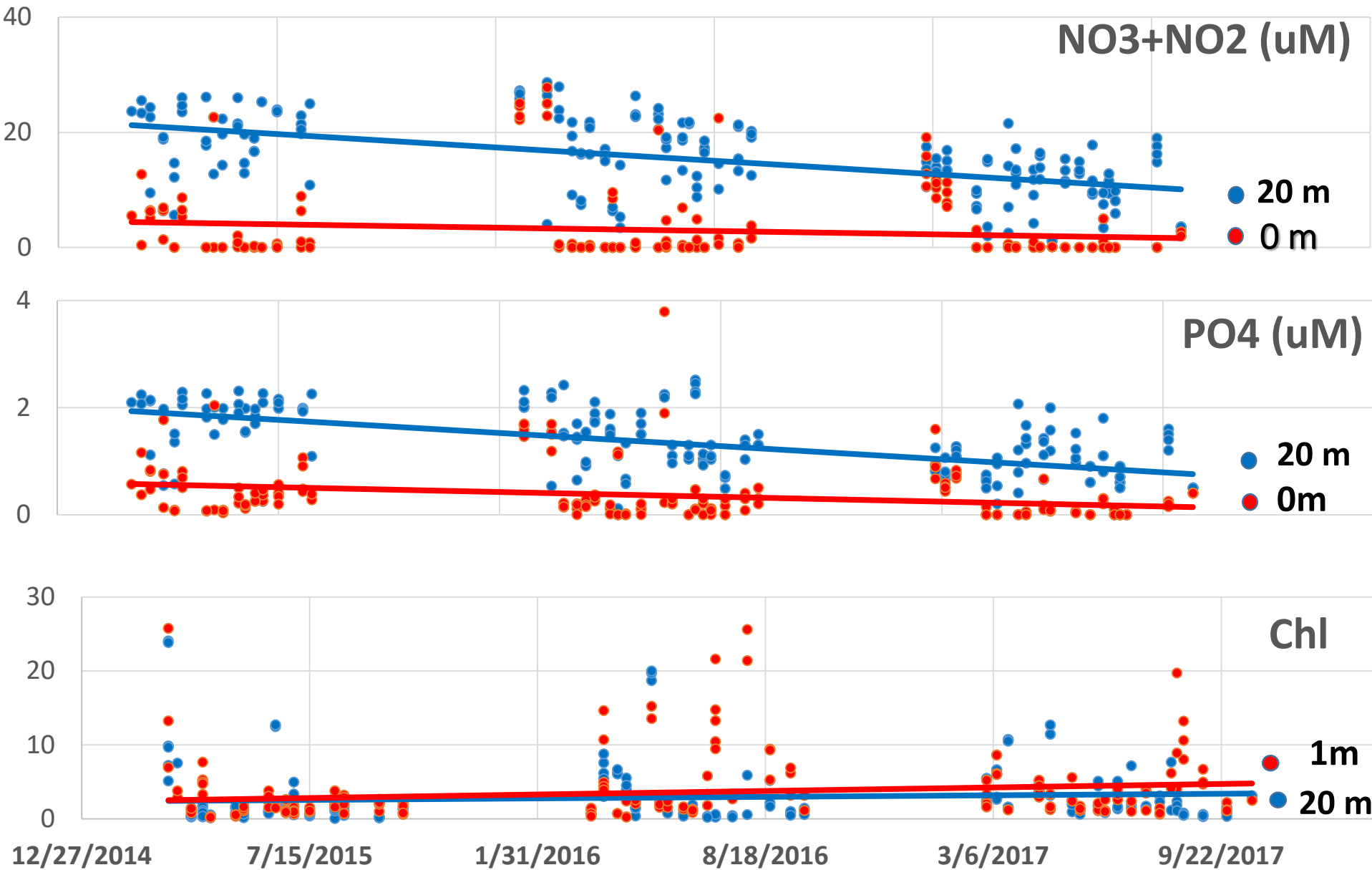
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Nutrients data by Dr. Rich Pawlowicz, UBC

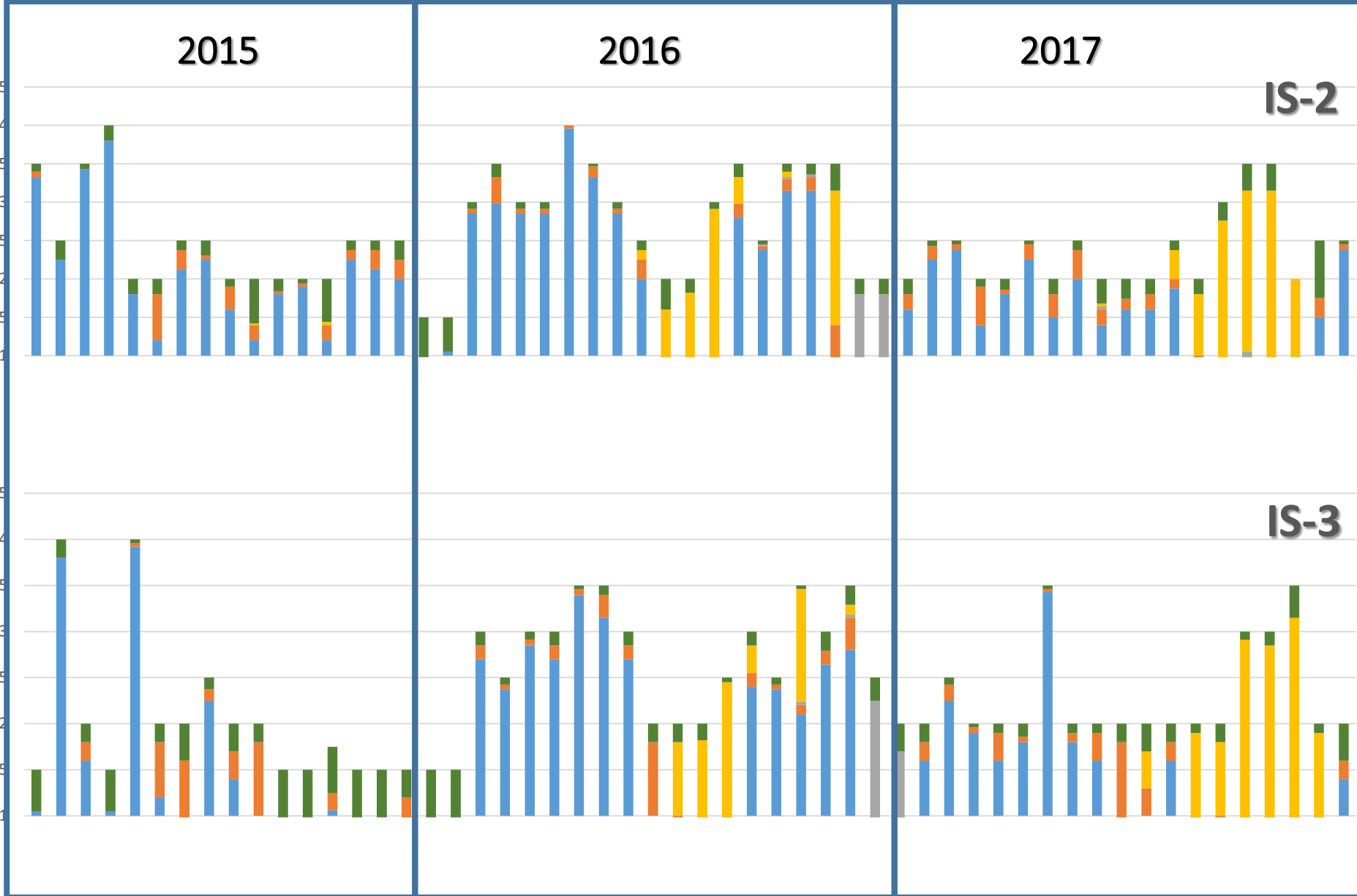
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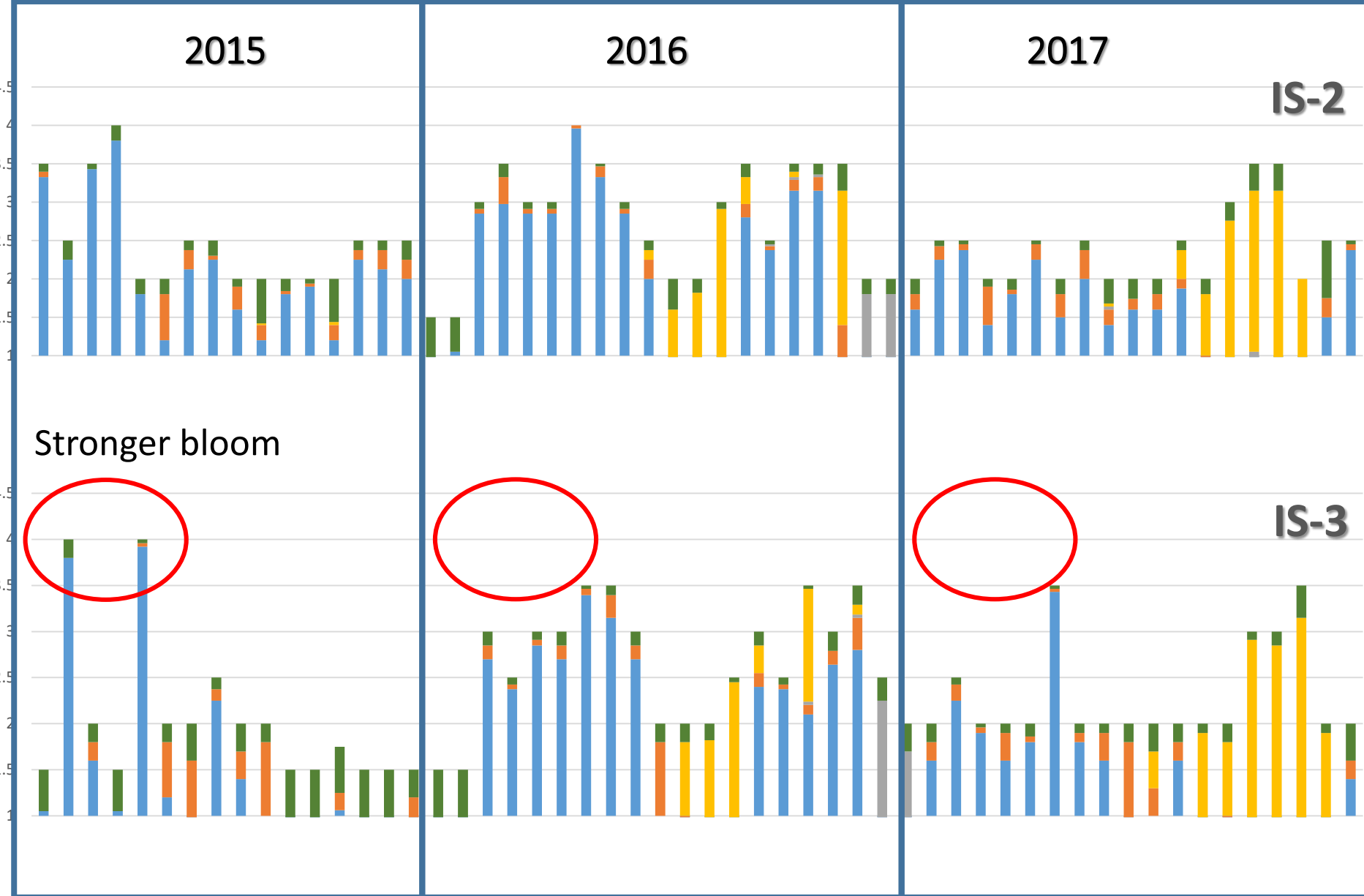


In situ phytoplankton biomass index at 0m



■ Diatoms
 ■ Dinoflagellates
 ■ Raphidophytes
 ■ Silicoflagellates
 ■ Other

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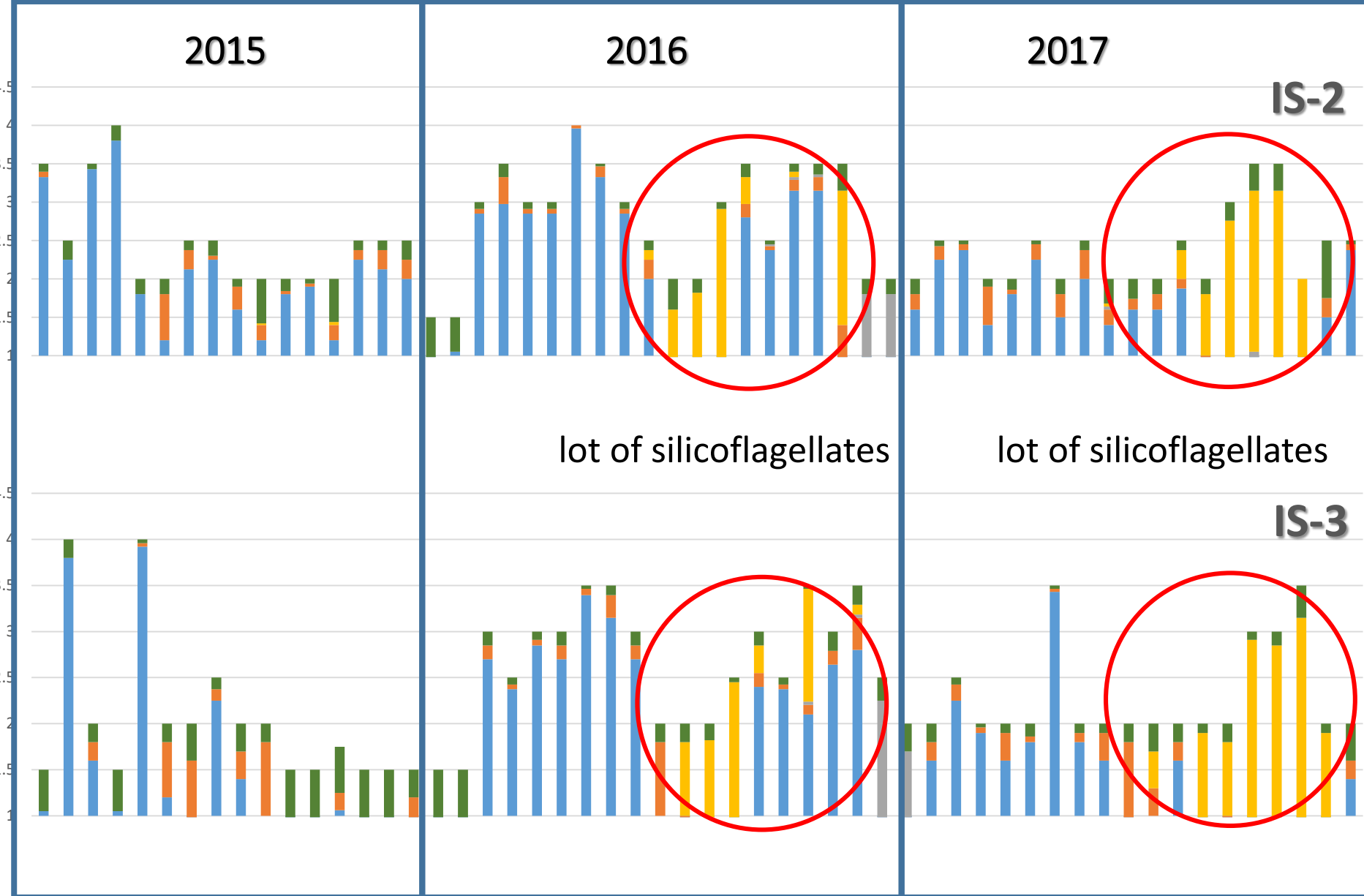
Stronger bloom

IS-2

IS-3

- Diatoms
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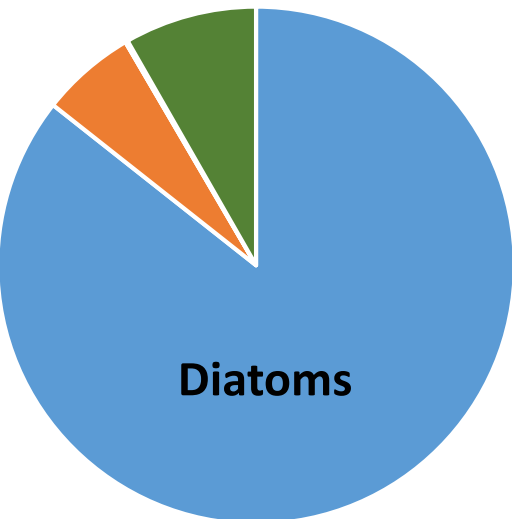
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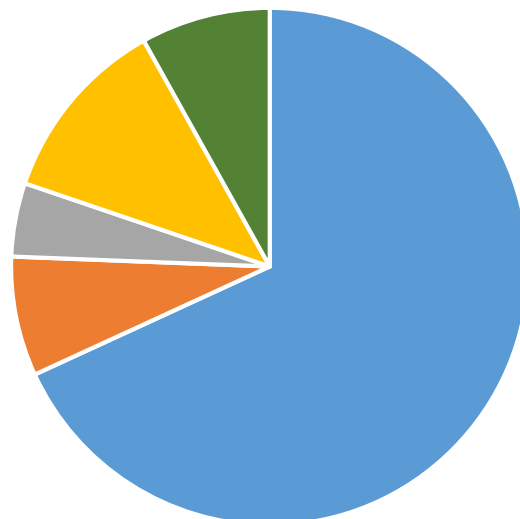
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Total phytoplankton biomass index per year

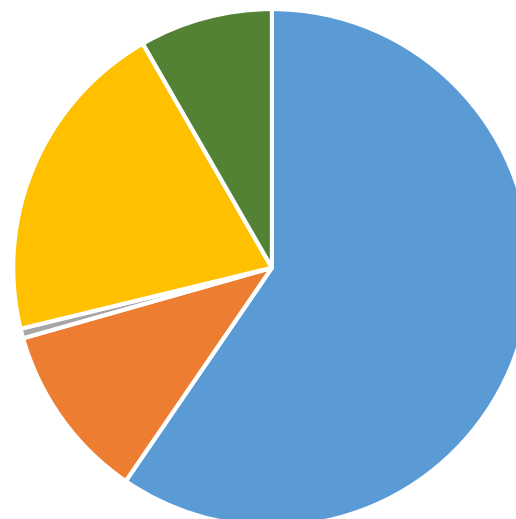
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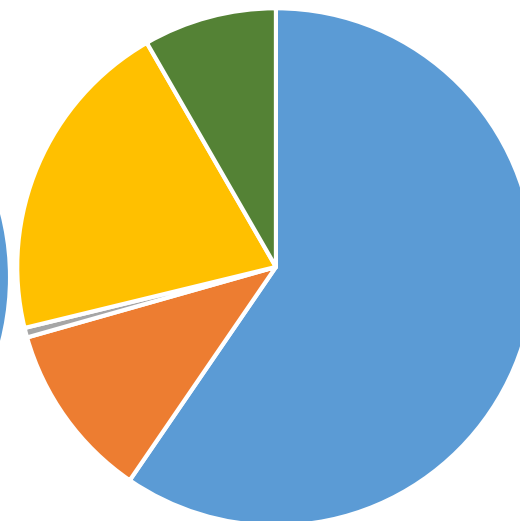
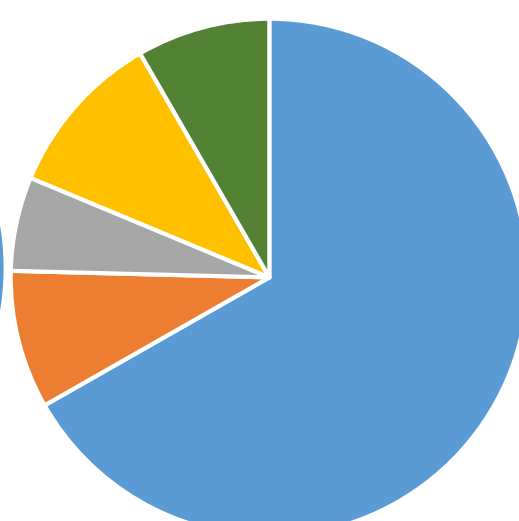
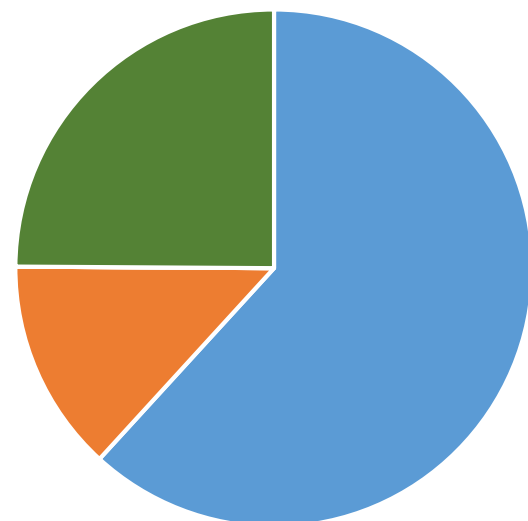


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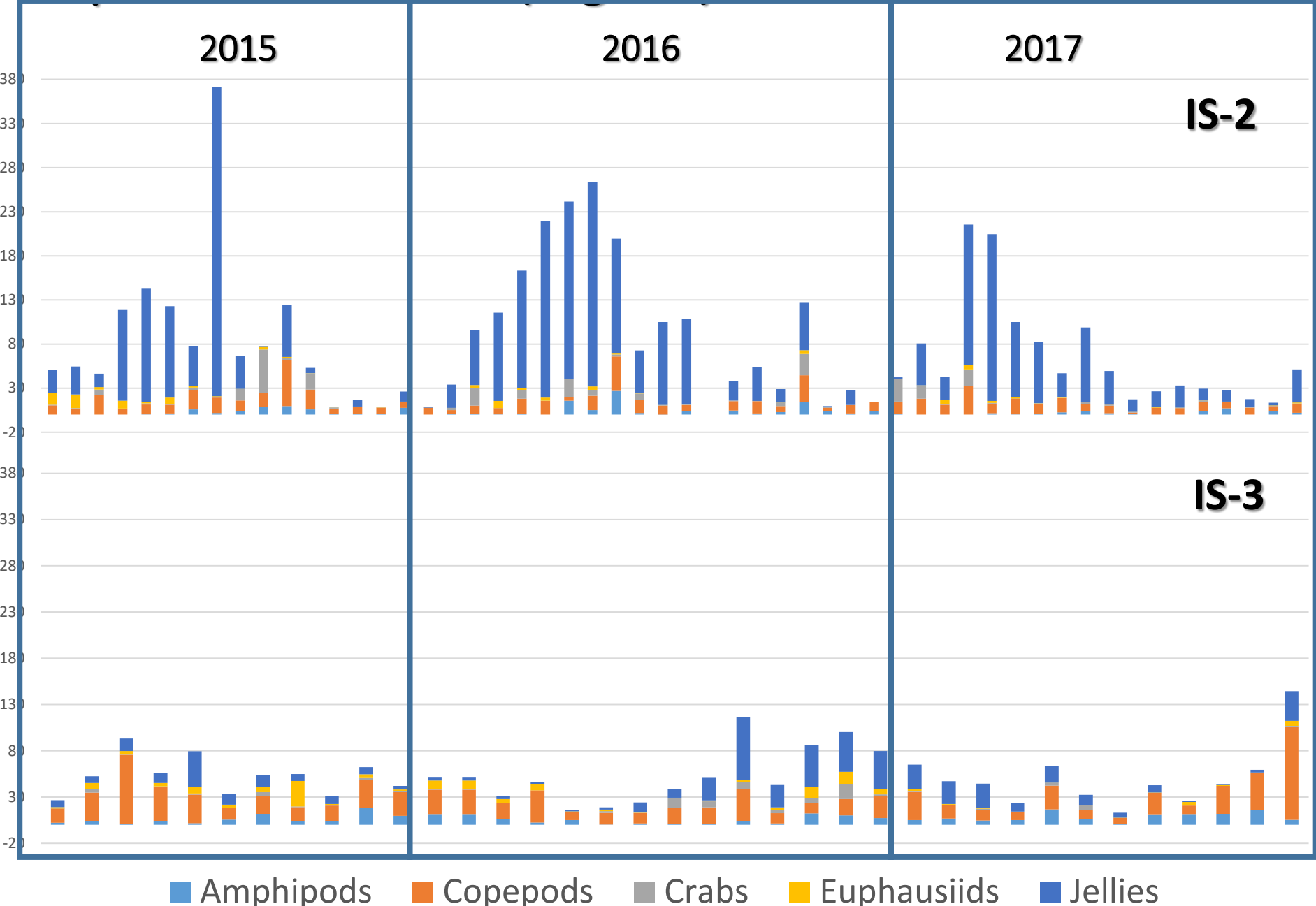
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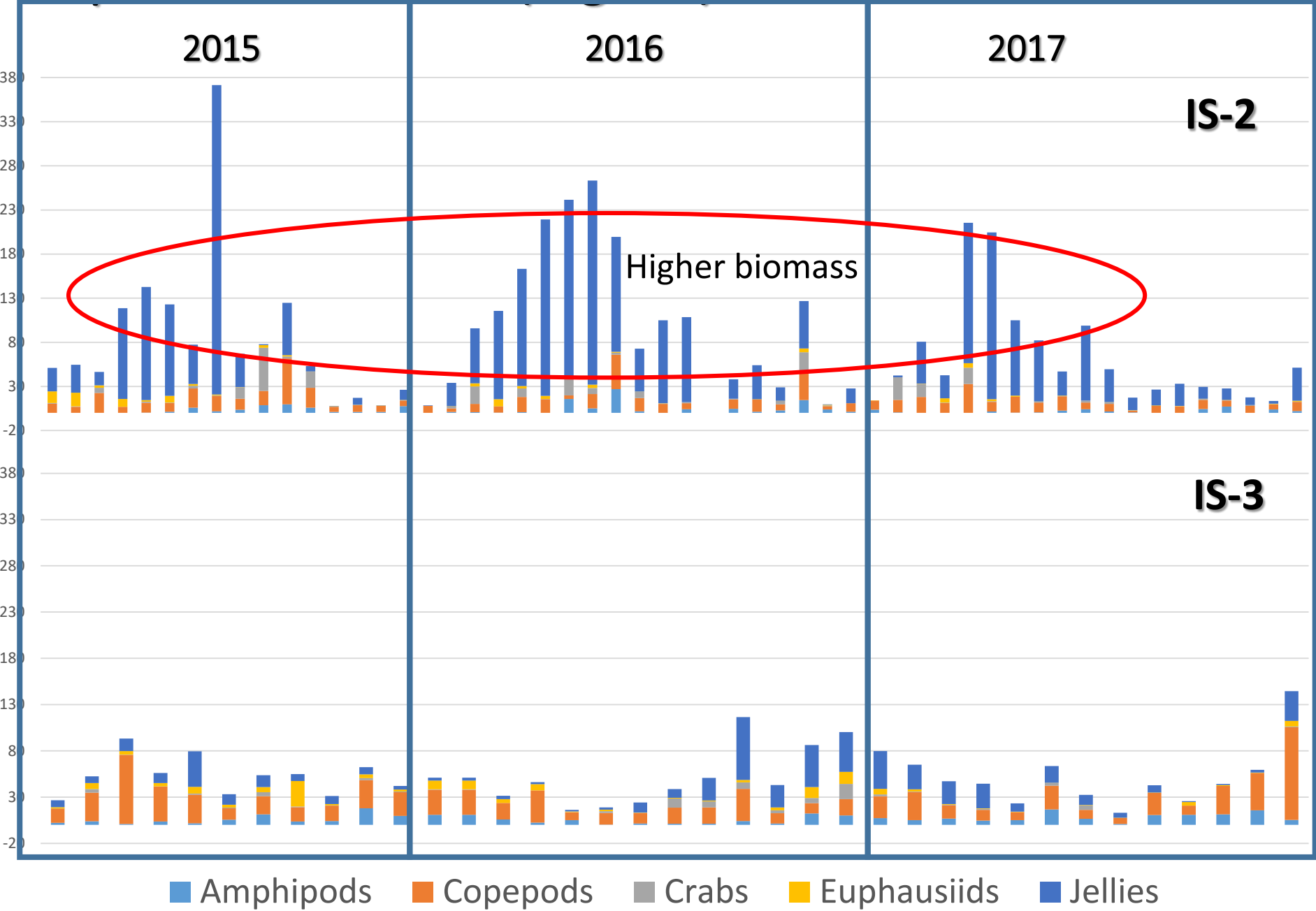
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- Diatoms
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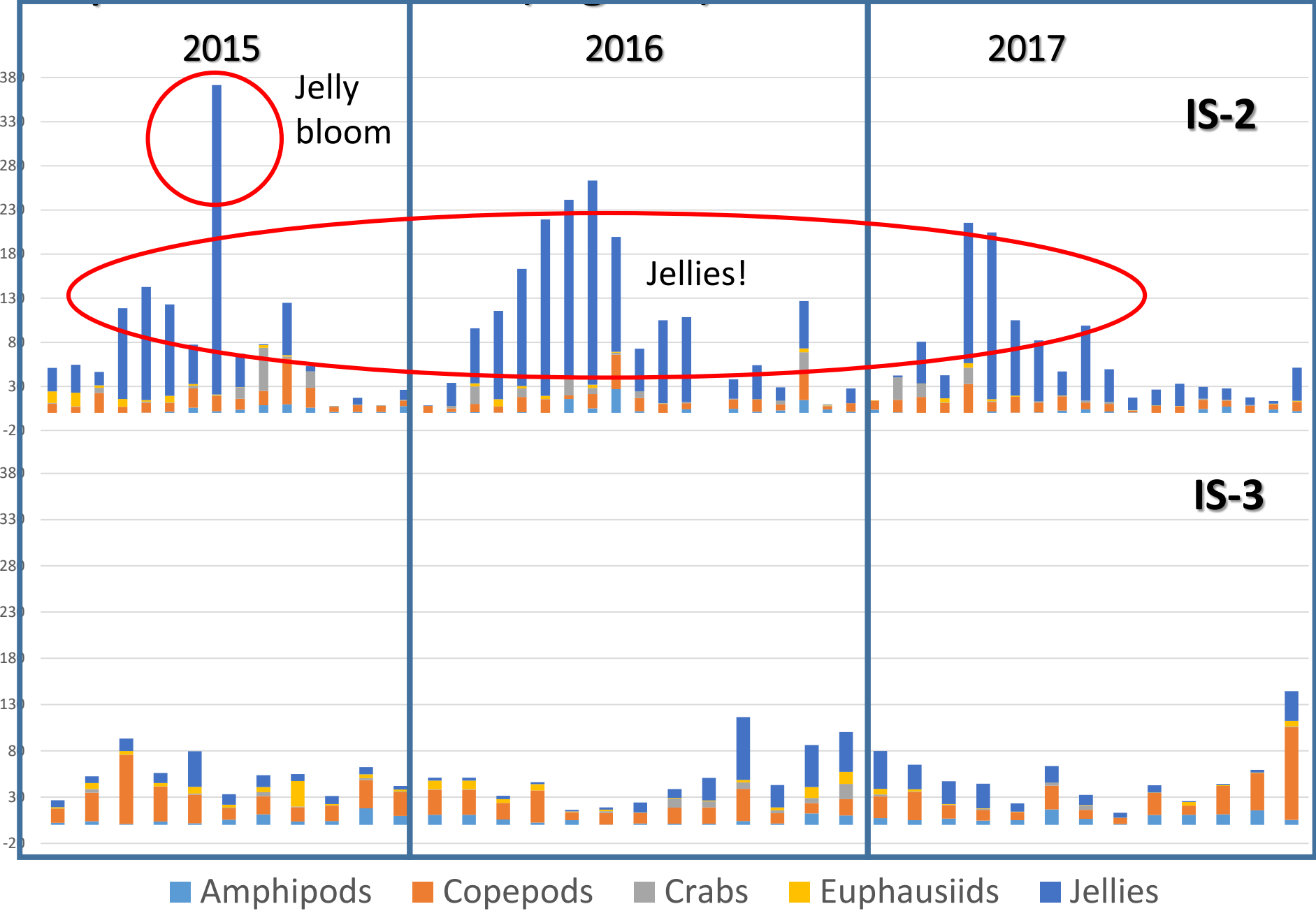
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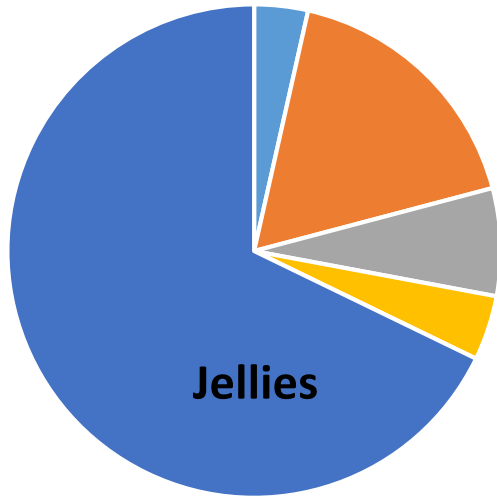


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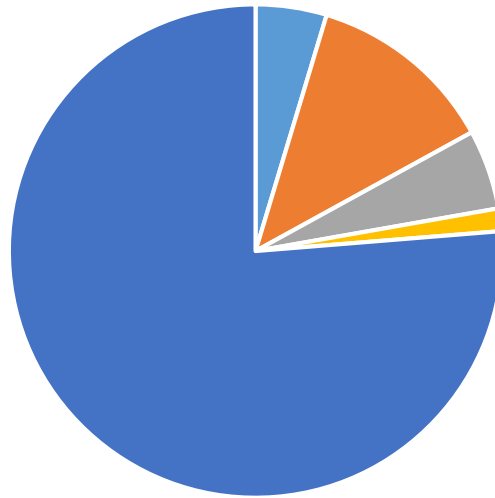


Total zooplankton biomass per year

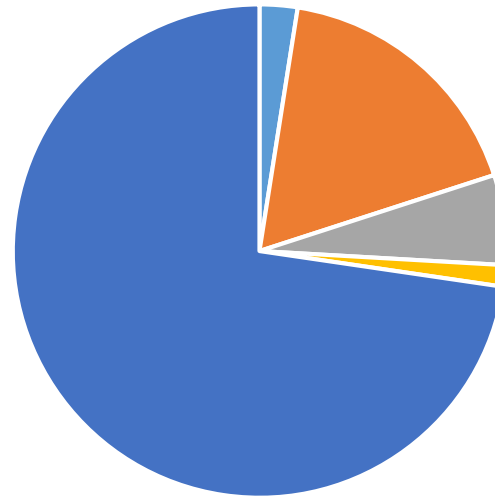
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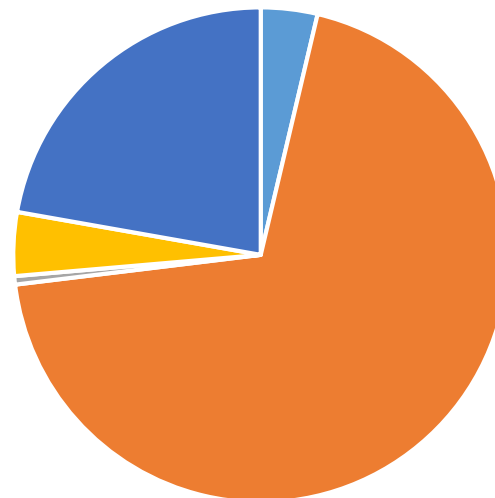
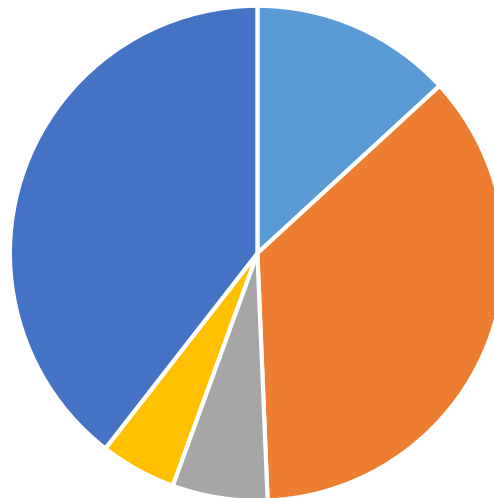
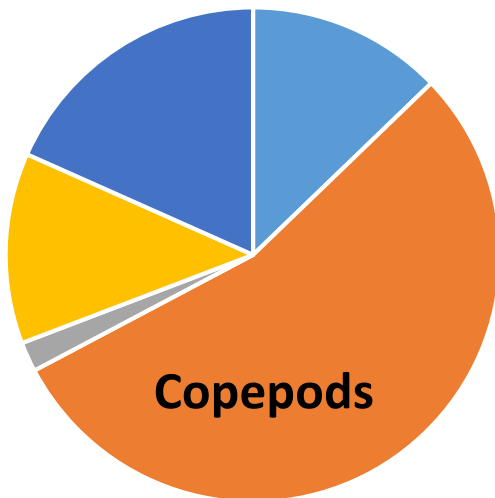


2017



IS-2

- Amphipods
- Copepods
- Crabs
- Euphausiids
- Jellies



IS-3

- Amphipods
- Copepods
- Crabs
- Euphausiids
- Jellies

Exploratory statistics, Spearman Rank Order Correlation

	IS-2		IS-3	
	% Diatoms	% Dinoflagellates	% Diatoms	% Dinoflagellates
Temp at 1 m	-0.514	0.397	-0.626	0.275
Temp at 20 m	-0.266	0.183	-0.486	0.278
Salinity at 1 m	0.199	-0.199	-0.062	0.332
Salinity at 20 m	0.211	0.213	-0.443	0.049
Chl a at 1 m	-0.003	-0.100	-0.03	-0.093
Chl a at 20 m	0.341	-0.091	0.384	-0.112
Large calanoids	0.412	-0.130	0.394	-0.241
Medium calanoids	0.475	-0.324	-0.116	0.116
Small calanoids	-0.049	0.236	-0.150	0.378
Non-calanoid copepods	-0.102	0.294	-0.372	0.376
Juvenile euphausiids	0.472	-0.277	0.546	-0.102

Summary

- This work integrates numerous data sets produced by the SSMSP
- We have 3 year series of data for oceanographic parameters, phytoplankton and zooplankton for 3 sites in Malaspina Inlet (can include Baynes Sound in future)
- Our data shows very noticeable annual variability
- Preliminary statistical analysis has promising results
- In depth work will be lead by Dr. Karyn Suchy (UVic, IOS)

Thank you
Questions?