# SCIENCE-DRIVEN FISHERIES DYNAMICS: WHAT'S IN OUR FUTURE?

Increasing demand 9.7 Billion by 2050 Increasing uncertainty Distribution & Production Increasing conflict ↓ Allocations



Brad Harris, Ph.D. Fisheries Aquatic Science & Technology Laboratory - Alaska Pacific University



## PACIFIC RAZOR CLAMS





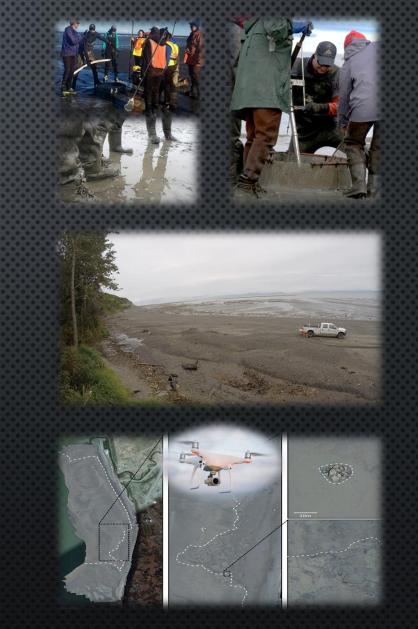


Clam ban digs in — Populations on eastside beaches still struggling



Clam Digging Closed Again for 2019 on the Eastside for the 5th continuous year





### PACIFIC HALIBUT

#### Mushy Halibut Syndrome

I. Causative Agent and Disease VI Smaller half	I. Prognosis for Host
	: Cook Inlet and Hom-
by sportfishing	e nursery grounds
and Soldotna, A	of young halibut that
tion locally kno	forage fish that have
Typically, this c	n numbers. Stomach
having large are	r halibut now contain
is abnormally to	species. Whether this
jellylike. The or	either in quantity or
these fish is usu	its is not known. How-
are released bec	it syndrome is similar
inferior meat qu	or higher animals with

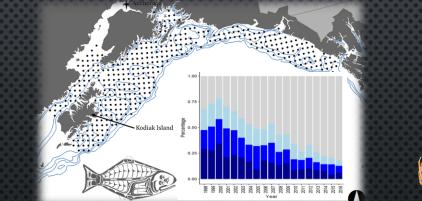
7 Reasons Why Size Matters for Halibut

"Halibut have been getting smaller for their age since the 1970s. **The reasons for the decrease in size are unknown, but competition for food, climate effects, and fishing effects are possible causes.**"



Halibut commission cuts 2020 harvest levels for US waters











## SCIENCE-DRIVEN FISHERIES DYNAMICS: WHAT'S IN OUR FUTURE?

Status Quo What do we <u>know</u>?

Monitoring → Mechanisms What? → Why?

### Casting a Wider Net

Community – Based Research



