

The following supplement accompanies the article

Whelk predators exhibit limited population responses and community effects following disease-driven declines of the keystone predator *Pisaster ochraceus*

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Table S1. Two-way ANOVAs testing the effect of whelk removal treatments and site on the number of cumulative whelks in plots. Because the cumulative numbers were non-independent over time, we modeled each time period separately. Non-significant interaction terms were dropped in models. Time 0 represents the first monitoring prior to removal in June 2014.

| | Estimate | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | p-value |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Time 0 (June 2014)</i> | | | | | | |
| Site | YB - SH = 16.6 | 1 | 2756 | 2755.6 | 0.7203 | 0.4015 |
| Treat | C - W = 0.8 | 1 | 6 | 6.4 | 0.0017 | 0.9676 |
| Residuals | | 37 | 141554 | 3825.8 | | |
| <i>Time 1 (September 2014)</i> | | | | | | |
| Site | YB - SH = 91.8 | 1 | 84272 | 84272 | 1.8516 | 0.1818 |
| Treat | C - W = 264.8 | 1 | 701190 | 701190 | 15.4063 | 0.0004 |
| Residuals | | 37 | 1683987 | 45513 | | |
| <i>Time 2 (February 2015)</i> | | | | | | |
| Site | YB - SH = -3.9 | 1 | 2146 | 2146 | 0.0358 | 0.8510 |
| Treat | C - W = 215.8 | 1 | 463579 | 463579 | 7.726 | 0.0085 |
| Residuals | | 37 | 2220104 | 60003 | | |
| <i>Time 3 (May 2015)</i> | | | | | | |
| Site | YB - SH = -10.5 | 1 | 1092 | 1092 | 0.0121 | 0.9132 |
| Treat | C - W = 260.0 | 1 | 675740 | 675740 | 7.4602 | 0.0096 |
| Residuals | | 37 | 3351431 | 90579 | | |

Table S2. ANOVA (analysis of deviance) tables for models explaining effect of treatment, time point, and site on the change in cover of the primary space-occupying prey species. Results are from mixed effects models (GLMM). Type III ANOVAs were run when interactions were present.

| Species | Term | X² | Df | p-value |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <i>B. glandula</i> | Intercept | 8.258 | 1 | 0.0041 |
| | Time | 40.60 | 2 | <0.0001 |
| | Site | 0.5882 | 1 | 0.44 |
| | Treatment | 0.0016 | 1 | 0.97 |
| | Time x Site | 0.2495 | 2 | 0.88 |
| | Time x Treatment | 0.0894 | 2 | 0.96 |
| | Site x Treatment | 4.829 | 1 | 0.028 |
| | Time x Site x Treatment | 9.018 | 2 | 0.011 |
| <i>C. dalli</i> | Intercept | 5.907 | 1 | 0.015 |
| | Time | 85.37 | 2 | <0.0001 |
| | Site | 11.97 | 1 | 0.00054 |
| | Time x Site | 20.69 | 2 | <0.0001 |
| <i>M. californianus</i> | Intercept | 963.8 | 1 | <0.0001 |
| | Time | 96.24 | 2 | <0.0001 |
| | Site | 0.0608 | 1 | 0.81 |
| | Treatment | 4.088 | 1 | 0.043 |
| | Time x Site | 11.15 | 2 | 0.0038 |
| <i>M. trossulus</i> | Intercept | 29.69 | 1 | <0.0001 |
| | Time | 56.31 | 2 | <0.0001 |
| | Site | 2.157 | 1 | 0.14 |
| | Time x Site | 17.24 | 2 | 0.00018 |
| <i>P. polymerus</i> | Intercept | 370.3 | 1 | <0.0001 |
| | Time | 94.70 | 2 | <0.0001 |
| | Site | 1.320 | 1 | 0.25 |
| | Time x Site | 16.29 | 2 | 0.00030 |
| <i>S. cariosus</i> | Intercept | 675.5 | 1 | <0.0001 |
| | Time | 11.50 | 2 | 0.0032 |
| | Site | 8.911 | 1 | 0.0028 |

Table S3. Effect of treatment, time point, and site on the change in cover of the primary space-occupying prey species. Results are from mixed effects models (GLMM) with only fixed effects presented. The reference groups are: control for treatment, time 1 for Sept. 2014, and Strawberry Hill (SH) for site. YB=Yachats Beach, Time 2 = Feb. 2015, Time 3=May 2015.

| Species | Term | Value | Std.Error | DF | t-value | p-value |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>B. glandula</i> | Intercept | 0.102 | 0.0355 | 72 | 2.87 | <0.01 |
| | Time 2 | -0.157 | 0.0310 | 72 | -5.06 | <0.001 |
| | Time 3 | -0.183 | 0.0310 | 72 | -5.88 | <0.001 |
| | Site YB | -0.0385 | 0.0502 | 36 | -0.767 | 0.45 |
| | Trmt whelk removal | -0.002 | 0.0502 | 36 | -0.0398 | 0.97 |
| | Time 2:Site YB | -0.02 | 0.0439 | 72 | -0.456 | 0.65 |
| | Time 3:Site YB | -0.00225 | 0.0439 | 72 | -0.0513 | 0.96 |
| | Time 2:Trmt whelk removal | 0.005 | 0.0439 | 72 | 0.114 | 0.91 |
| | Time 3:Trmt whelk removal | 0.0130 | 0.0439 | 72 | 0.296 | 0.77 |
| | Site YB:Trmt whelk removal | 0.156 | 0.0710 | 36 | 2.20 | 0.035 |
| | Time 2:Site YB:Trmt whelk removal | -0.158 | 0.0620 | 72 | -2.55 | 0.013 |
| | Time 3:Site YB:Trmt whelk removal | -0.165 | 0.0620 | 72 | -2.65 | <0.01 |
| <i>C. dalli</i> | Intercept | 0.0378 | 0.0155 | 76 | 2.43 | 0.017 |
| | Time 2 | -0.0868 | 0.0124 | 76 | -6.98 | <0.001 |
| | Time 3 | -0.109 | 0.0124 | 76 | -8.73 | <0.001 |
| | Site YB | -0.0760 | 0.0220 | 38 | -3.46 | <0.01 |
| | Time 2:Site YB | 0.0533 | 0.0176 | 76 | 3.03 | <0.01 |
| | Time 3:Site YB | 0.0783 | 0.0176 | 76 | 4.45 | <0.001 |
| <i>M. californianus</i> (logit transformed) | Intercept | -4.32 | 0.139 | 76 | -31.0 | <0.001 |
| | Time 2 | 0.534 | 0.109 | 76 | 4.88 | <0.001 |
| | Time 3 | 1.07 | 0.109 | 76 | 9.81 | <0.001 |
| | Site YB | 0.0417 | 0.169 | 37 | 0.247 | 0.81 |
| | Trmt whelk removal | -0.290 | 0.143 | 37 | -2.02 | 0.050 |
| | Time 2:Site YB | -0.181 | 0.155 | 76 | -1.17 | 0.25 |
| | Time 3:Site YB | -0.509 | 0.155 | 76 | -3.29 | <0.01 |
| <i>M. trossulus</i> | Intercept | -0.228 | 0.0419 | 76 | -5.45 | <0.001 |
| | Time 2 | -0.0652 | 0.0269 | 76 | -2.42 | 0.018 |
| | Time 3 | -0.198 | 0.0269 | 76 | -7.36 | <0.001 |
| | Site YB | -0.0870 | 0.0592 | 38 | -1.47 | 0.15 |
| | Time 2:Site YB | 0.157 | 0.0381 | 76 | 4.13 | 0.0001 |
| | Time 3:Site YB | 0.0661 | 0.0381 | 76 | 1.74 | 0.086 |
| <i>P. polymerus</i> (logit transformed) | Intercept | -3.25 | 0.169 | 76 | -19.2 | <0.001 |
| | Time 2 | 1.05 | 0.162 | 76 | 6.51 | <0.001 |
| | Time 3 | 1.54 | 0.162 | 76 | 9.52 | <0.001 |
| | Site YB | -0.275 | 0.239 | 38 | -1.15 | 0.26 |
| | Time 2:Site YB | -0.619 | 0.229 | 76 | -2.70 | <0.01 |
| | Time 3:Site YB | -0.905 | 0.229 | 76 | -3.95 | <0.001 |
| <i>S. cariosus</i> (logit transformed) | Intercept | -4.16 | 0.160 | 78 | -26.0 | <0.001 |
| | Time 2 | 0.179 | 0.0771 | 78 | 2.32 | 0.023 |
| | Time 3 | 0.254 | 0.0771 | 78 | 3.30 | <0.01 |
| | Site YB | 0.649 | 0.218 | 38 | 2.99 | <0.01 |

Table S4. Negative binomial regression results for *N. canaliculata* density over time when *M. trossulus* zone quadrats are included and excluded. The reference site was SH. BB and FC sites are on Cape Foulweather, while YB and SH are on Cape Perpetua.

| With <i>M. trossulus</i> quadrats | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|---------|---------------|
| *Residual deviance: 596.9 on 632, df, theta=0.1787 | | | | |
| Parameter | Estimate | Std. Error | z value | p-value |
| Intercept | 20.80 | 9.625 | 2.16 | 0.0307 |
| Site BB | -0.3875 | 0.2579 | -1.502 | 0.1330 |
| Site FC | -0.7212 | 0.2735 | -2.637 | 0.0084 |
| Site YB | 0.4755 | 0.2505 | 1.898 | 0.0577 |
| Time | -0.0011 | 0.0006 | -1.869 | 0.0616 |
| Without <i>M. trossulus</i> quadrats | | | | |
| *Residual deviance: 548.3 on 596, df, theta=0.1768 | | | | |
| Parameter | Estimate | Std. Error | z value | p-value |
| Intercept | 13.14 | 9.969 | 1.318 | 0.1873 |
| Site BB | -0.4299 | 0.2780 | -1.547 | 0.1220 |
| Site FC | -0.7750 | 0.2925 | -2.649 | 0.0081 |
| Site YB | -0.3923 | 0.2661 | -1.474 | 0.1404 |
| Time | -0.0006294 | 0.0006095 | -1.033 | 0.3018 |

Table S5. Negative binomial regression results for *N. ostrina* density over time. In this analysis results were the same whether or not *M. trossulus* quadrats were included, so we have only shown regression with the full analysis. The reference site was SH. BB and sites are on Cape Foulweather, while YB and SH are on Cape Perpetua.

| With <i>M. trossulus</i> quadrats | | | | |
|---|----------|------------|---------|-------------------|
| *Residual deviance: 733.81 on 632, df, theta=0.3431 | | | | |
| Parameter | Estimate | Std. Error | z value | p-value |
| Intercept | -13.2 | 6.93 | -1.908 | 0.0564 |
| Site BB | -2.07 | 0.186 | -11.128 | <0.0001 |
| Site FC | -1.67 | 0.197 | -8.497 | <0.0001 |
| Site YB | -0.0819 | 0.180 | -0.454 | 0.650 |
| Time | 0.0011 | 0.0004 | 2.597 | 0.0094 |

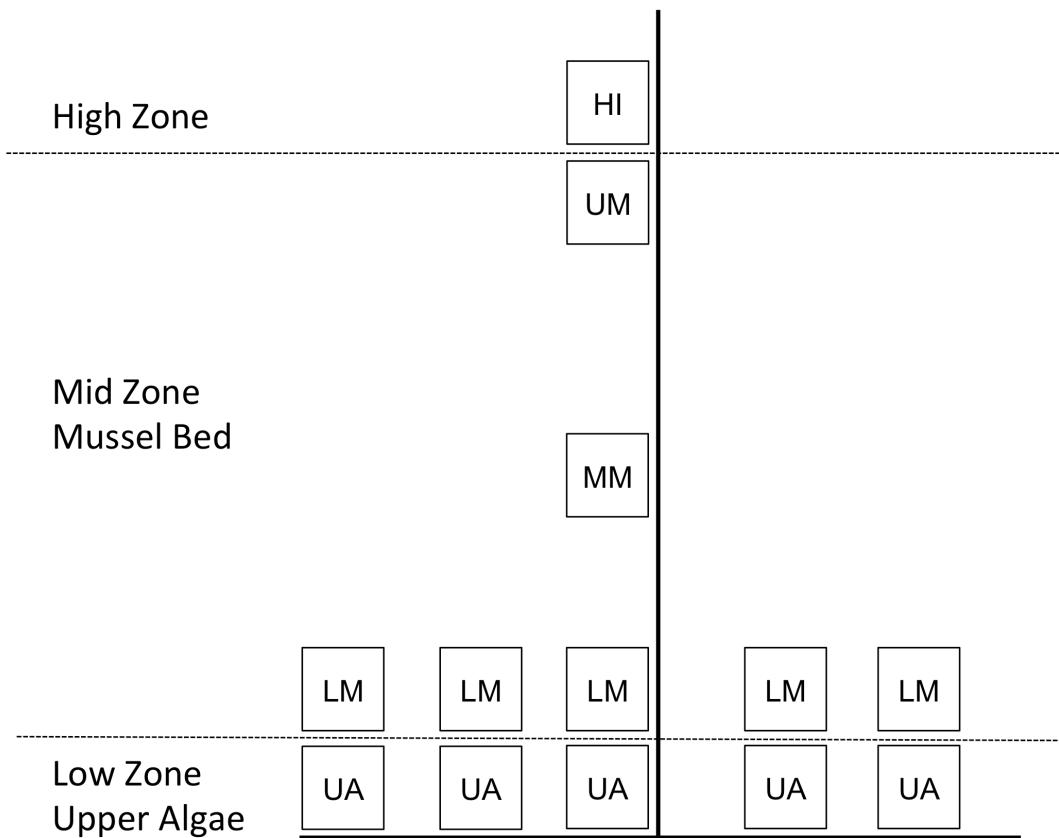


Figure S1. Survey transect design to measure the abundance and distribution of whelks at 4 study sites. The main transect line is vertical with additional horizontal quadrats placed in the upper algal zone (UA) and at the lower edge of the mussel bed (LM). There were five replicate transect lines at each site). The other zones were middle of mussel bed (MM), upper edge of mussel bed (UM), and the high zone (HI).

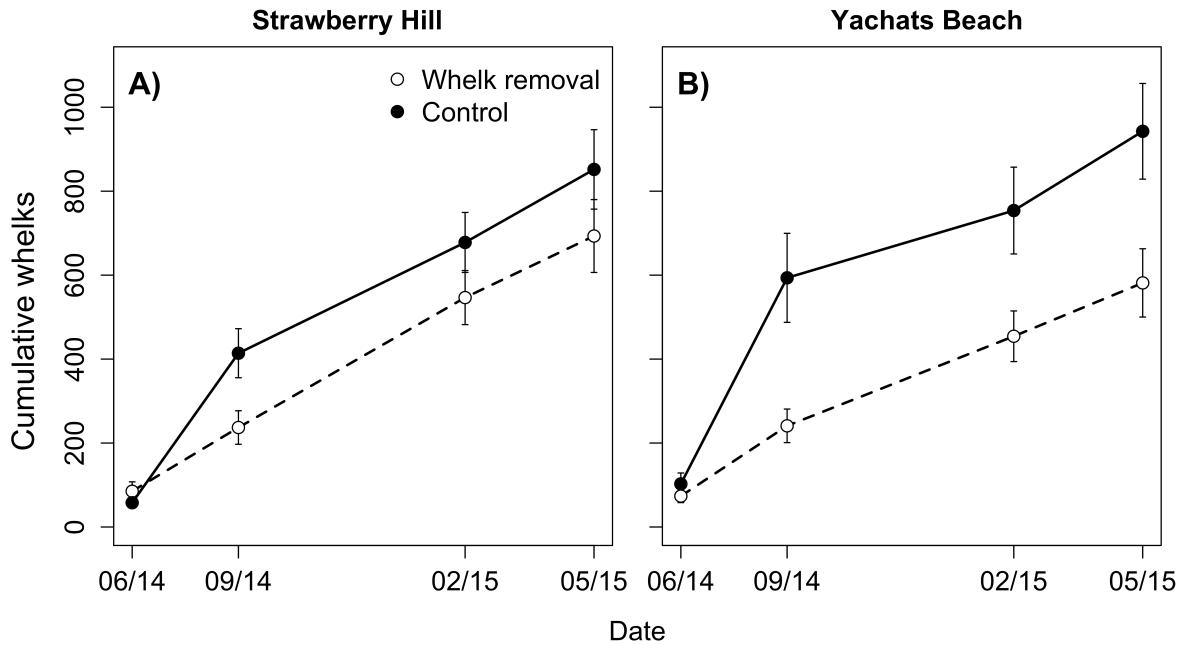


Figure S2. Total cumulative whelk densities (individuals m^{-2}) over the course of the experiment for whelk removals (dashed lines) and controls (solid lines) at Strawberry Hill (SH, left panel) and Yachats Beach (YB, right panel). Whelk removals reduced overall whelk presence. Cumulative densities are calculated using all monitoring data, but only time points that match prey abundance data are displayed. Whelks were recorded by species and pooled for analysis. Error bars are 1 SE.

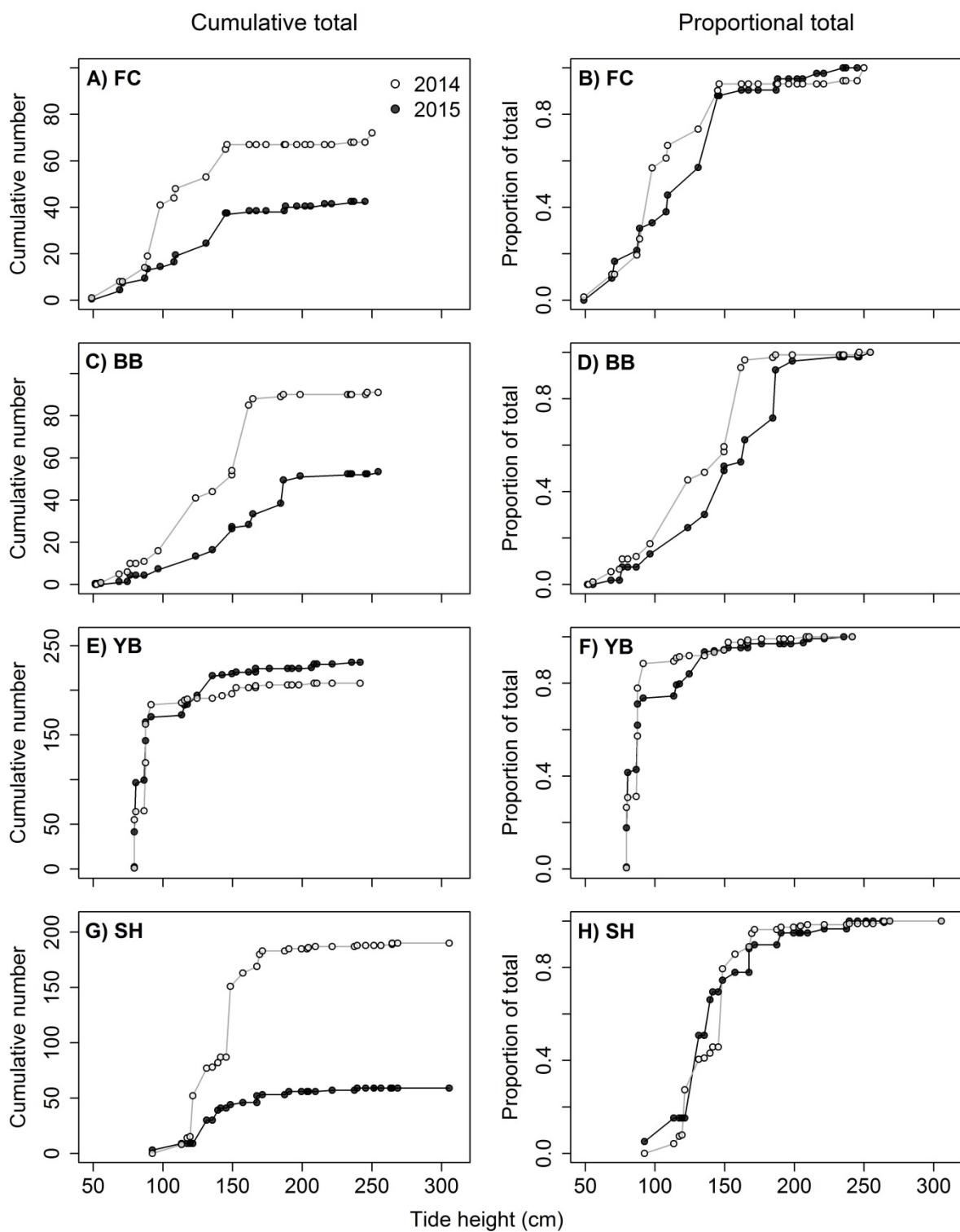


Figure S3. Abundance of *N. canaliculata* across tide heights (cm above MLLW) for July 2014 (white) and July 2015 (black). Left panel shows cumulative numbers of whelks with increasing tidal height. Right panel is cumulative proportion of total whelks with tidal height. Each row is a different site, with FC and BB occurring on Cape Foulweather, and YB and SH on Cape Perpetua.

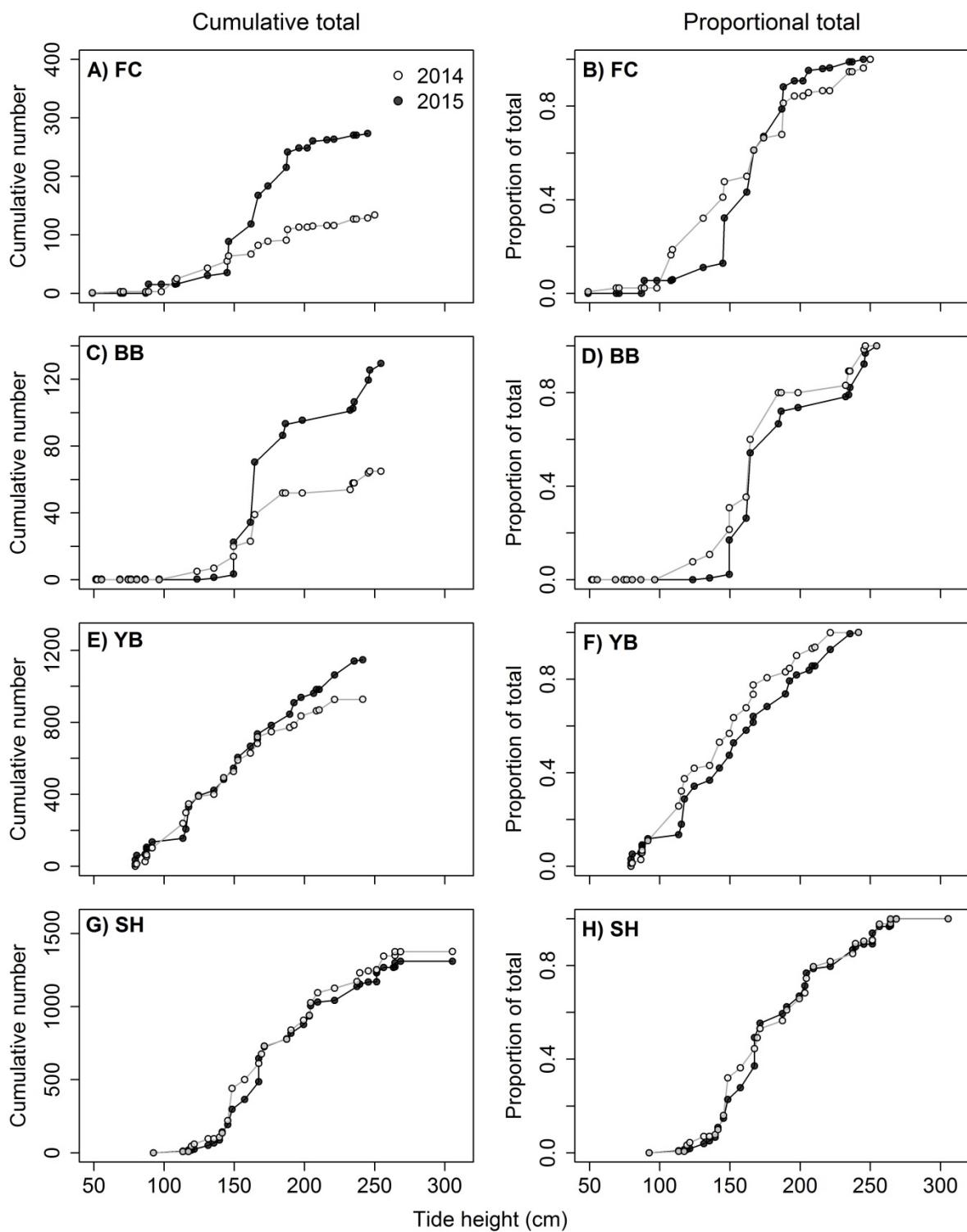


Figure S4. Abundance of *N. ostrina* across tide heights (cm above MLLW) for July 2014 (white) and July 2015 (black). Left panel shows cumulative numbers of whelks with increasing tidal height. Right panel is cumulative proportion of total whelks with tidal height. Each row is a different site, with FC and BB occurring on Cape Foulweather, and YB and SH on Cape Perpetua.