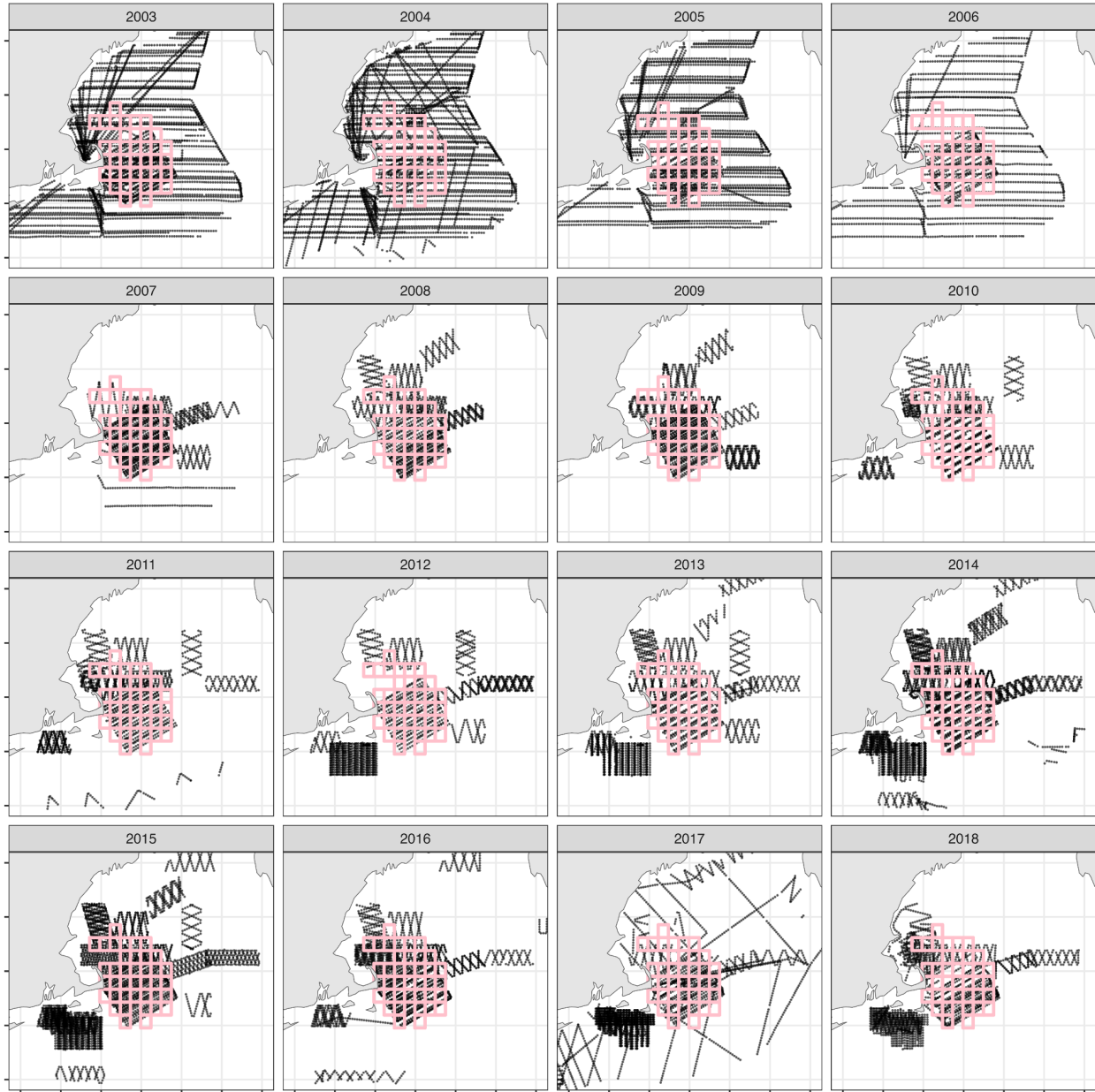


**Figure S1.** Count of humpback whale surveys in each grid cell in each year and month for the selected grids. April, May and June (blue) were the only months that were consistently sampled each year.

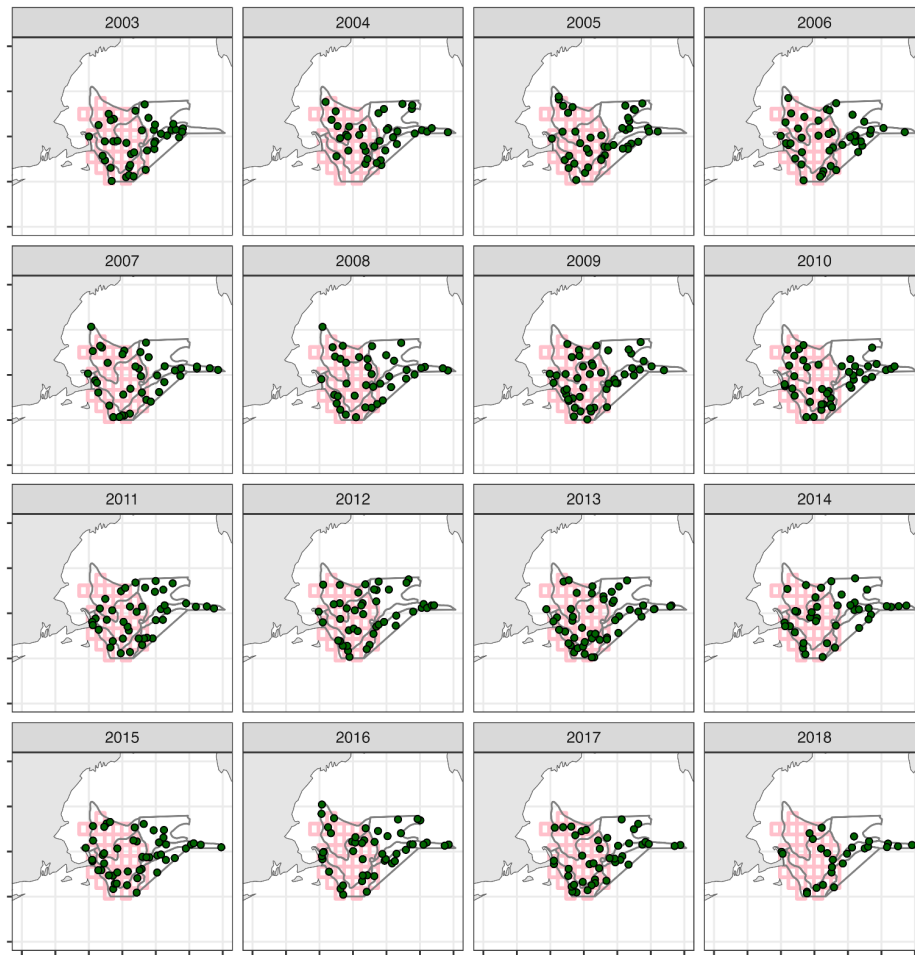


**Figure S2.** Whale survey transects in April May and June in consistently sampled grid cells (pink)

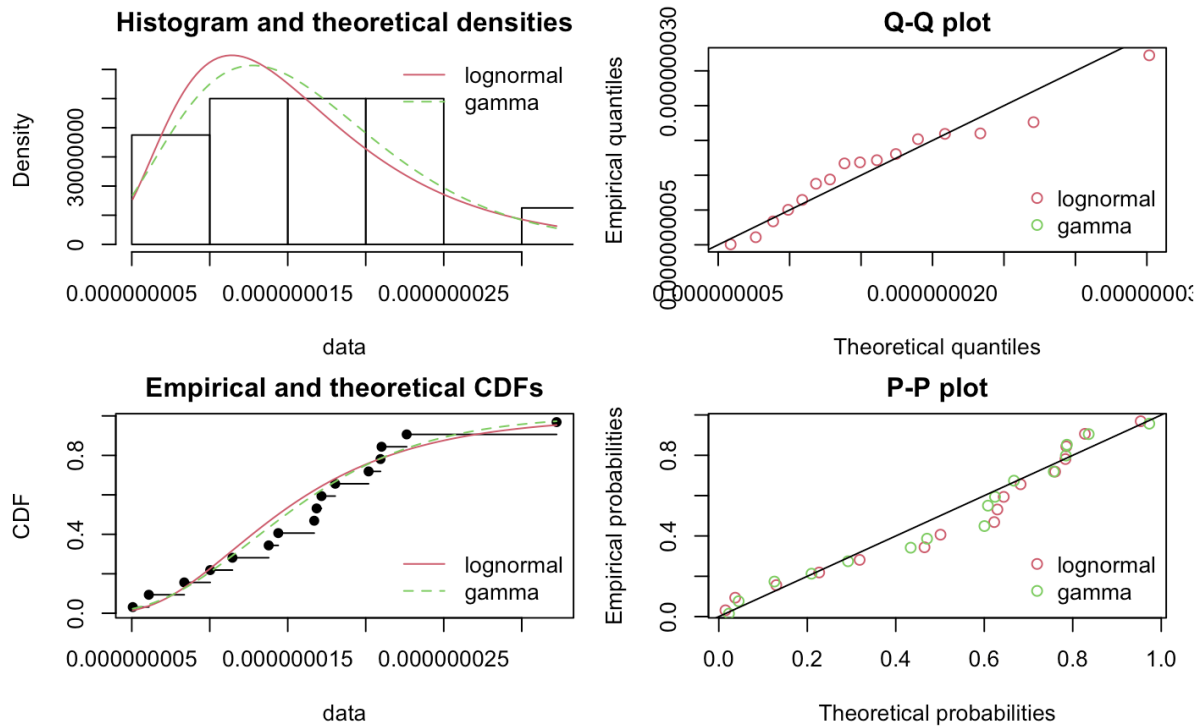


**Figure S3.** EcoMon strata (gray) and surveys in April May and June (green) in consistently sampled grid cells (pink)

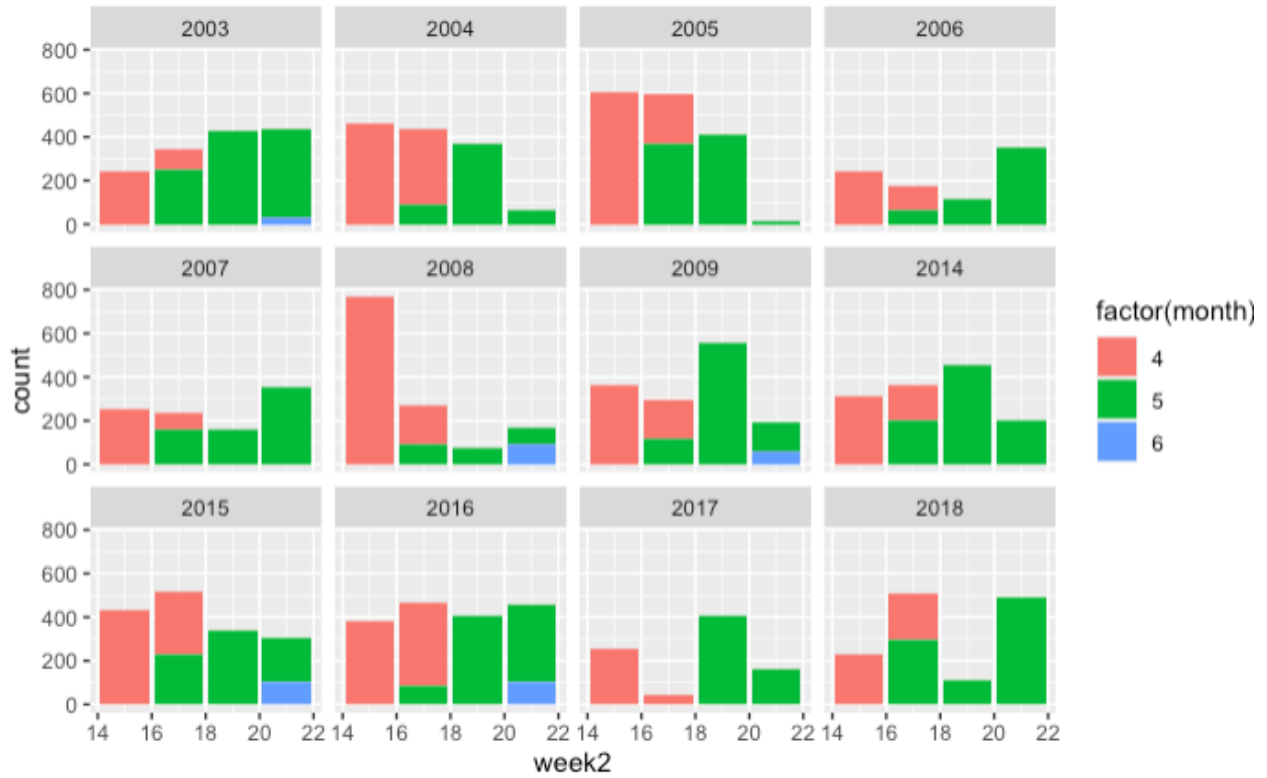
fish trawls and stomach surveys



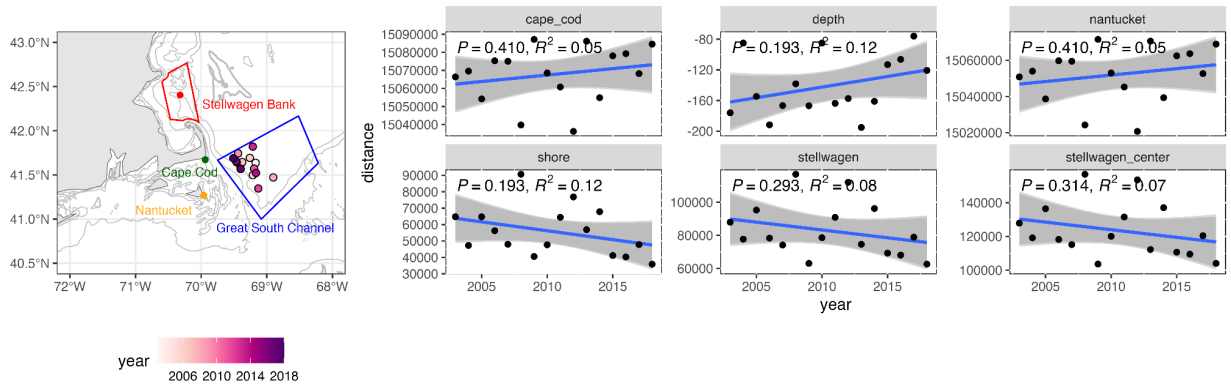
**Figure S4.** NEFSC bottom trawl and stomach content strata (gray) and surveys in April May and June (green) in consistently sampled grid cells (pink)



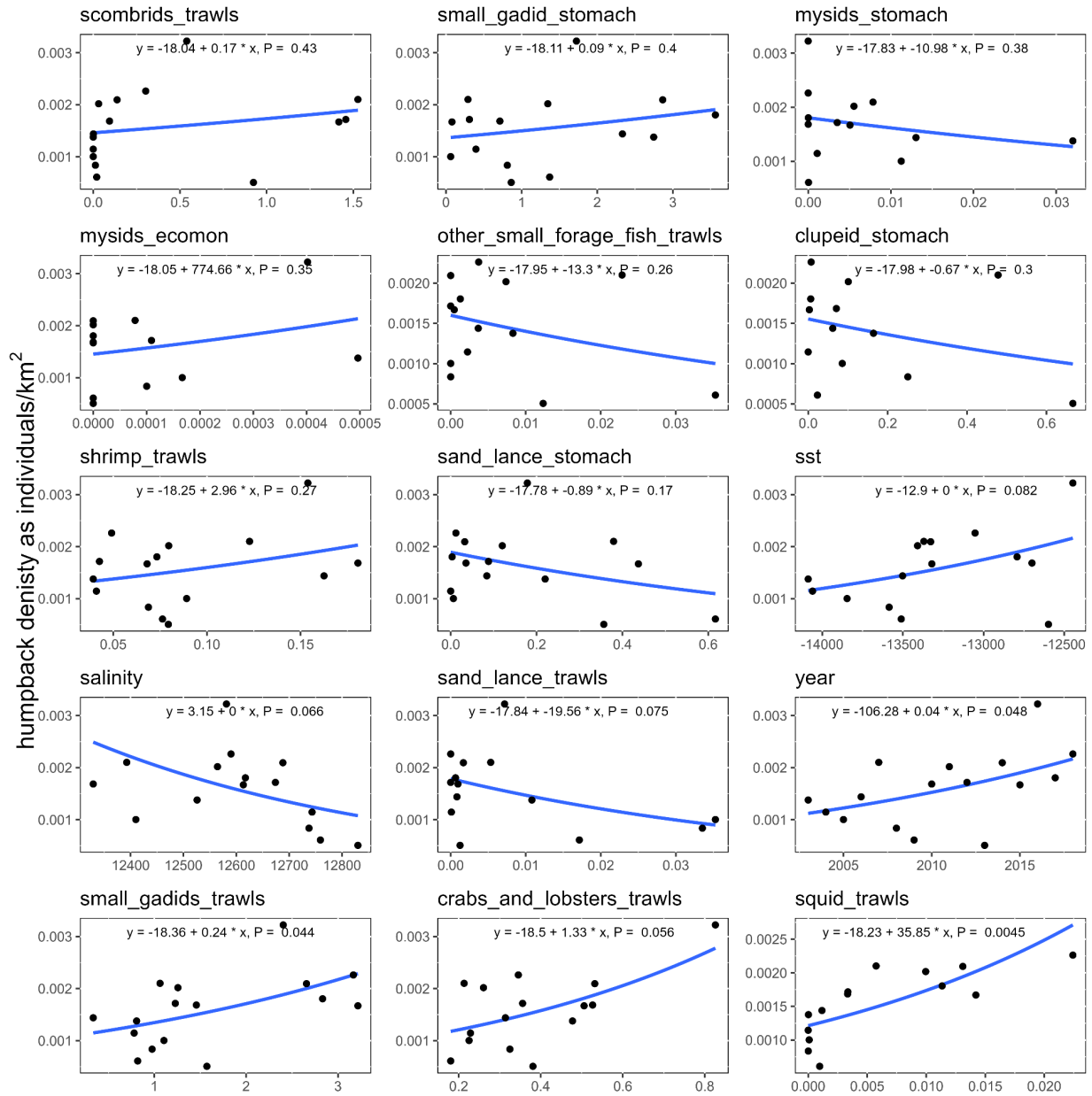
**Figure S5. Comparing lognormal and gamma distributions.** Density plot representing the density function of the fitted distribution along with the histogram of the empirical distribution, a CDF plot of both the empirical distribution and the fitted distribution, a Q-Q plot representing the empirical quantiles against the theoretical quantiles, a P-P plot representing the empirical distribution function evaluated at each data point against the fitted distribution function.



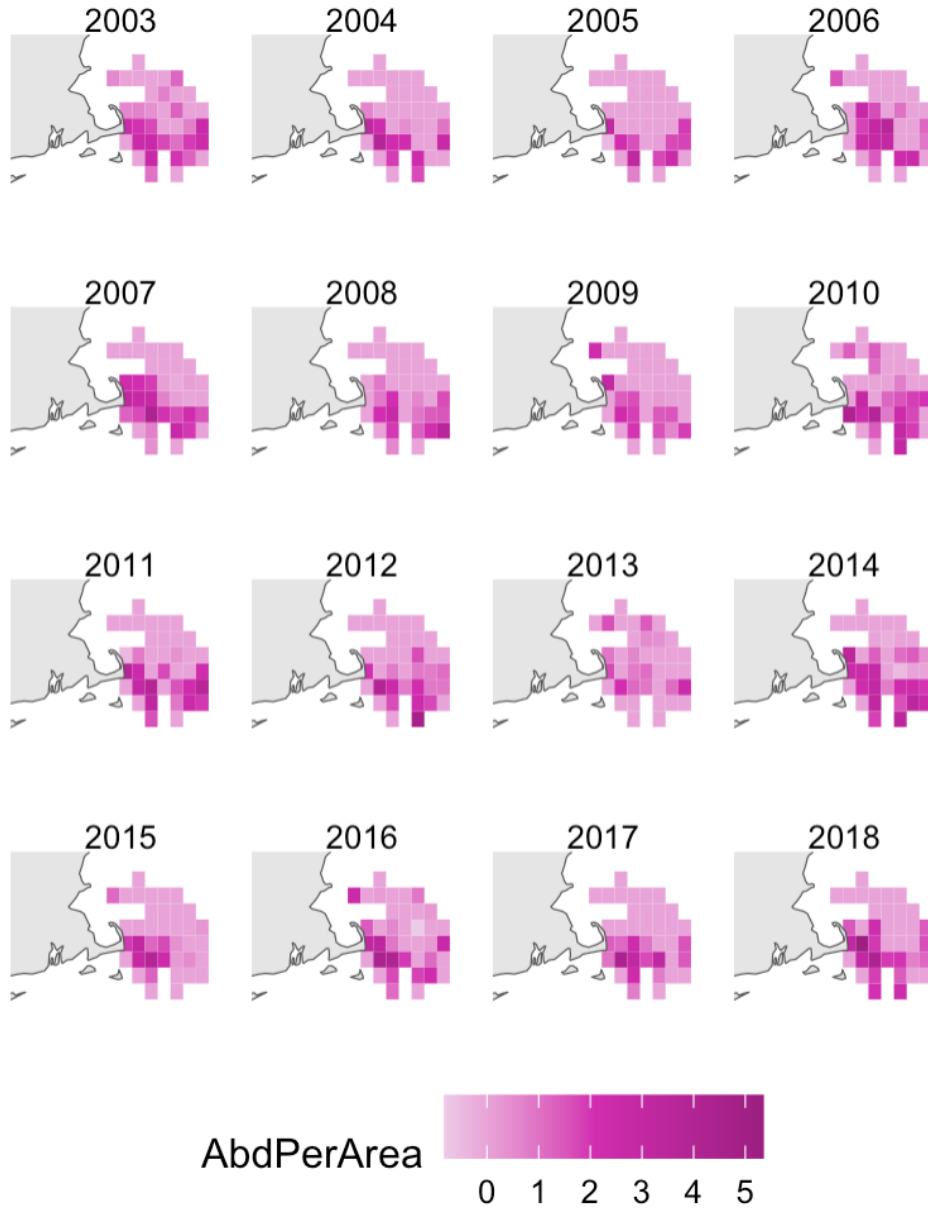
**Figure S6.** Number of humpback surveys in each two-week period in the Gulf of Maine used to calculate a central tendency of humpback density.



**Figure S7.** Mean centroids of humpback whale densities distance to selected geographic locations and depths over time. We did not observe any significant shifts over time.



**Figure S8.** GLM results when relating humpback whale density to fish and invertebrate density and environmental conditions. Results shown for the top fifteen variables that explain the highest deviance in humpback whale density.



**Figure S9.** Spring humpback whale density for each year in consistently sampled grid cells.



**Table S1.** EcoMon categories and average annual swept area abundance (individuals/km<sup>2</sup>) of each species within each category for the strata and months used for this analysis.

| Category        | Name                             | Average swept area abundance |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Copepods        | <i>Calanus finmarchicus</i>      | 580643.9                     |
| Copepods        | <i>Pseudocalanus</i> spp.        | 159099                       |
| Copepods        | Copepoda                         | 82004.34                     |
| Copepods        | <i>Metridia lucens</i>           | 48046.54                     |
| Copepods        | <i>Oithona</i> spp.              | 41720.07                     |
| Copepods        | <i>Centropages hamatus</i>       | 28699.27                     |
| Copepods        | <i>Temora longicornis</i>        | 17631.34                     |
| Copepods        | <i>Centropages typicus</i>       | 13436.65                     |
| Amphipods       | Hyperiidia                       | 9806.05                      |
| Euphausiids     | Euphausiacea                     | 6604.08                      |
| Copepods        | <i>Clausocalanus arcuicornis</i> | 1457.7                       |
| Amphipods       | Gammaridea                       | 1333.16                      |
| Copepods        | <i>Acartia longiremis</i>        | 1216.14                      |
| Copepods        | <i>Calanus</i> spp.              | 973.77                       |
| Copepods        | <i>Paracalanus parvus</i>        | 626.66                       |
| Ichthyoplankton | Pisces                           | 424.13                       |
| Copepods        | <i>Acartia</i> spp.              | 359.66                       |
| Copepods        | <i>Tortanus discaudatus</i>      | 332.85                       |

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| Mysids          | Mysidacea                              | 185.29 |
| Copepods        | <i>Oncaea</i> spp.                     | 128.21 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Sebastes</i>                        | 26.18  |
| Euphausiids     | <i>Meganyctiphanes norvegica</i>       | 25.62  |
| Copepods        | <i>Temora</i> spp.                     | 18.76  |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Ammodytes</i>                       | 15.28  |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>   | 8.88   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>        | 7.21   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i>            | 5.22   |
| Copepods        | <i>Paracalanus</i> spp.                | 4.51   |
| Euphausiids     | <i>Thysanoessa longicaudata</i>        | 4.37   |
| Euphausiids     | Thysanoessa                            | 3.9    |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Gadus morhua</i>                    | 2.98   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Limanda ferruginea</i>              | 2.85   |
| Euphausiids     | <i>Thysanoessa inermis</i>             | 2.51   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Enchelyopus cimbrius</i>            | 2.29   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>    | 1.7    |
| Euphausiids     | <i>Thysanoessa raschii</i>             | 1.63   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Myoxocephalus octodecemspinosus</i> | 1.44   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Myoxocephalus aenaeus</i>           | 0.72   |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Scomber scombrus</i>                | 0.48   |

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| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Tautoglabrus adspersus</i>     | 0.44 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>      | 0.33 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Pollachius virens</i>          | 0.27 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Clupea harengus</i>            | 0.15 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Brevoortia tyrannus</i>        | 0.04 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Pholis gunnellus</i>           | 0.04 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> | 0.03 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Benthoosema</i> spp.           | 0.03 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Urophycis</i> spp.             | 0.02 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Lophius americanus</i>         | 0.01 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Cyclothone</i> spp.            | 0.01 |
| Ichthyoplankton | <i>Hippoglossina oblonga</i>      | 0    |

**Table S2.** Stomach content categories and average annual biomass (g/tow) of each prey species within each category for the strata and months used for this analysis.

| Category           | Name                         | Average biomass (g/tow) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| small gadid        | <i>Merluccius bilinearis</i> | 1.2875                  |
| clupeid            | <i>Clupea harengus</i>       | 1.0776                  |
| shrimp             | Crustacean shrimp            | 0.9199                  |
| euphausiids        | Euphausiacea                 | 0.7561                  |
| shrimp             | Pandalidae                   | 0.5352                  |
| shrimp             | Decapoda shrimp              | 0.4769                  |
| crabs and lobsters | Decapoda shrimp              | 0.4769                  |
| small gadid        | Gadidae                      | 0.3994                  |
| crabs and lobsters | Canceridae                   | 0.3832                  |
| crabs and lobsters | Decapoda crab                | 0.3162                  |
| sand lance         | <i>Ammodytes</i> spp.        | 0.3051                  |
| clupeid            | Clupeidae                    | 0.2519                  |
| small gadid        | <i>Urophycis</i> spp.        | 0.2426                  |
| amphipods          | Gammaridea                   | 0.241                   |
| small gadid        | <i>Urophycis tenuis</i>      | 0.1019                  |
| small gadid        | Macrouridae                  | 0.0988                  |
| shrimp             | Crangonidae                  | 0.0559                  |
| crabs and lobsters | Paguroidea                   | 0.0512                  |

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| clupeid            | <i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i> | 0.0363 |
| squid              | <i>Loligo</i> spp.          | 0.0349 |
| shrimp             | Stomatopoda                 | 0.0344 |
| copepod            | Copepoda                    | 0.0334 |
| small gadid        | <i>Urophycis chuss</i>      | 0.0329 |
| shrimp             | Penaeidae                   | 0.0287 |
| small gadid        | <i>Enchelyopus cimbrius</i> | 0.0193 |
| mysids             | Mysidacea                   | 0.019  |
| squid              | Cephalopoda                 | 0.0182 |
| crabs and lobsters | <i>Homarus americanus</i>   | 0.0174 |
| amphipods          | Hyperiididae                | 0.0021 |
| amphipods          | Caprellidae                 | 0.0011 |
| squid              | Sepiolidae                  | 0.001  |
| shrimp             | Cumacea                     | 0      |
| crabs and lobsters | Decapoda larvae             | 0      |

**Table S3.** Fish trawl categories and average annual swept area biomass (mt/km<sup>2</sup>) of each species within each category for the strata and months used for this analysis.

| <b>Category</b>         | <b>Species</b>      | <b>Biomass</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| clupeids                | Atlantic herring    | 0.8493         |
| small gadids            | White hake          | 0.6462         |
| other small forage fish | Atlantic argentine  | 0.6213         |
| small gadids            | Silver hake         | 0.5347         |
| small gadids            | Red hake            | 0.3733         |
| scombrids               | Atlantic mackerel   | 0.3594         |
| crabs and lobsters      | American lobster    | 0.2063         |
| clupeids                | Alewife             | 0.082          |
| clupeids                | American shad       | 0.0717         |
| clupeids                | Blueback herring    | 0.0683         |
| shrimp                  | Shrimp unclassified | 0.0657         |
| shrimp                  | Bristled longbeak   | 0.0191         |
| shrimp                  | Northern shrimp     | 0.0191         |
| crabs and lobsters      | Jonah crab          | 0.0182         |
| sand lance              | Northern sand lance | 0.0157         |
| small gadids            | Offshore hake       | 0.0084         |
| shrimp                  | Pink glass shrimp   | 0.008          |
| squid                   | Longfin squid       | 0.0078         |

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| crabs and lobsters      | Northern stone crab        | 0.0033 |
| small gadids            | Fourbeard rockling         | 0.003  |
| crabs and lobsters      | Swimming crab unclassified | 0.0024 |
| small gadids            | Grenadier unclassified     | 0.002  |
| crabs and lobsters      | Atlantic rock crab         | 0.002  |
| small gadids            | Longfin hake               | 0.002  |
| squid                   | Northern shortfin squid    | 0.0014 |
| other small forage fish | Striated argentine         | 0.0011 |
| shrimp                  | Sevenspine bay shrimp      | 0.0006 |
| crabs and lobsters      | Lady crab                  | 0.0006 |
| shrimp                  | Norwegian shrimp           | 0.0003 |
| squid                   | Bobtail unclassified       | 0.0003 |
| squid                   | Shield bobtail             | 0.0003 |
| shrimp                  | Brown rock shrimp          | 0.0003 |
| shrimp                  | Aesop shrimp               | 0.0002 |
| small gadids            | Spotted hake               | 0.0001 |
| shrimp                  | Friendly blade shrimp      | 0.0001 |
| shrimp                  | Polar lebbeid              | 0      |
| small gadids            | Hake unclassified          | 0      |
| other small forage fish | Atlantic silverside        | 0      |
| clupeids                | Herring unclassified       | 0      |

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| squid              | Squid cuttlefish and octopod unclassified | 0      |
| crabs and lobsters | Galatheid unclassified                    | 0      |
| small gadids       | Codlings                                  | 0      |
| shrimp             | Spiny lebbeid                             | 0      |
| clupeids           | Atlantic herring                          | 0.8493 |

**Table S4.** GLM model results for the Great South Channel. Deviance represents deviance explained versus the null model.

| <b>Variable</b>             | <b>Deviance</b> | <b>p-value</b> | <b>Coefficient</b> | <b>Direction</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Squid (trawls)              | 0.45            | 0              | 35.85              | positive         |
| Crabs and lobsters (trawls) | 0.26            | 0.06           | 1.33               | positive         |
| Small gadids (trawls)       | 0.23            | 0.04           | 0.24               | positive         |
| Year                        | 0.21            | 0.05           | 0.04               | positive         |
| Sand lance (trawls)         | 0.2             | 0.08           | -19.56             | negative         |
| Salinity                    | 0.18            | 0.07           | 0                  | negative         |
| SST                         | 0.16            | 0.08           | 0                  | positive         |
| Sand lance (stomach)        | 0.11            | 0.17           | -0.89              | negative         |
| Shrimp (trawls)             | 0.09            | 0.27           | 2.96               | positive         |
| Clupeid (stomach)           | 0.08            | 0.3            | -0.67              | negative         |



|                                  |      |      |         |          |
|----------------------------------|------|------|---------|----------|
| Other small forage fish (trawls) | 0.08 | 0.26 | -13.3   | negative |
| Mysids (EcoMon)                  | 0.07 | 0.35 | 774.66  | positive |
| Mysids (stomach)                 | 0.06 | 0.38 | -10.98  | negative |
| Small gadid (stomach)            | 0.05 | 0.4  | 0.09    | positive |
| Scombrids (trawls)               | 0.04 | 0.43 | 0.17    | positive |
| Squid (stomach)                  | 0.03 | 0.53 | 22.77   | positive |
| Amphipods (EcoMon)               | 0.02 | 0.56 | -6.9    | negative |
| Copepods (EcoMon)                | 0.01 | 0.6  | 0.24    | positive |
| Amphipods (stomach)              | 0.01 | 0.66 | -0.39   | negative |
| Euphausiids (stomach)            | 0.01 | 0.66 | -0.1    | negative |
| Euphausiids (EcoMon)             | 0.01 | 0.7  | 3.7     | positive |
| Shrimp (stomach)                 | 0    | 0.78 | -0.06   | negative |
| Ichthyoplankton (EcoMon)         | 0    | 0.83 | -407.82 | negative |
| Crabs and lobsters (stomach)     | 0    | 0.87 | 0.06    | positive |
| Chl <i>a</i>                     | 0    | 0.9  | -0.04   | negative |
| Copepod (stomach)                | 0    | 0.92 | 0.6     | positive |
| Clupeids (trawls)                | 0    | 0.99 | 0       | positive |