

# Wainwright DBO Line in the northeastern Chukchi Sea, 2008–2012



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# BACKGROUND ON CSESP

- Chukchi Sea Environmental Studies Program (2008–2012)—interdisciplinary ecological study begun prior to offshore exploratory drilling
  - Most surveys in offshore area (2008–2012)
  - Added stations at ends of sampling grid to expand DBO line—5 stations inshore, 2 stations offshore into Central Channel (2012)
- Plans for continued monitoring into foreseeable future

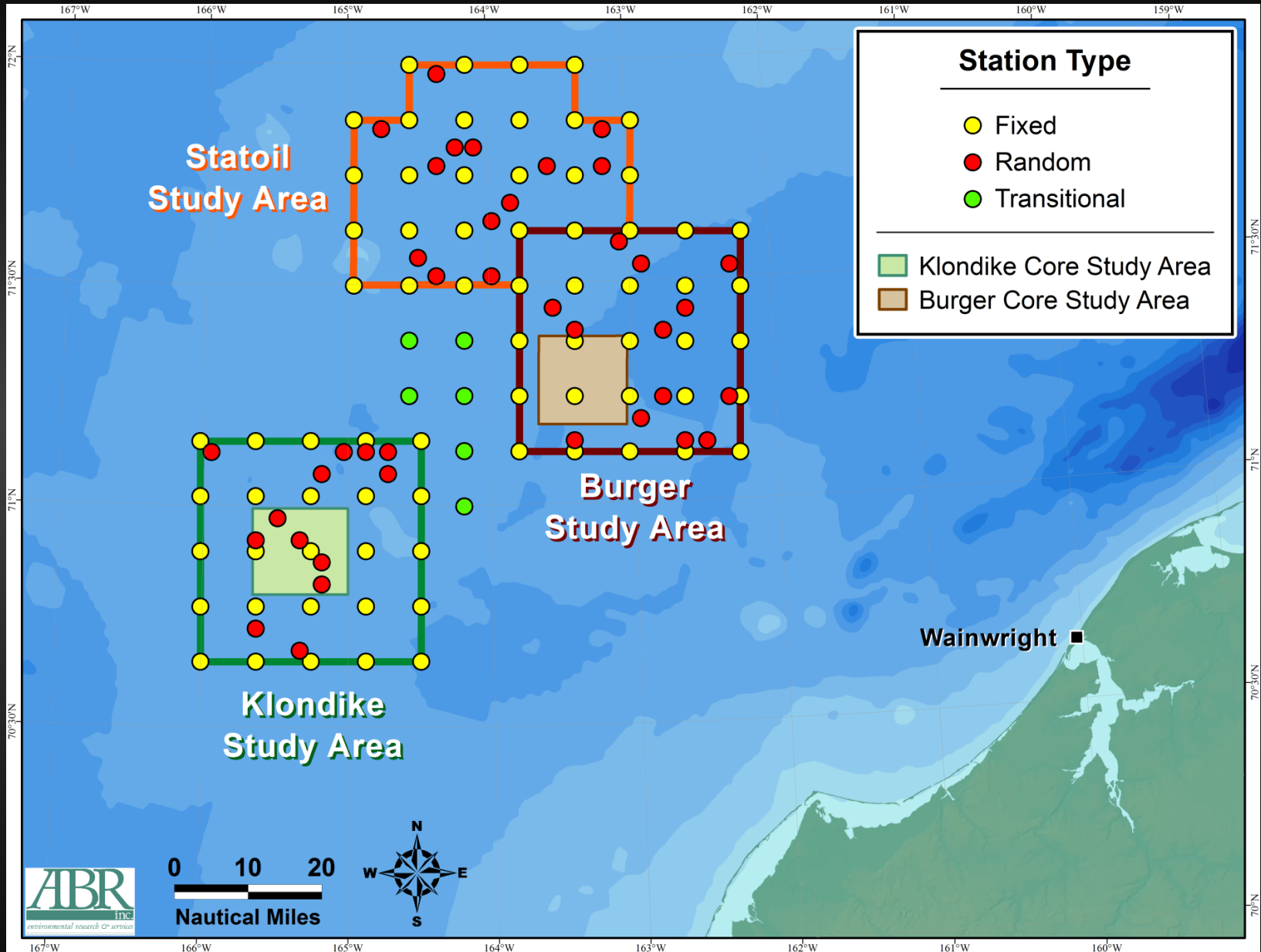
# OVERALL APPROACH

- Original study design focused on study-area boxes—30 X 30 NM (~55 X 55 km)
- Station sampling grid 7.5 NM (~13.8 km) apart
- Multiple samples (seasons)/year in original sampling design
- Emphasis on offshore area, with nearshore area to be added when we began surveying area for pipeline routes
- Expanded grid to most of Hanna Shoal (2011–2012)

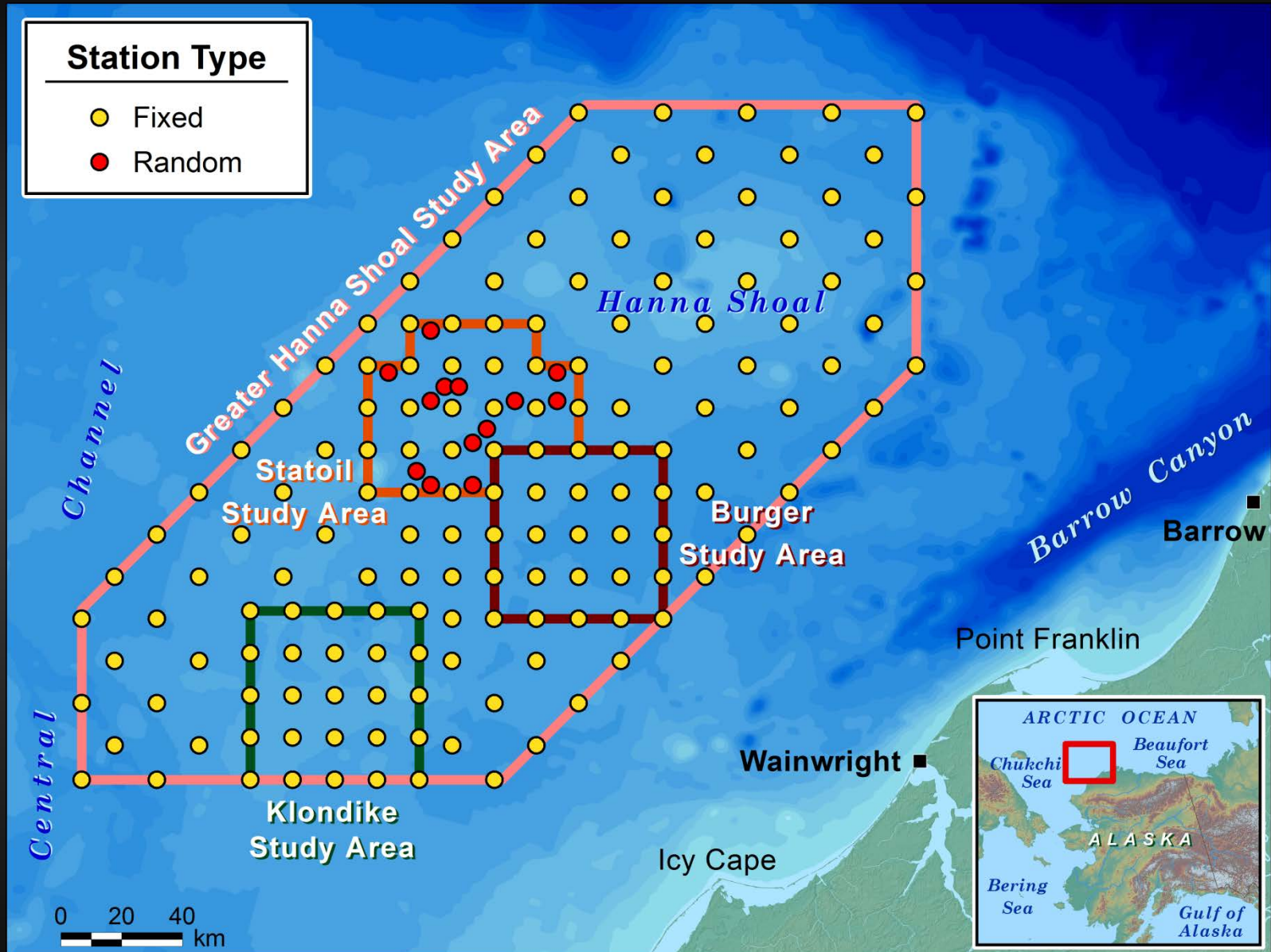
# DISCIPLINES

- Physical oceanography (CTD, ADCP, moorings)
- Nutrients
- Acidification (2011–12)
- Zooplankton (microplankton added 2012)
- Benthic macrofauna
- Benthic megafauna (trawling 2009–10, camera [spotty] 2011–12)
- Fishes (trawling 2009–10, acoustics 2011–12)
- Seabirds
- Marine mammals
- MM acoustics (moorings nearby)
- NOT ALL DISCIPLINES AT EVERY STATION!

# ORIGINAL SAMPLING DESIGN (2008–2010)

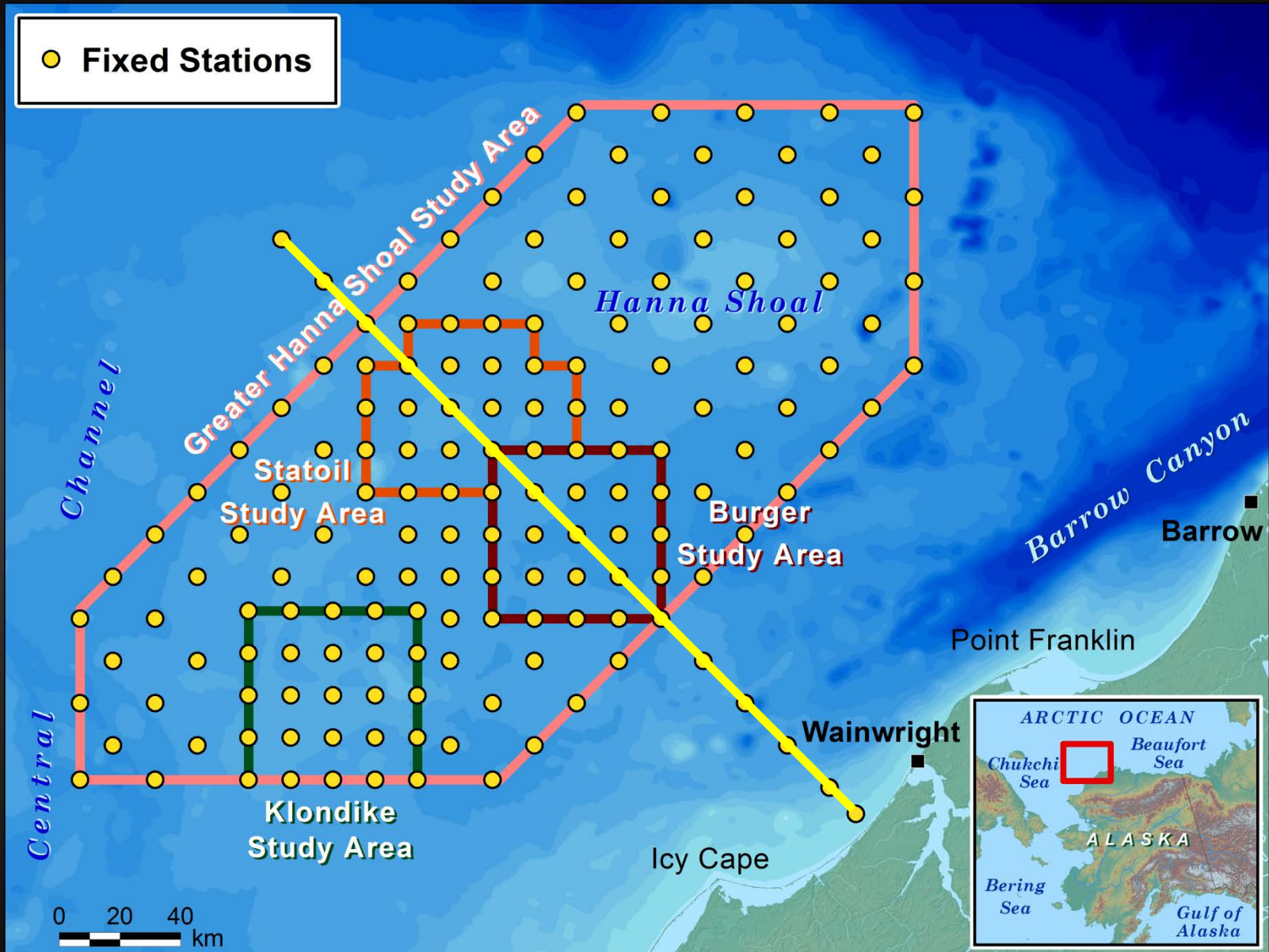


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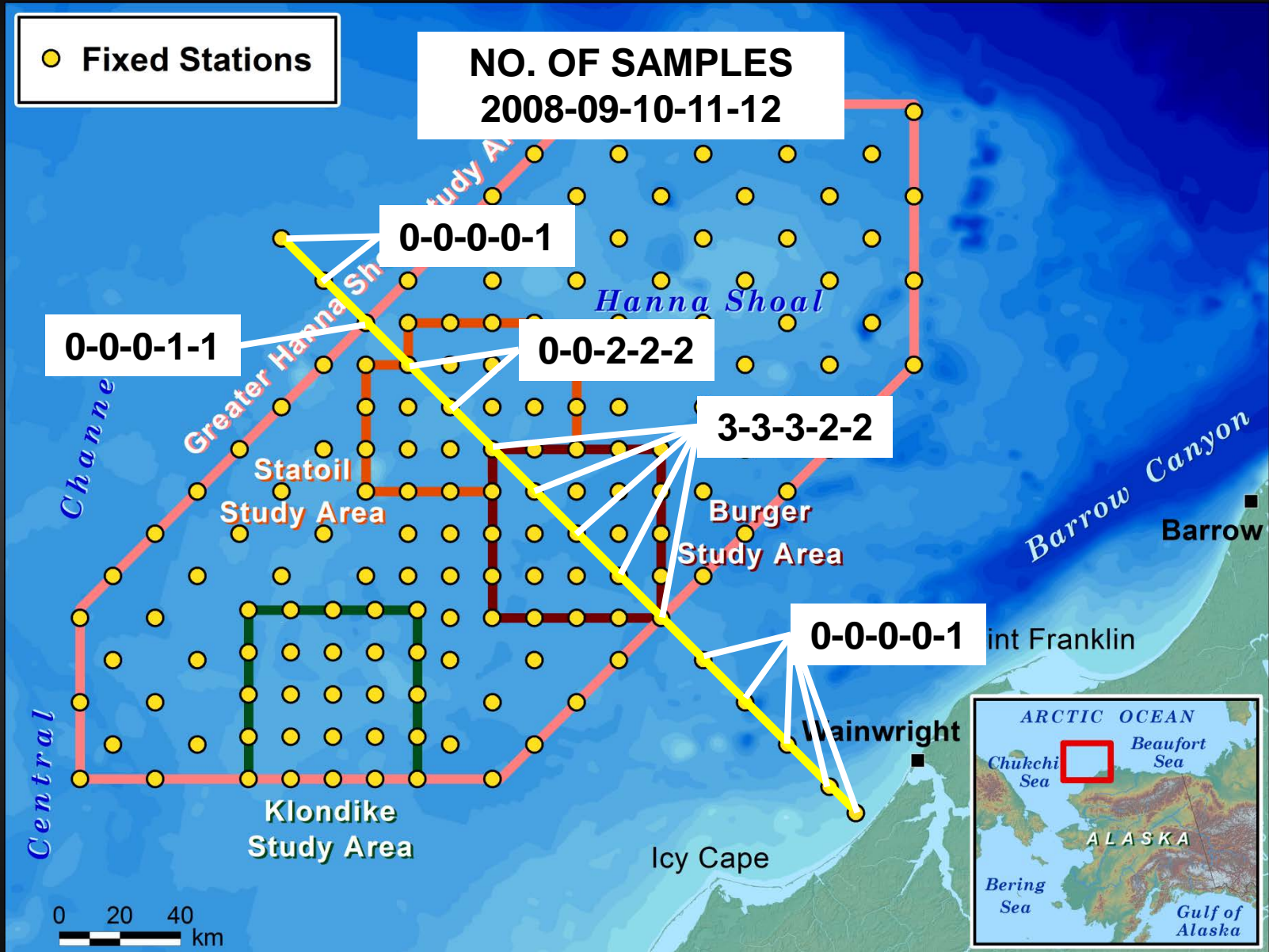


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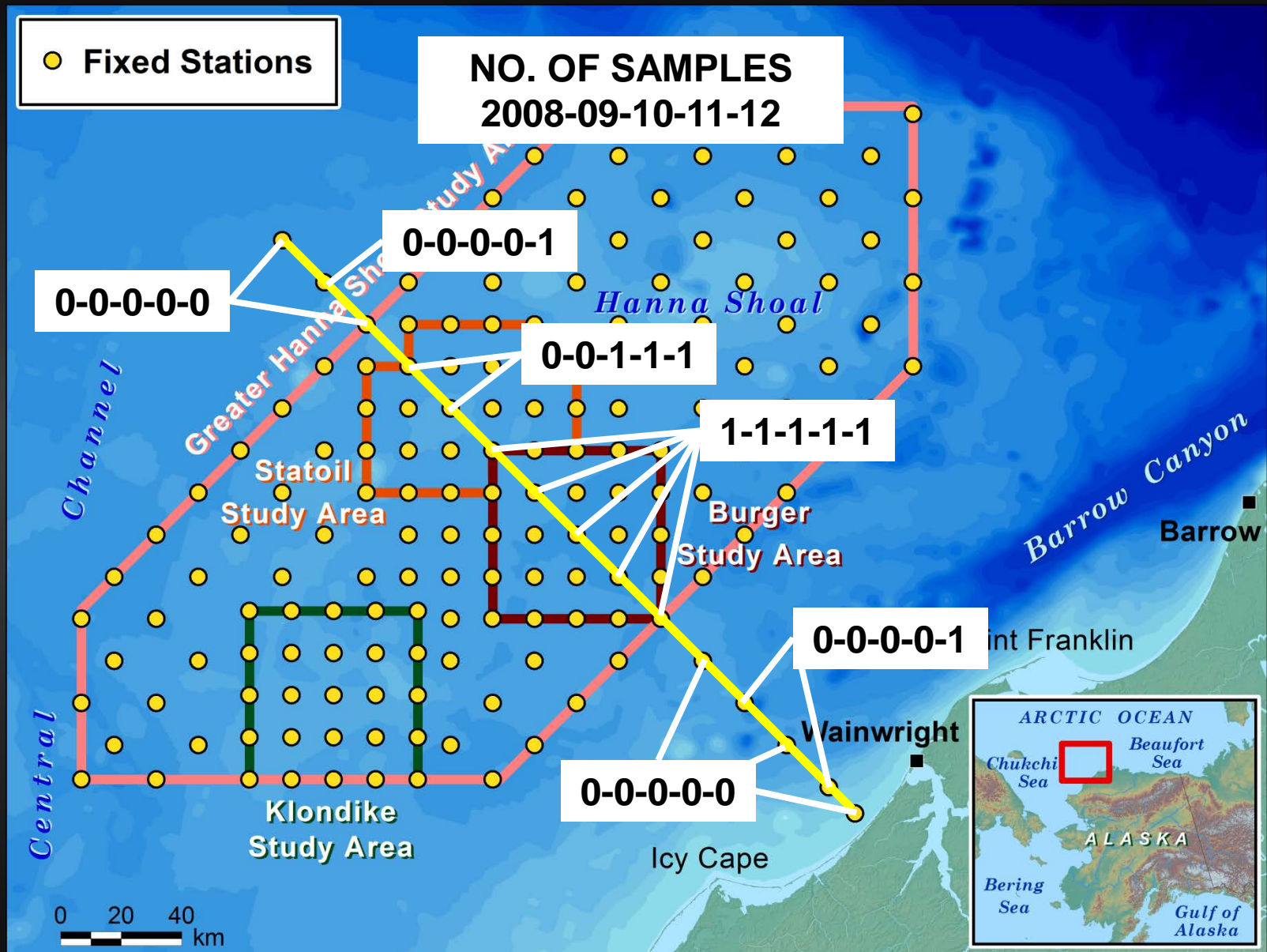




# CTD, NUTRIENTS (MULTIPLE SEASONS/YR)

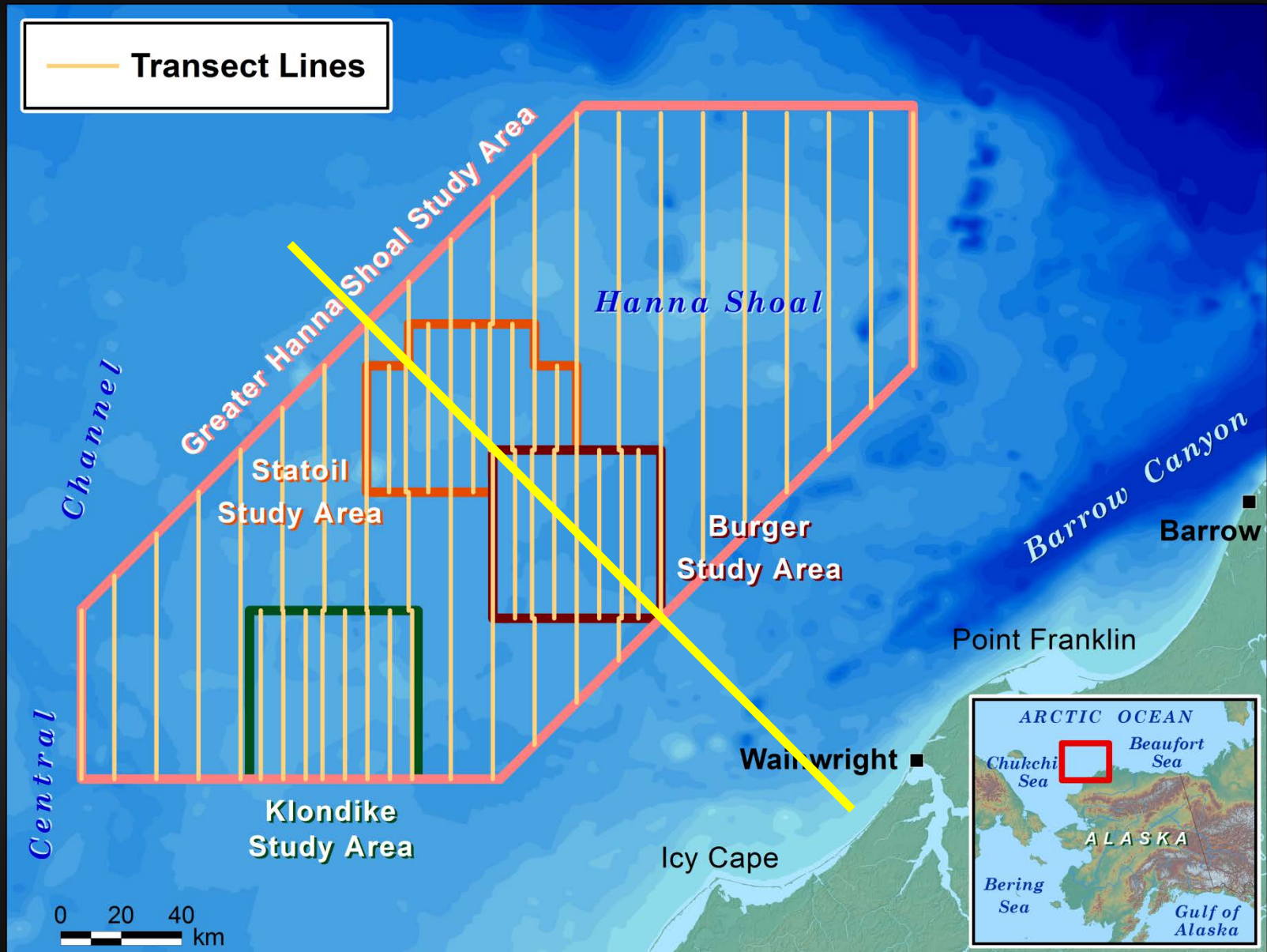


# INFAUNA (1 SAMPLE/YR)



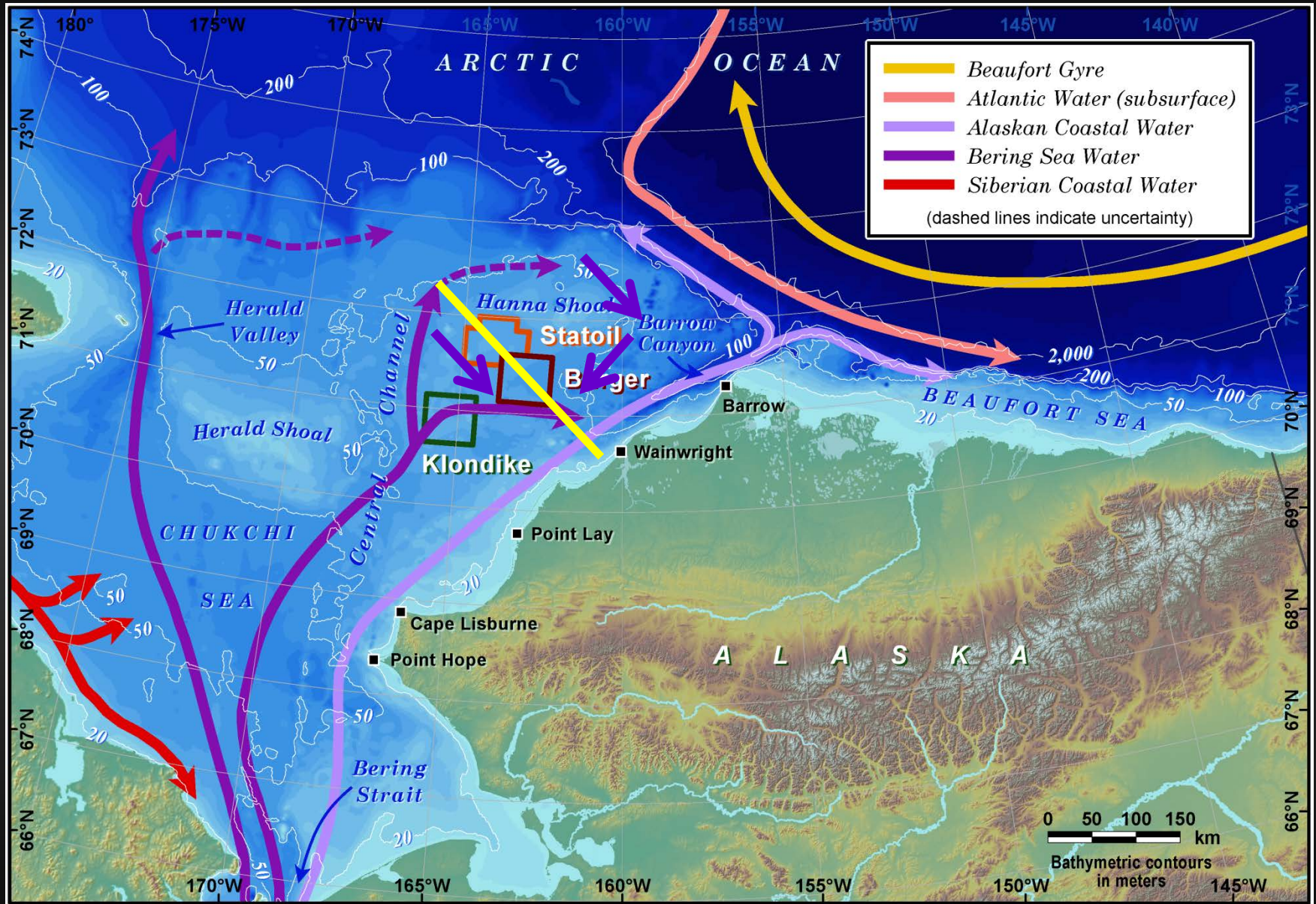


# BIRD & MAMMAL SURVEY LINES (2011–2012)



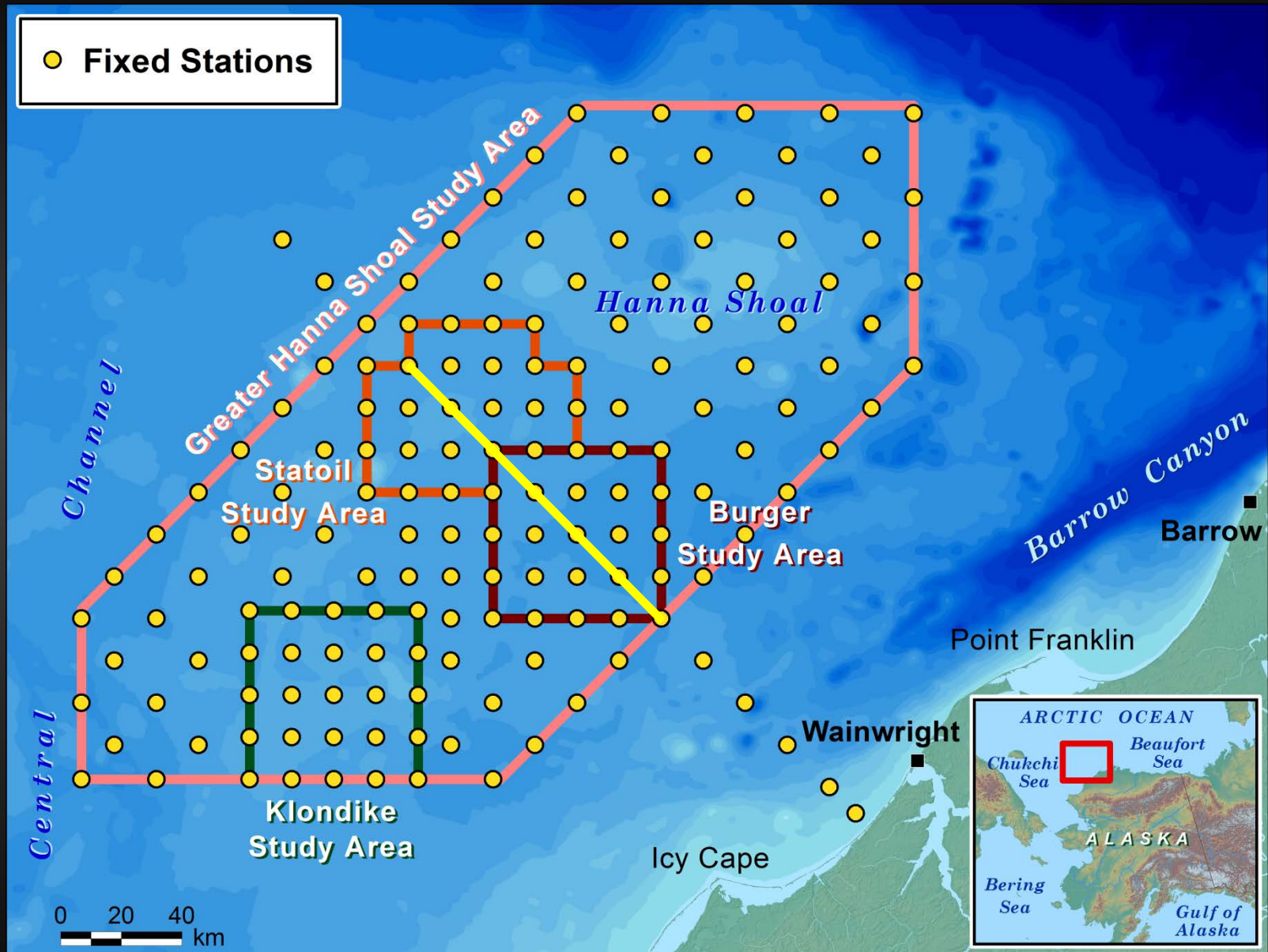


# OCEANOGRAPHY



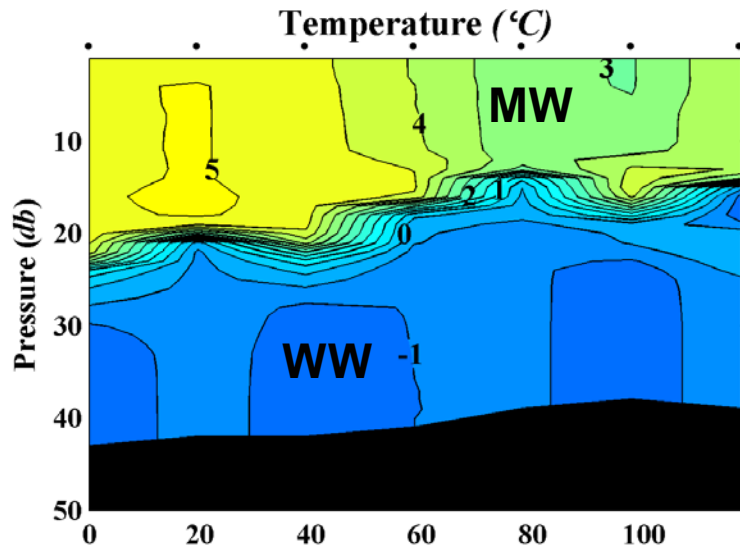


# SAMPLING (2010–2011)

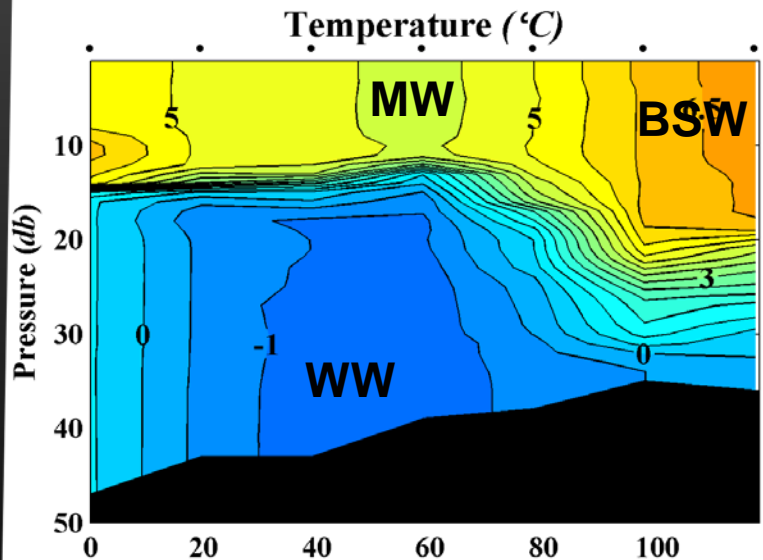
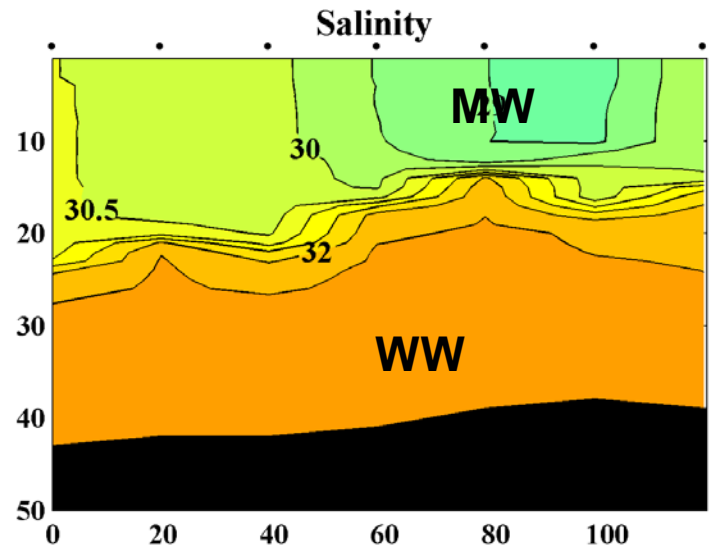




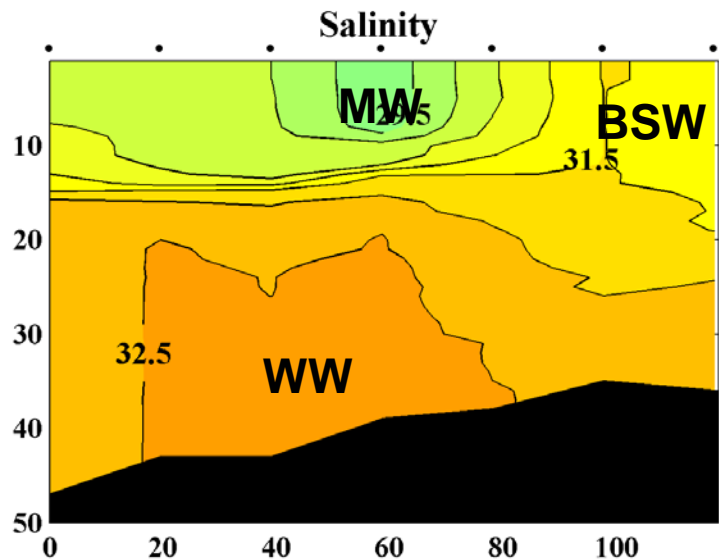
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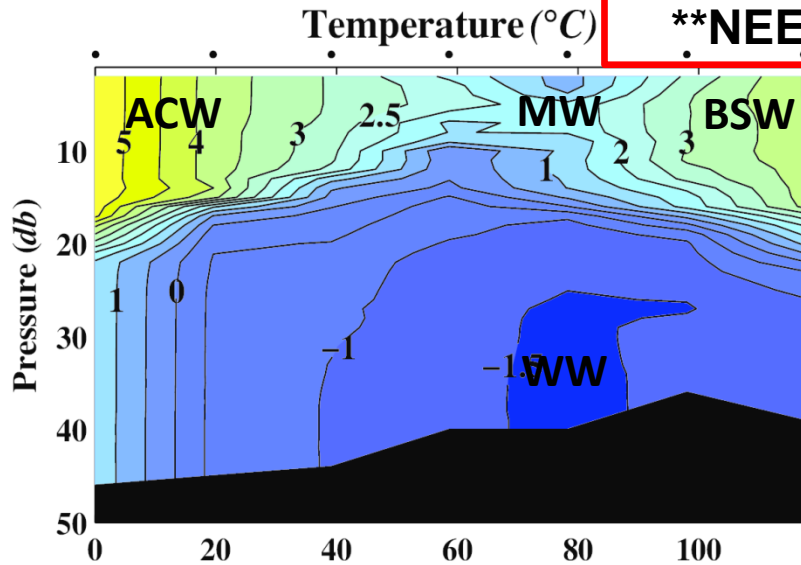


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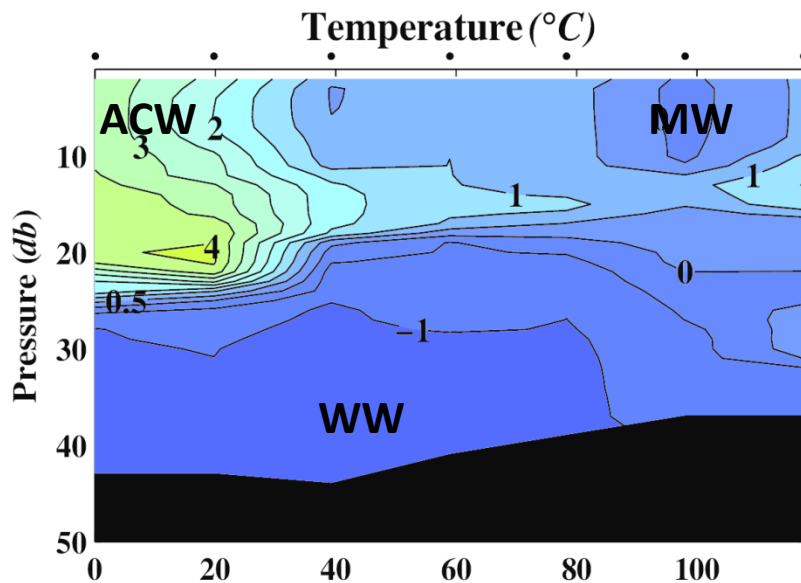
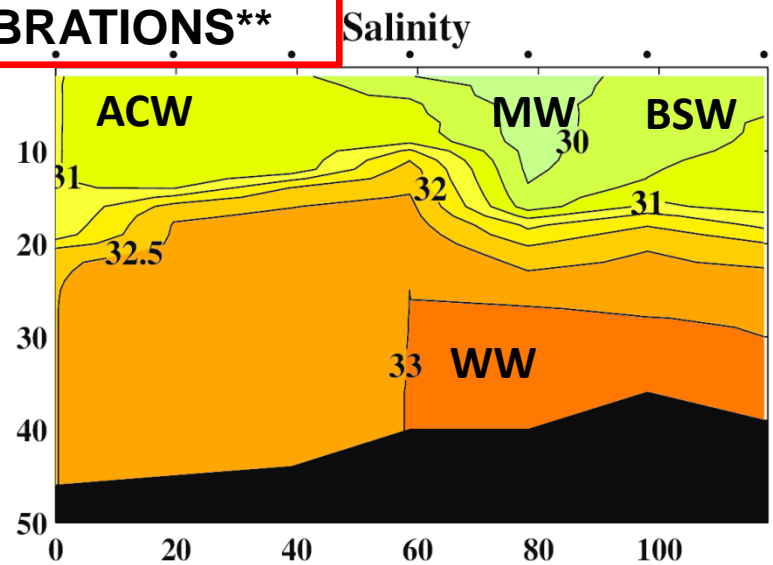


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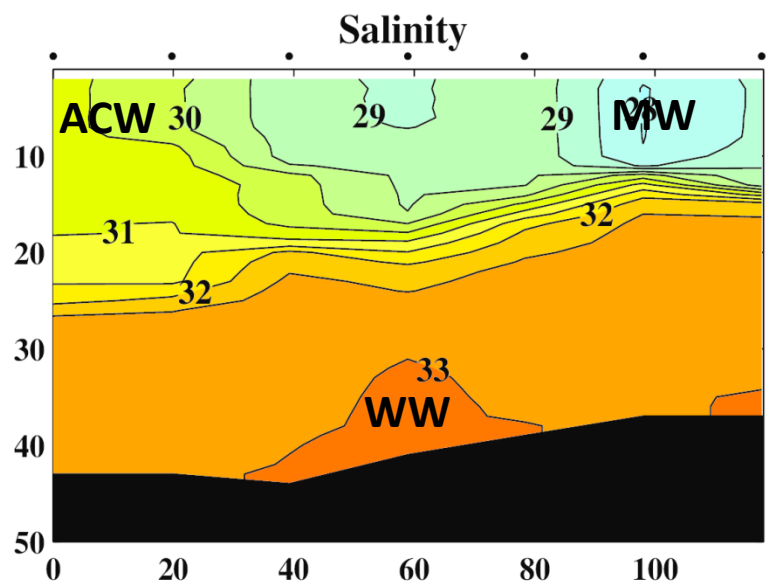
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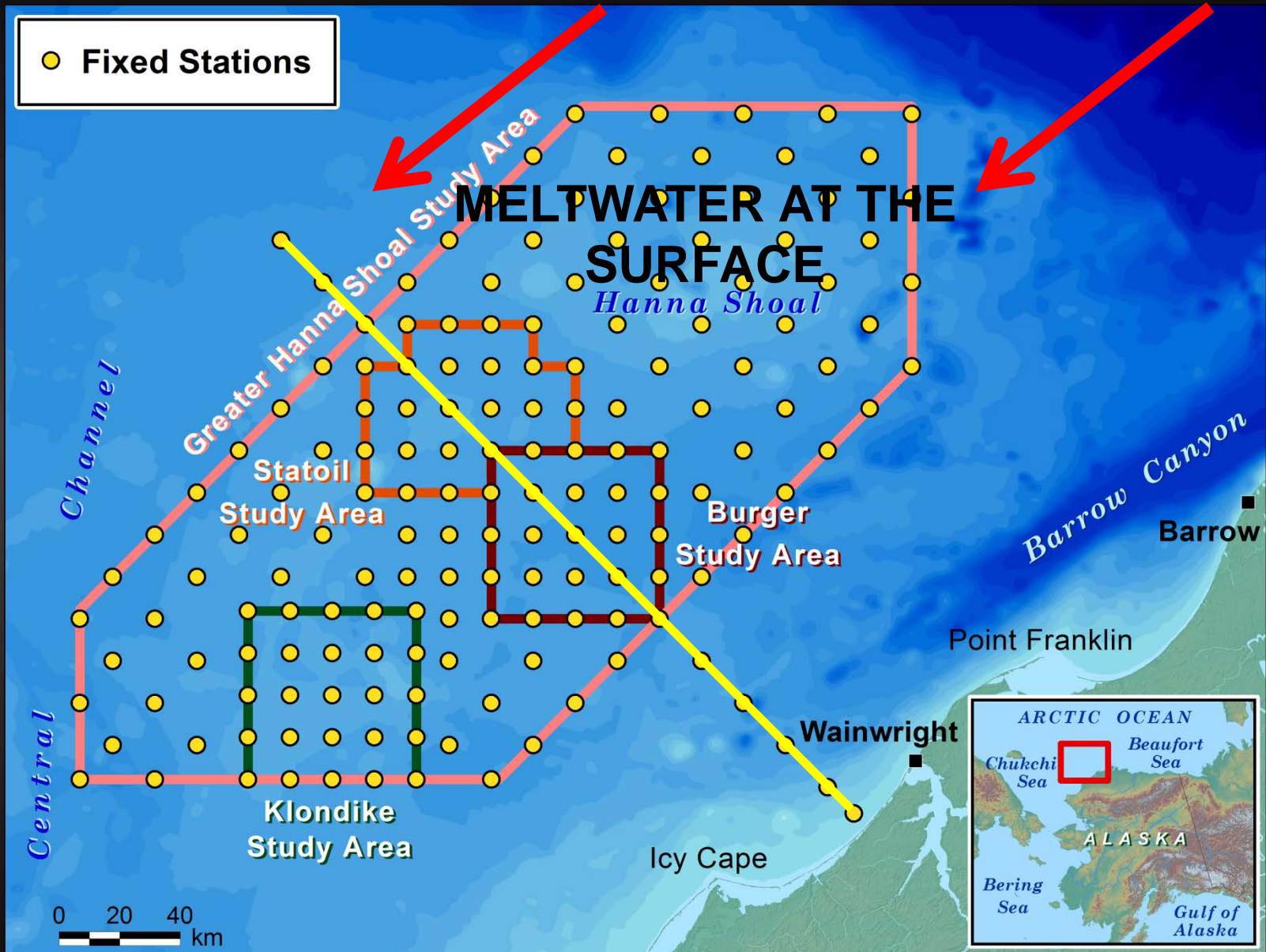
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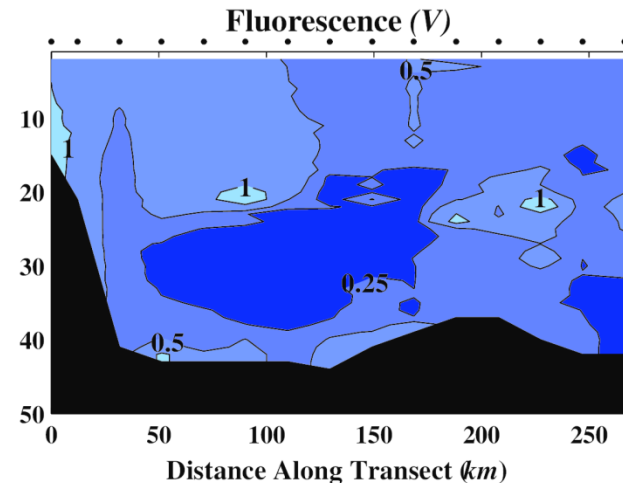
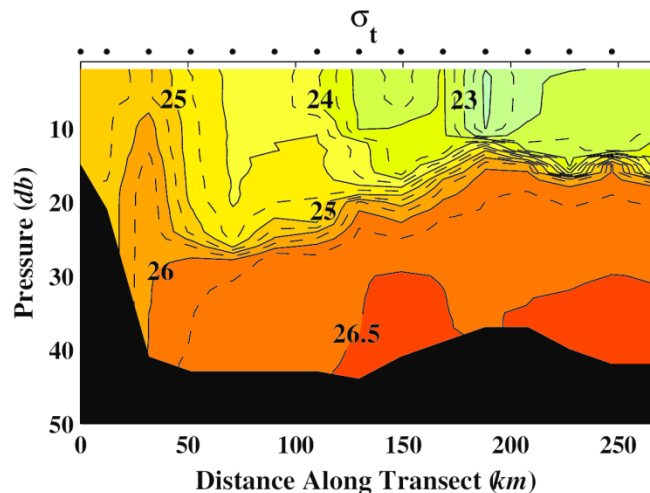
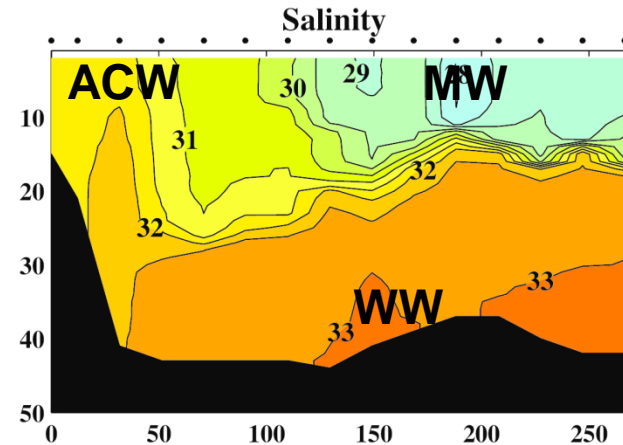
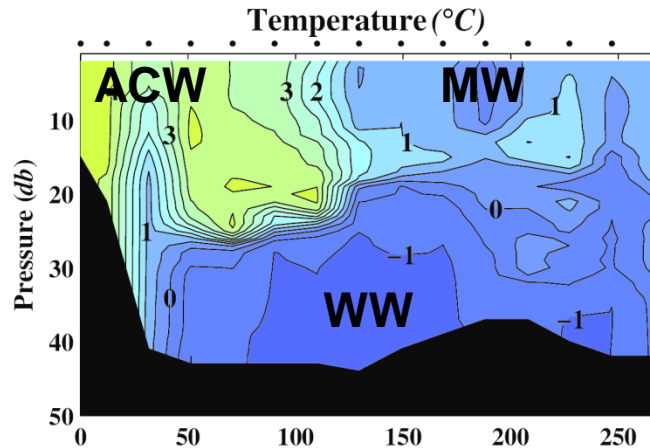
# SAMPLING DESIGN (2012)



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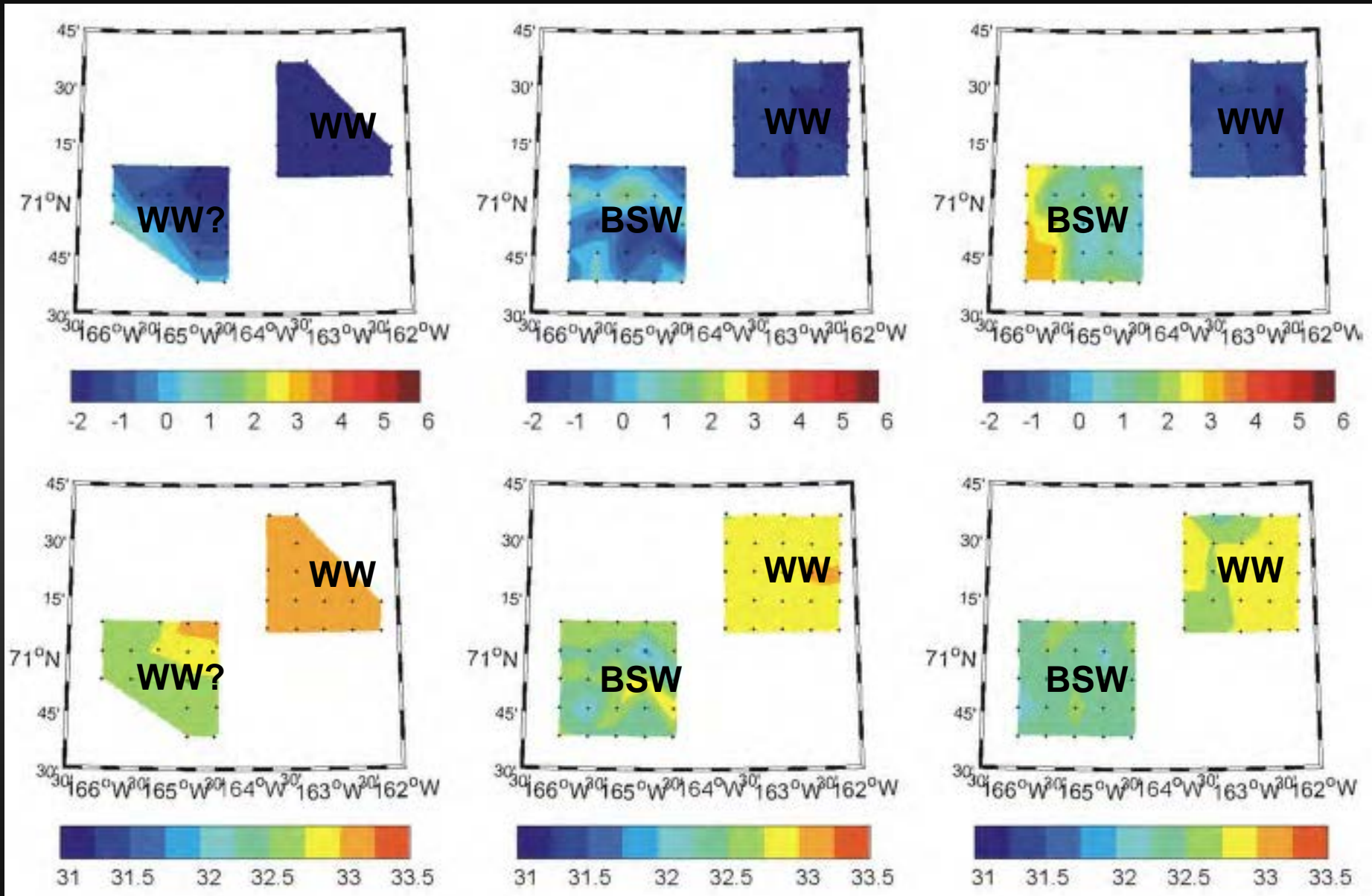
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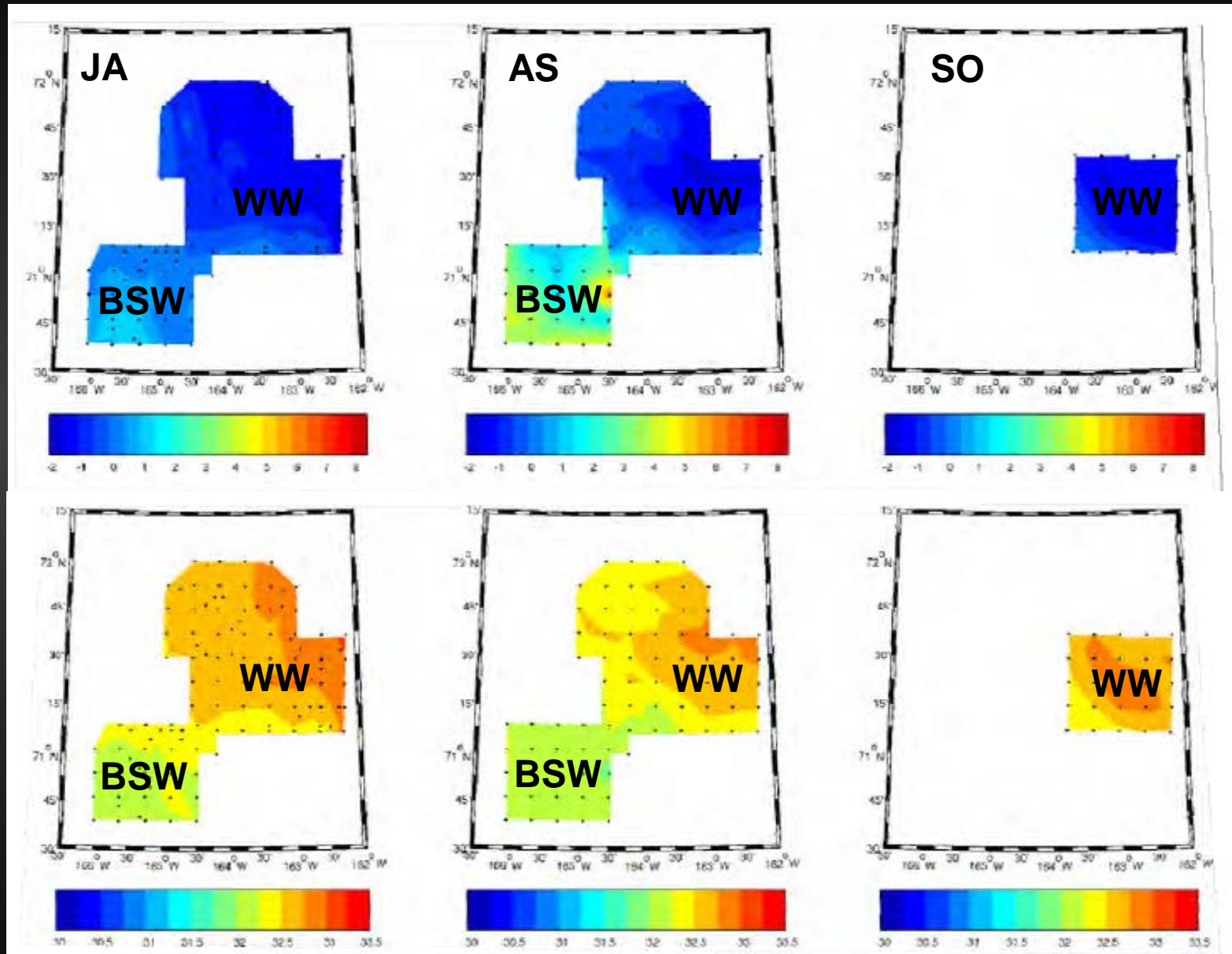


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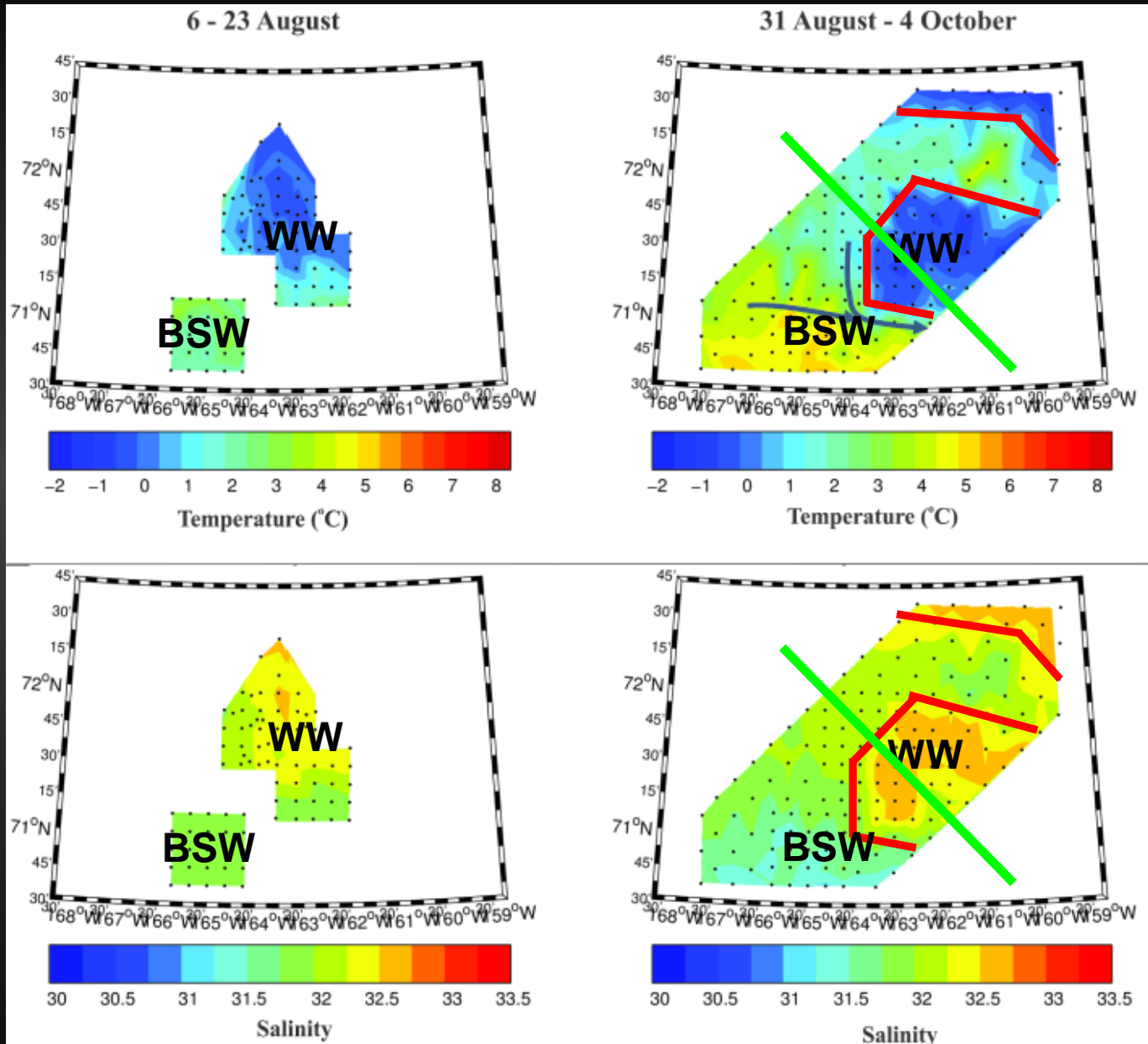




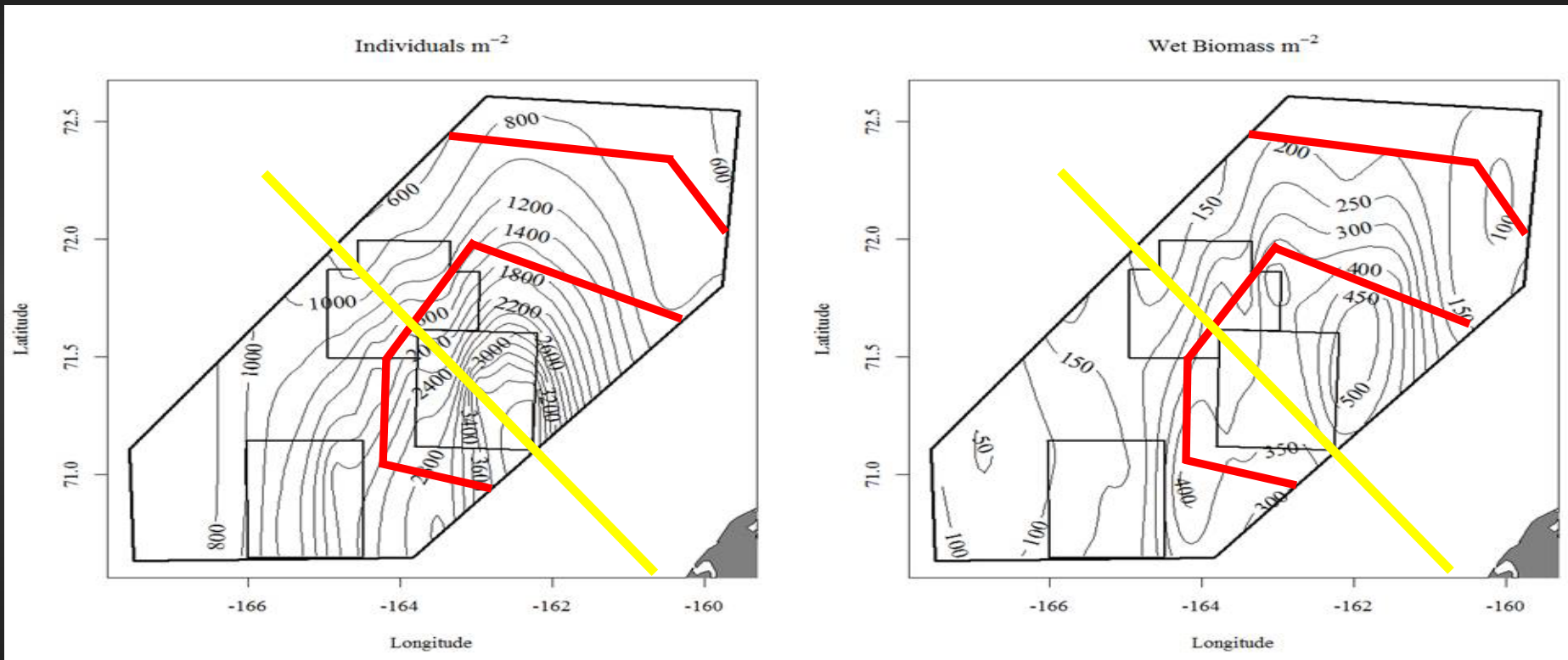
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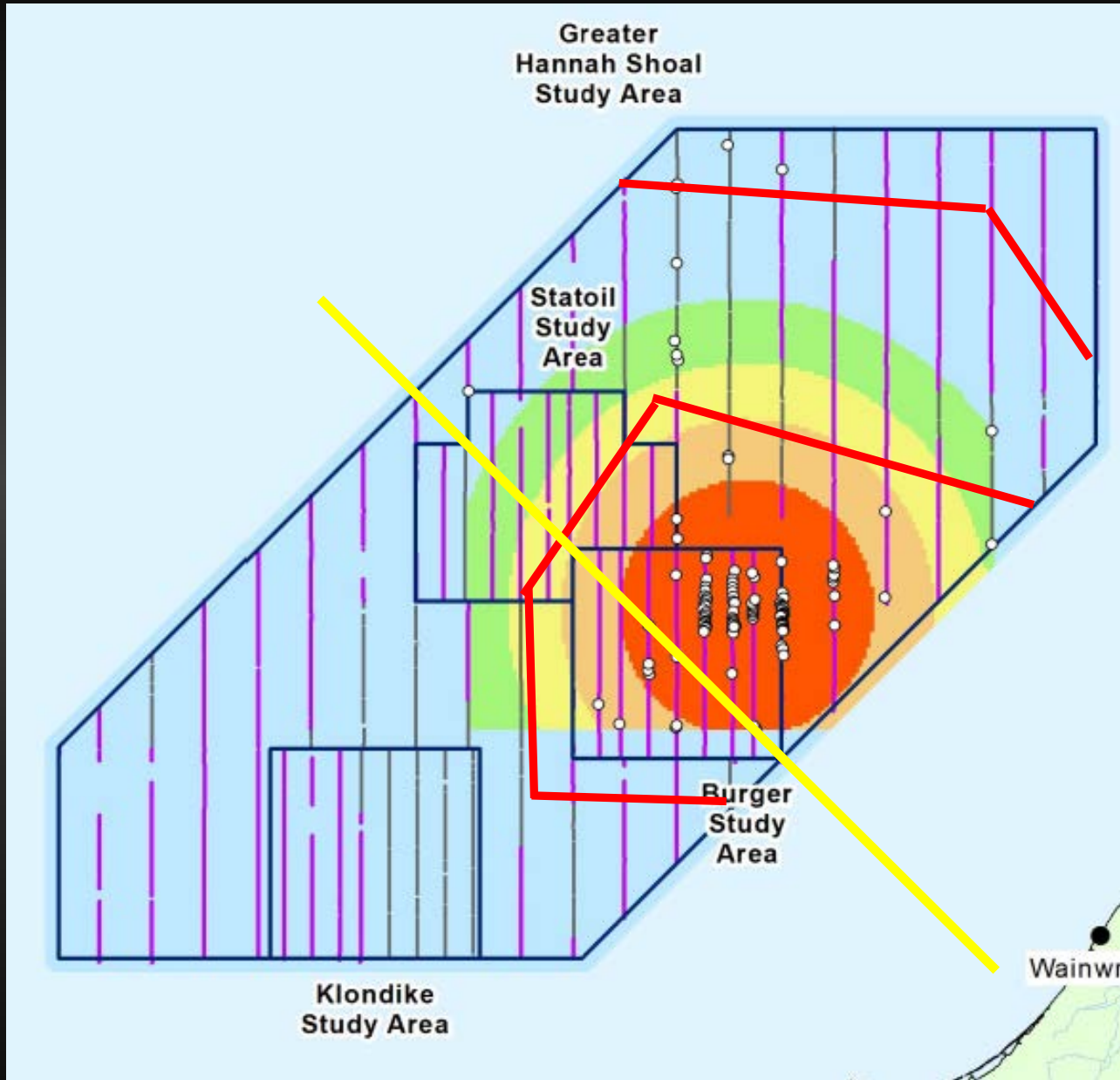


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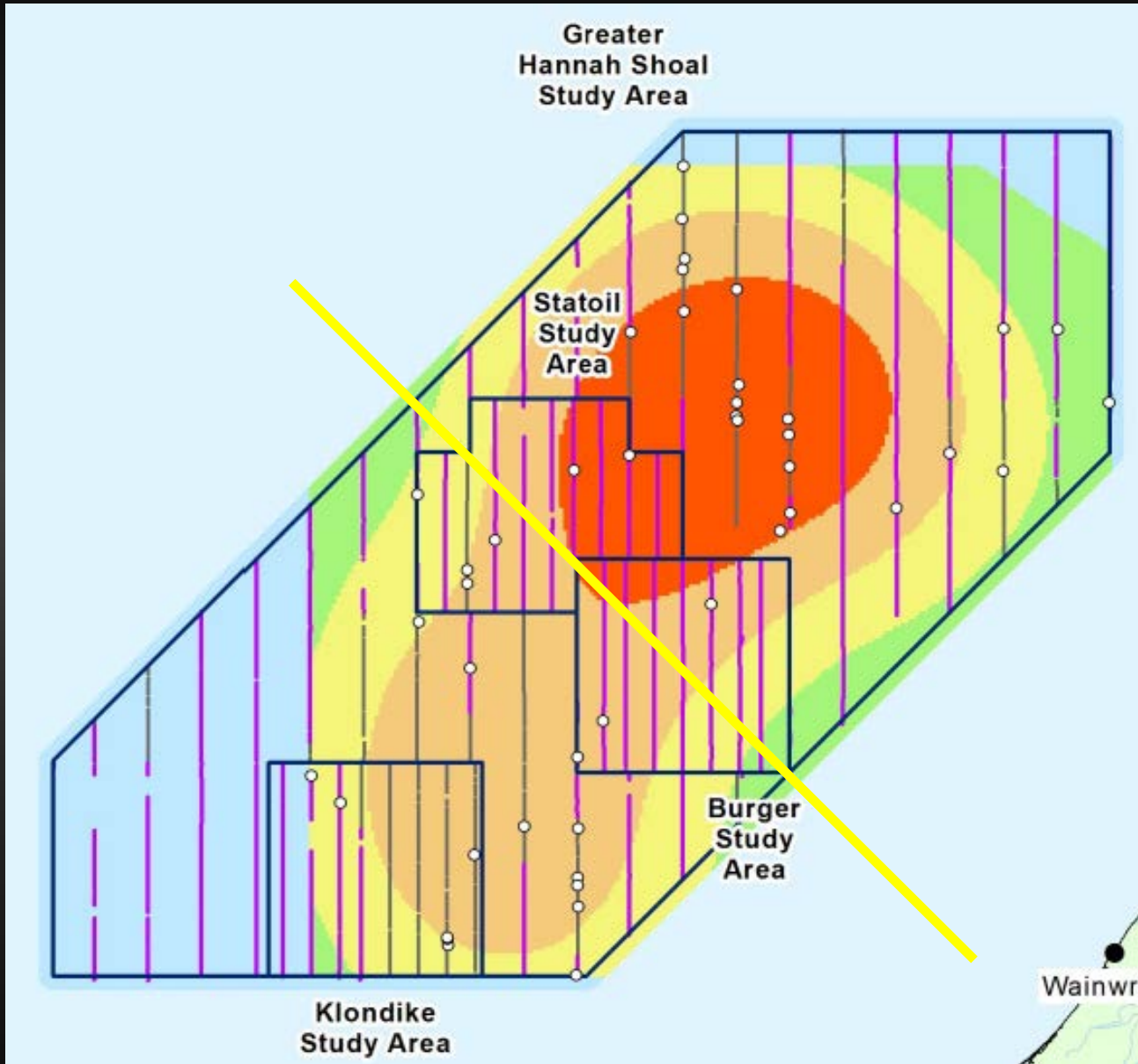


Primarily polychaetes and bivalves

# WALRUSES AT SEA (2011)

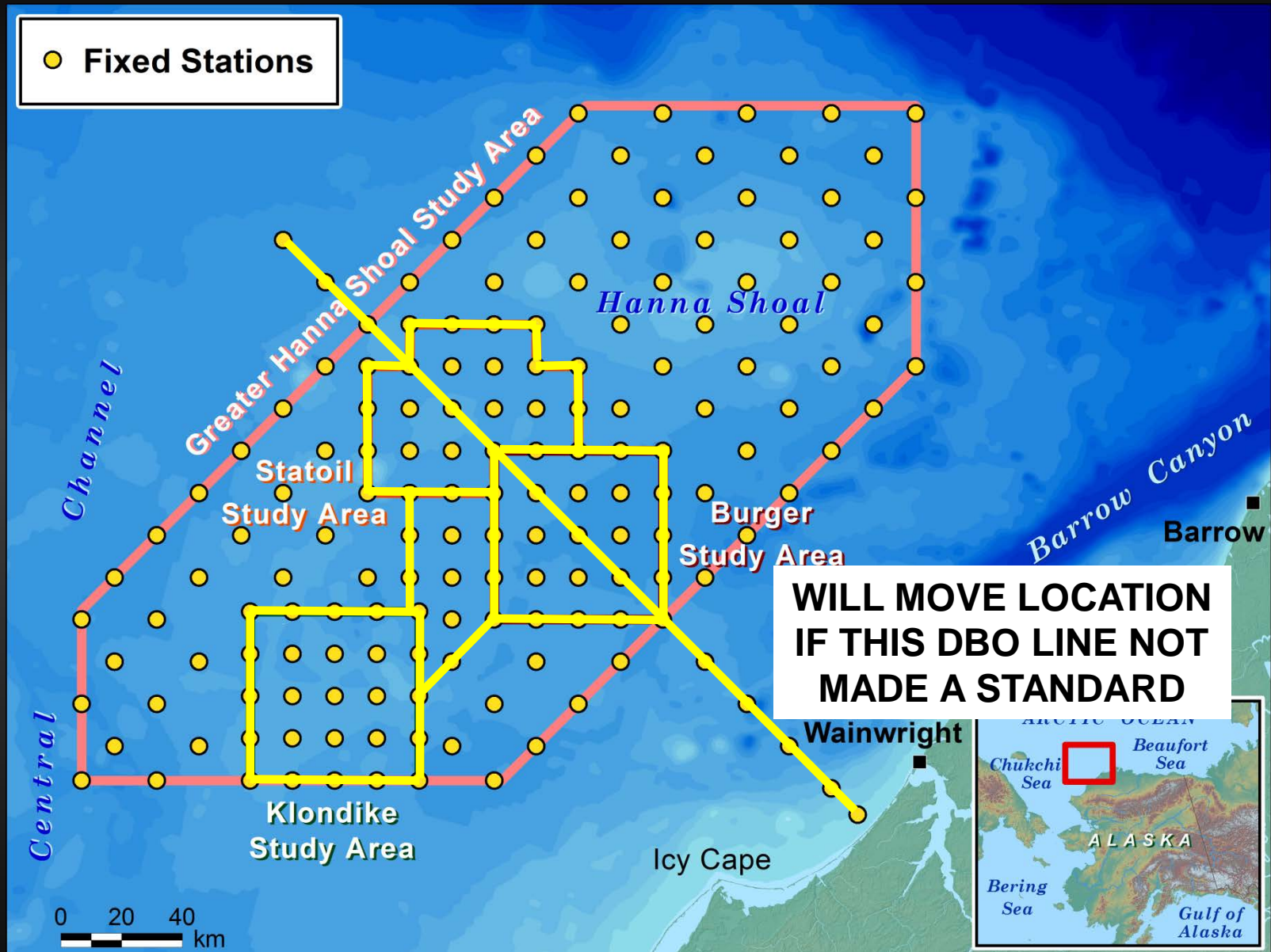


# BEARDED SEALS AT SEA (2011)





# SAMPLING DESIGN (2X IN 2013)



# SUMMARY

- Wainwright DBO Line builds on existing data set started in 2008
- Multiple years
- Multiple seasons
- Multiple disciplines
- Planned to be sampled into foreseeable future
- Designed to monitor ACW, BSW, MW, and WW
- Most importantly, includes monitoring of WW