

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL:****Kelp Mapping protocol**

Floating kelp beds were mapped through an Object-Based Image Analysis framework (OBIA; Benz et al., 2004). With OBIA, image objects are created by grouping adjacent pixels based on contextual information like shape, scale, and compactness as a previous step before classification (Schroeder et al., 2019; Gendall et al., 2023). OBIA shows some advantages over pixel-based approaches as it tends to reduce the effects of imagery noise (Blaschke, 2010) and, therefore, produces classifications with better accuracy when using high spatial resolution images (Gao and Mas, 2008). More importantly, the object (polygon) aggregates kelp fronds, inner water patches, or partially submerged kelp into the same floating bed polygon (Gendall et al., 2023), outlining a floating kelp bed as an actual ecological entity.

The framework is as follows: First, the images were geometrically and atmospherically corrected using the dark object subtraction algorithm (Chavez, 1998). Then, spectral bands were used to calculate the Green Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (GNDVI; Gitelson et al., 1996) and the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI; Kriegler, 1969). Next, images were masked considering the potential kelp niche habitat (Soberón and Nakamura, 2009) according to substrate type and depth (Springer et al., 2010), selecting rocky and mixed substrate areas from the model by Gregr et al. (2021), and excluding the land above the low-water mark and bathymetry below 40 m (Springer et al., 2010). Corrected, enhanced, and masked bands and indices were then classified using a supervised OBIA in the Trimble eCognition software (Trimble Germany GmbH, 2021), which involved multi-resolution segmentation and feature space optimization. Subsequently, the objects were classified as either kelp (as floating beds) or no-kelp classes using a supervised Maximum Likelihood classification following methods developed by Gendall et al. (2023). The size of the kelp beds was a crucial component of the classification, given that sparse bulbs or fronds could not be detected with this method, whereas kelp beds wider than 10–15 m were usually well detected with very high-resolution imagery.

The accuracy of the classification was assessed qualitatively and quantitatively. The qualitative analysis applied expert knowledge by comparing the mapped kelp with the higher resolution orthomosaics, Google Earth imagery, ancillary data (BC ShoreZone 2007, 2017 by Howes et al., 1994) and field observations, such as georeferenced video recordings of the Southern Vancouver Island coastline (NWRC, 'pers. comm.'). The qualitative analysis considered ground-truth data available from a standardized mapping approach developed by citizen scientists of Mayne Island and surrounding islands. This approach is based on recording floating kelp beds as points, lines and polygons depending on their size and shape, using handheld GPS units carried on kayaks (Mayne Island Conservancy, 2010). The accuracy assessment compared image-derived polygons with kayak-derived polygons through expert knowledge, resulting in a mean accuracy of 70%. This analysis provides an approximation of the accuracy of the mapped kelp; however, it is important to emphasize that the kayak surveys were conducted at different dates compared to the imagery acquisition. Considering that other studies in BC with similar methods provide accuracy between 88% to 94% (Gendall et al., 2023) and the qualitative assessment of the kelp classifications, we trust that the final accuracy of the produced kelp maps is higher than 70%.

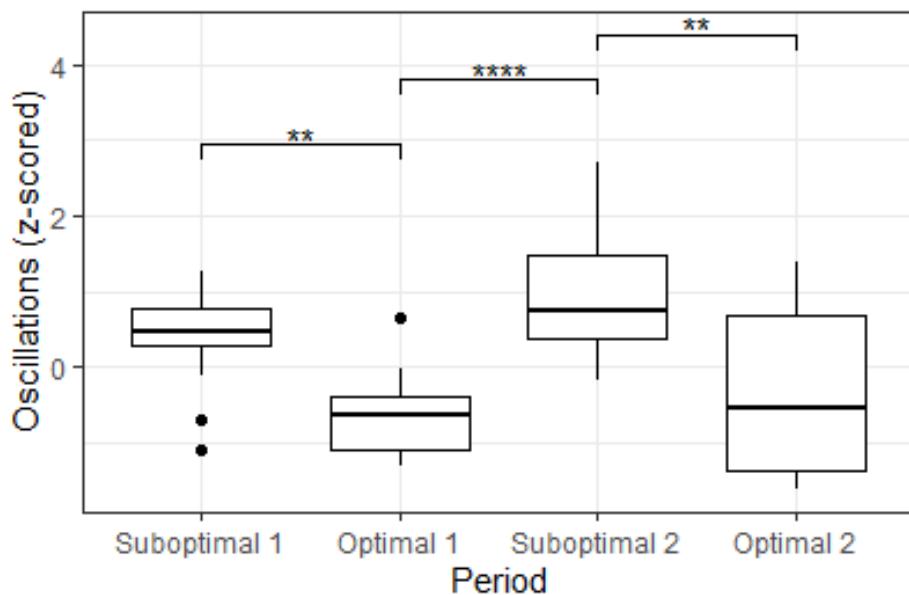
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**Table SM1.** Mean and median of the environmental variables and total area per cluster.

| Variable                        | Cluster |        |         |        |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                 | 1       | 2      | 3       | 4      |
| SpringSST.mean (°C)             | 9.8     | 11.3   | 12.8    | 13.2   |
| SpringSST.median (°C)           | 9.8     | 11.1   | 12.8    | 13.2   |
| SummerSST.mean (°C)             | 12.0    | 14.4   | 17.4    | 16.8   |
| SummerSST.median (°C)           | 12.0    | 14.2   | 17.8    | 16.5   |
| Fetch.mean (m)                  | 549251  | 195482 | 1083354 | 132868 |
| Fetch.median (m)                | 534032  | 189475 | 1098520 | 131059 |
| Tidal.mean (m/s)                | 0.3     | 0.2    | 0.2     | 0.1    |
| Tidal.median (m/s)              | 0.3     | 0.2    | 0.2     | 0.1    |
| Wind.mean (W/m <sup>2</sup> )   | 133.82  | 84.11  | 122.26  | 65.91  |
| Wind.median (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 148.37  | 89.56  | 140.01  | 71.03  |
| SpringTSM.mean (mg/L)           | 0.7     | 0.8    | 1.4     | 0.7    |
| SpringTSM.median (mg/L)         | 0.7     | 0.8    | 1.4     | 0.7    |
| SummerTSM.mean (mg/L)           | 0.8     | 1.2    | 2.5     | 1.3    |
| SummerTSM.median (mg/L)         | 0.8     | 1.3    | 2.6     | 1.3    |
| Area Niche total (hectare)      | 1116.4  | 444.5  | 83.6    | 10.5   |



**Figure SM1.** Kruskal-Wallis Dunn Test for significant differences among optimal and suboptimal periods for ONI, PDO, and NPGO (z-scored) in the 2002–2022 period. The (\*) symbol indicates the level of significance ( $p < 0.05$ ).

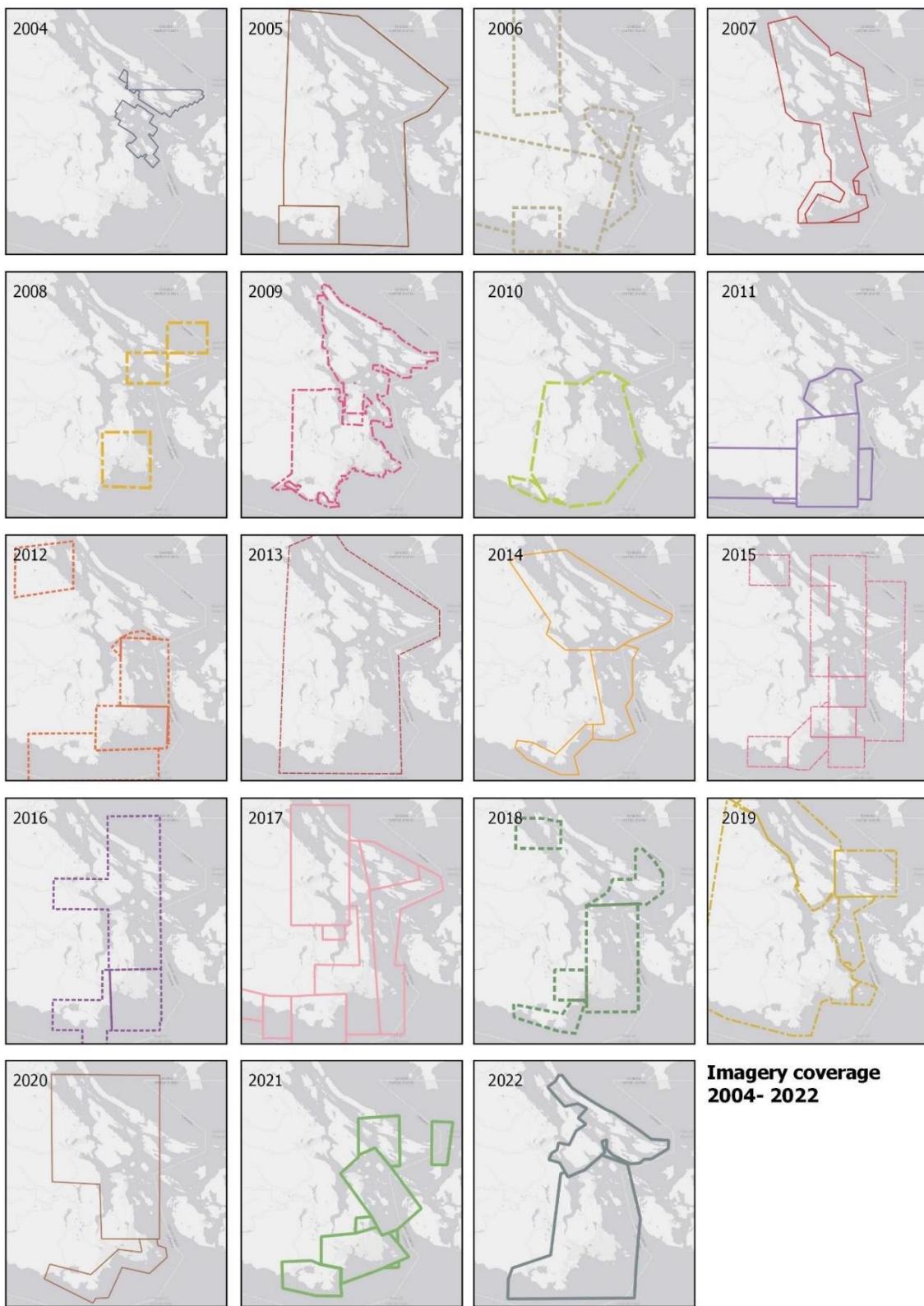
**Table SM2.** Landsat imagery used to derive nearshore SST in spring and summer.

| Sensor             | Image_Resolution | Date       | Year | Season | Month |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|------|--------|-------|
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1984-07-26 | 1984 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1985-08-14 | 1985 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1986-08-01 | 1986 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1987-07-10 | 1987 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1988-07-21 | 1988 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1989-07-24 | 1989 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1990-08-12 | 1990 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1991-08-15 | 1991 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1992-08-17 | 1992 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1993-08-20 | 1993 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1994-07-22 | 1994 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1995-07-16 | 1995 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1996-07-27 | 1996 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1997-08-15 | 1997 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1998-08-09 | 1998 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30               | 1999-07-28 | 1999 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2000-08-23 | 2000 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2001-08-10 | 2001 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30               | 2002-08-12 | 2002 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2003-07-22 | 2003 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2004-07-17 | 2004 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2005-07-27 | 2005 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2006-07-23 | 2006 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2008-08-04 | 2008 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2009-08-16 | 2009 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2010-07-25 | 2010 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 2011-07-05 | 2011 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30               | 2012-08-16 | 2012 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2013-07-26 | 2013 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2015-07-16 | 2015 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2016-08-19 | 2016 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2017-08-22 | 2017 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2018-08-16 | 2018 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2019-08-03 | 2019 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2020-08-14 | 2020 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2021-08-24 | 2021 | Summer | Aug   |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30               | 2022-07-26 | 2022 | Summer | Jul   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1984-06-24 | 1984 | Spring | Jun   |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30               | 1985-05-26 | 1985 | Spring | May   |

|                    |    |            |      |        |     |
|--------------------|----|------------|------|--------|-----|
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1986-05-29 | 1986 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1987-06-17 | 1987 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1988-06-19 | 1988 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1989-06-22 | 1989 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1990-05-08 | 1990 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1991-05-02 | 1991 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1992-06-21 | 1992 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1993-05-23 | 1993 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1994-06-20 | 1994 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1995-05-06 | 1995 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1996-06-25 | 1996 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1997-05-18 | 1997 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1998-06-06 | 1998 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 1999-05-24 | 1999 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2000-06-28 | 2000 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 2001-05-22 | 2001 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2002-06-09 | 2002 | Spring | Jun |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2003-05-11 | 2003 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 2004-05-14 | 2004 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 2005-05-24 | 2005 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2006-05-03 | 2006 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 2007-05-30 | 2007 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 2008-05-09 | 2008 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 5- band 6  | 30 | 2009-05-28 | 2009 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2010-05-14 | 2010 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2011-05-01 | 2011 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2012-05-12 | 2012 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 7- band 6  | 30 | 2013-05-06 | 2013 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2014-05-01 | 2014 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2015-05-29 | 2015 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2016-05-06 | 2016 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2017-05-25 | 2017 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2018-05-12 | 2018 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2019-05-31 | 2019 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2020-05-10 | 2020 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2021-05-29 | 2021 | Spring | May |
| Landsat 8- band 10 | 30 | 2022-06-24 | 2022 | Spring | Jun |

**Table SM3.** Sensors and resolutions employed to map floating kelp canopies in the study area. Bidecadal time series, 2004-2022.

| Sensor        | Resolution | Years  | Season |
|---------------|------------|--|--------|
| Aerial photos | < 1m       | 2004, 2005, 2009, 2013                                     | Summer |
| Pansharpened  | < 1m       | 2008, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019             | Summer |
| Quickbird     | 2.5 m      | 2006, 2007, 2008   | Summer |
| WorldView02   | 2.5 m      | 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 | Summer |
| Ikonos        | 3.2 m      | 2005   | Summer |
| Planet        | 4 m        | 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022                               | Summer |
| Kompsat       | 4.4 m      | 2007, 2017   | Summer |
| RapidEye      | 5 m        | 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017                   | Summer |
| Spot-6        | 6 m        | 2019   | Summer |
| Spot-4        | 10 m       | 2006   | Summer |
| Spot-5        | 20 m       | 2006   | Summer |

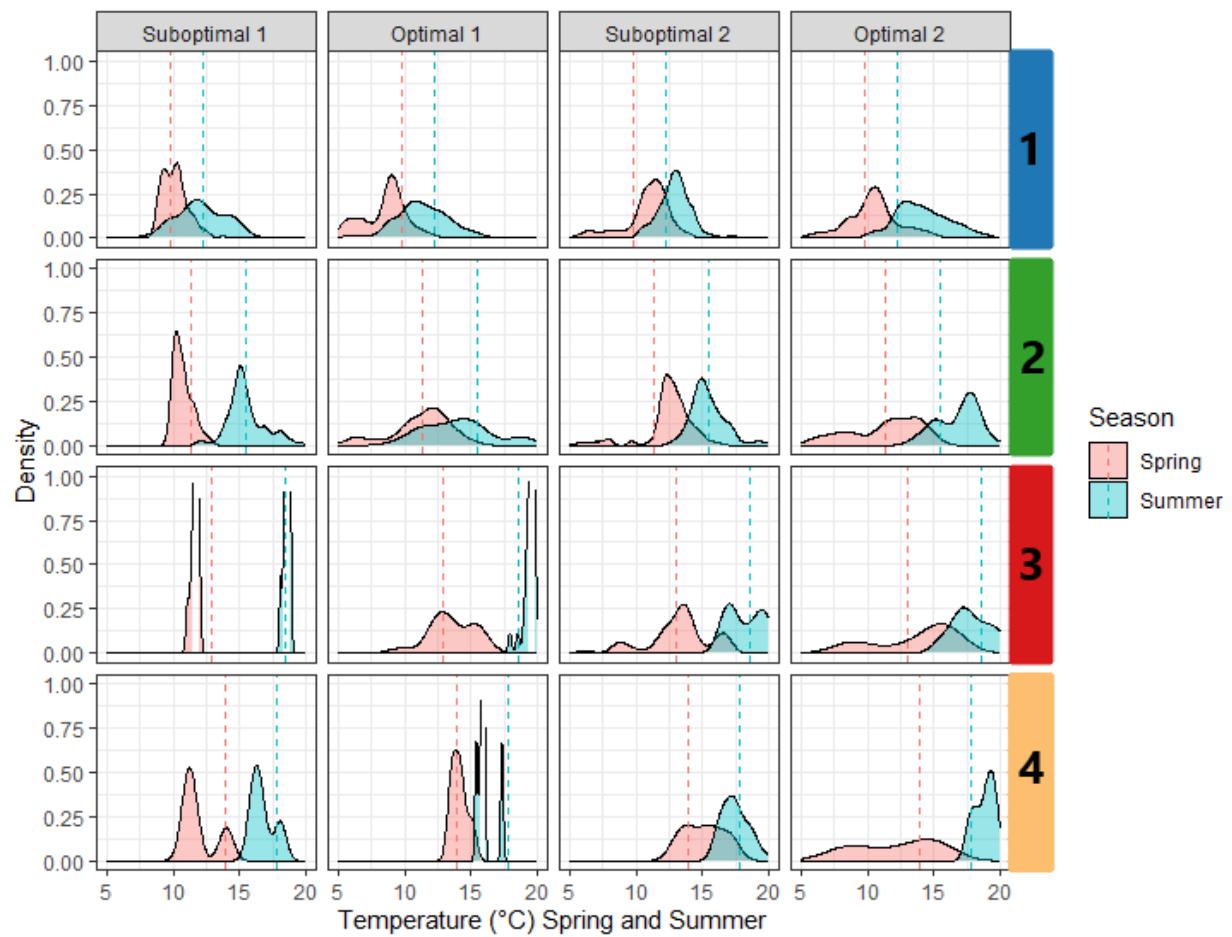


**Figure SM2.** Imagery coverage for the bidecadal analysis (2004–2022). The polygons indicate the image coverage of the high-resolution images. Please refer to Table SM3 for more details on the sensors per year.

**Table SM4.** Landsat dataset employed to map floating kelp canopies in the Ella Beach site, 1972–2022.

| Sensor    | Image Resolution | Date       | Year | Total Area km <sup>2</sup> | Tide | Month |
|-----------|------------------|------------|------|----------------------------|------|-------|
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1972-07-30 | 1972 | 0.61                       | 1    | jul   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1973-08-12 | 1973 | 0.73                       | 0.9  | aug   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1974-08-07 | 1974 | 0.56                       | 1.3  | aug   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1975-08-12 | 1975 | 0.76                       | 1.4  | aug   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1976-07-27 | 1976 | 0.66                       | 0.9  | jul   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1977-08-19 | 1977 | 0.63                       | 1.4  | aug   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1978-07-18 | 1978 | 0.31                       | 1.4  | jul   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1979-09-14 | 1979 | 0.63                       | 2.1  | sep   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1980-08-29 | 1980 | 0.67                       | 1    | aug   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1981-08-15 | 1981 | 0.52                       | 1.1  | aug   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1982-08-20 | 1982 | 0.73                       | 0.9  | aug   |
| Landsat 1 | 60               | 1983-09-09 | 1983 | 0.83                       | 1.2  | sep   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1984-07-26 | 1984 | 0.71                       | 1.28 | jul   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1985-08-14 | 1985 | 0.62                       | 1.12 | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1986-08-08 | 1986 | 0.70                       | 0.74 | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1987-08-20 | 1987 | 0.56                       | 1.58 | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1988-08-29 | 1988 | 0.72                       | 1.06 | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1989-07-15 | 1989 | 0.22                       | 1.6  | jul   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1990-09-04 | 1990 | 0.74                       | 1.38 | sep   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1991-08-15 | 1991 | 0.62                       | 1.85 | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1992-09-09 | 1992 | 0.68                       | 1.5  | sep   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1993-08-20 | 1993 | 0.47                       | 1.11 | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1994-08-03 | 1994 | 0.69                       | 1.6  | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1995-09-11 | 1995 | 0.45                       | 1    | sep   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1996-08-12 | 1996 | 0.66                       | 1.22 | aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1997-09-07 | 1997 | 0.84                       | 1.78 | sep   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 1998-08-25 | 1998 | 0.82                       | 1.16 | aug   |
| SPOT 4    | 20               | 1999-09-18 | 1999 | 0.94                       | 2.1  | Sept  |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 2000-07-09 | 2000 | 0.67                       | 1.6  | jul   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 2001-08-10 | 2001 | 0.64                       | 1.46 | Aug   |
| SPOT 4    | 20               | 2002-08-14 | 2002 | 0.86                       | 1.77 | Aug   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 2003-09-08 | 2003 | 0.53                       | 1.1  | sep   |
| Landsat 5 | 30               | 2004-07-17 | 2004 | 0.32                       | 1    | jul   |
| Ikonos    | 3.2              | 2005-07-30 | 2005 | 0.77                       | 1.7  | jul   |
| QB2       | 2                | 2006-09-12 | 2006 | 0.77                       | 2.05 | Sept  |

|           |     |            |      |      |         |      |
|-----------|-----|------------|------|------|---------|------|
| SPOT 2    | 30  | 2007-08-14 | 2007 | 0.44 | 0.84    | Aug  |
| SPOT 4    | 20  | 2008-09-16 | 2008 | 0.82 | 1.69    | sept |
| Rapid Eye | 5   | 2009-07-11 | 2009 | 0.47 | 0.82    | july |
| Rapid Eye | 5   | 2010-08-19 | 2010 | 0.48 | 0.97    | Aug  |
| WV02      | 2.5 | 2011-07-24 | 2011 | 0.60 | 1.8     | July |
| WV02      | 2.5 | 2012-09-12 | 2012 | 0.62 | 1.77    | Sept |
| Ortho     | 0.5 | unknown    | 2013 | 0.51 | unknown | na   |
| Rapid Eye | 5   | 2014-07-14 | 2014 | 0.45 | 0.44    | July |
| PSH       | 1   | 2015-08-18 | 2015 | 0.61 | 1.23    | Aug  |
| PSH       | 1   | unknown    | 2016 | 0.77 | unknown | na   |
| WV2       | 2.5 | 2017-08-29 | 2017 | 0.65 | 2.13    | Aug  |
| Planet    | 4   | 2018-08-28 | 2018 | 0.47 | 1.11    | Aug  |
| Ortho     | 0.5 | unknown    | 2019 | 0.36 | unknown | na   |
| Planet    | 4   | 2020-08-22 | 2020 | 0.37 | 0.95    | Aug  |
| Planet    | 4   | 2021-08-23 | 2021 | 0.70 | 0.83    | Aug  |
| Planet    | 4   | 2022-07-01 | 2022 | 0.41 | 0.5     | July |



**Figure SM3.** Density plots for temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for spring and summer, in the segments used in the time series per cluster and period (cluster identity indicated with colours). Dashed lines indicate mean climatology per season per cluster.

**Table SM5.** Spring and summer Landsat-derived SST detailed statistics per cluster and period (illustrated in Figures 4A and 4B).

| Cluster | Season | Period       | Mean SST | StDev SST | Median SST | Min SST | Max SST | Q25  | Q75  | n years cluster |
|---------|--------|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|------|------|-----------------|
| 1       | Spring | Suboptimal 1 | 10.3     | 0.8       | 10.3       | 9.4     | 11.5    | 10.0 | 10.5 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 8.8      | 2.0       | 9.4        | 5.9     | 11.9    | 7.6  | 9.8  | 7               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 10.6     | 2.2       | 11.5       | 6.2     | 11.9    | 11.1 | 11.7 | 6               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 10.4     | 2.4       | 10.6       | 7.9     | 12.7    | 9.2  | 11.6 | 3               |
|         | Summer | Suboptimal 1 | 12.6     | 1.0       | 12.7       | 11.3    | 13.7    | 11.8 | 13.2 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 11.0     | 1.9       | 10.7       | 8.1     | 13.4    | 10.4 | 12.3 | 6               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 13.3     | 0.4       | 13.2       | 12.8    | 13.8    | 13.2 | 13.5 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 14.8     | 1.5       | 15.4       | 13.1    | 15.8    | 14.3 | 15.6 | 3               |
| 2       | Spring | Suboptimal 1 | 11.3     | 1.1       | 10.9       | 9.9     | 12.9    | 10.9 | 12.0 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 10.2     | 2.3       | 10.6       | 7.4     | 13.4    | 8.3  | 11.5 | 7               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 12.6     | 2.2       | 13.0       | 8.3     | 14.4    | 12.8 | 13.9 | 6               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 11.7     | 2.9       | 12.5       | 8.5     | 14.1    | 10.5 | 13.3 | 3               |
|         | Summer | Suboptimal 1 | 15.1     | 0.9       | 15.5       | 14.0    | 15.9    | 14.4 | 15.8 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 14.1     | 1.7       | 14.5       | 12.0    | 16.0    | 12.7 | 15.5 | 6               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 16.2     | 0.8       | 15.9       | 15.4    | 17.5    | 15.9 | 16.5 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 17.5     | 1.5       | 17.8       | 15.9    | 18.8    | 16.8 | 18.3 | 3               |
| 3       | Spring | Suboptimal 1 | 12.4     | 1.8       | 11.6       | 10.2    | 14.6    | 11.4 | 14.0 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 11.8     | 3.1       | 12.3       | 7.6     | 16.7    | 9.7  | 13.5 | 7               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 13.9     | 2.8       | 13.9       | 8.9     | 16.6    | 13.7 | 15.8 | 6               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 12.9     | 3.2       | 13.4       | 9.4     | 15.8    | 11.4 | 14.6 | 3               |
|         | Summer | Suboptimal 1 | 17.9     | 0.8       | 17.8       | 16.9    | 18.8    | 17.4 | 18.5 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 17.2     | 1.7       | 17.0       | 15.4    | 19.5    | 15.9 | 18.4 | 6               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 18.9     | 1.2       | 19.4       | 16.9    | 19.9    | 18.8 | 19.6 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 19.4     | 1.2       | 19.5       | 18.2    | 20.5    | 18.9 | 20.0 | 3               |
| 4       | Spring | Suboptimal 1 | 13.3     | 1.7       | 13.1       | 11.0    | 15.1    | 12.4 | 14.9 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 12.3     | 3.3       | 12.4       | 6.9     | 16.4    | 10.7 | 14.6 | 7               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 16.1     | 2.1       | 15.7       | 12.9    | 18.6    | 15.4 | 17.8 | 6               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 14.6     | 2.5       | 14.8       | 12.0    | 17.0    | 13.4 | 15.9 | 3               |
|         | Summer | Suboptimal 1 | 19.1     | 1.1       | 18.9       | 17.6    | 20.5    | 18.9 | 19.7 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 1    | 18.0     | 2.4       | 18.7       | 14.6    | 20.3    | 16.2 | 19.8 | 6               |
|         |        | Suboptimal 2 | 19.9     | 1.6       | 19.2       | 18.3    | 21.8    | 18.7 | 21.3 | 5               |
|         |        | Optimal 2    | 20.5     | 2.2       | 20.0       | 18.6    | 22.9    | 19.3 | 21.4 | 3               |

**Table SM6–9.** Marine heatwaves per optimal versus suboptimal periods. N= number of events. (%)= percentage of events category I, II, III and IV compared to the total. Based on the 1984–2022 climatology per lighthouse. Suboptimal 1= 2002 to 2006; Optimal 1= 2007 to 2013; Suboptimal 2= 2014 to 2019; Optimal 2= 2020 to 2022.

**Table SM6.** Data: Race Rocks Lighthouse.

|                               | Suboptimal 1<br>(N=12) | Optimal 1<br>(N=2) | Suboptimal 2<br>(N=13) | Optimal 2<br>(N=1) | Overall<br>(N=28) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Category</b>               |                        |                    |                        |                    |                   |
| I Moderate                    | 9 (75.0%)              | 0 (0%)             | 9 (69.2%)              | 1 (100%)           | 19 (67.9%)        |
| II Strong                     | 3 (25.0%)              | 2 (100%)           | 3 (23.1%)              | 0 (0%)             | 8 (28.6%)         |
| IV Extreme                    | 0 (0%)                 | 0 (0%)             | 1 (7.7%)               | 0 (0%)             | 1 (3.6%)          |
| <b>Maximum Intensity (°C)</b> |                        |                    |                        |                    |                   |
| Mean (SD)                     | 1.51 (0.350)           | 1.95 (0.190)       | 1.63 (0.432)           | 1.76 (NA)          | 1.61 (0.385)      |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 1.45 [1.17, 2.21]      | 1.95 [1.81, 2.08]  | 1.58 [1.11, 2.76]      | 1.76 [1.76, 1.76]  | 1.54 [1.11, 2.76] |
| <b>Duration (days)</b>        |                        |                    |                        |                    |                   |
| Mean (SD)                     | 7.58 (4.03)            | 7.00 (0)           | 12.5 (8.84)            | 5.00 (NA)          | 9.71 (6.95)       |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 6.00 [5.00, 19.0]      | 7.00 [7.00, 7.00]  | 7.00 [6.00, 33.0]      | 5.00 [5.00, 5.00]  | 7.00 [5.00, 33.0] |

**Table SM7.** Marine heatwaves per optimal versus suboptimal periods. Data: Entrance Island Lighthouse.

|                               | Optimal 1<br>(N=7) | Optimal 2<br>(N=2) | Suboptimal 1<br>(N=17) | Suboptimal 2<br>(N=16) | Overall<br>(N=42) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Category</b>               |                    |                    |                        |                        |                   |
| I Moderate                    | 5 (71.4%)          | 2 (100%)           | 9 (52.9%)              | 7 (43.8%)              | 23 (54.8%)        |
| II Strong                     | 1 (14.3%)          | 0 (0%)             | 7 (41.2%)              | 9 (56.3%)              | 17 (40.5%)        |
| III Severe                    | 1 (14.3%)          | 0 (0%)             | 1 (5.9%)               | 0 (0%)                 | 2 (4.8%)          |
| <b>Maximum Intensity (°C)</b> |                    |                    |                        |                        |                   |
| Mean (SD)                     | 3.69 (1.92)        | 3.02 (0.260)       | 3.45 (0.993)           | 2.90 (1.15)            | 3.26 (1.23)       |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 2.86 [1.89, 6.50]  | 3.02 [2.84, 3.20]  | 3.31 [1.73, 5.29]      | 2.66 [1.31, 5.91]      | 2.87 [1.31, 6.50] |
| <b>Duration (days)</b>        |                    |                    |                        |                        |                   |
| Mean (SD)                     | 7.29 (2.29)        | 5.00 (0)           | 7.59 (3.50)            | 7.81 (3.10)            | 7.50 (3.07)       |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 7.00 [5.00, 12.0]  | 5.00 [5.00, 5.00]  | 7.00 [5.00, 19.0]      | 6.50 [5.00, 14.0]      | 6.50 [5.00, 19.0] |

**Table SM8.** Marine heatwaves per optimal versus suboptimal periods. Data: Departure Bay Lighthouse.

|                               | Optimal 1<br>(N=2) | Optimal 2<br>(N=6) | Suboptimal 1<br>(N=6) | Suboptimal 2<br>(N=27) | Overall<br>(N=41) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Category</b>               |                    |                    |                       |                        |                   |
| I Moderate                    | 2 (100%)           | 3 (50.0%)          | 5 (83.3%)             | 12 (44.4%)             | 22 (53.7%)        |
| II Strong                     | 0 (0%)             | 3 (50.0%)          | 1 (16.7%)             | 13 (48.1%)             | 17 (41.5%)        |
| III Severe                    | 0 (0%)             | 0 (0%)             | 0 (0%)                | 2 (7.4%)               | 2 (4.9%)          |
| <b>Maximum Intensity (°C)</b> |                    |                    |                       |                        |                   |
| Mean (SD)                     | 2.64 (0.238)       | 3.89 (1.00)        | 2.55 (0.609)          | 2.83 (1.00)            | 2.94 (0.998)      |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 2.64 [2.47, 2.81]  | 3.88 [2.58, 5.47]  | 2.56 [1.87, 3.26]     | 2.67 [1.16, 4.89]      | 2.80 [1.16, 5.47] |
| <b>Duration (days)</b>        |                    |                    |                       |                        |                   |
| Mean (SD)                     | 6.50 (2.12)        | 6.67 (1.86)        | 5.67 (0.816)          | 10.3 (7.95)            | 8.93 (6.76)       |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 6.50 [5.00, 8.00]  | 6.50 [5.00, 9.00]  | 5.50 [5.00, 7.00]     | 7.00 [5.00, 39.0]      | 6.00 [5.00, 39.0] |



**Table SM9.** Marine heatwaves per optimal versus suboptimal periods. Data: ALL.

|                               | Suboptimal 1<br>(N=35) | Optimal 1<br>(N=11) | Suboptimal 2<br>(N=56) | Optimal 2<br>(N=9) | Overall<br>(N=111) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Category</b>               |                        |                     |                        |                    |                    |
| I Moderate                    | 23 (65.7%)             | 7 (63.6%)           | 28 (50.0%)             | 6 (66.7%)          | 64 (57.7%)         |
| II Strong                     | 11 (31.4%)             | 3 (27.3%)           | 25 (44.6%)             | 3 (33.3%)          | 42 (37.8%)         |
| III Severe                    | 1 (2.9%)               | 1 (9.1%)            | 2 (3.6%)               | 0 (0%)             | 4 (3.6%)           |
| IV Extreme                    | 0 (0%)                 | 0 (0%)              | 1 (1.8%)               | 0 (0%)             | 1 (0.9%)           |
| <b>Maximum Intensity (°C)</b> |                        |                     |                        |                    |                    |
| Mean (SD)                     | 2.63 (1.16)            | 3.18 (1.66)         | 2.57 (1.07)            | 3.46 (1.09)        | 2.72 (1.19)        |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 2.47 [1.17, 5.29]      | 2.64 [1.81, 6.50]   | 2.43 [1.11, 5.91]      | 3.23 [1.76, 5.47]  | 2.58 [1.11, 6.50]  |
| <b>Duration (days)</b>        |                        |                     |                        |                    |                    |
| Mean (SD)                     | 7.26 (3.42)            | 7.09 (1.92)         | 10.1 (7.24)            | 6.11 (1.69)        | 8.59 (5.73)        |
| Median [Min, Max]             | 6.00 [5.00, 19.0]      | 7.00 [5.00, 12.0]   | 7.00 [5.00, 39.0]      | 5.00 [5.00, 9.00]  | 7.00 [5.00, 39.0]  |
| <b>lighthouse</b>             |                        |                     |                        |                    |                    |
| Departure Bay                 | 6 (17.1%)              | 2 (18.2%)           | 27 (48.2%)             | 6 (66.7%)          | 41 (36.9%)         |
| Entrance Island               | 17 (48.6%)             | 7 (63.6%)           | 16 (28.6%)             | 2 (22.2%)          | 42 (37.8%)         |
| Race Rocks                    | 12 (34.3%)             | 2 (18.2%)           | 13 (23.2%)             | 1 (11.1%)          | 28 (25.2%)         |

**Table SM10.** Marine heatwaves, listed individually. Data: Race Rocks Lighthouse.

| Event number | Event name | Peak date  | category   | Intensity max (°C) | Duration (days) | season    |          |          |            |               |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|---------------|
|              |            |            |            |                    |                 | % extreme | % severe | % strong | % moderate |               |
| 1            | NA         | 1983-02-02 | I Moderate | 1.41               | 5               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Winter        |
| 2            | RR 1983a   | 1983-03-17 | II Strong  | 2.17               | 6               | 50        | 50       | 0        | 0          | Winter        |
| 3            | RR 1983b   | 1983-03-25 | II Strong  | 1.92               | 8               | 62        | 38       | 0        | 0          | Winter/Spring |
| 4            | RR 1983c   | 1983-04-13 | II Strong  | 2.27               | 7               | 14        | 86       | 0        | 0          | Spring        |
| 5            | RR 1983d   | 1983-06-07 | III Severe | 3.08               | 9               | 78        | 11       | 11       | 0          | Spring        |
| 6            | RR 1983e   | 1983-08-04 | III Severe | 3.10               | 5               | 20        | 60       | 20       | 0          | Summer        |
| 7            | RR 1983f   | 1983-08-21 | III Severe | 2.68               | 6               | 50        | 33       | 17       | 0          | Summer        |
| 8            | RR 1984    | 1984-07-24 | IV Extreme | 3.33               | 5               | 40        | 20       | 20       | 20         | Summer        |
| 9            | NA         | 1990-07-18 | I Moderate | 1.64               | 7               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Summer        |
| 10           | NA         | 1990-09-03 | I Moderate | 1.42               | 6               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Summer        |
| 11           | NA         | 1990-09-29 | I Moderate | 1.24               | 24              | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Summer/Fall   |
| 12           | NA         | 1990-11-11 | I Moderate | 1.30               | 16              | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Fall          |
| 13           | NA         | 1990-12-14 | I Moderate | 1.20               | 9               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Fall          |
| 14           | NA         | 1992-03-19 | I Moderate | 1.63               | 25              | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Winter        |
| 15           | NA         | 1992-03-31 | I Moderate | 1.69               | 6               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Winter/Spring |
| 16           | NA         | 1995-06-27 | I Moderate | 1.19               | 7               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Spring        |
| 17           | NA         | 1995-09-22 | I Moderate | 1.43               | 6               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Summer        |
| 18           | NA         | 1995-12-17 | I Moderate | 0.97               | 11              | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Fall          |
| 19           | NA         | 1996-01-03 | I Moderate | 1.19               | 6               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Fall/Winter   |
| 20           | NA         | 1996-01-15 | I Moderate | 1.17               | 9               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Winter        |
| 21           | NA         | 1997-05-18 | I Moderate | 1.29               | 9               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Spring        |
| 22           | RR 1997a   | 1997-08-13 | II Strong  | 2.17               | 11              | 55        | 45       | 0        | 0          | Summer        |
| 23           | RR 1997b   | 1997-10-12 | II Strong  | 1.70               | 30              | 70        | 30       | 0        | 0          | Fall          |
| 24           | NA         | 1997-11-29 | I Moderate | 1.27               | 24              | 92        | 0        | 0        | 0          | Fall          |
| 25           | RR 1997c   | 1997-12-29 | II Strong  | 1.82               | 29              | 90        | 10       | 0        | 0          | Fall/Winter   |
| 26           | RR 1998a   | 1998-03-02 | II Strong  | 2.04               | 117             | 91        | 3        | 0        | 0          | Winter/Spring |
| 27           | RR 1998b   | 1998-06-05 | II Strong  | 1.83               | 5               | 60        | 40       | 0        | 0          | Spring        |
| 28           | NA         | 1998-06-21 | I Moderate | 1.34               | 5               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Spring        |
| 29           | RR 1998c   | 1998-09-04 | II Strong  | 1.83               | 11              | 55        | 45       | 0        | 0          | Summer        |
| 30           | NA         | 1998-09-18 | I Moderate | 1.13               | 7               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Summer        |
| 31           | NA         | 1998-09-30 | I Moderate | 1.48               | 9               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Summer/Fall   |
| 32           | RR 1998d   | 1998-11-17 | II Strong  | 1.69               | 34              | 82        | 6        | 0        | 0          | Fall          |
| 33           | RR 1999    | 1999-09-21 | II Strong  | 2.00               | 8               | 75        | 25       | 0        | 0          | Summer        |
| 34           | RR 2000    | 2000-06-27 | IV Extreme | 3.89               | 5               | 60        | 0        | 20       | 20         | Spring        |
| 35           | NA         | 2002-12-25 | I Moderate | 1.05               | 7               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Fall          |
| 36           | NA         | 2003-01-04 | I Moderate | 1.20               | 9               | 100       | 0        | 0        | 0          | Winter        |

|    |          |            |            |      |    |     |    |    |   |               |
|----|----------|------------|------------|------|----|-----|----|----|---|---------------|
| 37 | NA       | 2003-02-01 | I Moderate | 1.31 | 19 | 95  | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 38 | NA       | 2003-02-18 | I Moderate | 1.18 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 39 | RR 2003  | 2003-10-28 | III Severe | 2.01 | 10 | 70  | 20 | 10 | 0 | Fall          |
| 40 | NA       | 2004-05-16 | I Moderate | 1.45 | 6  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 41 | NA       | 2004-06-30 | I Moderate | 1.32 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 42 | NA       | 2004-07-28 | I Moderate | 1.37 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 43 | RR 2004  | 2004-10-14 | II Strong  | 1.87 | 7  | 86  | 14 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 44 | RR 2005a | 2005-04-25 | II Strong  | 1.71 | 5  | 80  | 20 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 45 | NA       | 2005-05-04 | I Moderate | 1.52 | 6  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 46 | RR 2005b | 2005-06-01 | II Strong  | 2.23 | 17 | 65  | 24 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 47 | NA       | 2006-02-02 | I Moderate | 1.21 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 48 | NA       | 2006-08-04 | I Moderate | 1.20 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 49 | NA       | 2006-09-02 | I Moderate | 1.50 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 50 | RR 2009  | 2009-10-04 | II Strong  | 1.81 | 7  | 86  | 14 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 51 | RR 2010  | 2010-02-28 | II Strong  | 2.08 | 8  | 88  | 12 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 52 | RR 2014  | 2014-10-24 | IV Extreme | 2.76 | 22 | 41  | 55 | 0  | 5 | Fall          |
| 53 | NA       | 2014-12-24 | I Moderate | 1.13 | 12 | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 54 | NA       | 2015-01-06 | I Moderate | 1.12 | 7  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 55 | NA       | 2015-02-14 | I Moderate | 1.40 | 26 | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 56 | NA       | 2015-04-03 | I Moderate | 1.03 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter/Spring |
| 57 | NA       | 2015-06-24 | I Moderate | 1.57 | 9  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring/Summer |
| 58 | NA       | 2015-07-26 | I Moderate | 1.40 | 7  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 59 | RR 2015  | 2015-08-26 | II Strong  | 1.82 | 13 | 92  | 8  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 60 | RR 2016a | 2016-04-20 | II Strong  | 1.67 | 7  | 86  | 14 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 61 | RR 2016b | 2016-08-19 | II Strong  | 1.67 | 10 | 70  | 30 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 62 | NA       | 2016-09-11 | I Moderate | 1.47 | 6  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 63 | RR 2016c | 2016-11-10 | II Strong  | 1.56 | 21 | 81  | 14 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 64 | RR 2016d | 2016-11-29 | II Strong  | 1.57 | 9  | 78  | 22 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 65 | NA       | 2017-06-22 | I Moderate | 1.61 | 6  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 66 | NA       | 2019-06-25 | I Moderate | 1.24 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |

**Table SM11.** Marine heatwaves, listed individually. Data: Entrance Island Lighthouse.

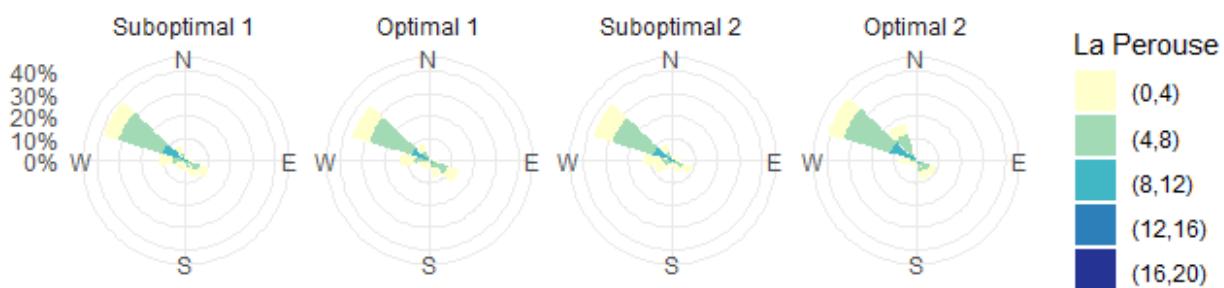
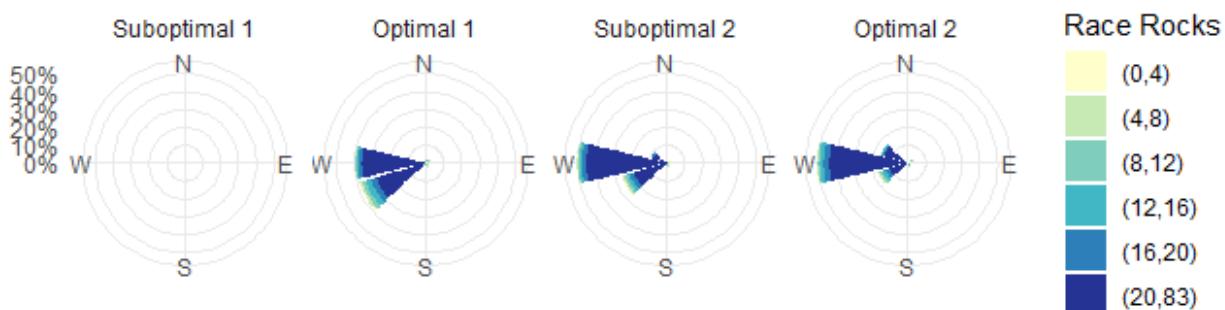
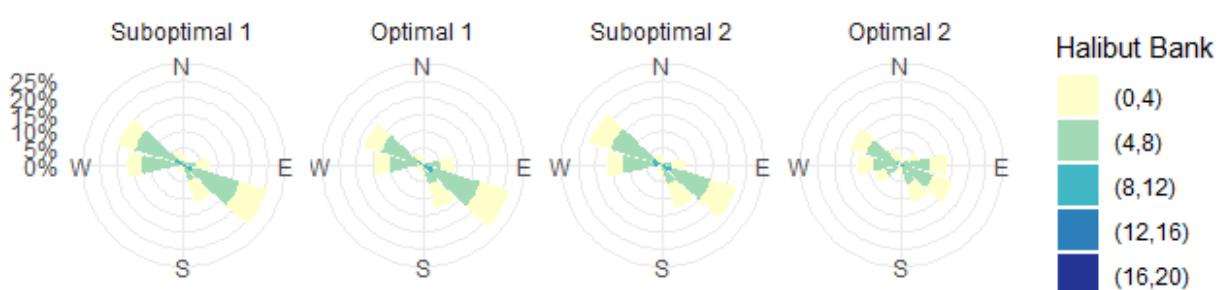
| Event number | Event name | Peak date  | category   | Intensity max (°C) | Duration (days) | % moderate | % strong | % severe | % extreme | season      |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1            | NA         | 1984-01-04 | I Moderate | 2.01               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall/Winter |
| 2            | NA         | 1984-02-12 | I Moderate | 1.65               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter      |
| 3            | NA         | 1987-10-21 | I Moderate | 1.51               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall        |
| 4            | NA         | 1987-12-08 | I Moderate | 1.30               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall        |
| 5            | NA         | 1989-04-30 | I Moderate | 3.60               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 6            | NA         | 1989-09-12 | I Moderate | 3.45               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 9            | NA         | 1990-09-26 | I Moderate | 2.24               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer/Fall |
| 12           | NA         | 1993-10-14 | I Moderate | 2.09               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall        |
| 15           | NA         | 1994-09-25 | I Moderate | 2.81               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 16           | NA         | 1995-04-26 | I Moderate | 3.03               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 18           | NA         | 1995-09-23 | I Moderate | 3.45               | 11              | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 20           | NA         | 1997-12-16 | I Moderate | 1.91               | 10              | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall        |
| 25           | NA         | 2003-01-26 | I Moderate | 1.73               | 10              | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter      |
| 26           | NA         | 2003-06-28 | I Moderate | 3.19               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 27           | NA         | 2003-09-27 | I Moderate | 2.47               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 29           | NA         | 2004-04-17 | I Moderate | 2.94               | 11              | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 32           | NA         | 2004-06-18 | I Moderate | 3.31               | 7               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 33           | NA         | 2004-07-16 | I Moderate | 3.64               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 34           | NA         | 2004-08-14 | I Moderate | 3.91               | 8               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 35           | NA         | 2004-09-28 | I Moderate | 2.79               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 38           | NA         | 2005-06-23 | I Moderate | 3.96               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 43           | NA         | 2007-09-10 | I Moderate | 2.64               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 44           | NA         | 2008-06-19 | I Moderate | 3.24               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 47           | NA         | 2011-09-09 | I Moderate | 2.34               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 48           | NA         | 2012-07-19 | I Moderate | 2.86               | 7               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 49           | NA         | 2014-10-05 | I Moderate | 2.94               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall        |
| 53           | NA         | 2015-03-13 | I Moderate | 1.31               | 7               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter      |
| 54           | NA         | 2015-04-24 | I Moderate | 2.04               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 55           | NA         | 2015-05-20 | I Moderate | 4.36               | 9               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 56           | NA         | 2015-06-09 | I Moderate | 3.54               | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 60           | NA         | 2016-03-05 | I Moderate | 1.87               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter      |
| 63           | NA         | 2016-05-06 | I Moderate | 2.87               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring      |
| 65           | NA         | 2021-08-02 | I Moderate | 3.20               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 66           | NA         | 2022-07-31 | I Moderate | 2.84               | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer      |
| 58           | EI 2015d   | 2015-10-18 | II Strong  | 2.42               | 14              | 93         | 7        | 0        | 0         | Fall        |
| 46           | NA         | 2010-01-12 | I Moderate | 1.89               | 12              | 92         | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter      |

|    |          |            |            |      |    |    |    |    |   |               |
|----|----------|------------|------------|------|----|----|----|----|---|---------------|
| 21 | EI 1998a | 1998-05-04 | II Strong  | 4.18 | 10 | 90 | 10 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 40 | EI 2006a | 2006-01-30 | II Strong  | 2.12 | 8  | 88 | 12 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 7  | EI 1990a | 1990-04-07 | II Strong  | 2.66 | 7  | 86 | 14 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 23 | EI 1998c | 1998-09-01 | II Strong  | 4.42 | 7  | 86 | 14 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 52 | EI 2015b | 2015-02-09 | II Strong  | 2.66 | 14 | 86 | 14 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 64 | EI 2016c | 2016-11-09 | II Strong  | 1.72 | 7  | 86 | 14 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 13 | EI 1994a | 1994-05-07 | II Strong  | 4.37 | 6  | 83 | 17 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 17 | EI 1995  | 1995-05-28 | II Strong  | 4.67 | 6  | 83 | 17 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 19 | EI 1997  | 1997-11-28 | II Strong  | 2.12 | 6  | 83 | 17 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 24 | EI 2001  | 2001-07-04 | II Strong  | 5.93 | 6  | 83 | 17 | 0  | 0 | Spring/Summer |
| 57 | EI 2015c | 2015-06-29 | II Strong  | 5.91 | 6  | 83 | 17 | 0  | 0 | Spring/Summer |
| 8  | EI 1990b | 1990-08-03 | II Strong  | 4.30 | 11 | 82 | 18 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 41 | EI 2006b | 2006-07-21 | II Strong  | 4.36 | 5  | 80 | 20 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 30 | EI 2004b | 2004-04-30 | II Strong  | 4.00 | 8  | 75 | 25 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 39 | EI 2005b | 2005-12-24 | II Strong  | 2.75 | 19 | 74 | 26 | 0  | 0 | Fall/Winter   |
| 10 | EI 1991  | 1991-08-21 | II Strong  | 4.07 | 7  | 71 | 29 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 11 | EI 1992  | 1992-04-01 | III Severe | 3.51 | 23 | 70 | 17 | 9  | 0 | Winter/Spring |
| 14 | EI 1994b | 1994-07-20 | II Strong  | 4.31 | 6  | 67 | 33 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 62 | EI 2016b | 2016-04-20 | II Strong  | 4.30 | 5  | 60 | 40 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 37 | EI 2005a | 2005-04-26 | II Strong  | 5.03 | 9  | 56 | 44 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 31 | EI 2004c | 2004-05-18 | II Strong  | 5.29 | 6  | 50 | 50 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 51 | EI 2015a | 2015-01-24 | II Strong  | 2.74 | 12 | 50 | 50 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 61 | EI 2016a | 2016-04-02 | II Strong  | 2.66 | 6  | 50 | 50 | 0  | 0 | Winter/Spring |
| 45 | EI 2009  | 2009-07-28 | III Severe | 6.50 | 8  | 50 | 12 | 38 | 0 | Summer        |
| 59 | EI 2015e | 2015-12-06 | II Strong  | 2.61 | 9  | 44 | 56 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 22 | EI 1998b | 1998-08-03 | II Strong  | 4.50 | 7  | 43 | 57 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 50 | EI 2014  | 2014-11-04 | II Strong  | 2.46 | 9  | 33 | 67 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 28 | EI 2004a | 2004-04-03 | II Strong  | 2.80 | 7  | 29 | 71 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 36 | EI 2004d | 2004-10-14 | III Severe | 4.39 | 5  | 20 | 60 | 20 | 0 | Fall          |
| 42 | EI 2007  | 2007-06-03 | II Strong  | 6.37 | 7  | 14 | 86 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |

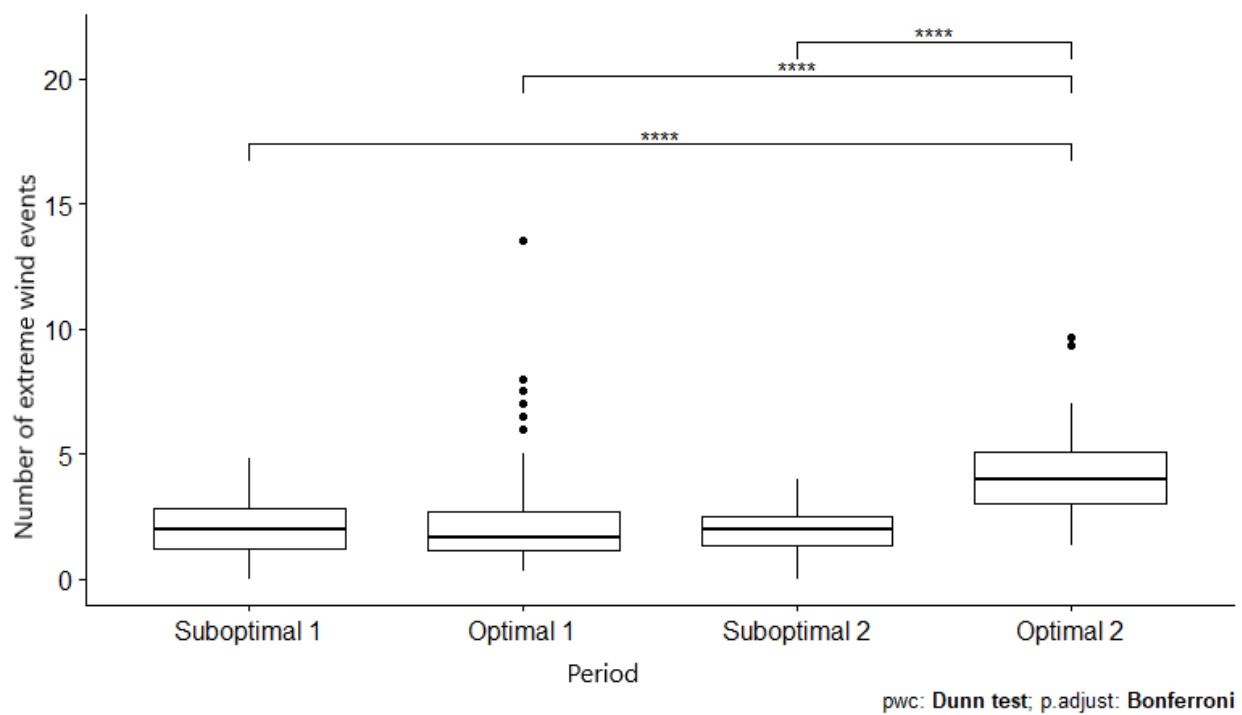
**Table SM12.** Marine heatwaves, listed individually. Data: Departure Bay Lighthouse.

| Event number | Event name | Peak date  | category   | Intensity max (°C) | Duration (days) | % moderate | % strong | % severe | % extreme | season        |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| 1            | NA         | 1983-02-21 | I Moderate | 1.2115             | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter        |
| 2            | NA         | 1983-03-16 | I Moderate | 1.9471             | 8               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter        |
| 3            | NA         | 1987-09-01 | I Moderate | 3.5891             | 8               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 4            | DB 1987    | 1987-10-01 | II Strong  | 3.2816             | 23              | 91         | 4        | 0        | 0         | Summer/Fall   |
| 5            | DB 1989a   | 1989-05-04 | II Strong  | 4.1356             | 6               | 83         | 17       | 0        | 0         | Spring        |
| 6            | DB 1989b   | 1989-05-15 | II Strong  | 4.053              | 5               | 80         | 20       | 0        | 0         | Spring        |
| 7            | NA         | 1989-09-14 | I Moderate | 3.007              | 7               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 8            | NA         | 1989-09-24 | I Moderate | 2.6394             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 9            | NA         | 1990-06-22 | I Moderate | 3.7289             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring        |
| 10           | NA         | 1990-07-11 | I Moderate | 2.8868             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 11           | DB 1990    | 1990-08-12 | II Strong  | 4.6548             | 16              | 75         | 19       | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 12           | NA         | 1990-09-29 | I Moderate | 2.7447             | 8               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer/Fall   |
| 13           | NA         | 1991-08-21 | I Moderate | 3.7367             | 8               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 14           | DB 1991    | 1991-09-18 | II Strong  | 3.6414             | 6               | 83         | 17       | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 15           | NA         | 1991-10-15 | I Moderate | 1.8987             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall          |
| 16           | NA         | 1992-03-02 | I Moderate | 1.8732             | 7               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter        |
| 17           | DB 1992    | 1992-04-01 | II Strong  | 3.5771             | 25              | 88         | 8        | 0        | 0         | Winter/Spring |
| 18           | NA         | 1993-02-11 | I Moderate | 1.437              | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter        |
| 19           | NA         | 1993-03-06 | I Moderate | 1.9554             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter        |
| 20           | NA         | 1993-06-05 | I Moderate | 2.6514             | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring        |
| 21           | DB 1993    | 1993-09-10 | II Strong  | 4.012              | 8               | 88         | 12       | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 22           | NA         | 1993-10-11 | I Moderate | 2.2482             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Fall          |
| 23           | NA         | 1994-01-14 | I Moderate | 1.8445             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter        |
| 24           | DB 1994    | 1994-07-23 | II Strong  | 4.4131             | 5               | 60         | 40       | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 25           | NA         | 1994-09-29 | I Moderate | 3.0447             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 26           | DB 1995    | 1995-09-23 | II Strong  | 3.9181             | 6               | 50         | 50       | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 27           | NA         | 1997-08-14 | I Moderate | 2.9469             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 28           | DB 1998a   | 1998-05-06 | II Strong  | 4.0188             | 6               | 83         | 17       | 0        | 0         | Spring        |
| 29           | NA         | 1998-08-03 | I Moderate | 3.5291             | 8               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 30           | DB 1998b   | 1998-09-03 | II Strong  | 3.7676             | 10              | 90         | 10       | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 31           | DB 2001    | 2001-07-04 | II Strong  | 4.531              | 6               | 67         | 33       | 0        | 0         | Spring/Summer |
| 32           | NA         | 2004-05-02 | I Moderate | 3.1502             | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring        |
| 33           | NA         | 2004-06-19 | I Moderate | 3.2569             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Spring        |
| 34           | NA         | 2004-08-13 | I Moderate | 2.7995             | 5               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Summer        |
| 35           | NA         | 2005-01-24 | I Moderate | 1.8684             | 6               | 100        | 0        | 0        | 0         | Winter        |

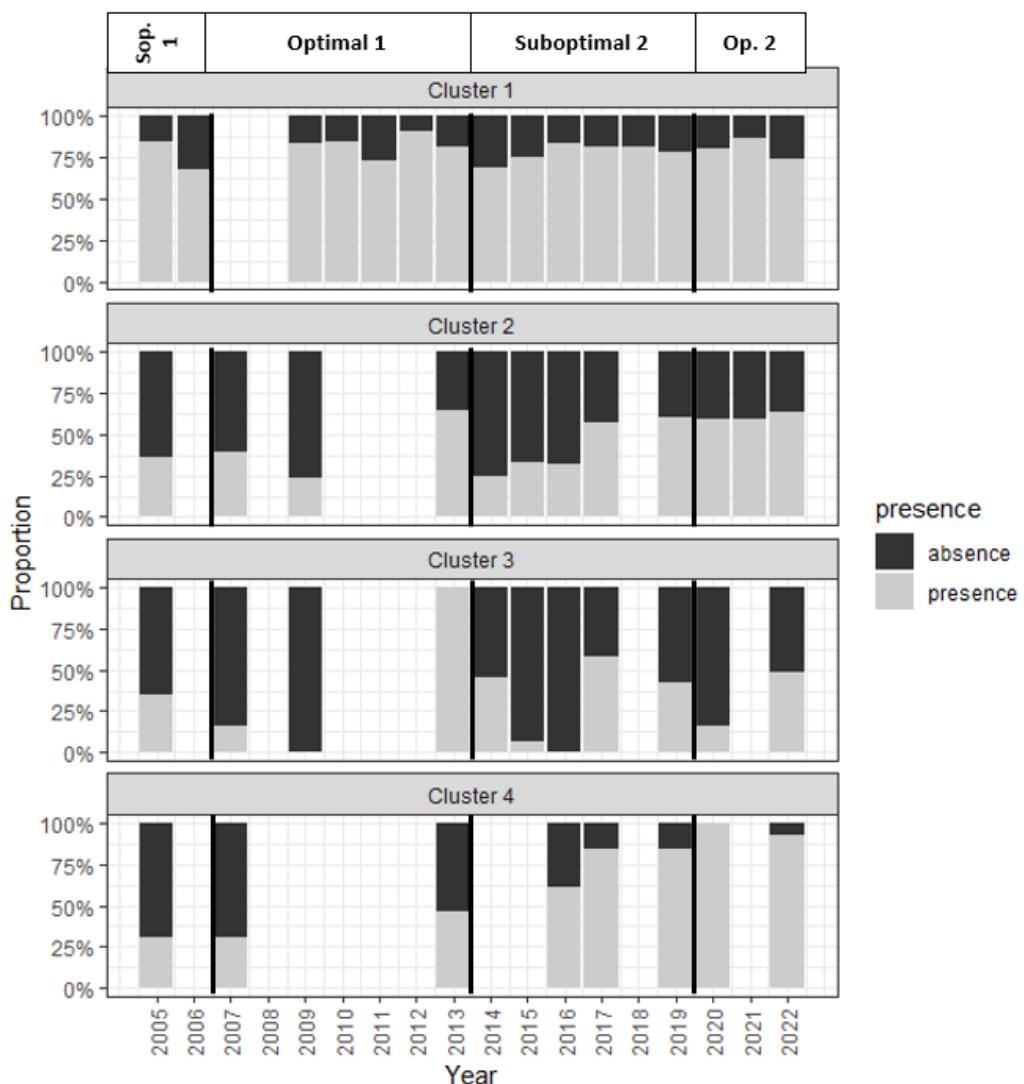
|    |          |            |            |        |    |     |    |    |   |               |
|----|----------|------------|------------|--------|----|-----|----|----|---|---------------|
| 36 | NA       | 2005-03-10 | I Moderate | 1.9106 | 7  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 37 | DB 2005  | 2005-12-25 | II Strong  | 2.3125 | 5  | 80  | 20 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 38 | NA       | 2012-07-17 | I Moderate | 2.4693 | 8  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 39 | NA       | 2013-09-13 | I Moderate | 2.8052 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 40 | NA       | 2014-08-28 | I Moderate | 3.0398 | 6  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 41 | NA       | 2014-10-08 | I Moderate | 2.7023 | 6  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 42 | DB 2015a | 2015-01-24 | III Severe | 4.1684 | 39 | 38  | 44 | 13 | 0 | Winter        |
| 43 | DB 2015b | 2015-03-26 | II Strong  | 2.8857 | 23 | 74  | 26 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 44 | NA       | 2015-04-07 | I Moderate | 2.5044 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 45 | DB 2015c | 2015-06-08 | II Strong  | 4.8926 | 24 | 38  | 46 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 46 | DB 2015d | 2015-06-30 | II Strong  | 4.4196 | 7  | 71  | 29 | 0  | 0 | Spring/Summer |
| 47 | DB 2015e | 2015-10-26 | II Strong  | 2.0727 | 14 | 86  | 7  | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 48 | NA       | 2015-11-06 | I Moderate | 1.4537 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 49 | DB 2015f | 2015-12-07 | II Strong  | 2.2884 | 9  | 78  | 22 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 50 | DB 2016a | 2016-01-28 | II Strong  | 2.6655 | 13 | 62  | 38 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 51 | DB 2016b | 2016-02-10 | II Strong  | 2.1417 | 15 | 80  | 20 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 52 | DB 2016c | 2016-02-28 | III Severe | 3.3526 | 10 | 90  | 0  | 10 | 0 | Winter        |
| 53 | DB 2016d | 2016-04-03 | II Strong  | 2.8603 | 5  | 80  | 20 | 0  | 0 | Winter/Spring |
| 54 | NA       | 2016-04-10 | I Moderate | 2.3999 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 55 | DB 2016e | 2016-04-21 | II Strong  | 4.5112 | 16 | 69  | 19 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 56 | NA       | 2016-07-26 | I Moderate | 3.2251 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 57 | DB 2016f | 2016-11-09 | II Strong  | 2.1843 | 11 | 45  | 55 | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 58 | NA       | 2017-02-19 | I Moderate | 1.8476 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 59 | DB 2017  | 2017-09-05 | II Strong  | 4.4488 | 7  | 86  | 14 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 60 | NA       | 2017-11-01 | I Moderate | 1.1592 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 61 | DB 2018a | 2018-01-13 | II Strong  | 2.4404 | 15 | 73  | 20 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 62 | DB 2018b | 2018-02-04 | II Strong  | 2.2558 | 9  | 78  | 22 | 0  | 0 | Winter        |
| 63 | NA       | 2018-05-26 | I Moderate | 3.1772 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 64 | NA       | 2019-04-03 | I Moderate | 2.2603 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 65 | NA       | 2019-06-14 | I Moderate | 3.7646 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 66 | NA       | 2019-11-18 | I Moderate | 1.4076 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Fall          |
| 67 | DB 2020  | 2020-05-11 | II Strong  | 4.179  | 5  | 60  | 40 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 68 | NA       | 2020-05-29 | I Moderate | 3.2261 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 69 | DB 2021a | 2021-06-28 | II Strong  | 5.4741 | 9  | 56  | 44 | 0  | 0 | Spring        |
| 70 | NA       | 2021-07-13 | I Moderate | 2.5765 | 5  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 71 | DB 2021b | 2021-08-02 | II Strong  | 4.3279 | 8  | 62  | 38 | 0  | 0 | Summer        |
| 72 | NA       | 2022-08-26 | I Moderate | 3.58   | 8  | 100 | 0  | 0  | 0 | Summer        |

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**Figure SM4.** Wind roses indicating main speeds (km/h) and predominant directions (%) for A) La Perouse Bank (Pacific Offshore), B) Race Rocks, C) Halibut Bank-Strait of Georgia. (Race Rocks wind data started in 2011.)

**Kruskal test: Days Max wind >95 percentile (days/month)/ Period**Kruskal-Wallis,  $\chi^2(3) = 85.72, p = <0.0001, n = 382$ 

**Figure SM5.** Kruskal-Wallis and Dunn test for days with maximum wind above 2 StDev for optimal and suboptimal periods (Halibut Bank and Race Rocks). The (\*) symbol indicates the level of significance ( $p < 0.05$ ).



**Figure SM6.** Proportion of presence and documented absence of kelp records on segments per clusters and years. The absence of bars indicates that there is no satellite image/no data available.

