

Habitat Tradeoffs Workshop:

Living Shorelines

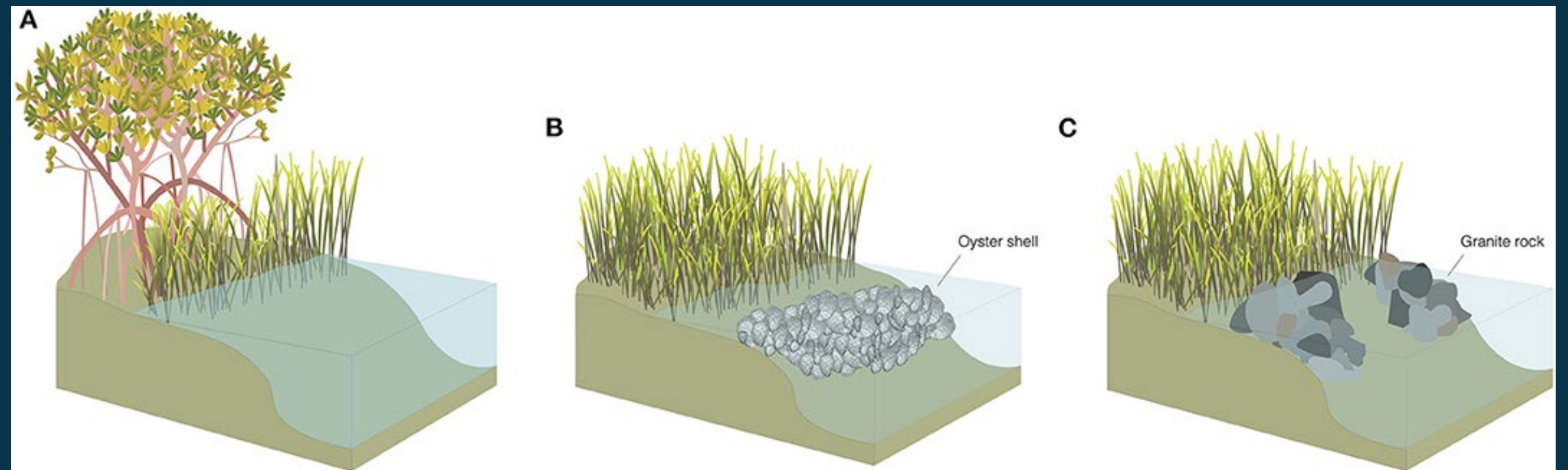
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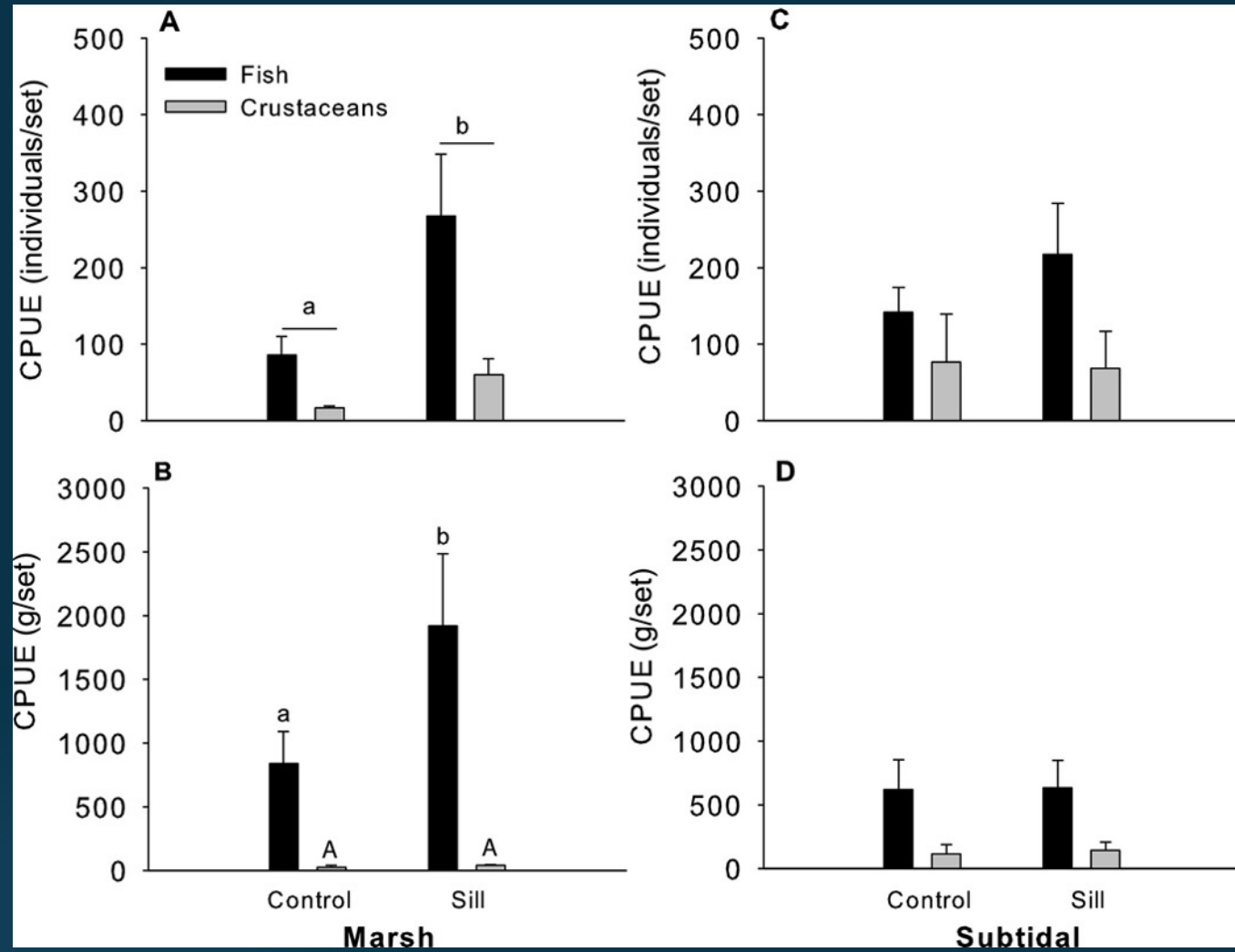
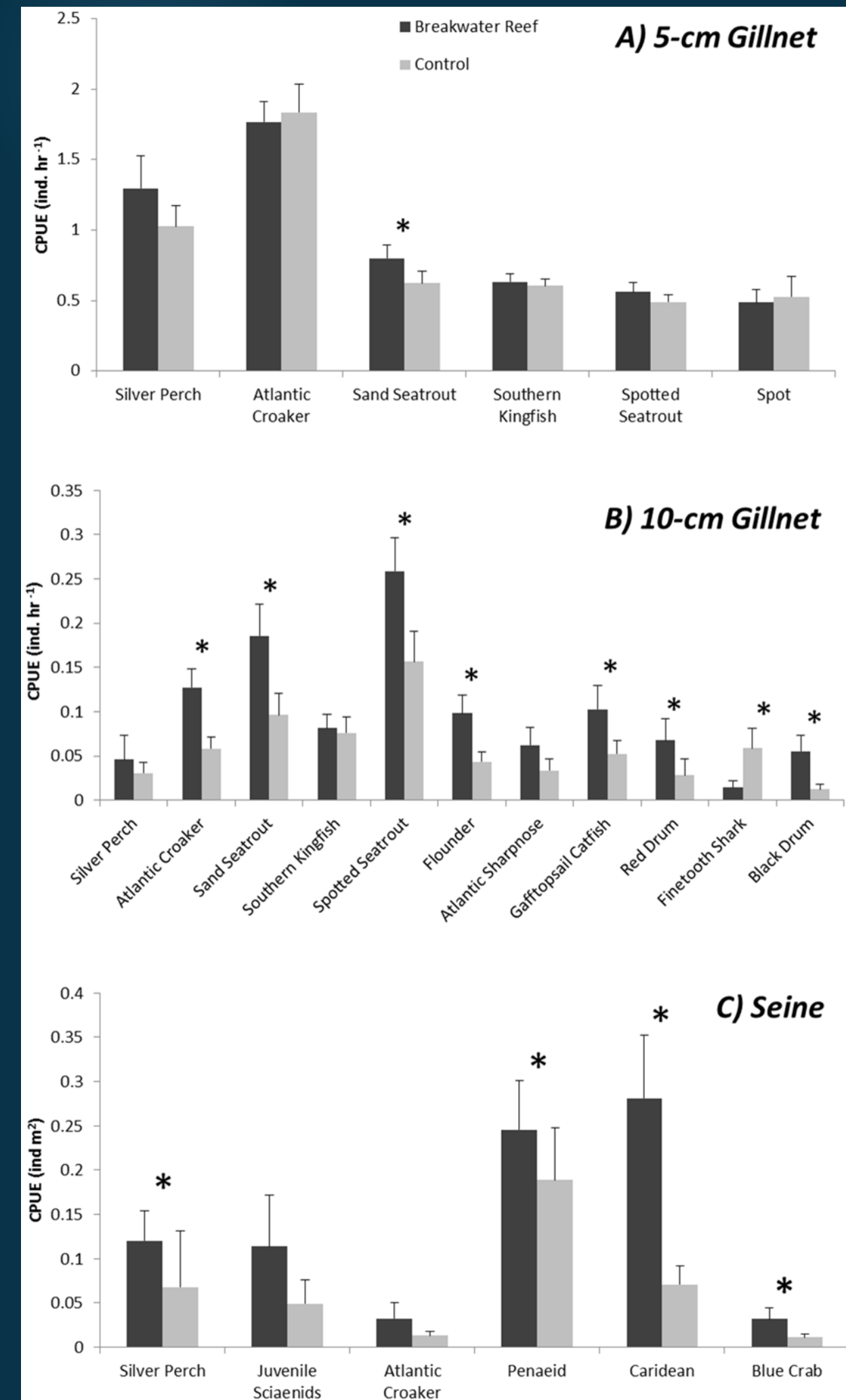
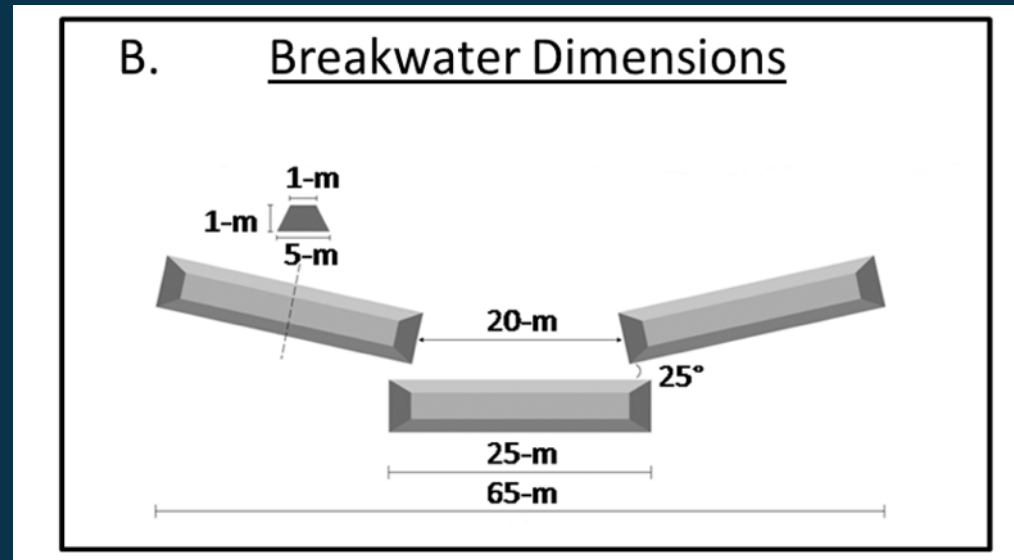
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Shoreline protection approaches that incorporate habitat restoration alone or in combination with some type of built infrastructure to provide coastal protective services to humans.

(NOAA 2015, Smith et al. 2020)



Living Shorelines: Habitat



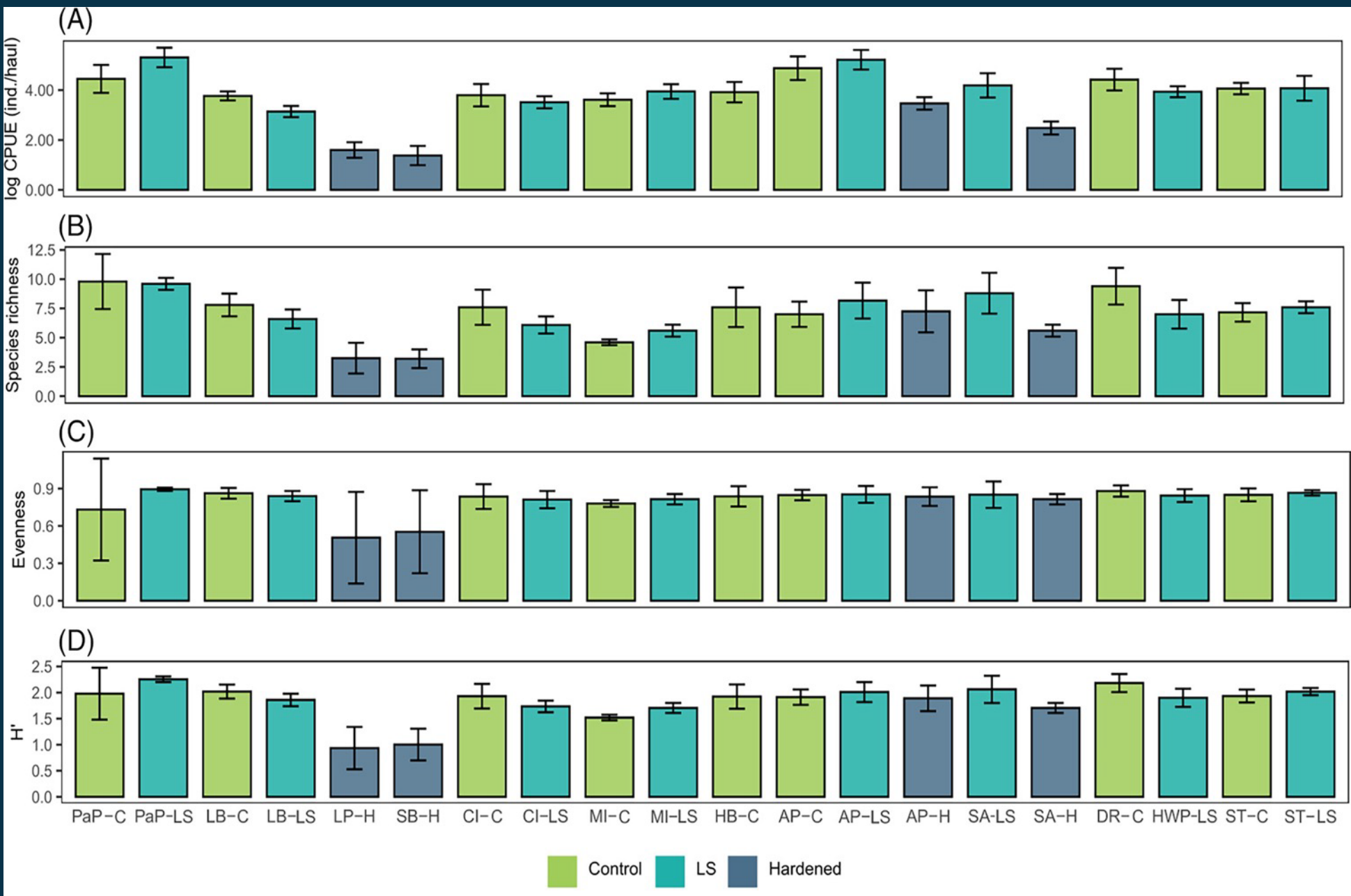
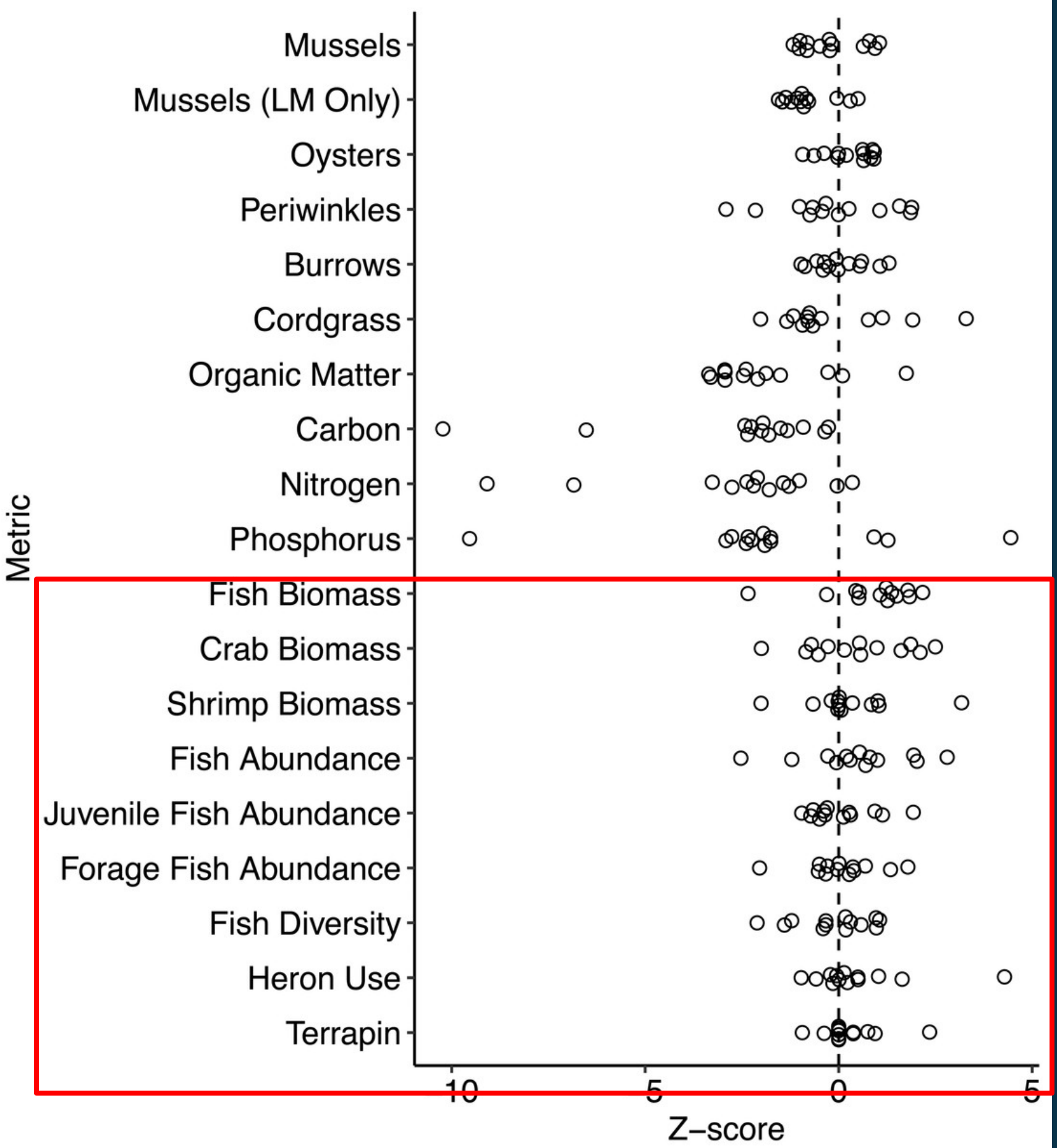
Gittman et al. 2016 *Ecological Applications*

Table 6 Mean seasonal abundance of crabs, fish and shrimp for natural and restored marshes at DURL and NCMM for all years combined

	DURL				NCMM			
	Spring		Fall		Spring		Fall	
	Natural (9)	Restored (9)	Natural (6)	Restored (6)	Natural (6)	Restored (6)	Natural (12)	Restored (12)
Crabs	1.00 ± 0.78	0.56 ± 0.34	2.00 ± 0.86	3.33 ± 1.52	5.17 ± 1.56	2.50 ± 1.23	4.33 ± 0.99	3.75 ± 0.90
Fish	773.11 ± 258.25	912 ± 185.53	173.33 ± 79.90	166.17 ± 60.27	1220.67 ± 588.87	986.33 ± 515.07	47.83 ± 15.34	32.08 ± 9.25
Shrimp	51.33 ± 28.53	13.44 ± 9.35	2.00 ± 1.44	20.83 ± 14.11	18.00 ± 8.06	42.83 ± 15.95	15.00 ± 5.42	8.42 ± 4.73

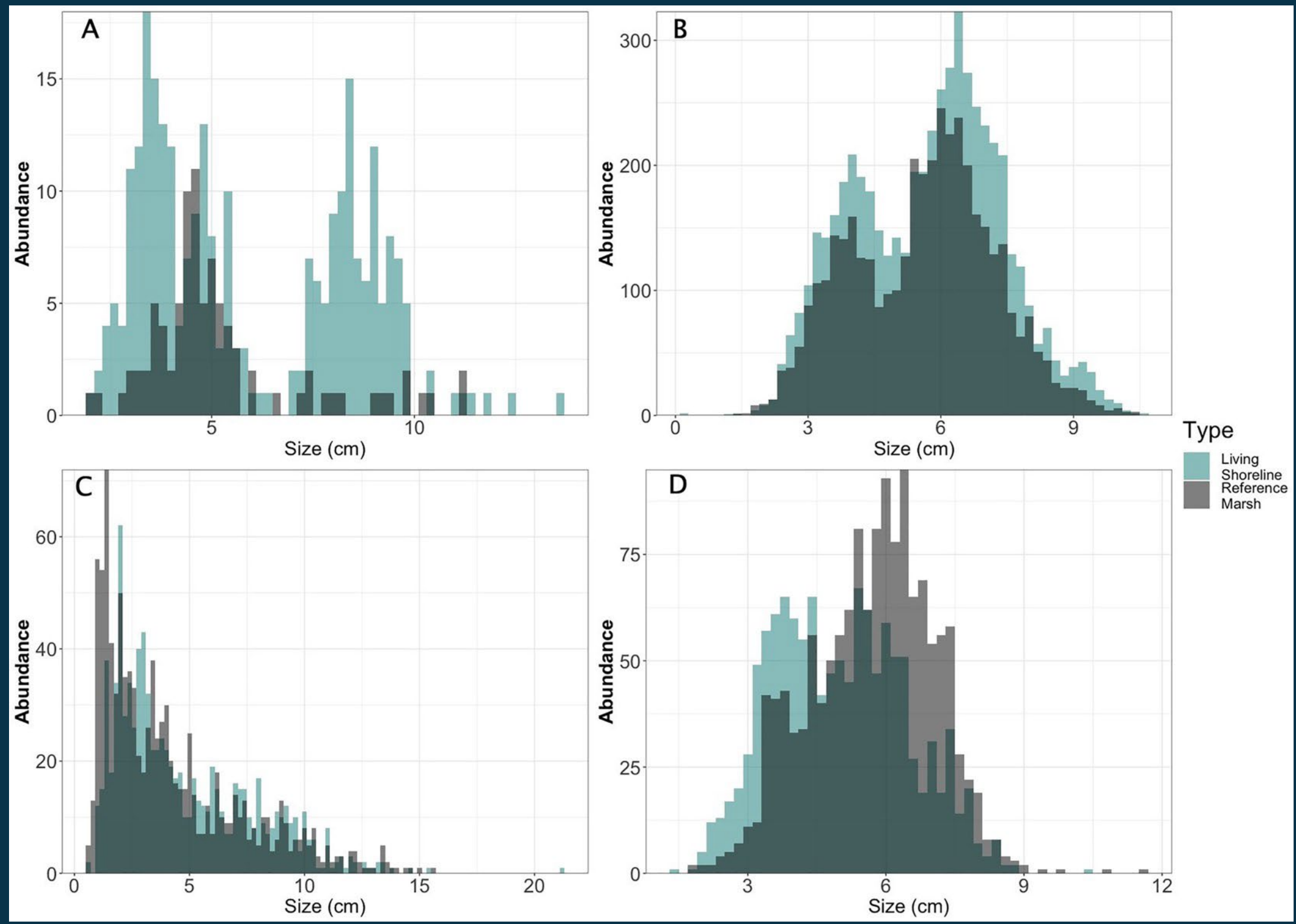
Standard error and number of samples (in parentheses) are also shown. Within each site, seasonal values were not significantly different between restored and natural marshes. Bold values indicate that seasonal abundance per site and marsh type was significantly greater in that season than in the other

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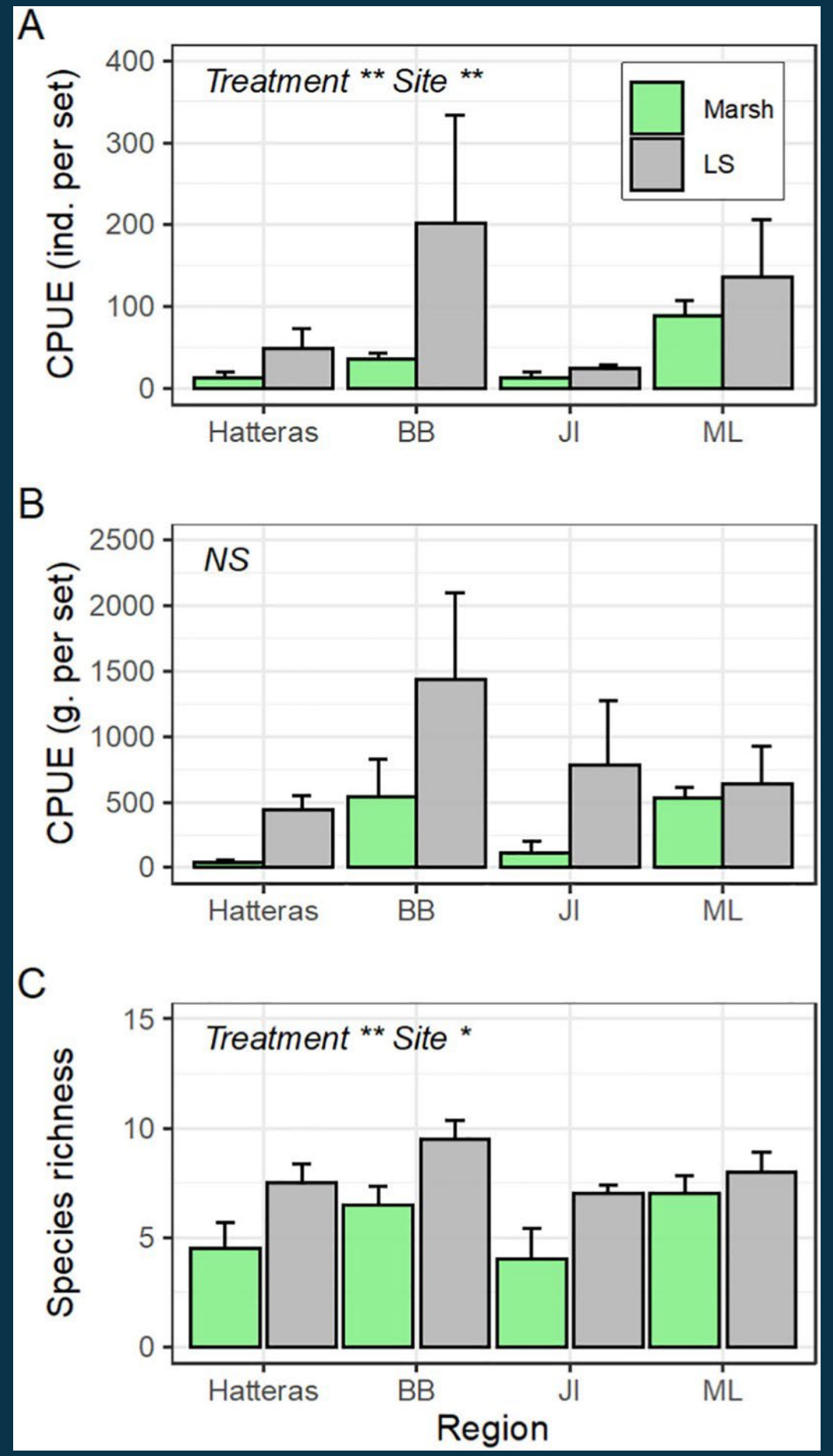


Barros et al. 2023 *Restoration Ecology*

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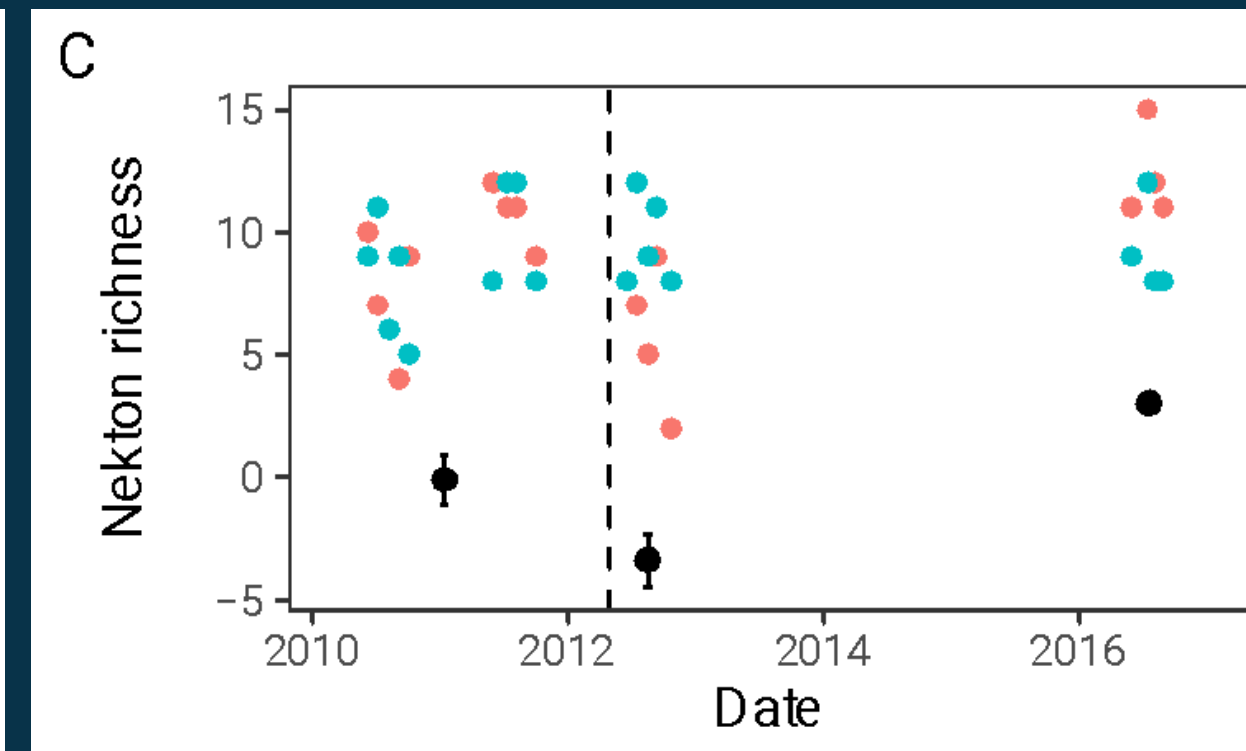
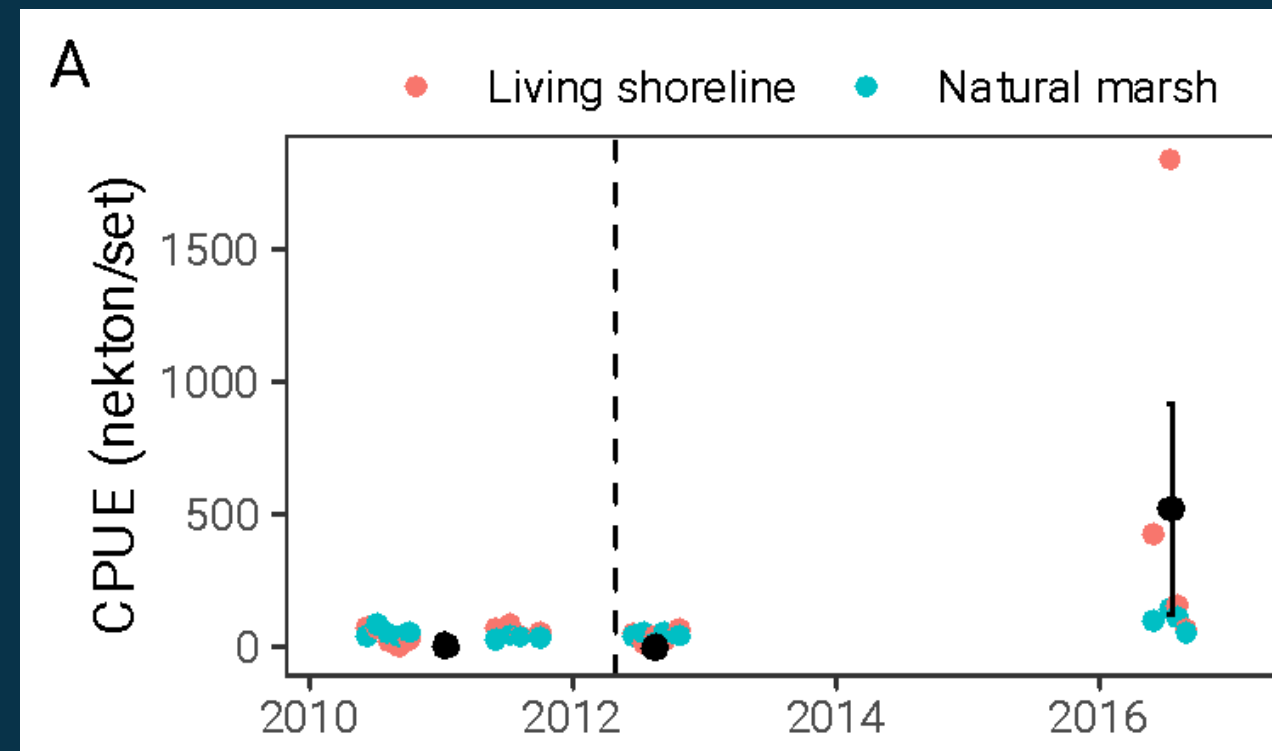
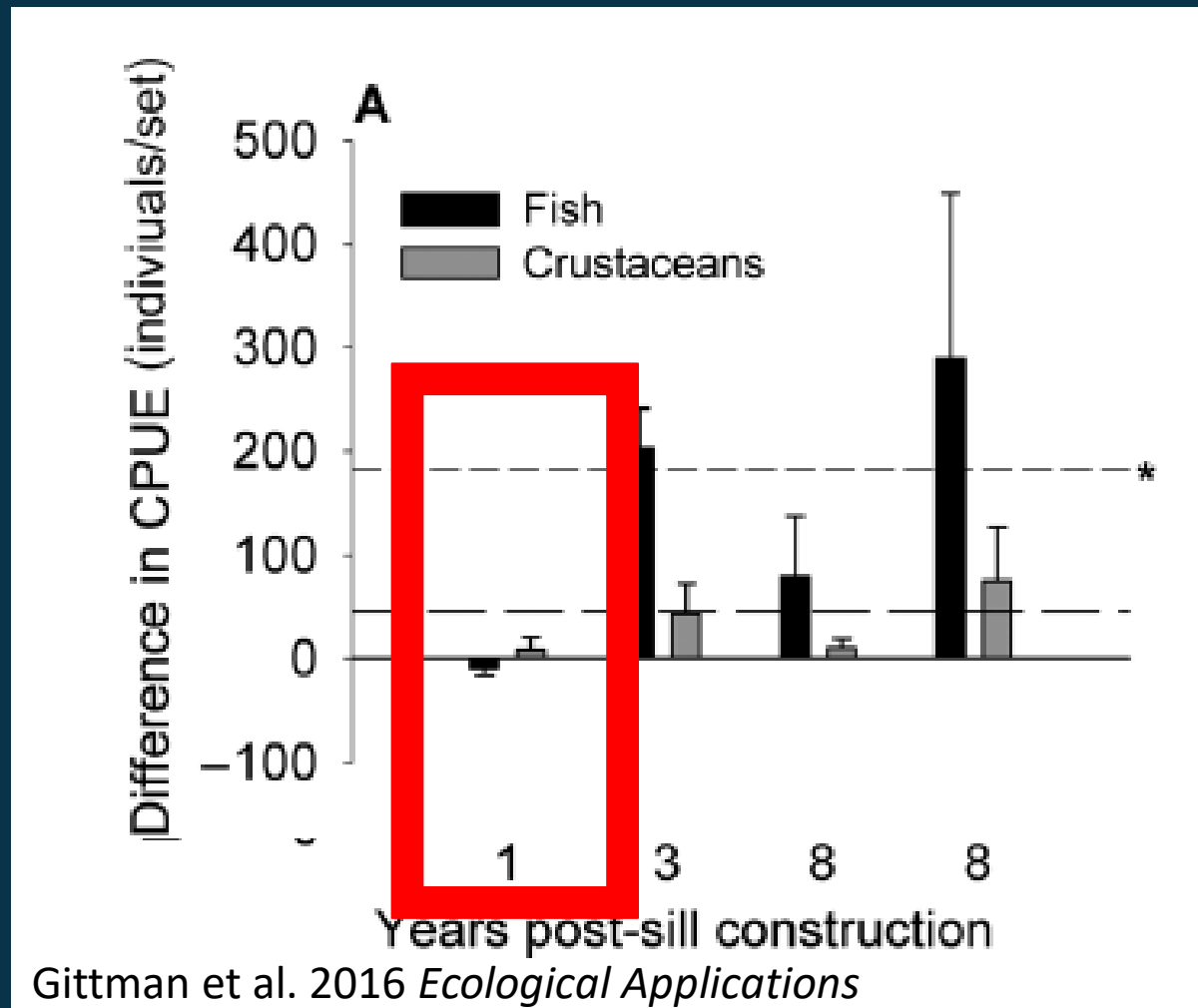


Striped killifish (A), mummichog (B), blue crab (C), and silverside (D): Guthrie et al. 2022 *Ecological Engineering*



Smith et al. 2021 *Ecological Engineering*

Living Shorelines: Habitat Provision Over Time



Smith et al. *In prep*



Evaluating new designs



Geesin et al. *in prep*

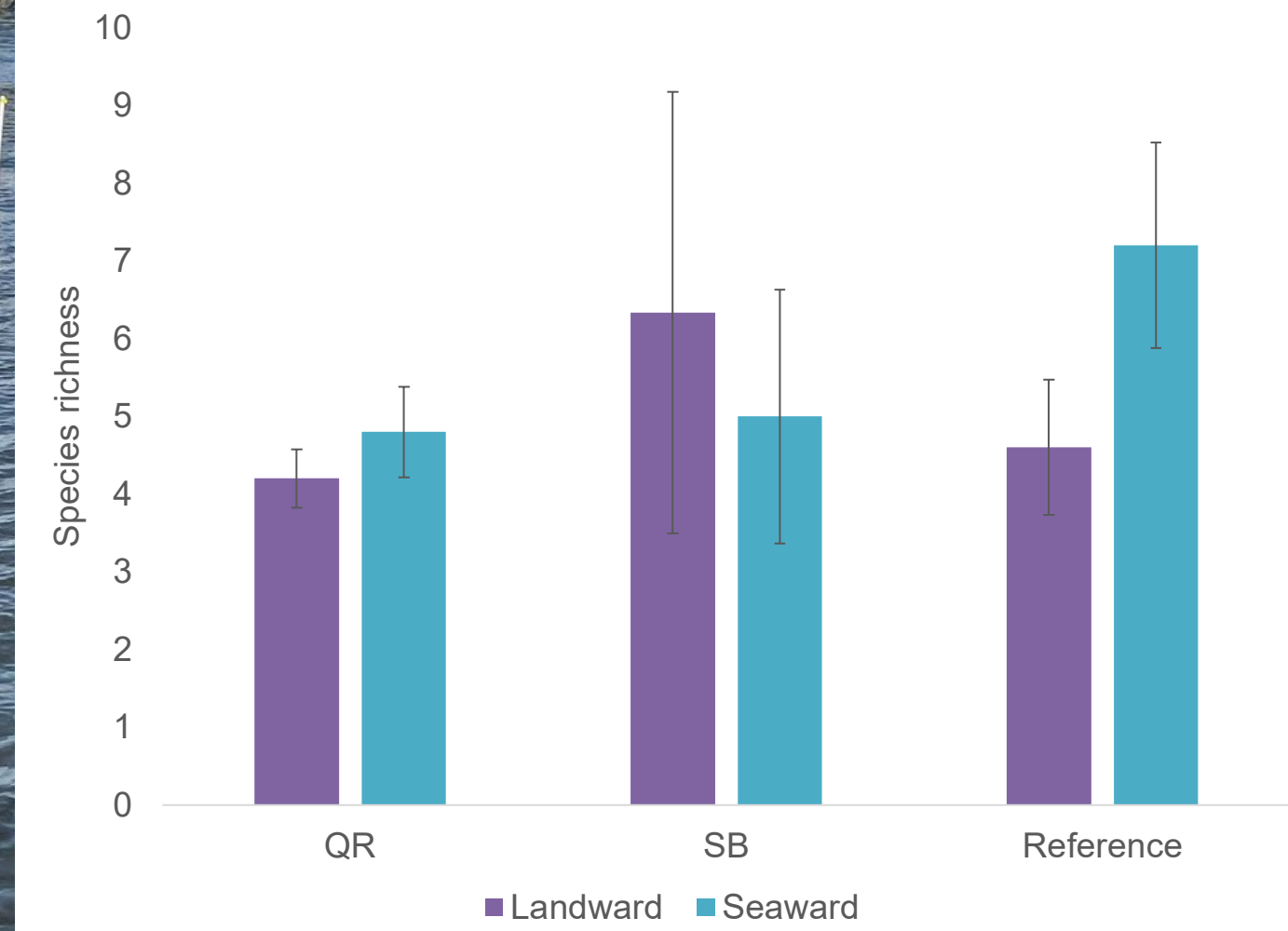
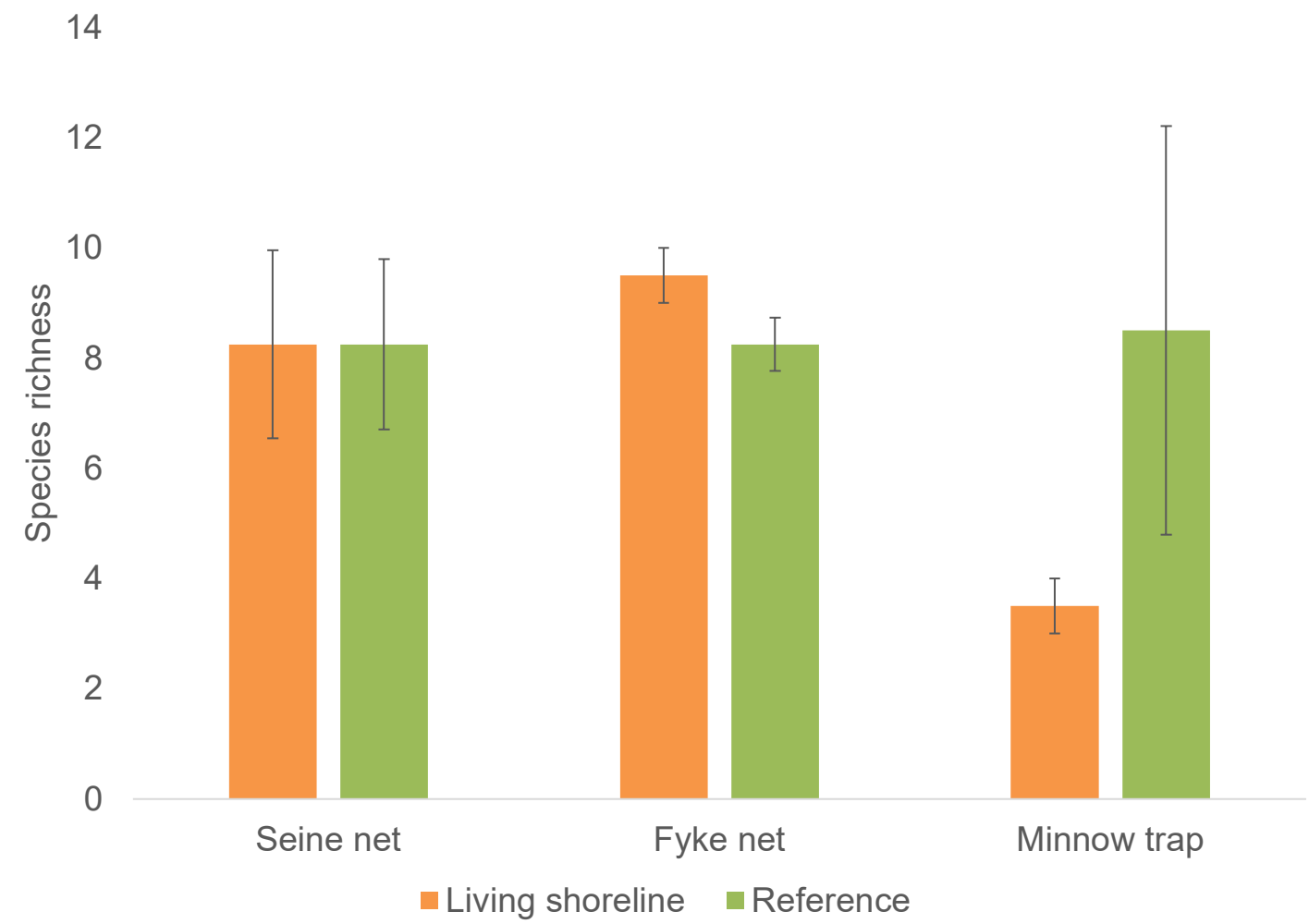


Quick Reef

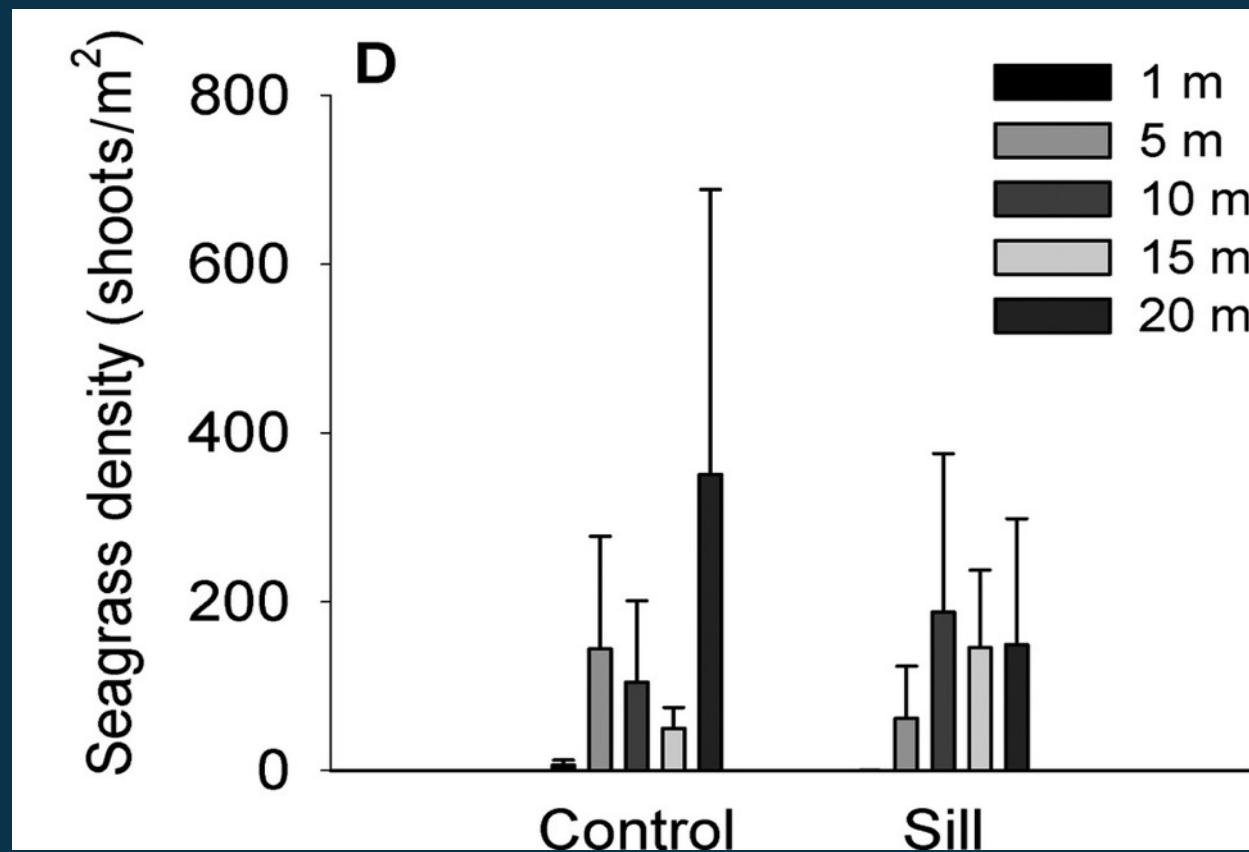
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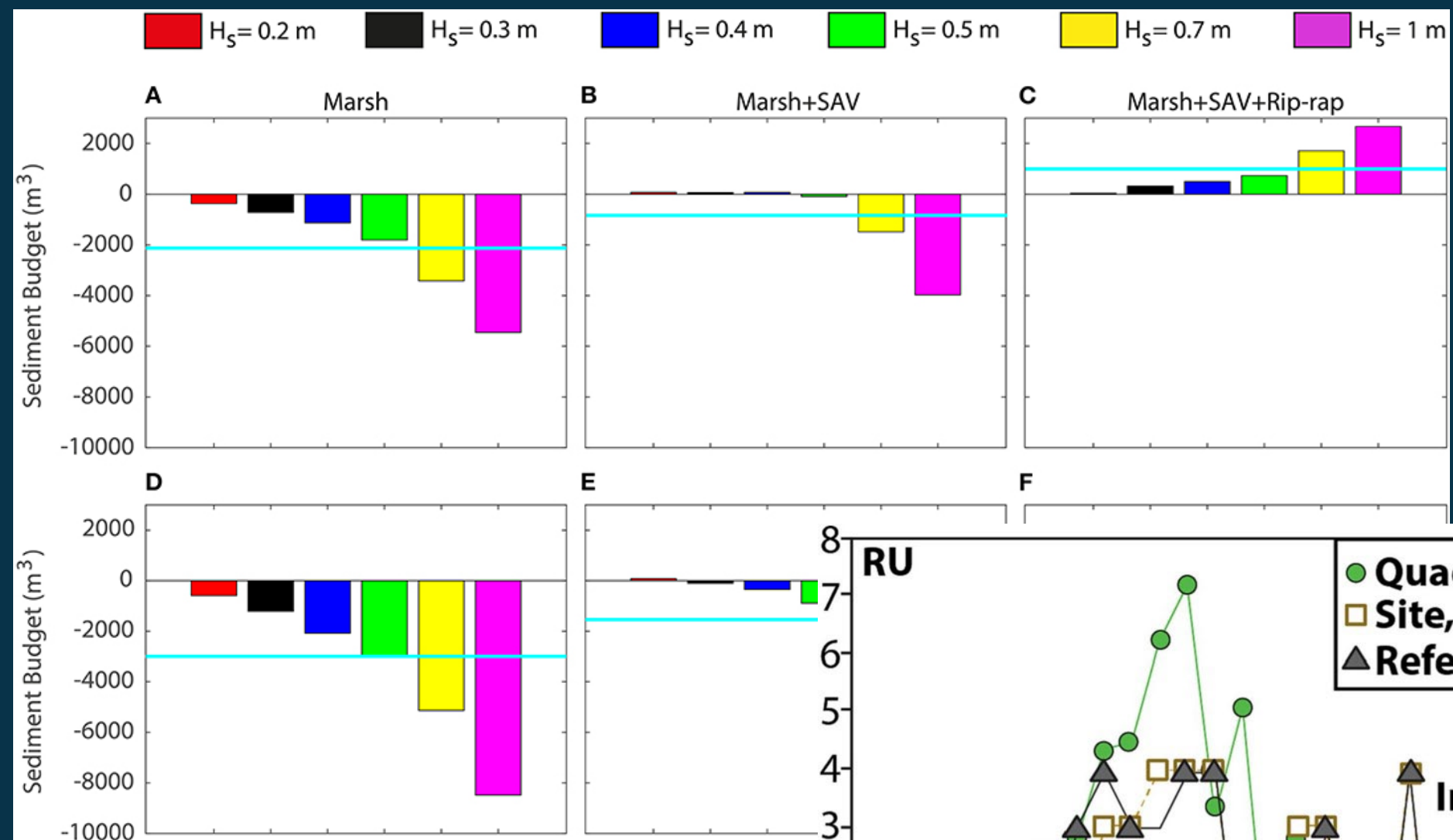
Sea Grant
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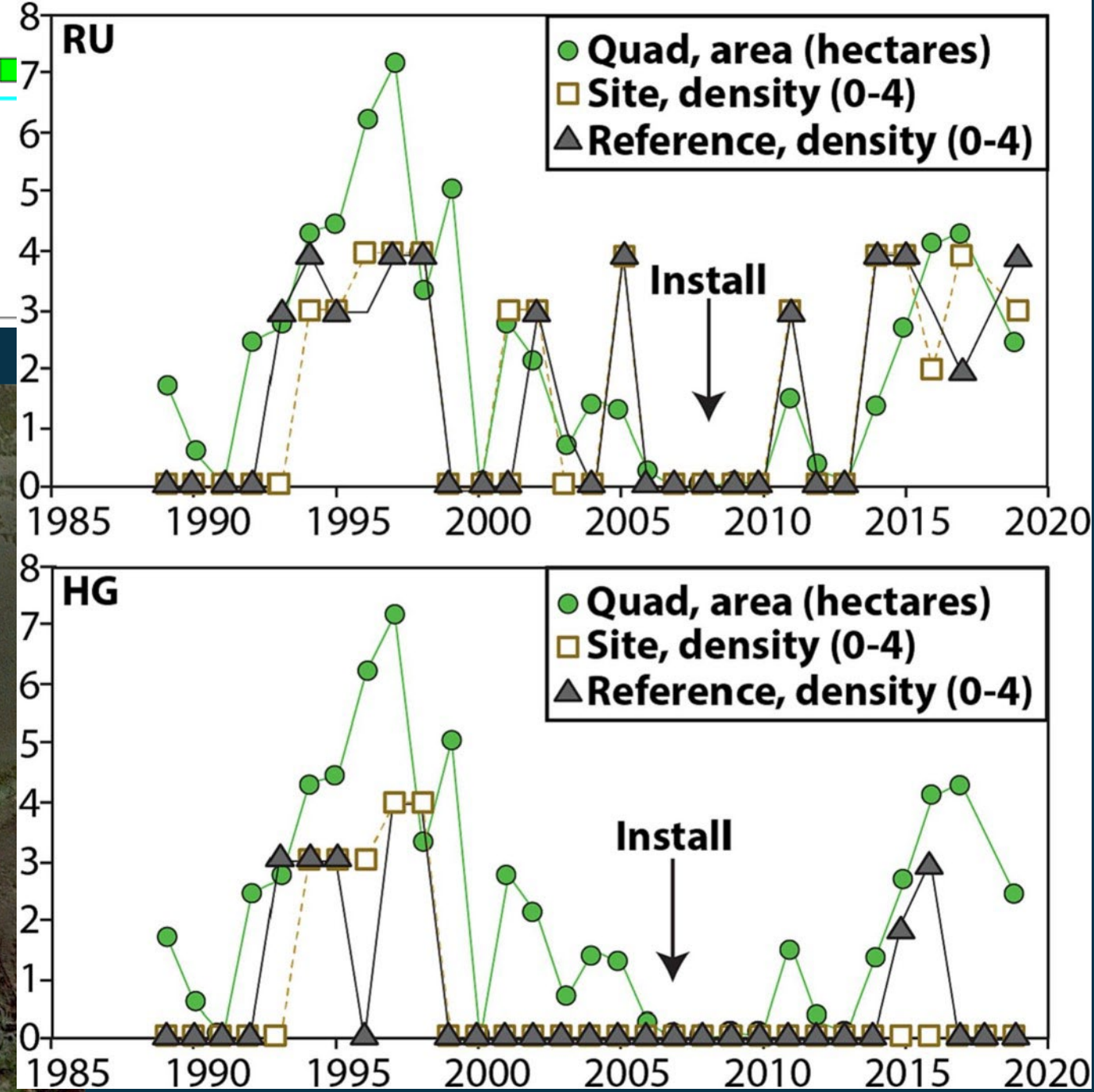
Living Shorelines: Seagrass



Gittman et al. 2016 *Ecological Applications*



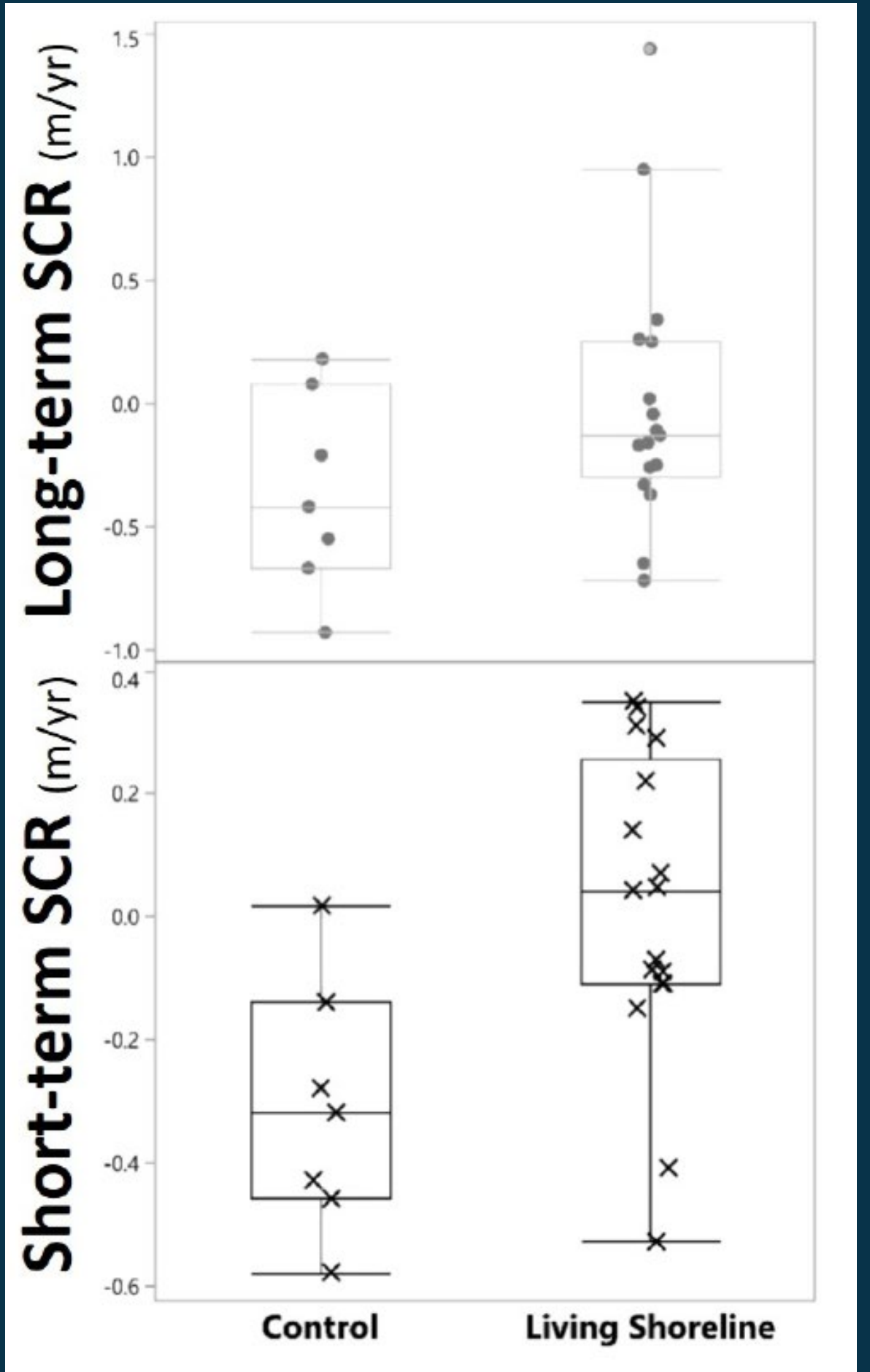
Vona et al. 2021 *Frontiers in Marine Science*



Palinkas et al. 2023 *Ecological Engineering*

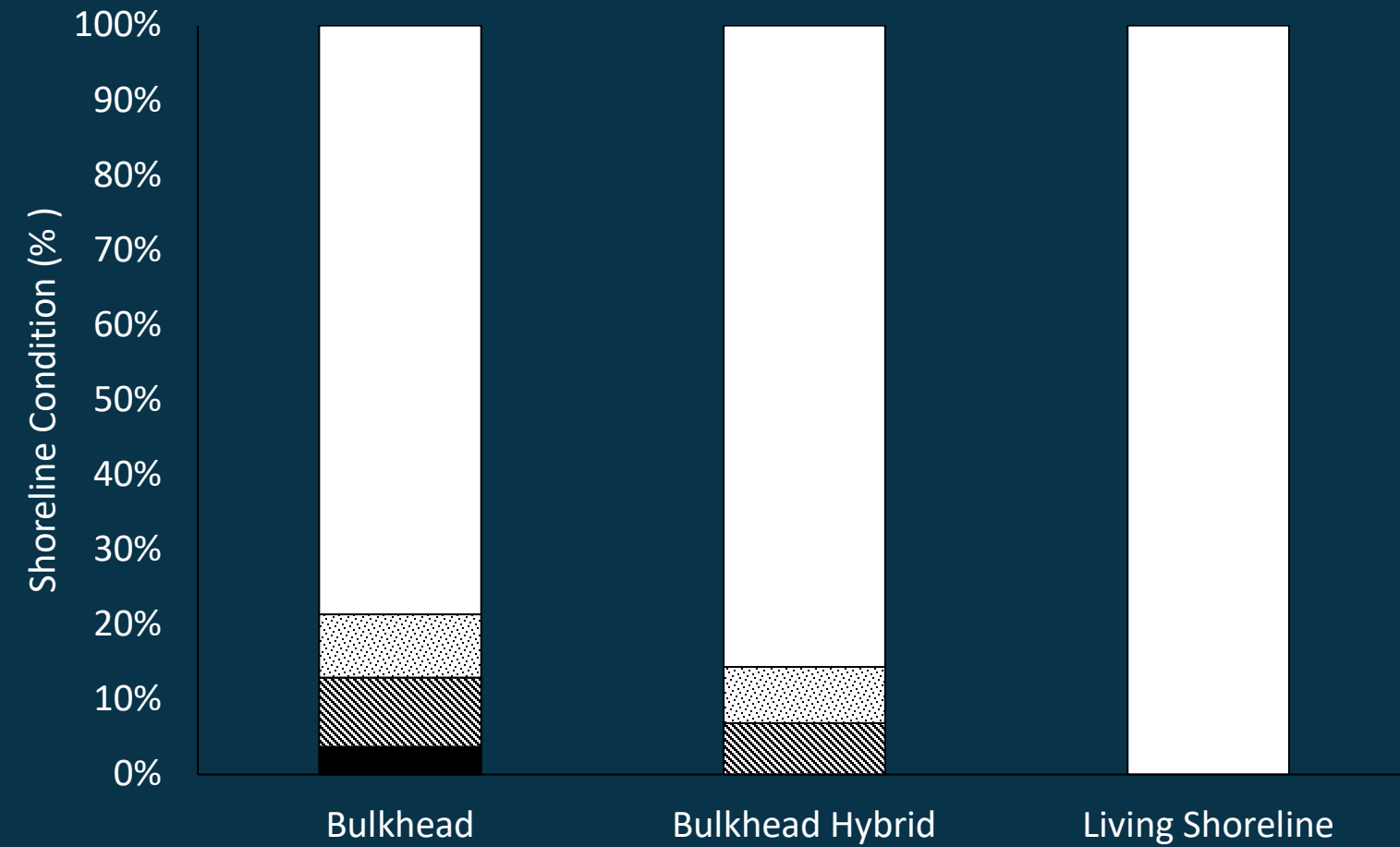


Storm Resilience

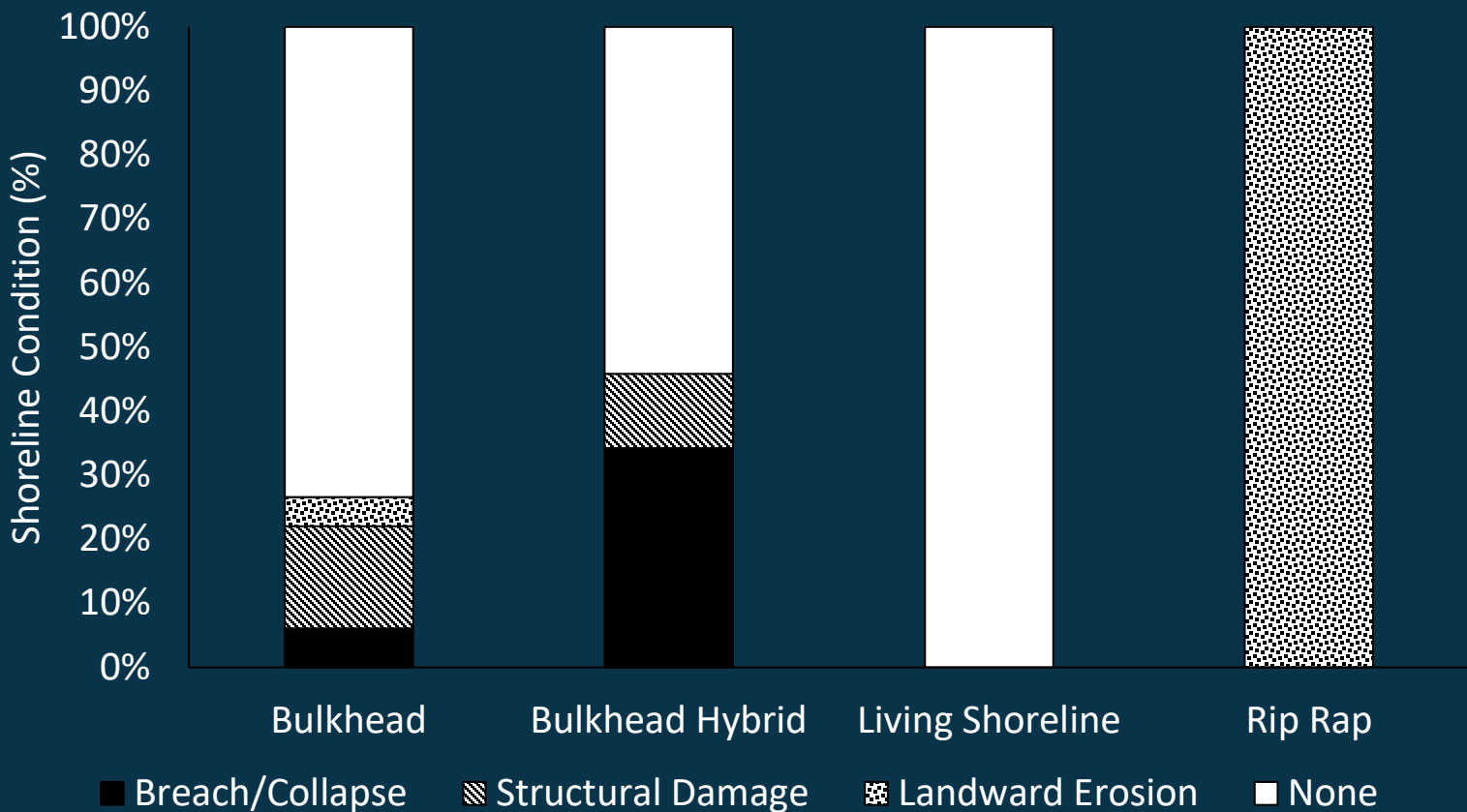


Hurricane Florence 2018

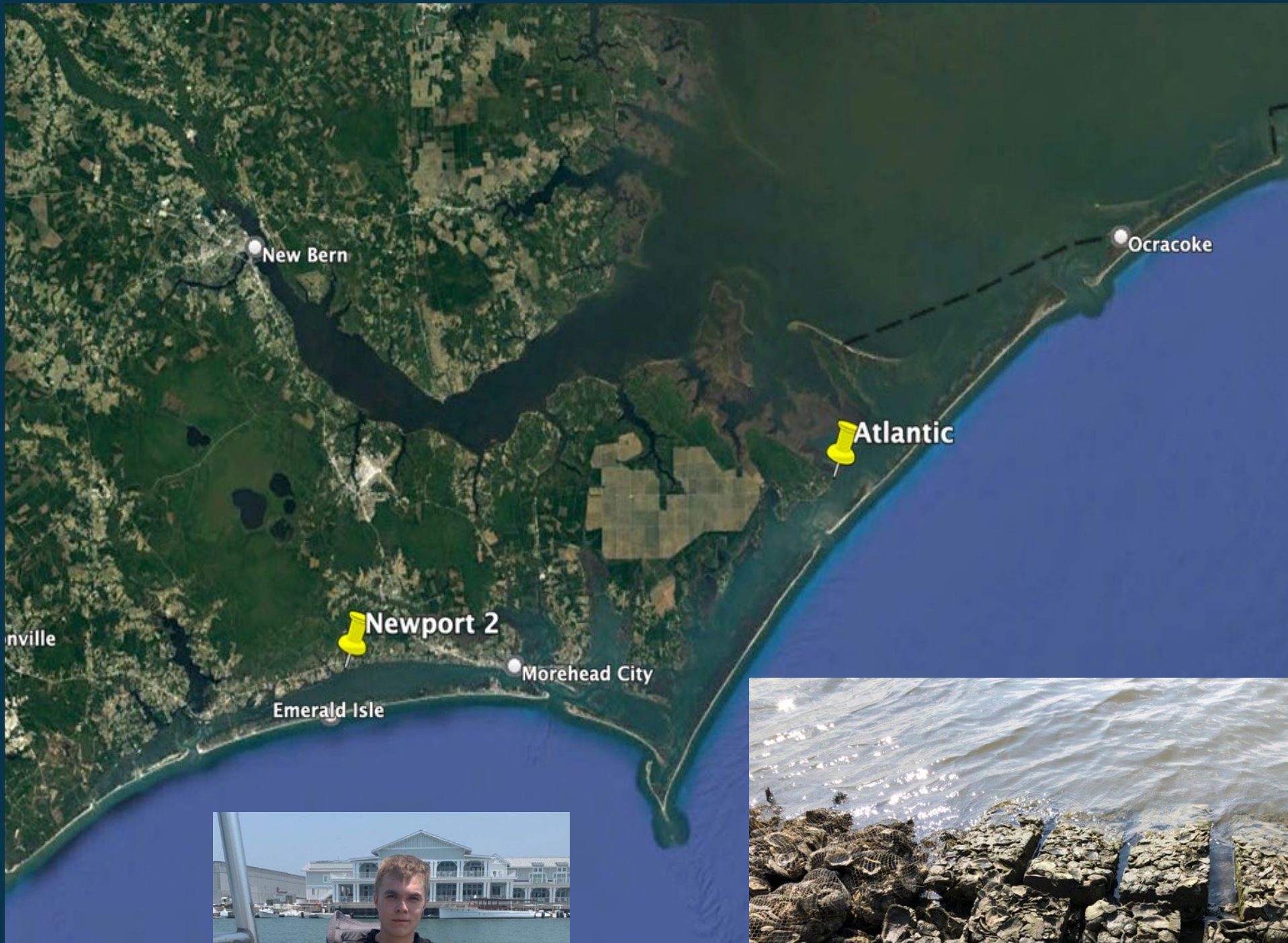
How did living shorelines perform relative to bulkheads?



Hurricane Dorian 2019



Wave Transmission During Normal vs. Storm Conditions - TS Ian



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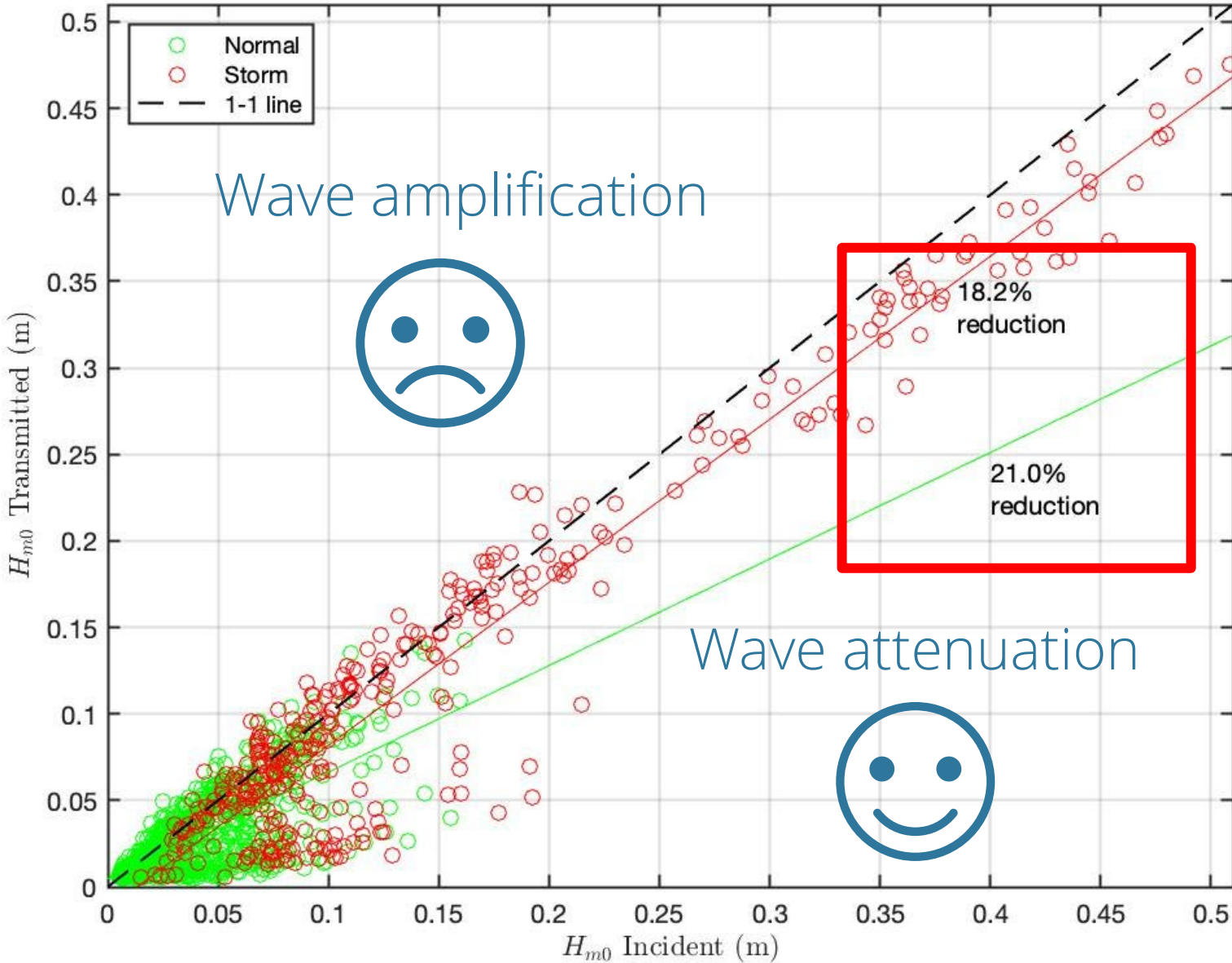
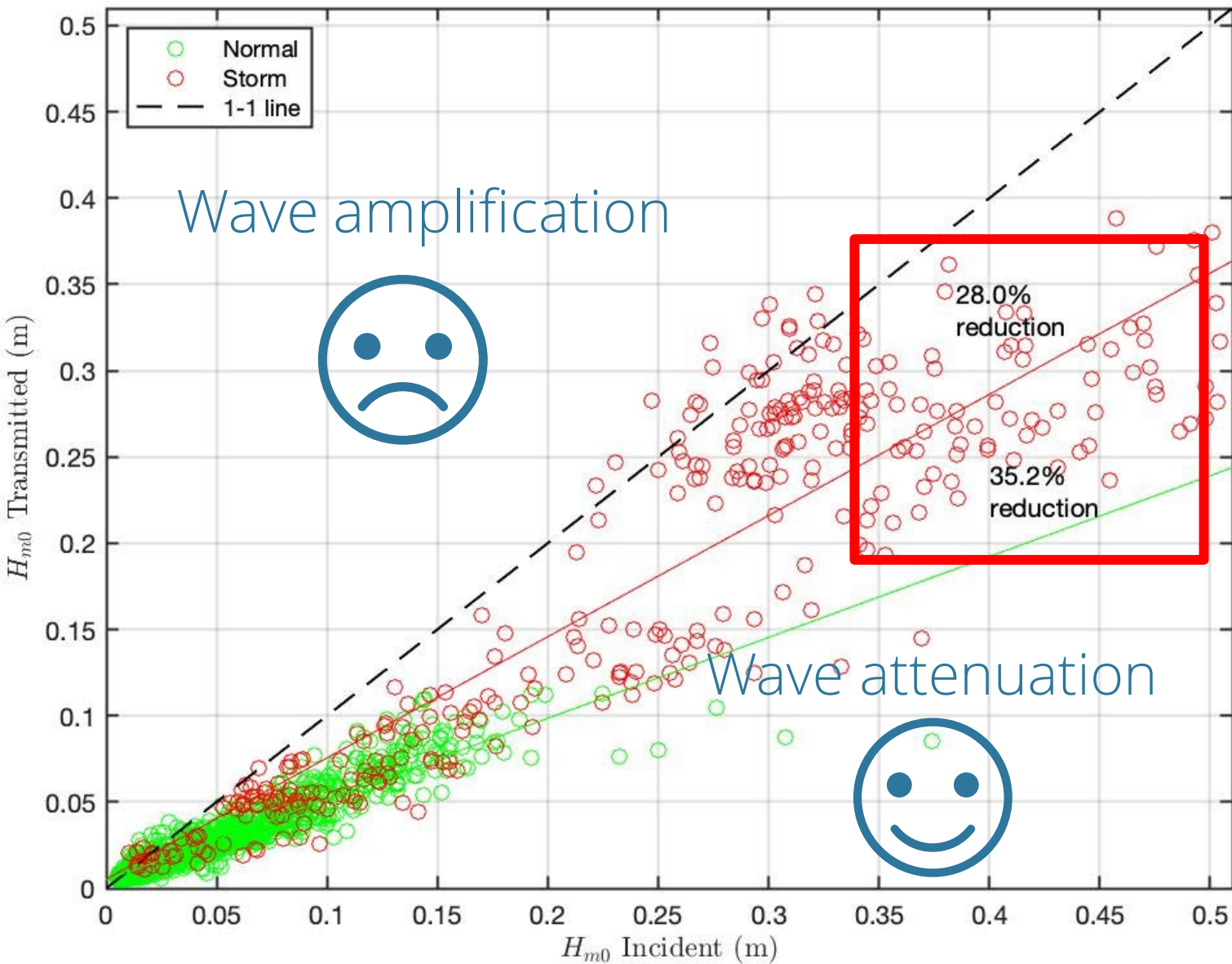


Atlantic, NC, Video: Georgette Tso

Wave Transmission During Normal vs. Storm Conditions - TS Ian

Atlantic, NC

Newport, NC



$$K_t = \frac{H_{m0, \text{LANDWARD}}}{H_{m0, \text{SEAWARD}}}$$

When $K_t=1$ (black line), there was no change in wave height as the wave crossed the breakwater