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Migrations and movements of Atlantic Tarpon revealed by two decades of satellite tagging

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46 **Abstract**

47 Understanding large-scale migratory behaviors, local movement patterns, and population
48 connectivity are critical to determining the natural processes and anthropogenic stressors that
49 influence population dynamics, and for developing effective conservation plans. Atlantic tarpon
50 occur over a broad geographic range in the Atlantic Ocean where they support valuable
51 subsistence, commercial and recreational fisheries. From 2001 through 2018 we deployed 292
52 satellite telemetry tags on Atlantic tarpon in coastal waters off three continents to document: (1)
53 seasonal migrations and regional population connectivity; (2) freshwater and estuarine habitat
54 utilization; (3) spawning locations; and, (4) shark predation across the southeastern United
55 States, Gulf of Mexico, and northern Caribbean Sea. These results showed that some mature
56 tarpon make long seasonal migrations over thousands of kilometers crossing state and national
57 jurisdictional borders. Others showed more local movements and habitat use. The tag data also

58 revealed potential spawning locations consistent with those inferred in other studies from
59 observations of early life stage tarpon *leptocephalus* larvae. Our analyses indicated that shark
60 predation mortality on released tarpon is higher than previously estimated, especially at ocean
61 passes, river mouths, and inlets to bays. To date there has been no formal stock assessment of
62 Atlantic tarpon, and regional fishery management plans do not exist. Our findings will provide
63 critical input to these important efforts, and assist the multi-national community in the
64 development of a stock-wide management information system to support informed decision-
65 making for sustaining Atlantic tarpon fisheries.

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67 **Keywords:** population connectivity, shark predation, spawning-habitats, sportfish

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90 1. | INTRODUCTION

91 Atlantic tarpon (*Megalops atlanticus*, Megalopidae) has long been one of the most sought-
92 after inshore marine game fishes with a long history in the US as the focus of an important
93 recreational fishery (Aflalo, 1907; Ault & Luo, 2013; Babcock, 1921; Dimock & Dimock, 1912;
94 Holder, 1903; Pinckney, 1888; Spotte, 2016), including participation by US Presidents, as
95 recorded in many publications (Mares, 1999; Mill, 2010; Stilwell, 2011). The US fishery
96 today has an annual economic impact of more than \$6 billion, providing thousands of jobs
97 (Ault, 2008; Steinback et al., 2004). Sport fishing for tarpon is also very popular in other
98 countries, where numerous records have been recorded for large fish caught in Venezuela, Sierra
99 Leone, Guinea-Bissau, Mexico, Brazil, and Cuba (IGFA, 2018). While tarpon fishing in the US
100 is predominately catch-and-release, artisanal subsistence and commercial harvests of tarpon
101 occurs in many countries outside the USA (Adams et al., 2014; Anyanwu & Kusemiju, 2008;
102 Anyanwu et al., 2009).

103 Despite the history and importance of recreational catch-and-release fishing for tarpon in the
104 USA, the paucity of data and models on population dynamics and migrations limits opportunities
105 for developing an effective regional management plan to sustain this valuable resource (Ault et
106 al., 2008). Atlantic tarpon are now threatened throughout their range by recreational fishing
107 release mortality, directed commercial harvests, intensive harvesting of key prey species, and
108 degradation of habitats for both predator and prey (Ault, 2008; Boesch et al., 1994; Polidoro et
109 al., 2010; Waycott et al., 2009). A recent IUCN assessment classified Atlantic tarpon as
110 *vulnerable* (Adams et al., 2014).

111 A principal impediment to sustaining highly migratory marine species is the lack of scientific
112 understanding of the locations, attributes, and migratory connectivity of important habitats
113 (Runge et al., 2014; Webster et al., 2002). Without such knowledge, regional management
114 strategies are difficult to conceptualize, develop and implement (Hansson & Akesson, 2014). To
115 improve this understanding, we employed satellite telemetry technologies in an intensive
116 multiyear (2001-2018) study of Atlantic tarpon over three continents with focus on the coastal
117 waters of the southeastern USA, Gulf of Mexico and northern Caribbean Sea. Our specific
118 objectives were to reveal: (1) seasonal migrations and regional population connectivity; (2)

119 utilization of freshwater and estuarine habitats; (3) potential spawning locations; and, (4)
120 predation mortality by sharks.

121 2. | MATERIALS AND METHODS

122 2.1 | Tagging

123 Electronic satellite telemetry tags from several manufacturers were deployed on Atlantic
124 tarpon from 2001 to 2018 in coastal waters of the western central Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of
125 Mexico (GOM), and Caribbean Sea including the USA (i.e., Florida, Alabama, Mississippi,
126 Louisiana, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia), Mexico, Belize, Nicaragua, and
127 Trinidad (Table A.1, Fig. 1). The total of 292 deployed tags included: 199 Pop-up Archival
128 Transmitting (PAT) and 88 Smart Position and Temperature (SPOT) tags from Wildlife
129 Computers, Inc. (wildlifecomputers.com; Redmond, Washington); 1 PAT tag from Lotek
130 Wireless, Inc. (lotek.com; Ontario, Canada); and 4 PAT tags from Microwave Telemetry, Inc.
131 (microwavetelemetry.com; Columbia, Maryland). Each tag bore a fixed label containing our
132 international toll-free phone number, email address, and a request for return of the tag.

133 Tarpon were captured with standard hook-and-line gears on chartered recreational fishing
134 vessels, using the heaviest tackle feasible to minimize fight time. During the tagging process,
135 tarpon at boat side were kept completely in the water to prevent injury by either: (1) guiding the
136 fish into a specially designed sling; or, (2) using a lock-jaw gaff and tailer. Once secure, fork
137 length (FL) and girth (G) were measured in cm. Body weight (kg) was computed with the
138 algorithm of Ault and Luo (2013). Satellite tags were secured to tarpon via a tether (a 30 cm
139 stainless steel wire encased in a medical grade Tygon tube) that was attached to a titanium
140 anchor dart (Fig. 1). Anchor darts were coated with an antibiotic cream. Two scales were
141 removed from anterior of the first dorsal fin about one third of the distance to the head. The dart
142 was then inserted approximately 8 cm deep at a 45° angle towards the head into the tissue where
143 the scales had been removed.

144 PAT tags deployed on tarpon were pre-programmed to collect high-resolution data at either
145 1, 10 or 30 sec intervals. Environmental variables collected were: water depth (via pressure);
146 ambient water temperature; light level (for determining location of the tagged fish); salinity
147 (estimated from the wet/dry sensor (Luo & Ault, 2012)); and clock time, for deployment periods
148 that ranged from 4 to 8 months. Tags were also pre-programmed to release from the fish at
149 specified dates and times. Upon release, tags floated to the ocean surface where they transmitted

150 their stored summary data to the orbiting Argos satellite network, which were transmitted to us.
151 Tag contact transmission time with orbiting satellites was restricted by the tag's limited battery
152 capacity and the quantity of data that could actually be transmitted at any one time. This
153 limitation was particularly evident with large datasets from tags that recorded at short intervals
154 for long monitoring periods. To contend with this problem, transmitted data were averaged and
155 summarized at 3-hour intervals into 14 user-defined temperature (from 20 to 32 at 1 °C interval)
156 and depth (from 0 to 50 at 5 m interval, then 50-75, 75-100, and >100 m) bins. This provided a
157 constrained representation of the animal's actual activities, and minimized the potential loss of
158 temporal blocks of data when transmission events failed or were otherwise corrupted.

159 We were able to physically recover some tags by either traveling to pop-up locations with a
160 handheld Argos receiver that aided in finding tags, or through recovered tags returned to us by
161 citizen scientists, enabling us to obtain the entire dataset. SPOT tags did not archive data, but
162 rather transmitted radio signals to the satellite network when a fish surfaced, exposing the wet-
163 dry sensor to air. The Argos System (www.argos-system.org) determined their geolocations by
164 Doppler-shift calculations when two or more messages were received during a limited time
165 window of satellites passing overhead.

166 **2.2 | Data analyses**

167 For PAT tags, light-level geolocation data were processed using WC-DAP and WC-GPE2
168 software (Wildlife Computers, Redmond, WA, USA), and a sea surface temperature corrected
169 Kalman filter (KF-SST; (Lam et al., 2008; Nielsen et al., 2006). A custom bathymetry filter was
170 then applied to relocate any points that were on land or in shallow water, based on 2 x 2 minute
171 gridded ETOPO2 bathymetry data (Anon., 2006) and the daily maximum depth recorded by the
172 tag. For points where maximum daily depth exceeded the bathymetric depth, all grid cells were
173 selected along the longitude where bathymetric depth was greater than the daily maximum depth
174 within ± 1 degree of latitude of the previous day's location. A final location was then assigned to
175 a single cell selected randomly from that group (Hoolihan & Luo, 2007).

176 Tag sea surface temperature (SST) and ocean heat content (OHC) were estimated based on 3-
177 hour binning of summarized profiles of depth and temperature (PDT), and depth and temperature
178 histograms of all PAT tags. Daily multi-scale ultra-high resolution (MUR, 0.01°) SST data were
179 used to calculate mean SST of April and November, 2008 (<http://mur.jpl.nasa.gov>) to
180 demonstrate the position of thermal contours during periods of known seasonal migrations.

181 KF-SST tracks were further refined with the fine-scale geolocation method of Luo et al.
182 (2015) which incorporated OHC estimated from Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model (HYCOM)
183 and a genetic algorithm (GA-OHC). The concept of the OHC method, originally developed for
184 use in hurricane intensity forecasts, integrates the thermal energy from the depths associated with
185 the 26 °C isotherm (D26) to the ocean surface following the equation of Palmen (1948)

$$186 \quad OHC = c_p \rho \int_{D26}^0 (T_z - 26^\circ) dz \quad (1)$$

187 where, c_p is the specific heat constant of water, ρ is sea water density, and T_z is water
188 temperature at depth z (Luo et al., 2015). In fisheries applications, the 26 °C isotherm can be
189 modified to any water temperature range, specifically by the lower bound of an animal's thermal
190 range, such as the 20 °C isotherm that we used in this study for tarpon since 99% of temperatures
191 recorded by the tags were above this isotherm (Luo & Ault, 2012).

192 To improve location accuracy of SPOT tags, all Doppler-derived data were processed with
193 the Argos system's Kalman filtering (KF) method. Argos provided the following radius of error
194 for each KF-derived location class (LC): LC 3, < 250 m; LC 2, < 500 m; and, LC 1, < 1000 m.
195 Argos states that the median error for LC classes 0, A and B ranges from 1 to 3 km (Bernard &
196 Belbeoch, 2010). Class Z indicates that the location process failed and estimates of position are
197 highly inaccurate. All transmitted locations were filtered to remove positions with LC Z, those
198 on land, and those exceeding a speed of 2 m/s following Weng et al. (2005).

199 To make SPOT location data compatible with the GA-OHC refined PAT location data, and
200 to further meet the requirements for kernel density metric estimates (De Solla et al., 1999; Kie,
201 2013; Worton, 1989), the irregular sampling intervals of SPOT-derived raw data were
202 standardized to a 3-hour interval. We employed the piecewise Bézier interpolation method of
203 Tremblay et al. (2006), but modified with the Lars Jensen algorithm (<http://ljensen.com/bezier/>)
204 to eliminate unnatural loops in the tracks. To minimize uncertainty, we did not interpolate track
205 sections with temporal data gaps that exceeded three days following Weng et al. (2008).

206 We employed utilization distributions (UD) to quantify the core regions of occupancy within
207 an animal's home range or activity space (Worton, 1995). UD were calculated for all tarpon
208 using 12-hour interval (mid-night and noon) location data as the grouped species' habitat
209 utilization for dry (Jan-Apr) and wet (May-Dec) seasons (Domeier & Nasby-Lucas, 2008;
210 Hammerschlag, Luo, et al., 2012; Weng et al., 2008). To avoid possible biases from short tracks,
211 we excluded tarpon that were tracked for < 10 days (Hoolihan, Luo, Abascal, et al., 2011). To

212 mitigate individual tarpon from biasing the results, we created a $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ spatial grid and
213 counted the total number of 12-hour locations from all tarpon within each cell for each
214 season, and then multiplied that value by the number of unique tarpon within the cell. The
215 resulting grid was used as a weighting factor where the UD were weighted more heavily
216 towards areas that were frequented by many individuals. To achieve the final UD for each
217 season, we set all portions that overlapped land to 0 and normalized all values so that the
218 summation of all cells equaled 1 (Vaudo et al., 2017).

219 UD values are cumulated from the highest to lowest density areas to create kernel density
220 contours. Thus, the 25% contours represent areas of the top 25% highest densities, 50% contours
221 represent areas of the top 50% highest densities, etc. We defined the core habitat utilization area
222 (CHUA) as the areas of top 50% UD (da Anadón et al., 2011; Graham et al., 2016). These
223 metrics were calculated according to the equations provided by Worton (1995) and plotted using
224 Interactive Data Languages (IDL, www.harris.com) software.

225 Rate of movement (ROM) was calculated at 12-hour intervals to determine whether a tarpon
226 was migrating, or simply at residence. To estimate the residence period of each tarpon track
227 where days at liberty > 10 days we examined three ROM criteria ($ROM < 5, 7, 10 \text{ km d}^{-1}$) for > 3
228 consecutive days. To examine variability of migratory behavior among individual tarpon, the
229 proportion of time in residence was calculated as the residence period divided by total days at
230 liberty. Distance from the tagging location was estimated using great-circle distance for each 12-
231 hour location and these were plotted as a function of days at liberty.

232 Shark predation on tarpon was determined by two methods: (1) from tooth marks observed
233 on recovered PAT and SPOT tags; and, (2) from data recorded by recovered PAT tags that
234 showed reduced light levels with fluctuations of depth and temperature, similar to the
235 environment inside of sharks (Cosgrove et al., 2015; Kerstetter et al., 2004). Data from
236 recovered PAT tags were also used to determine possible spawning activity based on deep dive
237 behaviors around new and full moon periods.

238 Tarpon estuarine and riverine habitat utilization were determined for both SPOT tags
239 and recovered PAT tags with archived wet/dry data and track duration > 10 days. For
240 SPOT tags, this was done by counting the period when the locations occurred in inland
241 waters. For PAT tags where the geolocation method was limited to ocean waters, salinity
242 was estimated from wet/dry sensor data using the Luo et al (2008) algorithm. We defined

243 “rivers” as inland waters that included lagoons, rivers, and lakes where salinity values were
244 < 25 PSU. The proportion of time in inland waters was calculated as the number of days in
245 rivers divided by the number of days at liberty. This proportion was then compared by tag
246 types, regions and seasons using t-tests carried out with R statistical software.

247 3. | RESULTS

248

249 3.1 | Tag deployments

250 Detailed information on the 292 satellite tags (204 PAT and 88 SPOT) deployed from 2001
251 to 2018 on tarpon are presented in **Table A1**; tagging efforts varied annually (**Fig. 2a**). The
252 body weight of tarpon tagged ranged from 14.9 kg to 99 kg, with a mode of 50 kg (**Fig. 2b**), with
253 the majority (96.5%) \geq 30 kg. Of the 204 total PAT tags deployed, 19% (39) did not transmit
254 any data to the Argos System (black bar in first column of **Fig 2c**), while 23 PAT and 33 SPOT
255 tags remained on fish for \leq 10 days. These relatively short tag deployments generally resulted
256 from either tether failure, post-release mortality from failed resuscitation after tagging, or
257 predation by sharks. There were 68 PAT and 28 SPOT tags that remained on tarpon between 10
258 and 50 days due to pin breaks for PAT tags, or fishing line entanglements for SPOT tags, and 73
259 PAT and 27 SPOT remained on tarpon over 50 days. Tag deployments and pop-off (or final for
260 SPOT) locations are summarized by regions in **Table 1** and **Figures 1** and **2d**. Geographically,
261 most of our tagging efforts (93 PAT, 51 SPOT tags) occurred in waters around Florida, USA,
262 mostly in the Florida Keys and Florida Bay (38 PAT, 9 SPOT), followed by Texas, USA (29
263 PAT, 14 SPOT), and Mexico (31 PAT).

264 3.2 | Seasonal migrations and distribution

265 We were able to generate 154 (83 PAT, 71 SPOT) tarpon tracks from the 292 deployed tags.
266 Of those, 29 (19%) tarpon travelled \geq 600 km during their deployment periods, 81 (52%)
267 tarpon travelled from 100-600 km, and 44 (29%) tarpon travelled < 100 km (**Table 2**). The
268 distance travelled from tagging location as a function of days at liberty (**Fig. 3**) indicated
269 different modes of movement (i.e., residence and migration). ROM were generated from 140 (78
270 PAT, 62 SPOT) tarpon tracks that were >10 days. Distribution of tagged tarpon as function of
271 percent of time tarpon spent at residence and ROM criteria are summarized in **Table 3**, which
272 indicates most tarpon spent <50% time as residence for all ROM criteria tested. In addition,

273 most residence locations (red dots) were near river mouths (**Fig. 4**). Examples of individual
274 tarpon tracks can be found in supplemental materials.

275 The monthly frequency distribution of 3-hour mean temperatures from all PAT tags (**Fig. 5a**)
276 indicated that from November to April Atlantic tarpon spent most of their time in waters where
277 temperatures were between 20 and 26 °C, and from May to October above 26 °C. April and
278 November are transition periods with temperatures centered around 26 °C, which has been
279 reported by tarpon anglers as preferred migratory temperature (Babcock, 1951; Spotte, 2016;
280 White & Brennan, 2010). The mean monthly temperature ranged from 22.5 °C in December-
281 January, to 29.5 °C in August (solid line **Fig. 5a**). The overall minimum was 14.9 °C, and
282 maximum temperature was 35 °C. However, in December and January, tarpon spent 29% and
283 36% of their respective time at temperatures ranging from 16-20 °C (**Fig. 5a**).

284 In April, as the water temperatures warm to 26 °C, tarpon aggregate annually in Florida Bay
285 and the Florida Keys (Luo, 2009; Mill, 2010). The spatial map of mean SST in April 2008,
286 indicated that 26 °C waters were south of Veracruz, Mexico in the western GOM, and around the
287 Florida Keys and south Florida in the eastern GOM (**Fig. 5b**). Typically, as the 26 °C isotherm
288 moved north along the US southeastern and GOM coasts, tarpon followed. In the fall, as the 26
289 °C isotherm moved south (**Fig. 5c**), tarpon did the same.

290 Two tags (T118 and T187) deployed on tarpon in Florida popped up near
291 Newfoundland (**Fig 6**). It is not known if these reflect tarpon movements or post-
292 detachment tag drifting. Based on reports in the literature (Banon, 2019; Twomey &
293 Byrne, 1985), such movements would not be unprecedented (**Fig. 6**).

294 Core habitat utilization area (CHUA) is represented by the top 50% of kernel density area.
295 During the dry season on the eastern US coast, CHUAs were all located from south of Fort
296 Lauderdale to the Florida Keys/Everglades (**Fig. 7a**), with some minor low kernel density areas
297 north of Fort Lauderdale up to Cape Canaveral, FL. The CHUA distribution is a reflection of the
298 SST distribution during this period (**Fig. 7a** inset). During the wet season, as the water
299 temperatures warm (**Fig 7b** inset), tarpon habitats expanded northward to the Chesapeake Bay
300 with a small portion of the CHUAs extending to South Carolina. The majority of CHUAs
301 remained in the area from the Florida Keys to south of Cape Canaveral (**Fig. 7b**).

302 Similar seasonal habitat utilization patterns occurred in the GOM. During the dry season, in
303 the eastern GOM most of the CHUAs are located in Florida Keys and western Everglades. For

304 tarpon tagged in the western GOM, all the CHUAs were located south of the US border with
305 Mexico (**Fig. 8a**), reflected by the winter SST distribution (**Fig. 8b**). During the wet season in
306 east GOM, CHUAs expanded north to the area between Boca Grande and Apalachicola, and
307 west to the mouth of Mississippi River (**Fig. 8c**), when the SST was > 26 °C for the entire GOM
308 (**Fig 8c** insert). Similarly, in west GOM, the majority of CHUAs expanded to US waters
309 extending from Port Isabel to Galveston, TX during the wet season. Only small portions of
310 CHUAs are in Mexican waters (**Fig. 8d**). In the north, CHUAs extended to the mouth of the
311 Mississippi River, where they overlapped with CHUAs of tarpon tagged in the eastern GOM
312 (**Fig. 8c**).

313 **3.3 | Estuarine and riverine utilization**

314 Majority of tagged tarpon (51.1% PAT, 59.6% SPOT) used estuarine and riverine habitat
315 (**Table 4**). The mean proportion of time for SPOT tags (0.5407) was significantly higher than
316 that for PAT tags (0.3979) at $\alpha=0.05$ (**Table 4**), which suggests that SPOT tags were better at
317 discerning river use compared to PAT tags salinity based method. For geographic comparison,
318 we grouped the tags into four regions (**Table 4**), and analysis of variance indicated no significant
319 difference of the mean proportion of time tarpon utilized rivers between any of the regions. For
320 seasonal comparison, the mean proportion of time tarpon in rivers was significantly greater in the
321 dry season than the wet season (**Table 4**). Examples of the detailed individual tarpon utilizing
322 estuarine habitat can be found in supplemental materials.

323 **3.4 | Spawning habitats**

324 Possible spawning activity during the known tarpon spawning season (April-July) was
325 inferred from deep diving behavior identified from individual depth data around new and full
326 moon periods for 6 of 90 recovered PAT tags (**Fig. 9**). We compared the dates of these dives
327 with migration track locations of each individual to determine presumed spawning sites (**Fig.**
328 **10**). Interestingly, most sites were clustered in two locations: (1) northeast of Veracruz, Mexico
329 (western Gulf of Mexico); and (2) south of Florida Keys on the deep coral reef track proximal to
330 the Straits of Florida. Additionally, we had one PAT pop-off and two SPOT tagged tarpon in an
331 area about 200 km west of Boca Grande, Florida in the GOM (**Fig. 10**), which has been
332 suggested as a spawning site based on the presence of early life stage leptocephali larvae of the
333 Atlantic tarpon (Crabtree, 1995; Crabtree et al., 1992; Smith, 1980). Tarpon started the deep
334 diving at dusk and the activity continued until 4 am (**Fig. 11**). In addition, the temperature range

335 from surface to 90 m depth was within 1 degree Celsius (26.5-27.5 °C). The presumed spawning
336 sites described here are all continental slope habitats with depths ranging from 100 to 200 m. The
337 salinities at these sites were around 36 PSU. The surface temperatures were 26 ± 2 °C with a
338 mixed layer extending from 50 to 100 m.

339 **3.5 | Predation by sharks**

340 Shark predation was evident on 25 of the 90 recovered PAT tags (27.8%), and 8 of the 29
341 recovered SPOT tags (27.6%). Seventeen of the 25 PAT tags were ingested by sharks evidenced
342 by reduced light level values (**Figs. 12a-b**), and these tags were transported inside of the shark
343 for periods ranging from 2 to 27 d (mean=8.06, sd=6.6 d) after which they were regurgitated.
344 The other incidents of predation were based on observed tooth marks left on recovered PAT and
345 SPOT tags (**Figs. 12c-d**). It is well known that sharks regurgitate indigestible items by eversion
346 of the stomach (Brunnschweiler et al., 2005). Eight PAT tags that were dislodged from tarpon
347 prematurely had teeth marks indicating shark attacks. Most (>90%) shark attacks on tarpon
348 occurred within three hours post-release. However, one tarpon was attacked by a shark 44 d
349 after the deployment (**Fig. 12e**).

350 **4. | DISCUSSION**

351 **4.1 | Tag deployments**

352 We deployed 292 tags from 2001-2018 averaging 30 tags yr⁻¹, spanning 3 continents, 6
353 countries, and 8 US states, the largest tagging effort for tarpon since the inception of satellite
354 telemetry technology (Block et al., 1998; Block et al., 2016; Block et al., 2011; Lutcavage et al.,
355 1999; Rooker et al., 2019; Wilson et al., 2015). The size distribution of tagged tarpon reflected
356 our objective of tagging sexually mature tarpon (>35 kg, (Crabtree et al., 1997)) which are
357 believed capable of taking long seasonal migrations (Crabtree et al., 1992). The amount of time
358 that tags stayed on fish can be used as an index of tagging success. Causes of tagging failure
359 included equipment malfunctions (i.e., defective battery, pin or rigging, etc.), human error
360 (inexperienced tagger), and post-release mortality. Hoolihan, Luo, Abascal, et al. (2011) showed
361 behavioral modifications from satellite tagging of large pelagic fishes. We believe that tagging
362 may have had similar effects on Atlantic tarpon, possibly making tagged fish more susceptible to
363 predation.

364 **4.2 | Seasonal migrations and distributions**

365 Previously, Atlantic tarpon seasonal migrations were largely unknown or inferred from their
366 seasonal distributions. In the central western Atlantic, tarpon commonly range from Virginia to
367 Florida, Bermuda, Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea to Brazil (Wade, 1962), and infrequently
368 from Nova Scotia to Argentina. Holder (1903) had speculated on tarpon migrations, believing
369 they moved from Mexico to Texas and then to Louisiana in the western GOM. In the eastern
370 GOM, he postulated movements from Key West up the Florida Keys, and then bifurcating to
371 both west and east coasts of Florida. His early speculations were relatively consistent with our
372 findings. In fall, we found that tarpon from east of the Mississippi River migrated southeastward
373 to Florida, and tarpon from west of the Mississippi River migrated southwestward to Mexico.
374 Based on our data, we have not yet seen a tarpon from east of the Mississippi River migrate west
375 of Louisiana, or vice versa.

376 In contrast to the 29 long-distance migrators, many of the tarpon in this study traveled
377 moderate to relatively short distances. Termed “partial migration”, intra-specific variation in
378 migration behavior has been observed in many fishes (Chapman, Skov, et al., 2012; Hansson &
379 Akesson, 2014). Partial migration results from individual differences in behavior, i.e., a kind of
380 animal personality (Nilsson et al., 2014). Partial migrations have been observed for many
381 satellite tagged species, for example: yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*, Scombridae (Hoolihan
382 et al., 2014)); bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*, Scombridae (Block et al., 2005; Cermeño et al.,
383 2015; Wilson et al., 2005)); sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*, Istiophoridae (Hoolihan, Luo,
384 Goodyear, et al., 2011)); blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*, Istiophoridae (Goodyear et al., 2008));
385 white marlin (*Kajikia albida*, Istiophoridae (Hoolihan et al., 2015)); swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*,
386 Xiphiidae (Dewar et al., 2011)); tiger shark (*Galeocerdo cuvier*, Carcharhinidae (Hammerschlag,
387 Gallagher, et al., 2012)); and, acoustically tracked common snook (*Centropomus undecimalis*,
388 Centropomidae (Trotter et al., 2012)). Partial migration is one of the major factors that could
389 potentially account for spatial and temporal variations in population abundance, and hence, is a
390 powerful force shaping ecosystem dynamics and trophic effects (Chapman et al., 2011;
391 Chapman, Hulthén, et al., 2012). Partial migration may confer some evolutionary benefits to
392 species because it provides a natural buffer against extinction, given that multiple contingents of
393 individuals within the same population simultaneously use a range of different habitats and
394 resources. Tarpon, in the evolutionary record for >100 million years (Carroll, 1988; Jordan,

395 1919; Nature, 1971; Sepkoski, 2002), may have benefited from many advantageous aspects of
396 partial migration.

397 Utilization distribution (UD) estimates summarized the seasonality of tarpon regional
398 distributions, indicating that in the wet season the range of tarpon distribution is twice as large as
399 that in the dry season. In the western GOM during the dry season, the distribution is almost
400 exclusively south of the USA-Mexico border, while along the eastern GOM and USA
401 southeastern coasts, their distribution was almost exclusively restricted to southern Florida. Our
402 migration tracks and UD maps clearly showed that tarpon migrated beyond state borders along
403 the USA east coast from Virginia to Florida, and along coast of USA GOM from Florida to
404 Texas, and to Mexico. Genetic studies are consistent with our research and have shown no
405 genetic differences among locations in the central western Atlantic and east Atlantic (Ault &
406 Luo, 2013; Ward et al., 2004; Ward et al., 2008; Ward et al., 2005).

407 **4.3 | Estuarine and riverine utilization**

408 Juvenile and adult life stages of tarpon inhabit estuarine bays and freshwater rivers (Ault,
409 2008; Babcock, 1921; Dimock & Dimock, 1912; Goode, 1887; Pinckney, 1888). Tarpon are
410 found in freshwater Lake Nicaragua that sits some 195 km from its connection to the ocean via
411 Rio San Juan (Gill & Bransford, 1877; Koenig et al., 1976; Simmons, 1900). Local Nicaraguans
412 believe that tarpon in the Lake are a resident population, living and breeding in the Lake.
413 However, our 3 PAT tags deployed in the Rio San Juan, about 30 km east of Lake Nicaragua and
414 145 km west of the Caribbean Sea, all popped off in the Caribbean Sea.

415 Despite the well-documented presence of mature adult tarpon in freshwaters (Babcock, 1921;
416 Dimock & Dimock, 1912; Koenig et al., 1976), much of the scientific literature describes adult
417 tarpon habitat as mainly shallow coastal waters, bays and estuaries, with only an occasional
418 reference to freshwaters (Moyle & Cech, 1988; Robins & Ray, 1986). A recent study based on
419 elements and isotopic ratios in tarpon scales (Seeley & Walther, 2018) showed that tarpon spent
420 on average $42 \pm 34\%$ of life histories within oligohaline habitats, while another study using
421 tarpon eye lens showed 100% juvenile habitat in upper estuarine habitat (Kurth et al., 2019).
422 Our study reinforced this concept by showing that some adult tarpon used freshwaters
423 extensively (supplemental materials), while others rarely traveled to freshwater. This individual
424 variation is similar to the concept of partial seasonal migration previously discussed. Matich et
425 al. (2017) showed that food availability might govern tarpon distribution in the Shark River

426 estuary, Everglades National Park. Gillworms have been found on both Indo-Pacific and
427 Atlantic tarpon (Bunkley-Williams & Williams, 1994; Hutton & Sogandares-Bernal, 1960;
428 Mendoza-Franco et al., 2004; Williams & Jones, 1994), and rapid movements between
429 freshwaters and ocean environments may reduce the infections of pathogens (Westerdahl et al.,
430 2014). Babcock (1951) stated that tarpon might use the freshwater habitat to get rid of remoras
431 and sea-lice (*Nerocila acuminata*, Cymothoidae) since the remoras and sea-lice cannot survive
432 the freshwater.

433 **4.4 | Spawning habitats**

434 To date, no one has directly observed tarpon spawning, other than some *ad hoc* observations
435 of presumed pre-spawning activities (Baldwin & Snodgrass, 2008; Crabtree et al., 1992), and
436 *post hoc* predictions of spawning sites from the capture of leptocephalus larvae (Crabtree, 1995;
437 Crabtree et al., 1992; Crabtree et al., 1997; Smith, 1980). In the early 20th century, Babcock
438 (1921) suggested that tarpon spawned in freshwater rivers, based on his observations of juvenile
439 tarpon captured in those habitats. Subsequently as larval samples were collected in ocean
440 environments it was determined that tarpon spawned in offshore waters (Babcock, 1951; Wade,
441 1962). Smith (1980) and Crabtree et al. (1992) found young leptocephali offshore, further
442 suggesting offshore spawning. Locations identified as spawning areas from our study (**Fig. 10**)
443 matched spawning areas previously identified in the western GOM ((Smith, 1980) and in the
444 eastern GOM and Straits of Florida (Crabtree, 1995; Crabtree et al., 1992). Our observations of
445 purported spawning dives occurring within a few days of new and full moons matched estimates
446 of spawning near full and new moons by Crabtree et al (1997). Based on our tagging results and
447 the occurrences of tarpon leptocephalus larvae, we think that tarpon spawning could occur
448 around continental slope areas where depths range from 100 to 200 m, temperatures are near 26
449 ± 2 °C, and salinity is around 36 PSU during spawning season, within 24 hours of travel distance
450 from inshore coastal habitats.

451 Our observations of deep diving behavior corresponded with seasonality of tarpon spawning
452 (April – July in Florida; Crabtree et al. 1997), and with the likelihood of spawning in deep water
453 based on egg characteristics (Babcock 1921b). The deep diving behaviors we observed were
454 from May to June (**Fig. 9**), well within the reported tarpon spawning season. Thus, we are very
455 confident these observed deep diving behaviors were related to spawning activity. Many studies
456 have shown spawning behavior of numerous fishes involves a rapid ascent from the substrate

457 toward the surface using the change of hydrostatic pressure to force the release of gametes
458 (Domeier & Colin, 1997; Graham & Castellanos, 2005; Whaylen et al., 2004). Similar rapid
459 oscillatory dive patterns have also been observed for satellite tagged bluefin tuna in the GOM
460 and Mediterranean Sea, and these were considered to be spawning behaviors (Aranda et al.,
461 2013; Cermeño et al., 2015; Teo et al., 2007). A related species, bonefish (*Albula vulpes*,
462 *Albulidae*), also spawns offshore at night near full moons and descends to ~60m to spawn
463 (Danylchuk et al., 2019).

464 **4.5 | Predation by sharks**

465 Shark predation on tarpon has been well documented by anglers and in the scientific
466 literature (Ault, 2010; Ault et al., 2008; Churchill, 1907; Dimock & Dimock, 1912; Guindon,
467 2011; Hammerschlag, Luo, et al., 2012; Tuma, 1976). Holder (1913) recorded his tarpon fishing
468 results in Aransas Pass, Texas, during June 1909, and reported 26.3% of hooked tarpon mortality
469 was due to shark predation.

470 Guindon (2011), using acoustic tags, estimated a 13% rate for tarpon catch-and-release
471 mortality, due to a variety of reasons. Of those total mortalities, 8.3% were due to shark
472 predation. Our study using recovered PAT and SPOT tags indicated a much higher shark
473 predation mortality: 27.8% and 27.6%, respectively. The fact that two different tag types
474 produced nearly identical results gives us confidence that our mortality estimates are accurate.
475 We believe that Guindon (2011) may have underestimated catch-and-release mortality due to
476 two key criteria used: (1) lack of acoustic tag movement; and, (2) a relatively short time window
477 (6 hr) of observation to make this determination. Using Guindon's (2011) criteria on our data,
478 the 17 PATs inside shark stomachs would have been considered alive, when in fact they were
479 dead and consumed by the predator. Only the 8 dislodged PAT tags of the 25 recovered, using
480 Guindon's criteria, would have been considered dead resulting in an 8.9% mortality estimate (8
481 out of 90). This is very close to Guindon's estimate of 8.3%. Our study showed that sharks
482 preyed upon tarpon after 6 hours and up to 44 days after release. However, this post-release
483 mortality by sharks may not apply to tarpon released without a satellite tag. The electrical field
484 from the tag may attract unwanted attention from sharks, as their sensory systems are capable of
485 detecting weak electrical fields (Adair et al., 1998; Kalmijn, 1971, 1982). Another tagging study
486 (Kerstetter et al., 2004) showed increased shark predation on satellite tagged billfish. In
487 addition, the tagging process added handling time as compared to normal catch-and-release, thus

488 may further weaken the tarpon when released. Since most of the shark predation in our study
489 occurred near passes and areas known with high shark density (Hammerschlag, Luo, et al.,
490 2012), this mortality estimate might not apply more broadly.

491 **5 | IMPLICATIONS FOR FISHERY MANAGEMENT**

492 Improved understanding of tarpon movement ecology has significant resource management
493 implications for fisheries and coastal habitats. Our results suggest a single, interconnected
494 tarpon “unit stock” that from a fishery perspective—a closed population comprised of the full
495 life cycle of spawning adults, eggs, larvae, and juveniles—may, at a minimum, stretch from the
496 US Atlantic coast throughout the Gulf of Mexico.

497 Overfishing and habitat loss are two obvious threats to sustainability of the US Atlantic-Gulf
498 of Mexico tarpon stock (Adams et al., 2014; Ault et al., 2008; Spotte, 2016; Stilwell, 2011).
499 Tarpon are fished throughout this geographical region, and are targeted by both recreational and
500 commercial fisheries at different locations. In general, the United States has only recreational
501 fisheries for tarpon (primarily catch and release), while commercial, subsistence and recreational
502 fisheries occur elsewhere. (Ault et al., 2008; Ault & Luo, 2013; Browder et al., 1981; Dailey &
503 Landry, 2008; Spotte, 2016).

504 Both harvest and catch-and-release fisheries incur some level of fishing mortality. Our
505 tagging studies showed that the survival rate of released tarpon is substantially lower than 100%
506 due to a variety of factors, of which predation by sharks may also be a significant unintended
507 fishing mortality factor associated with a thriving recreational fishery. Thus, for the sake of
508 tarpon conservation and fishery sustainability, we highly recommend stopping tarpon fishing in
509 areas where shark attacks on tarpon occur, and moving the angling effort to alternative fishing
510 sites.

511 Substantial loss of tarpon habitat, particularly mangrove wetlands, has undoubtedly occurred
512 along the southeastern US and Gulf of Mexico coastlines over the past 50 or more years due to
513 coastal development (Valiela et al., 2001). Loss of tarpon habitat is perhaps a more insidious
514 threat to sustainability than fishing mortality. Adverse effects of overfishing on the reproductive
515 capacity of the tarpon stock can be alleviated by relaxing fishing pressure. In contrast, loss of
516 habitat area is irreversible and potentially limits overall stock carrying capacity, and thus,
517 maximum tarpon stock abundance. The impact of habitat loss may be especially damaging to
518 tarpon because of their use of coastal and riverine waters in all life stages. It is well known that

519 juvenile tarpon inhabit freshwater tributaries (Ault, 2008; Babcock, 1921; Dimock & Dimock,
520 1912; Goode, 1887; Pinckney, 1888). Our study has shown that at times adult tarpon also
521 inhabit small freshwater creeks (see supplemental materials).

522 This study has shown that tarpon can travel long distances and cross international borders;
523 thus, in the long term, any local depletion in the tarpon stock, via fishing mortality or habitat
524 loss, will likely affect the tarpon population as a whole in the Atlantic Ocean. This spatially
525 expansive view of the US Atlantic-Gulf of Mexico tarpon stock suggests that achieving long-
526 term sustainability will require a high degree of coordination among scientists and managers
527 from numerous Atlantic and Gulf coast states as well as Mexico. The most pressing need in the
528 short term is to gather synoptic data to develop a stock-wide shared information system to
529 support informed management decision-making focusing on three general areas: (i) fishery
530 science and biological data for determining stock sustainability status; (ii) ecological and
531 mapping data for determining the location and amount of viable tarpon habitat; and (iii) resource
532 economics data for determining the monetary value of the tarpon stock.

533 Controlling tarpon fishing mortality through coordinated management is at least conceivable,
534 and has precedent with intergovernmental management organizations for highly migratory tunas
535 and billfishes in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans (e.g., Inter-American Tropical Tuna
536 Commission, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, International
537 Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean). Atlantic
538 tarpon should be considered a highly migratory species managed federally and internationally
539 like bluefin tuna and billfishes. With sufficient scientific information, sustainable levels of
540 fishing effort could be determined and allocated among individual states and Mexico. In
541 contrast, interstate and international management of tarpon coastal habitats is almost
542 inconceivable at present. It is difficult to imagine, for example, a water management or urban
543 development project in sensitive tarpon habitat in one state being blocked by another state, let
544 alone another country. However, with sufficient ecological and resource economic information,
545 the potential economic losses to the entire tarpon fishery resulting from coastal development
546 projects could be quantified and the risks weighed against the economic benefits. Framing the
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905 **Table 1.** Summary of tag deployment region and pop-off or end locations. The abbreviation for
 906 each region is given in parentheses in the first column; the number of tags in pop-off or end

| Region Deployed | PAT | SPOT | Total | Pop-off or End Region |
|------------------------------|-----|------|-------|---|
| Florida Bay (FB), FL | 38 | 9 | 47 | 0(7), FB(22), EG(4), SL(10), GA(1), SC(1), NC(1), VA(1) |
| Everglades (EG), FL | 9 | 8 | 17 | 0(3),EG(10), FB(1), BT(2), NC(1) |
| Boca Grande-Tampa (BT), FL | 34 | 10 | 44 | 0(10), BT(24), EG(1), FB(8), LA(1) |
| Apalachicola (AP), FL | 6 | 28 | 34 | 0(1), AP(10), AL (4), LA(12), BT (4), FB(3) |
| Miami (MI), FL | 6 | 6 | 12 | 0(2), MI(7), SL(2), GA(1) |
| St. Lucie-Augustine (SL), FL | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0(1), SL(8), FB(2) |
| Texas (TX) | 29 | 14 | 43 | 0(6), TX(28), MX(9) |
| Louisiana (LA) | 3 | 1 | 4 | LA(3), FB(1) |

907 regions are given in parentheses. A zero region indicates the number of tags that did not
 908 report. The Florida Bay (FB) region included waters in Florida Bay and around the Florida
 909 Keys from Key Largo to Key West. The Everglades (EG) region included waters of
 910 Everglades National Park, and the nearshore GOM. The Boca Grande-Tampa (BT) region
 911 included waters in the estuaries and nearshore GOM from Naples to Tampa, FL. The Miami
 912 (MI) region included waters from Biscayne Bay to Ft. Lauderdale. The St. Lucie-Augustine
 913 (SL) region extended from St. Lucie to St. Augustine, FL. The regions of countries and other
 914 US states are defined by their names.

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|---------------------|-----|----|-----|-------------------------------|
| Alabama (AL) | 1 | 0 | 1 | FB(1) |
| Georgia (GA) | 1 | 0 | 1 | SL(1) |
| South Carolina (SC) | 5 | 2 | 7 | SC(5), MI(2) |
| North Carolina (NC) | 1 | 0 | 1 | NC(1) |
| Mexico (MX) | 31 | 0 | 31 | 0(8), MX(9), TX(10), LA(4) |
| Belize (BZ) | 10 | 4 | 14 | BZ(14) |
| Nicaragua (NI) | 3 | 0 | 3 | Caribbean Sea (3) |
| Trinidad (TR) | 14 | 4 | 18 | TR (17), St Kitts & Nevis (1) |
| Angola, Africa (AN) | 4 | 0 | 4 | AN(4) |
| TOTALS | 206 | 86 | 292 | |

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920 **Table 2.** Number of tags at maximum distance (km) from tagging location in different regions.

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| | Maximum Distance (km) | | | Total Tags |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|------|---------------|
| | <100 | 100-600 | >600 | |
| Mexico | 0 | 4 | 10 | 14 |
| Texas | 5 | 12 | 3 | 20 |
| NE GOM | 10 | 15 | 4 | 29 |
| SE GOM | 18 | 30 | 7 | 55 |
| Atlantic US | 5 | 10 | 2 | 17 |
| Other Countries | 6 | 10 | 3 | 19 |
| All regions | 44 | 81 | 29 | 154 |

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923 **Table 3.** Distribution of tagged tarpon as function of residence time and rates of movement
 924 (ROM) over 3 consecutive days. Zero percent of time as residence (0%) indicates a tarpon's
 925 ROM was greater than the speed limits for the entire duration of the deployment; 100% means a
 926 tarpon's ROM was less than the speed limits for the entire duration of the deployment; 1-49%
 927 and 50-99% mean percent of time when ROM was greater than the speed limits.

| speed limit in 3 days | Percent of time as residence | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| | 0% | 1-49% | 50-99% | 100% |
| Number of tagged tarpon | | | | |
| <5 km/day | 30 | 88 | 17 | 5 |
| <7 km/day | 20 | 88 | 26 | 6 |
| <10 km/day | 12 | 87 | 33 | 8 |

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930 **Table 4.** Comparison of tarpon estuarine and riverine utilization by tag types, tagging regions, and
 931 seasons, showing the number (and percentage) of tagged tarpon that used rivers, the mean number
 932 of days spent in rivers, and the mean proportion of time spent in rivers; SD is standard deviation.
 933 The proportion of time in rivers is the total number of days spent in rivers divided by the days at
 934 liberty. Student-t tests were performed on the mean proportion of time in rivers for SPOT vs PAT,
 935 Atlantic US vs SE GOM, and Dry vs Wet.

| Comparison | Used Rivers | Number of Days in Rivers | | Proportion of Time in Rivers | | t | P |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | N (%) | Mean | SD | Mean | SD | | |
| Tag type | | | | | | 2.0615 | 0.044* |
| SPOT | 31(59.6) | 35.97 | 34.75 | 0.5407 | 0.2868 | | |
| PAT | 23(51.1) | 32.33 | 31.17 | 0.3979 | 0.2221 | | |
| Region | | | | | | | |
| Atlantic US | 15(79.4) | 27.53 | 22.96 | 0.4245 | 0.2589 | 1.3943 | 0.1731 |
| SE GOM | 21(56.8) | 39.43 | 33.83 | 0.5481 | 0.2744 | | |
| NE GOM | 14(56.0) | 28.29 | 32.00 | 0.4362 | 0.2589 | | |
| West GOM | 4(25.0) | 62.25 | 56.06 | 0.5434 | 0.2469 | | |
| Season | | | | | | 3.186 | 0.0047*** |
| Dry | 12(60.0) | 47.00 | 42.97 | 0.6711 | 0.2298 | | |
| Wet | 42(54.5) | 31.48 | 29.34 | 0.4252 | 0.2555 | | |

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939 **Figure Legends**

940 **Figure 1.** Bathymetric map of the western central Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea
941 overlain with satellite tag deployment (red dots) and pop-off detachment locations (white
942 crosses). Depths from 0 to 6000 m are denoted by the color bar. The photo inset shows PAT tag
943 setup and anchor dart placement location on tarpon.

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945 **Figure 2.** Numbers of satellite telemetry tags (PAT, dark bars; SPOT, open bars) deployed on
946 Atlantic tarpon dependent on: (a) year; (b) tarpon weight; (c) days at liberty; and, (d) geographic
947 location. The black bar in panel (c) shows the number of deployed tags that never reported to us
948 via the Argos System.

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950 **Figure 3.** Distance from tarpon satellite tagging location as a function of days at liberty: (a)
951 western GOM; tarpon tagged in Mexico (black line) and Texas (blue line); (b) eastern GOM;
952 tarpon tagged in northeast GOM (black line) and southeast GOM (blue line); (c) US east coast
953 and elsewhere; tarpon tagged in US east coast (black line) and other countries (blue line). The
954 red dots in all panels indicate residence time with the rate of movement criteria $< 5 \text{ km d}^{-1}$ for 3
955 consecutive days.

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957 **Figure 4.** Composite of all 12-hour locations overlain on bathymetry and rivers. Orange dots
958 indicate locations in dry season (Jan-Apr) for all regions; green + symbols indicate locations in
959 wet season for tarpon tagged west of the Mississippi River; blue + symbols indicate locations in
960 wet season for tarpon tagged east of Mississippi River. The red dots indicate residence locations
961 with the rate of movement criteria $< 5 \text{ km d}^{-1}$ for 3 consecutive days.

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963 **Figure 5.** (a) Three-hour mean sea surface temperatures (SST) recorded by all PAT tags (dots),
964 associated monthly frequency distribution (red histogram bars), and monthly mean SST (solid
965 line). Monthly sample sizes are shown. Mean SST maps for: (b) April 2008; and, (c) November
966 2008. Color scale bar indicates SST values from 14 to 30 °C. The 26-27 °C isotherm is the
967 yellow portion of the spectrum.

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969 **Figure 6.** HCYOM derived SST on August 20, 2010, for the north Atlantic Ocean overlain with
970 historic tarpon capture locations (solid white dots) (Banon, 2019), a PAT tag pop-off location
971 (T118, pink dot), and a SPOT tag location (T187, gray dot). There were 11 tarpon captured in
972 Long Island pound nets in the summer of 1981, one tarpon in Cork, Ireland, on October 28,
973 1981, 7 tarpon in Bay of Biscay from 1981-2003, and 4 tarpon in Azores from 1973 to 2011.

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975 **Figure 7.** Seasonal tarpon habitat utilization maps as represented by kernel density contours
976 calculated from locations of all tags from Florida Keys to Maryland: (a) January to April (Dry
977 season) with inset of HYCOM SST on February 15; and, (b) May to December (Wet season)
978 with inset of HYCOM SST on August 15. Colored contours indicate cumulative kernel density
979 values from high density to low density (i.e., 50% indicates the highest 50% of all kernel density
980 values which denotes core habitat utilization areas, CHUA).

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982 **Figure 8.** Seasonal tarpon habitat utilization maps as represented by kernel density contours
983 calculated from locations of all tags in the Gulf of Mexico: (a) January to April (Dry season); (b)
984 HYCOM SST on February 15, 2008; (c) East GOM from May to December (Wet season) with
985 inset of HYCOM SST on August 15, 2008; and, (d) West GOM from May to December.

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987 **Figure 9.** Depth and temperature profiles from six recovered PAT tags showing deep diving
988 (presumed spawning) behaviors of Atlantic tarpon: (a) T-30, (b) T-43, and (c) T-69 were tagged
989 in Veracruz, Mexico on May 11, 2004, May 28, 2006, and May 29, 2007, respectively; and, (d)
990 T-53, (e) T-60, and (f) T-106 were tagged in Florida Bay, Florida on June 11, 2007, April 29,
991 2007, and May 4, 2008, respectively. The scale bar at the bottom represents the temperatures
992 from 16 to 30 (°C). The arrows in each panel indicate dates of new and full moons.

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994 **Figure 10.** Bathymetric map of GOM and Florida Straits overlaid with locations where deep
995 diving behaviors were recorded by the recovered PAT tags (solid red dots) from Fig. 9, and
996 offshore movement locations reported from SPOT tags (open green triangles). The solid yellow
997 line ellipses are predicted spawning areas based on the tagging data, and the dashed yellow line
998 ellipses are other potential spawning habitat locations. The solid pink dots are presumed

999 spawning locations from Smith (1980), the pink rectangular boxes are spawning areas noted by
 1000 Crabtree (1995).

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 1002 **Figure 11.** A close up of the deep dive from T-60 (**Fig. 9e**) from 16:00 on May 14 to 04:00 on
 1003 May 15, 2007 showing depth (a), light level (b), and temperature (c). The arrow in panel (b)
 1004 indicates the time of sunset.

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 1006 **Figure 12.** Light level (a) and depth (b) data recorded by PAT tag (T-117) deployed on a tarpon
 1007 between September 8 and 16th, 2007, indicating predation occurred about 2 hours after
 1008 deployment. Examples of recovered PAT (c) and SPOT (d) tags that bore tell-tale teeth marks of
 1009 shark predation. (e) Light level data recorded by PAT tag (T-234) indicated predation occurred
 1010 44 days after deployment.

1011 APPENDIX

1012 Table A1. Date and location of the start and end of each PAT and SPOT tag deployment on Atlantic
 1013 Tarpon (*Megalops atlanticus*). PAT tags are indicated by the expected pop-off date and SPOT tags
 1014 are indicated by SPOT5 in the same column. Reporting date and location refers to the point at
 1015 which a PAT tag transmitted its first location, or the last location of SPOT tag transmission while
 1016 still attached to the fish.

| Tag Count | Tag Name | Tagging Date | Release Location | Fish Wt(kg) | Release Lat(dd) | Release Lon(dd) | Expected Pop-off date | Reporting Date | Reporting Lat(dd) | Reporting Lon(dd) | Tag Recover | Days at Liberty | Distance (km) | Speed (km/day) |
|-----------|----------|--------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | T-01 | 09/06/01 | Hilton Head, SC | 38.6 | 32.331 | -80.749 | 01/03/02 | 01/03/02 | 28.006 | -80.174 | NO | 119 | 484.6 | 4.07 |
| 2 | T-02 | 09/03/01 | Oriental, NC | 45.5 | 35.049 | -76.533 | 03/04/02 | 03/04/02 | 35.001 | -76.551 | NO | 182 | 5.6 | 0.03 |
| 3 | T-03 | 09/21/01 | Savannah, GA | 36.4 | 31.702 | -81.080 | 11/04/01 | 11/04/01 | 27.800 | -80.500 | YES | 44 | 438 | 9.95 |
| 4 | T-04 | 09/28/01 | Stuart, FL | 34.1 | 27.001 | -80.140 | 02/15/02 | not heard | no loc | | NO | | 0 | |
| 5 | T-05 | 05/18/02 | Islamorada, FL | 40.9 | 24.842 | -80.771 | 08/05/02 | 08/05/02 | 28.180 | -80.630 | YES | 79 | 371.9 | 4.71 |
| 6 | T-06 | 05/28/02 | Long Key, FL | 34.1 | 24.798 | -80.868 | 12/02/02 | not heard | no loc | | YES | | 0 | |
| 7 | T-07 | 05/28/02 | Long Key, FL | 34.1 | 24.798 | -80.868 | 10/24/02 | not heard | no loc | | NO | | 0 | |
| 8 | T-08 | 06/13/02 | Boca Grande, FL | 61.4 | 26.699 | -82.258 | 12/15/02 | not heard | no loc | | NO | | 0 | |
| 9 | T-09 | 06/25/02 | Tampa Bay, FL | 79.5 | 27.607 | -82.765 | 12/15/02 | not heard | no loc | | NO | | 0 | |
| 10 | T-11 | 06/27/02 | Tampa Bay, FL | 40.9 | 27.605 | -82.764 | 06/15/03 | not heard | no loc | | NO | | 0 | |
| 11 | T-12 | 06/06/03 | Boca Grande, FL | 36.4 | 26.699 | -82.270 | 09/01/03 | not heard | no loc | | NO | | 0 | |
| 12 | T-13 | 06/07/03 | Boca Grande, FL | 45.5 | 26.699 | -82.270 | 10/01/03 | 07/01/03 | 26.529 | -82.270 | YES | 24 | 18.9 | 0.79 |
| 13 | T-14 | 09/04/03 | Venice, LA | 38.6 | 28.962 | -89.200 | 11/10/03 | 09/22/03 | 28.720 | -90.840 | NO | 18 | 162.2 | 9.01 |
| 14 | T-15 | 05/11/04 | Veracruz, Mexico | 90.0 | 19.366 | -96.274 | 07/14/04 | 06/08/04 | 21.350 | -96.617 | YES | 28 | 223.7 | 7.99 |
| 15 | T-16 | 05/10/04 | Veracruz, Mexico | 90.0 | 19.341 | -96.287 | 08/11/04 | 08/11/04 | 29.087 | -92.246 | NO | 93 | 1159.6 | 12.47 |
| 16 | T-17 | 05/10/04 | Veracruz, Mexico | 85.0 | 19.377 | -96.289 | 07/21/04 | 07/10/04 | 19.375 | -96.289 | NO | 61 | 0.2 | 0.00 |
| 17 | T-18 | 06/12/03 | Veracruz, Mexico | 65.9 | 19.320 | -96.271 | 08/15/03 | 07/09/03 | 26.789 | -96.873 | NO | 27 | 833.7 | 30.88 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|------|----------|-----------------------|------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-----|-----|--------|-------|
| 18 | T-19 | 06/15/03 | Veracruz, Mexico | 61.4 | 19.318 | -96.256 | 12/15/03 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 19 | T-20 | 05/10/04 | Veracruz, Mexico | 78.0 | 19.377 | -96.289 | 07/28/04 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 20 | T-21 | 05/28/05 | Veracruz, Mexico | 75.6 | 19.328 | -96.294 | 07/15/05 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 21 | T-22 | 05/29/05 | Veracruz, Mexico | 60.5 | 19.360 | -96.290 | 07/31/05 | 07/08/05 | 29.303 | -94.818 | NO | 40 | 1116.8 | 27.92 |
| 22 | T-23 | 05/29/05 | Veracruz, Mexico | 84.4 | 19.360 | -96.290 | 08/15/05 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 23 | T-24 | 05/10/04 | Veracruz, Mexico | 55.0 | 19.377 | -96.289 | 09/08/04 | 09/08/04 | 28.092 | -96.788 | YES | 121 | 971.5 | 8.03 |
| 24 | T-25 | 05/10/04 | Veracruz, Mexico | 78.0 | 19.377 | -96.289 | 08/18/04 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 25 | T-26 | 09/04/03 | Venice, LA | 34.1 | 28.960 | -89.204 | 11/10/03 | 11/10/03 | 28.991 | -88.939 | NO | 67 | 26 | 0.39 |
| 26 | T-27 | 09/04/03 | Venice, LA | 27.3 | 28.945 | -89.200 | 02/10/04 | 02/10/04 | 24.698 | -81.996 | NO | 159 | 857.4 | 5.39 |
| 27 | T-28 | 05/29/05 | Veracruz, Mexico | 84.6 | 19.360 | -96.290 | 08/31/05 | 07/07/05 | 21.693 | -97.463 | NO | 39 | 287.1 | 7.36 |
| 28 | T-30 | 05/11/04 | Veracruz, Mexico | 80.0 | 19.366 | -96.274 | 09/01/04 | 06/06/04 | 26.255 | -97.291 | YES | 26 | 773.9 | 29.77 |
| 29 | T-31 | 05/10/06 | Ocean Reef, FL | 31.8 | 25.333 | -80.267 | 10/30/06 | 06/05/06 | 24.839 | -80.802 | NO | 26 | 77 | 2.96 |
| 30 | T-32 | 05/28/05 | Veracruz, Mexico | 77.4 | 19.323 | -96.277 | 09/15/05 | 09/07/05 | 28.931 | -91.014 | NO | 102 | 1195.3 | 11.72 |
| 31 | T-33 | 05/29/05 | Veracruz, Mexico | 49.7 | 19.360 | -96.290 | 09/30/05 | 08/28/05 | 29.196 | -92.733 | NO | 91 | 1152.7 | 12.67 |
| 32 | T-34 | 05/30/07 | Veracruz, Mexico | 50.0 | 19.360 | -96.290 | 06/30/07 | no heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 33 | T-35 | 05/15/06 | Bahia Honda, FL | 37.4 | 24.658 | -81.263 | 10/01/06 | 05/20/06 | 24.392 | -81.370 | NO | 5 | 31.5 | 6.30 |
| 34 | T-36 | 05/15/06 | Bahia Honda, FL | 20.9 | 24.658 | -81.263 | 10/01/06 | 06/07/06 | 24.864 | -80.504 | NO | 23 | 80.1 | 3.48 |
| 35 | T-37 | 08/05/06 | Galveston, Texas | 44.0 | 29.176 | -94.913 | 12/25/06 | 10/12/06 | 28.122 | -96.781 | NO | 68 | 216.9 | 3.19 |
| 36 | T-38 | 06/01/06 | Key Largo, FL | 44.0 | 25.276 | -80.290 | 10/04/06 | 07/01/06 | 29.020 | -80.911 | NO | 30 | 421.3 | 14.04 |
| 37 | T-39 | 05/27/06 | Veracruz, Mexico | 84.9 | 19.347 | -96.291 | 10/20/06 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 38 | T-40 | 08/05/06 | Galveston, Texas | 50.3 | 29.176 | -94.913 | 01/08/07 | 08/13/06 | 28.225 | -96.634 | NO | 8 | 198.6 | 24.83 |
| 39 | T-41 | 05/28/06 | Veracruz, Mexico | 40.8 | 19.371 | -96.295 | 11/03/06 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 40 | T-42 | 05/28/06 | Veracruz, Mexico | 62.7 | 19.344 | -96.296 | 11/10/06 | 11/11/06 | 27.502 | -97.265 | YES | 167 | 913.5 | 5.47 |
| 41 | T-43 | 05/28/06 | Veracruz, Mexico | 77.5 | 19.370 | -96.294 | 11/06/06 | 11/11/06 | 27.352 | -97.322 | YES | 167 | 894.7 | 5.36 |
| 42 | T-44 | 05/28/06 | Veracruz, Mexico | 57.7 | 19.369 | -96.295 | 11/15/06 | 09/09/06 | 29.666 | -93.500 | YES | 104 | 1180.6 | 11.35 |
| 43 | T-45 | 08/15/06 | Trinidad, BWI | 36.4 | 10.686 | -61.714 | 04/02/07 | 09/26/06 | 13.316 | -63.271 | NO | 42 | 338.3 | 8.05 |
| 44 | T-46 | 08/15/06 | Trinidad, BWI | 55.4 | 10.678 | -61.721 | 02/05/07 | 09/18/06 | 12.696 | -63.529 | NO | 34 | 298.8 | 8.79 |
| 45 | T-47 | 08/16/06 | Trinidad, BWI | 41.4 | 10.689 | -61.711 | 05/02/07 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 46 | T-48 | 09/10/06 | Port O'Connor, TX | 54.7 | 28.406 | -96.395 | 01/08/07 | 11/30/06 | 28.404 | -96.411 | YES | 81 | 1.6 | 0.02 |
| 47 | T-49 | 09/30/06 | Coatzacoalcos, Mexico | 43.8 | 18.187 | -94.436 | 01/22/07 | 11/26/06 | 18.194 | -94.206 | NO | 57 | 24.3 | 0.43 |
| 48 | T-50 | 09/30/06 | Coatzacoalcos, Mexico | 42.7 | 18.187 | -94.431 | 02/12/07 | 11/22/06 | 18.016 | -94.548 | NO | 53 | 22.7 | 0.43 |
| 49 | T-51 | 09/30/06 | Coatzacoalcos, Mexico | 44.5 | 18.182 | -94.436 | 02/26/07 | 11/21/06 | 21.676 | -97.464 | NO | 52 | 501.7 | 9.65 |
| 50 | T-52 | 10/16/06 | Jensen Beach, FL | 64.2 | 27.165 | -80.174 | 01/29/07 | 10/22/06 | 27.227 | -80.297 | YES | 6 | 14 | 2.33 |
| 51 | T-53 | 06/11/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 47.3 | 24.841 | -80.749 | 07/15/07 | 07/15/07 | 25.953 | -80.125 | YES | 34 | 138.8 | 4.08 |
| 52 | T-54 | 10/16/06 | Jensen Beach, FL | 51.8 | 27.196 | -80.208 | 03/12/07 | 11/20/06 | 27.466 | -80.303 | YES | 35 | 31.5 | 0.90 |
| 53 | T-55 | 05/13/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 70.8 | 24.837 | -80.751 | 06/16/07 | 05/29/07 | 27.177 | -80.157 | YES | 16 | 267.2 | 16.70 |
| 54 | T-56 | 05/21/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 48.2 | 24.843 | -80.753 | 07/01/07 | 07/01/07 | 28.373 | -80.581 | YES | 41 | 393.3 | 9.59 |
| 55 | T-57 | 05/14/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 44.1 | 24.858 | -80.746 | 07/01/07 | 07/01/07 | 24.788 | -81.449 | YES | 48 | 71.5 | 1.49 |
| 56 | T-58 | 05/13/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 43.5 | 24.852 | -80.753 | 06/15/07 | 05/26/07 | 24.709 | -81.109 | YES | 13 | 39.3 | 3.02 |
| 57 | T-59 | 05/14/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 53.2 | 24.852 | -80.753 | 07/16/07 | 07/16/07 | 24.736 | -80.988 | YES | 63 | 27 | 0.43 |
| 58 | T-60 | 04/29/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 57.6 | 24.837 | -80.751 | 07/02/07 | 07/02/07 | 25.387 | -81.178 | YES | 64 | 74.8 | 1.17 |
| 59 | T-61 | 04/29/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 34.6 | 24.837 | -80.751 | 07/03/07 | 05/28/07 | 28.448 | -80.535 | YES | 29 | 402.6 | 13.88 |
| 60 | T-62 | 06/11/07 | Bahia Honda, FL | 30.5 | 24.652 | -81.290 | 07/31/07 | 07/05/07 | 27.990 | -80.019 | NO | 24 | 392.6 | 16.36 |
| 61 | T-63 | 04/29/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 55.1 | 24.841 | -80.749 | 07/03/07 | not heard | no loc | NO | | 0 | | |
| 62 | T-64 | 07/24/07 | Hutchinson Island, FL | 40.9 | 27.205 | -80.166 | 09/10/07 | 09/10/07 | 30.224 | -81.414 | NO | 48 | 357.5 | 7.45 |
| 63 | T-65 | 07/23/07 | St Lucie, FL | 46.2 | 27.169 | -80.180 | 09/10/07 | 09/10/07 | 27.244 | -80.225 | YES | 49 | 9.5 | 0.19 |
| 64 | T-66 | 05/21/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 43.5 | 24.844 | -80.771 | 08/29/07 | 07/11/07 | 25.698 | -81.181 | YES | 51 | 103.6 | 2.03 |

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|-----|-------|----------|------------------------|------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-----|-----|--------|-------|
| 65 | T-67 | 05/30/07 | Veracruz, Mexico | 55.7 | 19.370 | -96.288 | 09/05/07 | 09/05/07 | 28.898 | -89.372 | NO | 98 | 1271.5 | 12.97 |
| 66 | T-68 | 05/12/07 | Florida Bay, FL | 22.9 | 24.844 | -80.771 | 09/13/07 | 09/13/07 | 24.749 | -80.980 | YES | 124 | 23.6 | 0.19 |
| 67 | T-69 | 05/30/07 | Veracruz, Mexico | 76.3 | 19.378 | -96.283 | 09/05/07 | 09/05/07 | 28.414 | -90.151 | YES | 98 | 1183.2 | 12.07 |
| 68 | T-70 | 05/30/07 | Veracruz, Mexico | 50.2 | 19.368 | -96.292 | 09/05/07 | 09/05/07 | 18.551 | -91.779 | NO | 98 | 483.7 | 4.94 |
| 69 | T-71 | 05/30/07 | Veracruz, Mexico | 40.8 | 19.375 | -96.296 | 09/05/07 | 08/27/07 | 29.552 | -94.375 | NO | 89 | 1149.4 | 12.91 |
| 70 | T-72 | 05/30/07 | Veracruz, Mexico | 46.8 | 19.378 | -96.283 | 09/05/07 | 09/05/07 | 18.702 | -92.855 | NO | 98 | 368.5 | 3.76 |
| 71 | T-73 | 08/04/07 | Galveston, TX | 49.6 | 29.091 | -95.014 | 11/26/07 | 08/21/07 | 29.017 | -95.223 | YES | 17 | 21.9 | 1.29 |
| 72 | T-74 | 08/04/07 | Galveston, TX | 51.2 | 29.097 | -94.988 | 11/26/07 | 08/17/07 | 29.716 | -93.562 | YES | 13 | 154.5 | 11.88 |
| 73 | T-75 | 08/04/07 | Galveston, TX | 51.3 | 29.096 | -94.993 | 12/06/07 | 10/08/07 | 28.419 | -96.343 | YES | 65 | 151.8 | 2.34 |
| 74 | T-76 | 09/05/07 | Mobile Bay, AL | 40.9 | 30.565 | -87.982 | 01/10/08 | 12/03/07 | 25.385 | -81.036 | YES | 89 | 893.4 | 10.04 |
| 75 | T-77 | 08/15/07 | Trinidad, BWI | 44.0 | 10.681 | -61.705 | 12/15/07 | 11/05/07 | 11.352 | -62.261 | NO | 82 | 96.3 | 1.17 |
| 76 | T-78 | 10/20/07 | Port Isabel, TX | 52.0 | 26.067 | -97.145 | 02/20/08 | 11/01/07 | 24.459 | -97.492 | NO | 12 | 182.4 | 15.20 |
| 77 | T-79 | 09/08/07 | Port O'Connor, TX | 32.4 | 28.568 | -96.628 | 01/15/08 | 09/17/07 | 28.158 | -96.730 | YES | 9 | 46.7 | 5.19 |
| 78 | T-80 | 09/08/07 | Port O'Connor, TX | 44.5 | 28.571 | -96.626 | 01/15/08 | 09/16/07 | 27.563 | -97.406 | YES | 8 | 135.9 | 16.99 |
| 79 | T-81 | 05/27/09 | Bahia Honda, FL | 48.5 | 24.656 | -81.289 | 08/25/09 | not heard | no loc | | NO | | 0 | |
| 80 | T-82 | 09/08/07 | Port O'Connor, TX | 48.5 | 28.335 | -96.384 | 01/30/08 | 01/28/08 | 20.631 | -97.092 | NO | 142 | 860.6 | 6.06 |
| 81 | T-83 | 08/15/07 | Trinidad, BWI | 37.4 | 10.697 | -61.759 | 02/11/08 | 11/06/07 | 16.998 | -62.294 | NO | 83 | 740 | 8.92 |
| 82 | T-84 | 08/14/07 | Trinidad, BWI | 47.3 | 10.697 | -61.759 | 02/04/08 | 08/29/07 | 11.763 | -62.711 | NO | 15 | 157.8 | 10.52 |
| 83 | T-85 | 10/11/07 | Naples, FL | 56.7 | 25.897 | -81.638 | 02/05/08 | 10/23/07 | 25.951 | -81.510 | YES | 12 | 14.2 | 1.18 |
| 84 | T-86 | 09/08/07 | Port O'Connor, TX | 50.3 | 28.587 | -96.596 | 01/15/08 | 01/15/08 | 20.888 | -97.064 | NO | 129 | 858.4 | 6.65 |
| 85 | T-87 | 01/22/09 | San Juan, Nicaragua | 47.4 | 11.038 | -84.474 | 07/20/09 | 05/18/09 | 9.922 | -82.549 | NO | 116 | 244.6 | 2.11 |
| 86 | T-88 | 01/23/09 | San Juan, Nicaragua | 66.0 | 11.031 | -84.463 | 07/20/09 | 03/02/09 | 10.780 | -83.583 | NO | 38 | 100.2 | 2.64 |
| 87 | T-89 | 09/06/08 | Port O'Connor, TX | 33.1 | 28.293 | -96.478 | 03/01/09 | 09/26/08 | 27.835 | -97.067 | NO | 20 | 77.1 | 3.86 |
| 88 | T-90 | 09/08/07 | Port O'Connor, TX | 43.5 | 28.559 | -96.607 | 03/15/08 | 09/12/07 | 28.106 | -96.801 | YES | 4 | 53.9 | 13.48 |
| 89 | T-91 | 01/20/09 | San Juan, Nicaragua | 60.3 | 11.041 | -84.476 | 07/20/09 | 02/24/09 | 10.811 | -83.586 | NO | 35 | 100.6 | 2.87 |
| 90 | T-92 | 06/16/08 | Nicaragua | 52.0 | 26.712 | -82.263 | 11/15/08 | 06/30/08 | 26.776 | -82.531 | YES | 14 | 27.6 | 1.97 |
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| 99 | T-103 | 05/05/08 | Boca Grande, FL | 32.3 | 24.853 | -80.750 | 09/15/08 | 09/16/08 | 30.500 | -81.230 | YES | 134 | 630.4 | 4.70 |
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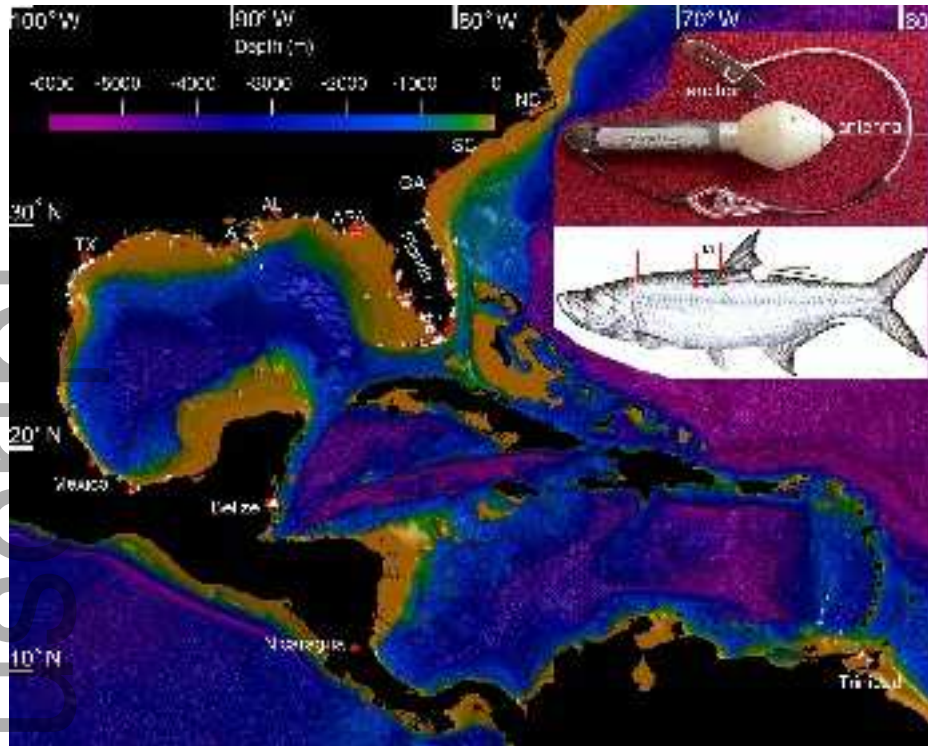
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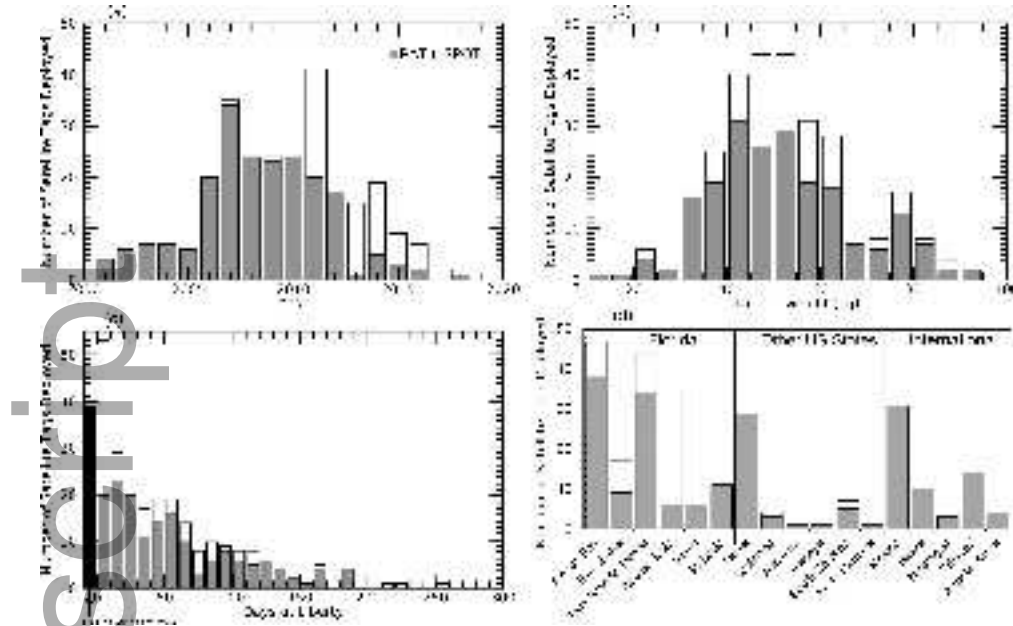
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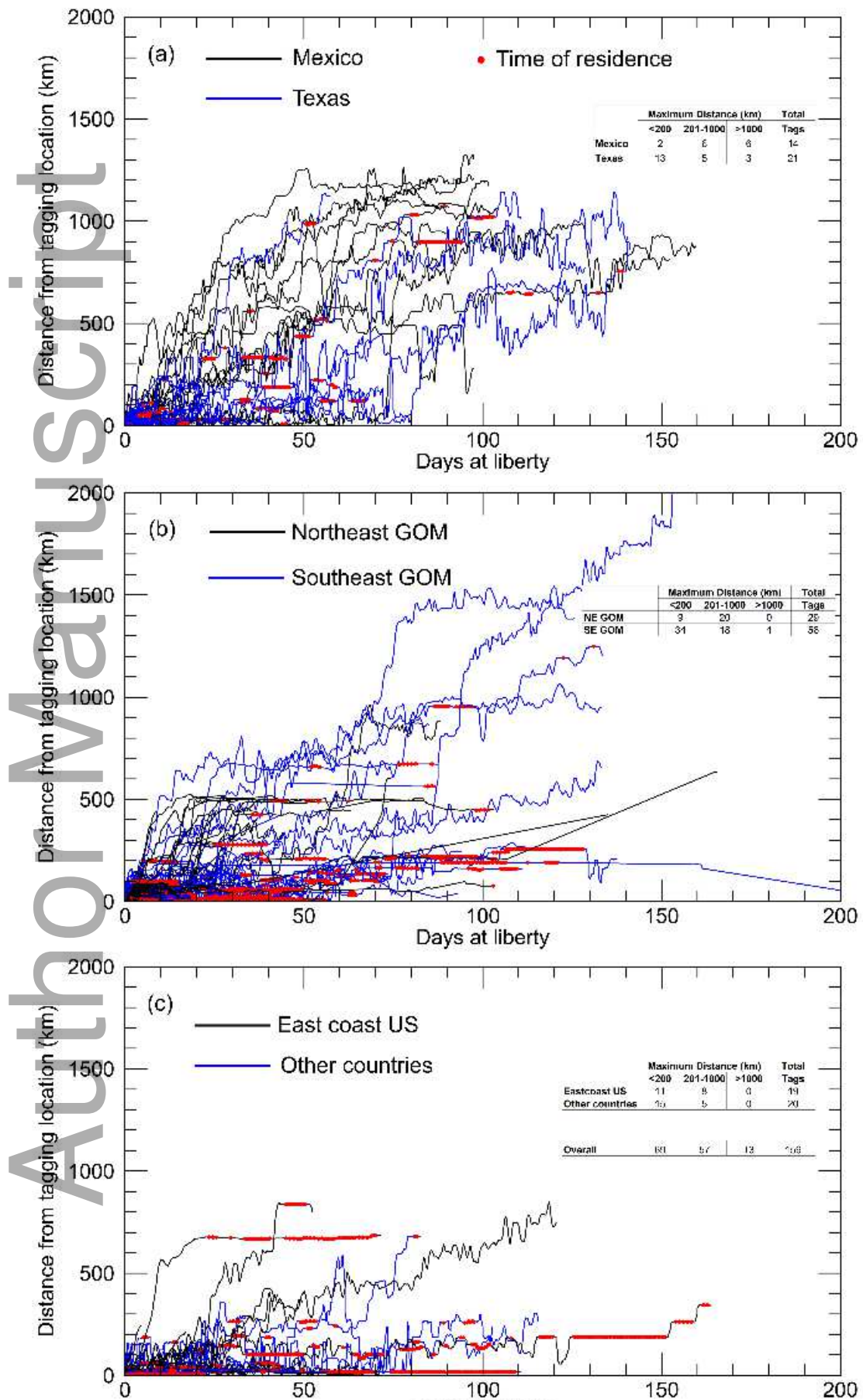
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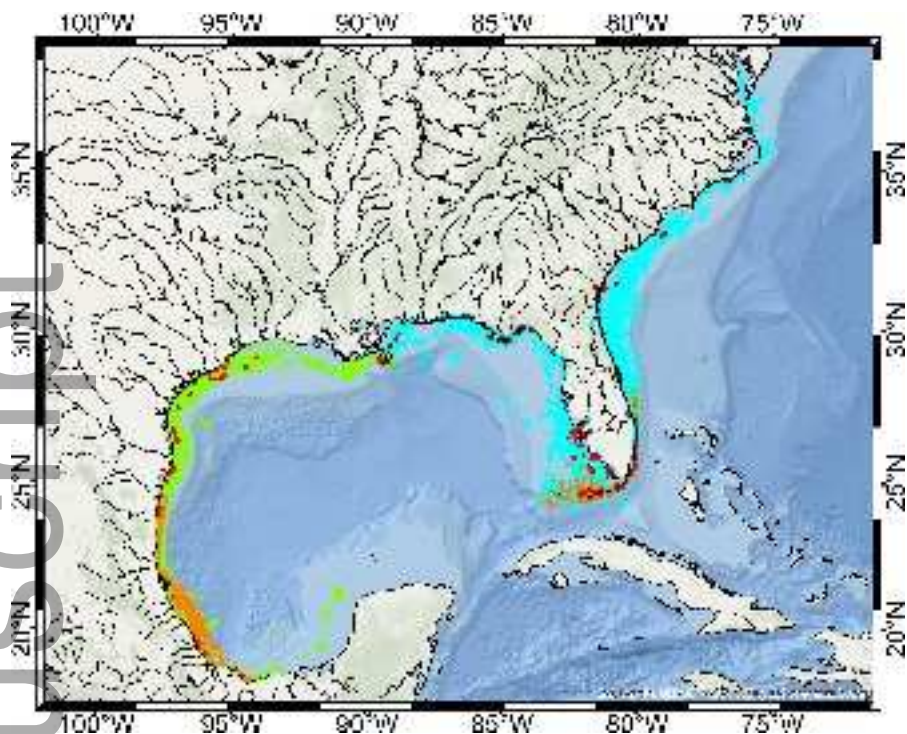
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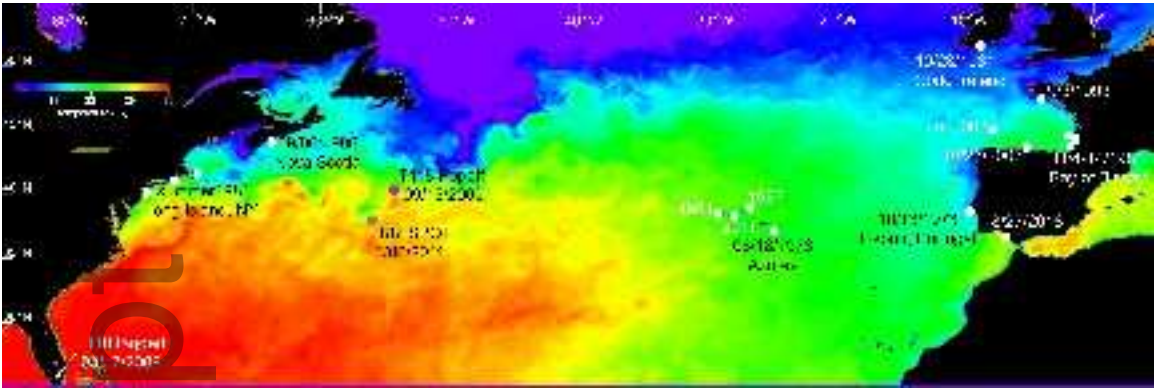
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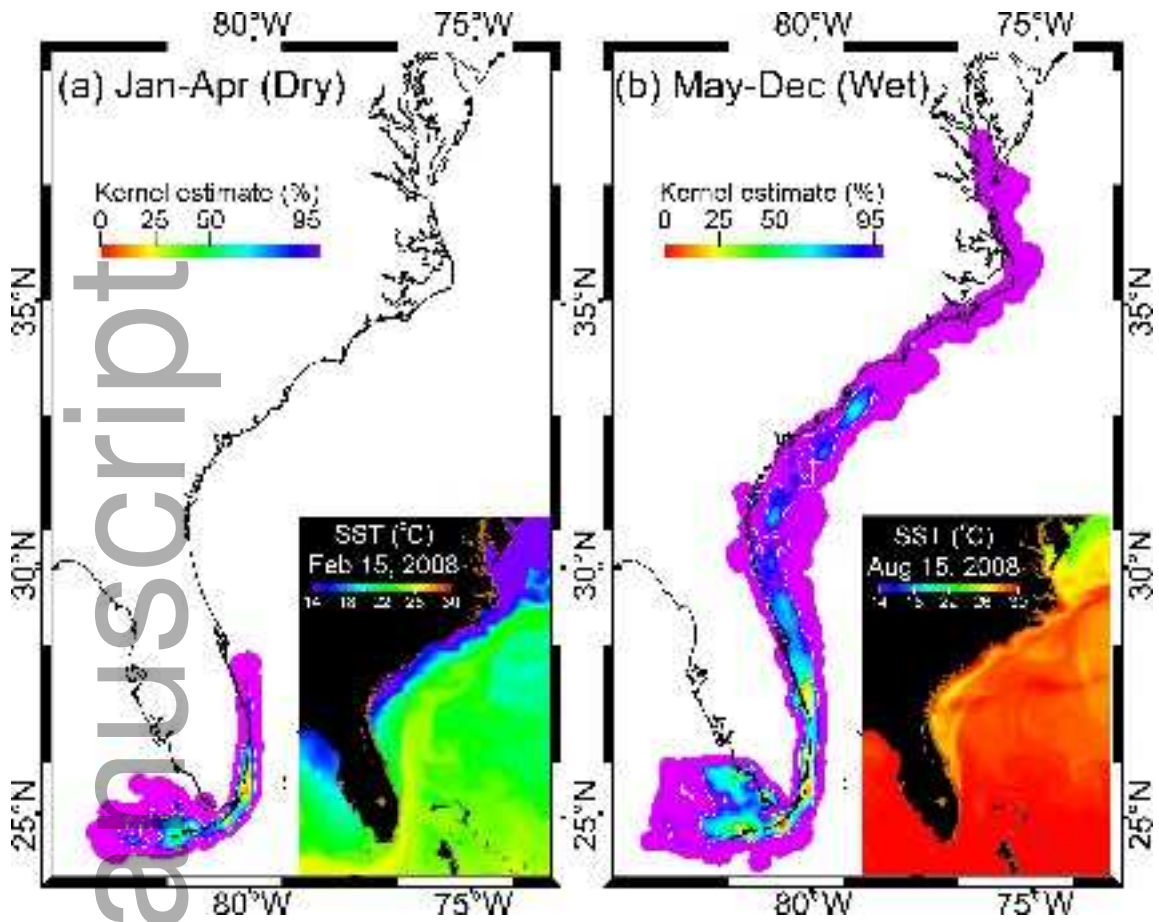


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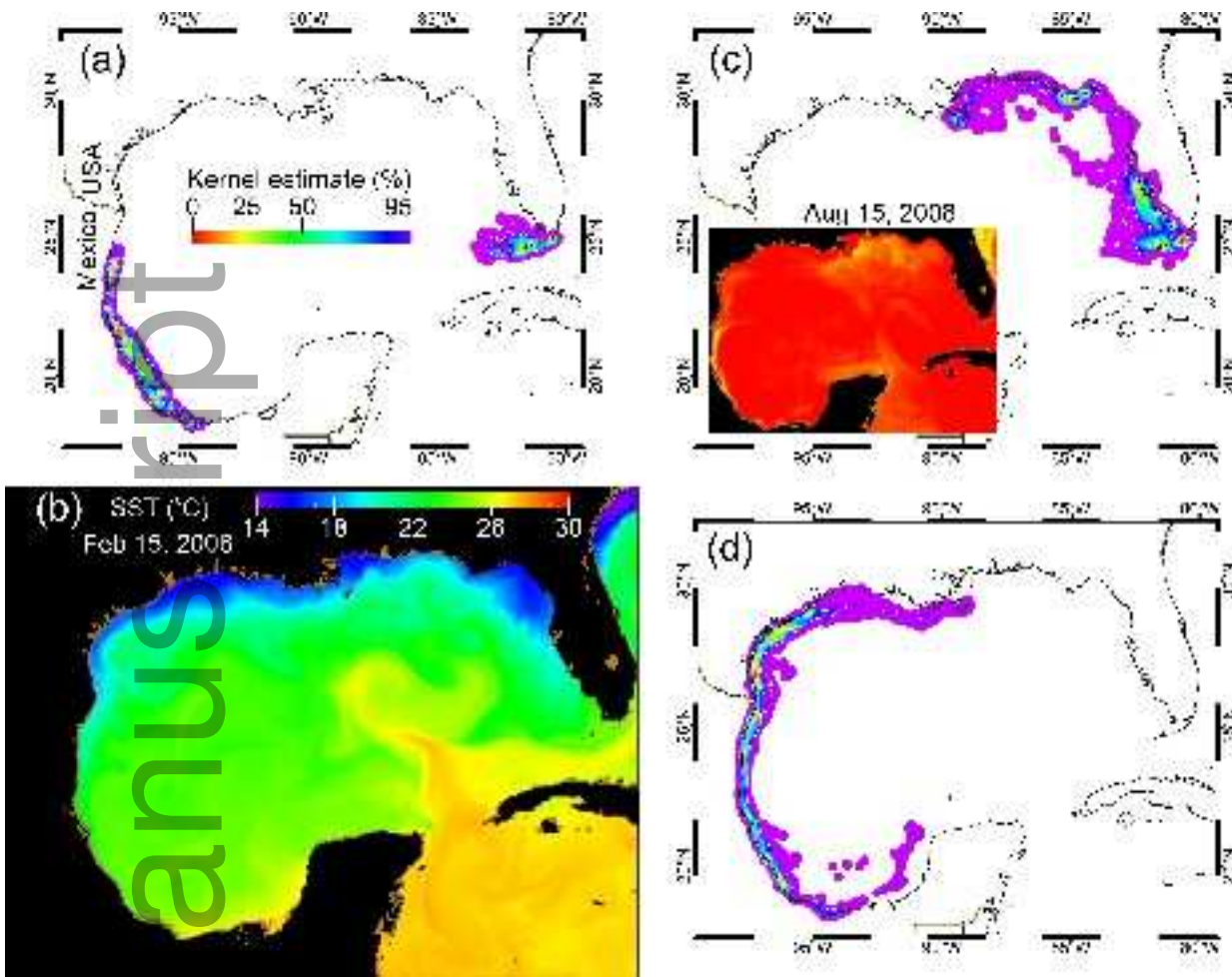


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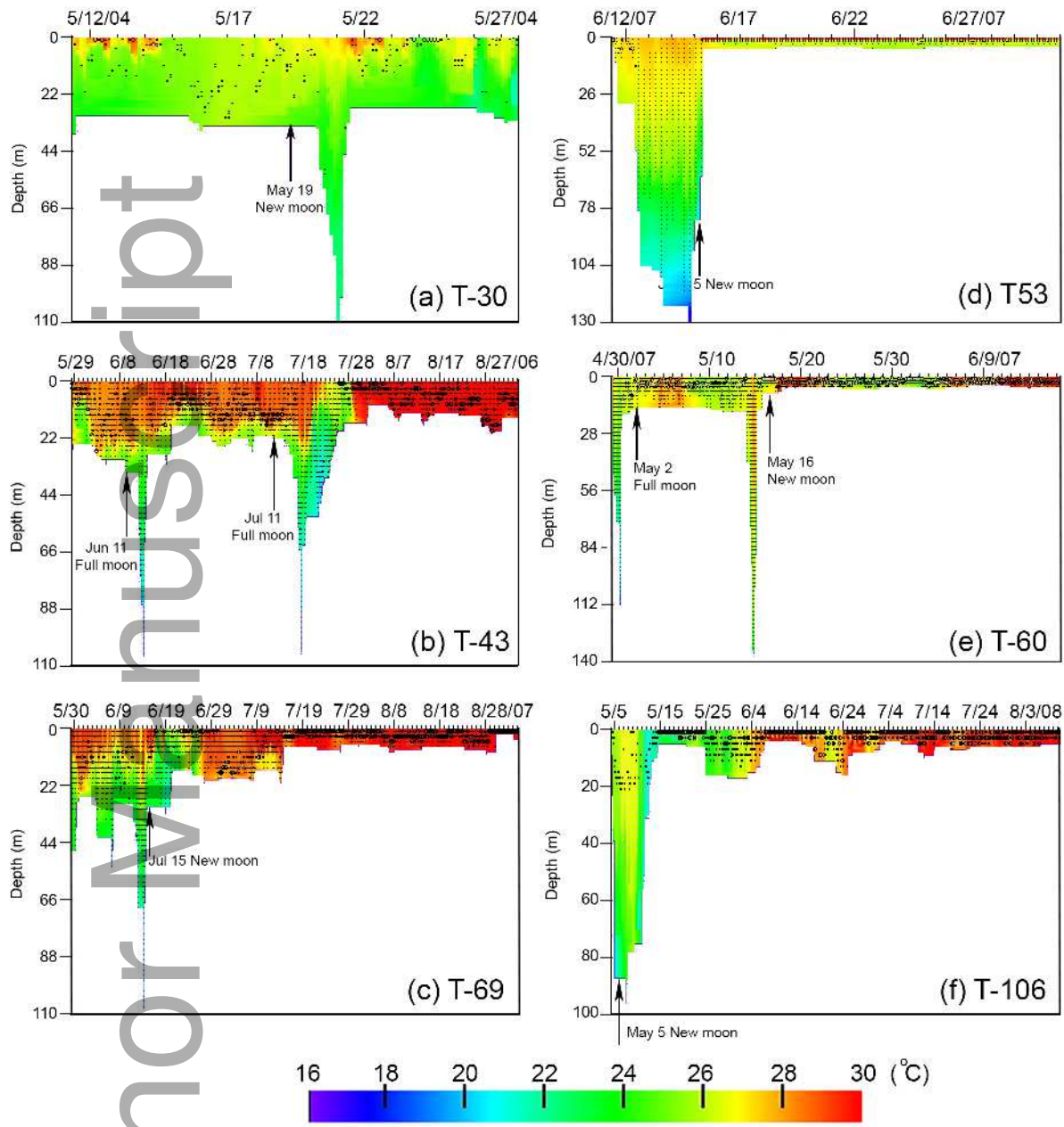
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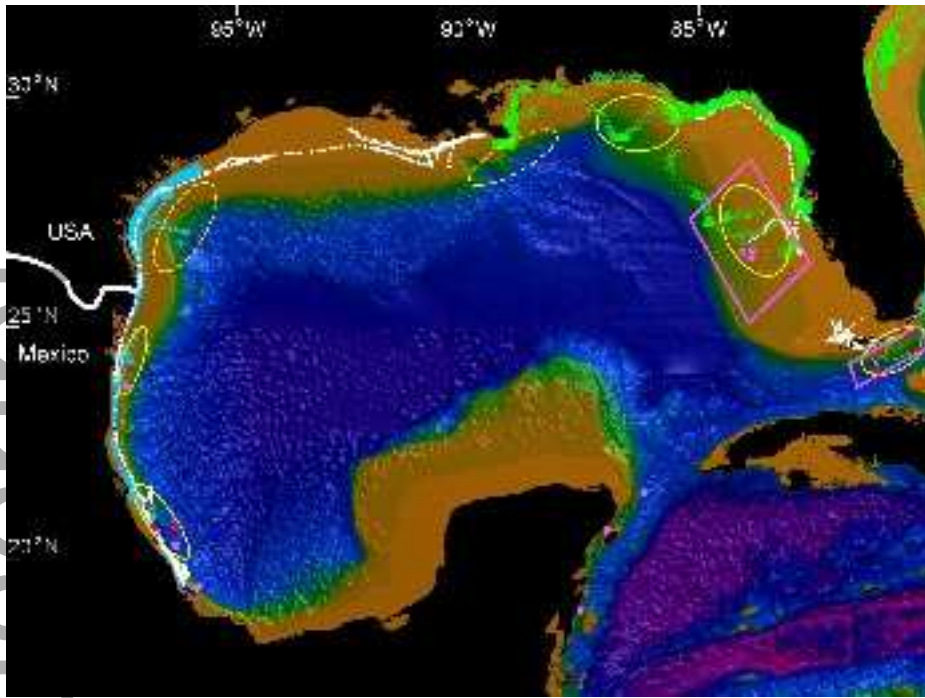


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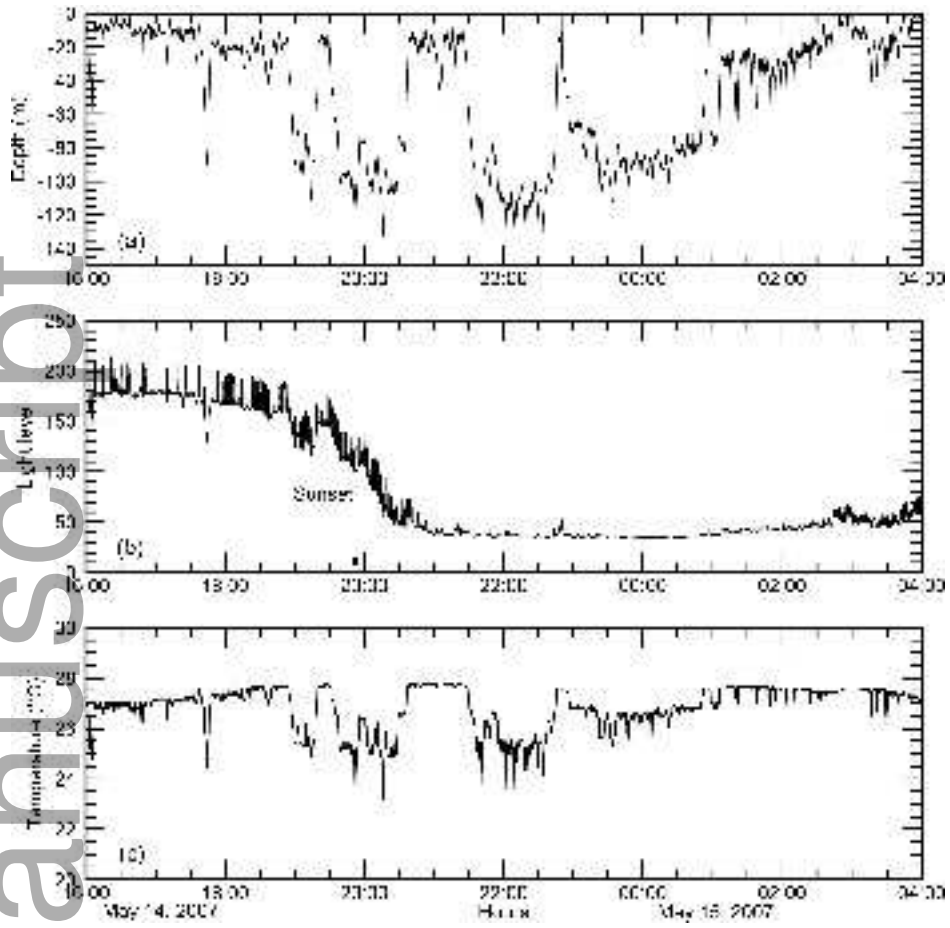
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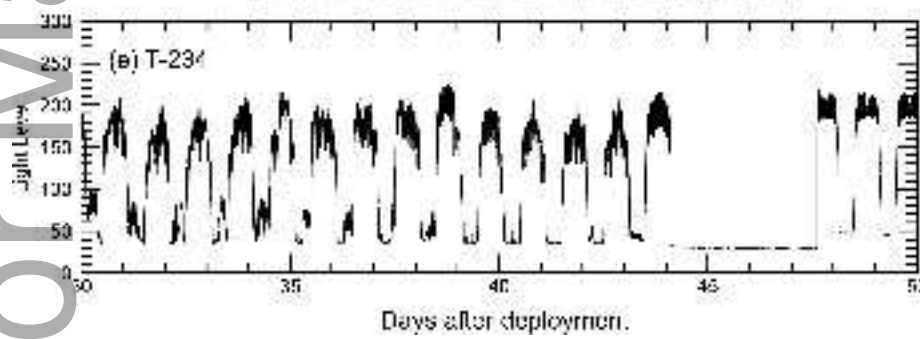
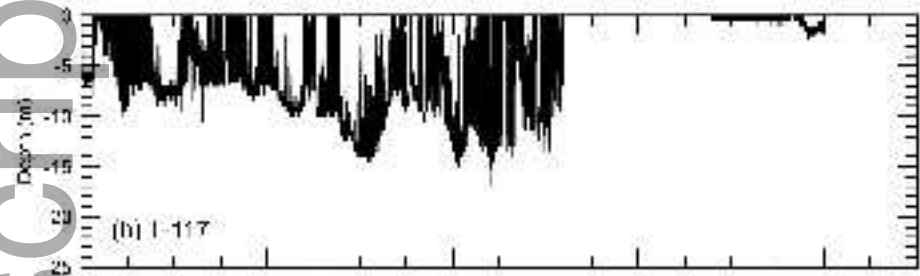
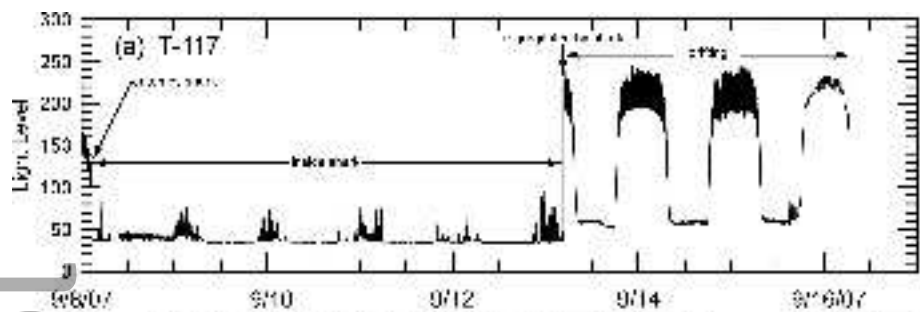


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