



Water Quality Monitoring Project for the Water Quality Protection Program

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Summary 2016

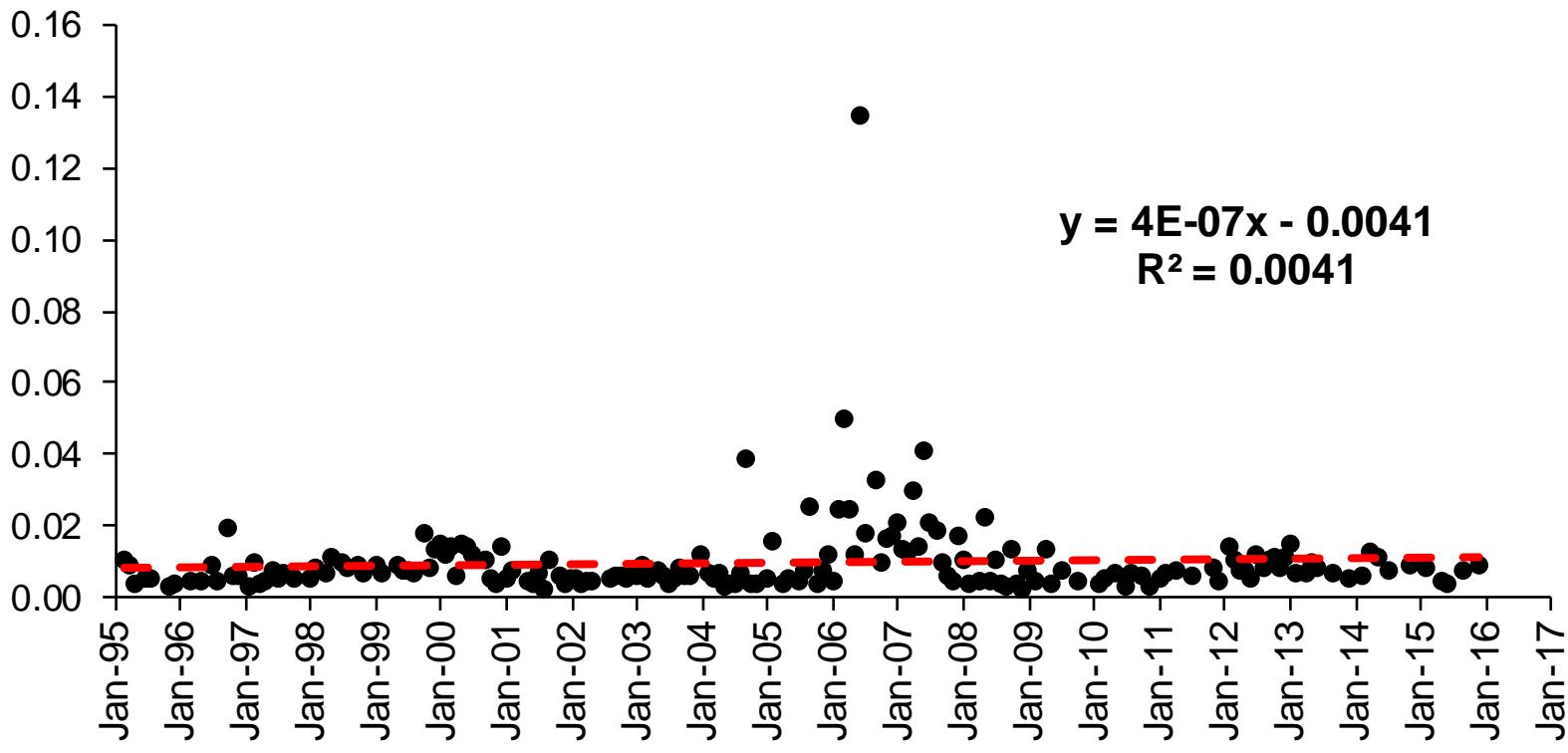
Water Quality Targets

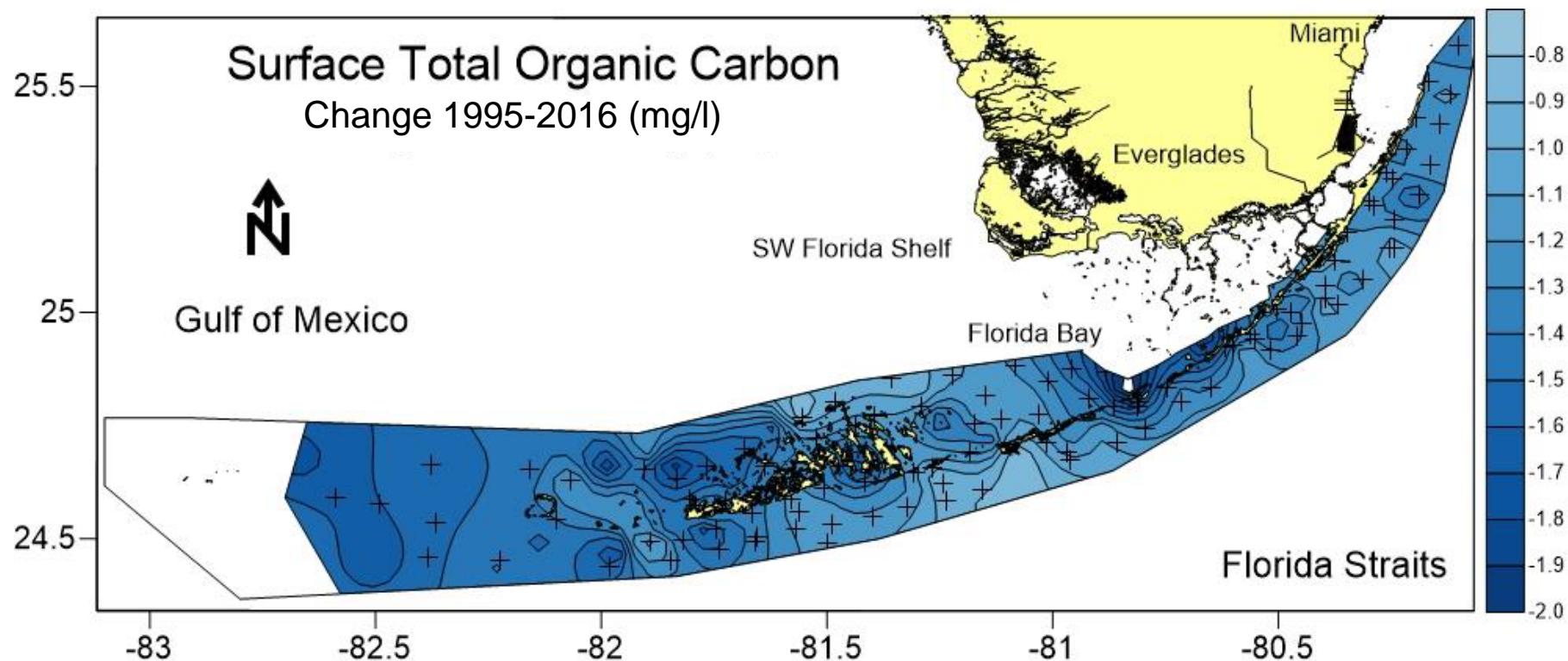
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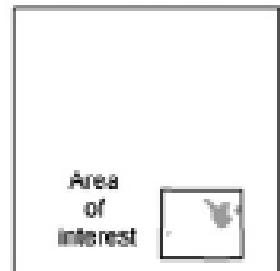
All Stations (excluding SHORE)

Year	CHLA $\leq 0.35 \mu\text{g l}^{-1}$	$K_d \leq 0.20 \text{ m}^{-1}$	DIN $\leq 0.75 \mu\text{M}$ $(0.010 \text{ mg l}^{-1})$	TP $\leq 0.25 \mu\text{M}$ $(0.008 \text{ mg l}^{-1})$
1995-05	1778 of 2367 (75.1%)	1042 of 1597 (65.2%)	7826 of 10254 (76.3%)	7810 of 10267 (76.1%)
2006	196 of 225 (87.1%)	199 of 225 (88.4%)	432 of 990 (43.6%)	316 of 995 (31.8%)
2007	198 of 226 (87.6%)	202 of 222 (91.0%)	549 of 993 (55.3%)	635 of 972 (65.3%)
2008	177 of 228 (77.6%)	181 of 218 (83.0%)	836 of 1,000 (83.6%)	697 of 1,004 (69.4%)
2009	208 of 228 (91.2%)	189 of 219 (86.3%)	858 of 1,003 (85.5%)	869 of 1,004 (86.6%)
2010	170 of 227 (74.9%)	176 of 206 (85.4%)	843 of 1,000 (84.3%)	738 of 1,003 (73.6%)
2011	146 of 215 (67.9%)	156 of 213 (73.2%)	813 of 1,012 (80.3 %)	911 of 1,013 (89.9 %)
2012	142 of 168 (84.5%)	135 of 168 (80.4%)	489 of 683 (71.6 %)	634 of 684 (92.7 %)
2013	148 of 172 (86.0%)	150 of 172 (87.2%)	496 of 688 (72.1 %)	603 of 688 (87.6 %)
2014	141 of 172 (82.0%)	133 of 172 (77.3%)	426 of 690 (61.7%)	540 of 690 (78.3%)
2015	122 of 172 (70.9%)	135 of 172 (78.5%)	487 of 688 (70.8%)	613 of 688 (89.1%)
2016	131 of 172 (76.2%)	129 of 170 (75.9%)	427 of 687 (62.2%)	549 of 688 (79.8%)

DIN S cumulative sum







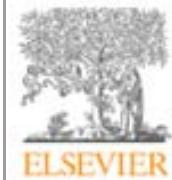
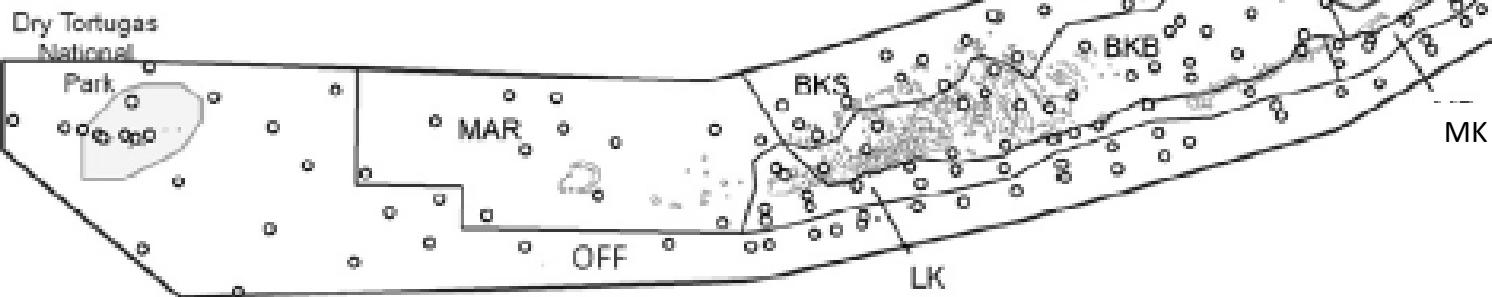
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- FK MEXICO
 - Segment
 - National Park
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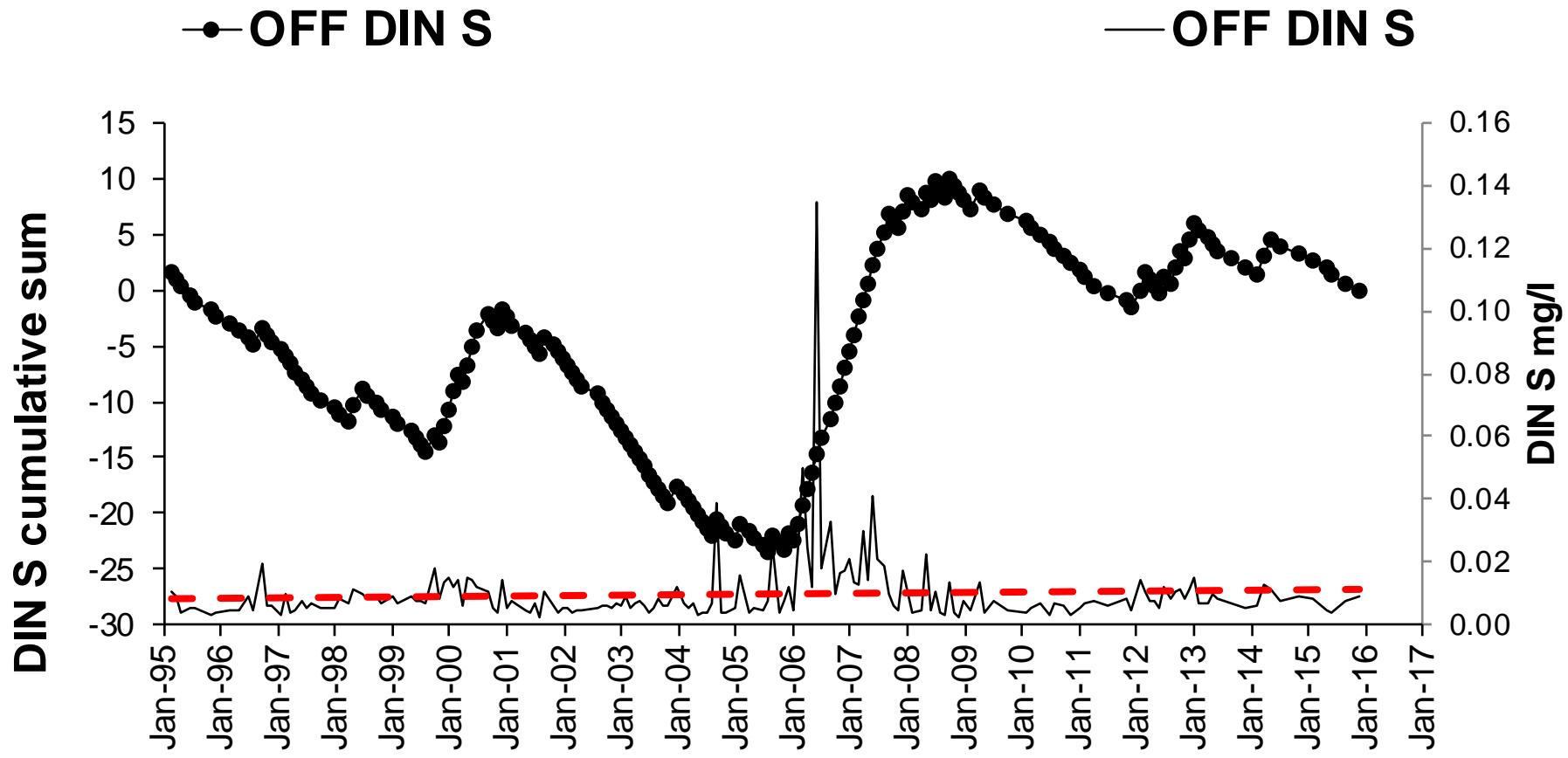
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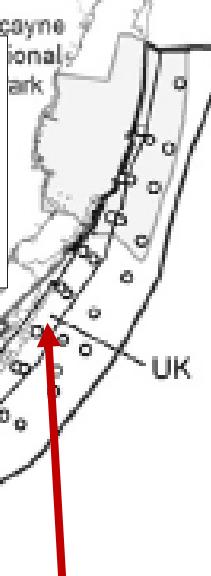
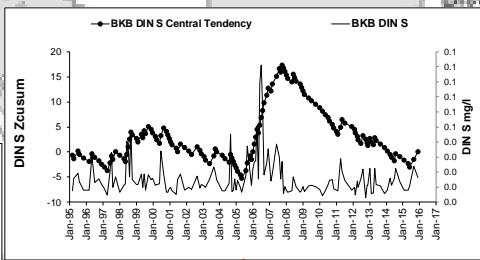
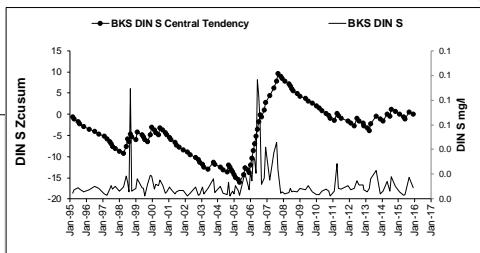
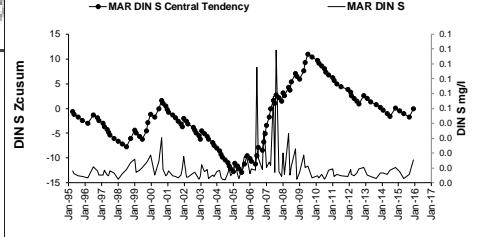


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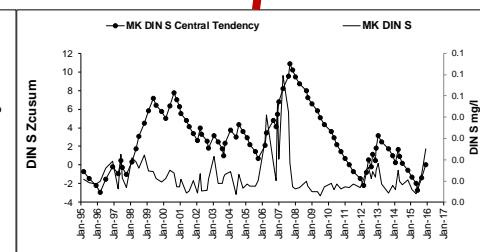
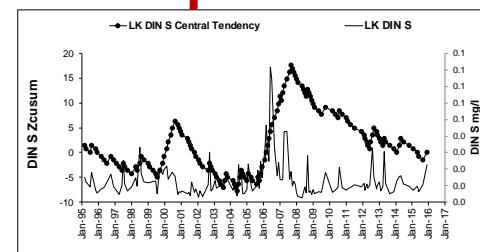
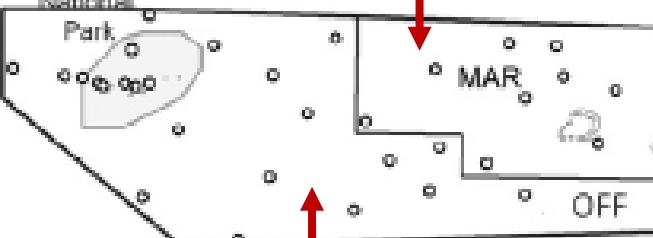
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Dry Tortugas
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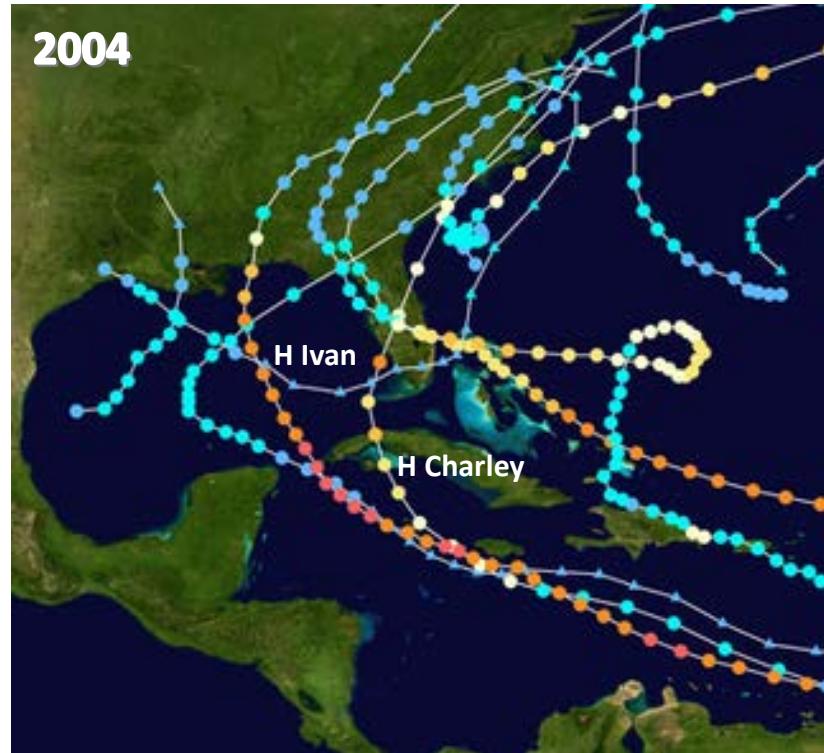
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1999



2004

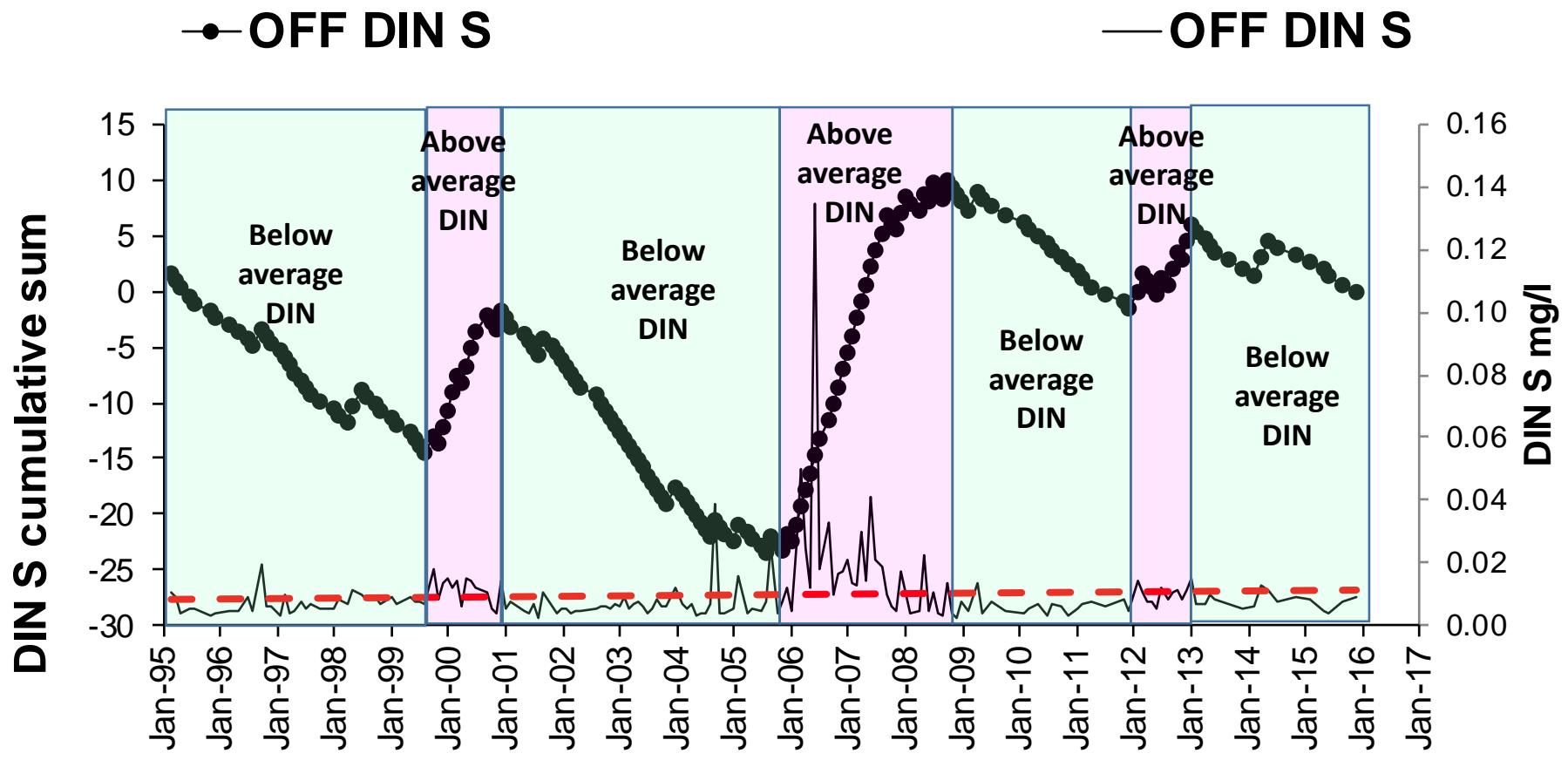


2005



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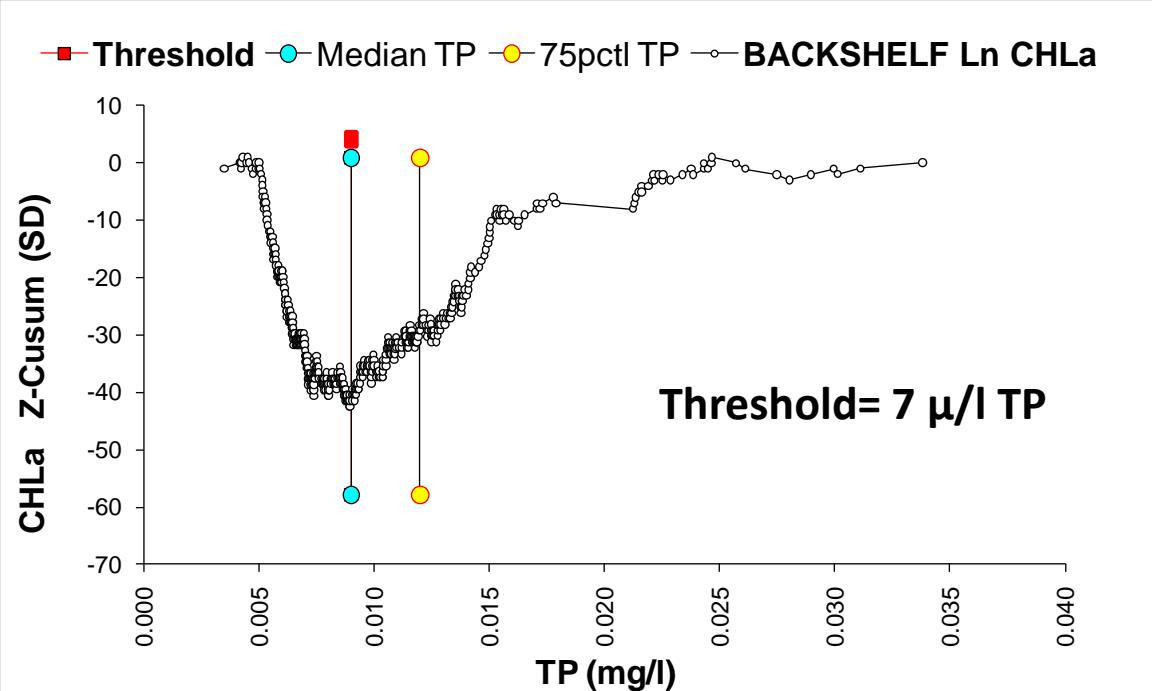




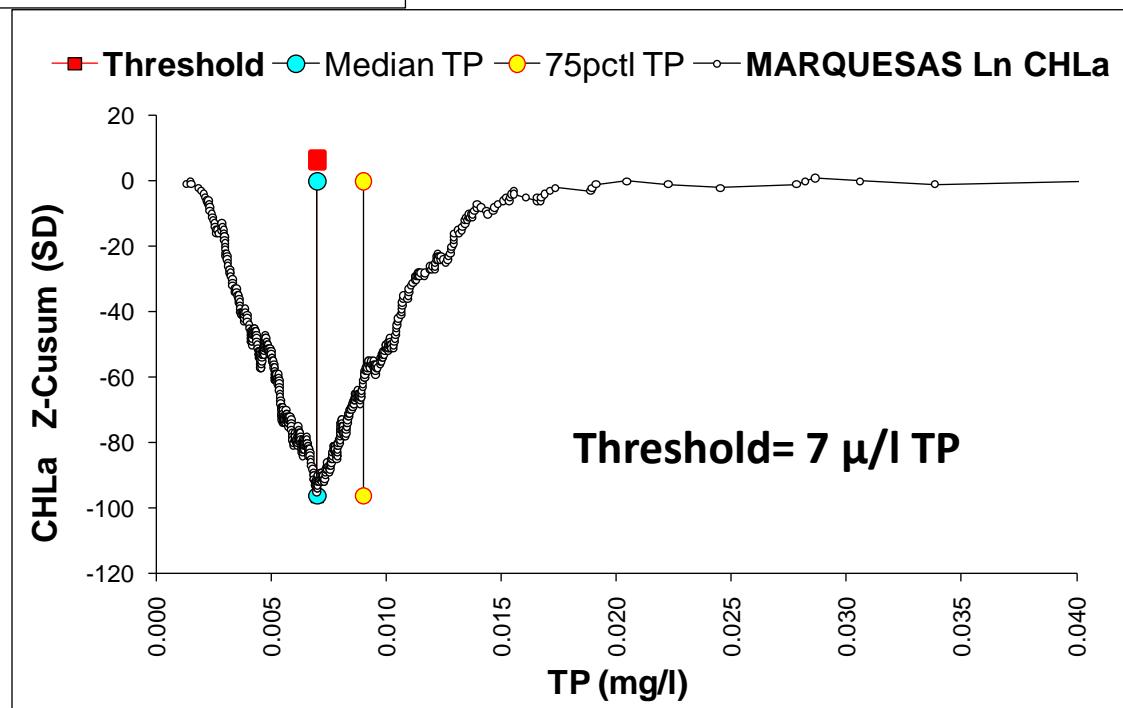
Quantitatively, more important than Long-Term trend are deviations from central tendency caused by events (natural or human induced)

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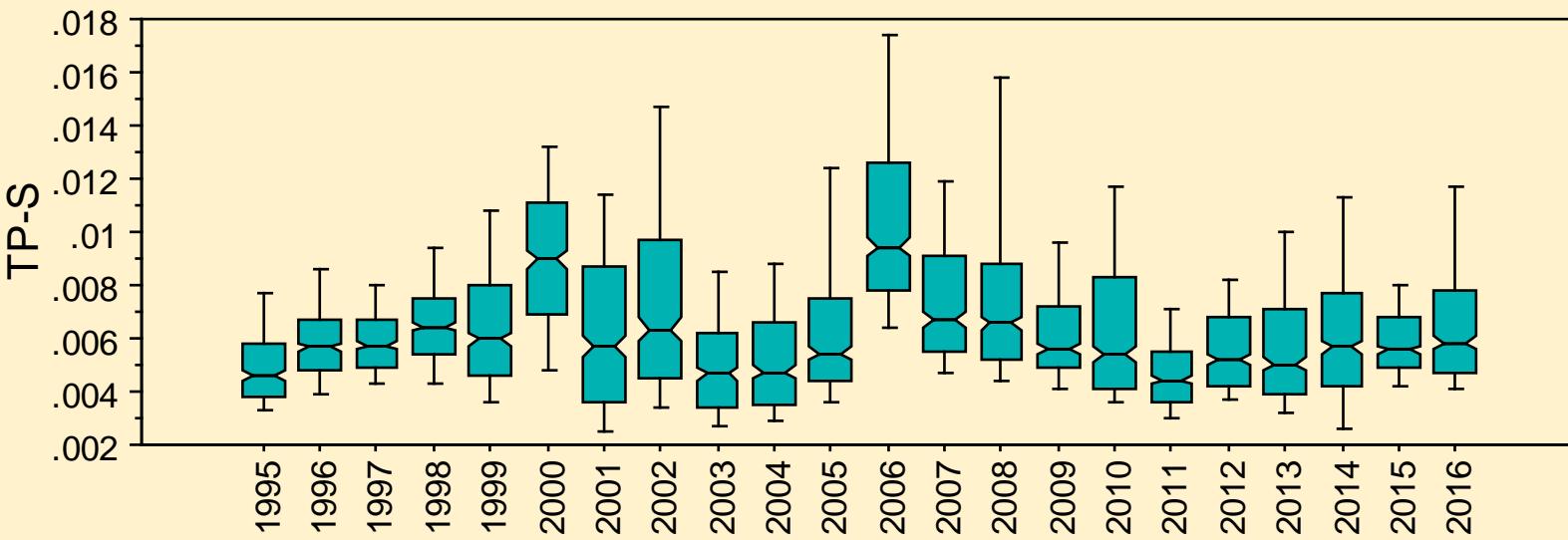
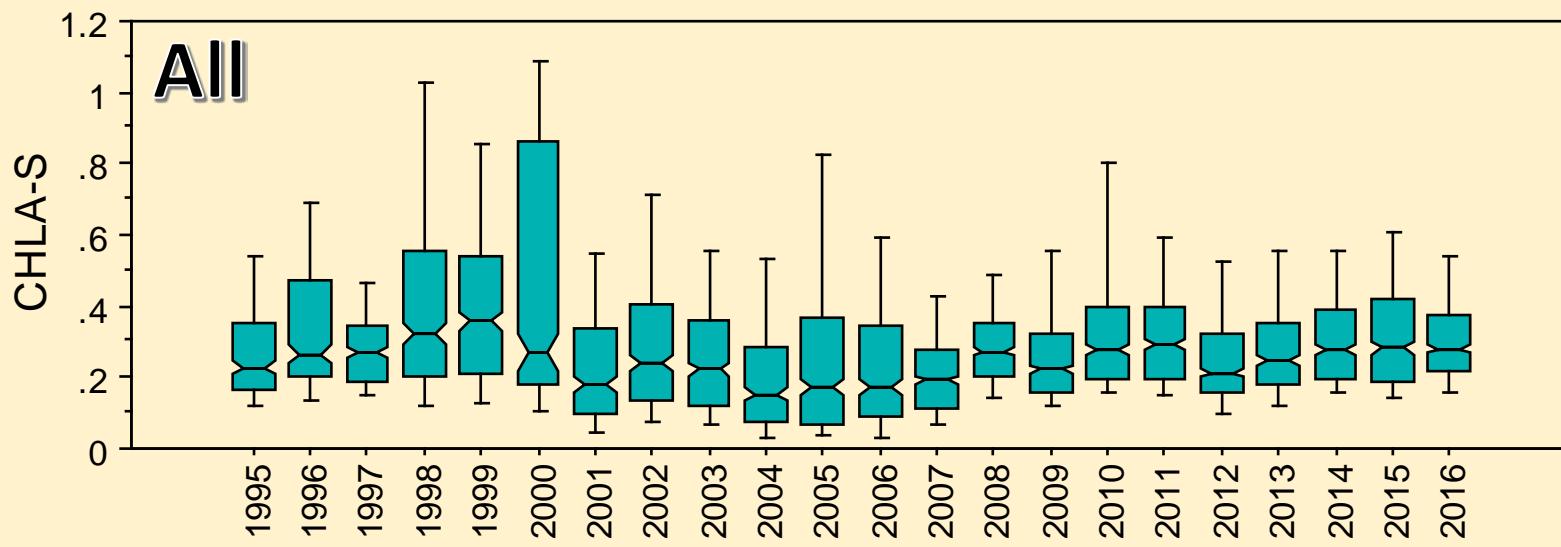
	TP	TN
1. Back Bay	0.009 mg/L	0.25 mg/L
2. Backshelf	0.011 mg/L	0.23 mg/L
3. Lower Keys	0.008 mg/L	0.21 mg/L
4. Marquesas	0.008 mg/L	0.21 mg/L
5. Middle Keys	0.007 mg/L	0.22 mg/L
6. Oceanside	0.007 mg/L	0.17 mg/L
7. Upper Keys	0.007 mg/L	0.18 mg/L

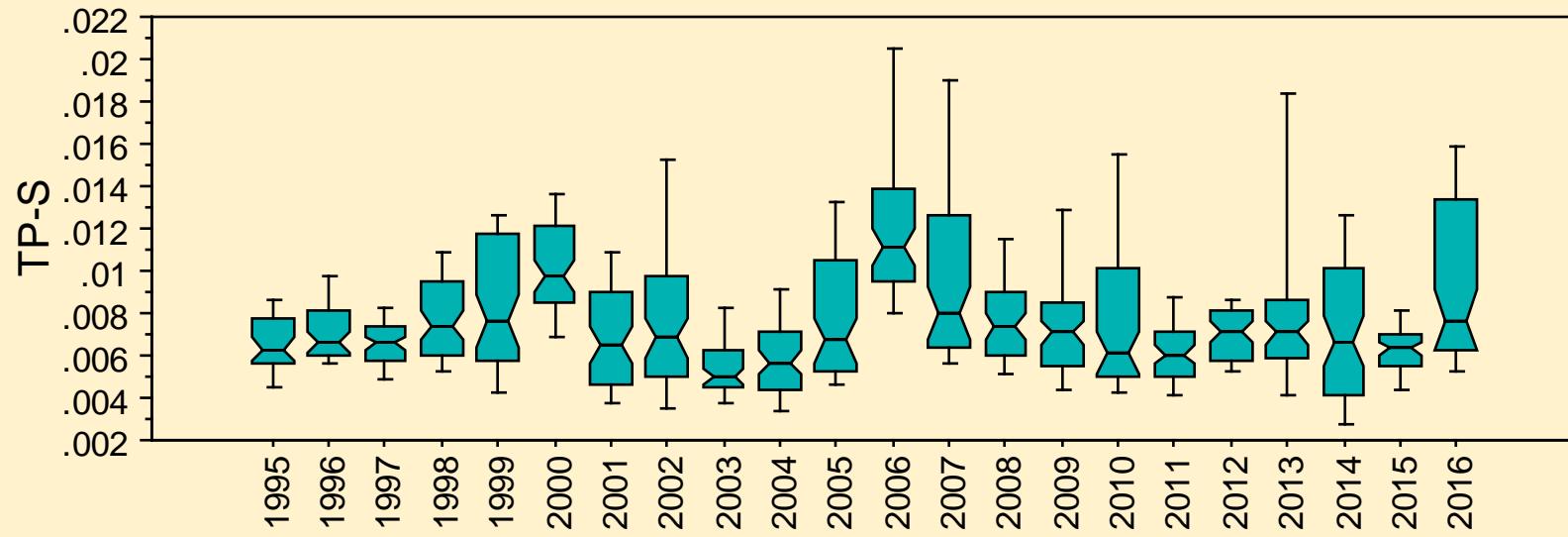
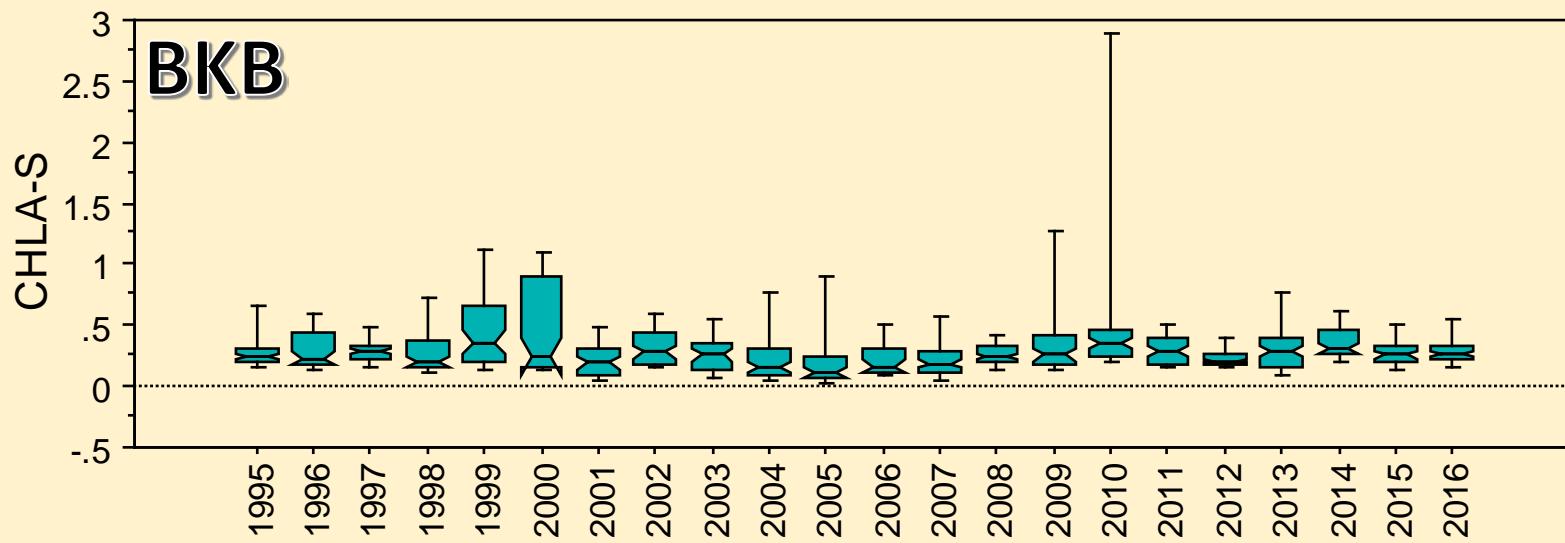


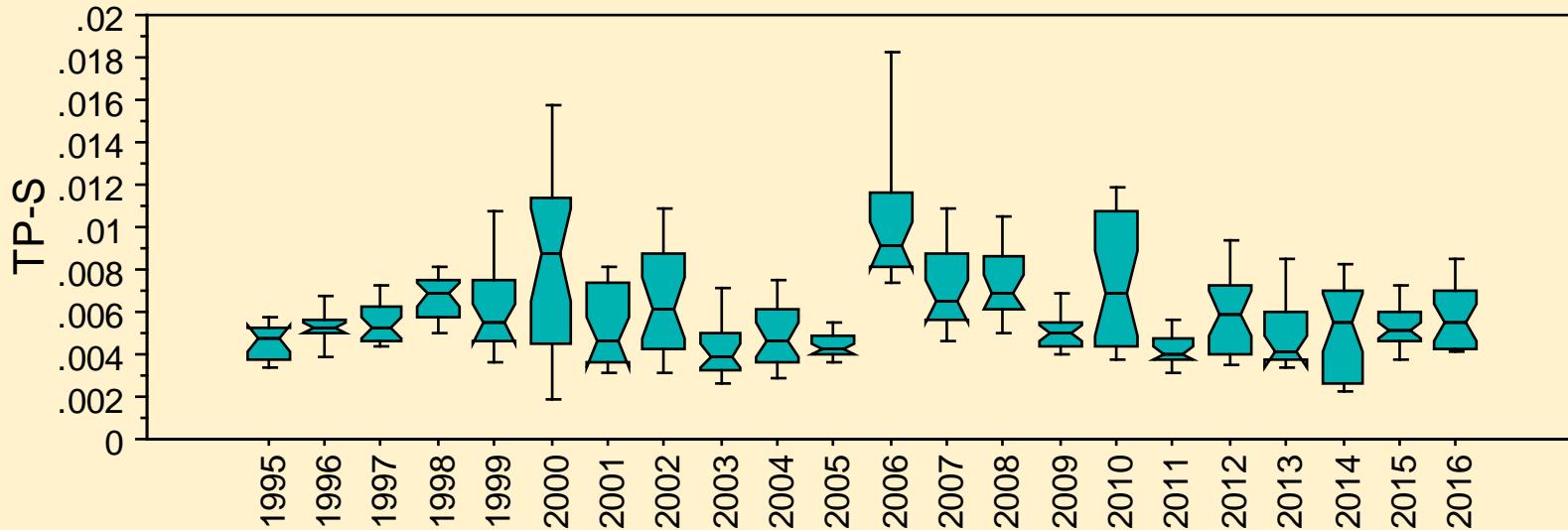
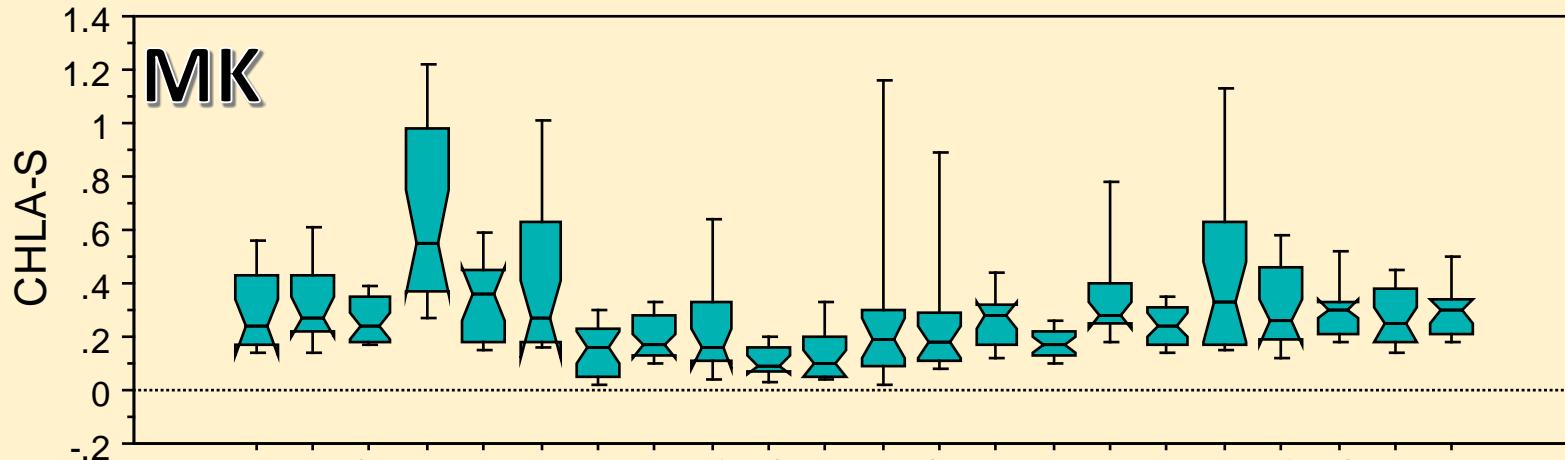
FDEP= 8 μ /l TP

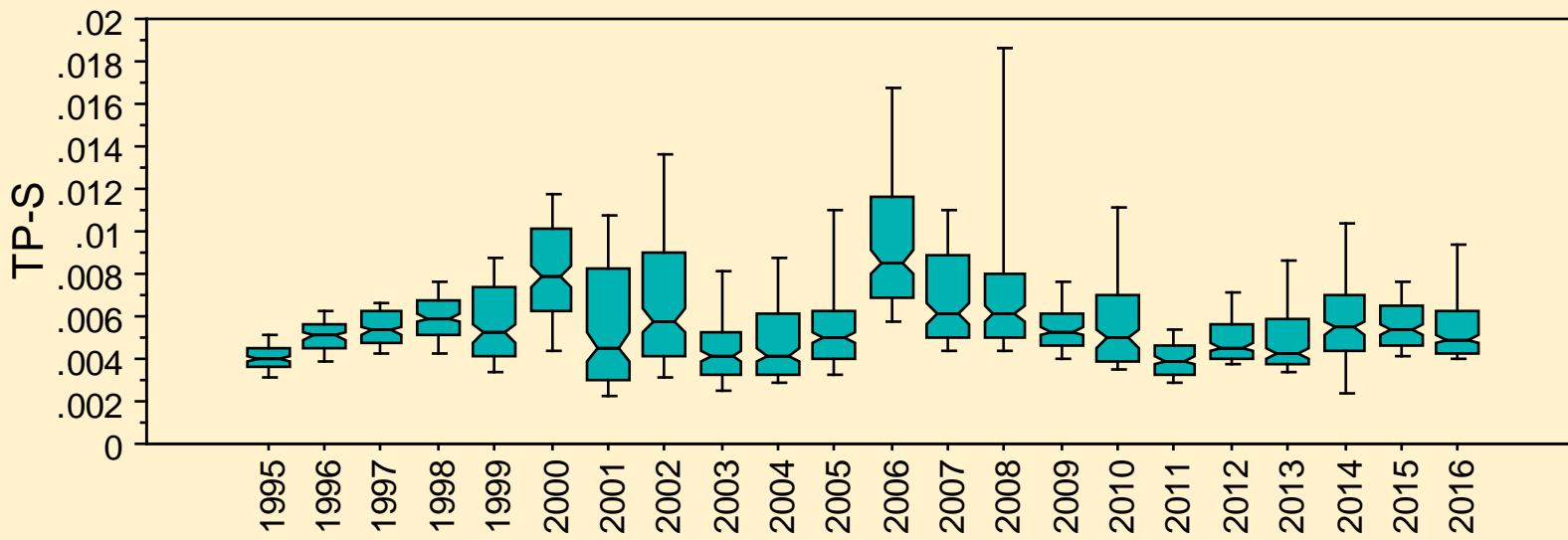
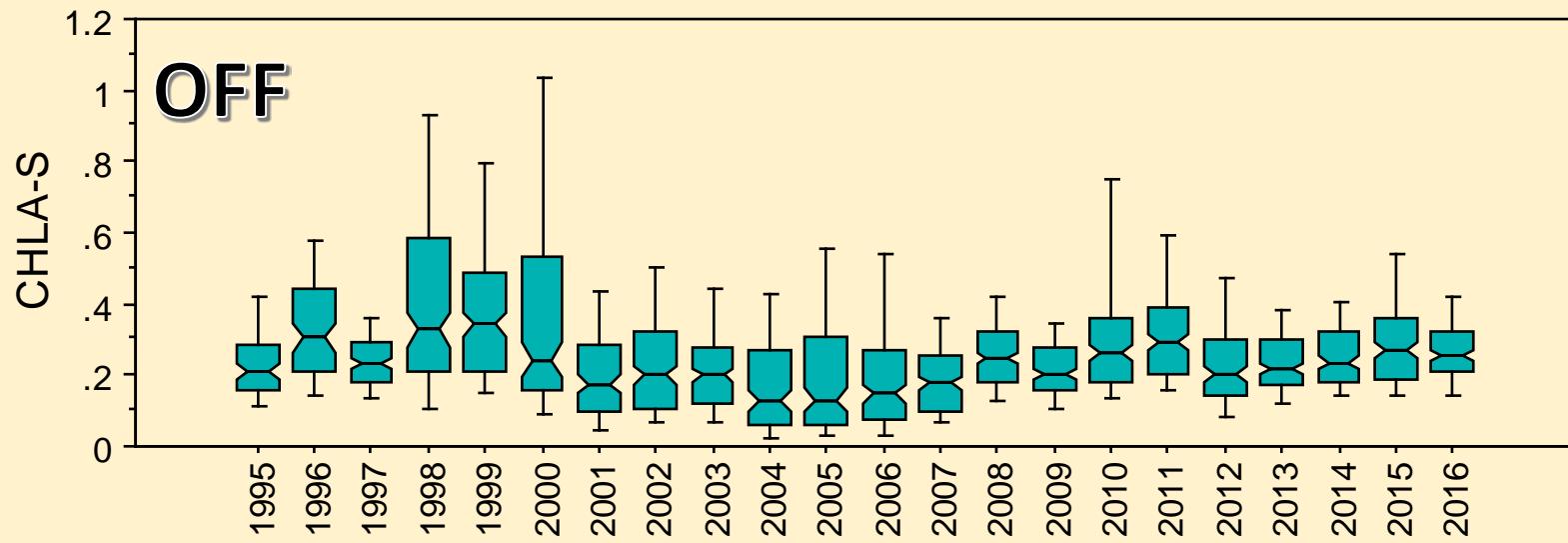


Impacts from Seagrass die-off









Summary

- CHLa and Kd in reef samples were in compliance with EPA targets
- DIN in the overall Sanctuary remains out of compliance. It has been so since 2012
- TP in the Sanctuary remains in compliance since 2011
- Except for TOC, most WQ variables have remained without major changes for the long-term trend assessment, but significant deviations from the mean have been driven by storms and hurricanes. Especially in 1998-1999, 2004-2009 and 2012