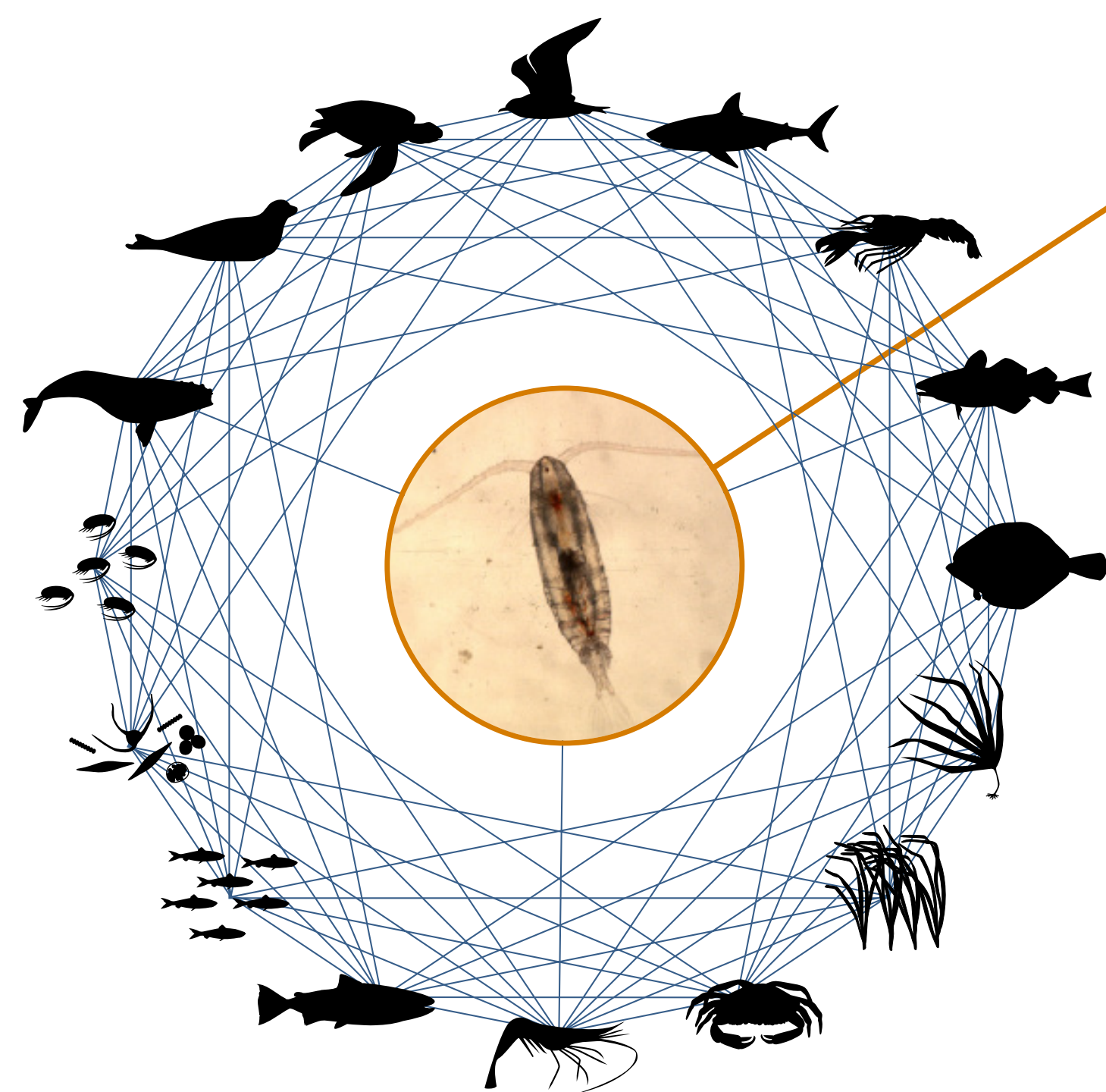
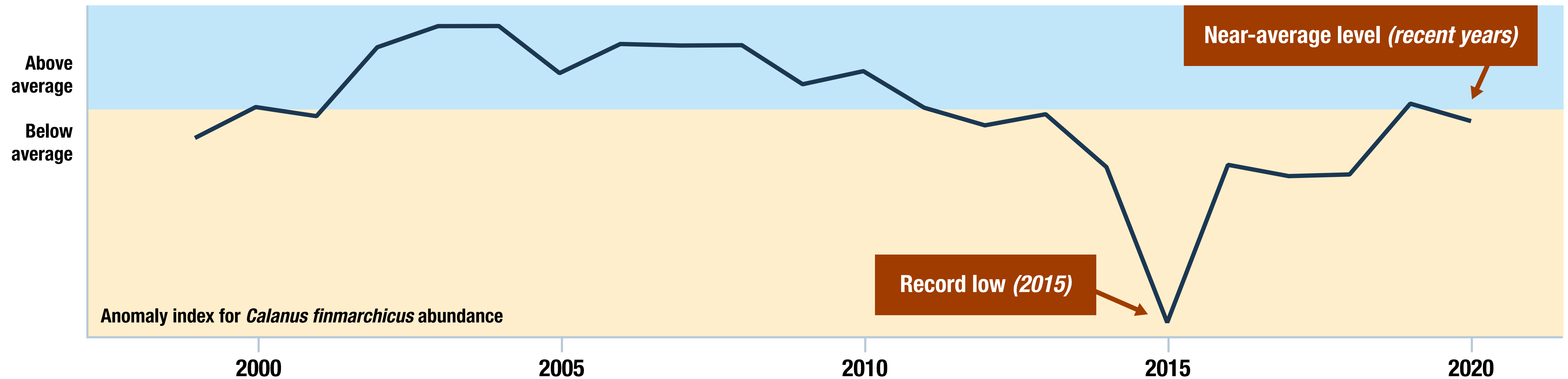


Calanus copepods returning to average levels

The number of large, energy-rich *Calanus finmarchicus* copepods has rebounded from record lows in 2015, increasing to near-average levels in 2019 and 2020.



Calanus finmarchicus copepods are a key food source for many species like Capelin, juvenile Atlantic Cod, and North Atlantic Right Whales.

Recently, endangered North Atlantic Right Whales have been travelling to the Gulf of St. Lawrence in search of dense patches of zooplankton.

By 2019, the Gulf of St. Lawrence had become an important habitat for ~40% of the entire North Atlantic Right Whale population.

North Atlantic Right Whale foraging areas

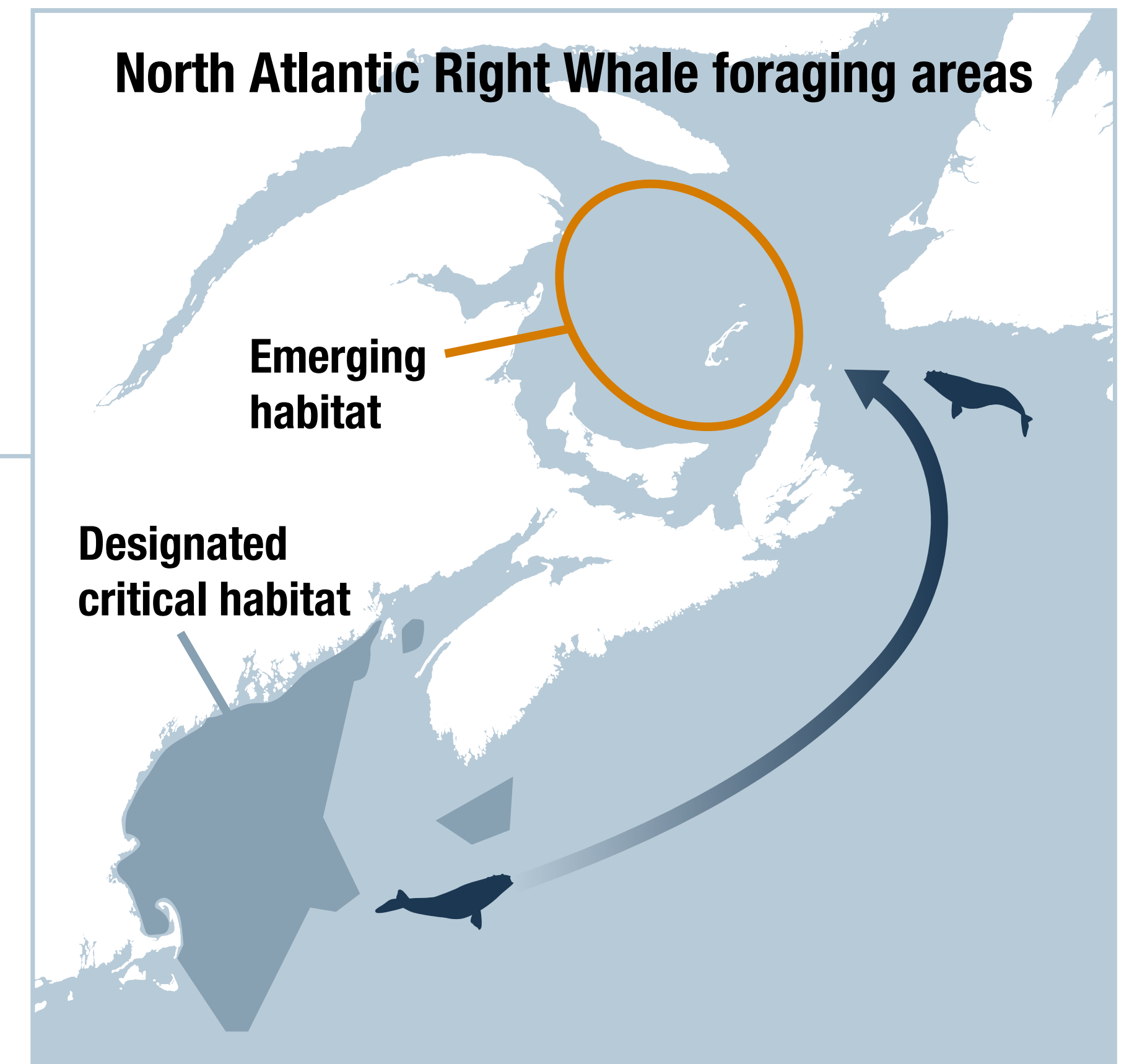


Photo: *Calanus finmarchicus*, Scotian Shelf specimen. DFO CaRMS.



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