Preliminary Results of the Pacific Bluefin Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation

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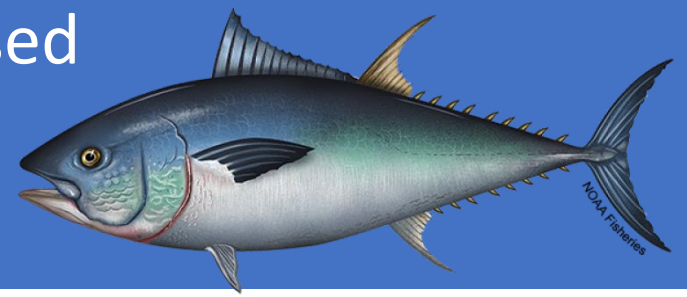
Outline

- Total runs to complete and timeline
- What has been run so far
- Presentation of example results for base case
- How do results change for the lowest productivity scenario – OM3
- Example of how final results will be presented across all reference set OMs
- How results change when 30:70 impact ratio used



Total runs to complete and timeline

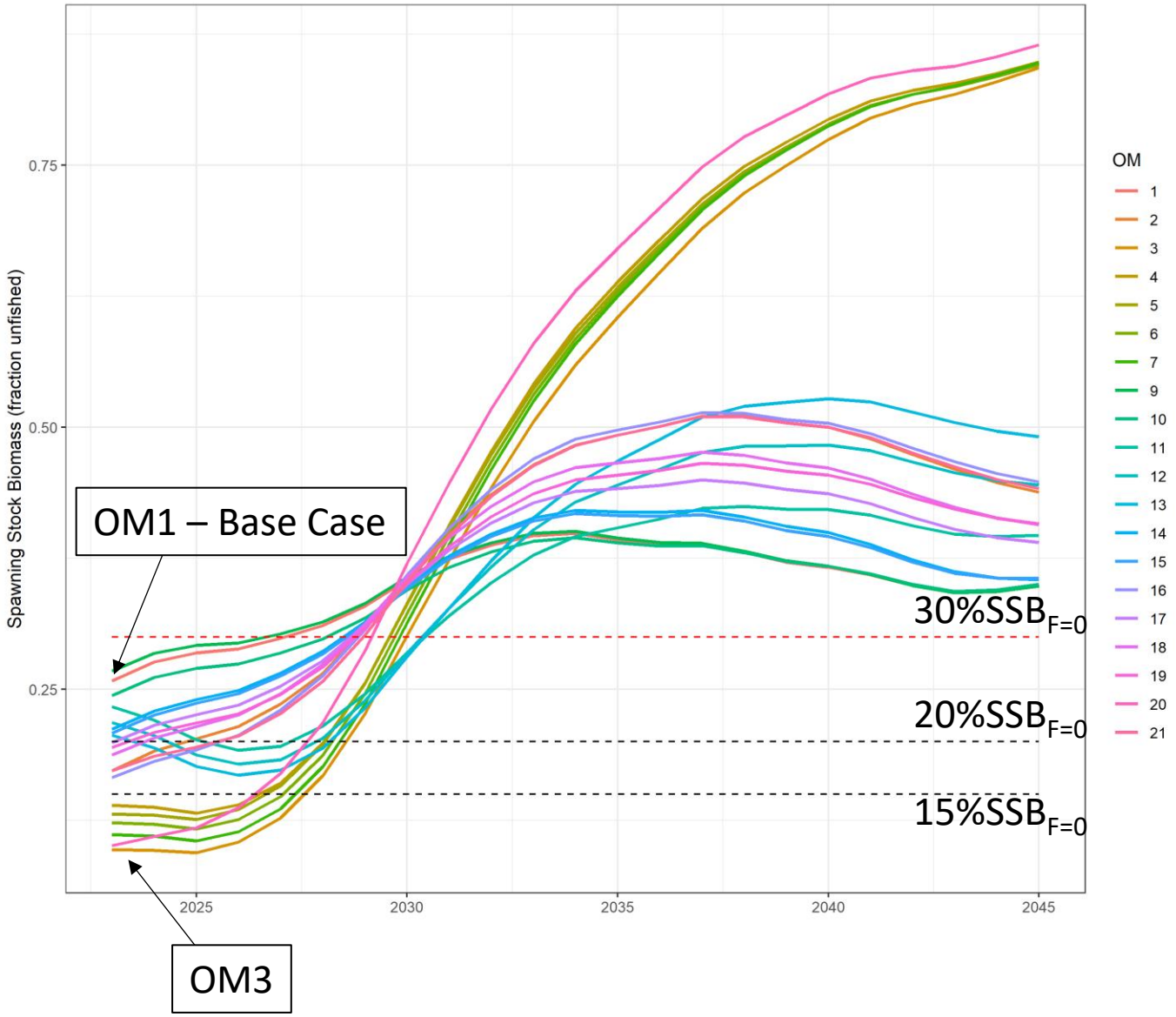
- 12 HCRs x 20 OMs x 2 impact ratios x 100 iterations = 48,000 runs
- With EM, 12 HCRs and 100 iterations takes 2 days to complete for 1 OM with 12 HCRs, 100 iterations,
- 1 simulated stock assessment (EM) x 8 steps x 12 HCRs x 20 OMs x 2 impact ratios x 100 iterations = 384,000 stock assessments
- 145 MB per stock assessment = more than 50 million MB of storage
- **Results take a lot of time and computing resources**
- Also 3 additional robustness tests
- Need all runs completed and analyzed by ISC PBF meeting in mid April
- MSE report to be presented to ISC plenary in June
- **Tight timeline, limited resources – we cannot add additional runs unless others are reduced**

What has been run so far

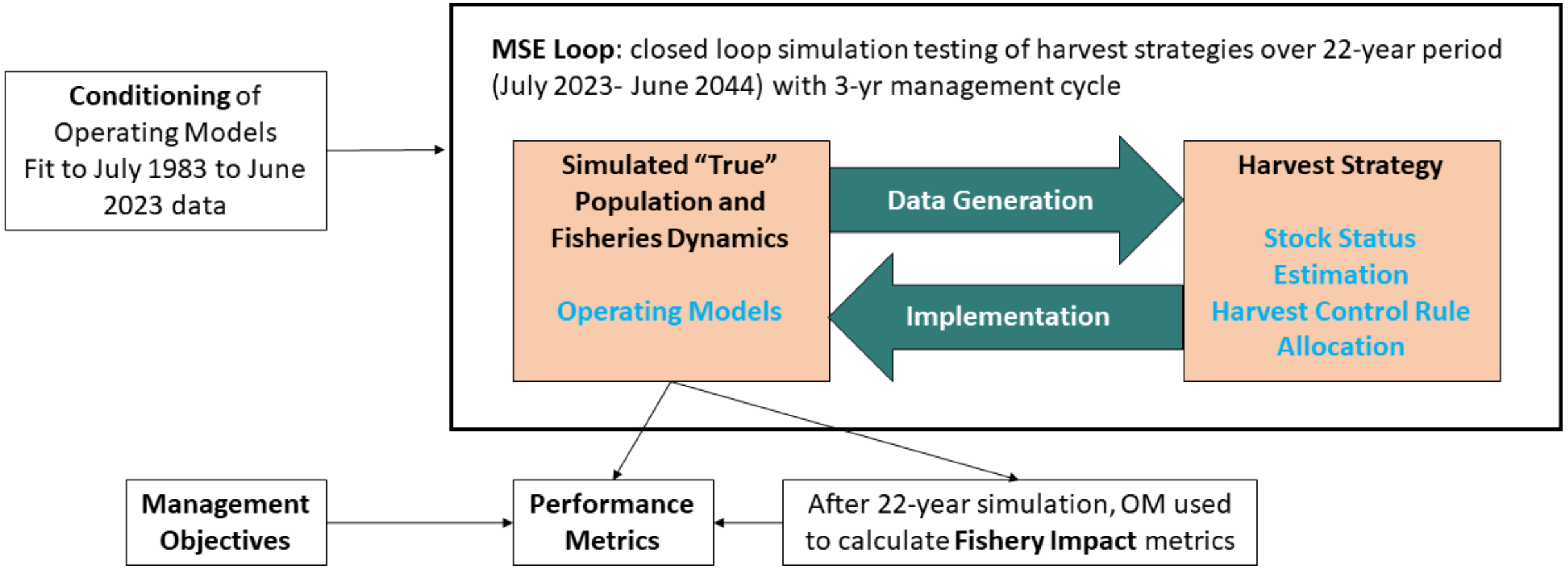
- At December ISC PBF meeting, final MSE set up and EM were agreed upon
- Completed and analyzed runs for **base case** (OM1) and least productive OM (**OM3**) for the **12 HCRs, 100 iterations, and 2 impact ratios**
- Output from these will be presented today to show example results
- Final results will be presented across all OMs, to assess how HCRs perform given uncertainty in stock productivity
- Also completed runs for all OMs and HCRs with a perfect assessment and these results will be used to show how final results will be presented across OMs

PBF Operating Models

- Represent the range of uncertainty in stock productivity - different "what if" scenarios in terms of biology
- In MSE, performance assessed across many iterations and all OMs to see on average which HCR performs best across all plausible realities

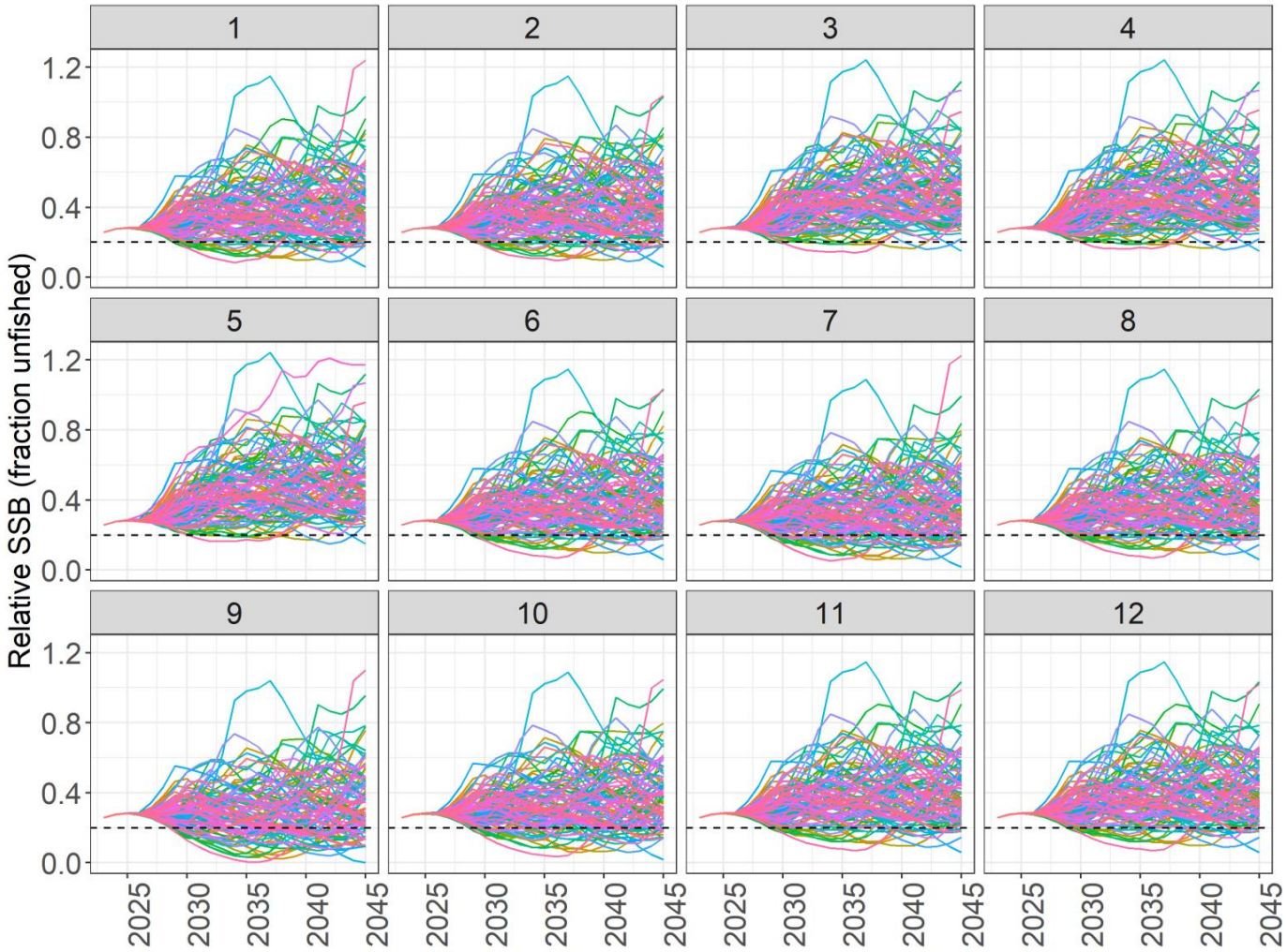


PBF MSE Feedback Loop



For each OM, 100 iterations are run – recruitment uncertainty

- SSB relative to unfished for the 100 iterations for the base case for each of the 12 HCRs
- The MSE also outputs timeseries of catch, catch per fleet segment, fishing intensity, SSB and any other variable required for performance indicators



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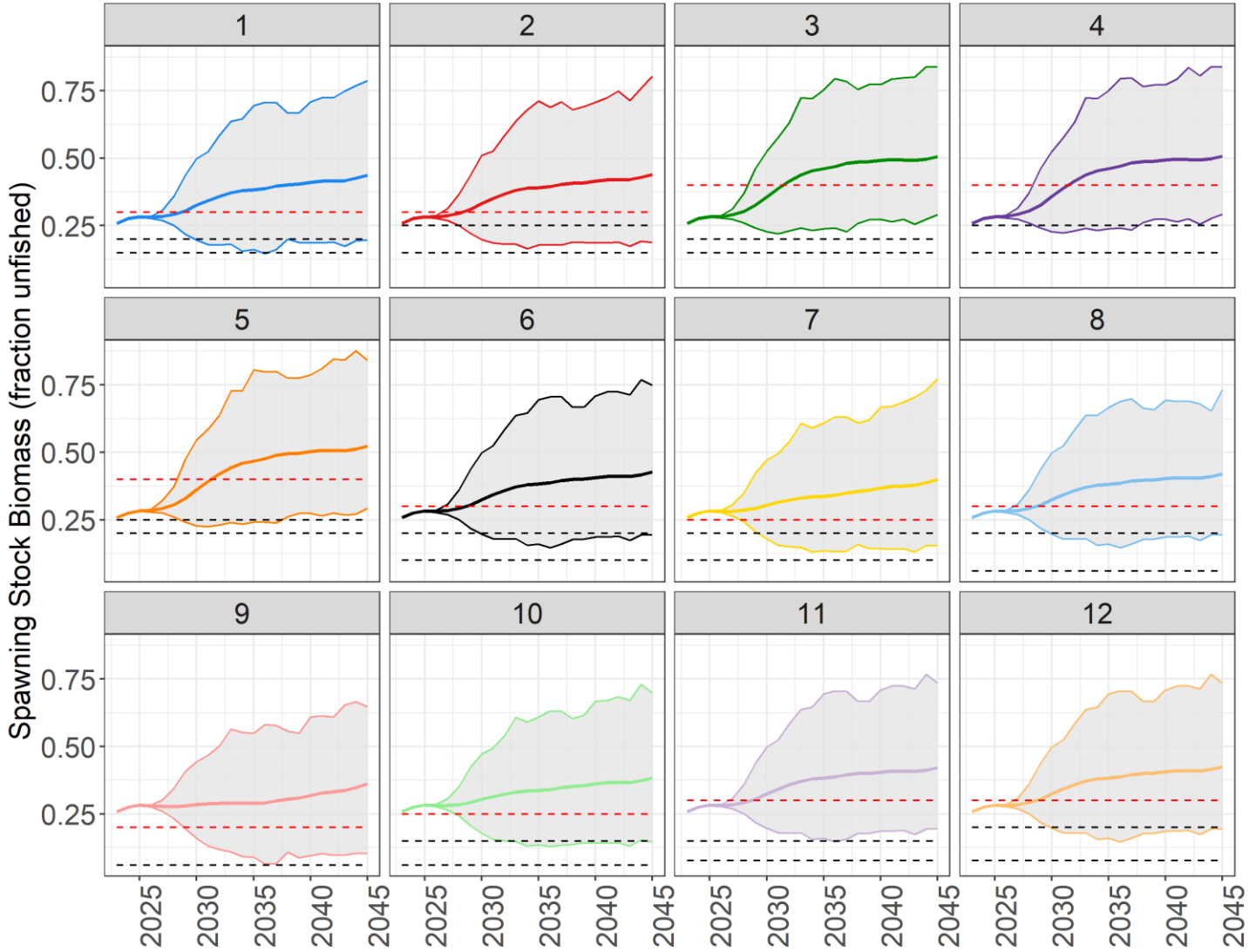
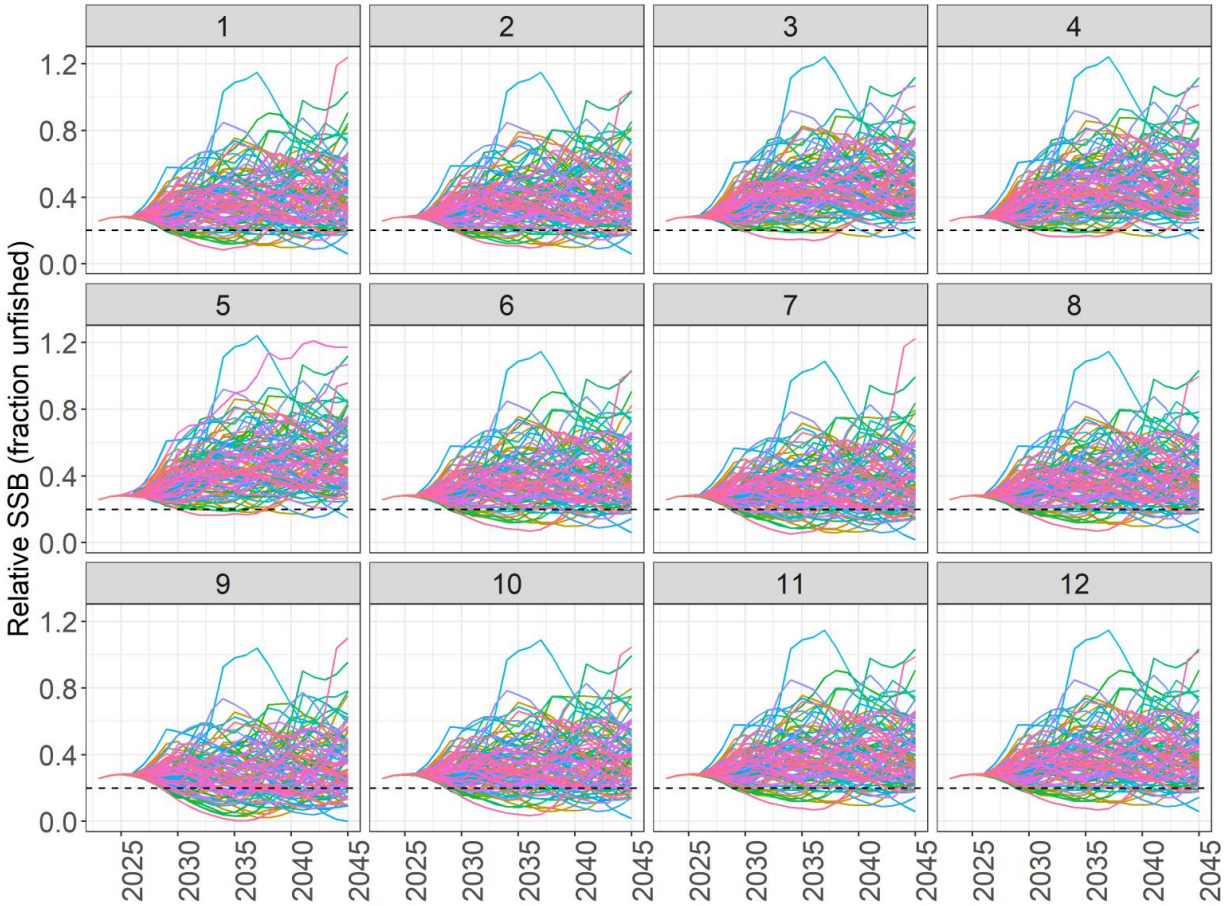
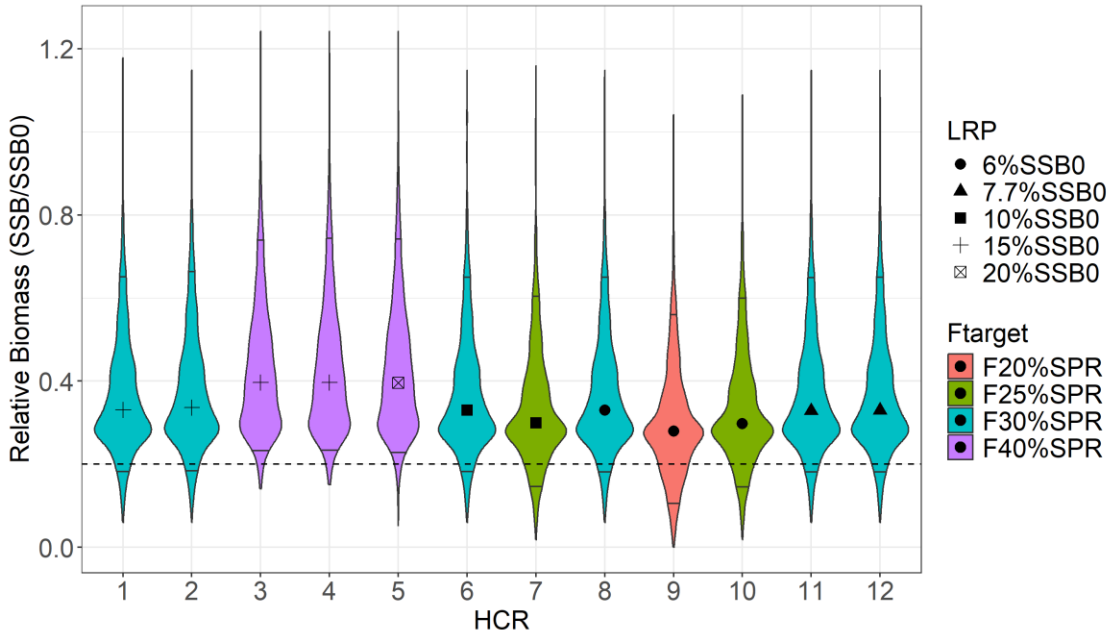
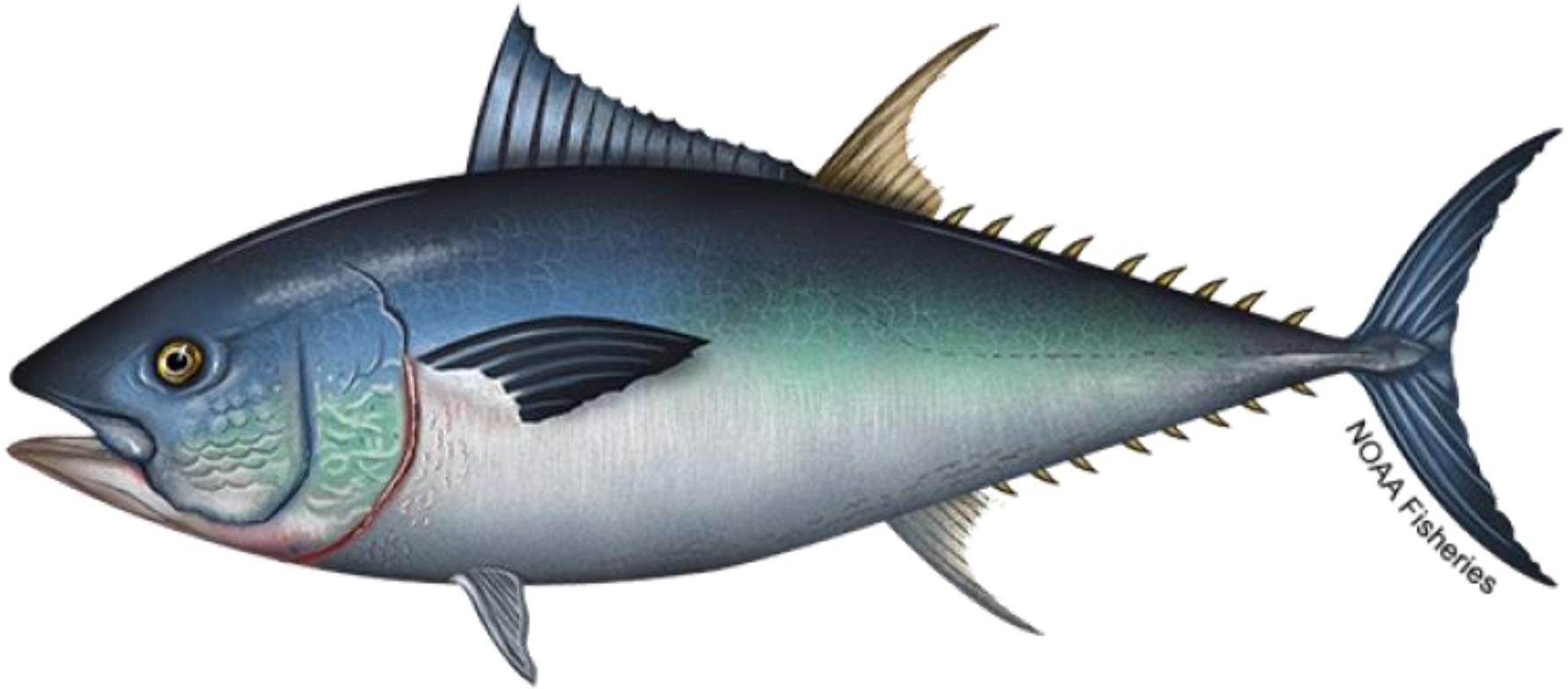
- Can be summarized in median and 5-95th quantiles to look at average behavior and uncertainty



For performance indicators, results summarized across iterations, simulation years, and OMs







Example Results for Base Case

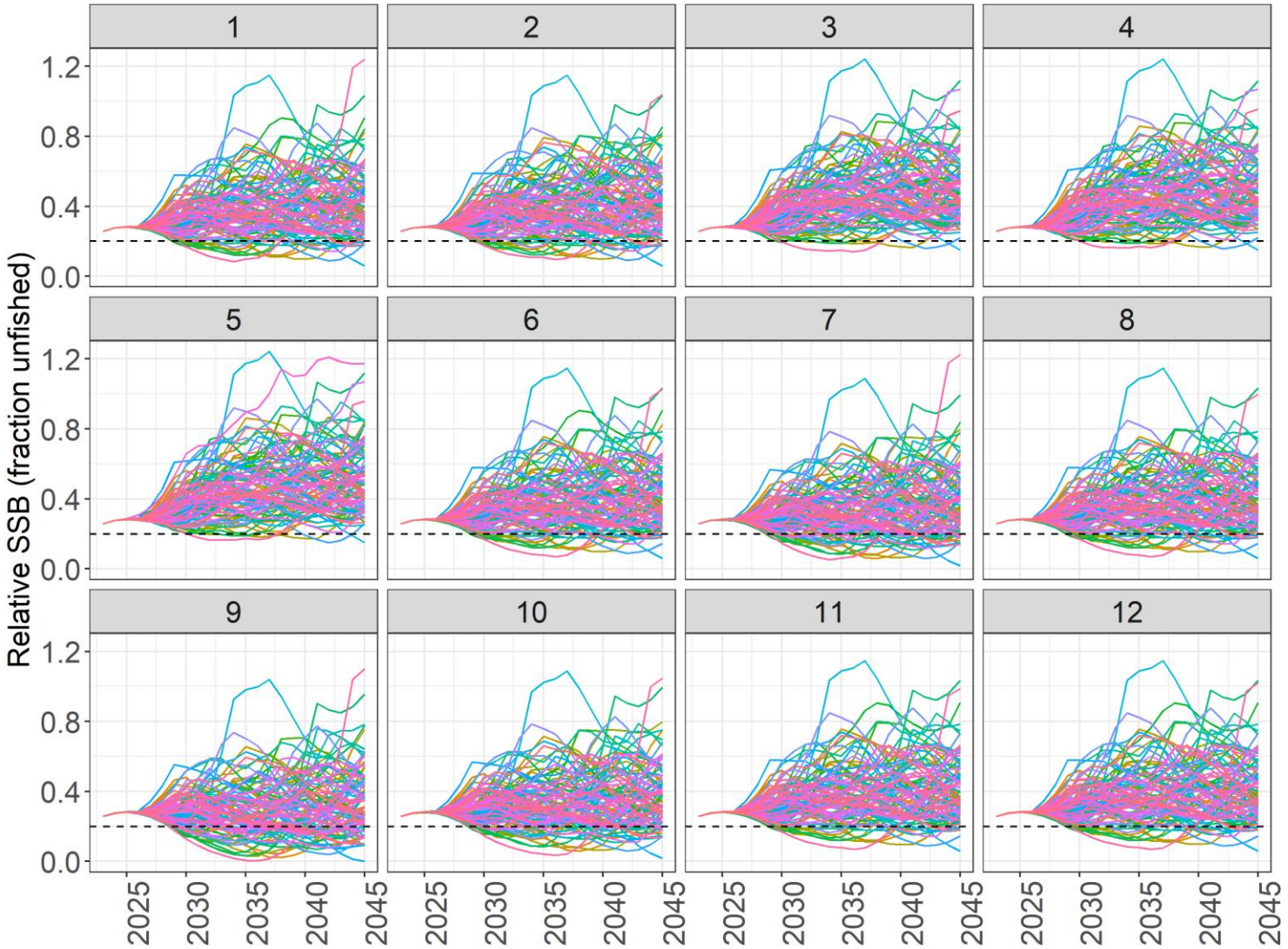
Presentation of example results from Base Case

- Showcase potential plots to summarize performance metrics agreed upon by the JWG
- Discuss which plots are helpful to interpret results and potential improvements

CANDIDATE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA

Category	Operational Management Objective	Performance Indicator
Safety	There should be a less than 20%[4] probability of the stock falling below the LRP	Probability that SSB< LRP in any given year of the evaluation period
Status	To maintain fishing mortality at or below FTarget with at least 50% probability	Probability that F≤FTARGET in any given year of the evaluation period Probability that SSB is below the equivalent biomass depletion levels associated with the candidates for FTARGET
Stability	To limit changes in overall catch limits between management periods to no more than 25%, unless the ISC has assessed that the stock is below the LRP[5]	Percent change upwards in catches between management periods excluding periods when SSB<LRP Percent change downwards in catches between management periods excluding periods when SSB<LRP
Yield	Maintain an equitable balance in proportional fishery impact between the WCPO and EPO	Median fishery impact (in %) on SSB in the terminal year of the evaluation period by fishery and by WCPO fisheries and EPO fisheries
	To maximize yield over the medium (5-10 years) and long (10-30 years) terms, as well as average annual yield from the fishery.	Expected annual yield over years 5-10 of the evaluation period, by fishery. Expected annual yield over years 10-30 of the evaluation period, by fishery. Expected annual yield in any given year of the evaluation period, by fishery.
	To increase average annual catch in all fisheries across WCPO and EPO	

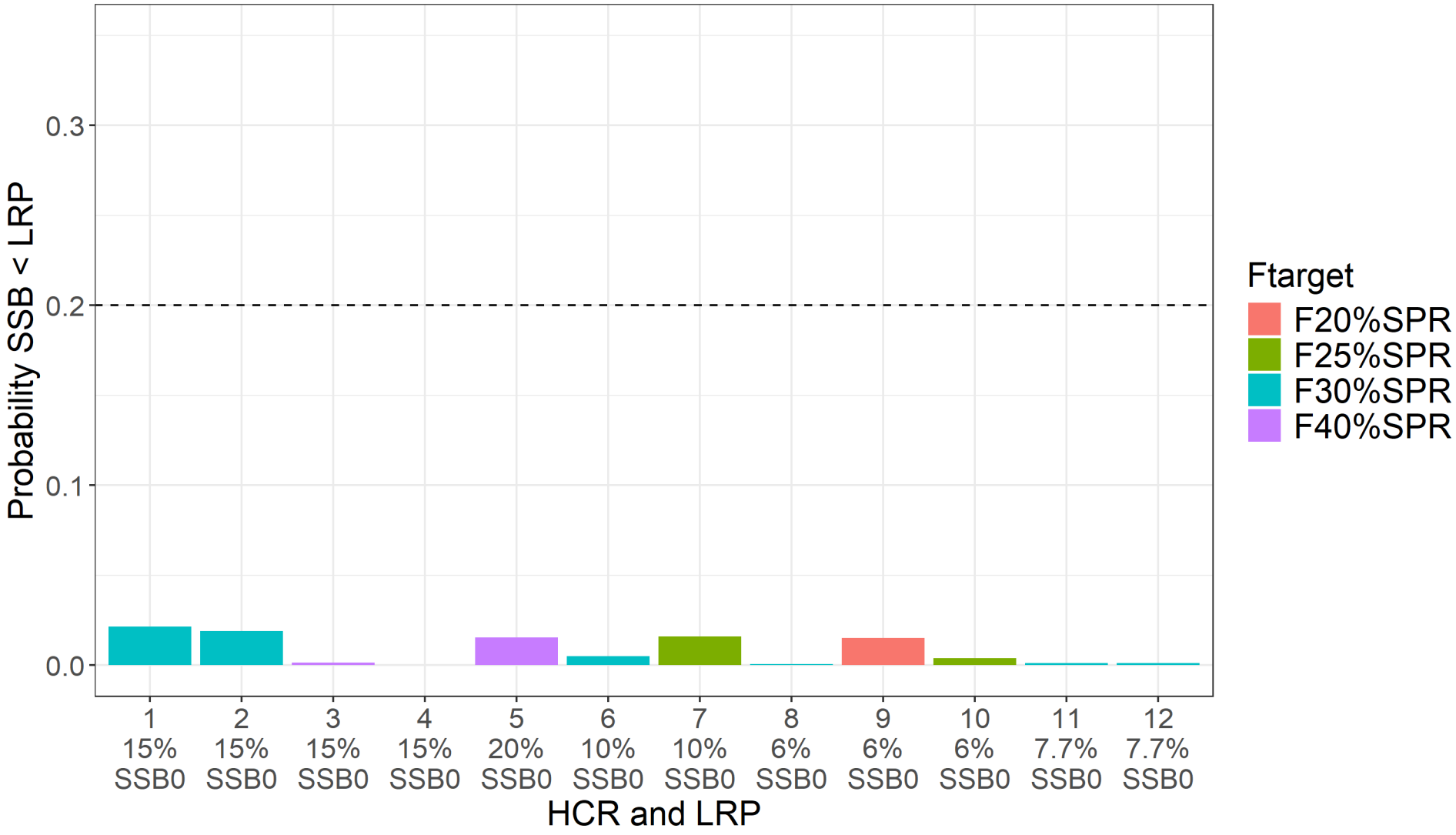
Relative SSB Worm Plots



- *OBJECTIVE: There should be a less than 20% probability of the stock falling below the LRP*
- *PERFORMANCE METRIC: Probability that SSB < LRP in any given year of the evaluation period*

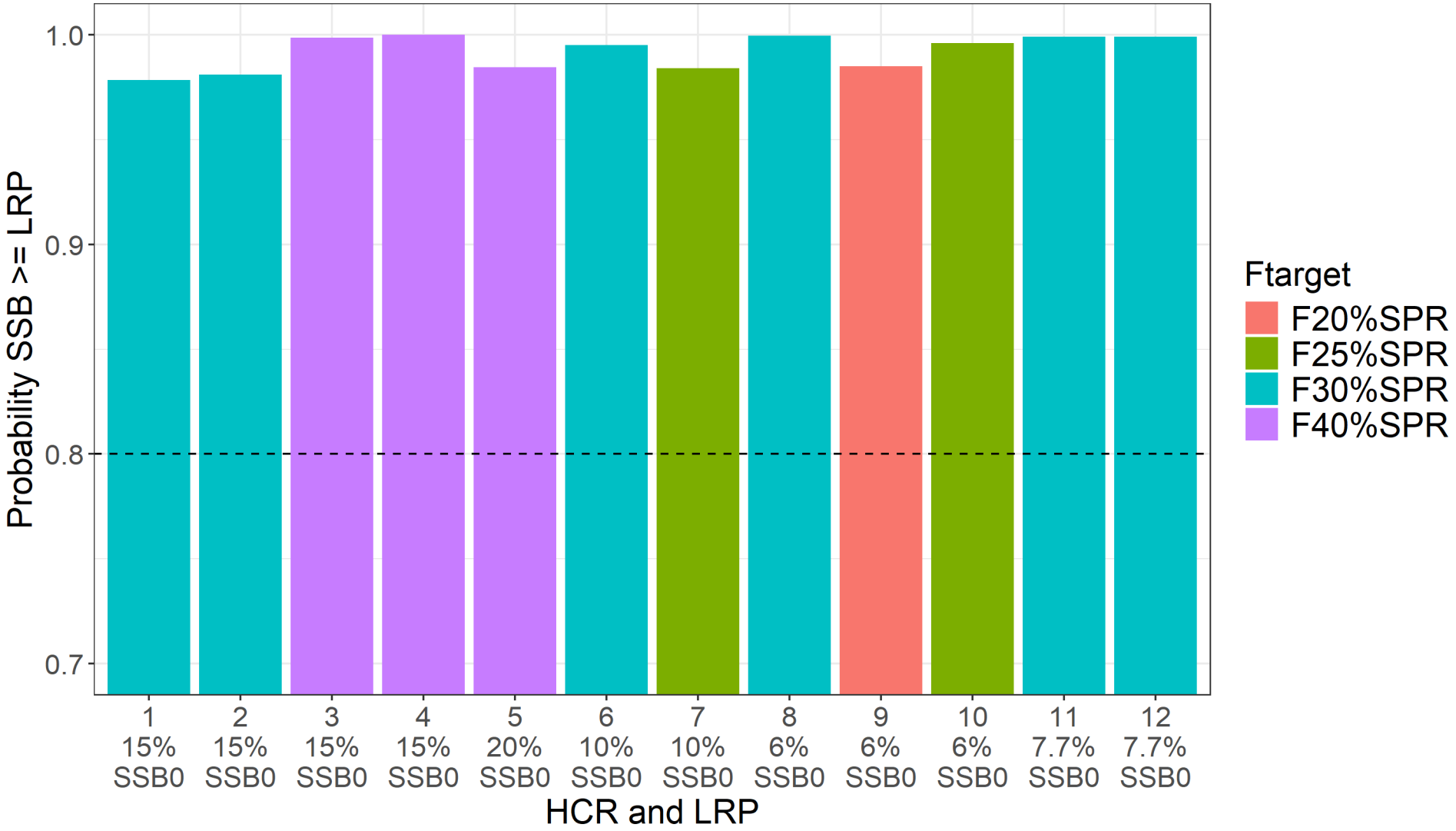
2nd Rebuilding target – 20%$SSB_{F=0}$

Safety Performance Metric



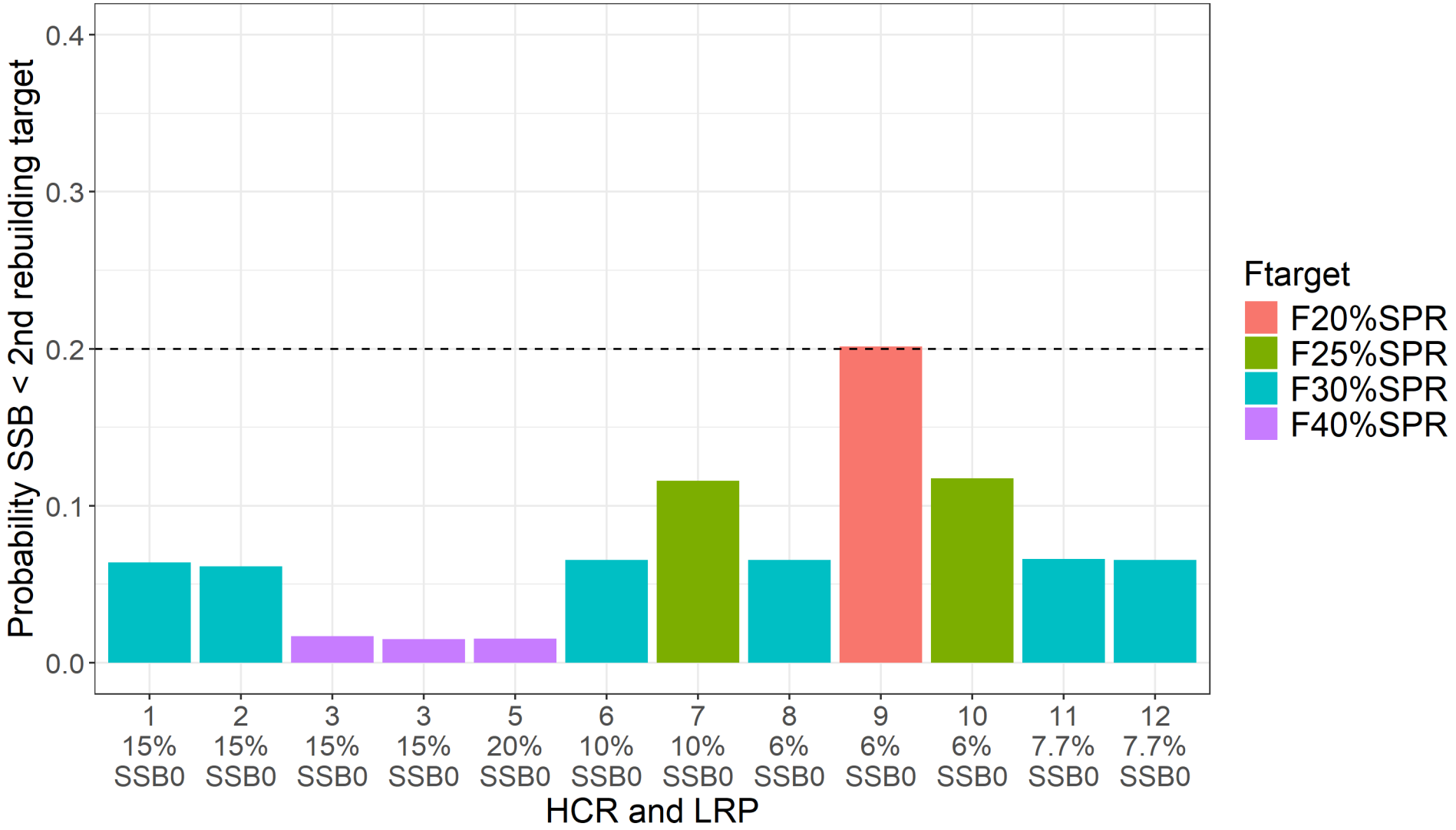
- *OBJECTIVE: There should be a less than 20% probability of the stock falling below the LRP*
- *PERFORMANCE METRIC: Probability that SSB < LRP in any given year of the evaluation period – Low is good*
- All HCRs have a probability of breaching their own LRP less than 20%

Safety Performance Metric - Reversed



- *OBJECTIVE: There should be a less than 20% probability of the stock falling below the LRP*
- *Probability that SSB >= LRP in any given year of the evaluation period – High is good*
- All HCRs have a probability of higher than 80%

Safety Performance Metric – common reference point



- Performance also compared against second rebuilding target of $20\%_{SSBF=0}$
- All HCRs have a probability of breaching the rebuilding target that is less than 20% except HCR9
- HCRs with the highest target fishing mortality do poorer

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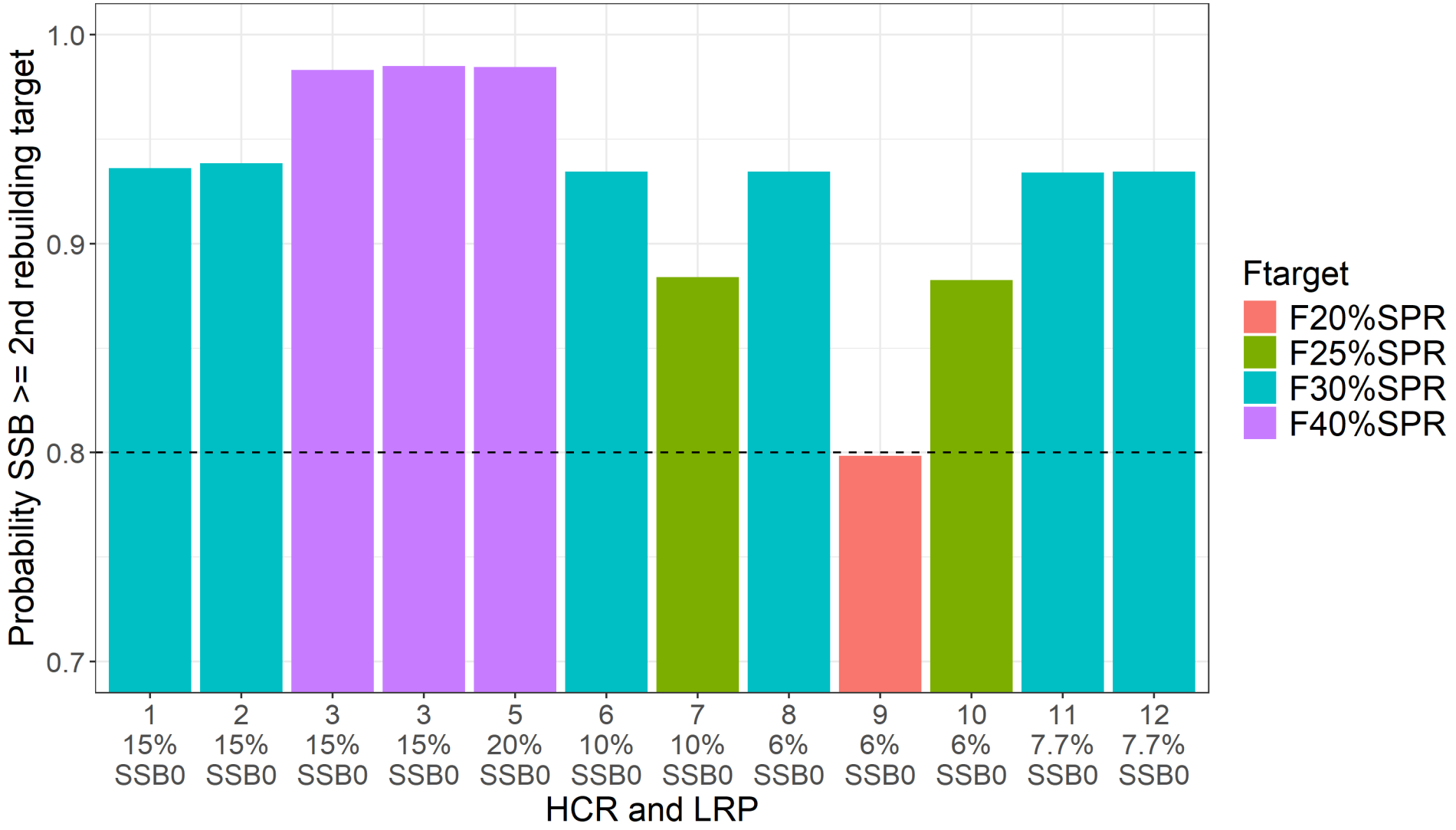
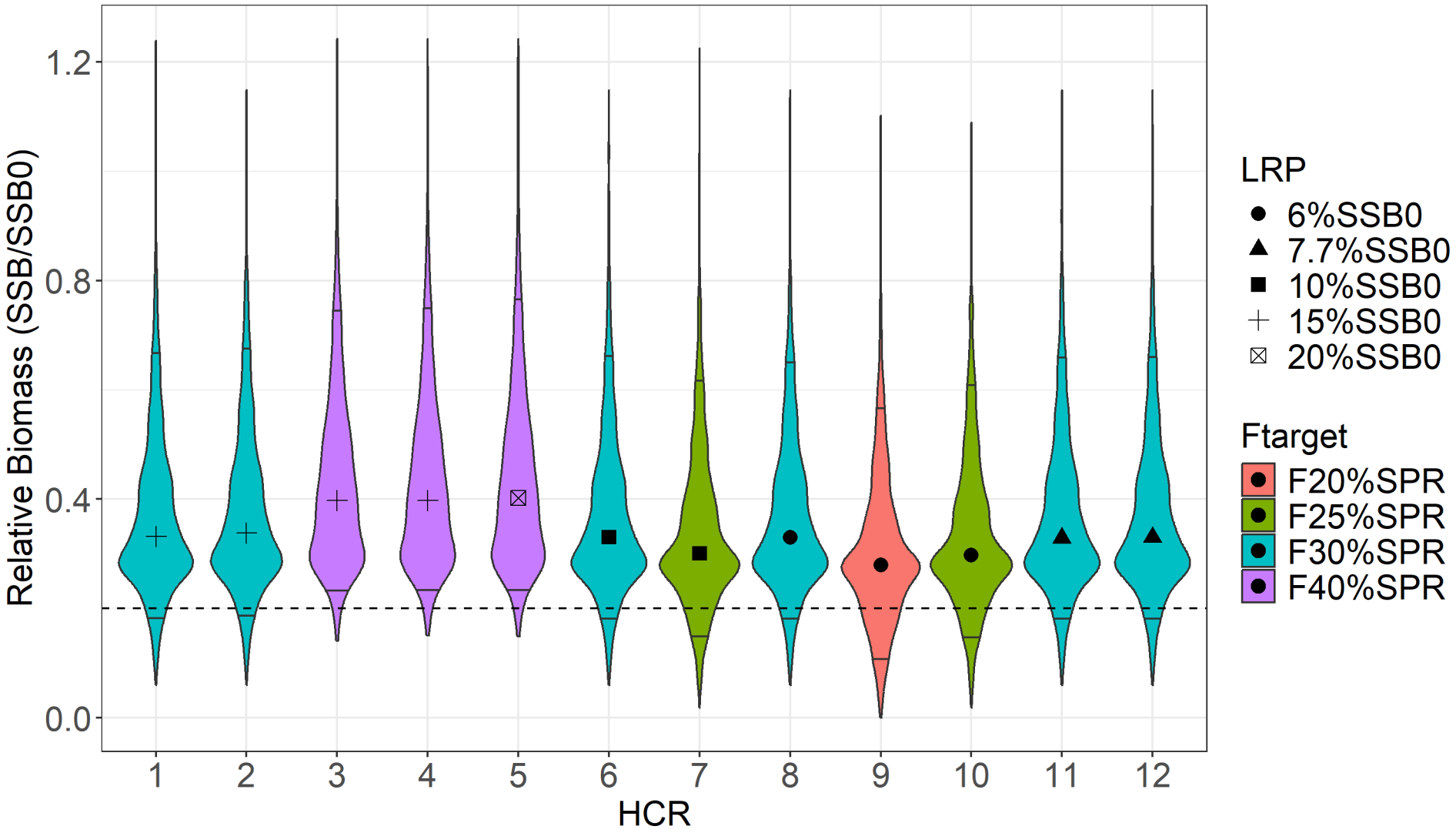


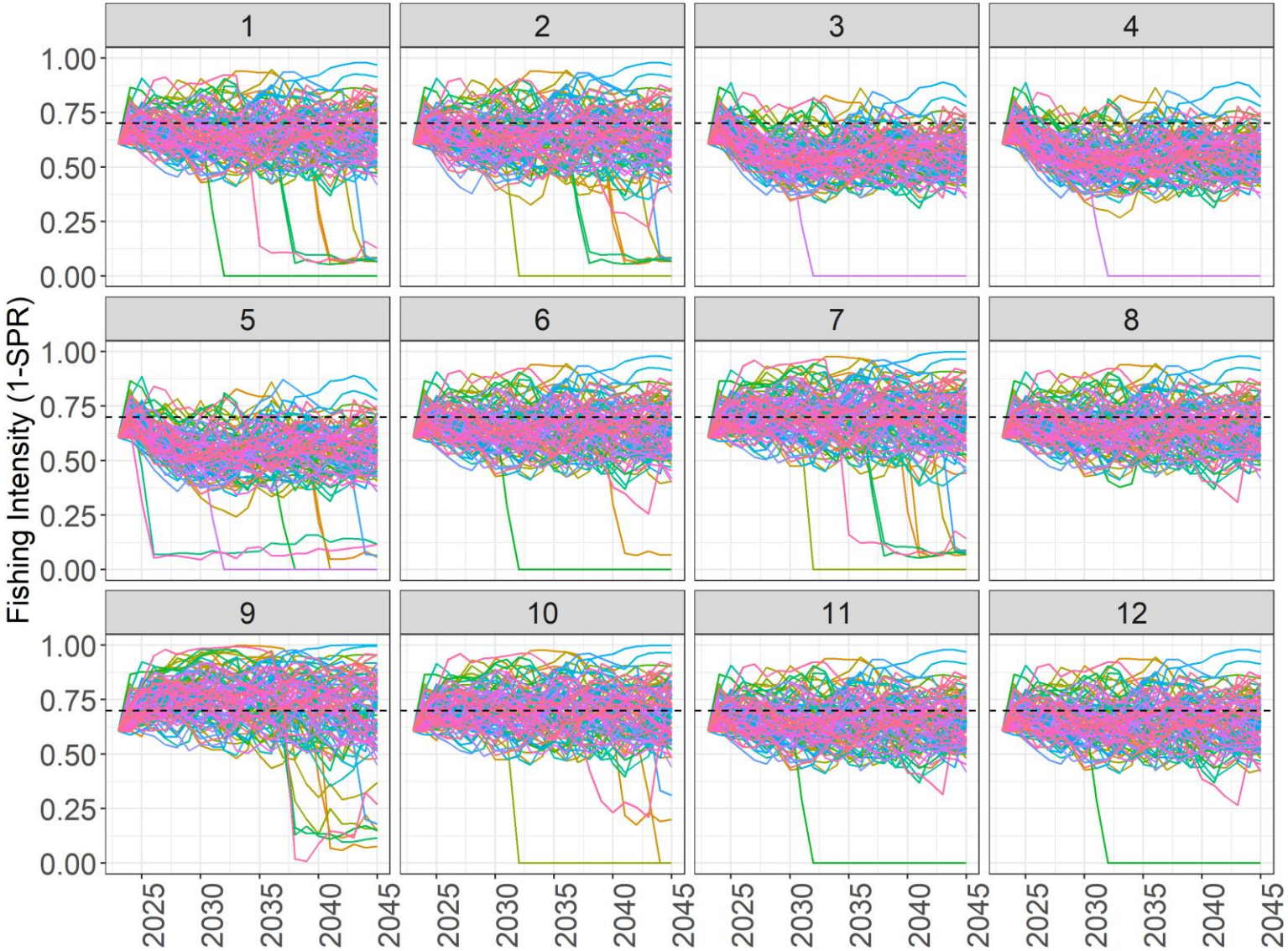
- Probability of SSB > second rebuilding target of $20\%_{SSBF=0}$ High is good
- All HCRs have a probability of SSB being at or above the rebuilding target that is higher than 80%
- HCRs with the highest target fishing mortality do poorer

Relative SSB Violin Plot



- HCRs with highest target fishing mortality have a lower median SSB and thus a higher probability of breaching the second rebuilding target

Fishing Intensity Worm Plots – OM1



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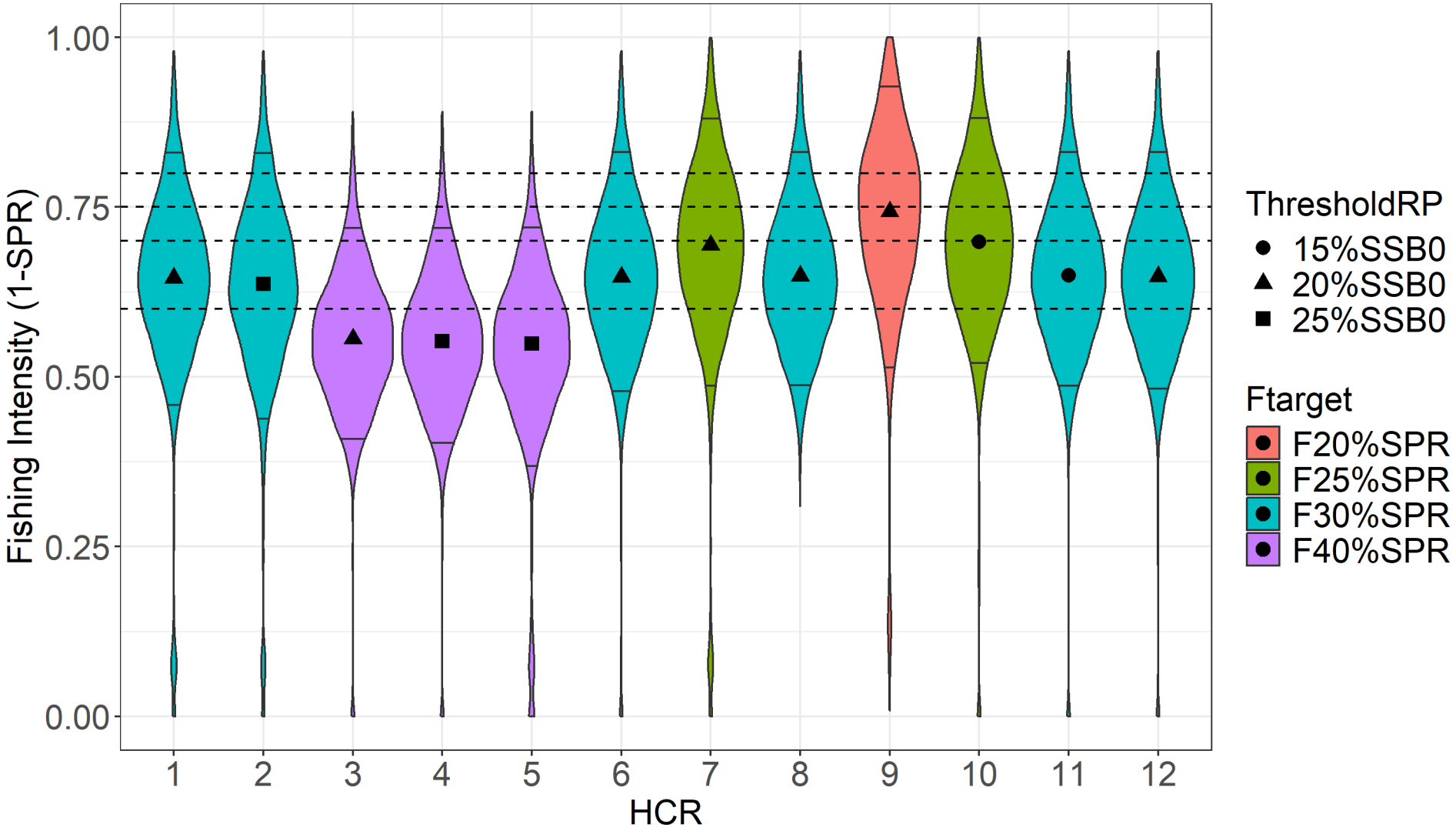

- For all HCRs, the median F remains below the F_{target}
- Due to estimation error and the 25%TAC increase limit

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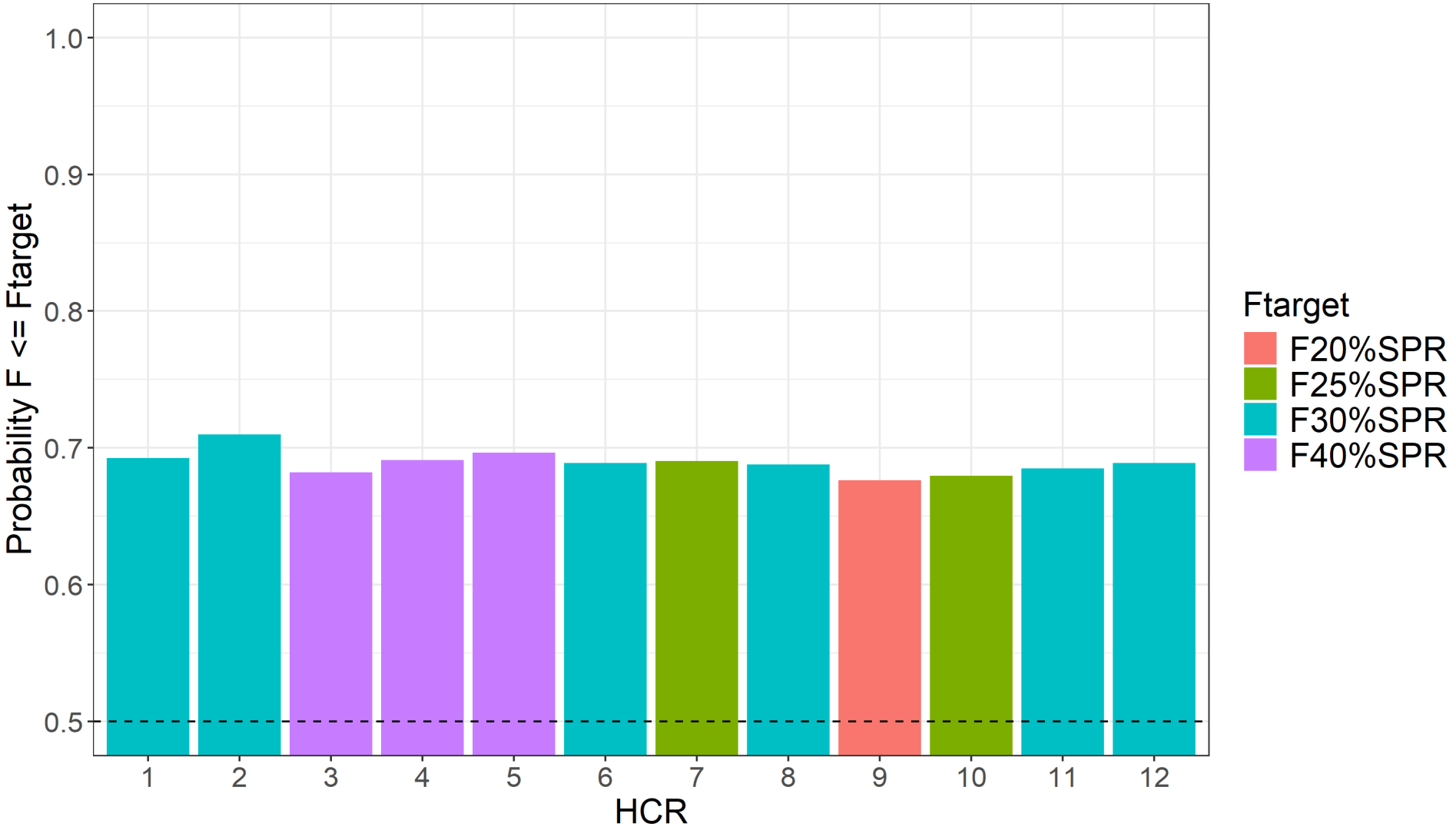

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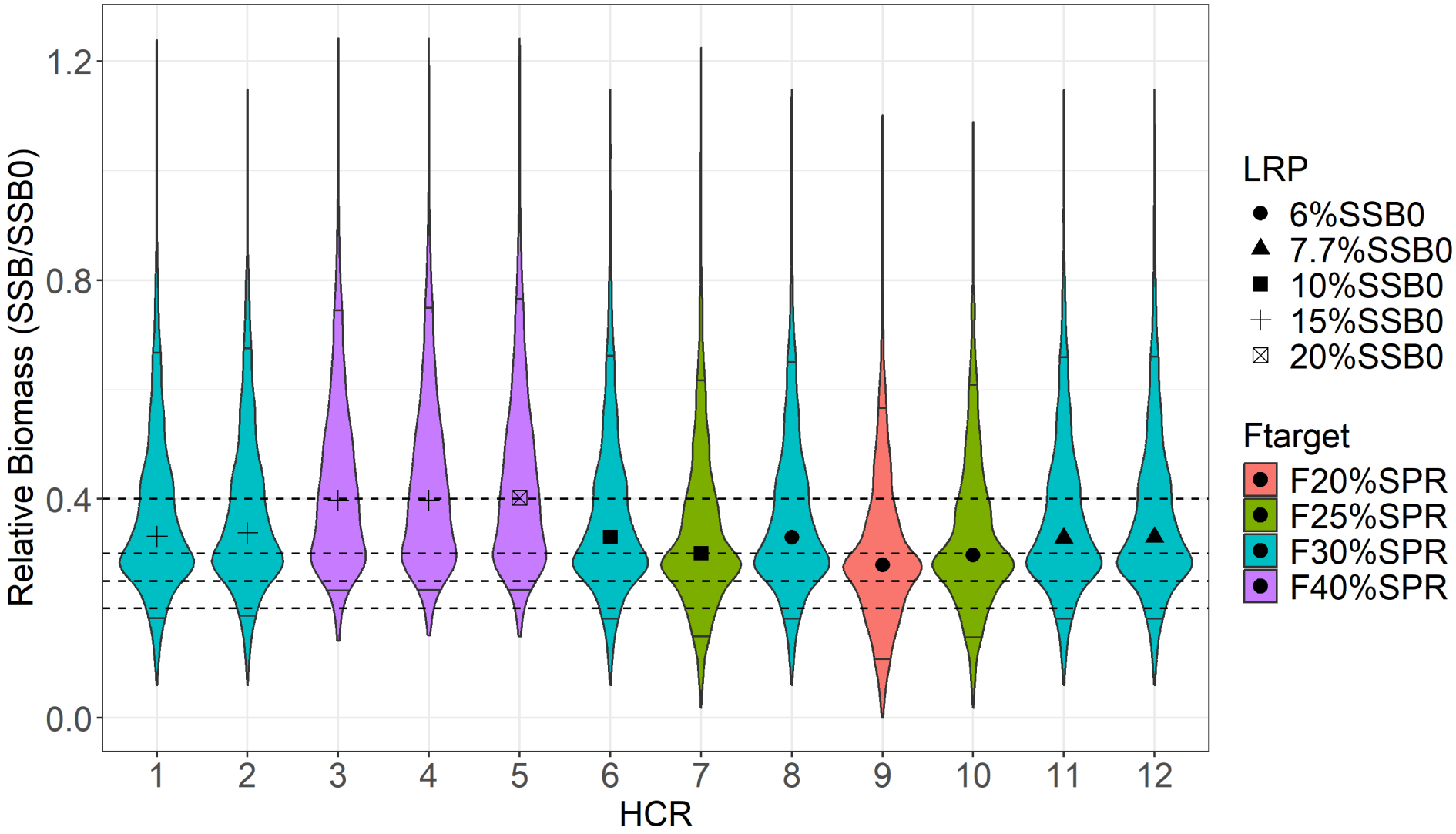

- For HCRs with an Ftarget of F40%SPR the median SSB is around the target. For the others, it is above
- Due to estimation error and the 25%TAC increase limit

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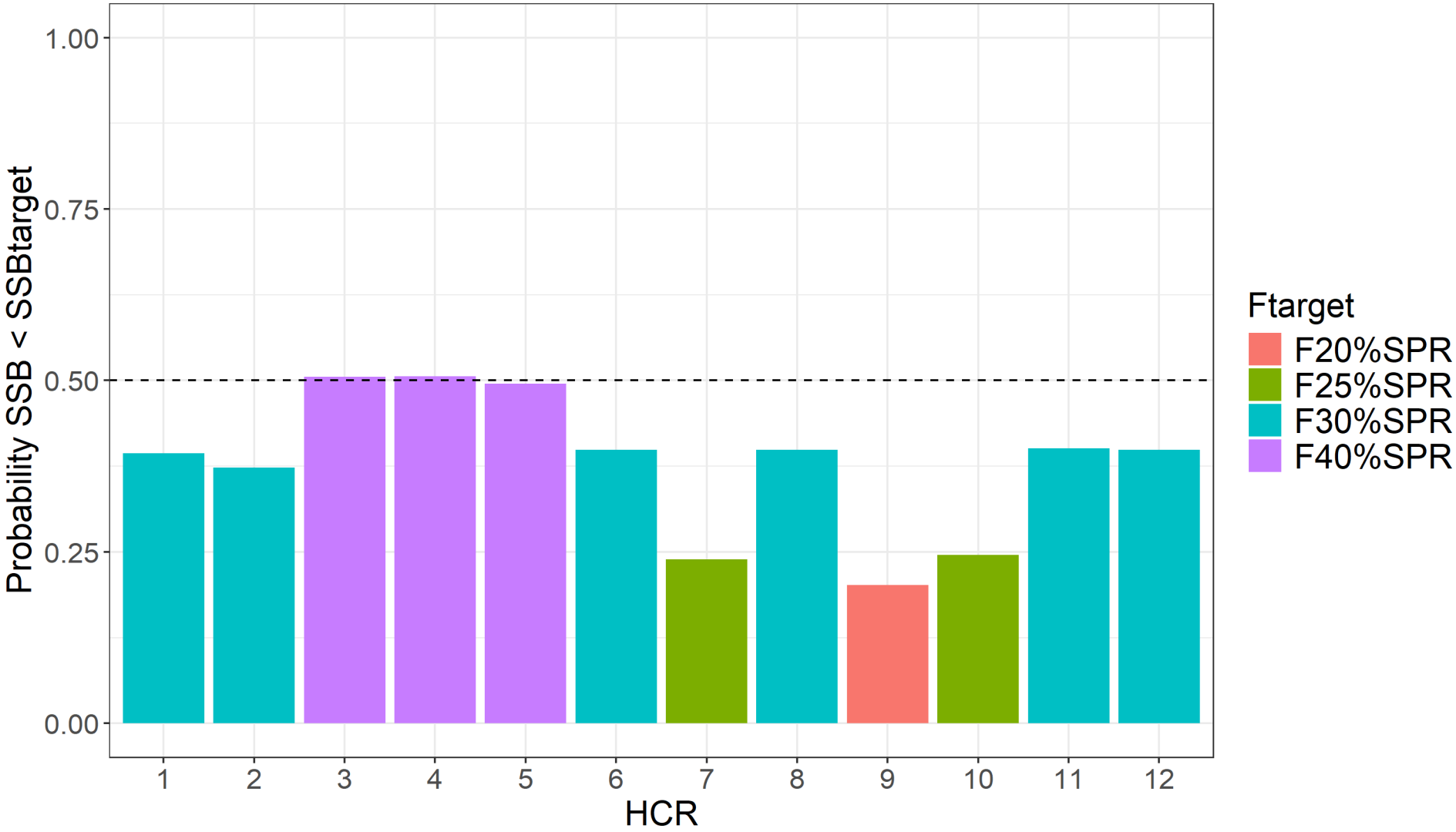

- *PERFORMANCE METRIC:* Probability that SSB < the equivalent biomass depletion levels associated with the candidates for F_{target} Ideally around 50%, less means SSB is higher than the target more than half the time

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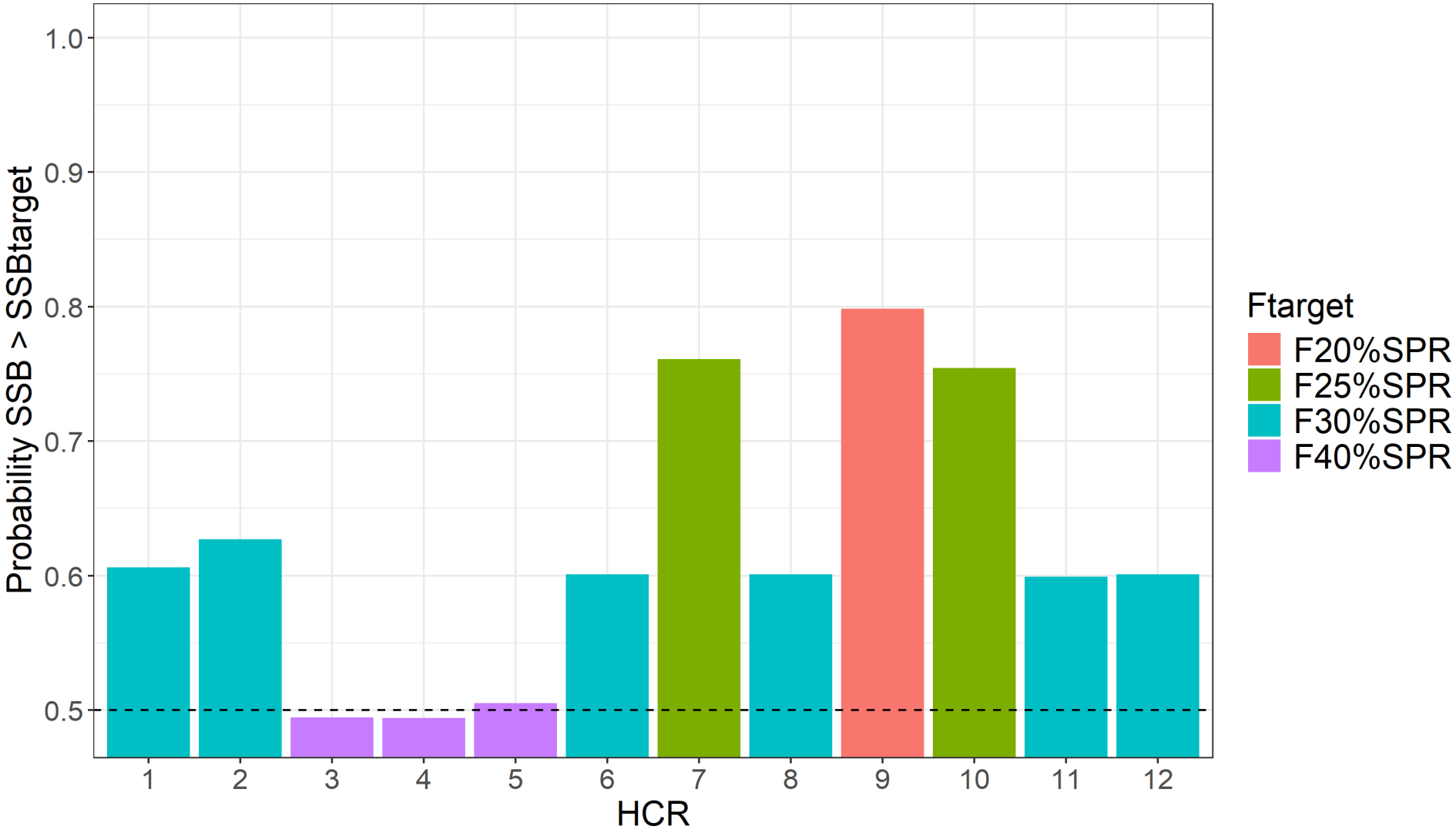

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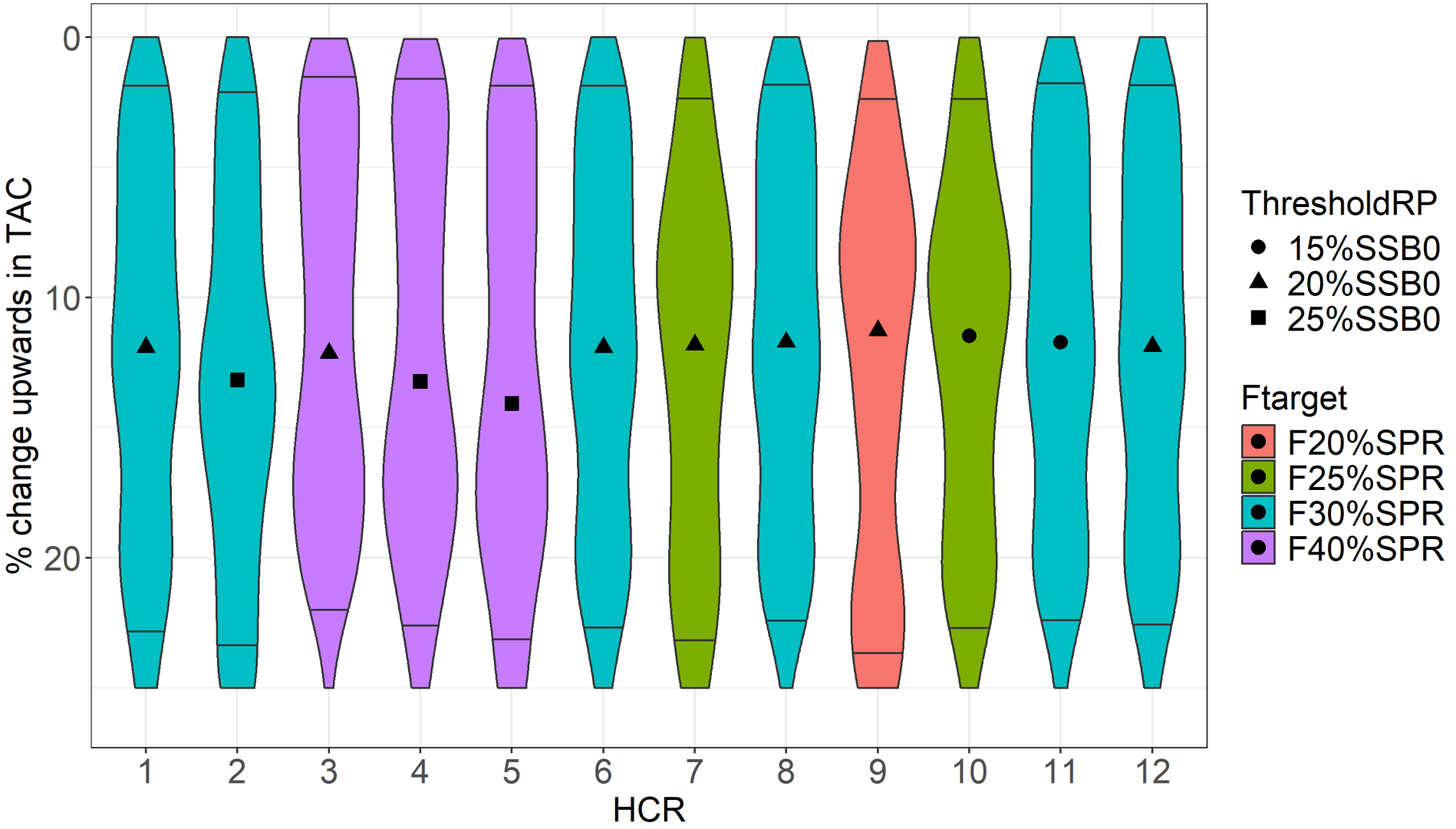

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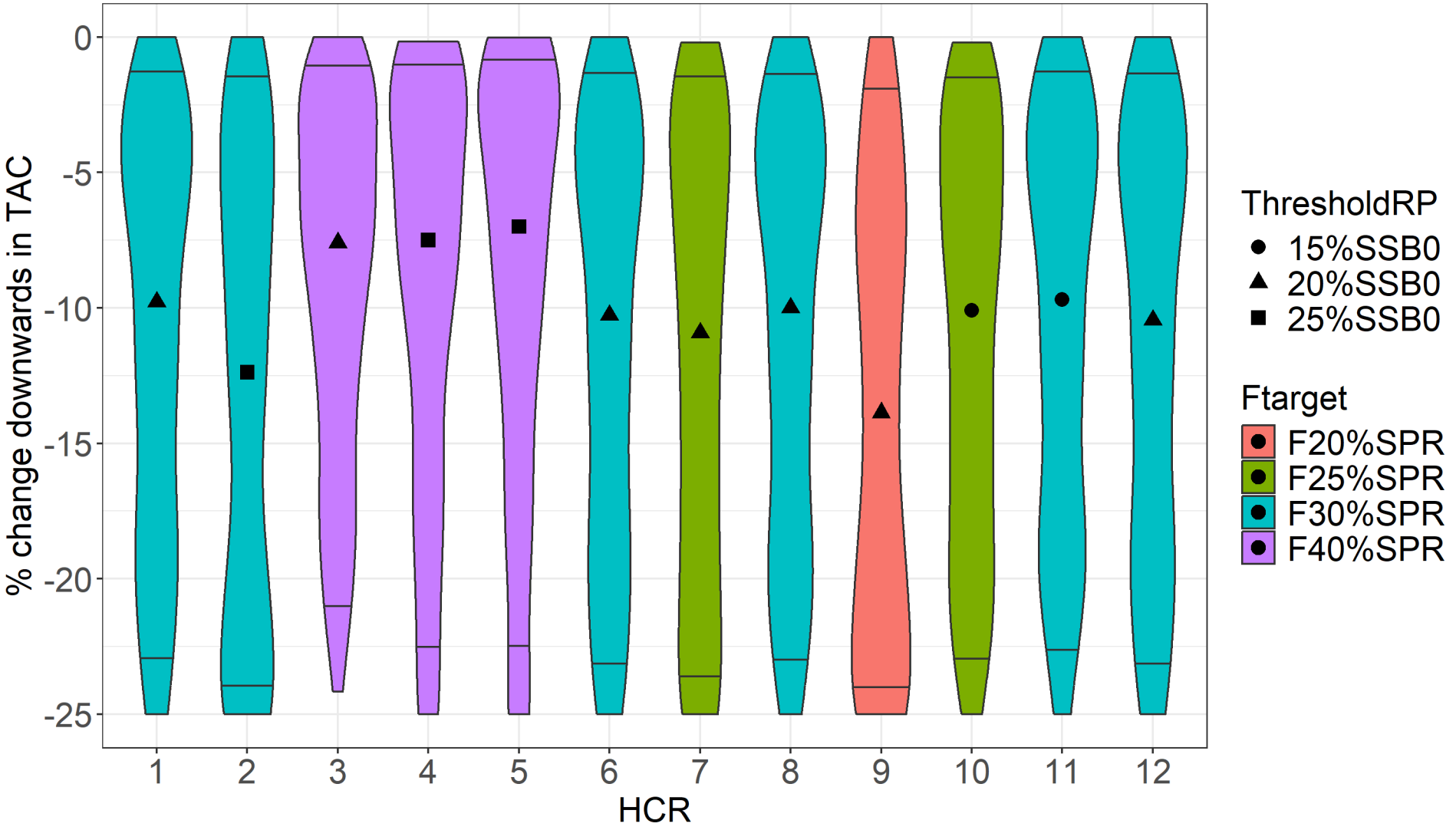

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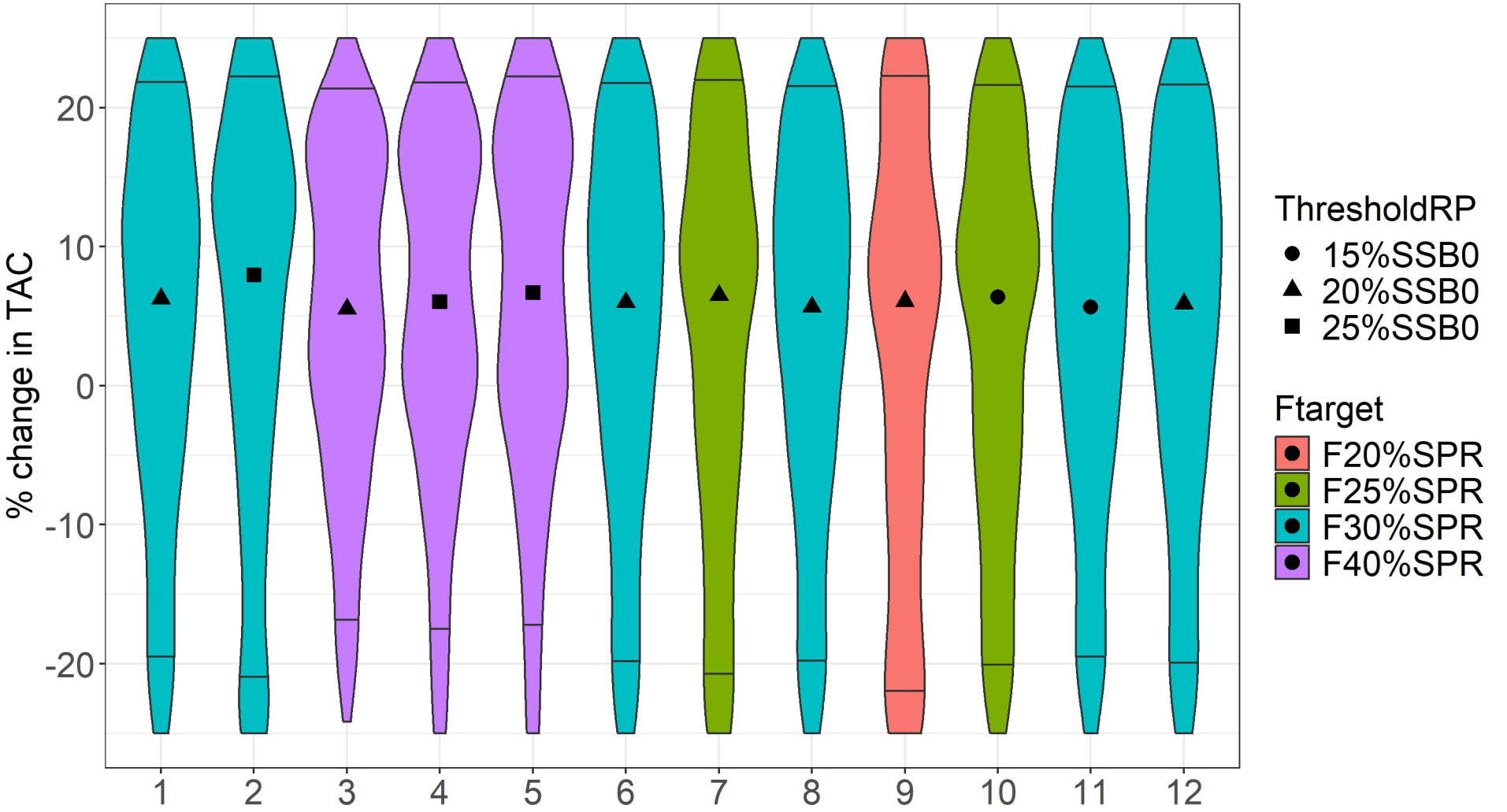
Overall Change in TAC



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- Comparable median change in TAC across HCRs
- More positive than negative changes

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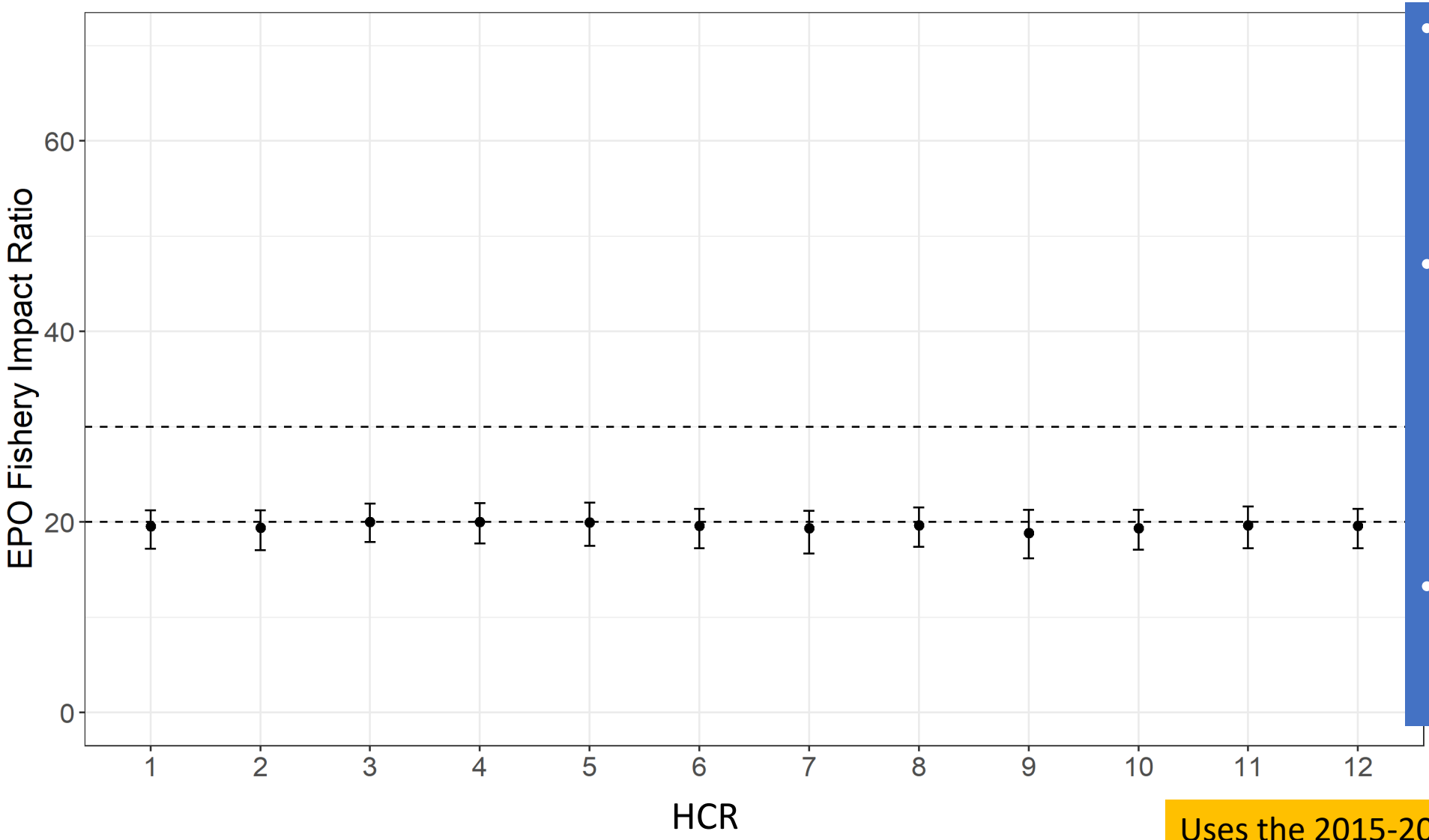
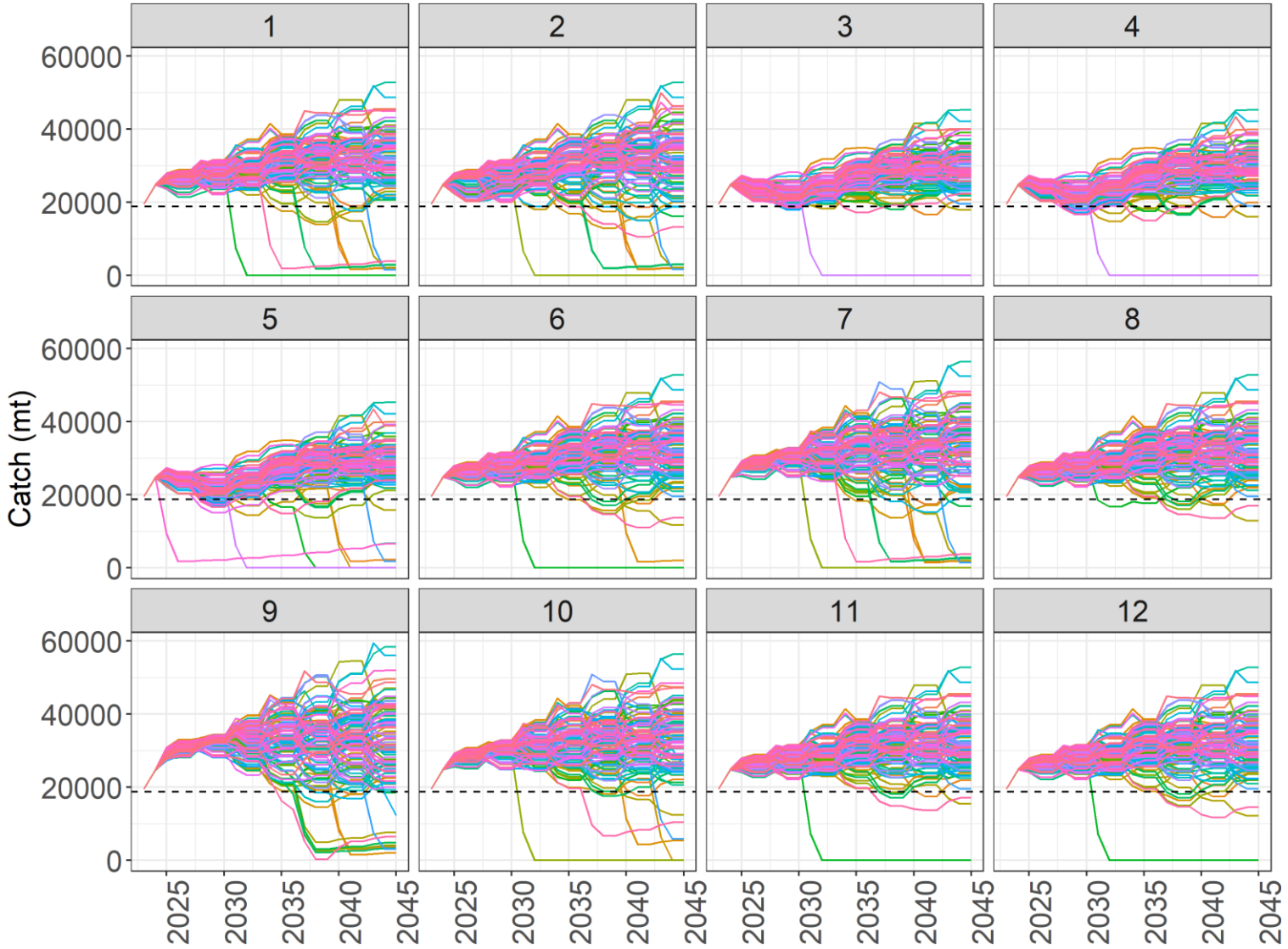


- *OBJECTIVE: Maintain an equitable balance in proportional fishery impact between the WCPO and EPO*
- *PERFORMANCE METRIC: Median fishery impact (in %) on SSB in the terminal year of the evaluation period by fishery and by WCPO fisheries and EPO fisheries*
- Median EPO:WCPO impact ranges from 19:81 to 20:80 across HCRs

Uses the 2015-2022 relative allocation baseline

Total Catch Worm Plots



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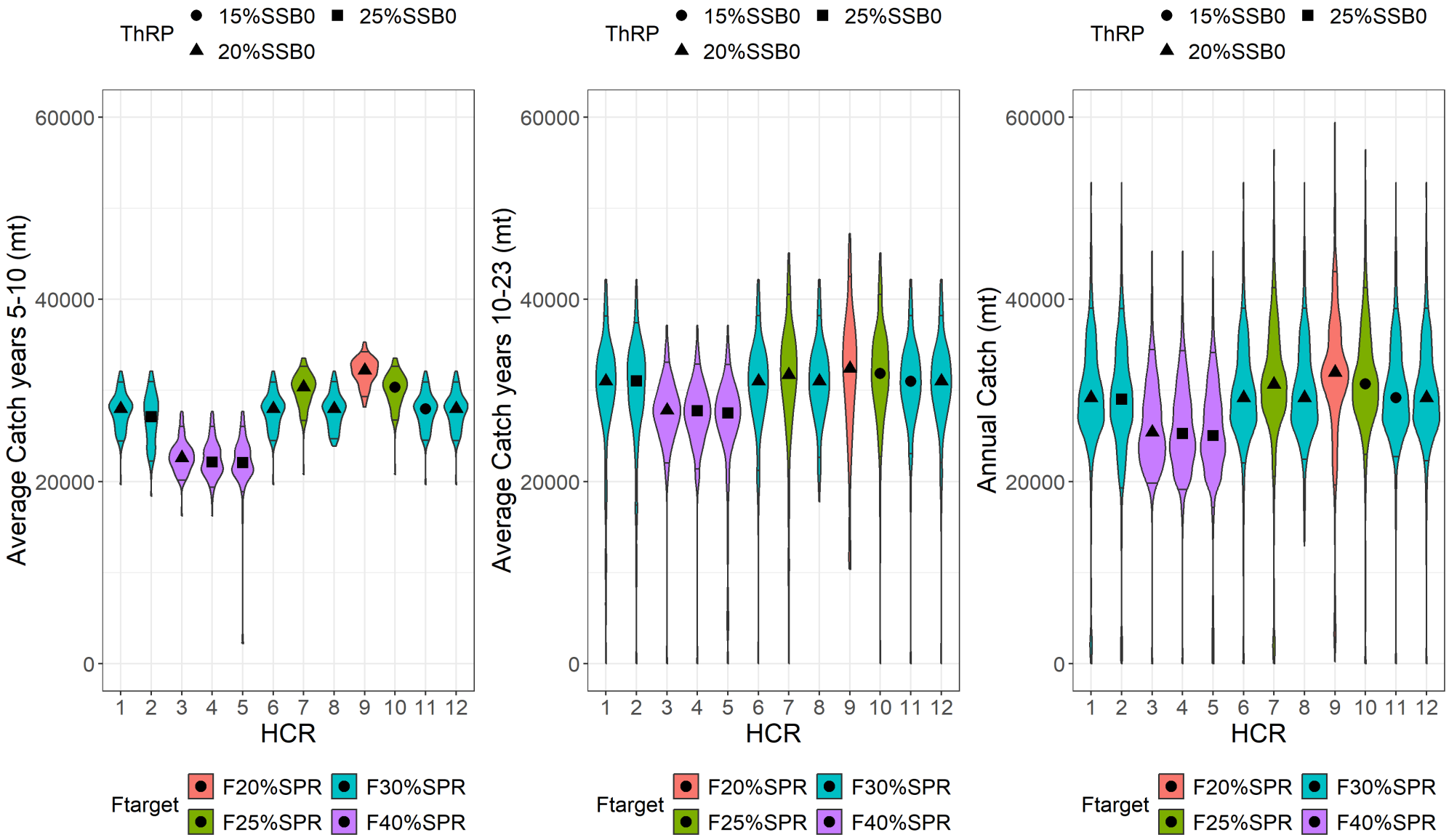
Average historical catch

Yield Performance Metric 2-4 – Total Catch



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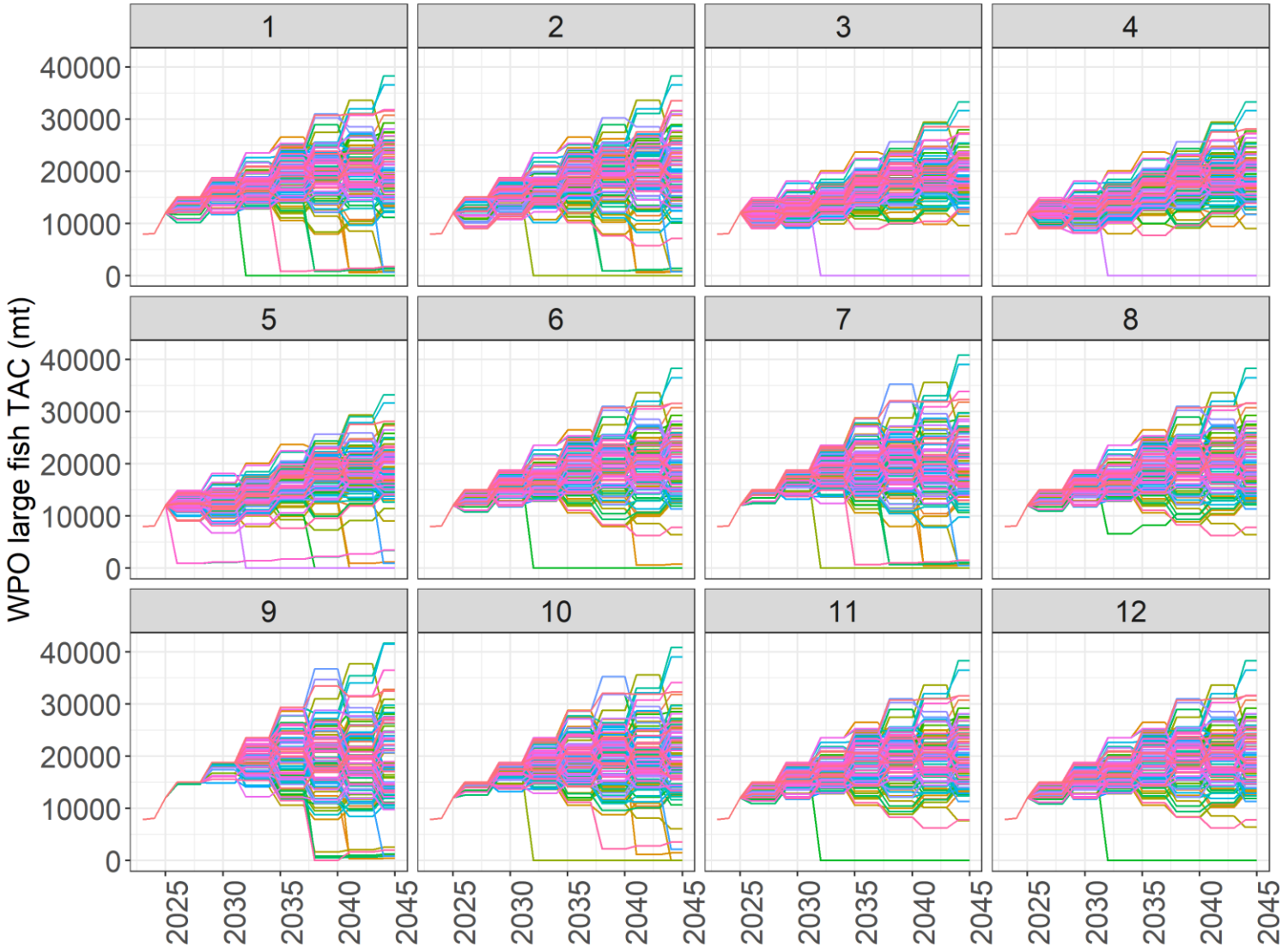

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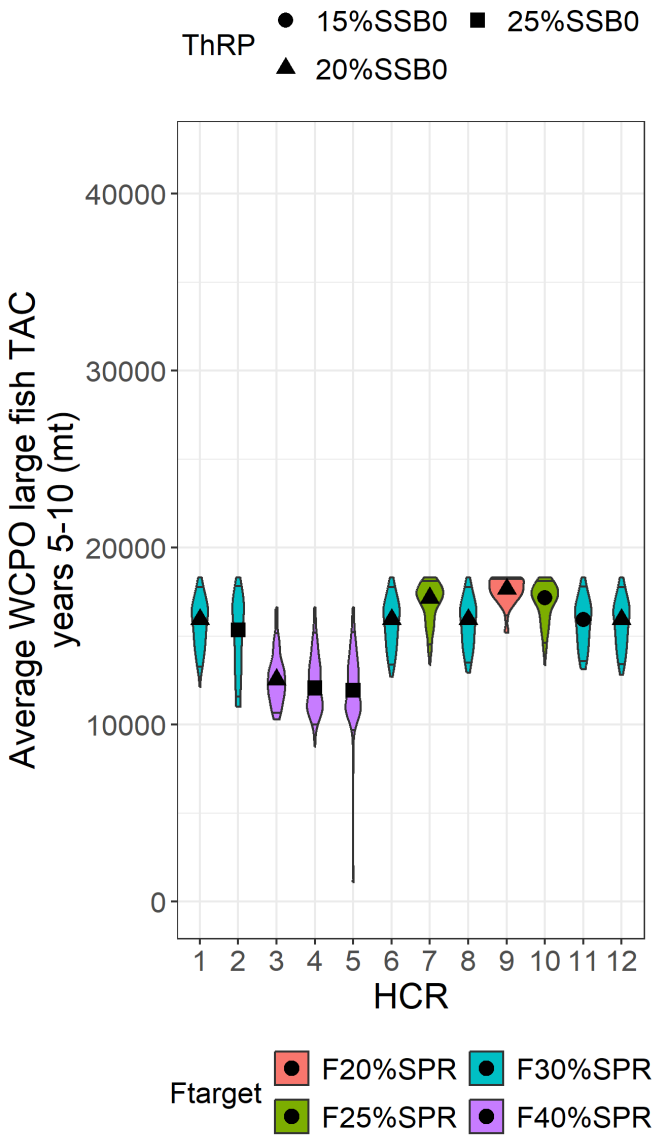

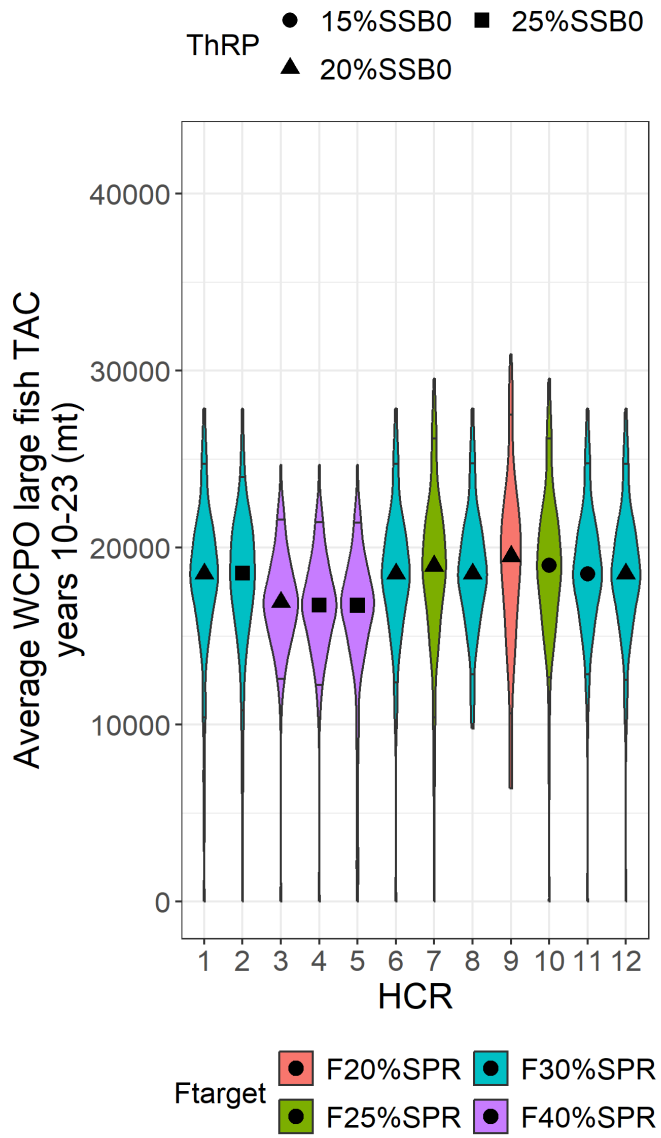

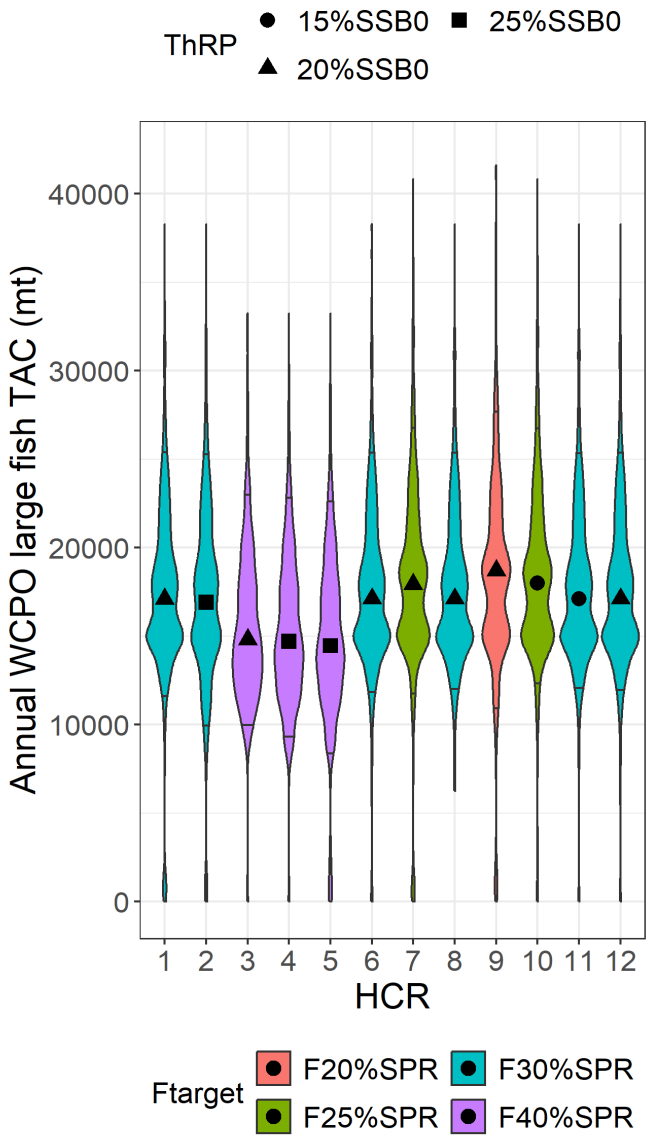

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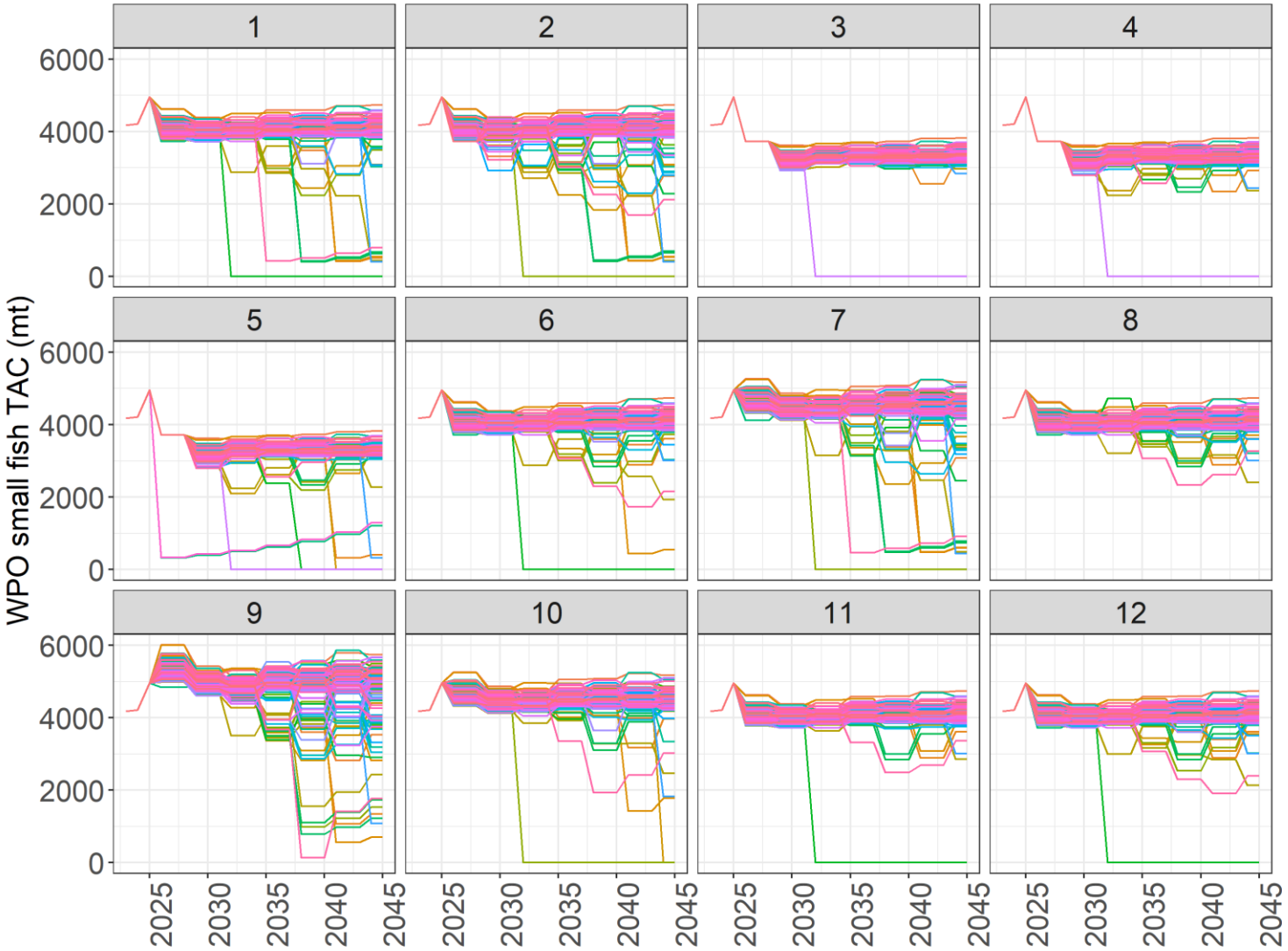

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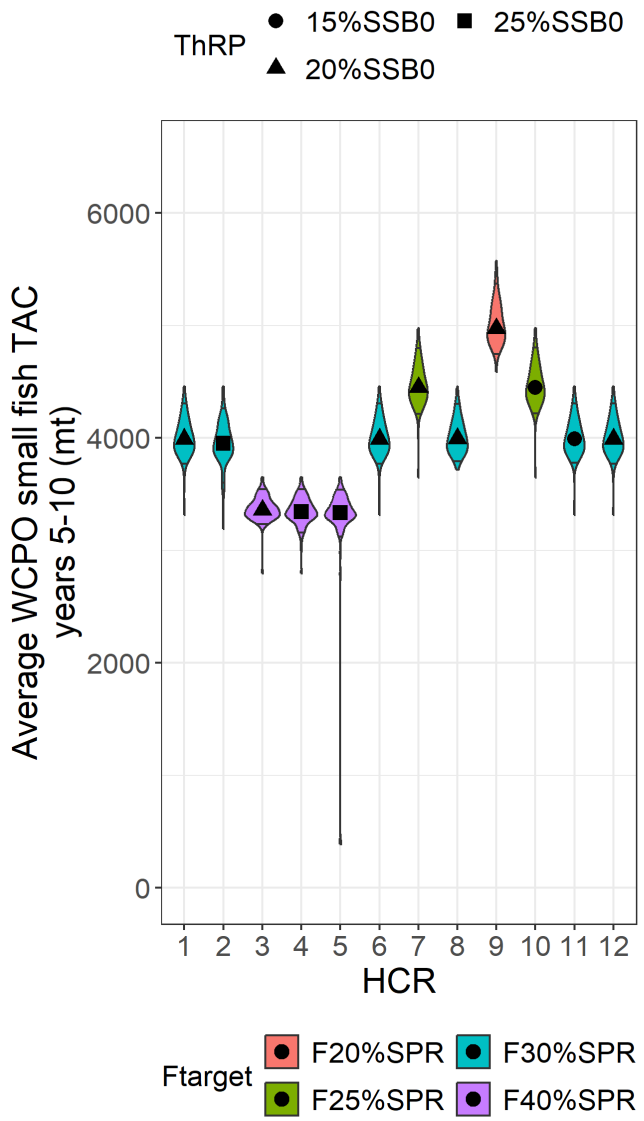

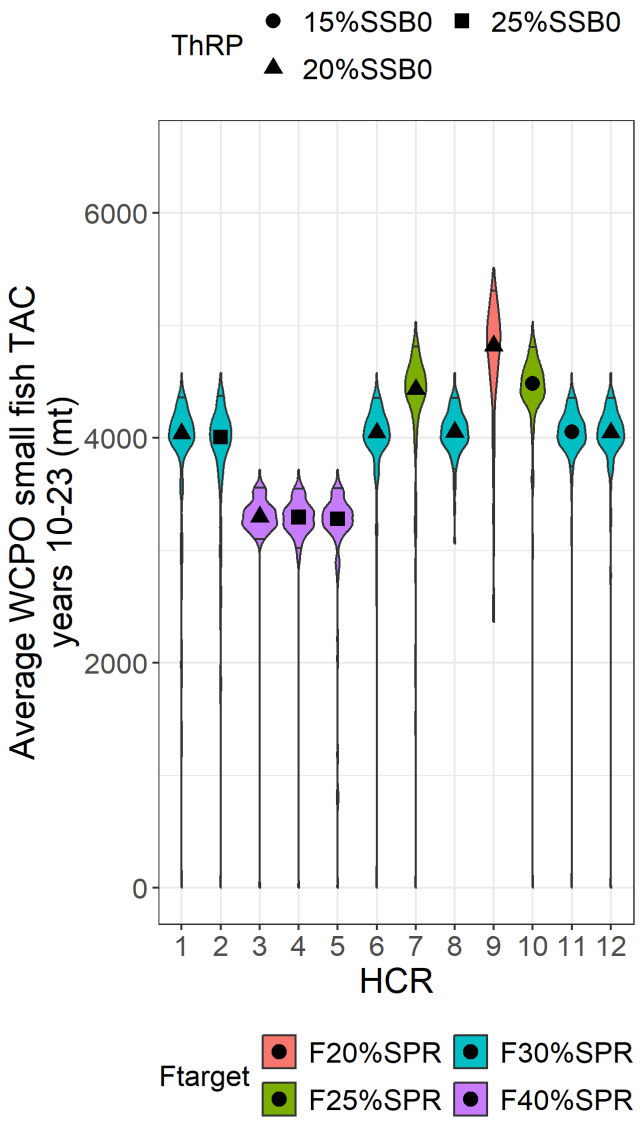

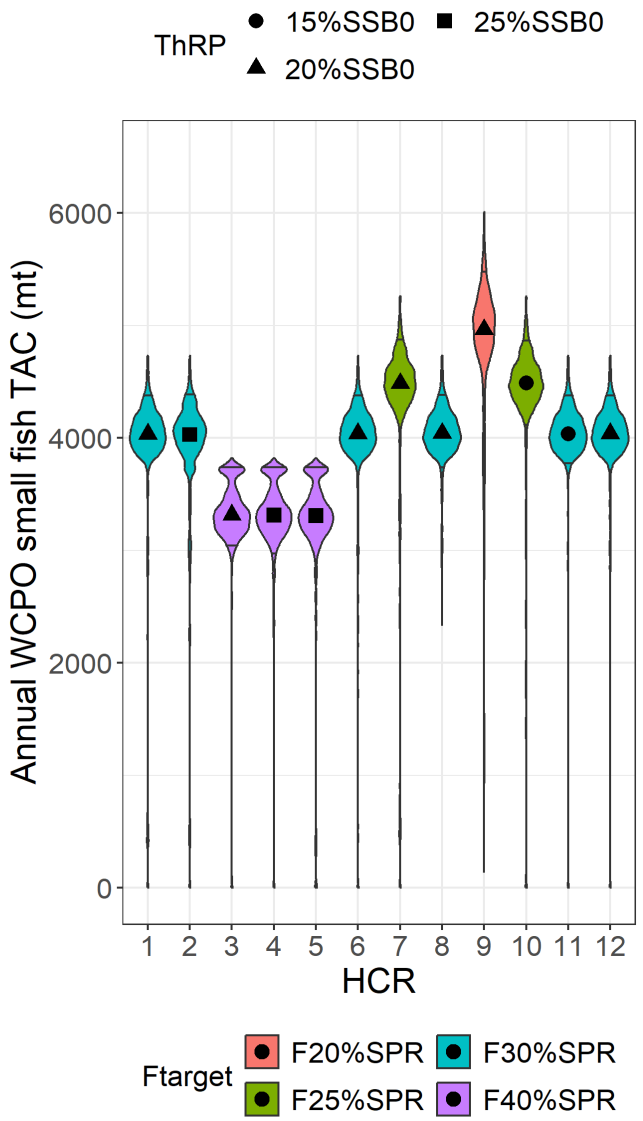

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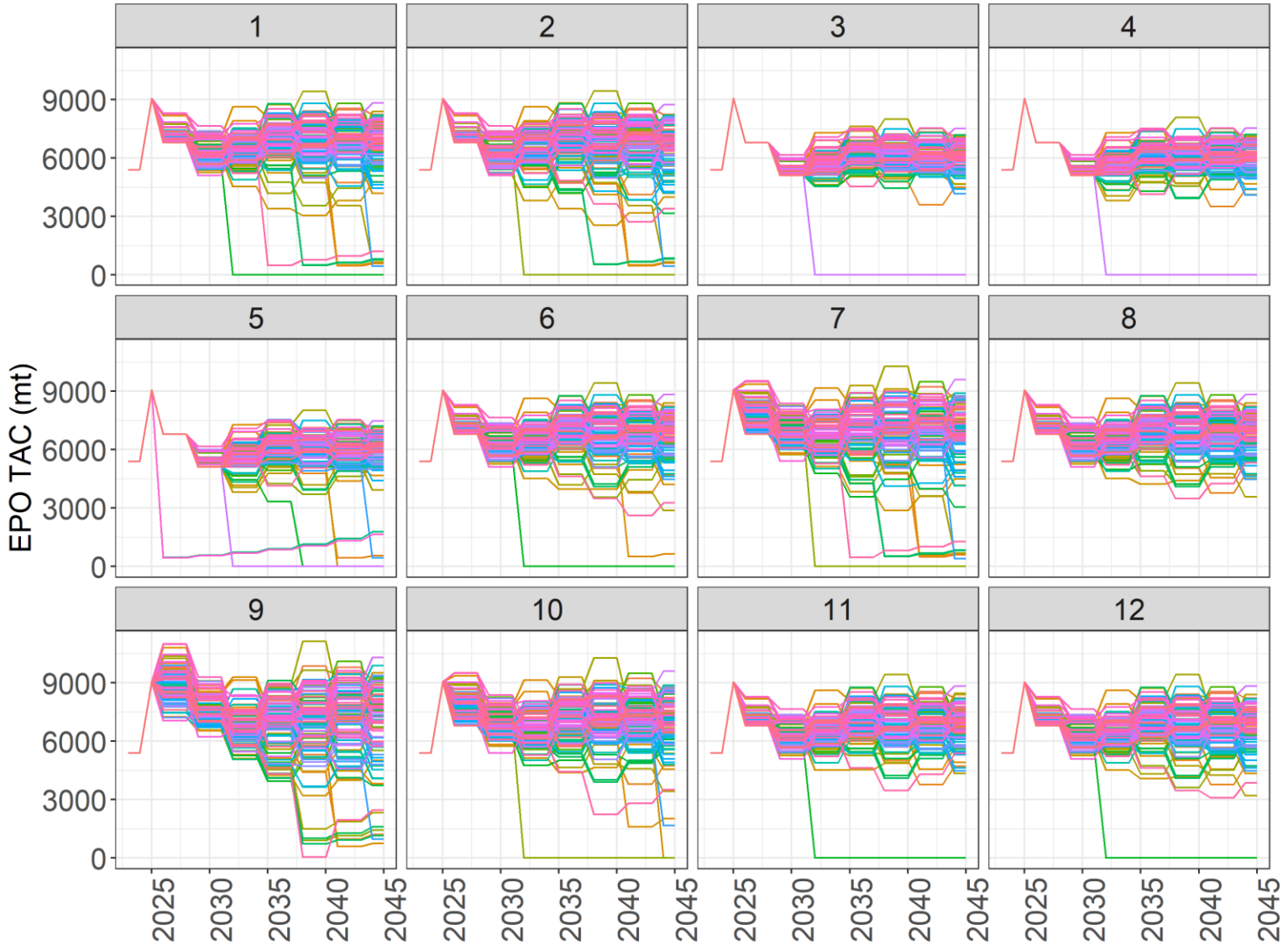
TAC EPO



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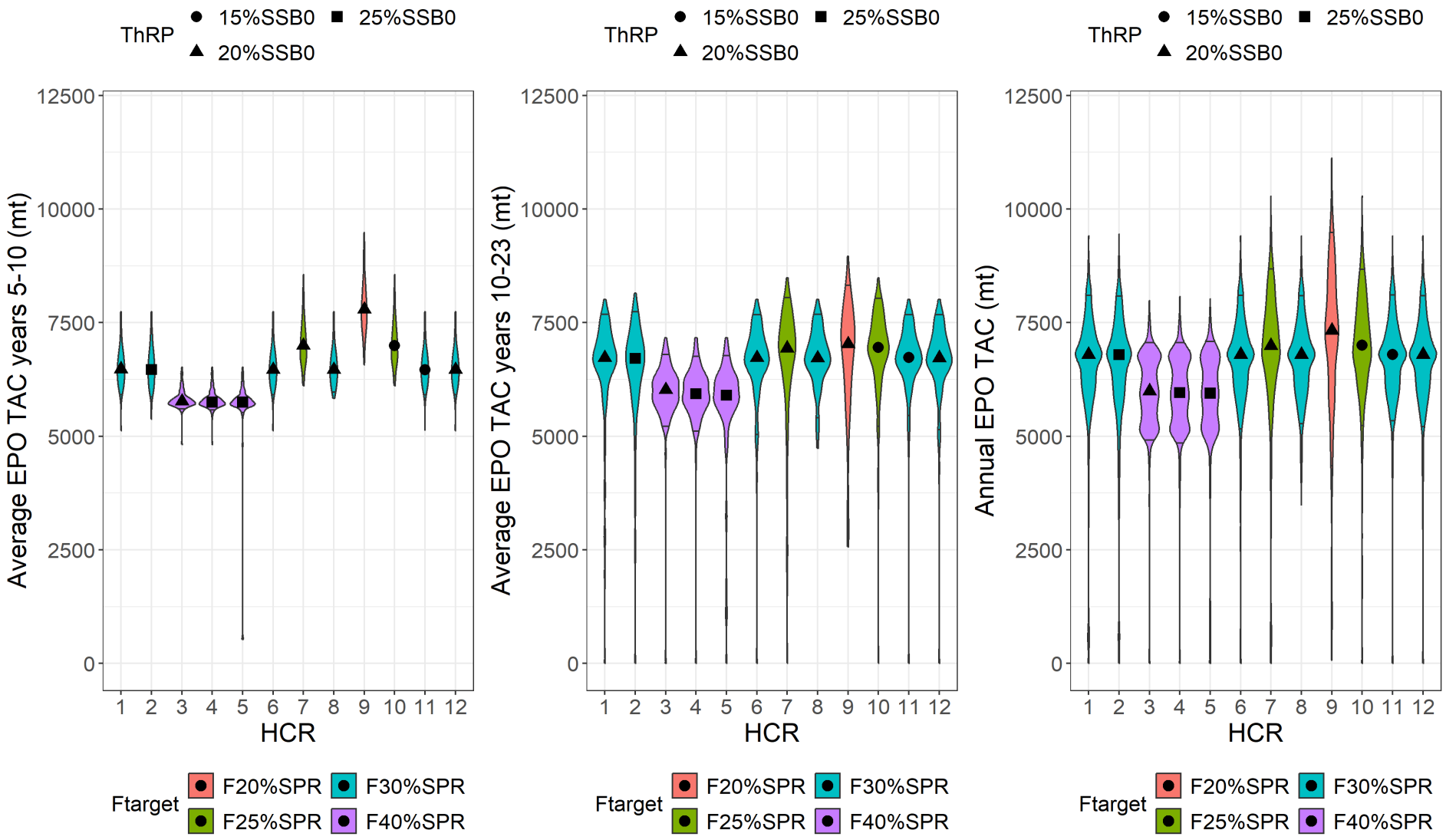

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Tradeoff between Performance Indicators - Yield and Safety

HCRs with a similar F_{target} perform similarly

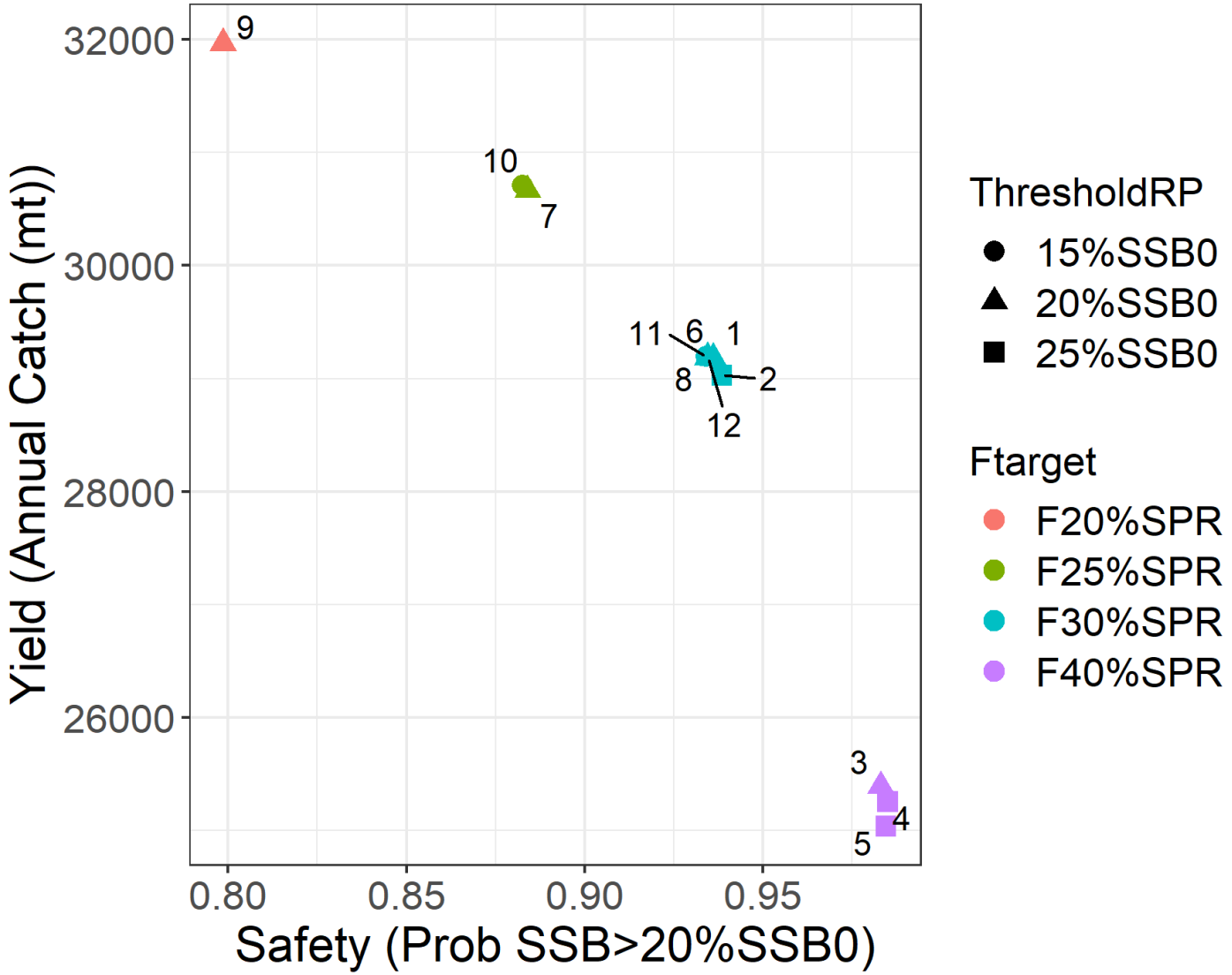

Table of Performance Indicators

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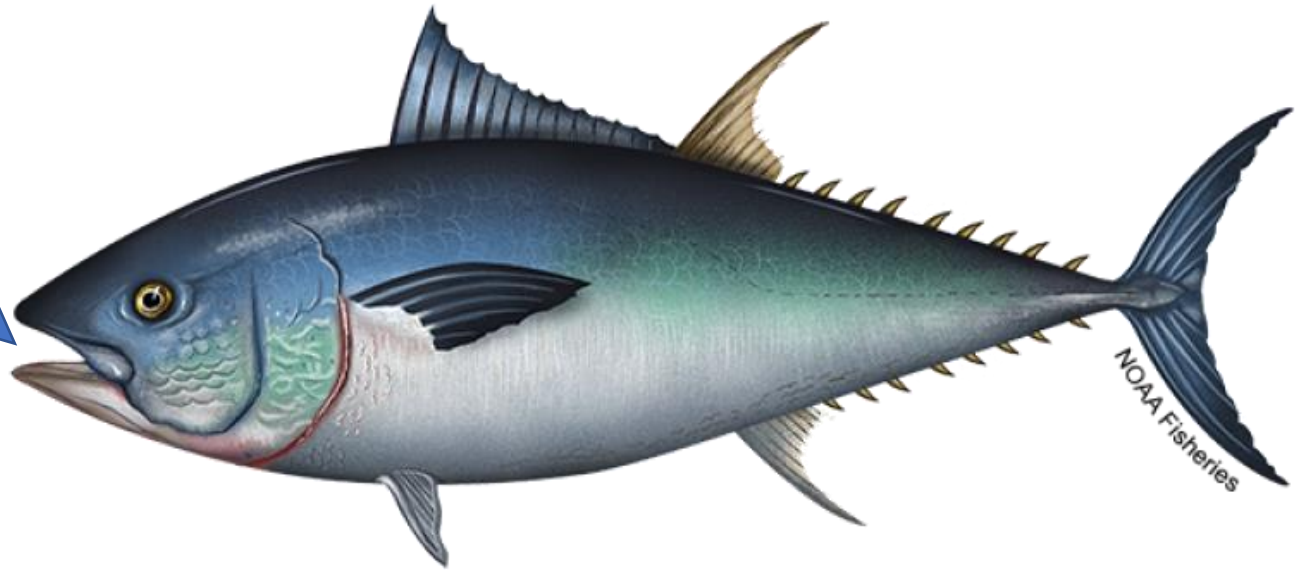
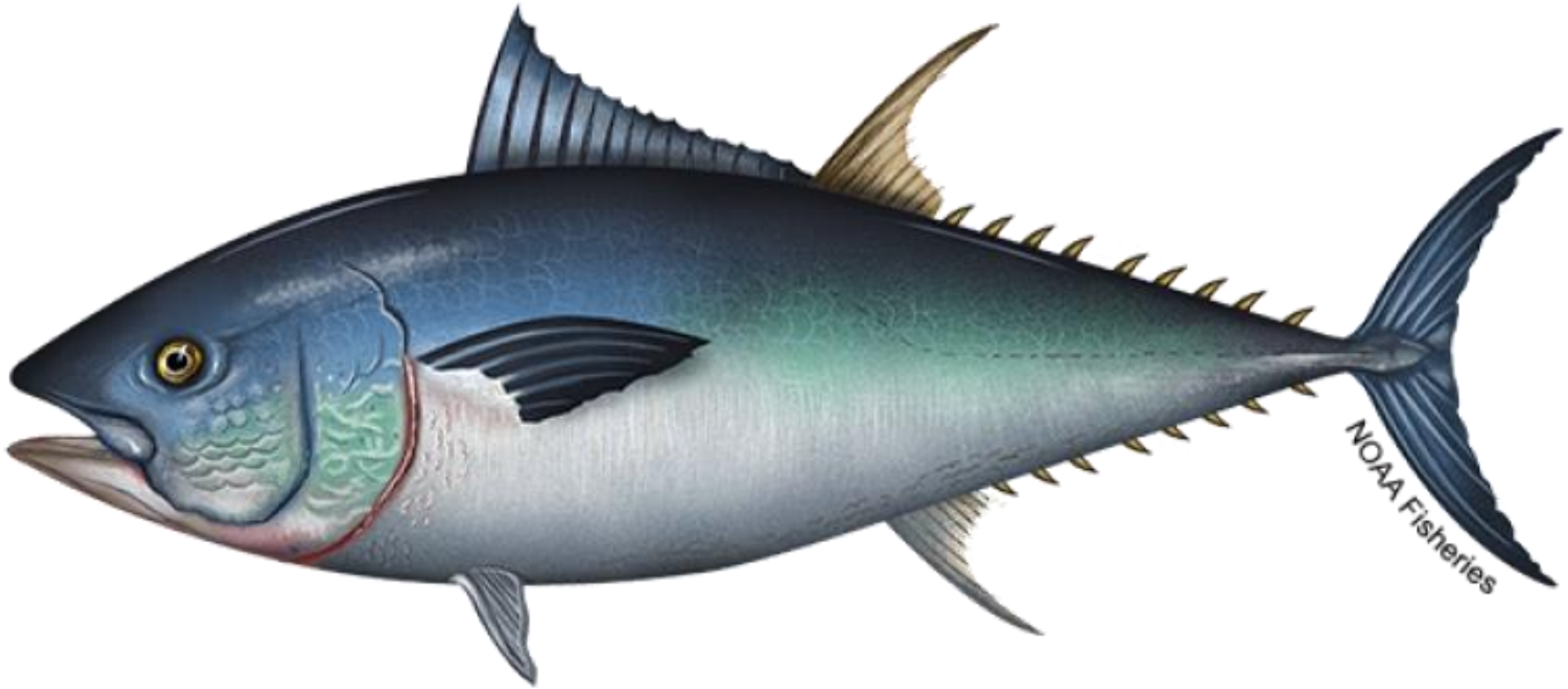
Base Case

	Prob SSB => LRP	Prob SSB => 20%SSBo	Prob F <= Ftarget	Prob SSB => SSBtarget	% change TAC +	% change TAC -	EPO Impact	Median annual catch	Median year 5-10 average catch	Median year 11-23 average catch	Median WCPO large fish annual catch	Median WCPO small fish annual catch	Median EPO annual catch	MP TAC
1	98	94	69	61	12	-10	20	29182	27981	31008	17105	4036	6794	NA
2	98	94	71	63	13	-12	19	29028	27112	31043	16923	4030	6794	NA
3	100	98	68	49	12	-8	20	25393	22596	27815	14820	3317	5994	NA
4	100	98	69	49	13	-7	20	25257	22137	27776	14700	3313	5958	NA
5	98	98	70	50	14	-7	20	25039	22064	27530	14461	3309	5944	NA
6	100	93	69	60	12	-10	20	29187	27981	31011	17118	4040	6794	NA
7	98	88	69	76	12	-11	19	30668	30355	31700	17939	4485	6993	NA
8	100	93	69	60	12	-10	20	29187	27981	31011	17118	4042	6794	NA
9	98	80	68	80	11	-14	19	31970	32189	32400	18716	4965	7327	NA
10	100	88	68	75	11	-10	19	30708	30355	31843	17997	4490	7002	NA
11	100	93	68	60	12	-10	20	29197	27981	31011	17118	4037	6794	NA
12	100	93	69	60	12	-10	20	29187	27981	31011	17118	4040	6794	NA

- Color reflects range of each column. Highest have dark green, lowest light yellow, different shades of green to yellow in between
- Highlights differences- E.g. Performance metric 1, 98 similar to 100 but colored very differently

Questions?
Suggestions?
Are there other plots you'd like to see?
What was unclear? What did you like?

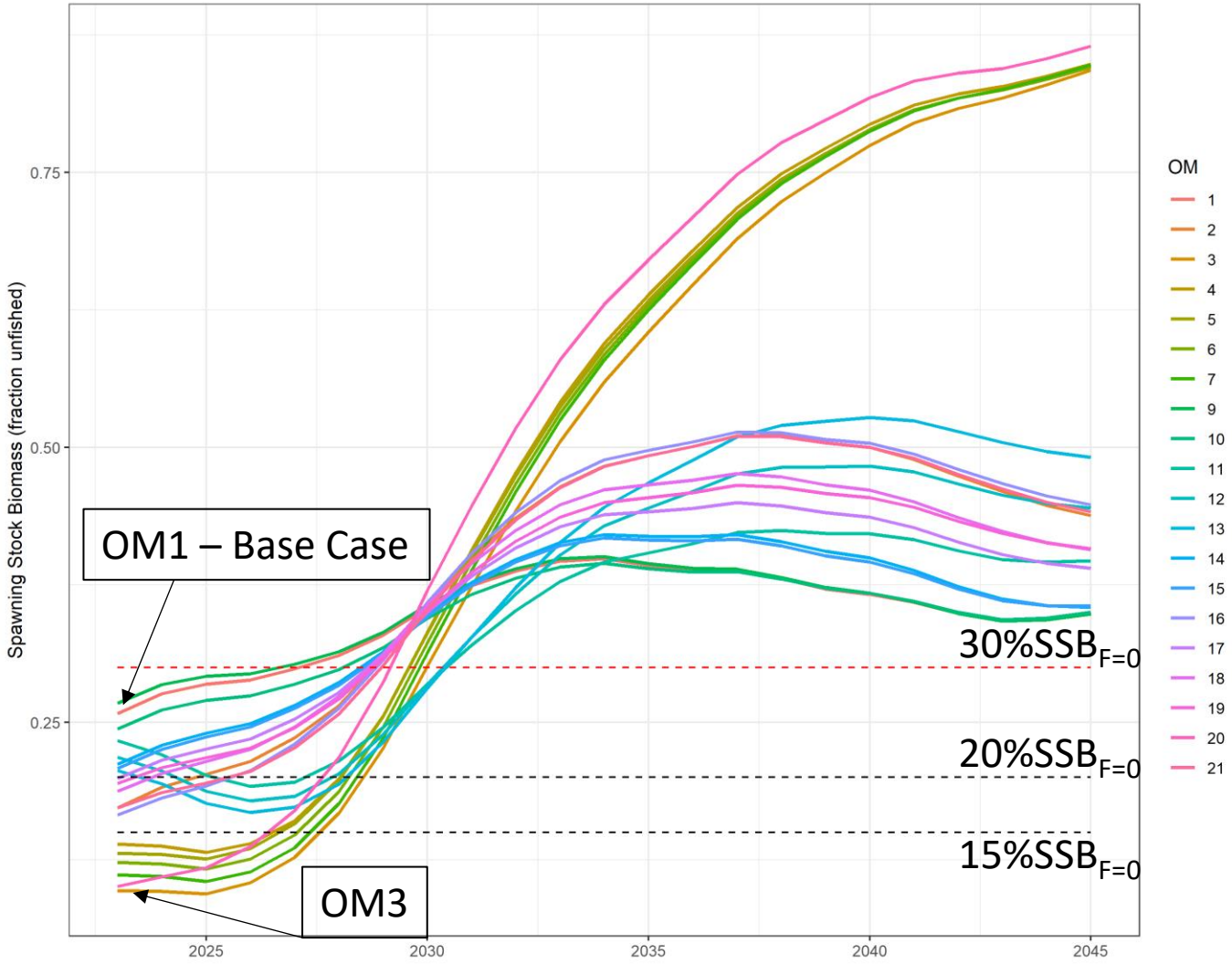




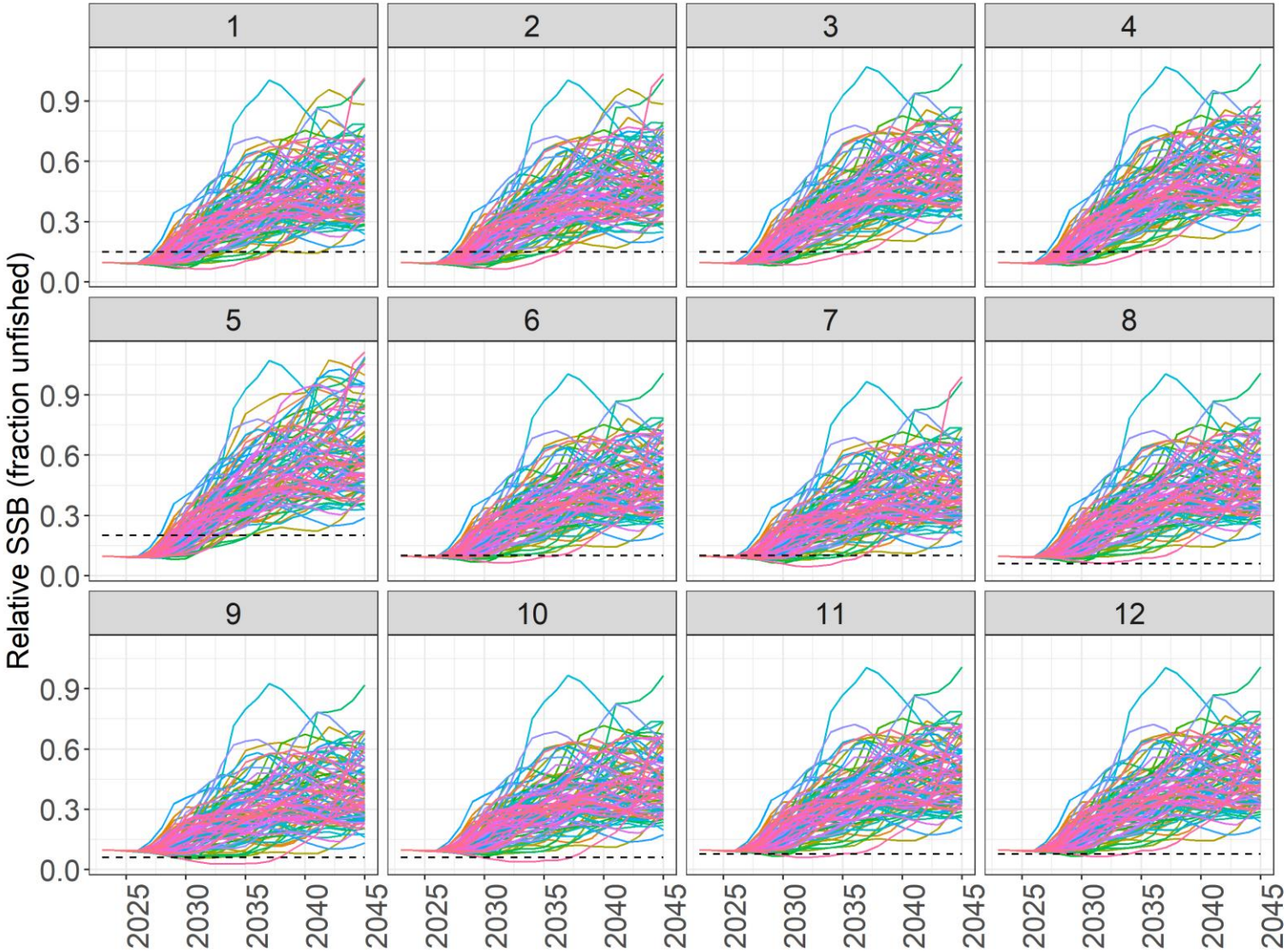
Example Results for OM3

How would results change if stock was less productive? – OM3

But remember that ultimately performance will be assessed across all OMs to see on average which HCR performs best across all plausible realities



Relative SSB Worm Plots



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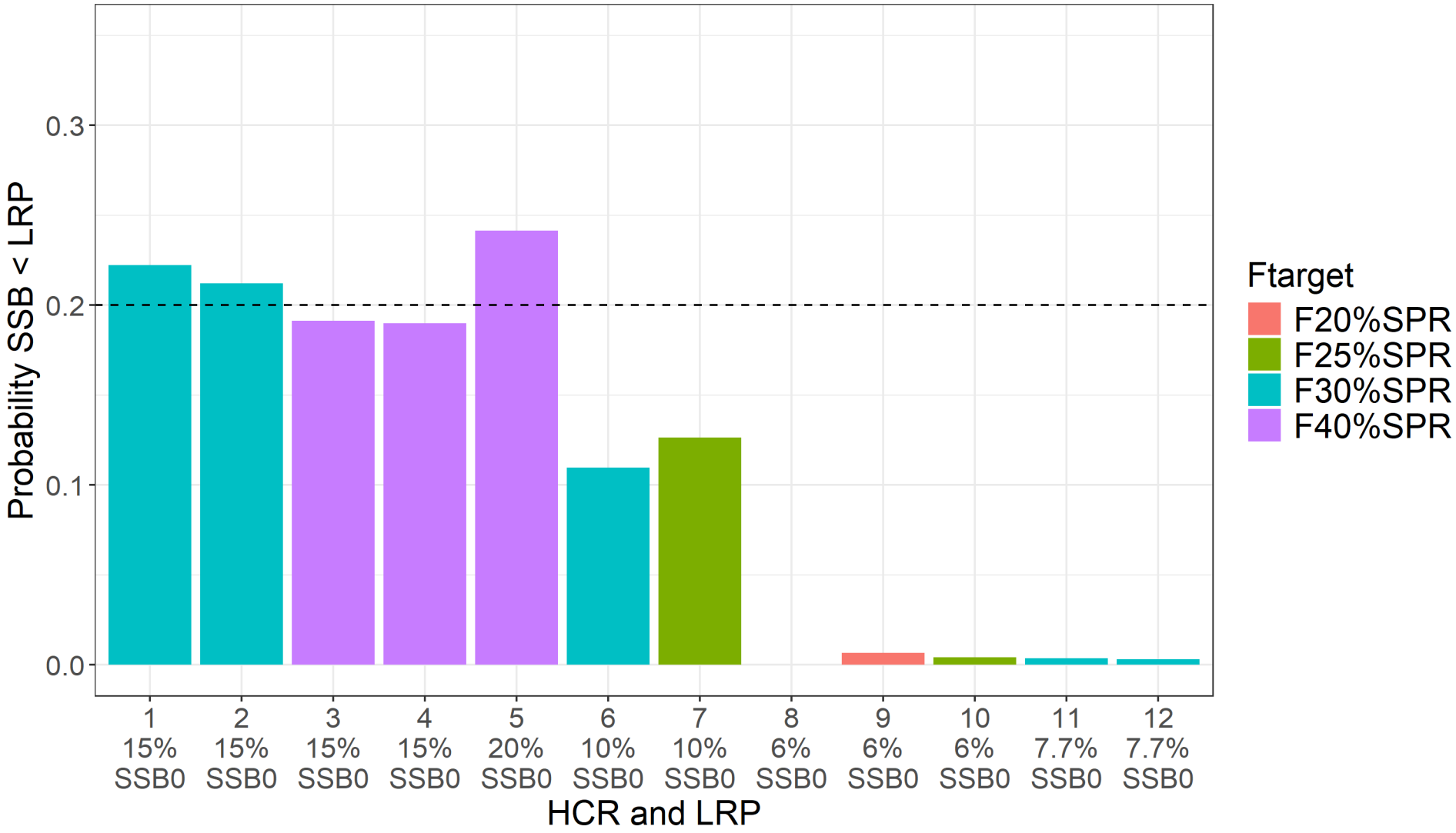
HCR specific LRP

Safety Performance Metric



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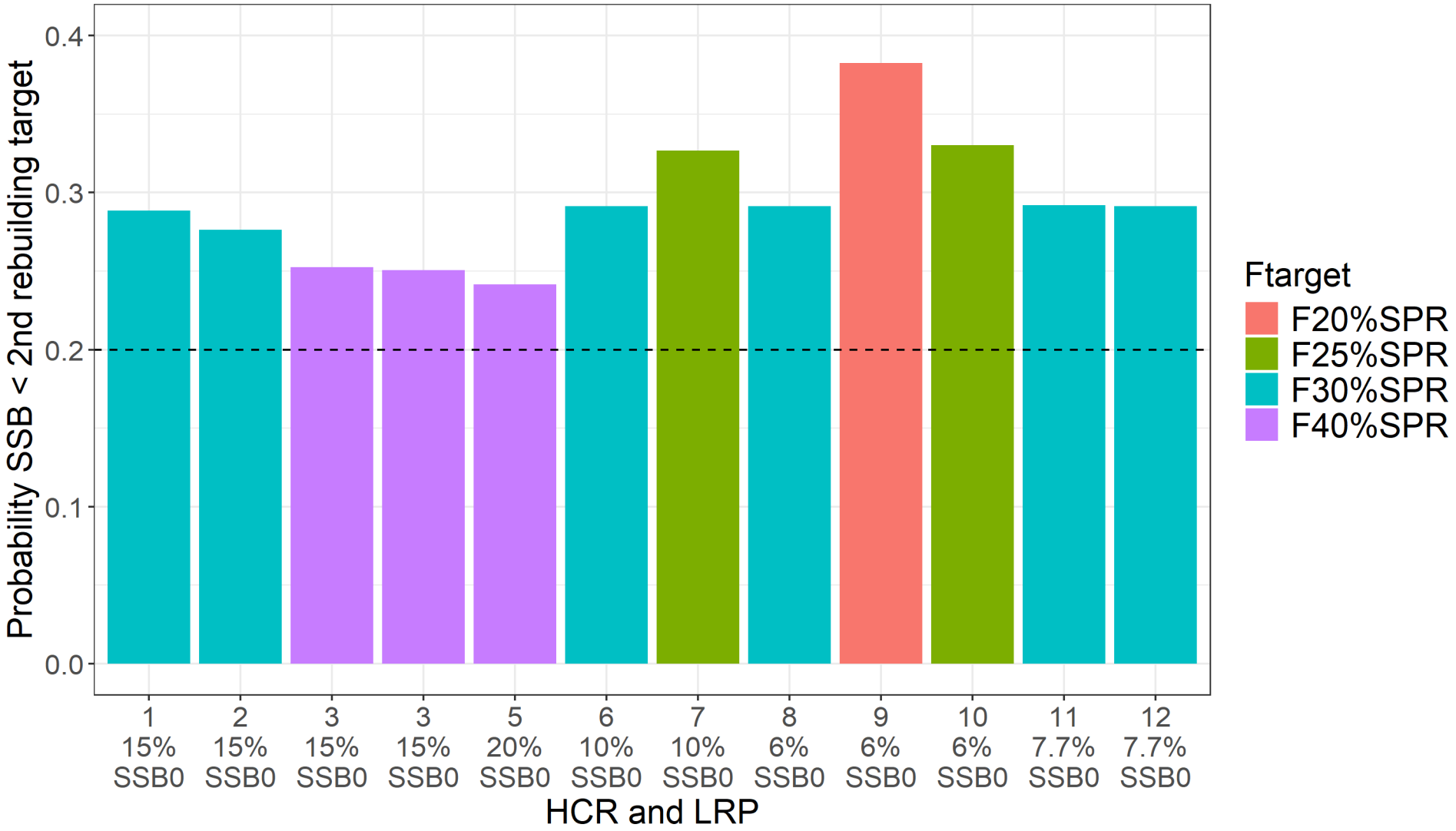
- *HCRs with the highest LRPs* have a higher probability of breaching their LRP due to low initial SSB

Safety Performance Metric – common reference point



- Performance also compared against second rebuilding target of 20%SSBF=0
- All HCRs have a probability of breaching the rebuilding target higher than 20%
- HCRs with the highest target fishing mortality do poorer

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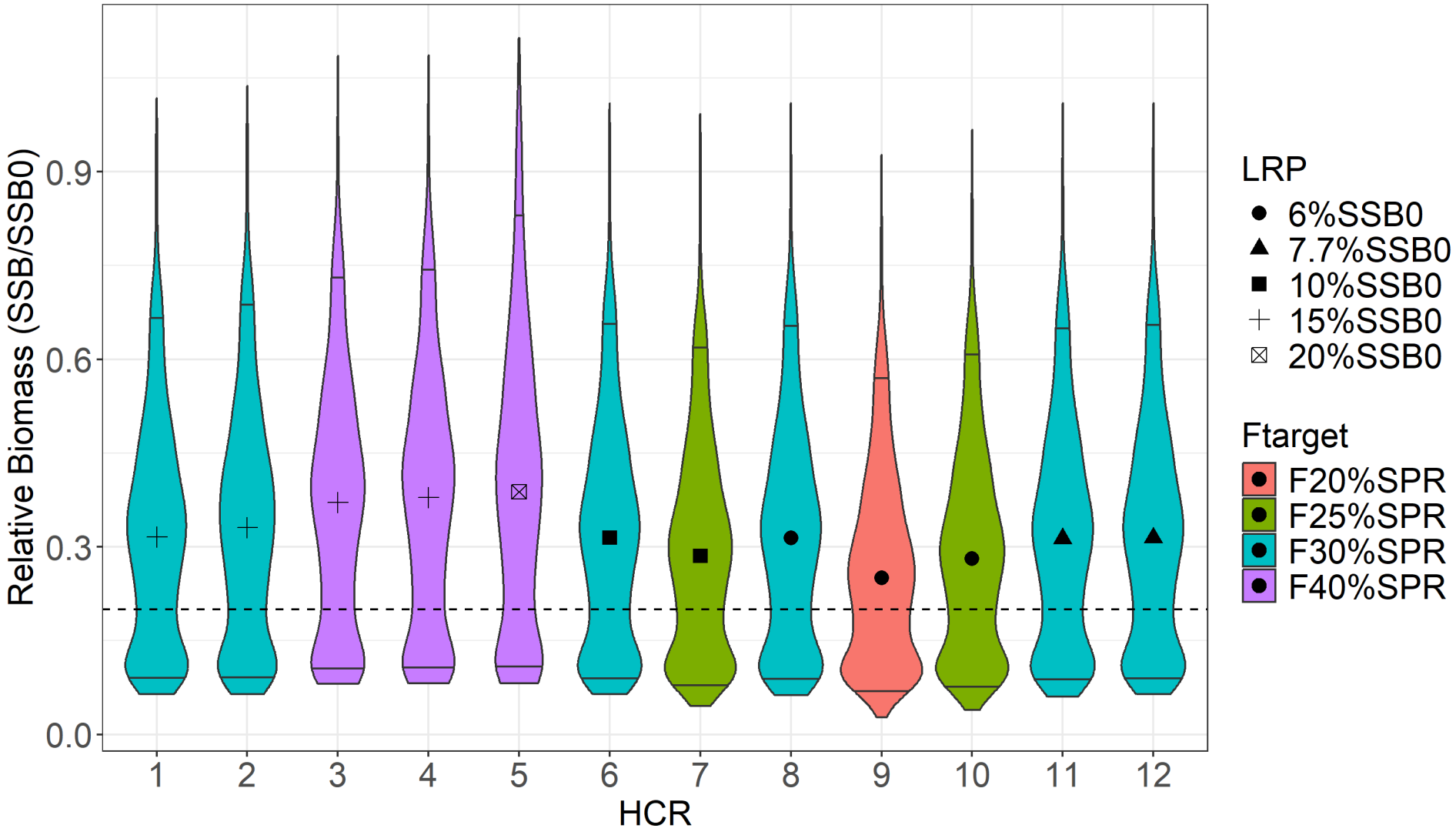

- HCRs with highest target fishing mortality have a lower median SSB and thus a higher probability of breaching the second rebuilding target

Fishing Intensity Worm Plots

- *OBJECTIVE: To maintain fishing mortality at or below F_{target} with at least 50% probability*
- *PERFORMANCE METRIC: Probability that $F \leq F_{target}$ in any given year of the evaluation period*

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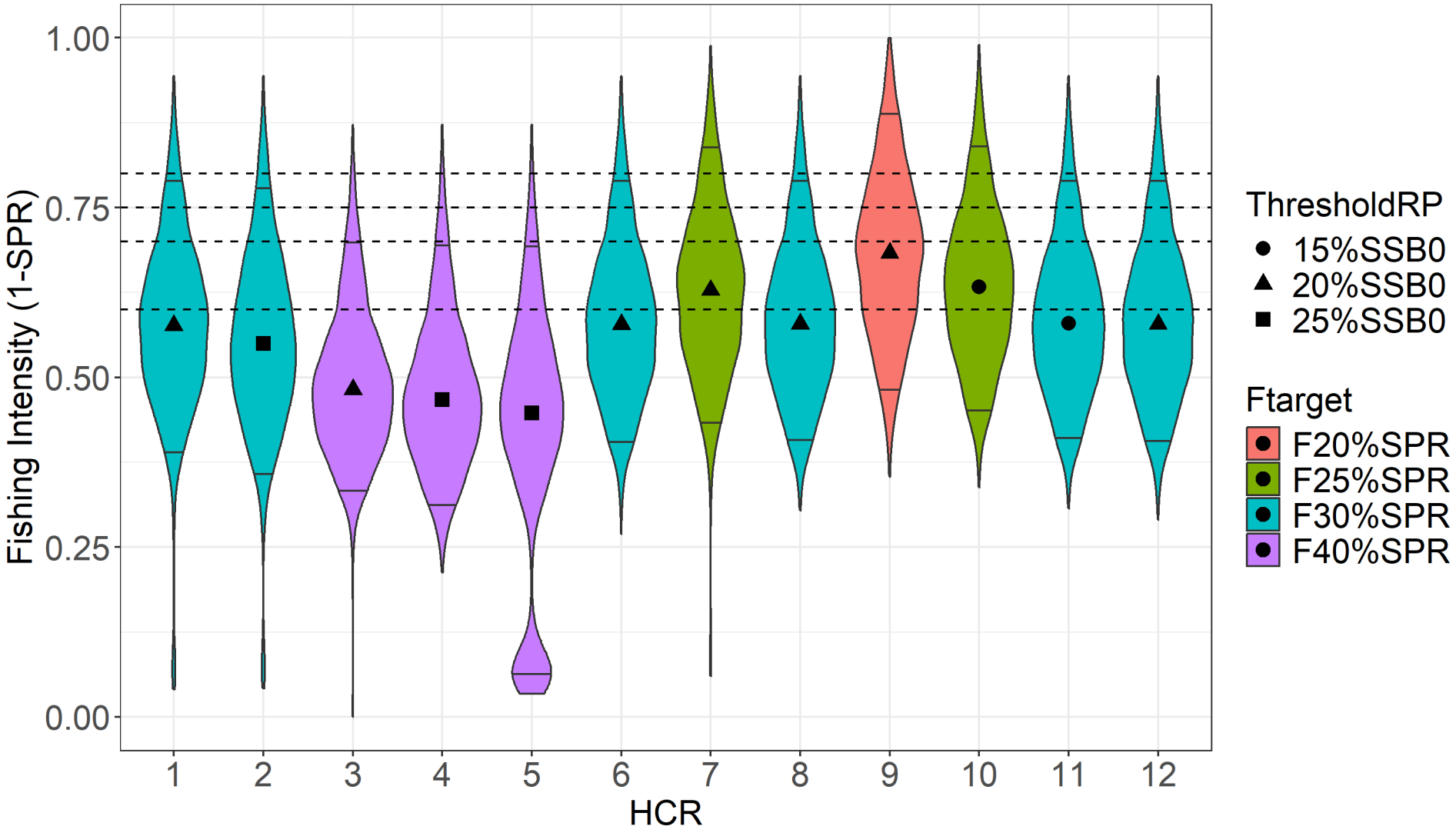

- For all HCRs, the median F remains below the F_{target}
- Due to estimation error and the 25%TAC increase limit

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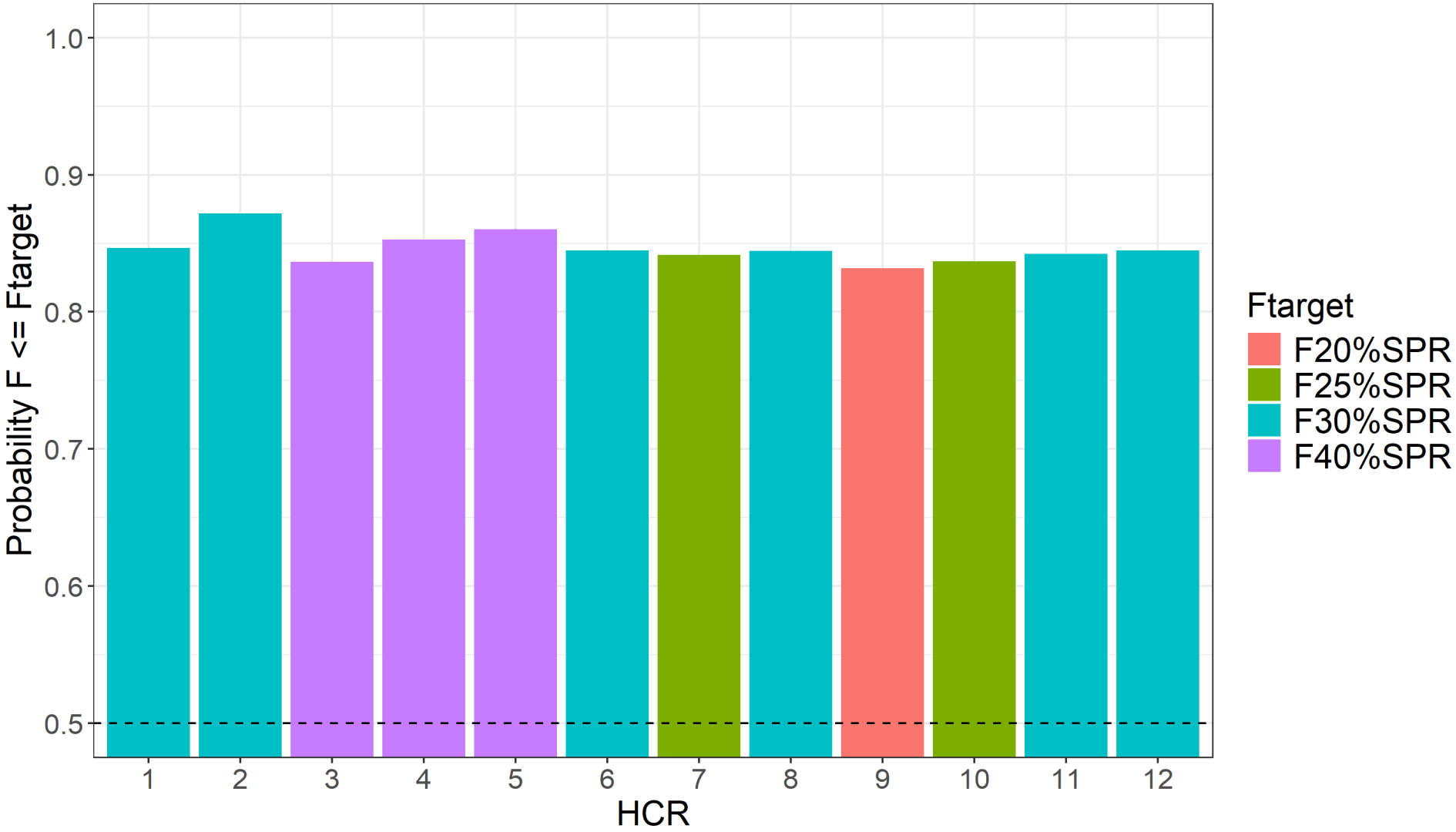

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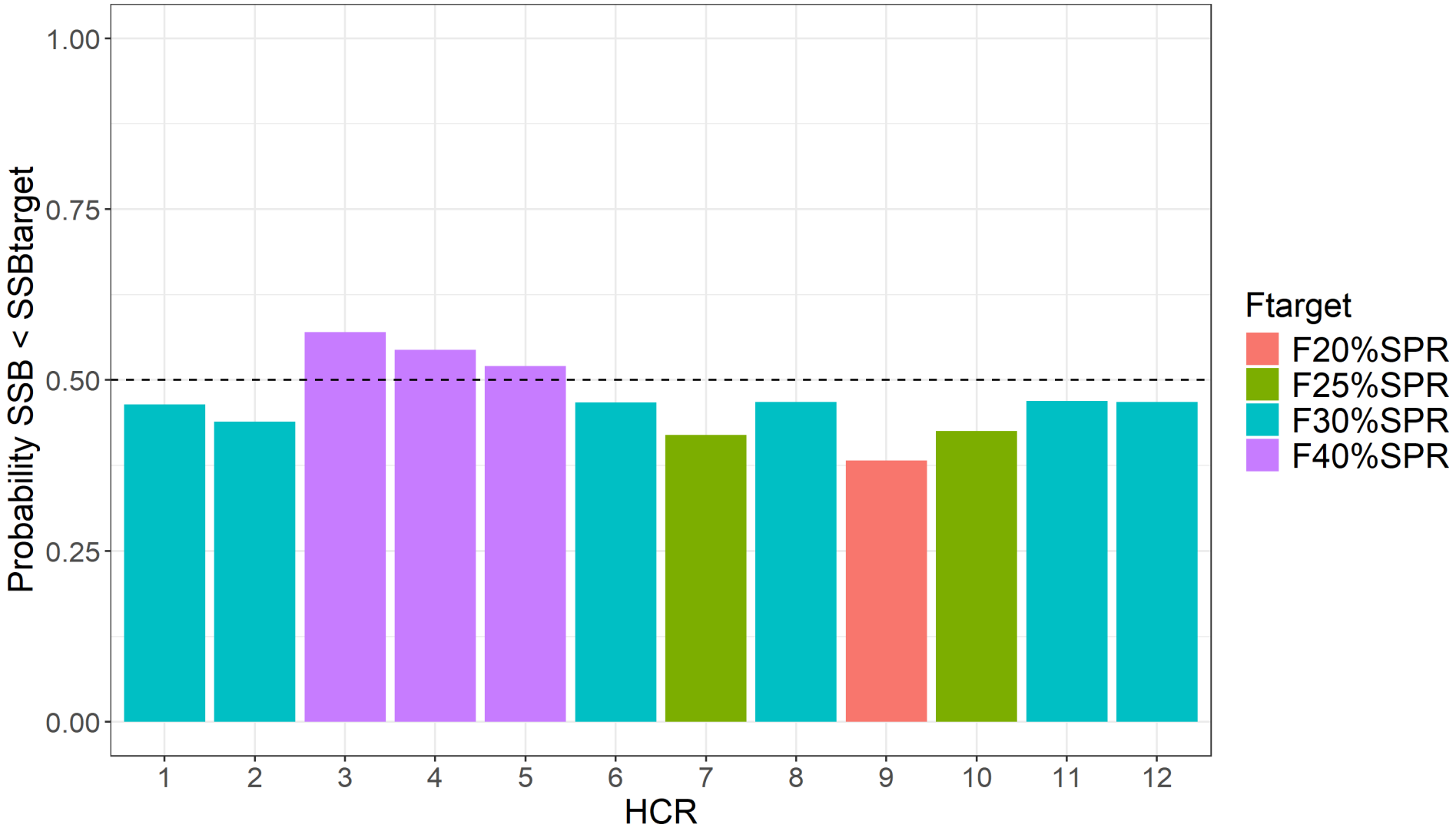
- All HCRs have a probability of being lower or equal to their F_{target} that is well above 50%

Status Performance Metric 2



- *PERFORMANCE METRIC:* Probability that SSB < the equivalent biomass depletion levels associated with the candidates for F_{target}
- All HCRs except those with a F40%SPR F_{target} have a probability of SSB being lower than the SSB associated with the F_{target} that is 50% or below

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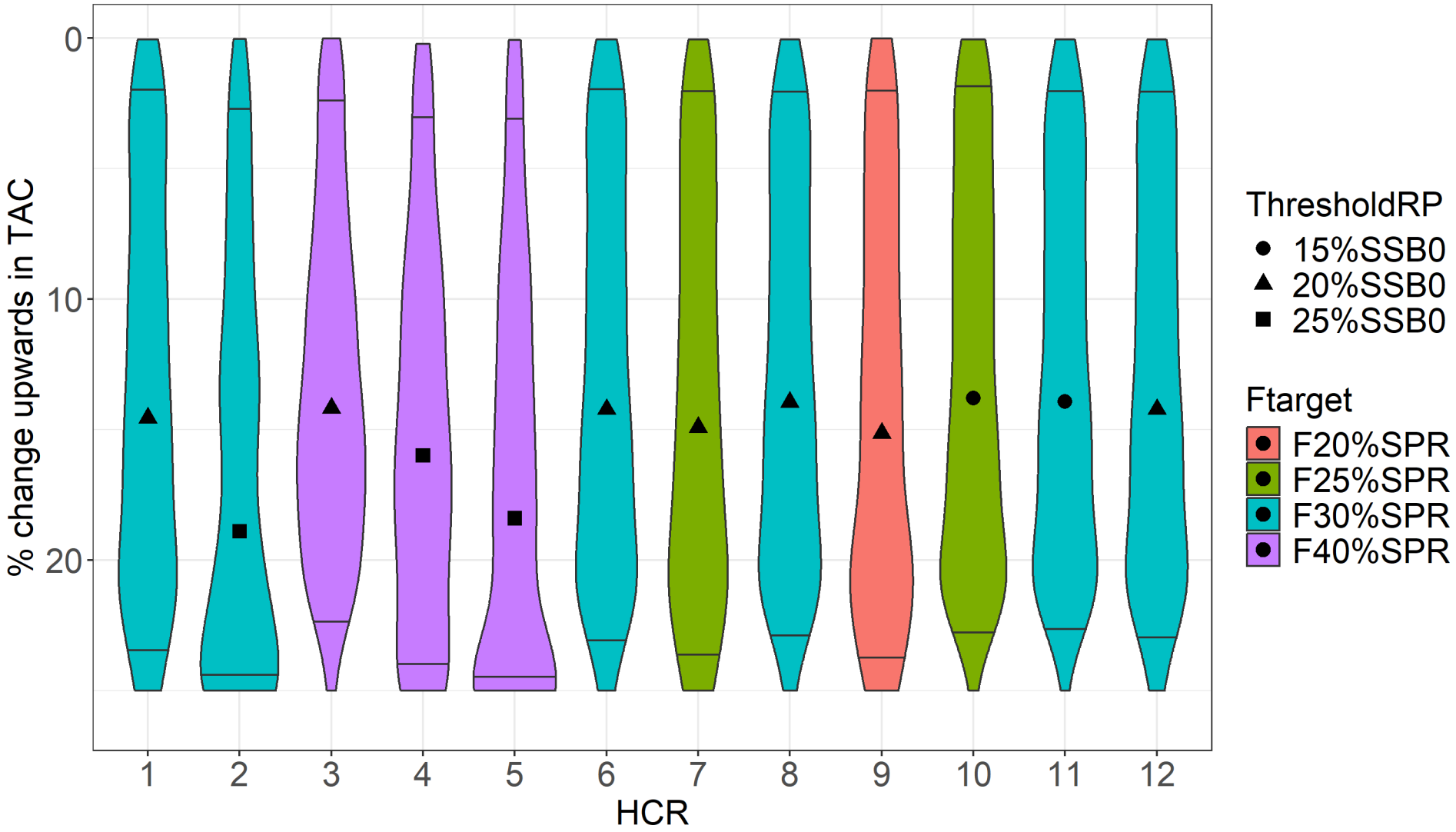

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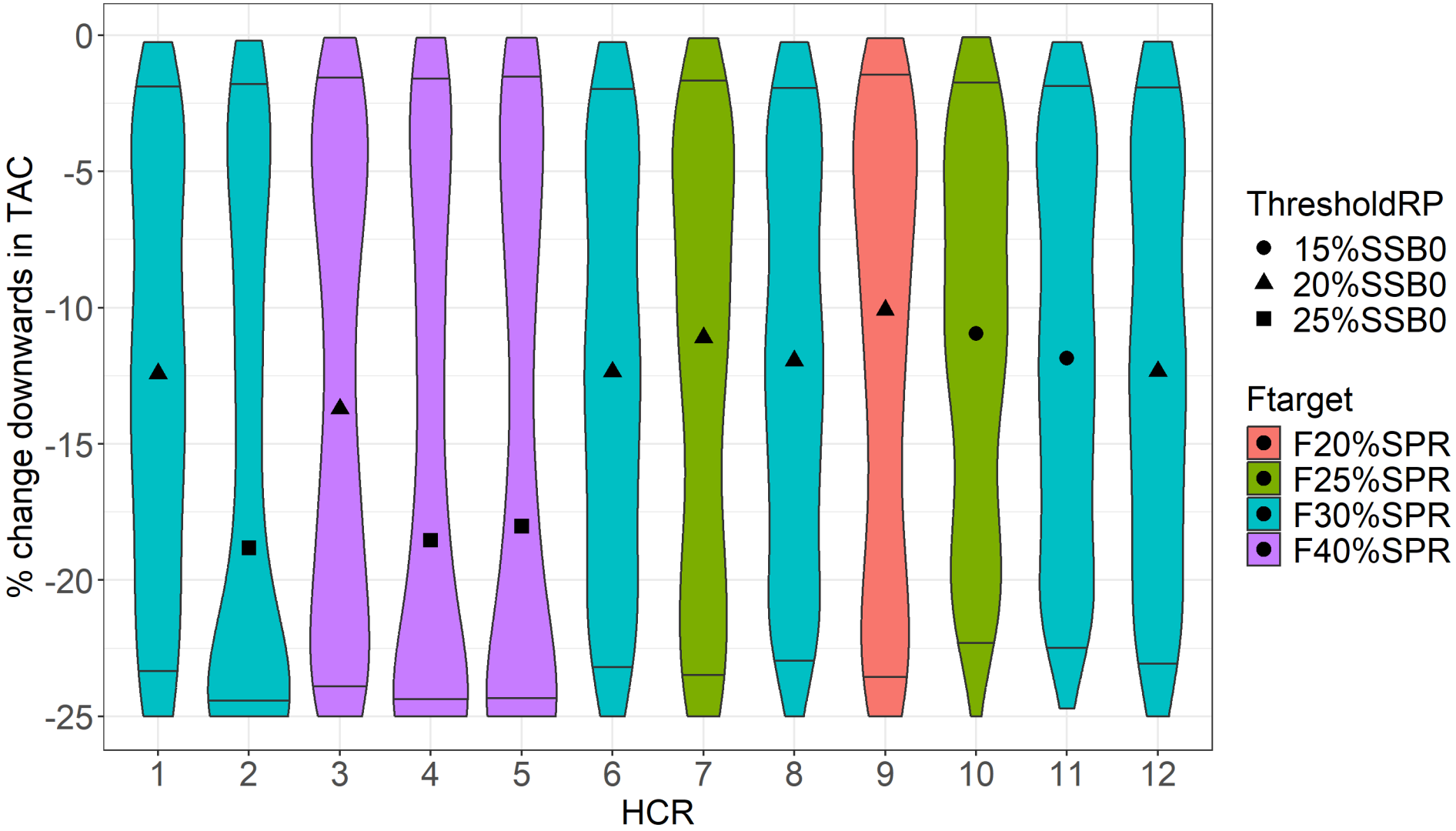

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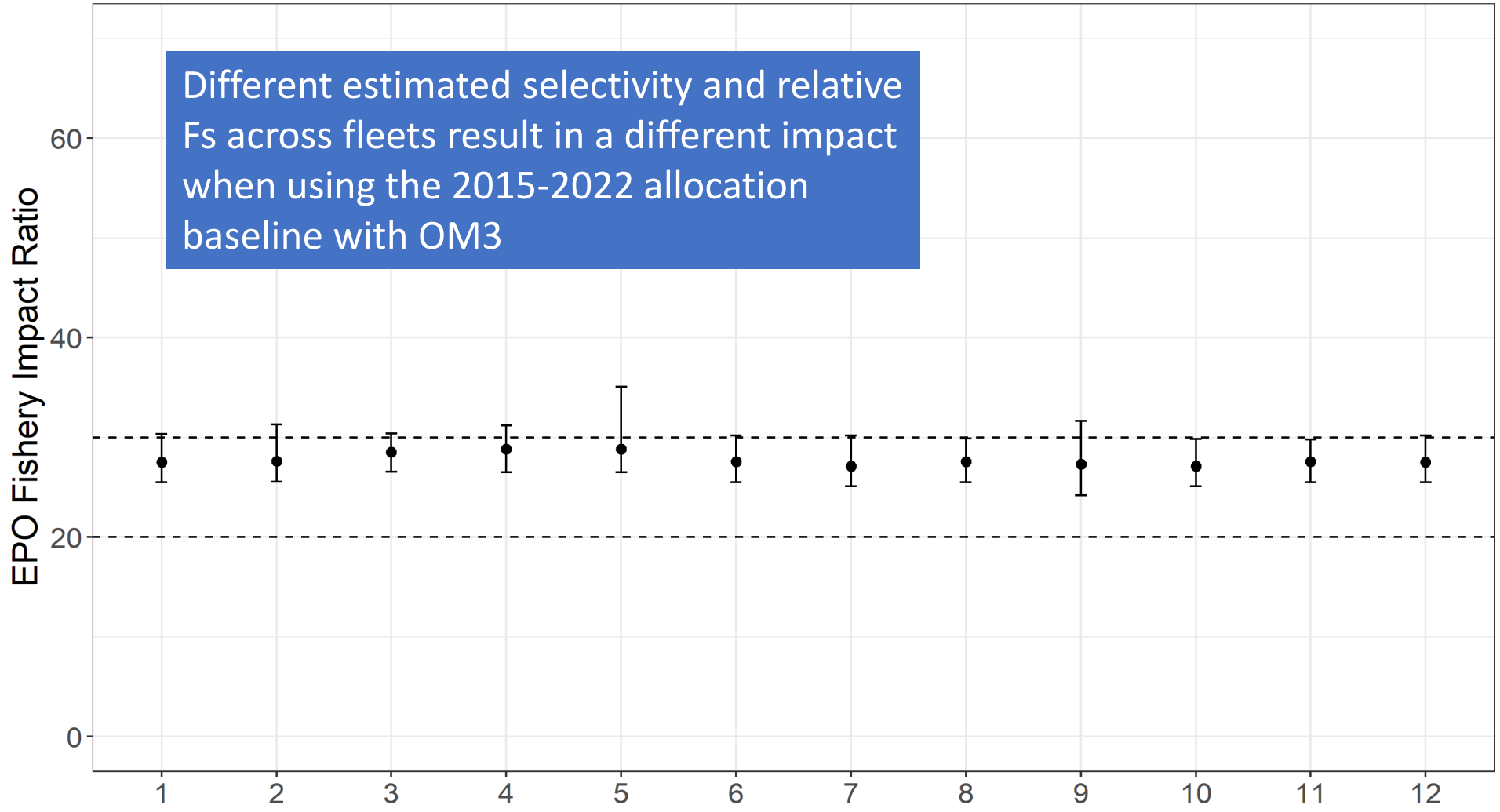
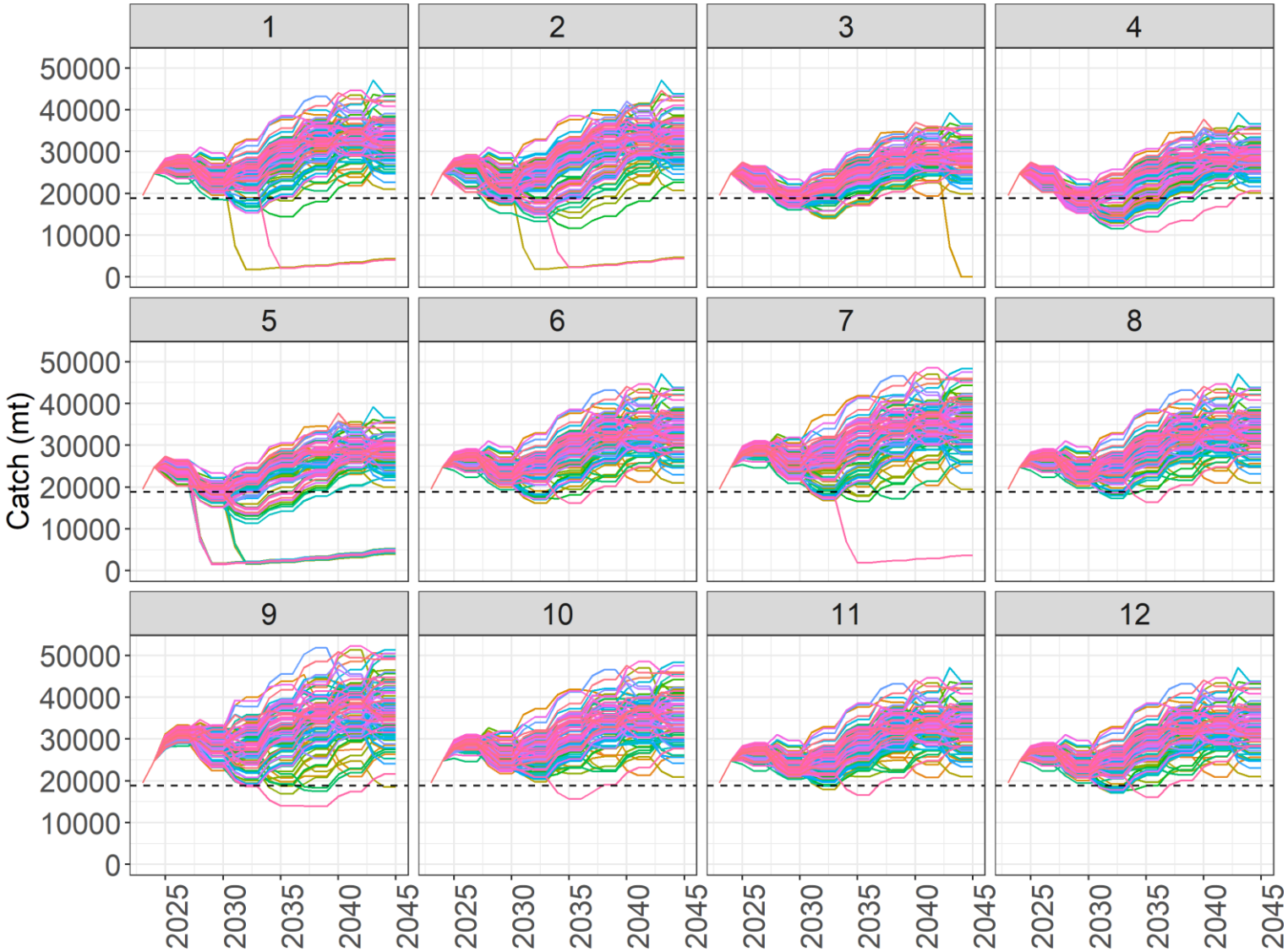


- *OBJECTIVE: Maintain an equitable balance in proportional fishery impact between the WCPO and EPO*
- *PERFORMANCE METRIC: Median fishery impact (in %) on SSB in the terminal year of the evaluation period by fishery and by WCPO fisheries and EPO fisheries*
- Using the baseline 2015-2022 allocation with OM3 results in a median EPO:WCPO impact ranging from 27:73 to 29:71 across HCRs
- Using different OMs captures uncertainty in impact estimation

Total Catch Worm Plots



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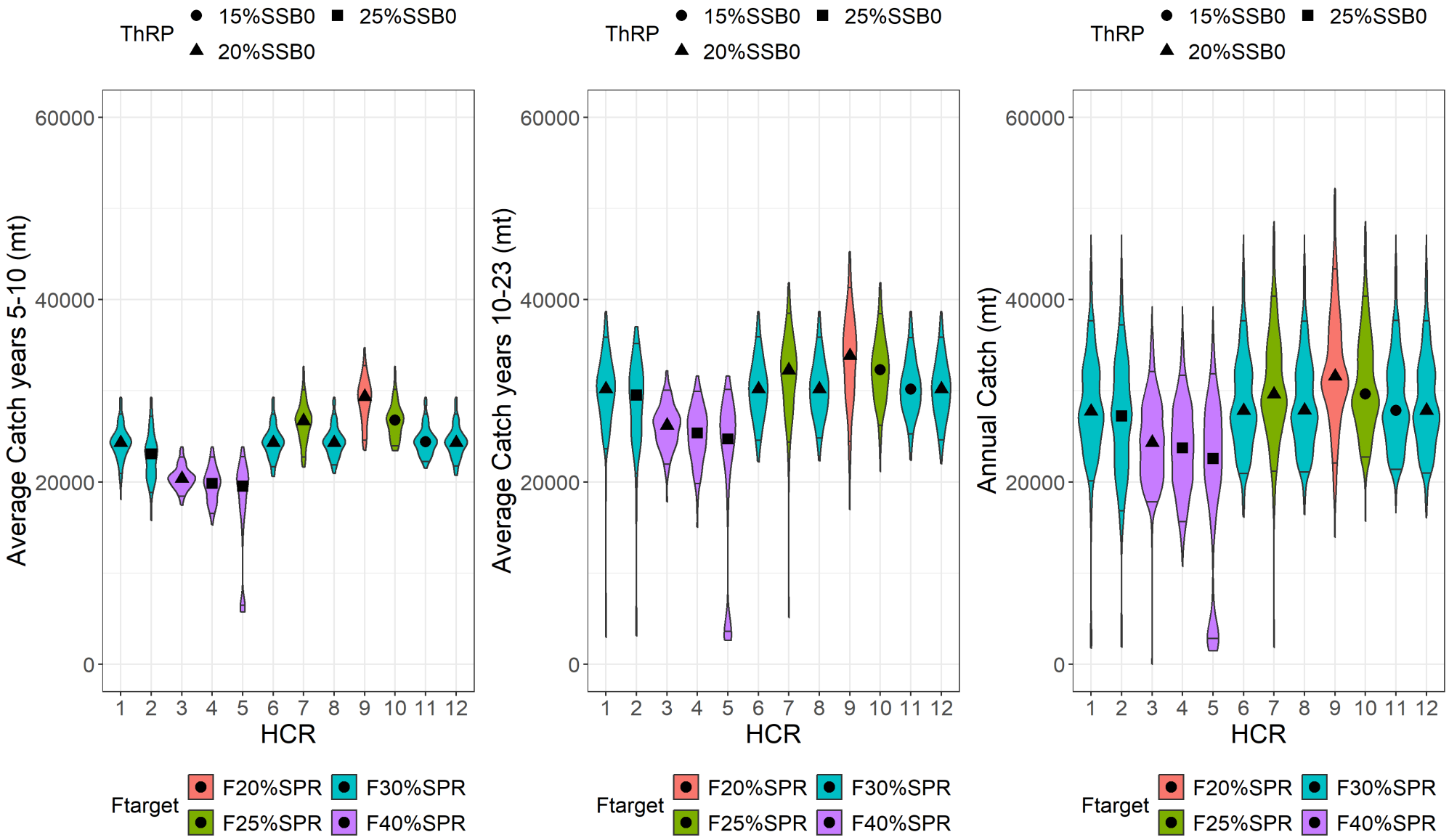
Historical average catch

Yield Performance Metric 2-4 – Total Catch



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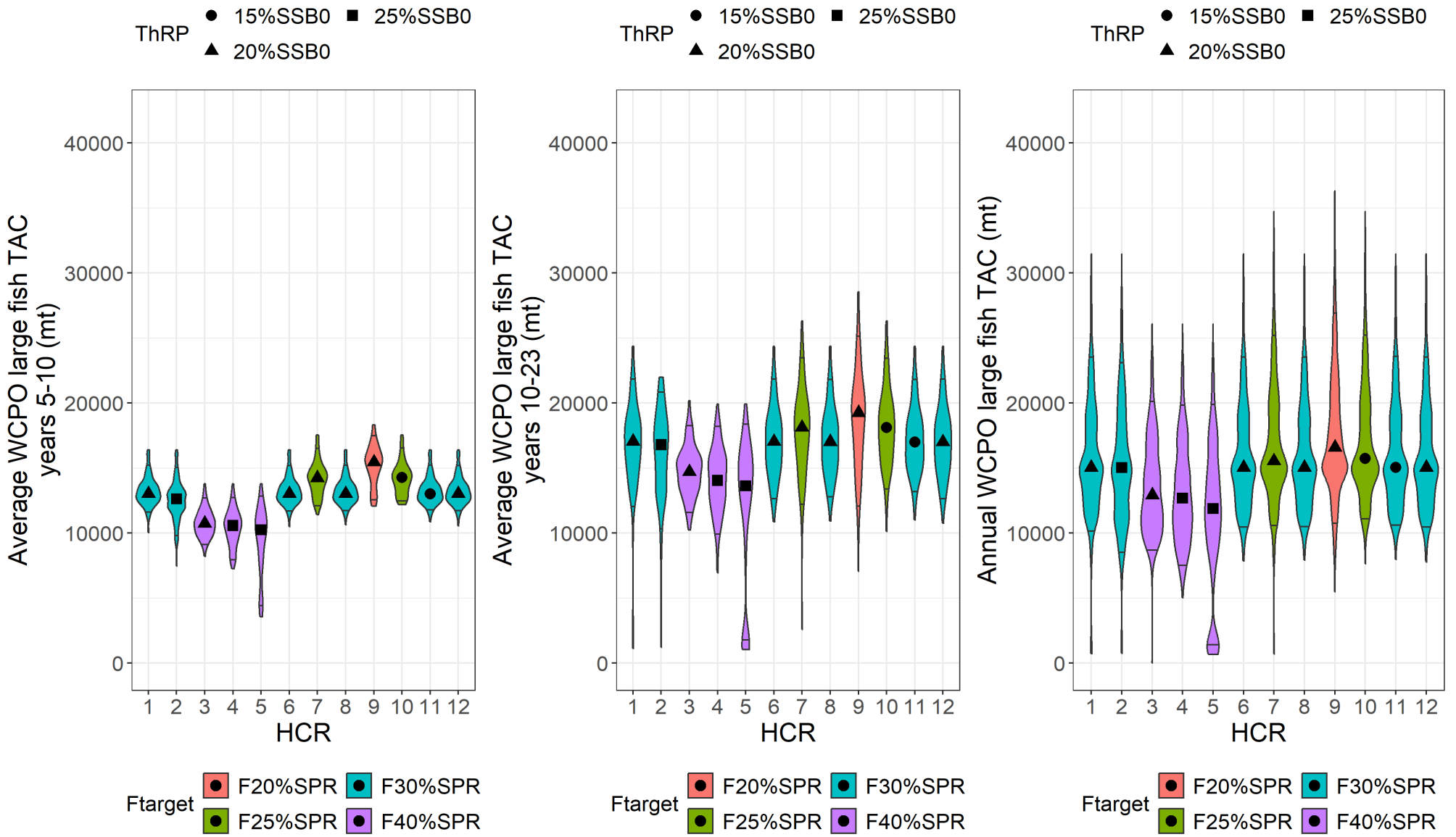

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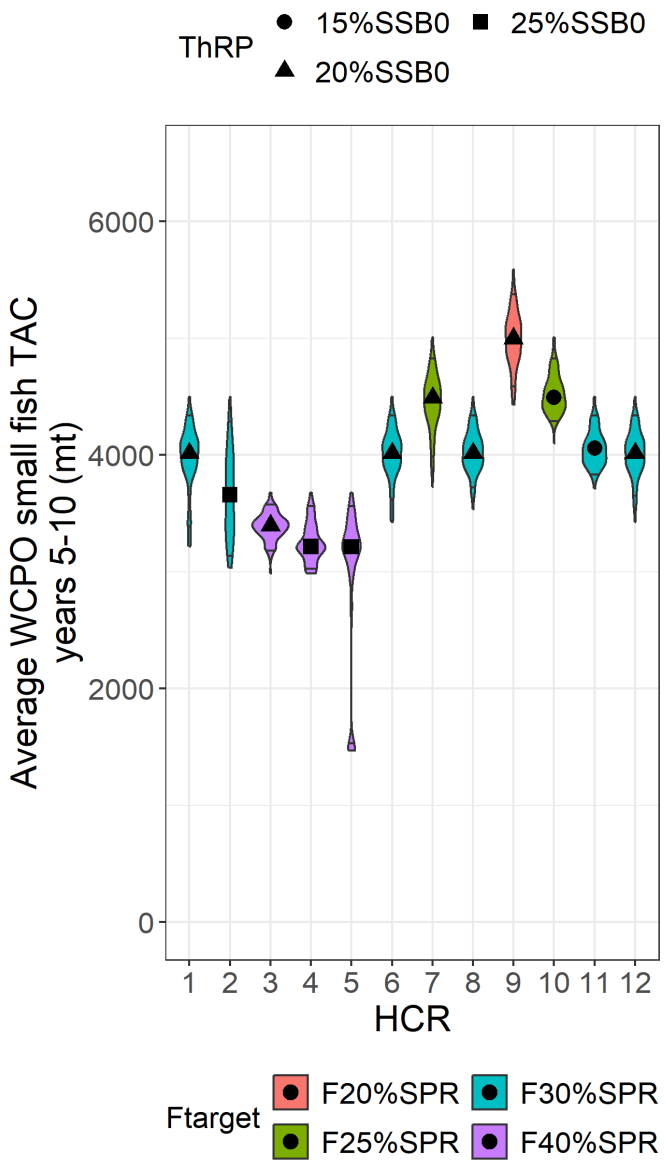

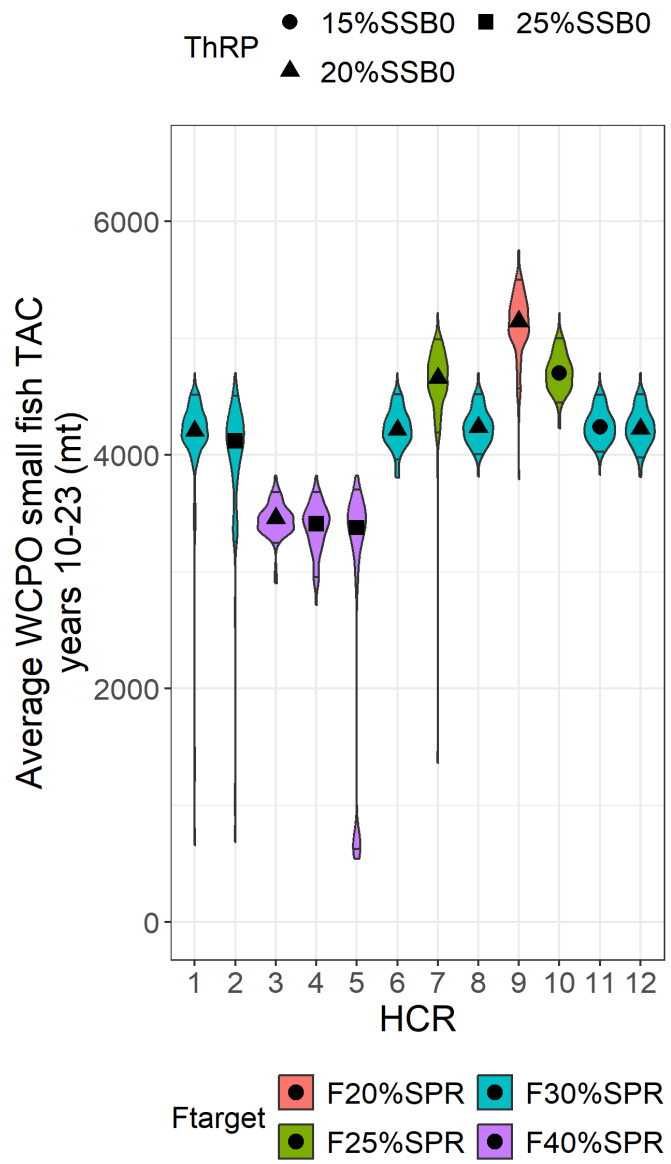

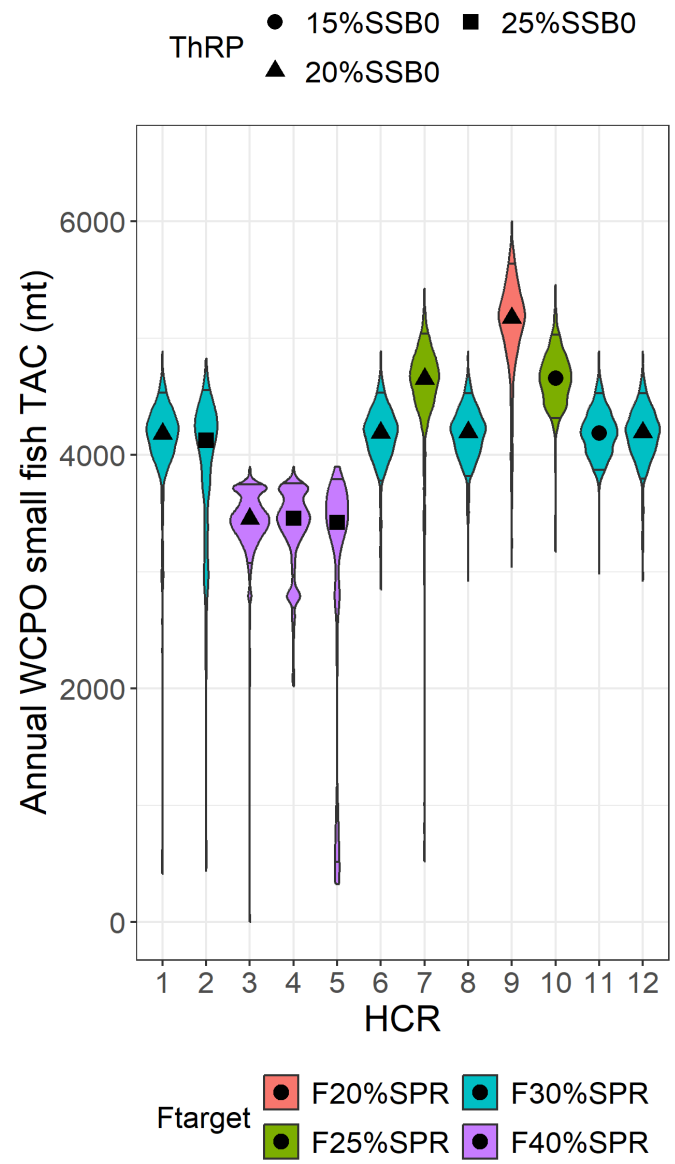

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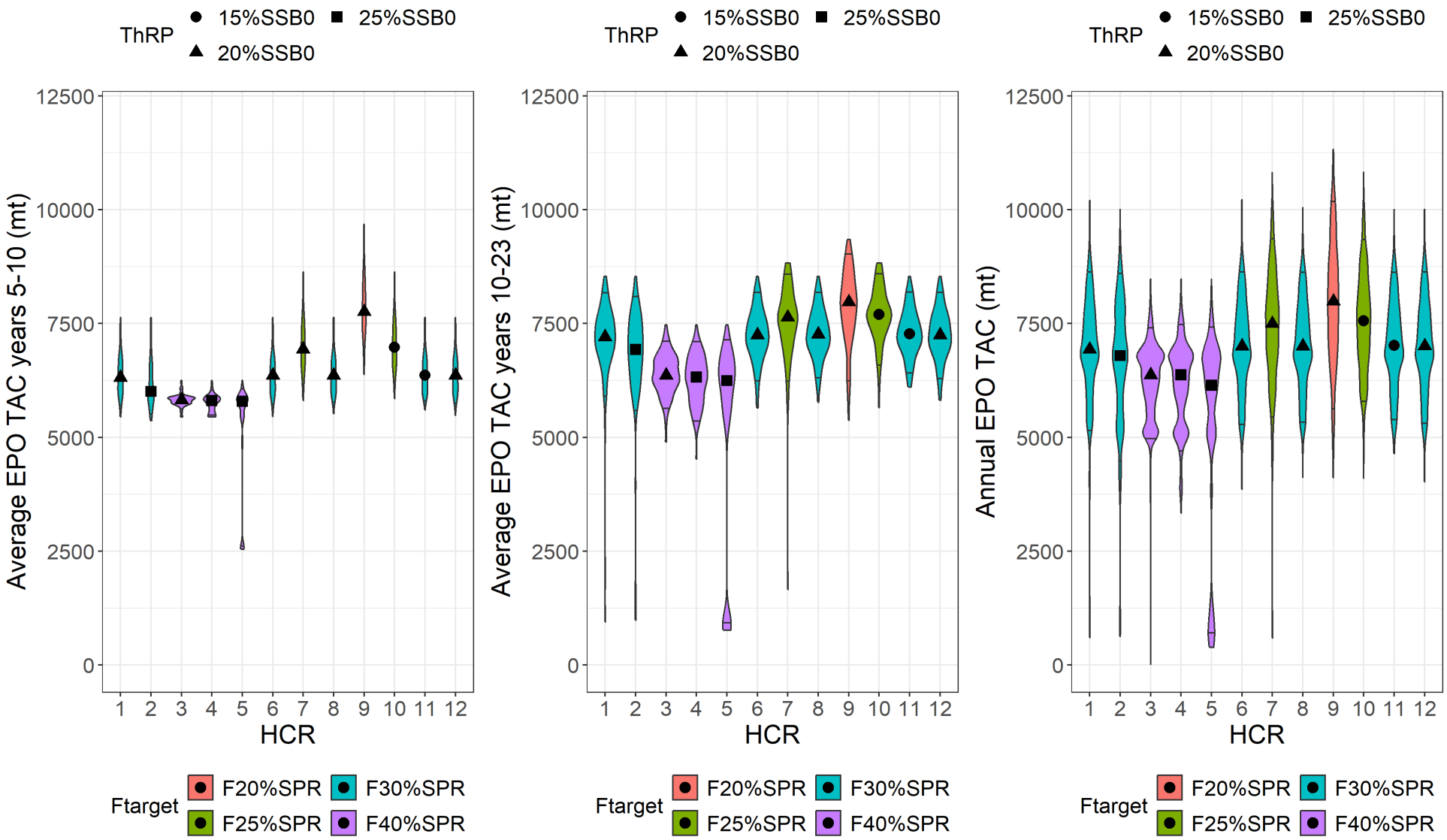

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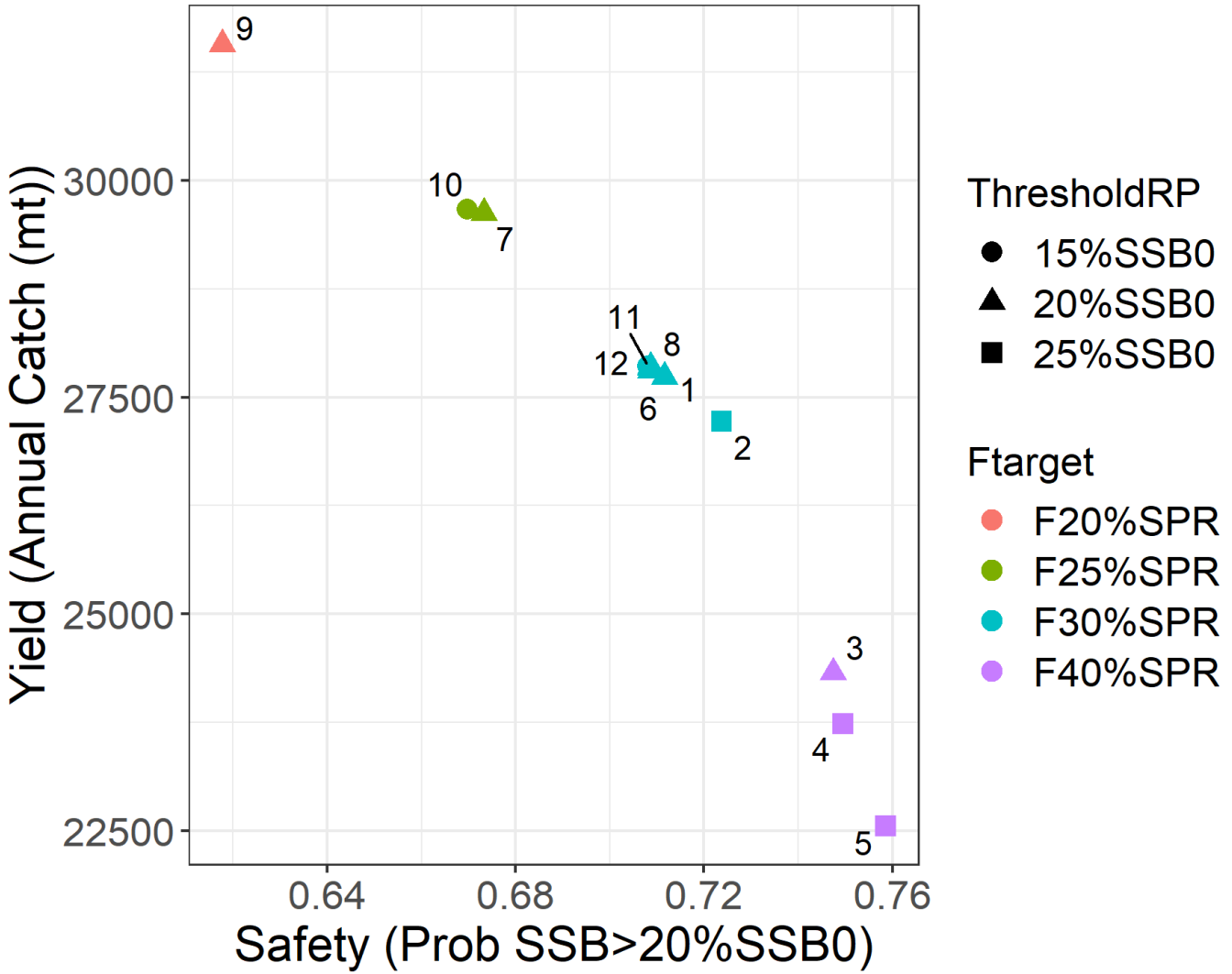

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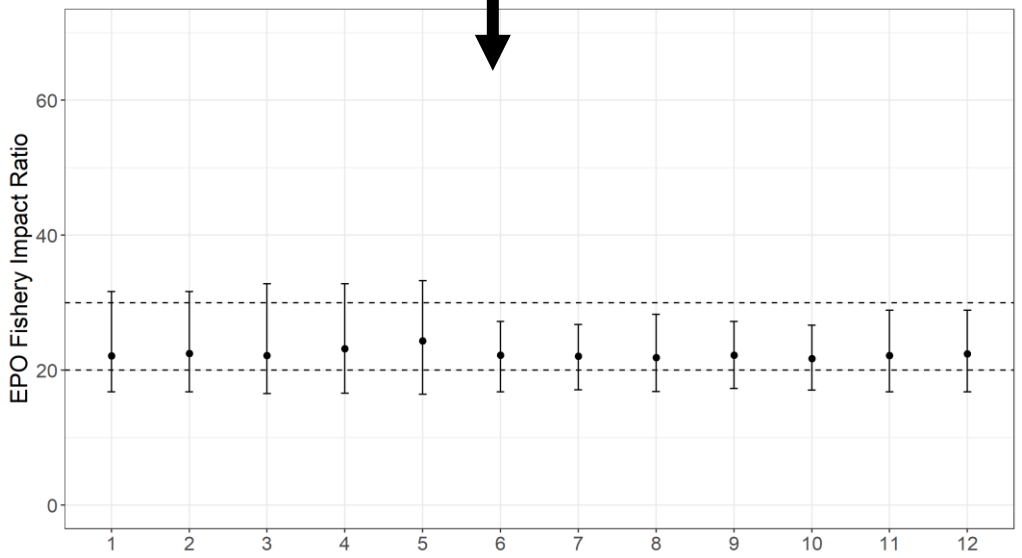

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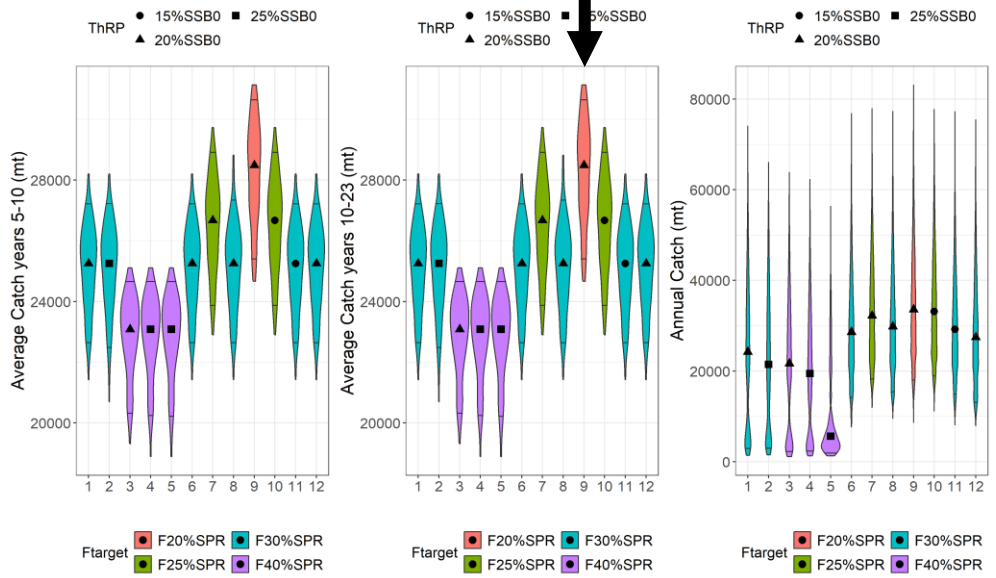

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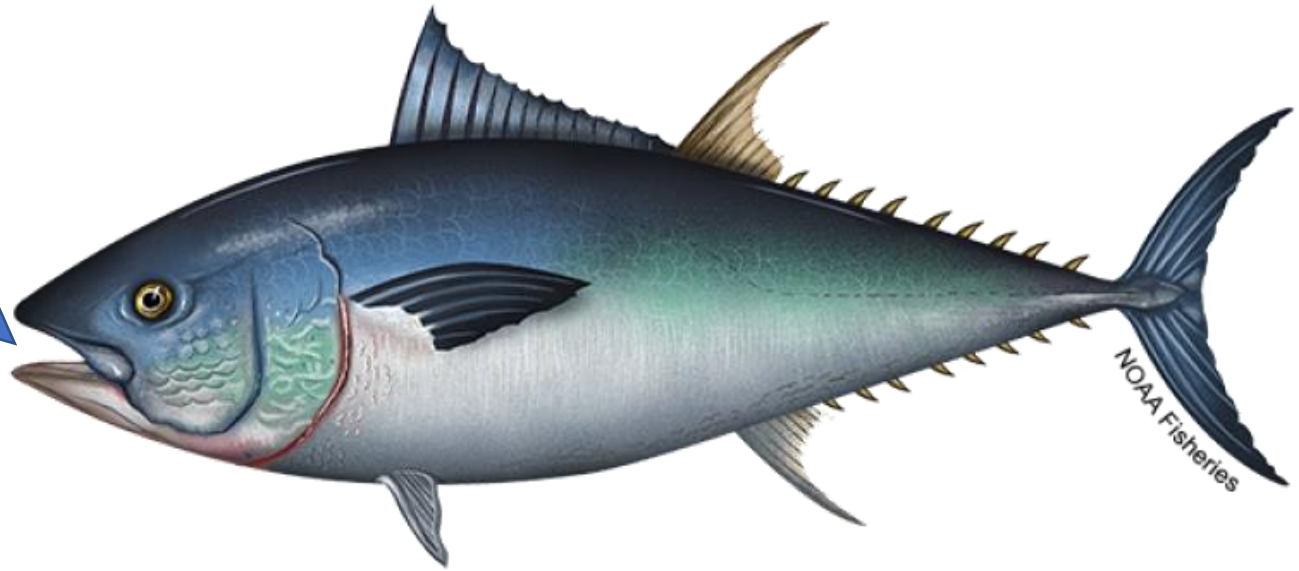

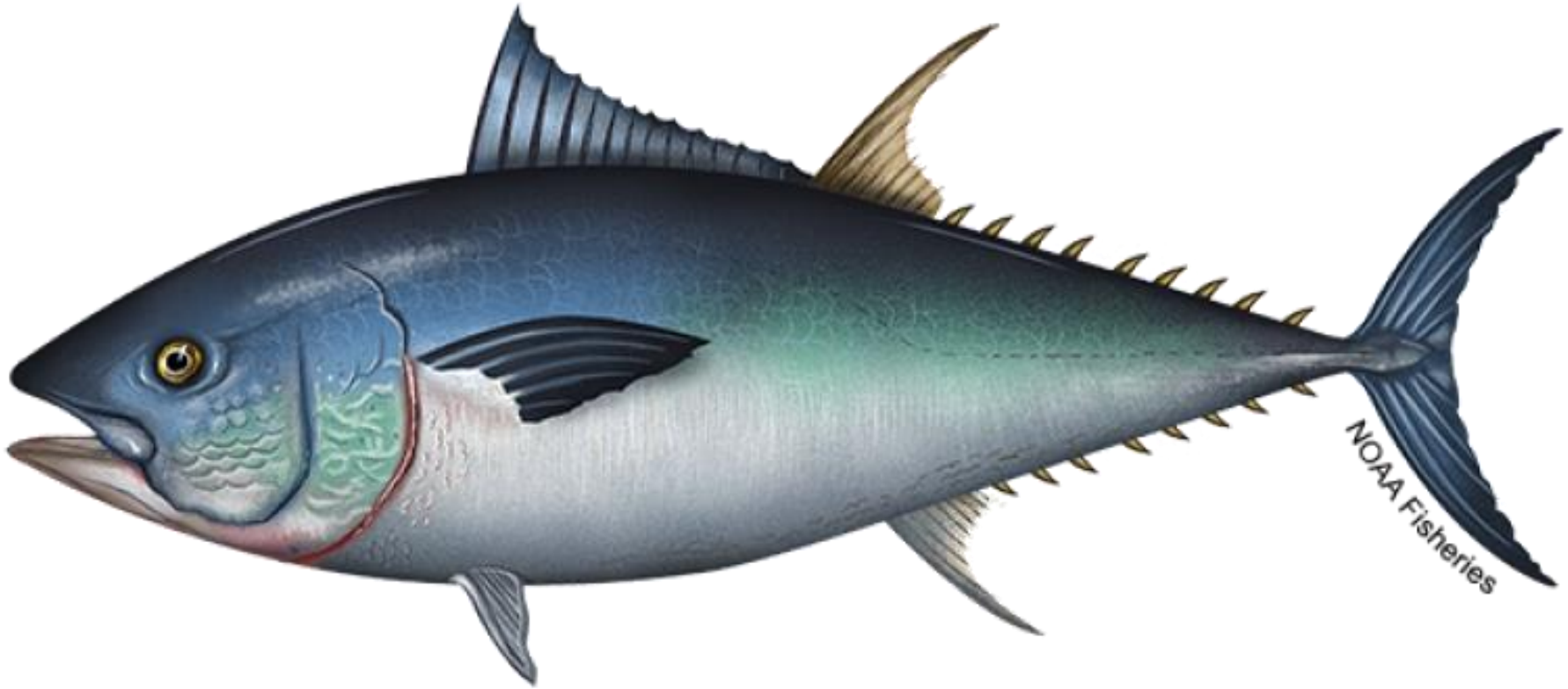

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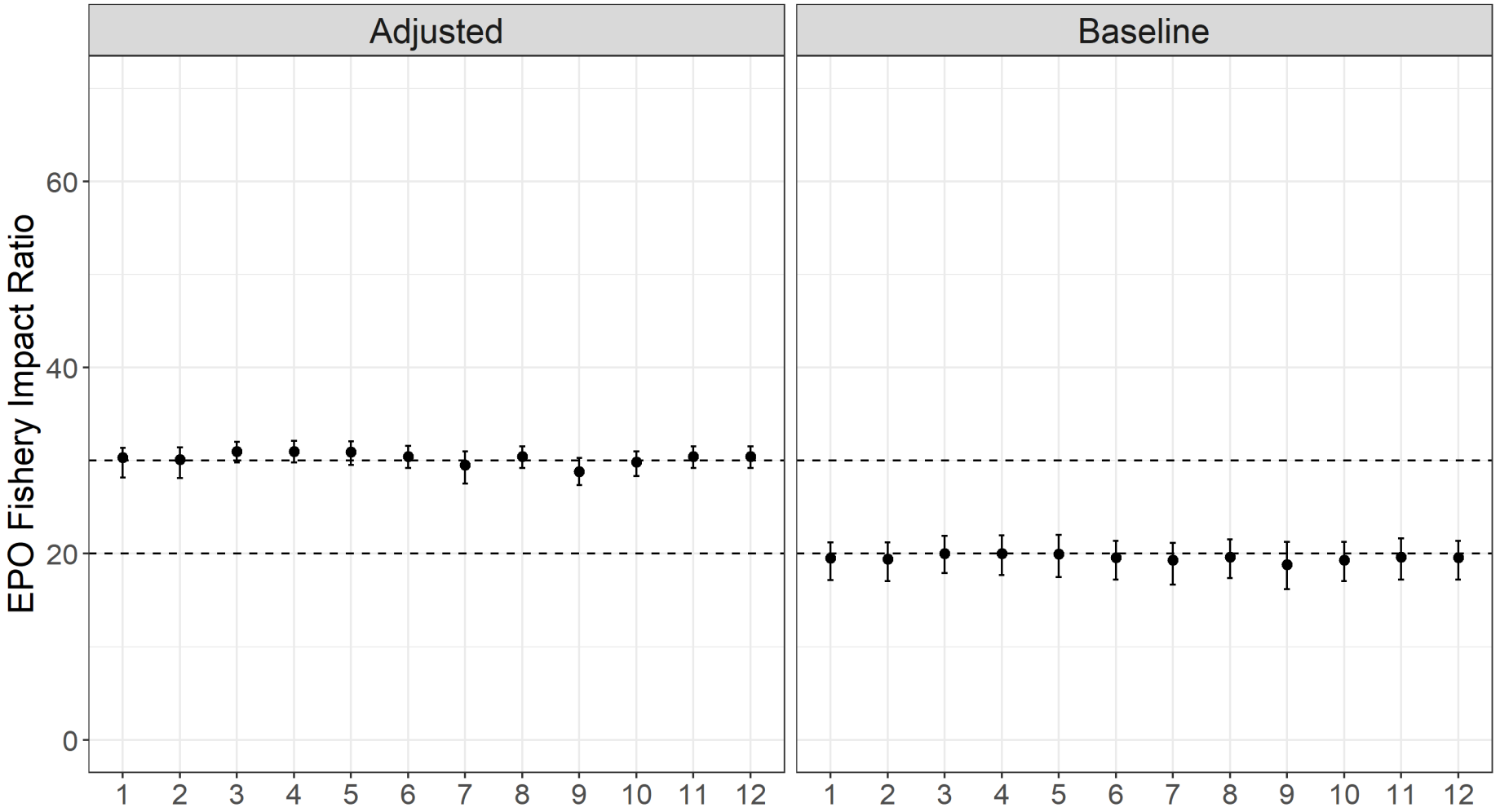

Median EPO impact is around 30 when tuned

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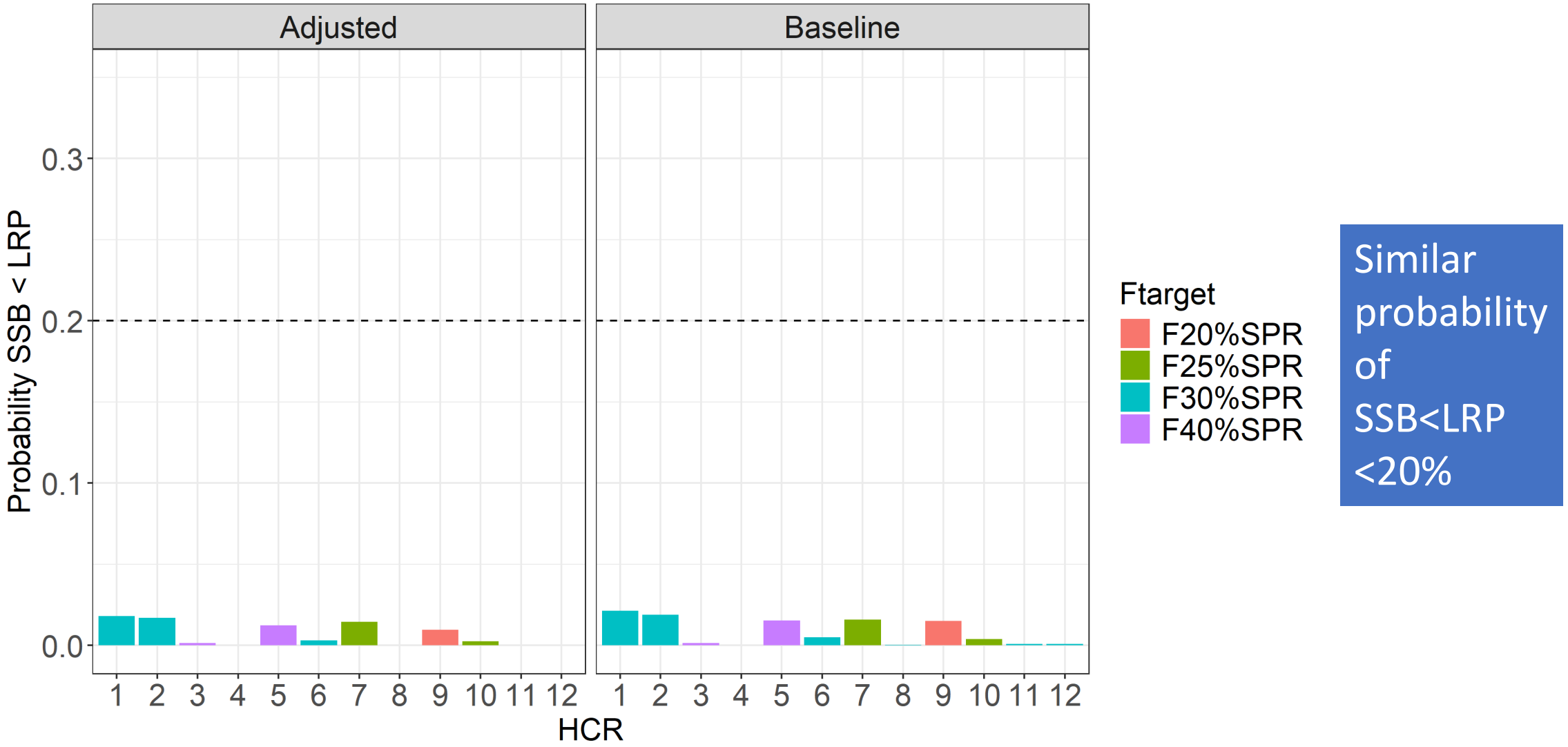

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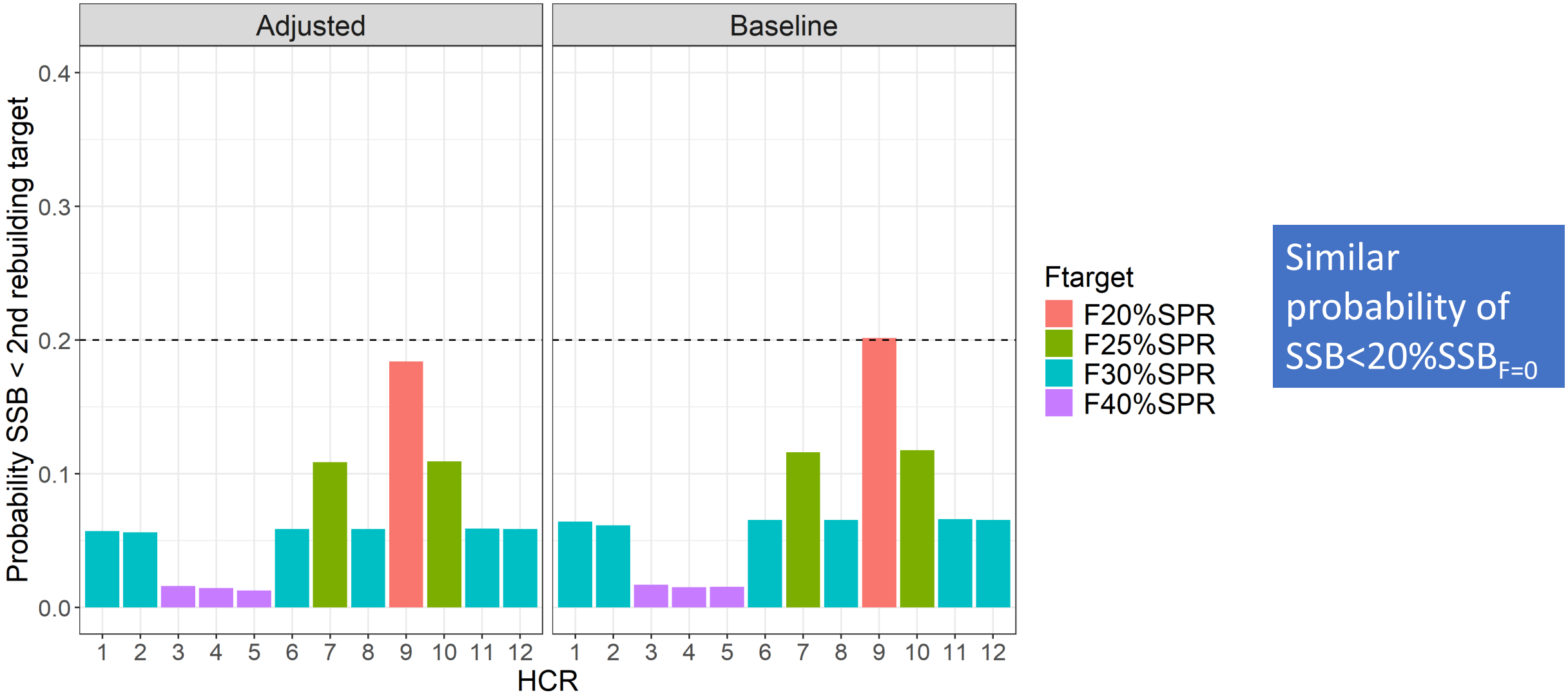

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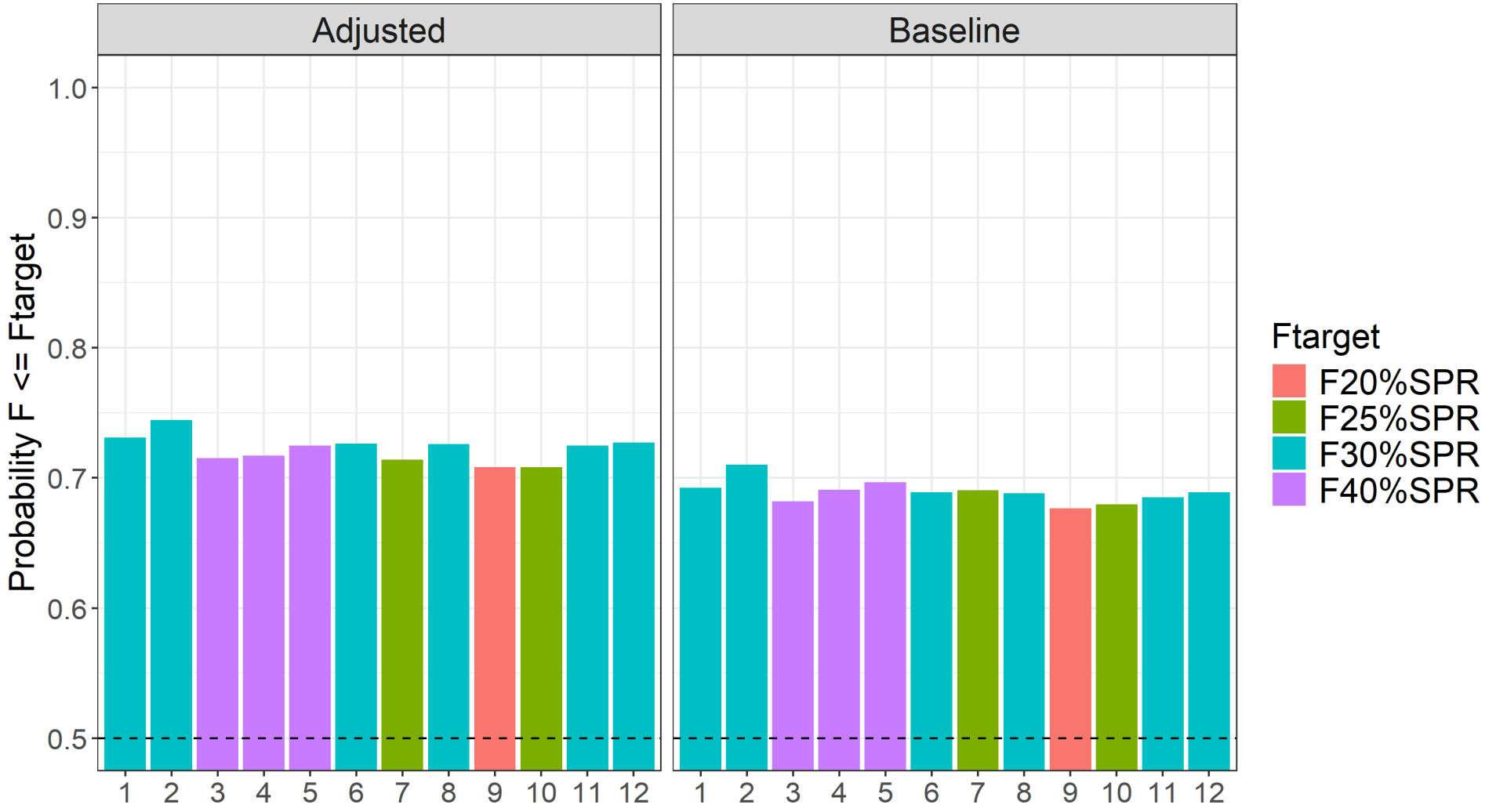

F at or below the F_{target} with a probability of at least 50% for both impact ratios

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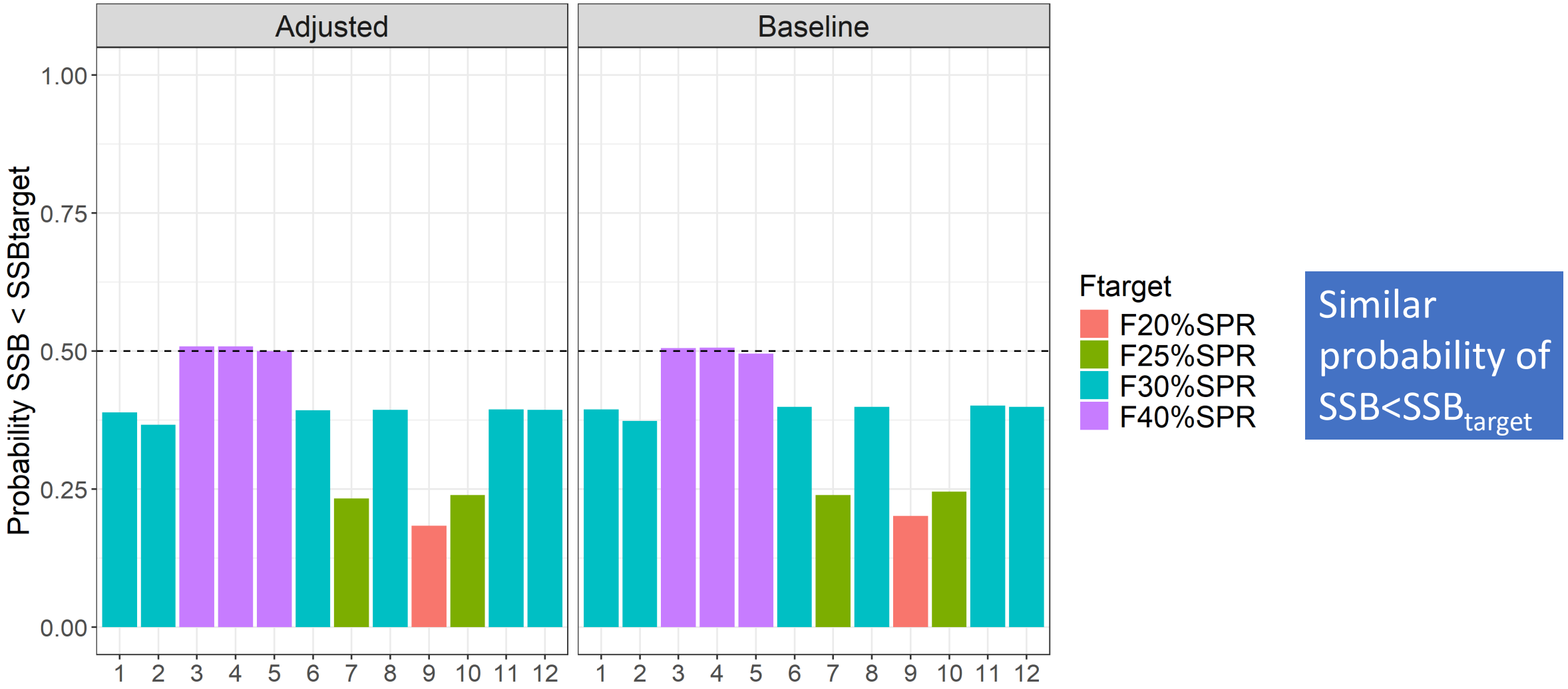

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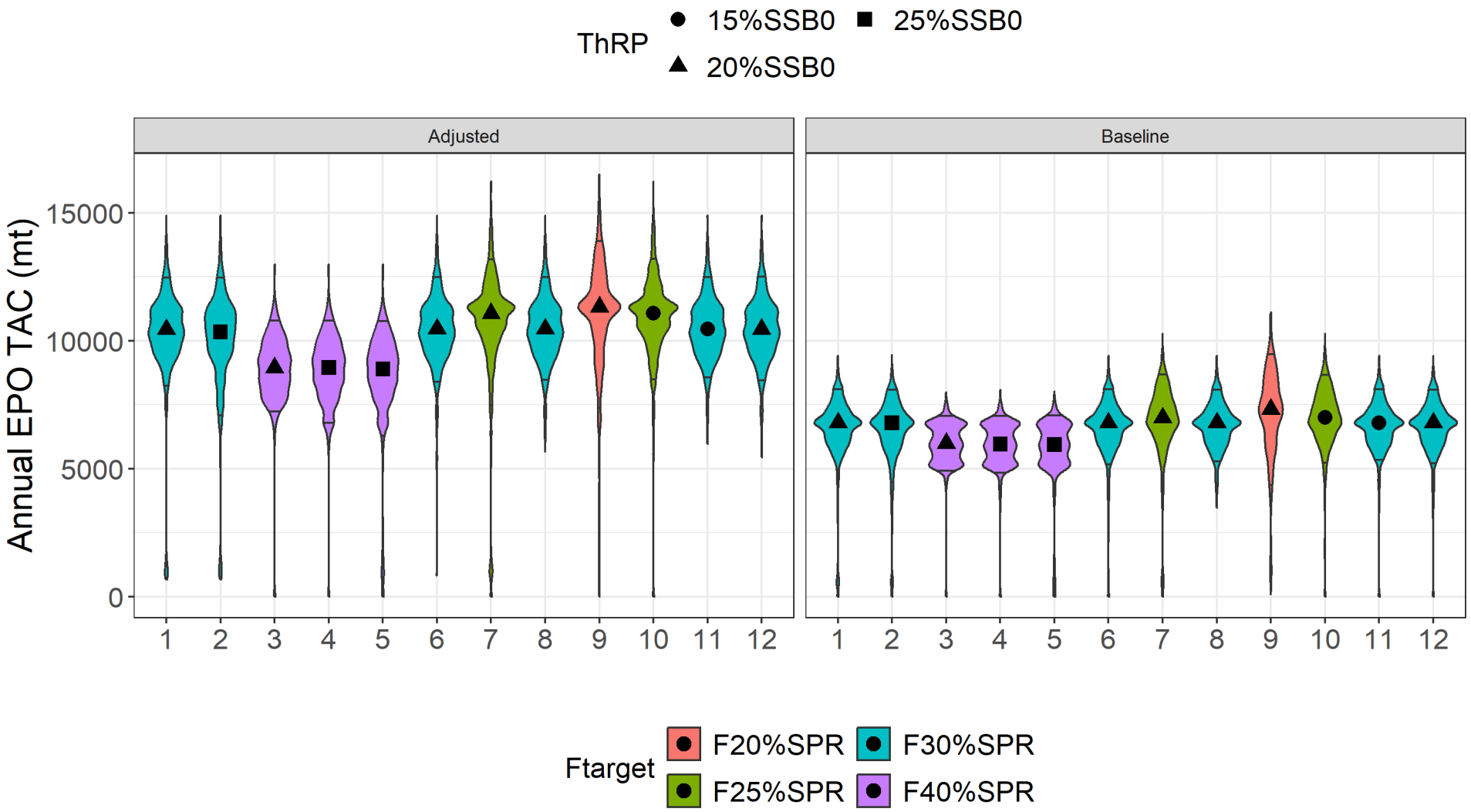

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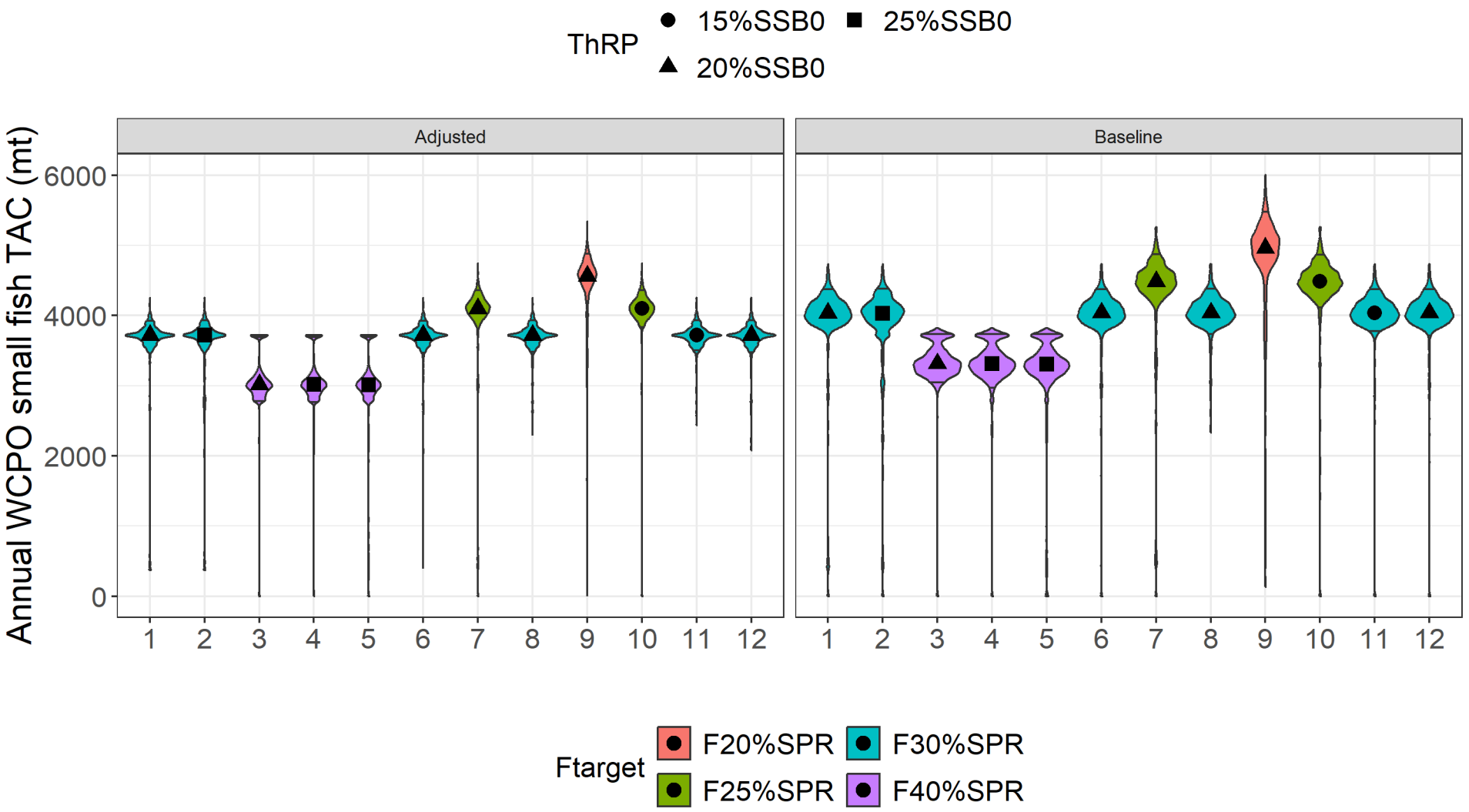

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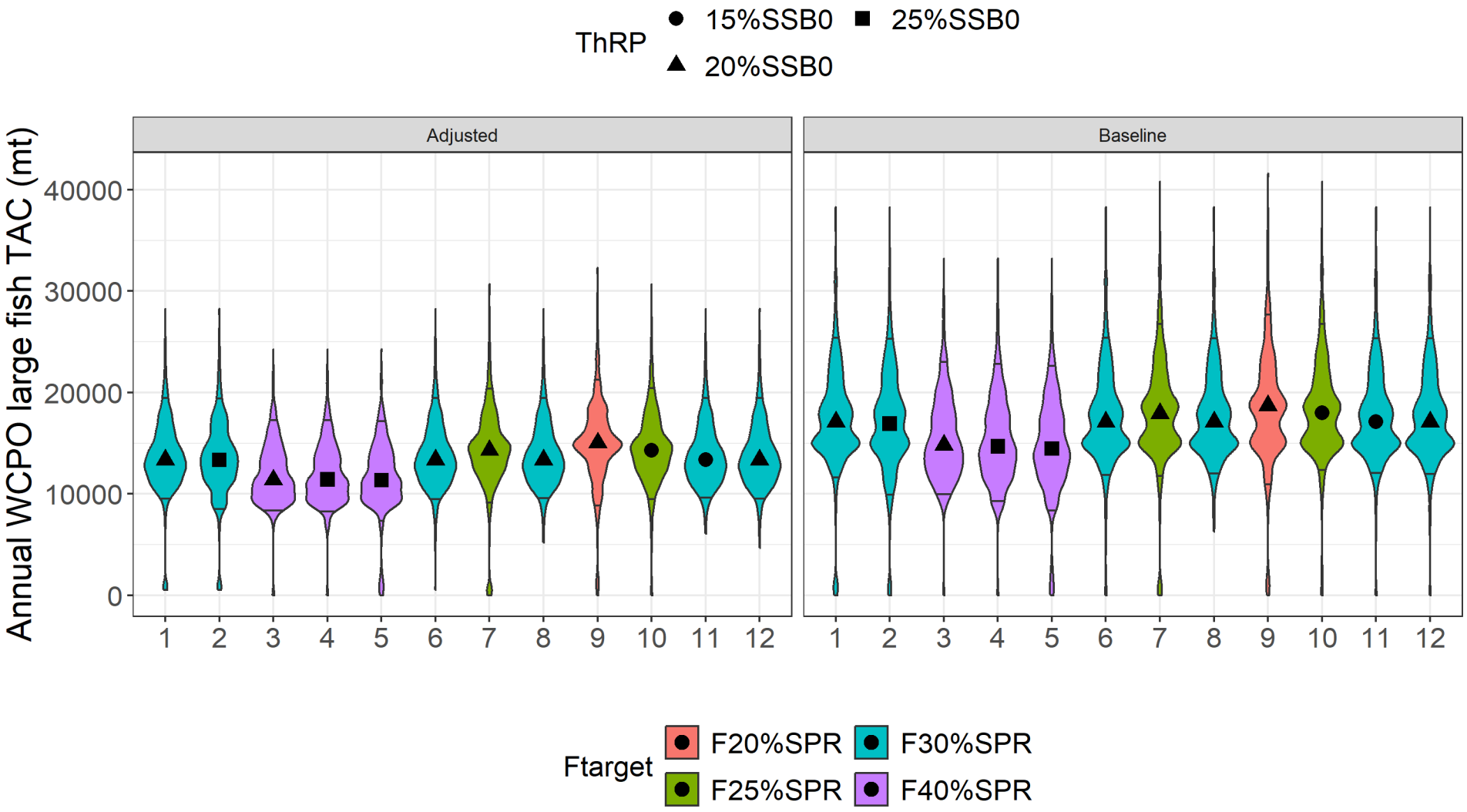

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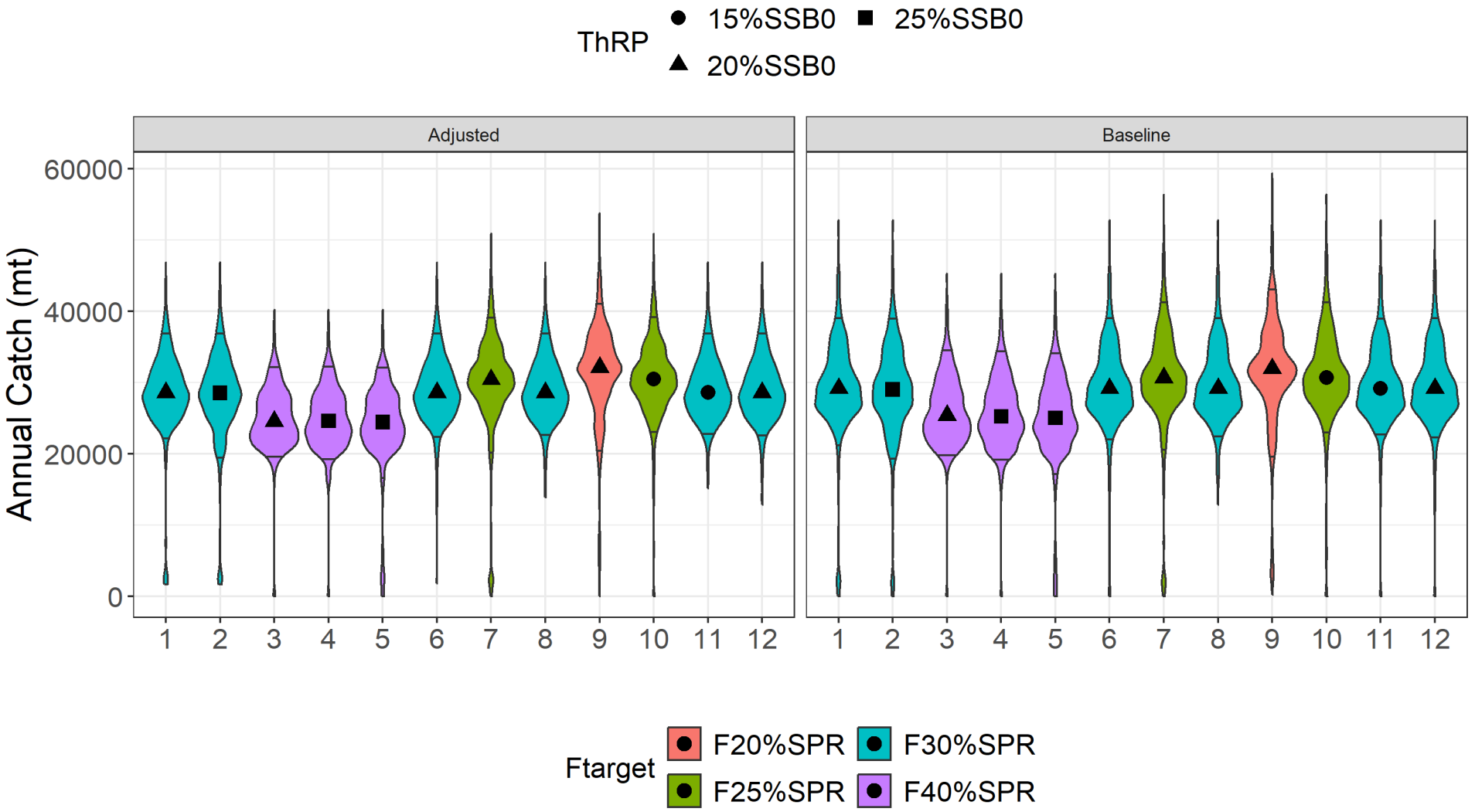
Comparison of total yield



- Total Catch comparable
- Change in relative exploitation pattern only impacted EPO and WCPO yield performance metrics

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