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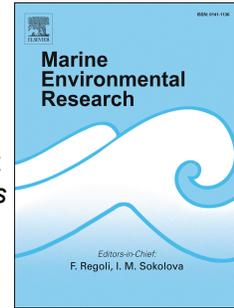
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15 **Abstract**

16 For oil spill responses, assessment of the potential environmental exposure and impacts of a
17 spill is crucial. Due to a lack of chronic toxicity data, acute data is used together with
18 precautionary assumptions. The effect on the Arctic keystone (copepod) species *Calanus*
19 *hyperboreus* and *Calanus glacialis* populations is compared using two approaches: a
20 precautionary approach where all exposed individuals die above a defined threshold
21 concentration and a refined (full-dose-response) approach. For this purpose a matrix
22 population model parameterised with data from the literature is used. Population effects of
23 continuous exposures with varying durations were modelled on a range of concentrations. Just
24 above the chronic No Observed Effect Concentration (which is field relevant) the estimated
25 population recovery duration of the precautionary approach was more than 300 times that of
26 the refined approach. With increasing exposure concentration and duration, the effect in the
27 refined approach converges to the maximum effect assumed in the precautionary approach.

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29 Key words: matrix model, arctic, *Calanus*, LC50, NOEC, population dynamics, oil spill

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31 **Introduction**

32 For oil spill planning and response decision-making it is important to assess and compare
33 potential impacts of oil exposure on organisms present in the different ecosystem
34 compartments. This might include the comparison of potential effects to aquatic organisms
35 and their recovery times with the potential impact and recovery of coastal organisms and
36 habitats. The process of Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA, IPIECA, 2015) has
37 been developed to aid the response community in developing the response strategy that
38 minimises the overall impacts to both humans and the environment. Assessment of the
39 potential impact to valued ecosystem components is a crucial step within the NEBA process.
40 For aquatic communities, this includes among others, the assessment of population impacts;
41 based on (modelled) exposure concentrations, and the assessment of the fraction of the
42 population exposed and affected. Effect assessments are usually based on data from
43 laboratory toxicity testing (Olsen et al. 2013), where often only data on acute toxicity for a
44 selected number of species are available. Thus, extrapolation techniques have been developed
45 to derive chronic toxicity levels from acute toxicity data (e.g. by the use of a pragmatic acute
46 to chronic ratio of for instance 10, see for example Ahlers et al. (2006)). Acute data is often
47 used together with precautionary assumptions to derive threshold values covering for both
48 short and long term effects of oil exposure, and these threshold values are often used in
49 NEBA assessments (e.g. Coelho et al., 2015). A more refined approach is to use dose-
50 response relationships applying varying exposure durations. The purpose of this study is to
51 compare these two approaches and their consequences for the calculated population impacts
52 (recovery duration) of a marine key stone species like *Calanus* and to assess the implications
53 to oil spill response decision-making.

54 In this study, the focus is on herbivorous copepods of the genus *Calanus*, which are keystone
55 organisms in the Arctic marine environment. *Calanus* species account for over half of the

56 mesozooplankton biomass in some Arctic regions (e.g. the Svalbard region according to
57 Søreide et al. (2008)), and link primary production to higher trophic levels, through the
58 transfer of high energy lipids (Falk-Petersen et al. 2007). Based on the key role of the *Calanus*
59 species in the pelagic food chain the potential population response of these species to an acute
60 oil spill should further be investigated. In the present study two *Calanus* species (*Calanus*
61 *glacialis* and *Calanus hyperboreus*) are selected to reflect the diversity in life-cycle structure
62 of *Calanus* species.

63 The analytical tractability and the well-known behaviour of matrix population models
64 (Caswell 2001), makes these models a simple and effective mean to translate individual
65 toxicity data, e.g. No Observed Effect Concentrations (NOEC) and/or Median Lethal Effect
66 Concentrations (LC50) to population level consequences (e.g. Caswell 1996; Klok and de
67 Roos 1996; Hemerik and Klok 2006; Smit et al. 2006; Klok 2008; Klok et al. 2009; Bergek et
68 al. 2012). The projection matrices are parameterised with the vital rates or life-history
69 parameters, survival and reproduction.

70 An elasticity analysis was performed on age-structured matrix models to answer the question:
71 how large is the effect of the relative change in length of diapause, survival and reproduction
72 on the population growth factor? The matrix models were used for assessing population
73 effects using two approaches for addressing effects of oil: 1) a precautionary approach where
74 all exposed individuals survive below a chronic threshold concentration and die above this
75 value or 2) a refined approach, in which a theoretical dose-response relationship was based on
76 an acute to chronic ratio (ACR) that expresses the effect per toxic unit (TU). We want to
77 assess the consequences for oil spill planning and response decision-making. Therefore, our
78 main question is how these different approaches to effect assessment can lead to adjusted
79 survival and reproduction parameters of individuals. These parameters are subsequently used

80 to investigate and compare the effect of these two approaches on the population recovery of
81 *Calanus* species.

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83 **Material and methods**

84 *Species selection*

85 The arctic marine ecosystem consists for a large part of pelagic copepods and is dominated by
86 three herbivorous *Calanus* species; *C. hyperboreus* (size 4.5-7 mm.), *C. glacialis* (3-4.6 mm.)
87 and *C. finmarchicus* (size 2-3.2 mm.). These are key species in the lipid driven pelagic food
88 chain and, consequently, they are important prey for zooplankton eating fish species, sea birds
89 and mammals (Falk-Petersen et al. 2007). Therefore, a reduction in the copepod population,
90 or a displacement of the various copepod species, potentially has extensive consequences for
91 a wide variety of species in the Arctic food web. *C. hyperboreus* is a high Arctic oceanic
92 species connected to the cold and ice covered deep Arctic Basin (Baffin Bay and the
93 Greenland Sea), while *C. glacialis* has a slightly more southern circumpolar distribution along
94 the Arctic shelf seas (Falk-Petersen et al. 2009, Daase et al. 2013). The two larger *Calanus*
95 species form the major part of the biomass and *C. finmarchicus* is less adapted to life in the
96 Arctic ocean (Hirche and Kosobokova 2007). De Hoop et al. (2016) has done a similar
97 analysis for *C. finmarchicus* whereas our modelling work has focused on *C. glacialis* and *C.*
98 *hyperboreus*.

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100 *Life-cycle of Calanus species*

101 The life cycle of *Calanus* species consists of three main stages (fig 1a), namely eggs, nauplii
102 larvae (N1-N6) and copepodites (C1-C5, and adult phase). *C. glacialis* has a 1-3 years'
103 generation time with 2 years in most regions (Daase et al. 2013), whereas the generation time

104 of *C. hyperboreus* varies between 1 and 6 years, depending on the geographical region and the
105 food availability (Falk-Petersen et al. 2009).

106 *Calanus* species show seasonal vertical migration (Madsen et al. 2001; Falk-Petersen et al.
107 2009; Swalethorp et al. 2011). In winter, from January to March, eggs of *C. hyperboreus* are
108 spawned deep in the water column being fuelled entirely by pre-existing, internal lipid
109 reserves (Hirche 1997) and they float towards the surface. *C. glacialis* however, overwinters
110 at shallower depths than *C. hyperboreus* and moves into the surface layer when ice algae
111 bloom (Darnis and Fortier 2014). CG spawns near the surface around the time of the spring
112 bloom (Madsen et al. 2001) and may rely on ice algae to fuel reproduction at the beginning of
113 their growth season (Ji et al. 2012). A study performed in Disko Bay, Greenland, showed that
114 *C. glacialis* ascended to the surface layer at the onset of the spring phytoplankton bloom,
115 while two weeks later *C. hyperboreus* surfaced (Swalethorp et al. 2011). The timing of
116 plankton blooms in the Arctic Ocean depends on the sea ice cover and thus differs per region.
117 Generally, ice algae bloom one to two months before the ice melts and the phytoplankton
118 bloom starts when the sea ice has disappeared, which is between May (at 75 °N) and August
119 (at 85 °N) (Leu et al. 2011). A few months after the phytoplankton bloom, all *Calanus* species
120 descend to overwintering depth. During overwintering *Calanus* species go in diapause, i.e.
121 enter dormancy which is a phase of arrested development.

122 Temperature has a significant effect on the development times of *Calanus* eggs and nauplii
123 stages (Corkett 1972; Corkett et al. 1986; McLaren et al. 1988; Jung-Madsen et al. 2013).
124 From the first feeding stage (the third nauplius stage), food also becomes important (e.g.
125 Jung-Madsen et al. (2013)). Effects of temperature and food availability on the impacts of oil
126 exposure were outside the scope of this study and are therefore not included in this study.
127 Furthermore, these conditions show great (spatial and temporal) variation in the field, making
128 it difficult to define representative conditions. Here, we assume a region with optimal

129 conditions enabling both *Calanus* species to complete their life cycle in two years and a more
130 northern region, where the life cycle of *C. hyperboreus* is extended due to less favourable
131 conditions (Falk-Petersen et al. 2009).

132 ***Model approach***

133 A matrix population model was selected, because these models are often used given (1) their
134 direct relationship with empirical, in our case, age-structured field data, (2) their clear link
135 between life-history parameters (reproduction and survival) and population growth factor and
136 (3) their relatively low data requirements (Beissinger and Westphal 1998). This is because we
137 lump stages according to years and then we only require a few parameter values as can be
138 seen in appendix A and ESM1. The life cycles of the copepods were simplified to always
139 allow for a separate (reproducing) adult stage. The total number of juvenile and sub-adult
140 stages were changed in models to allow for situations where reproduction starts after more
141 than one year. The environment of the populations is assumed to be homogeneous, and the
142 model is not spatially explicit.

143 For density independent matrix models elasticity analysis (this is a form of sensitivity
144 analysis) can easily be performed. This analytical tool assesses the relative contribution to the
145 population growth factor (λ) of the different underlying parameters. Elasticities represent the
146 proportional change in λ given an infinitesimal proportional change in a matrix element or
147 underlying parameter (Caswell 2001; de Kroon et al. 1986). When the parameter with the
148 largest elasticity is changed, the proportional change in λ is at its highest.

149 The two matrix models assume a 2-year life cycle for *C. glacialis* and for *C. hyperboreus*
150 occurring in the sub-Arctic (2x2 matrix model, see fig. A.1) and a 4-year life cycle for *C.*
151 *hyperboreus* with a more polar distribution (4x4 matrix model; see fig 1b). Thus, we assumed
152 that the generation time of *Calanus* species is two or four years depending on the

153 geographical location of its development. Only females were modelled and a constant sex
 154 ratio of 1:1 is assumed. In the main text details and mathematical analysis for the 2x2-model
 155 and toxicity results for both models are supplied. The derivation and analysis of the 4x4-
 156 model can be found in the Electronic supplementary information (ESM1 section 1).

157 All presented population models start just after spawning. Due to a lack of reliable data,
 158 survival throughout the year was assumed to be based upon a constant daily survival
 159 probability. Also, the reproduction is evenly divided over the length of the reproductive
 160 season. As the consequences of the timing of a hypothetical oil spill within a year and
 161 population impact thereof are not part of the study aim, these assumptions have no influence
 162 on the results. Thus, outside the spawning season the daily reproductive rate is zero. For the
 163 life cycles with a generation time of two years the graphs and the details for deriving the
 164 matrix model on a year-to-year basis from the daily events are presented in Appendix A. The
 165 simulations are performed with the daily events, while the elasticity analysis is performed on
 166 the yearly matrices.

167 The 2x2-model is represented in figure A.1cd and based on the real life cycle (given in fig.
 168 A.1ab, in Appendix A). Thus, for the model with a generation time of two years the two
 169 classes $(x_0(t), x_1(t))^T$ represent the just born *Calanus* (0+ to one year old from here on referred
 170 to as juvenile), and 1+ (so older than one year from here on referred to as (sub)adults). The
 171 Leslie matrix for this system (Figure 1b) only has positive values on the places marked with a
 172 * (see equation 1; note that the time τ is measured in years). How these positive values are
 173 derived from daily based rates and what they look like in terms of daily survival and
 174 reproduction is explained in Appendix A.

$$175 \begin{pmatrix} x_0(\tau + 1) \\ x_1(\tau + 1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0(\tau) \\ x_1(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eqn 1}$$

176 Based on data from the life cycle of *C. hyperboreus* it was considered that these crustaceans
177 have a diapause period during the year, namely when they have migrated into the deep. In this
178 period, it is assumed that no mortality and reproduction takes place (Figure 2), although in
179 real life mortality during diapause can be substantial (Arnkværn et al. 2005; Daase et al.
180 2014).

181 *Data for parameterisation of the matrix model*

182 Literature has been searched for parameter values for our models. The detailed results can be
183 found in ESM1 section 2. For the matrix model, 47 eggs laid per day per female was used for
184 the reproduction during the bloom, i.e. the midpoint of the estimated range and assumes that
185 this rate continues during one month (i.e. 30 days) resulting in 1410 eggs per *C. glacialis*
186 female in one season. This corresponds well with reproduction rates observed in the
187 laboratory. We assume the sex ratio to be 1:1, based on the genetically determined ratio,
188 disregarding the ability of environmental factors to affect this ratio (Irigoien et al. 2000). We
189 assume the length of the growth season for both *C. hyperboreus* and *C. glacialis* in the 2-year
190 life cycle model to be 180 days (approx. 6 months per year). For the 4x4-model we assume it
191 to be 120 days (approx. 4 months per year, electronic supplementary material (ESM1, section
192 1 fig S2, and section 2)). For parameterisation of the model daily survival probabilities
193 (=1–daily mortality probabilities) are needed. We first assumed daily mortality probabilities
194 close to the lowest value reported in literature 0.005 d^{-1} . However, with these values the
195 population was not viable (yearly population growth factor <1). Because reproduction data
196 from the literature were not so variable and the mortality rates were reported to be too high
197 (Ankvaern et al. 2005; Thor et al. 2008; Daase et al. 2011; Jung-Madsen et al. 2013) we
198 adjusted the survival probabilities based on the fixed reproduction rates and the length of the
199 active growing season. This resulted in daily mortality probabilities below the range reported

200 in the literature (see daily survival probabilities in Table 1). With the current choices for the
201 parameter values the population is almost stable, i.e. showing a slight growth.

202

203 ***Toxicity***

204 Information on the impact of oil-components on survival and reproduction in different
205 developmental stages are relatively scarce (Olsen et al. 2013). Some effect values are
206 available from recent studies (see ESM1, section 4 Table S.1) on *C. glacialis* exposed to oil
207 mixtures (Hansen et al. 2011; Gardiner et al. 2013; Camus et al. 2015). However, crude oil is
208 a complex mixture of both hydrocarbons, such as alkanes, cycloalkanes and aromatic
209 hydrocarbons, and non-hydrocarbon compounds. Because crude oil has a variable
210 composition, its effects on exposed biota also varies. Toxicological risks of oil mixtures are
211 mostly determined by their dissolved components (e.g. French McCay 2002; Olsen et al.
212 2013). Therefore, in the current study, the exposure was expressed in Toxic Units (TU) (von
213 der Ohe and de Zwart 2013) and these TUs are used to express the exposure to single oil
214 components and to mixtures of oil components. To derive exposure values x (in TUs) from a
215 (measured) compound concentration (c) we scale it with the acute LC50 concentration at
216 which 50% of the organisms die:

$$217 \quad x = \frac{c}{LC50}. \quad \text{eqn 2}$$

218 Here, we use a theoretical relation based on the ACR for *Daphnia* (May et al. 2016) to
219 parameterise the concentration-time-response-relationship (approach 2) on the population
220 growth factor. The definition of the ACR is the acute 50% effect concentration (LC50)
221 divided by the chronic No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) for mortality:

$$222 \quad \text{ACR} = \frac{\text{LC50}}{\text{NOEC}} \quad \text{eqn 3}$$

223 The scaled NOEC is called n : $n = \frac{\text{NOEC}}{\text{LC50}} = \frac{1}{\text{ACR}}$. So if we know the NOEC concentration,

224 and the ACR we can compute x in toxic units as $x = \frac{c}{\text{ACR} \cdot \text{NOEC}}$.

225 With this relationship we can compare our hypothetical relationship with real data.

226 Although oil toxicity can affect both reproduction and survival, we focus on toxic effects on
 227 survival. Because limited toxicity data are available for both *C. hyperboreus* and *C. glacialis*,
 228 a more theoretical approach was used to describe the relation between exposure and effect.

229 For this approach, we assume that the hazard rate ($h(t)$, the probability per unit of time to die
 230 at time t conditional upon the subject still being alive (Kalbfleisch and Prentice, 2002) is a
 231 given function of exposure x (in TU) above the NOEC of n TU and the baseline or natural
 232 hazard rate $h_0(t)$:

$$233 \quad h(t) = h_0(t) \exp(\beta \cdot \max(0, x - n)) \quad \text{eqn 4}$$

234 The relationship is assumed to be multiplicative, and the magnitude of the effect is expressed
 235 as $\exp(\beta)$ per toxic unit above the NOEC. Because the exposure to oil is detrimental for the
 236 organisms $\exp(\beta) > 1$, and thus each extra toxic unit increases the natural hazard rate $h_0(t)$
 237 with this factor. We assume that the natural daily hazard rate (d^{-1}) is constant in time (h_0) and
 238 is calculated as one minus the natural daily survival (used in the parameterisation of the
 239 matrix model, see above).

240 Because, in general, the hazard rate equals $h(t) = -\frac{d\log(S(t))}{dt}$ (Kalbfleisch and Prentice,

241 2002), the associated survivor function with this hazard rate is $S(t) = \exp\left(-\int_0^t h(\tau)d\tau\right)$.

242 For a LC50 expressed as L TU determined at an acute exposure time of t_a days it holds that
 243 the surviving fraction of the exposed organisms at time t_a , $S(t_a)$, is half the surviving fraction
 244 of the unexposed organisms.

$$245 \quad 0.5 = \frac{\exp\left(-\int_0^{t_a} h_0(t) \exp(\beta \cdot \max(0, L-n)) dt\right)}{\exp\left(-\int_0^{t_a} h_0(t) dt\right)} \quad \text{eqn 5}$$

246 From this relationship we can for a constant baseline hazard (h_0), and an acute exposure
 247 duration of t_a days derive the formula for the effect ($=\exp(\beta)$) as

$$248 \quad \exp(\beta) = \left(1 + \frac{\ln(2)}{h_0 t_a}\right)^{\left(\frac{ACR}{ACR-1}\right)} \quad \text{eqn 6}$$

249 An ACR value of 8.8 was used as derived for *Daphnia magna* by May et al. (2016) and an
 250 acute exposure time t_a of 2 days (as per OECD standards for *Daphnia* tests (OECD, 2004)).

251 The hazard rate approach is based on internal exposure concentrations, where the dose affects
 252 the natural mortality rate when it exceeds an internal concentration threshold (i.e., at the
 253 molecular receptor for the toxic effect). Oil spill scenarios are based on external
 254 concentrations (i.e., concentrations in the water compartment, surrounding the target species).
 255 Modelling toxico-kinetics (i.e., the balance between uptake and elimination of a toxicant in
 256 different species compartments) is outside the scope of this study. We, therefore, assume that

257 there is an instantaneous equilibrium between internal and external concentrations. We also
258 assume that this equilibrium can be described by a constant ratio, the bio-concentration factor,
259 between the internal and external concentration. Because of these assumptions, the hazard
260 model could be and was directly applied to external exposures when expressed as toxic units.
261 Similar to the LC50 the NOEC is based on specific external test concentrations, as selected by
262 the experimenters. The No Effect Concentration (NEC) as applied in the hazards model is
263 based on internal concentrations, and does not depend on selected test concentrations
264 (Kooijman 2010). However, as test data availability is limited, we note that the ACR applies
265 to internal and external concentrations that only differ by the bio-concentration factor (see the
266 above assumption). Therefore, the NOEC was used as if it were a NEC. This also makes it
267 possible to compare model simulations with experimental toxicology data that are available.

268 *Approaches for assessing effects of exposure to toxic substances*

269 In our simulations exposure to an oil spill was included during part of the year. Therefore, the
270 *Calanus* population was modelled from day-to-day. In appendix A how to derive the year-to-
271 year dynamics from the day-to-day dynamics for the population divided into two classes (2x2-
272 model) and in ESM1 (section 1) for four classes (4x4-model) is presented.

273 The model simulates the Arctic *Calanus* species exposed to a range of TUs for a range of
274 exposure durations (2, 4, 8 and 16 days) and a range of exposed fractions of the population.
275 The exposure concentration is varied between $0.9/ACR$ (i.e., 90% of the NOEC) and 1.1 TU
276 (i.e., 10% above the LC50) in 16 equidistant exponential steps and the exposed fraction of the
277 population varies between 1 and 99% in nine equidistant linear steps.

278 The affected fraction indicates the fraction of the population that is being exposed to oil. So
279 only that fraction will be affected, following one of two different approaches: 1)

280 precautionary: all individuals exposed above the NOEC die instantaneously; 2) refined (full-
 281 dose-response): individuals die as the result of an increased hazard rate, which depends on the
 282 exposure concentration and duration (as described above). No exchange of individuals
 283 between the exposed and the unexposed fraction of the population is modelled. Recovery time
 284 is evaluated for the entire population (both exposed and unexposed).

285 The recovery time is expressed as the minimum time required to reach the same peak number
 286 of adult individuals (just after hatching) after an exposure. Because this definition is linked to
 287 the census moment, just after hatching, the recovery time is always expressed in number of
 288 full years starting at 1. In reality, recovery can occur during the year before the reported
 289 number of years.

290 For the precautionary approach this recovery time can be solved exactly (ESM1 section 3)
 291 and is expressed as follows:

$$292 \quad T_r = \left\lceil \left\lceil \frac{-\log(1-f)}{\log(\lambda)} \right\rceil \right\rceil \quad \text{eqn 4}$$

293 Where T_r is the recovery time in years, λ is the dominant eigenvalue of the population matrix
 294 (i.e., the population growth factor) and f is the exposed fraction of the population. The double
 295 square brackets indicate that the value is rounded to its ceiling integer value.

296 For the refined approach the assessment of the recovery time is more complicated and is
 297 obtained through simulation with the matrix model. The development of the *Calanus*
 298 population is simulated for a period of 102 years, where the exposure takes place in the third
 299 year, directly after hatching of the eggs. Only if full recovery takes less than 100 years, it can
 300 be calculated using this approach.

301 At each of the simulated exposed fraction, exposure concentration and exposure duration, the
302 two approaches (precautionary and refined) are compared by the ratio R , which is obtained by
303 dividing the recovery time for the precautionary approach 1 (T_{r1}) by the recovery time for the
304 refined approach 2 (T_{r2}):

$$305 \quad R = \frac{T_{r1}}{T_{r2}} \quad \text{eqn 5}$$

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307 **Results**308 *Sensitivity and elasticity*

309 When using the parameter values for the 2x2 and 4x4 models as depicted in Table 1 the yearly
310 growth factor is respectively 1.02 and 1.01, meaning that both modelled populations are
311 almost stable under normal conditions. The matrix model parameter with the highest elasticity
312 is the adult survival (Table 2) in both models. Because all survival values have high
313 elasticities, the modelled populations are limited by survival.

314 *Model simulations*

315 The maximum difference between the approaches depends on the fraction of the population
316 that is exposed to the oil spill, but also on the yearly growth factor of the population (eqn 4,
317 Figure 3). The yearly growth factor of the 4x4 population ($\lambda=1.01$) is slightly lower than that
318 of the 2x2 model ($\lambda=1.02$). This difference in yearly growth factor results in a larger
319 difference in recovery duration between the precautionary approach and the refined approach
320 in the four life stages population than in the population with only two distinguished life
321 stages.

322 Figure 3 shows how the recovery durations for the two approaches (precautionary and
323 refined) expressed as ratio R , change as a function of exposure concentration (TU), exposure
324 duration and the fraction of the population that is exposed.

325 In both approaches, there is no difference in effect below the NOEC, which is the result of our
326 assumptions (i.e., no effects occur at or below the NOEC). Just above the NOEC the
327 differences between the approaches are maximum (ratio of 211 and 329 when 99% of the
328 population is exposed for the 2x2 and 4x4 model respectively): in the precautionary approach

329 the fully exposed population dies instantaneously while the effect in the refined approach is
330 relatively small (a daily increased mortality of 3% at a concentration 10% above the NOEC).

331 With increasing exposure concentration (0.1-1 TU), the effects in the refined approach differs
332 less from the precautionary approach as can be seen in all panels of Figure 3. This is also the
333 case with increasing exposure durations (2-16 days). This is because with increasing exposure
334 concentration and duration, the effect in the refined approach approximates the maximum
335 effect assumed in the precautionary approach.

336 When the exposed fraction of the population is higher (from 1% to 99% of the population
337 exposed), the difference between the precautionary and the refined approach also becomes
338 higher (from 0 to >300), as differences between the two are amplified when a larger portion
339 (>1%) of the population is exposed.

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341 **Discussion**342 *The matrix models*

343 The population growth factor calculated with our matrix models, based on literature data on
344 daily egg production and daily mortality rates, revealed that published mortality rates (see
345 below) appear to be too high to maintain stable populations in unpolluted conditions. Based
346 on this, the daily mortality probabilities in the simulations matrices were adjusted to reach
347 stable populations under unpolluted conditions (no oil spill). With these values for the matrix
348 model parameters a sensitivity and elasticity assessment showed that changes in daily
349 mortality probabilities most heavily affect changes in population dynamics. This implies that
350 realistic assessments of mortality rates over a relevant duration (e.g. life cycle of the species),
351 and under relevant environmental conditions (those faced by the species) are very important
352 to estimate the population level consequences of oil pollution. However, as described
353 previously, estimation of realistic mortality rates in copepods is difficult, because rates are site
354 and time dependent (Melle and Skjoldal 1998). The measurement of mortality rates in the
355 laboratory or in the field often involves relatively short periods of time (order of days or
356 weeks) when compared to the full life cycle of copepod species considered, ranging from two
357 to more than four years. High mortality rates occur due to handling and catching individuals
358 with nets, transfer to containers, transport to lab, and inspection under the microscope.

359 Established field estimates of mortality shows high variability, and copepods often experience
360 high mortality in the laboratory (Arnkværn et al. 2005; Thor et al. 2008; Daase et al. 2014;
361 Skardhamar et al. 2011; Jung-Madsen et al. 2013; Weydmann et al. 2015). Reproduction
362 estimates (both timing of reproduction and number of eggs produced) are also known to vary
363 considerably (Melle & Skjoldal 1998; Madsen et al. 2001; Niehoff et al. 2002; Niehoff &
364 Hirche 2005; Varpe et al. 2007; Swalethorp et al. 2011; Hirche 2013; Daase et al. 2013).

365 In constructing a matrix model another complication is that the development of copepods and
366 therewith the generation time of *Calanus* spp. varies considerably, depending on geographical
367 region and food availability (e.g. Falk-Petersen et al. 2009). Because of this high variability
368 due to local conditions we did not strive for our model to represent a specific geographic
369 location. Instead, fixed generation times were used under the assumption that they represent
370 *C. glacialis* and *C. hyperboreus* that occur in the relatively mild polar range such as the
371 Barents Sea (2x2 model). Furthermore, *C. hyperboreus* also occurs at more severe polar
372 conditions such as the Kara Sea, Greenland Sea and Billefjorden (4x4 model), following the
373 geographic regions as described by Falk-Petersen et al. (2009). The parameter values selected
374 for the matrix models are also simplifications because mortality rates, growth and toxic
375 effects on mortality rates, were assumed to be constant over life stages, whereas studies show
376 that the various nauplii and copepodite stages may have different rates for growth and
377 mortality (Arnkvaern et al. 2005, Grenvald et al. 2013).

378 By simplifying the real life cycle with all different stages (eggs, nauplii, copepodites, and
379 adults) to a year-based model with average survival throughout the year, details were lost in
380 the composition of the *Calanus* population with respect to the distribution over the different
381 stages. However, this simple model for the dynamics of grouped juvenile and sub-adult
382 classes is easily adapted to data on the effect of toxic substances. One of the main results of
383 both matrix models is that the population growth factor is predominantly determined by the
384 survival of the considered life stages. Within these yearly survival probabilities adult survival
385 is relatively affecting the population growth factor the most. The combination of high
386 uncertainty of and high sensitivity for these survival rates could have affected the estimated
387 recovery durations results considerably.

388 In order to reflect a seasonal cycle, fixed periods of time were assumed in which reproduction,
389 growth and diapause takes place. Neither growth nor mortality was assumed to take place

390 during diapause, even though deaths are observed during this period (Daase et al. 2014). This
391 also means that in our model oil spills have no impact during the diapause season. Because oil
392 spills are often confined to the water surface layers and diapausing copepods migrate to
393 deeper water layers, the probability that oil spills affect copepods during winter seems limited
394 (Klok et al. 2012). Also, migration is not considered in the current matrix model as a
395 mechanism for replenishing the population. This implies that there are restrictions to the
396 spatial dimensions for the applicability of the model. The population considered is exposed to
397 a defined concentration of toxic substance(s).

398 *The toxicity model*

399 The use of toxicity information into the model was limited for two reasons. Firstly, few
400 studies have been published that assess the impact of oil or oil components on *C. glacialis* and
401 *C. hyperboreus*. Secondly, when toxicity information is available the end-points used often do
402 not fit into the life cycle parameters required for matrix models. Most of the available data
403 consider acute or sub-chronic effects, i.e. the exposure duration is limited when compared to
404 the full life cycle. There are no known studies that cover a significant part of the full life cycle
405 of Arctic copepods. Although the toxicity of oil to *Calanus* species has been studied,
406 indicating e.g. that sensitivity varies among *Calanus* species (Grenvald et al. 2013;
407 Nørregaard et al. 2014), scarcity of the toxicity data limits the realistic prediction of
408 population effects of specific exposures. Moreover, variance in acute mortality values can
409 result in dramatically different population responses (Stark et al. 2015). The matrix model
410 takes only the parameters of egg production, and mortality rates into account, and therefore
411 several types of toxic impacts are not considered in the model. For instance, a reduction of
412 growth may result in a delay of stage development. This could be fatal in case a particular
413 stage is not reached in time to be able to go into diapause during winter (Klok et al. 2012).

414 The issues mentioned here are also a reason why precautionary measures are currently used,
415 when assessing an oil spill impact.

416 In our study, we used TU to express exposure concentrations. The TU range applied in this
417 study increases up to 1.1, which corresponds to an exposure concentration slightly above the
418 LC50. Exposure above LC50 values can be realistic in field situations, especially directly
419 after and/or near the source of a spill (Table 3). TUs in field situations based on
420 concentrations from actual, experimental and modelled spills range between 0.00003 and
421 15.63, with most values below 0.1 TU. According to our modelling results this means that for
422 field situations, the predicted impact based on the precautionary approach compared to the
423 predicted impact based on the refined approach would in most cases lead to comparable
424 results but could also be overestimated by a factor of 300 or more, especially when a larger
425 part of the population is exposed.

426 In the present study, toxicants are assumed to instantaneously reach an equilibrium between
427 external and internal concentrations. In the Arctic *Calanus* species studied here, this might not
428 be realistic, given their high lipid content and relatively large size (particularly *C.*
429 *hyperboreus*). Nordtug et al. (2015) compare relative oil clearance from *C. finmarchicus* for
430 different treatments but could not calculate absolute clearance rates due to technical
431 limitations. De Hoop et al. (2013) indicate that excretion of oil constituents in aquatic is
432 relatively slow. Consequently, effects calculated here may underrepresent the exposure
433 duration and overestimate the exposure concentration for the refined approach.

434 ***Consequences for impact assessment***

435 Whether a population recovers and within which time span critically depends on the migration
436 between the exposed and unexposed fraction of the population. Therefore, the spatial scale of
437 the spill should also be considered (as this also affects the fraction of the population being

438 exposed). Recovery also depends on life history characteristics of the species that determine
439 the population growth factor, which in turn determines the recovery rate, with a higher yearly
440 population growth factor causing a faster recovery.

441 Based on our results the impact (i.e. population recovery duration) of an oil spill for the water
442 column may be highly overestimated using the precautionary approach when exposure
443 concentrations exceed threshold concentrations up to median effect concentrations, especially
444 for relatively large spills (i.e. affecting a large fraction of the population). This may affect
445 impact assessment and the selection of proper mitigation techniques in case of an oil spill.

446 However, care should be taken to directly adopt this more refined approach into oil spill
447 response strategies. Impact assessment used in evaluating options for oil spill response (i.e.
448 NEBA) considers different compartments, e.g. the water column, the water surface and shore.
449 If in all compartments a similar approach is used the relative effect between compartments
450 can be compared correctly. Here, we only considered a more realistic approach in one of the
451 compartments (water column). When a more realistic approach is also implemented in the
452 other compartments (e.g. water surface and shore) the relative weight of the impacts makes
453 sense. As long as this is not the case, care should be taken to compare the effects of more
454 realistic approaches in some compartments and conservative approaches in other.

455 Better and more realistic estimates of the natural survival rate and the toxic effects on this rate
456 are needed most to allow for a more realistic assessment of population level consequences of
457 these *Calanus* species in the case of an oil spill. Additionally, better estimates of effects of oil
458 compounds on reproduction of these *Calanus* species can further improve the prediction of
459 our models.

460 The matrix model provides more realism to assessments traditionally based on simple risk
461 characterisation ratios, where exposure concentrations are divided by predicted no effect

462 concentration. The matrix model can translate estimated effects to the population level. The
463 simplifications applied in the model and the lack of data to parameterise the model, however,
464 make the interpretation of the model results indicative in the absolute assessment of oil spill
465 impacts. By comparing the two approaches on a relative scale, an indication of the level of
466 conservatism for the precautionary approach is obtained. It implies that the current NEBA
467 which uses the precautionary approach does not underestimate the effect imposed on
468 populations by oil spills.

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659 **Appendix A**660 *Life cycle graphs*

661 In the region of the Fram Strait (Greenland Sea) both our focal *Calanus* species have a
 662 generation time of two years (Falk-Petersen, 2010). Here, individuals advance during the first
 663 year to the life stage where diapause can be initiated: copepodite stage three (C3) for *C.*
 664 *hyperboreus* and copepodite stage four (C4) for *C. glacialis* (based on Falk-Petersen et al.
 665 2009).

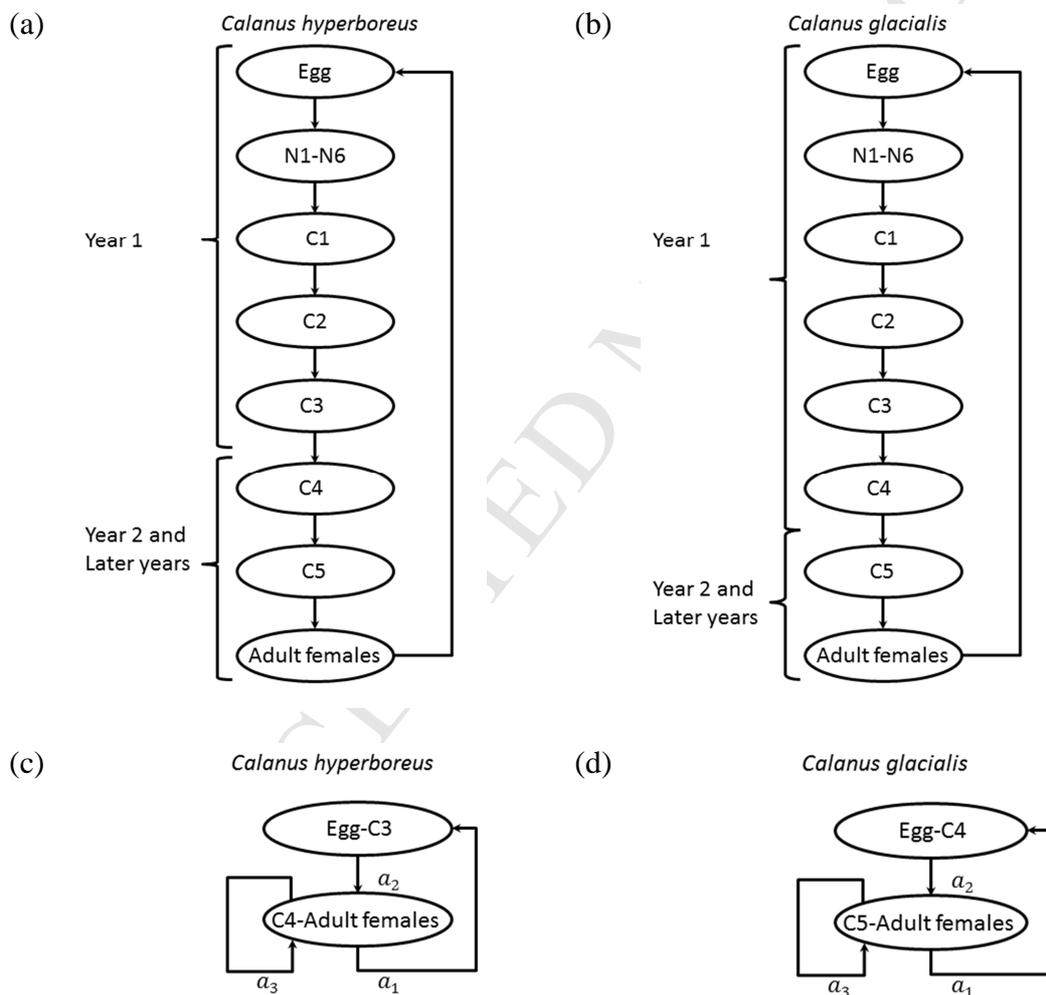


Figure A.1: the real (panels a and b) and modelled (panels c and d) life cycle with generation time of two years of *C. hyperboreus* and *C. glacialis*. N1-N6: nauplii stages 1-6; C1-C5: copepodite stages 1-5; a_1 : reproductive value; a_2 : survival to adult female and a_3 : yearly survival of adult females.

667 *From days to year*

$$668 \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_0(\tau+1) \\ v_1(\tau+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_1 \\ a_2 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_0(\tau) \\ v_1(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eqn A.1}$$

$$669 \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_0(t+1) \\ v_1(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_0(t) \\ v_1(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t = 1, \dots, (365 - w - b) \quad \text{eqn A.2}$$

670 Accounting for diapause in which everyone survives gives eqn. A.3

$$671 \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_0(t+1) \\ v_1(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_0(t) \\ v_1(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t = (366 - w - b), \dots, (365 - b) \quad \text{eqn A.3}$$

$$672 \quad \begin{pmatrix} w(t+1) \\ v_0(t+1) \\ v_1(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{m}{2}s_1 \\ s_0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w(t) \\ v_0(t) \\ v_1(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t = 366 - b \quad \text{eqn A.4}$$

673 Subsequently the spawning season lasts for $b - 1$ days:

$$674 \quad \begin{pmatrix} w(t+1) \\ v_0(t+1) \\ v_1(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_0 & 0 & \frac{m}{2}s_1 \\ 0 & s_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w(t) \\ v_0(t) \\ v_1(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t = (367 - b), \dots, 365 \quad \text{eqn A.5}$$

675 Just after the spawning season we have to return to the original two classes:

$$676 \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_0(t+365) \\ v_1(t+365) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w(t+365^-) \\ v_0(t+365^-) \\ v_1(t+365^-) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eqn A.6}$$

677 In total the year-to-year matrix, with time τ represented in years, is:

$$678 \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_0(t+1) \\ v_1(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{m}{2} s_1^{366-b-w} \frac{s_0^b - s_1^b}{s_0 - s_1} \\ s_0^{365-w} & s_1^{365-w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_0(t) \\ v_1(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eqn A.7}$$

679 The characteristic equation for this matrix is given in eqn A.8, and the dominant eigenvalue is

$$680 \quad \lambda_d = 0.5s_1^{365-w} + 0.5\sqrt{\left(s_1^{365-w}\right)^2 + 2m(s_0s_1)^{365-w} s_1^{1-b} \left(\frac{s_0^b - s_1^b}{s_0 - s_1}\right)}.$$

$$681 \quad \lambda^2 - s_1^{365-w} \lambda - \frac{m}{2} (s_0s_1)^{365-w} s_1^{1-b} \left(\frac{s_0^b - s_1^b}{s_0 - s_1}\right) = 0 \quad \text{eqn A.8}$$

682 It should be noted that in the elasticities below the logarithm $\log(x)$ is the natural logarithm.

$$683 \quad e(b) = \frac{b}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial b} = \frac{\frac{bm}{2} \log\left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right) (s_0s_1)^{365-w} s_1 \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^b}{\lambda(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})(s_0 - s_1)} \quad \text{eqn. A.9}$$

$$684 \quad e(s_0) = \frac{s_0}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s_0} = \frac{\frac{m}{2} s_0 (s_0s_1)^{365-w} \left(\left((365-w+b) \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^{b-1} - (365-w) \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^{-1} \right) (s_0 - s_1)^{-s_1} \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^b - 1 \right)}{\lambda(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})(s_0 - s_1)^2} \quad \text{eqn A.10}$$

$$685 \quad e(s_1) = \frac{s_1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s_1} = \frac{\frac{(365-w) s_1^{365-w}}{(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})} + \frac{\frac{m}{2} s_1 (s_0s_1)^{365-w} \left(\left((366-w-b) \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^b + (366-w) \right) (s_0 - s_1)^{+s_1} \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^{-1} \right)}{\lambda(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})(s_0 - s_1)^2}}{\lambda(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})(s_0 - s_1)^2} \quad \text{eqn A.11}$$

$$686 \quad e(m) = \frac{m}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial m} = \frac{\frac{m}{2} (s_0s_1)^{365-w} s_1 \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^{-1}}{\lambda(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})(s_0 - s_1)} \quad \text{eqn A.12}$$

$$687 \quad e(w) = \frac{w}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial w} = \frac{\frac{-w \log(s_1) s_1^{365-w}}{(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})} - \frac{\frac{m}{2} w \ln(s_0s_1) (s_0s_1)^{365-w} s_1 \left(\frac{s_0}{s_1}\right)^{-1}}{\lambda(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})(s_0 - s_1)}}{\lambda(2\lambda - s_1^{365-w})(s_0 - s_1)} \quad \text{eqn A.13}$$

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695 **Tables**

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697 **Table 1:** The parameter values required for the matrix model year-to-year projecting and the
 698 simulation model for daily accounting the population development. For the 2 year life cycle
 699 the population growth factor with these parameter values is 1.02, while it is 1.01 for the 4 year
 700 life cycle.

parameter	description	range min-	value	value	dimension
		max of values from literature	2 year life cycle 2x2- model	4 year life cycle 4x4- model	
b	Number of days that eggs are laid (spawning season)	30-51 ¹	30	30	d
w	Number of days that diapause (winter) lasts	135-255 ²	155	215	d
s_0	Daily survival throughout the first year of life	0.85-0.995 ³	0.9685	0.97	d ⁻¹
s_1	Daily survival throughout the second year of life	0.851-0.97 ³	0.998	0.991	d ⁻¹
s_2	Daily survival throughout the third year of life	0.851-0.94 ³	-	0.992	d ⁻¹
s_3	Daily survival throughout remaining life (at age 3+)	0.851-0.94 ³	-	0.998	d ⁻¹
m	The number of eggs laid per day per female in the spawning season	11-127 ⁴	47	47	No d ⁻¹

701 ¹Hirche (1989); ² Assuming diapause length is 365 days minus length of growth season (reported
 702 growth season 3 to 6 months (120-180 days) (Ankvaern et al. (2005), Ji et al. (2012), Darnis & Fortier
 703 (2014)) and spawning season (30 days); ³ Ankvaern et al. (2005), Thor et al. (2008); ⁴ Melle &
 704 Skjoldal (1998), Niehoff et al., (2002), Niehoff & Hirche (2005), Hirche (2013)

705 **Table 2:** Elasticity and sensitivity of (a) the 2x2 and (b) the 4x4 matrix model

(a)			
parameter	value	sensitivity	elasticity
s_0	0.9685	61.8	58.5
s_1	0.998	155	151
m	47	0.0057	0.26
b	30	0.0055	0.16
w	155	0.01	1.53
(b)			
parameter	value	sensitivity	elasticity
s_0	0.970	25.31	24.21
s_1	0.991	22.88	22.36
s_2	0.992	22.86	22.36
s_3	0.998	82.37	81.07
m	47	0.0032	0.15
b	30	0.003	0.09
w	215	0.008	1.76

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707 **Table 3:** Toxic Units (TU) based on real, experimental (exp.) and model simulated (mod.) oil
 708 spills in the (sub)Arctic. The derivation of these TU can be found in ESM1 section 4.

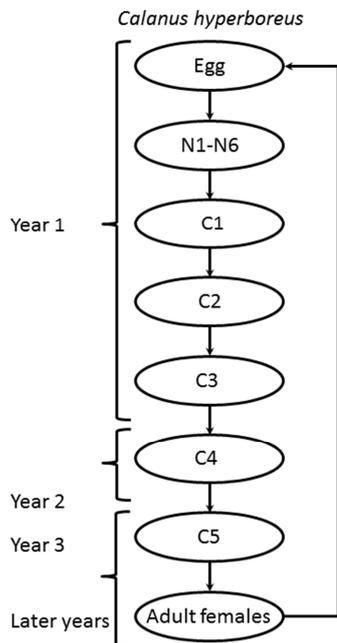
Type	Location	Release	Spill size (m ³ crude oil)	Treatment of oil	Substances	TU	Ref.
Exp.	Barents Sea	Water surface	7	Untreated	Dissolved hydrocarbons Total hydrocarbons	0.003 -0.05 0.001 - 0.008	1
Real	Prince William Sound	Water surface	~45,000	Untreated	TPAH	0.00003 - 1.40 (mean 0.002)	2
Mod.	Beaufort Sea	Blow-out, subsurface release during 30- 120 days	Max 2,009,000,000	Untreated	Dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons Dispersant application Dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons	0.03 - 6.25 0.03 - 15.63	3

709 ^a: northern Gulf of Alaska; 1) Faksness et al. (2011); 2) Boehm et al. (2007); 3) Schroeder
 710 Gearon et al. (2014)

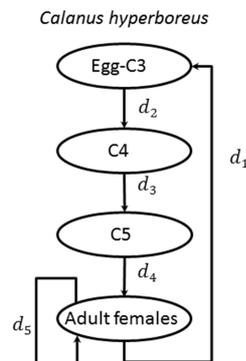
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712 **Figures**

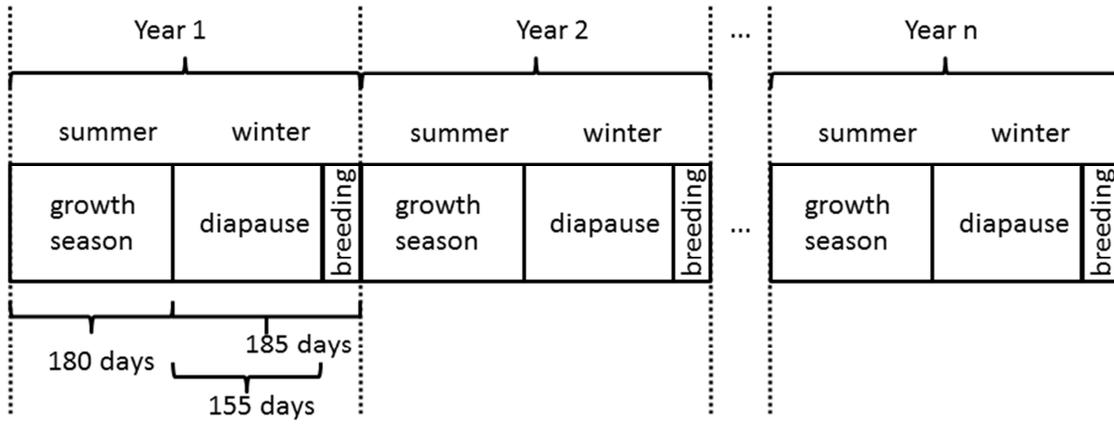
(a)



(b)



713 Figure 1: the real (panel a) and modelled (panel b) life cycle with generation time of four
 714 years for *C. hyperboreus*. N1-N6: nauplii stages 1-6; C1-C5: copepodite stages 1-5; d_1 :
 715 reproductive value; d_2 : survival to C4; d_3 : survival to C5; d_4 : survival to adult female (using a
 716 sex ratio 1:1) and d_5 : yearly survival of adult females.



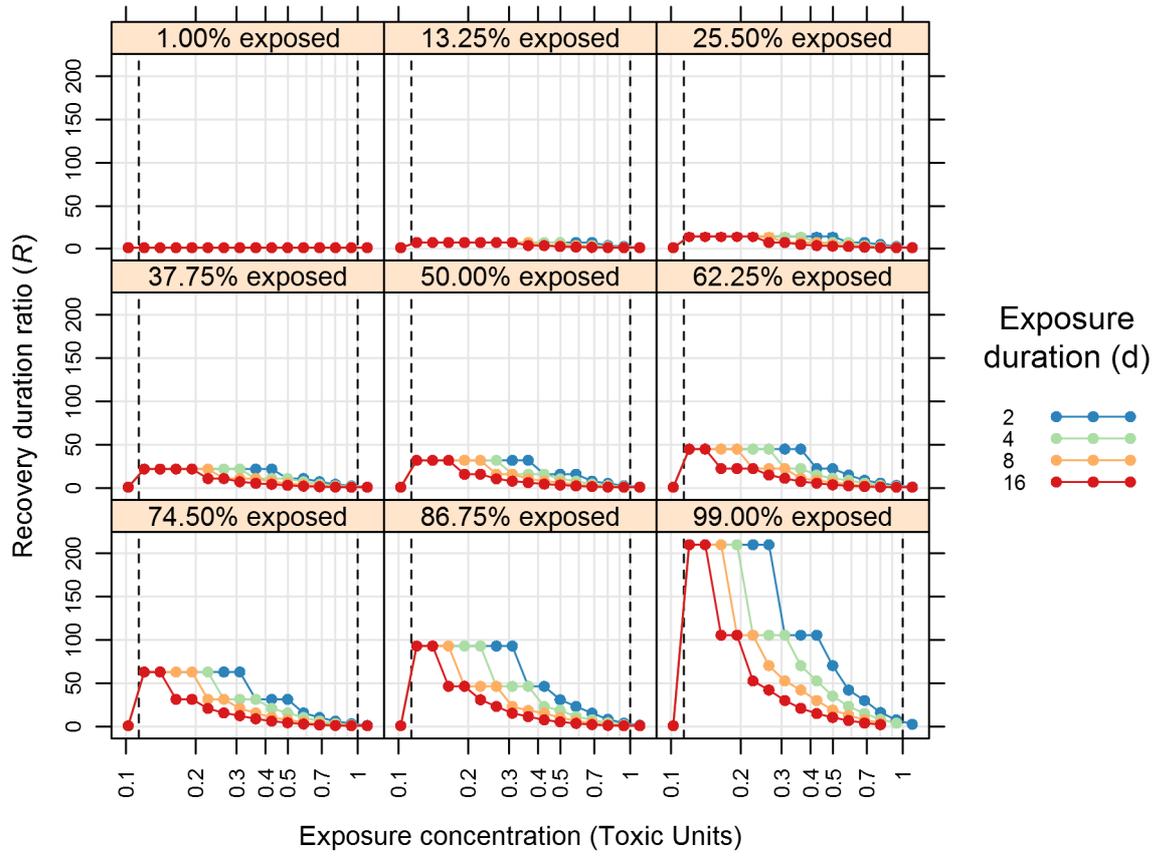
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718 Figure 2: the year as modelled for *C. hyperboreus* life cycle with a generation time of two

719 years.

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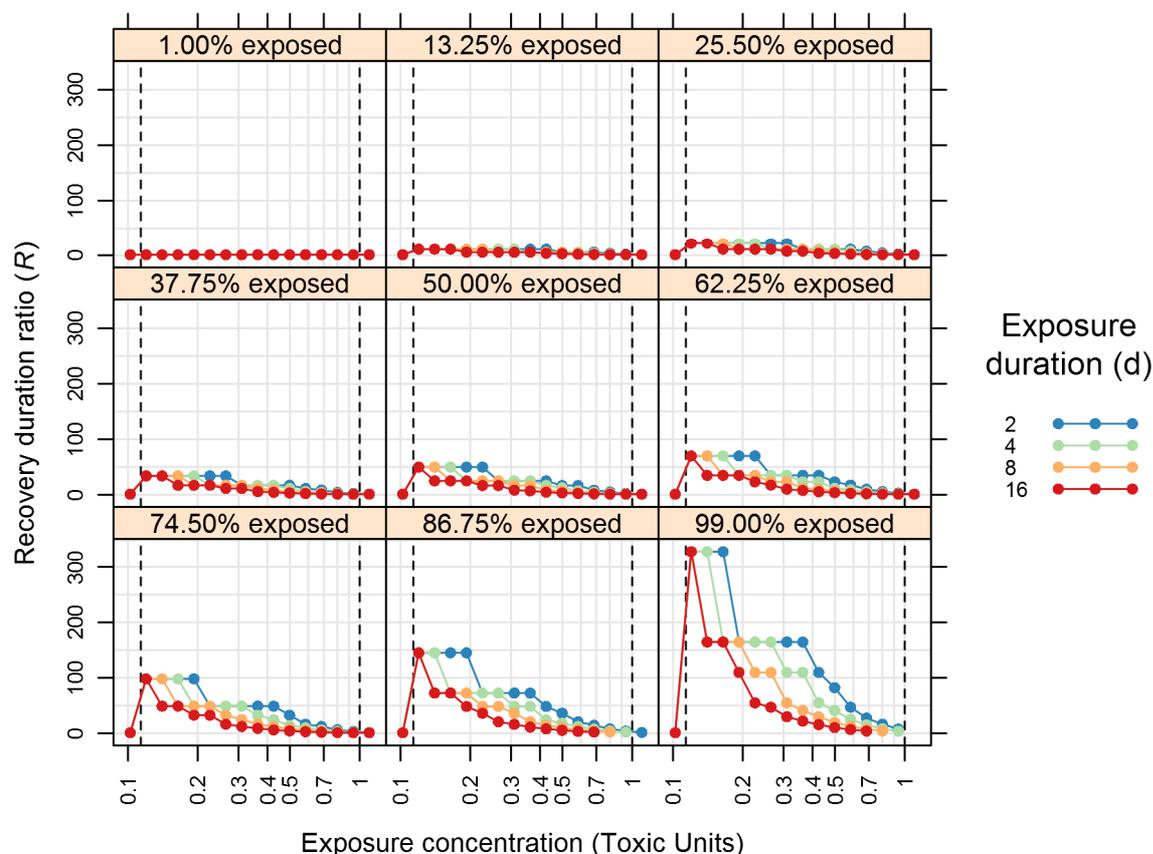
Calanus (2x2)



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A

Calanus (4x4)



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B

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724 Figure 3: The ratio R (eqn 5) between the precautionary approach (=worst case scenario) and
 725 the refined approach is shown for the Calanus 2x2 model (A) and 4x4 model (B). In 9 panels
 726 the percentage exposed is increased linearly from 1 to 99%, see the header of each panel. The
 727 ratio R is given as a function of the exposure concentration and the duration of the exposure
 728 (denoted with different coloured lines). The left-dashed vertical line resembles the NOEC
 729 ($n=1/ACR$ in TU) and the right-dashed vertical line the LC50 ($L=1$ in TU). The minimum
 730 recovery duration is one year. The ratio R is equal to 1 when the precautionary approach and
 731 the refined approach result in the same recovery duration, when R is greater than 1, recovery
 732 times calculated with the precautionary approach are longer than those calculated with the
 733 refined approach. The curves are not smooth, because the recovery durations (used to
 734 calculate R) are expressed as full years.

735 ESM1: Supplementary information

736 **1. Development and analysis of the 4x4 model for *C. hyperboreus***

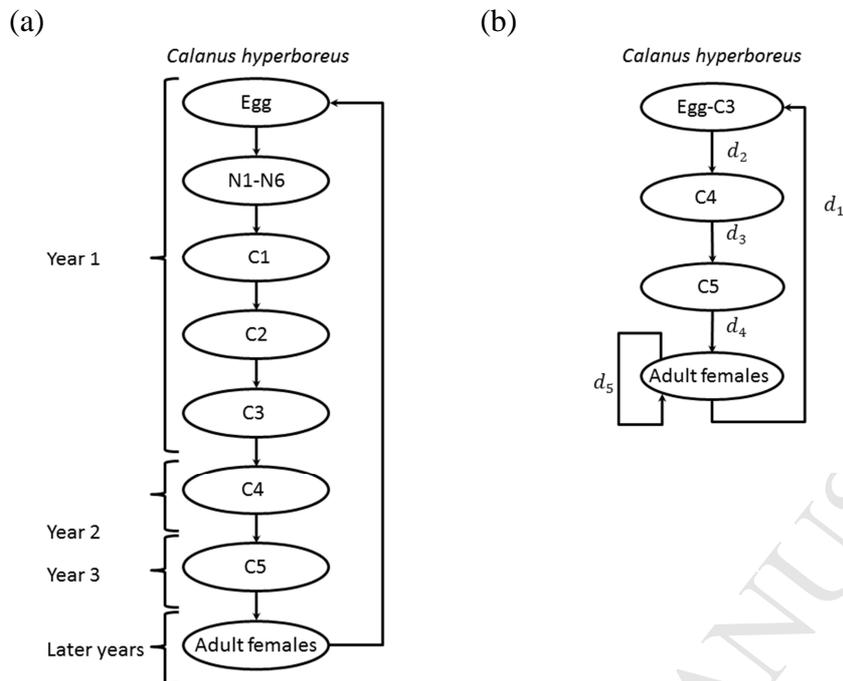


Figure S.1: the real (panel a) and modelled (panel b) life cycle with generation time of four years for *C. hyperboreus*. Note that only females are considered in the model. N1-N6: nauplius stages 1-6; C1-C5: copepodite stages 1-5; d_1 : reproductive value; d_2 : survival to C4; d_3 : survival to C5; d_4 : survival to adult female and d_5 : yearly survival of adult females.

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738 In some parts of the Arctic the life cycle of *Calanus hyperboreus* lasts 3 or more years. In
 739 those areas the development in the first year of the life of this Crustacean species starts with
 740 the egg stage (50% is assumed female), via six nauplius stages up to the third copepodite
 741 stage. The next two copepodite stages both last a full year. Thereafter the individuals become
 742 mature adults. Because we only consider females in the model, this stage is called adult
 743 females.

744 The 4x4-model is represented in figure S.1b and based on the real life cycle (given in Fig.
 745 S.1a). Thus, for the model with a generation time of four years the four classes $(x_0(t), x_1(t),$
 746 $x_2(t), x_3(t))^T$ represent the just born *Calanus* (0+ to one year old), 1+ to two years old, 2+ to
 747 three years old and older than three years. The Leslie matrix for this system (figure 1b) only
 748 has positive values on the places marked with a symbol (see equation 1; note that the time τ is

749 measured in years). How these positive values are derived from daily-based rates and what
 750 they look like in terms of daily survival and fecundity, is explained in the section “from days
 751 to year” (below).

$$752 \begin{pmatrix} x_0(\tau+1) \\ x_1(\tau+1) \\ x_2(\tau+1) \\ x_3(\tau+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & d_1 \\ d_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_4 & d_5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0(\tau) \\ x_1(\tau) \\ x_2(\tau) \\ x_3(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eqn S.1}$$

753 Based on data from the life cycle of *C. hyperboreus* we have to consider that these
 754 crustaceans do have a diapause period during the year, namely when they have migrated into
 755 the deep. We assumed that in this period no mortality and reproduction takes place (Fig S.2).

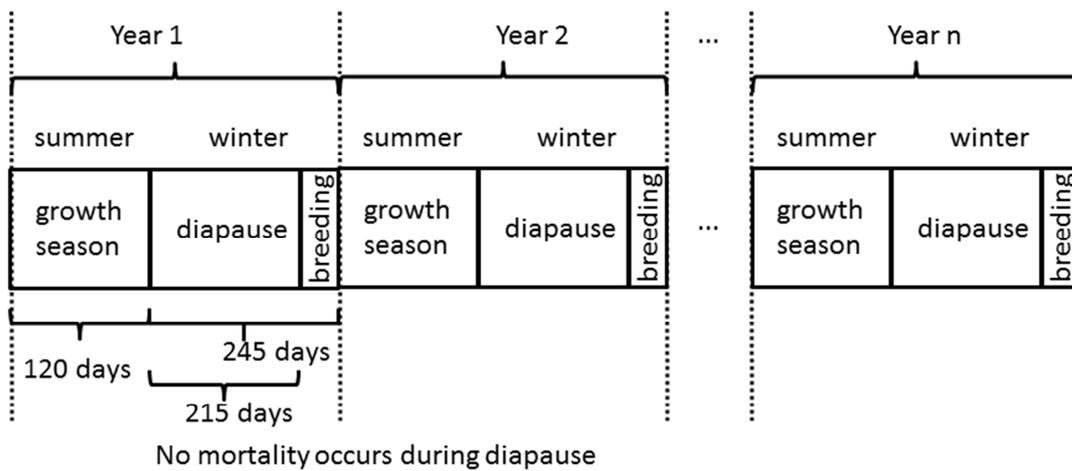


Figure S.2: the year as modelled for *C. hyperboreus* life cycle with a generation time of four years.

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757 *From days to year*

758 Assume that diapause lasts w days and the spawning season lasts b days. We start to model
 759 just after the spawning season, because we model post-spawning. Then we have $365 - w - b$
 760 days during which for the four classes only the daily survival probabilities should be
 761 accounted for. The daily survival probabilities are respectively s_0, s_1, s_2 and s_3 . For those days
 762 equation A.1 holds, here the time t is given in days.

$$763 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_0(t+1) \\ x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0(t) \\ x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t=1,\dots,(365-w-b) \quad \text{eqn S.1}$$

764 Accounting for diapause in which everyone survives gives eqn. S.2

$$765 \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_0(t+1) \\ x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0(t) \\ x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t=(366-w-b),\dots,(365-b) \quad \text{eqn S.2}$$

766 Because the matrix is the identity matrix during this period, this period is not accounted for in
 767 the product matrix that considers the full year. Only adults reproduce, and the newborn female
 768 *Calanus* sp. are temporarily stored in the variable $y(t)$. For the first day of the spawning
 769 season we have to create this temporary variable:

$$770 \quad \begin{pmatrix} y(t+1) \\ x_0(t+1) \\ x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{m}{2}s_3 \\ s_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0(t) \\ x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t=366-b \quad \text{eqn S.3}$$

771 Subsequently the spawning season lasts for $b-1$ days:

$$772 \quad \begin{pmatrix} y(t+1) \\ x_0(t+1) \\ x_1(t+1) \\ x_2(t+1) \\ x_3(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{m}{2}s_3 \\ 0 & s_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & s_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & s_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y(t) \\ x_0(t) \\ x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } t=(367-b),\dots,365 \quad \text{eqn S.4}$$

773 Just after the spawning season we have to return to the original four classes:

$$774 \begin{pmatrix} x_0(t+365) \\ x_1(t+365) \\ x_2(t+365) \\ x_3(t+365) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y(t+365^-) \\ x_0(t+365^-) \\ x_1(t+365^-) \\ x_2(t+365^-) \\ x_3(t+365^-) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eqn S.5}$$

775 In total the year-to-year matrix, with time τ represented in years, is:

$$776 \begin{pmatrix} x_0(\tau+1) \\ x_1(\tau+1) \\ x_2(\tau+1) \\ x_3(\tau+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{m}{2} s_3^{366-b-w} \left(\frac{s_0^b - s_3^b}{s_0 - s_3} \right) \\ s_0^{365-w} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_1^{365-w} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_2^{365-w} & s_3^{365-w} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0(\tau) \\ x_1(\tau) \\ x_2(\tau) \\ x_3(\tau) \end{pmatrix} = L \begin{pmatrix} x_0(\tau) \\ x_1(\tau) \\ x_2(\tau) \\ x_3(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eqn S.6}$$

777 *Elasticities:*

778 The characteristic equation for matrix L is:

$$779 \lambda^4 - s_3^{365-w} \lambda^3 - \frac{m}{2} (s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} s_3^{1-b} \left(\frac{s_0^b - s_3^b}{s_0 - s_3} \right) = 0 \quad \text{eqn S.7}$$

780 The dominant eigenvalue of this characteristic equation can only be calculated numerically
 781 and when the dominant eigenvalue is known for particular parameter values, the elasticities
 782 (or relative sensitivities) can be calculated using the analytic expressions below (derived via
 783 implicit differentiation of the characteristic equation), for the elasticity of parameter b (eqn
 784 S.8), parameter s_0 (eqn S.9), parameter s_1 (eqn S.10), parameter s_2 (eqn S.11), parameter s_3
 785 (eqn S.12) parameter m (eqn S.13) and parameter w (eqn S.14).

$$786 e(b) = \frac{b}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial b} = \frac{\frac{bm}{2} \log\left(\frac{s_0}{s_3}\right) (s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} s_3 \left(\frac{s_0}{s_3}\right)^b}{(4\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 s_3^{365-w}) (s_0 - s_3)} \quad \text{eqn. S.8}$$

$$787 \quad e(s_0) = \frac{s_0}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s_0} = \frac{\frac{m}{2}(s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} \left(\left((365-w+b) \left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^{b-1} - (365-w) \left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^{-1} \right) (s_0-s_3)^{-s_3} \left(\left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^b - 1 \right) \right)}{(4\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 s_3^{365-w})(s_0-s_3)^2} \quad \text{eqn S.9}$$

$$788 \quad e(s_1) = \frac{s_1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s_1} = \frac{\frac{m}{2}(365-w)(s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} s_3 \left(\left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^b - 1 \right)}{(4\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 s_3^{365-w})(s_0-s_3)} \quad \text{eqn S.10}$$

$$789 \quad e(s_2) = \frac{s_2}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s_2} = \frac{\frac{m}{2}(365-w)(s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} s_3 \left(\left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^b - 1 \right)}{(4\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 s_3^{365-w})(s_0-s_3)} \quad \text{eqn S.11}$$

$$790 \quad e(s_3) = \frac{s_3}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s_3} = \frac{(365-w) s_3^{365-w}}{(4\lambda - 3s_3^{365-w})} + \frac{\frac{m}{2} s_3 (s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} \left(w - 366 - (366-w-b) \left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^b + s_3 \left(\left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^b - 1 \right) \right)}{(4\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 s_3^{365-w})(s_0-s_3)^2} \quad \text{eqn S.12}$$

$$791 \quad e(m) = \frac{m}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial m} = \frac{\frac{m}{2}(s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} s_3 \left(\left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^b - 1 \right)}{(4\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 s_3^{365-w})(s_0-s_3)} \quad \text{eqn S.13}$$

$$792 \quad e(w) = \frac{w}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial w} = \frac{-w \ln(s_3) s_3^{365-w}}{(4\lambda - 3s_3^{365-w})} - \frac{w \ln(s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3) \frac{m}{2} (s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3)^{365-w} s_3 \left(\left(\frac{s_0}{s_3} \right)^b - 1 \right)}{(4\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 s_3^{365-w})(s_0-s_3)} \quad \text{eqn S.14}$$

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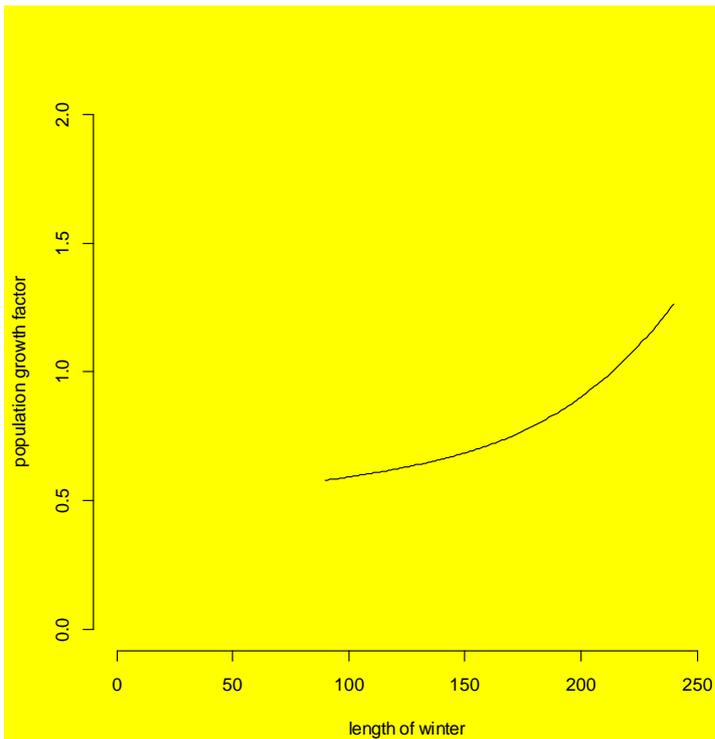


Figure S.3: The influence of the length of the winter w on the population growth factor in the 4x4 model. It should be noted that when the winter lasts longer then the modelled population has a longer time period without mortality and thus the population growth factor increases with w .

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796 **2. Detailed description of literature data for *Calanus*.**797 ***Reproduction***

798 In the field, the egg production rate of *Calanus* varies during the active season, depending on
799 for example the food supply (*C. glacialis*, Melle and Skjoldal (1998)). During the algal
800 bloom in the polar front region of the Barents Sea the egg production of *C. glacialis* ranged
801 from 17 to 77 eggs d⁻¹ per female in April, whereas average reproduction values are
802 respectively 22 and 11 eggs d⁻¹ per female in March respectively May-July (Melle and
803 Skjoldal 1998). Lower values were observed in the field by Daase et al. (2013), namely a
804 maximum of 18-23 eggs per week for *C. glacialis* across the Arctic. However, such low rates
805 have not been reported by other studies. Laboratory experiments conducted at 0 °C with
806 female *C. glacialis* collected from the East Greenland Current in June of 1987 and 1988
807 showed egg production rates of 29 ± 31 (mean ± s.d.) and 42 ± 38 eggs d⁻¹ per female,
808 respectively (Hirche 1989). More than half of the females were laying eggs during 30 to 35 d,
809 while 20% was actively spawning for up to 51 d. In the Lurefjord (western Norway) Niehoff
810 and Hirche (2005) observed a maximum egg production rate for *C. glacialis* in March of 36
811 eggs d⁻¹ per female and a range of 18-112 eggs d⁻¹ per female for *C. glacialis* at different
812 locations in the Arctic was reported. For *C. hyperboreus* reported egg production values are
813 between 1,000 and 3,800 eggs per year per *C. hyperboreus* female (Hirche 2013). Calculated
814 values for *Calanus species*, based on the observed rates by Melle and Skjoldal (1998) and egg
815 production rates of *Calanus species* in Disko Bay, West Greenland were similar (Niehoff et
816 al. 2002): 33 eggs d⁻¹ per *C. hyperboreus* female (March) and 40 eggs d⁻¹ per *C. glacialis*
817 female (May).

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819 *Active season*

820 Field observations in Billefjorden, Spitsbergen (Ankvaern et al. 2005) showed a sharp
821 increase in abundance (ind m⁻²) of *C. glacialis* and *C. hyperboreus* in May with peaks in
822 June (*C. hyperboreus*) and July (*C. glacialis*). Copepods, recruited from new-borns and
823 surfacing overwintering adults, were found in the pelagic from March (*C. hyperboreus*)
824 respectively May (*C. glacialis*) until August. They remained in the pelagic for 6 months (*C.*
825 *hyperboreus*), respectively 4 months (*C. glacialis*) and during this period reproduction take
826 place. The reproductive period coincides with the algal bloom. Modelling results of Ji et al.
827 (2012) indicate that the length of the algal bloom ranges from approximately 80 to 150 days
828 based on chlorophyll concentrations and about 150 to 200 days based on snowmelt, for the
829 north and south of Spitsbergen, respectively. The observed growth season length of ca.150
830 days fits these calculations. Darnis and Fortier (2014) investigated the seasonal vertical
831 migration of dominant arctic copepod species (*C. hyperboreus*) in Amundsen Gulf, Beaufort
832 Sea. This spec. resides in the deep Atlantic Layer from December to mid-April, rapidly
833 invades the surface layer at the onset of the phytoplankton bloom in early May, and started its
834 descent to overwintering depth in July. In contrast *C. glacialis* overwinters at shallower
835 depths than *C. hyperboreus* and moves into the surface layer in early April as ice algae bloom,
836 and remains in the subsurface until the end of July. Although diapause at depth during winter
837 is a common observed strategy for *Calanus* (e.g. Ankvaern et al. 2005; Darnis and Fortier
838 2014; Falk-Petersen 2009), there are also observations of *Calanus spp.* in the surface water
839 layers during winter, suggesting they may be more active during winter than often assumed
840 (Daase et al. 2014; Berge et al., 2015; Blachowiak-Samolyk et al., 2015). In summary, the
841 growth season lengths found in literature for *C. glacialis* equalled 4 months in the Beaufort
842 Sea (Darnis and Fortier 2014) and Billefjorden, Spitsbergen (Ankvaern et al. 2005) and for *C.*
843 *hyperboreus* it ranges from 3 months in the Beaufort Sea (Darnis and Fortier 2014) to 6

844 months in Billefjorden, Spitsbergen (Ankvaern et al. 2005). Based on these data a yearly
845 growth season of approximately 4 months was used for *C. glacialis* and 4 or 6 months for *C.*
846 *hyperboreus* in our models.

847 **Mortality**

848 Natural mortality of *Calanus* in the Arctic is caused by predation, starvation, environmental
849 conditions, and parasitic or viral infection (Daase et al. 2014). Mortality constants for the
850 various life stages are site and time specific making mortality estimation very complex (Melle
851 and Skjoldal 1998).

852 Hatching success for *C. hyperboreus* was 75-98% (Jung-Madsen et al. 2013) and for *C.*
853 *glacialis* 75-86% (Weydmann et al. 2015). Mortality rates for nauplii are in the range of 0.04
854 and 0.09 d⁻¹ for *C. hyperboreus* (Jung-Madsen et al. 2013) and 0.04 and 0.06 d⁻¹ for *C.*
855 *glacialis* (Daase et al. 2011; Jung-Madsen and Nielsen 2015). Because both studies note that
856 the mortality rates are high, these values are probably not representative for a natural
857 population.

858 Relative mortality rates for copepod stages in the field are estimated by Ankvaern et al.
859 (2005) in Billefjorden, Spitsbergen, during March-July at ambient temperatures as
860 approximately 0.01 (C1), 0.02 (C2), 0.04 (C3), 0.06 (C4), 0.12 (C5) and 0.15 (adult females)
861 d⁻¹ for *C. hyperboreus*. In the same study relative mortality rates estimated for *C. glacialis*
862 were lower, namely approximately 0.005 (C1 and C2), 0.015 (C3), 0.03 (C4), 0.08 (C5) and
863 0.06 (adult females) d⁻¹. Thor et al. (2008) investigated relative mortality rates of copepods
864 (stages C1-C5) in Disko Bay, western Greenland, during June 2001. Reported values for *C.*
865 *hyperboreus* were approximately 0.005 (C1 & C2), 0.06 (C3), 0.08 (C4) and 0.06 (C5) d⁻¹,
866 and for *C. glacialis* 0.1 (C1), 0.13 (C2), 0.15 (C3) and 0.06 d⁻¹ (C5) (Thor et al. 2008). No
867 value for C4 was reported. Both studies mention that the mortality rates are high and that this

868 was probably caused by predation (Ankvaern et al. 2005; Thor et al. 2008). Both the mortality
869 values for the copepod stages based on field observations and the estimates for the nauplius
870 stages from laboratory experiments can only be used as an indication because of the high
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920 **3. Exact solution for the precautionary approach (eqn 4 in main text)**

921 In the assumption that the population is at its stable age distribution the dominant eigenvalue
 922 λ is the yearly population growth factor and the years to recovery T_r is based on growth from f
 923 to 1. f is in this case both the fraction of killed individuals as well as the exposed fraction of
 924 individuals (i.e., the precautionary approach from the main text). We arrive at:

925 $\lambda^{T_r} = \frac{1}{f}$ eqn S.21

926 Which can be solved by:

927 $T_r = \frac{-\log(f)}{\log(\lambda)}$ eqn S.22

928 For comparability with simulation results, the solution needs to be rounded to its integer
 929 ceiling (indicated by the double rectangular brackets):

930 $T_r = \left\lceil \left\lceil \frac{-\log(1-f)}{\log(\lambda)} \right\rceil \right\rceil$ eqn S.22

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933 4. Derivation of field relevant Toxic Units

934 In our study we used TU to express exposure concentrations. The TU range applied in this
935 study increases up to 1.1, which corresponds to an exposure concentration that is 10% above
936 the LC50. Exposure above LC50 values can be realistic in field situations, especially directly
937 after and/or near the source of a spill. After the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 (located in
938 Prince William Sound, a subarctic fjord-type embayment of the northern Gulf of Alaska)
939 1288 water samples were taken along the spill path in that same year (Boehm et al. 2007). The
940 highest measured concentration of total poly-aromatic hydrocarbons (TPAH) was 42 ppb
941 (range <0.001-42, mean 0.058 ppb) with only 9 samples containing more than 10 ppb TPAH,
942 which is the State of Alaska's water-quality standard for total aromatic hydrocarbons (Boehm
943 et al. 2007). Taking the LC50 value for *C. glacialis* exposed to mechanically dispersed oil of
944 30 ppb total PAH (Gardiner et al. 2013, see Table S.1) this relates to a TU between a small
945 value of less than 0.00003 and a maximum of 1.40 (mean: 0.002). A field experiment in the
946 Barents Sea (where crude oil was released between the ice floes and was left untreated to
947 study oil weathering and spreading in ice) showed lower concentrations of oil, ranging
948 between 0.1 and 1.5 ppb dissolved hydrocarbons and 4-32 ppb total hydrocarbons (Faksness
949 et al. 2011). The water soluble fraction was dominated by PAHs. For total hydrocarbons this
950 relates to a TU ranging between 0.001 and 0.008 (based on a LC50 value of the water
951 accommodated fraction of oil after mechanical dispersion: 4000 ppb total petroleum
952 hydrocarbon (Gardiner et al. 2013). The toxicity of the water soluble fraction of oil has been
953 studied for *Calanus* spp. (Jensen and Carroll 2010), but LC50 values were not determined.
954 Therefore, we take the concentration of dissolved PAH, 3.6 ppb, at which no effects on egg
955 hatching and egg production for *Calanus* spp. were observed (Jensen and Carroll 2010) and
956 calculate the LC50 using the ACR of 8.8 (May et al. 2016) to be 32 ppb. With these
957 assumptions, this relates to a TU between 0.003 and 0.05. Besides actual spill concentrations

958 and experimental spill concentrations, as described above, our results can also be compared to
959 concentrations from oil spill modelling. Multiple types of oil spill scenarios that could occur
960 in the Beaufort Sea have been analysed (Schroeder Gearon et al. 2014). Dissolved aromatic
961 concentrations ranged between 1 and 100 ppb, with some occasional spikes of up to 200 ppb
962 within max 250-500 km of the spill site (Schroeder Gearon et al. 2014). In some cases
963 dissolved aromatics could persist up to 30 days after the end of the release. Subsurface
964 dispersant response often resulted in dissolved aromatic concentrations between 100 and 500
965 ppb (Schroeder Gearon et al. 2014). LC50 values for aromatics have not been found in the
966 literature. Aromatics refer to both mono-aromatics (the highly volatile compounds benzene,
967 xylene etc.) and poly-aromatics (i.e. PAHs). Assuming that the modelled concentration of
968 dissolved aromatics are mainly PAHs (as the monocyclic compounds rapidly evaporate), this
969 relates to TUs between 0.03 and 6.25 for untreated oil and between 0.03 and 15.63 for
970 chemically dispersed oil (based on the calculated LC50 for dissolved petroleum compounds,
971 see above, and disregarding the effect of dispersants on the toxicity of oil). In summary, TUs
972 in field situations range between small values less than 0.00003 and 15.63, with most values
973 below 0.1 TU.

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975 *Table S.1 Toxicity data available from literature for C. glacialis*

Exposed to	Effect	Duratio	Effect value	Unit	Reference
Artificial	EC50 (survival)	96 h	5.25 ± 2.20	fraction of the undiluted produced water	Camus et al.
produced water	NEC	96 h	0.23 ± 0.14	fraction of the undiluted produced water	Camus et al.
	LC50	12 d	22 ± 9.5*	mg/l, petroleum hydrocarbon	Gardiner et al.
	LC50	12 d	30-75**	mg/l, petroleum hydrocarbon	Gardiner et al.
Chemically	LC50	12 d	0.06 ± 0.03*	mg/l, total PAH	Gardiner et al.
dispersed oil	LC50	12 d	0.13 ± 0.08**	mg/l, total PAH	Gardiner et al.
	LC50	12 d	0.026 ± 0.016*	mg/l, naphthalene	Gardiner et al.
	LC50	12 d	0.054 ± 0.031**	mg/l, naphthalene	Gardiner et al.
	LC50	12 d	4.0 ± 1.1*	mg/l, petroleum hydrocarbon	Gardiner et al.
Mechanically	LC50	12 d	0.03 ± 0.01*	mg/l, total PAH	Gardiner et al.
dispersed oil	LC50	12 d	0.05 ± 0.034*	mg/l, naphthalene	Gardiner et al.
Water	LC50	96 h	1.037	µg THC/L	Hansen et al.
Water soluble	LOEC (reduced)	12 d	10.4	µg /l, PAH (16-EPA)	Jensen and C
fraction (WSF) of	NOEC (egg)	12 d	3.6	µg /l, PAH (16-EPA)	Jensen and C
oil	NOEC (egg)	12 d	10.4	µg /l, PAH (16-EPA)	Jensen and C

976 EC50: the effective concentration at 50%, which is the concentration that causes adverse
977 effects in 50% of the test organisms; LC50: the lethal concentration at 50%, which is the
978 concentration that causes 50% of the test organisms to die; NEC: no effect concentration,
979 which is the concentration that will not cause an effect to the test organisms; THC: Total
980 hydrocarbon concentration; * Early open-water season; ** Late open-water season; # adult
981 females were exposed during 12 days. Egg hatching success was examined during 2 days after
982 the exposure treatment.

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Highlights

- Population models are set up for two Arctic *Calanus* spp.
- Toxic effects of oil on model parameters are included based on theoretical approach
- Recovery is compared using a precautionary and full dose-response approach
- Just above the NOEC the ratio between the two approaches can be more than 300
- This indicates the level of conservatism used in oil spill response