

1. *Figure 17 - Please add a figure legend to show visually what the pale, bold, orange and purple lines represent. You have done this for Fig. 18, so please be consistent with Fig. 17.*

We have added the recommended legend to Figure 17

2. *Figure 22 - Please add descriptor labels and units (if applicable) to the colorbars and y axes of your panels.*

We have added labels to the EOF (units = meters) and Principle Component time series (units = dimensionless/ normalized units) in Figure 22.

3. *In the first line of the conclusions: "Fit to purpose" --> "fit for purpose"?*

As suggested, we have changed "fit to purpose" to "fit for purpose" in the conclusion section.