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# Redfish (Sebastes spp.) in Management Unit 4VWX: An Assessment of Present Stock Status 

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#### Abstract

Landings of redfish from Divisions 4VWX in 1985 increased 35\%, to a provisional total of $13,900 \mathrm{t}$, over 1984. This total represents $46 \%$ of the 1985 TAC. Commercial catch rates series for the two major gear types conducting this fishery show a general increase since the early 1900s. A multiplicative analysis of these catch rate series corroborate this result although the increasing trend is associated with a wide confidence interval. Research vessel survey results show that estimated trawlable redfish biomass has been increasing since 1980. Interannual variability in these recent estimates is felt to be generated by the presence of two very large and contagiously distributed year-classes. Estimates of the length-frequency distribution of 4VWX redfish show two very large year-classes with a combined modal length of 18 cm in July 1985. These continue to be the largest incoming year-classes observed over the 17 years in which the July surveys have been conducted. These fish are expected to begin recruiting to the fishery in the late 1980s to early 1990s.


## Résumé

Les débarquements de sébaste des divisions $4 V W X$ en 1985 ont augmenté de $35 \%$ par rapport à 1984 pour atteindre un total provisoire de 13900 t. Ce total représente 46 \% du TPA pour 1985. Les sēries des taux de capture commerciale pour les deux principaux types d'engins utilisés pour cette pêche indiquent un accroissement génēral depuis le début des années 1900. Une analyse multiplicative de ces sēries de taux de capture confirme ce résultat quoique la tendance à l'accroissement soit associée à un grand intervalle de confiance. Les résultats de relevēs par des navires de recherche indiquent que la biomasse chalutable estimée de sēbaste augmente depuis 1980. On pense que la variabilité de ces estimations récentes, d'une année à l'autre, est attribuable à l'existence de deux classes d'âge très importantes qui suivent une distribution contagieuse. Les estimations de frēquences de longueurs de la sébaste 4 VWX indiquent deux très importantes classes d'âge pour lesquelles la longueur modale combinée était de 18 cm en juillet 1985. Ces classes sont restées les plus importantes observées dans les dëbarquements pendant les 17 années au cours desquelles des relevēs ont été effectuēs en juillet. On prévoit que le recrutement de ces poissons dans le stock pêchable débutera vers la fin des années 1980 et le dëbut des annēes 1990.

## History of the Fishery

The fishery for redfish in 4VWX was developed in the mid-1930s. No large catches were reported until 1936 when the USA landed 7,195 t. The period of initial exploitation was completed in 1949 with a maximum catch of $77,142 \mathrm{t}$. Between 1952 and 1970 catches fluctuated between 10,000 and $40,000 \mathrm{t}$. Landings by Canadian fishermen were relatively insignificant until the beginning of the 1960 s when their nominal catches averaged 2,658 $t$ of an average total nominal catch of $33,473 \mathrm{t}$ (1960-1964). Since 1967, Canadian fishermen have landed the largest proportion of the total catch. In 1961 the distant water fleet, composed mostly of vessels from the U.S.S.R., but later augmented by Polish, Japanese, and French vessels, began contributing significantly to total redfish catches from these divisions. The combined efforts of Canada, the USA, and the distant water fleet culminated in a nominal catch of $62,381 \mathrm{t}$ in 1971 (Table 1, Figure 1). Since the establishment of Canada's 200 mile zone in 1977 , the distant water fleet has not contributed signifiantly to 4VWX redfish catches. However, in 1984 and 1985 the Japanese fleet removed 1,330* and 923* t respectively.

From a maximum in 1971 catches declined rapidly, reaching $13,154 \mathrm{t}$ in 1979. Landings increased between 1979 and 1982 but dwindled to $10,244 \mathrm{t}$ in 1984. For 1985 the provisional total of $13,900 \mathrm{t}$ represents a $35 \%$ increase over 1984 but accounts for only $46 \%$ of the T.A.C. . A detailed history of TACs, quotas and landings since 1975 is given in Table 2.

The overall increase in landings observed for 1985 resulted from increases in 4 Vn ( $38 \%$ ), $4 \mathrm{Vs}(53 \%)$, and 4 X ( $8 \%$ ) while landings from Division 4W remained stable (Figure 2). Contributions (percent) by area are given below for 1985.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
4 V n--22.1 & 4 W \text {-- } 11.6 \\
4 V s-26.1 & 4 X--31.4
\end{array}
$$

Of the Scotia-Fundy landings in 4VWX by far the largest proportion is taken by two classes of vessel; tonnage class 4 (OTB1-TC4) side trawlers and tonnage class 5 (0TB2-TC5) stern trawlers (Table 3, Figure 3a). Until 1977 the largest proportion of landings were made by side trawlers, since then the majority of the landings have been made by stern trawlers. In 1985 TC-4 side trawlers accounted for $26.5 \%$ of total landings while TC-5 stern trawlers contributed 26.9\%. Although their relative contributions to the total landings is essentially equal in 1985 the relative distribution of their landings over the management unit differ. Landings from 4 Vn and 4 Vs are largely due to stern trawlers while landings in $4 W$ and $4 X$ are predominantly from side trawlers (Figure 3b).

The seasonal distribution of landings by the two major gear types (Tables 4 and 5) indicate that the bulk of the landings are made during the third quarter of the year.

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## Commercial Catch Rate Series

Catch rates, calculated from total annual effort and total annual catch for the two major gear types (Figure 4), show a rapid increase for side trawlers over the past 5 years. Over this period catch rates have increased from $0.42 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{hr}$ to $1.44 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{hr}$. Stern trawler catch rates have been much more variable between years over the entire series. Between 1976 and 1982 catch rates for this gear type increased from $0.34 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{hr}$ to $0.913 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{hr}$. From this maximum the rate declined for two successive years and has shown a marginal increase to $0.73 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{hr}$ in 1985.

To minimize the effects of seasonal variation on catch rates the two series were also calculated using total catch and total effort from the third quarter of each year (Figure 5). This series demonstrates the same general trends as those observed for the annual series. Stern trawler catch rates increased from 1976 to 1982, declined dramatically from 1982 to 1984, and increased to 1985. The rapid increase in side trawler catch rates is equally evident in this series starting in 1980 rather than 1981 for the annual series.

Although the side trawler catch rates indicate a clear increase over the past 5 to 6 years the interpretation of the stern trawler catch rate series is somewhat more difficult given its demonstrated variability. The examination of a composite catch rate index (produced by the multiple regression package STANDAR) indicates a generally increasing trend since 1977; however, the model accounted for only $11 \%$ of the variability observed in the catch rate data resulting in relatively wide confidence intervals around the observed trend. The detailed results of the analysis are given in Figure 6. Data for side and stern trawlers were combined into a single variable given the relative similarities of their separate catch rate series. The second gear variable was composed of mid-water trawl catches. Catches by miscellaneous gear types were excluded from the analysis. Tonnage classes associated with each gear type were entered as separate variables. One observation from a TC 1 vessel was excluded from the analysis. Unit areas were combined to the division and subdivision level (4Vn, 4Vs, 4W). Unit areas in Division 4 X were combined into two groups 4 Xe ( $4 \mathrm{Xm}, \mathrm{n}, 0$ ) and 4 Xw (4Xpq, $r, s$ ) based on their relative contributions to total landings. The decision to enter these divisions and subdivisions as separate variables is based on the fact that catch rates for the major gear types (OTB1-TC4 and OTB2-TC5) differ significantly between these areas (Figures 7 and 8). This is particularly evident for the side trawler catch rate series which shows an increase from $4 V n$ to $4 X$. Months were combined to quarters and years were entered as separate variables.

## Research Vessel Biomass Estimates

Estimates of total trawlable biomass of redfish present in management unit 4VWX declined between 1984 and 1985. The arithmetic mean (Figure 9) series is extremely variable showing some interannual variations of over $200,000 \mathrm{t}$. Given the life history of redfish it is not possible that these represent actual fluctuations in biomass but rather variability in the estimate as a result of sampling deficiencies. The geometric mean
(Figure 9) series does not suffer from these large interannual variations. The precipitous increase between 1983 and 1984 was due mainly to two extremely large catches of small fish in a single survey stratum reflecting the presence of two very large incoming year-classes. The 1985 estimate therefore appears to be in line with the slow increase in overall biomass which commenced in 1980-1981, following the gradual decline observed between 1970 and 1980.

Changes in biomass estimates for individual areas (Figure 10) indicate that levels in 4 Vn are relatively stable, and that 4 V s shows a stable or slightly increasing trend since 1980 . The dramatic changes in $4 W$ and $4 X$ between 1983 and 1985 are due mainly to extremely large catches in three strata in 1984. The estimated redfish biomass in Stratum 57 (4W) in 1984 was approximately six times the largest previous estimate. In Division $4 x$ the increased biomass estimate in 1984 was due primarily to large catches in Strata 70 and 84 . For Stratum 70 the 1984 estimate was the third highest yet made while for Stratum 84 it was the second highest. In Strata 57 and 70 the large catches observed in 1984 were composed largely of redfish $14-16 \mathrm{~cm}$ in length indicating that they belonged to the pair of large incoming yearclasses which have been observed since 1982 (Zwanenburg et al. 1982, Zwanenburg 1983, Zwanenburg 1984, Zwanenburg 1985). Large catches of fish belonging to these two year-classes will likely continue to cause large fluctuations in a generally increasing trend of estimated biomass as these fish increase in weight.

## Research Vessel Length-Frequency Estimates

Redfish length-frequency estimates for the entire management unit from 1970-1985 are shown in Figure 11. The feature of primary interest is the large group first observed in 1982 at a modal length of 8 cm . Closer examination of this peak revealed that it is actually composed of two groups; one first appearing in the fall of 1981 primarily in 4 Vs and the other in the summer and fall of 1982, again primarily in 4 Vs and to some extent in $4 V n$ (Zwanenburg 1985). These two groups are easily followed through the population in 1983 to a point where they appear to dominate the population in 1984 at a modal length of 15 cm and again in 1985 at a length of 18 cm . Examination of redfish length-frequency estimates for individual areas within the management unit (Figure 12) indicate that these yearclasses dominate the population in all areas save for the western portions of Division 4Xw (4Xpqrs) in 1985.

The relative size of these incoming year-classes can be judged by examination of a recruitment index (Figure 13) calculated for each individual area (4Vn to 4 XW ) as:

where $f_{i}$ is the number of fish estimated at length $I$ and $j$ refers to the year of the survey. From this analysis it becomes apparent that these two year-classes represent the largest incoming year-classes since the inception of the surveys.

## Summary and Conclusions

Commercial catch rate series calculated for the two major gear types conducting the redfish fishery indicate a generally increasing trend since the late 1970 s and early 1980s. In the last several years the two catch rate series have given somewhat contradictory results. Calculation of a combined catch rate index for the fishery in general, corroborates a continuing increase although confidence intervals around this trend are wide.

Estimates of trawlable redfish biomass derived from July groundfish surveys indicate a generally increasing trend since 1980. The presence of two extremely large year-classes may be introducing large interannual variability in the estimates but should result in a continued increase in trawlable biomass as they grow.

Estimated length-frequency distributions for the entire management unit indicate two very large year-classes with a modal length of 18 cm in July 1985 which have come to dominate the population in terms of numbers. A comparison of these two year-classes to other recruiting year-classes seen through the 1970 s indicate that they are by far the largest observed to date. They are expected to begin recruiting to the fishery in the late 1980 s or early 1990s.

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Table 1. Total redfish landings from $4 V W X$.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year | 4 Vn | 4 Vs | 4 W | 4 X | Total |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1968 | 7730 | 2222 | 1169 | 1982 | 13103 |
| 1969 | 6259 | 9347 | 3684 | 2763 | 22053 |
| 1970 | 4246 | 6694 | 16215 | 4424 | 31579 |
| 1971 | 6954 | 23698 | 19953 | 11776 | 62381 |
| 1972 | 4525 | 14580 | 22223 | 8972 | 50300 |
| 1973 | 7125 | 11213 | 14709 | 7126 | 40173 |
| 1974 | 6985 | 8112 | 11587 | 6153 | 32837 |
| 1975 | 7821 | 6772 | 9487 | 3903 | 27983 |
| 1976 | 5704 | 4718 | 3225 | 4812 | 18459 |
| 1977 | 5223 | 7123 | 2274 | 3225 | 17845 |
| 1978 | 3937 | 7856 | 1621 | 2680 | 16094 |
| 1979 | 4706 | 4979 | 1948 | 1521 | 13154 |
| 1980 | 3893 | 5431 | 2441 | 2351 | 14116 |
| 1981 | 6657 | 6789 | 3045 | 2453 | 18944 |
| 1982 | 6561 | 4585 | 598 | 4347 | 16091 |
| 1983 | 3706 | 3758 | 1491 | 3926 | 12881 |
| 1984 | 2215 | 2367 | 1636 | 4006 | $10224 *$ |
| 1985 | 3072 | 3633 | 1612 | 4359 | $13900 * *$ |

* Provisional data.
** Provisional data (total includes landings for which area is not yet available).

Table 2. TAC's, quotas, allowances, and catches since 1974.

|  | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 |  | 1980 |  | 1981 |  | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TAC | 30000 | 20000 | 20000 | 20000 | 20000 | 20000 | 30000 | 30000 | 30000 | 30000 | 30000 | 30000 | 30000 | 30000 |
| Landings | 27983 | 18459 | 17845 | 16094 |  | 13154 |  | 14116 |  | 18944 | 16092 | 12881 | 10224 | 13900 |
| Canada: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quota | 14860 | 12000 | 13000 | 17500 | 13000 | 18000 | 18500 | 29000 | 18500 | 29000 | 25000 | 27000 | 28000** | 28000 |
| Landings | 17025 | 12625 | 14712 | 13576 |  | 12240 |  | 13108 |  | 17753 | 14366 | 11988 | 7987* | 12837 |
| France: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quota | 740 | 250 | 250 | 250 | $500^{\text {a }}$ | $500^{\text {a }}$ | $500^{\text {a }}$ | $500^{\text {a }}$ | $500^{\text {a }}$ | $500^{\text {a }}$ | $500^{\text {a }}$ | $500^{\text {a,b }}$ | 500 | 500 |
| Landings | 186 | 279 | 63 | 121 |  | 20 |  | 21 |  | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2* |  |
| Japan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1500 | 1500 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1330* | 923* |
| Poland: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quota | 970 |  | Subsequent catches included with "Others". |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Landings | 230 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USSR: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quota | 4900 | 1000 | 500 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Landings | 4849 | 1021 | 175 | Subsea | nt catc | ches inclu | ded with | "Others" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USA: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quota | 7430 | 6000 | 6000 | 1500 | See | "Others" | 10500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |
| Landings | 5465 | 4446 | 2876 | 2147 |  |  |  | 885 |  | 762 | 1611 | 815 | 872* | 29* |
| Others: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quota | 1100 | 750 | $250{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $750^{\text {b }}$ | 6500 | 1500 | 500 | 500 | 11000 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Landings | 228 | 88 | 19 | 250 |  | 894 |  | 102 |  | 426 | 113 | 74 | 33* | 111* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ St. Plerre vessels only
Landings to 1983 are from ICNAF and NAFO Statistical Bulletins.
In 1979, 1980 and 1981 quotas were amended during the year; initial and final ones are given.

Table 3. Total redfish landings by Scotia-Fundy OTB1-TC4 and OTB2-TC5 from 4 VWX.

| Year | 4 Vn |  | 4 Vs |  | 4W |  | 4X |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | OTB1 | 0TB2 | OTB1 | OTB2 | OTB1 | 0TB2 | OTB 1 | 0TB2 |
| 1968 | 1892 | 70 | 985 | 217 | 198 | 103 | 1007 | 227 |
| 1969 | 2195 | 246 | 801 | 154 | 1537 | 177 | 1523 | 447 |
| 1970 | 1176 | 665 | 787 | 374 | 4087 | 1410 | 2222 | 752 |
| 1971 | 3189 | 511 | 4942 | 1441 | 4419 | 942 | 4515 | 1696 |
| 1972 | 1472 | 595 | 3077 | 968 | 5030 | 1482 | 1555 | 617 |
| 1973 | 1848 | 503 | 2246 | 298 | 3210 | 405 | 802 | 112 |
| 1974 | 2795 | 691 | 2924 | 423 | 1480 | 287 | 812 | 435 |
| 1975 | 1428 | 1492 | 1946 | 488 | 2174 | 487 | 475 | 378 |
| 1976 | 807 | 330 | 1717 | 171 | 1470 | 280 | 602 | 263 |
| 1977 | 1112 | 1115 | 2655 | 1099 | 635 | 654 | 479 | 307 |
| 1978 | 758 | 516 | 1795 | 2234 | 474 | 823 | 333 | 264 |
| 1979 | 1405 | 457 | 972 | 2185 | 546 | 1150 | 478 | 187 |
| 1980 | 1044 | 196 | 1286 | 2927 | 408 | 1672 | 516 | 586 |
| 1981 | 1795 | 1048 | 1640 | 3703 | 383 | 2044 | 1059 | 405 |
| 1982 | 743 | 1277 | 1756 | 1784 | 149 | 280 | 1035 | 1111 |
| 1983 | 1216 | 1319 | 1334 | 1514 | 308 | 723 | 1331 | 786 |
| 1984 | 319 | 582 | 562 | 1075 | 989 | 255 | 1328 | 171 |
| 1985 | 270 | 966 | 300 | 2506 | 978 | 195 | 2437 | 84 |

Table 4. Redfish landings by Scotia-Fundy OTB1-TC4 for 4VWX by Quarter.

| Year | 4 Vn |  |  |  | 4Vs |  |  |  | 4W |  |  |  | 4X |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1st | 2nd | 3 rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| 1968 | 67 | 971 | 380 | 474 | 199 | 315 | 83 | 388 | 51 | 75 | 51 | 21 | 45 | 200 | 646 | 116 |
| 1969 | 191 | 788 | 681 | 535 | 263 | 303 | 108 | 127 | 19 | 267 | 1199 | 52 | 113 | 456 | 660 | 294 |
| 1970 | 345 | 139 | 268 | 424 | 250 | 60 | 59 | 418 | 45 | 839 | 2819 | 384 | 57 | 156 | 1465 | 544 |
| 1971 | 116 | 1477 | 1105 | 491 | 740 | 2204 | 1270 | 728 | 708 | 1085 | 2466 | 160 | 41 | 1270 | 2407 | 797 |
| 1972 | 507 | 583 | 278 | 104 | 575 | 1500 | 788 | 214 | 308 | 1726 | 2367 | 629 | 48 | 676 | 724 | 107 |
| 1973 | 263 | 443 | 545 | 597 | 354 | 683 | 538 | 671 | 611 | 920 | 1043 | 636 | 40 | 459 | 203 | 100 |
| 1974 | 339 | 185 | 1422 | 849 | 607 | 809 | 803 | 705 | 202 | 435 | 617 | 226 | 311 | 138 | 256 | 107 |
| 1975 | 130 | 255 | 676 | 367 | 174 | 780 | 577 | 415 | 382 | 618 | 503 | 671 | 19 | 232 | 197 | 27 |
| 1976 | 168 | 94 | 457 | 88 | 165 | 616 | 915 | 21 | 39 | 614 | 794 | 23 | 42 | 132 | 389 | 39 |
| 1977 | 12 | 116 | 712 | 272 | 70 | 880 | 1301 | 404 | 23 | 153 | 355 | 104 | 9 | 93 | 334 | 43 |
| 1978 | 8 | 143 | 540 | 67 | 60 | 840 | 641 | 254 | 4 | 56 | 386 | 28 | 11 | 20 | 185 | 117 |
| 1979 | 13 | 115 | 1061 | 216 | 2 | 263 | 650 | 57 | 17 | 308 | 183 | 38 | 96 | 120 | 106 | 156 |
| 1980 | 10 | 243 | 789 | 2 | 23 | 329 | 708 | 226 | 19 | 168 | 203 | 18 | 7 | 62 | 381 | 66 |
| 1981 | 7 | 211 | 1050 | 527 | 32 | 590 | 507 | 511 | 13 | 108 | 42 | 220 | 36 | 1 | 637 | 385 |
| 1982 | 1 | 162 | 523 | 57 | 29 | 291 | 762 | 674 | 0 | 53 | 75 | 21 | 0 | 77 | 422 | 536 |
| 1983 | 10 | 589 | 611 | 6 | 24 | 47 | 524 | 739 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 280 | 2 | 124 | 735 | 470 |
| 1984 | 4 | 35 | 241 | 39 | 3 | 88 | 467 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 447 | 529 | 112 | 334 | 537 | 345 |
| 1985 | 10 | 16 | 235 | 9 | 0 | 49 | 251 | 0 | 0 | 521 | 456 | 0 | 379 | 670 | 863 | 525 |

Table 5. Redfish landings by Scotia-Fundy OTB2-TC5 for $4 V W X$ by Quarter.

| Year | 4 Vn |  |  |  | 4Vs |  |  |  | 4W |  |  |  | 4X |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | $1 s t$ | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1 st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1 st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| 1968 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 52 | 0 | 105 | 19 | 18 | 0 | 66 | 51 | 6 | 53 | 117 |
| 1969 | 0 | 28 | 6 | 212 | 90 | 7 | 10 | 47 | 45 | 1 | 119 | 12 | 100 | 49 | 185 | 113 |
| 1970 | 176 | 11 | 327 | 151 | 217 | 14 | 5 | 138 | 56 | 13 | 332 | 1009 | 20 | 167 | 225 | 340 |
| 1971 | 117 | 42 | 309 | 43 | 633 | 528 | 79 | 201 | 108 | 347 | 241 | 246 | 40 | 523 | 801 | 332 |
| 1972 | 92 | 289 | 185 | 29 | 466 | 191 | 194 | 117 | 165 | 341 | 744 | 232 | 19 | 266 | 257 | 75 |
| 1973 | 420 | 31 | 23 | 29 | 89 | 152 | 34 | 23 | 249 | 97 | 27 | 32 | 50 | 2 | 13 | 47 |
| 1974 | 231 | 146 | 58 | 256 | 208 | 116 | 61 | 38 | 7 | 102 | 143 | 35 | 0 | 38 | 322 | 75 |
| 1975 | 356 | 85 | 780 | 271 | 110 | 94 | 230 | 54 | 29 | 193 | 12 | 253 | 7 | 94 | 157 | 120 |
| 1976 | 194 | 130 | 0 | 6 | 90 | 51 | 23 | 7 | 26 | 218 | 5 | 31 | 24 | 99 | 58 | 82 |
| 1977 | 108 | 261 | 718 | 28 | 55 | 111 | 497 | 436 | 37 | 59 | 493 | 65 | 33 | 125 | 52 | 97 |
| 1978 | 55 | 39 | 345 | 77 | 197 | 1089 | 610 | 338 | 32 | 343 | 345 | 103 | 21 | 168 | 64 | 11 |
| 1979 | 72 | 132 | 211 | 42 | 155 | 518 | 308 | 1204 | 2 | 684 | 402 | 62 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 163 |
| 1980 | 48 | 6 | 124 | 18 | 149 | 609 | 1630 | 539 | 32 | 785 | 648 | 207 | 36 | 222 | 80 | 248 |
| 1981 | 4 | 363 | 622 | 59 | 95 | 1809 | 1685 | 114 | 37 | 1282 | 594 | 131 | 12 | 252 | 46 | 95 |
| 1982 | 0 | 191 | 919 | 167 | 39 | 154 | 1355 | 236 | 10 | 96 | 97 | 77 | 67 | 106 | 495 | 443 |
| 1983 | 8 | 73 | 1092 | 146 | 146 | 389 | 869 | 110 | 36 | 279 | 210 | 198 | 172 | 158 | 284 | 172 |
| 1984 | 6 | 191 | 248 | 137 | 654 | 159 | 183 | 79 | 83 | 64 | 85 | 23 | 14 | 106 | 43 | 8 |
| 1985 | 3 | 221 | 453 | 289 | 836 | 359 | 802 | 509 | 9 | 2 | 153 | 32 | 19 | 19 | 1 | 45 |

Figure 1. Commercial Redfish Landings from Subarea 4 (to 1955) and Division 4 VWX (since 1954).


Figure 2. Redfish landings from Divisions $4 V W X$ (1958-1985).



Figure 3a. Redfish landings (Scotia-Fundy) from management unit 4VWX by major gear type.



Figure 3b. Redfish landings (Scotia-Fundy) by area and major gear type,



Figure 3b. (Continued).


Figure 4. Redfish catch rate series (Scotia-Fundy vessels) calculated from total annual catch and total annual effort for the two major gear types in the fishery.


Figure 5. Redfish catch rate series (Scotia-Fundy vessels) calculated from 3rd quarter catch and effort for the two major gear types in the fishery.

PREDICTED CATCH RATE



Figure 6. Composite redfish catch rate index estiamted by STANDARD. See text for details. Points shown are the calculated index $\pm 95 \%$ confidence interval.
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ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE

| SOURCE OF |  | SUMS OP | MEAN |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VARIATION | DF | SQUARES | SQUARES | f-VALUE |
|  | -- |  |  |  |
| INTERCEPT | 1 | 8.70780004 | 8.70750004 |  |
| REGRESSION | 28 | 1.89820002 | 6.78050000 | 10.662 |
| TYPE 1 | 1 | 1.81620001 | 1.816 E 0001 | 28.558 |
| TYPE 2 | 3 | 5.43920001 | 1.813 E 0001 | 28.509 |
| TYPE 3 | 4 | $4.327 \mathrm{E0001}$ | 1.08250001 | 17.011 |
| TYPE 4 | 3 | 1.69380001 | 5.64480000 | 8.876 |
| TYPE 5 | 17 | $6.773 \mathrm{L0001}$ | 3.98480000 | 6.266 |
| RESIDUALS | 2302 | 1.46480003 | $6.359 \mathrm{E}^{-001}$ |  |
| TOTAL | 2331 | 8.872 E 0004 |  |  |



Figure 6. (Continued).

| Category | CODE | VARIABLE | COEfPICIENT | STD. ERROR | NO. OBS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | INTERCEPT | 6.159 | 0.121 | 2331 |
| 2 | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | 115 |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 7 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 68 |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 3 | 1 | 0.511 | 0.096 | 82 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | -0.574 | 0.093 | 97 |
|  | 3 | 3 | -0.581 | 0.080 | 124 |
|  | 5 | 4 | 0.028 | 0.038 | 726 |
| 3 | 100 | 5 | -0.050 | 0.057 | 401 |
|  | 104 | 6 | -0.021 | 0.049 | 735 |
|  | 118 | 7 | -0.613 | 0.079 | 139 |
|  | 122 | 8 | 0.008 | 0.052 | 568 |
| 4 | 1 | 9 | -0.260 | 0.060 | 224 |
|  | 4 | 10 | -0.032 | 0.041 | 656 |
|  | 10 | 11 | -0.156 | 0.044 | 521 |
| 5 | 69 | 12 | 0.240 | 0.143 | 86 |
|  | 70 | 13 | 0.055 | 0.135 | 121 |
|  | 71 | 14 | 0.196 | 0.131 | 163 |
|  | 72 | 15 | 0.214 | 0.134 | 135 |
|  | 73 | 16 | -0.001 | 0.138 | 113 |
|  | 74 | 17 | 0.036 | 0.132 | 156 |
|  | 75 | 18 | 0.039 | 0.135 | 128 |
|  | 76 | 19 | -0.163 | 0.139 | 110 |
|  | 77 | 20 | -0.189 | 0.135 | 137 |
|  | 78 | 21 | -0.074 | 0.135 | 135 |
|  | 79 | 22 | -0.017 | 0.134 | 135 |
|  | 80 | 23 | -0.030 | 0.131 | 170 |
|  | 81 | 24 | 0.146 | 0.132 | 160 |
|  | 82 | 25 | 0.183 | 0.134 | 139 |
|  | 83 | 26 | 0.263 | 0.133 | 144 |
|  | 84 | 27 | 0.229 | 0.139 | 116 |
|  | 85 | 28 | 0.600 | 0.136 | 134 |

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Figure 6. (Continued).


Figure 7. Side-trawler catch rates by division and sub-division (1968-1985).


Figure 8. Stern-trawler catch rates by division and sub-division (1968-1985).


Figure 9. Annual estimates of redfish biomass in management unit 4VWX for 1970 - 1985.


Figure 10. Annual estimates of redfish biomass by division and sub-division for 1970 - 1985.





Figure 11. Estimated length-frequency distributions of redfish in management unit 4VWX (1970-1985).



Figure 11. (Continued).





Figure 11. (Continued).


Figure 11. (Continued).


Figure 12. Estimated length-frequency distributions of redfish by division and sub-division for July 1985.


Figure 13. Recruitment index for redfish by division and subdivision (1970-1985). Area $1=4 \mathrm{Vn}, 2=4 \mathrm{Vs}, 3=$ $4 \mathrm{~W}, 4=4 \mathrm{Xe}$, and $5=4 \mathrm{Xw}$.


[^0]:    * Provisional data

