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Abstract

The nominal catch of 4TVW haddock totalled 7,000 t in 1990 representing 117% of the advised tac of 6,000 t. The fishery on this resource has been restricted to by-catches since 1987. By-catch rates were set at 5% in 1987 but were increased to 15% in 1988. This rate remained in effect throughout 1990. Longline landings in 1990 were the highest observed since 1960 and were taken mainly in Division 4W in and around the closed area. Trawler landings represented less than 50% of the total and were caught mainly in 4Vs. Maximum age in the commercial catch was 9 with contributions of age 7+ fish less than 1%. This restricted age range coupled with a low mean weight of fish in the catch is indicative of a continued high level of exploitation probably in excess of F_{max} . Research vessel surveys indicate a potentially large 1988 year-class. These fish (age 2 in 1990) have also been evident in the catches of the small mesh gear silver hake fishery for the past two years. These fish are most abundant in and around the closed areas. The distributional characteristics of the 1988 year-class are similar to those of other large year-classes observed in the early 1980s. These fish may begin recruiting to the fishery in significant numbers in 1991.

Résumé

Les prises nominales d'aiglefin dans les divisions 4TVW se sont élevées à 7 000 t en 1990, représentant 117 % du TPA conseillé de 6 000 t. La pêche de cette ressource est limitée aux prises accidentelles depuis 1987. Le taux de prises accidentelles, qui avait été fixé à 5 % en 1987, est de 15 % depuis 1988. En 1990, les débarquements d'aiglefin capturés à la palangre ont été les plus élevés depuis 1960. Ils provenaient essentiellement de la division 4W, plus précisément de la zone fermée et des alentours de celle-ci. Les prises au chalut représentaient moins de 50 % du total et provenaient surtout de la division 4Vs. L'âge maximal du poisson capturé était de 9 ans. Il faut cependant préciser que le poisson de 7 ans et plus représentait moins de 1 % des prises. Cette étroite fourchette d'âges, associée à un faible poids moyen de l'aiglefin capturé, est révélatrice du maintien d'un taux d'exploitation élevé, probablement supérieur à F_{max} . Les résultats des campagnes d'évaluation des navires scientifiques révèlent que la classe d'âge de 1988 pourrait être abondante. Les poissons de cette classe d'âge (de 2 ans en 1990) étaient aussi présents dans les prises de merlu argenté au chalut à petite maille au cours des deux dernières années. Ils sont plus abondants dans les zones fermées à la pêche et aux alentours de celles-ci. Les caractéristiques de distribution de la classe d'âge de 1988 sont semblables à celles des autres fortes classes d'âge observées au début des années 1980. Les poissons de cette classe d'âge pourraient commencer à être recrutés en nombre important en 1991.

Description of the Fishery to 1991

Catches from this resource have averaged 26,500 t per year from 1950 to 1969, 5,000 t from 1970 to 1979 and ranged between 8,000 and 20,000 t until 1987 (Table 1). The nominal catches for 1987 through 1990 have been taken exclusively as by-catch in other groundfish fisheries operating in divisions 4T, 4V and 4W, and totalled approximately 7,000 t in 1990. This represents a 17% overrun of the advised 1990 TAC of 6,000 t.

In 1987, the combination of smaller recruiting year-classes (1983-1985) relative to the early 1980's year-classes, low levels of spawning stock biomass, and the concentration of the fishery on the only two remaining year-classes of any appreciable size (1981, 1982), resulted in the restriction of the fishery to a 5% by-catch. In 1988 this was increased to 15% which remained in effect through 1990. Management also imposed a year-round ban on mobile gear fisheries in areas identified as nursery grounds (mainly Western and Emerald banks). The year-round nursery ground closure imposed in 1987 remains in effect to the present.

Until 1984, most of the catch from this stock was taken from Division 4W by large OTBs (TC4 and TC5) fishing in the spring. From 1984 to 1986 Subdivision 4Vs accounted for 40-60% of the total catch. Since the restriction of the fishery to by-catches in 1987, landings in both 4Vs and 4W have increased (Table 2). Landings from 4W have increased approximately four-fold from that recorded in 1987. Landings in 4Vs doubled from 1987 to 1989, but declined 20% in 1990. Landings in 4T and 4Vn are presently negligible. From 1987 to 1990 the proportion of landings contributed by OTBs has decreased from approximately 60% to 45% of annual landings while the by longliners portion has increased from 21% to 47% (Table 3). Longline landings in 1990 are the highest observed since 1960. Seine landings presently represent about 6% of the annual total. The largest proportion of the annual landings are presently recorded during the second and third quarters (Table 4), although in 1990 first quarter landings of OTBs and longliners were higher than for the previous three years from both Subdivision 4Vs and Division 4W (Table 5).

As was the case in 1989, there were some indications that haddock reported as caught in 4W may actually have been caught in 4X. Early in 1990 there were also reports of haddock caught in Subdivision 4Vs being reported from Subarea 3. None of these reports indicate the quantities of fish involved and could therefore not be incorporated in the present population assessment.

Age Composition and Weight-at-Age of the Catch

The age composition of the 1990 small mesh gear catch in the foreign fishery was estimated in a manner consistent with recent practices, by applying the July RV age-length key to the length frequency distribution of the haddock by-catch. The age composition of Canadian landings in 1990 was based on age-length keys for quarterly catches by Division, and Subdivision where sampling was adequate. Sampling in 1990 was inadequate to reconstruct the 1990 catch at age for longline landings. Reports from Scotia-Fundy Port Technicians indicate that these landings were comprised of many small landings (less than 1,000 lbs in many cases) by small

fixed gear vessels, making them difficult to sample. In addition, a proportion of the fixed gear haddock landings which were available had been graded at sea mainly by preferential discarding of smaller, and some by processing the larger fish in the catch and landing these as fillets. Landings which had been altered in this manner were not sampled because they represent a biased view of the catch length/age frequency distribution. In the absence of longline samples, landings from this gear sector were included in the mobile gear landings for purposes of reconstructing the catch at age. The components of the 1990 catch at age are given in Tables 6 and 7.

The catch at age in 1990 was composed primarily of the 1985 and 1986 year-classes (53% and 24% by numbers respectively) which made up 74% of the total numbers caught. By weight these year-classes accounted for 77% of the total catch (1984 = 60% and 1985 = 17%). In 1989 and 1990 the catches of fish at age 2 were larger than has been observed since 1977 the last year of small mesh fisheries on the shelf outside of the small mesh gear box. These fish were caught as by-catch in the small mesh gear fishery for silver hake, which is restricted to a 1% aggregate by-catch of haddock. Since the fishery is closed once this limit has been reached, haddock catches are generally avoided. This would indicate that these catches were unavoidable and the result of the overall abundance of these year-classes. The 1988 year class accounted for 9% of the 1990 catch by numbers and 2% of the catch by weight. In 1990 the small mesh gear catch at age represented 16.8% of the total catch by numbers and 100% of these landings at ages 0 through 2. In 1989 the small mesh gear catch represented 31% of the total catch by numbers and 100% of the landings at ages 0 through 3.

Since 1984 the maximum age in the catch has diminished to the point where in 1990 the oldest fish in the catch was 9 years old. An examination of Table 8 shows some catch at age 10 in 1990, but these translate into fewer than 500 fish in the total catch at age and are therefore set to 0 in the overall catch at age matrix (Table 9). Mean weights at age estimated from commercial landings have been relatively stable since 1970 for ages 1 through 5. However, since 1982 there has been an increase in the mean weights of 6 and 7 year old fish in the catch, these increases being particularly abrupt from 1988 to 1990 (Table 11). This most recent abrupt increase in weight at age is also evident at age 8 although there are very few fish caught at age 8. The proportional catch at age matrix (Table 10) shows that the contribution of fish aged 7 or older has been less than 1% since 1986.

Commercial Catch Rates

The by-catch nature of this fishery since 1987 does not allow for a comparison of present catch rates to those of earlier years from directed fisheries. By-catch catch rates are not considered to be representative of the abundance of this stock.

Research Vessel Index

The research survey catch rates at age from 1970 to 1990 show a decline in overall abundance from 1983 to 1987 with a subsequent increase (Figure 2). Since 1987 the catch rate

has shown a modest increase. Estimates of the 1988 year-class at ages 1 and 2 indicate that this is one of the largest year-classes to enter the population since 1970 (Table 12). The associated CVs of between 27 and 37% of the mean catch per tow of the 1988 year-class at ages 0 through 2 show that this is a relatively reliable estimate (Table 13).

The only year-class previously observed at age 0 in Subdivision 4Vs was the very large 1981 year-class. The 1990 year-class is also present in the area (Table 14). Even though this is suggestive of a large year-class it is not possible to draw firm conclusions as to the size of the latter year-class because the abundance of age 0 haddock is poorly estimated by the surveys. Age 1 fish have been observed in 4Vs in 17 of the past 21 years. Overall catch rates increased rapidly in 1982 as a result of the incursion of fish belonging mainly to the 1981 year-class (Figure 3). These high catch rates declined to pre-1982 values by 1989. Since 1987 catch rates at ages 4+ have declined rapidly to the present. Some increase in catch rates at ages 0-3 is evident in 1990 due mainly to the presence of the 1988 year-class.

The age composition in Subdivision 4Vn is primarily from ages 4+ (Figure 4). Age 0 fish have never been observed in the survey of this area, while fish at ages 1-3 have occurred in less than 50% of the surveys. Catch rates show clearly the influx and subsequent decline of the 1981 and 1982 year-classes beginning in 1984. Since these two large year-classes, there has been no significant recruitment to this part of the population (Table 15).

Division 4W has traditionally been the centre of distribution of this resource as evidenced by the significantly higher catch rates observed there (Figure 5). Age 0 fish have been observed in 17 of the past 21 years while age 1 fish are present in all years. Catches of fish aged 0-3 increased after 1977, following the exclusion of the foreign fleet. The peak in recent catch rates occurred in 1983 due to the presence of the large 1981 and 1982 year-classes. Catch rates at these younger ages declined from 1983 to 1987 as these two large year-classes aged and were followed by smaller year-classes. The post-1987 catch rates at ages 0-3 increased due to the 1988 year-class. Catch rates at ages 4+, which peaked in 1984, continue to decline to the present to a point where they now equal catch rates of the late 1970s and early 1980s (Table 16).

The maximum age observed in the survey has been declining since the early 1980s. In 1990 the oldest fish in the survey was 8 (in 4Vn) while in the early 1980s fish at ages 10 and 11 were observed with some as old as age 15.

The view of the resource derived from the groundfish surveys is consistent with that put forth by much of the industry prosecuting this resource. Catches of haddock in 4T and 4Vn are presently negligible, while catches in 4Vs are low and are generally difficult to find. Catches have increased significantly in 4W since 1987 to the point where they are classified as good. Reports from fixed gear fishermen fishing inside the closed area indicate that fish there are relatively plentiful and that during the mid-year fishery in 1990, catch rates of haddock often exceeded those of cod.

In addition to the age based analysis of the survey data, catch rates at length were also

examined. Figure 6 shows the mean catch per tow at length for all 21 years of survey data available. Two points are noteworthy; the first is the clarity of the modes for ages 0 through 3+ at 8.5 cm, 20.5 cm, 32.5 cm, and 40.5 cm respectively, and the second is the relative size of the 1988 year-class at a modal length of 30.5 cm. This year-class is evident as an above average mode in both 4Vs (Figure 7) and 4W (Figure 8) but not in 4Vn (Figure 9). The progression of the 1988 year-class through the population is shown in Figure 10. This shows that its catch rate in the surveys has been above average at both ages 1 and 2.

Estimation of Stock Parameters

As was the case in previous assessments we were not able to estimate fishing mortality in the current year. This year, the results of a number of formulations of the adaptive framework were examined. Each of these resulted in retrospective estimates of F far in excess of what had been estimated in that year. These results led us to question the validity of the estimates of F in the current year. In the absence of a satisfactory explanation for the increase in retrospective F , the results of the adaptive framework were considered to be unreliable.

Assessment Results

Fishing Mortality and Stock Abundance

Total mortalities estimated from survey catch rates at age indicate that F in recent years is well above $F_{0.1} = 0.25$ and has been increasing since the early to mid-1980s (Table 17). Given the variability in survey catch rates these estimates, while indicating the overall trend in F , should be viewed as approximate. The mean weight of a fish in the catch in 1990 also points to an exploitation rate well in excess of F_{max} (Figure 11).

Recruitment

Results of the 1990 July RV survey indicate that the 1988 year-class appears to be relatively large and is associated with relatively low CVs. Its distribution over the stock area is consistent with that of previously observed large year-classes. Figure 12 shows the spatial distribution of three poor year-classes (1973, 1978 and 1983) relative to two year-classes which are known to have been abundant. The spatial characteristics of the 1988 year-class at age 2 is more characteristic of an abundant year-class than a poor year-class.

Prognosis

Although we are unable to estimate F precisely in 1990 there are a number of indicators which show that this stock has experienced heavy exploitation in the recent past and probably continues to be exploited at high rates even under present by-catch restrictions. Research vessel catch rates at age indicate that F s are presently on the order of 1.0 or above. The reduction in the overall age span of the stock to the point where fish older than age 7 are relatively rare also indicates heavy exploitation over a long period. This is consistent with the relatively small

average weight of a fish in the catch which indicates an exploitation rate well in excess of F_{max} . The increases in allowable by-catch rates for 1988 through 1990 to 15%, and the subsequent increase 1991 to 30% will not result in a reduction of this heavy exploitation. To reduce exploitation by-catch rates should be reduced to 5%.

The relatively large 1988 year-class is a positive sign. This is most evident in Division 4W, particularly in and around the closed area. Although the connection between the establishment of the closed area and subsequent increases in haddock abundance, have not been proven, the observations presented on Figures 5 and 6 are highly suggestive of this being the case. Given that fishing mortalities remain high even with the imposition of present by-catch rates, the closed area should remain in effect to afford some protection to incoming year-classes, particularly the strong 1988 year-class which will be entering the fishery in 1991 at a modal length of approximately 40 cm which is under the present minimum size limit. Fixed gear catches inside the closed area now represent the largest proportion of the catch. To ensure that the efficacy of the closed area is maintained, that is to protect incoming year-classes from fishing related mortality, catches of young fish by this fleet should be minimized by the establishment of a minimum hook size requirement for the closed area. Reports from industry in this area indicate that by-catches of small fish with the present No. 10 hooks can be significant. Finally, it is notable that the large catches of small fish by the small mesh gear fishery are presently the greatest reported source of fishing mortality on these age classes (0 through 3). This is inconsistent with the objective of protecting young fish.

Table 1. Nominal catches (t) of eastern Scotian Shelf haddock (4TVW) by NAFO Division and country as reported to NAFO (from NAFO Statistical Bulletin).

| Year | 4T | | | | | 4Vn ⁺ | | | | | 4Vs | | | | | 4W | | | | | Total | TAC | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|---|
| | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | | | |
| 1954 | 5918 | 1044 | | | 40 | 5549 | 405 | | 1058 | 24 | | | | | | 12323 | 1956 | | 17 | | 28334 | | |
| 1955 | 3101 | 31 | | | | 3339 | 450 | | 1183 | 13 | | | | | | 12777 | 1217 | | | | 22111 | | |
| 1956 | 2861 | | | | | 4899 | 147 | | 1350 | 12 | | | | | | 18273 | 1661 | | 354 | | 29557 | | |
| 1957 | 1740 | 1 | | | | 5869 | 120 | | 747 | 9 | | | | | | 19960 | 1533 | | 132 | | 30111 | | |
| 1958 | 2599 | | | 151 | | 3166 | 71 | | 1343 | 6 | | | | | | 17572 | 427 | | 1593 | | 26928 | | |
| 1959 | 2996 | 1 | | 64 | | 1594 | 159 | | 69 | | 3456 | 111 | | 2870 | | 21156 | 4804 | | 640 | | 37920 | | |
| 1960 | 2041 | | | | | 1317 | 6 | | 97 | | 1187 | 18 | | 3926 | 1 | 20093 | 127 | | 1024 | | 29837 | | |
| 1961 | 1297 | | | 273 | 2 | 1055 | 1 | | 47 | 1 | 846 | | | 1526 | 7 | 22277 | 23 | 151 | 1441 | 16 | 28963 | | |
| 1962 | 1132 | | | 10 | | 1097 | 1 | | 5 | 2 | 1235 | | | 1076 | | 15566 | 51 | 2567 | 3224 | | 25966 | | |
| 1963 | 1019 | | | 46 | | 1213 | 1 | 6 | 64 | | 1061 | 1 | | 2828 | 195 | 11002 | 60 | 3295 | 4915 | 866 | 26572 | | |
| 1964 | 461 | | | 1 | | 958 | | | 59 | 52 | 677 | 11 | | 2057 | 2 | 9810 | 42 | 4391 | 2884 | 1889 | 23294 | | |
| 1965 | 432 | | | 3 | 3 | 402 | | | 53 | 84 | 1201 | | | 1806 | 47 | 7007 | 8 | 42876 | 1500 | 96 | 55518 | | |
| 1966 | 149 | | | 1 | | 311 | | 516 | 30 | | 1494 | | | 940 | 9 | 8259 | 19 | 9985 | 1885 | 51 | 23649 | | |
| 1967 | 112 | | | 9 | | 203 | | 95 | 26 | 31 | 898 | | | 839 | 9 | 7180 | 5 | 459 | 1046 | | 10912 | | |
| 1968 | 144 | | | | 4 | 127 | | | 70 | 6 | 1128 | | 59 | 1702 | 23 | 8392 | | 195 | 1458 | 10 | 13318 | | |
| 1969 | 167 | | | | 3 | 245 | | | | 112 | 726 | | | 631 | 66 | 8270 | | 235 | 864 | 1 | 11320 | | |
| 1970 | 160 | | | | | 395 | 2 | | 75 | 1 | 620 | | 34 | 830 | 16 | 4754 | 574 | 636 | 1332 | | 9429 | | |
| 1971 | 151 | | | | | 466 | | | 215 | 1 | 1133 | | 11 | 1114 | | 7940 | 497 | 464 | 1477 | | 13469 | | |
| 1972 | 60 | | | | | 362 | 3 | | 136 | 19 | 421 | | 3 | 599 | 37 | 2096 | 70 | 103 | 737 | 102 | 4748 | | |
| 1973 | 21 | | | | 2 | 286 | | | 76 | 164 | 233 | | | 431 | 9 | 2830 | 173 | 76 | 95 | 18 | 4414 | | |
| 1974 | 17 | | | | 14 | 161 | | | 3 | 1 | 147 | | | 30 | 174 | 196 | 907 | 6 | 102 | 521 | 78 | 2357 | 0 |
| 1975 | 35 | | | | 2 | 67 | | | 15 | 4 | 107 | 1 | | 48 | 3 | 1393 | 20 | 52 | 63 | 59 | 1868 | 0 | |
| 1976 | 12 | | | | | 40 | | | | 1 | 52 | 1 | | 9 | 1 | 1198 | 31 | 15 | | | 1360 | 2000 | |
| 1977 | 8 | | | | | 189 | | | | 8 | 144 | | | | 1 | 2845 | 1 | 14 | | 38 | 3248 | 2000 | |
| 1978 | 18 | | | | | 119 | | | | 3 | 441 | | | 3 | 38 | 4949 | 82 | 139 | | 109 | 5901 | 2000 | |
| 1979 | 59 | | | | | 194 | | | | 11 | 650 | | | | 2 | 2339 | | 104 | | 73 | 3433 | 2000 | |

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Table 1. (Continued)

| Year | 4T | | | | | 4Vn ⁺ | | | | | 4Vs | | | | | 4W | | | | | Total | TAC |
|-------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | Can. | USA | USSR | Spain | Other | | |
| 1980 | 81 | | | | | 188 | | | | 42 | 1841 | | | | | 12448 | | 209 | | 31 | 14840 | 15000 |
| 1981 | 177 | | | | | 119 | | | | 25 | 1796 | | | | | 17684 | | 187 | | 21 | 20009 | 23000 |
| 1982 | 47 | | | | | 183 | | | | 23 | 2373 | | | | | 12498 | | 53 | | 49 | 15226 | 23000 |
| 1983 | 30 | | | | | 206 | | | | 17 | 1542 | | | | | 7302 | | 149 | | 166 | 9412 | 15000 |
| 1984 | 120 | | | | | 299 | | | | 11 | 3195 | | 2 | 1 | 3992 | | 168 | | 233 | 8021 | 15000 | |
| 1985 | 498 | | | | | 598 | | | | 59 | 7291 | | | 2 | 2862 | | 275 | | 79 | 11664 | 15000 | |
| 1986 | 531 | | | | | 904 | | | | 17 | 8798 | | | 4 | 6277 | | 312 | | 78 | 16921 | 17000 | |
| 1987 | 438 | | | | | 484 | | | | 13 | 1587 | | | | 994 | | 207 | | 154 | 3877 | 0 | |
| 1988 | 369 | | | | | 507 | | | | | 2057 | | | | 1176 | | 332 | | 99 | 4540 | 0 | |
| *1989 | 87 | | | | | 423 | | | | | 3104 | | | | 3497 | | **683 | | | 7794 | 6700 | |
| *1990 | 30 | | | | | 111 | | | | | 2430 | | | | 4049 | | **407 | | | 7027 | 6000 | |

+ -- Between 1954 and 1958 catches for 4Vn and 4Vs were combined as 4V.
* -- Provisional data
** -- From Observer data (USSR and CUBA combined)

Table 2. 4TVW haddock landings (t) by division and subdivision (Canadian catches only from inter-regional data).

| Area | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 4T | 553 | 453 | 383 | 79 | 30 |
| 4Vn | 899 | 491 | 506 | 421 | 111 |
| 4Vs | 8719 | 1547 | 2041 | 3114 | 2430 |
| 4W | 6170 | 991 | 1150 | 3580 | 4049 |
| TOTAL | 16341 | 3481 | 4080 | 7194 | 6620 |

Table 3. Canadian nominal catches (t) of eastern Scotian Shelf haddock (4TVW) by gear. (From IS files for 86-88.)

| Year | Otter Trawler | Longliner | Danish/Scottish Seiner | Misc. | Total |
|-------|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1960 | 20835 | 1077 | 23 | 696 | 22631 |
| 1961 | 22060 | 448 | 52 | 1377 | 23937 |
| 1962 | 16453 | 665 | 76 | 705 | 17899 |
| 1963 | 11943 | 511 | 147 | 526 | 13127 |
| 1964 | 10679 | 70 | 62 | 874 | 11685 |
| 1965 | 8033 | 352 | 66 | 160 | 8611 |
| 1966 | 10222 | 233 | 19 | 130 | 10604 |
| 1967 | 7855 | 126 | 25 | 573 | 8579 |
| 1968 | 8819 | 296 | 16 | 364 | 9495 |
| 1969 | 8603 | 289 | 30 | 341 | 9263 |
| 1970 | 5056 | 479 | 20 | 262 | 5817 |
| 1971 | 8709 | 538 | 77 | 179 | 9503 |
| 1972 | 2141 | 528 | 76 | 138 | 2883 |
| 1973 | 2459 | 628 | 28 | 232 | 3347 |
| 1974 | 543 | 493 | 17 | 162 | 1215 |
| 1975 | 593 | 873 | 10 | 82 | 1558 |
| 1976 | 383 | 657 | 10 | 75 | 1125 |
| 1977 | 2198 | 729 | 26 | 170 | 3123 |
| 1978 | 4009 | 1069 | 67 | 340 | 5485 |
| 1979 | 1745 | 1232 | 66 | 147 | 3190 |
| 1980 | 13063 | 933 | 229 | 270 | 14495 |
| 1981 | 17859 | 1253 | 464 | 113 | 19689 |
| 1982 | 12346 | 1567 | 890 | 249 | 15052 |
| 1983 | 6969 | 1254 | 541 | 235 | 8997 |
| 1984 | 6188 | 908 | 451 | 112 | 7659 |
| 1985 | 9548 | 822 | 830 | 50 | 11249 |
| 1986 | 13952 | 1105 | 1179 | 106 | 16341 |
| 1987 | 2077 | 736 | 585 | 83 | 3481 |
| 1988 | 2341 | 1134 | 424 | 180 | 4080 |
| 1989* | 4333 | 2322 | 475 | 64 | 7194 |
| 1990* | 2967 | 3139 | 409 | 106 | 6620 |

* - Provisional Statistics

Table 4. 4TVW haddock landings by quarter and major gear type 1986-1989 (Canadian landings only). (From IS files)

| | 1986 | | | | | 1987 | | | | |
|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-----|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | TOTAL | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | TOTAL |
| OTB | 3072 | 4158 | 3661 | 3060 | 13952 | 356 | 680 | 608 | 433 | 2077 |
| LL | 86 | 203 | 535 | 281 | 1105 | 34 | 135 | 377 | 190 | 736 |
| SNU | 121 | 483 | 349 | 226 | 1179 | 5 | 370 | 175 | 34 | 585 |
| Other | 1 | 14 | 65 | 26 | 106 | 0 | 19 | 40 | 24 | 83 |
| TOTAL | 3280 | 4858 | 4611 | 3592 | 16341 | 396 | 1203 | 1200 | 682 | 3481 |

| | 1988 | | | | | 1989 | | | | |
|-------|------|------|------|-----|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | TOTAL | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | TOTAL |
| OTB | 266 | 852 | 777 | 447 | 2341 | 763 | 2022 | 1062 | 487 | 4332 |
| LL | 33 | 177 | 721 | 204 | 1134 | 285 | 522 | 858 | 657 | 2322 |
| SNU | 11 | 199 | 197 | 17 | 424 | 14 | 283 | 150 | 28 | 475 |
| Other | 7 | 63 | 53 | 57 | 180 | 0 | 16 | 34 | 14 | 64 |
| TOTAL | 317 | 1291 | 1747 | 725 | 4080 | 1062 | 2842 | 2104 | 1186 | 7194 |

Table 4. (Continued)

| | 1990 | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | TOTAL |
| OTB | 1074 | 972 | 663 | 258 | 2967 |
| LL | 833 | 474 | 1341 | 491 | 3139 |
| SNU | 15 | 168 | 216 | 11 | 409 |
| Other | 0 | 7 | 64 | 35 | 106 |
| TOTAL | 1921 | 1621 | 2284 | 795 | 6620 |

Table 5. 4TVW haddock landings by area, quarter and gear type (Canadian landings only).

| 4T | | | | | | |
|------|-------|----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Year | Gear | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| 1986 | OTB | 9 | 71 | 85 | 4 | 169 |
| | LL | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 12 |
| | SNU | 0 | 261 | 83 | 16 | 359 |
| | Other | 0 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 13 |
| | TOTAL | 9 | 336 | 184 | 25 | 554 |
| 1987 | OTB | 4 | 78 | 43 | 9 | 134 |
| | LL | 0 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 13 |
| | SNU | 0 | 208 | 75 | 5 | 289 |
| | Other | 0 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 17 |
| | TOTAL | 4 | 300 | 130 | 19 | 453 |
| 1988 | OTB | 1 | 18 | 199 | 5 | 224 |
| | LL | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| | SNU | 0 | 57 | 69 | 7 | 132 |
| | Other | 0 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 20 |
| | TOTAL | 1 | 85 | 279 | 18 | 383 |
| 1989 | OTB | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| | LL | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | SNU | 0 | 39 | 20 | 1 | 60 |
| | Other | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| | TOTAL | 0 | 52 | 24 | 3 | 79 |
| 1990 | OTB | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| | LL | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | SNU | 0 | 19 | 3 | 0 | 22 |
| | Other | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 1 | 22 | 5 | 2 | 30 |

Table 5. (Continued)

| 4Vn | | | | | | |
|------|-------|----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Year | Gear | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| 1986 | OTB | 67 | 139 | 180 | 18 | 405 |
| | LL | 0 | 27 | 87 | 47 | 161 |
| | SNU | 0 | 190 | 134 | 4 | 328 |
| | Other | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| | TOTAL | 67 | 356 | 405 | 71 | 899 |
| 1987 | OTB | 28 | 84 | 32 | 20 | 164 |
| | LL | 7 | 28 | 54 | 26 | 115 |
| | SNU | 0 | 142 | 47 | 18 | 207 |
| | Other | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| | TOTAL | 35 | 254 | 135 | 66 | 491 |
| 1988 | OTB | 26 | 113 | 14 | 11 | 164 |
| | LL | 0 | 21 | 113 | 52 | 186 |
| | SNU | 0 | 102 | 48 | 3 | 153 |
| | Other | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 26 | 236 | 177 | 66 | 506 |
| 1989 | OTB | 24 | 178 | 46 | 1 | 249 |
| | LL | 0 | 13 | 32 | 8 | 53 |
| | SNU | 0 | 96 | 17 | 1 | 114 |
| | Other | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| | TOTAL | 25 | 287 | 97 | 12 | 424 |
| 1990 | OTB | 17 | 35 | 12 | 6 | 70 |
| | LL | 0 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 21 |
| | SNU | 0 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 20 |
| | Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | TOTAL | 17 | 56 | 31 | 7 | 111 |

Table 5. (Continued)

| 4Vs | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| Year | Gear | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| 1986 | OTB | 810 | 3666 | 3093 | 917 | 8485 |
| | LL | 4 | 93 | 115 | 0 | 212 |
| | SNU | 0 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| | Other | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 814 | 3775 | 3212 | 917 | 8719 |
| 1987 | OTB | 252 | 398 | 412 | 291 | 1353 |
| | LL | 2 | 58 | 98 | 16 | 174 |
| | SNU | 0 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 19 |
| | Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 254 | 468 | 517 | 308 | 1547 |
| 1988 | OTB | 188 | 596 | 448 | 385 | 1617 |
| | LL | 14 | 67 | 211 | 27 | 319 |
| | SNU | 0 | 24 | 16 | 0 | 40 |
| | Other | 7 | 45 | 11 | 2 | 65 |
| | TOTAL | 209 | 732 | 685 | 414 | 2041 |
| 1989 | OTB | 592 | 1255 | 538 | 209 | 2594 |
| | LL | 11 | 100 | 193 | 95 | 399 |
| | SNU | 5 | 76 | 34 | 2 | 118 |
| | Other | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | TOTAL | 608 | 1434 | 765 | 307 | 3112 |
| 1990 | OTB | 819 | 651 | 370 | 184 | 2025 |
| | LL | 132 | 84 | 54 | 6 | 276 |
| | SNU | 0 | 64 | 62 | 0 | 126 |
| | Other | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 951 | 802 | 487 | 190 | 2430 |

Table 5. (Continued)

| 4W | | | | | | |
|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Year | Gear | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| 1986 | OTB | 2186 | 282 | 302 | 2122 | 4893 |
| | LL | 82 | 81 | 328 | 229 | 719 |
| | SNU | 121 | 16 | 130 | 206 | 472 |
| | Other | 1 | 12 | 50 | 23 | 86 |
| | TOTAL | 2391 | 391 | 810 | 2579 | 6170 |
| 1987 | OTB | 72 | 120 | 121 | 113 | 427 |
| | LL | 26 | 45 | 219 | 144 | 434 |
| | SNU | 5 | 8 | 47 | 10 | 70 |
| | Other | 0 | 7 | 32 | 21 | 60 |
| | TOTAL | 103 | 181 | 419 | 288 | 991 |
| 1988 | OTB | 51 | 125 | 116 | 45 | 336 |
| | LL | 19 | 88 | 394 | 121 | 622 |
| | SNU | 11 | 16 | 64 | 8 | 99 |
| | Other | 0 | 9 | 31 | 53 | 93 |
| | TOTAL | 81 | 238 | 605 | 226 | 1150 |
| 1989 | OTB | 146 | 581 | 478 | 276 | 1479 |
| | LL | 274 | 409 | 633 | 551 | 1867 |
| | SNU | 9 | 72 | 79 | 24 | 184 |
| | Other | 0 | 8 | 31 | 12 | 51 |
| | TOTAL | 429 | 1070 | 1218 | 863 | 3580 |
| 1990 | OTB | 236 | 283 | 282 | 66 | 868 |
| | LL | 701 | 384 | 1272 | 484 | 2840 |
| | SNU | 15 | 70 | 145 | 11 | 241 |
| | Other | 0 | 3 | 62 | 34 | 100 |
| | TOTAL | 952 | 741 | 1761 | 596 | 4049 |

Table 6. Composition of age-length keys for 1990.

| | | 1st QTR | 2nd QTR | 1st Half | 3rd QTR | 4th QTR | 2nd Half |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 4TV | # Samples | 18 | 15 | | 4 | 10 | |
| | # Measured | 3626 | 3151 | | 1073 | 1831 | |
| | # Aged | 329 | 327 | | 90 | 234 | |
| | Catch | 969.1 | 880.6 | | 522.9 | 199 | |
| 4W | # Samples | | | 8 | | | 9 |
| | # Measured | | | 1645 | | | 1716 |
| | # Aged | | | 192 | | | 132 |
| | Catch | | | 1692.9 | | | 2356.5 |

Table 7. Composition of 1990 4TVW haddock catch at age (000's of fish). (Numbers in brackets are numbers of otoliths in the key.)

| Age | 4TV | | | | 4W | | | Total |
|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| | Q1 (329) | Q2 (327) | Q3 (90) | Q4 (234) | Q1/2 (192) | Q3/4 (132) | SMG (226) | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 126 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 527 | 527 |
| 3 | 0 | 7 | 52 | 16 | 8 | 79 | 210 | 372 |
| 4 | 71 | 127 | 66 | 17 | 184 | 707 | 79 | 1251 |
| 5 | 421 | 474 | 187 | 76 | 739 | 1254 | 69 | 3220 |
| 6 | 145 | 52 | 80 | 22 | 215 | 12 | 7 | 533 |
| 7 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 41 |
| 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Σ | 656 | 663 | 386 | 132 | 1167 | 2052 | 1023 | 6079 |

Table 8. Weights (kg) at age for 1990 commercial catch.

| Age | 4TV | | | | 4W | | | Total |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1/2 | Q3/4 | SMG | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.064 | 0.06 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.137 | 0.14 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.261 | 0.25 |
| 3 | 0.59 | 0.68 | 0.79 | 0.81 | 0.77 | 0.72 | 0.486 | 0.60 |
| 4 | 1.02 | 0.96 | 1.09 | 1.15 | 1.00 | 0.94 | 0.916 | 0.96 |
| 5 | 1.33 | 1.35 | 1.42 | 1.52 | 1.37 | 1.29 | 1.241 | 1.33 |
| 6 | 1.93 | 2.05 | 1.79 | 2.09 | 1.97 | 1.99 | 1.766 | 1.94 |
| 7 | 3.02 | 3.53 | 3.28 | 2.56 | 3.01 | 0 | 2.514 | 3.04 |
| 8 | 3.37 | 0 | 0 | 4.73 | 3.68 | 0 | 3.859 | 3.53 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.06 | 0 | - | 4.06 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.53 | 0 | 0 | - | 5.53 |

Table 9. Commercial catch at age 4TVW haddock (000's of fish)

| | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | |
|----|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 213 | 0 | 63 | 8 | |
| 3 | 177 | 855 | 83 | 765 | 449 | 349 | 211 | 504 | 1926 | 647 | 2115 | 2938 | |
| 4 | 2194 | 1126 | 2389 | 4967 | 1915 | 2324 | 2881 | 1021 | 11209 | 3634 | 3817 | 6803 | |
| 5 | 3269 | 4330 | 2823 | 6056 | 6626 | 4113 | 10071 | 2592 | 2400 | 13199 | 2504 | 5559 | |
| 6 | 1297 | 3090 | 5018 | 2216 | 4654 | 4445 | 2159 | 5132 | 2539 | 2045 | 8128 | 3388 | |
| 7 | 1412 | 483 | 3227 | 1794 | 1831 | 1407 | 2466 | 1765 | 2866 | 1538 | 1076 | 7071 | |
| 8 | 1088 | 357 | 293 | 1306 | 1079 | 457 | 1318 | 1642 | 963 | 1233 | 777 | 809 | |
| 9 | 556 | 303 | 575 | 98 | 405 | 247 | 431 | 620 | 1334 | 341 | 788 | 528 | |
| 10 | 433 | 228 | 230 | 66 | 96 | 25 | 265 | 313 | 340 | 244 | 276 | 534 | |
| 11 | 253 | 142 | 358 | 79 | 65 | 18 | 68 | 51 | 89 | 92 | 164 | 213 | |
| | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | |
| 1 | 0 | 2 | 205 | 1287 | 2591 | 53595 | 2127 | 89 | 5 | 31 | 306 | 268 | |
| 2 | 0 | 31 | 436 | 924 | 3073 | 32161 | 9696 | 181 | 13 | 42 | 129 | 667 | |
| 3 | 455 | 409 | 1491 | 511 | 4074 | 24140 | 9638 | 1006 | 398 | 438 | 679 | 888 | |
| 4 | 6408 | 4901 | 2039 | 3471 | 2368 | 15192 | 8887 | 2622 | 1806 | 1408 | 1743 | 2189 | |
| 5 | 7580 | 8501 | 7794 | 3673 | 6023 | 7775 | 4645 | 2836 | 2926 | 2039 | 1400 | 2740 | |
| 6 | 3339 | 4298 | 6190 | 6594 | 2069 | 4057 | 1217 | 1113 | 2494 | 1955 | 1365 | 1208 | |
| 7 | 2164 | 1362 | 1957 | 3190 | 2906 | 1282 | 1637 | 441 | 793 | 939 | 1163 | 944 | |
| 8 | 1964 | 1062 | 839 | 1243 | 1562 | 1234 | 499 | 597 | 379 | 279 | 389 | 1177 | |
| 9 | 372 | 727 | 317 | 287 | 403 | 402 | 272 | 212 | 406 | 131 | 88 | 277 | |
| 10 | 157 | 193 | 223 | 126 | 81 | 72 | 89 | 174 | 116 | 118 | 38 | 39 | |
| 11 | 161 | 61 | 59 | 113 | 45 | 54 | 12 | 55 | 78 | 39 | 19 | 21 | |
| | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
| 1 | 306 | 487 | 59 | 279 | 431 | 213 | 714 | 1 | 332 | 870 | 530 | 497 | 10 |
| 2 | 288 | 1178 | 233 | 61 | 676 | 283 | 433 | 268 | 376 | 318 | 433 | 470 | 360 |
| 3 | 671 | 646 | 975 | 470 | 157 | 965 | 811 | 423 | 2372 | 262 | 1520 | 1084 | 1514 |
| 4 | 751 | 1467 | 254 | 805 | 249 | 335 | 2412 | 1120 | 4334 | 5072 | 764 | 3207 | 4158 |
| 5 | 924 | 811 | 464 | 282 | 323 | 513 | 436 | 675 | 3238 | 5081 | 5629 | 2040 | 2225 |
| 6 | 668 | 723 | 298 | 185 | 189 | 283 | 715 | 159 | 1702 | 3010 | 1957 | 1677 | 821 |
| 7 | 345 | 342 | 114 | 63 | 132 | 117 | 203 | 149 | 249 | 1178 | 1220 | 530 | 410 |
| 8 | 191 | 159 | 47 | 30 | 36 | 80 | 61 | 16 | 129 | 139 | 214 | 235 | 90 |
| 9 | 159 | 60 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 19 | 23 | 5 | 39 | 105 | 48 | 29 | 30 |
| 10 | 9 | 99 | 17 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 28 | 18 | 5 |
| 11 | 18 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 19 | 2 |
| | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 133 | 12 | 30 | 56 | 1590 | 126 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 69 | 50 | 76 | 68 | 774 | 527 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 411 | 1289 | 160 | 129 | 519 | 372 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 8006 | 10064 | 983 | 1584 | 2220 | 1251 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 4162 | 5954 | 1686 | 1726 | 2949 | 3220 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 881 | 767 | 377 | 390 | 699 | 533 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 232 | 100 | 24 | 39 | 63 | 41 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 47 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |

Table 11 Commercial weights at age 4TVW haddock

| | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | .08 | .08 | .08 | .68 | .08 | .08 | .08 | .08 | .08 | .08 | .08 | .08 |
| 2 | .31 | .68 | .31 | .31 | .68 | .58 | .68 | .31 | .50 | .31 | .53 | .80 |
| 3 | 1.13 | .84 | .82 | 1.00 | .89 | .95 | .87 | .79 | .75 | .76 | .70 | .68 |
| 4 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 1.03 | 1.07 | 1.09 | 1.13 | 1.08 | 1.04 | .89 | .99 | .98 | .89 |
| 5 | 1.61 | 1.39 | 1.38 | 1.29 | 1.35 | 1.52 | 1.14 | 1.30 | 1.25 | 1.19 | 1.26 | 1.17 |
| 6 | 2.25 | 1.82 | 1.86 | 1.63 | 1.66 | 1.82 | 1.57 | 1.48 | 1.53 | 1.56 | 1.47 | 1.48 |
| 7 | 2.69 | 2.47 | 2.17 | 2.08 | 2.11 | 2.25 | 1.95 | 1.81 | 1.72 | 1.82 | 1.75 | 1.79 |
| 8 | 3.02 | 2.93 | 2.63 | 2.33 | 2.62 | 2.76 | 2.13 | 2.15 | 2.13 | 2.07 | 2.10 | 2.17 |
| 9 | 3.10 | 2.99 | 2.56 | 1.61 | 2.99 | 3.18 | 2.44 | 2.39 | 2.23 | 2.37 | 2.09 | 2.41 |
| 10 | 3.38 | 3.16 | 2.84 | 1.39 | 2.51 | 3.87 | 2.69 | 2.60 | 2.28 | 2.39 | 2.46 | 2.74 |
| 11 | 3.49 | 3.32 | 3.59 | 2.32 | 2.46 | 3.54 | 3.06 | 2.78 | 2.81 | 2.79 | 2.41 | 2.95 |
| | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 |
| 1 | .08 | .06 | .05 | .10 | .10 | .10 | .09 | .12 | .11 | .10 | .11 | .12 |
| 2 | .31 | .19 | .20 | .14 | .28 | .25 | .27 | .38 | .17 | .22 | .33 | .34 |
| 3 | .67 | .79 | .45 | .36 | .45 | .42 | .36 | .53 | .43 | .65 | .64 | .63 |
| 4 | .91 | .90 | .83 | .94 | .71 | .71 | .70 | .78 | .80 | .88 | .91 | .92 |
| 5 | 1.10 | 1.15 | 1.02 | 1.15 | 1.10 | 1.11 | 1.03 | 1.15 | 1.12 | 1.26 | 1.29 | 1.30 |
| 6 | 1.41 | 1.53 | 1.35 | 1.36 | 1.35 | 1.30 | 1.33 | 1.48 | 1.59 | 1.62 | 1.56 | 1.63 |
| 7 | 1.83 | 1.87 | 1.74 | 1.75 | 1.64 | 1.93 | 1.55 | 1.77 | 2.16 | 2.28 | 2.07 | 1.93 |
| 8 | 2.19 | 2.22 | 2.18 | 2.01 | 1.92 | 2.23 | 2.18 | 2.17 | 2.19 | 2.77 | 2.59 | 2.30 |
| 9 | 2.46 | 2.41 | 2.73 | 2.36 | 2.34 | 2.42 | 2.30 | 2.55 | 2.57 | 3.31 | 3.14 | 2.87 |
| 10 | 2.70 | 2.76 | 2.60 | 2.55 | 2.72 | 2.79 | 2.67 | 2.82 | 3.10 | 3.32 | 4.04 | 3.43 |
| 11 | 2.68 | 3.30 | 3.45 | 2.44 | 2.39 | 3.12 | 3.04 | 3.06 | 3.34 | 3.21 | 3.55 | 3.75 |
| | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
| 1 | .10 | .12 | .12 | .16 | .09 | .14 | .08 | .09 | .08 | .08 | .06 | .07 |
| 2 | .28 | .35 | .41 | .25 | .37 | .51 | .35 | .33 | .23 | .38 | .26 | .19 |
| 3 | .59 | .65 | .64 | .85 | .53 | .93 | .67 | .71 | .72 | .69 | .63 | .53 |
| 4 | .96 | .98 | 1.12 | 1.20 | 1.22 | 1.23 | 1.07 | 1.17 | 1.03 | .95 | .96 | .82 |
| 5 | 1.34 | 1.37 | 1.66 | 1.57 | 1.61 | 1.51 | 1.51 | 1.55 | 1.36 | 1.27 | 1.20 | 1.16 |
| 6 | 1.83 | 1.87 | 1.98 | 2.14 | 2.03 | 1.90 | 1.97 | 2.02 | 1.85 | 1.68 | 1.61 | 1.43 |
| 7 | 2.19 | 2.22 | 2.47 | 2.45 | 2.27 | 2.35 | 2.58 | 2.44 | 2.32 | 2.19 | 2.15 | 1.72 |
| 8 | 2.41 | 2.59 | 2.79 | 2.80 | 2.33 | 2.51 | 2.69 | 2.96 | 2.66 | 2.71 | 2.78 | 1.90 |
| 9 | 2.97 | 3.25 | 2.84 | 3.04 | 3.19 | 2.81 | 3.28 | 3.27 | 3.13 | 3.08 | 3.14 | 2.80 |
| 10 | 3.86 | 3.17 | 3.43 | 3.13 | 2.61 | 3.33 | 3.50 | 3.44 | 3.40 | 3.41 | 3.51 | 2.06 |
| 11 | 3.83 | 3.63 | 3.40 | 4.12 | 3.10 | 3.20 | 3.85 | 4.21 | 3.65 | 3.66 | 4.50 | 1.82 |
| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | | | | | |
| 1 | .09 | .12 | .10 | .10 | .11 | .08 | .14 | | | | | |
| 2 | .26 | .20 | .27 | .21 | .30 | .28 | .25 | | | | | |
| 3 | .58 | .46 | .63 | .51 | .65 | .66 | .60 | | | | | |
| 4 | .74 | .70 | .82 | .93 | .91 | .95 | .96 | | | | | |
| 5 | 1.04 | .99 | 1.05 | 1.22 | 1.21 | 1.25 | 1.33 | | | | | |
| 6 | 1.46 | 1.43 | 1.57 | 1.67 | 1.59 | 1.66 | 1.94 | | | | | |
| 7 | 1.79 | 1.93 | 2.41 | 2.25 | 2.19 | 2.36 | 3.04 | | | | | |
| 8 | 2.15 | 2.35 | 2.28 | 2.52 | 2.31 | 3.11 | 3.53 | | | | | |
| 9 | 2.66 | 2.96 | 2.58 | 2.74 | 2.57 | 4.70 | 4.06 | | | | | |
| 10 | 3.24 | 2.20 | 3.76 | 3.07 | 2.69 | 2.99 | 2.99 | | | | | |
| 11 | 3.18 | 5.59 | 4.47 | 4.73 | 4.61 | 4.52 | 4.51 | | | | | |

Table 13 CVs for RV mean catch rates at age 4 TVW haddock

| | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0 | .65 | .72 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .51 | .67 | .46 | .00 | .39 | .63 | .51 | .24 | .61 | .45 |
| 1 | .47 | .36 | .34 | .28 | .24 | .56 | .42 | .33 | .28 | .82 | .22 | .24 | .26 | .32 | .44 |
| 2 | .32 | .39 | .48 | .50 | .01 | .51 | .32 | .38 | .49 | .30 | .32 | .46 | .23 | .25 | .26 |
| 3 | .30 | .33 | .35 | .35 | .01 | .40 | .37 | .36 | .46 | .41 | .31 | .31 | .14 | .49 | .21 |
| 4 | .18 | .30 | .24 | .33 | .04 | .42 | .49 | .32 | .40 | .34 | .40 | .24 | .19 | .32 | .21 |
| 5 | .20 | .25 | .23 | .39 | .02 | .31 | .40 | .27 | .28 | .28 | .38 | .24 | .21 | .15 | .17 |
| 6 | .23 | .26 | .29 | .50 | .00 | .35 | .34 | .26 | .23 | .26 | .27 | .21 | .20 | .20 | .15 |
| 7 | .31 | .26 | .29 | .46 | .05 | .35 | .31 | .33 | .43 | .33 | .27 | .24 | .18 | .22 | .20 |
| 8 | .20 | .40 | .49 | .53 | .24 | .35 | .34 | .33 | .35 | .50 | .30 | .32 | .12 | .21 | .37 |
| 9 | .24 | .56 | .49 | 1.00 | .00 | .38 | .52 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .40 | .35 | .92 | .18 | .54 |
| 10 | .80 | .00 | .71 | .80 | .33 | .34 | .45 | .78 | 1.00 | .71 | .00 | .66 | .38 | .74 | .69 |
| 11 | .24 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .13 | .00 | .52 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .74 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1.00 |
| 12 | .32 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .86 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .83 | .00 |
| 13 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1.00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1.00 |
| 14 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1.00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 15 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 1.00 | .00 | .00 |

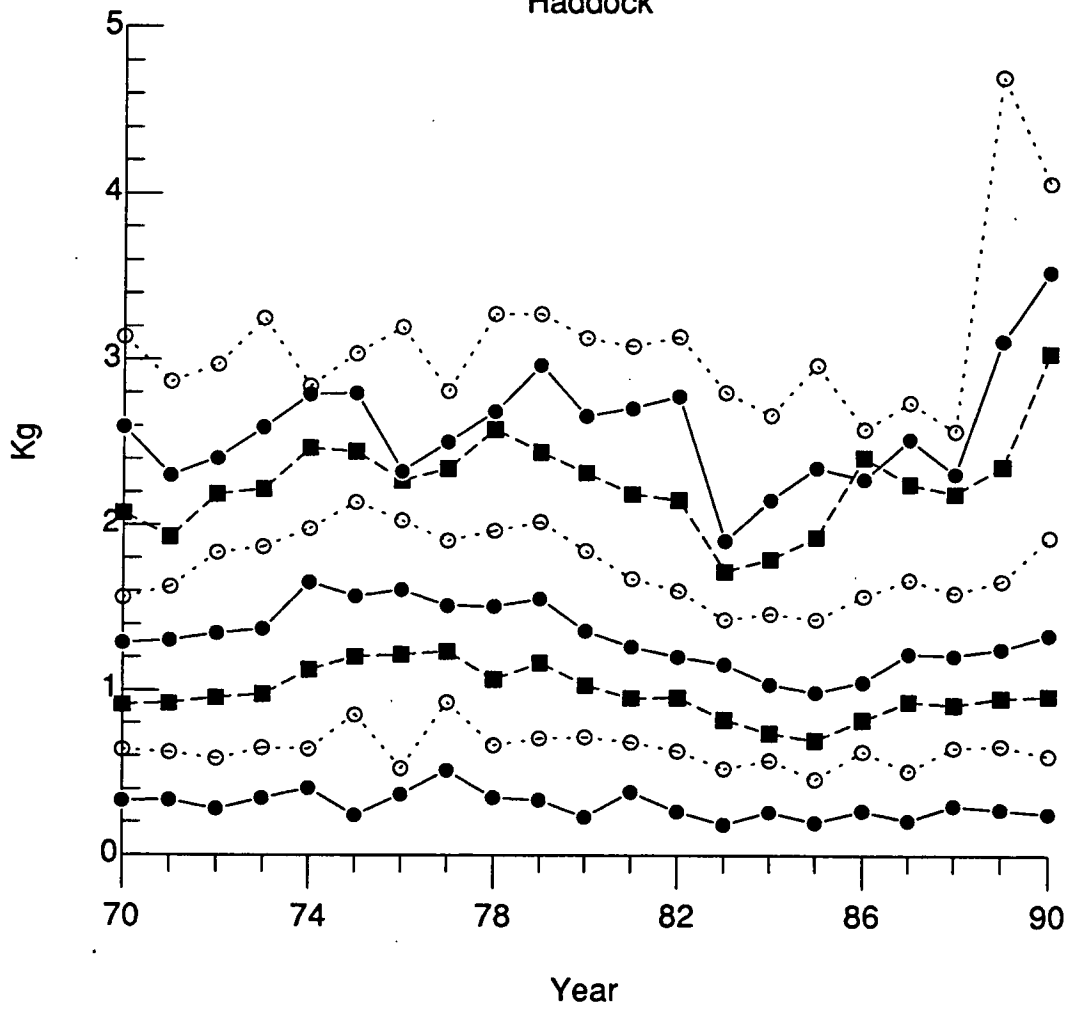
| | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0 | .00 | .63 | .56 | .27 | .38 | .47 |
| 1 | .57 | .36 | .38 | .34 | .30 | .28 |
| 2 | .35 | .27 | .37 | .91 | .48 | .37 |
| 3 | .24 | .21 | .20 | .69 | .28 | .28 |
| 4 | .14 | .20 | .21 | .38 | .18 | .18 |
| 5 | .18 | .15 | .24 | .20 | .14 | .19 |
| 6 | .25 | .21 | .19 | .20 | .27 | .22 |
| 7 | .28 | .23 | .28 | .30 | .60 | .33 |
| 8 | .53 | .36 | .00 | 1.00 | .00 | .00 |
| 9 | .00 | .00 | .56 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 10 | 1.00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 11 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 12 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 13 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 14 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 15 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |

Table 15. RV mean catch rates at age 4Vn haddock.

| | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 1 | .00 | .21 | .00 | .00 | .33 | .12 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .43 | .00 | .73 | .00 |
| 2 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .83 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .26 | .00 | .27 | .00 | .00 |
| 3 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .11 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .12 | .00 | .34 | .10 |
| 4 | .33 | .00 | .00 | .12 | .00 | .11 | .00 | .00 | .26 | .00 | .00 | .32 | .55 | .45 |
| 5 | .67 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .37 | .26 | .29 | .00 |
| 6 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .13 | .00 | .00 | 1.06 | .50 | .23 |
| 7 | .09 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .10 | .93 | .23 |
| 8 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .18 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .21 | .00 | .19 |
| 9 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .10 |
| 10 | .33 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .35 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
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| 13 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
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| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
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| 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 1 | .13 | .00 | .31 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| 2 | .27 | .00 | .09 | .00 | .00 | .07 | .00 |
| 3 | .56 | .00 | 1.35 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .11 |
| 4 | 2.00 | 3.90 | 1.72 | .57 | .06 | .14 | .10 |
| 5 | .81 | 3.46 | 6.20 | 1.57 | .85 | 1.25 | .20 |
| 6 | .30 | 1.38 | 1.10 | .42 | 1.33 | .22 | .44 |
| 7 | .66 | .10 | .06 | .07 | .38 | .22 | .00 |
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Figure 1. Commercial mean weights at age 4TVW
Haddock



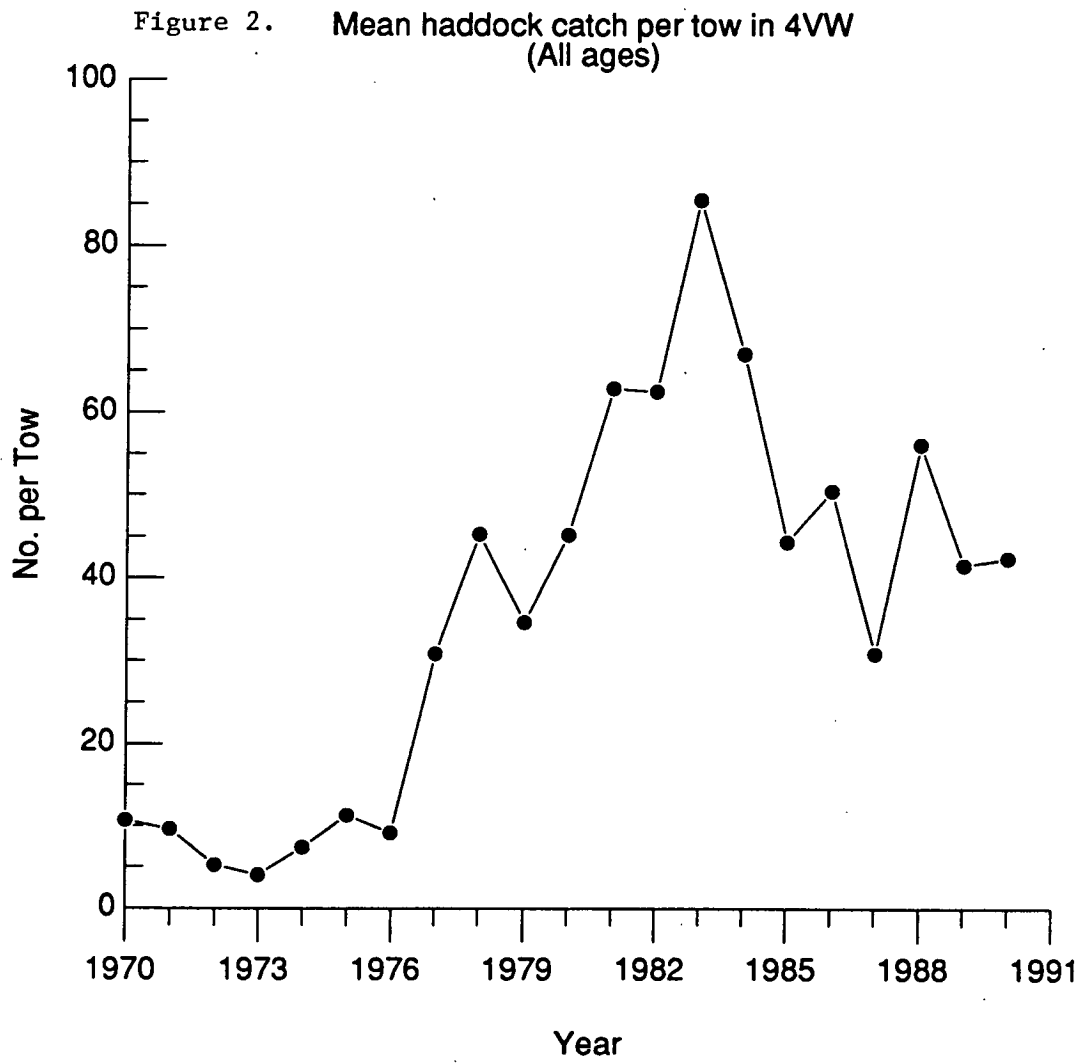


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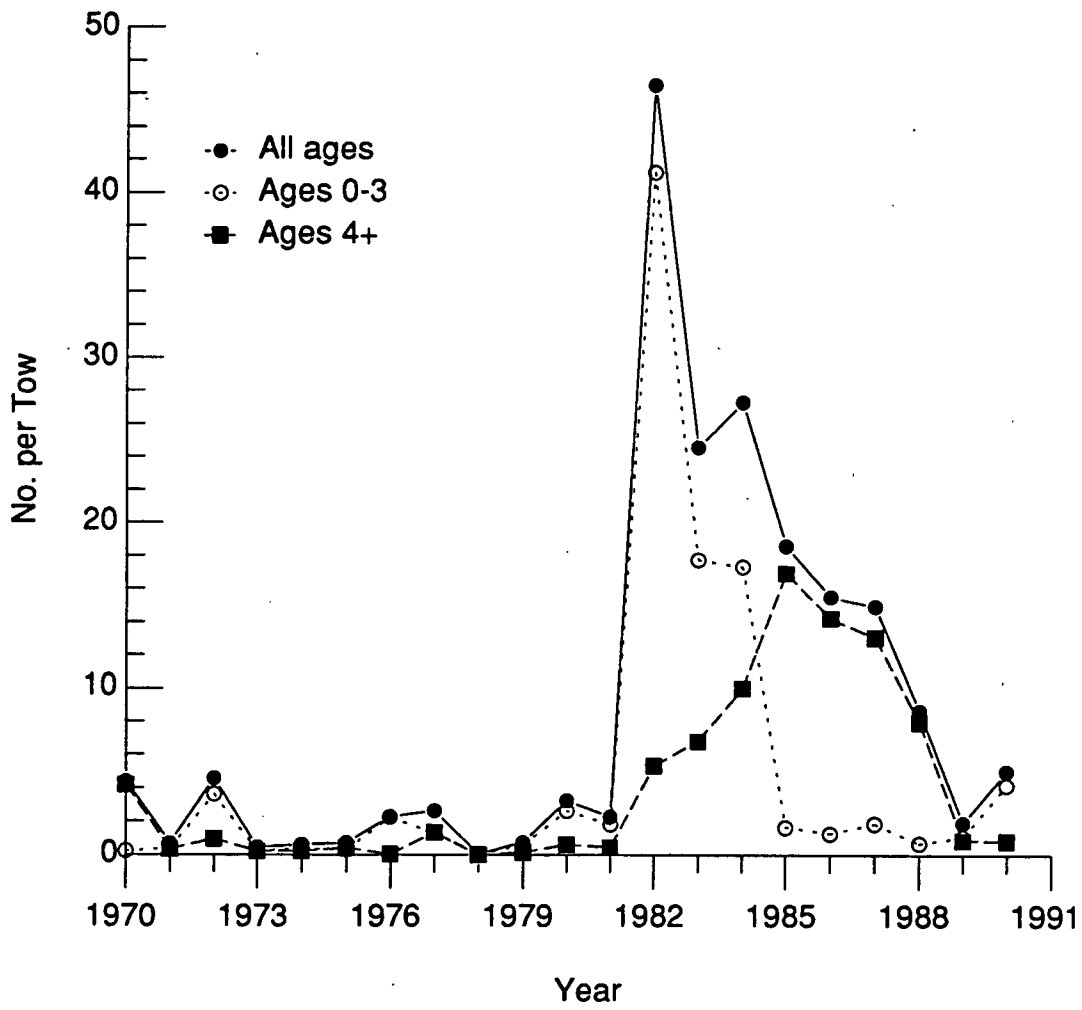


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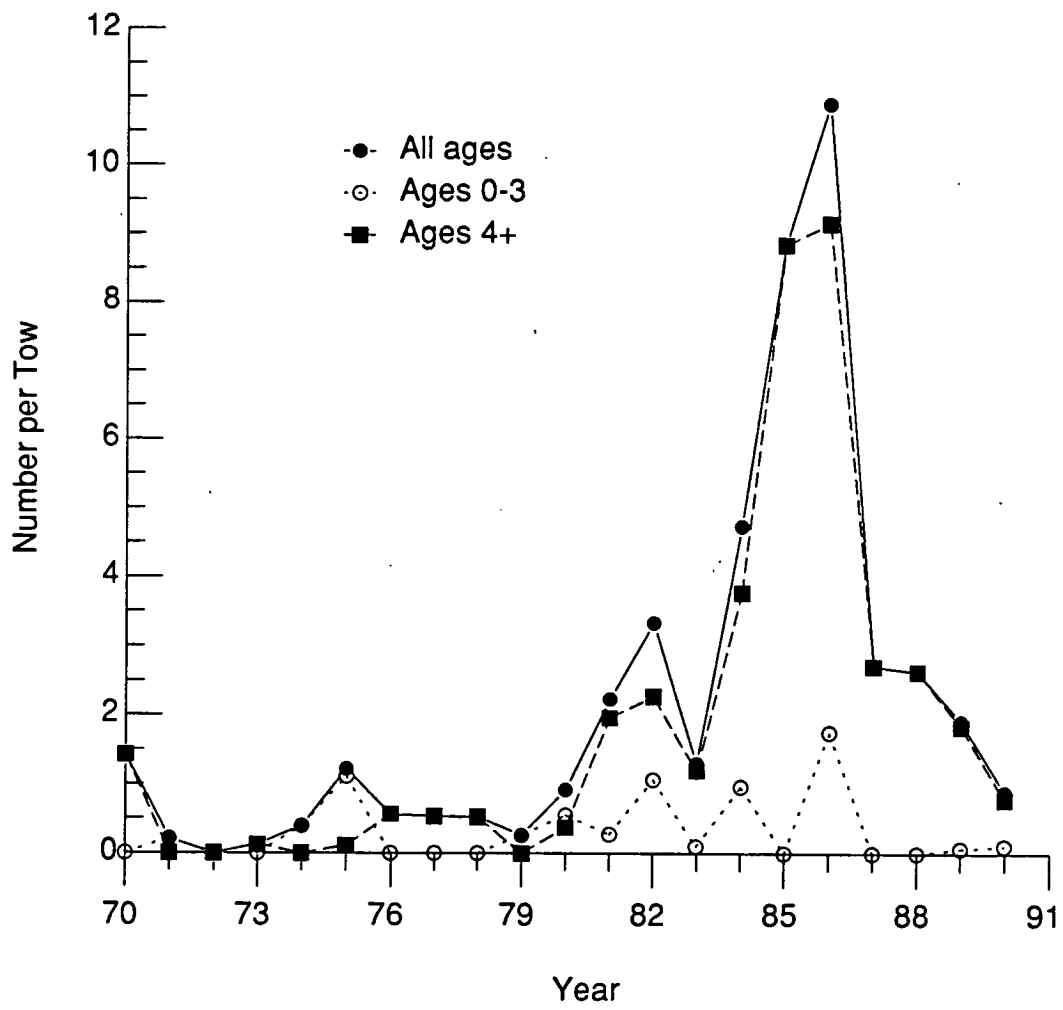


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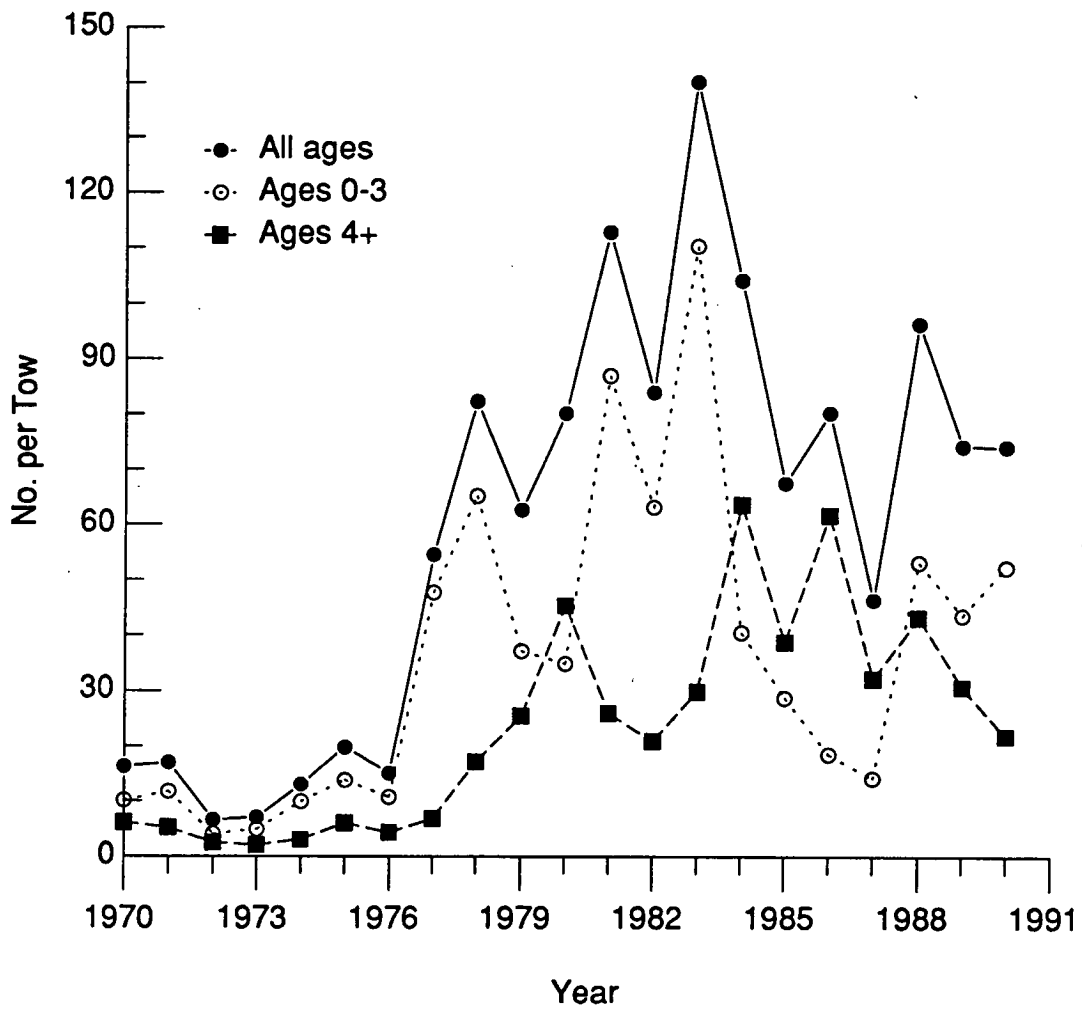


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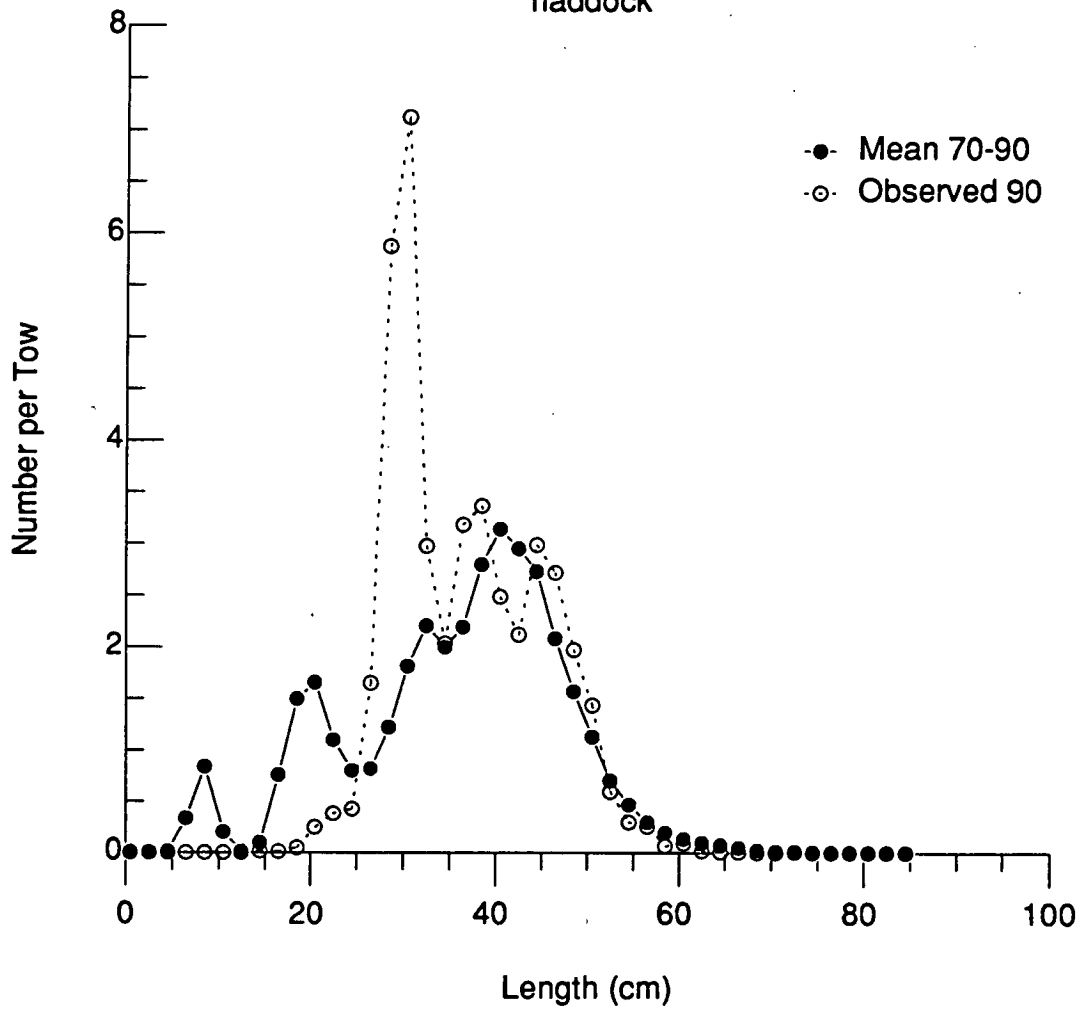
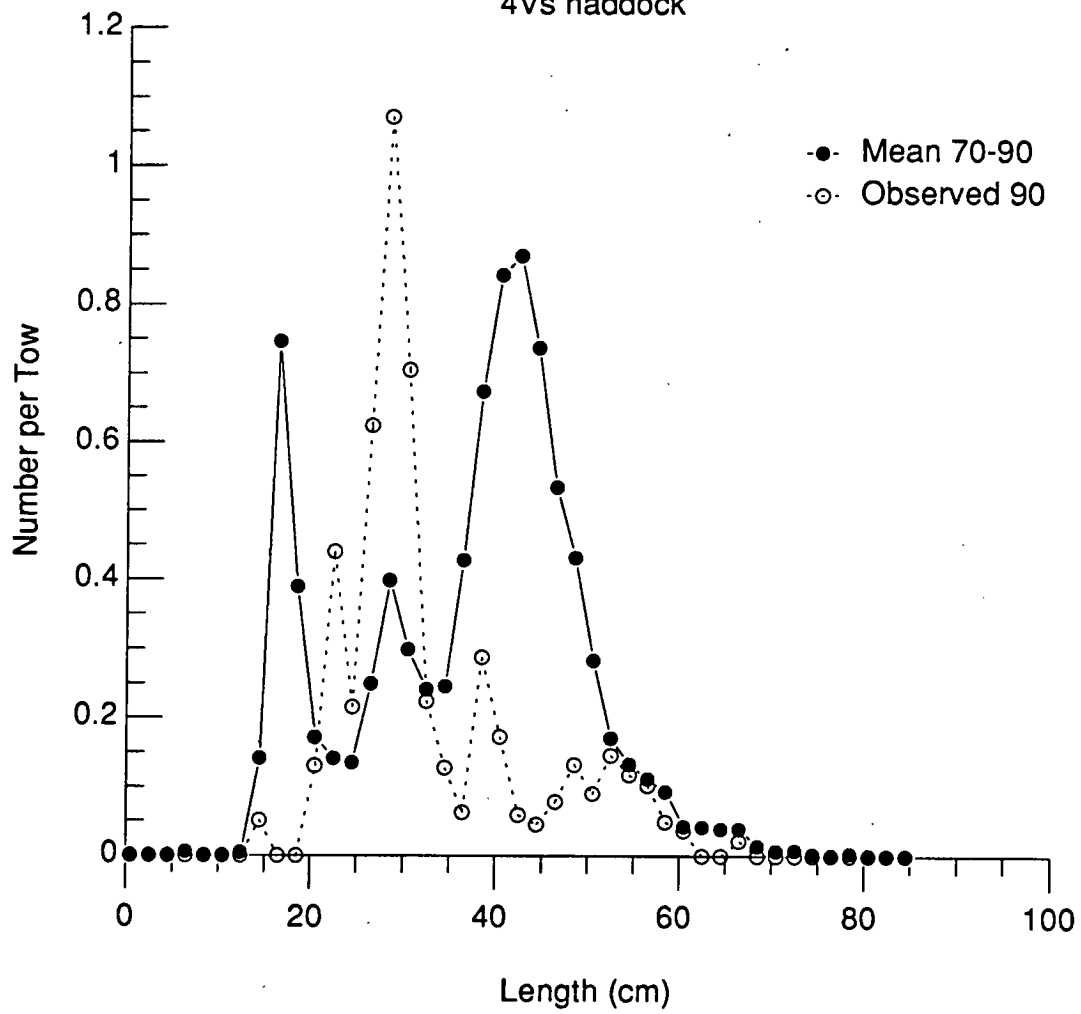


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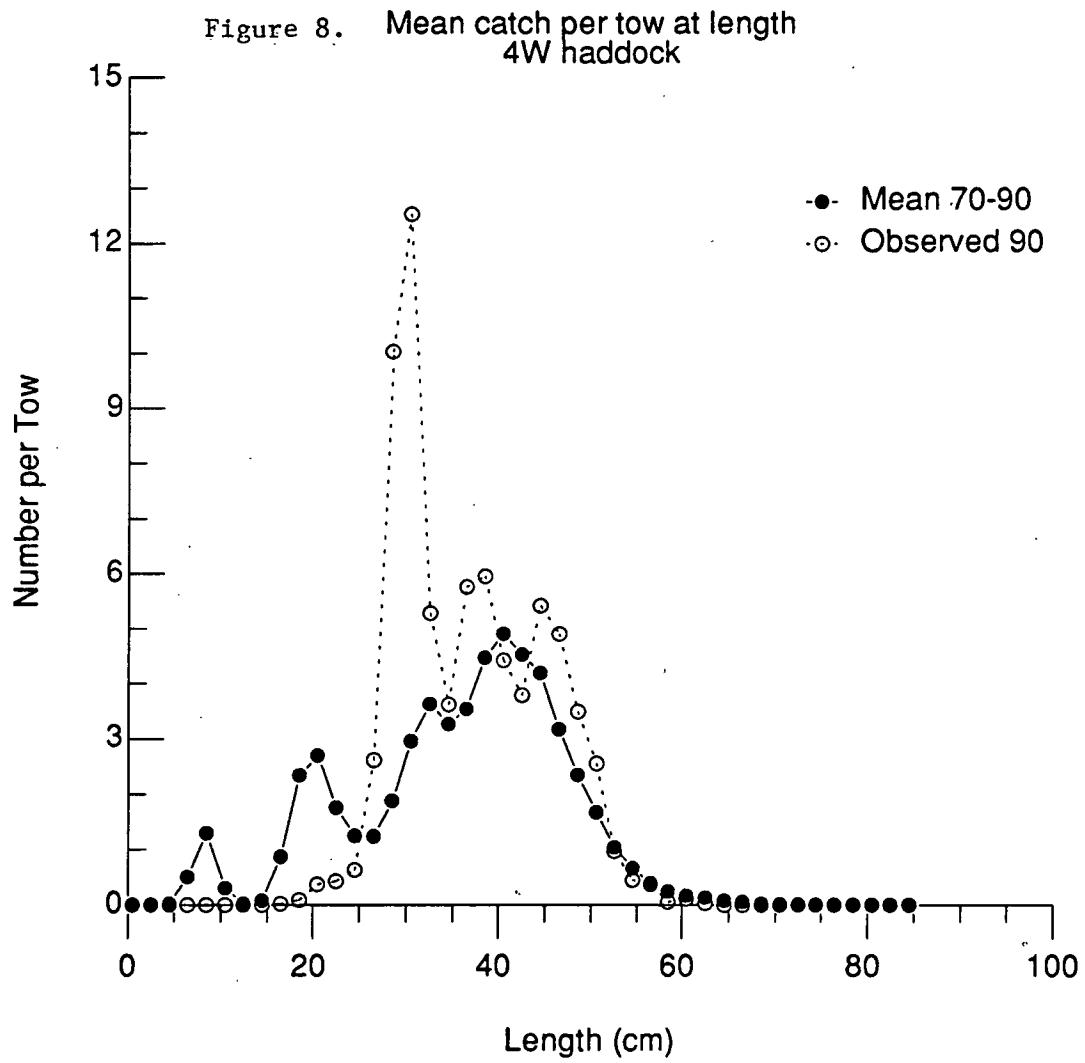


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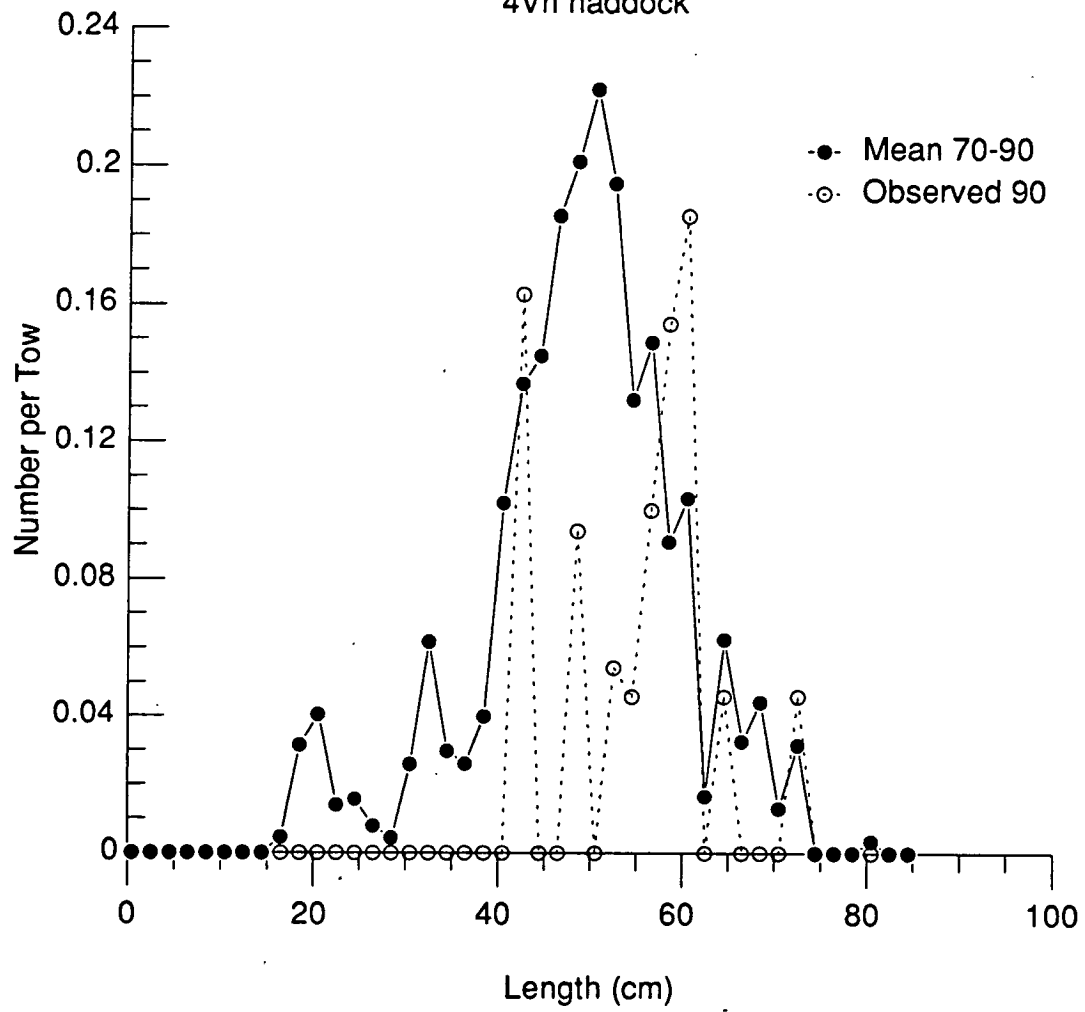
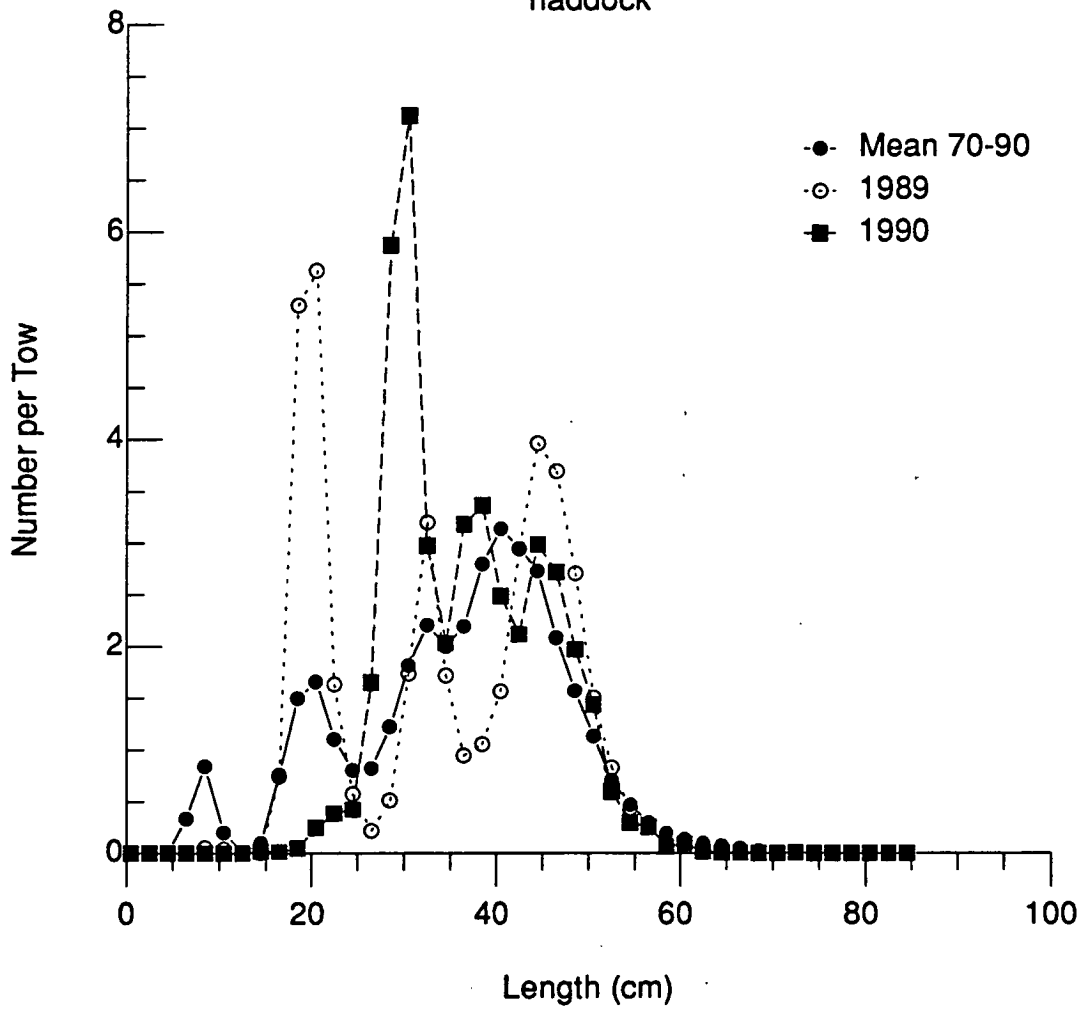


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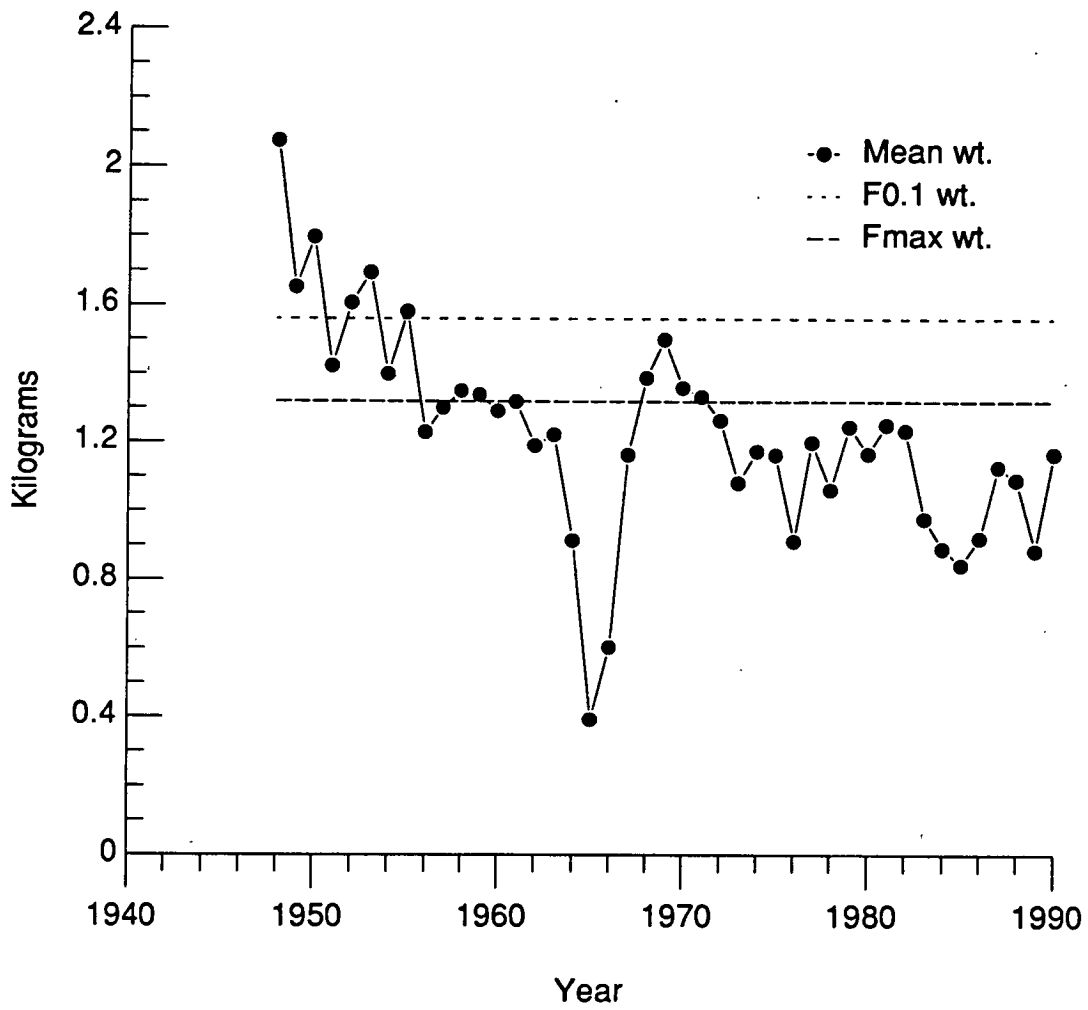


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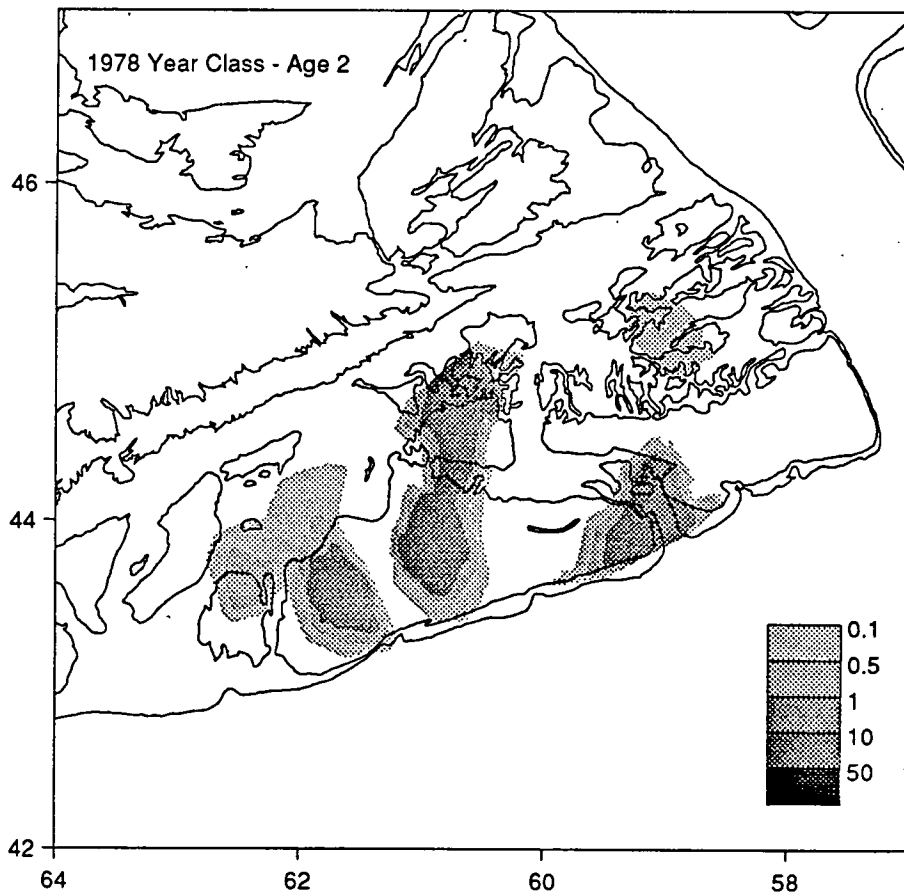
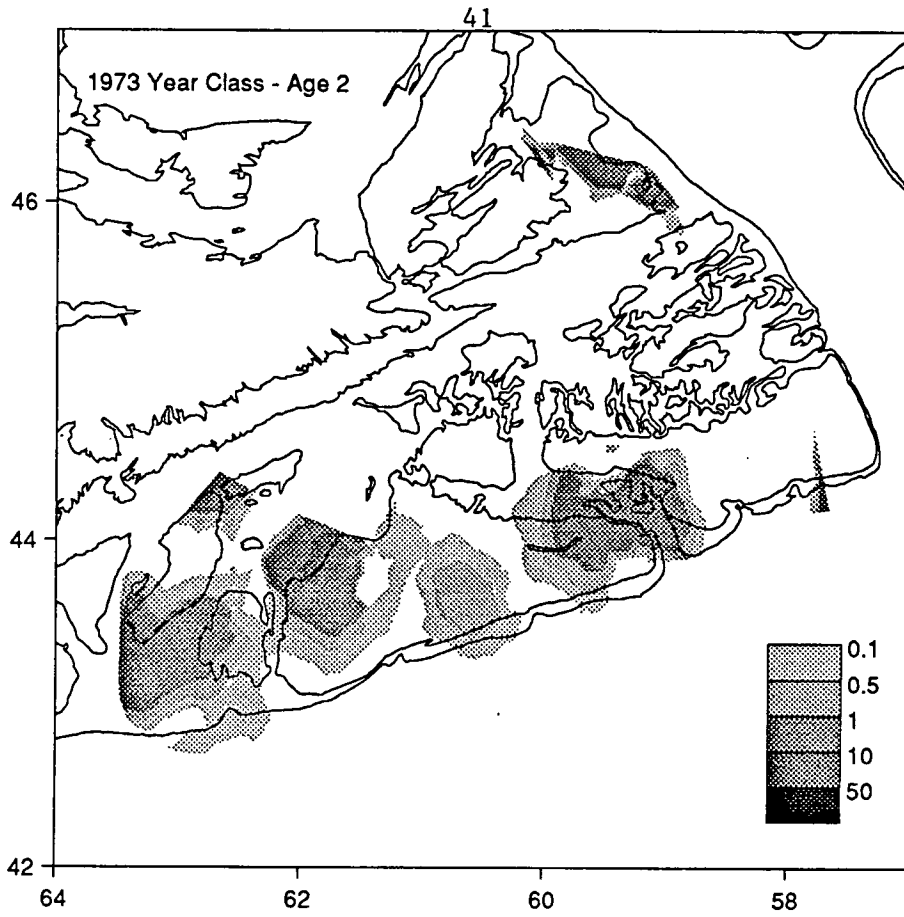


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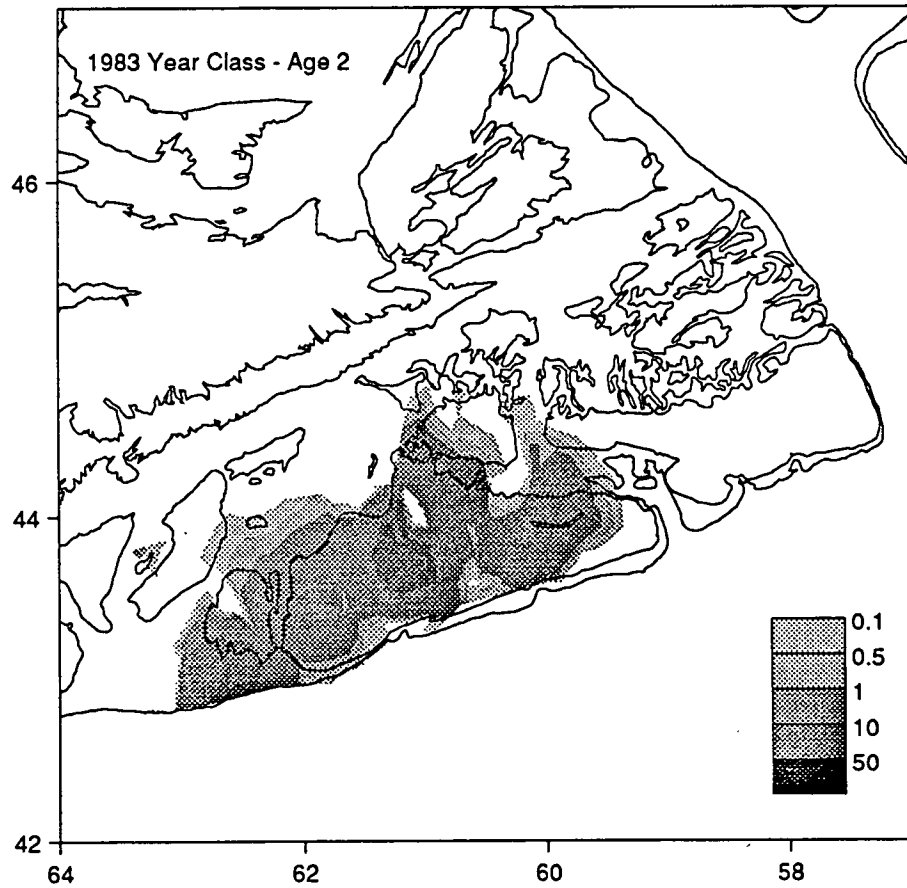
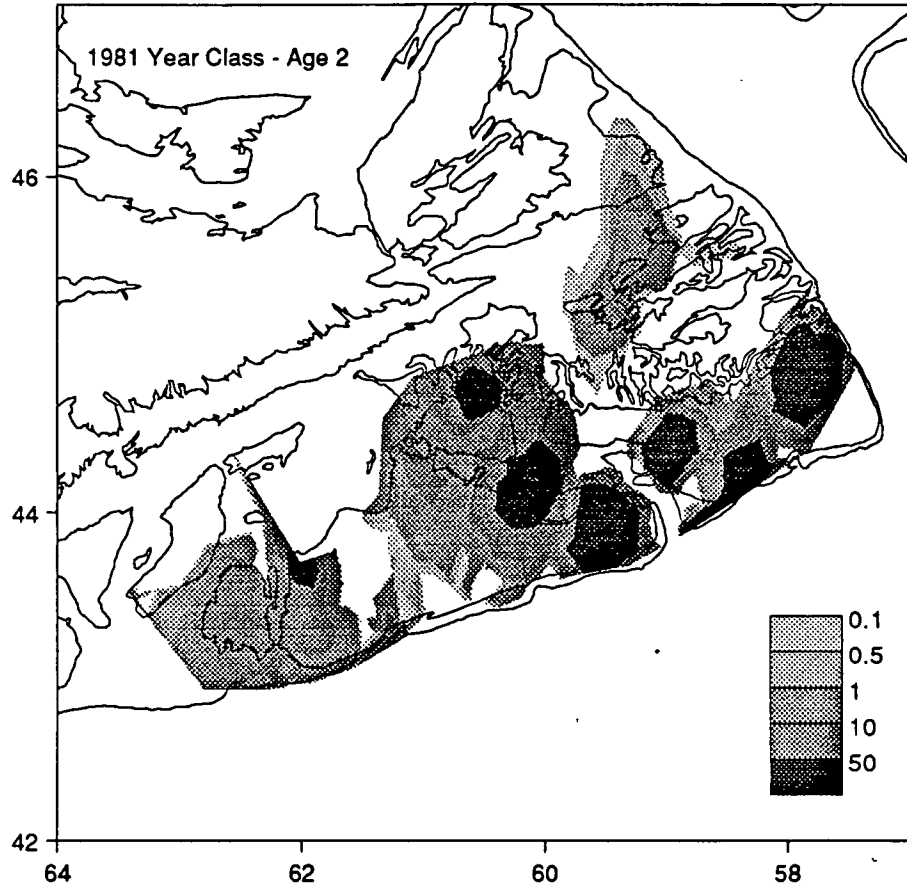


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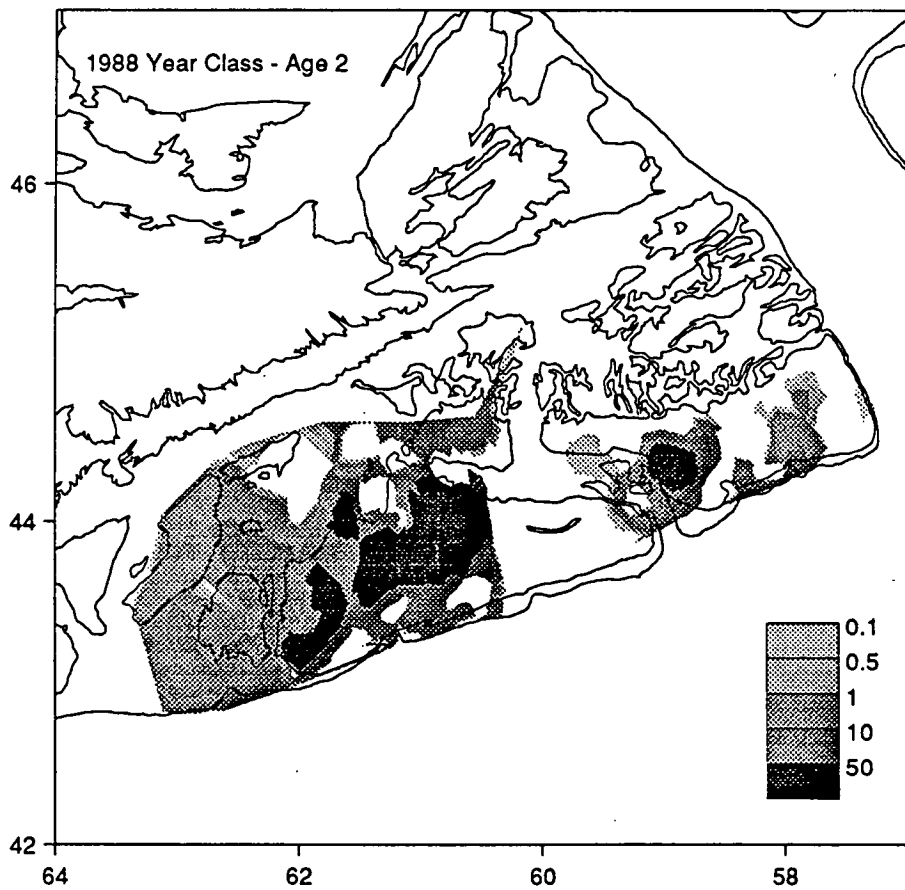
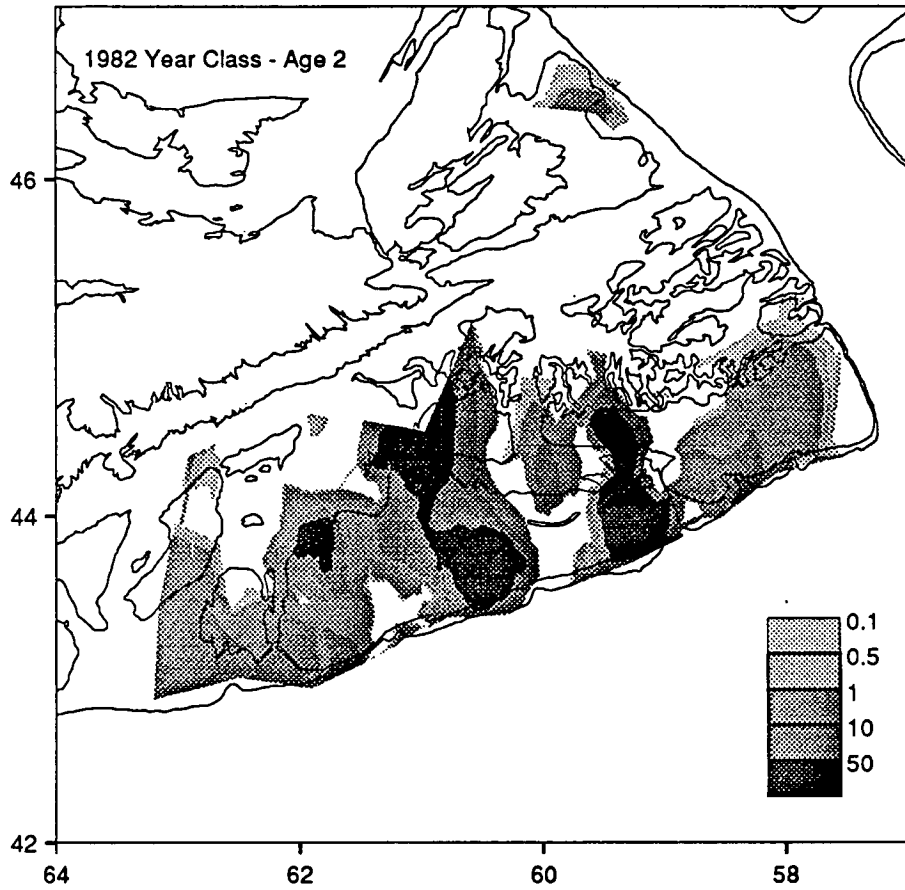


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