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#### Abstract

Provisional lundings of $19,781 \mathrm{t}$ in $1991 \mathrm{in} 8: 2$ and Div. 3K vere lowar than in previous years and less than the quota of $29,400 \mathrm{t}$. The 1991 catch vas doninated by the 1988 year-cless in thren-year-olds (488) and the 1987 year-class as four-year-olds (40\%). Only one purte meine logbook wat returned beckuse many purse seiners did net fish in 1991. Reported digularis vais $70 x$ of trap landings. The low percentage of feimales in the catch var the predominant. reazon for discarding by both purse selne and trap fisheries. Catch rates from purse seine and traps vere considerably lover than in 1990 and represent the lovest level observed since the mid-1980's. Opening dates from July 17 to August 1 for the fixed geer fisheries reflect the later arrival of meture capelin in Div. 3k in 1991 compared to previout years. Irende in catch rates-at-age for traps and purae selpes agred on strong and veak year-clamses in recent years.


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Les chiffres prilininaires sur las debarquanante on proommoce de la sous-zone 2 ot de la division 38 en 1991, coit 19781 t. sont intirieurs, d'una part, a ceux des amien pricidentas et, d'autre part, au contimgnt ( 29400 t ). Ce sont les poissons de trols ot quatre anís, solt coux def classes d'age de 1988 ot de 1987, qui ont domind les prites, dins das proportions respectives de 48 z et de 40 X . Un bon nombre de pecheurz a la sorme coullasante n'ont pas ptché en 1991, ce qui explique que seul un journal de pecho a la somn coulissante ait it retourne. Les zefote delarts se chiffraient 70 X dans la poche au pare on Rilet. Le falble pourcentage de famelles a dte la cause principale des rojeta pritiqua tant dane la ptche a Ia some coulissante que dani la ptche tu parc onfint. les tens de prises dans les deux types de pliche ont $\mathbf{i t}$ conildarablmant infitiaure $x$ ceux do 1990 et ont attelnt leur eouil le plus bas dopuis le militu dif arones 80. Les dates de commencement de li ptele atex melns fixes on 1991 Gchelonmes, entre le 17 juillet ot le $1^{\circ}$ cont, faflitent $l^{\prime}$ arrivie tardive de capelans
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## Introduction

Provisional landings in 1991 of $19,781 \mathrm{t}$ were less than the $29,400 \mathrm{t}$ quota in NAFO SA2 and Div. 3K and were lower than landings in the previous three years (Table 1). Purse seine landings were especially low representing only 3\% of total landings in 1991. We provide herein a summary of the 1991 commercial fishery, the age composition of the catch, and an analysis of the research logbooks maintained by fishermen.

Materials and Methods
Commercial samples were collected by fishermen and at fish plants by reliable collectors at the rate of two samples per gear type per week per statistical section in Div. 3K (Fig. 1). From each sample, length, sex, maturity stage were measured on 200 fish and a stratified sample of 2 otoliths per sex per $1 / 2 \mathrm{~cm}$ length was taken for ageing.

In 1991 research logbooks were mailed to 20 purse seine and 48 fixed gear licensed fishermen residing in Div. 3K. Of these fishermen, 1 purse seine and 26 fixed gear logbook records were returned to us in 1991, a significant decline from last year (Nakashima and Harnum 1991). Only one logbook record from purse seiners was available in our analysis for 1991. Of the 48 fixed gear fishermen, 26 returned logbooks and seven did not fish in 1991. Only the records from the 23 fishermen who fished capelin traps were included in this report. The remaining three fixed gear logbooks were for beach seines. The number of fishermen who did not fish capelin in 1991 was high, most likely due to the late arrival of capelin and low prices.

Fishing effort was estimated from research logbook records for both purse seines and capelin traps. Fishing days for purse seines were defined as those days when the vessel was out searching for capelin schools. Similarly fishing days for traps were defined as those days when the trap was fishing. In 1991, 18 trap fishermen fished one trap each, two fishermen fished two traps and maintained separate records for each trap fished, and three fishermen fished two traps each and combined the records for both traps into a single logbook. To utilize the records from the three unseparated logbooks we estimated effort by developing an effort adjustment factor based on the effort information contained in the logbooks from the two fishermen who kept separate records for each of the two traps they fished (e.g. Carscadden et al. 1990). To estimate total fishing days for unseparated traps, the reported fishing days were doubled and multiplied by 0.94 and to estimate total number of hauls, the reported hauls were doubled and multiplied by 0.80 . This assumes that the three fishermen who did not separate effort for each trap fished, fished in a manner similar to the aggregate effort of the two fishermen who had separated their effort for individual traps.

## Results and Discussion

The Inshore Fishery
The inshore fishery in Div. 3K and 2J was prosecuted by purse seines, capelin traps, and beach seines and has been regulated by quota management since 1982. Quotas by area and gear type are presented in Appendix A. Similar to 1989 and 1990 the quota in 1991 was subdivided into four areas: Notre Dame Bay,

White Bay, North White Bay, and Labrador (Fig. 1). The 1991 quota of $29,400 \mathrm{t}$ was the same as in 1990. However the fixed gear quotas were further subdivided in Notre Dame Bay and North White Bay as given in Appendix A. Opening dates varied considerably. All purse seine fisheries and the fixed gear fisheries in Notre Dame Bay between Dog Bay Point and Cape Freels and in Labrador were opened on June 5. Remaining areas for fixed gear fisheries were monitored and opened between July 17 and August 1. These dates were the latest opening dates since the inshore fishery has been regulated and reflects the later arrival of spawning fish inshore in 1991. Capelin trap fishermen who completed our logbooks in White Bay began fishing between July 17 and July 28 and took up their traps between August 1 and August 14. In Notre Dame Bay the nine trap fishermen started fishing between July 23 and August 3 and stopped fishing between August 5 and August 9.

Age Composition of the Inshore Commercial Catch
In 1991, 54 biological samples were collected and processed from commercial landings throughout Div. 3K. Samples include 10 purse seine, 8 beach seine, and 36 trap (Table 2).

In 1991, the catch in numbers was dominated by the 1988 year-class as three-year-olds (47.9\%) and the 1987 year-class as four-year-olds (40.4\%) (Table 3). The strong 1986 year-class as six-year-olds represented 6.8\% of the total catch. The 1989 year-class as two-year-olds made up 4.9\% of the catch which was the highest proportion of age $2^{\prime} s$ in the series. The proportion of age 2 's in the catch should be considered a maximum estimate and the age 3 's a minimum. In 1991 we experienced some difficulty in age reading because otolith formation appeared to differ from other years which may have resulted in errors in assigning ages between 2- and 3-year-olds.

The 1990 age compositions reported in Nakashima and Harnum (1991) have been revised to reflect updated landing statistics for 1990.

## Research Logbook Survey

The reasons reported for discarding capelin in 1991 varied between Notre Dame Bay and White Bay and between gear types. For traps set in White Bay low percentage of females in the catch (47\%) and redfeed content in the stomachs (23\%) were the predominant reasons for discarding capelin (Table 4). In Notre Dame Bay redfeed content (47\%) and sorting males from the catch (39\%) were the reasons most often reported for discarding by capelin trap fishermen (Table 4). For one purse seiner in Notre Dame Bay a low percentage of females (44\%) was the major reason for discarding capelin (Table 4). The low percentage of females for 1991 purse seines is one of the highest levels, however this estimate comes from a single purse seine logbook (Table 5). For Div. 3K overall, low percentage of females (38\%), redfeed content (28\%), and males sorted out of the landings (20\%) were the major reasons reported for discarding capelin by trap fishermen (Table 6). Of note are reports of discarding due to small females (3\%) which had not been a problem for traps in Div. 3K.

The single purse seiner who completed a logbook reported no landings and all his catch was discarded (Table 7). Discarding from traps in 1991 declined to $56 \%$ of trap landings (Table 8) from $76 \%$ in 1990 (Nakashima and Harnum 1991). Discard totals from traps include approximately 55 t which were given away to
other fishermen and are not represented in the percentages given in Tables 4, 5, and 6. According to research logbook reports fishermen reported that $70 \%$ of trap and 100\% of purse seine discards were released alive at sea. In the analyses presented in Tables 4-9 discards are defined as all capelin caught but not landed by the fisherman who caught them and includes both live and dead fish.

Catch/effort (CPUE) data were available since 1981 for purse seine vessels and since 1983 for capelin traps. CPUE estimates for purse seines were lower than in 1990 (Table 7). The 1991 purse seine CPUE of 5.4 t/day was the lowest in the series, however, only one seiner completed the logbook in 1991 and failed to land any capelin. In the case of capelin traps, the 1991 CPUE estimate of $4.6 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{day}$ was the lowest estimate since 1985 and the $3.4 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{haul}$ was comparable to estimates in 1988 and 1990 (Table 8).

Effort by a single purse seiner of 8 searching days and 5 sets (Table 7 ) in 1991 was comparable to 1990 . In 199128 traps in Div. 3K averaged 15.6 fishing days and were hauled 20.1 times (Table 8), however the effort expended was markedly different between White Bay and Notre Dame Bay. In White Bay 19 traps were fished for 19.0 days and hauled 25 times which more than doubled the effort in Notre Dame Bay of 9 traps fishing 8.4 days each and averaging 11 hauls (Table 9).

If we accept CPUE's as an index of inshore abundance of mature capelin and assume that total catch (i.e. landings + discards) as reported in these research logbooks is more realistic than landings alone, then both purse seine and trap CPUE's indicate that inshore abundance was considerably lower in 1991 than in 1990 and was the lowest in abundance for purse seines in the series and lowest since 1985 for traps (Fig. 2).

In 1991 less fishermen fished capelin than in 1990. One of the reasons was the late arrival of capelin in many parts of the island. other indications of a poor fishery were low percentages of females in the catch, high redfeed levels, and small females. The latter reason was significant because the Japanese roe market was interested in large females (<35 females per kg).

## Relative Year-class Strength

Relative year-class strength was estimated for purse seines and traps by estimating total effort (days fished) from landings (Table 1) and catch rates (Tables 7, 8). The total effort (Table 10) and catch-at-age (Table 11) were used to derive catch rates-at-age in Table 12. To visualize trends in year-class strengths in the 1980's the catch rates-at-age were summed for ages 3 and 4 for year-classes 1979 to 1987 (Table 13) and compared (Fig. 3, 4). The standardized values in Figure 4 suggest that the same strong (eg. 1983, 1986) and weak (eg. 1981, 1984) year-classes were prosecuted by both inshore gears.

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Table 1. Inahore eapolin landings ( $t$ ) by goar, 1979-91.

| yoar | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Karo } \\ & \text { Div. } \end{aligned}$ | Purse soine | Ring not | Beach seine | Trap | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1979 | 25 | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 3K | - | 168 | 461 | 42 | 671 |
|  | 2+3K | - | 168 | 461 | 42 | 671 |
| 1980 | 25 | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 3K | - | 560 | 655 | 139 | 1354 |
|  | 2+3k | - | 560 | 655 | 139 | 1354 |
| 1981 | 23 | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | 3K | - | 1000 | 520 | 283 | 1803 |
|  | 2+3K | - | 1000 | 520 | 283 | 1803 |
| 1982 | 23 | - | 4 | 4 | - | 8 |
|  | 3K | - | 1935 | 1544 | 381 | 3760 |
|  | 2+3K | - | 1939 | 1548 | 381 | 3768 |
| 1983 | 2 J | - | - | 4 | - | 4 |
|  | 3K | 2359 | - | 1062 | 344 | 3765 |
|  | 2+3k | 2359 | - | 1066 | 344 | 3769 |
| 1984 | 23 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
|  | 3K | 3661 | - | 2338 | 1119 | 7118 |
|  | 2+3K | 3661 | - | 2339 | 1119 | 7119 |
| 1985 | 2 J | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
|  | 3K | 3948 | - | 835 | 2584 | 7367 |
|  | 2+3k | 3948 | - | 836 | 2584 | 7368 |
| 1986 | 2 J | - | - | 3 | - | 3 |
|  | 3K | 4222 | - | 2534 | 5143 | 11889 |
|  | 2+3K | 4222 | - | 2537 | 5143 | 11892 |
| 1987* | 23 | - | - | 4 | - | 4 |
|  | 3K | 3038 | - | 2141 | 5625 | 10804 |
|  | 2+3K | 3038 | - | 2145 | 5625 | 10808 |
| 1988* | 2 J | - | - | 2 | - | 2 |
|  | 3K | 9767 | - | 3725 | 13353 | 26845 |
|  | 2+3K | 9767 | - | 3725 | 13353 | 26847 |
| 1989* | 23 | - | - | 3 | 304 | 307 |
|  | 3x | 6608 | - | 3436 | 17451 | 27495 |
|  | 2+3K | 6608 | - | 3439 | 17755 | 27802 |
| 1990* | 25 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
|  | 3K | 10304 | - | 3721 | 21114 | 35139 |
|  | 2+3K | 10304 | - | 3721 | 21114 | 35140 |
| 1991* | 2 J | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
|  | 3K | 598 | - | 2976 | 16206 | 19780 |
|  | 2+3k | 598 | - | 2977 | 16206 | 19781 |

Table 2. Sumary of the commercial samples collocted and aged from the 1991 inshore eapelin fishery in Div. 3K.

| Gear type | No. of Lew/etrat samples | No. otoliths aged (N) | Mann no. otolithe $\pm$ SD per sample |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purse seine | 10 | 380 | $38.0 \pm 4.6$ |
| Beach seine | 8 | 290 | $36.3 \pm 4.6$ |
| Capelin trap | 36 | 1283 | $35.6 \pm 4.6$ |
| TOEAL | 54 | 1953 |  |

Fable 3. Age-compositions (i) of capelin from the inchore commerial eapelin fichery, Div. 3K, 1982-91.

|  | Age |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\overline{2}$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Males |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1982 | 1.2 | 92.3 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 1983 | 0 | 47.5 | 52.5 | 0 | 0 |
| 1984 | 0 | 30.7 | 68.2 | 1.1 | 0 |
| 1985 | 0.6 | 61.7 | 34.7 | 3.0 | 0 |
| 1986 | 0 | 59.1 | 40.4 | 0.5 | 0 |
| 1987 | 0 | 8.7 | 89.9 | 1.4 | 0 |
| 1988 | 0.6 | 65.8 | 29.9 | 3.7 | 0 |
| 1989 | + | 72.7 | 27.0 | 0.3 | + |
| 1990 | 0.1 | 29.2 | 70.7 | + | 0 |
| 1991 | 6.0 | 50.5 | 42.1 | 1.4 | 0 |
| Fomenes |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1982 | 0.9 | 79.5 | 9.8 | 7.7 | 2.1 |
| 1983 | 0 | 38.0 | 58.8 | 3.2 | 0 |
| 1984 | 1.5 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 6.2 | 0.3 |
| 1985 | 0.8 | 55.5 | 27.1 | 16.0 | 0.5 |
| 1986 | 0 | 62.6 | 32.1 | 3.9 | 1.3 |
| 1987 | 0.2 | 12.5 | 76.3 | 10.4 | 0.6 |
| 1988 | 3.4 | 54.3 | 13.6 | 27.0 | 1.7 |
| 1989 | 0.8 | 66.5 | 27.2 | 2.4 | 3.1 |
| 1990 | 0.3 | 39.1 | 58.6 | 2.0 | 0 |
| 1991 | 3.8 | 45.6 | 38.8 | 11.8 | + |
| Sexes combined |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1982 | 1.0 | 85.0 | 8.3 | 4.5 | 1.3 |
| 1983 | 0 | 43.3 | 55.0 | 1.4 | 0 |
| 1984 | 0.6 | 33.4 | 62.6 | 3.1 | 0.1 |
| 1985 | 1.5 | 57.2 | 29.5 | 11.5 | 0.4 |
| 1986 | 0 | 61.0 | 35.8 | 2.4 | 0.7 |
| 1987 | 0.1 | 10.8 | 82.5 | 6.3 | 0.3 |
| 1988 | 1.9 | 59.5 | 20.8 | 16.9 | 1.0 |
| 1989 | 0.4 | 69.7 | 27.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| 1990 | 0.2 | 34.7 | 63.9 | 1.2 | 0 |
| 1991 | 4.9 | 47.9 | 40.4 | 6.8 | + |

Table 4. Parcent contribution by wight of reasona for diecarding capelin in 1991. (This excludes cupelin given to other fishermen.)

| Area | Redfeed | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low } \\ & \text { females } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Small } \\ & \text { fomalen } \end{aligned}$ | Males pieked out | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fomiles } \\ \text { spanned } \\ \text { out } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ro market/ } \\ & \text { guota } \\ & \text { iilled } \end{aligned}$ | mise. | Not given |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trapa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| valte Bay | 23 | 17 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 10 | + | 2 |
| Notre Dame Bay | 47 | 3 | 6 | 39 | 0 | 3 | + | 0 |
| Purse sedse |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| notre Dame bay | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 |

rable 3. Reasons (exprensed as by weight) reported in loghooke for disearding capelin in purse seinot in Div. 3x, 1981-91. This analysis exeludas eapelin given away to other fishermon.

| Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { Low } \\ \text { fomales } \end{gathered}$ | Pudfoed | not mature onough | $\begin{gathered} \text { Smell } \\ \text { females } \end{gathered}$ | Foniles spawned out | $\begin{gathered} \text { Wo } \\ \text { manket } \end{gathered}$ | over <br> ripe | Mise. | Not given |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1981 | 90 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1982 | 32 | 52 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1983 | 5 | 48 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1984 | 81 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 1985 | 6 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 33 | 3 |
| 1986 | 31 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| 1987 | 6 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| 1988 | 20 | 39 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 20 | 5 |
| 1989 | 38 | 51 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| 1990 | 31 | 45 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 1991 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 |

rable 6. Reanon (oxpressed as by weight) reported in logbooks for discarding capelin from capelin traps in Div. 3K in 1983-91. This analysis oxcludes capelin given away to other fishermen.

| Year | Redifeed | $\begin{gathered} \text { smely } \\ \text { fomeles } \end{gathered}$ | ```Females over ripe``` | $\begin{gathered} \text { no } \\ \text { maket } \end{gathered}$ | Low fomales | Males picked out | Fomales spawned out | misc. | Not given |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1983 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 1984 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 51 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| 1985 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 28 | 19 | $+$ | 2 | 4 |
| 1986 | 10 | 0 | 16 | 27 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| 1987 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 6 |
| 1988 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 1989 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 66 | 12 | 0 | 1. | 0 |
| 1990 | 26 | 0 | $+$ | 29 | 30 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 1991 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 38 | 20 | 1 | $+$ | 1 |

Table 7. Capelin landings (t), discards ( $t$ ), and catch/offort from researeh loghook records for purse seines in Div. 3K, 19:1-91.

| Yeat | No. tishermen | Landinga | Discards logbook | Ne. day fished (D) | No. Eeta made (S) | L - Landings |  | C - Landing: + discards |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | L/D | L/5 | C/D | C/S |
| 1981 | 10 | 725.0 | 92.9 | 89 | 118 | 8.2 | 6.1 | 9.2 | 6.9 |
| 1982 | 8 | 849.9 | 188.0 | 67 | 109 | 12.7 | 7.8 | 15.5 | 9.5 |
| 1983 | 14 | 1097.0 | 253.2 | 113 | 161 | 9.7 | 6.8 | 12.0 | 8.4 |
| 1984 | 10 | 928.0 | 297.1 | 87 | 127 | 10.7 | 7.3 | 14.1 | 9.7 |
| 1985 | 9 | 1067.2 | 551.5 | 98 | 129 | 10.9 | 8.3 | 16.5 | 12.6 |
| 1986 | * | 1053.9 | 310.0 | 76 | 110 | 13.9 | 9.6 | 18.0 | 12.4 |
| 1987 | 6 | 253.2 | 219.7 | 31 | 61 | 8.2 | 4.2 | 15.3 | 7.8 |
| 1988 | 16 | 2300.3 | 407.8 | 246 | 257 | 15.8 | 9.0 | 18.5 | 10.5 |
| 1989 | 28 | 1840.4 | 510.3 | 141 | 238 | 13.1 | 7.7 | 16.7 | 9.9 |
| 1990 | 20 | 1784.1 | 1075.8 | 131 | 224 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 21.8 | 12.8 |
| 1991 | 1 | 0 | 43.1 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5.4 | 8.6 |

Table 0. Capelin landinga ( $t$ ), discards ( $t$ ), bycateh ( $t$ ), and catch/affort trom research logbook records for capelin traps in Div. 3R, 1983-91.

| Yoar | No. Lishermen | no. traps | Lending* | Discards legbeok | Bycateh |  | No. deys fished (D) | No. times hauled <br> (H) | $\underline{L}=$ Landings |  | $c=$ Landings + diseards |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Cod | Berring |  |  | $\sqrt{0}$ | $\sqrt{17}$ | C/D | C/ ${ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| 1983 | 3 | 3 | 35. | 51.3 | 6.0 | 24.9 | 41 | 48 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| 1984 | 6 | 6 | 217.0 | 111.3 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 80 | 101 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 3.3 |
| 1985 | 9 | 9 | 212.0 | 209.9 | 2.8 | 0 | 132 | 123 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| 1986 | 14 | 14 | 757.6 | 575.9 | 3.4 | + | 229 | 278 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 5.8 | 4.8 |
| 1987 | 13 | 15 | 355.8 | 378.4 | 0.1 | 0 | 70 | 125 | 5.1 | 2.8 | 10.5 | 5.9 |
| 1988 | 18 | 20 | 992.0 | 532.5 | 1.5 | 0 | 258 | 423 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 1989 | 28 | 35 | 1360.7 | 103\%.1 | 4.9 | 0 | 411 | 732 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 5.8 | 3.3 |
| 1990 | 34 | 48 | 1893.7 | 1447.9 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 312 | 375 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 10.7 | 5.8 |
| 1991 | 23 | 28 | 1288.5 | 722.5 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 439 | 533 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 4.6 | 3.4 |

Table 9. Capelin landinga ( $t$ ), disearda ( $t$ ), byeateh ( $t$ ), and cateh/effort trom researeh loghook records for capelin trapt in Div. 3K in 1991.


[^0]Table 10. Capelin landings (t), catch rates (t/day, and effort (days fished) for purse seines (PS) and capelin traps (T) in NAFO Div. 3K, 1982-91.

| Year | Gear | Landings | Catch rate | Effort |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1982 | PS | 1939 | 15.5 | 125 |
| 1983 | PS | 2359 | 12.0 | 197 |
|  | T | 344 | 3.3 | 104 |
| 1984 | PS | 3661 | 14.1 | 260 |
|  | T | 1119 | 4.1 | 273 |
| 1985 | PS | 3948 | 16.5 | 239 |
|  | T | 2584 | 3.2 | 808 |
| 1986 | PS | 4222 | 18.0 | 235 |
|  | T | 5143 | 5.8 | 887 |
| 1987 | PS | 3038 | 15.3 | 199 |
|  | T | 5625 | 10.5 | 536 |
| 1988 | PS | 9767 | 18.5 | 528 |
|  | T | 13353 | 5.9 | 2263 |
| 1989 | PS | 6608 | 16.7 | 396 |
|  | T | 17755 | 5.8 | 3061 |
| 1990 | PS | 10304 | 21.8 | 473 |
|  | T | 21114 | 10.7 | 1973 |
| 1991 | PS | 598 | 5.4 | 111 |
|  | T | 16206 | 4.6 | 3523 |

Table 11. Catch-at-age (numbers $\times 10^{-3}$ ) for mature capelin by purse seines and traps in NAFO Div. 3K, 1982-91.


Table 12. Catch rates-at-age (t/day) for mature capelin from purse seines and traps in NAFO Div. 3K, 1982-91.

|  |  | Ages |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Purse seine | 1982 | 5.8 | 403.4 | 46.8 | 21.5 | 6.9 |
|  | 1983 | 0 | 120.3 | 209.4 | 5.7 | 0 |
|  | 1984 | 3.3 | 168.2 | 244.6 | 9.7 | 0.3 |
|  | 1985 | 9.7 | 370.4 | 167.0 | 72.4 | 2.2 |
|  | 1986 | 0 | 393.2 | 208.9 | 14.2 | 4.1 |
|  | 1987 | 1.5 | 128.5 | 985.8 | 75.4 | 4.1 |
|  | 1988 | 6.1 | 313.3 | 111.7 | 93.0 | 4.6 |
|  | 1989 | 0.8 | 384.8 | 121.4 | 7.1 | 8.3 |
|  | 1990 | 1.3 | 253.0 | 461.4 | 6.9 | 0 |
|  | 1991 | 9.0 | 109.3 | 87.4 | 17.4 | 0.2 |
| Traps | 1984 | 0.8 | 35.8 | 79.1 | 4.3 | 0.1 |
|  | 1985 | 1.6 | 56.2 | 34.4 | 11.5 | 0.4 |
|  | 1986 | 0.1 | 113.2 | 70.6 | 5.0 | 1.8 |
|  | 1987 | 0.2 | 28.8 | 186.9 | 16.8 | 1.3 |
|  | 1988 | 3.5 | 100.2 | 37.7 | 30.5 | 1.7 |
|  | 1989 | 0.9 | 116.2 | 49.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
|  | 1990 | 0.8 | 117.5 | 231.8 | 4.0 | 0 |
|  | 1991 | 9.1 | 88.5 | 70.9 | 12.7 | 0.1 |

Table 13. Catch rate-at-age (t/day) for ages 3 and 4 mature capelin combined for NAFO Div. 3K year-classes, 1979-87.

| Year-class | Purse seine (C/D) | Trap (C/D) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1979 | 612.8 |  |
| 1980 | 364.9 | 70.2 |
| 1981 | 335.2 | 126.8 |
| 1982 | 579.3 | 300.1 |
| 1983 | 1379.0 | 66.5 |
| 1984 | 240.2 | 149.9 |
| 1985 | 434.7 | 348.0 |
| 1986 | 846.2 | 188.4 |



Fig. 1. Statistical areas (alphabetic) and sections (numeric) for the Nevfoundland Region.


Fig. 2. Catch rates (t/day) for purse seine and trap fisheries in Div. 3 K .


Fig.3. Catch rates at ages 3 and 4 combined for purse seines and traps in NAFO Div. 3K.


Fig. 4. Standardized catch rates at ages 3 and 4 combined for purse seines and traps in NAFO Div. 3K.

APPEMDIX A
Allocation of quotas ( $t$ ) and oponing dates for the inshore commercial fishory in saz 4 Div. 3K.

| Year | Aren | Fixed gent | Purse <br> eine | Remerve | Total | Product use | $\begin{aligned} & \text { opening } \\ & \text { diate } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1982 | 2J3K | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 3000 | Prosen temales | June 1 |
| 1983 | Notre Dame bay | 1500 | 1300 |  | 3000 | Proren females | June 15 |
|  | White say | 1500 | 1300 |  | 3000 | Frozen females | June 15 |
|  | 233K | 1000 | 1000 |  | 2000 | Row extraction | June 15 |
| 1984 | Notre Dam may | 2500 | 2500 |  | 5000 | Frosen famales | June 15 |
|  | White Eay Labrador | 1500 | 1500 |  | 3000 | Fromen fomales | June 15 |
| 1985 | Notre Dam may | 2500 | 2500 |  | 5000 | Prosen fomales | June 28 |
|  | White Bay 4 Labrader | 1500 | 1500 |  | 3000 | Frozen fomales | June 28 |
| 1986 | Notre Dane say | 5500 | 5500 |  | 11000 | Frosen females | June 1 |
|  | White Day t Labrador | 4000 | 4000 |  | 8000 | Frozen Semales | June 1 |
| 1987 | Notre Dame Bay | 3300 | 1700 |  | 5000 | Frozen fommles | June 1* |
|  | White Day timerador | 2600 | 1000 |  | 3600 | Frosen iemeles | June 1* |
| 1988 | Notre Dame Bay | 8200 | 3250 |  | 11450 | Frosen fomales | June 1 |
|  | White Bay Labrador | 5300 | 3250 | 1300 | 10050 | Frosen fomales | June 1 |
| 1989 | sotre Dame Bay | 8500 | 3500 |  | 12000 | Prosen fomales | June 7 |
|  | White Bay | 7000 | 3300 |  | 10300 | Frozen tomales | June 7 |
|  | N. White Bay | 1500 |  |  | 1500 | Frosen tomales | Jun* 7 |
|  | Inbrador | 300 |  |  | 300 | Frozen fomalem | June 7 |
| 1990 | Notre Dame Bay | 10500 | 4000 |  | 14500 | Frosen fomales | June 26 |
|  | White Bay | 8500 | 4000 |  | 12500 | Frosen females | June 28 |
|  | N. White Eay | 2000 |  |  | 2000 | Frowen fomeles | July 9 |
|  | Labrador | 400 |  |  | 400 | Frosen fomales | June 27 |
| 1991 | Notre Dawe Bay |  | 4000 |  | 4000 | Fromen tomele | June 5 |
|  | - Cape John to North hd. | 2950 |  |  | 2930 | Frosen tomales | July 23 |
|  | - North Hd. to Dog Bay pt. | 6150 |  |  | 6150 | Frozen fomales | July 23 |
|  | - Dog Bay Pt. to Cape Freels | 1400 |  |  | 1400 | Froren Comales | June 5 |
|  | White Bay |  | 4000 |  | 4000 | Frosen fomales | June 5 |
|  |  | 8500 |  |  | 8500 | Frosen fomales | July 17 |
|  | North White Bay <br> - North of Pischot Is. <br> - seuth ef rischot Is. <br> Labrador | $\begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ 500 \\ 100 \end{array}$ |  |  | 1500 500 100 | Prozen 2emales <br> Prosen fomales <br> Frosen females | Aug. 1 <br> July 31 <br> June 5 |

* Eishery bugen June 19 atter agreement on price structure and quotas


[^0]:    - includes capelin given to other tisherman

