

Assessment of Redfish in Divisions 4RST

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Abstract

The standardized catch rate series showed gradual increases from 1977-79 followed by substantial increases in 1980 and 1981, the 1981 level being the highest in the series. While recent catch rates indicated an improvement in the stock, attributed to the recruitment of the successful year-classes of the early 1970's to the fishery, the increases may not be proportional to increases in stock abundance. Cohort analysis was performed using $M = 0.1$ and a dome-shaped partial recruitment curve which was suggested by the relationship between the commercial catch at age and research vessel abundance at age. A comparison of the abundance of the 1954-60 year-classes with that predicted by a series of cohort runs suggested $F_T = 0.14$ in 1981. Assuming the 1982 TAC of 28,000 t is caught and fishing at $F_{0.1} = 0.15$ in 1983, the projected catch in 1983 was 37,000 t. Fishing at $F_{0.1} = 0.15$ in both years yielded catches of 38,000 t and 36,000 t respectively. Approximately 35% of the projected 1983 catch would be composed of the early 1970 year-classes.

Résumé

La série des taux de capture standardisés fait voir une augmentation graduelle de 1977 à 1979. Celle-ci a été suivie d'augmentations importantes en 1980 et en 1981; les prises ont atteint leur plus haut niveau en 1981. Les derniers taux de capture dénotent une amélioration du stock qu'on attribue au recrutement des classes d'âge abondantes du début des années 1970; toutefois, il est possible que l'augmentation des prises ne soit pas proportionnelle à la croissance des stocks. On a effectué une analyse des cohortes pour laquelle M fut fixé à 0,1; une courbe de recrutement partielle hémisphéroïde fut établie par comparaison entre les prises commerciales par catégorie d'âge et l'abondance, par catégorie d'âge, des populations recensées par le navire de recherche. En comparant l'abondance des classes d'âge de 1954 à 1960 avec celle prévue par une série de cohortes, on est arrivé à une équation $F_T = 0,14$ pour 1981. En supposant que les pêcheurs atteignent les PTA de 28 000 t pour l'année 1982 et en supposant une pêche à $F_{0,1} = 0,15$ pour l'année 1983, on en est arrivé à une projection de 37 000 t pour 1983. Une pêche à $F_{0,1} = 0,15$ pour ces deux années a donné, respectivement, 38 000 t et 36 000 t de prises. Environ 35 % des prises prévues pour 1983 devraient provenir des classes d'âge du début des années 1970.

Introduction

Nominal catches of redfish in Divisions 4RST peaked in 1973 at 130,000 t, composed primarily of the strong 1956 and 1958 year-classes. Year-classes throughout the 1960's were relatively weak, resulting in lowered catch rates through most of the 1970's. The early 1970 year-classes were determined to be the first successful ones since those of 1956 and 1958 by research vessel surveys to the Gulf in 1976 and 1978-81. These year-classes have been abundant in the commercial redfish catch since at least 1979. Catch rates have been generally increasing since 1978.

Materials and Methods

Catch and effort data from the directed redfish fishery, defined as catches consisting of 50% or more redfish, were available for 1959-79 from ICNAF/NAFO. Preliminary information was obtained for Newfoundland and Maritime vessels for 1980-81. Effort data from vessels of tonnage class less than 4 were not used due to the doubtful value of this information. Catch and effort data were standardized using the multiplicative model developed by Gavaris (1980) to obtain estimates of the relative powers of the years 1959-81.

The redfish landings by otter trawl vessels from the three Atlantic Regions (Quebec, Maritimes and Newfoundland) for 1981 are listed by month and Division in Table 1. Length frequencies sampled from these landings are listed in Table 2 and shown in Fig. 2-4. Otoliths were selected from samples of Maritime and Newfoundland catches and totalled 396 for males and 470 for females. Data for landings and length frequencies from Quebec - based vessels were provided by J. P. Lussiaà-Berdou (Direction générale des pêche maritimes, St. Foy, Quebec).

The above commercial sampling data were used to obtain the catch at age and its variance and the mean weight at age for 1981 following the procedure outlined by Gavaris and Gavaris (unpublished)¹. The catch at age from 1976-80 included estimates of discards of young redfish (ages 5-8) from the Port aux Choix shrimp fishery. The weight at age used from 1972-80 was based on a "standard" age/weight relationship.

The research survey of the Gulf redfish stock in 1981 was conducted by the VICKY AND BROTHERS, a vessel of the same size and power and using the same fishing gear as the BEOTHIC VENTURE which conducted previous surveys. Survey methodology was consistent with past surveys. The length frequency from the 1981 survey is presented (Fig. 5) for comparison with the commercial length frequencies.

Estimates of partial selection for 1978-81 were obtained by comparing the commercial catch at age with research numbers at age, assuming research numbers at age accurately reflect the population age structure. The relationships were smoothed by taking repeated running medians and are plotted in Fig. 6.

Cohort analysis was performed using $M = 0.1$ and a range of F_T values in 1981.

¹Paper entitled "Estimation of catch at age and its variance for groundfish stocks in the Newfoundland Region" was presented to the DFO seminar on "Sampling of commercial marine fish and invertebrate catches", Ottawa, February, 1982.

Results and Discussion

The results of the regression of \ln (catch rate), weighted by effort, versus vessel type, month, division, and year categories (Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively in Table 3) were significant. The estimates of the power of years 1959-81, relative to 1959 which was set equal to 1, are shown in Table 4 and Fig. 1. Nominal catches and standardized effort are listed in Table 4.

Trends in the relative power of years indicated a generally steady decline in the stock from 1967-76. The high levels were associated with the recruitment of the strong 1956 and 1958 year-classes to the fishery while the decline was the result of subsequent poor recruitment. Increases have occurred since 1978 due to the recruitment of the successful year-classes of the early 1970's to the fishery. Very large increases occurred in both 1980 and 1981 (based on preliminary data for Maritime and Newfoundland vessels only). Increases in the commercial index may not be directly proportional to increases in the population if other factors such as the degree of concentration of the fishable biomass has changed between years.

Length frequencies of redfish from Canadian otter trawl vessels fishing in Divs. 4R and 4S showed the bulk of the catch was composed of 26-29 cm fish (Fig. 2-3). Larger fish were indicated from the catches in Div. 4T (Fig. 4). This was in agreement with research vessel surveys which have found the smaller redfish (the early 1970's year-classes) to be concentrated between Bay of Islands and Anticosti Island in Div. 4R and 4S. Approximately 87 and 89% of the nominal catch in 1980 and 1981 was taken in these divisions.

The length composition of redfish >15 cm in Div 4RST in 1982 from the research vessel survey showed an abundance of fish at 26-29 cm, similar to the commercial frequencies (Fig. 5). Larger redfish were relatively more abundant in the research length frequency however than in the commercial length frequencies which represented the bulk of the catch (Maritime and Quebec vessels fishing in Div 4R and 4S). This suggested that the commercial fishery was largely carried out in the area where the abundant year-classes of the early 1970's were concentrated. A large number of small redfish, having modal length 9 cm, were also caught. This length group may represent the first good year-class since those of the early 1970's.

The catch at age for 1981 (Table 5) was dominated by 9 and 10 year old fish, the 1971-72 year classes, as was the 1980 catch at age (Table 6). The mean weight at age, as calculated for 1981, showed fish of ages 7-16 to be heavier and ages 17-27 to be lighter than estimated using the "standard" age/weight relationship for redfish (Table 7). This difference would influence yield per recruit calculations. The $F_{0.1}$ would be higher using the 1981 weight at age rather than the standard relationship.

The partial selection patterns for 1978-81 (Fig. 6) illustrated a shift in the ages of full recruitment from older to younger fish. In 1980 and 1981, when the early 1970 year-classes began to reach an acceptable commercial size (>25 cm. approximately), younger fish became fully recruited while the selection on older fish dropped off. Catch rates increased substantially at the same time. Such a pronounced shift in the partial selection pattern is entirely likely with redfish stocks as fish of different length groups are stratified by depth. The commercial fishery may obtain higher catch rates by concentrating

fishing at depths where abundant year-classes are localized. The dome-shaped partial selection pattern derived for 1981 (Table 9) was therefore considered the best estimate for use in cohort analysis.

Several cohort runs were made with $F_T = .07, .14, .20, \text{ and } .25$. The commercial abundance index was not used to distinguish between the several runs as the large increases in the index in 1980 and 1981 were not considered to be proportional to increases in the population but rather to the concentration of the early 1970 year-classes. The criterion used to determine F_T was a comparison of the abundance of the 1956 and 1958 year-classes from the research surveys in 1976 and 1978-81 with that from the various cohort runs. The abundances of the 1954-60 year-classes from the surveys and cohort runs were summed, to cover errors in ageing, and are shown in Table 8. As one year (1977) was missing from the survey data and some inconsistencies were present in the series, the data were fitted to an exponential decline ($r = -0.85$) and the predicted values used in the comparison. All series were standardized to their respective means. Closest agreement in the final years was found with an average F on the 1954-60 year-classes of 0.05 which implied $F_T = 0.14$. Thus $F_T = 0.14$ was chosen as the best estimate for F_T in 1981. The resulting estimates of population numbers, mid-year biomass, and F values at age for 1972-81 are shown in Tables 10, 11, and 12 respectively.

For yield per recruit calculations and projections, a flat-topped partial selection pattern was used (Table 9) as a better reflection of long-term conditions than a dome-shaped one. The $F_{0.1}$ value was 0.16, (Table 13) considerably higher than last year's which was 0.12 (McKone et al, 1981). The 1981 partial selection pattern, showing full recruitment at an older age than in 1980, and the weight at age differences between 1981 and 1980 would both contribute to the change. For projections, $F_{0.1} = 0.15$ was used as an approximate average value for redfish. Recruitment in 1982 and 1983 was calculated as the geometric mean from cohort population numbers (Table 10), which equalled 72.6×10^6 fish.

Population numbers, catch biomass and fishing mortalities to 1983 are shown in Table 14 assuming the TAC of 28,000 t is caught in 1982 and fishing is at $F_{0.1} = 0.15$ in 1983. The suggested catch in 1983 was 37,000 t, 35% from the 1970-72 year-classes. The results for fishing at $F_{0.1} = 0.15$ in both 1982 and 1983 are shown in Table 15. The suggested catches were 38,000 t and 36,000 t (25% and 35% from the 1970-72 year-classes) in 1982 and 1983 respectively.

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Table 1. Monthly redfish landings by Canadian OT vessels fishing in Division 4RST in 1981.

Month	Divisions								
	4R			4S			4T		
	Can M	Can N	Can Q	Can M	Can N	Can Q	Can M	Can N	Can Q
January	4	74							
February	11	82		2	1				
March		31		2	28			13	
April						18	6	4	
May						12	8		
June	593	292	635	122	203	808	98		400
July	720	33	304	598		701	722		400
August	1,133	8	886	816	124	1,467	179	196	100
September	869	236	968	415	49	1,282	58	57	1
October	301	322	866	405		1,119	22		
November		6		11	1	6	1		
December									
Div. Totals (all gears)		8,651			9,441			2,271	
Area total					21,087				

Table 2. Redfish length frequencies collected in 1981 from Canadian OT vessels fishing in Divisions 4RST.

Month	Divisions		
	4R	4S	4T
January	2		
February	1		
March			1
April			
May		1	
June	5	3	2
July	8	4	
August	17	3	
September	1	1	
October	1		
November			
December			

Table 3. Results of the regression, weighted by effort, of $\ln(\text{catch rate})$ versus vessel type, month, division, and year categories (Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively) for Div. 4RST redbfish.

MULTIPLE R.....0.764
 MULTIPLE R SQUARED.....0.584

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE				
SOURCE OF VARIATION	DF	SUMS OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARES	F-VALUE
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INTERCEPT	1	8.608E1	8.608E1	
REGRESSION	37	2.645E2	7.150E0	56.698
TYPE 1	5	6.520E1	1.304E1	103.415
TYPE 2	8	1.647E2	2.059E1	163.286
TYPE 3	2	9.078E0	4.539E0	35.994
TYPE 4	22	1.154E2	5.244E0	41.585
RESIDUALS	1492	1.881E2	1.261E-1	
TOTAL	1530	5.388E2		

Table 4. The nominal catch, catch rate trends, and standardized effort for the Div. 4RST redbfish stock, 1959-81. The proportion of the nominal catch used in the standardization procedure is also listed.

YEAR	TOTAL CATCH	PROP.	RELATIVE POWER		EFFORT
			MEAN	S.E.	
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1959	16978	0.392	1.000	0.000	16978
1960	12218	0.390	1.010	0.107	12094
1961	10391	0.394	1.001	0.107	10376
1962	6585	0.211	0.753	0.105	8750
1963	19794	0.361	1.450	0.145	13653
1964	29700	0.162	1.510	0.177	19664
1965	48827	0.243	1.684	0.157	28999
1966	65215	0.332	1.929	0.164	33815
1967	70036	0.260	2.235	0.201	31336
1968	90963	0.395	2.109	0.166	43130
1969	88875	0.494	1.474	0.109	60285
1970	87586	0.555	1.204	0.087	72773
1971	79406	0.532	1.158	0.084	68574
1972	80329	0.742	1.299	0.097	61838
1973	130164	0.834	1.138	0.083	114411
1974	63458	0.793	0.805	0.060	78875
1975	65401	0.820	0.770	0.057	84912
1976	37983	0.728	0.721	0.063	52645
1977	15840	0.498	0.800	0.075	19809
1978	13591	0.581	1.005	0.098	13525
1979	15034	0.604	1.112	0.109	13522
1980	14754	0.315	2.100	0.273	7026
1981	21067	0.329	2.717	0.344	7762

Table 5. The average weight at age (kg) and catch at age (no. $\times 10^{-3}$) and its variance for the Div. 4RST redfish stock 1981.

AGE	WEIGHT	CATCH	VAR(CATCH)	STD. ERROR	COEF. VAR
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6	0.085	4	0.001	0.03	0.01
7	0.165	308	4270.851	65.35	0.21
8	0.219	2586	196108.149	442.84	0.17
9	0.263	10810	1005681.838	1002.84	0.09
10	0.293	11974	1254867.869	1120.21	0.09
11	0.320	7276	819605.205	905.32	0.12
12	0.346	5222	598513.531	773.64	0.15
13	0.388	3449	269169.247	518.82	0.15
14	0.406	2085	142869.303	377.98	0.18
15	0.454	1219	60120.295	245.19	0.20
16	0.465	940	41194.931	202.97	0.22
17	0.502	328	11608.238	107.74	0.33
18	0.535	401	14291.948	119.55	0.30
19	0.522	973	47561.301	218.09	0.22
20	0.569	858	29443.913	171.59	0.20
21	0.552	1133	42538.820	206.25	0.18
22	0.621	1192	42090.840	205.16	0.17
23	0.613	2120	69280.060	263.21	0.12
24	0.626	1235	48135.237	219.40	0.18
25	0.682	1555	45323.725	212.89	0.14
26	0.757	826	21885.823	147.94	0.18
27	0.782	458	11369.778	106.63	0.23
28	0.869	262	5924.725	76.97	0.29
29	0.879	136	2224.519	47.16	0.35
30	1.005	627	10875.897	104.29	0.17

Table 8. Abundance of 1954-60 year-class (nos. $\times 10^{-6}$) from research vessel surveys are compared with estimates from cohort analysis covering a range of average F values for Divs 4RST redfish. Research values were fitted to an exponential decline ($\ln Y = 5.85 - 0.15X$, $r = -.85$). Each series was standardized to its 1976-78 mean value.

Year	Ages	Research	Predicted Research	Cohort			
				$F_{AV}=.025$	$F_{AV}=.05$	$F_{AV}=.073$	$F_{AV}=.09$
1976	16-22	264.83	299.33	712.82	422.03	334.80	294.11
1977	17-23		257.44	599.95	336.83	257.91	221.09
1978	18-24	300.99	221.42	528.39	290.31	218.90	185.58
1979	19-25	172.06	190.43	462.66	247.24	182.62	152.48
1980	20-26	147.32	163.78	405.14	210.22	151.75	124.47
1981	21-27	144.11	140.86	357.21	180.83	127.93	103.25
Mean (1976-1978)			259.40	613.72	349.72	270.54	233.59

Standardized to mean

Year	Predicted Research	Cohort			
		$F_{AV}=.025$	$F_{AV}=.05$	$F_{AV}=.073$	$F_{AV}=.09$
1976	1.15	1.16	1.21	1.24	1.26
1977	0.99	0.98	0.96	0.95	0.95
1978	0.85	0.86	0.83	0.81	0.79
1979	0.73	0.75	0.71	0.68	0.65
1980	0.63	0.66	0.60	0.56	0.53
1981	0.54	0.58	0.52	0.47	0.44

Table 9. The partial selection pattern used in cohort analysis (domed) and the partial selection pattern (flat-topped) and weight at age used for yield per recruit and catch projections for Div.4RST redbfish.

Age	Partial selection		Weight at age (kg)
	Domed	Flat-topped	
5	.003	.003	.090
6	.003	.003	.085
7	.045	.045	.165
8	.137	.137	.219
9	.398	.398	.263
10	.408	.408	.293
11	.549	.549	.320
12	.703	.703	.346
13	1	1	.388
14	1	1	.406
15	.862	1	.454
16	.332	1	.465
17	.332	1	.502
18	.332	1	.535
19	.332	1	.522
20	.451	1	.569
21	.451	1	.552
22	.451	1	.621
23	.370	1	.613
24	.329	1	.626
25	.327	1	.682
26	.327	1	.757
27	.292	1	.782
28	.215	1	.869
29	.215	1	.879

Table 10. Population numbers ($\times 10^{-3}$) from 1972-81 for Division 4RST redfish from cohort for $F_T = 0.14$ and using a dome-shaped partial selection vector.

POPULATION NUMBERS										
AGE	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
5	50881	72720	131134	205313	401131	333385	202208	66196	10103	2256
6	38541	45904	65541	118493	185437	355959	298043	179761	57741	9023
7	61333	33663	40928	58640	106627	166381	320069	267154	160393	51975
8	23143	54731	27500	36755	52783	95460	149764	289124	239607	142534
9	32418	20043	47277	24460	32876	47407	85739	135246	258653	209386
10	75192	27538	17372	42293	21706	29568	42305	76819	120118	226678
11	54594	63949	21651	15513	37996	19599	26359	37606	66890	103243
12	98346	46604	50213	19207	13884	34241	17345	23384	32218	58488
13	91863	82931	39794	44994	17066	12443	30758	15340	19410	27710
14	334704	80659	62816	33876	39786	15078	11097	27707	12995	16731
15	123621	289504	66268	51720	29079	35319	13475	9916	24585	11252
16	421940	104274	189058	53908	43986	24565	31883	12047	8662	21740
17	88640	318441	86530	143729	44429	36078	22111	28767	10571	7586
18	70662	75351	204066	70731	106129	36372	32161	19772	25185	9274
19	51815	56652	62870	149195	58510	80960	32550	28146	16814	22503
20	27705	42795	41828	54044	95978	49727	70441	28122	23192	14739
21	18719	21552	31906	34626	44948	71131	43784	60294	23598	19462
22	17347	14398	15175	27566	28046	39212	59360	38387	51344	20476
23	11179	13225	9078	12558	21624	23350	33084	50412	33267	44132
24	13900	7665	7273	7766	8857	18205	18927	25727	42715	28819
25	85049	11466	5874	5470	5474	6762	14747	16149	22315	36540
26	12	71401	8209	4530	3659	4437	5015	12654	13786	19409
27	15	10	57031	5701	2971	2902	3038	4326	10589	11993
28	7	13	8	46045	3180	2300	2408	2538	3433	9298
29	10	5	10	6	34758	2251	1591	1879	1800	2884
5+	1791634	1555903	1289408	1267139	1440923	1543092	1568261	1457471	1290185	1128133
6+	1740753	1483182	1158273	1061826	1039792	1299707	1366054	1391275	1280082	1125897
7+	1702212	1437278	1092733	943332	854354	953749	1068010	1211514	1222341	1116874
8+	1640879	1403615	1051805	884693	747727	687368	747941	944360	1061948	1064999
9+	1617736	1348844	1024306	847938	694943	591908	596177	655236	822341	922365
10+	1585319	1328822	977029	823477	662067	544501	512438	519990	563488	712979
11+	1510126	1301284	959657	781185	640361	514933	470133	443171	443370	486301
12+	1455532	1237335	938007	765672	602365	495334	443774	405565	376480	383057
13+	1357187	1190731	887794	746465	588482	461093	426429	382181	344262	324569

Table 11. Mid-year population biomass (t) from 1972-81 for Division 4RST redfish from cohort for $F_T = 0.14$ and using a dome-shaped partial selection vector.

POPULATION BIOMASS (MID-YEAR)										
AGE	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
5	4351	6216	11224	17569	34029	28385	17169	5569	860	193
6	3713	4467	6389	11583	18101	34783	29079	17499	5645	730
7	7827	4114	5239	7514	13627	21320	41085	34173	20424	8136
8	3643	8606	4386	5878	8458	15297	24062	46257	37883	29426
9	6132	3828	9171	4726	6395	9186	16646	26144	49694	50994
10	16869	5948	3991	9746	5014	6788	9698	17433	27087	61463
11	14239	16019	5754	4141	10176	5203	7005	9826	17652	30281
12	29115	13881	15313	5833	4234	10455	5256	6870	9630	18356
13	31182	26212	13306	15326	5811	4256	10572	5117	6533	9559
14	125558	29511	23007	12661	15116	5747	4230	10524	4877	6046
15	50357	104426	26525	21153	11854	14872	5647	4109	10248	4584
16	177263	45851	79703	23626	19233	11239	14604	5443	3910	9404
17	42626	133911	40828	64594	20979	17757	10899	14034	5162	3542
18	35440	38528	97937	36015	51975	19244	16831	10203	13315	4615
19	28108	29124	34774	71899	32184	45045	18048	15251	9389	10927
20	15460	23400	24050	31144	52332	29463	41164	16276	13423	7738
21	11018	12088	19739	20762	27940	43270	27282	37040	14630	9913
22	10604	8108	9650	17083	17887	25171	38225	24964	33258	11733
23	6880	7266	6135	7738	14502	15375	21354	33914	22622	25100
24	9597	5177	4803	4974	5892	12459	13284	16201	30016	16785
25	61485	7680	4076	3549	3891	4606	10775	11770	16413	23189
26	9	52117	5606	3012	2662	3010	3800	9446	10488	13673
27	12	7	43179	3632	2204	2226	2338	3249	8350	8748
28	5	10	6	34759	2328	1666	1847	1860	2729	7576
29	8	4	8	5	28357	1817	1301	1545	1488	2377
5+	691501	586500	494799	438921	415179	388638	392199	386716	375727	375087
6+	687149	580284	483576	421352	381150	360253	375050	381147	374867	374894
7+	683437	575817	477187	409769	363049	325471	345952	363648	369222	374165
8+	675609	571702	471949	402255	349422	304150	304867	329476	348798	366039
9+	671966	563697	467563	396377	340964	288854	280804	283219	310916	336603
10+	665834	559268	458392	391651	334570	279668	264159	257075	261222	285609
11+	648966	553320	454400	381905	329556	272880	254461	239642	234135	224146
12+	634726	537301	446646	377764	319379	267678	247455	229816	216483	193865
13+	605611	523420	433333	371931	315145	257223	242200	222946	206953	175509

Table 12. Fishing mortalities from 1972-81 for Division 4RST redfish from cohort for $F_T = 0.14$ and using a dome-shaped partial selection vector.

FISHING MORTALITY										
AGE	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
5	0.003	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.019	0.012	0.018	0.037	0.013	0.000
6	0.035	0.015	0.011	0.006	0.008	0.006	0.009	0.014	0.005	0.000
7	0.014	0.102	0.008	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.002	0.009	0.018	0.006
8	0.044	0.047	0.017	0.012	0.007	0.007	0.002	0.011	0.035	0.019
9	0.063	0.043	0.011	0.019	0.006	0.014	0.010	0.019	0.033	0.056
10	0.062	0.141	0.013	0.007	0.002	0.015	0.018	0.038	0.051	0.057
11	0.058	0.142	0.020	0.011	0.004	0.022	0.020	0.055	0.034	0.077
12	0.070	0.058	0.010	0.018	0.010	0.007	0.023	0.086	0.051	0.098
13	0.030	0.178	0.061	0.023	0.024	0.015	0.004	0.066	0.047	0.140
14	0.045	0.097	0.094	0.053	0.019	0.012	0.012	0.020	0.044	0.140
15	0.070	0.326	0.106	0.062	0.069	0.002	0.012	0.035	0.023	0.121
16	0.181	0.087	0.174	0.093	0.098	0.005	0.003	0.031	0.033	0.046
17	0.062	0.345	0.102	0.203	0.100	0.015	0.012	0.033	0.031	0.046
18	0.121	0.081	0.213	0.090	0.171	0.011	0.033	0.062	0.013	0.046
19	0.091	0.203	0.051	0.341	0.063	0.039	0.046	0.094	0.032	0.046
20	0.151	0.194	0.089	0.084	0.200	0.027	0.056	0.075	0.075	0.063
21	0.149	0.251	0.046	0.111	0.037	0.081	0.032	0.061	0.042	0.063
22	0.171	0.374	0.089	0.143	0.083	0.070	0.063	0.043	0.051	0.063
23	0.252	0.498	0.056	0.249	0.072	0.110	0.152	0.066	0.044	0.052
24	0.092	0.192	0.185	0.250	0.170	0.111	0.059	0.042	0.056	0.046
25	0.075	0.234	0.160	0.302	0.110	0.199	0.053	0.058	0.039	0.046
26	0.094	0.125	0.265	0.322	0.132	0.279	0.048	0.078	0.039	0.046
27	0.073	0.116	0.114	0.484	0.156	0.087	0.080	0.131	0.030	0.041
28	0.164	0.087	0.146	0.181	0.246	0.268	0.148	0.244	0.074	0.030
29	0.111	0.218	0.106	0.191	0.074	0.096	0.070	0.059	0.047	0.030

Table 13. Yield per recruit analysis for Div. 4RST redfish as calculated using the 1981 partial selection and weight at age vectors presented in Table 9.

	FISHING MORTALITY	CATCH (NUMBER)	YIELD (KG)	AVG. WEIGHT (KG)	YIELD PER UNIT EFFORT
	0.1000	0.286	0.118	0.413	1.361
F0.1---	0.1607	0.361	0.139	0.386	1.000
	0.2000	0.394	0.147	0.372	0.846
	0.3000	0.451	0.156	0.346	0.600
	0.4000	0.487	0.160	0.329	0.461
	0.5000	0.513	0.162	0.316	0.373
	0.6000	0.533	0.163	0.305	0.313
	0.7000	0.550	0.163	0.297	0.269
	0.8000	0.563	0.164	0.291	0.236
FMAX---	0.8821	0.572	0.164	0.286	0.214
	0.9000	0.574	0.164	0.285	0.210
	1.0000	0.584	0.164	0.280	0.189
	1.1000	0.593	0.163	0.276	0.171
	1.2000	0.601	0.163	0.272	0.157
	1.3000	0.608	0.163	0.268	0.145
	1.4000	0.614	0.163	0.265	0.134
	1.5000	0.620	0.163	0.262	0.125

Table 14. Projected population numbers ($\times 10^{-3}$), catch biomass (t), and fishing mortalities to 1983 for Division 4RST redfish, given that the TAC of 28,000 t is caught in 1982 and fishing is at $F_{0.1} = 0.15$ in 1983.

POPULATION NUMBERS				CATCH BIOMASS			
AGE	1981	1982	1983	AGE	1981	1982	1983
5	2256	72600	72600	5	0	2	3
6	9023	2040	65667	6	0	0	3
7	51975	8160	1845	7	51	6	2
8	142534	46736	7348	8	566	146	31
9	209386	126512	41657	9	2843	1352	605
10	226678	179186	109588	10	3508	2183	1814
11	103243	193727	155054	11	2328	3445	3737
12	58488	86505	165059	12	1807	2112	5445
13	27710	47961	72472	13	1338	1839	3732
14	16751	21798	38895	14	847	874	2096
15	11252	13177	17677	15	553	591	1065
16	21740	9024	10686	16	437	415	660
17	7586	18778	7318	17	165	931	488
18	9274	6552	15228	18	215	346	1081
19	22503	8011	5314	19	508	413	368
20	14739	19437	6496	20	488	1093	491
21	19462	12521	15763	21	625	683	1155
22	20476	16534	10154	22	740	1014	837
23	44132	17395	13408	23	1300	1054	1091
24	28819	37917	14107	24	773	2345	1172
25	36540	24903	30750	25	1061	1678	2783
26	19409	31584	20195	26	625	2362	2029
27	11993	16777	25614	27	358	1296	2658
28	9298	10417	13606	28	228	894	1569
29	2884	8164	8448	29	120	709	986
30	0	2480	6621	30	0	215	772
31	0	0	2012	31	0	0	235
5+	1128153	1038895	953582	5+	21484	28000	36906
6+	1125897	966295	880982	6+	21484	27998	36903
7+	1116874	964255	815315	7+	21484	27998	36900
8+	1064899	956095	813470	8+	21433	27991	36898
9+	922365	909358	806122	9+	20867	27846	36867
10+	712979	782846	764466	10+	18024	26494	36262
11+	486301	603660	654878	11+	14519	24312	34448
12+	383057	409933	499824	12+	12187	20866	30712
13+	324569	323428	334765	13+	10380	18754	25267

FISHING MORTALITY

AGE	1981	1982	1983
5	0.000	0.000	0.000
6	0.000	0.000	0.000
7	0.006	0.005	0.007
8	0.019	0.015	0.021
9	0.056	0.044	0.060
10	0.057	0.045	0.061
11	0.077	0.060	0.082
12	0.098	0.077	0.105
13	0.140	0.110	0.150
14	0.140	0.110	0.150
15	0.121	0.110	0.150
16	0.046	0.110	0.150
17	0.046	0.110	0.150
18	0.046	0.110	0.150
19	0.046	0.110	0.150
20	0.063	0.110	0.150
21	0.063	0.110	0.150
22	0.063	0.110	0.150
23	0.052	0.110	0.150
24	0.046	0.110	0.150
25	0.046	0.110	0.150
26	0.046	0.110	0.150
27	0.041	0.110	0.150
28	0.030	0.110	0.150
29	0.051	0.110	0.150
30	0.000	0.110	0.150
31	0.000	0.000	0.150

Table 15. Projected population numbers ($\times 10^{-3}$), catch biomass (t), and fishing mortalities to 1983 for Division 4RST redbfish, given that fishing is at $F_{0.1} = 0.15$ in 1982 and 1983,

POPULATION NUMBERS				CATCH BIOMASS			
AGE	1981	1982	1983	AGE	1981	1982	1983
5	2256	72600	72600	5	0	3	3
6	9023	2040	65658	6	0	0	3
7	51975	8160	1845	7	51	9	2
8	142534	46736	7334	8	566	199	31
9	209386	126512	41426	9	2843	1837	601
10	226678	179186	107835	10	3508	2966	1785
11	103243	193727	152516	11	2328	4668	3675
12	58488	86505	161429	12	1807	2853	5325
13	27710	47961	70438	13	1338	2470	3627
14	16751	21798	37352	14	847	1175	2013
15	11252	13177	16976	15	553	794	1023
16	21740	9024	10262	16	437	557	633
17	7586	18778	7028	17	165	1251	468
18	9274	6552	14624	18	215	465	1038
19	22503	8011	5103	19	508	555	354
20	14739	19437	6239	20	488	1468	471
21	19462	12521	15138	21	625	917	1109
22	20476	16534	9751	22	740	1363	804
23	44132	17395	12876	23	1300	1415	1048
24	28819	37917	13547	24	773	3150	1126
25	36540	24903	29530	25	1061	2254	2673
26	19409	31584	19394	26	625	3173	1949
27	11993	16777	24598	27	358	1741	2553
28	9298	10417	13066	28	228	1201	1507
29	2884	8164	8113	29	120	952	946
30	0	2480	6358	30	0	289	742
31	0	0	1932	31	0	0	225
5+	1128153	1038895	932968	5+	21484	37726	35733
6+	1125897	966295	860368	6+	21484	37723	35730
7+	1116874	964255	794709	7+	21484	37723	35728
8+	1064899	956095	792864	8+	21433	37715	35726
9+	922365	909358	785530	9+	20867	37516	35694
10+	712979	782846	744104	10+	18024	35679	35093
11+	486301	603660	636269	11+	14515	32713	33308
12+	383057	409933	483754	12+	12187	28045	29633
13+	324569	323428	322324	13+	10380	25191	24308

FISHING MORTALITY

AGE	1981	1982	1983
5	0.000	0.000	0.000
6	0.000	0.000	0.000
7	0.006	0.007	0.007
8	0.019	0.021	0.021
9	0.056	0.060	0.060
10	0.057	0.061	0.061
11	0.077	0.082	0.082
12	0.098	0.105	0.105
13	0.140	0.150	0.150
14	0.140	0.150	0.150
15	0.121	0.150	0.150
16	0.046	0.150	0.150
17	0.046	0.150	0.150
18	0.046	0.150	0.150
19	0.046	0.150	0.150
20	0.063	0.150	0.150
21	0.063	0.150	0.150
22	0.063	0.150	0.150
23	0.052	0.150	0.150
24	0.046	0.150	0.150
25	0.046	0.150	0.150
26	0.046	0.150	0.150
27	0.041	0.150	0.150
28	0.030	0.150	0.150
29	0.051	0.150	0.150
30	0.000	0.150	0.150
31	0.000	0.000	0.150

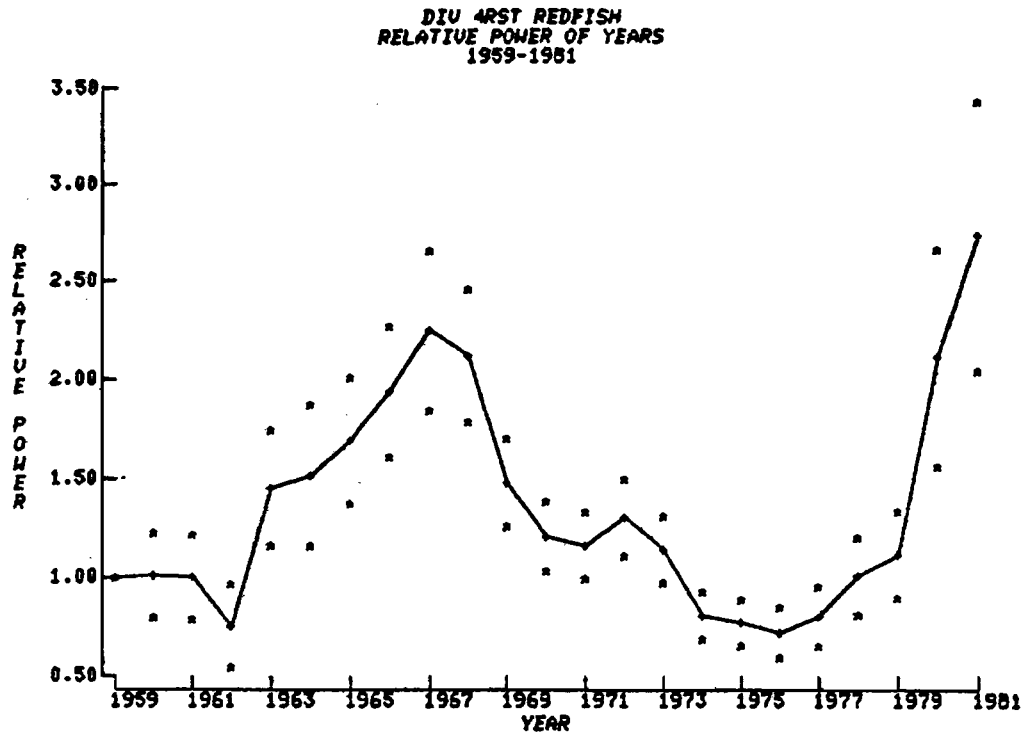


Fig. 1. The trend in relative power of years from 1959 to 1981 (with 95% C.I.) for Division 4RST redfish. Data for 1980-81 were preliminary for Maritime and Newfoundland vessels only.

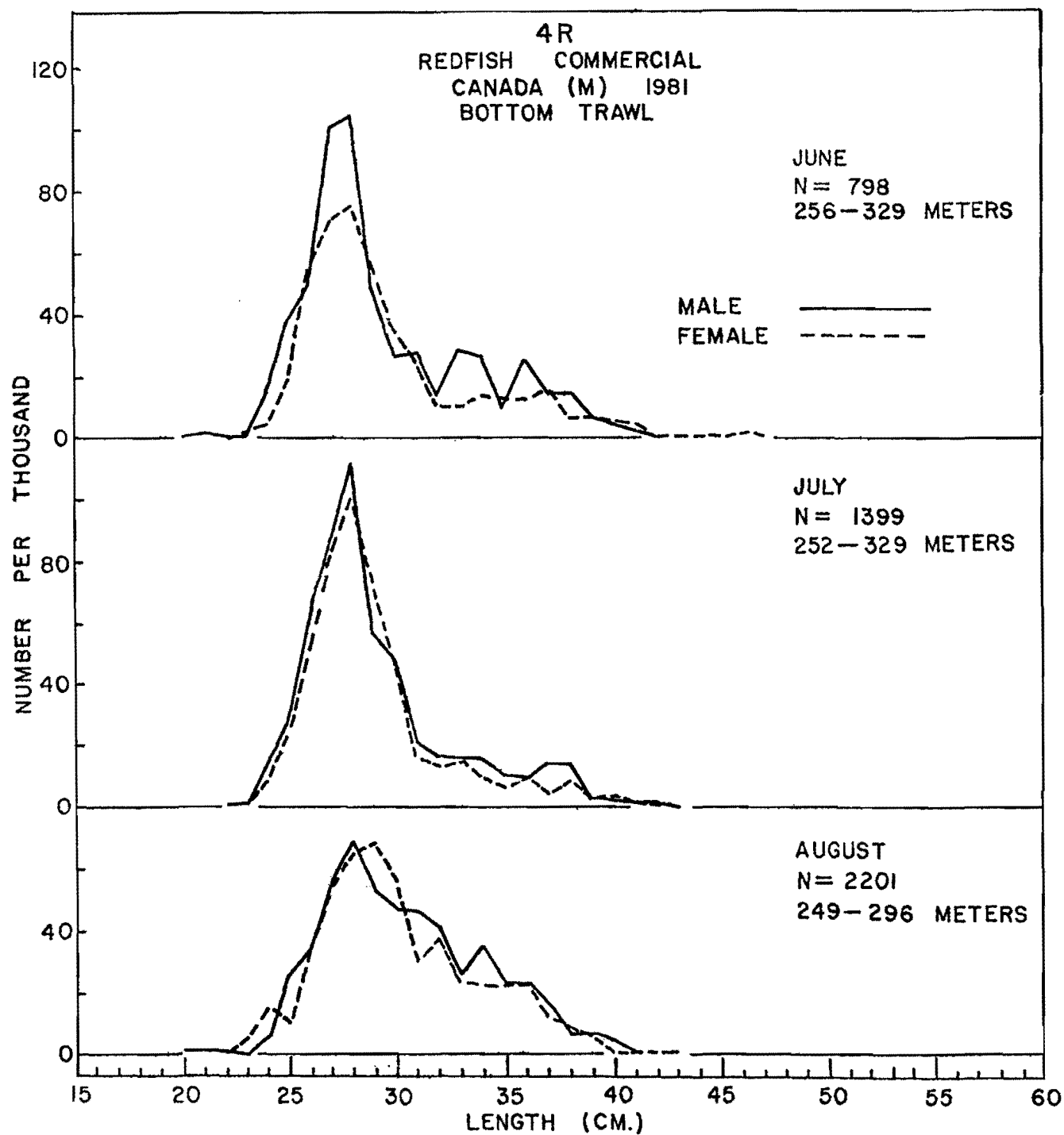


Fig. 2a. Commercial length frequencies (no. per mille) for Division 4R redfish from Canada(M) bottom trawl vessels in 1981.

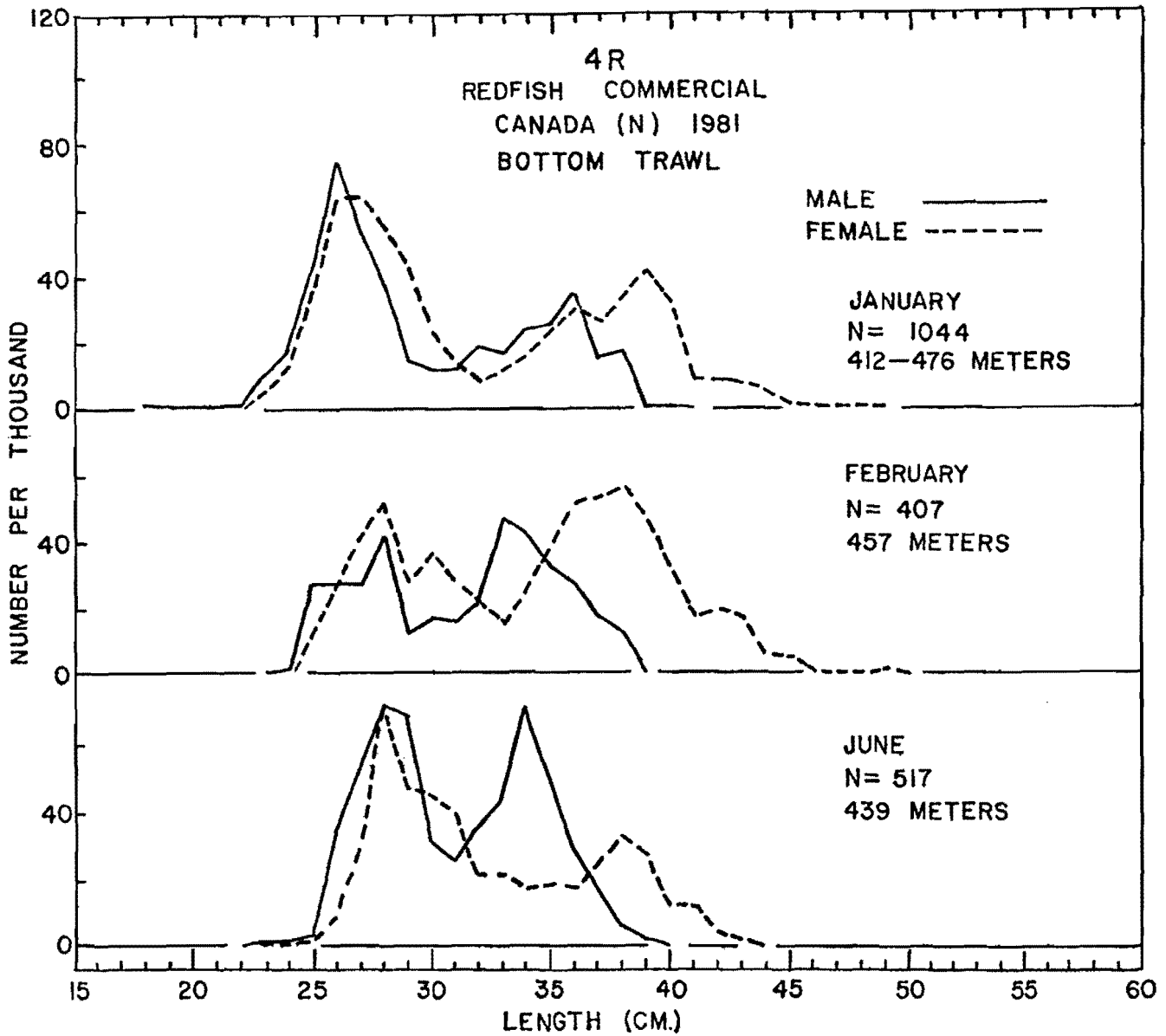


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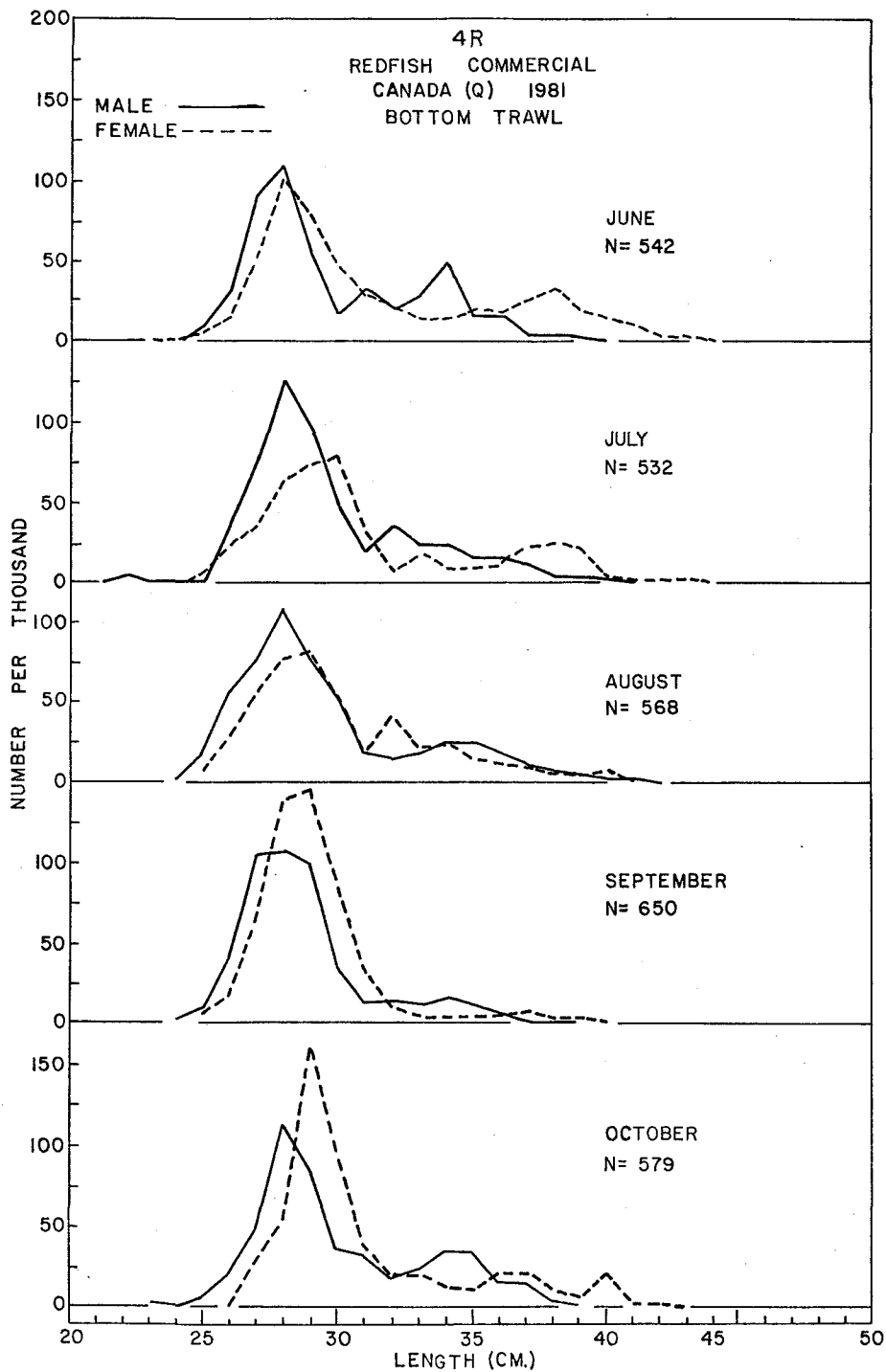


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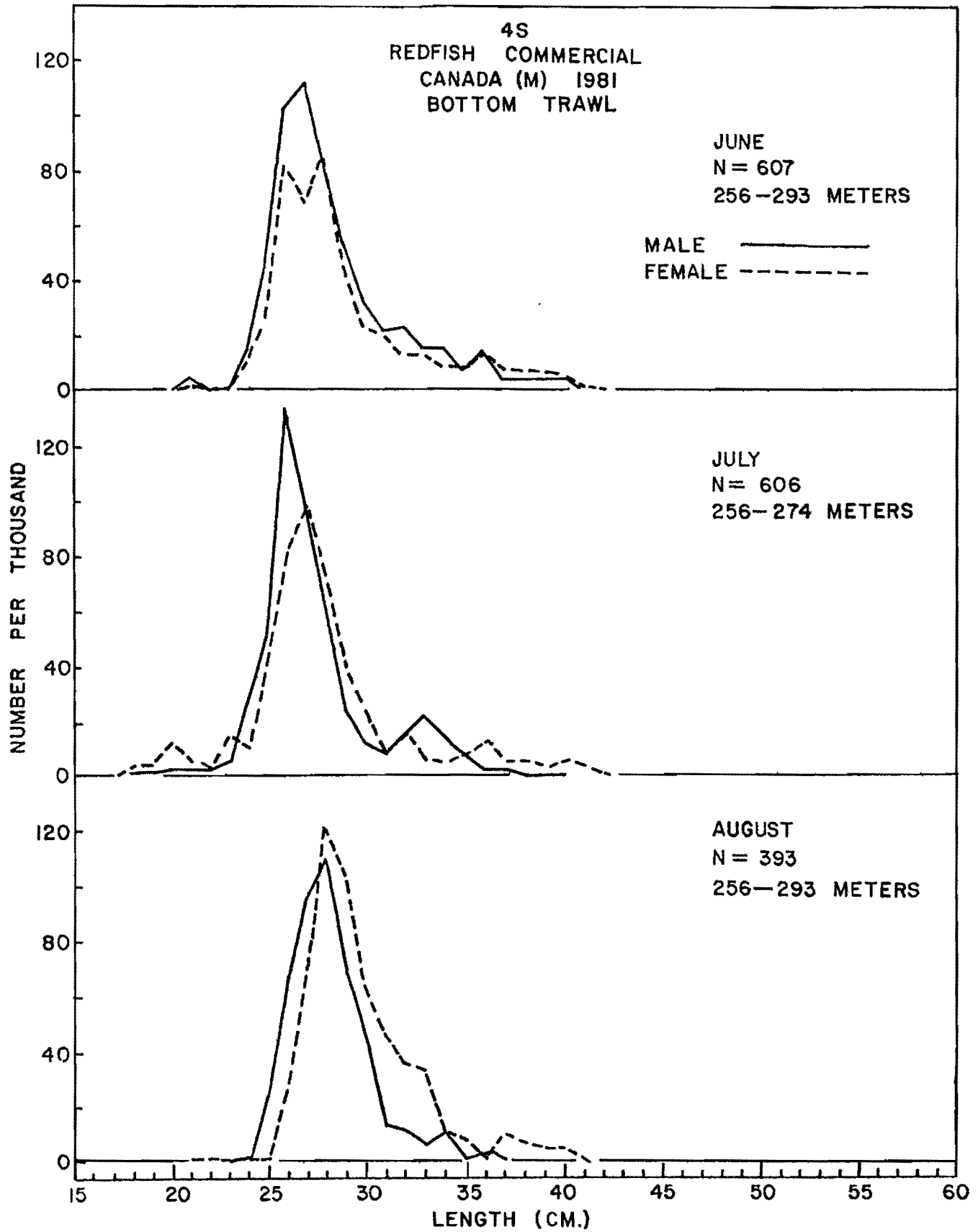


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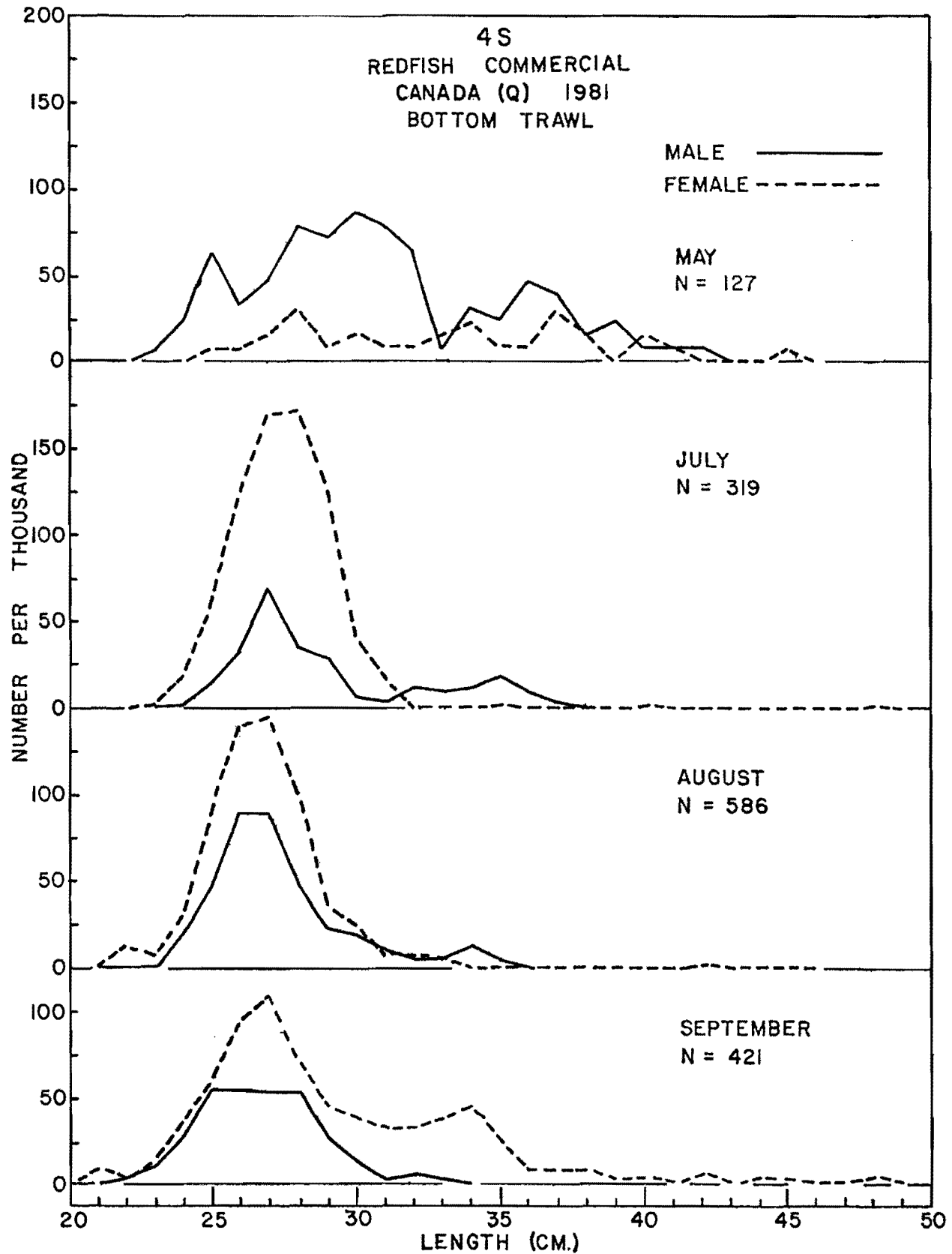


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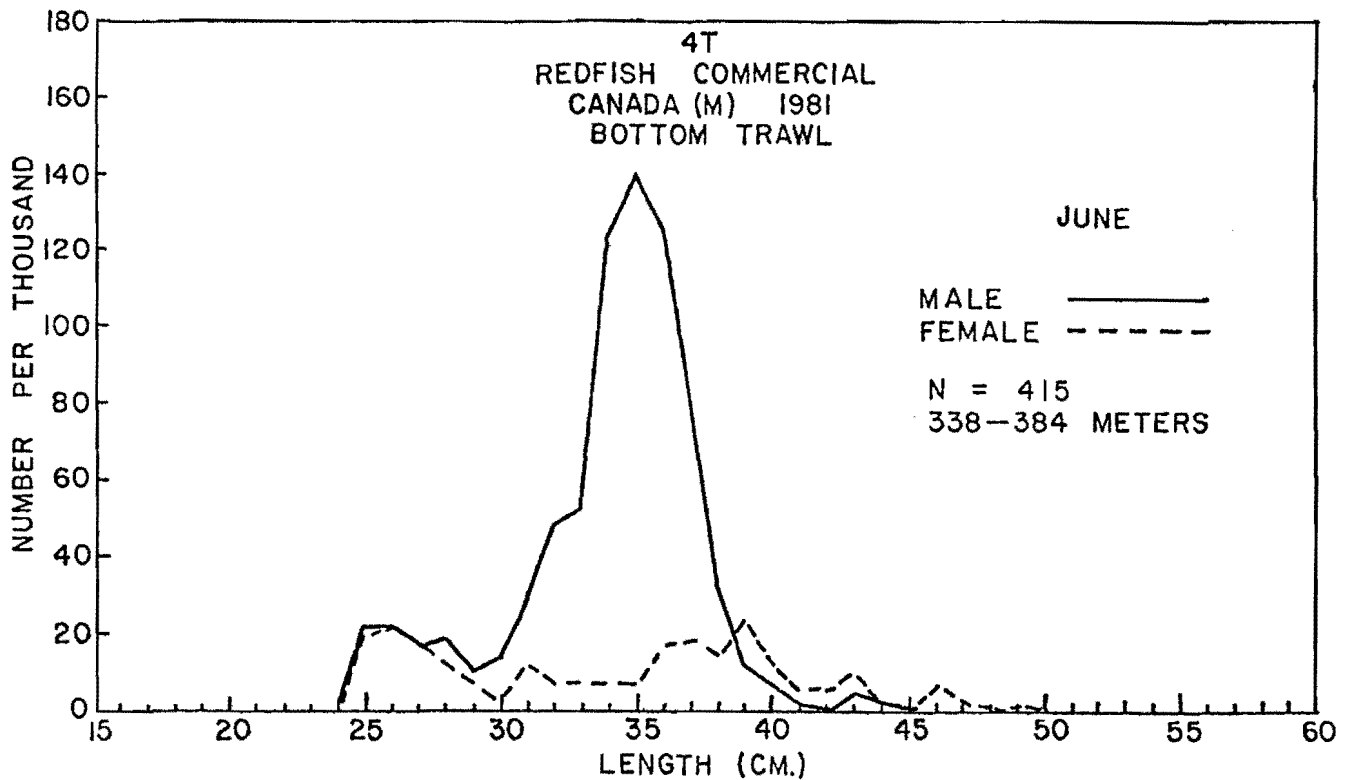


Table 4a. Commercial length frequencies (no. per mille) for Division 4T redfish from Canada(M) bottom trawl vessels in 1981.

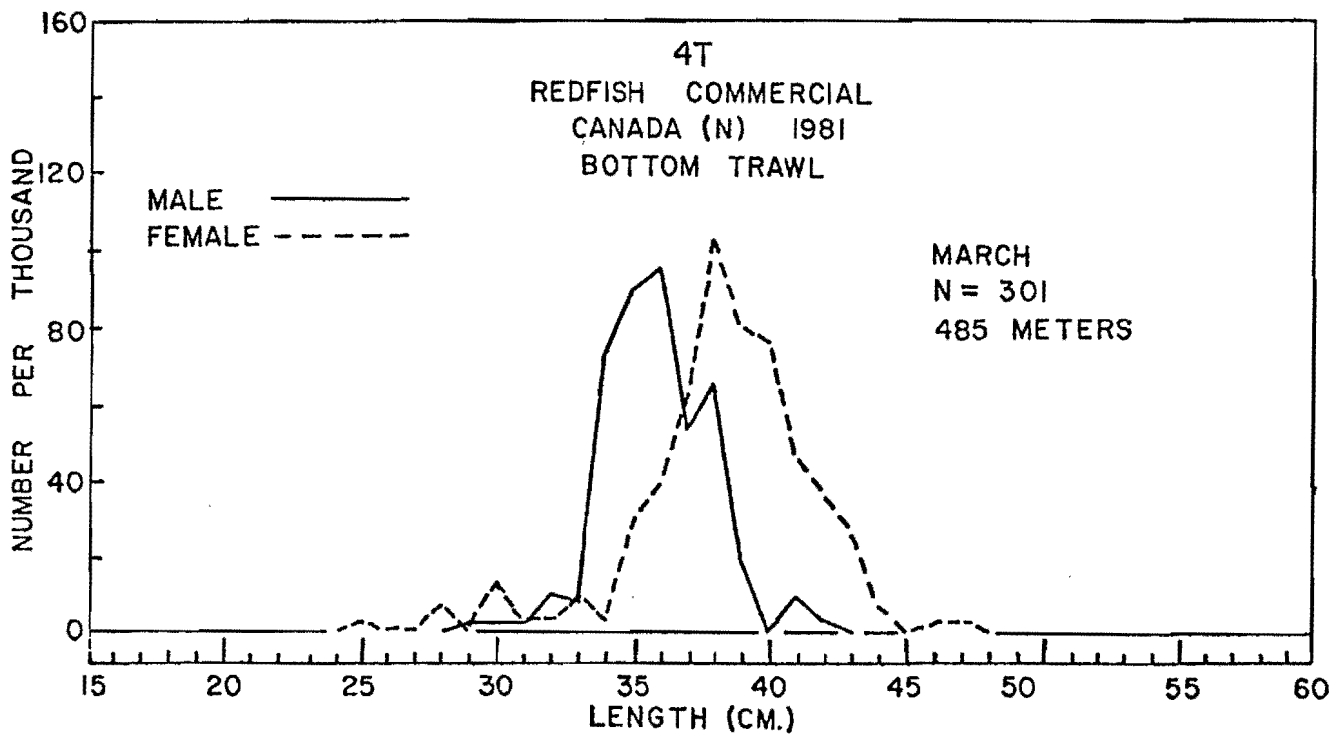


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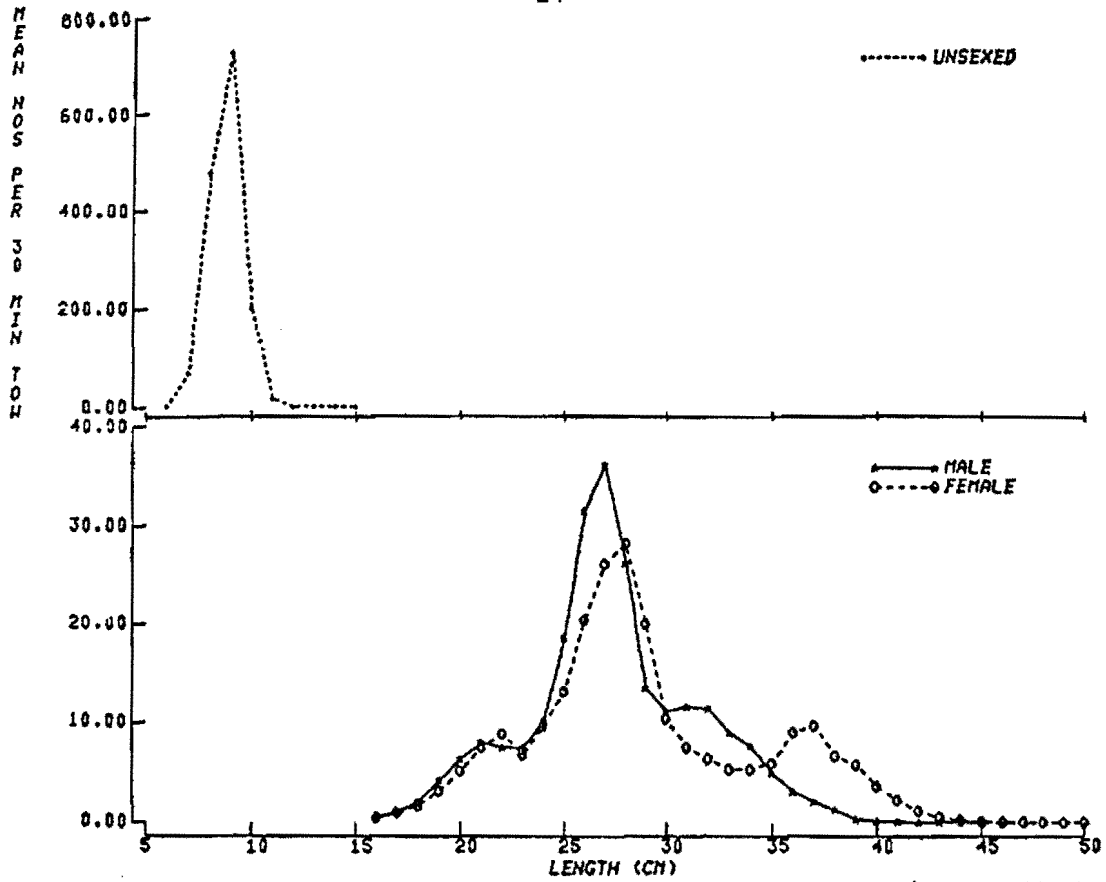


Fig. 5. Length frequency (mean nos per half-hour tow) of redfish as sampled by the 1981 research vessel survey in Div. 4RST.

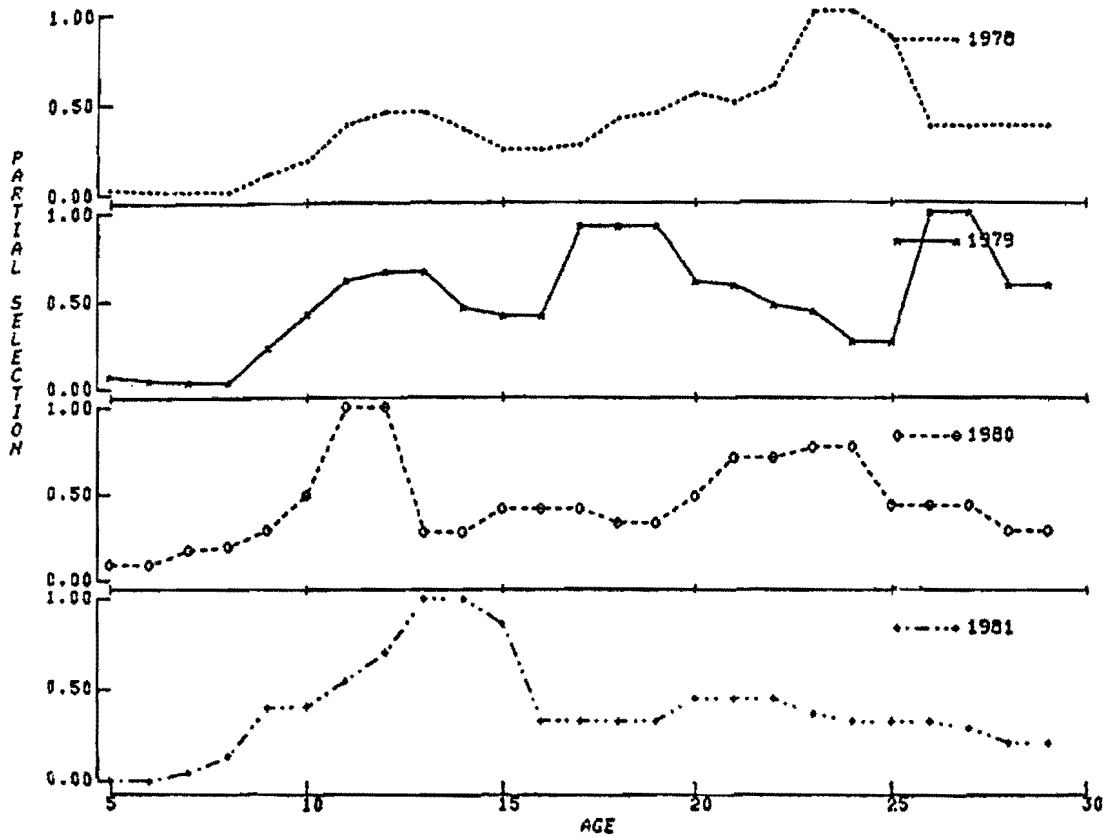


FIG. 6. THE PARTIAL SELECTION WAS CALCULATED AS THE RATIO OF THE CATCH AT AGE TO NOS. AT AGE FROM RESEARCH VESSEL SURVEYS FROM 1978-1981 FOR GULF REDFISH.