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## ABSTRACT

Assessment of the cod (*Gadus morhua*) stock of the Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence (NAFO 3Pn, 4RS) is based on data from commercial fisheries, a tagging program, an abundance index calculated from the DFO research survey, abundance indices from the fixed gear sentinel fisheries program (longlines and gillnets), an abundance index from the mobile gear sentinel fisheries program and biological data. This document describes the data and methods used to assess several indicators including abundance, biomass, spawning biomass, natural mortality, exploitation rate and recruitment. It also includes a prediction of the stock trends until 2019.

The cod stock of the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence remains in the critical zone and well below the limit reference point. The spatial distribution of this stock is now similar to that observed in the 1990s. The exploitation rate is currently low, while natural mortality is high. An annual harvest of 3,000 t for the next two seasons should allow the spawning stock biomass to increase.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Due to a marked decline in the population of Atlantic Cod (*Gadus morhua*) in the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the directed cod fishery has had two moratoriums imposed (1994 to 1996 and 2003). Since it first reopened in 1997, fishing has been carried out exclusively by Canadian fixed-gear fleets. Several management measures are in place, including total allowable catch (TAC), number and types of gear, area closures during spawning and in winter (3Ps portion), observers (5% coverage), dockside monitoring, minimum size, bycatch monitoring, and rules for the recreational fishery.

In recent years, the commercial and recreational exploitation of this stock has been mainly carried out by Newfoundland, Labrador and Quebec fishers. Since 2012, the annual TAC has been 1,500 t, and landings have been approximately 1,250 t per year. Cod landings in the recreational fishery are not known.

In 2010, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) designated the Laurentian North (3Pn, 4RS and 3Ps) cod population, part of which consists of 3Pn and 4RS stock, as endangered, based essentially on the extent of the decline (78–89%) in adult abundance over three generations (30 years). The Recovery Potential Assessment for the Laurentian North Designatable Unit (3Pn, 4RS and 3Ps) of Atlantic Cod (*Gadus morhua*) was carried out in 2011 (DFO 2011). Concerning the northern Gulf cod population (3Pn, 4RS), the report concluded that: 1) exploitation must be reduced to encourage stock recovery; 2) seal predation is contributing to the recent increase in cod natural mortality; 3) any decrease in natural mortality will aid in recovery; 4) it is important to maintain the fishery closure during the spawning season to facilitate successful reproduction; and 5) overfishing of local stocks must be avoided.

The northern Gulf cod spawning stock biomass has been in the critical zone, well below the limit reference point, since 1990 (Duplisea and Fréchet 2011). Consequently, a recovery plan has been developed in collaboration with a number of partners, including several fishing industry representatives.

Since 2011, the assessment of 3Pn, 4RS cod stock status has been performed every two years. The most recent peer review was conducted on February 23, 2017. In support of the notice resulting from this review (DFO 2017), this research document presents the methods, data and results of the last assessment. The previous research document on this topic was produced in 2016 (Brassard et al. 2016).

### 1.1 BIOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEM

#### 1.1.1 Biology

In summer, 3Pn 4RS cod are distributed throughout the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence at depths of 50 to 200 m. In winter, the fish gather off southwestern (3Pn) and southern (3Psa and 3Psd) Newfoundland at depths of 300 to 500 m. Tagging studies indicate that this stock is generally isolated from neighbouring stocks. There seems to be little mixing with adjacent stocks, though there is some to the southwest (4T) and northeast (2J, 3KL) in summer, and to the southeast (3Ps) in winter.

Spawning takes place mainly in April and May at depths of 200 to 250 m. The main breeding area is located off Port au Port (west coast of Newfoundland). Age at 50% maturity has varied over time for this stock and is currently between four and five years. After spawning, the eggs disperse with the surface currents, and in fall, juveniles return to deeper environments.

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Cod have a varied diet (zooplankton, crustaceans, and pelagic and benthic fish). Large cod eat mainly herring, flatfish, cod and crab.

Cod's main natural predator is the seal, which could compromise the recovery of a cod stock (Cook et al. 2015). Predation on northern Gulf cod is poorly documented, but several studies conducted in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence (4T) report potentially high grey seal predation (Bousquet et al. 2014; Hammil et al. 2014), going so far as to cause the distribution of cod to deeper sites that are less suitable for its diet (Swain et al. 2015).

### **1.1.2 Ecosystem**

Every year, Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Atlantic Zone Monitoring Program (AZMP) assesses prevailing physical oceanographic conditions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Compared to historical averages, the surface temperatures observed throughout the Gulf reflected average conditions in 2015 and warmer conditions in 2016. The channel-bottom temperature was warmer in 2015 and 2016. The water volume of the cold intermediate layer (CIL) in summer has been decreasing since 2015 (Galbraith 2017).

The northern Gulf of St. Lawrence includes areas with low dissolved oxygen concentrations (< 30%), mainly at the head of the channels and at great depths. The cod seem to avoid these hypoxic waters according to the annual DFO survey conducted in August. The adjacent areas are nonetheless habitats that are conducive to cod.

## **1.2 MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

Prior to 1999, the management year followed the calendar year, namely January 1 to December 31. Since 2000, the management year has been from May 15 of the current year to May 14 of the following year. To bridge the gap between these two calendars, the 1999 management year stretched from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999 to May 14, 2000. Since the reopening after the first moratorium, the fishing pattern changed, and the fishery now takes place mainly from July to November. Management measures include, among other things, imposing an annual TAC, number and type of gear, observer coverage (5%), dockside monitoring, minimum size, a small fish protocol, regulations for the recreational fishery, and a vessel monitoring system (VMS) for large longliners. In addition, other measures are in place:

1. In order to protect the spawning period for cod, the groundfish fishery is closed for April, May and June in part of NAFO's 4R division off St. George's Bay and Port au Port Bay.
2. To limit catches of 3Pn, 4RS cod, which could be mixed with 3Ps stock in winter, the 3Ps (d) and (g) management units are closed to fishing from November 15 to May 16, while in the 3Ps (a) management unit, fishing is permitted during this period only for residents of that unit. In addition, the entire 3Ps subdivision is closed from March 1 to May 16.

## **2. METHODOLOGY**

### **2.1 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**

#### **2.1.1 Landing, fishing effort and observers**

Since 1997, Newfoundland cod fishers have been required to complete a logbook for vessels under 10.66 m (35 ft). This logbook is an initiative from the Newfoundland DFO Science Sector. When completed, these logbooks are returned to the Science Sector by the fisher, where they are processed. They contain information such as fishing effort data that allows the assessment

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of catch per unit effort (CPUE). The information in these logbooks is not captured in official DFO statistics or in the ZIFF (Zonal Interchange File Format).

Since 1999, Quebec fishers in the fleet of craft under 13.71 m (45 ft) fill out combined form groundfish logbooks. The logbooks are used to identify the characteristics of the fishery (type of gear, number, soak time), position, dates of activity and catch weights. In Quebec, logbooks also include a section on purchase slips (completed by the buyer's representative) and the weight out summary (during dockside monitoring). In this case, the information is entered by DFO's statistics sector (regional offices) and then made available in ZIFF files.

Performance indices for the commercial fishery based on logbook data for the fixed-gear fleets (gillnet and longline, Newfoundland vessels under 10.66 m, and Quebec vessels under 13.71 m) represent about 70% of annual landings in the 3Pn, 4R and 4S NAFO Divisions. The mean CPUE and confidence intervals are calculated based on the raw data. Usable data from logbooks represents over 50% of the landings from these fleets. Logbook data for the fleet of vessels over 13.71 m (45 ft) in Quebec (longliners) are presented for this first time in this stock assessment. To produce this index (longliners), the raw data are standardized (factors: month and NAFO Division) by using a multiplicative model (Gavaris 1980).

$$\ln \text{CPUE}_{ijkl} = \ln \mu + \ln D_j + \ln M_k^* + \varepsilon_{ijkl}$$

where:

$\text{CPUE}_{ijkl}$  = CPUE in the  $i$ th activity

$\ln \mu$  = mean CPUE log

$D_j$  = effect of  $j$ th level of factor NAFO division

$M_k$  = effect of  $k$ th level of factor Month

$\varepsilon_{ijkl}$  = log of normally distributed residuals

In Quebec and Newfoundland, the DFO commercial catch sampling program allows regular collection of data on cod length and otoliths (see age readings, section 2.3.1). Using a program (CATCH) developed by DFO on these age and length frequency data allows the calculation of catch-at-age, weight-at-age, and mean-length-at-age for cod captured annually. The length-weight relationship from the corresponding year's DFO research survey is also necessary, as are the values for commercial landings (by month, NAFO Division and gear type).

The observer program permits monitoring of the catch rates for bycatches in the directed cod fishery. This program is also applied to the turbot, shrimp and Atlantic Halibut fisheries in order to estimate the cod bycatch in these fisheries.

### 2.1.2 Telephone survey

Since 1998, Newfoundland's Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union (FFAW) and the Lower North Shore Fisherman's Association (LNSFA) have carried out an annual telephone survey with fixed-gear fishers (random draw) who hold a directed cod fishery license. The objective is to document various issues related to northern Gulf of St. Lawrence commercial cod fisheries. Fishers are asked to answer a number of questions (Appendix 1) regarding their general view of the fishing season, their performance and the size and condition of the fish they caught.

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## 2.2 SURVEYS

### 2.2.1 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) survey

Since 1990, DFO has conducted a multidisciplinary research survey (groundfish and shrimp) on the entire northern Gulf of St. Lawrence using a bottom trawl. This survey involves the use of a stratified random sampling plan (Figure 1). In 2004, there was a change in fishing vessel and gear type, and comparative fishing was carried out to ensure continuity of the series. Since 2004, the fishing gear has been a Campelen 1800 shrimp trawl with Rockhopper foot gear (McCallum and Walsh 2002). A detailed description of the fishing and sampling protocol and calculation methods are presented in Bourdages et al. (2015). In 2015, 58 stations were completed in 4R and 84 stations in 4S while in 2016, it is 48 and 79 stations respectively. Note that this sampling plan does not include 3Pn (Figure 2a).

### 2.2.2 Sentinel survey

In place since 1994 in eastern Canada, the sentinel fishery program is a collaborative program between DFO and fishers. The fishing is carried out by fishers (contracts awarded following an invitation to tender) in accordance with scientific protocols developed by DFO Science. In the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence, this program consists of two components: mobile gear (trawl) and fixed gear (gillnet and longline). Because of budget cuts to this program over the years, the number of activities has declined significantly.

DFO Science ensures that data are validated, analyzed and interpreted. Data from the sentinel fisheries program are available on the [St. Lawrence Global Observatory website](#). The list of fishers (Quebec and Newfoundland) who participated in this program from 2014 to 2016 can be found in Appendix 2.

#### Mobile gear (trawl) sentinel fisheries

The trawl sentinel program is conducted by the Association des capitaines propriétaires de la Gaspésie (ACPG) in NAFO Division 4S and by FFAW in Subdivision 3Pn and Division 4R. This survey is conducted every July. It includes close to 300 stations distributed based on a stratified random sampling plan (Figures 1 and 2a). Calculation methods take into account the weight of each stratum in the same way as the DFO survey. The fishing gear is a *Star Balloon 300*-type trawl mounted on a *Rockhopper* bicycle. The trawl's mesh is 145 mm with a lining at the codend of 40 mm. Standard 30-minute tows are done at a speed of 2.5 knots. The 30-minute time frame is calculated from when the winches are stopped (after the gear is deployed) to when they are reactivated to raise the trawl.

It includes two periods: (1) From 1995 to 2002, where only strata deeper than 20 fathoms (37 m) were sampled (mobile sentinel over 20 ftm); and (2) from 2003 onward, when three inshore strata 10 to 20 fathoms (18 to 37 m) (mobile sentinel over 10 ftm) were added in 4R to those previously sampled.

One of the functions of this survey is to collect fish length and weight data (cod, redfish, halibut, turbot, capelin, herring) and to harvest cod and Atlantic Halibut otoliths.

#### Fixed gear sentinel fisheries

The fixed gear sentinel fisheries program is conducted by the APBCN in Division 4S and by FFAW in Subdivision 3Pn and Division 4R. In 2016, 389 gillnet and 178 longline activities were carried out in six zones (Figures 2a and 2b and Appendix 3).

Since 1998, catches per unit effort (CPUEs) from the fixed gear sentinel fisheries program (gillnet and longline) have been used as abundance indices in cod assessments. These data

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are indices that are more representative of coastal fisheries. In order to produce these indices, a multiplicative model is used to standardize the raw data (Gavaris 1980) (Appendices 4 and 5). This model establishes an index that reflects the annual cod trends since 1995.

$$\ln \text{CPUE}_{ijkl} = \ln \mu + \ln A_i + \ln Z_j + \ln M_k + \ln L_l + \ln E_m^* + \varepsilon_{ijkl}$$

where:

$\text{CPUE}_{ijkl}$  = CPUE in the  $l$ th activity

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$M_k$  = effect of  $k$ th level of factor Month

$L_l$  = effect of  $l$ th level of factor Soak time

$E_m^*$  = effect du mth of factor Gear (\* Longline index only)

$\varepsilon_{ijkl}$  = log of normally distributed residuals

Data are collected at 24 sites along the coastlines in 3Pn, 4R and 4S. Average gear deployment depths are 90 m for longline (16/0 J-hooks and 12/0 circle hooks) and 80 m for gillnet. These depths vary between areas.

The use of fixed gear sentinel fishery activities as an abundance index is based on the theory that the abundance of the resource is directly proportional to the catch rate. However, the data could be biased should the gear being used become saturated, i.e. if the gear reached a maximum catch level regardless of the resource abundance.

In fact, the catch probability of a fish would decrease and the catch rate would no longer be directly proportional to abundance. The fishing gear saturation aspect is examined every year for the longline sentinel program activities (Brulotte et al. 2000) and so far saturation is not an issue.

## 2.3 BIOLOGICAL DATA

### 2.3.1 Age reading

Cod otoliths are sampled in DFO research surveys, sentinel surveys, the reproductive potential project and the commercial fishery. Sampling stratification is based on NAFO Division, time of year, fishing gear and fish size (stratification). The otolith is sawed in two in the narrow part using an IsoMet™ low-speed saw. A count of annual growth rings is done by applying a drop of alcohol and exposing the side of the otolith to light.

A collection of reference otoliths is updated regularly and shared with experts from Newfoundland and Europe to validate the accuracy of the readings. This collection is reread each year to ensure that the age readings are standardized.

### 2.3.2 Condition

Since 1994, cod have been caught in the fixed gear sentinel fishery from June to September along the Lower North Shore (4S) and from January to December along the west coast of Newfoundland (3Pn and 4R) to assess fish condition. The following measures are taken: fork length, weight (gonads, stomach content, liver and total), sex and maturity.

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The health status of cod is assessed using two indices: Fulton's somatic index ( $K_{\text{som}}$ ) and the hepatosomatic index (HSI).

Fulton's index represents specific health condition.

$$K_{\text{som}} = 100 * \text{somatic weight (g)} / L^3 (\text{cm})$$

The hepatosomatic index is more of a lipid energy reserve indicator:

$$\text{HSI} = \text{liver weight (g)} / \text{somatic weight (g)} * 100.$$

To minimize the size effect, the cod used in the calculation of  $K_{\text{som}}$  and HSI are between 30 and 55 cm in length.

In 2002 and since 2004, data for assessing condition have been collected during breeding season (May) as part of a project to assess cod reproductive potential (see section 2.3.3).

### 2.3.3 Maturity and fecundity

Fish maturity data will produce maturity ogives used to determine the proportion of mature individuals at age. These data are necessary to complete estimates of the stock's mature biomass.

From 1983 to 1990, the proportion of mature female cod at age in 3Pn, 4RS was assessed annually from data collected during DFO missions on the vessel *Gadus Atlantica* in the winter (January). This type of information was also gathered in May 1994 on the *Gadus* and in May 1995, 1997 and 1998 on the CCGS *Teleost*.

Subsequently, as part of the project to estimate the reproductive potential of cod in the northern Gulf, surveys were conducted in 1998, 2001, 2002 and have been conducted annually since 2004 (FSCP in collaboration with FFAW). This annual survey includes a grid consisting of 40 stations and is conducted during breeding season (Appendix 6). The goal is to collect cod in a *Star Balloon* 300-type trawl mounted on a *Rockhopper* bicycle with 145-mm mesh and with a 40-mm lining in the codend. The activities take place near the west coast of Newfoundland (the St. George's Bay area). Fish caught are counted, sexed, assessed for maturity, weighed (gonads, stomach content, liver and total) and measured. Cod otolith (age) and gonad (egg count) samples are also collected.

Because of the type of data available, the proportion of mature females at length was determined first; the proportion of mature females at age was estimated afterward. Females were classified as immature or mature (mature females including those in maturation and in the spawning and post-spawning stages). Proportions of mature females at length weighted by catch were estimated using the following equation:

$$P = 1 / (1 + e^{a+bl})$$

where  $P$  is the proportion of mature females,  $L$  is the length in cm (2-cm class) and  $a$ ,  $b$  are the equation parameters. Proportions of mature females at age were estimated from the mean lengths at age obtained from age-length keys and from matching proportions of mature females at length according to logistic equations.

Proportions of mature females at age for the missing years (1996, 1999, 2000 and 2003) were determined by interpolation using adjacent years to calculate new maturity ogives at age per cohort and applying the proportions of mature females at age for the missing ages and years. Lastly, in the absence of fish maturity data for the 1974–1982 period, the maturity ogive at age obtained for 1983 was used for all of those years.

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These samples can also be used to build a fecundity-at-age matrix from a multiple regression model (Lambert 2008). This model, based on number of eggs (F), length (L) and condition factor ( $K_{\text{som}}$ ), explains 79% of the total variability in potential fecundity:

$$F = \exp(-0.709 + 3.630 \ln(L) + 1.515 \ln(K_{\text{som}}))$$

In addition, the population's annual egg production ( $\text{TEP}_t$ ) was estimated using the following expression:

$$\text{TEP} = \sum_{x=3}^{13} N_x R_x P_x F_x$$

Where  $N_x$  represents the number of fish at age  $x$ ;  $R_x$ , the proportion of females at age  $x$ ;  $P_x$ , the proportion of mature females at age  $x$  and  $F_x$ , potential fecundity at age  $x$  (Lambert 2008). The numbers at age were obtained using sequential population analysis and the proportion of sexes by age comes from the DFO research surveys from 1984 to 2014. In the absence of sex ratio before 1984, a relation of 0.5 was used.

## 2.4 POPULATION ANALYSIS

### 2.4.1 Coherence at age

Annual surveys (DFO research, mobile sentinel >20 fathoms, mobile sentinel >10 fathoms, longline sentinel, gillnet sentinel) are used to monitor cohort abundance. Coherence for each survey was checked by establishing the relation between the number at age  $x$  for one year ( $t$ ) and the number at age  $x+1$  for the following year ( $t+1$ ) for the entire series.

### 2.4.2 Sequential population analysis

The sequential population analysis (SPA) was conducted using the ADAPT NFT program (VPA / ADAPT, version 3.4.5, NOAA Fisheries Toolbox 2014). The NFT ADAPT model for estimating a population's age structure was developed from the Gavaris model, from which features of other ADAPT versions were incorporated. (Gavaris 1988, 1999). Population cohorts are estimated by backward projection, which requires provision of an estimate of the number of fish in the last year. These estimates are used to launch the application; the values are then adjusted by the model. It is also possible to make retrospective and bootstrap analyses, the latter with 1,000 repetitions, to estimate the accuracy of the model's parameters and the estimated values.

SPA is based on catches at age in the commercial fishery and is adjusted based on the various abundance indices. The parameters used for application in the NFT ADAPT program are presented in Appendix 7. The formulation used for this assessment is similar to that in Fréchet et al. (2009). Natural mortality (M) values were set at 0.2 from 1974 to 1985; at 0.4 from 1986 to 1996; and 0.2 from 1997 to 2001. Subsequently, the M values were estimated in blocks (2002-2004, 2005-2008, 2009-2012 and 2013-2016 (age 3-12 years) through a sensitivity analysis (VPA/ADAPT/NFT).

The NFT ADAPT model was therefore used to estimate several northern Gulf of St. Lawrence cod stock status parameters, including exploitation rate, population abundance, spawning stock biomass (SSB) and natural mortality (M). Natural mortality includes all potential mortality sources that are not accounted for in catch statistics. The survival rate is estimated by the number of recruits at 3 years divided by mature biomass in the year of birth of these recruits.

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## 2.5 TAGGING

A tagging program tagged 80,878 cod between 1995 and 2016 in the northern Gulf to estimate an exploitation rate. Of these, 7,255 tags were returned by anglers, 89% of which came from 3Pn, 4R and 4S. This program includes double-tagged fish for estimating a tag loss rate. In recent years, this tagging was carried out by FFAW as part of a Fisheries Science Collaborative Program (FSCP) project.

In addition to providing information on the migratory behaviour of cod in the northern Gulf (Yvelin et al. 2005, Tamdrari et al. 2012), a tagging program has been used since 2008 to estimate the stock's exploitation rate independently of the sequential population analysis.

The exploitation rate calculation is a classic method that has been used since 2008 (Le Bris et al. 2009). Individual sizes between 40 and 80 cm were selected. Incomplete data and those of individuals recaptured outside 3Pn, 4RS were deleted. Of these numbers, the three years following the year of marking were used except for 1996 or only two years 1995 and 1996 were available. Also, an initial mortality rate (tag-induced mortality) of 22% was applied to individuals tagged from June to October and a 3% rate was applied to individuals tagged from November to May (J. Brattey, DFO NL, pers. comm.). The exploitation rate  $\mu$  in year  $t$  is calculated using the following formula:

$$\mu_t = \frac{\sum_k R_t}{\sum_k N_t}$$

Where  $R_t$  is the number of tags recovered in year  $t$  corrected by the rate of tag return;  $N_t$  is the number of tags available to the fishery in year  $t$ , and  $k$  is the type of tagging (i.e., single, double, high-value). The number of tags available to the fishery matches the number of tags placed in year  $t$ , corrected by the initial mortality caused by tagging, by the natural mortality rate (estimated by SPA) and by the tag loss rate (Le Bris et al. 2009).

## 2.6 PROJECTIONS

The AGEPRO NFT model (version 4.2.2, NOAA Fisheries Toolbox 2014) was used to assess the impact of various catch levels on mature biomass and exploitation rate. This model makes it possible to evaluate the structure of a population over several years according to different annual landings and different recruitment hypotheses, based on the age structure of a population. It is also possible to incorporate the results of an ASP combined with a bootstrap analysis as an initial population. Therefore, using the AGEPRO model based on the SPA (ADAPT/NFT) results was helpful in making cod spawning stock biomass projections for 2018 and 2019. The projection takes into account the decision rules included in the Recovery Plan for Cod Stocks in the Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence. For example, this recovery plan states that for a spawning biomass ranging from 25,000 to 30,000 t, the control rule implies a TAC of 1,800 t (Appendix 8).

The parameters used for this projection are presented in Appendix 9. It should be noted that it was necessary to incorporate a recruitment hypothesis (1 year) as of 2017. However, this recruitment estimate will, of course, have no impact on short-term mature biomass estimates.

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### 3. RESULTS

#### 3.1 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

##### 3.1.1 Landings

Landings peaked in 1983 with over 100,000 t, then they and the TAC steadily declined from 1984 to 1993 (Figure 3). The stock collapsed and was under a moratorium from 1994 to 1996 and in 2003. Landings ranged between 1,772 and 6,470 t between 2004 and 2011 for TACs ranging from 2,000 to 7,000 t (Table 1). Since 2012, the annual TAC has been 1,500 t and landings were 1,263 t and 1,312 t for 2015 and 2016 (preliminary data). The TAC is split according to different procedures (fleets, period, etc.) and the 2016 quota report is presented in Table 2. Most of the landings are from NAFO Division 4R. Since the reopening of the fishery after the first moratorium in 1997, the directed fishery has been practised almost exclusively with fixed gear (gillnets and longlines). In NAFO divisions 4R and 4S, the gillnet is used the most. In subdivision 3Pn, only longline is used (Tables 3 and 4). In 2016, the recreational fishery season increased from 32 to 46 days. This fishery's catches are not known although they likely increased in 2016.

The commercial catch data expressed in catches at age, mean weight at age, mean lengths at age and proportion of maturity at age are presented in Tables 5, 6 and 7, and in Figure 4.

##### 3.1.2 Catch per unit effort

Commercial fishery performance indices taken from logbook data for the fixed gear fleets (gillnet and longline, Newfoundland vessels under 10.66 m or 35 ft and Quebec vessels under 13.71 m or 45 ft) show an increase in catches per unit effort (CPUE) after the 2003 moratorium, the maximum value being observed in 2004 for gillnet and in 2006 for longline (Figure 5). CPUEs then decreased until 2009 and increased again until 2013. In 2015 and 2016, these indices exceeded the average values of their respective series. The performance index for the commercial longline fishery (Quebec Region) was more or less stable from 2007 to 2014. Since 2015, it has been well above the 1998–2014 average (Figure 6).

##### 3.1.3 Incidental Catch

Since 1999, more than 90% of cod landings have come from the directed cod fishery. Cod bycatch landings are low and mainly occur in the Atlantic Halibut and Greenland Halibut directed fisheries. Bycatches in the directed northern Gulf cod fishery are low and essentially consist of Greenland Halibut and Atlantic Halibut.

Cod is also a bycatch that is not accounted for in shrimp fishery landing statistics. These catches are of 1 kg or less per tow, and the cod caught are small (under 30 cm) (1–2 years). An analysis of the at-sea observer database indicates that cod is caught in slightly more than 20% of shrimp tows. These catches (in biomass and numbers) represent less than 1% of the estimates from the DFO survey (Bourdages and Marquis 2014).

##### 3.1.4 Industry telephone survey

The survey results indicate roughly the same trends as the commercial fishery CPUEs and the fixed gear sentinel fishery indices. The answers to the question about fishery performance indicate that yields were higher before 2007, decreased until 2009, increased again until 2014, and then stabilized in 2015 and 2016 for the three survey areas (3Pn, 4R and 4S) (Figure 7). Respondents also noted that the fish were smaller in 2008 and 2009 and that sizes had

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increased afterwards. No noticeable change in cod condition or migration profile was noted by the survey respondents.

## 3.2 SURVEYS

### 3.2.1 DFO survey

The mean number and mean weight per tow for cod sharply decreased between 1991 and 1993. After the 1994–1996 moratorium, these indicators slightly recovered until 1999. They then remained generally low and stable (Figure 8). The 2002 and 2003 values are considered annual effects that are also present for several species in this survey. Since 2014, an increase has been observed in these indices, which are above the 1990–2014 series average. In 2016, the wide range of the size frequency distribution shows the presence of recent cohorts (2011 to 2013) and older individuals (2004 to 2006 cohort).

Cod distribution in the northeastern Gulf (4R) remained similar to that from 1994 to 2016, whereas in the western Gulf, cod concentrations show a gradual decline from 1995 to 2006. From 2007 onward, the spatial distribution of cod expanded in Division 4S, especially north and west of Anticosti Island. Cod concentrations are still high in 4R, especially in the northeast (Table 8). Lastly, recent cod distribution (2013–2016) is now similar to that observed in the early 1990s (1990–1994) (Figure 10) (Bourdages et al. 2017).

### 3.2.2 Mobile gear sentinel survey

Like the DFO survey, this survey shows that catch distribution is higher in 4R than in 4S (Table 10). In 2014, the length frequency distributions in number and percentage (Figure 11) showed a large size distribution with two modes at 25 and 35 cm that correspond to two- and three-year-old fish (2011 and 2012 cohort) (Table 11).

The number and the mean weight caught during these surveys reveal no clear trends (Figure 12). The 2015 values (mean number and weight per tow) are above the 2003–2014 average, while the 2016 values are close to the average.

### 3.2.3 Fixed gear sentinel survey

Since 1999, annual coverage by longline fisheries in NAFO subdivision 3Pn has been helpful in monitoring cod migration. Cod arrived in the Gulf through the Cabot Strait in May (day 125) and left the Gulf gradually from mid-September (day 250) to mid-December (Figure 13).

The longline index (standardized CPUE) increased between 1995 and 2006 then decreased, reaching its low in 2010. It then generally increased until 2016 to reach a value well above the series average (1995–2014). The gillnet index (standardized CPUE) shows a similar pattern and the 2015 and 2016 values are well above the 1995–2014 series average (Figure 14). The gross values (CPUE) of these indices (longline and gillnet) are presented in Appendix 10.

In 2016 for longline, cod catches consisted mainly of five- to nine-year-olds with a mode of five, whereas for gillnet, cod were mainly five- to ten-year-olds with a mode of eight (Table 12).

In recent years, the saturation percentages for longline have been low enough to avoid biasing catch rates (Appendix 11).

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### **3.3 BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS**

#### **3.3.1 Condition**

Physical cod condition monitoring conducted mainly as part of the sentinel fisheries program shows an annual cycle. Condition indices are lower in spring before spawning; they then increase from summer until fall, when they peak. In 2015 and 2016, the values expressed using Fulton's index (somatic K) were lower than the 1998 to 2014 average. In 2015 and 2016, the hepatosomatic index (HSI), which further monitors the recent fish feeding success, also displayed values below the 1998 to 2014 average, mainly from July to November (Figure 15). The observed values are nonetheless considered to be at acceptable levels.

#### **3.3.2 Maturity and fecundity**

The proportion of fish that mature in four years was less than 10% before 1994, but since 1995 it has generally been greater than 15% and even greater than 40% in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2009 and 2011. It has ranged from 18 to 25% over the past three years (Table 13).

Fecundity at age decreased between 1984 and 1994. A gradual increase has been observed since 1994 and current levels are similar to those from 1985 to 1989 (Table 14).

### **3.4 POPULATION ANALYSIS**

For the DFO survey, coherence at age analyses indicate that several regressions are influenced by a few high values, particularly in 1990, 1991 and 2003 (Figure 16). In the case of the mobile sentinel surveys, both series contain few data whereas coherences are good for longline and gillnet sentinels (Figure 16). It is also possible to observe the consistency between indices for each age by year (Figure 17). The same trends are observed between indices at age two and for ages over six years. At ages 3, 4 and 5, the harmony between the indices is difficult to interpret without interannual variations.

The parameters estimated by SPA are presented in Table 15. The adjustment of the ADAPT model to five abundance indices is represented in Figure 18. Regressions between the observed and predicted values are generally positive for all ages except age 2 in the pre-2002 sentinel survey and age 3 in the longline sentinel survey.

The distribution of residuals from the ADAPT model for each abundance index is presented in Figure 19. Several annual effects are detected, particularly in 2002 and 2003, in the DFO survey. In addition, the residual patterns in the longline sentinel and gillnet sentinel indices are similar to the abundance indices, which indicates that the ADAPT model gives more consideration to the other abundance indices.

The estimated values of natural mortality (M) were 0.30 for 2002 to 2004, 0.42 for 2005 to 2008, 0.52 for 2009 to 2012, and 0.46 for 2013 to 2016 (Figure 20). Possible explanations for the increase in natural mortality particularly from 2005 onward are seal predation and unaccounted fishing mortality.

The northern Gulf of St. Lawrence cod population collapsed in the late 1980s/early 1990s (Figure 21 and Table 16). Its abundance reached a high of 559 million individuals in 1980 and a low of 31 million in 1994. This abundance remained low and stable until 2005, then exhibited a few fluctuations until 2014. The 2017 estimate (109 million) is the highest since 1991.

There was a significant decrease in the abundance of mature individuals from 1982 to 1994, and it remained low and stable until 2014, at which point it increased until 2017 (Table 17). The abundance of three-year-old individuals estimated by SPA since 1990 was higher in 2007, 2008

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and 2009 (2004 to 2006 cohorts), as well as during the past four years (Figure 21 and Table 16). Table 18 presents the total biomasses at age.

The spawning stock biomass has been in the critical zone, well below the limit reference point (LRP) of 116,000 t since 1990 and it has been increasing slightly since 2013 (Table 19 and Figure 21). According to the permutation analysis, the estimated value for 2017 is  $37,075 \text{ t} \pm 4,498 \text{ t}$ .

The estimation of the spawning stock's total egg production decreased starting in the mid-1990s and remained under 10,000 billion until 2014. The estimated values have been increasing slightly since 2015 (Table 20 and Figure 22).

The survival rate declined from 1987 to 1992, then increased until 2014 and has remained stable in recent years (Figure 23).

The exploitation rate for seven- to nine-year-old individuals, estimated using SPA, was high from 1997 to 2002 and in 2008, 2009 and 2010 but it dropped significantly from 2011 to 2016 following TAC reductions (Figure 24 and Table 21).

According to the tagging program, 7255 tags were returned by fishers, 89% of whom were from areas 3Pn, 4R and 4S (Appendix 12). The exploitation rate estimated from this tagging program increased from 2003 to 2007 before dropping to a low level, where it has been since 2011 (Figure 24).

The estimates based on SPA and the tagging program follow essentially the same trends. However, the values estimated using SPA were significantly greater from 2006 to 2011 and have been similar since then.

### **3.5 PROJECTION**

The NFT AGEPRO model was used to make spawning stock biomass projections for 2018 and 2019 from the SPA results. The projection indicates that, with an annual harvest of 1,800 t or 3,000 t, the spawning stock biomass (SSB) should increase. For a harvest of 1,800 t, the estimated values for 2018 and 2019 are  $41,348 \text{ t} \pm 5,572$  and  $44,610 \text{ t} \pm 7,657 \text{ t}$ , respectively. For an annual harvest of 3,000 t, the estimated values for 2018 and 2019 are  $40,724 \text{ t} \pm 5,573$  and  $43,494 \text{ t} \pm 7,658$ , respectively. However, the projected SSB for 2019 remains well below the limit reference point.

## **4. SOURCES OF UNCERTAINTY**

The addition of several days to the recreational fishery in 2016 has inevitably increased pressure on the fishery, which will probably translate into an increase in the harvest. It becomes necessary to improve training and monitoring concerning this activity in order to estimate the quantity of fish harvested and obtain fish samples (length and otoliths).

The tagging programs in recent years have been conducted exclusively in NAFO area 4R even though cod abundance is now similar between areas 4S and 4R. This could generate bias around the exploitation rate estimate.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

This assessment indicates that the cod stock in the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence cod stock remains in the critical zone and well below the estimated limit reference point of 116,000 t (Duplisea and Fréchet 2011). The estimate for 2017 is 32% of this limit reference point. The exploitation rate is currently at a low level and natural mortality would be high. Spawning stock

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biomass could increase by 20% or 17% until 2019 in the event of an annual harvest of 1,800 t or 3,000 t respectively for the next two seasons.

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## 8. TABLES

*Table 1. Historical monthly catch statistics (t) for the period 1964-2016 (NK = unknown).*

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	NK	TOTAL	TAC
1964	1104	24423	15761	6058	3106	10350	12527	5853	2153	1385	863	651	-	84234	-
1965	792	12506	21171	3698	2216	5267	10422	5945	3636	1359	927	990	-	68929	-
1966	1965	22817	8929	2516	1638	8371	7482	4744	2490	1146	1779	1208	-	65085	-
1967	7872	7028	14792	8447	2017	7525	12664	5232	7154	3315	1356	1909	1	79312	-
1968	725	7980	22799	9061	3087	10717	17216	9400	4914	1781	1172	819	-	89671	-
1969	875	4654	9675	4220	5192	10958	12103	8639	7866	3557	2035	1366	-	71140	-
1970	1637	25487	18115	27995	4803	6020	8974	3897	2130	3170	1936	1301	-	105465	-
1971	845	44590	7580	5250	2338	5839	8420	3039	2374	1616	1004	915	-	83810	-
1972	1494	14961	5337	7400	7334	4594	6818	3296	2365	1406	994	212	2026	58237	-
1973	16472	10556	7586	4826	3235	5860	5125	4145	2365	1459	1016	567	2593	65805	-
1974	12995	10753	5959	5665	6231	5021	6235	5396	2214	1331	1009	479	3148	66436	-
1975	8232	19486	2702	2616	5316	5122	5042	4488	2767	1267	819	704	1672	60233	-
1976	15637	15204	3610	3437	7071	6930	6978	4310	3348	2286	1537	578	6055	76981	-
1977	11143	8603	3790	11312	10057	7368	8133	5780	3361	1751	1814	454	-	73566	55000
1978	20754	6307	5161	3156	6717	9796	13255	7000	2836	1979	1309	236	-	78506	55000
1979	15543	4273	6475	6647	8517	12890	12085	8660	2971	2449	1816	451	-	82777	75000
1980	5280	8965	9925	8087	7147	14096	23158	10719	5687	2773	1311	431	-	97579	75000
1981	9156	15368	3170	3763	12835	17257	16344	10343	5676	2550	1172	277	-	97911	75000
1982	2289	11671	10122	5544	12723	16826	22492	9136	8412	4463	1229	32	-	104939	93300
1983	4152	10213	11335	6251	21049	18341	16228	8173	5698	3956	530	154	-	106080	100000
1984	5002	11079	9494	4260	15205	13349	22300	10962	5238	4644	1113	997	-	103643	100000
1985	2436	16749	7306	3516	7139	12693	13725	11026	7713	3038	962	1986	-	88289	100000
1986	2508	18550	10011	4227	11871	7903	12418	5763	4181	2737	803	974	870	82816	92100
1987	8657	7701	4938	3294	6627	8323	9222	7501	5293	2871	1027	1093	-	66547	80300
1988	1440	2786	4313	2671	9955	5072	7848	6056	3243	1782	1178	1608	-	47952	73900
1989	6251	7620	2117	2025	6875	6331	6087	4553	1860	2219	745	236	-	46919	76540
1990	5022	2706	1100	381	6765	7901	4690	3121	1903	1590	1797	487	-	37463	58000
1991	1533	2000	2803	2270	3527	4512	5309	2890	3230	2017	1805	121	-	32017	35000
1992	3841	1784	228	1394	4258	1804	3420	3651	2364	1948	1885	1438	-	28015	35000
1993 <sup>c</sup>	8	52	1249	1248	1418	4373	3859	2233	1114	1086	1177	623	-	18440	18000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	NK	TOTAL	TAC	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	NK	TOTAL	TAC	
1994	13	14	28	4	28	9	13	74	145	26	5	28	-	387	0	
1995	0	0	0	0	8	6	18	79	24	14	0	0	-	148	0	
1996	0	0	0	0	5	10	149	55	40	33	23	2	-	317	0	
1997	0	1	0	2	356	255	1189	963	801	1050	148	27	-	4792	6000	
1998	3	0	0	2	16	244	921	1082	432	561	32	3	-	3296	3000	
Year	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	NK	TOTAL	TAC	
1999/2000 <sup>b</sup>	92	863	1985	1463	989	1058	395	40	1	51	132	50	11	7136	7500	
2000/2001	523	907	1251	1533	1087	775	398	82	86	72	49	32	40	6834	7000	
2001/2002 <sup>d</sup>	405	486	1858	1292	1288	905	313	125	1	167	6	10	43	7150	7000	
2002/2003 <sup>e</sup>	130	55	2507	1488	854	858	404	7	0	0	0	0	4	6341	7000	
2003/2004	1	14	117	131	48	31	39	5	0	0	0	0	13	7	406	0
2004/2005	21	25	1875	217	537	356	207	1	0	0	0	0	14	10	3264	3500
2005/2006	34	72	2409	596	848	476	22	3	0	0	0	0	24	7	4491	5000
2006/2007 <sup>f</sup>	12	105	3284	579	656	298	669	17	1	0	0	0	15	3	5715	6000
2007/2008	19	132	3707	398	1173	577	446	5	0	0	0	1	7	4	6470	7000
2008/2009 <sup>g</sup>	36	118	2952	888	1273	575	301	2	0	0	0	1	3	8	6224	7000
2009/2010	5	173	1693	661	699	719	687	51	1	0	2	2	1	4695	7000	
2010/2011	6	53	1362	836	569	533	186	1	0	0	0	0	13	8	3567	4000
2011/2012	7	51	998	168	312	16	193	9	0	0	0	0	12	6	1772	2000
2012/2013	10	41	672	104	293	24	137	3	0	0	0	0	21	5	1311	1500
2013/2014	6	20	697	93	220	10	148	3	0	0	0	0	7	5	1208	1500
2014/2015	6	16	644	92	331	39	100	23	0	0	0	0	3	12	1266	1500
2015/2016 <sup>a</sup>	8	19	730	139	186	19	137	13	0	0	0	0	10	3	1263	1500
2016/2017 <sup>a</sup>	5	23	835	128	144	28	145	4	-	-	-	-	-	1312	1500	

<sup>a</sup> Preliminary statistics.

<sup>b</sup> TAC from 1999/01/01 to 2000/05/14

<sup>c</sup> Established in August 1993, the initial TAC was 35,000 t

<sup>d</sup> Includes 253 t from recreational fishery

<sup>e</sup> Includes 34 t from recreational fishery

<sup>f</sup> Includes 75.3 t from recreational fishery

<sup>g</sup> Includes 67 t from recreational fishery

Table 2. Commercial Fisheries, 2016 Quota Report.

Fleet	Quota		Regions				TOTAL	%	Amount remaining
	Initial	After adjustments	Maritimes	Gulf	Quebec	N&L			
FIXE < 65' NF/ July	374.3	482.2	-	-	1.7	574.5	576.2	1.2	-94.0
FIXE < 65' - NF / Sept.	-	160.7	-	-	-	93.2	93.2	0.6	67.5
FIXE < 65' NF /Nov.	-	42.9	-	-	-	39.1	-	0.0	42.9
FIXE < 65' NF /By-catch	-		0.0	-	-	54.4	54.4	-	-
FIXE < 65' Quebec	145.6	197.4	-	-	219.0	-	219.0	1.1	-21.6
FIXE <65' ITQ Mobile to Quebec FIXE	-		-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
FIXE <65' (GEAC/FFAW, Special)	-	85.0	-	-	-	95.1	-	-	-
MOBILE < 45' 4ST Competitive	1.9	1.9	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	1.9
MOBILE < 65' 4RS,3Pn Que. buy back	5.5		-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
MOBILE < 65'4RS,3Pn NF buy back	92.0		-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
MOBILE <65' 4RS, 3Pn NF/groupe A	265.8		1.3	-	-	-	1.3	-	-
MOBILE < 65' 3Ps,4Vn/Overlap	6.4		0.0	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
MOBILE <65' 4S/T /Shrimpers	24.2	20.9	-	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	20.8
MOBILE <65'4T /Groundfish	45.4	19.9	-	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	19.9
MOBILE <65' 4RS, 3Pn Que. Groupe A	21.7		-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
MOBILE <65' /Bought back / 4T	5.0		-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
Shrimpers 65-100'	19.6	20.4	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	20.4
MOBILE 65-100' Bought back NB	0.7		-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
Groundfish 65-100'	16.9	16.9	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	16.9
FIXE 65-100' By-catch	-		2.0	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Danish Seiners	17.3		-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-
Vessels >100'	85.6	85.6	0.0	-	16.3	-	16.3	0.2	69.3
Aboriginals Québec	53.0	53.0	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	53.0
Sentinel	200.0	200.0	-	-	164.3	42.7	207.0	1.0	-7.0
France	39.0	39.0	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	39.0
Recreational fishery	80.0	80.0	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	80.0
Québec reserve (5%)	-	15.2	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	15.2
Total 3Pn, 4RS Cod	1500.0	1521.0	3.3	0.0	401.3	899.0	1303.6	0.9	217.4

Table 3. Nominal landings (*t*) (\*preliminary) for NAFO Subdivision A) 3Pn, B) 4R, C) 4S and D) 3Pn, 4RS by gear category (DV=dory vessels, T=traps, GN=gillnets, HL=handlines, LL=Longline, IN=misc. inshore, DS=Danish seines, PT=pair trawl, OT=otter trawl).

A)

Year	NAFO 3Pn											
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT	Total Fixed	Total mobil	Total
1964	558	-	-	-	3416	4875	-	178	6105	8849	6283	15132
1965	113	-	-	-	2702	4815	-	142	8963	7630	9105	16735
1966	16	-	-	-	2499	2854	-	559	7696	5369	8255	13624
1967	-	-	-	-	657	3463	27	33	16248	4120	16308	20428
1968	33	-	-	-	85	5031	12	306	6442	5149	6760	11909
1969	-	-	444	270	3630	39	10	24	500	4383	534	4917
1970	-	46	643	675	3378	-	5	62	396	4742	463	5205
1971	-	-	364	217	5574	134	-	52	1503	6289	1555	7844
1972	17	10	181	98	5593	20	545	176	3717	5919	4438	10357
1973	1405	-	175	110	5431	97	174	356	3552	7218	4082	11300
1974	128	-	297	52	2460	915	58	1507	8596	3852	10161	14013
1975	-	-	61	152	2418	12	6	-	3584	2643	3590	6233
1976	-	9	163	225	4467	636	163	-	2802	5500	2965	8465
1977	-	37	73	163	5679	-	119	-	1494	5952	1613	7565
1978	-	7	34	103	5323	-	17	-	1318	5467	1335	6802
1979	-	25	40	116	7338	-	181	-	3216	7519	3397	10916
1980	-	-	13	83	6443	-	18	-	2242	6539	2260	8799
1981	-	4	3	72	7560	-	28	-	7463	7639	7491	15130
1982	-	1	8	87	7670	-	12	-	7707	7766	7719	15485
1983	-	1	46	97	6789	-	20	8	9146	6933	9174	16107
1984	-	2	129	45	7089	-	499	-	8177	7265	8676	15941
1985	-	4	35	24	5619	-	186	-	8581	5682	8767	14449
1986	-	-	6	46	5728	-	16	-	16415	5780	16431	22211
1987	-	-	23	11	6589	-	25	-	11709	6623	11734	18357
1988	-	-	12	3	3331	-	-	-	5712	3346	5712	9058
1989	-	-	155	11	1484	-	-	-	5772	1650	5772	7422
1990	-	-	180	14	912	-	1	-	4314	1106	4315	5421
1991	-	-	276	23	1218	-	75	-	5335	1517	5410	6927
1992	-	-	213	25	1208	-	22	-	6529	1446	6551	7997
1993	-	-	153	59	1388	-	-	-	1596	1600	1596	3196
1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	0	51	51

Year	NAFO 3Pn										Total mobil	Total
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT	Total Fixed		
1995	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
1996	-	-	14	0	58	-	0	-	1	71	1	72
1997	-	-	5	20	1969	-	-	-	12	1994	12	2006
1998	-	-	2	16	860	-	-	-	-	878	0	878
1999	-	-	2	49	1110	-	2	-	2	1161	4	1165
2000	-	-	3	33	1442	-	0	-	0	1478	0	1478
2001	-	-	2	21	1715	-	-	-	1	1738	1	1739
2002	-	-	0	40	1657	-	-	-	15	1698	15	1713
2003	-	-	1	-	85	-	-	-	1	85	1	86
2004	-	-	2	10	762	-	-	-	0	774	0	774
2005	-	-	1	4	871	-	-	-	0	876	0	876
2006	-	1	1	5	1197	-	-	-	3	1205	3	1208
2007	-	-	3	4	1074	-	-	-	0	1081	0	1081
2008	-	-	3	3	1125	-	-	-	0	1131	0	1131
2009	-	-	6	6	1345	-	-	-	0	1357	0	1357
2010	-	-	2	6	697	-	-	-	0	705	0	705
2011	-	1	7	6	302	-	-	-	0	316	0	316
2012	-	-	10	2	176	-	0	-	0	187	0	187
2013	-	-	1	2	182	-	0	-	-	185	0	185
2014	-	-	3	1	149	-	-	-	0	153	0	153
2015	-	-	1	0	153	-	-	-	0	155	0	155*
2016	-	-	0	2	143	-	-	-	-	146	0	146

Table 3. (continued)

B)

Year	NAFO 4R											
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT	Total FixeD	Total mobil	Total
1964	-	-	-	-	123	18789	185	-	39863	18912	40048	58960
1965	-	-	-	-	152	16766	145	-	26776	16918	26921	43839
1966	-	-	-	-	201	15532	53	38	28384	15733	28475	44208
1967	-	-	-	-	207	21015	47	-	28672	21222	28719	49941
1968	-	-	289	-	1138	26130	60	508	41916	27557	42484	70041
1969	-	3943	10905	1622	4405	2646	198	5	32908	23521	33111	56632
1970	184	2340	4319	1673	5489	1962	239	225	74715	15967	75179	91146
1971	-	3786	3718	1295	3076	436	247	-	53804	12311	54051	66362
1972	-	1606	2835	1107	1115	2851	16	24	28029	9514	28069	37583
1973	-	2007	3154	1007	2564	3050	120	84	31108	11782	31312	43094
1974	-	1789	5182	1714	1358	666	223	-	28514	10709	28737	39446
1975	-	2032	6462	1413	978	490	221	-	29973	11375	30194	41569
1976	-	1572	7671	1445	527	4238	155	-	40422	15453	40577	56030
1977	-	2414	7866	1591	1429	147	147	-	39793	13447	39940	53387
1978	-	4103	13235	1749	2462	-	233	-	35158	21549	35391	56940
1979	-	3071	11479	3138	5031	-	311	-	32738	22719	33049	55768
1980	-	8354	11607	2380	7768	-	467	-	34107	30109	34574	64683
1981	-	5408	5796	2096	8936	327	384	-	38231	22563	38615	61178
1982	-	7473	9465	2126	7208	-	337	-	38878	26272	39215	65487
1983	-	3415	11849	5047	6614	-	473	-	38347	26925	38820	65745
1984	-	2899	6625	2815	7311	-	-	-	43643	19650	43643	63293
1985	-	3315	4474	2178	7275	-	321	-	36881	17242	37202	54444
1986	-	2938	5540	1000	4645	-	695	-	28999	14123	29694	43817
1987	-	1290	4949	746	4646	-	950	-	21180	11631	22130	33761
1988	-	1323	5110	803	2645	-	833	-	18959	9881	19792	29673
1989	-	736	3689	756	1473	-	907	-	21832	6654	22739	29393
1990	-	391	1797	827	1918	-	814	-	18837	4933	19651	24584
1991	-	2308	2535	1185	2274	-	606	-	10632	8302	11238	19540
1992	-	1679	1656	1287	1767	-	515	-	9166	6389	9681	16070
1993	-	2458	1750	846	562	-	189	-	7694	5616	7883	13499
1994	-	-	13	148	66	-	9	-	44	227	53	280
1995	-	-	14	1	15	-	4	-	0	30	5	35

Year	NAFO 4R											
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT	Total FixeD	Total mobil	Total
1996	-	4	30	0	33	-	11	-	1	67	13	80
1997	-	57	233	246	1712	-	8	-	43	2248	51	2299
1998	-	2	161	283	1287	-	29	-	1	1733	30	1763
1999	-	0	2801	890	1151	-	32	-	7	4842	40	4882
2000	-	26	2230	515	1435	-	36	-	24	4205	60	4265
2001	-	8	1683	716	1814	-	65	-	23	4221	88	4308
2002	-	-	1939	582	1371	-	29	-	17	3892	46	3938
2003	-	1	80	1	95	-	25	-	9	177	34	210
2004	-	0	956	288	564	-	44	-	28	1808	72	1881
2006	-	0	1976	175	1406	-	38	-	76	3558	113	3671
2007	-	-	2635	133	1740	-	31	-	0	4507	31	4538
2008	-	0	2285	204	1657	-	25	-	1	4147	26	4173
2009	-	1	1417	166	1129	-	23	-	1	2714	24	2738
2010	-	0	1268	244	648	-	13	-	2	2161	15	2176
2011	-	0	681	74	152	-	12	-	5	906	17	923
2012	-	-	558	67	101	-	4	-	1	727	5	732
2013	-	1	464	123	171	-	2	-	0	759	3	761
2014	-	0	571	123	84	-	3	-	2	778	5	783
2015	-	-	571	42	89	-	4	-	-	702	4	706*
2016	-	1	604	57	115	-	5	-	1	776	6	782*

Table 3, (continued)

C)

Year	NAFO 4S										Total Fixed	Total mobil	Total
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT				
1964	-	-	-	-	486	6166	-	-	3490	6652	3490	10142	
1965	-	3950	24	-	320	-	1	-	4060	4294	4061	8355	
1966	-	1656	973	-	441	798	-	-	3385	3868	3385	7253	
1967	-	2470	1618	710	305	-	-	-	3840	5103	3840	8943	
1968	-	3070	1127	623	333	-	-	-	2568	5153	2568	7721	
1969	-	2312	1960	607	262	-	-	-	4450	5141	4450	9591	
1970	21	1789	846	771	251	-	-	-	5436	3678	5436	9114	
1971	-	2410	963	503	565	-	-	1	5162	4441	5163	9604	
1972	-	2040	1418	511	511	-	-	-	5817	4480	5817	10297	
1973	-	885	1774	470	402	2248	-	-	5632	5779	5632	11411	
1974	-	200	2326	402	976	2064	-	-	7009	5968	7009	12977	
1975	-	579	2072	2337	136	1425	-	-	5882	6549	5882	12431	
1976	-	992	2900	353	46	1385	-	-	6810	5676	6810	12486	
1977	-	861	4089	303	36	-	2	-	7323	5289	7325	12614	
1978	-	2178	3626	194	28	-	2	-	8736	6026	8738	14764	
1979	-	1043	6578	467	148	-	-	-	7857	8236	7857	16093	
1980	-	-	1376	-	1796	11658	-	-	9267	14830	9267	24097	
1981	-	3	364	-	2678	12554	-	51	5953	15599	6004	21603	
1982	-	13	27	-	3688	11629	3	340	8267	15357	8610	23967	
1983	-	-	622	2	3890	11245	174	-	8295	15759	8469	24228	
1984	8	675	8923	961	4301	-	1694	-	7847	14868	9541	24409	
1985	-	1211	6182	891	4307	-	11	-	6794	12591	6805	19396	
1986	-	52	4269	383	2672	-	161	-	9251	7376	9412	16788	
1987	-	10	3065	219	2189	-	46	-	8900	5483	8946	14429	
1988	-	-	3782	42	1232	-	16	-	4149	5056	4165	9221	
1989	-	3	3206	379	1395	-	8	-	5113	4983	5121	10104	
1990	-	1	1825	159	678	-	-	-	4795	2663	4795	7458	
1991	-	48	1462	479	679	-	-	-	2882	2668	2882	5550	
1992	-	19	1139	78	345	-	-	-	2367	1581	2367	3948	
1993	-	-	604	136	169	-	-	-	836	909	836	1745	
1994	-	-	6	-	23	19	-	-	8	48	8	56	
1995	-	-	20	-	6	88	-	-	0	113	0	113	

Year	NAFO 4S											
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT	Total Fixed	Total mobil	Total
1996	-	-	150	0	7	6	-	-	1	163	1	165
1997	-	-	300	-	176	7	-	-	5	483	5	487
1998	-	-	497	-	148	6	0	-	4	651	4	655
1999	-	-	598	29	214	-	1	-	2	841	3	844
2000	-	-	813	9	234	-	-	-	0	1056	0	1057
2001	-	5	335	128	434	-	-	-	1	902	1	903
2002	-	5	733	12	127	-	1	-	2	876	3	879
2003	-	0	81	-	11	-	-	-	1	92	1	93
2004	-	-	525	11	71	-	-	-	0	607	0	607
2005	-	5	613	8	26	-	0	-	3	652	3	655
2006	-	-	712	9	46	-	-	-	5	767	5	772
2007	-	-	789	21	48	-	-	-	0	858	0	858
2008	-	-	739	8	106	-	-	-	0	854	0	854
2009	-	1	429	35	140	-	-	-	0	605	0	605
2010	-	0	439	13	218	-	-	-	1	670	1	671
2011	-	-	316	4	217	-	-	-	0	537	0	537
2012	-	-	252	5	126	-	-	-	1	383	1	384
2013	-	0	206	6	61	-	-	-	2	273	2	275
2014	-	-	210	5	110	-	-	-	0	325	0	325
2015	-	-	300	5	100	-	-	-	1	405	1	406*
2016	-	0	252	4	139	-	-	-	1	395	1	396*

Table 3. (continued)

D)

Year	NAFO 3Pn, 4RS										Total Fixef	Total mobil	Total
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT				
1964	558	-	-	-	4025	29830	185	178	49458	34413	49821	84234	
1965	113	3950	24	-	3174	21581	146	142	39799	28842	40087	68929	
1966	16	1656	973	-	3141	19184	53	597	39465	24970	40115	65085	
1967	-	2470	1618	710	1169	24478	74	33	48760	30445	48867	79312	
1968	33	3070	1416	623	1556	31161	72	814	50926	37859	51812	89671	
1969	-	6255	13309	2499	8297	2685	208	29	37858	33045	38095	71140	
1970	205	4175	5808	3119	9118	1962	244	287	80547	24387	81078	105465	
1971	-	6196	5045	2015	9215	570	247	53	60469	23041	60769	83810	
1972	17	3656	4434	1716	7219	2871	561	200	37563	19913	38324	58237	
1973	1405	2892	5103	1587	8397	5395	294	440	40292	24779	41026	65805	
1974	128	1989	7805	2168	4794	3645	281	1507	44119	20529	45907	66436	
1975	-	2611	8595	3902	3532	1927	227	-	39439	20567	39666	60233	
1976	-	2573	10734	2023	5040	6259	318	-	50034	26629	50352	76981	
1977	-	3312	12028	2057	7144	147	268	-	48610	24688	48878	73566	
1978	-	6288	16895	2046	7813	-	252	-	45212	33042	45464	78506	
1979	-	4139	18097	3721	12517	-	492	-	43811	38474	44303	82777	
1980	-	8354	12996	2463	16007	11658	485	-	45616	51478	46101	97579	
1981	-	5415	6163	2168	19174	12881	412	51	51647	45801	52110	97911	
1982	-	7487	9500	2213	18566	11629	352	340	54852	49395	55544	104939	
1983	-	3416	12517	5146	17293	11245	667	8	55788	49617	56463	106080	
1984	8	3576	15677	3821	18701	-	2193	-	59667	41783	61860	103643	
1985	-	4530	10691	3093	17201	-	518	-	52256	35515	52774	88289	
1986	-	2990	9815	1429	13045	-	872	-	54665	27279	55537	82816	
1987	-	1300	8037	976	13424	-	1021	-	41789	23737	42810	66547	
1988	-	1323	8904	848	7208	-	849	-	28820	18283	29669	47952	
1989	-	739	7050	1146	4352	-	915	-	32717	13287	33632	46919	
1990	-	392	3802	1000	3508	0	815	-	27946	8702	28761	37463	
1991	-	2356	4273	1687	4171	-	681	-	18849	12487	19530	32017	
1992	-	1698	3008	1390	3320	-	537	-	18062	9416	18599	28015	
1993	-	2458	2507	1041	2119	-	189	-	10126	8125	10315	18440	
1994	-	0	19	148	89	19	9	-	103	275	112	387	
1995	-	0	34	1	21	88	4	-	0	143	5	148	

Year	NAFO 3Pn, 4RS											
	DV	T	GN	HL	LL	IN	DS	PT	OT	Total Fixef	Total mobil	Total
1996	-	4	193	0	98	6	11	-	4	301	15	317
1997	-	57	538	265	3857	7	8	-	60	4724	68	4792
1998	-	2	660	299	2295	6	29	-	5	3262	34	3296
1999	-	0	3401	968	2475	-	35	-	11	6844	46	6891
2000	-	26	3046	557	3111	-	36	-	24	6740	60	6800
2001	-	13	2020	864	3963	-	65	-	25	6860	90	6950
2002	-	5	2672	634	3155	-	30	-	34	6465	64	6529
2003	-	1	161	1	191	-	25	-	10	354	35	389
2004	-	0	1483	309	1397	-	44	-	29	3189	73	3262
2005	-	6	2288	230	1874	-	50	-	35	4398	85	4483
2006	-	1	2690	190	2649	-	38	-	84	5529	122	5651
2007	-	-	3427	158	2862	-	31	-	0	6447	31	6478
2008	-	0	3027	215	2889	-	25	-	2	6131	27	6158
2009	-	2	1852	207	2615	-	23	-	2	4676	25	4700
2010	-	0	1710	263	1563	-	13	-	3	3536	16	3552
2011	-	1	1004	84	671	-	12	-	5	1759	17	1776
2012	-	0	820	74	403	-	4	-	2	1297	6	1303
2013	-	1	670	131	415	-	2	-	2	1217	5	1222
2014	-	0	785	129	342	-	3	-	2	1256	5	1262
2015	-	0	872	48	342	-	4	-	1	1262	4	1267 <sup>*</sup>
2016	-	1	856	64	397	-	5	-	2	1317	8	1324 <sup>*</sup>

Table 4. 2016 cod landing (*t*) statistics (preliminary) in NAFO Subdivision A) 3Pn, B) 4R, C) 4S and D) 3Pn, 4RS.

A)

Region-Gear	NAFO 3Pn												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
<b>Newfoundland</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	3.6	9.2	13.2	1.0	10.0	1.6	94.6	2.3	143.3
Handlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Traps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>146.0</b>
<b>Maritimes</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>						
<b>Quebec</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>146.0</b>

Table 4. (continued)

B)

Region-Gear	NAFO 4R												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
<b>Newfoundland</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.8
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	5.5
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	514.3	15.7	55.0	3.4	4.7	0.2	596.7
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	29.5	8.7	24.8	2.9	43.9	1.2	113.1
Handlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.3	0.1	20.8	0.0	1.4	0.0	56.5
Traps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>579.7</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>773.5</b>
<b>Maritimes</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>						
<b>Quebec</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Handlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>588.4</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>782.5</b>

Table 4. (continued)

C)

Region-Gear	NAFO 4S												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
<b>Terre-Neuve</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Handlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Maritimes</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Québec</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	7.6	192.4	48.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	251.7
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.6	0.6	34.0	51.8	28.6	19.0	0.0	0.0	138.6
Handlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
Traps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	3.5	8.2	232.0	100.3	30.9	19.0	0.0	0.0	396.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>232.0</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>396.1</b>

Table 4 (continued)

D)

Region-Gear	NAFO 3Pn, 4RS												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
<b>Terre-Neuve</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.8
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	5.5
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.5	514.3	15.7	55.0	3.4	4.7	0.2	597.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	3.6	11.4	42.7	9.7	34.8	4.5	138.5	3.5	256.5
Handlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.0	0.1	21.5	0.0	1.4	0.0	58.9
Traps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>594.6</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>919.5</b>
<b>Maritimes</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Québec</b>													
Otter trawl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Danish seines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gillnets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	7.6	199.4	48.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	258.7
Longlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.6	0.6	35.3	52.0	28.6	19.0	0.0	0.0	140.1
Handlines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8
Traps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>240.8</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>405.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>835.4</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>144.3</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1324.5</b>

Table 5. Commercial Fisheries, catch-at-age ('000).

Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1974	741	4069	9607	13498	5303	6658	2794	1509	413	173	82
1975	35	4313	7707	5091	7185	2930	2757	1719	740	316	135
1976	217	5210	12535	6323	4244	5750	1991	2561	993	395	147
1977	14	2672	10124	12756	7943	2628	3274	1098	894	394	291
1978	61	2678	10794	17616	9292	2163	1064	1261	538	441	235
1979	70	3404	13995	12871	12592	4822	1429	721	543	300	141
1980	605	3390	17515	20196	11624	7064	1531	483	289	324	77
1981	316	6689	8999	20054	13971	4730	2154	939	294	172	163
1982	229	3231	18782	12747	13768	8673	3372	2109	618	145	74
1983	840	4901	15255	18451	10206	6002	3061	1161	817	211	214
1984	47	2947	7733	13493	20246	7394	5688	2095	821	406	145
1985	175	2518	15909	13820	10688	9818	3179	2317	828	200	81
1986	215	2415	8534	15635	11847	6024	6189	2284	1748	461	185
1987	15	1194	8426	12310	11864	7210	3650	1843	1470	575	261
1988	117	1274	6037	11452	6078	5145	1515	656	826	277	142
1989	370	1882	5059	8190	8576	4101	2703	1085	480	380	145
1990	362	3083	7677	5916	5435	3984	1665	913	273	112	61
1991	109	3004	6928	6896	3344	2587	1996	487	433	115	57
1992	309	4276	9148	6080	3414	1661	1132	679	210	104	51
1993	169	1949	3807	5985	2863	888	343	215	130	22	20
1994	1	2	41	65	89	47	7	7	2	2	1
1995	2	10	23	52	40	33	17	5	2	1	1
1996	2	22	60	107	90	57	41	13	2	1	1
1997	18	296	386	764	475	517	220	248	31	10	3
1998	1	30	350	349	460	222	136	123	40	17	4
1999	1	45	200	953	454	776	375	178	136	54	7
2000	1	48	400	675	1269	375	429	159	50	14	11
2001	1	161	298	638	642	1016	333	188	50	30	24
2002	1	63	283	874	748	823	658	168	46	7	26
2003	0	8	21	52	61	43	15	16	11	1	0
2004	0	4	98	272	387	334	233	100	67	7	6
2005	0	12	81	256	641	433	316	146	143	55	11
2006	0	30	218	538	536	823	329	154	116	59	25
2007	2	80	246	450	395	638	506	228	125	40	28
2008	1	171	266	543	627	414	449	187	97	33	17
2009	3	116	593	629	431	302	226	88	50	20	15
2010	0	87	248	519	403	281	193	71	26	21	0
2011	2	32	176	254	298	134	60	33	14	5	5
2012	1	4	30	110	206	185	65	35	15	12	0
2013	0	10	37	119	173	131	95	23	10	1	0
2014	1	21	36	82	98	144	109	58	14	4	2
2015	0	18	48	99	84	147	99	30	15	2	2
2016	1	14	63	117	131	54	79	41	27	9	3

Table 6. Commercial Fisheries, mean weight at age January 1 (kg).

Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1974	0.46	0.64	0.99	1.31	1.67	1.98	2.51	2.89	4.46	5.59	5.57
1975	0.40	0.72	1.00	1.52	1.89	2.34	2.61	3.08	4.16	4.50	4.30
1976	0.44	0.76	1.13	1.68	2.15	2.60	2.90	3.11	3.91	4.83	6.90
1977	0.46	0.65	1.02	1.48	2.02	2.52	2.77	3.17	3.35	4.23	4.13
1978	0.57	0.75	0.96	1.44	1.98	2.63	3.22	3.32	3.22	3.86	5.12
1979	0.35	0.65	0.93	1.42	1.87	2.58	3.40	3.84	3.96	5.23	5.38
1980	0.51	0.62	0.93	1.43	1.91	2.41	3.41	4.15	4.41	3.87	5.42
1981	0.57	0.79	0.98	1.32	1.85	2.49	3.34	4.55	6.04	7.43	5.93
1982	0.45	0.85	1.11	1.44	1.76	2.12	2.66	3.13	3.88	5.70	6.02
1983	0.38	0.93	1.30	1.60	1.90	2.18	2.45	3.47	4.52	4.37	6.66
1984	0.42	0.79	1.03	1.45	1.77	2.03	2.30	2.70	3.48	3.75	4.70
1985	0.63	0.79	0.98	1.22	1.62	1.93	2.15	2.32	2.60	3.71	4.60
1986	0.64	0.73	0.98	1.19	1.47	1.92	2.22	2.46	2.62	3.07	3.19
1987	0.45	0.60	0.77	1.01	1.31	1.58	2.09	2.65	2.73	3.05	3.28
1988	0.51	0.73	0.88	1.20	1.49	1.81	2.27	2.74	2.92	3.05	3.90
1989	0.40	0.69	0.93	1.12	1.42	1.67	2.02	2.33	2.84	3.11	3.98
1990	0.59	0.75	0.93	1.18	1.39	1.64	1.86	2.16	2.67	3.91	4.13
1991	0.43	0.61	0.83	1.09	1.38	1.59	1.83	2.01	2.29	2.40	3.15
1992	0.46	0.61	0.79	1.01	1.29	1.50	1.75	1.98	2.27	2.23	2.92
1993	0.42	0.59	0.80	1.06	1.30	1.73	2.07	2.50	3.04	4.38	5.27
1994	0.42	0.55	0.88	1.09	1.29	1.66	3.67	2.17	2.61	3.35	5.08
1995	0.42	0.83	0.88	1.36	1.35	1.64	2.01	2.66	1.27	3.58	4.16
1996	0.45	0.74	0.96	1.21	1.50	1.72	2.31	3.00	3.66	3.58	4.16
1997	0.92	0.83	1.08	1.40	1.66	1.98	2.26	2.51	3.92	4.19	4.76
1998	0.90	0.70	1.10	1.31	1.56	1.83	1.92	2.46	2.83	3.09	5.41
1999	0.90	0.99	1.31	1.75	2.04	2.30	2.36	2.86	3.33	3.82	5.22
2000	0.56	0.81	1.27	1.64	2.03	2.26	2.48	2.54	2.83	5.61	3.32
2001	0.57	0.82	1.16	1.59	1.87	2.39	2.63	3.18	3.69	3.57	4.17
2002	0.35	0.71	1.20	1.52	1.81	2.01	2.37	2.61	3.28	4.56	3.03
2003	0.44	0.60	1.04	1.32	1.59	1.87	1.95	2.49	2.49	3.39	5.72
2004	0.58	0.87	1.13	1.62	2.11	2.19	2.58	2.65	3.28	3.80	3.57
2005	0.46	1.04	1.32	1.61	1.85	2.28	2.53	3.21	2.81	3.98	4.33
2006	0.49	0.85	1.17	1.43	1.76	1.95	2.27	2.74	2.83	3.00	3.43
2007	0.59	0.96	1.34	1.80	2.04	2.50	2.66	3.20	3.52	4.09	3.58
2008	0.44	0.85	1.22	1.80	2.17	2.40	2.66	2.85	3.69	4.07	5.66
2009	0.50	0.86	1.16	1.53	2.00	2.59	2.63	3.44	3.83	5.08	5.45
2010	0.47	0.88	1.17	1.55	1.95	2.46	2.61	3.02	3.30	4.20	5.56
2011	0.64	0.81	1.04	1.32	1.89	2.32	2.81	2.96	3.11	3.85	4.32
2012	0.54	0.65	1.12	1.44	1.72	2.18	2.48	2.85	3.55	2.94	4.94
2013	0.59	0.80	1.20	1.59	1.88	2.10	2.71	3.20	3.86	4.50	5.27
2014	0.48	0.76	1.03	1.52	1.97	2.30	2.63	3.14	3.89	5.38	6.42
2015	0.68	0.93	1.36	1.94	2.05	2.51	2.64	3.25	3.77	5.23	4.35
2016	0.52	0.88	1.38	1.92	2.44	2.78	2.87	3.52	3.60	4.42	5.97

Table 7. Commercial Fisheries, lengths at age (cm).

Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1974	36.78	41.06	47.59	52.40	56.69	59.95	64.72	67.16	78.00	84.78	83.13
1975	35.17	42.76	47.91	54.96	59.15	63.23	65.57	68.98	76.55	78.01	76.17
1976	36.11	43.64	49.82	56.85	61.83	65.85	68.24	69.83	75.00	80.20	90.65
1977	37.00	41.35	48.08	54.45	60.53	65.14	67.22	70.09	71.23	76.82	76.70
1978	39.24	43.30	47.21	53.91	60.03	66.13	70.50	70.97	69.68	74.89	81.29
1979	33.25	41.14	46.62	53.67	58.85	65.27	71.65	74.13	75.19	81.82	83.78
1980	38.17	40.67	46.49	53.79	59.20	63.91	71.62	76.39	77.99	74.40	84.17
1981	39.26	44.01	47.47	52.49	58.30	63.96	69.95	77.75	86.78	93.17	86.79
1982	36.49	44.94	49.50	53.95	57.79	61.32	65.82	69.06	74.47	85.27	87.26
1983	33.44	46.37	52.06	55.96	59.08	61.48	63.81	70.99	77.97	76.01	88.68
1984	35.88	44.05	48.23	54.20	57.91	60.42	62.75	65.90	71.57	73.09	77.64
1985	40.65	44.06	47.40	51.03	56.04	59.36	61.28	62.88	64.79	72.74	77.76
1986	41.36	42.93	47.33	50.58	54.10	59.02	61.94	64.00	65.17	68.41	69.37
1987	36.65	40.18	43.83	47.80	52.21	55.24	60.53	65.25	65.82	68.30	69.55
1988	37.97	42.83	45.69	50.65	54.35	58.01	62.09	66.01	67.42	68.23	73.75
1989	34.24	42.13	46.65	49.58	53.59	56.46	59.99	62.43	65.91	68.29	73.77
1990	40.08	43.56	46.74	50.23	52.99	55.81	57.78	60.30	63.71	72.10	73.77
1991	36.77	41.33	45.65	50.02	53.93	56.58	59.12	60.78	62.85	63.33	68.29
1992	37.84	41.23	45.08	48.68	52.78	55.24	58.13	60.33	62.94	61.38	67.93
1993	36.31	40.59	44.77	49.12	52.39	57.09	59.95	63.94	67.54	76.80	81.80
1994	36.31	40.00	46.50	49.83	52.79	56.82	73.84	61.42	66.79	72.45	83.77
1995	36.31	44.32	45.69	52.53	52.44	55.69	59.82	65.27	52.00	73.00	76.51
1996	37.00	43.60	47.40	51.01	54.22	56.87	62.26	67.59	72.51	73.00	76.51
1997	44.79	44.99	48.94	53.32	56.36	59.40	61.63	63.89	74.11	75.72	80.40
1998	37.00	44.80	50.60	53.49	56.28	59.01	59.06	61.08	65.90	66.17	75.86
1999	37.00	46.60	51.14	56.23	59.98	62.87	63.86	67.19	71.85	76.52	82.97
2000	40.00	44.57	51.58	56.04	60.48	62.73	64.84	65.34	67.45	83.94	70.26
2001	40.00	44.29	49.71	54.67	58.00	63.02	64.61	69.42	72.39	71.36	74.73
2002	34.00	42.17	50.14	54.08	57.11	59.15	62.17	64.10	68.87	75.89	67.12
2003	36.37	40.15	47.62	51.69	55.08	58.20	58.64	63.67	64.03	70.19	83.36
2004	40.00	45.54	51.24	55.56	60.44	61.18	64.08	64.52	69.08	72.89	71.86
2005	36.79	48.12	51.87	55.37	57.81	61.70	63.61	68.42	65.69	73.07	74.20
2006	37.72	45.75	50.90	54.17	57.79	59.80	62.53	66.39	66.38	68.46	70.70
2007	40.90	47.64	53.09	58.21	60.51	64.61	65.76	69.86	71.94	75.08	72.20
2008	37.00	45.40	50.83	57.54	60.87	62.71	65.09	66.20	71.70	73.72	83.44
2009	38.59	45.66	50.01	54.78	59.42	64.40	64.35	70.35	72.34	79.09	81.94
2010	37.79	46.03	50.24	54.94	59.16	63.52	64.18	67.45	69.83	75.50	82.69
2011	41.77	44.80	48.52	52.19	58.56	62.20	65.70	66.96	68.79	73.93	75.33
2012	40.00	42.27	50.40	54.57	57.63	62.05	64.91	66.93	72.51	67.40	79.01
2013	40.89	44.71	50.60	55.56	58.45	60.23	65.49	69.07	73.80	77.13	82.35
2014	38.10	44.05	48.61	54.89	59.67	62.78	65.61	69.56	73.93	83.16	88.32
2015	43.00	47.25	53.23	59.71	60.75	64.65	65.73	69.68	74.14	83.08	77.88
2016	39.48	46.50	53.61	59.86	64.68	67.35	68.03	72.60	72.87	77.76	84.98

Table 8a. DFO Survey, NAFO Division 4R, average weight of cod caught per tow per stratum.

Year	4R / strata																	
	801	802	809	810	811	812	813	820	821	822	823	824	835	836	837	838	840	
1990	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	6.0	41.0	83.0	86.9	60.5	116.0	956.1	49.9	43.0	63.6	232.0	4.5	
1991	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.0	22.1	31.4	18.2	23.4	128.5	60.7	36.8	162.6	41.8	98.8	83.3	531.9	14.4	
1992	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	15.6	60.3	93.4	22.4	23.2	65.5	52.7	72.0	55.7	30.9	127.9	52.4	
1993	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	6.2	3.1	10.3	20.4	3.9	21.8	6.4	2.2	15.5	28.6	0.3	
1994	3.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	5.6	6.4	6.8	14.8	5.3	62.7	151.3	62.7	11.8	27.5	64.0	69.0	0.7	
1995	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	3.9	60.4	226.5	19.7	58.6	82.0	45.7	21.1	11.3	16.5	9.0	0.8	
1996	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.5	0.0	12.7	49.1	87.6	44.1	15.4	60.7	17.7	7.4	22.6	37.2	1.3	
1997	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	9.0	8.9	54.7	56.4	169.9	63.8	50.6	223.2	34.0	69.9	33.2	1.7	
1998	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	558.2	66.2	9.0	90.5	28.8	48.7	178.1	53.2	170.9	2.4	34.6	9.1	0.8	
1999	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	9.0	4.0	27.7	113.3	74.5	77.3	49.0	38.2	46.7	162.7	170.9	150.6	2.3	
2000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.0	1.8	39.6	160.8	85.6	69.7	702.6	22.0	27.0	38.4	52.4	83.5	1.4	
2001	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	12.9	35.6	112.9	45.7	226.0	68.1	25.5	70.1	118.2	168.7	8.4	
2002	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	5.3	31.6	0.0	8.0	10.0	62.3	17.4	2.0	2.4	35.1	123.0	0.5	
2003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	5.7	91.4	4.9	55.3	61.2	191.5	497.1	168.3	60.0	72.8	65.0	712.6	2.1	
2004	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.6	7.8	27.4	22.8	77.7	29.9	155.3	277.9	86.6	71.8	62.2	120.3	2.9	
2005	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.0	78.2	0.4	80.3	83.9	75.8	102.7	141.6	40.8	44.4	48.9	10.9	12.6	
2006	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	24.6	25.9	61.1	65.4	46.5	101.9	587.3	225.9	39.3	69.4	51.7	20.5	0.0	
2007	0.1	0.0	3.6	0.1	11.9	5.5	8.3	60.9	24.7	31.0	114.6	111.3	61.8	36.0	144.1	15.8	2.5	
2008	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	25.2	0.0	8.2	10.7	43.1	60.0	73.3	33.2	57.1	66.4	105.0	45.1	10.3	
2009	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	10.6	1.1	14.6	35.8	71.0	36.6	95.0	100.5	36.2	115.1	15.6	1.7	
2010	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	16.2	11.7	8.4	33.0	81.9	48.6	58.4	183.0	109.9	35.6	46.5	35.7	3.7	
2011	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.2	1.1	2.5	4.1	56.4	46.3	28.9	35.9	68.2	44.9	75.5	55.1	2.2	
2012	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	4.5	3.4	23.9	25.3	16.6	33.9	30.9	20.0	19.9	30.7	384.1	9.2	6.3	
2013	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	9.4	3.8	2.3	25.5	10.9	65.3	39.2	31.5	38.0	27.3	24.2	22.6	2.7	
2014	4.7	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.6	5.1	13.2	22.2	112.4	30.5	68.1	28.5	51.7	67.6	330.9	344.5	14.5	
2015	6.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	6.3	4.7	15.1	14.4	18.2	9.3	52.1	54.4	31.7	52.2	117.2	122.1	38.3	
2016	13.8	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	6.5	10.9	33.8	6.2	38.4	51.3	46.8	93.4	56.5	711.7	107.7	10.4	

Table 8b. DFO Survey, NAFO Division 4S, average weight of cod caught per tow per stratum.

Year	4S / strata																				
	803	804	805	806	807	808	814	815	816	817	818	819	827	828	829	830	831	832	833	839	841
1990	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.5	0.5	12.2	80.3	3.1	7.2	1.9	42.1	129.4	45.0	114.5	97.5	94.6	4.0	0.2
1991	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.4	63.4	5.4	14.2	273.5	160.6	96.6	17.6	39.1	46.9	15.9	538.5	306.8	28.9	31.1	0.6
1992	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	8.7	2.3	0.9	3.5	24.5	0.4	9.4	6.3	51.2	122.5	41.6	0.4	0.1	0.0
1993	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	11.9	7.5	0.3	0.0	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.3	35.6	12.5	3.3	2.7	0.3
1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	7.8	3.8	27.2	1.9	29.3	14.8	5.4	0.5	20.5	24.7	1.0	3.7	5.2
1995	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	4.0	0.5	2.5	2.3	8.6	0.0	0.4	17.6	5.9	6.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
1996	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	3.2	1.0	22.0	74.5	15.3	10.1	14.0	6.2	4.6	15.9	3.3	19.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
1997	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	33.6	1.7	7.5	3.3	9.4	2.2	8.3	0.3	2.7	0.5	2.2	3.1	8.3	2.8	0.1
1998	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	1.0	3.0	26.3	27.8	0.0	7.6	2.0	5.4	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
1999	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.7	6.1	0.1	0.9	4.0	23.9	18.5	20.6	0.1	24.0	8.0	3.5	4.1	14.1	3.0	0.0
2000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.5	8.5	0.2	1.0	205.0	2.4	17.9	0.0	0.0	29.2	12.4	1.6	8.2	0.0	2.9
2001	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.5	0.7	13.7	0.5	7.9	0.0	0.5	0.7	4.5	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.0
2002	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	1.2	1.5	18.2	0.0	14.6	0.0	4.2	3.0	0.2	1.3	1.7	0.0	2.9
2003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	5.5	8.8	20.8	7.4	83.9	15.5	1.2	0.0	0.1	5.5	1.2	2.2	62.7	11.1	10.2
2004	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.3	2.0	0.9	1.5	44.2	0.3	36.2	5.7	0.5	4.7	12.4	4.3	12.8	11.6	2.2
2005	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0	1.3	0.2	19.8	16.1	2.1	13.9	8.6	7.6	5.7	5.5	4.7	3.5
2006	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	5.0	0.0	16.5	1.7	44.7	7.9	8.4	94.6	4.4	8.4	18.3	6.6	5.0
2007	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.1	2.8	0.1	1.5	21.8	19.1	25.5	2.9	18.6	11.1	7.9	9.3	6.9	3.6	6.9
2008	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	46.4	1.8	35.0	0.0	6.6	0.9	88.9	9.3	69.2	55.8	49.0	74.7	6.8	54.6	13.1
2009	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	0.3	0.0	4.9	76.6	1.7	6.9	19.3	4.9	7.5	19.8	6.3	20.7	6.5	3.5
2010	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	54.5	16.3	6.7	3.5	11.1	5.4	27.0	80.5	12.2	9.2	2.4	13.4	14.7	16.1	2.9
2011	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.4	20.5	49.4	46.3	14.0	2.5	38.4	12.5	12.0	17.4	15.7	39.7	23.1	14.7	3.8
2012	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.1	21.9	15.1	9.0	1.2	21.4	79.0	26.2	24.7	16.0	15.0	19.7	9.7	9.8
2013	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.7	0.1	5.1	0.0	0.4	14.3	33.4	1.2	110.1	9.5	11.2	24.1	71.1	9.2	17.8	20.4	11.0
2014	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.1	3.7	9.4	13.5	8.6	19.6	15.1	21.6	2.1	4.3	2.7	88.8	54.5	67.4	50.3	20.2	10.9	12.0
2015	0.1	1.3	1.7	3.7	0.0	0.1	4.6	6.4	54.0	27.4	35.2	29.4	69.2	136.2	142.9	42.0	110.5	45.7	2.0	38.3	21.1
2016	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.2	17.3	3.7	2.9	35.8	88.1	0.7	20.1	149.1	88.6	42.0	398.0	107.4	21.8	22.5	12.3

*Table 8c. DFO Survey, NAFO Divisions 4RS, average weight per tow and average number per set.*

Year	Mean weight/Set with multiplicative model	Mean weight/Set without multiplicative model	Mean number/Set with multiplicative model
1990	43.8	39.5	87.2
1991	76.0	73.5	145.3
1992	21.8	22.7	39.8
1993	5.3	5.3	11.3
1994	14.5	14.6	38.2
1995	12.1	12.3	16.3
1996	13.8	13.0	23.2
1997	21.2	22.6	28.8
1998	25.4	25.3	32.0
1999	27.1	28.6	42.4
2000	26.6	25.4	47.6
2001	19.1	23.6	30.4
2002	9.4	10.7	12.9
2003	53.5	32.1	86.4
2004	22.3	27.3	29.4
2005	18.7	19.1	24.1
2006	25.4	25.4	45.6
2007	16.0	16.1	30.0
2008	27.6	27.6	65.1
2009	17.0	17.2	34.6
2010	20.1	17.2	34.1
2011	21.0	21.2	37.6
2012	23.2	23.2	46.5
2013	15.8	15.4	50.0
2014	39.8	39.8	87.4
2015	34.5	34.5	76.4
2016	54.2	54.3	78.2

*Table 9. DFO Survey, average numbers at age.*

<b>Age</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>1990</b>	3.96	7.07	30.58	18.90	8.24	2.83	2.73	2.53	0.53	0.16	0.05	0.02	0.04
<b>1991</b>	22.68	12.04	40.72	67.20	30.56	13.07	3.50	1.99	2.09	0.48	0.32	0.07	0.08
<b>1992</b>	7.25	7.35	10.45	14.92	12.81	4.57	1.42	0.67	0.50	0.21	0.09	0.07	0.03
<b>1993</b>	0.00	2.61	2.49	1.85	1.94	1.63	0.29	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
<b>1994</b>	5.67	6.55	12.38	4.76	2.23	2.35	1.69	0.63	0.12	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00
<b>1995</b>	0.00	1.83	1.50	5.13	3.51	1.96	0.87	0.86	0.14	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>1996</b>	0.14	3.05	9.14	3.40	3.96	1.96	0.89	0.28	0.23	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.00
<b>1997</b>	0.66	4.29	4.47	9.48	3.01	4.24	1.99	0.95	0.43	0.29	0.02	0.00	0.00
<b>1998</b>	0.53	2.31	7.62	7.58	7.34	3.15	2.36	0.70	0.47	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>1999</b>	0.98	8.37	12.27	9.41	3.86	4.31	1.02	0.87	0.28	0.08	0.14	0.03	0.02
<b>2000</b>	7.89	5.49	13.73	9.17	4.87	2.02	2.42	0.61	0.47	0.13	0.06	0.07	0.01
<b>2001</b>	1.72	4.90	9.45	4.46	3.44	2.65	1.32	1.72	0.23	0.45	0.06	0.07	0.02
<b>2002</b>	0.00	2.10	2.49	4.30	1.54	1.13	0.62	0.50	0.18	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.00
<b>2003</b>	0.67	17.10	20.26	15.58	9.88	5.32	3.40	1.41	0.70	0.77	0.14	0.07	0.00
<b>2004</b>	0.82	6.16	5.64	6.08	3.80	4.00	2.12	1.25	0.89	0.33	0.21	0.02	0.01
<b>2005</b>	3.09	2.89	3.64	4.16	3.56	2.50	2.33	0.78	0.56	0.29	0.19	0.07	0.00
<b>2006</b>	5.32	14.28	7.82	6.58	4.18	3.21	1.80	1.23	0.61	0.23	0.23	0.05	0.00
<b>2007</b>	4.53	4.99	7.92	6.01	2.78	1.56	0.93	0.60	0.42	0.14	0.08	0.04	0.01
<b>2008</b>	1.84	24.73	12.68	15.62	5.63	2.69	1.04	0.51	0.19	0.11	0.01	0.02	0.02
<b>2009</b>	0.44	10.93	6.66	6.61	5.53	2.38	1.39	0.43	0.06	0.11	0.00	0.01	0.01
<b>2010</b>	3.39	1.73	8.50	8.58	6.13	2.95	0.86	0.31	0.18	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01
<b>2011</b>	1.54	10.17	6.67	6.72	5.67	3.54	2.16	0.67	0.26	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.01
<b>2012</b>	6.82	8.94	10.78	6.42	5.42	5.00	1.61	0.81	0.34	0.17	0.02	0.08	0.00
<b>2013</b>	7.10	17.79	12.49	6.33	1.95	1.37	1.05	0.48	0.18	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.00
<b>2014</b>	2.94	29.28	25.29	16.03	6.34	3.61	2.18	0.86	0.61	0.27	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>2015</b>	10.09	17.75	19.37	15.54	8.31	2.74	1.07	0.69	0.39	0.16	0.05	0.02	0.01
<b>2016</b>	2.27	9.33	21.78	18.62	13.89	7.23	2.72	1.11	0.91	0.27	0.19	0.19	0.15

Table 10. Mobile gear sentinel surveys, average weight (kg) of cod per tow per unit area and per stratum.

3Pn / strata				NAFO 4R / strata												
302	303	304	305	101	102	103	801	802	809	810	811	812	813	820	821	822
37.8	9.1	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	1.7	67.3	38.7	74.8	28.7
31.6	8.7	0.3	0.0	-	-	-	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	8.3	19.1	30.8	175.1	71.5
69.6	3.9	0.4	0.0	-	-	-	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	1.3	34.6	80.9	79.5	177.5
45.4	3.7	0.3	0.0	-	-	-	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.8	8.5	6.2	26.8	46.3	69.0	56.6
10.3	2.1	0.5	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	4.7	3.1	12.7	137.7	129.7	37.1
17.3	0.8	0.4	0.0	-	-	-	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.5	16.6	23.8	56.4	77.2
121.2	5.1	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	9.2	3.7	82.5	21.8	76.2	53.4
191.3	10.2	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	9.9	18.1	14.2	33.0	27.3	29.5
28.0	5.1	0.0	0.0	38.3	580.7	11.0	0.7	0.0	2.1	0.5	7.8	1.8	28.8	32.7	36.5	96.8
26.4	9.4	0.8	0.1	37.3	240.4	174.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.1	6.8	3.7	35.4	54.1	28.6	114.8
26.5	14.9	0.0	0.0	37.2	117.0	144.9	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	34.6	8.1	5.9	87.1	194.3	86.4
20.9	3.7	0.0	0.0	61.2	126.9	1.5	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.0	46.0	13.0	7.8	34.3	83.3	64.5
11.6	16.1	0.1	0.0	54.6	336.1	15.6	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.7	9.4	31.7	55.2	34.6	51.3
1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.4	612.6	839.4	2.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	2.0	3.6	17.2	4.2	27.5	24.0
1.5	1.6	0.2	0.0	23.9	62.7	1.5	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	3.4	87.4	18.9	10.5	55.9
1.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	53.5	12.6	359.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	3.6	37.5	25.1	9.8	30.5
0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	462.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	2.6	1.5	22.1	38.1	28.0
2.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	35.3	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.8	9.2	9.6	12.3
2.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.6	21.7	24.9	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.1	0.3	7.2	2.1	0.6	1.3
1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	18.2	26.0	9.6	4.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	1.9	26.4	22.0	4.5	15.9	19.5
2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	676.7	1.6	46.2	3.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.9	8.5	4.9	23.8	4.6	14.4
1.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	12.2	39.0	-	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.4	8.3	7.7	11.0	11.5	13.2

Table 10 (continued). Mobile gear sentinel surveys, average weight (kg) of cod per tow per unit area and per stratum.

Year	NAFO 4R							NAFO 4S									
	823	824	835	836	837	838	840	803	804	805	806	807	808	814	815	816	817
1995	164.6	41.1	48.8	32.8	18.2	30.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	5.4	13.6
1996	128.9	126.4	69.9	39.4	18.5	9.0	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	8.5	39.1	10.6	5.9	
1997	259.4	169.5	81.9	124.4	93.7	61.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.3	
1998	288.1	592.5	64.4	107.7	219.6	43.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.6	1.1	0.0
1999	39.8	77.2	77.8	147.0	27.2	11.0	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	4.3	2.1	4.2	0.0
2000	74.8	44.0	114.5	195.8	295.7	179.5	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.7	0.0
2001	149.6	241.4	105.4	66.1	516.8	58.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.4
2002	55.5	66.3	79.2	147.3	192.2	98.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
2003	1240.9	108.8	190.2	57.1	107.9	18.1	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	5.8	0.6
2004	316.0	281.5	89.1	121.3	543.5	9.7	7.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.7	
2005	63.3	107.9	59.3	72.1	187.6	213.7	4.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2006	83.6	8.5	139.1	176.2	278.7	328.1	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
2007	31.0	53.1	56.7	38.9	129.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.5	33.8	0.2
2008	69.3	36.3	11.1	71.9	196.7	12.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	4.2	0.4	0.0	
2009	46.5	45.8	21.8	65.4	460.7	77.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.6	0.3	1.2	0.3
2010	18.0	4.1	12.6	22.3	141.0	74.2	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.5	9.5	0.5	7.7	0.3
2011	153.3	99.6	13.2	73.0	1079.2	22.8	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.2	0.2	0.1	3.2
2012	4.6	18.3	6.8	18.1	88.4	26.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.9
2013	16.9	3.4	0.7	137.3	135.8	198.0	200.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	4.8	6.3	2.2	0.5
2014	34.9	49.0	19.4	51.7	633.7	61.8	3.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.2	1.3	0.5	5.8	6.7	7.1	0.3
2015	86.1	71.0	35.8	74.7	511.0	146.1	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0	4.0	3.1	5.9	3.3
2016	30.9	32.4	19.3	77.3	58.6	26.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.6	8.1	15.1	6.1

Table 10 (continued). Mobile gear sentinel surveys, average weight (kg) of cod per tow per unit area and per stratum.

Year	NAFO 4S											Mean weight / set
	818	819	827	828	829	830	831	832	833	839	841	
1995	0.3	1.0	1.3	3.0	1.8	8.0	6.9	12.1	0.0	-	-	13.0
1996	3.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	28.8	-	13.1	15.6	0.0	0.0	5.6	16.9
1997	0.0	0.7	11.7	-	7.3	22.2	-	4.2	3.2	0.8	1.7	25.4
1998	0.2	12.0	0.3	3.3	23.2	30.0	3.8	8.9	0.7	1.0	0.6	26.3
1999	0.5	0.0	5.4	2.4	44.0	32.2	8.0	5.6	5.0	2.3	0.0	16.9
2000	0.5	0.0	0.6	34.5	12.1	4.3	0.0	5.8	0.0	0.0	1.7	29.7
2001	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	8.4	3.9	0.3	0.0	2.4	33.1
2002	3.0	3.0	-	0.5	25.0	4.1	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.5	1.2	22.7
2003	3.3	30.5	2.4	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.3	2.8	30.6
2004	3.1	0.3	0.0	0.5	9.8	1.8	5.9	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.5
2005	2.4	-	2.0	3.7	24.5	11.4	12.0	3.8	0.0	2.2	4.3	28.7
2006	0.7	0.7	0.5	3.9	13.9	3.1	13.6	3.3	5.4	1.6	6.4	35.3
2007	0.2	0.7	7.4	-	0.7	3.8	119.8	14.0	2.7	2.7	11.7	20.3
2008	0.7	0.3	1.0	-	3.6	12.2	18.3	19.0	1.1	0.8	1.0	25.1
2009	8.6	0.0	5.0	3.3	-	22.5	6.0	23.3	0.0	1.7	1.7	26.6
2010	1.8	0.0	4.1	-	22.2	8.9	-	30.9	4.3	10.4	2.2	17.0
2011	5.1	-	0.0	3.9	0.0	51.1	27.7	6.2	0.0	13.7	1.0	40.9
2012	5.0	0.6	6.7	0.0	0.2	8.4	-	10.7	4.2	3.7	-	6.5
2013	4.3	3.7	17.6	3.0	4.3	11.4	26.4	23.6	5.3	1.5	4.2	19.2
2014	3.3	5.7	27.1	-	2.4	38.6	9.8	37.5	2.9	8.1	-	29.5
2015	17.0	4.2	30.7	5.1	35.1	9.7	9.7	46.2	4.1	17.2	1.3	37.6
2016	5.0	12.1	27.1	-	54.7	10.8	33.9	105.1	7.9	185.5	0.9	24.5

Table 11. Mobile gear sentinel surveys, average numbers at age.

Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1995	1.078	2.010	2.273	4.677	3.101	1.861	1.303	1.143	0.230	0.055	0.024	0.008	0.000
1996	0.118	1.692	7.259	6.180	4.951	2.392	1.216	0.819	0.644	0.145	0.025	0.011	0.000
1997	0.000	2.924	6.145	13.872	4.956	4.423	1.715	0.687	0.512	0.164	0.044	0.003	0.000
1998	0.038	2.059	8.547	6.780	7.260	3.062	2.971	0.970	0.663	0.253	0.157	0.039	0.000
1999	0.093	2.043	5.091	5.832	3.415	2.943	1.089	0.935	0.190	0.085	0.047	0.013	0.000
2000	0.359	1.220	7.433	10.218	5.743	3.892	3.485	0.800	0.792	0.281	0.047	0.012	0.007
2001	1.207	5.632	11.254	9.884	5.021	3.111	1.809	1.373	0.480	0.320	0.099	0.044	0.010
2002	0.023	0.600	3.035	8.159	4.663	3.783	2.055	1.655	0.880	0.264	0.074	0.005	0.007
2003	0.051	1.104	4.227	7.383	6.368	3.220	2.400	1.171	0.944	0.728	0.268	0.054	0.023
2004	0.016	0.709	3.620	6.718	5.831	5.489	3.401	2.218	1.352	0.664	0.488	0.127	0.025
2005	0.025	1.865	4.837	6.209	4.895	3.321	2.650	1.066	0.707	0.388	0.159	0.163	0.013
2006	0.962	3.672	4.644	7.686	5.155	3.851	2.423	2.382	1.075	0.531	0.149	0.116	0.094
2007	9.826	2.724	7.722	6.301	2.871	1.667	1.080	0.664	0.560	0.345	0.224	0.093	0.043
2008	0.023	4.637	5.882	10.553	4.089	3.034	1.707	1.168	0.813	0.359	0.107	0.065	0.031
2009	0.056	4.158	6.508	10.432	10.428	2.237	1.694	0.940	0.291	0.163	0.018	0.009	0.006
2010	0.037	0.395	6.087	6.337	5.382	2.512	0.858	0.562	0.166	0.065	0.021	0.000	0.000
2011	0.073	1.317	3.315	12.867	8.555	9.565	3.745	2.031	1.032	0.303	0.176	0.035	0.003
2012	0.908	0.619	1.134	1.145	1.560	1.321	0.926	0.328	0.183	0.036	0.016	0.002	0.000
2013	2.368	6.081	5.508	6.050	3.065	2.190	1.848	0.995	0.497	0.165	0.104	0.097	0.000
2014	0.325	7.063	11.675	10.518	6.560	4.384	1.721	1.237	0.642	0.134	0.130	0.065	0.012
2015	0.431	9.501	22.538	17.732	7.026	3.403	1.584	0.999	0.404	0.290	0.029	0.020	0.005
2016	0.202	4.501	7.586	9.636	7.818	4.356	1.311	0.610	0.427	0.080	0.082	0.012	0.003

Table 12a. Longline sentinel surveys, numbers at age.

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1994	3	62	408	794	352	298	73	53	8	2	5	1	-	-	-	-
1995	41	712	4822	5532	8102	10707	10346	3076	710	206	158	108	20	26	3	5
1996	42	1458	5126	8606	9975	11882	7101	6178	1501	207	57	49	36	-	-	-
-1997	105	902	3991	4662	8831	5850	4144	3042	2058	324	104	32	-	14	-	-
-1998	35	2540	7087	13038	12387	9393	4552	3369	1539	664	193	72	19	-	-	-
-1999	25	1804	10052	7727	13937	6264	7572	2084	1357	762	353	74	30	-	-	-
2000	167	2124	13016	19204	18587	19666	6187	3439	610	202	233	77	13	-	-	-
2001	328	1122	12498	19947	19561	16901	17335	5517	2240	813	311	112	34	-	-	-
2002	5	1071	8214	13357	17461	13936	8969	8876	1843	982	150	94	-	-	-	-
2003	-	253	3460	10274	12596	11737	6128	4062	4286	820	338	80	45	-	-	-
2004	-	316	2188	10263	19406	16276	11338	6298	2811	3330	397	189	117	14	-	-
2005	-	294	2932	6668	7949	17481	9143	7766	3437	1945	1168	263	58	23	-	3
2006	-	561	4582	10228	15548	14816	13372	8719	4969	2696	1099	396	163	35	-	-
2007	-	372	4719	7941	10922	9574	8147	5366	3481	1145	870	395	159	35	5	-
2008	-	203	6056	9046	10308	9054	4369	3425	1823	547	516	129	51	8	-	-
2009	-	678	3829	10221	8803	6967	3960	2273	606	262	57	36	13	24	-	-
2010	-	142	5307	9389	10739	5860	1839	1257	440	121	13	-	-	-	-	-
2011	-	562	2989	11871	9963	10124	3472	1511	559	88	-	28	-	-	-	-
2012	-	747	2098	6458	9832	8305	5987	1795	708	181	37	10	-	-	-	-
2013	-	106	3041	6130	7253	7645	6001	3086	1003	369	174	32	-	-	-	-
2014	-	168	1220	4954	6009	6025	5304	3541	984	423	53	-	58	14	-	-
2015	-	153	4089	4881	6796	5028	3122	3040	1198	849	251	-	-	-	-	-
2016	-	43	2317	9099	8521	6515	3552	2674	1750	945	385	97	74	-	-	-

*Table 12b. Longline sentinel surveys, numbers at age (%).*

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1994	0.00	0.03	0.20	0.39	0.17	0.14	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1995	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.23	0.07	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1996	0.00	0.03	0.10	0.16	0.19	0.23	0.14	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1997	0.00	0.03	0.12	0.14	0.26	0.17	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1998	0.00	0.05	0.13	0.24	0.23	0.17	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1999	0.00	0.03	0.19	0.15	0.27	0.12	0.15	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	0.00	0.03	0.16	0.23	0.22	0.24	0.07	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001	0.00	0.01	0.13	0.21	0.20	0.17	0.18	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.18	0.23	0.19	0.12	0.12	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2003	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.23	0.22	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2004	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.14	0.27	0.22	0.16	0.09	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.11	0.13	0.30	0.15	0.13	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2006	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.13	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.11	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2007	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.15	0.21	0.18	0.15	0.10	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.20	0.23	0.20	0.10	0.08	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2009	0.00	0.02	0.10	0.27	0.23	0.18	0.10	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.27	0.31	0.17	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.29	0.24	0.25	0.08	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.16	0.24	0.20	0.15	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.15	0.18	0.19	0.15	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.12	0.17	0.12	0.08	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2016	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.22	0.21	0.16	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table 12c. Longline sentinel surveys, Catch rates at age (number / standardized effort).

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1995	1	17	113	130	190	251	243	72	17	5	4	3	0	1	0	0
1996	1	30	107	179	208	248	148	129	31	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
1997	3	24	106	124	234	155	110	81	55	9	3	1	0	0	0	0
1998	1	90	250	460	437	332	161	119	54	23	7	3	1	0	0	0
1999	1	82	456	351	633	284	344	95	62	35	16	3	1	0	0	0
2000	5	68	419	618	598	633	199	111	20	7	8	2	0	0	0	0
2001	11	36	402	641	629	543	557	177	72	26	10	4	1	0	0	0
2002	0	30	232	377	493	394	253	251	52	28	4	3	0	0	0	0
2003	0	10	131	390	478	445	232	154	163	31	13	3	2	0	0	0
2004	0	16	108	507	959	804	560	311	139	165	20	9	6	1	0	0
2005	0	14	143	324	386	850	445	378	167	95	57	13	3	1	0	0
2006	0	28	229	512	779	742	670	437	249	135	55	20	8	2	0	0
2007	0	21	273	459	631	553	471	310	201	66	50	23	9	2	0	0
2008	0	11	314	470	535	470	227	178	95	28	27	7	3	0	0	0
2009	0	41	230	613	528	418	238	136	36	16	3	2	1	1	0	0
2010	0	9	329	581	665	363	114	78	27	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	39	208	827	694	705	242	105	39	6	0	2	0	0	0	0
2012	0	71	199	614	934	789	569	171	67	17	3	1	0	0	0	0
2013	0	11	318	642	759	800	628	323	105	39	18	3	0	0	0	0
2014	0	16	116	470	570	571	503	336	93	40	5	0	6	1	0	0
2015	0	15	391	467	650	481	299	291	115	81	24	0	0	0	0	0
2016	0	5	263	1031	966	738	402	303	198	107	44	11	8	0	0	0

Table 12d. Longline sentinel surveys, lengths at age (cm).

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1994	29.4	37.9	44.0	50.8	54.7	56.7	59.2	60.5	68.9	64.0	74.4	85.0	-	-	-	-
1995	26.9	34.7	42.6	48.1	53.2	56.3	59.3	64.5	69.2	77.0	74.1	77.7	91.1	86.8	88.0	89.0
1996	28.8	38.8	45.2	51.6	55.2	60.6	63.7	66.2	70.6	84.0	76.8	86.2	80.1	-	-	-
1997	30.9	37.7	45.0	49.8	55.0	57.5	63.1	63.9	66.8	67.5	62.0	80.9	-	88.8	-	-
1998	25.0	36.3	43.2	50.0	54.0	58.0	60.2	63.6	65.8	73.3	75.9	78.3	79.0	-	-	-
1999	31.0	38.6	45.1	49.7	54.5	57.8	59.4	63.2	63.5	66.3	75.2	80.3	90.1	-	-	-
2000	30.3	37.3	44.8	50.5	54.2	58.5	61.7	63.1	68.3	72.4	77.7	68.4	70.0	-	-	-
2001	30.2	36.5	43.4	49.9	54.5	57.2	61.6	63.9	65.8	65.4	69.2	87.4	74.4	-	-	-
2002	28.0	36.4	42.4	48.5	53.5	56.4	60.0	64.2	68.7	72.4	75.1	76.8	-	-	-	-
2003	-	36.5	43.5	49.4	54.1	57.5	61.5	63.1	65.8	73.5	72.5	83.2	77.7	-	-	-
2004	-	37.1	43.7	49.7	53.3	58.3	61.9	64.4	66.4	69.2	76.1	69.8	74.4	88.0	-	-
2005	-	38.3	44.9	50.6	54.8	56.5	60.8	65.0	67.5	67.9	74.0	72.9	80.4	85.9	-	94.0
2006	-	38.0	43.6	50.3	54.1	57.9	60.6	63.3	66.9	68.9	73.3	76.7	76.6	82.3	-	-
2007	-	36.0	43.3	50.6	55.0	57.5	60.5	63.5	68.2	74.7	75.2	73.8	79.6	79.9	100.2	-
2008	-	36.8	43.7	49.4	53.6	57.5	61.5	63.1	66.3	71.2	70.3	71.5	83.7	87.3	-	-
2009	-	36.3	42.9	47.8	52.7	57.6	60.1	62.5	67.6	72.6	74.3	78.4	76.0	95.5	-	-
2010	-	38.2	43.6	47.3	51.4	54.6	59.1	62.5	63.5	68.2	73.0	-	-	-	-	-
2011	-	37.8	43.7	48.6	51.3	54.3	59.5	59.6	70.1	65.8	-	73.0	-	-	-	-
2012	-	38.5	43.8	47.7	52.3	55.4	57.9	61.3	66.7	71.4	74.6	76.0	-	-	-	-
2013	-	36.9	44.7	49.5	53.5	56.3	56.0	63.3	67.0	69.8	71.4	70.0	-	-	-	-
2014	-	37.1	43.0	47.4	51.9	55.6	59.5	61.0	67.0	71.4	71.9	-	81.6	82.0	-	-
2015	-	37.5	46.0	50.6	54.6	57.0	60.4	61.6	65.4	67.6	75.1	-	-	-	-	-
2016	-	38.9	46.7	51.3	55.3	59.4	62.5	64.5	66.7	70.1	76.8	87.5	67.0	-	-	-

Table 12e. Longline sentinel surveys, weights at age (kg).

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1994	0.23	0.52	0.78	1.22	1.54	1.71	1.94	2.12	3.13	2.39	4.67	5.59	-	-	-	-
1995	0.18	0.38	0.71	1.03	1.41	1.69	1.97	2.62	3.28	4.44	4.01	4.74	7.18	6.14	6.32	6.60
1996	0.21	0.53	0.84	1.25	1.54	2.08	2.43	2.74	3.39	5.53	4.13	6.00	4.64	-	-	-
1997	0.28	0.51	0.85	1.14	1.54	1.77	2.38	2.50	2.84	3.02	2.40	4.78	-	6.31	-	-
1998	0.14	0.43	0.73	1.13	1.43	1.78	2.03	2.40	2.67	3.62	4.10	4.39	4.32	-	-	-
1999	0.26	0.51	0.81	1.08	1.43	1.72	1.88	2.30	2.33	2.69	3.76	4.55	6.37	-	-	-
2000	0.24	0.45	0.80	1.15	1.43	1.83	2.16	2.36	2.96	3.66	4.41	2.98	3.06	-	-	-
2001	0.25	0.44	0.73	1.09	1.42	1.64	2.04	2.31	2.50	2.40	2.88	5.43	3.55	-	-	-
2002	0.19	0.44	0.72	1.08	1.48	1.76	2.13	2.65	3.28	3.81	4.35	4.82	-	-	-	-
2003	-	0.45	0.76	1.13	1.51	1.82	2.26	2.48	2.82	3.95	3.77	5.69	4.52	-	-	-
2004	-	0.46	0.77	1.16	1.44	1.91	2.30	2.62	2.91	3.27	4.38	3.31	4.05	6.51	-	-
2005	-	0.50	0.84	1.21	1.58	1.74	2.21	2.73	3.14	3.15	4.07	3.93	5.13	6.31	-	8.30
2006	-	0.47	0.74	1.14	1.43	1.77	2.06	2.40	2.84	3.16	3.80	4.31	4.21	5.13	-	-
2007	-	0.40	0.72	1.17	1.51	1.76	2.06	2.42	3.03	4.03	4.07	3.88	4.80	4.74	9.54	-
2008	-	0.43	0.75	1.10	1.43	1.78	2.23	2.39	2.86	3.54	3.47	3.52	5.67	6.37	-	-
2009	-	0.42	0.71	0.99	1.35	1.80	2.06	2.35	2.98	3.73	3.94	4.59	4.10	8.40	-	-
2010	-	0.48	0.75	0.95	1.25	1.51	1.95	2.33	2.41	2.94	3.57	-	-	-	-	-
2011	-	0.48	0.74	1.04	1.23	1.48	1.99	1.98	3.31	2.60	-	3.57	-	-	-	-
2012	-	0.49	0.73	0.96	1.29	1.54	1.77	2.10	2.86	3.33	3.71	3.92	-	-	-	-
2013	-	0.44	0.81	1.11	1.43	1.69	1.65	2.43	2.84	3.33	3.40	3.15	-	-	-	-
2014	-	0.44	0.71	0.96	1.28	1.60	1.98	2.16	2.86	3.41	3.36	-	5.39	5.03	-	-
2015	-	0.46	0.86	1.15	1.52	1.71	2.08	2.22	2.64	2.96	4.15	-	-	-	-	-
2016	-	0.50	0.89	1.19	1.51	1.90	2.24	2.46	2.78	3.21	4.27	6.01	2.64	-	-	-

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*Table 12f. Longline sentinel surveys, total numbers at age, effort, catch and catch per unit effort (CPUE).*

Year	Total	Effort	Catch	CPUE
1994	2059	-	-	-
1995	44574	4262	71066	16.68
1996	52218	4798	96426	20.10
1997	34059	3767	65578	17.41
1998	54888	2832	88842	31.37
1999	52041	2203	85046	38.61
2000	83525	3106	136546	43.96
2001	96719	3112	160687	51.64
2002	74958	3540	130858	36.96
2003	54079	2636	105677	40.09
2004	72943	2024	136703	67.55
2005	59130	2057	122924	59.76
2006	77184	1997	142227	71.22
2007	53131	1731	100440	58.03
2008	45535	1927	75463	39.17
2009	37729	1667	55377	33.23
2010	35107	1615	45497	28.18
2011	41167	1435	53710	37
2012	36158	1052	50742	48
2013	34841	956	51569	53.97
2014	28754	1055	42915	40.68
2015	29408	1045	47857	45.78
2016	35972	882	60335	68.37

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Table 12g. Gillnet sentinel surveys, numbers at age.

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1995	7	82	585	1765	5407	8729	10614	2653	716	104	122	98	17	5	4	6
1996	3	156	1298	19590	38993	35306	22594	16257	4911	195	42	48	39	-	-	-
1997	3	138	1901	6299	23046	17150	12442	8878	5145	737	216	29	-	11	-	-
1998	-	1504	6450	32715	21488	25843	12707	7773	6904	1820	700	54	116	-	-	98
1999	-	123	1052	6520	22375	14816	19043	5775	2971	1634	669	102	21	-	-	-
2000	18	105	1541	15221	35346	49826	18546	13028	3723	1349	821	734	130	-	-	-
2001	0	14	765	4582	10723	13862	20905	7715	3129	665	616	56	20	-	-	-
2002	-	29	469	4907	19084	17590	15598	14302	2901	1694	171	260	-	-	-	-
2003	-	44	401	5354	15105	20342	11406	7123	8487	1265	616	44	47	-	-	-
2004	-	50	201	2660	18655	27204	22857	8457	3673	3526	261	296	364	-	-	-
2005	-	6	520	3976	8701	30211	24737	16737	7043	3082	1712	629	55	4	-	2
2006	-	25	475	5912	17674	25550	25152	16236	9631	4922	1863	582	215	38	-	-
2007	-	10	238	4915	14824	16591	17022	12313	8708	2307	1870	908	320	56	14	-
2008	-	17	403	5490	17821	20599	11586	10219	5222	1615	1332	448	109	35	-	-
2009	-	11	316	4410	11288	15298	9642	6005	1624	684	117	73	21	33	-	-
2010	-	-	509	2170	18577	12664	7622	2848	2063	332	145	74	-	-	-	-
2011	-	8	461	5256	17157	37445	16081	8268	3903	112	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	148	4394	19903	25881	22907	10197	2894	368	417	-	-	-	-	-
2013	-	-	510	2526	13400	14232	12275	10206	1200	1108	41	35	-	-	-	-
2014	-	101	152	2395	9854	11940	16132	12592	4259	1304	330	67	52	-	-	-
2015	-	42	1633	7977	22236	24311	22202	14608	6823	4961	258	256	49	-	-	-
2016	-	19	140	5989	25380	30786	9574	8307	4032	1667	1240	111	-	-	-	-

*Table 12h. Gillnet sentinel surveys, numbers at age (%).*

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1995	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.17	0.28	0.34	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1996	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.14	0.28	0.25	0.16	0.12	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1997	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.08	0.30	0.23	0.16	0.12	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1998	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.28	0.18	0.22	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1999	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.30	0.20	0.25	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.25	0.35	0.13	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.17	0.22	0.33	0.12	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.25	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2003	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.22	0.29	0.16	0.10	0.12	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.21	0.31	0.26	0.10	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.09	0.31	0.25	0.17	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.16	0.24	0.23	0.15	0.09	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.21	0.21	0.15	0.11	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.24	0.28	0.15	0.14	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2009	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.23	0.31	0.19	0.12	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.40	0.27	0.16	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.19	0.42	0.18	0.09	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.22	0.29	0.26	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.12	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.11	0.13	0.18	0.14	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.25	0.27	0.25	0.16	0.08	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.29	0.35	0.11	0.09	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table 12i. Gillnet sentinel surveys, catch rates at age.

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1995	0	3	19	58	178	288	350	88	24	3	4	3	1	0	0	0
1996	0	2	15	223	444	402	258	185	56	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
1997	0	2	24	80	294	219	159	113	66	9	3	0	0	0	0	0
1998	0	14	59	301	198	238	117	72	64	17	6	0	1	0	0	1
1999	0	1	12	75	258	171	220	67	34	19	8	1	0	0	0	0
2000	0	1	12	117	272	383	143	100	29	10	6	6	1	0	0	0
2001	0	0	7	41	96	125	188	69	28	6	6	1	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	5	48	188	174	154	141	29	17	2	3	0	0	0	0
2003	0	1	11	142	401	540	303	189	225	34	16	1	1	0	0	0
2004	0	1	5	60	419	611	513	190	82	79	6	7	8	0	0	0
2005	0	0	9	73	159	552	452	306	129	56	31	11	1	0	0	0
2006	0	1	11	137	408	590	581	375	222	114	43	13	5	1	0	0
2007	0	0	6	116	350	392	402	291	206	54	44	21	8	1	0	0
2008	0	0	10	132	428	494	278	245	125	39	32	11	3	1	0	0
2009	0	0	8	108	277	376	237	148	40	17	3	2	1	1	0	0
2010	0	0	14	58	499	340	205	76	55	9	4	2	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	14	162	530	1157	497	255	121	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	0	0	5	139	629	817	723	322	91	12	13	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	17	85	449	476	411	342	40	37	1	1	0	0	0	0
2014	0	3	4	66	271	328	444	346	117	36	9	2	1	0	0	0
2015	0	2	58	285	794	868	793	522	244	177	9	9	2	0	0	0
2016	0	1	5	214	908	1102	343	297	144	60	44	4	0	0	0	0

Table 12j. Gillnet sentinel surveys, lengths at age (cm).

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1995	27.51	34.28	43.16	51.18	55.16	57.63	59.41	64.21	67.19	80.77	72.77	74.85	88.26	90.24	88.00	86.22
1996	25.60	36.59	43.93	53.05	56.59	58.34	60.83	62.23	62.03	81.50	78.92	85.99	80.67	-	-	-
1997	32.53	40.49	47.97	53.52	57.24	58.74	61.36	61.68	63.61	63.56	60.91	81.29	-	88.08	-	-
1998	-	35.94	41.41	50.58	54.63	58.67	60.81	64.33	65.18	74.42	71.12	78.35	79.00	-	-	85.00
1999	-	36.56	45.02	54.27	57.19	60.55	62.28	63.71	63.62	70.91	74.47	72.86	88.98	-	-	-
2000	29.71	36.78	46.83	53.79	56.76	60.22	62.19	62.46	66.12	64.86	71.19	64.69	70.00	-	-	-
2001	-	35.89	45.19	53.40	58.16	60.40	63.07	65.00	64.44	67.06	67.27	88.23	70.00	-	-	-
2002	-	37.76	46.69	52.69	57.08	58.97	60.99	63.52	66.71	68.74	77.04	66.35	-	-	-	-
2003	-	35.35	45.48	54.35	57.88	59.53	62.52	62.40	63.77	68.80	69.02	89.00	77.30	-	-	-
2004	-	37.05	42.88	52.19	56.27	59.79	61.98	64.35	66.99	66.77	83.88	69.09	71.96	-	-	-
2005	-	34.80	45.29	51.92	56.38	58.71	61.10	63.23	63.55	66.11	71.49	68.38	80.33	85.12	-	94.00
2006	-	38.46	46.50	54.47	57.75	60.22	61.81	63.52	65.17	66.40	70.34	72.82	75.49	82.86	-	-
2007	-	36.17	45.78	56.35	59.41	61.16	62.96	64.46	67.08	73.58	72.97	71.05	78.51	80.01	97.33	-
2008	-	37.15	46.29	54.05	57.63	59.83	63.62	63.15	65.97	69.62	69.34	68.30	85.78	89.69	-	-
2009	-	36.80	47.22	53.31	56.26	60.18	60.89	62.86	66.67	70.19	73.58	79.40	76.00	96.33	-	-
2010	-	-	47.56	54.33	56.72	57.96	62.97	63.69	63.62	69.35	74.46	77.40	-	-	-	-
2011	-	40.00	47.28	53.76	56.09	57.48	59.96	62.05	63.81	77.06	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	40.95	56.40	57.05	58.95	60.76	61.84	67.47	78.53	70.67	-	-	-	-	-
2013	-	-	49.57	56.62	58.76	59.13	60.80	63.76	67.77	65.78	79.42	79.00	-	-	-	-
2014	-	39.47	46.48	55.57	59.25	60.50	61.51	64.05	67.07	68.74	80.07	76.84	76.45	-	-	-
2015	-	37.75	53.62	56.12	59.75	61.43	62.40	64.20	64.45	67.71	84.11	80.93	85.00	-	-	-
2016	-	37.92	46.00	57.91	60.44	62.78	65.81	65.64	66.99	69.97	67.33	90.21	-	-	-	-

Table 12k. Gillnet sentinel surveys, Weights at age (kg).

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1995	0.19	0.37	0.74	1.24	1.56	1.78	1.96	2.54	3.00	5.12	3.82	4.20	6.48	6.92	6.32	6.66
1996	0.15	0.44	0.77	1.35	1.64	1.81	2.06	2.22	2.27	5.04	4.54	5.91	4.75	-	-	-
1997	0.32	0.62	1.02	1.41	1.72	1.86	2.14	2.18	2.41	2.43	2.17	4.86	-	6.16	-	-
1998	-	0.42	0.65	1.16	1.47	1.82	2.07	2.51	2.59	3.78	3.38	4.33	4.32	-	-	5.38
1999	-	0.44	0.81	1.41	1.64	1.96	2.13	2.33	2.29	3.16	3.68	3.39	6.14	-	-	-
2000	0.22	0.43	0.91	1.39	1.63	1.97	2.19	2.23	2.66	2.58	3.39	2.49	3.06	-	-	-
2001	-	0.42	0.82	1.33	1.70	1.90	2.15	2.37	2.31	2.55	2.66	5.58	2.85	-	-	-
2002	-	0.49	0.97	1.39	1.78	1.99	2.20	2.54	2.97	3.26	4.65	2.91	-	-	-	-
2003	-	0.41	0.89	1.50	1.83	1.99	2.33	2.35	2.50	3.23	3.21	6.75	4.45	-	-	-
2004	-	0.46	0.74	1.33	1.68	2.02	2.28	2.58	2.95	2.91	5.79	3.16	3.65	-	-	-
2005	-	0.38	0.86	1.31	1.69	1.93	2.20	2.49	2.57	2.87	3.68	3.19	5.13	6.13	-	8.30
2006	-	0.49	0.89	1.44	1.73	1.97	2.15	2.36	2.58	2.77	3.32	3.69	4.03	5.25	-	-
2007	-	0.41	0.85	1.62	1.90	2.09	2.29	2.48	2.84	3.83	3.73	3.44	4.63	4.76	8.63	-
2008	-	0.45	0.91	1.44	1.76	2.00	2.42	2.37	2.79	3.26	3.34	3.02	6.15	6.99	-	-
2009	-	0.43	0.94	1.38	1.64	2.02	2.13	2.38	2.84	3.37	3.81	4.77	4.10	8.62	-	-
2010	-	-	0.97	1.46	1.66	1.78	2.32	2.45	2.42	3.15	3.86	4.53	-	-	-	-
2011	-	0.55	0.97	1.42	1.61	1.74	1.99	2.25	2.43	4.41	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	0.59	1.60	1.65	1.83	2.03	2.14	2.82	4.42	3.19	-	-	-	-	-
2013	-	-	1.12	1.67	1.87	1.93	2.09	2.44	3.03	2.83	4.90	4.59	-	-	-	-
2014	-	0.54	0.88	1.55	1.88	2.03	2.14	2.41	2.88	3.03	4.84	4.19	4.28	-	-	-
2015	-	0.46	1.40	1.58	1.92	2.08	2.23	2.42	2.46	2.90	5.61	4.87	5.53	-	-	-
2016	-	0.46	0.83	1.71	1.94	2.19	2.55	2.60	2.74	3.07	2.82	6.54	-	-	-	-

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*Table 12I. Gillnet sentinel surveys, total numbers at age, effort, catch and catch per unit effort (CPUE).*

Year	Total	Effort	Catch	CPUE
1995	30914	3032	57210	18.87
1996	139432	8774	251247	28.64
1997	75995	7844	144425	18.41
1998	118172	10866	255026	23.47
1999	75101	8668	185249	21.37
2000	140388	13012	310878	23.89
2001	63052	11119	153284	13.79
2002	77005	10128	182517	18.02
2003	70234	3767	165454	43.93
2004	88204	4456	207039	46.47
2005	97415	5475	236486	43.19
2006	108275	4331	255338	58.96
2007	80096	4237	192087	45.33
2008	74896	4167	169919	40.78
2009	49522	4069	108880	26.76
2010	47004	3723	96322	25.87
2011	88691	3237	177301	54.78
2012	87110	3166	186909	59.03
2013	55534	2987	120241	40.25
2014	59176	3636	136699	37.60
2015	105357	2800	240563	85.91
2016	87245	2794	202752	72.57

Table 13. Proportion mature at age.

Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1974	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1975	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1976	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1977	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1978	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1979	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1980	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1981	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1982	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1983	0.01	0.06	0.49	0.81	0.93	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1984	0.00	0.02	0.29	0.88	0.97	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1985	0.00	0.02	0.22	0.80	0.97	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1986	0.00	0.06	0.38	0.70	0.90	0.96	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1987	0.00	0.05	0.24	0.74	0.93	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1988	0.00	0.02	0.13	0.58	0.83	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1989	0.00	0.04	0.31	0.72	0.92	0.96	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1990	0.00	0.04	0.18	0.47	0.69	0.85	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1991	0.00	0.03	0.25	0.73	0.94	0.97	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1992	0.01	0.10	0.34	0.59	0.86	0.93	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1993	0.00	0.04	0.54	0.91	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1994	0.02	0.10	0.32	0.70	0.89	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1995	0.07	0.49	0.88	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1996	0.13	0.39	0.77	0.92	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1997	0.24	0.56	0.82	0.92	0.96	0.98	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
1998	0.04	0.26	0.75	0.93	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1999	0.03	0.41	0.77	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2000	0.02	0.20	0.67	0.89	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2001	0.03	0.23	0.70	0.94	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2002	0.04	0.20	0.60	0.83	0.96	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.99
2003	0.07	0.30	0.66	0.89	0.96	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2004	0.05	0.27	0.75	0.92	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2005	0.03	0.20	0.63	0.96	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2006	0.04	0.21	0.64	0.87	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2007	0.03	0.17	0.64	0.89	0.97	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2008	0.02	0.14	0.49	0.88	0.97	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2009	0.10	0.40	0.78	0.95	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2010	0.02	0.15	0.41	0.86	0.95	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2011	0.22	0.45	0.72	0.85	0.94	0.97	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
2012	0.07	0.24	0.70	0.90	0.94	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2013	0.02	0.18	0.34	0.81	0.95	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2014	0.04	0.24	0.69	0.90	0.98	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2015	0.10	0.41	0.75	0.92	0.99	0.99	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2016	0.17	0.27	0.59	0.82	0.94	0.94	0.97	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.00

Table 14. Fecundity at age ('000).

Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1974	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1975	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1976	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1977	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1978	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1979	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1980	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1981	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1982	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1983	54	172	349	582	783	954	1 178	1 411	1 965	2 751	2 943
1984	75	184	380	673	816	1 007	1 211	1 523	2 360	3 775	2 908
1985	51	178	331	573	826	917	1 146	1 198	1 952	2 260	2 754
1986	36	153	337	500	706	937	1 176	1 512	1 584	2 219	3 166
1987	57	155	271	485	692	968	1 588	1 671	1 866	2 523	1 947
1988	50	102	225	460	651	933	1 192	1 386	1 790	2 180	1 800
1989	49	129	298	489	707	857	1 122	1 665	1 992	2 643	2 234
1990	47	141	270	421	551	719	996	1 204	1 738	2 454	4 152
1991	42	131	239	393	573	657	765	1 164	1 260	6 716	1 380
1992	40	126	227	322	500	614	815	1 036	1 424	1 510	1 970
1993	43	111	226	338	479	615	853	723	1 137	1 053	1 598
1994	53	114	191	316	449	547	959	927	1 068	1 886	1 828
1995	68	159	286	475	685	884	1 294	1 905	1 596	3 461	2 683
1996	74	151	293	452	705	874	1 103	1 493	1 415	1 519	2 683
1997	82	191	359	523	668	848	952	1 180	1 420	1 564	2 683
1998	93	202	368	541	852	1 085	1 197	1 610	2 447	2 652	2 683
1999	71	236	382	806	1 313	1 363	1 888	1 261	1 774	4 917	2 683
2000	99	218	388	539	862	1 151	1 143	1 159	1 879	1 334	2 440
2001	77	188	367	615	821	1 111	1 470	1 399	1 520	1 283	5 554
2002	74	176	347	501	829	927	1 443	1 887	1 555	1 380	1 097
2003	81	191	345	552	757	1 188	1 031	1 791	2 655	2 212	1 644
2004	92	192	379	550	825	1 176	1 457	2 055	3 087	3 212	2 885
2005	107	224	399	754	1 011	1 388	1 429	1 862	2 153	2 664	1 467
2006	93	188	340	494	793	1 019	1 233	2 319	2 174	2 642	2 472
2007	90	191	378	565	779	907	1 266	1 386	2 090	2 380	2 348
2008	103	207	360	615	830	987	1 396	1 391	2 206	2 197	2 206
2009	105	208	357	550	914	1 278	1 233	1 217	1 572	1 793	4 083
2010	99	234	350	620	791	1 093	1 408	1 376	1 662	2 633	2 683
2011	87	183	348	500	760	1 013	1 385	1 532	2 202	1 638	5 403
2012	129	205	353	483	533	909	772	1 100	1 144	1 257	2 683
2013	86	215	283	527	767	969	1 123	1 454	1 955	1 267	2 683
2014	92	201	375	571	866	984	1 218	2 325	2 395	3 457	3 237
2015	87	210	380	604	1 059	1 083	1 032	1 531	1 908	2 204	1 996
2016	108	164	374	665	1 117	1 102	1 414	1 231	3 560	3 063	3 817
2017	96	191	376	613	1 014	1 056	1 221	1 695	2 621	2 908	3 017

Table 15. Parameter estimates based on NFT ADAPT sequential population analysis.

	Age	Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	Bias	Corrected
Effectifs	2	N[2017 2]	36378	22883	24720	11658
	3	N[2017 3]	50232	22388	7992	42240
	4	N[2017 4]	20254	6833	1601	18653
	5	N[2017 5]	18386	4956	767	17619
	6	N[2017 6]	12561	2912	343	12218
	7	N[2017 7]	3449	729	59	3390
	8	N[2017 8]	2037	406	35	2002
	9	N[2017 9]	758	146	13	745
	10	N[2017 10]	558	113	7	551
	11	N[2017 11]	441	86	6	436
	12	N[2017 12]	308	36	1	307
	13	N[2017 13]	108	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mature biomass t	-	[2016]	29360	87	708	28652
Natural mortality	[3-12]	M[2002-04]	0.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	-	M[2005-08]	0.42	n/a	n/a	n/a
	-	M[2009-12]	0.52	n/a	n/a	n/a
	-	M[2013-16]	0.46	n/a	n/a	n/a
DFO Survey	1	q ID#[1]	0.0000658	0.0000145	0.0000014	0.0000644
	2	q ID#[2]	0.0002933	0.0000375	0.0000018	0.0002915
	3	q ID#[3]	0.0005890	0.0000699	0.0000001	0.0005889
	4	q ID#[4]	0.0007606	0.0000711	0.0000011	0.0007595
	5	q ID#[5]	0.0006929	0.0000532	0.0000020	0.0006909
	6	q ID#[6]	0.0006992	0.0000681	-0.0000011	0.0007003
	7	q ID#[7]	0.0006094	0.0000542	0.0000005	0.0006090
	8	q ID#[8]	0.0005915	0.0000544	-0.0000007	0.0005922
	9	q ID#[9]	0.0005570	0.0000588	0.0000032	0.0005538
	10	q ID#[10]	0.0005540	0.0000760	0.0000075	0.0005465
	11	q ID#[11]	0.0005961	0.0001065	0.0000108	0.0005853
Sentinel mobile over 20 fathoms (1995-2002)	2	q ID#[13]	0.0001371	0.0000352	0.0000041	0.0001330
	3	q ID#[14]	0.0005542	0.0001002	0.0000072	0.0005470
	4	q ID#[15]	0.0009997	0.0001186	0.0000070	0.0009927
	5	q ID#[16]	0.0009062	0.0000785	0.0000040	0.0009022
	6	q ID#[17]	0.0008749	0.0000867	0.0000081	0.0008668
	7	q ID#[18]	0.0008514	0.0000747	0.0000041	0.0008473
	8	q ID#[19]	0.0008440	0.0000613	0.0000020	0.0008420
	9	q ID#[20]	0.0009661	0.0001324	0.0000069	0.0009592
	10	q ID#[21]	0.0009099	0.0002124	0.0000308	0.0008790
	11	q ID#[22]	0.0007634	0.0001765	0.0000227	0.0007407

	Age	Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	Bias	Corrected
Sentinel mobile over 10 fathoms (2003+)	1	q ID#[23]	0.0000033	0.0000015	0.0000004	0.0000029
	2	q ID#[24]	0.0000694	0.0000132	0.0000011	0.0000683
	3	q ID#[25]	0.0002806	0.0000375	0.0000014	0.0002792
	4	q ID#[26]	0.0006172	0.0000803	0.0000044	0.0006128
	5	q ID#[27]	0.0007001	0.0000757	-0.0000016	0.0007017
	6	q ID#[28]	0.0007622	0.0000992	0.0000132	0.0007490
	7	q ID#[29]	0.0007380	0.0000835	0.0000060	0.0007320
	8	q ID#[30]	0.0008043	0.0001208	0.0000083	0.0007960
	9	q ID#[31]	0.0008770	0.0001429	0.0000152	0.0008618
	10	q ID#[32]	0.0008246	0.0001956	0.0000190	0.0008056
	11	q ID#[33]	0.0010556	0.0003899	0.0000675	0.0009881
	3	q ID#[34]	0.0015223	0.0003559	0.0000202	0.0015020
	4	q ID#[35]	0.0215830	0.0025234	0.0002395	0.0213400
Sentinel longlines	5	q ID#[36]	0.0688075	0.0056753	0.0000660	0.0687400
	6	q ID#[37]	0.1403750	0.0107650	0.0001553	0.1402000
	7	q ID#[38]	0.2127600	0.0133140	0.0003375	0.2124000
	8	q ID#[39]	0.2478770	0.0191572	0.0010790	0.2468000
	9	q ID#[40]	0.3146920	0.0266859	0.0007108	0.3140000
	10	q ID#[41]	0.3144480	0.0317694	0.0015900	0.3129000
	11	q ID#[42]	0.3336030	0.0546205	0.0023890	0.3312000
	12	q ID#[43]	0.3557540	0.1171490	0.0236600	0.3321000
	13	q ID#[44]	0.4717940	0.2553800	0.0677300	0.4041000
Sentinel gillnets	4	q ID#[45]	0.0010460	0.0001870	0.0000107	0.0010350
	5	q ID#[46]	0.0159911	0.0018631	0.0001251	0.0158700
	6	q ID#[47]	0.0839059	0.0093944	0.0005259	0.0833800
	7	q ID#[48]	0.1751660	0.0213820	0.0010590	0.1741000
	8	q ID#[49]	0.2440800	0.0266493	-0.0001622	0.2442000
	9	q ID#[50]	0.3064510	0.0362678	0.0034960	0.3030000
	10	q ID#[51]	0.3195600	0.0439770	0.0047470	0.3148000
	11	q ID#[52]	0.2524390	0.0464756	0.0035540	0.2489000
	12	q ID#[53]	0.2664860	0.0998860	0.0209700	0.2455000
	13	q ID#[54]	0.2948450	0.1843230	0.0696600	0.2252000

Table 16. Population numbers at age ('000).

Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3+
1974	173136	166964	106306	57417	37143	48645	18187	19159	9023	4658	1477	705	305	303 025
1975	238274	141738	136685	86366	43338	21779	27707	10130	9719	4881	2460	838	422	344 325
1976	261263	195063	116034	111876	66818	28546	13255	16230	5664	5482	2456	1350	403	368 114
1977	196629	213882	159688	94804	86894	43426	17686	7046	8136	2853	2202	1122	751	424 608
1978	307380	160970	175095	130728	75207	62019	24106	7384	3415	3732	1353	1003	566	484 608
1979	199342	251637	131778	143300	104613	51851	34962	11418	4104	1842	1925	626	427	486 846
1980	198949	163191	206002	107827	114251	73041	30887	17343	5037	2079	863	1088	245	558 663
1981	250842	162869	133597	168114	85221	77767	41666	14879	7880	2750	1268	447	600	534 189
1982	188312	205351	133333	109094	131602	61661	45655	21588	7940	4517	1410	774	212	517 786
1983	247164	154161	168111	108957	86402	90828	39018	25024	9915	3485	1816	602	503	534 661
1984	187610	202340	126204	136879	84783	57009	57766	22777	15094	5371	1813	757	304	508 757
1985	142593	153587	165646	103284	109406	62441	34547	29152	12018	7265	2523	751	258	527 291
1986	177759	116734	125734	135461	82289	75244	38696	18696	15066	6984	3870	1323	435	503 798
1987	149935	119144	78241	84107	88840	48250	37842	16447	7711	5175	2854	1207	518	371 192
1988	139931	100495	79856	52434	55408	52726	22451	15866	5300	2278	1997	753	354	289 423
1989	61171	93789	67357	53434	34113	32254	26122	10170	6518	2337	1001	681	284	234 271
1990	33306	41000	62863	44850	34290	18779	15039	10649	3552	2219	707	291	158	193 397
1991	22778	22324	27481	41844	27564	16806	7851	5742	3960	1062	761	256	106	133 433
1992	32346	15267	14962	18332	25613	12908	5778	2605	1797	1078	326	170	81	83 650
1993	20067	21680	10233	9779	8848	9863	3837	1199	452	322	193	55	33	44 814
1994	36540	13450	14531	6722	4984	2906	1932	377	122	41	49	29	19	31 712
1995	21193	24491	9015	9739	4504	3308	1895	1223	215	76	22	31	18	30 046
1996	15634	14205	16415	6041	6520	3001	2175	1238	793	130	47	13	20	36393
1997	15168	10479	9521	11002	4032	4322	1924	1385	784	498	77	30	8	33583
1998	14724	12417	8578	7779	8740	2953	2851	1149	671	444	187	35	16	33403
1999	25179	12053	10165	7022	6342	6840	2103	1920	741	427	253	117	14	35944
2000	22348	20613	9867	8322	5709	5012	4742	1314	878	272	190	86	48	36440
2001	20493	18295	16875	8078	6770	4313	3495	2742	739	336	82	111	58	43599
2002	29547	16776	14977	13814	6468	5274	2957	2284	1335	307	108	22	64	47610
2003	32529	21669	12303	10984	10078	4503	3127	1536	982	430	86	40	11	44080
2004	37745	23856	15891	9023	8049	7374	3258	2241	1090	708	302	53	29	48018
2005	65587	27681	17495	11654	6614	5820	5177	2061	1360	602	434	164	33	51414
2006	81910	43090	18186	11494	7648	4281	3619	2888	1009	642	280	172	65	50284
2007	73754	53814	28309	11948	7528	4850	2382	1949	1245	403	300	93	67	59074
2008	57773	48455	35354	18599	7786	4749	2826	1250	776	420	88	99	29	71976
2009	44168	37956	31834	23227	12083	4902	2685	1358	494	162	130	0	39	76914
2010	66002	26256	22563	18924	13721	6732	2438	1271	580	127	32	40	0	66428
2011	63646	39236	15608	13413	11184	7968	3609	1146	544	201	24	1	8	53706
2012	133698	37835	23324	9278	7950	6515	4544	1919	580	278	95	4	0	54487
2013	115872	79478	22491	13865	5513	4704	3790	2545	1001	295	139	45	0	54388
2014	80532	73141	50168	14197	8745	3451	2876	2256	1504	557	168	80	28	84030
2015	126071	50833	46168	31667	8946	5492	2114	1738	1311	864	306	95	47	98748
2016	57631	79579	32087	29142	19977	5610	3389	1269	982	750	522	182	59	93969
2017	90741	36378	50232	20254	18386	12561	3449	2037	758	558	441	308	108	109092

Table 17. Mature population at age ('000).

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3+
1974	0	1063	3445	18200	39402	16914	18201	8843	4658	1477	705	305	113213
1975	0	1367	5182	21236	17641	25768	9624	9525	4881	2460	838	422	98942
1976	0	1160	6713	32741	23122	12327	15419	5551	5482	2456	1350	403	106723
1977	0	1597	5688	42578	35175	16448	6694	7973	2853	2202	1122	751	123081
1978	0	1751	7844	36851	50235	22419	7015	3347	3732	1353	1003	566	136116
1979	0	1318	8598	51260	41999	32515	10847	4022	1842	1925	626	427	155379
1980	0	2060	6470	55983	59163	28725	16476	4936	2079	863	1088	245	178088
1981	0	1336	10087	41758	62991	38749	14135	7722	2750	1268	447	600	181844
1982	0	1333	6546	64485	49945	42459	20509	7781	4517	1410	774	212	199971
1983	0	1681	6537	42337	73571	36287	23773	9717	3485	1816	602	503	200308
1984	6	0	2738	28826	51878	56033	22549	15094	5371	1813	757	304	185363
1985	4	0	2066	24069	49953	33511	28569	11898	7265	2523	751	258	160862
1986	30	0	8128	31270	52671	34826	17948	14915	6984	3870	1323	435	172370
1987	21	0	4205	21322	35705	35193	16118	7711	5175	2854	1207	518	130008
1988	100	0	1049	7203	30581	18634	15073	5194	2255	1997	753	354	83093
1989	40	0	2137	10575	23223	24032	9763	6453	2337	1001	681	284	80487
1990	24	0	1794	6172	8826	10377	9052	3410	2175	707	291	158	42961
1991	2	0	1255	6891	12268	7380	5570	3920	1062	761	256	106	39470
1992	23	150	1833	8708	7616	4969	2423	1743	1067	326	170	81	29086
1993	1	0	391	4778	8975	3799	1199	452	322	193	55	33	20197
1994	11	291	672	1595	2034	1719	358	121	41	49	29	19	6928
1995	232	631	4772	3964	3242	1895	1223	215	76	22	31	18	16089
1996	380	2134	2356	5020	2761	2132	1226	793	130	47	13	20	16631
1997	1067	2285	6161	3306	3976	1847	1357	768	493	77	30	8	20309
1998	30	343	2023	6555	2746	2822	1149	671	444	187	35	16	16991
1999	64	305	2879	4883	6703	2103	1920	741	427	253	117	14	20346
2000	60	197	1664	3825	4461	4695	1314	878	272	190	86	48	17630
2001	85	506	1858	4739	4054	3425	2742	739	336	82	111	58	18651
2002	174	599	2763	3881	4377	2839	2238	1335	307	108	22	63	18533
2003	364	861	3295	6651	4008	3002	1521	972	430	86	40	11	20877
2004	160	795	2436	6037	6784	3193	2241	1090	708	302	53	29	23667
2005	47	525	2331	4167	5587	5125	2061	1360	602	434	164	33	22389
2006	149	727	2414	4895	3724	3547	2859	1009	642	280	172	65	20334
2007	267	849	2031	4818	4317	2311	1910	1245	403	300	93	67	18343
2008	208	707	2604	3815	4179	2741	1238	776	420	88	99	29	16696
2009	1082	3183	9291	9425	4657	2658	1358	494	162	130	0	39	31397
2010	95	451	2839	5626	5790	2316	1258	580	127	32	40	0	19058
2011	3934	3468	6087	8059	6747	3379	1111	537	199	24	1	8	29619
2012	274	1642	2269	5551	5862	4277	1910	575	278	95	4	0	22463
2013	308	448	2448	1861	3833	3608	2500	992	294	139	45	0	16169
2014	333	2095	3468	6011	3119	2817	2226	1496	557	168	80	28	22064
2015	1139	4546	12888	6726	5050	2086	1715	1290	861	306	95	47	35608
2016	3347	5429	7808	11883	4626	3189	1191	949	714	521	181	59	36551
2017	837	5181	6206	12466	11087	3342	1977	744	548	440	308	108	42407

Table 18. Biomass (t) at age.

Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3+
1974	4675	8849	17540	21876	27820	59201	30791	43606	30056	21501	8813	3147	1836	266187
1975	6433	7512	22553	32905	32460	26505	46908	23056	32374	22531	14679	3741	2540	260252
1976	7054	10338	19146	42625	50047	34740	22441	36939	18867	25305	14655	6026	2426	273216
1977	5309	11336	26349	36120	65084	52849	29942	16037	27101	13169	13139	5009	4520	289320
1978	8299	8531	28891	49807	56330	75477	40811	16806	11375	17227	8073	4477	3407	312682
1979	10366	11072	16999	51588	80866	64192	60379	26570	13798	6537	6052	3024	2021	332025
1980	5372	8812	33784	36553	83517	84216	52384	40756	15474	10414	4132	5750	1179	368160
1981	2007	9609	26853	74811	63234	97986	68999	31990	28045	14545	12641	1465	5108	425676
1982	5084	16223	24267	45274	100544	73130	73778	39333	17127	12160	4835	3752	1223	395423
1983	17549	11408	36480	50447	81477	119257	64224	44543	21337	12257	7389	4231	4036	445678
1984	5065	17806	19309	37368	45528	54729	87400	40247	32045	12257	5154	3001	1495	338533
1985	3850	11519	29154	52468	88838	80299	58315	55914	26392	16542	8510	2668	1125	420225
1986	4799	3852	12573	48360	63692	84198	59785	39262	39413	23955	14919	6774	3058	395988
1987	1199	5838	11032	30867	58812	53027	57141	34193	22023	16627	10700	5734	2192	302348
1988	3358	6331	11739	15153	29255	56364	32352	29178	12307	6141	6574	3104	1670	203837
1989	428	6659	13067	21320	28109	39027	41691	18123	14346	6595	3308	2612	1006	189205
1990	899	2665	9869	16639	23626	18817	18799	15995	6983	4797	2121	1280	945	119872
1991	342	1250	4150	15273	17476	16117	10151	8188	6209	2480	1677	1054	245	83020
1992	873	901	2140	6856	16213	10869	6812	3611	3085	2118	876	460	295	53334
1993	542	1214	1433	3305	5309	8255	4286	1572	754	500	421	115	111	26062
1994	987	525	2383	1943	2382	2229	2021	464	212	79	117	161	70	12062
1995	464	2373	1729	4894	3065	3345	1892	1765	300	213	21	109	64	17396
1996	603	1142	3416	2434	4749	2801	2684	1810	1403	276	138	32	71	19813
1997	322	945	2169	4943	3039	4404	2349	2049	1298	1036	191	98	30	21607
1998	537	936	1915	3532	7076	3229	3557	1740	1129	719	483	101	56	23538
1999	1251	1227	2217	3412	4815	7834	3016	2933	1383	842	568	382	49	27453
2000	881	1975	2458	3697	4455	5187	6670	2348	1511	612	523	227	179	27867
2001	238	1614	2965	3789	4910	4511	4549	4492	1516	649	285	408	167	28241
2002	691	904	2849	4979	4885	5588	3906	3816	2577	831	353	92	239	30114
2003	1399	1632	2206	4550	7312	4924	4533	2487	1890	926	259	164	39	29290
2004	887	1930	3297	3666	6285	7743	4504	3911	2079	1520	728	184	100	34017
2005	780	1788	3303	5115	4932	6258	6895	3426	2575	1367	1085	462	143	35560
2006	2834	2456	3381	5107	5598	4571	4852	4851	1871	1155	714	435	214	32748
2007	2456	4364	5314	4788	5591	5041	3231	3217	2695	872	776	332	248	32104
2008	1167	3939	6657	7278	4974	4756	3781	2018	1566	964	184	432	145	32755
2009	1630	2718	6255	8810	7978	4426	3155	2171	915	367	337	0	141	34557
2010	1881	2150	4594	7738	8845	6263	2799	1893	1133	334	75	135	0	33808
2011	1419	3170	2681	5431	7556	7574	4025	1564	1044	441	82	3	25	30427
2012	2447	2577	4774	3099	5081	5767	5377	2655	1064	642	230	14	0	28703
2013	2874	5643	4039	5665	3261	4180	3992	3342	1613	898	382	143	0	27515
2014	1844	5193	10550	5589	6298	3308	3410	3333	2700	1122	506	259	102	37178
2015	2408	3726	9049	13405	6201	5944	2851	2794	2413	2041	644	237	167	45747
2016	1101	5706	6263	11785	13860	5530	4835	2222	1937	1646	1331	540	229	50178
2017	1851	2619	10072	8245	12914	12674	4554	3284	1417	1222	1127	894	399	56802

Table 19. Mature biomass (t) at age.

Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3+
1974	0	0	175	1313	13632	47953	28635	41426	29455	21501	8813	3147	1836	197885
1975	0	0	226	1974	15905	21469	43624	21903	31727	22531	14679	3741	2540	180319
1976	0	0	191	2557	24523	28140	20870	35093	18489	25305	14655	6026	2426	178275
1977	0	0	263	2167	31891	42808	27846	15235	26559	13169	13139	5009	4520	182608
1978	0	0	289	2988	27602	61136	37955	15966	11148	17227	8073	4477	3407	190268
1979	0	0	170	3095	39624	51995	56153	25241	13522	6537	6052	3024	2021	207434
1980	0	0	338	2193	40924	68215	48717	38718	15164	10414	4132	5750	1179	235744
1981	0	0	269	4489	30985	79369	64169	30390	27484	14545	12641	1465	5108	270913
1982	0	0	243	2716	49267	59235	68614	37367	16784	12160	4835	3752	1223	256195
1983	0	0	365	3027	39924	96598	59728	42316	20910	12257	7389	4231	4036	290781
1984	0	1	0	747	15480	49803	84778	39844	32045	12257	5154	3001	1495	244604
1985	0	0	0	1049	19544	64239	56566	54795	26128	16542	8510	2668	1125	251167
1986	0	1	0	2902	24203	58939	53807	37691	39019	23955	14919	6774	3058	265266
1987	0	1	0	1543	14115	39240	53142	33509	22023	16627	10700	5734	2192	198826
1988	0	6	0	303	3803	32691	26852	27719	12060	6080	6574	3104	1670	120863
1989	0	3	0	853	8714	28100	38355	17398	14203	6595	3308	2612	1006	121147
1990	0	2	0	666	4253	8844	12971	13596	6704	4702	2121	1280	945	56082
1991	0	0	0	458	4369	11765	9542	7942	6147	2480	1677	1054	245	45681
1992	0	1	21	686	5512	6412	5859	3358	2993	2097	876	460	295	28570
1993	0	0	0	132	2867	7512	4243	1572	754	500	421	115	111	18228
1994	0	0	48	194	762	1560	1799	441	210	78	117	161	70	5441
1995	0	23	121	2398	2698	3278	1892	1765	300	213	21	109	64	12880
1996	0	31	444	949	3657	2577	2630	1792	1403	276	138	32	71	13999
1997	0	96	521	2768	2492	4052	2255	2008	1272	1026	191	98	30	16809
1998	0	2	77	918	5307	3003	3522	1740	1129	719	483	101	56	17057
1999	0	6	67	1399	3708	7677	3016	2933	1383	842	568	382	49	22032
2000	0	6	49	739	2985	4616	6603	2348	1511	612	523	227	179	20399
2001	0	8	89	872	3437	4240	4458	4492	1516	649	285	408	167	20620
2002	0	9	114	996	2931	4638	3750	3739	2577	831	353	92	236	20267
2003	0	27	154	1365	4826	4382	4352	2462	1871	926	259	164	39	20828
2004	0	13	165	990	4713	7124	4414	3911	2079	1520	728	184	100	25941
2005	0	3	99	1023	3107	6007	6826	3426	2575	1367	1085	462	143	26123
2006	0	8	135	1072	3582	3977	4755	4802	1871	1155	714	435	214	22722
2007	0	22	159	814	3578	4487	3134	3152	2695	872	776	332	248	20269
2008	0	17	133	1019	2437	4185	3668	1997	1566	964	184	432	145	16748
2009	0	77	626	3524	6223	4205	3123	2171	915	367	337	0	141	21710
2010	0	8	92	1161	3626	5387	2659	1874	1133	334	75	135	0	16482
2011	0	318	596	2465	5444	6414	3769	1516	1030	438	82	3	25	22098
2012	0	19	336	758	3548	5189	5061	2642	1054	641	229	14	0	19492
2013	0	22	80	1000	1101	3406	3800	3283	1599	896	382	143	0	15712
2014	0	24	441	1365	4329	2990	3339	3289	2686	1122	506	259	102	20451
2015	0	83	891	5455	4662	5465	2813	2758	2373	2034	643	237	167	27583
2016	0	240	1060	3158	8244	4561	4550	2085	1872	1566	1328	539	229	29430
2017	0	60	1039	2526	8756	11187	4413	3188	1391	1201	1125	893	398	36176

*Table 20. Population's egg production (billions) at age.*

Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3+
1974	28	315	3041	11573	6434	7849	5951	2212	1272	1777	406	40857
1975	35	473	3548	5181	9802	4150	6410	2317	2119	2112	562	36711
1976	30	613	5471	6791	4689	6649	3736	2603	2115	3402	537	36636
1977	41	519	7114	10331	6257	2887	5366	1355	1896	2828	1000	39595
1978	45	716	6158	14755	8528	3025	2252	1772	1165	2528	754	41698
1979	34	785	8565	12336	12368	4678	2707	875	1658	1578	569	46151
1980	53	591	9354	17377	10926	7105	3322	987	743	2742	326	53526
1981	35	921	6977	18500	14739	6096	5198	1306	1092	1127	799	56789
1982	35	598	10773	14668	16149	8844	5236	2145	1214	1951	282	61895
1983	44	597	7072	21605	13801	10251	6539	1655	1563	1517	670	65314
1984	5	262	4046	12722	20996	11250	12807	3678	1994	2225	584	70569
1985	2	198	3779	13285	12249	13063	8620	3993	1953	1403	242	58788
1986	11	470	3104	12537	11898	7866	10705	3190	3065	2404	436	55687
1987	6	253	3422	9186	12869	8494	6606	3415	3352	2498	938	51039
1988	10	116	968	4770	5399	6004	3534	1183	1602	1357	475	25417
1989	8	140	961	3845	9106	4016	4314	1657	1068	634	364	26111
1990	8	67	429	1069	2499	4018	1508	1649	292	277	306	12121
1991	1	69	822	1886	1879	2109	1901	534	643	241	35	10121
1992	4	73	739	1398	1180	675	647	626	209	123	49	5726
1993	0	29	464	1472	919	236	70	158	120	29	28	3524
1994	3	23	147	312	431	148	49	22	28	33	14	1209
1995	34	385	551	927	539	677	74	51	25	45	32	3341
1996	88	266	951	862	865	550	390	83	35	11	18	4118
1997	130	625	580	1185	565	472	348	216	53	23	7	4202
1998	14	212	1038	947	1132	906	509	163	203	45	24	5194
1999	25	302	1348	2379	1265	1283	636	647	327	180	25	8417
2000	20	315	1075	1256	1343	721	339	167	204	77	41	5559
2001	41	315	983	1060	1314	1185	348	79	71	89	49	5534
2002	47	372	879	1484	786	773	1378	316	87	20	62	6205
2003	44	332	1126	1217	1337	992	656	115	137	50	16	6022
2004	35	207	910	1877	1258	1291	962	620	380	47	68	7654
2005	24	337	1127	1874	1945	1361	868	560	484	198	52	8830
2006	26	238	708	1107	1325	2047	709	366	169	125	56	6876
2007	49	206	554	1101	633	1093	891	223	224	82	68	5125
2008	43	321	787	1219	1101	550	547	341	107	140	47	5202
2009	253	1509	1836	1460	925	487	158	100	91	0	33	6852
2010	33	287	1773	1764	1236	396	384	100	29	41	0	6042
2011	176	721	1642	1965	1516	711	296	133	19	1	8	7187
2012	96	291	851	1523	1660	670	261	119	46	2	0	5518
2013	29	176	509	1007	1195	916	750	200	112	42	0	4937
2014	85	351	802	810	884	2134	1497	449	166	95	39	7311
2015	259	1451	1387	1619	817	1057	816	781	286	100	55	8628
2016	196	1128	2656	1776	1913	1227	447	321	608	246	90	10608

Table 21. Fishing mortality at age, natural mortality (M), fishing mortality at ages 7 to 9 (F 7-9) and exploitation rate (Expl. %).

Age	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	M	F 7-9	Expl.
1974	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.33	0.36	0.39	0.48	0.41	0.44	0.37	0.31	0.35	0.20	0.43	0.32
1975	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.22	0.30	0.33	0.38	0.37	0.49	0.40	0.53	0.43	0.20	0.36	0.28
1976	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.23	0.28	0.43	0.49	0.49	0.71	0.58	0.39	0.51	0.20	0.47	0.34
1977	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.14	0.39	0.67	0.52	0.58	0.55	0.59	0.49	0.55	0.20	0.59	0.41
1978	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.17	0.37	0.55	0.39	0.42	0.46	0.57	0.65	0.60	0.20	0.45	0.33
1979	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.16	0.32	0.50	0.62	0.48	0.56	0.37	0.74	0.45	0.20	0.53	0.38
1980	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.18	0.36	0.53	0.59	0.41	0.29	0.46	0.39	0.42	0.20	0.51	0.36
1981	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.12	0.33	0.46	0.43	0.36	0.47	0.29	0.55	0.35	0.20	0.41	0.31
1982	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.17	0.26	0.40	0.58	0.62	0.71	0.65	0.23	0.48	0.20	0.53	0.38
1983	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.22	0.25	0.34	0.31	0.41	0.45	0.68	0.48	0.62	0.20	0.35	0.27
1984	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.30	0.48	0.44	0.53	0.56	0.68	0.88	0.74	0.20	0.48	0.35
1985	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.17	0.28	0.41	0.46	0.34	0.43	0.45	0.35	0.42	0.20	0.41	0.30
1986	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.13	0.29	0.46	0.49	0.67	0.49	0.76	0.54	0.70	0.40	0.54	0.35
1987	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.12	0.37	0.47	0.73	0.82	0.55	0.93	0.83	0.90	0.40	0.67	0.41
1988	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.14	0.30	0.39	0.49	0.42	0.42	0.68	0.58	0.65	0.40	0.43	0.29
1989	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.20	0.36	0.50	0.65	0.68	0.80	0.84	1.06	0.92	0.40	0.61	0.38
1990	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.31	0.47	0.56	0.59	0.81	0.67	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.40	0.65	0.40
1991	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.36	0.67	0.70	0.76	0.90	0.78	1.10	0.76	1.00	0.40	0.79	0.46
1992	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.33	0.55	0.81	1.17	1.35	1.32	1.32	1.38	1.25	1.33	0.40	1.28	0.62
1993	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.27	0.71	1.23	1.92	1.88	2.01	1.49	1.51	0.64	1.24	0.40	1.94	0.75
1994	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.16	0.07	0.23	0.05	0.09	0.06	0.40	0.10	0.10	0.08
1995	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.04	0.07	0.40	0.05	0.05	0.04
1996	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.13	0.05	0.10	0.06	0.40	0.06	0.05
1997	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.11	0.22	0.32	0.52	0.37	0.78	0.58	0.45	0.54	0.20	0.40	0.30
1998	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.14	0.20	0.24	0.25	0.36	0.27	0.75	0.33	0.20	0.23	0.19	
1999	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.17	0.27	0.58	0.80	0.61	0.88	0.70	0.82	0.20	0.55	0.39	
2000	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.16	0.35	0.38	0.76	1.01	0.34	0.20	0.29	0.20	0.49	0.36	
2001	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.18	0.23	0.52	0.68	0.94	1.09	0.35	0.60	0.20	0.47	0.34	
2002	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.21	0.34	0.53	0.82	0.97	0.67	0.45	0.63	0.31	0.57	0.38	
2003	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.16	0.03	0.12	0.31	0.02	0.02	0.02
2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.15	0.19	0.28	0.18	0.30	0.16	0.28	0.31	0.21	0.16

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Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	M	F 7-9	Expl.
2005	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.16	0.29	0.33	0.35	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.42	0.26	0.19
2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.17	0.20	0.42	0.50	0.34	0.69	0.53	0.62	0.42	0.37	0.26
2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.12	0.23	0.50	0.67	1.10	0.69	0.73	0.70	0.42	0.46	0.31
2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.15	0.31	0.51	1.14	0.76	5.00	0.52	1.14	0.42	0.66	0.40
2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.18	0.23	0.33	0.84	1.09	0.66	5.00	0.66	0.52	0.46	0.30
2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.10	0.24	0.33	0.54	1.15	2.66	1.04	1.48	0.52	0.37	0.24
2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.11	0.16	0.15	0.23	1.23	5.00	1.29	0.52	0.14	0.10	
2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.22	5.00	0.27	0.52	0.12	0.09
2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.03	0.08	0.46	0.08	0.06
2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.09	0.14	0.11	0.06	0.09	0.46	0.07	0.06
2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.11	0.10	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.46	0.09	0.07
2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.11	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.46	0.07	0.05

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## 9. FIGURES

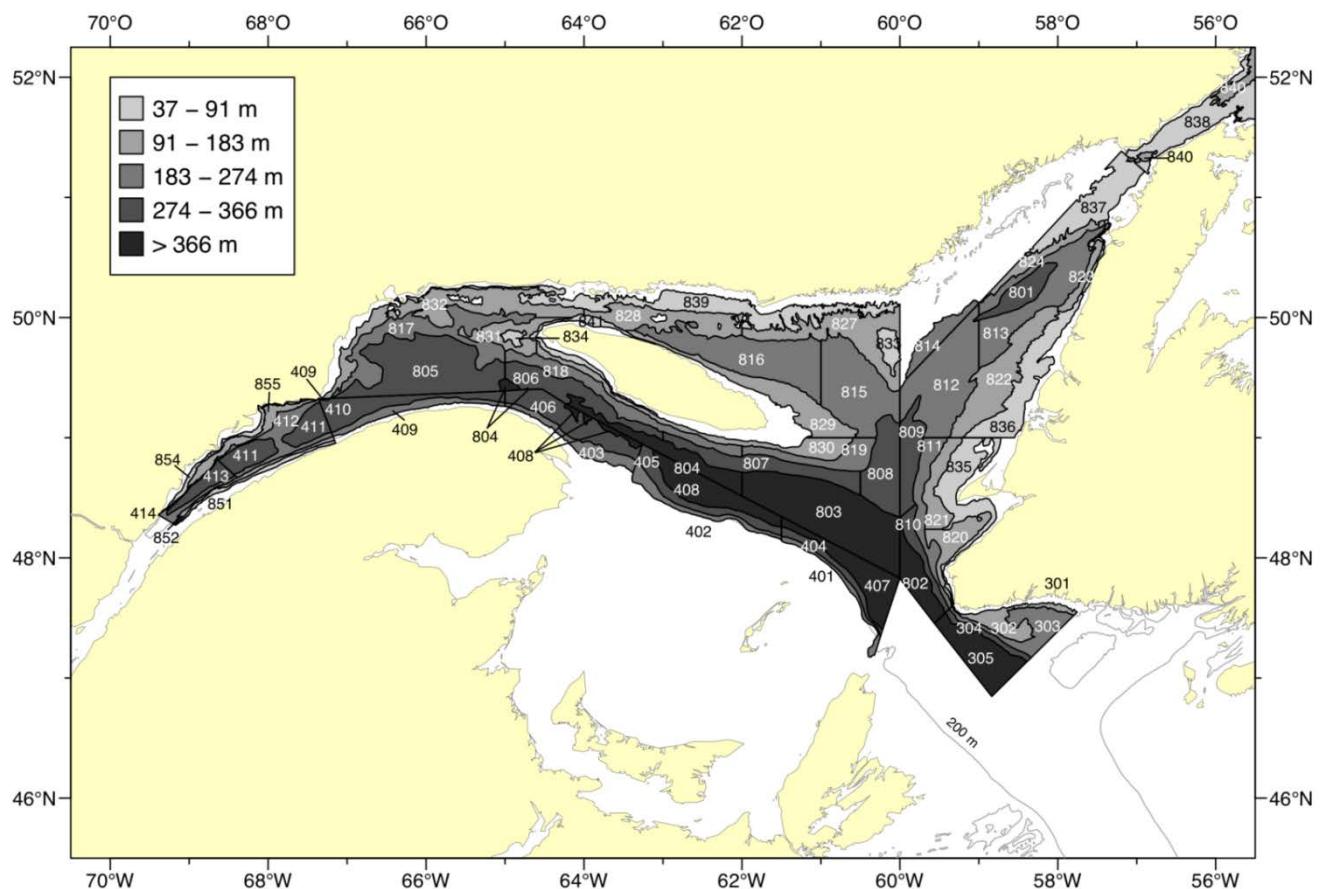


Figure 1. Stratification scheme used for multispecies research surveys (non-illustrated 10-20 fathom strata) and mobile gear sentinel surveys.

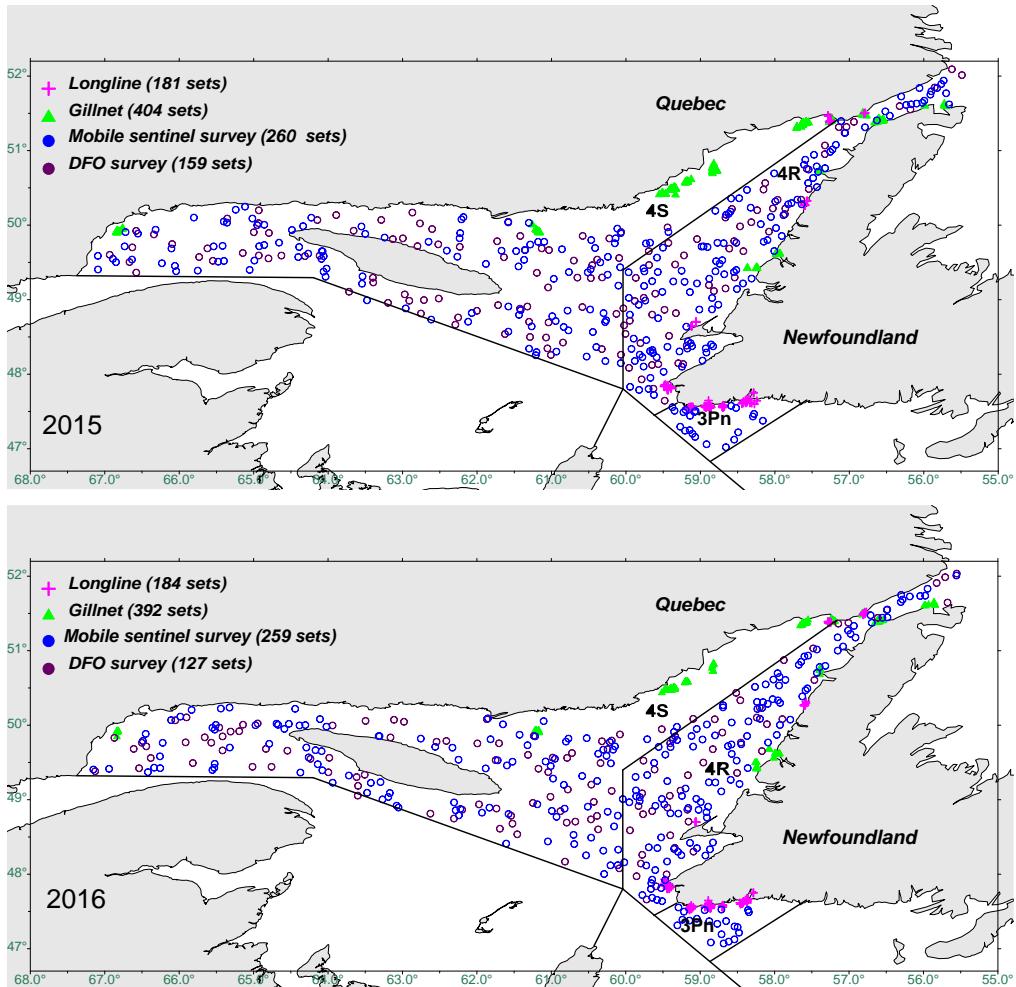


Figure 2a. Spatial distribution of sampling effort for cod abundance indices (NAFO 3Pn, 4RS) in 2016.

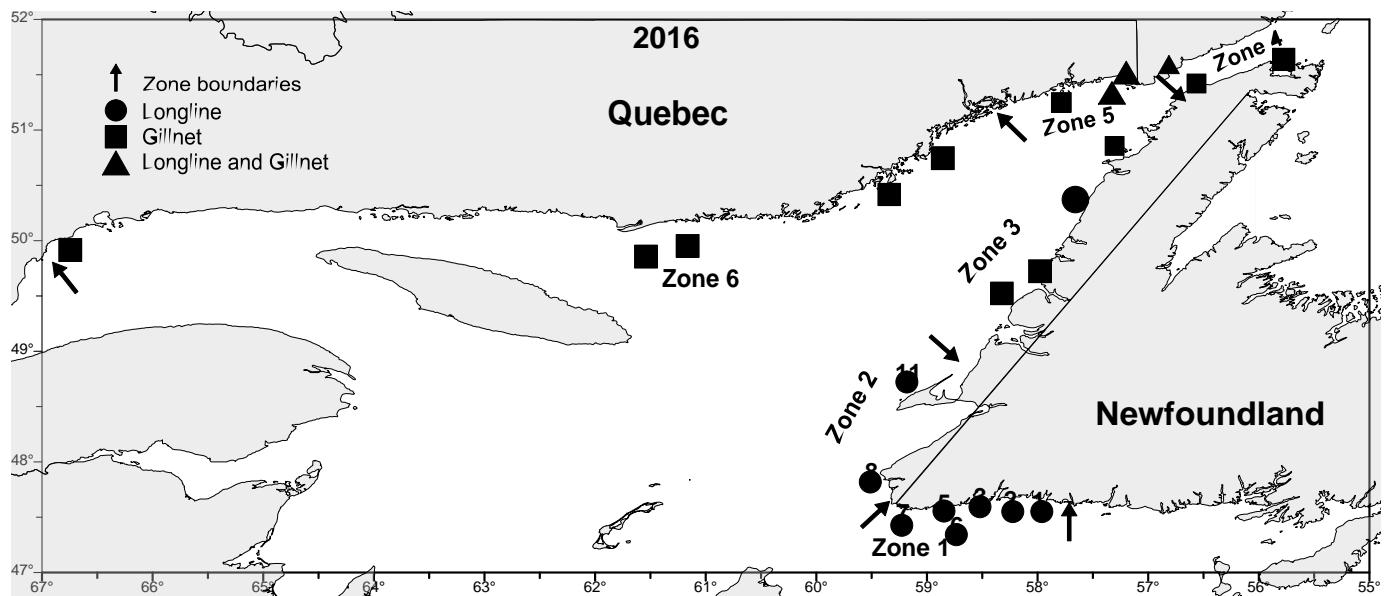
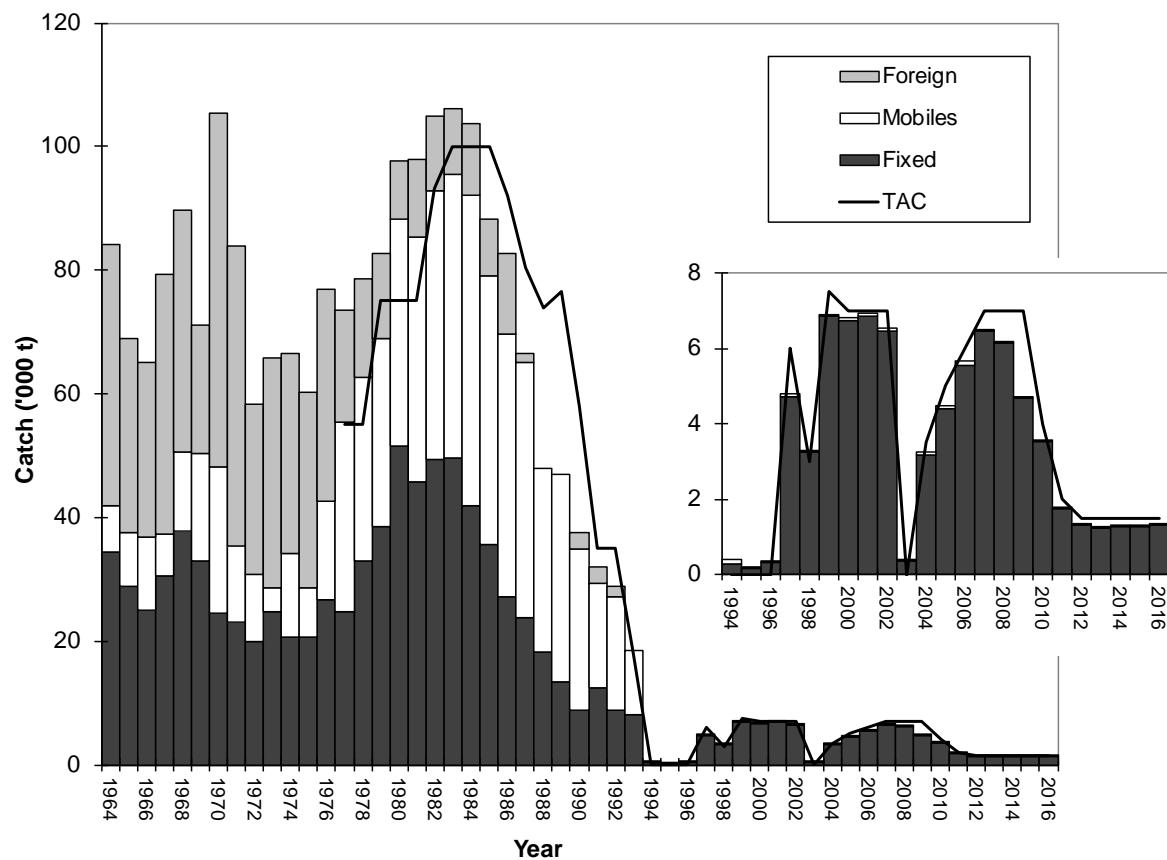


Figure 2b. Spatial distribution of sampling effort for fixed gear sentinel survey indices in 2016.



*Figure 3. Annual landings and total allowable catch (TAC) by management year (1999: TAC from 1999/01/01 to 2000/05/14; 2000 and+: TAC from May 15 to May 14 of the following year).*

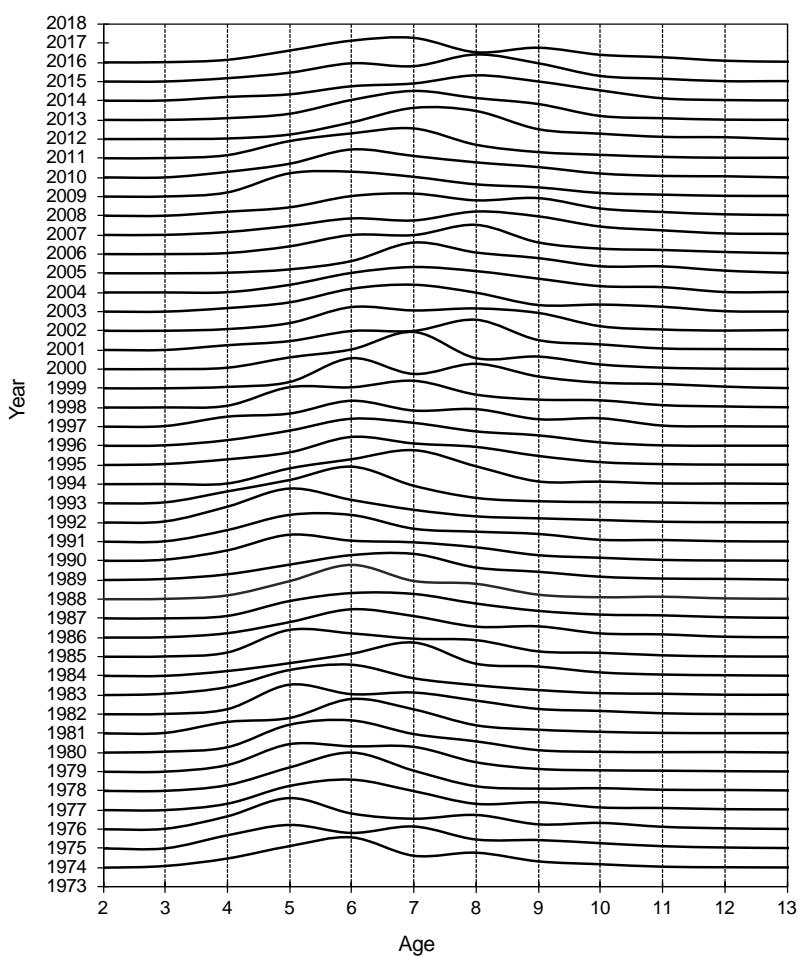
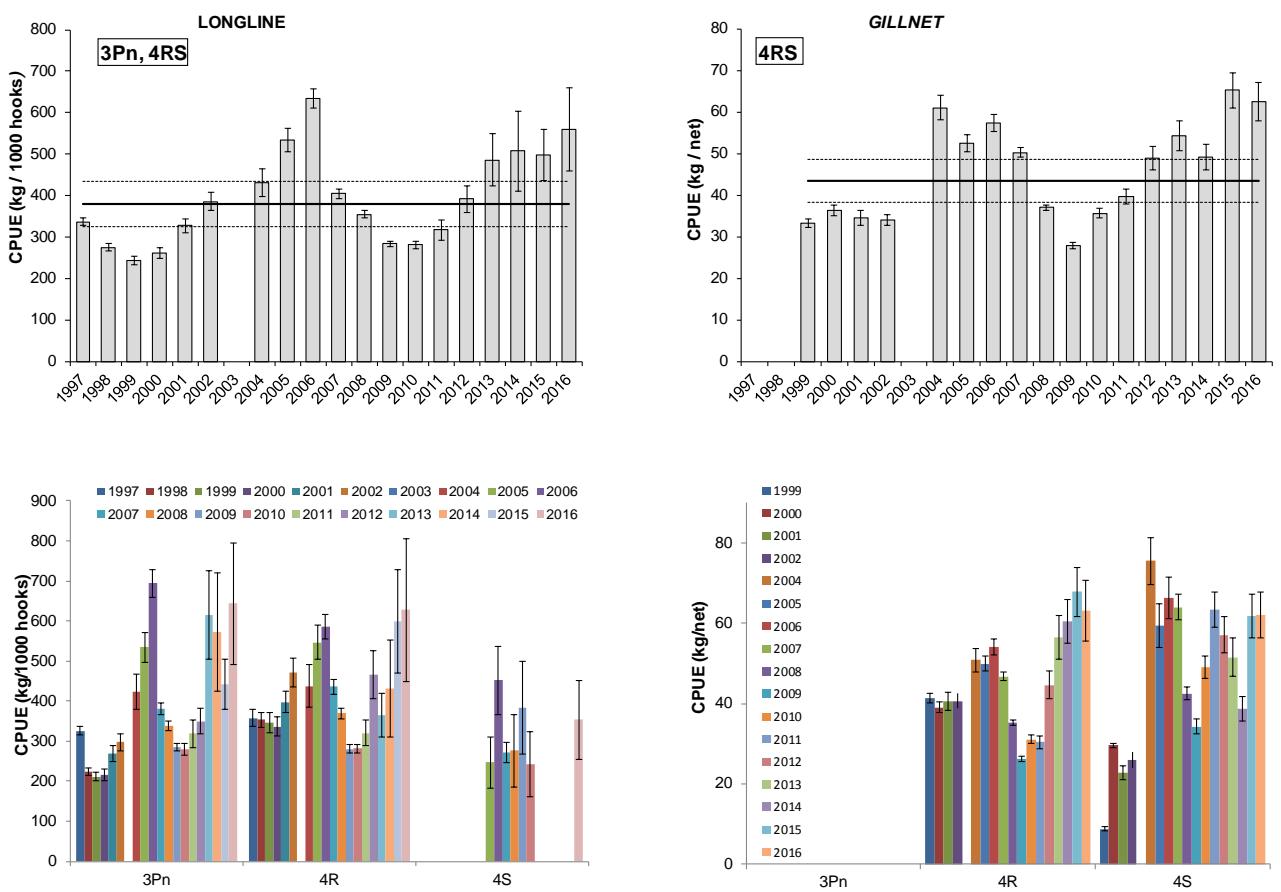


Figure 4. Catch-at-age (%) of cod in the commercial fishery.



*Figure 5. Commercial fishery logbooks for Quebec vessels (< 45 feet) and Newfoundland vessels (< 35 feet) from 1997 to 2016. Catch per unit effort  $\pm$  95% CI. The solid line represents the series average (1997-2014), and the dotted lines  $\pm$  1/2 standard deviation around the average.*

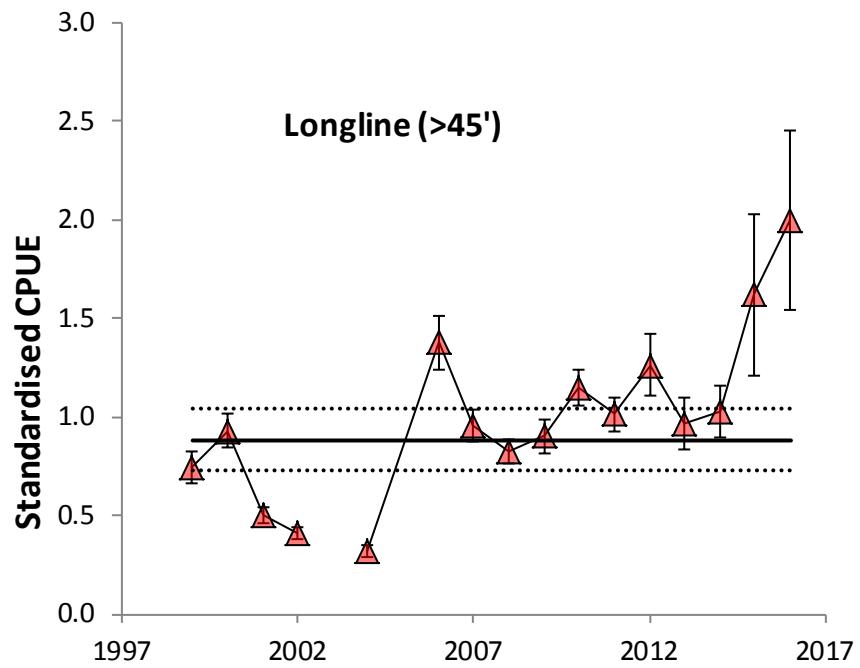


Figure 6. Quebec commercial longline fishery logbook data. Standardized catch per unit effort (CPUE) (average  $\pm$  95% CI).

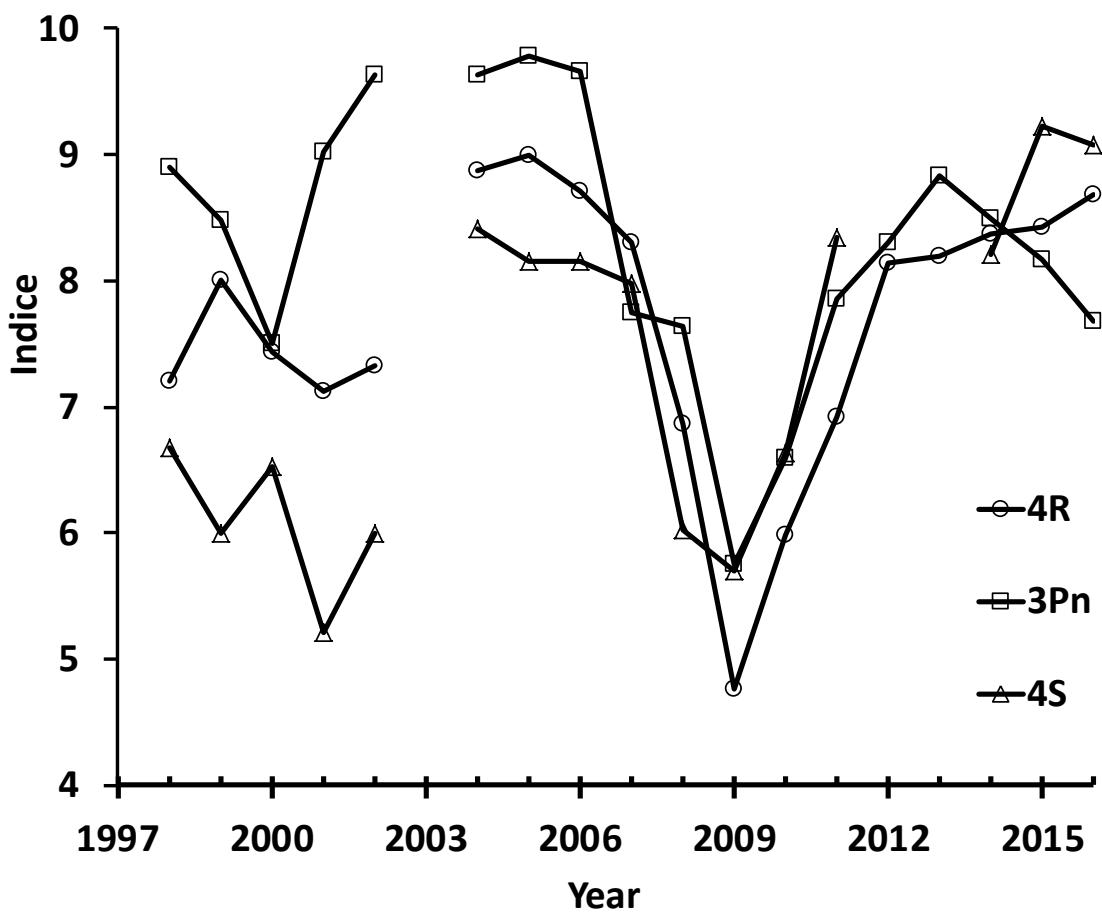
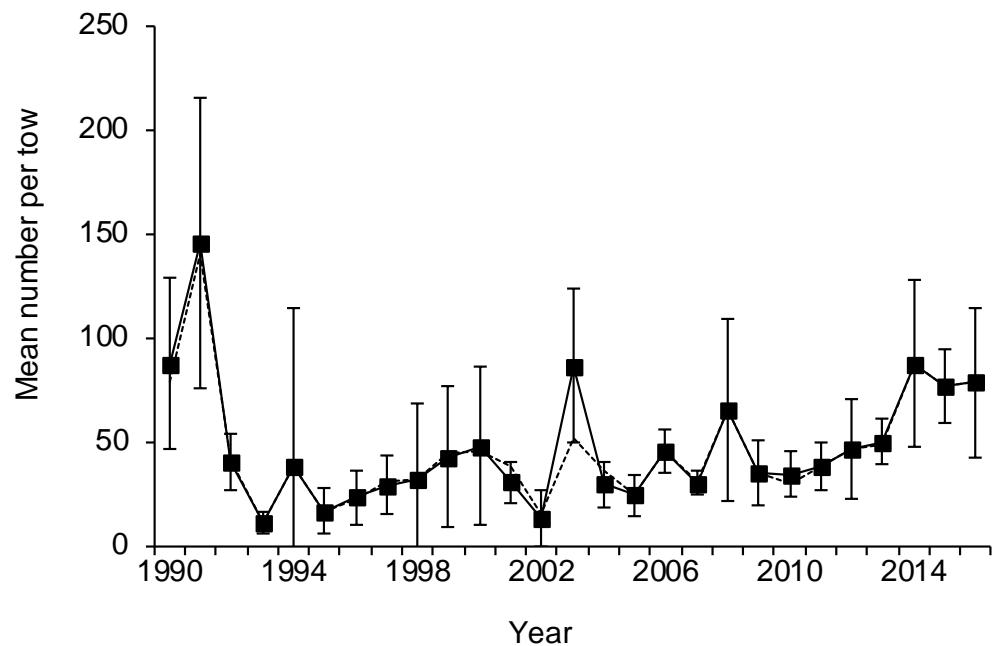


Figure 7. Fishery performance index by NAFO Division from the industry telephone survey of fixed gear fishers (dotted lines = years with no survey).

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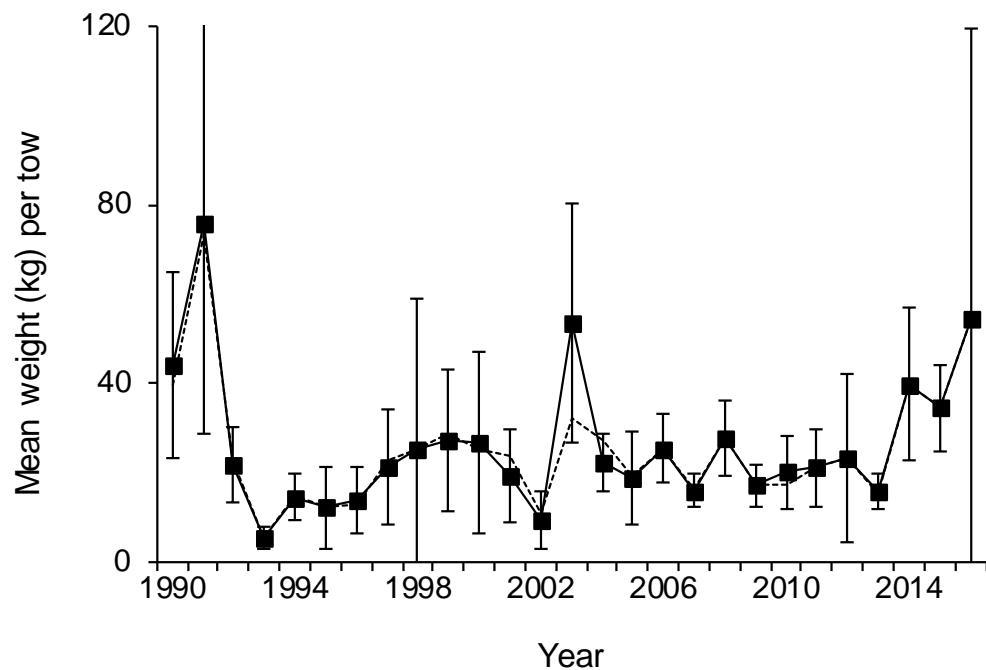


Figure 8. Mean numbers (A) and mean weights (B) per tow observed during the DFO survey. Data corrected by a multiplicative model to consider strata not sampled (solid line) and data without correction (dotted line). Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

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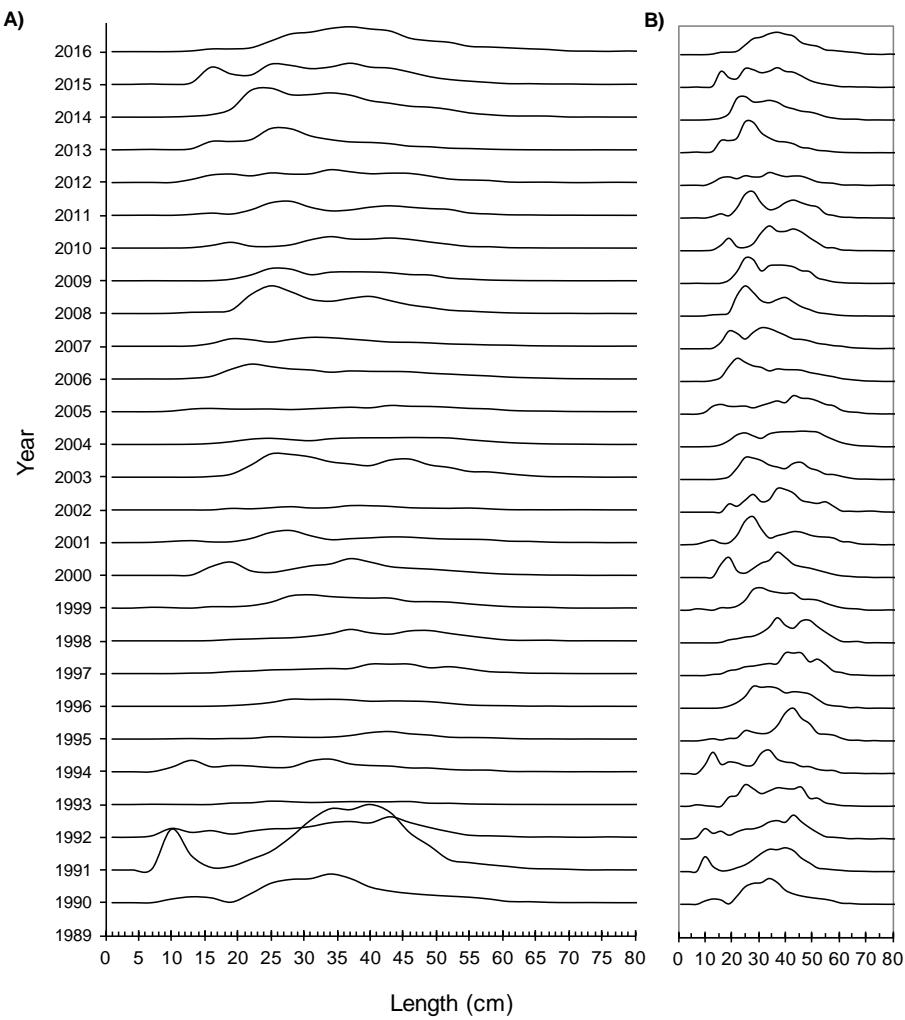
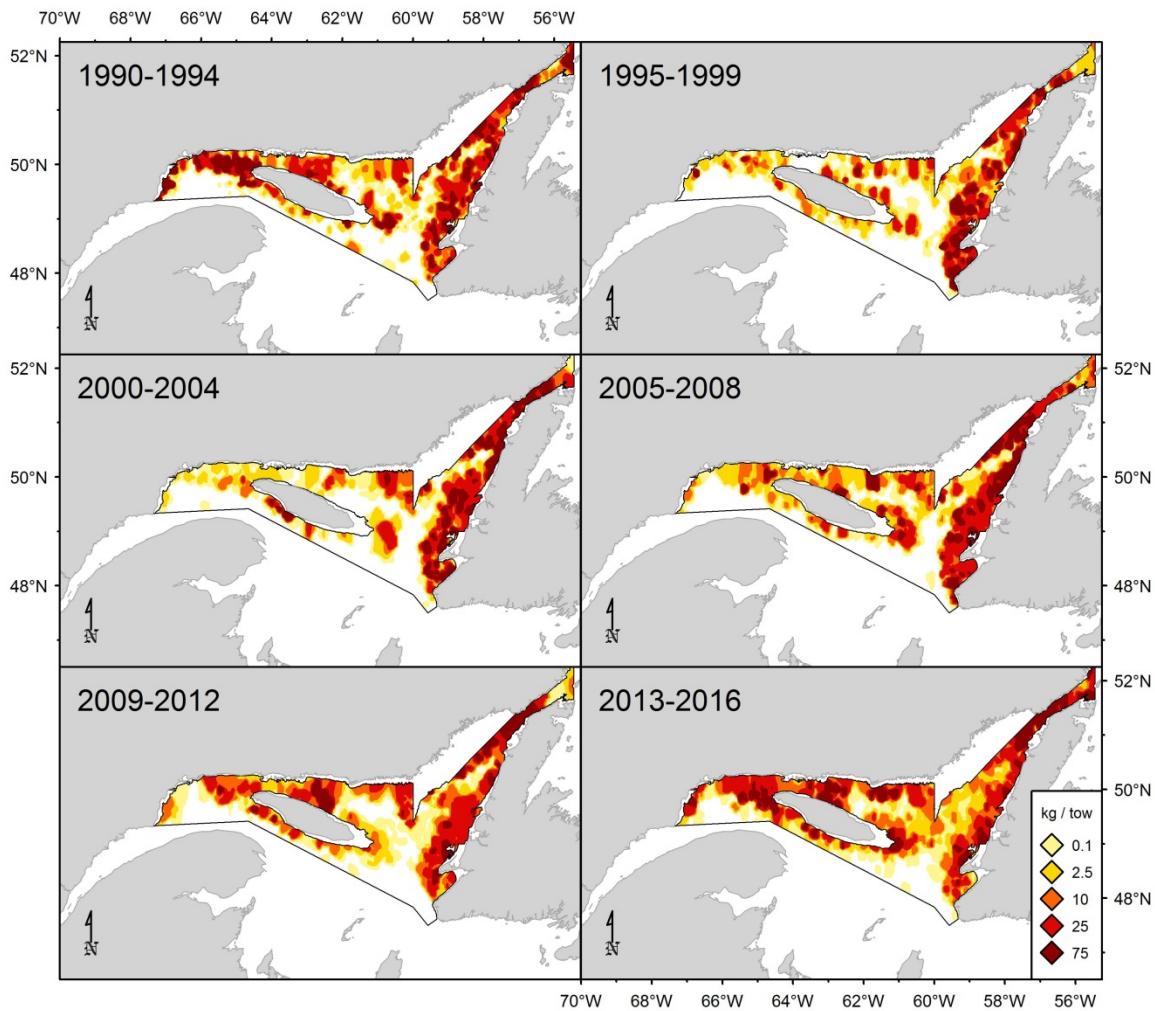


Figure 9. Length frequency distributions during DFO research surveys. (Numbers (A), percentage (B)).



*Figure 10. Distribution of cod catch rates (kg/15-minute tow) in the (August) DFO survey in NAFO Divisions 4RS.*

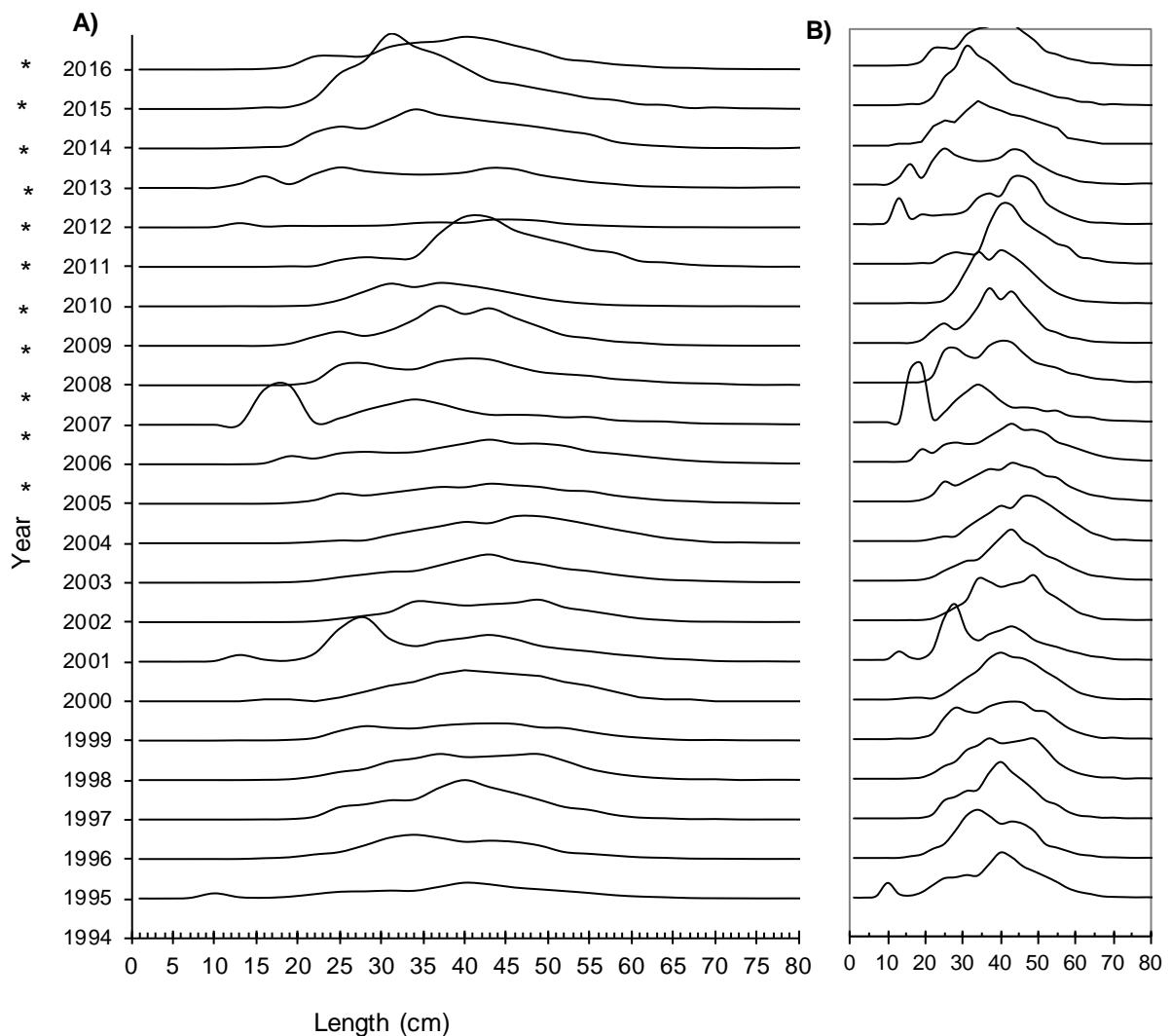
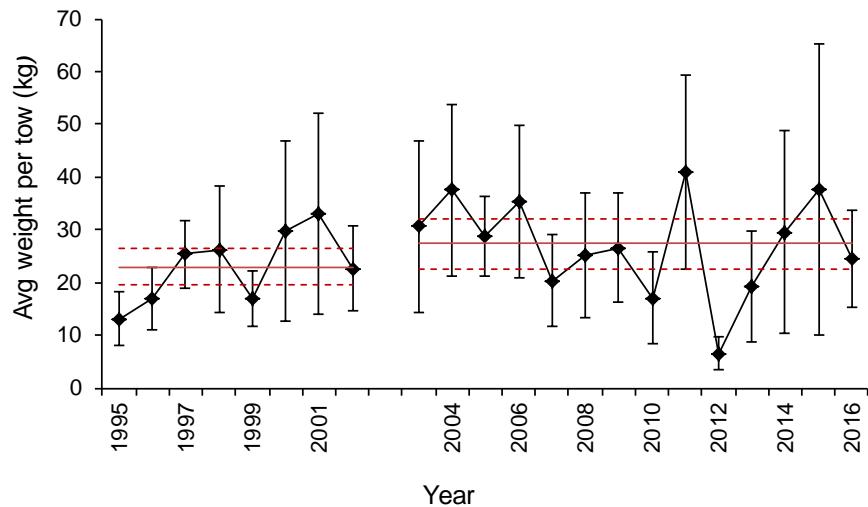


Figure 11. Length frequencies distribution in number (A) and in percentage (B) during the July mobile gear sentinel survey. (\* Includes 10-20 fathom strata).

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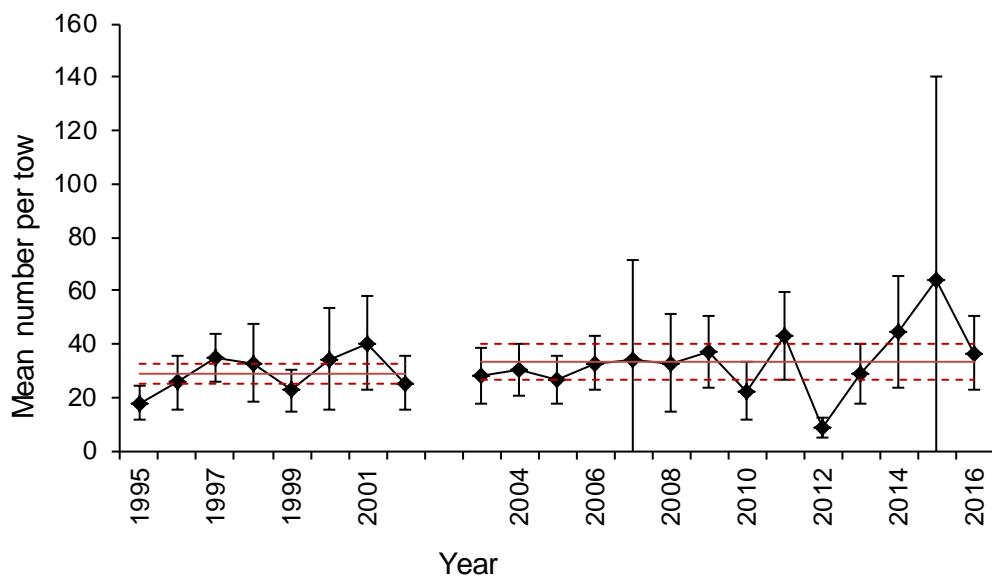


Figure 12. Mean weights (A) and mean numbers (B) per tow during the July mobile gear sentinel survey. (2003-2011 includes 10-20 fathom strata). The solid line represents the series average, and the dotted lines  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  standard deviation around the average.

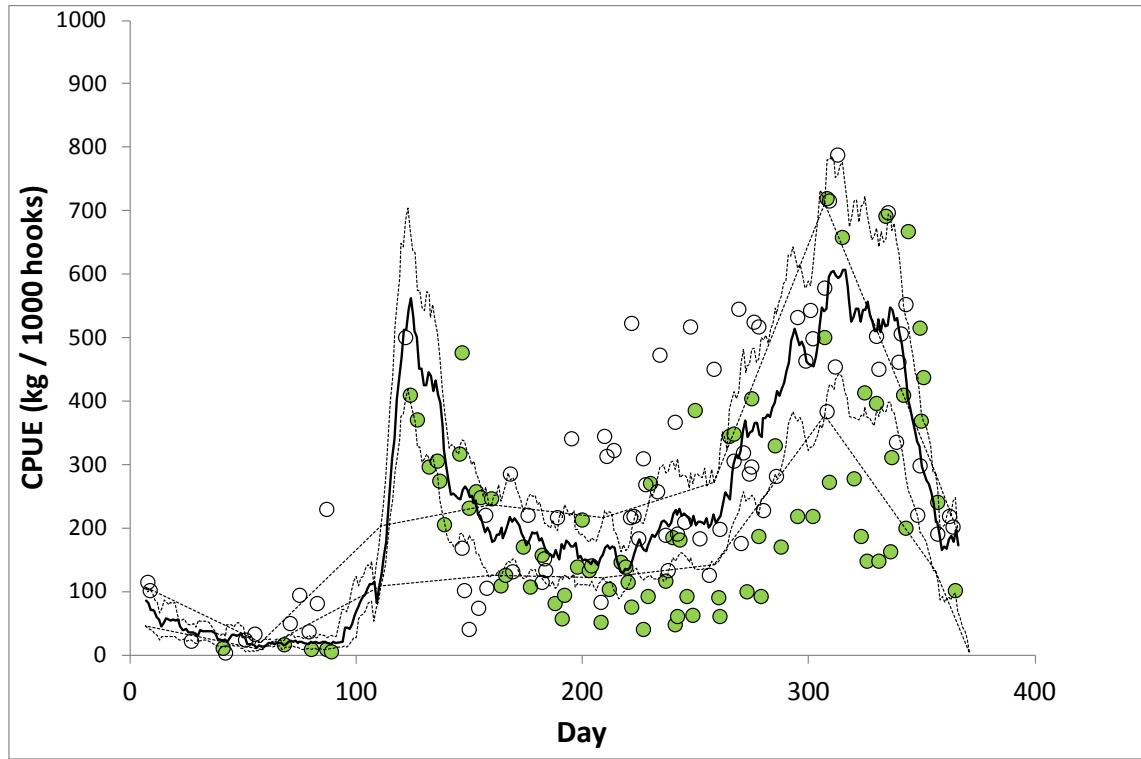
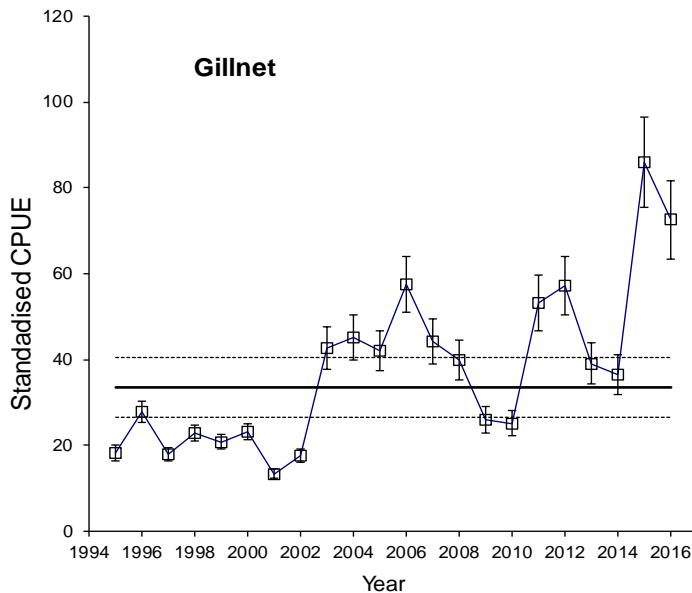


Figure 13. Average daily longline CPUE (kg / 1000 hooks) for the sentinel survey program in zone 1 (3Pn). The dots represent the 2016 data; the solid line is a 7-day running average of the daily averages for the 1995-2013 series; and the dotted lines  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  standard deviation around this average.

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A)



B)

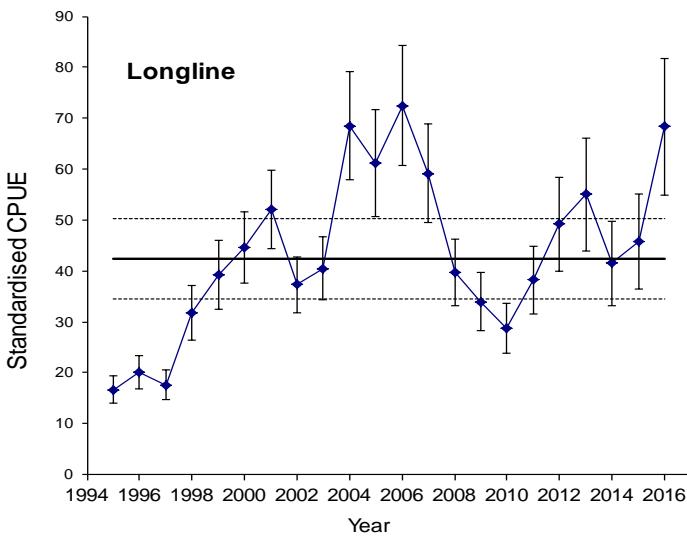
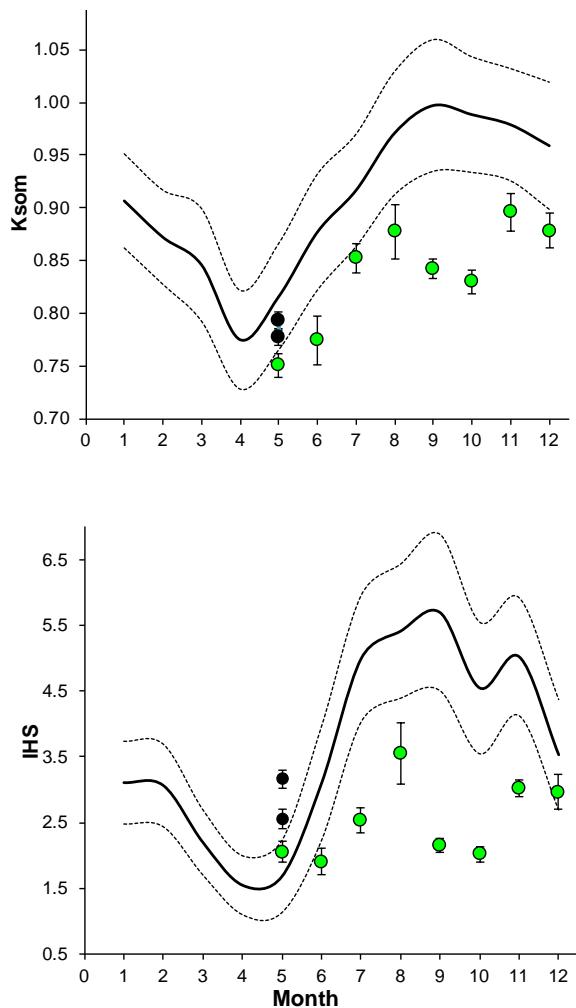


Figure 14. Standardized catch per unit effort (CPUE) (average  $\pm$  95% CI) in the sentinel survey program A) Longline B) Gillnet. The solid line represents the 1995-2014 series average, and the dotted lines  $\pm$   $1/2$  standard deviation around the average.



*Figure 15. Seasonal changes in condition of cod sampled in the 2016 fixed gear sentinel survey program. Monthly average  $\pm$  95% CI of Fulton's somatic index ( $K_{\text{som}}$ ) and the hepato-somatic index (HSI). The solid line represents the 1998–2015 series monthly average, and the dotted lines  $\pm 1/2$  the standard deviation around the average.*

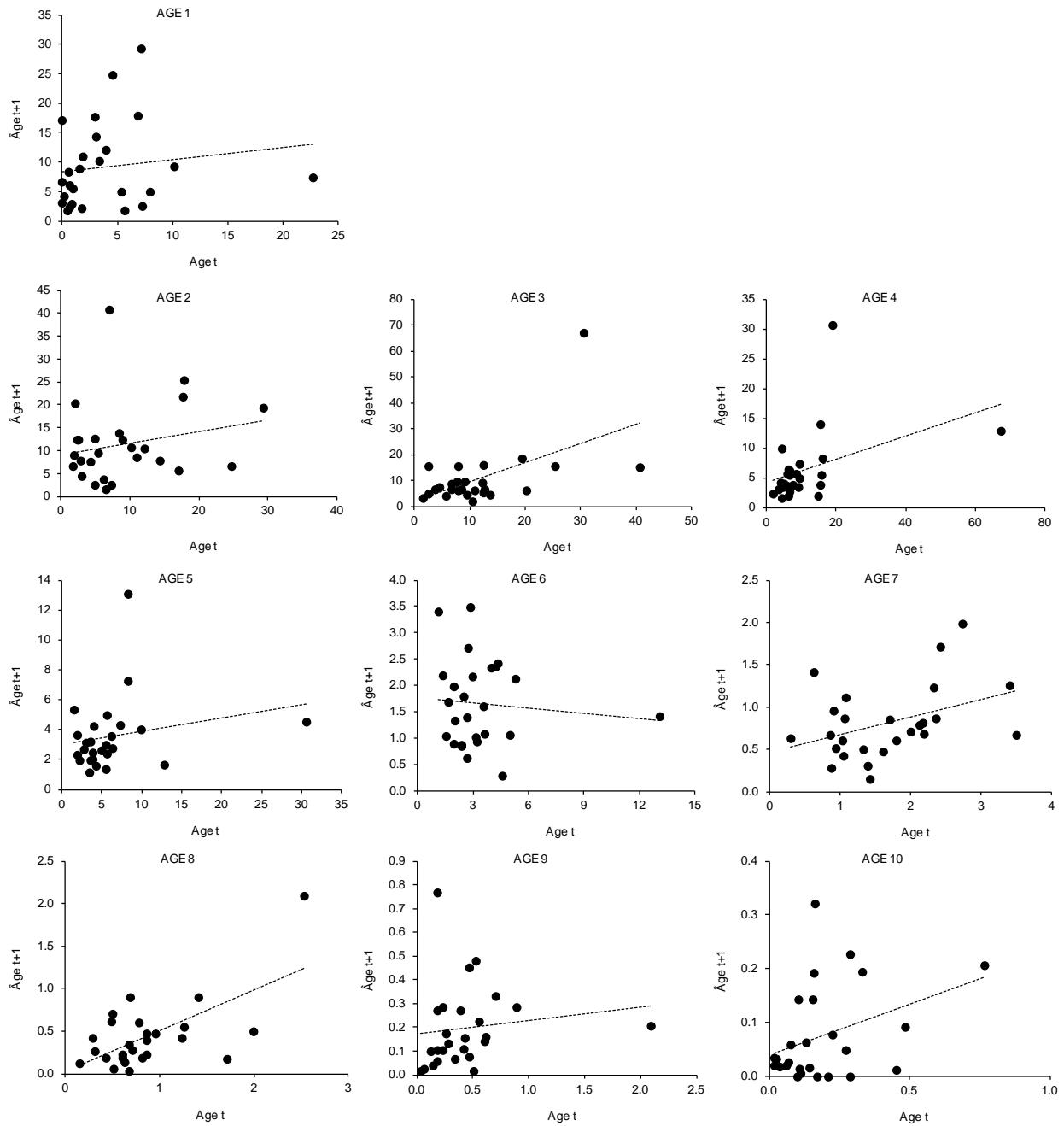


Figure 16a. Coherence at age for the DFO survey.

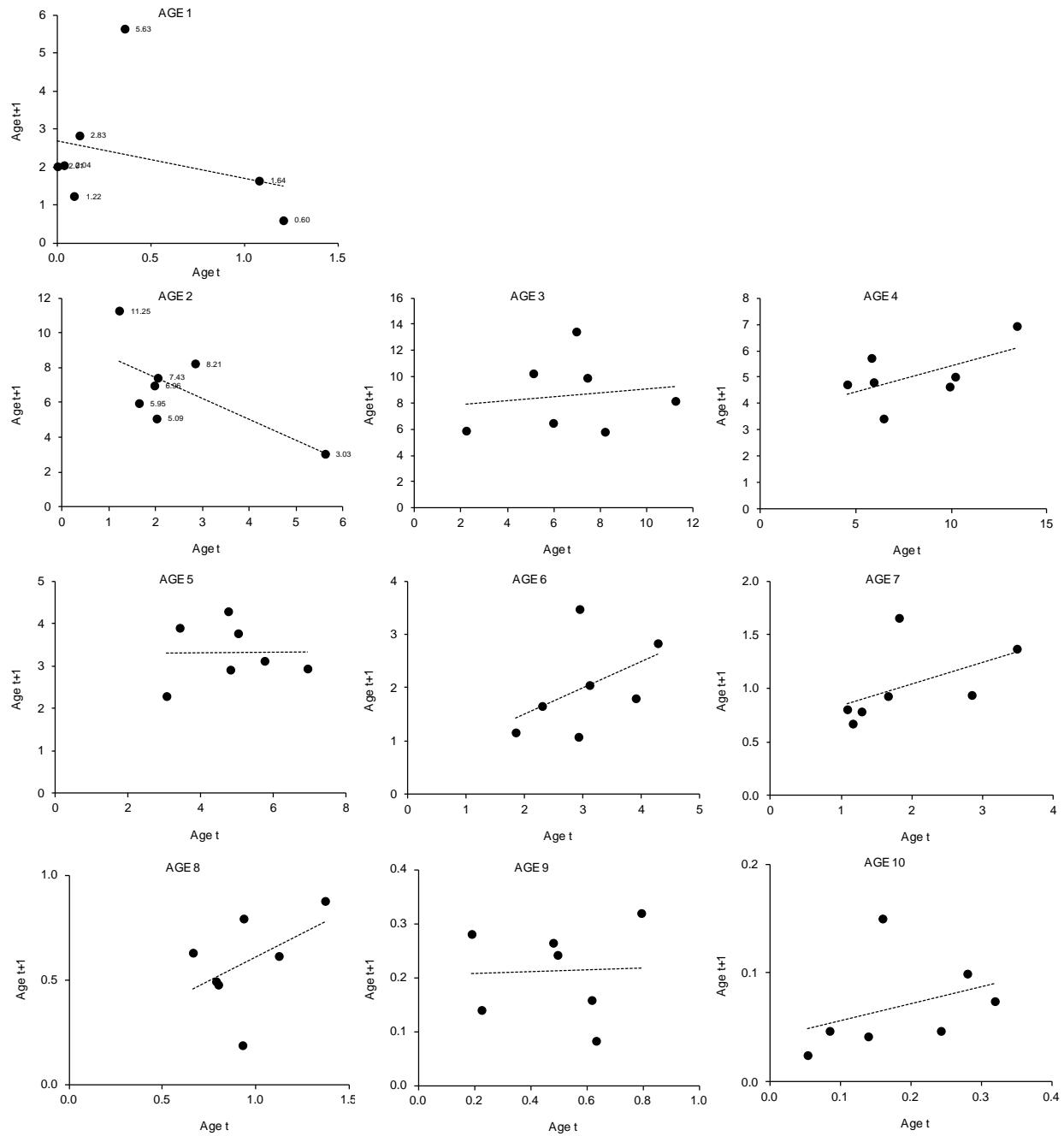


Figure 16b. Coherence at age for the mobile gear sentinel survey > 20 fathoms (1995 to 2002).

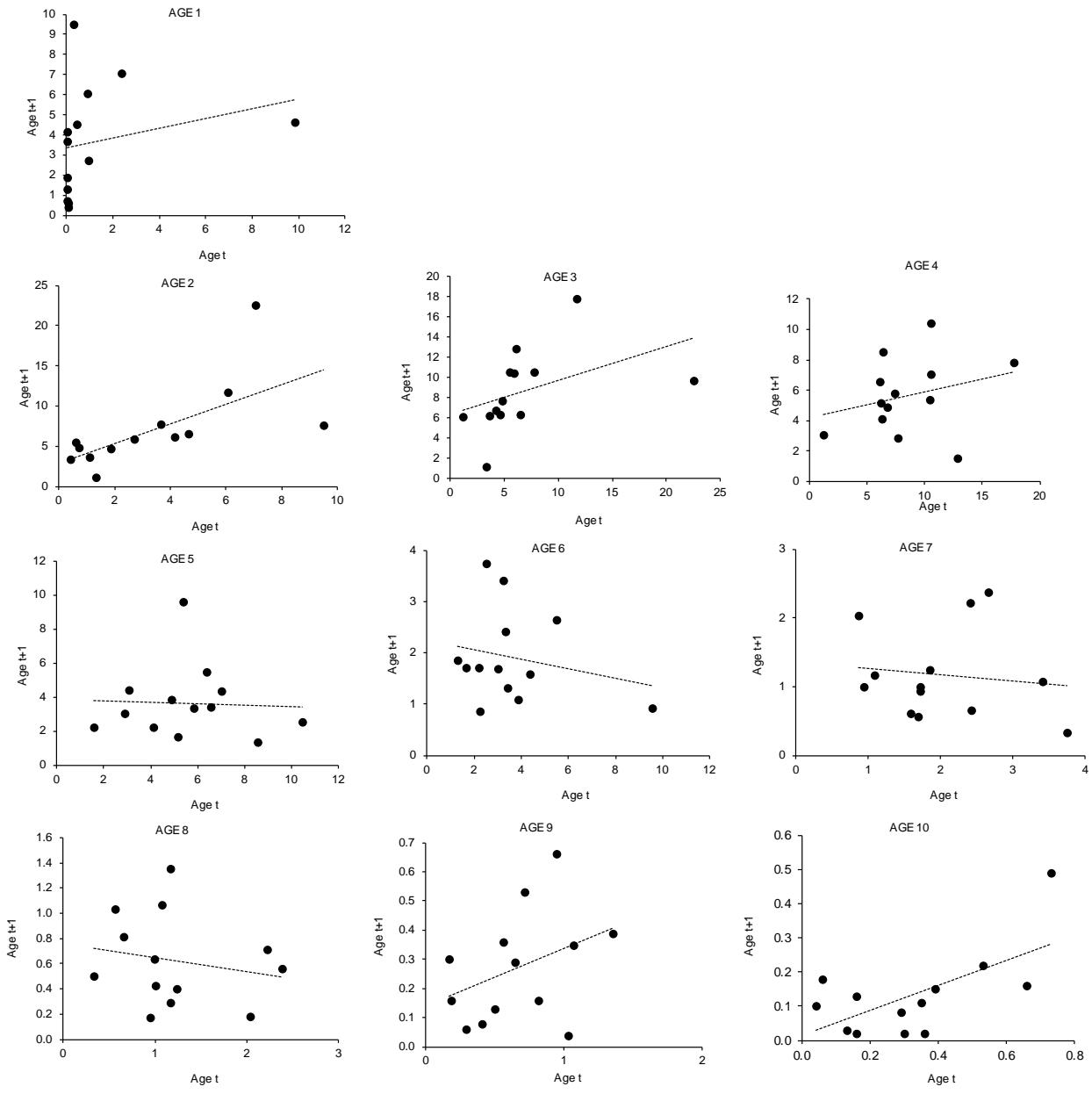


Figure 16c. Coherence at age for the mobile gear sentinel survey > 10 fathoms (2003 to 2016).

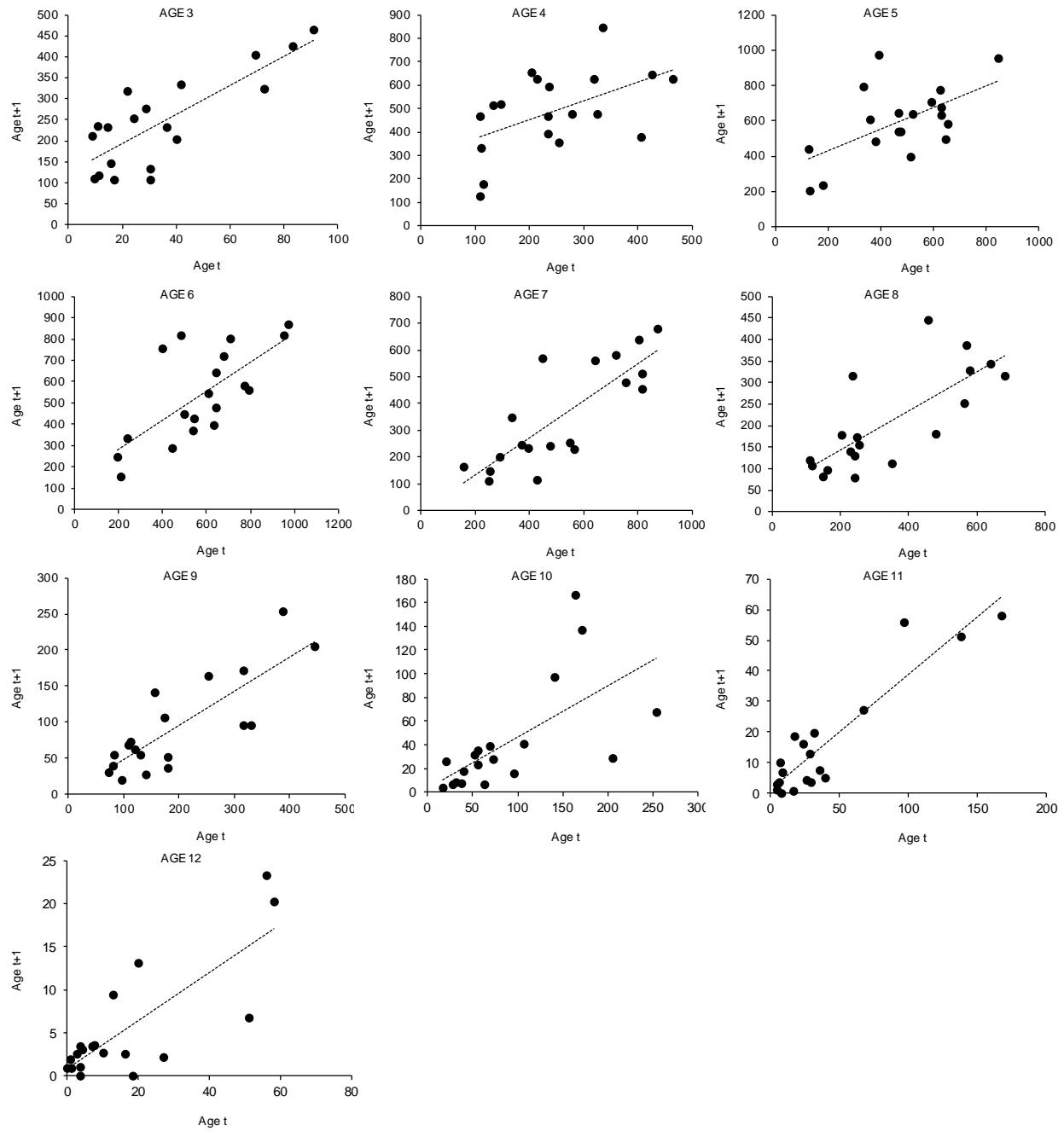


Figure 16d. Coherence at age for longline sentinel survey.

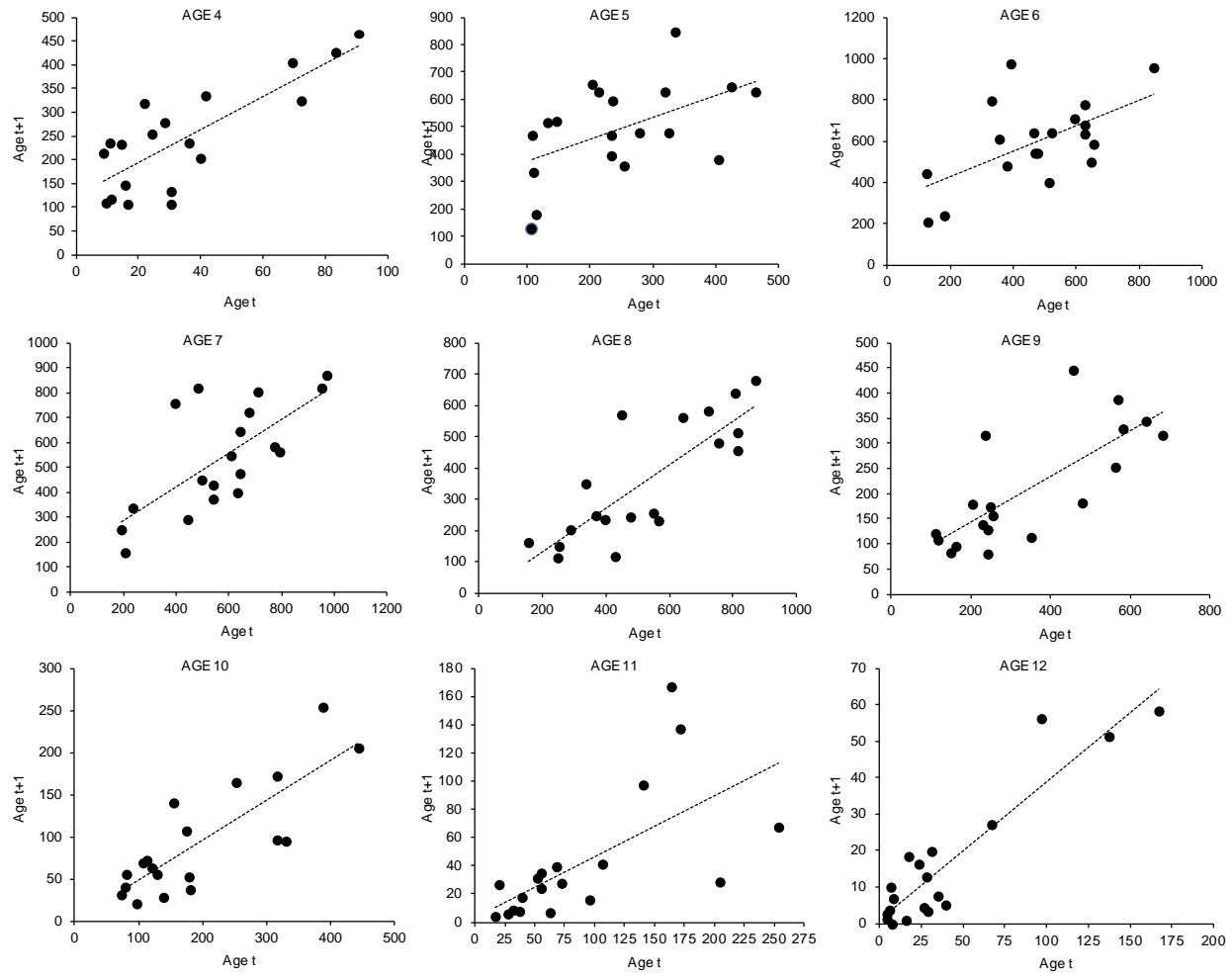


Figure 16e. Coherence at age for gillnet sentinel survey.

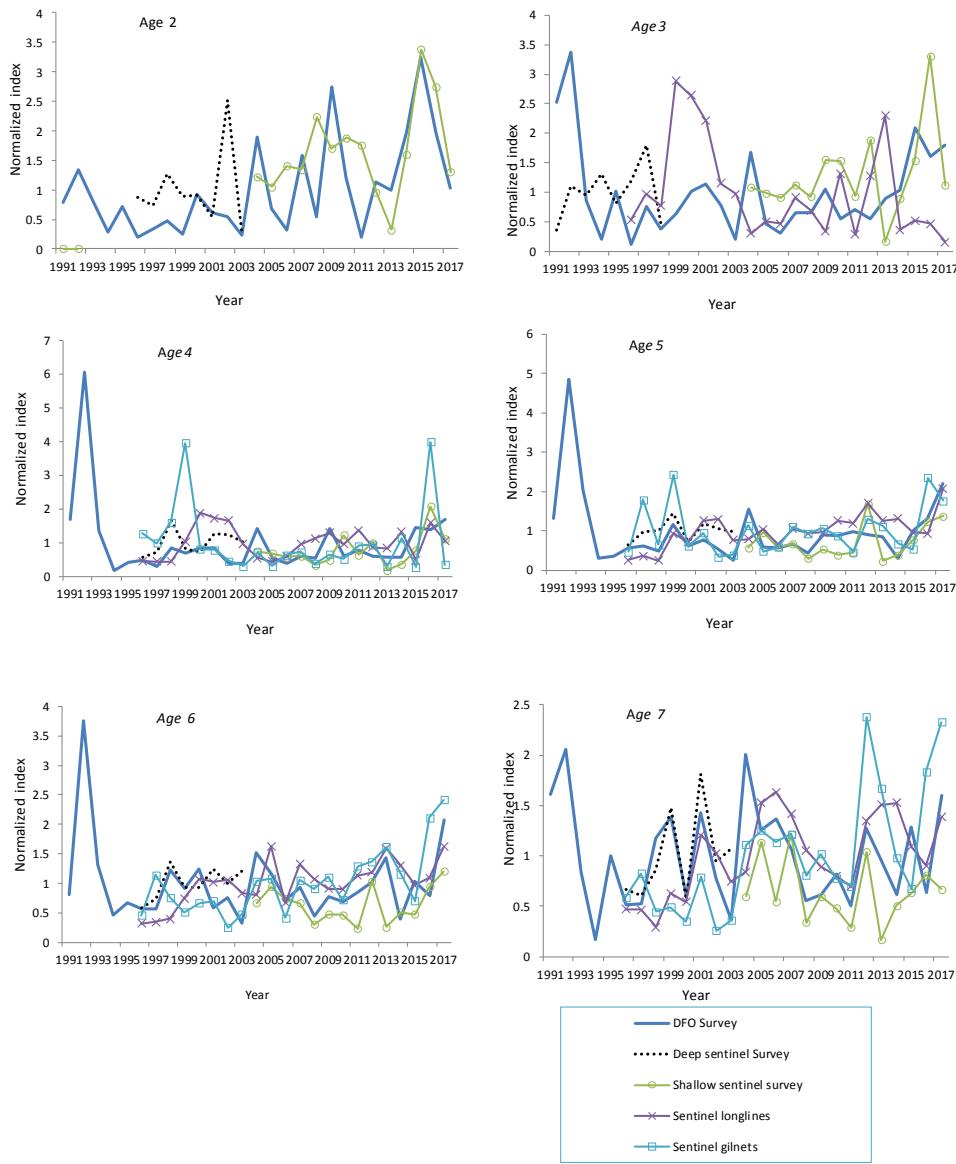


Figure 17. Coherence at age between the five abundance indices.

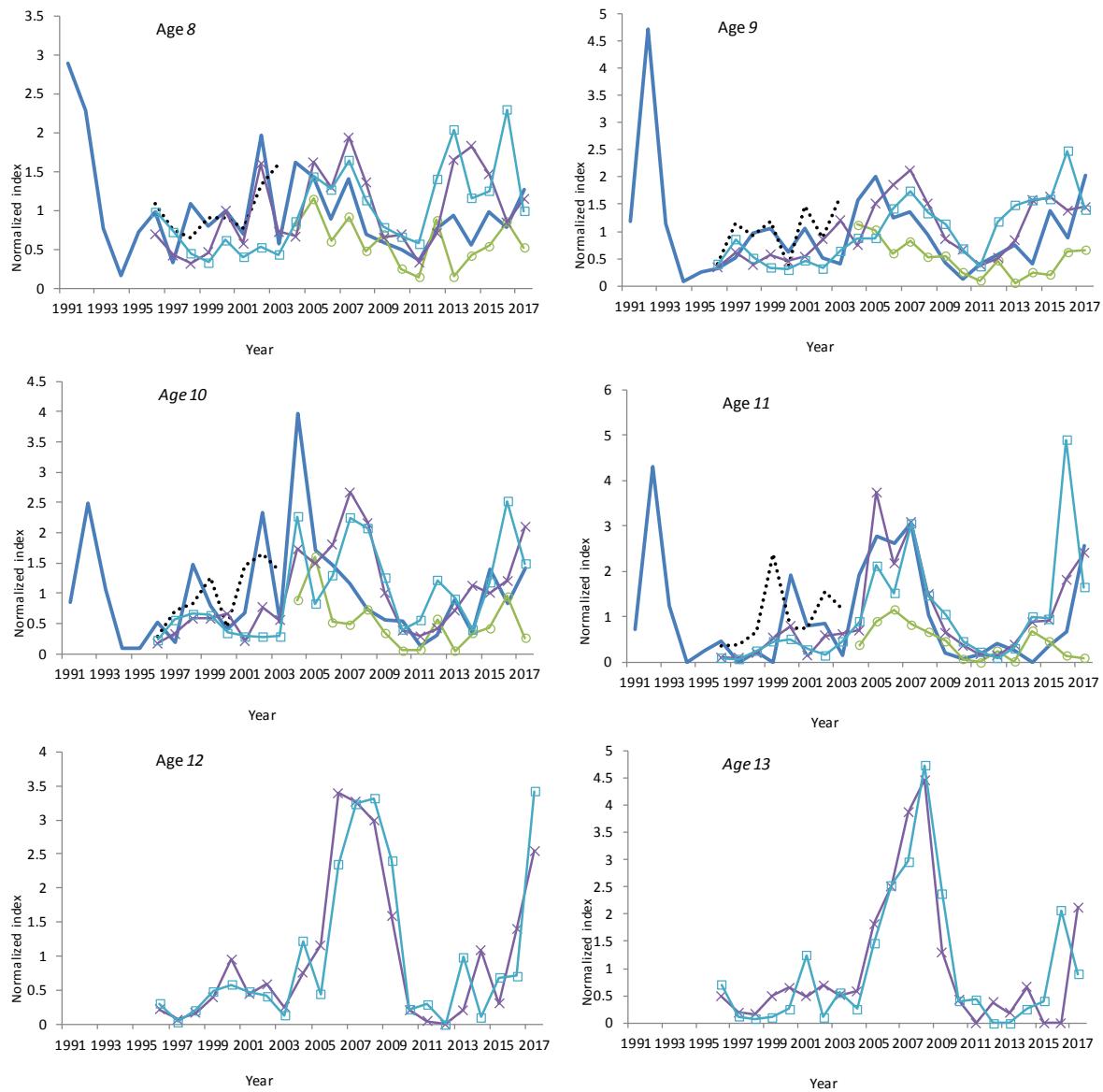
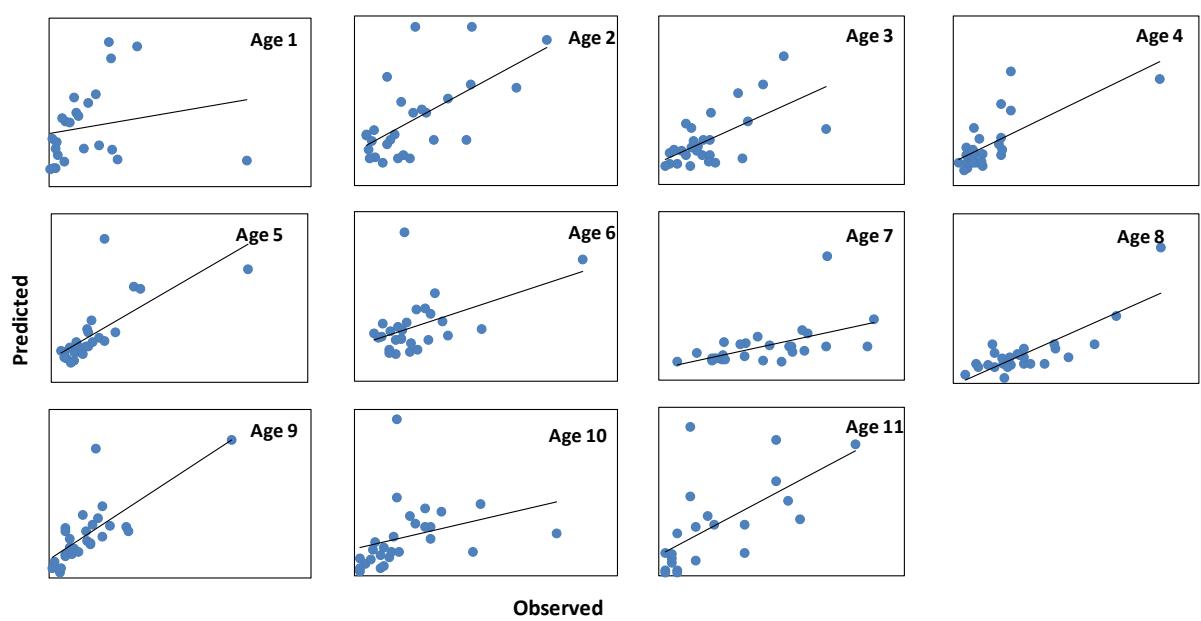


Figure 17. (continued)

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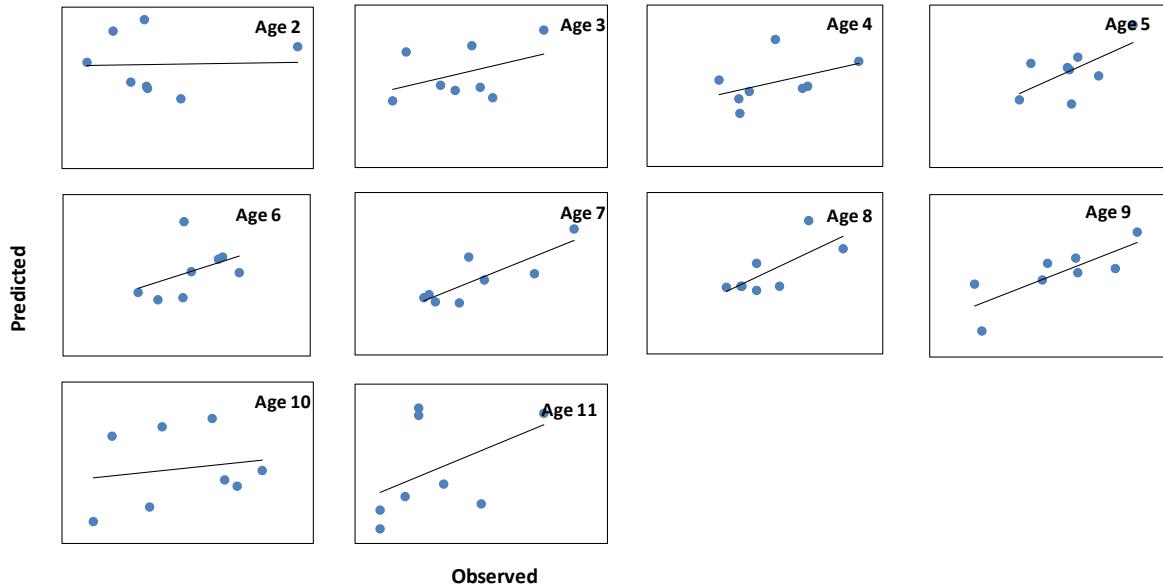
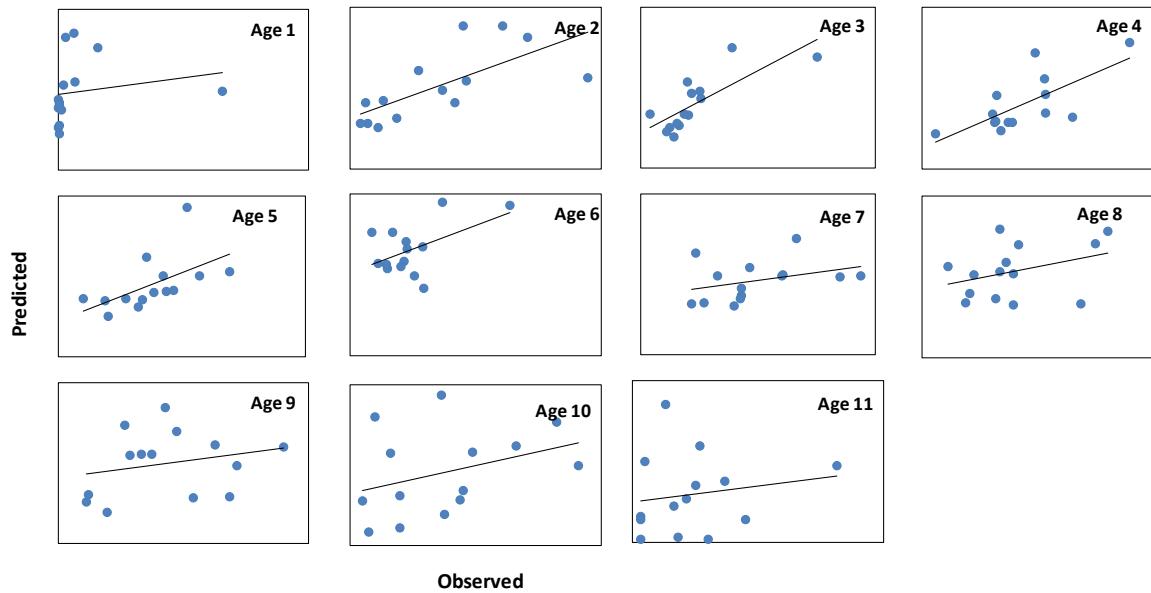


Figure 18. ADAPT adjustment between observed and predicted values at age. A) DFO Survey, B) Mobile gear sentinel survey > 20 fathoms, C) Mobile gear sentinel survey > 10 fathoms, D) Longline sentinel survey, E) Gillnet sentinel survey.

C)



D)

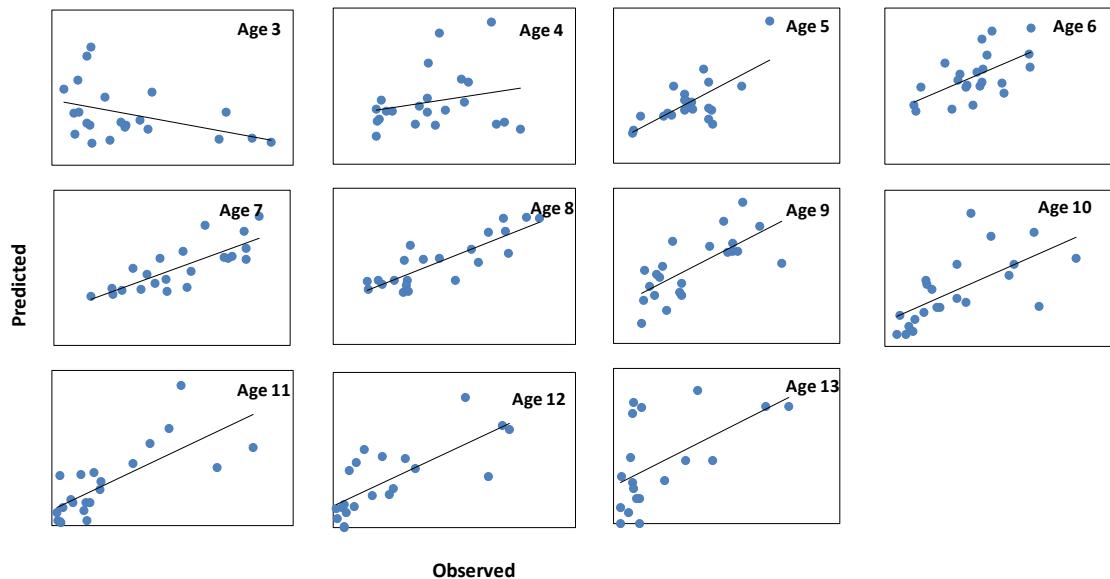


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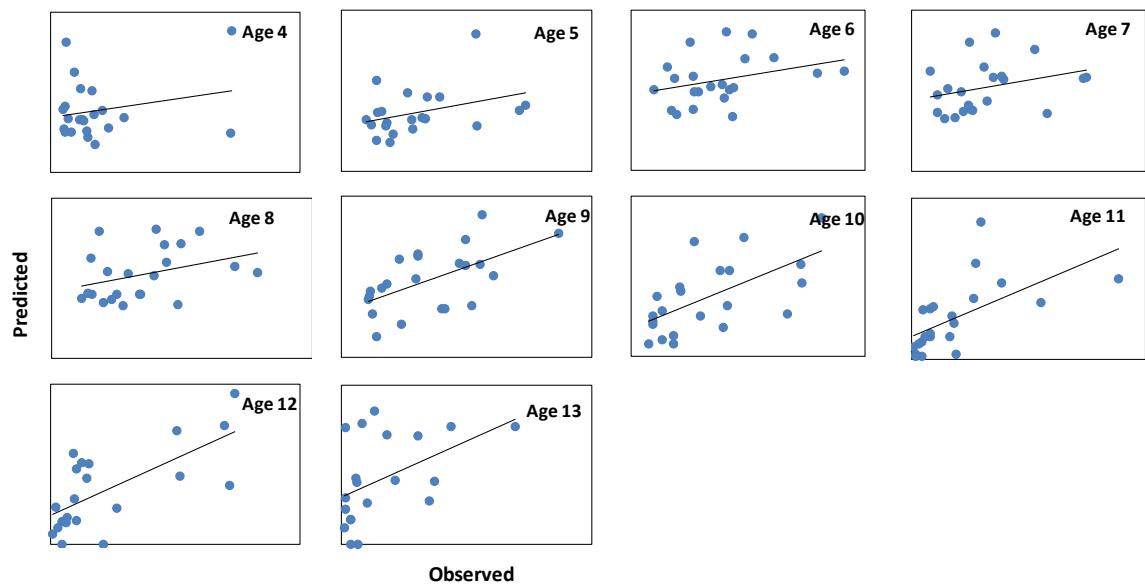
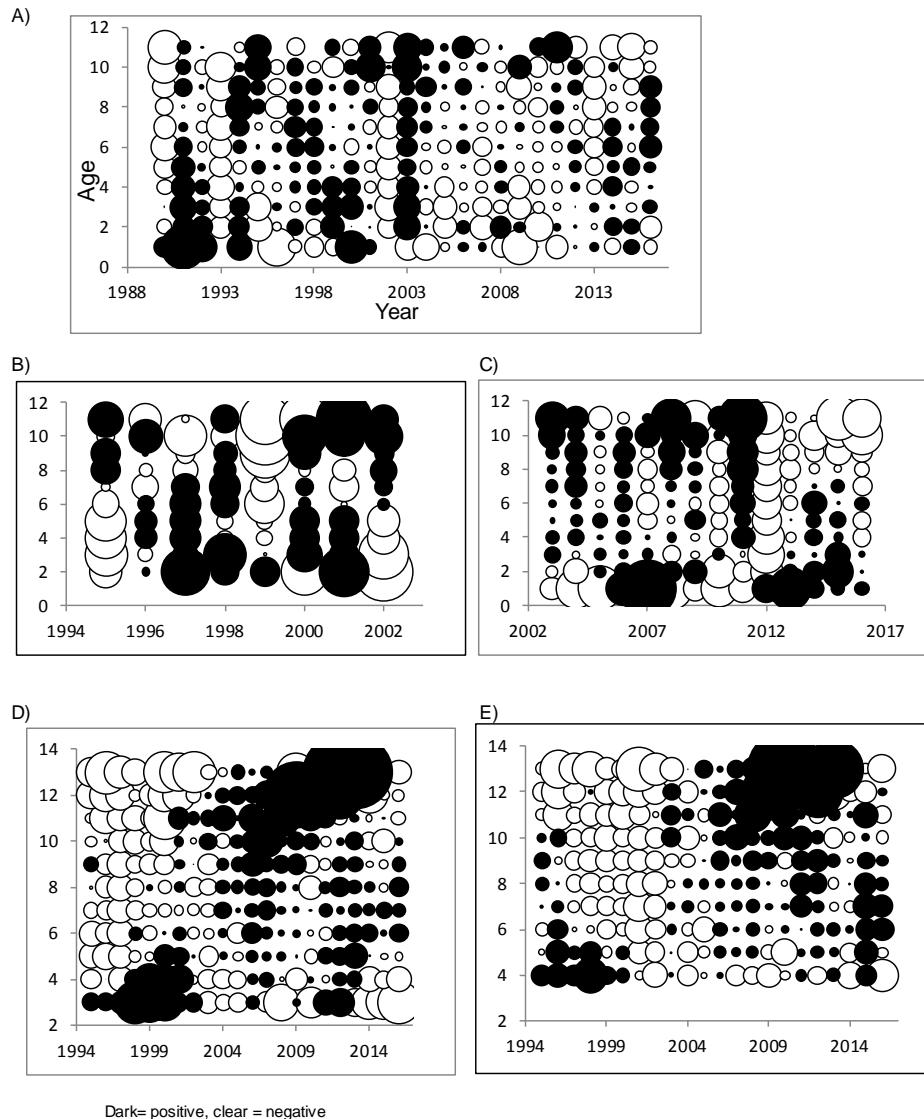


Figure 18.(continued)



*Figure 19. Distribution of residuals from the ADAPT model. A = DFO Survey, B = Mobile gear sentinel survey > 20 f., C = Mobile gear sentinel survey > 10 f., D = Longline sentinel survey, E) Gillnet sentinel survey.*

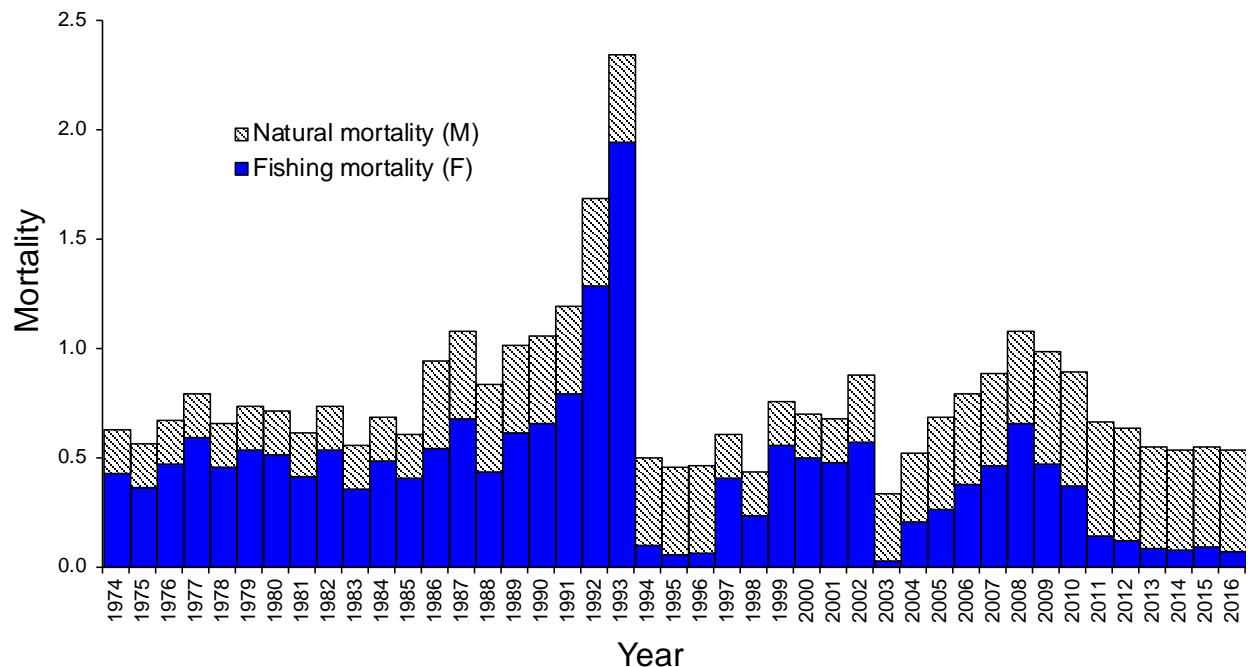
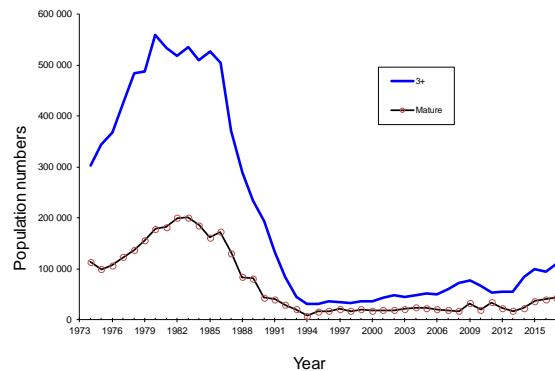


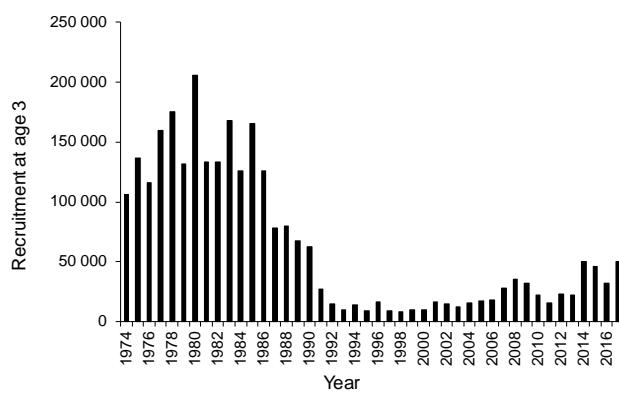
Figure 20. Natural mortality set values from 1974 to 2001. Estimated values from 2002 to 2014 (three four-year blocks) and Fishing mortality estimate by VPA.

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B)



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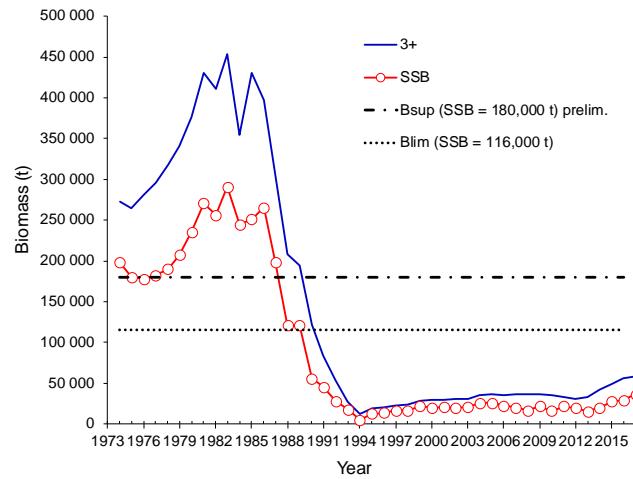


Figure 21. Main assessment findings A = Population, B = Recruitment, C = Biomass.

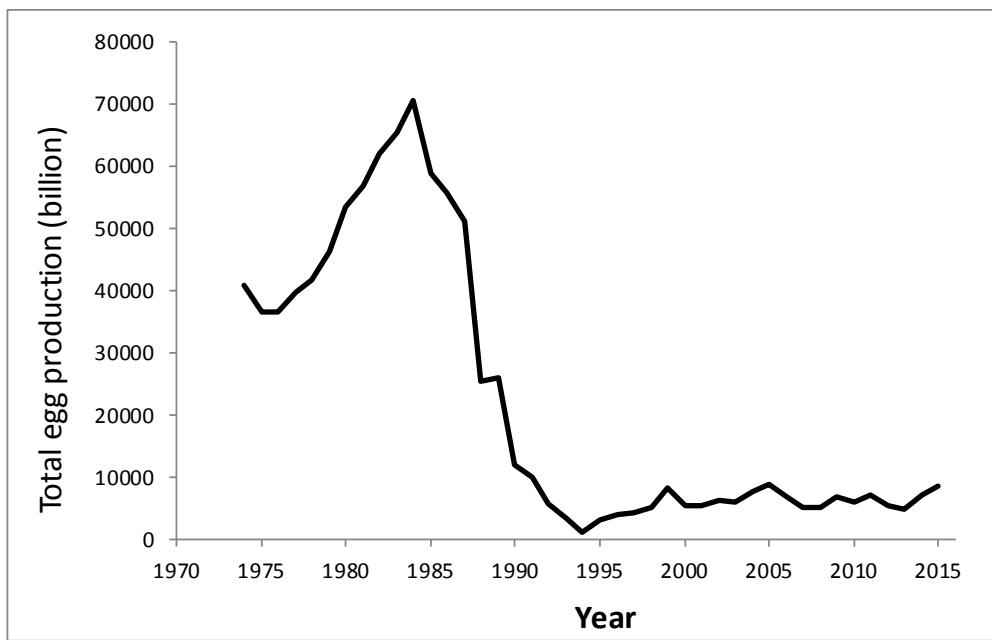


Figure 22. Estimated egg production per year.

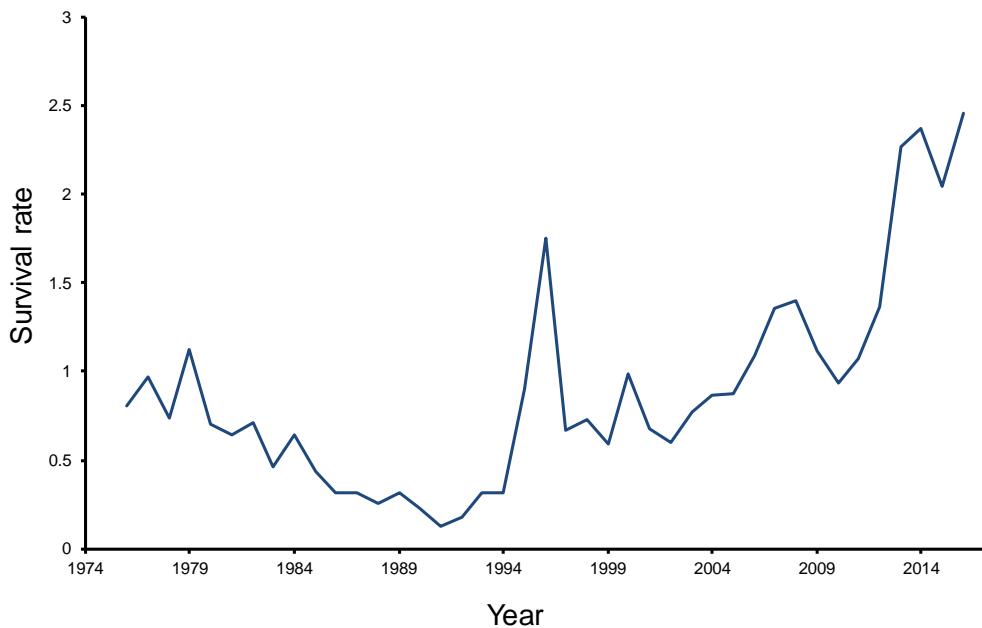


Figure 23. Estimated survival rate by the number of recruits at 3 years divided by mature biomass in the year of birth of these recruits.

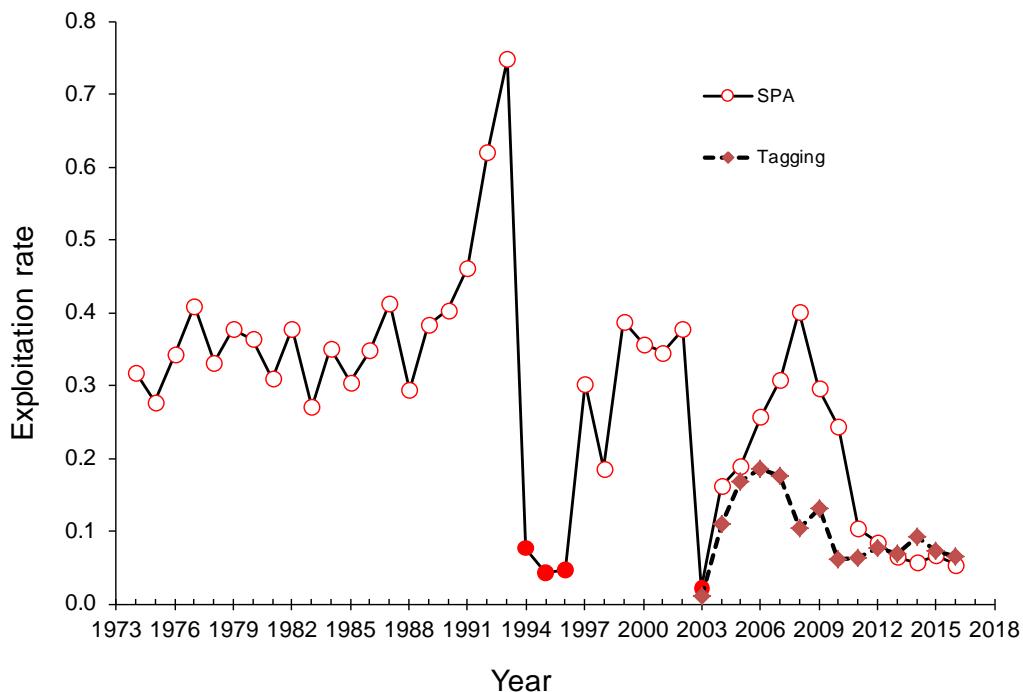


Figure 24. Exploitation rates estimated from tagging data and sequential population analysis (SPA).

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## 9. APPENDICES

### **Appendix 1. Questionnaire from the industry telephone survey on Cod fishery.**

#### Questions for Industry Telephone Survey of Fixed Gear Cod Fishers (3Pn, 4R) - 2016.

##### **Questions on Biology**

1. What zone did you primarily fish in this year 2014(3Pn, 4Ra, b, c, d)?
2. How would you compare the size (overall length) of fish this year (2016) with last year (2015)?  
(1 - much smaller, 2 - smaller, 3 - same, 4 - larger, 5 - much larger)
3. How would you compare the condition (fatness, health) of fish captured in late summer / fall season this year (2016) with last year (2015)?  
(1 - much lower, 2 - lower, 3 - same, 4 - higher, 5 - much higher)

##### **Questions on Catch Rates**

4. Using a scale of 1-10 (poor to excellent), how would you rate your catch rates during July-September (4R), and October-November (3Pn) this year (2016)?
5. Using a scale of 1-10 (poor to excellent), how would you rate your catch rates during July-September (4R), and October-November (3Pn) last year (2015)?

\*Use the following as a general number index!

In other words, for the amount of gear you fished, would you describe the fishing as;

Poor (1-3), average (4-6), good (7-8), excellent (9-10).

##### **Additional Questions on Cod Tagging**

6. Did you recapture a cod(s) with tag(s) in 2016?  
(1- Yes or 2 – No)
7. Did you report (i.e. send into FFAW or DFO) yet?  
(1- Yes or 2 – No)

If No to question 7, please inform them that we receive the tags and request that they send in ASAP – try to ensure that they record our address. (FFAW – P.O. Box 548, Corner Brook, NL, A2H 6E6). If possible, provide recovery date, location of recapture, depth of water, length, weight, gear used.

##### **Questions on Atlantic Halibut Fishing / Tagging**

8. Did you fish Atlantic Halibut in 2014? (1- Yes or 2 – No)
9. Did you recapture Atlantic Halibut(s) with tag(s) in 2016?  
(1- Yes or 2 – No)
10. Did you report Atlantic Halibut Tag(s) (i.e. send into FFAW or DFO) in 2016?  
(1- Yes or 2 – No)

If No to question 10, please inform them that we receive the tags and request that they send in ASAP – try to ensure that they record our address. (FFAW – P.O. Box 548, Corner Brook, NL, A2H 6E6). If possible, provide recovery date, location of recapture, depth of water, length, weight, gear used.

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Melvin Bateman, Jeff Francis; Port aux Basques  
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Bernard Barter, Kevin Duffney; Lourdes  
John C. Hardy, Kelly Francis; Burnt Islands  
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Alvin House, Shawn Perry, Bruce Pieroway; Daniels Harbour  
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**Appendix 3. Fixed gear sentinel survey program, number of activities by zone, site, gear, and month in 2016.**

Zone	Site	Gillnet						Longline												Total	
		Month						Month													
		6	7	8	9	10	Total	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total		
1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	8	
	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	5	-	-	3	15	15	
	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	4	2	2	14	14	
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	48	1	16	19	3	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	
Total		50	156	149	18	16	389	3	3	6	4	12	24	44	29	19	21	13	178	567	

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**Appendix 4. Standardized catch per unit effort (CPUE) for the gillnet sentinel survey program from 1995 to 2016.**

Frequency tables of the categories affecting catch rates  
The FREQ Procedure

Year	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1995	792	5.61	792	5.61
1996	916	6.48	1708	12.09
1997	934	6.61	2642	18.7
1998	1087	7.69	3729	26.39
1999	1237	8.76	4966	35.15
2000	1169	8.27	6135	43.42
2001	1040	7.36	7175	50.78
2002	956	6.77	8131	57.55
2003	454	3.21	8585	60.76
2004	455	3.22	9040	63.98
2005	524	3.71	9564	67.69
2006	489	3.46	10053	71.15
2007	431	3.05	10484	74.2
2008	423	2.99	10907	77.2
2009	413	2.92	11320	80.12
2010	422	2.99	11742	83.11
2011	411	2.91	12153	86.01
2012	417	2.95	12570	88.97
2013	403	2.85	12973	91.82
2014	376	2.66	13349	94.48
2015	394	2.79	13743	97.27
2016	386	2.73	14129	100

Month	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
6	1459	10.33	1459	10.33
7	4785	33.87	6244	44.19
8	5264	37.26	11508	81.45
9	2103	14.88	13611	96.33
10	518	3.67	14129	100

Zone	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
2	760	5.38	760	5.38
3	3102	21.95	3862	27.33
4	2040	14.44	5902	41.77
5	3533	25.01	9435	66.78
6	4694	33.22	14129	100

hrs_cod2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1	1311	9.29	1311	9.29
2	11293	80.02	12604	89.31
3	428	3.03	13032	92.34
4	1081	7.66	14113	100

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Frequency missing=16

Regression of the log catch rates with the categories

The GLM Procedure

Class Level Information

Class	Level	Values									
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2005
YEAR	22		2006	2007	208	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015
MONTH	5	6	7	8	9	10					2016
zonen	5	2	3	4	5	6					
hrs_cod2	4	1	2	3	4						

Number of observations read 14152

Number of observations used 14113

Regression of the log catch rates with the categories

GLM Procedure

Dependent Variable: logcpue Log of catch rate

Source	DL	Sum of square	Mean square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	32	6633.7793	207.3056	158.41	<.0001
Error	14080	18426.4839	1.3087		
Total corrected	14112	25060.2632			

R-square	Coeff Var	Root MSE	logcpue Mean
0.264713	48.9553	1.1440	2.3368

Source	DL	Type III SS	Mean square	F Value	Pr > F
Month	4	1380.3806	345.0952	263.6900	<.0001
zonen	4	2016.5396	504.1349	385.2200	<.0001
hrs_cod2	3	44.2166	14.7389	11.2600	<.0001
Year	21	3122.4333	148.6873	113.6100	<.0001

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Parameter		Estimate	Standard error	t Value	Pr >  t
Intercept		2.7287	B	0.0854	31.95 <.0001
Month	6	0.2382	B	0.0611	3.9 <.0001
Month	7	0.8818	B	0.0555	15.87 <.0001
Month	8	0.3093	B	0.0546	5.67 <.0001
Month	9	0.0540	B	0.0574	0.94 0.3465
Month	10	0.0000	B	-	- -
zonen	2	0.6940	B	0.0464	14.97 <.0001
zonen	3	0.8066	B	0.0278	29.03 <.0001
zonen	4	-0.2563	B	0.0311	-8.23 <.0001
zonen	5	0.4972	B	0.0257	19.37 <.0001
zonen	6	0.0000	B	-	- -
hrs_cod2	1	-0.1727	B	0.0493	-3.5 0.0005
hrs_cod2	2	-0.2123	B	0.0372	-5.71 <.0001
hrs_cod2	3	-0.2350	B	0.0658	-3.57 0.0004
hrs_cod2	4	0.0000	B	-	- -
Year	1995	-1.3798	B	0.0722	-19.12 <.0001
Year	1996	-0.9614	B	0.0700	-13.74 <.0001
Year	1997	-1.4021	B	0.0696	-20.13 <.0001
Year	1998	-1.1537	B	0.0683	-16.88 <.0001
Year	1999	-1.2492	B	0.0672	-18.6 <.0001
Year	2000	-1.1375	B	0.0675	-16.84 <.0001
Year	2001	-1.6863	B	0.0686	-24.57 <.0001
Year	2002	-1.4191	B	0.0694	-20.43 <.0001
Year	2003	-0.5315	B	0.0797	-6.67 <.0001
Year	2004	-0.4764	B	0.0794	-6 <.0001
Year	2005	-0.5464	B	0.0770	-7.1 <.0001
Year	2006	-0.2323	B	0.0781	-2.98 0.0029
Year	2007	-0.4960	B	0.0804	-6.17 <.0001
Year	2008	-0.5995	B	0.0807	-7.43 <.0001
Year	2009	-1.0240	B	0.0812	-12.61 <.0001
Year	2010	-1.0589	B	0.0807	-13.12 <.0001
Year	2011	-0.3095	B	0.0812	-3.81 0.0001
Year	2012	-0.2372	B	0.0809	-2.93 0.0034
Year	2013	-0.6188	B	0.0816	-7.58 <.0001
Year	2014	-0.6860	B	0.0829	-8.27 <.0001
Year	2015	0.1688	B	0.0821	2.06 0.0397

NOTE: The X'X matrix has been found to be singular, and a generalized inverse was used to solve the normal equations. Terms whose estimates are followed by the letter 'B' are not uniquely estimable.

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The standard category is defined by:

Month = 8

Zonen = 3

Hrs\_cod2 = 2

Year	Predicted catch rate	Standard error
1995	18.276	0.876
1996	27.773	1.274
1997	17.876	0.801
1998	22.920	0.973
1999	20.832	0.838
2000	23.296	0.955
2001	13.455	0.581
2002	17.576	0.778
2003	42.661	2.529
2004	45.079	2.661
2005	42.042	2.327
2006	57.548	3.260
2007	44.203	2.637
2008	39.854	2.409
2009	26.069	1.583
2010	25.174	1.527
2011	53.261	3.265
2012	57.254	3.510
2013	39.089	2.441
2014	36.544	2.342
2015	85.915	5.397
2016	72.570	4.607

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**Appendix 5. Standardized catch per unit effort (CPUE) for the longline sentinel fisheries program from 1995 to 2016.**

Frequency tables of the categories affecting catch rates

The Freq Procedure

YEAR	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1995	812	9.7	812	9.7
1996	749	8.95	1561	18.64
1997	586	7	2147	25.64
1998	470	5.61	2617	31.26
1999	441	5.27	3058	36.52
2000	495	5.91	3553	42.43
2001	587	7.01	4140	49.44
2002	596	7.12	4736	56.56
2003	394	4.71	5130	61.27
2004	379	4.53	5509	65.79
2005	271	3.24	5780	69.03
2006	320	3.82	6100	72.85
2007	312	3.73	6412	76.58
2008	313	3.74	6725	80.32
2009	277	3.31	7002	83.63
2010	258	3.08	7260	86.71
2011	248	2.96	7508	89.67
2012	198	2.36	7706	92.03
2013	169	2.02	7875	94.05
2014	169	2.02	8044	96.07
2015	157	1.88	8201	97.95
2016	172	2.05	8373	100
Month	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1	228	2.72	228	2.72
2	154	1.84	382	4.56
4	192	2.29	574	6.86
5	381	4.55	955	11.41
6	620	7.4	1575	18.81
7	1125	13.44	2700	32.25
8	1726	20.61	4426	52.86
9	1614	19.28	6040	72.14
10	1068	12.76	7108	84.89
11	801	9.57	7909	94.46
12	464	5.54	8373	100
Gear	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
51	4318	51.57	4318	51.57
52	4055	48.43	8373	100
Zonen	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1	4044	48.3	4044	48.3
2	1596	19.06	5640	67.36
3	1002	11.97	6642	79.33
4	936	11.18	7578	90.51
5	795	9.49	8373	100

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Frequency tables of the categories affecting catch rates

The Freq Procedure

hrs_cod2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1	1754	20.97	1754	20.97
2	4228	50.56	5982	71.53
3	1257	15.03	7239	86.56
4	1124	13.44	8363	100

Frequency Missing=10

Regression of the log catch rates with categories

The GLM Procedure

Class Level Information

Class	Level	Values										
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Year	22	2006	2007	208	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Month	11	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
zonen	5	1	2	3	4	5						
hrs_cod2	4	1	2	3	4							

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Number of observations Read 8396

Number of observations used 8363

Regression of the log catch rates with categories

The GLM Procedure

Dependent Variable: logcpue Log of catch rate

Source	DL	Sum of square	Mean square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	39	9886.02592	253.48784	192.71	<.0001
Error	8323	10948.17098	1.31541		
Corrected	8362	20834.19689			

R-square	Coeff Var	Root MSE	logcpue Mean
0.47451	24.59636	1.146914	4.662941

Source	DL	Type III SS	Mean square	F Value	Pr > F
Gear	1	6.21991	6.21991	4.73	0.0297
Month	10	2623.492859	262.34929	199.44	<.0001
zonen	4	3036.734122	759.18353	577.15	<.0001
hrs_cod2	3	96.942937	32.314312	24.57	<.0001
Year	21	1047.088622	49.861363	37.91	<.0001

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Parameter	Estimate		Standard error	t Value	Pr >  t	
Intercept	4.6228	B	0.1238	37.33	<.0001	
Gear	51	-0.0992	B	0.0456	-2.17	0.0297
Gear	52	0.0000	B	-	-	-
Month	1	-1.8835	B	0.0935	-20.14	<.0001
Month	2	-2.6557	B	0.1077	-24.66	<.0001
Month	4	-1.0925	B	0.0995	-10.97	<.0001
Month	5	0.1389	B	0.0799	1.74	0.082
Month	6	-0.0085	B	0.0720	-0.12	0.906
Month	7	-0.1816	B	0.0660	-2.75	0.0059
Month	8	0.2044	B	0.0644	3.17	0.0015
Month	9	0.0901	B	0.0648	1.39	0.1642
Month	10	0.2123	B	0.0654	3.25	0.0012
Month	11	0.7449	B	0.0672	11.08	<.0001
Month	12	0.0000	B	-	-	-
zonen	1	1.0454	B	0.0531	19.68	<.0001
zonen	2	0.8131	B	0.0569	14.28	<.0001
zonen	3	0.1941	B	0.0639	3.04	0.0024
zonen	4	-1.2916	B	0.0568	-22.73	<.0001
zonen	5	0.0000	B	-	-	-
hrs_cod2	1	0.3845	B	0.0493	7.81	<.0001
hrs_cod2	2	0.1510	B	0.0440	3.43	0.0006
hrs_cod2	3	0.2155	B	0.0487	4.43	<.0001
hrs_cod2	4	0.0000	B	-	-	-
Year	1995	-1.4104	B	0.1051	-13.42	<.0001
Year	1996	-1.2218	B	0.1057	-11.56	<.0001
Year	1997	-1.3565	B	0.1084	-12.52	<.0001
Year	1998	-0.7673	B	0.1101	-6.97	<.0001
Year	1999	-0.5562	B	0.1101	-5.05	<.0001
Year	2000	-0.4278	B	0.1047	-4.09	<.0001
Year	2001	-0.2751	B	0.1017	-2.71	0.0068
Year	2002	-0.6089	B	0.1011	-6.02	<.0001
Year	2003	-0.5268	B	0.1055	-4.99	<.0001
Year	2004	0.0000	B	0.1061	0	0.9998
Year	2005	-0.1114	B	0.1123	-0.99	0.3214
Year	2006	0.0569	B	0.1089	0.52	0.6009
Year	2007	-0.1472	B	0.1094	-1.35	0.1783
Year	2008	-0.5449	B	0.1093	-4.98	<.0001
Year	2009	-0.7008	B	0.1117	-6.27	<.0001
Year	2010	-0.8684	B	0.1131	-7.68	<.0001
Year	2011	-0.5826	B	0.1140	-5.11	<.0001
Year	2012	-0.3298	B	0.1197	-2.75	0.0059
Year	2013	-0.2167	B	0.1244	-1.74	0.0815
Year	2014	-0.4980	B	0.1244	-4	<.0001
Year	2015	-0.4007	B	0.1267	-3.16	0.0016
Year	2016	0.0000	B	-	-	-

NOTE: The X'X matrix has been found to be singular, and a generalized inverse was used to solve the normal equations. Terms whose estimates are followed by the letter 'B' are not uniquely estimable.

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The standard category is defined by:

Gear=52

month = 9

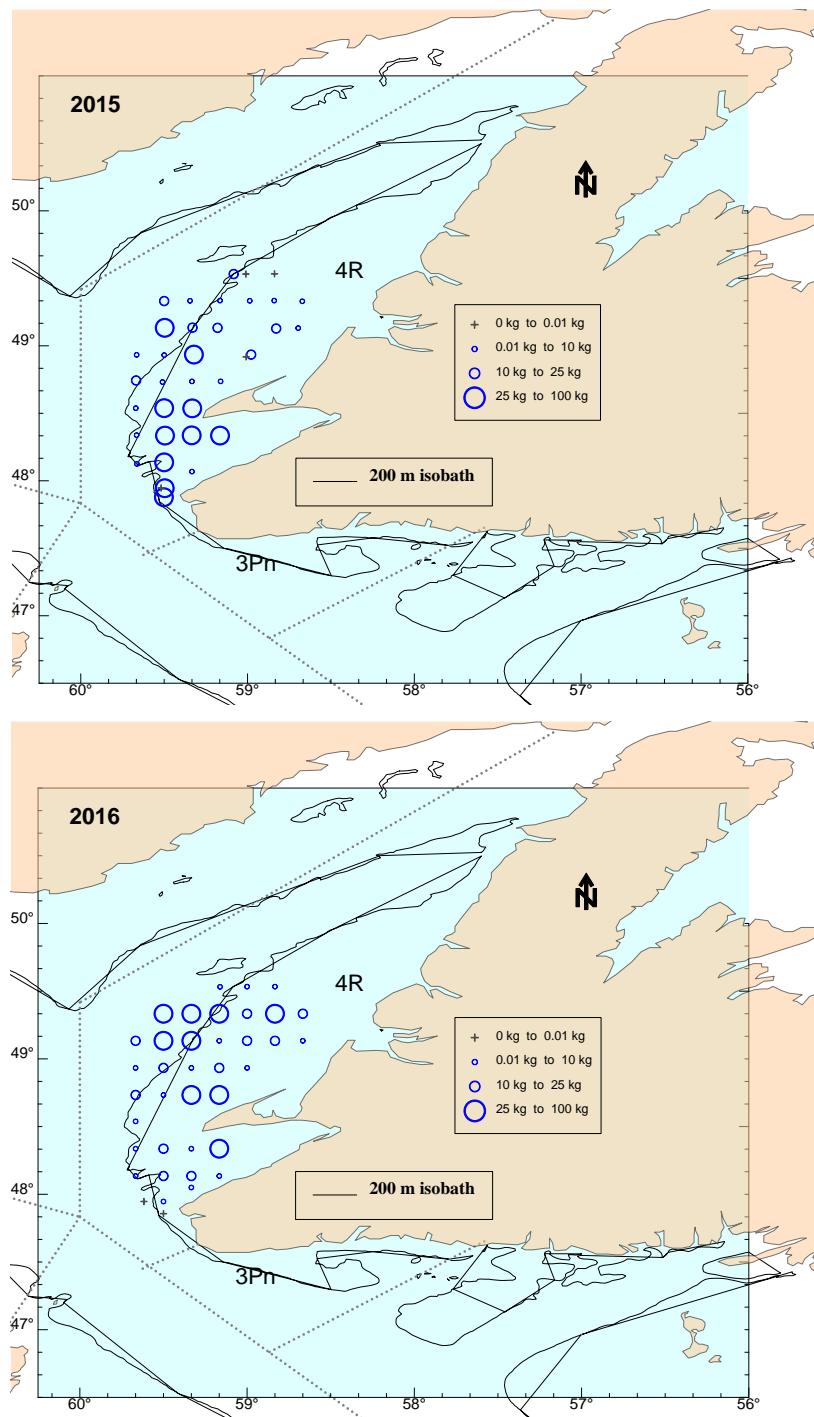
zonen = 4

hrs\_cod2 = 2

Year	Predicted catch rate	Standard error
1995	0.382	0.030
1996	0.462	0.038
1997	0.403	0.035
1998	0.727	0.064
1999	0.898	0.080
2000	1.021	0.081
2001	1.190	0.090
2002	0.853	0.063
2003	0.925	0.072
2004	1.567	0.123
2005	1.401	0.123
2006	1.658	0.138
2007	1.352	0.113
2008	0.908	0.075
2009	0.777	0.066
2010	0.657	0.058
2011	0.874	0.078
2012	1.125	0.108
2013	1.259	0.129
2014	0.950	0.097
2015	1.047	0.109
2016	1.564	0.157

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**Appendix 6. Distribution of catch rates (kg/tow) and bottom temperatures during the May 2015 and 2016 reproductive potential survey.**



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## **Appendix 7. Parameters of the Sequential Population Analysis (PSA) performed using the model ADAPT/NFT (VPA/ADAPT, version 3.4.5, NOAA Fisheries Toolbox, 2014).**

1. Catch at age (landing):  $C_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1974,2016)\}$   
The model assumes that the landed values contain no errors.
2. Abundance index:  
 $(DFO\ survey)_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1990,2016)\}$   
 $(Mobile\ sentinel,\ more\ than\ 20\ fathoms)_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1995,2002)\}$   
 $(Mobile\ sentinel,\ more\ than\ 10\ fathoms)_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=2003,2016)\}$   
 $(Fixed\ sentinel - longline)_{i,t} \{ (i=3,13);(t=1995,2016)\}$   
 $(Fixed\ sentinel - Gillnet)_{i,t} \{ (i=4,13);(t=1995,2016)\}$
3. Weight at age (commercial catches):  $CW_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1974,2016)\}$
4. Weight at age (as of January 1, Rivard methodology) :  $SW_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1974,2016)\}$
5. Maturity at age :  $Mat_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1974,2016)\}$
6. Natural mortality:  
 $M_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1974,1985)\} = 0.2$   
 $M_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1986,1996)\} = 0.4$   
 $M_{i,t} \{ (i=1,13);(t=1997,2016)\} = 0.2$   
Note: The M values were subsequently estimated in four-year blocks (ages 3 to 12) by means of a sensitivity analysis (VPA/ADAPT/NFT).
7. Starting population estimate:  
Age 2=160000; Age 3=140000; Age 4=120000, Age 5=120000; Age 6=100000; Age 7=90000; Age 8=3000; Age 9=2000; Age 10=1000; Age 11=300; Age 12=200;
8. Estimate of abundance at age for 2015:  
Geometric mean of abundance estimates from 2011 to 2014.
9. Partial recruitment for 2016 :  
Age 2=.0006; Age 3=.0006; Age 4=.0126, Age5=.0493; Age 6=.2260; Age 7=.3427; Age 8=.5485; Age 9=.7989; Age10=.81680; Age 11=1; Age 12=.956; Age 13=.9018.
10. Fishing mortality (Full-F) for the final year: Conventional method
11. Fishing mortality (F) for the final year and last age group: Heincke's method
12. Fishing mortality (F) for the last age group: Heincke's method applied to ages 11 and 12.

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**Appendix 8. Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence Cod Recovery Strategy (*Gadus morhua*) NAFO Divisions 3Pn, 4RS May 2013 – May 2018, harvest control rules in the event of an increase or decrease in spawning stock biomass (SSB).**

SSB (t)	Harvest control rules (TAC (t) or F)	Corresponding measure TAC (t) or F or other measure
< 12 000	-	Moratorium
12 000 à < 15 000	$F^1 = 0,075$	Stewardship / by-catch
15 000 à < 18 000	$F = 0,075$	Variable ( $1200 < 1500 \text{ t}$ )
18 000 < 25 000	TAC = 1 500 t	1 500 t
25 000 < 30 000	1 800 t	$\sim F^1 = 0,067$
30 000 < 40 000	3 185 t	$\sim F^1 = 0,101$

1. For fish aged 7 to 9, the F value is based on 2012 stock assessment data.

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**Appendix 9. Input parameters for the projection (2018-2019) based on 1500 t/year landings (AGEPRO-NFT).**

Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Weight at age <sup>1</sup>	0.02	0.072	0.201	0.407	0.702	1.009	1.32	1.612	1.869	2.191	2.555	2.903	3.69
Weight at age (Fishery) <sup>2</sup>	0.02	0.07	0.52	0.88	1.38	1.92	2.44	2.78	2.87	3.52	3.6	4.42	5.97
Maturity <sup>3</sup>	0	0.02	0.1	0.31	0.68	0.88	0.97	0.97	0.98	0.98	1	1	1
Partail recruitment <sup>4</sup>	0.001	0.001	0.0097	0.0522	0.2614	0.482	0.8232	1	0.8042	0.7733	0.5091	0.6984	0.9114 3
<b>Natural Mortality<sup>5</sup></b>	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46

1 = Estimated values as of January 1, 2017 (Rivard method) based on DFO research survey.

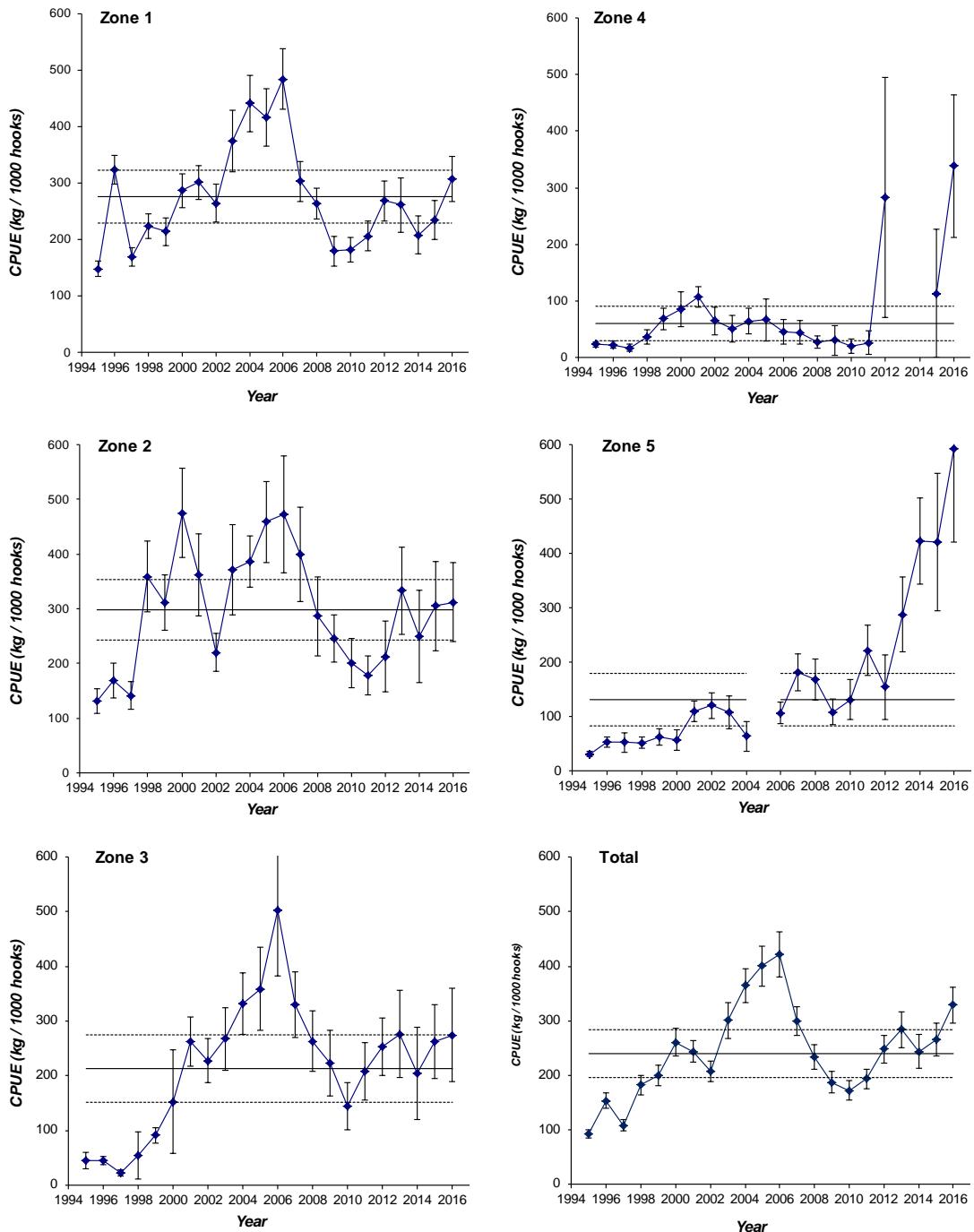
2 = Average commercial fishery from 2016 to 2016.

3 = 2014 to 2016 average.

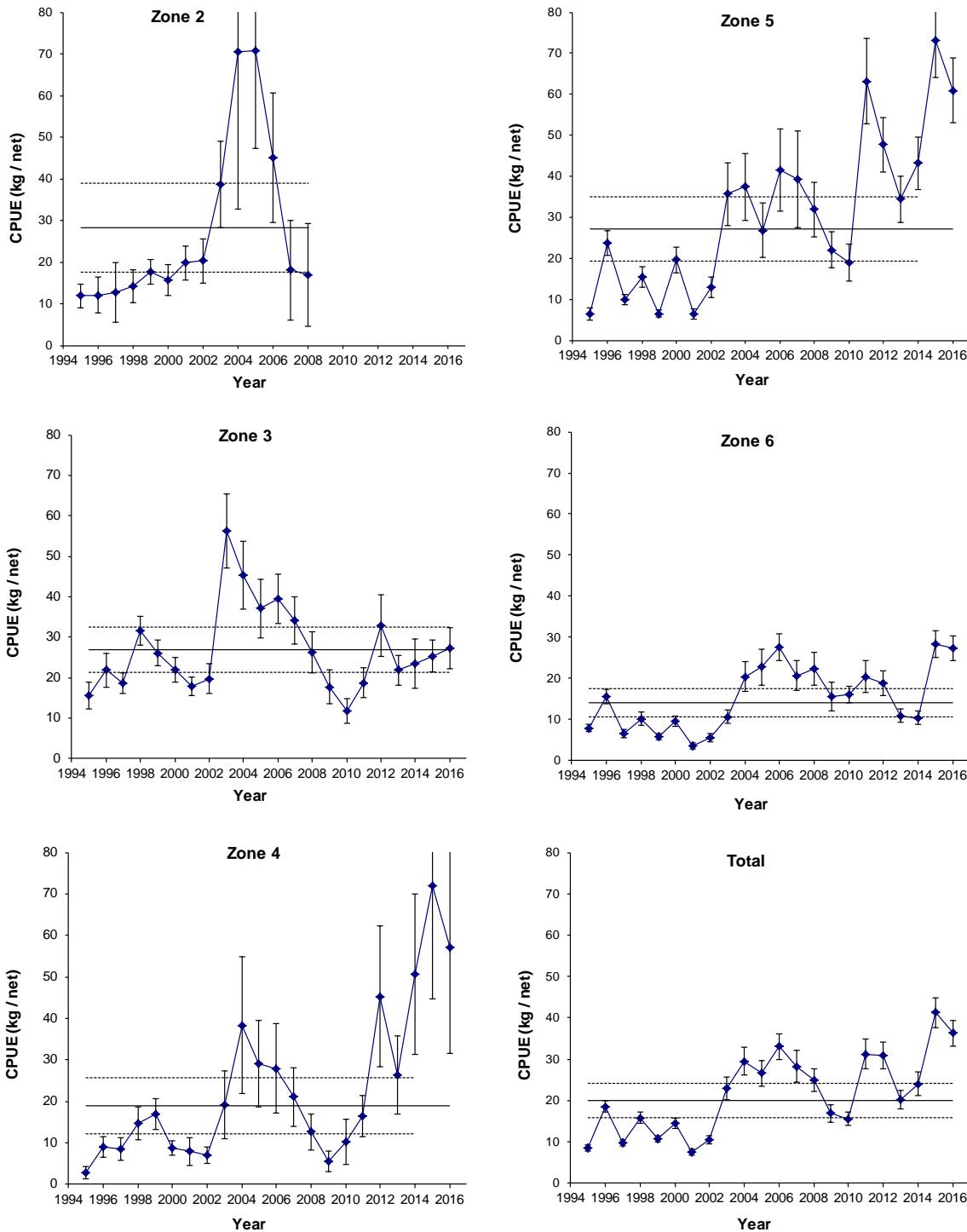
4 = Average fishing mortality from 2014 to 2016 (weighted by population).

5 = Values calculated using NFT-ADAPT (2013 to 2016 block).

**Appendix 10a. Fixed gear sentinel survey program, longline operations from 1995 to 2016. Total catch over total effort (kg / 1000 hooks) per sentinel fishing area. Annual value with a 95% confidence interval. The solid line represents the 1995-2015 average. The dotted lines represent  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  standard deviation around the average.**

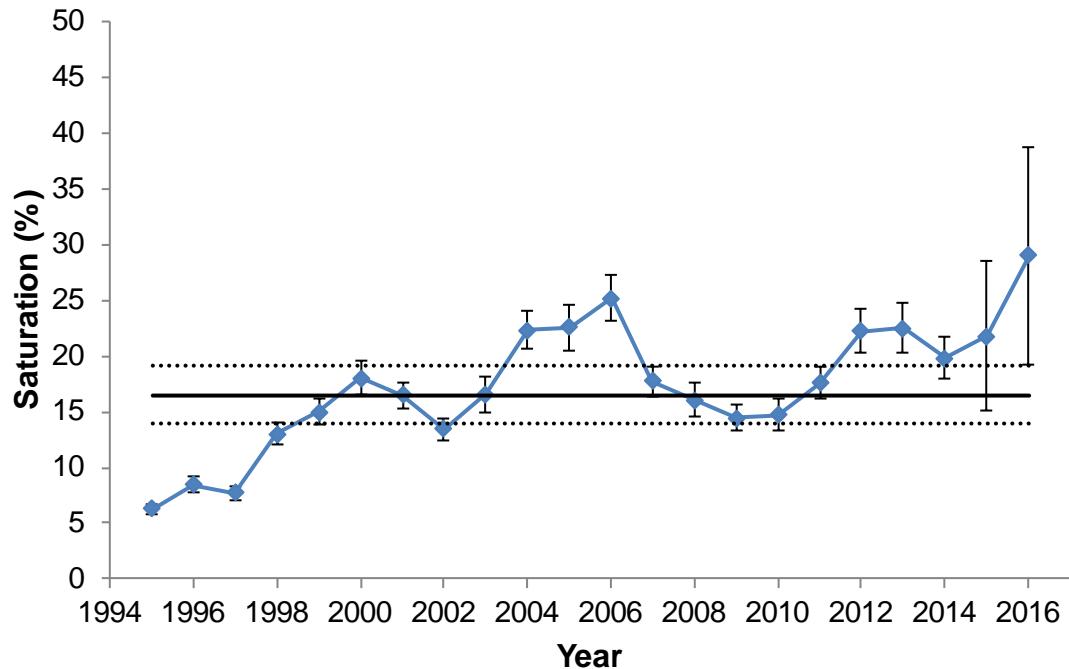


**Appendix 10b. Cod 3Pn, 4RS fixed gear sentinel survey program, gillnet operations from 1995 to 2014. Total catch over total effort (kg / net) per sentinel fishing area. Annual value with a 95% confidence interval. The solid line represents the 1995-2015 average. The dotted lines represent  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  standard deviation around the average.**



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**Appendix 11. Average annual longline saturation during sentinel survey program operations.**



**Appendix 12a. Number of tagged cod (NTC) and number of tag returns.**

Year	NTC	Number of tag returns																								
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total	%			
1995	1137	15	15	3	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	44	3.9			
1996	10638	20	96	61	56	24	19	31	6	4	1	0	34	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	356	3.3		
1997	5600		33	36	39	22	15	19	1	6	3	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	186	3.3		
1998	5240			22	63	41	40	25	0	6	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	206	3.9		
1999	6423				93	102	64	49	2	9	9	2	11	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	347	5.4		
2000	7206					99	147	116	7	22	11	10	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	430	6.0		
2001	6929						131	211	16	27	27	18	13	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	453	6.5		
2002	5433							210	25	65	28	28	18	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	386	7.1		
2003	2444								6	94	74	39	19	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	237	9.7		
2004	1661									120	78	55	19	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	284	17.1		
2005	3850										353	225	84	30	7	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	703	18.3		
2006	3137										317	166	45	13	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	549	17.5		
2007	4320											423	149	50	7	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	638	14.8		
2008	2021											109	87	26	13	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	239	11.8		
2009	1464												115	17	6	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	143	9.8	
2010	1482													36	20	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	4.3	
2011	2112														87	53	16	1	2	0	0	0	0	159	7.5	
2012	2363															80	40	18	4	2	0	0	0	144	6.1	
2013	1300																36	48	17	4	0	0	0	105	8.1	
2014	2080																46	56	30	0	0	0	0	132	6.3	
2015	1969																	18	17	35	0	0	0	0	35	1.8
2016	2069																		50	50	0	0	0	0	2.4	
Total	80878	35	144	122	257	289	417	661	63	353	585	696	814	364	284	97	141	143	96	117	108	104	5890			

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### Appendix 12b. Number of tag returns by NAFO Division.

Year	Tag return numbers										
	2J	3K	3L	4T	4Vn	3Ps	3Pn	4R	4S	NA	Total
1996	-	-	-	-	-	4	20	30	-	-	54
1997	-	-	-	-	-	37	114	86	13	-	250
1998	-	-	1	-	1	49	109	99	18	-	277
1999	1	2	5	1	-	80	98	200	23	-	410
2000	-	2	1	2	-	55	106	243	34	-	443
2001	-	1	-	-	-	46	210	290	32	2	581
2002	-	-	-	-	-	36	371	278	38	11	734
2003	-	-	-	-	-	30	33	26	4	11	104
2004	-	-	3	1	-	70	231	115	17	5	442
2005	-	-	-	2	-	76	372	217	8	29	704
2006	-	-	3	-	-	57	355	344	7	25	791
2007	-	-	-	-	-	28	227	598	8	14	875
2008	-	-	-	-	2	20	126	231	12	6	397
2009	-	-	-	-	-	12	138	147	4	11	312
2010	-	-	1	-	-	9	51	46	-	5	112
2011	-	-	-	-	-	13	120	20	2	1	156
2012	-	-	-	-	-	11	133	10	-	2	156
2013	-	-	-	-	-	6	81	16	-	3	106
2014	-	-	-	-	-	8	105	13	-	4	130
2015	-	1	2	-	-	2	94	14	-	1	114
2016	-	-	1	-	-	2	96	7	1	-	107
Total	1	6	17	6	3	651	3190	3030	221	130	7255
%	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	9.0	44.0	41.8	3.0	1.8	