

# GOA skate complex 2021

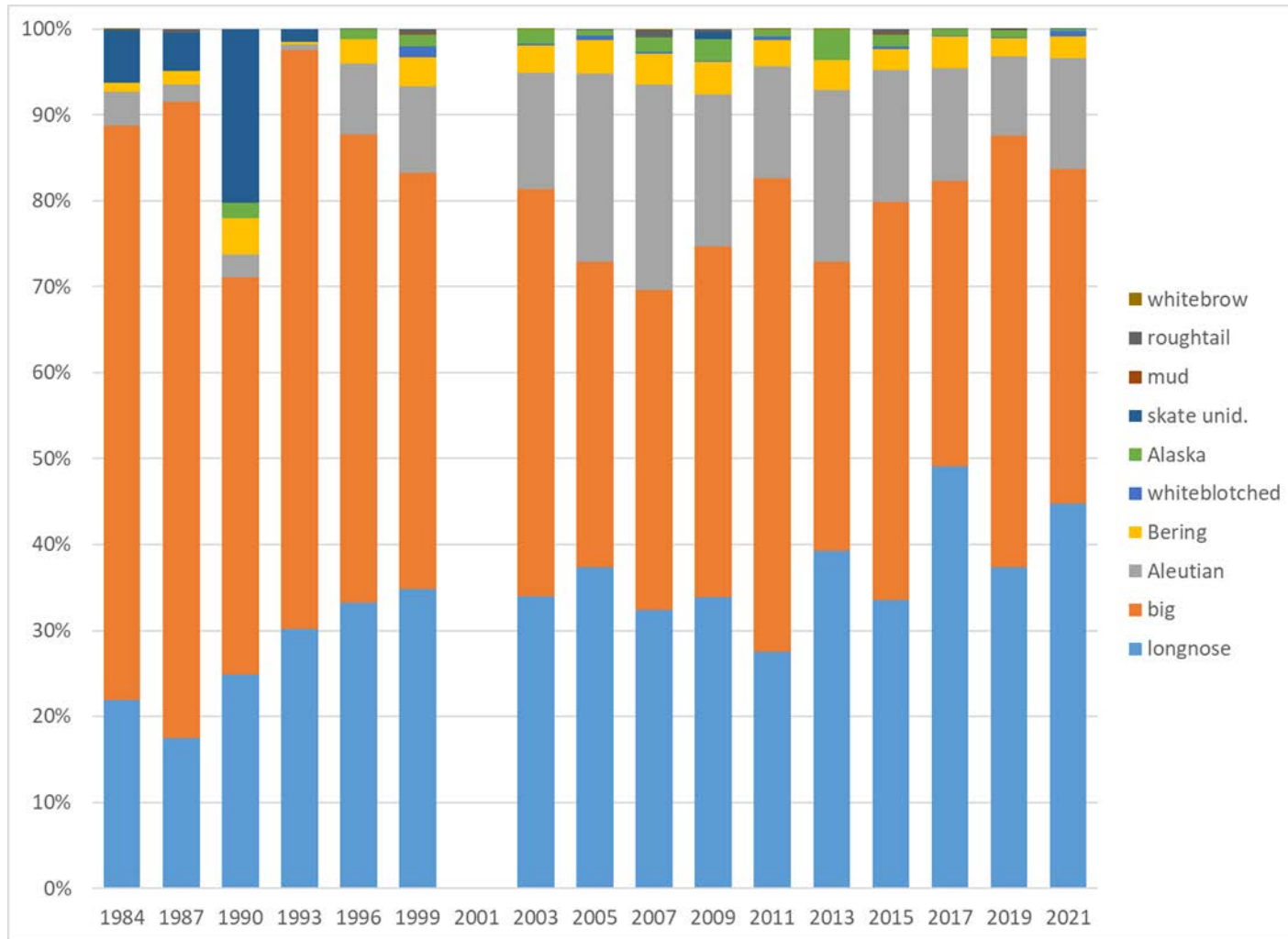


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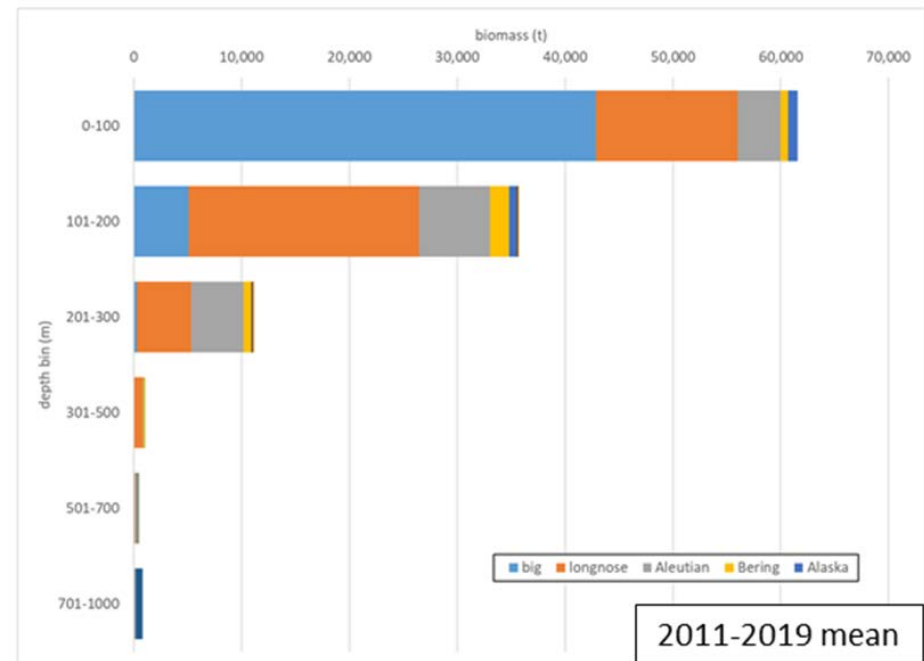
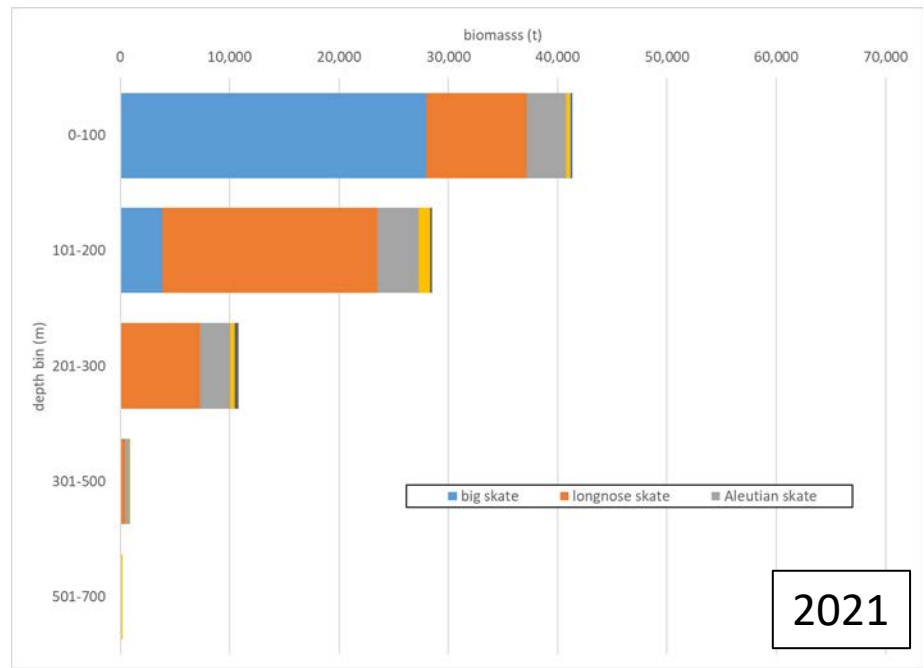
# **overview**

- 1) overview of the complex**
- 2) status: survey results for skates**
- 3) skate catch information**
- 4) harvest recommendations**

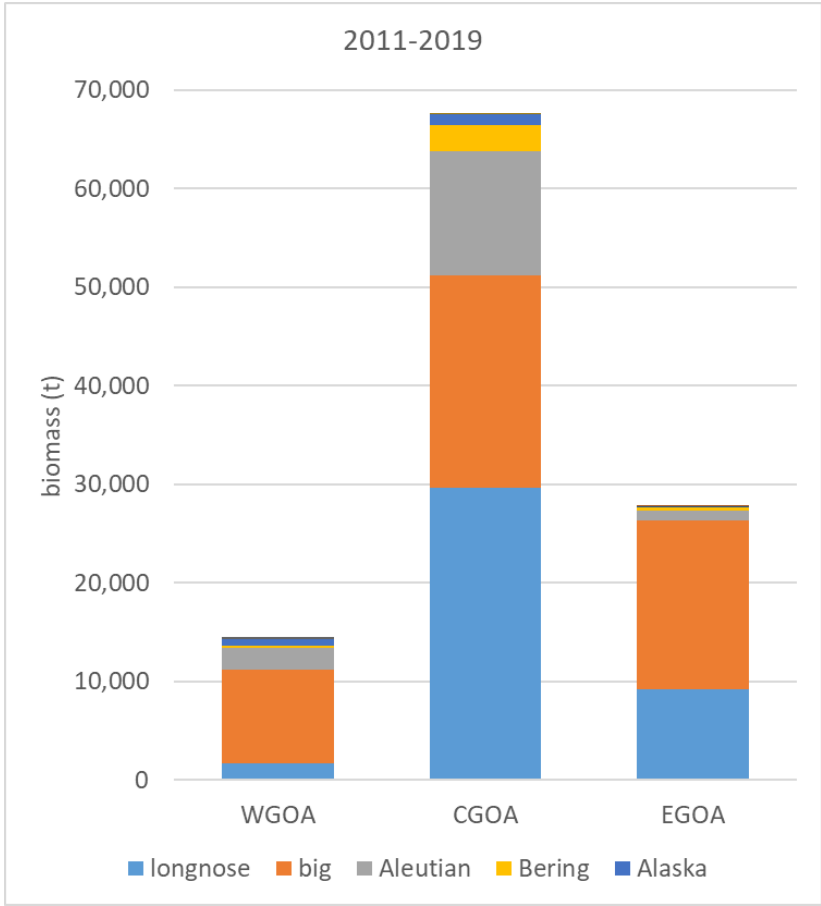
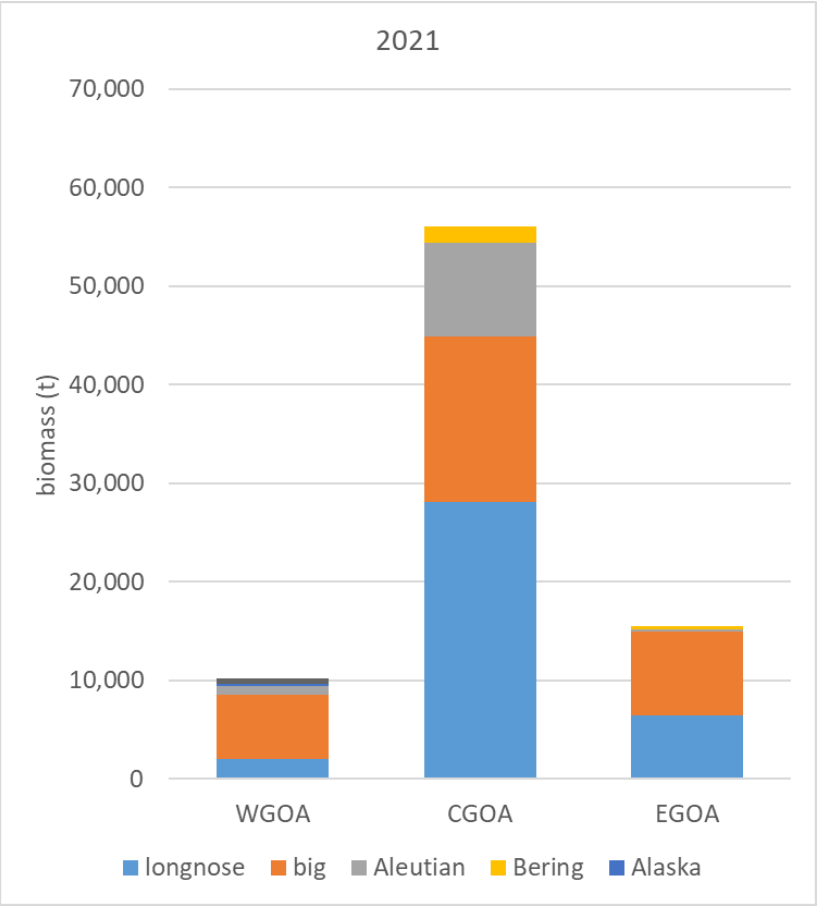
# GOA skate species composition



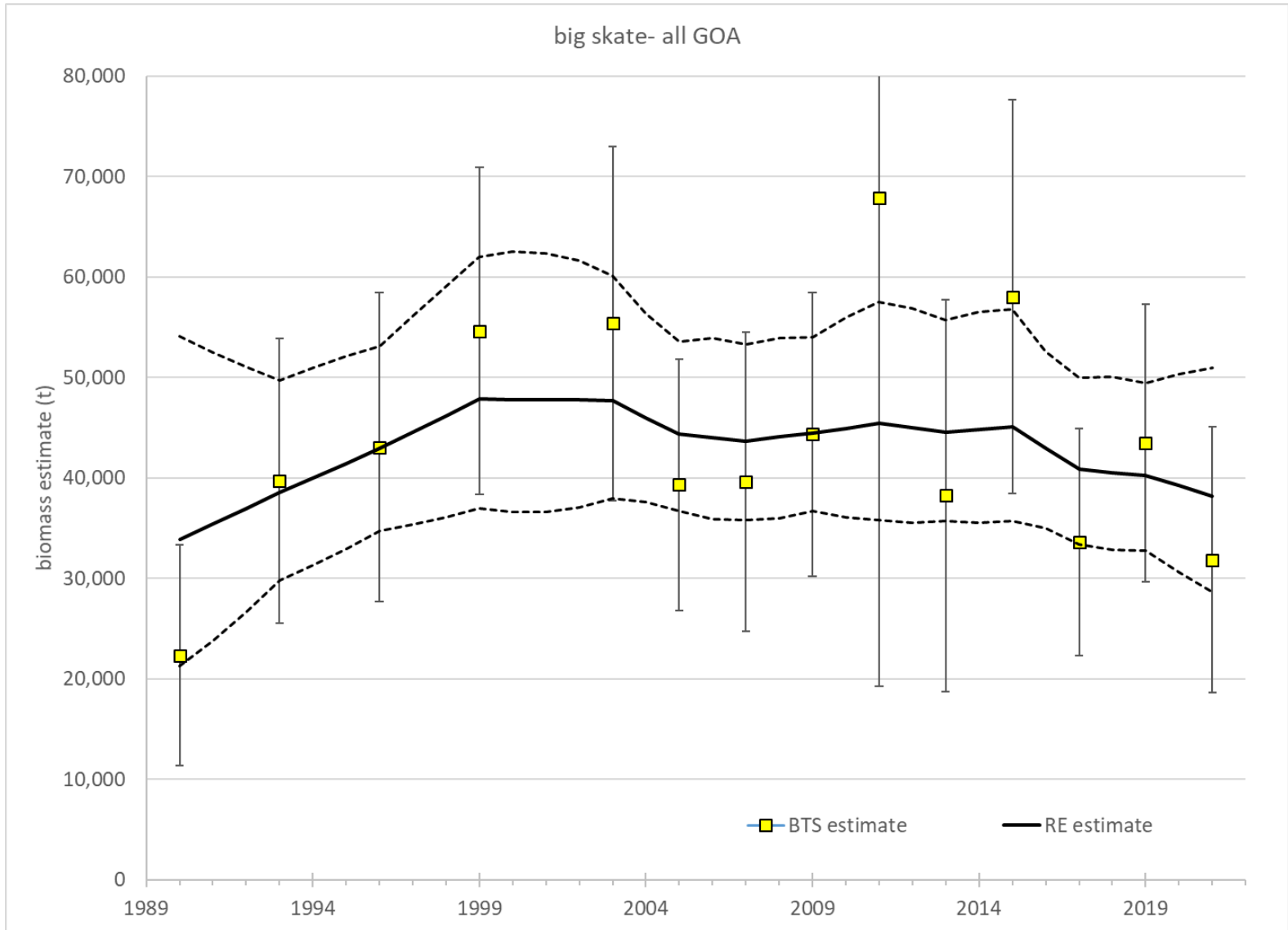
# skate distribution by depth



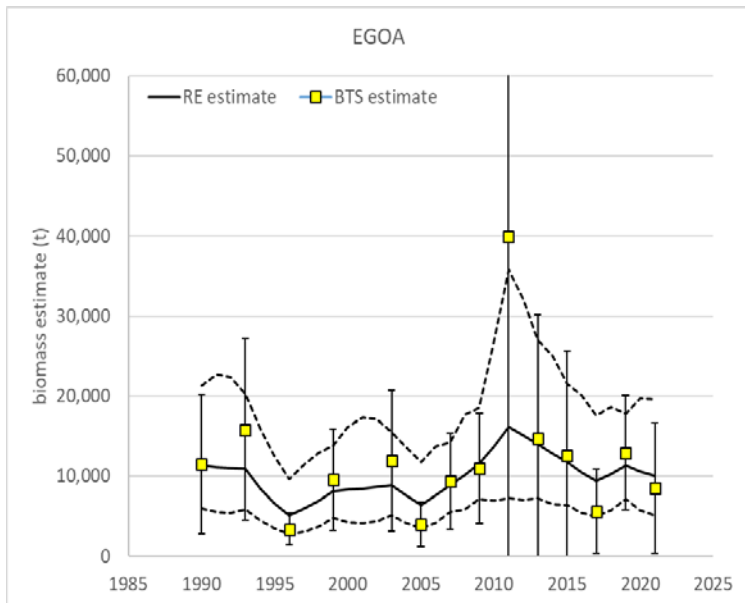
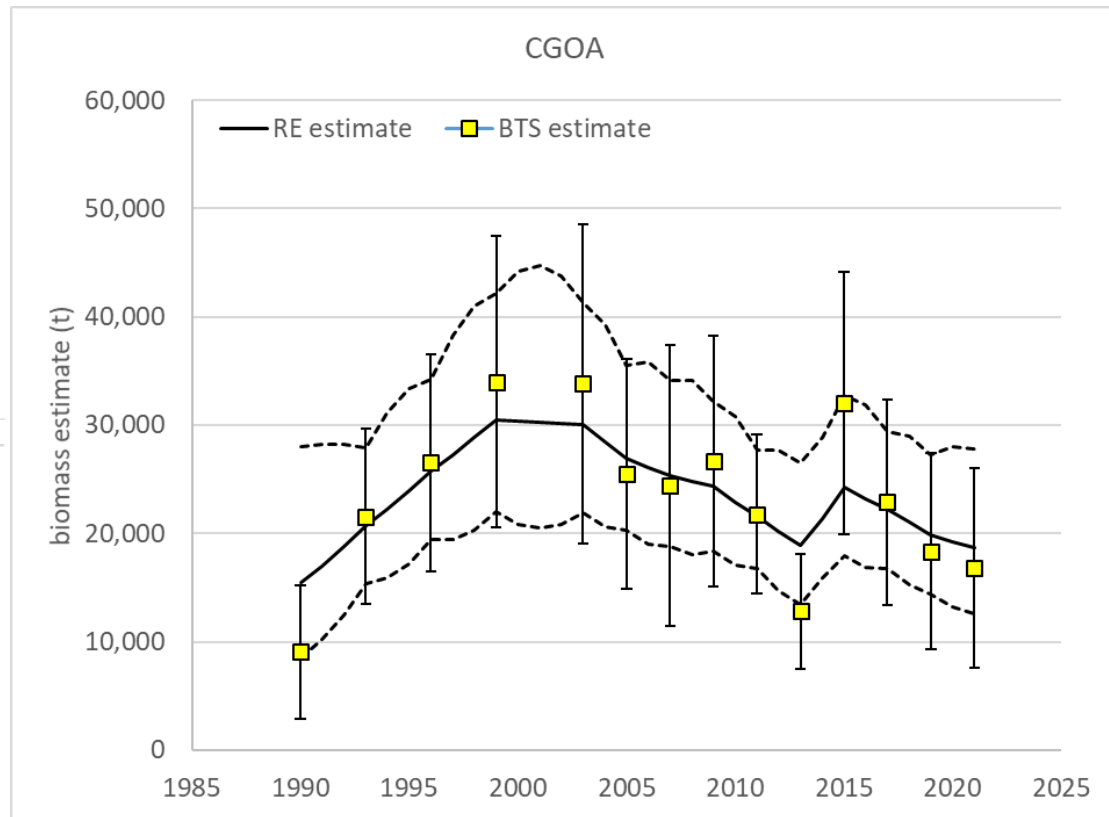
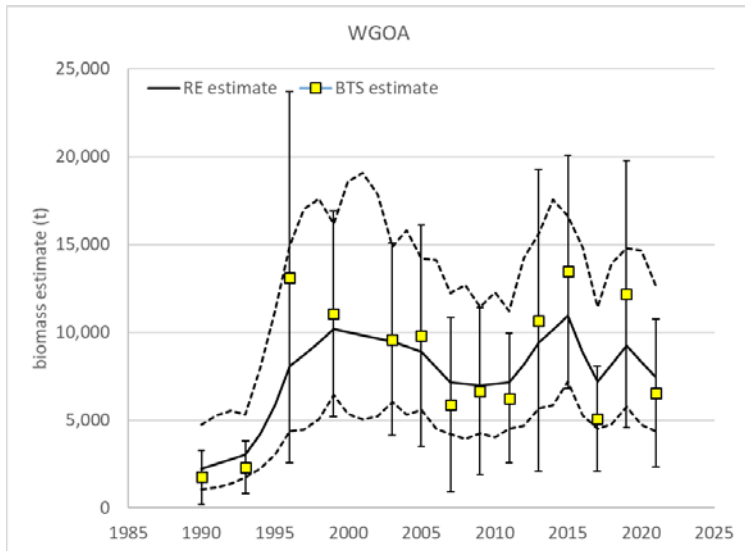
# species composition/biomass by area



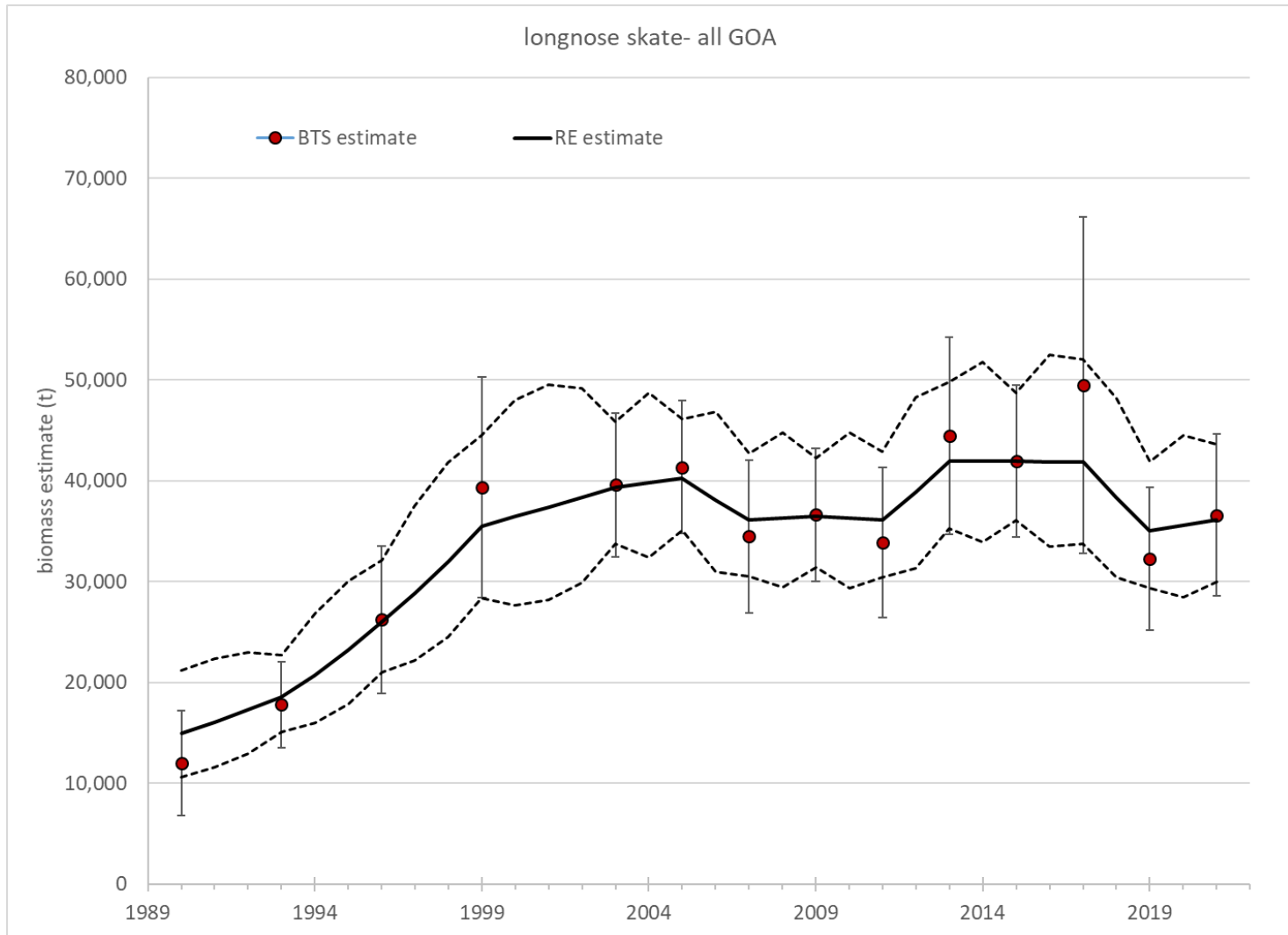
# AFSC BTS biomass – big skate



# big skate biomass by area



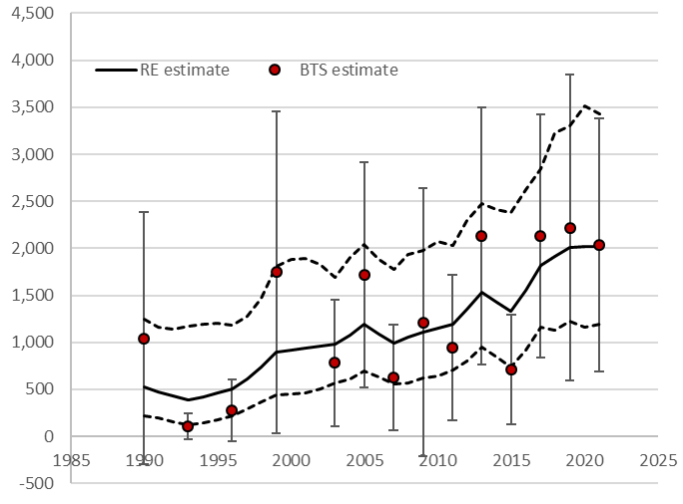
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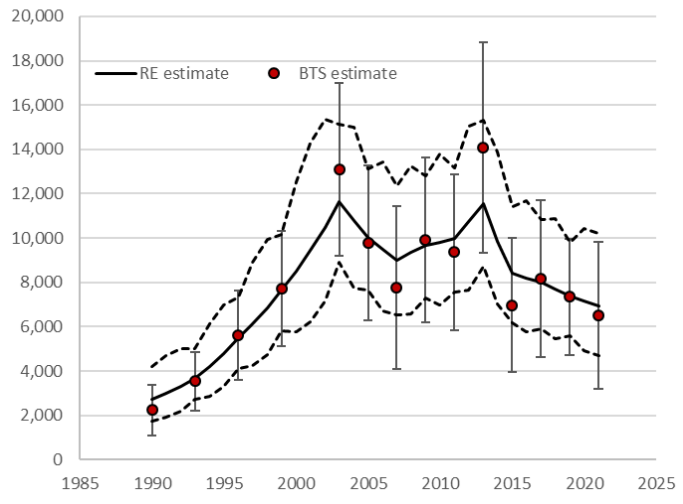


# longnose skate biomass by area

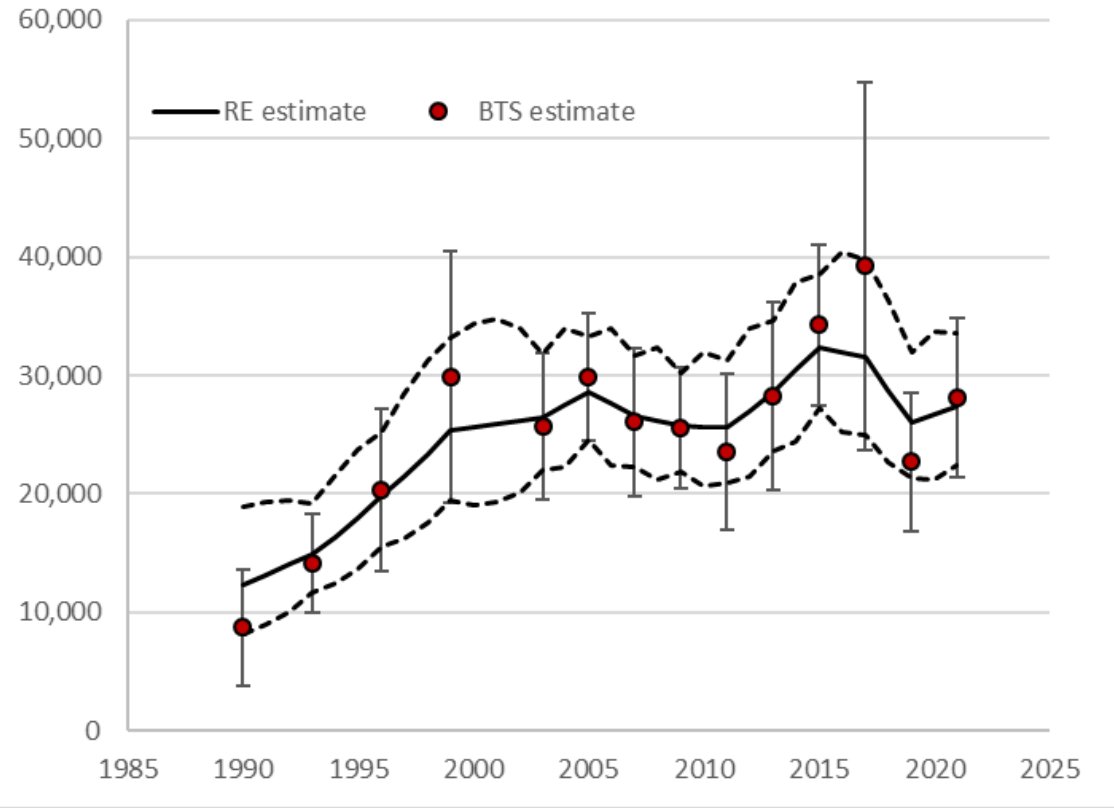
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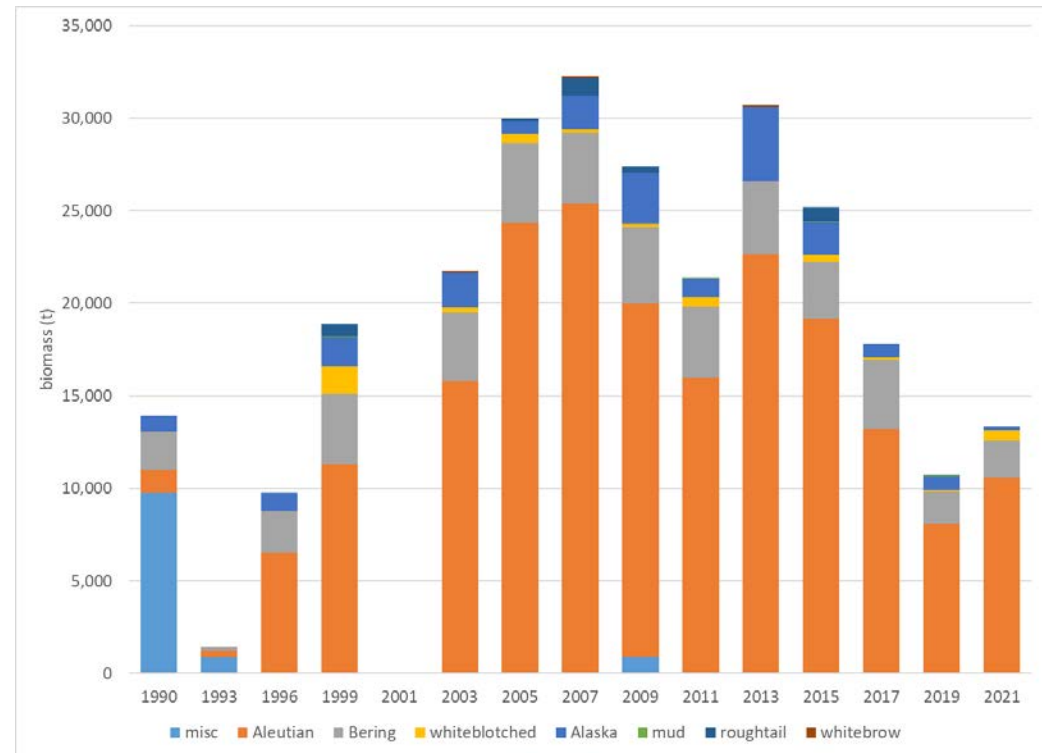
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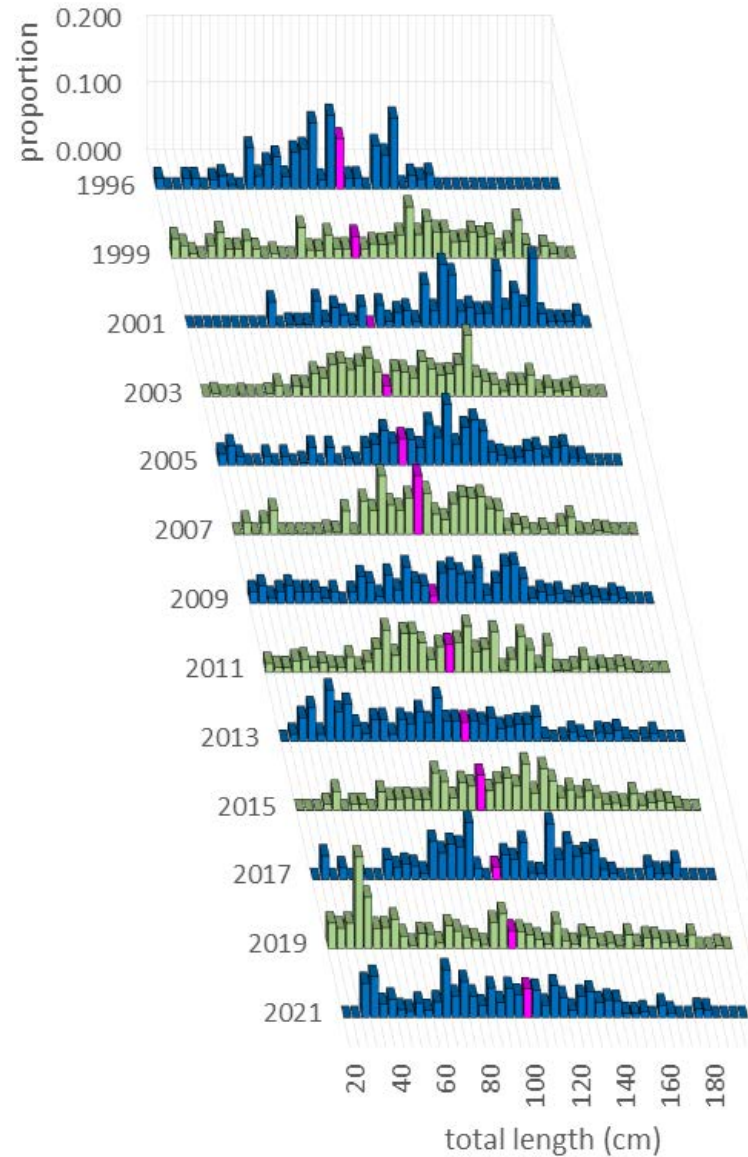
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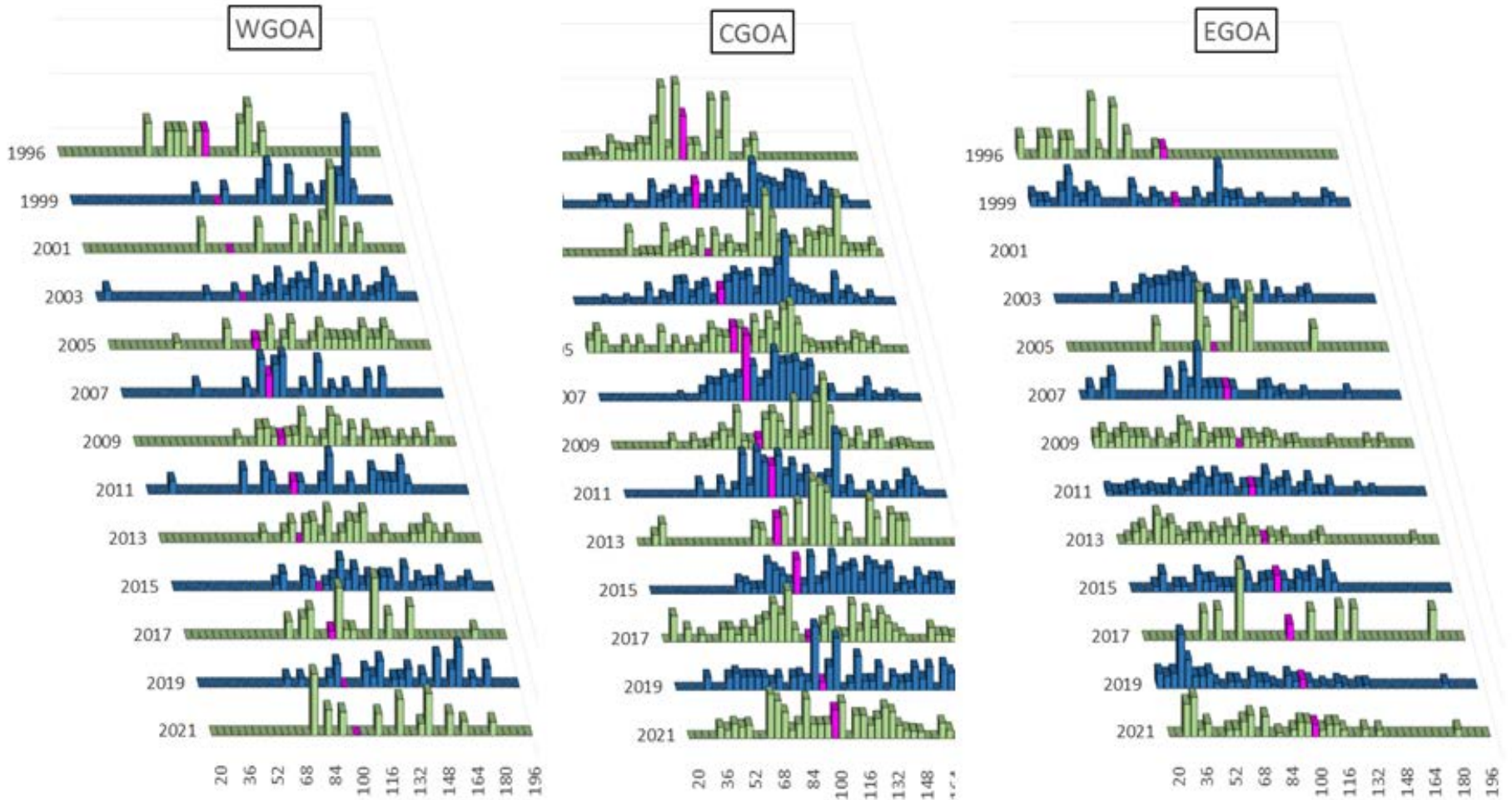
# AFSC BTS biomass – other skates



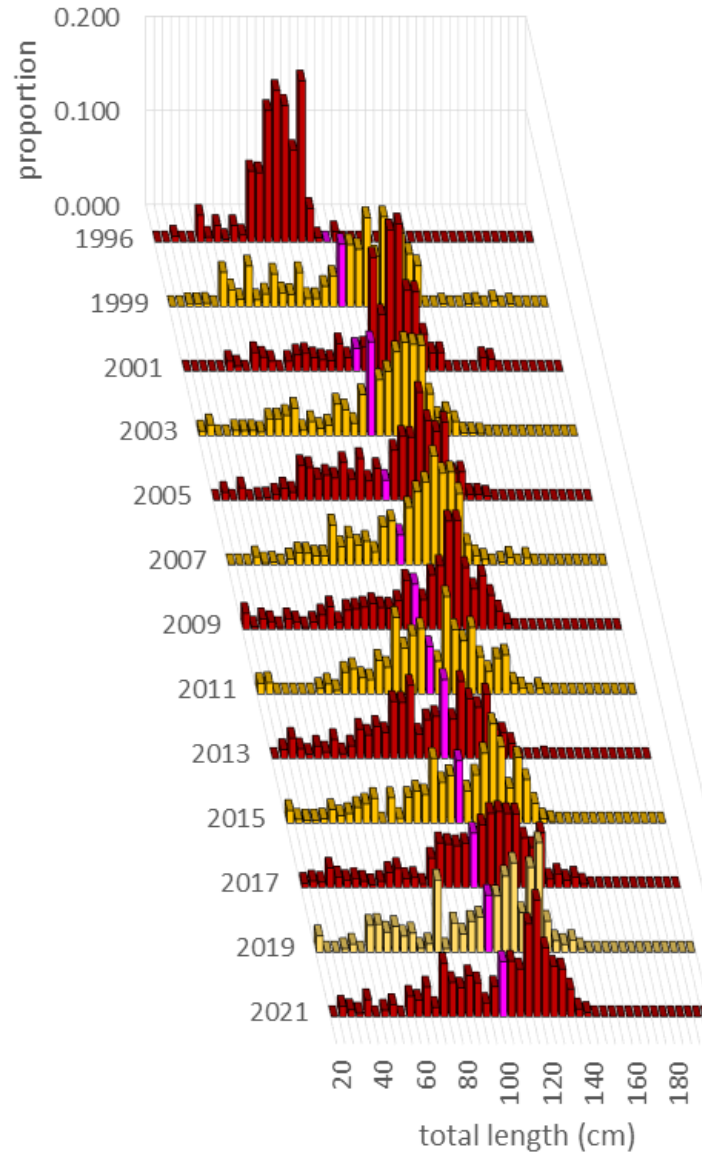
# big skate size composition GOA-wide



# big skate size composition by area

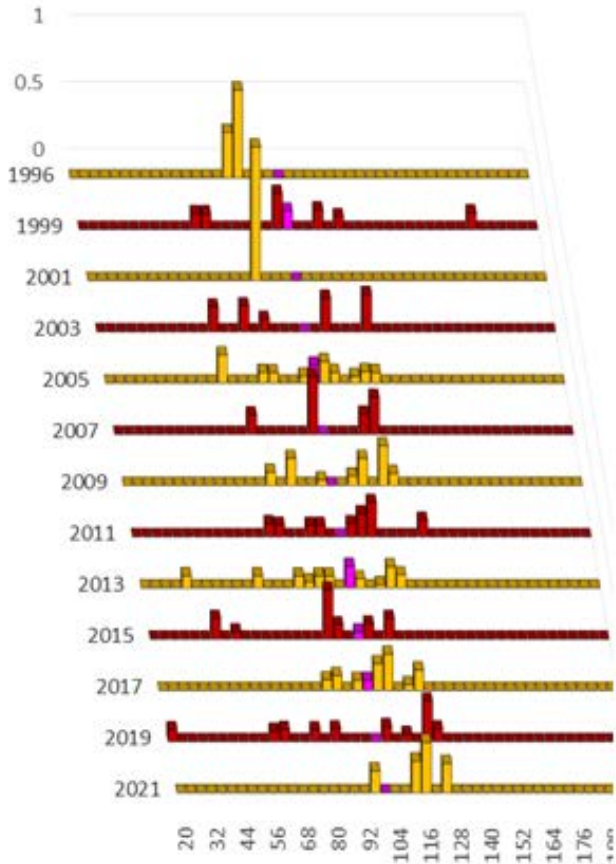


# longnose skate size composition GOA-wide

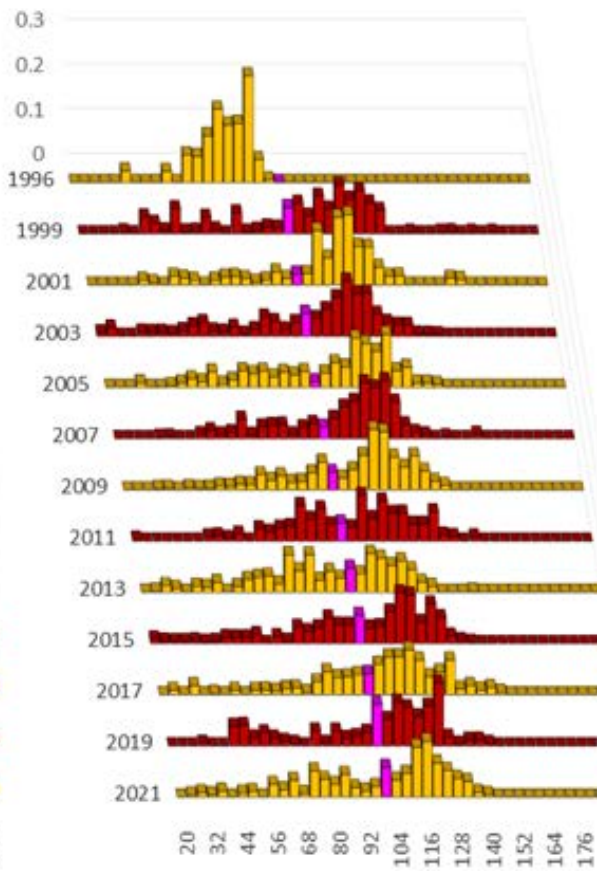


# longnose skate size composition by area

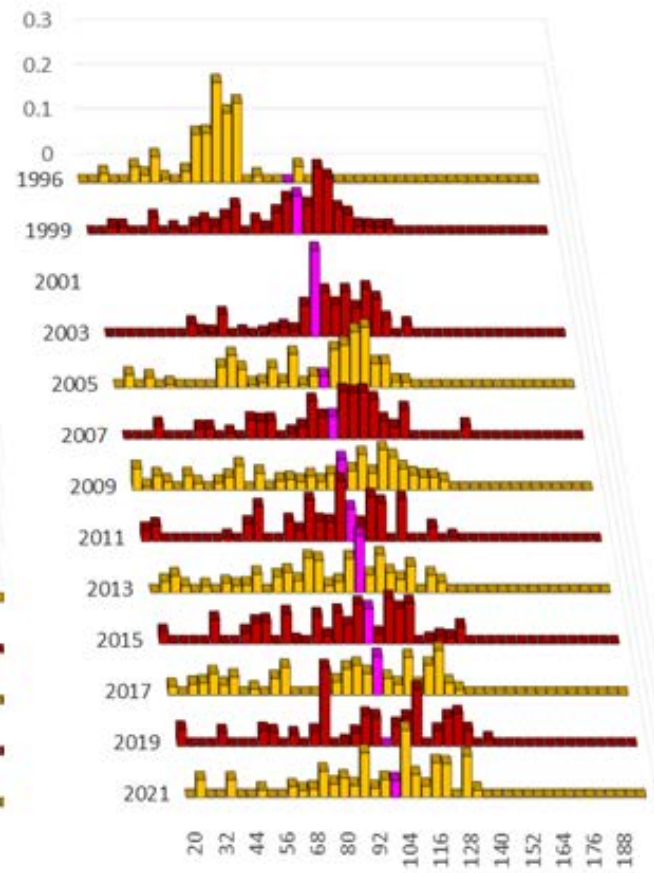
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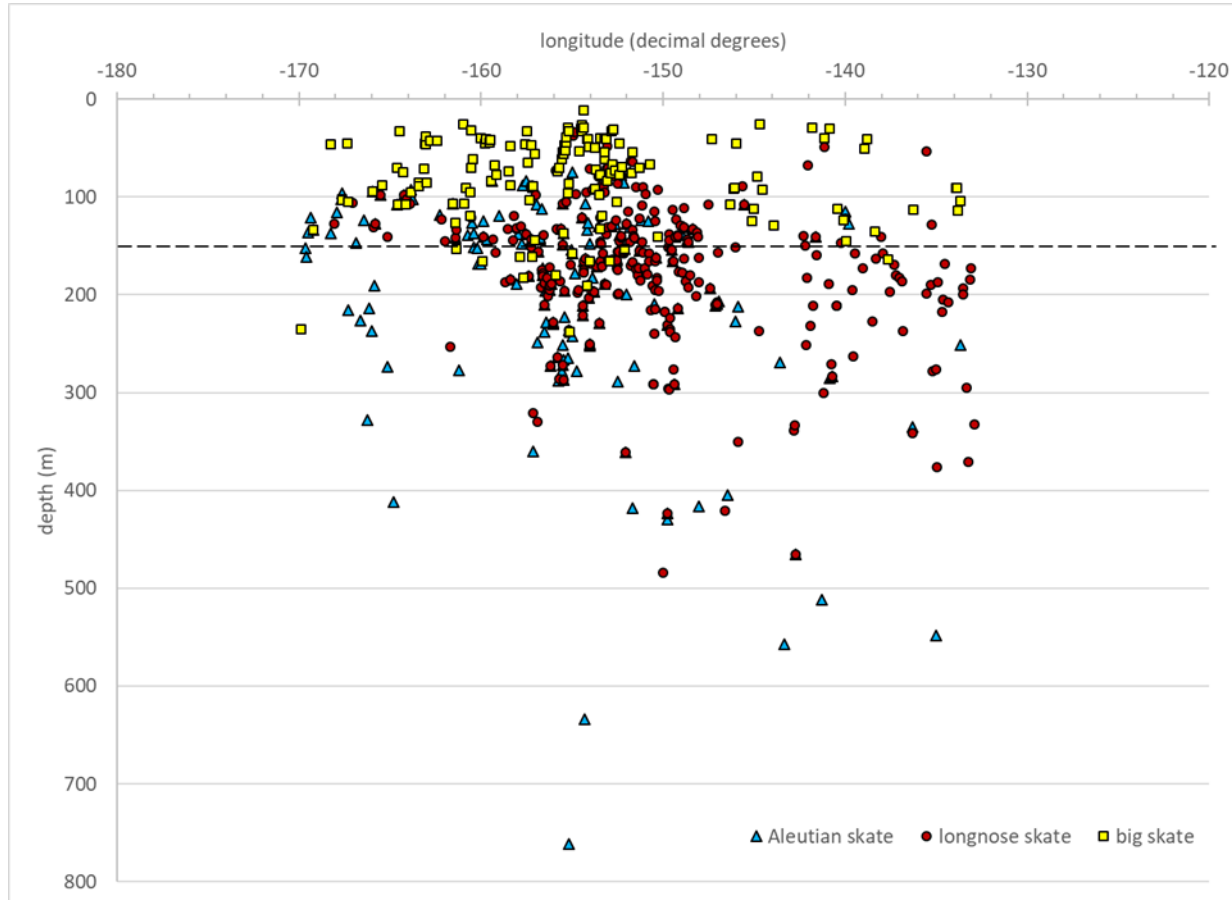
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# additional survey data

- **AFSC longline survey (RPN)**
- **IPHC longline survey (RPN)**
- **ADF&G “Kodiak+” bottom trawl survey (CPUE)**
- **ADF&G “PWS+” bottom trawl survey (CPUE, FO, biomass)**
- **PWS survey the only one that doesn’t overlap AFSC BTS**

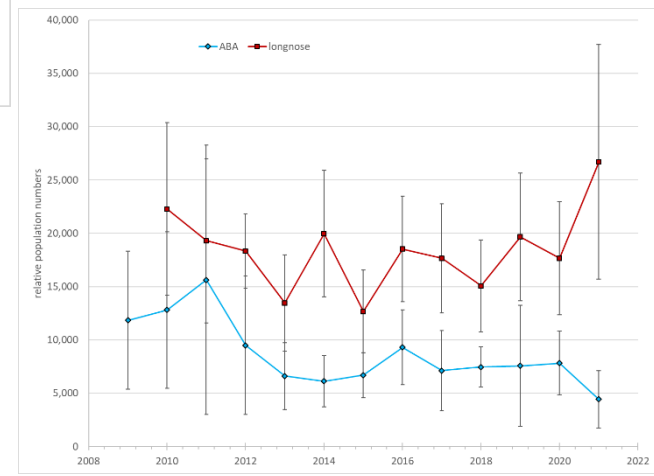
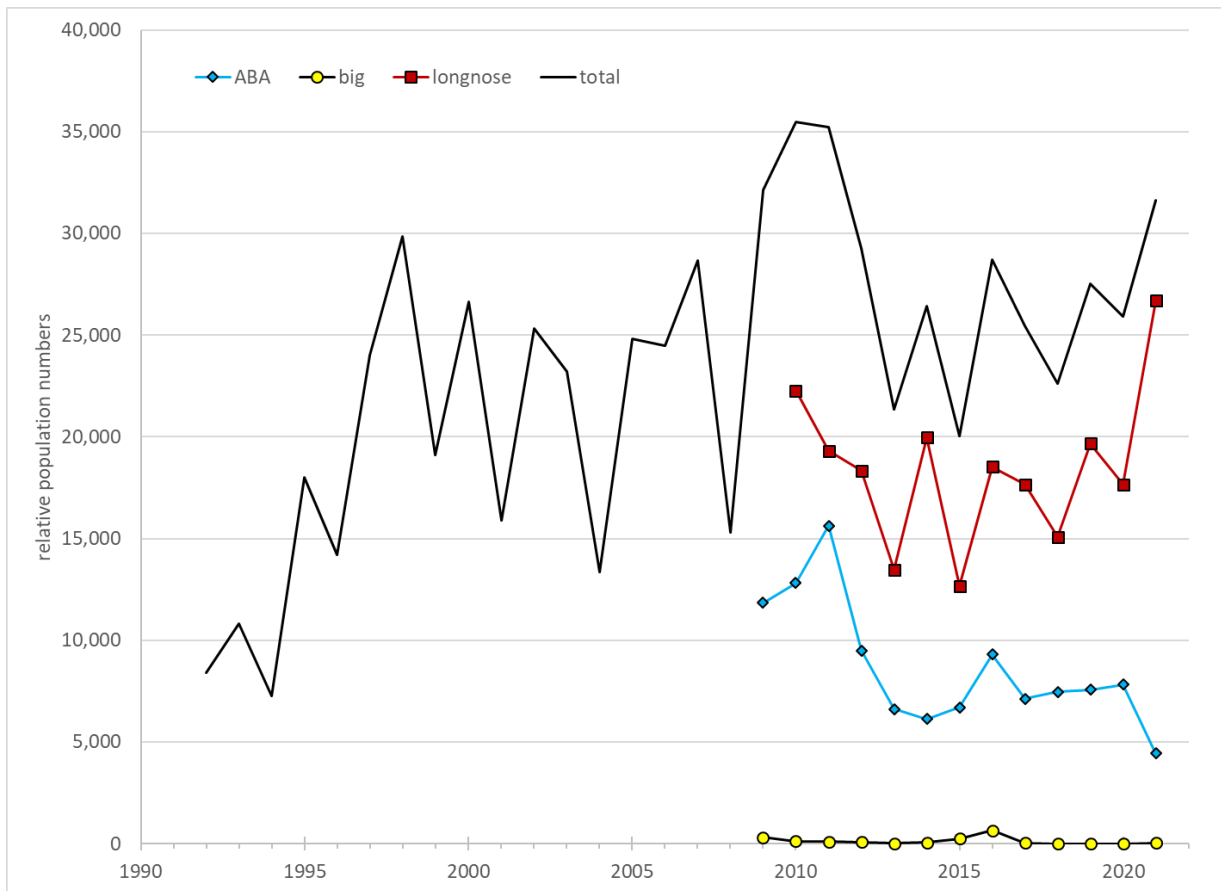
# skate depth & AFSC longline survey



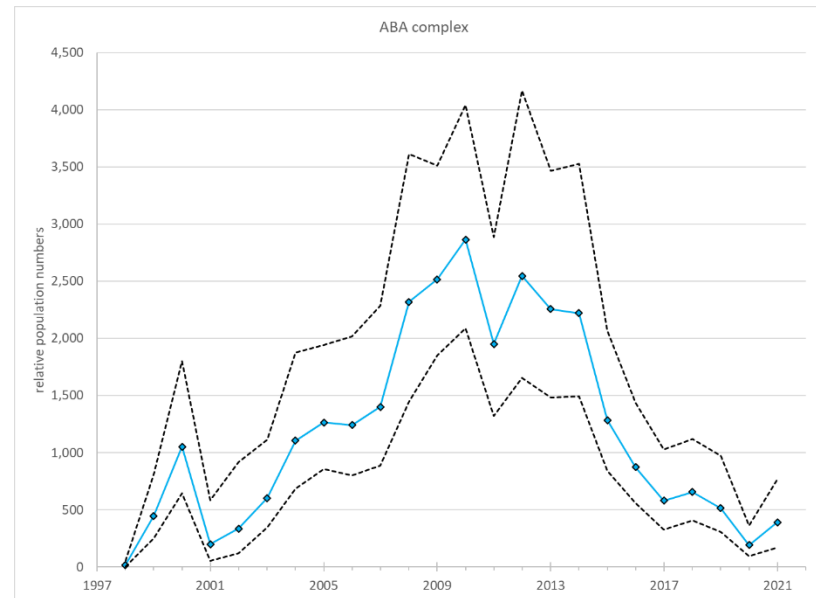
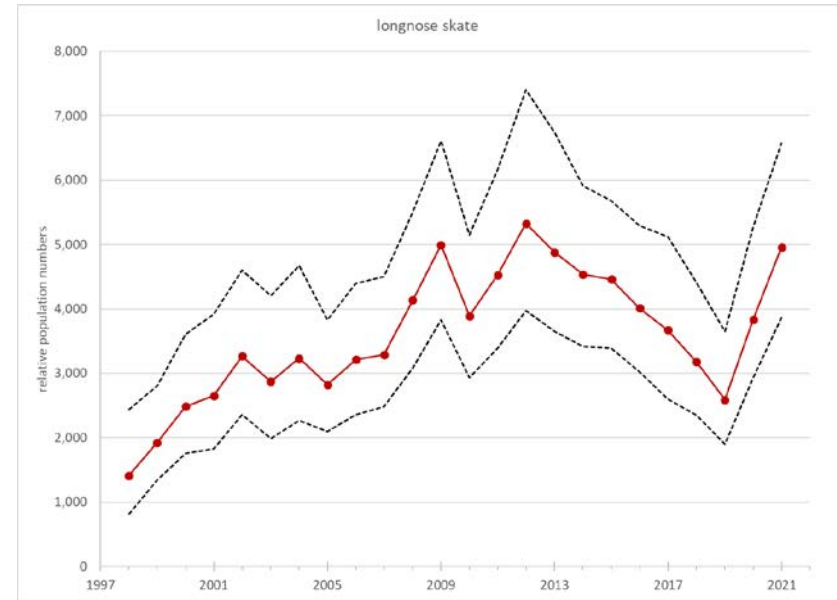
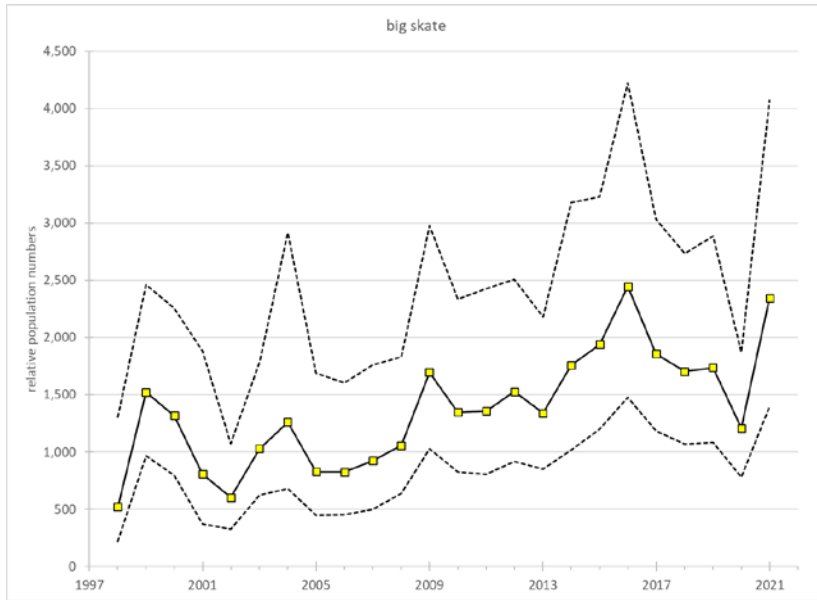
- dashed line = 150 m; no sampling in waters shallower than 150 m



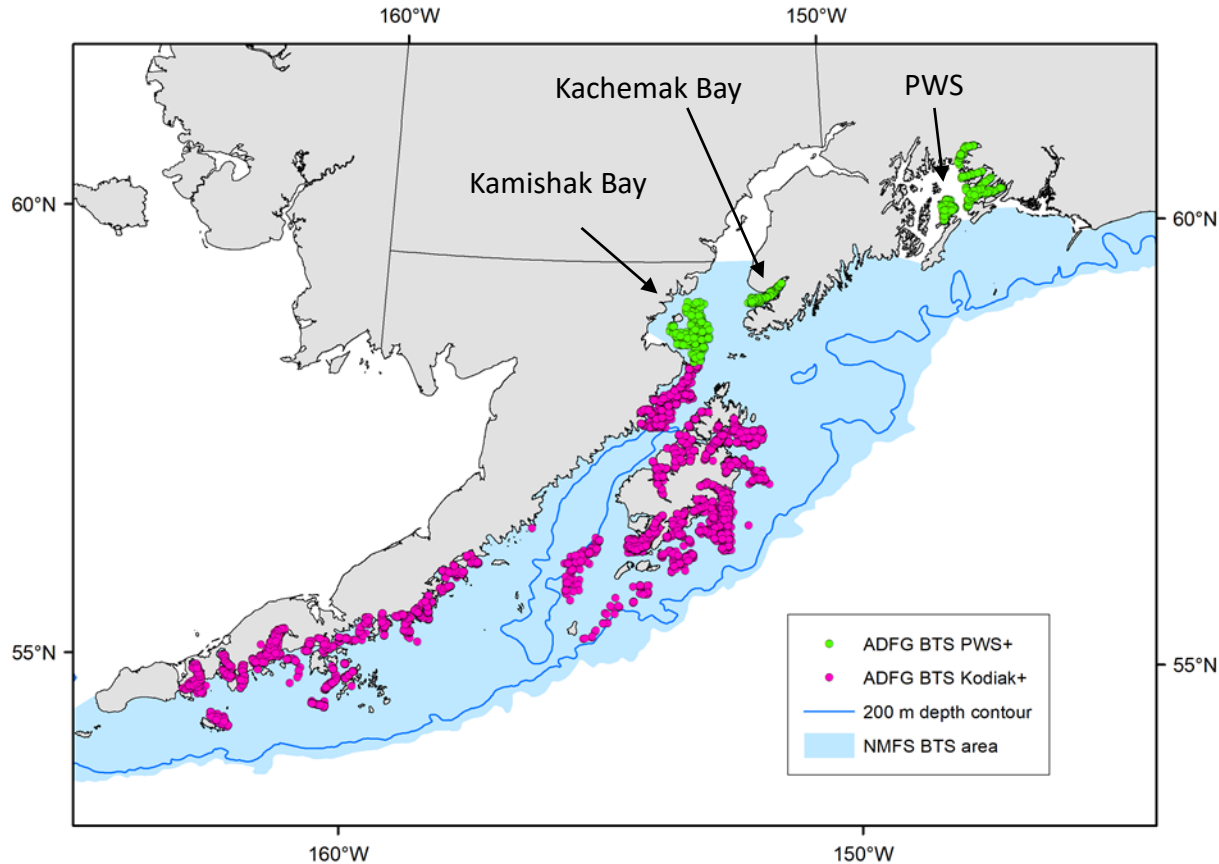
# AFSC longline survey (AKFIN)



# IPHC longline survey (Tribuzio/Sullivan)



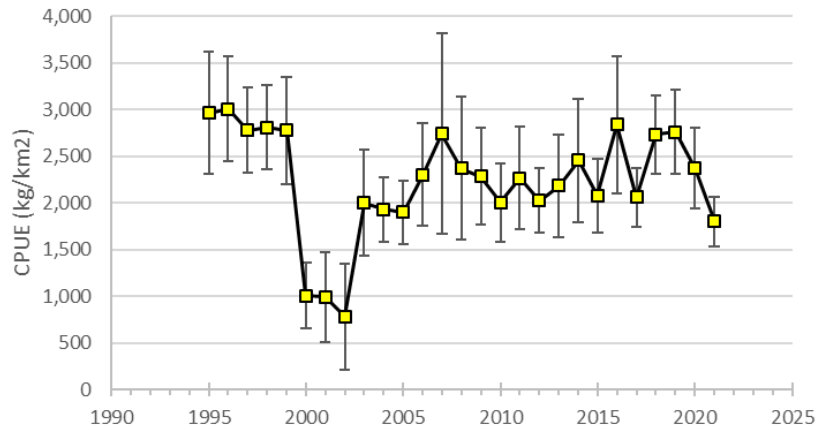
# ADF&G trawl survey locations



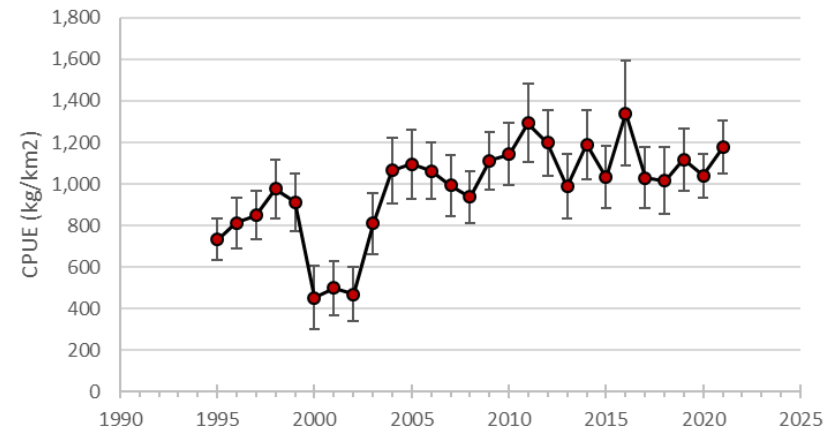
- shows only PWS “core” stations
- PWS only ADFG area outside of AFSC area

# ADF&G trawl survey CPUE – Kodiak+ (Spalinger)

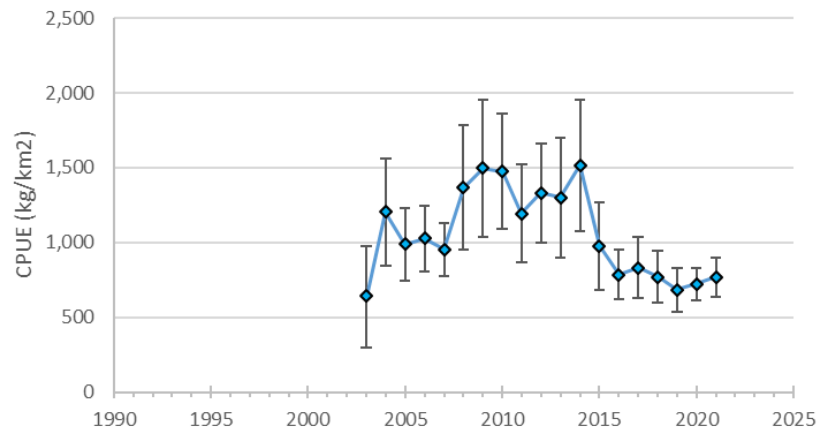
big skate



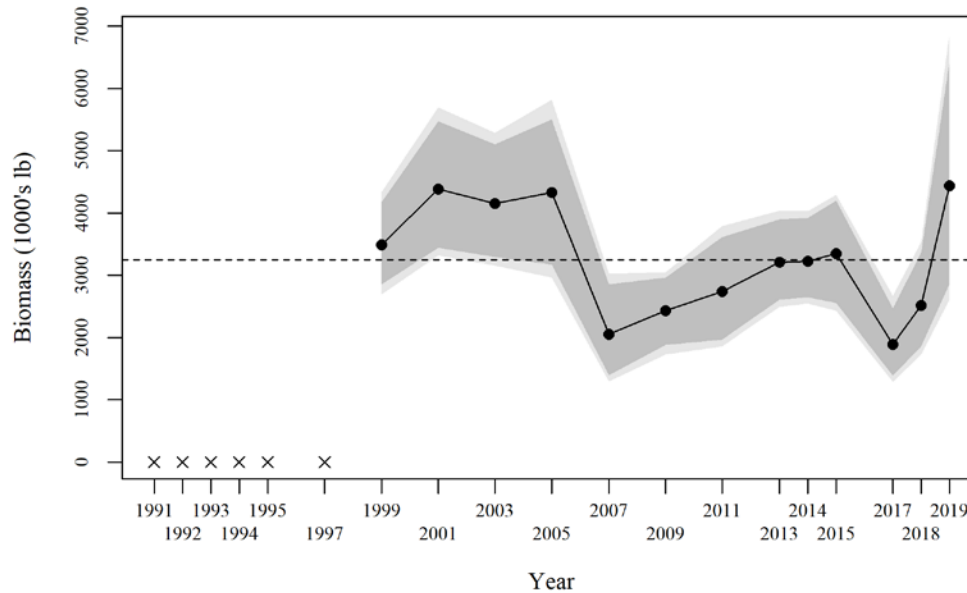
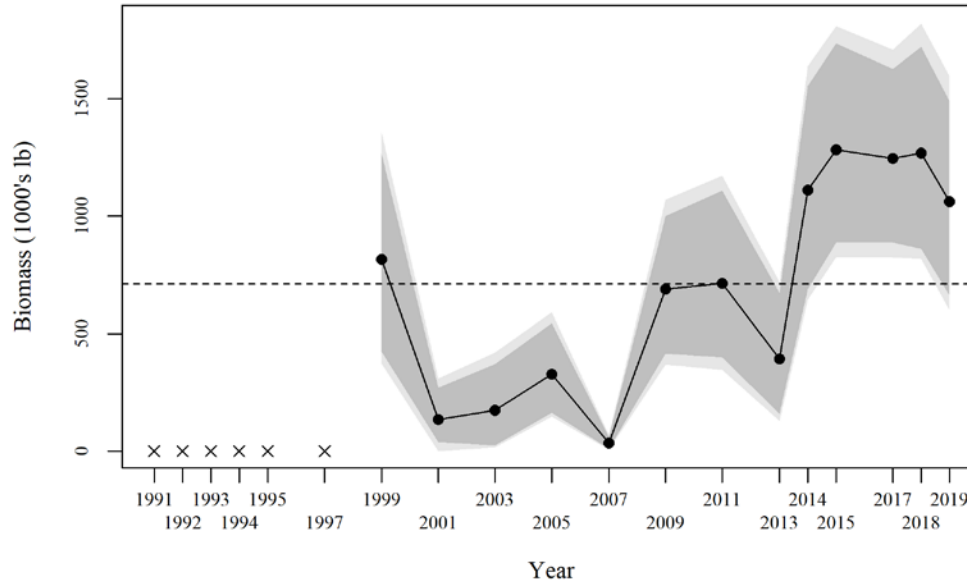
longnose skate



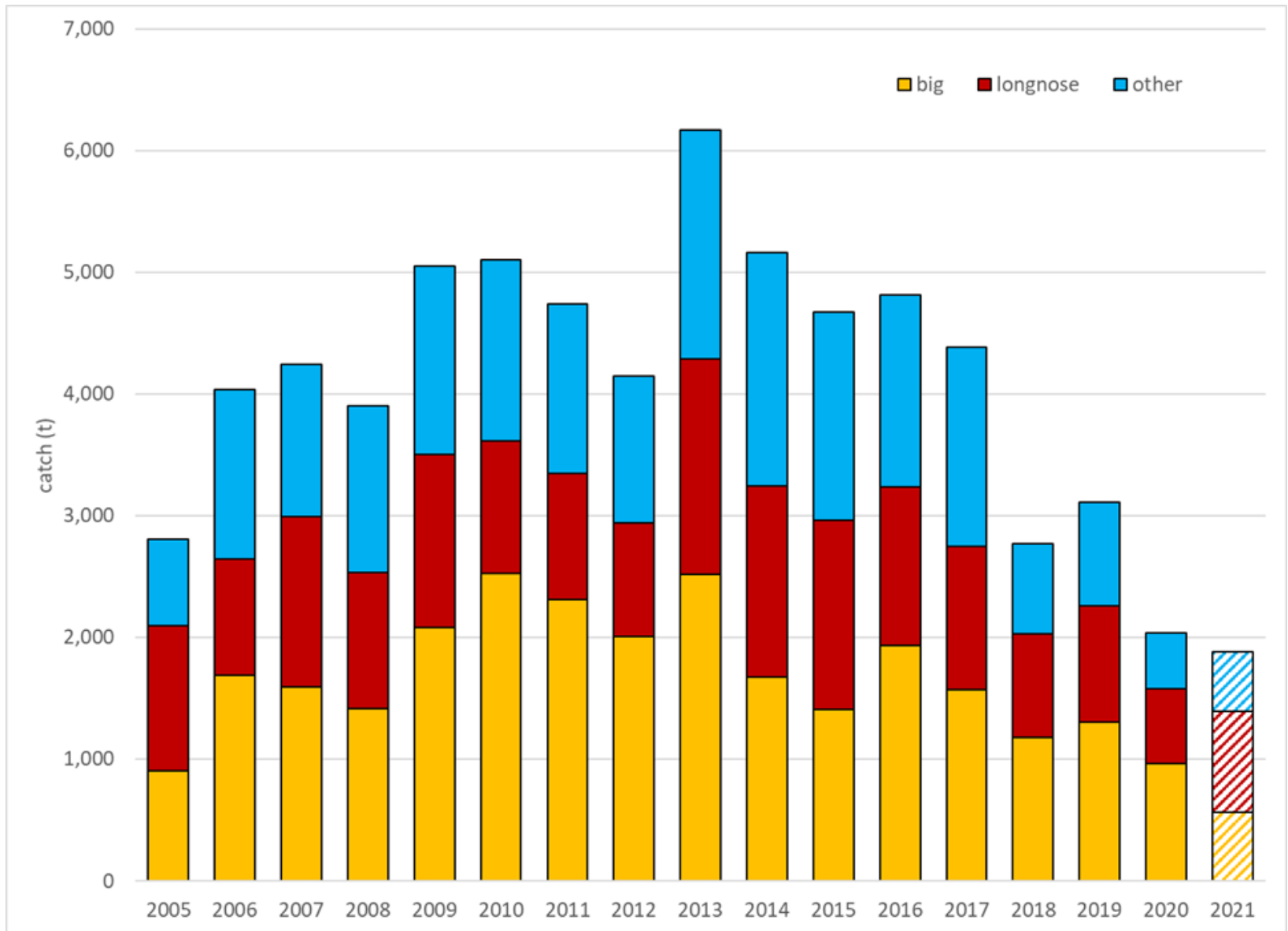
Aleutian skate



# ADF&G trawl survey – PWS (Byerly)



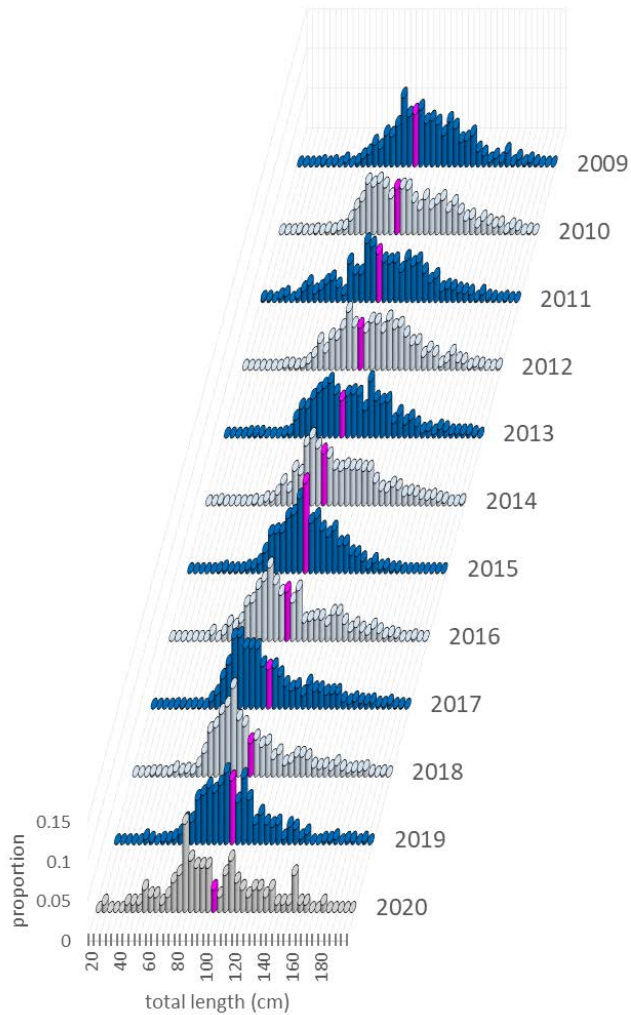
# skate catch: gulfwide



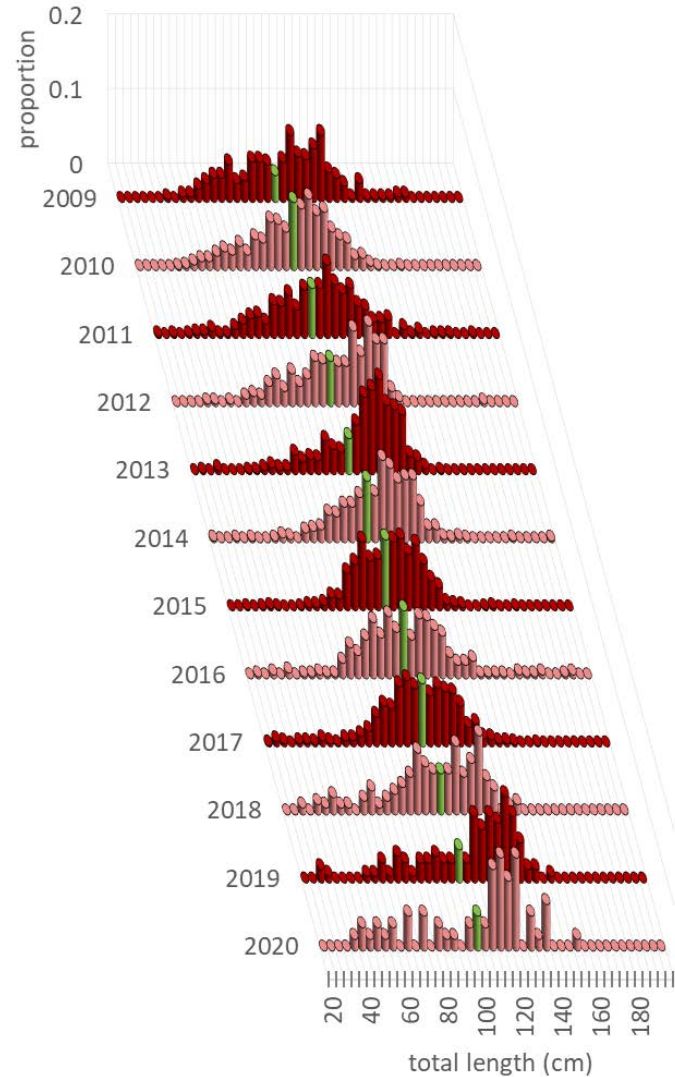
649 & 659 not included

# catch size composition (all gears)

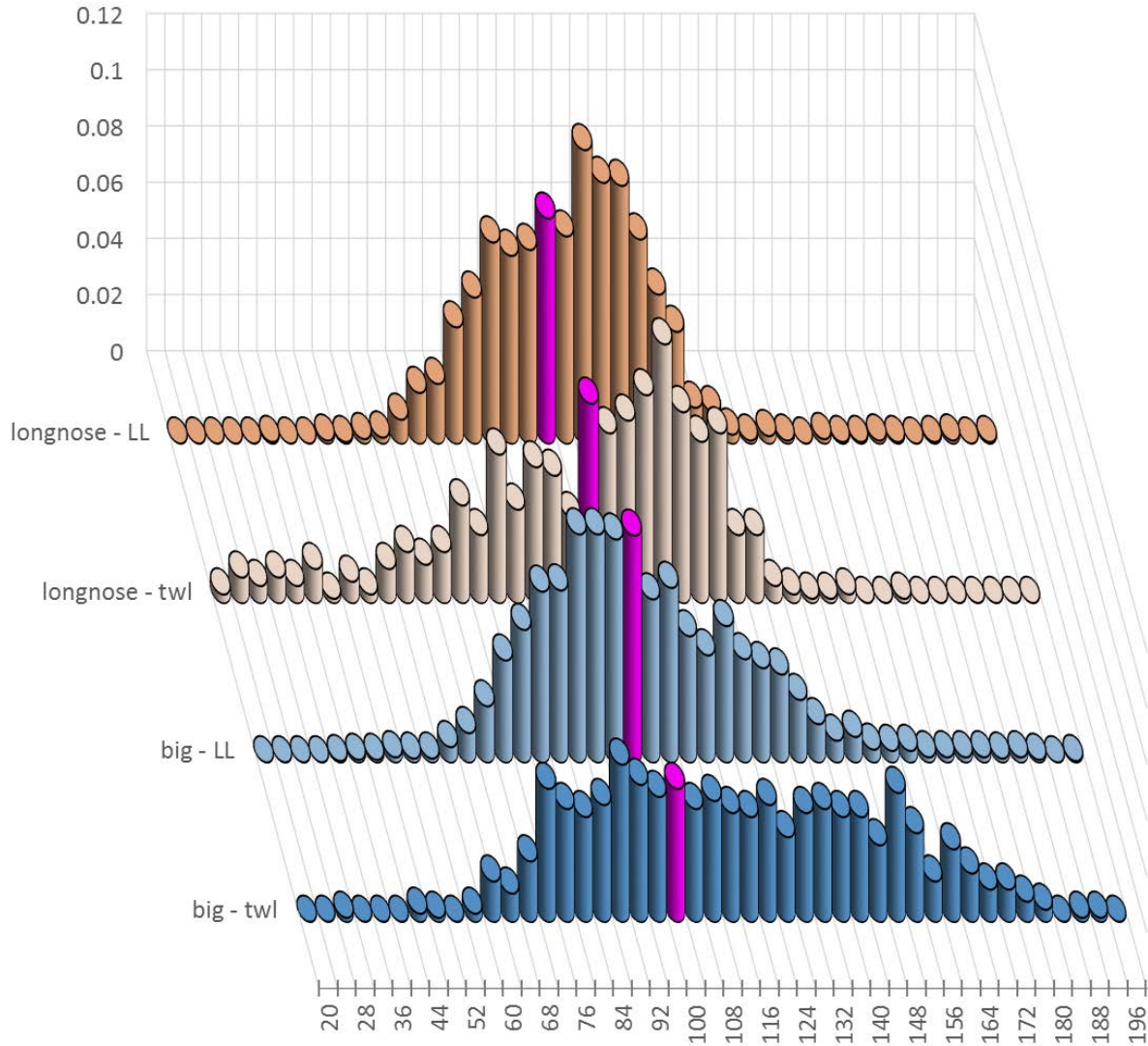
big skate



longnose skate

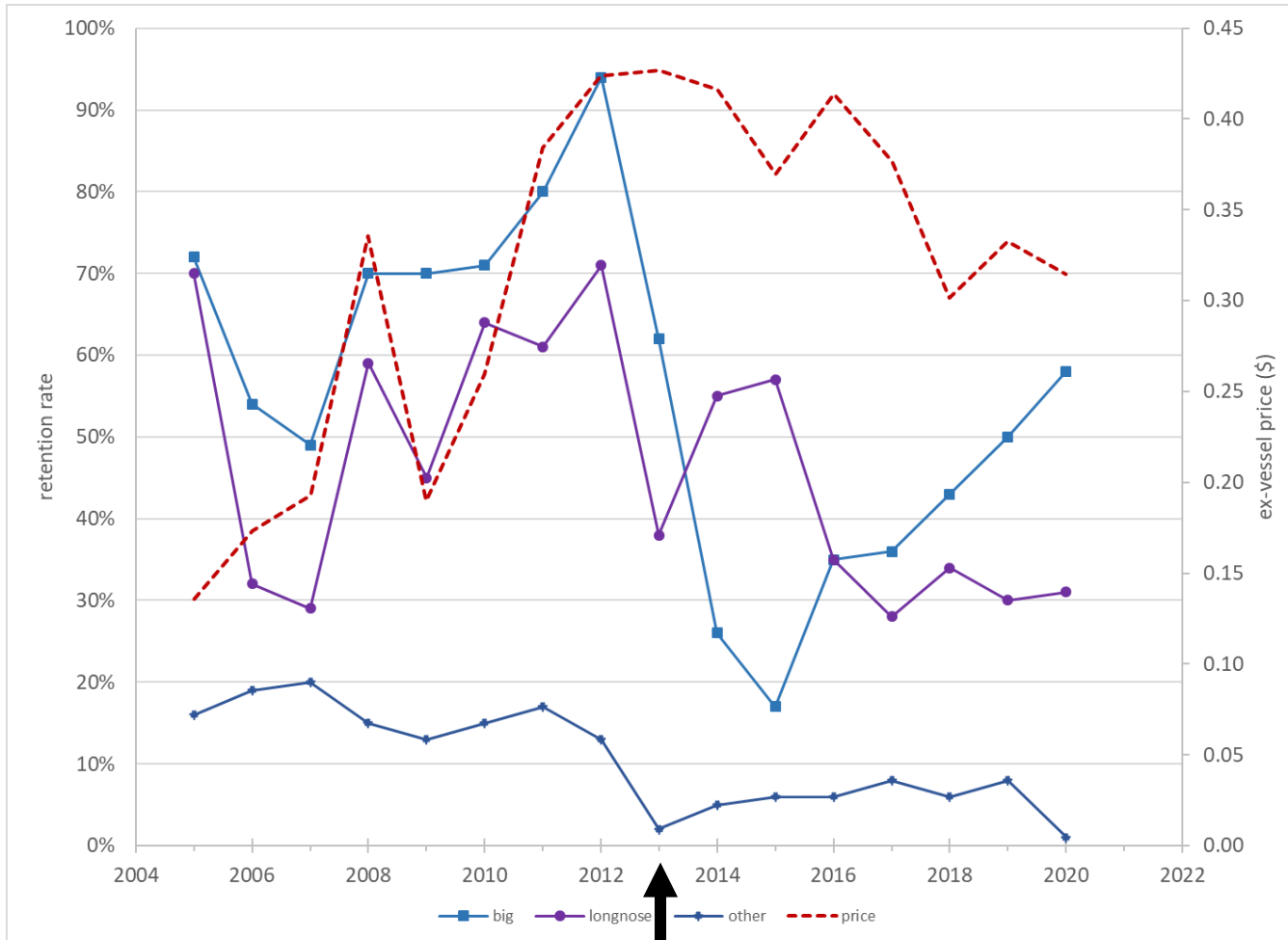


# catch size composition (by gear 2013-2021)





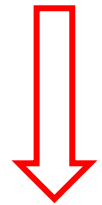
# retention rates



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reduce retention begin

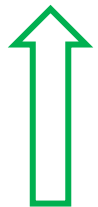
# harvest recs – big skate

big skate ( <i>Beringraja binoculata</i> )					
Quantity		As estimated or <i>specified</i> <i>last full assessment</i> for		As estimated or <i>recommended this year</i> for:	
		2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>M</i> (natural mortality)		0.1	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1
Specified/recommended Tier		5	5	<b>5</b>	5
Biomass (t)	W	10,109	10,109	<b>7,882</b>	7,882
	C	20,798	20,798	<b>19,756</b>	19,756
	E	11,861	11,861	<b>10,581</b>	10,581
	GOA-wide	42,779	42,779	<b>38,220</b>	38,220
$F_{OFL} (F=M)$		0.1	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1
$maxF_{ABC} (F=0.75*M)$		0.075	0.075	<b>0.075</b>	0.075
$F_{ABC}$		0.075	0.075	<b>0.075</b>	0.075
OFL (t)	GOA-wide	4,278	4,278	<b>3,822</b>	<b>3,822</b>
Maximum permissible ABC (t)	W	758	758	<b>591</b>	591
	C	1,560	1,560	<b>1,482</b>	1,482
	E	890	890	<b>794</b>	794
Recommended ABC (t)	W	758	758	<b>591</b>	591
	C	1,560	1,560	<b>1,482</b>	1,482
	E	890	890	<b>794</b>	794
Status		As determined <i>last year</i> for:		As determined <i>this year</i> for:	
		2018	2019	<b>2020</b>	2021
Overfishing?		<i>no</i>	<i>na</i>	<b>no</b>	na
(for Tier 5 stocks, data are not available to determine whether the stock is in an overfished condition)					



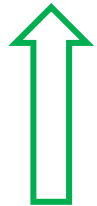
# harvest recs – longnose skate

longnose skate ( <i>Raja rhina</i> )					
Quantity		As estimated or <i>specified</i> <i>last full assessment</i> for		As estimated or <i>recommended this year</i> for:	
		2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>M</i> (natural mortality)		0.1	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1
Specified/recommended Tier		5	5	<b>5</b>	5
Biomass (t)	W	2,156	2,156	<b>2,013</b>	2,013
	C	25,583	25,583	<b>27,258</b>	27,258
	E	7,558	7,558	<b>6,890</b>	6,890
	GOA-wide	34,487	34,487	<b>36,162</b>	36,162
<i>F</i> <sub>OFL</sub> ( <i>F</i> = <i>M</i> )		0.1	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1
<i>maxF</i> <sub>ABC</sub> ( <i>F</i> =0.75* <i>M</i> )		0.075	0.075	<b>0.075</b>	0.075
<i>F</i> <sub>ABC</sub>		0.075	0.075	<b>0.075</b>	0.075
OFL (t)	GOA-wide	3,449	3,449	<b>3,616</b>	3,616
Maximum permissible ABC (t)	W	158	158	<b>151</b>	151
	C	1,875	1,875	<b>2,044</b>	2,044
	E	554	554	<b>517</b>	517
Recommended ABC (t)	W	158	158	<b>151</b>	151
	C	1,875	1,875	<b>2,044</b>	2,044
	E	554	554	<b>517</b>	517
Status		As determined <i>last year</i> for:		As determined <i>this year</i> for:	
		2018	2019	<b>2020</b>	2021
Overfishing?		<i>no</i>	<i>na</i>	<b>no</b>	na
(for Tier 5 stocks, data are not available to determine whether the stock is in an overfished condition)					



# harvest recs – other skate

other skates ( <i>Bathyraja</i> species)					
Quantity		As estimated or <i>specified</i> <i>last full assessment</i> for		As estimated or <i>recommended this year</i> for:	
		2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>M</i> (natural mortality)		0.1	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1
Specified/recommended Tier		5	5	<b>5</b>	5
Biomass (t)	GOA-wide	11,662	11,662	13,114	13,114
<i>F</i> <sub>OFL</sub> ( <i>F</i> = <i>M</i> )		0.1	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.1
<i>maxF</i> <sub>ABC</sub> ( <i>F</i> =0.75* <i>M</i> )		0.075	0.075	<b>0.075</b>	0.075
<i>F</i> <sub>ABC</sub>		0.075	0.075	<b>0.075</b>	0.075
OFL (t)	GOA-wide	1,166	1,166	1,311	1,311
Maximum permissible ABC (t)	GOA-wide	875	875	984	984
Recommended ABC (t)	GOA-wide	875	875	984	984
Status		As determined <i>last year</i> for:		As determined <i>this year</i> for:	
		2018	2019	<b>2020</b>	2021
Overfishing?		<i>no</i>	<i>na</i>	<b>no</b>	<i>na</i>
(for Tier 5 stocks, data are not available to determine whether the stock is in an overfished condition)					



# risk table – short version

<i>Assessment-related considerations</i>	<i>Population dynamics considerations</i>	<i>Environmental/ecosystem considerations</i>	<i>Fishery Performance considerations</i>	<i>Overall score (highest of the individual scores)</i>
Level 1: Normal	Level 1: Normal	Level 1: Normal	Level 1: Normal	<b>Level 1: Normal</b>

Risk matrix table analysis and reductions to maximum ABC: All elements in the risk table were scored as 1 (Normal). **No reduction from the maximum ABC is recommended.**