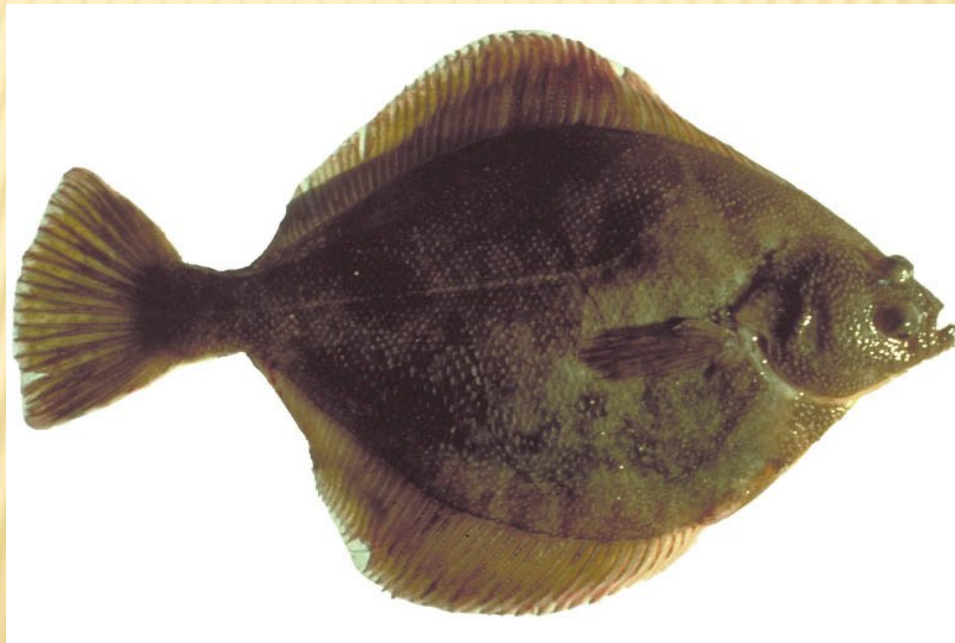


YELLOWFIN SOLE

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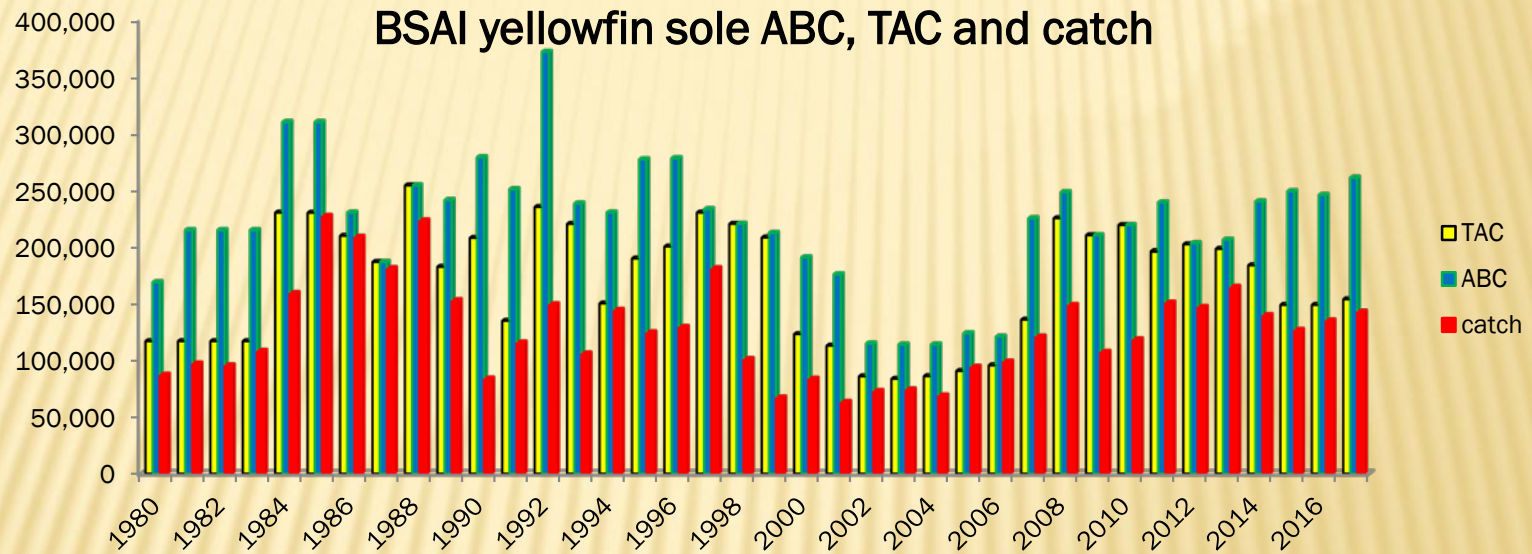




CHANGES TO THE INPUT DATA



- 2016 fishery age composition.
- 2016 survey age composition.
- 2017 trawl survey biomass point estimate and standard error.
- Estimate of catch (t) made through the end of 2017.
- Estimate of retained and discarded portions of the 2016 catch.
- Updated weight at age for survey and fishery





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Survey ↓ 3%

ABC ↑ 6%

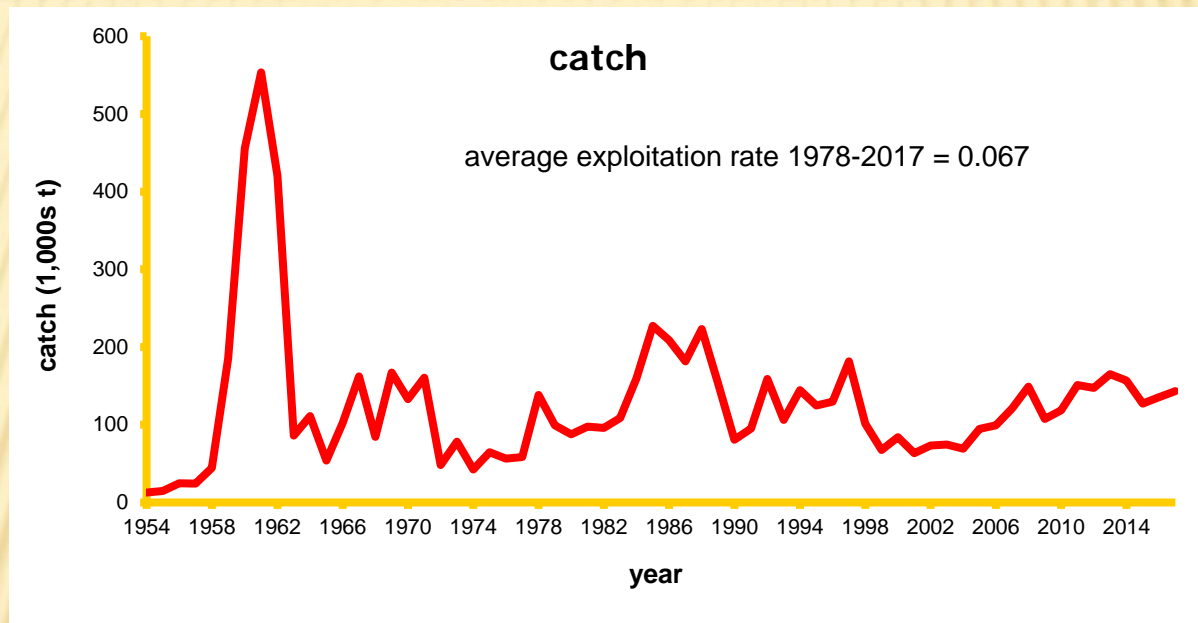
FSB ↑ 11%

Fabc ↓ a little

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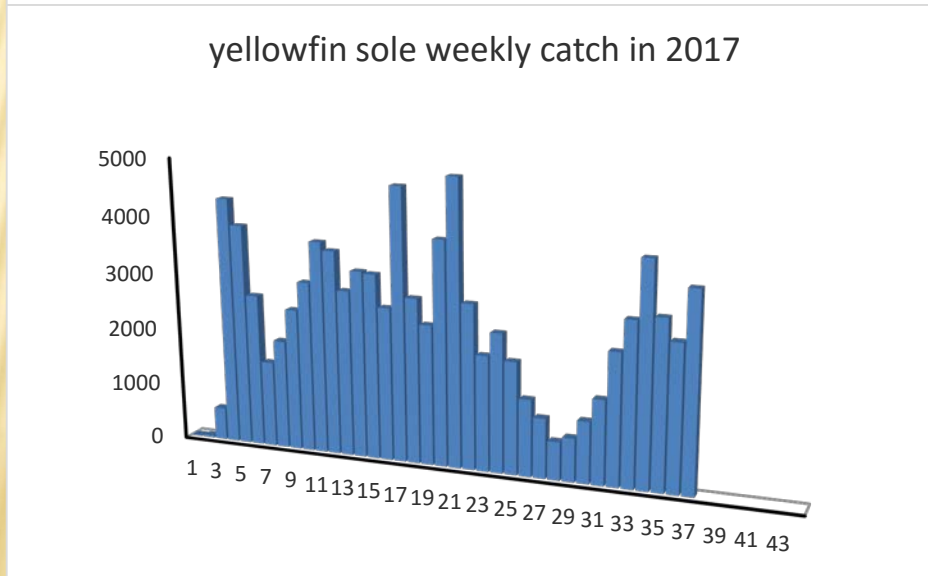
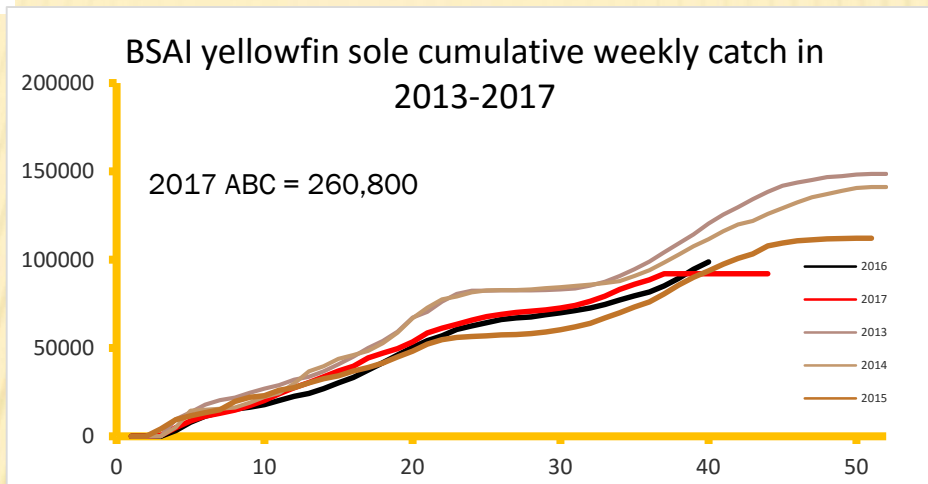
2017 CATCH = 143,100 T

AVERAGE 1978-2017 EXPLOITATION RATE = 0.067





Cumulative and weekly catch

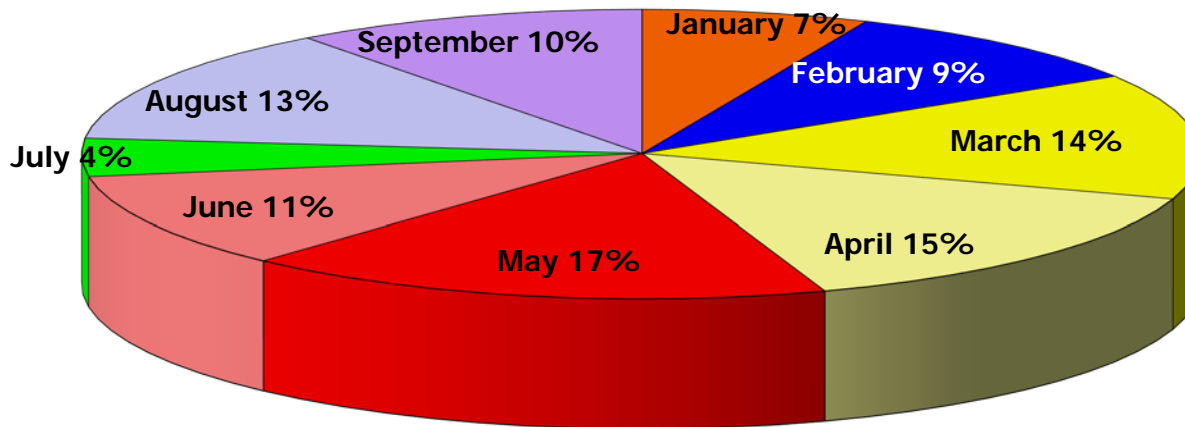




CATCH BY MONTH



yellowfin sole catch by month in 2017 through September 20

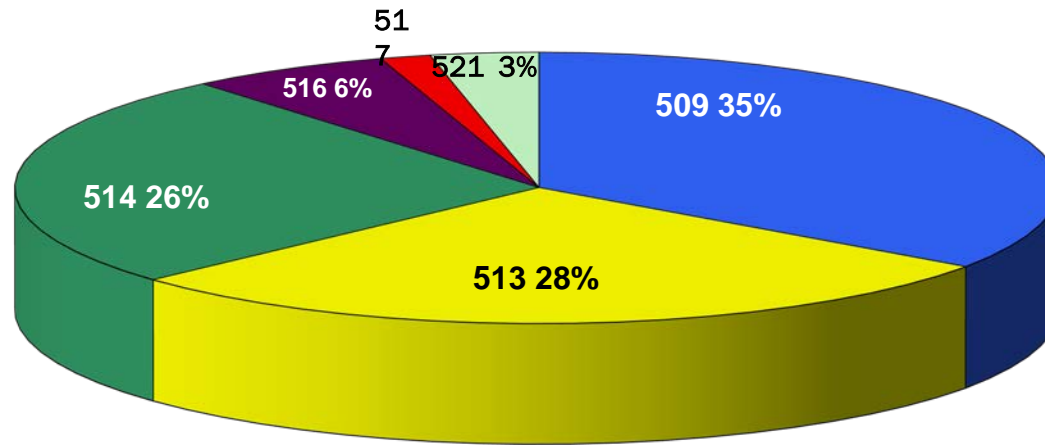


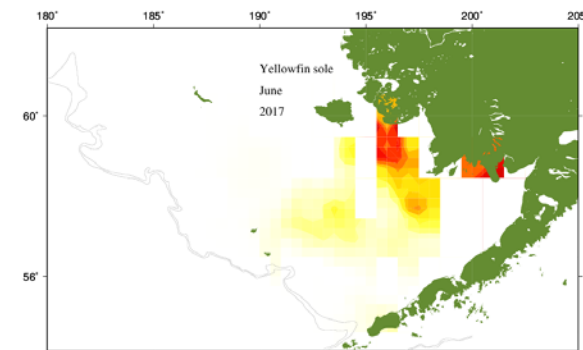
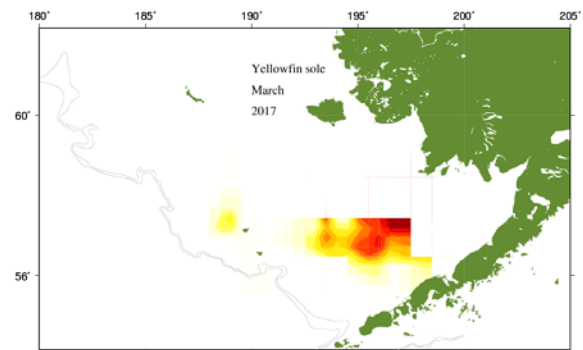
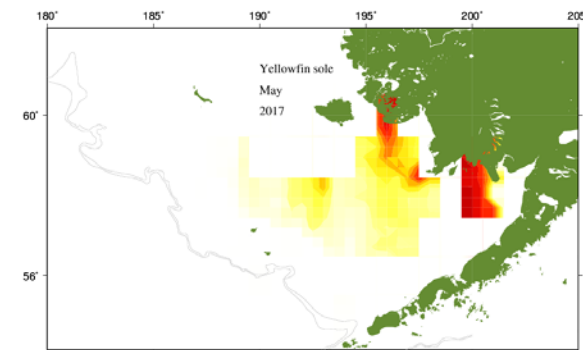
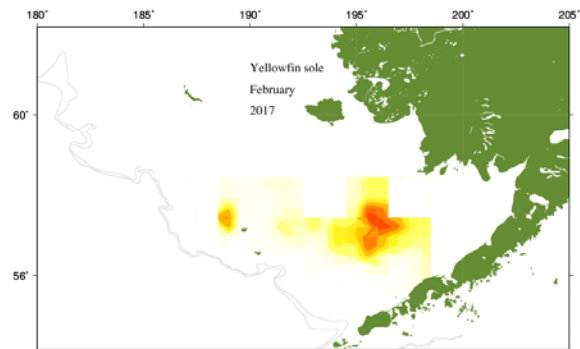
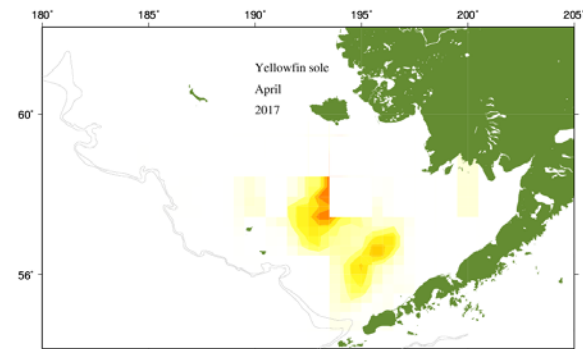
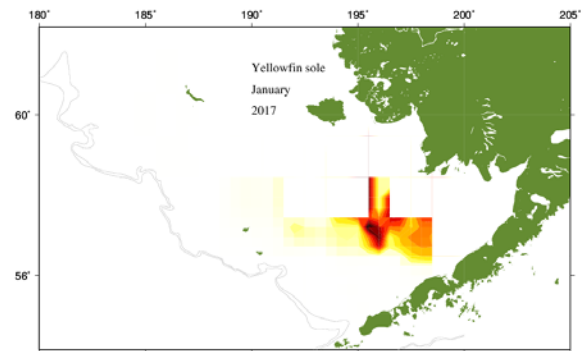


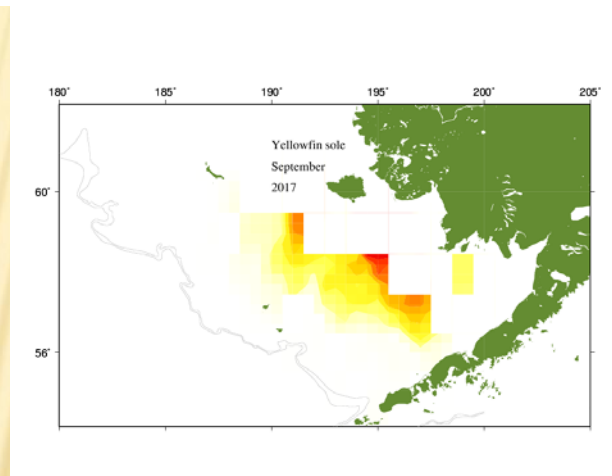
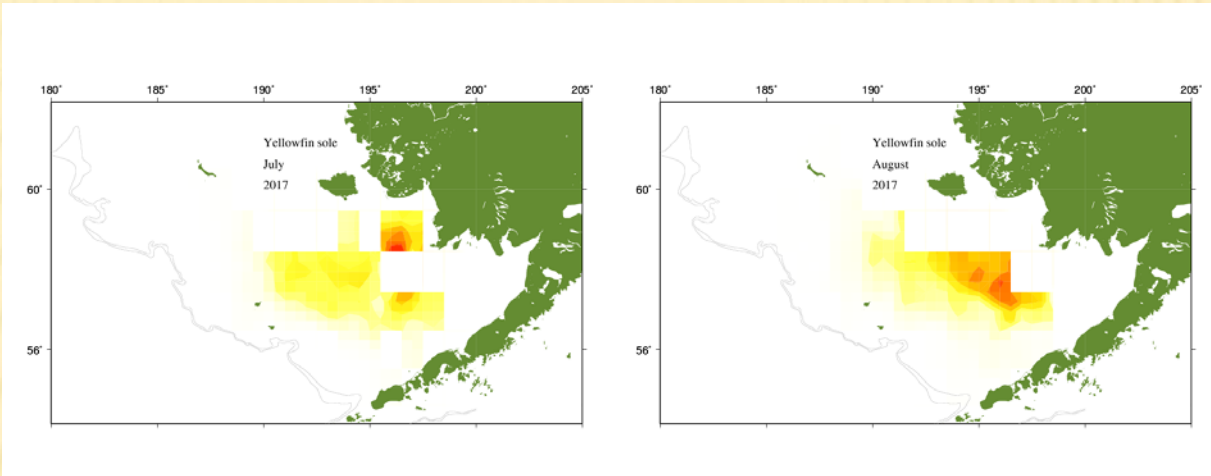
CATCH BY AREA

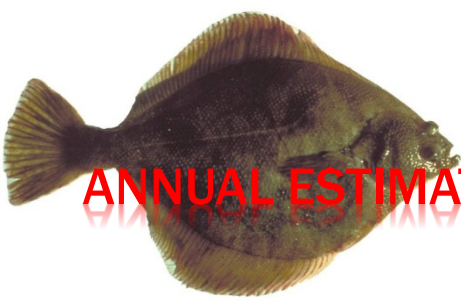


yellowfin sole catch by area in 2017 (through September 20)

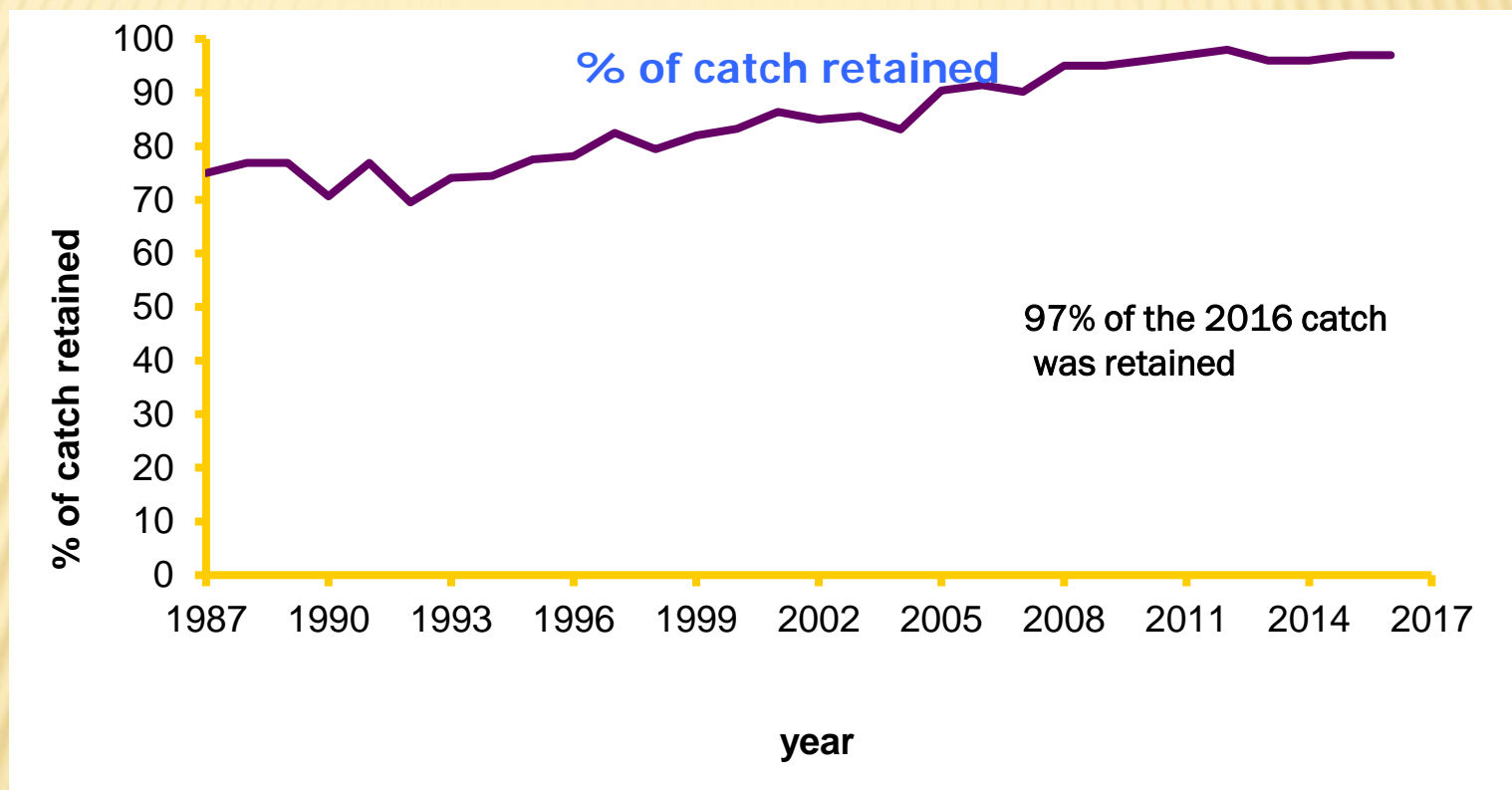








ANNUAL ESTIMATE OF RETAINED CATCH (%)

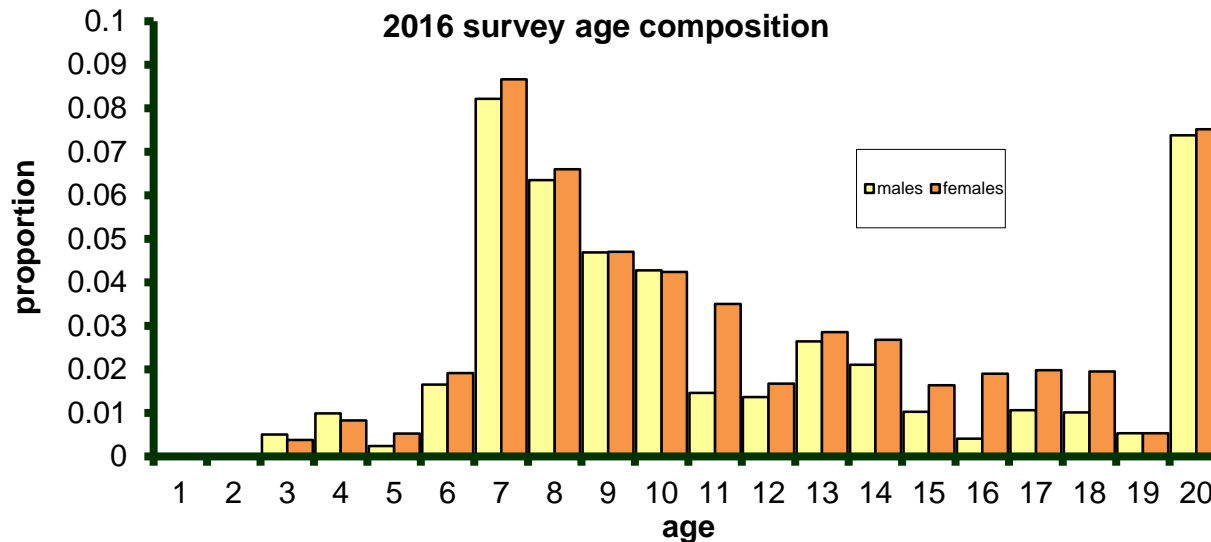
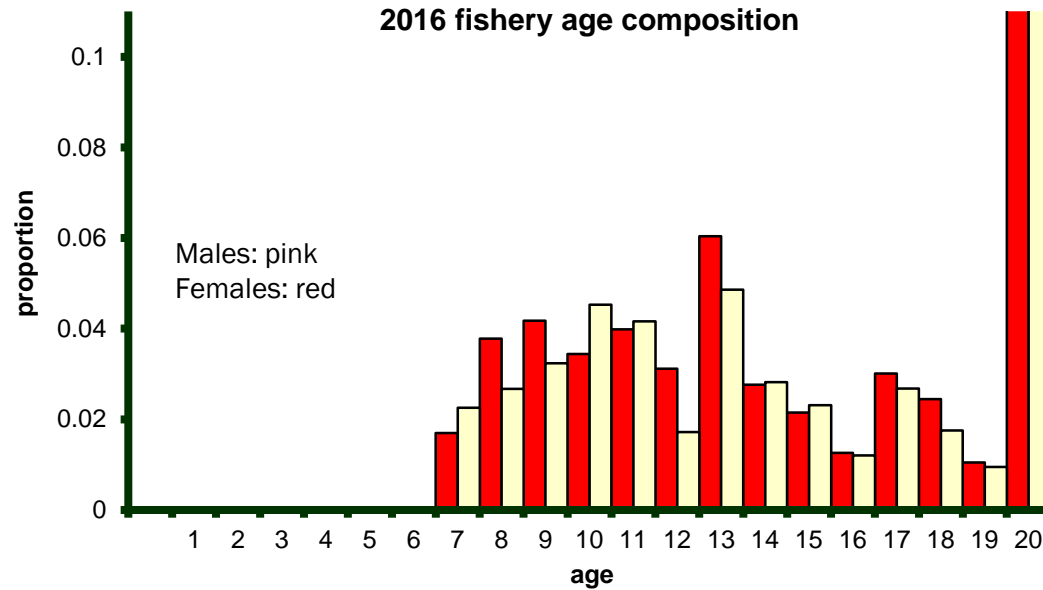


NEW DATA FOR 2017

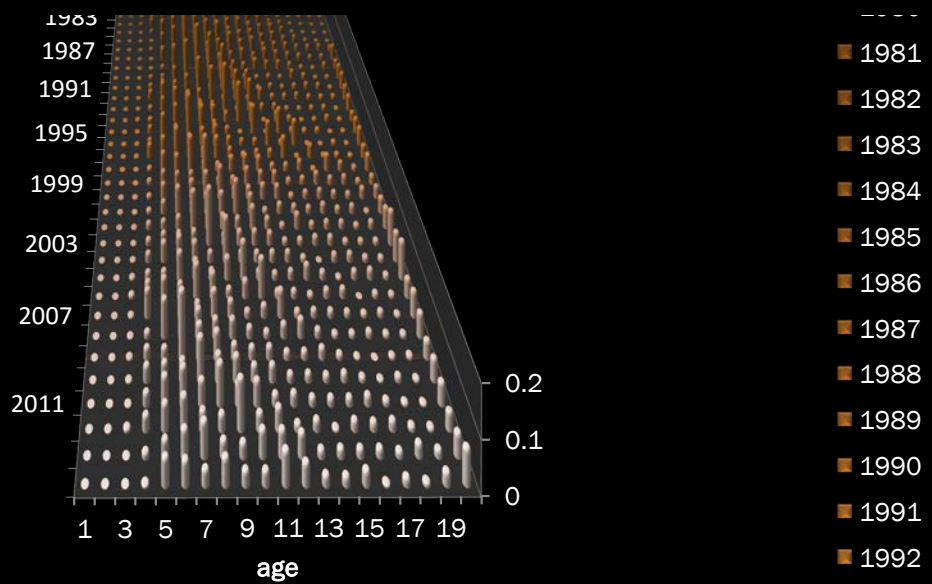
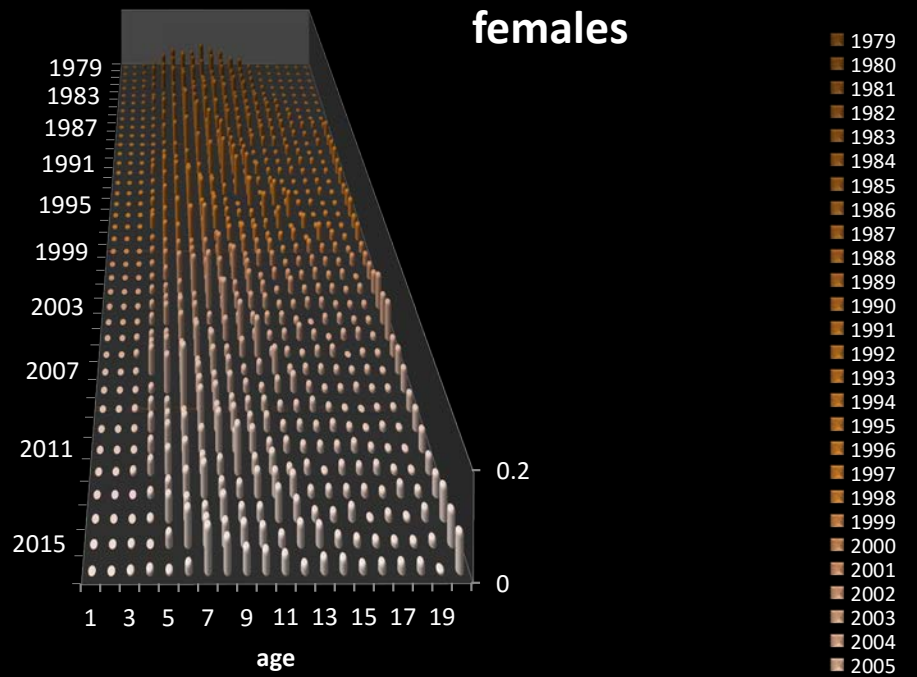


Avg. age = 12.6 years

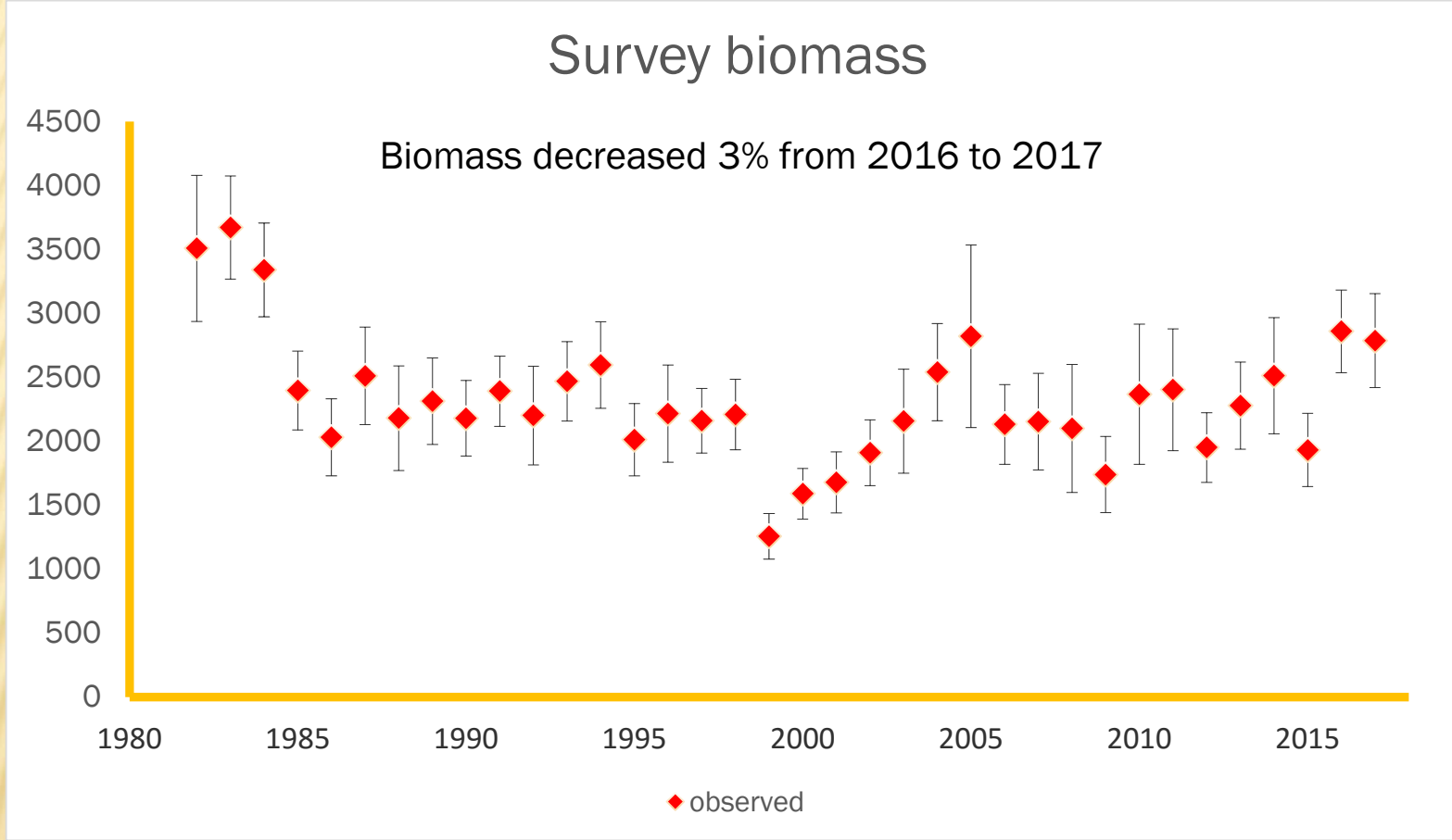
Model estimate of population
Avg. age = 6.7 years



Survey age composition

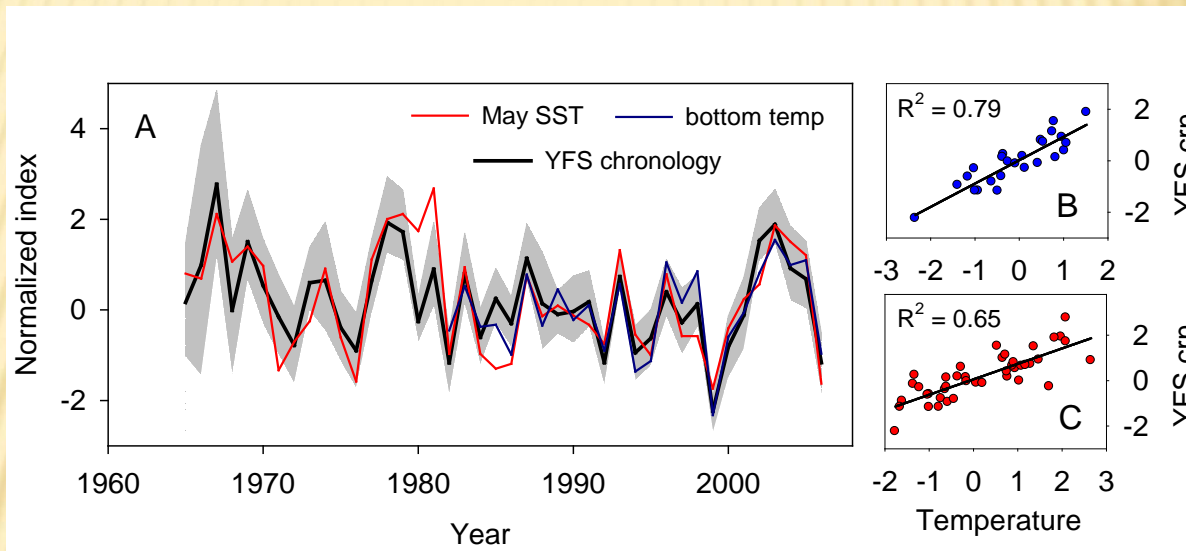


2017 SHELF SURVEY BIOMASS ESTIMATE = 2,787,500 T



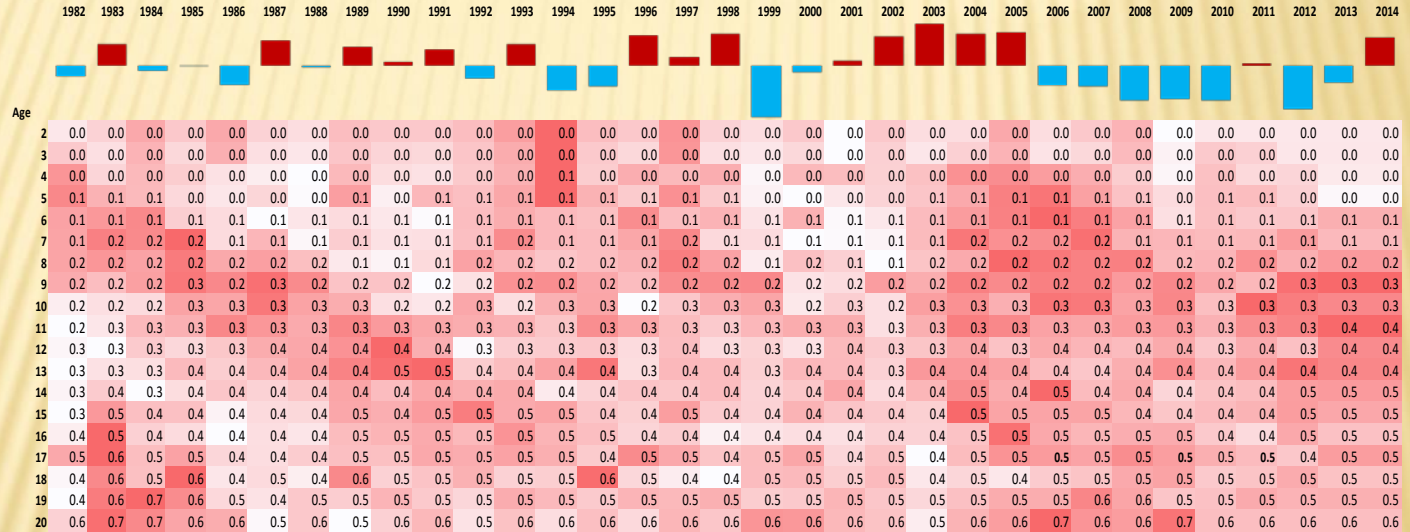


YEAR EFFECT ON GROWTH



Annual growth corresponds to annual temperature

Assessment uses empirical data from annual survey length at age estimates



Expected annual growth increment

Age effect on growth





FLATFISH SPLIT-SEX MODEL



Input:

sex-specific estimates of fishery and survey age composition and weight at age, survey biomass, maturity

Output:

Sex-specific estimates of population number, fishing mortality, selectivity, fishery and survey age composition.

Allows for estimation of sex-specific natural mortality



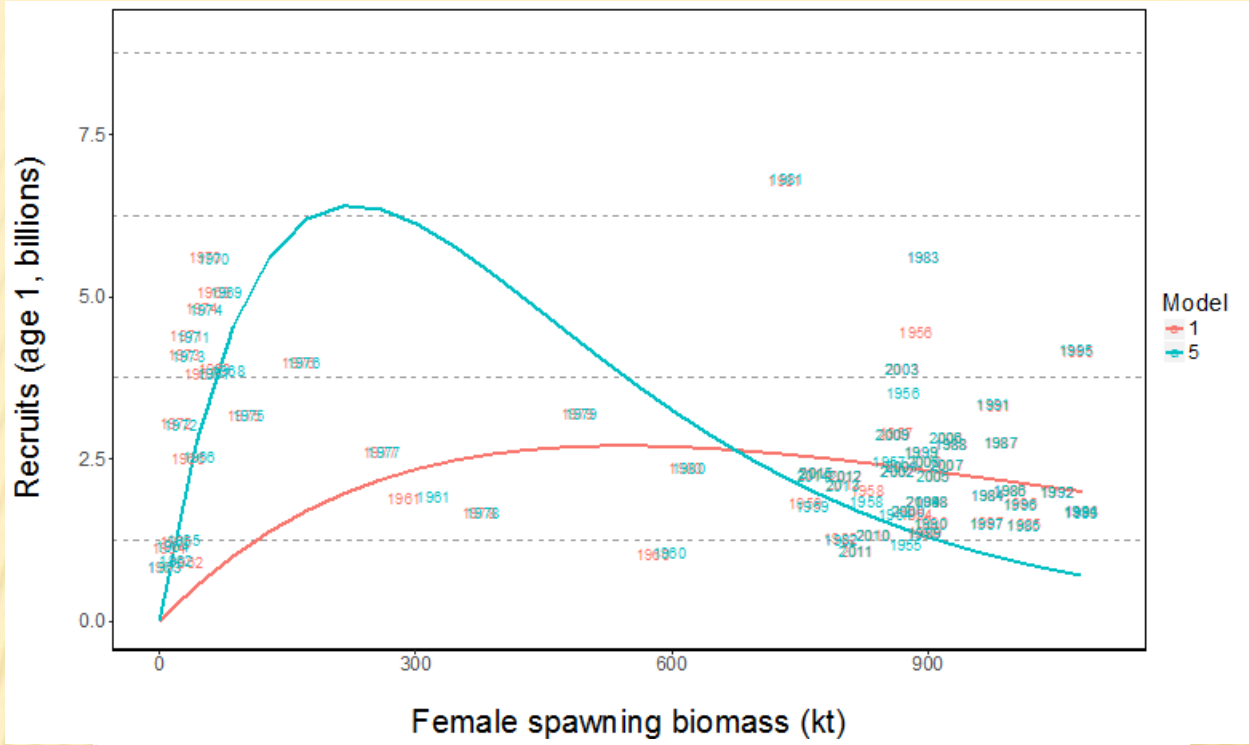
STOCK ASSESSMENT MODEL



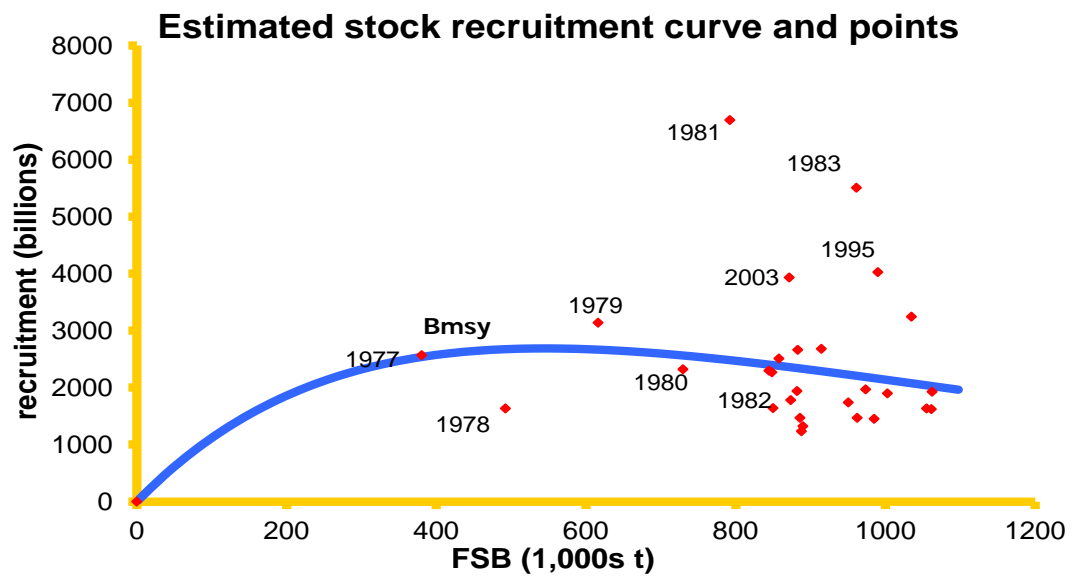
- × Data components include fishery and trawl survey age compositions and survey biomass and standard error
- × Selectivity is fixed asymptotic for older fish
- × Runs made with natural mortality fixed at 0.12 and estimated
- × Ricker spawner-recruit curve estimated inside the model
- × Fishery selectivity is estimated for each year and gender
- × Catchability (q) is estimated for each year in the model by considering the relationship to annual bottom water temperature

$$q = e^{\alpha + \beta T}$$

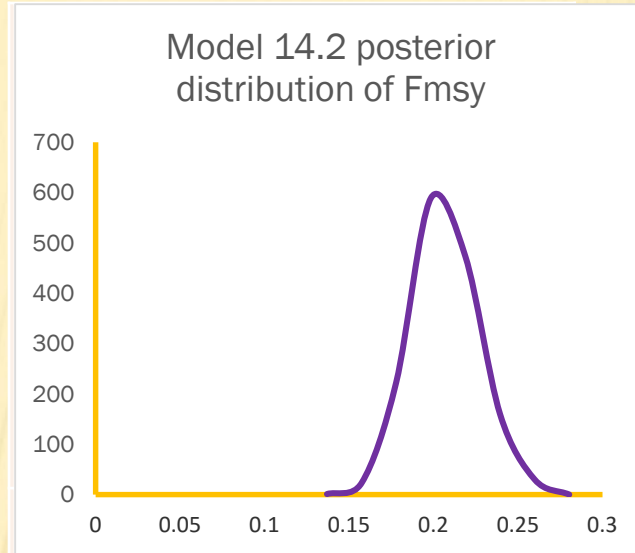
$B_{msy} = 333,700 \text{ t}$



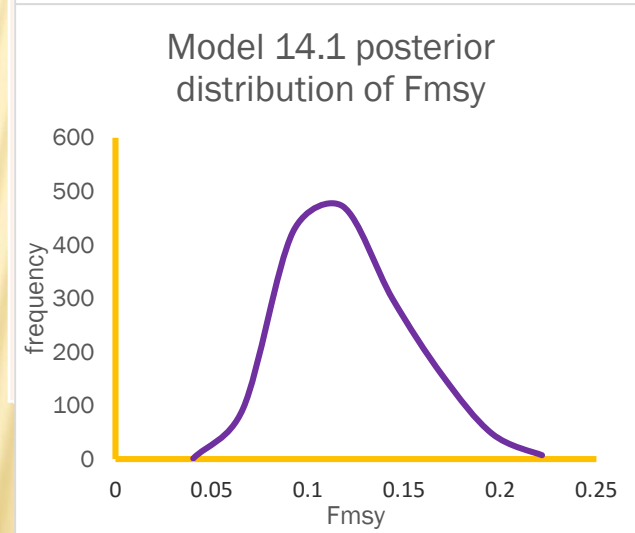
$B_{msy} = 454,000 \text{ t}$



Distribution of pdf F_{msy} from mcmc runs



1955-2010

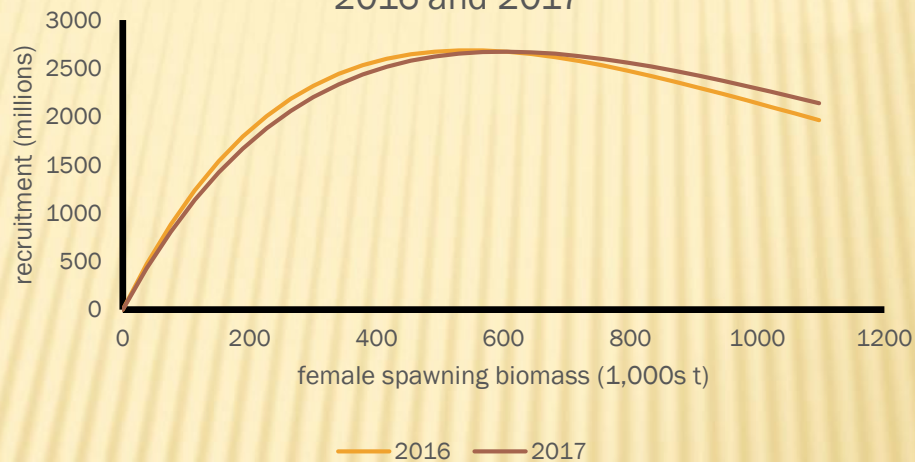


1978-2010

EFFECT OF NEW WEIGHT-AT-AGE INFORMATION AND INCLUDING TWO MORE YEARS TO THE SPAWNER-RECRUIT TIME-SERIES

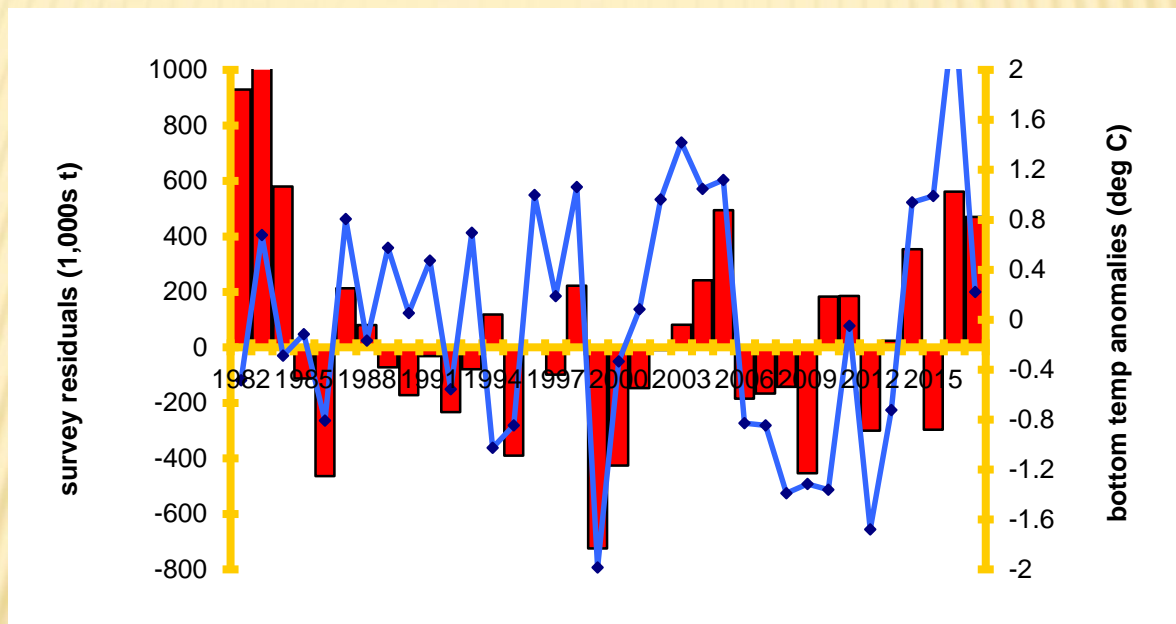


Comparison of spawner-recruit curves between 2016 and 2017





TRAWL SURVEY RESIDUALS (RED BARS) AND BOTTOM TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES (BLUE LINE)

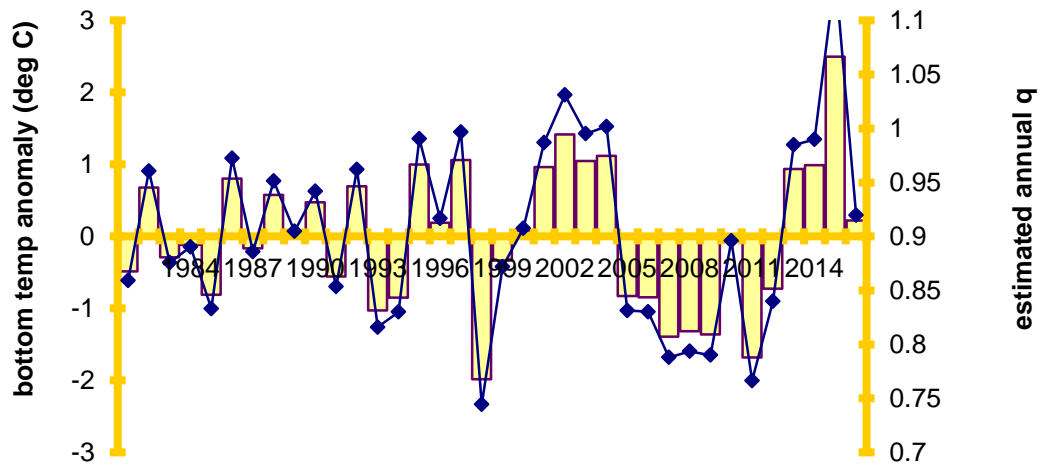


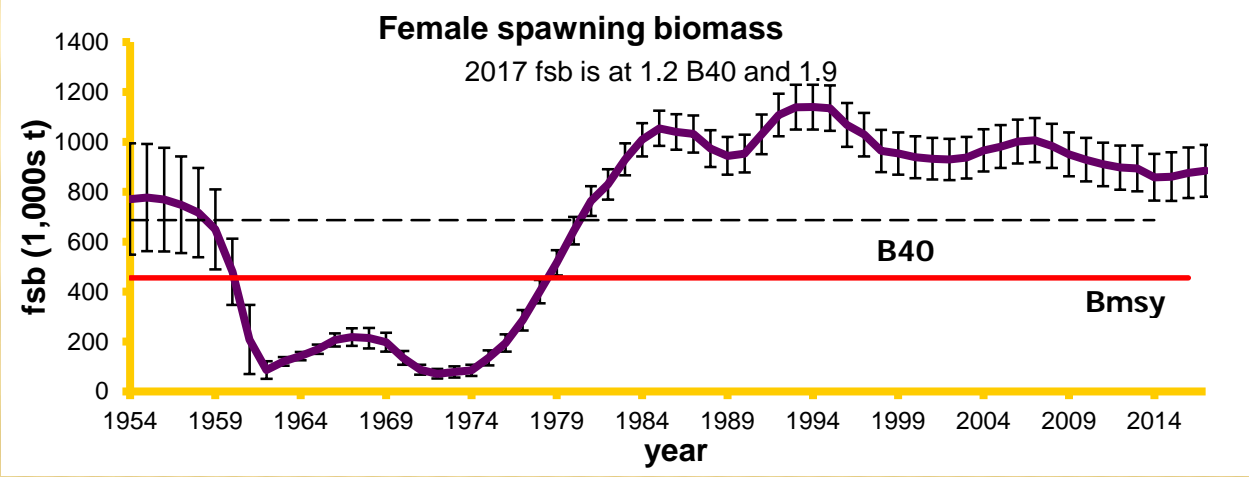
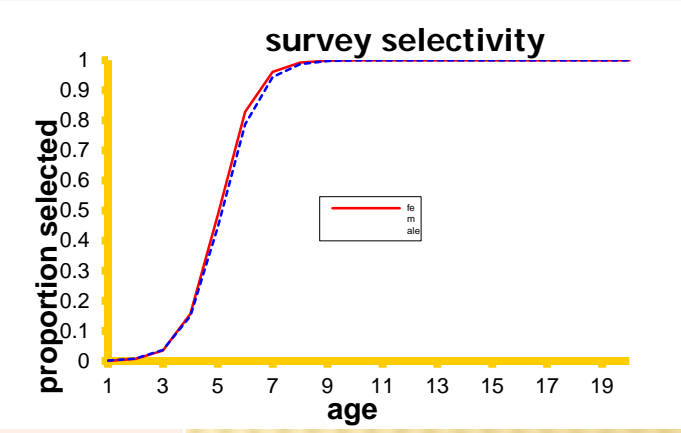
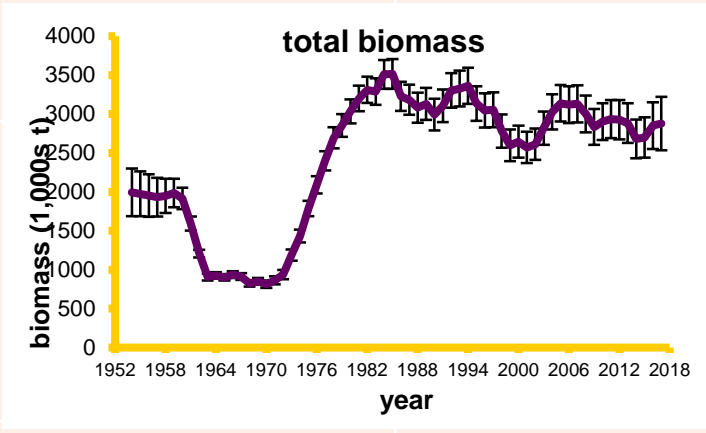
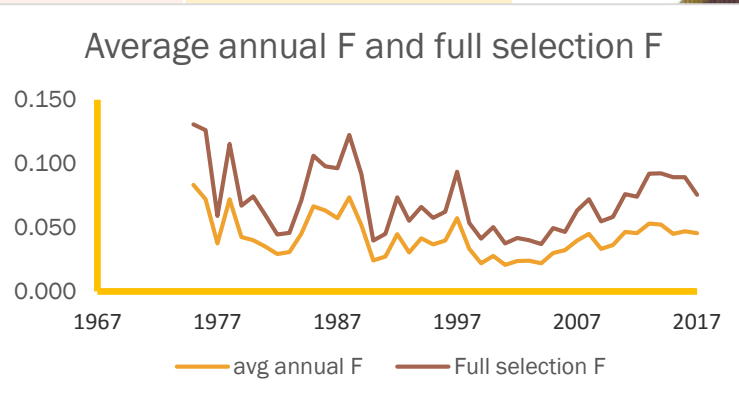
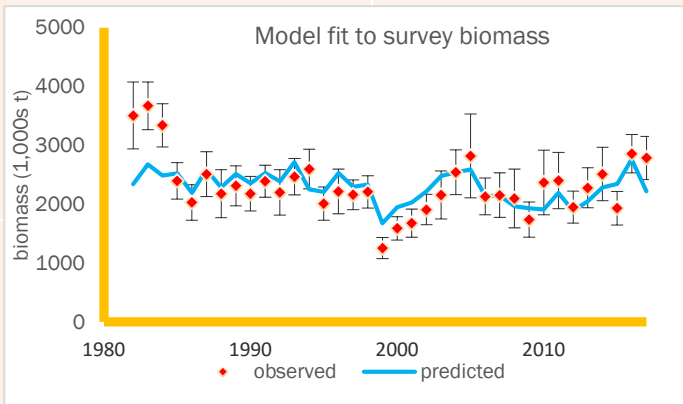


TIME-VARYING SURVEY CATCHABILITY



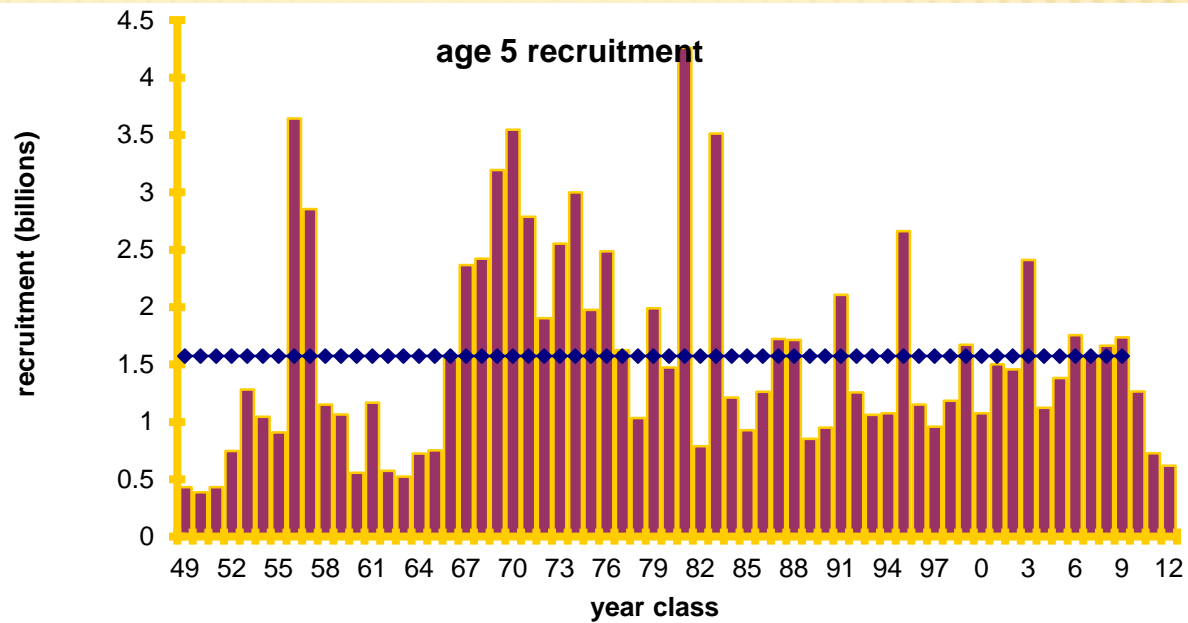
temperature-catchability model result







MODEL RESULTS

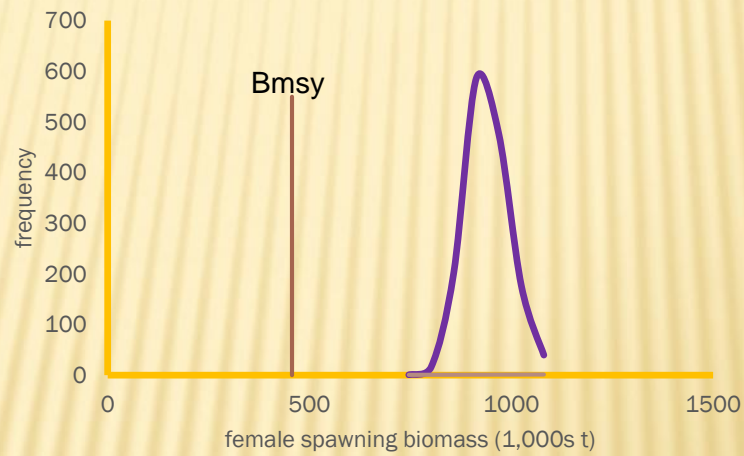




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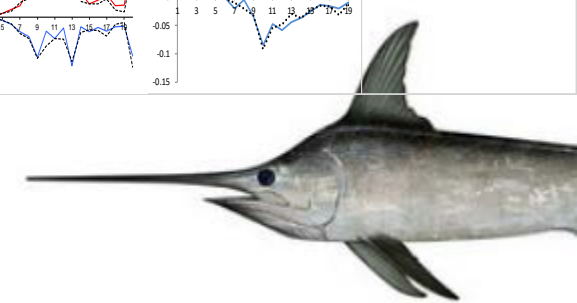
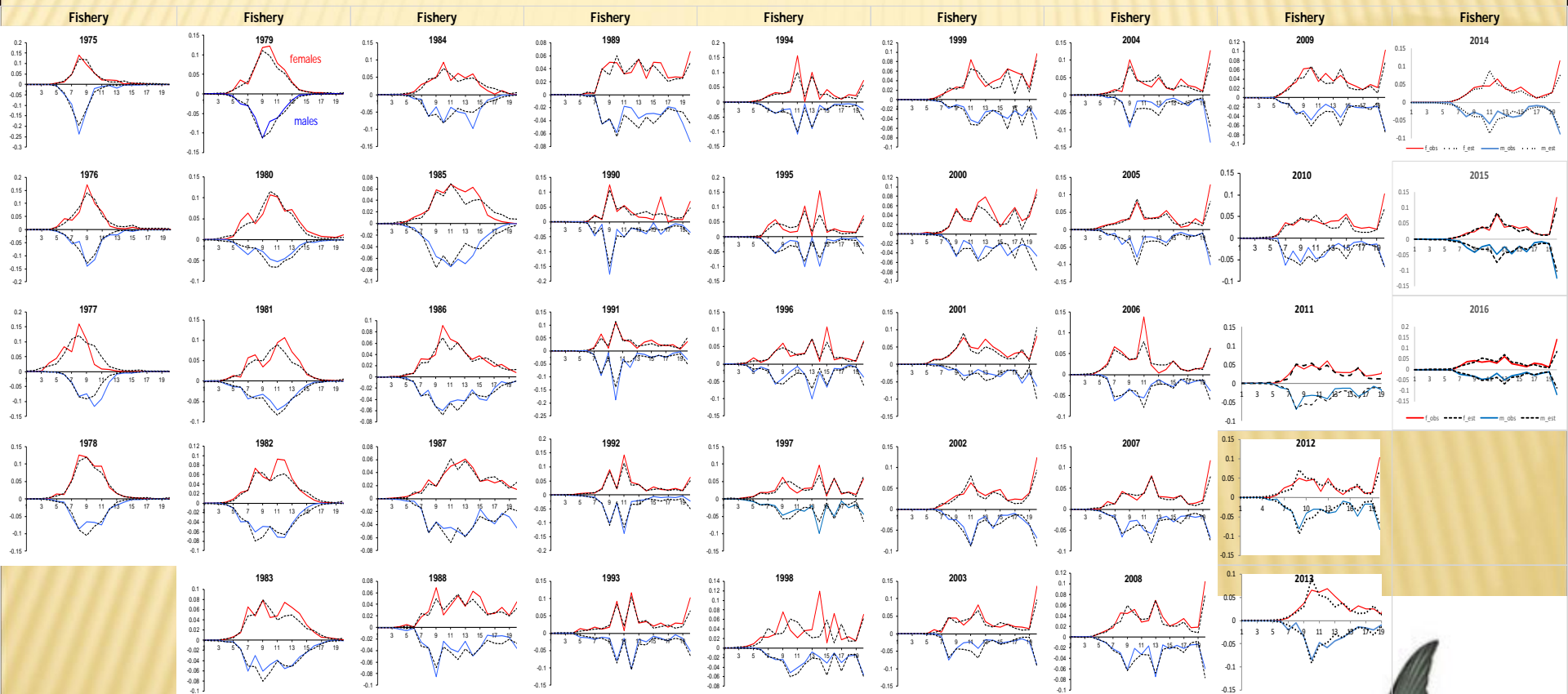


2018 female spawning biomass

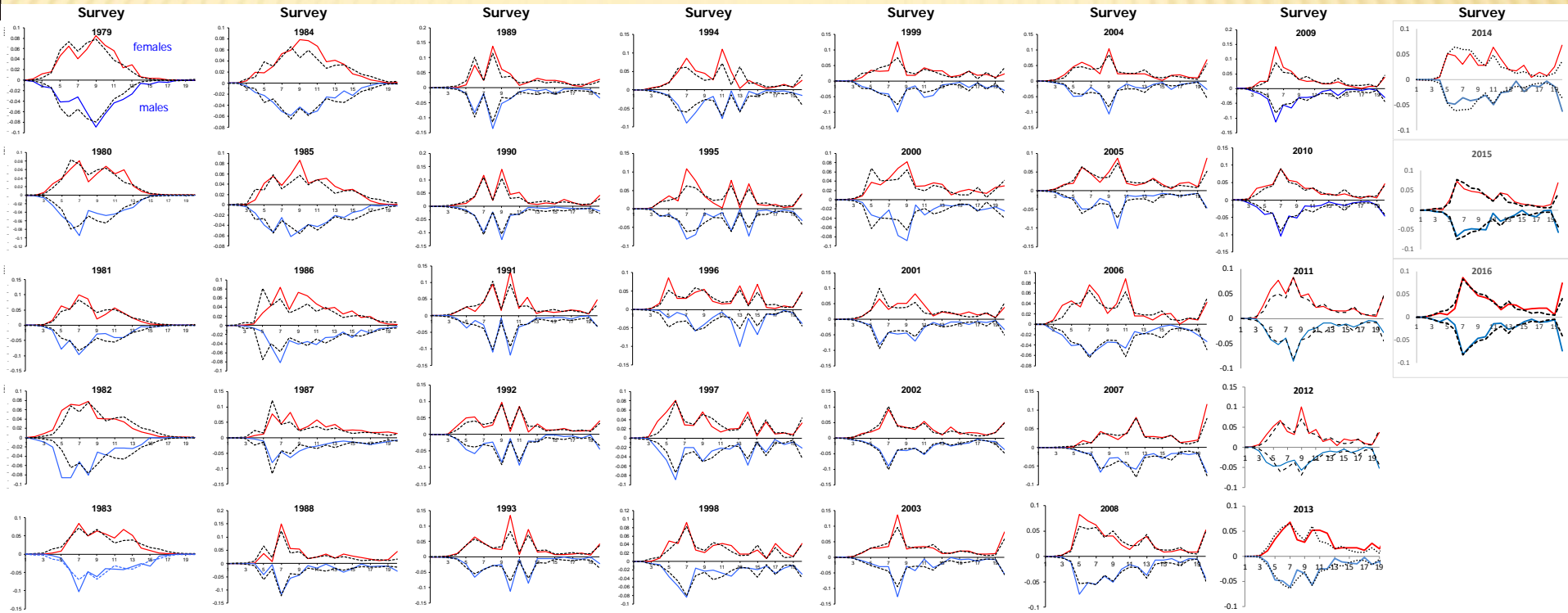




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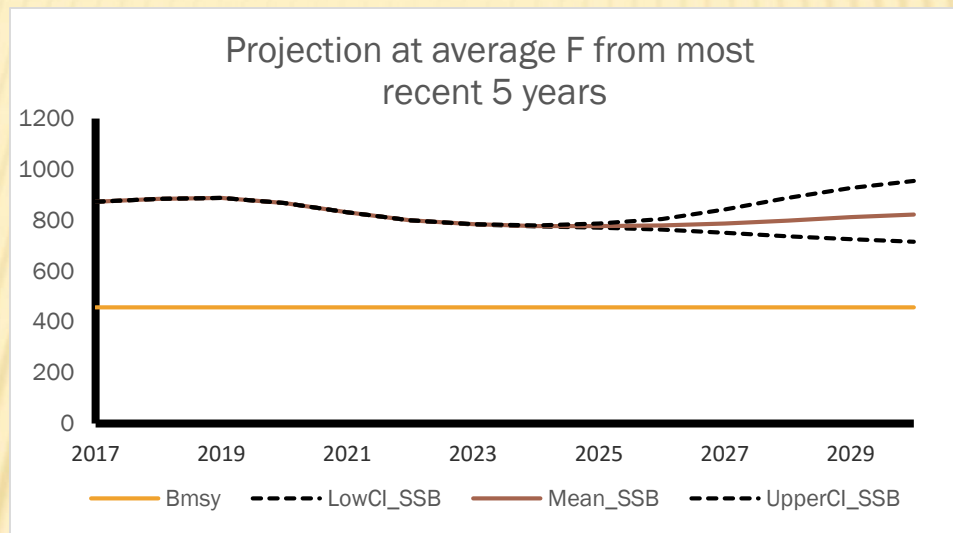


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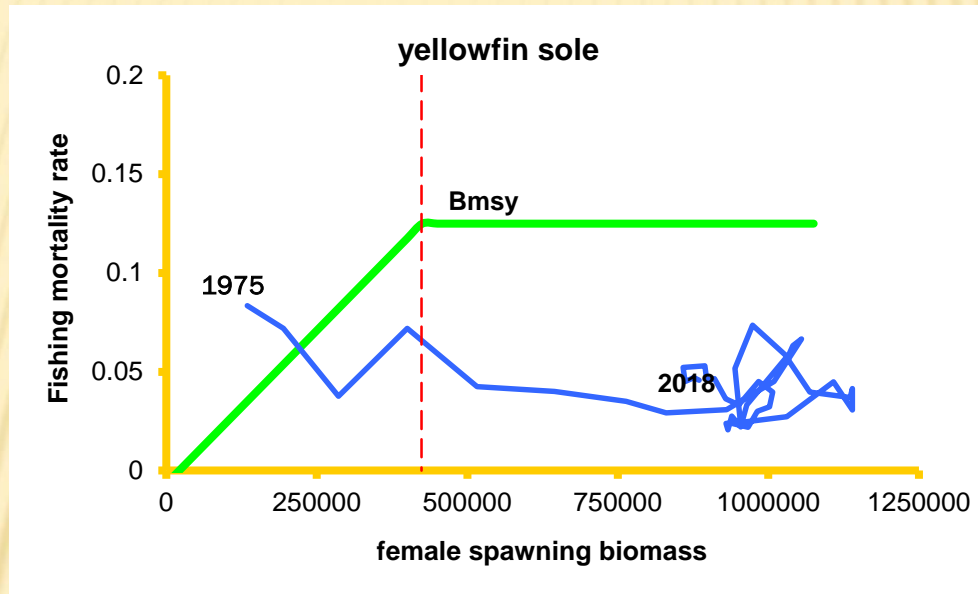


PROJECTED FEMALE SPAWNING BIOMASS



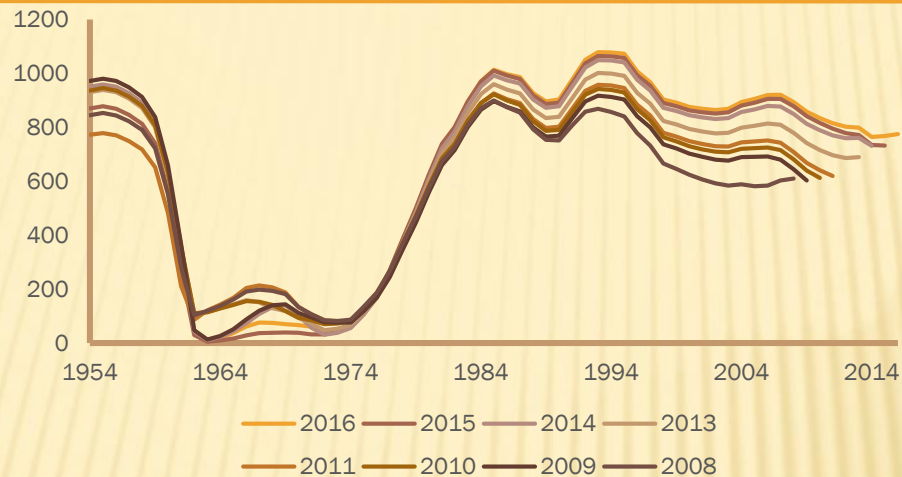


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retrospective model results



Trials:

Increased survey standard error by 10%, 20% and 30% over the actual value.

Up-weighted survey age comps (200 to 500) and down-weighted survey SE (increased 30%)

Down-weighted survey age comps, base st. dev values

Varied M and q as per plan team request



RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS



Plan Team request to vary M and Q

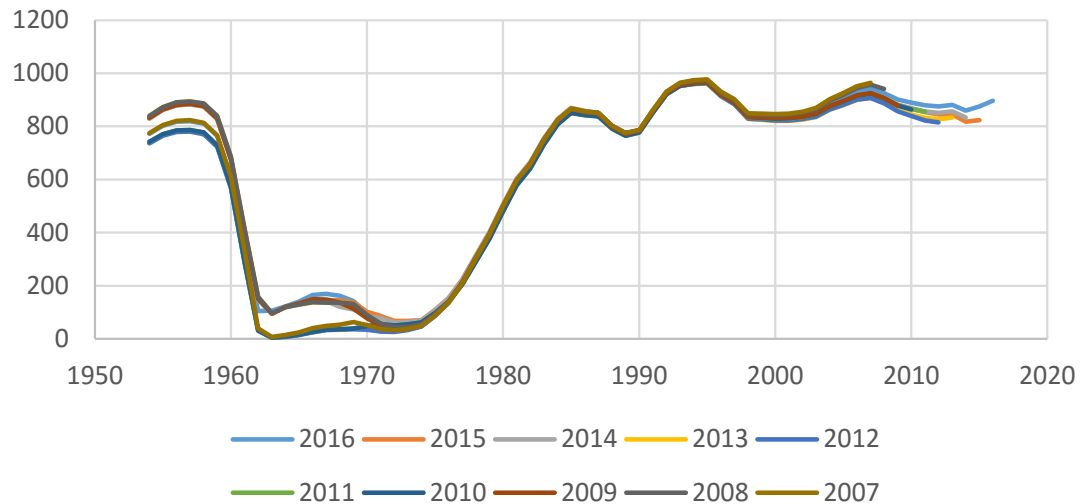
		absolute values				
		Catchability				
		0.8	0.9	1	1.1	1.2
	0.09	0.019	0.003	0.028	0.0511	0.076
	0.1	0.013	0.036	0.059	0.084	0.107
Natural mortality	0.11	0.043	0.066	0.087	0.11	0.131
	0.12	0.07	0.105	0.113	0.135	0.155
	0.13	0.051	0.114	0.135	0.156	0.177
	0.14	0.114	0.135	0.153	0.177	0.2



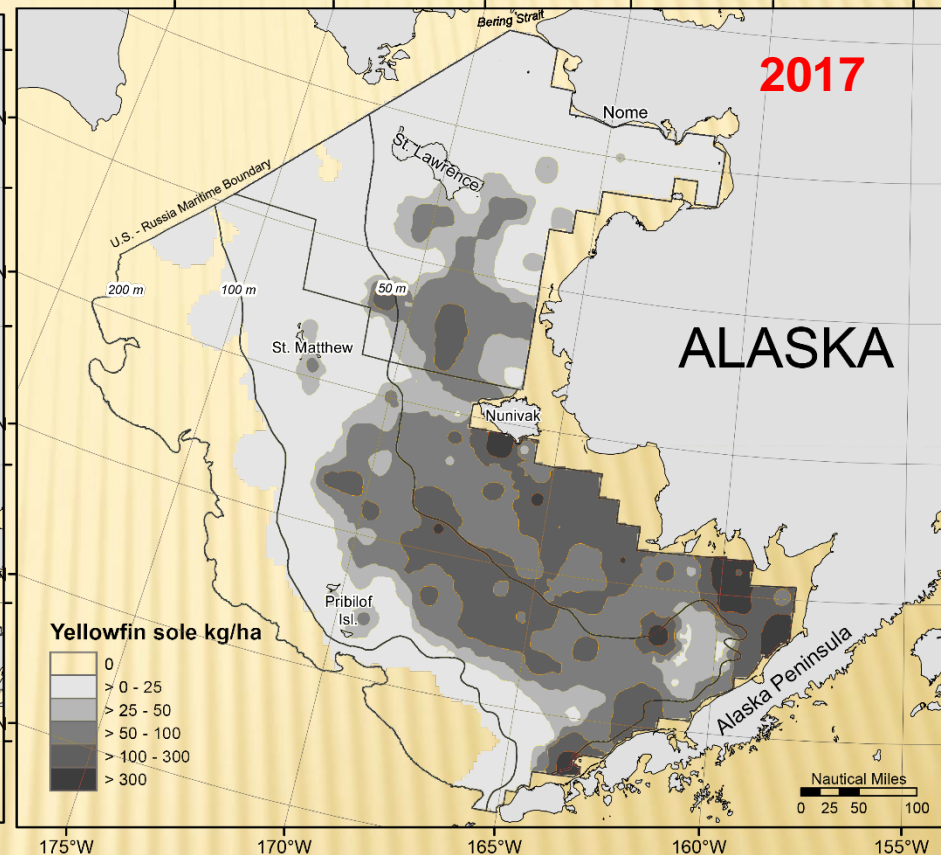
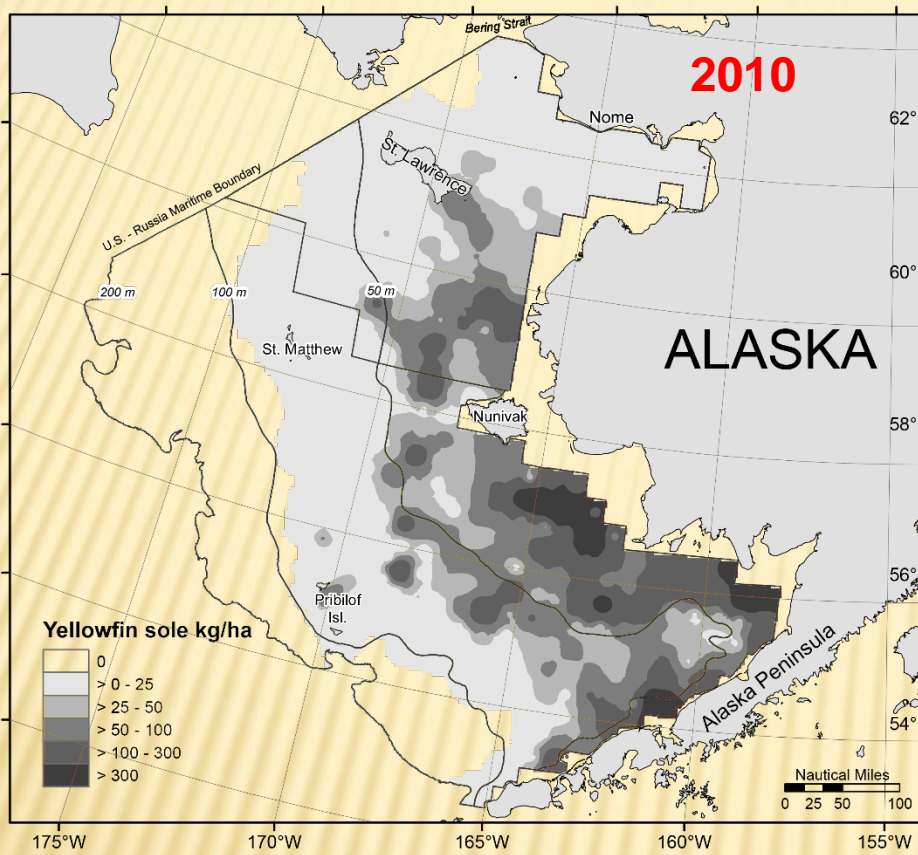
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Estimated female spawning biomass
 $M=0.09, q=1.0, \rho=-0.028$



Northern Bering Sea



15.6% of EBS biomass in northern Bering Sea

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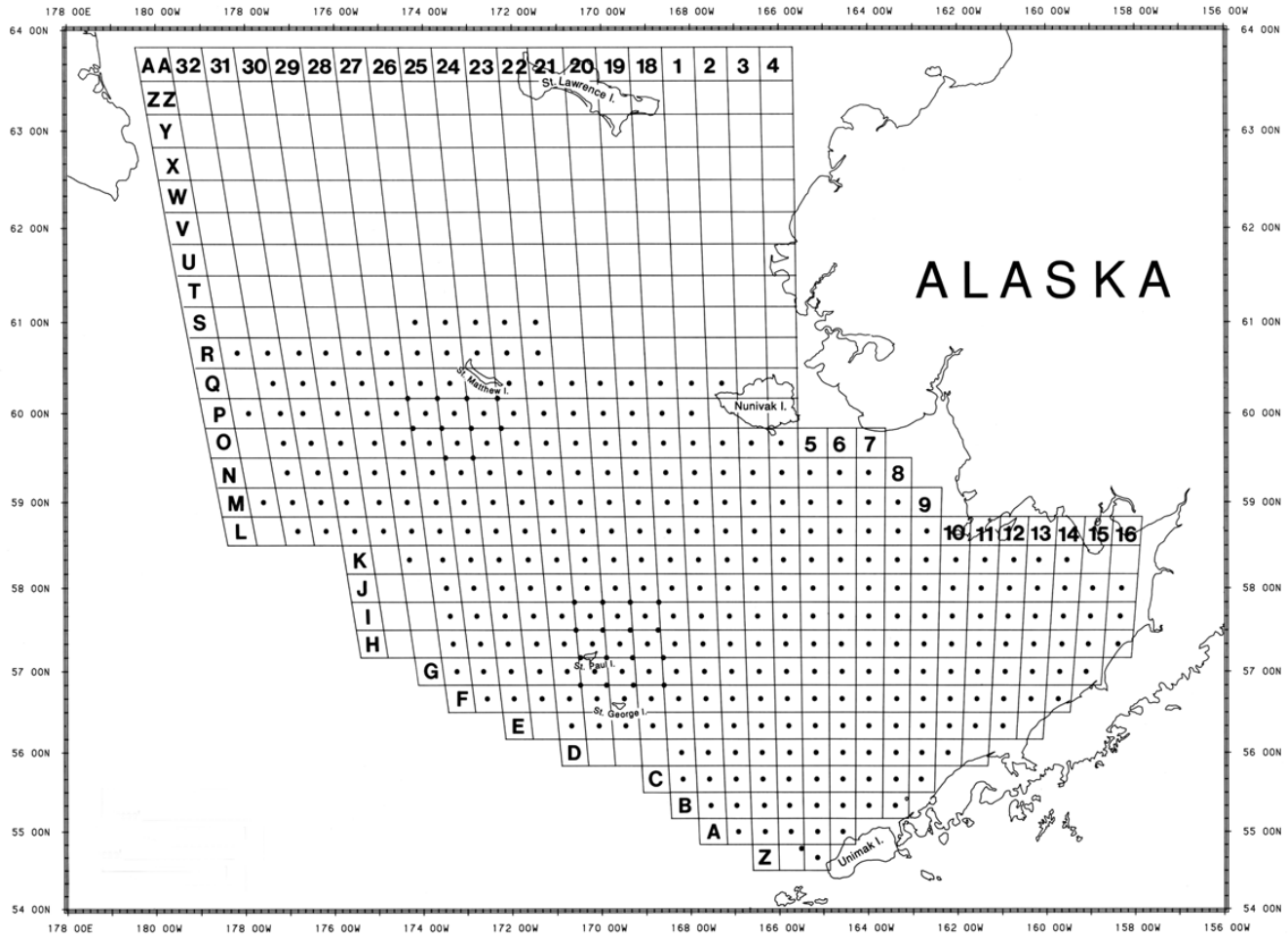


Figure 1. -- Eastern Bering Sea survey grid map of sampled stations.