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# BSAI Plan Team report

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# Big picture (with big font)

- Assessments of 17 stocks/complexes (8 full, 9 partial; 6 “none”)
  - Compared to 23 last year (21 full, 2 partial; 0 “none”)
- Total of 37 models, including Tier 5/6 methods (down from 53 last year):
  - 19 base models/methods (down from 25 last year)
  - 12 additional models/methods (down from 28 last year)
- The Team agreed with authors’ recommendations regarding preferred models/methods and harvest specifications in all but 1 case
- Change from current base model/method recommended in 4 cases
- Reductions from maxABC recommended in only 2 cases
- Of the 16 stocks/complexes in Tiers 1 or 3, only 4 are in sub-tier “b”
- No stocks/complexes were subjected to overfishing in 2020, and no Tier 1 or 3 stocks/complexes are overfished/approaching as of 2021



# Big picture (with small font)

Ch.	Assessment	Lead author	Tier	Type	Numbered models (or Tier 5, 6)	Risk	% Red.
1	<b>EBS pollock</b>	Ianelli	1b	Full	20.0a (base), 20.0b, <b>20.0c</b>	2.00	<b>11%</b>
1A	AI pollock	Barbeaux	3a	Partial	15.1 (base)	n/a	0
1B	Bogoslof pollock	Ianelli	5	None	Tier 5 RE (base)	n/a	0
2	<b>EBS Pacific cod</b>	Thompson	3b	Full	19.12a (base), 19.12, 21.1, 21.2, <b>ensemble</b>	1.25	0
2A	<b>AI Pacific cod</b>	Spies	<b>3a,5</b>	Full	<b>Tier 5 RE (base)</b> , 19.0, 19.0a, <b>19.0b</b>	1.75	0
3	<b>Sablefish</b>	Goethel	3a	Full	16.5 (base), <b>21.12</b>	1.50	0
4	<b>Yellowfin sole</b>	Spies	1a	Full	<b>18.2 (base)</b> , 18.2a, 18.2b	1.75	<b>24%</b>
5	Greenland turbot	Bryan	3a	Partial	16.4a (base)	n/a	0
6	Arrowtooth flounder	Shotwell	3a	Partial	18.9 (base)	n/a	0
7	Kamchatka flounder	Bryan	3a	Partial	16.0b (base)	n/a	0
8	Northern rock sole	McGilliard	1a	Partial	18.3 (base)	n/a	0
9	Flathead sole	<b>Kapur</b>	3a	Partial	18.2c (base)	n/a	0
10	<b>Alaska plaice</b>	Ormseth	3a	Full	11.1 (base)	1.00	0
11	Other flatfish	Monnahan	5	None	Tier 5 RE (base)	n/a	0
12	Pacific ocean perch	Spencer	3a	Partial	16.3a (base)	n/a	0
13	Northern rockfish	Spencer	3a	Full	16.1a (base), <b>21</b>	1.25	0
14	Blackspot/rougeye	Spencer	3b/5	Partial	AI: 20 (base); EBS: Tier 5 RE (base)	n/a	0
15	Shorthead rockfish	Shotwell	5	None	Tier 5 RE (base)	n/a	0
16	Other rockfish	Sullivan	5	None	Tier 5 RE (base)	n/a	0
17	<b>Atka mackerel</b>	Lowe	3b	Full	16.0b (base)	1.00	0
18	Skates	Ormseth	3a/5	Partial	Alaska: 14.2 (base); others: Tier 5 RE (base)	n/a	0
19	Sharks	Tribuzio	6	None	Tier 6: 16.0 (base)	n/a	0
22	Octopus	Ormseth	6	None	Tier 6: cod consumption (base)	n/a	0



# Reference point comparisons (all chapters)

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.098	0.100	0.02
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	753,110	n/a	-0.24
2022 age+ biomass	789,584	574,599	-0.27
2021 spawning biomass	134,401	n/a	-0.04
2022 spawning biomass	191,503	128,789	-0.33
B100%	317,096	295,351	-0.07
B40%	126,389	118,140	-0.07
B35%	110,984	103,373	-0.07
2022 FOFL	0.117	0.094	-0.20
2022 FABC	0.042	0.080	0.90
2021 OFL	60,426	n/a	-0.33
2022 OFL	70,710	40,432	-0.43
2021 ABC	22,237	n/a	0.55
2022 ABC	29,309	34,421	0.17

Except where “quantity” is shaded, “change” represents the relative difference between *this assessment’s value* and *last assessment’s value* for the same quantity.

Where “quantity” is shaded, “change” represents the relative difference between *this assessment’s value for 2022* and *last assessment’s value for 2021*.

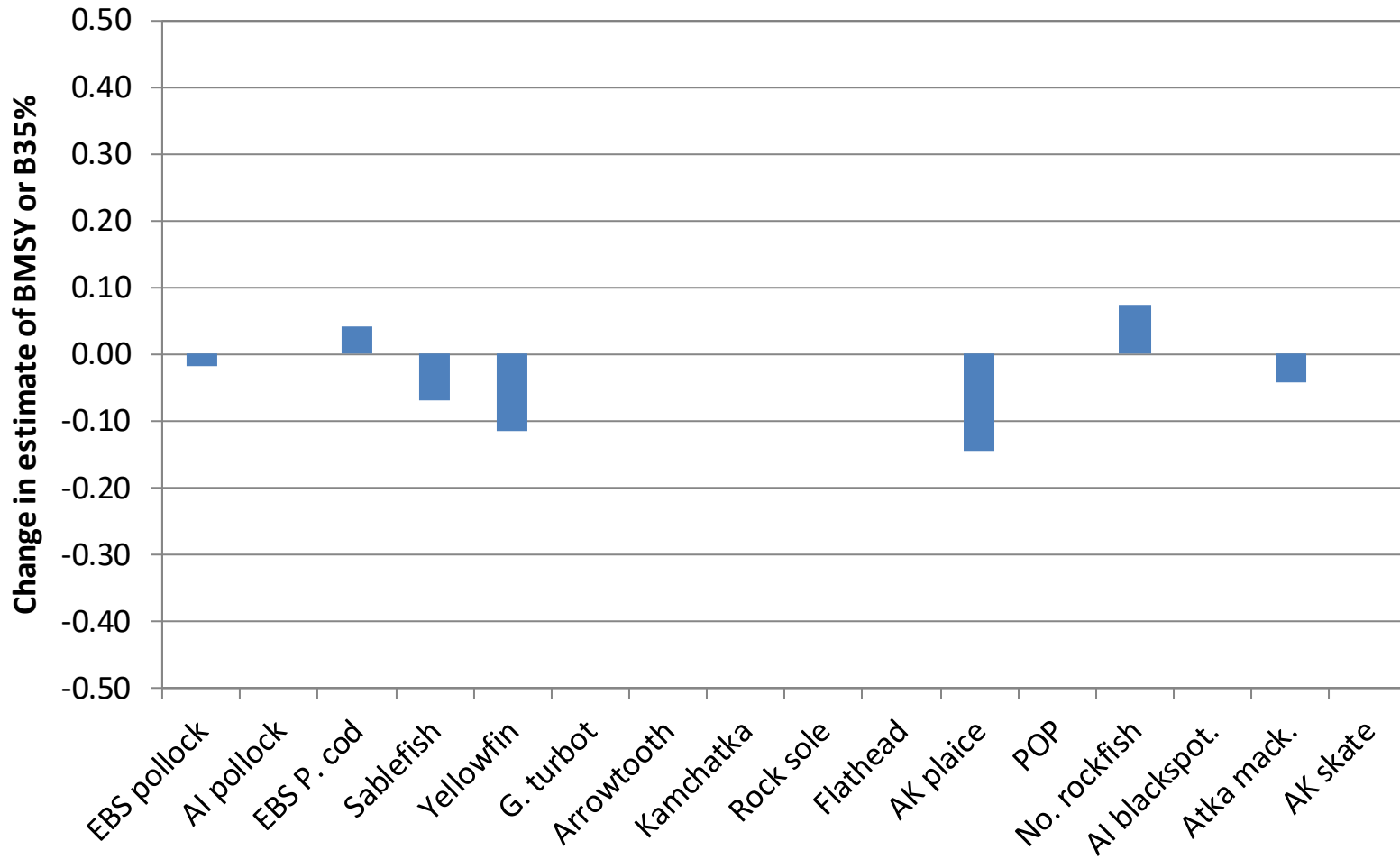


# Changes in reference points (Tiers 1-3)

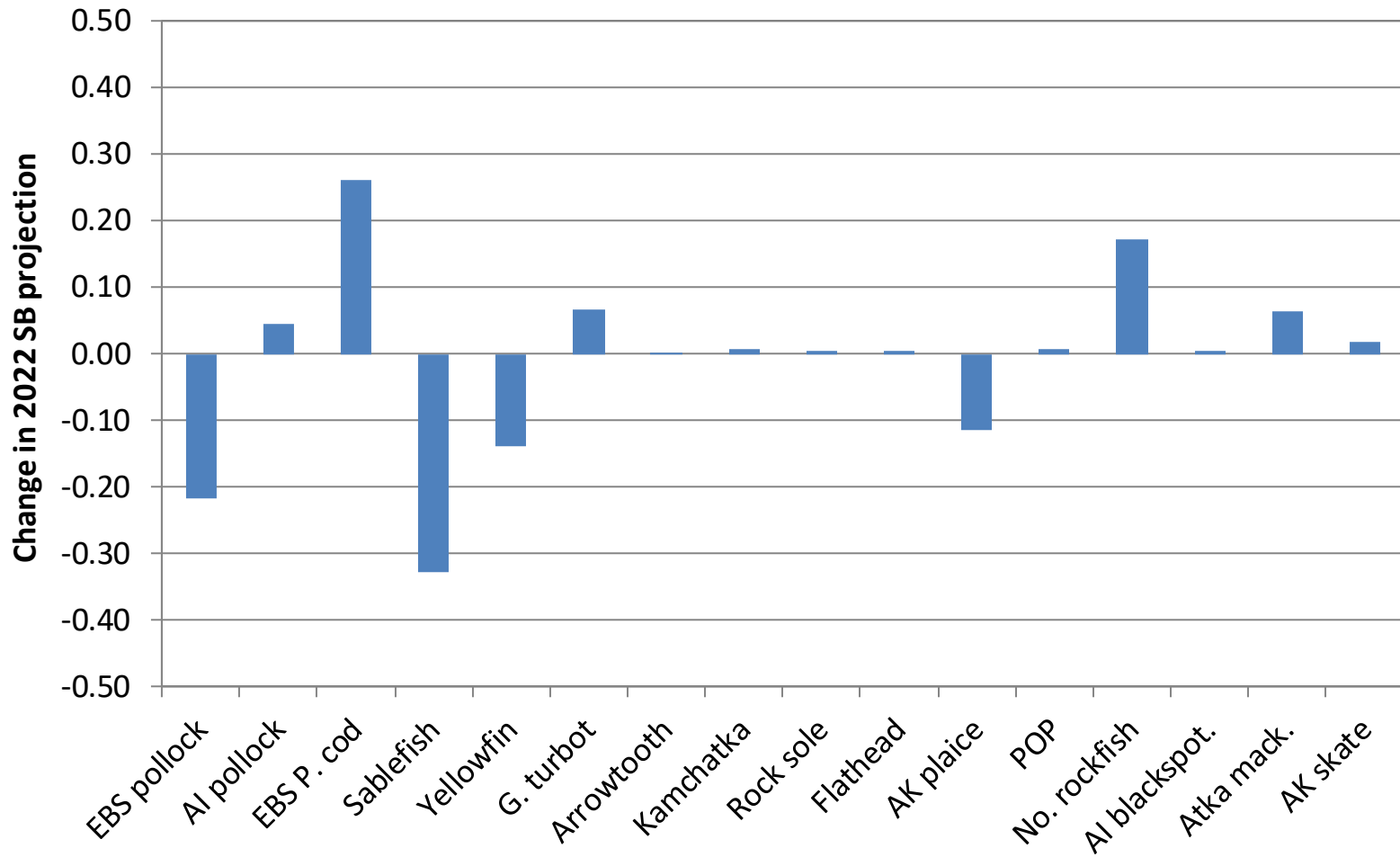
Quantity	EBS pollock	AI pollock	EBS P. cod	Sablefish	Yellowfin	G. turbot	Arrowtooth	Kamchatka	Rock sole	Flathead	AK plaice	POP	No. rockfish	AI blackspot.	Atka mack.	AK skate
2021 age+ biomass	-0.16	0.05	0.17	-0.24	-0.10	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.01	0.04	-0.02	0.14	0.01	-0.01	-0.03
2022 age+ biomass	-0.10	0.00	0.12	-0.27	-0.18	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.16	0.00	-0.08	0.01
2021 spawning biomass	-0.28	0.00	0.14	-0.04	-0.18	-0.03	0.02	0.03	-0.02	0.03	-0.15	-0.03	0.13	0.03	0.01	-0.01
2022 spawning biomass	-0.22	0.04	0.26	-0.33	-0.14	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.11	0.01	0.17	0.00	0.06	0.02
B0 (T1) or B100% (T3)	-0.04	0.00	0.04	-0.07	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.14	0.00	0.07	0.00	-0.04	0.00
B40% (T3 only)		0.00	0.04	-0.07		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-0.14	0.00	0.07	0.00	-0.04	0.00
Bmsy (T1) or B35% (T3)	-0.02	0.00	0.04	-0.07	-0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.14	0.00	0.07	0.00	-0.04	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.15	0.00	0.15	-0.20	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.33	0.00
2022 FABC	0.38	0.00	0.15	0.90	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.32	0.00
2021 OFL	-0.43	-0.01	0.24	-0.33	0.10	-0.10	0.04	0.03	0.47	0.03	0.04	-0.04	0.24	0.04	0.07	-0.04
2022 OFL	-0.38	0.00	0.43	-0.43	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.29	0.01	0.15	0.01
2021 ABC	-0.32	-0.01	0.24	0.55	-0.14	-0.10	0.04	0.03	0.47	0.03	0.03	-0.04	0.24	0.05	0.07	-0.04
2022 ABC	-0.25	0.00	0.44	0.18	-0.22	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.28	0.01	0.15	0.01



# Change in estimate of $B_{MSY}$ or $B_{35\%}$

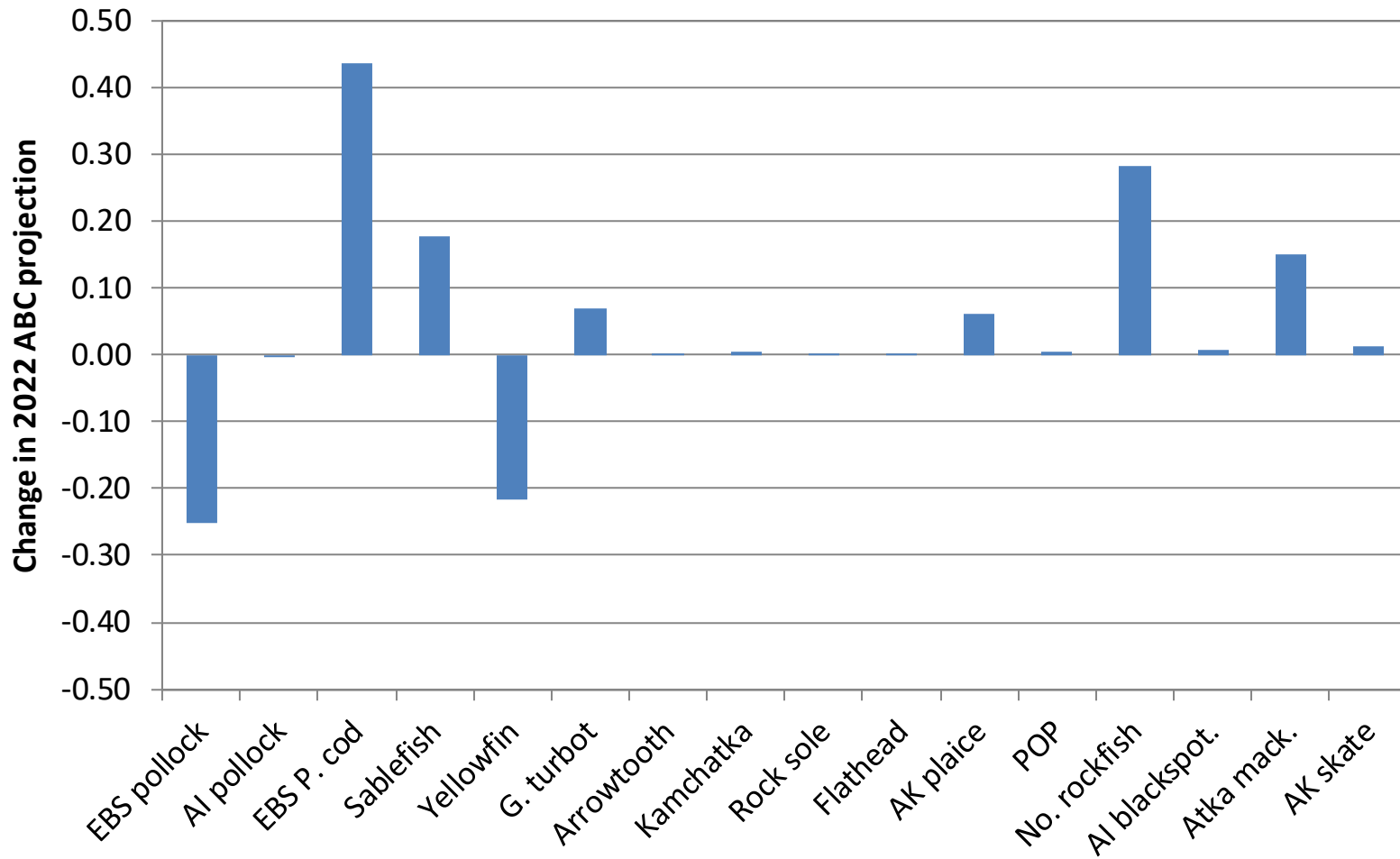


# Change in 2022 spawning biomass *projection*





# Change in 2022 ABC projection



# Risk tables (included for all full assessments)

- The Team noted the SSC's recent guidance on risk tables
- The Team accepted the authors' risk levels and recommended reductions from maxABC in all but one case
- However, in keeping with the SSC's guidance that "risk scores should be specific to a given stock or stock complex" and that "considerations of reductions in ABCs below the maximum permissible continue to be made on a case-by-case basis," this acceptance should be interpreted more as the Team's acknowledgment that each author identified reasonable rationales in assigning levels and reductions (including reductions of zero) than an assertion that the criteria used to assign levels or reductions were consistent across authors



# Time series of risk levels

- For stock/complexes with full assessments this year:

**Stocks with increased risk levels in 2021**

Stock	Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
EBS pollock	2018	1	2	2	
	2019	1	2	2	2
	2020	1	1	2	2
	2021	2	2	2	2
Yellowfin sole	2019	1	1	1	1
	2020	1	1	1	1
	2021	1	2	2	1

**Stocks with decreased risk levels in 2021**

Stock	Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
Sablefish	2018	2	4	2	
	2019	2	3	2	3
	2020	3	3	2	3
	2021	1	2	1	2
Northern rockfish	2019	2	1	2	1
	2021	2	1	1	1

**Stocks with no change in risk levels in 2021**

Stock	Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
EBS Pacific cod	2019	1	1	2	1
	2020	1	1	2	1
	2021	1	1	2	1
AI Pacific cod	2019	1	1	2	1
	2020	1	1	2	1
	2021	1	1	2	1
Alaska plaice	2019	1	1	1	1
	2021	1	1	1	1
Atka mackerel	2018	1	1	1	
	2019	1	1	1	1
	2020	1	1	1	1
	2021	1	1	1	1



# Typical summary format for full assessments

- Answers to the following: new model(s)?; change from base?; risk > 1?
- New data, if any (updated catch data omitted for brevity)
- Model changes/alternatives, if any
- Stock status or trend
- Mohn's  $\rho$  (Tiers 1-3 only)
- Risk levels, with rationales for any *changes* from previous assessment
- Some representative figures from the assessment
- Team **recommendations** (with discussion), if any
- Color scale chart showing magnitudes of relative changes
- *Not* included:
  - Detailed descriptions of current base models
  - Jillions of hard-to-read figures showing fits to compositional data
  - 2023 specs and area allocations (mostly)



# Team comments on assessments in general

- The Team recommends that the AFSC prioritize research on best practices for specifying the selectivity schedules used in projections for Tier 1-3 stocks in general



# EBS and AI Ecosystem Status Reports

- See separate presentations by Elizabeth Siddon and Ivonne Ortiz
- The Team recommends the Ecosystem Status Report team develop calibrated language statements for certainty (uncertainty) to accompany key messages summarized in the Assessment and Report Card sections of each report (when possible)
- The Team recommends that an Integrated Research Project for the Aleutian Islands be initiated in order to help understand climatic, ecological, and social-economic mechanistic linkages in this highly complex region



# Chapter summaries



# Chapter 1: EBS walleye pollock

- New model(s): **yes**; change from base: **yes**; risk>1: **yes**
- Switch to authors' presentation (Team comments will follow)





# EBS walleye pollock, continued

- The Team accepted all of the authors' recommendations:
  - Adoption of Model 20.0c for setting harvest specifications
  - Author's risk table:

Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
2018	1	2	2	
2019	1	2	2	2
2020	1	1	2	2
2021	2	2	2	2

- Assessment risk increased because of larger retrospective bias
- Population dynamics risk increased because spawning biomass is now below  $B_{MSY}$  and because of changes in weight at length and distribution
- ABC to be reduced by 11% from the Tier 1 maxABC in 2022, following the Tier 2 maxABC control rule



# EBS walleye pollock, continued

- The Team commends Eleni Petrou, Eleanor Bors, Lorenz Hauser, and Ingrid Spies for their research into the genetics of walleye pollock, and supports efforts to obtain genetic samples from Russian waters for use in future such analyses
- The Team recommends that authors work to streamline and coordinate the data pulls for single species assessments and CEATTLE in order to better align the data and multi-species model output for future use



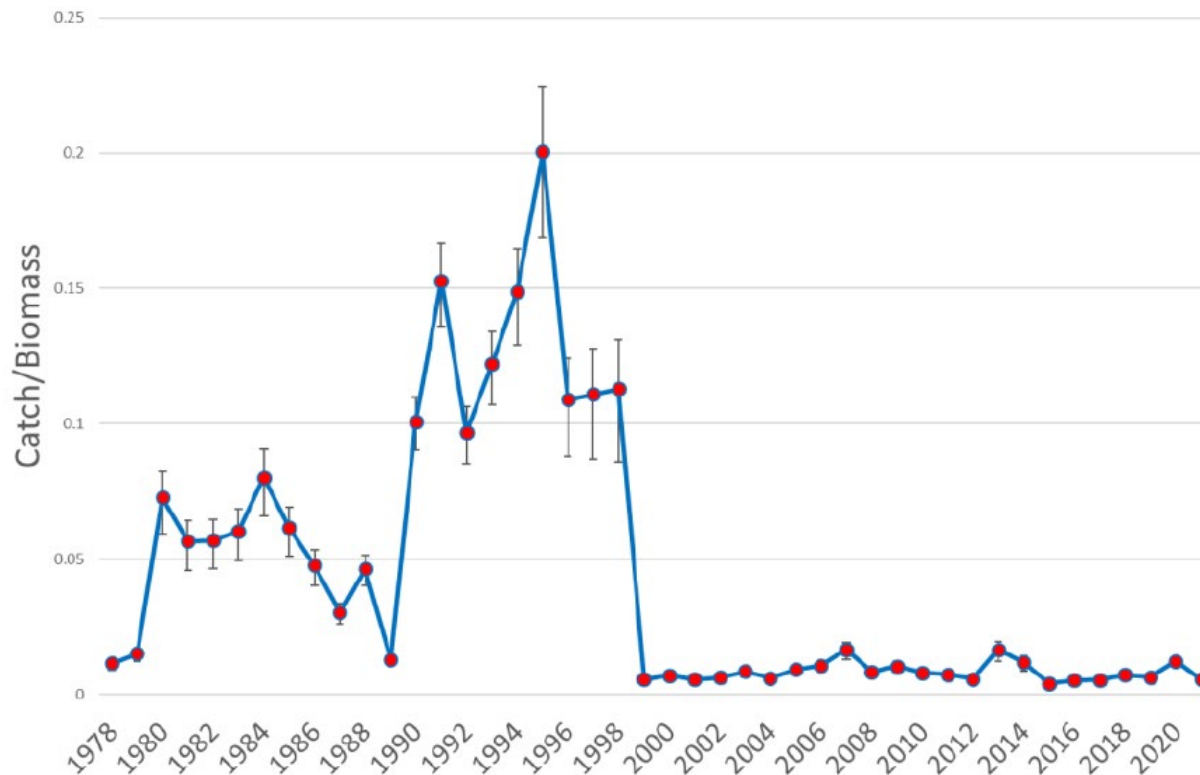
# EBS walleye pollock, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.30	0.30	0.00
2021 tier	1a	n/a	none
2022 tier	1a	1b	↓
2021 age+ biomass	8,145,000	n/a	-0.16
2022 age+ biomass	7,641,000	6,839,000	-0.10
2021 spawning biomass	2,602,000	n/a	-0.28
2022 spawning biomass	2,406,000	1,881,000	-0.22
B0	5,792,000	5,575,000	-0.04
Bmsy	2,257,000	2,220,000	-0.02
2022 FOFL	0.341	0.392	0.15
2022 FABC	0.214	0.296	0.38
2021 OFL	2,594,000	n/a	-0.43
2022 OFL	2,366,000	1,469,000	-0.38
2021 ABC	1,626,000	n/a	-0.32
2022 ABC	1,484,000	1,111,000	-0.25



# Chapter 1A: AI walleye pollock (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 48% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch/biomass time series:



# AI walleye pollock, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.21	0.21	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	292,967	n/a	0.05
2022 age+ biomass	308,671	308,525	0.00
2021 spawning biomass	89,906	n/a	0.00
2022 spawning biomass	85,785	89,516	0.04
B100%	185,475	185,475	0.00
B40%	74,190	74,190	0.00
B35%	64,916	64,916	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.390	0.390	0.00
2022 FABC	0.313	0.313	0.00
2021 OFL	61,856	n/a	-0.01
2022 OFL	61,308	61,264	0.00
2021 ABC	51,241	n/a	-0.01
2022 ABC	50,789	50,752	0.00



# Chapter 2: EBS Pacific cod

- New model(s): **yes**; change from base: **yes**; risk>1: **yes**
- New data:
  - EBS+NBS survey abundance re-estimated, with 2021 (VAST)
  - 2021 fishery sizecomp added (preliminary)
  - Historic fishery sizecomps updated
  - 2018 NBS sizecomp data removed (non-standard design)
  - 2021 EBS+NBS survey sizecomp added
  - Survey agecomps re-estimated, with otoliths from the 2010, 2017, and 2019 NBS surveys (VAST)
  - Yearly weight-length parameters re-estimated, with 2021 (preliminary)
  - Fishery CPUE time series (VAST) added, used in one model only



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

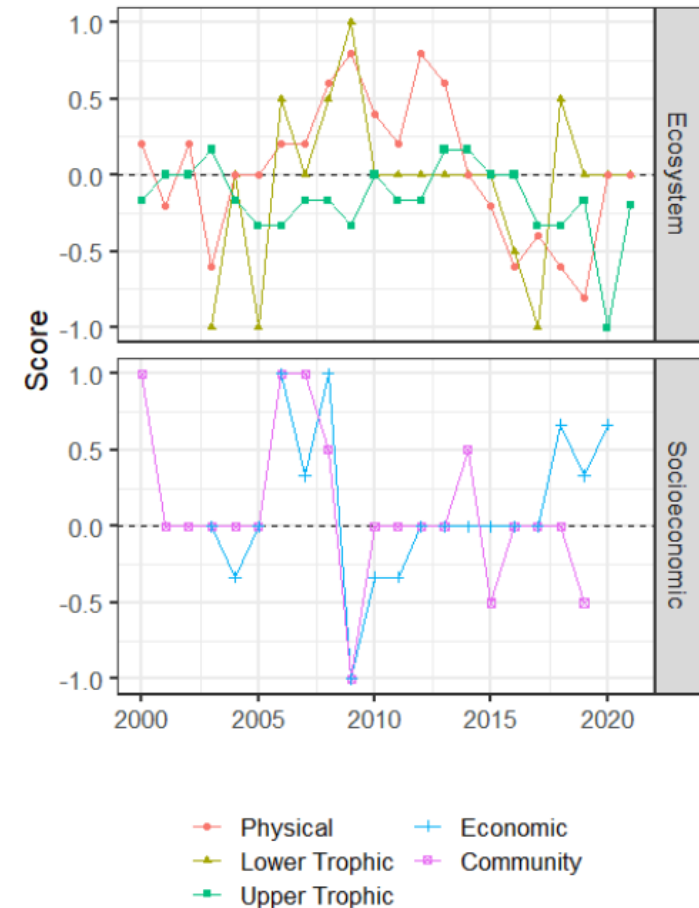
- ESP (slide 1 of 4): “Full” version of the ESP that was initially presented in draft form last year included, accompanied by a 2021 “report card”
- Traffic light table (red = neg. relationship, blue = pos.; +/-1 SD only):

Indicator category	Indicator	2017 Status	2018 Status	2019 Status	2020 Status	2021 Status
Physical	Winter Spring North Pacific Index Model	neutral	high	neutral	high	neutral
	Winter Sea Ice Advance BS Satellite	low	low	low	neutral	NA
	Spring Sea Ice Retreat BS Satellite	low	low	low	neutral	NA
	Spring Summer Temperature Surface SEBS Satellite	neutral	high	high	high	neutral
	Summer Temperature Bottom SEBS Model	neutral	high	high	neutral	neutral
Lower Trophic	Spring Chlorophyll a Peak SEBS Satellite	low	high	neutral	neutral	neutral
	Summer Euphausiid Abundance EBS Survey	NA	neutral	NA	NA	NA
Upper Trophic	Summer Pacific Cod Condition Juvenile EBS Survey	neutral	neutral	neutral	NA	neutral
	Summer Pacific Cod Condition Adult EBS Survey	low	neutral	neutral	NA	neutral
	Summer Pacific Cod Center Gravity East EBS Model	neutral	low	high	NA	neutral
	Summer Pacific Cod Center Gravity North EBS Model	high	high	high	NA	high
	Summer Pacific Cod Area Occupied EBS Model	neutral	neutral	neutral	NA	neutral
	Annual Arrowtooth Biomass EBS Model	neutral	neutral	high	high	NA



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

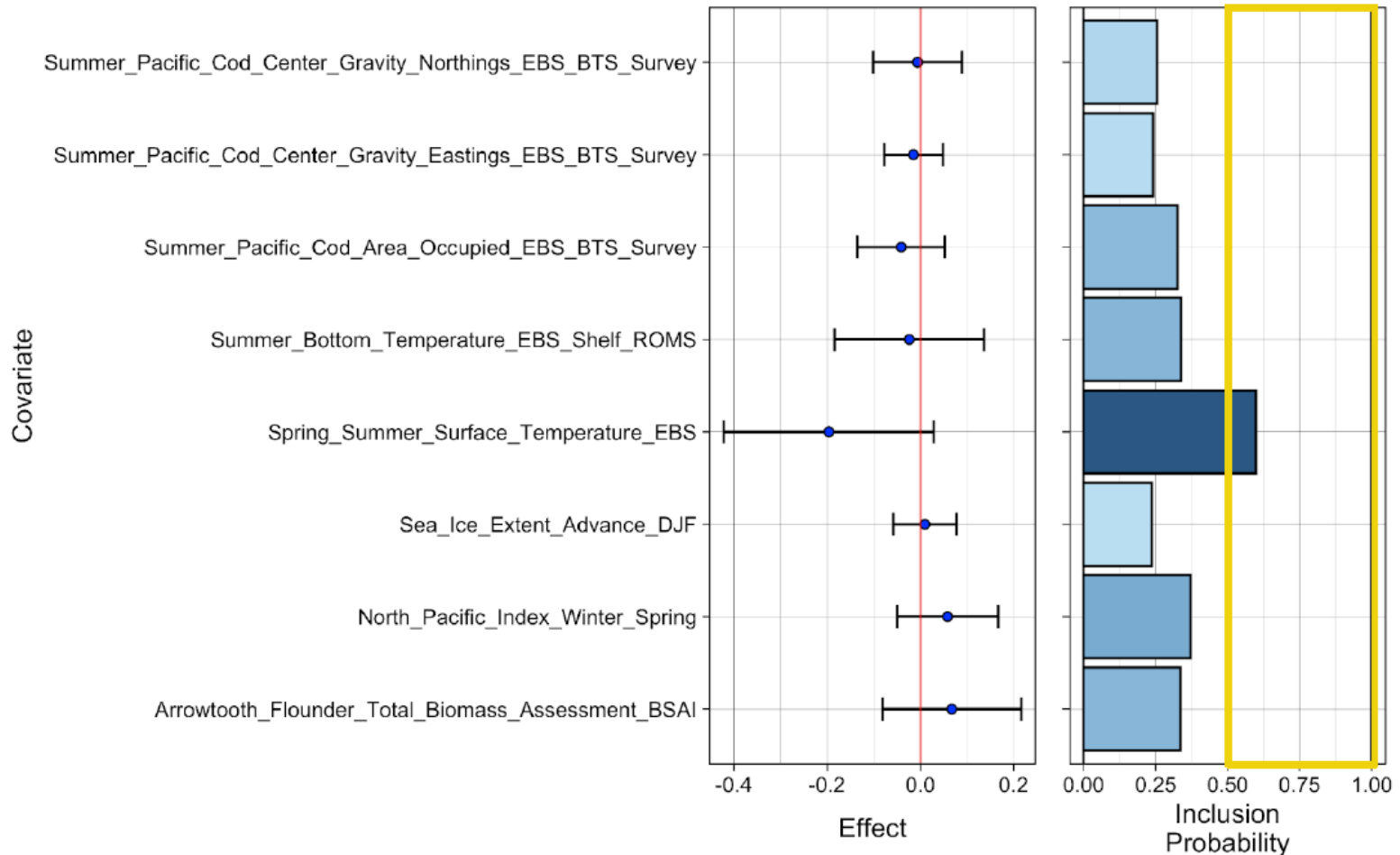
- ESP (slide 2 of 4): traffic light score
  - Ecosystem (9 of 13 total indicators)
    - Physical remains average
    - Lower trophic remains average
    - Upper trophic  $\uparrow$  to just below ave.
  - Socioeconomic (3 of 5 total indicators)
    - Economic lagged by one year and remains above average
    - Community indicators not updated
- Total: 12 of 18 indicators available





# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- ESP (slide 3 of 4): Potential recruitment covariates



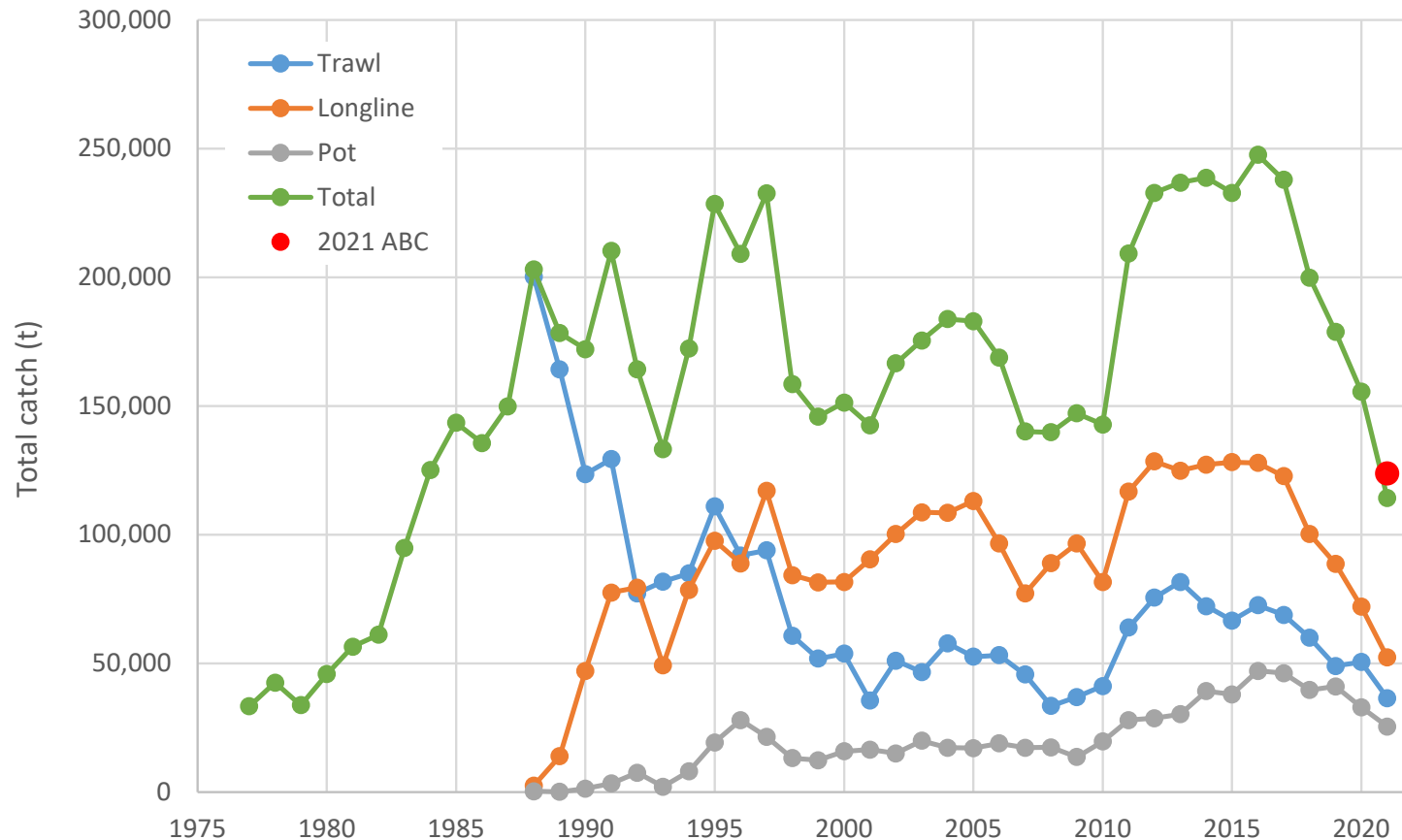
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- ESP (slide 4 of 4): Team discussion
  - The Team appreciates the thoroughness of the ESP and report card, and thanks Kalei Shotwell and others that contributed to these documents
  - The Team recommends further consideration of ways to synthesize the EBS Pacific cod ESP and report card to succinctly convey the highlights



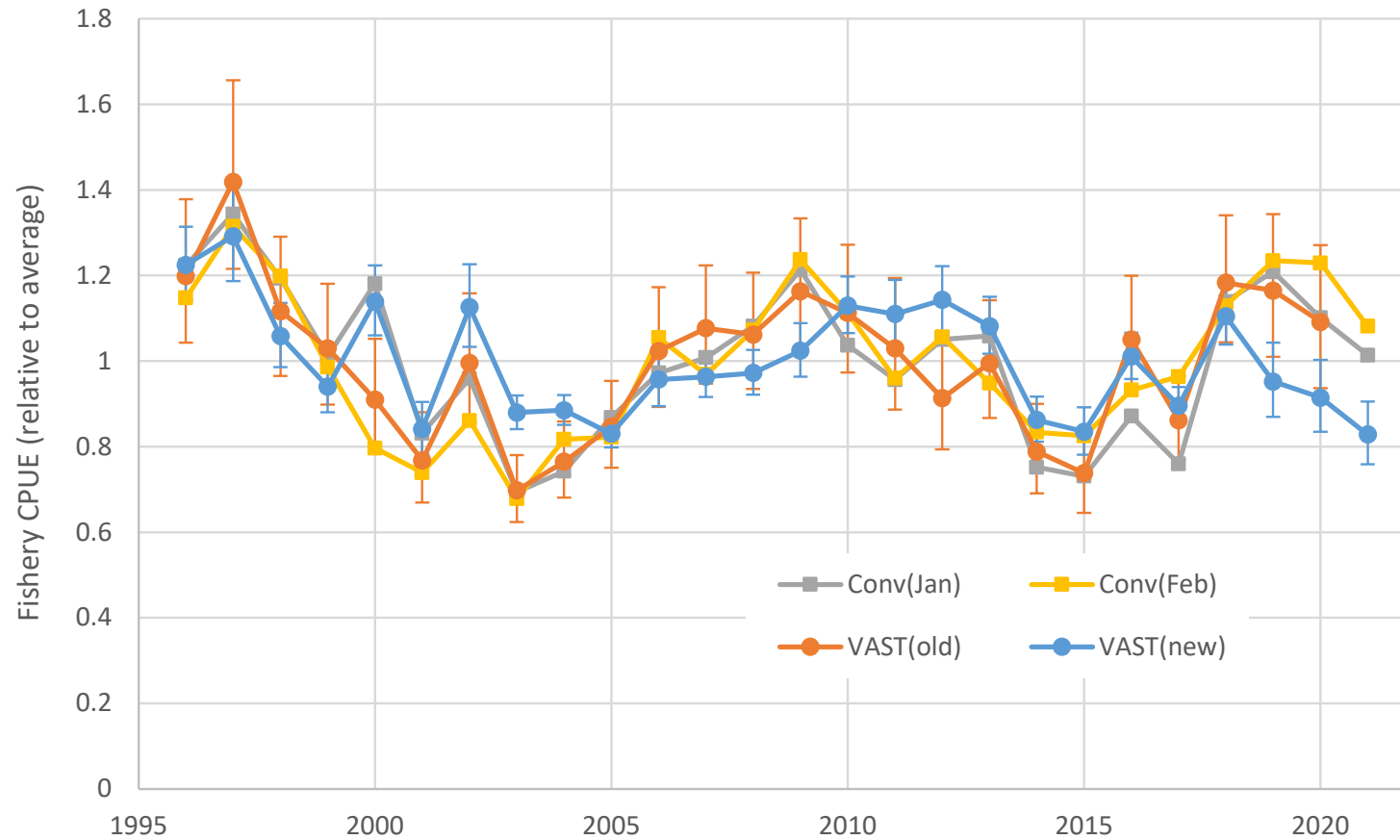
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Catch time series



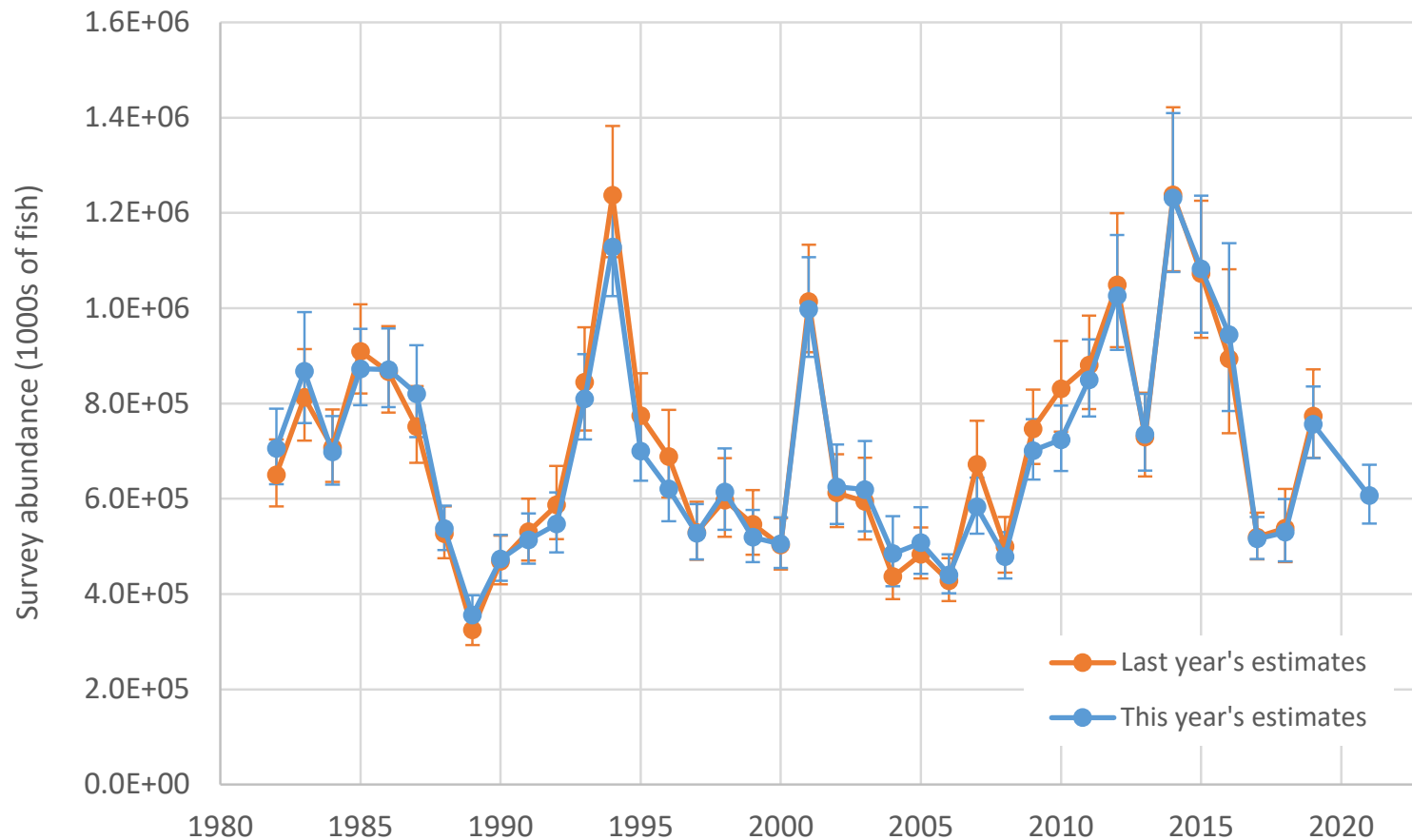
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- January-February longline fishery CPUE



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Survey abundance (VAST)



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- CIE/GPT model set:
  - Base model = Model 19.12a
  - Four new features; each new model = base model + 1 new feature

Feature	19.12a	19.12	21.1	21.2	21.3
Feature 1: Allow catchability to vary?	no	yes	no	no	no
Feature 2: Allow domed survey selectivity?	no	no	yes	no	no
Feature 3: Use fishery CPUE?	no	no	no	yes	no
Feature 4: Estimate survey CV internally?	no	no	no	no	yes

- SSC model set: omit Model 21.3

Feature	19.12a	19.12	21.1	21.2
Feature 1: Allow catchability to vary?	no	yes	no	no
Feature 2: Allow domed survey selectivity?	no	no	yes	no
Feature 3: Use fishery CPUE?	no	no	no	yes

- Author recommends “pragmatic” adoption of SSC ensemble, given near-unanimous agreement among CIE reviewers, GPT, and SSC



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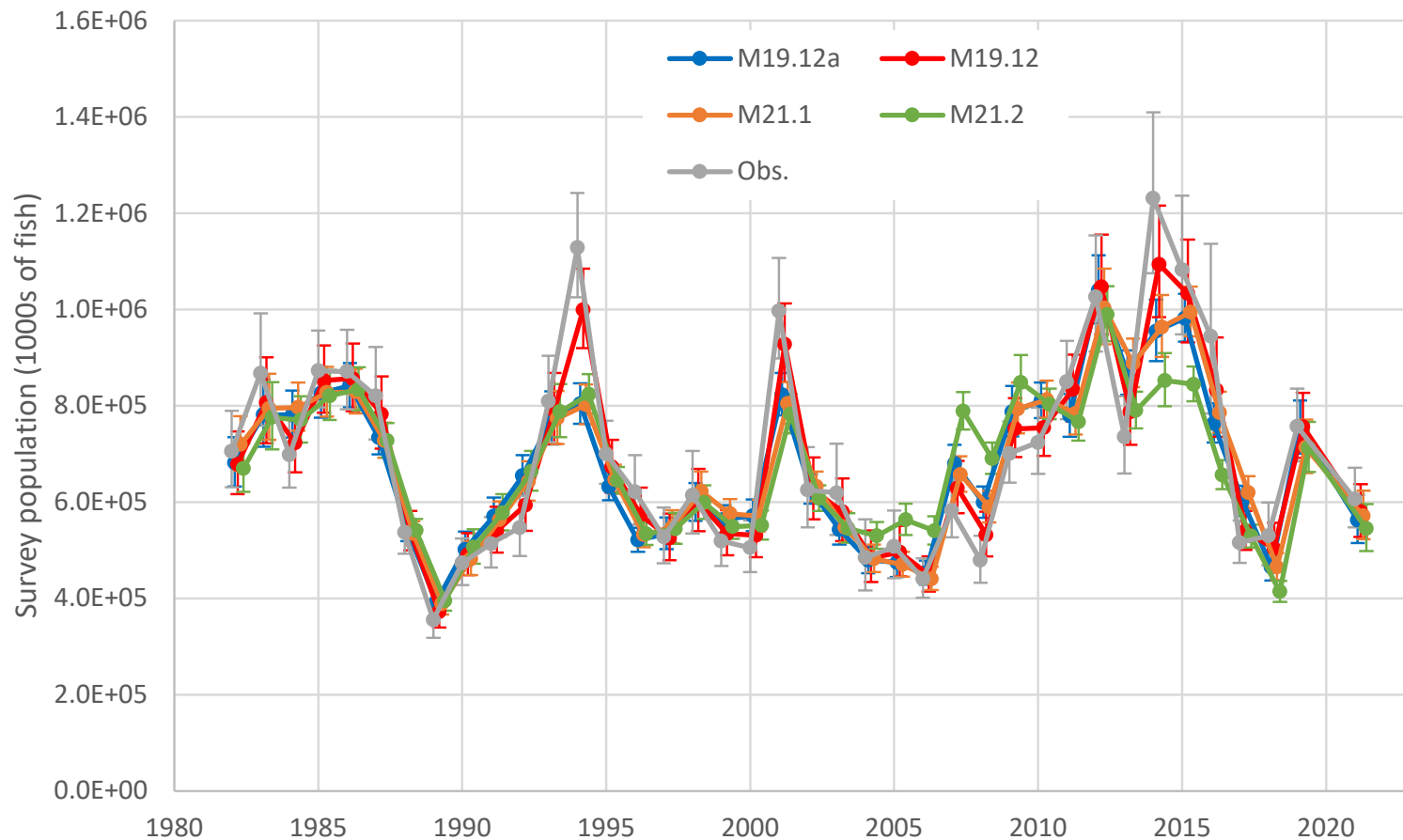
- Fits to index data (slide 1 of 3): RMSSR and correlation

Index:	Survey				Fishery
Model:	M19.12a	M19.12	M21.1	M21.2	M21.2
RMSSR:	2.313	0.996	2.306	2.892	1.926
Correlation:	0.887	0.982	0.889	0.803	0.879



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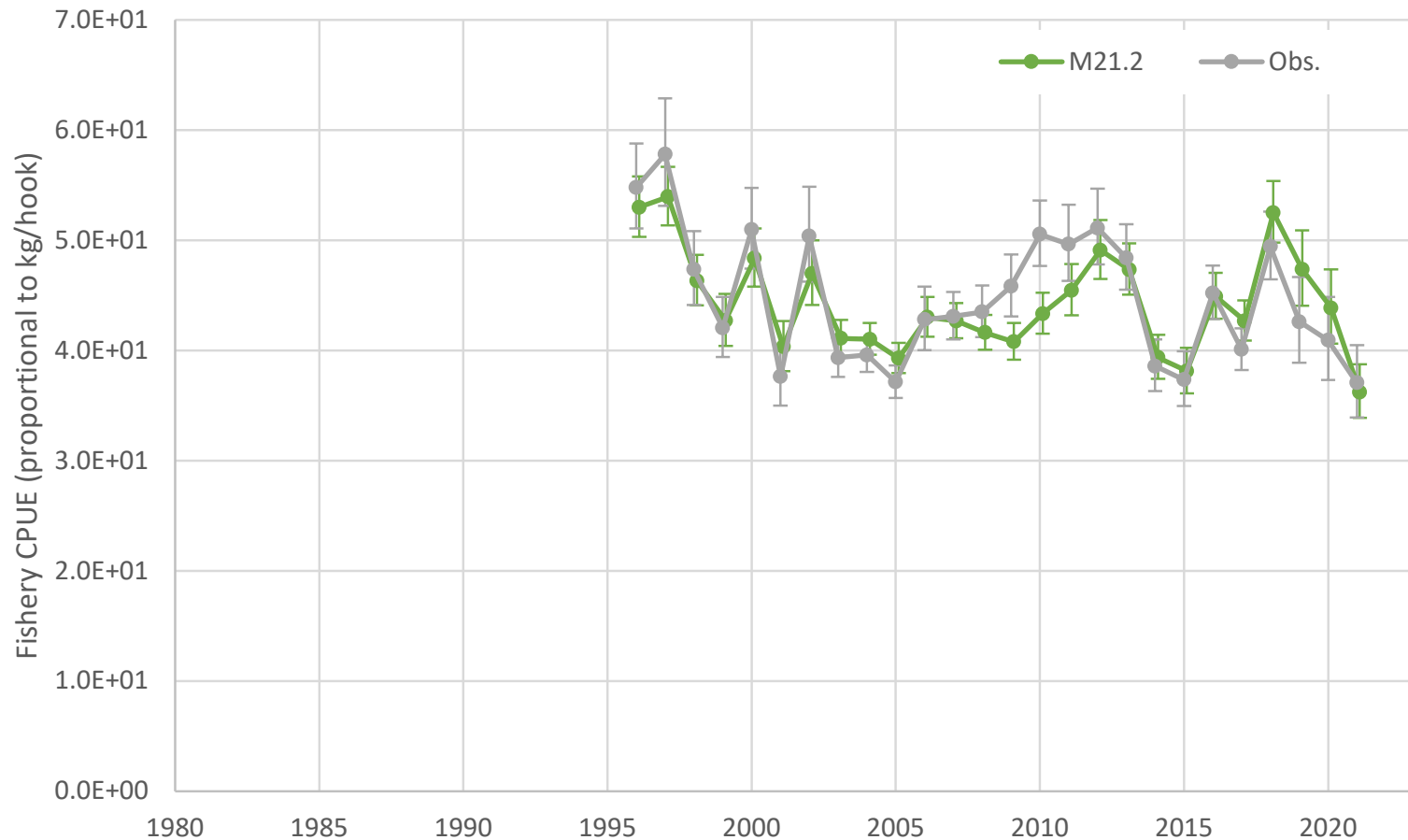
- Fits to index data (slide 2 of 3): trawl survey abundance data





# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Fits to index data (slide 3 of 3): fishery CPUE (Model 21.2 only)



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Fits to sizecomp data

Fleet:		Fishery				Survey			
Model:		M19.12a	M19.12	M21.1	M21.2	M19.12a	M19.12	M21.1	M21.2
Nave:		358	358	358	358	358	358	358	358
McAllister-Ianelli	Neff:	797	798	797	757	608	632	617	575
	Ratio:	2.228	2.231	2.230	2.116	1.701	1.767	1.726	1.609
Thorson et al.	$\ln(\theta)$ :	9.990	9.991	9.989	9.989	9.984	9.984	9.985	9.982
	Neff:	358	358	358	358	358	358	358	358
	Ratio:	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

- Fits to agecomp data

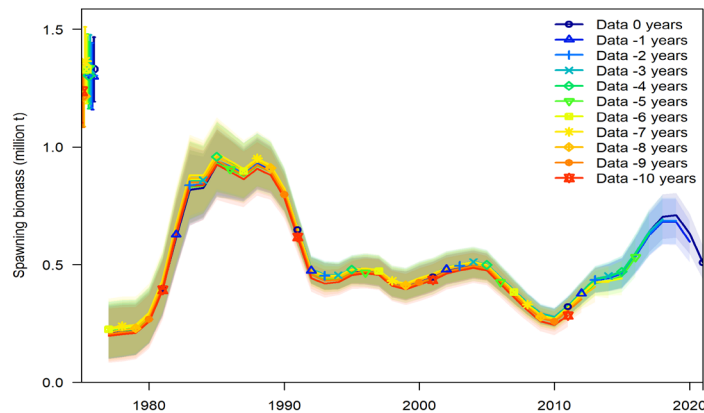
Fleet:		Survey			
Model:		M19.12a	M19.12	M21.1	M21.2
Nave:		373	373	373	373
McAllister-Ianelli	Neff:	101	112	100	85
	Ratio:	0.271	0.302	0.268	0.227
Thorson et al.	$\ln(\theta)$ :	-0.137	0.137	-0.296	-0.574
	Neff:	174	199	159	135
	Ratio:	0.467	0.535	0.428	0.362



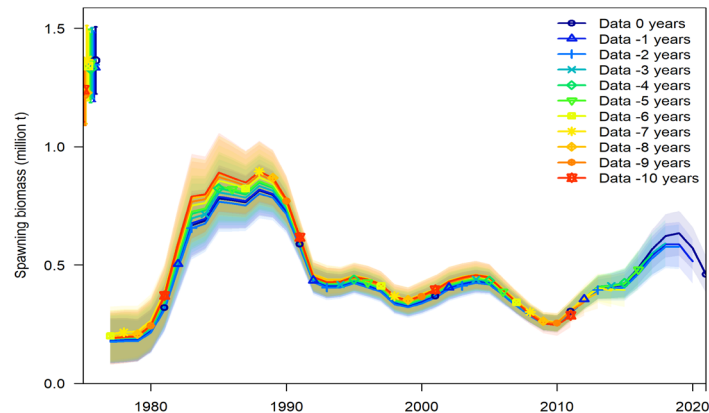
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Retrospective analysis

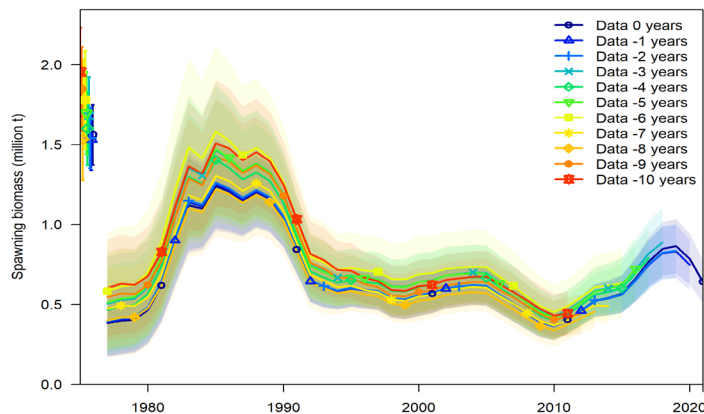
Model 19.12a ( $\rho = -0.0474$ )



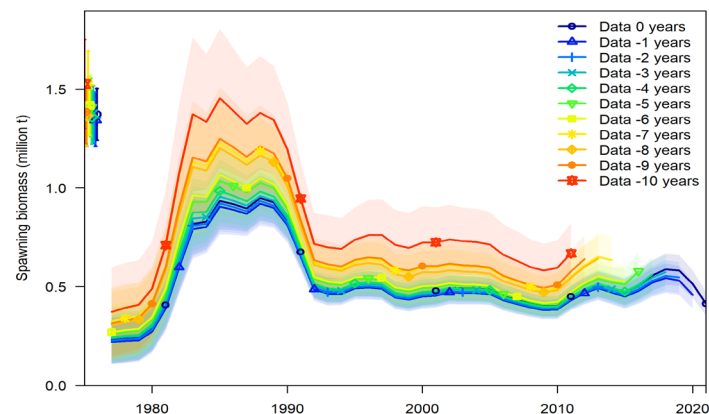
Model 19.12 ( $\rho = -0.0552$ )



Model 21.1 ( $\rho = 0.0030$ )

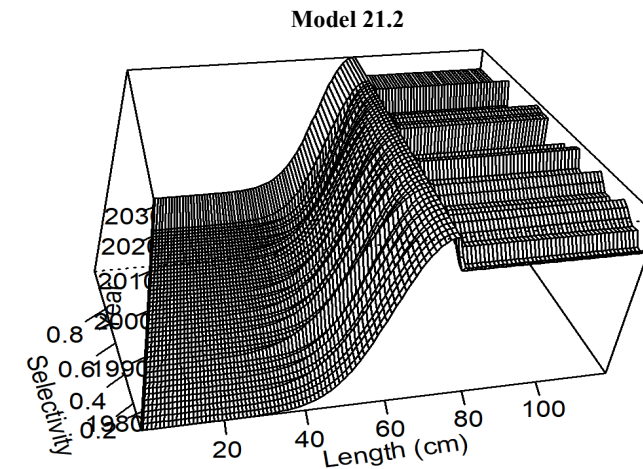
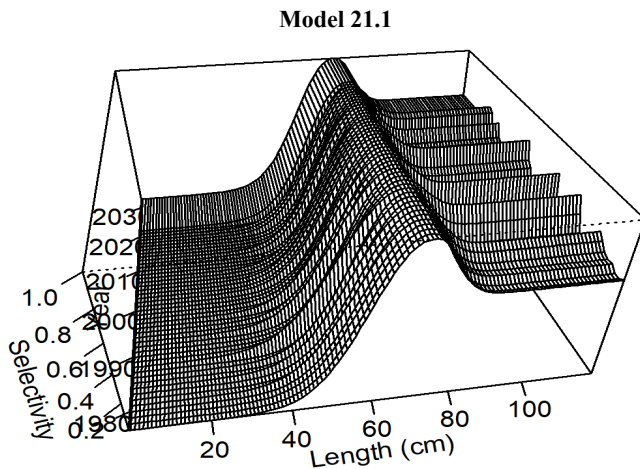
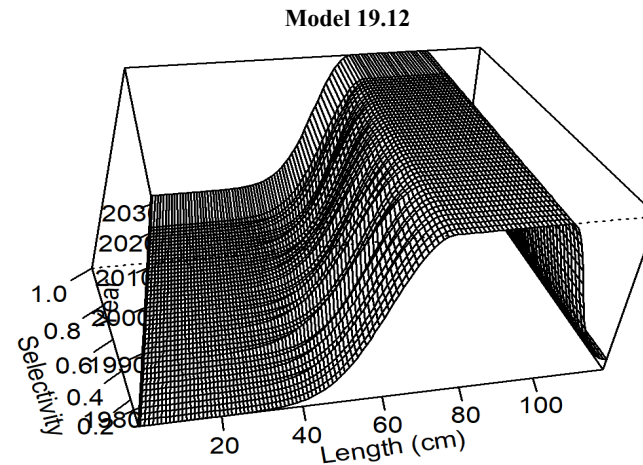
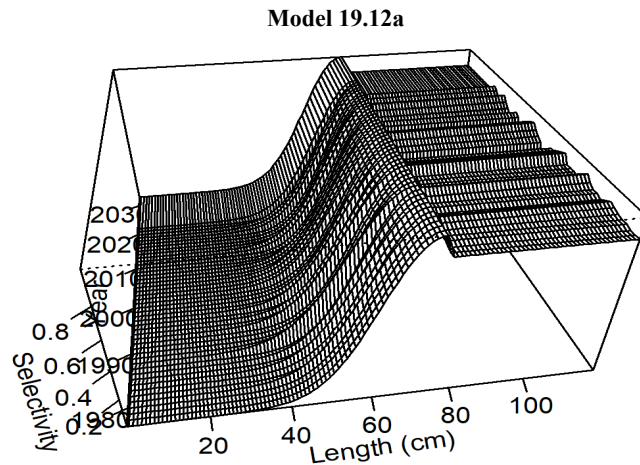


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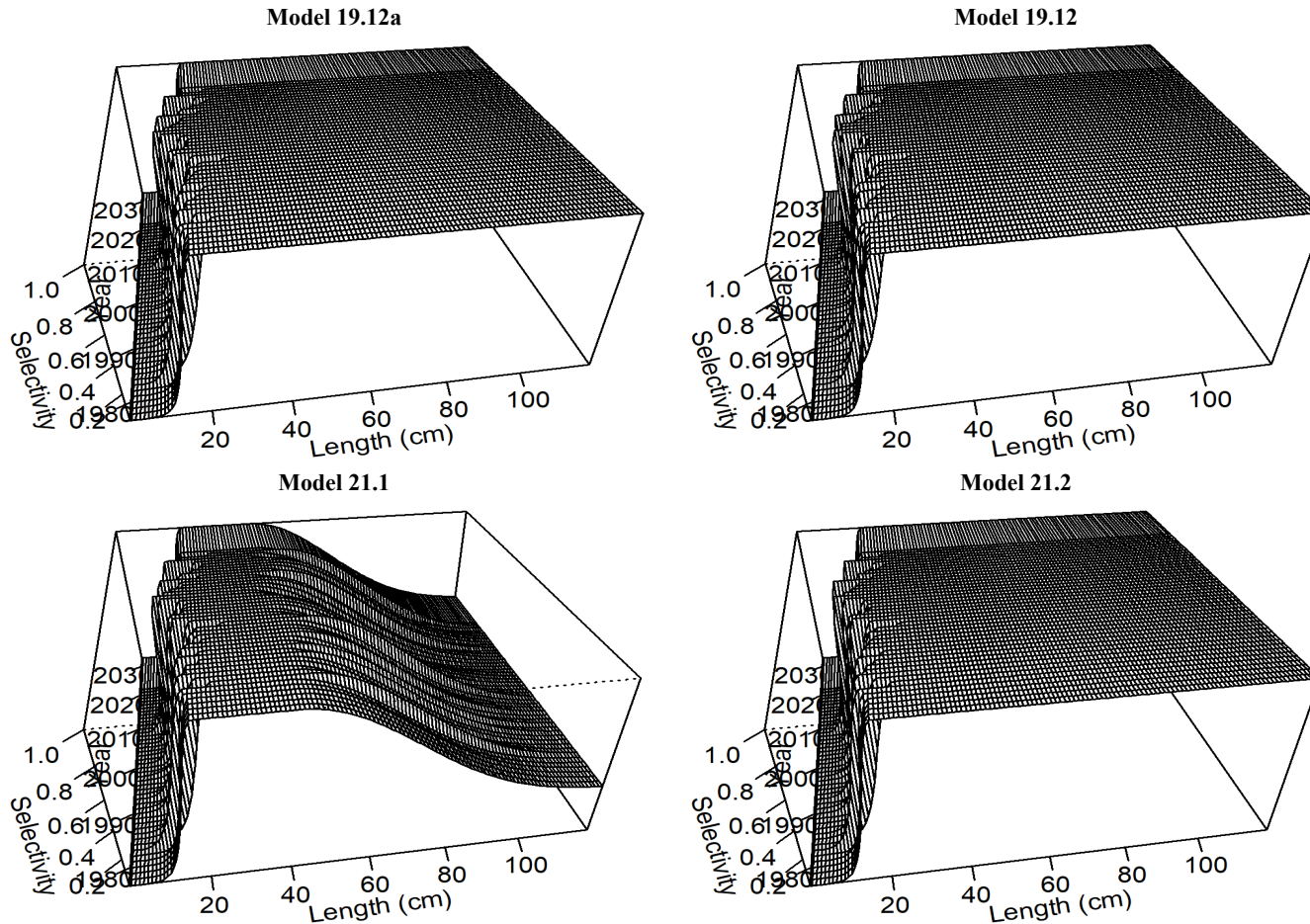
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Fishery selectivity



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Survey selectivity



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

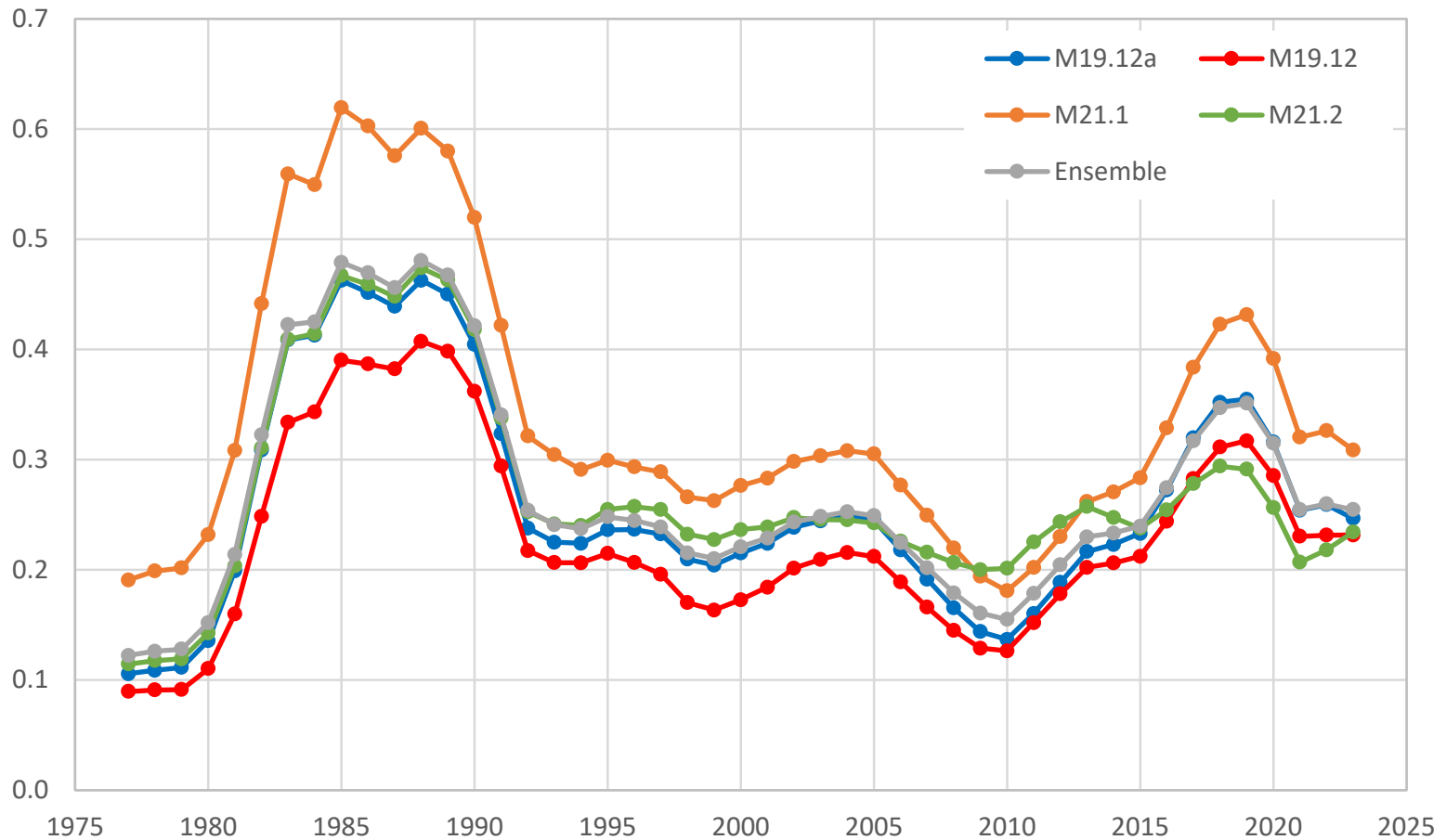
- Computing the model weights
  - Same as in CIE/GPT ensemble, but rescaled after dropping M21.3

Criterion	Emph.	M19.12a	M19.12	M21.1	M21.2
General plausibility of the model	3	2	1	0.6667	1
Acceptable retrospective bias	3	2	2	1.3333	1
Uses properly vetted data	3	2	2	2	0
Acceptable residual patterns	3	2	2	2	2
Comparable complexity	2	2	1	1	2
Fits consistent with variances	2	1	2	1	0
Dev sigmas estimated appropriately	0				
Incremental changes	0				
Objective criterion for sample sizes	0				
Change in ageing criteria addressed	0				
Density dependence (other than R) addressed	0				
Regime shifts addressed	0				
Average emphasis:		1.8750	1.6875	1.3750	1.0000
Model weight:		0.3158	0.2842	0.2316	0.1684



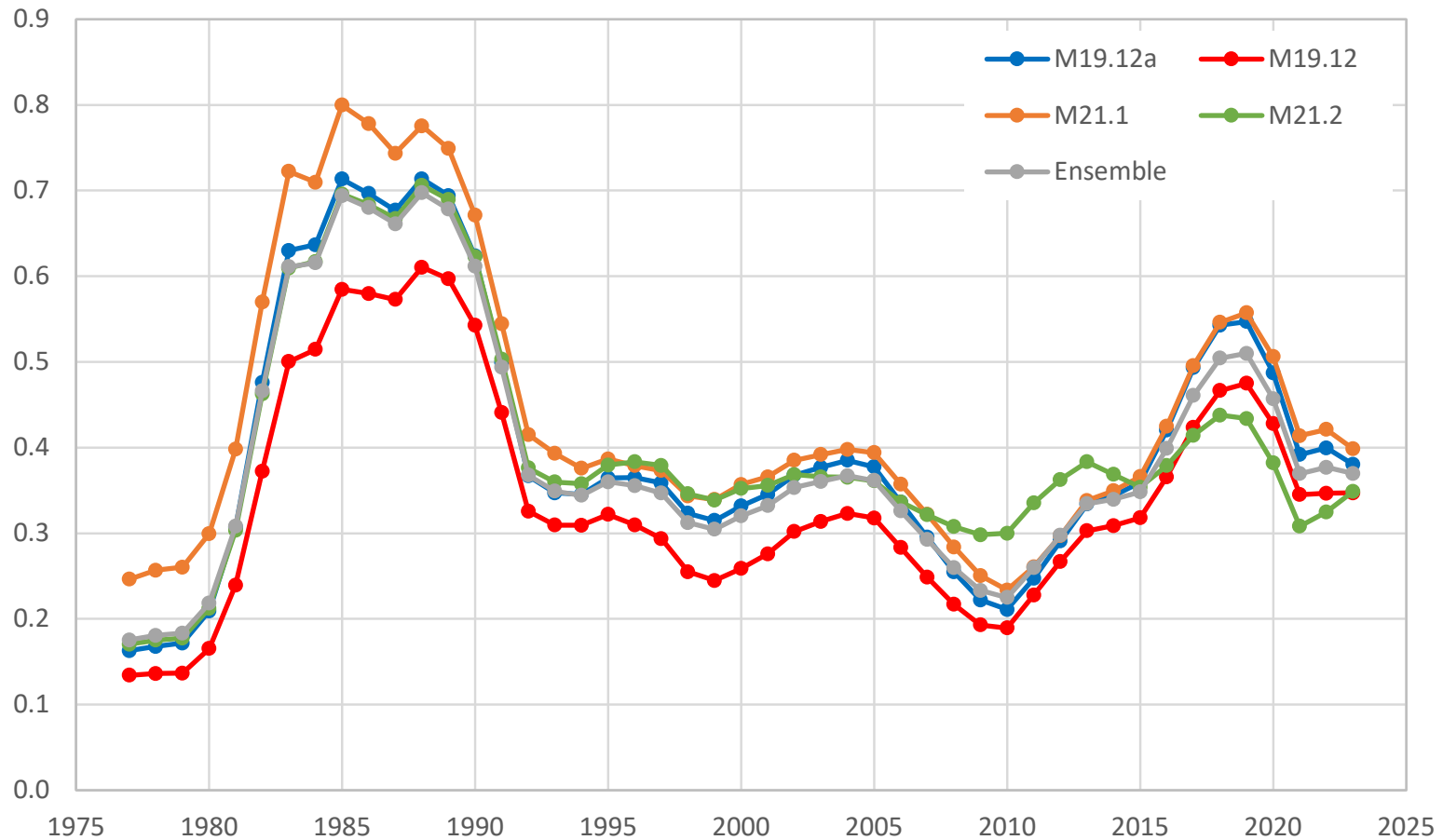
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Female spawning biomass (millions of t)



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

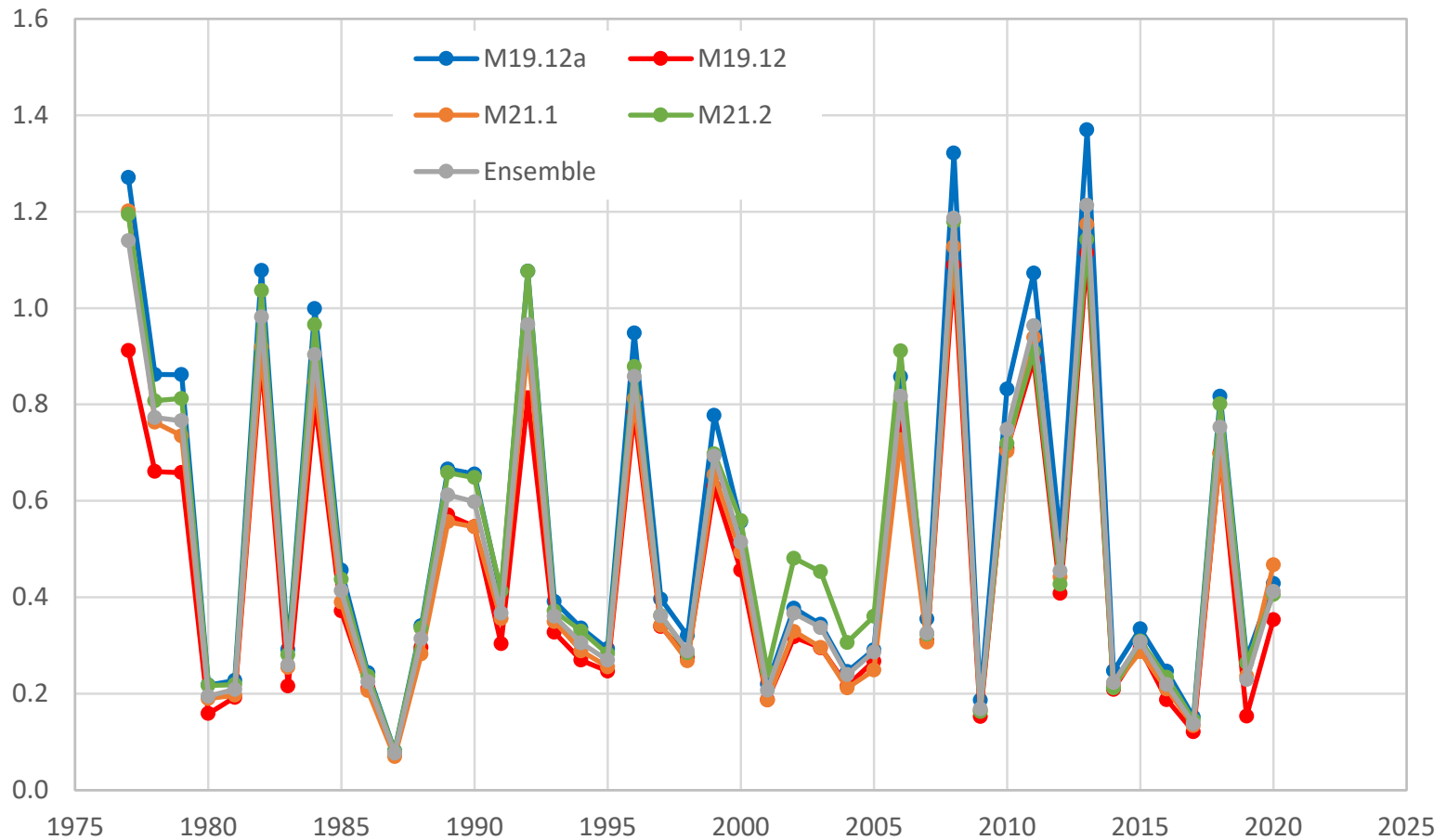
- Female spawning biomass relative to  $B_{100\%}$





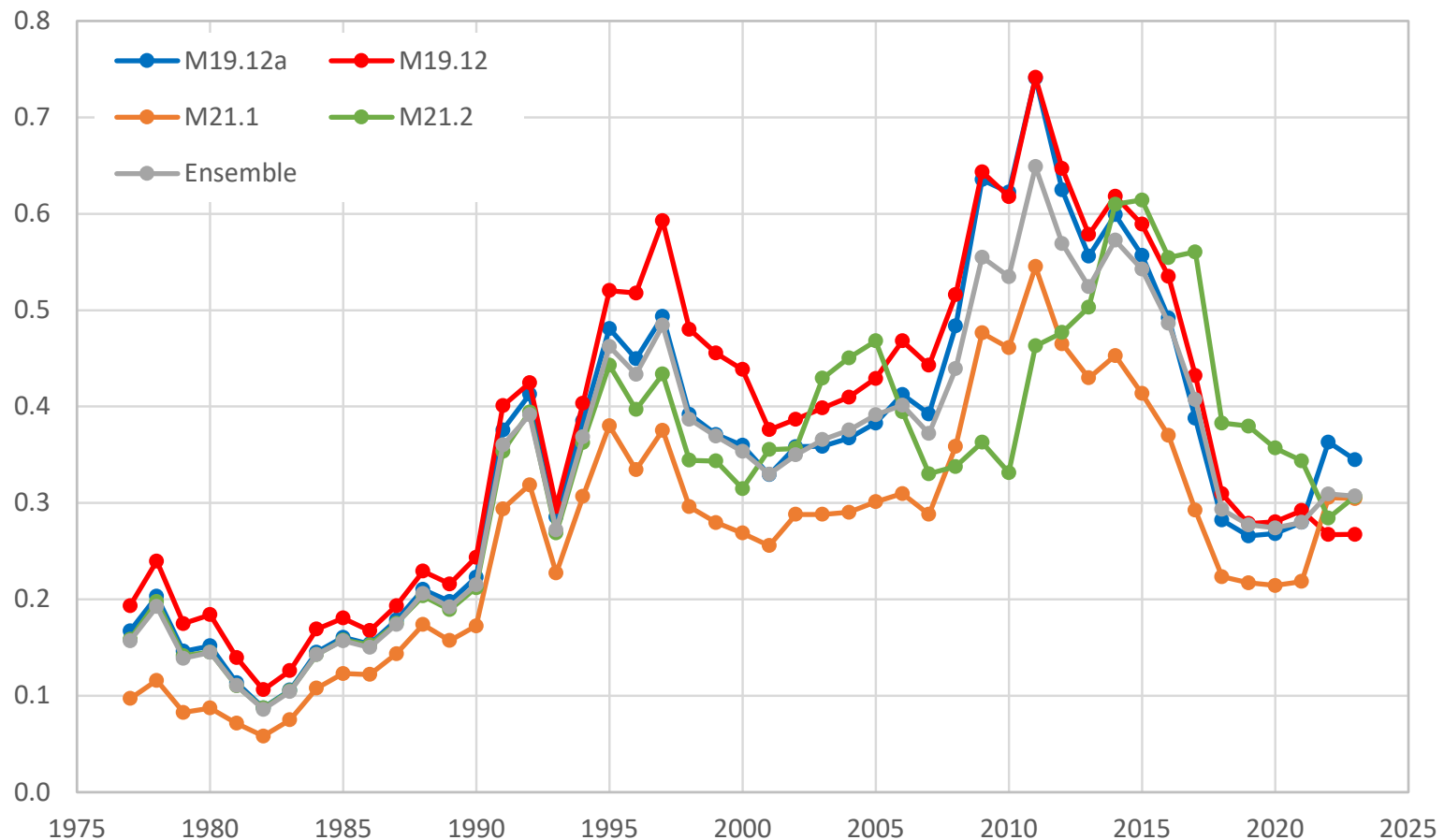
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Age 0 recruitment (billions of fish)



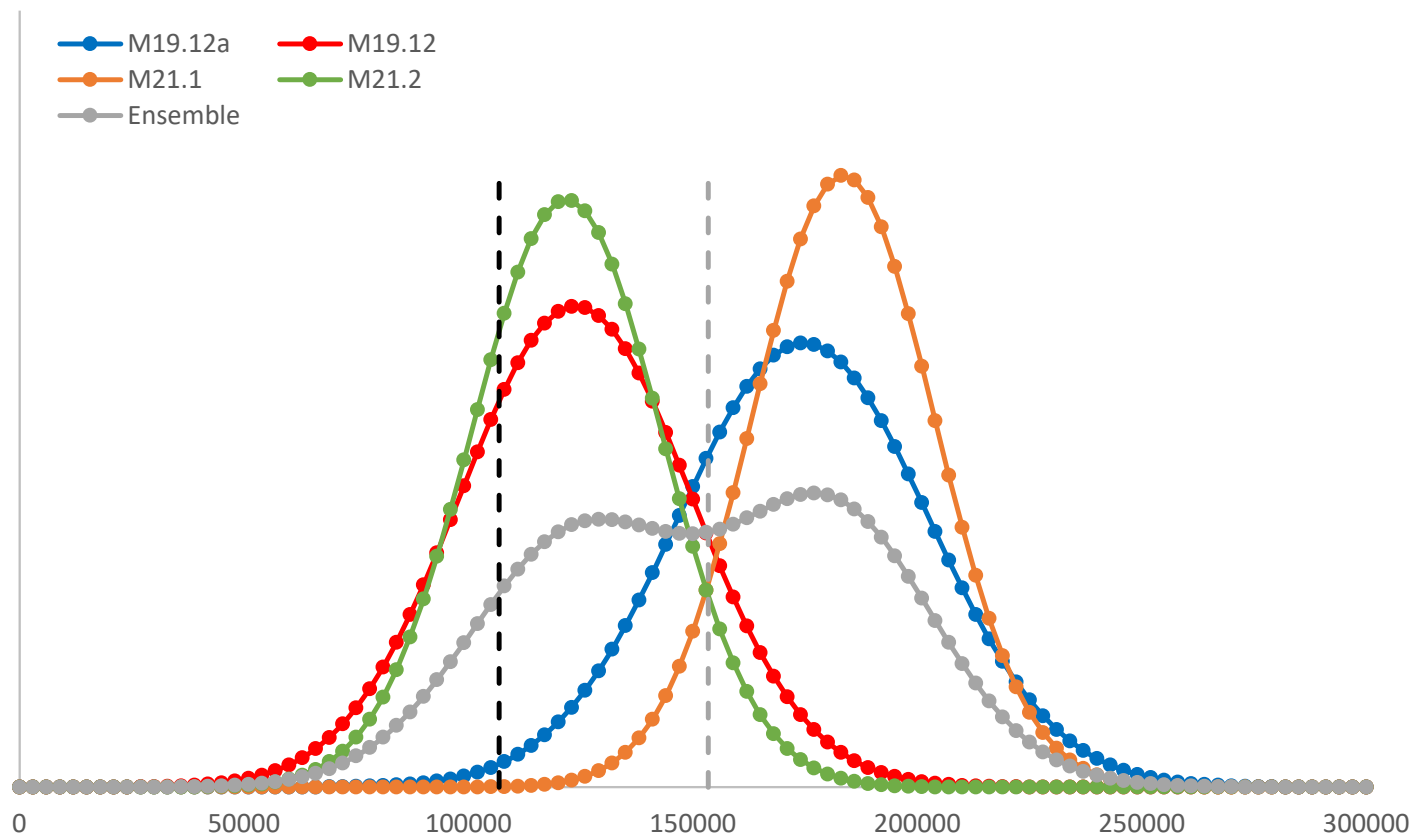
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Instantaneous full-selection fishing mortality rate



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- 2022 ABC probability density (Hessian approximation)
  - Dashed lines: black = current specification; gray = ensemble mean



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Author's risk table:

Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
2019	1	1	2	1
2020	1	1	2	1
2021	1	1	2	1

- Author recommends no reduction from maxABC
  - Procedure followed the “Joint probability approach” described in the report of the SSC workshop on risk tables (Discussion 8)
  - Author went to great lengths to comply with each of the applicable SSC recommendations on risk tables



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Change in 2022 ABC relative to 2021 ABC:

2022 ABC (recommended)	2021 ABC (specified)	Change
153383	123805	24%

- Change in 2022 ABC relative to 2022 ABC as currently specified:

2022 ABC (recommended)	2022 ABC (specified)	Change
153383	106852	44%

- All models showed increases from the preliminary assessment:

Quantity	Version(s)	M19.12a	M19.12	M21.2	M21.2
2022 ABC	2020 final	106852	91845	n/a	n/a
	2021 preliminary	105613	82924	115920	102594
	2021 final	174668	123899	183492	121830
Relative change	2021 prelim. v. 2020 final	-0.01	-0.10	n/a	n/a
	2021 final v. 2021 prelim.	0.65	0.49	0.58	0.19
	2021 final v. 2020 final	0.63	0.35	n/a	n/a



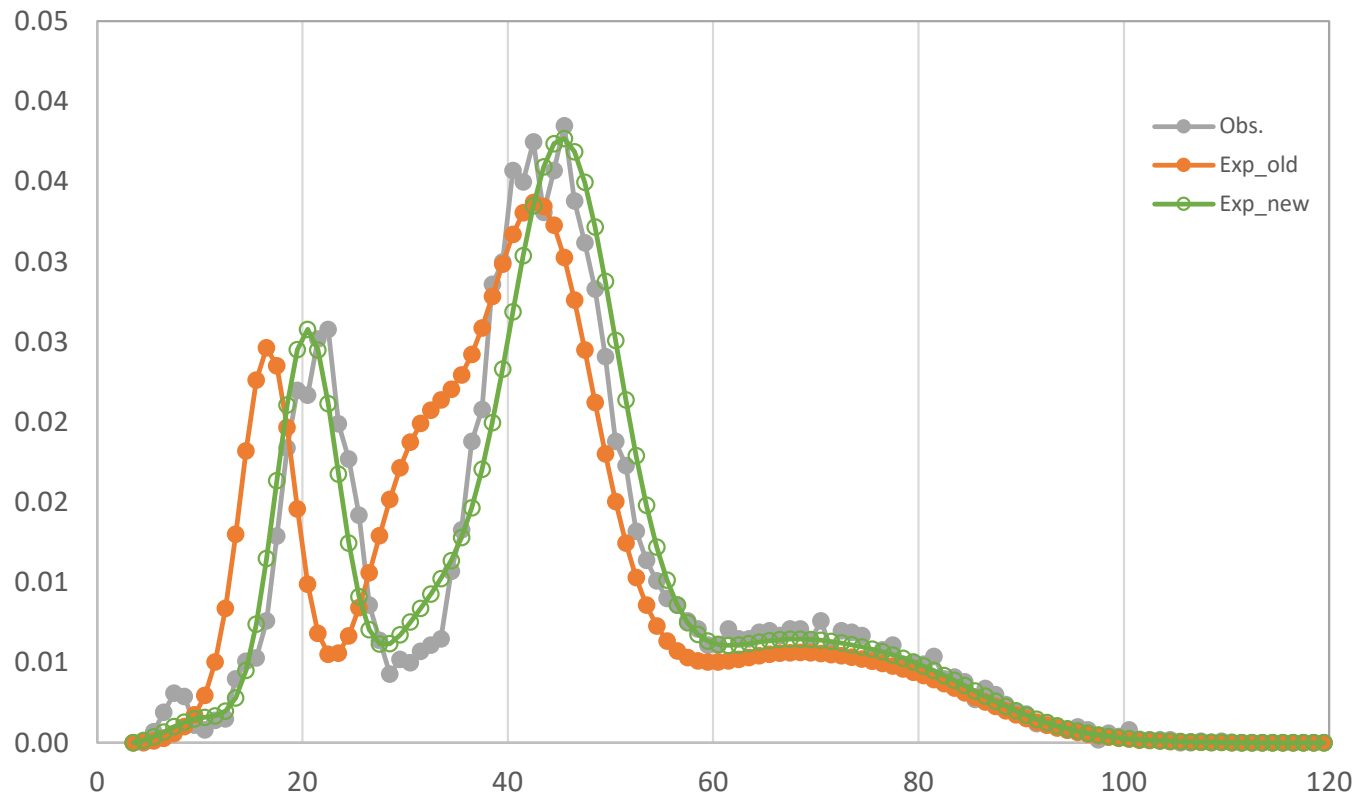
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Appendix 2.4: detailed analysis of the factors causing the increase
- Three changes in the data file (relative to last year's) account for 85% of the increase in projected 2022 ABC (see next 3 slides):
  - 2021 survey sizecomp data
  - 2021 survey index data
  - Revisions to the historic survey index data
- All year classes in the 1977-2018 time series increased from last year's Model 19.12a to this year's, with the 2018 year class increase being in the middle of the pack in both absolute and relative terms
- Increases in both selectivity and weight at ages 3 and 4 contributed to the increase as well
- Within the sloping portion of the harvest control rule, ABC changes much more rapidly than biomass (e.g., as a first approximation, if biomass increases by a factor of  $X$ , ABC increases by a factor of  $X^2$ )



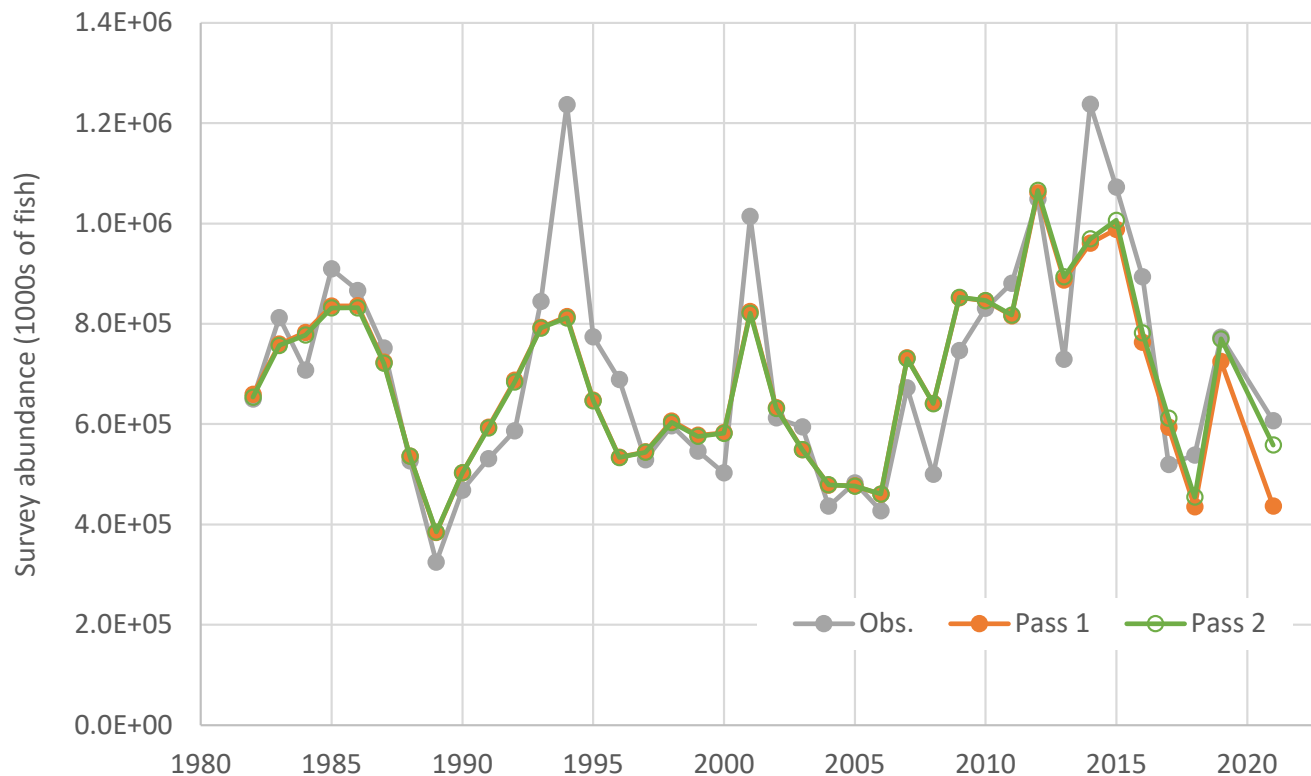
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Pass 1: add 2021 survey sizecomp to the base data file
  - Change in fit to 2021 survey sizecomp data:



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

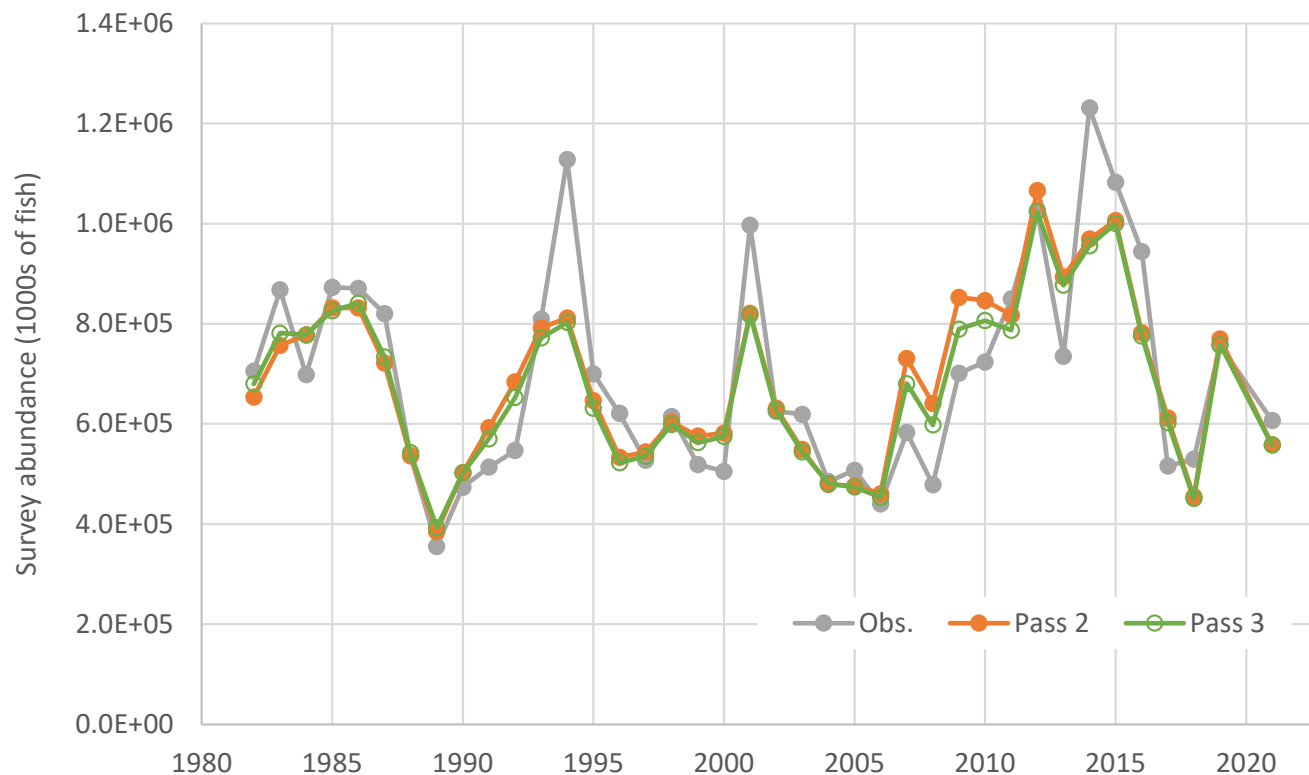
- Pass 2: add 2021 survey index to the Pass 1 data file
  - Change in fit to survey index time series:





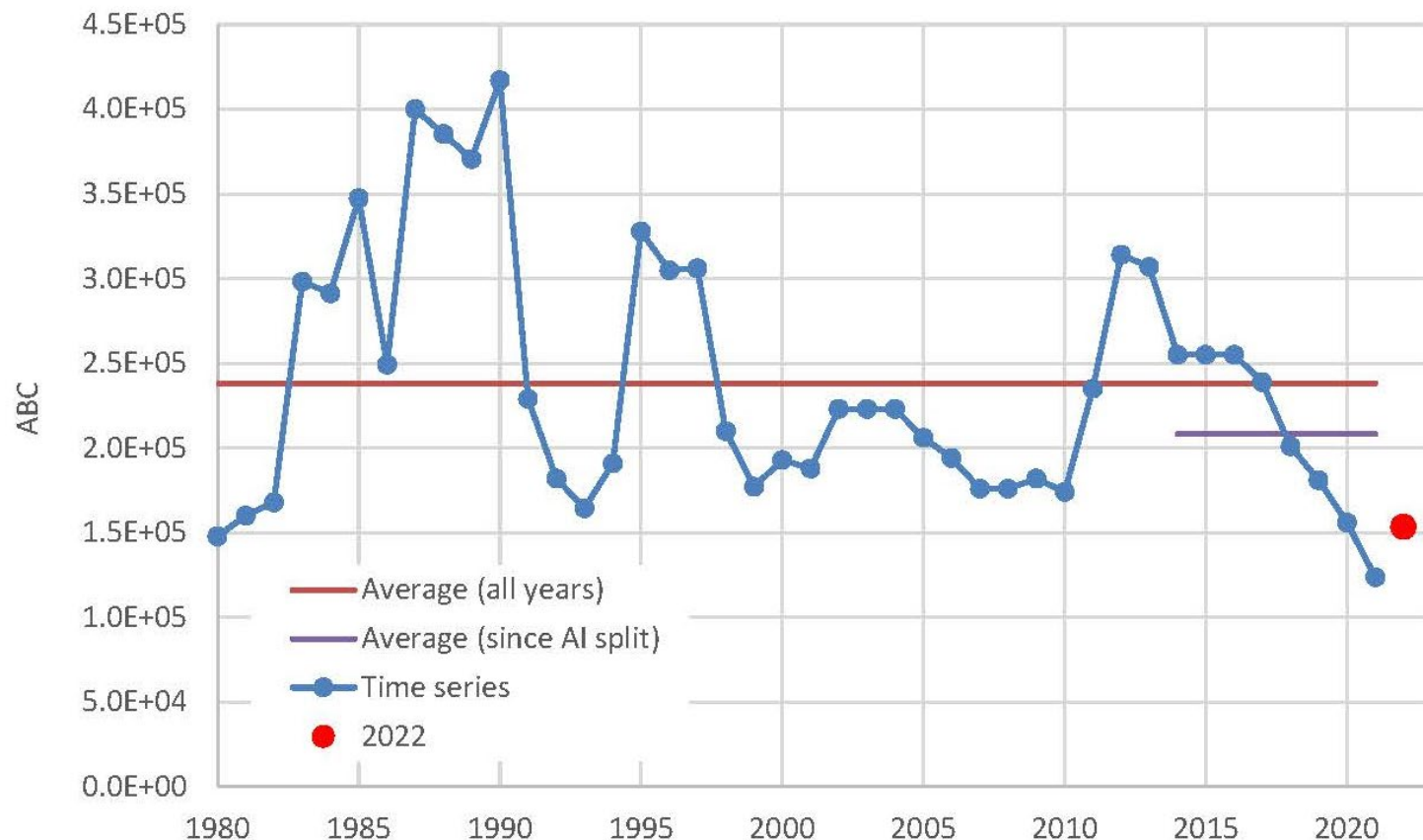
# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Pass 3: revise historic survey index in the Pass 2 data file
  - Change in fit to survey index time series:



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- Recommended 2022 ABC would still be the 3<sup>rd</sup> smallest in history, and the ratio of ABC to age 0+ biomass would be the 5<sup>th</sup> smallest in history



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- The Team appreciated the pragmatic choice of the assessment authors to present the SSC recommended ensemble given the short timeframe to produce the assessment
- However, the Team also expressed concern that there are no clear or consistent criteria for inclusion or exclusion of ensemble components
- One benefit of an ensemble is that each model may perform differently in response to new data, which may reduce the interannual variability
- However, adding and removing models may *add* interannual variability and potentially important models may be lost to the process
- One potential drawback of the use of the ensemble approach is that future model development may be stymied as authors are required to produce the full set of models used in the ensemble in the following year



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- The Team recognizes that the considerations for development, presentation, and choice of a model ensemble are necessarily different from those associated with an individual model for use in management
- The Team opined that the Team and SSC criteria for reviewing and approving ensembles have not been consistent and recommends a more standardized approach continue to be developed within the Team and SSC process for defining appropriate sets of models and weighting of those models for use in management
- The Team commends Grant's work on developing, explaining, and justifying the risk table
- The Team indicated that development of more quantitative methods for evaluating when possible reductions from maximum permissible ABC would be warranted should be explored further



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

- The Team recommends exploring environmental drivers of weight-length residuals, especially in recent years
- The Team encourages continued work of the AFSC fishery CPUE group regarding creating CPUE indices from fishery-dependent data and encourages assessment authors to consider best practices for incorporating fishing behavior
- The Team accepted the author's recommended model, risk levels, and harvest specifications
- The Team expressed deep appreciation for Grant's efforts investigating and improving the Pacific cod assessment over many years



# EBS Pacific cod, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.35	0.34	-0.03
2021 tier	3b	n/a	none
2022 tier	3b	3b	none
2021 age+ biomass	754,000	n/a	0.17
2022 age+ biomass	786,566	879,978	0.12
2021 spawning biomass	228,219	n/a	0.14
2022 spawning biomass	205,906	259,789	0.26
B100%	659,545	686,761	0.04
B40%	263,818	274,704	0.04
B35%	230,841	240,366	0.04
2022 FOFL	0.33	0.38	0.15
2022 FABC	0.27	0.31	0.15
2021 OFL	147,949	n/a	0.24
2022 OFL	128,340	183,012	0.43
2021 ABC	123,805	n/a	0.24
2022 ABC	106,852	153,383	0.44



# Chapter 17: Atka mackerel

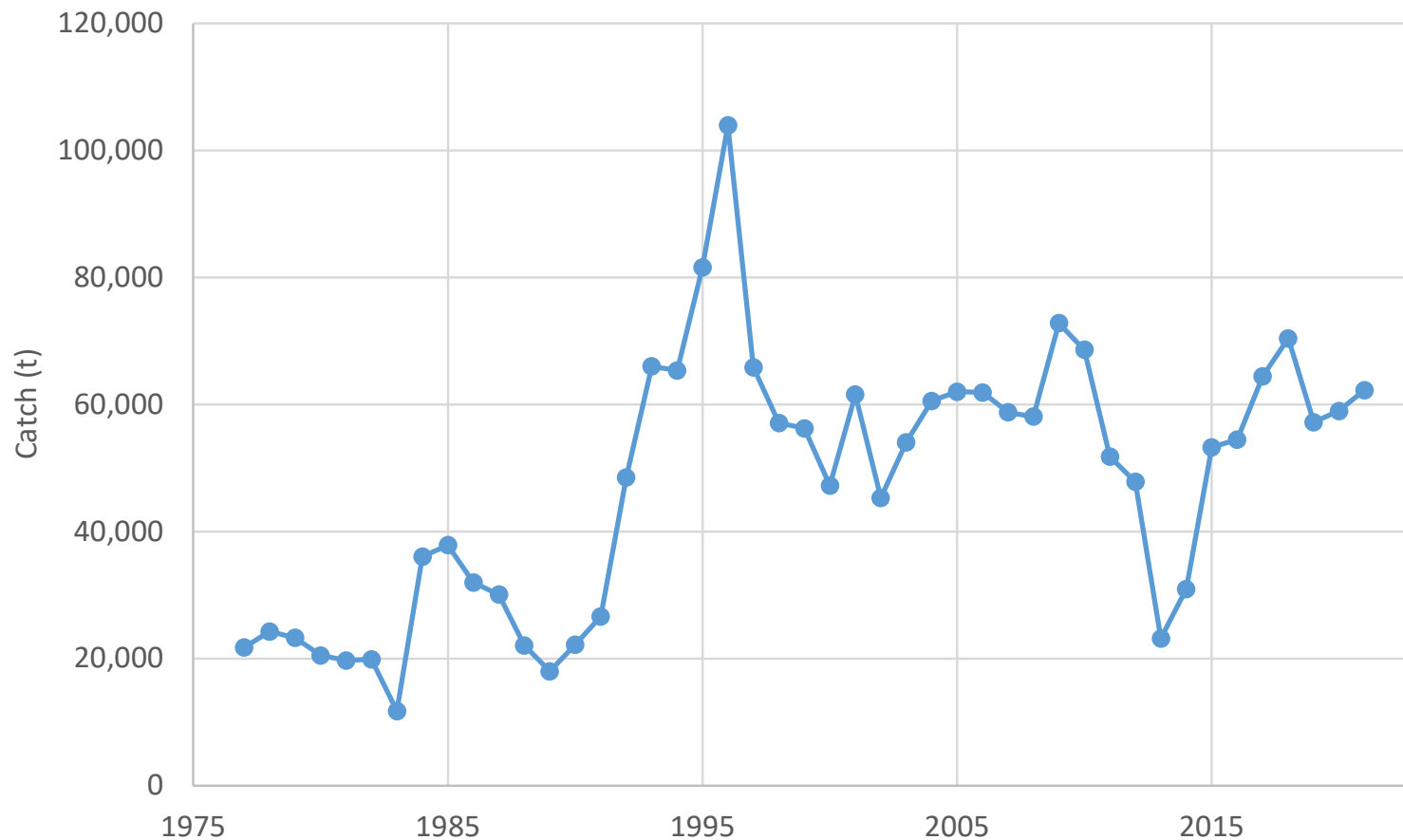
- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: no
- New data: 2020 fishery age composition
- Model changes/alternatives: none (Model 16.0b)
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass is 39% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Mohn's  $\rho = 0.067$
- Author's risk table:

Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
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2019	1	1	1	1
2020	1	1	1	1
2021	1	1	1	1



# Atka mackerel, continued

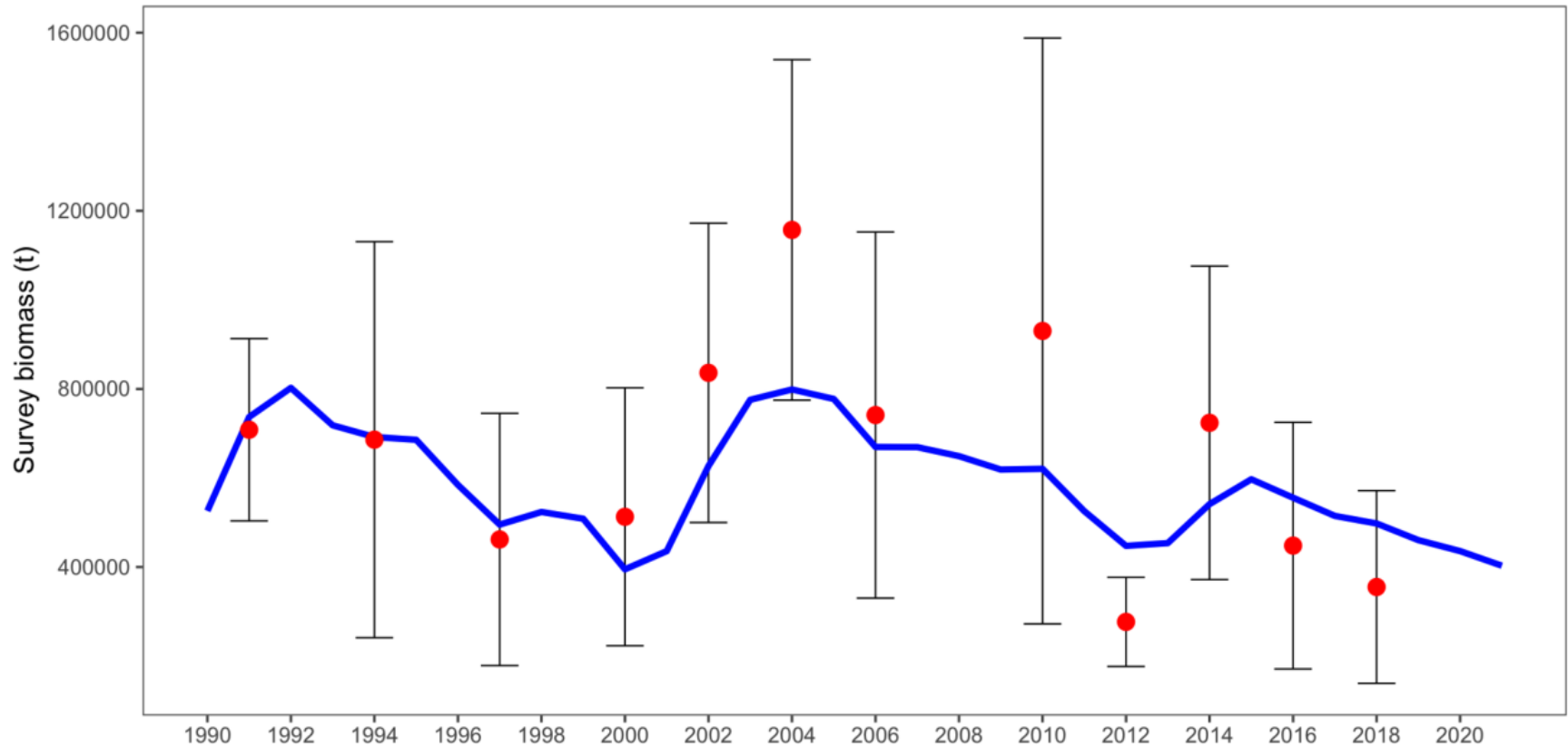
- Catch time series





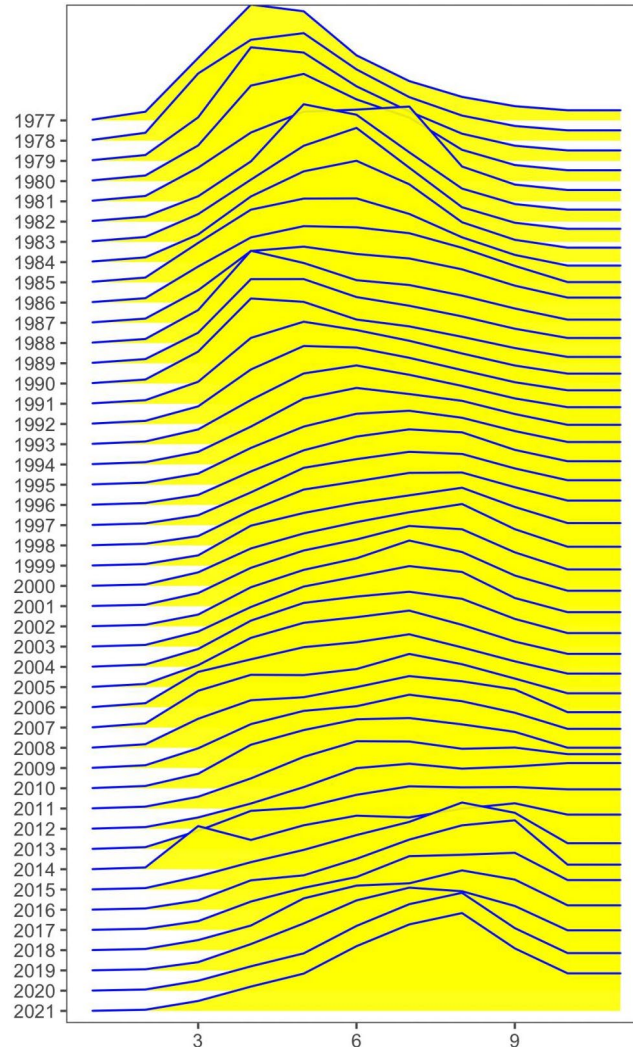
# Atka mackerel, continued

- Fit to AI survey biomass data



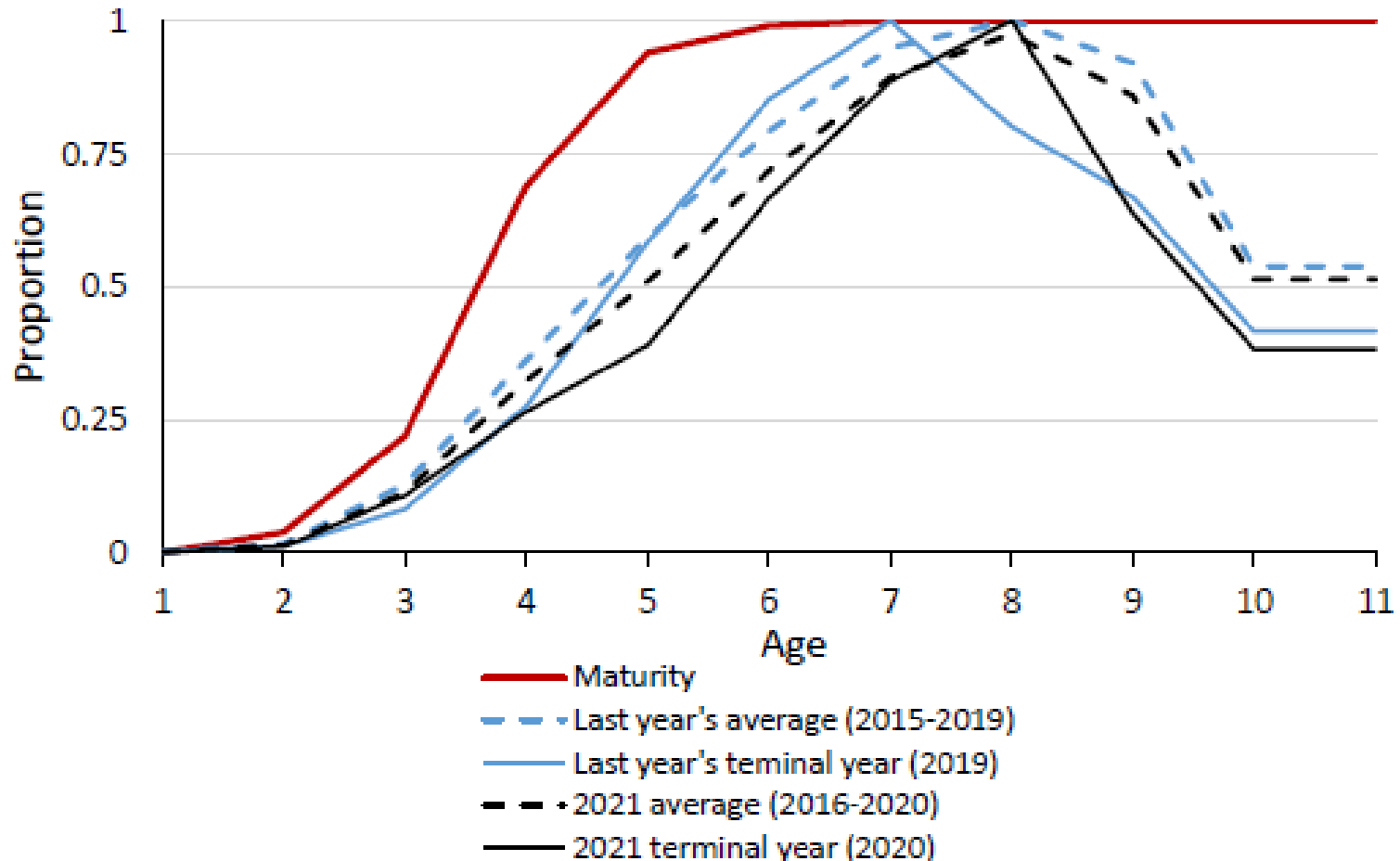
# Atka mackerel, continued

- Fishery selectivity



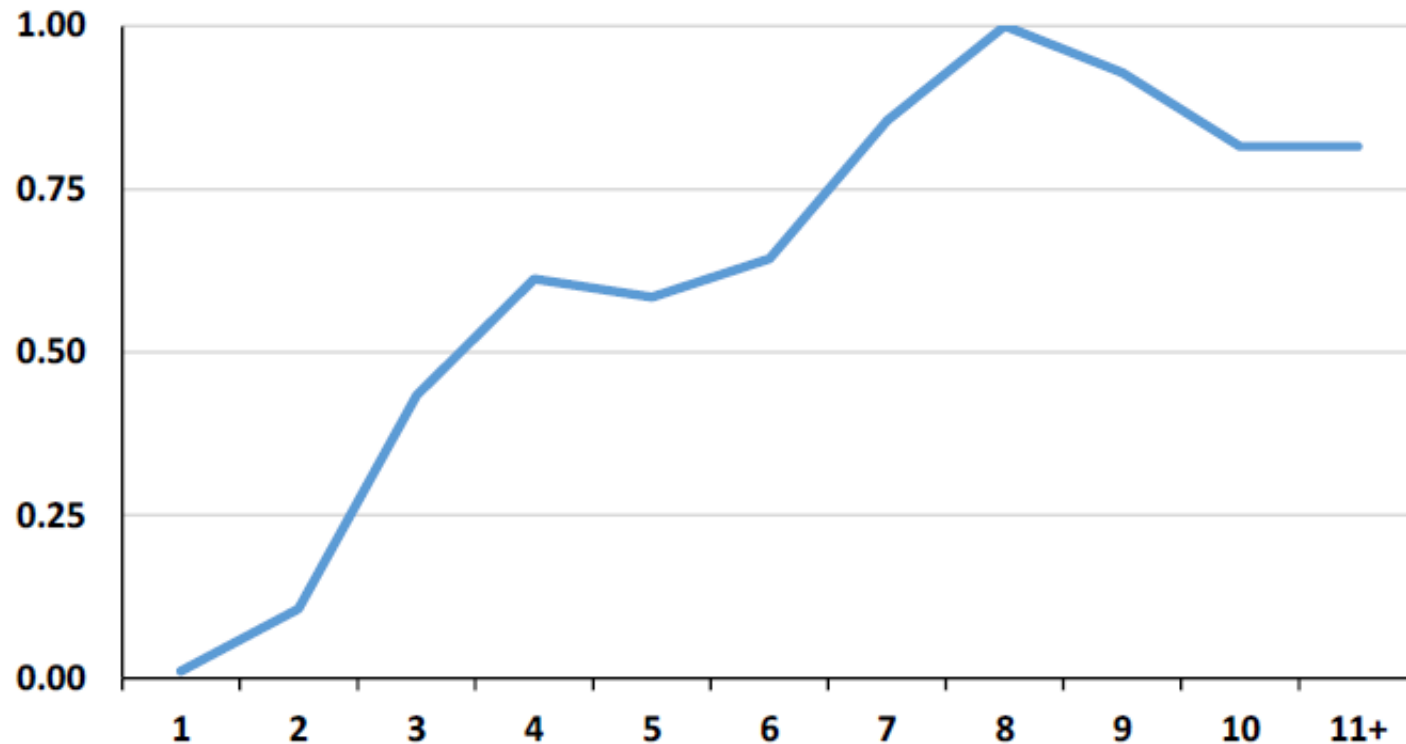
# Atka mackerel, continued

- Change in recent fishery selectivity between assessments



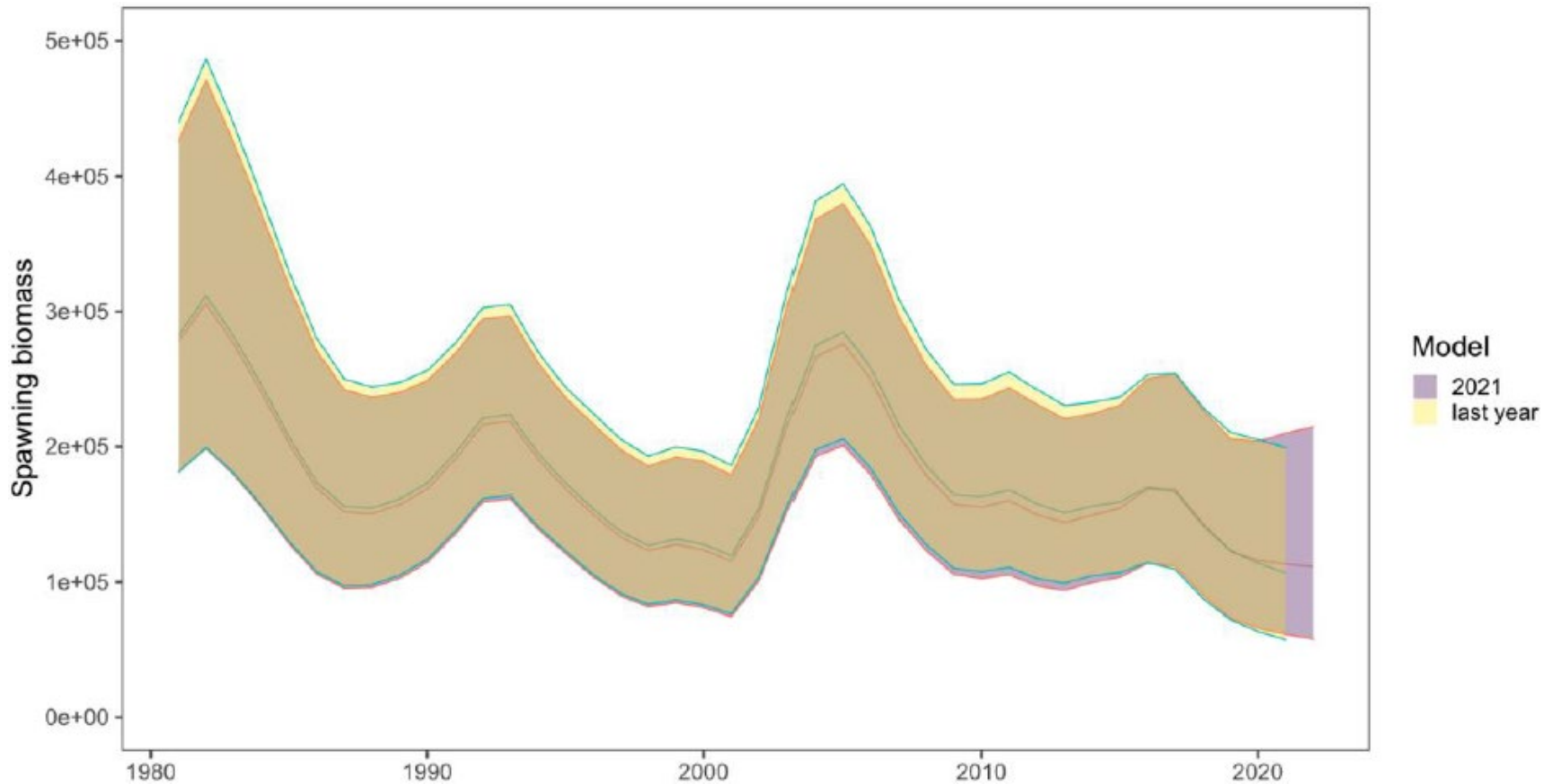
# Atka mackerel, continued

- Survey selectivity



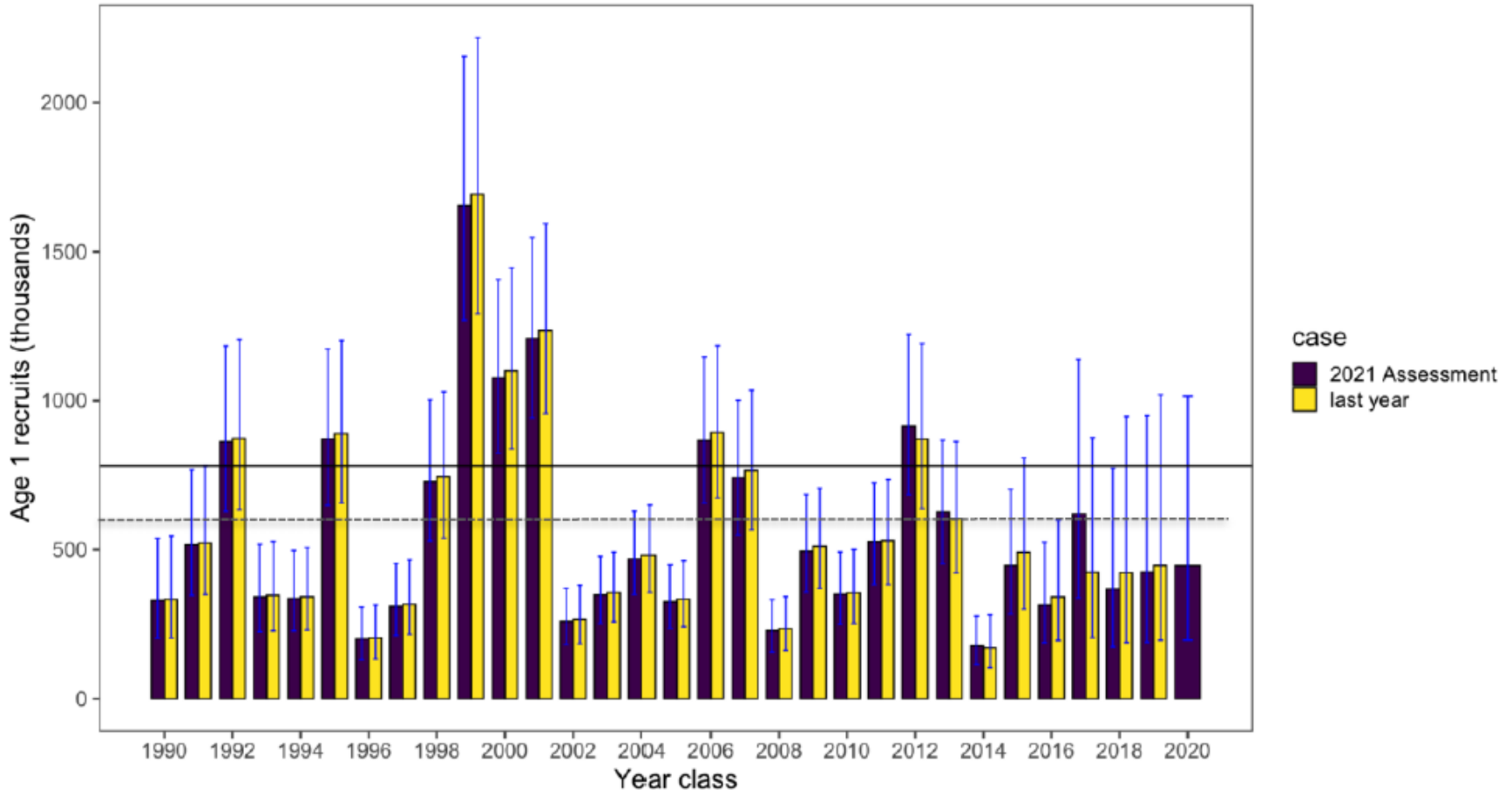
# Atka mackerel, continued

- Spawning biomass as estimated last year and this year



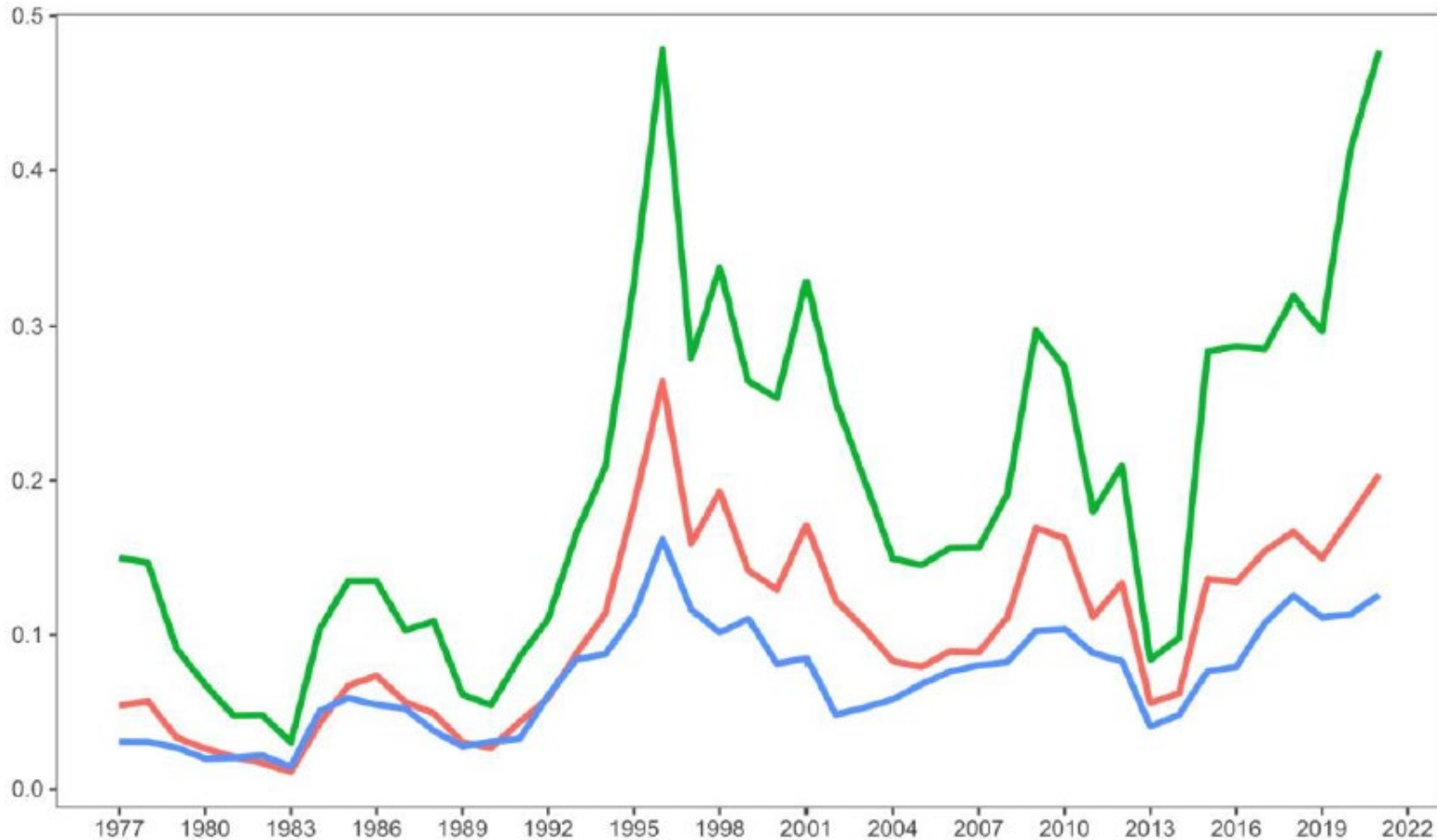
# Atka mackerel, continued

- Age 1 recruitment as estimated last year and this year



# Atka mackerel, continued

- Full selection F (green), mean F (red), and catch/biomass (blue)



# Atka mackerel, continued

- Area apportionment:
  - Except for the 2016 and 2017 assessments, when apportionments were based on the Tier 5 RE model, apportionments of Atka mackerel since the 2001 assessment have been based on a 4-survey weighted average, with weights of 8:12:18:27
  - Because no AI surveys have been conducted since 2018, the relative apportionments remain the same as in 2018-2020
- The Team accepted the author's recommended model, risk levels, and harvest specifications
- The Team recommends that the authors continue research into possible reasons for dome-shaped fishery and survey selectivity patterns, including senescence or differential distribution by age





# Atka mackerel, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.30	0.30	0.00
2021 tier	3b	n/a	none
2022 tier	3b	3b	none
2021 age+ biomass	560,360	n/a	-0.01
2022 age+ biomass	599,690	554,490	-0.08
2021 spawning biomass	107,830	n/a	0.01
2022 spawning biomass	102,950	109,360	0.06
B100%	290,820	278,670	-0.04
B40%	116,330	111,470	-0.04
B35%	101,790	97,540	-0.04
2022 FOFL	0.49	0.65	0.33
2022 FABC	0.41	0.54	0.32
2021 OFL	85,580	n/a	0.07
2022 OFL	79,660	91,870	0.15
2021 ABC	73,590	n/a	0.07
2022 ABC	68,220	78,510	0.15



# Chapter 4: yellowfin sole

- >1 model: **yes**; change from base: **no**; risk>1: **yes**
- New data:
  - Fishery and agecomp for 2020
  - 2021 EBS (design-based, VAST) and EBS+NBS (VAST) survey
- Model changes/alternatives (all presented in 2020 or before):
  - Model 18.2 (base) fixes female  $M=0.12$ , estimates male  $M=0.135$
  - Model 18.2a (formerly 18.3) is the same as Model 18.2, except with VAST estimates of the EBS survey biomass time series
  - Model 18.2b (formerly 18.4) is the same as Model 18.2, except with VAST estimates of the combined EBS and NBS survey time series



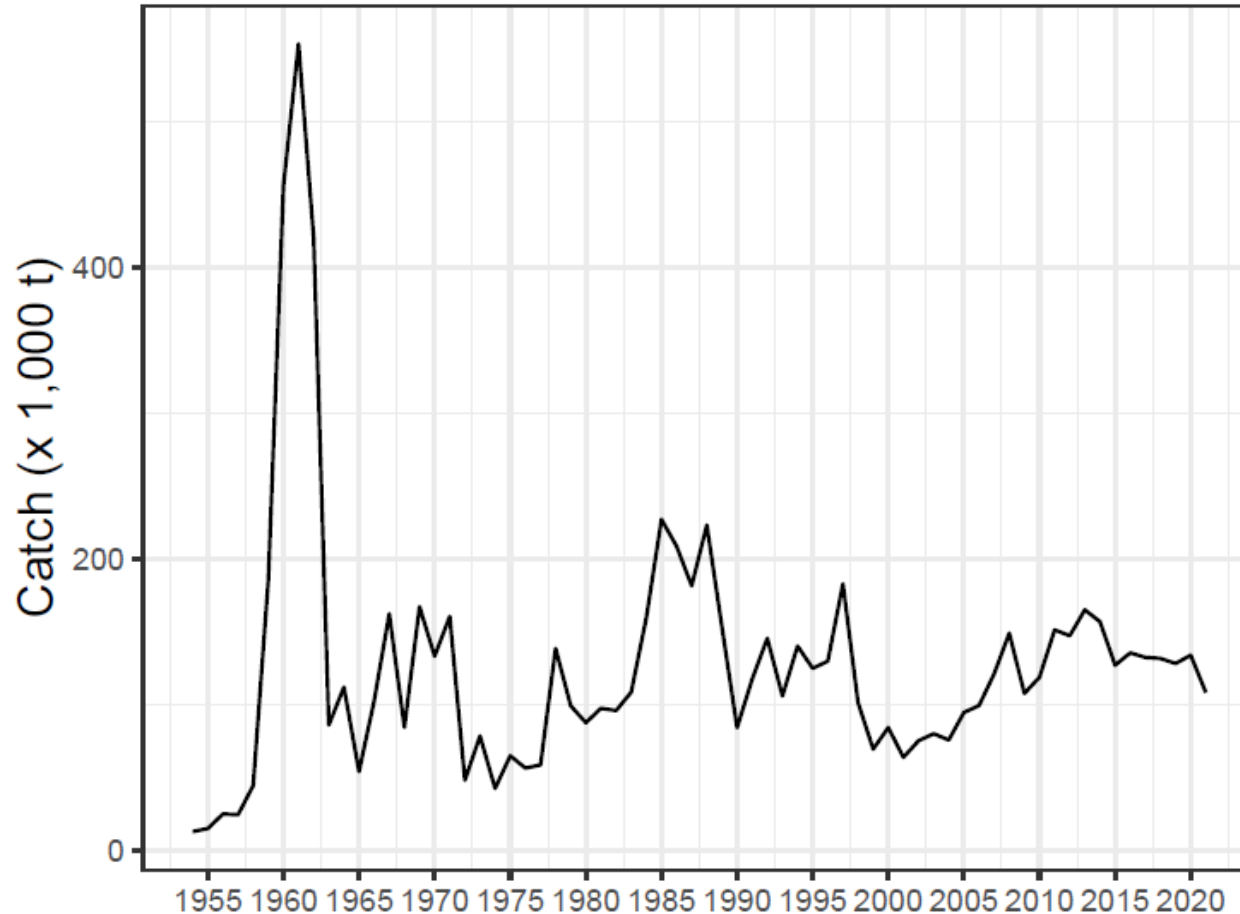
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Author recommends retaining Model 18.2 because:
  - Models 18.2a and 18.2b use VAST survey *biomass* estimates, but not VAST *agecomp* estimates
  - Model 18.2b, which includes NBS survey biomass, does not include any NBS weight-at-age data or NBS agecomp data
  - Models 18.2a and 18.2b are best considered as “exploratory”
- The Team accepted the author’s recommended model
- Stock status:
  - 2022 spawning biomass is 58% of  $B_0$  and 73% above  $B_{MSY}$
- Mohn’s  $\rho = -0.118$  (improved from  $-0.185$  last year)



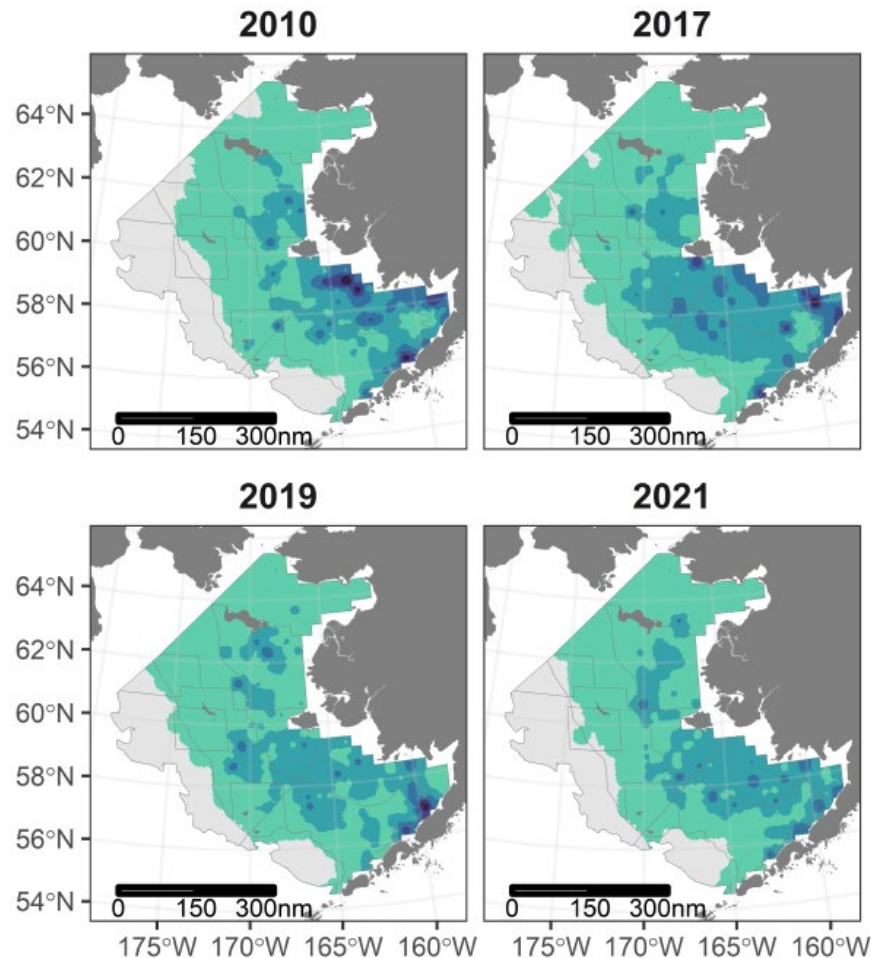
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Catch time series



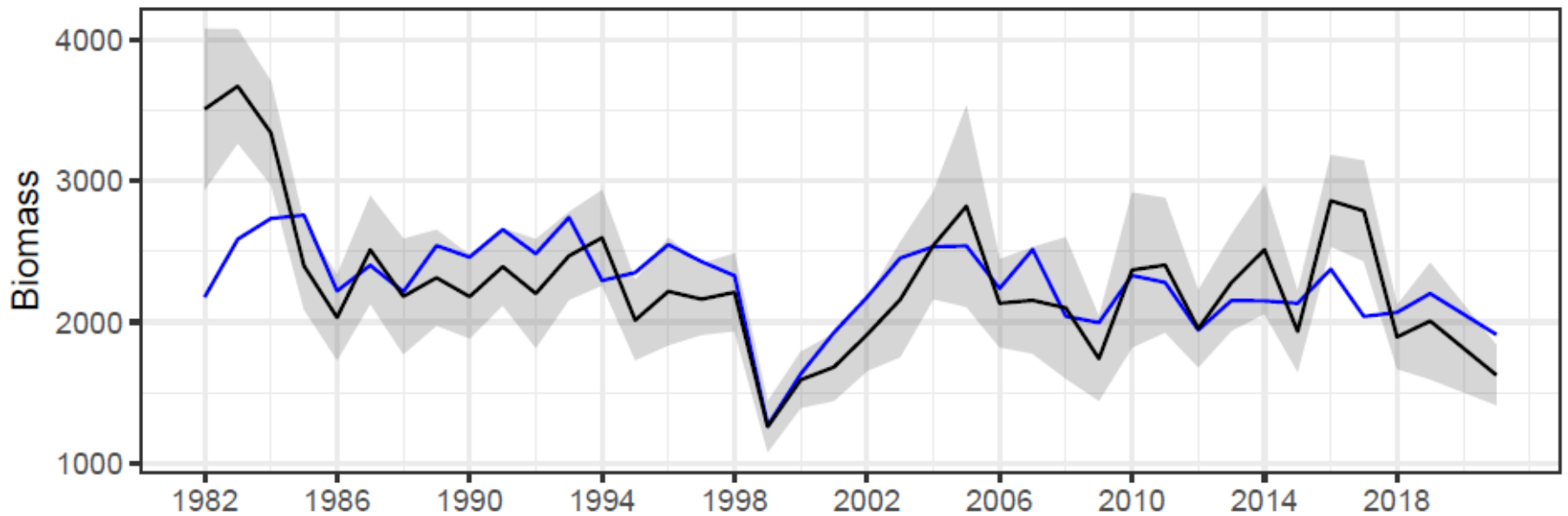
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Survey CPUE in recent NBS survey years



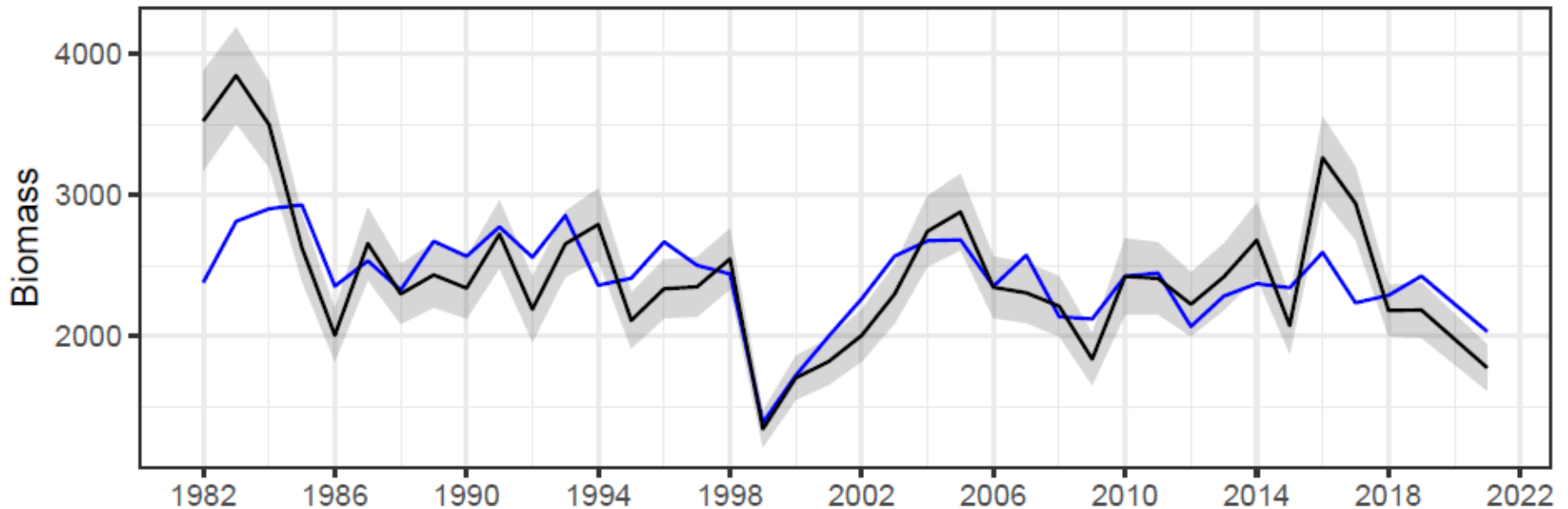
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Fit to design-based EBS survey biomass (Model 18.2)



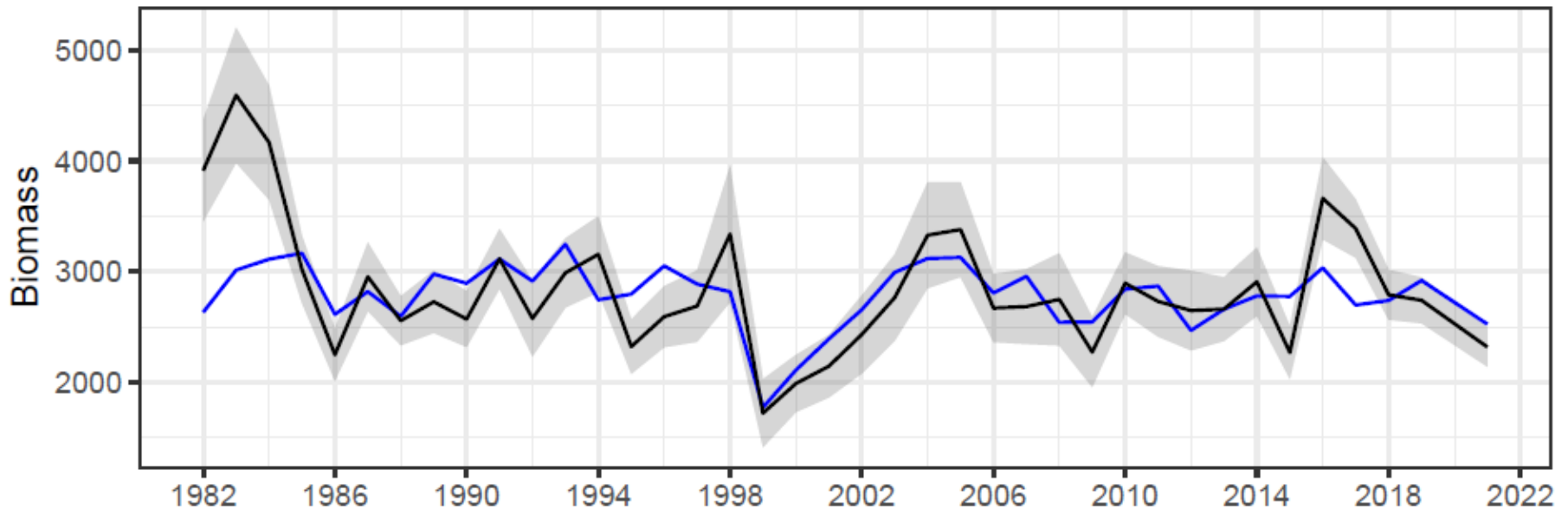
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Fit to VAST-based EBS survey biomass (Model 18.2a)



# Yellowfin sole, continued

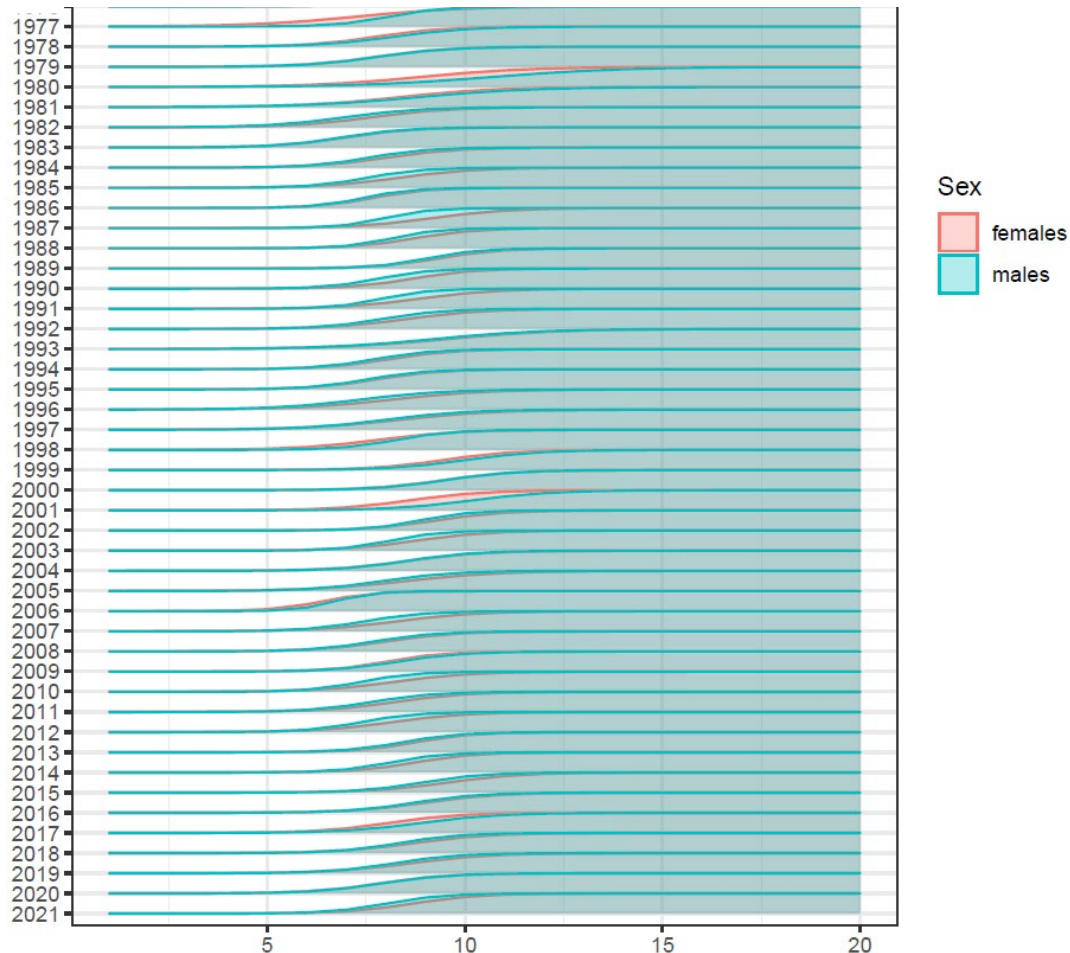
- Fit to VAST-based EBS+NBS survey biomass (Model 18.2b)





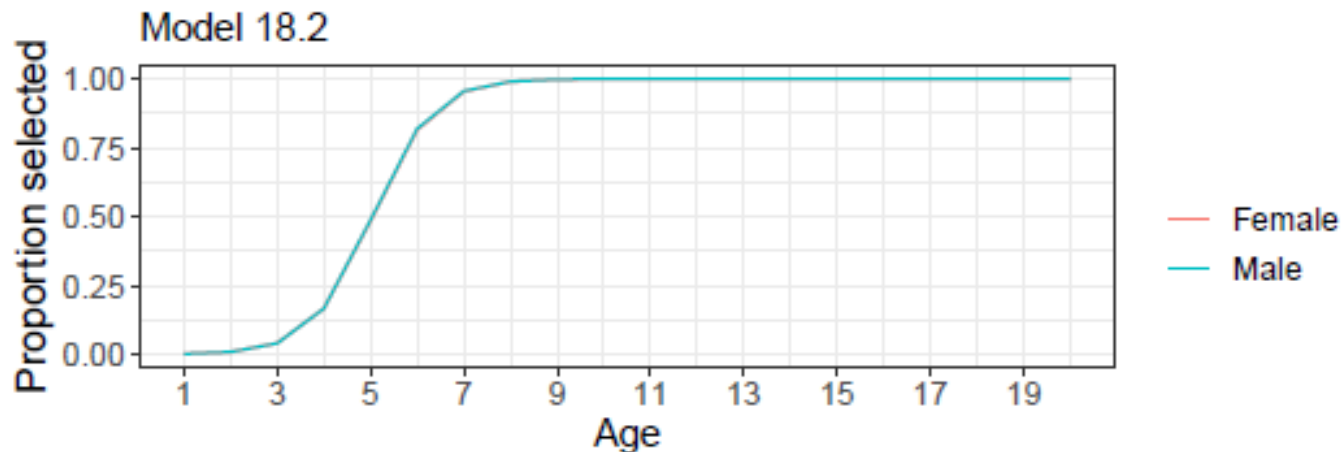
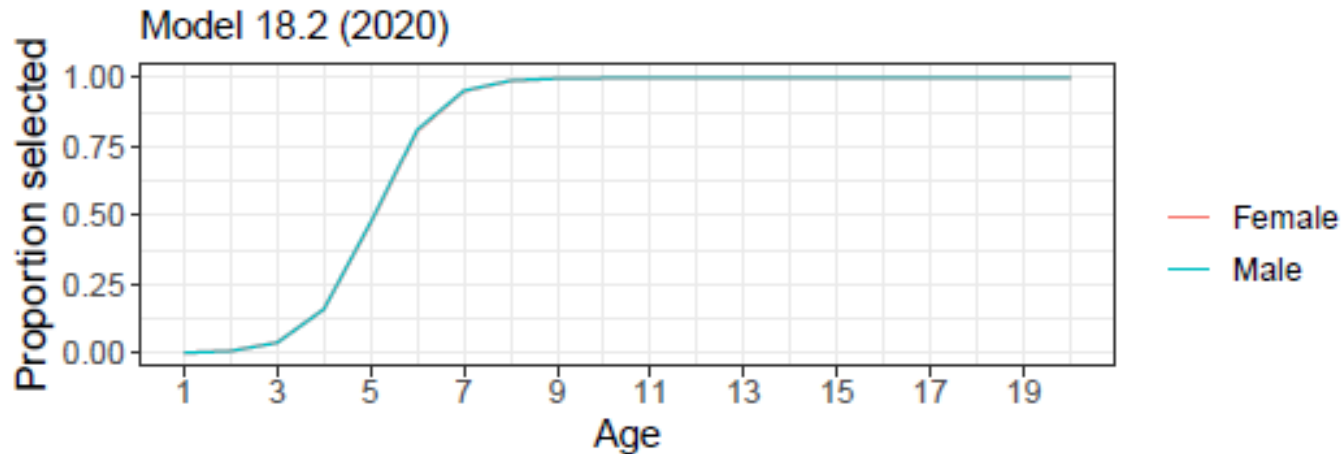
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Fishery selectivity as estimated by Model 18.2



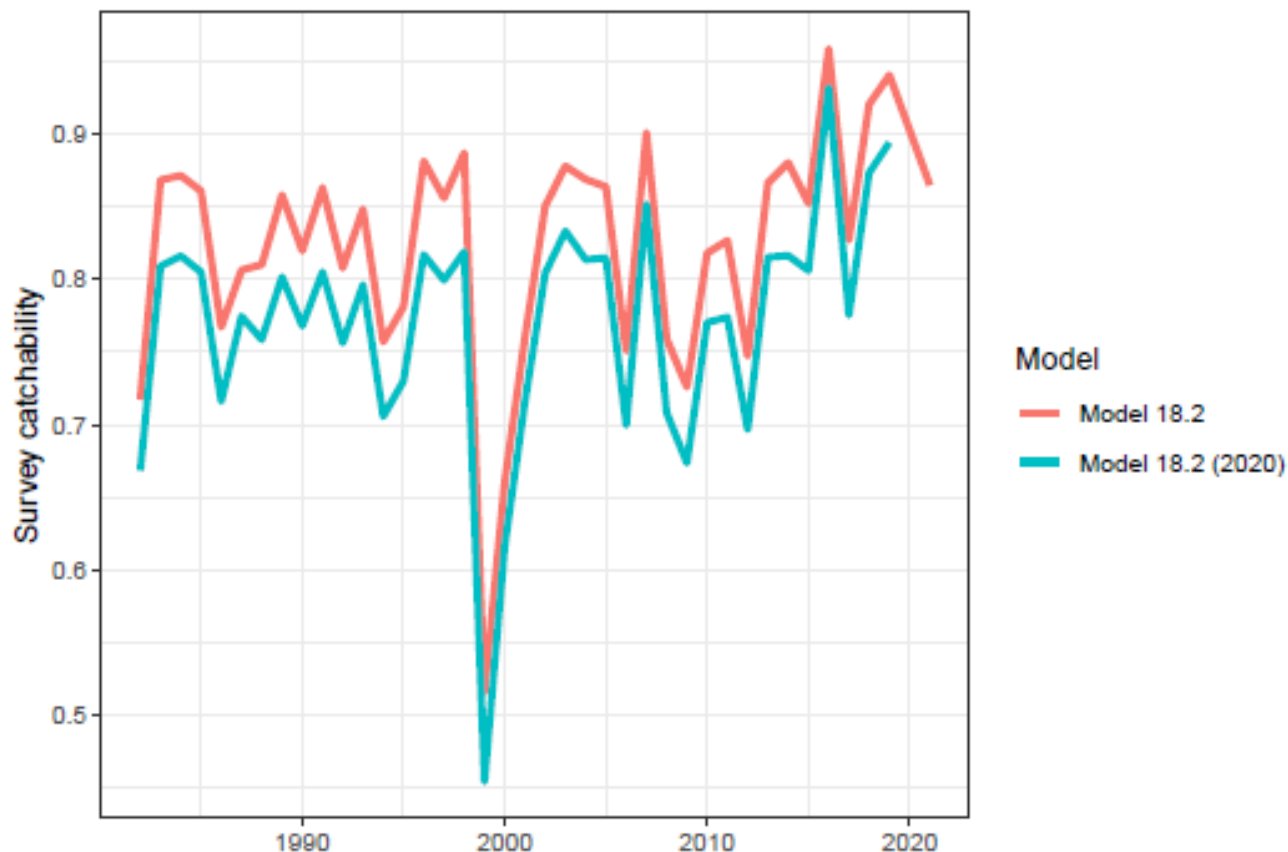
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Survey selectivity as estimated by Model 18.2 last year and this year



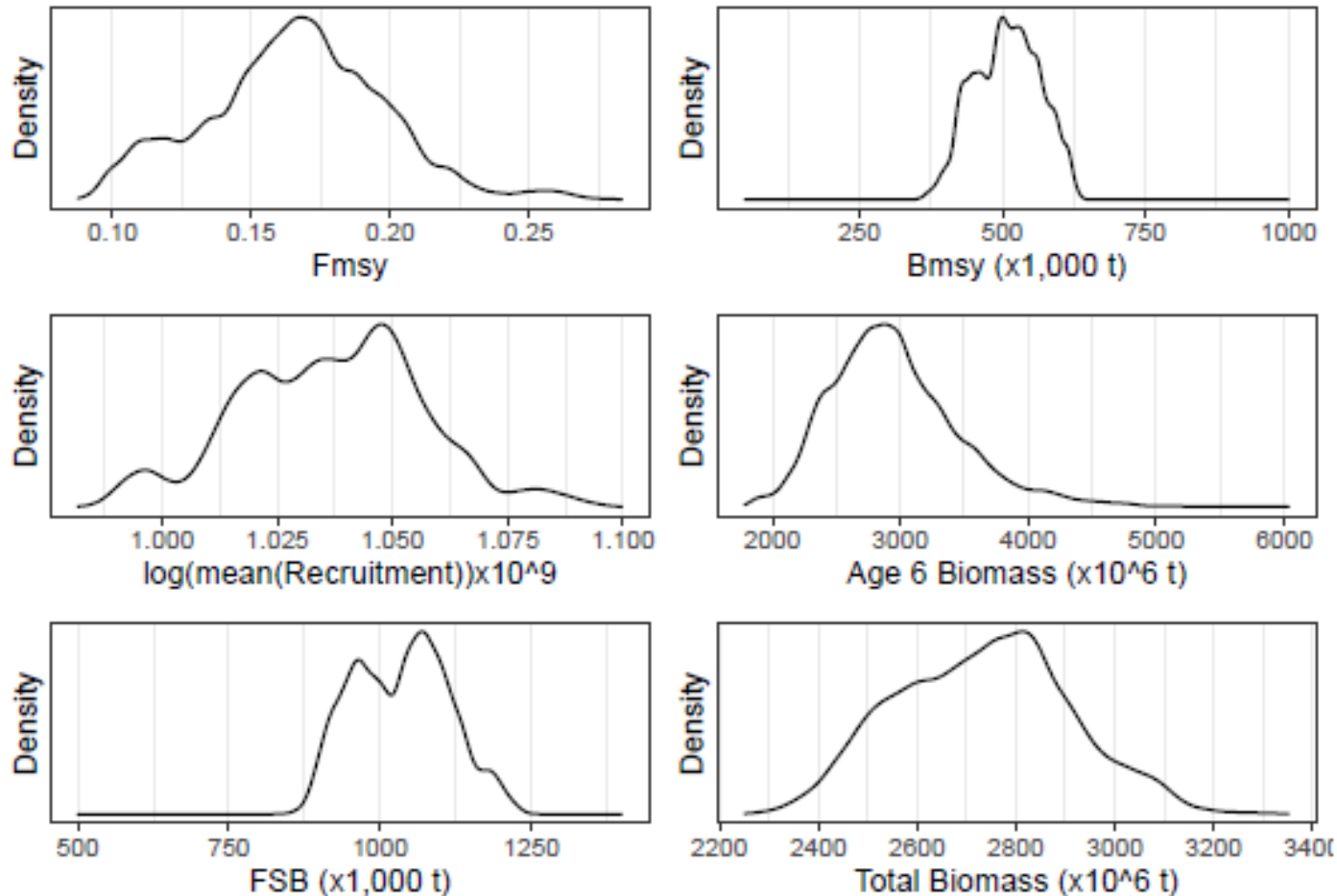
# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Survey catchability as estimated by Model 18.2 last year and this year
  - A function of temperature, survey start date, and interaction



# Yellowfin sole, continued

- MCMC posterior distributions (Model 18.2); biomasses are for 2021



# Yellowfin sole, continued

- The Team discussed whether the NBS and EBS portions of the population are truly separate
- The author indicated that no available evidence precludes connection
- Although the recent time series is short, there are trends in area-specific survey biomass estimates, with an increase in the NBS (as temperatures increased) and a corresponding decrease in the EBS
  - However, in 2021 there was a drop in NBS abundance but no corresponding increase in the EBS
- Survey distributions in the combined areas do not suggest separation
- Given the lack of evidence for or against the connection of the EBS and NBS portions of the population and the lack of NBS age composition data or weight at age data within Model 18.2b, the Team concurred with the author's choice of Model 18.2



# Yellowfin sole, continued

- Author's risk table:

Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
2019	1	1	1	1
2020	1	1	1	1
2021	1	2	2	1

- (Note that the minutes indicate an author score of 2 for assessment considerations, but the author revised her score after the meeting)
- Population dynamics risk increased because the stock has been in a long-term decline and the 2021 survey estimate is the 3rd lowest
- Environmental/ecosystem risk increased because of thermal exposure and fish condition in the NBS
- Author recommends a 24% reduction from the 2022 Tier 1a maxABC, based on an average of the Tier 1a and Tier 3a maxABCs, giving a 2022 ABC of 269,649 t



# Yellowfin sole, continued

- The majority of the Team agreed that ABC should be less than maxABC
- Two alternatives were proposed for reducing from the Tier 1a maxABC:
  1. Reduce all the way to the Tier 3a maxABC
  2. Author's recommended averaging of Tier 1a and Tier 3a maxABCs
- Arguments for Option 1: the Tier 3a maxABC is clearly defined, has a theoretical basis meant to address uncertainty in the SRR, and has previously been used in reductions for other Tier 1a stocks (EBS pollock)
- Arguments for Option 2: the magnitude of decrease (24%) is more in line with the risk levels than Option 1 (48% decrease), and was considered appropriate by the author; also, there is no requirement for consistency among stocks regarding methods used to reduce from maxABC
- After a Team vote resulted in a 6:6 tie between the two options, the Team agreed to defer to the recommendation of the author



# Yellowfin sole, continued

- The Team recommends that the connection between the NBS and EBS portions of the yellowfin sole population be investigated and that alternative models be developed for consideration next year using the combined EBS and NBS VAST estimates for biomass and VAST-derived age composition data
- The Team recommends that differences in length and weight at age for yellowfin sole between the two areas be investigated
- Possible impacts resulting from implementation of Amendment 80:
  - An incentive to reduce discards of smaller fish
  - Change in observer coverage may have impacted data collections
- The Team recommends the author investigate impacts of management changes since 2008 in the yellowfin sole fishery on fisheries data and subsequent impacts on estimates derived from these data, including mean length and age, length and weight at age, and selectivity





# Yellowfin sole, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M (male/female)	0.12/0.135	0.12/0.135	0.0/0.0
2021 tier	1a	n/a	none
2022 tier	1a	1a	none
2021 age+ biomass	2,755,870	n/a	-0.10
2022 age+ biomass	3,025,430	2,479,370	-0.18
2021 spawning biomass	1,040,900	n/a	-0.18
2022 spawning biomass	996,044	857,101	-0.14
B0	1,528,700	1,489,190	-0.03
Bmsy	559,704	495,904	-0.11
2022 FOFL	0.124	0.152	0.23
2022 FABC	0.114	0.109	-0.04
2021 OFL	341,571	n/a	0.10
2022 OFL	374,982	377,071	0.01
2021 ABC	313,477	n/a	-0.14
2022 ABC	344,140	269,649	-0.22



# Chapter 10: Alaska plaice

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: no
- New data:
  - 2021 EBS survey biomass and sizecomp
  - 2019 EBS survey agecomp, 2019 and 2020 fishery sizecomps
- Model changes/alternatives: none (Model 11.1 is the base model)
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 49% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Mohn's  $\rho = -0.01$
- Author's risk table (no reduction from maxABC):

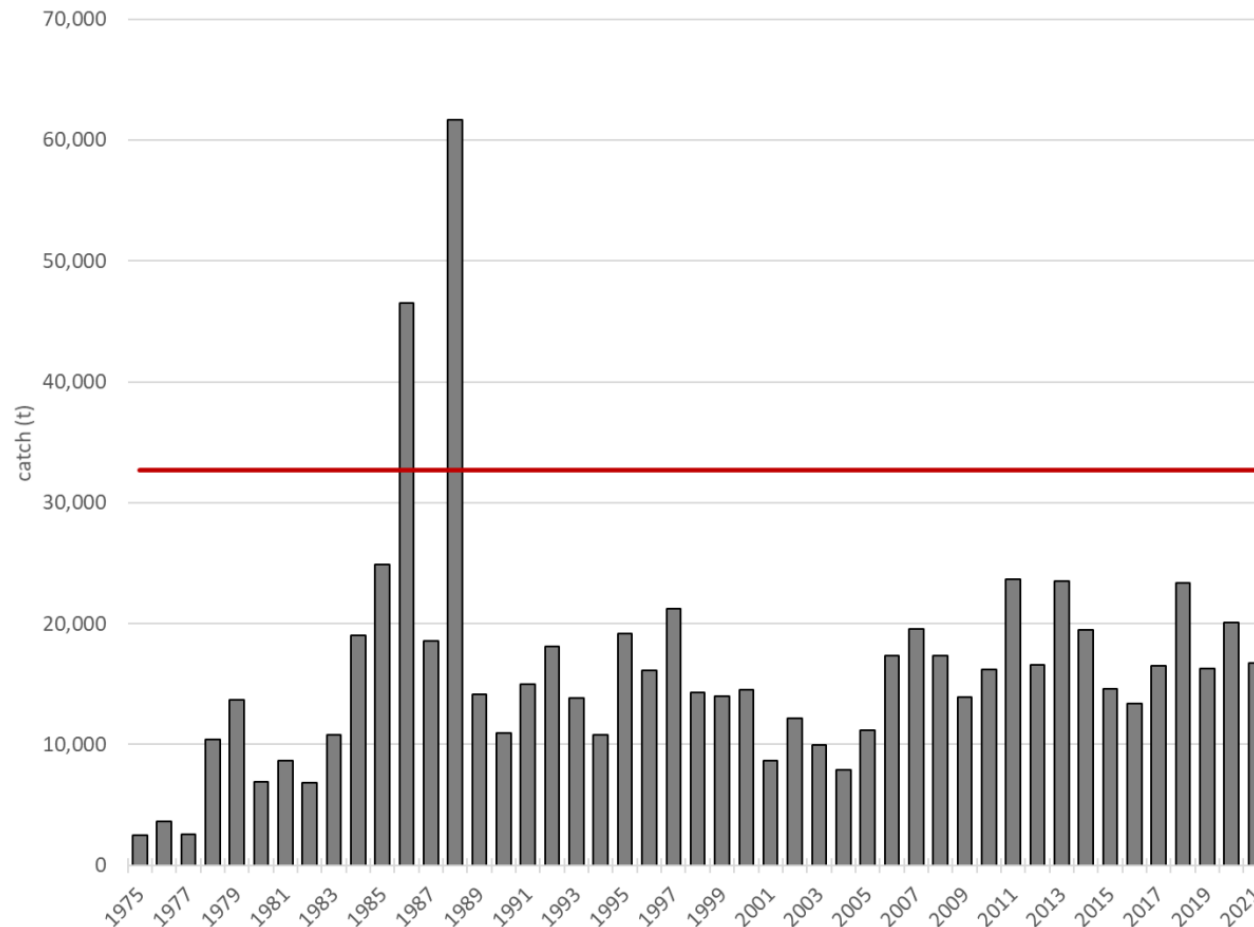
Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
2019	1	1	1	1
2021	1	1	1	1

- The Team accepted the author's recommended model, risk levels, and harvest specifications



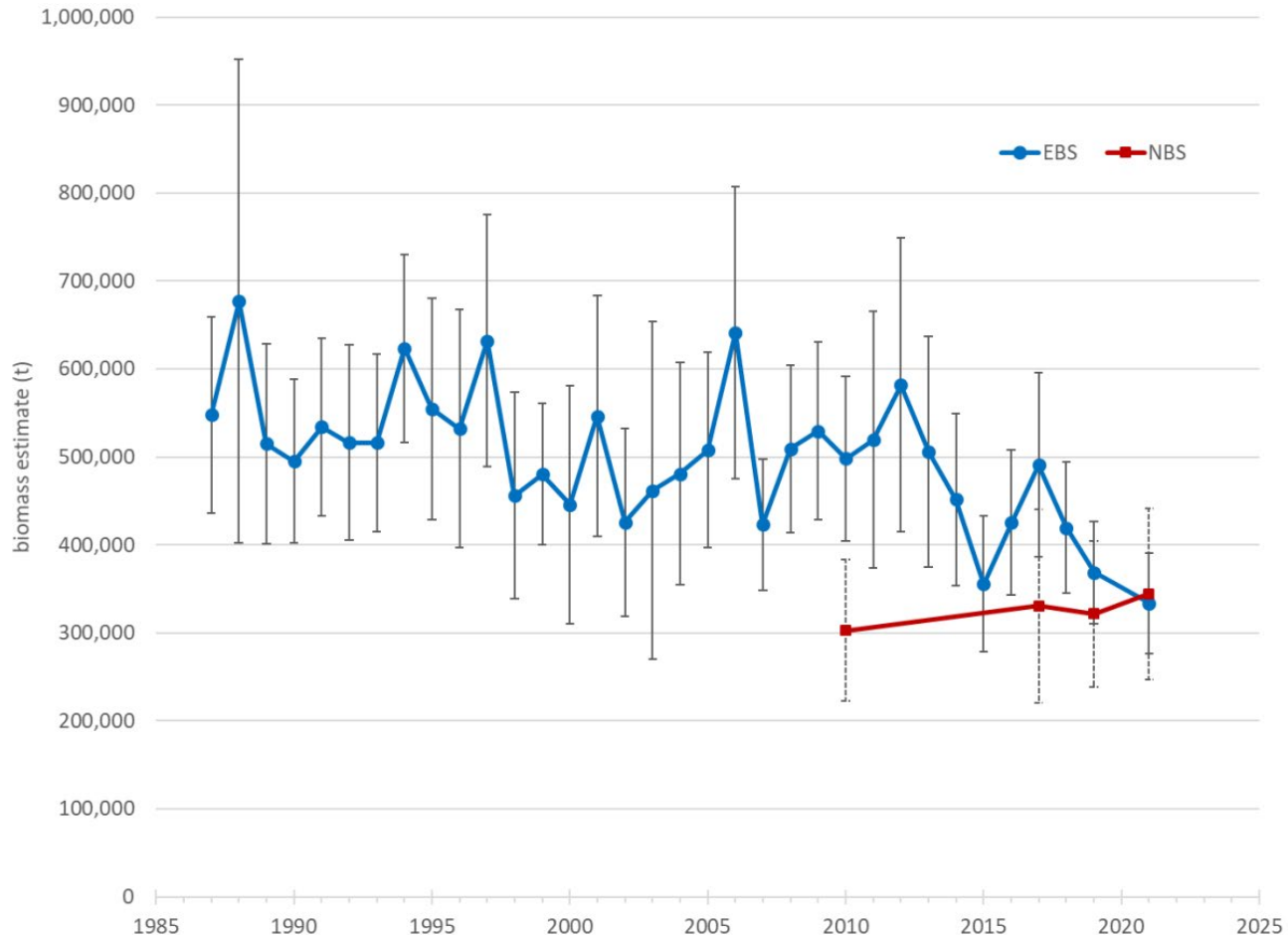
# Alaska plaice, continued

- Catch time series (red line is author's recommended 2022 ABC)



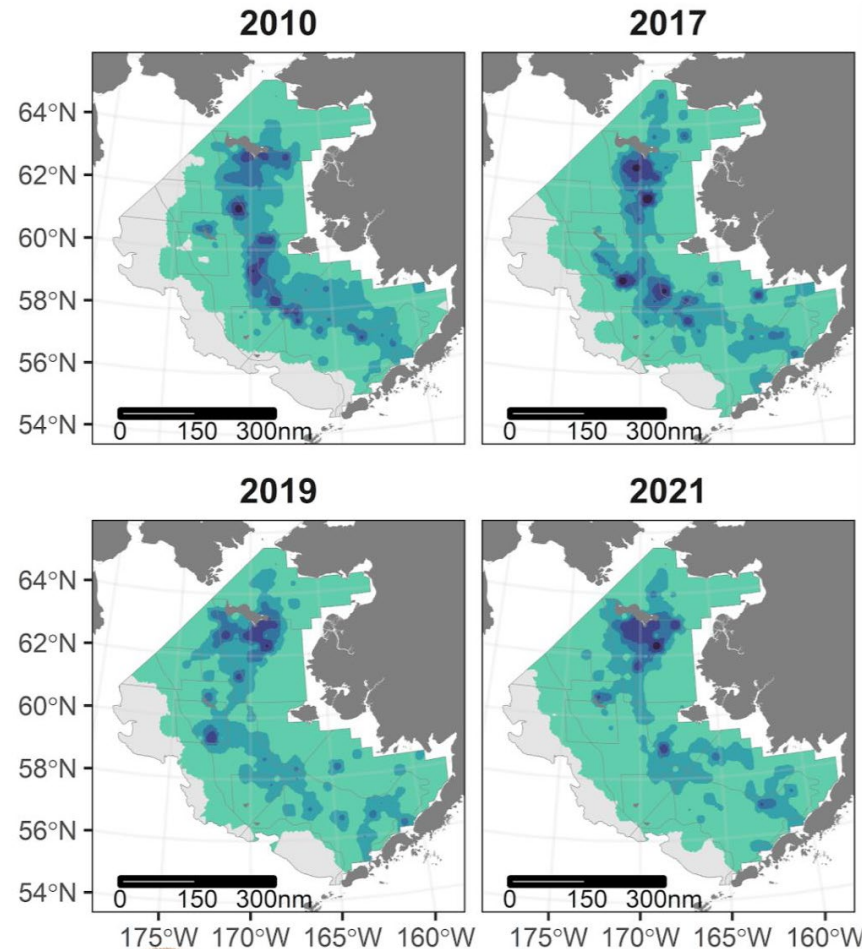
# Alaska plaice, continued

- EBS and NBS survey biomass time series (note NBS>EBS in 2021)



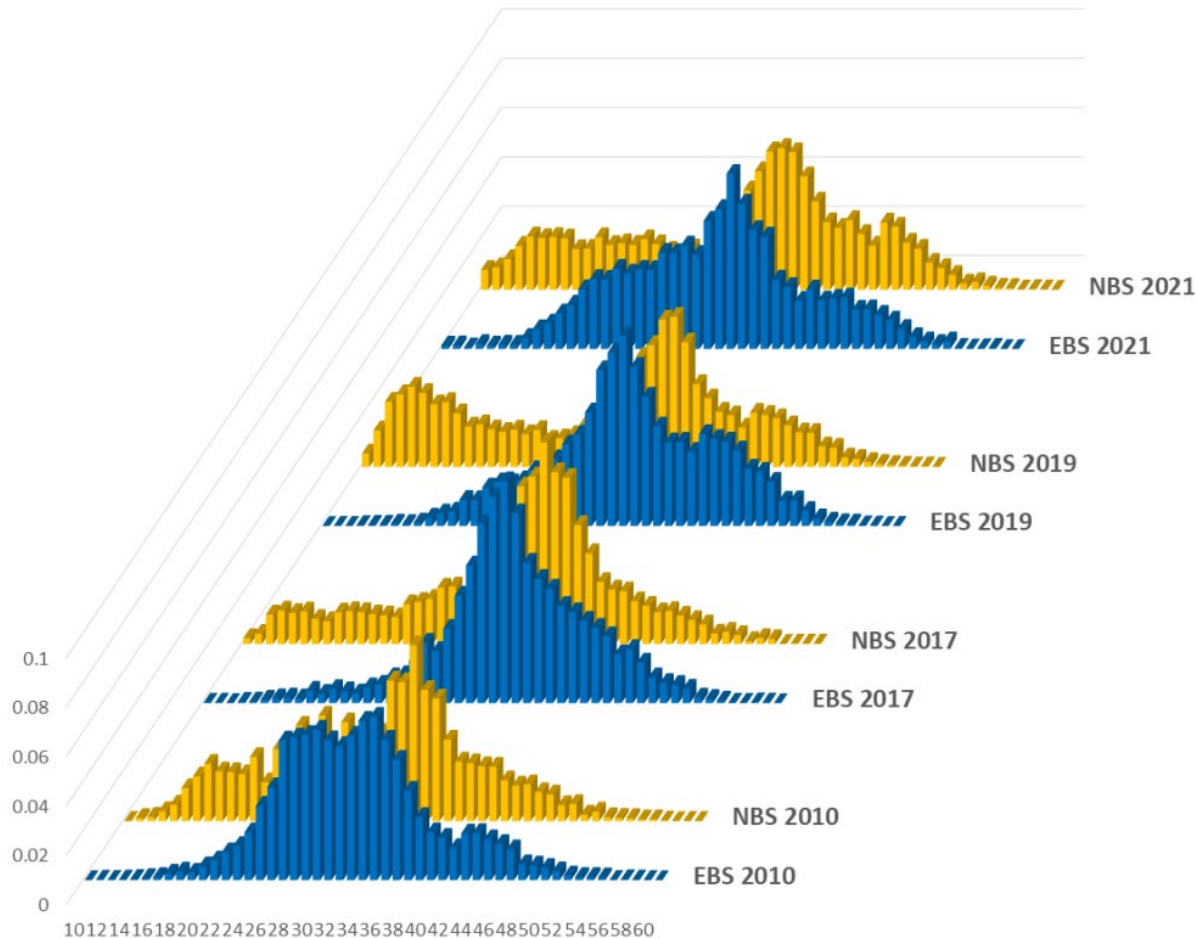
# Alaska plaice, continued

- Survey CPUE in recent NBS survey years



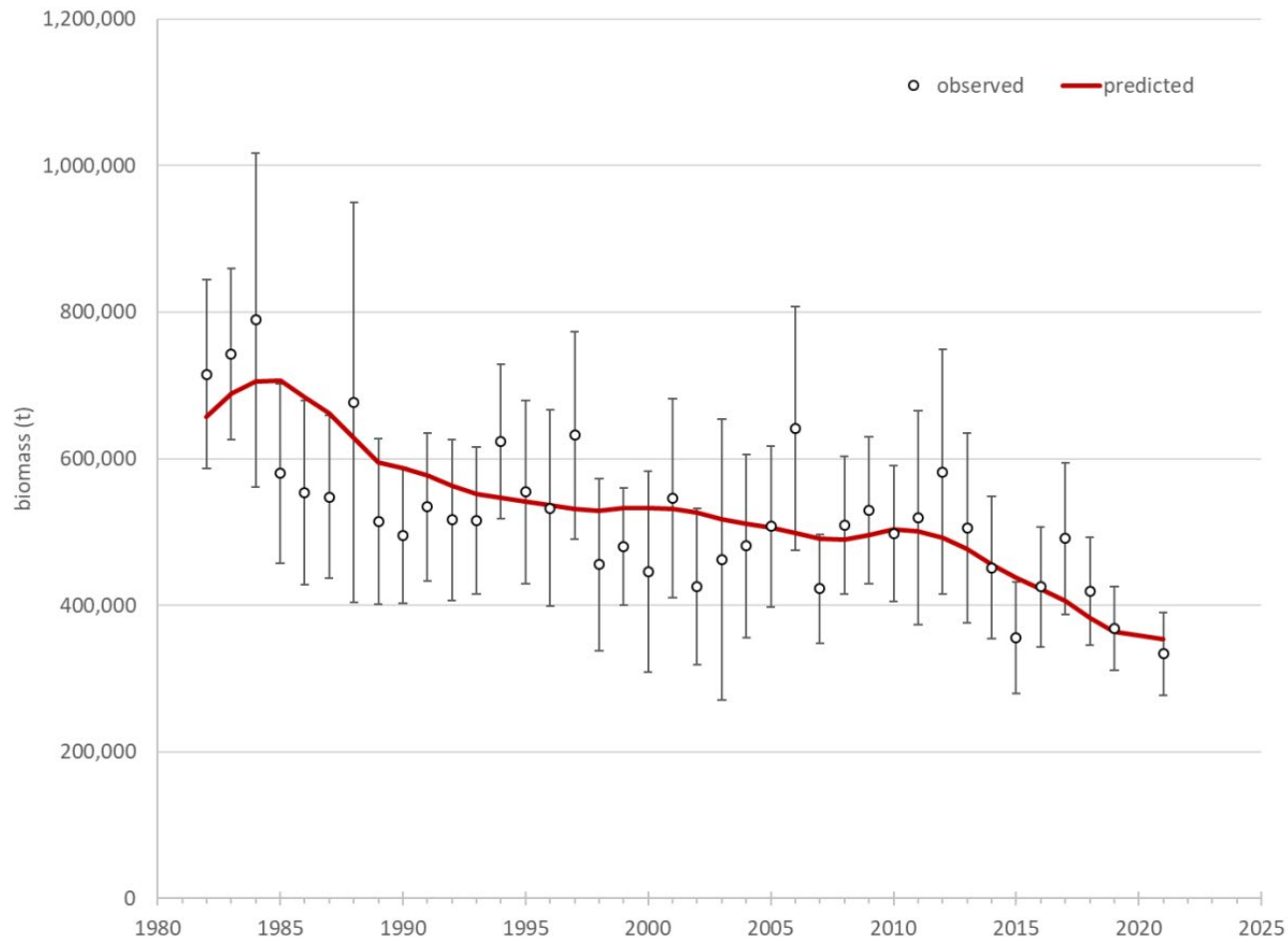
# Alaska plaice, continued

- Size compositions in recent NBS survey years



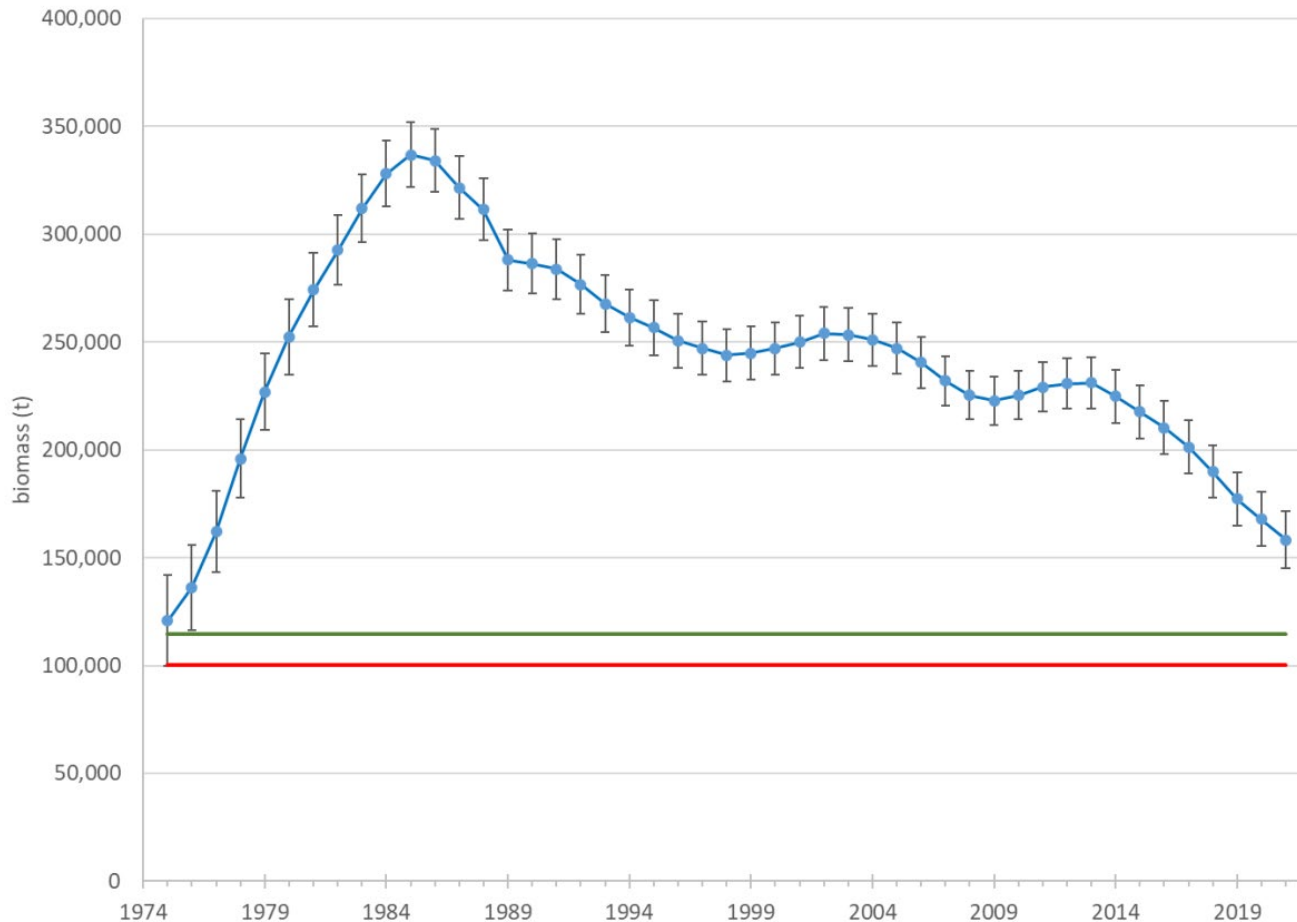
# Alaska plaice, continued

- Fit to EBS survey biomass



# Alaska plaice, continued

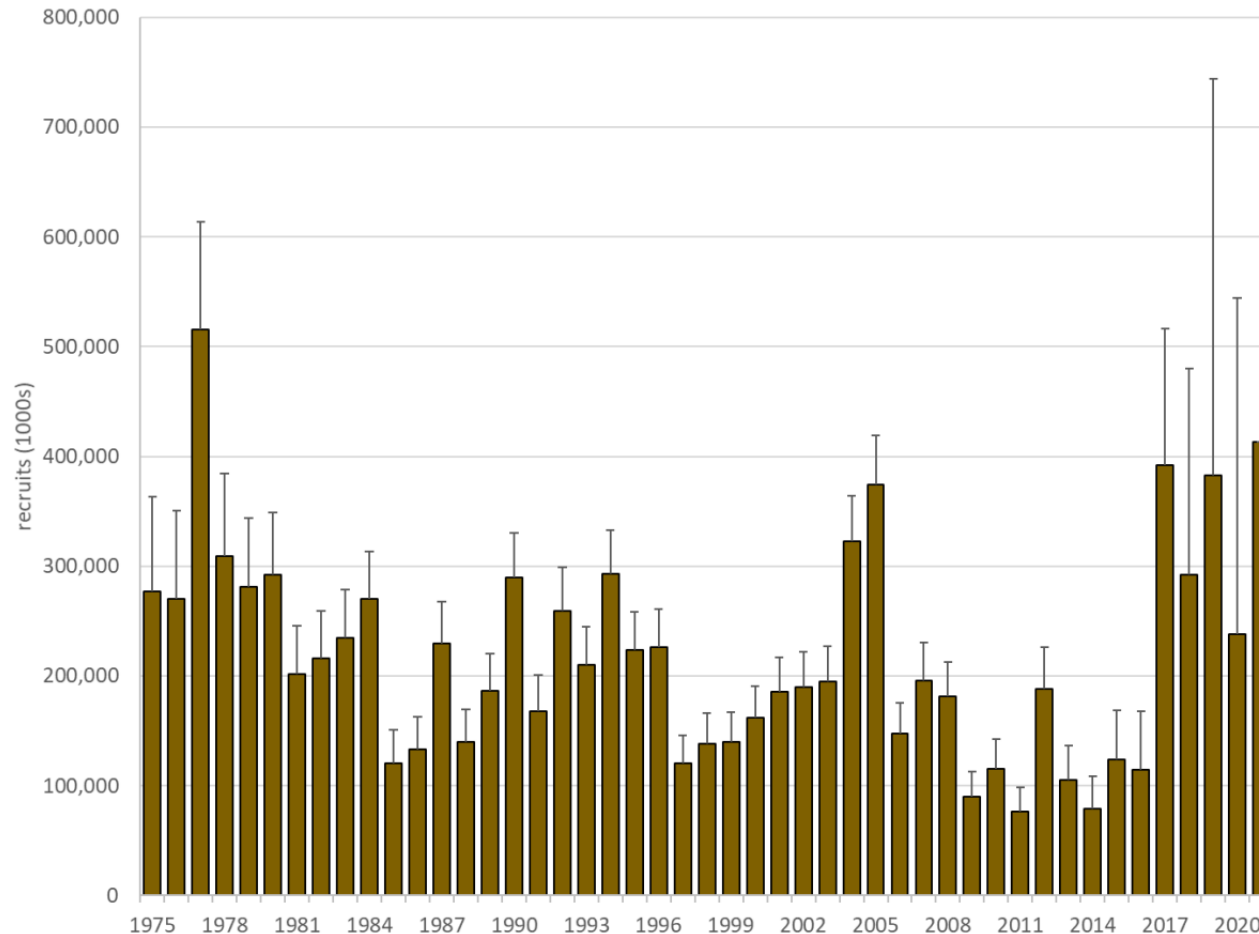
- Female spawning biomass (blue),  $B_{40\%}$  (green),  $B_{35\%}$  (red)





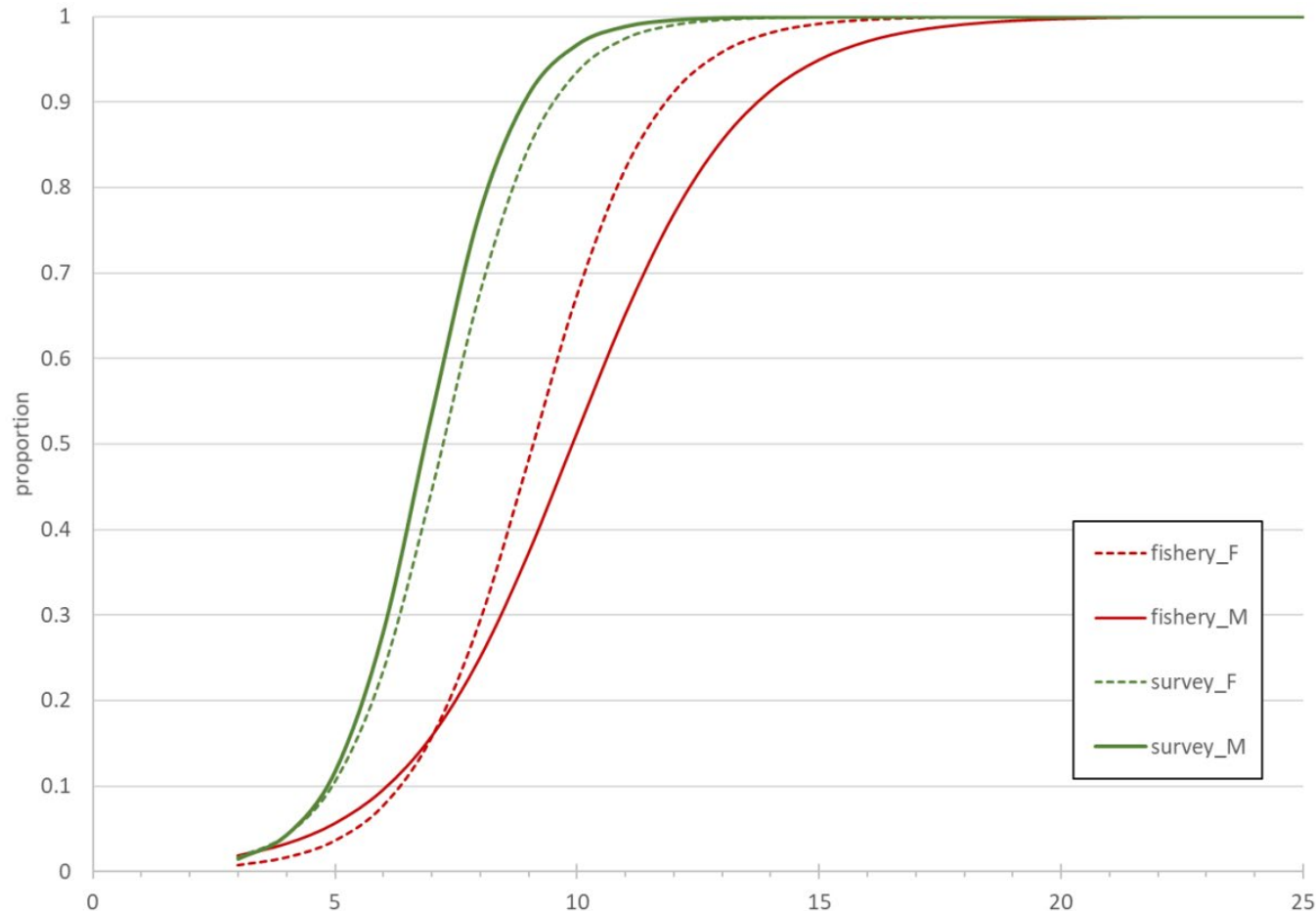
# Alaska plaice, continued

- Age 3 recruitment



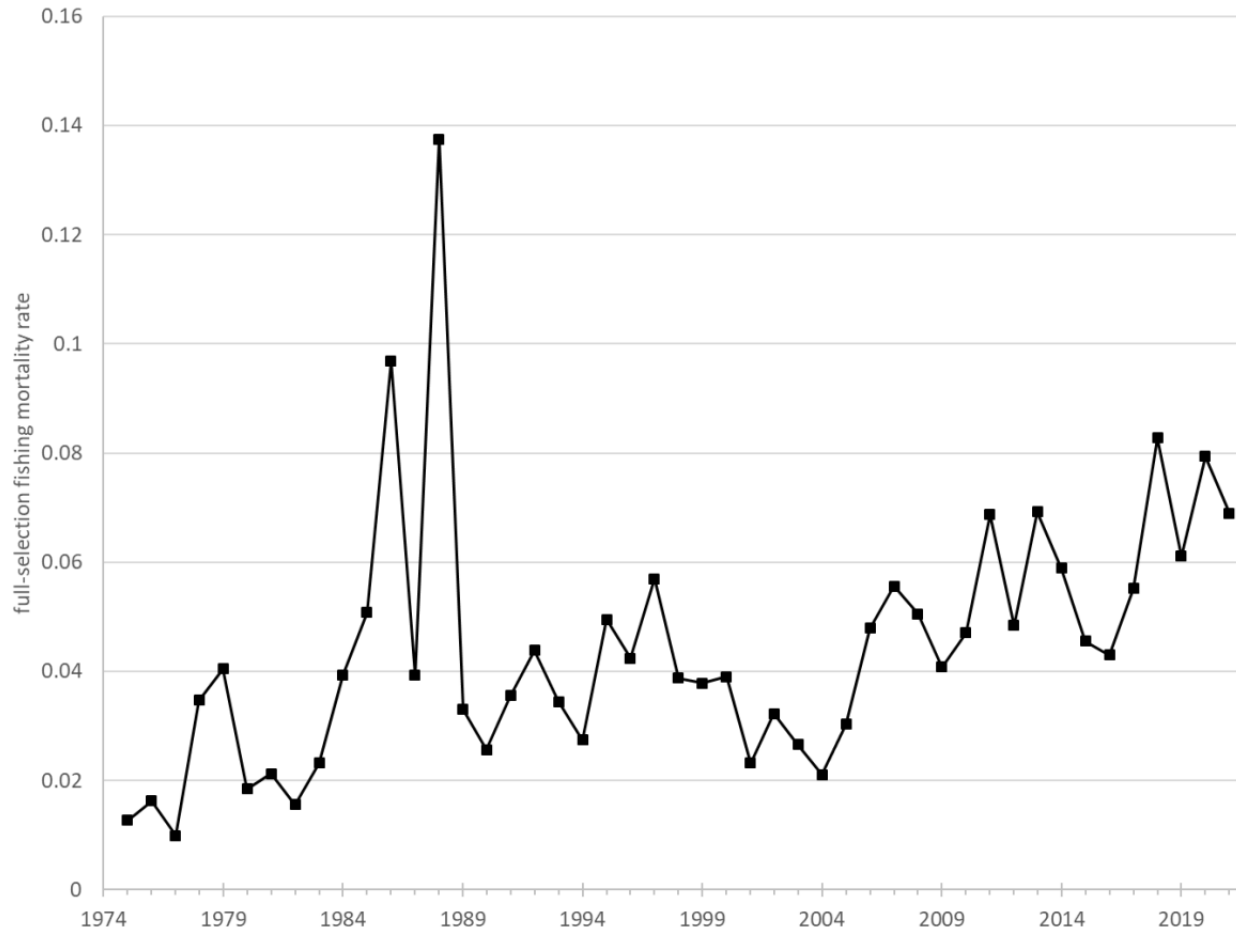
# Alaska plaice, continued

- Selectivity (fishery and survey; female and male)



# Alaska plaice, continued

- Full-selection fishing mortality



# Alaska plaice, continued

- The Team discussed the carrying capacity of the NBS, the presence of small Alaska plaice in the NBS, and the population decline in the EBS, apparently due to warming temperatures
- Author noted that the distribution appears to be continuous throughout the Bering Sea and that the increases in the NBS are not surprising given that Alaska plaice are a cold adapted species
- The Team asked about potential for a future model to include the NBS
- Author responded that the survey results suggest including the NBS, but he could also understand the rationale not to include the NBS in previous models, as there is no fishing in the NBS
- **The Team recommends that authors explore the relationship of the southern part of the stock in the EBS to the northern part of the stock in the NBS and consider developing models that include the NBS data**



# Alaska plaice, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.13	0.13	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	427,587	n/a	0.04
2022 age+ biomass	430,164	442,946	0.03
2021 spawning biomass	166,528	n/a	-0.15
2022 spawning biomass	160,150	141,838	-0.11
B100%	335,172	286,587	-0.14
B40%	134,069	114,635	-0.14
B35%	117,310	100,306	-0.14
2022 FOFL	0.160	0.170	0.06
2022 FABC	0.132	0.140	0.06
2021 OFL	37,924	n/a	0.04
2022 OFL	36,928	39,305	0.06
2021 ABC	31,657	n/a	0.03
2022 ABC	30,815	32,697	0.06



# Chapter 2A: AI Pacific cod

- >1 model: **yes**; change from base: **yes (author)**, **no (Team)**; risk>1: **yes**
- New data: none (Tier 5), fishery sizecomps for 2019-2021 (Tier 3)
- Model changes/alternatives:
  - Model 13.4: Tier 5 random effects model (base)
    - Team's preferred model
  - Model 19.0: author's baseline model
    - $M=0.34$ , maturity schedule based on observer data
    - Author's preferred model at time of Team presentation
  - Model 19.0a: same as 19.0, except with Stark (2007) maturity
  - Model 19.0b: same as 19.0, except with  $M=0.40$ 
    - Author's current preferred model
  - (Models 19.0, 19.0a, and 19.0b were presented in 2019 and this year in Sept., but numbering of 19.0a and 19.0b has switched since Sept.)



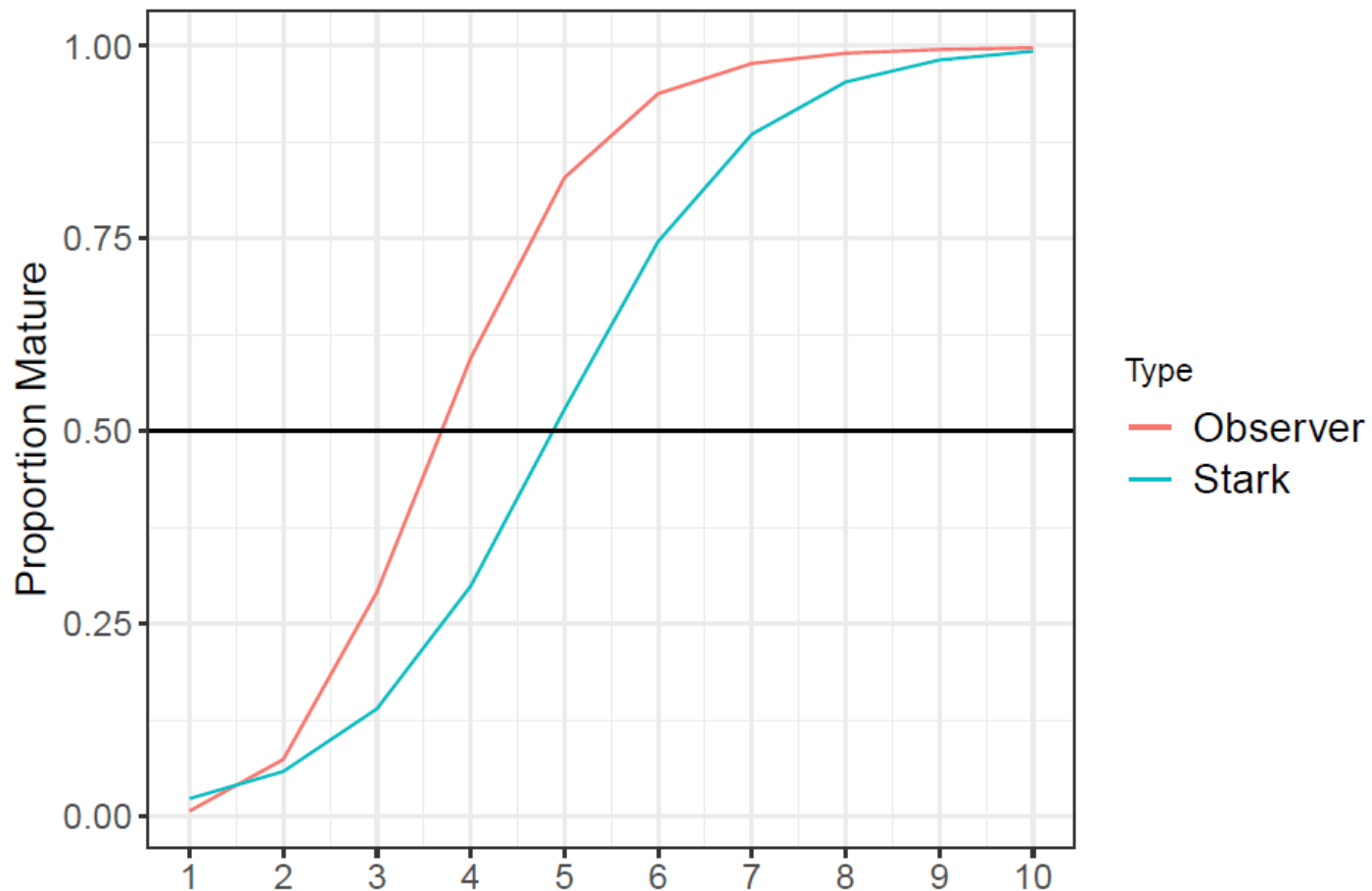
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Features of Model 19.0:
  - One fishery, one gear type, one season per year
  - Single sex model, 1:1 male female ratio
  - Logistic, age-based selectivity for both the fishery and survey
  - External estimation of length at age and weight at age
  - Ageing error matrix for ages 1 through 10+
  - All parameters constant except recruitment and fishing mortality
  - Internal estimation of fishing mortality, catchability, and selectivity
  - Recruitment estimated as a mean with lognormal deviations
  - Maturity at age estimated externally from observer data
  - Natural mortality fixed at 0.34 for consistency with past assessments



# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Alternative maturity schedules

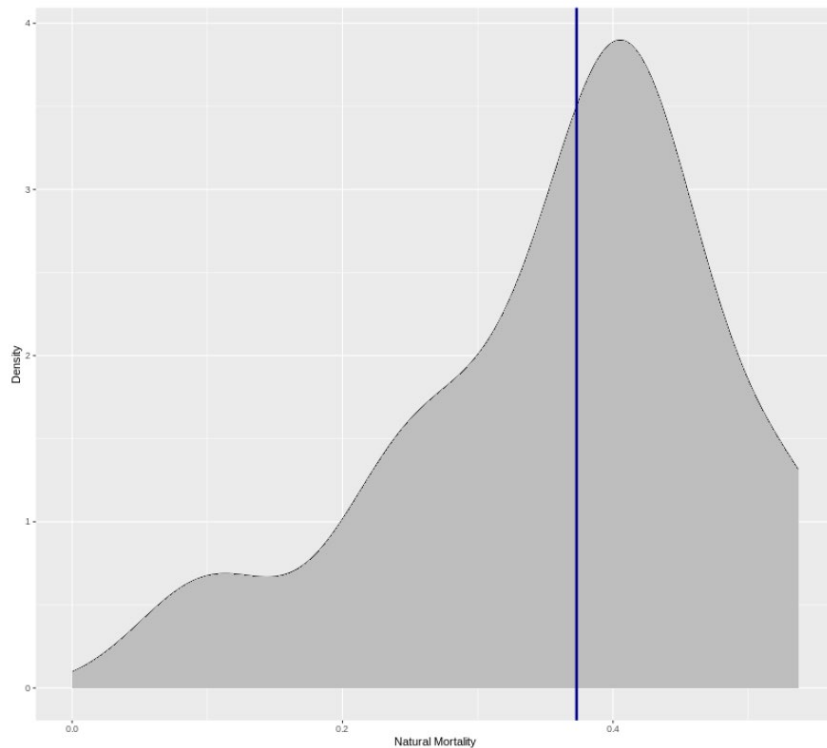




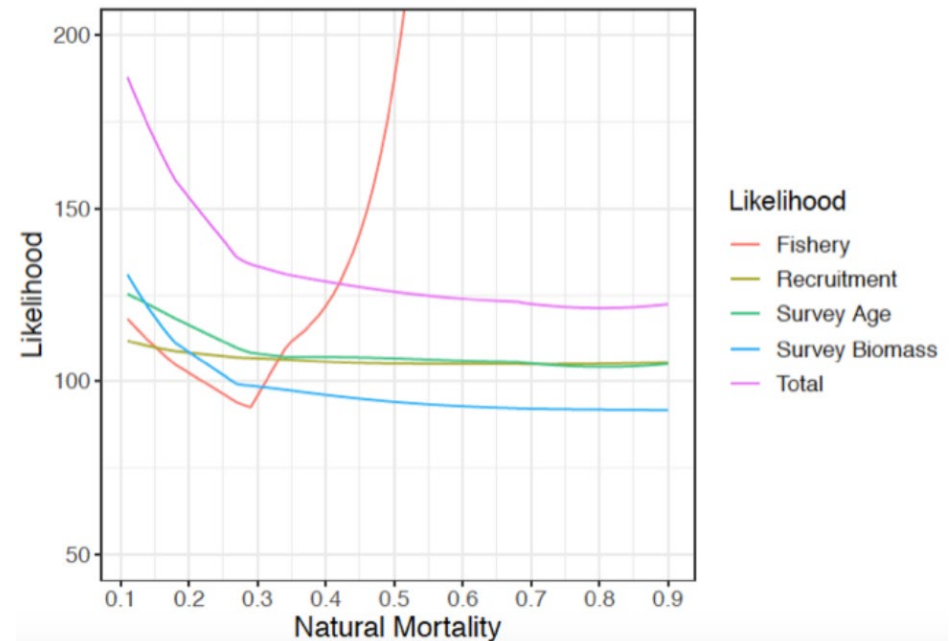
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Alternative natural mortality rates

## “Barefoot ecologist” PDF



## Likelihood profile (Model 19.0)



# AI Pacific cod, continued

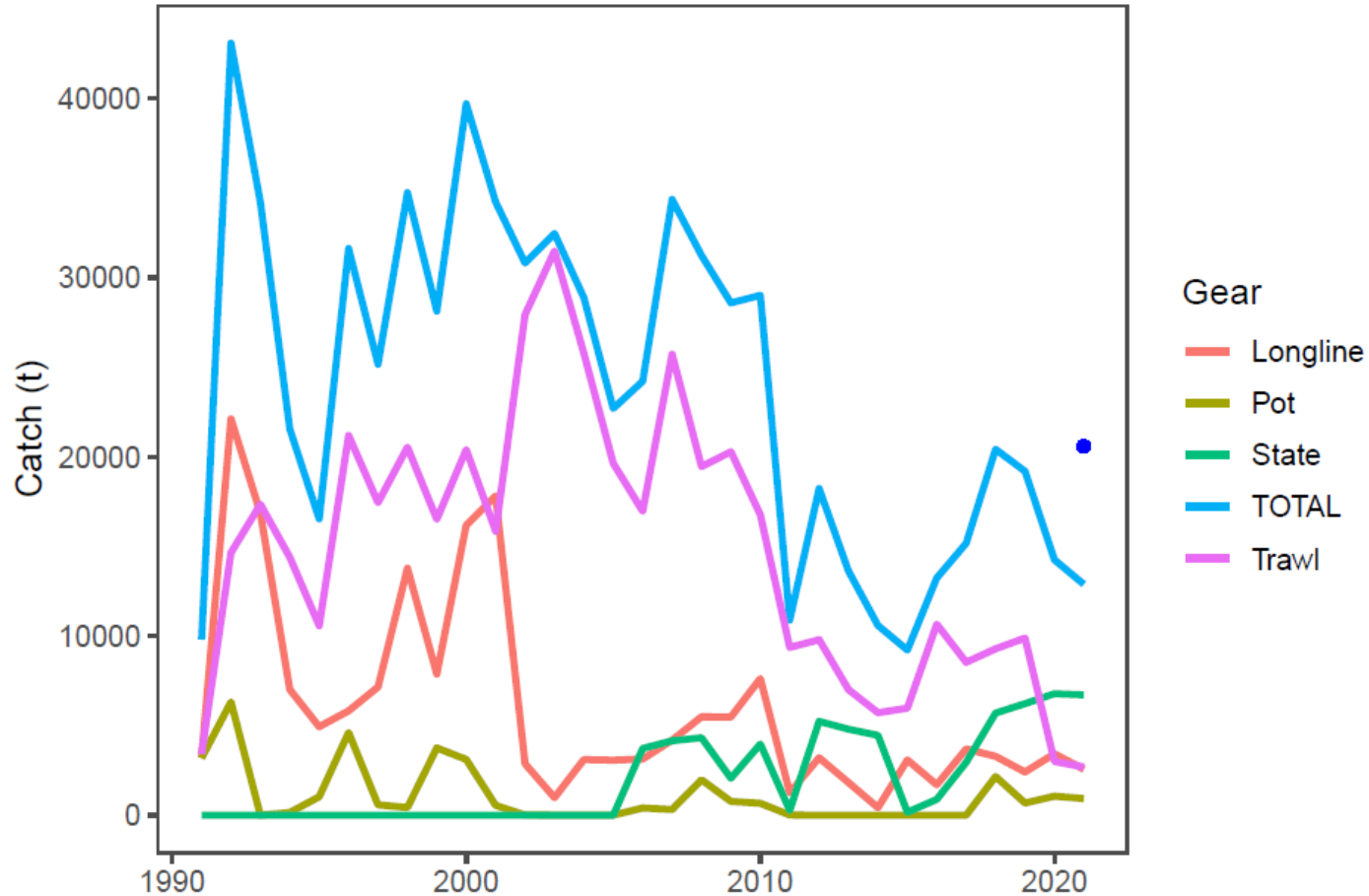
- Author recommends Model 19.0b, because:
  - Lower Mohn's  $\rho$  (0.154 versus for 0.225 for Models 19.0 and 19.0a)
  - Lower negative log likelihood

	Model 19.0	Model 19.0a	Model 19.0b
Likelihood Component	Base Model	Stark (2007) maturity	M=0.40
Recruitment	5.91	5.91	5.424
Survey age	56.055	56.055	56.228
Survey biomass	16.309	16.309	13.932
Catch	0.002	0.002	0.001
Fishery length	47.231	47.231	46.768
Total	125.507	125.507	122.354



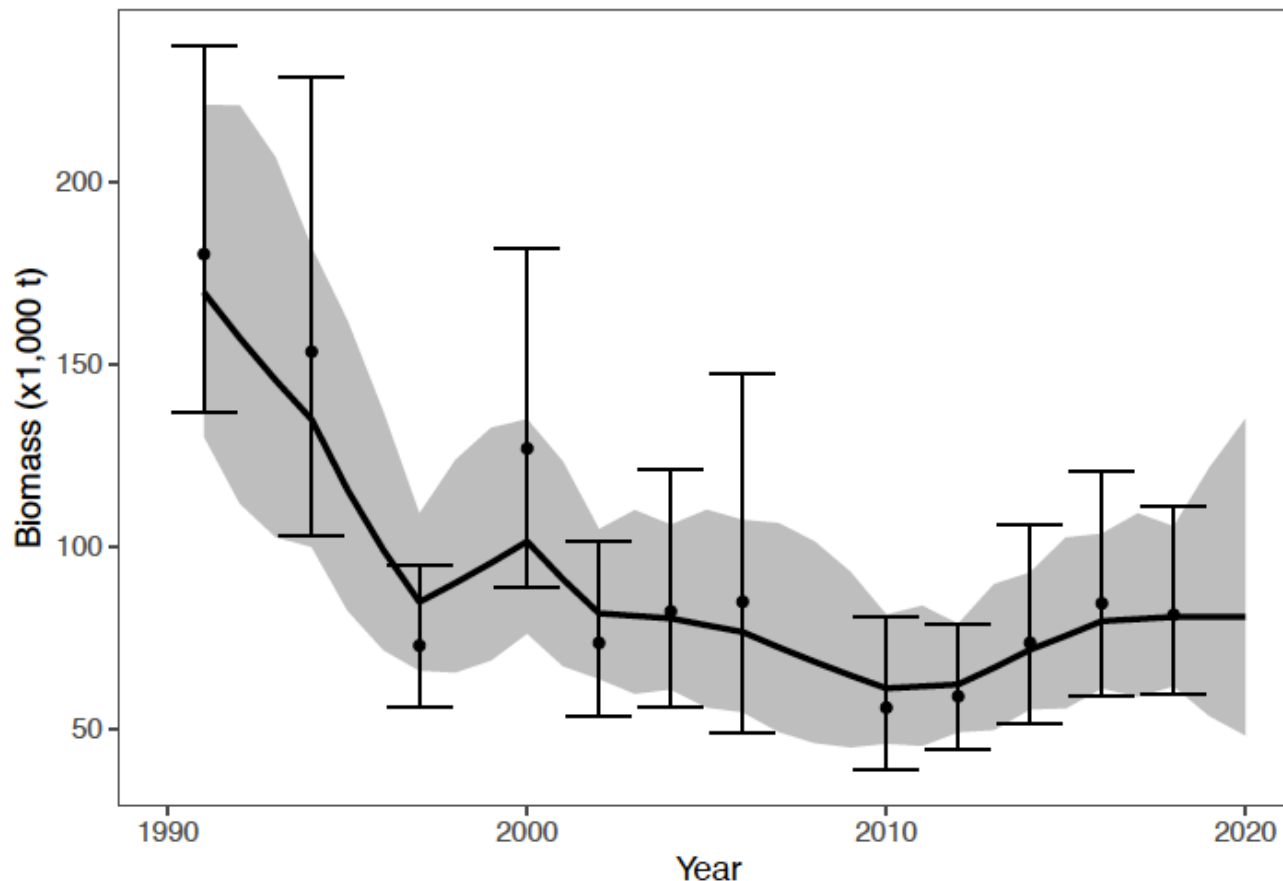
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Catch time series



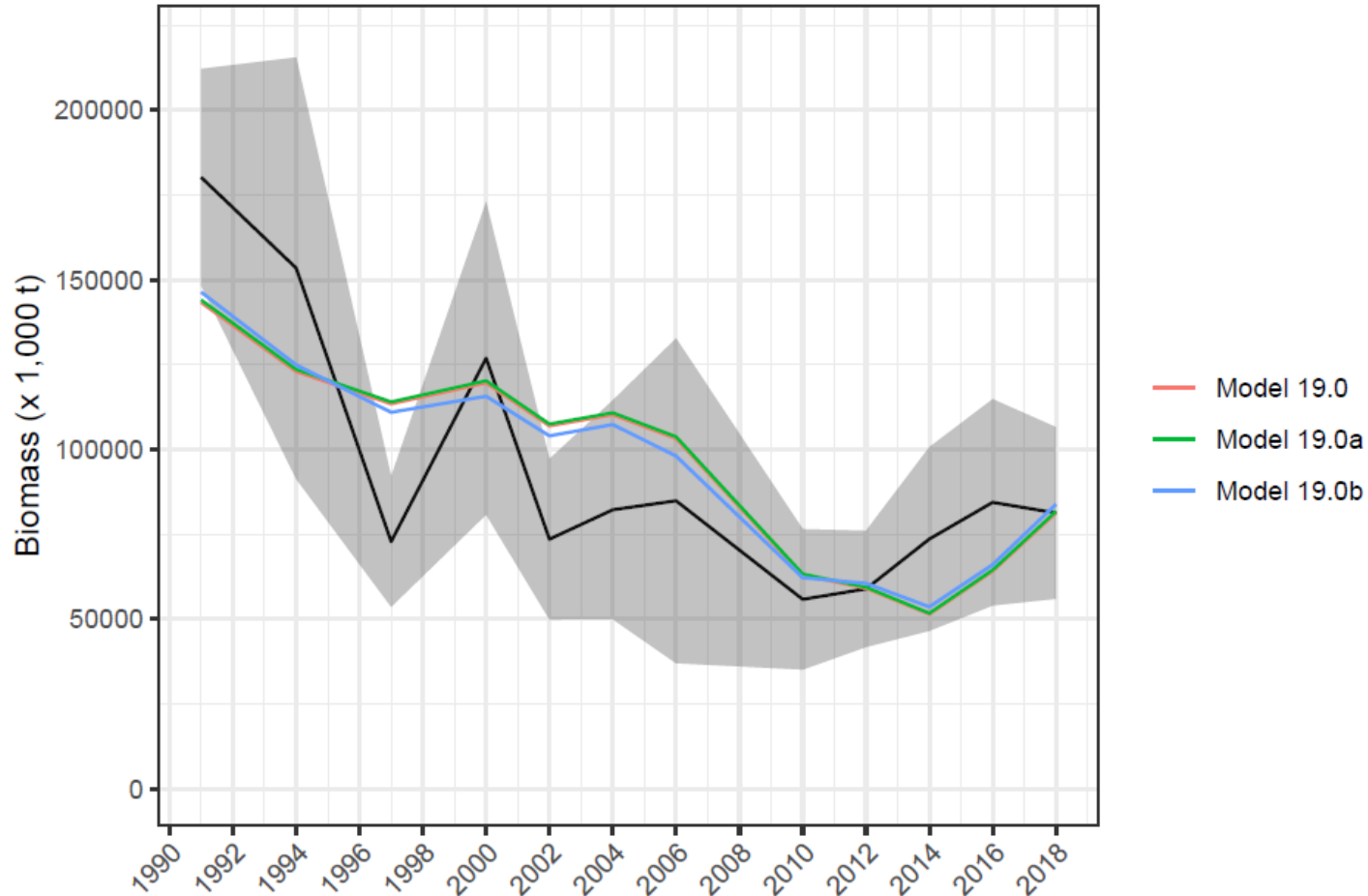
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Fit to survey biomass data (Tier 5 random effects model)



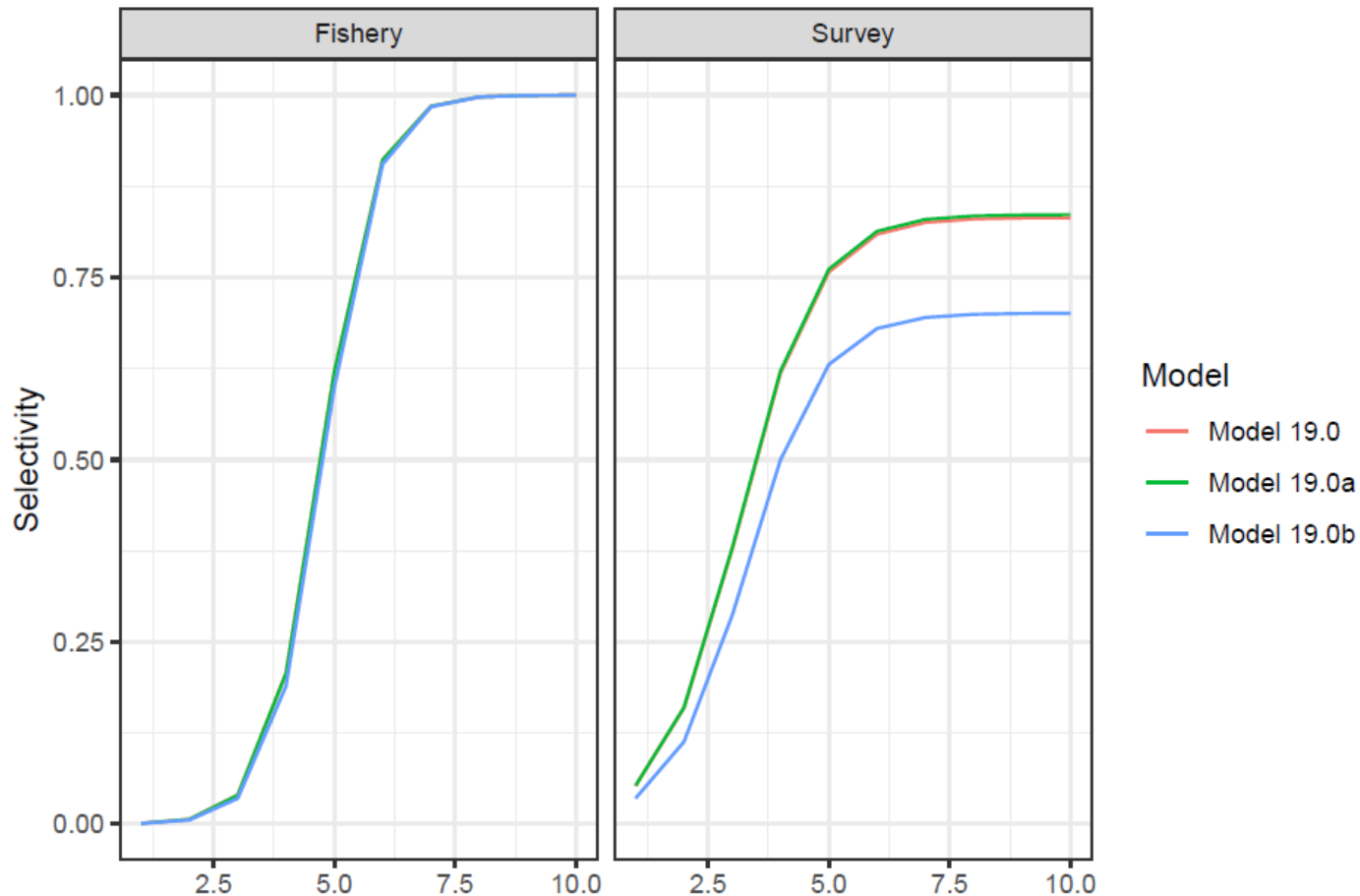
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Fits to survey biomass data (age-structured models)



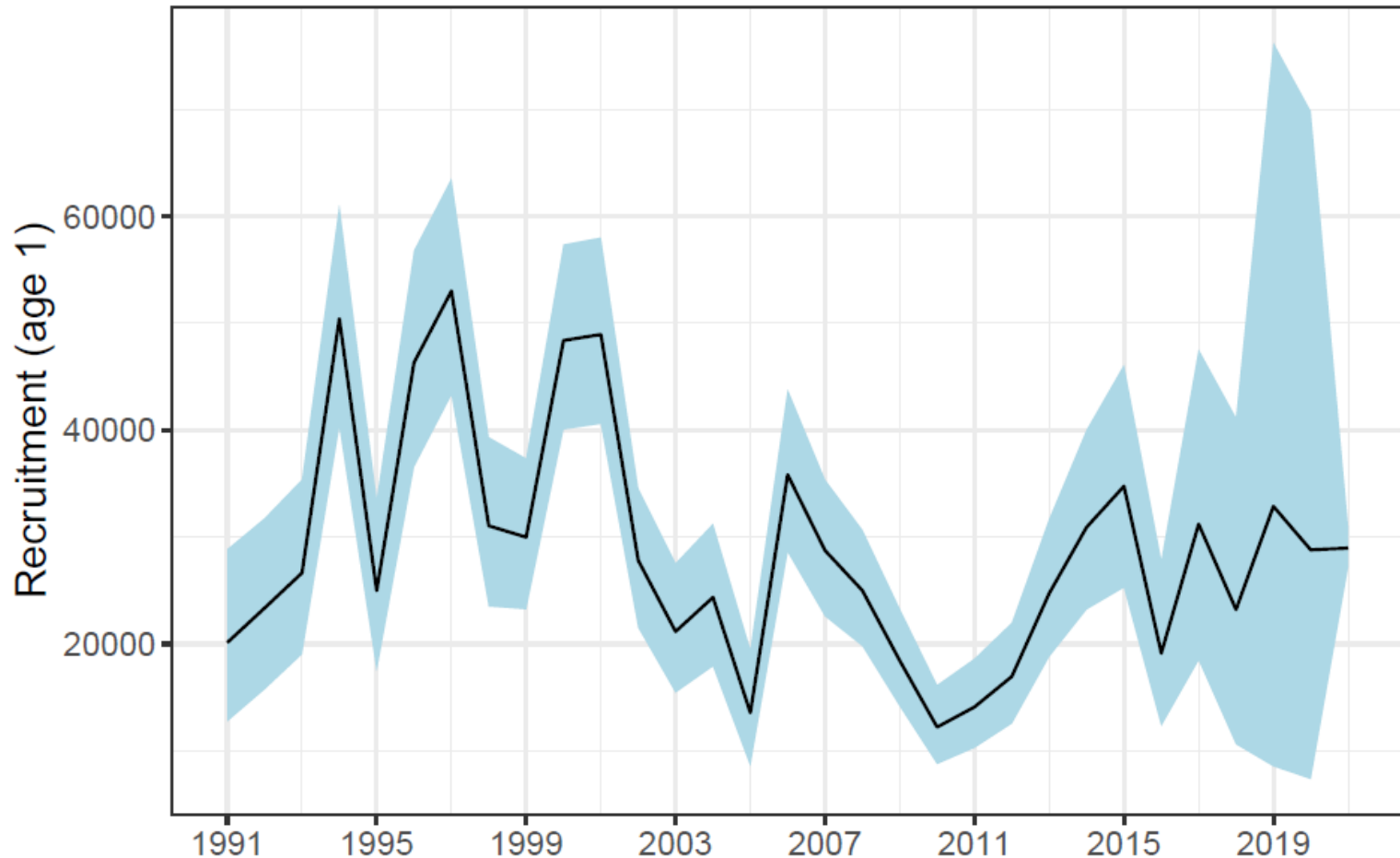
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Product of selectivity and catchability (age-structured models)



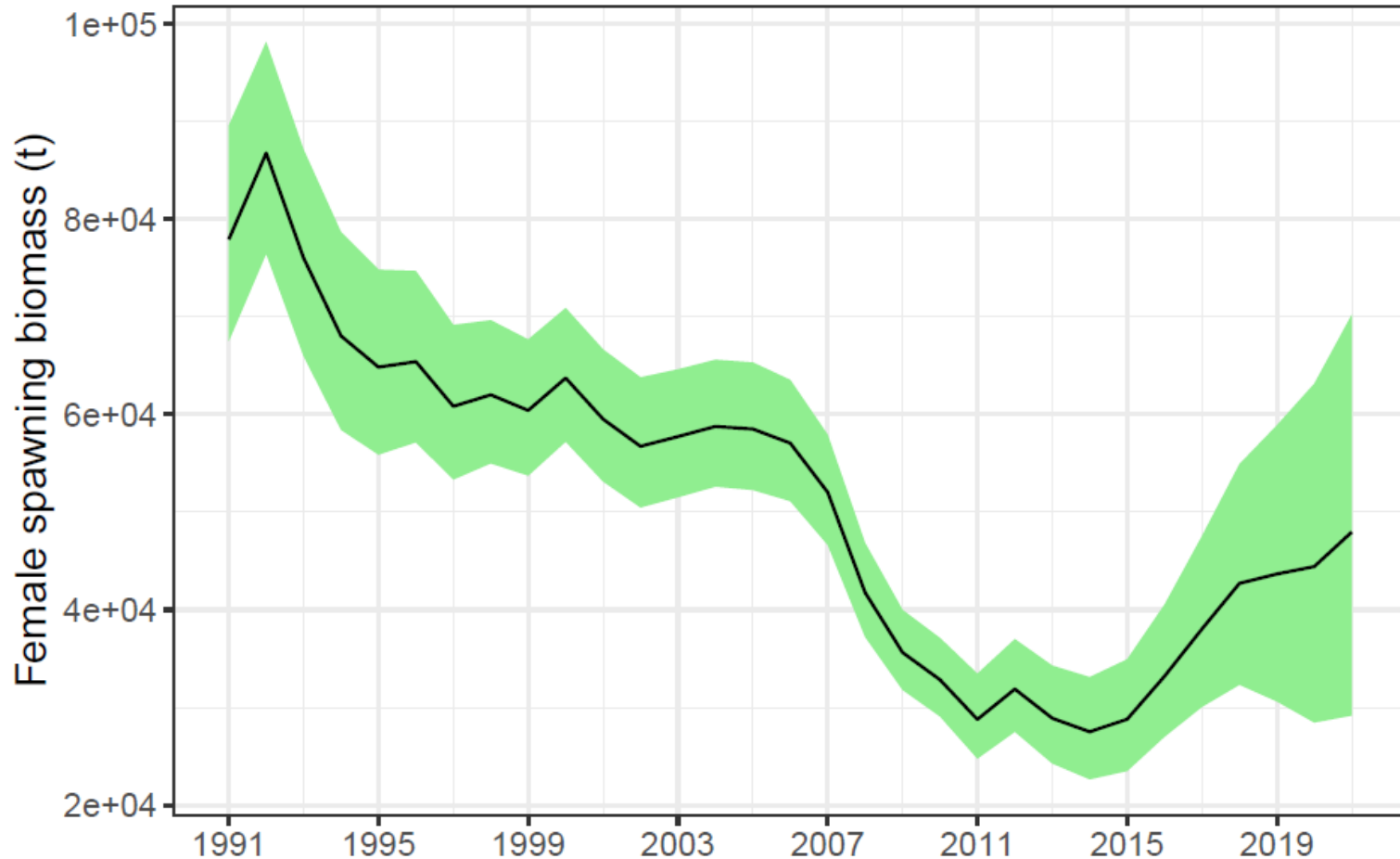
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Estimated age 1 recruitment (Model 19.0b)



# AI Pacific cod

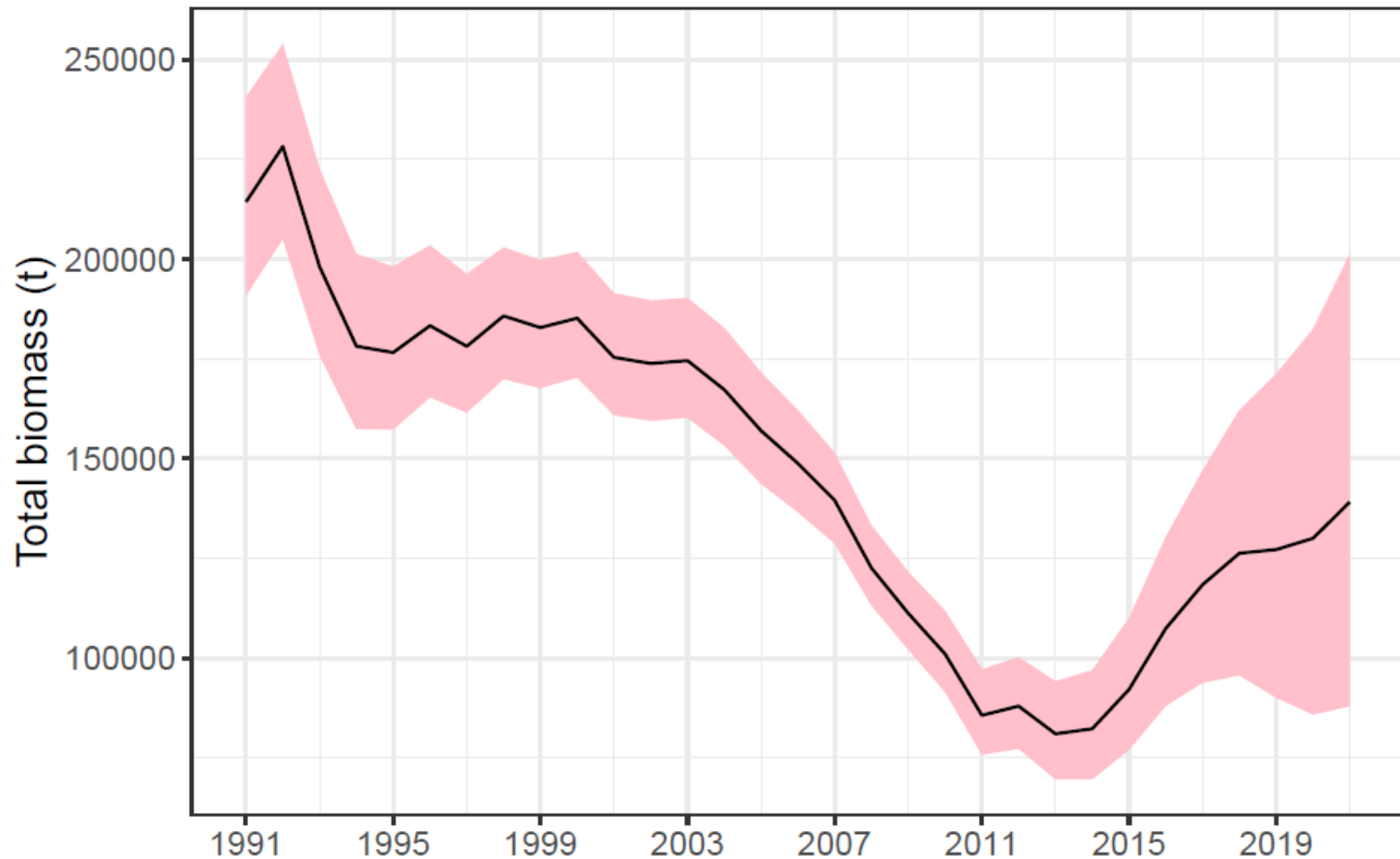
- Estimated female spawning biomass (Model 19.0b)





# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Total biomass (Model 19.0b)



# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Stock trend:
  - Tier 5 RE model:
    - Survey biomass has increased continuously since the all-time low observed in 2010, but is still 11% below average
  - Model 19.0b:
    - Age 1+ biomass reached a minimum of 107,329 t in 2014 and has since increased steadily to 172,761 t in 2021
    - 2022 spawning biomass is projected to be 59% of  $B_{100\%}$



# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Author's risk table:

Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
2019	1	1	2	1
2020	1	1	2	1
2021	2	1	2	1

- Assessment risk increased because of the lack of recent survey data and the fact that the age-structured models are fairly new
- (Note that the minutes indicate an author score of 2 for fishery performance, but the author revised her score after the meeting)
- 2022 Tier 3a OFL = 51,913 (up 89%), maxABC = 42,402 (up 106%)
- Author suggests a 51% reduction from the 2022 Tier 3a maxABC, giving an ABC equal to maxABC from the Tier 5 RE model (20,600 t)



# AI Pacific cod, continued

- Instead, the Team recommends retaining the Tier 5 RE model to specify the 2022 and 2023 OFL and maxABC
  - The Team recognizes that using Tier 5 with 2018 survey results is outdated, especially when the age-structured models predict an increasing trend in biomass
  - However, the Tier 3 projections would be similarly limited by outdated survey data, with the only recent data included in the models being fishery sizecomps; also, the age-structured models tend to overestimate spawning biomass in the terminal year
  - The Team was uncertain whether the age-structured models, without new survey data, were an improvement over Tier 5
  - The Team encourages the author to conduct sensitivity analyses after the 2022 survey data are included



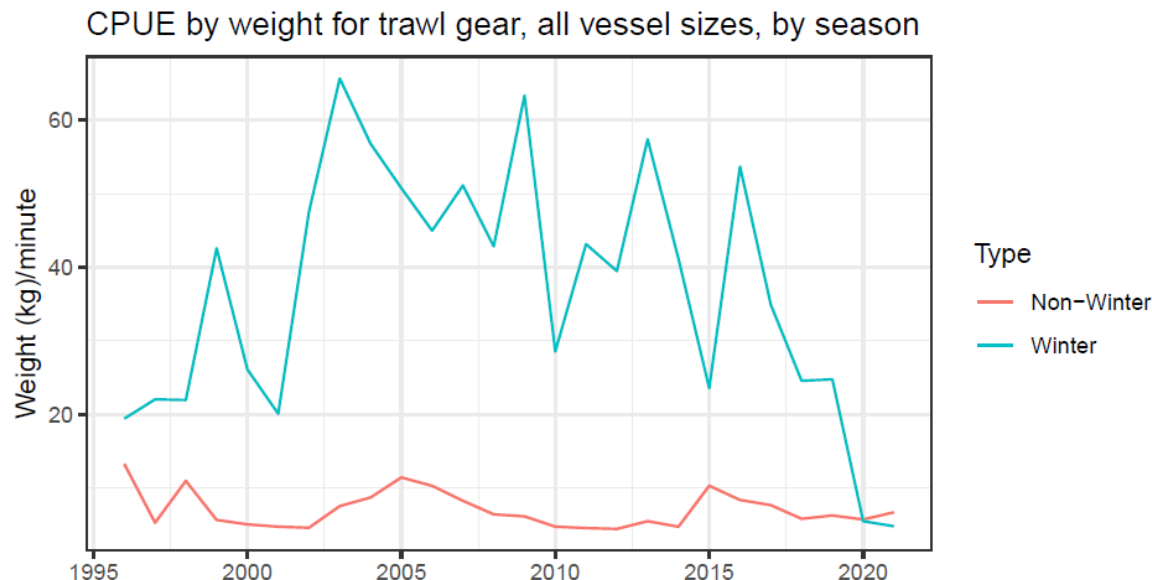
# AI Pacific cod, continued

- The Team does not recommend a reduction from the maxABC
  - The risk levels suggested by the author were based on the Tier 3 model recommended in the assessment
  - The Team felt that using the Tier 5 model for OFL and maxABC addressed one of the reasons the Assessment Considerations were listed as Level 2
  - Therefore, using Tier 5 warranted a change from Level 2 to Level 1 for Assessment Considerations, and no reduction from maxABC
  - In summary, rather than moving to a new model and then using the risk table to justify using the ABC from the base model, the Team felt it was more straightforward simply to retain the base model for now



# AI Pacific cod, continued

- The Team commended the author for addressing Team and SSC recommendations and noted that data weighting remains to be explored
- Fishery CPUE indices revealed mixed results with a decrease in trawl winter CPUE, but no such decline in other fishery or season CPUE



- Author noted that the fishery CPUE trends were likely unreliable

# AI Pacific cod, continued

- The Team recommends further examination of fishery CPUE, beginning with methods to control for changes in the fisheries and management. Joining current efforts looking at CPUE analyses of other Pacific cod stocks may be beneficial.
- The Team recommends further exploration of age-structured models given that there is likely to be an Aleutian Islands trawl survey in 2022
- The Team also recommends that authors investigate other sources of fishery-independent data for application in Tier 5, or to fit these within age-structured models. This effort might begin with a re-examination of previous explorations involving use of the AFSC and IPHC longline survey indices (viz., the 2016 CIE review and Models 16.2, 16.3, and 16.4 from the 2016 assessment)



# AI Pacific cod, continued

## 2a. AI Pacific cod (Team)

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.34	0.34	0.00
2021 tier	5	n/a	none
2022 tier	5	5	none
Biomass	80,700	80,700	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.34	0.34	0.00
2022 FABC	0.255	0.255	0.00
2021 OFL	27,400	n/a	0.00
2022 OFL	27,400	27,400	0.00
2021 ABC	20,600	n/a	0.00
2022 ABC	20,600	20,600	0.00





# AI Pacific cod, continued

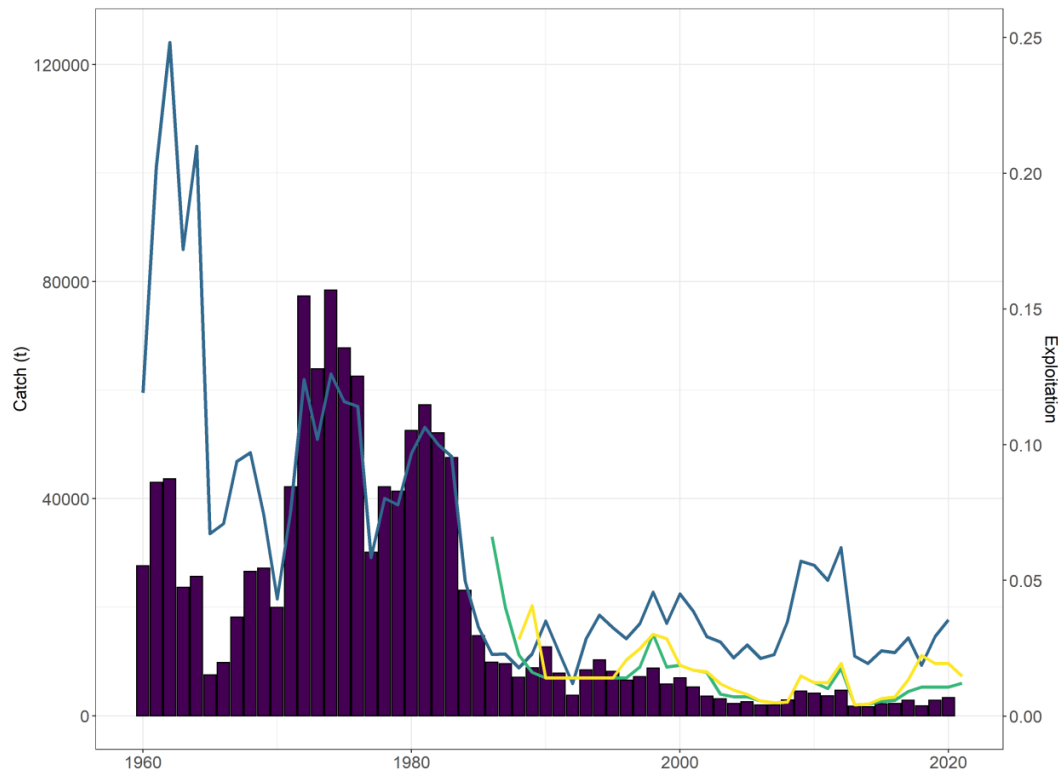
## 2a. AI Pacific cod (author)

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.34	0.40	0.18
2021 tier	5	n/a	none
2022 tier	5	3a	↑
2021 age+ biomass	80,700	n/a	1.22
2022 age+ biomass	80,700	179,370	1.22
2021 spawning biomass	n/a	n/a	n/a
2022 spawning biomass	n/a	59,722	n/a
B100%	n/a	100,508	n/a
B40%	n/a	40,203	n/a
B35%	n/a	35,177	n/a
2022 FOFL	0.34	0.892	1.62
2022 FABC	0.26	0.287	0.13
2021 OFL	27,400	n/a	0.89
2022 OFL	27,400	51,913	0.89
2021 ABC	20,600	n/a	0.00
2022 ABC	20,600	20,600	0.00



# Chapter 5: Greenland turbot (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 57% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch (bars), catch/biomass (blue), ABC (yellow), TAC (green):



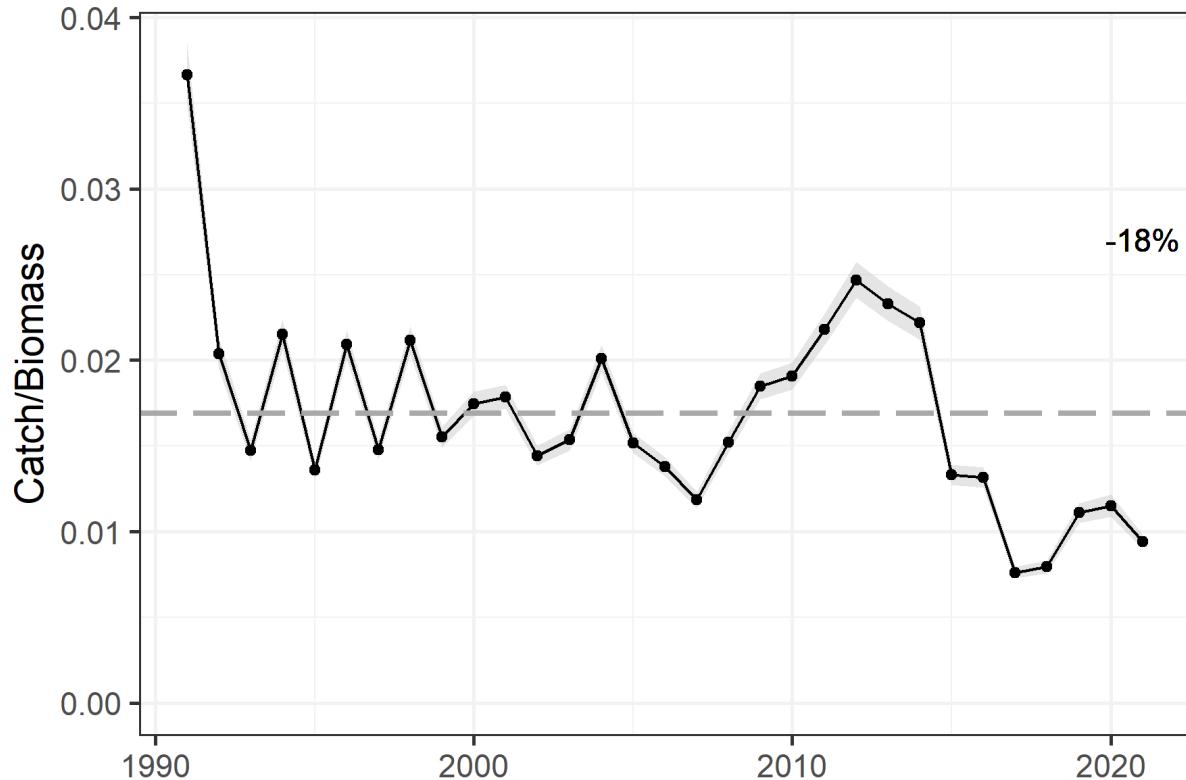
# Greenland turbot, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.112	0.112	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	87,849	n/a	-0.04
2022 age+ biomass	79,382	84,341	0.06
2021 spawning biomass	51,914	n/a	-0.03
2022 spawning biomass	47,197	50,361	0.07
B100%	89,054	89,054	0.00
B40%	35,622	35,622	0.00
B35%	31,169	31,169	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.22	0.22	0.00
2022 FABC	0.18	0.18	0.00
2021 OFL	8,568	n/a	-0.10
2022 OFL	7,181	7,687	0.07
2021 ABC	7,326	n/a	-0.10
2022 ABC	6,139	6,572	0.07



# Chapter 6: arrowtooth flounder (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 91% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch/biomass time series:



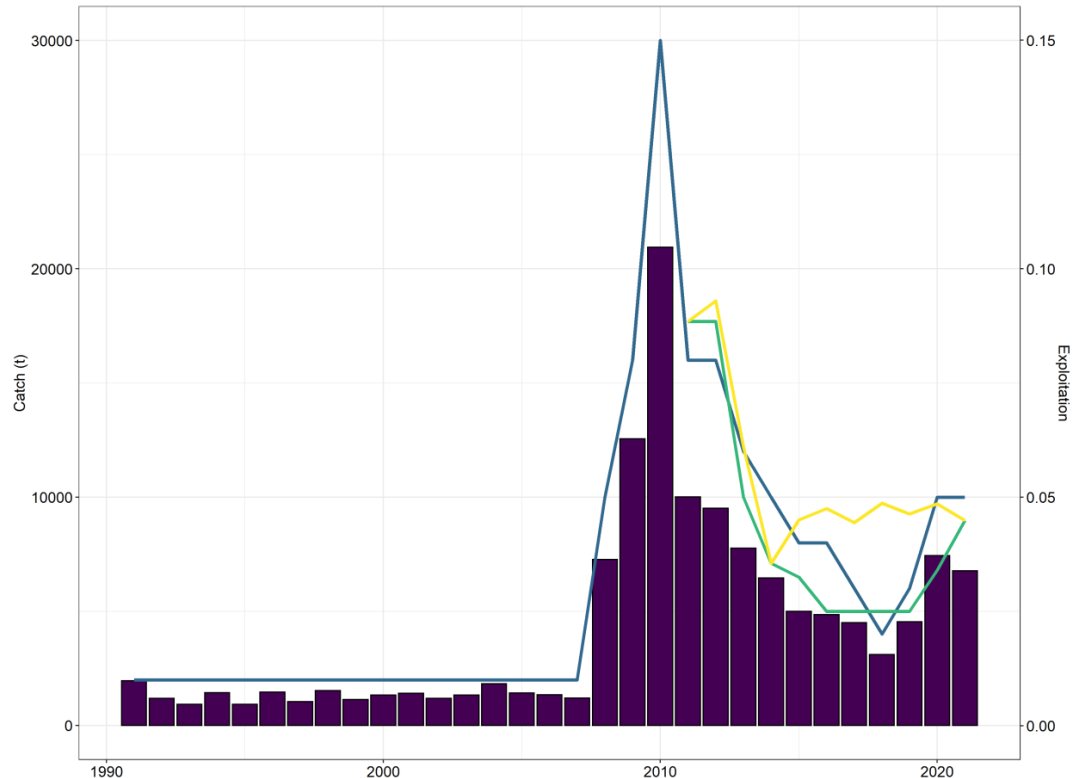
# Arrowtooth flounder, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.20/0.35	0.20/0.35	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	923,646	n/a	0.00
2022 age+ biomass	921,074	921,690	0.00
2021 spawning biomass	497,556	n/a	0.02
2022 spawning biomass	509,208	509,672	0.00
B100%	558,826	558,826	0.00
B40%	223,530	223,530	0.00
B35%	195,589	195,589	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.160	0.160	0.00
2022 FABC	0.135	0.135	0.00
2021 OFL	90,873	n/a	0.04
2022 OFL	94,368	94,445	0.00
2021 ABC	77,349	n/a	0.04
2022 ABC	80,323	80,389	0.00



# Chapter 7: Kamchatka flounder (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 55% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch (bars), catch/biomass (blue), ABC (yellow), TAC (green)



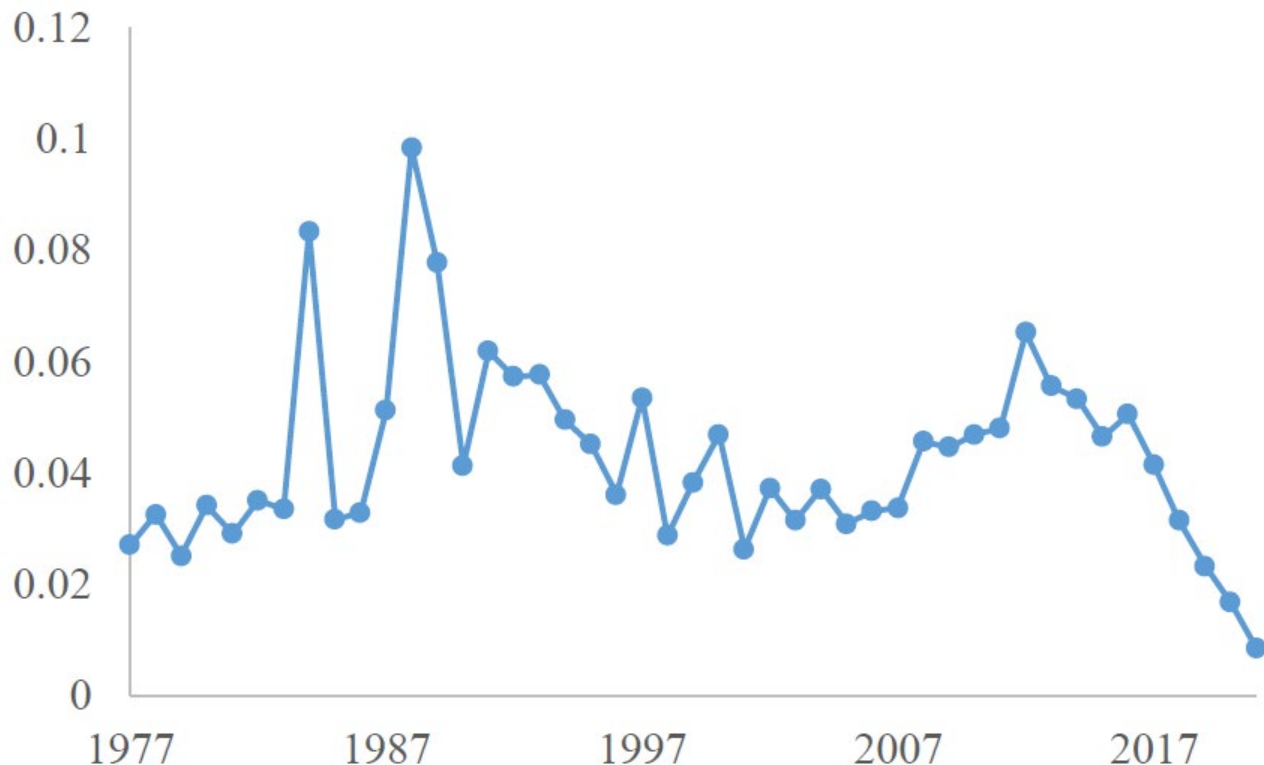
# Kamchatka flounder, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.11	0.11	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	144,671	n/a	0.00
2022 age+ biomass	143,248	143,983	0.01
2021 spawning biomass	54,341	n/a	0.03
2022 spawning biomass	55,256	55,701	0.01
B100%	101,376	101,376	0.00
B40%	40,550	40,550	0.00
B35%	35,482	35,482	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.108	0.108	0.00
2022 FABC	0.090	0.090	0.00
2021 OFL	10,630	n/a	0.03
2022 OFL	10,843	10,903	0.01
2021 ABC	8,982	n/a	0.03
2022 ABC	9,163	9,214	0.01



# Chapter 8: northern rock sole (partial)

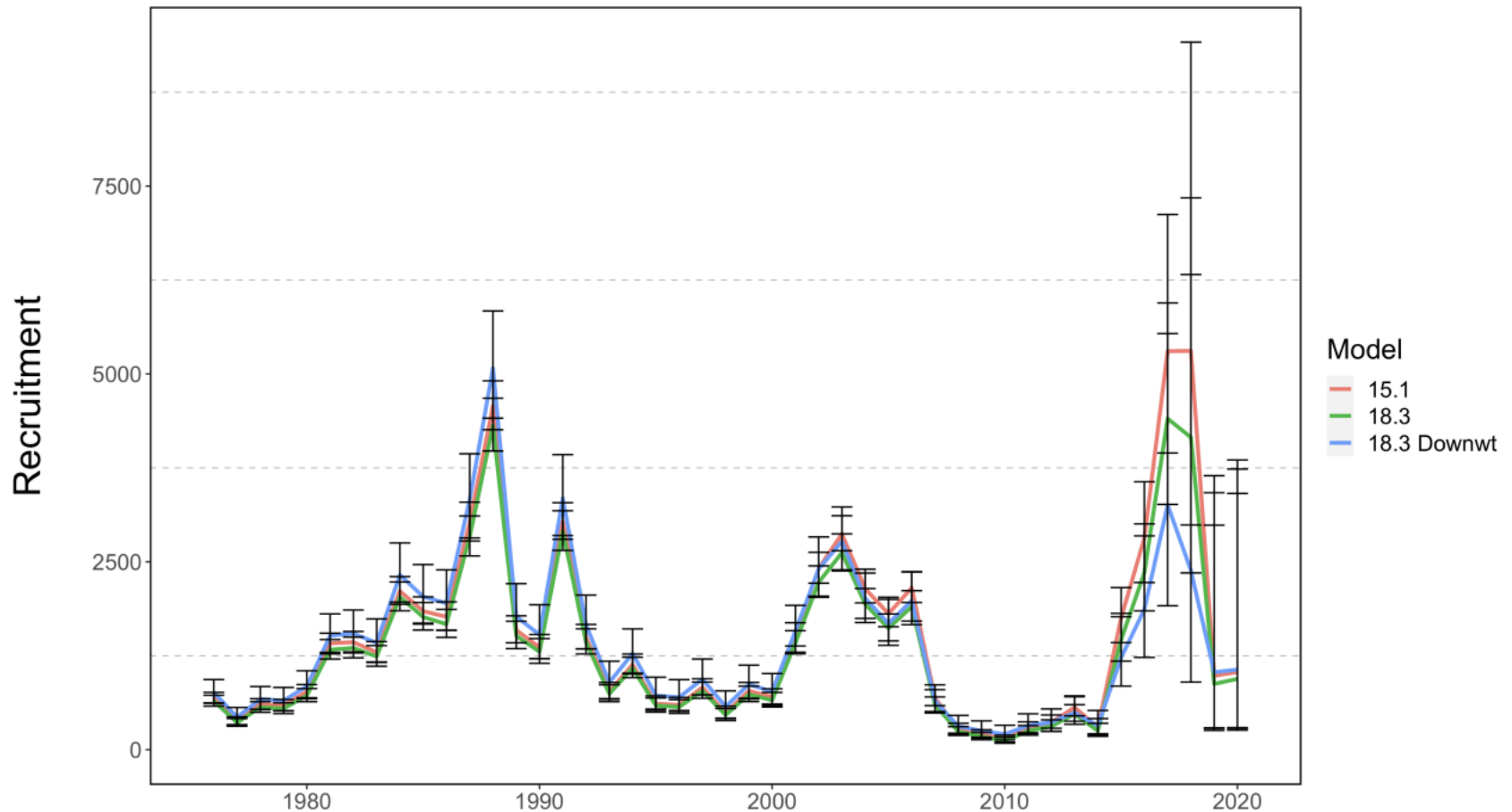
- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 60% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch/biomass time series:





# Northern rock sole, continued

- Age 1 recruitment (from last year's assessment; Model 18.3 is base)



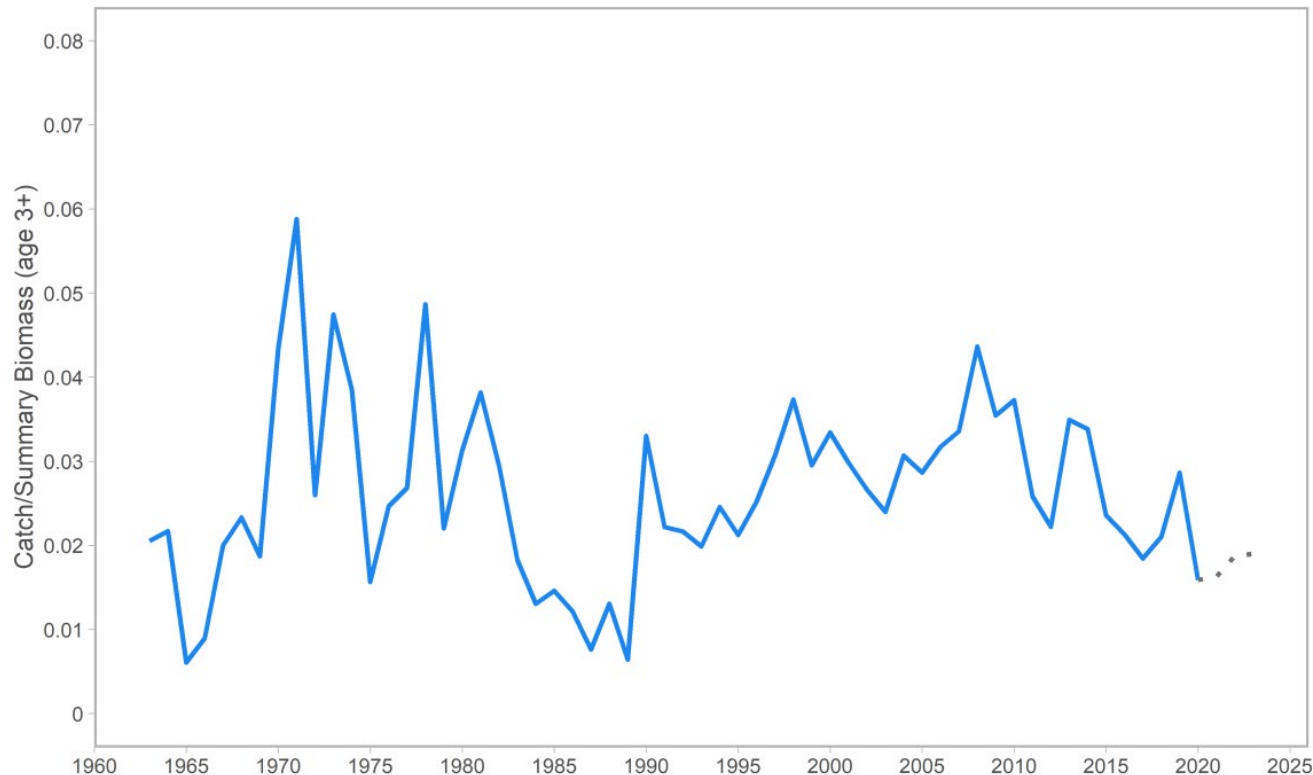
# Northern rock sole, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M (male/female)	0.15/0.17	0.15/0.17	0.00
2021 tier	1a	n/a	none
2022 tier	1a	1a	none
2021 age+ biomass	923,197	n/a	0.47
2022 age+ biomass	1,359,440	1,361,360	0.00
2021 spawning biomass	294,627	n/a	-0.02
2022 spawning biomass	286,381	287,600	0.00
B0	476,820	476,820	0.00
Bmsy	158,972	158,972	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.157	0.157	0.00
2022 FABC	0.152	0.152	0.00
2021 OFL	145,180	n/a	0.47
2022 OFL	213,783	214,084	0.00
2021 ABC	140,306	n/a	0.47
2022 ABC	206,605	206,896	0.00



# Chapter 9: flathead sole (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 76% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch/biomass time series:



# Flathead sole, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.20	0.20	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	602,497	n/a	0.01
2022 age+ biomass	608,576	608,631	0.00
2021 spawning biomass	150,433	n/a	0.03
2022 spawning biomass	154,906	155,379	0.00
B100%	203,658	203,658	0.00
B40%	81,463	81,463	0.00
B35%	71,280	71,280	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.46	0.46	0.00
2022 FABC	0.37	0.37	0.00
2021 OFL	75,863	n/a	0.03
2022 OFL	77,763	77,967	0.00
2021 ABC	62,567	n/a	0.03
2022 ABC	64,119	64,288	0.00



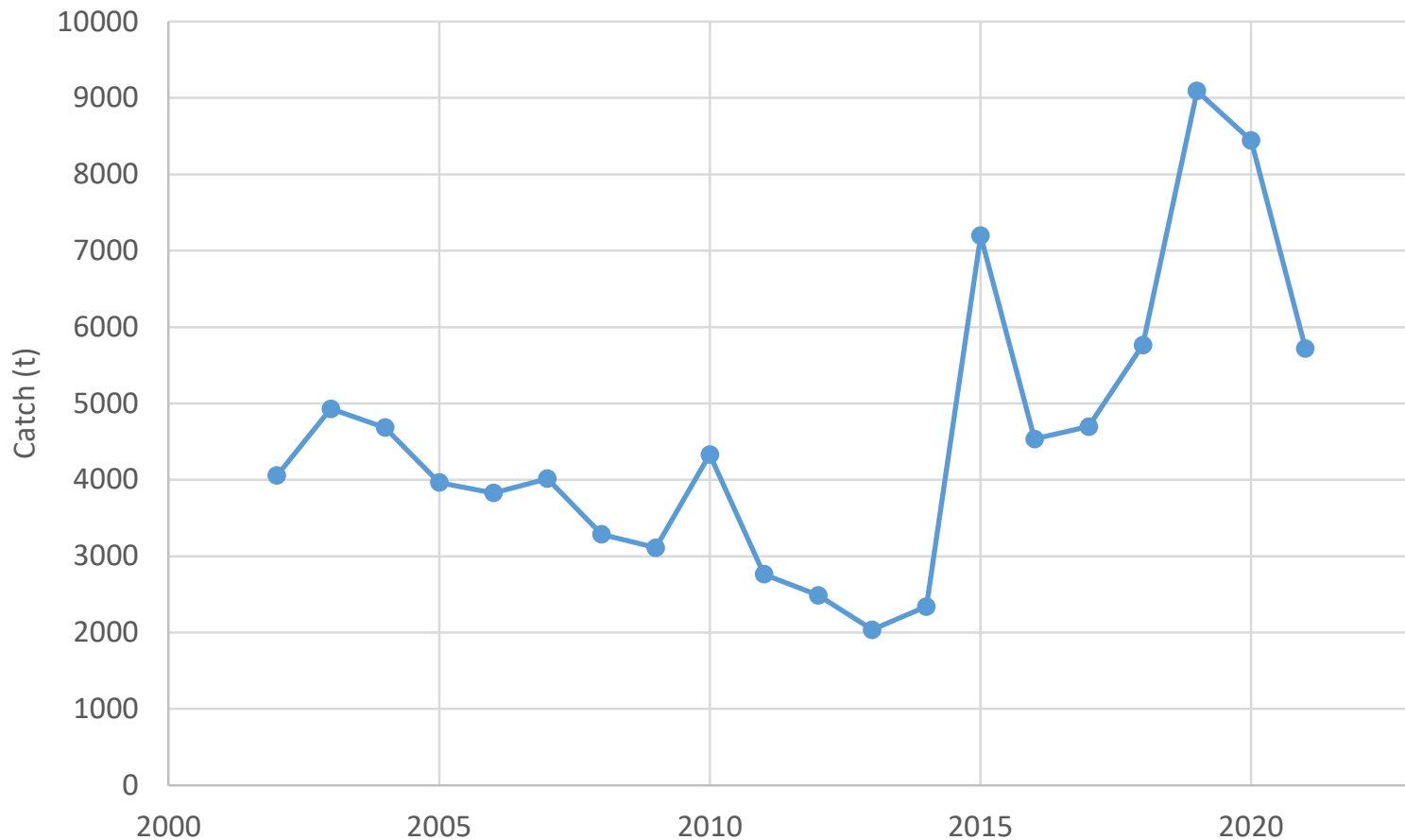
# Chapter 13: northern rockfish

- New model(s): **yes**; change from base: **yes**; risk>1: **yes**
- New data: 2019 and 2020 fishery agecomps
- Model changes/alternatives:
  - Model 16.1a: current base model
  - Model 21: same as 16.1a, except the age at which survey selectivity is constrained to approximate 1.0 is increased from 15 to 30
    - Team and SSC had requested that the author address “the issues concerning the restrictive priors on key parameters in the model and exploring alternatives for estimating survey selectivity”
- Author recommends adoption of Model 21 because it provides more flexibility for the data to determine the shape of the selectivity curve, while still conforming to the assumption of asymptotic selectivity (i.e., by achieving selectivity close to 1.0 well before the age+ group (40 years))



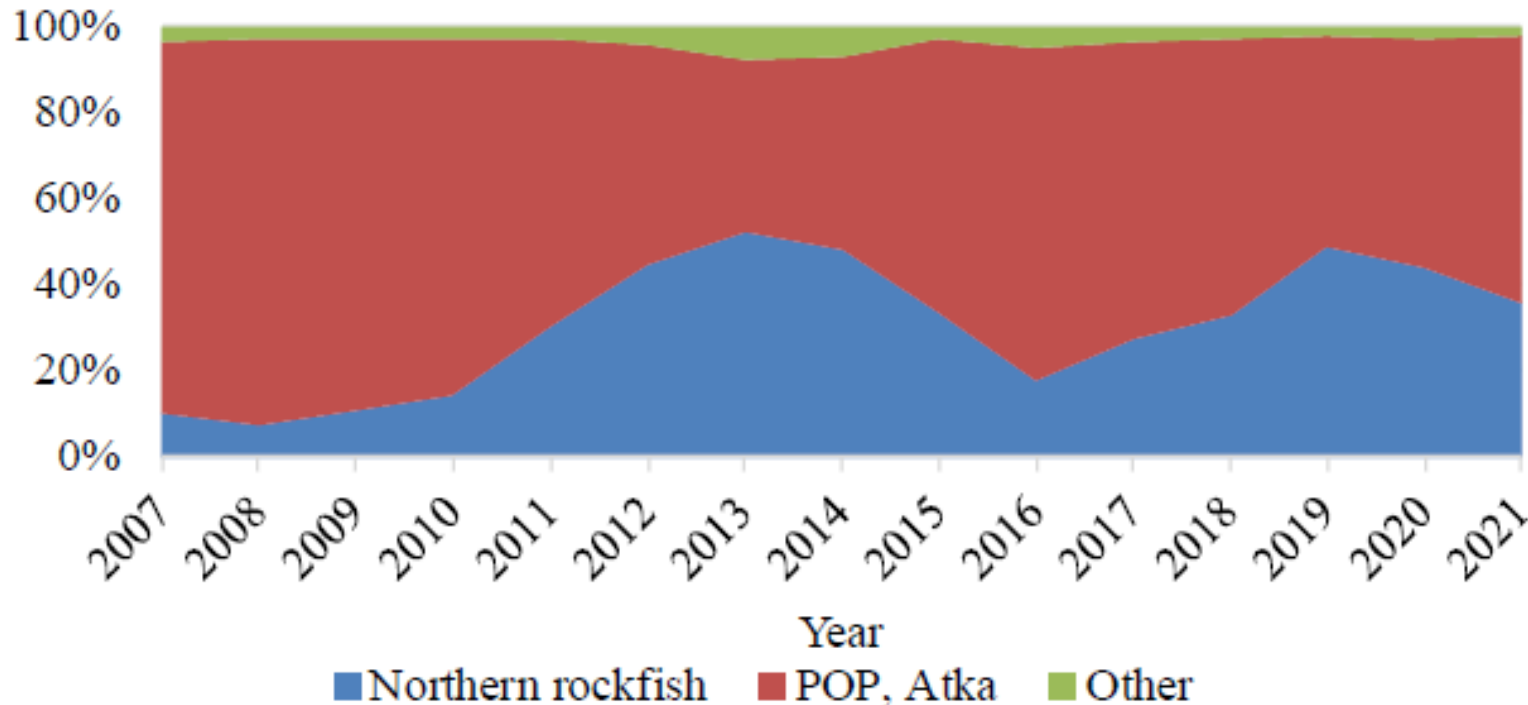
# Northern rockfish, continued

- Catch time series



# Northern rockfish, continued

- Proportion of catch consisting of northern rockfish, by target fishery

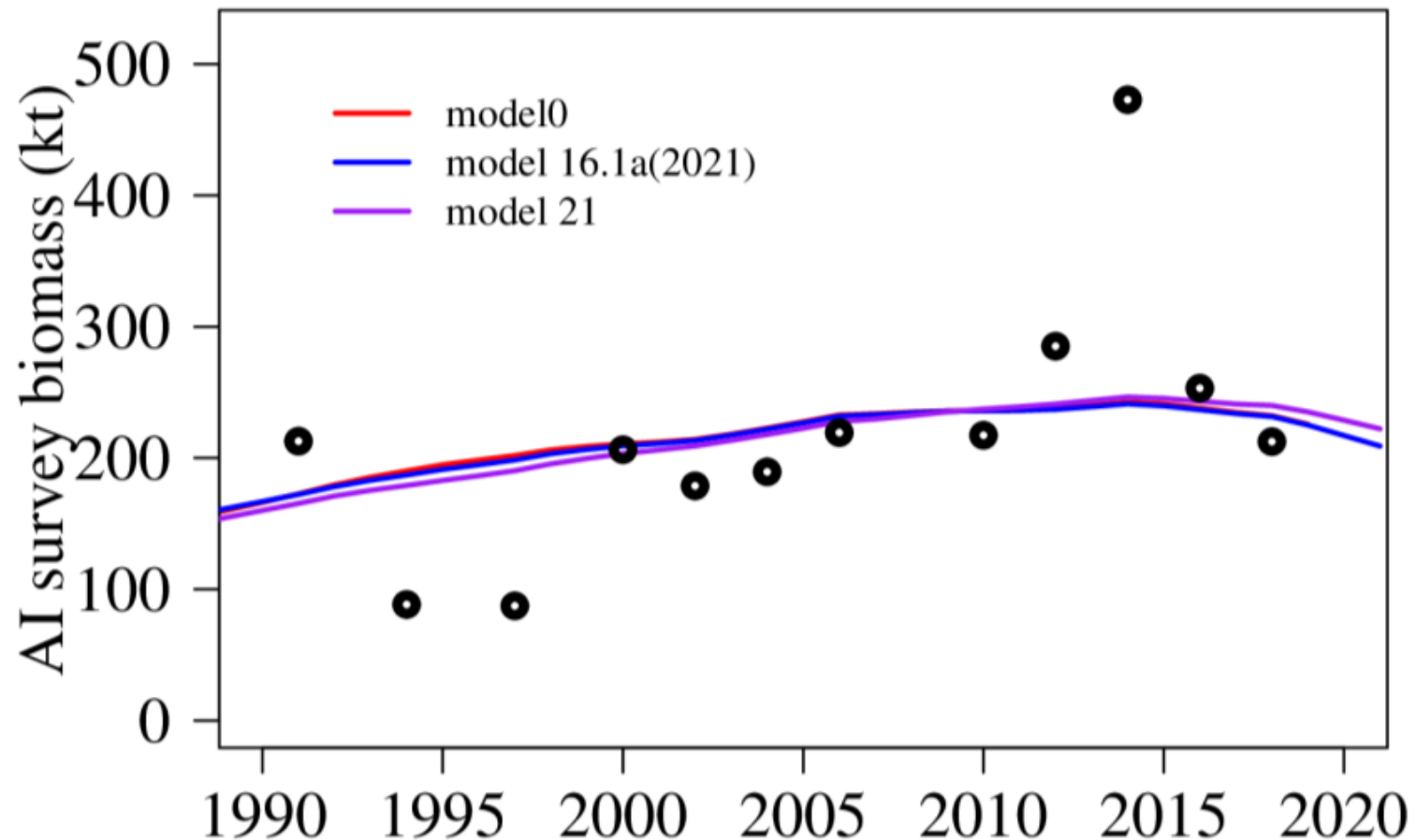


- Proportion since 2016 roughly parallels total northern rockfish catch
- Number of tows targeting northerns in 2019-20 > 2x previous years



# Northern rockfish, continued

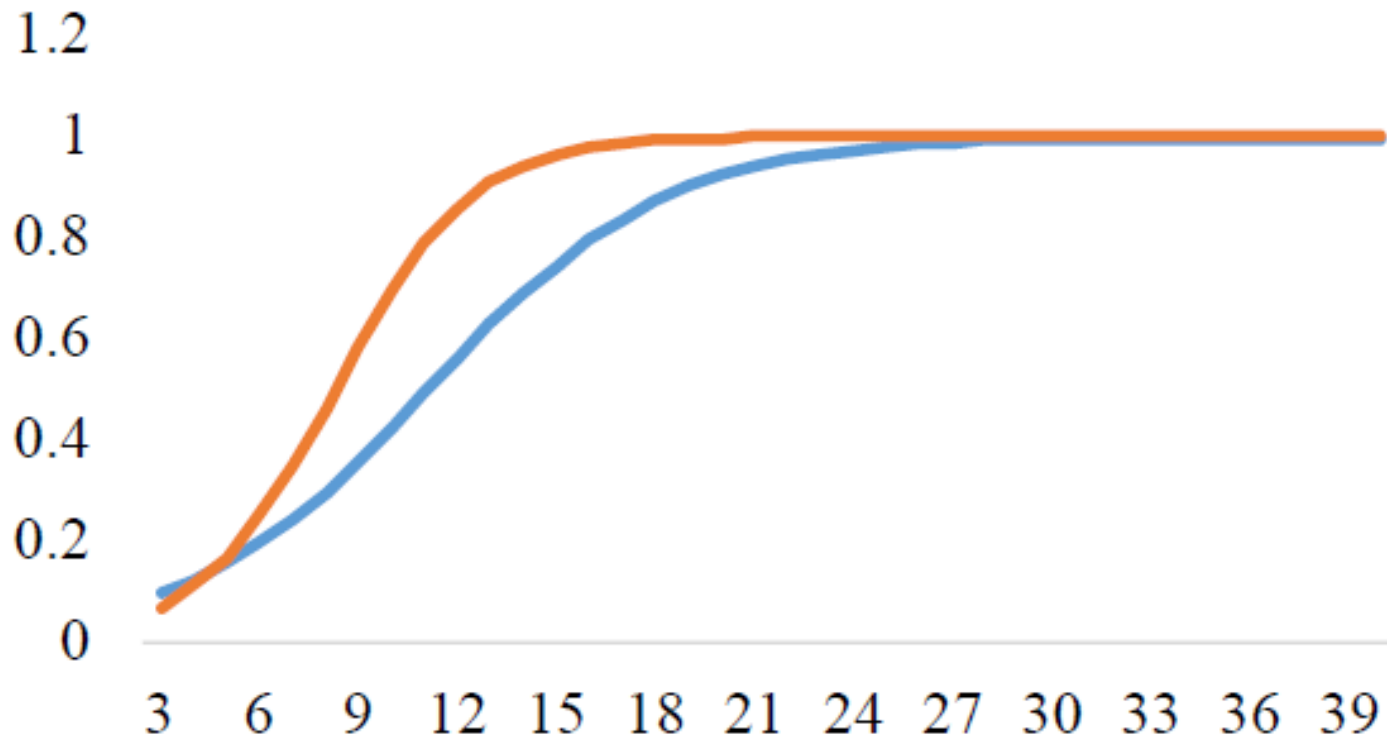
- Fits to survey biomass





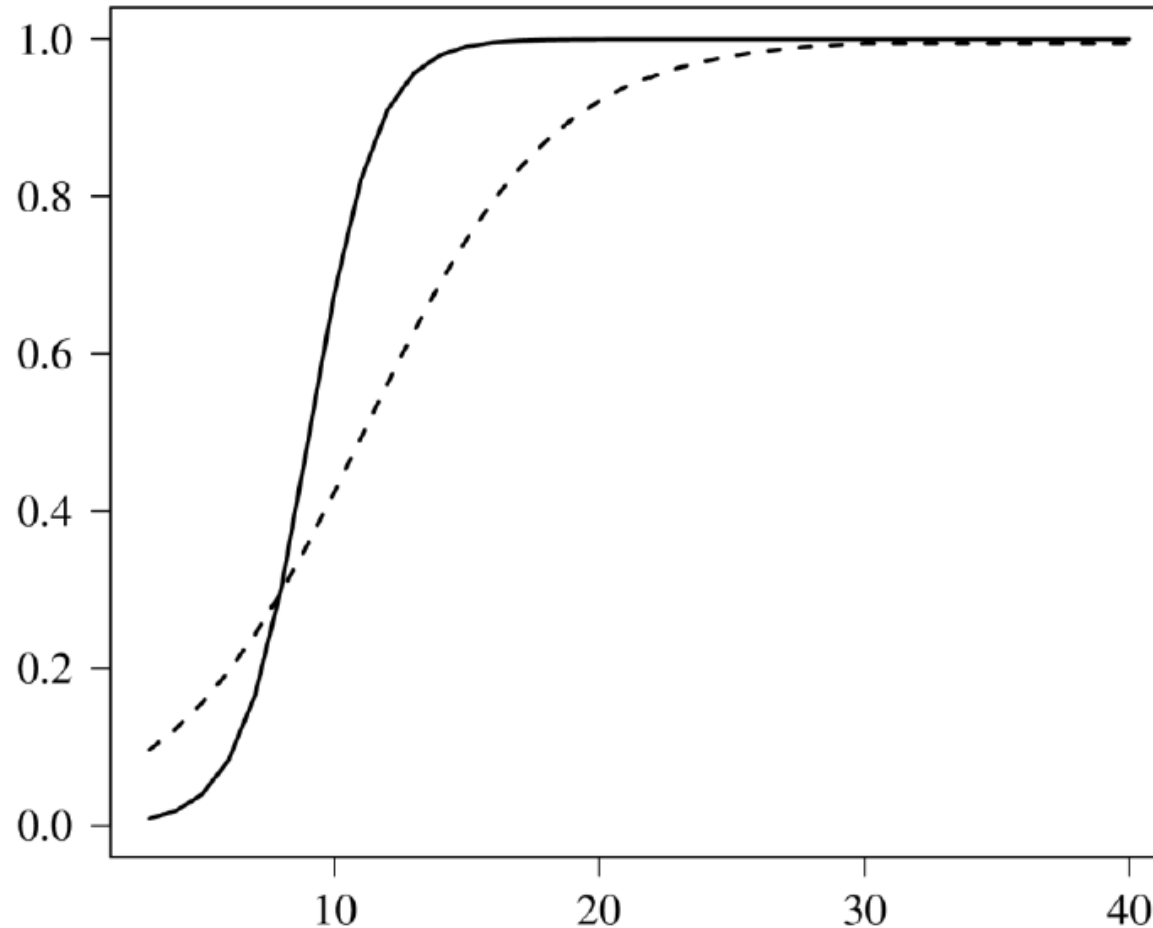
# Northern rockfish, continued

- Survey selectivity: 2019 Model 16.0a (orange), 2021 Model 21 (blue)



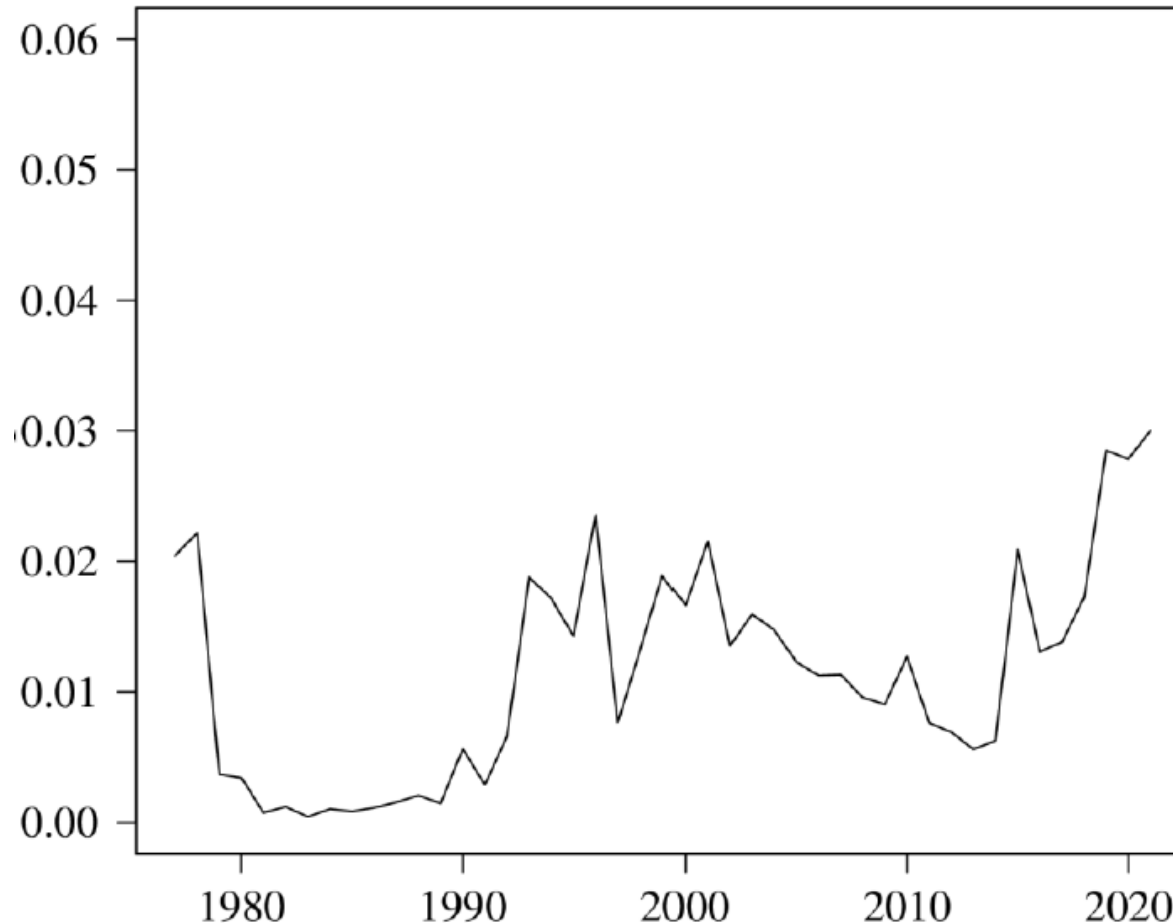
# Northern rockfish, continued

- Fishery selectivity (solid) and survey selectivity (dashed), Model 21



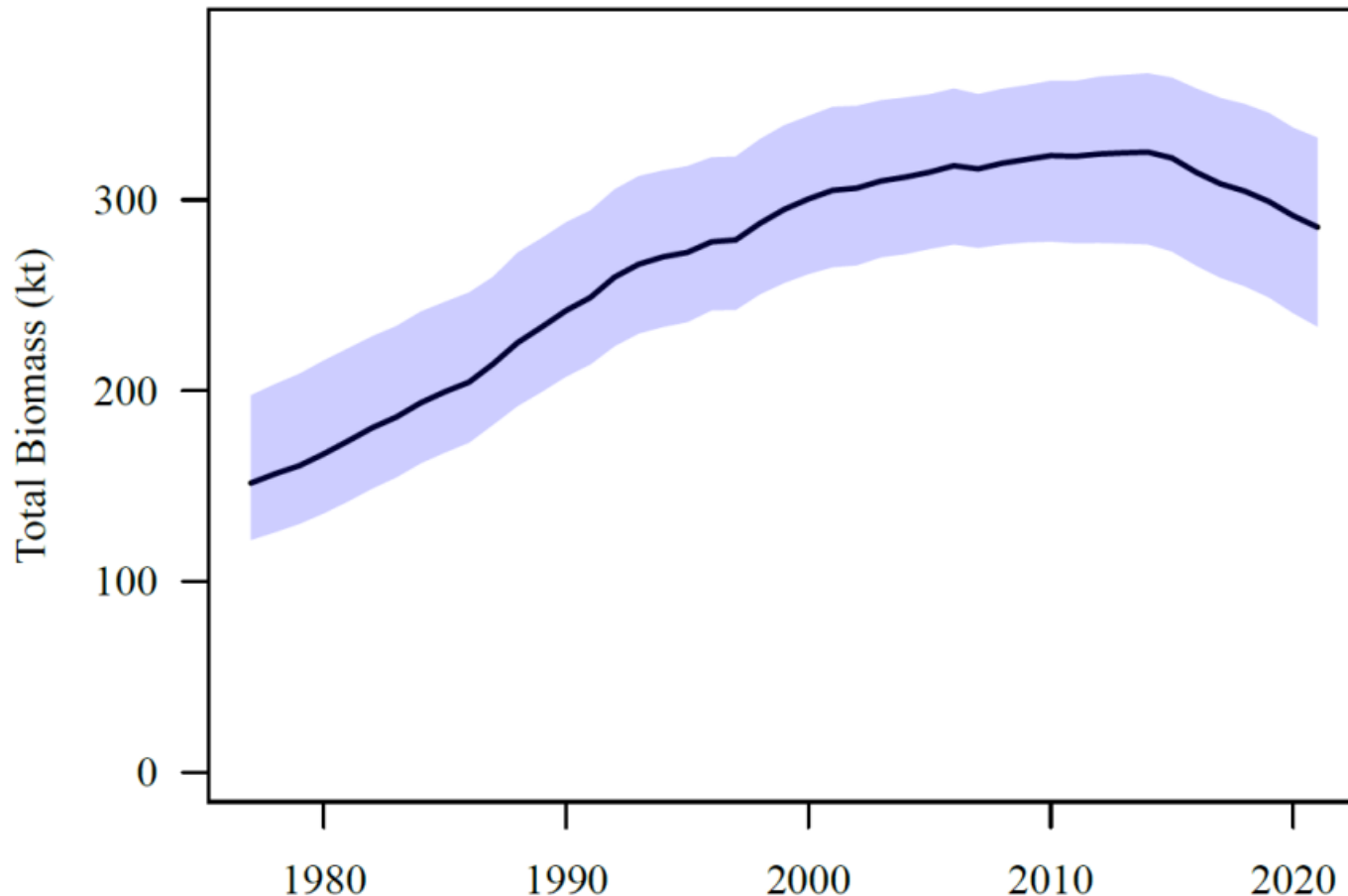
# Northern rockfish, continued

- Full-selection fishing mortality (Model 21)



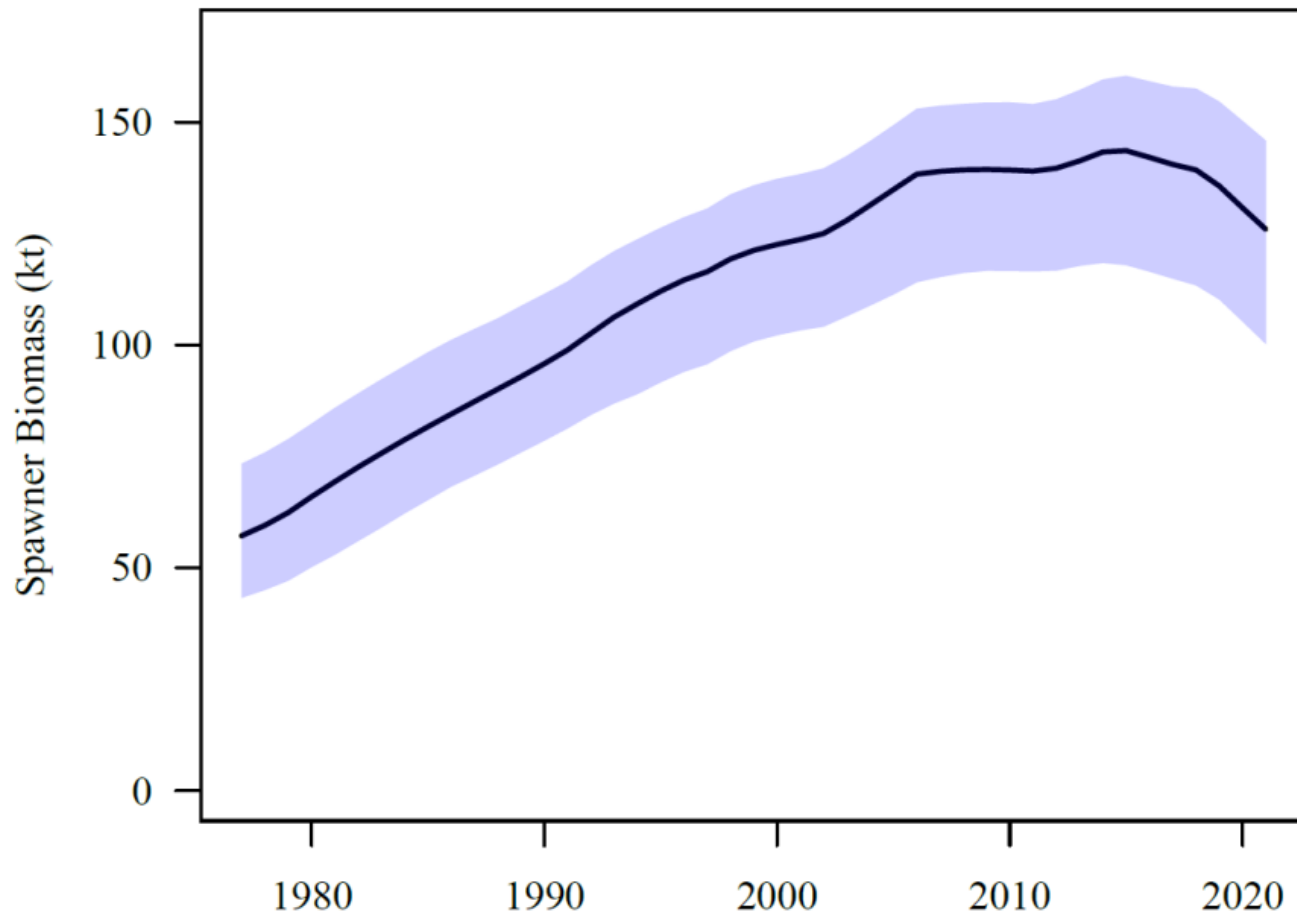
# Northern rockfish, continued

- Total biomass (Model 21)



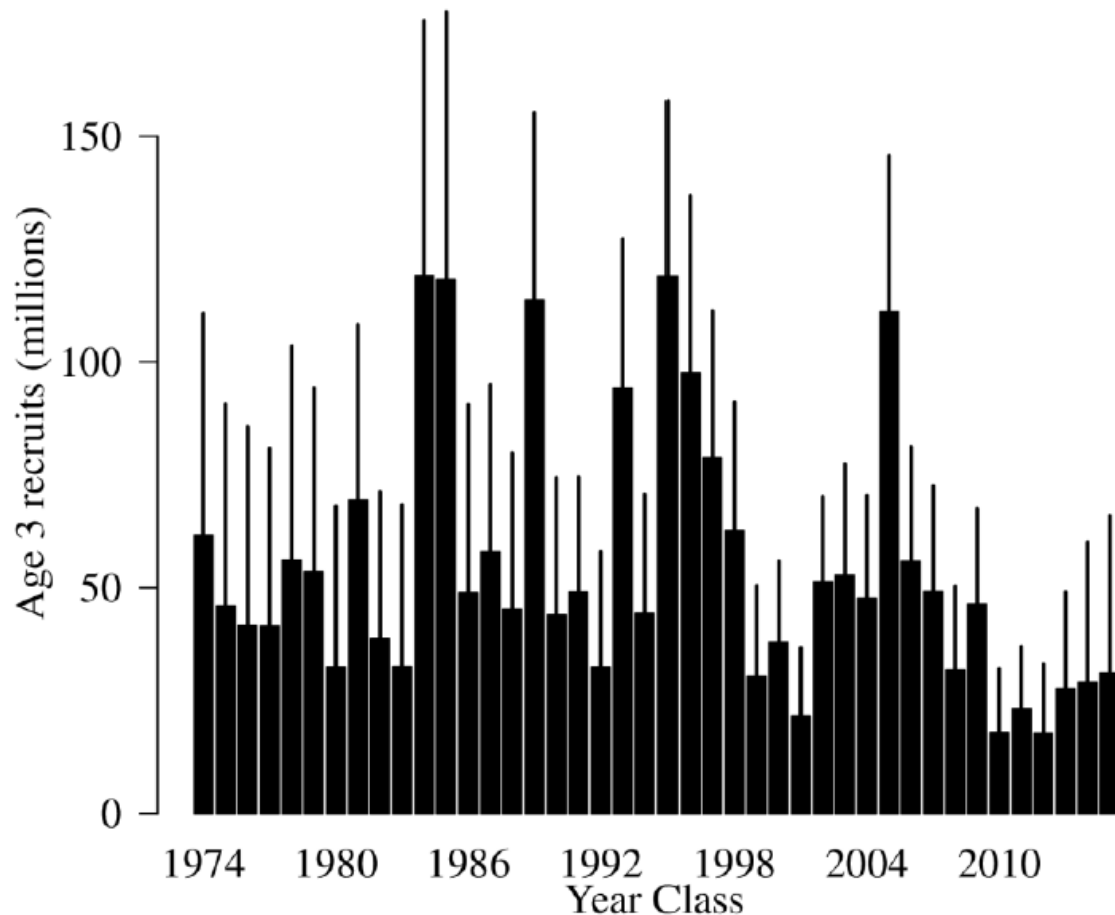
# Northern rockfish, continued

- Spawning biomass (Model 21)



# Northern rockfish, continued

- Age 3 recruitment (Model 21)



# Northern rockfish, continued

- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 71% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Mohn's  $\rho = -0.18$
- Author's risk table:

Year	Assess	PopDy	EnvEco	FishPerf
2019	2	1	2	1
2021	2	1	1	1

- Environmental/ecosystem risk decreased because increased reproductive success of seabirds suggests broad prey availability
- Author recommends no reduction from maxABC
- The Team accepted the author's recommended model, risk levels, and harvest specifications



# Northern rockfish, continued

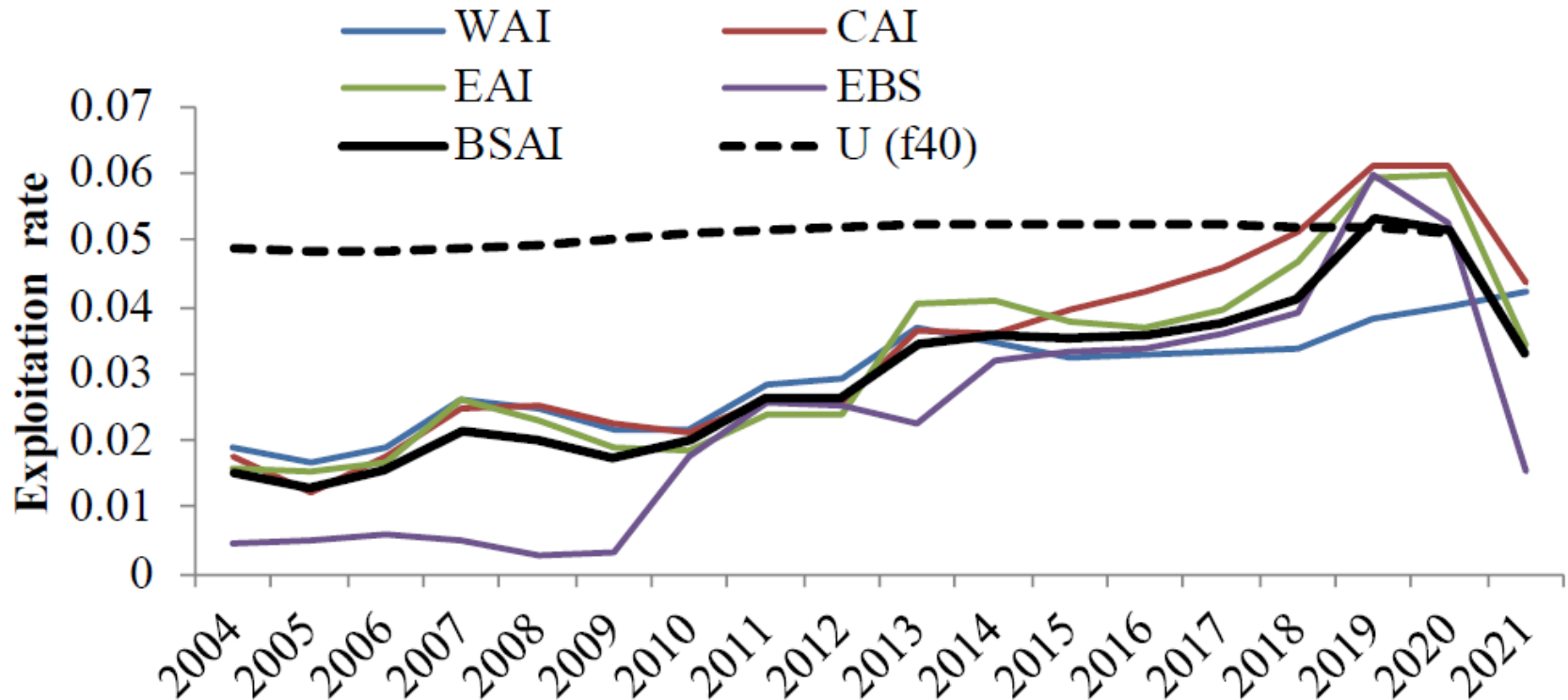
Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.048	0.054	0.13
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	244,600	n/a	0.14
2022 age+ biomass	240,022	279,584	0.16
2021 spawning biomass	107,003	n/a	0.13
2022 spawning biomass	103,467	121,126	0.17
B100%	159,850	171,768	0.07
B40%	63,940	68,707	0.07
B35%	55,947	60,119	0.07
2022 FOFL	0.075	0.085	0.13
2022 FABC	0.061	0.069	0.13
2021 OFL	18,917	n/a	0.24
2022 OFL	18,221	23,420	0.29
2021 ABC	15,557	n/a	0.24
2022 ABC	14,984	19,217	0.28





# Chapter 12: Pacific ocean perch (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 spawning biomass = 51% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch/biomass time series:



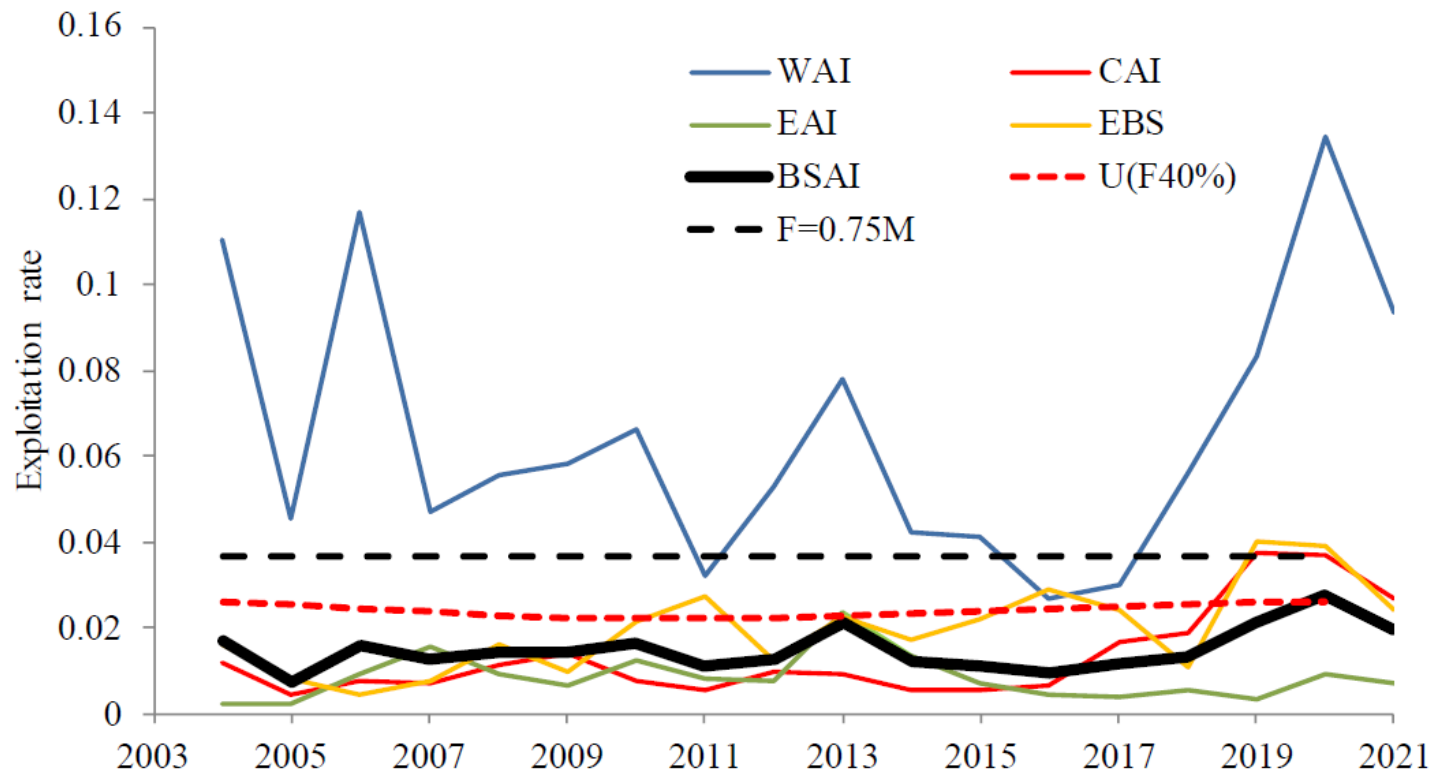
# Pacific ocean perch, continued

Quantity	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.056	0.056	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	756,011	n/a	-0.02
2022 age+ biomass	735,367	738,710	0.00
2021 spawning biomass	310,036	n/a	-0.03
2022 spawning biomass	297,091	299,232	0.01
B100%	584,747	584,747	0.00
B40%	233,899	233,899	0.00
B35%	204,661	204,661	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.089	0.089	0.00
2022 FABC	0.073	0.073	0.00
2021 OFL	44,376	n/a	-0.04
2022 OFL	42,384	42,605	0.01
2021 ABC	37,173	n/a	-0.04
2022 ABC	35,503	35,688	0.01



# Chapter 14: blackspotted/rougheye (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 AI spawning biomass = 39% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch/biomass time series:



# Blackspotted/rougheye rockfish, continued

Quantity (AI portion)	Last asmt	This asmt	Change
M	0.049	0.049	0.00
2021 tier	3b	n/a	none
2022 tier	3b	3b	none
2021 age+ biomass	17,632	n/a	0.01
2022 age+ biomass	17,729	17,774	0.00
2021 spawning biomass	3,372	n/a	0.03
2022 spawning biomass	3,457	3,468	0.00
B100%	8,811	8,811	0.00
B40%	3,524	3,524	0.00
B35%	3,083	3,083	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.038	0.039	0.03
2022 FABC	0.032	0.033	0.03
2021 OFL	509	n/a	0.04
2022 OFL	528	531	0.01
2021 ABC	432	n/a	0.05
2022 ABC	450	453	0.01



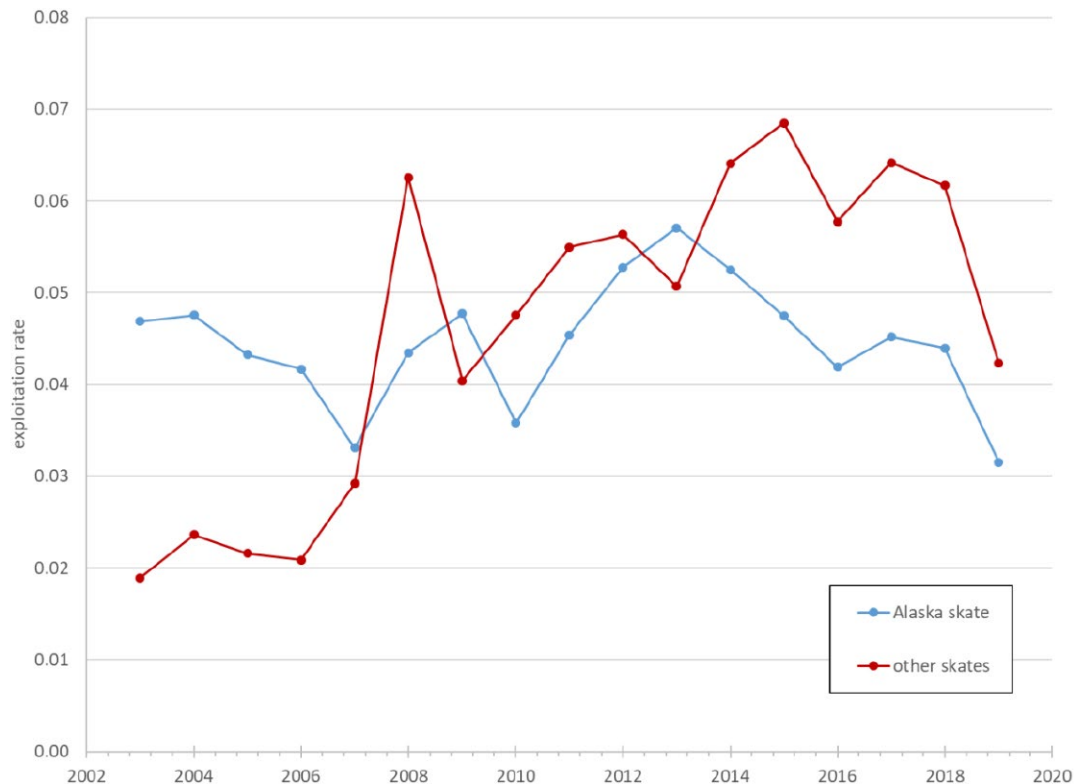
# Blackspotted/rougheye, continued

Quantity ( <b>EBS portion</b> )	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.049	0.049	0.00
2021 tier	n/a	n/a	none
2022 tier	5	5	none
Biomass	1,371	1,371	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.049	0.049	0.00
2022 FABC	0.037	0.037	0.00
2021 OFL	67	n/a	0.00
2022 OFL	67	67	0.00
2021 ABC	50	n/a	0.00
2022 ABC	50	50	0.00



# Chapter 18: skates (partial)

- New model(s): no; change from base: no; risk>1: n/a
- Stock status: projected 2022 AK skate spawning biomass = 68% of  $B_{100\%}$
- Catch/biomass time series:



# Skates, continued

Quantity ( <b>Alaska skate</b> )	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.13	0.13	0.00
2021 tier	3a	n/a	none
2022 tier	3a	3a	none
2021 age+ biomass	504,691	n/a	-0.03
2022 age+ biomass	484,731	489,868	0.01
2021 spawning biomass	123,390	n/a	-0.01
2022 spawning biomass	119,498	121,575	0.02
B100%	178,425	178,425	0.00
B40%	71,370	71,370	0.00
B35%	62,449	62,449	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.092	0.092	0.00
2022 FABC	0.079	0.079	0.00
2021 OFL	38,580	n/a	-0.04
2022 OFL	36,655	37,073	0.01
2021 ABC	33,219	n/a	-0.04
2022 ABC	31,560	31,920	0.01



# Skates, continued

Quantity ( <b>other skates</b> )	Last asmt.	This asmt.	Change
M	0.10	0.10	0.00
2021 tier	5	n/a	none
2022 tier	5	5	none
Biomass	107,174	107,174	0.00
2022 FOFL	0.10	0.10	0.00
2022 FABC	0.075	0.075	0.00
2021 OFL	10,717	n/a	0.00
2022 OFL	10,717	10,717	0.00
2021 ABC	8,038	n/a	0.00
2022 ABC	8,038	8,038	0.00





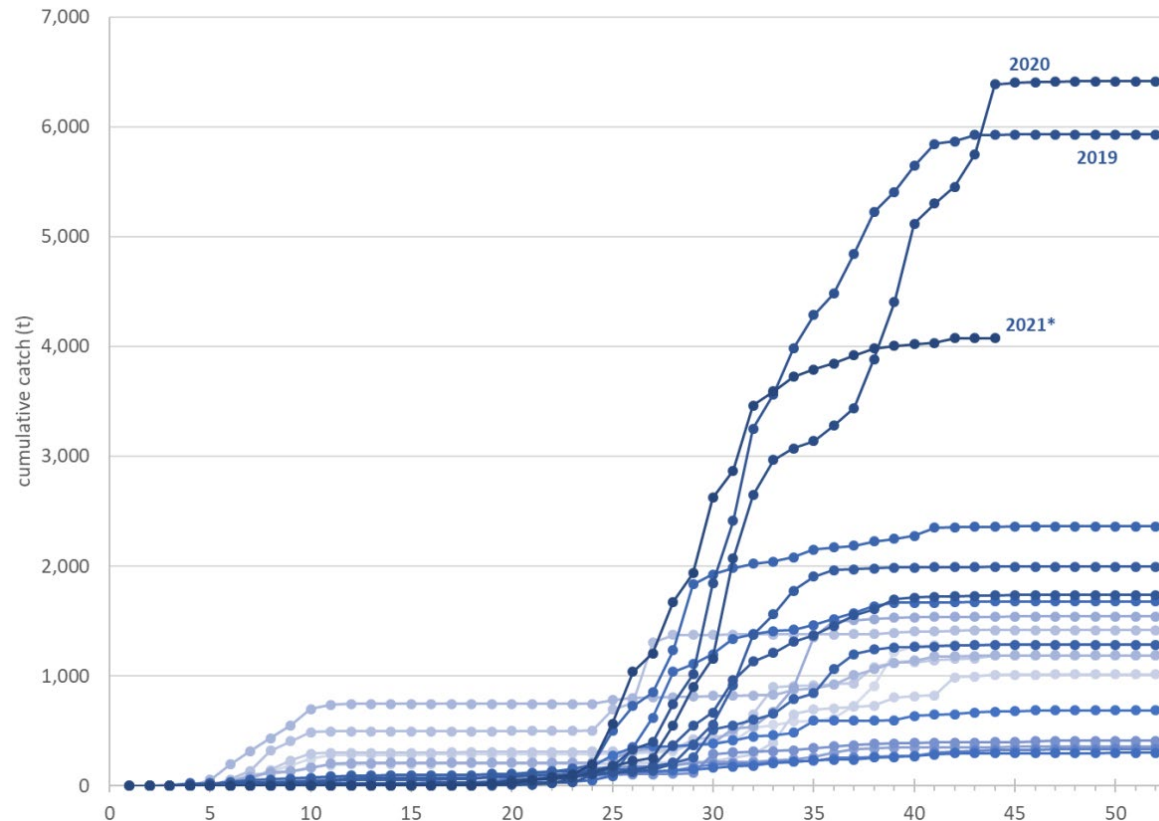
# Forage species

- Olav Ormseth presented the forage fish report
  - Thank you, Olav, for many years of work on these and other species!
- Some potentially concerning trends are evident:
  - Squid catches have increased dramatically since squid were moved to the “ecosystem component” category of the FMP
  - “FMP forage fish” survey biomass has been much lower in each of the last four years than previously
- The Team discussed coordination with ESR reports and data streams as well as the potential for a combined forage fish report across both the BSAI and GOA, similar to Grenadiers



# Forage species, continued

- Cumulative weekly squid catch by year

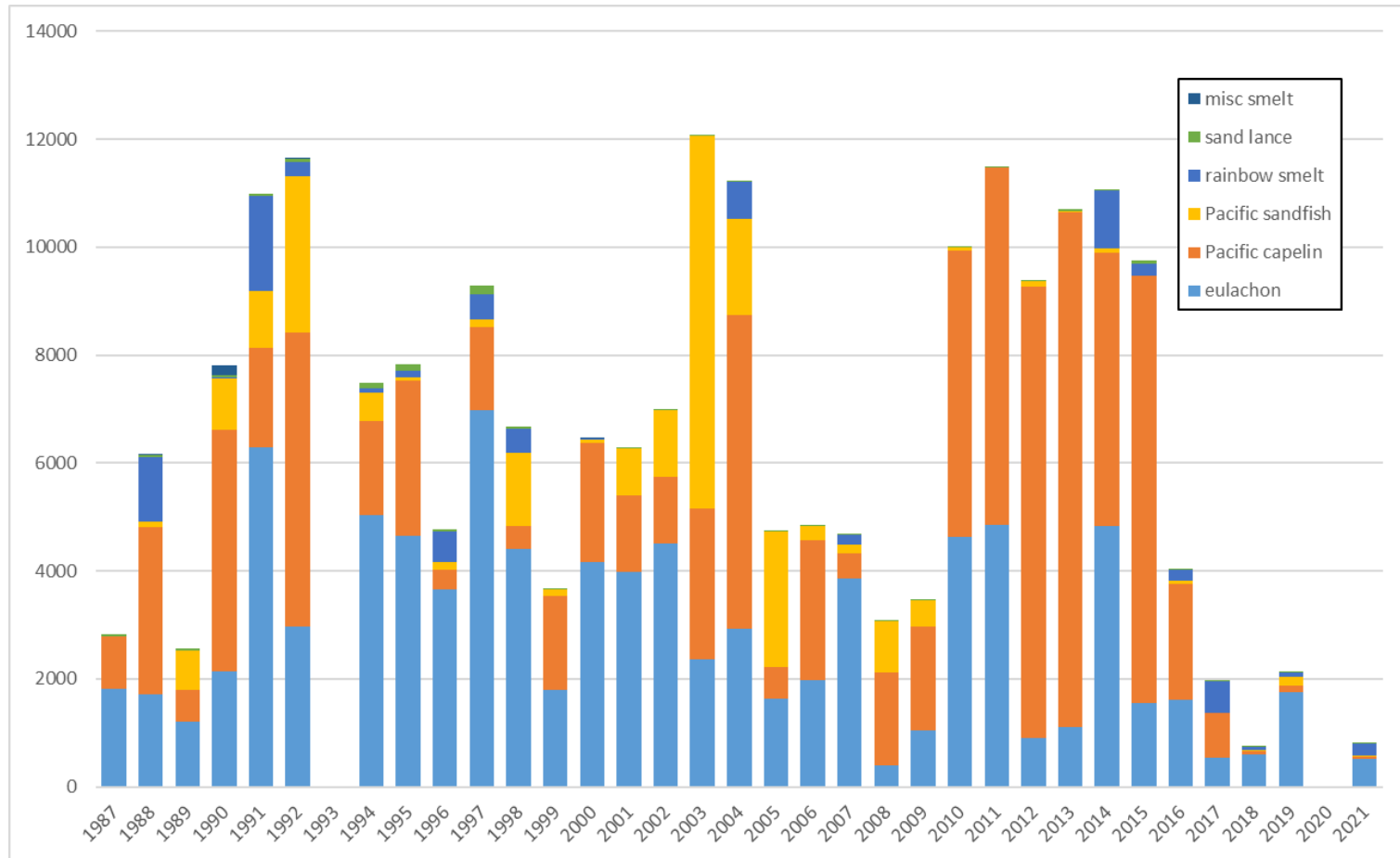


- Note: 2016-2018 OFL was 6,912 t (= 1977-1981 average catch)



# Forage species, continued

- EBS trawl survey biomass: “FMP forage fish” only



# Forage species, continued

- The Team also received a presentation regarding the analyses to investigate moving squid to the ecosystem component in 2017
  - At the time, the decision was contingent on the assumption that the current levels of squid catch were close to the levels that would be realized if squid were moved to the ecosystem component
- The Team discussed calculations for the range of anticipated catch levels and what might be considered low exploitation relative to the actual biomass of the squid population
  - It was noted that there are new ecosystem models in development (e.g., size-spectrum model) and a synthesis of current information could be used to develop a more realistic baseline
- The author also noted that several subject matter experts have discussed the potential for a discussion on the future of the forage species report and coordination with the forage information in the ESR



# Forage species, continued

- The Team recommends a forage species workshop where scientists, members of the Teams, SSC, and Council staff discuss 1) surveying and population estimation of forage species, 2) importance of forage to different managed species (e.g., evaluate the suite of current food web models), 3) questions about how climate change may impact forage biomass and exploitation rates, 4) how best to report on changing populations, scientific knowledge about forage species, and the dependence of other species on them; including timing, frequency, and scope of the report, and 5) potential resulting management measures from shift in bycatch or spatial distribution of the forage base
- The Team recommends coordinating with the editors of the ESR to reduce redundancy in reporting between the forage and ESR report and consider a combined forage species report for Alaska rather than the two separate regional reports



# Recommended harvest specifications

Species	Area	2021			Catch as of 11/6/2021	Plan Team Final 2022			Plan Team Final 2023	
		OFL	ABC	TAC		OFL	ABC	TAC	OFL	ABC
Pollock	EBS	2,594,000	1,626,000	1,375,000	1,373,712	1,469,000	1,111,000		1,704,000	1,289,000
	AI	61,856	51,241	19,000	1,835	61,264	50,752		61,379	50,825
	Bogoslof	113,479	85,109	250	50	113,479	85,109		113,479	85,109
Pacific cod	BS	147,949	123,805	111,380	105,537	183,012	153,383		180,909	151,709
	AI	27,400	20,600	13,796	7,023	27,400	20,600		27,400	20,600
Sablefish	BSAI/GOA	60,426	29,558			40,432	34,521		42,520	36,318
	BS	n/a	3,396	3,396	3,961		5,264			6,529
	AI	n/a	4,717	4,717	1,425		6,463			7,786
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	341,571	313,477	200,000	104,669	377,071	269,649		382,035	274,787
Greenland turbot	BSAI	8,568	7,326	6,025	1,586	7,687	6,572		6,698	5,724
	BS	n/a	6,176	5,125	1,129		5,540			4,825
	AI	n/a	1,150	900	457		1,032			899
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	90,873	77,349	15,000	8,286	94,445	80,389		97,944	83,389
Kamchatka flounder	BSAI	10,630	8,982	8,982	6,561	10,903	9,214		11,115	9,393
Northern rock sole	BSAI	145,180	140,306	54,500	13,898	214,084	206,896		280,621	271,199
Flathead sole	BSAI	75,863	62,567	25,000	9,898	77,967	64,288		80,034	65,988
Alaska plaice	BSAI	37,924	31,657	24,500	15,653	39,305	32,697		39,685	32,998
Other flatfish	BSAI	22,919	17,189	6,500	2,510	22,919	17,189		22,919	17,189
	BSAI	44,376	37,173	35,899	32,112	42,605	35,688		40,977	34,322
Pacific Ocean perch	BS	n/a	10,782	10,782	8,679		10,352			9,956
	EAI	n/a	8,419	8,419	7,442		8,083			7,774
	CAI	n/a	6,198	6,198	5,885		5,950			5,722
	WAI	n/a	11,774	10,500	10,107		11,303			10,870
Northern rockfish	BSAI	18,917	15,557	13,000	6,045	23,420	19,217		22,594	18,538
Blackspotted/Rougheye Rockfish	BSAI	576	482	482	513	598	503		615	517
	EBS/EAI	n/a	313	313	211		326			334
	CAI/WAI	n/a	189	189	302		177			183
Shortraker rockfish	BSAI	722	541	500	521	722	541		722	541
Other rockfish	BSAI	1,751	1,313	916	900	1,751	1,313		1,751	1,313
	BS	n/a	919	522	332	n/a	919		n/a	919
	AI	n/a	394	394	568	n/a	394		n/a	394
Atka mackerel	BSAI	85,580	73,590	62,257	58,571	91,870	78,510		84,440	71,990
	EAI/BS	n/a	25,760	25,760	22,598		27,260			25,000
	CAI	n/a	15,450	15,450	15,272		16,880			15,470
	WAI	n/a	32,380	21,047	20,701		34,370			31,520
Skates	BSAI	49,297	41,257	18,000	18,729	47,790	39,958		46,475	38,824
Sharks	BSAI	689	517	200	354	689	517		689	517
Octopuses	BSAI	4,769	3,576	700	161	4,769	3,576		4,769	3,576
<b>Total</b>	BSAI	<b>3,945,315</b>	<b>2,747,727</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,774,309</b>	<b>2,953,182</b>	<b>2,322,082</b>		<b>3,253,770</b>	<b>2,564,366</b>

