

2021 Partial Update for GOA Flathead Sole Feedback on assessment plan



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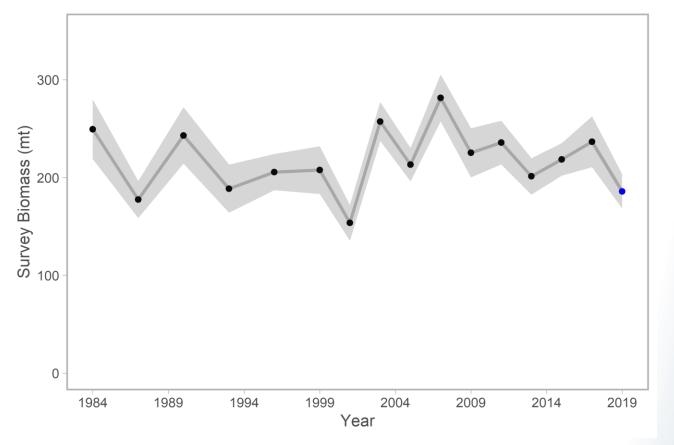
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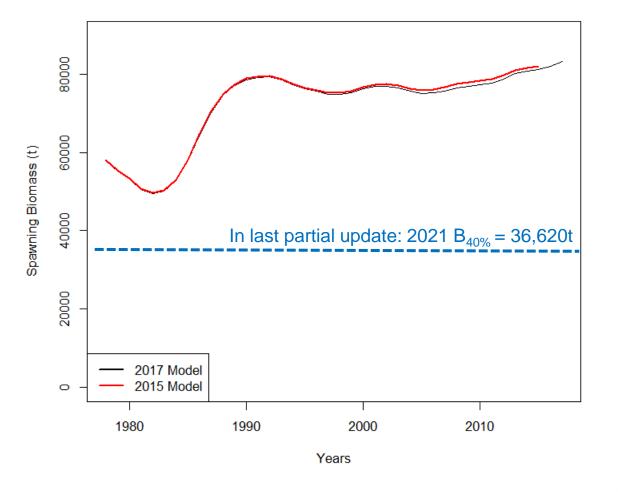


Design-based survey index (through 2019)

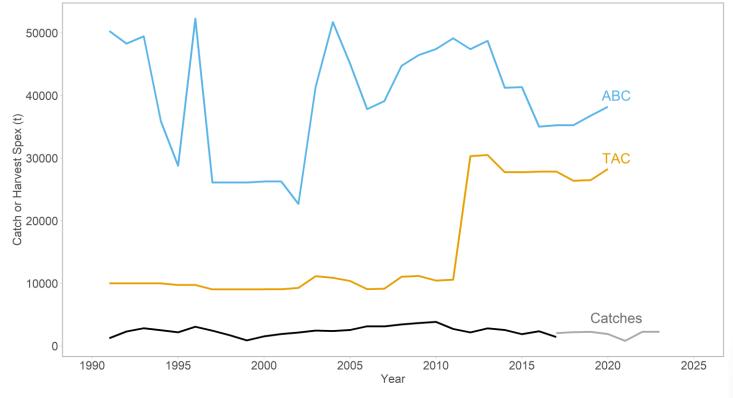




SSB High & Stable



Catches << TACs < ABCs



- TAC - ABC - Catches in Base Model - Catches used in Projections



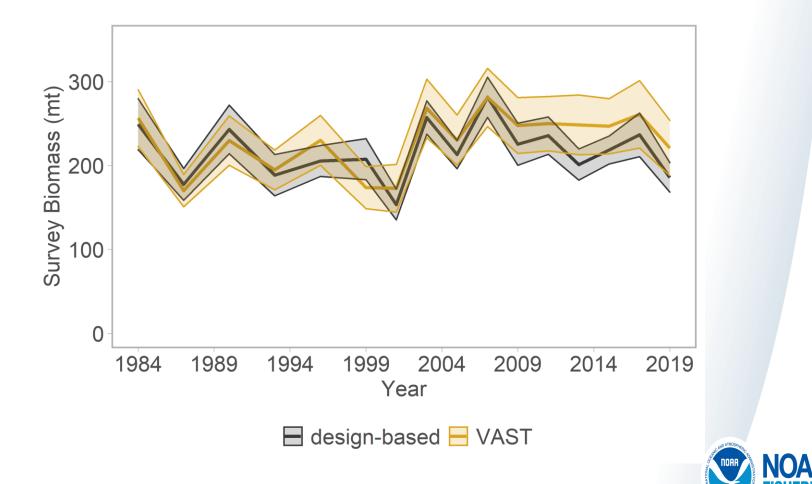
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- Survey biomass index data (thru 2019) do not suggest major conservation concern
- Catches consistently ~10% of TACs since 2010
- Risk of inconsistent projections
- We recommend keeping a standard partial update this cycle
- Guidance: is the PT comfortable with presentation of a standard partial update in Nov? Anything else to see in report?





Comparison of model- and design-based indices thru 2019



SSC/Plan Team Comments from 2017 Assessment

- Analyze ageing error/introduce ageing error matrix
- Explore relationship between *M* and *q* (likelihood profiles)
- Explore scientific uncertainty (fixed parameters)

