Assessment of the shortraker rockfish stock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

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Shortraker rockfish

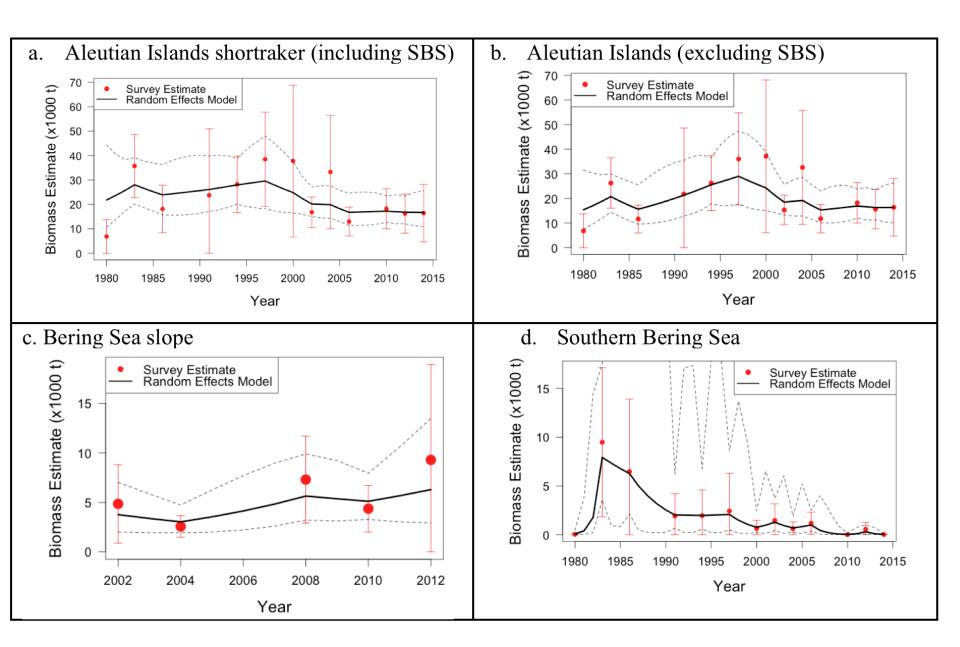
Grow to 1 meter.

• Up to 157 years.

• 50 lbs.



Random effects model estimates



Summary of Results

	As estimated or		As estimated or	
	specified last year for:		recommended this year for:	
	2014	2015	2015	2016
Quantity				
M (natural mortality rate)	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Tier	5	5	5	5
Biomass (t)	16,447	16,447	23,009	23,009
F_{OFL}	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
$maxF_{ABC}$	0.0225	0.0225	0.0225	0.0225
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OFL (t)	493	493	690	690
maxABC (t)	370	370	518	518
ABC (t)	370	370	518	518
	As determined <i>last</i> year for:		As determined <i>this</i> year for:	
Status	2012	2013	2013	2014
Overfishing		n/a		n/a

Catch by fishery, region

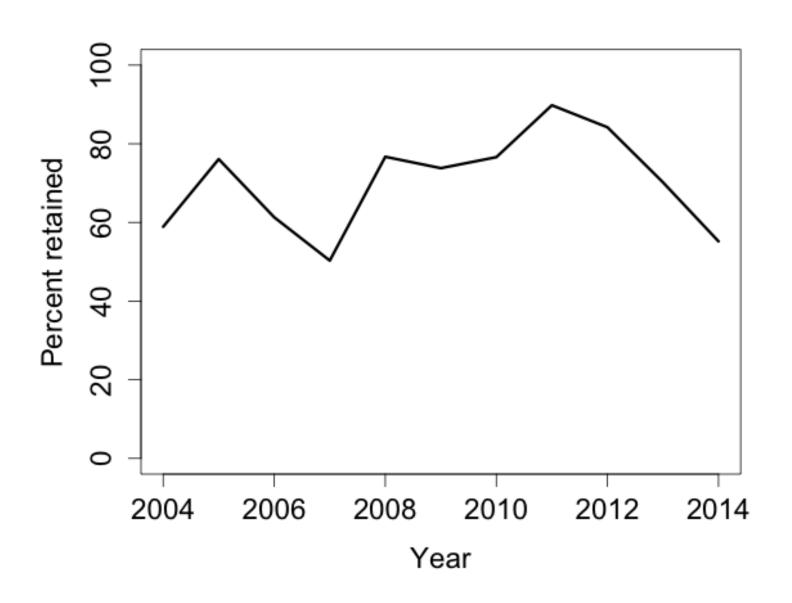
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 Caught primarily in the ATF, midwater pollock, rockfish trawl surveys (15%, 22%, 19%) and the P.cod longline fisheries (20%).

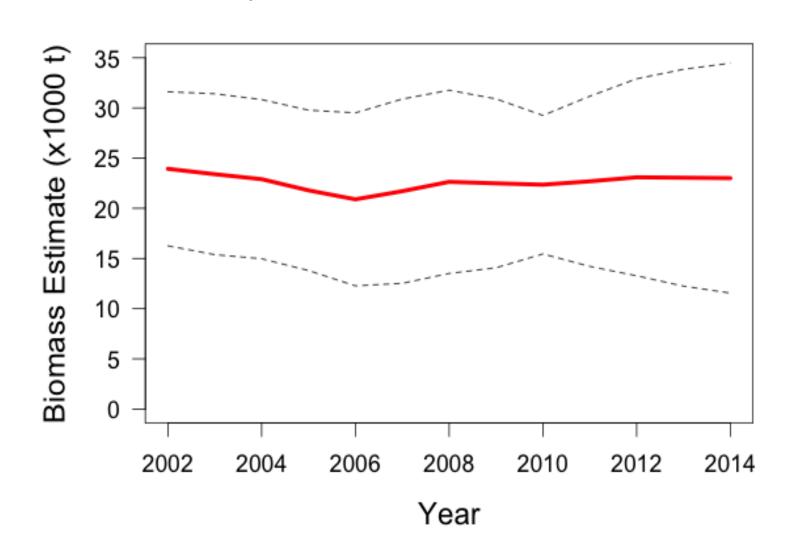
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 Caught primarily in rockfish bottom trawl fishery (58%).

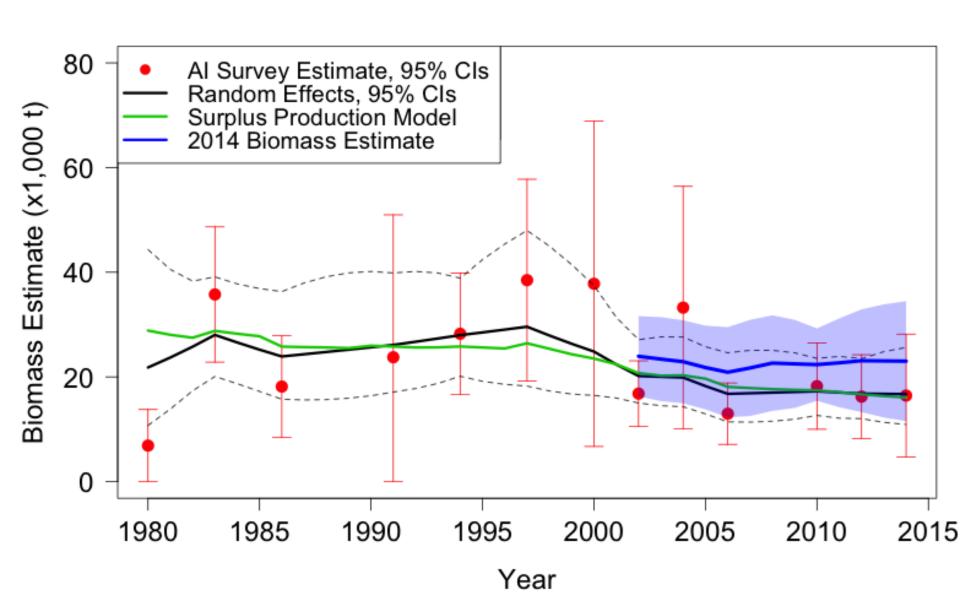
Shortraker rockfish percent retained



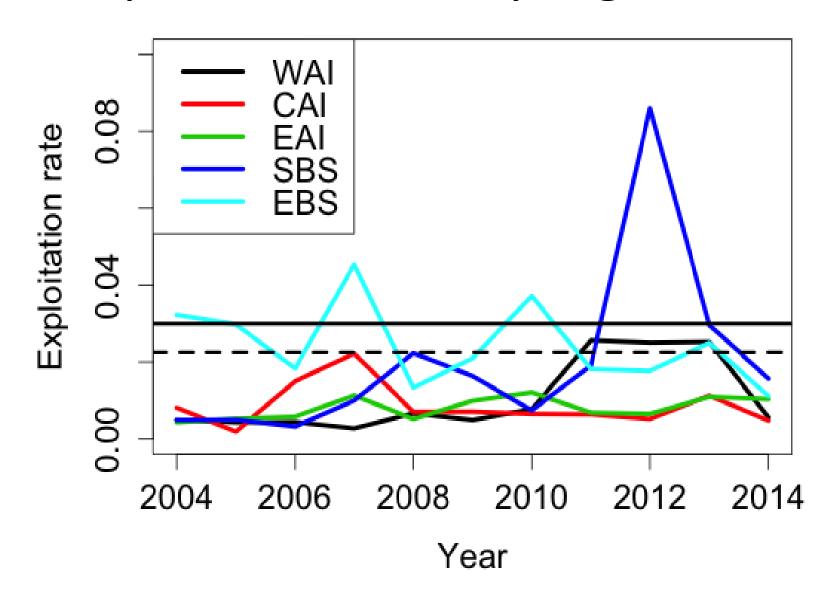
Estimated Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Shortraker biomass (t) time series, from 2002-2014



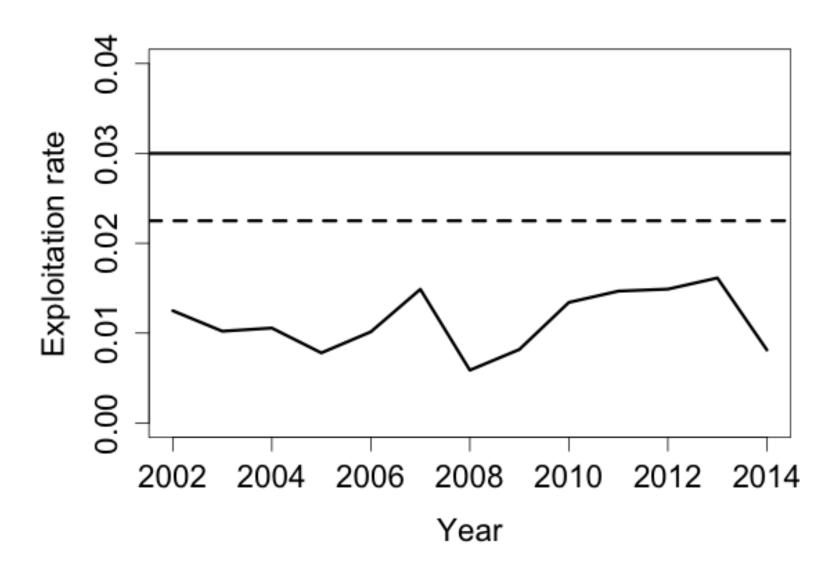
Shortraker Biomass Estimates



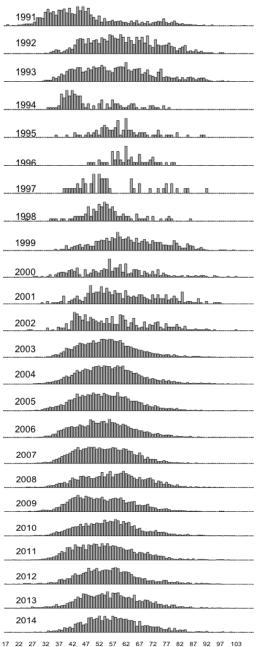
Exploitation rate by region



Exploitation rate for the entire BSAI



BSAI Shortraker length frequency data

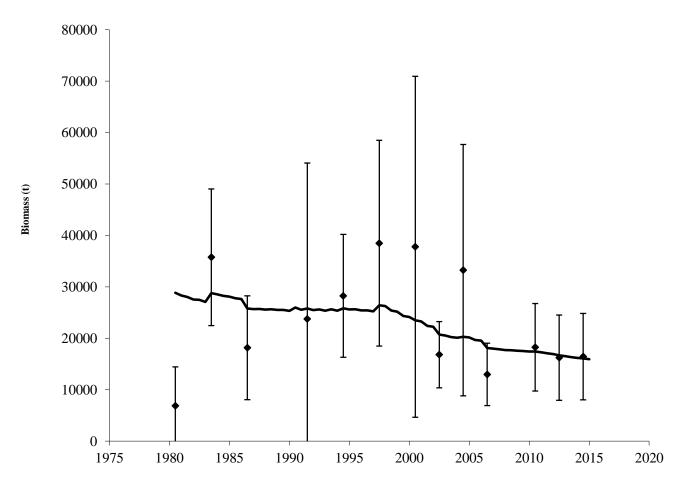


17 22 27 32 37 42 47 52 57 62 67 72 77 82 87 92 97 10: Length (cm)

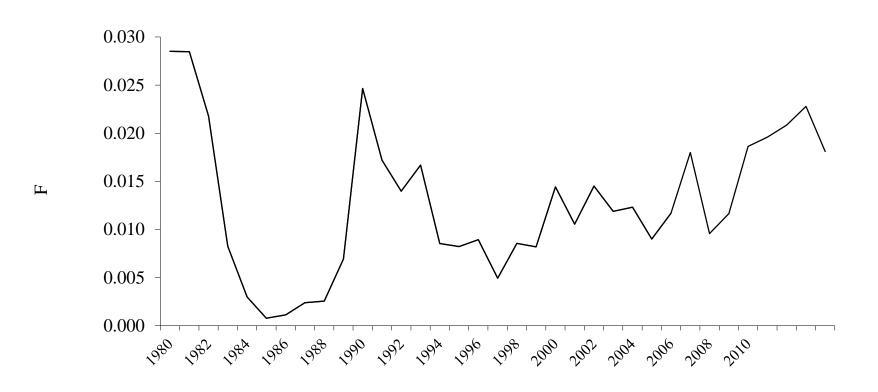
Biomass estimates

- Random effects model 23,009 t (11,554,34,464)
- Surplus production model estimate 16,073 t.

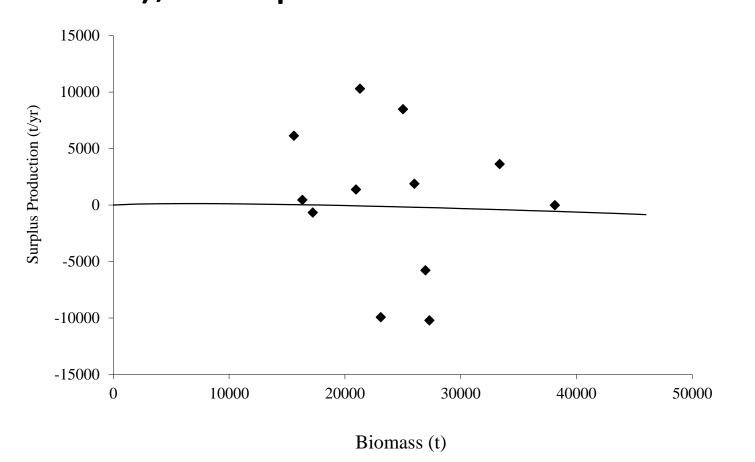
Observed AI survey biomass and predicted survey biomass estimates from the Kalman filter model.



Estimated fishing mortality rate of BSAI shortraker rockfish, 1980-2014.



Estimated annual surplus production (points, estimated as the harvest plus the change in biomass over a time interval), and production model fit.



Summary

 Preferred model – random effects model with Aleutian Island and BS slope data.