

GOA forage fish report



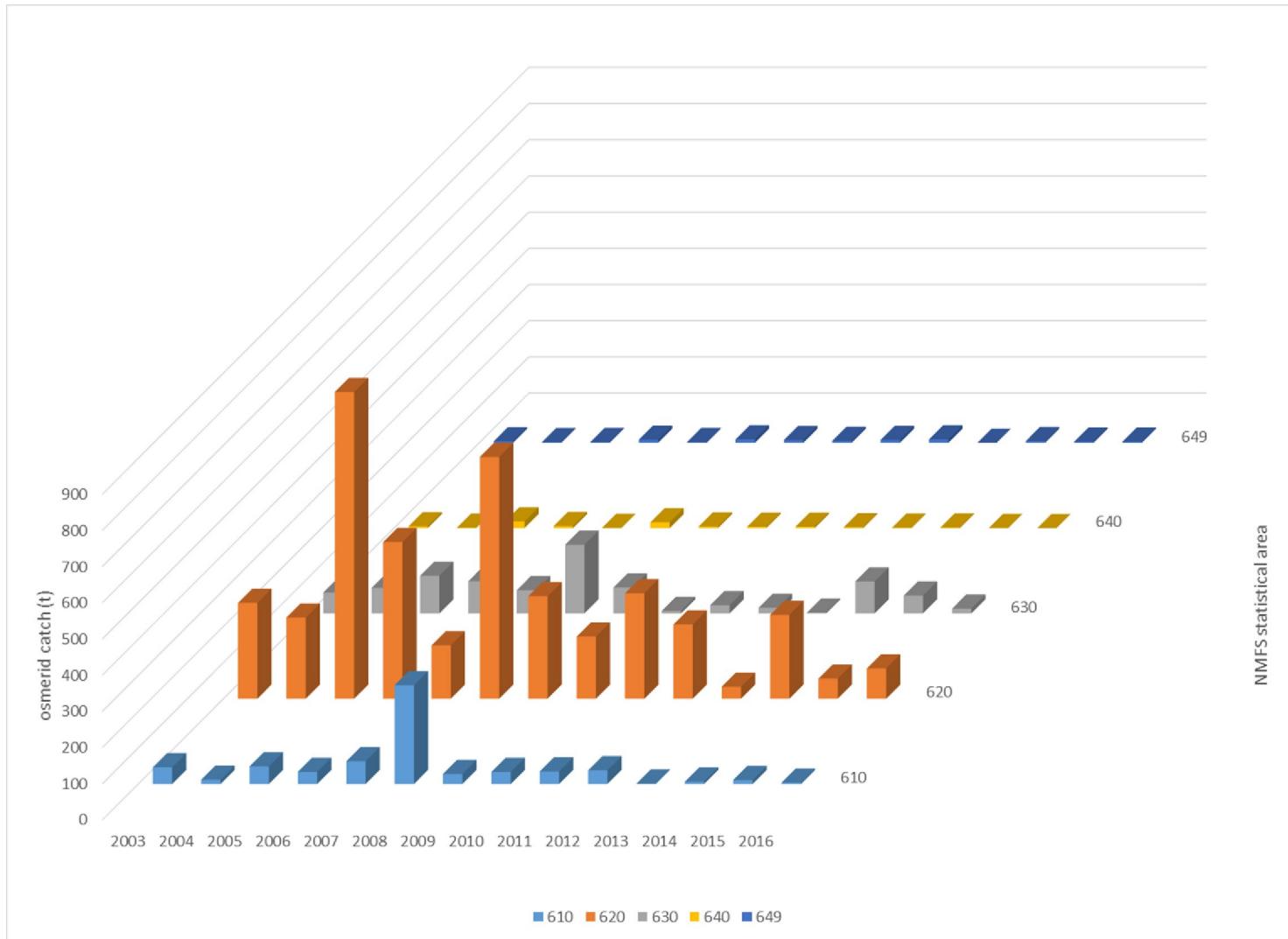
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overview

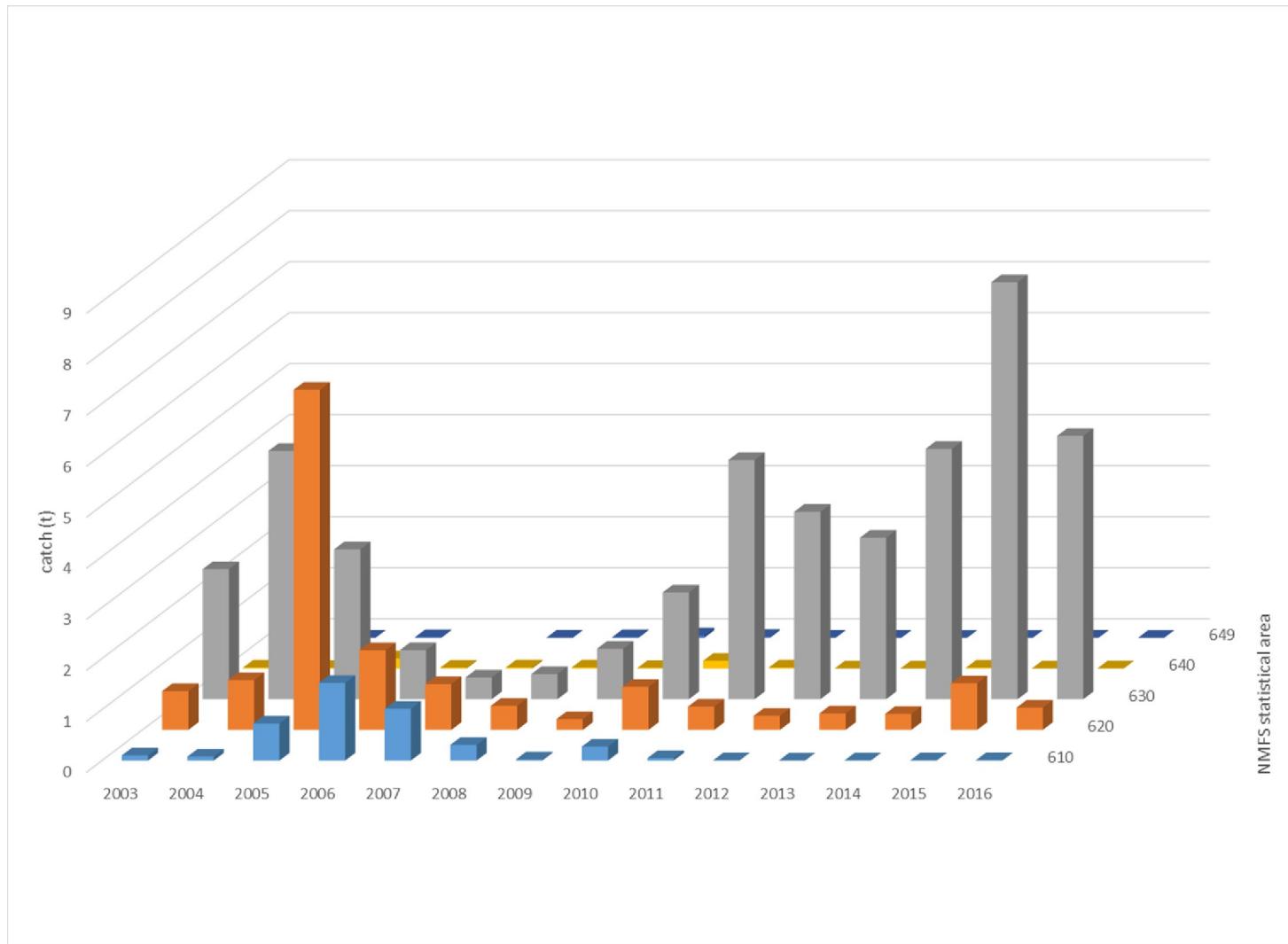
- catch information
- GOA Assessment Survey results
- GOAIERP research summary

forage fish catch overview

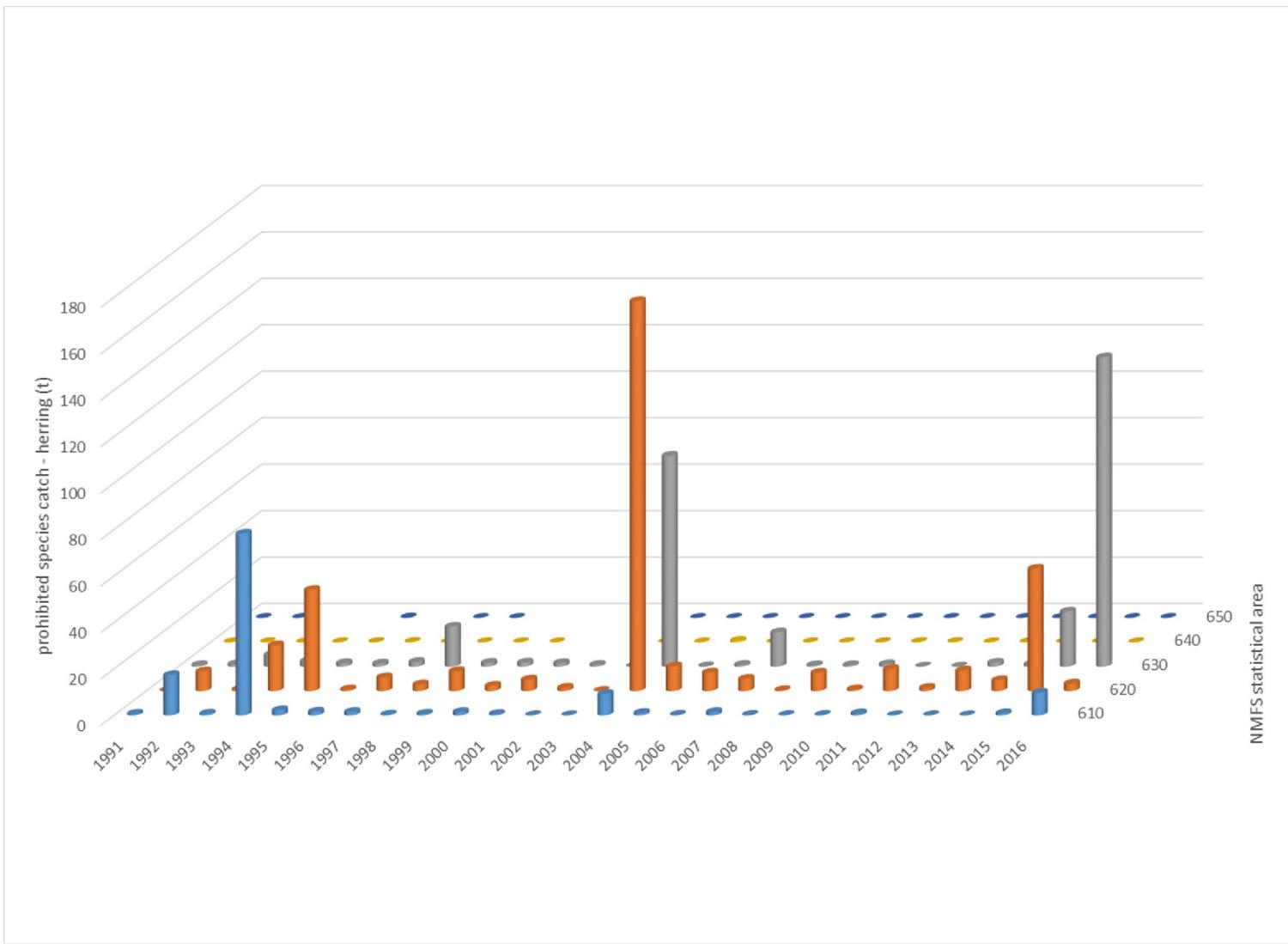
osmerid catches by area



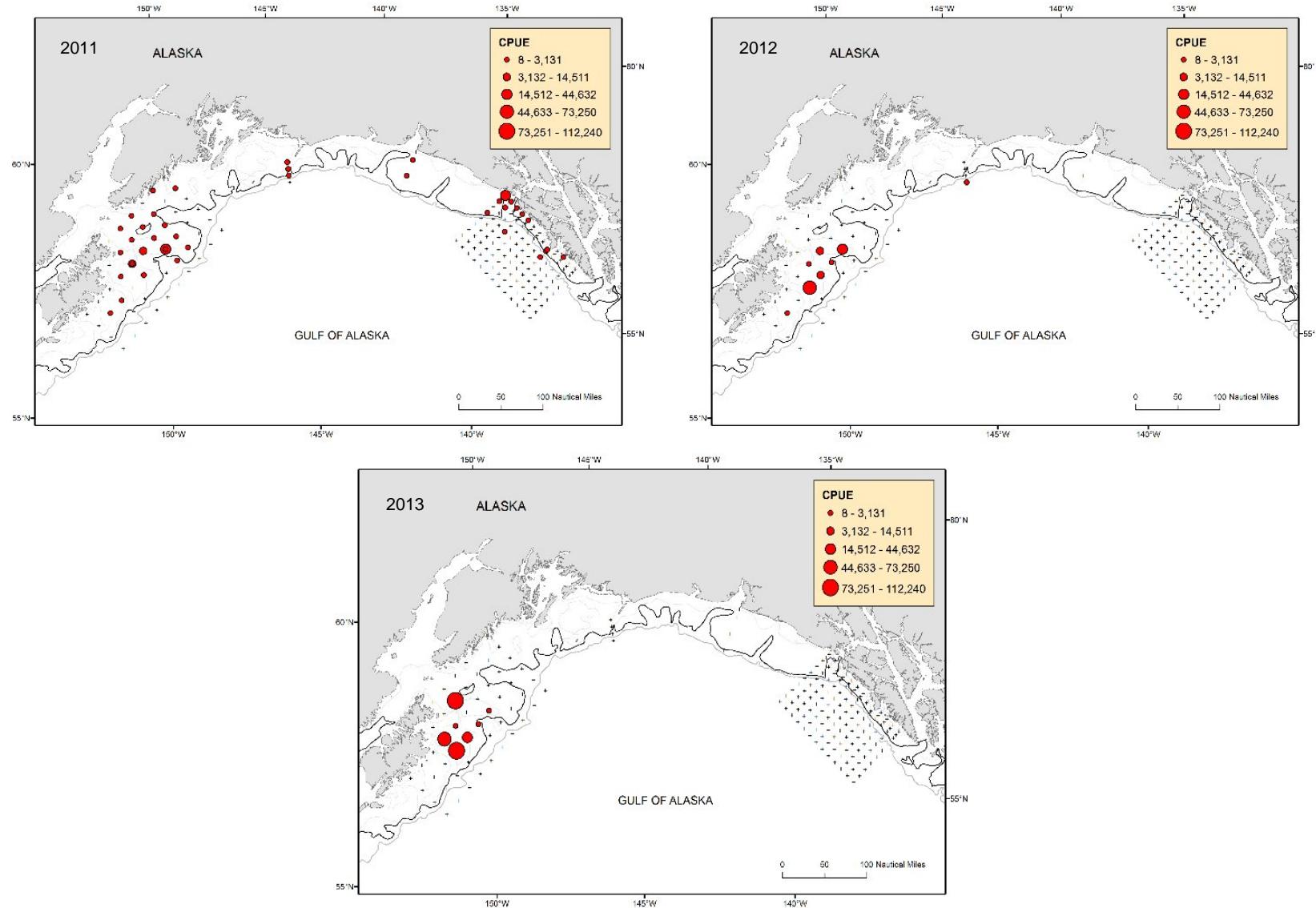
pandalid shrimp catches by area



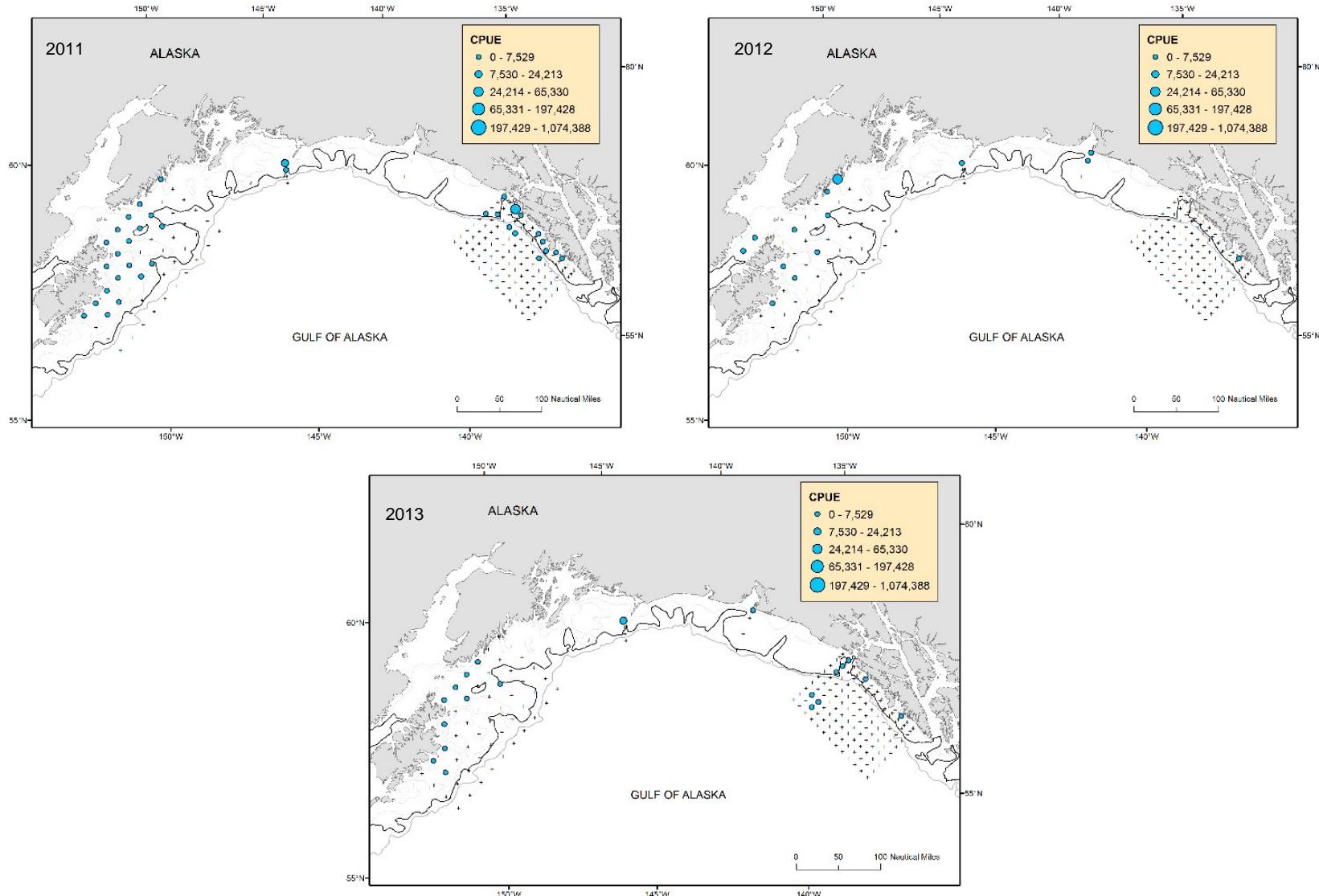
herring (PSC) catches by area



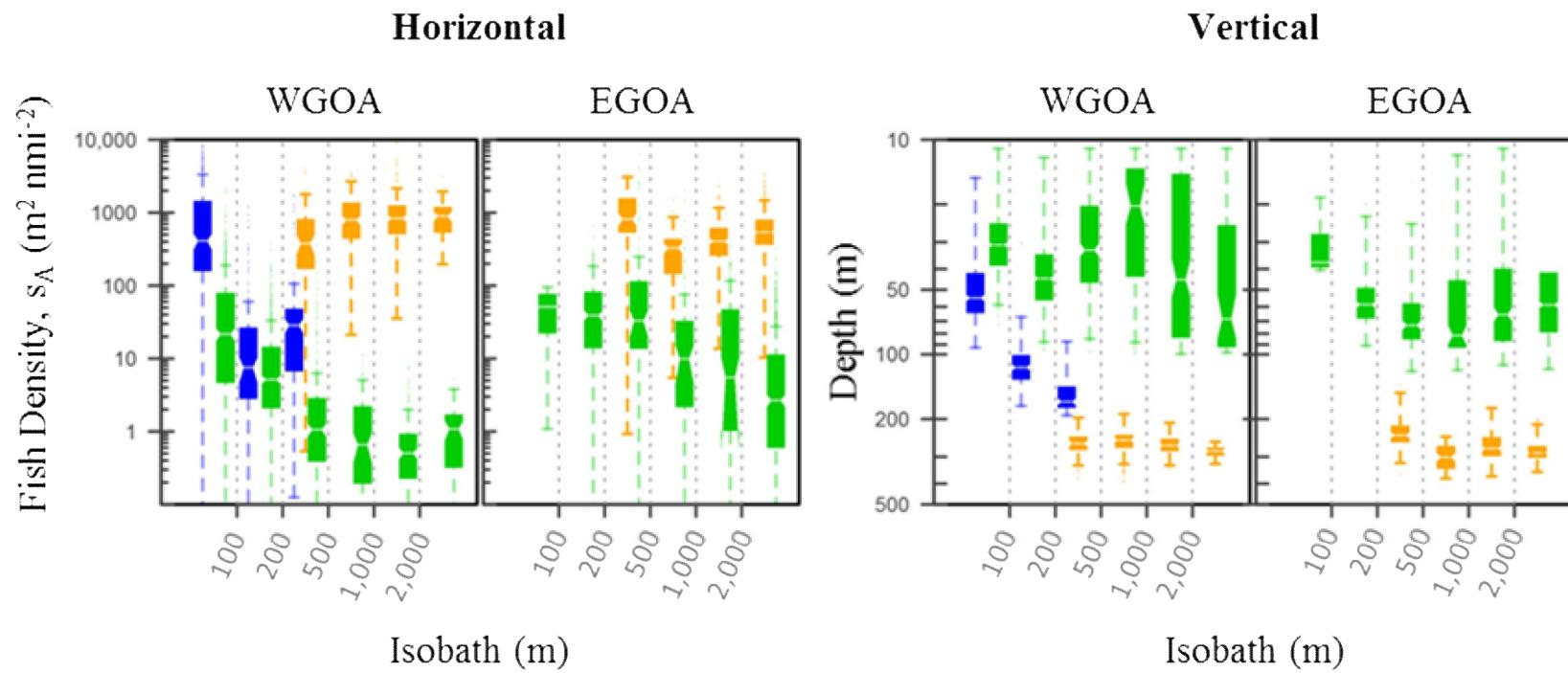
GOA survey: capelin distribution



GOA survey: herring distribution

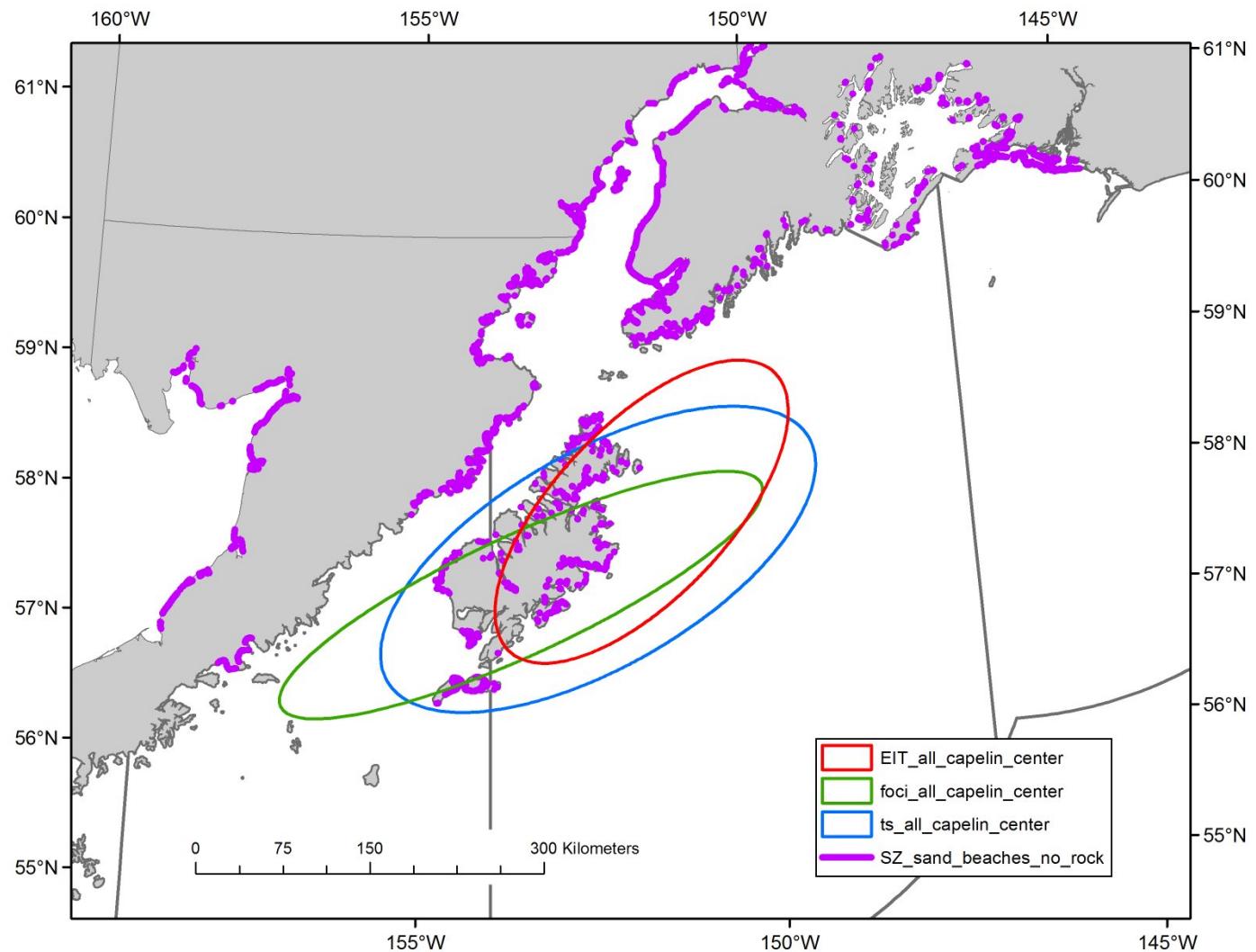


GOAIERP offshore acoustics



blue = capelin
green = pollock
orange = mesopelagics (myctophids)

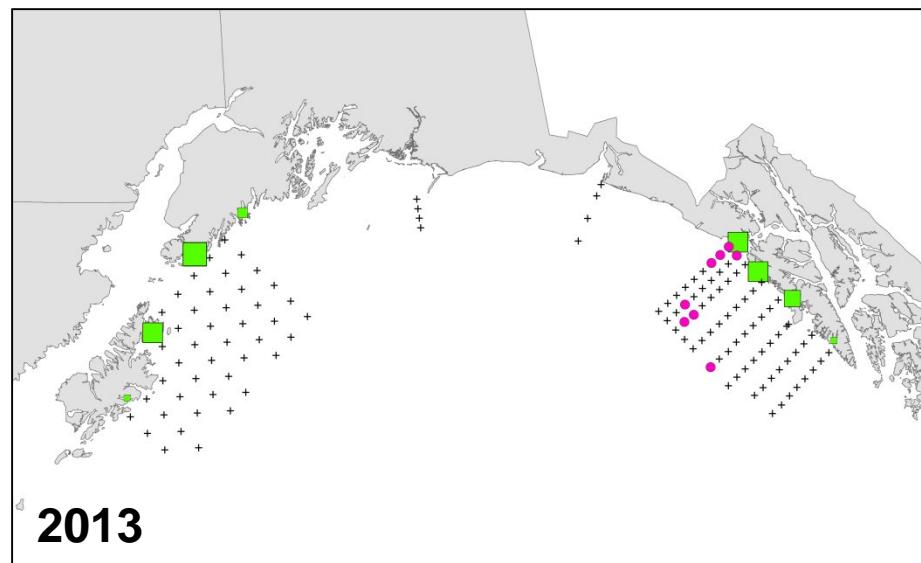
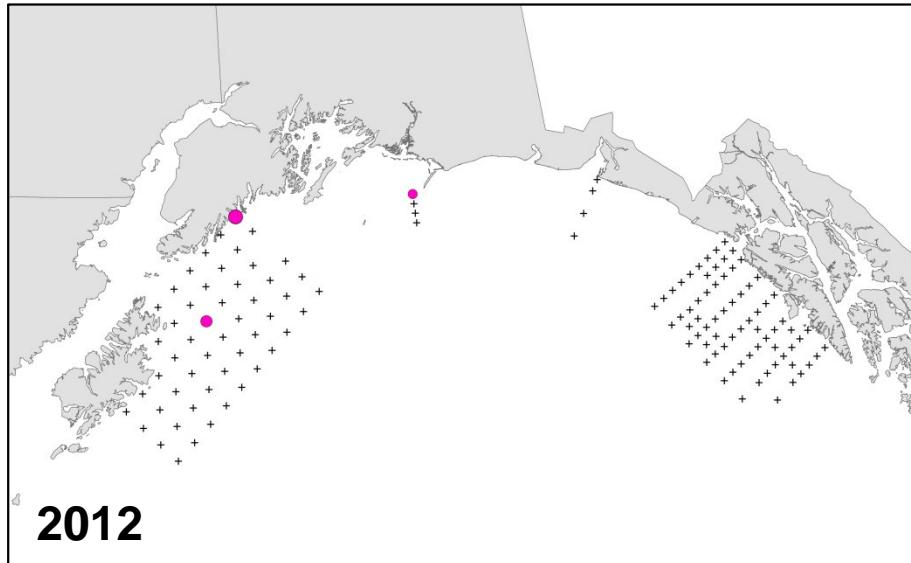
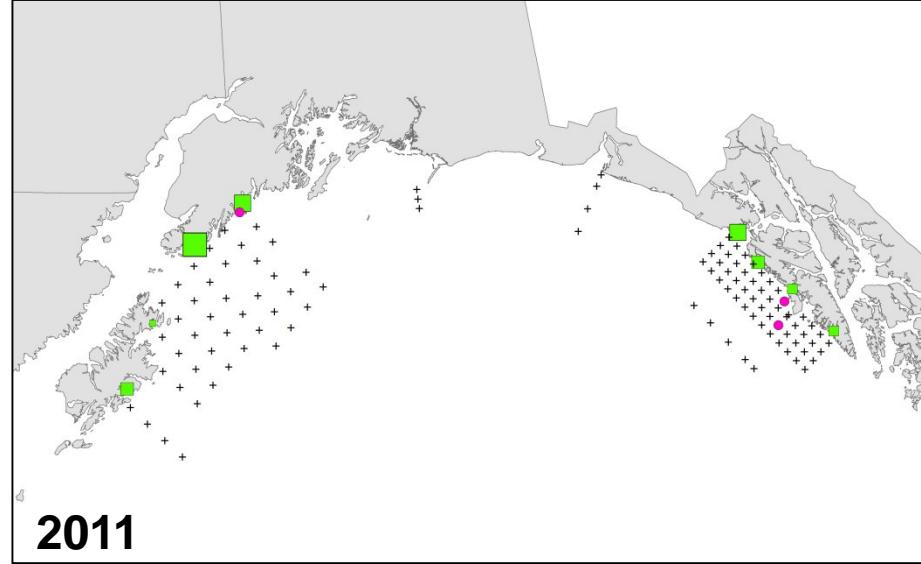
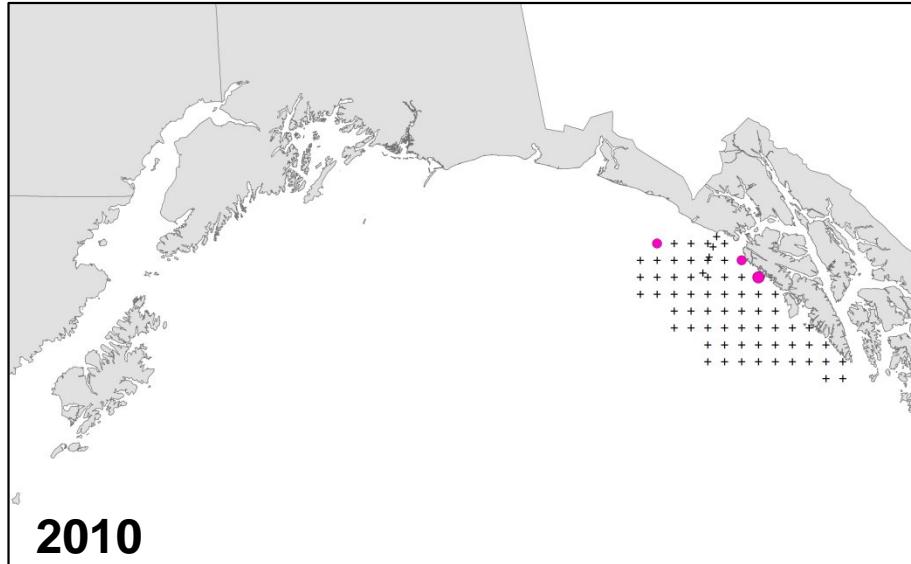
capelin centers of abundance



Pacific herring in the GOAIERP

ranges:

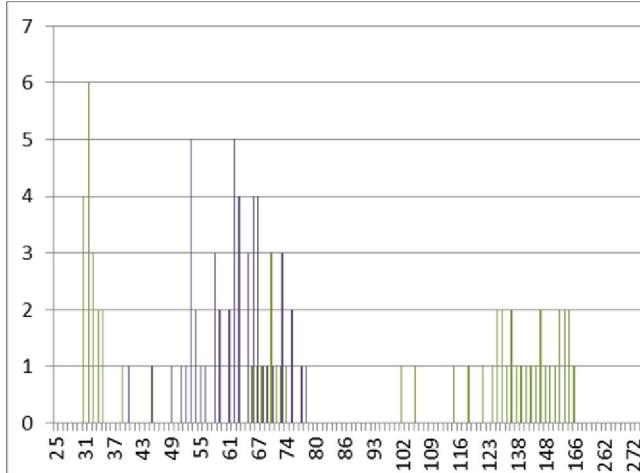
offshore 0 – 5,067 * inshore 0 – 39,208 (log)



herring length compositions GOAIERP inshore survey

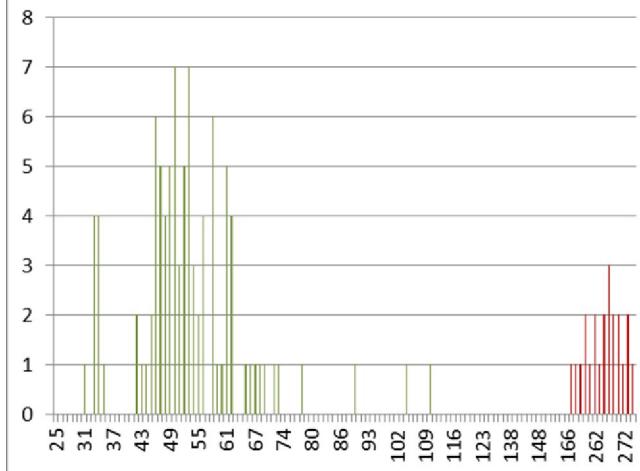
2011

EGOA



2013

CGOA



summer
fall

spring
summer

spring
summer
fall

spring
summer

summary

- Capelin distribution centered in CGOA
- Capelin distribution distinct from other forage species
- Herring abundant throughout GOA
- Herring primarily inshore distribution
- Herring likely have complex spawning and early life history
- Next steps: capelin synthesis
- Next steps: improved data from acoustic survey?
- Next steps: herring synthesis?