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## <sup>86</sup> Executive Summary

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### <sup>87</sup> Stock

stock

<sup>88</sup> This assessment reports the status of the Pacific ocean perch (*Sebastes alutus*) species off  
<sup>89</sup> rockfish off the U.S. West Coast from Northern California to the Canadian Border using data  
<sup>90</sup> through 2017. Pacific ocean perch are most abundant in the Gulf of Alaska and have observed  
<sup>91</sup> off of Japan, in the Bering Sea, and south to Baja California, although they are sparse south  
<sup>92</sup> of Oregon and rare in southern California. Although catches north of the US-Canada border  
<sup>93</sup> were not included in this assessment, it is not certain the connectivity of these populations  
<sup>94</sup> with contribution to the biomass possibly through adult migration and/or larval dispersion.  
<sup>95</sup> Composition data indicate that good recruitment years coincide in Oregon and Washington.  
<sup>96</sup> To date, no significant genetic differences have been found in the range covered by this  
<sup>97</sup> assessment.

### <sup>98</sup> Landings

landings

<sup>99</sup> The first year that harvest of Pacific ocean perch exceeded 1 mt off the US West Coast  
<sup>100</sup> first occurred in 1929. Catches ramped up in the 1940s with large removals in Washington  
<sup>101</sup> waters. During the 1950s the removals primarily occurred in Oregon waters with catches from  
<sup>102</sup> Washington declining following the 1940s. The largest removals in 1966-1968 were largely a  
<sup>103</sup> result of harvest by foreign vessels. The fishery proceeded with more moderate removals ranging  
<sup>104</sup> between 1,200 to 2,600 metric tons per year between 1969 to 1980. Removals generally  
<sup>105</sup> declined from 1981 to 1994 to between 1,000 and 1,700 metric tons per year. Pacific ocean  
<sup>106</sup> perch was declared overfished in 1999 resulting in large reduction in harvest in recent years  
<sup>107</sup> since the declaration. Since 2000, catches of Pacific ocean perch have ranged between 269 -  
<sup>108</sup> 60 mt, with catches in 2016 totaling 67 mt.

<sup>109</sup> Pacific ocean perch are a desirable market species and discarding has historically been low.  
<sup>110</sup> However, management restrictions (e.g. trip limits) have resulted in increased discarding since  
<sup>111</sup> the early 1990s. During the 2000s discarding increased for Pacific ocean perch due to harvest  
<sup>112</sup> restrictions imposed to allow rebuilding, with estimated discard rates from the bottom trawl  
<sup>113</sup> fishery peaking in 2009 and 2010, prior to implementation of catch shares in 2011. Since 2011,  
<sup>114</sup> discarding of Pacific ocean perch has been estimated to be less than 4% given observer data.

Table a: Landings (mt) for the past 10 years for Pacific ocean perch by fleet.

Year	California	Oregon	Washington	At-sea Hake	Research	Total Landings	tab:Exec_catch
2007	0.15	83.65	45.12	4.05	0.58	133.55	
2008	0.39	58.64	16.61	15.93	0.80	92.36	
2009	0.92	58.74	33.22	1.56	2.72	97.17	
2010	0.14	58.00	22.29	16.87	1.68	98.98	
2011	0.12	30.26	19.66	9.17	1.94	61.14	
2012	0.18	30.41	21.79	4.52	1.62	58.51	
2013	0.08	34.86	14.83	5.41	1.71	56.89	
2014	0.18	33.91	15.82	3.92	0.57	54.40	
2015	0.12	38.05	11.41	8.71	1.59	59.88	
2016	0.23	40.81	13.12	10.30	3.10	67.56	

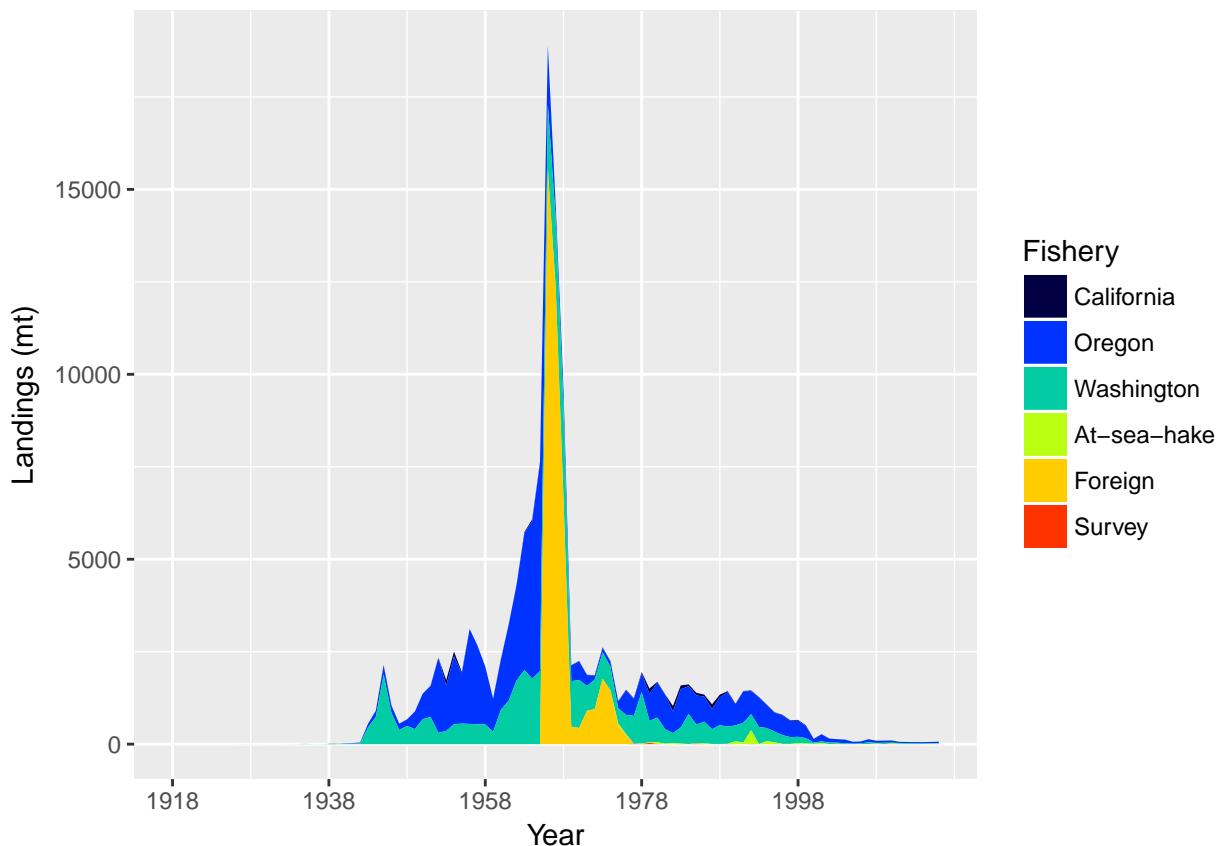


Figure a: Landings of Pacific ocean perch for California, Oregon, Washington, the Foreign fishery (1966-1976), At-Sea Hake fishery, and fishery independent surveys. fig:Exec\_catch1

## 115 Data and Assessment

data-and-assessment

116 This a new full assessment for Pacific ocean perch which was last assessed in 2011. In this  
117 assessment, all aspects of the model including catches, data, and modelling assumptions  
118 were re-evaluated as much as possible. The assessment was conducted using the length-  
119 and age-structured modeling software Stock Synthesis (version 3.30.30.05). The coastwide  
120 population was modeled assuming separate growth and mortality parameters for each sex (a  
121 two-sex model) from 1918 to 2017, and forecasted beyond 2017.

122 All of the sources of data for Pacific ocean perch have been re-evaluated for 2017, excluding  
123 the historical fishery catch-per-unit time series. Changes of varying degrees have occurred  
124 in the data from those used in previous assessments. These current data represent the  
125 best available scientific information. The landings history has been updated and extended  
126 back to 1918, harvest was negligible before that year. Survey data from the Alaska and  
127 Northwest Fisheries Science Centers have been used to construct series of indices using a  
128 spatial temporal delta GLMM model as well as length, age and conditional age-at length  
129 compositions consistent with the stratifications used for constructing the indices.

130 The definition of fishing fleets have been changed from those in the 2011 assessment. Three  
131 fishing fleets were specified within the model: 1) a combined bottom trawl, mid-water trawl  
132 and fixed gear fleet where only a small fraction of Pacific ocean perch occurring by fixed gear,  
133 2) the historical foreign fleet, and 3) the at-sea hake fishery. The fleet grouping were based  
134 on discarding practices. The trawl fishery estimated a retention curve based upon discarding  
135 data and known management restrictions. However, very little if any discarding is assumed to  
136 have occurred by the foreign fleet and the catch reported by the at-sea hake fishery accounts  
137 for both discarded and landed fish and hence, no additional mortality was estimated for each  
138 of these fleets.

139 The assessment uses landings data and discard-fraction estimates; catch-per-unit-of-effort  
140 and survey indices; length or age composition data for each year and fishery or survey (with  
141 conditional age at length compositional data for the NWFSC shelf-slope survey); information  
142 on weight-at-age, maturity-at-age, and fecundity-at-age; priors on natural mortality and the  
143 steepness of the Beverton-Holt stock-recruitment relationship; and estimates of ageing error.  
144 Recruitment at “equilibrium biomass”, length-based selectivity of the fishery and surveys,  
145 retention of the fishery, catchability of the surveys, growth, the time series of biomass, age  
146 and size structure, and current and projected future stock status are outputs of the model.  
147 Natural mortality and steepness were fixed in the final model. This was done due to relatively  
148 flat likelihood surfaces, such that fixing parameters and then varying them was deemed the  
149 best way to characterize uncertainty.

150 A number of sources of uncertainty are explicitly included in this assessment. For example,  
151 allowance is made for uncertainty in survey catchability coefficients. Furthermore, this  
152 assessment includes gender differences in growth, a non-linear relationship between individual  
153 spawner biomass and effective spawning output, and an updated relationship between length  
154 and maturity, based upon non-published information (M. Head, personal communication).

<sup>155</sup> As is always the case, overall uncertainty is greater than that predicted by a single model  
<sup>156</sup> specification. Among other sources of uncertainty that are not included in the current model  
<sup>157</sup> are the degree of connectivity between the stocks of Pacific ocean perch off of Vancouver  
<sup>158</sup> Island, British Columbia and those in PFMC waters, and the effect of climatic variables on  
<sup>159</sup> recruitment, growth and survival of Pacific ocean perch.

<sup>160</sup> A reference case was selected which adequately captures the central tendency for those sources  
<sup>161</sup> of uncertainty considered in the model.

## <sup>162</sup> Stock Biomass

stock-biomass

<sup>163</sup> Include: trends and current levels relative to virgin or historic levels, description of uncer-  
<sup>164</sup> tainty-include table for last 10 years and graph with long term estimates.

<sup>165</sup> Spawning output Figure: Figure b

<sup>166</sup> Spawning output Table(s): Table b

<sup>167</sup> Relative depletion Figure: Figure c

<sup>168</sup> Example text (remove Models 2 and 3 if not needed - if using, remove the # in-line comments!!!)

<sup>169</sup> The estimated relative depletion level (spawning output relative to unfished spawning output)  
<sup>170</sup> of the the base-case model in 2017 is 76.1% (~95% asymptotic interval: ± 53.8%-98.4%)  
<sup>171</sup> (Figure c).

Table b: Recent trend in estimated spawning output (million eggs) and relative spawning output.

Year	Spawning Output (million eggs)	~ 95% confidence interval	Estimated depletion	~ 95% confidence interval
2008	3211.00	1362 - 5060	0.48	0.330 - 0.638
2009	3346.00	1425 - 5267	0.50	0.345 - 0.664
2010	3438.00	1467 - 5408	0.52	0.355 - 0.681
2011	3500.00	1496 - 5504	0.53	0.362 - 0.693
2012	3545.00	1521 - 5570	0.53	0.368 - 0.701
2013	3584.00	1544 - 5625	0.54	0.373 - 0.708
2014	3727.00	1618 - 5835	0.56	0.390 - 0.733
2015	4118.00	1812 - 6425	0.62	0.435 - 0.807
2016	4620.00	2054 - 7186	0.70	0.491 - 0.902
2017	5047.00	2259 - 7835	0.76	0.538 - 0.984

### Spawning output with ~95% asymptotic intervals

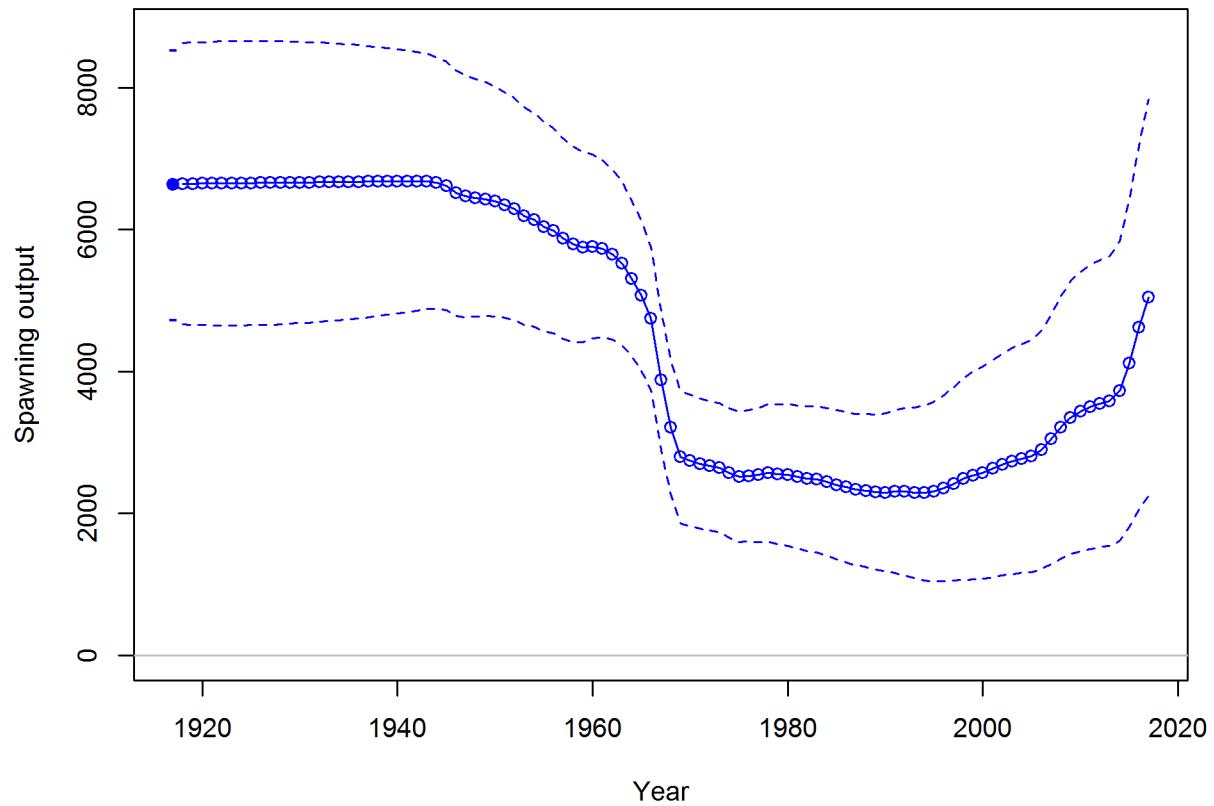


Figure b: Time series of spawning output trajectory (circles and line; median; light broken lines: 95% credibility intervals) for the base case assessment model. | [fig:Spawnbio\\_all](#)

### Spawning depletion with ~95% asymptotic intervals

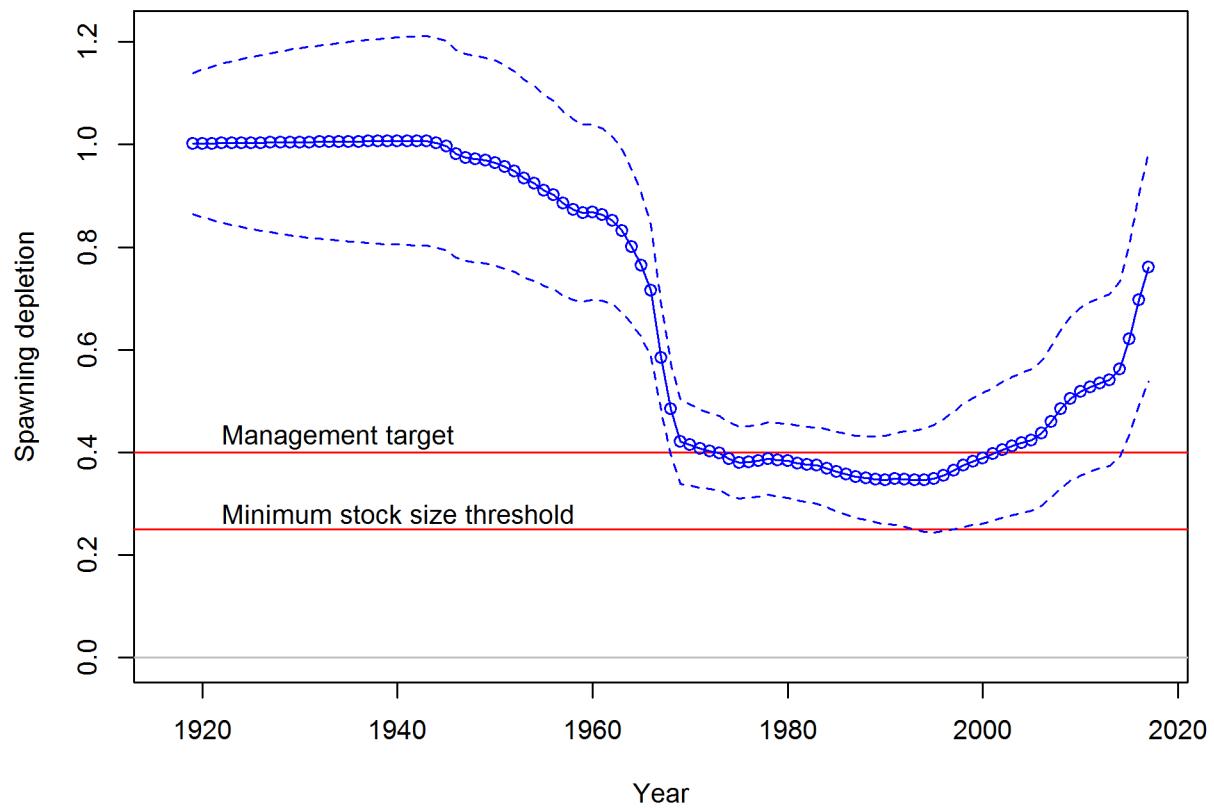


Figure c: Estimated relative depletion with approximate 95% asymptotic confidence intervals (dashed lines) for the base case assessment model. [fig:RelDeplete\\_all](#)

<sup>172</sup> **Recruitment**

recruitment

<sup>173</sup> Include: trends and current levels relative to virgin or historic levels-include table for last 10  
<sup>174</sup> years and graph with long term estimates.

<sup>175</sup> Recruitment Figure: (Figure d)

<sup>176</sup> Recruitment Tables: (Tables c)

Table c: Recent estimated trend in recruitment with approximate 95confidence intervals determined from the base model

Year	Estimated Recruitment	~ 95% confidence interval	Estimated Recruitment Devs.	<sup>tab:Recruit_mod1</sup>
2008	133246.00	75744 - 234402	2.84	2.542 - 3.145
2009	4814.00	2070 - 11196	-0.49	-1.254 - 0.267
2010	8279.00	4007 - 17102	0.04	-0.558 - 0.633
2011	16107.00	8067 - 32159	0.70	0.146 - 1.246
2012	2113.00	870 - 5132	-1.34	-2.173 - -0.507
2013	29278.00	13512 - 63442	1.20	0.525 - 1.872
2014	5078.00	1728 - 14918	-0.65	-1.748 - 0.441
2015	10096.00	2827 - 36059	-0.00	-1.372 - 1.367
2016	10520.00	2945 - 37581	0.00	-1.372 - 1.372
2017	10816.00	3031 - 38596	0.00	-1.372 - 1.372

**Age-0 recruits (1,000s) with ~95% asymptotic intervals**

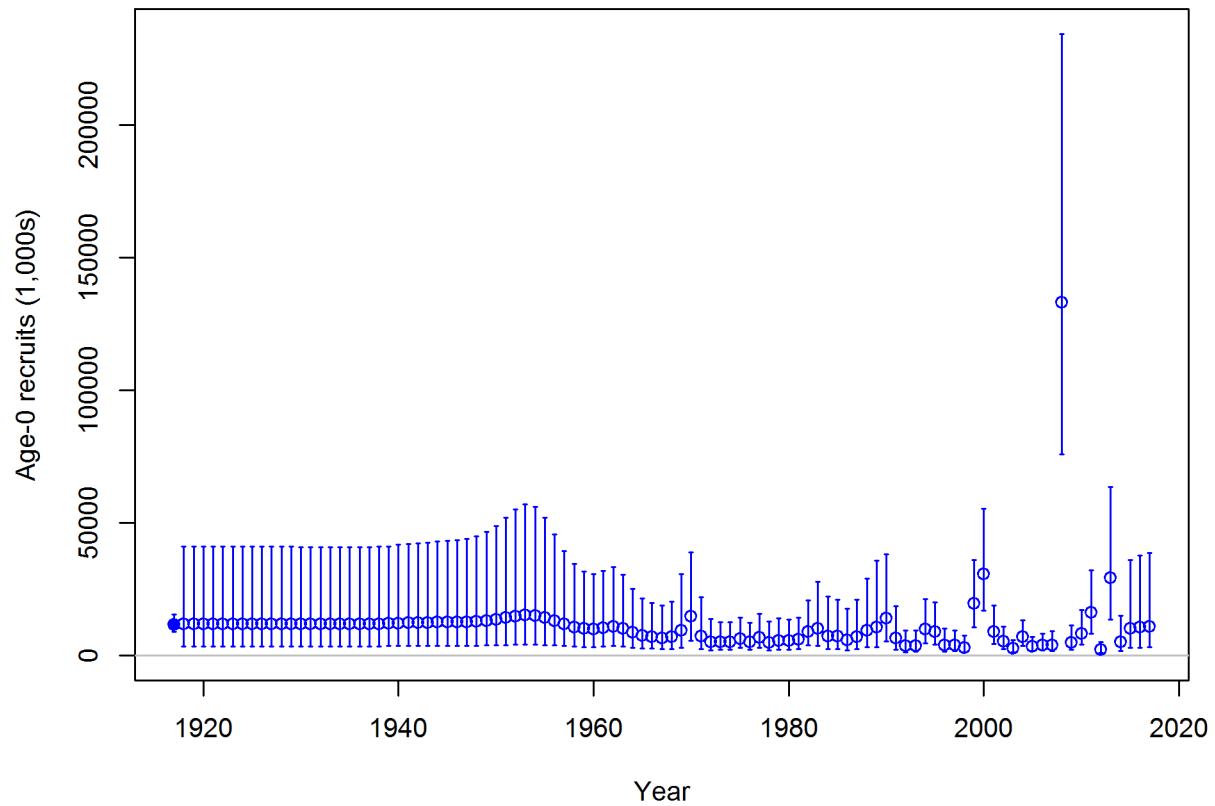


Figure d: Time series of estimated Pacific ocean perch recruitments for the base-case model with 95% confidence or credibility intervals. | [fig:Recruits\\_all](#)

177 **Exploitation status**

exploitation-status

178 Include: exploitation rates (i.e., total catch divided by exploitable biomass, or the annual  
179 SPR harvest rate) include a table with the last 10 years of data and a graph showing the  
180 trend in fishing mortality relative to the target (y-axis) plotted against the trend in biomass  
181 relative to the target (x-axis).

182 Exploitation Tables: Table [d](#), Table [??](#), Table [??](#) Exploitation Figure: Figure [e](#)).

183 A summary of Pacific ocean perch exploitation histories for base model is provided as Figure  
184 [f](#).

Table d: Recent trend in spawning potential ratio (1-SPR) and summary exploitation rate  
for Pacific ocean perch.

Year	Fishing intensity	~ 95% confidence interval	Exploitation rate	~ 95% confidence interval
2007	0.104	0.046 - 0.162	0.002	0.001 - 0.003
2008	0.086	0.036 - 0.135	0.002	0.001 - 0.003
2009	0.113	0.046 - 0.181	0.003	0.001 - 0.004
2010	0.107	0.044 - 0.171	0.002	0.001 - 0.004
2011	0.037	0.016 - 0.058	0.001	0.000 - 0.001
2012	0.035	0.015 - 0.054	0.001	0.000 - 0.001
2013	0.033	0.014 - 0.051	0.001	0.000 - 0.001
2014	0.029	0.013 - 0.045	0.001	0.000 - 0.001
2015	0.028	0.013 - 0.044	0.001	0.000 - 0.001
2016	0.028	0.012 - 0.043	0.001	0.000 - 0.001

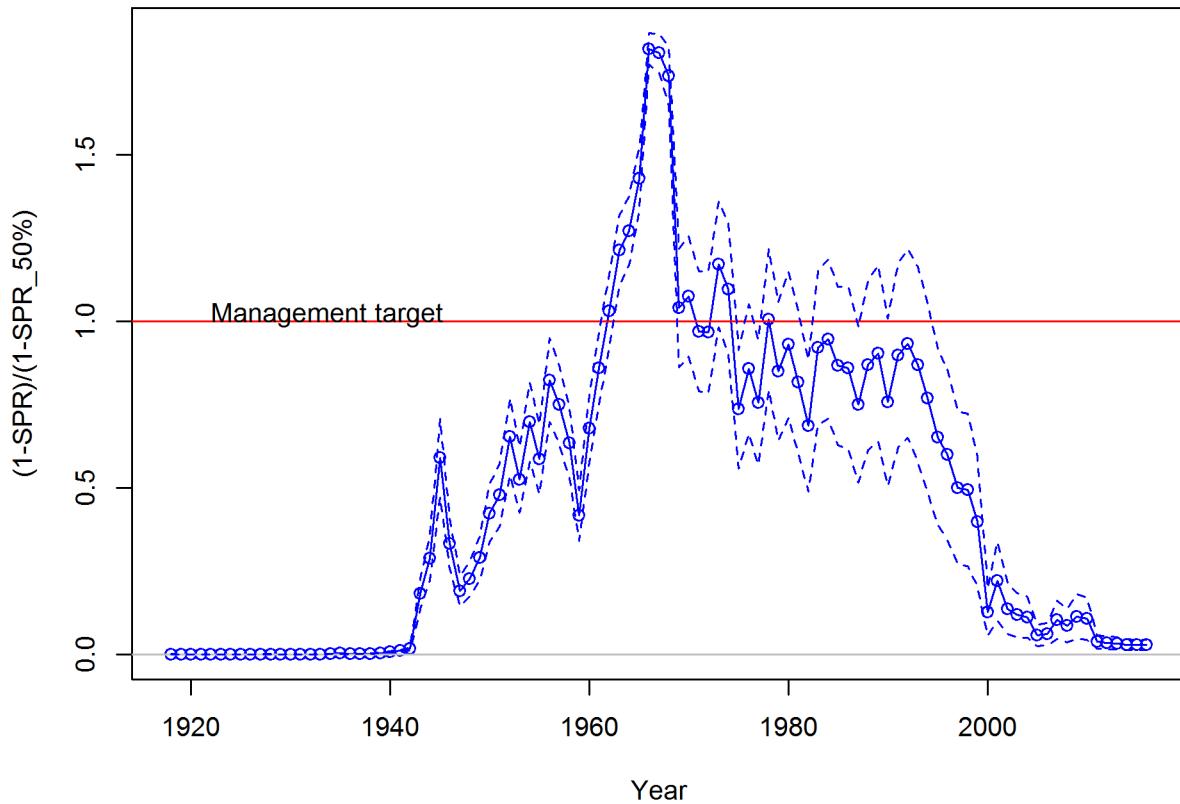


Figure e: Estimated spawning potential ratio (SPR) for the base-case model. One minus SPR is plotted so that higher exploitation rates occur on the upper portion of the y-axis. The management target is plotted as a red horizontal line and values above this reflect harvests in excess of the overfishing proxy based on the  $\text{SPR}_{50\%}$  harvest rate. The last year in the time series is 2016. | [fig:SPR\\_all](#)

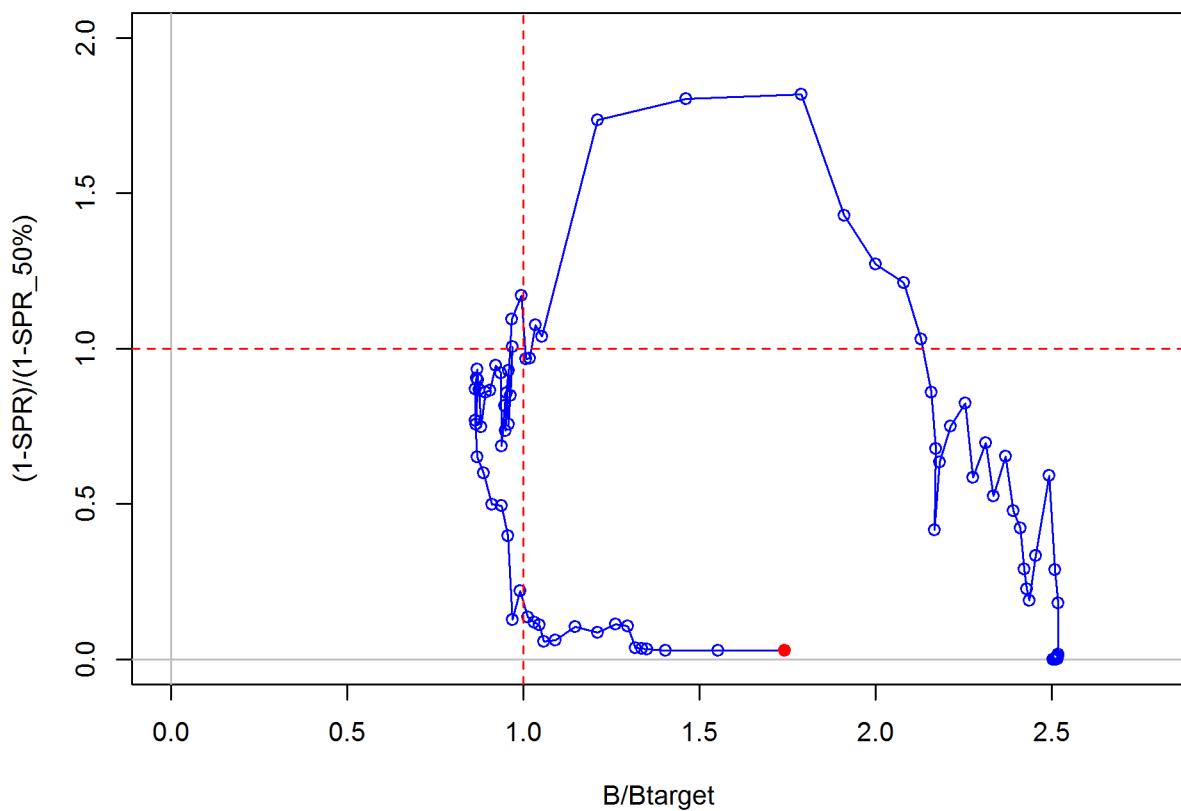


Figure f: Phase plot of estimated relative (1-SPR) vs. relative spawning biomass for the base case model. The relative (1-SPR) is (1-SPR) divided by 50% (the SPR target). Relative depletion is the annual spawning biomass divided by the unfished spawning biomass. | [fig:Phase\\_all](#)

185 **Ecosystem Considerations**

ecosystem-considerations

186 In this assessment, ecosystem considerations were. . . .

187 **Reference Points**

reference-points

188 **Include:** management targets and definition of overfishing, including the harvest rate that  
189 brings the stock to equilibrium at  $B_{40\%}$  (the  $B_{MSY}$  proxy) and the equilibrium stock size  
190 that results from fishing at the default harvest rate (the  $F_{MSY}$  proxy). Include a summary  
191 table that compares estimated reference points for SSB, SPR, Exploitation Rate and Yield  
192 based on SSBproxy for MSY, SPRproxy for MSY, and estimated MSY values

193 **Write intro paragraph**

194 This stock assessment estimates that Pacific ocean perch in the Base model are above the  
195 biomass target, but above the minimum stock size threshold. **Add sentence about spawning**  
196 **output trend.** The estimated relative depletion level for **Model 1** in 2017 is 76.1% (~95%  
197 asymptotic interval:  $\pm 53.8\%-98.4\%$ , corresponding to an unfished spawning output of 5047  
198 million eggs (~95% asymptotic interval: 2259.24842947069-7835.07157052931 million eggs) of  
199 spawning output in the base model (Table e). Unfished age 3+ biomass was estimated to be  
200 139810 mt in the base case model. The target spawning output based on the biomass target  
201 ( $SB_{40\%}$ ) is 2653.2 million eggs, which gives a catch of 1748.2 mt. Equilibrium yield at the  
202 proxy  $F_{MSY}$  harvest rate corresponding to  $SPR_{50\%}$  is 1764.8 mt.

Table e: Summary of reference points and management quantities for the base case.

Quantity	Estimate	95% Confidence Interval	tab:Ref_pts_mod1
Unfished spawning output (million eggs)	6633.1	4736.7 - 8529.5	
Unfished age 3+ biomass (mt)	139810	100052.5 - 179567.5	
Unfished recruitment ( $R_0$ , thousands)	11665.7	8801.4 - 15462.1	
Spawning output(2017 million eggs)	5047.2	2259.2 - 7835.1	
Depletion (2017)	0.761	0.538 - 0.984	
<b>Reference points based on <math>SB_{40\%}</math></b>			
Proxy spawning output ( $B_{40\%}$ )	2653.2	1894.7 - 3411.8	
SPR resulting in $B_{40\%}$ ( $SPR_{B40\%}$ )	0.55	0.55 - 0.55	
Exploitation rate resulting in $B_{40\%}$	0.028	0.028 - 0.029	
Yield with $SPR_{B40\%}$ at $B_{40\%}$ (mt)	1748.2	1252.4 - 2244	
<b>Reference points based on SPR proxy for MSY</b>			
Spawning output	2211	1578.9 - 2843.2	
$SPR_{proxy}$	0.5		
Exploitation rate corresponding to $SPR_{proxy}$	0.034	0.033 - 0.034	
Yield with $SPR_{proxy}$ at $SB_{MSY}$ (mt)	1764.8	1264.8 - 2264.8	
<b>Reference points based on estimated MSY values</b>			
Spawning output at $MSY$ ( $SB_{MSY}$ )	2315.7	1649.6 - 2981.8	
$SPR_{MSY}$	0.512	0.51 - 0.514	
Exploitation rate at $MSY$	0.032	0.032 - 0.033	
$MSY$ (mt)	1766.7	1266.1 - 2267.4	

<sup>203</sup> **Management Performance**

management-performance

<sup>204</sup> Include: catches in comparison to OFL, ABC and OY/ACL values for the most recent 10 years (when available), overfishing levels, actual catch and discard. Include OFL(encountered), OFL(retained) and OFL(dead) if different due to discard and discard mortality.

<sup>207</sup> Management performance table: Table f

<sup>208</sup> **Unresolved Problems And Major Uncertainties**

unresolved-problems-and-major-uncertainties

<sup>209</sup> TBD after STAR panel

Table f: Recent trend in total catch and commercial landings (mt) relative to the management guidelines. Estimated total catch reflect the commercial landings plus the model estimated discarded biomass.

Year	OFL (mt; ABC prior to 2011)	ABC (mt)	ACL (mt; OY prior to 2011)	Total landings (mt)	<small>tab:mnmgt_perform</small> Estimated total catch (mt)
2007	-	-	150	133	157
2008	-	-	150	92	133
2009	-	-	189	94	190
2010	-	-	200	97	181
2011	-	-	180	60	61
2012	-	-	183	57	58
2013	-	-	150	55	57
2014	-	-	153	54	55
2015	-	-	158	58	59
2016	-	-	164	65	65

210 **Decision Table(s) (groundfish only)**

decision-tables-groundfish-only

211 212 Include: projected yields (OFL, ABC and ACL), spawning biomass, and stock depletion levels for each year. Not required in draft assessments undergoing review.

213 OFL projection table: Table [g](#)

214 Decision table(s) Table [h](#), Table ??, Table ??

215 Yield curve: Figure `\ref{fig:Yield_all}`

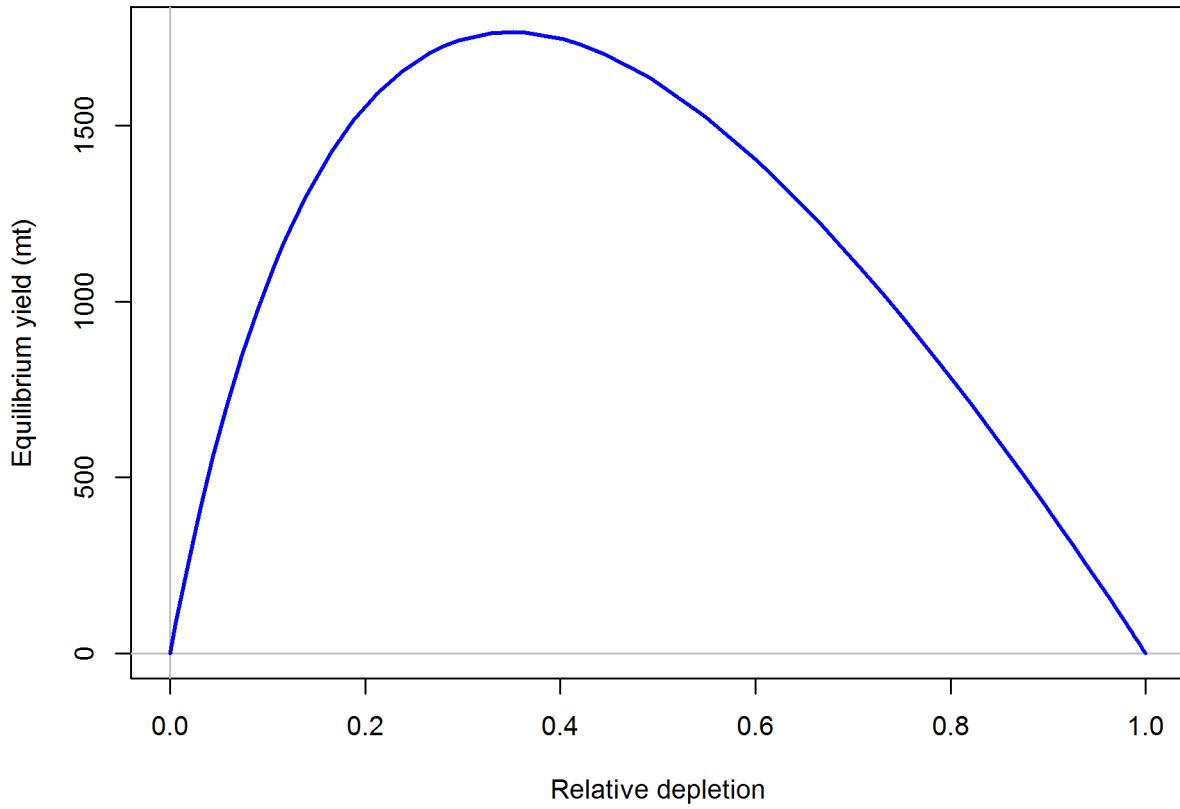


Figure g: Equilibrium yield curve for the base case model. Values are based on the 2016 fishery selectivity and with steepness fixed at... [fig:Yield\\_all](#)

Table g: Projections of potential OFL (mt) and ACL (mt) and the estimated spawning output and relative biomass.

Year	OFL	ACL	Spawning Output ( million eggs )	Relative Biomass	<b>tab:OFL_projection</b>
2017	4306	281	5047	0.761	
2018	4559	281	5369	0.809	
2019	4719	4515	5625	0.848	
2020	4654	4453	5657	0.853	
2021	4552	4356	5654	0.852	
2022	4431	4240	5606	0.845	
2023	4302	4116	5528	0.833	
2024	4172	3992	5431	0.819	
2025	4048	3873	5324	0.803	
2026	3932	3762	5211	0.786	
2027	3826	3660	5096	0.768	
2028	3727	3566	4981	0.751	

Table h: Summary of 10-year projections beginning in 2019 for alternate states of nature based on an axis of uncertainty for the base model. Columns range over low, mid, and high states of nature, and rows range over different assumptions of catch levels. An entry of “-” indicates that the stock is driven to very low abundance under the particular scenario.

		States of nature					
		Low M 0.05		Base M 0.07		High M 0.09	
	Year	Catch	Spawning Output	Depletion	Spawning Output	Depletion	Spawning Output
40-10 Rule, Low M	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2025	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2026	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2027	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2028	-	-	-	-	-	-
40-10 Rule	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2025	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2026	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2027	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2028	-	-	-	-	-	-
40-10 Rule, High M	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2025	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2026	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2027	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2028	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average Catch	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2021	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2025	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2026	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2027	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2028	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table i: Base model results summary.

Quantity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Landings (mt)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Est. Catch (mt)	150	189	200	180	183	150	153	158	164	281
OFL (mt)	92	94	97	60	57	55	54	58	65	65
ACL (mt)	133	190	181	61	58	57	55	59	65	65
(1-SPR)(1-SPR <sub>50%</sub> )	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Exploitation rate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age 3+ biomass (mt)	73810.2	74550.2	74832.0	88388.8	95169.1	102021.0	109119.0	114333.0	121131.0	125534.0
Spawning Output	32111	3346	3438	3500	3545	3584	3727	4118	4620	5047
95% CI	1362 - 5060	1425 - 5267	1467 - 5408	1496 - 5504	1521 - 5570	1544 - 5625	1618 - 5835	1812 - 6425	2054 - 7186	2259 - 7835
Depletion	0.484	0.504	0.518	0.528	0.534	0.540	0.562	0.621	0.697	0.761
95% CI	0.330 - 0.638	0.345 - 0.664	0.355 - 0.681	0.362 - 0.693	0.368 - 0.701	0.373 - 0.708	0.390 - 0.733	0.435 - 0.807	0.491 - 0.902	0.558 - 0.984
Recruits	133246	4814	8279	16107	2113	29278	5078	10096	10520	10816
95% CI	75744 - 234402	2070 - 11196	4007 - 17102	8067 - 32159	870 - 5132	13512 - 63442	1728 - 14918	2827 - 36059	2945 - 37581	3031 - 38596

216 **Research And Data Needs**

research-and-data-needs

217 **Include:** identify information gaps that seriously impede the stock assessment.

218 We recommend the following research be conducted before the next assessment:

219 1. List item No. 1 in the list

220 2. List item No. 2 in the list, etc.

221 **Rebuilding Projections**

rebuilding-projections

222 **Include:** reference to the principal results from rebuilding analysis if the stock is overfished.

223 This section should be included in the Final/SAFE version assessment document but is not

224 required for draft assessments undergoing review. See Rebuilding Analysis terms of reference

225 for detailed information on rebuilding analysis requirements.

226 **1 Introduction**

introduction

227 **1.1 Basic Information**

basic-information

228 Pacific ocean perch (*Sebastodes alutus*) are most abundant in the Gulf of Alaska, and have been  
229 observed off of Japan, in the Bering Sea, and south to Baja California, although they are  
230 sparse south of Oregon and rare in southern California. While genetic studies have found  
231 three populations of Pacific ocean perch off of British Columbia (Seeb and Gunderson 1988,  
232 Withler et al. 2001) with, notably, a separate stock off of Vancouver Island, no significant  
233 genetic differences have been found in the range covered by this assessment. Pacific ocean  
234 perch show dimorphic growth, with females reaching a slightly large size than males. Males  
235 and females are equally abundant on rearing grounds at age 1.5.

236 The Pacific ocean perch population has been modeled as a single stock off of the US West  
237 Coast (essentially northern California to the Canadian border, since Pacific ocean perch are  
238 seen extremely rarely in central and southern California). Good recruitments show up in  
239 size-composition data throughout all portions of this area, which supports the single stock  
240 hypothesis. This assessment includes landings and catch data for Pacific ocean perch from  
241 the states of Washington, Oregon and California, along with records from foreign fisheries,  
242 the at-sea hake fleet, and fishery-independent surveys.

243 Prior to 1966, the Pacific ocean perch resource off of the northern portion of the US West  
244 Coast was harvested almost entirely by Canadian and United States vessels. Harvest was  
245 negligible prior to 1940, reached 1,300 mt in 1950, 3,200 mt in 1961 and exceeded 7,600 mt in  
246 1965. Catches increased dramatically after 1965, with the introduction of large distant-water  
247 fishing fleets from the Soviet Union and Japan. Both nations employed large factory stern  
248 trawlers as their primary method for harvesting Pacific ocean perch. Peak removals by all  
249 foreign nations combined are estimated at over 15,000 mt in 1966 and remained over 12,000 mt  
250 in 1967. These numbers are based upon a re-analysis of the foreign catch data (Rogers 2003),  
251 which focused on deriving a more realistic species composition for catches previously identified  
252 only as Pacific ocean perch. Catches declined rapidly following these peak years, and Pacific  
253 ocean perch stocks were considered to be severely depleted throughout the Oregon-Vancouver  
254 Island region by 1969 (Gunderson 1977, Gunderson et al. 1977). Landed harvest averaged  
255 1,350 mt over the period 1977-94. Landings have continued to decline since 1994, primarily  
256 due to more restrictive management (Table 1 and Figure 1).

257 Prior to 1977, Pacific ocean perch in the northeast Pacific were managed by the Canadian  
258 Government in its waters and by the individual states in waters off of the United States. With  
259 implementation of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MFCMA) in  
260 1977, US territorial waters were extended to 200 miles from shore, and primary responsibility  
261 for management of the groundfish stocks off Washington, Oregon and California shifted from  
262 the states to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) and the National Marine  
263 Fisheries Service (NMFS). At that time, however, a Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for

264 the West Coast groundfish stocks had not yet been approved. In the interim, the state  
265 agencies worked with the PFMC to address conservation issues. In 1981, the PFMC adopted  
266 a management strategy to rebuild the depleted Pacific ocean perch stocks to levels that would  
267 produce Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) within 20 years. On the basis of cohort analysis  
268 (Gunderson 1978), the PFMC set Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) levels at 600 mt for  
269 the US portion of the Vancouver INPFC area and 950 mt for the Columbia INPFC area. To  
270 implement this strategy, the states of Oregon and Washington each established landing limits  
271 for Pacific ocean perch. Trawl trip limits of various forms remained in effect through 2016  
272 (Table 2).

273 Age estimates for Pacific ocean perch prior to the 1980s were made via surface ageing of  
274 otoliths, which misses the very tight annuli at the edge of the otolith once the fish reaches near  
275 maximum size. Ages are biased by around age 10-12, and maximum age was estimated to be  
276 in the 20s, which lead to an overestimate of the natural mortality rate and the productivity  
277 of the stock. Using break and burn methods, Pacific ocean perch have been aged to over  
278 100 years, and we now know that the underlying assumptions of the early models were  
279 overly optimistic about productivity. Research surveys have been used to provide fishery-  
280 independent information about the abundance, distribution, and biological characteristics  
281 of Pacific ocean perch. A coast-wide survey of the rockfish resource was conducted in 1977  
282 (Gunderson and Sample 1980) and was repeated every three years through 2004 (referred to  
283 as the ‘Triennial Survey’). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) coordinated a  
284 cooperative research survey of the Pacific ocean perch stocks off Washington and Oregon  
285 with the Washington Department of Fisheries (WDFW) and the Oregon Department of  
286 Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in March-May 1979 (Wilkins and Golden 1983). This survey  
287 was repeated in 1985 (referred to as the Pacific ocean perch Survey). Two slope surveys  
288 have been conducted off the West Coast in recent years, one using the research vessel Miller  
289 Freeman, which ended in 2001 (referred to as the ‘AFSC Slope Survey’), and another ongoing  
290 cooperative survey using commercial fishing vessels which began in 1998 as a DTS (Dover sole,  
291 thornyhead and sablefish) survey, was expanded to other groundfish in 1999 (referred to as  
292 the ‘NWFSC Slope Survey’). In 2003, this survey was expanded spatially to include the shelf.  
293 This last survey, conducted by the NWFSC, continues to cover depths from 30-700 fathoms  
294 (55-1280 meters) on an annual basis (referred to as the ‘NWFSC Shelf-Slope Survey’).

## 295 1.2 Summary of Management History

summary-of-management-history

296 The landings of Pacific ocean perch have been historically governed by harvest guidelines  
297 and trip limits, while recently management is imposed with total catch harvest limits in  
298 the form of overfishing limits (OFLs), acceptable biological catches (ABCs), and annual  
299 catch limits (ACLs). A trawl rationalization program, consisting of an individual fishing  
300 quota (IFQ) or catch shares system was implemented in 2011 for the limited entry trawl fleet  
301 targeting non-whiting groundfish, including Pacific ocean perch, and the trawl fleet targeting  
302 and delivering whiting to shore-based processors. The limited entry at-sea trawl sectors

303 (motherships and catch-processors) that target whiting and process at sea are managed in a  
304 system of harvest cooperatives.

305 Limits on Pacific ocean perch were first established in 1983 (Table 3). These were implemented  
306 as area closures, trip limits, and cumulative landing limits. In 1999, Pacific ocean perch  
307 was declared overfished with the assessment estimating the spawning output below the  
308 management limit (25% of virgin biomass). In reaction to the overfished declaration, harvest  
309 limits were reduced relative to previous years and a rebuilding plan was implemented in 2001.

### 310 1.3 Fisheries off Canada and Alaska

`fisheries-off-canada-and-alaska`

311 Pacific ocean perch can be found in waters off the US west coast and northward through  
312 Alaskan waters. In contrast the Pacific ocean perch stock off the US west coast, each  
313 assessed portion of the stock in Canada and Alaskan waters are estimated to be above  
314 management targets. The subset of the stock off the US west coast represents the tail of the  
315 species distribution with little to no Pacific ocean perch being encountered south of northern  
316 California. Pacific ocean perch are harvested both in Canada and Alaska. The most recent  
317 updated assessments for the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska stocks determined that neither  
318 stock are in an overfished state and recommended and acceptable biological catch of 43,723  
319 mt and 23,918 mt, respectively, for 2017.

320 In Canadian waters Pacific ocean perch has the largest single-species quota, accounting for  
321 approximately 25% of all rockfish landings by weight in the bottom trawl fleet. The Canadian  
322 Pacific ocean perch stock is broken into three separate areas that are individually assessed.  
323 The status of the stock within each area are above Canadian management targets.

## 324 2 Data

`data`

325 Data used in the Pacific ocean perch assessment are summarized in Figure 2. A description  
326 of each data source is provided below.

### 327 2.1 Fishery-Independent Data:

`fishery-independent-data`

#### 328 2.1.1 Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) shelf-slope survey

`northwest-fisheries-science-center-nwfsc-shelf-slope-survey`

329 The NWFSC shelf-slope survey is based on a random-grid design; covering the coastal waters  
330 from a depth of 55 m to 1,280 m (Bradburn et al. 2011). This design uses four chartered  
331 industry vessels in most years, assigned to a roughly equal number of randomly selected

grid cells. The survey, which has been conducted from late-May to early-October each year, is divided into two 2-vessel passes of the coast, which are executed from north to south. This design therefore incorporates both vessel-to-vessel differences in catchability as well as variance associated with selecting a relatively small number (approximately 700) of cells from a very large population of possible cells (greater than 11,000) distributed from the Mexican to the Canadian border.

The data from the NWFSC shelf-slope survey was analyzed using a spatio-temporal delta-model (Thorson et al. 2015), implemented as an R package VAST (Thorson and Barnett 2017) and publicly available online (<https://github.com/James-Thorson/VAST>). Spatial and spatio-temporal variation is specifically included in both encounter probability and positive catch rates, a logit-link for encounter probability, and a log-link for positive catch rates. Vessel-year effects were included for each unique combination of vessel and year in the database, to account for the random selection of commercial vessels used during sampling (Helser et al. 2004, Thorson and Ward (2014)). Spatial variation was approximated using 1000 knots, and use the bias-correction algorithm (Thorson and Kristensen 2016) in Template Model Builder (Kristensen et al. 2016). Further details regarding model structure are available in the user manual ([https://github.com/James-Thorson/VAST/blob/master/examples/VAST\\_user\\_manual.pdf](https://github.com/James-Thorson/VAST/blob/master/examples/VAST_user_manual.pdf)).

The smallest Pacific ocean perch tend to occur in the shallower depths (< 200 m) with only larger individuals occurring at depths deeper than 300 m. Data collected by the NWFSC Shelf-Slope survey between depths of 55 - 549 m and north of 42° and south of 49° were stratified to generate an index of abundance from 2003-2016. The estimated index of abundance is shown in Table 4. The lognormal distribution with random strata-year and vessel effects had the lowest AIC and was chosen as the final model. The Q-Q plot does not show any departures from the assumed distribution (Figure 4). The indices for the NWFSC shelf-slope survey show a tentative decline in the population between 2003 and 2009, with an increasing trend in biomass between the 2009 and 2016 median point estimates.

Length, age, and conditional age-at-length compositions were expanded based upon the stratification. The number of tows with length data ranged from 33 in 2006 to 69 in 2015 (Table 5) where ages were collected for Pacific ocean perch in nearly every tow (Table 6). The expanded length frequencies from this survey show an increase in small fish starting in 2010 (Figure 5). The age frequencies provide clear evidence of large year-classes moving through the population from the 1999, 2000, and 2008 recruitment; with early indications of a large 2013 recruitment (Figure 6).

The effective sample sizes for length and marginal age composition data for all fishery-independent surveys were calculated according to Stewart & Hamel (2014) which determined that the approximate realized sample size for shelf/slope rockfish species was  $2.43 * N_{\text{tow}}$ . The effective sample size of conditional-age-at-length data was set at the number of fish at each length by year.

371 **2.1.2 Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) slope survey**  
northwest-fisheries-science-center-nwfsc-slope-survey

372 The NWFSC slope survey covered waters throughout the summer from 183 m to 1280 m north  
373 of  $34^{\circ}30' S$ , which is near Point Conception between 1999 and 2002. Tows conducted between  
374 the depths of 183 and 549 m were used to create an index of abundance using a bayesian  
375 delta-GLMM and the VAST delta-GLMM models. The estimated index of abundance is show  
376 in Table 4. Based on the diagnostics the bayesian delta-GLMM, which does not account for  
377 spatial effects, gamma distribution with year-vessel random effects was selected as the final  
378 model. The Q-Q plot does not show any departures from the assumed distribution (Figure 7).  
379 The trend of abundance across the four surveys years was generally flat with high estimated  
380 annual variance.

381 Length and age compositions were available for 2001 and 2002 and were expanded based upon  
382 the survey stratification (Tables 7 and 8. The expanded length frequencies from this survey  
383 shows that primarily only large fish were captured both years (Figure 8). The majority of  
384 fish observed by this survey were aged at greater than 10 years (Figure 9).

385 **2.1.3 Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) slope survey**  
alaska-fisheries-science-center-afsc-slope-survey

386 The AFSC slope survey operated during autumn (October-November) aboard the R/V  
387 Miller Freeman. Partial survey coverage of the U.S. west coast occurred during 1988-96 and  
388 complete coverage (north of  $34^{\circ}30' S$ ) during 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2001. Only the four years  
389 of consistent and complete surveys plus 1996, which surveyed north of  $43^{\circ} N$  latitude to the  
390 U.S.-Canada border, were used in this assessment. The number of tows with length data  
391 ranged from 19 in 2000 to 48 in 1996 (Table 9). Because a large number of positive tows  
392 occurred in 1996, it was decided to include that year, which surveyed from  $43^{\circ} N$  latitude  
393 to the U.S.-Canada border. Therefore, only tows from  $43^{\circ} N$  latitude to the U.S.-Canada  
394 border were used.

395 An index of abundance was estimated based on the data using the VAST delta-GLMM model.  
396 The estimated index of abundance is shown in Table 4. The lognormal distribution with  
397 random strata-year had the lowest AIC and was chosen as the final model. The Q-Q plot  
398 does not show any departures from the assumed distribution (Figure 10). The trend in the  
399 indices was generally flat over time.

400 Length compositions were available for each year the survey was conducted. No age data were  
401 available from this survey. The expanded length frequencies from this survey were generally  
402 of larger fish ( $> 30$  cm), except for 1997 where the highest frequency of fish were between 20  
403 and 30 cm for both females and males (Figure 11).

404 **2.1.4 Triennial Bottom Trawl Survey**

triennial-bottom-trawl-survey

405 The triennial survey was first conducted by the AFSC in 1977 and spanned the time-frame  
406 from 1977-2004. The survey's design and sampling methods are most recently described  
407 in (Weinberg et al. 2002). Its basic design was a series of equally-spaced transects from  
408 which searches for tows in a specific depth range were initiated. The survey design has  
409 changed slightly over the period of time. In general, all of the surveys were conducted in the  
410 mid-summer through early fall: the 1977 survey was conducted from early July through late  
411 September; the surveys from 1980 through 1989 ran from mid-July to late September; the  
412 1992 survey spanned from mid-July through early October; the 1995 survey was conducted  
413 from early June to late August; the 1998 survey ran from early June through early August;  
414 and the 2001 and 2004 surveys were conducted in May-July.

415 Haul depths ranged from 91-457 m during the 1977 survey with no hauls shallower than 91 m.  
416 The surveys in 1980, 1983, and 1986 covered the West Coast south to 36.8° N latitude and a  
417 depth range of 55-366 meters. The surveys in 1989 and 1992 covered the same depth range  
418 but extended the southern range to 34.5° N (near Point Conception). From 1995 through  
419 2004, the surveys covered the depth range 55-500 meters and surveyed south to 34.5° N. In  
420 the final year of the triennial series (2004), the NWFSC's Fishery Resource and Monitoring  
421 division (FRAM) conducted the survey and followed very similar protocols as the AFSC.

422 Given the different depths surveyed during 1977, the data from that year were not included  
423 in this assessment. Water hauls (Zimmermann et al. 2003) and tows located in Canadian  
424 waters were also excluded from the analysis of this survey. The data was examined for  
425 varying distribution of length and/or ages of fish based upon the shift in survey timing and  
426 little evidence was found of ontogenetic shifts in Pacific ocean perch during the summer  
427 months. Pacific ocean perch are rarely encountered south of 40°*south* where the change in  
428 southern range of the survey would have no impact on data collected regarding Pacific  
429 ocean perch. Given these factors the Triennial survey was analyzed as a single time-series a  
430 departure from how the previous assessment which split the time-series into an early  
431 (1980-1992) and a late period (1995-2004).

432 An index of abundance was estimated based on the data using the VAST delta-GLMM model.  
433 The estimated index of abundance is shown in Table 4. The lognormal distribution with  
434 random strata-year had the lowest AIC and was chosen as the final model. The Q-Q plot  
435 does not show any departures from the assumed distribution (Figure 12). The index shows a  
436 decline in abundance in the early years of the time-series and abundance remaining flat for  
437 the latter years.

438 Length and age compositions were expanded based upon the stratification. The number of  
439 tows with length data ranged from 17 in 1986 to 81 in 1998 10. Ages were read using surface  
440 reading methods until 1989 when the break-and-burn method replaced surface reads as the  
441 best method to age Pacific ocean perch. Unfortunately, surface reading of Pacific ocean  
442 perch otoliths results in significant underestimates of age. Due to this, these otolith were

<sup>443</sup> excluded from analysis. The available ages from the Triennial survey and the number of tows  
<sup>444</sup> where otoliths were collected are shown in Table 11. The expanded length frequencies from  
<sup>445</sup> this survey show an increase in small fish starting in 1995 (Figure 13). The age frequencies  
<sup>446</sup> provide clear evidence of large year-classes moving through the population from the 1999  
<sup>447</sup> and 2000 recruitment (Figure 14).

#### <sup>448</sup> 2.1.5 Pacific ocean perch Survey

pacific-ocean-perch-survey

<sup>449</sup> A survey targeted designed to sample Pacific ocean perch was conducted in 1979 and again  
<sup>450</sup> in 1985 (for a detailed description see (Ianelli et al. 1992)). An index of abundance was  
<sup>451</sup> estimated based on the data using the VAST delta-GLMM model. The estimated index of  
<sup>452</sup> abundance is shown in Table 4. The lognormal distribution with random strata-year had the  
<sup>453</sup> lowest AIC and was chosen as the final model. The Q-Q plot does not show any departures  
<sup>454</sup> from the assumed distribution (Figure 15). The index shows a clear decline in abundance  
<sup>455</sup> between the two survey years.

<sup>456</sup> Length and age compositions were expanded based on the stratification. The survey had 125  
<sup>457</sup> and 126 Pacific ocean perch tows (Table 12) and ages were only available in 1985 due to  
<sup>458</sup> surface reads for the 1979 data (Table 13). The length frequencies for both years are highest  
<sup>459</sup> between the 30-45 cm range (Figure 16) with ages in 1985 having a large number of fish age  
<sup>460</sup> 40 and greater (Figure 17).

## <sup>461</sup> 2.2 Fishery-Dependent Data

fishery-dependent-data

### <sup>462</sup> 2.2.1 Commercial Fishery Landings

commercial-fishery-landings

#### <sup>463</sup> Washington

<sup>464</sup> Historical commercial fishery landings of Pacific ocean perch from Washington for the years  
<sup>465</sup> 1918-2016 were obtained from Theresa Tsou (WDFW) and Phillip Weyland (WDFW). This  
<sup>466</sup> assessment is the first Pacific ocean perch assessment to include a state provide historical  
<sup>467</sup> catch reconstruction and hence, the historical catches for Washington vary markedly from  
<sup>468</sup> those used in the 2011 assessment. Due to Recent landings (1981-2016) were obtained directly  
<sup>469</sup> from Washington state rather than from PacFIN (Pacific Fisheries Information Network  
<sup>470</sup> (PacFIN) due to identified missing catches not available within PacFIN for Pacific ocean  
<sup>471</sup> perch.

#### <sup>472</sup> Oregon

<sup>473</sup> Historical commercial fishery landings of Pacific ocean perch from Oregon for the years  
<sup>474</sup> 1892-1986 were obtained from Alison Dauble (ODFW). A description of the methods can be

475 found in Karnowski et al. (2014). Recent landings (1987-2016) were obtained from PacFIN  
476 retrieval dated May 2, 2017}, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Portland, Oregon;  
477 www.psmfc.org). The catch data in from the POP and POP2 categories contained within  
478 PacFIN for Pacific ocean perch were used for this assessment. Additional catches from  
479 1987-1999 for Pacific ocean perch under the UROCK category not yet available in PacFIN  
480 were received directly from the state and combined with the catch data available for that  
481 period within PacFIN.

## 482 California

483 Historical commercial fishery landings of Pacific ocean perch were obtained directly from  
484 John Field at the SWFSC due to database issues for the historical period for the California  
485 Cooperative Groundfish Survey, also known as CALCOM (128.114.3.187) for the years 1916-  
486 1980. A description of the methods can be found in (Ralston et al. 2010). Recent landings  
487 (1981-2016) were obtained from PacFIN (Pacific Fisheries Information Network (PacFIN)  
488 retrieval dated May 2, 2017, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Portland, Oregon;  
489 www.psmfc.org).

## 490 At-Sea Hake Fishery

491 Catches of Pacific ocean perch are monitored aboard the vessel by observers in the At-Sea  
492 hake Observer program (ASHOP) and were available for the years of 1975-2016. Observers  
493 use a spatial sample design, based on weight, to randomly choose a portion of the haul to  
494 sample for species composition. For the last decade, this is typically 30-50% of the total  
495 weight. The total weight of the sample is determined by all catch passing over a flow scale.  
496 All species other than hake are removed and weighed, by species, on a motion compensated  
497 flatbed scale. Observers record the weights of all non-hake species. Non-hake species total  
498 weights are expanded in the database by using the proportion of the haul sampled to the  
499 total weight of the haul. The catches of non-hake species in unsampled hauls is determined  
500 using bycatch rates determined from sampled hauls. Since 2001, more than 97% of the hauls  
501 have been observed and sampled.

## 502 Foreign Catches

503 From the 1960s through the early 1970s, foreign trawling enterprises harvested considerable  
504 amounts of rockfish off Washington and Oregon, and along with the domestic trawling fleet,  
505 landed large quantities of Pacific ocean perch. Foreign catches of individual species were  
506 estimated by Rogers (2003) and attributed to INPFC areas for the years of 1966-1976 for  
507 Pacific ocean perch. The foreign catches were combined across areas for a coastwide removal  
508 total.

### 509 2.2.2 Discards

discards

510 Data on discards of Pacific ocean perch are available from two different data sources. The  
511 earliest source is called the Pikitch data and comes from a study organized by Ellen Pikitch

512 that collected trawl discards from 1985-1987 (Pikitch et al. 1988). The northern and southern  
513 boundaries of the study were 48°42' N latitude and 42°60' N. latitude respectively, which is  
514 primarily within the Columbia INPFC area (Pikitch et al. 1988 , Rogers and Pikitch 1992).  
515 Participation in the study was voluntary and included vessels using bottom, midwater, and  
516 shrimp trawl gears. Observers of normal fishing operations on commercial vessels collected  
517 the data, estimated the total weight of the catch by tow and recorded the weight of species  
518 retained and discarded in the sample. Results of the Pikitch data were obtained from John  
519 Wallace (NWFSC, personal communication) in the form of ratios of discard weight to retained  
520 weight of Pacific ocean perch and sex-specific length frequencies. Discard estimates are shown  
521 in Table 14.

522 The second source is from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program (WCGOP). This  
523 program is part of the NWFSC and has been recording discard observations since 2003. Table  
524 14 shows the discard ratios (discarded/(discarded + retained)) of Pacific ocean perch from  
525 the WCGOP. Since 2011, when the trawl rationalization program was implemented, observer  
526 coverage rates increased to nearly 100% for all the limited entry trawl vessels in the program  
527 and discard rates declined compared to pre-2011 rates. Discard rates were obtained for both  
528 the catch-share and the non-catch share sector for Pacific ocean perch. A single discard rate  
529 was calculated by weighting discard rates based on the commercial landings by each sector.  
530 Coeffienct of variations were calculated by bootstrapping vessels within ports because the  
531 observer program randomly chooses vessels within porats to be observed in the non-catch  
532 shares sectors. Discard length composition for the trawl fleet varied by year, with larger fish  
533 being discarded prior to 2011 (Figure 18).

### 534 2.2.3 Historical Commercial Catch-per-unit effort

historical-commercial-catch-per-unit-effort

535 Data on catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) in mt/hr from the domestic fishery were combined for  
536 the INPFC Vancouver and Columbia areas (Table 15, from Gunderson (1977)). Although  
537 these data reflect catch rates for the US fleet, the highest catch rates coincided with the  
538 beginning of removals by the foreign fleet. This suggest that, barring unaccounted changes in  
539 fishing efficiency during this period, the level of abundance was high at that time. A CV of  
540 0.40 was used in this assessment to be consistent with the CV observed in the survey data.

### 541 2.2.4 Fishery Length And Age Data

fishery-length-and-age-data

542 Biological data from commercial fisheries that caught Pacific ocean perch were extracted  
543 from PacFIN (PFSMFC) on XXXX. Lengths taken during port sampling in Oregon and  
544 Washington were used to calculate length and age compositions. There were no biological  
545 data for Pacific ocean perch available within PacFIN. The overwhelming majority of these  
546 data were collected from the mid-water and bottom trawl gear, but additional biological data  
547 were collected from non-trawl gear which was grouped together with trawl gear data. Tables

548 16 and 17 show the number of trips and fish sampled, along with the calculated sample sizes.  
549 Length and age data were acquired at the trip level, and then aggregated to the state level.  
550 The sample sizes were calculated via the Stewart Method (Ian Stewart, pers. Comm.) which  
551 for commercial fishery data is:

552  $\text{Input effN} = N_{\text{trips}} + 0.138 * N_{\text{fish}}$  if  $N_{\text{fish}}/N_{\text{trips}}$  is < 44

553  $\text{Input effN} = 7.06 * N_{\text{trips}}$  if  $N_{\text{fish}}/N_{\text{trips}}$  is  $\geq 44$

## 554 2.3 Biological Data

biological-data

### 555 2.3.1 Natural mortality

natural-mortality

556 Historic Pacific ocean perch ages determined using scales and surface reading methods of  
557 otoliths, resulted in estimates of natural mortality ( $M$ ) of between 0.10 and 0.20 $\text{yr}^{-1}$  with  
558 a longevity less than 30 years(Gunderson 1977). Based on break-and-burn method of age  
559 determination using otoliths, the maximum age of Pacific ocean perch was revised to be 90  
560 years (Chilton and Beamish 1982). The updated understanding concerning Pacific ocean perch  
561 longevity reduced the estimate of natural mortality based on Hoenig's (1983) relationship to  
562 0.059 $\text{yr}^{-1}$ . The previous assessment applied a prior distribution on natural mortality based  
563 upon multiple life history correlates (including Hoenig's method, Gunderson gonadosomatic  
564 index (1997), and McCoy and Gillooly's (2008) theoretical relationship) developed separately  
565 for female and male Pacific ocean perch.

566 Hamel (2015) developed a method for combining meta-analytic approaches to relating the  
567 natural mortality rate  $M$  to other life-history parameters such as longevity, size, growth rate  
568 and reproductive effort, to provide a prior on  $M$ . In that same issue of ICESJMS, Then et al.  
569 (2015), provided an updated data set of estimates of  $M$  and related life history parameters  
570 across a large number of fish species, from which to develop an  $M$  estimator for fish species  
571 in general. They concluded by recommending  $M$  estimates be based on maximum age alone,  
572 based on an updated Hoenig non-linear least squares (nls) estimator  $M=4.899A_{\text{max}}^{-.916}$ .  
573 The approach of basing  $M$  priors on maximum age alone was one that was already being used  
574 for West Coast rockfish assessments. However, in fitting the alternative model forms relating  
575  $M$  to  $A_{\text{max}}$ , Then et al. (2015) did not consistently apply their transformation. In particular,  
576 in real space, one would expect substantial heteroscedasticity in both the observation and  
577 process error associated with the observed relationship of  $M$  to  $A_{\text{max}}$ . Therefore, it would  
578 be reasonable to fit all models under a log transformation. This was not done. Reevaluating  
579 the data used in Then et al. (2015) by fitting the one-parameter  $A_{\text{max}}$  model under a log-log  
580 transformation (such that the slope is forced to be -1 in the transformed space (Hamel 2015)),  
581 the point estimate for  $M$  is:

582 
$$M = \frac{5.4}{A_{\text{max}}}$$

583 The above is also the median of the prior. The prior is defined as a lognormal with mean  
584  $\ln(\frac{5.4}{A_{\max}})$  and SE = 0.4384343. Using a maximum age of 100 the point estimate and median  
585 of the prior is 0.054. The maximum age was selected based on available age data from all  
586 West Coast data sources. The oldest aged rockfish was 120 years, captured by the commercial  
587 fishery in 2007. However, age data are subject to ageing error which could impact this  
588 estimate of longevity. The selection of 100 years was based on the range of other ages  
589 available with had multiple observations of fish between 90 and 102 years of age.

### 590 2.3.2 Sex ratio, maturation, and fecundity

sex-ratio-maturation-and-fecundity

591 Examining all biological data sources, the sex ratio of young fish are within 5% of 1:1 by either  
592 length or age (Figures 23 and 24), and hence this assessment the sex ratio at birth was assumed  
593 to be 1:1. This assessment assumed a logistic maturity-at-length curve based on analysis of 537  
594 fish maturity samples collected from the NWFSC shelf-slope survey. This is revised from the  
595 previous assessment which assumed maturity-at-age based on the work of Hannah and Parker  
596 (Hannah and Parker 2007). Additionally, the new maturity-at-length curve is based on the  
597 estimate of functional maturity an approach that classifies rockfish maturity with developing  
598 oocytes as mature or immature based on the proportion of vitellogenin in the cytoplasm  
599 and the measured frequency of atretic cells (M. Head, personal communication). The 50%  
600 size-at-maturity was estimated at 32.1 cm with maturity asymptoting to one for larger fish  
601 (Figure 25). Comparison between the maturity-at-age used in the previous assessment and  
602 the updated functional maturity-at-length is shown in Figure 26.

603 The fecundity-at-age has also been updated from the previous assessment based on new  
604 research. Dick (2017) estimated new fecundity relationships for select West Coast stocks  
605 where fecundity for Pacific ocean perch was estimated equal to  $0L^{4.98}$  in millions of eggs.  
606 Spawning output at length is shown in Figure 27.

### 607 2.3.3 Length-weight relationship

length-weight-relationship

608 The length-weight relationship for Pacific ocean perch was estimated outside the model using  
609 all biological data available from fishery and fishery-independent data sources where the  
610 female weight-at-length in grams was estimated at  $0.0000104L^{3.09}$  and males at  $0.0000105L^{3.08}$   
611 where  $L$  is length in cm (Figures 28 and 29).

### 612 2.3.4 Growth (length-at-age)

growth-length-at-age

613 The length-at-age was estimated for male and female Pacific ocean perch using data collected  
614 from both fishery-dependent and -independent data sources that were collected from 1981-  
615 2016. Figure 30 shows the lengths and ages for all years and all data as well as predicted

616 von Bertalanffy fits to the data. Females grow larger than males and sex specific growth  
617 parameters were estimated at the following values:

618 Females  $L_{\infty} = 42.32$ ;  $k = 0.169$ ;  $t_0 = -1.466$

619 Males  $L_{\infty} = 39.03$ ;  $k = 0.212$ ;  $t_0 = -1.02$

### 620 2.3.5 Ageing Precision And Bias

ageing-precision-and-bias

621 Uncertainty surrounding the ageing-error process for Pacific ocean perch was incorporated by  
622 estimating ageing error by age. Age-composition data used in the model were from break-  
623 and-burn otolith reads aged by the Cooperative Ageing Project (CAP) in Newport, Oregon.  
624 Break-and-burn double reads of more than 1500 otoliths were provided by the CAP lab. An  
625 ageing error estimate was made based on these double reads using a computational tool  
626 specifically developed for estimating ageing error (Punt et al. 2008), and using release 1.0.0  
627 of the R package nwfscAgeingError (Thorson et al. 2012) for input and output diagnostics,  
628 publicly available at: <https://github.com/nwfsc-assess/nwfscAgeingError>. A non-linear  
629 standard error was estimated by age where there is more variability in the estimated age of  
630 older fish was estimated (Table 20, Figure 31).

## 631 2.4 History Of Modeling Approaches Used For This Stock

history-of-modeling-approaches-used-for-this-stock

### 632 2.4.1 Previous Assessments

previous-assessments

633 The status of Pacific ocean perch off British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon have been  
634 periodically assessed since the intensive exploitation that occurred in the 1960s. Concerns  
635 regarding Pacific ocean perch status off the coast the US west coast were raised in the late  
636 1970s (Gunderson 1978, Gunderson (1981)) and in 1981 the PFMC adopted a 20-year plan  
637 to rebuild the stock.

638 The 1992 assessment determined that Pacific ocean perch remained at low levels relative  
639 to the population size in 1960 (Ianelli et al. 1992) and recommended additional harvest  
640 restrictions to allow for stock rebuilding. The 1998 assessment (Ianelli and Zimmermann  
641 1998) estimated that the stock was 13% of the unfished level, leading the National Marine  
642 Fishery Service (NMFS) to declare the stock overfished in 1999. The formal rebuilding  
643 plan was implemented in 2001. The rebuilding plan reduced the SPR harvest rate used to  
644 determine catches to 0.864, relative to the PFMC rockfish default harvest (SPR = 0.50).  
645 The last full assessment of Pacific ocean perch was conducted in 2011 (Hamel and Ono 2011)  
646 which concluded that the stock was still well below the target biomass of  $0.40SB_0$  estimating  
647 the relative stock status at 19.1%.

## 648 2.4.2 Previous Assessment Recommendations

previous-assessment-recommendations

649 Recommendation: Considering trans-boundary stock effects should be pursued. In particular  
650 the consequences of having spawning contributions from external stock components should  
651 be evaluated relative to the steepness estimates obtained in the present assessment (see  
652 more complete discussion of this recommendation under the Unresolved Problems and Major  
653 Uncertainties section, above).

654 *STAT response: The STAT team agrees that this should be an ongoing area of research and*  
655 *collaboration between the US and Canada. This assessment presents a sensitivity where the*  
656 *inclusion of Canadian data are included within the model.*

657 Recommendation: The benefits of adopting the complex model used this year should be  
658 evaluated relative to simpler assumptions and models. While the transition from the simpler  
659 old model to Stock Synthesis was shown to be similar for the historical period, the depletion  
660 estimates in the most recent years were different enough to warrant further investigation.

661 *STAT response: This assessment was performed in Stock Synthesis, an integrated model,*  
662 *which can be modified to either simple or complex structural forms based upon the available*  
663 *data and the processes being modeled. There were not addtional explorations of alternative*  
664 *modeling platforms.*

665 Recommendation: Discard estimates from observer programs should be presented, reviewed  
666 (similar to the catch reconstructions), and be made available to the assessment process.

667 *STAT response: This assessment uses discard rates and discard lengths collected by the*  
668 *WCGOP from 2003-2015.*

669 Recommendation: The ability to allow different “plus groups” for specific data types should  
670 be evaluated (and implemented in Stock Synthesis). For example, this would provide the  
671 ability to use the biased surface-aged data in an appropriate way.

672 *STAT response: Additional research needs to completed which evaluates the amount of bias*  
673 *and imprecision in surface-read ages. Evaluating avaiable surface-read ages within the PacFIN*  
674 *database fish of lengths between 23-44 cm can be aged at 10 years old. This large range of*  
675 *lengths at the same age indicates considerable bias in ages for fish surface-read younger aged*  
676 *fish.*

677 Recommendation: Historical catch reconstruction estimates should be formally reviewed prior  
678 to being used in assessments and should be coordinated so that interactions between stocks  
679 are appropriately treated. The relative reliability of the catch estimates over time could  
680 provide an axis of uncertainty in future assessments.

681 *STAT response: California and Oregon have ungone extensive work to create historical catch*  
682 *reconstructions. This is the first assessment for Pacific ocean perch which includes a Wash-*  
683 *ington historical catch reconstruction. The data used in this assessment represent Washington*

684 state's current best estimate for historical catches. Both California and Washington are  
685 conducting research to estimate uncertainty surround historical catches which could be used to  
686 propegate uncertainty within the assessment.

## 687 **3 Assessment**

assessment

### 688 **3.1 General Model Specifications and Assumptions**

general-model-specifications-and-assumptions

689 Stock Synthesis v3.30.03.05 was used to estimate the parameters in the model. R4SS, revision  
690 1.27.0, along with R version 3.3.2 were used to investigate and plot model fits. A summary  
691 of the data sources used in the model (details discussed above) is shown in Figure 2.

692 Stock Synthesis has many options when setting up a model and the assessment model for  
693 Pacific ocean perch was set up in the following manner.

#### 694 **3.1.1 Changes between the 2011 assessment model and current model**

changes-between-the-2011-assessment-model-and-current-model

695 The current model for Pacific ocean perch has many made many similar assumptions to the  
696 2011 assessment but differs in some key ways. This assessment disaggrated the fleets into  
697 a trawl/other gear, at-sea hake, historical foreign fleet, and research fleets. The previous  
698 assessment implemented a single fleet where removal from all sources were aggregated together.  
699 The seperating of fleets applied in this assessment allowed for differing assumptions regarding  
700 current and historical discarding practices. Although there are no compositional data available  
701 from the foreign fleet, it is assumed that very little discarding to no discarding of fish occured.  
702 Additionally, the at-sea hake fishery removals are represent both discarded and retained fish  
703 and hence an additional discard rate would not be appropriate. Similar logic was applied in  
704 regard to survey and research removals.

705 The historical landing used in the model differs from those used in 2011. The assessment  
706 includes the first state provided historical reconstruction landings for Washington state.  
707 The historical reconstruction provided Pacific ocean perch landing within Washington state  
708 starting in 1916 and have larger removals in the 1940s relative to those used in 2011 ??.  
709 Given the increase in historical removals prior to 1940, the 2011 model starting year, the  
710 starting year for modeling the stock was revised to 1918, the first year Pacific ocean perch  
711 landings exceeded 1 mt, for this assessment. Explorations were conducted relative to the  
712 model starting year and no differences were found between the 1918 start year compared to  
713 starting the model in 1892, the first record of Pacific ocean perch landings between California,  
714 Oregon, and Washington catch data.

715 Selectivity in this model is assumed to be length-based and is modeled using double-normal  
716 for all fleets, except the Pacific ocean perch survey which retained the previous assessment

assumption of logistic selectivity. The previous assessment mirrored selectivity among the Pacific ocean perch and both slope surveys (AFSC and NWFSC). This assessment allows for survey specific estimated double-normal selectivity.

All fishery-independent indices have been reevaluated for this assessment using a spatial-temporal delta generalized linear mixed model (VAST delta-GLMM) which is updated from 2011 which used a bayesian delta-GLMM which did not incorporate spatial effects. An additional update to the treatment of survey data was the decision to use the Triennial survey as a single time series ranging from 1980-2004. The previous assessment opted to split this survey into early and a late index of abundance based upon the change in southern sampling and a shift in survey timing. Northern California is considered to be the southern end of Pacific ocean perch West Coast distribution with rare encounters in central or southern California waters. The biological data from the Triennial survey showed no discernable ontogenetic shifts in Pacific ocean perch during the early or late period of summer samples. Based upon these investigations, the Triennial survey was retained as a single index of abundance.

Maturity and fecundity were updated for this assessment based upon new research. Fecundity for Pacific ocean perch used in this assessment was base on reevaluation of the fecundity of West Coast rockfish by Dick et al. (2017) updating the previous fecundity estimates used in the 2011 assessment (Dick 2009). Maturity in this assessment was based on examination of 537 fish samples which were used to estimate functional maturity, an approach that classifies rockfish maturity with developing oocytes as mature or immature based on the proportion of vitellogenin in the cytoplasm and the measured frequency of atretic cells (M. Head, personal communication). The updated maturity curve was based on maturity-at-length where the previous estimates used in 2011 were based on maturity-at-age.

In this assessment, the beta prior developed from a meta-analysis of West Coast groundfish was updated to the 2017 value (J. Thorson personal communication) in preliminary models, with steepness fixed in the final base model. Additionally, the prior for natural mortality was updated base on analysis conducted by Owen Hamel (personal communication), where female natural mortality was fixed at the prior median with males estimated as an offset from the female value.

### 3.1.2 Summary of Fleets and Areas

summary-of-fleets-and-areas

Pacific ocean perch are most frequently observed in Oregon and Washington waters, however, they are observed along the entire US West Coast in survey and fishery observations. Multiple fisheries encounter Pacific ocean perch. Trawl, fixed gear, and the at-sea (mid-water) hake fisheries account for the majority of the Pacific ocean perch landings both historically and currently.

The majority of removals of Pacific ocean perch were observed by eht bottom trawl fishery with fixed gear accounting for a small fraction of the catches available within PacFIN. Trawl

755 and fixed gears were combined into a coast-wide fleet. For the period from 1918 to the early  
756 1990s, prior to the introduction of trip limits for rockfish, limited discarding of Pacific ocean  
757 perch was assumed. Observations of Pacific ocean perch in the Pikitch et al. (1988) data  
758 (1986-1987) allowed for a formal analysis of discard rates which were applied to the historical  
759 period of the fishery. Foreign trawl catches (1966-1976) was modeled as a single fleet. The  
760 at-sea fishery operates as a mid-water fishery targeting Pacific whiting but encounters Pacific  
761 ocean perch as a bycatch species. This fleet was also modeled as a single fleet.

762 **3.1.3 Other Specifications**

other-specifications

763 The specifications of the assessment are listed in Table 21. The model is a two-sex, age-  
764 structured model starting in 1918 with an accumulated age group at 60 years. Growth was  
765 estimated and natural mortality was fixed at the median of the prior. The lengths in the  
766 population were tracked by 1 cm intervals and the length data were binned into 1 cm intervals.  
767 A curvilinear ageing imprecision relationship was estimated and used to model ageing error.  
768 Fecundity-at-length was defined fixed at the values from Dick et al. (2017) for Pacific ocean  
769 perch and spawning output was defined in millions of eggs.

770 The Triennial survey was kept as a single series. Assessment of other groundfish have split  
771 this survey into an early and a late series, based mostly on the shift to deeper depths and  
772 the timing of the survey, by estimating different catchability parameters and selectivity  
773 parameters for each period. Age data were available for the commercial and at-sea hake  
774 fishery, as well as the Triennial, the Pacific ocean perch, the NWFSC slope, and the NWFSC  
775 shelf-slope survies. The ages from the NWFSC shelf-slope survey and were entered into the  
776 model as conditional age-at-length. Length-frequencies were calculated for the Triennial,  
777 Pacific ocean perch, AFSC slope, NWFSC slope, and the NWFSC shelf-slope surveys within  
778 each stratum, and then combined across strata using the biomass in each stratum as the  
779 weighting factor. This reduced the influence of a few fish observed in a large area.

780 The specification of when to estimate recruitment deviations is an assumption that likely  
781 affects model uncertainty. It was decided to estimate recruitment deviations from 1900-2014  
782 to appropriately quantify uncertainty. The earliest length-composition data occur in 1966  
783 and the earliest age data were in 1981. The most informed years for estimating recruitment  
784 deviations were from about the mid-1970s to about 2011. The period from 1900-1974 was fit  
785 using an early series with little or no bias adjustment, the main period of recruitment deviates  
786 occurred from 1975-2014 with an upward and downward ramping of bias adjustment, and  
787 2015 onward was fit using forecast recruitment deviates with little bias adjustment. Methot  
788 and Taylor (2011) summarize the reasoning behind varying levels of bias adjustment based  
789 on the information available to estimate the deviates. Recruitment deviation was assumed to  
790 be 0.70.

791 The recommended selectivity type in Stock Synthesis is the double normal and was used in  
792 this assessment for the all fleets, except the Pacific ocean perch survey which was assumed

793 logistic based on the length composition data. Changes in retention curves were estimated  
794 for the commercial fishery.

795 Time blocks for the bottom trawl, midwater trawl, and hook-and-line fishery are provided  
796 in Table 21. Fishery selectivity retention has changed over the modeled period due to  
797 management changes. The time block on the retention curves for the trawl fishery were  
798 set from 1918-1991, 1992-2001, 2002-2007, 2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2016 based on available  
799 discarding data and changes in trip limits that likely resulted in changes to discarding patterns  
800 of Pacific ocean perch. No discarding was assumed in the at-sea hake and the foreign fisheries.

801 The following distributions were assumed for data fitting. Survey indices were lognormal,  
802 total discards were lognormal.

### 803 3.1.4 Modeling Software

modeling-software

804 The STAT team used Stock Synthesis version 3.30.03.05 by Dr. Richard Methot at the  
805 NWFSC (Methot and Wetzel 2013). This most recent version was used, since it included  
806 improvements and corrections to older versions. The previous assessment of Pacific ocean  
807 perch also used Stock Synthesis but a earlier version, 3.24, model bridging was performed  
808 between both version of Stock Synthesis and are shown in Figure 33.

### 809 3.1.5 Priors

priors

810 A prior distribution was developed for the natural mortality parameter from an analysis  
811 of a maximum age of 100 years. The analysis was performed by Owen Hamel (pers comm,  
812 NWFSC, NOAA) and used data from Then et al. (2015) to provide a lognormal distribution  
813 for natural mortality. The median of the lognormal prior is 0.054 and has a standard error of  
814 0.4384343.

815 The prior for steepness ( $h$ ) assumes a beta distribution with parameters based on an update of  
816 the Dorn rockfish prior (commonly used in past West Coast rockfish assessments) conducted  
817 by J. Thorson (pers. comm, NWFSC, NOAA) which was reviewed and endorsed by the SSC  
818 in 2017. The prior is a beta distribution with  $\mu=0.72$  and  $\sigma=0.15$ . However, fixing steepness  
819 within the model resulted in unrealistic relative biomass levels ( $> 1$ ), it was also decided to  
820 fix steepness at 0.50. The previous assessment estimated and fixed steepness equal to 0.40.  
821 The current data does not contain information regarding steepness and 0.50 was selected as  
822 an intermediate value between the prior and the previous assessment value. The steepness  
823 value of 0.50 was contained within the estimated uncertainty envelope from the assessment  
824 model when either the prior value of 0.72 or 0.40 values were assumed.

825 **3.1.6 Data Weighting**

data-weighting

826 The base case was weighted such that the various data sources were mostly consistent with  
827 each other in terms of the relationship between input and effective sample sizes. Length and  
828 age-at-length compositions from the NWFSC shelf-slope survey were fit along with length  
829 and marginal age compositions from the fishery fleets. Length data started with a sample size  
830 determined from the equation listed in Section 2.2.4 and 2.1.1. Age-at-length data assumed  
831 that each age was a random sample within the length bin and started with a sample size equal  
832 to the number of fish in that length bin. However, the 2016 NWFSC shelf-slope age-at-length  
833 data was variable compared to previous years for both males and females relative to all other  
834 years with observed fish being smaller at age. Due to the increased variability within this  
835 data year, the effective sample size for this year was reduced to 50% of the number of fish  
836 within each length-age bin.

837 One extra variability parameter that was added to the input variance was estimated for the  
838 Triennial and the NWFSC shelf-slope survey indices. Vessels present in the WCGOP data  
839 were bootstrapped to provide uncertainty of the total discards (Table 14).

840 The base case assessment model was weighted based on the “Francis method”, which was  
841 based on equation TA1.8 in Francis (2011). This formulation looks at the mean length or  
842 age and the variance of the mean to determine if across years, the variability is explained by  
843 the model. If the variability around the mean does not encompass the model predictions,  
844 then that data source should be down-weighted. This method does account for correlation in  
845 the data (i.e., the multinomial distribution) as opposed to the McAllister and Ianelli (1997)  
846 method of looking at the difference between individual observations and predictions.

847 **3.1.7 Estimated And Fixed Parameters**

estimated-and-fixed-parameters

848 There were 164 estimated parameters in the base case model. These included one parameter for  
849  $R_0$ , 8 parameters for growth, 2 parameters for extra variability on the Triennial and NWFSC  
850 shelf-slope surveys indices, 24 parameters for selectivity, retention, and time blocking of the  
851 fleets and the surveys, 117 recruitment deviations, and 12 forecast recruitment deviations  
852 (Table 23).

853 Fixed parameters in the model were as follows. Steepness was fixed at 0.50. A sensitivity  
854 analysis and a likelihood profile were done for steepness. Natural mortality was fixed at  
855 0.054 for females and males, which is the median of the prior. The standard deviation of  
856 recruitment deviates was fixed at 0.70. Maturity at age was fixed as described in Section  
857 2.3.2. Length-weight parameters were fixed at estimates using all length-weight observations  
858 (Figure 29).

859 Dome-shaped selectivity was explored for both the fishery and the surveys. Older Pacific  
860 ocean perch are often found in deeper waters and may move into areas that limit their

861 availability to fishing gear, especially trawl gear. Domed shape selectivity was assumed for the  
862 fishery fleet and the Triennial survey. The final base model assumed asymptotic selectivity  
863 for the at-sea hake fishery, and all other surveys.

## 864 **3.2 Model Selection and Evaluation**

model-selection-and-evaluation

865 The base case assessment model for Pacific ocean perch was developed to balance parsimony  
866 and realism, and the goal was to estimate a biomass trajectory for the population of Pacific  
867 ocean perch on the west coast of the United States. The model contains many assumptions  
868 to achieve parsimony and uses many different sources of data to estimate reality. A series of  
869 investigative model runs were done to achieve the final base case model.

### 870 **3.2.1 Key Assumptions and Structural Choices**

key-assumptions-and-structural-choices

871 The key assumptions in the model were that the assessed population is a single stock with  
872 biological parameters characterizing the entire coast, maturity at age has remained constant  
873 over the period modeled, weight-at-length has remained constant over the period modeled,  
874 the standard deviation in recruitment deviation is 0.70, and steepness is 0.50. These are  
875 simplifying assumptions that unfortunately cannot be verified or disproven. Sensitivity  
876 analyses were conducted for most of these assumptions to determine their effect on the  
877 results.

878 Structurally, the model assumed that the catches from each fleet were representative of  
879 the coastwide population, instead of specific areas, and fishing mortality prior to 1918 was  
880 negligible. It also assumed that discards were low prior to 1992 and after 2010.

### 881 **3.2.2 Alternate Models Considered**

alternate-models-considered

882 The exploration of models began by bridging from the 2011 assessment to SS version 3.24U,  
883 which produced no discernable difference. The updated catch series with discards added per  
884 the 2011 assessment produced insignificant differences in the relative scale of the population  
885 although the updated historical removals resulted in an increase in the estimate of unfished  
886 biomass (Figure ??). Updating the survey indices produced small differences in the relative  
887 scale of the population. Adding age and length data each resulted in an less of a population  
888 decline from the 1970s to pre-2000, resulting in an increase in the estimated final stock status  
889 as of 2017. However, the addition of new data resulted in an early pattern within recruitment,  
890 indicating that the assumptions within the previous model may not represent the best fit to  
891 the current data.

892 This assessment estimated discards in the model, so time was spent investigating time blocks  
893 for changes in selectivity and retention to match the limited discard data as best as possible.  
894 Using major changes in management and observed changes in landings, a set of blocks for  
895 retention was found for the bottom trawl fleets. In the spirit of parsimony, we used as few  
896 blocks as possible, allowed blocks only for time periods with data, and added new blocks  
897 when we felt they were justified by changes in management and they improved the fit to the  
898 data.

899 Natural mortality was also investigated and a new prior was developed assuming a maximum  
900 age of 100 years for females and males. The previous assessment estimated male natural  
901 mortality as an offset from female natural mortality which was fixed at the median of the  
902 2011 prior. This assessment attempted to estimate natural mortality for both sexes using the  
903 2017 updated prior, but there was little to no information on natural mortality within the  
904 data and hence opted to fix the value for females. Upon additional exploration, the model  
905 estimated very little difference in male natural mortality relative to females ( $< 0.002$ ) and  
906 in the interest of selecting the model that fit the data with the fewest parameters required,  
907 males were fixed equal to the female natural mortality.

908 Finally, multiple models were investigated where steepness either estimated, fixed at the  
909 prior, or at an alternate value. The assessment in 2011 determined that there was sufficient  
910 information concerning steepness where the parameter was estimated and then fixed at 0.40.  
911 Based upon likelihood profiles performed on the current assessment, there was no longer  
912 support for a steepness value of 0.40 and the likelihood profile was flat across various levels  
913 of steepness with a very small improvement in likelihood ( $< 0.50$  log likelihood units) at the  
914 lowest steepness values. Estimating steepness starting at the median of the “type C” prior,  
915 the meta-analysis prior evaluated omitting information from Pacific ocean perch, of 0.76  
916 resulted in very little if any movement from the median value due to the flat likelihood surface  
917 across values for this parameter with final relative stock status for 2017 being estimated to  
918  $> 100\%$  of unfished biomass. Fixing steepness at the median of the prior of 0.72 resulted  
919 in relative stock status estimates for 2017 at 98.6% of unfished biomass. It was determined  
920 that the resulting stock status estimates when steepness was fixed at the meta-analysis prior  
921 were overly optimistic and unrealistic given the biology and historical exploitation of Pacific  
922 ocean perch.

### 923 3.2.3 Convergence

convergence

924 Proper convergence was determined by starting the minimization process from dispersed  
925 values of the maximum likelihood estimates to determine if the model found a better minimum.  
926 This was repeated 100 times and a better minimum was not found (Table 22). The model  
927 did not experience convergence issues when provided reasonable starting values. Through  
928 the jittering done as explained above and likelihood profiles, we are confident that the base  
929 case as presented represents the best fit to the data given the assumptions made. There were  
930 no difficulties in inverting the Hessian to obtain estimates of variability, although much of  
931 the early model investigation was done without attempting to estimate a Hessian.

932 **3.3 Response To The Current STAR Panel Requests**  
response-to-the-current-star-panel-requests

933 **Request No. 1: Add after STAR panel.**

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935 **Rationale:** Add after STAR panel.

936 **STAT Response:** Add after STAR panel.

937 **Request No. 2: Add after STAR panel.**

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939 **Rationale:** Add after STAR panel.

940 **STAT Response:** Add after STAR panel.

941 **Request No. 3: Add after STAR panel.**

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943 **Rationale:** Add after STAR panel.

944 **STAT Response:** Add after STAR panel.

945 **Request No. 4: Example of a request that may have a list:**

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- 947     • **Item No. 1**  
948     • **Item No. 2**  
949     • **Item No. 3, etc.**

950 **Rationale:** Add after STAR panel.

951 **STAT Response:** Continue requests as needed.

952 **3.4 Base Model Results**

base-model-results

953 The base model parameter estimates along with approximate asymptotic standard errors are  
954 shown in Table 23 and the likelihood components are shown in Table 24. Estimates of key  
955 derived parameters and approximate 95% asymptotic confidence intervals are shown in Table  
956 25.

957 **3.4.1 Parameter Estimates**

parameter-estimates

958 **3.4.2 Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analyses**

uncertainty-and-sensitivity-analyses

959 Table ??

960 **3.4.3 Retrospective Analysis**

retrospective-analysis

961 A 5-year retrospective analysis was conducted by running the model using data only through  
962 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, progressively (Figure 115 and 116). The initial scale of the  
963 spawning population was basically unchanged for all of these retrospectives. The estimation  
964 of the 2008 recruitment deviation decreased as more data was removed. Overall, no alarming  
965 trends were present in the retrospective analysis.

966 A look at past assessments shows that the prediction of spawning biomass has generally  
967 increased with each assessment (Figure 78). This assessment (2015) predicts the largest  
968 spawning biomass. All assessments show similar trends.

969 **3.4.4 Likelihood Profiles**

likelihood-profiles

970 **3.4.5 Reference Points**

reference-points-1

971 Intro sentence or two....(Table 28).

972 Equilibrium yield at the proxy  $F_{MSY}$  harvest rate corresponding to  $SPR_{50\%}$  is 1764.8 mt.  
973 Table e shows the full suite of estimated reference points for the northern area model and  
974 Figure g shows the equilibrium yield curve.

975 **4 Harvest Projections and Decision Tables**

harvest-projections-and-decision-tables

976 Table f

977 **Model 1 Projections and Decision Table (groundfish only)** (Table 29

978 Table h

979 **Model 2 Projections and Decision Table (groundfish only)**

980 **Model 3 Projections and Decision Table (groundfish only)**

981 **5 Regional Management Considerations**

regional-management-considerations

- 982 1. For stocks where current practice is to allocate harvests by management area, a  
983 recommended method of allocating harvests based on the distribution of biomass should

984       be provided. The MT advisor should be consulted on the appropriate management  
985       areas for each stock.

- 986       2. Discuss whether a regional management approach makes sense for the species from a  
987       biological perspective.  
988       3. If there are insufficient data to analyze a regional management approach, what are the  
989       research and data needs to answer this question?

990       **6 Research Needs**

research-needs

- 991       1. Research need No. 1  
992       2. Research need No. 2  
993       3. Research need No. 3  
994       4. etc.

995       **7 Acknowledgments**

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## 999 8 Tables

tables

Table 1: Landings for each state (all gears combined), the At-Sea Hake fishery, the Foreign fleet, and research.

Year	California	Oregon	Washington	At-Sea Hake	Foreign	Research
1892	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1893	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1894	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1895	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1896	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1897	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1898	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1899	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1900	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1901	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1902	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1903	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1904	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1905	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1906	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1907	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1908	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0	0.0
1909	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0	0.0
1910	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0	0.0
1911	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0	0.0
1912	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1913	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1914	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1915	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0
1916	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0	0.0
1917	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0	0.0
1918	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	0	0.0
1919	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0	0.0
1920	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0	0.0
1921	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0	0.0
1922	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0	0.0
1923	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0	0.0
1924	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0	0.0
1925	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0	0.0
1926	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	0	0.0
1927	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.0	0	0.0
1928	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.0	0	0.0
1929	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.0	0	0.0
1930	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.0	0	0.0
1931	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	0	0.0

Year	California	Oregon	Washington	At-Sea Hake	Foreign	Research
1932	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	0	0.0
1933	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0	0	0.0
1934	0.4	0.0	2.3	0.0	0	0.0
1935	0.4	0.1	7.7	0.0	0	0.0
1936	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.0	0	0.0
1937	0.5	0.4	2.0	0.0	0	0.0
1938	0.6	0.1	5.1	0.0	0	0.0
1939	0.9	0.4	8.7	0.0	0	0.0
1940	0.9	9.1	12.2	0.0	0	0.0
1941	1.3	14.0	13.6	0.0	0	0.0
1942	0.4	26.6	18.6	0.0	0	0.0
1943	1.0	94.3	453.6	0.0	0	0.0
1944	2.8	164.5	739.3	0.0	0	0.0
1945	6.7	247.1	1887.1	0.0	0	0.0
1946	7.3	193.2	845.9	0.0	0	0.0
1947	2.6	167.2	385.3	0.0	0	0.0
1948	3.9	177.8	491.1	0.0	0	0.0
1949	2.0	472.9	409.5	0.0	0	0.0
1950	1.5	690.1	675.7	0.0	0	0.0
1951	4.3	840.1	735.1	0.0	0	0.0
1952	2.9	2030.5	305.6	0.0	0	0.0
1953	145.6	1223.5	361.6	0.0	0	0.0
1954	123.2	1837.5	538.8	0.0	0	0.0
1955	48.8	1346.4	555.6	0.0	0	0.0
1956	3.8	2563.8	548.2	0.0	0	0.0
1957	1.6	2128.1	538.5	0.0	0	0.0
1958	2.9	1564.9	530.4	0.0	0	0.0
1959	1.5	892.6	337.0	0.0	0	0.0
1960	19.6	1358.8	928.1	0.0	0	0.0
1961	1.1	2061.9	1179.8	0.0	0	0.0
1962	0.6	2584.9	1725.2	0.0	0	0.0
1963	32.5	3693.9	2006.0	0.0	0	0.0
1964	46.1	4261.6	1770.7	0.0	0	0.0
1965	34.9	5627.8	1972.1	0.0	0	0.0
1966	5.2	1591.2	1725.5	0.0	15561	0.0
1967	17.8	354.7	1861.0	0.0	12357	0.0
1968	21.9	466.4	2501.2	0.0	6639	0.0
1969	8.4	422.3	1236.0	0.0	469	0.0
1970	8.7	507.4	1293.3	0.0	441	0.0
1971	12.2	290.4	673.6	0.0	902	0.0
1972	11.4	105.3	796.5	0.0	950	0.0
1973	11.9	121.2	713.1	0.0	1773	0.0
1974	15.7	136.7	641.8	0.0	1457	0.0
1975	11.4	181.3	413.9	62.3	496	0.0
1976	17.1	663.7	521.145	31.9	239	0.0

Year	California	Oregon	Washington	At-Sea Hake	Foreign	Research
1977	16.7	457.1	752.0	3.8	0	11.9
1978	42.5	498.7	1391.5	15.4	0	0.0
1979	136.7	735.9	581.4	15.1	0	34.5
1980	19.2	948.6	666.2	47.0	0	4.6
1981	10.8	929.7	390.3	15.4	0	0.0
1982	145.9	584.0	273.0	28.3	0	0.0
1983	102.0	1032.7	437.7	10.9	0	4.4
1984	47.6	750.4	815.7	2.3	0	0.9
1985	70.9	789.5	503.2	11.4	0	13.6
1986	52.8	676.5	588.9	19.8	0	1.4
1987	120.9	550.0	399.4	5.4	0	0.0
1988	75.4	749.8	509.8	4.5	0	0.5
1989	29.5	927.8	466.2	4.3	0	4.2
1990	18.3	567.8	427.2	80.9	0	0.0
1991	8.4	853.2	530.1	46.1	0	0.0
1992	15.3	623.4	435.2	373.3	0	4.9
1993	11.0	797.8	464.7	0.9	0	0.2
1994	6.7	626.4	352.0	83.8	0	0.0
1995	9.2	515.0	289.8	46.6	0	2.8
1996	18.4	531.1	236.7	6.3	0	1.2
1997	15.8	439.1	184.9	6.4	0	0.1
1998	21.6	436.7	172.4	22.3	0	3.8
1999	19.8	326.8	145.8	16.5	0	1.4
2000	6.8	95.1	33.0	10.1	0	0.6
2001	0.5	193.4	51.8	21.0	0	2.8
2002	0.8	107.0	39.5	3.9	0	0.3
2003	0.2	94.6	30.2	6.3	0	3.6
2004	2.1	97.7	22.3	1.1	0	2.5
2005	0.1	51.2	10.4	1.7	0	1.8
2006	0.2	52.2	15.8	3.1	0	1.2
2007	0.2	83.7	45.1	4.0	0	0.6
2008	0.4	58.6	16.6	15.9	0	0.8
2009	0.9	58.7	33.2	1.6	0	2.7
2010	0.1	58.0	22.3	16.9	0	1.7
2011	0.1	30.3	19.7	9.2	0	1.9
2012	0.2	30.4	21.8	4.5	0	1.6
2013	0.1	34.9	14.8	5.4	0	1.7
2014	0.2	33.9	15.8	3.9	0	0.6
2015	0.1	38.1	11.4	8.7	0	1.6
2016	0.2	40.8	13.1	10.3	0	3.1
2017	0.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0

Table 2: West Coast history of regulations.

tab:Regs

Date	Area	Regulation
11/10/1983	Columbia	Closed Columbia area to Pacific ocean perch fishing until the end of the year, as 950 mt OY for this species has been reached;
11/10/1983	Vancouver	retained 5,000-pound trip limit or 10% of total trip weight on landings of Pacific ocean perch in the Vancouver area.
1/1/1984	ALL	Continued 5,000-pound trip limit or 10% of total trip weight on Pacific ocean perch as specified in FMP. Fishery to close when area OYs are reached (see action effective November 10, 1983 above).
8/1/1984	Vancouver Columbia	Reduced trip limit for Pacific ocean perch in the Vancouver and Columbia areas to 20% by weight of all fish on board, not to exceed 5,000 pounds per vessel per trip.
8/16/1984	Columbia	Commercial fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Columbia area closed for remainder of the year.
1/10/1985	Vancouver Columbia	Established Vancouver and Columbia areas Pacific ocean perch trip limit of 20% by weight of all fish on board (no 5,000-pound limit as specified in last half of 1984).
4/28/1985	Vancouver Columbia	Reduced the Vancouver and Columbia areas Pacific ocean perch trip limit to 5,000 pounds or 20% by weight of all fish on board, whichever is less.
4/28/1985	ALL	Landings of Pacific ocean perch less than 1,000 pounds will be unrestricted. The fishery for this species will close when the OY in each area is reached.
6/10/1985	ALL	Landings of Pacific ocean perch up to 1,000 pounds per trip will be unrestricted regardless of the percentage of these fish on board.
1/1/1986	Cape Blanco North	Established the Pacific ocean perch trip limit north of Cape Blanco (4250) at 20% (by weight) of all fish on board or 10,000 pounds whichever is less; landings of Pacific ocean perch unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board; Vancouver area OY = 600 mt; Columbia area OY = 950 mt.
1/1/1986	ALL	
12/1/1986	Vancouver	OY quota for Pacific ocean perch reached in the Vancouver area; fishery closed until January 1, 1987.
1/1/1987	ALL	Established coastwide Pacific ocean perch limit at 20% of all legal fish on board or 5,000 pounds whichever is less (in round weight); landings of Pacific ocean perch unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board; Vancouver area OY = 500 mt; Columbia area OY = 800 mt.
1/1/1988	ALL	Established the coastwide Pacific ocean perch trip limit at 20% (by weight) of all fish on board or 5,000 pounds, whichever is less; landings of Pacific ocean perch unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board;
1/1/1989	ALL	Established the coastwide Pacific ocean perch trip limit at 20% (by weight) of all fish on board or 5,000 pounds whichever is less;
1/1/1989	ALL	landings of Pacific ocean perch unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board (Vancouver area OY = 500 mt; Columbia area OY = 800 mt).
7/26/1989	ALL	Reduced the coastwide trip limit for Pacific ocean perch to 2,000 pounds or 20% of all fish on board, whichever is less, with no trip frequency restriction.
12/13/1989	Columbia	Closed the Pacific ocean perch fishery in the Columbia area because 1,040 mt OY reached.
1/1/1990	ALL	Established the coastwide Pacific ocean perch trip limit at 20% (by weight) of all fish on board or 3,000 pounds whichever is less; landings of Pacific ocean perch be unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board. (Vancouver area OY = 500 mt; Columbia area OY = 1,040 mt).
1/1/1991	ALL	Established the coastwide Pacific ocean perch trip limit at 20% (by weight) of all groundfish on board or 3,000 pounds whichever is less; landings of Pacific ocean perch be unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board (harvest guideline for combined Vancouver and Columbia areas = 1,000 mt).
1/1/1992	ALL	For Pacific ocean perch, established the coastwide trip limit at 20% (by weight) of all groundfish on board or 3,000 pounds whichever is less; landings of Pacific ocean perch be unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board (harvest guideline for combined Vancouver and Columbia areas = 1,550 mt).

Date	Area	Regulation
1/1/1993	Cape Mendocino Coos Bay	For Pacific ocean perch, continued the coastwide trip limit at 20% (by weight) of all groundfish on board or 3,000 pounds whichever is less; landings of Pacific ocean perch unrestricted if less than 1,000 pounds regardless of percentage on board (harvest guideline for combined Vancouver and Columbia areas = 1,550 mt).
1/1/1994	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch trip limit of 3,000 pounds or 20% of all fish on board, whichever is less, in landings of Pacific ocean perch above 1,000 pounds.
1/1/1995	ALL	For Pacific Ocean Perch, established a cumulative trip limit of 6,000 pounds per month
1/1/1996	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch cumulative trip limit of 10,000 pounds per two-month period.
7/1/1996	4030 North	Reduced the cumulative 2-month limit for Pacific ocean perch to 8,000 pounds, and established the cumulative 2-month limit for Dover sole north of Cape Mendocino at 38,000 pounds
1/1/1997	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch limited entry fishery cumulative trip limit of 8,000 pounds per two-month period
1/1/1998	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch: limited entry fishery Cumulative trip limit of 8,000 pounds per two-month period.
7/1/1998	ALL	Open Access Rockfish: removed overall rockfish monthly limit and replaced it with limits for component rockfish species: for <i>Sebastodes</i> complex, monthly cumulative limit is 33,000 pounds, for widow rockfish, monthly cumulative trip limit is 3,000 pounds, for Pacific Ocean Perch, monthly cumulative trip limit is 4,000 pounds.
1/1/1999	ALL	for the limited entry fishery A new three phase cumulative limit period system is introduced for 1999. Phase 1 is a single cumulative limit period that is 3months long, from January 1 - March 31. Phase 2 has 3 separate 2 month cumulative limit periods of April 1 - May 31, June 1 - July 31, and August 1 - September 30. Phase 3 has 3 separate 1 month cumulative limit periods of October 1-31, November 1-30, and December 1-31. For all species except Pacific ocean perch and Bocaccio, there will be no monthly limit within the cumulative landings limit periods. An option to apply cumulative trip limits lagged by 2 weeks (from the 16th to the 15th) was made available to limited entry trawl vessels when their permits were renewed for 1999. Vessels that are authorized to operate in this "B" platoon may take and retain, but may not land, groundfish during January 1-15, 1999.
1/1/1999	ALL	for the limited entry fishery Pacific Ocean Perch: cumulative limit, Phase 1: 4,000 pounds per month; Phase 2: 4,000 pounds per month; Phase 3: 4,000 pounds per month.
1/1/1999	ALL	for open access gear: Pacific Ocean Perch: coastwide, 100 pounds per month.
1/1/2000	ALL	Limited entry trawl, Pacific Ocean Perch, 500 lbs per month
1/1/2000	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch, Open Access gear except exempted trawl, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2000	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 500 lbs per month
5/1/2000	ALL	Limited entry trawl, Pacific Ocean Perch, 2500 lbs per 2 months
5/1/2000	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 2500 lbs per month
11/1/2000	ALL	Limited entry trawl, Pacific Ocean Perch, 500 lbs per month
11/1/2000	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 500 lbs per month
1/1/2001	3600 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, open access, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2001	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry trawl, 1500 lbs per month
1/1/2001	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1500 lbs per month
5/1/2001	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry trawl, 2500 lbs per month
5/1/2001	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 2500 lbs per month
10/1/2001	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry trawl, 1500 lbs per month
11/1/2001	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1500 lbs per month
1/1/2002	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, open access, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2002	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 2000 lbs per month
1/1/2002	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry trawl, 2000 lbs per month
4/1/2002	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 4000 lbs per month
5/1/2002	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry trawl, 4000 lbs per month
11/1/2002	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry fixed gear, 2000 lbs per month
11/1/2002	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, limited entry trawl, 2000 lbs per month
1/1/2003	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months

Date	Area	Regulation
1/1/2003	3800 South	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 30000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2003	3800 South	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch , limited entry trawl, 30000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2003	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, open access gear, per trip no more than 25% (by weight) of sablefish landed
1/1/2003	3800 4010	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2003	3800 4010	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch , limited entry trawl, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2003	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gears, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2003	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2003	4010 North	Pacific Ocean Perch, Limited entry trawl gear, 3000 lbs per 2 months
3/1/2003	3800 4010	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, no more than 25% of the weight of sablefish landed per trip
11/1/2003	3800 4010	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2004	3800 South	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2004	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south inclding pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 40000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2004	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 40000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2004	3800 4010	Minor slope rockfish south including Pacific ocean perch, open access gear, per trip no more than 25% of the weight of sablefish landed
1/1/2004	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 7000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2004	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 7000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2004	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gear, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2004	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2004	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 3000 lbs per 2 months
5/1/2004	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south inclding pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 50000 lbs per 2 months
5/1/2004	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 50000 lbs per 2 months
5/1/2004	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 50000 lbs per 2 months
5/1/2004	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 50000 lbs per 2 months
11/1/2004	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south inclding pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 50000 lbs per 2 months
11/1/2004	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 50000 lbs per 2 months
11/1/2004	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months
11/1/2004	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 10000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2005	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including darkblotched and pacific ocean perch, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2005	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, closed
1/1/2005	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including darkblotched and pacific ocean perch, open access gear, per trip no more than 25% of weight of sablefish onboard
1/1/2005	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 4000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2005	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gears, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2005	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl gear, 3000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2005	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2005	4010 South	minor slope rockfish south including darkblotched and pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 40000 lbs per 2 months
5/1/2005	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 8000 lbs per 2 months

Date	Area	Regulation
1/1/2008	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, limited entry trawl, 15000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2008	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 1500 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2009	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2009	4010 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched, limited entry fixed gear, 40000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2009	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2009	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, per trip no more than 25% (by weight) of sablefish landed
1/1/2009	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gears, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2009	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, limited entry trawl, 55000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2009	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, limited entry trawl, 15000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2009	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 1500 lbs per 2 months
7/1/2009	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, limited entry trawl, 10000 lbs per 2 months
11/1/2009	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, limited entry trawl, 15000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2010	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2010	4010 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched, limited entry fixed gear, 40000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2010	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2010	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, per trip no more than 25% (by weight) of sablefish landed
1/1/2010	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gears, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2010	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, limited entry trawl, 55000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2010	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, limited entry trawl, 15000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2010	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry trawl, 1500 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2011	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2011	4010 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched, limited entry fixed gear, 40000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2011	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2011	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, per trip no more than 25% (by weight) of sablefish landed
1/1/2011	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gears, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2011	ALL	Pacific Ocean Perch managed in part by IFQ
1/1/2012	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2012	4010 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched, limited entry fixed gear, 40000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2012	3800 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2012	3800 4010	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, per trip no more than 25% (by weight) of sablefish landed
1/1/2012	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gears, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2013	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, open access gears, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2013	4010 North	pacific ocean perch, limited entry fixed gear, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2013	4010 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched, limited entry fixed gear, 40000 lbs per 2 months no more than 1375 lbs may be blackgill
1/1/2013	4010 South	minor slope rockfish south including pacific ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish, open access gear, 10000 lbs per 2 months no more than 475 lbs of which may be blackgill rockfish
1/1/2014	4010 North	non-trawl, limited entry, pacific ocean perch, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2014	4010 South	non-trawl, limited entry, minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 40000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 1375 lbs may be blackgill rockfish

Date	Area	Regulation
1/1/2014	4010 North	non-trawl, open access, pacific ocean perch, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2014	4010 South	non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 10000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 475 lbs may be blackgill rockfish
1/1/2015	4010 North	non-trawl, limited entry, pacific ocean perch, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2015	4010 South	non-trawl, limited entry, minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 40000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 1375 lbs may be blackgill rockfish
1/1/2015	4010 North	non-trawl, open access, pacific ocean perch, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2015	4010 South	non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 10000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 475 lbs may be blackgill rockfish
7/1/2015	4010 South	non-trawl, limited entry, minor slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 40000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 1600 lbs may be blackgill rockfish
7/1/2015	4010 South	non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 10000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 550 lbs may be blackgill rockfish
1/1/2016	4010 North	non-trawl, limited entry, pacific ocean perch, 1800 lbs per 2 months
1/1/2016	4010 North	non-trawl, open access, pacific ocean perch, 100 lbs per month
1/1/2016	4010 South	non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 10000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 475 lbs may be blackgill rockfish
7/1/2016	4010 South	non-trawl, open access, minor slope rockfish including darkblotched rockfish and pacific ocean perch, 10000 lbs per 2 months of which no more than 550 lbs may be blackgill rockfish

Table 3: Recent trend in estimated total catch relative to management guidelines.

Year	OFL (mt; ABC prior to 2011)	ABC (mt)	ACL (mt; OY prior to 2011)	tab:mnmgt_perform_tables	
				Total landings (mt)	Estimated total catch (mt)
2007	-	-	150	133	157
2008	-	-	150	92	133
2009	-	-	189	94	190
2010	-	-	200	97	181
2011	-	-	180	60	61
2012	-	-	183	57	58
2013	-	-	150	55	57
2014	-	-	153	54	55
2015	-	-	158	58	59
2016	-	-	164	65	65

Table 4: Summary of the fishery-independant biomass/abundance time-series used in the stock assessment. The standard error includes the input annual standard error and model estimated added variance.

Year	POP		Triennial		AFSC Slope		NWFSC Slope		NWFSC Shelf-Slope		<a href="#">tab:Index_Summary</a>
	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	
1979	56461	0.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1980	-	-	10384	0.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1983	-	-	8974	0.59	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1985	34645	0.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1986	-	-	2977	0.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1989	-	-	4873	0.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1992	-	-	3207	0.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1995	-	-	2724	0.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1996	-	-	-	-	7621	0.51	-	-	-	-	
1997	-	-	-	-	3807	0.51	-	-	-	-	
1998	-	-	4163	0.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1999	-	-	-	-	4694	0.50	3643	0.63	-	-	
2000	-	-	-	-	4243	0.53	4120	0.58	-	-	
2001	-	-	1494	0.64	4187	0.49	2325	0.59	-	-	
2002	-	-	-	-	-	-	1903	0.60	-	-	
2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9646	0.37	
2004	-	-	2922	0.67	-	-	-	-	5284	0.40	
2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7528	0.40	
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6010	0.42	
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6268	0.37	
2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3867	0.40	
2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2745	0.37	
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5404	0.35	
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7533	0.36	
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9289	0.36	
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8093	0.35	
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4914	0.35	
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5752	0.32	
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11770	0.37	

Table 5: Summary of NWFSC shelf-slope survey length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size
2003	46	80	111
2004	34	56	82
2005	38	81	92
2006	33	73	80
2007	50	74	121
2008	39	75	94
2009	46	61	111
2010	53	73	128
2011	53	72	128
2012	50	79	121
2013	45	76	109
2014	52	77	126
2015	69	67	167
2016	50	58	121

Table 6: Summary of NWFSC shelf-slope survey age samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size
2003	45	265	109
2004	34	149	82
2005	38	192	92
2006	33	170	80
2007	50	228	121
2008	39	218	94
2009	45	190	109
2010	53	292	128
2011	53	258	128
2012	49	217	119
2013	44	308	106
2014	52	195	126
2015	68	182	165
2016	44	281	106

Table 7: Summary of NWFSC slope survey length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size
2001	18	27	43
2002	24	54	58

Table 8: Summary of NWFSC slope survey age samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size	tab:NWslope_Ages
2001	17	125	41	
2002	24	216	58	

Table 9: Summary of AFSC slope survey length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size	tab:AFSC_Lengths
1996	48	1396	116	
1997	21	347	51	
1999	21	562	51	
2000	19	353	46	
2001	23	390	55	

Table 10: Summary of Triennial survey length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size	tab:TriennialLengths
1980	18	1315	43	
1983	40	2820	97	
1986	17	877	41	
1989	42	1851	102	
1992	33	1182	80	
1995	71	1136	172	
1998	81	1482	196	
2001	74	669	179	
2004	63	1240	153	

Table 11: Summary of Triennial survey age samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size	tab:Triennial_Ages
1989	15	577	36	
1992	10	373	24	
1995	12	275	29	
1998	28	352	68	
2001	43	342	104	
2004	57	416	138	

Table 12: Summary of Pacific ocean perch survey length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size	tab:POP_Lengths
1979	125	2375	303	
1985	126	2558	306	

Table 13: Summary of Pacific ocean perch survey age samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size	tab:POP_Ages
1985	29	1635	70	

Table 14: Summary of discard rates used in the model by each data source.

Year	Source	Discard	Standard Error	tab:Discard
1985	Pikitch	0.027	0.068	
1986	Pikitch	0.024	0.063	
1987	Pikitch	0.039	0.083	
1992	Management Restrictions	0.100	0.300	
2002	WCGOP	0.150	0.164	
2003	WCGOP	0.183	0.268	
2004	WCGOP	0.203	0.206	
2005	WCGOP	0.175	0.346	
2006	WCGOP	0.148	0.243	
2007	WCGOP	0.171	0.261	
2008	WCGOP	0.362	0.172	
2009	WCGOP	0.504	0.153	
2010	WCGOP	0.487	0.195	
2011	WCGOP	0.015	0.053	
2012	WCGOP	0.028	0.054	
2013	WCGOP	0.027	0.054	
2014	WCGOP	0.035	0.050	
2015	WCGOP	0.010	0.053	

Table 15: Summary of the commercial catch-per-unit effort time-series used in the stock assessment.

Year	Obs	SE	tab:CPUE_Summary
1956	0.40	0.40	
1957	0.30	0.40	
1958	0.32	0.40	
1959	0.29	0.40	
1960	0.28	0.40	
1961	0.31	0.40	
1962	0.29	0.40	
1963	0.34	0.40	
1964	0.35	0.40	
1965	0.55	0.40	
1966	0.47	0.40	
1967	0.30	0.40	
1968	0.17	0.40	
1969	0.18	0.40	
1970	0.17	0.40	
1971	0.20	0.40	
1972	0.20	0.40	
1973	0.11	0.40	

Table 16: Summary of commercial fishery length samples used in the stock assessment.

tab:Comm\_Lengths

Year	Trips	Fish	Sample Size
1966	1	238	7
1967	5	1020	35
1968	3	912	21
1969	4	1213	28
1970	13	1830	92
1971	22	4698	155
1972	23	4561	162
1973	17	4134	120
1974	20	4806	141
1975	19	3637	134
1976	21	3677	148
1977	32	4846	226
1978	52	7715	367
1979	34	3414	240
1980	55	5425	388
1981	40	3921	282
1982	48	4824	339
1983	39	3944	275
1984	31	3102	219
1985	45	4508	318
1986	40	4002	282
1987	43	3053	304
1988	9	601	64
1989	16	798	113
1990	12	599	85
1991	8	216	38
1994	43	2608	304
1995	49	3161	346
1996	64	3085	452
1997	76	3570	537
1998	56	3450	395
1999	58	2812	409
2000	49	2004	326
2001	59	1696	293
2002	50	1666	280

Year	Trips	Fish	Sample Size
2003	67	1661	296
2004	53	1202	219
2005	51	1277	227
2006	59	1486	264
2007	81	2248	391
2008	101	3058	523
2009	107	3207	550
2010	134	2872	530
2011	100	1943	368
2012	97	1873	355
2013	117	2167	416
2014	140	2850	533
2015	110	2504	456
2016	131	2158	429

Table 17: Summary of commercial fishery age samples used in the stock assessment.

`tab:Comm_Ages`

Year	Trips	Fish	Sample Size
1981	20	1901	141
1982	40	2776	282
1983	33	3317	233
1984	27	2625	191
1985	21	2096	148
1986	17	1693	120
1987	24	1193	169
1988	4	199	28
1994	8	238	41
1999	18	863	127
2000	14	677	99
2001	40	1349	226
2002	38	1414	233
2003	40	1309	221
2004	30	854	148
2005	37	1018	177
2006	49	1258	223
2007	63	1825	315
2008	44	1129	200
2009	75	1548	289
2010	54	1264	228
2011	85	1230	255
2012	7	331	49
2013	10	265	47
2014	91	587	172
2015	78	513	149
2016	21	254	56

Table 18: Summary of At-Sea hake fishery length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Trips	Fish	Sample Size	tab:ASHOP_Lengths
2003	153	805	263	
2004	128	329	172	
2005	221	734	321	
2006	210	751	312	
2007	319	1119	470	
2008	26	2491	162	
2009	12	366	63	
2010	22	1794	155	
2011	36	1748	226	
2012	26	881	148	
2013	26	834	140	
2014	31	532	103	
2015	23	925	150	
2016	35	1947	240	

Table 19: Summary of At-sea hake fishery age samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Trips	Fish	Sample Size	tab:ASHOP_Ages
2003	142	378	194	
2006	198	410	255	
2007	297	620	383	
2014	22	101	36	

Table 20: Estimated ageing error from the CAPS lab used in the assessment model

**tab:Age\_Error**

True Age (yr)	SD of Observed Age (yr)	True Age (yr)	SD of Observed Age (yr)
0.5	0.156	31.5	2.772
1.5	0.156	32.5	2.854
2.5	0.249	33.5	2.935
3.5	0.341	34.5	3.016
4.5	0.433	35.5	3.097
5.5	0.524	36.5	3.177
6.5	0.615	37.5	3.257
7.5	0.706	38.5	3.337
8.5	0.796	39.5	3.416
9.5	0.886	40.5	3.495
10.5	0.976	41.5	3.574
11.5	1.065	42.5	3.652
12.5	1.154	43.5	3.73
13.5	1.242	44.5	3.808
14.5	1.33	45.5	3.885
15.5	1.418	46.5	3.962
16.5	1.505	47.5	4.039
17.5	1.592	48.5	4.115
18.5	1.679	49.5	4.191
19.5	1.765	50.5	4.267
20.5	1.851	51.5	4.342
21.5	1.937	52.5	4.417
22.5	2.022	53.5	4.492
23.5	2.107	54.5	4.566
24.5	2.191	55.5	4.641
25.5	2.275	56.5	4.714
26.5	2.359	57.5	4.788
27.5	2.442	58.5	4.861
28.5	2.525	59.5	4.934
29.5	2.608	60.5	5.007
30.5	2.69		

Table 21: Specifications of the base model for Pacific ocean perch.

Model Specification	<code>tab:Model_setup</code>
Base Model	
Starting year	1918
<u>Population characteristics</u>	
Maximum age	60
Gender	2
Population lengths	5-50 cm by 1 cm bins
Summary biomass (mt)	Age 3+
<u>Data characteristics</u>	
Data lengths	11-47 cm by 1 cm bins
Data ages	1-40
Minimun age for growth calculations	3
Maximum age for growth calculations	20
First mature age	0
Starting year of estimated recruitment	1940
<u>Fishery characteristics</u>	
Fishery timing	mid-year
Fishing mortality method	discrete
Maximum F	0.9
Catchability	Analytical estimate
Fishery selectivity	Double Normal
At-Sea Hake selectivity	Double Normal
POP survey selectivity	Logistic
Triennial survey	Double Normal
AFSC slope survey	Double Normal
NWFSC slope survey	Double Normal
NWFSC shelf/slope survey	Double Normal
<u>Fishery time blocks</u>	
Fishery selectivity	none
Fishery retention	1918-1991, 1992-2001, 2002-2007, 2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2016

Table 22: Results from 100 jitters from the base model.

`tab:jitter`

Status	Base.Model
Returned to base case	-
Found local minimum	-
Found better solution	-
Error in likelihood	-
Total	100

Table 23: List of parameters used in the base model, including estimated values and standard deviations (SD), bounds (minimum and maximum), estimation phase (negative values indicate not estimated), status (indicates if parameters are near bounds, and prior type information (mean, SD).

Parameter	Value	Phase	Bounds	Status	SD	Prior (Exp.Val, SD)
NatM_p_1.Fem.GP_1	0.054	-5	(0.02, 0.1)	OK	0.14	Log_Norm (-2.92, 0.44)
L_at_Amin_Fem.GP_1	20.7848	3	(15, 25)	OK	0.15	None
L_at_Amax_Fem.GP_1	41.5953	2	(35, 45)	OK	0.00	None
VonBert_K.Fem.GP_1	0.167029	3	(0.1, 0.4)	OK	0.06	None
SD_young_Fem.GP_1	1.34323	5	(0.03, 5)	OK	0.12	None
SD_old.Fem.GP_1	2.5618	5	(0.03, 5)	OK	None	
Wtlen_1.Fem	1.044e-05	-99	(0, 3)	None	None	
Wtlen_2.Fem	3.088	-99	(2, 4)	None	None	
Mat50%_Fem	32.1	-99	(20, 40)	None	None	
Mat_slope_Fem	-1	-99	(-2, 4)	None	None	
Eggs_scalar_Fem	8.66e-10	-99	(0, 6)	None	None	
Eggs_exp_len_Fem	4.9767	-99	(-3, 5)	None	None	
NatM_p_1.Mal.GP_1	0.054	-5	(0, 0.3)	Normal	(0.05, 0.1)	
L_at_Amin_Mal.GP_1	20.7848	-2	(6, 68)	OK	0.00	None
L_at_Amax_Mal.GP_1	38.8999	2	(13, 122)	OK	0.03	None
VonBert_K.Mal.GP_1	0.199	3	(0.04, 1.09)	OK	0.06	None
SD_young_Mal.GP_1	1.34323	-5	(0, 742.07)	OK	None	
SD_old.Mal.GP_1	2.287	5	(0, 742.07)	OK	None	
Wtlen_1.Mal	1.05e-05	-99	(0, 3)	None	None	
Wtlen_2.Mal	3.083	-99	(2, 4)	None	None	
CohortGrowDev	1	-99	(0, 2)	None	None	
FracFemale.GP_1	0.5	-99	(0.01, 0.99)	None	None	
SR_LN(R0)	9.36441	1	(5, 20)	OK	0.14	None
SR_BH_stEEP	0.5	-2	(0.2, 1)	Full_Beta	(0.72, 0.15)	
SR_sigmaR	0.7	-6	(0.5, 1.2)	None	None	
SR_regime	0	-99	(-5, 5)	None	None	

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Table 23: List of parameters used in the base model, including estimated values and standard deviations (SD), bounds (minimum and maximum), estimation phase (negative values indicate not estimated), status (indicates if parameters are near bounds, and prior type information (mean, SD).

Parameter	Value	Phase	Bounds	Status	SD	Prior (Exp.Val, SD)
SR_autocorr	0	-99	(0, 2)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_18	0.00423169	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_17	0.00444885	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_16	0.00467384	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_15	0.00490632	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_14	0.00514567	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_13	0.00539119	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_12	0.00564178	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_11	0.0058963	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_10	0.00615286	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_9	0.00640947	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_8	0.0066662	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_7	0.00690763	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_6	0.00714936	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_5	0.00739472	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_4	0.0076478	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_3	0.00790868	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_2	0.00817704	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_1	0.00845291	3	(-6, 6)	act	0.70	dev (NA, NA)
LnQ_base_Fishery(1)	-12.313	-1	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
LnQ_base_POP(4)	-0.122911	-1	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
LnQ_base_Triennial(5)	-1.82534	-1	(-15, 15)	OK	0.15	None
Q_extraSD_Triennial(5)	0.390454	2	(0, 0.5)	OK	0.15	None
LnQ_base_AFSCSlope(6)	-2.48805	-1	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
LnQ_base_NWEFSCSlope(7)	-2.84895	-1	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
LnQ_base_NWFSCCombo(8)	-2.62228	-1	(-15, 15)	None	None	None

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Table 23: List of parameters used in the base model, including estimated values and standard deviations (SD), bounds (minimum and maximum), estimation phase (negative values indicate not estimated), status (indicates if parameters are near bounds, and prior type information (mean, SD).

Parameter	Value	Phase	Bounds	Status	SD	Prior (Exp.Val, SD)
Q_extraSD_NWFSCcombo(8)	0.029722	2	(0, 0.5) (20, 45)	OK	0.07	None
SizeSel.P1_Fishery(1)	37.9626	1	(20, 45)	OK	0.18	None
SizeSel.P2_Fishery(1)	-5	-2	(-6, 4)	None		
SizeSel.P3_Fishery(1)	3.67946	3	(-1, 9)	OK	0.13	None
SizeSel.P4_Fishery(1)	-1.65	-3	(-9, 9)	None		
SizeSel.P5_Fishery(1)	-3.5	-4	(-5, 9)	None		
SizeSel.P6_Fishery(1)	0.496266	2	(-5, 9)	OK	0.31	None
Retain_P1_Fishery(1)	28.2834	1	(15, 45)	OK	0.34	None
Retain_P2_Fishery(1)	1.07725	1	(0.1, 10)	OK	0.13	None
Retain_P3_Fishery(1)	6.97035	1	(-10, 10)	OK	1.36	None
Retain_P4_Fishery(1)	0	-3	(0, 0)	None		
SizeSel.P1_ASHOP(2)	49.495	1	(20, 49.5)	HI	0.16	None
SizeSel.P2_ASHOP(2)	-5	-2	(-6, 4)	None		
SizeSel.P3_ASHOP(2)	5.06196	3	(-1, 9)	OK	0.18	None
SizeSel.P4_ASHOP(2)	1	-3	(-1, 9)	None		
SizeSel.P5_ASHOP(2)	-4.35	-4	(-9, 9)	None		
SizeSel.P6_ASHOP(2)	999	-2	(-5, 999)	None		
SizeSel.P1_POP(4)	24.4703	1	(20, 70)	OK	2.24	None
SizeSel.P2_POP(4)	11.1655	3	(0.001, 50)	OK	4.04	None
SizeSel.P1_Triennial(5)	27.6389	1	(20, 45)	OK	5.03	None
SizeSel.P2_Triennial(5)	-5	-2	(-6, 4)	None		
SizeSel.P3_Triennial(5)	5.5	-3	(-1, 9)	None		
SizeSel.P4_Triennial(5)	3.297	3	(-1, 9)	OK	2.29	None
SizeSel.P5_Triennial(5)	-5	-4	(-5, 9)	None		
SizeSel.P6_Triennial(5)	-0.782413	2	(-5, 9)	OK	0.64	None
SizeSel.P1_AFSCSlope(6)	21.7007	1	(20, 45)	OK	6.45	None

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Table 23: List of parameters used in the base model, including estimated values and standard deviations (SD), bounds (minimum and maximum), estimation phase (negative values indicate not estimated), status (indicates if parameters are near bounds, and prior type information (mean, SD).

Parameter	Value	Phase	Bounds	Status	SD	Prior (Exp.Val, SD)
SizeSel.P2_AFSCSlope(6)	-5	-2	(-6, 4)	OK	6.47	None
SizeSel.P3_AFSCSlope(6)	1.23847	3	(-1, 9)	OK	6.47	None
SizeSel.P4_AFSCSlope(6)	1	-3	(-1, 9)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P5_AFSCSlope(6)	-9	-4	(-9, 9)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P6_AFSCSlope(6)	999	-2	(-5, 999)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P1_NWFSCSlope(7)	35.9583	1	(20, 45)	OK	2.22	None
SizeSel.P2_NWFSCSlope(7)	-5	-2	(-6, 4)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P3_NWFSCSlope(7)	1.77694	3	(-1, 9)	OK	1.85	None
SizeSel.P4_NWFSCSlope(7)	1	-3	(-1, 9)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P5_NWFSCSlope(7)	-9	-4	(-9, 9)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P6_NWFSCSlope(7)	999	-2	(-5, 999)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P1_NWFFSCCombo(8)	21.3537	1	(18, 49.5)	OK	5.84	None
SizeSel.P2_NWFFSCCombo(8)	-5	-2	(-6, 4)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P3_NWFFSCCombo(8)	2.86381	3	(-1, 9)	OK	3.06	None
SizeSel.P4_NWFFSCCombo(8)	1	-3	(-1, 9)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P5_NWFFSCCombo(8)	-9	-4	(-9, 9)	None	None	None
SizeSel.P6_NWFFSCCombo(8)	999	-2	(-5, 999)	None	None	None
Retain_P3_Fishery(1)_BLK1repl_1918	3.98279	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.09	None
Retain_P3_Fishery(1)_BLK1repl_1992	2.30477	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.37	None
Retain_P3_Fishery(1)_BLK1repl_2002	1.71753	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.12	None
Retain_P3_Fishery(1)_BLK1repl_2008	0.608476	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.28	None
Retain_P3_Fishery(1)_BLK1repl_2009	-0.0174503	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.24	None

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Table 24: Likelihood components from the base model

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Likelihood Component	Value
Total	1726.16
Survey	0
Discard	-25.51
Length-frequency data	-34.22
Age-frequency data	135.74
Recruitment	1636.59
Forecast Recruitment	12.54
Parameter Priors	0

Table 25: Summary of reference points and management quantities for the base case.

Quantity	Estimate	95% Confidence Interval	<small>tab:Ref_pts</small>
Unfished spawning output (million eggs)	6633.1	4736.7 - 8529.5	
Unfished age 3+ biomass (mt)	139810	100052.5 - 179567.5	
Unfished recruitment (R0, thousands)	11665.7	8801.4 - 15462.1	
Spawning output(2017 million eggs)	5047.2	2259.2 - 7835.1	
Depletion (2017)	0.761	0.538 - 0.984	
<b>Reference points based on SB<sub>40%</sub></b>			
Proxy spawning output ( $B_{40\%}$ )	2653.2	1894.7 - 3411.8	
SPR resulting in $B_{40\%}$ ( $SPR_{B40\%}$ )	0.55	0.55 - 0.55	
Exploitation rate resulting in $B_{40\%}$	0.028	0.028 - 0.029	
Yield with $SPR_{B40\%}$ at $B_{40\%}$ (mt)	1748.2	1252.4 - 2244	
<b>Reference points based on SPR proxy for MSY</b>			
Spawning output	2211	1578.9 - 2843.2	
$SPR_{proxy}$	0.5	0.5	
Exploitation rate corresponding to $SPR_{proxy}$	0.034	0.033 - 0.034	
Yield with $SPR_{proxy}$ at $SB_{SPR}$ (mt)	1764.8	1264.8 - 2264.8	
<b>Reference points based on estimated MSY values</b>			
Spawning output at MSY ( $SB_{MSY}$ )	2315.7	1649.6 - 2981.8	
$SPR_{MSY}$	0.512	0.51 - 0.514	
Exploitation rate at MSY	0.032	0.032 - 0.033	
MSY (mt)	1766.7	1266.1 - 2267.4	

Table 26: Sensitivity of the base model

Label	Base	Harmonic weights at prior	Steepness M	Estimate	Old Maturity	NA	tab:Sensitivity1
Total Likelihood	1726.16	2432.50	1726.05	1725.66	1726.17	1726.18	
Survey Likelihood	-25.51	-25.88	-24.99	-25.68	-25.52	-25.49	
Discard Likelihood	-34.22	-27.17	-34.28	-34.29	-34.22	-34.22	
Length Likelihood	135.74	748.49	136.05	135.75	135.74	135.75	
Age Likelihood	1636.59	1717.85	1636.26	1636.59	1636.62	1636.58	
Recruitment Likelihood	12.54	18.20	12.87	12.34	12.54	12.54	
Forecast Recruitment Likelihood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Parameter Priors Likelihood	1.00	1.00	0.13	0.94	1.00	1.00	
Parameter Deviation Likelihood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
log(R0)	9.36	9.27	9.41	9.74	9.36	9.37	
SB Virgin	6633.08	6136.91	6979.48	7885.80	6505.70	7745.48	
SB 2017	5047.16	4199.96	6883.61	7436.66	5070.80	6103.65	
Depletion 2017	0.76	0.68	0.99	0.94	0.78	0.79	
Total Yield	1764.80	1605.33	2482.46	2329.27	1759.53	1788.51	
Steepness	0.50	0.50	0.72	0.50	0.50	0.50	
Natural Mortality - Female	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	
Length at Amin - Female	20.78	20.87	20.79	20.78	20.78	20.78	
Length at Amax - Female	41.60	41.72	41.61	41.61	41.60	41.60	
Von Bert. k - Female	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	
SD young - Female	1.34	1.35	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	
SD old - Female	2.56	2.76	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	
Natural Mortality - Male	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	
Length at Amin - Male	20.78	20.87	20.79	20.78	20.78	20.78	
Length at Amax - Male	38.90	38.91	38.91	38.90	38.90	38.90	
Von Bert. k - Male	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	
SD young - Male	1.34	1.35	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	
SD old - Male	2.29	2.60	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.29	

Table 27: Sensitivity of the base model

tab:Sensitivity2

Label	Base	Split Trien- nial	CPUE	Remove Data	Canadian search Lengths	VWA Re- search Lengths	OR Special Projects
Total Likelihood	1726.16	1724.43	1738.84	1829.64	1747.71	1793.59	
Survey Likelihood	-25.51	-27.89	-12.72	-25.91	-26.03	-26.02	
Discard Likelihood	-34.22	-34.22	-34.21	-33.26	-34.17	-34.27	
Length Likelihood	135.74	135.54	135.66	184.34	156.08	166.78	
Age Likelihood	1636.59	1637.33	1636.69	1690.33	1637.74	1671.26	
Recruitment Likelihood	12.54	12.65	12.40	13.13	13.08	14.81	
Forecast Recruitment Likelihood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Parameter Priors Likelihood	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Parameter Deviation Likelihood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
log(R0)	9.36	9.40	9.36	9.36	9.33	9.28	
SB Virgin	6633.08	6884.08	6594.29	6700.11	6356.26	6128.38	
SB 2017	5047.16	5434.58	4992.37	4716.26	4673.44	4392.80	
Depletion 2017	0.76	0.79	0.76	0.70	0.74	0.72	
Total Yield	1764.80	1830.92	1754.69	1777.27	1705.62	1626.60	
Steepness	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	
Natural Mortality - Female	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	
Length at Amin - Female	20.78	20.78	20.78	20.75	20.77	20.80	
Length at Amax - Female	41.60	41.60	41.59	41.68	41.52	41.62	
Von Bert. k - Female	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	
SD young - Female	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.35	1.34	1.33	
SD old - Female	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.54	2.56	2.58	
Natural Mortality - Male	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	
Length at Amin - Male	20.78	20.78	20.78	20.75	20.77	20.80	
Length at Amax - Male	38.90	38.91	38.90	38.96	38.87	38.93	
Von Bert. k - Male	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	
SD young - Male	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.35	1.34	1.33	
SD old - Male	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.28	2.30	2.35	

Table 28: Time-series of population estimates from the base model.

Year	Total biomass (mt)	Spawning output (million eggs)	Summary biomass 3+	Relative biomass	Age-0 re-cruits	Estimated total catch (mt)	1-SPR	Exp. rate
1918	140160	6644	139432	1.00	11773	0	0	0
1919	140191	6646	139462	1.00	11777	1	0	0
1920	140222	6647	139494	1.00	11781	0	0	0
1921	140255	6648	139526	1.00	11785	0	0	0
1922	140288	6650	139559	1.00	11790	0	0	0
1923	140322	6651	139593	1.00	11794	0	0	0
1924	140357	6653	139627	1.00	11798	0	0	0
1925	140392	6654	139662	1.00	11802	1	0	0
1926	140428	6656	139698	1.00	11806	1	0	0
1927	140464	6658	139734	1.00	11810	1	0	0
1928	140500	6659	139770	1.00	11813	1	0	0
1929	140538	6661	139807	1.00	11817	1	0	0
1930	140576	6663	139844	1.00	11820	1	0	0
1931	140614	6664	139883	1.00	11822	1	0	0
1932	140653	6666	139922	1.00	11825	1	0	0
1933	140693	6668	139961	1.00	11828	1	0	0
1934	140732	6670	140000	1.00	11832	1	0	0
1935	140770	6671	140038	1.00	11837	3	0	0
1936	140802	6673	140070	1.00	11847	8	0	0
1937	140842	6675	140109	1.00	11862	2	0	0
1938	140881	6677	140147	1.00	11886	3	0	0
1939	140918	6678	140183	1.01	11919	6	0	0
1940	140954	6680	140217	1.01	12146	10	0.005	0
1941	140983	6681	140242	1.01	12203	23	0.005	0
1942	141018	6681	140265	1.01	12269	30	0.01	0
1943	141056	6681	140300	1.01	12341	47	0.09	0
1944	140602	6656	139842	1.00	12405	562	0.145	0.004
1945	139822	6614	139058	1.00	12466	929	0.295	0.007
1946	137832	6512	137064	0.98	12511	2194	0.165	0.016
1947	137052	6466	136280	0.97	12620	1072	0.095	0.008
1948	136839	6448	136062	0.97	12813	569	0.115	0.004
1949	136558	6426	135773	0.97	13116	690	0.145	0.005
1950	136122	6396	135323	0.96	13560	906	0.21	0.007
1951	135270	6345	134450	0.95	14128	1401	0.24	0.01
1952	134310	6287	133460	0.95	14724	1619	0.325	0.012
1953	132711	6194	131826	0.93	15069	2398	0.26	0.018
1954	131916	6135	131000	0.92	14941	1775	0.35	0.014
1955	130512	6042	129584	0.91	14203	2564	0.295	0.02

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Year	Total biomass (mt)	Spawning output (million eggs)	Summary biomass 3+	Relative biomass	Age-0 recruits	Estimated total catch (mt)	1-SPR	Exp. rate
1956	129852	5981	128942	0.90	12989	2002	0.41	0.016
1957	128117	5871	127262	0.88	11722	3198	0.375	0.025
1958	126915	5791	126135	0.87	10675	2739	0.315	0.022
1959	126275	5750	125569	0.87	10004	2154	0.21	0.017
1960	126415	5761	125766	0.87	9845	1264	0.34	0.01
1961	125275	5728	124657	0.86	10252	2367	0.43	0.019
1962	123003	5651	122386	0.85	10774	3327	0.515	0.027
1963	119505	5519	118864	0.83	10117	4420	0.605	0.037
1964	114480	5309	113829	0.80	8593	5877	0.635	0.052
1965	109077	5071	108480	0.76	7553	6231	0.715	0.057
1966	102042	4747	101530	0.71	7030	7828	0.91	0.077
1967	83867	3877	83412	0.58	6588	18969	0.9	0.227
1968	70229	3212	69803	0.48	6869	14651	0.87	0.21
1969	61697	2793	61280	0.42	9376	9712	0.52	0.158
1970	60813	2747	60334	0.41	14602	2183	0.535	0.036
1971	59909	2700	59263	0.41	7299	2300	0.485	0.039
1972	59604	2671	58826	0.40	5143	1905	0.485	0.032
1973	59479	2639	59064	0.40	5037	1888	0.585	0.032
1974	58489	2568	58173	0.39	5064	2643	0.545	0.045
1975	57748	2516	57433	0.38	6344	2275	0.37	0.04
1976	57966	2527	57636	0.38	5048	1183	0.43	0.021
1977	57717	2541	57341	0.38	6659	1507	0.38	0.026
1978	57590	2572	57256	0.39	4884	1263	0.505	0.022
1979	56599	2555	56214	0.38	5599	1998	0.425	0.036
1980	56021	2544	55707	0.38	5514	1507	0.465	0.027
1981	55123	2513	54778	0.38	5878	1723	0.41	0.031
1982	54527	2491	54173	0.37	8884	1380	0.345	0.025
1983	54257	2482	53841	0.37	10035	1057	0.46	0.02
1984	53504	2444	52943	0.37	7130	1624	0.47	0.031
1985	52905	2402	52332	0.36	7183	1658	0.435	0.032
1986	52705	2368	52266	0.36	5839	1412	0.43	0.027
1987	52596	2335	52171	0.35	7017	1375	0.375	0.026
1988	52807	2320	52421	0.35	9406	1107	0.435	0.021
1989	52778	2302	52302	0.35	10569	1379	0.45	0.026
1990	52787	2295	52177	0.35	14046	1469	0.38	0.028
1991	53355	2308	52663	0.35	6385	1123	0.45	0.021
1992	53782	2305	53046	0.35	3456	1478	0.465	0.028
1993	54258	2292	53911	0.34	3469	1567	0.435	0.029

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Year	Total biomass (mt)	Spawning output (million eggs)	Summary biomass 3+	Relative biomass	Age-0 recruits	Estimated total catch (mt)	1-SPR	Exp. rate
1994	54699	2290	54469	0.34	9862	1418	0.385	0.026
1995	55205	2308	54888	0.35	9012	1180	0.325	0.022
1996	55849	2354	55266	0.35	3880	952	0.3	0.017
1997	56573	2418	56100	0.36	3814	879	0.25	0.016
1998	57307	2487	57070	0.37	2935	716	0.245	0.013
1999	57798	2535	57535	0.38	19539	721	0.2	0.013
2000	58403	2574	57923	0.39	30595	562	0.065	0.01
2001	59724	2630	58388	0.40	8937	160	0.11	0.003
2002	61725	2685	60195	0.40	5185	293	0.07	0.005
2003	64401	2736	63916	0.41	2597	179	0.06	0.003
2004	66917	2772	66628	0.42	6944	155	0.055	0.002
2005	69212	2810	68989	0.42	3345	147	0.03	0.002
2006	71239	2896	70867	0.44	3865	76	0.03	0.001
2007	72918	3046	72703	0.46	3723	85	0.05	0.001
2008	74370	3211	73810	0.48	133246	157	0.045	0.002
2009	76575	3346	74550	0.50	4814	133	0.055	0.002
2010	80990	3438	74832	0.52	8279	190	0.055	0.003
2011	88763	3500	88389	0.53	16107	181	0.02	0.002
2012	95774	3545	95169	0.53	2113	61	0.015	0.001
2013	102857	3584	102021	0.54	29279	58	0.015	0.001
2014	109633	3727	109119	0.56	5078	57	0.015	0.001
2015	115762	4118	114333	0.62	10096	55	0.015	0
2016	121528	4620	121131	0.70	10520	59	0.015	0
2017	126167	5047	125534	0.76	10816	65	0.055	0.001
2018	129828	5369	129171	0.81	11017	-	-	-
2019	132735	5625	132062	0.85	11166	-	-	-
2020	130783	5657	130099	0.85	11184	-	-	-
2021	128376	5654	127685	0.85	11182	-	-	-
2022	125691	5606	124999	0.84	11155	-	-	-
2023	122860	5528	122169	0.83	11110	-	-	-
2024	119983	5431	119294	0.82	11054	-	-	-
2025	117128	5324	116442	0.80	10990	-	-	-
2026	114343	5211	113661	0.78	10921	-	-	-
2027	111655	5096	110977	0.77	10848	-	-	-
2028	109081	4981	108407	0.75	10772	-	-	-

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Table 29: Projection of potential OFL, spawning biomass, and depletion for the base case model.

Year	OFL (mt)	ACL (mt)	Age 3+ biomass (mt)	Spawning Output	<small>tab:Forecast_mod1</small>
2017	4306	281	125534	5047	0.76
2018	4559	281	129171	5369	0.81
2019	4719	4515	132062	5625	0.85
2020	4654	4453	130099	5657	0.85
2021	4552	4356	127685	5654	0.85
2022	4431	4240	124999	5606	0.85
2023	4302	4116	122169	5528	0.83
2024	4172	3992	119294	5431	0.82
2025	4048	3873	116442	5324	0.80
2026	3932	3762	113661	5211	0.79
2027	3826	3660	110977	5096	0.77
2028	3727	3566	108407	4981	0.75

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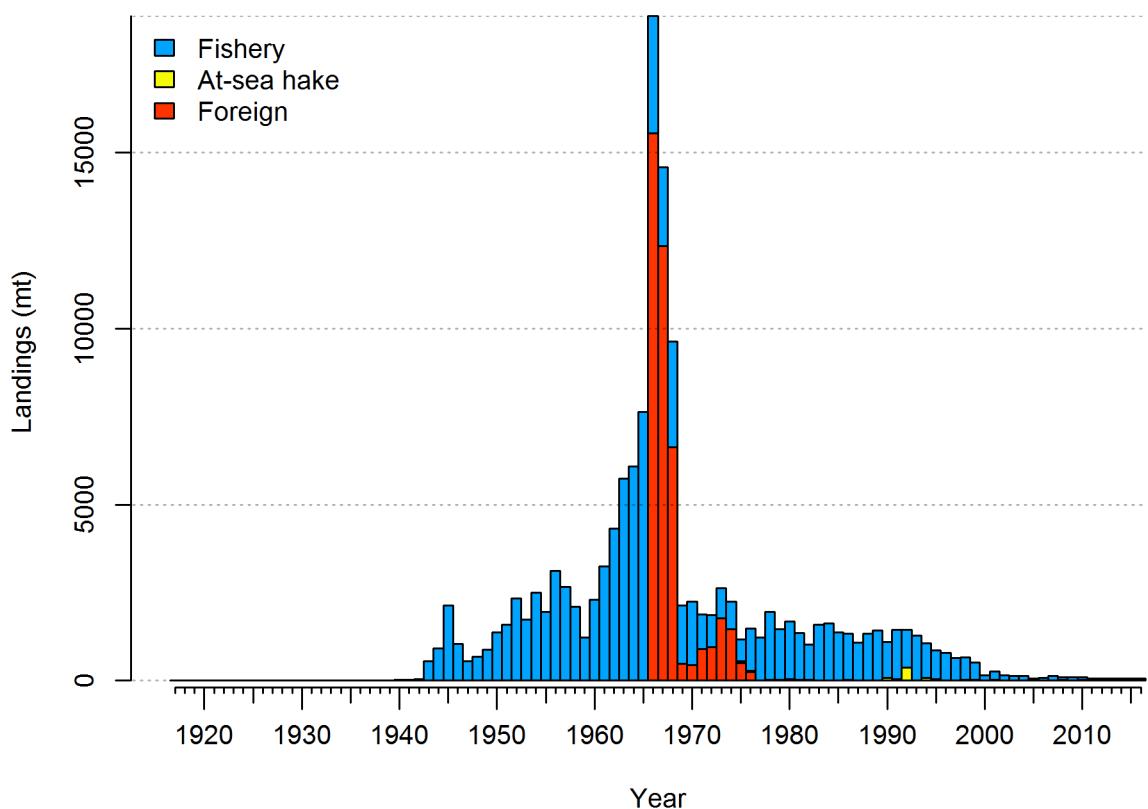


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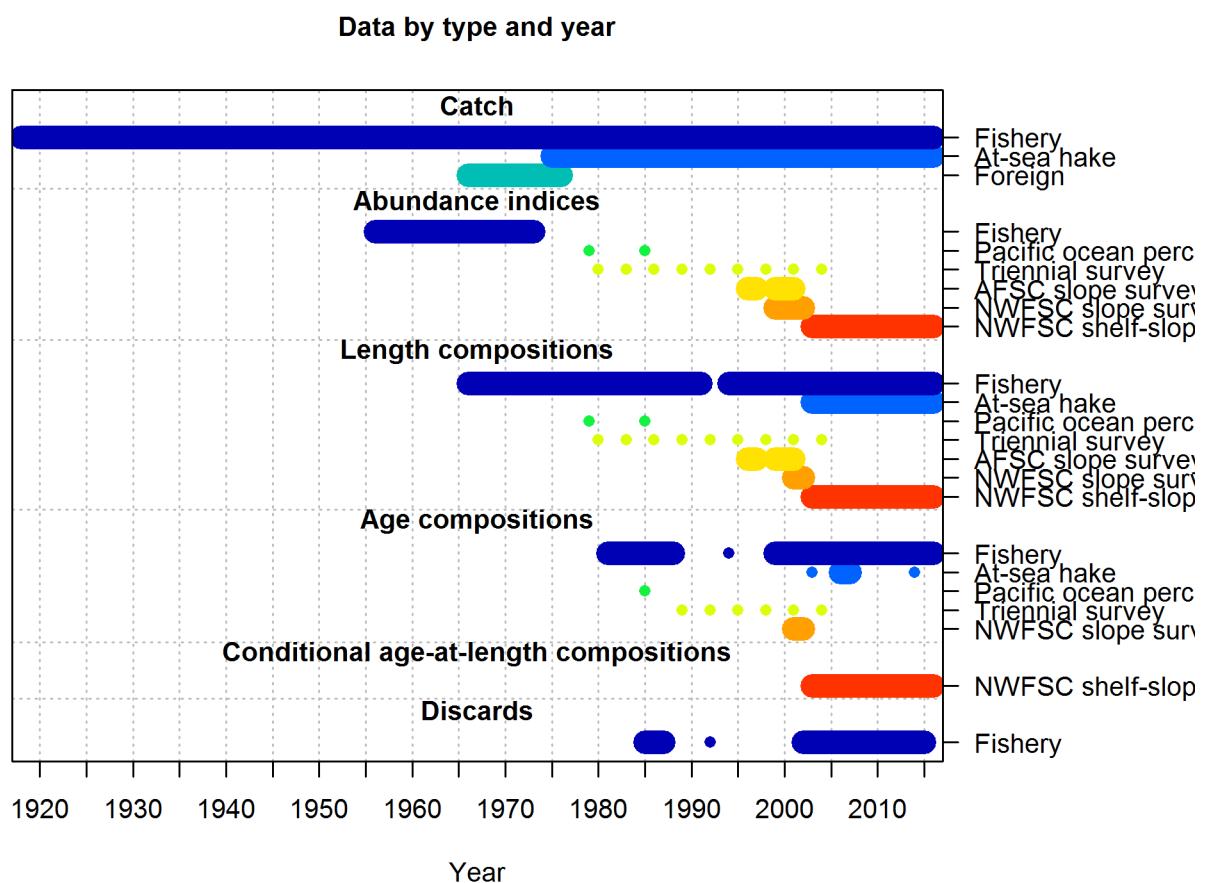


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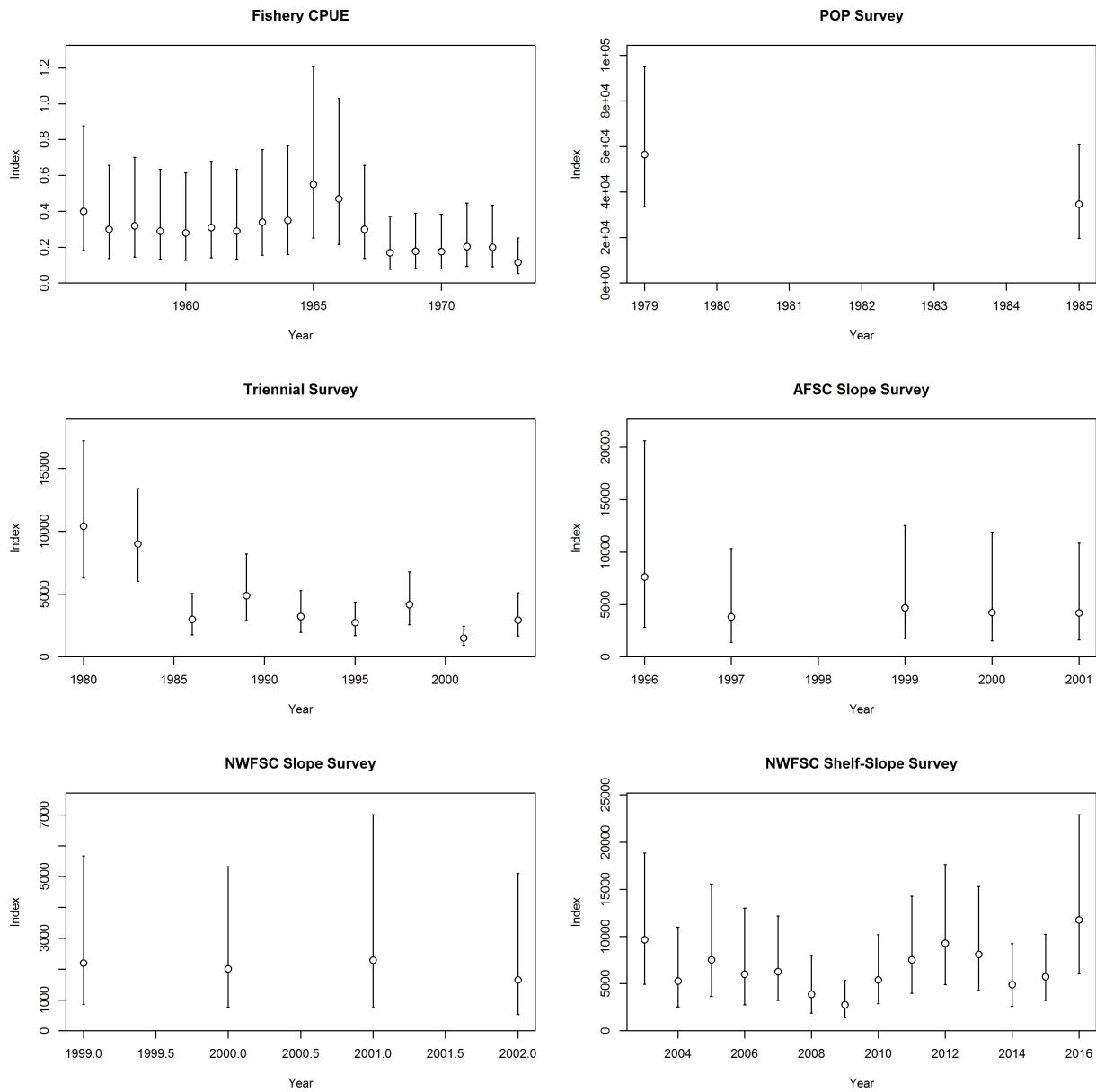


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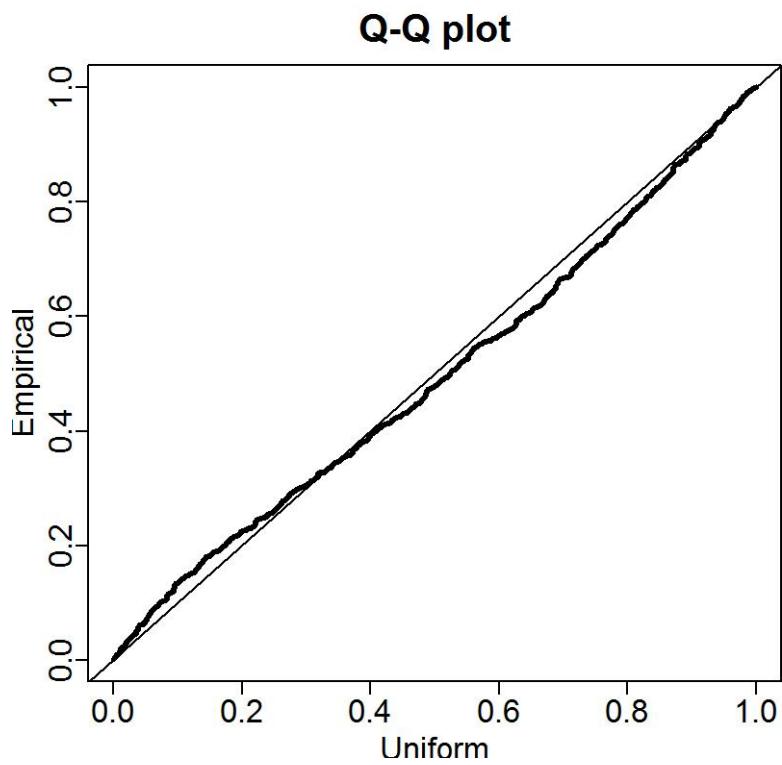


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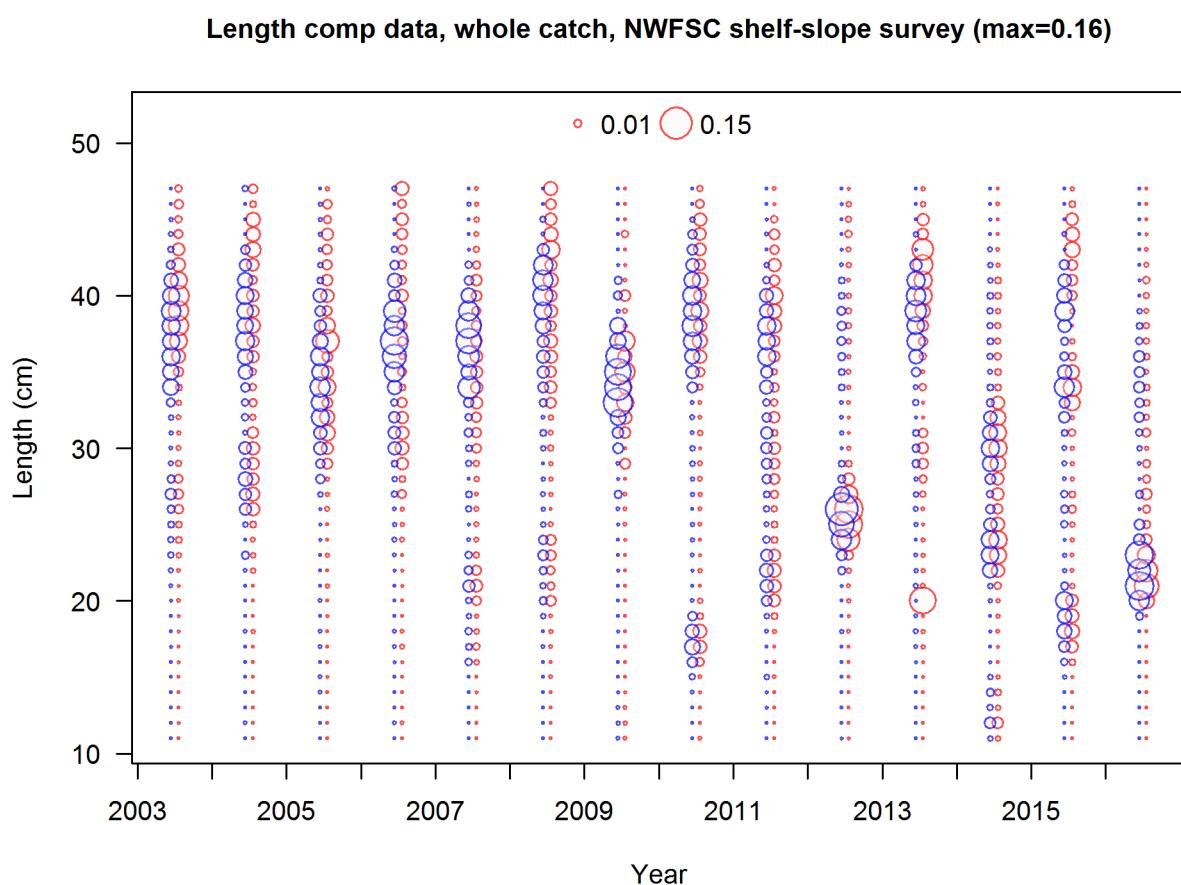


Figure 5: NWFSC shelf-slope survey length frequency distributions for Pacific ocean perch. fig:nw\_Length

**Ghost age comp data, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey (max=0.4)**

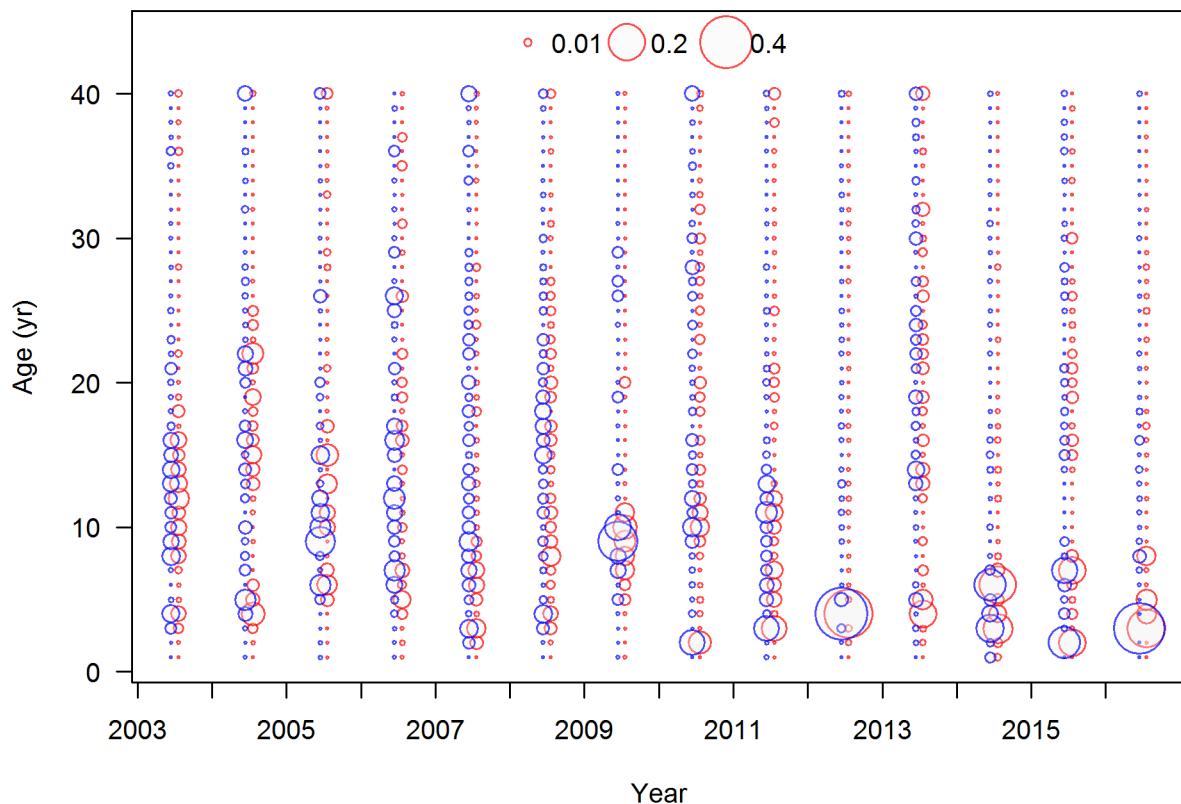


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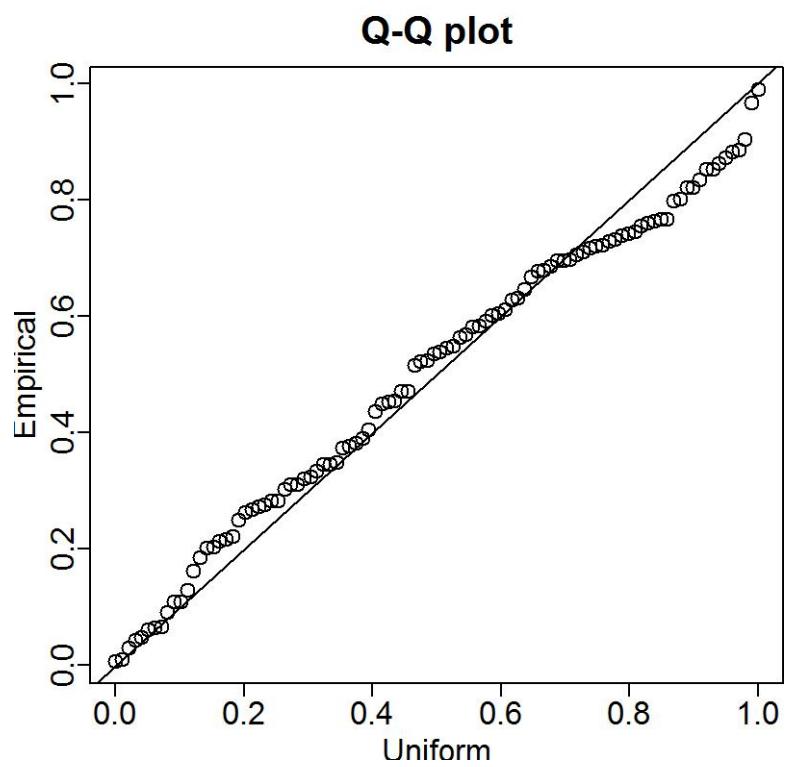


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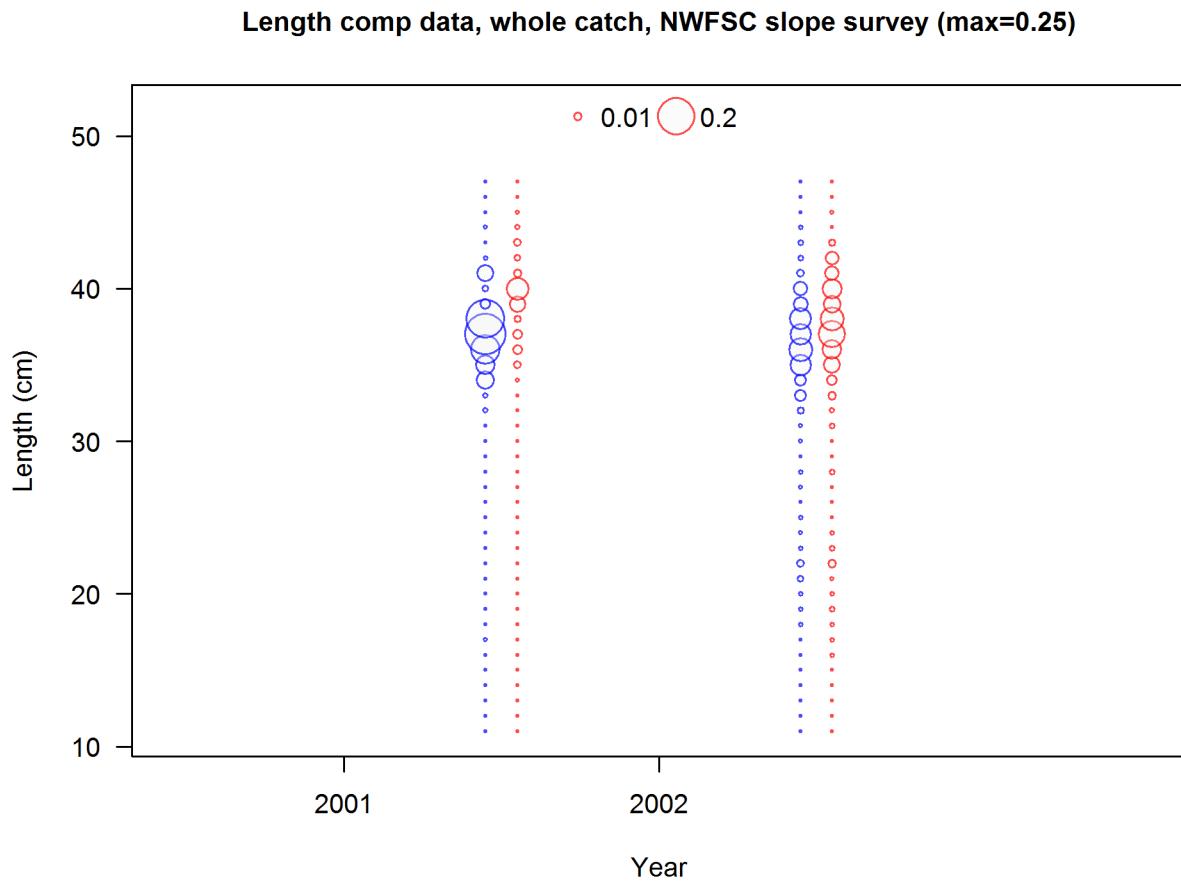


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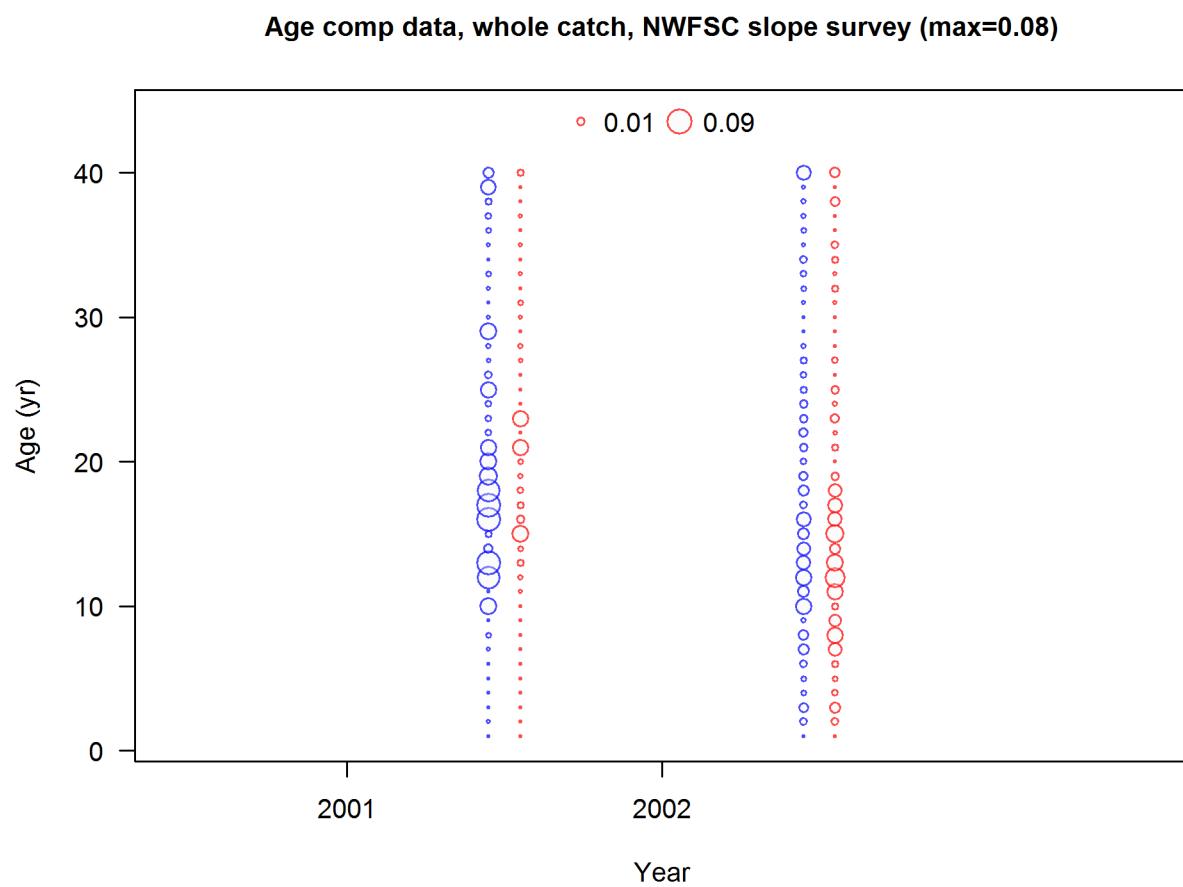


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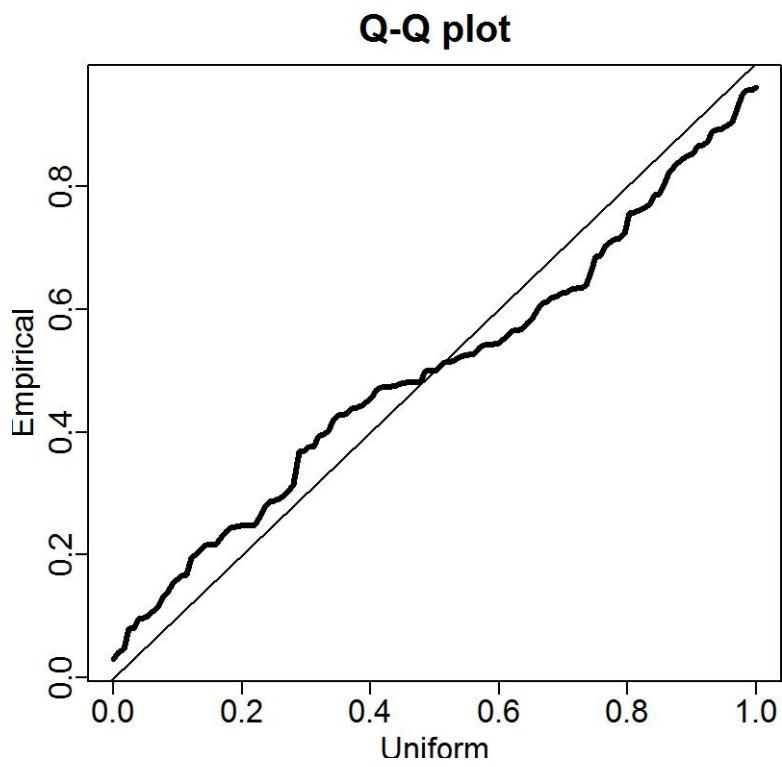


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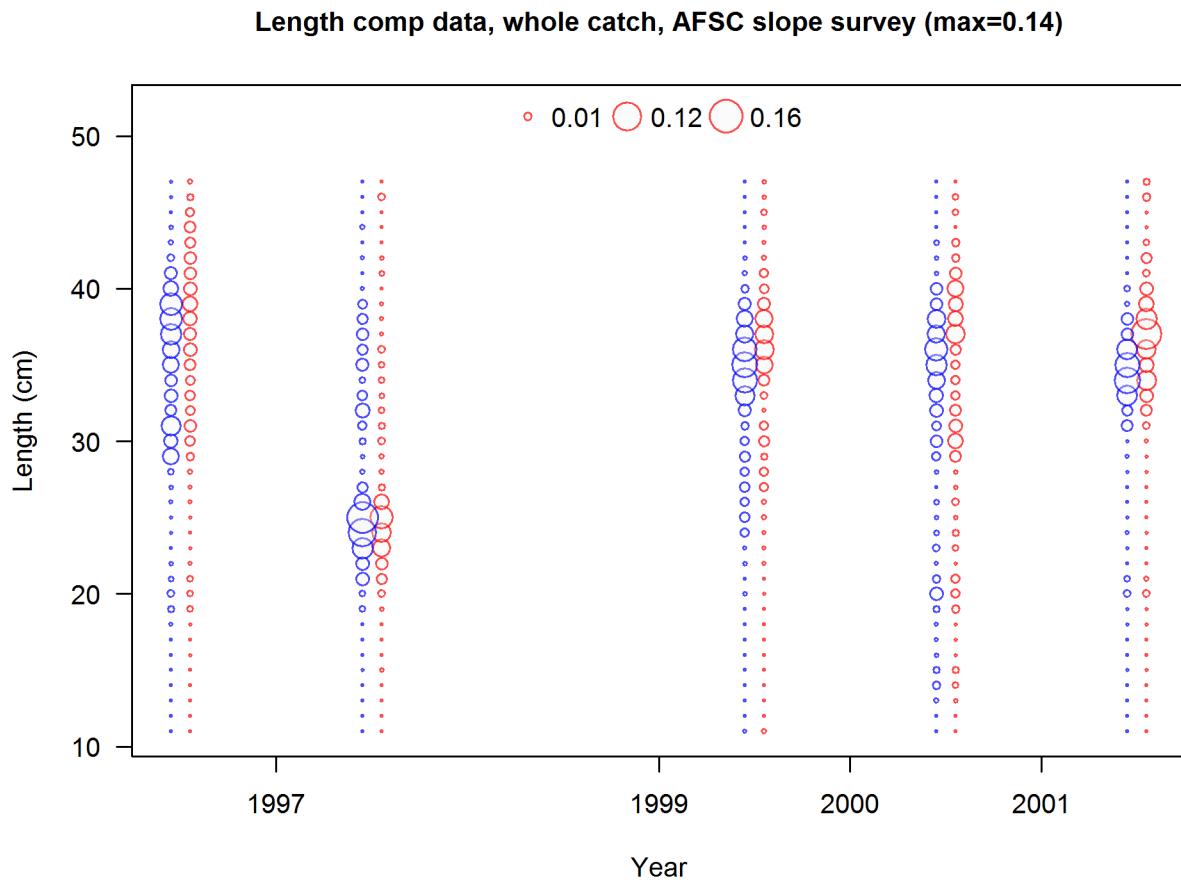


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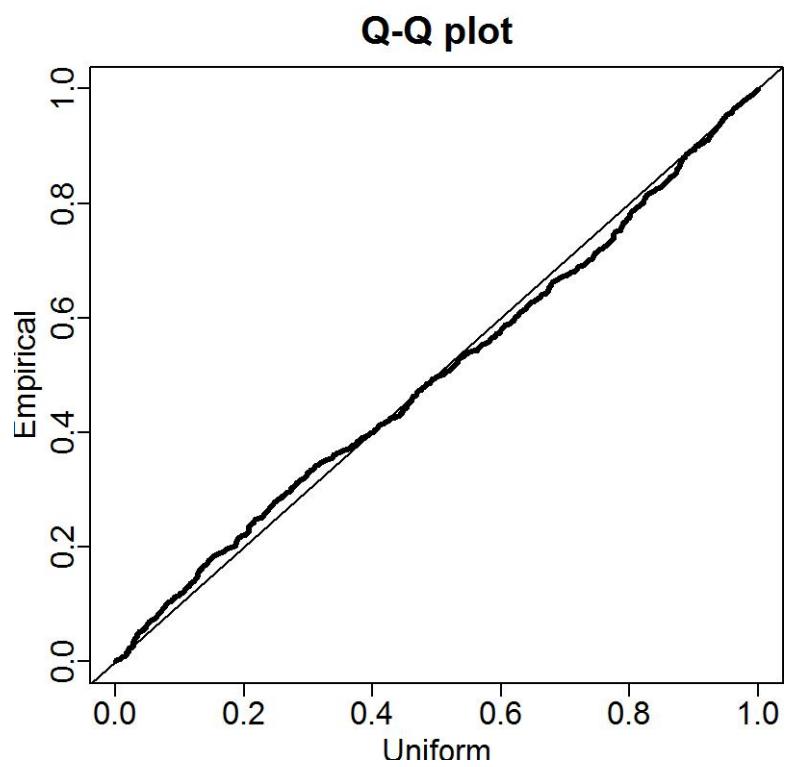


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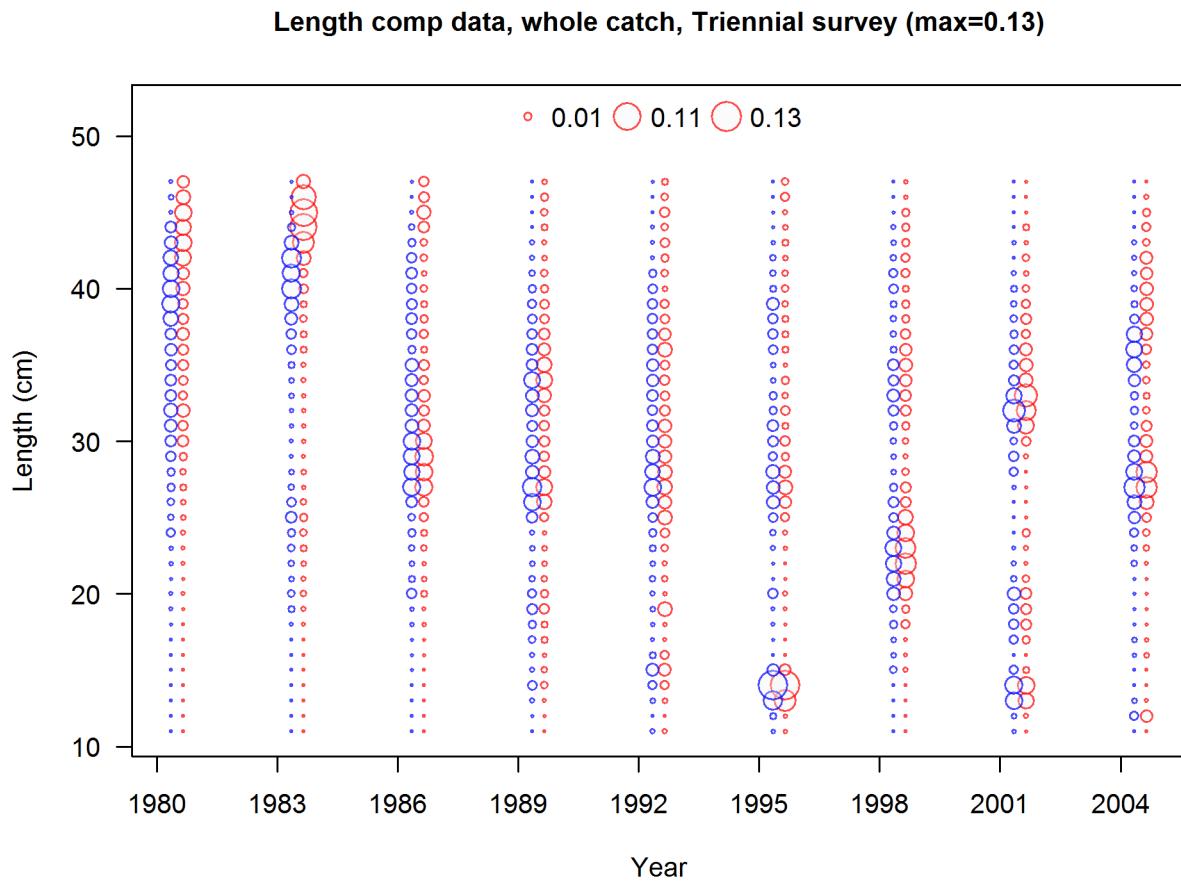


Figure 13: Triennial survey length frequency distributions for Pacific ocean perch. fig:Tri\_Length

**Age comp data, whole catch, Triennial survey (max=0.2)**

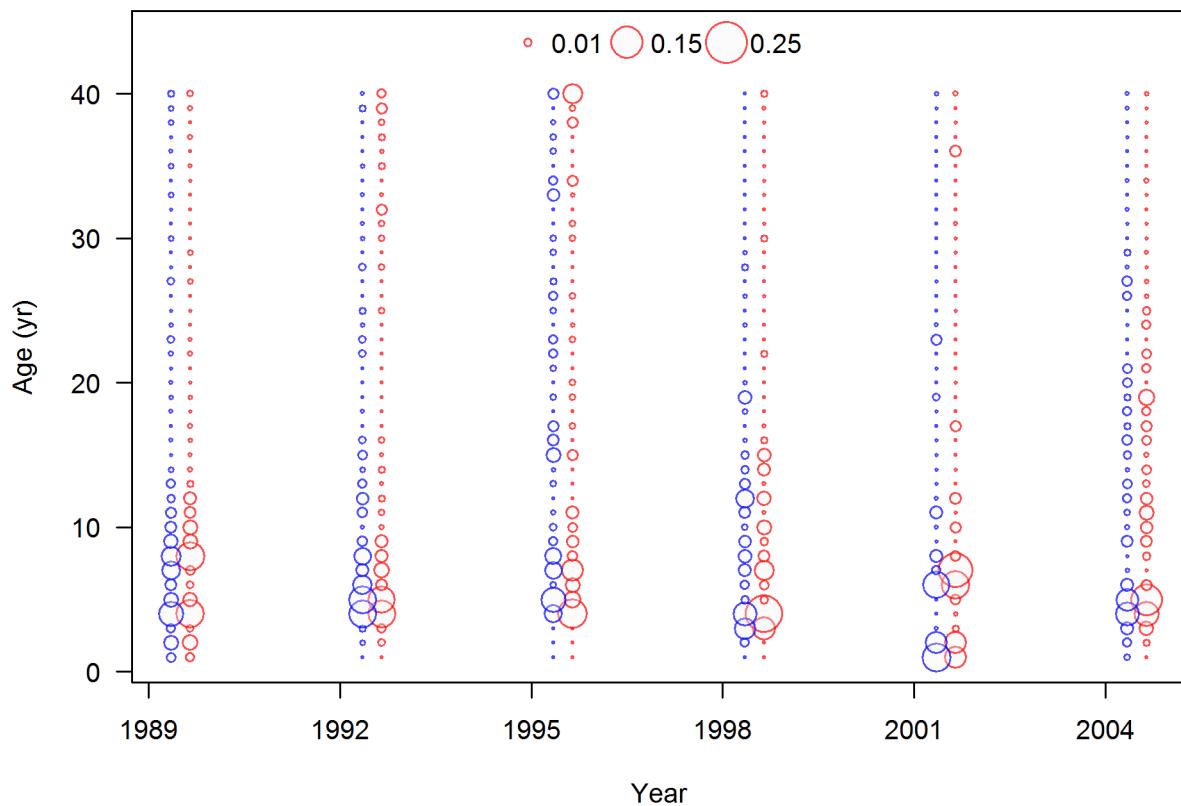


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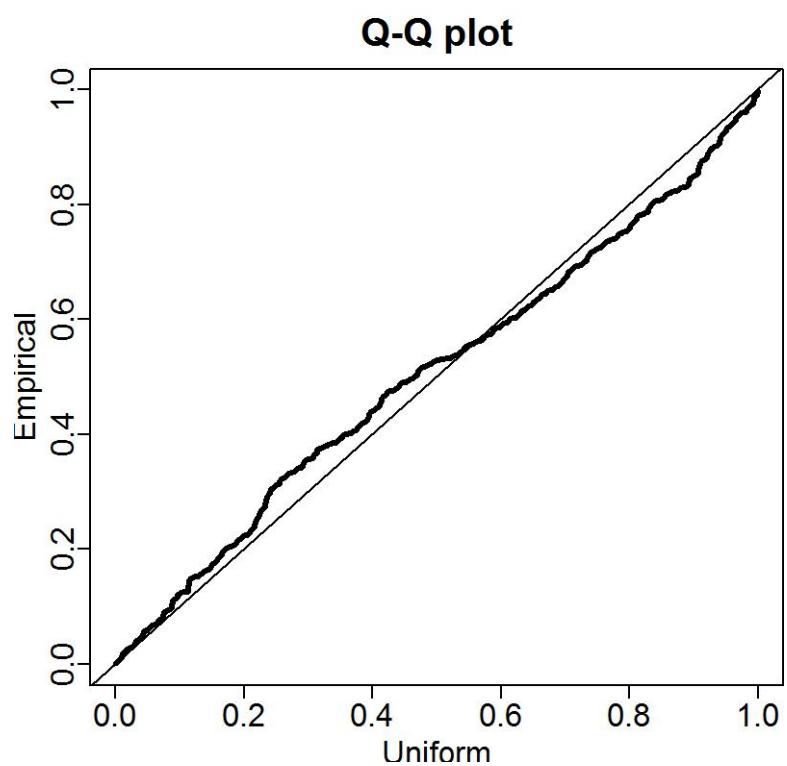


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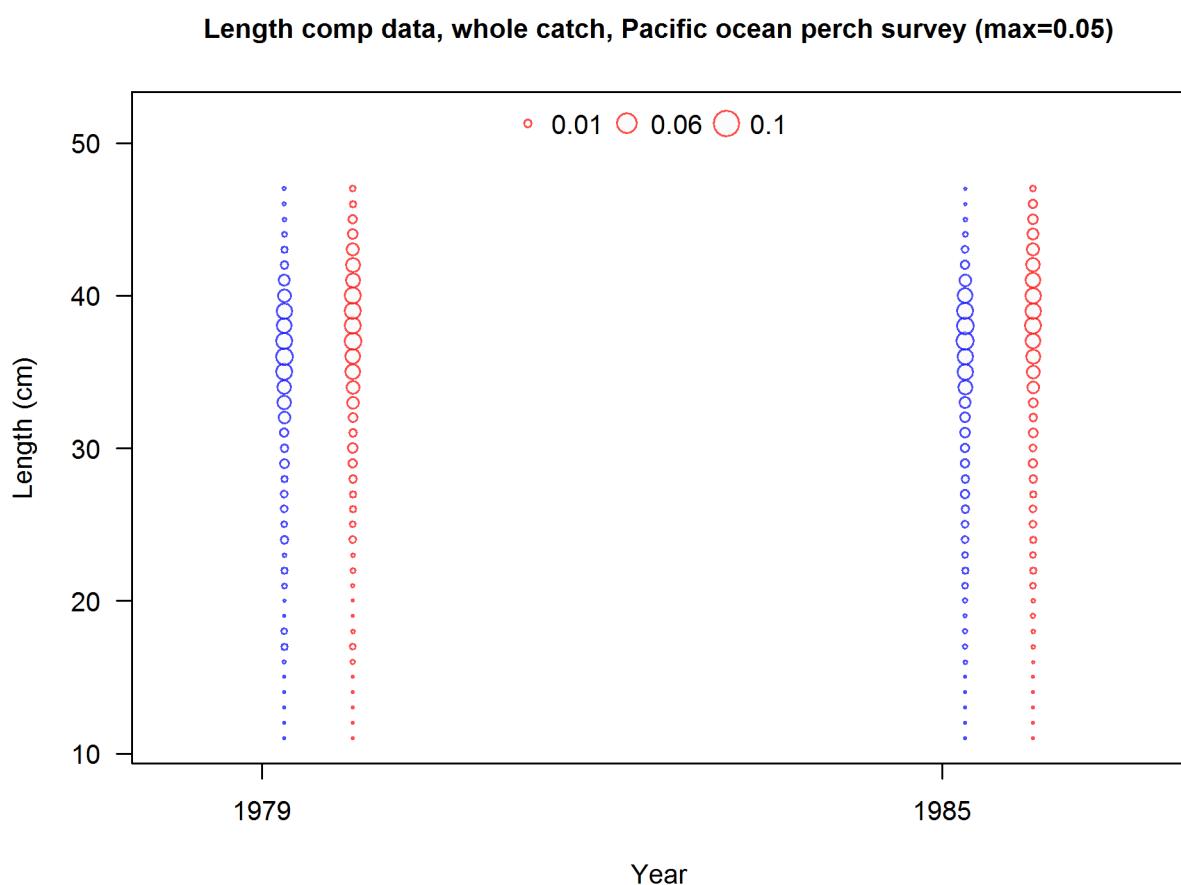


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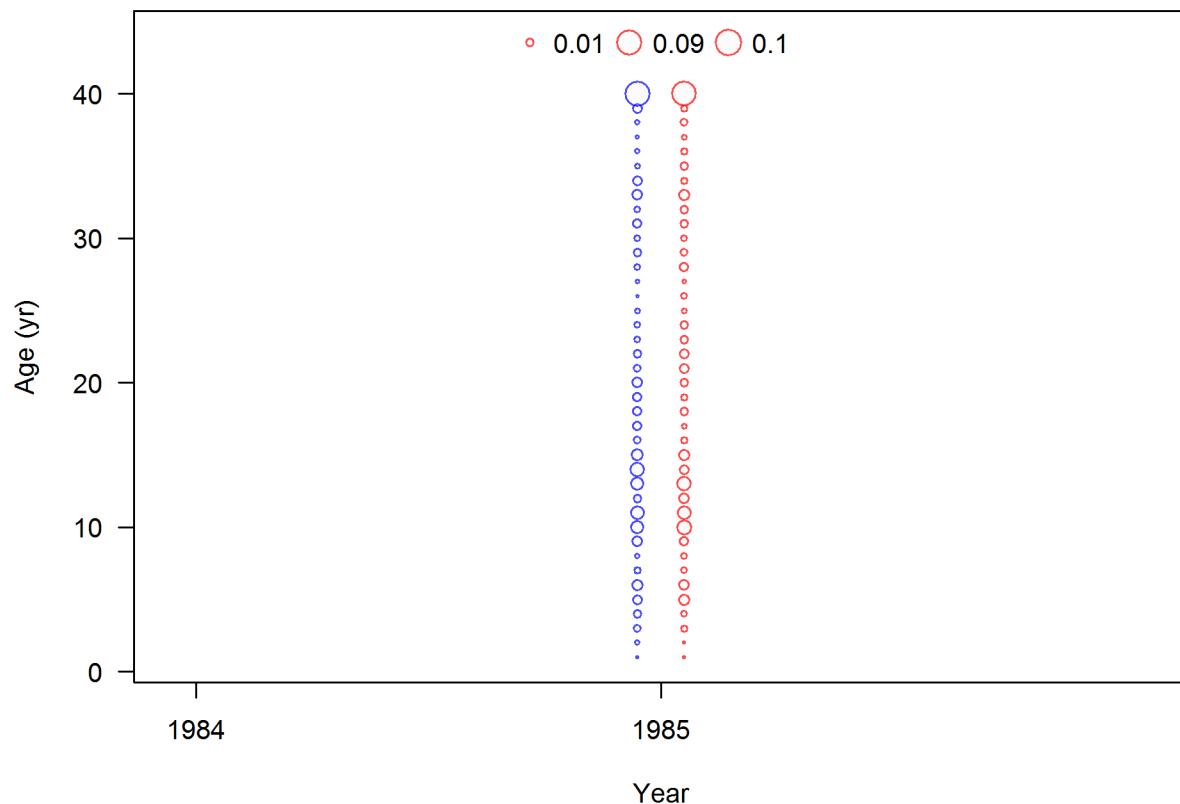


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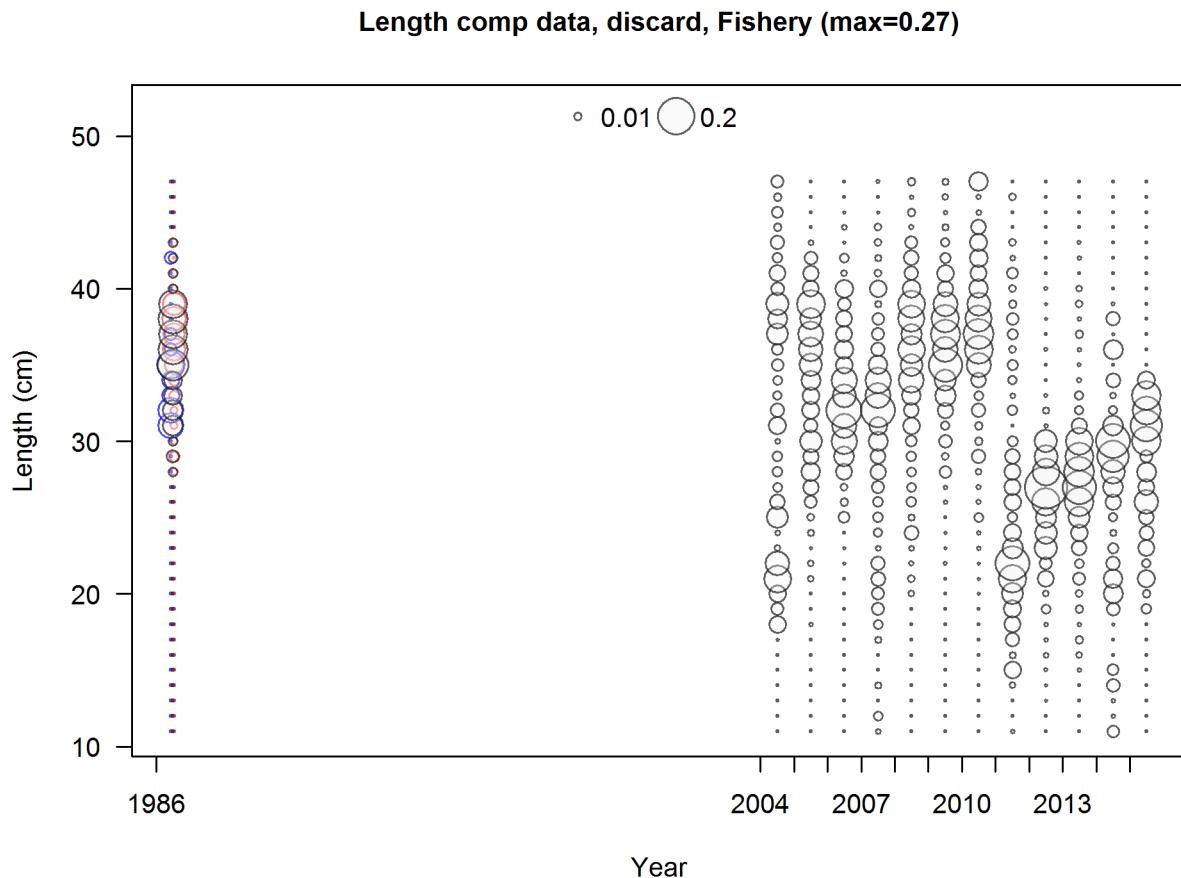


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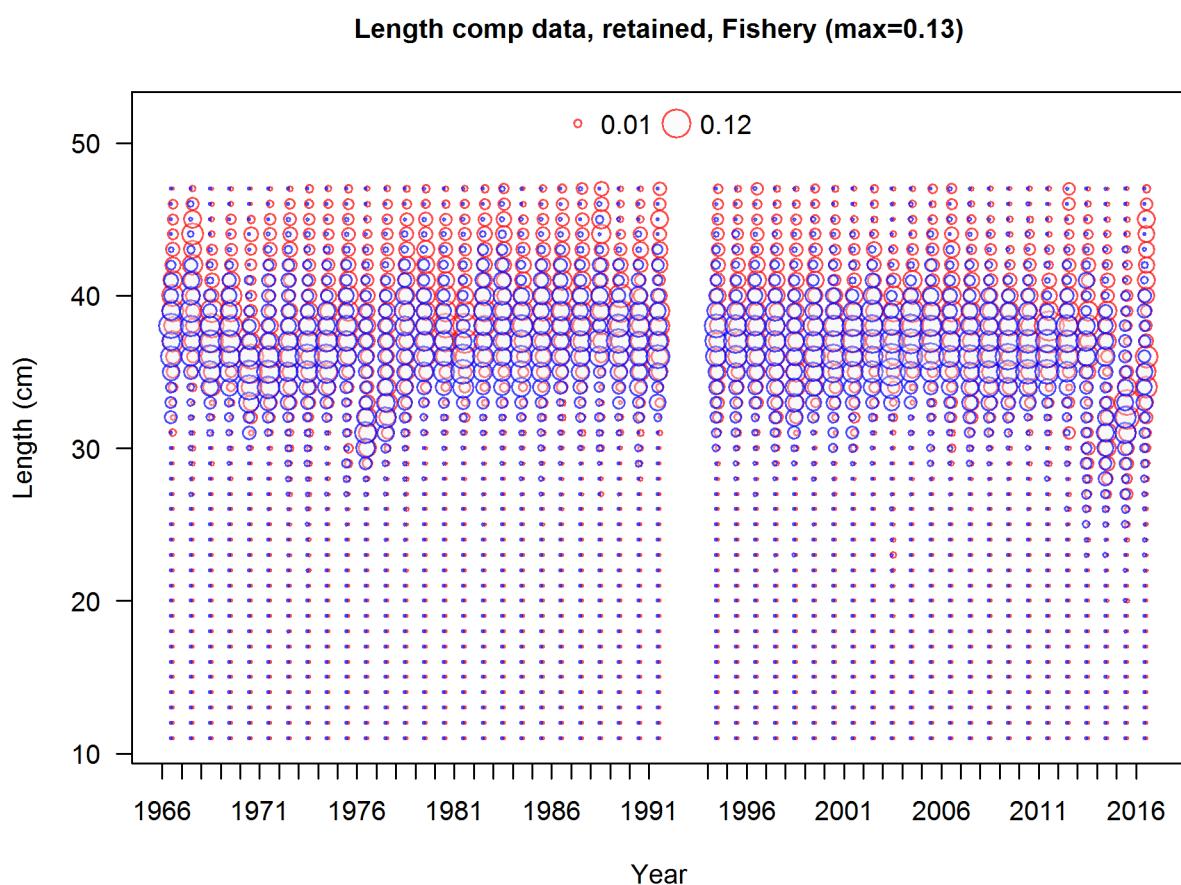


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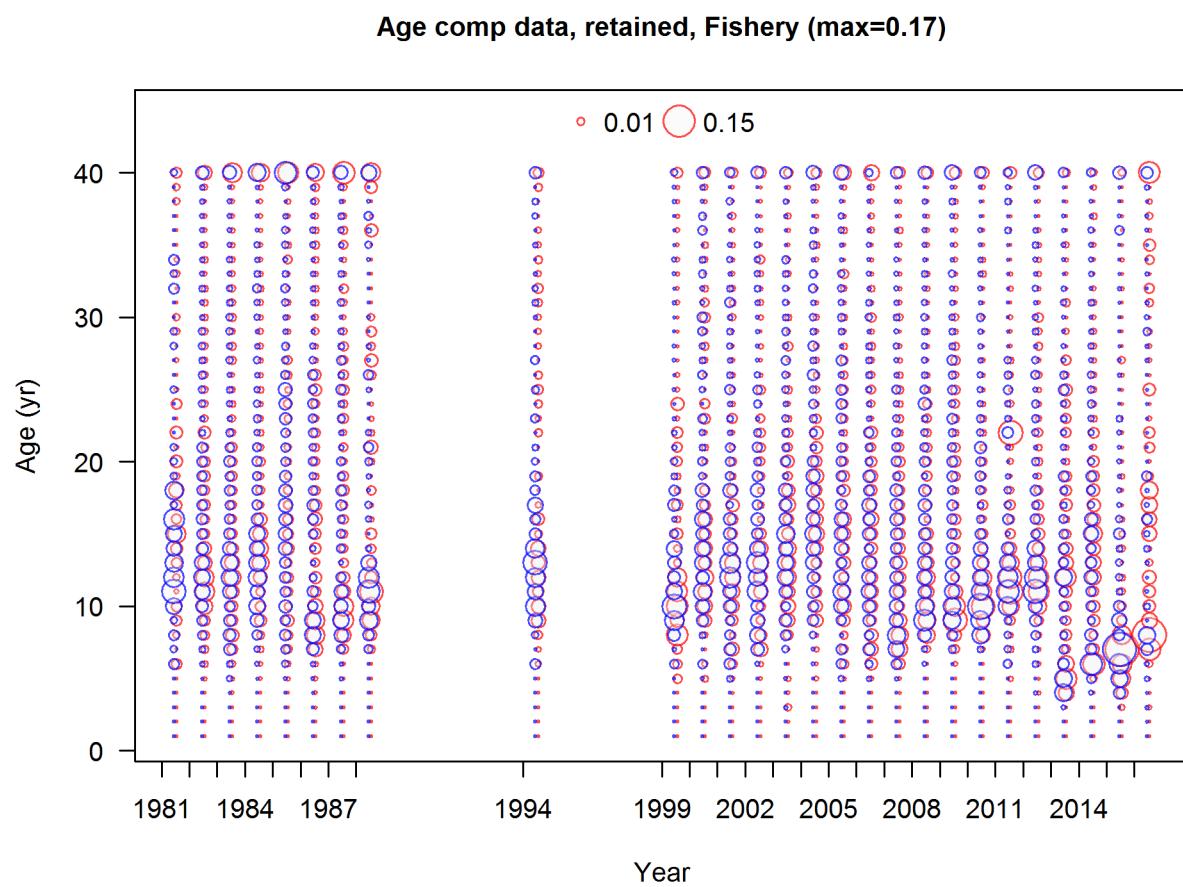


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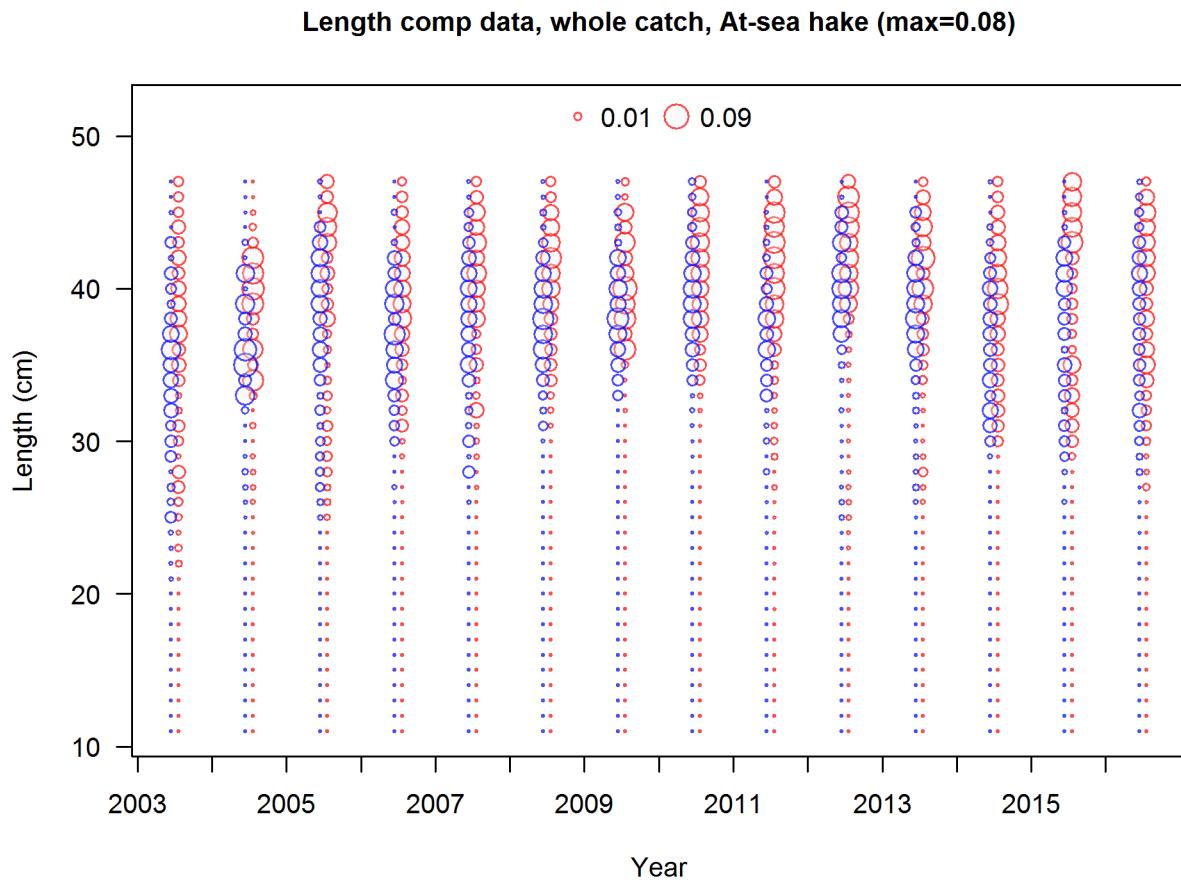


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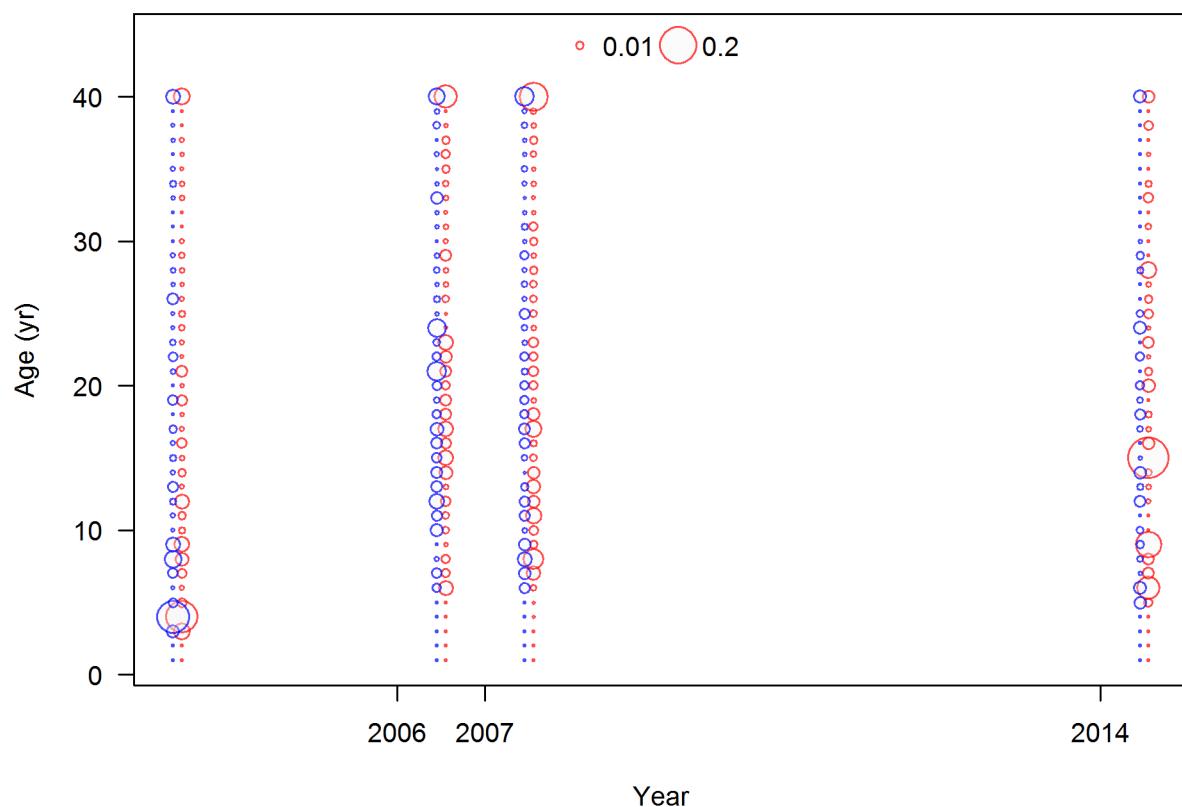


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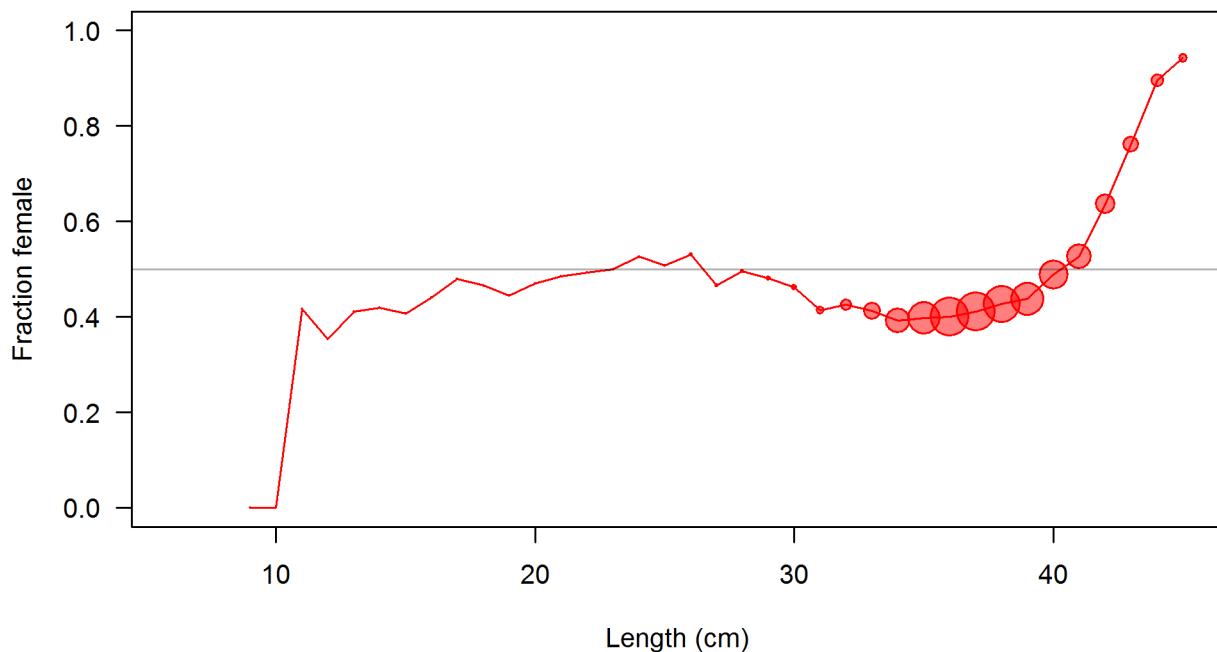


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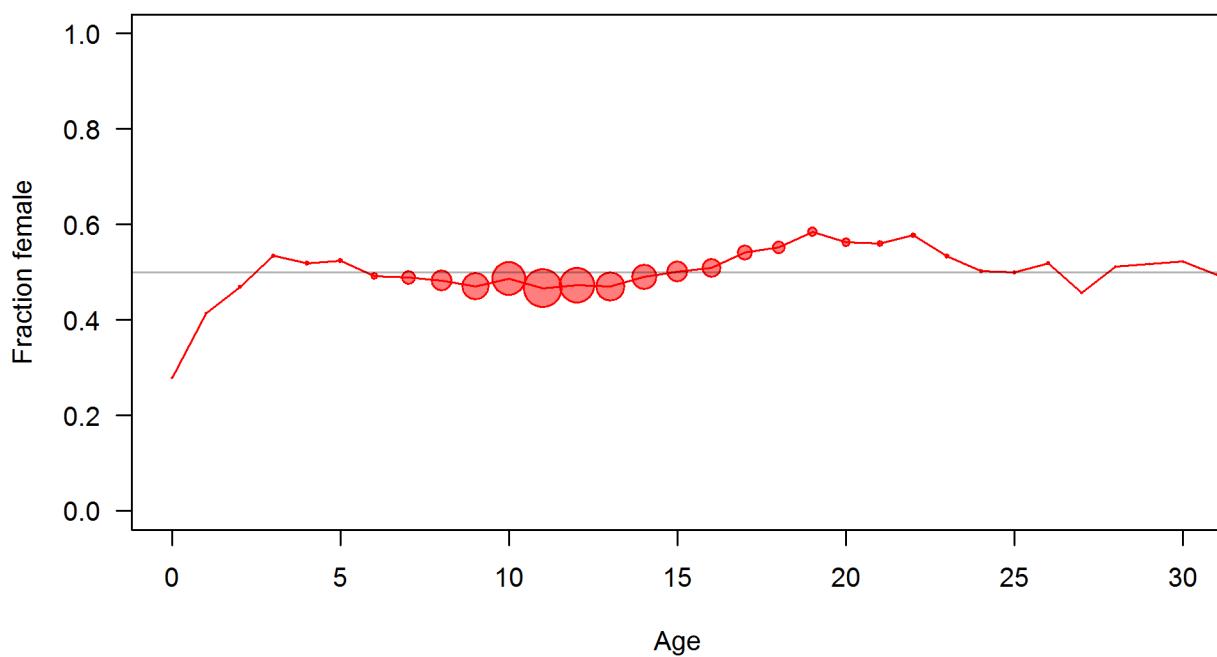


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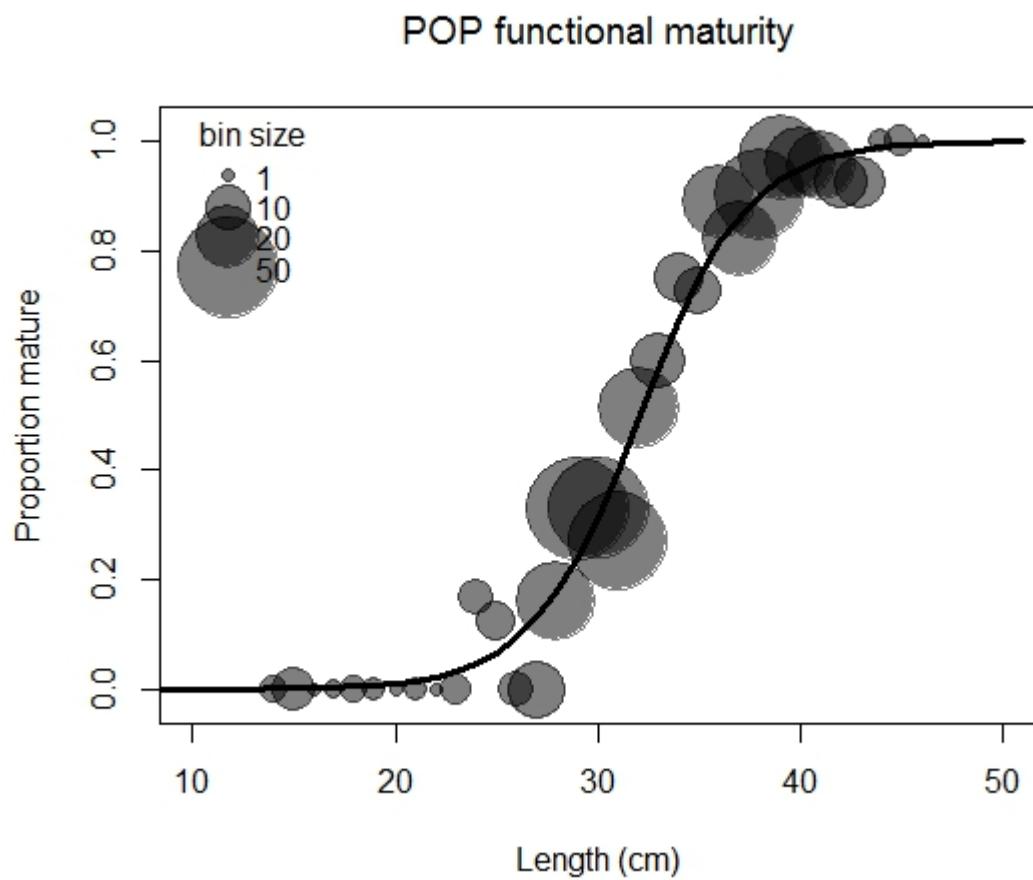


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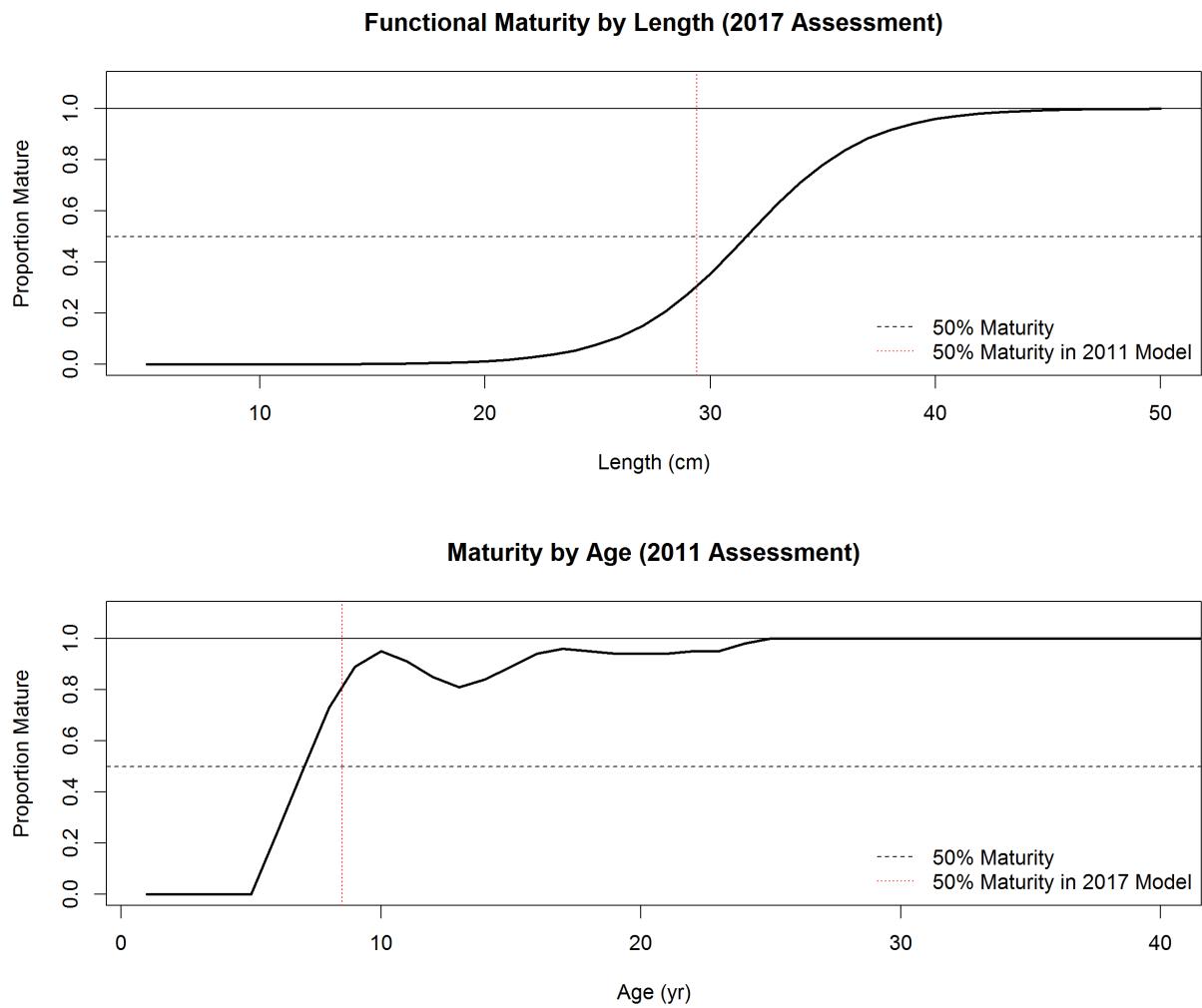


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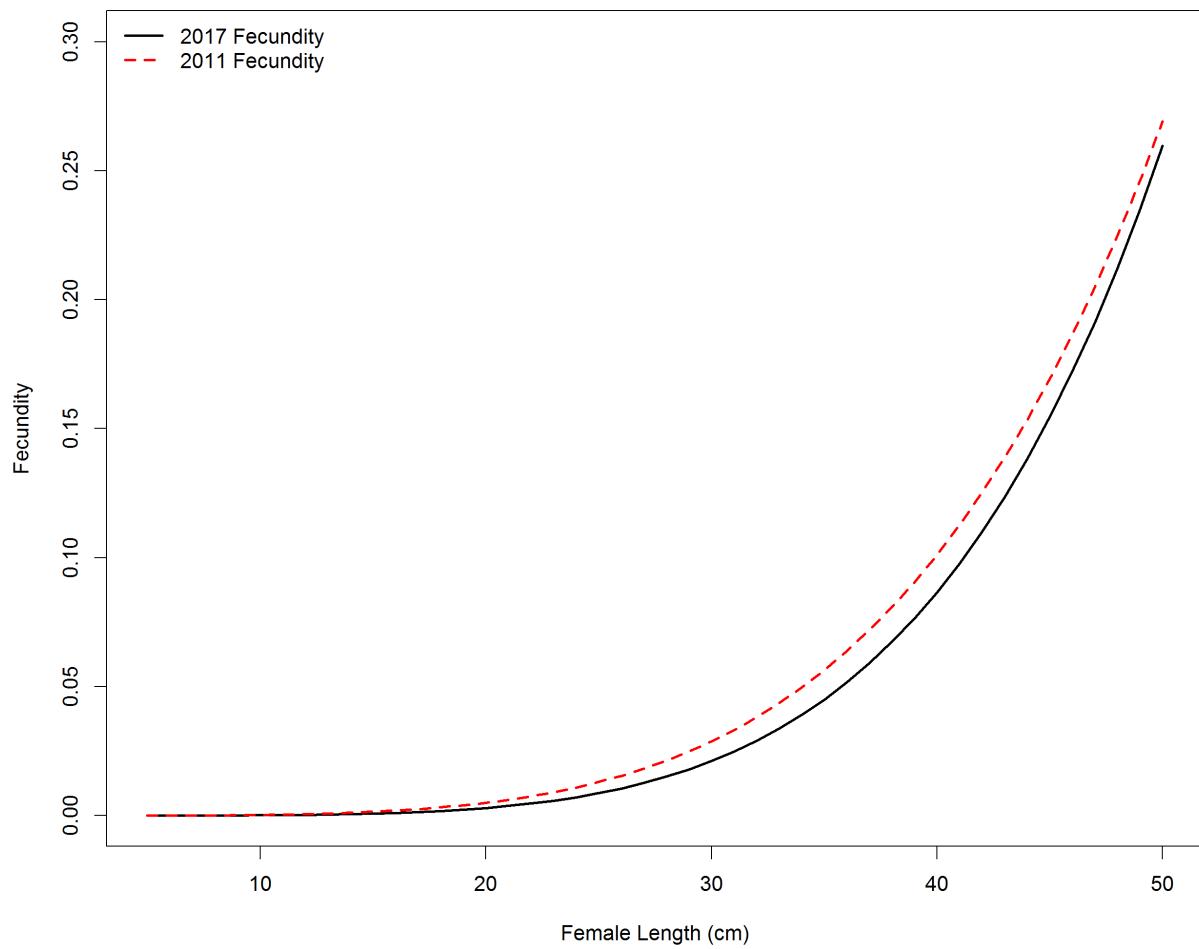


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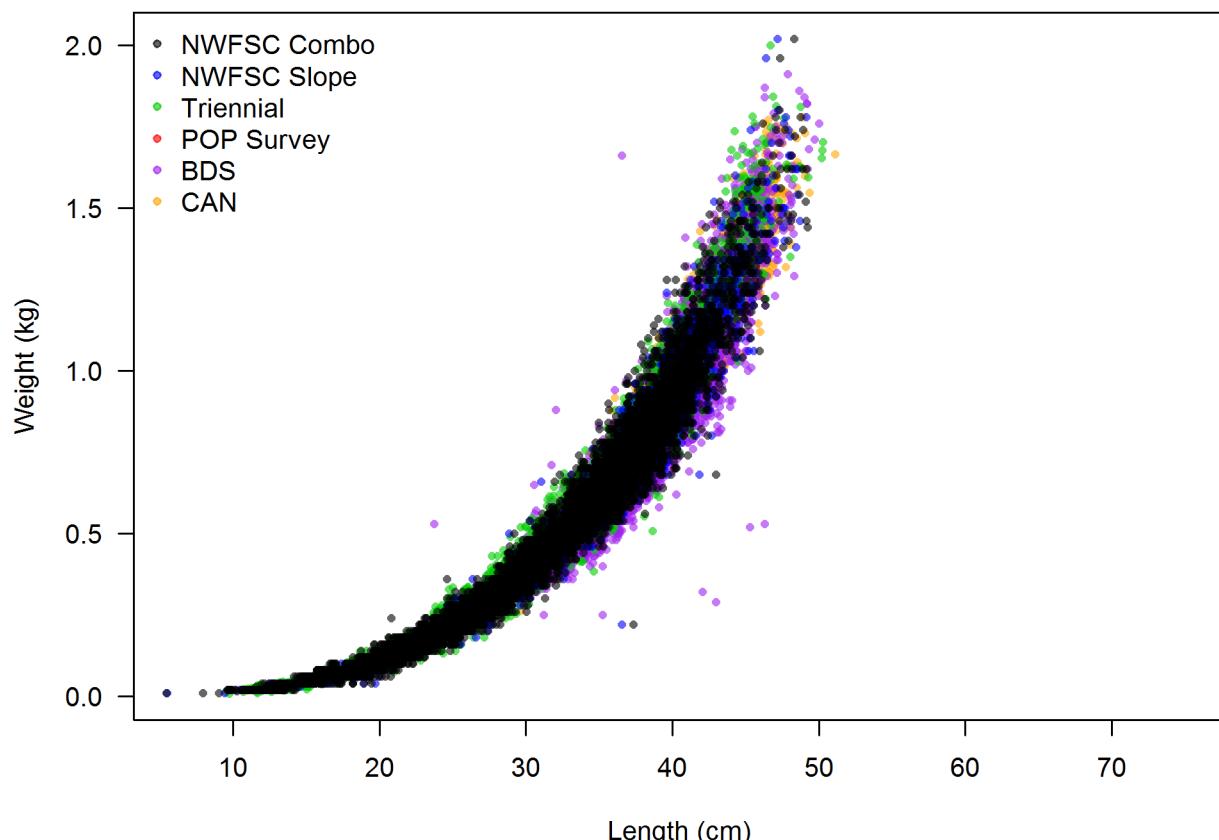


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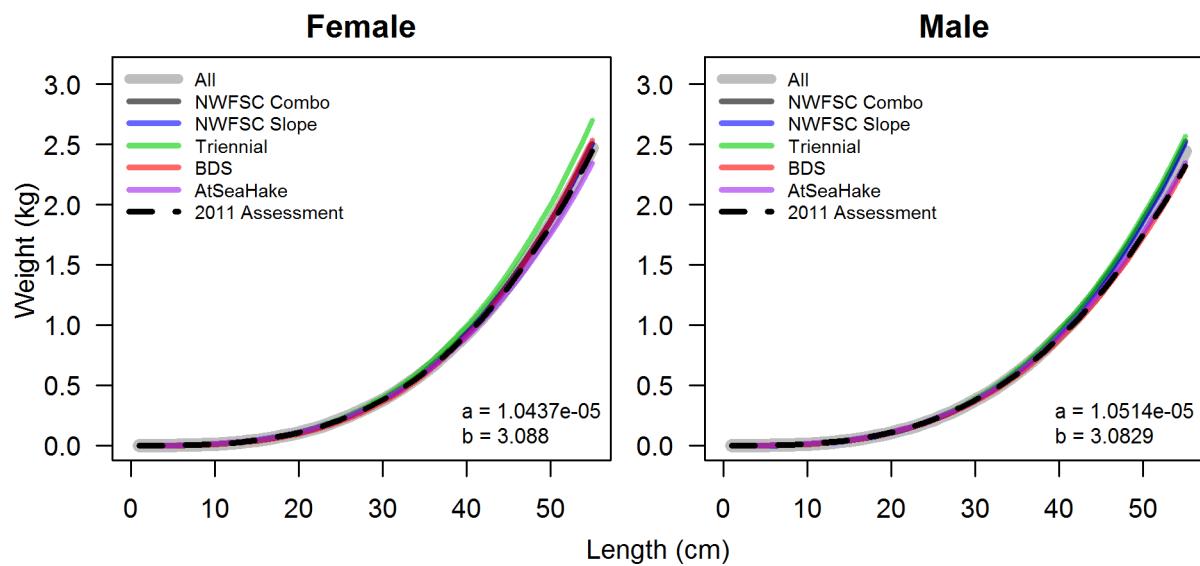


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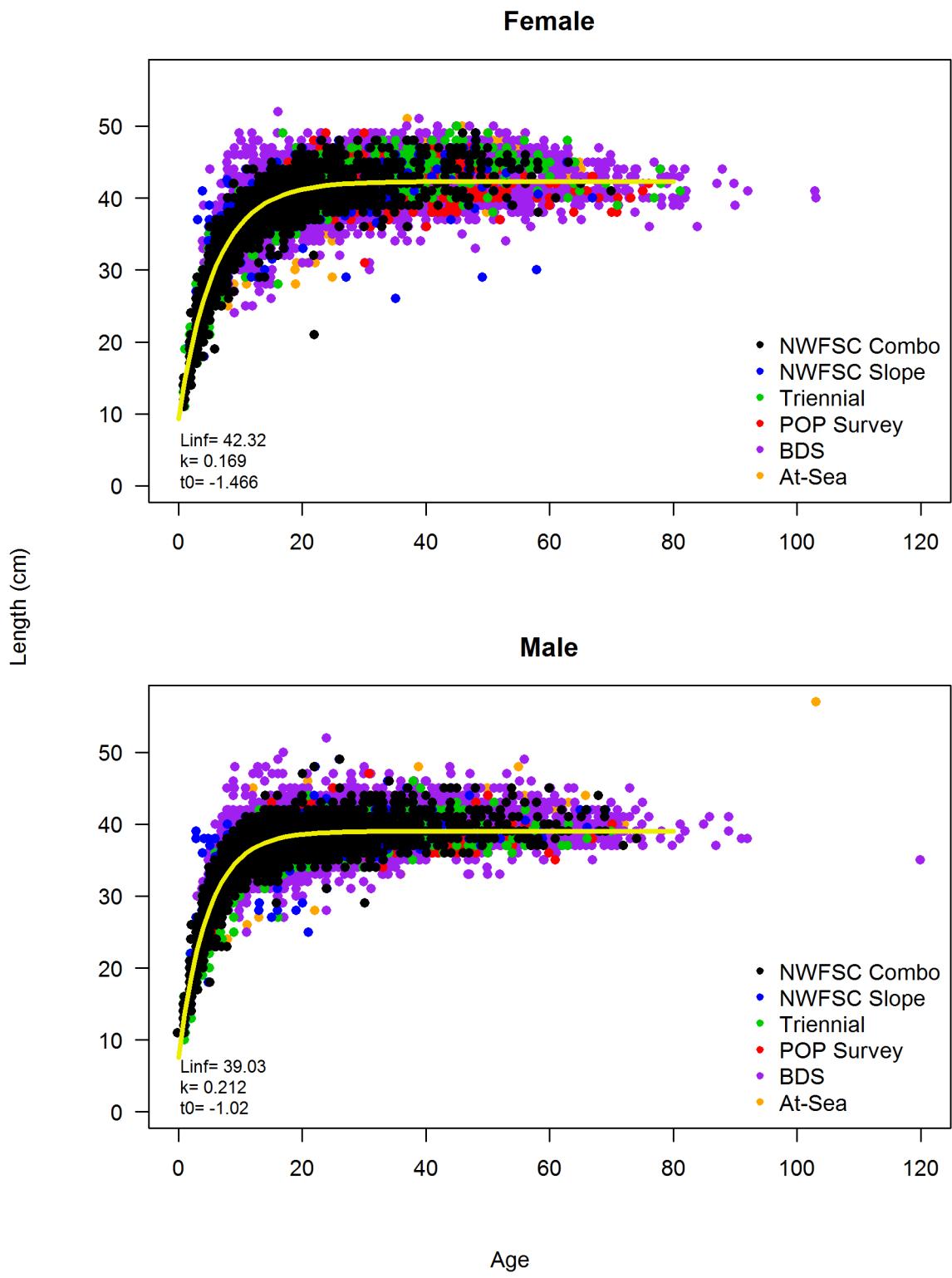


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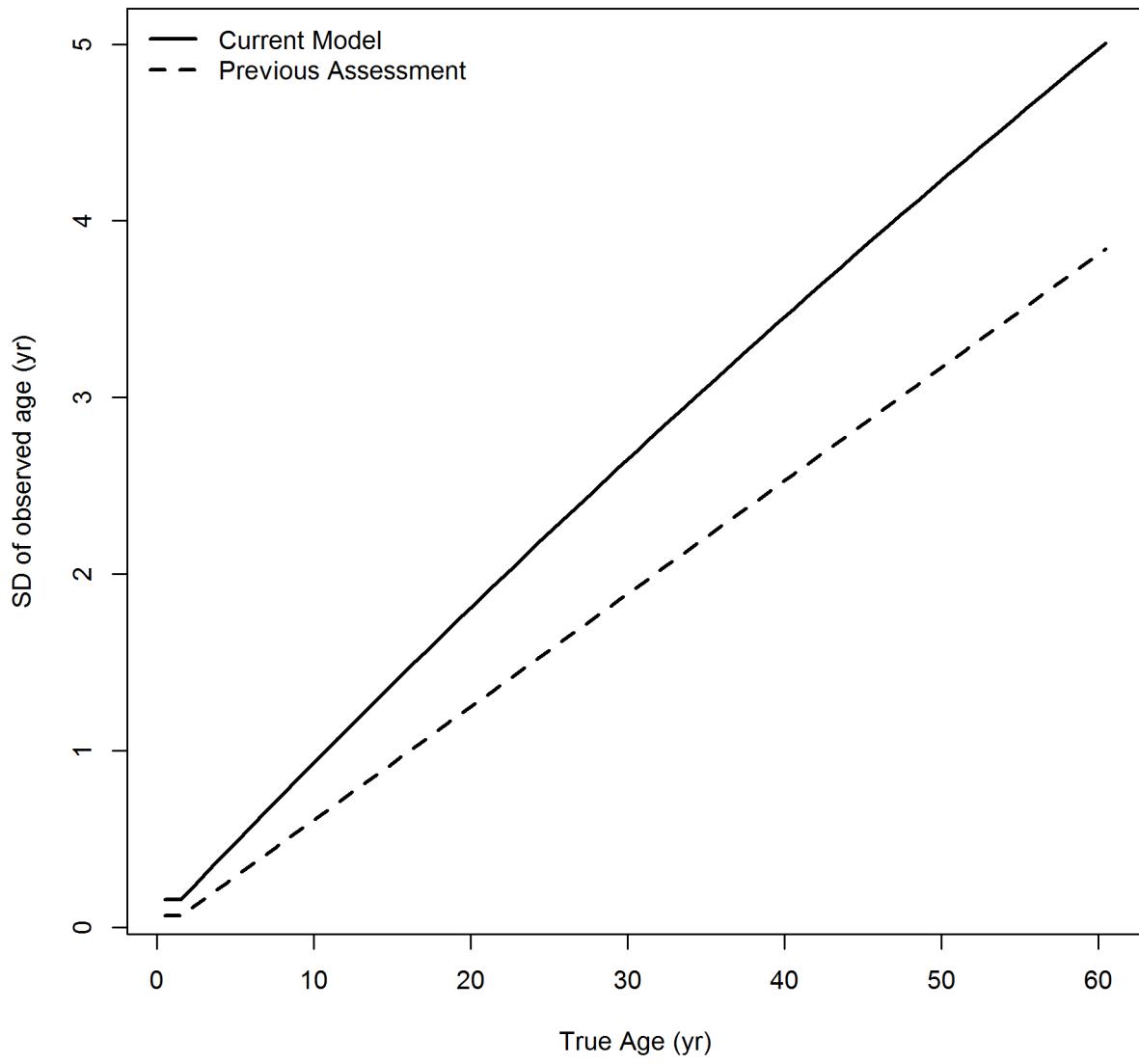


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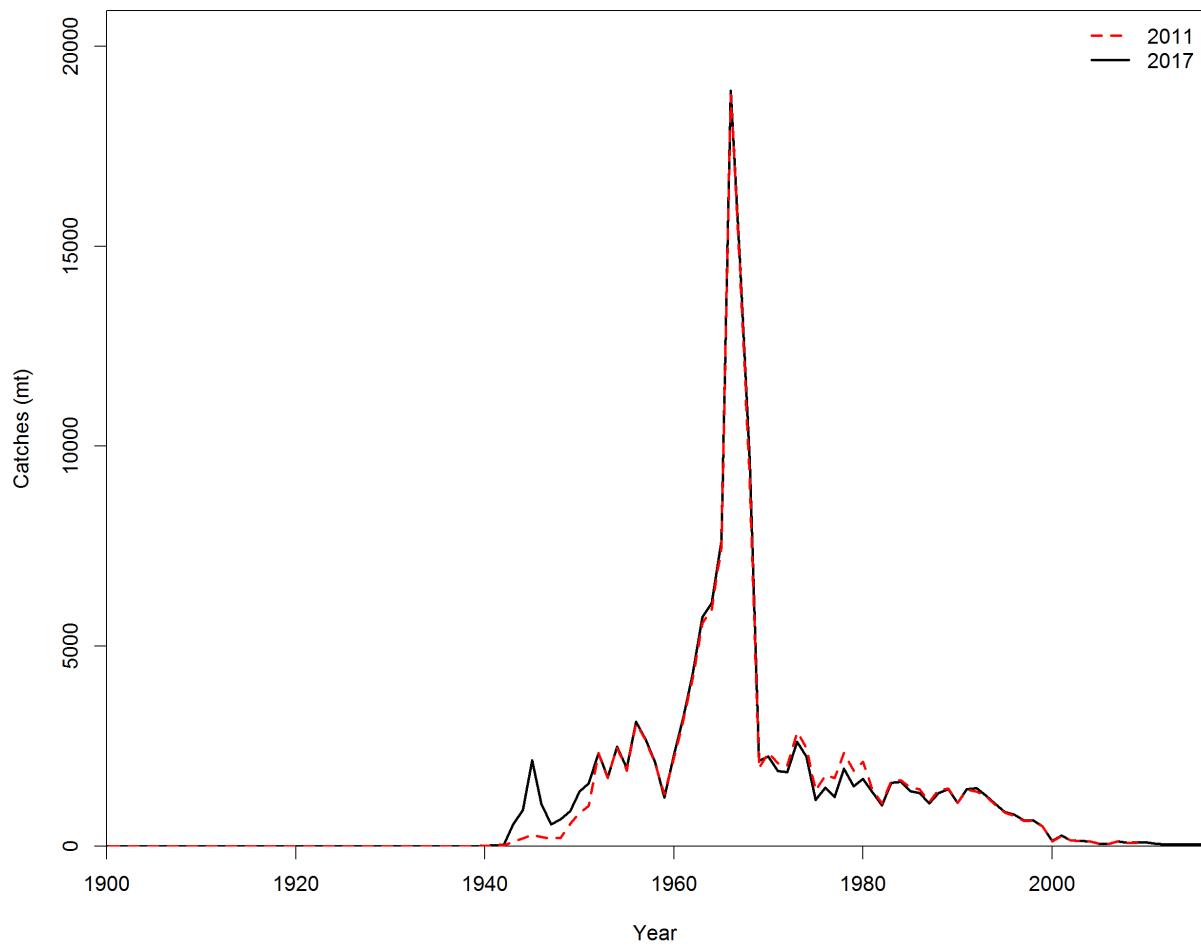


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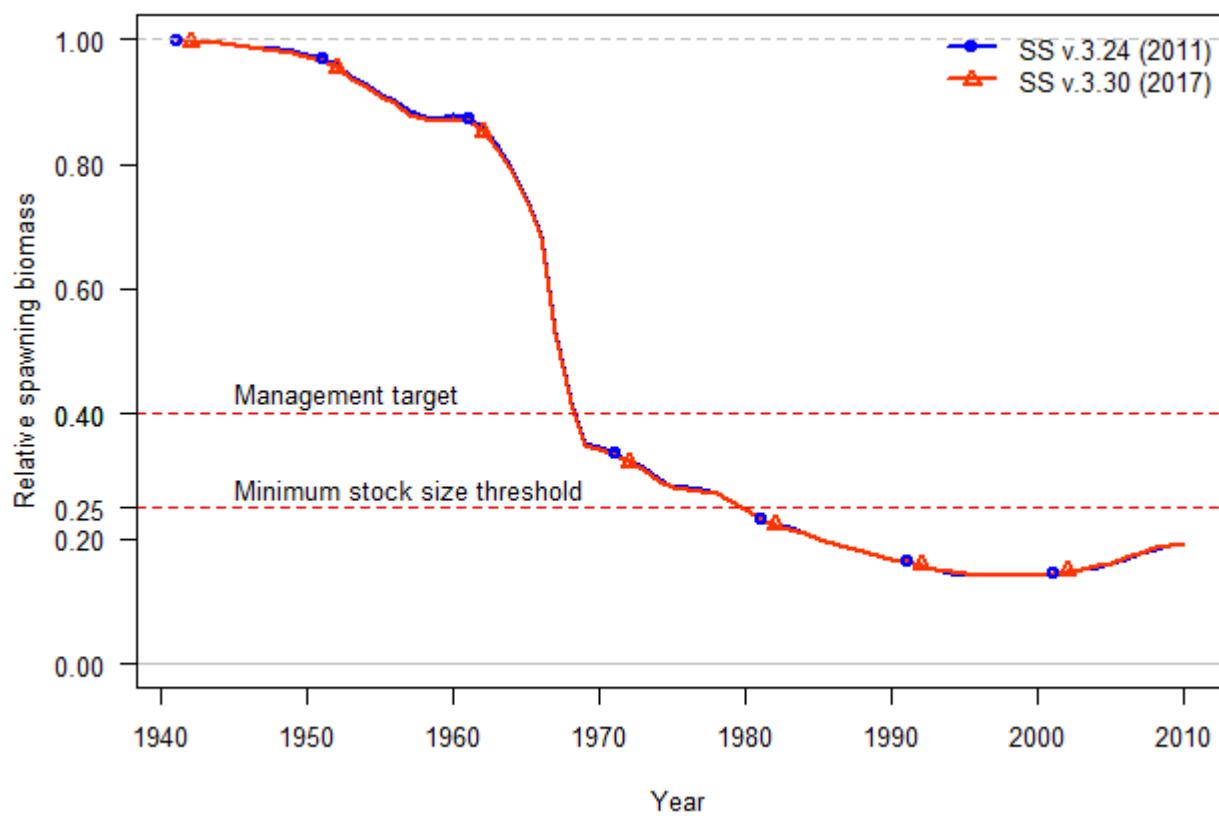
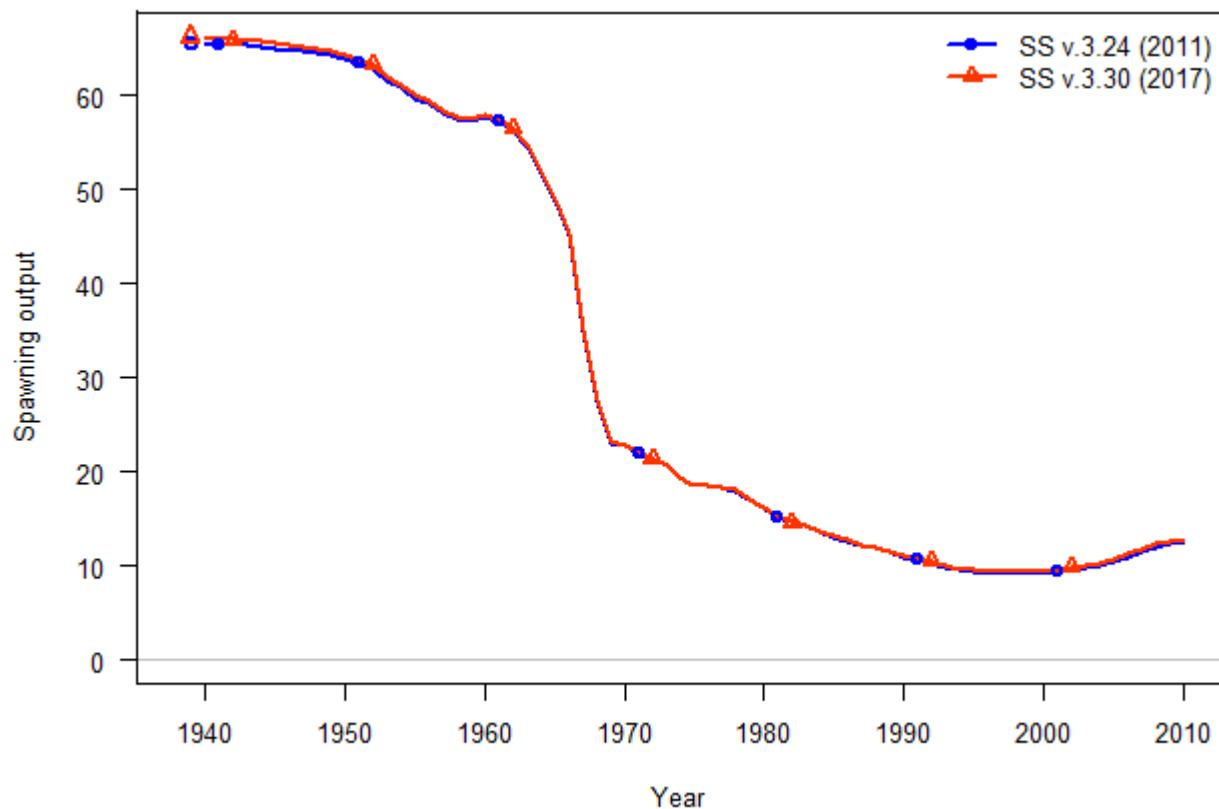


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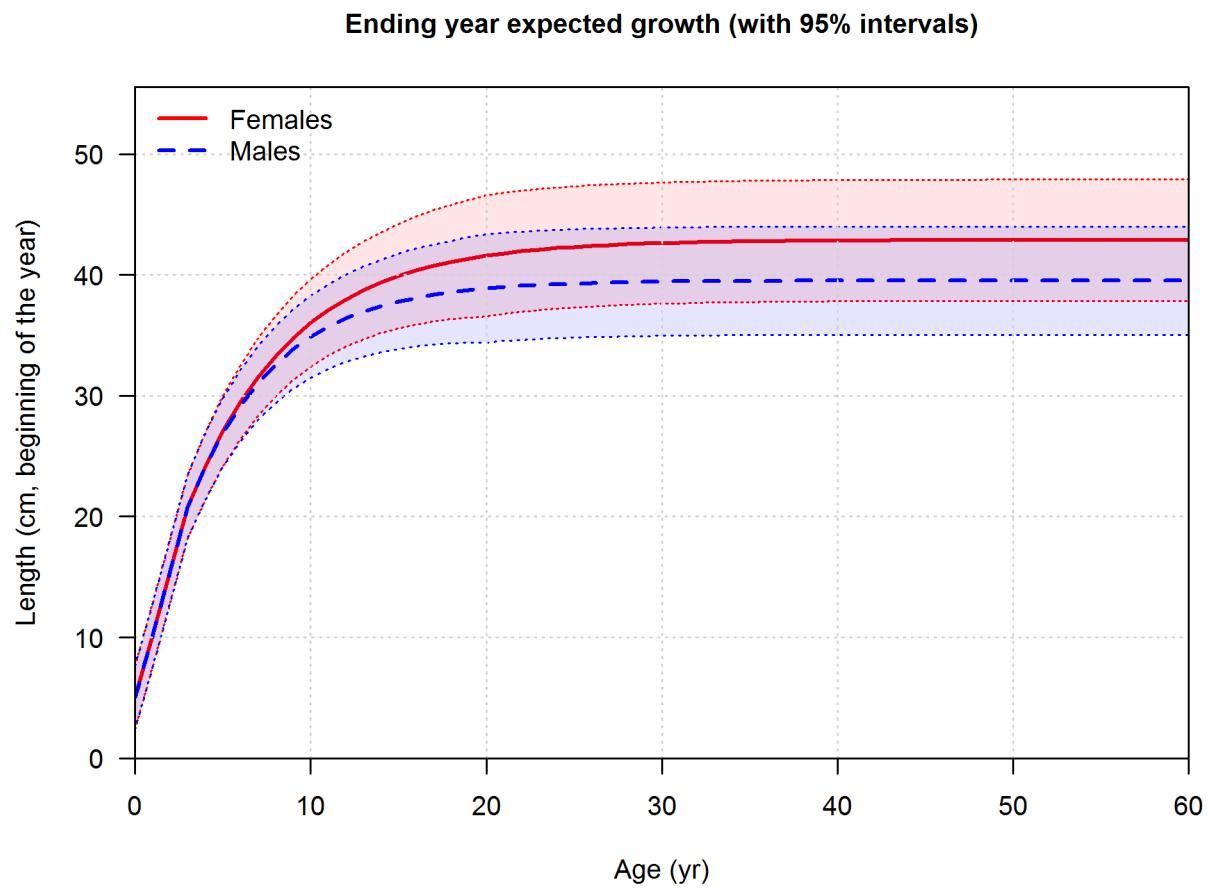


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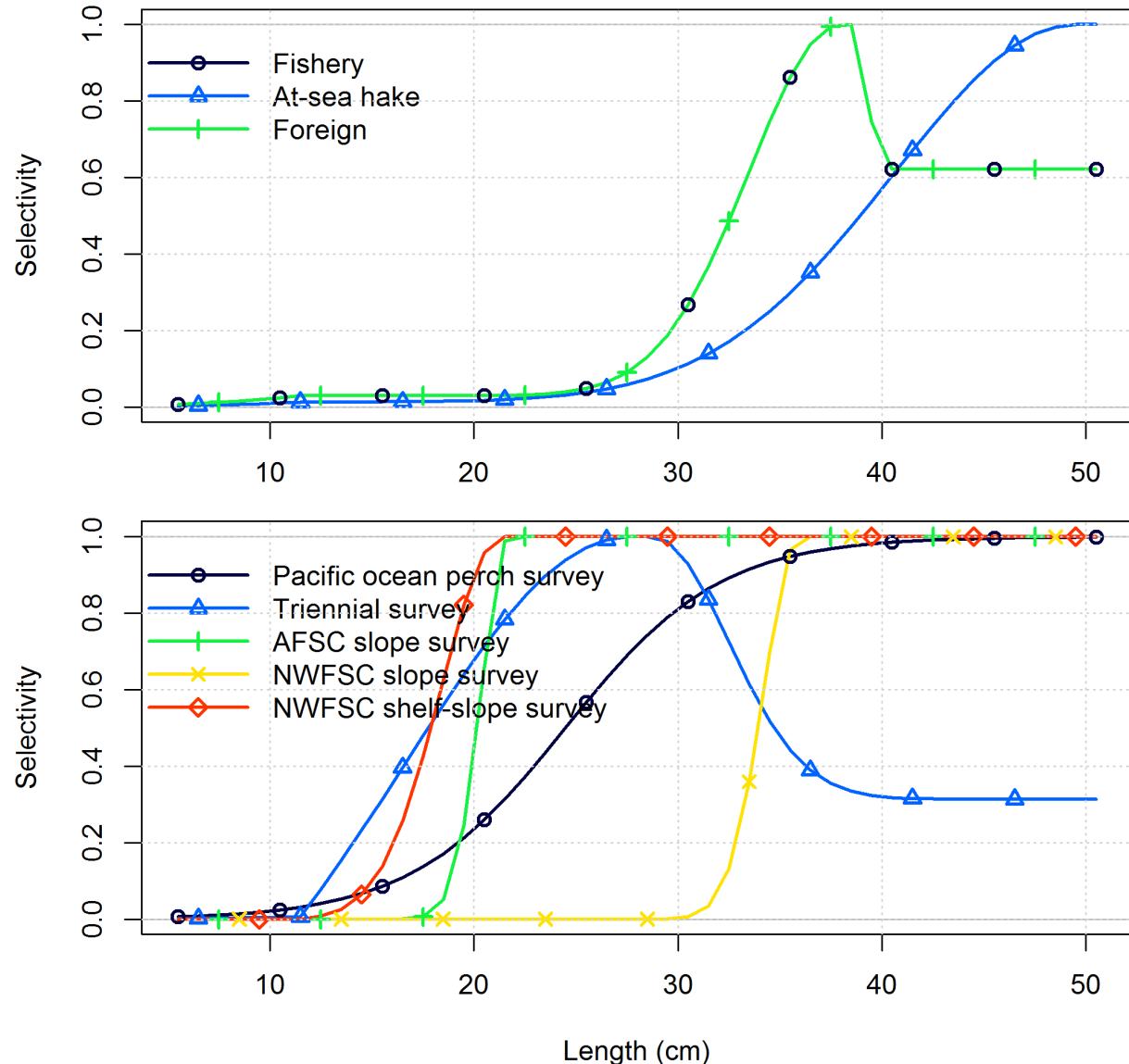


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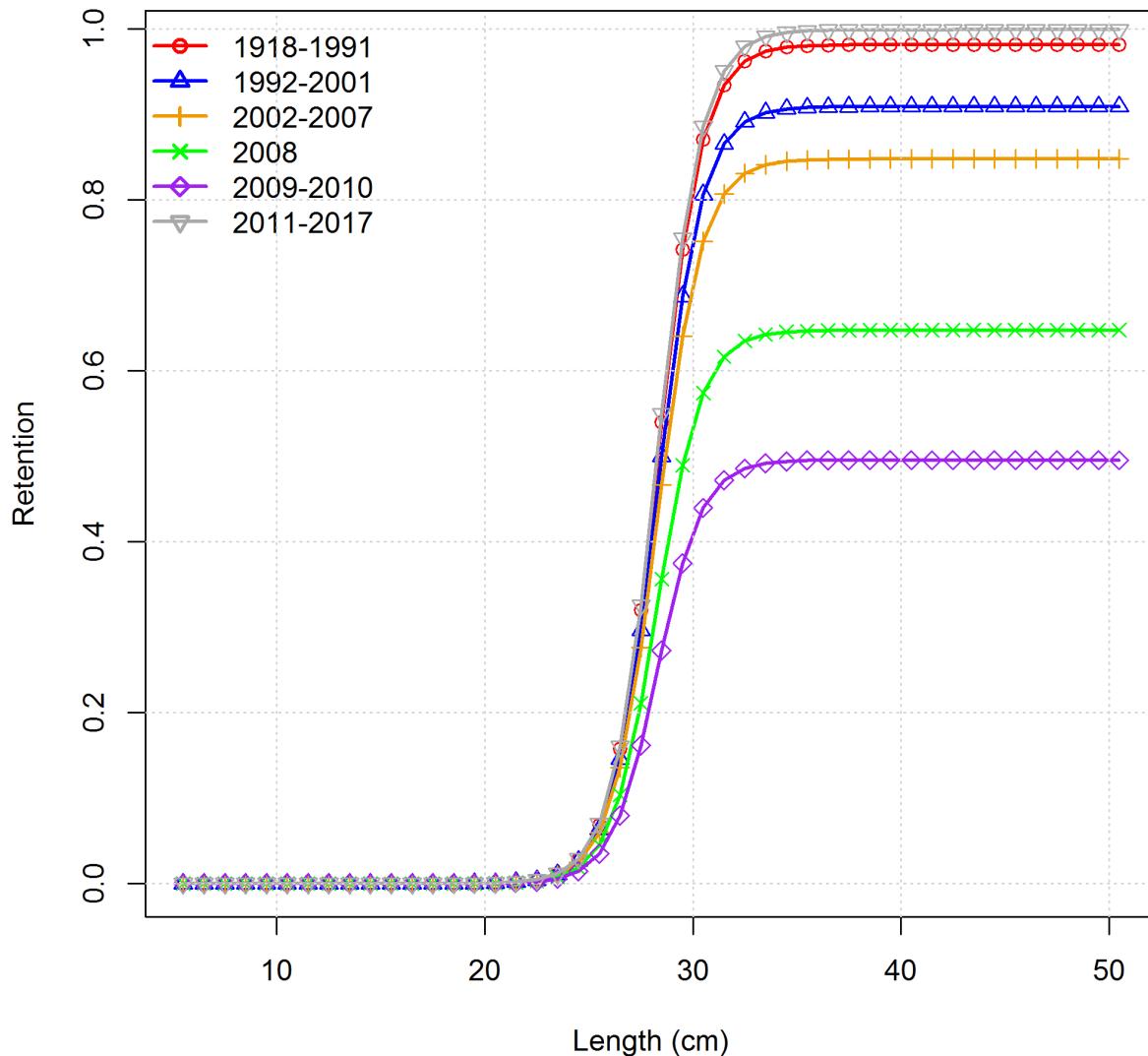


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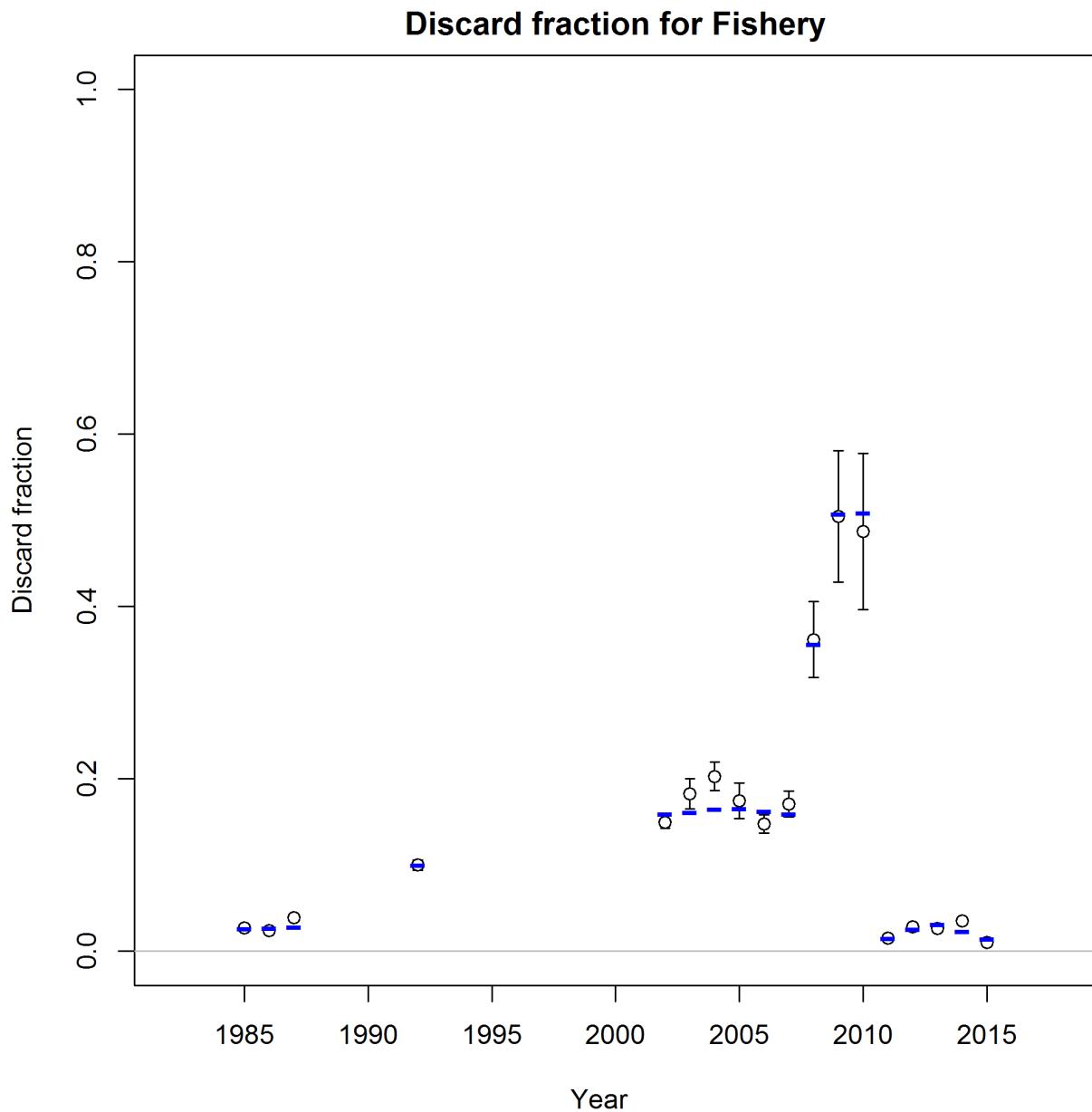


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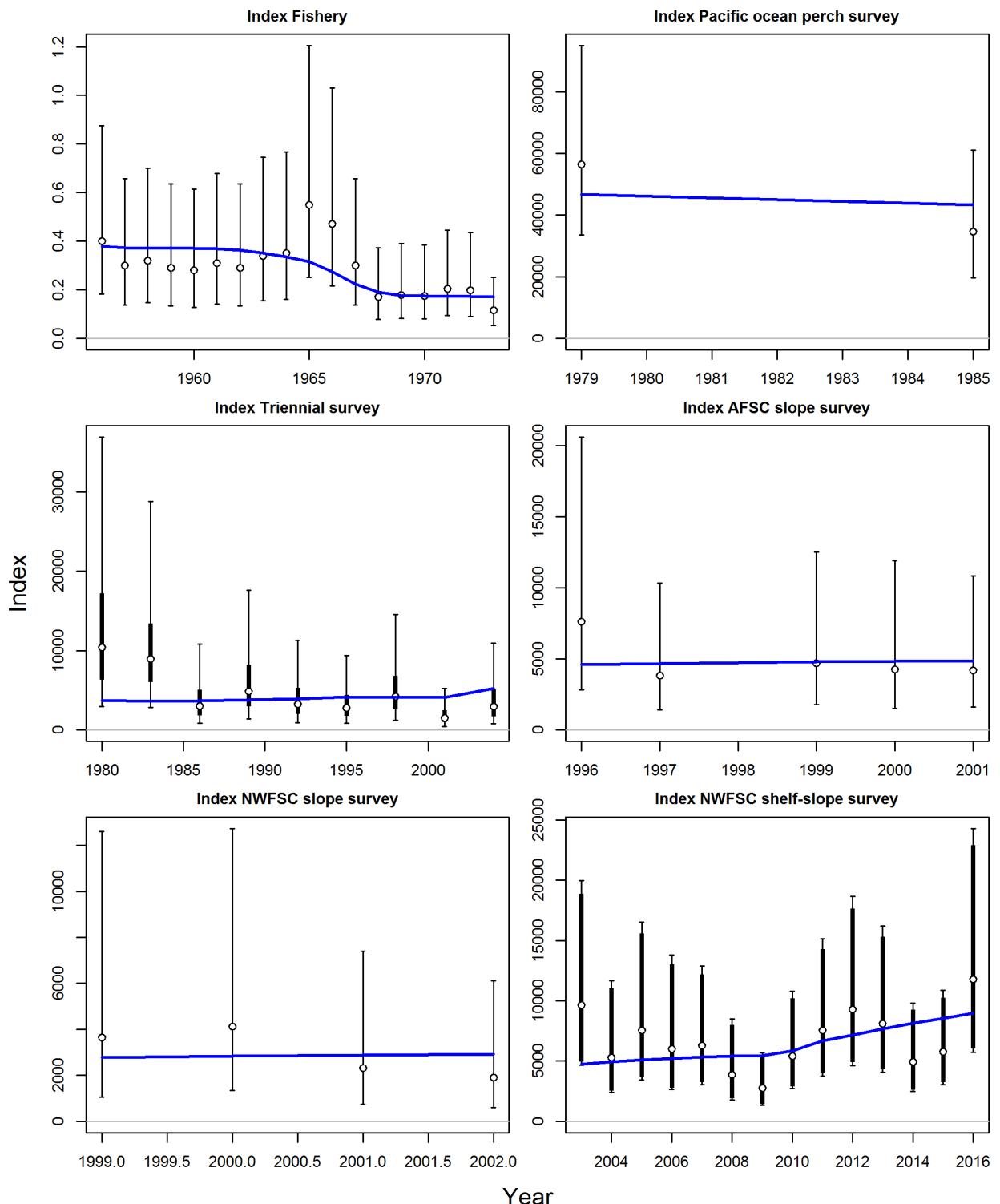


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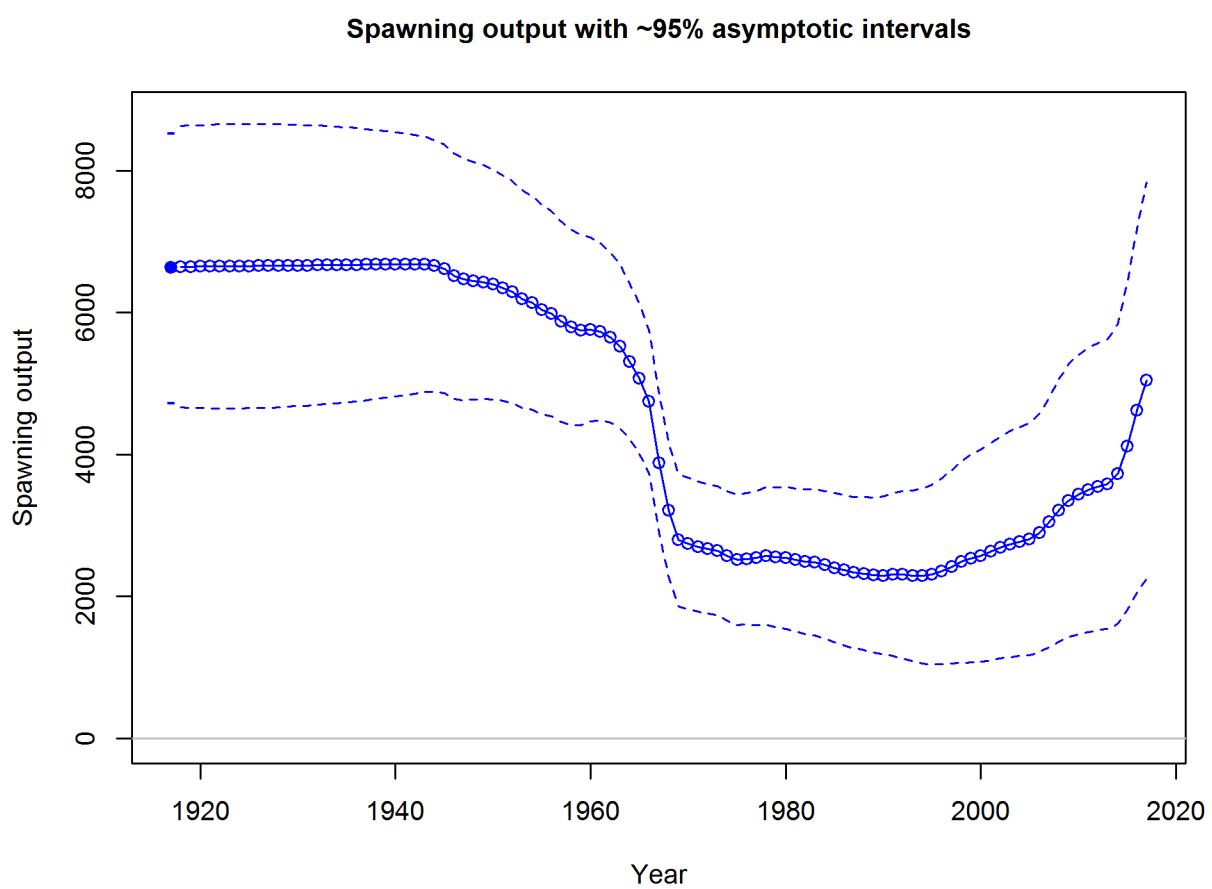


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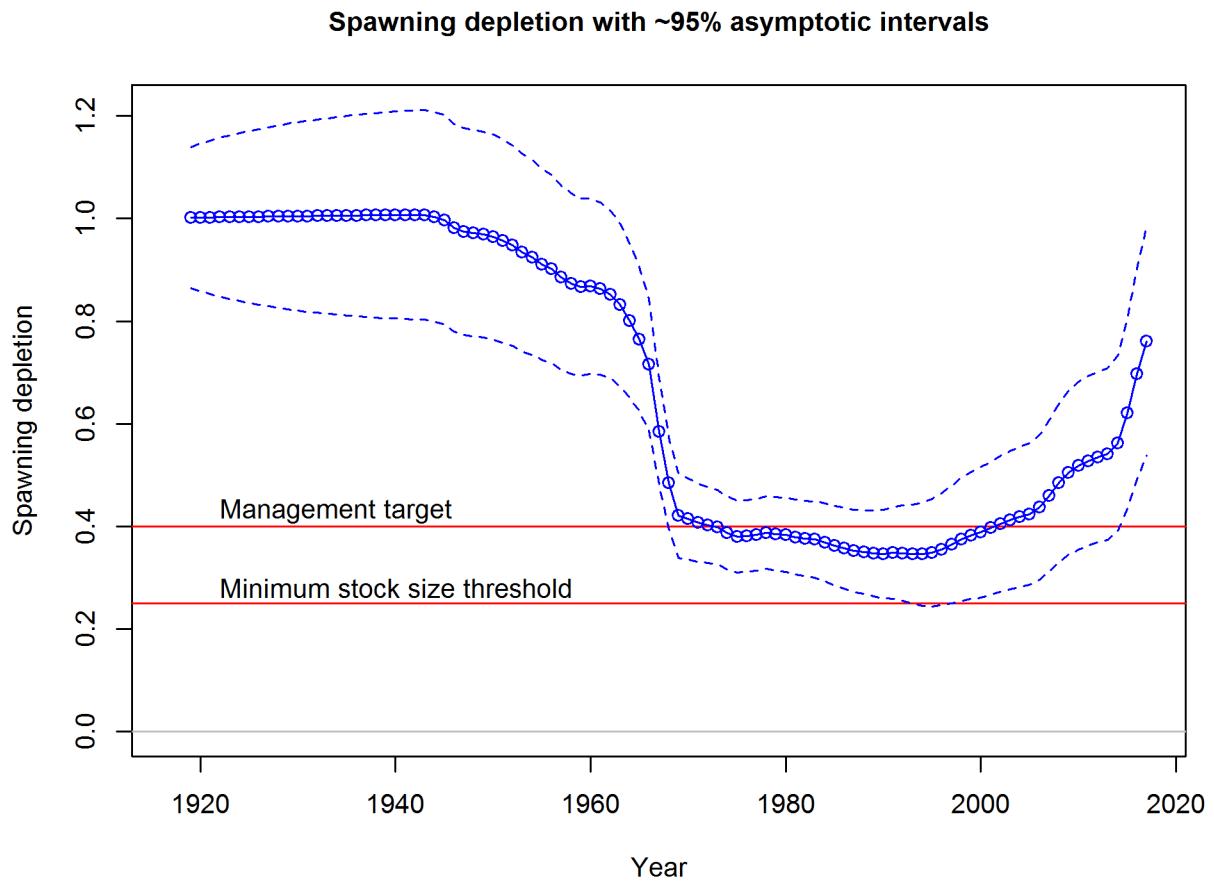


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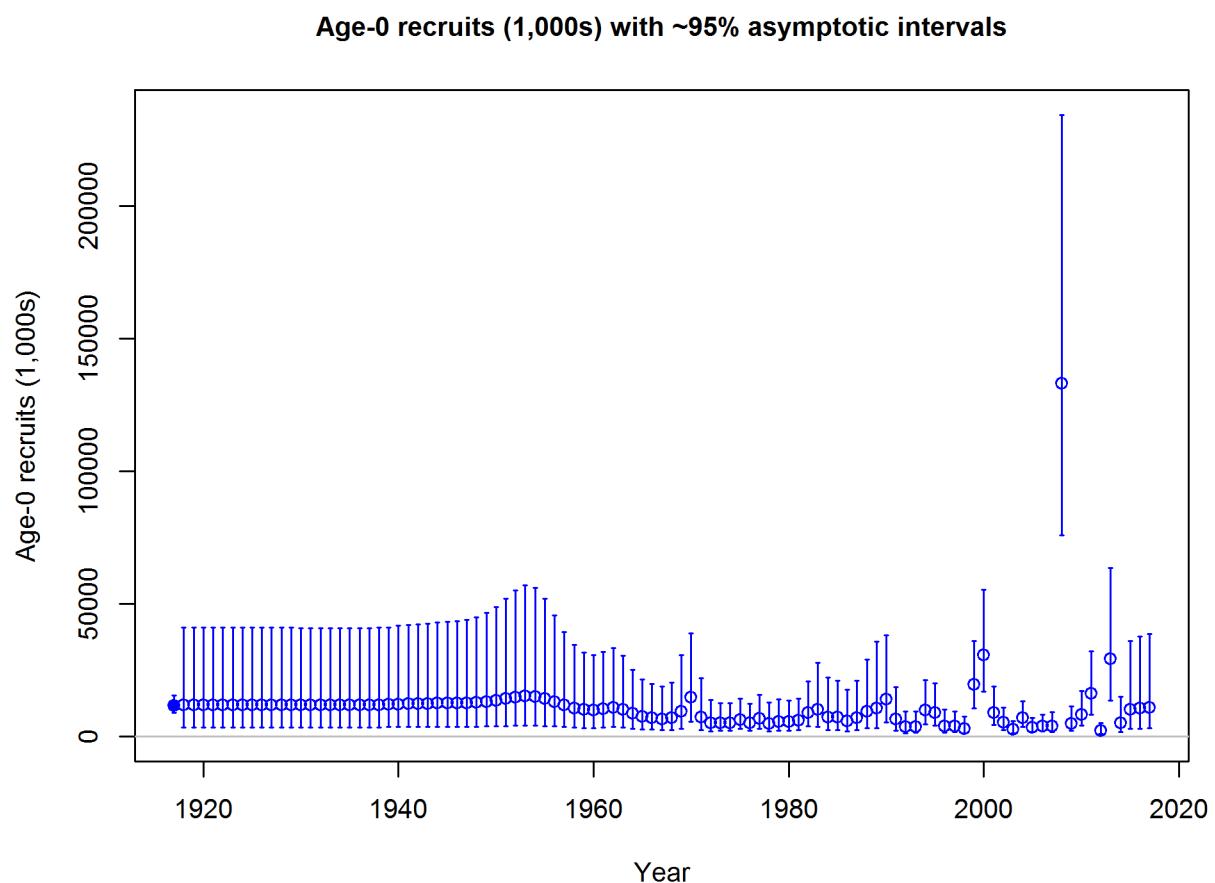


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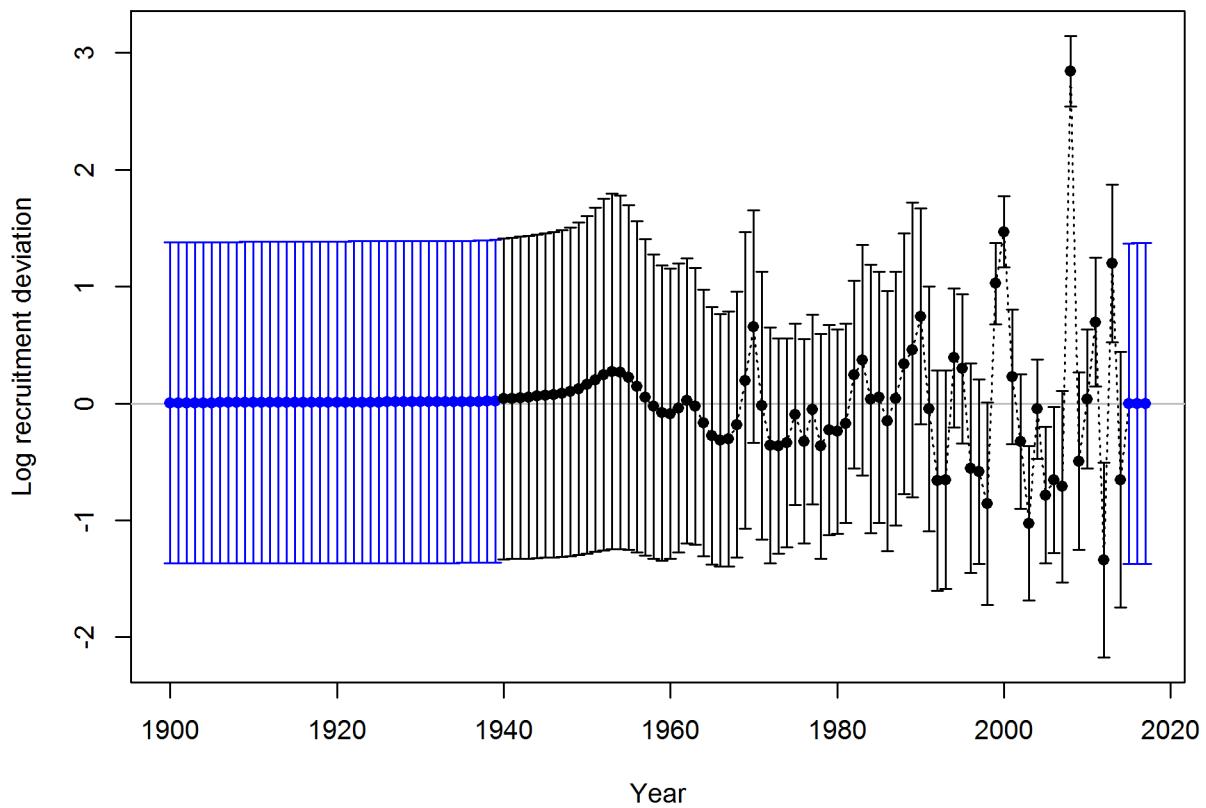


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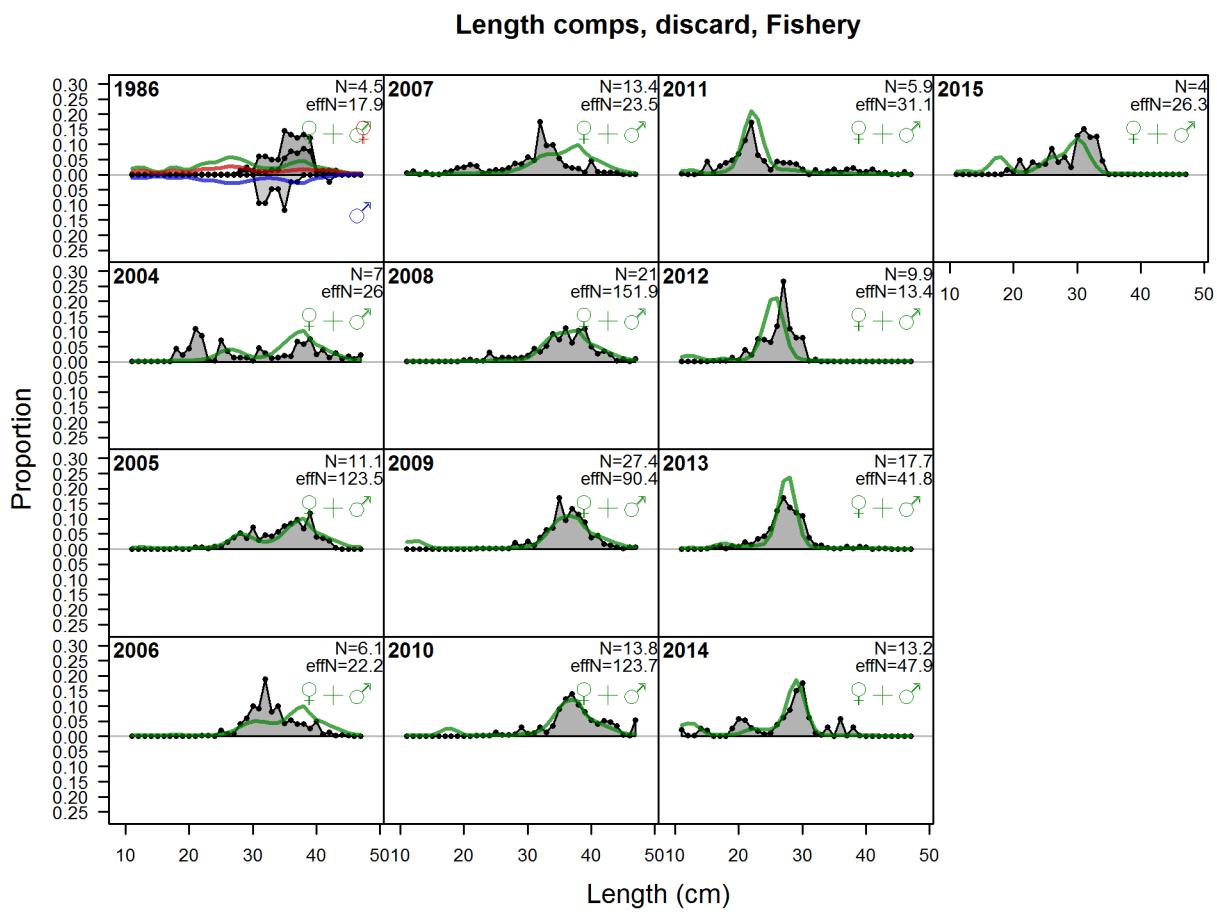


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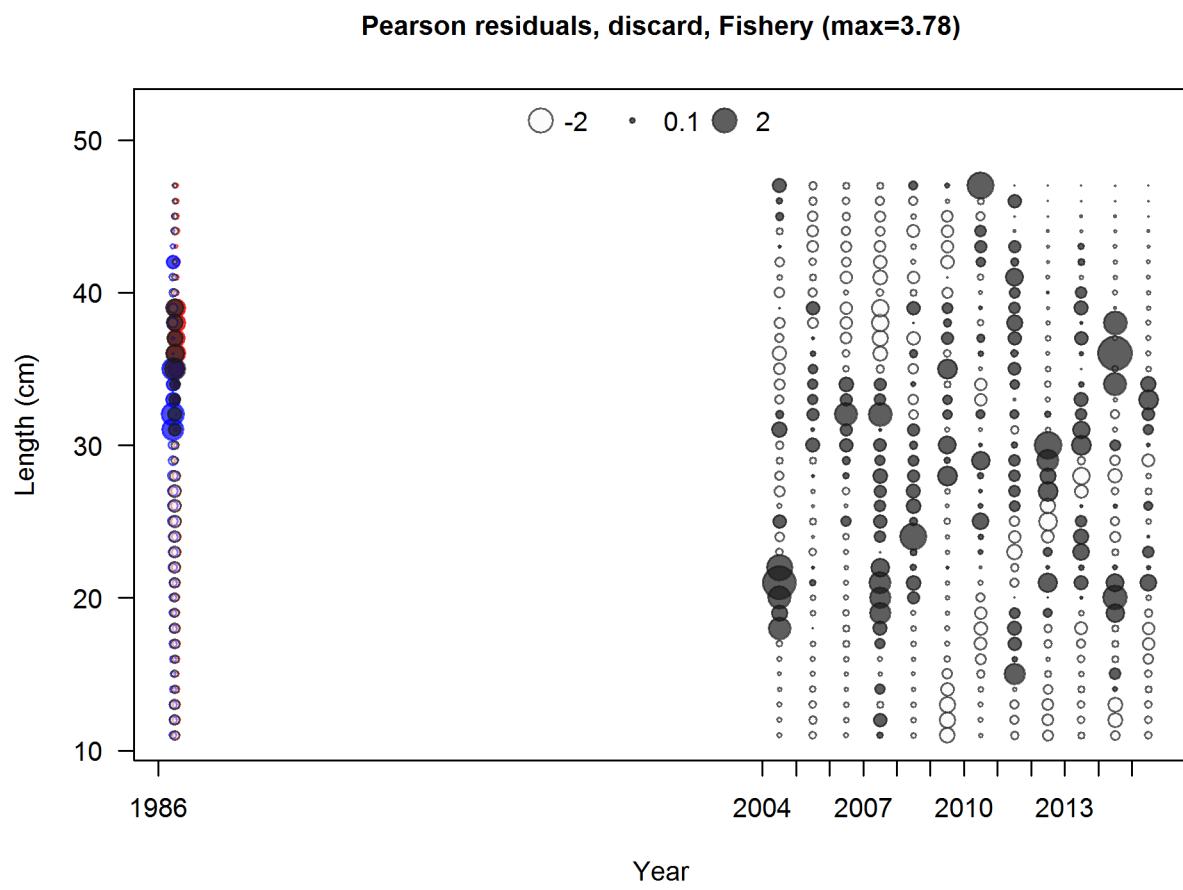


Figure 44: Pearson residuals, discard, Fishery (max=3.78)

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### N-EffN comparison, Length comps, discard, Fishery

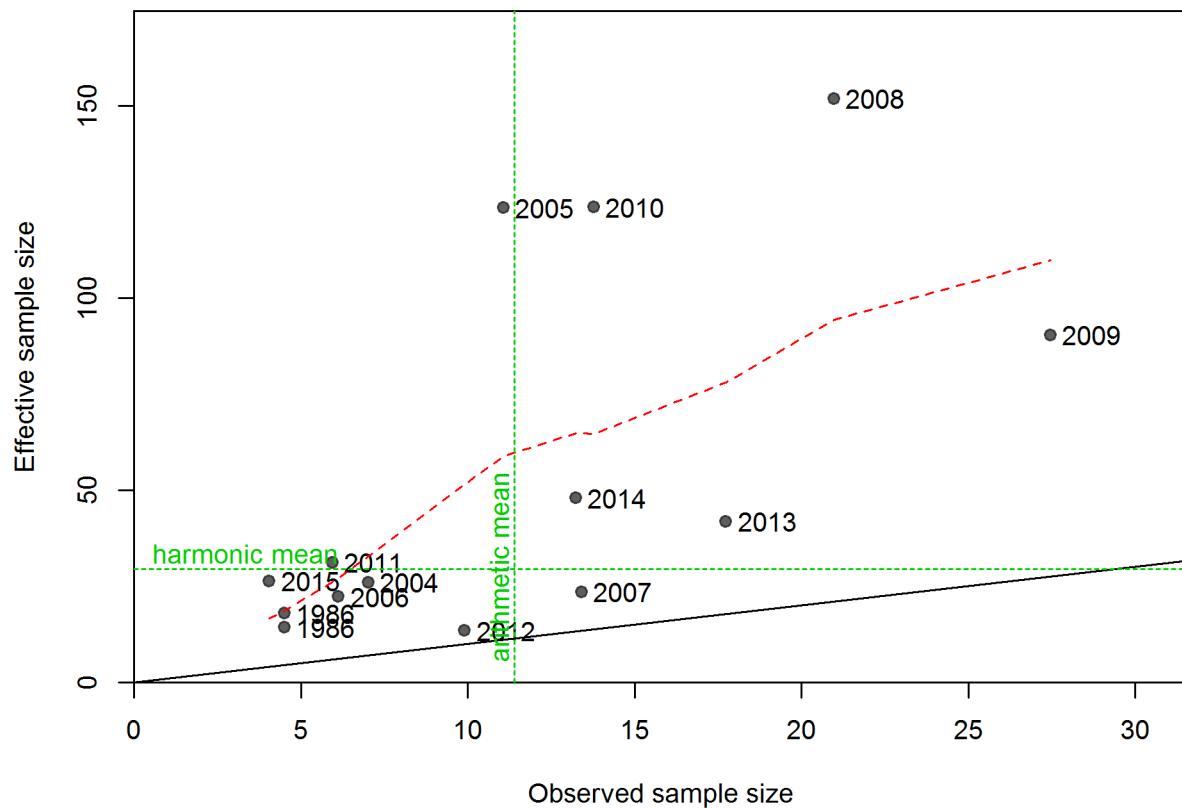


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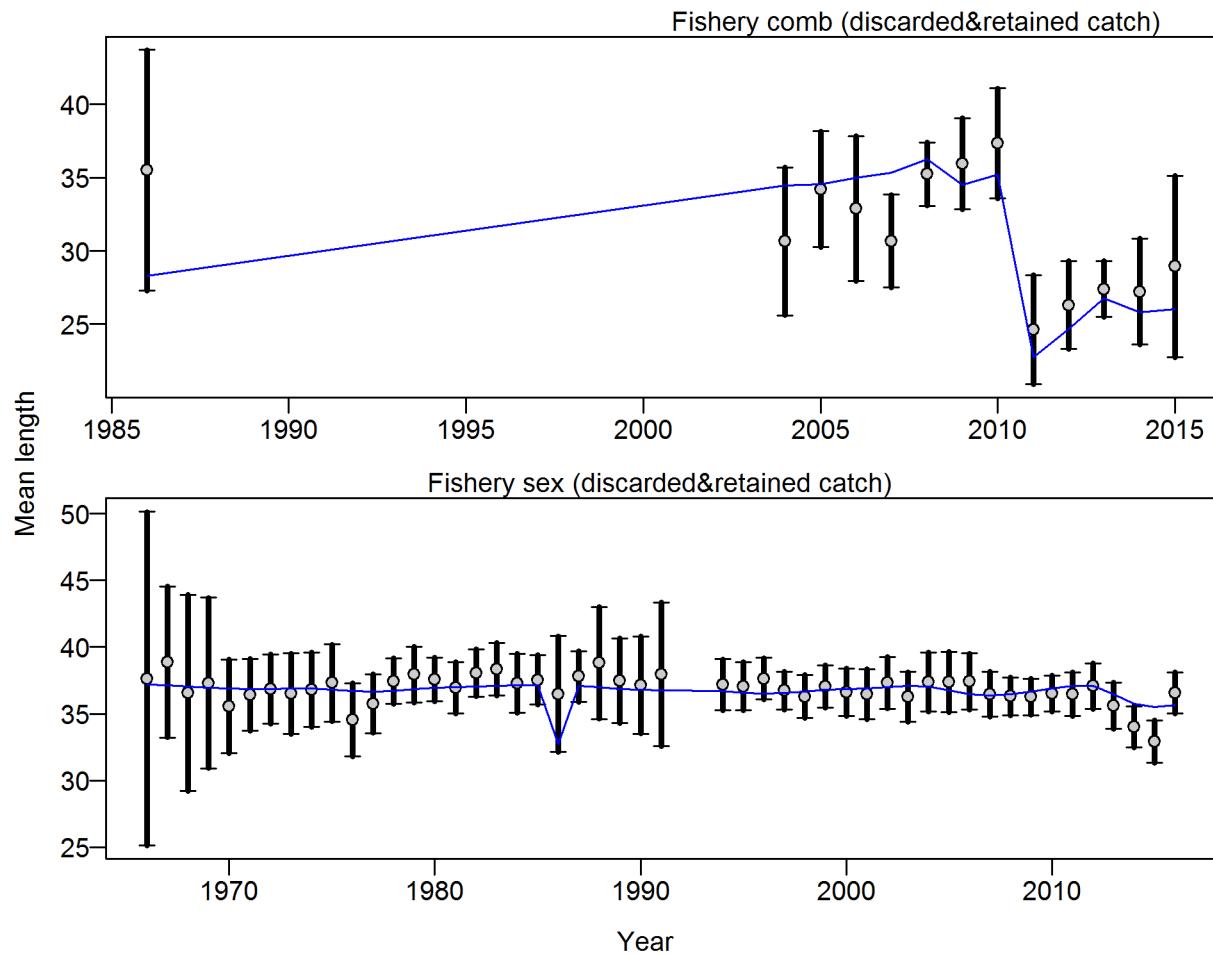


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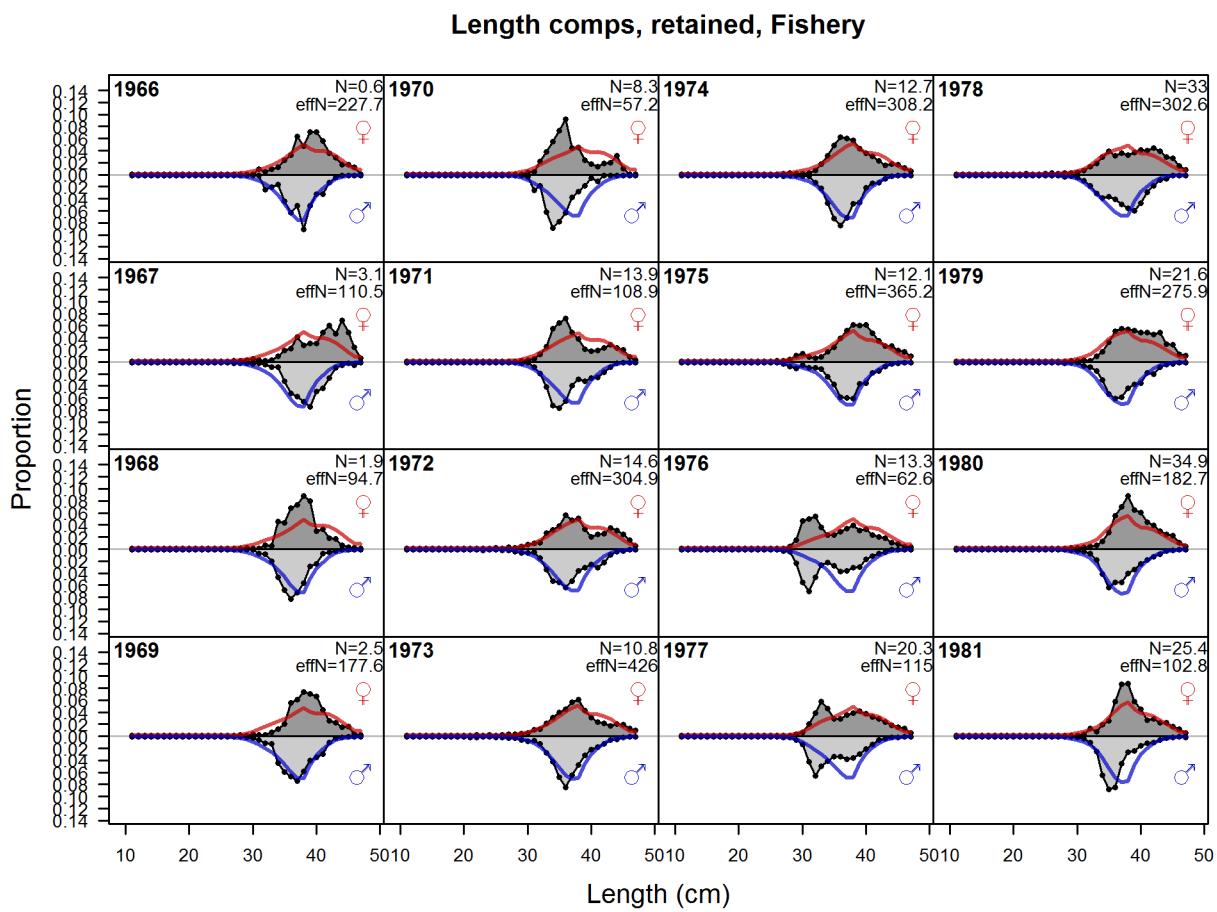


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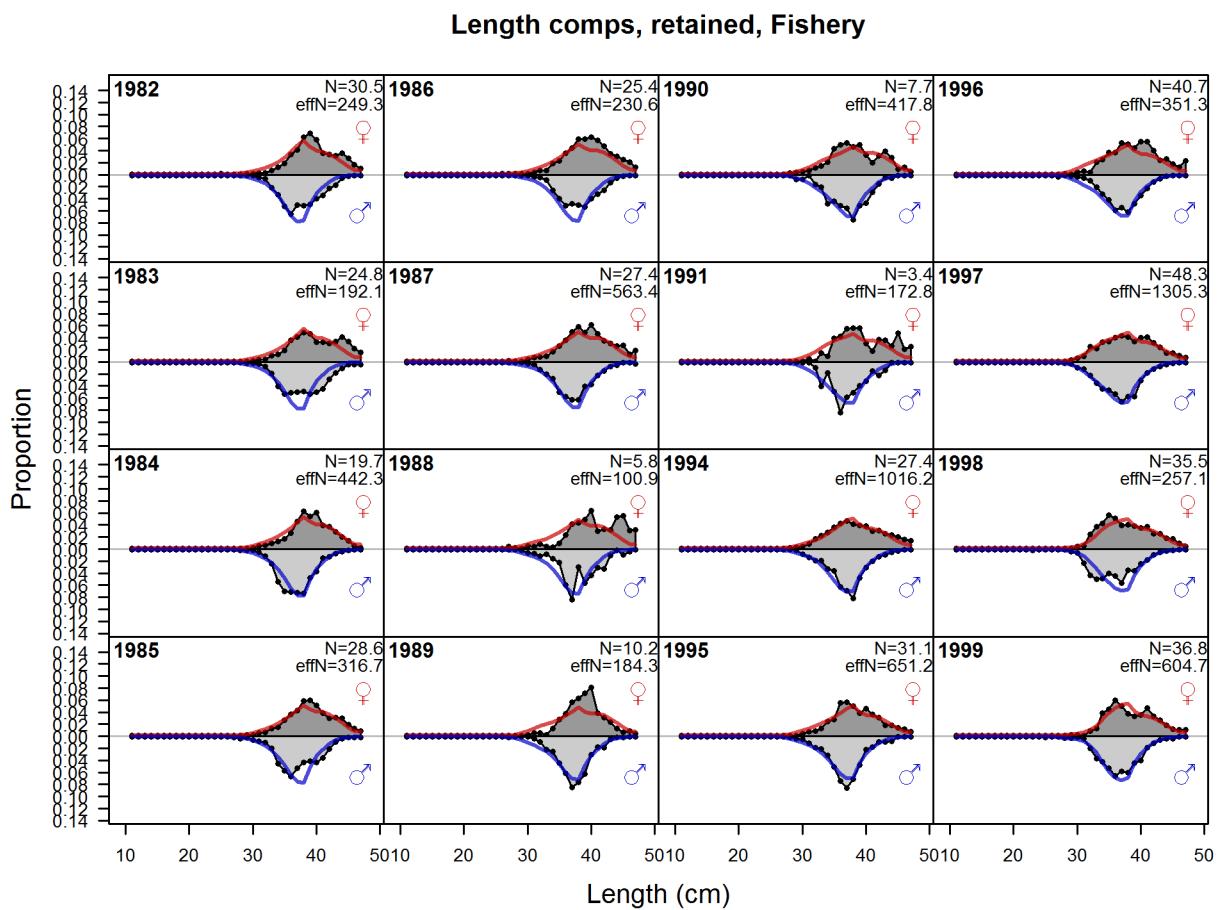


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### Length comps, retained, Fishery

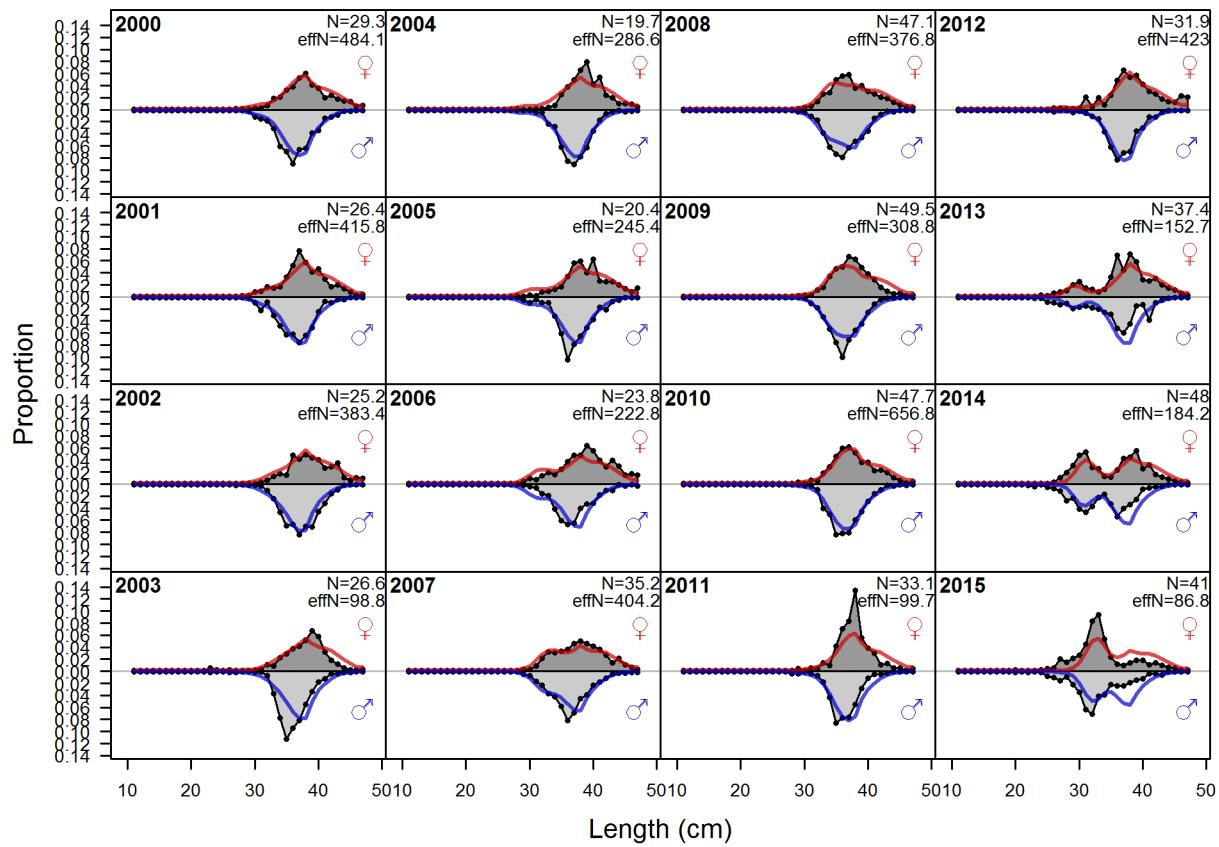
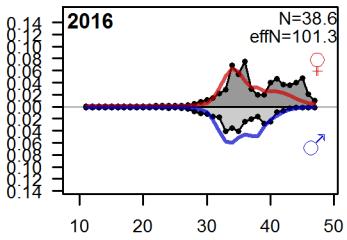


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Proportion

### Length comps, retained, Fishery



Length (cm)

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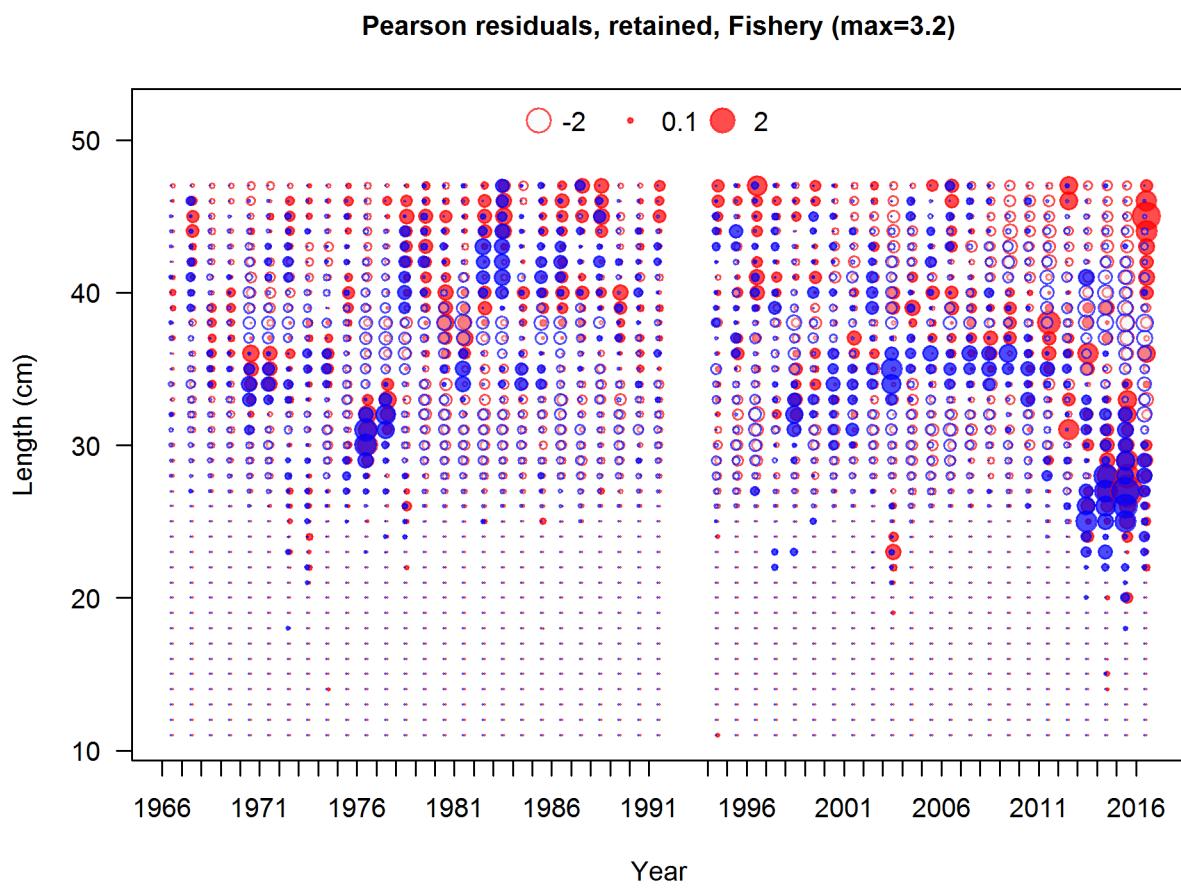
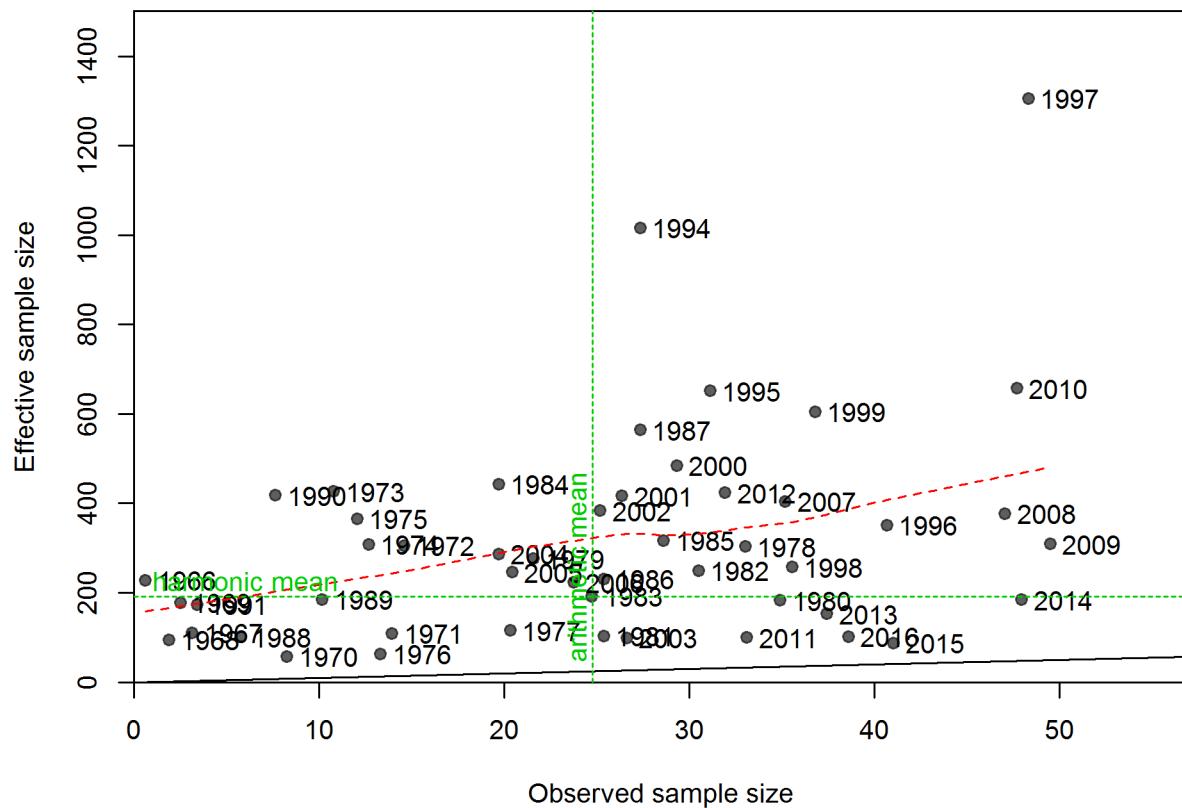


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### N-EffN comparison, Length comps, retained, Fishery



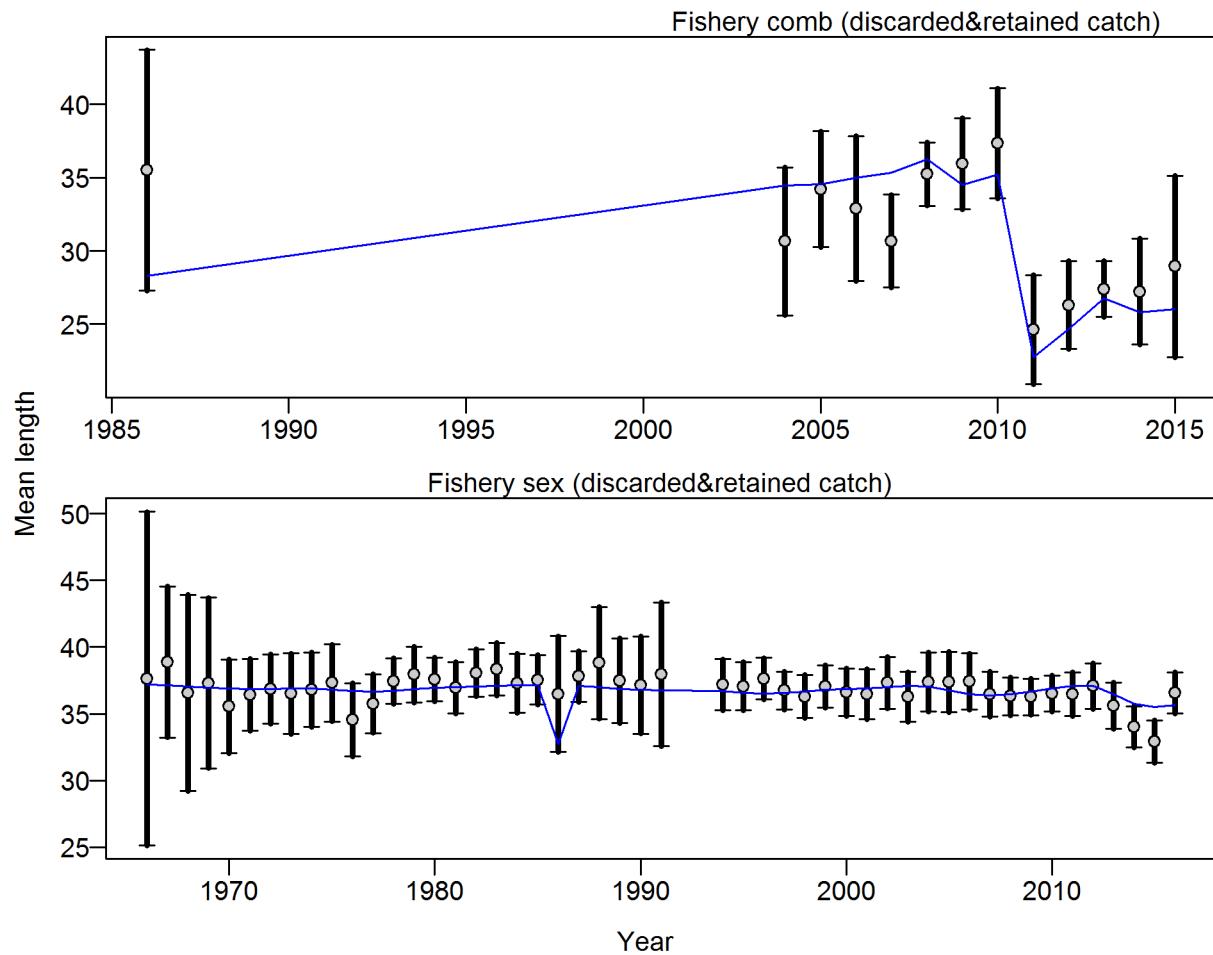


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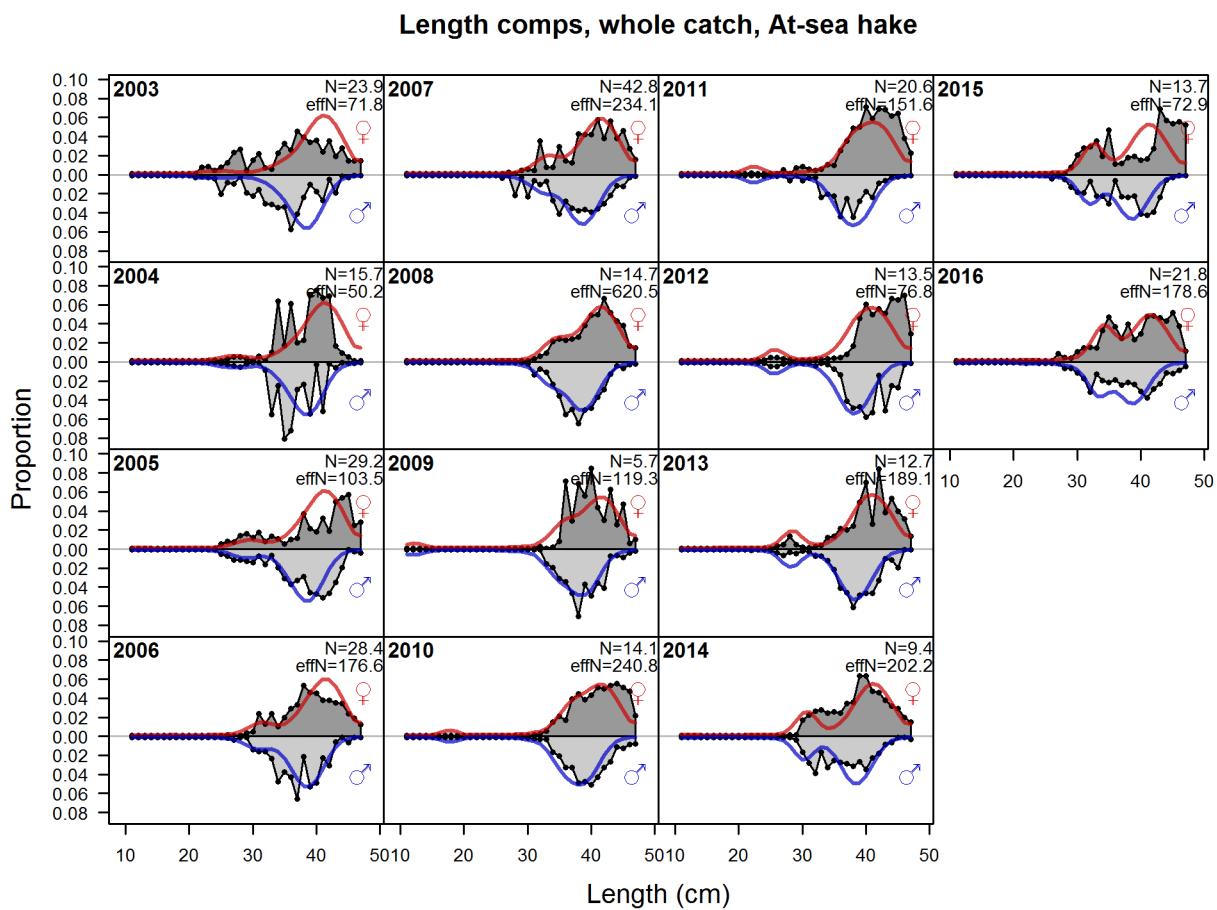


Figure 54: Length comps, whole catch, At\_sea hake

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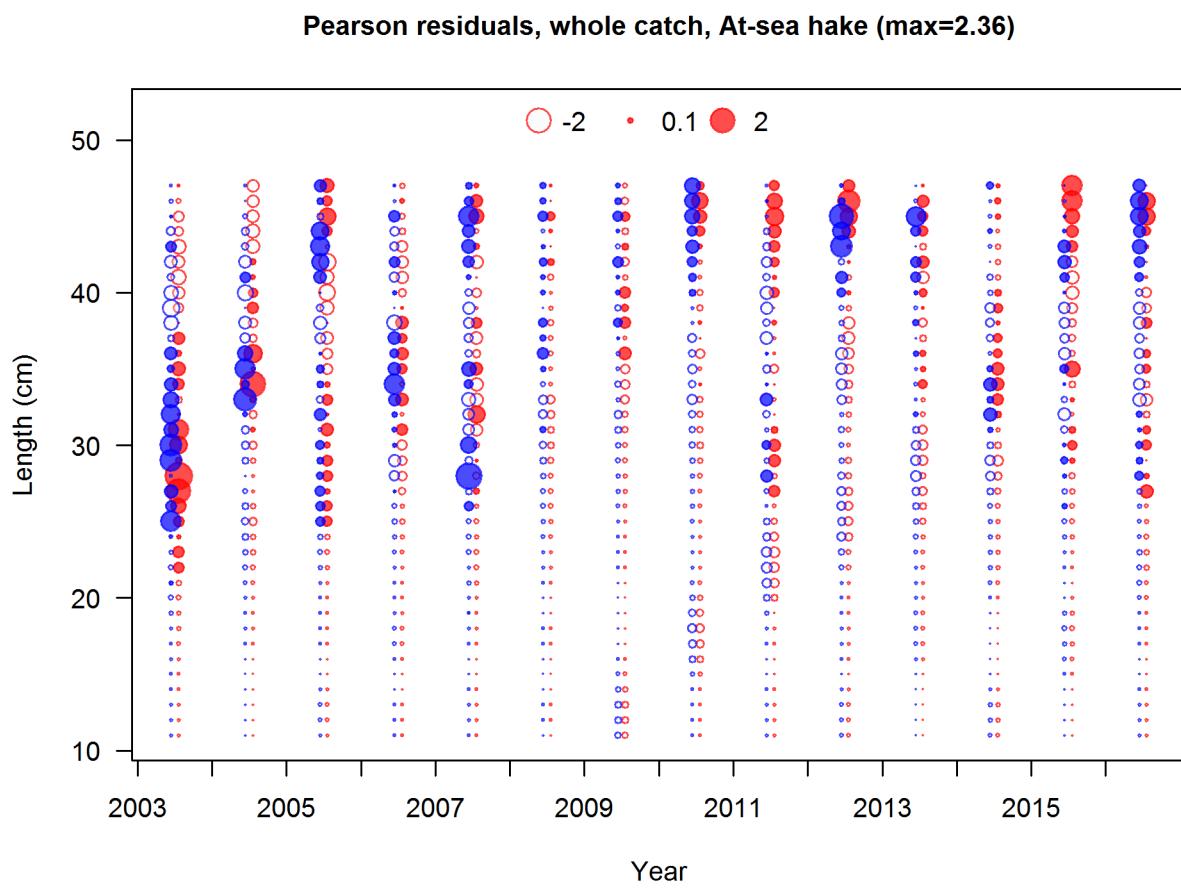


Figure 55: Pearson residuals, whole catch, At\_sea hake (max=2.36)  
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N-EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, At-sea hake

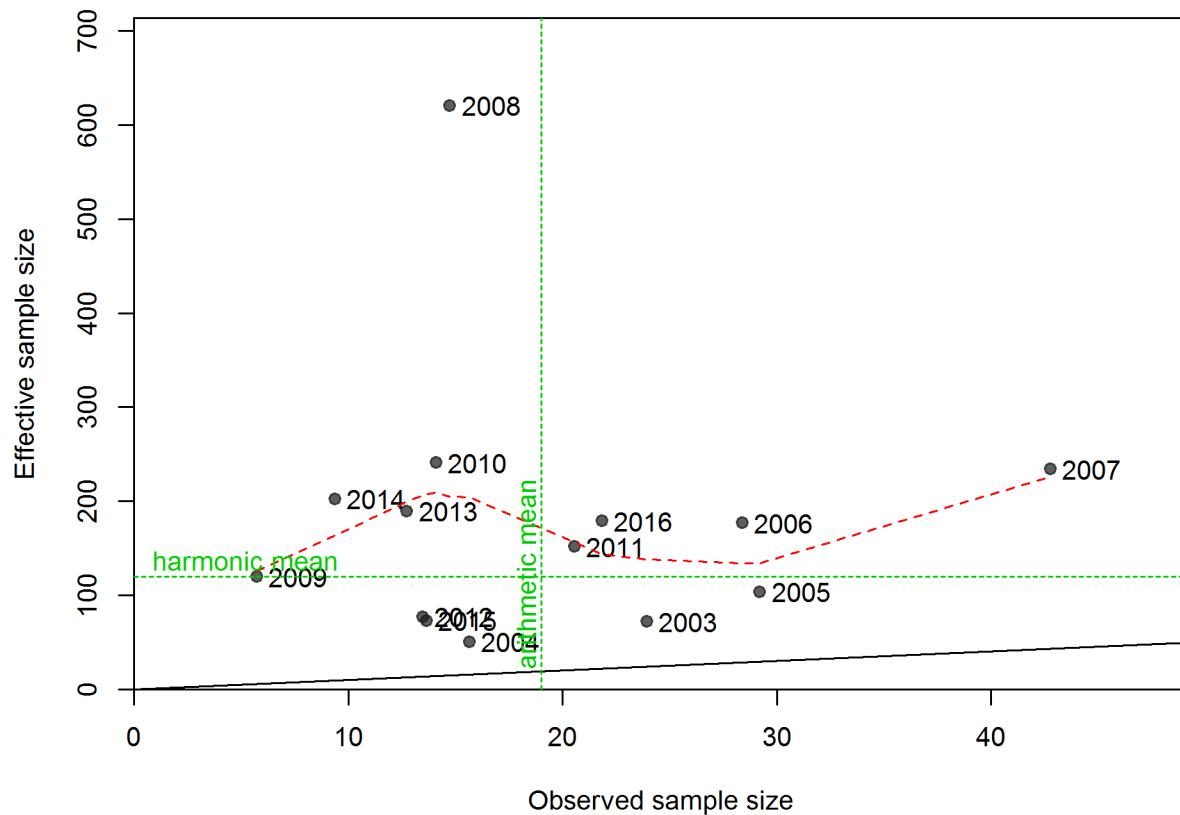


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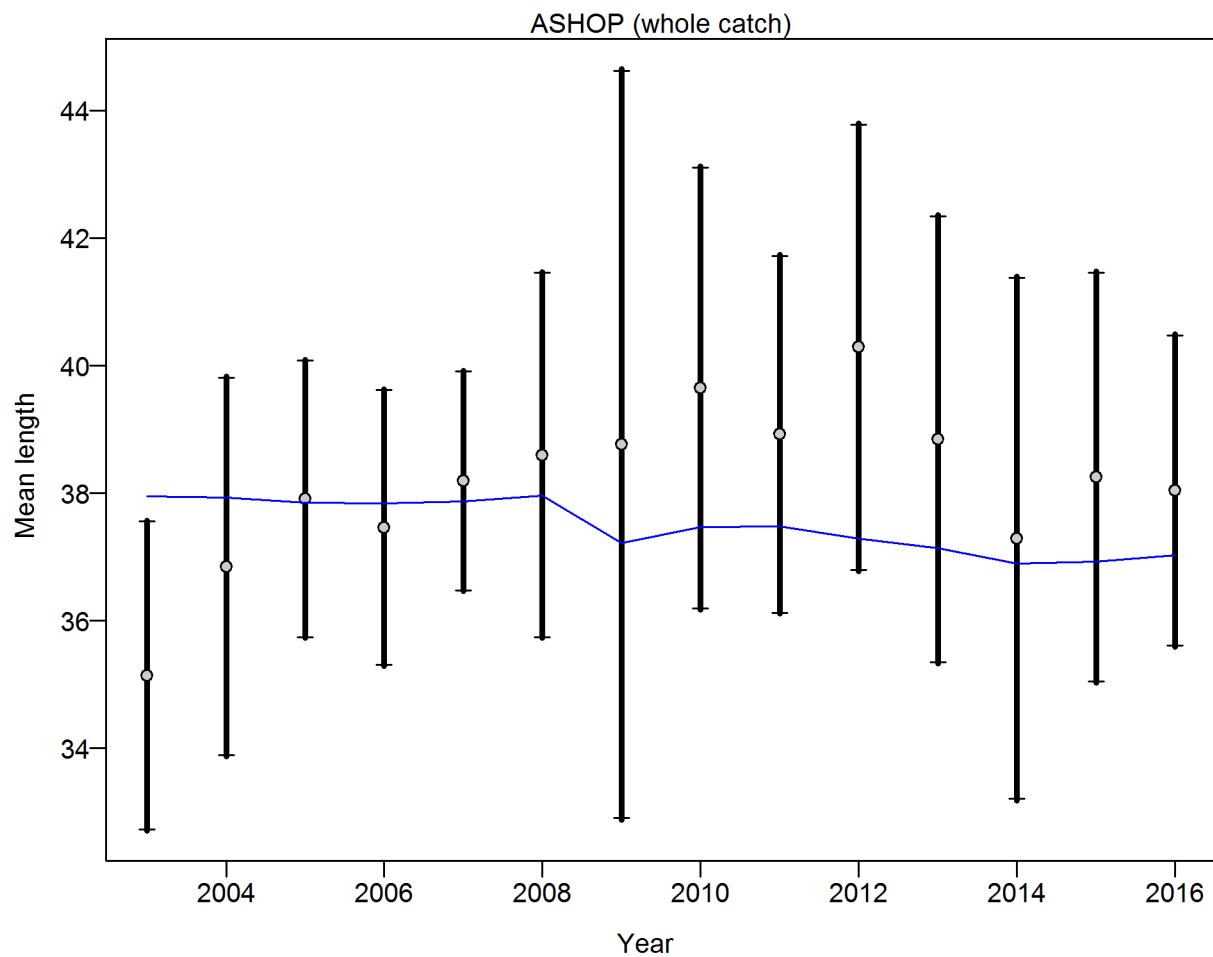
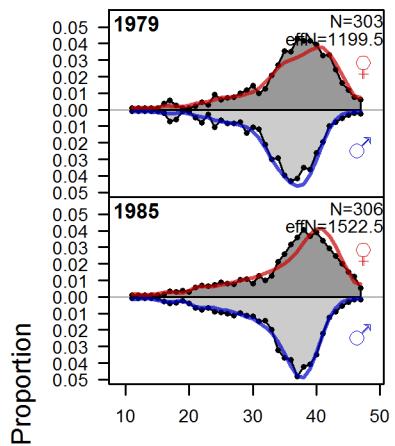


Figure 57: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: At\_sea hake Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for len data from At\_sea hake: 1.0115 (0.5352\_4.8582) For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124\_1138. | [fig:mod1\\_15\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_data\\_weighting\\_TA1.8\\_At-sea\\_hake](#)

### Length comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey



Length (cm)

Figure 58: Length comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey | [fig:mod1\\_16\\_comp\\_lenfit](#)

Pearson residuals, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey (max=1.74)

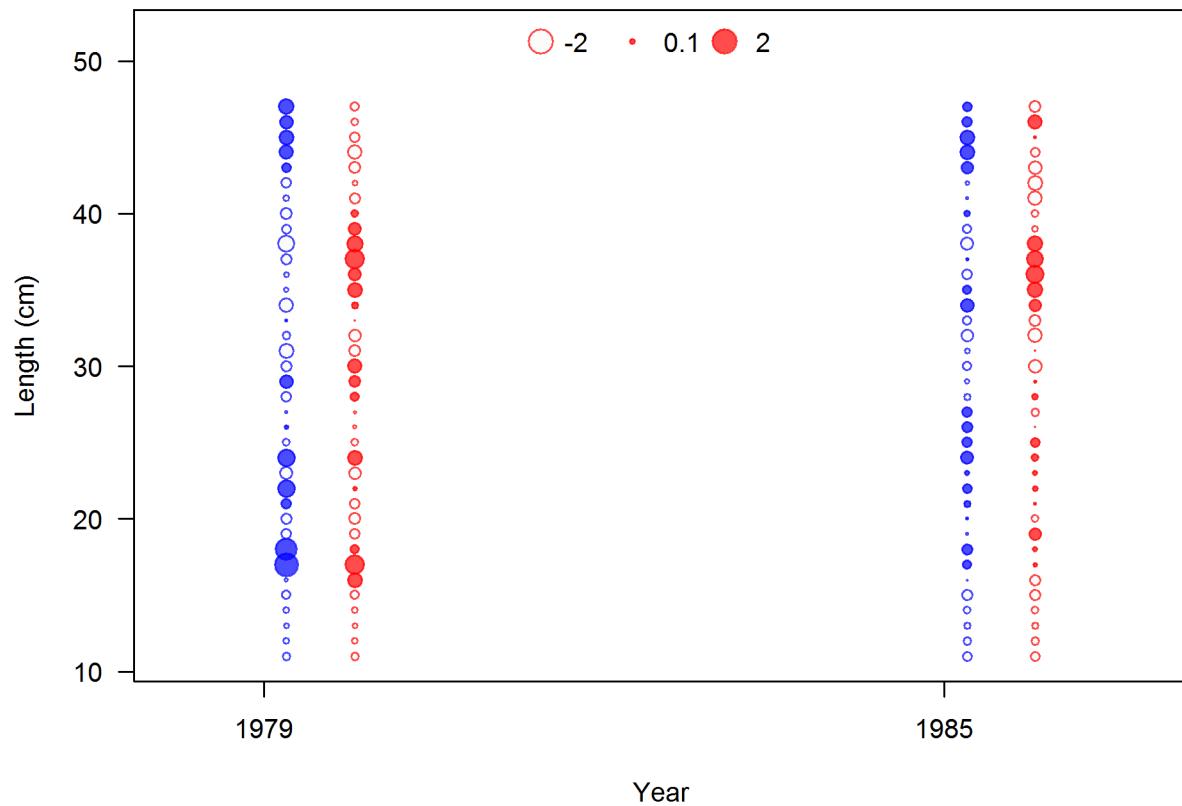


Figure 59: Pearson residuals, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey (max=1.74)  
Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_17\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_residsfit4mkt0](#)

**N-EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey**

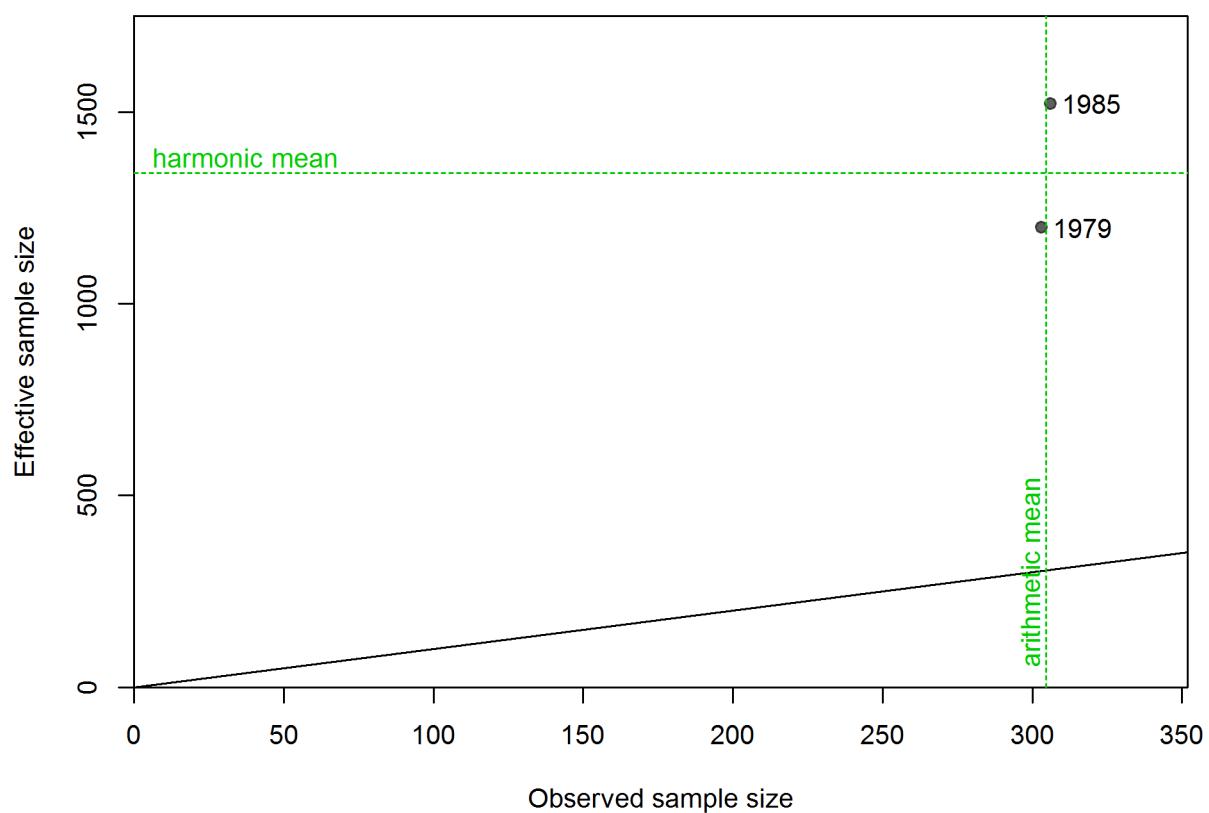


Figure 60: N\_EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey fig:mod1\_18\_c

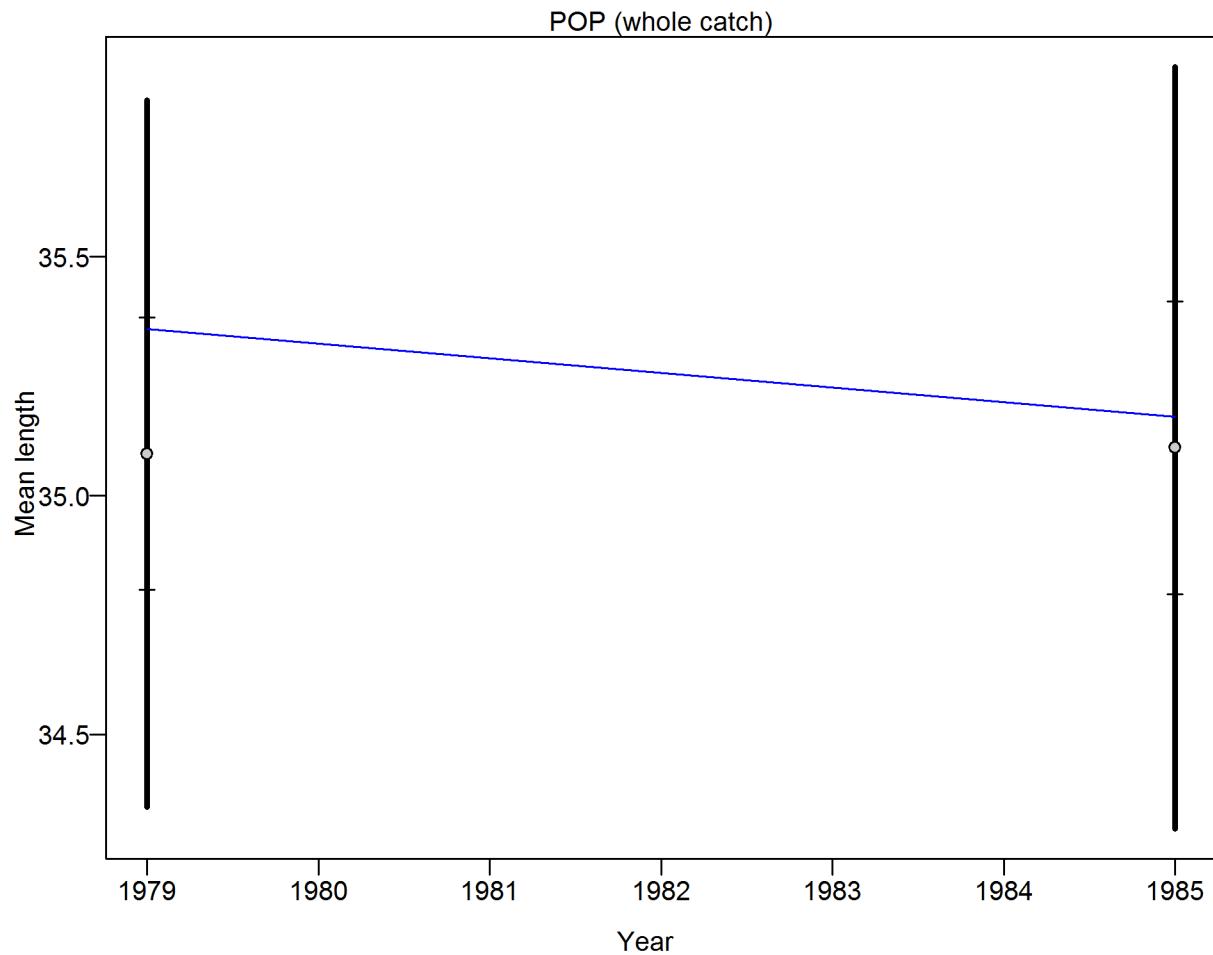


Figure 61: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: Pacific ocean perch survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for len data from Pacific ocean perch survey: 6.7496 (6.7496\_Inf) For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124–1138. fig:mod1\_19\_comp\_lenfit\_da

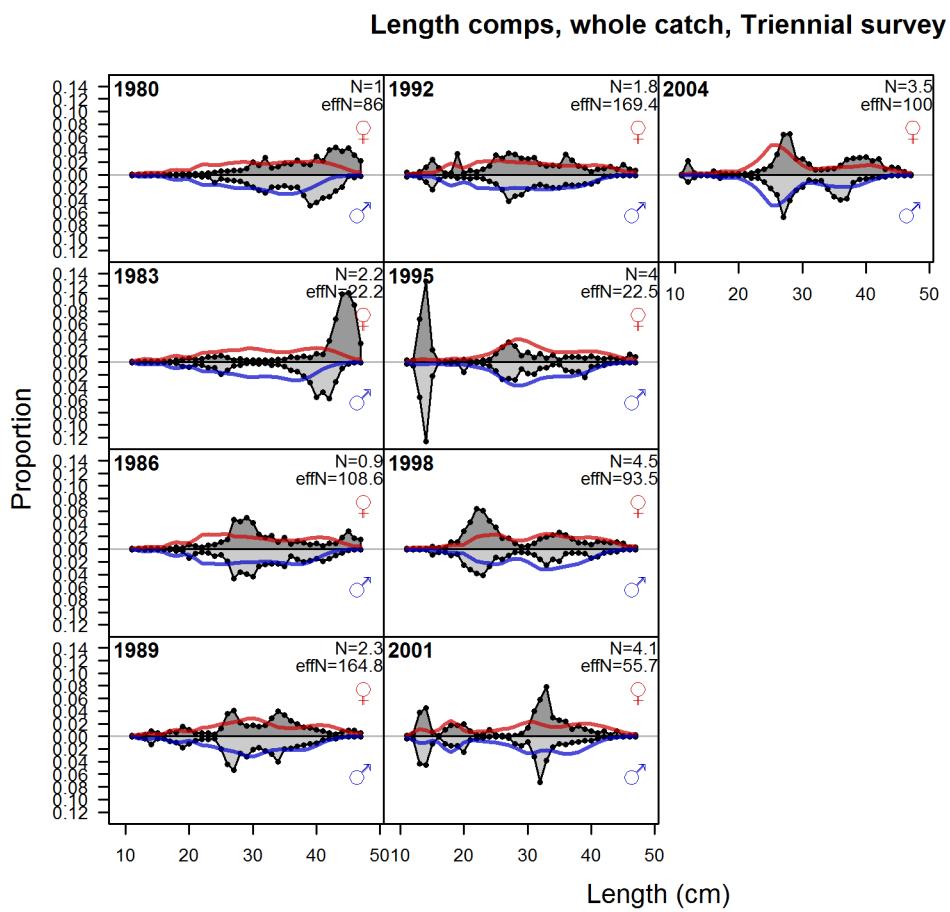


Figure 62: Length comps, whole catch, Triennial survey | [fig:mod1\\_20\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_flt5](#)

**Pearson residuals, whole catch, Triennial survey (max=4.01)**

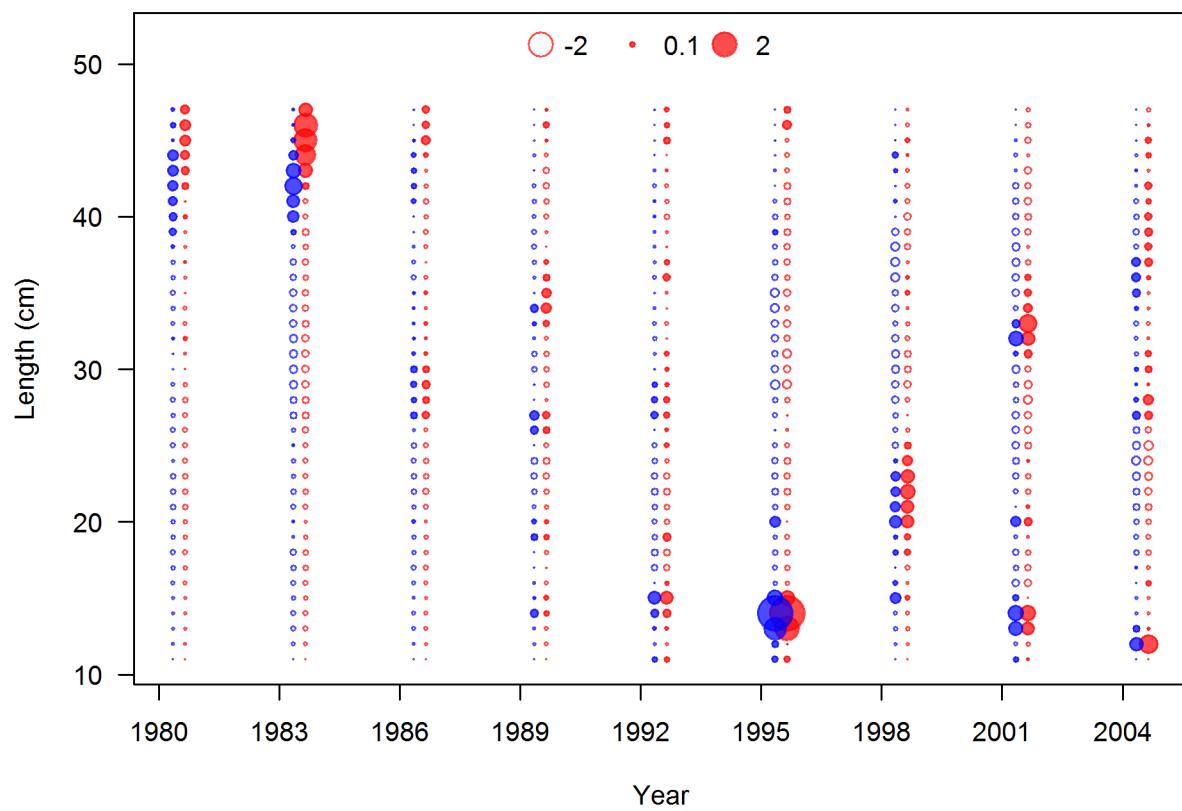


Figure 63: Pearson residuals, whole catch, Triennial survey (max=4.01)

Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_21\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_residsfit5mkt0](#)

### N-EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, Triennial survey

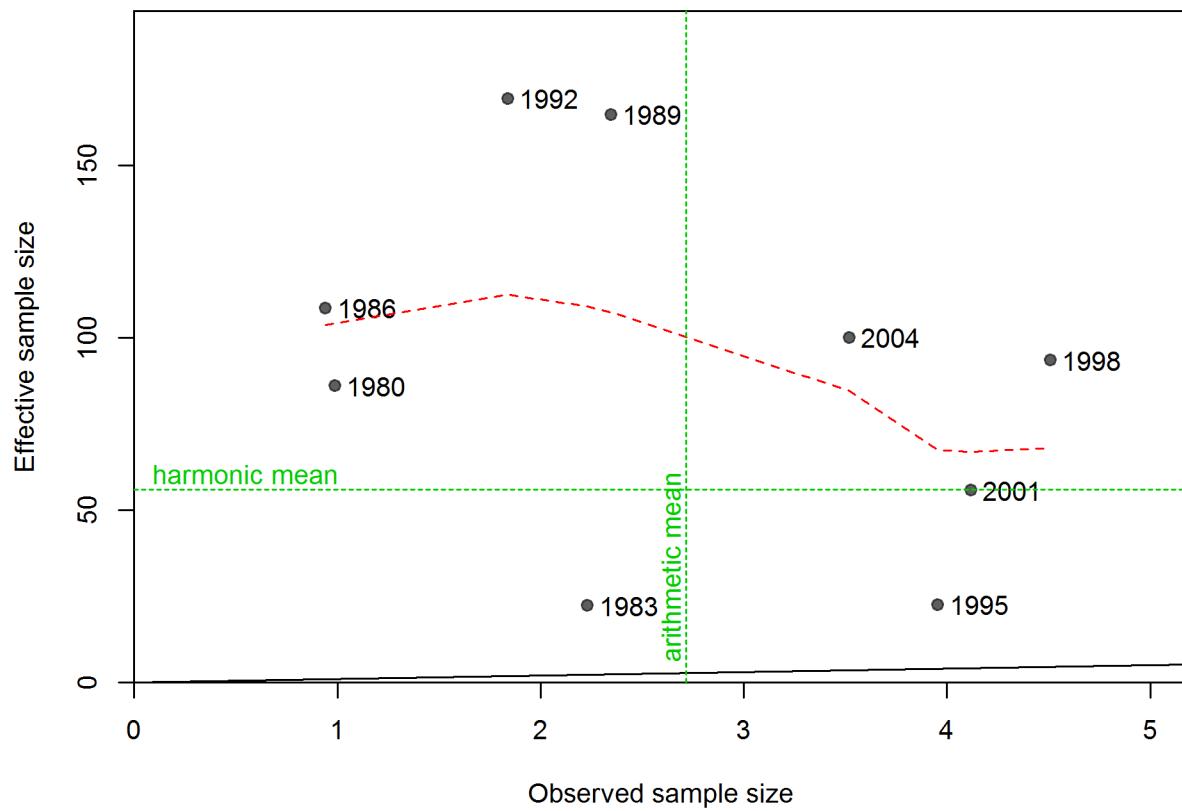


Figure 64: N\_EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, Triennial survey fig:mod1\_22\_comp\_le

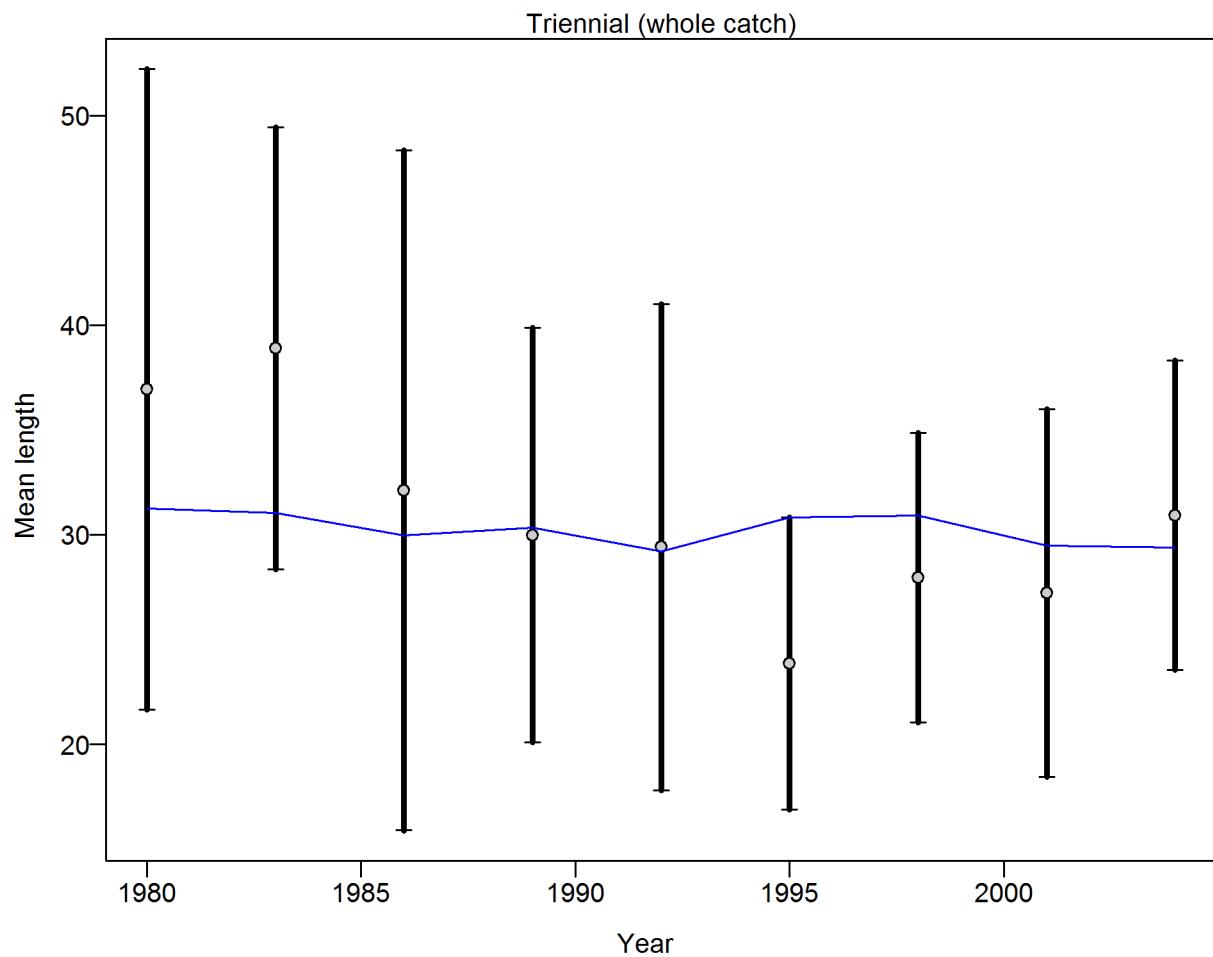


Figure 65: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: Triennial survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for len data from Triennial survey: 1.0004 (0.5362\_5.786)  
For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124\_1138. [fig:mod1\\_23\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_data\\_weighting](#)

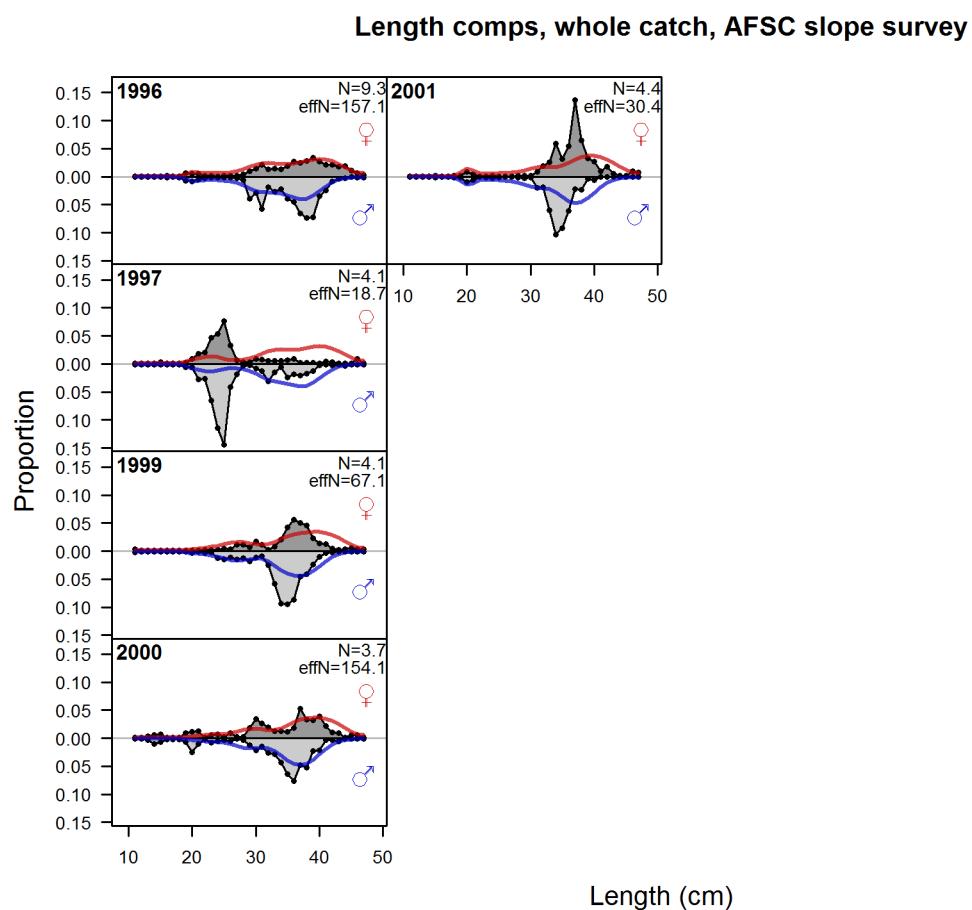


Figure 66: Length comps, whole catch, AFSC slope survey

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**Pearson residuals, whole catch, AFSC slope survey (max=2.91)**

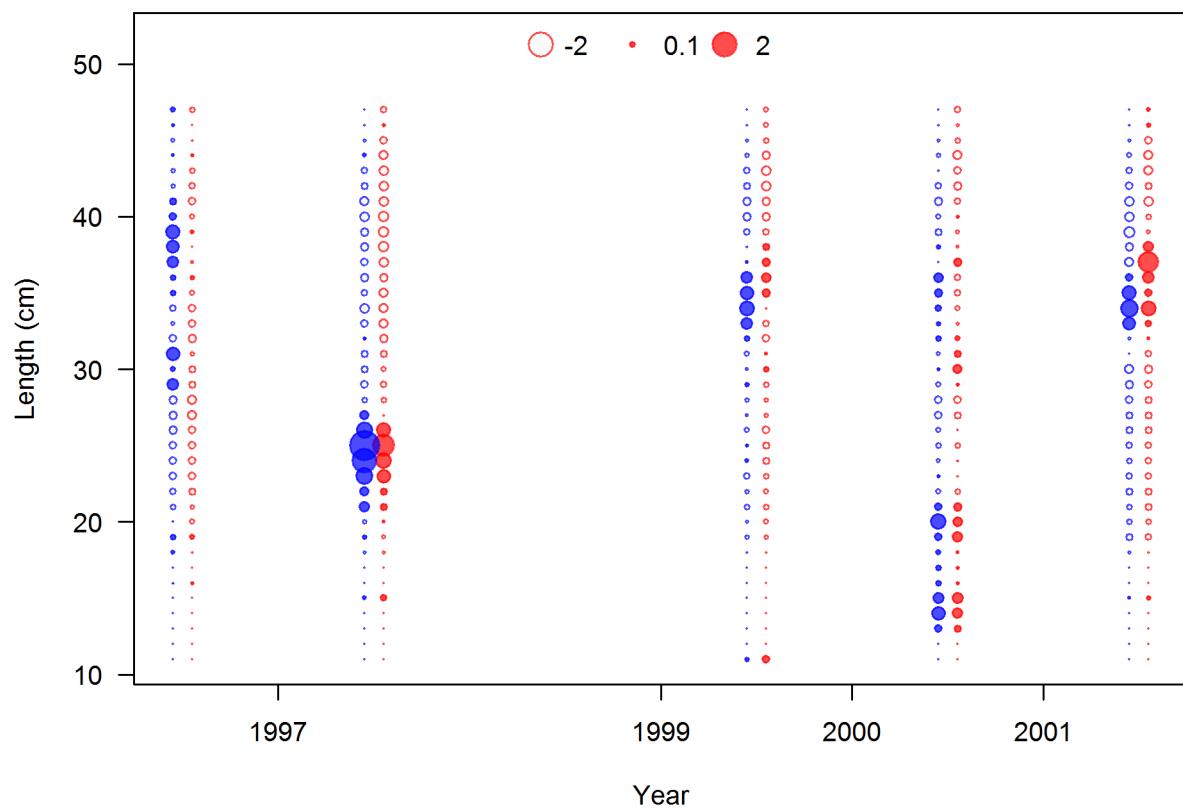


Figure 67: Pearson residuals, whole catch, AFSC slope survey (max=2.91)  
Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_25\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_residsflt6mkt0](#)

**N-EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, AFSC slope survey**

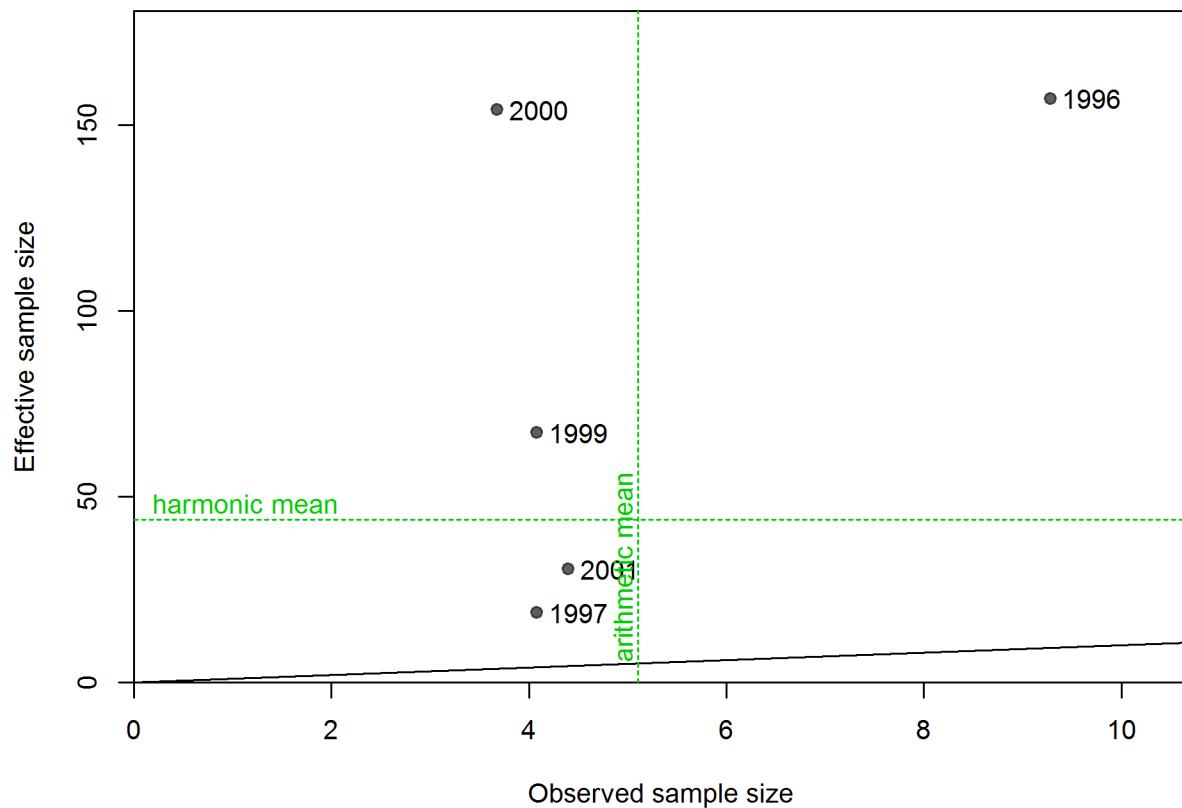


Figure 68: N\_EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, AFSC slope survey `fig:mod1_26_comp_1`

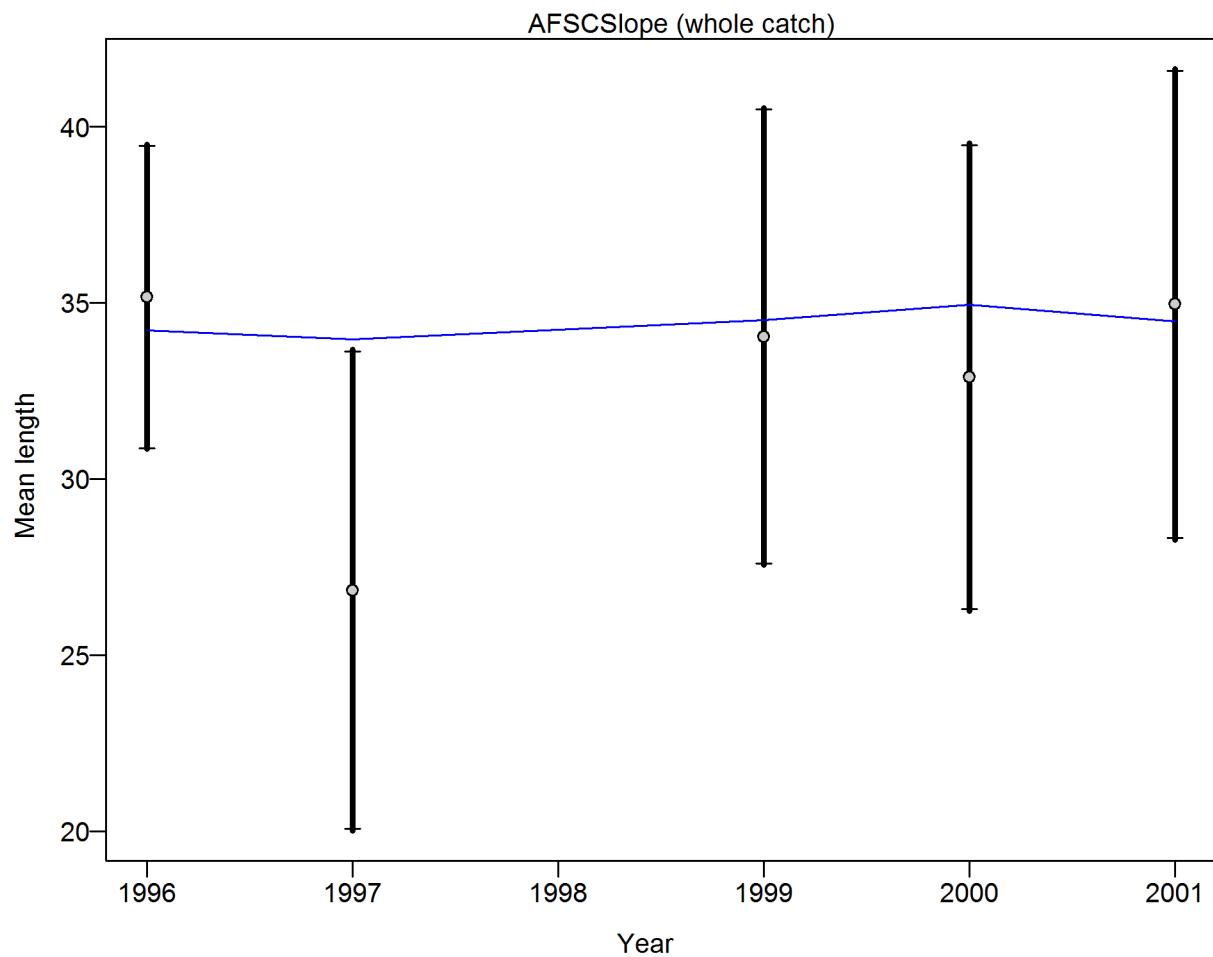
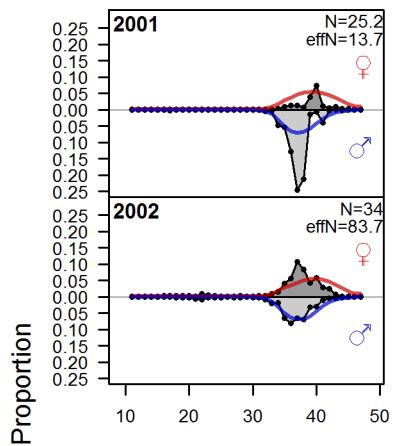


Figure 69: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: AFSC slope survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for len data from AFSC slope survey: 1.0151 (0.5859\_16.7225)  
For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124\_1138. [fig:mod1\\_27\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_data\\_weighting](#)

### Length comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey



Length (cm)

Figure 70: Length comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey

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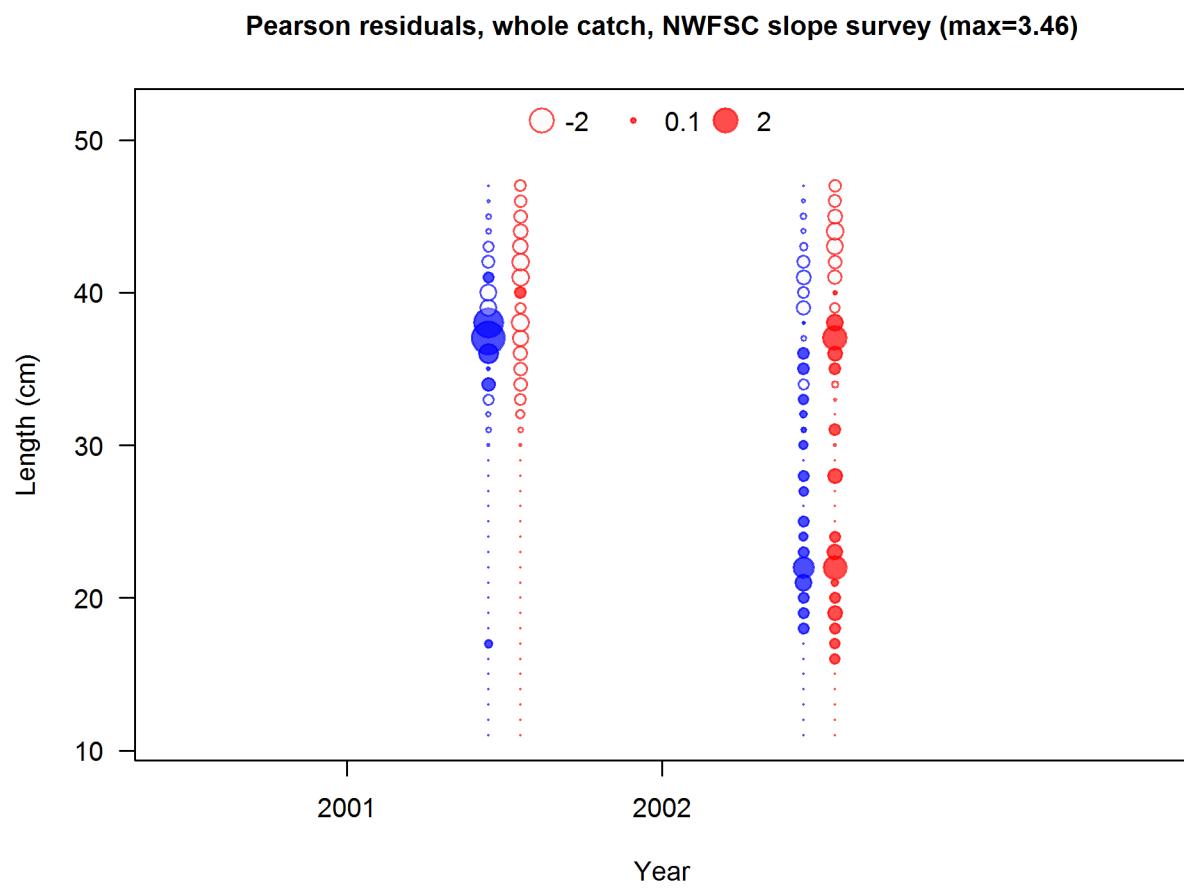


Figure 71: Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey (max=3.46)  
 Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_29\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_residsfit7mkt0](#)

**N-EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey**

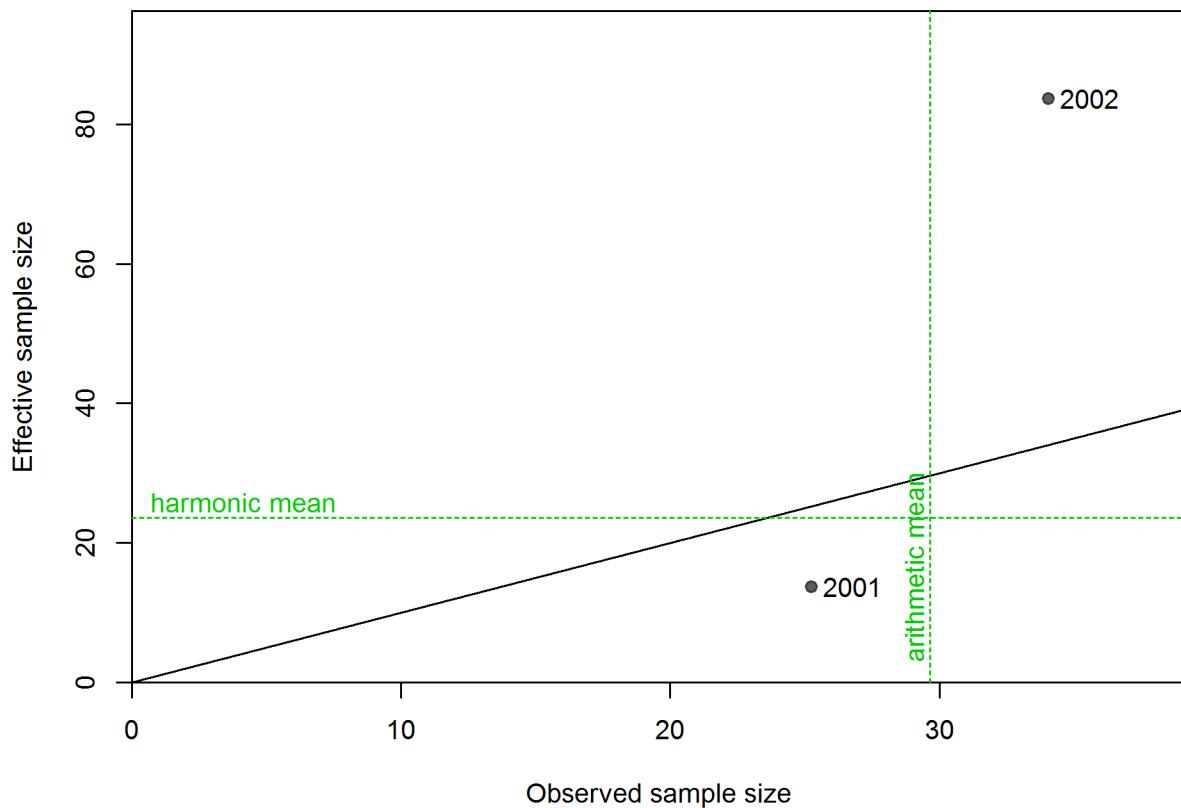


Figure 72: N\_EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey fig:mod1\_30\_comp

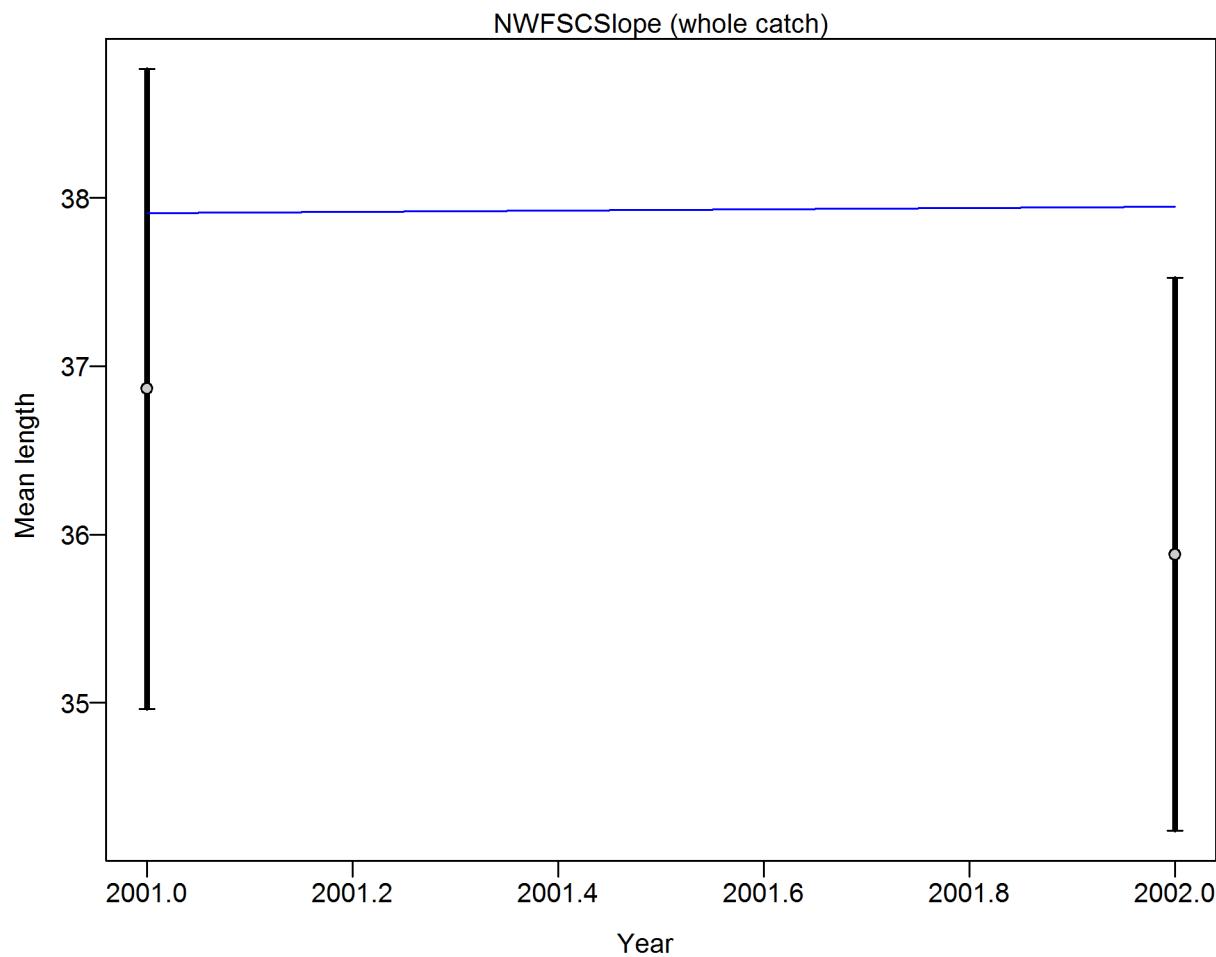


Figure 73: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: NWFSC slope survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for len data from NWFSC slope survey: 0.9922 (0.9922\_Inf)  
For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124-1138. [fig:mod1\\_31\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_data\\_weighting](#)

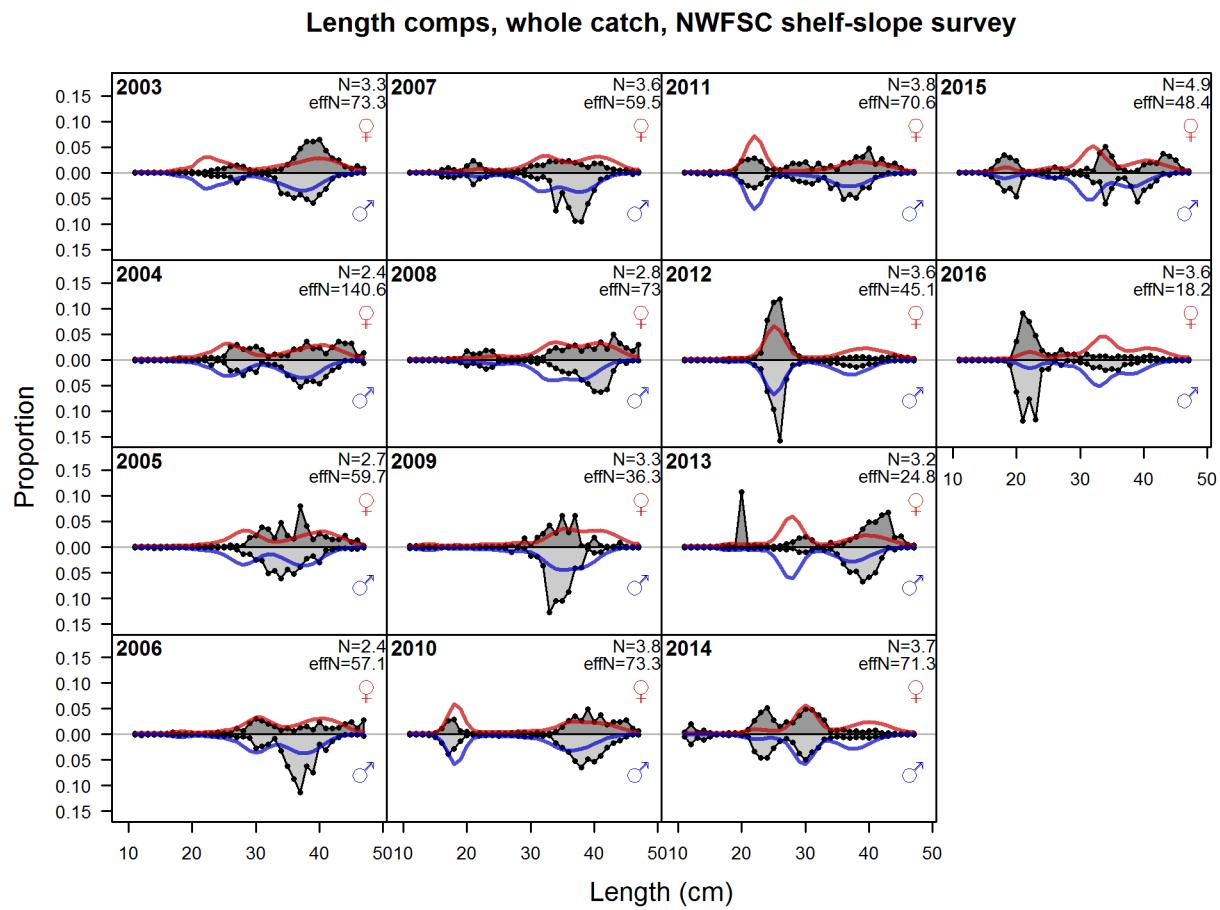


Figure 74: Length comps, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey fig:mod1\_32\_comp\_lenfit

Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey (max=2.74)

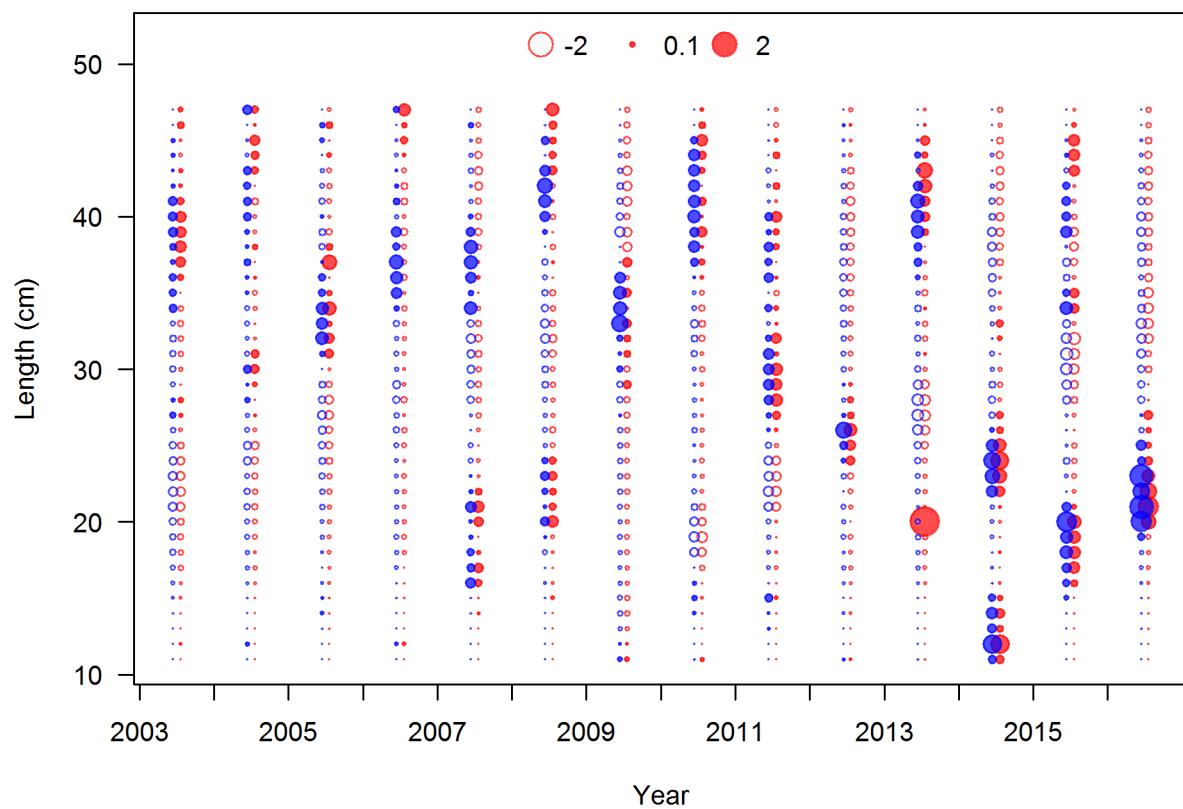


Figure 75: Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey (max=2.74)  
Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_33\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_residsfit8mkt0](#)

**N-EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey**

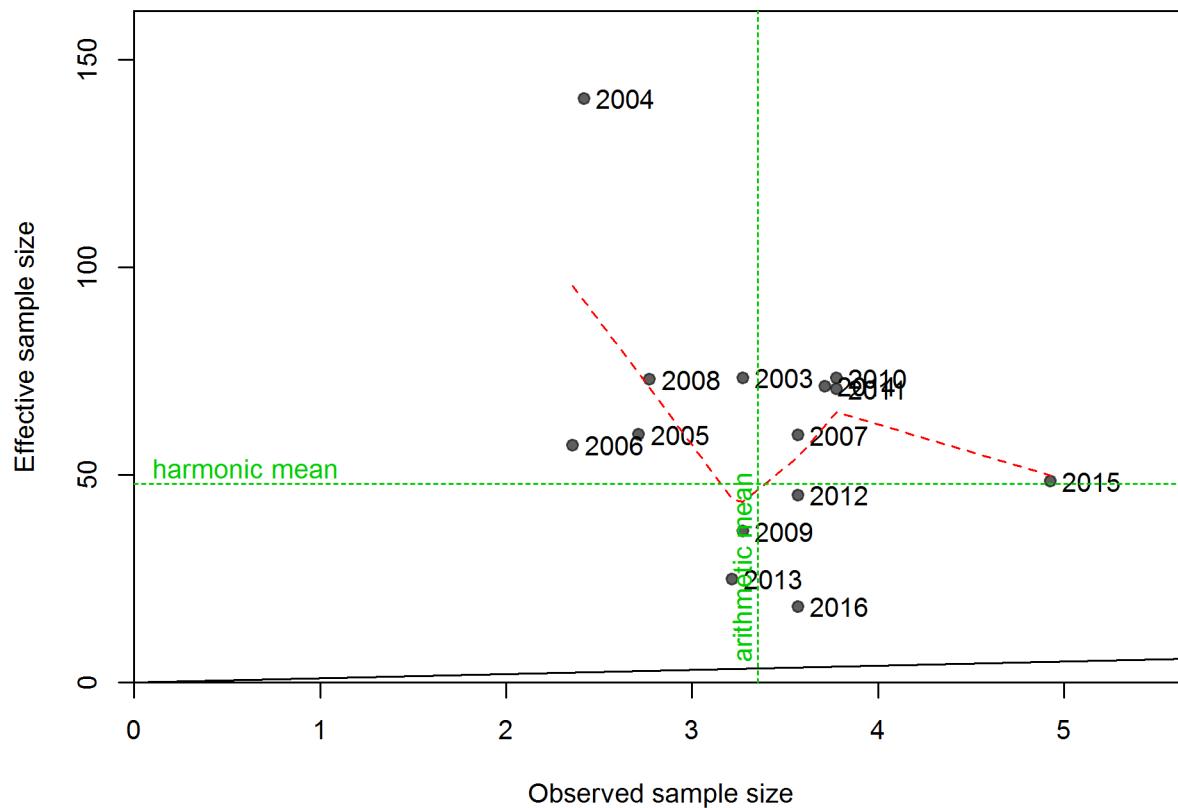


Figure 76: N\_EffN comparison, Length comps, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey fig:mod1\_34\_c

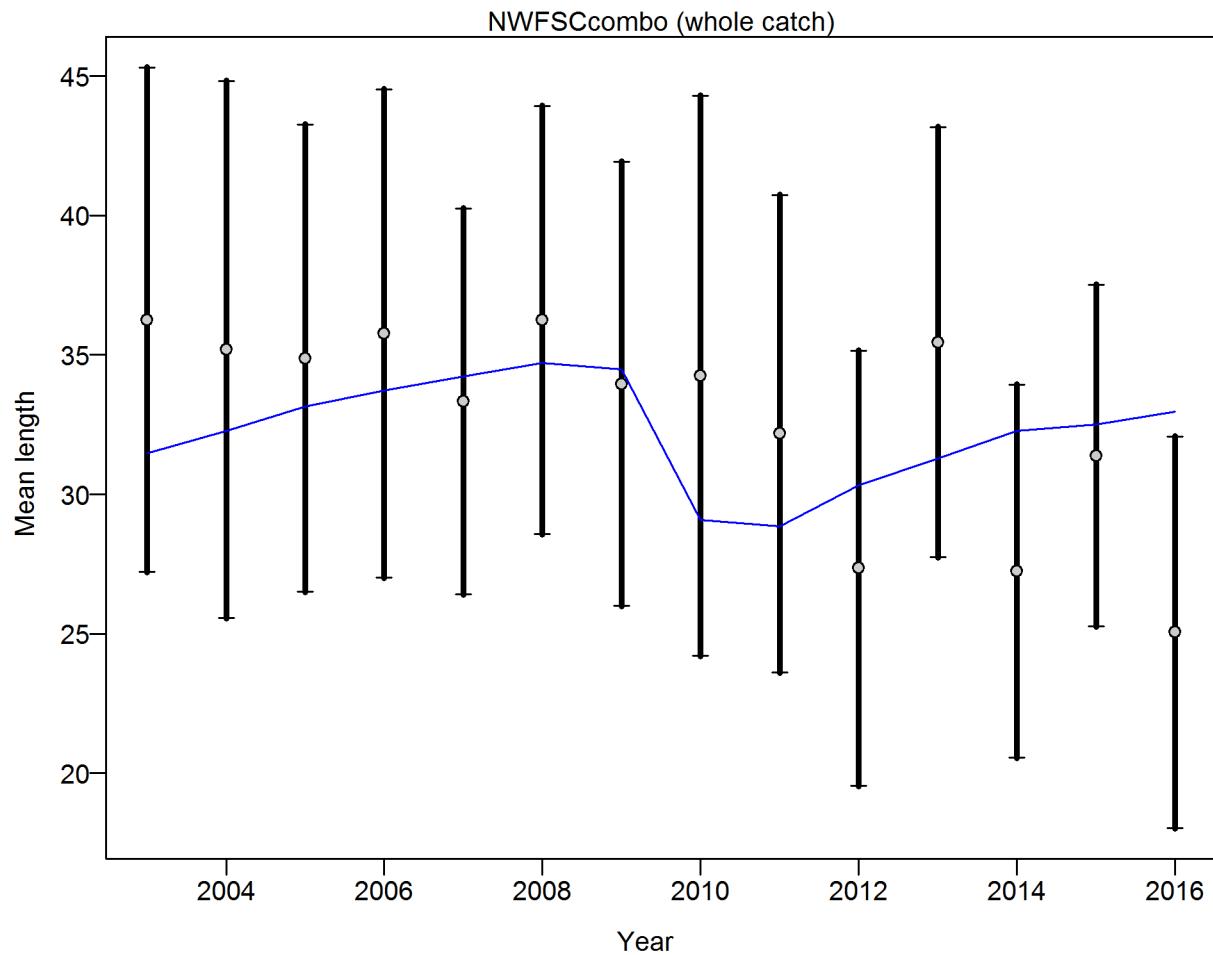


Figure 77: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: NWFSC shelf\_slope survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for len data from NWFSC shelf\_slope survey: 1.0055 (0.6199\_4.021) For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124\_1138. [fig:mod1\\_35\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_da](#)

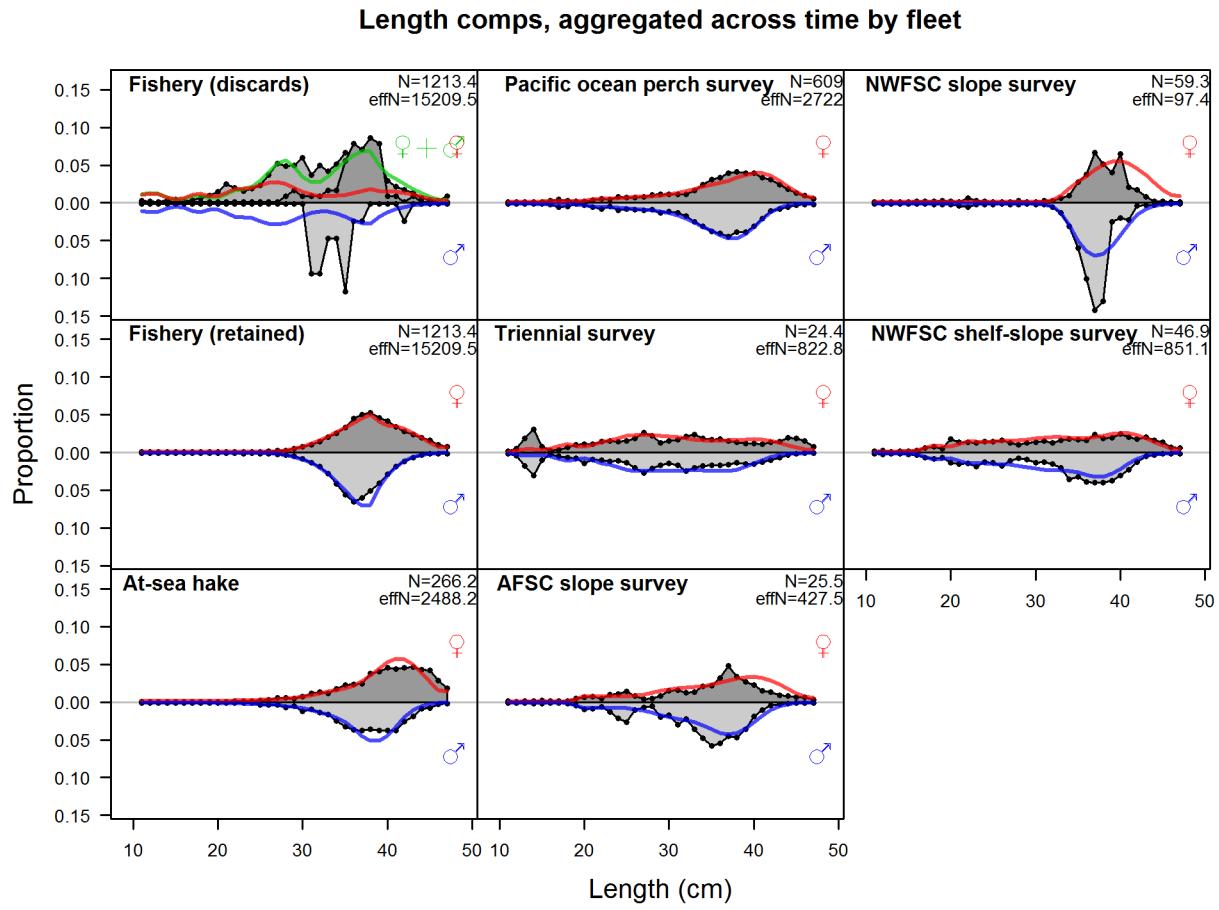


Figure 78: Length comps, aggregated across time by fleet. Labels ‘retained’ and ‘discard’ indicate discarded or retained sampled for each fleet. Panels without this designation represent the whole catch. [fig:mod1\\_36\\_comp\\_lenfit\\_aggregated\\_across\\_time](#)

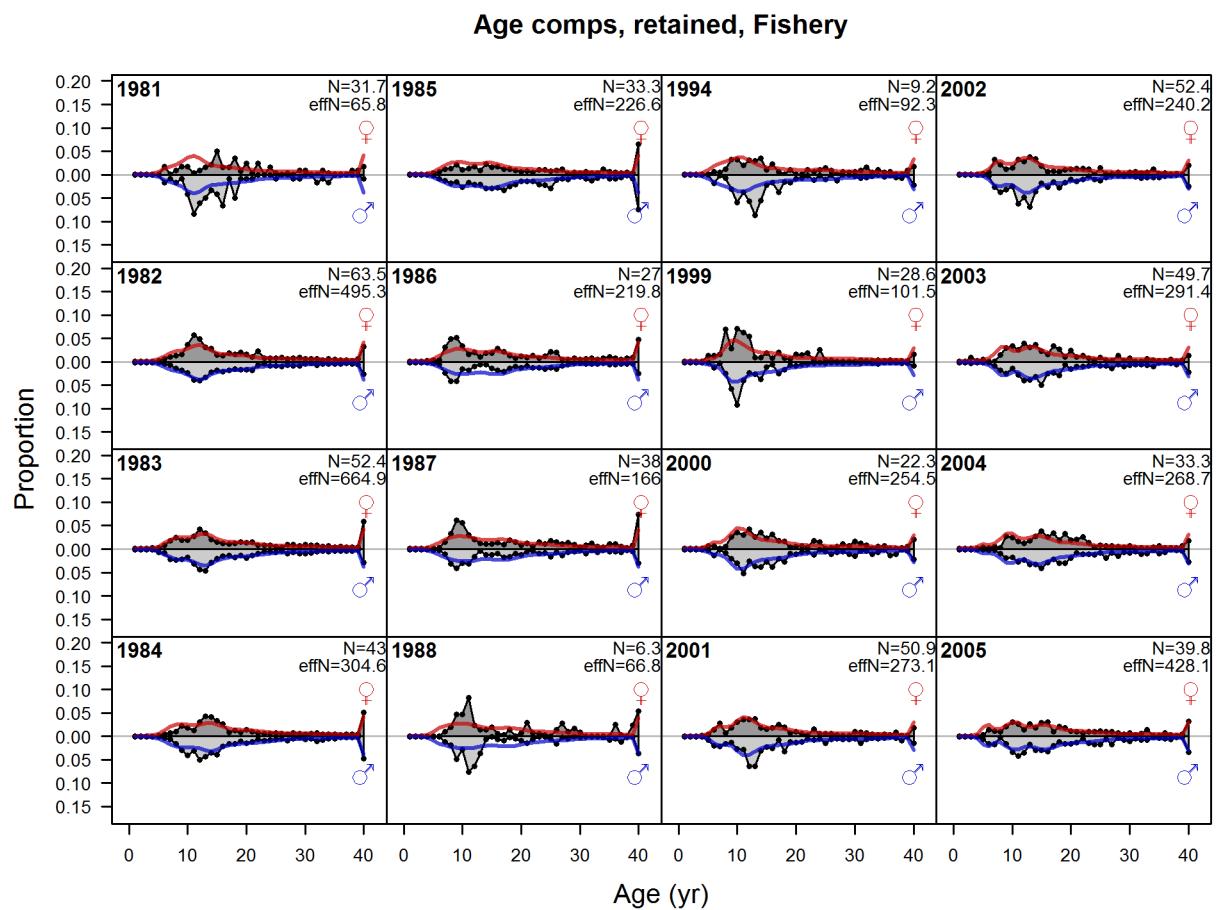


Figure 79: Age comps, retained, Fishery (plot 1 of 2) fig:mod1\_1\_comp\_agefit\_flt1mk

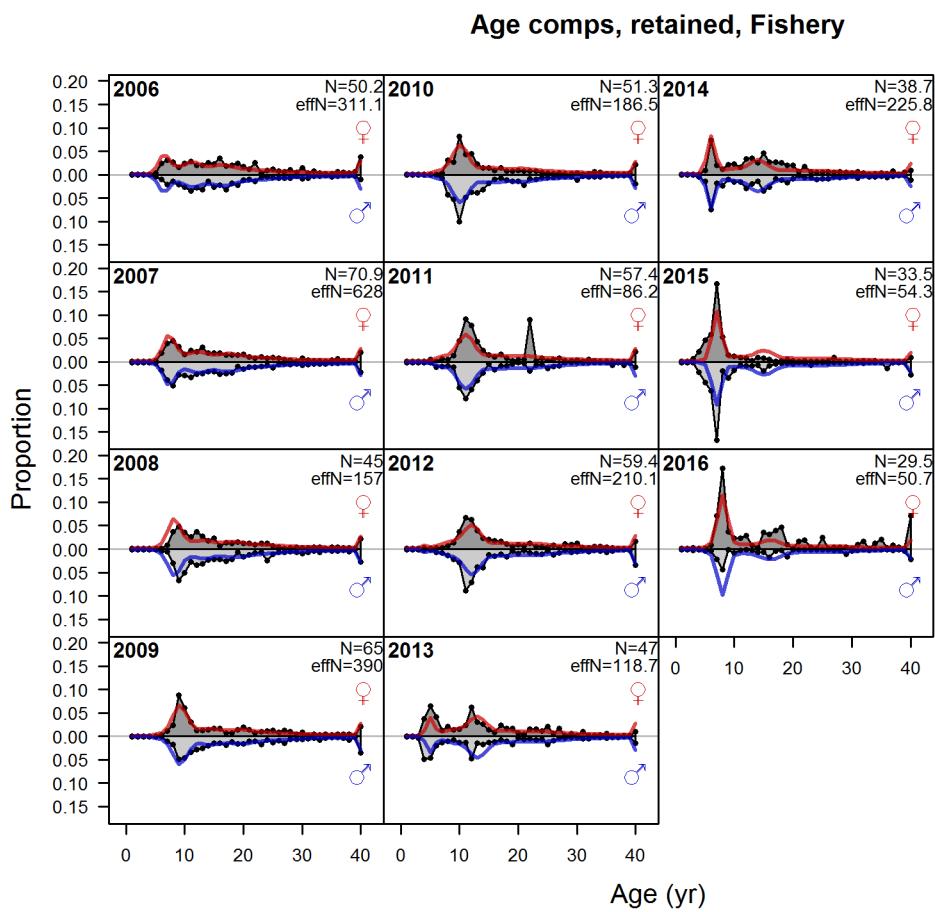


Figure 80: Age comps, retained, Fishery (plot 1 of 2) (plot 2 of 2) `fig:mod1_2_comp_agefit_f`

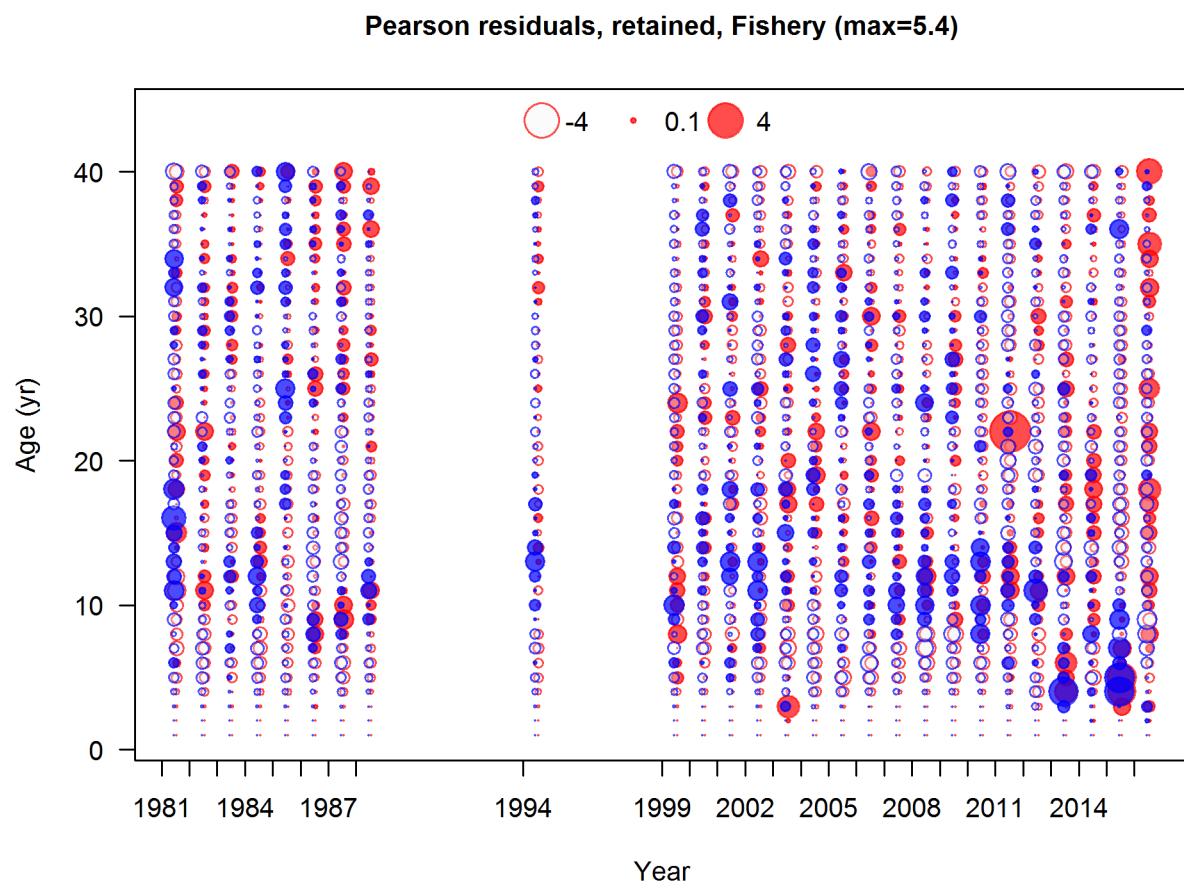


Figure 81: Pearson residuals, retained, Fishery (max=5.4) (plot 2 of 2)  
 Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_3\\_comp\\_agefit\\_residsfit1mkt2\\_page2](#)

N-EffN comparison, Age comps, retained, Fishery

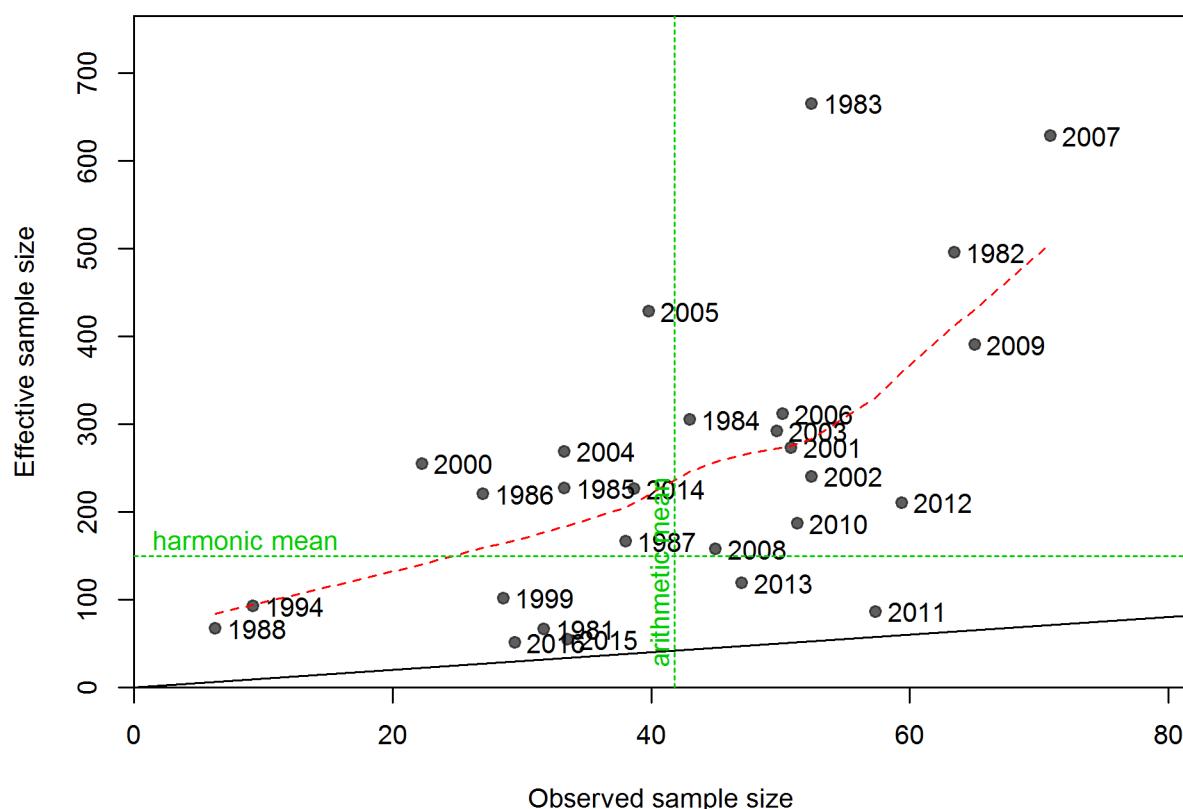


Figure 82: N\_EffN comparison, Age comps, retained, Fishery fig:mod1\_4\_comp\_ägefit\_sam

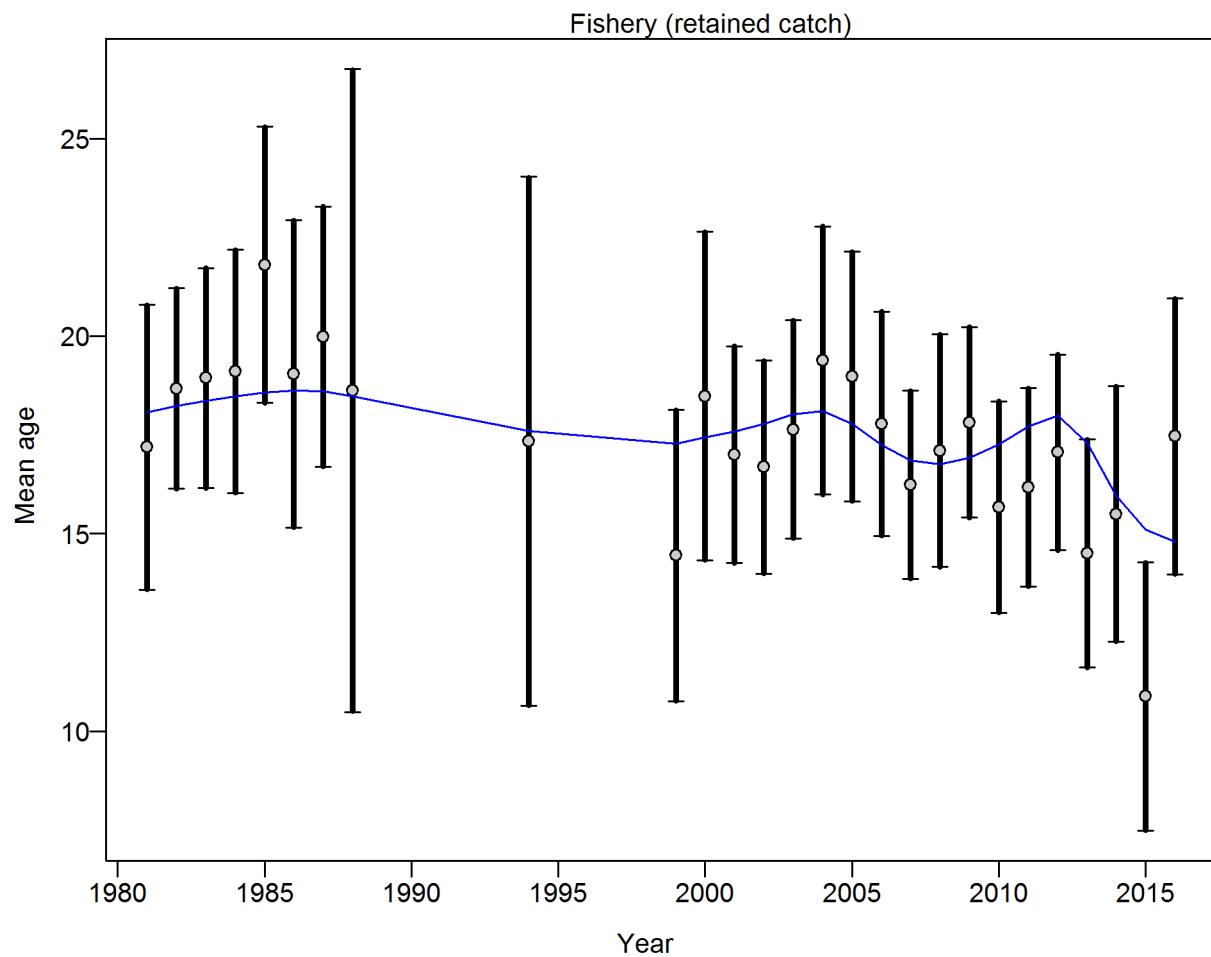


Figure 83: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: Fishery Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for age data from Fishery: 0.9921 (0.6365\_1.9959) For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. *Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci.* 68: 1124\_1138. [fig:mod1\\_5\\_comp\\_agefit\\_data\\_weighting\\_TA1.8\\_Fishery](#)

### Age comps, whole catch, At-sea hake

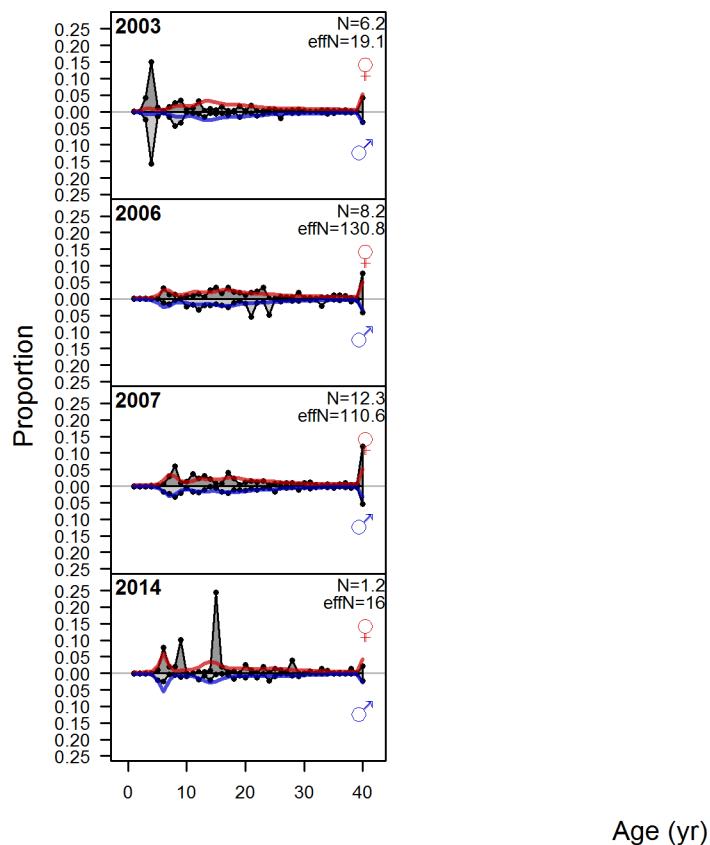


Figure 84: Age comps, whole catch, At-sea hake | [fig:mod1\\_6\\_comp\\_agefit\\_flt2mkt0](#)

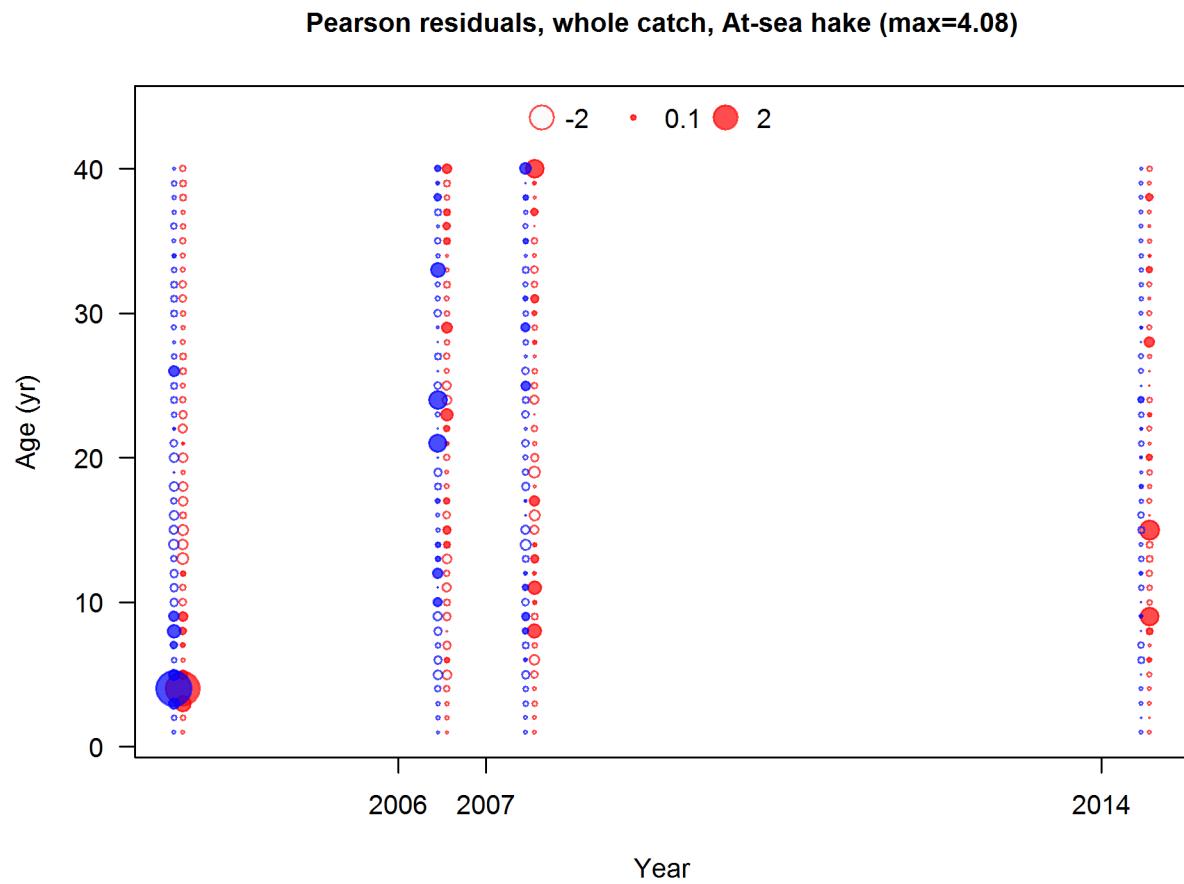


Figure 85: Pearson residuals, whole catch, At\_sea hake (max=4.08)  
 Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_7\\_comp\\_agefit\\_residsfit2mkt0](#)

### N-EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, At-sea hake

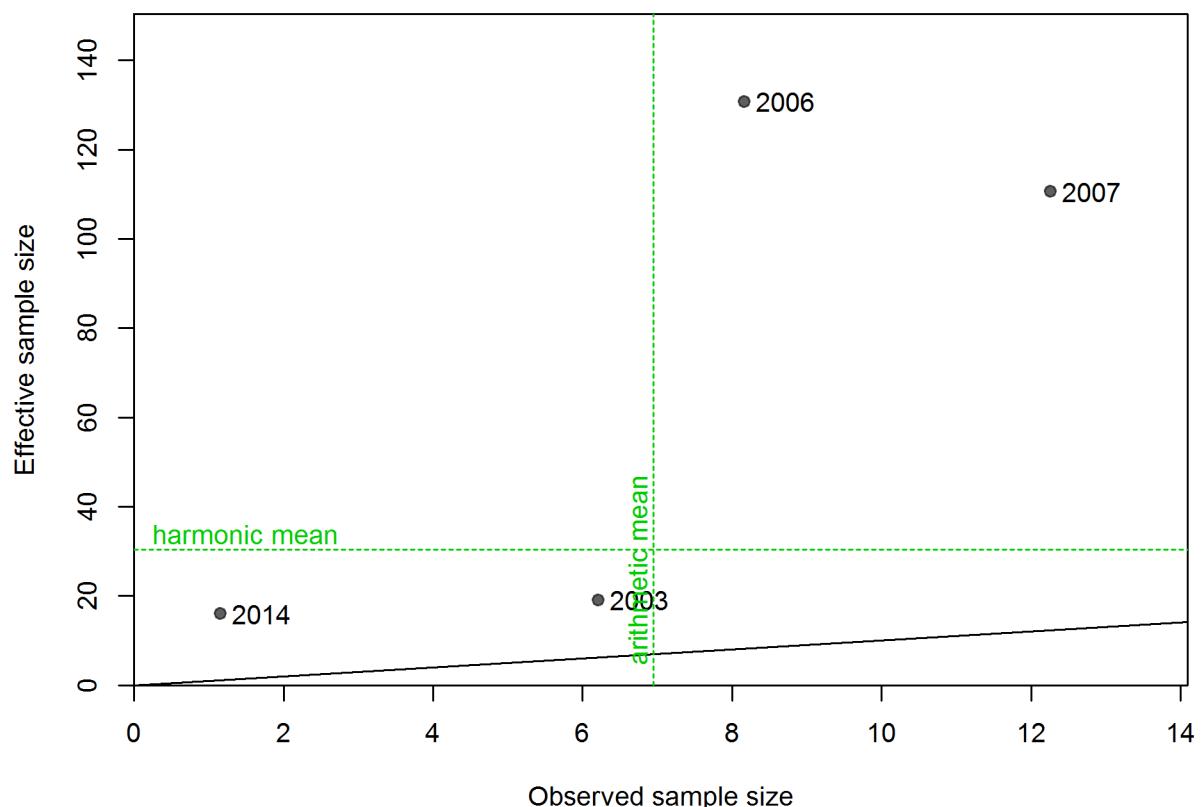


Figure 86: N\_EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, At\_sea hake fig:mod1\_8\_comp\_agefit

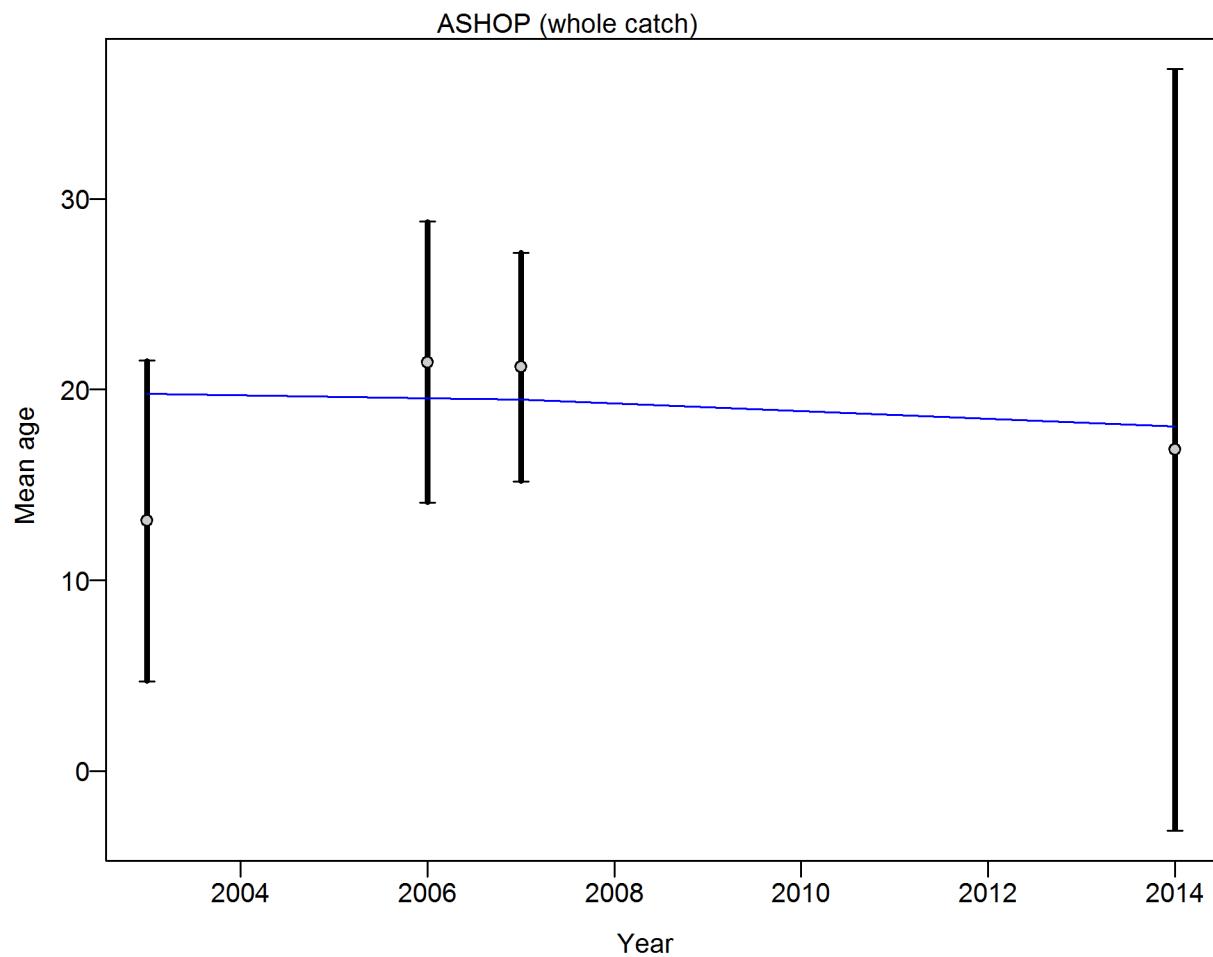
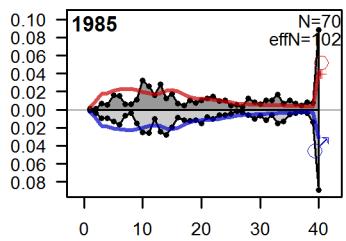


Figure 87: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: At\_sea hake Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for age data from At\_sea hake: 0.9921 (0.6459\_1420.3157)  
 For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124\_1138. [fig:mod1\\_9\\_comp\\_agefit\\_data\\_weighting\\_T](#)

Proportion

Age comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey



Age (yr)

Figure 88: Age comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey `fig:mod1_10_comp_agefit_f`

**Pearson residuals, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey (max=2.76)**

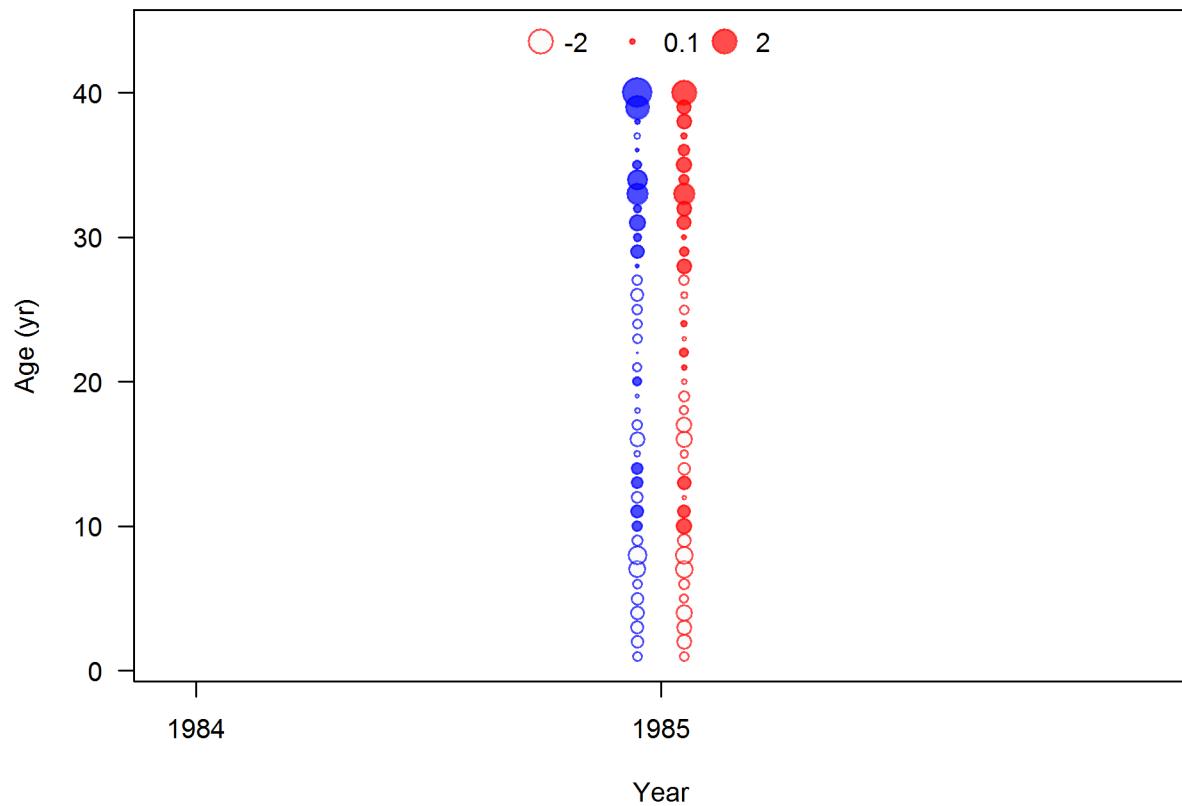


Figure 89: Pearson residuals, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey (max=2.76)  
Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed > expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed < expected). [fig:mod1\\_11\\_comp\\_agefit\\_residsfit4mkt0](#)

**N-EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey**

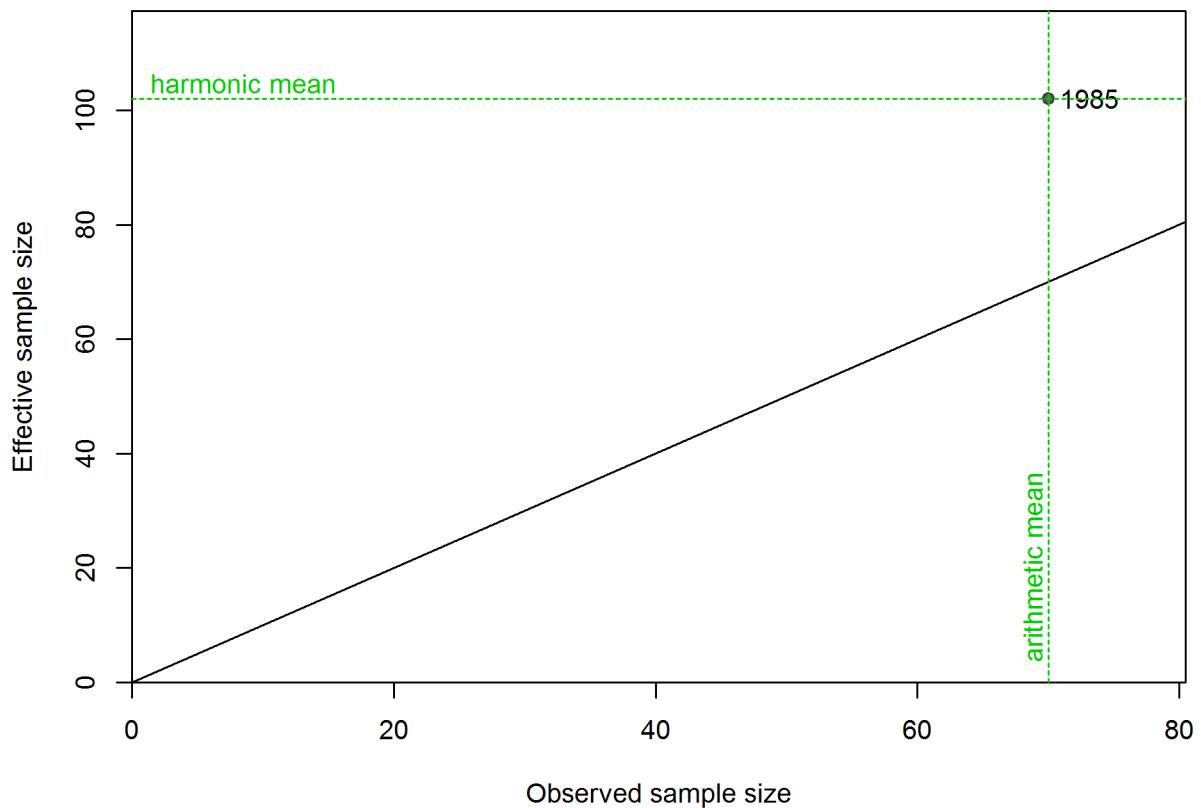
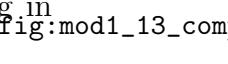


Figure 90: N\_EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, Pacific ocean perch survey fig:mod1\_12\_comp

Figure 91: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: Pacific ocean perch survey Too few points to calculate adjustments For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124-1138. 

### Age comps, whole catch, Triennial survey

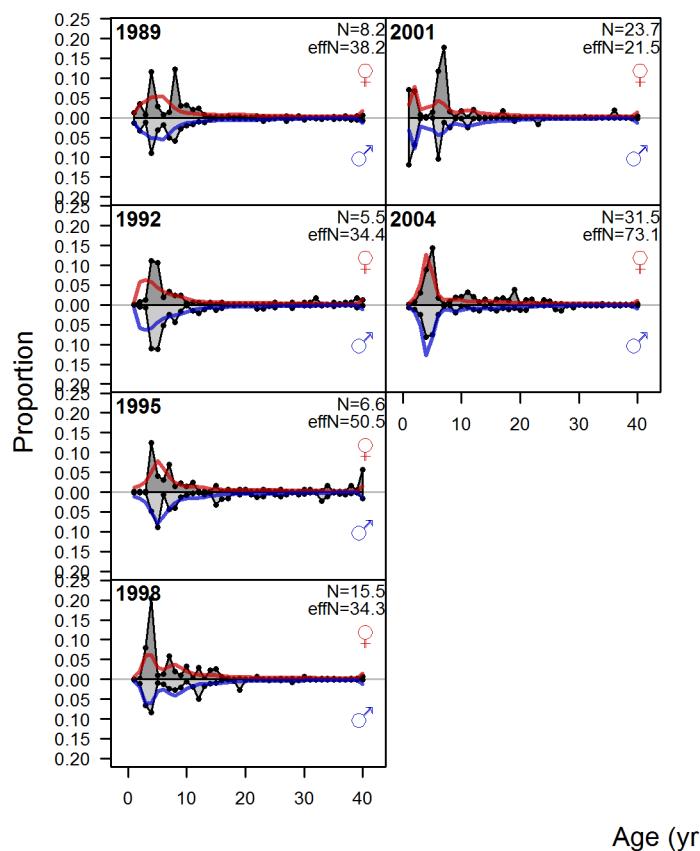


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**Pearson residuals, whole catch, Triennial survey (max=3.75)**

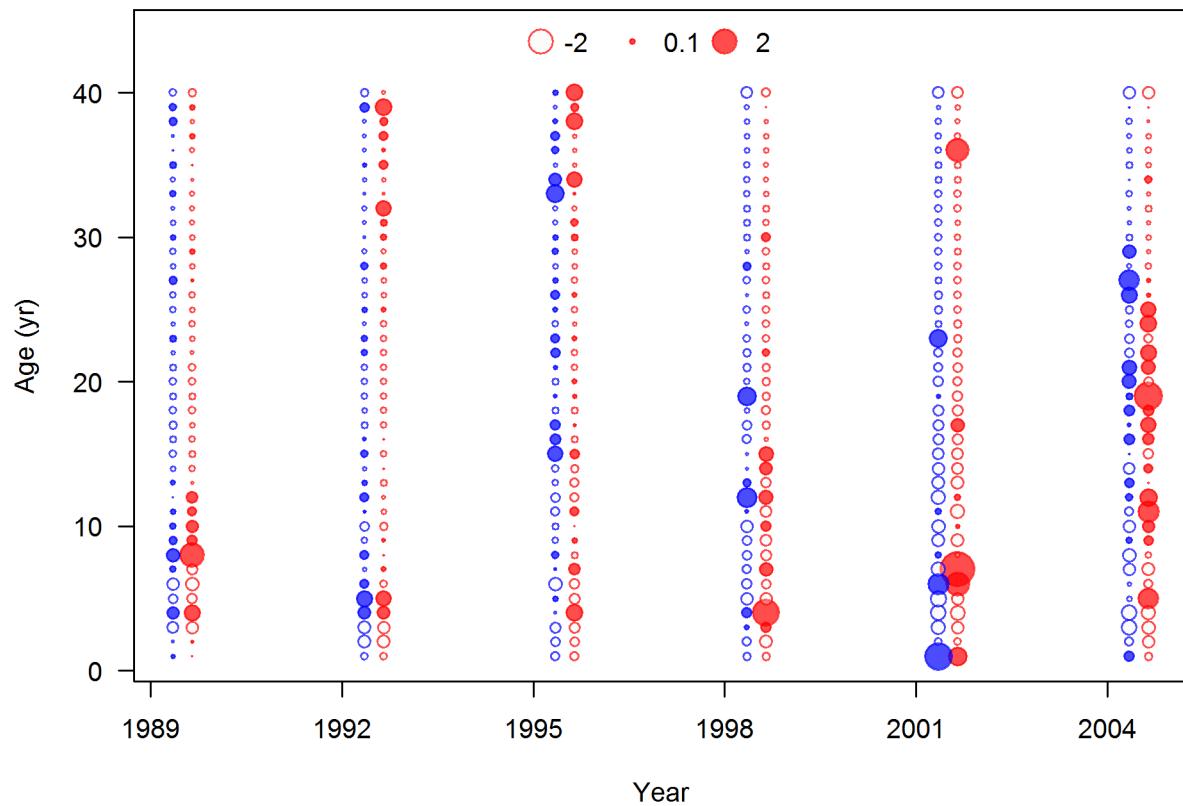


Figure 93: Pearson residuals, whole catch, Triennial survey (max=3.75)  
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**N-EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, Triennial survey**

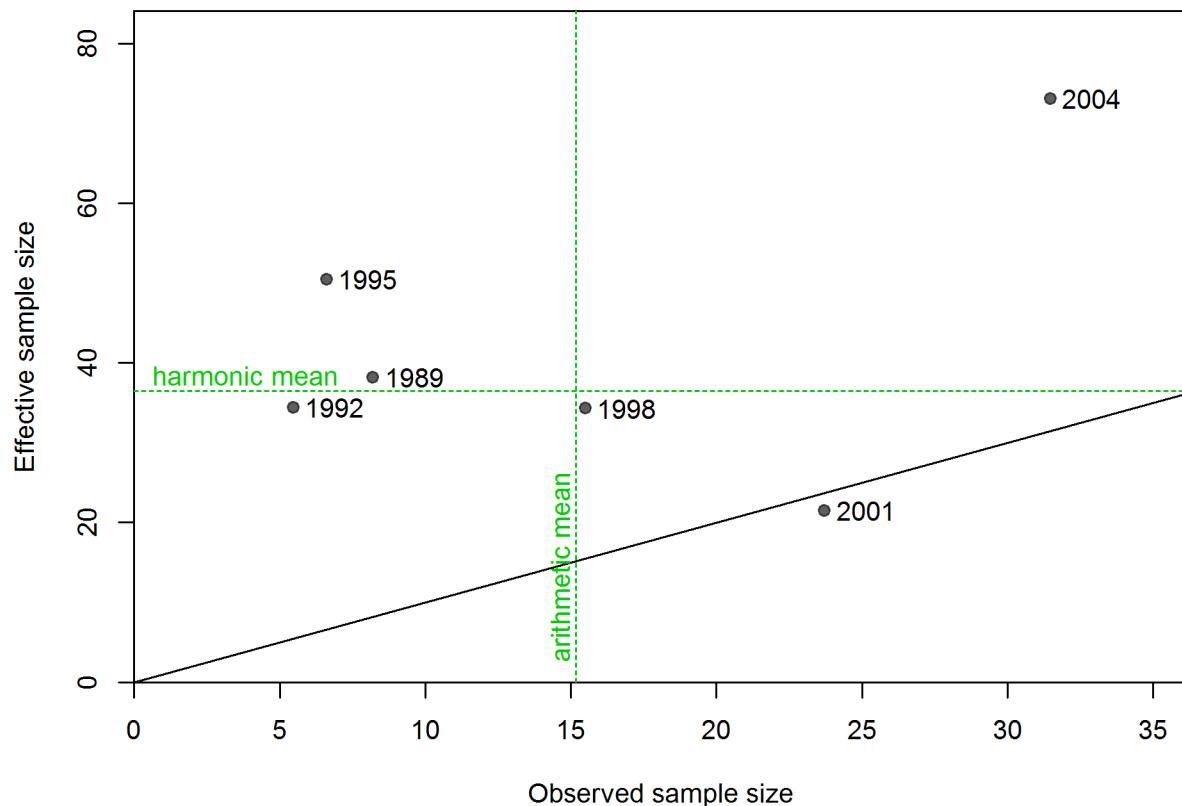


Figure 94: N\_EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, Triennial survey fig:mod1\_16\_comp\_age

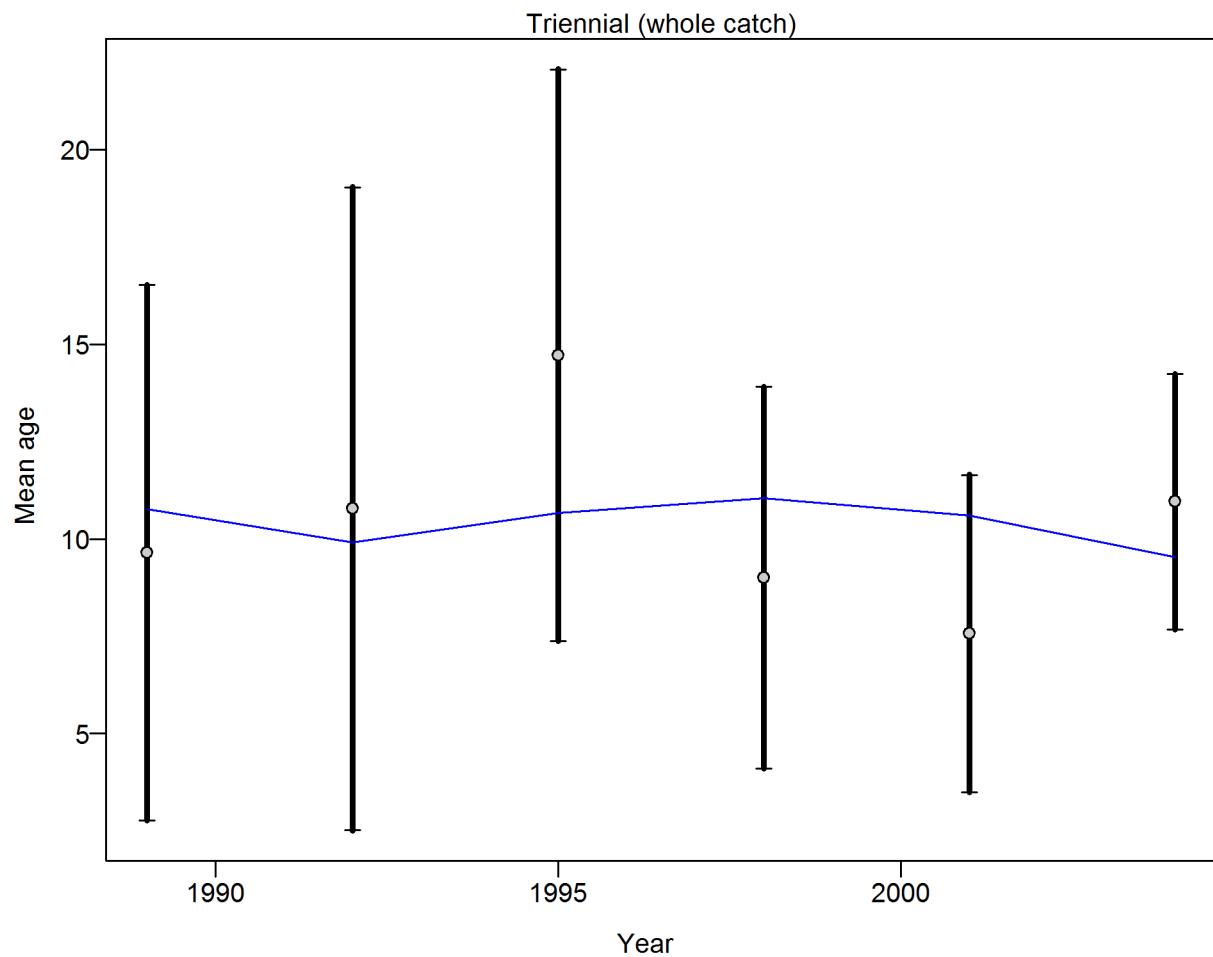


Figure 95: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: Triennial survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for age data from Triennial survey: 1.0019 (0.6421\_5.1354)  
For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124\_1138. [fig:mod1\\_17\\_comp\\_agefit\\_data\\_weighting](#)

### Age comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey

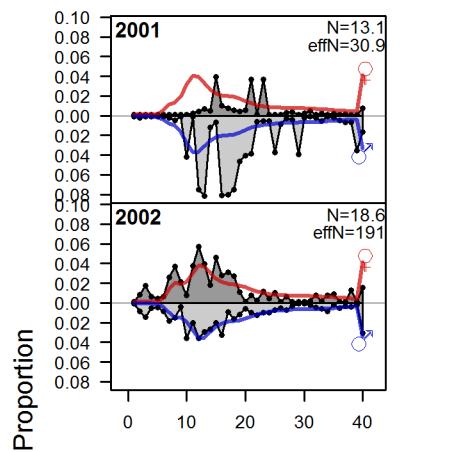


Figure 96: Age comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey [fig:mod1\\_18\\_comp\\_agefit\\_flt](#)

Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey (max=2.34)

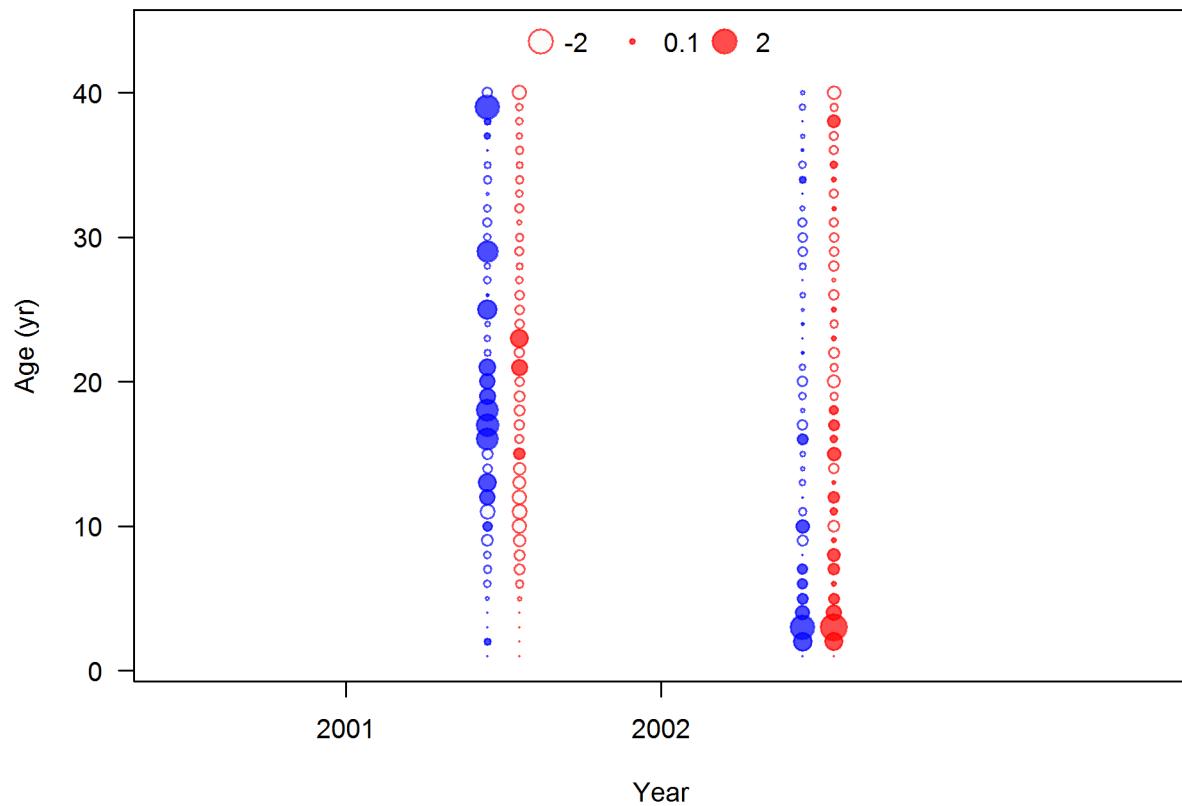


Figure 97: Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey (max=2.34)  
Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed  $>$  expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed  $<$  expected). [fig:mod1\\_19\\_comp\\_agefit\\_residsfit7mkt0](#)

**N-EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey**

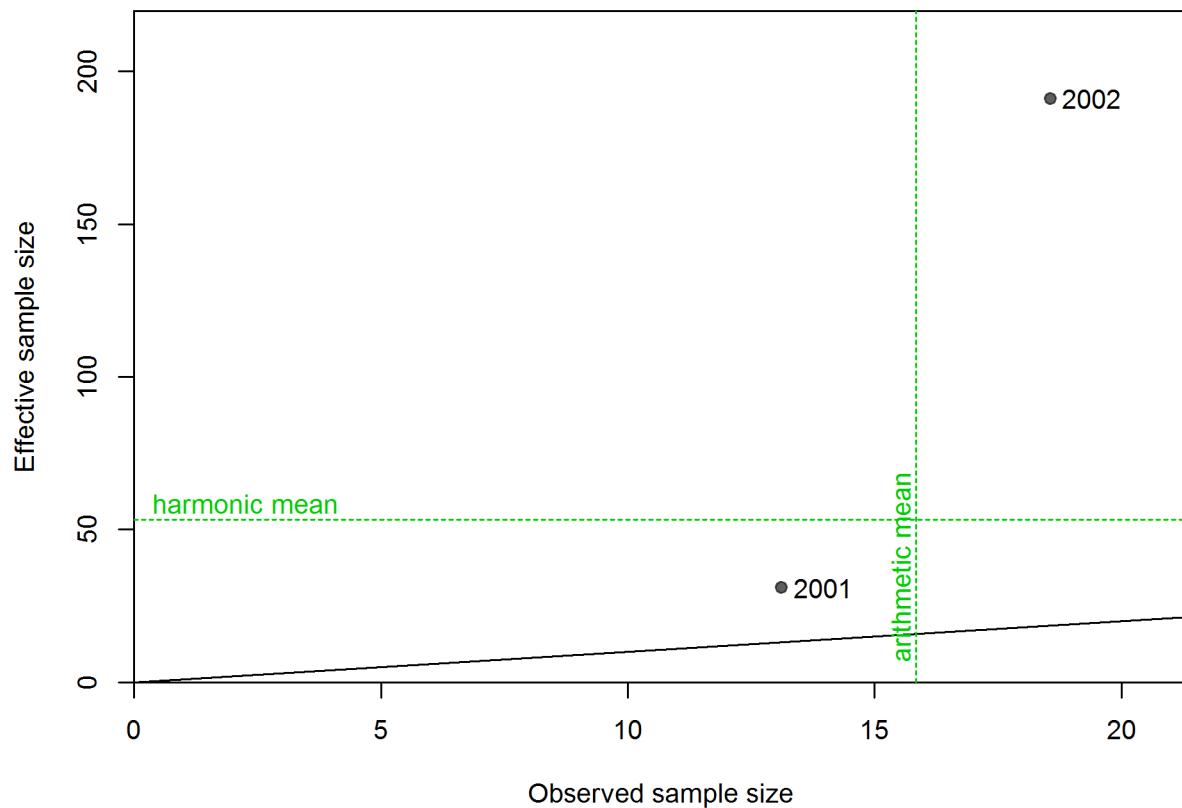


Figure 98: N\_EffN comparison, Age comps, whole catch, NWFSC slope survey | fig:mod1\_20\_comp\_a

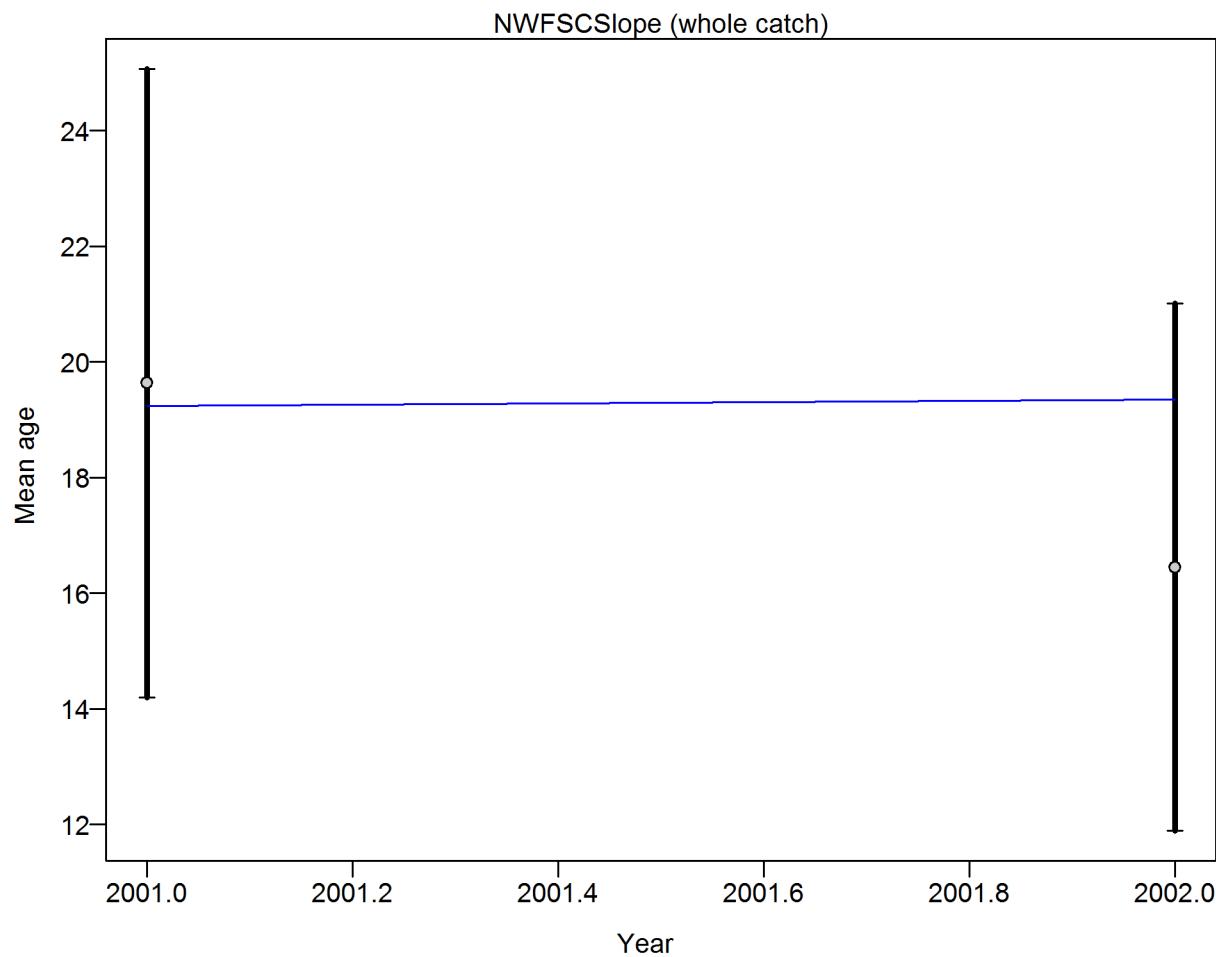


Figure 99: Francis data weighting method TA1.8: NWFSC slope survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for age data from NWFSC slope survey: 0.9998 (0.9998\_Inf)  
For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 68: 1124-1138. [fig:mod1\\_21\\_comp\\_agefit\\_data\\_weighting](#)

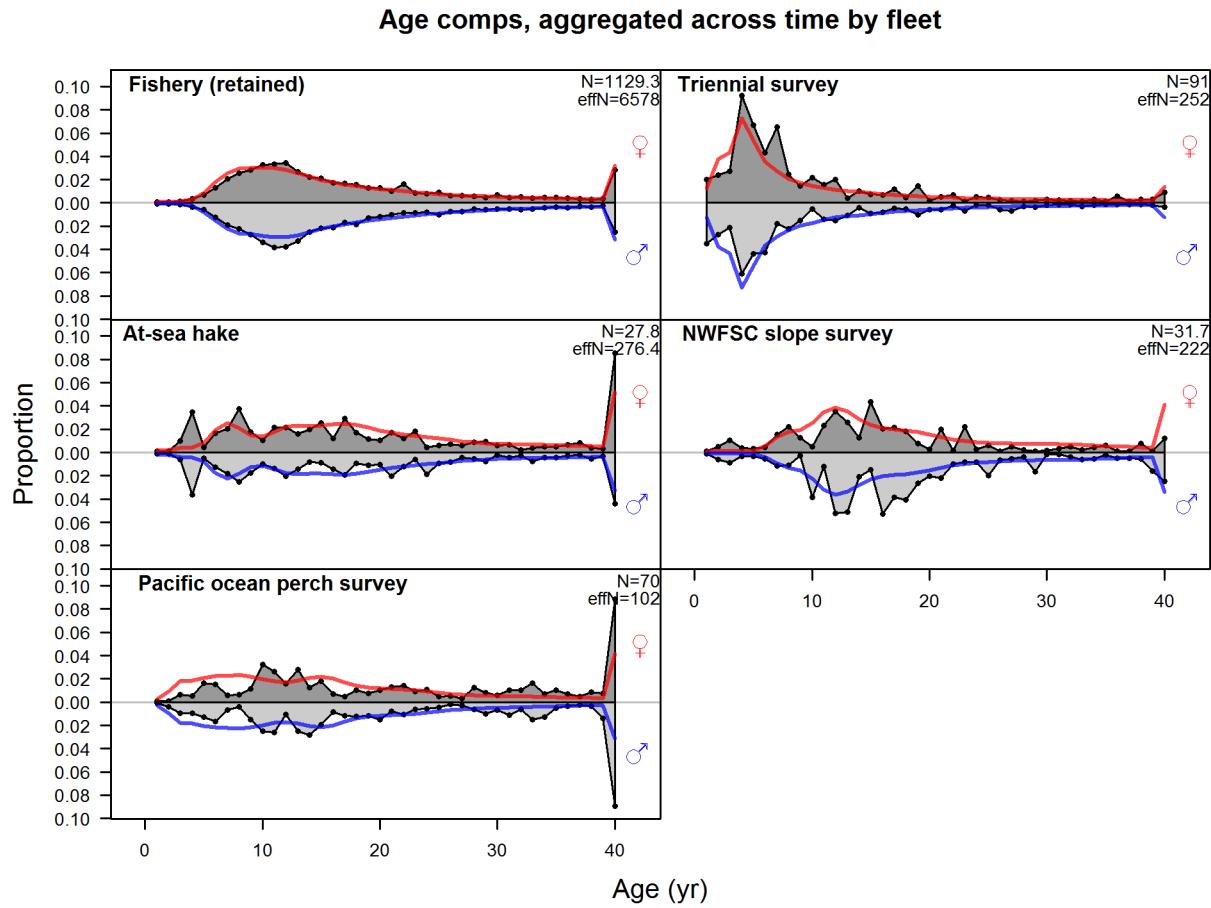


Figure 100: Age comps, aggregated across time by fleet. Labels ‘retained’ and ‘discard’ indicate discarded or retained sampled for each fleet. Panels without this designation represent the whole catch. [fig:mod1\\_22\\_comp\\_agefit\\_\\_aggregated\\_across\\_time](#)

### Ghost age comps, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey

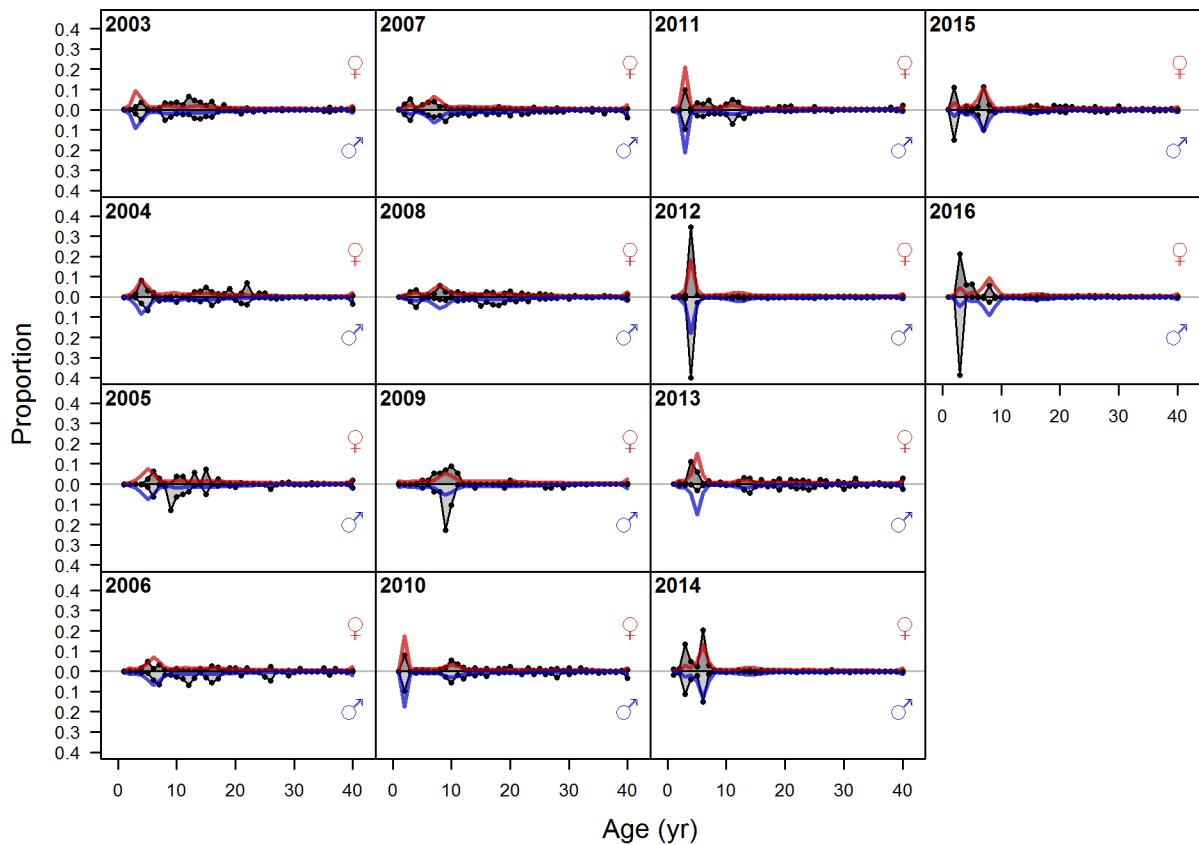


Figure 101: Ghost age comps, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey fig:mod1\_23\_comp\_gstags

Figure 102: Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC shelf.slope survey (max=NA)  
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residuals (observed < expected). 

Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey (max=18.49)

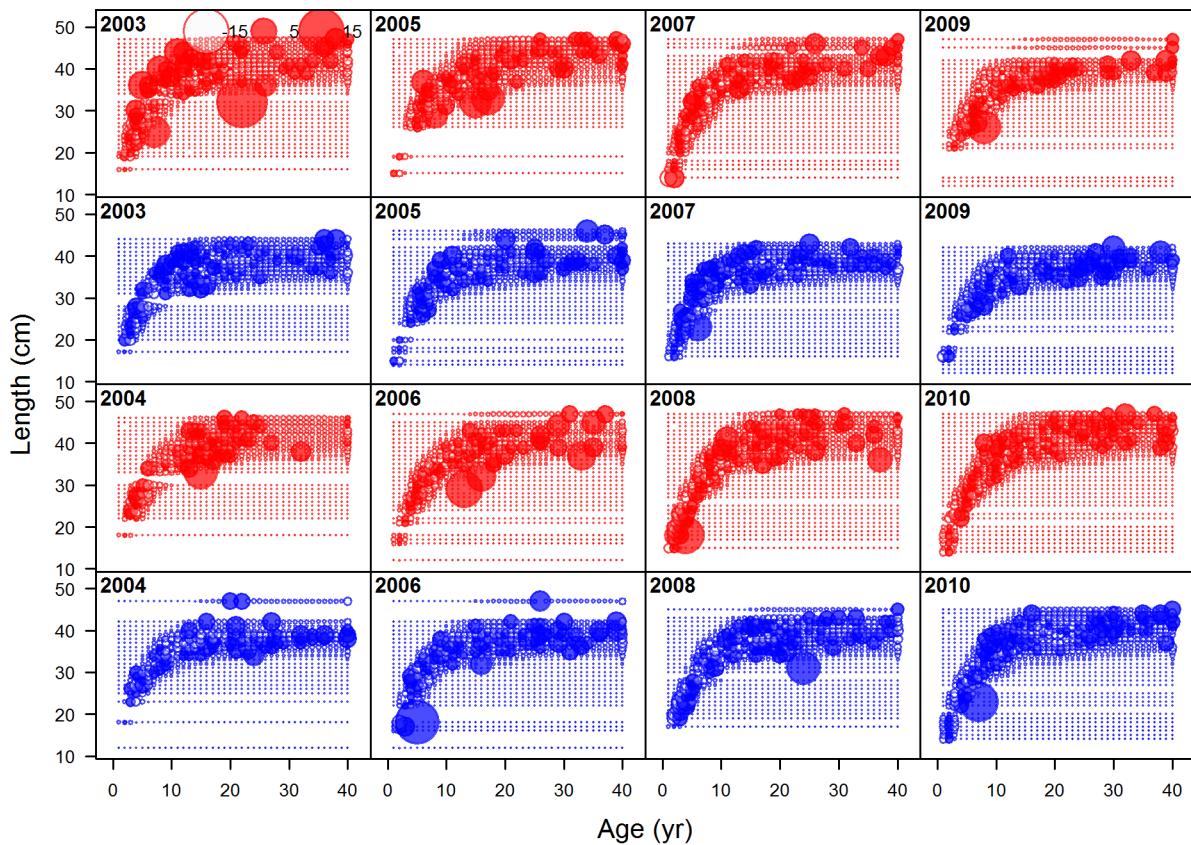


Figure 103: Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey (max=18.49) (plot 1 of 2) | [fig:mod1\\_1\\_comp\\_condAALfit\\_residsfit8mkt0\\_page1](#)

**Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey (max=18.49)**

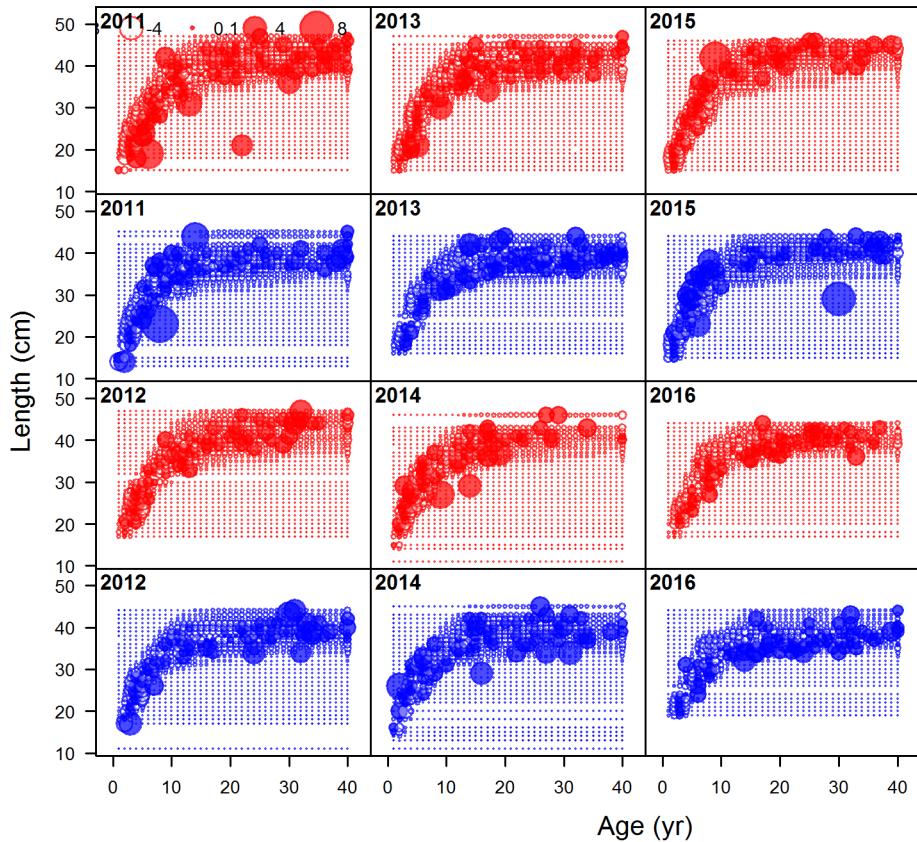


Figure 104: Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC shelf-slope survey (max=18.49) (plot 1 of 2) (plot 2 of 2) | [fig:mod1\\_2\\_comp\\_condAALfit\\_residsfIt8mkt0\\_page2](#)

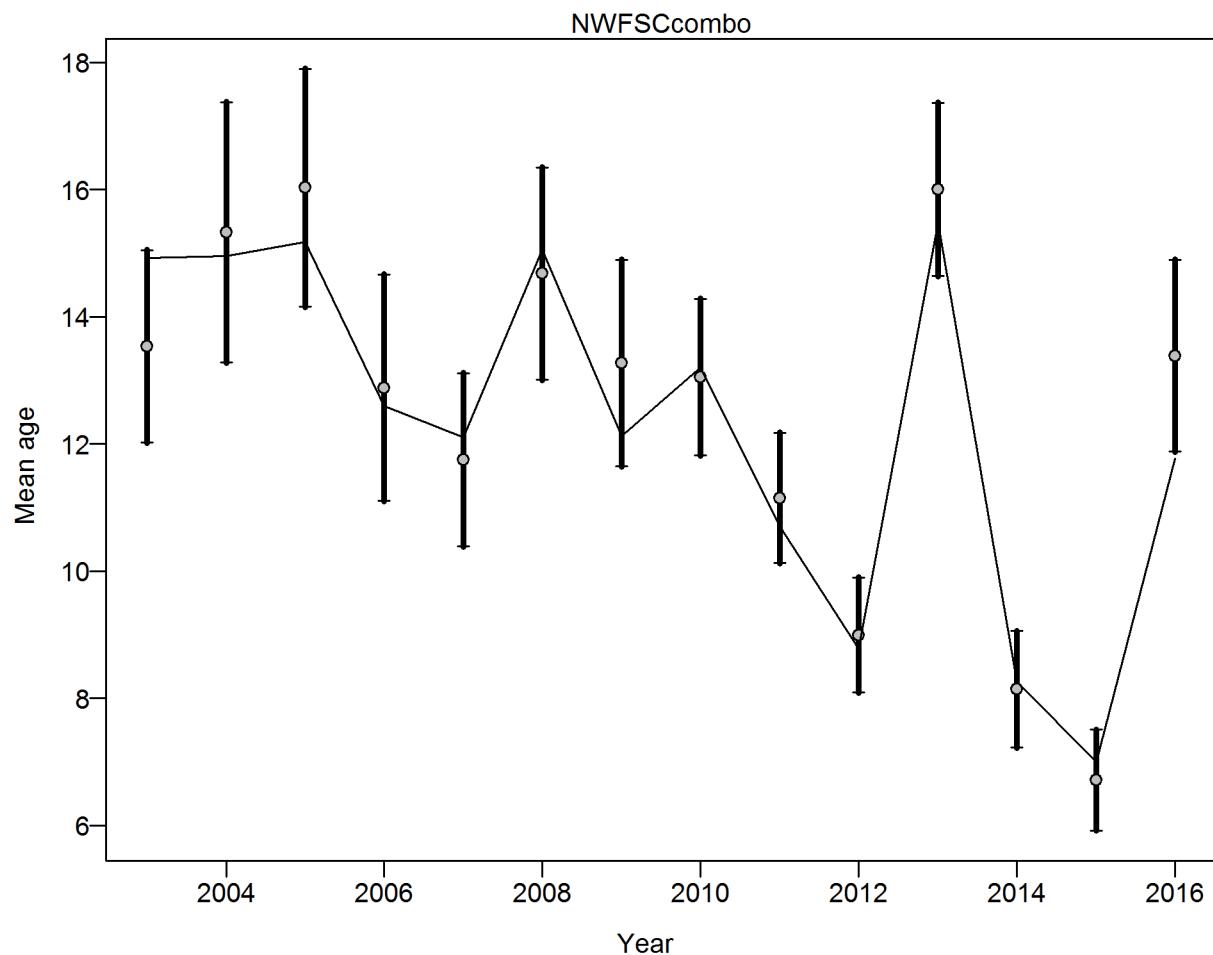


Figure 105: Francis data weighting method TA1.8 for conditional age [data:NWFSC](#) shelf\_slope survey Suggested sample size adjustment (with 95% interval) for conditional age\_at\_length data from NWFSC shelf\_slope survey: 1.0131 (0.5851\_3.0487) For more info, see Francis, R.I.C.C. (2011). Data weighting in statistical fisheries stock assessment models. *Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci.* 68: 1124\_1138. | [fig:mod1\\_3\\_comp\\_condAALfit\\_data\\_weighting\\_TA1.8\\_condAgeNWFSC\\_shelf-slope](#)

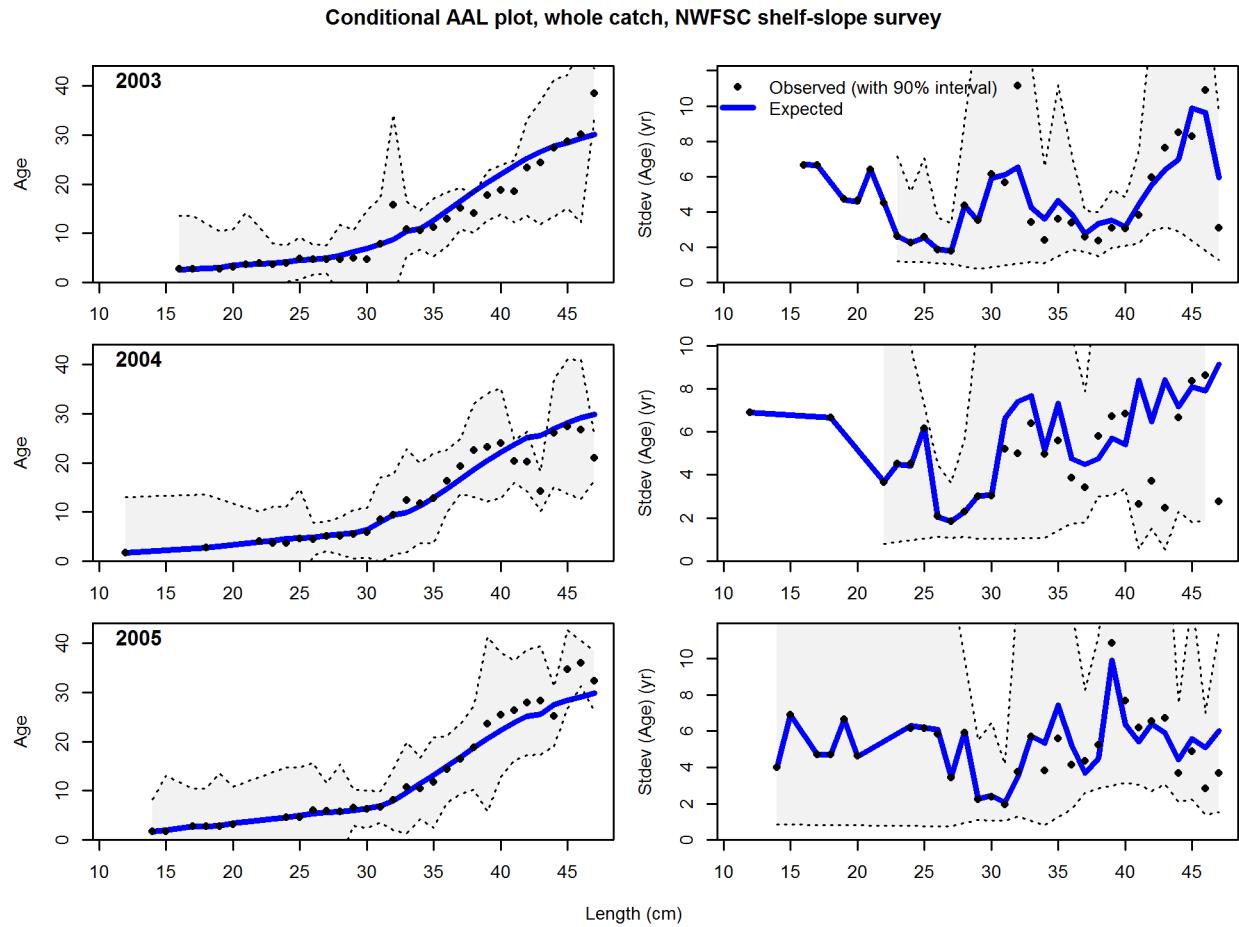


Figure 106: Conditional AAL plot, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey (plot 1 of 5)  
 These plots show mean age and std. dev. in conditional AAL. Left plots are mean AAL by size\_class (obs. and pred.) with 90% CIs based on adding 1.64 SE of mean to the data. Right plots in each pair are SE of mean AAL (obs. and pred.) with 90% CIs based on the chi\_square distribution. | [fig:mod1\\_4\\_comp\\_condAALfitAndre\\_plotsf1t8mkt0\\_page1](#)

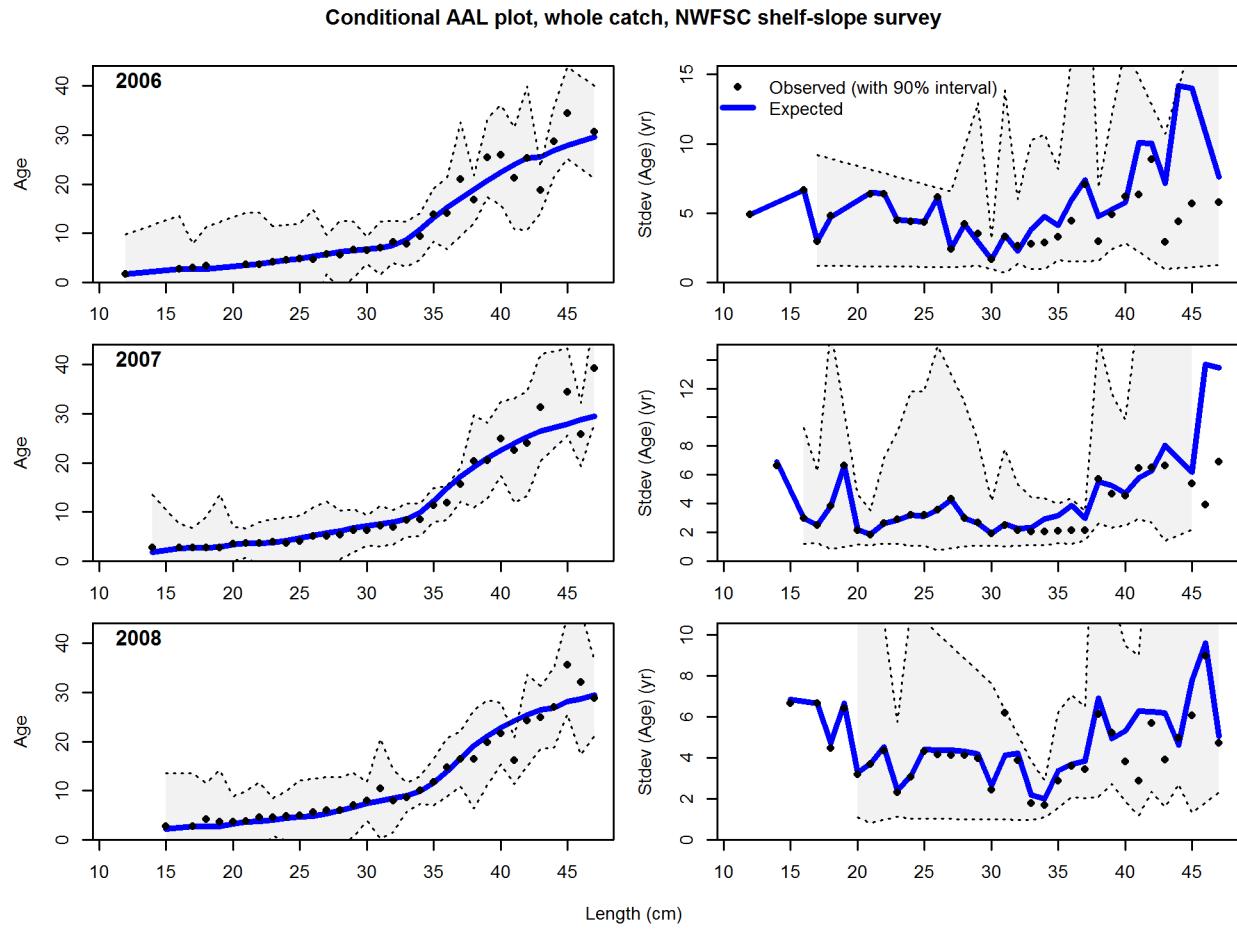


Figure 107: Conditional AAL plot, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey (plot 2 of 5)  
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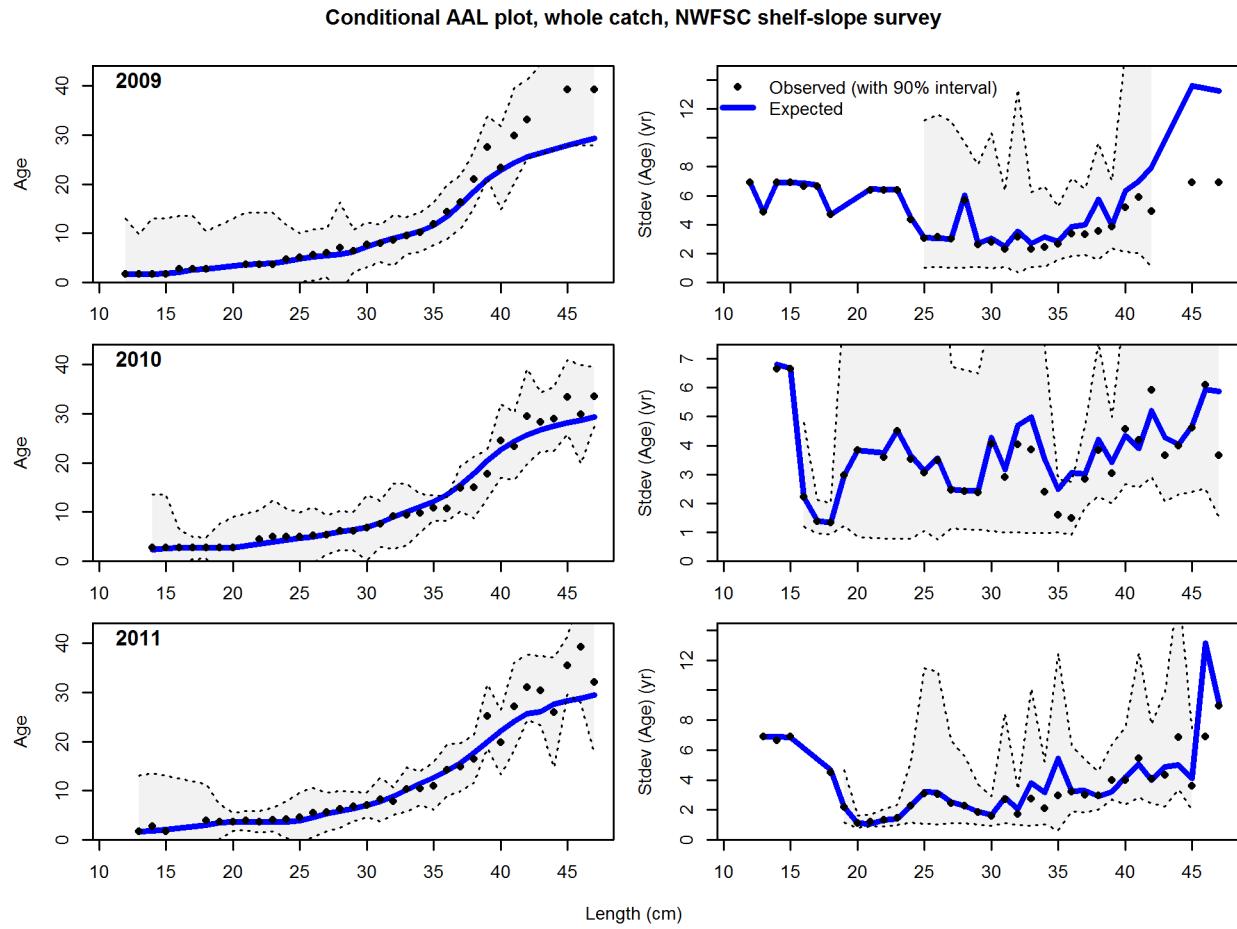


Figure 108: Conditional AAL plot, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey (plot 3 of 5)  
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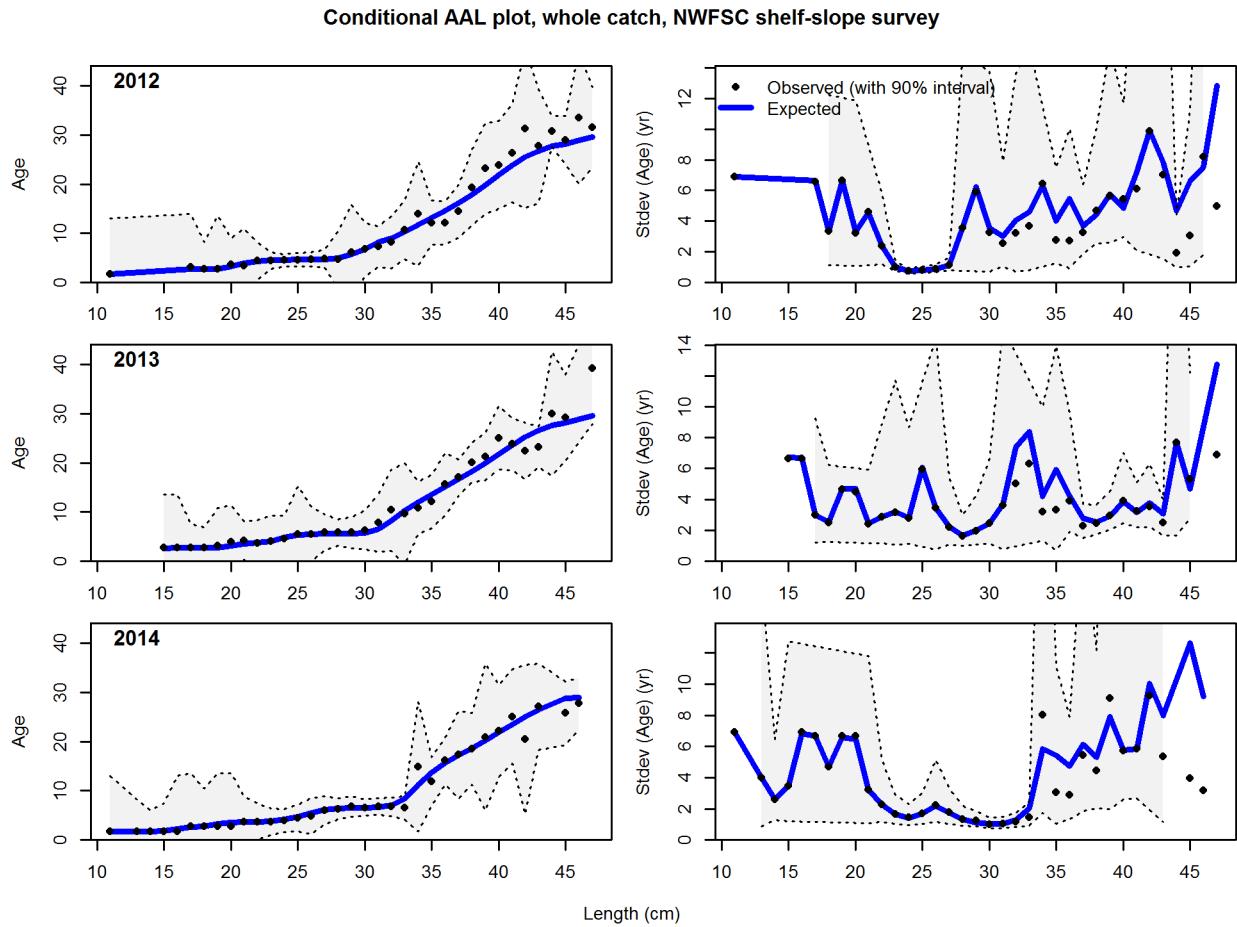


Figure 109: Conditional AAL plot, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey (plot 4 of 5)  
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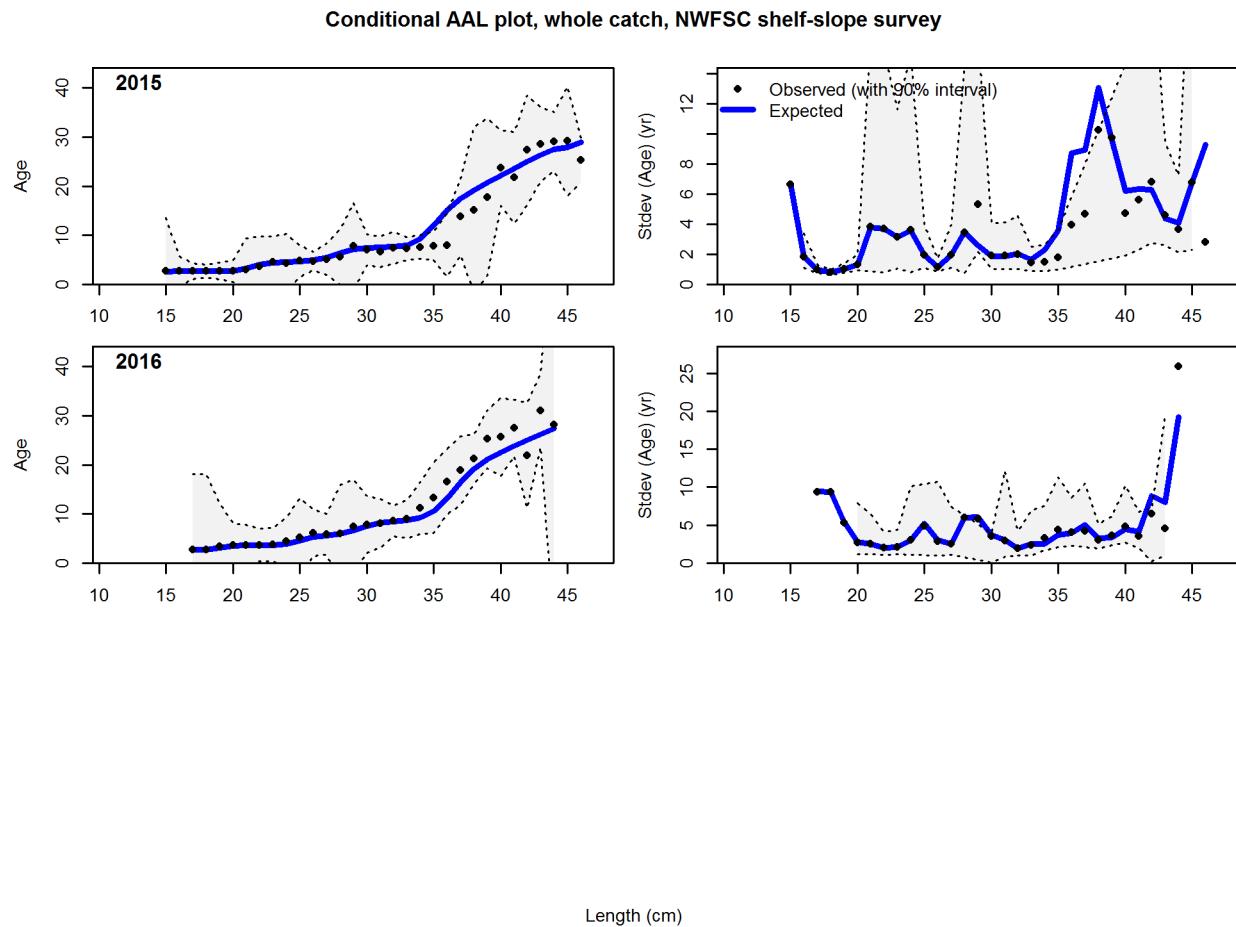


Figure 110: Conditional AAL plot, whole catch, NWFSC shelf\_slope survey (plot 5 of 5)  
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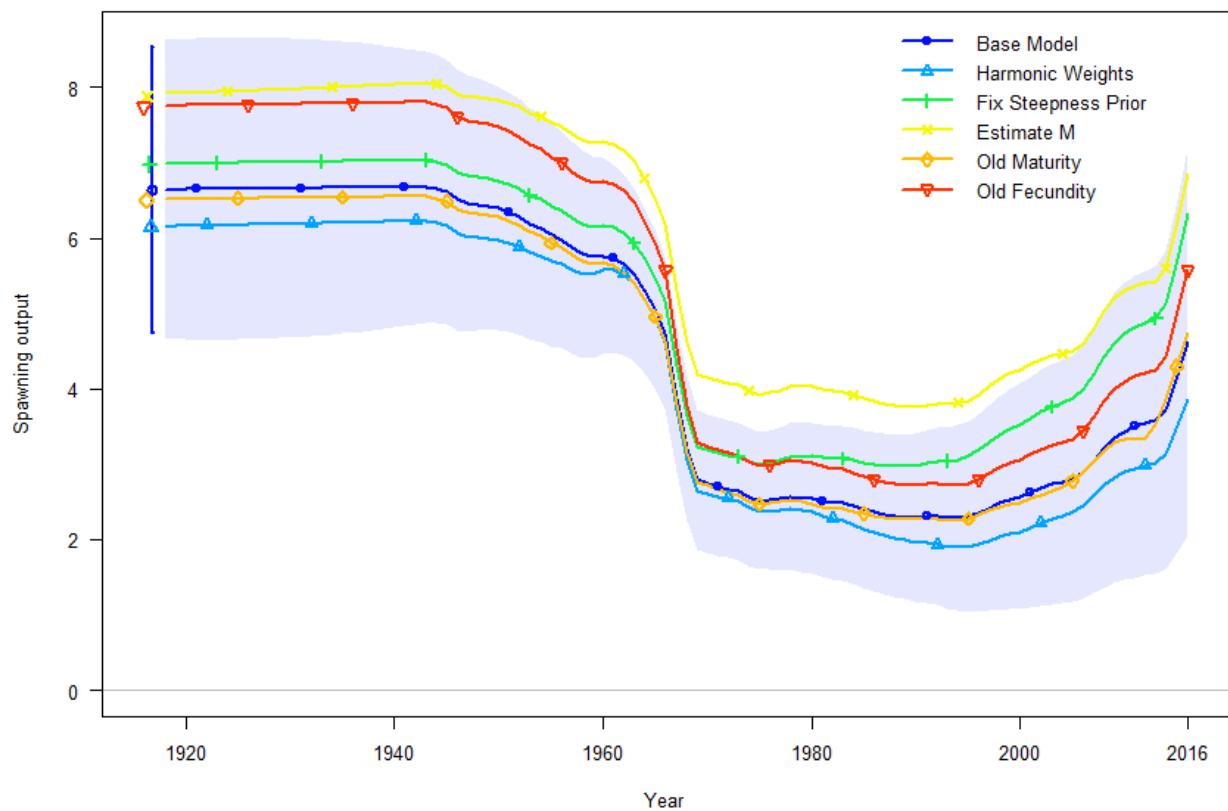


Figure 111: Time-series of spawning output for model sensitivities for Pacific ocean perch. `fig:sensi_ssby`

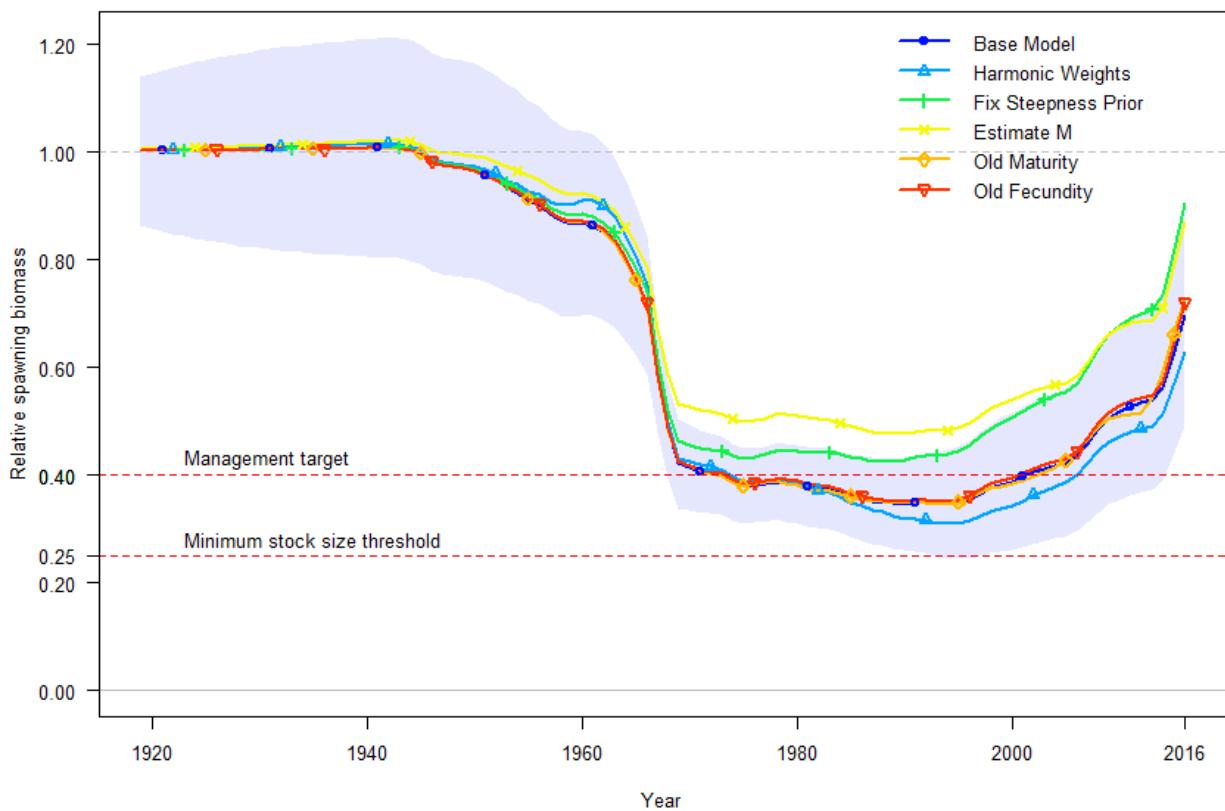


Figure 112: Time-series of relative biomass for model sensitivities for Pacific ocean perch. [fig:sensi\\_dep](#)

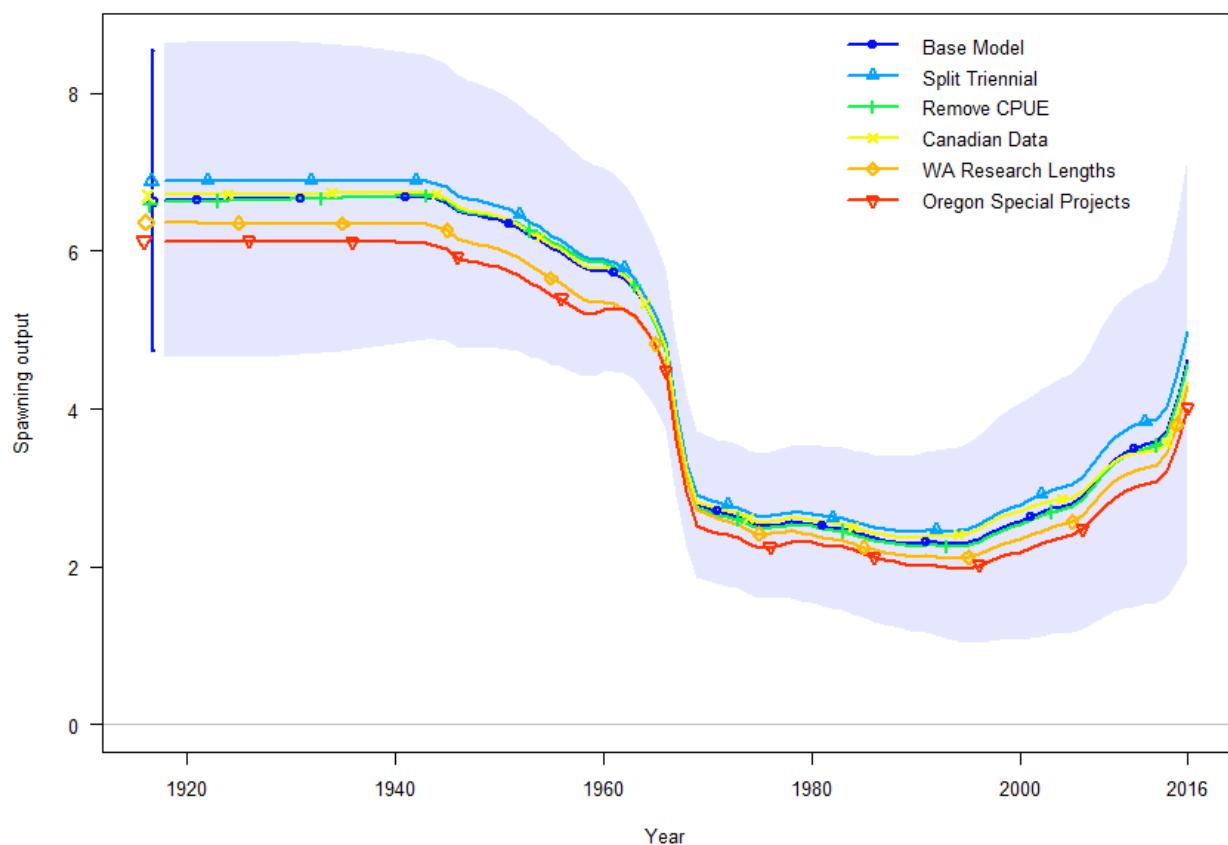


Figure 113: Time-series of spawning output for model sensitivities for Pacific ocean perch. fig:sens2\_ssbs

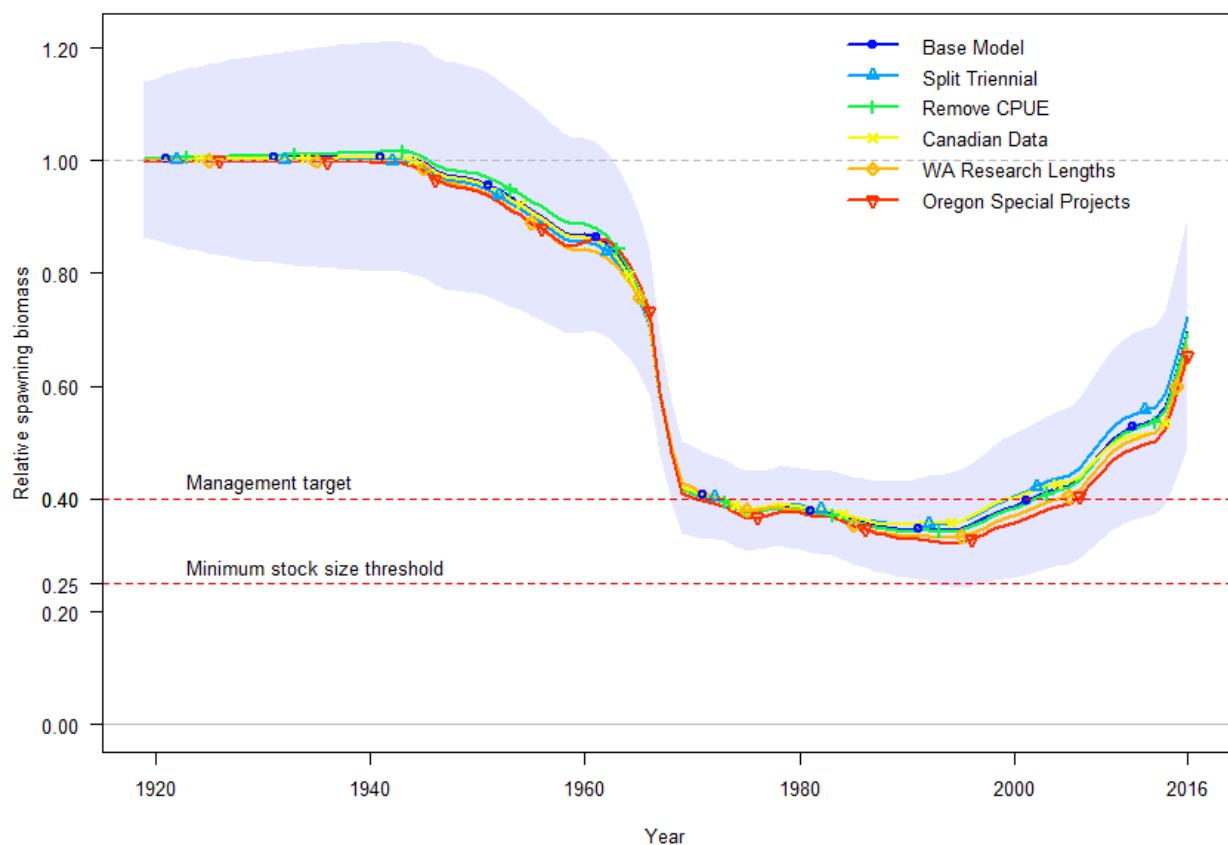


Figure 114: Time-series of relative biomass for model sensitivities for Pacific ocean perch. [fig:sens2\\_dep](#)

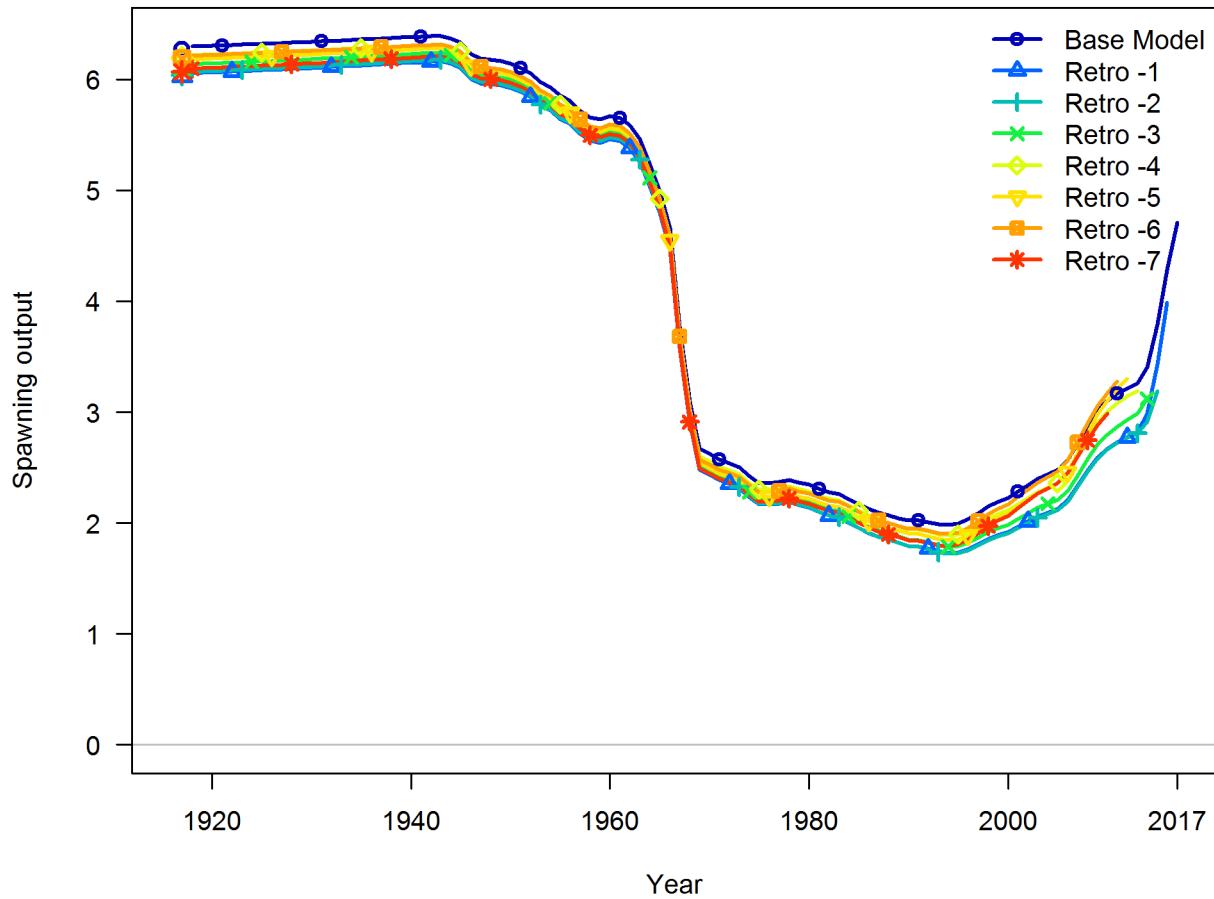


Figure 115: Retrospective pattern for spawning output. [fig:retro\\_sb](#)

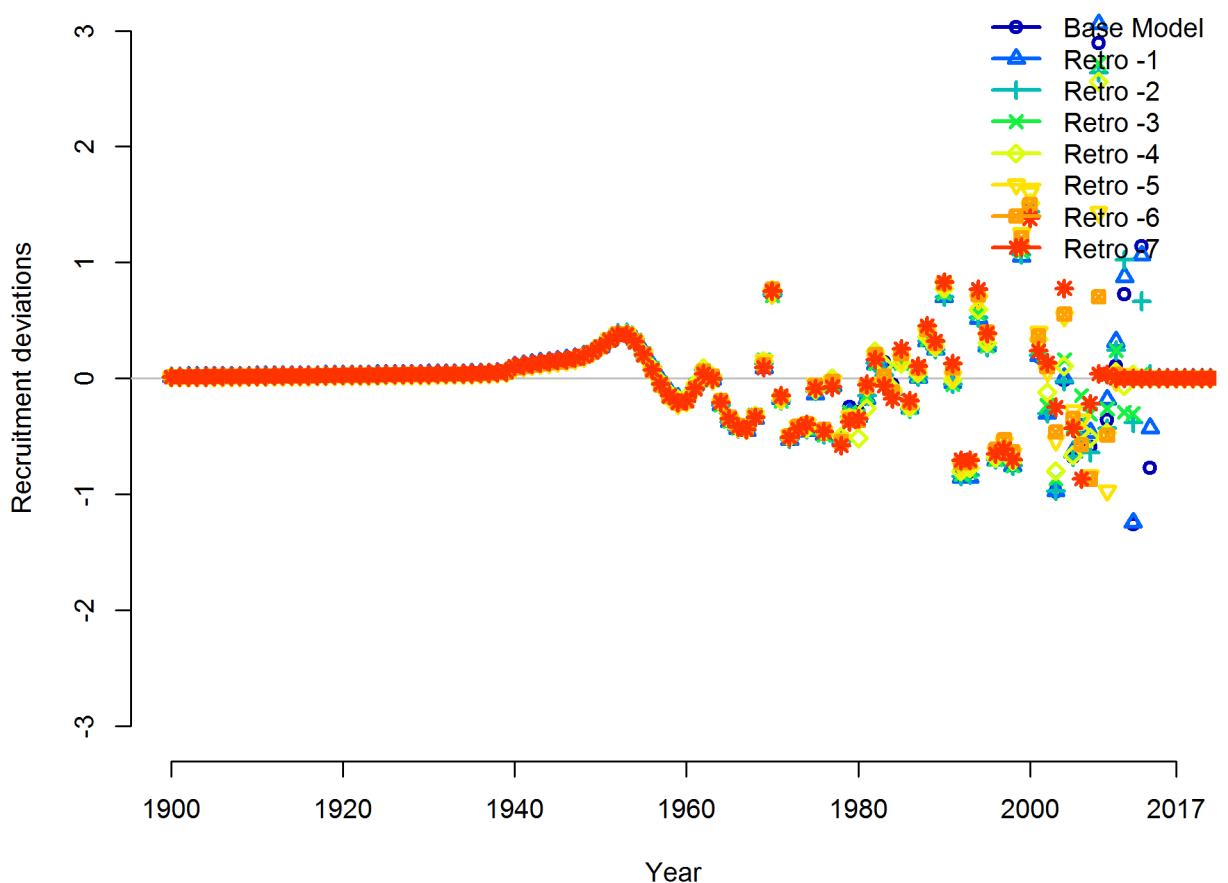


Figure 116: Retrospective pattern for estimated recruitment deviations. [fig:retro\\_recdev](#)

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