

Comp1: Comparison with 2014 assessments

ABT-MSE Operating model fitting report

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Operating model scenario is:

Base operating model

Area definitions for operating model:

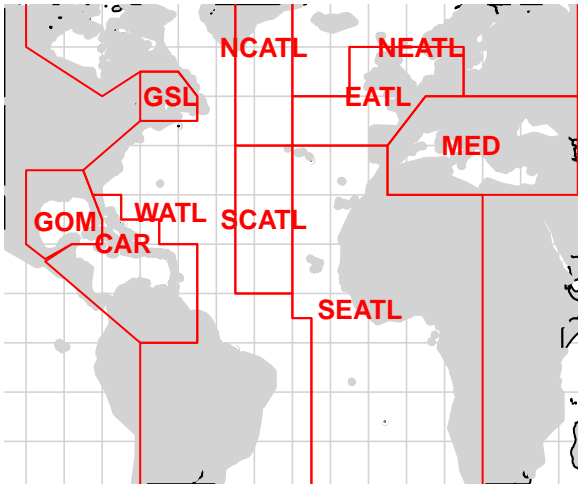
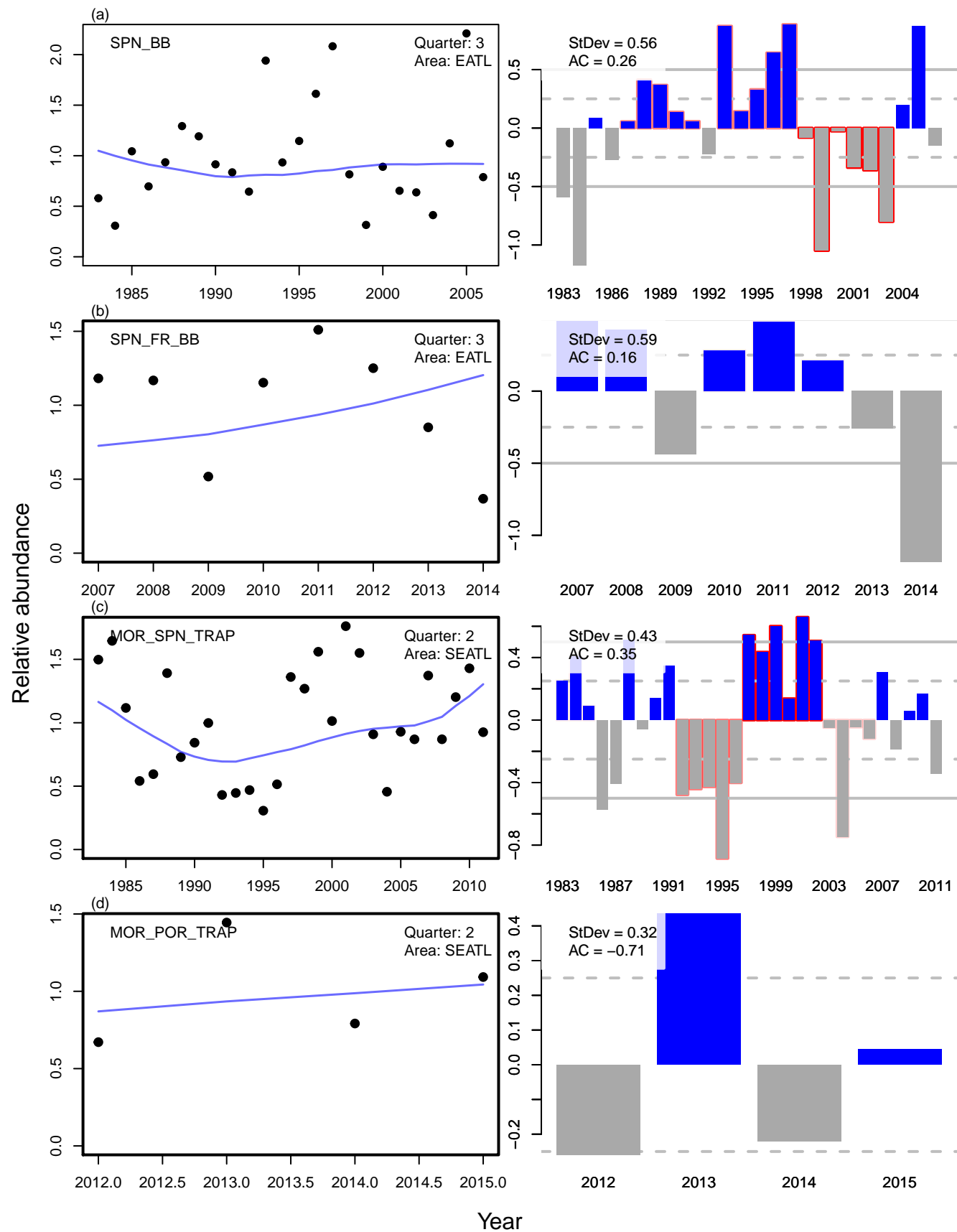
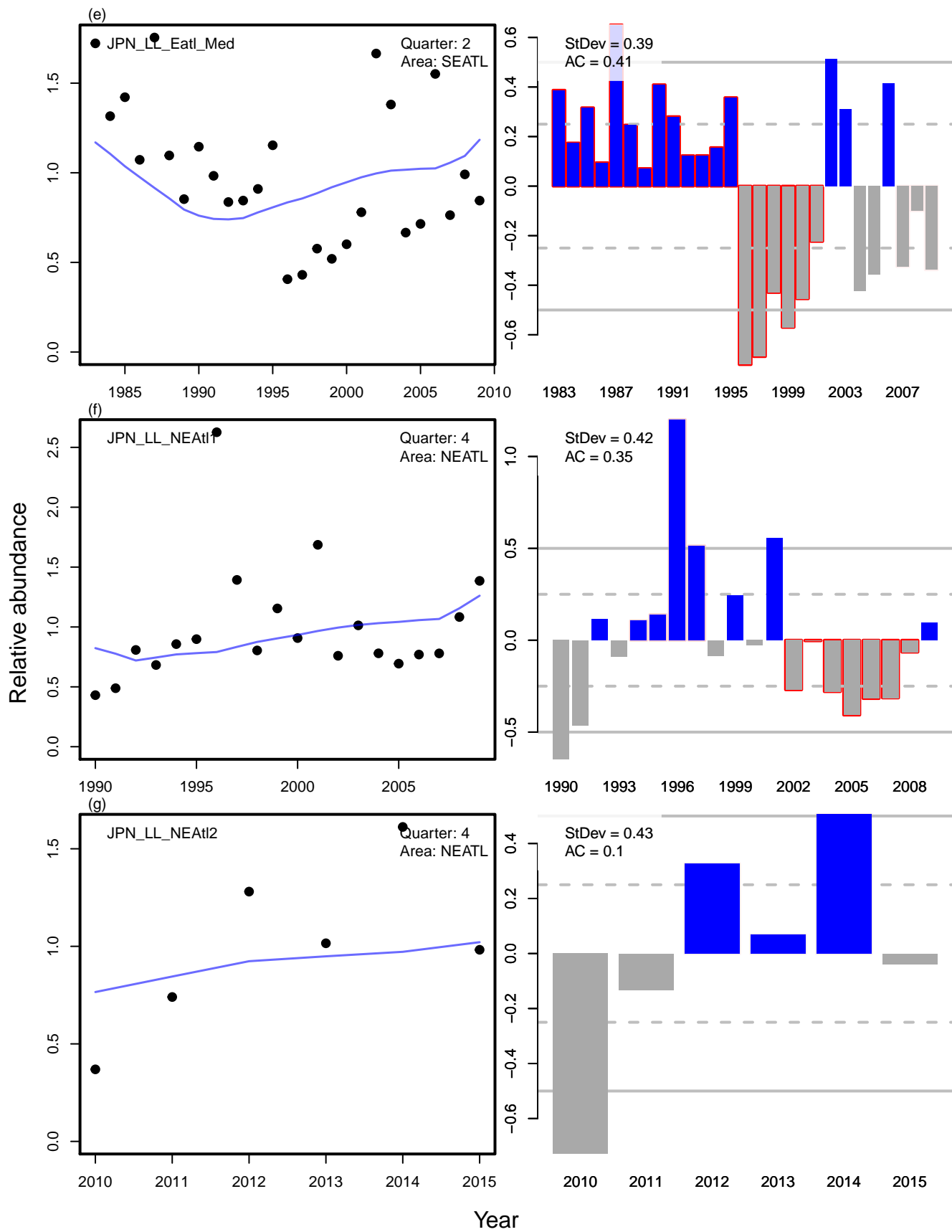


Figure 1. Area definitions for operating model

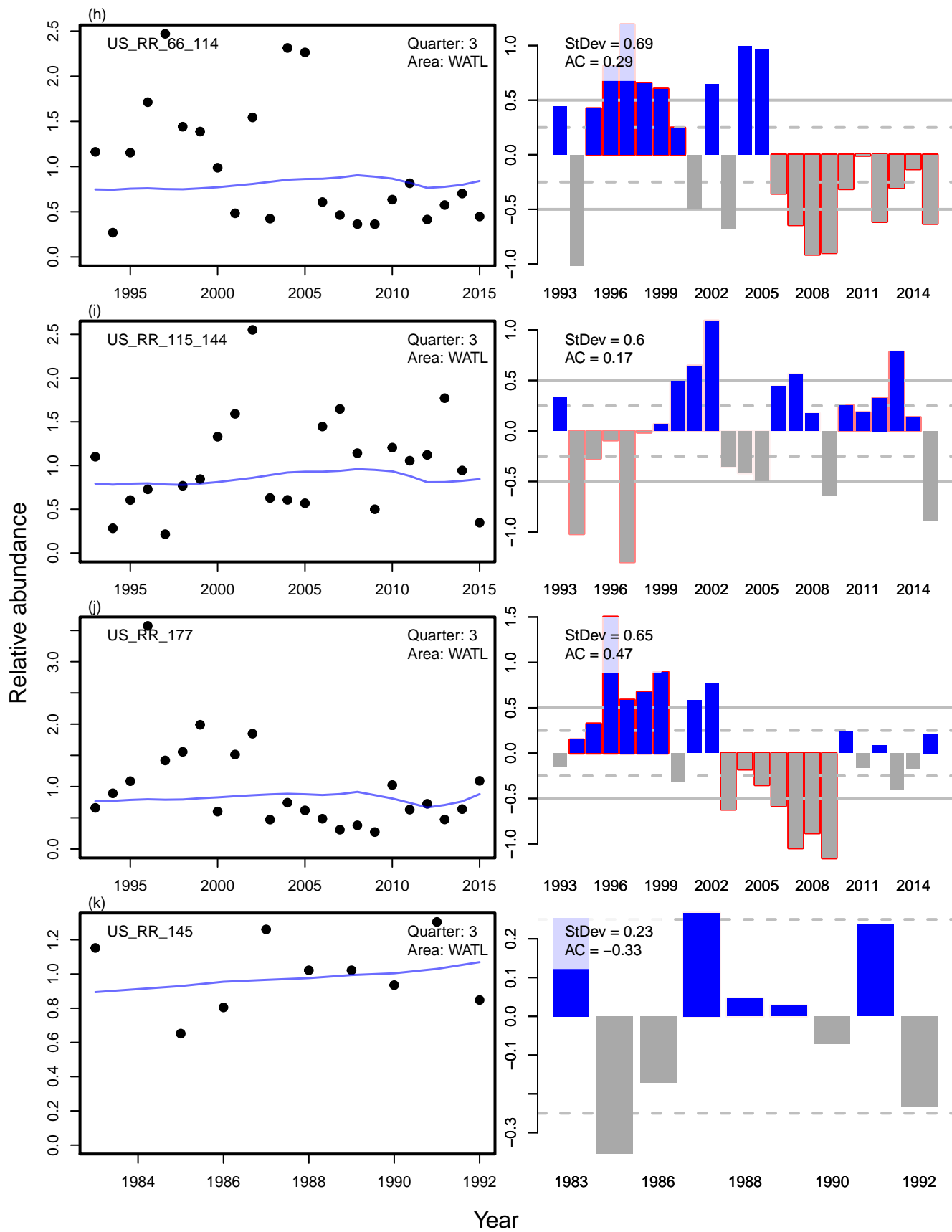
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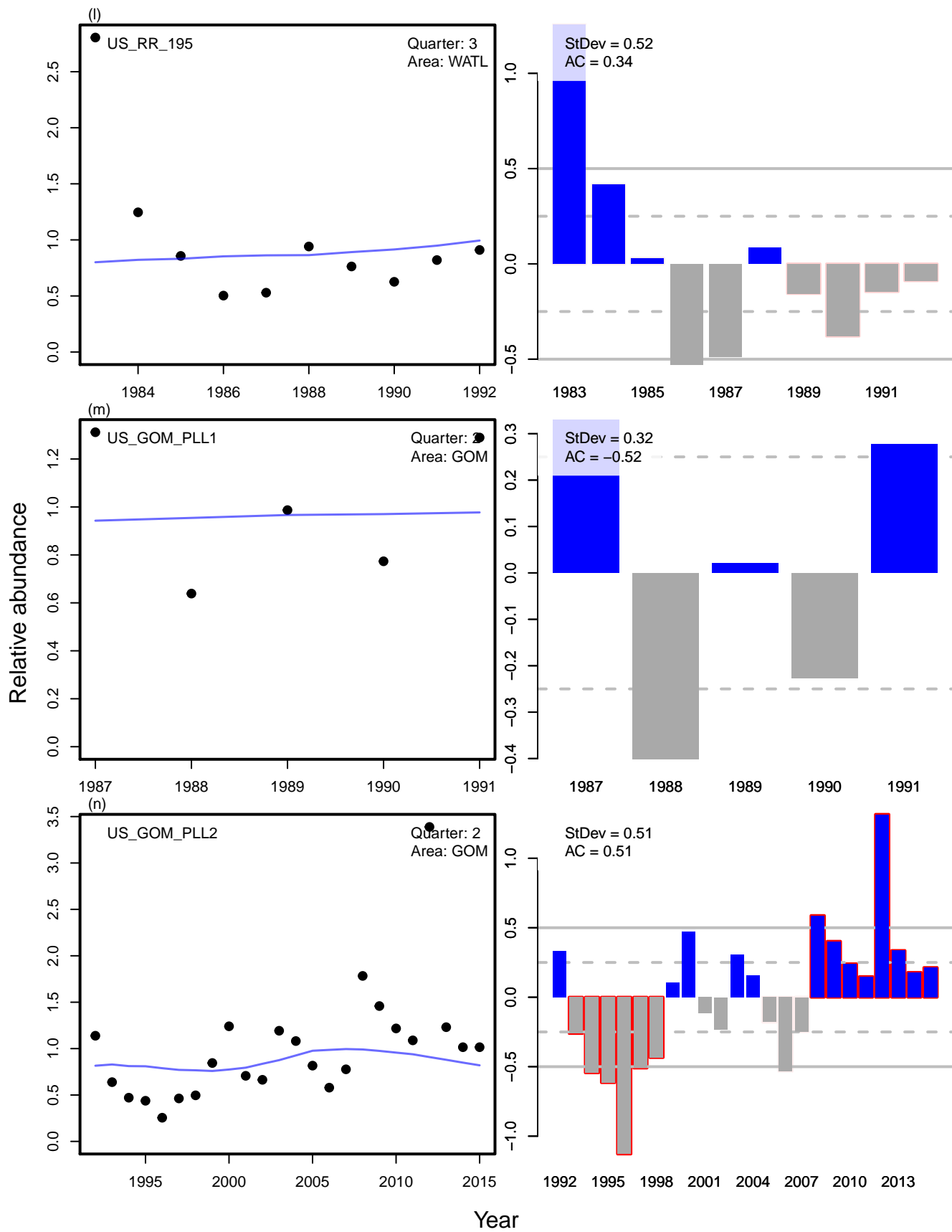
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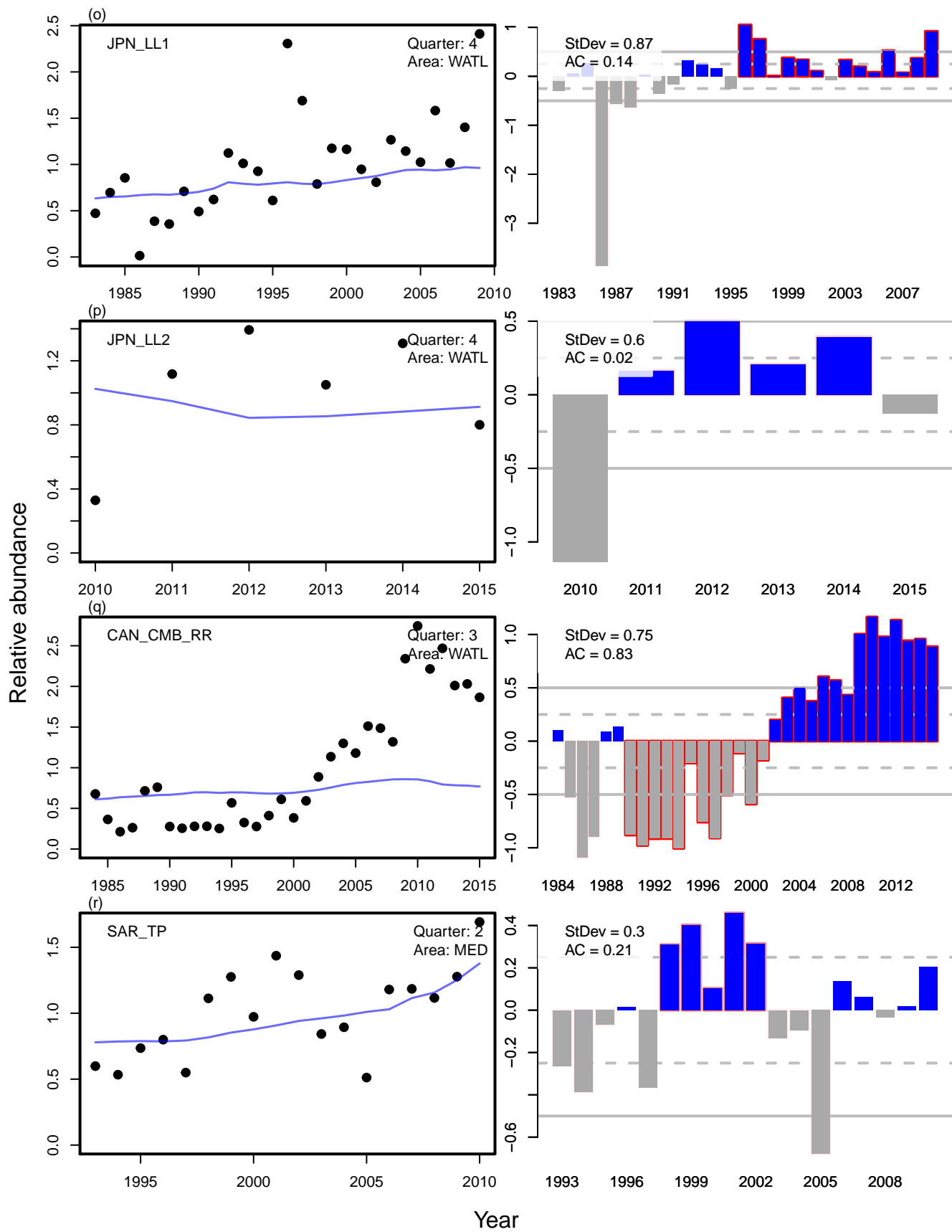
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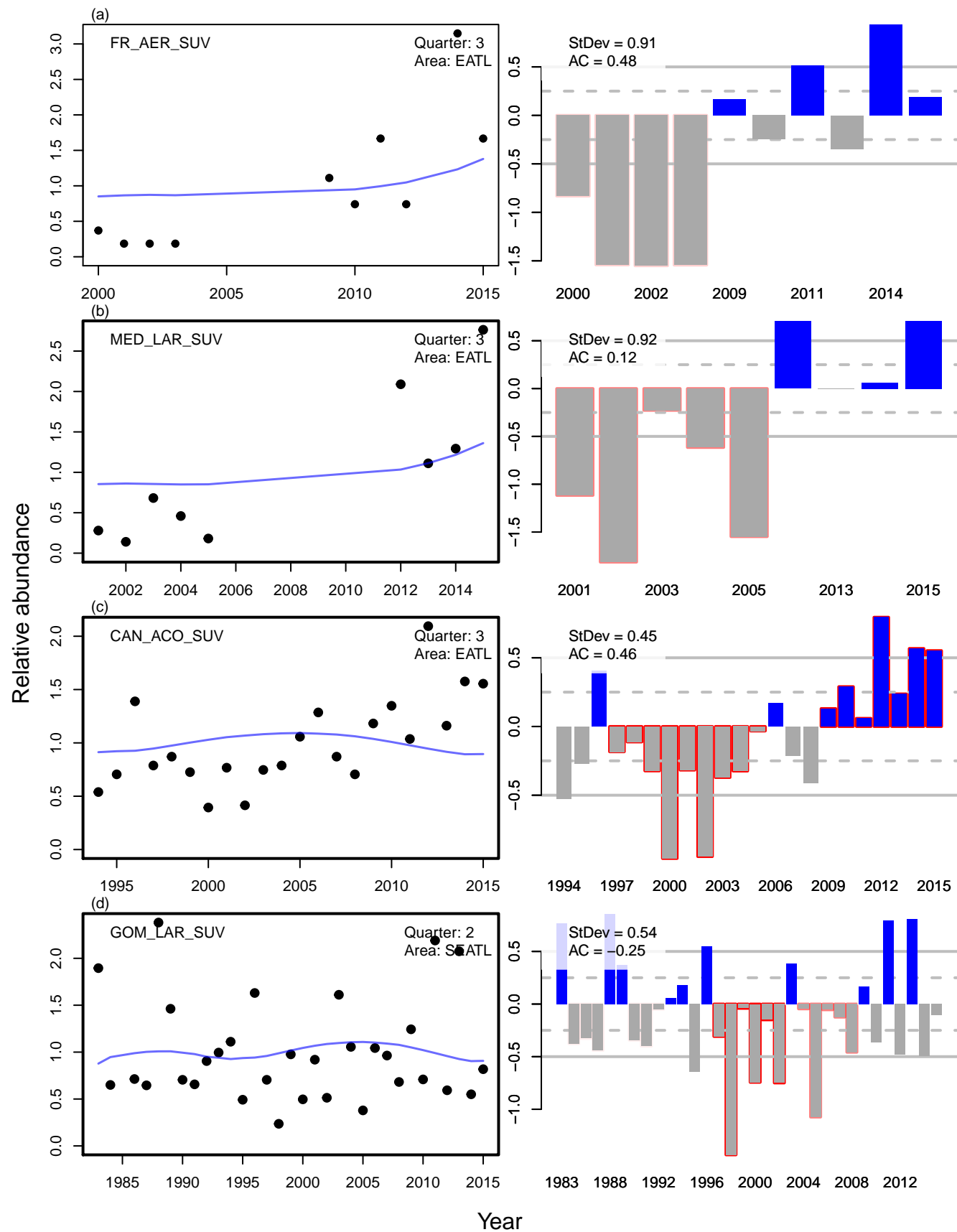


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Predicted seasonal and spatial biomass of Atlantic bluefin tuna

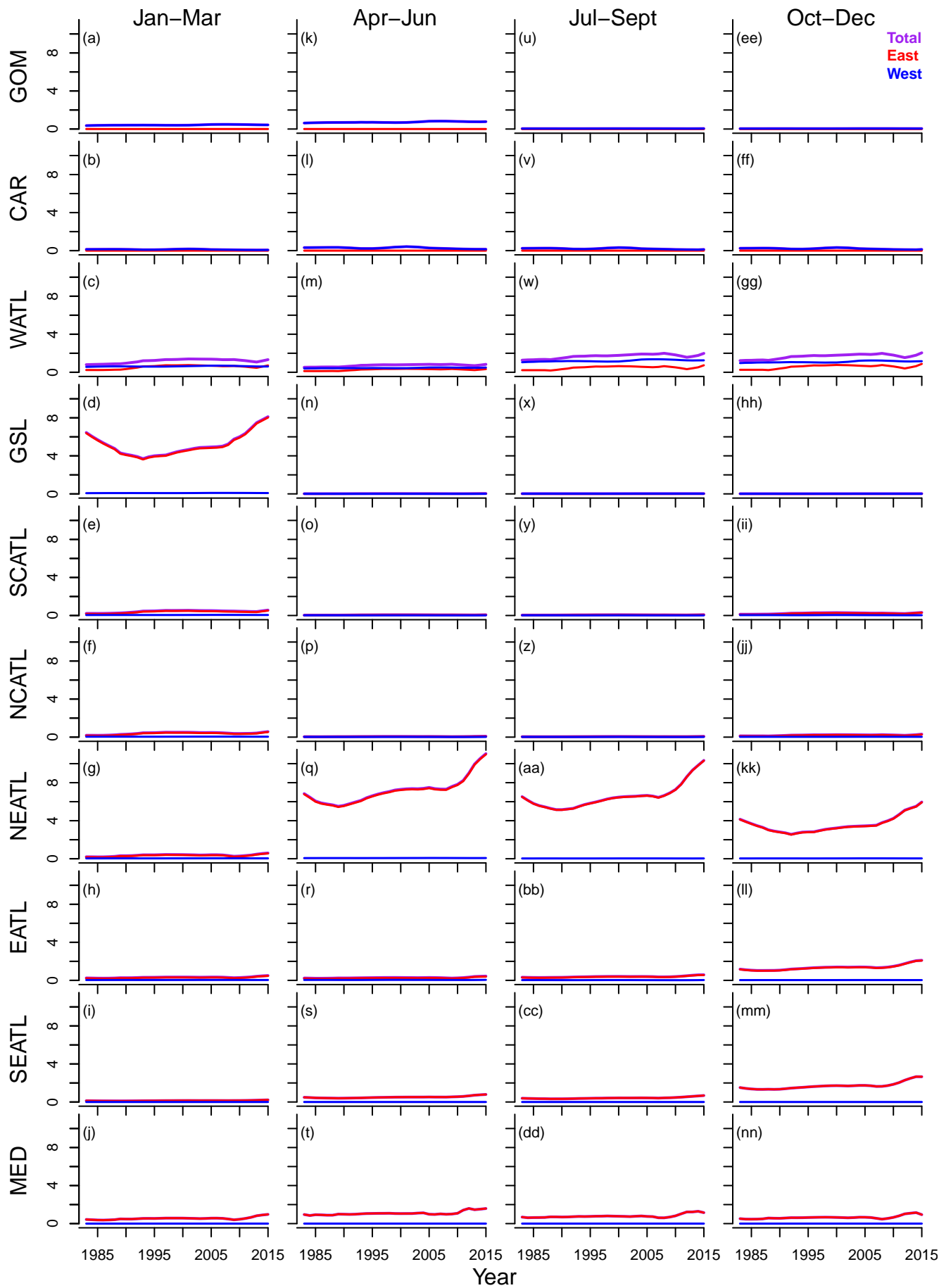


Figure 3. Predicted seasonal and spatial biomass of Atlantic bluefin tuna (Recent period).

Historical Spawning biomass

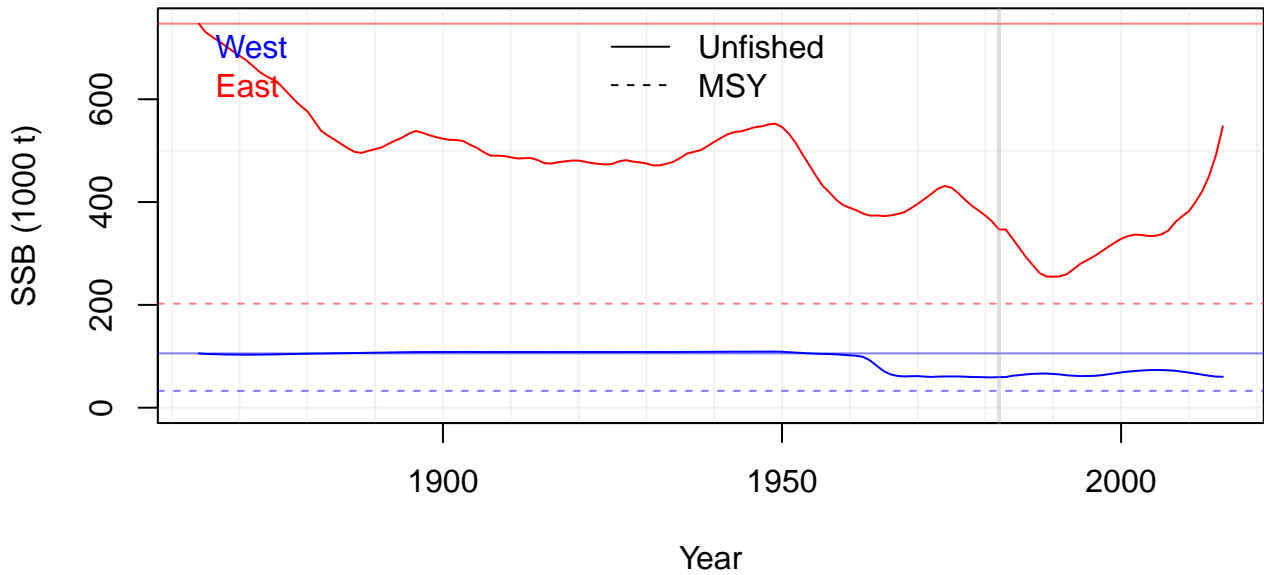


Figure 4. Predicted seasonal and spatial biomass of Atlantic bluefin tuna (Recent period).

SSB, recruitment and F comparison with 2014 assessment (by East/West area, not East/West stock)

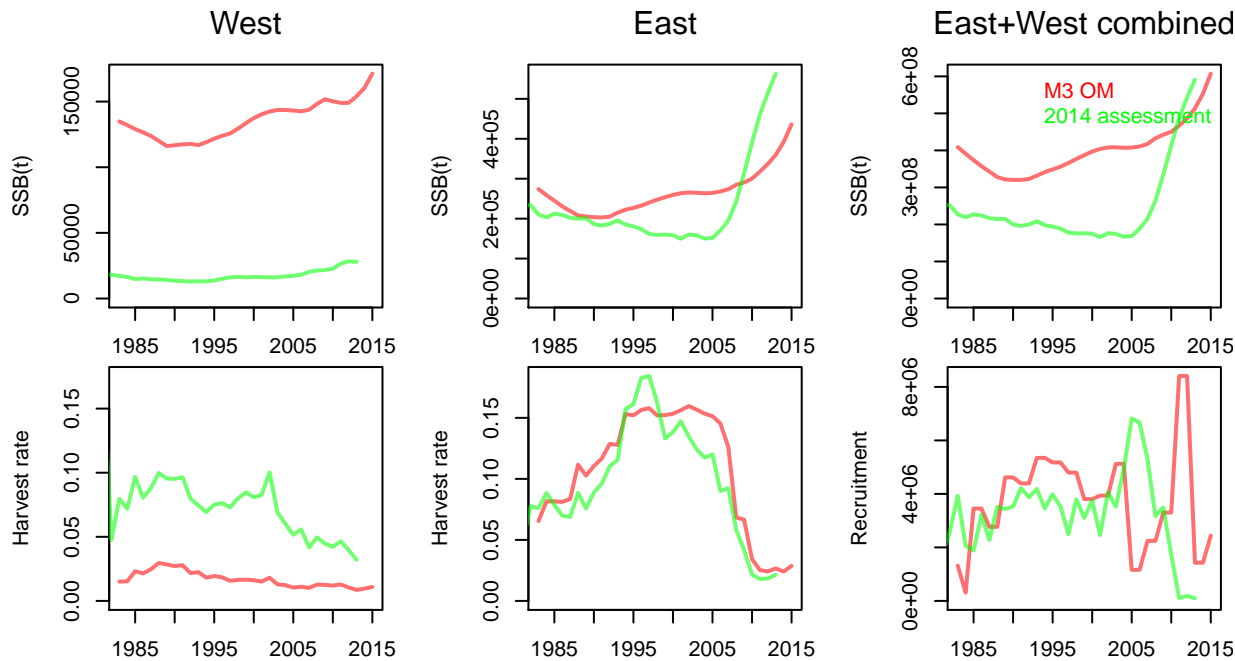


Figure 3.Regional comparisons (45deg W) with 2014 stock assessment. Note that annual estimates from the operating model are calculated from average of the seasonal predictions. Harvest rates from the operating model are based on total stock biomass not vulnerable biomass which is fleet specific (and hence may not be comparable with assessments).

Stock-recruitment relationships (R0 is unfished mean recruitment)

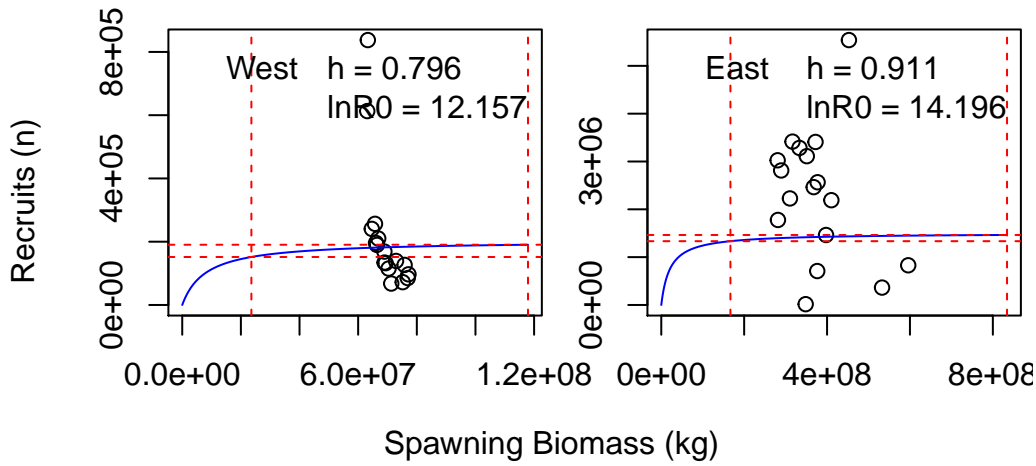


Figure 4. Model predicted pairs of SSB and recruitment(with a fitted Bev Holt for illustration)

MSY reference points (2013 for comparison with previous assessment)

Table 1. Reference points by stock.

| | MSY | FMSY _{ap} | UMSY | BMSY | SSBMSY | BMSY_B0 | SSBMSY_SSB0 | RMSY_R0 | F_FMSY | SSB_SSB0 |
|------|-------|--------------------|------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|----------|
| East | 26202 | 0.144 | 0.12 | 217946 | 194355 | 0.297 | 0.271 | 0.939 | 0.390 | 0.604 |
| West | 3105 | 0.124 | 0.11 | 28341 | 26568 | 0.324 | 0.309 | 0.875 | 0.451 | 0.588 |

2014 Assessment MSY reference points (by East/West area)

Table 2. Where available, reference points from most recent assessments

| | MSY | FMSY _{ap} | UMSY | BMSY | SSBMSY | BMSY_B0 | SSBMSY_SSB0 | RMSY_R0 | F_FMSY | SSB_SSB0 |
|------|------|--------------------|------|------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| East | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.75 | 0.45 |
| West | 3056 | 0.23 | - | - | 13268 | - | - | - | 0.47-0.85 | 0.35-2.1 |

Current annual mean F-at-age profile, all fleets, seasons, areas

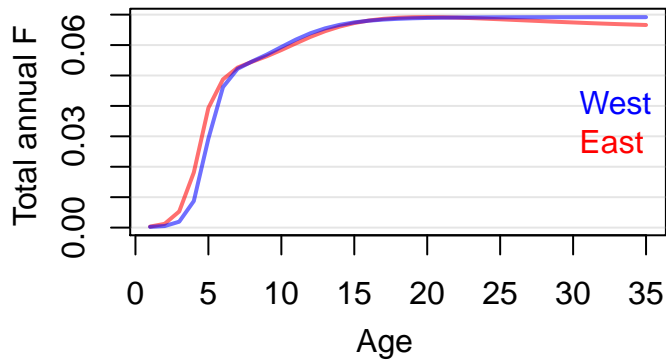


Figure 5. The current profile of F at age summed over all fleets.

Estimated size selectivity by fleet

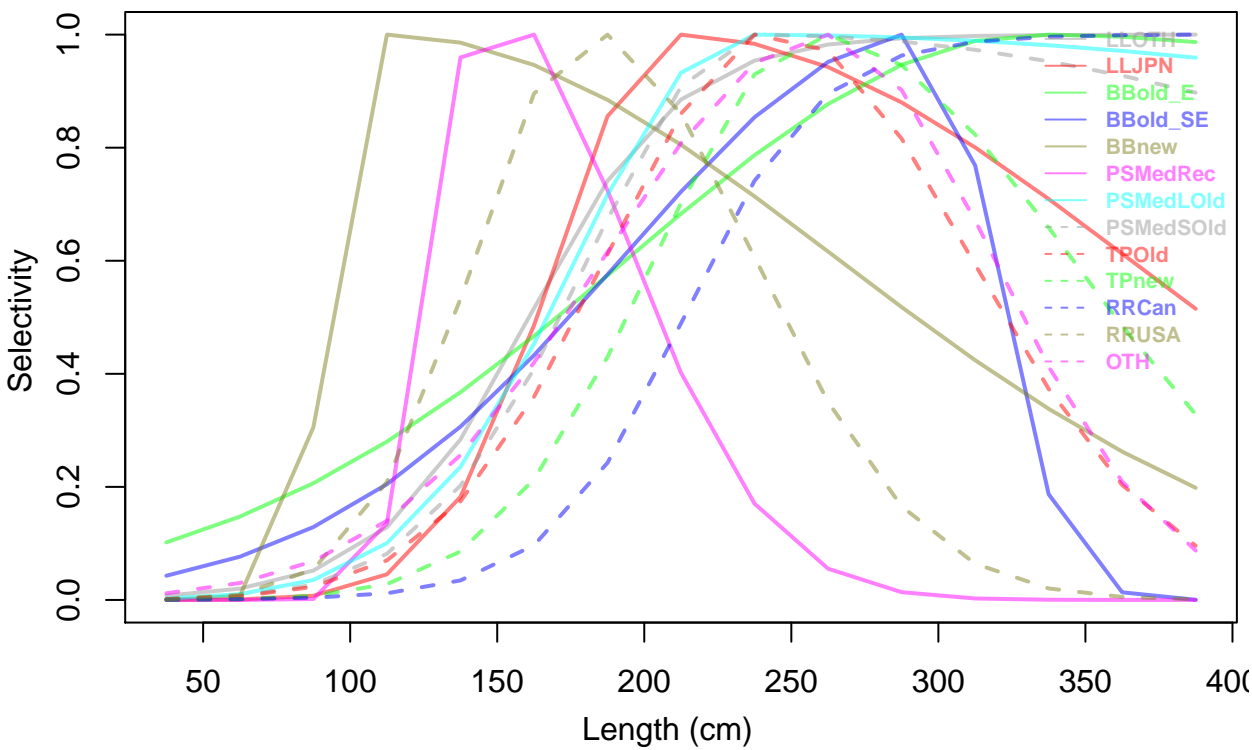
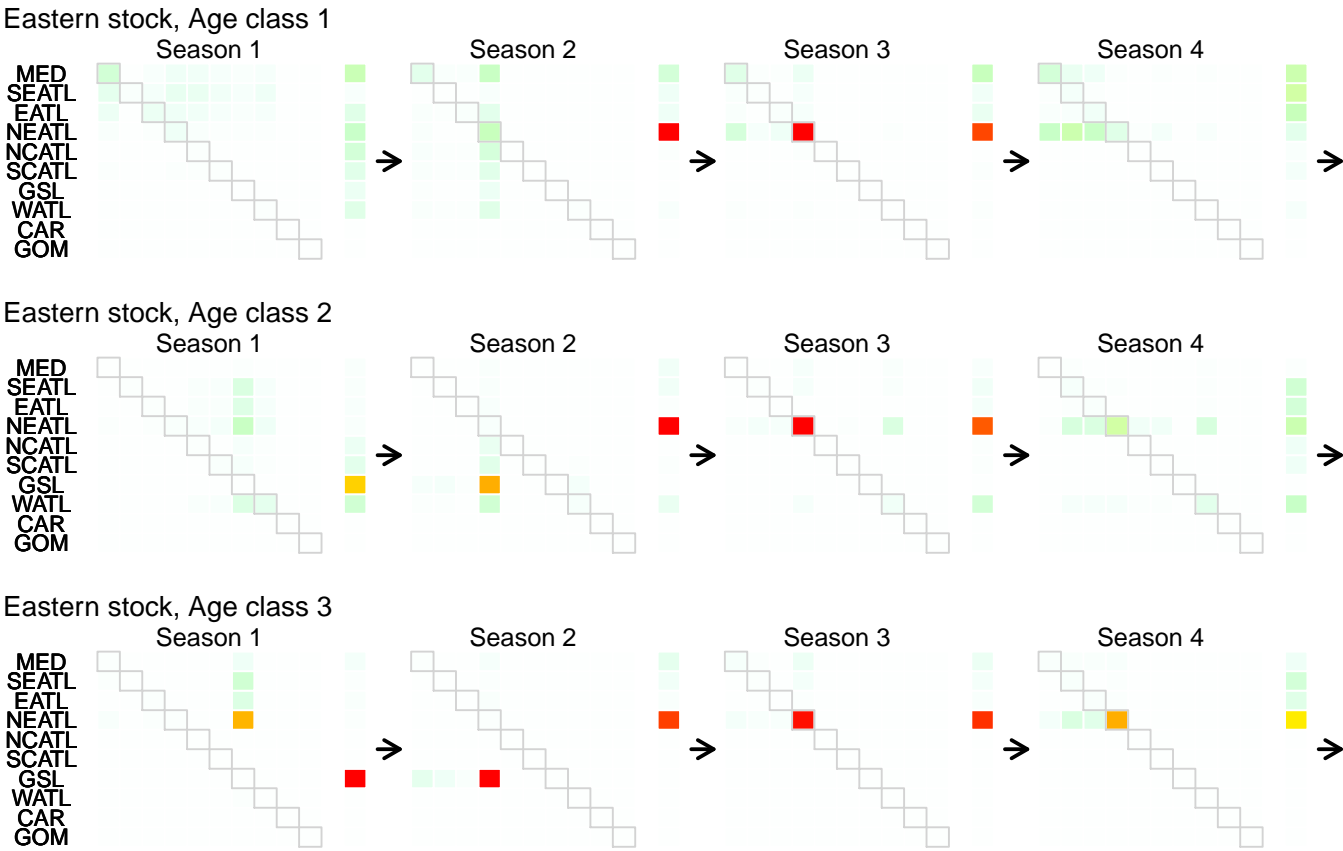


Figure 6.

Estimated unfished movement and spatial distribution



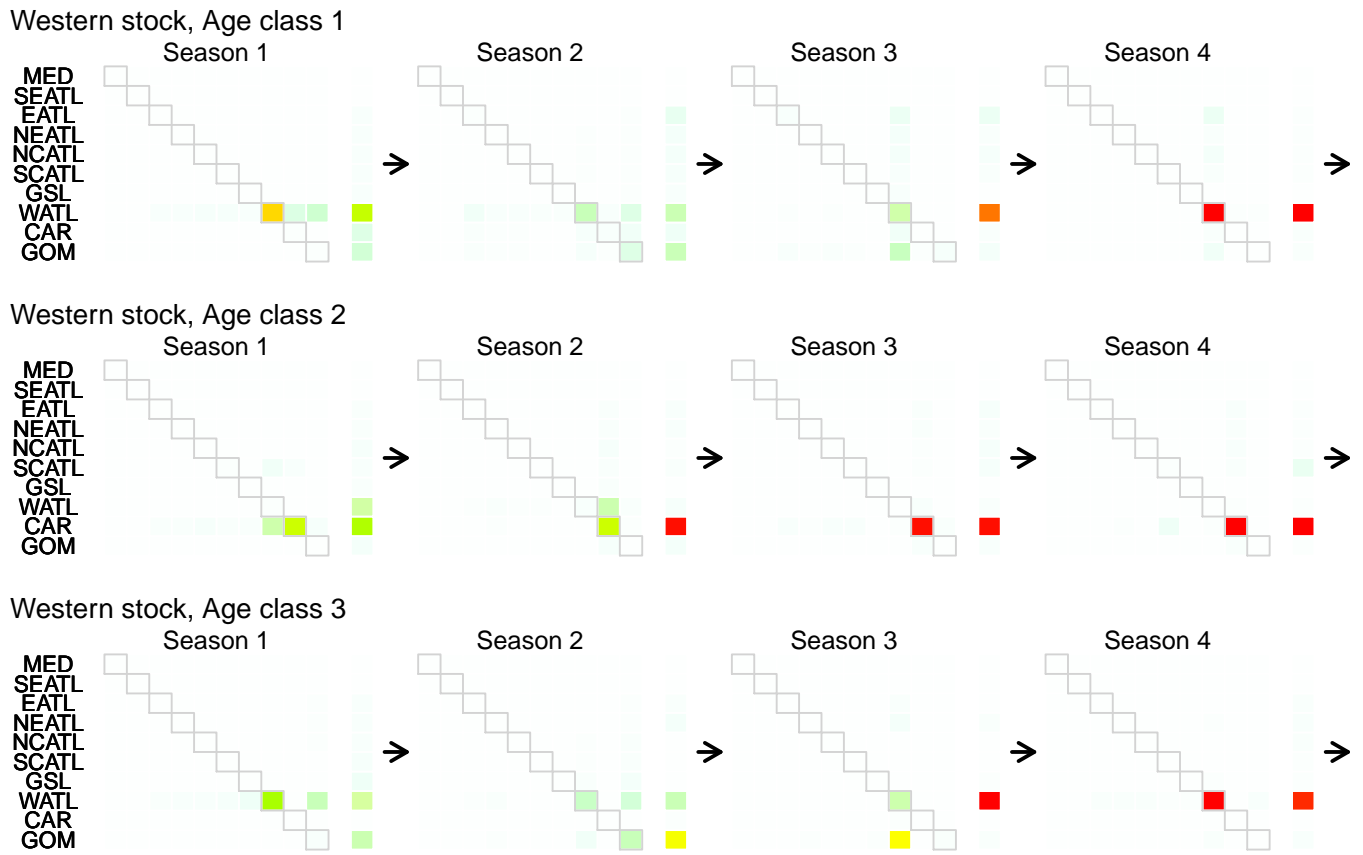


Figure 7. The implied asymptotic distribution of fish under unfished conditions (red-orange-green-white, more to less)

Fit to aggregate catches

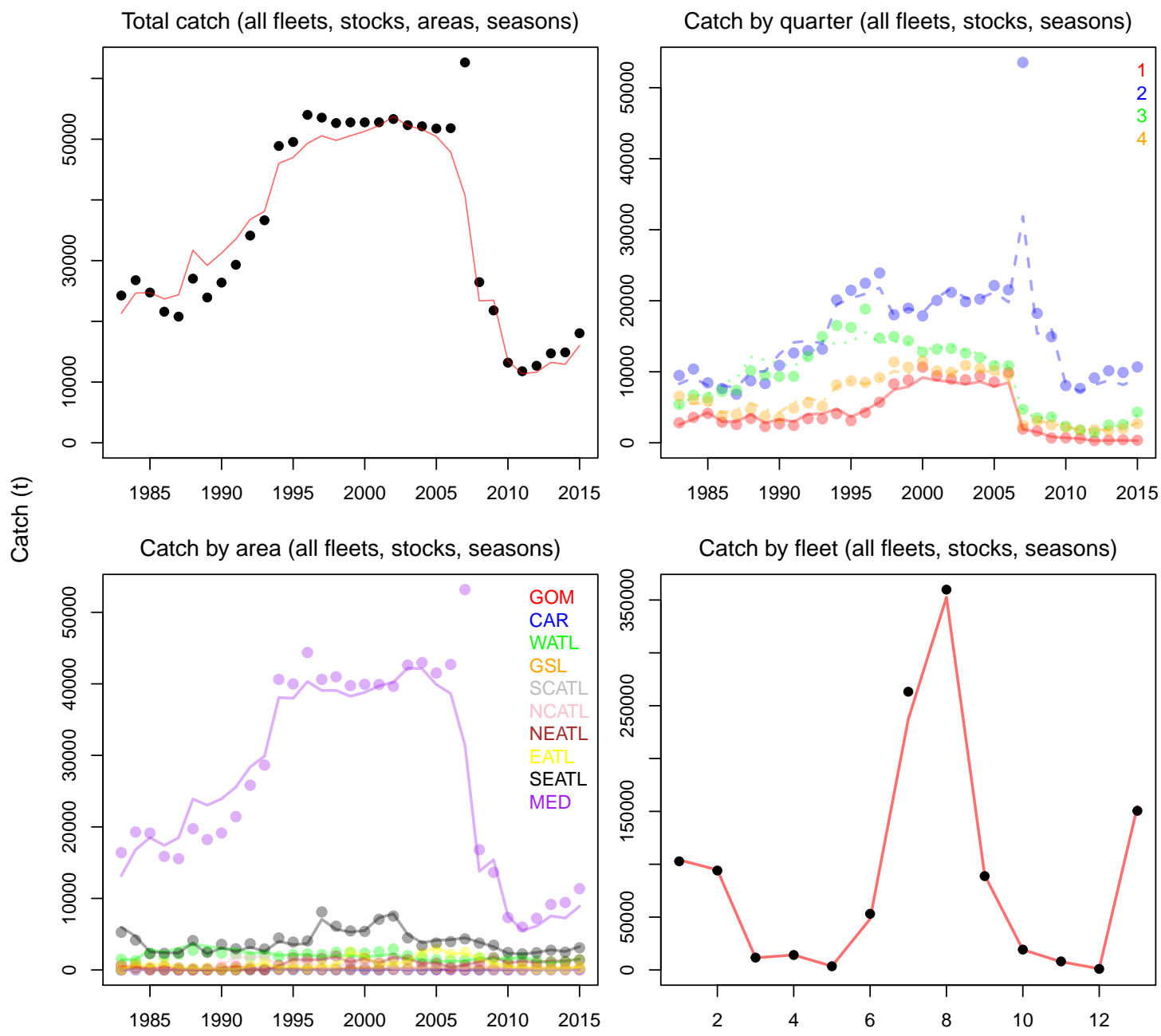


Figure 8. Fit to a observed total catches aggregated over various axes (lines = predicted, points = observed)

Fit to aggregate length composition

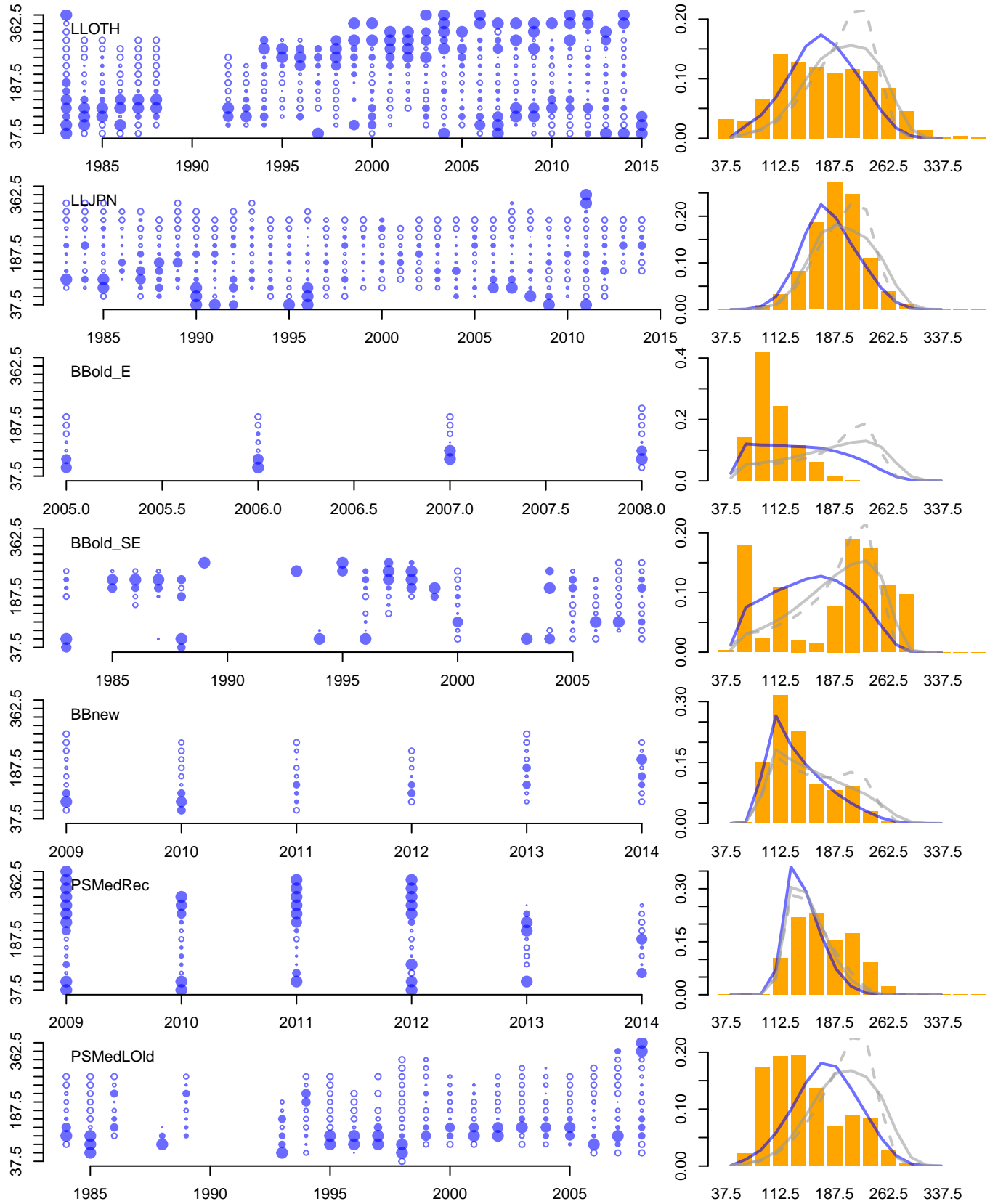


Figure 9a.Length composition residuals. Red points are negative Pearson residuals (predicted is higher than observed), blue circles are positive (predicted is lower than observed). Orange bars are observed, blue lines are model predictions.

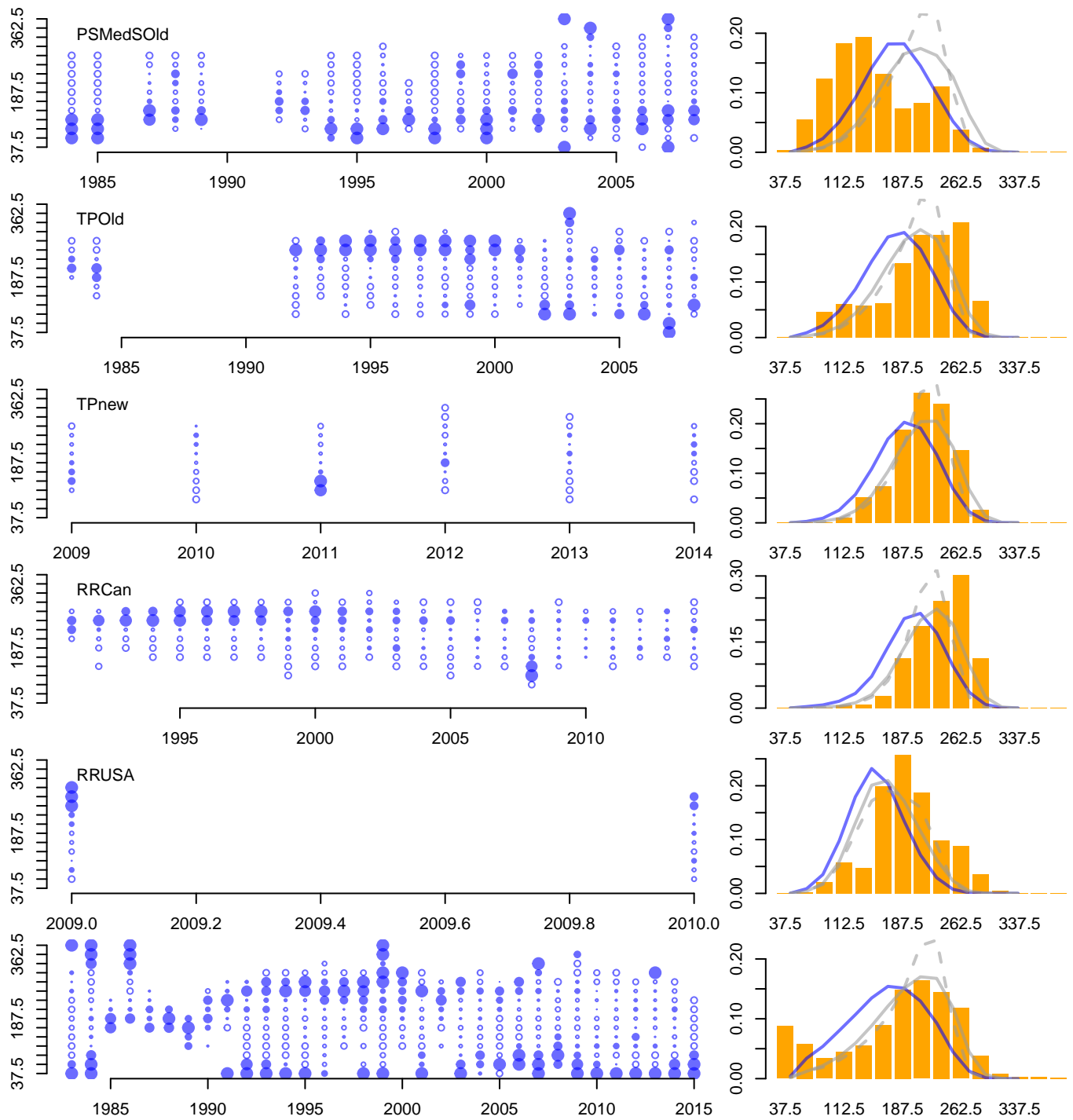


Figure 9b.Length composition residuals. Red points are negative Pearson residuals (predicted is higher than observed), blue circles are positive (predicted is lower than observed).Orange bars are observed, blue lines are model predictions.