6.4. Fleet structure for operating models and tentative specifications for 2016 assessment models.

The proposed fleet structure definitions for the operating model and tentative specifications for assessment models are outlined below. We note that for stock assessment models there may need to be some flexibility in these specifications pending examining initial model run diagnostics, particularly as non-spatial models may need to allow flexibility to allow selectivity alias spatial changes in a fleet.

Longline(2 fleets): **Japan\_longline, Other\_longline**

Baitboat(2 fleets): **BBPre2009, BB2009onwards**

Purse Seine (5 fleets): **PSMedRecent\_2009onwards, PSMedLarge\_Pre2009, PSMedSmall\_Pre2009, PSWestern\_Pre1987, PSWestern\_1987onwards**

The precise separation of small vs large purse seines fleets in the Mediterranean will be defined according to quarter and flag.

Trap (2): **TPPre2009, TP2009onwards**

Rod and reel (2); **RRCan**, **RRUS**, only use comp data from 1988 on due to missing data from some fleets prior to this year.

All other fleets **other** (1)

This totals 14 fleets. Many fleets were split at 2009 due to the impacts of Resolution 08-05 that affected fleet operations.