

Gmacs

BBRKC model comparisons

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Introduction

This presentation provides a comparison between three different Bristol Bay Red King Crab (BBRKC) stock assessment models. These models include:

- OneSex
- TwoSex
- Zheng

Leading model parameters

Symbol	Support	Description
M_0	$0 < M_0 < \infty$	Initial instantaneous natural mortality rate
R_0	$0 < R_0 < \infty$	Unfished average recruitment
\ddot{R}	$0 < \ddot{R} < \infty$	Initial recruitment
\bar{R}	$0 < \bar{R} < \infty$	Average recruitment
α_r	$\alpha_r > 0$	Mode of size-at-recruitment
β_r	$\beta_r > 0$	Shape parameter for size-at-recruitment
κ	$\kappa > 1$	Recruitment compensation ratio

We group the leading model parameters into the vector

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{M_0, R_0, \ddot{R}, \bar{R}, \alpha_r, \beta_r, \kappa\}.$$

Growth parameters

Symbol	Support	Description
α_h	$\alpha_h > 0$	Mode of size-at-recruitment
β_h	$\beta_h > 0$	Shape parameter for size-at-recruitment
φ_h	$\varphi_h > 0$	Instantaneous natural mortality rate
μ_h	$\mu_h > 0$	Length at 50% molting probability
c_h	$c_h > 0$	Coefficient of variation of molting probability

We group the growth parameters into the vector

$$\psi = \{\alpha_h, \beta_h, \varphi_h, \mu_h, c_h\}.$$

Latent states

Symbol	Support	Description
ν	$\ell \times 1$	Initial recruitment deviates
ξ		Discard mortality rate

We group the latent states into the vector

$$\omega = \{\nu, \xi\}.$$

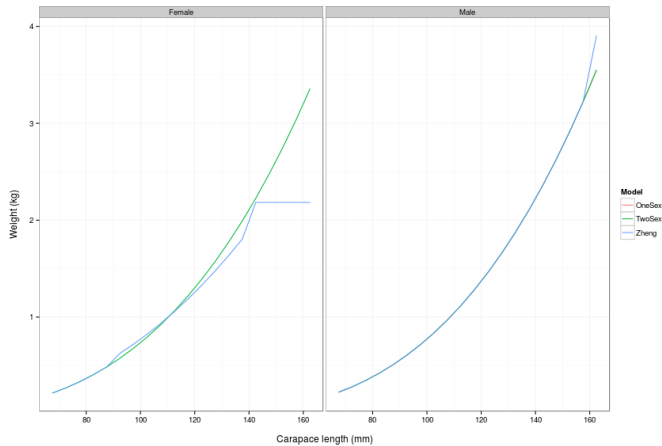
Other variables

Symbol	Dimensions	Description
\boldsymbol{w}_h	$\ell \times 1$	Mean weight at length (ℓ) by sex (h)
\boldsymbol{m}_h	$\ell \times 1$	Average proportion mature at length (ℓ) by sex

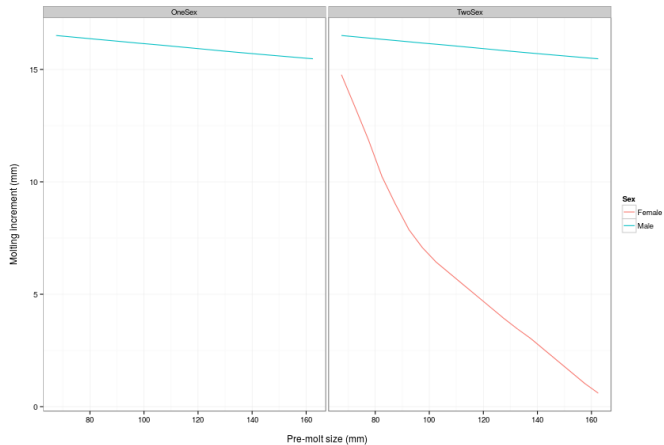
$$\boldsymbol{w}_h = f_w(\ell, \theta)$$

$$\boldsymbol{m}_h = f_m(\ell, \theta)$$

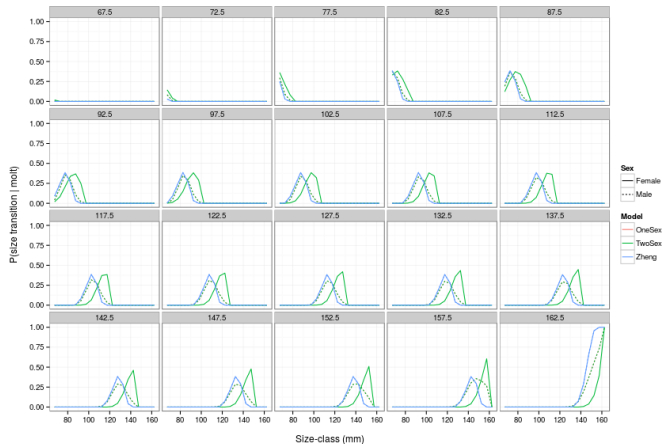
Size-weight ($w_{h,\ell}$)



Growth increments ($a_{h,\ell}$)

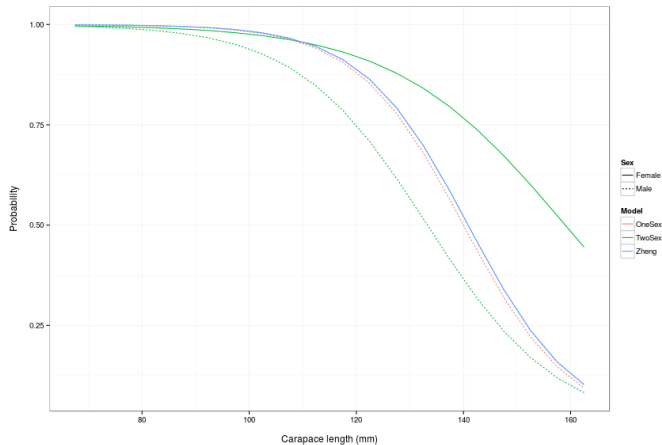


Growth transitions (G_h)

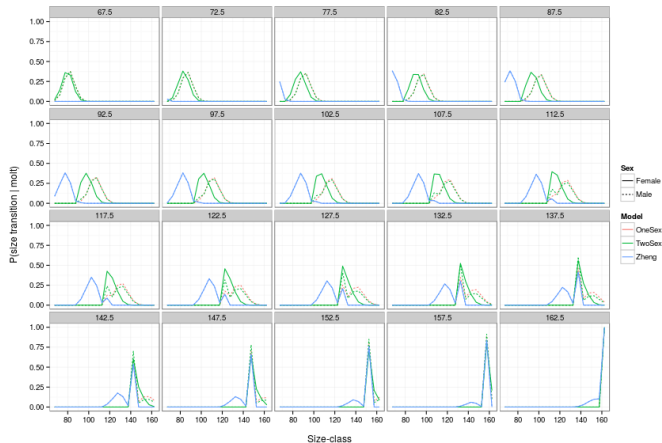


No comparison with Zheng on plot.

Molt probability (P_h)

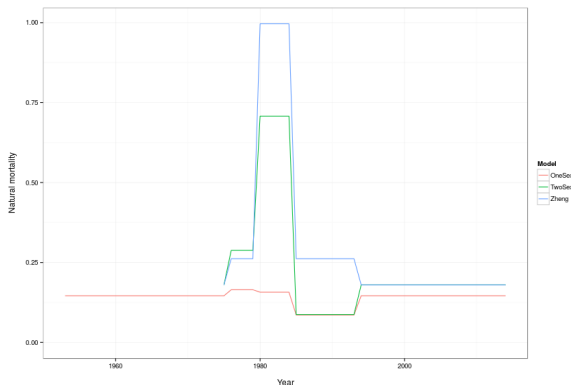


Size transitions ($P_h G_h$)



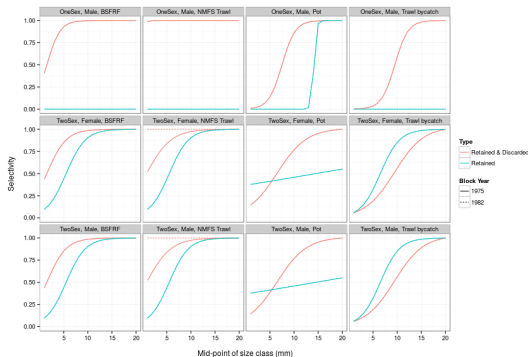
Natural mortality: option 4

If time-varying natural mortality is specified using the **blocked changes** option, the model constrains $M_{h,i}$ by the variance (σ_M^2). For example, setting $\sigma_M^2 = 0.04$ and four specific years (1976, 1980, 1985, 1994) we get

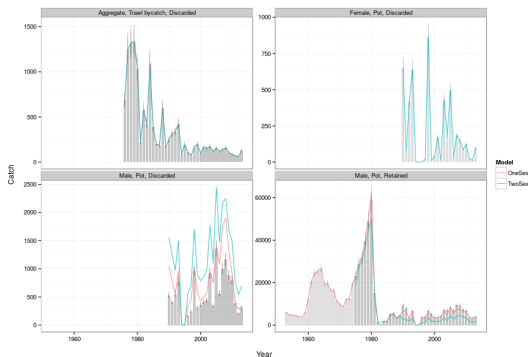


Selectivity and retention

Assuming that selectivity for the NMFS trawl fishery is split into two blocks (1975-1981 and 1982-2014) and that retention is constant with time $y_{h,i,k} = y_{h,k}$

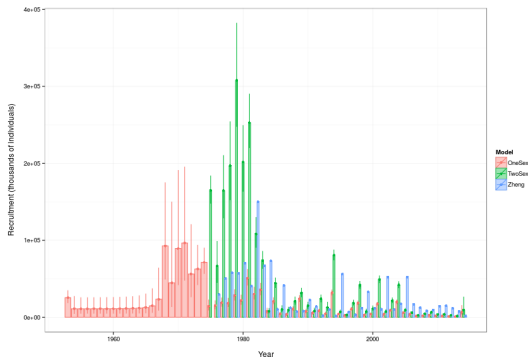


Catch



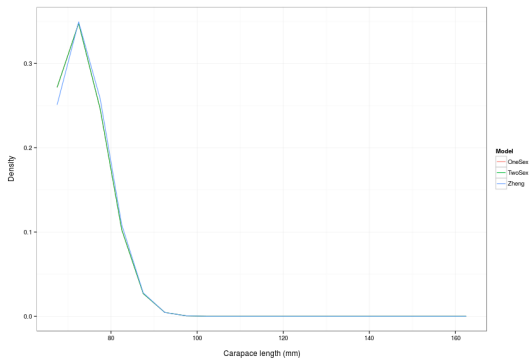
Recruitment

Recruitment size-distribution

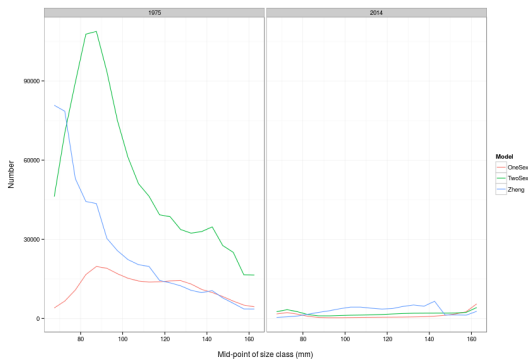


Initial recruitment

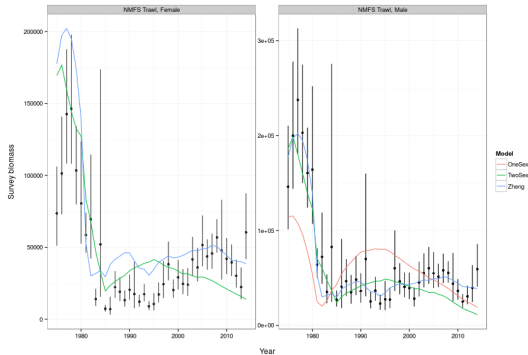
Recruitment size-distribution



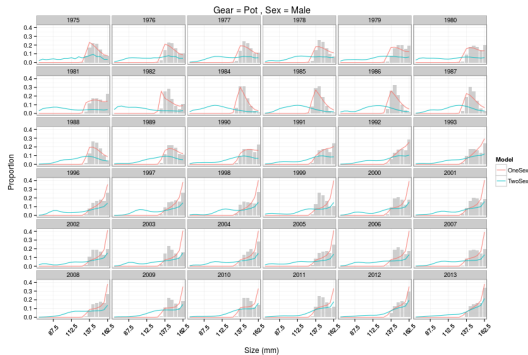
Initial numbers



Survey



Size composition



Mature male biomass

