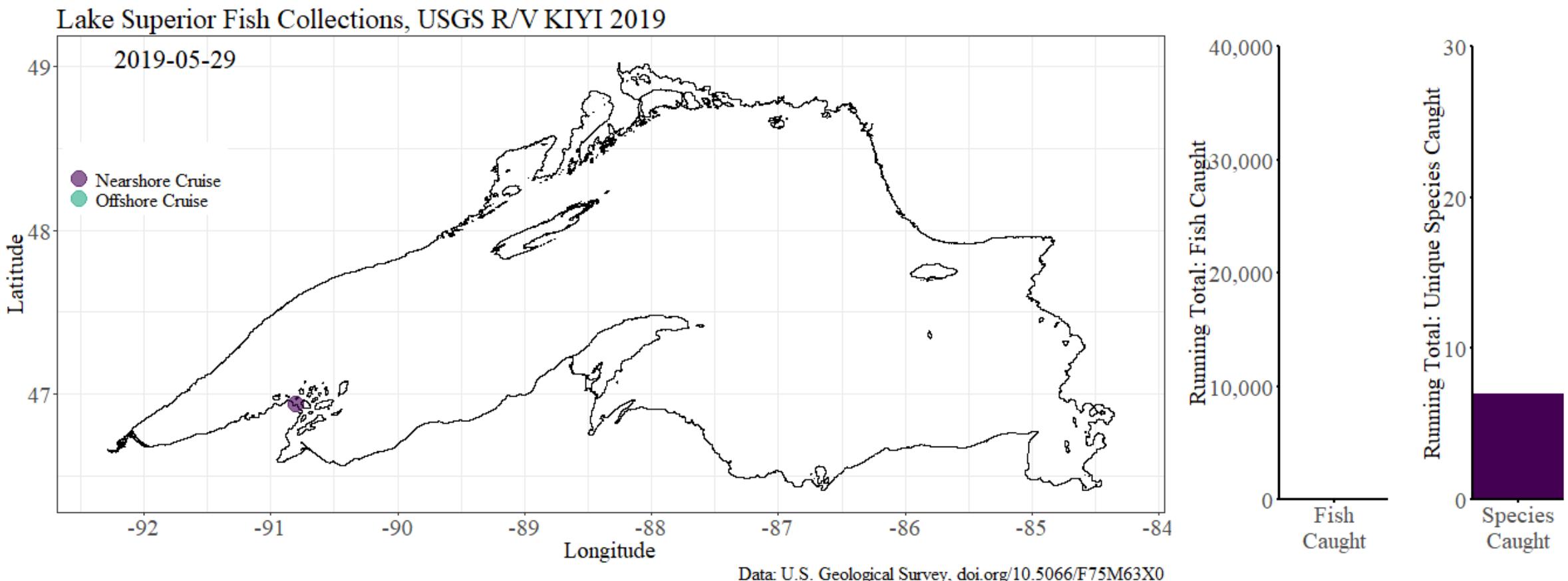


Questions for the Lake Superior Annual Bottom Trawl Surveys



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Lake Superior Prey Fish Community Objective

A self-sustaining assemblage of prey dominated by indigenous species at populations capable of supporting desired populations of predators and a managed commercial fishery

Status

/ stādəs / *noun*

Relative standing at a particular time

Prey Fish Status



Sustainable

Untenable

Unsure

Trend

/ trend / *noun*

General direction in which something is changing

Prey Fish Trend



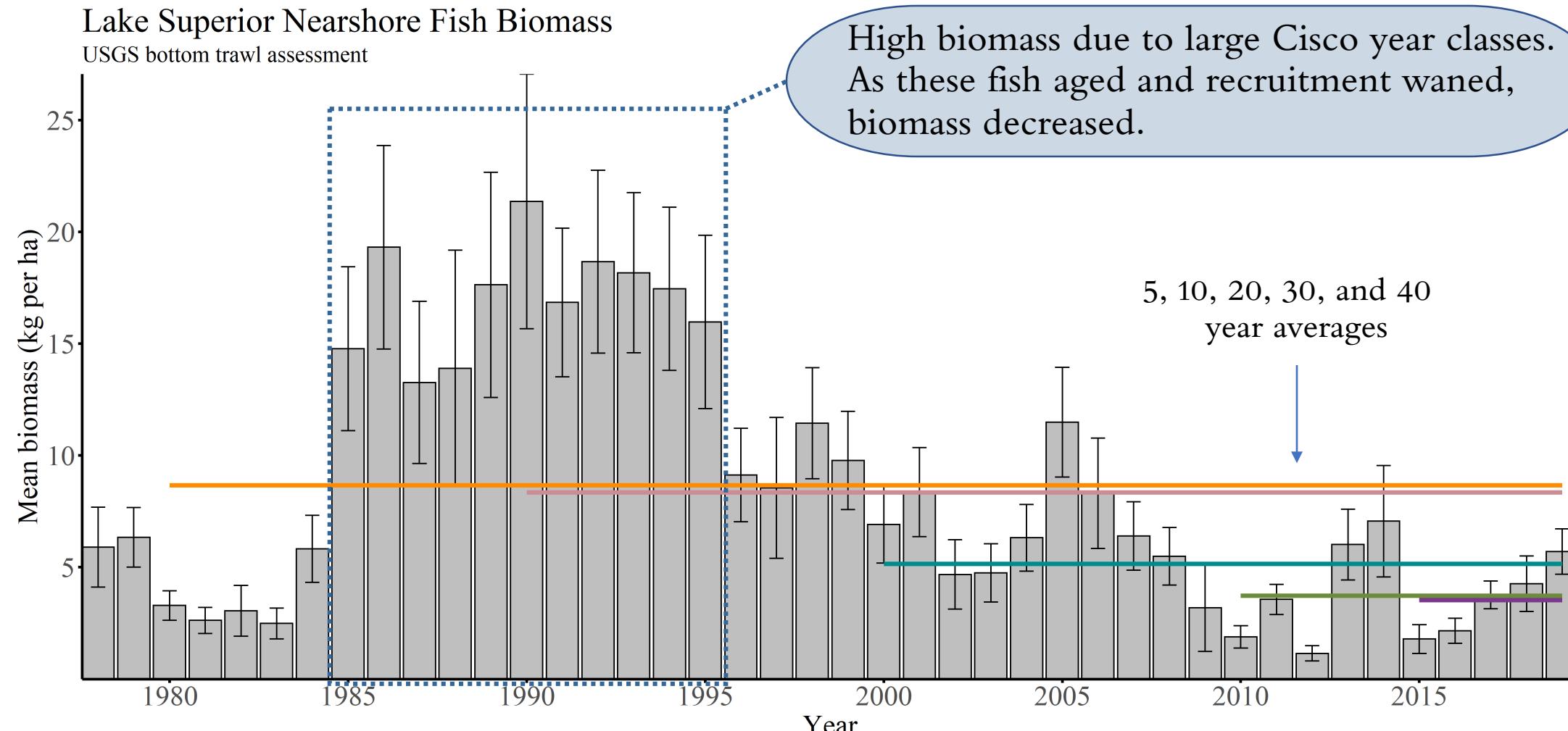
Up

Down

Stable

It depends

Nearshore Prey Fish Biomass

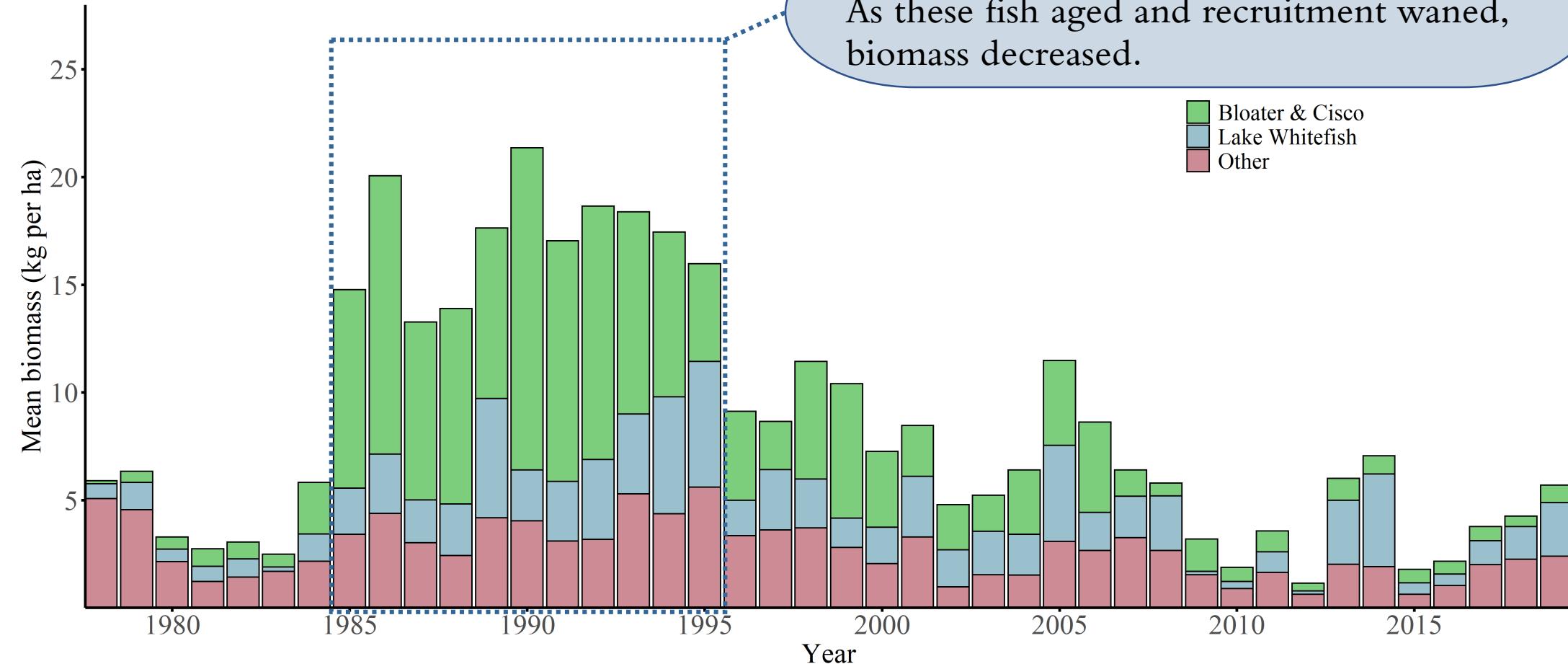


Status:

Trend: The general direction in which something is changing

Nearshore Prey Fish Biomass

Lake Superior Nearshore Fish Biomass
USGS bottom trawl assessment

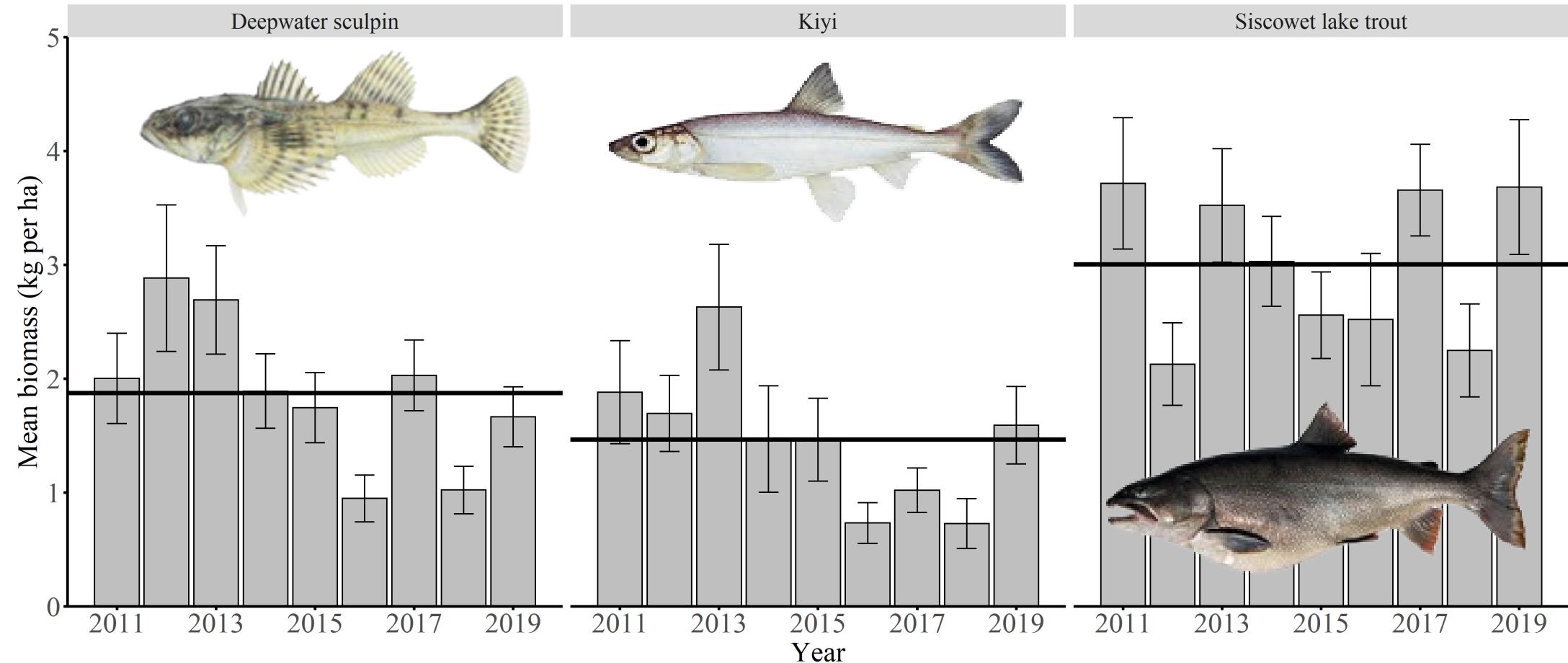


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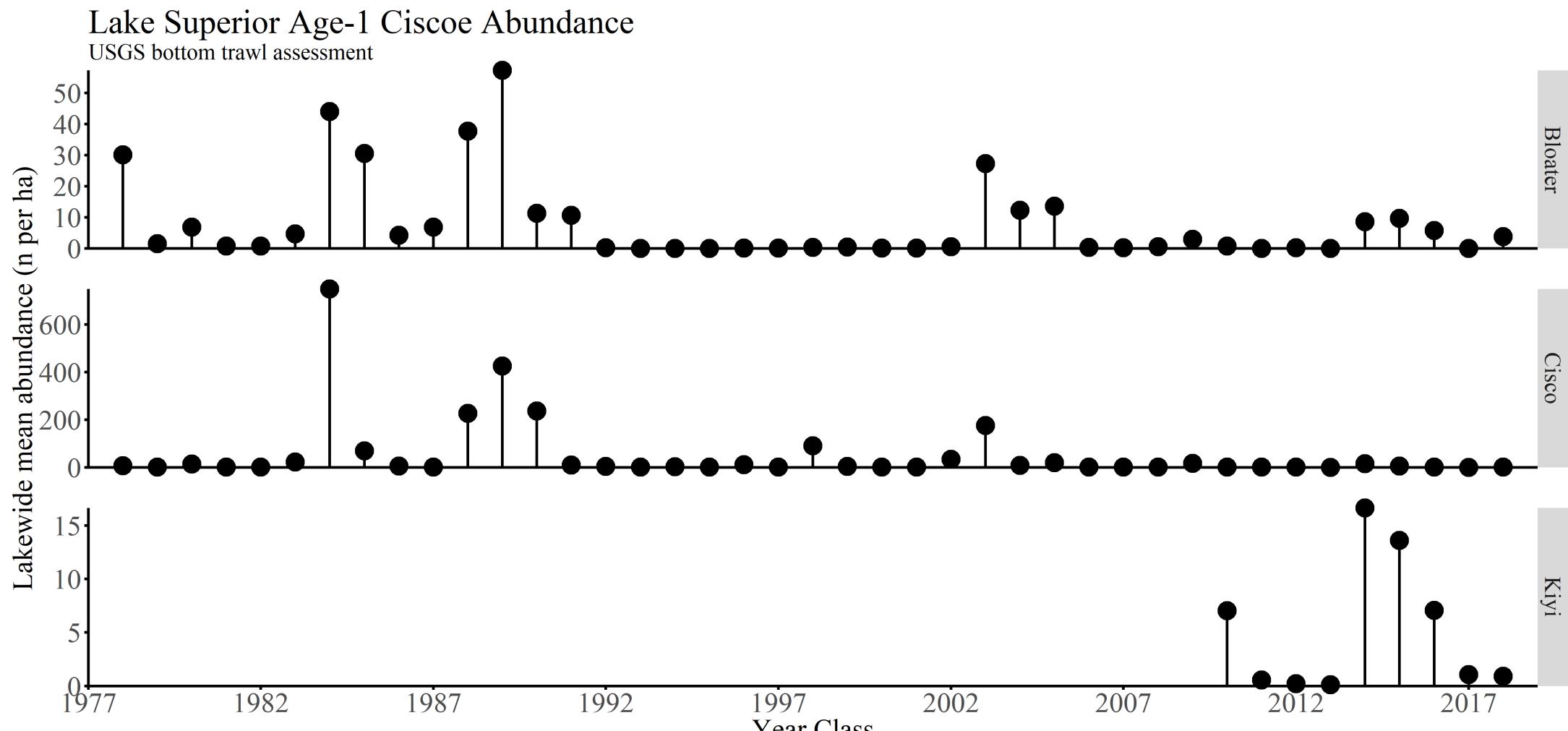
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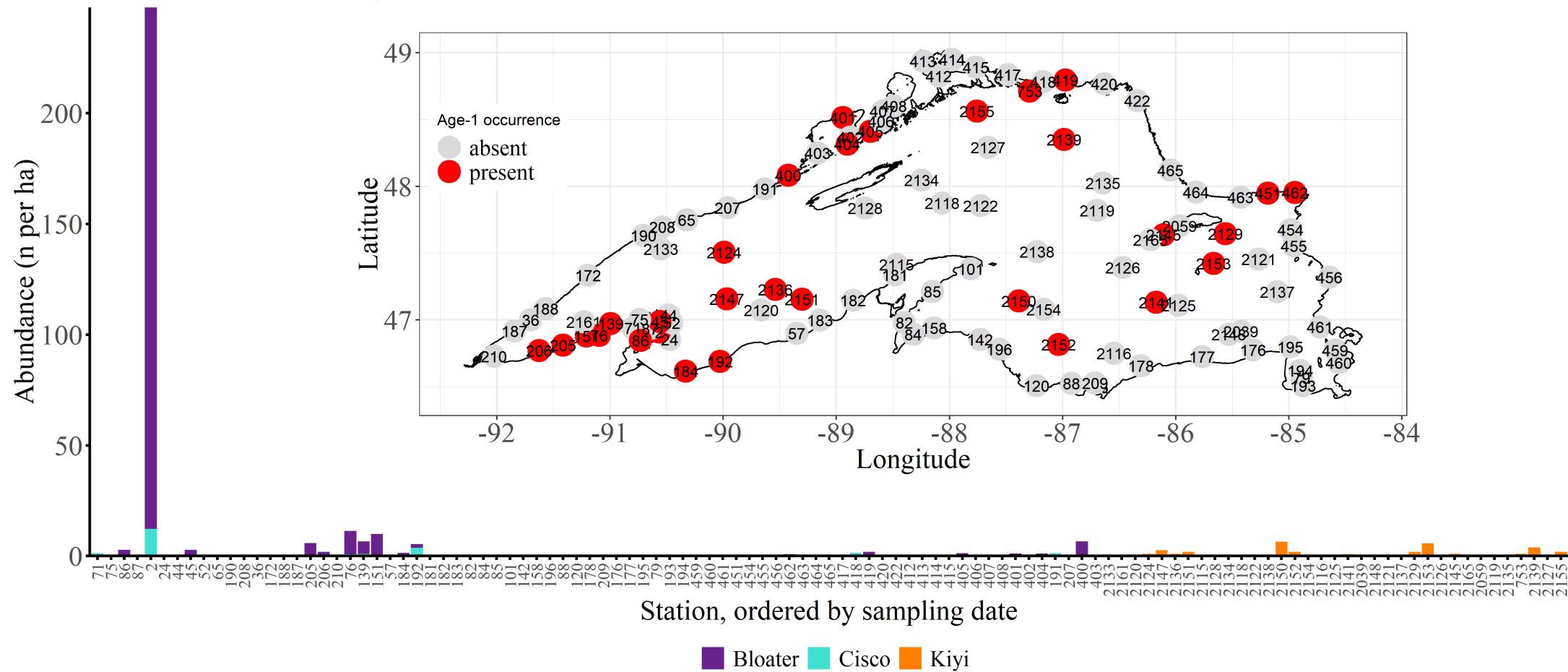


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2019 Ciscoe Age-1 Collections

Lake Superior Age-1 Ciscoe Abundance

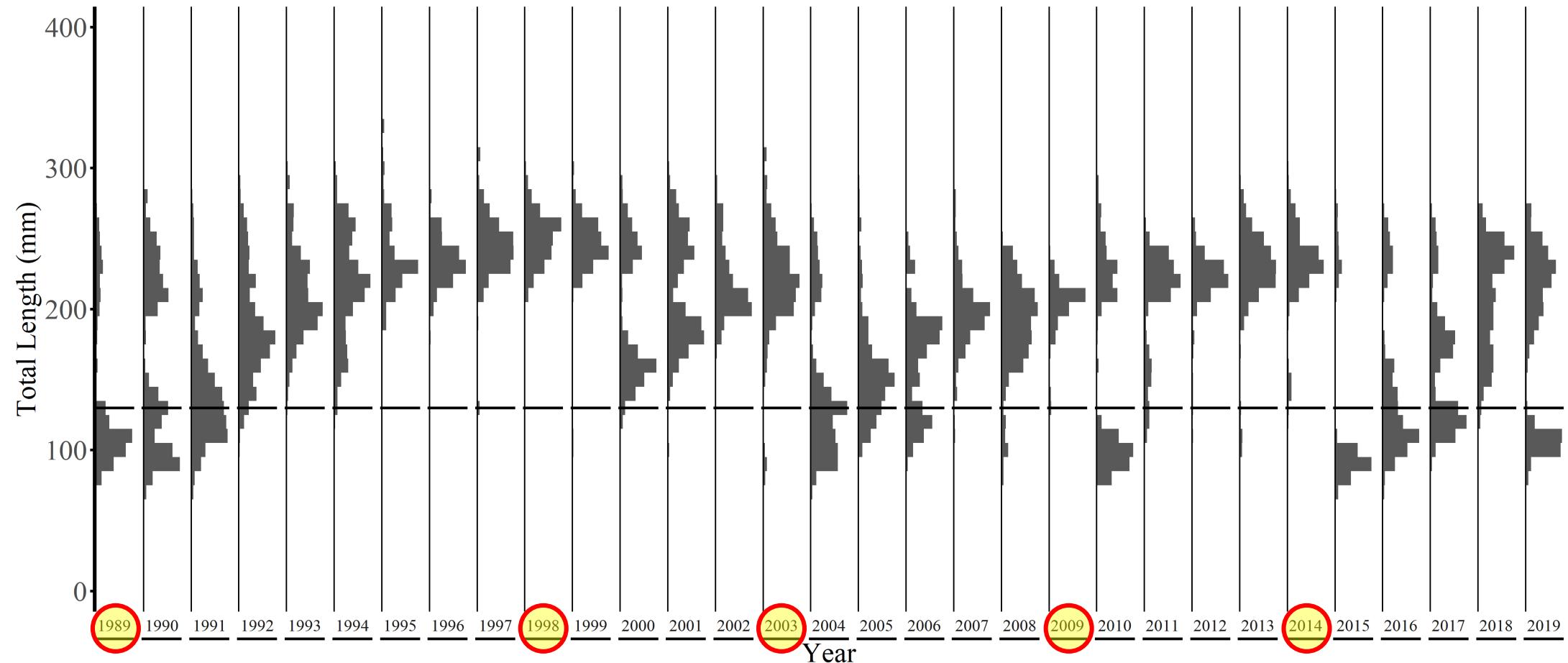
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Bloater Annual Length Frequency

Lake Superior Bloater Length Frequency

Nearshore spring bottom trawl collections, 1989-2019

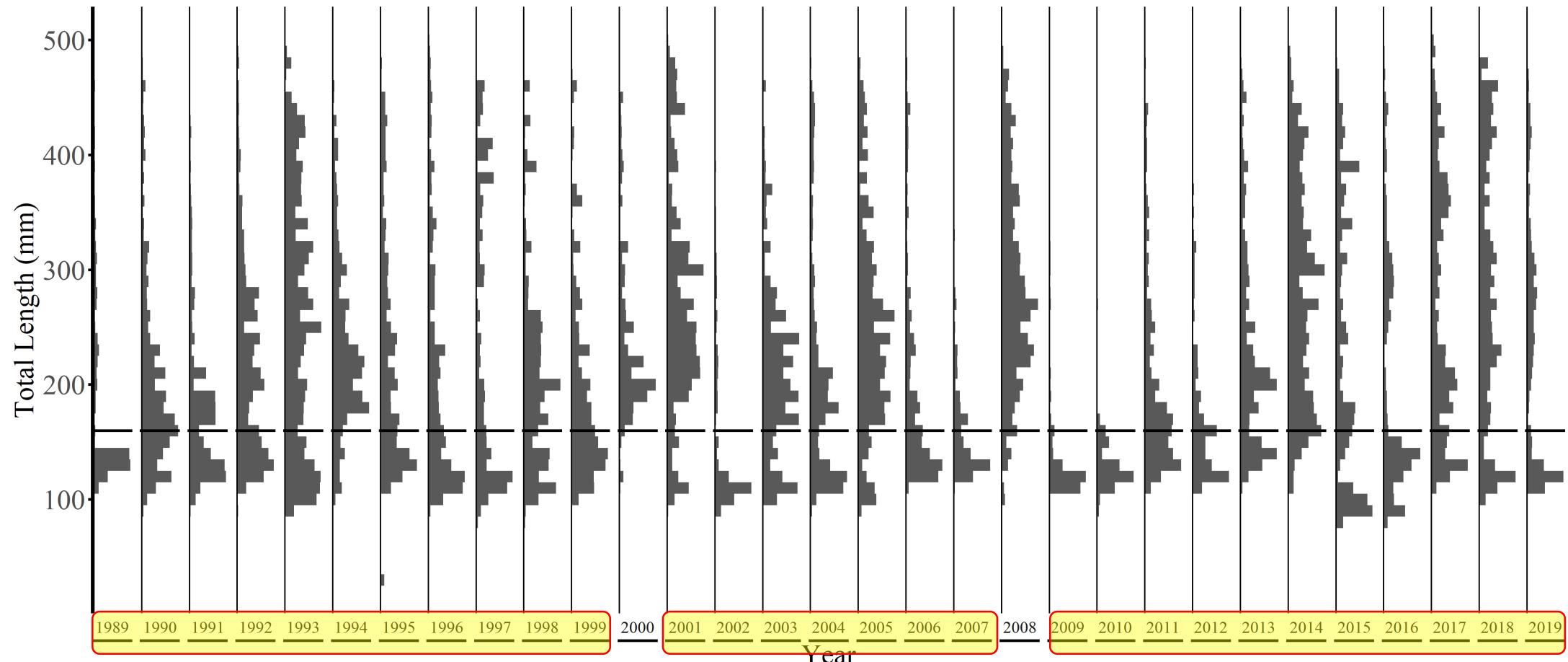


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Lake Whitefish Annual Length Frequency

Lake Superior Lake Whitefish (<500 mm) Length Frequency

Nearshore spring bottom trawl collections, 1989-2019

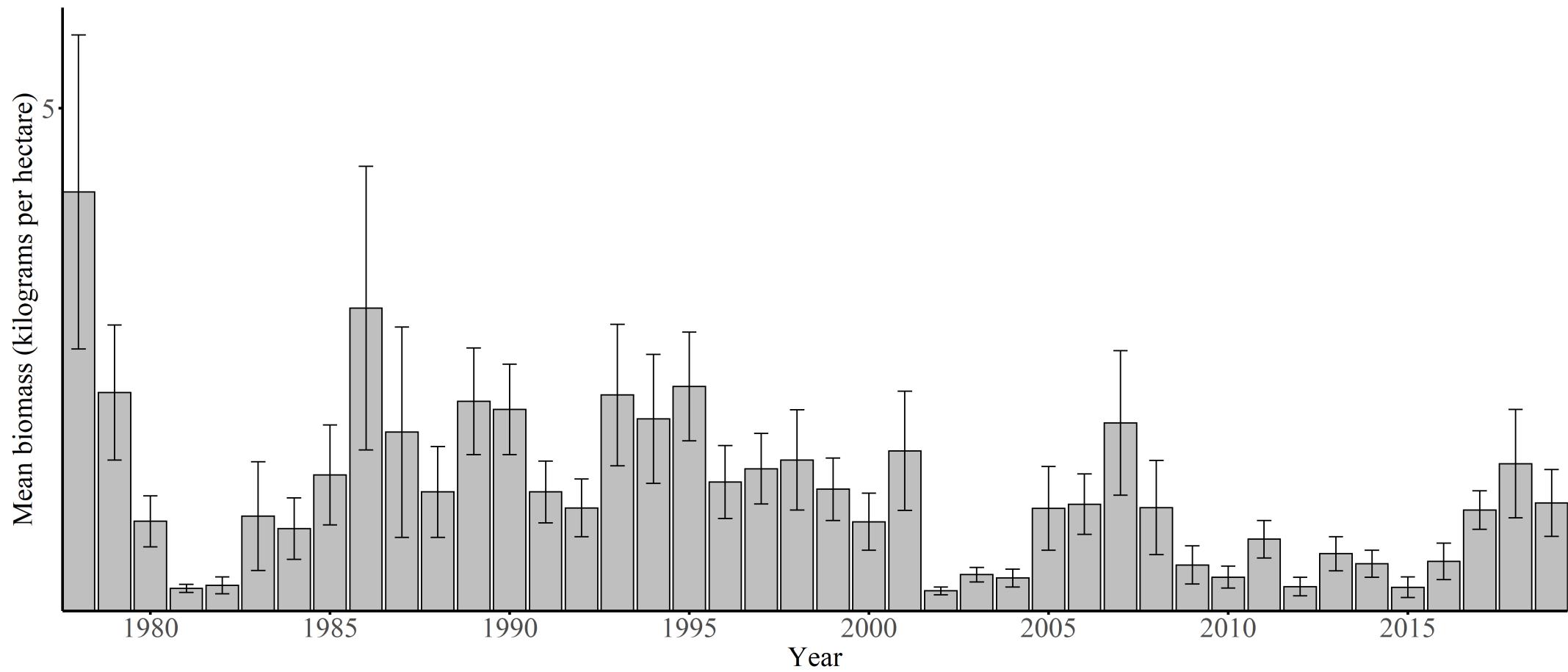


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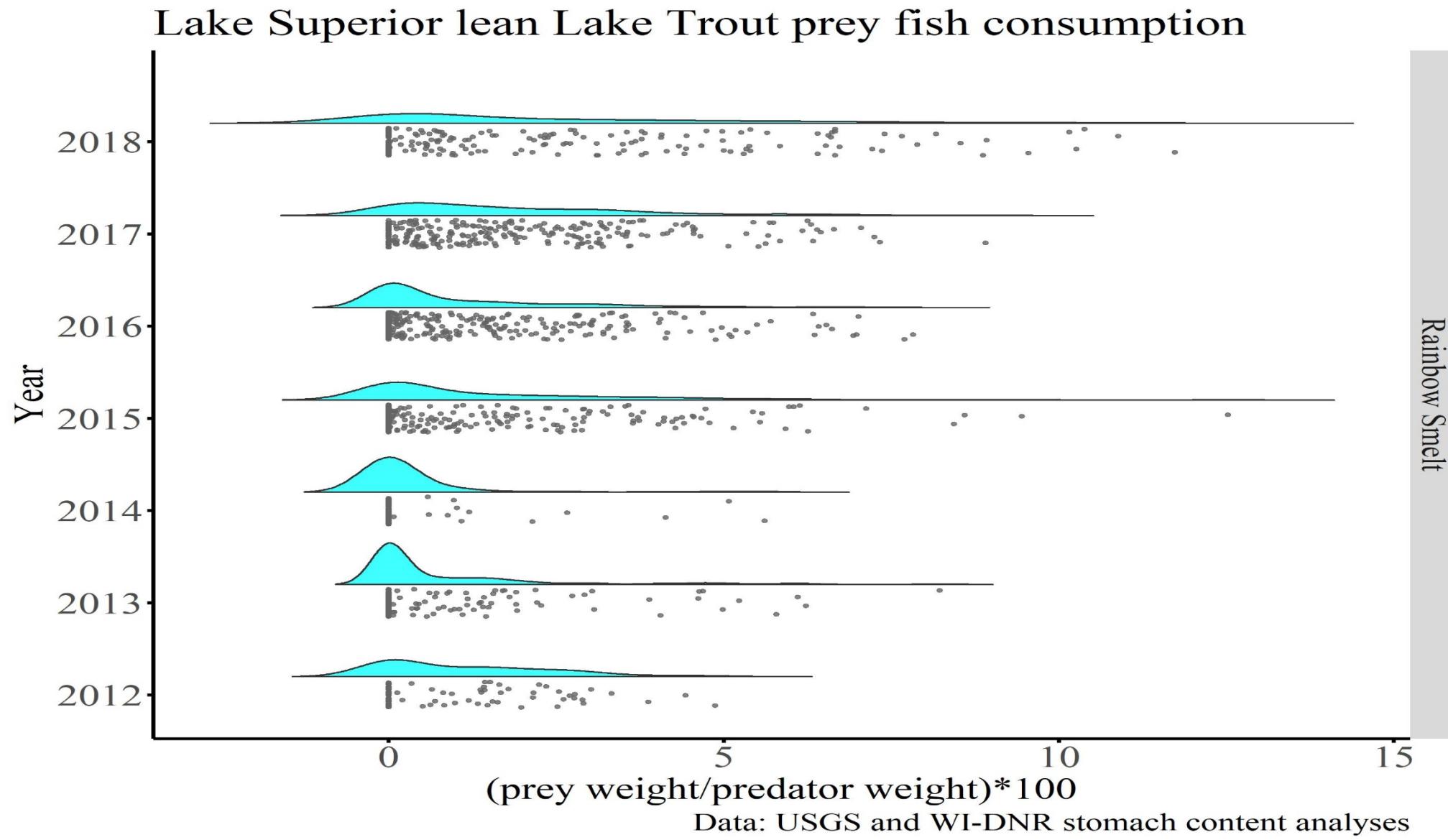
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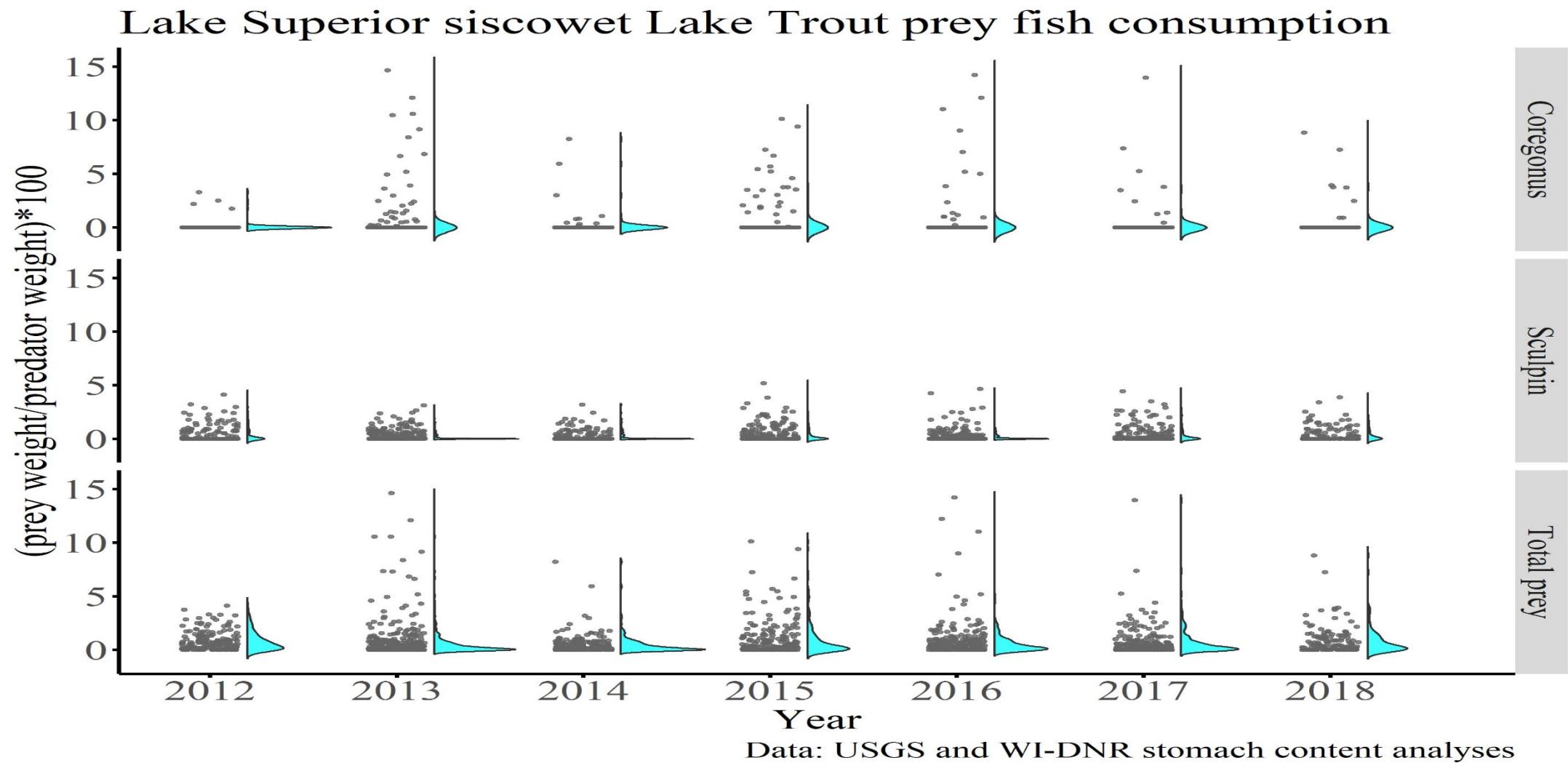


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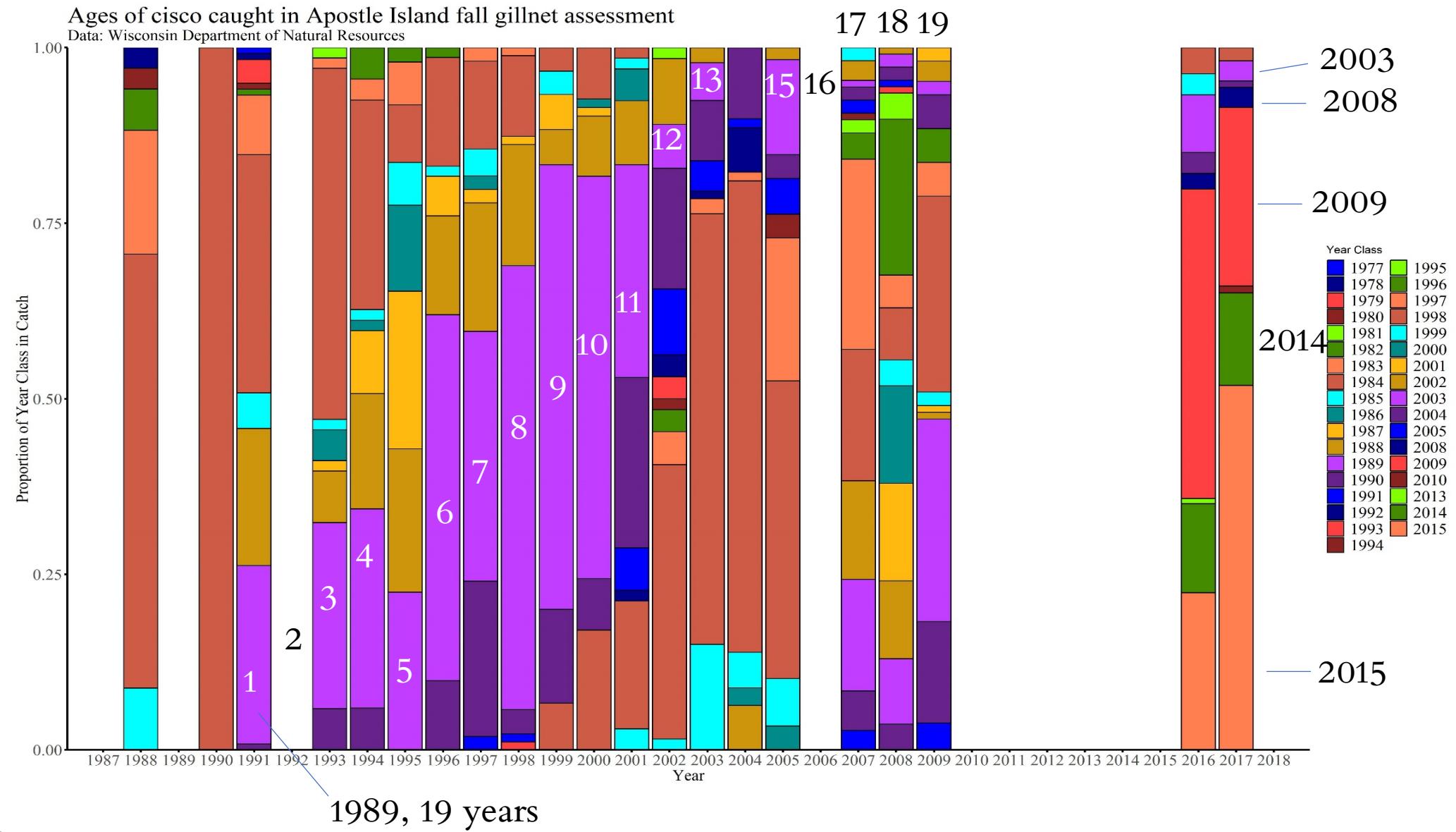
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How Many Age-1 Cisco Does It Take To See A Return To The Fishery?



Step 1: Age Composition of the Fishery



Step 2: Year Class Contribution To The Fishery

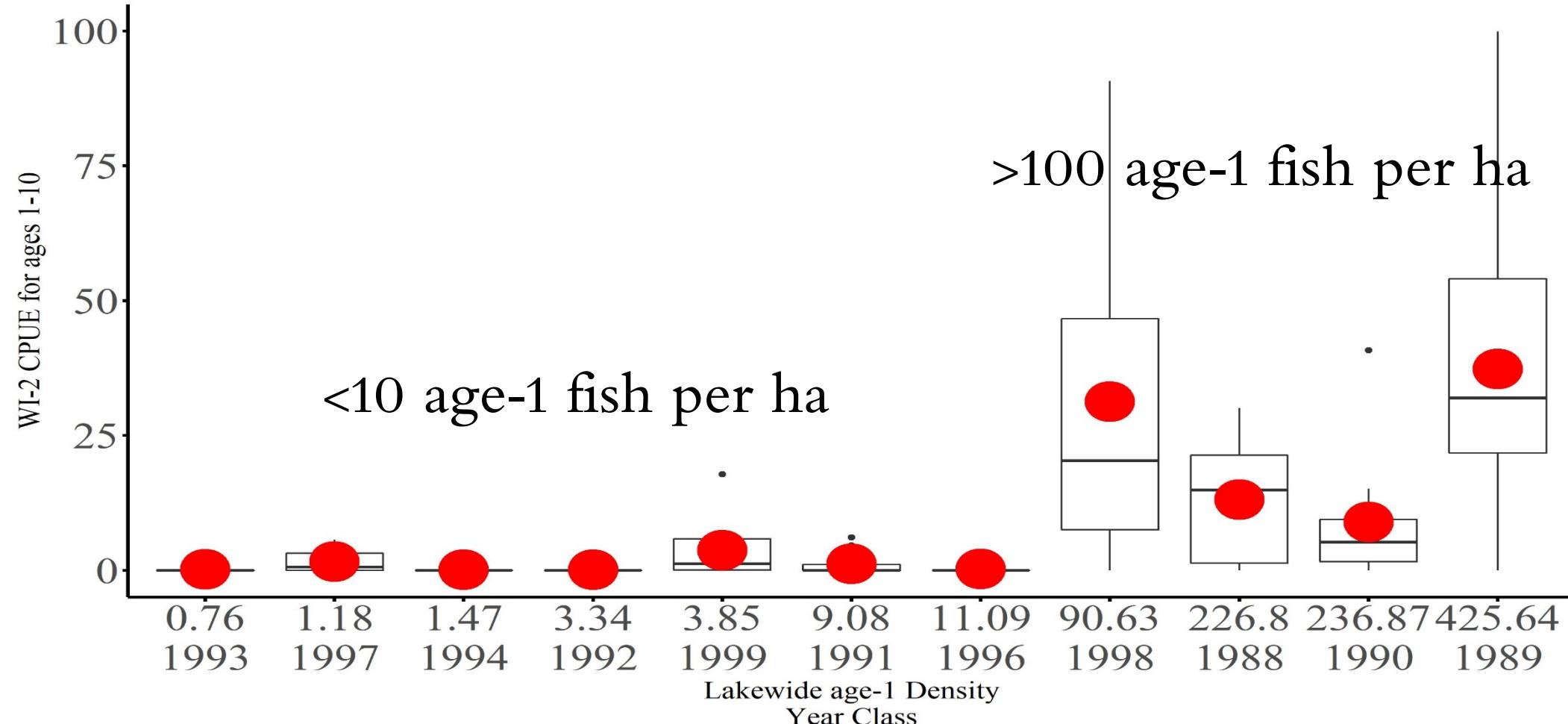


Step 2: Year Class Contribution To The Fishery

CPUE of cisco year classes in Lake Superior

Data: Age-1--USGS lakewide bottom trawl surveys

CPUE--WI-DNR fall cisco assessment



CPUE = Number of age 1-10 fish per 1200 feet of net per hour

Cisco Year Class Strength



Data: U.S. Geological Survey, doi.org/10.5066/F75M63X0