

# 2018 Eastern Bering Sea Pollock

James Ianelli et al. (2018): Assessment

Arni Magnusson: TAF analysis

Jan 2019 was early days for TAF, as the project was switching from the initial design & development to application. Jim Ianelli reached out and wanted to know how TAF works, so I converted this NOAA assessment to TAF format to demonstrate and discuss the benefits of TAF for stock assessors, research institutes, reviewers, scientific committees, fisheries managers, and the scientific community.

## Data

55 years (1964-2018)  
15 age bins (1-15 yr)  
1 fishery (pelagic trawl)  
1 CPUE (Japanese trawl)  
2 surveys (bottom trawl,  
acoustic trawl)

CSV files:

catage (1991-2017)  
catch (1964-2018)  
cpue (1965-1976)  
maturity (ages 1-15)  
natmort (ages 1-15)  
survey\_at (1994-2018)  
survey\_avo (2006-2018)  
wcatch (1964-2017)  
wstock (1982-2018)

## Model

The Pollock Model (PM) was developed in AD Model Builder by Jim Ianelli.

It is an age structured model with time-varying selectivity in the fishery and bottom trawl survey, where the parameters of the selectivity function follow a random walk.

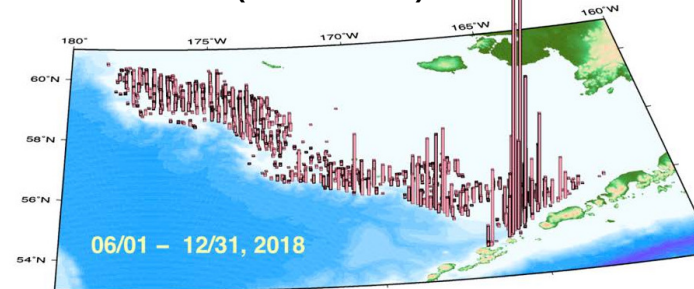
Jim is a die-hard Mac user, so here was an opportunity to test and demonstrate full cross-platform support. This was the first non-ICES TAF analysis and the first to run on Windows, Linux, and Mac.

## Output & Report

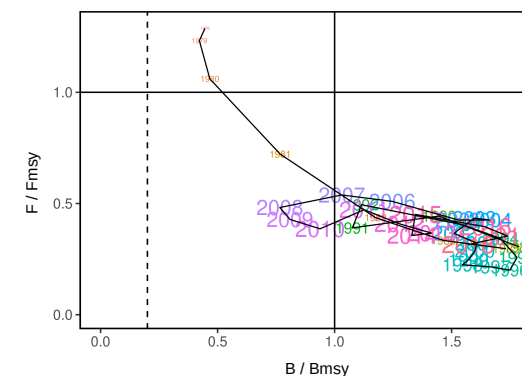


Alaska pollock  
(*Gadus chalcogrammus*)

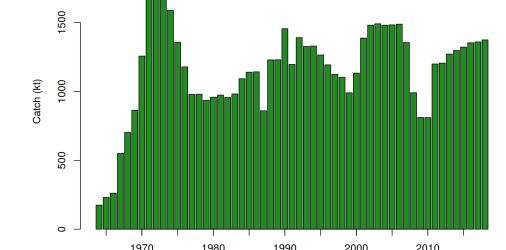
Catch distribution  
(Jun-Dec 2018)



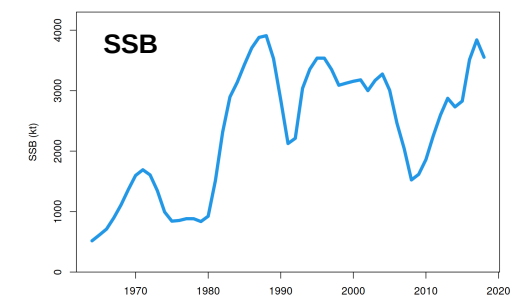
Stock status over time



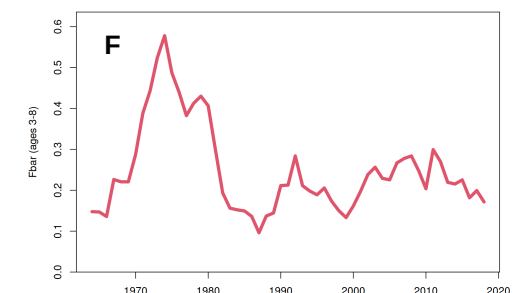
Catch



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Data source:

[https://github.com/ices-taf-dev/2018\\_ebs-pollock](https://github.com/ices-taf-dev/2018_ebs-pollock)



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