

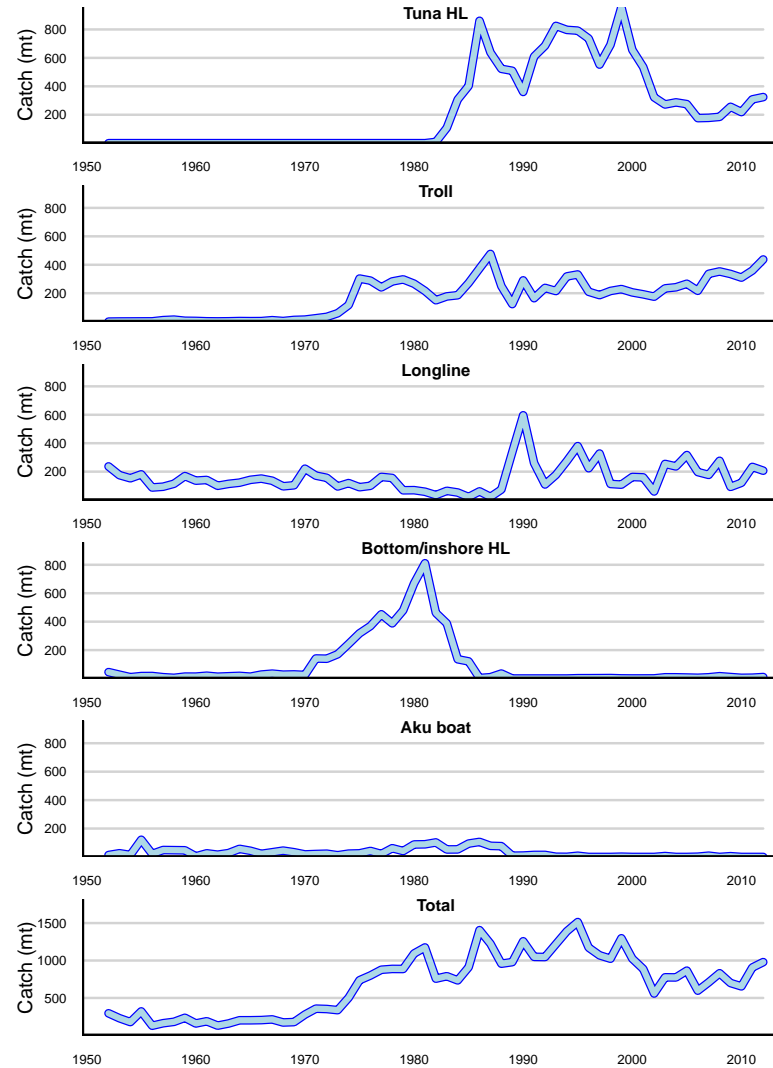
# Feasibility of developing a stock assessment model for Main Hawaiian Islands Yellowfin Tuna Fishery

## Part Deux

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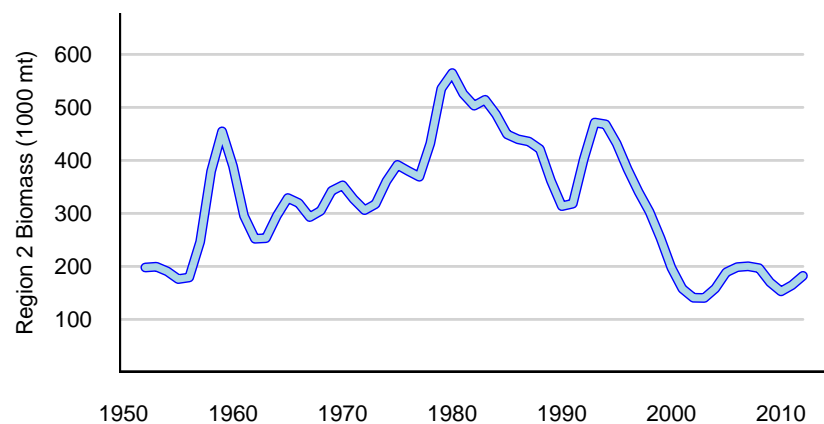
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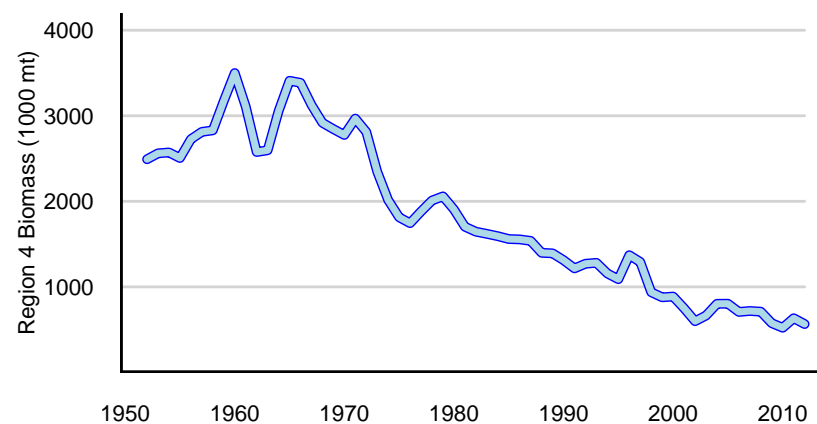


# Biomass Estimates for MFCL Regions

Region 2



Region 4



# Questions:

1. Can we contrive a simple model of the MHI YFT population and fishery?
2. Are the parameters of the model estimable from the data?
3. Are the data informative about the stock biomass?

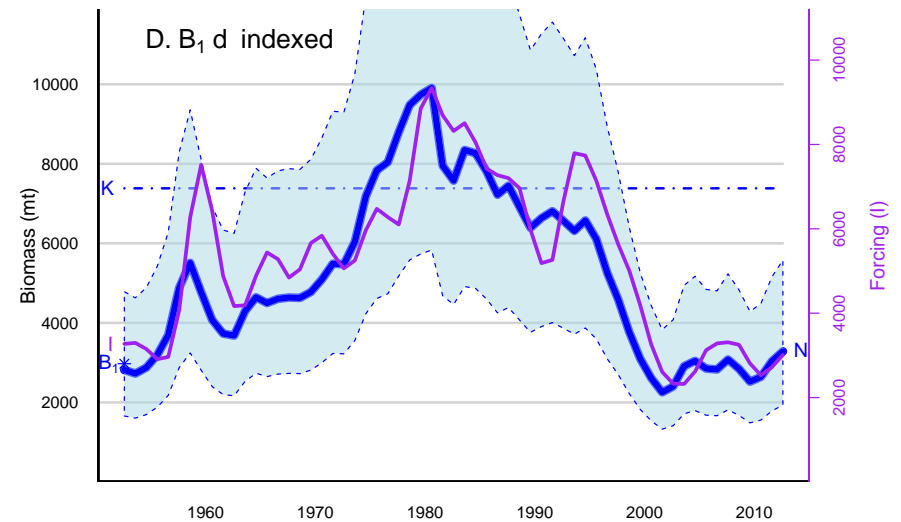
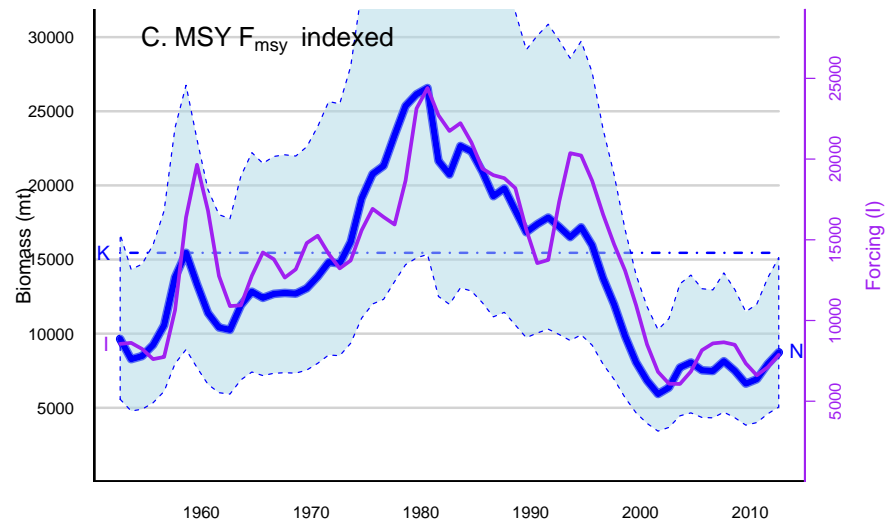
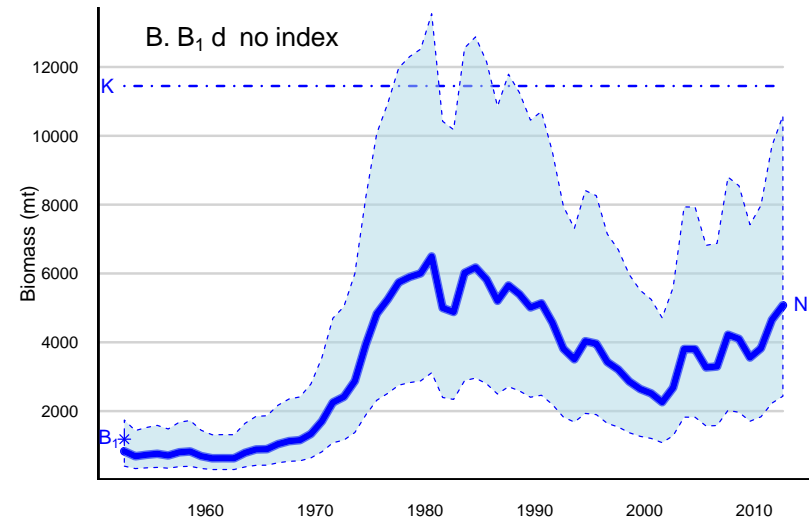
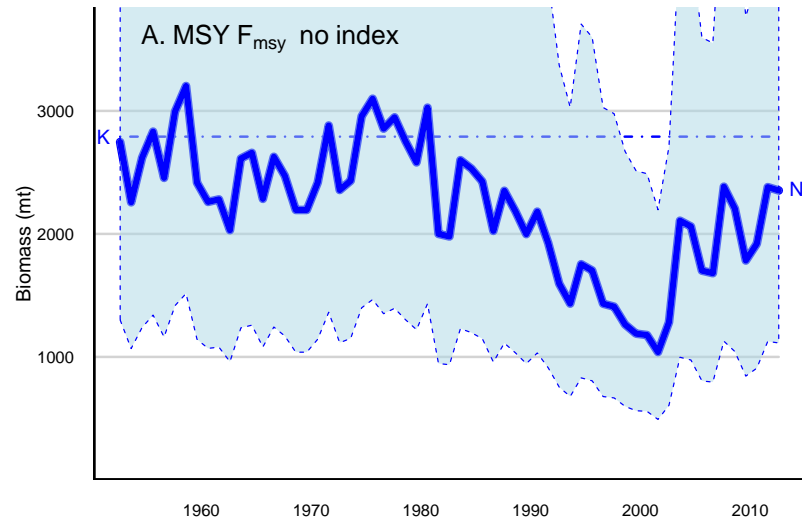
# The principle model assumptions

1. The dynamics of the population of YFT in the MHI follows a simple Schaefer model.
2. Fishing mortality is represented by a random walk (Nielsen and Berg, 2014).
3. The local dynamics are forced by assuming that the local abundance is **approximately proportional** to some index population.
4. Annual catch by gear is the product of estimated fishing mortality of each gear and average biomass during a year.

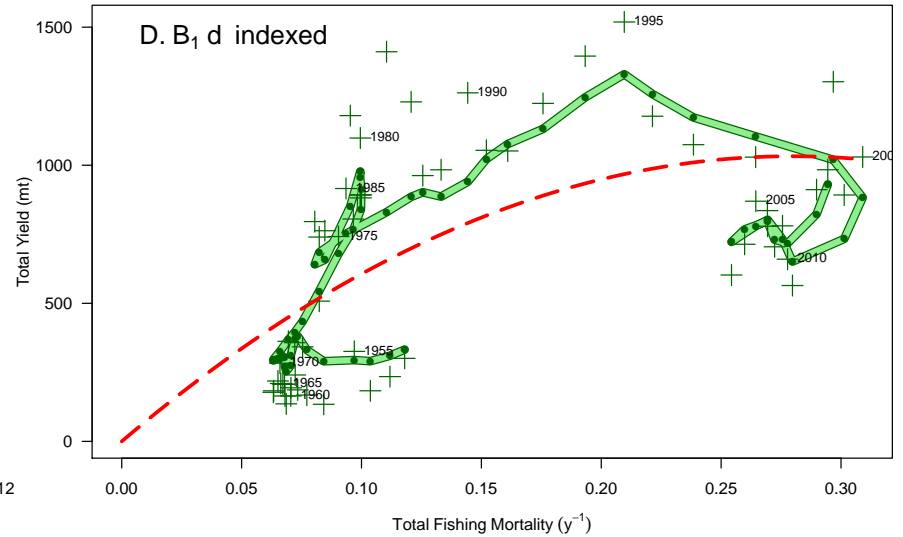
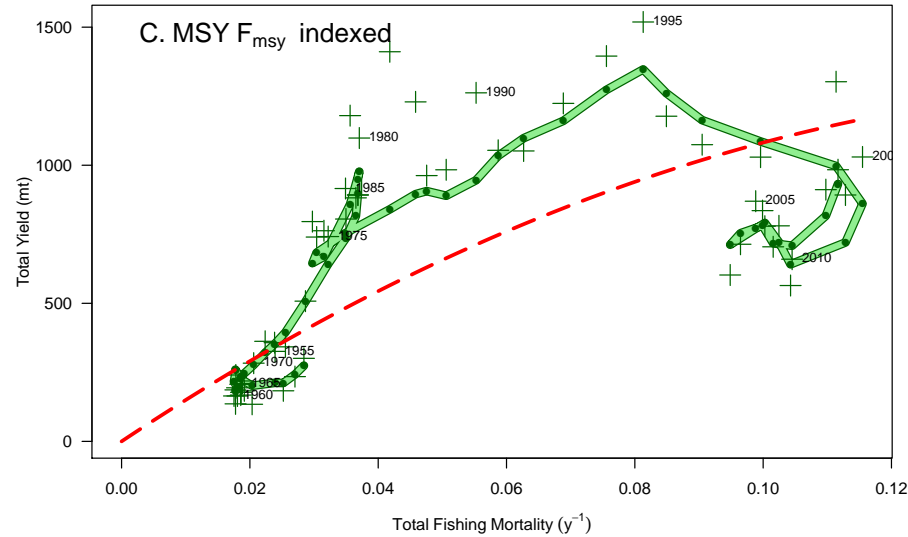
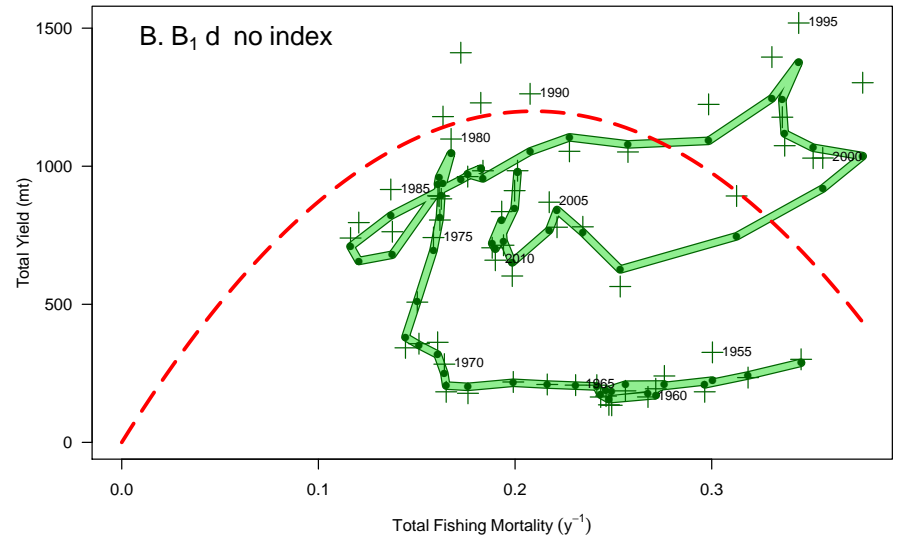
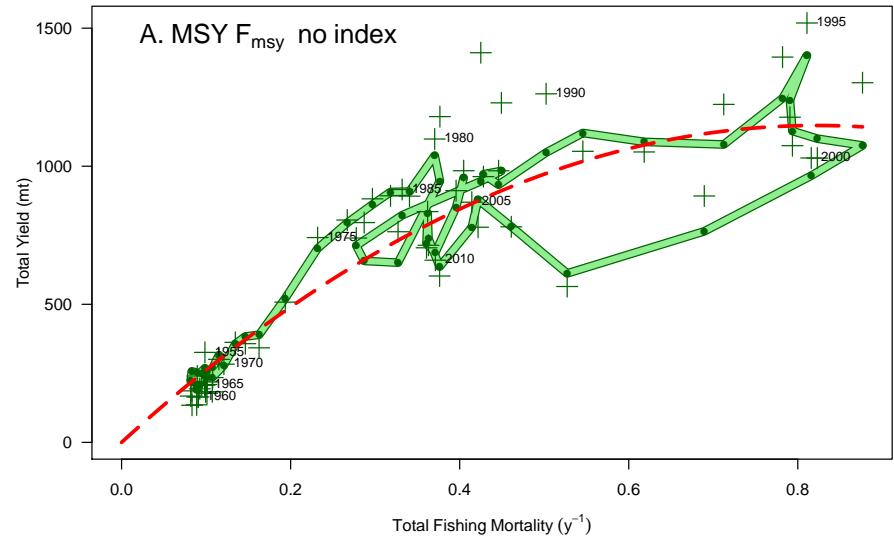
# Estimability

Index		None		MFCL 2	
Parameterization		$\tilde{Y}$	$F_{\tilde{Y}}$	$\tilde{Y}$	$F_{\tilde{Y}}$
Designation		A	B	C	D
$n$		4	5	5	6
$-\log L$		-237.238	-237.968	-247.175	-243.343
$ G _{max}$		0.0016409	33.1289	3.51082e-05	3.77653
$B_1$	Initial Biomass	—	1184.2	—	2802.3
$d$	$K = dB_1$	—	9.6674	—	2.6348
$\tilde{Y}$	MSY	1147.5	1199.3	1288.7	1032.6
$F_{\tilde{Y}}$	F at MSY	0.82239	0.20952	0.1668	0.2797
$r$	Growth Rate	1.6448	0.41904	0.3336	0.5594
$K$	Equilibrium Biomass	2790.8	11448	15452	7383.5
$\sigma_P$	Process Error	0.37416	0.36757	0.2743	0.2649
$\sigma_Y$	Observation Error	0.41693	0.43062	0.46924	0.47614
$Q$	Index Proportionality	—	—	0.04321	0.016535

# Estimated Biomass Trends



# Production





# Omitting $r$ prior

Index Parameterization Designation	None		MFCL 2	
	$\tilde{Y}$ $F_{\tilde{Y}}$	$B_1$ $d$	$\tilde{Y}$ $F_{\tilde{Y}}$	$B_1$ $d$
	A	B	C	D
$n$	4	5	5	6
$-\log L$	-284.898	-236.212	-246.302	-242.176
$ G _{max}$	2.45563	151.693	1.24795e-05	39.9125
$B_1$	—	1540.2	—	—
$d$	—	12.567	—	—
$\tilde{Y}$	—	1274.9	1579.3	—
$F_{\tilde{Y}}$	—	0.13174	0.1293	—
$r$	—	0.26347	0.25859	—
$K$	—	19355	24430	—
$\sigma_P$	—	0.35682	0.27044	—
$\sigma_Y$	—	0.43481	0.47162	—
$Q$	—	—	0.073752	—

# Alternate forcing; MFCL Region 4

