

# Status of petrale sole (*Eopsetta jordani*) along the U.S. west coast in 2018

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# Executive Summary

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## Stock

stock

This assessment reports the status of the petrale sole (*Eopsetta jordani*) off U.S. coast of California, Oregon, and Washington using data through 2018. While petrale sole are modeled as a single stock, the spatial aspects of the coast-wide population are addressed through geographic separation of data sources/fleets where possible. There is currently no genetic evidence suggesting distinct biological stocks of petrale sole off the U.S. coast. The limited tagging data available to describe adult movement suggests that petrale sole may have some homing ability for deep water spawning sites but also have the ability to move long distances between spawning sites, inter-spawning season, as well as seasonally.

## Landings

landings

While records do not exist, the earliest catches of petrale sole are reported in 1876 in California and 1884 in Oregon. In this assessment, fishery removals have been divided among 4 fleets: 1) winter North trawl, 2) summer North trawl, 3) winter South trawl, and 4) summer South trawl. Landings for the North fleet are defined as fish landed in Washington and Oregon ports. Landings for the South fleet are defined as fish landed in California ports. Recent annual catches between 1981-2018 range between 755 and 3008 mt per year and the most recent year landing are shown in Table a. Petrale sole are caught nearly exclusively by trawl fleets; non-trawl gears contribute less than 3% of the catches. Based on the 2005 assessment, annual catch limits (ACLs) were reduced to 2499 mt for 2007-2008. Following the 2009 assessment ACLs were further reduced to a low of 976 mt for 2011 and have subsequently increased to a high value of 3,136 for 2017. From the inception of the fishery through the war years, the vast majority of catches occurred between March and October (the summer fishery), when the stock is dispersed over the continental shelf. The post-World War II period witnessed a steady decline in the amount and proportion of annual catches occurring during the summer months (March-October). Conversely, petrale sole catch during the winter season (November-February), when the fishery targets spawning aggregations, has exhibited a steadily increasing trend since the 1940s. From the mid-1980s through the early 2000s, catches during the winter months were roughly equivalent to or exceeded catches throughout the remainder of the year, whereas during the past 10 years the relative catches during the winter and summer have been more variable across years (a). petrale sole are a desirable market species and discarding has historically been low.

Table a: Landings (mt) for the past 10 years for petrale sole by source.

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Year	Winter (N)	Summer (N)	Winter (S)	Summer (S)	Total Landings
2009	846.71	641.75	469.66	250.38	2208.49
2010	258.09	292.34	77.60	120.95	748.98
2011	221.60	423.11	39.59	77.70	762.00
2012	406.05	477.71	124.46	107.63	1115.85
2013	509.04	1007.26	130.10	278.35	1924.74
2014	852.90	860.31	273.40	354.19	2340.80

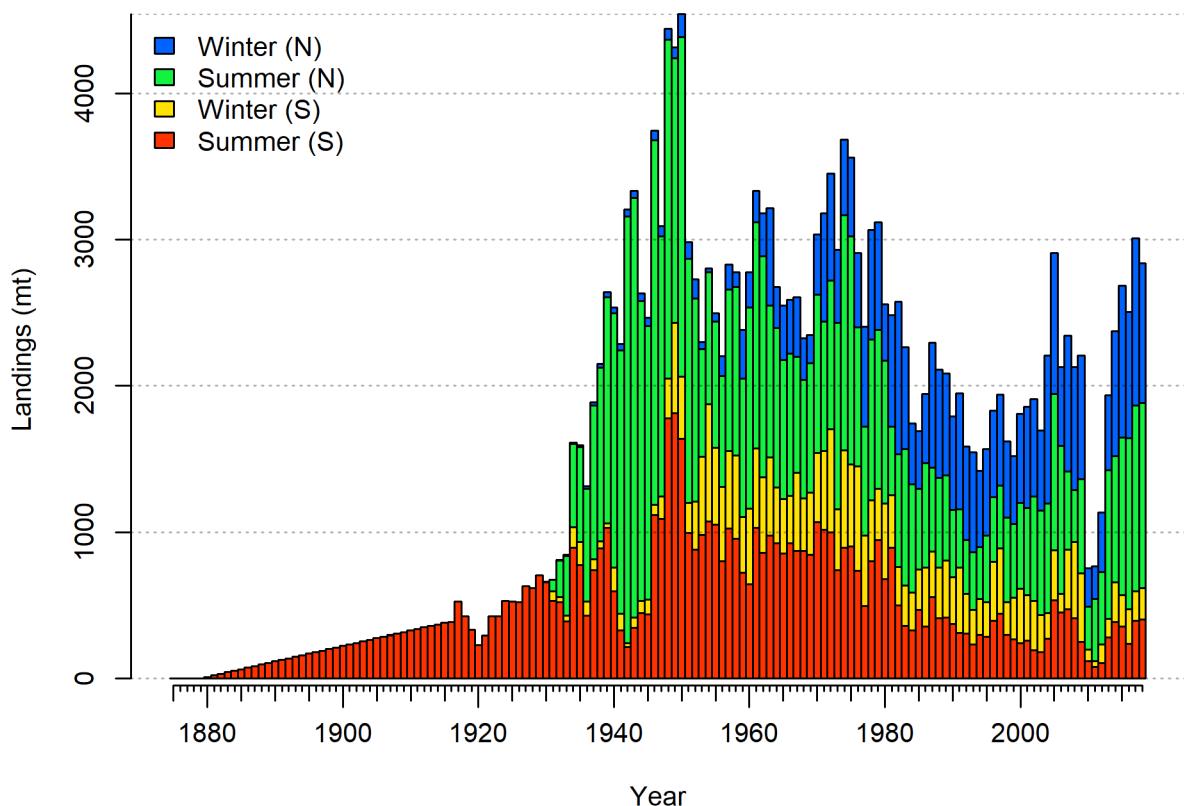


Figure a: 'Landings of by the Northern and Southern winter and summer fleets of the US west coast.' `fig:Exec_catch1`

## Data and Assessment

data-and-assessment

This an update assessment for petrale sole, which was last assessed in 2013 and updated in 2015. The update assessment was conducted using the length- and age-structured modeling software Stock Synthesis (version 3.30.13). The coastwide population was modeled allowing separate growth and mortality parameters for each sex (a two-sex model) with the fishing year beginning on November 1 and ending on October 31. The fisheries are structured seasonally based on winter (November to February) and summer (March to October) fishing seasons due to the development and growth of the wintertime fishery, which began in the 1950s. In recent decades wintertime catches have often exceed summertime catches. The fisheries modeled as the North Winter and North Summer, where the north includes both Washington and Oregon, and South Winter and South Summer encompasses California fisheries.

The model includes catch, length- and age-frequency data from the trawl fleets as well as standardized winter fishery catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) indices. Biological data are derived from both port and on-board observer sampling programs. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) AFSC/NWFSC West Coast Triennial Shelf Survey early (1980, 1983, 1986, 1989, 1992) and late period (1995, 1998, 2001, and 2004) and the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey (2003-2018) relative biomass indices and biological sampling provide fishery independent information on relative trend and demographics of the petrale sole stock.

## Updated Data

updated-data

The base stock assessment model structure is consistent with the 2013 assessment and the 2015 update, except as noted here. Modifications from the previous assessment model include:

1. Model fitting using latest version of Stock Synthesis (SS v.3.30.13).
2. Added commercial fishery catch data (2015-2018).
3. Updated historical composition data from the commercial fishery (length and age data) and new data (2015 - 2018) expanded to trip and catch based on current best practices.
4. Updated discard rate, average weight, and discard length composition data (2014-2017).
5. NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey index of abundance was calculated using VAST.
6. Updated NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey length and age data (2015-2018) with all years data expanded to the tow and strata.
7. AFSC/NWFSC West Coast Triennial Shelf Survey early and late index of abundance were calculated using VAST.

8. Model tuning to re-weight data.
9. Length-weight relationship parameters estimated outside of the stock assessment model from the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data up to 2018 and input as fixed values.
10. Update the natural mortality prior for female and male fish.

## Stock Biomass

**stock-biomass**

Petrale sole were lightly exploited during the early 1900s, but by the 1950s the fishery was well developed and showing clear signs of depletion and declines in catches and biomass (Figures [a](#) and [b](#)). The rate of decline in spawning output accelerated through the 1930s-1970s reaching minimums generally around or below 10% of the unexploited levels during the 1980s through the early 2000s (Figure [c](#)). The petrale sole spawning stock biomass is estimated to have increased in recent year due to reduced catches during rebuilding and in response to above average recruitment in 2006, 2007, and 2008. The 2019 estimated spawning output relative to unfished equilibrium spawning output is above the target of 25% of unfished spawning output at 32.3% ( $\sim 95\%$  asymptotic interval:  $\pm 21.9\%-42.6\%$ ).

Table b: Recent trend in estimated spawning output (mt) and estimated relative spawning output (depletion).

Year	Spawning Output (mt)	~ 95% Confidence Interval	Estimated Relative Spawning Output	<a href="#">tab:SpawningDeplete_mod1</a>	
				~ 95% Confidence Interval	
2010	3494	2845 - 4143	0.114	0.077 - 0.152	
2011	4414	3606 - 5222	0.144	0.098 - 0.191	
2012	5904	4858 - 6950	0.193	0.132 - 0.255	
2013	7751	6410 - 9091	0.254	0.174 - 0.333	
2014	9284	7682 - 10886	0.304	0.209 - 0.398	
2015	10202	8441 - 11962	0.334	0.231 - 0.436	
2016	10439	8593 - 12284	0.342	0.237 - 0.446	
2017	10531	8606 - 12457	0.345	0.240 - 0.449	
2018	10213	8186 - 12240	0.334	0.231 - 0.437	
2019	9867	7682 - 12052	0.323	0.219 - 0.426	

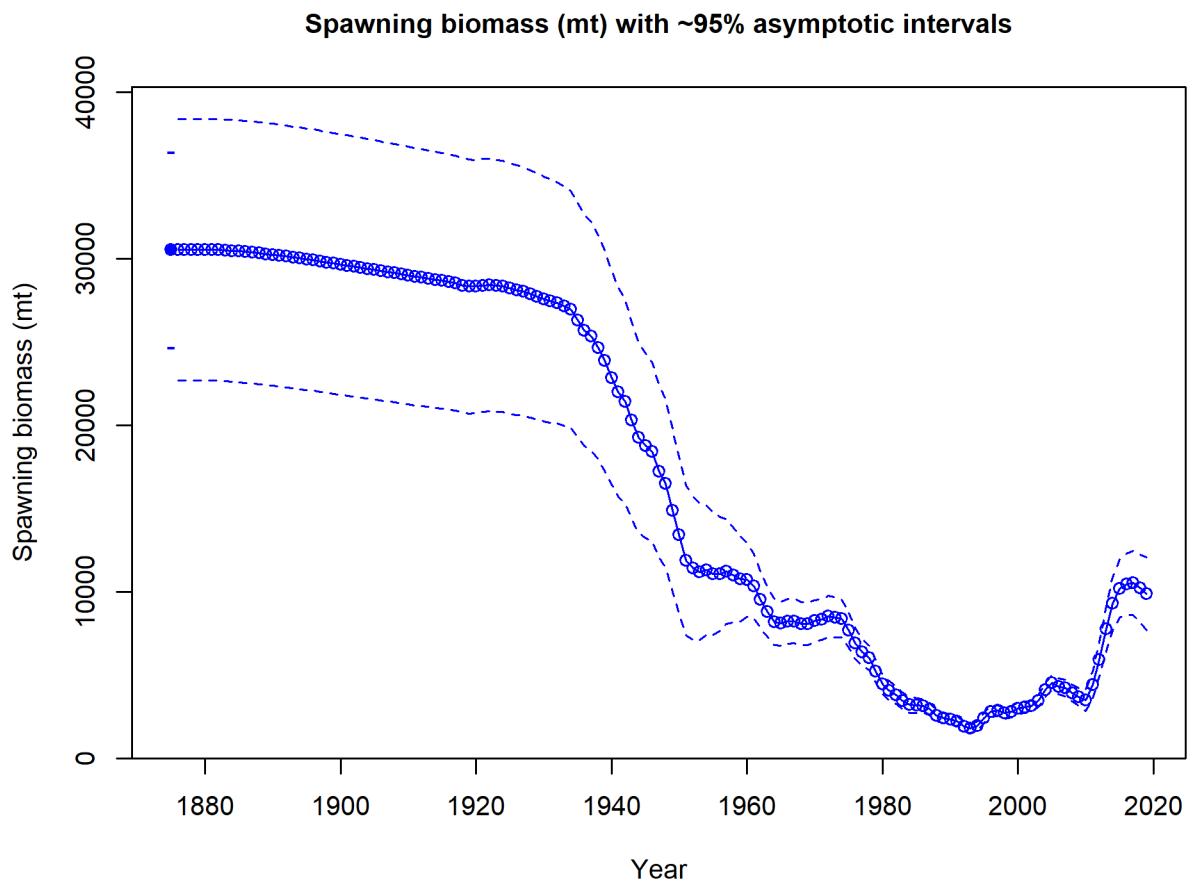


Figure b: Estimated time-series of spawning output trajectory (circles and line: median; light broken lines: 95% credibility intervals) for the base assessment model. fig:Spawnbio\_all

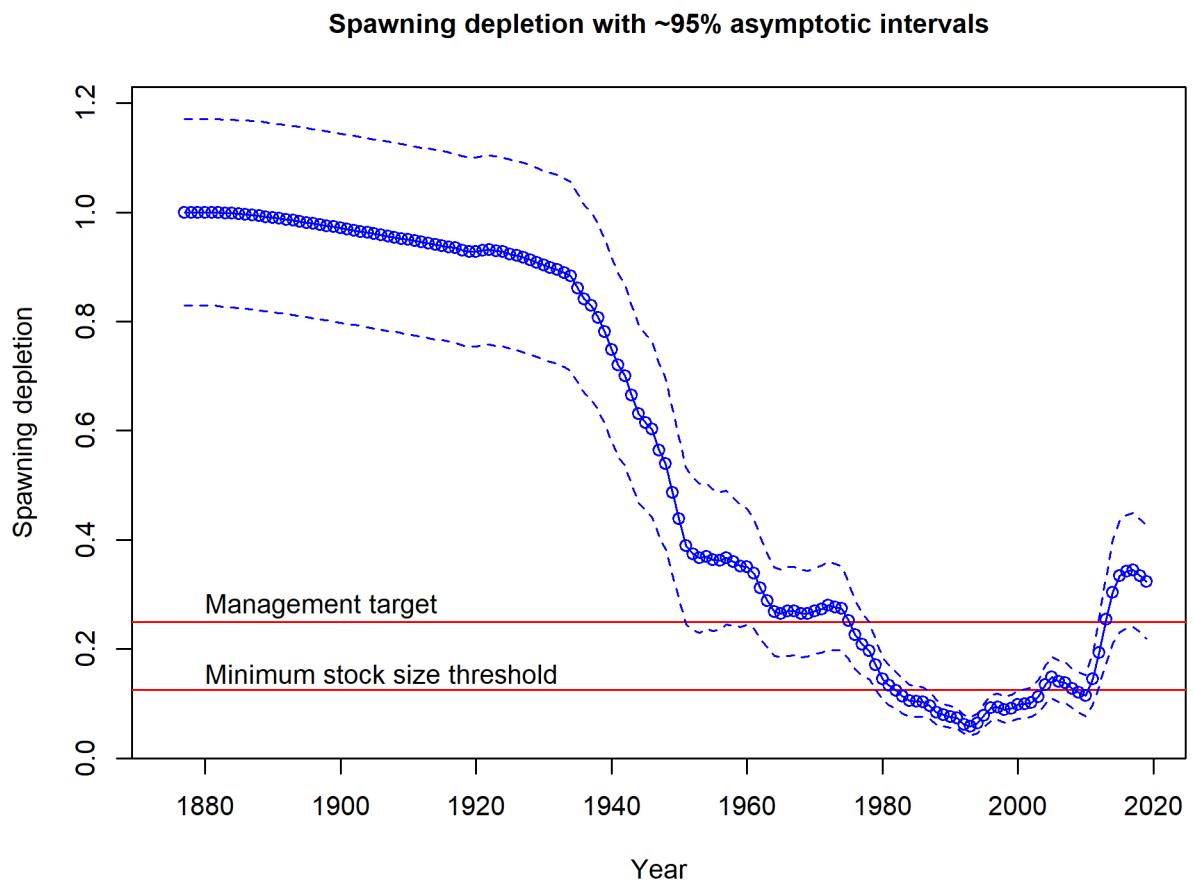


Figure c: Estimated time-series of relative spawning output (depletion) (circles and line: median; light broken lines: 95% credibility intervals) for the base assessment model. | [fig:RelDeplete\\_all](#)

## Recruitment

recruitment

Annual recruitment was treated as stochastic, and estimated as annual deviations from log-mean recruitment where mean recruitment is the fitted Beverton-Holt stock recruitment curve. The time-series of estimated recruitments shows a relationship with the decline in spawning output, punctuated by larger recruitments (Figure d) in 2006, 2007, and 2008. The five largest estimated recruitment estimated with the model (in ascending order) occurred in 2006, 2007, 1998, 1966, and 1966. The four lowest recruitments estimated within the model (in ascending order) occurred in 1986, 1992, 1973, and 1987.

Table c: Recent estimated trend in recruitment and estimated recruitment deviations determined from the base model. The recruitment deviations for 2018 and 2019 were fixed at zero within the model.

Year	Estimated Recruitment	~ 95% Confidence Interval	Estimated Recruitment Devs.	~ 95% Confidence Interval
2010	11740	7281 - 18929	-0.083	-0.411 - 0.244
2011	13434	8205 - 21994	-0.014	-0.358 - 0.330
2012	19781	12473 - 31372	0.306	0.002 - 0.609
2013	12763	7331 - 22221	-0.183	-0.631 - 0.265
2014	13826	7883 - 24251	-0.130	-0.586 - 0.325
2015	13751	7464 - 25334	-0.149	-0.664 - 0.366
2016	13924	6927 - 27992	-0.160	-0.771 - 0.451
2017	15071	6851 - 33154	-0.104	-0.837 - 0.630
2018	17012	7437 - 38914	0.000	-0.784 - 0.784
2019	16935	7409 - 38710	0.000	-0.784 - 0.784

**Age-0 recruits (1,000s) with ~95% asymptotic intervals**

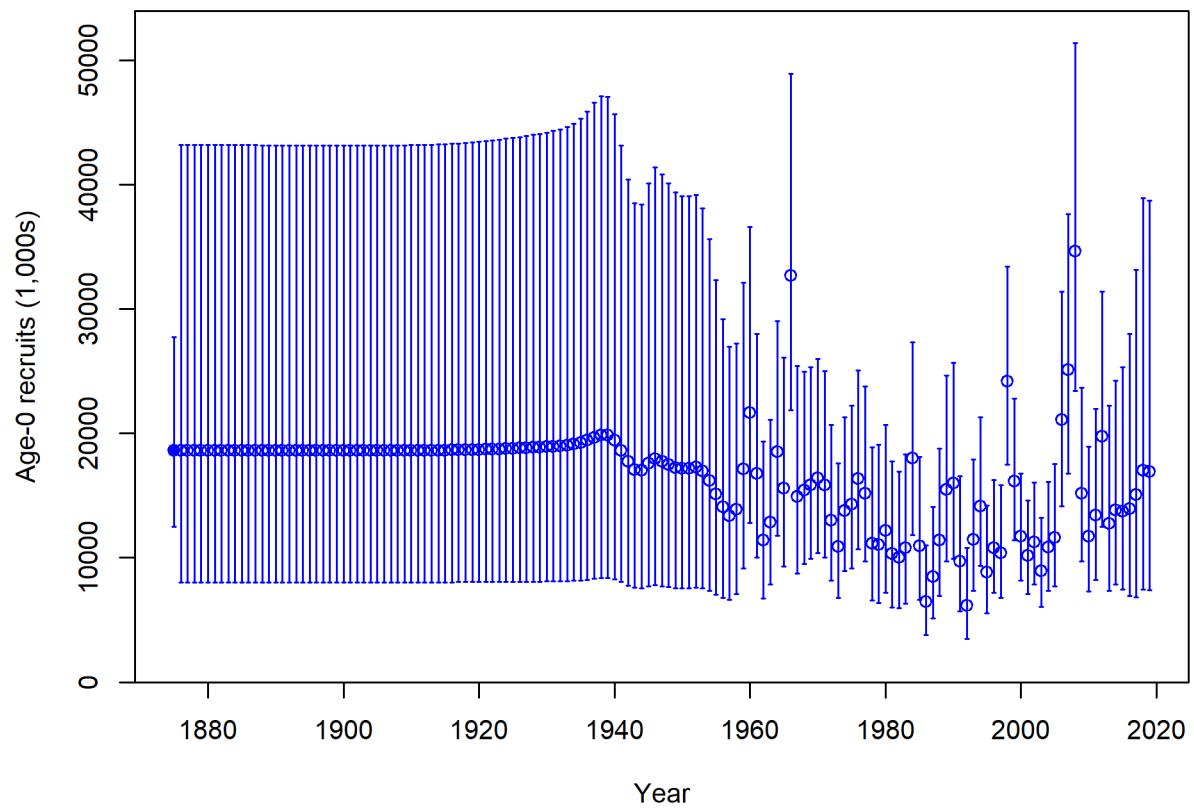


Figure d: Time-series of estimated petrale sole recruitments for the base model with 95% confidence or credibility intervals. [fig:Recruits\\_all](#)

## Exploitation Status

`exploitation-status`

The relative spawning output of petrale sole was estimated to have dropped below the management target (25%) for the first time in 1976. The stock continued to decline and first fell below the minimum stock size threshold level of 12.5% in 1982. The relative spawning output remained around the threshold stock size until approximately 2010, with the stock reaching its lowest relative spawning output level in 1993 at 5.8%. In 2009 petrale sole was formally declared overfished. Fishing mortality rates sharply declined during the rebuilding period relative to previous year rates which exceeded the target (Figure e). After reduced harvests, the 2015 update stock assessment estimated the stock to have rebuilt to the management target (25%) in 2014. This update estimates that the relative spawning output exceed 25% in 2013 with harvest rates in the most recent years remaining just under of the target rate (Figure e).

Table d: Recent trend in spawning potential ratio 1-SPR and summary exploitation rate for age 3+ biomass for petrale sole.

Year	1-SPR	~ 95% Confidence Interval	Exploitation Rate	tab:SPR_Exploit_mod1 ~ 95% Confidence Interval
2009	0.822	0.757 - 0.888	0.271	0.223 - 0.318
2010	0.625	0.521 - 0.728	0.091	0.072 - 0.111
2011	0.552	0.446 - 0.658	0.062	0.049 - 0.075
2012	0.568	0.466 - 0.671	0.074	0.060 - 0.089
2013	0.632	0.535 - 0.730	0.111	0.090 - 0.131
2014	0.633	0.537 - 0.729	0.126	0.104 - 0.149
2015	0.644	0.549 - 0.738	0.138	0.113 - 0.163
2016	0.618	0.521 - 0.714	0.129	0.105 - 0.153
2017	0.654	0.561 - 0.747	0.155	0.126 - 0.185
2018	0.649	0.555 - 0.743	0.152	0.121 - 0.183

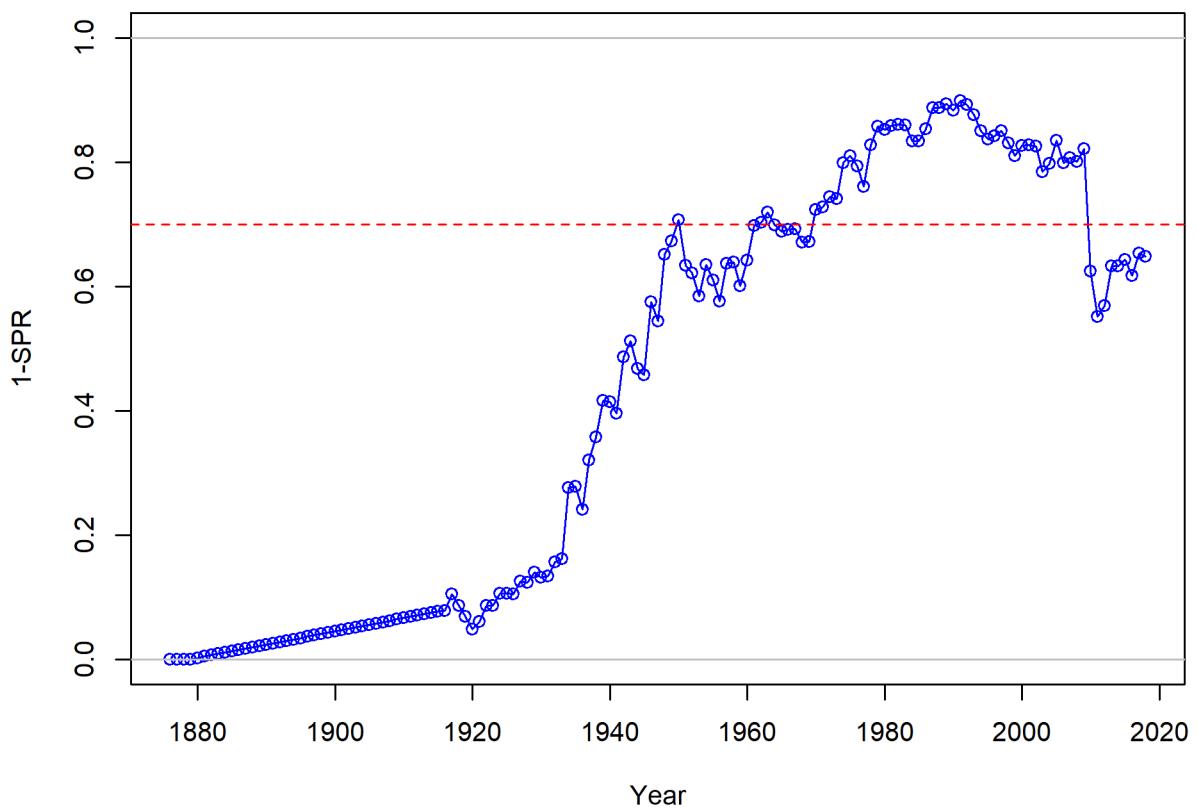


Figure e: Estimated relative spawning potential ratio 1-SPR for the base model. One minus SPR is plotted so that higher exploitation rates occur on the upper portion of the y-axis. The management target is plotted as a red horizontal line and values above this reflect harvests in excess of the overfishing proxy based on the SPR30% harvest rate. The last year in the time-series is 2018. | [fig:SPR\\_all](#)

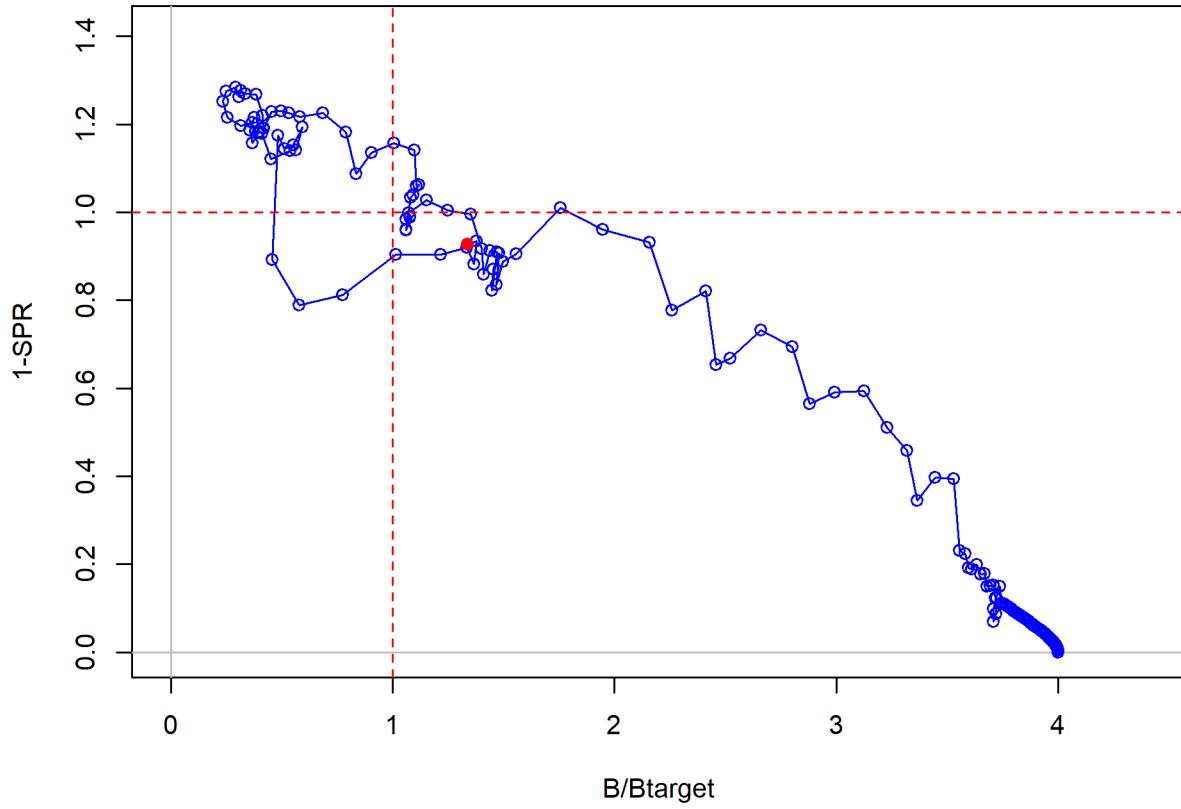


Figure f: Phase plot of estimated 1-SPR(%) vs. relative spawning output ( $B/B_{\text{target}}$ ) for the base case model. The red circle indicates 2018 estimated status and exploitation for petrale sole. <sup>[fig:Phase\\_all](#)</sup>

## Ecosystem Considerations

ecosystem-considerations

Ecosystem factors have not been explicitly modeled in this assessment, but there are several aspects of the California current ecosystem that may impact petrale sole population dynamics and warrant further research. Castillo (1992) and Castillo et al. (1995) suggest that density-independent survival of early life stages is low and show that offshore Ekman transportation of eggs and larvae may be an important source of variation in year-class strength in the Columbia INPFC area. The effects of the Pacific Decadal Oscillation on California current temperature and productivity (Mantua et al. 1997) may also contribute to non-stationary recruitment dynamics for petrale sole. The prevalence of a strong late 1990s year-class for many West Coast groundfish species suggests that environmentally driven recruitment variation may be correlated among species with relatively diverse life history strategies. Although current research efforts along these lines are limited, a more explicit exploration of ecosystem processes may be possible in future petrale sole stock assessments if resources are available for such investigations.

## Reference Points

reference-points

This stock assessment estimates that the spawning output of petrale sole is above the management target. Due to reduced landings and the large 2008 year-class, an increasing trend in spawning output was estimated in the base model. The estimated depletion in 2019 is 32.3% ( $\sim 95\%$  asymptotic interval:  $\pm 21.9\%-42.6\%$ ), corresponding to an spawning output of 9,867 mt ( $\sim 95\%$  asymptotic interval: 7,682-12,052 mt). Unfished age 3+ biomass was estimated to be 49,439.6 mt in the base model. The target spawning output based on the biomass target ( $SB_{25\%}$ ) is 7,638.7 mt, with an equilibrium catch of 2,830.3 mt. Equilibrium yield at the proxy  $F_{MSY}$  harvest rate corresponding to  $SPR_{30\%}$  is 2,819.8 mt. Estimated MSY catch is at a 2,835.9 spawning output of 7,005.9 mt (22.9% depletion).

Table e: Summary of reference points and management quantities for the base case.

Quantity	Estimate	tab:Ref_pts_mod1	
		~2.5%	~97.5%
		Confidence Interval	Confidence Interval
Unfished spawning output (mt)	30554.7	24634.6	36474.8
Unfished age 3+ biomass (mt)	49439.6	41597	57282.2
Unfished recruitment (R0, thousands)	18626.7	11147.4	26106
Spawning output(2019 mt)	9867.3	7682.4	12052.2
Relative spawning output (depletion) (2019)	0.323	0.219	0.426
<b>Reference points based on SB<sub>25%</sub></b>			
Proxy spawning output ( $B_{25\%}$ )	7638.7	6158.7	9118.7
SPR resulting in $B_{25\%}$ ( $SPR_{B25\%}$ )	0.286	0.258	0.313
Exploitation rate resulting in $B_{25\%}$	0.182	0.163	0.2
Yield with $SPR_{B25\%}$ at $B_{25\%}$ (mt)	2830.3	2624.2	3036.4
<b>Reference points based on SPR proxy for MSY</b>			
Spawning output	8096.3	6199.3	9993.3
$SPR_{30\%}$			
Exploitation rate corresponding to $SPR_{30\%}$	0.173	0.145	0.2
Yield with $SPR_{30\%}$ at $SB_{SPR}$ (mt)	2819.8	2590.1	3049.5
<b>Reference points based on estimated MSY values</b>			
Spawning output at $MSY$ ( $SB_{MSY}$ )	7005.9	5242.2	8769.6
$SPR_{MSY}$	0.266	0.201	0.331
Exploitation rate at $MSY$	0.195	0.164	0.225
$MSY$ (mt)	2835.9	2641.9	3029.9

## Management Performance

management-performance

Exploitation rates on petrale sole...

Table f: Recent trend in total catch and landings (mt) relative to the management guidelines. Estimated total catch reflect the landings plus the model estimated discarded biomass based on discard rate data.

Year	OFL (mt; ABC prior to 2011)	ACL (mt; OY prior to 2011)	Total Landings (mt)	Estimated Total Catch (mt)
2009	2811	2433	2209	2329
2010	2751	1200	755	867
2011	1021	976	768	791
2012	1275	1160	1135	1159
2013	2711	2592	1936	1973
2014	2774	2652	2373	2398
2015	3073	2816	2686	2727
2016	3208	2910	2506	2543
2017	3208	3136	3008	3050
2018	3152	3013	2840	2882

## Unresolved Problems and Major Uncertainties

### unresolved-problems-and-major-uncertainties

Parameter uncertainty is explicitly captured in the asymptotic confidence intervals reported throughout this assessment for key parameters and management quantities. These intervals reflect the uncertainty in the model fit to the data sources included in the assessment, but do not include uncertainty associated with alternative model configurations, weighting of data sources (a combination of input sample sizes and relative weighting of likelihood components), or fixed parameters.

There are a number of major uncertainties regarding model parameters that have been explored via sensitivity analysis. The most notable explorations involved the sensitivity of model estimates to:

1. Value of female natural mortality.
2. Sex ratio between female and male petrale sole.
3. Changes in estimated based on alternative data weighting approaches.

Additionally, to date a reconstructed historical Washington catch history has not been included in the petrale sole stock assessment. Washington state is currently undergoing efforts to determine historical catches.

## Decision Table

### decision-table

Model uncertainty has been described by the estimated uncertainty within the base model and by the sensitivities to different model structure.

Table g: Projections of potential OFL (mt) and ABC (mt) and the estimated spawning output and relative depletion based on ABC removals. The 2019 and 2020 removals are set at the harvest limits currently set by management of XXX mt per year.

Year	OFL	ABC	Spawning Output (mt)	Relative Depletion
2019	3436	3301	9867	0.323
2020	3189	3065	9191	0.301
2021	2987	2870	8630	0.282
2022	2843	2731	8235	0.270
2023	2764	2655	8035	0.263
2024	2742	2633	8009	0.262
2025	2757	2648	8087	0.265
2026	2790	2680	8201	0.268
2027	2824	2713	8304	0.272
2028	2851	2738	8379	0.274
2029	2869	2756	8427	0.276
2030	2880	2766	8455	0.277

Table h: Decision table summary of 10-year projections beginning in 2021 for alternate states of nature based on an axis of uncertainty for the base model. The removals in 2019 and 2020 were set at the defined management specification of XXX mt for each year assuming full attainment. The range of natural mortality values corresponded to the 12.5 and 87.5th quantile from the uncertainty around final spawning biomass. Columns range over low, mid, and high states of nature, and rows range over different assumptions of catch levels. The SPR30 catch stream is based on the equilibrium yield applying the SPR30 harvest rate.

		States of nature					
		Low State		Base		High State	
	Year	Catch	Spawning Output	Depletion	Spawning Output	Depletion	Spawning Output
ABC	2021						
	2022						
	2023						
	2024						
	2025						
	2026						
	2027						
	2028						
	2029						
	2030						
SPR target = 0.34	2021						
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## **Research and Data Needs**

research-and-data-needs

Progress on a number of research topics and data issues would substantially improve the ability of this assessment to reliably and precisely model petrale sole population dynamics in the future:

1. In the past many assessments have derived historical catches independently. The states of California and Oregon have completed comprehensive historical catch reconstructions. At the time of this assessment, a comprehensive historical catch reconstruction is not available for Washington. Completion of a Washington catch reconstruction would provide the best possible estimated catch series that accounts for all the catch and better resolves historical catch uncertainty for flatfish as a group.
2. Due to limited data, new studies on the maturity relationships for petrale sole would be beneficial.
3. Where possible, historical otolith samples aged using a combination of surface and break-and-burn methods should be re-aged using the break-and-burn method. Early surface read otoliths should also be re-aged using the break-and-burn method. Historical otoliths aged with a standard method will allow the further evaluation of the potential impacts of consistent under ageing using surface methods, changes in selectivity during early periods of time without any composition information, and potential changes in growth.
4. Studies on stock structure and movement of petrale sole, particularly with regard to the winter-summer spawning migration of petrale sole and the likely trans-boundary movement of petrale sole between U.S. and Canadian waters seasonally.
5. The extent of spatial variability on productivity processes such as growth, recruitment, and maturity is currently unknown and would benefit from further research.

Table i: Base model results summary.

Quantity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
OFL (mt)	2751	1021	1275	2711	2774	3073	3208	3208	3152	1
ACL (mt)	1200	976	1160	2592	2652	2816	2910	3136	3013	1
Landings (mt)	755	768	1135	1936	2373	2686	2506	3008	2840	
Total Est. Catch (mt)	867	791	1159	1973	2398	2727	2543	3050	2882	
1-SPR	0.625	0.552	0.568	0.632	0.633	0.644	0.618	0.654	0.649	
Exploitation rate	0.091	0.062	0.074	0.111	0.126	0.138	0.129	0.155	0.152	
Age 3+ biomass (mt)	9487.05	12726.80	15602.80	17806.70	18073.00	19748.50	19715.50	19637.00	18918.70	18265.30
Spawning Output	3494	4414	5904	7751	9284	10202	10439	10531	10213	9867
95% CI	2845 - 4143	3606 - 5222	4058 - 6950	6410 - 9091	7682 - 10886	8441 - 11962	8593 - 12284	8606 - 12457	8186 - 12240	7682 - 12052
Relative Depletion	0.114	0.144	0.193	0.254	0.304	0.334	0.342	0.345	0.334	0.323
95% CI	0.077 - 0.152	0.098 - 0.191	0.132 - 0.255	0.174 - 0.333	0.209 - 0.398	0.231 - 0.436	0.237 - 0.446	0.240 - 0.449	0.231 - 0.437	0.219 - 0.426
Recruits	11740	13434	19781	12763	13826	13751	13924	15071	17012	16935
95% CI	7281 - 18929	8205 - 21994	12473 - 31372	7331 - 22221	7883 - 24251	7464 - 25334	6927 - 27992	6851 - 33154	7437 - 38914	7409 - 38710

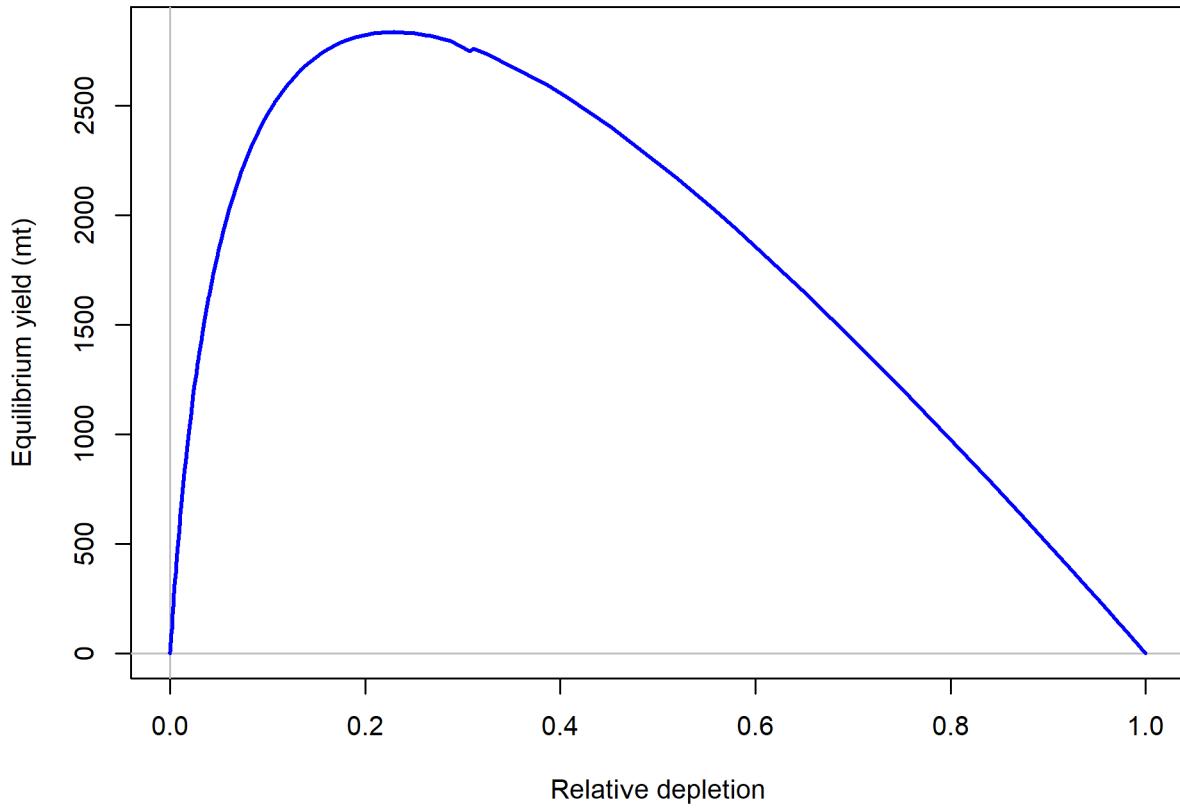


Figure g: Equilibrium yield curve for the base case model. Values are based on the 2018 fishery selectivity and with steepness fixed at 0.84. [fig:Yield\\_all](#)

# 1 Introduction

introduction

This updated assessment does not attempt to reiterate all background information for petrale sole presented in the 2013 assessment document. Instead, only a few key assumptions are restated, along with a detailed description of changes made during the course of the update. Those interested in a more complete description of petrale sole life-history and the details of previous assessments should refer to the 2013 assessment (Haltuch et al. 2013b).

## 1.1 Basic Information

basic-information

Petrale sole (*Eopsetta jordani*) is a right-eyed flounder in the family Pleuronectidae ranging from the western Gulf of Alaska to the Coronado Islands, northern Baja California (Kramer et al. 1995, Love et al. 2005) with a preference for soft substrates at depths ranging from 0-550 m (Love et al. 2005). Common names include brill, California sole, Jordan's flounder, cape sole, round nose sole, English sole, soglia, petorau, nameta, and tsubame garei (Smith 1937, Gates and Frey 1974, Eschmeyer and Herald 1983, Love 1996). In northern and central California petrale sole are dominant on the middle and outer continental shelf. PacFIN fishery logbook data show that adults are caught in depths from 18 to 1,280 m off the U.S. West Coast with a majority of the catches of petrale sole being taken between 70-220 m during March through October, and between 290-440 m during November through February.

Past assessments completed by Demory (1984), Turnock et al. (1993), and Sampson and Lee (1999) considered petrale sole in the Columbia and U.S.-Vancouver INPFC areas a single stock. Sampson and Lee (1999) assumed that petrale sole in the Eureka and Monterey INPFC areas represented two additional distinct stocks. The 2005 petrale sole assessment assumed two stocks, northern (U.S.-Vancouver and Columbia INPFC areas) and southern (Eureka, Monterey and Conception INPFC areas), to maintain continuity with previous assessments. Three stocks (West Coast Vancouver Island, Queen Charlotte Sound, and Heceta Strait) are considered for petrale sole in the waters off British Columbia, Canada (Starr and Fargo 2004). The 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015 assessments integrate the previously separate north-south assessments to provide a coast-wide status evaluation. The decision to conduct a single-area assessment is based on strong evidence of a mixed stock from tagging studies, a lack of genetic studies on stock structure, and a lack of evidence for differences in growth between the 2005 northern and southern assessment areas and from examination of the fishery size-at-age data, as well as confounding differences in data collection between Washington, Oregon, and California. This 2019 update assessment provides a coast-wide status evaluation for petrale sole using data through 2018.

Fishing fleets are separated both geographically and seasonally to account for spatial and seasonal patterns in catch given the coast-wide assessment area. The petrale sole fisheries possess a distinct seasonality, with catches peaking during the winter months, so the fisheries are divided into winter (November-February) and summer (March-October) fisheries. Note

that the “fishing year” for this assessment (November 1 to October 31) differs from the standard calendar year. The U.S.-Canadian border is the northern boundary for the assessed stock, although the basis for this choice is due to political and current management needs rather than the population dynamics. Given the lack of clear information regarding the status of distinct biological populations, this assessment treats the U.S. Petrale sole resource from the Mexican border to the Canadian border as a single coast-wide stock.

## 1.2 Life History

life-history

Petrale sole spawn during the winter at several discrete deep water sites (270-460 m) off the U.S. West Coast, from November to April, with peak spawning taking place from December to February (Harry 1959, Best 1960, Gregory and Jow 1976, Castillo et al. 1993, Reilly et al. 1994, Love 1996). Females spawn once each year and fecundity varies with fish size, with one large female laying as many as 1.5 million eggs (Porter 1964). Petrale sole eggs are planktonic, ranging in size from 1.2 to 1.3 mm, and are found in deep water habitats at water temperatures of 4-10 degrees C and salinities of 25-30 ppt (Best 1960, Ketchen and Forrester 1966, Alderdice and Forrest 1971, Gregory and Jow 1976). The duration of the egg stage can range from approximately 6 to 14 days (Alderdice and Forrest 1971, Love 1996). The most favorable conditions for egg incubation and larval growth are 6-7 degrees C and 27.5-29.5 ppt (Ketchen and Forrester 1966, Alderdice and Forrest 1971, Castillo 1995).

Adult petrale sole achieve a maximum size of around 50 cm and 63 cm for males and females, respectively (Best 1963, Pedersen 1975). The maximum length reported for petrale sole is 70 cm (Eschmeyer and Herald 1983, Love et al. 2005) while the maximum observed break-and-burn age is 31 years (Haltuch et al. 2013b).

## 1.3 Historical and Current Fishery Information

historical-and-current-fishery-information

Petrale sole have been caught in the flatfish fishery off the U.S. Pacific coast since the late 19th century. The fishery first developed off of California where, prior to 1876, fishing in San Francisco Bay was by hand or set lines and beach seining (Scofield 1948). By 1880 two San Francisco based trawler companies were running a total of six boats, extending the fishing grounds beyond the Golden Gate Bridge northward to Point Reyes (Scofield 1948). Steam trawlers entered the fishery during 1888 and 1889, and four steam tugs based out of San Francisco were sufficient to flood market with flatfish (Scofield 1948). By 1915 San Francisco and Santa Cruz trawlers were operating at depths of about 45-100 m with catches averaging 10,000 lbs per tow or 3,000 lbs per hour (Scofield 1948). Flatfish comprised approximately 90% of the catch with 20-25% being discarded as unmarketable (Scofield 1948). During 1915 laws were enacted that prohibited dragging in California waters and making it illegal to possess a trawl net from Santa Barbara County southward (Scofield 1948). By 1934 twenty 56-72 foot diesel engine trawlers operated out of San Francisco fishing between about 55

and 185 m (Scofield 1948). From 1944-1947 the number of California trawlers fluctuated between 16 and 46 boats (Scofield 1948). Although the flatfish fishery in California was well developed by the 1950s and 1960s, catch statistics were not reported until 1970 (Heimann and Carlisle 1970). In this early California report petrale sole landings during 1916 to 1930 were not separated from the total flatfish landings.

The earliest trawl fishing off Oregon began during 1884-1885, and the fishery was solidly established by 1937, with the fishery increasing rapidly during WWII (Harry and Morgan, 1961). Initially trawlers stayed close to the fishing grounds adjacent to Newport and Astoria, operating at about 35-90 m between Stonewall Bank and Depoe Bay. Fishing operations gradually extended into deep water. For example, Newport-based trawlers were commonly fishing at about 185 m in 1949, at about 185-365 m by 1952, and at about 550 m by 1953.

Alverson and Chatwin (1957) describe the history of the petrale sole fishery off of Washington and British Columbia with fishing grounds ranging from Cape Flattery to Destruction Island. Petrale sole catches off of Washington were small until the late 1930s with the fishery extending to about 365 m following the development of deep water rockfish fisheries during the 1950s.

By the 1950s the petrale sole fishery was showing signs of depletion with reports suggesting that petrale sole abundance had declined by at least 50% from 1942 to 1947 (Harry 1956). Sampson and Lee (1999) reported that three fishery regulations were implemented during 1957-67: 1) a winter closure off Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, 2) a 3,000 lb per trip limit, and 3) no more than two trips per month during 1957. With the 1977 enactment of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MFCMA) the large foreign-dominated fishery that had developed since the late 1960s was replaced by the domestic fishery that continues today. Petrale sole are harvested almost exclusively by bottom trawls in the U.S. West Coast groundfish fishery. Recent petrale sole catches exhibit marked seasonal variation, with substantial portions of the annual harvest taken from the spawning grounds during December and January. Evidence suggests that the winter fishery on the deep water spawning grounds developed sporadically during the 1950s and 1960s as fishers discovered new locations (e.g., Alverson and Chatwin (1957); Ketchen and Forrester (1966)). Both historical and current petrale sole fisheries have primarily relied upon trawl fleets. Fishery removals were divided among 4 fleets: 1) winter North trawl, 2) summer North trawl, 3) winter South trawl, and 4) summer South trawl. Landings for the North fleet are defined as fish landed in Washington and Oregon ports. Landings for the South fleet are defined as fish landed in California ports.

Historical landings reconstructions show peak catches from the summer fishery occurred during the 1940s and 1950s and subsequently declined, during which time the fleet moved to fishing in deeper waters during the winter. After the period of peak landings during the 1940s and 1950s, total landings were somewhat stable until about the late 1970s, and then generally declined until the mid-2000s. (Table 1, Figure 1). During 2009 the fishery was declared overfished and during 2010 management restrictions limited the catch to 755 mt (Table 1, Figure 1). Recent years overfishing limit (OFL), annual catch limit (ACL), landings, and estimated total dead are shown in Table 2.

## 1.4 Summary of Management History and Performance

summary-of-management-history-and-performance

Beginning in 1983 the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) established coast-wide annual catch limits (ACLs) for the annual harvests of petrale sole in the waters off the U.S. West Coast. The first assessment of West Coast petrale sole occurred in 1984 ([Demory 1984](#)). Based on the 1999 assessment a coast-wide ACL of 2,762 mt was specified and remained unchanged between 2001 and 2006.

The 2005 assessment of petrale sole stock assessment split the stock into two areas, the northern area that included U.S.-Vancouver and Columbia INPFC areas and the southern area that included the Eureka, Monterey and Conception INPFC areas ([Lai et al. 2005](#)). While petrale sole stock structure is not well understood, CPUE and geographical differences between states were used to support the use of two separate assessment areas. In 2005 petrale sole were estimated to be at 34 and 29% of unfished spawning stock biomass in the northern and southern areas, respectively. In spite of different models and data, the biomass trends were qualitatively similar in both areas, providing support for a coast-wide stock. This assessment estimated that petrale sole had historically been below the Pacific Council's minimum stock size threshold of 25% of unfished biomass from the mid-1970s until just prior to the completion of the assessment, with estimated harvest rates in excess of the target fishing mortality rate implemented for petrale sole at that time (F40%). However, the 2005 stock assessment determined that the stock was in the precautionary zone and was not overfished (i.e., the spawning stock biomass was not below 25% of the unfished spawning stock biomass). Based on the 2005 stock assessment results, ACLs were set at 3,025 mt and 2,919 mt for 2007 and 2008, respectively, with an ACT of 2,499 mt for both years.

In comparison to the 1999 assessment of petrale sole, the 2005 assessment represented a significant change in the perception of petrale sole stock status. The stock assessment conducted in 1999 (Washington-Oregon only) estimated the spawning stock biomass in 1998 at 39% of unfished stock biomass. Although the estimates of 1998 spawning-stock biomass were little changed between the 1999 and 2005 (Northern area) assessments, the estimated depletion in the 2005 assessment was much lower. The change in status between the 1999 and 2005 analyses was due to the introduction of a reconstructed catch history in 2005, which spanned the entire period of removals. The 1999 stock assessment used a catch history that started in 1977, after the bulk of the removals from the fishery had already taken place. Thus the 1999 stock assessment produced a more optimistic view of the petrale stock's level of depletion. The stock's estimated decline in status between the 2005 and 2009 assessments was driven primarily by a significant decline in the trawl-survey index over that period. The 2011 assessment concluded that the stock status continued to be below the target of 25% of unfished biomass.

The 2009 coast-wide stock assessment estimated that the petrale sole stock had declined from its 2005 high to 11.6% of the unfished spawning stock biomass ([Haltuch and Hicks 2009](#)). The petrale sole was declared overfished based on newly adopted management targets (e.g., target spawning biomass for flatfish stocks defined as 25% and overfished threshold of 12.5%

of unfished spawning stock biomass) resulting in a rebuilding plan and catch restrictions for petrale sole. The stock was declared rebuilt based on the results of the 2015 update stock assessment which estimated the coastwide biomass at 30.7% of unfished spawning stock output with ACLs of 3,136 and 3,013 in 2017 and 2018 respectively (Stawitz et al. 2015).

For additional information on changes in the petrale sole fishery please see the 2013 stock assessment (Haltuch et al. 2013b).

## 1.5 Fisheries off Canada and Alaska

[fisheries-off-canada-and-alaska](#)

The Canadian fishery developed rapidly during the late 1940s to mid-1950s following the discovery of petrale sole spawning aggregations off the West Coast of Vancouver Island (Anon 2001). Annual landings of petrale sole in British Columbia peaked at 4,800 mt in 1948 but declined significantly after the mid-1960s (Anon 2001). By the 1970s, analysis conducted by Pederson (1975) suggested that petrale sole abundance was low and abundance remained low into the 1990s. In the early 1990s vessel trip quotas were established to try to halt the decline in petrale sole abundance (Anon 2001). Winter quarter landings of petrale sole were limited to 44,000 lb per trip during 1985-91; to 10,000 lb per trip during 1991-95; and to 2,000 lb per trip in 1996. Biological data collected during 1980-1996 showed a prolonged decline in the proportion of young fish entering the population (Anon 2001). Therefore, no directed fishing for petrale sole has been permitted in Canada since 1996 due to a continuing decline in long term abundance (Fargo 1997, Anon 2001). As of 2005 petrale sole off of British Columbia were treated as three “stocks” and were still considered to be at low levels. The recent assessments for the Canadian stocks have been based on catch histories and limited biological data.

In Alaska petrale sole are not targeted in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island fisheries and are managed as a minor species in the “Other Flatfish” stock complex.

## 2 Data

[data](#)

Data used in the petrale sole assessment are summarized in Figure 2. The data that were added or reprocessed for this assessment are:

1. Commercial catches (2015-2018 added);
2. Commercial length and age data (all years reprocessed, 2015-2018 added);
3. Observed discard rates, average weights, and lengths (2002-2017 reprocessed, 2014-2017 added);

4. AFSC/NWFSC West Coast Triennial Shelf Survey early and late indices of abundance and length composition data (1980-2004 reprocessed); and
5. NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey index of abundance, length and age composition data (2003-2018 reprocessed, 2015-2018 added).

A description of each data source is provided below.

## 2.1 Fishery-Independent Data

`fishery-independent-data`

### 2.1.1 NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey

`nwfsc-west-coast-groundfish-bottom-trawl-survey`

Three sources of information are produced by this survey: an index of relative abundance, length-frequency distributions, and age-frequency distributions. Only years in which the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey included the continental shelf (55-183 m) are considered (2003-2018), since the highest percent of positive survey tows with petrale sole are found on the continental shelf.

The NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey is based on a random-grid design; covering the coastal waters from a depth of 55 m to 1,280 m (Bradburn et al. 2011). This design uses four industry chartered vessels per year, assigned to a roughly equal number of randomly selected grid cells and divided into two ‘passes’ of the coast that are executed from north to south. Two vessels fish during each pass, which are conducted from late May to early October each year. This design therefore incorporates both vessel-to-vessel differences in catchability as well as variance associated with selecting a relatively small number (~700) of possible cells from a very large set of possible cells spread from the Mexican to the Canadian border.

The NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey commonly encounters petrale sole along the U.S West Coast, except south of Point Conception (Figure 3). The catch-per-unit-effort estimated from the survey is roughly constant north of 38° (Figure 4). The survey does fish shallower than 54 m and no petrale sole were caught deeper than 550 m. Figure 5 shows that the postie tows catch rate by depth peaks between 100-200 meters and declines as depth increases.

The data from the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey was analyzed using a spatio-temporal delta model implemented as an R package, VAST (Thorson and Barnett 2017), which is publicly available online (<https://github.com/James-Thorson/VAST>). Spatial and spatio-temporal variation is specifically included in both encounter probability and positive catch rates, a logit-link for encounter probability and a log-link for positive catch rates. Vessel-year effects were included for each unique combination of vessel and year in the data to account for the random selection of commercial vessels used during

sampling (Helser et al. 2004, Thorson and Ward 2013). Spatial variation was approximated using 250 knots, and the model used the bias-correction algorithm (Thorson and Kristensen 2016) in Template Model Builder (Kristensen et al. 2016). Further details regarding model structure are available in the user manual ([https://github.com/James-Thorson/VAST/blob/master/examples/VAST user manual.pdf](https://github.com/James-Thorson/VAST/blob/master/examples/VAST%20user%20manual.pdf)). The stratification is provided in Table 3.

The estimated index of abundance is shown in Table 4. For contrast, the 2015 model estimated, the 2019 design based, and the 2019 VAST indices are shown in Figure 6. The lognormal distribution with random strata-year and vessel effects had the lowest AIC and was chosen as the final model. The Q-Q plot does not show any departures from the assumed distribution (Figure 7). The index for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey shows an increase in the population between 2009 and 2014 and roughly stable through 2017, and decrease in the most recent year.

Length bins from 12 to 62 cm in 2 cm increments were used to summarize the length frequency of the survey catches in each year. Table 5 shows the number of lengths taken by the survey. The first bin includes all observations less than 14 cm and the last bin includes all fish larger than 62 cm. The length frequency distributions for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey from 2003-2018 generally show a strong cohort growing through 2005 and smaller fish entering the population beginning in 2007 rows with a large 2014 cohort entering the populations (Figure 8).

Age distributions included bins from age 1 to age 17, with the last bin including all fish of greater age. Table 6 shows the number of ages taken by the survey. The marginal NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey age-compositions, which allow for easier viewing of strong cohorts, show the strong 1998 cohort ageing from 2003 to 2007, with younger fish appearing between 2008-2014 (Figure 9). The exception to this is the female composition in 2005, where only one female fish was aged from the tow with the largest catch rate. The expansion of numbers to tow can greatly affect the marginal age distribution, but does not have as much effect on the conditional age-at-length data.

The input sample sizes for length and marginal age-composition data for all fishery-independent surveys were calculated based on the approach used in the 2013 full and 2015 update assessment as:

$$N = (0.138 * (\sum^N fish_y / \sum^N tows_y) + 1) * \sum^N tows_y$$

where fish is the number of petrale sole by year  $y$  and the total number of tows by year. The effective sample size of conditional-age-at-length data was set at the number of fish at each length by sex and by year. The conditional-age-at-length data were not expanded and were binned by according to length, age, sex, and year.

## 2.1.2 AFSC/NWFSC West Coast Triennial Shelf Survey

[afscnwfsc-west-coast-triennial-shelf-survey](#)

The AFSC/NWFSC West Coast Triennial Shelf Survey (referred to as the Triennial Survey for short) was first conducted by the AFSC in 1977 and spanned the time-frame from 1977-2004. The survey's design and sampling methods are most recently described in Weinberg et al. (2002). Its basic design was a series of equally-spaced transects from which searches for tows in a specific depth range were initiated. The survey design has changed slightly over the period of time. In general, all of the surveys were conducted in the mid-summer through early fall: the 1977 survey was conducted from early July through late September; the surveys from 1980 through 1989 ran from mid-July to late September; the 1992 survey spanned from mid-July through early October; the 1995 survey was conducted from early June to late August; the 1998 survey ran from early June through early August; and the 2001 and 2004 surveys were conducted in May-July.

Haul depths ranged from 91-457 m during the 1977 survey with no hauls shallower than 91 m. The surveys in 1980, 1983, and 1986 covered the West Coast south to 36.8° N latitude and a depth range of 55-366 m. The surveys in 1989 and 1992 covered the same depth range but extended the southern range to 34.5° N (near Point Conception). From 1995 through 2004, the surveys covered the depth range 55-500 m and surveyed south to 34.5° N. In the final year of the Triennial Survey series, 2004, the NWFSC's Fishery Resource and Monitoring division (FRAM) conducted the survey and followed very similar protocols as the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC).

Due to changes in survey timing, the Triennial Survey data have been split into independent early (1980-1992) and late (1995-2004) survey time series. The splitting of this time series was investigated during the 2009 STAR panel due to the changes in survey timing and the expected change in petrale sole catchability because of the stock's seasonal onshore-offshore migrations (Cook et al. 2009). For these reasons, as well as because the split improved fits to the split time series and made small changes to the estimation of the selectivity curves, the 2009 STAR panel supported the split.

The Triennial Survey commonly encounters petrale sole along the U.S West Coast (Figure 10). The catch-per-unit-effort estimated from the survey is roughly constant across the surveyed latitudes (Figure 11). Additionally, petrale sole were captured across the survey depths between 55-500 m (Figure 12).

The data from the petrale sole was analyzed using a spatio-temporal delta model implemented as an R package, VAST (Thorson and Barnett 2017), described above in Section 2.1.1. Spatial variation was approximated using 250 knots, and the model used the bias-correction algorithm (Thorson and Kristensen 2016) in Template Model Builder (Kristensen et al. 2016). The index of abundance was estimated using VAST separately for the early and late periods of the survey. The stratifications are provided in Tables 7 and 8.

The estimated index of abundance is shown in Table 4. For contrast, the 2015 model estimated, the 2019 design based, and the 2019 VAST indices are shown in Figure 14. The lognormal

distribution with random strata-year and vessel effects had the lowest AIC and was chosen as the final model for both the early and late time periods. The Q-Q plots do not show any departures from the assumed distribution (Figures 15 and 16). The index for the Triennial Survey across the early and late period shows a slight increase in the population between 1980 and 2001 with a spike in the final year of 2004.

Length bins from 12 to 62 cm in 2 cm increments were used to summarize the length frequency of the survey catches in each year. Table 9 shows the number of lengths taken by the survey. The first bin includes all observations less than 14 cm and the last bin includes all fish larger than 62 cm. The length frequency distributions for the Triennial Survey from 1980-2004 are shown in Figures 17 and 18.

There are no petrale sole age data from the Triennial Survey.

The input sample sizes for length data were calculated using the same approach for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data described in Section 2.1.1.

## 2.2 Fishery-Dependent Data

`fishery-dependent-data`

### 2.2.1 Commercial Fishery Landings

`commercial-fishery-landings`

All landings for this update assessment were summarized by port of landing, where available, as well as for a northern fleet consisting of Washington and Oregon and a southern fleet consisting of California. Landings for Washington and Oregon are summed into a single northern fleet due to the fact that vessels commonly fish and land in each other's waters and ports.

The PacFIN database (1981-2018 for California and Washington; 1987-2018 for Oregon) extracted XXX ADD DATE XXX. Historical catches were not updated from the previous assessment in 2013. The 2013 assessment historical Washington catches were obtained from WDFW landings reconstruction for 1935, 1939 and 1949- 1969 (pers. comm. T. Tsou and G. Lippert) and the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission (PMFC) Data Series for 1956-1980 (PFMC 1979). The 2013 assessment historical Oregon landings were obtained from reconstruction for 1932 to 1986 (Karnowski et al. 2014). The 2013 assessment historical California landings used catch reconstruction data extending from 1931-1980 (Ralston et al. 2010) and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Fish Bulletins for 1916-1930 landings (Heimann and Carlisle 1970) as reconstructed by Lai et al. (2005). The California fishery began in 1876 but no landings data are available from 1876-1915. Therefore a linear interpolation between landings of 1 ton in 1876 and the landings recorded for 1916 are used to filling this period.

Landings for the fishing year, beginning on 1 November, are summarized by fleet in Table 1 and Figure 1. The landings of petrale sole by gear types other than groundfish-trawl have

been inconsequential, averaging less than 2.5% of the coast-wide landings. The non-trawl landings are included in the trawl landings.

### 2.2.2 Discards

discards

Data on discards of petrale sole are available from two different data sources. The earliest source is referred to as the Pikitch data and comes from a study organized by Ellen Pikitch that collected trawl discards from 1985-1987 (Pikitch et al. 1988). The northern and southern boundaries of the study were 48°42' N latitude and 42°60' N latitude respectively, which is primarily within the Columbia INPFC area (Pikitch et al. 1988, Rogers and Pikitch 1992). Participation in the study was voluntary and included vessels using bottom, midwater, and shrimp trawl gears. Observers of normal fishing operations on commercial vessels collected the data, estimated the total weight of the catch by tow, and recorded the weight of species retained and discarded in the sample. Results of the Pikitch data were obtained from John Wallace (personal communication, NWFSC, NOAA) in the form of ratios of discard weight to retained weight of petrale sole and sex-specific length frequencies. The Pikitch discard estimates were applied to both the summer and winter northern fisheries and are shown in Table 10.

The second source is from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program (WCGOP). This program is part of the NWFSC and has been recording discard observations since 2003. Table 10 shows the discard ratios (discarded/(discarded + retained)) of petrale sole from WCGOP. Since 2011, when the trawl rationalization program was implemented, observer coverage rates increased to nearly 100% for all the limited entry trawl vessels in the program and discard rates declined compared to pre-2011 rates. Discard rates were obtained for both the catch-share and the non-catch share sector for petrale sole. A single discard rate was calculated by weighting discard rates based on the commercial landings by each sector. Coefficient of variations were calculated for the non-catch shares sector and pre-catch share years by bootstrapping vessels within ports because the observer program randomly chooses vessels within ports to be observed. The discard rates from WCGOP are shown in Table 10.

Starting in 2015 a small number of vessels switched to electronic monitoring discards at sea (4, 7, and 8 vessels in 2015, 2016, and 2017 respectively) rather than a human observer and as of this update assessment only 3 years of data are available. Discarding rates at sea of petrale sole by these vessels were very low, near zero. This update assessment did not evaluate these data to estimate an electronic monitoring specific discard rate, but rather applied the discard ratio from the observed vessels in the WCGOP database. Future assessments should evaluate this assumption in greater detail.

Discard length composition data were obtained from the WGGOP data and used in this update assessment to estimate retention curves for each of the four fishing fleets. The discard length data from each fleet are shown in Figures 19 and 20.

The data, historical and current, provided by the WCGOP are updated annually based on the most recent standards of QA/QC methods. Hence, these data can have minor changes over time. To ensure the data from the years since the last update assessment (2014-2018) were consistent with the earlier data, data from all years were replaced based to reflect the current standings of the WCGOP data.

### 2.2.3 Foreign Landings

`foreign-landings`

The impact of landings of petrale sole by foreign fishing fleets prior to the institution of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the U.S. West Coast is currently not quantified and remains an area for research.

### 2.2.4 Historical Commercial Catch-Per-Unit Effort/Logbooks

`historical-commercial-catch-per-unit-effortlogbooks`

Commercial logbook data for petrale sole was first used to construct CPUE indices of abundance in the 1999 assessment for Oregon fleets from 1987-1997 (Sampson and Lee 1999). Since the first inclusion 1999, the commercial CPUE indices were extended and or updated based on management changes and new statistical methods through 2009. For additional information on the use of CPUE indices in the assessment of petrale sole please see the 2013 assessment (Haltuch et al. 2013b).

CPUE calculations for the Winter fishery on aggregations of petrale sole described in the 2013 assessment were retained for this assessment (Haltuch et al. 2013b) (Figures 22 and 23). Two CPUE indices from 1987-2009 with catchability modeled as a power function are used in this update assessment, one for the north and south winter fisheries.

### 2.2.5 Fishery Length and Age Data

`fishery-length-and-age-data`

The PacFIN BDS database contains data from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW; 1966-present) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW; 1955-present), but only 1986-present data from California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). The CDFG data set for the years 1948-1992 was extracted and provided from CALCOM by Brenda Erwin (CDFG) in 2011.

Commercial length-frequency distributions based on the fishing year were developed for each state for which observations were available. For each fleet, the raw observations (compiled from the PacFIN and CalCOM databases) were expanded to the sample level, to allow for any fish that were not measured, then to the trip level to account for the relative size of the landing from which the sample was obtained. The expanded length observations were then expanded by the landings in each state for the combined Washington and Oregon fleet. Age

frequencies were computed in the same manner, except that age observations for Washington and Oregon were not combined due to aging error considerations.

Length and age data collected from commercial landings for each fleet are summarized by the number of trips and fish sampled by year (Tables 11 and 12). Figures 19, 20, and 21 show plots of the commercial length and age composition data across time for each fishery fleet.

The calculation for input sample sizes for the commercial length and age data was done to be consistent with the 2015 update assessment. The input sample size for commercial lengths and ages were set equal to the number of trips by year for each fleet.

## 2.3 Biological Data

biological-data

### 2.3.1 Natural Mortality

natural-mortality

The instantaneous rate of natural mortality for a wild fish population is notoriously difficult to estimate. One accepted method is to examine the age distribution of an unexploited or lightly exploited stock. This method cannot readily be applied to petrale sole given the long history of exploitation off the U.S. West Coast. Ketchen and Forrester (1966) estimated that the natural mortality coefficients were  $0.18\text{--}0.26 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for males and  $0.19\text{--}0.21 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for females based on a catch curve analysis of 1943–1945 Washington trawl data from Swiftsure Bank, off the southwest corner of Vancouver Island. However, petrale sole catches were relatively high during mid-1940s through the 1950s. Starr and Fargo (2004) estimated the instantaneous rate of natural mortality ( $M$ ) using Hoenig's method (Hoenig 1983) estimating  $M$  values of  $0.22$  and  $0.15 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  were estimated given maximum ages of 20 and 30 years, respectively.

An archived set of commercial samples, collected from Northern California between the late 1950s and early 1980s, recently found that multiple samples were aged between 20–31 years old, suggesting a similar range of  $M$  values for U.S. West Coast petrale sole. U.S. stock assessments prior to 2009 and current British Columbia stock assessments assumed a value of  $M = 0.2 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for both sexes. The 2013 stock assessment used a meta-analysis value produced the following normal prior distributions for females (mean = 0.151, sd = 0.16) and males (0.206, sd = 0.218) based on early research by Owen Hamel (pers. comm.) with maximum age for females and males of 32 and 29 years, respectively.

Hamel (2015) refined and published a method for combining meta-analytic approaches relating the  $M$  rate to other life-history parameters such as longevity, size, growth rate, and reproductive effort to provide a prior on  $M$ . In that same issue of *ICES Journal of Marine Science*, Then et al. (2015) provided an updated data set of estimates of  $M$  and related life history parameters across a large number of fish species from which to develop an  $M$  estimator for fish species in general. They concluded by recommending  $M$  estimates be based on maximum age alone, based on an updated Hoenig non-linear least squares

estimator  $M = 4.899A_{max}^{-0.916}$ . The approach of basing  $M$  priors on maximum age alone was one that was already being used for West Coast rockfish assessments. However, in fitting the alternative model forms relating  $M$  to  $A_{max}$ , Then et al. (2015) did not consistently apply their transformation. In particular, in real space, one would expect substantial heteroscedasticity in both the observation and process error associated with the observed relationship of  $M$  to  $A_{max}$ . Therefore, it would be reasonable to fit all models under a log transformation. This was not done. Re-evaluating the data used in Then et al. (2015) by fitting the one-parameter  $A_{max}$  model under a log-log transformation (such that the slope is forced to be -1 in the transformed space (Hamel 2015)), the point estimate for  $M$  is:

$$M = \frac{5.4}{A_{max}}$$

The above is also the median of the prior. The prior is defined as a lognormal distribution with mean  $\ln(5.4/A_{max})$  and SE = 0.438.

The natural mortality prior was updated for this update assessment using the above approach. Maximum age was assumed to be 32 and 29 years for females and males, respectively, the same assumption applied in the 2013 assessment. Using the Hamel et al. approach above, the prior value for females in regular space is 0.169 and for males is 0.186.

### 2.3.2 Maturation and Fecundity

`maturity-and-fecundity`

Petrale sole maturity-at-length information is generally sparse in space and time, has not been collected in a systematic fashion across time, is of varying quality, and does not always agree between studies. It is possible that maturity may have changed over time. However, it is not possible to assess this quantitatively owing to differences in when historical samples on which maturity ogives could be based were taken, and how maturity stage (visual vs. histological) was determined. The 2005 petrale sole assessment used the most recent study for the West Coast of the U.S. that was based on observations collected during 2002 from Oregon and Washington (Hannah et al. 2002). The 50% size-at-maturity was estimated at 33.1 cm with maturity asymptoting to 1.0 for larger fish (Figure 24).

To date, there has been limited information regarding fecundity at age or length of petrale sole. The 2013 stock assessment assumed that fecundity of female petrale sole was equal to biomass (Figure 25). Since the last full assessment, new research has been done examining the fecundity of petrale sole (Lefebvre et al. in press). The study concluded a difference in fecundity between California and Washington petrale sole where a 40 cm fish in California is more fecund compared to northern fish of the same size (Figure ??). However, northern fish of the largest size were more fecund relative to fish in California. The current petrale sole model is a single area coastwide model, which assumes fish along the U.S. have the same biology (e.g. natural mortality, growth, fecundity). The estimates of fecundity for petrale sole were considered new data and based on the guidelines for update stock assessments, these data were not included in the base model. However, a sensitivity to including these data was provided. The next full assessment should include the new data about fecundity at length.

### 2.3.3 Sex Ratio

sex-ratio

Past assessments of petrale sole have assumed a 50% sex ratio between females and males off the U.S West Coast. Similarly, Canadian data from the 2004 published stock assessment also suggests sex ratios of petrale sole in British Columbia are generally 50% males and 50% females (Starr and Fargo 2004). To be consistent with the full assessment this update assessment retains the equal sex ratio assumption. However, examining the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data the proportion of females in the population across the mid-range lengths is approximately 0.40 with the proportion increasing to 1 at the largest lengths due to dimorphic growth (Figure 27). The next full assessment should evaluate the sex ratio for petrale sole.

### 2.3.4 Length-Weight Relationship

length-weight-relationship

The length-weight relationship for petrale sole was estimated outside the model using all biological data available from the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data, where the female weight-at-length in grams was estimated at  $2.08e-06L^{3.47}$  and males at  $3.05e-06L^{3.36}$  where  $L$  is length in cm (Figures 28).

### 2.3.5 Growth (Length-at-Age)

growth-length-at-age

The length-at-age was estimated for male and female petrale sole. Figure 29 shows the lengths and ages as well as predicted von Bertalanffy fits to the data from the fishery and the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data. Females grow larger than males and sex-specific growth parameters were estimated at the following values:

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Females  $L_{\infty} = 54$ ;  $k = 0.16$

Males  $L_{\infty} = 41$ ;  $k = 0.25$

These values were used as starting parameter values within the base model prior to estimating each parameter for male and female petrale sole.

### 2.3.6 Ageing Precision and Bias

ageing-precision-and-bias

Historically, petrale sole otoliths have been read by multiple ageing labs using surface and break and burn methods. In order to conduct a comprehensive estimation of ageing bias

and imprecision, the 2009 assessment compiled and analyzed all of the available double-read data from the state of Oregon, the Cooperative Aging Project (CAP), and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), as well information from a bomb radiocarbon age validation study for petrale sole off the U.S. West Coast (Haltuch and Hicks [2009](#), Haltuch et al. [\(2013a\)](#)).

The 2013 stock assessment applied read method and lab specific ageing error vectors (Haltuch et al. [2013b](#)). The same approach to ageing error based on data source are age reading method applied in the 2013 assessment was applied in this update stock assessment. The ageing error vectors are shown in Tables [13](#) and [14](#). For a detailed description please see the 2013 stock assessment (Haltuch et al. [2013b](#)).

### 2.3.7 Environmental and Ecosystem Data

[environmental-and-ecosystem-data](#)

This update assessment did not evaluate potential ecosystem data and methodologies for petrale sole.

## 3 Assessment Model

[assessment-model](#)

### 3.1 History of Modeling Approaches Used for This Stock

[history-of-modeling-approaches-used-for-this-stock](#)

Early stock assessments only assessed petrale sole in the combined U.S.-Vancouver and Columbia INPFC areas, i.e. petrale sole in these areas were treated as a unit stock, using time series of data that began during the 1970s (Demory [1984](#), Turnock et al. [1993](#)). The first assessment used stock reduction analysis and the second assessment used the length-based Stock Synthesis model. The third petrale sole assessment utilized the hybrid length-and-age-based Stock Synthesis 1 model, using data from 1977-1998 (Sampson and Lee [1999](#)). During the 1999 stock assessment an attempt was made to include separate area assessments for the Eureka and Monterey INPFC areas but acceptable models could not be configured due to a lack of data (Sampson and Lee [1999](#)).

The 2005 petrale sole assessment was conducted as two separate stocks, the northern stock encompassing the U.S. Vancouver and Columbia INPFC areas and the southern stock including the Eureka, Monterey and Conception INPFC areas, using Stock Synthesis 2, a length-age structured model. Both the northern- and southern-area models specified the fishing year as beginning on November 1 and continuing through October 31 of the following year, with a November-February winter fishery and a March-October summer fishery. Landings prior to 1957 were assumed to have been taken during the summer season in years where monthly data were not available to split the catches seasonally. The complete catch history was reconstructed for petrale sole for the 2005 stock assessment, with the northern area model

starting in 1910 and the southern area model in 1876. In 2005, the STAR panel noted that the petrale sole stock trends were similar in both northern and southern areas, in spite of the different modeling choices made for each area, and that a single coast-wide assessment should be considered. The 2009 and 2011 assessments treated petrale sole as a single coast-wide stock, with the fleets and landings structured by state (WA, OR, CA) area of catch. During the 2011 STAR panel concerns were raised regarding the difficulty of discriminating landings from Washington and Oregon waters, particularly in light of the Oregon historical landings reconstruction that includes a summary of data by port of landing but not by catch area, due to the fact that the Oregon and Washington vessels commonly fish in each other's waters and land in each other's ports. The availability of the historical comprehensive landings reconstruction for Oregon by port of landing lead the STAR panel to recommend combining the Washington and Oregon fleets within the coast-wide stock assessment using port of landing rather than catch area. Starting with the 2013 stock assessment, the coast-wide stock assessment now summarizes petrale sole landings by the port of landing and combines Washington and Oregon into a single fleet (Haltuch et al. 2013b). The 2015 this 2019 update assessment assumes the same approach as the 2013 stock assessment.

## 3.2 General Model Specifications and Assumptions

general-model-specifications-and-assumptions

Stock Synthesis version 3.30.03.13 was used to estimate the parameters in the model (Methot and Wetzel 2013). R4SS, version 1.33.2, along with R version 3.4.3 were used to investigate and plot model fits. A summary of the data sources used in the model (details discussed above) is shown in Figure 2.

### 3.2.1 Changes Between the 2015 Update and Current Assessment Model

changes-between-the-2015-update-and-current-assessment-model

As with the 2013 petrale sole stock assessment, the current model is implemented as a single-area model. The current update assessment has been upgraded to a new version of SS (3.30.13). A thorough description of the 2013 assessment model, which is used in this update assessment, is presented separately below; this section linking the two models is intended to clearly identify where substantive changes were made. These changes include:

1. Fitting using SS v.3.30.13.
2. Added commercial fishery catch data (2015-2018).
3. Added composition data from the commercial fishery (length and age data 2015-2018) and recalculated data expansions based upon the current methods.
4. Reprocessed all discard data sources and added discard rate, average weight, and length composition data (2014-2017).

5. Added 2015-2018 NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data and calculated the index of abundance VAST.
6. Added NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey length and age data 2015-2018.
7. Triennial Survey early and late indices of abundance were calculated using VAST.
8. Model tuning to re-weight data.
9. Length-weight relationship parameters estimated outside of the stock assessment model from the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data up to 2018 and input as fixed values.
10. Update the natural mortality prior for female and male fish.

The general model set-up is described in Table 15.

### 3.2.2 Summary of Fleets and Areas

[summary-of-fleets-and-areas](#)

Fishery removals were divided among 4 fleets: 1) winter North trawl, 2) summer North trawl, 3) winter South trawl, and 4) summer South trawl. Landings for the North fleet are defined as fish landed in Washington and Oregon ports. Landings for the South fleet are defined as fish landed in California ports. Other removals are very small and are included in the trawl fishery removals. The data available for each fleet are described in Figure 2.

### 3.2.3 Priors

[priors](#)

Priors were applied only to parameters for steepness ( $h$ ) and natural mortality ( $M$ ). The steepness prior is based on the Myers (1999) meta-analysis of flatfish steepness and the natural mortality prior is based on a meta-analysis completed by Hamel (2015). The prior for steepness assumed a beta distribution with a mean equal to 0.80 (Figure 31).

The natural mortality prior was updated for this update assessment using the Hamel meta-analysis approach. Maximum age was assumed to be 32 and 29 years for females and males (Figure 30), respectively, the same assumption regarding maximum age as applied in the 2013 assessment.

### 3.2.4 Data Weighting

data-weighting

Length and conditional-age-at-length compositions from the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey were fit along with length and marginal age compositions from the fishery and the Triennial Survey. Length data started with a input sample size determined from the equation listed in Sections 2.1.1 (survey data) and 2.2.5 (fishery data). It was assumed for conditional-age-at-length data that each age was a random sample within the length bin and the model started with a sample size equal to the number of fish in that length bin.

The update assessment model was weighted using the McAllister and Ianelli (1997) method (Harmonic Mean weighting), consistent with the 2015 update assessment. The McAllister and Ianelli data weight approach looks at the difference between individual observations and predictions. A sensitivity was performed examining the difference between alternative weighting approaches. The weights applied to each length and age data set for the base model are shown in Table 16.

### 3.2.5 Estimated and Fixed Parameters

estimated-and-fixed-parameters

There were 304 estimated parameters in the base model. These included one parameters for  $R_0$ , natural mortality, steepness, growth, selectivity, retention, time blocking of the fleets and the surveys, commercial CPUE catchability, recruitment deviations, and forecast recruitment deviations (Table 17).

Fixed parameters in the model were as follows. The standard deviation of recruitment deviates was fixed at 0.40. Maturity-at-length was fixed as described above in Section 2.3.2. Length-weight parameters were fixed at estimates using all length-weight observations (Figure 28).

### 3.2.6 Key Assumptions and Structural Choices

key-assumptions-and-structural-choices

All structural choices for stock assessment models are likely to be important under some circumstances. In this update assessment update these choices are generally made to be consistent with the previous assessment (???). Major choices in the structuring of this stock assessment model include a coast-wide model with seasonal fleet structure for two regions, north and south, splitting the Triennial Survey into an early and late time period, and estimates of selectivity and retention curves for each fleet.

### 3.2.7 Bridging Analysis

bridging-analysis

The exploration of models began by bridging from the 2015 update assessment to Stock Synthesis version 3.30.03.13, which produced no discernible difference (Figure 32).

### 3.2.8 Convergence

convergence

Proper convergence was determined by starting the minimization process from dispersed values of the maximum likelihood estimates to determine if the model found a better minimum. Starting parameters were jittered by 10%. This was repeated 50 times and a better minimum was not found (Table 18). The model did not experience convergence issues when provided reasonable starting values. Through the jittering done as explained above and likelihood profiles, we are confident that the base model as presented represents the best fit to the data given the assumptions made. There were no difficulties in inverting the Hessian to obtain estimates of variability, although much of the early model investigation was done without attempting to estimate a Hessian.

## 3.3 Base Model Results

base-model-results

The base model parameter estimates along with approximate asymptotic standard errors are shown in Table 17 and the likelihood components are shown in Table 19. Estimates of derived reference points and approximate 95% asymptotic confidence intervals are shown in Table 20. Estimates of stock size over time are shown in Table 21.

### 3.3.1 Parameter Estimates

parameter-estimates

### 3.3.2 Fits to the Data

fits-to-the-data

### 3.3.3 Population Trajectory

population-trajectory

### 3.3.4 Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analyses

uncertainty-and-sensitivity-analyses

### 3.3.5 Retrospective Analysis

retrospective-analysis

A five-year retrospective analysis was conducted by running the model using data only through 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (Figure ??).

### **3.3.6 Historical Analysis**

historical-analysis

### **3.3.7 Likelihood Profiles**

likelihood-profiles

### **3.3.8 Reference Points**

reference-points-1

## **4 Harvest Projections and Decision Tables**

harvest-projections-and-decision-tables

## **5 Regional Management Considerations**

regional-management-considerations

Currently petrale sole are managed using a coast-wide harvest; therefore this assessment does not provide a recommended method for allocating harvests regionally. The resource is modeled as a single stock. There is currently no genetic evidence that there are distinct biological stocks of petrale sole off the U.S. coast and the limited tagging data that describes adult movement suggests that movement may be significant across depth and latitude.

## **6 Research Needs**

research-needs

There are many areas of research that could be improved to benefit the understanding and assessment of petrale sole. Below, are issues that are considered of importance.

1. In the past many assessments have derived historical catches independently. The states of California and Oregon have completed comprehensive historical catch reconstructions. At the time of this assessment, a comprehensive historical catch reconstruction is not available for Washington. Completion of a Washington catch reconstruction would provide the best possible estimated catch series that accounts for all the catch and better resolves historical catch uncertainty for flatfish as a group.
2. Due to limited data, new studies on both the maturity and fecundity relationships for petrale sole would be beneficial.
3. The effect of the implementation of the IFQ (catch shares) program that began during 2011 on fleet behavior, including impacts on discards, fishery selectivity, and fishing locations would benefit from further study.
4. Studies on stock structure and movement of petrale sole, particularly with regard to the winter-summer spawning migration of petrale sole and the likely trans-boundary movement of petrale sole between U.S. and Canadian waters seasonally.

5. The extent of spatial variability on productivity processes such as growth, recruitment, and maturity is currently unknown and would benefit from further research.

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## 8 Tables

tables

Table 1: Landings for each fleet for the modeled years.

Year	Winter North	Summer North	Winter South	Summer South	tab:Comm_Catch
1875	0	0	0	0	
1876	0	0	0	1	
1877	0	0	0	1	
1878	0	0	0	1	
1879	0	0	0	1	
1880	0	0	0	12	
1881	0	0	0	22	
1882	0	0	0	33	
1883	0	0	0	43	
1884	0	0	0	54	
1885	0	0	0	64	
1886	0	0	0	75	
1887	0	0	0	85	
1888	0	0	0	96	
1889	0	0	0	106	
1890	0	0	0	117	
1891	0	0	0	128	
1892	0	0	0	138	
1893	0	0	0	149	
1894	0	0	0	159	
1895	0	0	0	170	
1896	0	0	0	180	
1897	0	0	0	191	
1898	0	0	0	201	
1899	0	0	0	212	
1900	0	0	0	223	
1901	0	0	0	233	
1902	0	0	0	244	
1903	0	0	0	254	
1904	0	0	0	265	
1905	0	0	0	275	
1906	0	0	0	286	
1907	0	0	0	296	
1908	0	0	0	307	
1909	0	0	0	318	
1910	0	0	0	328	
1911	0	0	0	339	
1912	0	0	0	349	
1913	0	0	0	360	
1914	0	0	0	370	

Year	Winter North	Summer North	Winter South	Summer South
1915	0	0	0	381
1916	0	0	0	386
1917	0	0	0	526
1918	0	0	0	424
1919	0	0	0	333
1920	0	0	0	230
1921	0	0	0	294
1922	0	0	0	425
1923	0	0	0	427
1924	0	0	0	533
1925	0	0	0	528
1926	0	0	0	522
1927	0	0	0	632
1928	0	0	0	620
1929	0	2	0	706
1930	0	1	0	659
1931	0	81	63	531
1932	2	251	36	520
1933	6	408	39	392
1934	10	568	139	896
1935	14	650	155	777
1936	16	770	95	432
1937	20	1051	75	741
1938	27	1187	48	890
1939	35	1545	31	1029
1940	39	1737	162	597
1941	41	1803	111	331
1942	46	2919	24	216
1943	51	2867	72	345
1944	55	2047	86	447
1945	60	1866	102	439
1946	64	2492	72	1116
1947	69	1778	154	1093
1948	74	2315	273	1778
1949	76	1809	617	1812
1950	156	2322	424	1638
1951	118	1666	208	993
1952	131	1390	326	882
1953	46	737	533	981
1954	27	903	801	1073

Year	Winter North	Summer North	Winter South	Summer South
1955	57	863	526	1052
1956	137	759	508	801
1957	171	1103	527	1027
1958	99	1152	568	957
1959	332	947	379	723
1960	241	1374	520	644
1961	217	1547	542	1029
1962	295	1512	515	859
1963	663	1038	534	978
1964	282	1090	378	927
1965	370	950	374	853
1966	366	972	325	925
1967	409	793	532	874
1968	284	811	361	871
1969	190	887	421	848
1970	412	1081	472	1071
1971	743	883	540	1016
1972	730	1017	703	1000
1973	497	1272	417	742
1974	517	1611	665	893
1975	539	1559	561	901
1976	506	951	713	737
1977	682	743	484	495
1978	746	1098	419	801
1979	734	1086	353	945
1980	382	976	518	680
1981	761	468	360	895
1982	1041	771	262	502
1983	696	935	273	361
1984	416	739	260	329
1985	392	553	273	471
1986	474	714	403	355
1987	855	573	311	556
1988	743	610	349	411
1989	696	583	393	415
1990	641	460	319	373
1991	793	397	448	310
1992	640	366	272	307
1993	685	392	237	234
1994	518	355	246	299

Year	Winter North	Summer North	Winter South	Summer South
1915	0	0	0	381
1916	0	0	0	386
1917	0	0	0	526
1918	0	0	0	424
1919	0	0	0	333
1920	0	0	0	230
1921	0	0	0	294
1922	0	0	0	425
1923	0	0	0	427
1924	0	0	0	533
1925	0	0	0	528
1926	0	0	0	522
1927	0	0	0	632
1928	0	0	0	620
1929	0	2	0	706
1930	0	1	0	659
1931	0	81	63	531
1932	2	251	36	520
1933	6	408	39	392
1934	10	568	139	896
1935	14	650	155	777
1936	16	770	95	432
1937	20	1051	75	741
1938	27	1187	48	890
1939	35	1545	31	1029
1940	39	1737	162	597
1941	41	1803	111	331
1942	46	2919	24	216
1943	51	2867	72	345
1944	55	2047	86	447
1945	60	1866	102	439
1946	64	2492	72	1116
1947	69	1778	154	1093
1948	74	2315	273	1778
1949	76	1809	617	1812
1950	156	2322	424	1638
1951	118	1666	208	993
1952	131	1390	326	882
1953	46	737	533	981
1954	27	903	801	1073

Year	Winter North	Summer North	Winter South	Summer South
1995	591	454	236	287
1996	591	440	406	394
1997	621	430	448	442
1998	522	577	221	300
1999	463	504	287	267
2000	610	586	372	241
2001	691	597	308	260
2002	667	714	335	195
2003	544	713	256	180
2004	1010	750	177	271
2005	964	1069	343	533
2006	537	1012	125	454
2007	930	536	404	475
2008	842	354	519	414
2009	847	642	470	250
2010	264	292	78	121
2011	224	427	40	78
2012	410	494	124	108
2013	513	1013	130	280
2014	853	860	273	386
2015	1040	1077	215	354
2016	865	1168	237	235
2017	1142	1271	201	393
2018	957	1262	218	402

Table 2: Recent trend in estimated total catch relative to management guidelines. The estimated total catch includes the total landings plus the model estimated discard mortality based upon discard rate data.

Year	OFL (mt; ABC prior to 2011)	ACL (mt; OY prior to 2011)	Total landings (mt)	Estimated total catch (mt)
2009	2811	2433	2209	2329
2010	2751	1200	755	867
2011	1021	976	768	791
2012	1275	1160	1135	1159
2013	2711	2592	1936	1973
2014	2774	2652	2373	2398
2015	3073	2816	2686	2727
2016	3208	2910	2506	2543
2017	3208	3136	3008	3050
2018	3152	3013	2840	2882

Table 3: Description of the strata used to create the indices for the NWFSC Shelf-Slope survey.

Strata	Depth Lower Bound	Depth Upper Bound	Latitude South	Latitude North	tab:strata_nwfsc
Shallow Vancouver	55	100	47.5	49.0	
Shallow Columbia	55	100	43.0	47.5	
Shallow Eureka	55	100	40.5	43.0	
Shallow Monterey	55	100	36.0	40.5	
Shallow Conception	55	100	34.5	36.0	
Mid Vancouver	100	183	47.5	49.0	
Mid Columbia	100	183	43.0	47.5	
Mid Eureka	100	183	40.5	43.0	
Mid Monterey	100	183	36.0	40.5	
Mid Conception	100	183	34.5	36.0	
Deep Van/Col/Eur	183	549	40.5	49.0	
Deep Monterey	183	549	36.0	40.5	
Deep Conception	183	549	32.0	36.0	

Table 4: Summary of the fishery-independent biomass/abundance time-series used in the stock assessment. The standard error includes the input annual standard error and model estimated added variance.

Year	Winter N.		Winter S.		Triennial Early		Triennial Late		NWFSC Combo		tab:Index_Summary
	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	Obs	SE	
1980	-	-	-	-	1512	0.49	-	-	-	-	-
1983	-	-	-	-	2380	0.45	-	-	-	-	-
1986	-	-	-	-	2249	0.46	-	-	-	-	-
1987	1.09	0.28	1.08	0.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1988	1.16	0.27	0.91	0.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1989	0.92	0.27	0.53	0.43	3569	0.43	-	-	-	-	-
1990	0.76	0.28	0.96	0.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1991	0.86	0.27	0.90	0.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1992	0.56	0.28	0.59	0.68	2226	0.43	-	-	-	-	-
1993	0.56	0.27	0.86	0.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1994	0.50	0.28	0.71	0.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1995	0.66	0.28	0.90	0.30	-	-	2636	0.33	-	-	-
1996	0.77	0.29	1.25	0.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1997	0.85	0.28	0.82	0.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998	1.01	0.29	0.93	0.31	-	-	3836	0.32	-	-	-
1999	0.71	0.29	0.83	0.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000	0.67	0.28	0.62	0.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	0.83	0.27	0.66	0.29	-	-	4362	0.33	-	-	-
2002	0.93	0.28	0.80	0.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	1.02	0.28	0.85	0.29	-	-	-	-	19970	0.13	-
2004	1.63	0.28	1.71	0.31	-	-	10662	0.33	26767	0.14	-
2005	1.85	0.28	1.93	0.29	-	-	-	-	26795	0.12	-
2006	2.01	0.28	1.58	0.29	-	-	-	-	22288	0.12	-
2007	2.04	0.28	2.07	0.28	-	-	-	-	21003	0.13	-
2008	1.96	0.27	1.62	0.28	-	-	-	-	17597	0.12	-
2009	2.12	0.27	1.76	0.28	-	-	-	-	18270	0.12	-
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26860	0.12	-
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36324	0.12	-
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42005	0.12	-
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58743	0.13	-
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65532	0.12	-
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59015	0.12	-
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64522	0.12	-
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66101	0.12	-
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46594	0.12	-

Table 5: Summary of NWFSC shelf-slope survey length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size	tab:NWcombo_Lengths
2003	197	2837	589	
2004	212	3346	674	
2005	278	4555	907	
2006	247	3668	753	
2007	257	3409	727	
2008	254	3037	673	
2009	273	3375	739	
2010	322	6018	1152	
2011	320	6176	1172	
2012	295	5372	1036	
2013	218	3445	693	
2014	332	4822	997	
2015	312	4236	897	
2016	309	4385	914	
2017	314	4261	902	
2018	291	3783	813	

Table 6: Summary of NWFSC shelf-slope survey age samples used in the stock assessment.

**tab:NWcombo\_Ages**

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size
2003	173	765	279
2004	167	723	267
2005	237	752	341
2006	236	774	343
2007	196	690	291
2008	222	736	324
2009	255	766	361
2010	295	794	405
2011	289	799	399
2012	269	777	376
2013	217	843	333
2014	318	766	424
2015	291	751	395

Table 7: Description of the strata used to create the indices for the Triennial Early (1980 - 1992) survey.

**tab:strata\_tri\_early**

Strata	Depth	Depth	Latitude	Latitude
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	South	North
Shallow Van/Col	55	100	43.0	49.0
Shallow Eureka	55	100	40.5	43.0
Shallow Mon/Con	55	100	32.0	40.5
Deep Van/Col/Eur	100	400	40.5	49.0
Deep Mon/Con	100	400	32.0	40.5

Table 8: Description of the strata used to create the indices for the Triennial Late (1995-2004) survey.

**tab:strata\_tri\_late**

Strata	Depth	Depth	Latitude	Latitude
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	South	North
Shallow Van/Col	55	100	43.0	49.0
Shallow Eureka	55	100	40.5	43.0
Shallow Mon/Con	55	100	32.0	40.5
Deep Van/Col	100	500	43.0	49.0
Deep Eureka	100	500	40.5	43.0
Deep Mon/Con	100	500	36.0	40.5
Deep Con	100	500	32.0	36.0

Table 9: Summary of Triennial survey length samples used in the stock assessment.

Year	Tows	Fish	Sample Size
1980	1	16	3
1983	2	30	6
1986	36	540	111
1989	141	1419	337
1992	116	1015	256
1995	145	1369	334
1998	236	2624	598
2001	254	3016	670
2004	239	4676	884

Table 10: Summary of discard rates used in the model by each data source (continued on next page).

Year	Fleet	Discard Rate	Standard Error	Data Source	tab:Discard
1985	WinterN	0.022	0.110	Pikitch	
1986	WinterN	0.021	0.116	Pikitch	
1987	WinterN	0.027	0.119	Pikitch	
2002	WinterN	0.008	0.001	WGCOP	
2003	WinterN	0.004	0.002	WGCOP	
2004	WinterN	0.003	0.002	WGCOP	
2005	WinterN	0.002	0.001	WGCOP	
2006	WinterN	0.006	0.003	WGCOP	
2007	WinterN	0.012	0.005	WGCOP	
2008	WinterN	0.022	0.012	WGCOP	
2009	WinterN	0.027	0.014	WGCOP	
2010	WinterN	0.119	0.023	WGCOP	
2011	WinterN	0.002	0.015	WGCOP	
2012	WinterN	0.001	0.015	WGCOP	
2013	WinterN	0.001	0.015	WGCOP	
2014	WinterN	0.003	0.015	WGCOP	
2015	WinterN	0.001	0.015	WGCOP	
2016	WinterN	0.001	0.015	WGCOP	
2017	WinterN	0.003	0.015	WGCOP	
2018	WinterN	0.001	0.015	WGCOP	
2019	WinterN	0.001	0.015	WGCOP	
1985	SummerN	0.035	0.042	Pikitch	
1986	SummerN	0.034	0.043	Pikitch	
1987	SummerN	0.032	0.045	Pikitch	
2002	SummerN	0.186	0.023	WGCOP	
2003	SummerN	0.105	0.022	WGCOP	
2004	SummerN	0.083	0.023	WGCOP	
2005	SummerN	0.042	0.008	WGCOP	
2006	SummerN	0.078	0.015	WGCOP	
2007	SummerN	0.116	0.021	WGCOP	
2008	SummerN	0.051	0.016	WGCOP	
2009	SummerN	0.206	0.067	WGCOP	
2010	SummerN	0.099	0.029	WGCOP	
2011	SummerN	0.037	0.015	WGCOP	
2012	SummerN	0.022	0.015	WGCOP	
2013	SummerN	0.017	0.015	WGCOP	
2014	SummerN	0.026	0.015	WGCOP	
2015	SummerN	0.006	0.015	WGCOP	
2016	SummerN	0.017	0.015	WGCOP	
2017	SummerN	0.007	0.015	WGCOP	

Year	Fleet	Discard Rate	Standard Error	Data Source
2002	WinterS	0.035	0.016	WGCOP
2003	WinterS	0.012	0.001	WGCOP
2004	WinterS	0.013	0.033	WGCOP
2005	WinterS	0.033	0.004	WGCOP
2006	WinterS	0.071	0.035	WGCOP
2007	WinterS	0.012	0.003	WGCOP
2008	WinterS	0.013	0.010	WGCOP
2009	WinterS	0.024	0.009	WGCOP
2010	WinterS	0.052	0.031	WGCOP
2011	WinterS	0.001	0.015	WGCOP
2012	WinterS	0.001	0.015	WGCOP
2013	WinterS	0.003	0.015	WGCOP
2014	WinterS	0.001	0.015	WGCOP
2015	WinterS	0.001	0.015	WGCOP
2016	WinterS	0.003	0.015	WGCOP
2017	WinterS	0.006	0.015	WGCOP
2018	WinterS	0.001	0.015	WGCOP
2019	WinterS	0.001	0.015	WGCOP
2002	SummerS	0.058	0.016	WGCOP
2003	SummerS	0.033	0.011	WGCOP
2004	SummerS	0.033	0.014	WGCOP
2005	SummerS	0.012	0.003	WGCOP
2006	SummerS	0.038	0.014	WGCOP
2007	SummerS	0.065	0.023	WGCOP
2008	SummerS	0.026	0.014	WGCOP
2009	SummerS	0.023	0.006	WGCOP
2010	SummerS	0.056	0.007	WGCOP
2011	SummerS	0.041	0.015	WGCOP
2012	SummerS	0.013	0.015	WGCOP
2013	SummerS	0.004	0.015	WGCOP
2014	SummerS	0.004	0.015	WGCOP
2015	SummerS	0.010	0.015	WGCOP
2016	SummerS	0.004	0.015	WGCOP
2017	SummerS	0.008	0.015	WGCOP

Table 11: Summary of fishery length samples used in the stock assessment (continued on next page).

Year	Winter N.		Summer N.		Winter S.		Summer S.		tab:Fishery Lengths
	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish	
1948							4	203	
1949					10	477	4	183	
1950									
1951									
1952									
1953									
1954									
1955	1	507							
1956			1	534					
1957									
1958									
1959									
1960			1	644					
1961									
1962							3	150	
1963									
1964					1	49	22	897	
1965					2	49	14	583	
1966	1	100	35	2104	8	275	33	1396	
1967	4	200	42	2428	20	908	44	1815	
1968	11	562	49	4027	11	500	87	3414	
1969	10	779	52	3400	14	468	49	1907	
1970	9	743	53	3731	13	462	29	920	
1971	9	883	11	1982	7	250	37	1180	
1972	3	705	30	4776	23	942	39	1435	
1973	2	440	18	2176	12	424	41	1469	
1974	2	554	37	8316	31	1226	35	1133	
1975	10	2192	23	4509	11	325	19	873	
1976	1	379	4	1054	12	525	26	1255	
1977	2	320	21	2406	8	400	38	1816	
1978	4	778	21	2454	17	787	33	1649	
1979	2	219	23	2437	7	350	13	601	
1980	9	1022	44	4431	6	297	81	4042	
1981	10	1000	37	3695	36	1774	65	3134	
1982	5	498	17	1699	26	1294	34	1434	
1983	4	408	1	100	26	1324	33	1600	
1984	3	412			13	603	19	943	
1985			5	499	13	650	17	825	
1986	3	300	9	893	10	499	32	1602	
1987	7	502	16	805	20	1000	29	1450	
1988	4	199	8	401	12	600	12	531	
1989	10	499	13	652	18	883	18	900	
1990	4	200	11	551	4	200	2	76	
1991	11	425	7	277	24	890	2	82	
1992	4	173	11	428	12	368			
1993	7	217	8	296					
1994	9	339	9	371	1	1			
1995	8	301	2	66					
1996	3	102	4	168					
1997	5	203	11	416					

Year	Winter N.		Summer N.		Winter S.		Summer S.	
	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish
1998	5	166	22	1004				
1999	9	330	15	702				
2000	14	544	24	1012				
2001	18	659	18	786			9	289
2002	9	398	31	1257	15	443	10	252
2003	20	723	35	1368	7	215	30	475
2004	27	876	30	1328	12	248	15	431
2005	25	772	35	1492	9	201	36	966
2006	16	754	51	2638	26	735	47	1059
2007	37	1487	46	2402	42	1111	103	2971
2008	61	2035	36	2124	58	1801	97	2442
2009	43	1541	66	2860	62	1635	62	1597
2010	38	1374	59	1795	31	719	52	1356
2011	33	1015	47	2019	18	639	23	400
2012	35	1148	44	1954	32	1027	40	1125
2013	44	1756	52	2300	37	1601	43	1930
2014	52	1762	64	2421	42	1719	49	1672
2015	76	2629	60	2386	32	1081	62	2026
2016	27	835	39	1071	39	1353	70	2306
2017	42	1620	74	2790	31	1137	85	2489
2018	54	1586	93	2654	24	1007	77	2663
2019	28	624			9	413		

Table 12: Summary of fishery age samples used in the stock assessment (continued on next page).

`tab:Fishery_Ages`

Year	Winter Trips	N. Fish	Summer Trips	N. Fish	Winter Trips	S. Fish	Summer Trips	S. Fish
1960			1	168				
1961								
1962								
1963								
1964								
1965								
1966			34	1925	8	165	27	649
1967	4	200	42	2415	13	326	11	273
1968	11	560	44	2784			56	1340
1969	10	549	50	2592	8	158	31	765
1970	8	572	52	2895	10	251	29	711
1971	5	338	10	1284	6	150	37	930
1972	3	527	29	3467	23	559	38	965
1973	2	393	18	2015	12	298	38	959
1974	2	198	32	3146	29	742	34	838
1975	9	864	20	1902	9	201	18	473
1976	1	99	4	400	12	300	23	575
1977	2	198	19	1849	8	200	33	822
1978	4	406	16	1653	9	216	32	800
1979			21	2215	5	125	11	271
1980	7	623	38	3701	6	151	50	1245
1981	8	791	37	3672	18	450	27	677
1982	5	442	16	744	1	25	18	352
1983	3	288	1	95	12	352	8	193
1984	2	209			6	148	3	74
1985			5	444	2	50	4	100
1986	3	246	9	761	4	92	16	377
1987	7	422	16	574	10	235	12	291
1988	4	98	8	256	5	123	6	148
1989	10	426	12	507	2	50		
1990	4	160	11	272	2	50	1	38
1991	11	233	7	151	15	456		
1992	4	158	11	424	1	33		
1993	7	217	8	296				
1994	9	339	9	371				
1995	8	299	2	66				
1996	3	102	4	165				
1997	5	203	10	376				
1998	5	166	22	999				
1999	6	234	13	607				
2000	6	287	12	560				
2001	6	258	11	498				
2002	9	396	20	833				
2003	12	418	26	1070	1	39	5	55
2004	15	558	24	1060	1	2	4	96
2005	5	244	18	873	5	112	10	217
2006	5	248	14	696	2	51	7	154
2007	9	370	24	1018			5	97
2008	7	265	26	1078	7	124	18	300
2009	32	626	39	684	4	51	3	78

Year	Winter N.		Summer N.		Winter S.		Summer S.	
	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish	Trips	Fish
2010	25	413	34	540				
2011	12	205	42	845			8	26
2012	32	388	40	835	10	215	1	34
2013	39	604	46	832	2	87	3	102
2014	46	764	24	616	1	39		
2015	47	622	48	811				
2016	13	157						
2017	6	295	7	338				

Table 13: Estimated ageing error vectors applied to ages read by the Cooperative Aging Project lab used in the assessment model.

`tab:age_error1`

True Age	Break and Burn		Surface		Combo		Surface Pre-1990	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
0	0.26	0.17	0.16	0.12	0.47	0.13	0.00	0.00
1	1.35	0.17	1.27	0.12	1.42	0.13	0.71	0.00
2	2.41	0.23	2.35	0.18	2.37	0.25	2.02	0.08
3	3.44	0.29	3.41	0.25	3.32	0.38	3.24	0.17
4	4.45	0.36	4.43	0.32	4.27	0.51	4.38	0.26
5	5.44	0.44	5.42	0.40	5.22	0.64	5.44	0.35
6	6.41	0.52	6.39	0.49	6.17	0.76	6.44	0.46
7	7.35	0.61	7.33	0.59	7.12	0.89	7.36	0.56
8	8.28	0.71	8.25	0.70	8.07	1.02	8.22	0.67
9	9.18	0.81	9.14	0.82	9.02	1.14	9.03	0.79
10	10.06	0.92	10.01	0.96	9.97	1.27	9.78	0.92
11	10.92	1.04	10.85	1.11	10.92	1.40	10.48	1.05
12	11.76	1.18	11.67	1.27	11.87	1.53	11.14	1.19
13	12.58	1.32	12.47	1.45	12.82	1.65	11.75	1.34
14	13.38	1.48	13.24	1.66	13.77	1.78	12.32	1.49
15	14.17	1.64	14.00	1.88	14.72	1.91	12.85	1.66
16	14.94	1.82	14.73	2.12	15.67	2.03	13.35	1.83
17	15.68	2.02	15.45	2.39	16.62	2.16	13.81	2.01

Table 14: Estimated ageing error vectors applied to ages read by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife used in the assessment model.

`tab:age_error2`

True Age	Combo		Surface		Break and Burn	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
0	0.49	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.50	0.15
1	1.46	0.13	1.32	0.10	1.51	0.15
2	2.44	0.27	2.47	0.21	2.52	0.30
3	3.42	0.40	3.58	0.31	3.52	0.45
4	4.39	0.53	4.64	0.41	4.53	0.60
5	5.37	0.67	5.67	0.52	5.53	0.75
6	6.35	0.80	6.66	0.62	6.54	0.90
7	7.32	0.93	7.62	0.72	7.55	1.05
8	8.30	1.07	8.54	0.83	8.55	1.20
9	9.28	1.20	9.43	0.93	9.56	1.35
10	10.25	1.33	10.28	1.03	10.57	1.51
11	11.23	1.47	11.11	1.13	11.57	1.66
12	12.21	1.60	11.90	1.24	12.58	1.81
13	13.18	1.74	12.67	1.34	13.59	1.96
14	14.16	1.87	13.41	1.44	14.59	2.11
15	15.14	2.00	14.12	1.55	15.60	2.26
16	16.11	2.14	14.81	1.65	16.60	2.41
17	17.09	2.27	15.47	1.75	17.61	2.56

Table 15: Specifications of the model for petrale sole.

`tab:Model_setup`

Model Specification	Base Model
Starting year	1876
<u>Population characteristics</u>	
Maximum age	40
Gender	2
Population lengths	4-78 cm by 2 cm bins
Summary biomass (mt)	Age 3+
<u>Data characteristics</u>	
Data lengths	12-62 cm by 2 cm bins
Data ages	1-17 ages
Minimum age for growth calculations	2
Maximum age for growth calculations	17
First mature age	3
Starting year of estimated recruitment	1959
<u>Fishery characteristics</u>	
Fishing mortality method	Hybrid
Maximum F	3
Catchability - Fishery	Power
Catchability - Survey	Analytical estimate
Winter North selectivity	Double Normal
Summer North selectivity	Double Normal
Winter South selectivity	Double Normal
Summer South selectivity	Double Normal
Triennial Early survey	Double Normal
Triennial Late survey	Double Normal
NWFSC shelf-slope survey	Double Normal
<u>Fishery time blocks</u>	
Fishery selectivity	1876-1972, 1973-1982, 1983-1992, 1993-2002, 2003-2010, 2011-2018
Winter retention	1876-2002, 2003-2009, 2010, 2011-2018
Summer retention	1876-2002, 2003-2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2018

Table 16: Data weights applied when using harmonic data weighting.

Fleet	Lengths	Ages	<b>tab:harm</b>
Winter North			
Summer North			
Winter South			
Summer South			
Triennial Early survey		-	
Triennial Late survey		-	
NWFSC shelf-slope survey			

Table 17: List of parameters used in the base model, including estimated values and standard deviations (SD), bounds (minimum and maximum), estimation phase (negative values indicate not estimated), status (indicates if parameters are near bounds, and prior type information (mean, SD)).

Parameter	Value	Phase	Bounds	Status	SD	Prior (Exp.Val, SD)
NatM_p_1_Fem_GP_1	0.161992	6	(0.005, 0.5)	OK	0.02	Log_Norm (-1.7793, 0.438)
L_at_Amin_Fem_GP_1	15.8915	2	(10, 45)	OK	0.42	None
L_at_Amax_Fem_GP_1	53.9424	3	(35, 80)	OK	0.40	None
VonBert_K_Fem_GP_1	0.135371	2	(0.04, 0.5)	OK	0.01	None
SD_young_Fem_GP_1	0.189896	3	(0.01, 1)	OK	0.01	None
SD_old_Fem_GP_1	0.0250563	4	(0.01, 1)	OK	0.01	None
Wtlen_1_Fem_GP_1	0.00000208	-3	(-3, 3)			Normal (0.00000208, 0.8)
Wtlen_2_Fem_GP_1	3.4737	-3	(1, 5)			Normal (3.4737, 0.8)
Mat50%_Fem_GP_1	33.1	-3	(10, 50)			Normal (33.1, 0.8)
Mat_slope_Fem_GP_1	-0.743	-3	(-3, 3)			Normal (-0.743, 0.8)
Eggs/kg_inter_Fem_GP_1	1	-3	(-3, 3)			Normal (1, 1)
Eggs/kg_slope_wt_Fem_GP_1	0	-3	(-3, 3)			Normal (0, 1)
NatM_p_1_Mal_GP_1	0.174411	6	(0.005, 0.6)	OK	0.02	Log_Norm (-1.6809, 0.438)
L_at_Amin_Mal_GP_1	16.4779	2	(10, 45)	OK	0.33	None
L_at_Amax_Mal_GP_1	42.1411	3	(35, 80)	OK	0.41	None
VonBert_K_Mal_GP_1	0.216	2	(0.04, 0.5)	OK	0.01	None
SD_young_Mal_GP_1	0.134634	3	(0.01, 1)	OK	0.01	None
SD_old_Mal_GP_1	0.053	4	(0.01, 1)	OK	0.01	None
Wtlen_1_Mal_GP_1	0.00000305	-3	(-3, 3)			Normal (0.00000305, 0.8)
Wtlen_2_Mal_GP_1	3.36054	-3	(-3, 5)			Normal (3.36054, 0.8)
CohortGrowDev	1	-4	(0, 1)			None
FracFemale_GP_1	0.5	-99	(0.01, 0.99)			None
SR_LN(R0)	9.83235	1	(5, 20)	OK	0.20	None
SR_BH_steeep	0.839916	5	(0.2, 1)	OK	0.05	Normal (0.8, 0.09)
SR_sigmaR	0.4	-99	(0, 2)			Normal (0.9, 5)
SR_regime	0	-2	(-5, 5)			Normal (0, 0.2)
SR_autocorr	0	-99	(0, 0)			None
Early_InitAge_31	0.000000278911	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_30	0.000000327769	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_29	0.000000384942	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_28	0.000000452078	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_27	0.000000530781	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_26	0.000000622998	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_25	0.000000730985	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_24	0.000000857355	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_23	0.00000100513	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_22	0.00000117777	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_21	0.00000137929	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_20	0.00000161425	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)

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Early_InitAge_19	0.000000188786	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_18	0.000000220604	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_17	0.000000257549	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_16	0.000000300378	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_15	0.000000349937	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_14	0.000000407165	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_13	0.000000473103	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_12	0.000000548896	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_11	0.000000635795	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_10	0.000000735162	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_9	0.000000848451	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_8	0.000000977139	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_7	0.00000112258	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_6	0.00000128609	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_5	0.00000146966	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_4	0.00000167694	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_3	0.00000191253	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_2	0.00000218083	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
Early_InitAge_1	0.00000248635	3	(-4, 4)	act	0.40	dev (NA, NA)
LnQ_base_WinterN(1)	-5.11324	1	(-20, 5)	OK	3.14	None
Q-power_WinterN(1)	-0.353898	3	(-5, 5)	OK	0.41	None
LnQ_base_WinterS(3)	-1.36603	1	(-20, 5)	OK	2.34	None
Q-power_WinterS(3)	-0.849303	3	(-5, 5)	OK	0.30	None
LnQ_base_TriEarly(5)	-0.803067	-1	(-15, 15)	OK	None	None
Q_extraSD_TriEarly(5)	0.340847	5	(0.001, 2)	OK	0.15	None
LnQ_base_TriLate(6)	-0.254844	-1	(-15, 15)	OK	0.41	None
Q_extraSD_TriLate(6)	0.236348	4	(0.001, 2)	OK	0.12	None
LnQ_base_NWFSC(7)	1.33092	-1	(-15, 15)	OK	0.92	None
LnQ_base_WinterN(1)_BLK5add_2004	0.547816	3	(-0.99, 0.99)	OK	0.22	Normal (0, 0.5)
LnQ_base_WinterS(3)_BLK5add_2004	0.623155	3	(-0.99, 0.99)	OK	0.22	Normal (0, 0.5)
Size_DbLN_peak_WinterN(1)	49.1595	1	(15, 75)	OK	None	None
Size_DbLN_top_logit_WinterN(1)	-3	(-5, 3)	None	None	None	None
Size_DbLN_ascend_se_WinterN(1)	4.28513	2	(-4, 12)	OK	0.13	None
Size_DbLN_descend_se_WinterN(1)	14	-3	(-2, 15)	None	None	None
Size_DbLN_start_logit_WinterN(1)	-999	-4	(-15, 5)	None	None	None
Size_DbLN_end_logit_WinterN(1)	-999	-4	(-5, 5)	None	None	None
Retain_L_infl_WinterN(1)	24.2848	1	(10, 40)	OK	1.42	None
Retain_L_width_WinterN(1)	1.44101	2	(0.1, 10)	OK	0.19	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_WinterN(1)	9.99652	4	(-10, 10)	HI	0.11	None

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Retain.L_maleoffset_WinterN(1)	0	-2	(-10, 10)	OK	0.78	None
SzSel.Male_Peak_WinterN(1)	-11.5865	3	(-15, 15)	OK	0.18	None
SzSel.Male_Ascend_WinterN(1)	-1.51838	4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.18	None
SzSel.Male_Descent_WinterN(1)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Final_WinterN(1)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Scale_WinterN(1)	1	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerN(2)	54.4414	1	(15, 75)	OK	1.27	None
Size_DbIN_top_logit_SummerN(2)	5.43766	2	(-5, 3)	OK	0.10	None
Size_DbIN_ascend_se_SummerN(2)	14	-3	(-2, 15)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_descend_se_SummerN(2)	-999	-4	(-15, 5)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_start_logit_SummerN(2)	-999	-4	(-5, 5)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_end_logit_SummerN(2)	30.2865	1	(10, 40)	OK	0.36	None
Retain.L_infl_SummerN(2)	1.30185	2	(0,1, 10)	OK	0.11	None
Retain.L_width_SummerN(2)	5.74848	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.35	None
Retain.L_asymptote_logit_SummerN(2)	0	-2	(-10, 10)	None	None	None
Retain.L_maleoffset_SummerN(2)	-14.0633	3	(-20, 15)	OK	0.97	None
SzSel.Male_Peak_SummerN(2)	-1.9821	4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.18	None
SzSel.Male_Ascend_SummerN(2)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Descent_SummerN(2)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Final_SummerN(2)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Scale_SummerN(2)	44.2878	1	(15, 75)	OK	1.74	None
Size_DbIN_peak_WinterS(3)	3	-3	(-5, 3)	OK	0.27	None
Size_DbIN_top_logit_WinterS(3)	4.4519	2	(-4, 12)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_ascend_se_Winters(3)	14	-3	(-2, 15)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_descend_se_Winters(3)	-999	-4	(-15, 5)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_start_logit_WinterS(3)	-999	-4	(-5, 5)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_end_logit_WinterS(3)	28.9561	1	(10, 40)	OK	0.57	None
Retain.L_infl_WinterS(3)	1.44014	2	(0,1, 10)	OK	0.29	None
Retain.L_asymptote_logit_WinterS(3)	4.86774	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.94	None
Retain.L_maleoffset_WinterS(3)	0	-2	(-10, 10)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Peak_WinterS(3)	-12.2823	3	(-15, 15)	OK	1.77	None
SzSel.Male_Ascend_WinterS(3)	-1.8526	4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.50	None
SzSel.Male_Descent_WinterS(3)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Final_WinterS(3)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
SzSel.Male_Scale_WinterS(3)	1	-4	(-15, 15)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerS(4)	45.2206	1	(15, 75)	OK	1.29	None
Size_DbIN_top_logit_SummerS(4)	3	-3	(-5, 3)	None	None	None
Size_DbIN_ascend_se_SummerS(4)	4.89214	2	(-4, 12)	OK	0.15	None

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Size_DbLN_descend_se_SummerS(4)	14	-3	(-2, 15)	OK	0.33	None
Size_DbLN_start_logit_SummerS(4)	-999	-4	(-15, 5)	OK	0.12	None
Size_DbLN_end_logit_SummerS(4)	-999	-4	(-5, 5)	OK	0.89	None
Retain_L_infl_SummerS(4)	29.2437	1	(10, 40)	OK	0.33	None
Retain_L_width_SummerS(4)	1.4909	2	(0,1, 10)	OK	0.12	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_SummerS(4)	5.79317	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.29	None
Retain_L_maleoffset_SummerS(4)	0	-2	(-10, 10)	OK	1.28	None
SzSel_Male_Peak_SummerS(4)	-11.8309	3	(-15, 15)	OK	0.29	None
SzSel_Male_Ascend_SummerS(4)	-1.83638	4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.29	None
SzSel_Male_Descend_SummerS(4)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.29	None
SzSel_Male_Final_SummerS(4)	0	-4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.29	None
SzSel_Male_Scale_SummerS(4)	1	-4	(-15, 15)	OK	1.10	None
Size_DbLN_peak_TriEarly(5)	34.4179	1	(15, 61)	OK	1.10	None
Size_DbLN_top_logit_TriEarly(5)	3	-2	(-5, 3)	OK	0.20	None
Size_DbLN_ascend_se_TriEarly(5)	4.05668	1	(-4, 12)	OK	0.20	None
Size_DbLN_descend_se_TriEarly(5)	14	-2	(-2, 15)	OK	0.20	None
Size_DbLN_start_logit_TriEarly(5)	-999	-4	(-15, 5)	OK	0.20	None
Size_DbLN_end_logit_TriEarly(5)	-999	-4	(-5, 5)	OK	0.20	None
SzSel_Male_Peak_TriEarly(5)	-3.30159	2	(-15, 15)	OK	1.07	None
SzSel_Male_Ascend_TriEarly(5)	-0.488328	2	(-15, 15)	OK	0.25	None
SzSel_Male_Descent_TriEarly(5)	0	-3	(-15, 15)	OK	0.25	None
SzSel_Male_Final_TriEarly(5)	0	-3	(-15, 15)	OK	0.25	None
SzSel_Male_Scale_TriEarly(5)	1	-4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.25	None
Size_DbLN_peak_TriLate(6)	36.7376	1	(15, 61)	OK	0.90	None
Size_DbLN_top_logit_TriLate(6)	3	-2	(-5, 3)	OK	0.11	None
Size_DbLN_ascend_se_TriLate(6)	4.65333	1	(-4, 12)	OK	0.11	None
Size_DbLN_descend_se_TriLate(6)	14	-2	(-2, 15)	OK	0.11	None
Size_DbLN_start_logit_TriLate(6)	-999	-4	(-15, 5)	OK	0.11	None
Size_DbLN_end_logit_TriLate(6)	-999	-4	(-5, 5)	OK	0.92	None
SzSel_Male_Peak_TriLate(6)	-2.59651	2	(-15, 15)	OK	0.14	None
SzSel_Male_Ascend_TriLate(6)	-0.0842824	2	(-15, 15)	OK	0.14	None
SzSel_Male_Descent_TriLate(6)	0	-3	(-15, 15)	OK	0.14	None
SzSel_Male_Final_TriLate(6)	0	-3	(-15, 15)	OK	0.14	None
SzSel_Male_Scale_TriLate(6)	1	-4	(-15, 15)	OK	0.14	None
Size_DbLN_peak_NWFSC(7)	43.5751	1	(15, 61)	OK	0.83	None
Size_DbLN_top_logit_NWFSC(7)	3	-2	(-5, 3)	OK	0.07	None
Size_DbLN_ascend_se_NWFSC(7)	5.18139	1	(-4, 12)	OK	0.07	None
Size_DbLN_descend_se_NWFSC(7)	14	-2	(-2, 15)	OK	0.07	None
Size_DbLN_start_logit_NWFSC(7)	-999	-4	(-15, 5)	OK	0.07	None

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Size_DbIN_end_Logit_NWFSC(7)	-999	-4	(-5, 5)	OK	0.71	None
SzSel_Male_Peak_NWFSC(7)	-5.93554	2	(-15, 15)	OK	0.08	None
SzSel_Male_Ascend_NWFSC(7)	-0.502877	2	(-15, 15)	OK	0.08	None
SzSel_Male_Descent_NWFSC(7)	0	-3	(-15, 15)	None		
SzSel_Male_Final_NWFSC(7)	0	-3	(-15, 15)	None		
SzSel_Male_Scale_NWFSC(7)	1	-4	(-15, 15)	None		
Size_DbIN_peak_WinterN(1)_BLK1add_1973	-0.201894	4	(-31.6, 28.4)	OK	0.88	Normal (0, 14.2)
Size_DbIN_peak_WinterN(1)_BLK1add_1983	-1.23738	4	(-31.6, 28.4)	OK	0.81	Normal (0, 14.2)
Size_DbIN_peak_WinterN(1)_BLK1add_1993	-1.32607	4	(-31.6, 28.4)	OK	0.63	Normal (0, 14.2)
Size_DbIN_peak_WinterN(1)_BLK1add_2003	-0.388152	4	(-31.6, 28.4)	OK	0.46	Normal (0, 14.2)
Size_DbIN_peak_WinterN(1)_BLK1add_2011	-0.119181	4	(-31.6, 28.4)	OK	0.48	Normal (0, 14.2)
Retain_L_infl_WinterN(1)_BLK2add_2003	0.477145	4	(-16.19, 13.81)	OK	3.61	Normal (0, 6.905)
Retain_L_infl_WinterN(1)_BLK2add_2010	5.78079	4	(-16.19, 13.81)	OK	2.87	Normal (0, 6.905)
Retain_L_infl_WinterN(1)_BLK2add_2011	2.22632	4	(-16.19, 13.81)	OK	1.73	Normal (0, 6.905)
Retain_L_width_WinterN(1)_BLK2add_2003	0.437634	4	(-1.601, 8.299)	OK	0.33	Normal (0, 0.8005)
Retain_L_width_WinterN(1)_BLK2add_2010	0.571584	4	(-1.601, 8.299)	OK	0.74	Normal (0, 0.8005)
Retain_L_width_WinterN(1)_BLK2add_2011	-0.510919	4	(-1.601, 8.299)	OK	0.20	Normal (0, 0.8005)
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_WinterN(1)_BLK2rep_2003	7.37374	4	(-10, 10)	OK	1.70	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_WinterN(1)_BLK2rep_2010	2.08428	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.40	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_WinterN(1)_BLK2rep_2011	9.02851	4	(-10, 10)	OK	1.02	None
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerN(2)_BLK1add_1973	-2.75604	4	(-38.8, 21.2)	OK	0.85	Normal (0, 10.6)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerN(2)_BLK1add_1983	-4.93864	4	(-38.8, 21.2)	OK	1.12	Normal (0, 10.6)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerN(2)_BLK1add_1993	-5.7762	4	(-38.8, 21.2)	OK	1.16	Normal (0, 10.6)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerN(2)_BLK1add_2003	-4.12696	4	(-38.8, 21.2)	OK	0.67	Normal (0, 10.6)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerN(2)_BLK1add_2011	-1.53447	4	(-38.8, 21.2)	OK	0.62	Normal (0, 10.6)
Retain_L_infl_SummerN(2)_BLK3add_2003	0.15738	4	(-20.679, 9.321)	OK	0.52	Normal (0, 4.6605)
Retain_L_infl_SummerN(2)_BLK3add_2009	1.77908	4	(-20.679, 9.321)	OK	0.55	Normal (0, 4.6605)
Retain_L_infl_SummerN(2)_BLK3add_2011	-1.06712	4	(-20.679, 9.321)	OK	0.51	Normal (0, 4.6605)
Retain_L_width_SummerN(2)_BLK3add_2003	0.106445	4	(-1.0278, 8.8722)	OK	0.22	Normal (0, 0.5139)
Retain_L_width_SummerN(2)_BLK3add_2009	0.142802	4	(-1.0278, 8.8722)	OK	0.23	Normal (0, 0.5139)
Retain_L_width_SummerN(2)_BLK3add_2011	0.228908	4	(-1.0278, 8.8722)	OK	0.16	Normal (0, 0.5139)
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_SummerN(2)_BLK3rep_2003	5.51708	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.97	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_SummerN(2)_BLK3rep_2009	6.86695	4	(-10, 10)	OK	6.44	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_SummerN(2)_BLK3rep_2011	5.96198	4	(-10, 10)	OK	0.58	None
Size_DbIN_peak_WintersS(3)_BLK1add_1973	-6.07356	4	(-25.422, 34.578)	OK	2.15	Normal (0, 12.711)
Size_DbIN_peak_WintersS(3)_BLK1add_1983	-0.393954	4	(-25.422, 34.578)	OK	1.18	Normal (0, 12.711)
Size_DbIN_peak_WintersS(3)_BLK1add_1993	2.96858	4	(-25.422, 34.578)	OK	1.66	Normal (0, 12.711)
Size_DbIN_peak_WintersS(3)_BLK1add_2003	0.859894	4	(-25.422, 34.578)	OK	0.85	Normal (0, 12.711)
Size_DbIN_peak_WintersS(3)_BLK1add_2011	1.91596	4	(-25.422, 34.578)	OK	0.99	Normal (0, 12.711)

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Retain_L_infl_WinterS(3)_BLK2add_2003	-2.31652	4	(-18.816, 11.184)	OK	1.34	Normal (0, 5.592)
Retain_L_infl_WinterS(3)_BLK2add_2010	1.40756	4	(-18.816, 11.184)	OK	1.65	Normal (0, 5.592)
Retain_L_infl_WinterS(3)_BLK2add_2011	-3.95341	4	(-18.816, 11.184)	OK	2.49	Normal (0, 5.592)
Retain_L_width_WinterS(3)_BLK2add_2003	0.34367	4	(-1.0443, 8.8557)	OK	0.37	Normal (0, 0.52215)
Retain_L_width_WinterS(3)_BLK2add_2010	0.118141	4	(-1.0443, 8.8557)	OK	0.46	Normal (0, 0.52215)
Retain_L_width_WinterS(3)_BLK2add_2011	-0.387615	4	(-1.0443, 8.8557)	OK	0.48	Normal (0, 0.52215)
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_WinterS(3)_BLK2rep1_2003	8.47752	4	(-10, 10)	OK	9.50	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_WinterS(3)_BLK2rep1_2010	5.69214	4	(-10, 10)	OK	8.51	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_WinterS(3)_BLK2rep1_2011	6.98104	4	(-10, 10)	OK	1.60	None
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerS(4)_BLK1add_1973	-8.19143	4	(-28.0793, 31.9207)	OK	2.13	Normal (0, 14.0397)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerS(4)_BLK1add_1983	-8.6809	4	(-28.0793, 31.9207)	OK	2.90	Normal (0, 14.0397)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerS(4)_BLK1add_1993	-0.797364	4	(-28.0793, 31.9207)	OK	1.39	Normal (0, 14.0397)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerS(4)_BLK1add_2003	0.932051	4	(-28.0793, 31.9207)	OK	0.74	Normal (0, 14.0397)
Size_DbIN_peak_SummerS(4)_BLK1add_2011	0.680221	4	(-28.0793, 31.9207)	OK	0.85	Normal (0, 14.0397)
Retain_L_infl_SummerS(4)_BLK3add_2003	-1.86903	4	(-19.055, 10.945)	OK	0.84	Normal (0, 5.4725)
Retain_L_infl_SummerS(4)_BLK3add_2009	-2.00786	4	(-19.055, 10.945)	OK	1.14	Normal (0, 5.4725)
Retain_L_infl_SummerS(4)_BLK3add_2011	-2.12954	4	(-19.055, 10.945)	OK	0.90	Normal (0, 5.4725)
Retain_L_width_SummerS(4)_BLK3add_2003	0.305622	4	(-0.876, 9.024)	OK	0.22	Normal (0, 0.438)
Retain_L_width_SummerS(4)_BLK3add_2009	0.176878	4	(-0.876, 9.024)	OK	0.26	Normal (0, 0.438)
Retain_L_width_SummerS(4)_BLK3add_2011	0.0539534	4	(-0.876, 9.024)	OK	0.21	Normal (0, 0.438)
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_SummerS(4)_BLK3rep1_2003	9.13443	4	(-10, 10)	OK	12.97	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_SummerS(4)_BLK3rep1_2009	9.7475	4	(-10, 10)	OK	7.09	None
Retain_L_asymptote_logit_SummerS(4)_BLK3rep1_2011	9.9577	4	(-10, 10)	HI	1.31	None

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Table 18: Results from 50 jitters from the base model.

Status	Base.Model	tab:jitter
Returned to base case		
Found local minimum		
Found better solution		
Total	50	

Table 19: Likelihood components from the base model

Likelihood Component	Value	tab:like
Total	1455.79	
Survey	-77.56	
Discard	-225.63	
Mean-body weight data	-158.25	
Length-frequency data	904.37	
Age-frequency data	1036.37	
Recruitment	-28.68	
Forecast Recruitment	0.03	
Parameter Priors	5.09	
Parameter Softbounds	0.04	

Table 20: Summary of reference points and management quantities for the base case.

Quantity	Estimate	tab:Ref_pts	
		~2.5%	~97.5%
		Confidence Interval	Confidence Interval
Unfished spawning output (mt)	30554.7	24634.6	36474.8
Unfished age 3+ biomass (mt)	49439.6	41597	57282.2
Unfished recruitment (R0, thousands)	18626.7	12518.1	27716.1
Spawning output(2019 mt)	9867.3	7682.4	12052.2
Depletion (2019)	0.323	0.219	0.426
<b>Reference points based on SB<sub>40%</sub></b>			
Proxy spawning output ( $B_{25\%}$ )	7638.7	6158.7	9118.7
SPR resulting in $B_{25\%}$ ( $SPR_{B25\%}$ )	0.286	0.258	0.313
Exploitation rate resulting in $B_{25\%}$	0.182	0.163	0.2
Yield with $SPR_{B25\%}$ at $B_{25\%}$ (mt)	2830.3	2624.2	3036.4
<b>Reference points based on SPR proxy for MSY</b>			
Spawning output	8096.3	6199.3	9993.3
$SPR_{proxy}$			
Exploitation rate corresponding to $SPR_{proxy}$	0.173	0.145	0.2
Yield with $SPR_{proxy}$ at $SB_{SPR}$ (mt)	2819.8	2590.1	3049.5
<b>Reference points based on estimated MSY values</b>			
Spawning output at MSY ( $SB_{MSY}$ )	7005.9	5242.2	8769.6
$SPR_{MSY}$	0.266	0.201	0.331
Exploitation rate at MSY	0.195	0.164	0.225
MSY (mt)	2835.9	2641.9	3029.9

Table 21: Time-series of population estimates from the base model.

Year	Total biomass (mt)	Spawning output (million eggs)	Summary biomass 3+	Relative biomass	Age-0 recruits	Estimated total catch (mt)	1-SPR	Exploit. rate
1876	49,440	30,555	48,800	1.00	18,627	1	0	0
1877	49,439	30,554	48,800	1.00	18,627	1	0	0
1878	49,438	30,554	48,799	1.00	18,627	1	0	0
1879	49,437	30,553	48,798	1.00	18,628	1	0	0
1880	49,437	30,553	48,797	1.00	18,628	12	0	0
1881	49,426	30,545	48,786	1.00	18,628	23	0	0
1882	49,406	30,532	48,766	1.00	18,627	33	0.003	0.001
1883	49,377	30,512	48,738	1.00	18,627	44	0.003	0.001
1884	49,341	30,487	48,701	1.00	18,626	55	0.003	0.001
1885	49,298	30,457	48,658	1.00	18,626	65	0.003	0.001
1886	49,248	30,422	48,608	1.00	18,625	76	0.006	0.002
1887	49,193	30,384	48,553	0.99	18,624	87	0.006	0.002
1888	49,132	30,342	48,493	0.99	18,623	98	0.006	0.002
1889	49,068	30,297	48,429	0.99	18,622	108	0.006	0.002
1890	49,000	30,248	48,360	0.99	18,621	119	0.006	0.002
1891	48,928	30,198	48,288	0.99	18,620	130	0.009	0.003

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Year	Total biomass (mt)	Spawning output (million eggs)	Summary biomass 3+	Relative biomass	Age-0 recruits	Estimated total catch (mt)	1-SPR	Exploit. rate
1892	48,853	30,145	48,214	0.99	18,619	141	0.009	0.003
1893	48,776	30,090	48,136	0.98	18,618	151	0.009	0.003
1894	48,696	30,034	48,057	0.98	18,617	162	0.009	0.003
1895	48,614	29,976	47,975	0.98	18,616	173	0.009	0.004
1896	48,531	29,916	47,892	0.98	18,615	184	0.012	0.004
1897	48,446	29,856	47,806	0.98	18,614	195	0.012	0.004
1898	48,359	29,794	47,720	0.98	18,613	205	0.012	0.004
1899	48,272	29,732	47,633	0.97	18,613	216	0.012	0.005
1900	48,183	29,669	47,544	0.97	18,612	227	0.012	0.005
1901	48,094	29,605	47,455	0.97	18,612	238	0.015	0.005
1902	48,004	29,540	47,365	0.97	18,611	248	0.015	0.005
1903	47,913	29,476	47,274	0.96	18,611	259	0.015	0.005
1904	47,822	29,410	47,183	0.96	18,612	270	0.015	0.006
1905	47,731	29,345	47,092	0.96	18,612	281	0.018	0.006
1906	47,639	29,279	47,000	0.96	18,613	291	0.018	0.006
1907	47,547	29,213	46,908	0.96	18,614	302	0.018	0.006
1908	47,455	29,146	46,816	0.95	18,616	313	0.018	0.007
1909	47,363	29,080	46,724	0.95	18,618	324	0.018	0.007
1910	47,271	29,014	46,632	0.95	18,621	334	0.021	0.007
1911	47,179	28,947	46,540	0.95	18,624	345	0.021	0.007
1912	47,088	28,881	46,448	0.95	18,628	356	0.021	0.008
1913	46,996	28,814	46,357	0.94	18,633	367	0.021	0.008
1914	46,906	28,748	46,266	0.94	18,638	377	0.024	0.008
1915	46,815	28,682	46,175	0.94	18,645	388	0.024	0.008
1916	46,725	28,617	46,085	0.94	18,652	394	0.024	0.009
1917	46,641	28,555	46,001	0.93	18,661	537	0.03	0.012
1918	46,433	28,409	45,792	0.93	18,668	432	0.027	0.009
1919	46,343	28,341	45,702	0.93	18,679	340	0.021	0.007
1920	46,352	28,341	45,711	0.93	18,694	235	0.015	0.005
1921	46,467	28,411	45,825	0.93	18,712	299	0.018	0.007
1922	46,518	28,441	45,876	0.93	18,731	433	0.027	0.009
1923	46,443	28,387	45,800	0.93	18,749	436	0.027	0.01
1924	46,374	28,336	45,730	0.93	18,768	543	0.033	0.012
1925	46,212	28,222	45,568	0.92	18,787	539	0.033	0.012
1926	46,072	28,120	45,427	0.92	18,808	532	0.033	0.012
1927	45,954	28,032	45,309	0.92	18,832	644	0.039	0.014
1928	45,747	27,884	45,101	0.91	18,856	632	0.036	0.014
1929	45,574	27,757	44,928	0.91	18,882	721	0.042	0.016
1930	45,340	27,588	44,692	0.90	18,910	673	0.039	0.015
1931	45,179	27,467	44,530	0.90	18,946	688	0.039	0.015
1932	45,029	27,350	44,379	0.90	18,989	822	0.048	0.019
1933	44,781	27,163	44,130	0.89	19,042	857	0.048	0.019
1934	44,539	26,973	43,887	0.88	19,131	1640	0.084	0.037
1935	43,600	26,312	42,946	0.86	19,259	1622	0.084	0.038
1936	42,770	25,713	42,112	0.84	19,445	1331	0.072	0.032
1937	42,310	25,351	41,648	0.83	19,678	1914	0.096	0.046
1938	41,384	24,665	40,715	0.81	19,869	2184	0.108	0.054
1939	40,324	23,878	39,647	0.78	19,860	2678	0.126	0.068
1940	38,938	22,855	38,257	0.75	19,434	2569	0.123	0.067
1941	37,821	22,000	37,143	0.72	18,623	2315	0.12	0.062
1942	37,080	21,408	36,420	0.70	17,727	3242	0.147	0.089
1943	35,577	20,317	34,944	0.66	17,085	3377	0.153	0.097

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Year	Total biomass (mt)	Spawning output (million eggs)	Summary biomass 3+	Relative biomass	Age-0 recruits	Estimated total catch (mt)	1-SPR	Exploit. rate
1944	34,051	19,271	33,447	0.63	17,050	2672	0.141	0.08
1945	33,239	18,772	32,653	0.61	17,582	2503	0.138	0.077
1946	32,584	18,413	31,995	0.60	17,963	3805	0.171	0.119
1947	30,712	17,244	30,106	0.56	17,751	3148	0.162	0.105
1948	29,524	16,484	28,909	0.54	17,503	4525	0.195	0.157
1949	27,115	14,878	26,508	0.49	17,257	4412	0.201	0.166
1950	24,942	13,412	24,343	0.44	17,160	4643	0.213	0.191
1951	22,705	11,885	22,113	0.39	17,164	3054	0.189	0.138
1952	22,093	11,425	21,503	0.37	17,273	2797	0.186	0.13
1953	21,790	11,202	21,201	0.37	16,951	2367	0.174	0.112
1954	21,912	11,295	21,322	0.37	16,181	2888	0.189	0.135
1955	21,541	11,088	20,965	0.36	15,105	2570	0.183	0.123
1956	21,451	11,063	20,904	0.36	14,068	2267	0.174	0.108
1957	21,592	11,219	21,082	0.37	13,386	2904	0.192	0.138
1958	21,048	10,988	20,570	0.36	13,872	2851	0.192	0.139
1959	20,457	10,756	19,992	0.35	17,137	2435	0.18	0.122
1960	20,192	10,709	19,690	0.35	21,658	2840	0.192	0.144
1961	19,576	10,334	18,959	0.34	16,766	3413	0.21	0.18
1962	18,561	9,536	17,856	0.31	11,393	3257	0.21	0.182
1963	17,840	8,807	17,301	0.29	12,855	3299	0.216	0.191
1964	17,126	8,186	16,721	0.27	18,499	2765	0.21	0.165
1965	16,893	8,096	16,414	0.26	15,563	2627	0.207	0.16
1966	16,798	8,220	16,173	0.27	32,710	2661	0.207	0.165
1967	16,768	8,233	16,123	0.27	14,915	2682	0.207	0.166
1968	16,972	8,087	15,975	0.26	15,421	2398	0.201	0.15
1969	17,638	8,085	17,122	0.26	15,854	2432	0.201	0.142
1970	18,321	8,242	17,788	0.27	16,417	3153	0.216	0.177
1971	18,290	8,336	17,742	0.27	15,835	3288	0.219	0.185
1972	18,038	8,541	17,480	0.28	13,025	3555	0.222	0.203
1973	17,407	8,459	16,885	0.28	10,902	3132	0.222	0.186
1974	16,897	8,390	16,463	0.27	13,807	3949	0.24	0.24
1975	15,362	7,679	14,967	0.25	14,283	3808	0.243	0.254
1976	13,780	6,899	13,302	0.23	16,377	3122	0.237	0.235
1977	12,768	6,368	12,264	0.21	15,187	2561	0.228	0.209
1978	12,345	6,021	11,794	0.20	11,138	3302	0.249	0.28
1979	11,294	5,226	10,802	0.17	11,032	3423	0.258	0.317
1980	10,128	4,435	9,747	0.15	12,172	2855	0.255	0.293
1981	9,419	4,068	9,033	0.13	10,311	2765	0.258	0.306
1982	8,704	3,803	8,300	0.12	10,034	2770	0.258	0.334
1983	7,955	3,454	7,602	0.11	10,772	2454	0.258	0.323
1984	7,429	3,199	7,075	0.10	17,986	1911	0.249	0.27
1985	7,385	3,170	6,968	0.10	10,962	1871	0.249	0.269
1986	7,448	3,142	6,884	0.10	6,464	2133	0.255	0.31
1987	7,330	2,937	6,985	0.10	8,491	2563	0.267	0.367
1988	6,756	2,558	6,518	0.08	11,405	2360	0.267	0.362
1989	6,260	2,409	5,946	0.08	15,485	2304	0.267	0.387
1990	5,762	2,326	5,342	0.08	15,973	1961	0.264	0.367
1991	5,636	2,230	5,106	0.07	9,723	2133	0.27	0.418
1992	5,511	1,894	5,010	0.06	6,145	1807	0.267	0.361
1993	5,742	1,785	5,431	0.06	11,468	1681	0.264	0.309
1994	6,105	1,943	5,855	0.06	14,126	1544	0.255	0.264
1995	6,556	2,405	6,147	0.08	8,861	1674	0.252	0.272

Table 21: Time-series of population estimates from the base model.

Year	Total biomass (mt)	Spawning output (million eggs)	Summary biomass 3+	Relative biomass	Age-0 recruits	Estimated total catch (mt)	1-SPR	Exploit. rate
1996	6,877	2,801	6,428	0.09	10,797	1929	0.252	0.3
1997	6,936	2,863	6,618	0.09	10,373	2051	0.255	0.31
1998	6,865	2,718	6,489	0.09	24,170	1739	0.249	0.268
1999	7,128	2,797	6,679	0.09	16,132	1621	0.243	0.243
2000	7,720	3,002	6,950	0.10	11,710	1915	0.249	0.275
2001	8,292	3,050	7,771	0.10	10,177	1980	0.249	0.255
2002	8,917	3,122	8,525	0.10	11,236	2067	0.249	0.242
2003	9,434	3,434	9,078	0.11	8,955	1795	0.234	0.198
2004	10,066	4,110	9,695	0.13	10,870	2294	0.24	0.237
2005	10,088	4,523	9,766	0.15	11,630	3015	0.252	0.309
2006	9,275	4,306	8,890	0.14	21,088	2215	0.24	0.249
2007	9,107	4,222	8,638	0.14	25,131	2404	0.243	0.278
2008	8,985	3,906	8,227	0.13	34,665	2180	0.24	0.265
2009	9,529	3,681	8,610	0.12	15,169	2329	0.246	0.271
2010	10,536	3,494	9,487	0.11	11,740	867	0.186	0.091
2011	13,224	4,414	12,727	0.14	13,434	791	0.165	0.062
2012	16,022	5,904	15,603	0.19	19,781	1159	0.171	0.074
2013	18,309	7,751	17,807	0.25	12,763	1973	0.189	0.111
2014	19,603	9,284	18,973	0.30	13,826	2398	0.189	0.126
2015	20,194	10,202	19,748	0.33	13,751	2727	0.192	0.138
2016	20,190	10,439	19,716	0.34	13,924	2543	0.186	0.129
2017	20,111	10,531	19,637	0.34	15,071	3050	0.195	0.155
2018	19,406	10,213	18,919	0.33	17,012	2882	0.195	0.152
2019	18,796	9,867	18,265	0.32	16,935	-	-	-

tab:Timeseries\_mod1

Table 22: Sensitivity of the base model.

Label	Base	Low M	High M	Harmonic weights	Dirichlet weights	NA	tab:Sensitivity1
Total Likelihood							
Survey Likelihood							
Discard Likelihood							
Length Likelihood							
Age Likelihood							
Recruitment Likelihood							
Forecast Recruitment Likelihood							
Parameter Priors Likelihood							
Parameter Deviation Likelihood							
$\log(R_0)$							
SB Virgin							
SB 2017							
Depletion 2017							
Total Yield - SPR 50							
Steepness							
Natural Mortality - Female							
Length at Amin - Female							
Length at Amax - Female							
Von Bert. k - Female							
SD young - Female							
SD old - Female							
Natural Mortality - Male							
Length at Amin - Male							
Length at Amax - Male							
Von Bert. k - Male							
SD young - Male							
SD old - Male							

Table 23: Data weights applied when using Francis data weighting in the base model. The data weights were acquired after a single model weighting iteration.

Fleet	Lengths	Ages	<code>tab:francis</code>
Winter North			
Summer North			
Winter South			
Summer South			
Triennial Early survey		-	
Triennial Late survey		-	
NWFSC shelf-slope survey			

Table 24: Data weights applied when using Dirichlet data weighting.

Fleet	Lengths	Ages	<code>tab:dirichlet</code>
Winter North			
Summer North			
Winter South			
Summer South			
Triennial Early survey		-	
Triennial Late survey		-	
NWFSC shelf-slope survey			

Table 25: Projection of potential OFL, spawning biomass, and depletion for the base case model. The removals in 2017 and 2018 were set at the defined management specification of XXX mt for each year assuming full attainment.

Year	OFL (mt)	ACL (mt)	Spawning Output	<sup>tab:Forecast_mod1</sup> Depletion (%)
2019	4753	4340	5741	83.3
2020	4632	4229	5745	83.4
2021	4499	4108	5723	83.1
2022	4364	3984	5666	82.2
2023	4230	3862	5586	81.1
2024	4105	3748	5494	79.8
2025	3991	3644	5395	78.3
2026	3889	3551	5292	76.8
2027	3797	3467	5188	75.3
2028	3712	3389	5084	73.8

Table 26: Decision table summary of 10-year projections beginning in 2021 for alternate states of nature based on an axis of uncertainty for the base model. The removals in 2017 and 2018 were set at the defined management specification of 281 mt for each year assuming full attainment. Columns range over low, mid, and high states of nature over natural mortality, and rows range over different assumptions of catch levels. An entry of “–” indicates that the stock is driven to very low abundance under the particular scenario.

		tab:Decision_table_mod1_back					
		States of nature					
		M = 0.04725		M = 0.054		M = 0.0595	
		Year	Catch	Spawning Output	Depletion (%)	Spawning Output	Depletion (%)
ABC	2021						
	2022						
	2023						
	2024						
	2025						
	2026						
	2027						
	2028						
	2029						
	2030						
SPR target = 0.34	2021						
	2022						
	2023						
	2024						
	2025						
	2026						
	2027						
	2028						
	2029						
	2030						

## 9 Figures

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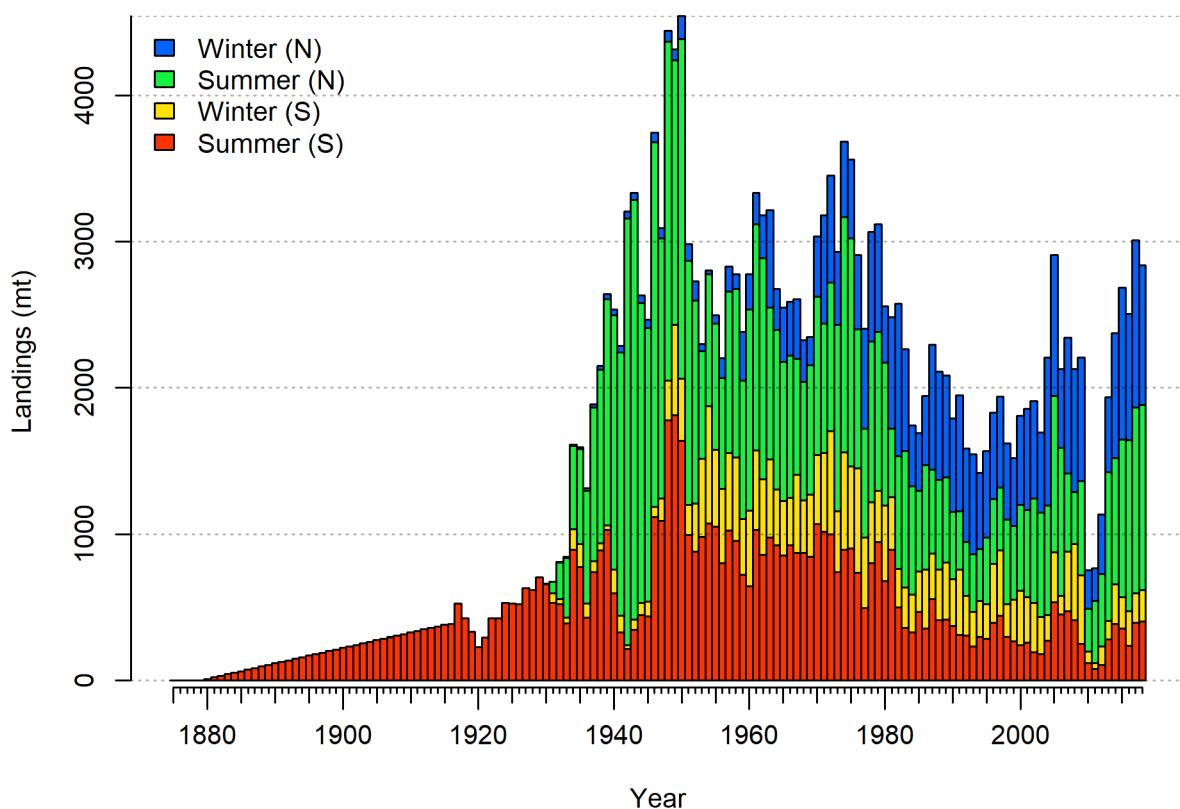


Figure 1: Total catches petrale sole. <sup>fig:Catch</sup>

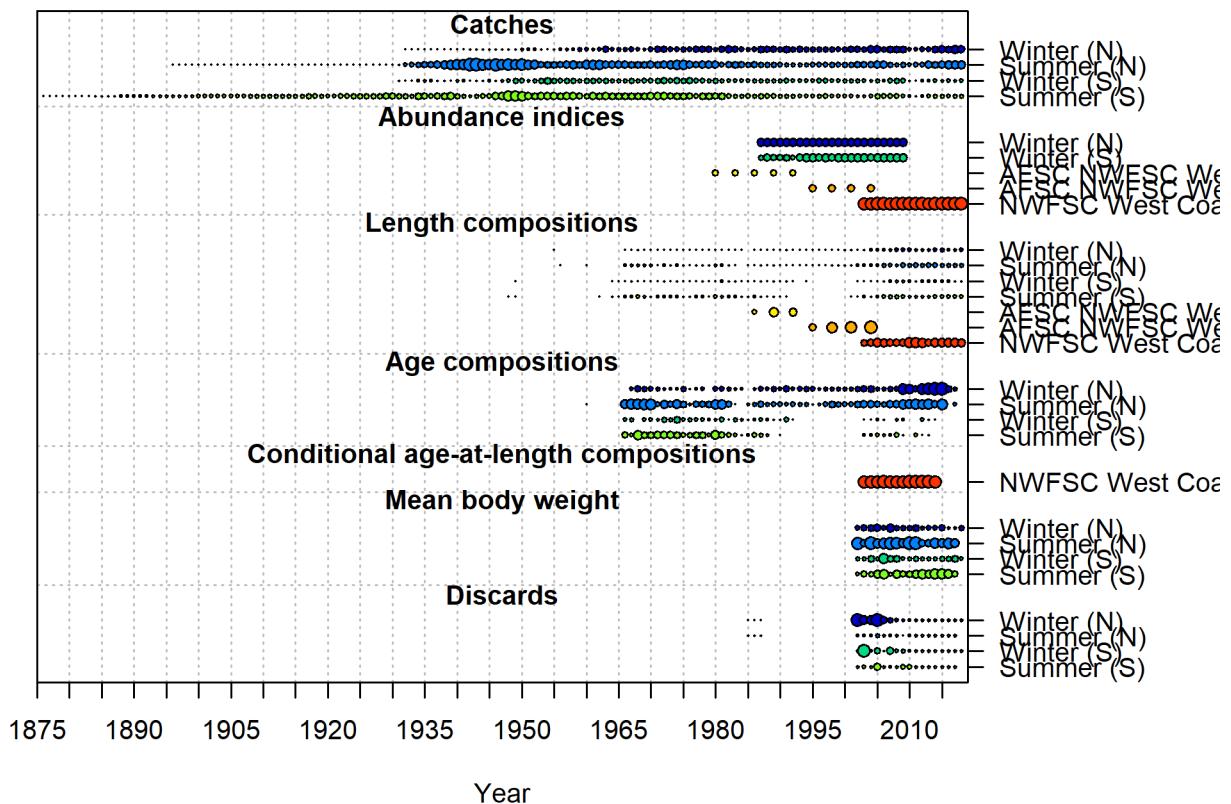


Figure 2: Summary of data sources used in the base model. `fig:data_plot`

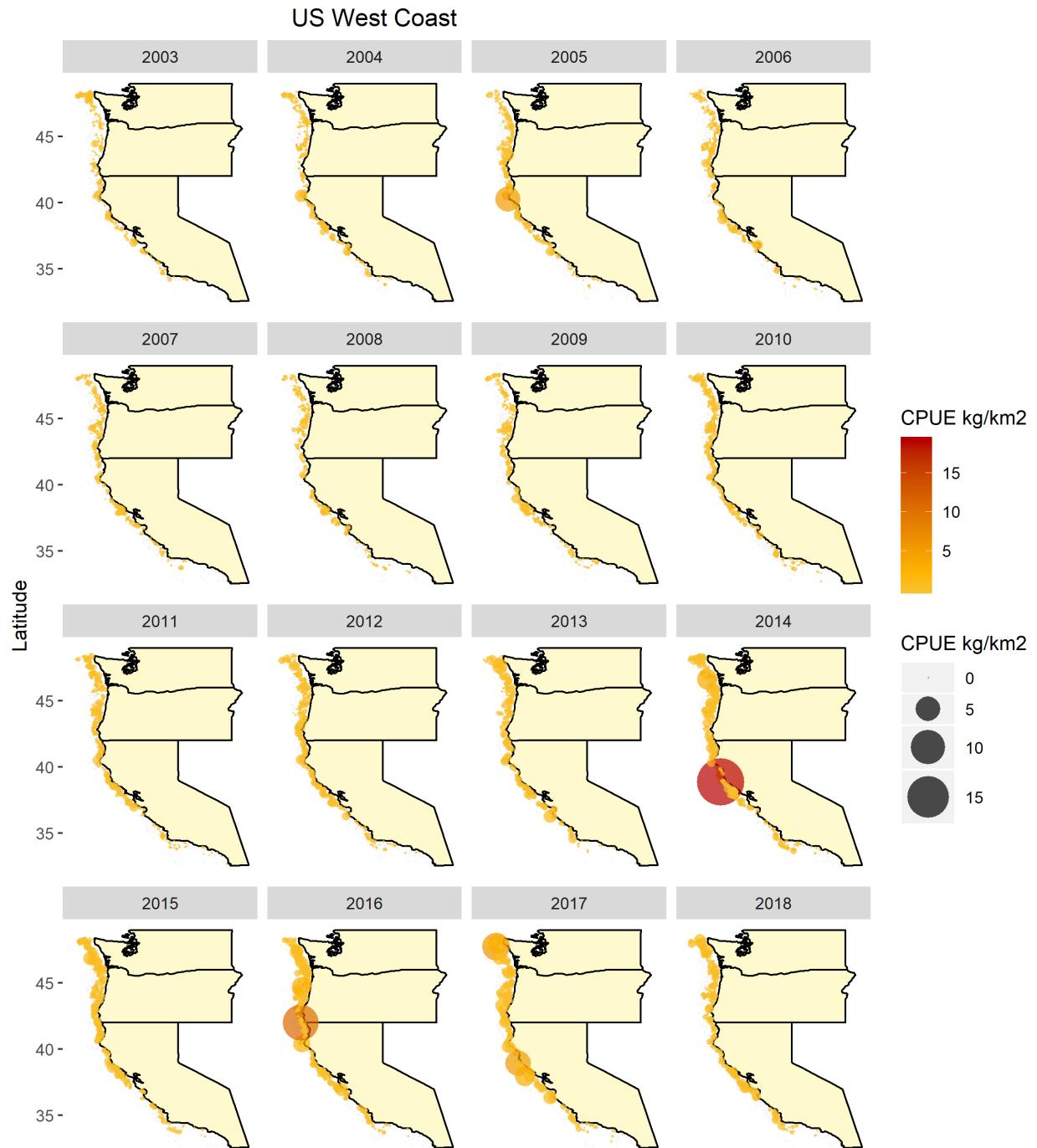


Figure 3: Map of the catch-per-unit-effort across by year for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data. [fig:nw\\_map](#)

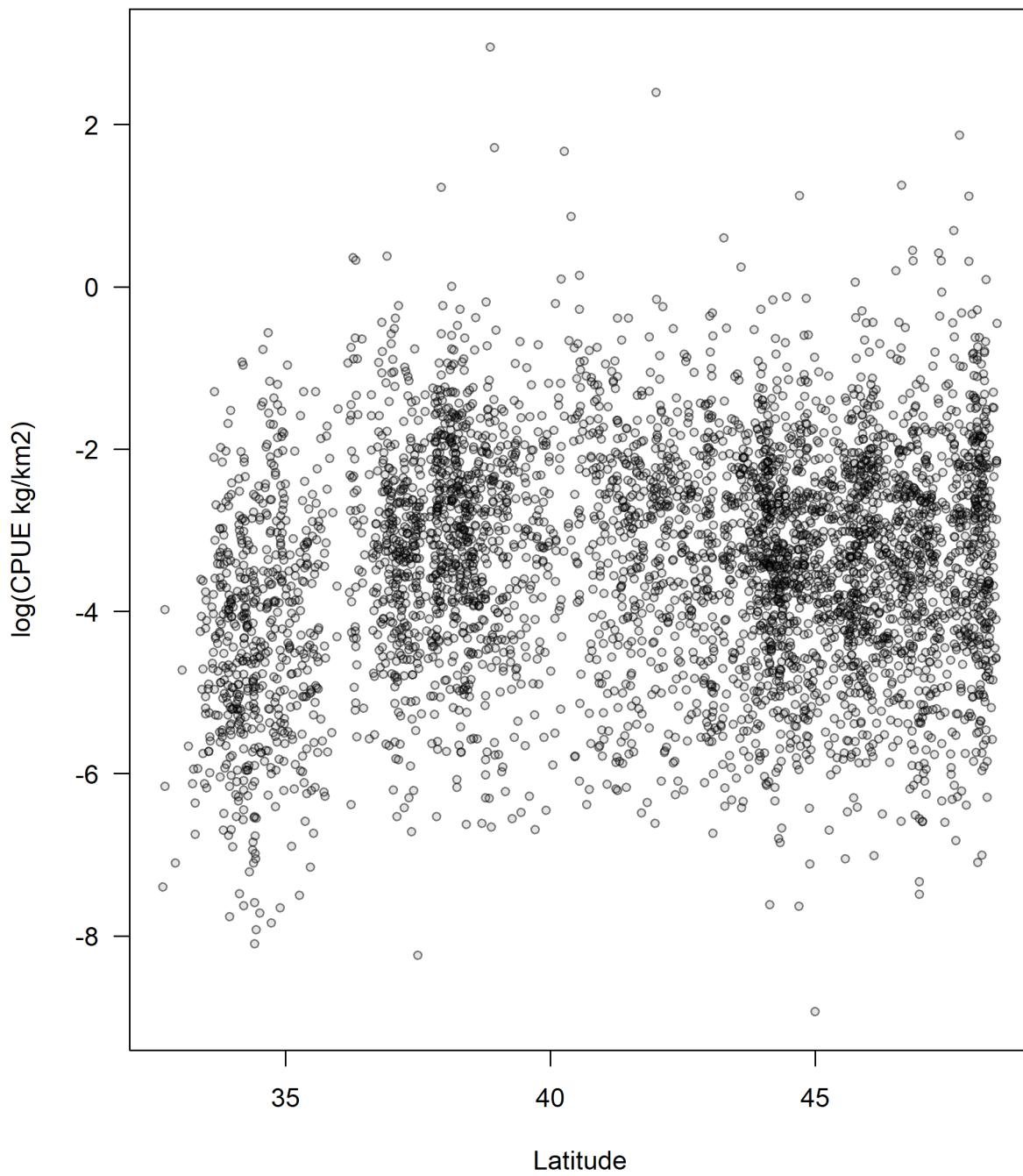


Figure 4: Catch-per-unit-effort (in  $\log_{\text{space}}$ ) by latitude for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data. fig:nw\_cpue\_lat

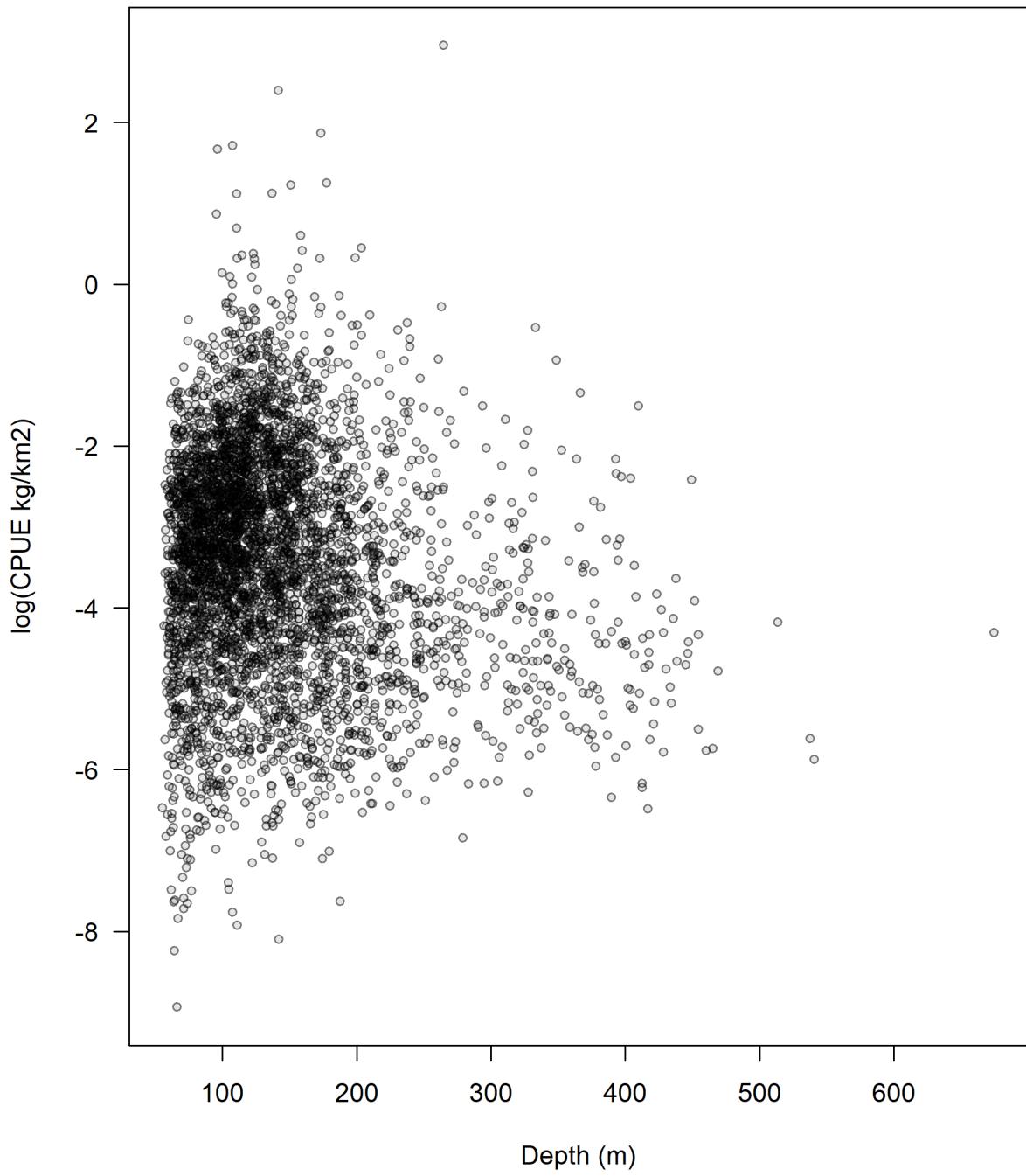


Figure 5: Catch-per-unit-effort (in log space) by depth for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data. fig:nw\_cpue\_depth

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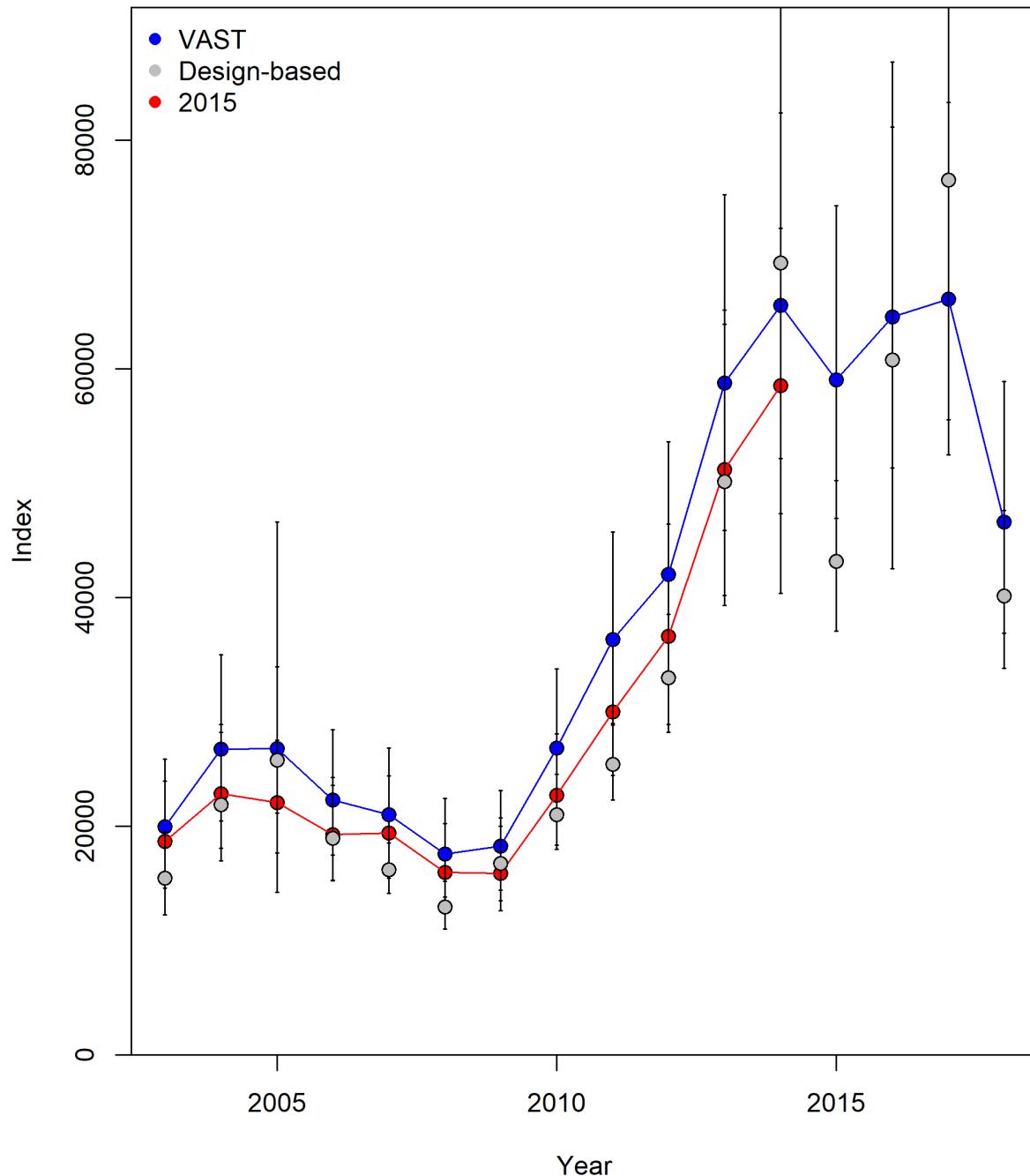


Figure 6: Estimated index of abundance from the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data compared to the design-based index and the index from the 2015 update assessment. [fig:nw\\_index](#)

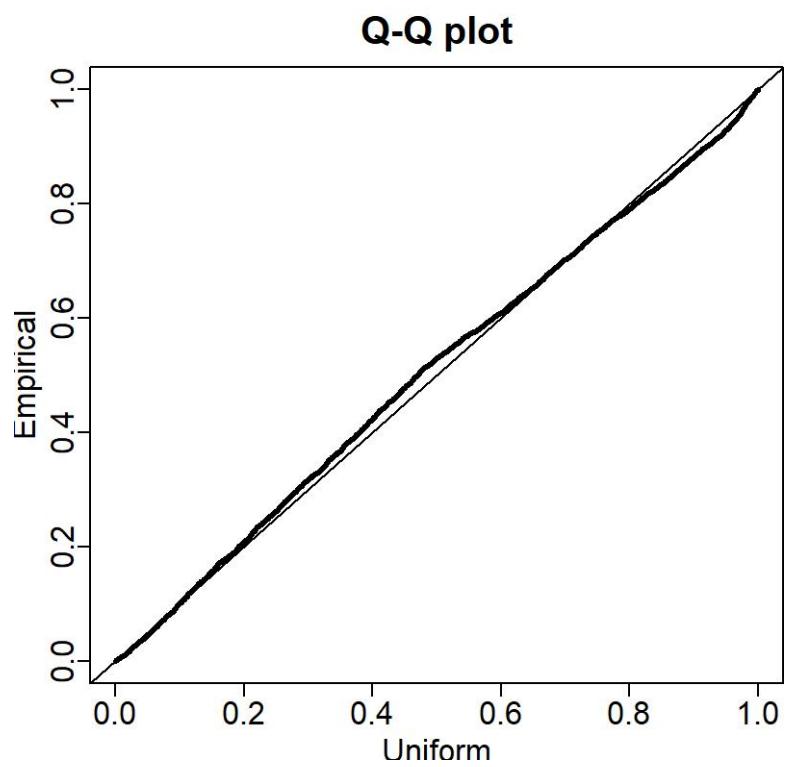


Figure 7: QQ plot for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data. `fig:nw_qq`

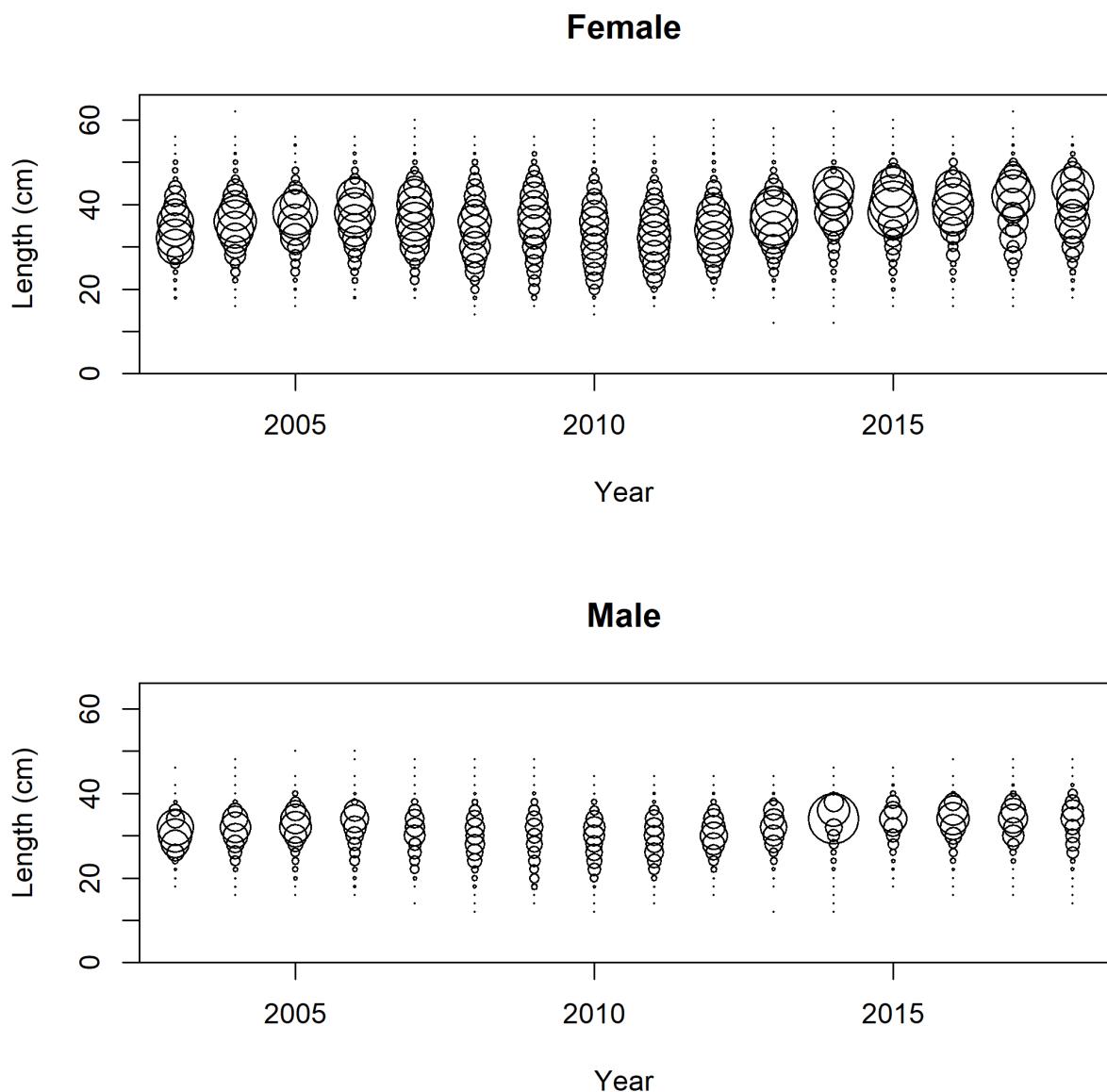
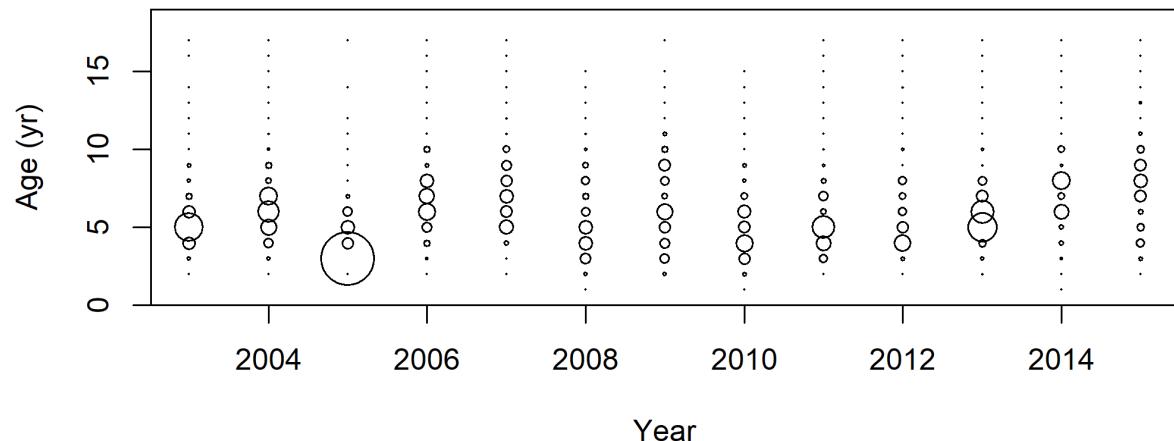


Figure 8: Length frequency by sex for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data. [Fig:nw\\_len\\_freq](#)

### Female



### Male

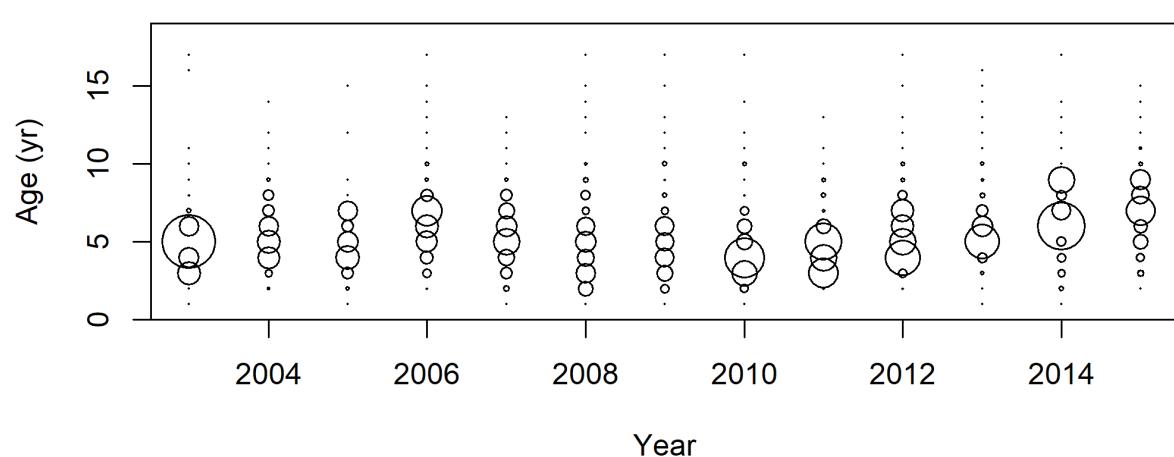


Figure 9: Age frequency by sex for the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey data. [fig:nw\\_age\\_freq](#)

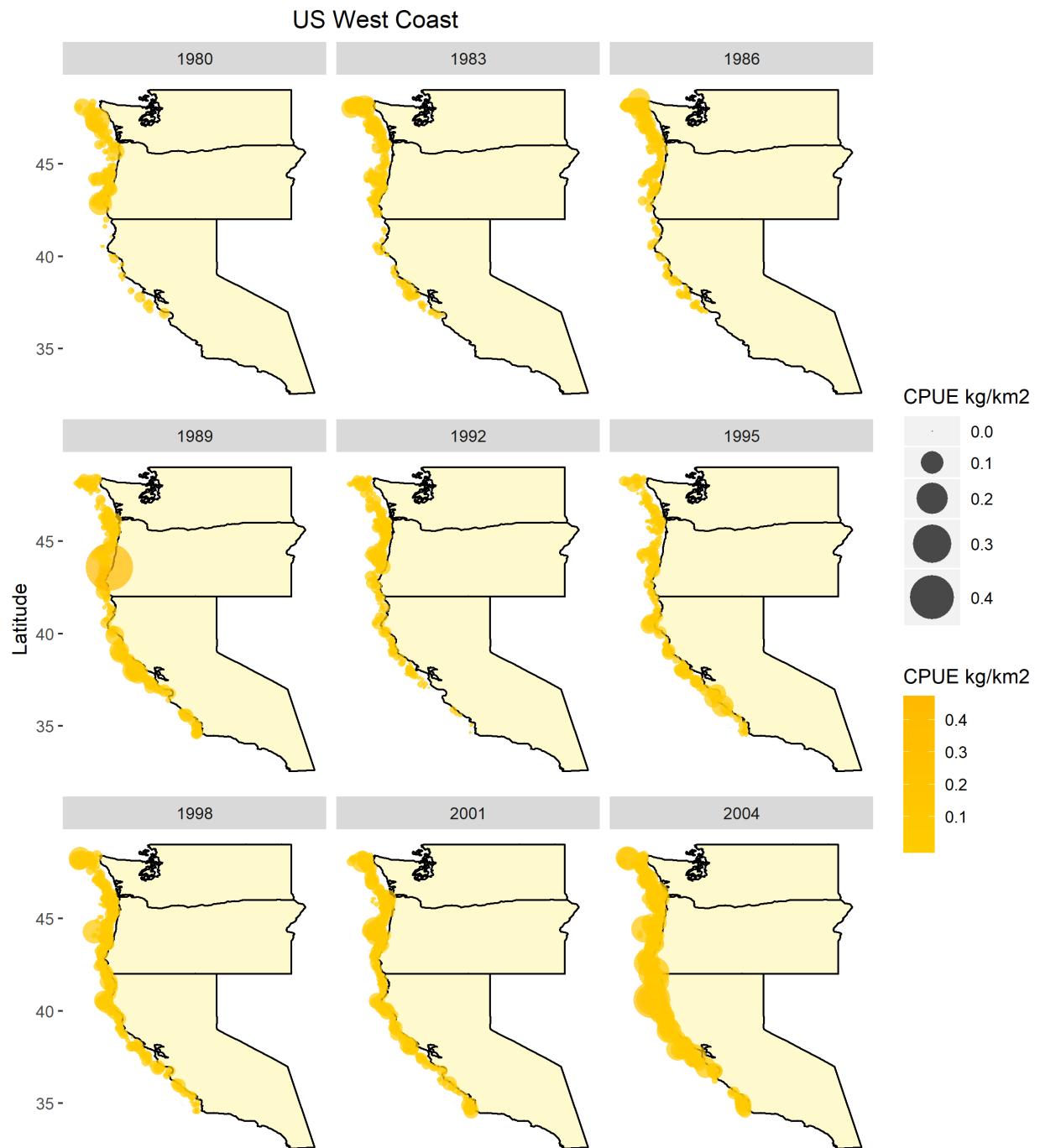
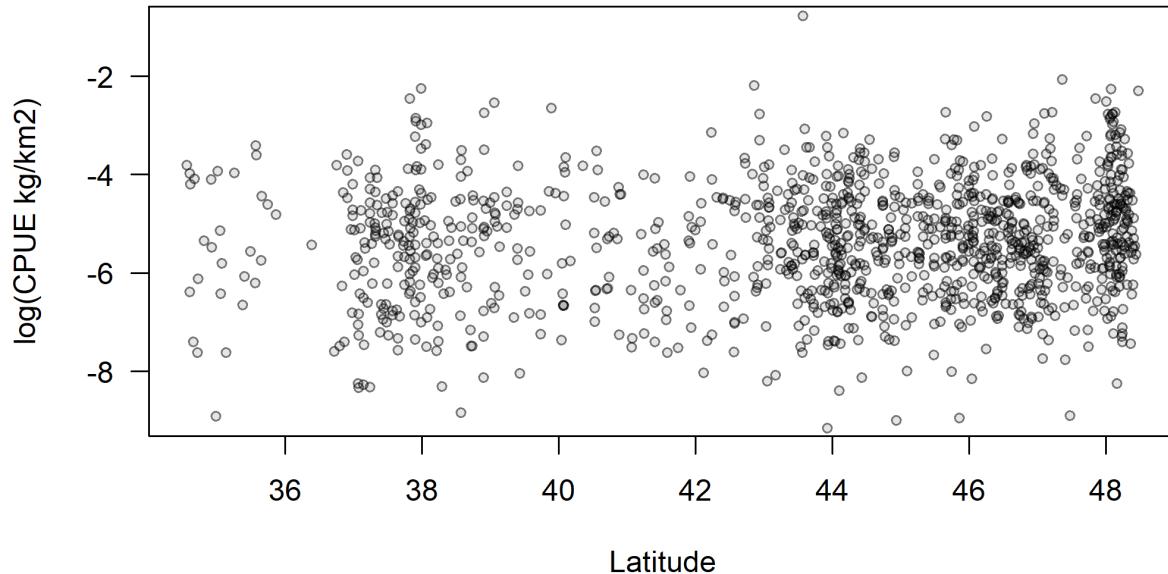


Figure 10: Map of the catch-per-unit-effort across by year for the Triennial Survey data. [fig:tri\\_map](#)

**Early**



**Late**

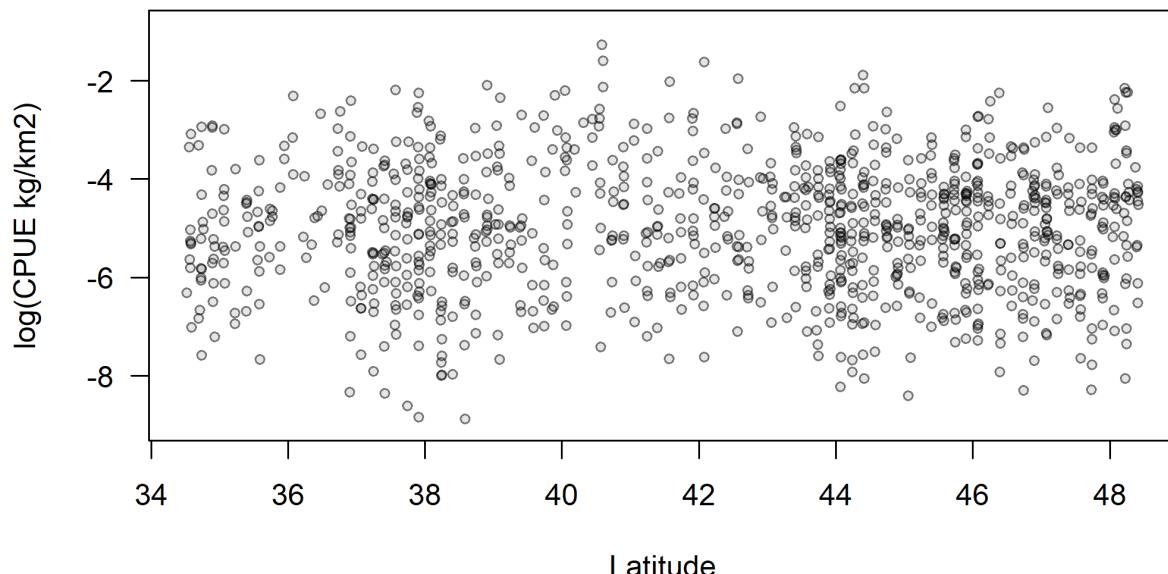
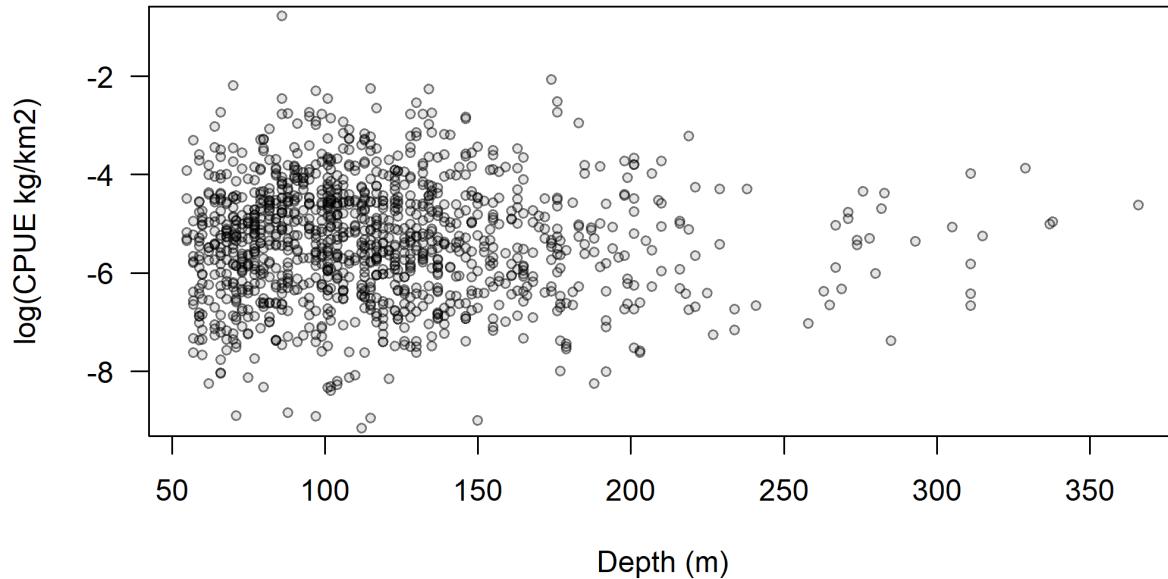


Figure 11: Catch-per-unit-effort (in log space) by latitude for the Triennial Survey data. `fig:tri_cpue_1`

**Early**



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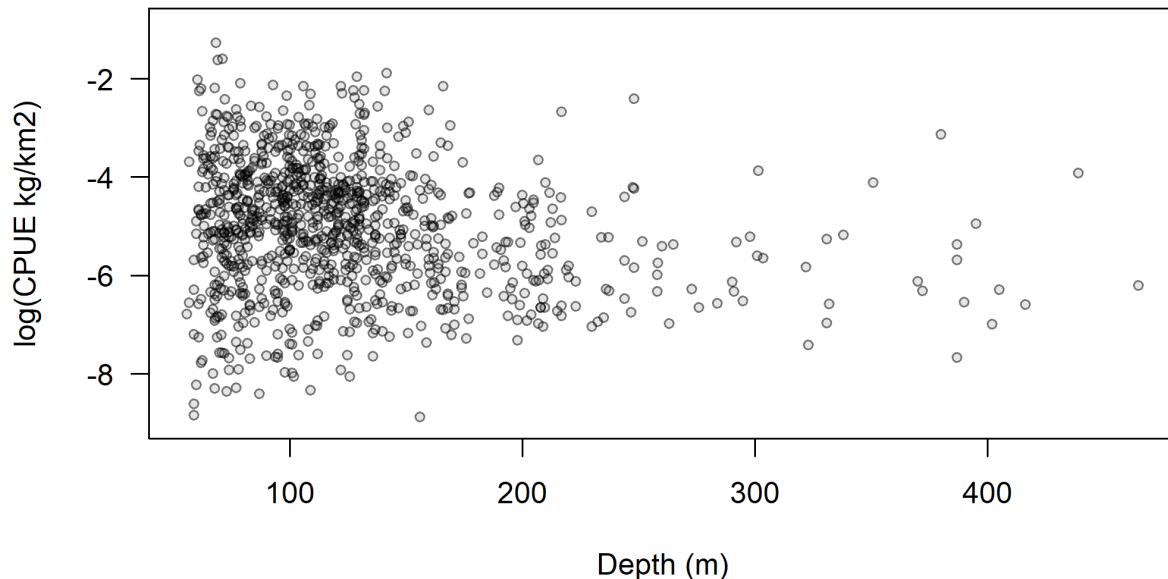


Figure 12: Catch-per-unit-effort (in log space) by depth (m) for the Triennial Survey data. `fig:tri_cpue`

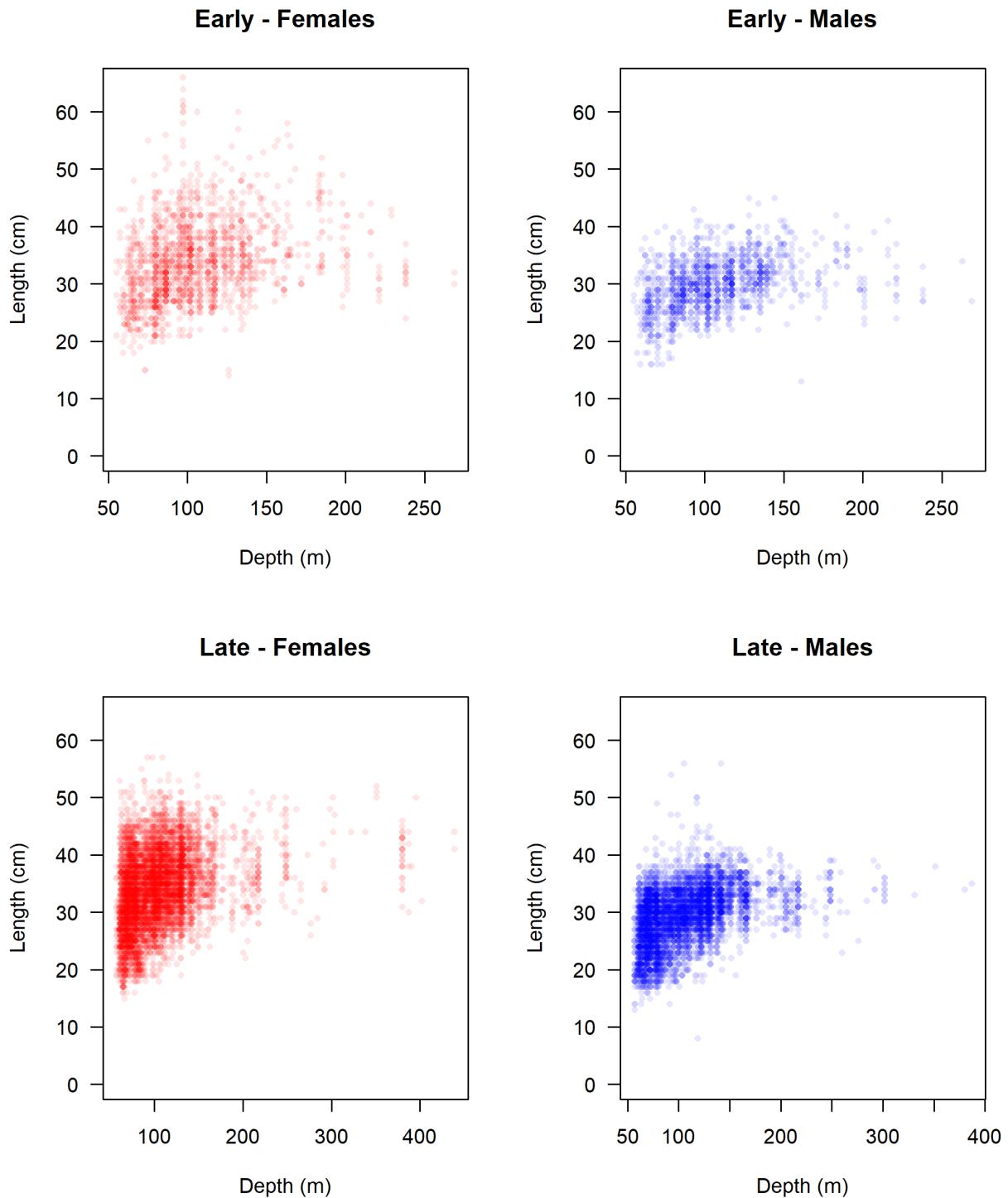


Figure 13: Length (cm) by depth (m) for the Triennial Survey data. `fig:tri_size_depth`

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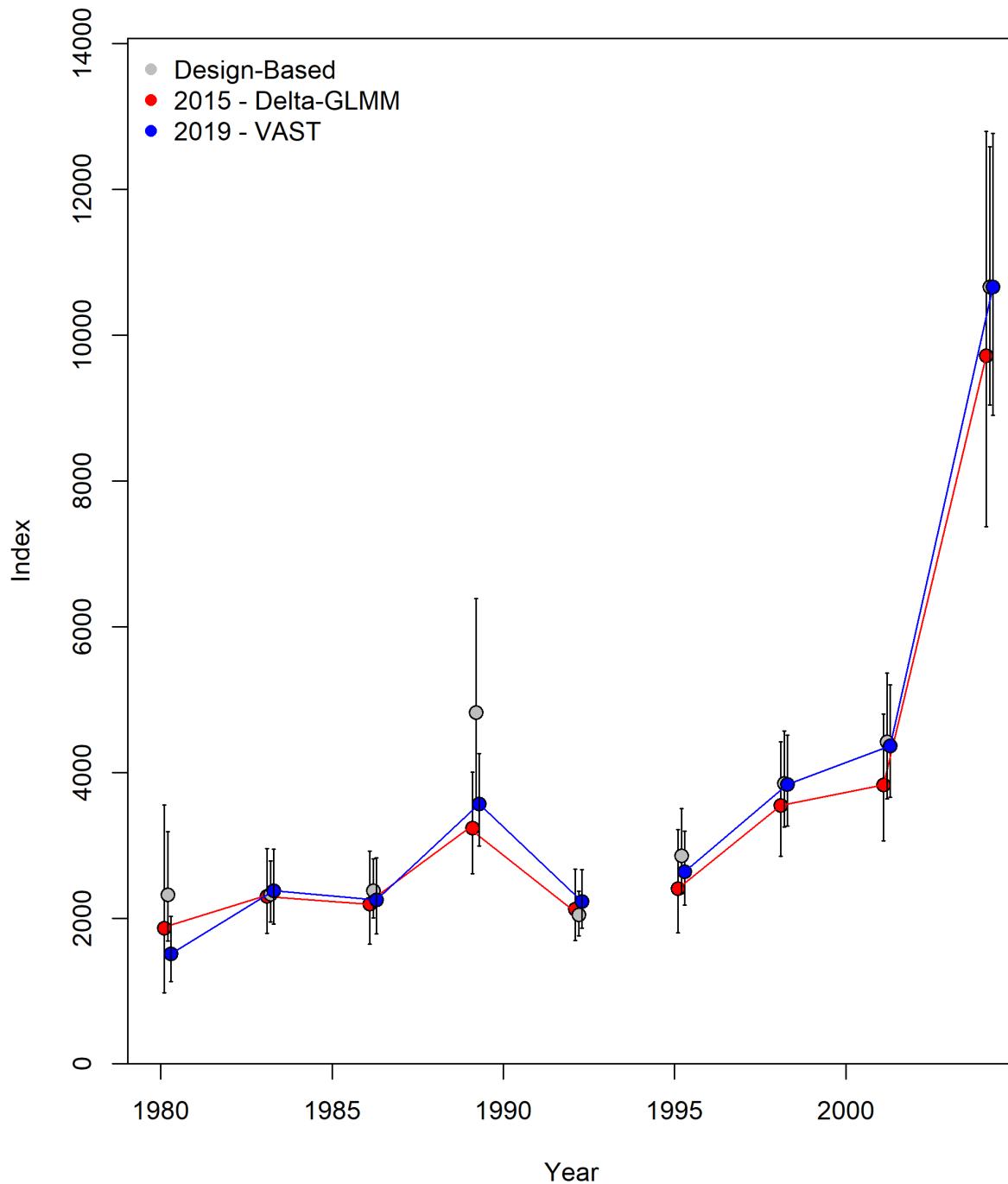


Figure 14: Estimated index of abundance from the Triennial Survey data compared to the design-based index and the index from the 2015 update assessment. [fig:tri\\_index](#)

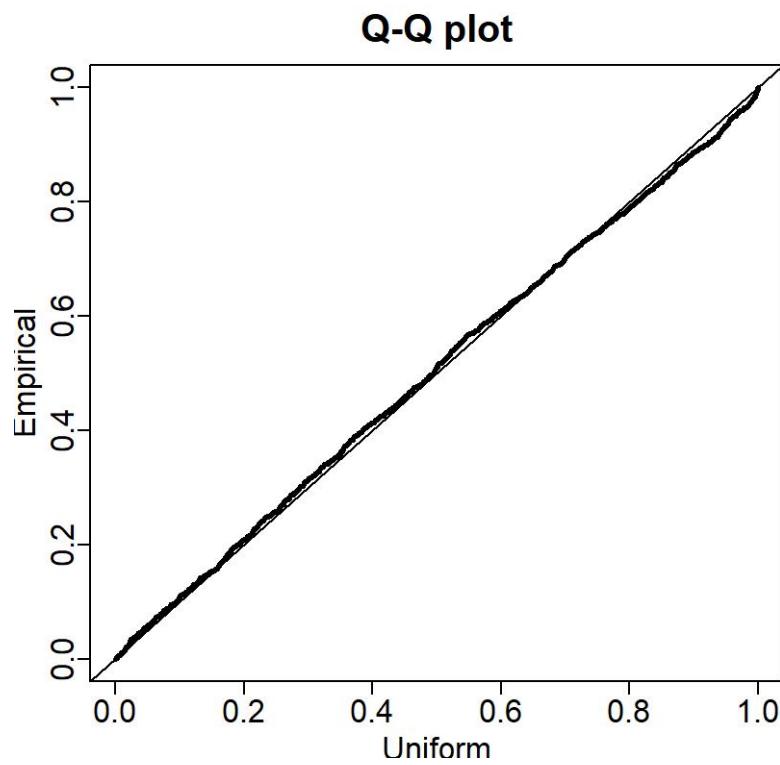


Figure 15: QQ plot for the Triennial Early Survey data. [fig:tri\\_early\\_qq](#)

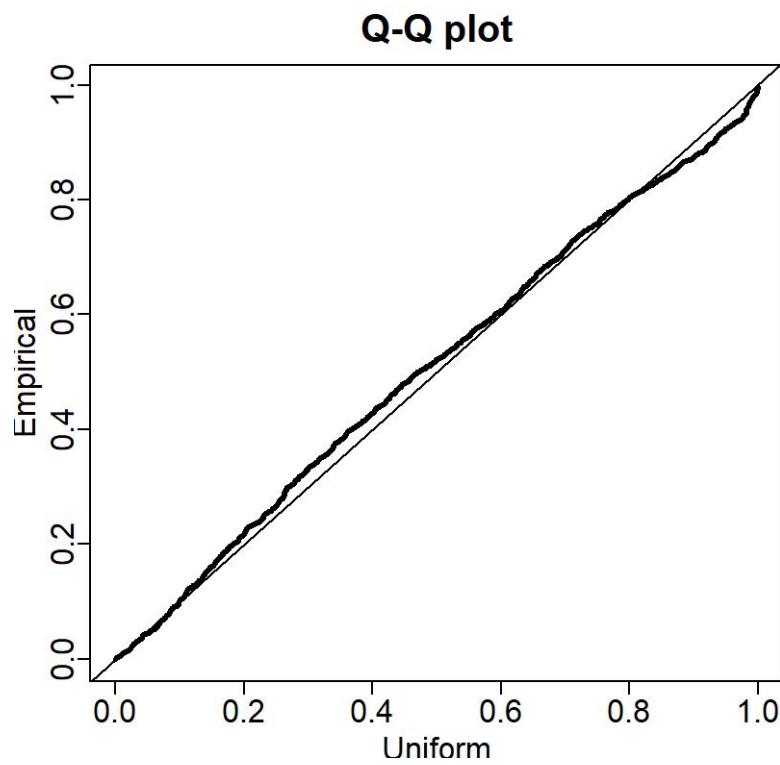
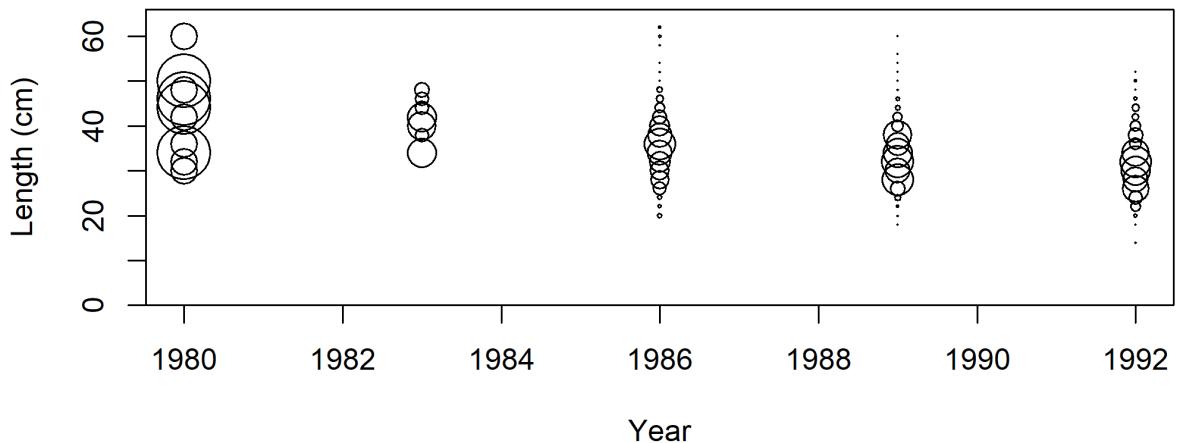


Figure 16: QQ plot for the Triennial Late Survey data. fig:tri\_late\_qq

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**Male**

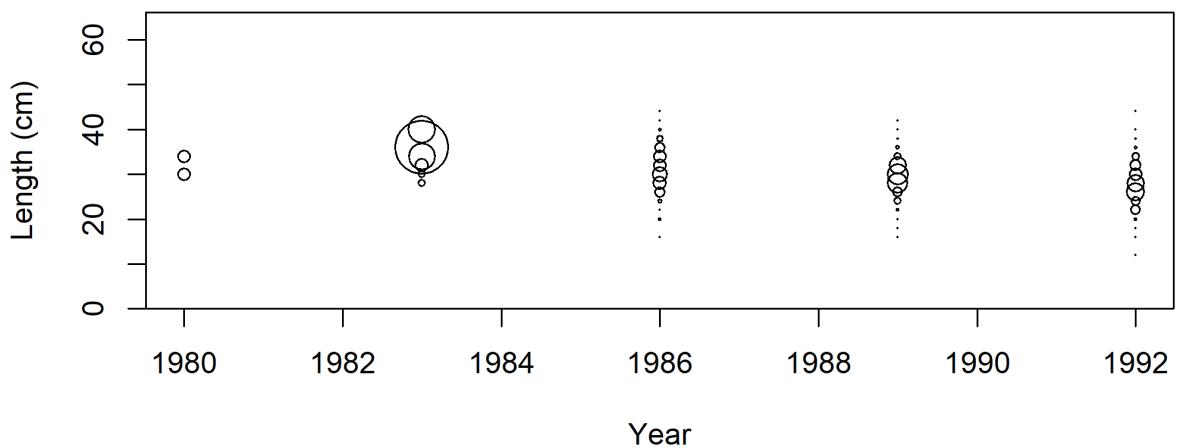
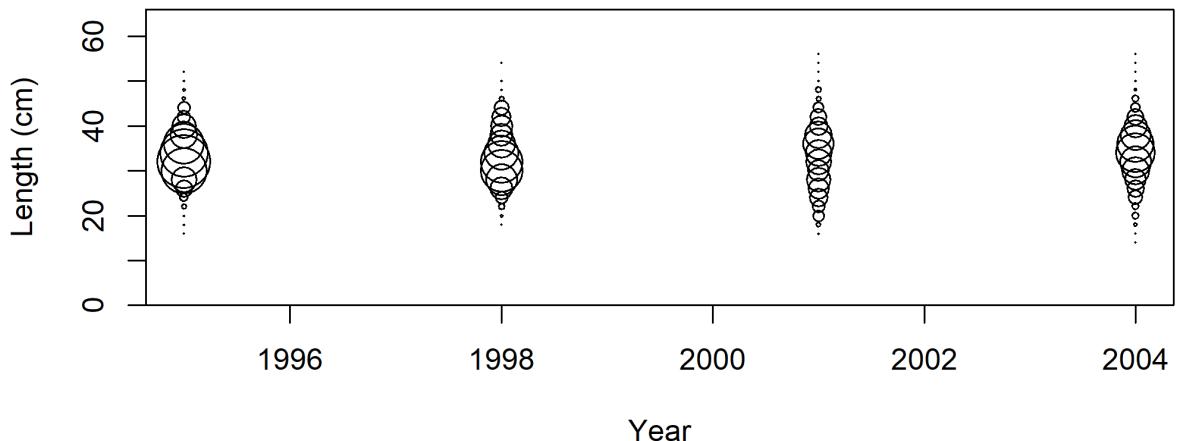


Figure 17: Length frequency by sex for the Triennial Early Survey data. [fig:tri\\_early\\_len\\_freq](#)

**Female**



**Male**

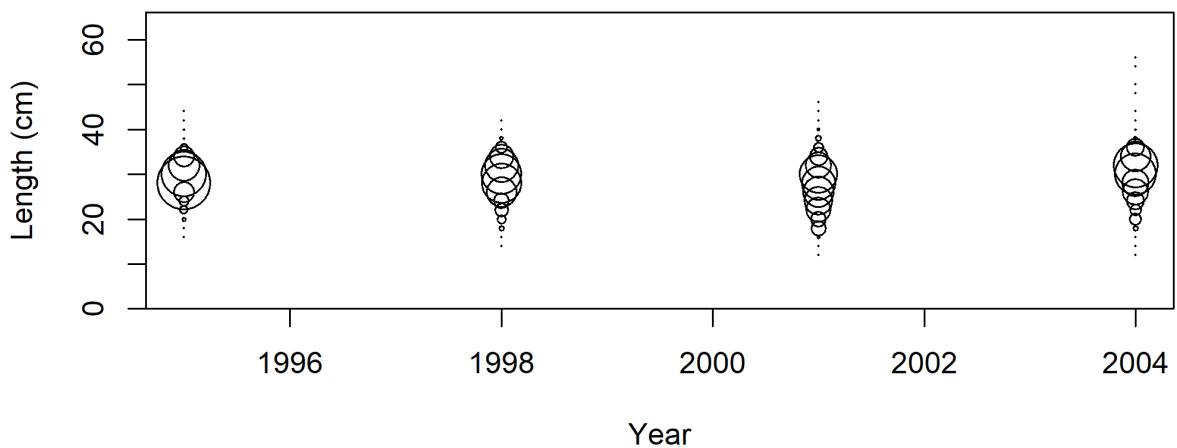


Figure 18: Length frequency by sex for the Triennial Late Survey data. `fig:tri_late_len_freq`

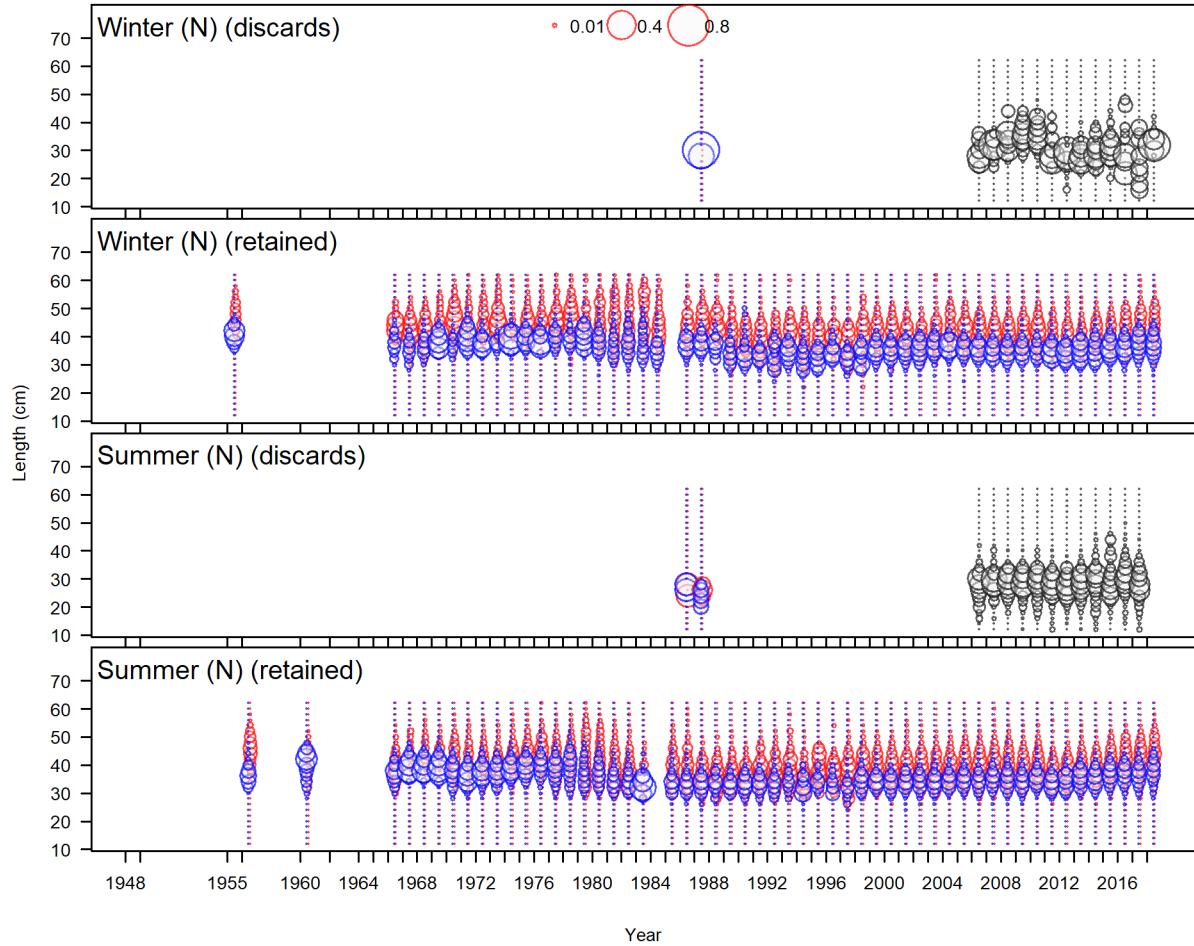


Figure 19: Northern fishery, winter and summer, retained and discarded length frequency distributions for petrale sole. [fig:north\\_lengths](#)

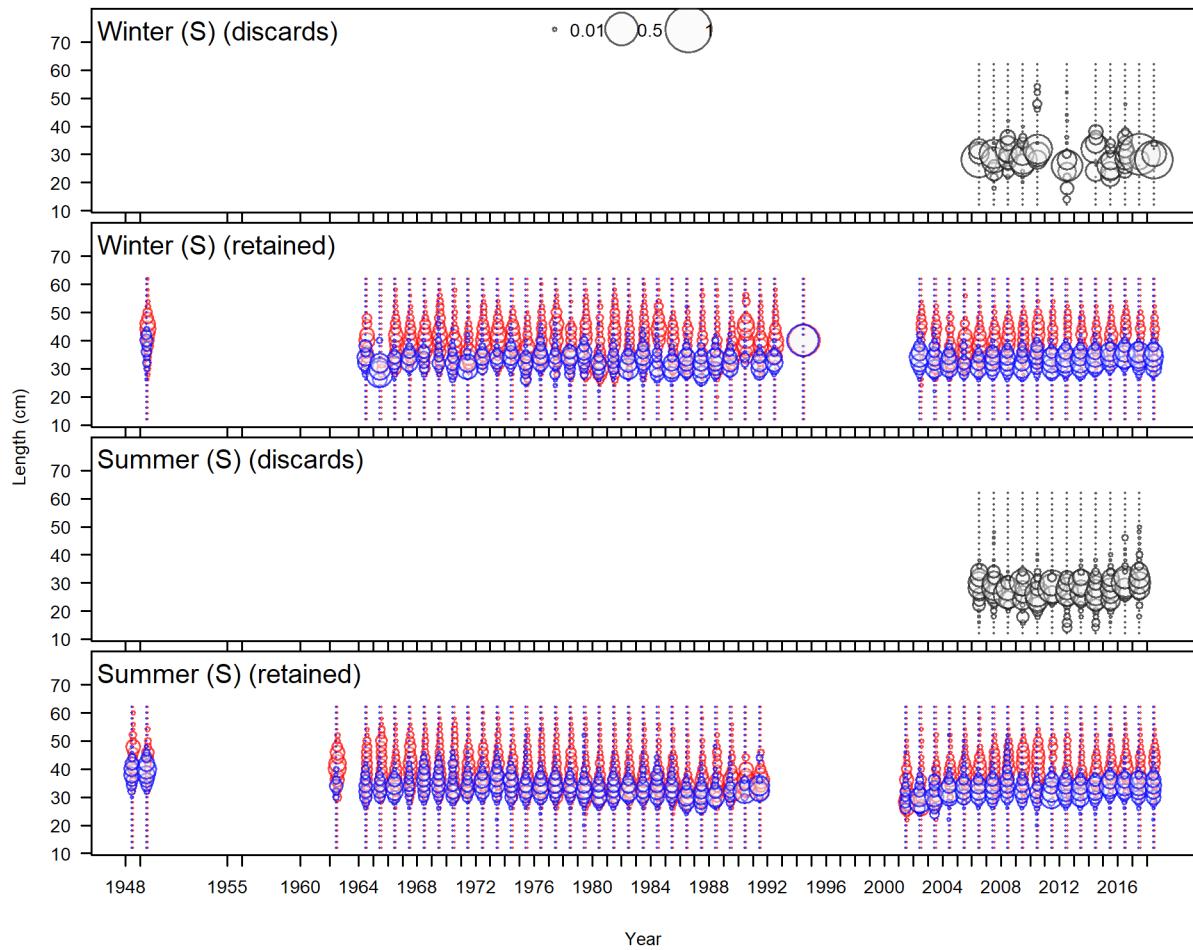


Figure 20: Southern fishery, winter and summer, retained and discarded length frequency distributions for petrale sole. [fig:south\\_lengths](#)

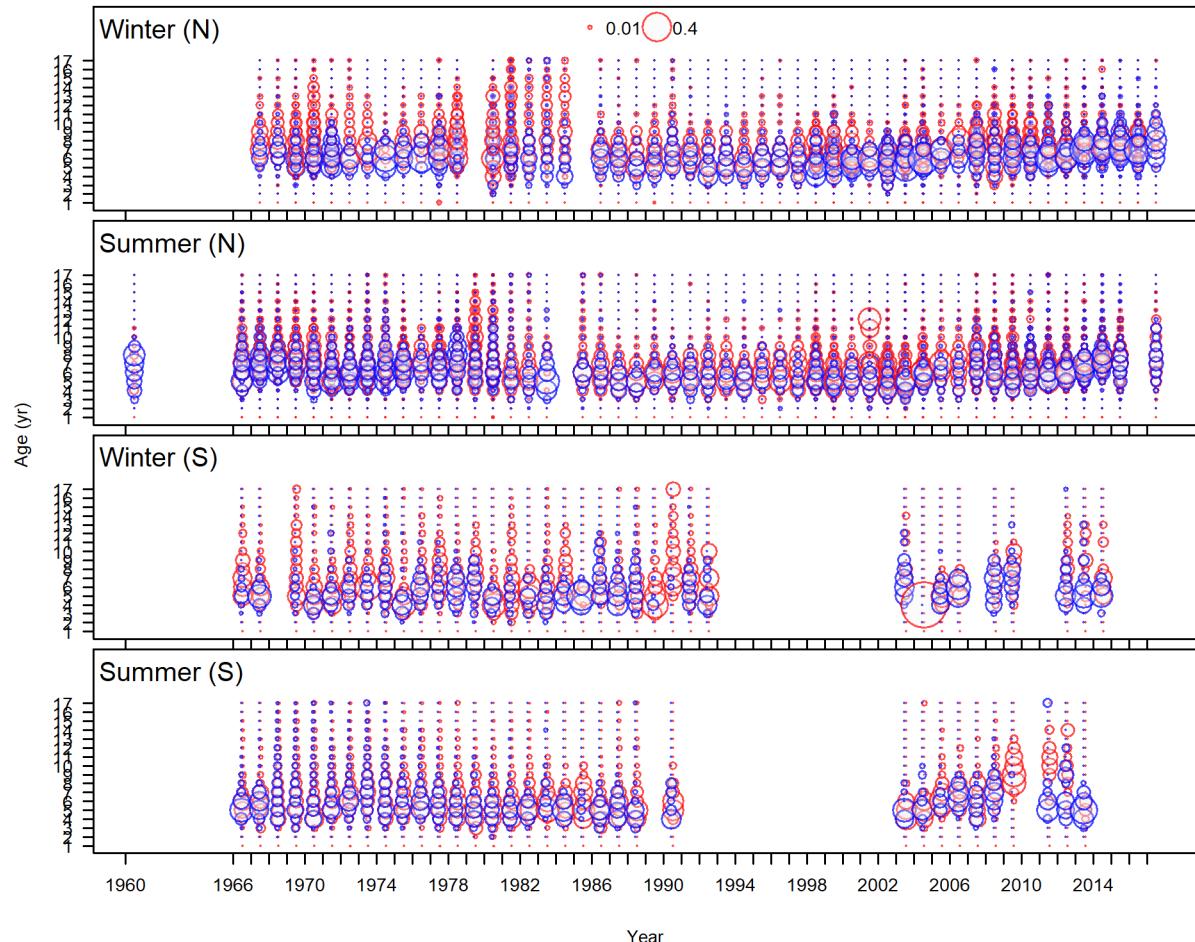


Figure 21: Commercial fishery age frequency distributions for petrale sole. `fig:comm_ages`

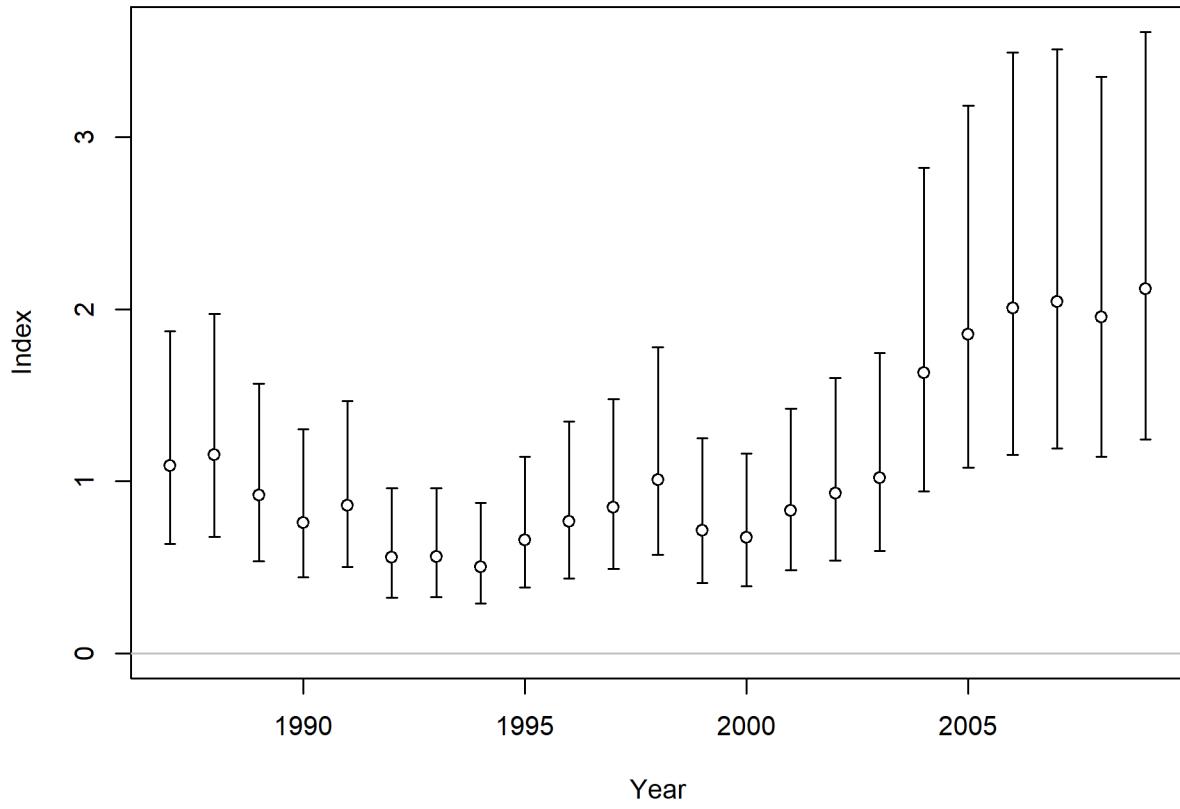


Figure 22: The Northern Winter fishery catch-per-unit-effort based on logbook data for petrale sole. [fig:north\\_cpue](#)

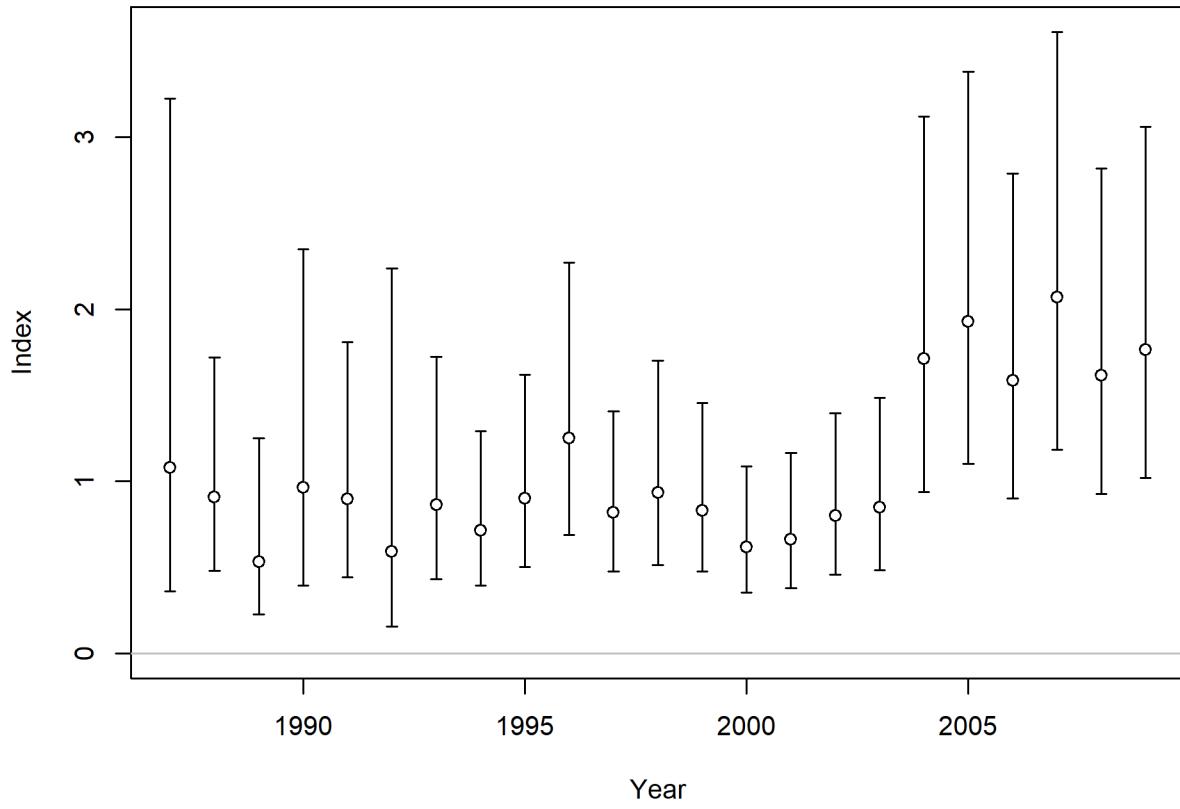


Figure 23: The Southern Winter fishery catch-per-unit-effort based on logbook data for petrale sole. | [fig:south\\_cpue](#)

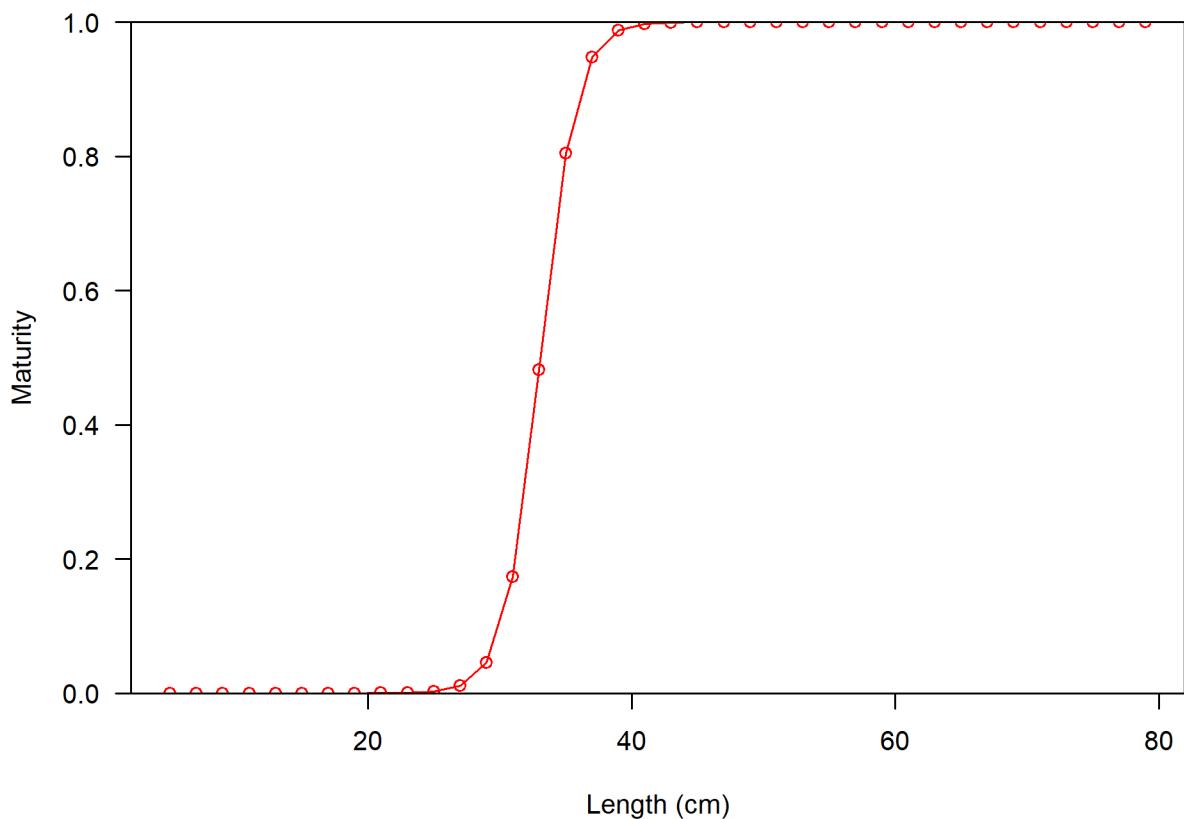


Figure 24: Estimated maturity-at-length for petrale sole. `fig:maturity`

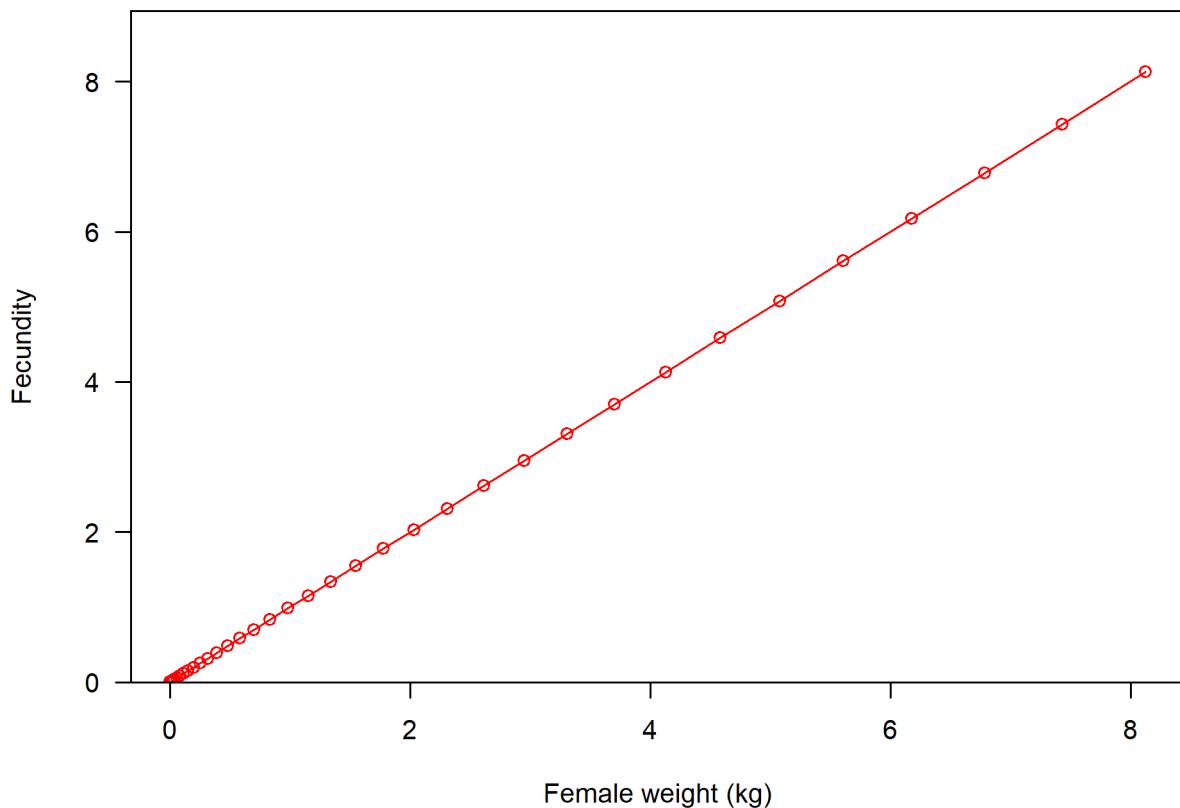


Figure 25: Fecundity-at-length assumed in the model for petrale sole. [fig:fecundity\\_model](#)

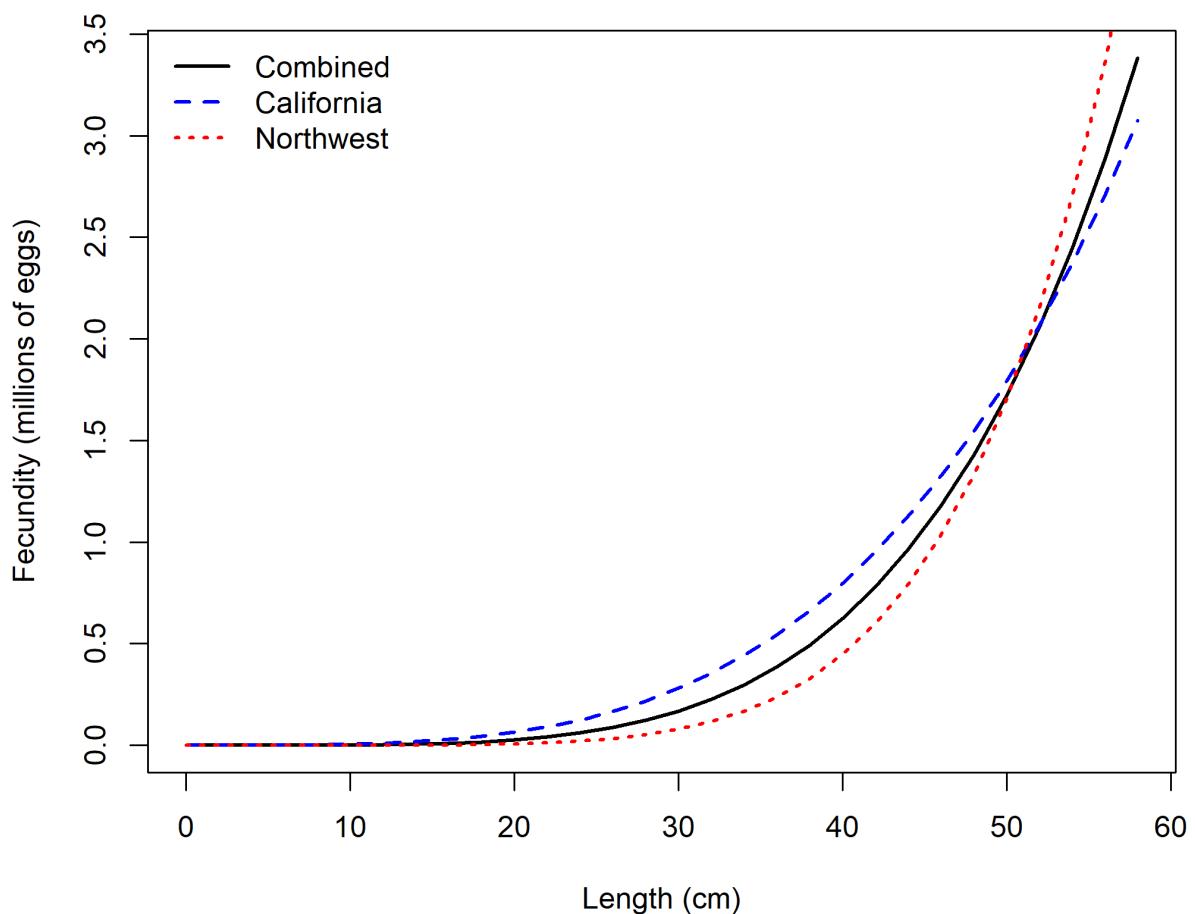


Figure 26: Estimated fecundity-at-length for petrale sole based on Lefebvre et al. (in press). fig:fecundity

### NWFSC Shelf-Slope

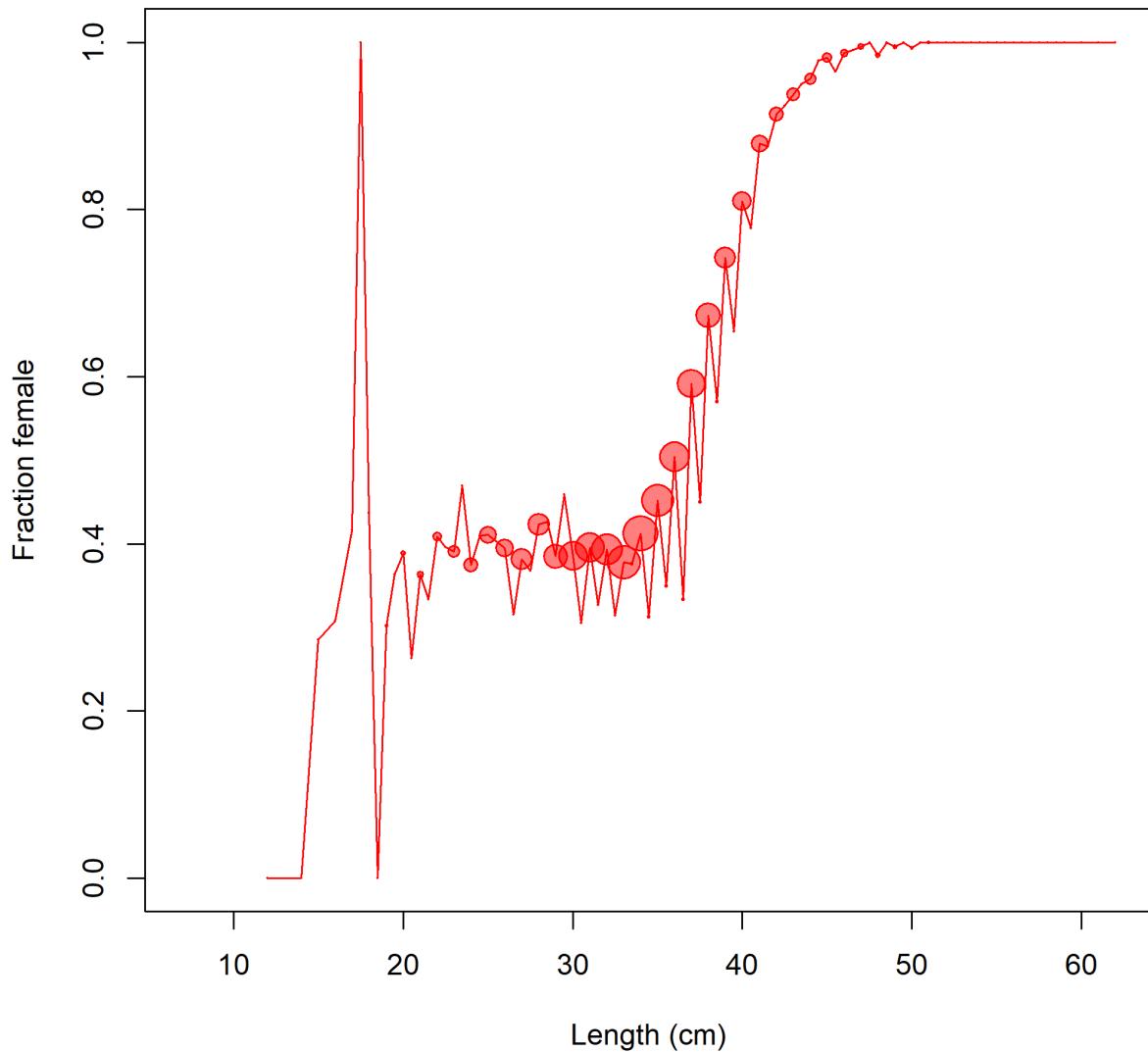


Figure 27: Estimated proportion of female fish collected by the NWFSC shelf-slope survey across all years for petrale sole. [fig:sex\\_ratio](#)

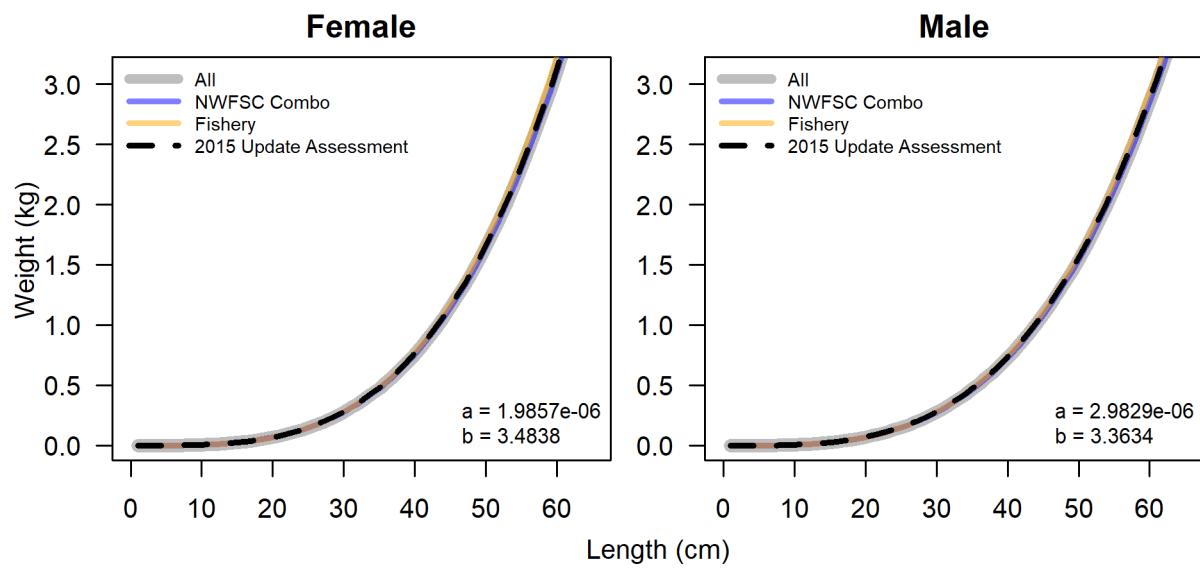


Figure 28: Estimated weight-at-length for female and male petrale sole. [fig:wt\\_length](#)

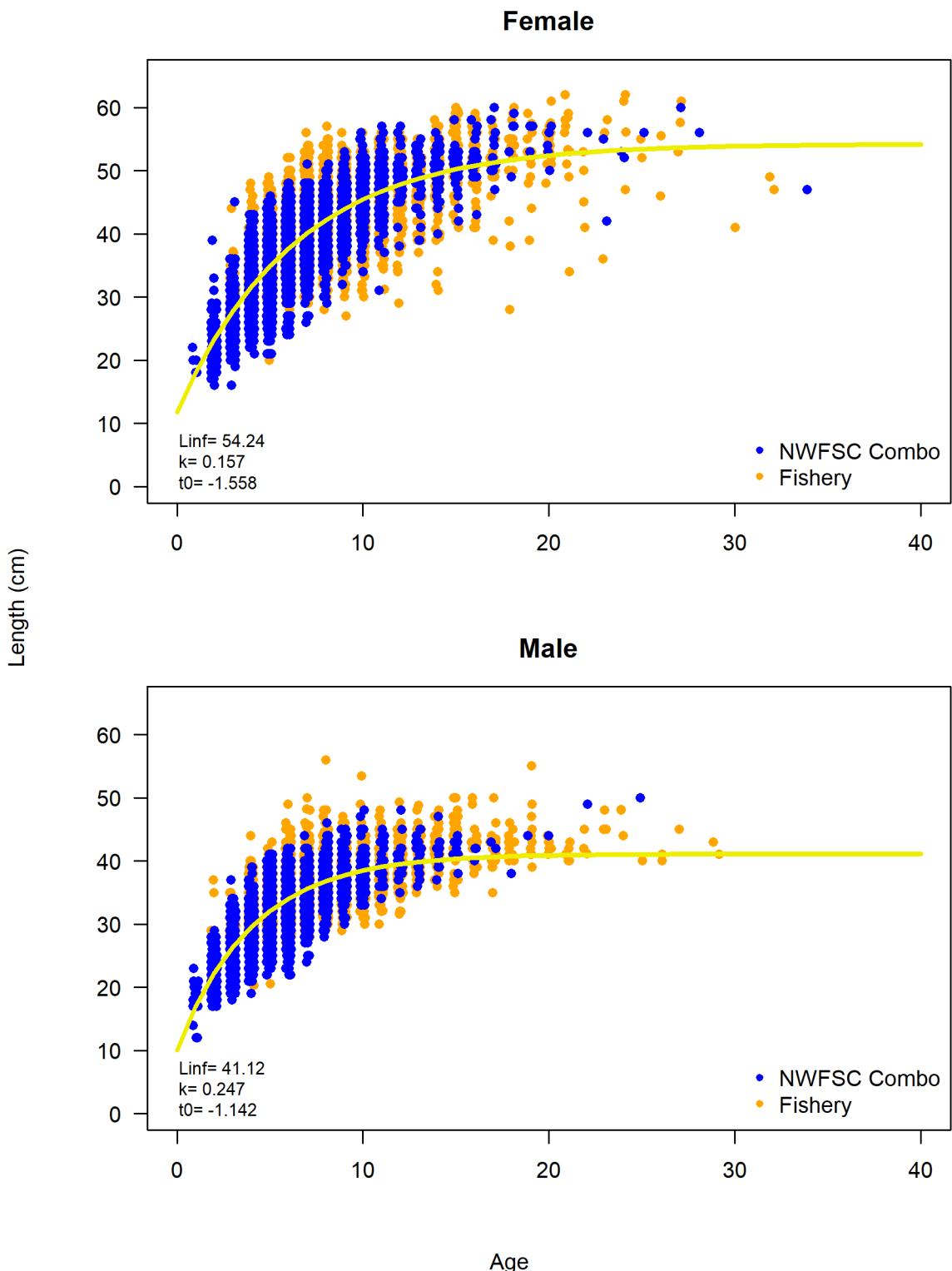


Figure 29: Length-at-age across data sources for female and male petrale sole. fig:length\_age

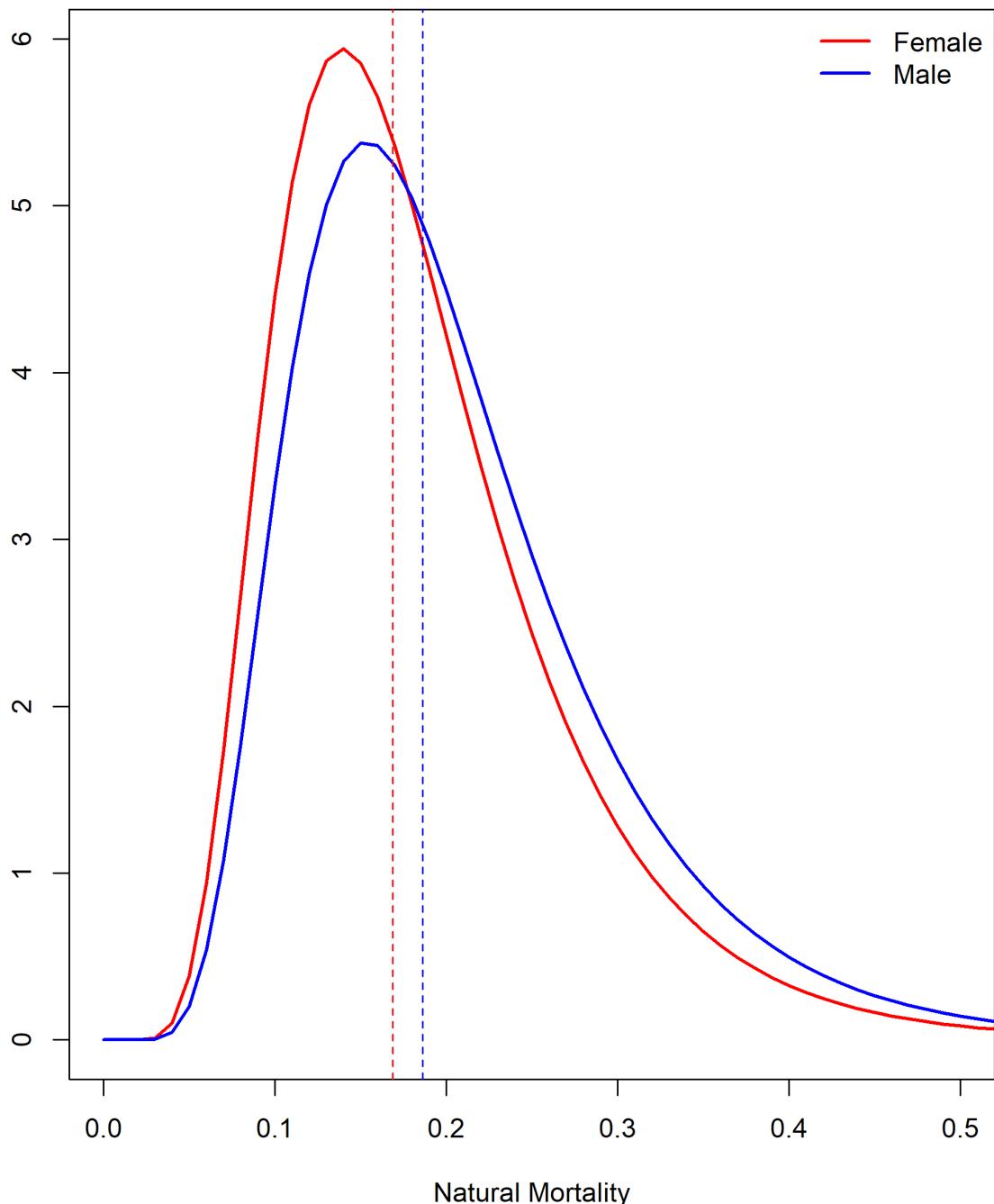


Figure 30: Prior distribution for natural mortality for female and male petrale sole. `fig:m_prior`

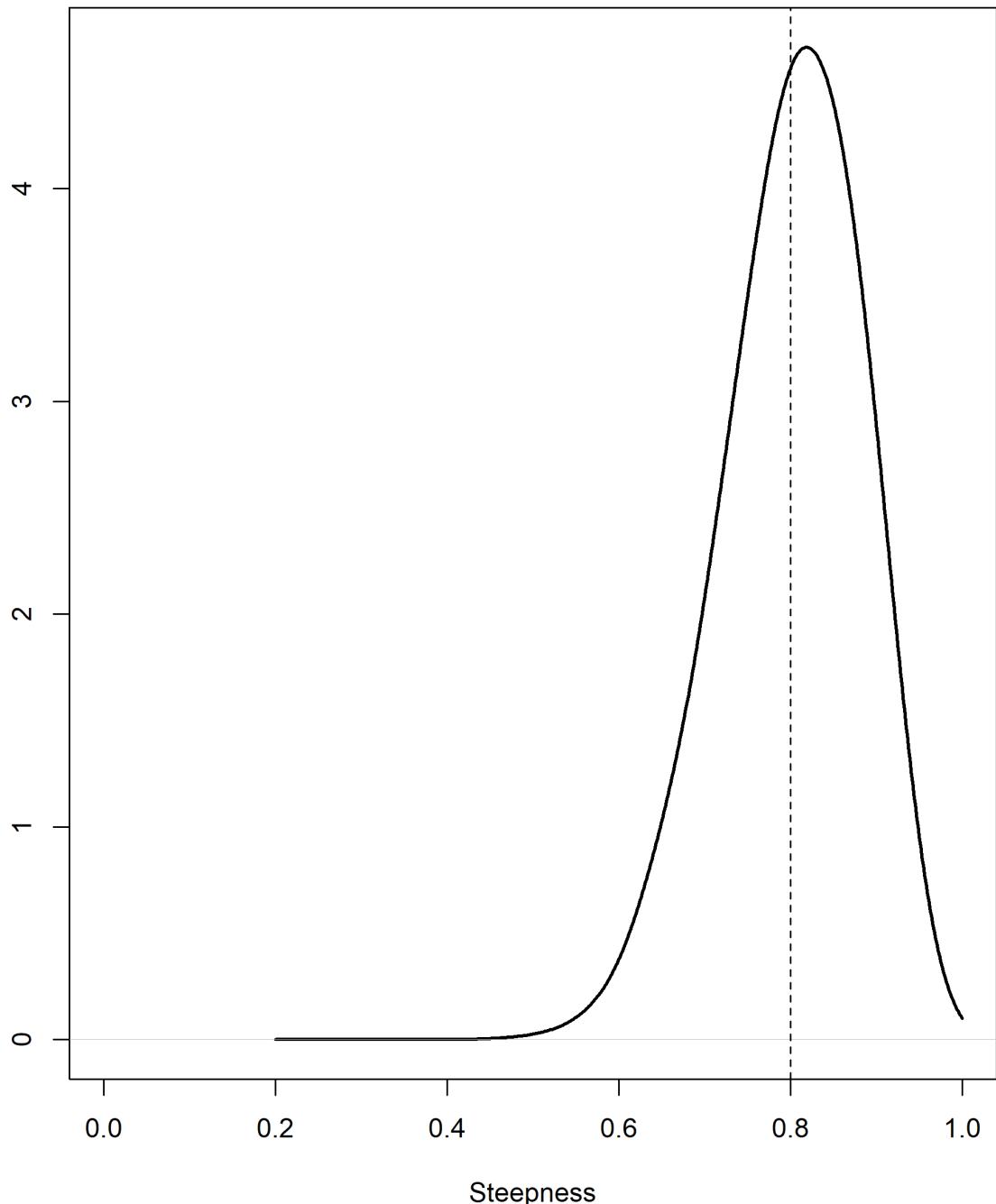


Figure 31: Prior distribution for steepness petrale sole. `fig:h_prior`

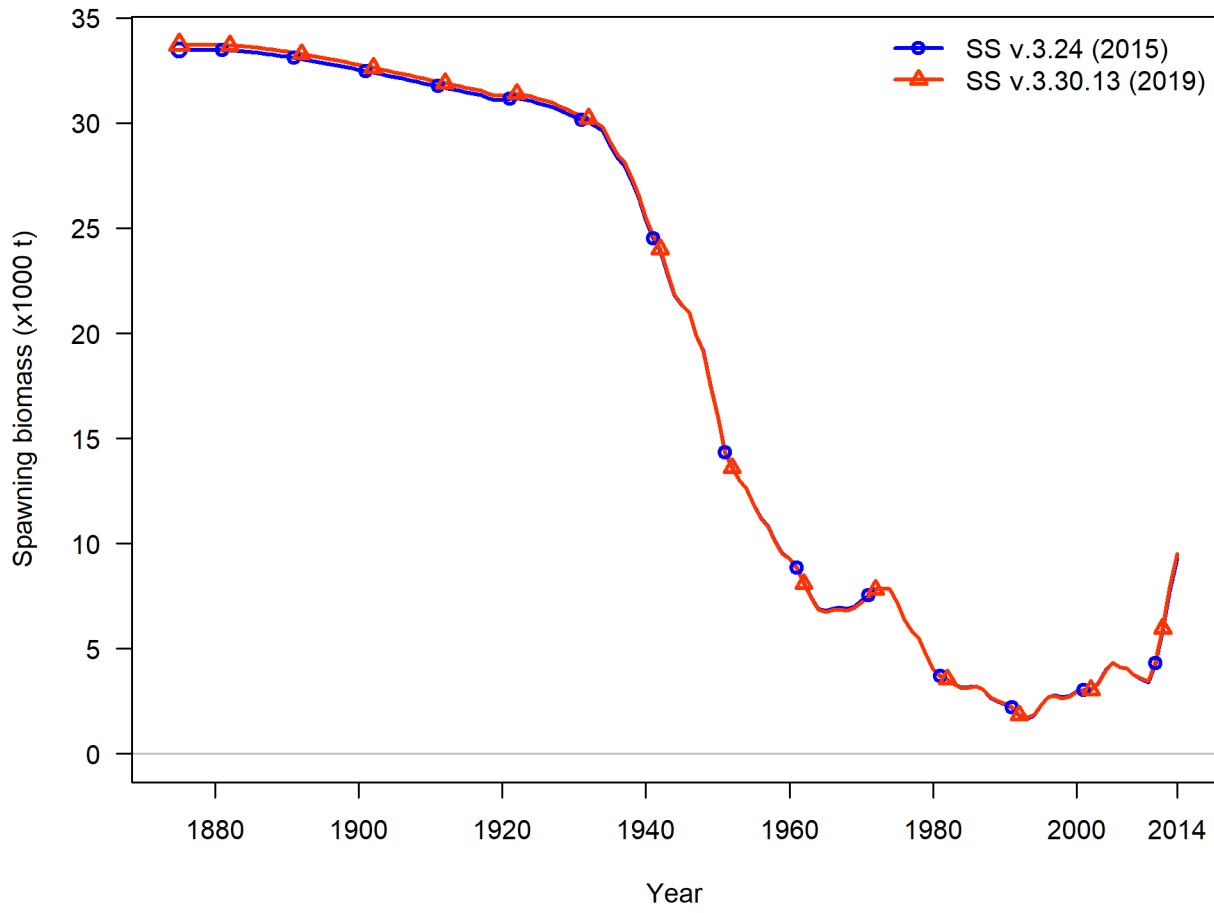


Figure 32: Comparison of model bridging estimates from Stock Synthesis version 3.30.13 and 3.24U for petrale sole for the 2015 assessment. fig:bridge

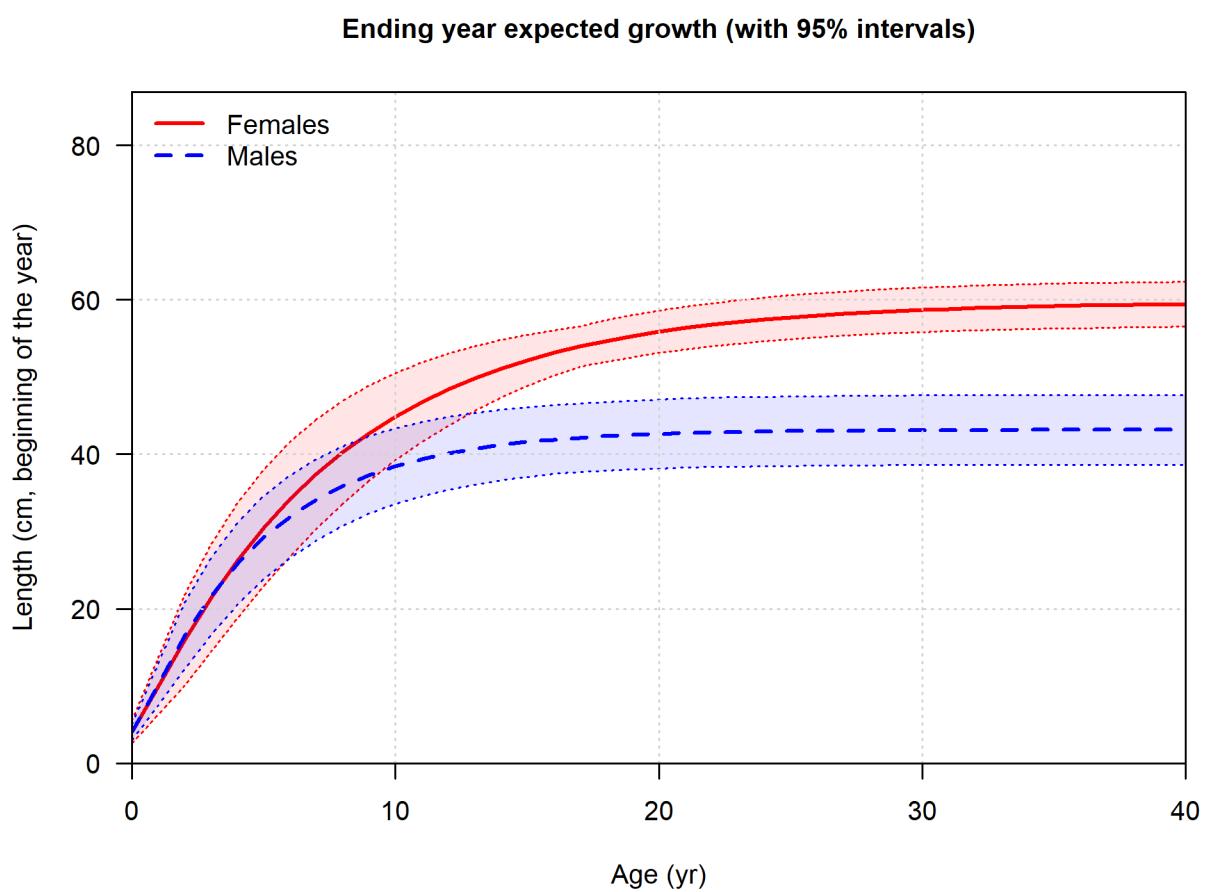


Figure 33: Estimated length-at-age for male and female for petrale sole with estimated CV. fig: sizeatage

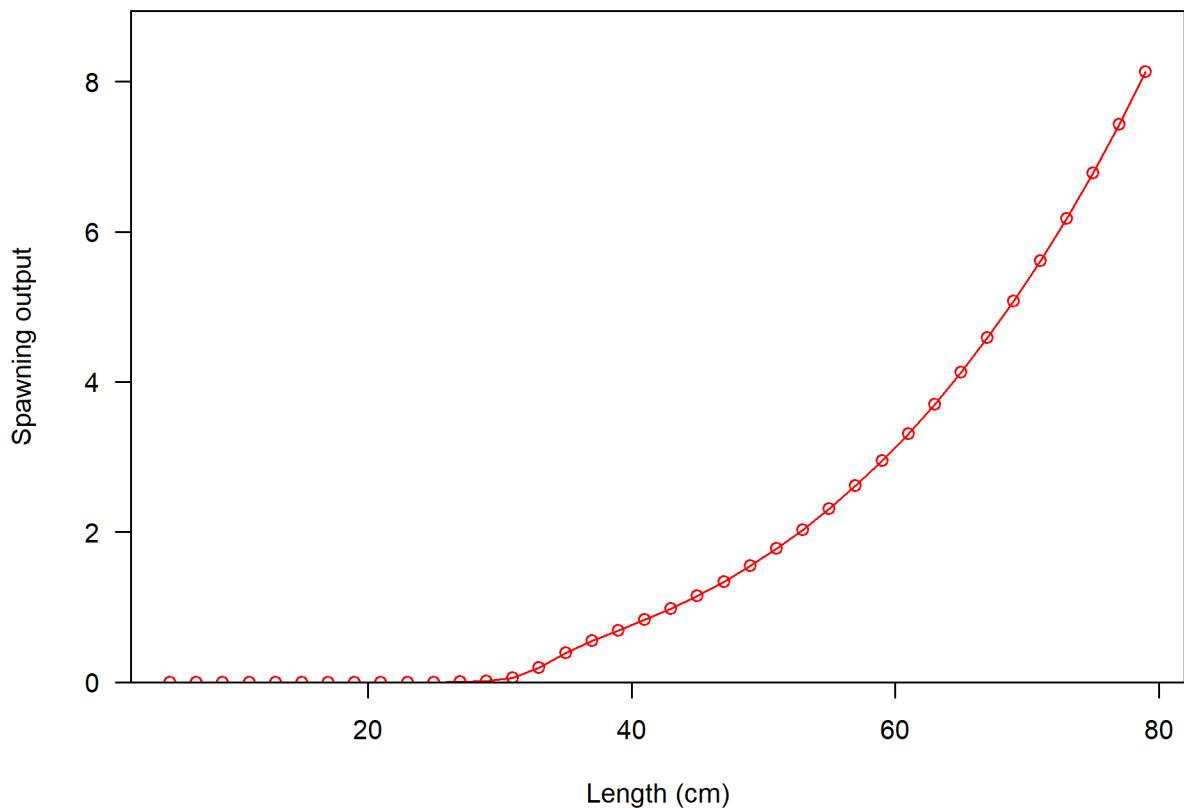


Figure 34: Estimated spawning output-at-length for female petrale sole. `fig:spawnoutlen`

**Age-0 recruits (1,000s) with ~95% asymptotic intervals**

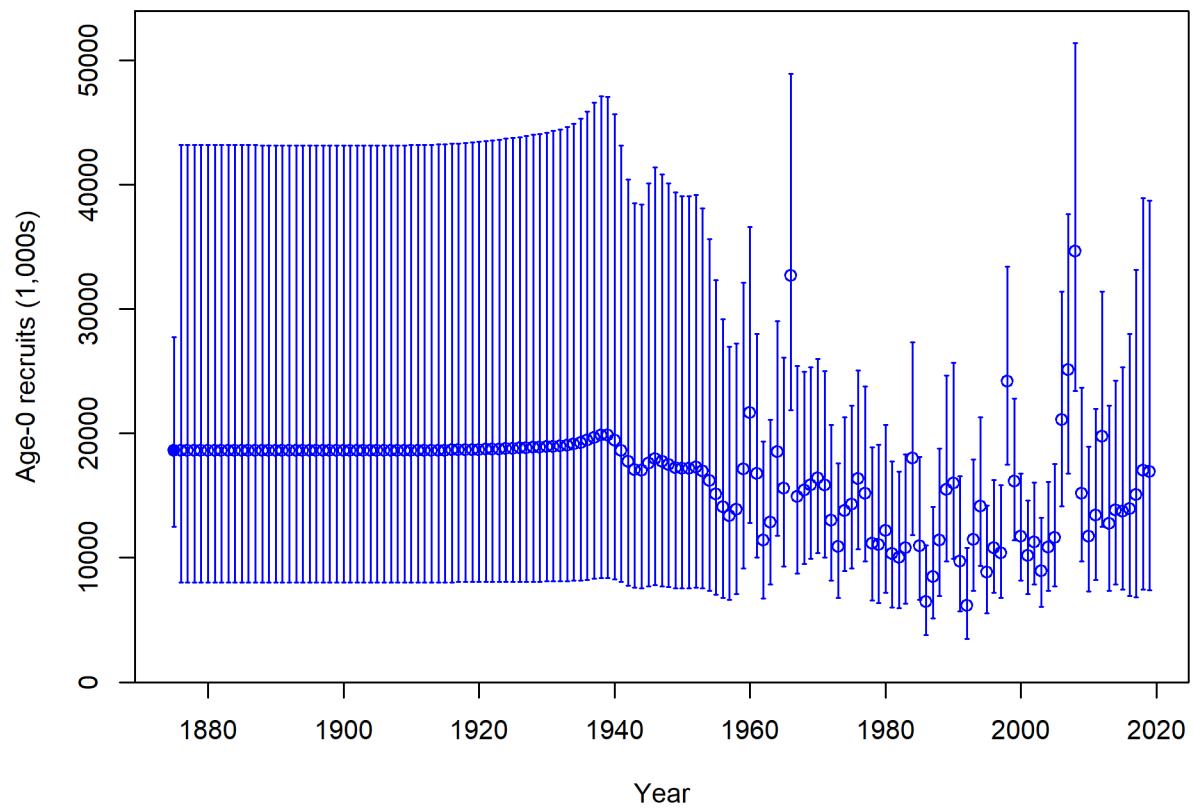


Figure 35: Estimated time-series of recruitment for petrale sole. `fig:recruits`

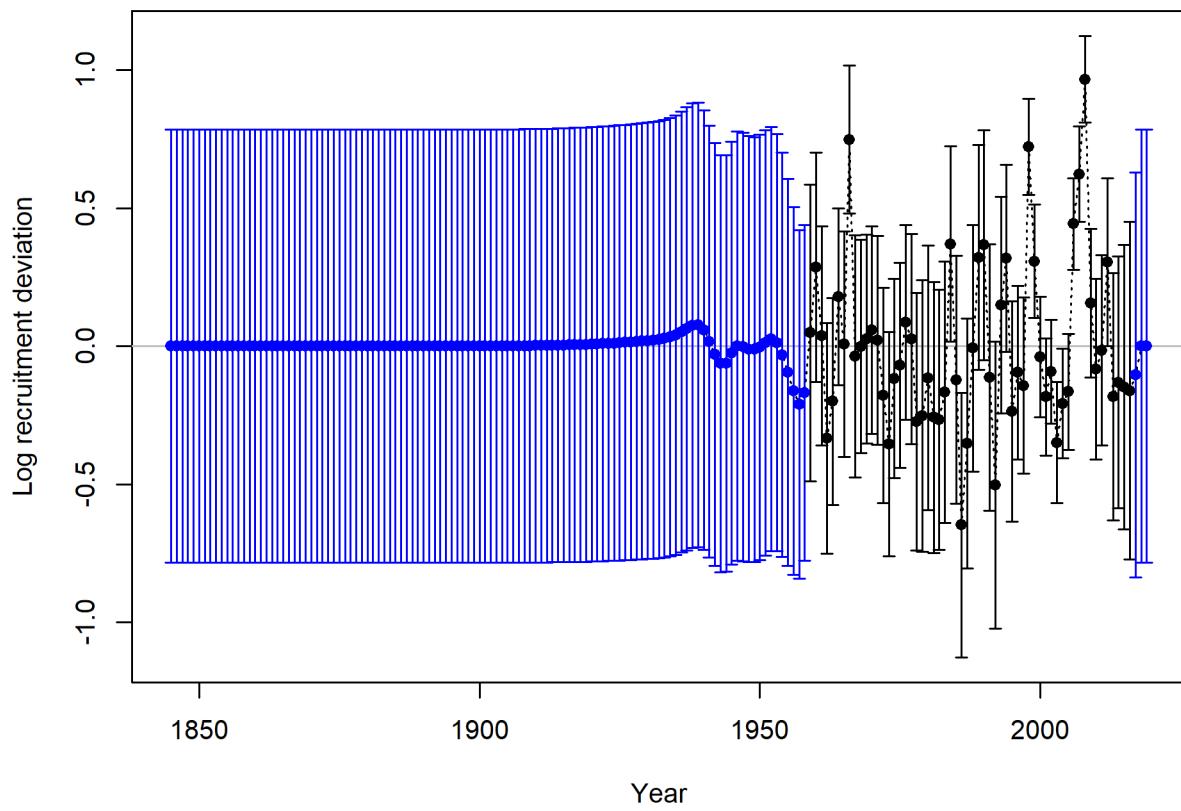


Figure 36: Estimated time-series of recruitment deviations for petrale sole. `fig:recdevs`

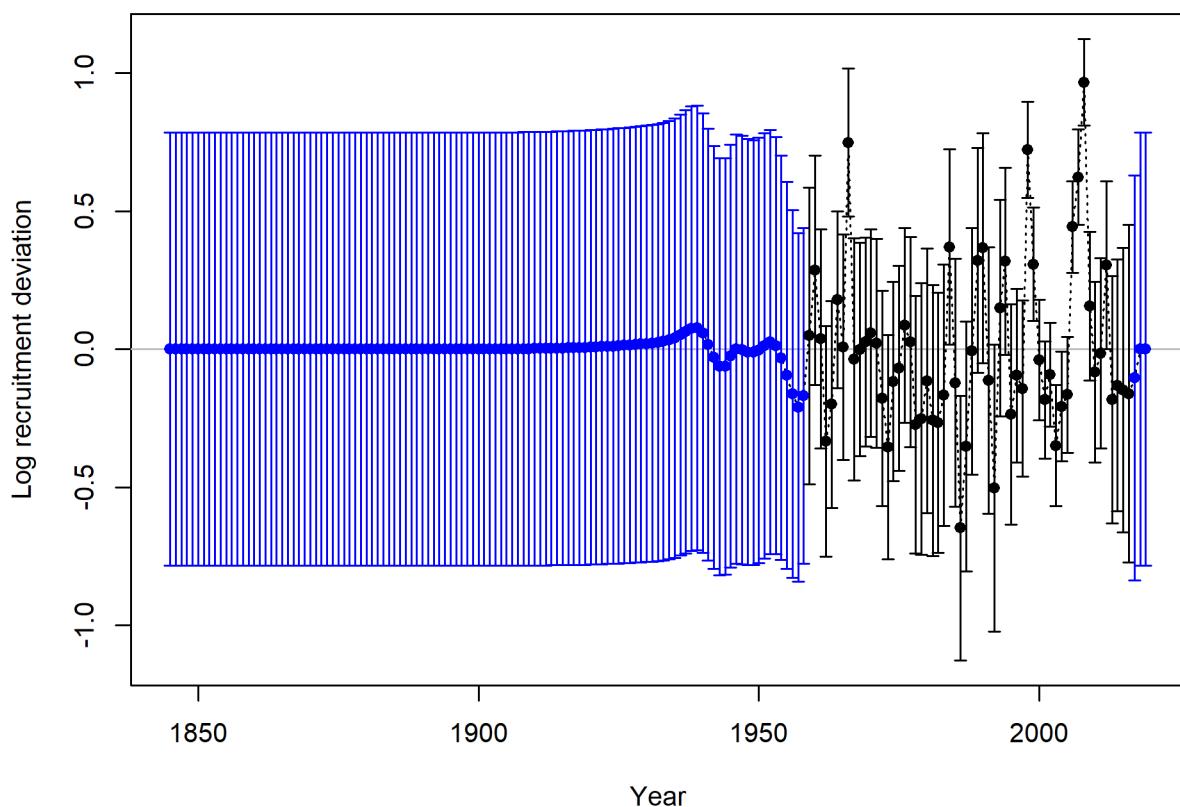


Figure 37: Estimated recruitment deviations. `fig:rec_devs`

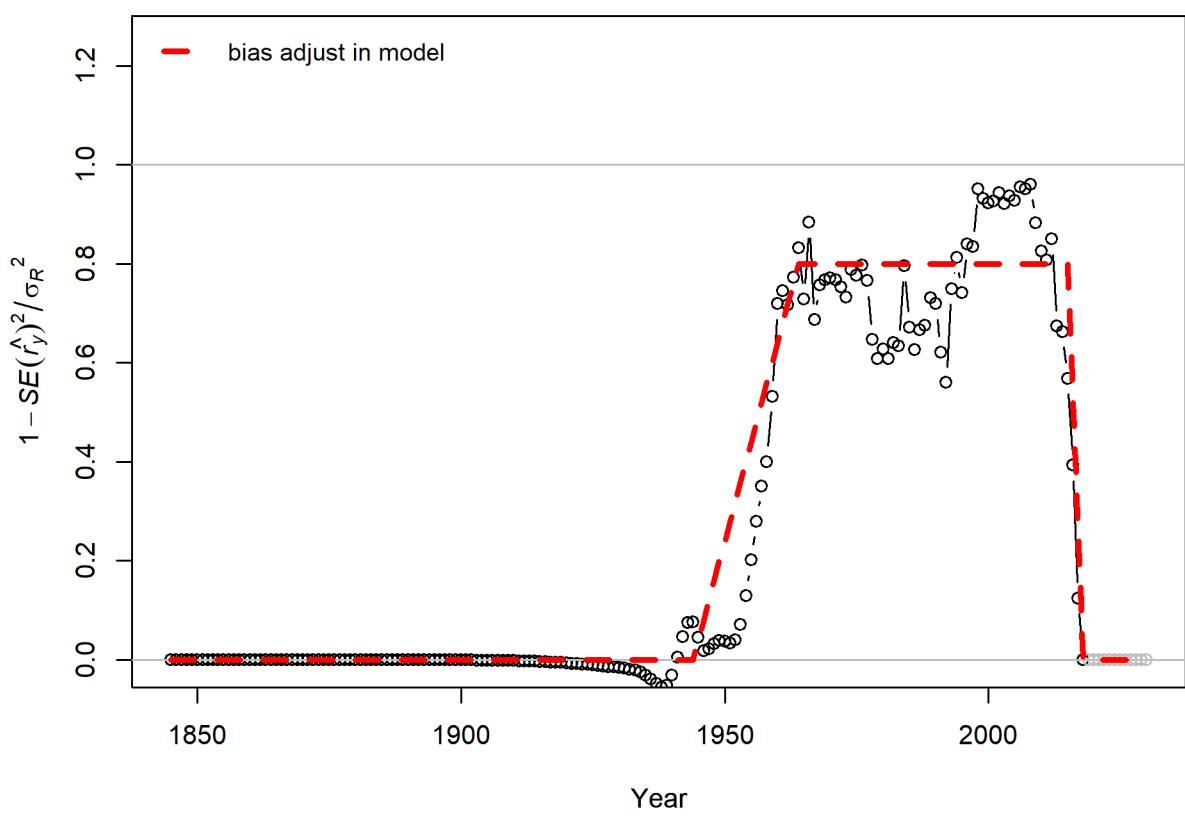


Figure 38: Recruitment bias adjustment in the model. `fig:bias_adjust`

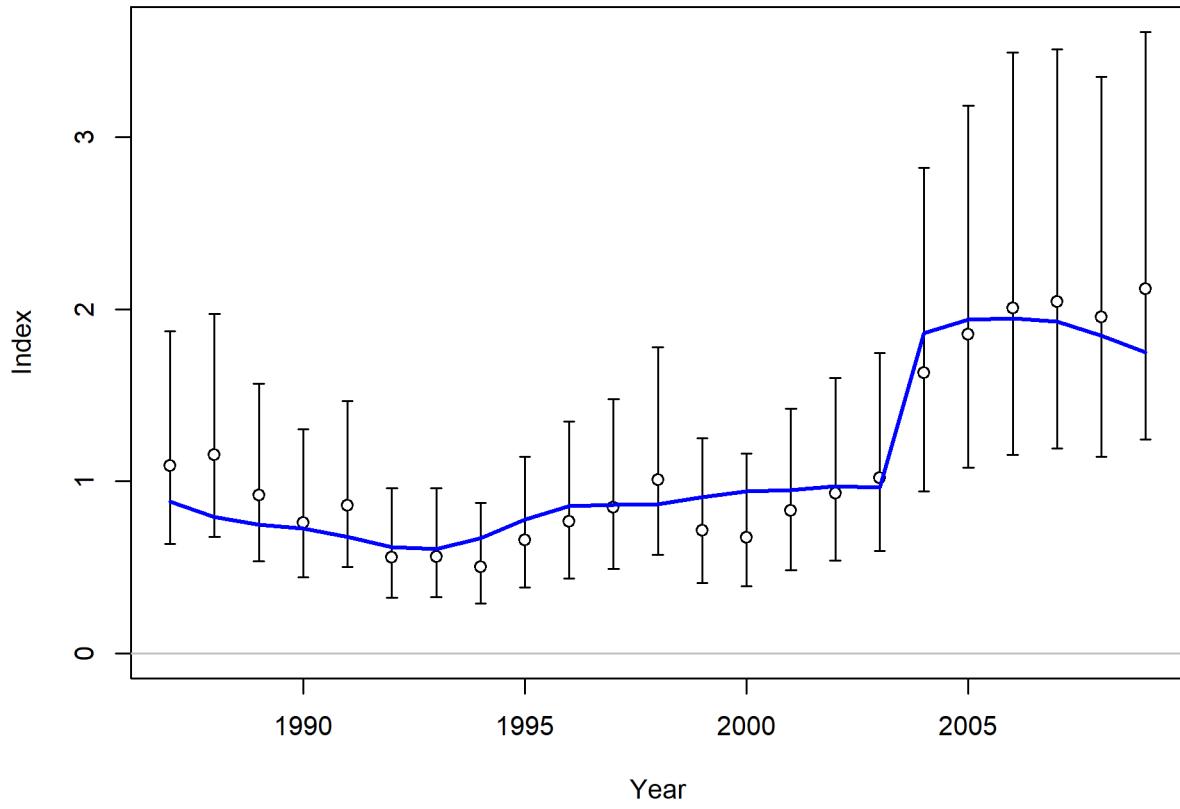


Figure 39: Fit to the Winter North catch-per-unit-effort time series for petrale sole.  
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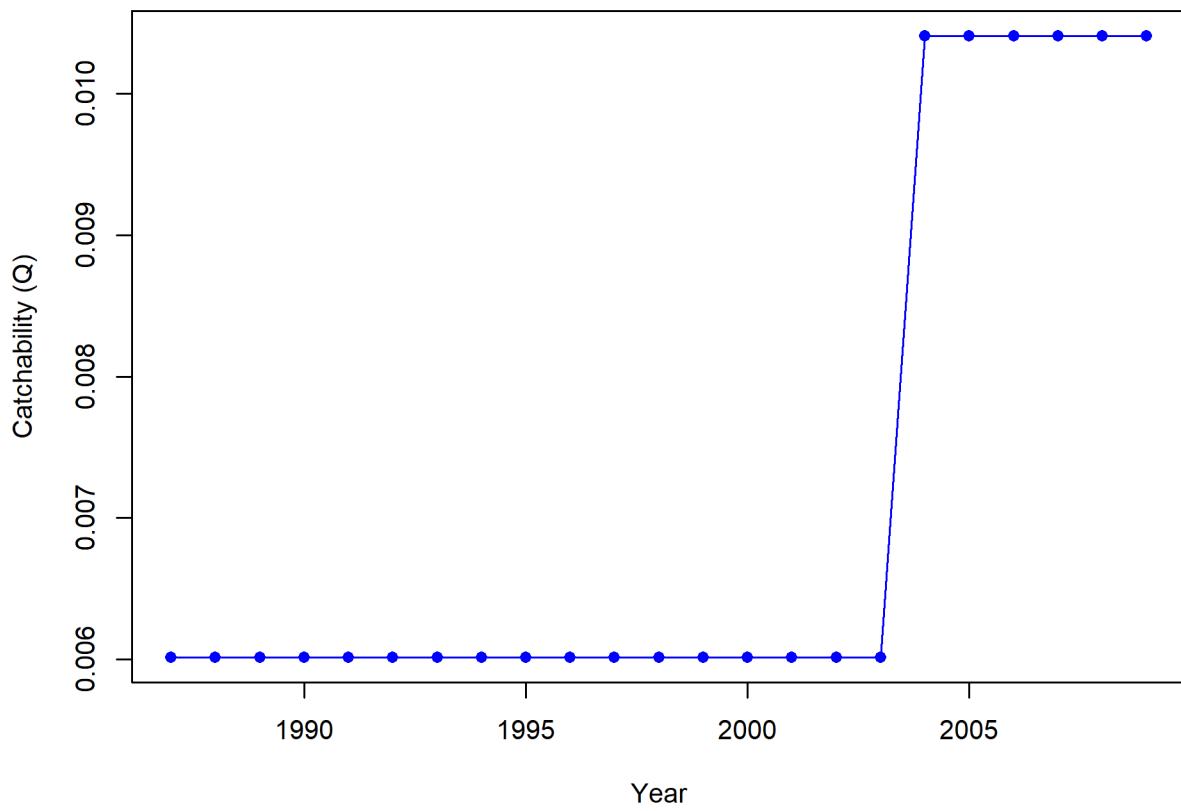


Figure 40: Catchability to the Winter North catch-per-unit-effort time series. `fig:q_north`

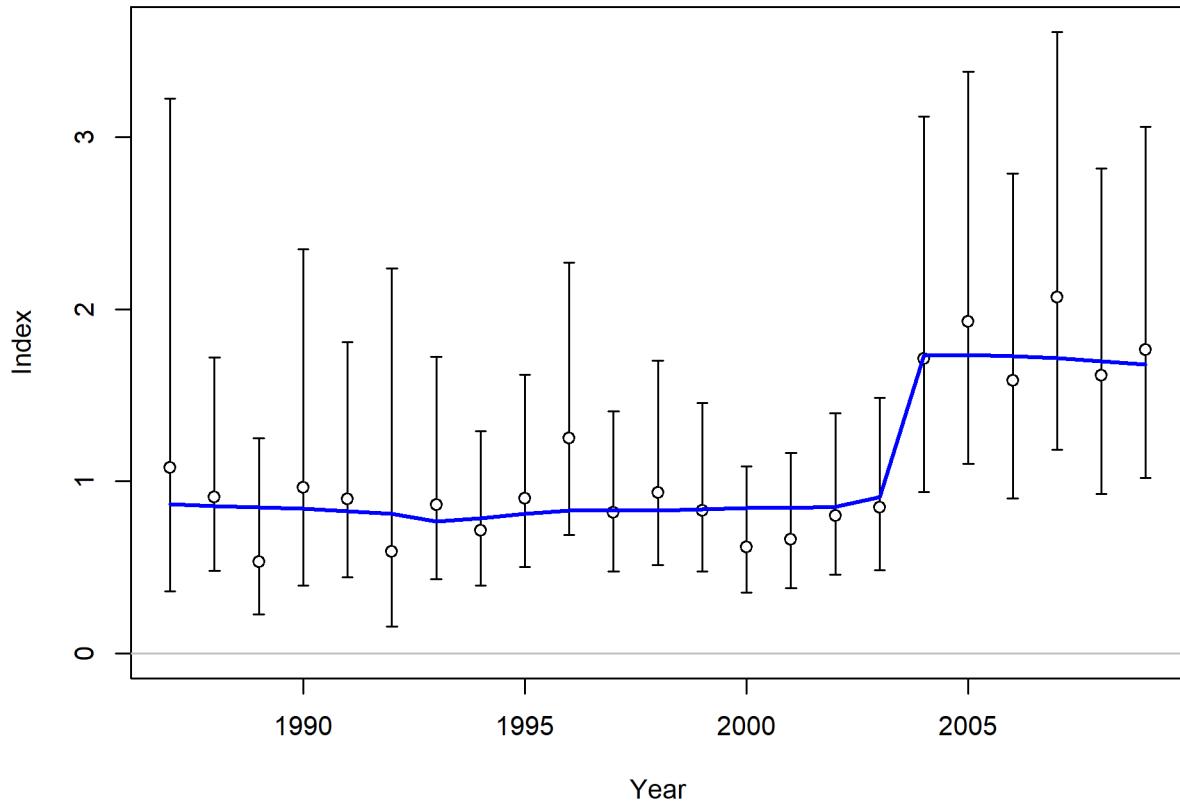


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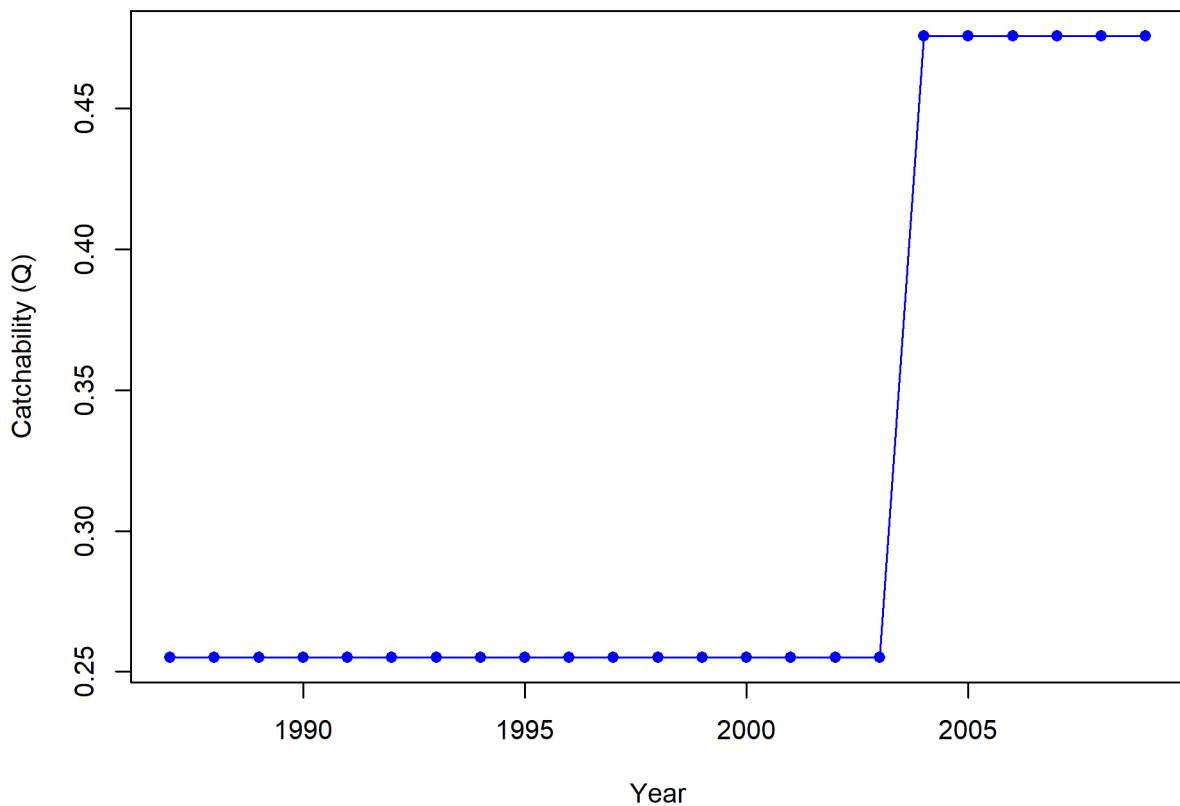


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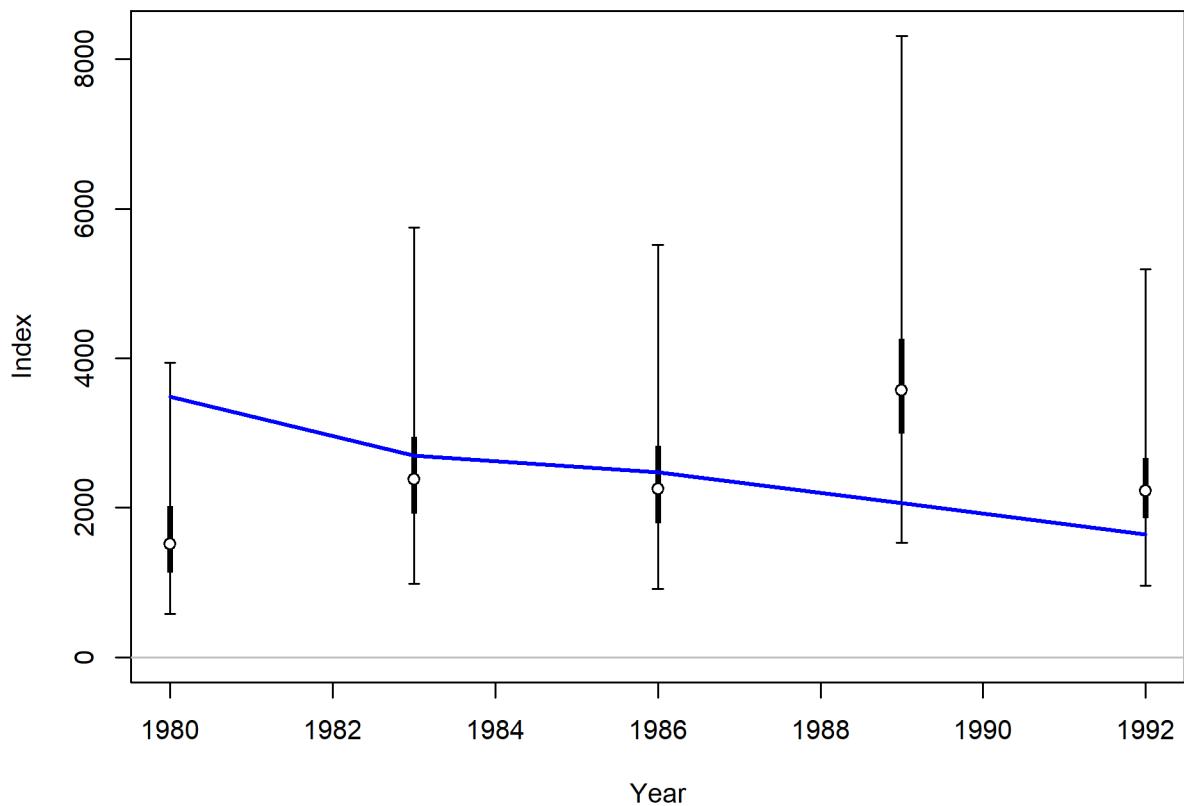


Figure 43: Fit to the Triennial Survey Early time series for petrale sole. [fig:fit\\_tri\\_early](#)

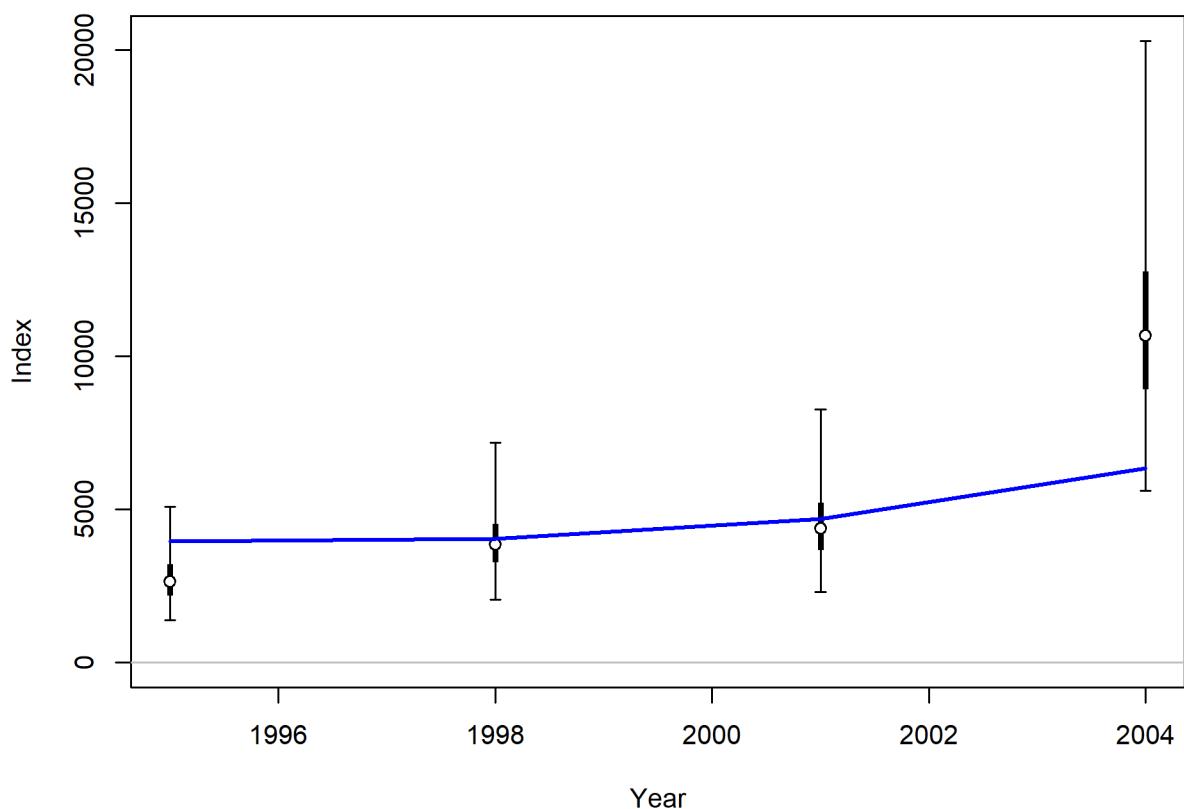


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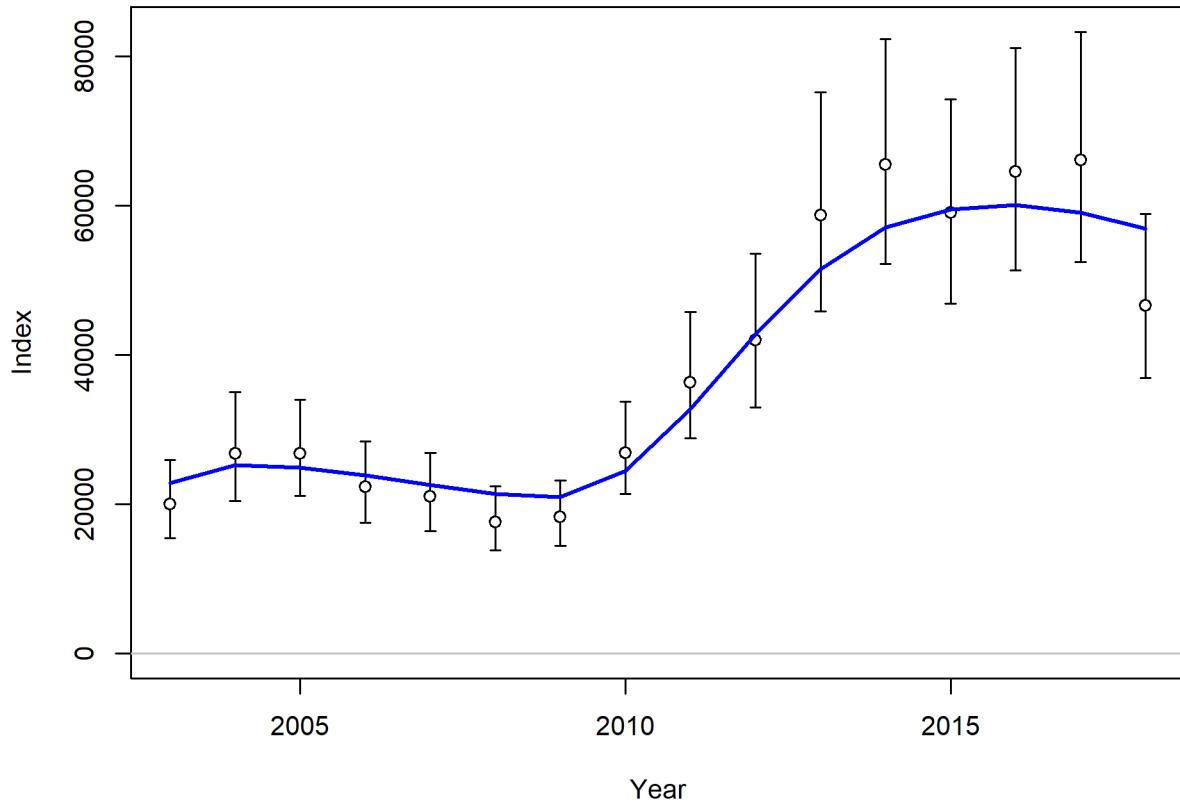


Figure 45: Fit to the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey time series for petrale sole. [fig:fit\\_nwfsc\\_survey](#)

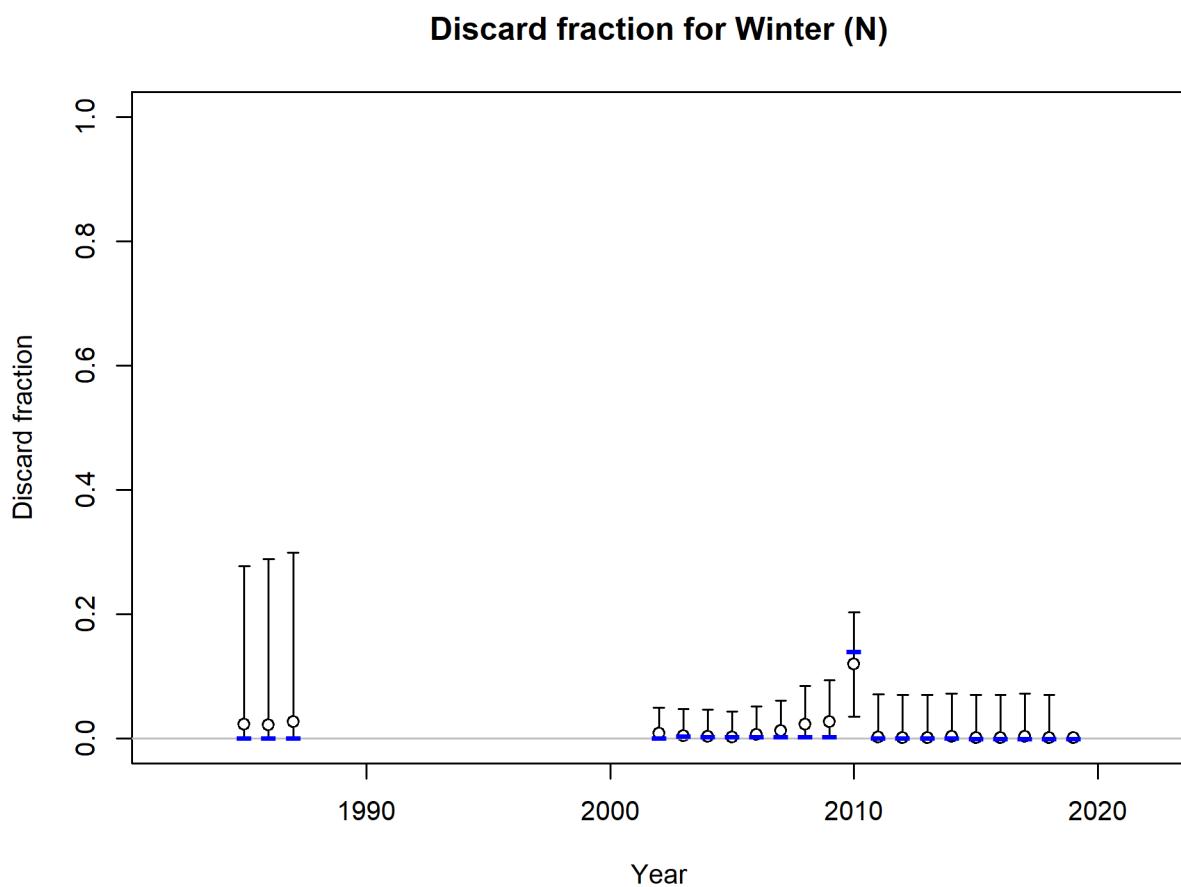


Figure 46: Fit to the discard rates for the Winter North fleet for petrale sole. `fig:fit_wn_discard`

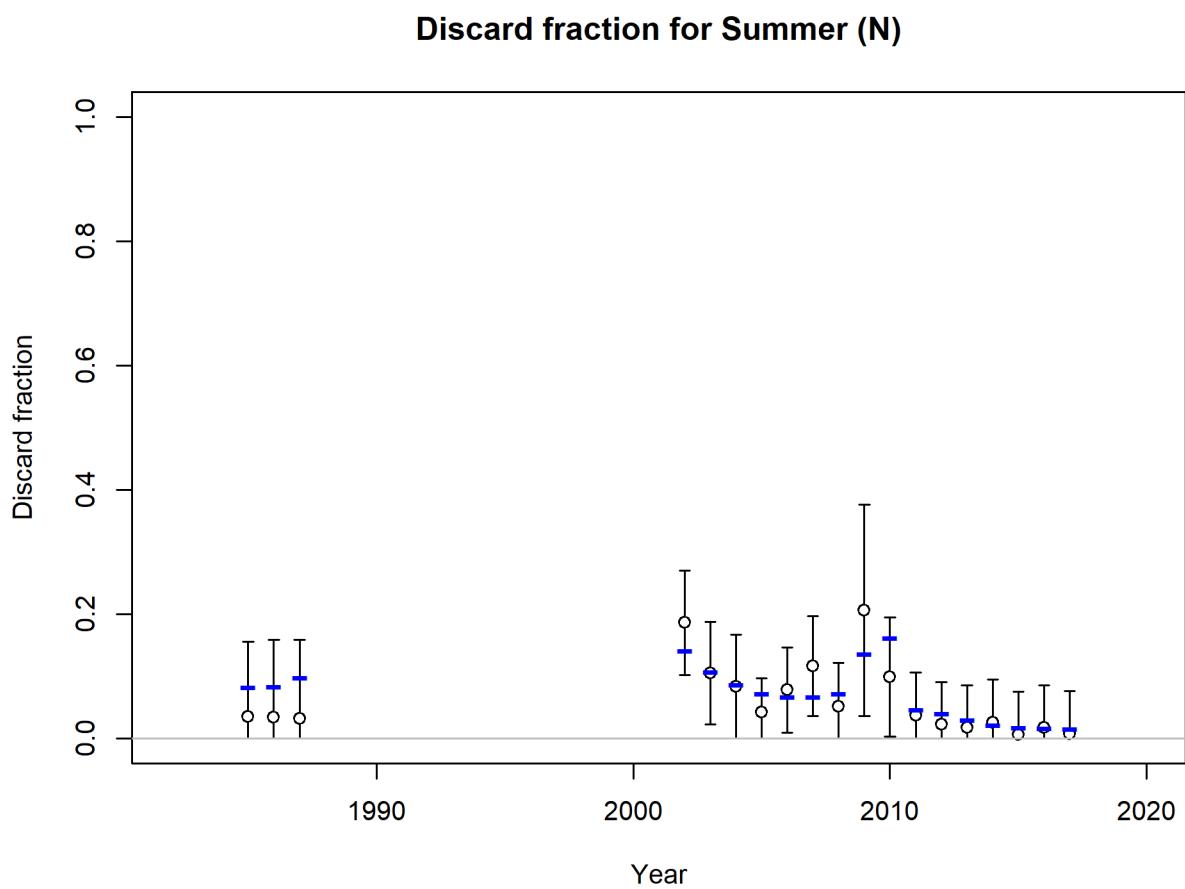


Figure 47: Fit to the discard rates for the Summer North fleet for petrale sole. fig:fit\_sn\_discard

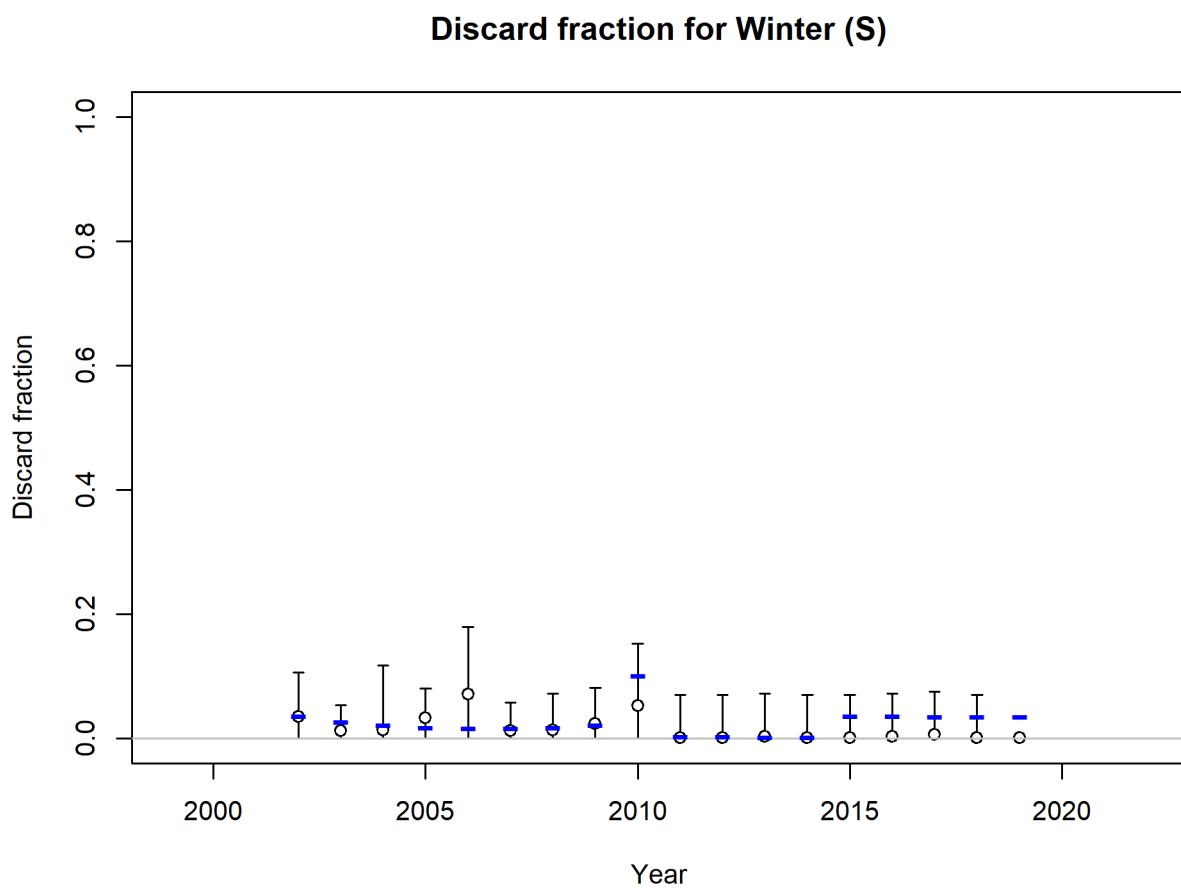


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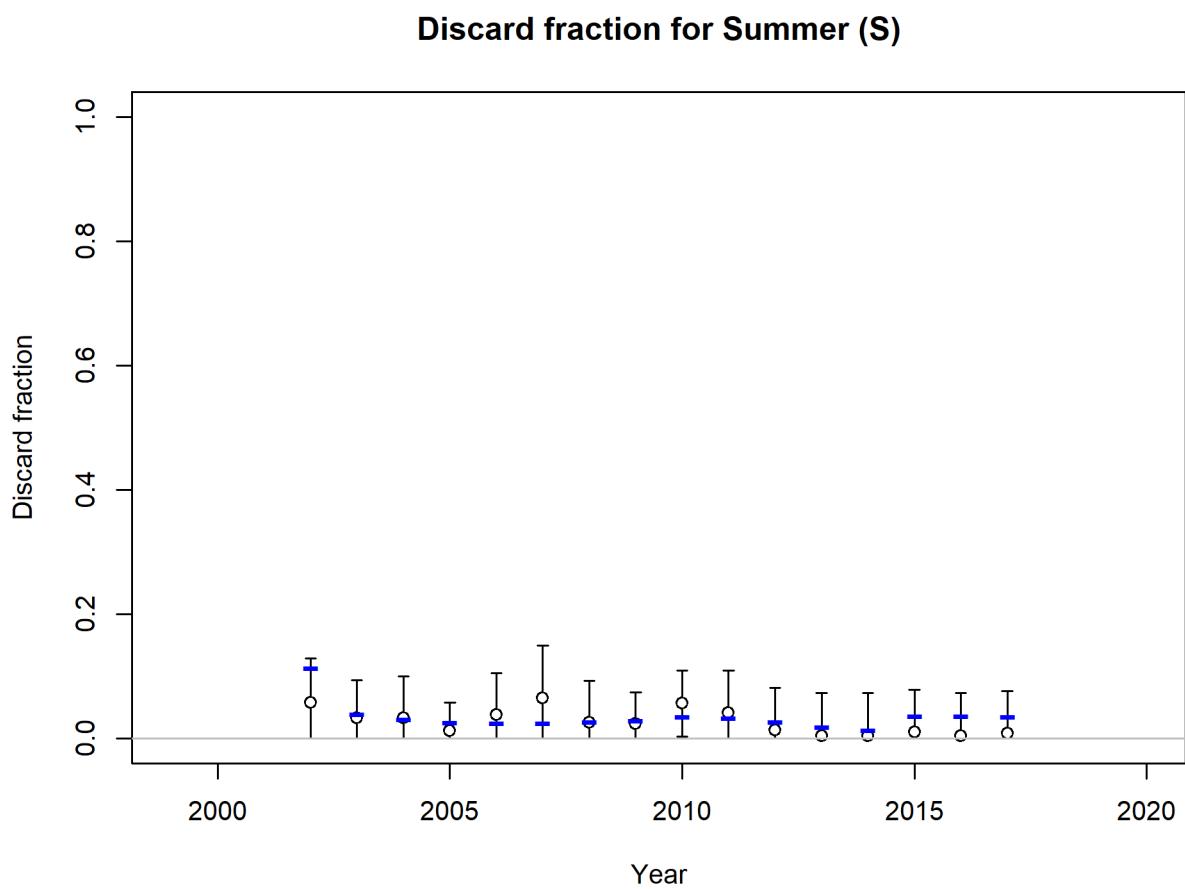


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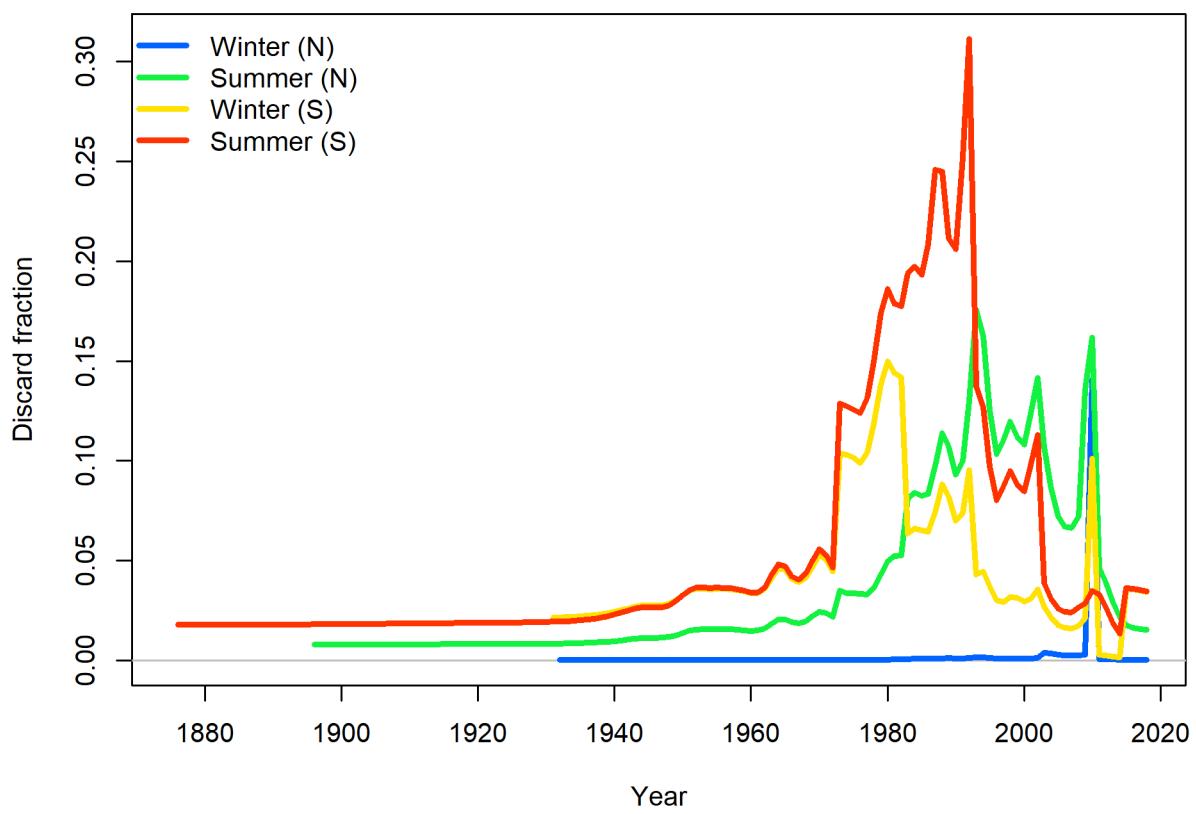


Figure 50: Discard rates by fleet for petrale sole. fig:Discard

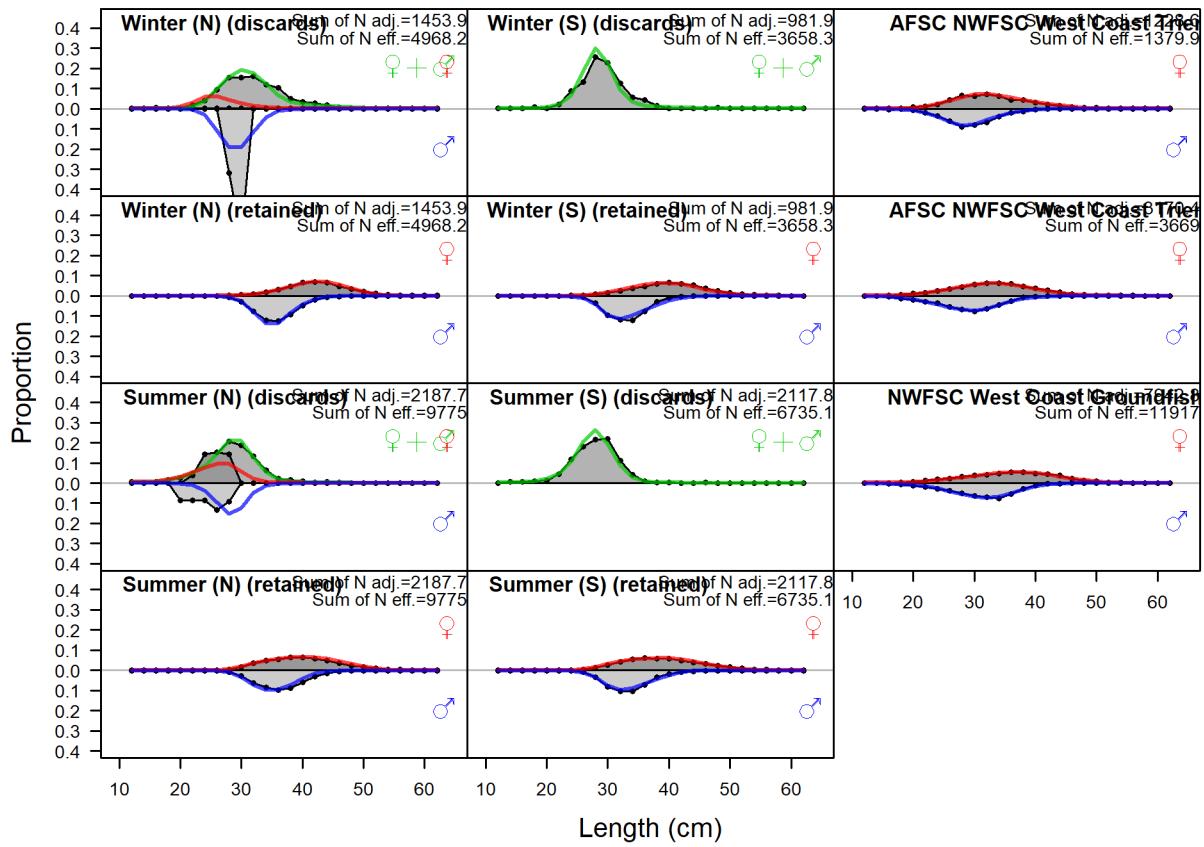


Figure 51: Length compositions aggregated across time by fleet. Labels ‘retained’ and ‘discard’ indicate retained or discarded samples for each fleet. Panels without this designation represent the whole catch. The Triennial shelf survey length data were not used in the final model, but the implied model fits are shown. [fig:length\\_agg](#)



Figure 52: Pearson residuals, discard, Winter (N) (max=7.19)  
 Closed bubbles are positive residuals (observed  $\geq$  expected) and open bubbles are negative residuals (observed  $<$  expected). [fig:discard\\_wn\\_len\\_pearson](#)

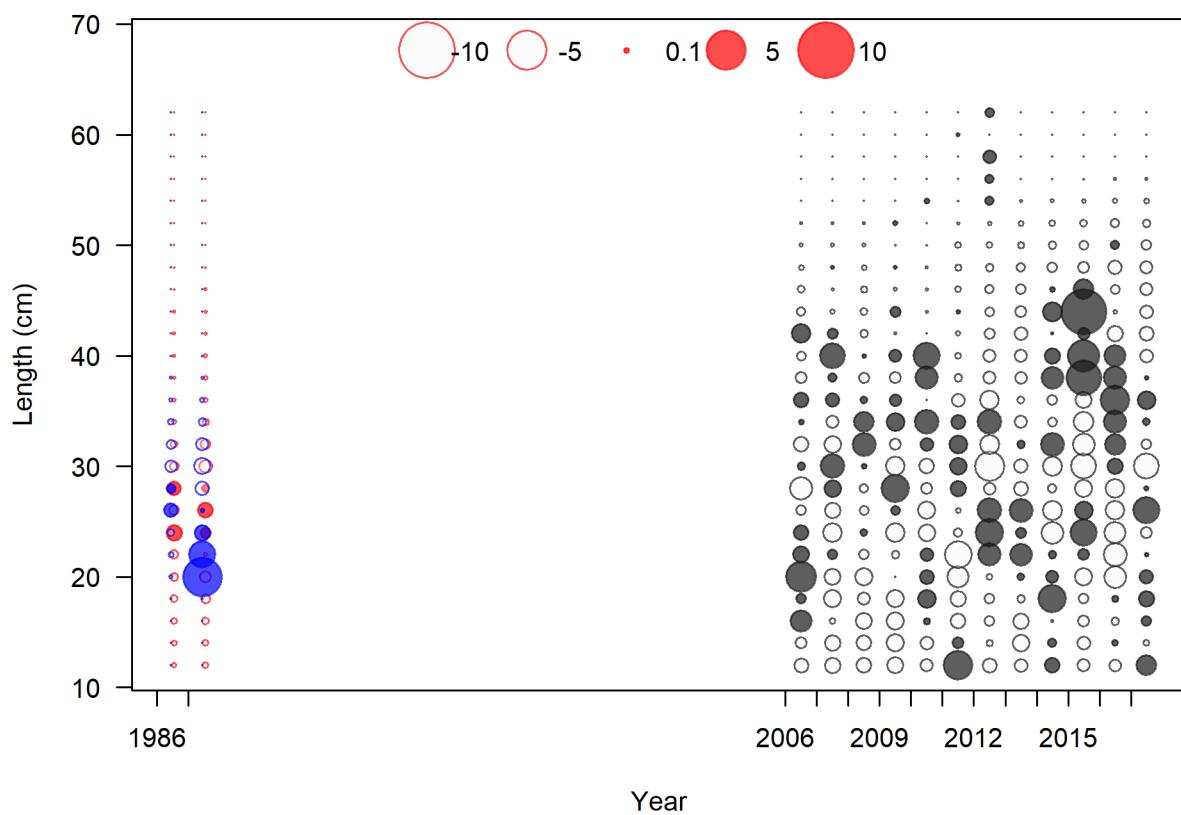


Figure 53: Pearson residuals, discard, Summer (N) (max=6.6)  
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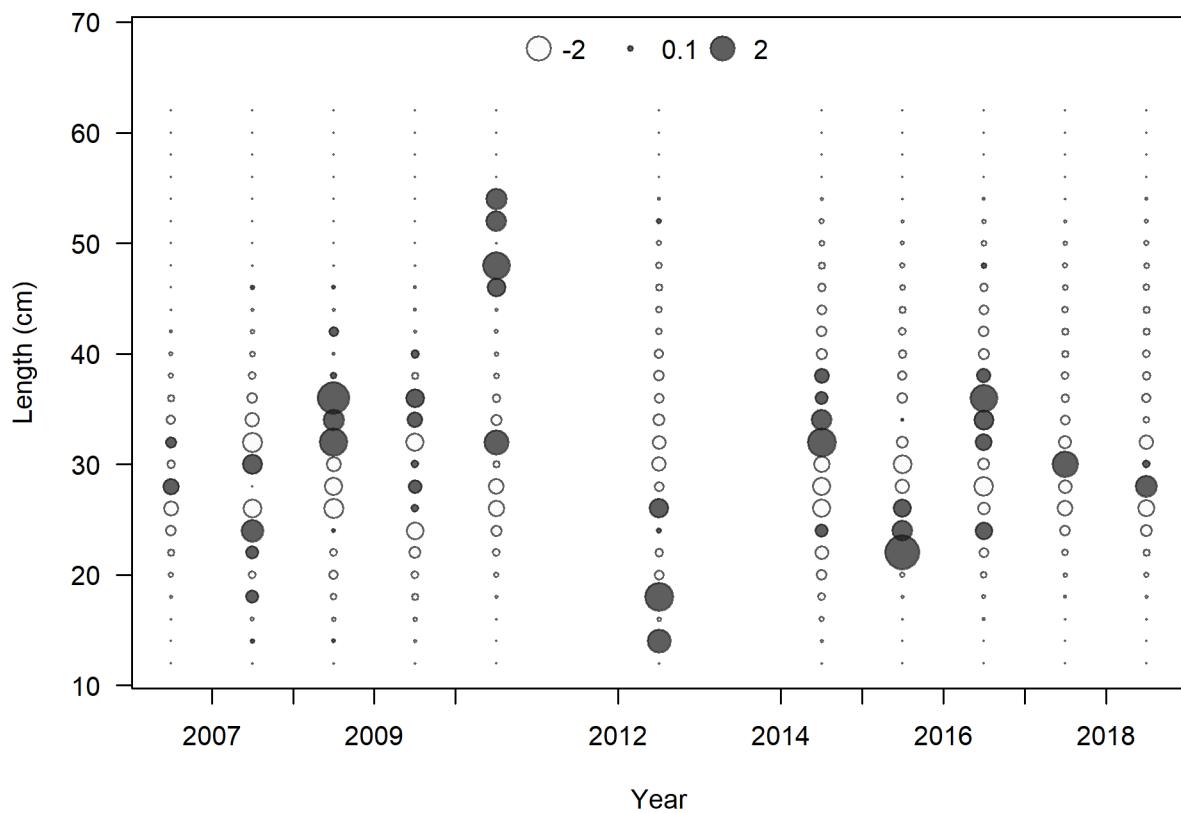


Figure 54: Pearson residuals, discard, Winter (S) (max=3.81)

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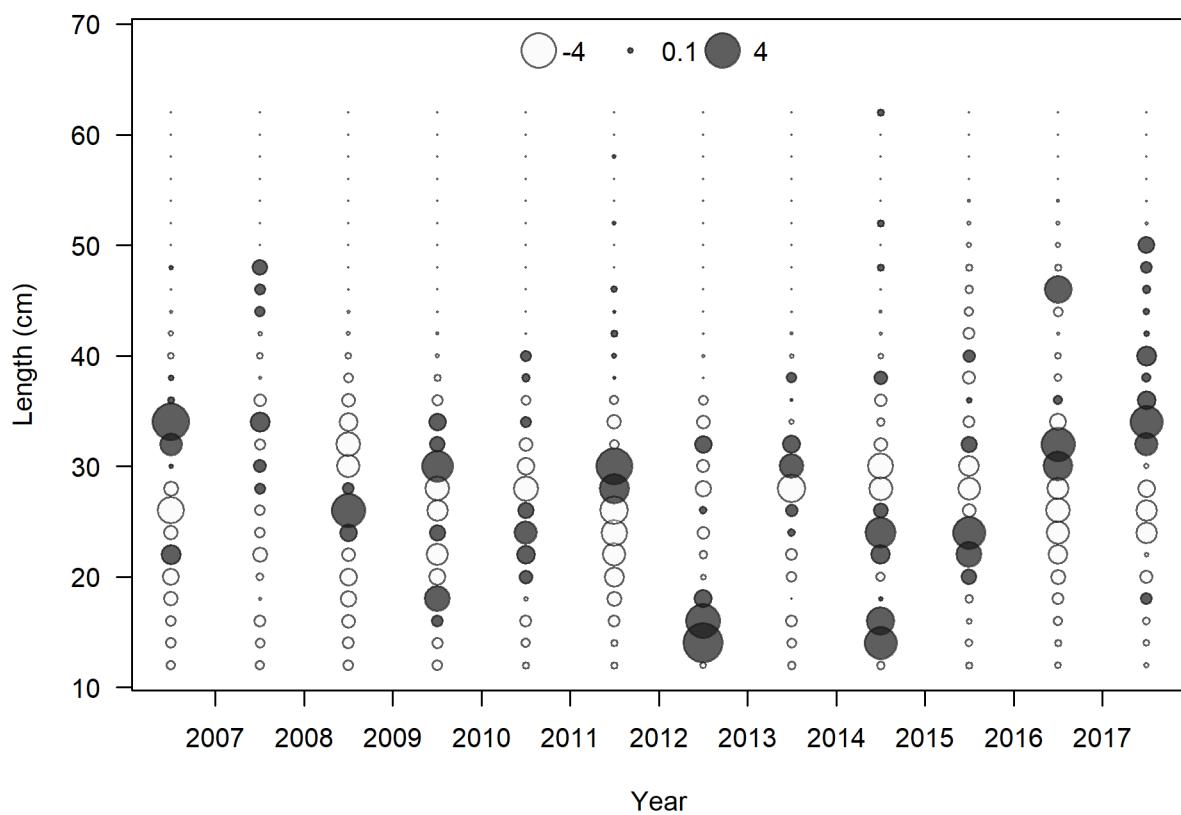


Figure 55: Pearson residuals, discard, Summer (S) (max=5.02)

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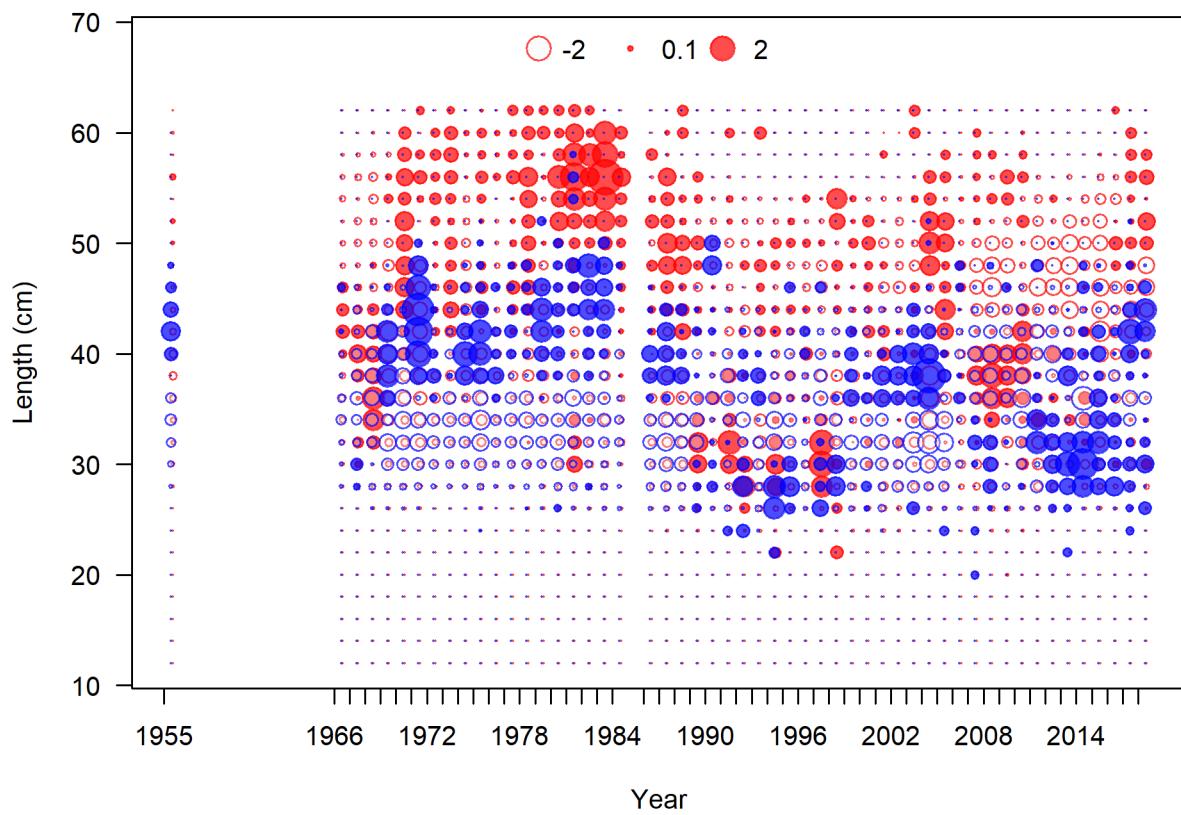


Figure 56: Pearson residuals, retained, Winter (N) (max=3.93) (plot 4 of 4)  
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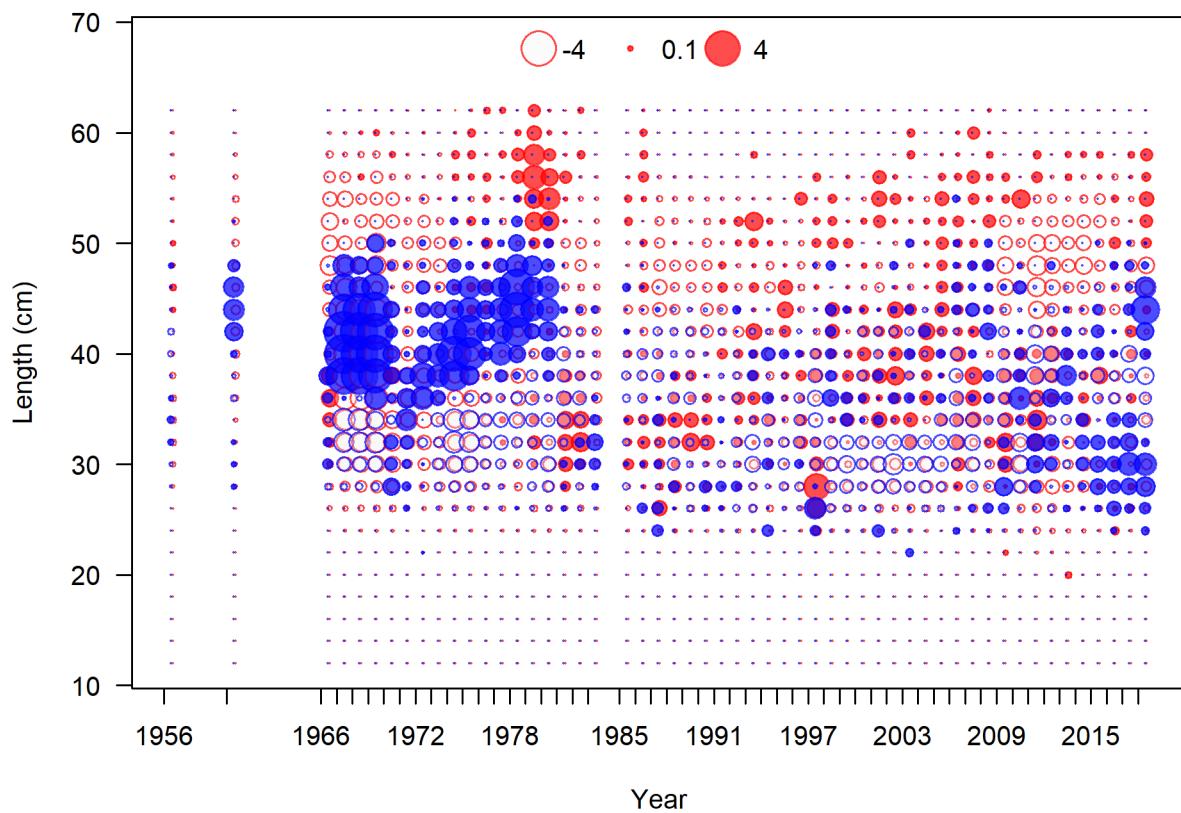


Figure 57: Pearson residuals, retained, Summer (N) (max=5.15) (plot 4 of 4)  
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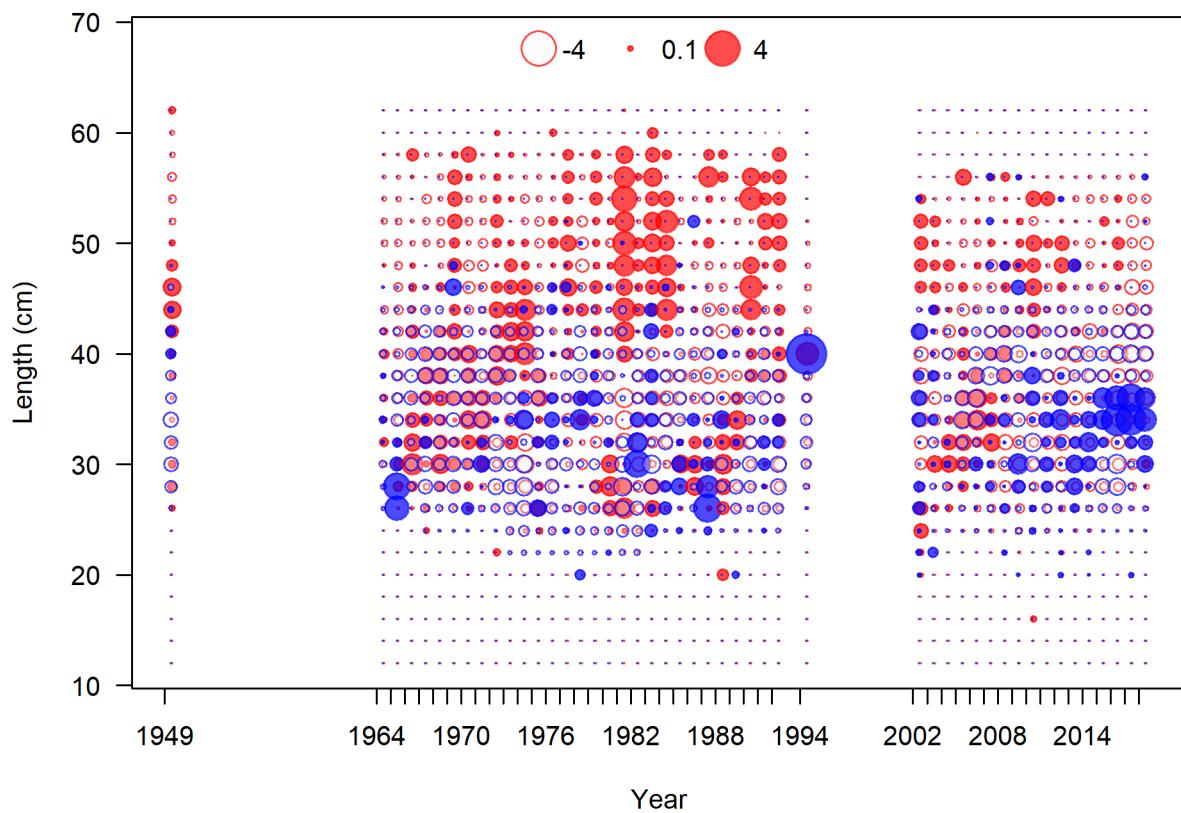


Figure 58: Pearson residuals, retained, Winter (S) ( $\max=5.1$ ) (plot 3 of 3)  
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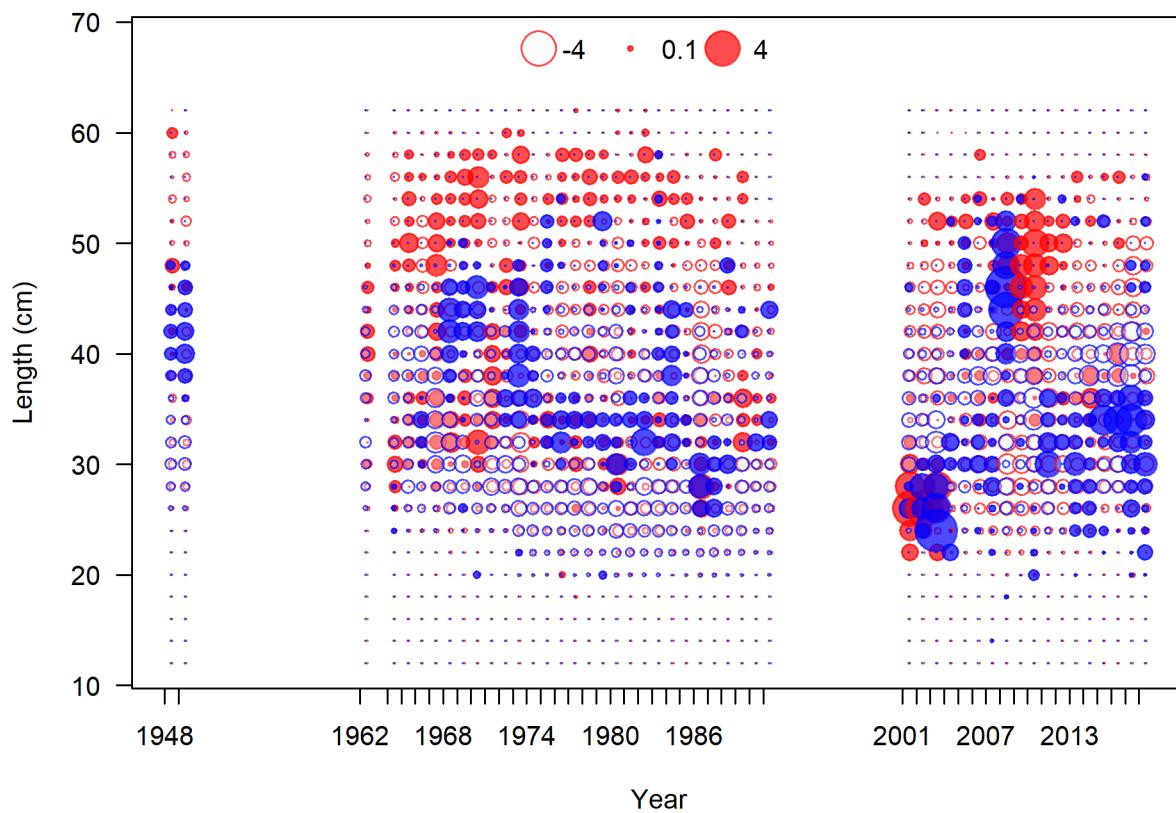


Figure 59: Pearson residuals, retained, Summer (S) (max=5.63) (plot 4 of 4)  
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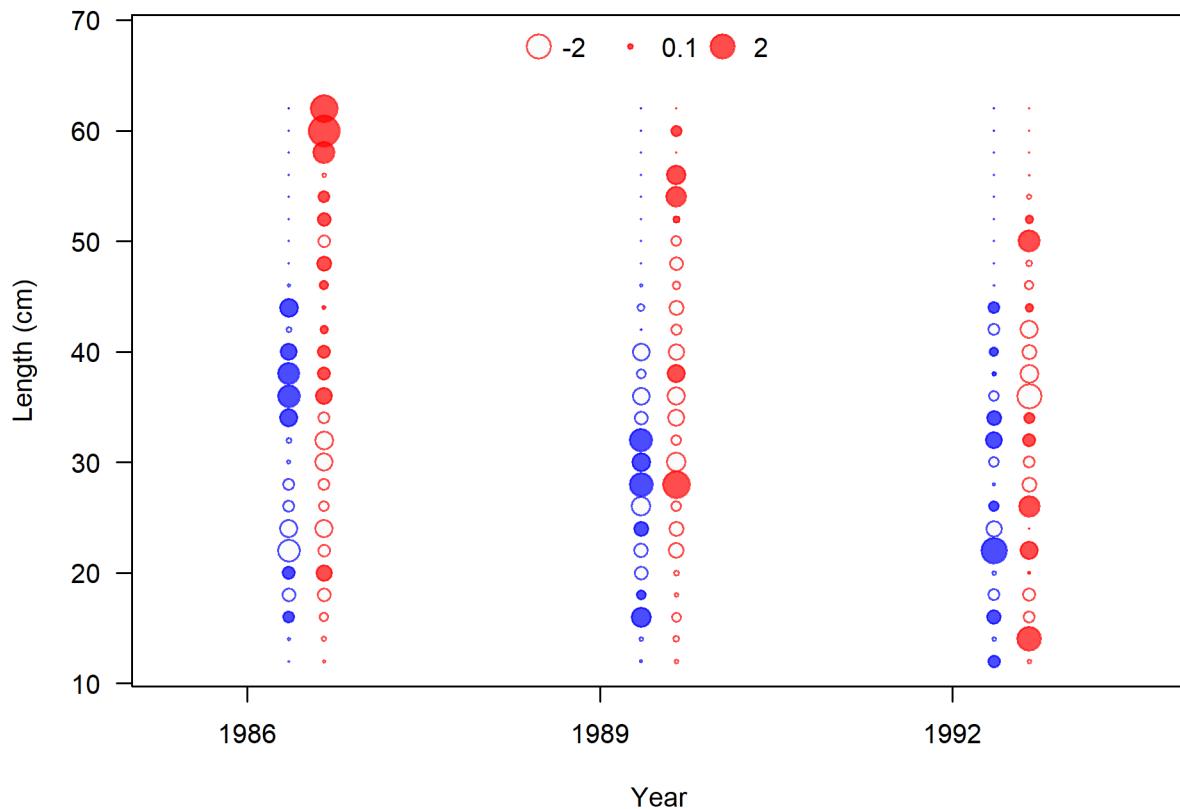


Figure 60: Pearson residuals, whole catch, AFSC NWFSC West Coast Triennial Shelf Survey - Early (max=3.16)  
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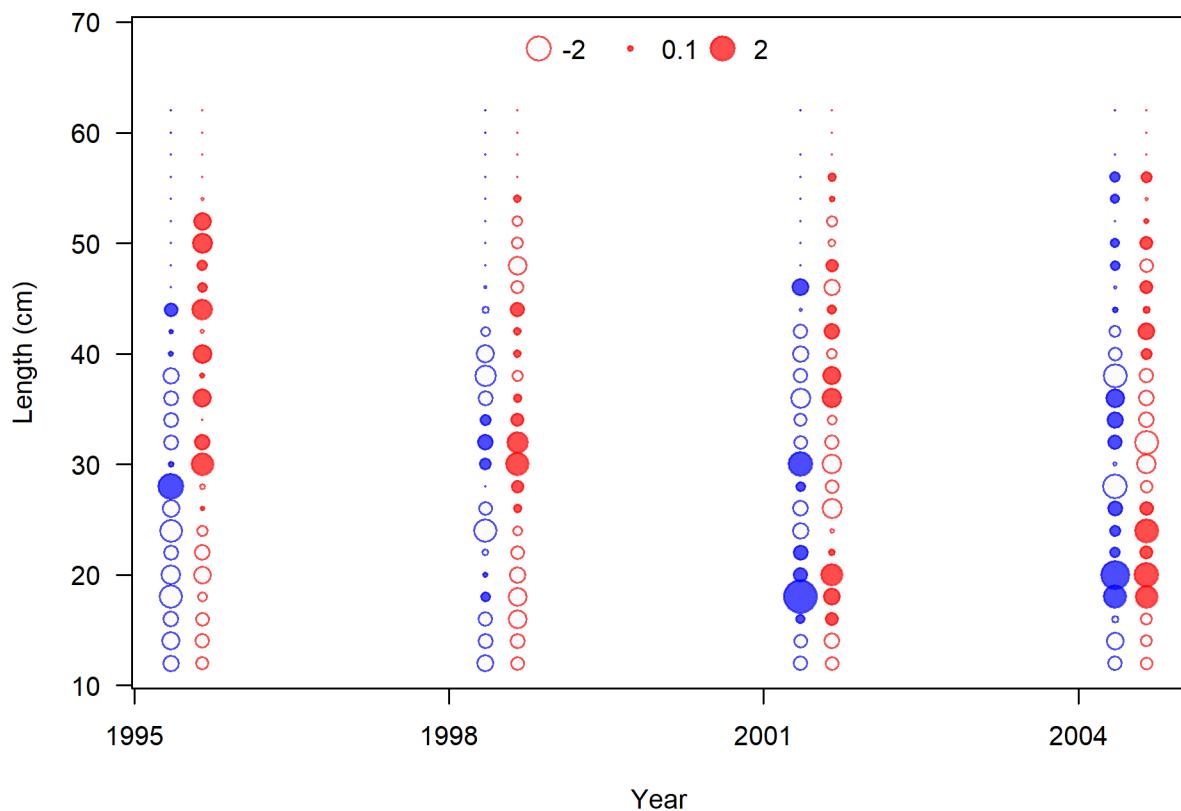


Figure 61: Pearson residuals, whole catch, AFSC NWFSC West Coast Triennial Shelf Survey  
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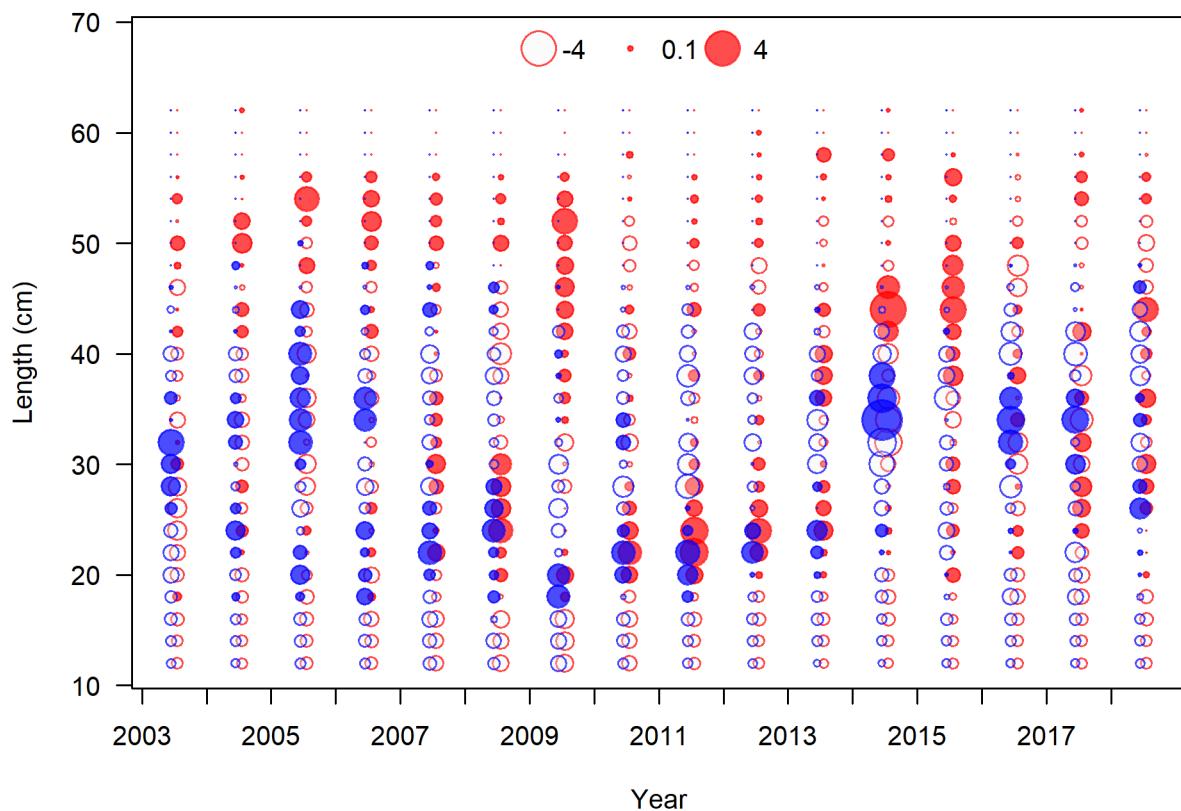


Figure 62: Pearson residuals, whole catch, NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey (max=5.11)

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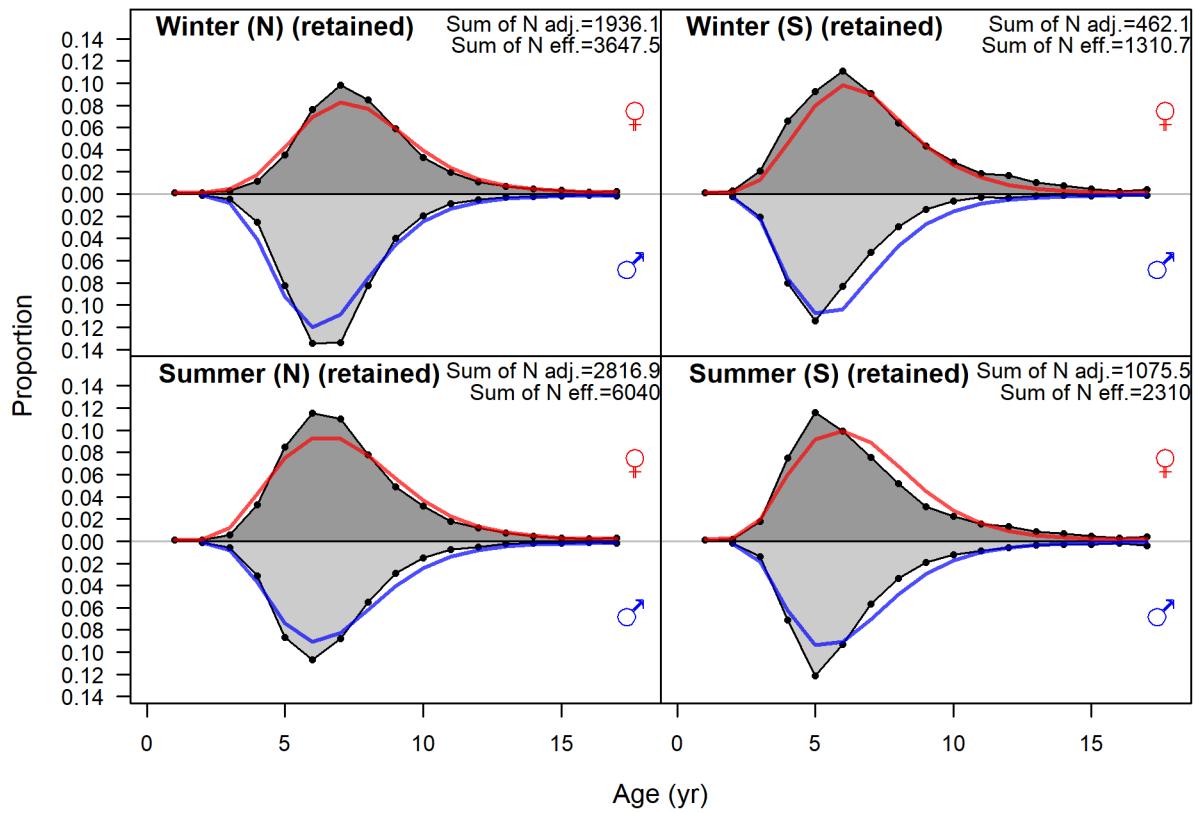


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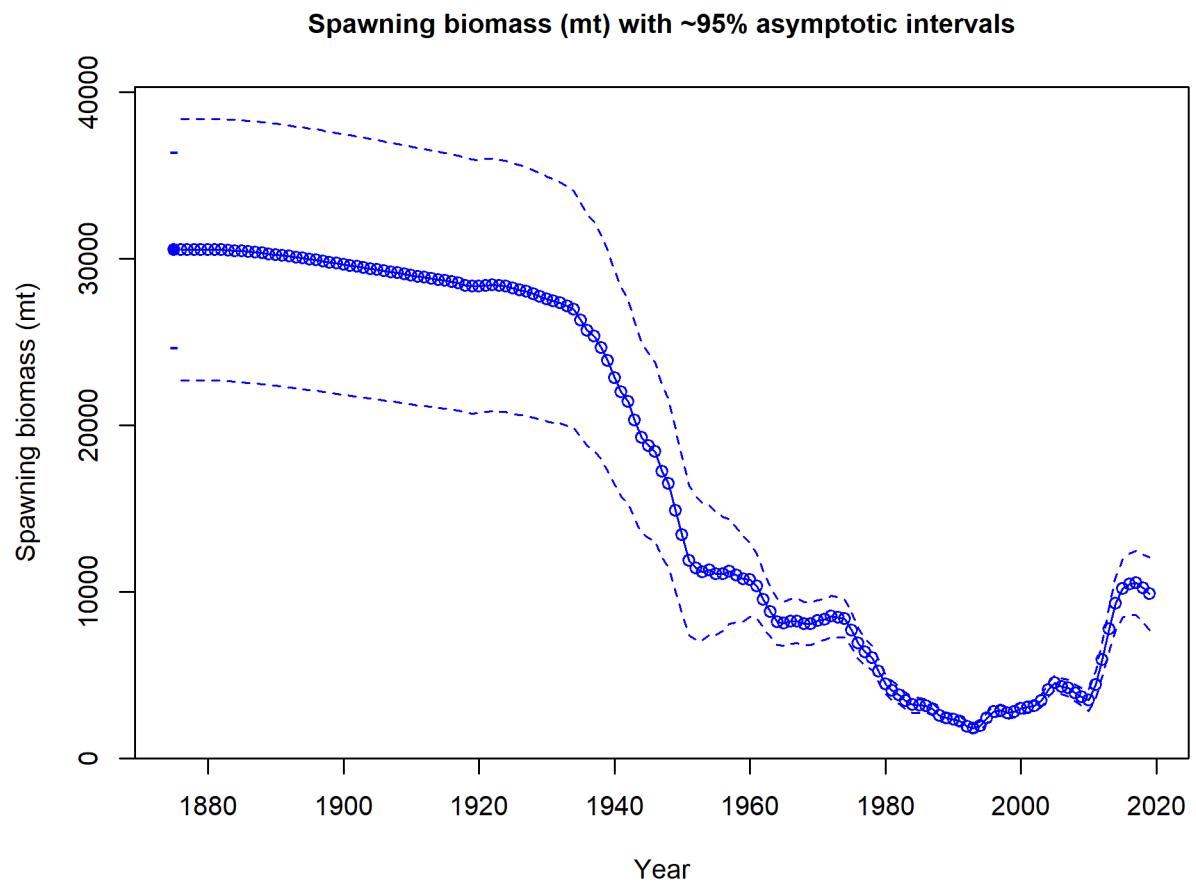


Figure 64: Estimated time-series of spawning output trajectory (circles and line: median; light broken lines: 95% credibility intervals) for petrale sole. fig:ssb

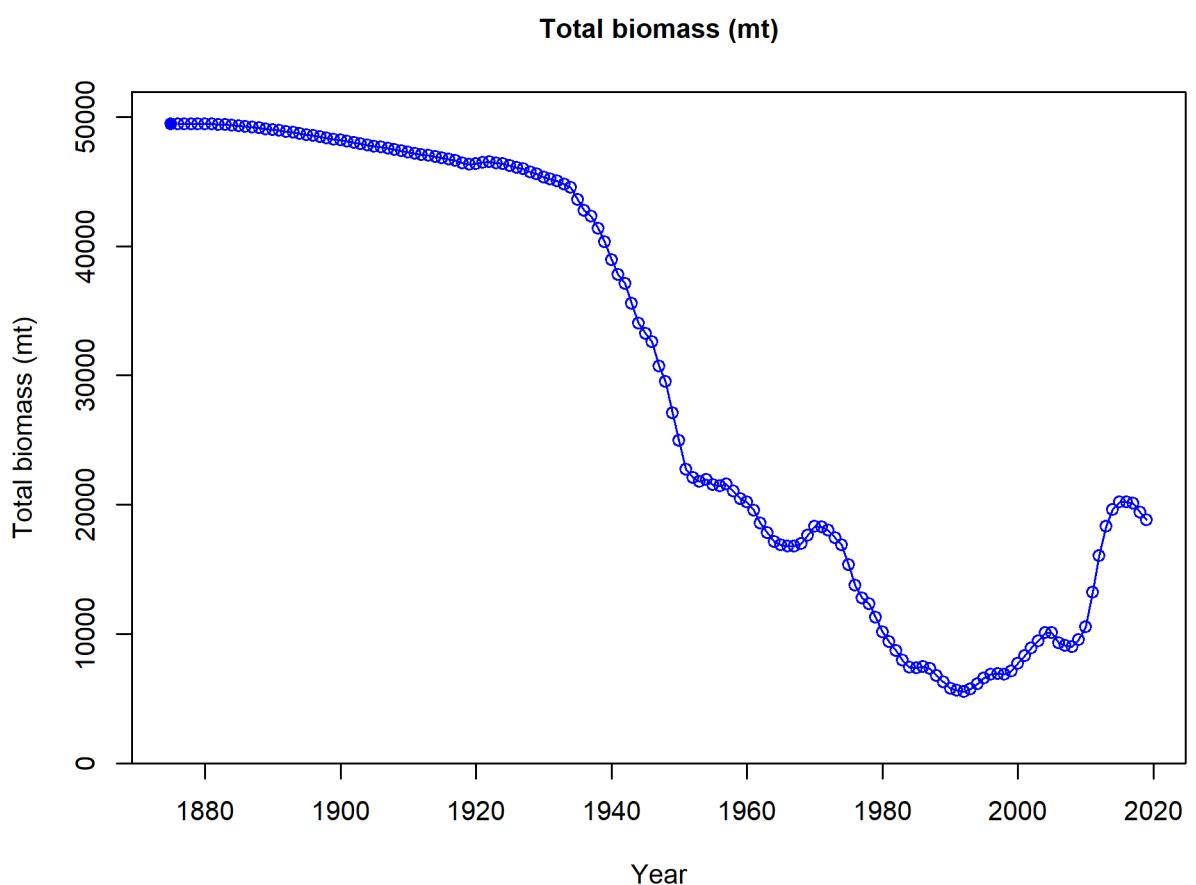


Figure 65: Estimated time-series of total biomass for petrale sole. fig:total\_bio

**Spawning depletion with ~95% asymptotic intervals**

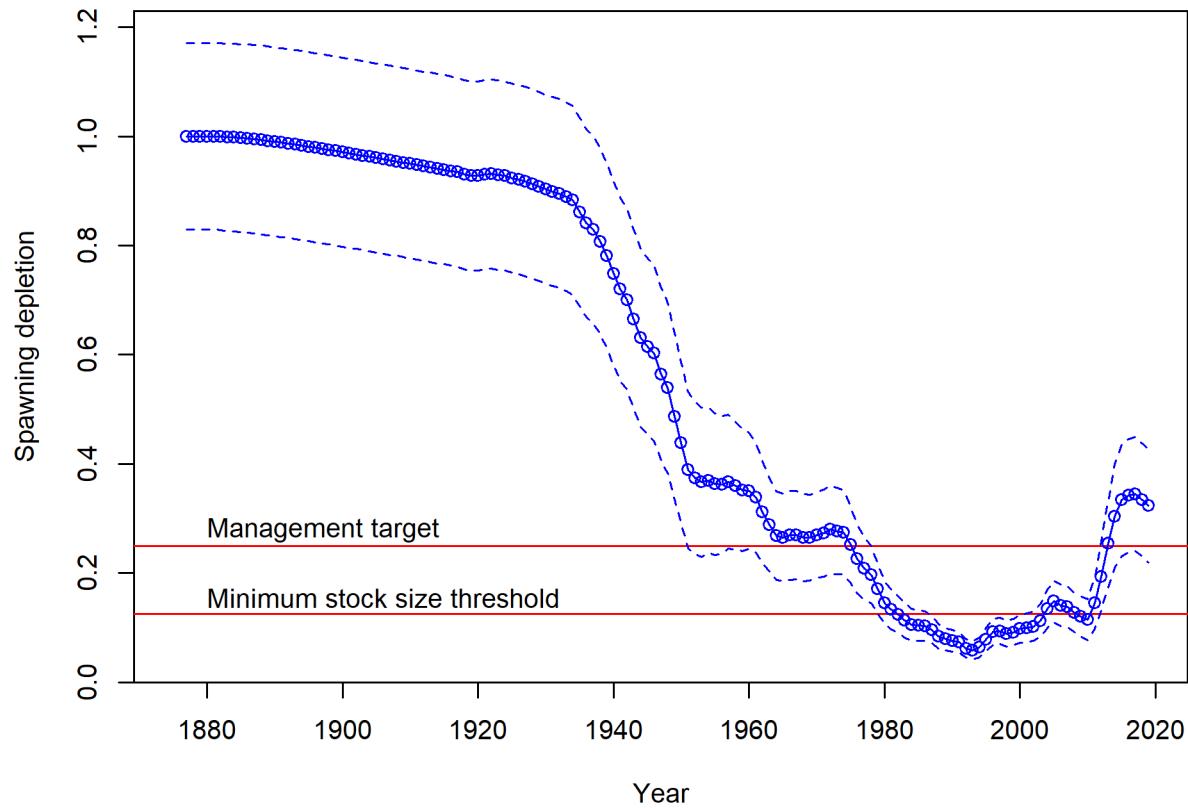


Figure 66: Estimated time-series of relative spawning output (depletion) (circles and line: median; light broken lines: 95% credibility intervals) for petrale sole. | [fig:dep1](#)

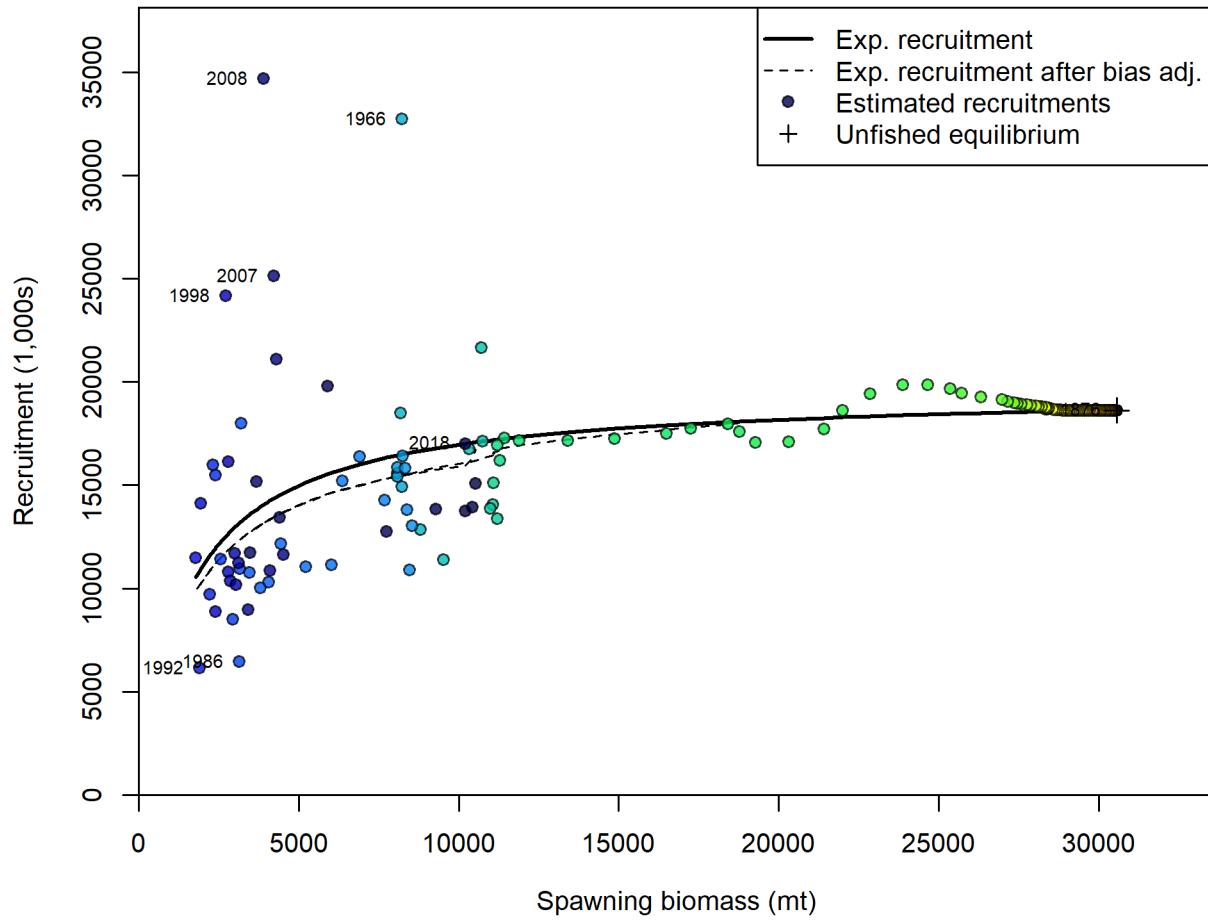


Figure 67: Estimated recruitment (red circles) and the assumed stock-recruit relationship (black line). The green line shows the effect of the bias correction for the lognormal distribution.  
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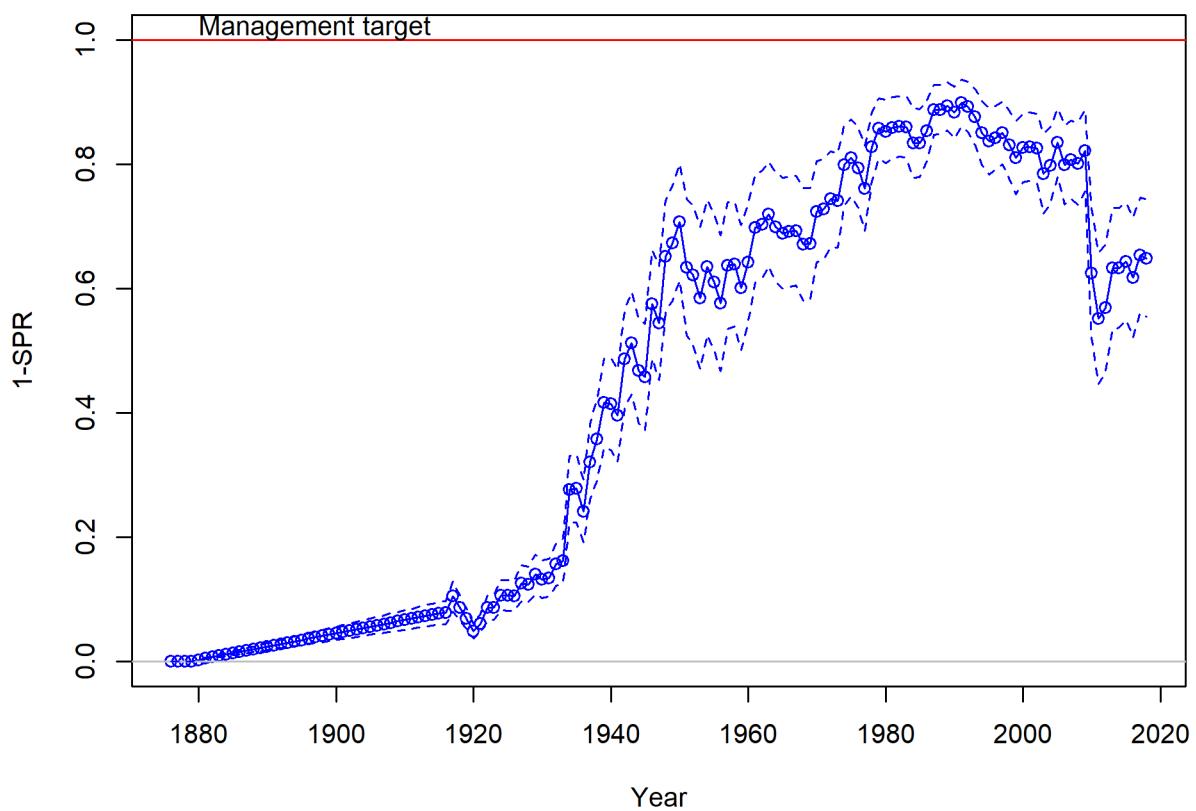


Figure 68: Estimated spawning potential ratio  $(1-\text{SPR})/(1-\text{SPR}30\%)$  for the base-case model. One minus SPR is plotted so that higher exploitation rates occur on the upper portion of the y-axis. The management target is plotted as a red horizontal line and values above this reflect harvests in excess of the overfishing proxy based on the SPR30% harvest rate. The last year in the time series is 2018. | [fig:SPR](#)

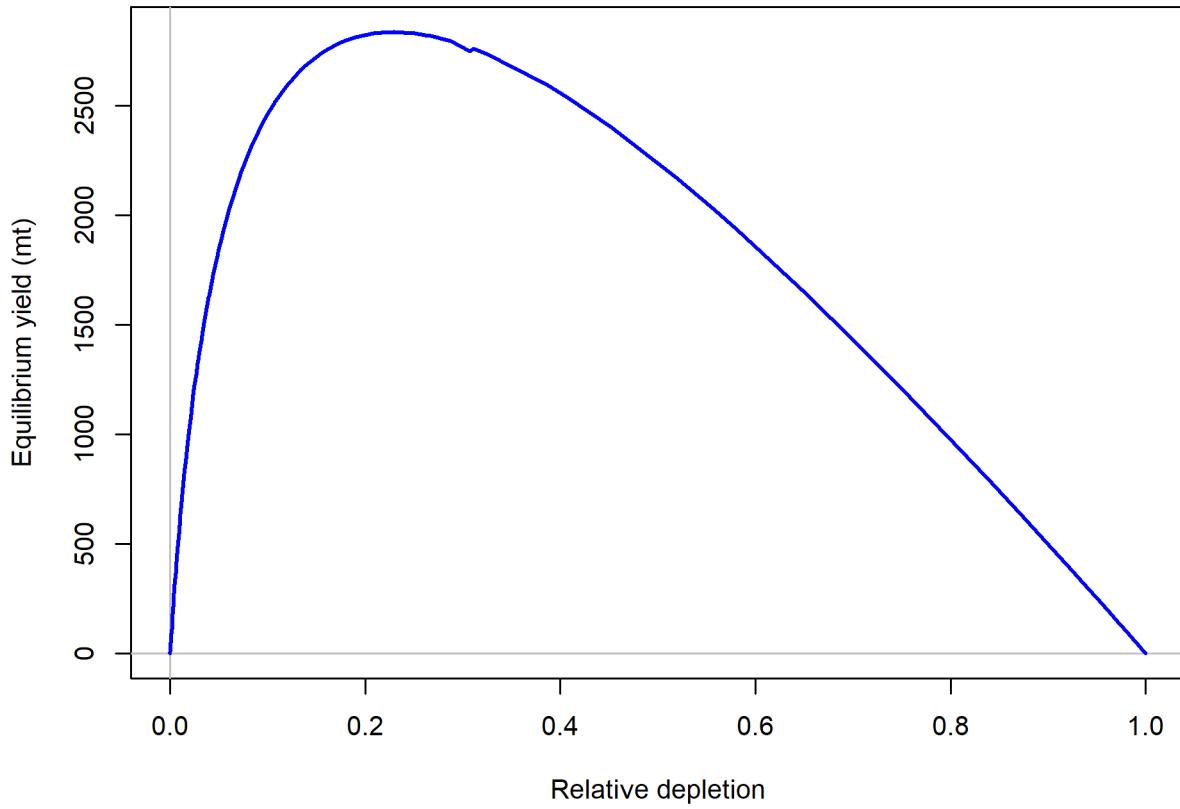


Figure 69: Equilibrium yield curve for the base case model. Values are based on the 2018 fishery selectivity and with steepness fixed at 0.84. fig:yield

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