**Notes on RV Summer Survey Tow Area Coverage**

* The majority of tows are completed in July across the time series; years in which samples were taken in August were:
  + 1972-1976
  + 1984
  + 1987
  + 1992-1993
  + 2005-2007
  + 2010-2024 (dataset excludes 1978, 2018, 2021 and 2022 right now)
* Strata closer to the coastline tended to be less intensely sampled than strata that were more offshore; southernmost strata tended to be less intensely sampled than northernmost strata (particularly past 1980)
* Coverage is uneven in southernmost strata throughout the time series, particularly 459, 460 and 461
* Years where there is high overlap between tows (tows are done close together):
  + 1980-1983
  + 1987
  + 2005 (lots of overlap here!)
  + 2013
  + 2023 (lots of overlap here!)
* From 2010 onwards, more tows are conducted in August (> ~20%; based on visual inspection); years where at least about 30% of tows were done in August:
  + 2011 (~30%)
  + 2014 (~80%)
  + 2017 (~50%)
  + 2019 (~60%)
  + 2023 (~30%)
* Tow coverage is low in 2018, 2021 and 2022