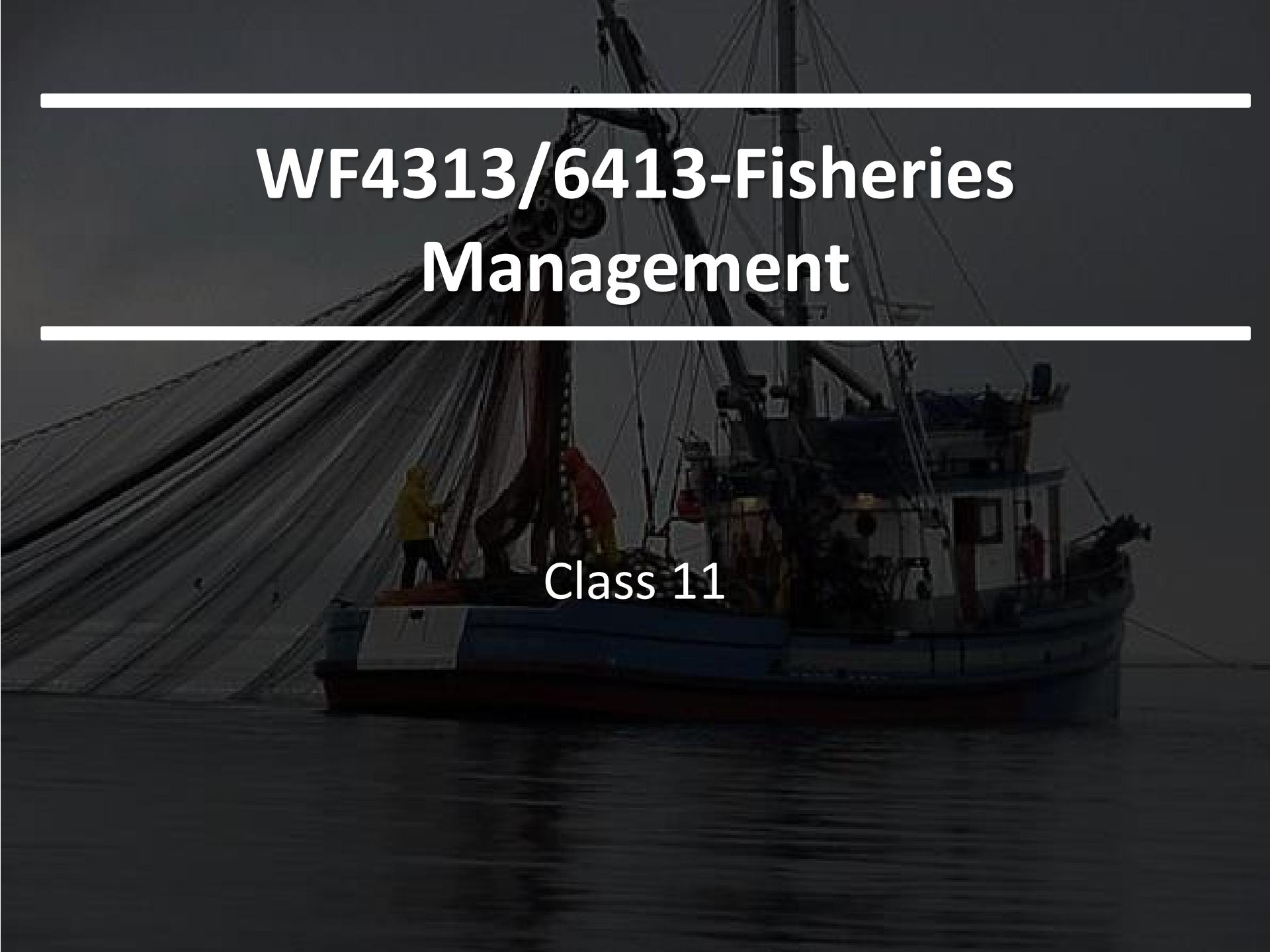


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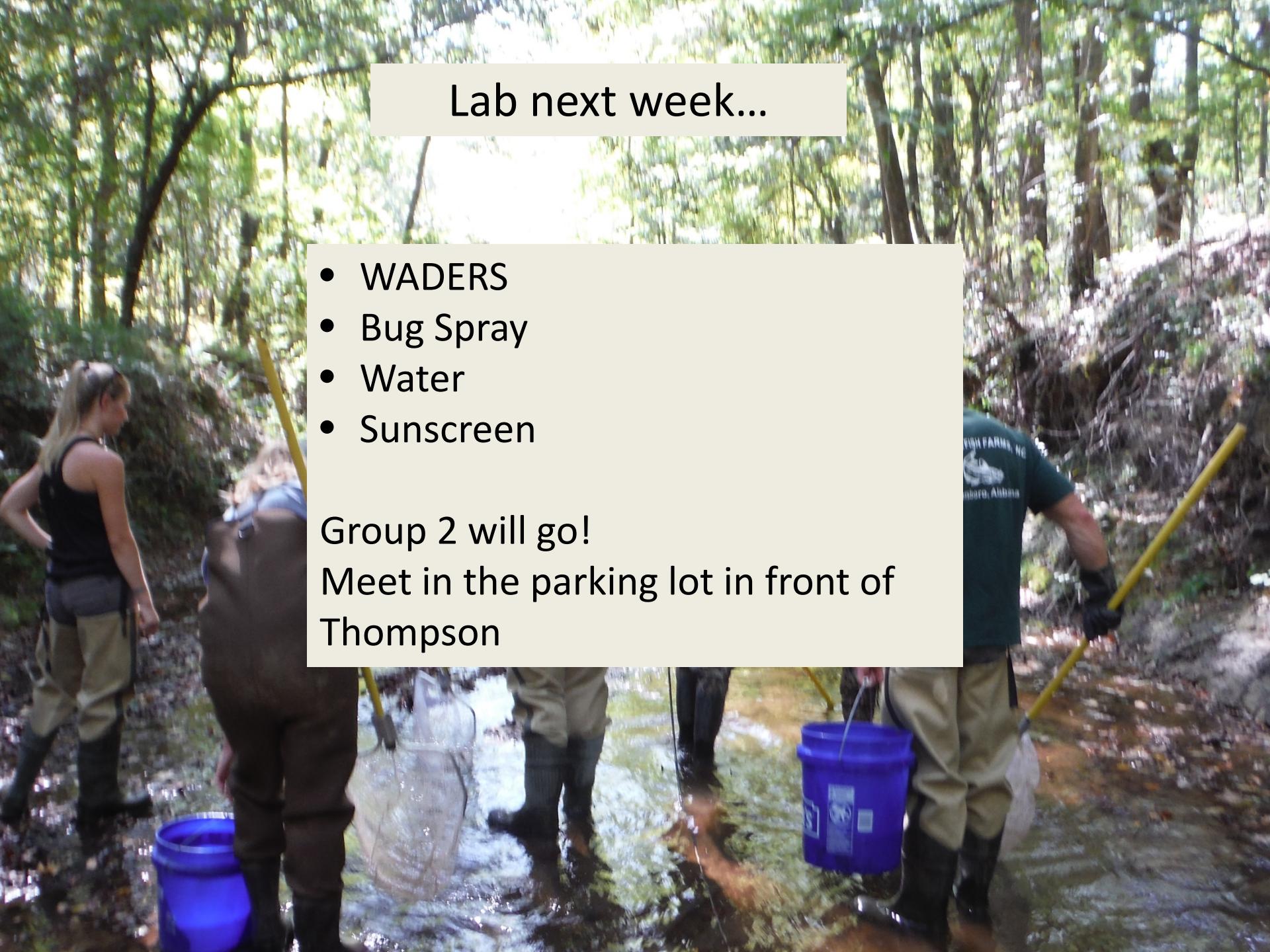
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A dark, grainy photograph of a fishing vessel at sea. The boat's hull is visible in the lower right, and its deck is covered with equipment and supplies. Numerous fishing nets or lines are deployed from the stern, creating a complex web of lines across the upper left of the frame. The background is a dark, overcast sky.

Class 11

# In the news & announcements

A photograph of a waterfall in a forest during autumn. The waterfall flows down a series of dark, layered rock formations. Fallen leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown are scattered across the rocks and in the pool at the bottom. The background shows more forested hillsides.



# Lab next week...

- WADERS
- Bug Spray
- Water
- Sunscreen

Group 2 will go!  
Meet in the parking lot in front of  
Thompson

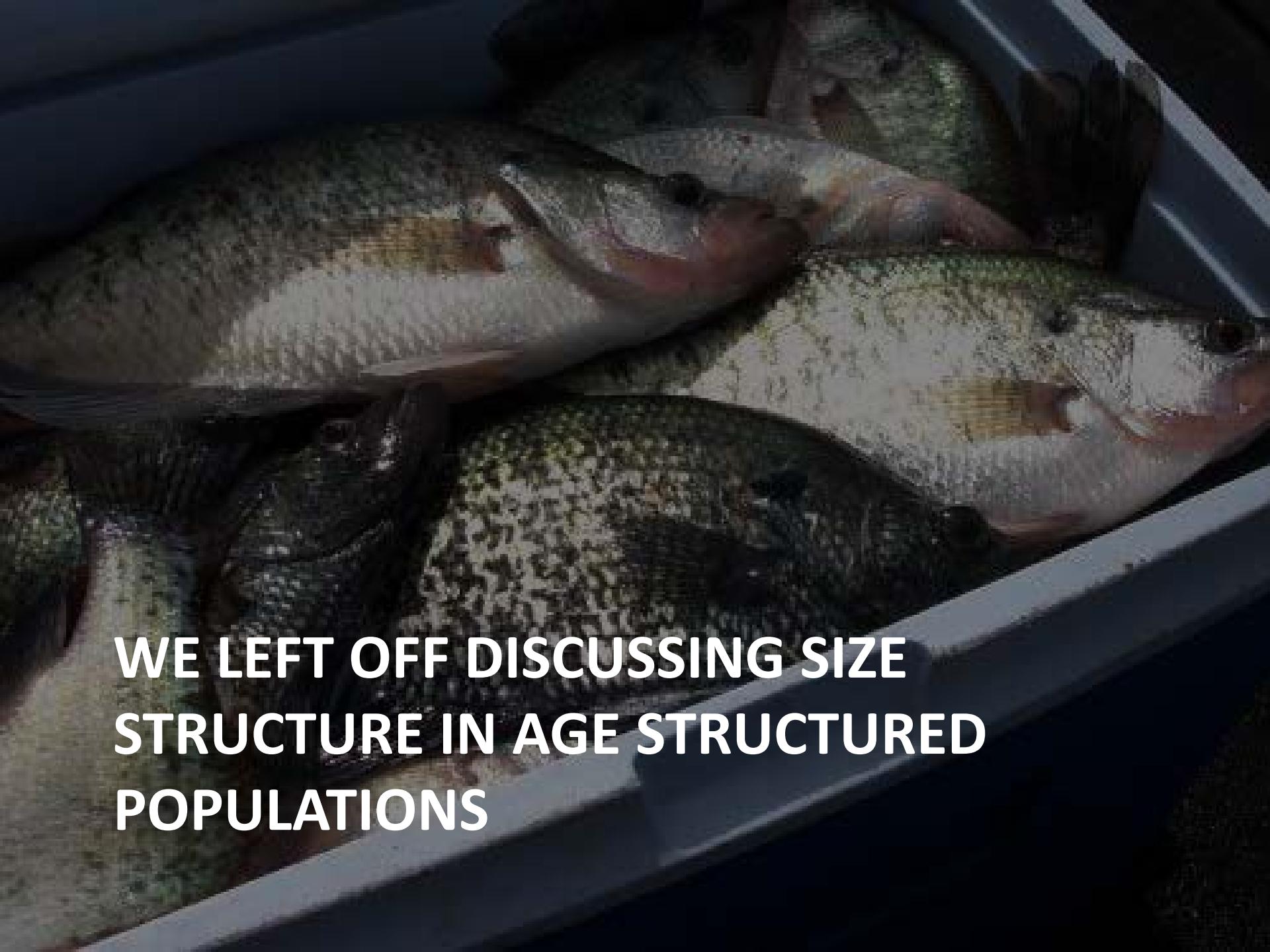
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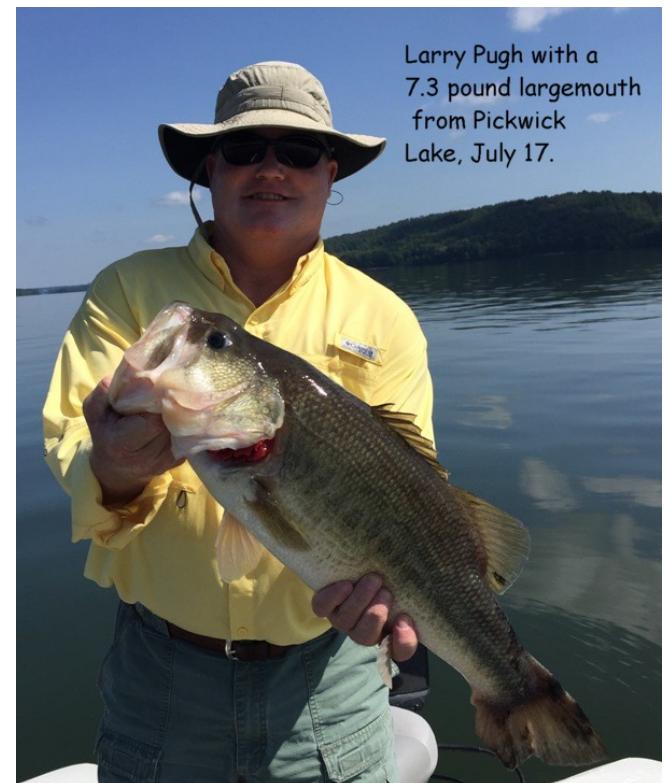
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STRUCTURE IN AGE STRUCTURED  
POPULATIONS**

# Commercial versus Recreational

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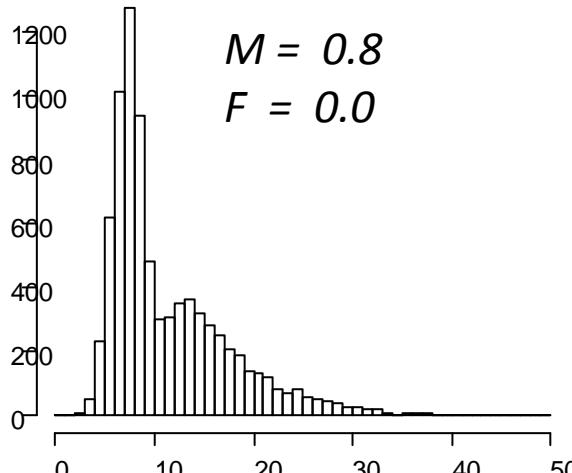
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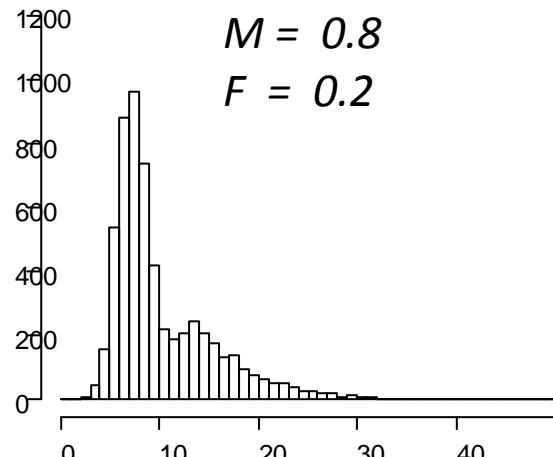
Larry Pugh with a  
7.3 pound largemouth  
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# Size structure erodes with $F$

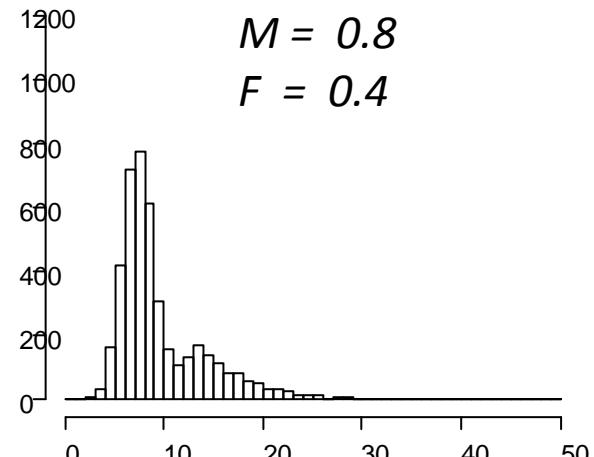
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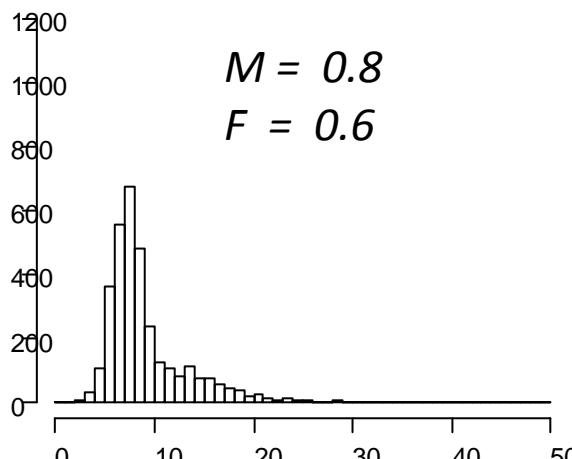
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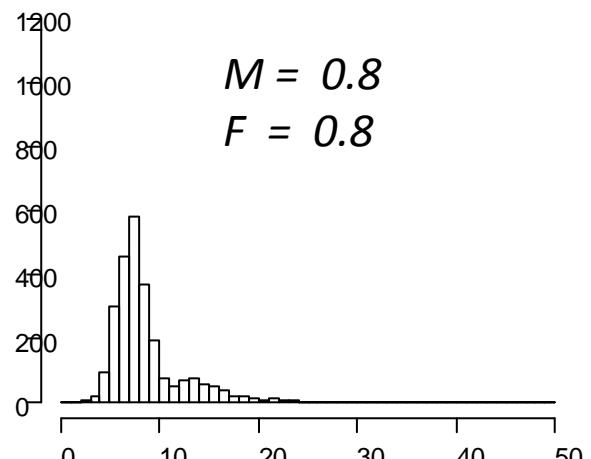
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$M = 0.8$   
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$M = 0.8$   
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$M = 0.8$   
 $F = 0.8$

Length (cm)

# What do we use YPR models for?

- Manage size structure
- Manage biomass

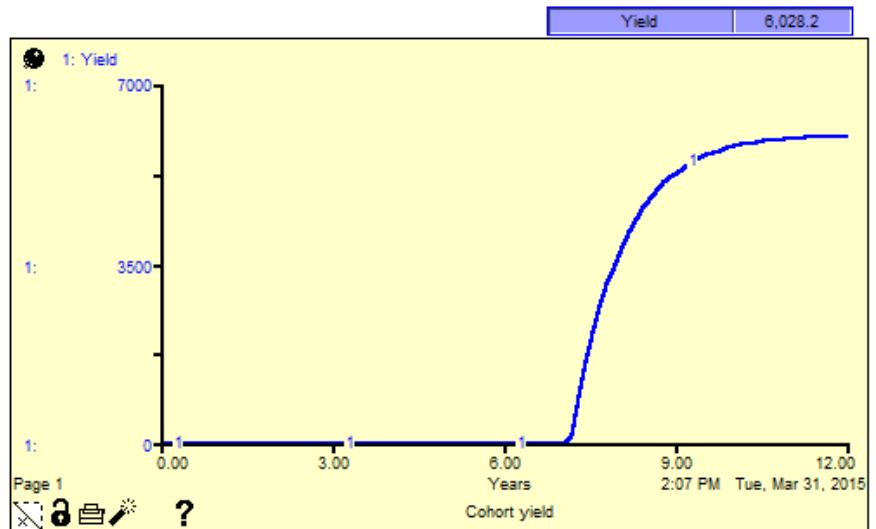
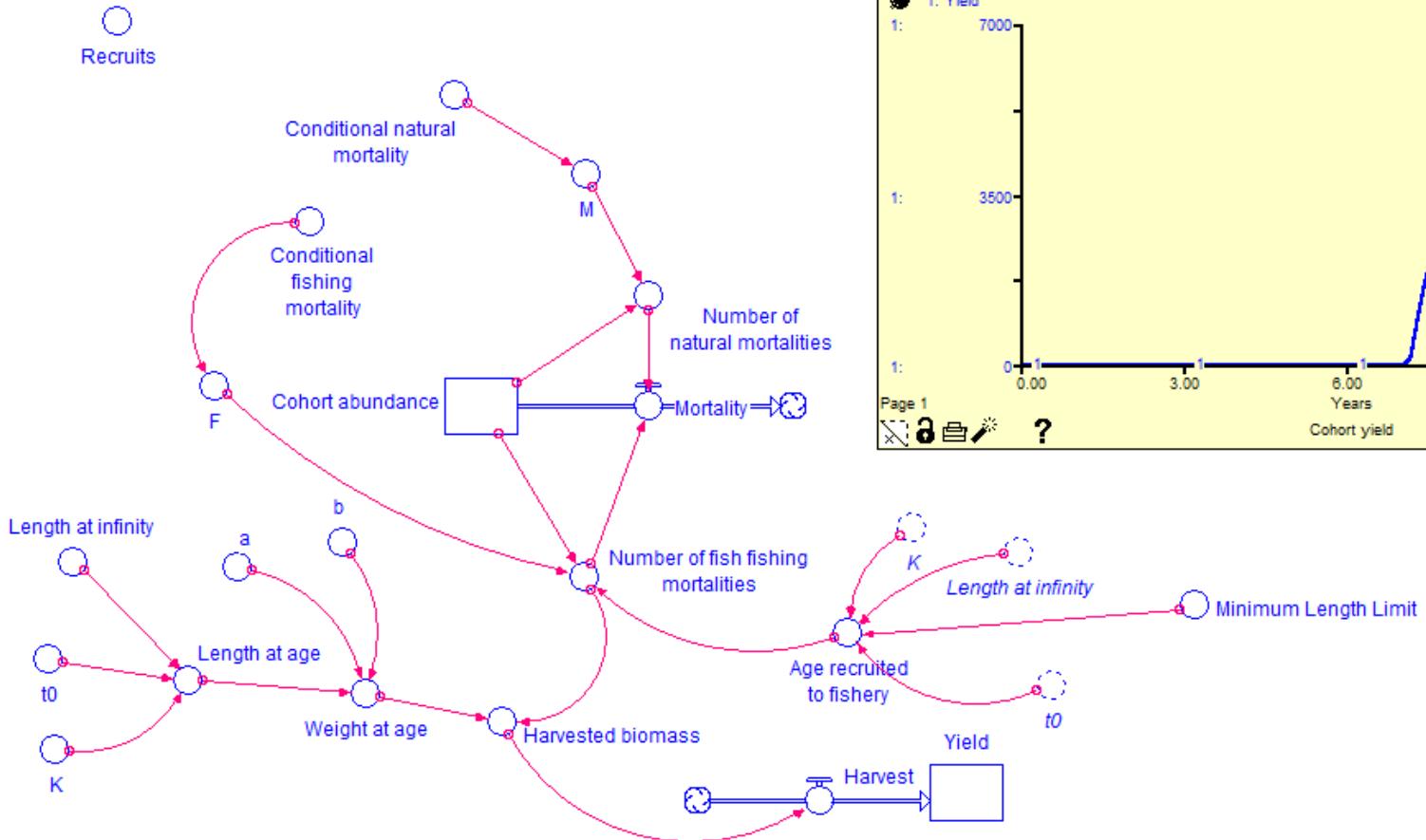
Both contribute to minimizing overfishing.



In a nutshell-Length limits can potentially be used to create a desired size structure in a population

## **MANAGING SIZE STRUCTURE IN AGE STRUCTURED POPULATIONS**

# Yield per recruit & size structure



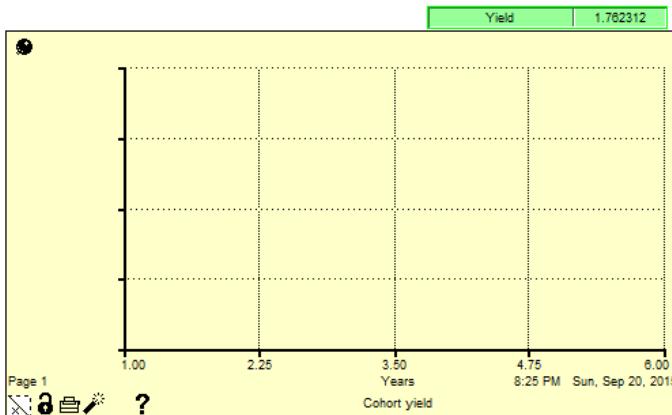
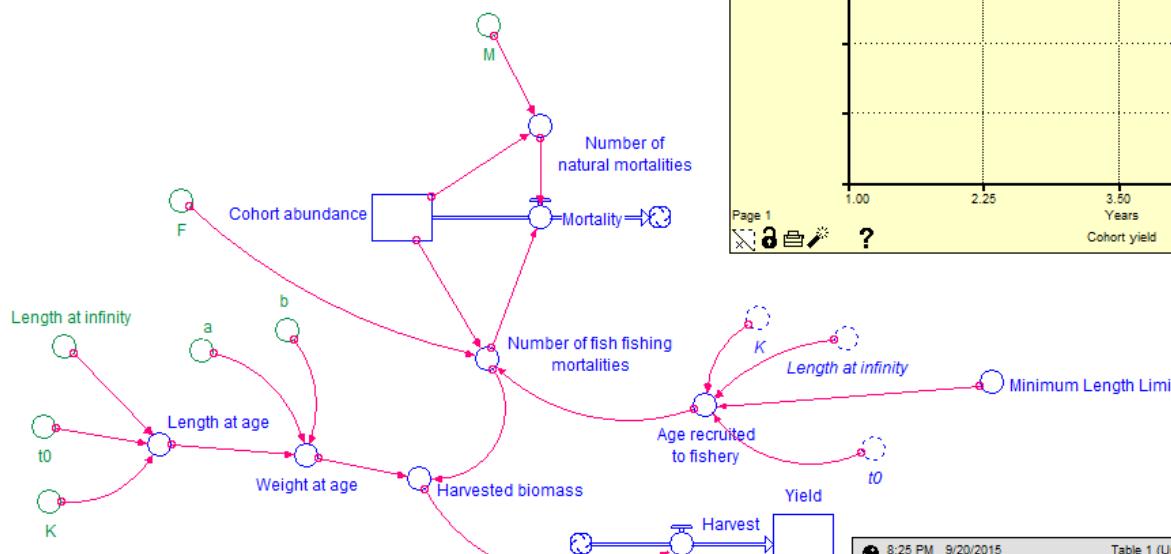


PSD (which specifically indicates Quality/Stock) is a basic measure of size structure

## **STOCK DENSITY INDICES**

# Yield and PSD

## Largemouth Bass Yield Per Recruit Model



# Largemouth Bass PSD Values

Stock	200
Quality	300
Preferred	380
Memorable	510
Trophy	630



# Predicted number at length

10 Inch Minimum Length Limit

Initial	Length	F			
		0	0.1	0.3	0.5
0	106.77	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1	194.18	175	175	175	175
2	265.75	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>
3	324.35	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
4	372.32	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
5	411.6	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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7	470.08	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
8	491.64	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
9	509.29	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
10	523.74	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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# Predicted number at length

12 Inch Minimum Length Limit

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# PSD Values-Traditional

F	Stock	Quality	PSD
0.00	37	6	18
0.10	37	6	16
0.30	34	1	12
0.50	32	0	1

10 Inch Minimum Length Limit

F	Stock	Quality	PSD
0.00	37	6	18
0.10	37	6	17
0.30	36	5	15
0.50	5	0	9

12 Inch Minimum Length Limit

# PSD Values-Incremental

F	Stock	Quality	PSD
0.00	37	6	82
0.10	37	6	83
0.30	34	1	88
0.50	32	0	99

Interesting result.  
Outcomes does not  
vary with MLL! 10  
or 12" gives you the  
same size structure

10 Inch Minimum Length Limit

F	Stock	Quality	PSD
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0.10	37	6	83
0.30	36	5	85
0.50	5	0	99

12 Inch Minimum Length Limit

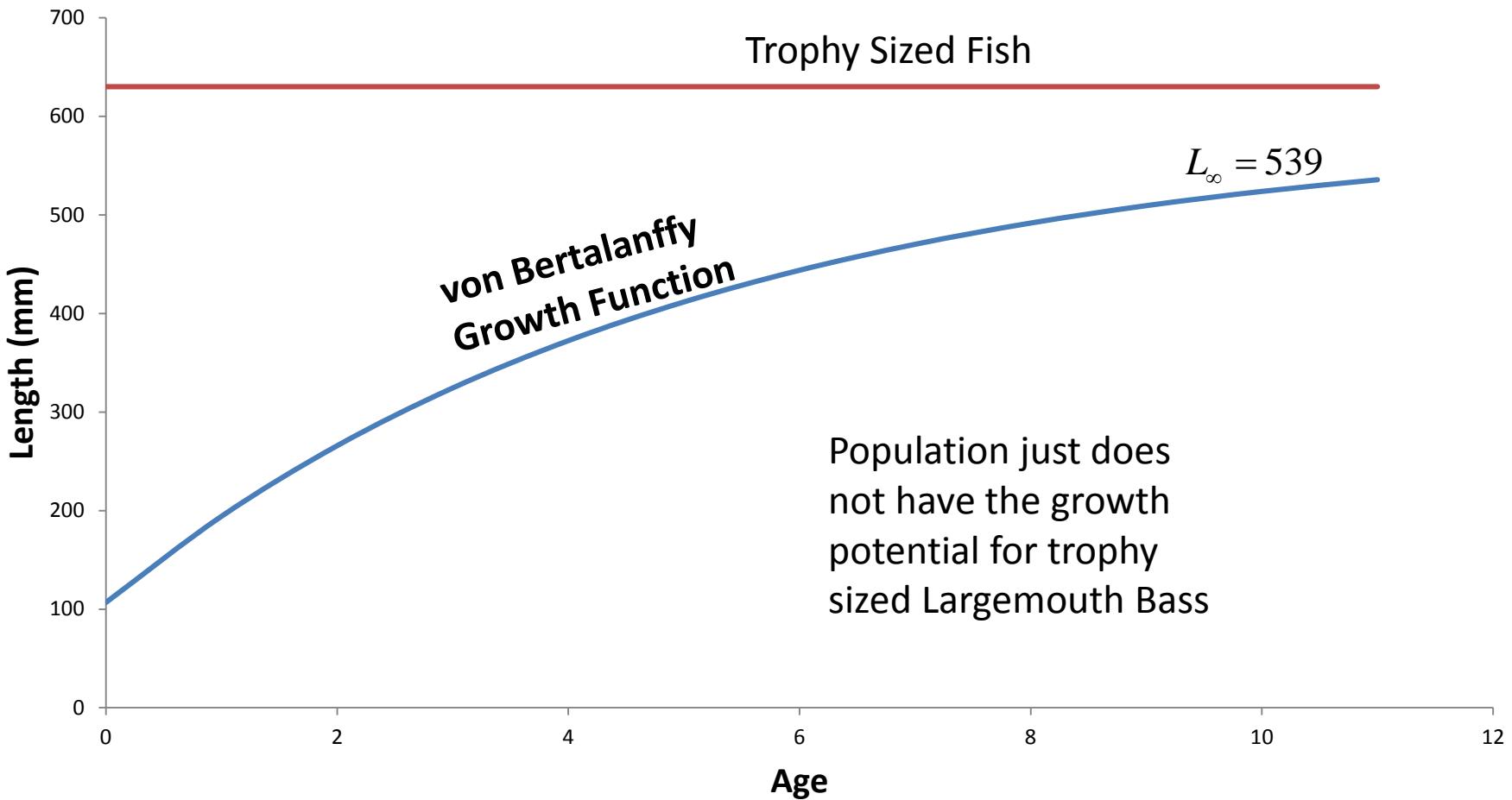
# Where are the trophy fish?

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630 mm!

# Where are the trophy fish?





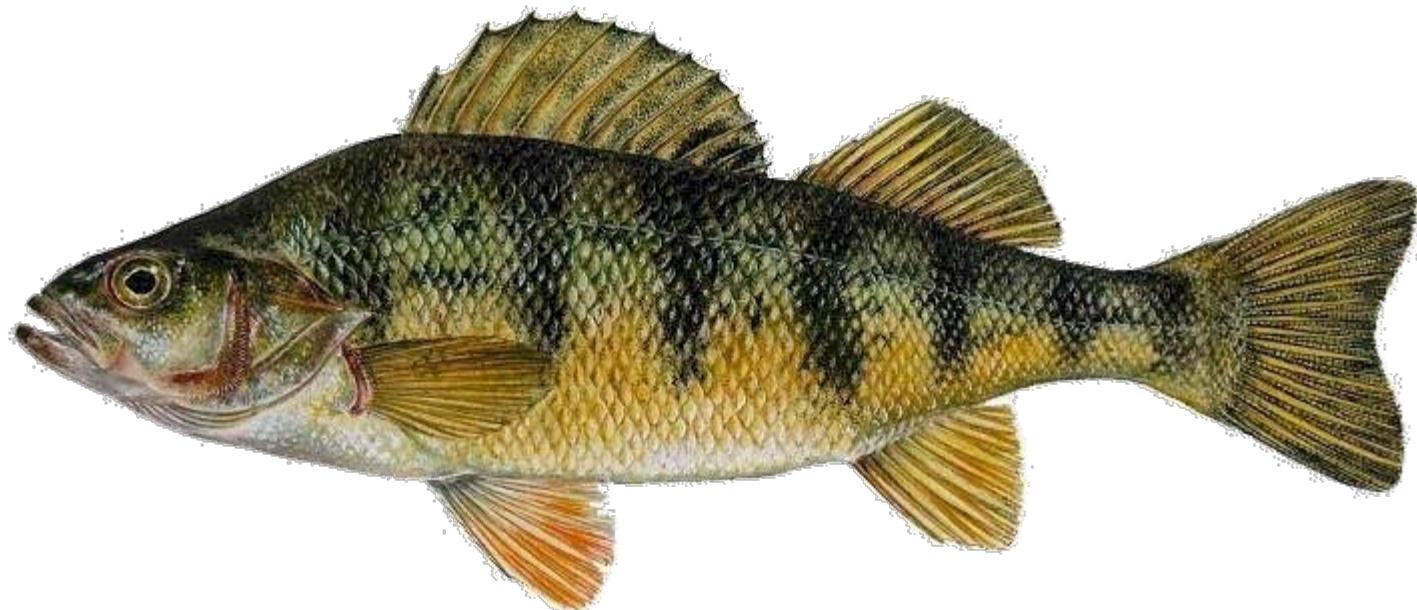
We can potentially manage size structure but if we overfish the population, size structure is the least of our concerns. We also need to preventing or minimizing growth overfishing!

## **MANAGING YIELD IN AGE STRUCTURED POPULATIONS**

# What is growth overfishing?

**Harvest fish before they have time to grow**

**Example:**



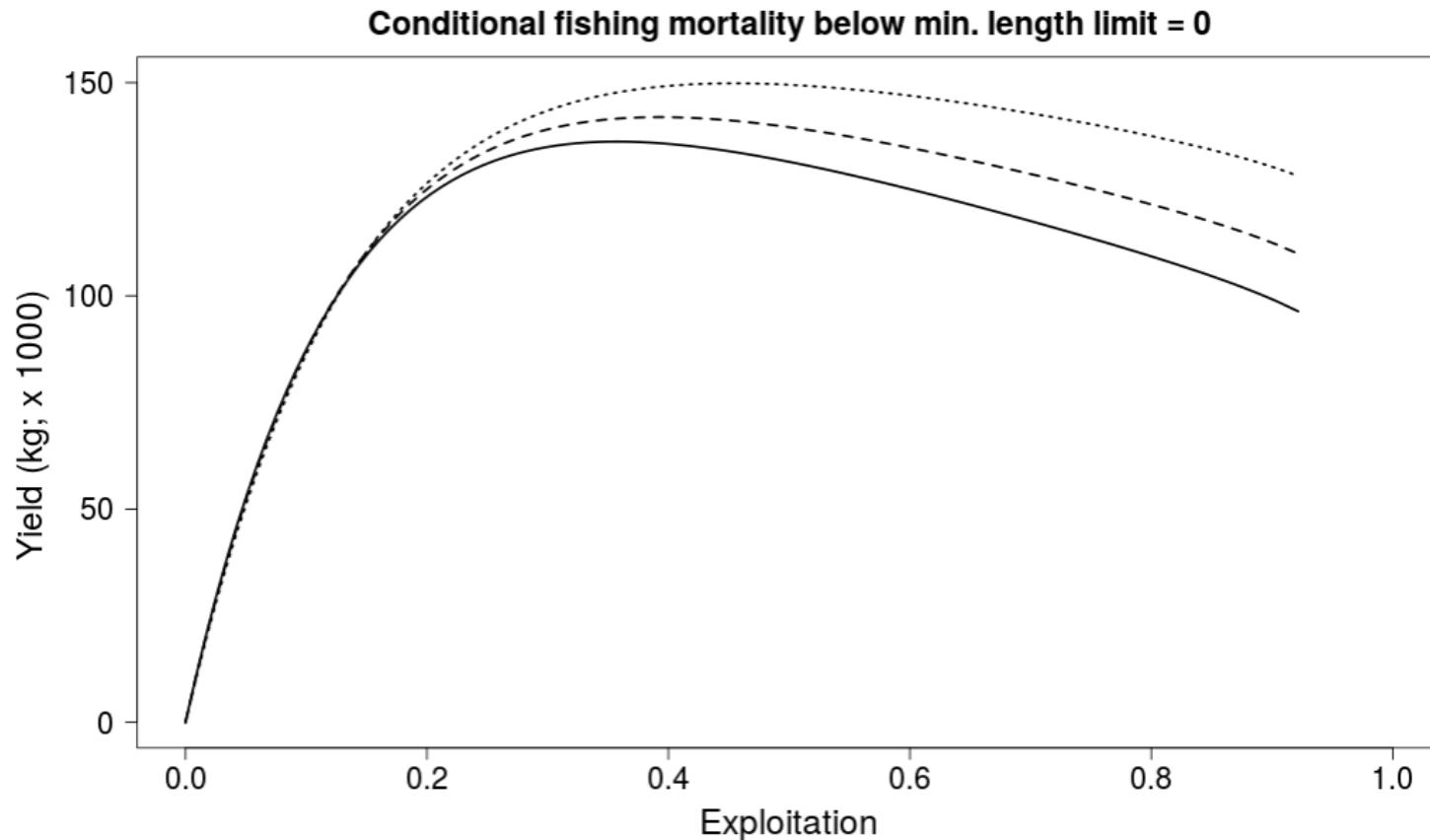
# Growth process in fish

The assimilation of food as biomass (i.e., tissue).  
Primarily refers to somatic tissue but also includes gonad tissue.

- Fish adding **weight** over **time**
  1. Relate time (age) to length
  2. Relate length to weight

# Yield per recruit model!

Plot: Yield per recruit



# Diagnosing growth overfishing

Growth  
overfishing

No growth  
overfishing

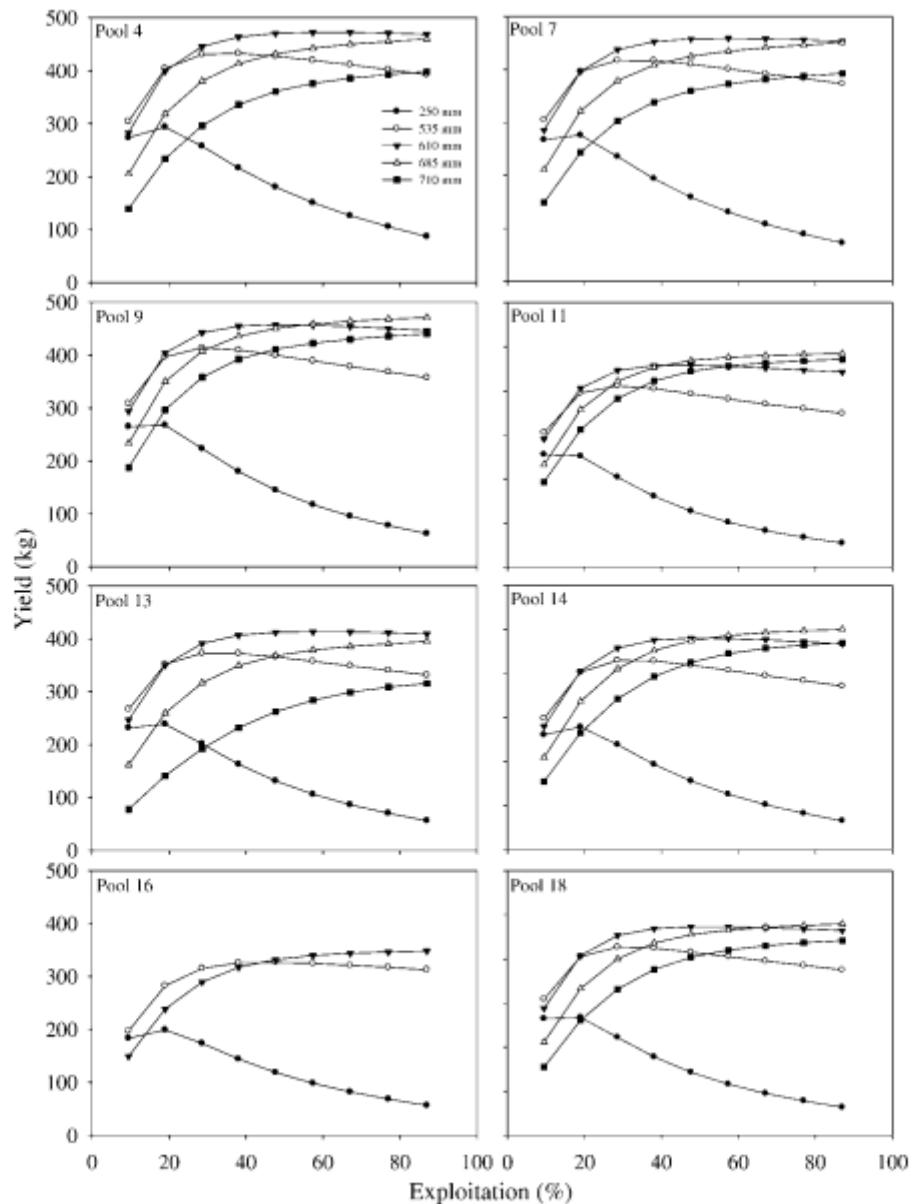
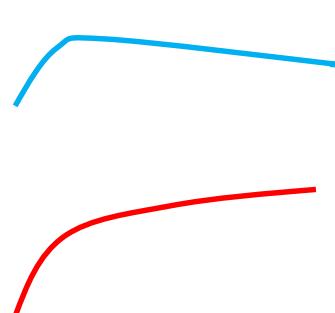


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# Diagnosing growth overfishing



Growth overfishing

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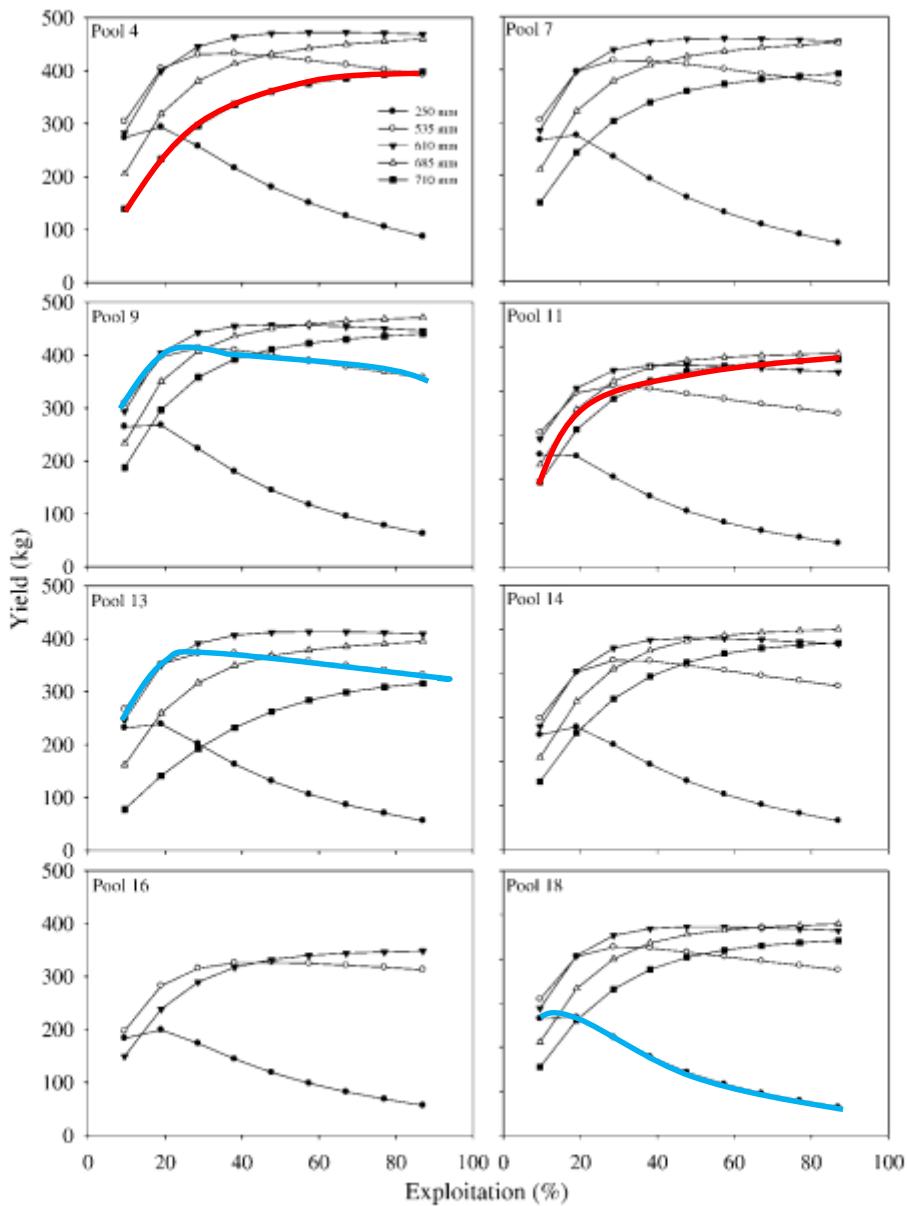


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# CASE STUDY-PADDLEFISH ROE HARVEST





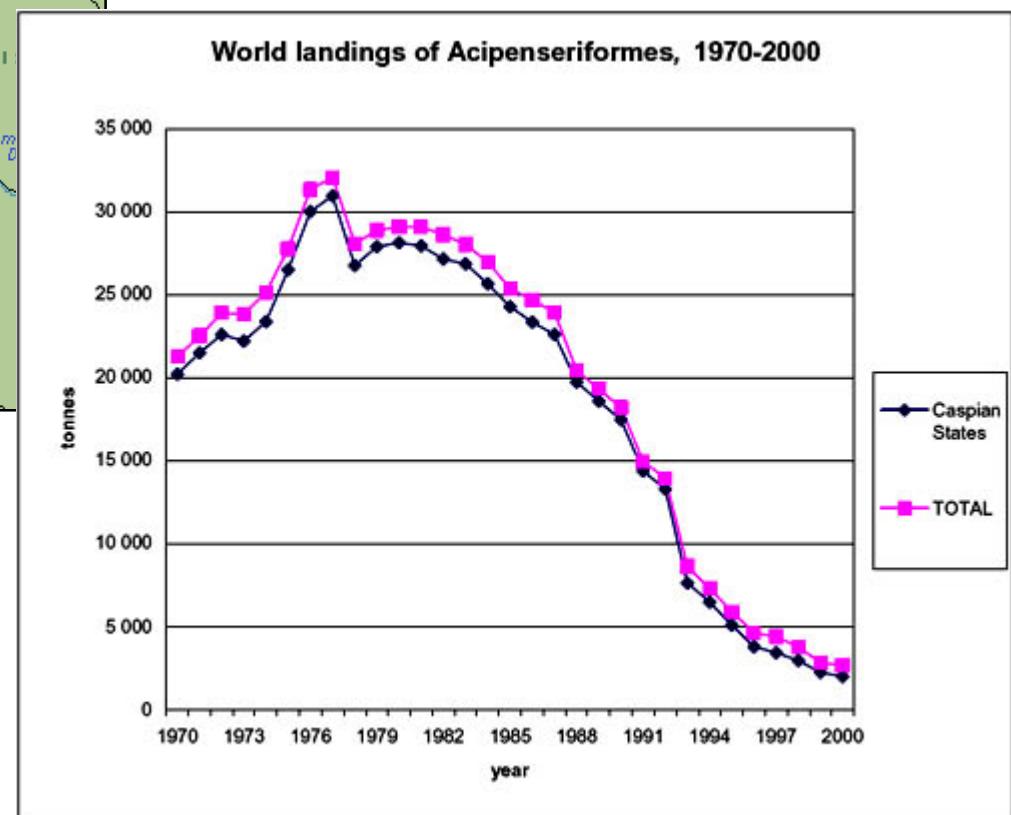
Recall that Yield Per Recruit models are used to explore varying length limits on growth overfishing.

# Caviar sources

- Salmon
- Mullet
- Herring
- Carp
- Bowfin
- Acipenseriformes
  - Sturgeon
  - Paddlefish



# Eurasian caviar stocks decline



# NA Acipensiformes harvest

- High market price
- Increased harvest in North America
- At-risk to overfishing?

220 \$/kg roe; 500-650\$ per fish



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Caviar Ban Threatens Mississippi Paddlefish

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Some fishermen on the Mississippi remember using buckets of paddlefish eggs as pig slop. Then the U.S. government banned caviar imports from the Caspian Sea. NPR environmental correspondent John Nielsen reports on how that ban made paddlefish caviar the preferred alternative, and led to overfishing that now threatens the species.

# Yield-per-recruit (YPR) models

- Predicts fishery yield
- Age structured
- Evaluate varying:
  - Fishing mortality
  - Length limits
  - Natural mortality

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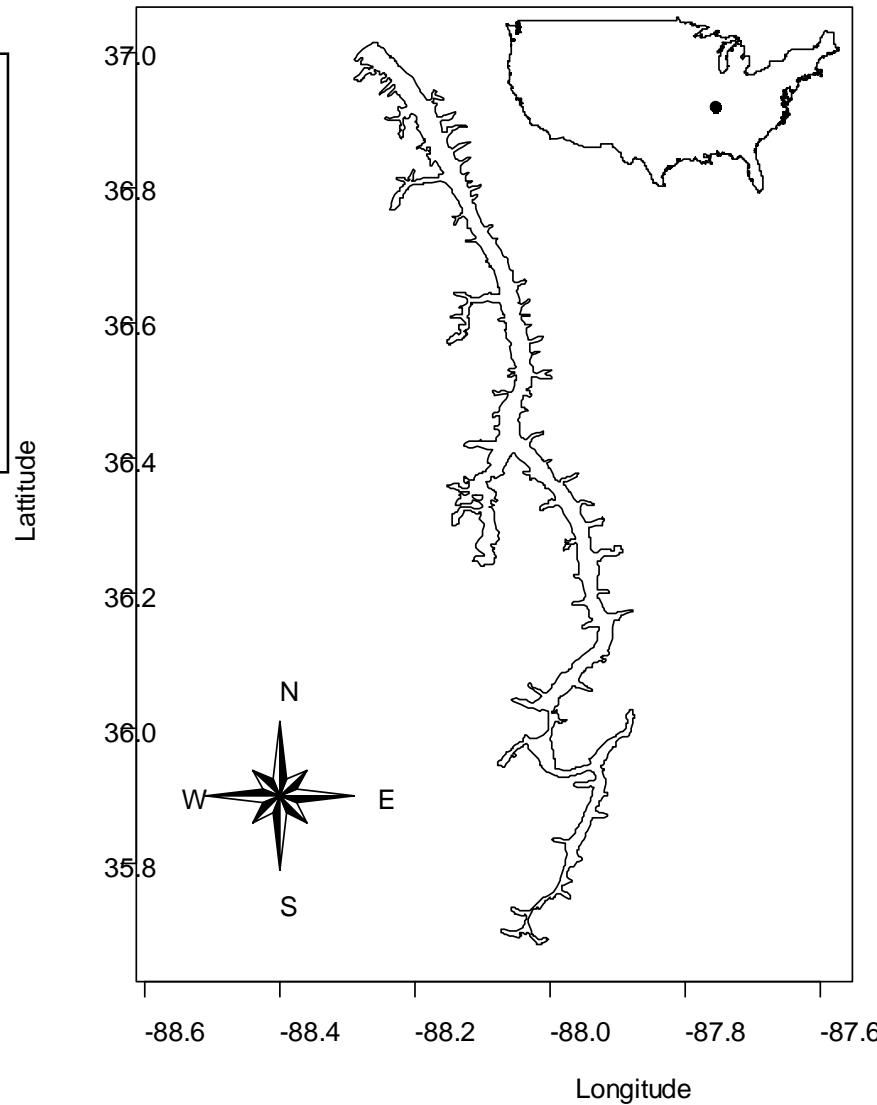
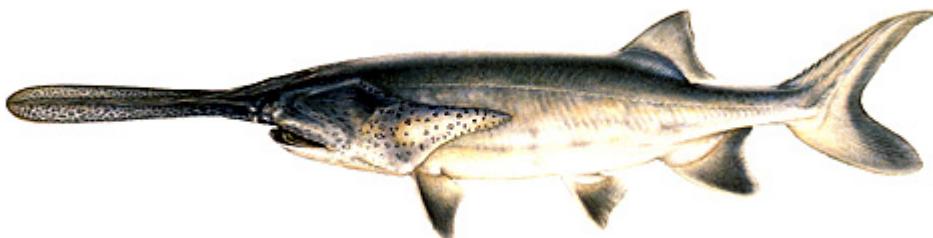
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*Can roe yield be increased by delaying recruitment to the fishery?*



# Potential for overfishing?

- Growth overfishing
  - 864-mm
  - Exploitation > 30%
  - Weak at 965
- Suggests increasing length limit

*But, commercial fishery targets ovarian tissue not biomass!*

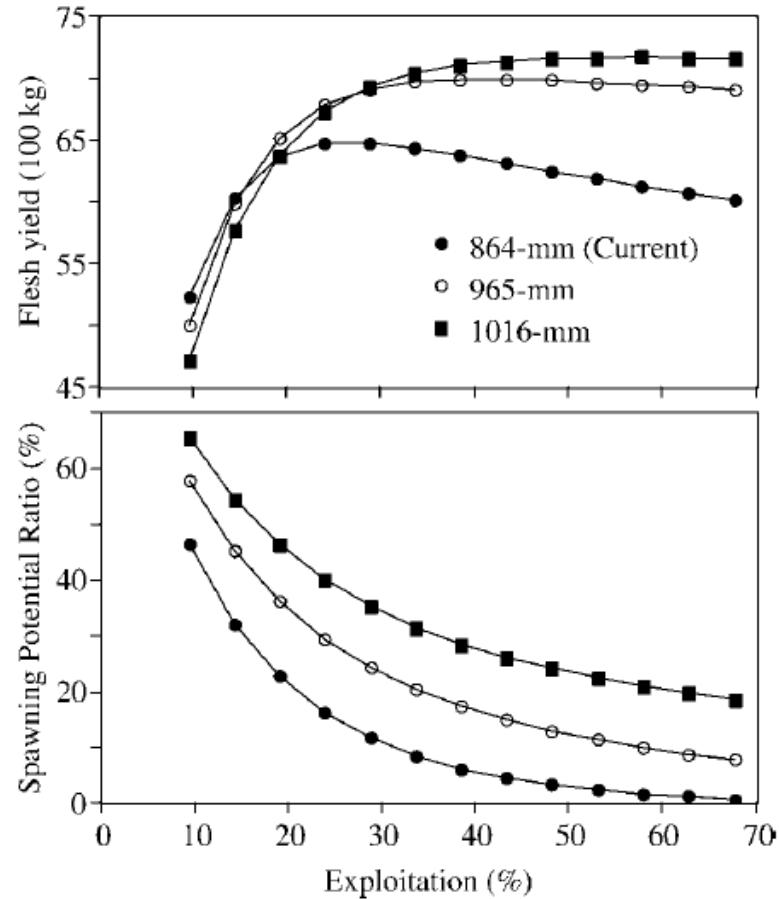
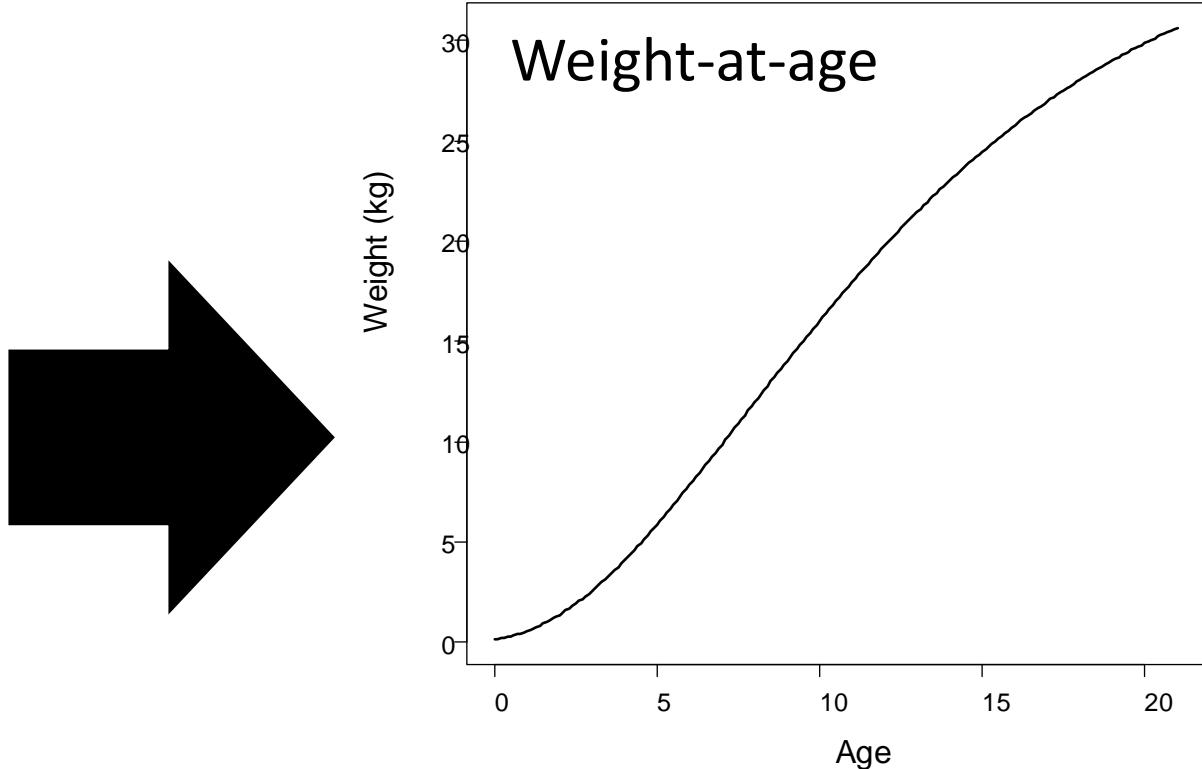
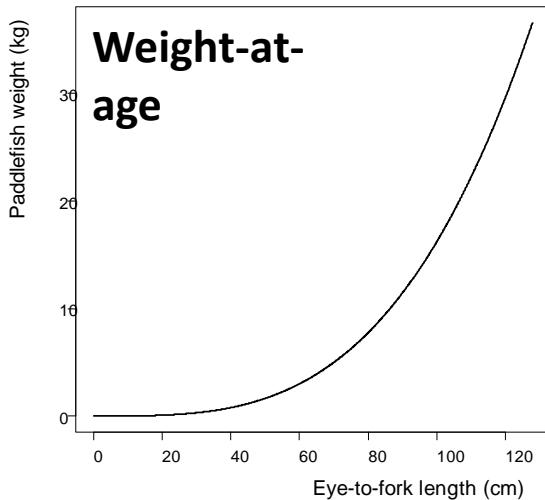
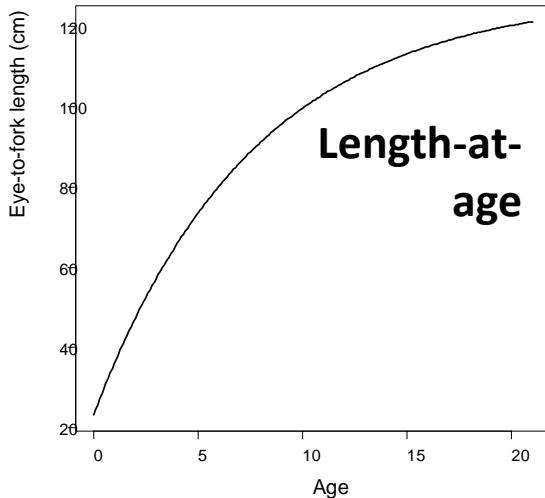


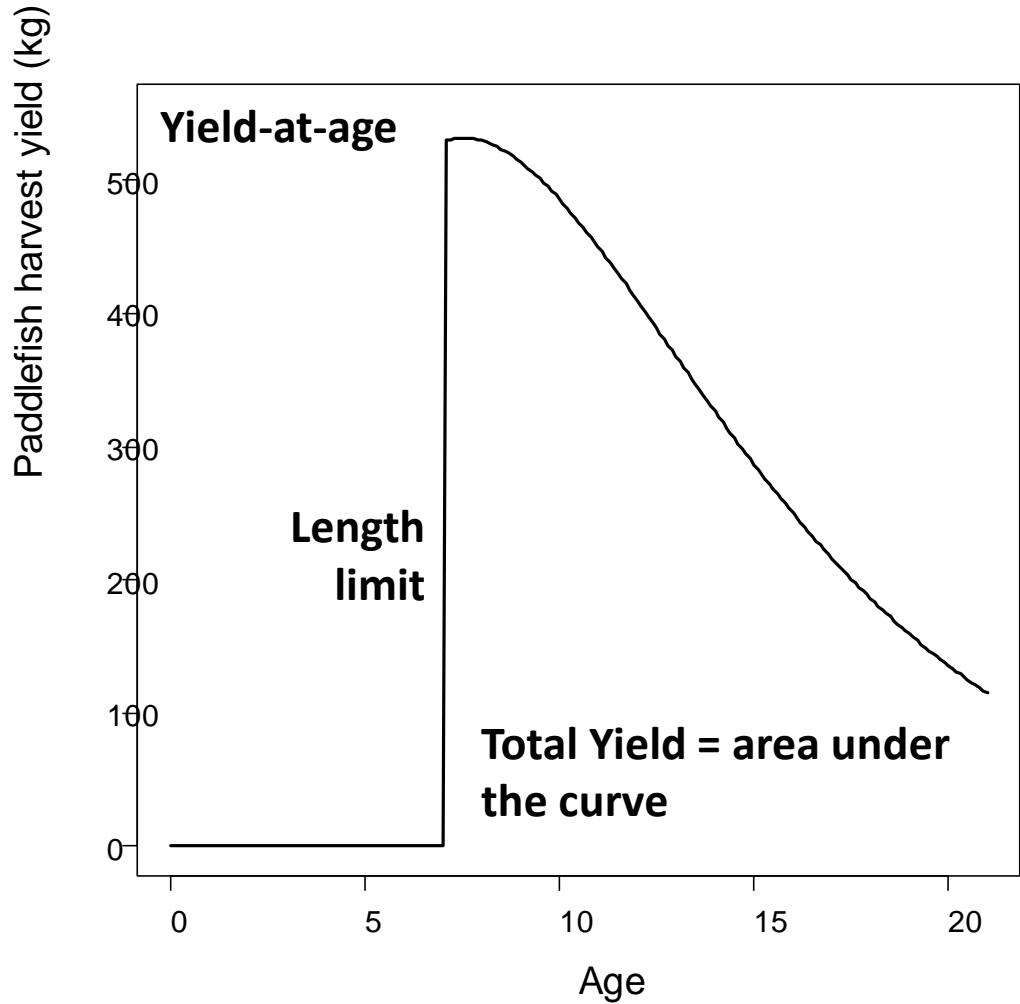
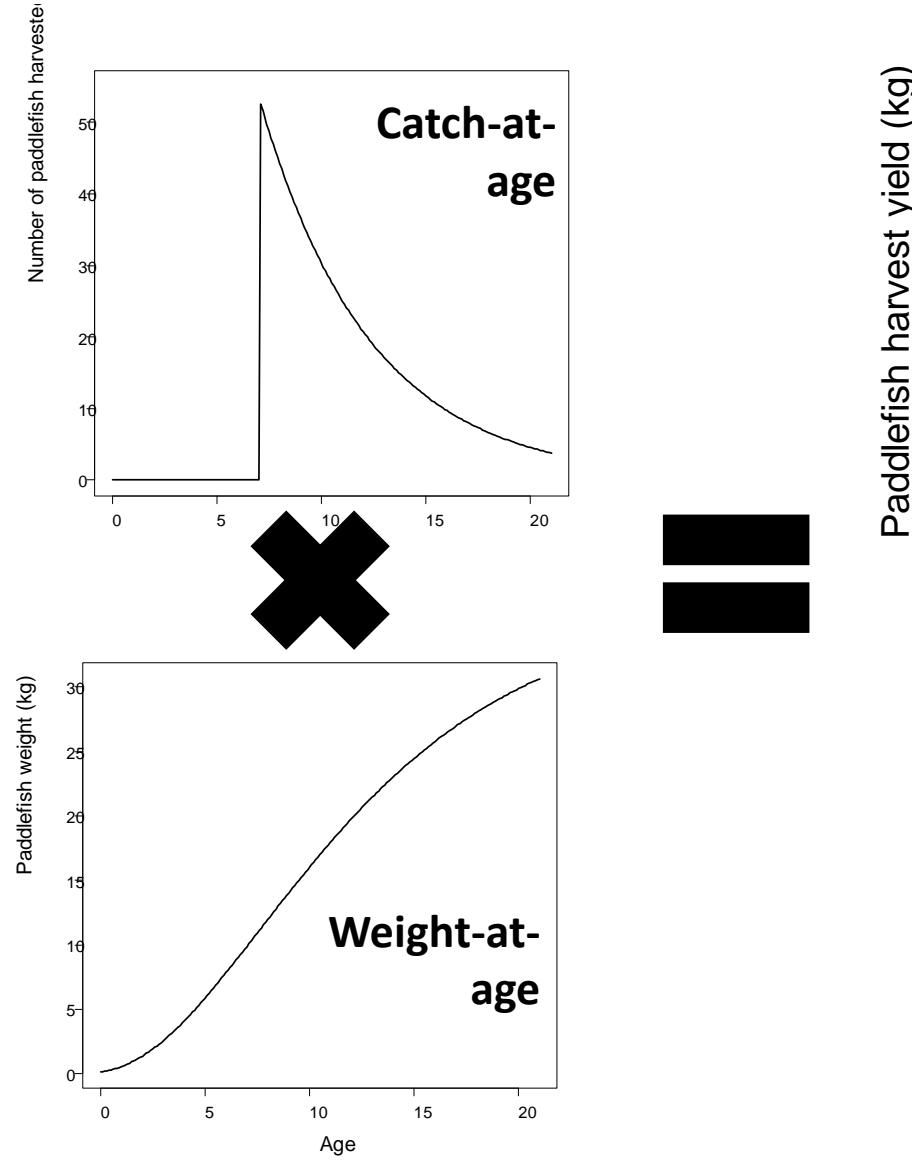
FIGURE 6.—Predicted paddlefish flesh yield (per 1,000 recruits; top) and spawning potential ratio (bottom) versus exploitation for three different minimum length limits in Kentucky Lake in 2003–2004.

# Weight-at-age

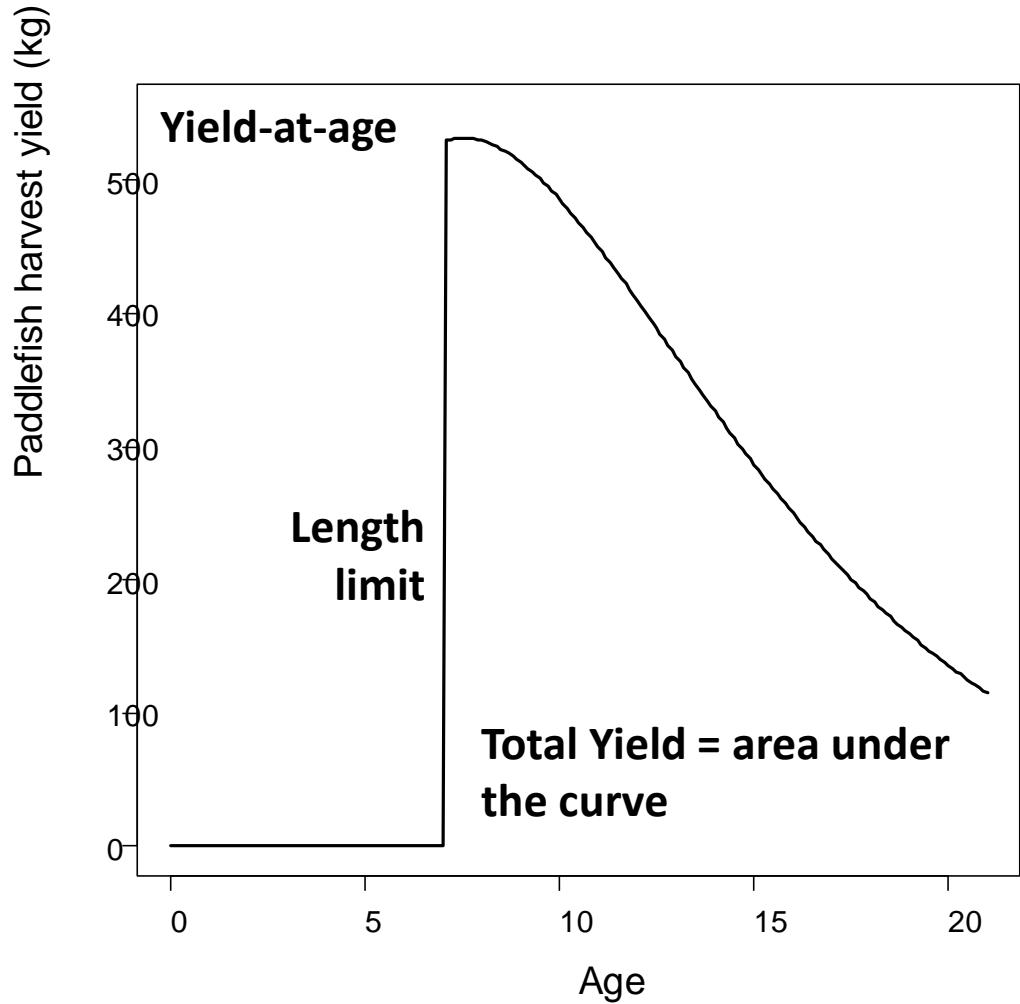
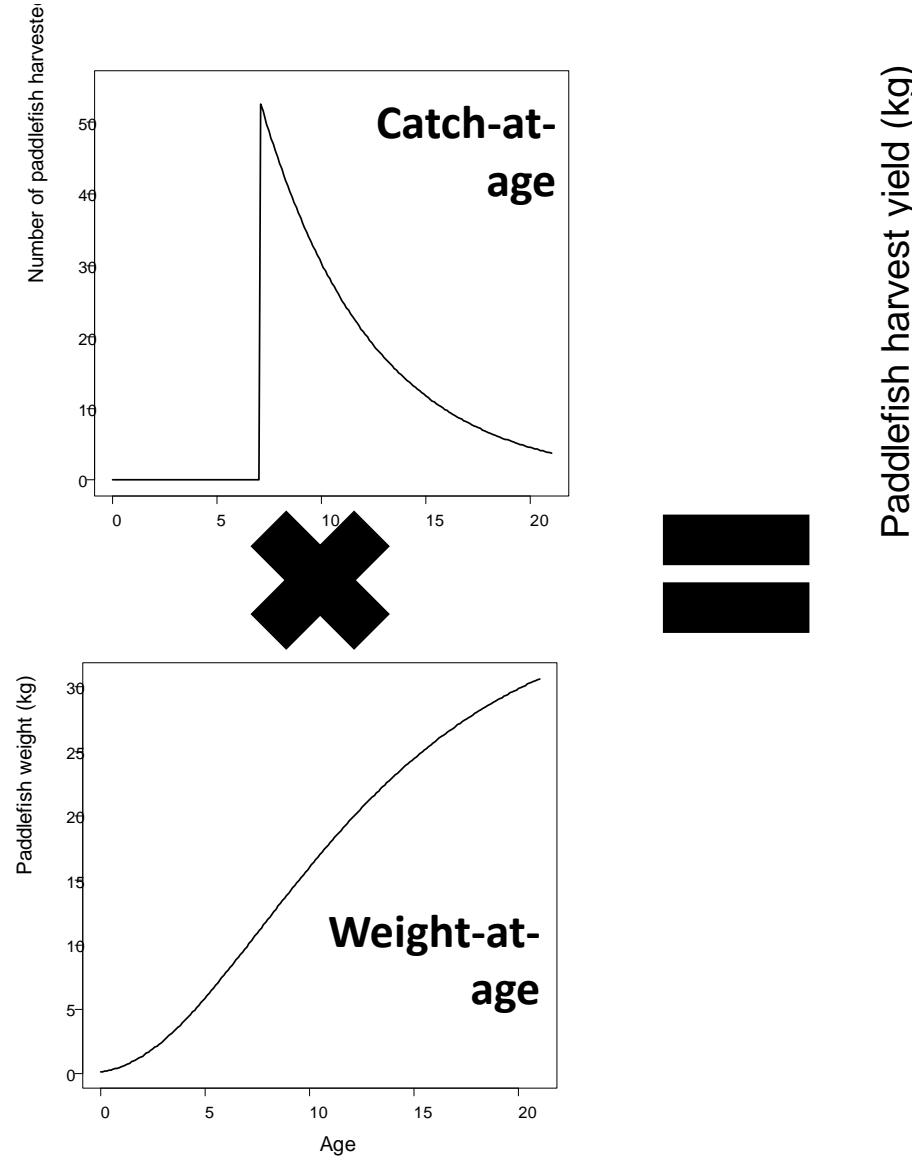


$$W_{fish}(age) = 10^{-5.711} \cdot (1,279 \cdot (1 - e^{-0.131 \cdot (age + 1.527)}))^{3.307}$$

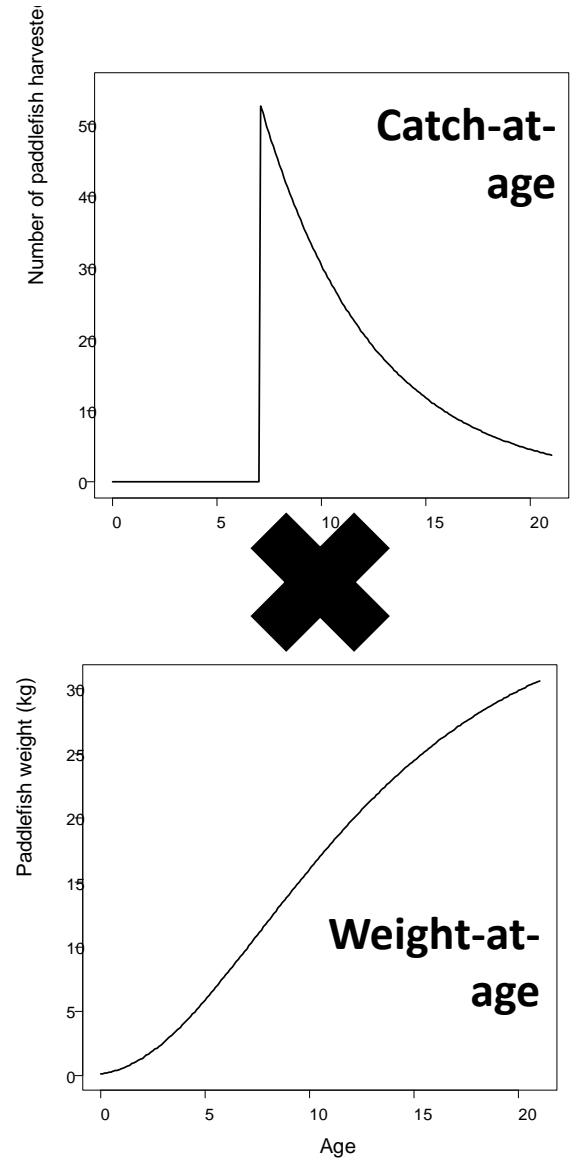
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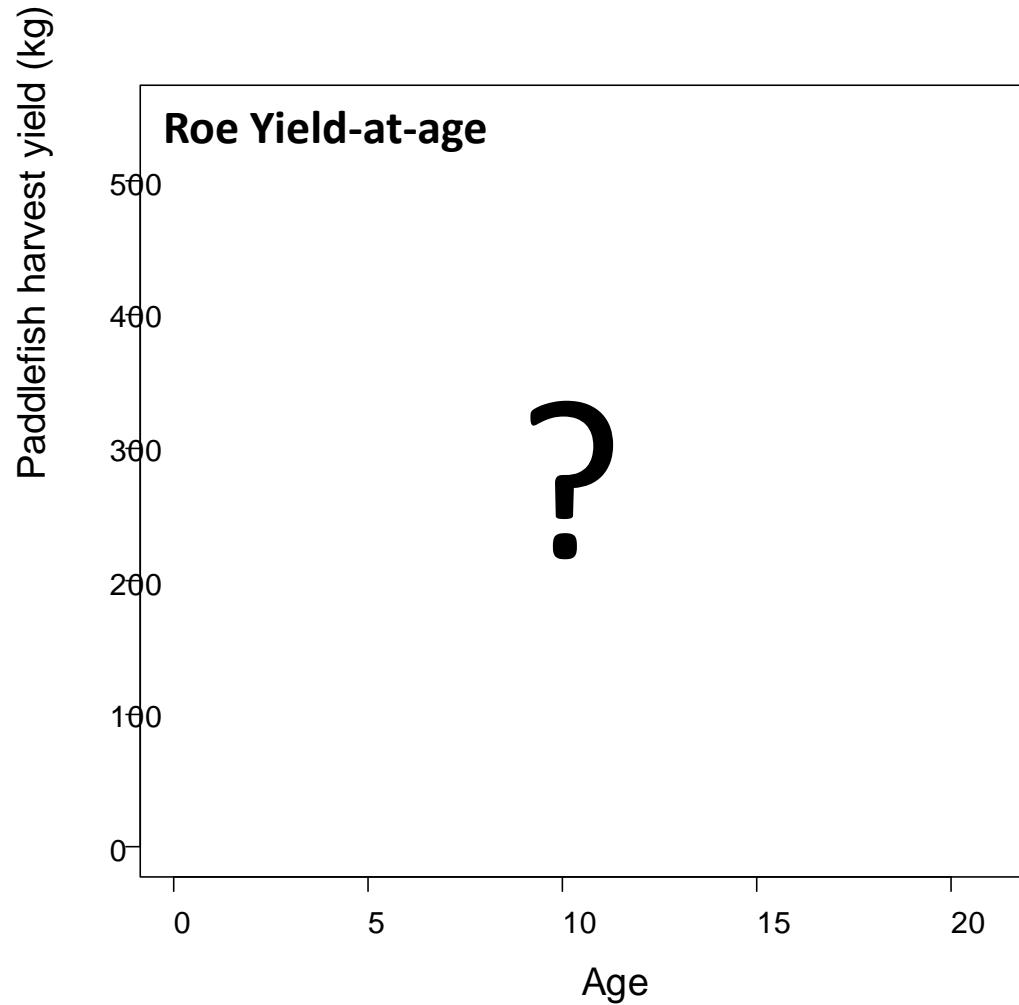
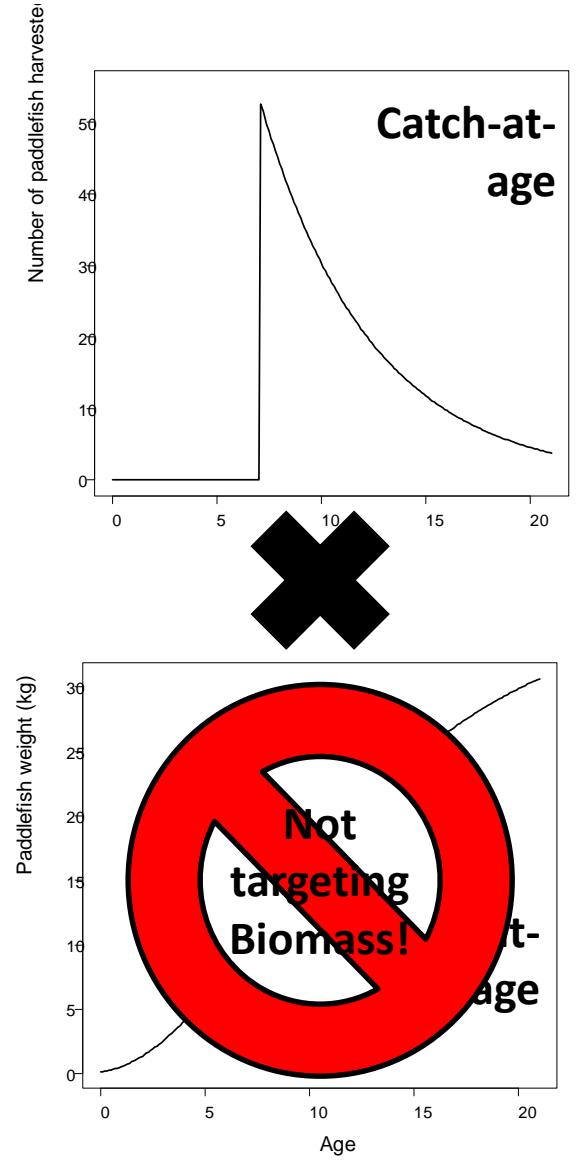
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# Roe yield?



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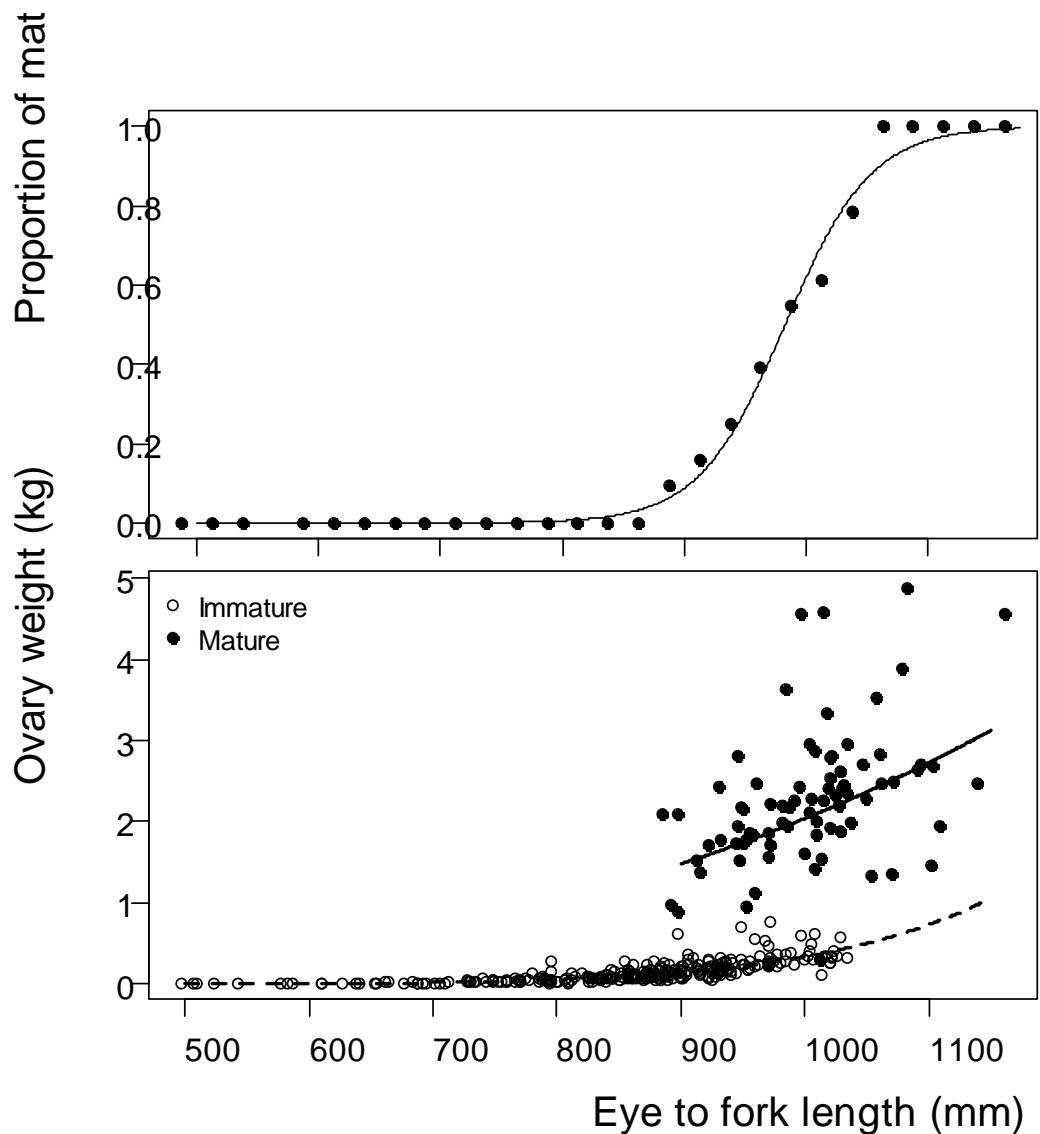


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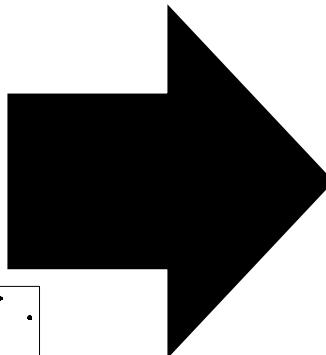
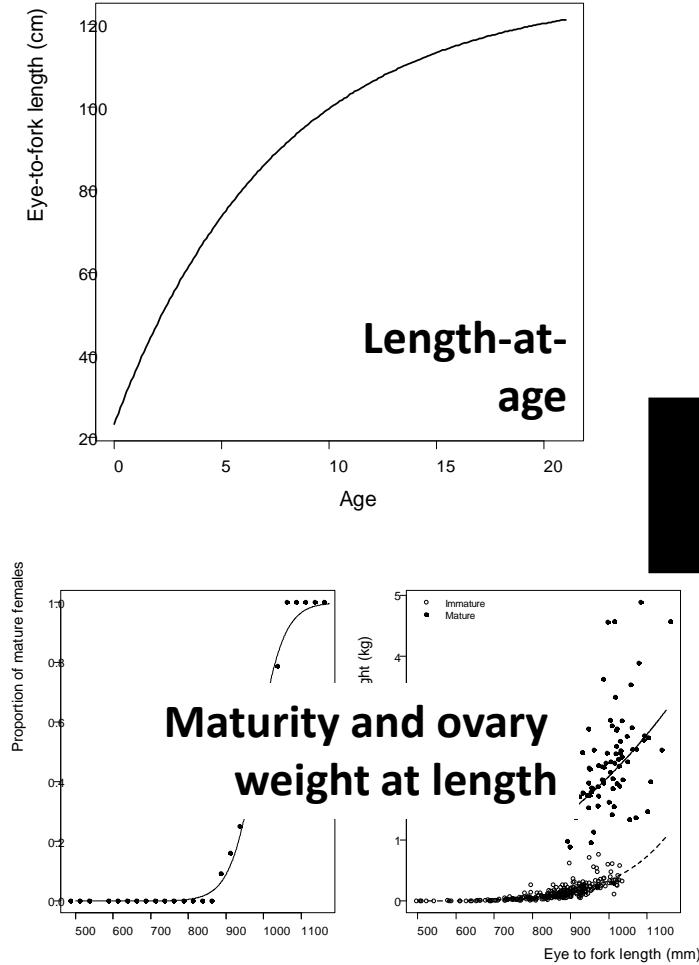
*Ovary weight-at-EFL*

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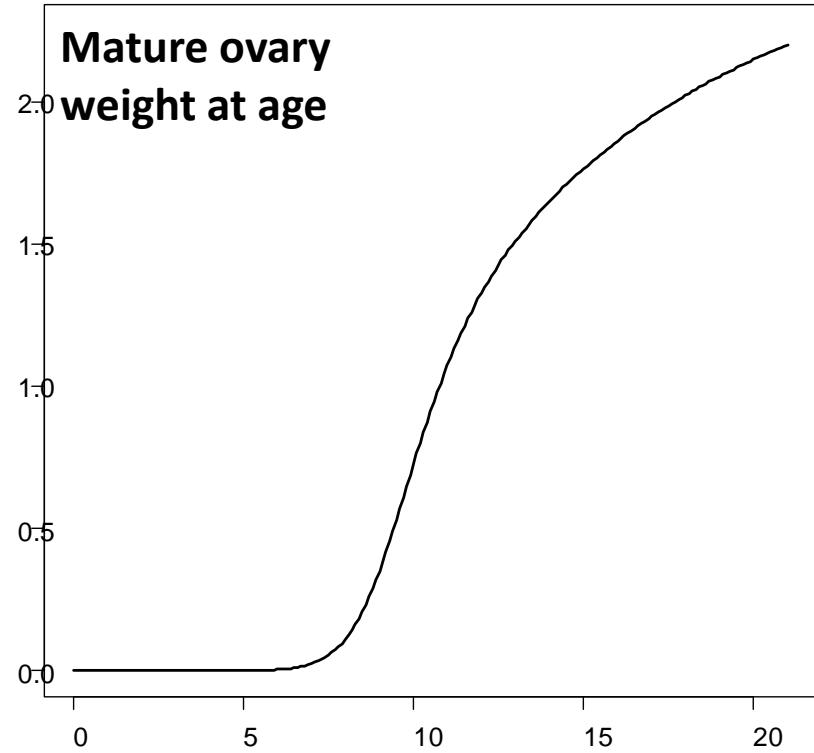
- Maturity
- Ovary weight



# Simulating roe yield

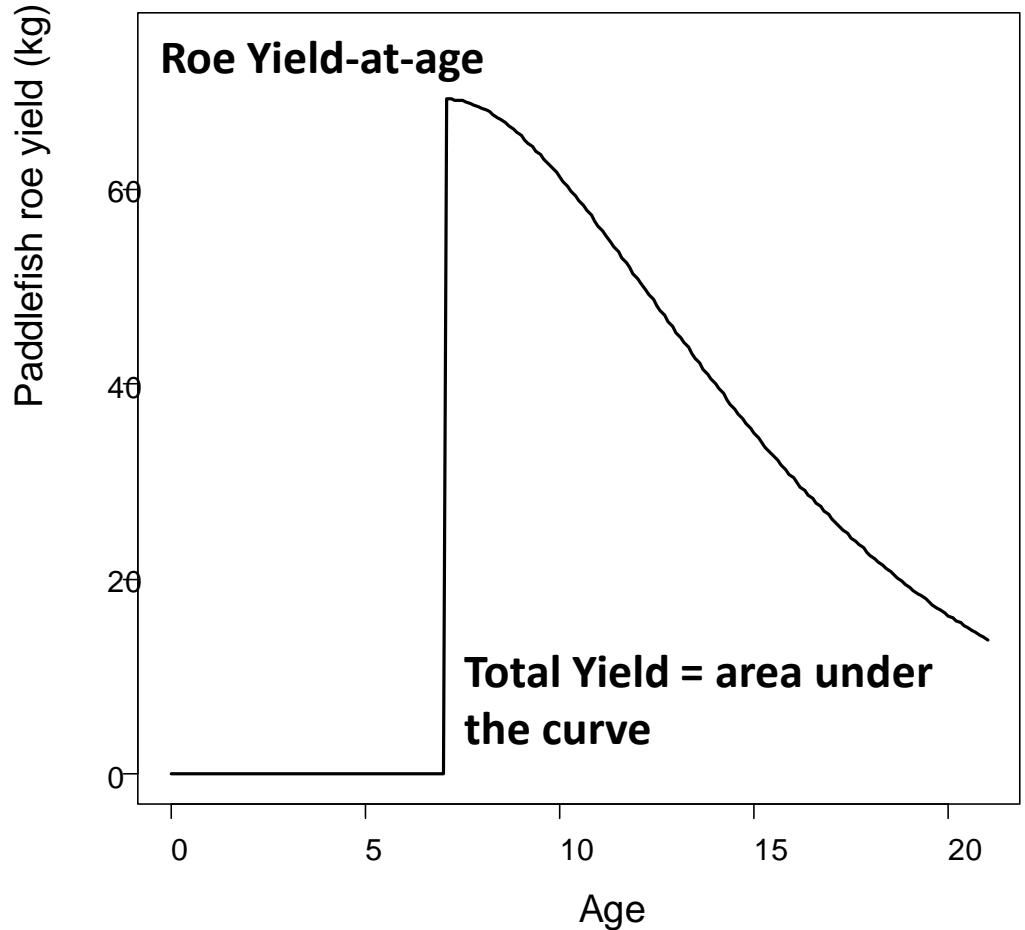
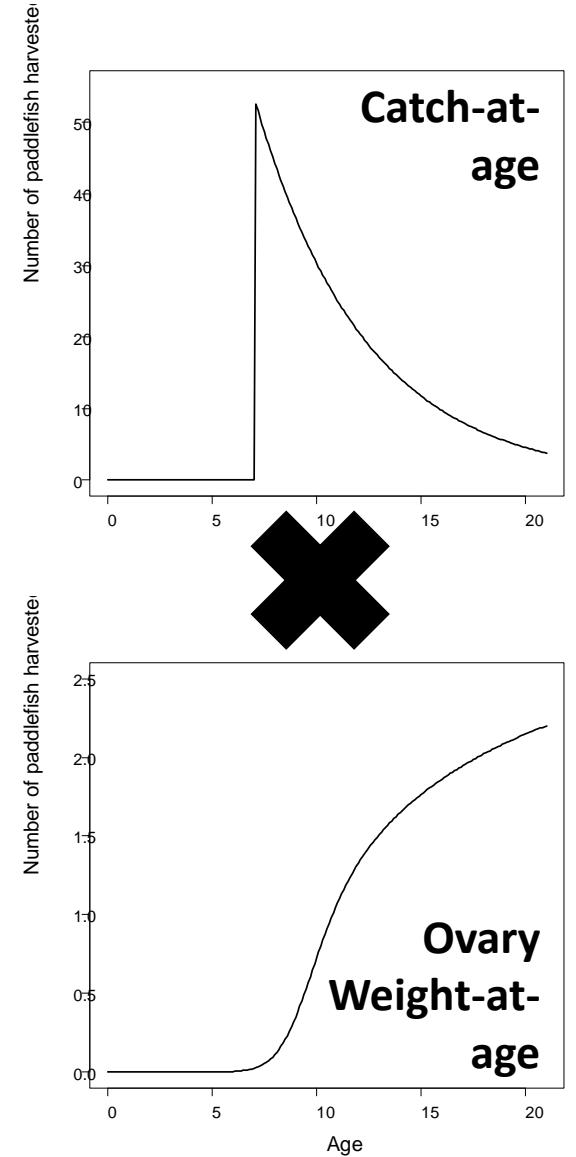


Mature ovary weight at age



$$W_{ovary}(t) = 0.6 \cdot \left( \frac{e^{-27.78+0.028 \cdot (1,279 \cdot (1 - e^{-0.131 \cdot (t+1.527)}))}}{e^{-27.78+0.028 \cdot (1,279 \cdot (1 - e^{-0.131 \cdot (t+1.527)}))} + 1} \right) \\ \cdot (0.0000014 \cdot (1,279 \cdot (1 - e^{-0.131 \cdot (t+1.527)}))^{3.0529})$$

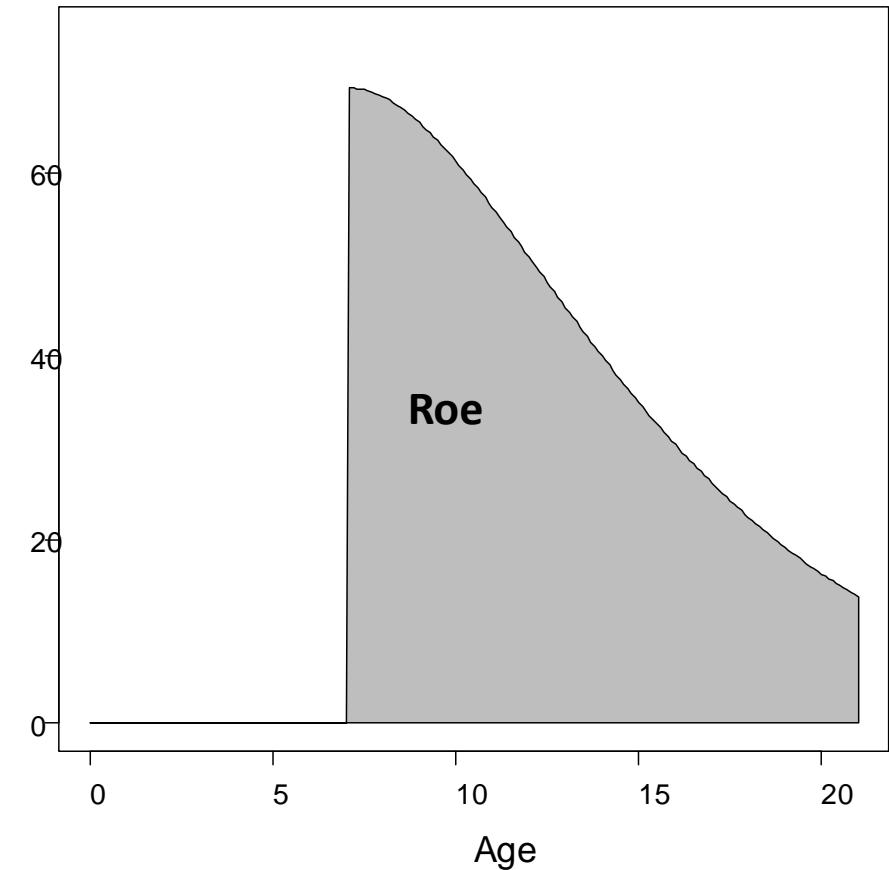
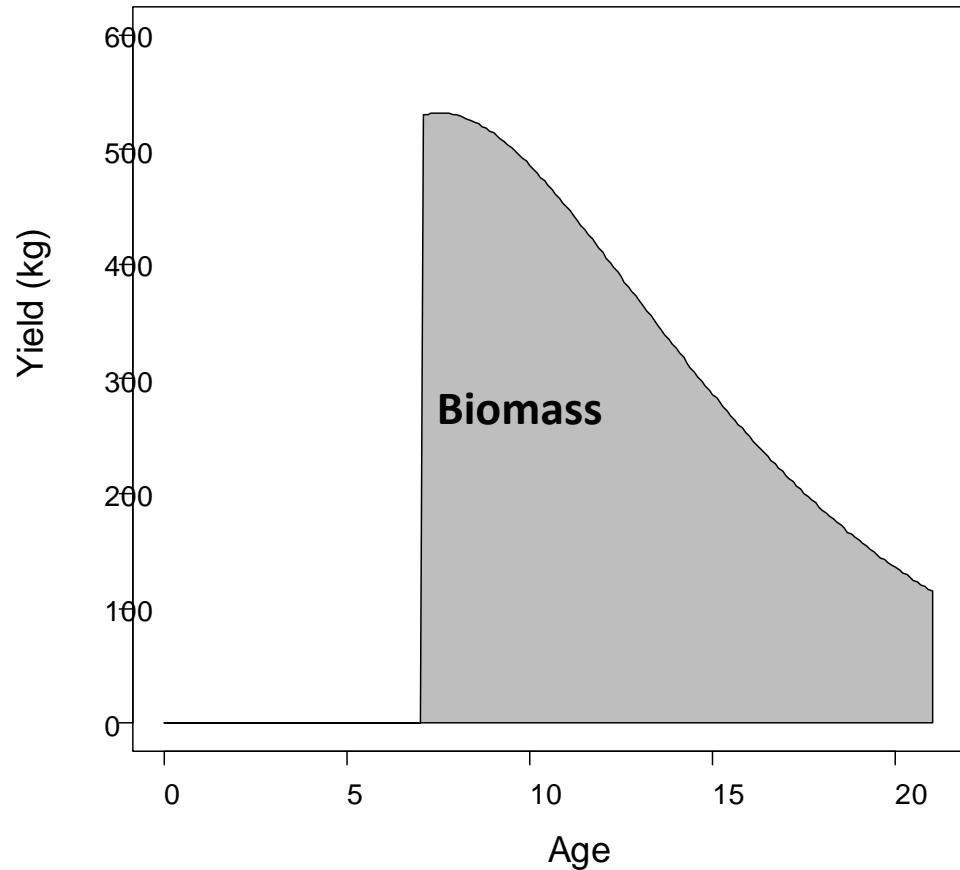
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# Finally...yield!

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# Predicting total yield

Analytical?

Approximate?

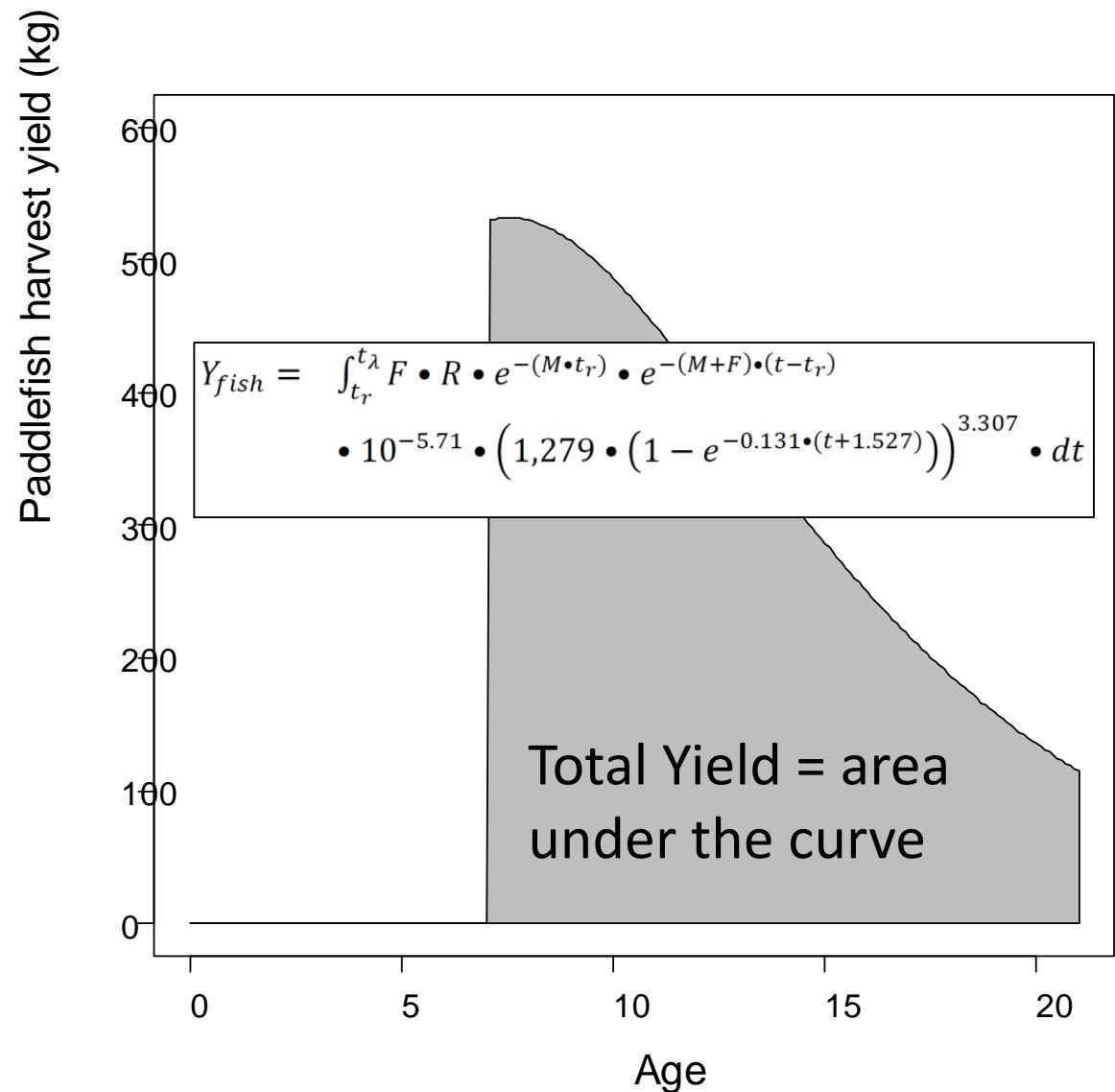
Jones (1957)

– Incomplete

β function

— FAST

— FAMS



# Numerical approaches

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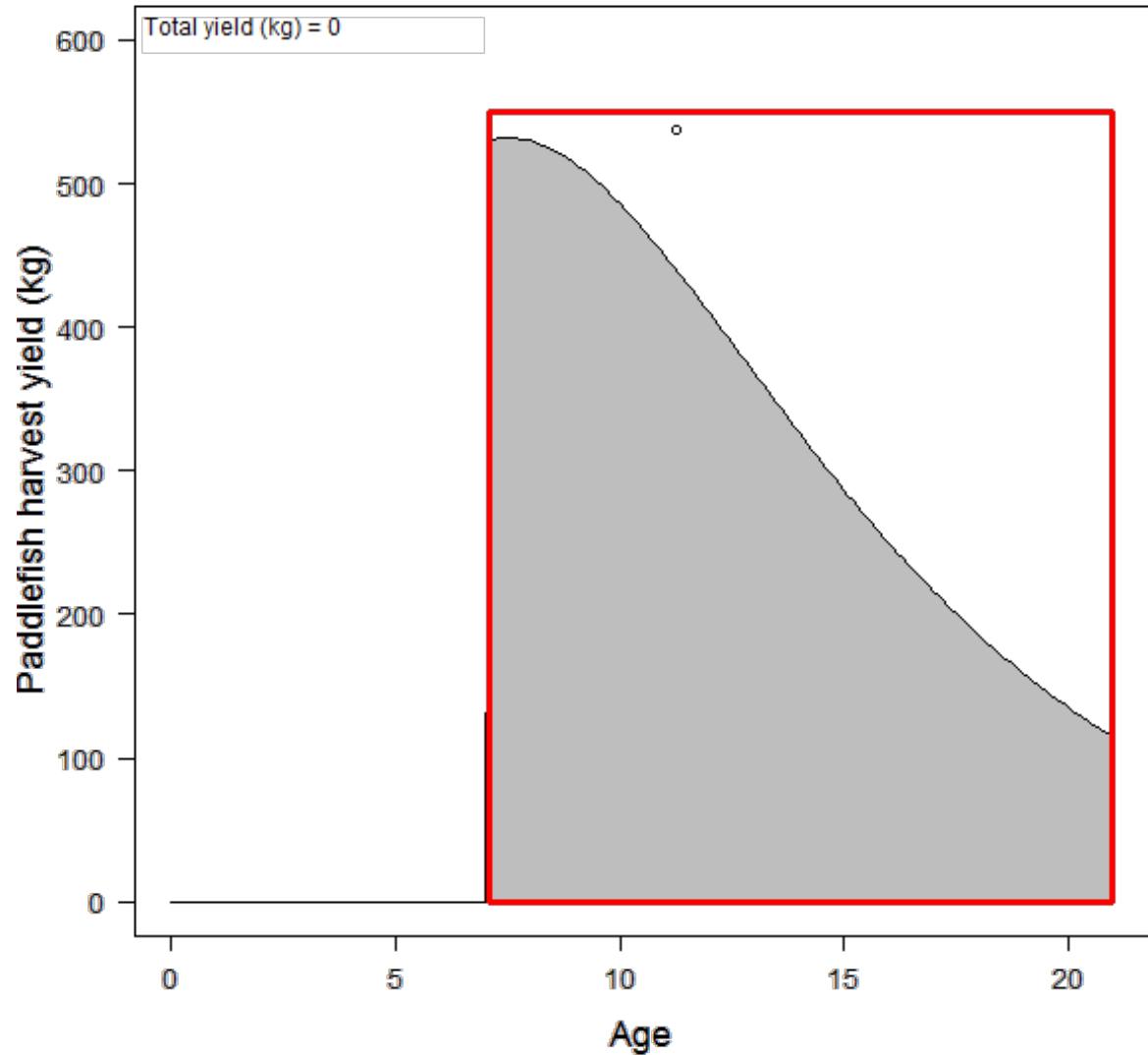
- Age recruited to fishery
- Maximum age
- Known area



# Illustration of numerical integration

Monte Carlo  
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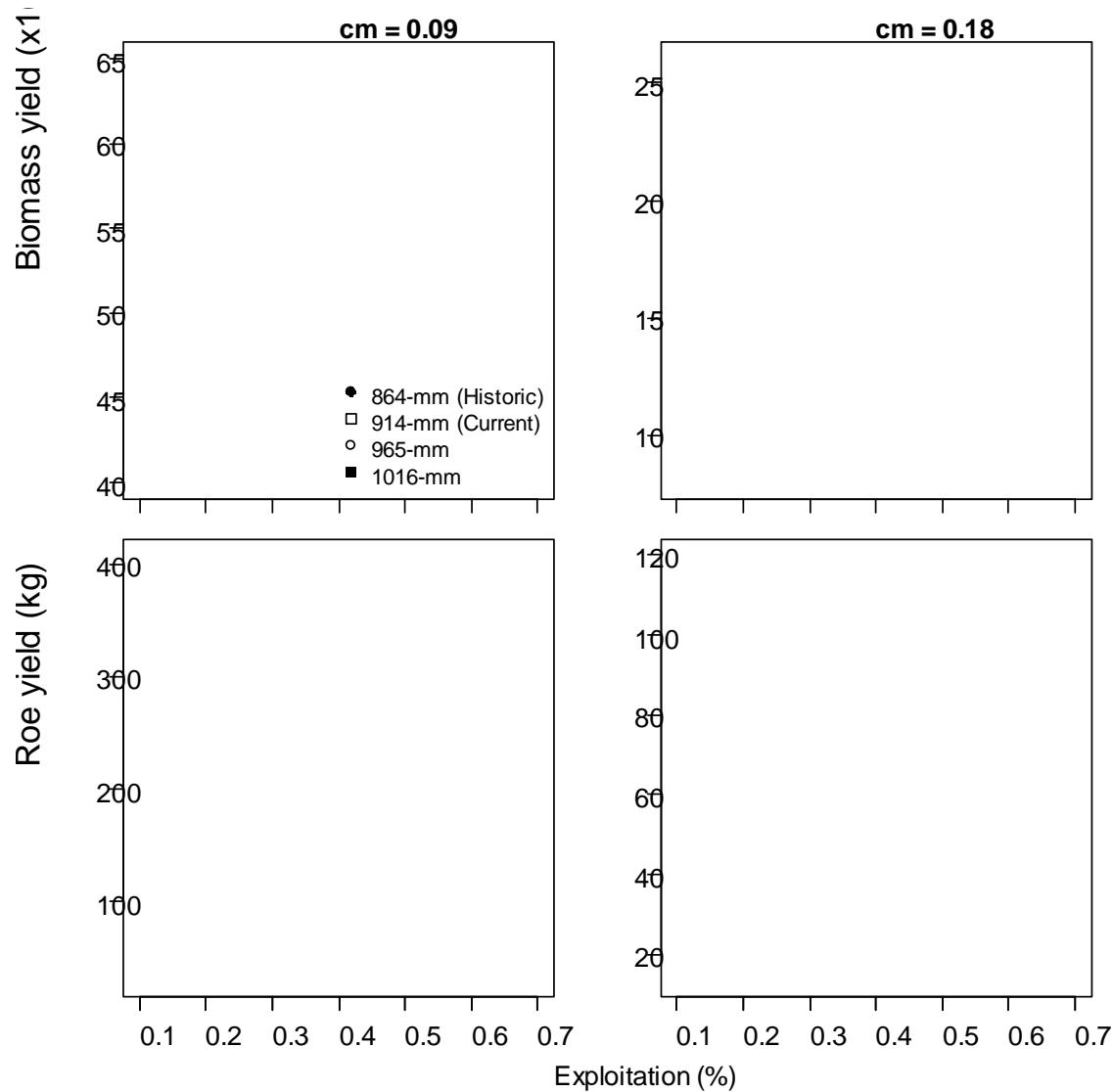
- Do for many random draws within box
- Very Flexible



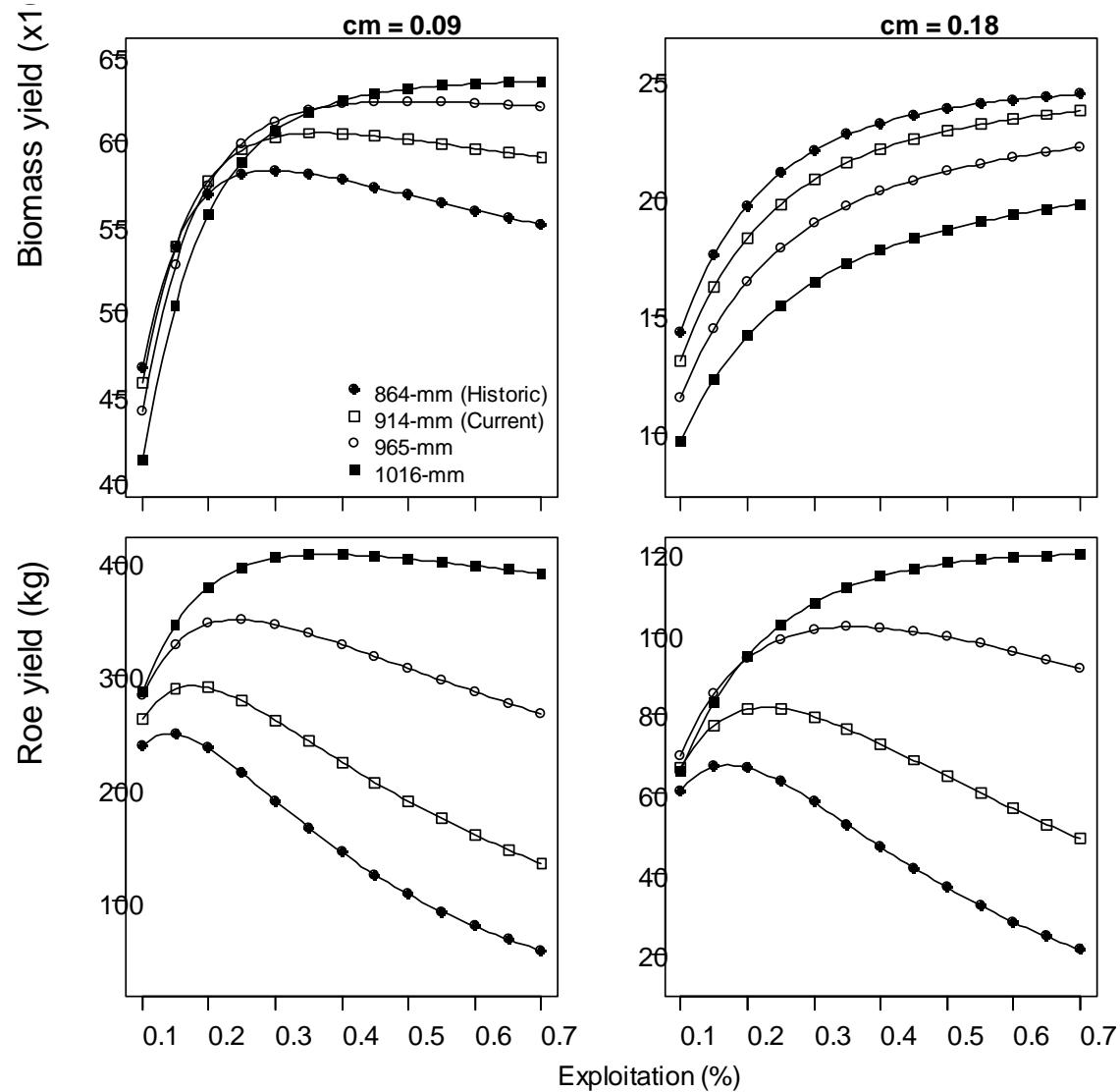
# Predicted biomass and roe yields

Varying:

- Exploitation
- Natural Mortality
- Length limit



# Predicted biomass and roe yields



# Key points

- Growth overfishing (roe)
  - Occurs at lower exploitation rates
  - More severe in terms of roe
  - Suggests higher minimum length limits
- Less sensitive to uncertainty to natural mortality

*Multiple tissue harvest?*



# Multiple tissue harvest

## Economic yield

- Roe (200 \$/ounce)
- Flesh (1 \$/pound)
- Domestic culture?

