

California Scorpionfish 2017 Assessment

Biology and Data

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Background

California scorpionfish *Scorpaena guttata*

- ✓ Distributed from central California to Punta Eugenia, Baja Mexico
- ✓ Rarely observed north of Pt. Conception
- ✓ Observed from the intertidal to 600 ft, preferred depth range from 20-450 ft
- ✓ Demersal, found over both hard and soft bottom
- ✓ Exhibit aggregating behavior (spawning and non-spawning)



Biology

Length-at-age

Maturity and Fecundity

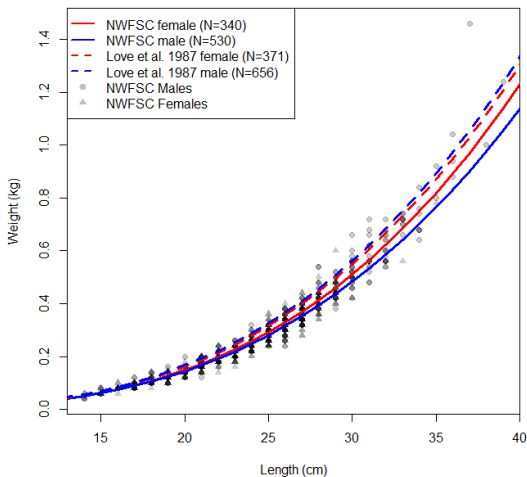
Only information on maturity from Love et al. (1987)

Found over 50% of females were mature by 18 cm TL, or two years of age.

All fish were mature by 22 cm TL

No information available on fecundity of California scorpionfish

Weight-at-length



Natural mortality

Steepness

Summary of Data used in the 2017 Assessment

Removals

Total Removals

Commercial Landings by Fleet

Recreational Landings by Fleet

Index Data

Summary of Indices

All of the methods used to standardize indices have been endorsed by the SSC

Name	Years	Fishery ind.	Method
Recreational PR dockside CPUE	2004-2016	No	delta-GLM (bin-lognormal)
CPFV logbook CPUE	1980-2016	No	negative binomial
Onboard observer discard catch CPUE	2002-2016	No	delta-GLM (bin-lognormal)
Sanitation district CPUE	1970-2016	Yes	delta-GLM (bin-lognormal)
NWFSC trawl survey CPUE	2003-2016	Yes	VAST
CSUN/VRG Gillnet survey CPUE	1995-2008	Yes	delta-GLM (bin-lognormal)
Southern California Bight trawl survey CPUE	'94, '98, '03, '08, '13	Yes	delta-GLM (bin-lognormal)
Onboard observer retained catch CPUE	2002-2016	No	delta-GLM (bin-lognormal)

Recreational Private Boat Index

Recreational Party/Charter Boat Index (Logbook)



Recreational Dead Discard Index

Recreational Party/Charter Retained Catch Index

Sanitation Districts Survey Index

Program	0-24 m	25-49 m	50-74m	100+ m	Total
City of Los Angeles	120	0	1372	0	1492
Los Angeles County	687	0	5879	450	7016
Orange County	161	669	2157	48	3035
City of San Diego	0	404	333	829	1566

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