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To account for length-based selectivity, which is implemented only for the British Columbia data, we applied a penalty to the likelihood function as follows:

Equation 1
$$L(D \mid \theta) = \frac{\int_{S_{L_i} \left[\prod_{i = 1 \text{ } \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma a_i} e^{-(L_i - \widehat{L}_i)}\right]^2 \left[\sigma a_i\right]^2}{S_{\widehat{L}_i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma a_i} e^{-(L_i - \widehat{L}_i)} \left(2[\sigma a_i]^2\right)}$$

Where L_i is the observed length at a given age a_i , \hat{L}_i is the corresponding estimate based on VBGF parameters θ , S is a logistic selectivity function with parameter L_{50} , the length at which 50% of individuals (male or female) are fully selected, set to 52.976 cm (Samuel Johnson, SFU, pers. comm.)

Equation 2
$$S_L = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(L_{50} - L)}$$

As length-based selectivity is assumed constant in both the California Current and Alaskan assessments, S_L for both estimated and observed lengths is set to 1.0 when fitting data points from those regions.

