

# **Analysis of SEAMAP data for the western GoM for all years (1983 - 2022) and summer sampling months of June, July, and August**

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## **Tropicalization of Gulf of Mexico Fish Communities**

### **Analysis of SEAMAP Trawl Data**

**Data Subset: western GoM stations for summer trawls (June, July, August) in years  
1983 - 2022**

**Table 1.** Number of trawl stations for each year of data and the fall months during which sampling took place (6 = June, 7 = July, 8 = August).

year	# of trawls	months
1983	381	8; 6; 7
1984	291	6; 7; 8
1985	404	6; 7; 8
1986	270	6; 7
1987	652	6; 7
1988	542	6; 7
1989	389	6; 7
1990	435	6; 7; 8
1991	418	6; 7
1992	407	7; 6
1993	444	8; 6; 7
1994	394	6; 7; 8
1995	370	6; 8; 7
1996	374	7; 6; 8
1997	371	6; 7; 8
1998	335	6; 7
1999	377	6; 7; 8
2000	377	6; 7
2001	269	7; 6
2002	372	6; 7
2003	303	6; 7
2004	363	6; 7
2005	300	6; 7; 8
2006	375	6; 7; 8
2007	353	6; 7; 8
2008	377	6; 8; 7
2009	476	6; 8; 7
2010	319	6; 8; 7
2011	265	6; 7
2012	293	6; 7
2013	250	7; 6
2014	259	6; 7
2015	188	6; 7
2016	179	6; 7
2017	178	6; 7
2018	149	6; 7
2019	166	6; 7
2021	127	6; 7
2022	133	6; 8

**Trawl Stations: 1983 – 2022**  
**June, July, August for western GoM**



**Figure 1.** Trawl sampling locations for the western GoM for each year of data collection for this subset of data (1983-2022 summer sampling in months of June, July, and August).

There are 513 fish species that were caught in trawls in this subset of data.

Of those 513 fish species, only 294 of them had gCOB values for at least 5 years. For these fish species, linear models were constructed to test if their latitude and longitude gCOBs had shifted over time.

**Table 2.** The number of fish species that have significantly shifted latitudinally or longitudinally based upon their gCOBs.

climate zone	n	significant latitude shift	North shifted	South shifted	significant longitude shift	West shifted	East shifted
deep-water	12	5	1	4	3	3	0
subtropical	203	47	10	37	53	44	9
temperate	5	0	0	0	1	1	0
tropical	74	24	3	21	25	22	3

**Table 3.** The tropical fish species that have significantly shifted their geographical center of biomass (gCOB) over time.

index	north	south	west	east
1	<i>Pareques acuminatus</i>	<i>Bellator brachycheir</i>	<i>Bellator brachycheir</i>	<i>Pareques acuminatus</i>
2	<i>Prionotus roseus</i>	<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	<i>Prionotus roseus</i>
3	<i>Rypticus saponaceus</i>	<i>Diplectrum bivittatum</i>	<i>Diplectrum bivittatum</i>	<i>Rypticus saponaceus</i>
4		<i>Engyophrys senta</i>	<i>Echiophis punctifer</i>	
5		<i>Gobionellus hastatus</i>	<i>Engyophrys senta</i>	
6		<i>Gymnothorax kolpos</i>	<i>Gobiooides broussonnetii</i>	
7		<i>Lepophidium brevibarbe</i>	<i>Gymnothorax kolpos</i>	
8		<i>Lepophidium jeannae</i>	<i>Lepophidium brevibarbe</i>	
9		<i>Neobythites gillii</i>	<i>Lepophidium jeannae</i>	
10		<i>Ogcocephalus declivirostris</i>	<i>Ogcocephalus declivirostris</i>	
11		<i>Ogcocephalus nasutus</i>	<i>Ogcocephalus nasutus</i>	
12		<i>Ophidion holbrookii</i>	<i>Ophidion holbrookii</i>	
13		<i>Ophidion welshi</i>	<i>Ophidion welshi</i>	
14		<i>Pontinus longispinis</i>	<i>Pontinus longispinis</i>	
15		<i>Porichthys pectorodon</i>	<i>Prionotus longispinosus</i>	
16		<i>Prionotus longispinosus</i>	<i>Rhynchoconger flavus</i>	
17		<i>Rhynchoconger flavus</i>	<i>Saurida normani</i>	
18		<i>Saurida normani</i>	<i>Scorpaena calcarata</i>	
19		<i>Serranus atrobranchus</i>	<i>Serranus atrobranchus</i>	
20		<i>Syacium gunteri</i>	<i>Syacium gunteri</i>	
21		<i>Trichopsetta ventralis</i>	<i>Synodus foetens</i>	
22			<i>Trichopsetta ventralis</i>	

**Table 4.** The subtropical fish species that have significantly shifted their geographical center of biomass (gCOB) over time.

index	north	south	west	
1	<i>Bembrops gobiooides</i>	<i>Ariopsis felis</i>	<i>Ancylopsetta quadrocellata</i>	Cent
2	<i>Centropristes oxyurus</i>	<i>Bagre marinus</i>	<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	Decap
3	<i>Decapterus macarellus</i>	<i>Bathyanthias mexicana</i>	<i>Ariopsis felis</i>	Haliel
4	<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	<i>Bollmannia communis</i>	<i>Astroscopus y-graecum</i>	Lan
5	<i>Halieutichthys aculeatus</i>	<i>Bregmaceros atlanticus</i>	<i>Bagre marinus</i>	Otoph
6	<i>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</i>	<i>Brotula barbata</i>	<i>Bathyanthias mexicana</i>	Para
7	<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	<i>Caulolatilus cyanops</i>	<i>Bollmannia communis</i>	Rost
8	<i>Paralichthys alboguttatus</i>	<i>Caulolatilus intermedius</i>	<i>Bregmaceros atlanticus</i>	Spho
9	<i>Selene setapinnis</i>	<i>Centropristes philadelphica</i>	<i>Brotula barbata</i>	Xyr
10	<i>Xyrichtys novacula</i>	<i>Cyclopsetta chittendeni</i>	<i>Caulolatilus intermedius</i>	
11		<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	<i>Centropristes philadelphica</i>	
12		<i>Epinephelus flavolimbatus</i>	<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	
13		<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	<i>Cyclopsetta chittendeni</i>	
14		<i>Gymnachirus melas</i>	<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	
15		<i>Gymnachirus texae</i>	<i>Gymnachirus texae</i>	
16		<i>Gymnothorax nigromarginatus</i>	<i>Gymnothorax nigromarginatus</i>	
17		<i>Hirundichthys rondeletii</i>	<i>Hirundichthys rondeletii</i>	
18		<i>Histrio histrio</i>	<i>Histrio histrio</i>	
19		<i>Hoplunnis macrurus</i>	<i>Hoplunnis macrurus</i>	
20		<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>	<i>Kathetostoma alboguttata</i>	
21		<i>Neomerinthe hemingwayi</i>	<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>	
22		<i>Pareques umbrosus</i>	<i>Neomerinthe hemingwayi</i>	
23		<i>Prionotus alatus</i>	<i>Ophidion grayi</i>	
24		<i>Prionotus paralatus</i>	<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	
25		<i>Prionotus stearnsi</i>	<i>Pareques umbrosus</i>	
26		<i>Rhomboplites aurorubens</i>	<i>Peprilus burti</i>	
27		<i>Rostroraja texana</i>	<i>Polydactylus octonemus</i>	
28		<i>Sardinella brasiliensis</i>	<i>Prionotus alatus</i>	
29		<i>Saurida brasiliensis</i>	<i>Prionotus paralatus</i>	
30		<i>Sphoeroides parvus</i>	<i>Prionotus stearnsi</i>	
31		<i>Squatina dumeril</i>	<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	
32		<i>Stephanolepis hispida</i>	<i>Rhomboplites aurorubens</i>	
33		<i>Sympodus civitatum</i>	<i>Rostroraja texana</i>	
34		<i>Sympodus diomedeanus</i>	<i>Sardinella brasiliensis</i>	
35		<i>Sympodus plagiusa</i>	<i>Saurida brasiliensis</i>	