



Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod

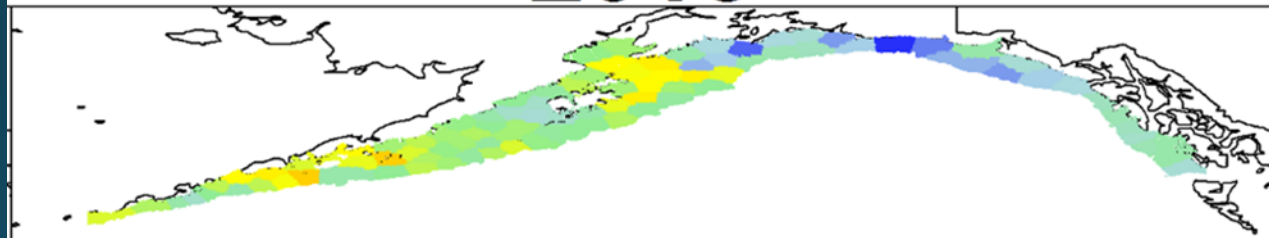
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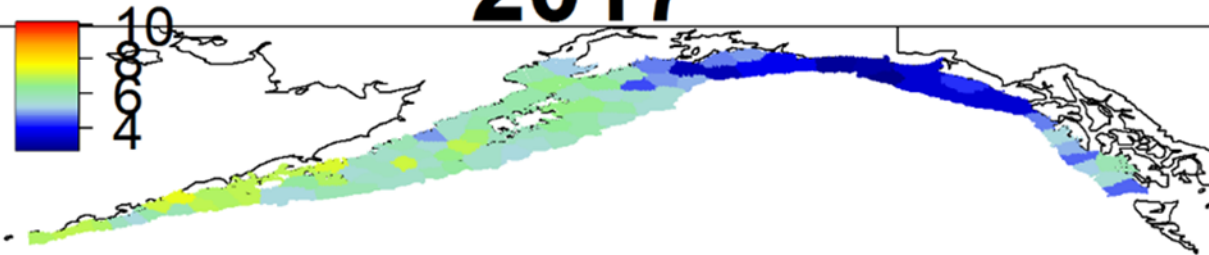


“Would you please elaborate on ‘then something bad happened’?”

2015



2017



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- Tier 3b ($B_{2018} = B_{21.5\%}$)
- 77% decrease in ABC from last year's projection
- Apportionment based on random effects model

Authors' recommended Model 17.09.35

Quantity	As estimated or specified last year for:		As estimated or specified this year for:	
	2017	2018	2018	2019
M (natural mortality rate)	0.47	0.47	0.49	0.49
Tier	3a	3a	3b	3b
Projected total (age o+) biomass (t)	426,384	428,885	170,565	198,942
Female spawning biomass (t)				
Projected	91,198	98,479	36,209	34,424
$B_{100\%}$	196,776	196,776	168,583	168,583
$B_{40\%}$	78,711	78,711	67,433	67,433
$B_{35\%}$	68,872	68,872	59,004	59,004
F_{OFL}	0.652	0.652	0.42	0.40
$\max F_{ABC}$	0.530	0.530	0.34	0.32
F_{ABC}	0.530	0.530	0.31	0.31
OFL (t)	105,378	94,188	23,565	21,412
$\max ABC$ (t)	88,342	79,272	19,401	17,634
ABC (t)	88,342	79,272	18,000	17,000
	As determined this year for:			
Status	2015	2016	2016	2017
Overfishing	no	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	no	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	no	n/a	No

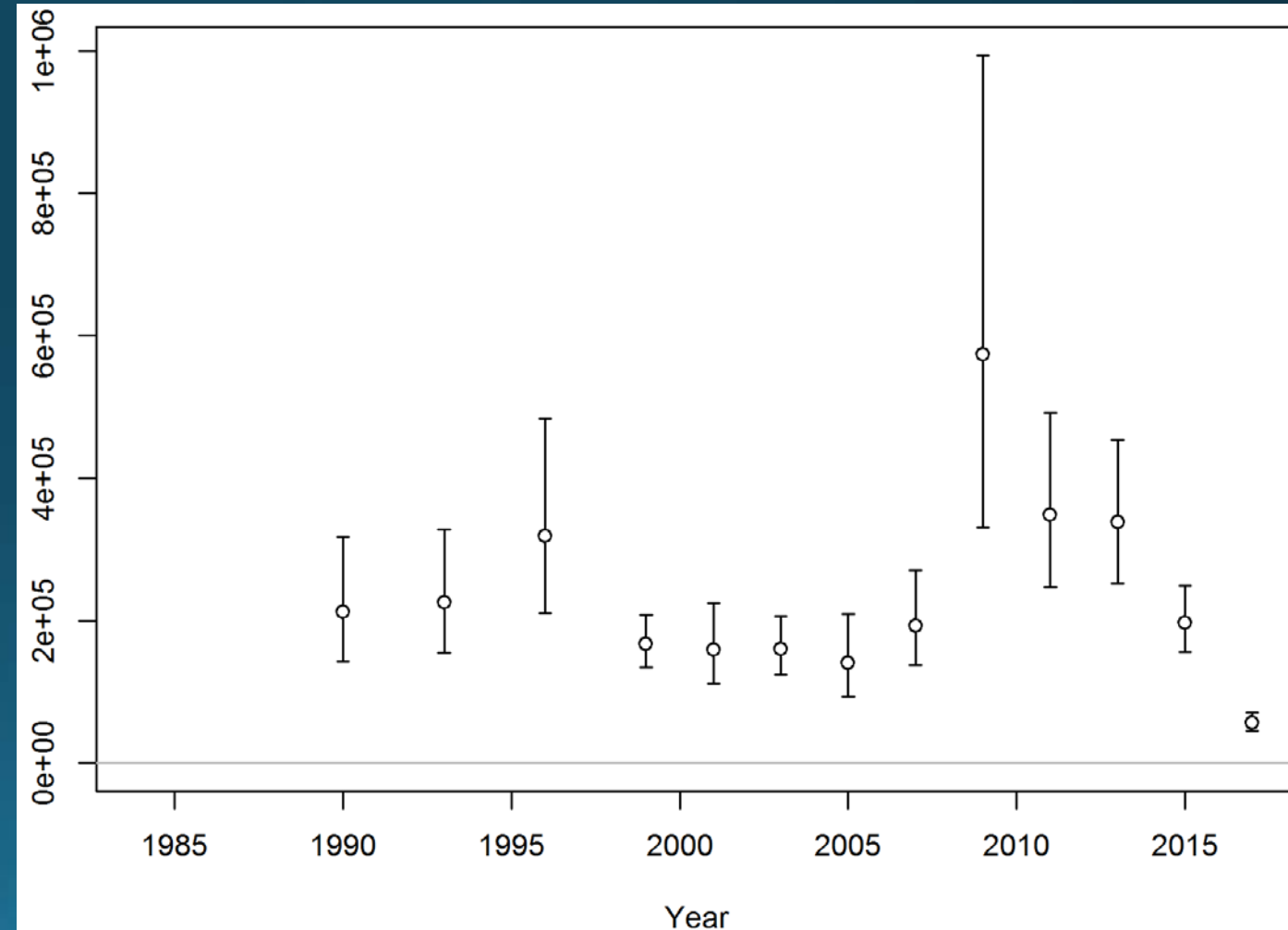
	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
Random effects area apportionment (percent)	44.9	45.1	10.0	100.00
2018 ABC	8,082	8118	1,800	18,000
2019 ABC	7,633	7,667	1,700	17,000

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2017 Bottom trawl survey

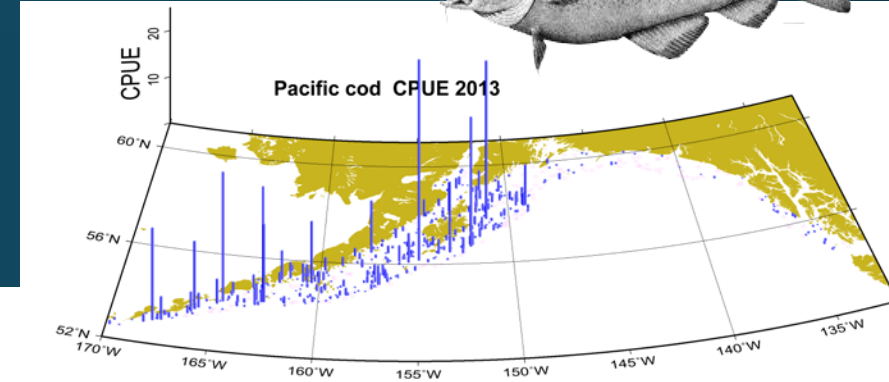
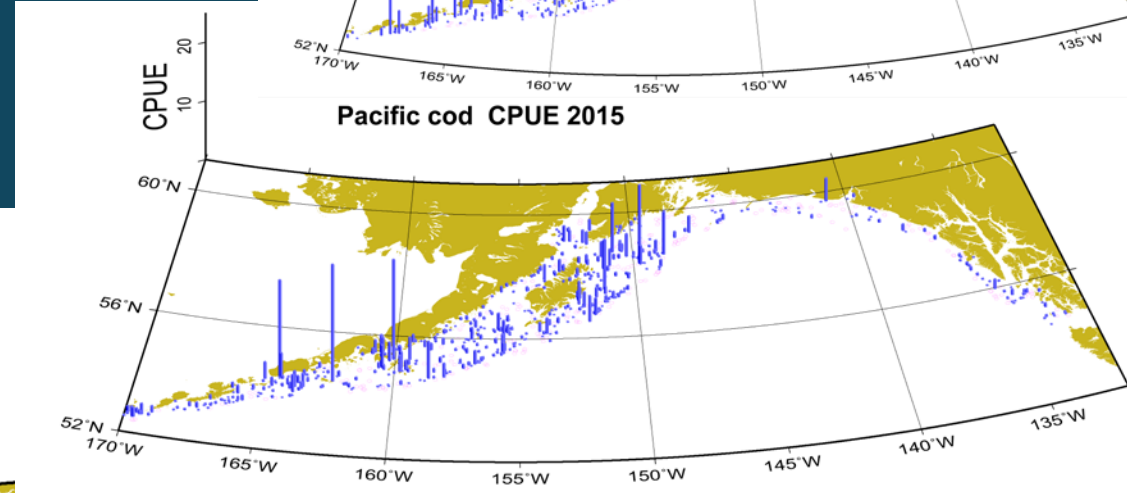
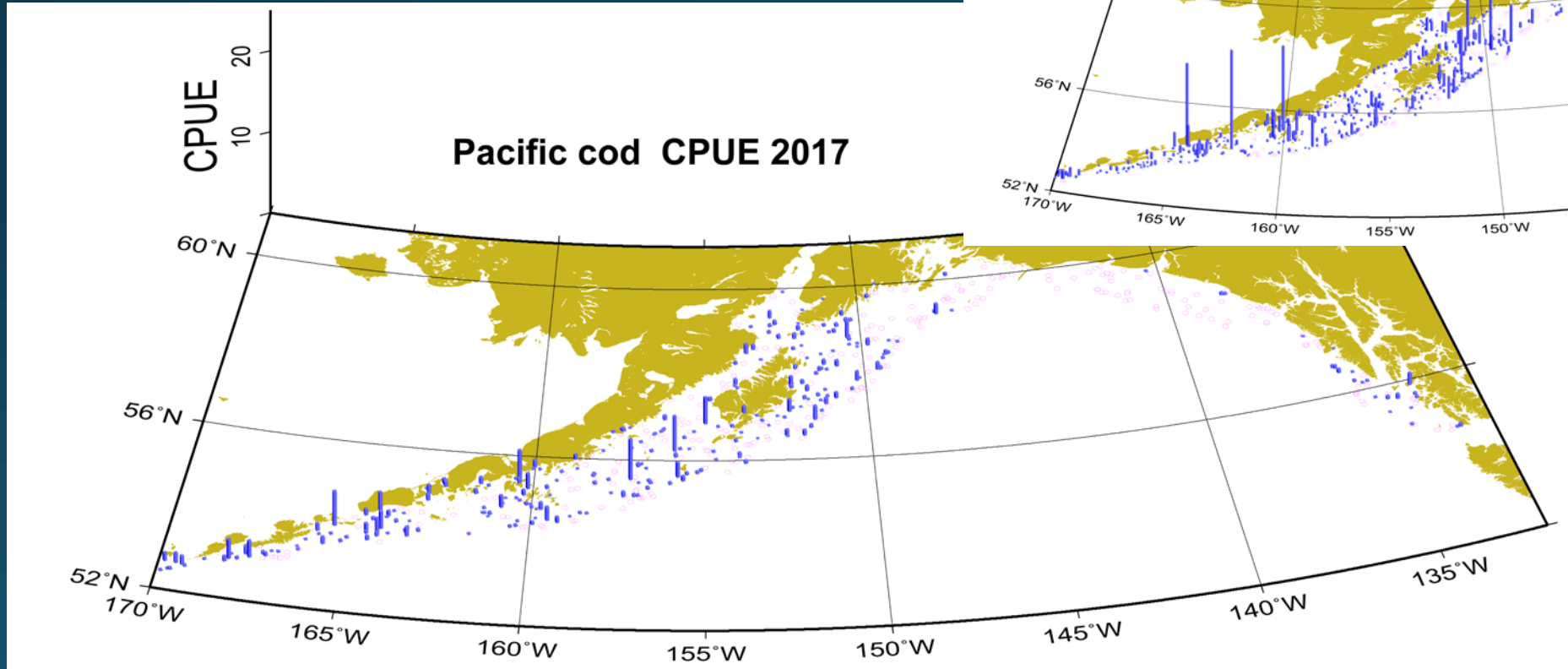


- Lowest estimate ever
 1.96×10^8 fish and 107,324 t
- Precise estimate (0.117 CV)
- 71% decline in abundance
since 2015 (83% since 2013)
- 58% decline in biomass
since 2015 (78% since 2013)



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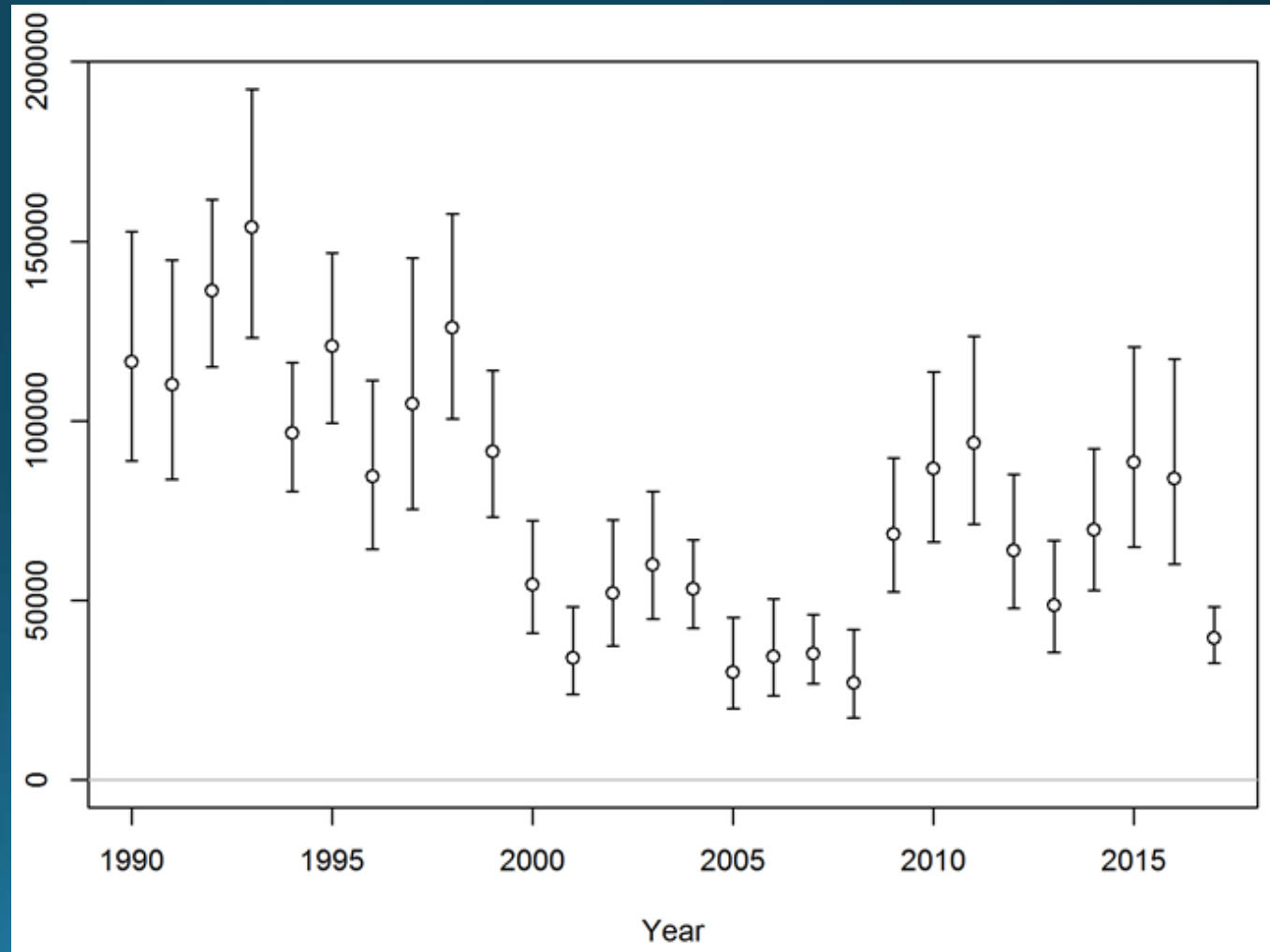
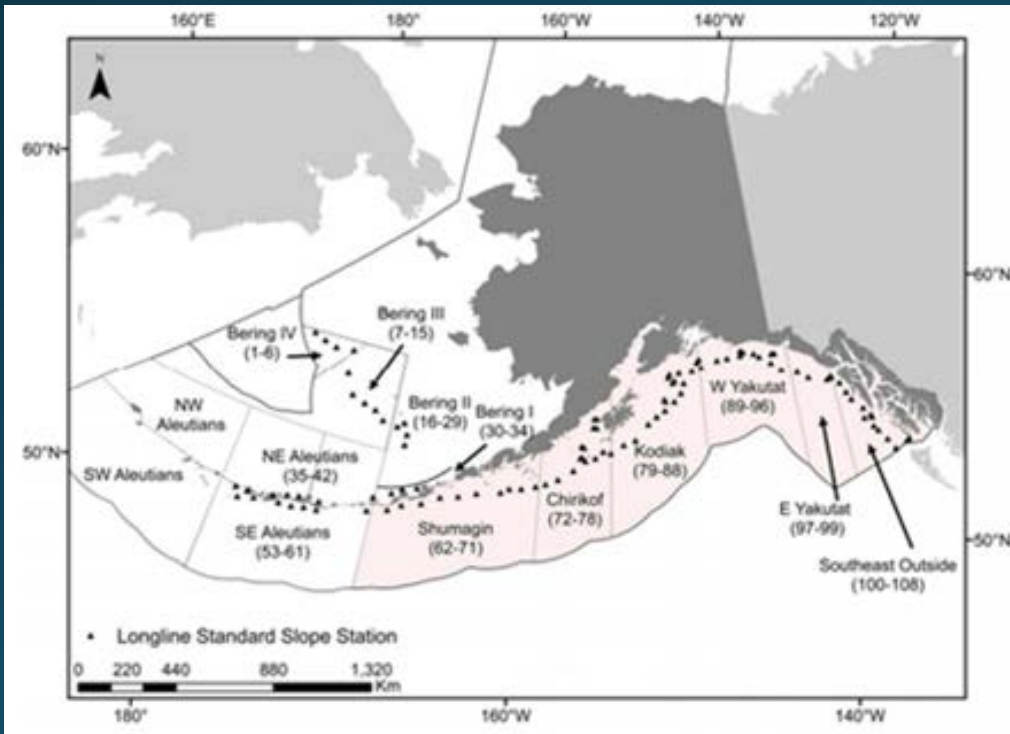
- Low density through surveyed area
- Some medium-low density along Alaska Peninsula and south of Unimak Island



GOA Pacific cod AFSC longline survey



- Low index value (39,523 RPN)
- 53% decline from 2016



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Other surveys

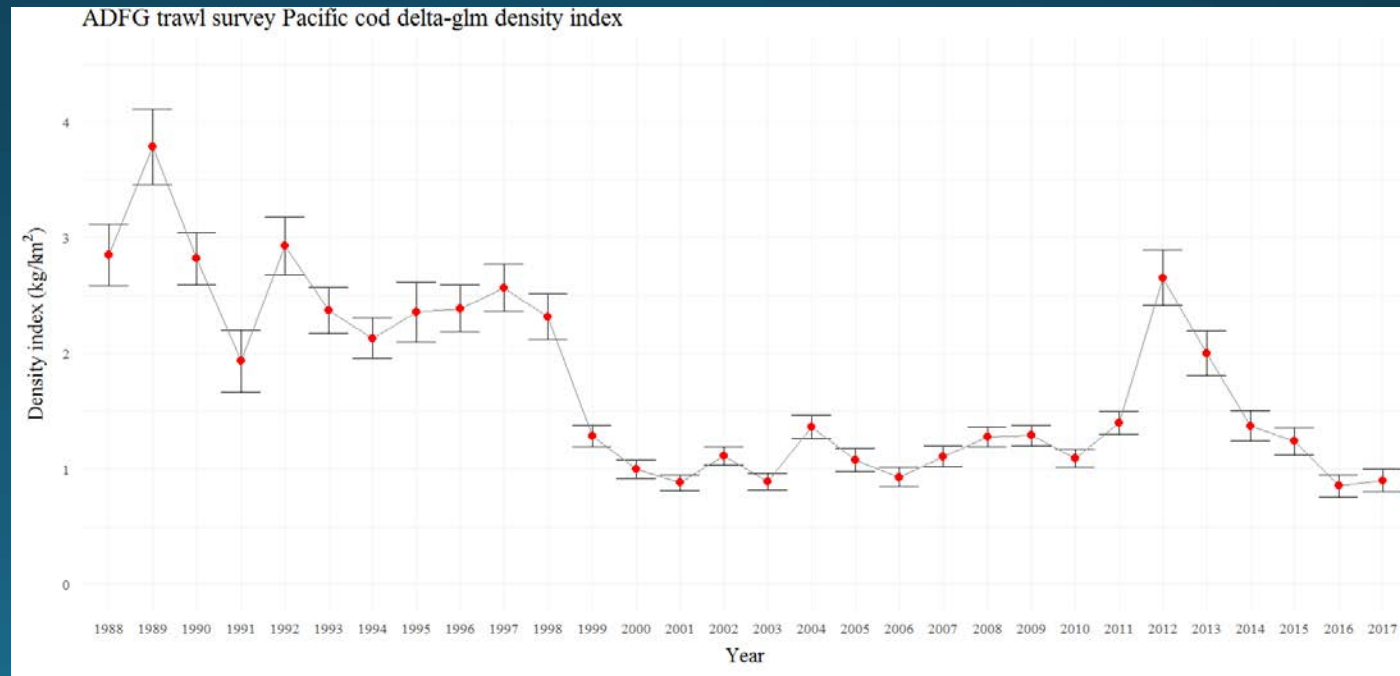
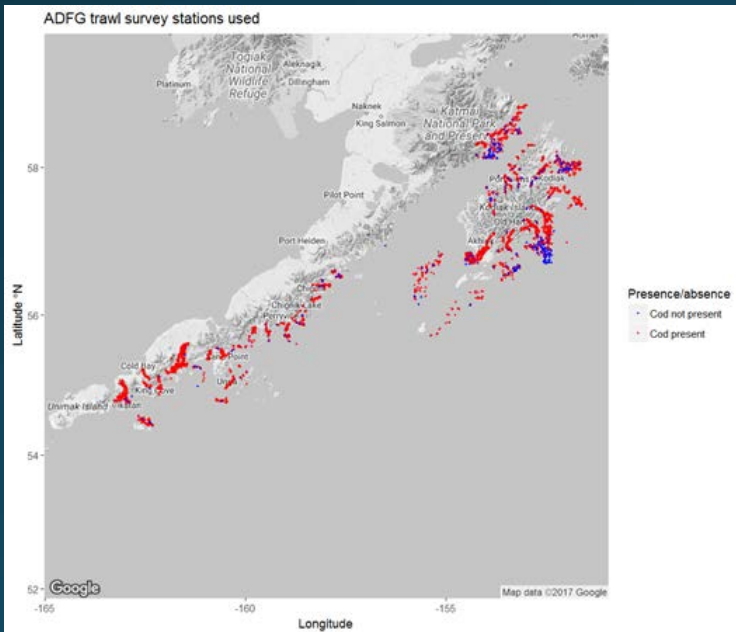
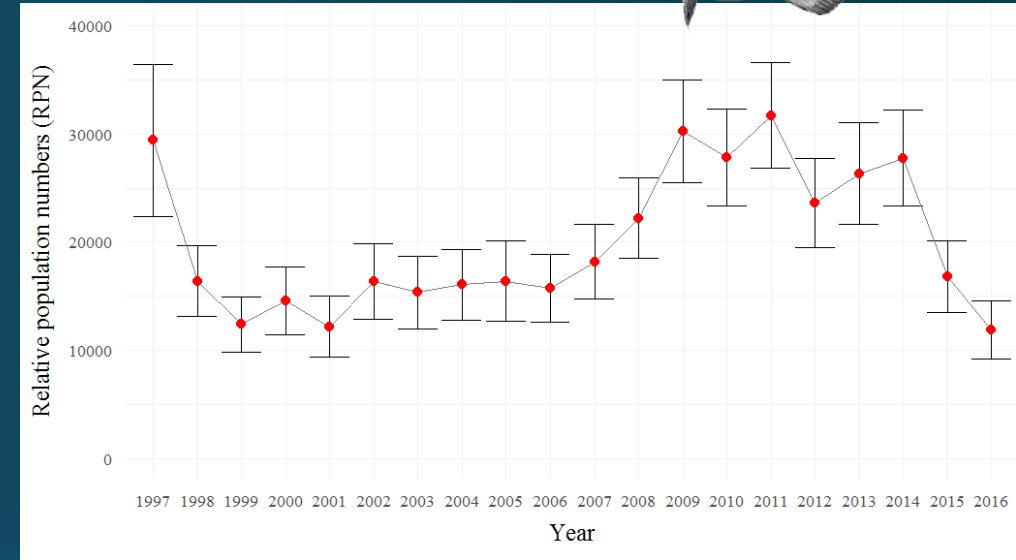


IPHC longline survey 1997-2016

- 2016 Lowest

ADFG trawl survey 1988-2017

- Delta-GLM fit
- 2016 lowest
- 2017 slight increase from 2016 in Western GOA

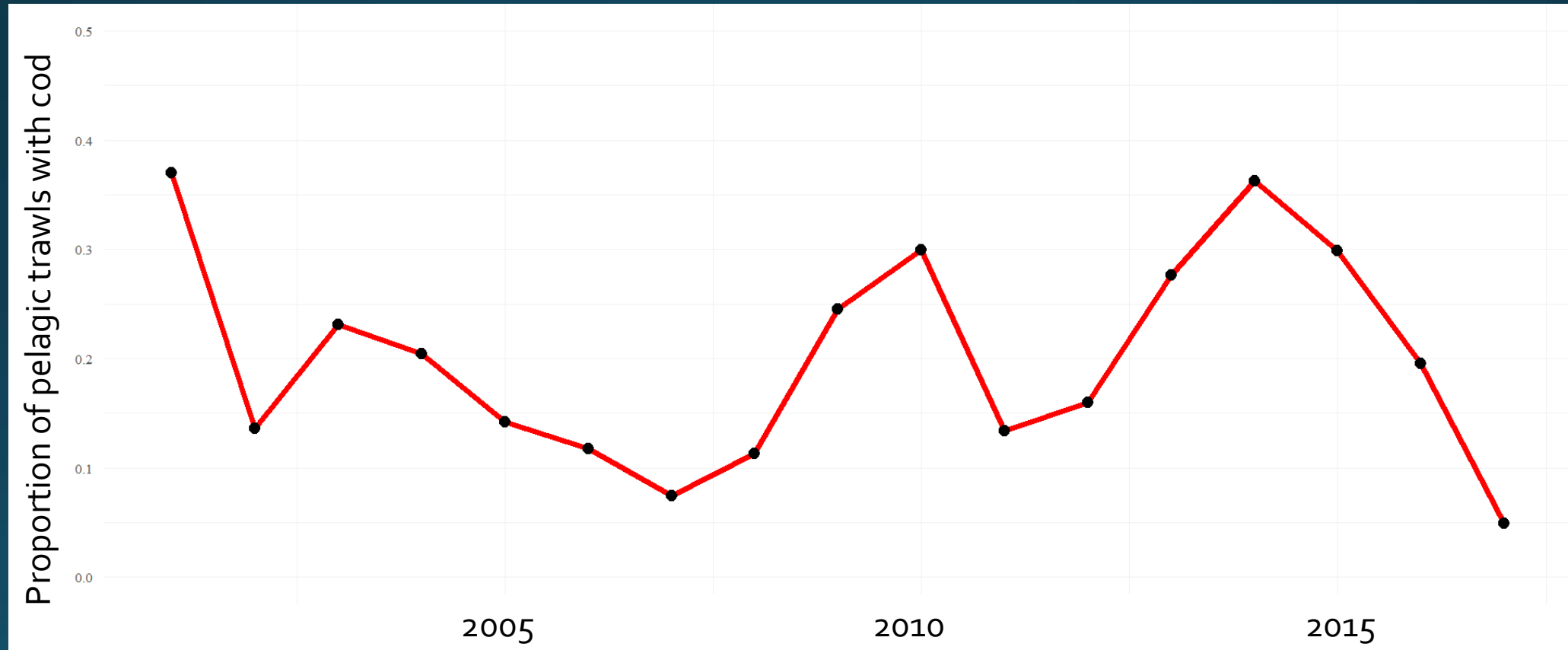


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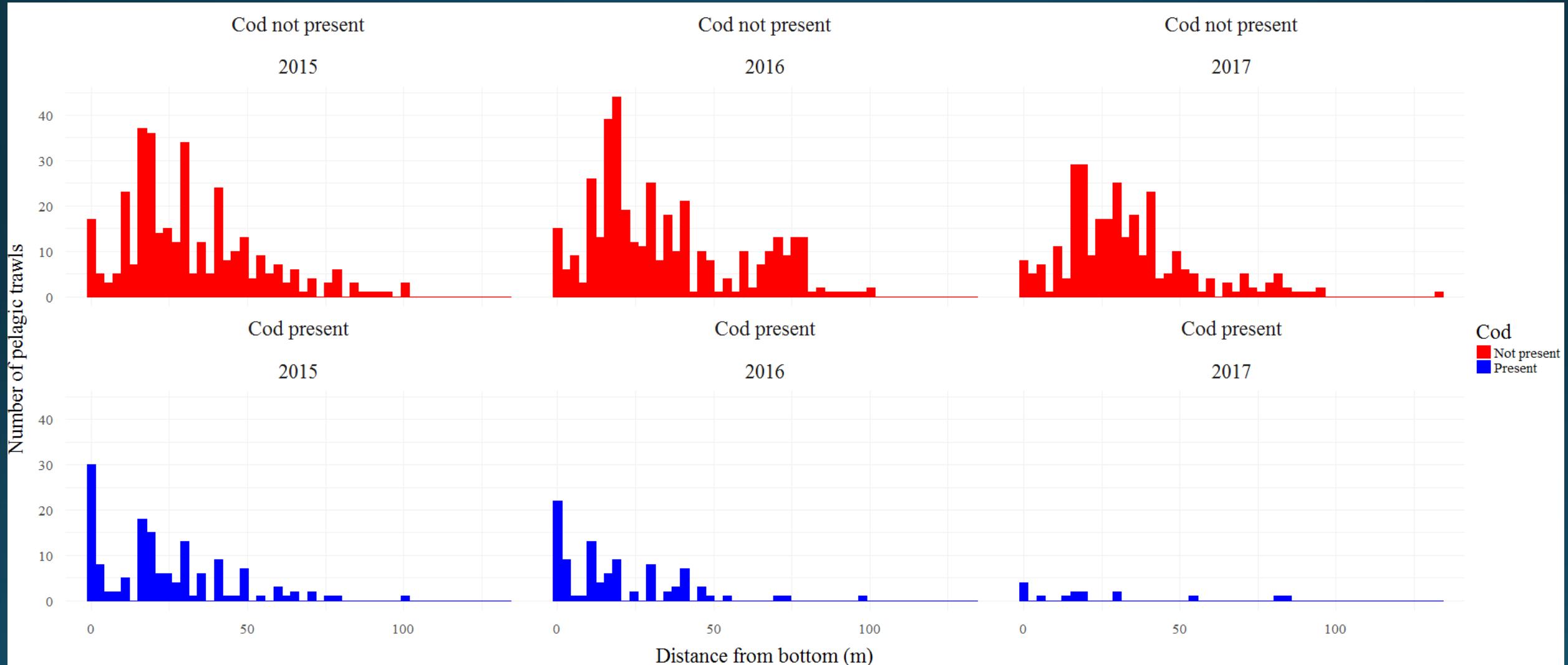
Bycatch in pollock fishery



- Proportion of pelagic pollock trawl hauls with pacific cod (Jan-Aug)



GOA Pacific cod- Bycatch in pollock fishery

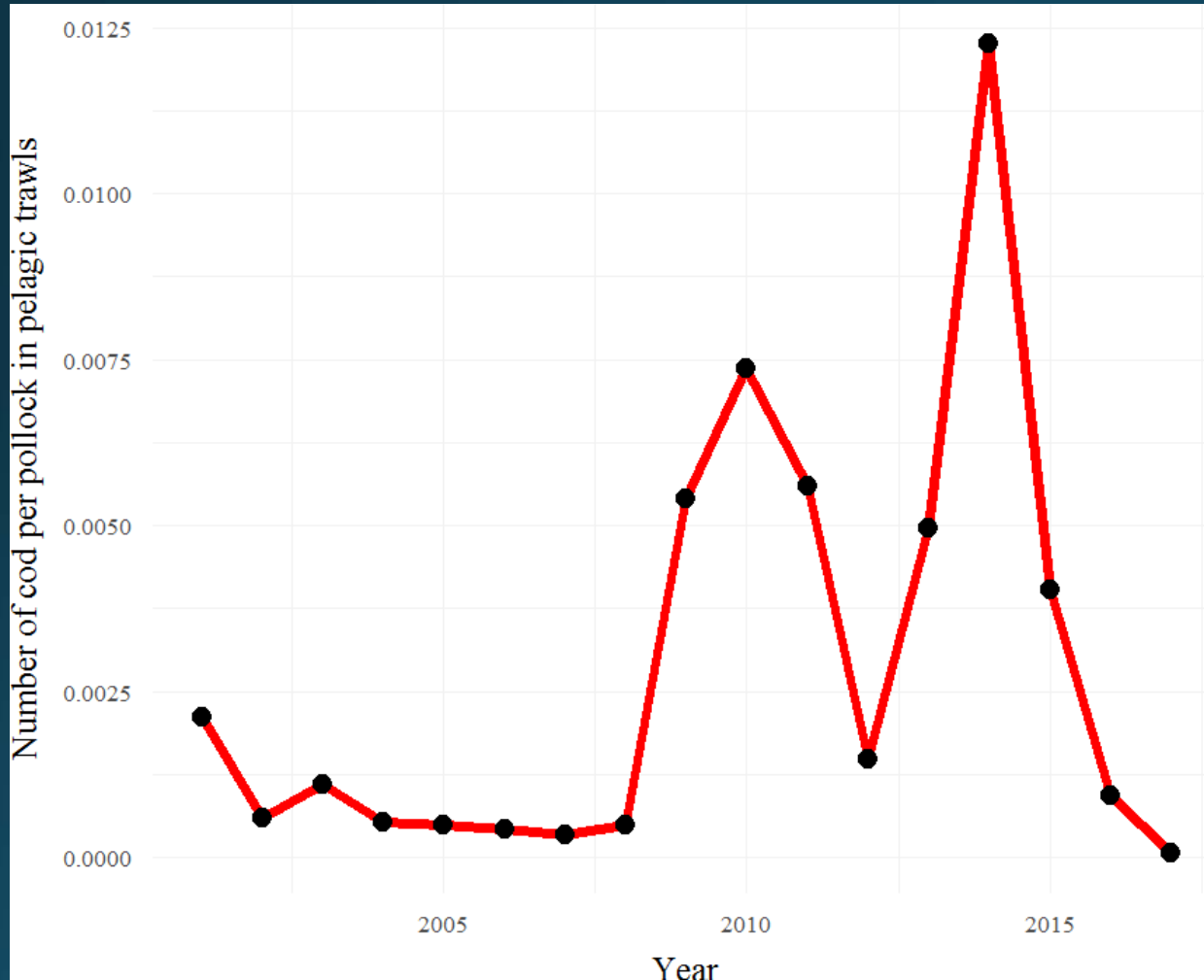


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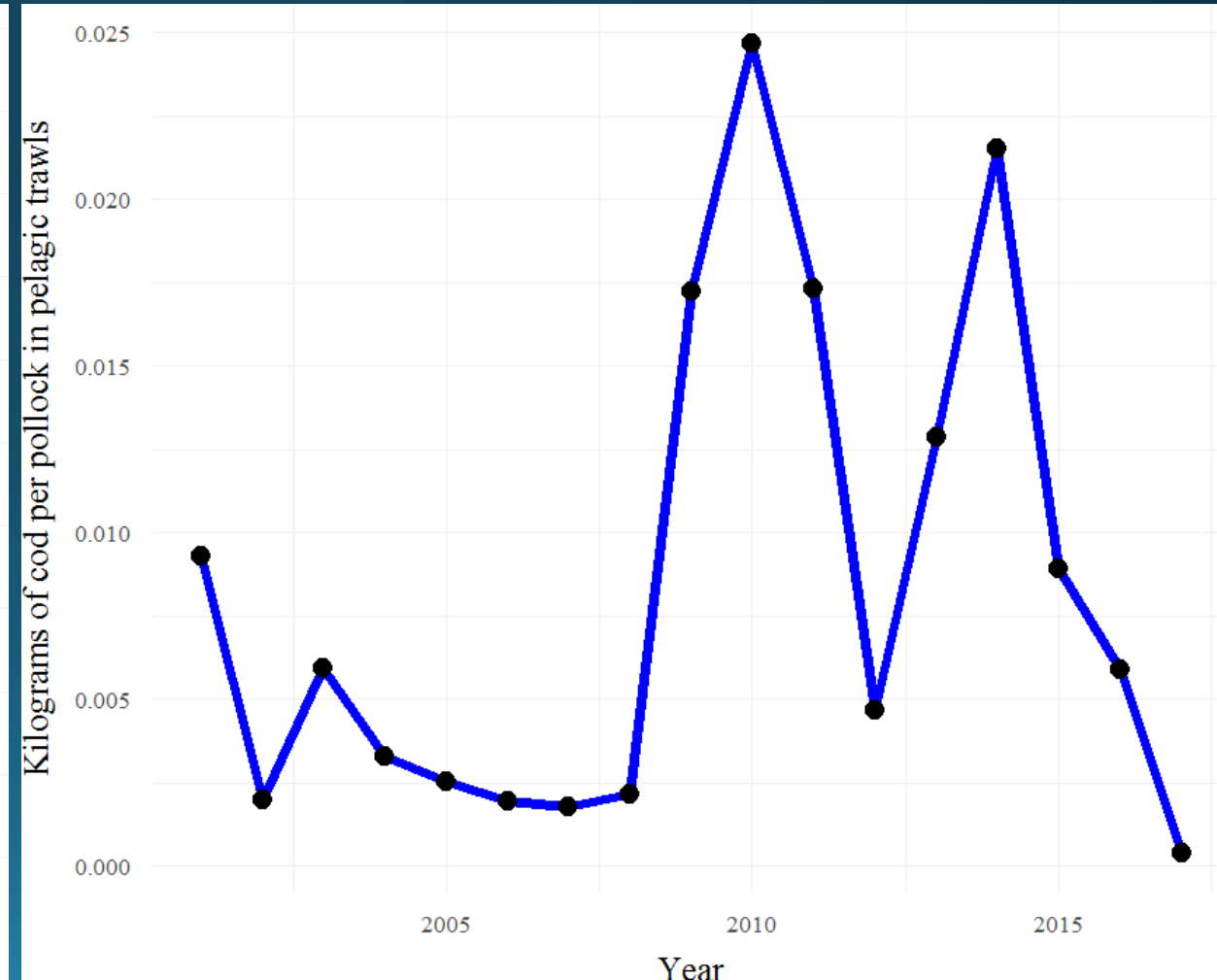
Bycatch in pollock fishery



Number of cod per pollock



KG of cod per KG of pollock

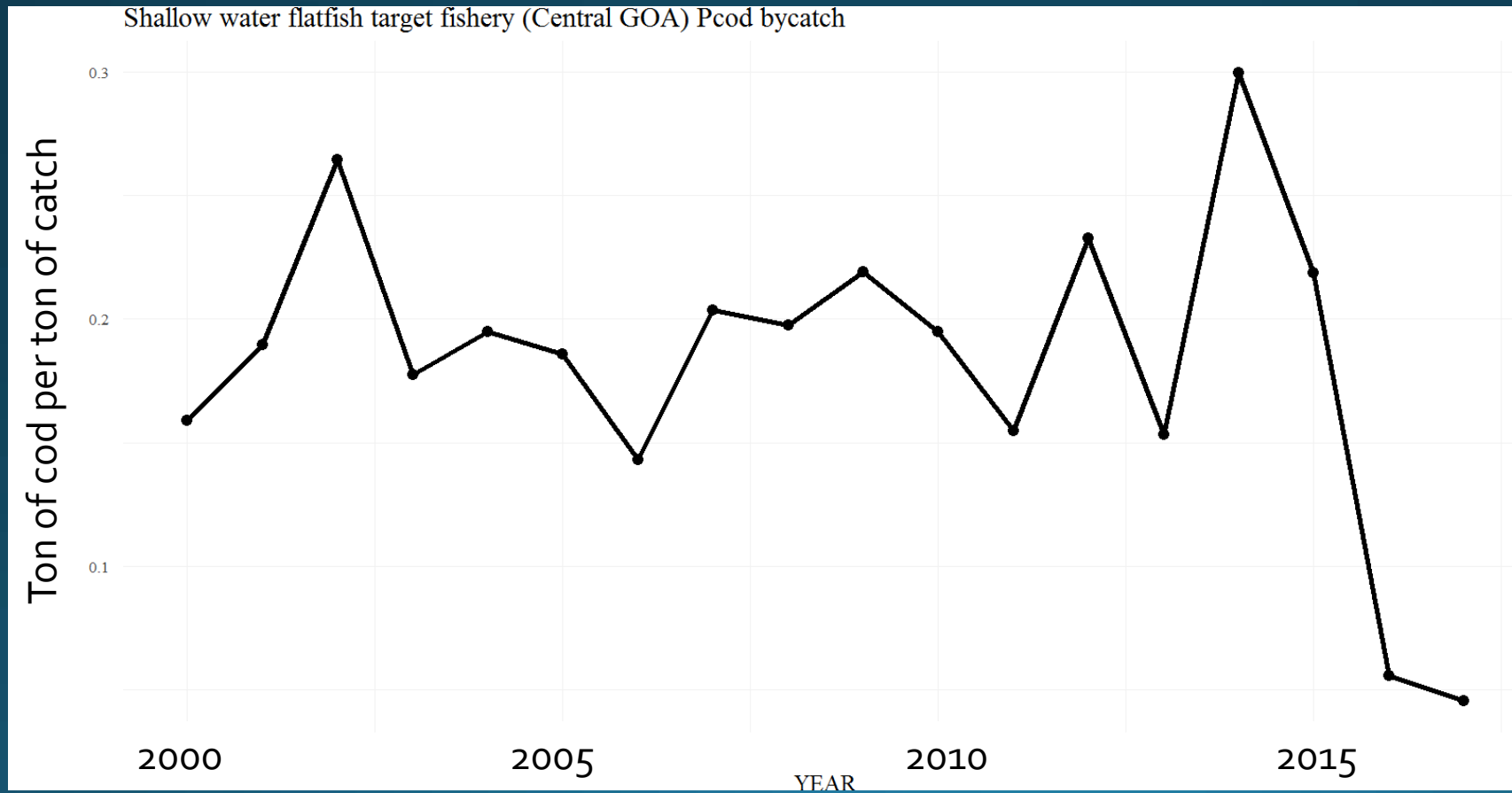


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Bycatch in shallow water flatfish fishery



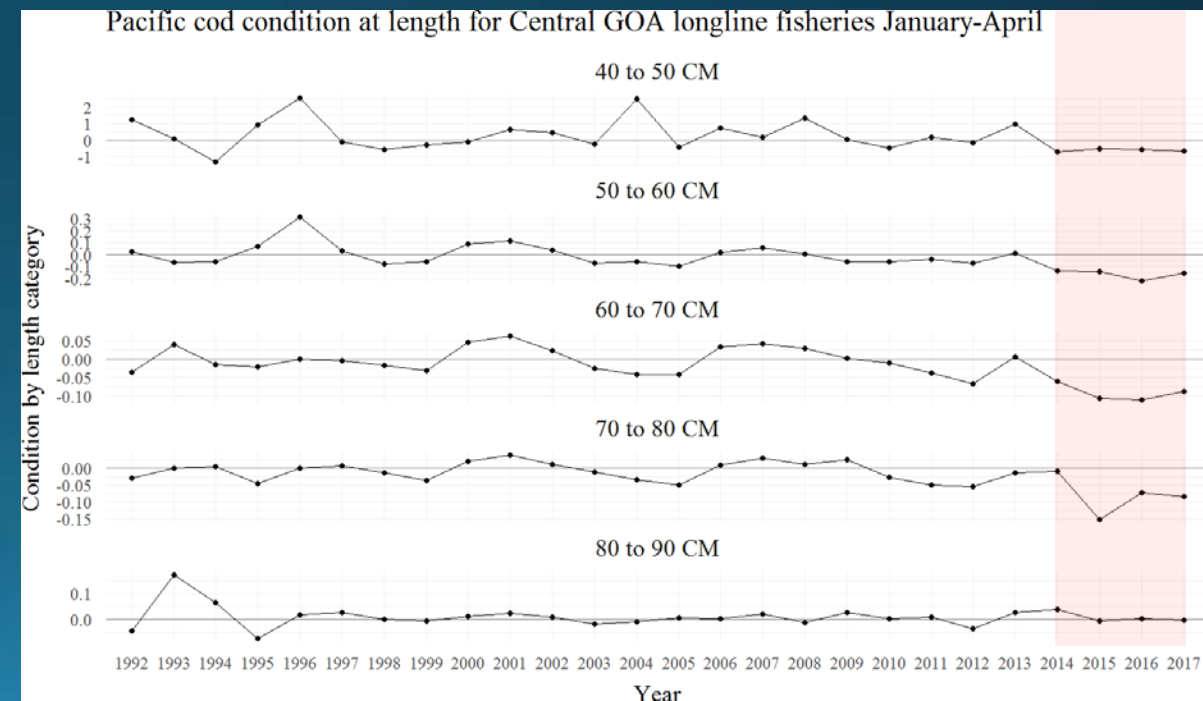
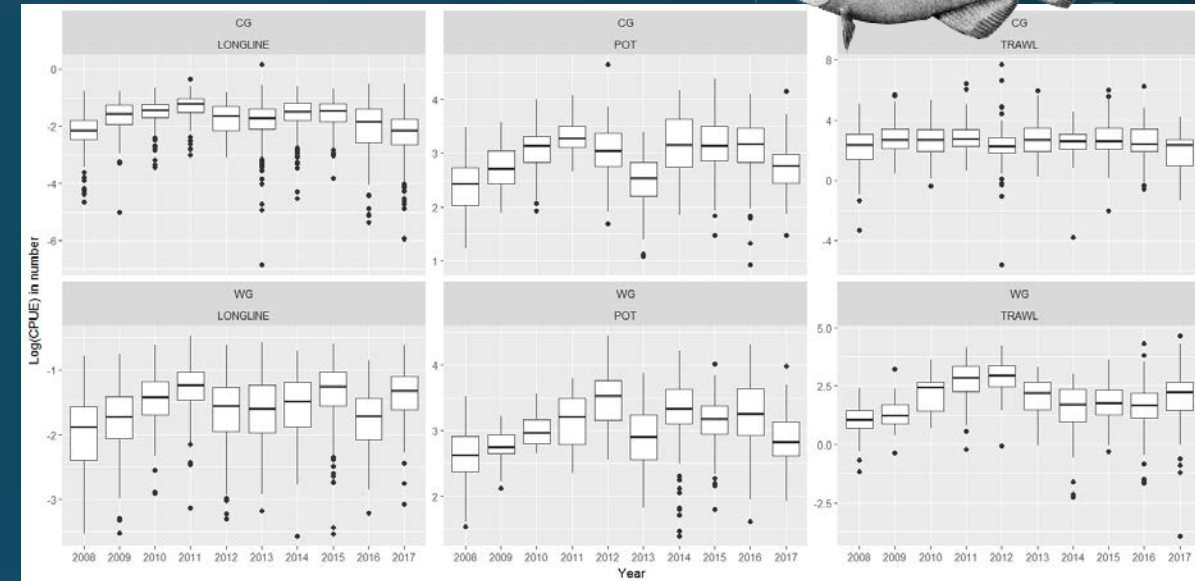
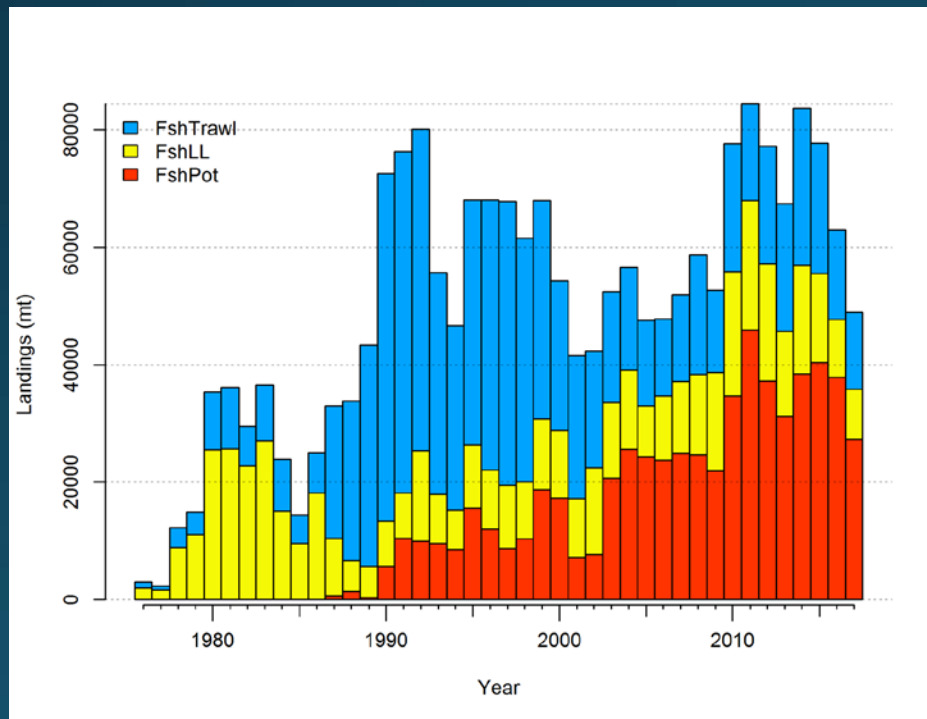
- January-August for all years – only Central GOA



GOA Pacific cod Fishery data



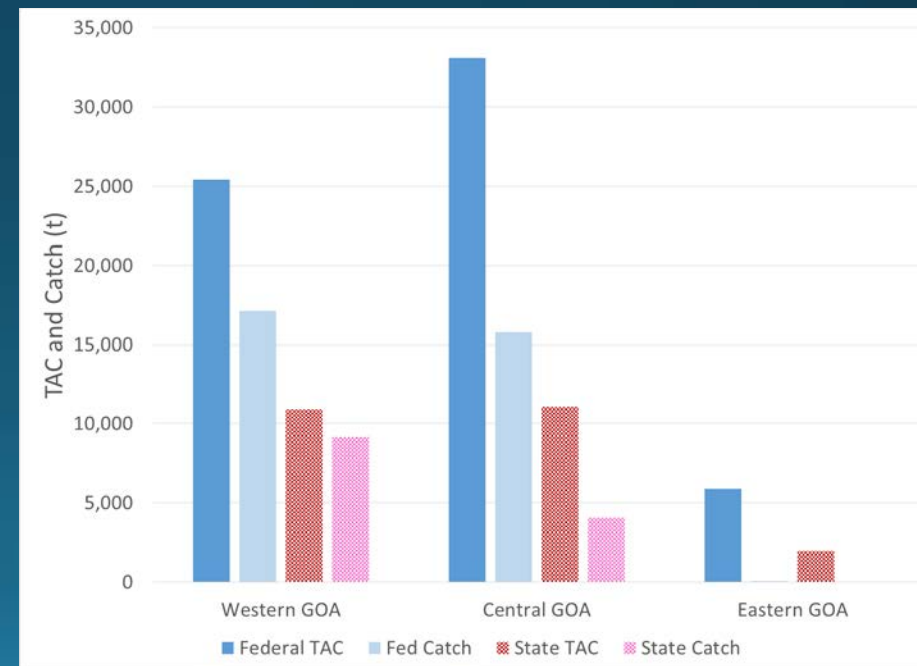
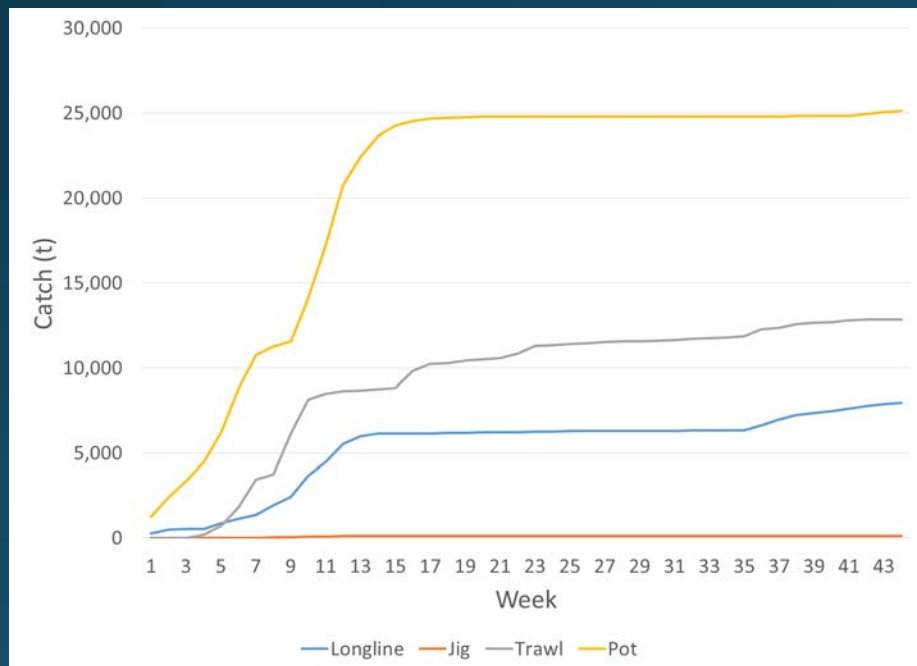
- Catch at < 60% of ABC
- Low CPUE in Central GOA all fisheries
- Low CPUE in pot fishery in Western GOA, high CPUE for other sectors
- Poor condition for 2014-2017 in longline and pot fisheries for fish < 80cm



GOA Pacific cod 2017 Fishery data



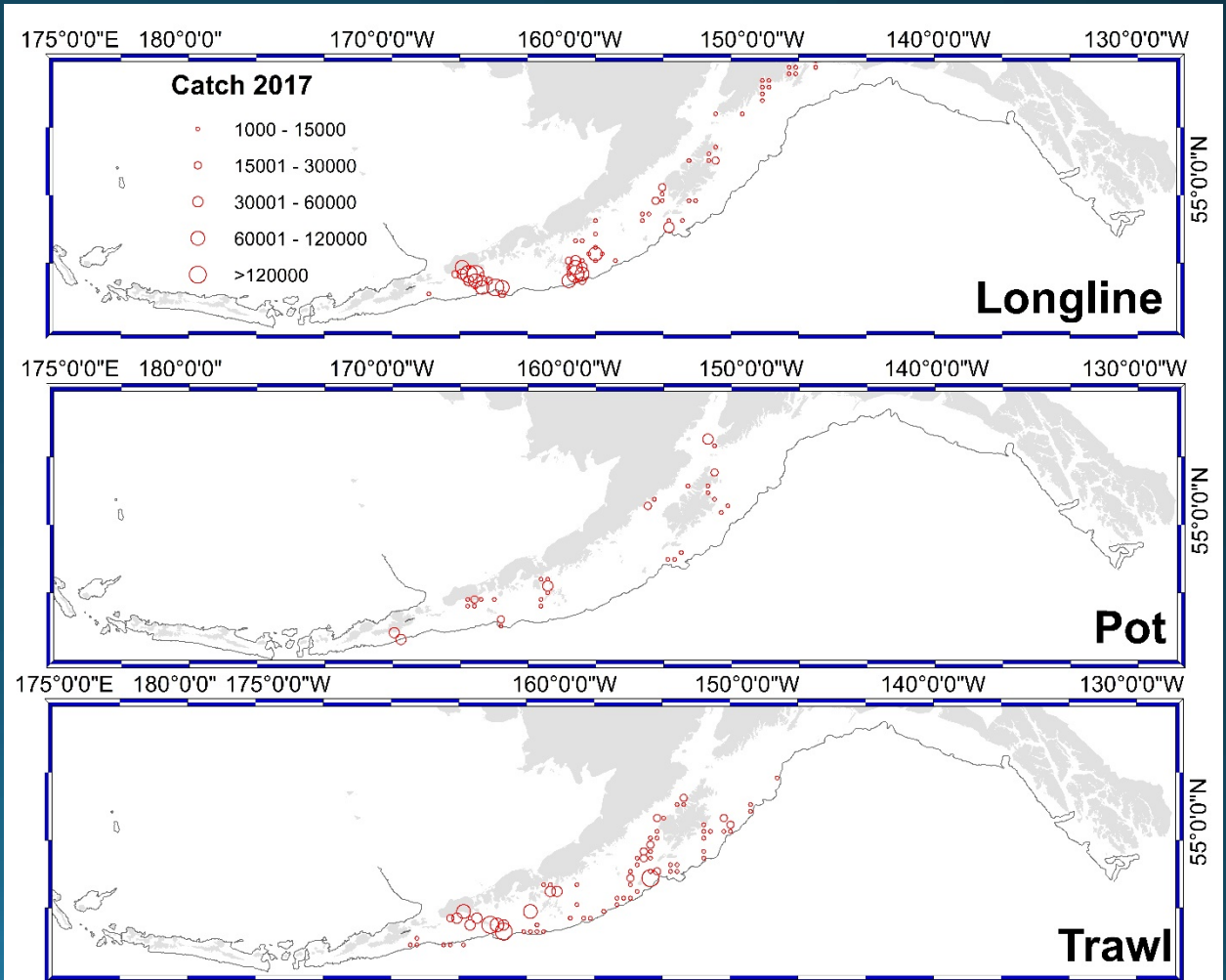
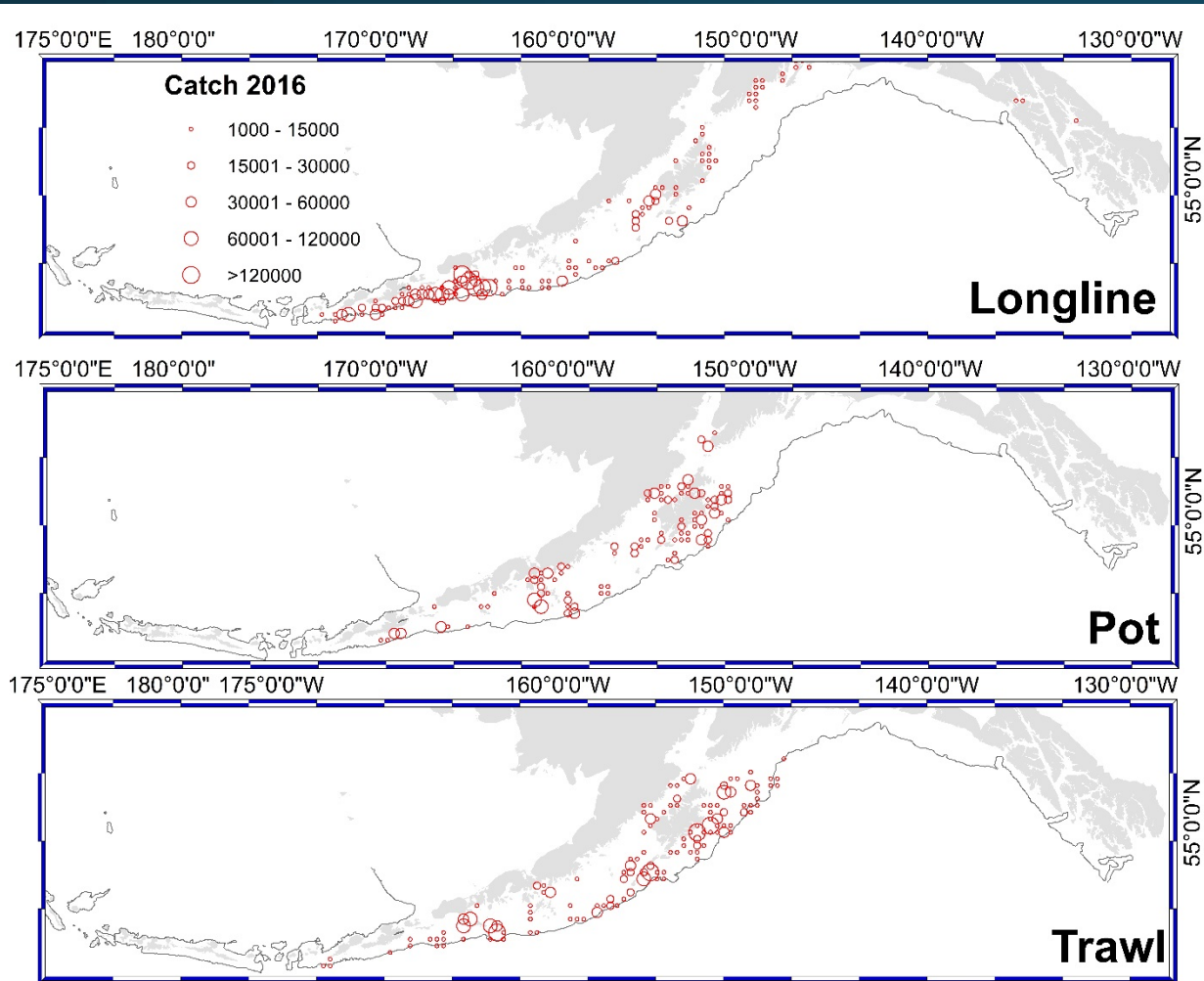
- 2017 combined state and federal fishery currently at 52% of ABC
 - Western GOA 72% of ABC (67.6% Federal and 84.1% State)
 - Central GOA 45% of ABC (47.6% Federal and 36.8% State)
 - Eastern GOA at < 1% of ABC (< 1% Federal and State)



*As of 11/4/2017

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Fishery data – observed distribution

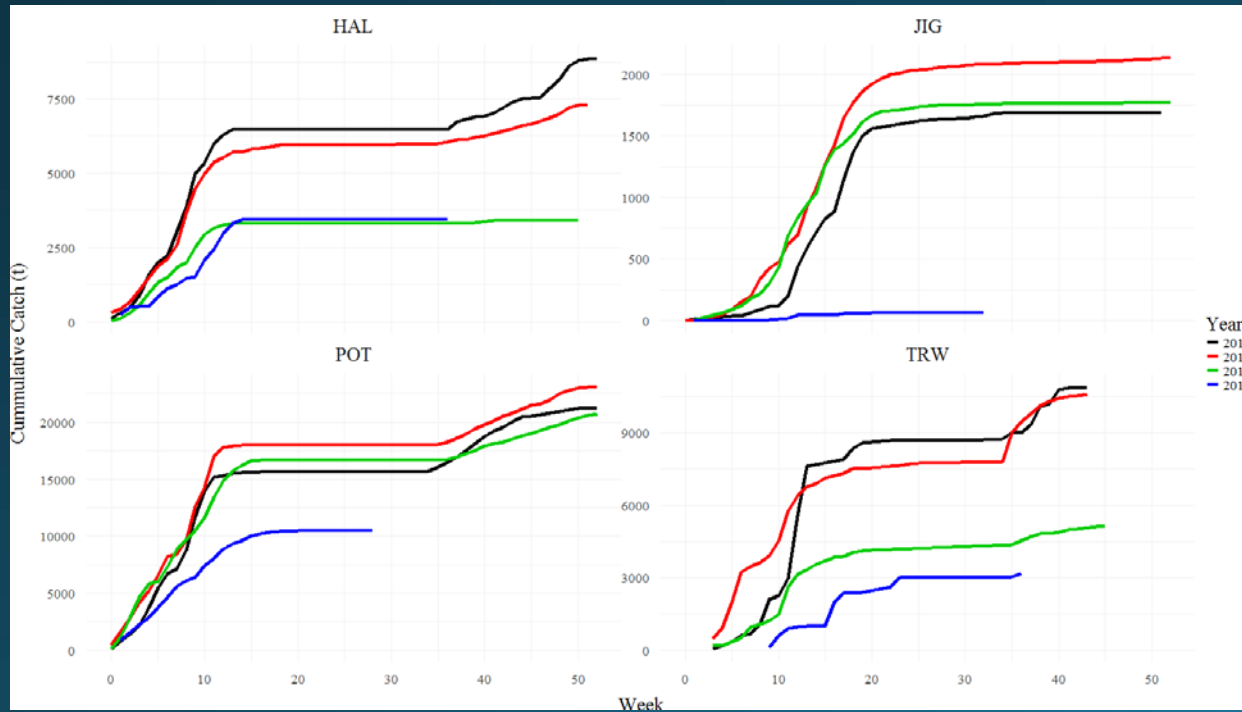


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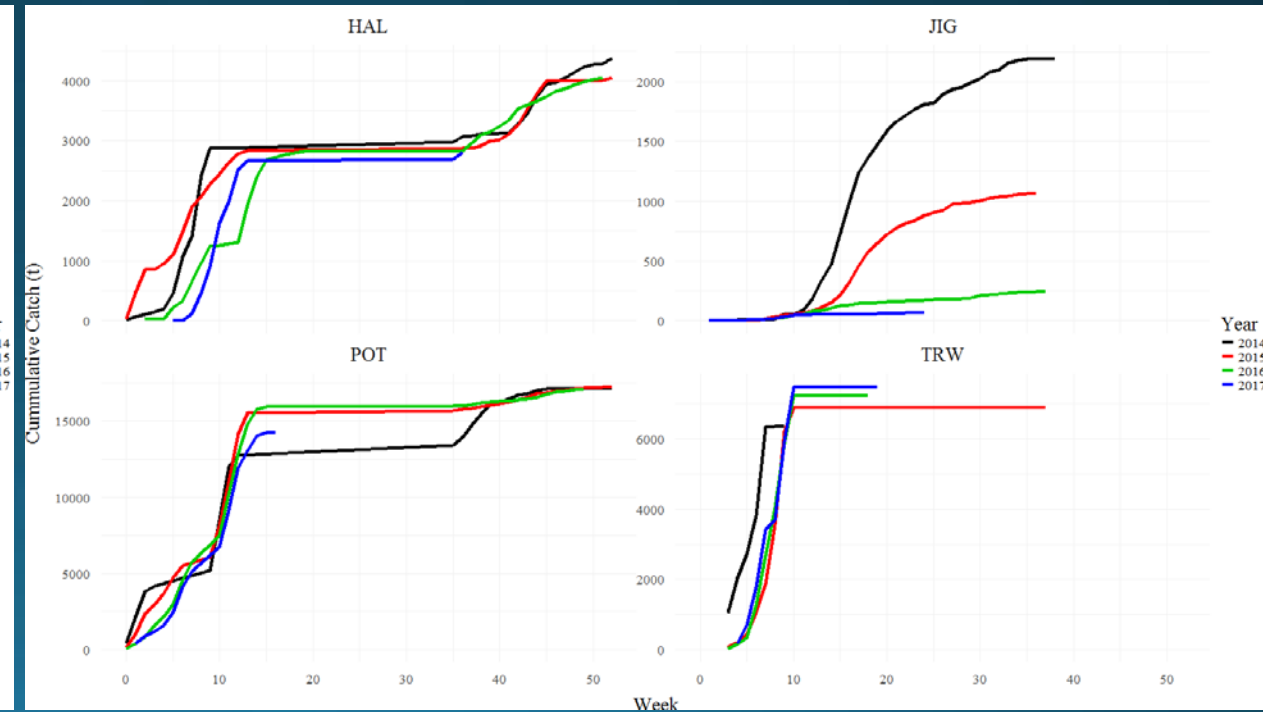


- Slow start in the Central GOA, Western GOA similar to 2016

Central GOA

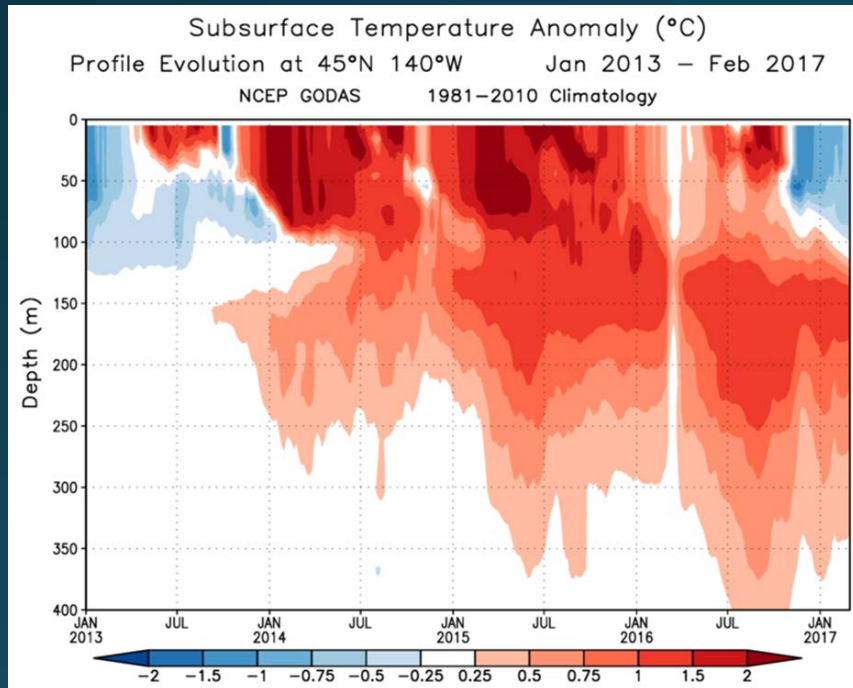


Western GOA

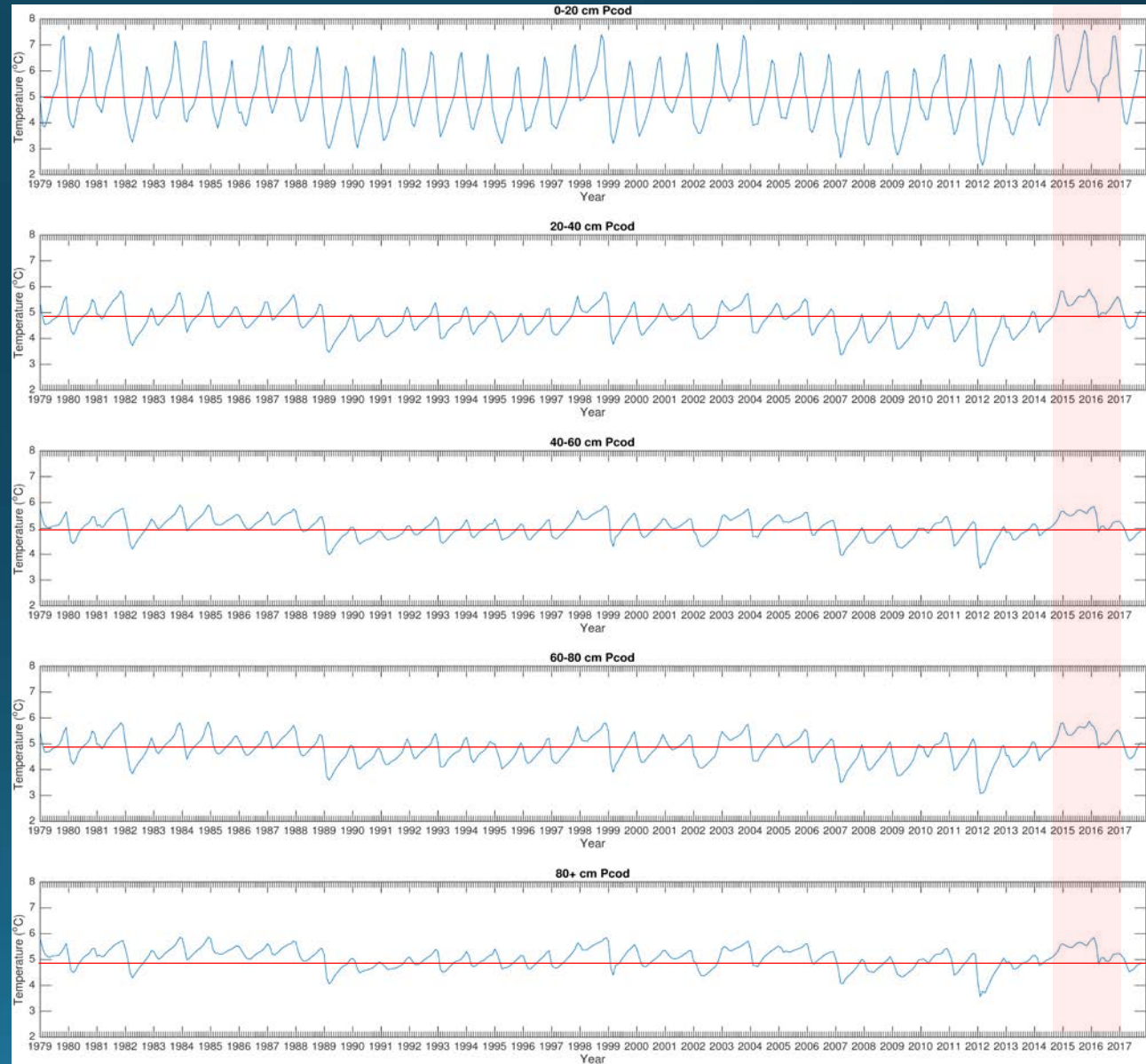


Anomalous warm waters 2014-2016

- Anomalous warm waters 2014-2016
- Deep and continued throughout the year



CFSR analysis by Qiong Yang



Anomalously warm waters 2014-2016



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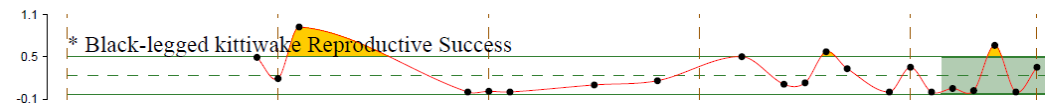
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Scientists think Gulf of Alaska seabird die-off is biggest ever recorded

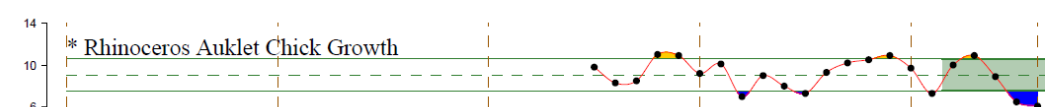
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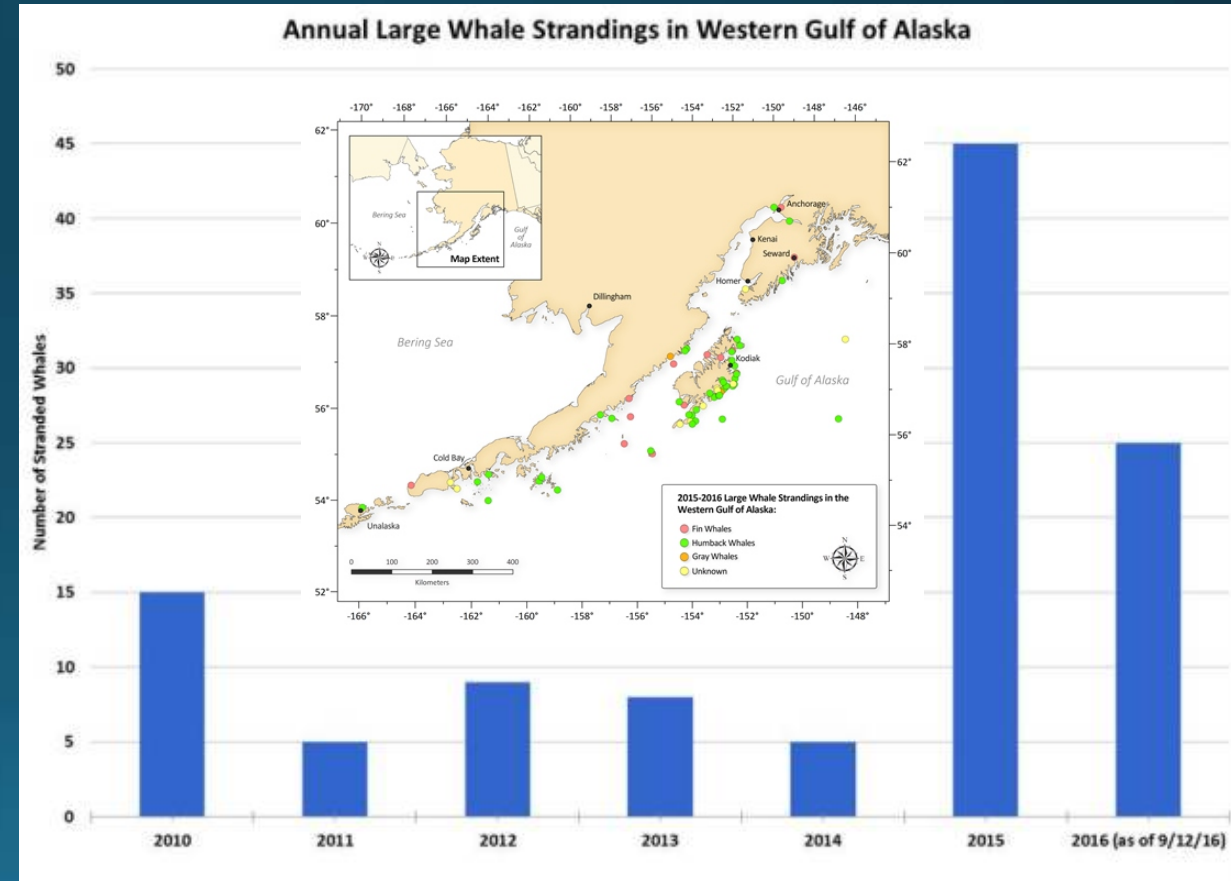
West



East



Analysis by Stephani Zador

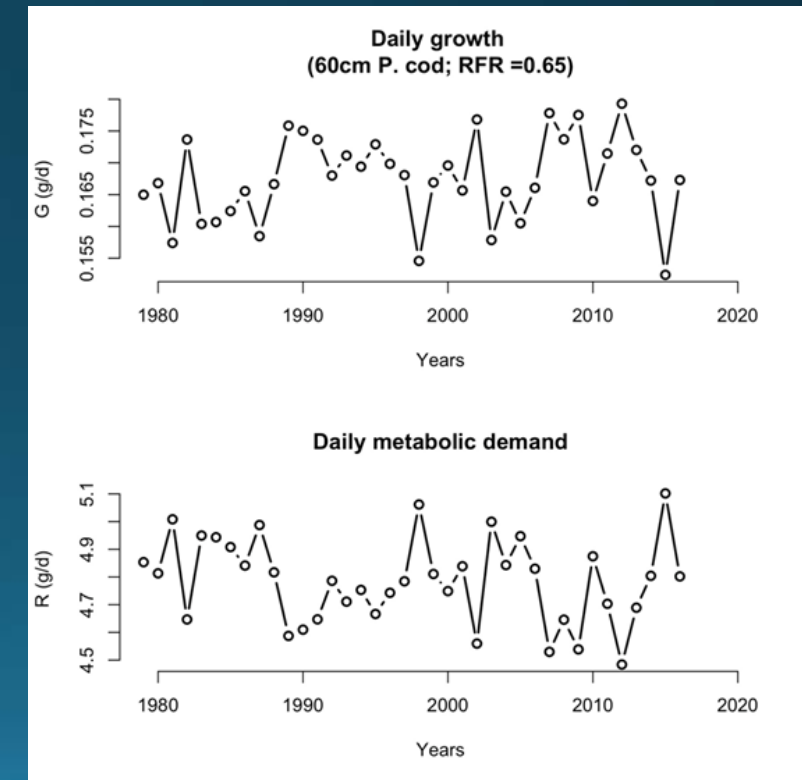
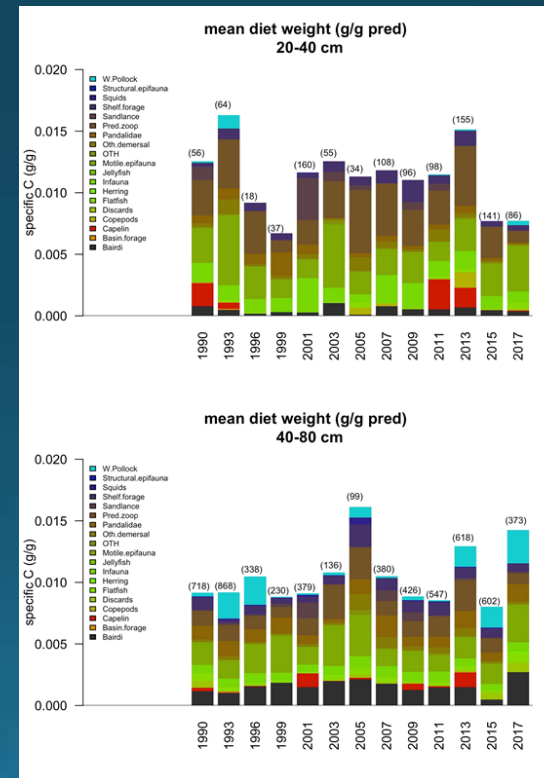
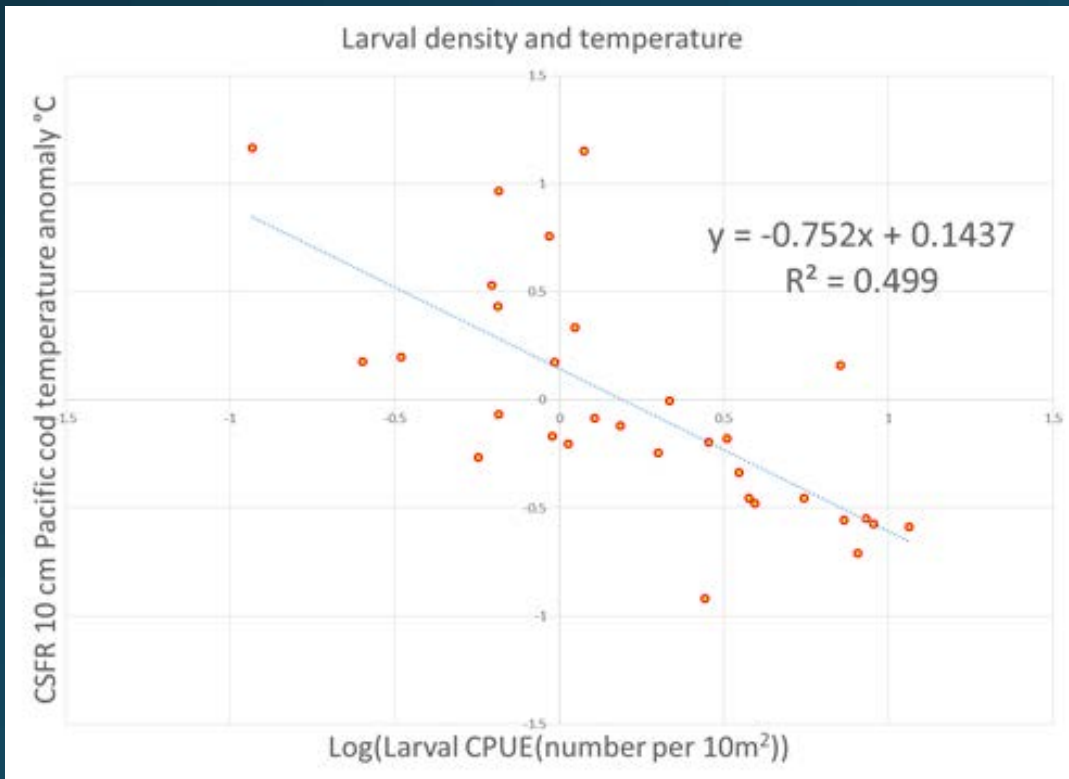


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The Blob



- Likely substantial impact on Pacific cod recruitment and natural mortality



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Bio-energetics summary



- Warmer temperatures were throughout the year and water column
- Higher metabolism in warmer temps lead to higher forage requirements
- Indications of lower forage amounts in 2015-2016
- Combination likely lead to higher Pacific cod natural mortality for these years.

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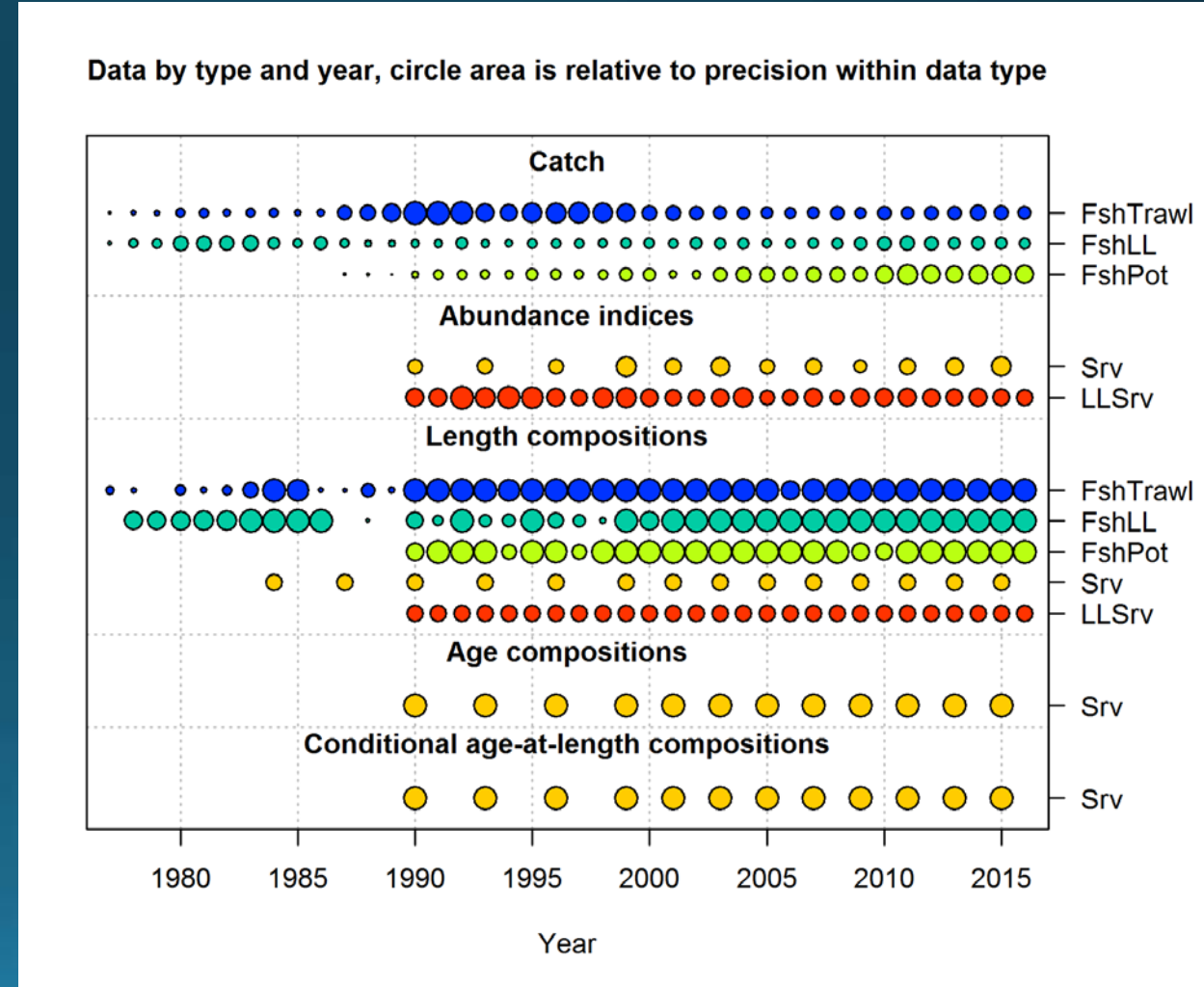
- All models run in Stock Synthesis 3.24 U
- All models presented were found to converge ($< 1e-04$)
- All models “jitter” tested with CV of 0.15 on all fitted parameters and 50 runs

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Base Model 16.08.25



- AFSC Bottom trawl survey
 - Abundance Index
 - Length and age composition
 - Conditional age-at-length
- AFSC longline survey
 - RPN index
 - Length composition
- Fisheries data with single season
 - Three fisheries (trawl, longline, pot)
 - Total catch
 - Length composition

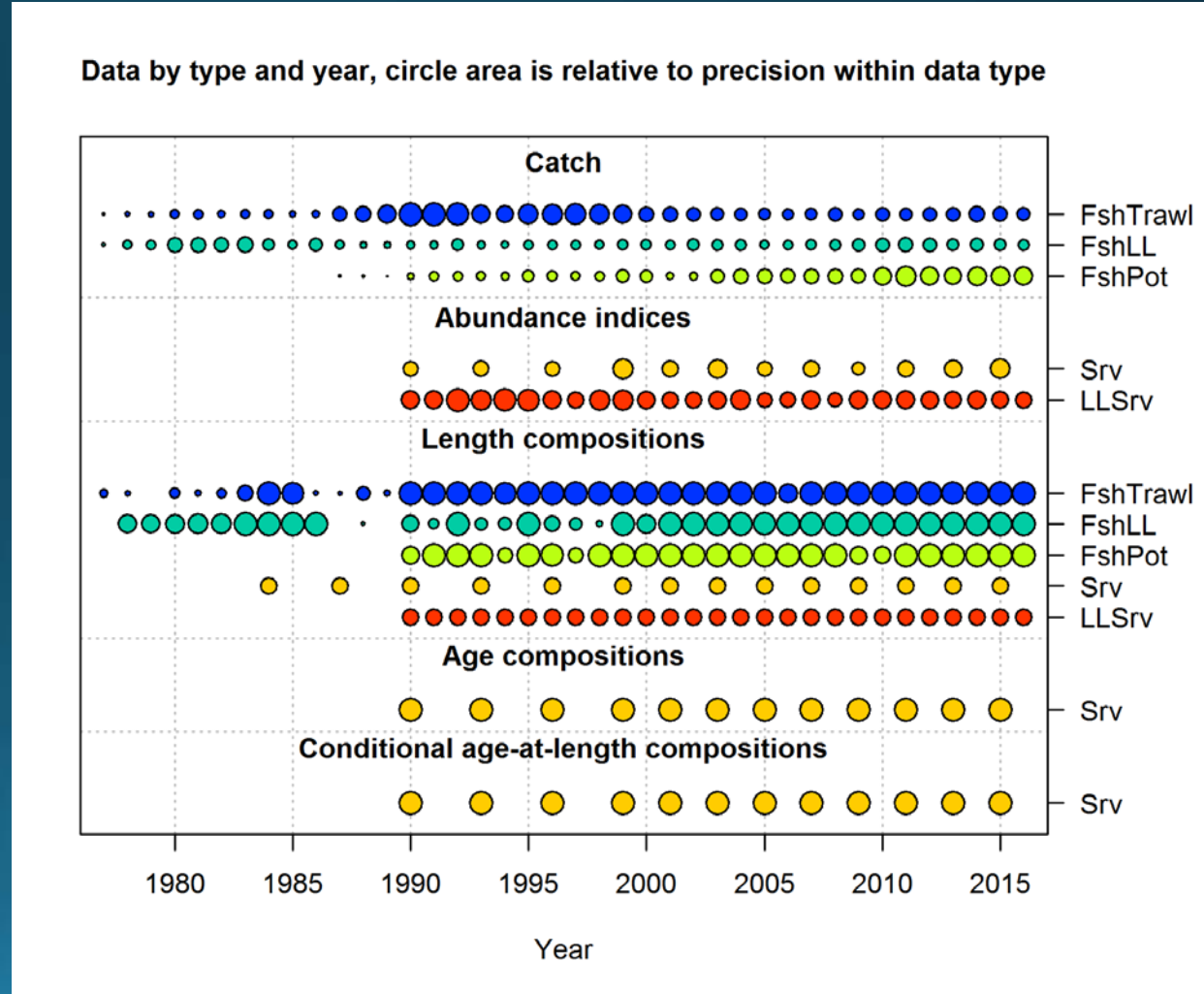


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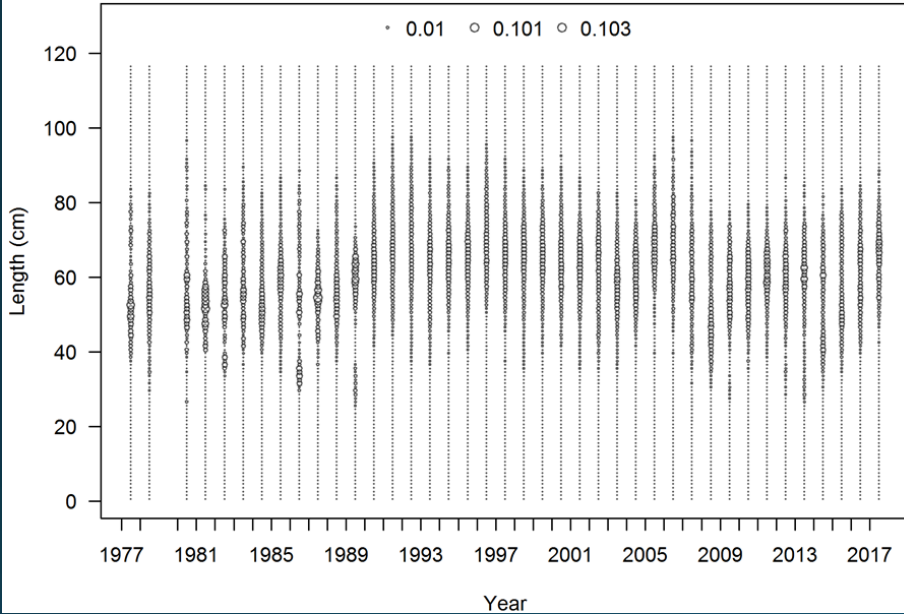
- Length and age composition fit as multinomial
 - Surveys sample size =100
 - Fishery sample size was the number of hauls or 200 whichever was smaller.



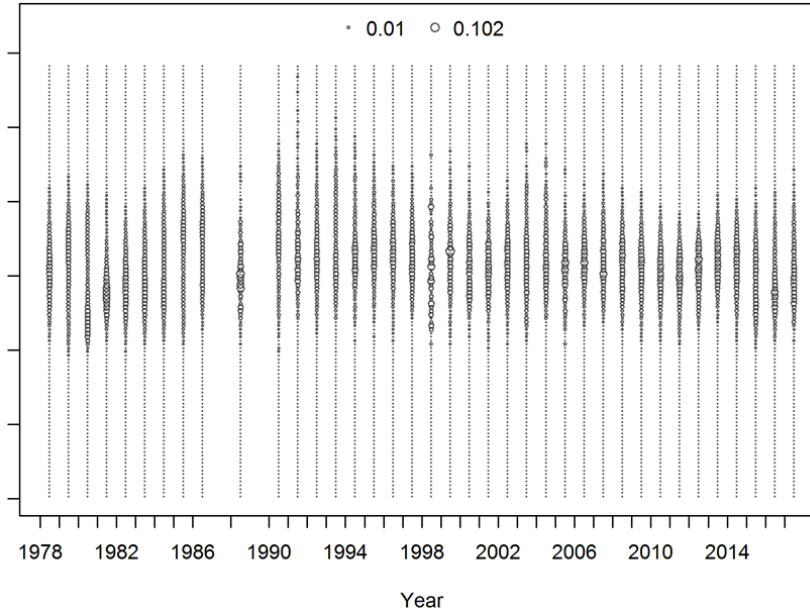
GOA Pacific cod Fishery length composition



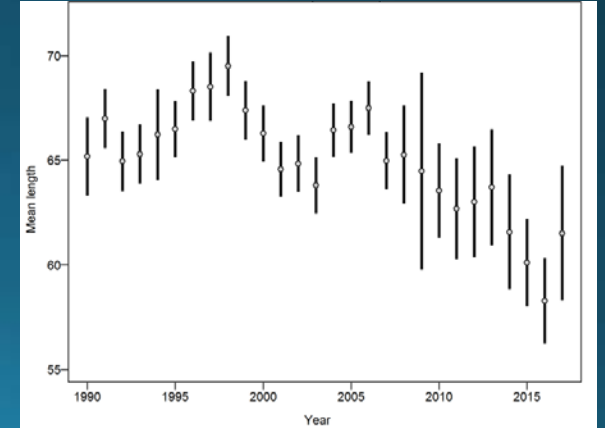
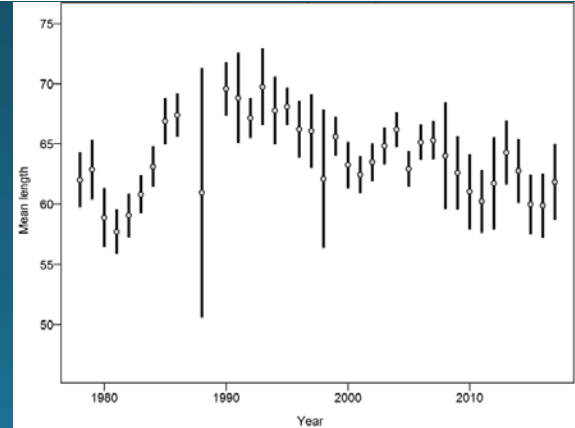
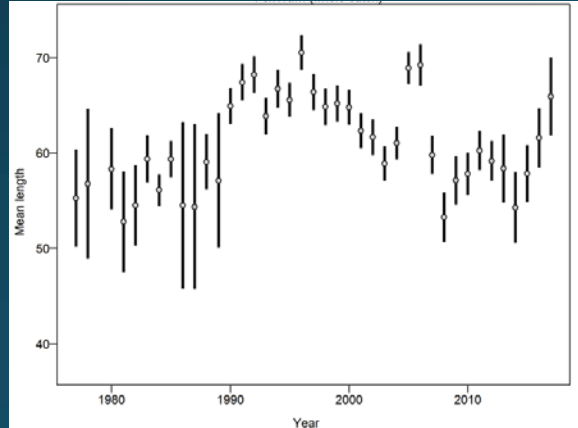
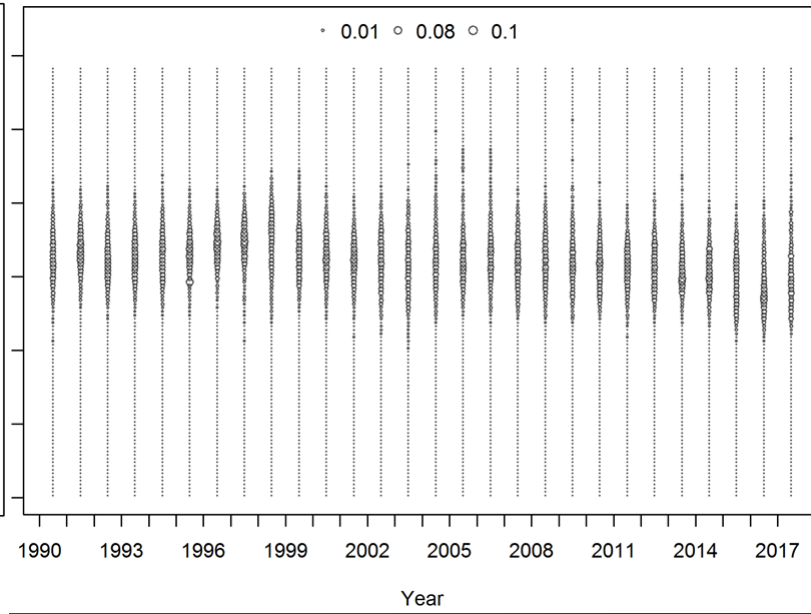
Trawl



Longline



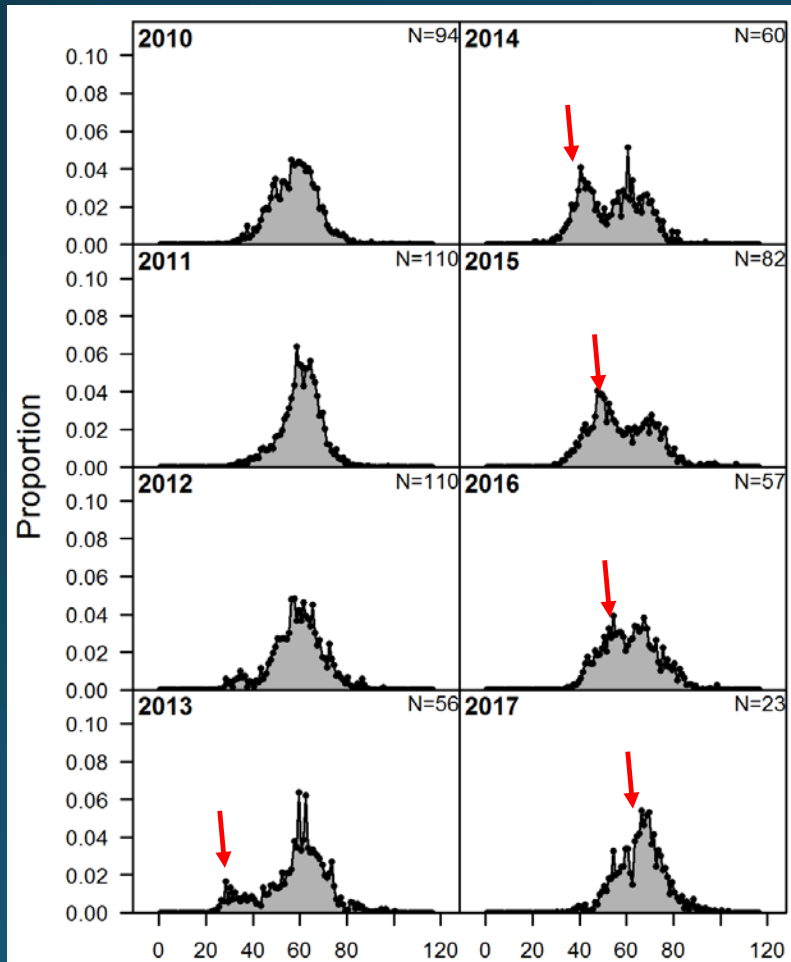
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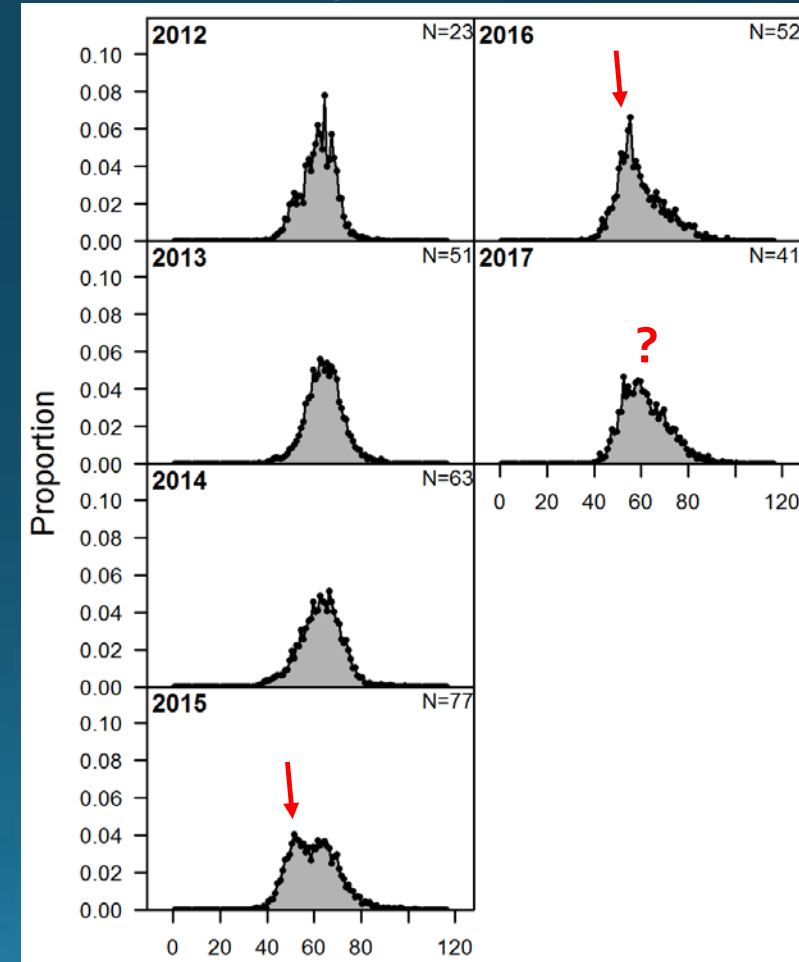
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Trawl fishery



Longline fishery

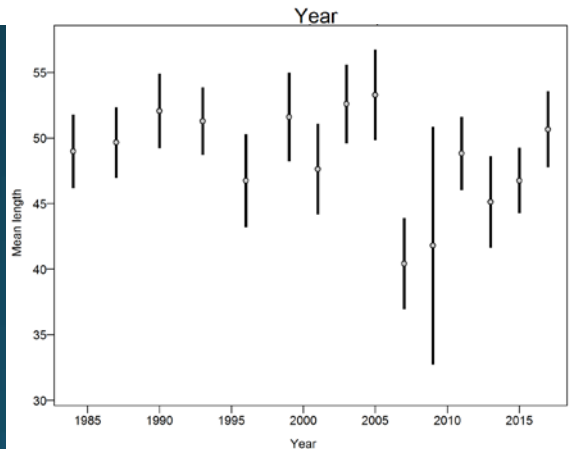
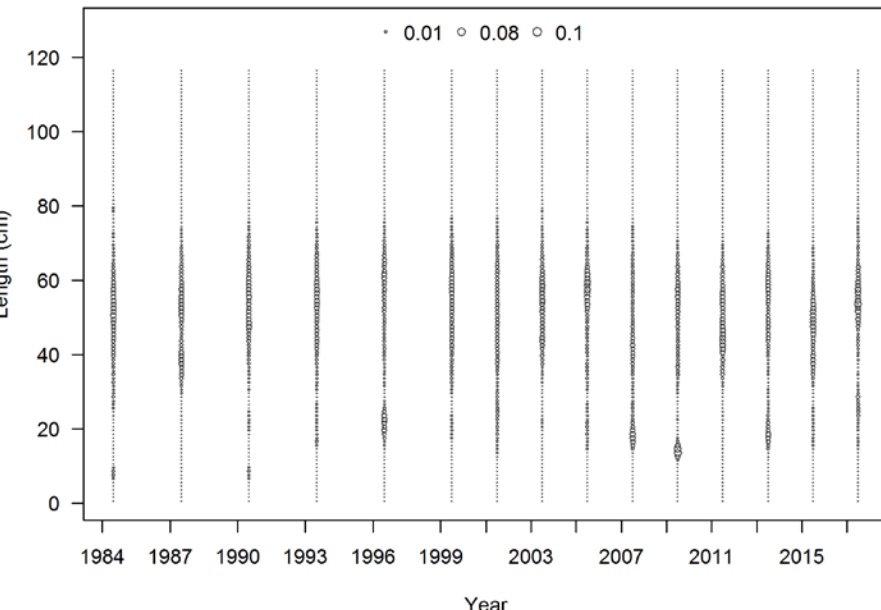


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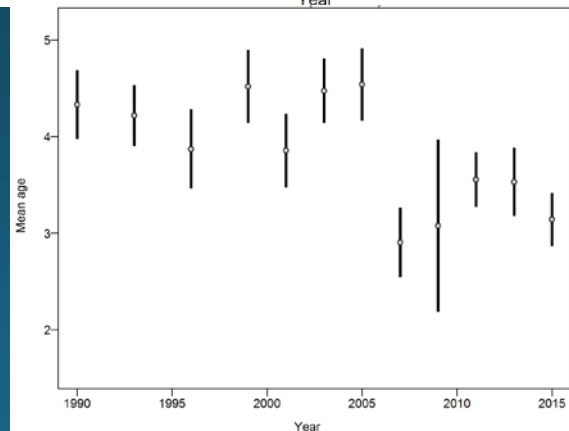
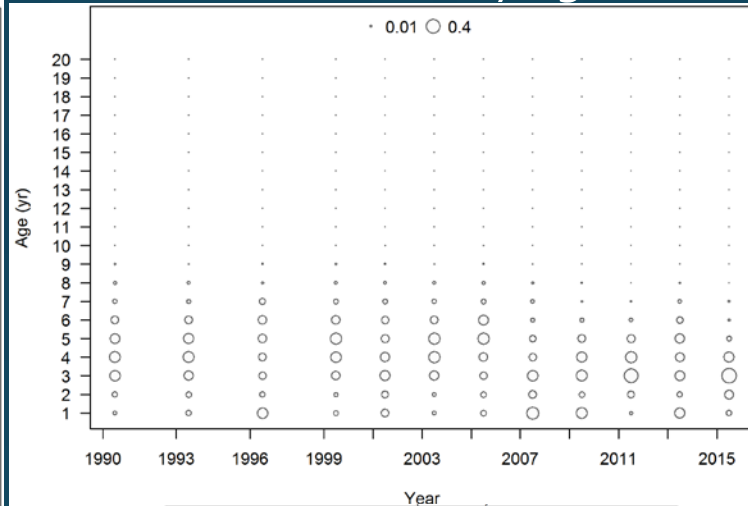
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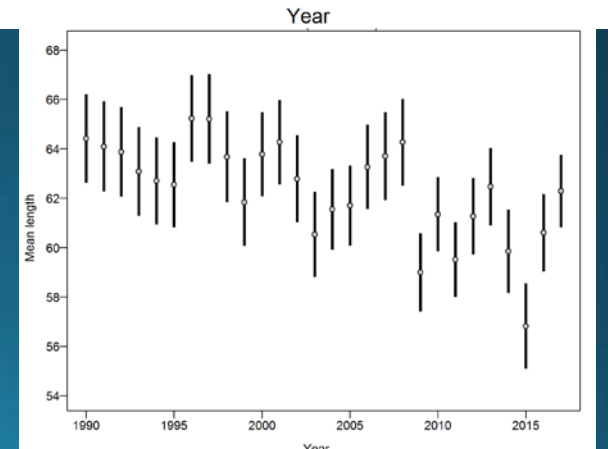
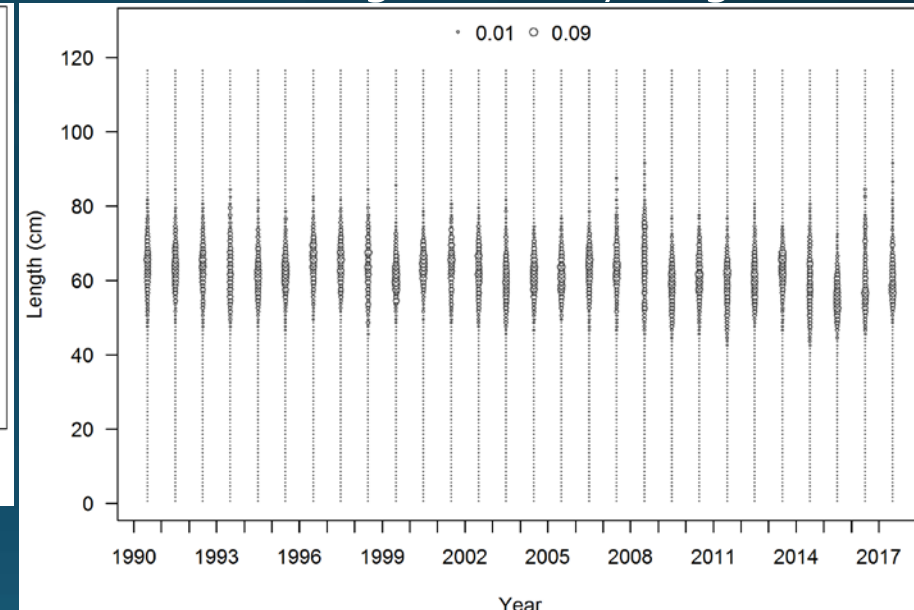
Trawl survey length



Trawl survey age

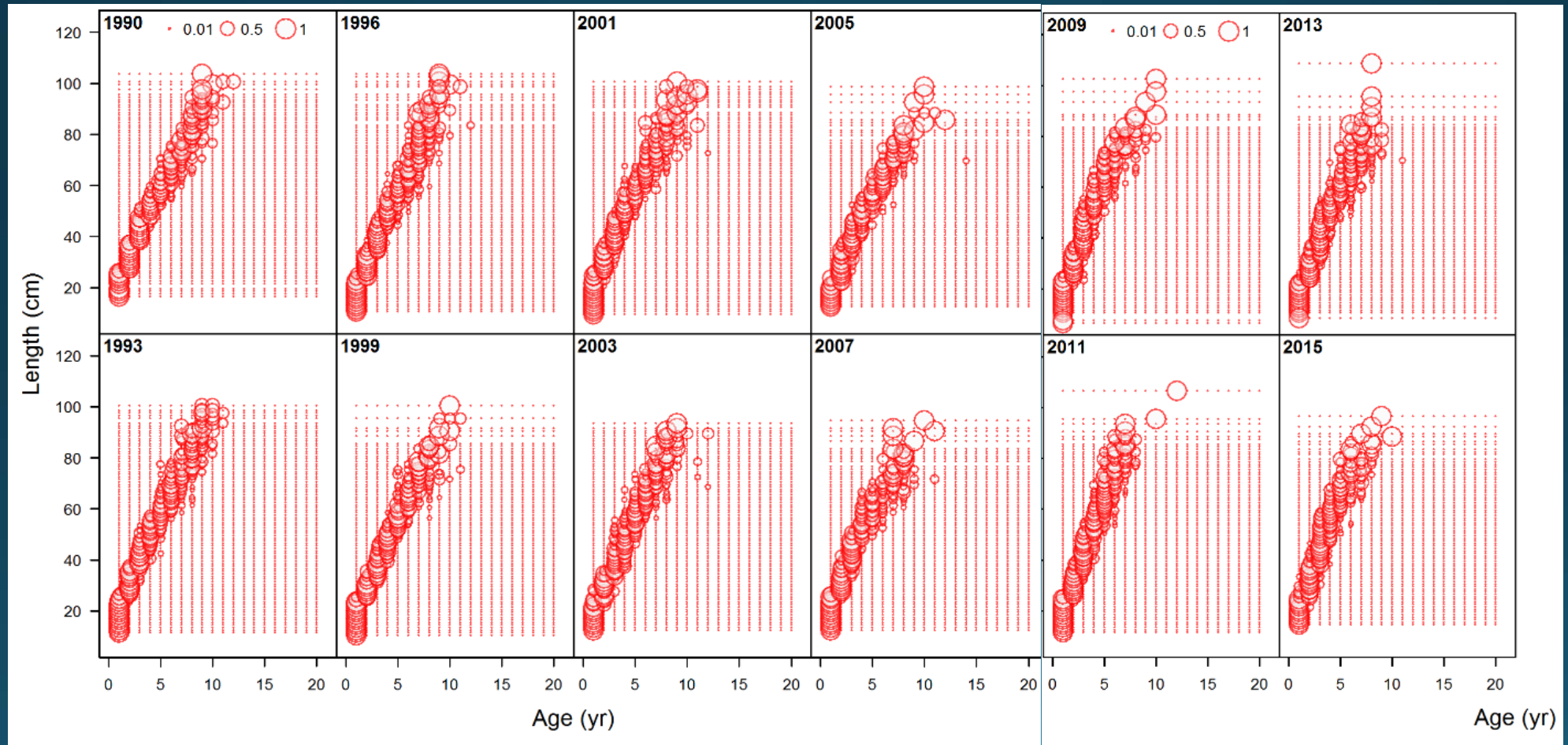


Longline survey length



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Conditional length at age

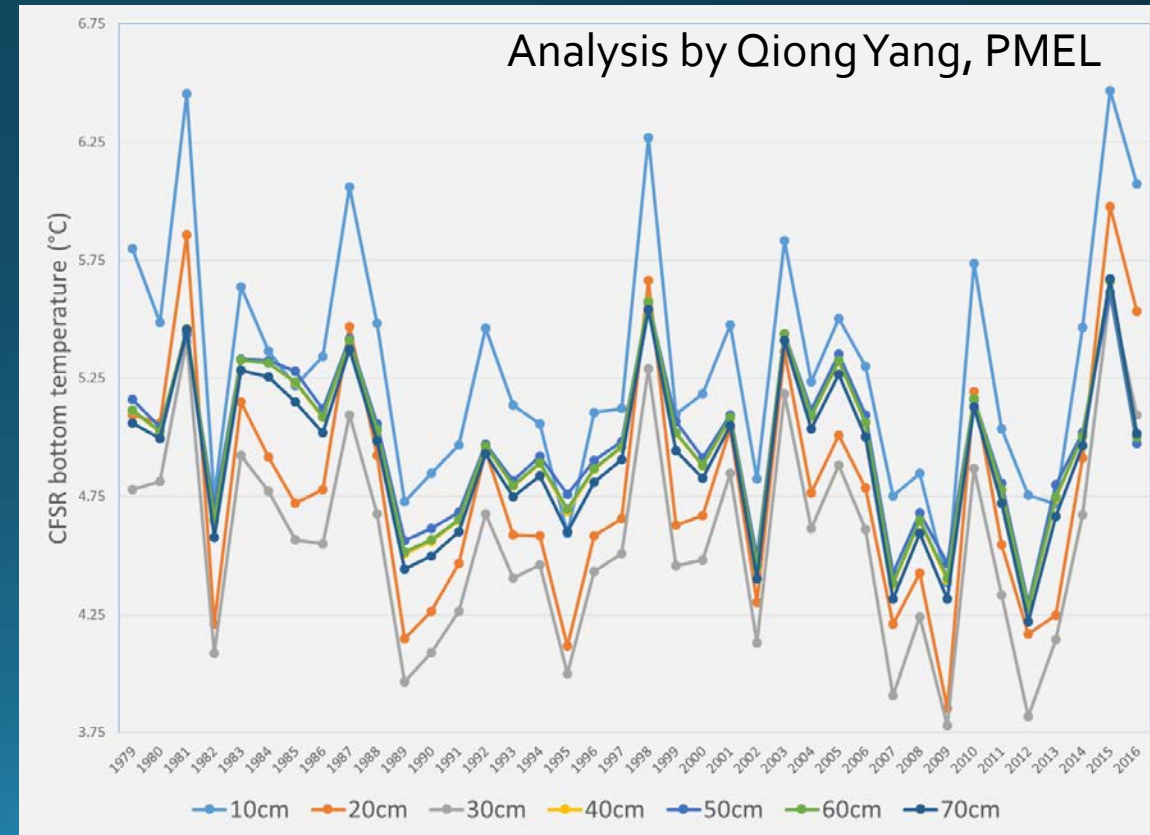


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Environmental index



- Climate Forecast System Reanalysis (CFSR) water temperatures
 - Filter to bottom temperatures at the average depth of Pacific cod at length in grids containing AFSC bottom trawl stations in CGOA.
- 3.75 to 6.5 °C
- 2015 warmest year
 - peak warm 1981, 1998. 2014-2016
- 2009 coldest year
 - peak cold 1982, 1989, 2007-2009, 2012

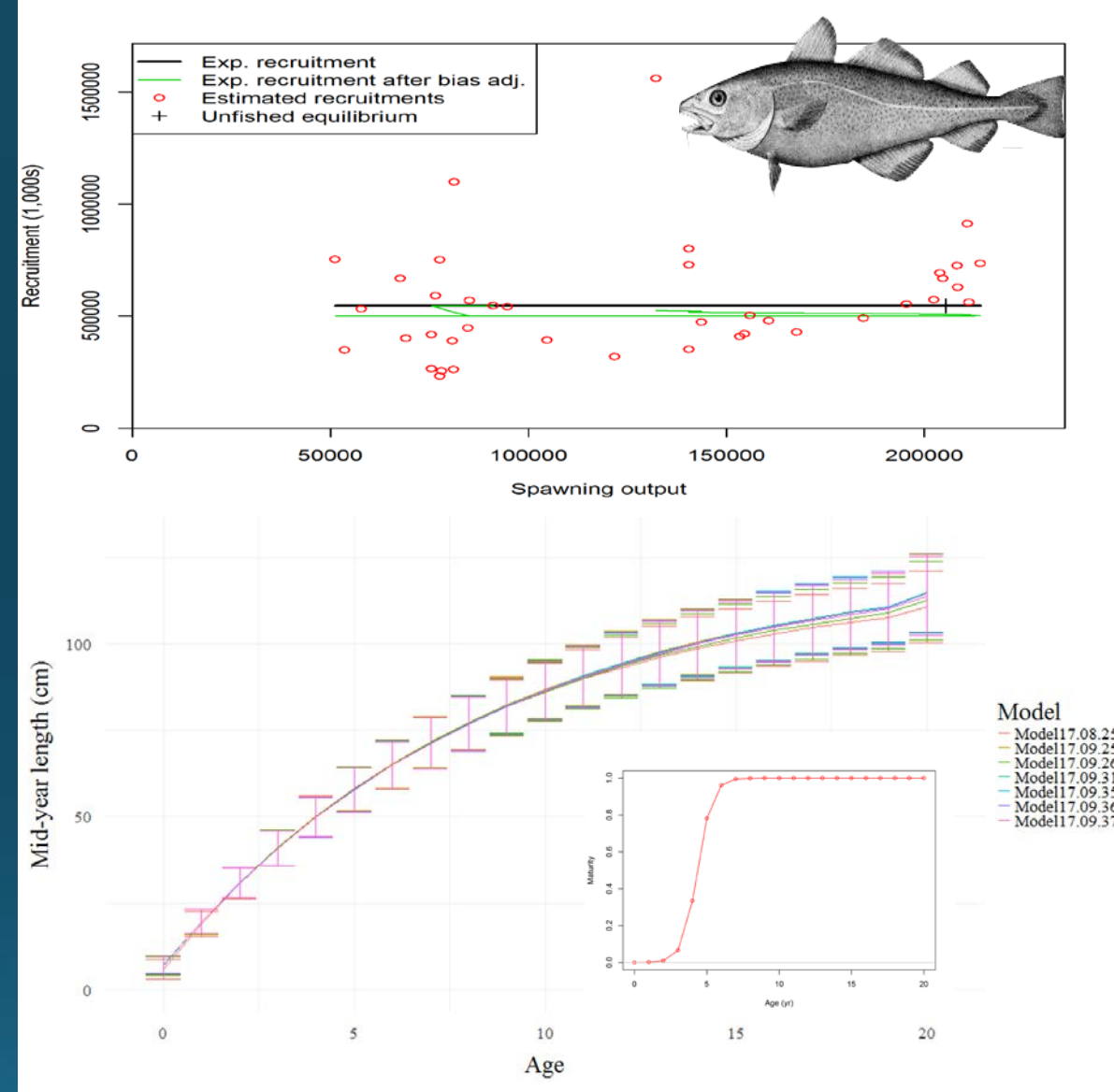


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Base Model 16.08.25

- Beverton-Holt recruitment curve
 - Steepness = 1.0, Sigma R = 0.44
- Log normal M ($\mu = 0.38$, $\sigma = 0.1$)
- Catchability
 - Float for longline survey
 - Uniform prior on trawl survey Q
- Maturity based on Stark (2007)
 - $A_{50\%} = 4.3499$

- Single growth model fit to conditional length at age from bottom trawl survey

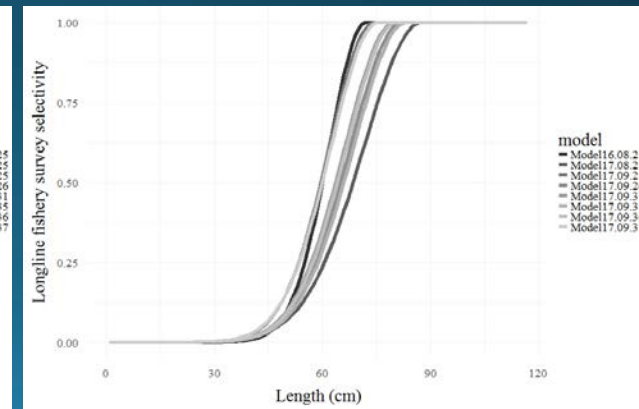
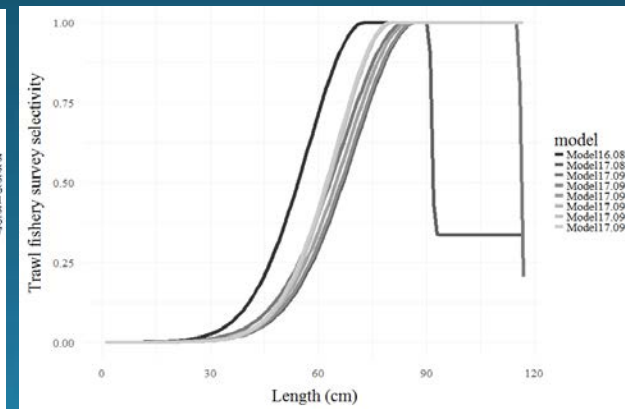
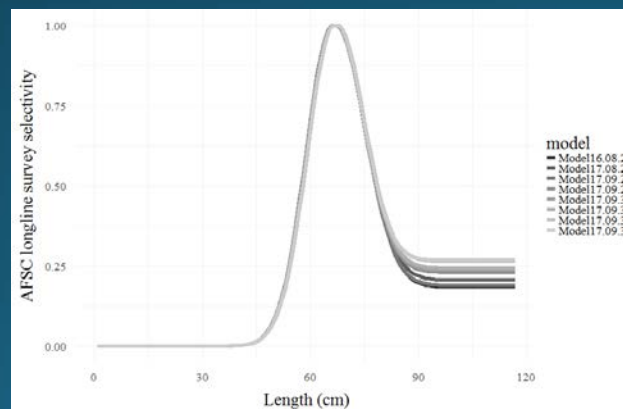
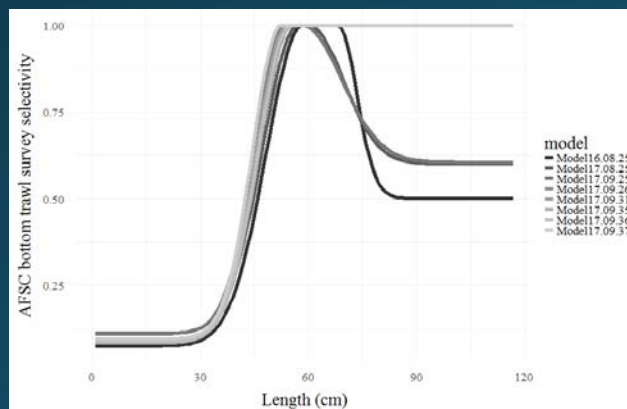
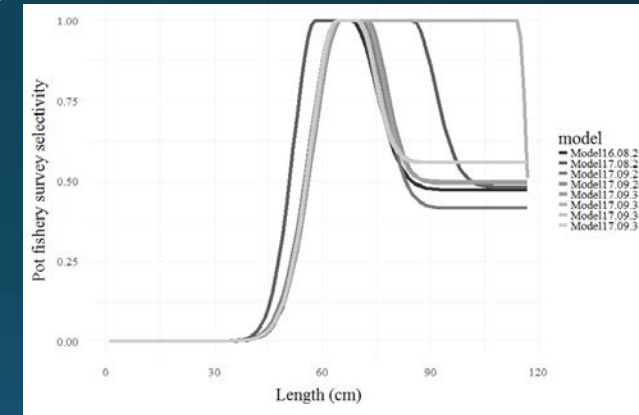


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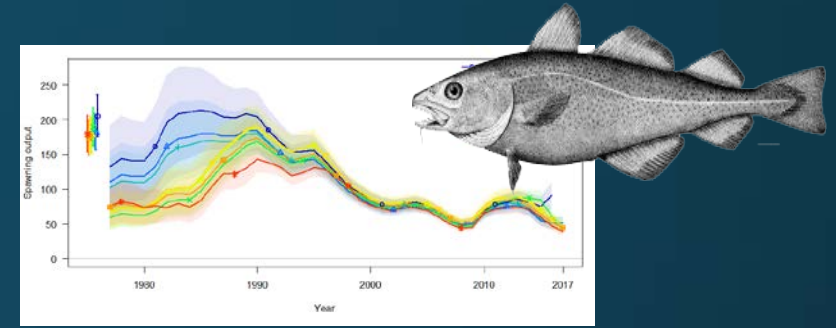
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- All selectivity double normal on length composition
 - Allowed dome-shaped for all
 - Blocks on trawl and longline fishery (1977-1989,1990-2012,2013-2016)
 - Blocks on pot fishery (1977-2012,2013-2016)
 - Blocks on trawl survey (1984-1995,1996-2005,2006-2016)
 - Longline survey single selectivity curve



GOA Pacific cod Model runs for 2018



Model 17.08.25 same as 2016 Model 16.08.25

- Addition of 2017 trawl and longline surveys
- Addition of 2016 and 2017 fisheries catch and composition data

Data changes - Model 17.09.xx series – **Presented in September**

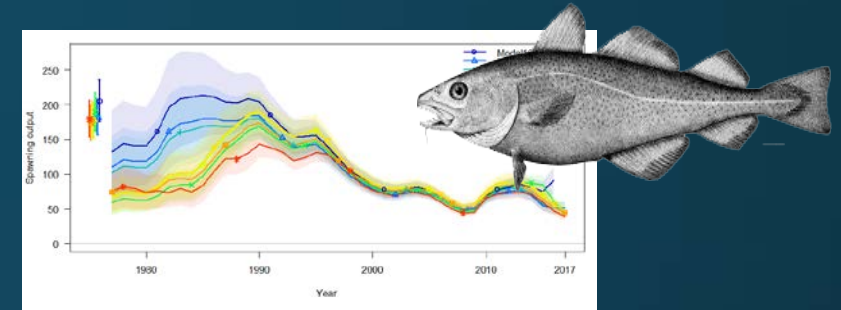
- New method for proportioning fishery length composition data
- ADFG port sampling for some pot fishery year/trimester/area

Model changes

- 2015-2016 block on M
- Varying selectivity for trawl and longline fishery for 1977-1989
- Longline survey catchability conditioned on temperature
- New block on trawl and longline fishery selectivity for 2005-2006
- Francis T.A18 method for model tuning
- M conditioned on temperature

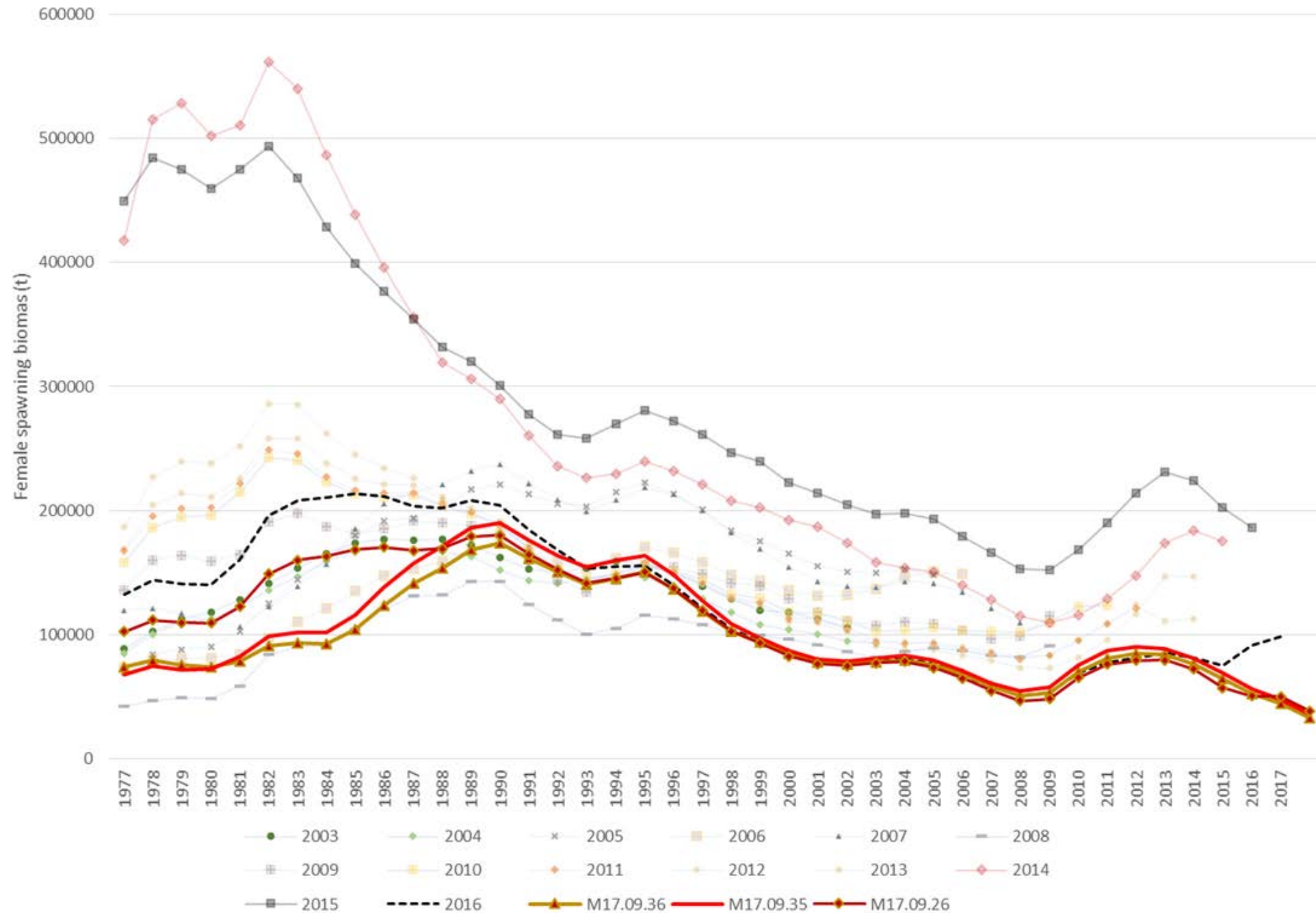
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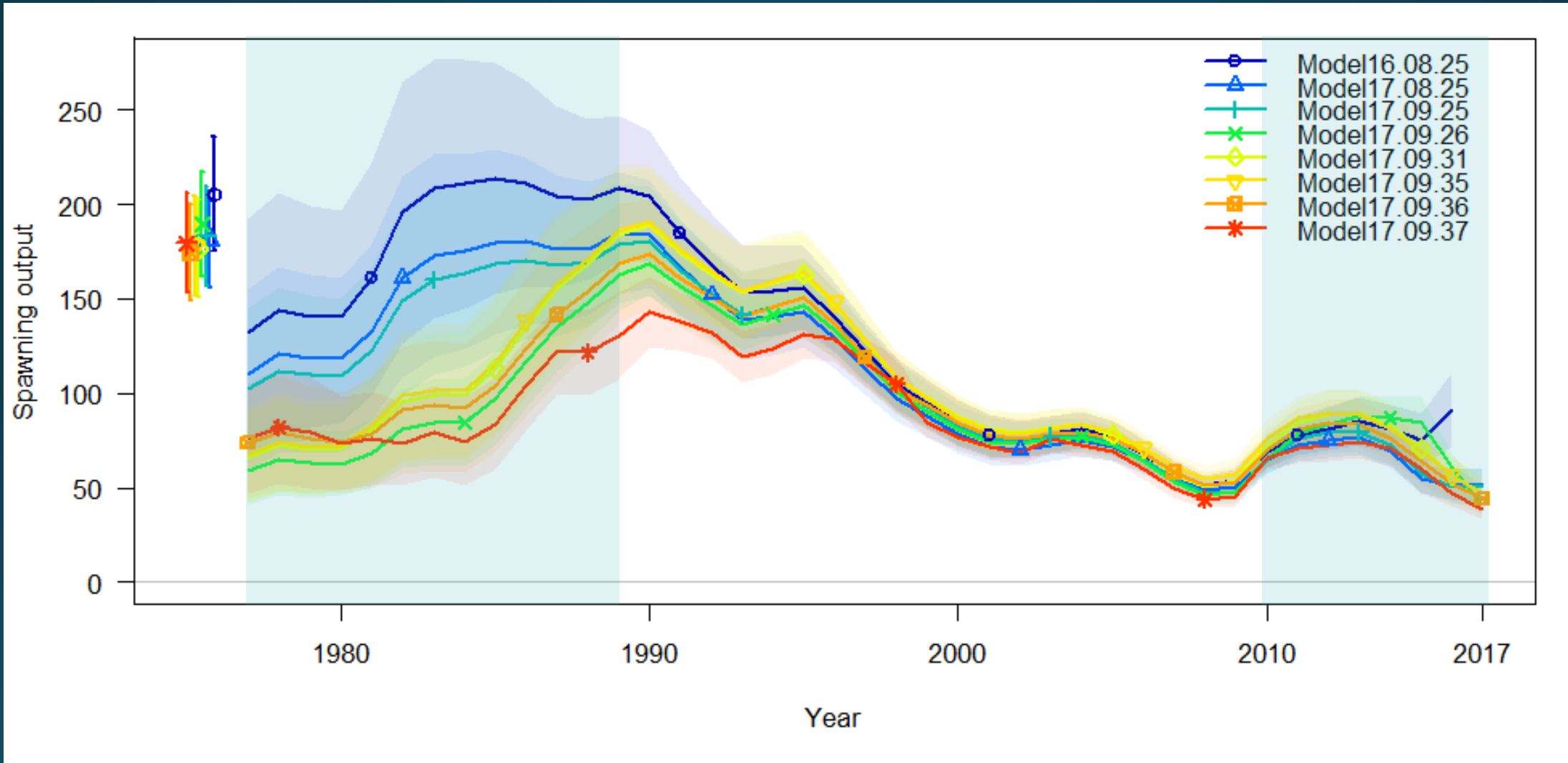


Models	Natural mortality	Survey catchability	Length-based Selectivity
17.08.25 last year's model with 2017 data	Fit with normal prior of 0.38 and $\sigma = 0.1$	Trawl fit with uniform prior Longline float	Blocked time varying selectivity dome-shaped allowed for all but the longline fishery. Longline and trawl: 1978-1989, 1990-2012, 2013-2016, and 2017 Pot: 1978-2012, and 2013-2017 Bottom trawl survey: 1984-1995, 1996-2005, 2006-2017
17.09.25	Fit with log normal prior $\log(\mu) = -0.81$ and $\sigma = 0.41$	Same as 17.08.25	Same as 17.08.25
17.09.26	Two blocks; 1977-2014 and 2017 and 2015-2016. Block 1: Fixed at 0.44 Block 2: Fit with log normal prior $\log(\mu) = -0.81$ and $\sigma = 0.41$	Same as 17.08.25	Same blocks as 17.08.25, except selectivity allowed to be fit annually for the 1978-1989 block based on parameter devs with CV = 0.2.
17.09.31	Same as 17.09.26, except both blocks fit with lognormal prior $\log(\mu) = -0.81$ and $\sigma = 0.1$	Trawl: Fit with uniform prior Longline: Fit with uniform prior and conditioned on temperature index with single uniform parameter	Same as 17.09.26
17.09.35 17.09.36 _(Francis tuned)	Same as 17.09.31	Same as 17.09.31	Same as 17.09.26, except added block for trawl and longline fisheries for 2005-2006

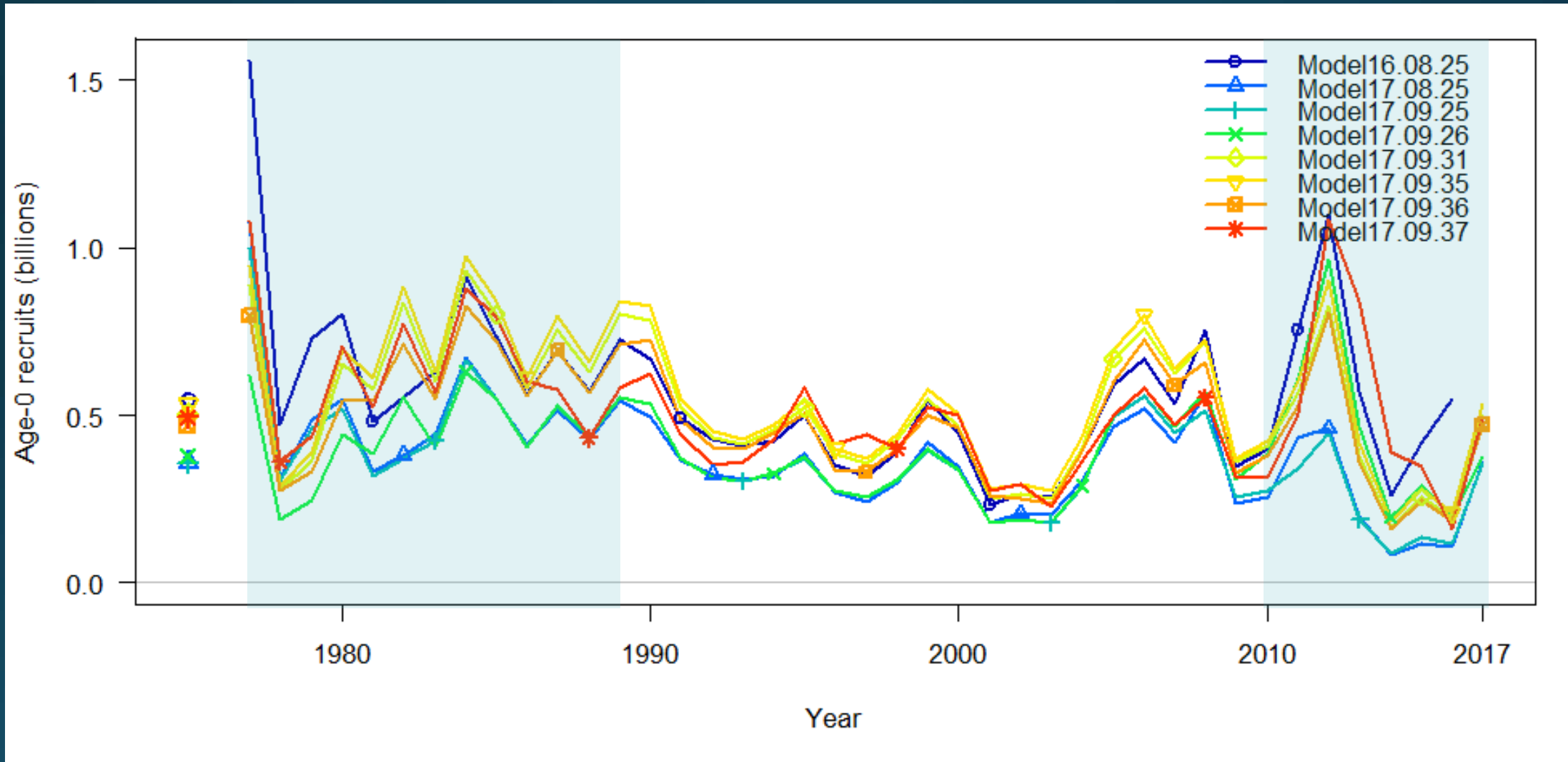
GOA Pacific cod models female spawning biomass by year



GOA Pacific cod- Model runs for 2018



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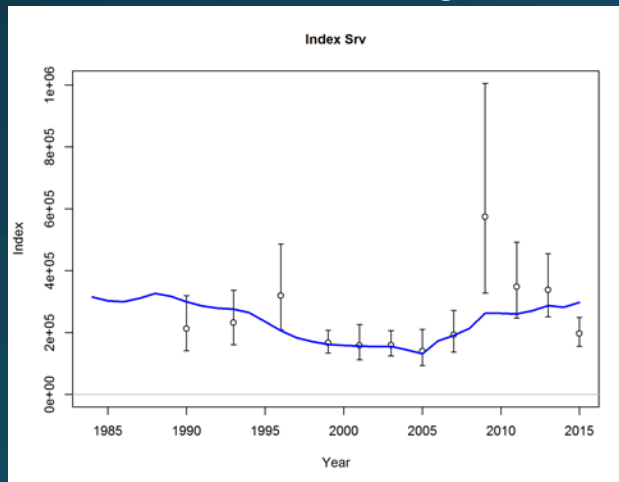
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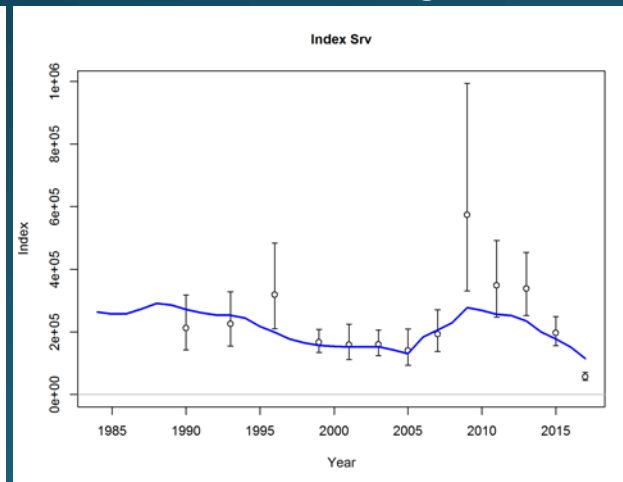


- Substantial differences in results
 - Influenced by 2017 trawl and longline survey index
 - Discounting 2011-2013 year classes
 - Increased residuals on survey and fishery length composition data
 - Decrease in M (0.47 to 0.44)

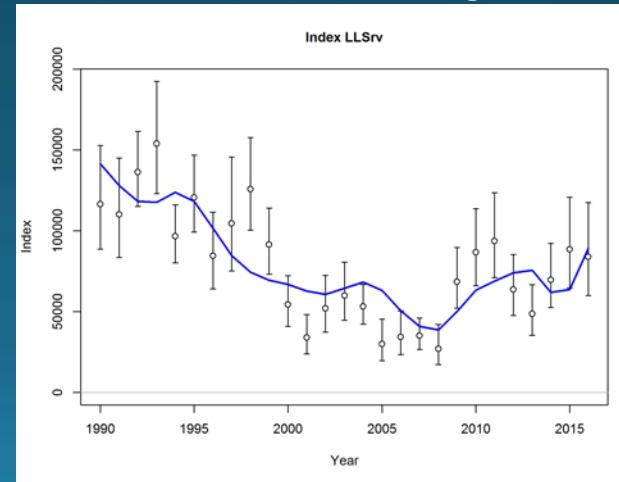
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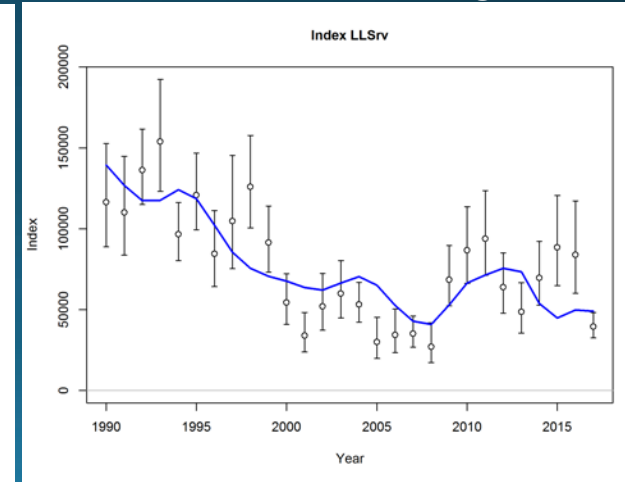
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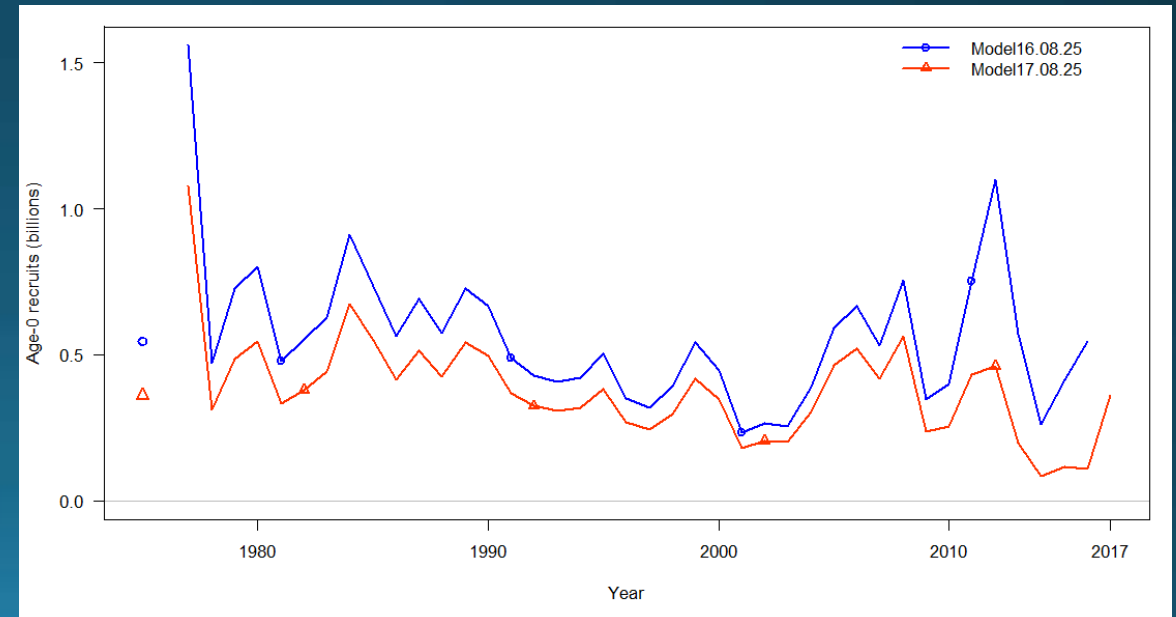
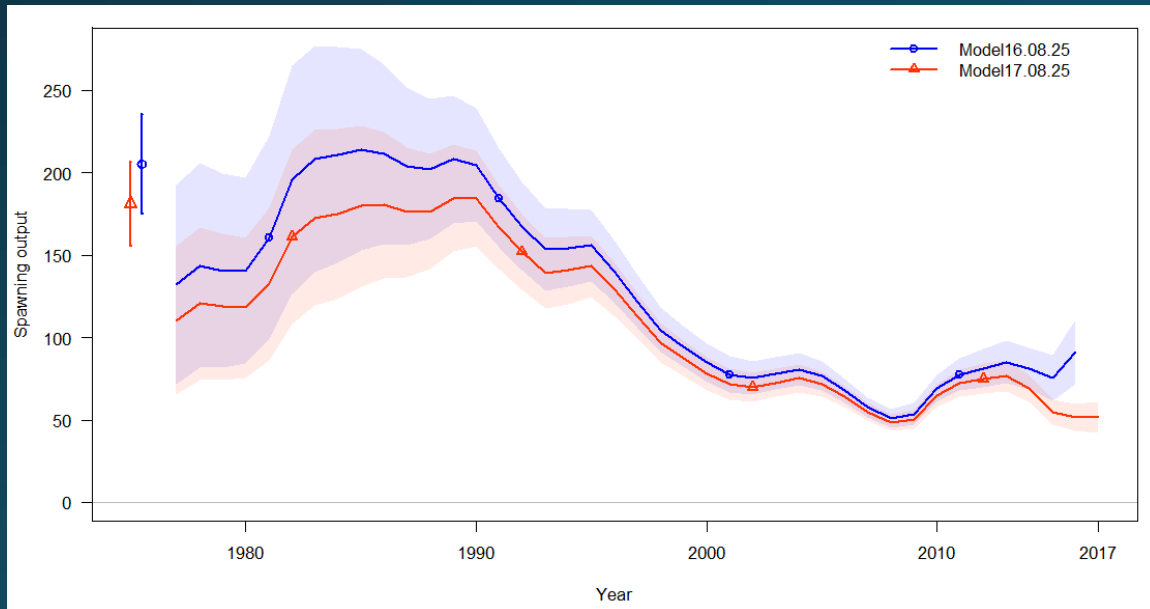


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Data update: 16.08.25 vs. 17.08.25



- Substantial differences in results
 - Influenced by 2017 trawl and longline survey index
 - Discounting 2011-2013 year classes
 - Increased residuals on survey and fishery length composition data
 - Decrease in M (0.47 to 0.44)

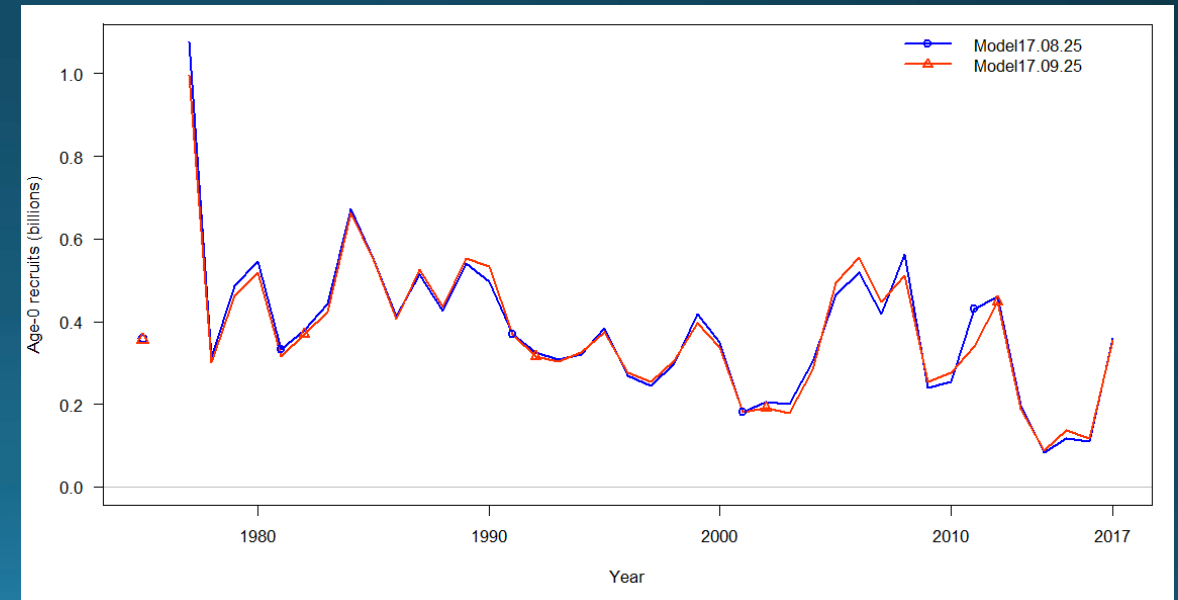
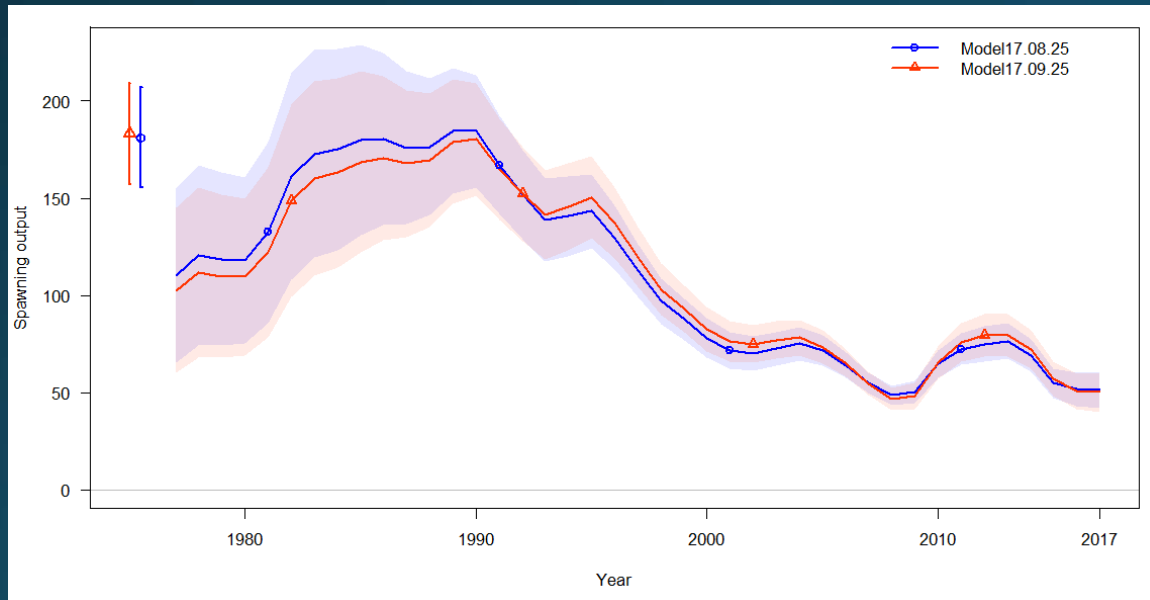


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Data changes: 17.08.25 to 17.09.25



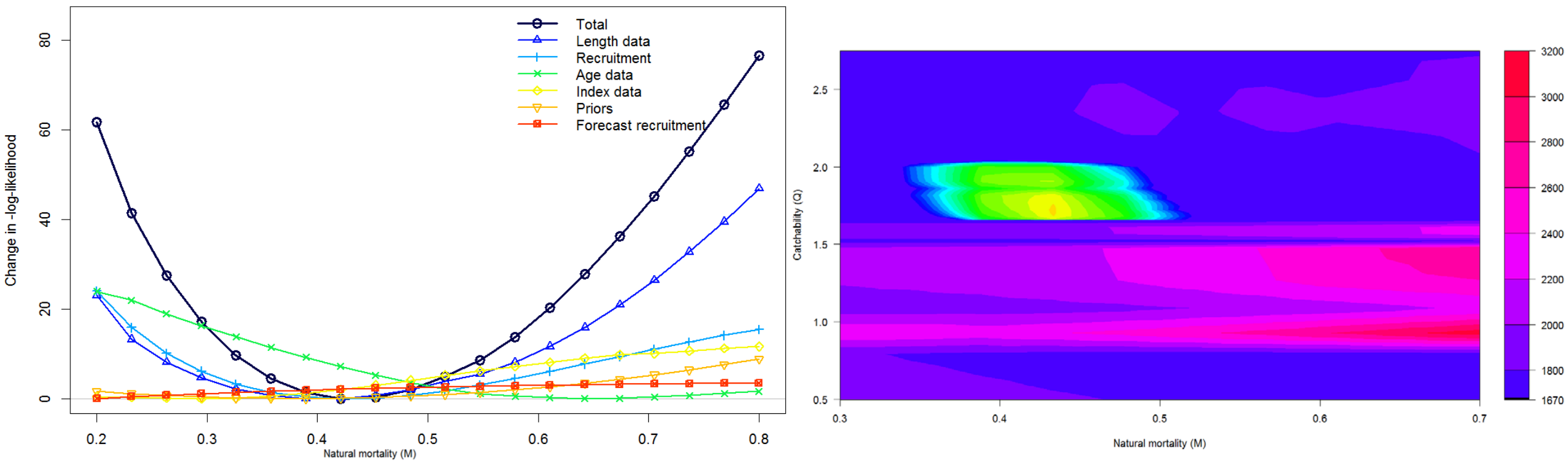
- Changes to fishery composition data proportioning
- Addition of ADFG port sampling for missing pot fishery data
- Small differences in model results
 - reduction of 1978 and 2011 year classes



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Exploring Model 17.09.25

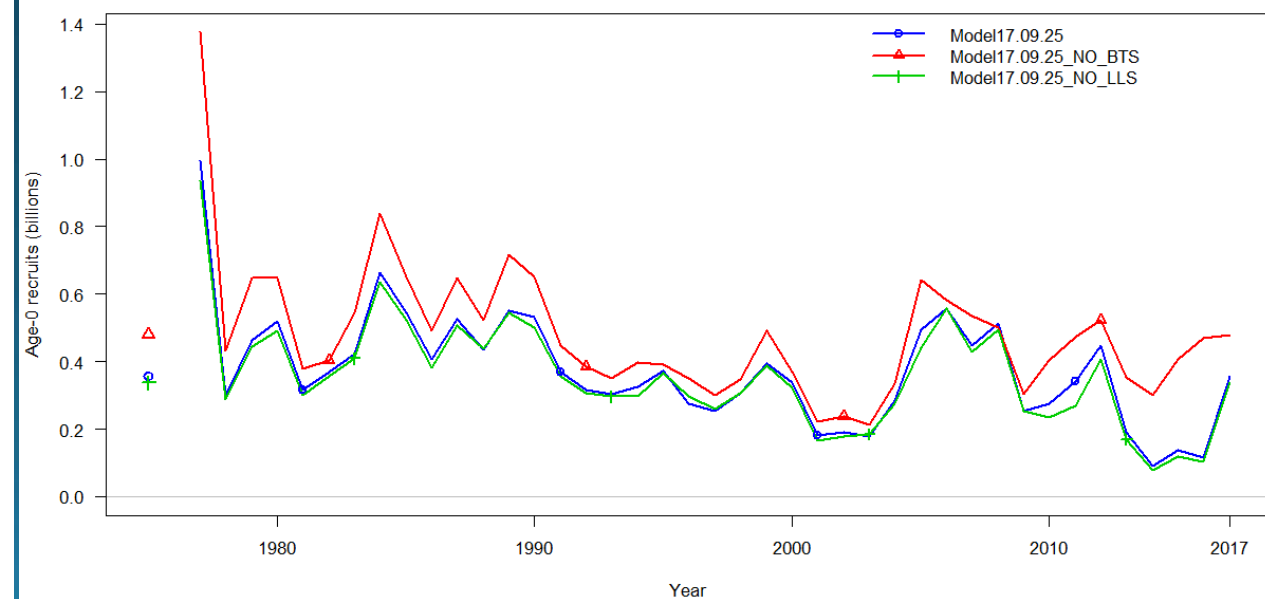
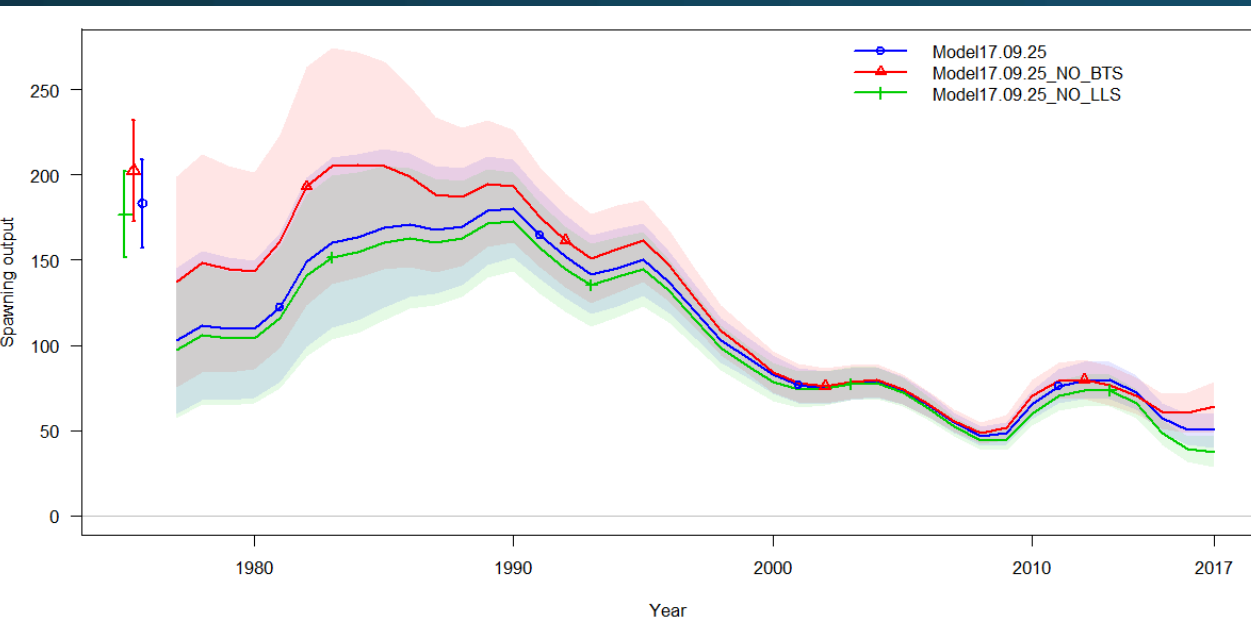
- Profiles over natural mortality and catchability
 - Natural mortality and catchability are well defined in this model



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- Results are sensitive to removal of AFSC bottom trawl survey
- Model is less sensitive to removal of AFSC longline survey data



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Fishery selectivity variable 1977-1989 and 2015-2016 block on natural mortality



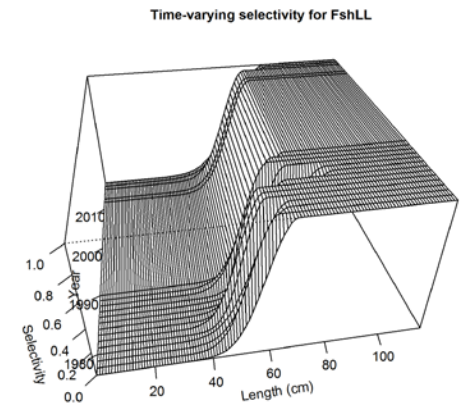
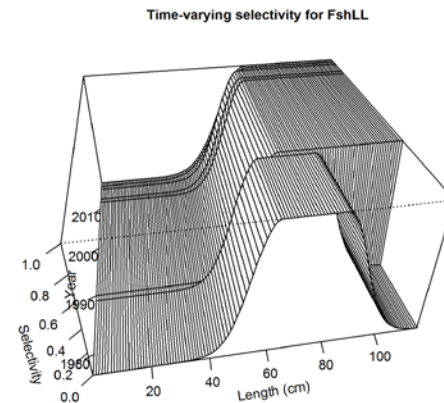
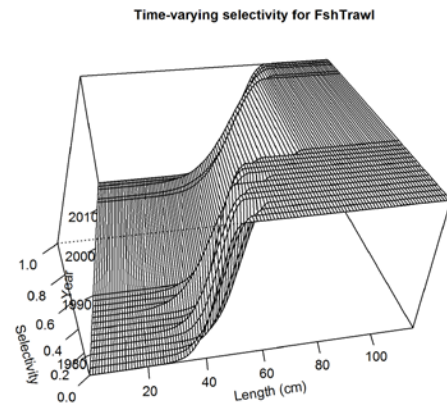
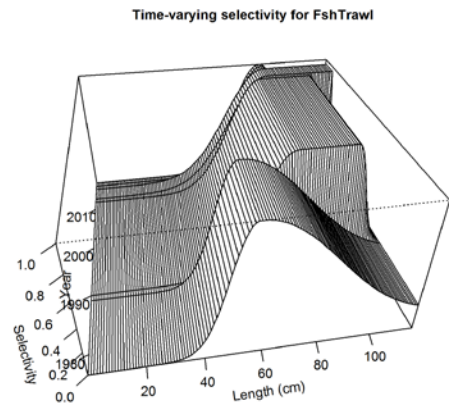
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	Survey	24.84	24.81	8.75	8.41
	Length Composition	1102.86	1052.32	1097.88	1047.31
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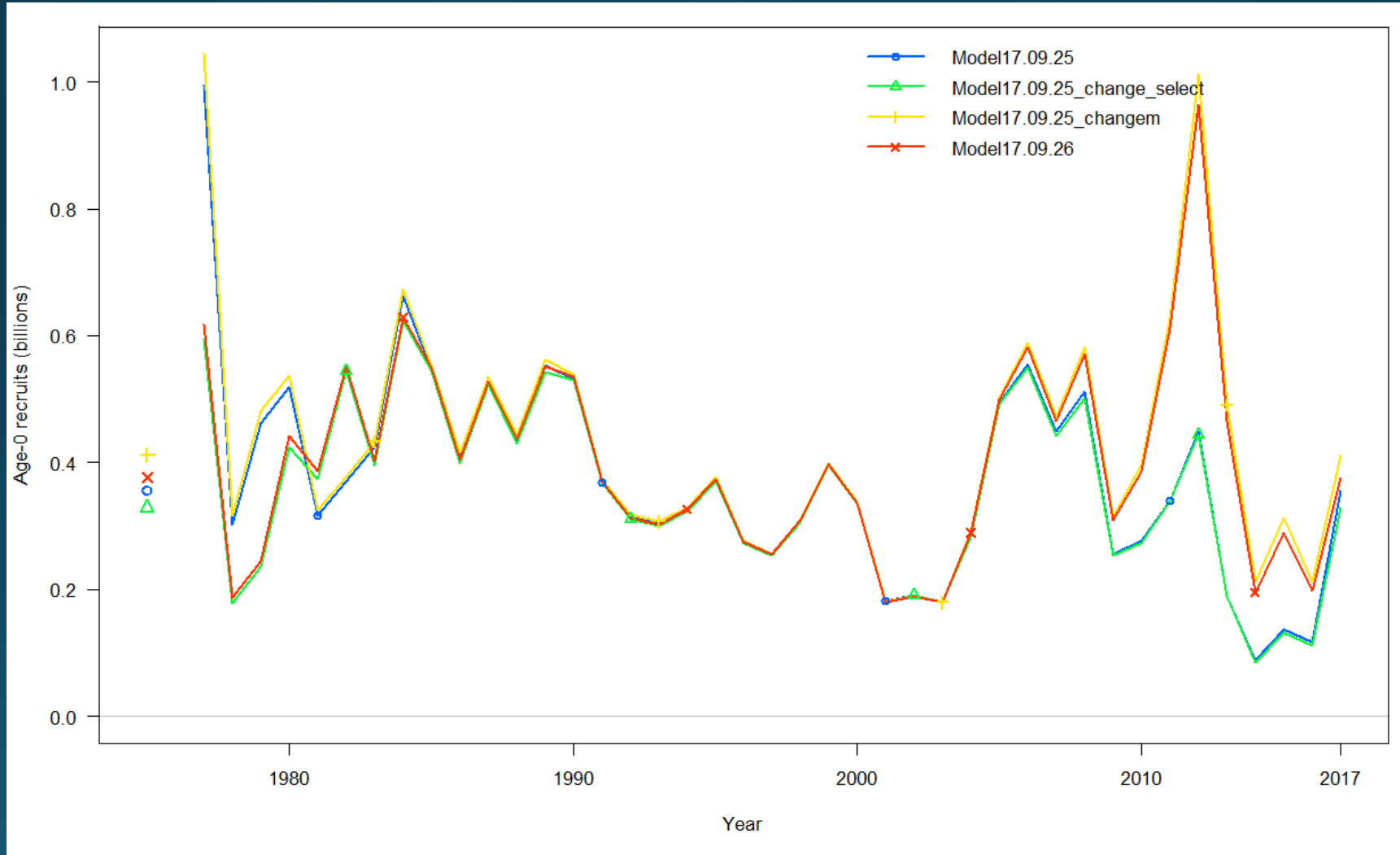
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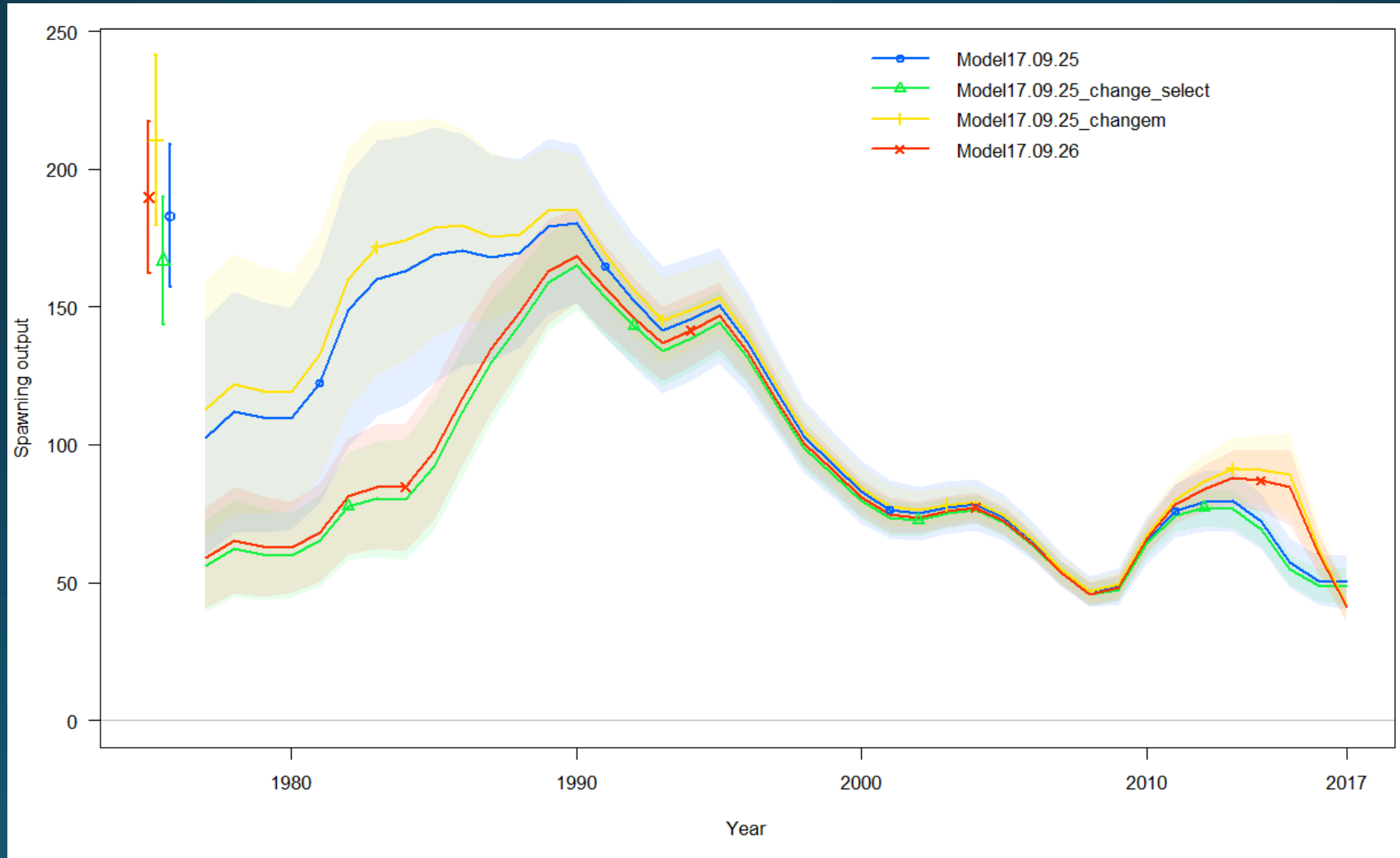
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Fishery selectivity 1977-1989

and 2015-2016 block on M



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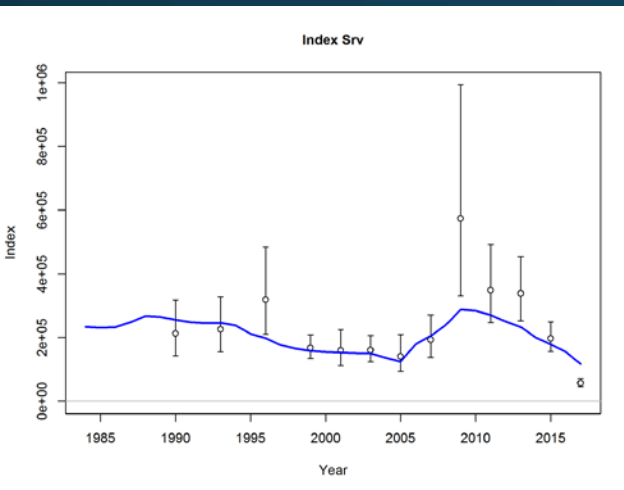
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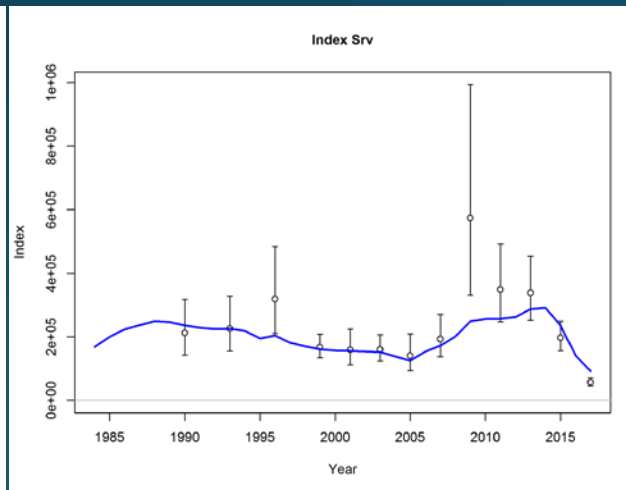


- Improvement to fits to AFSC bottom trawl and longline surveys
- Standard M is fixed at 0.44
- M for 2015-2016 block increased to 0.90

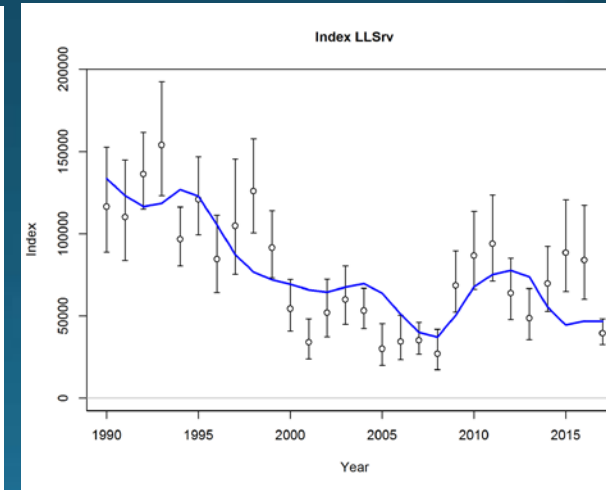
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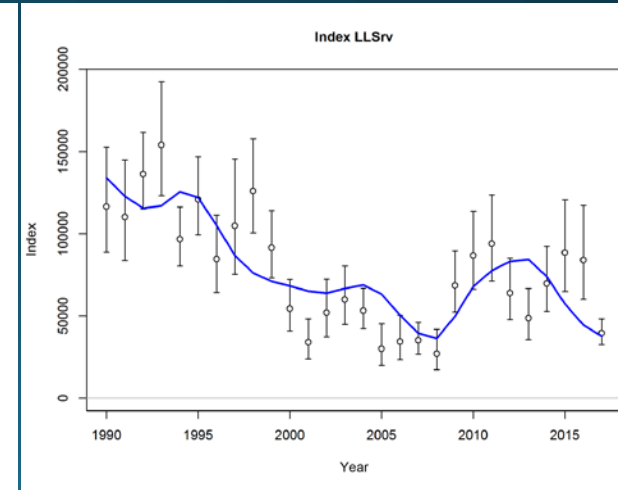
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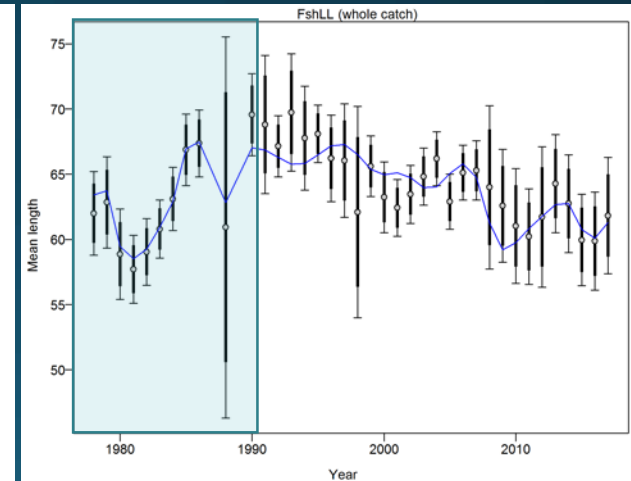
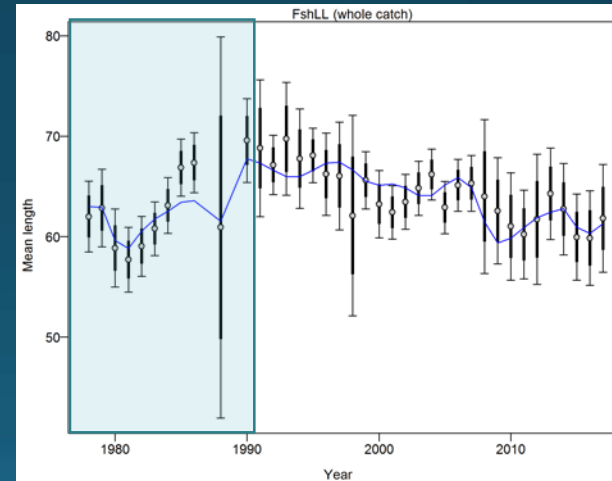
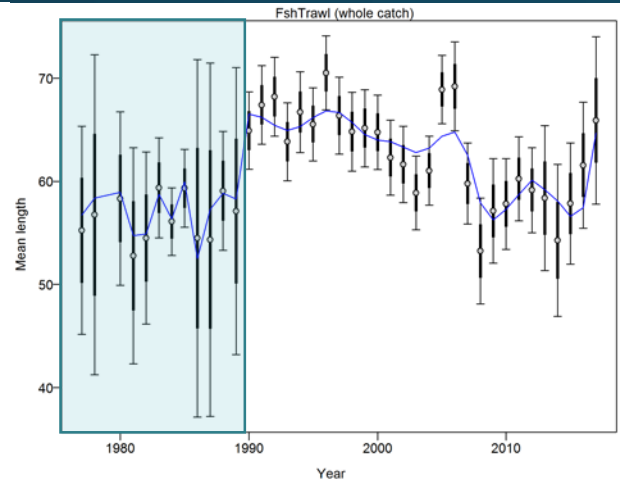
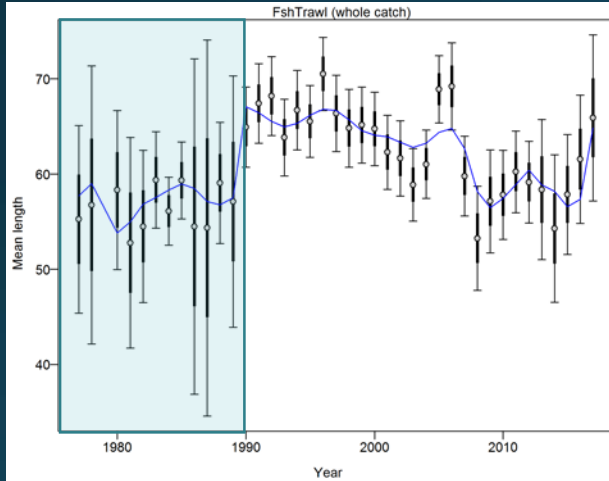
- Improvement to fits to 1977-1989 fishery length composition data

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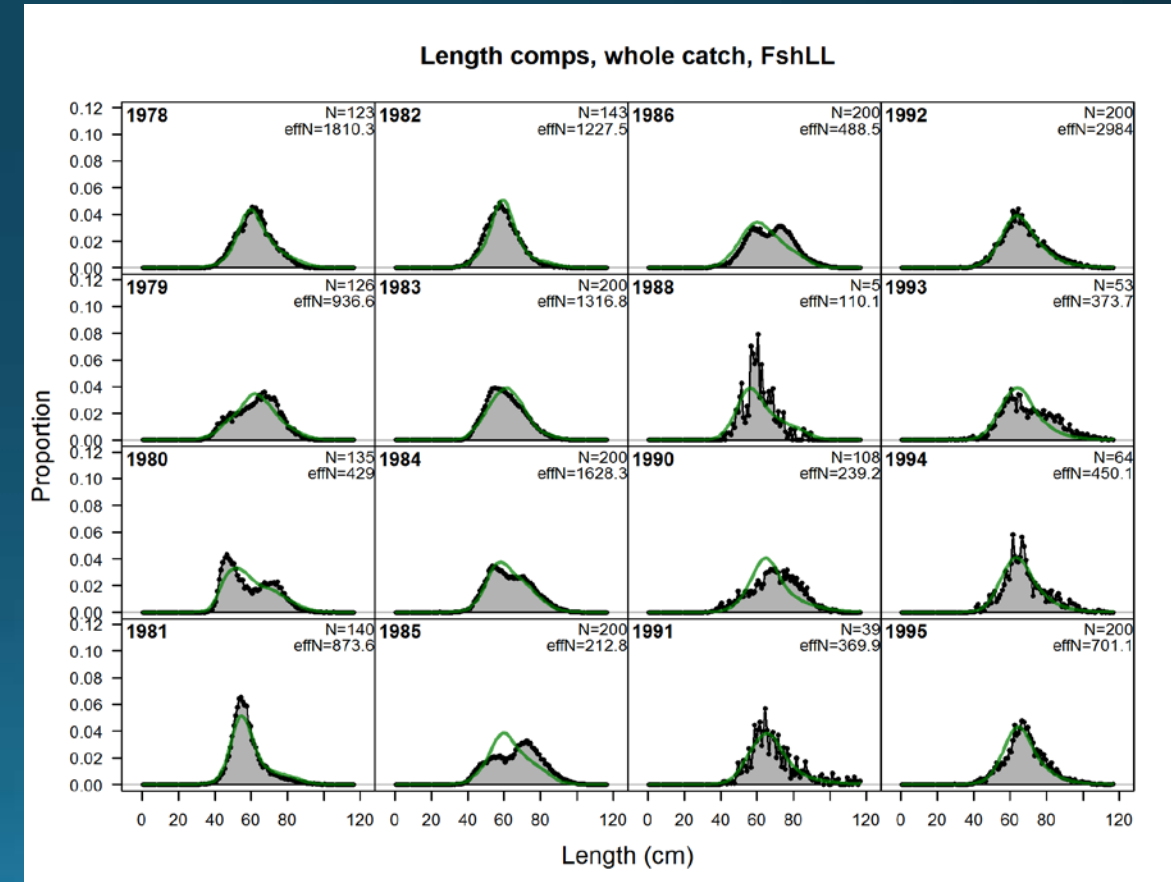
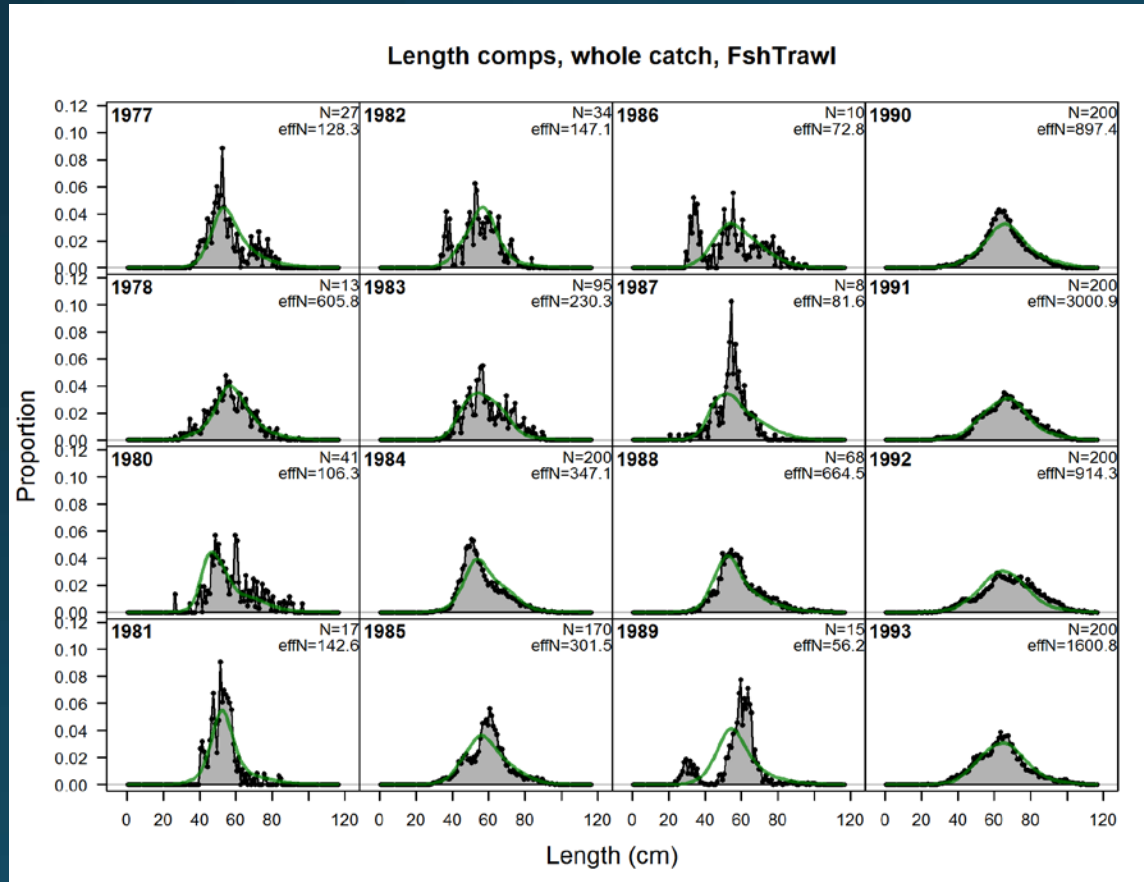


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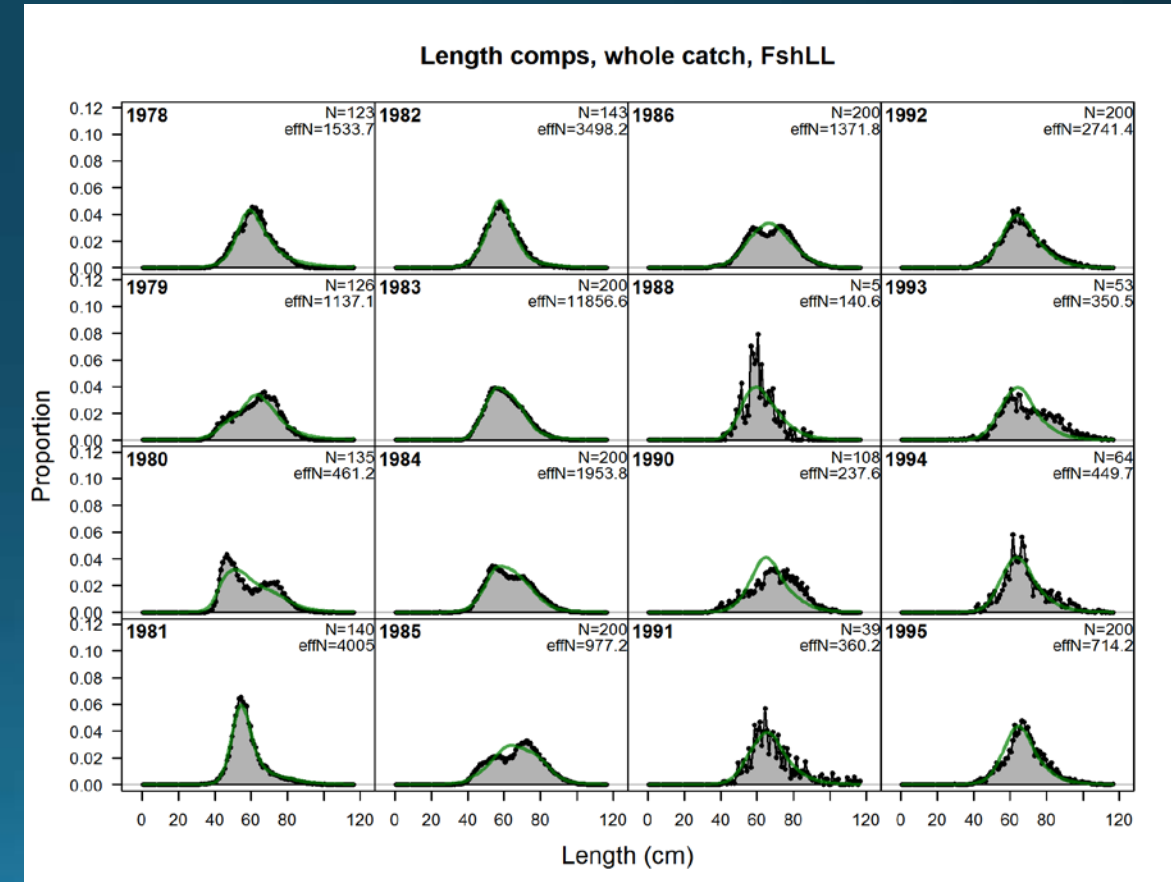
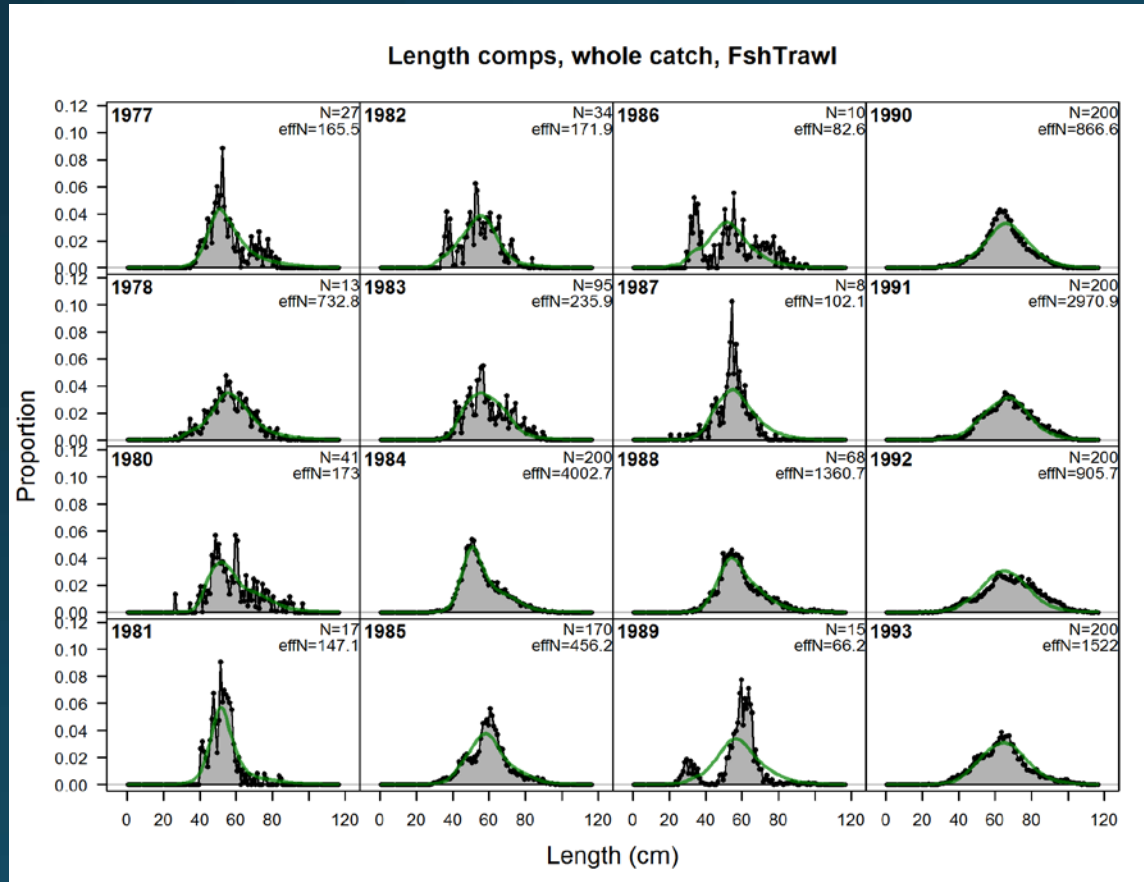


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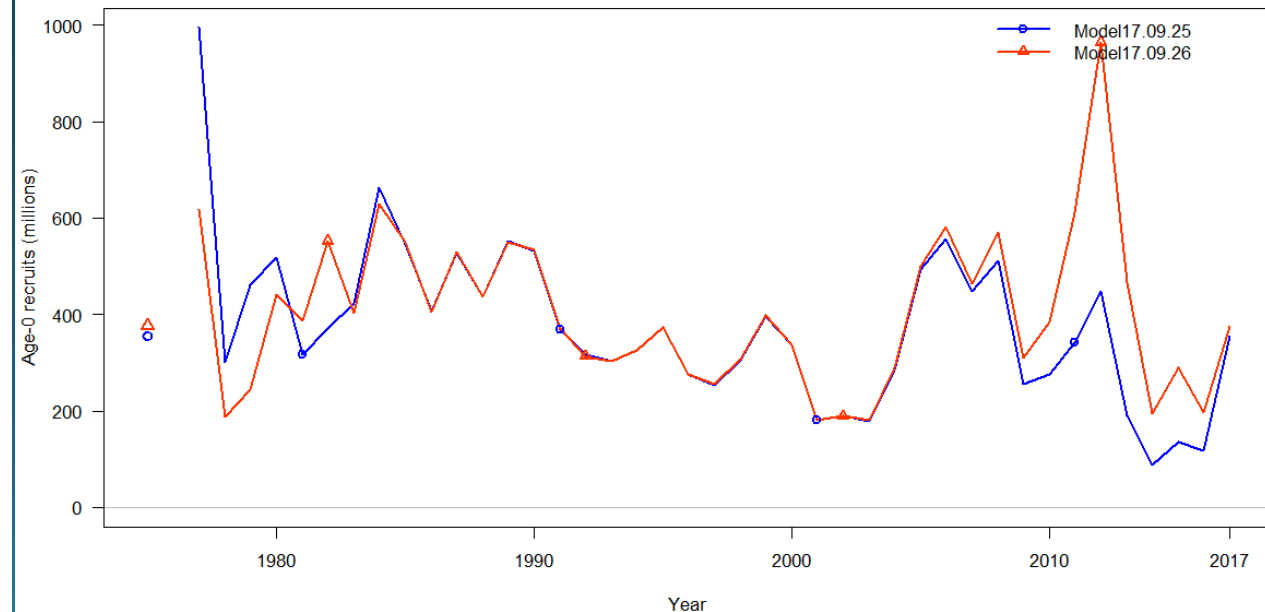
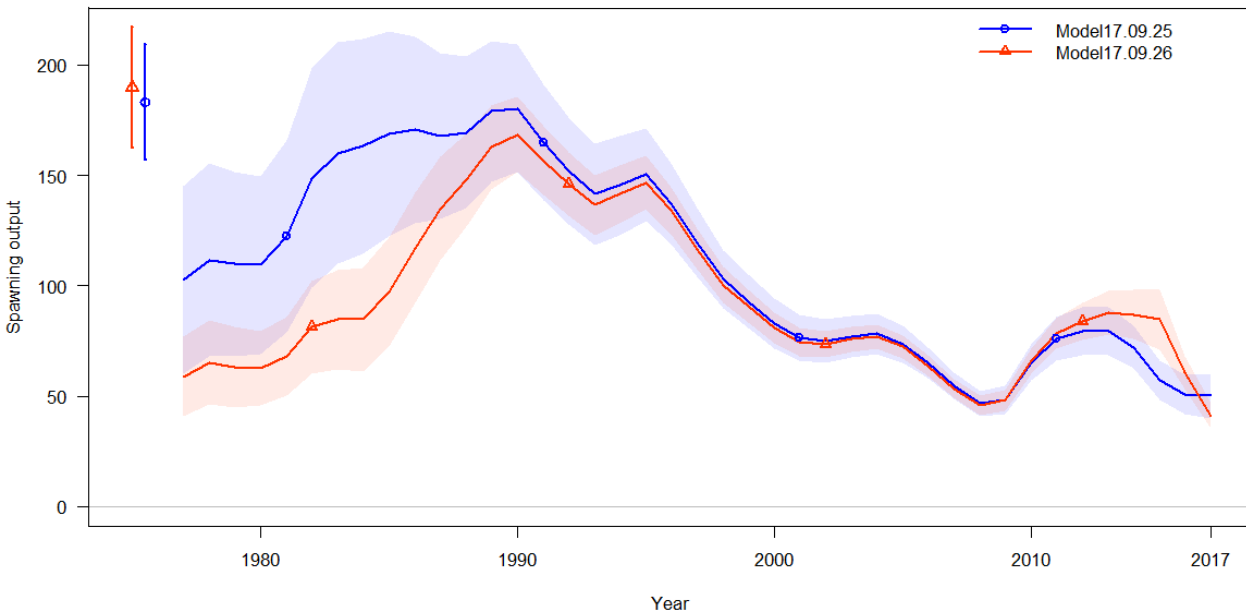


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17.09.25 vs 17.09.26 Results



- Lower initial recruitment in 1977-1980
- Lower 1977-1996 spawning biomass
- Retains large 2011-2012 recruitment
- Build up, then sharp drop in biomass post-2015

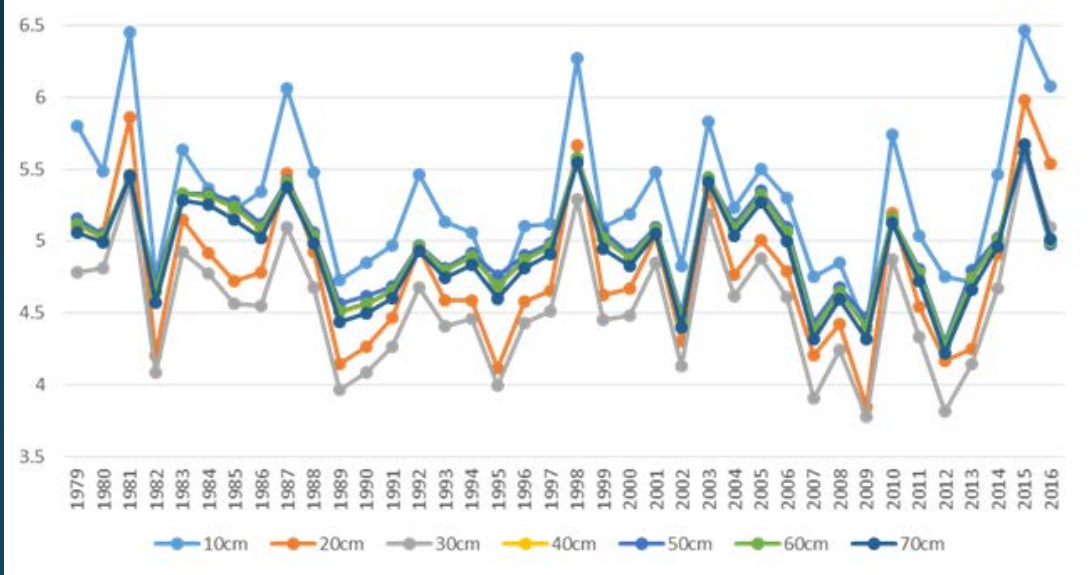
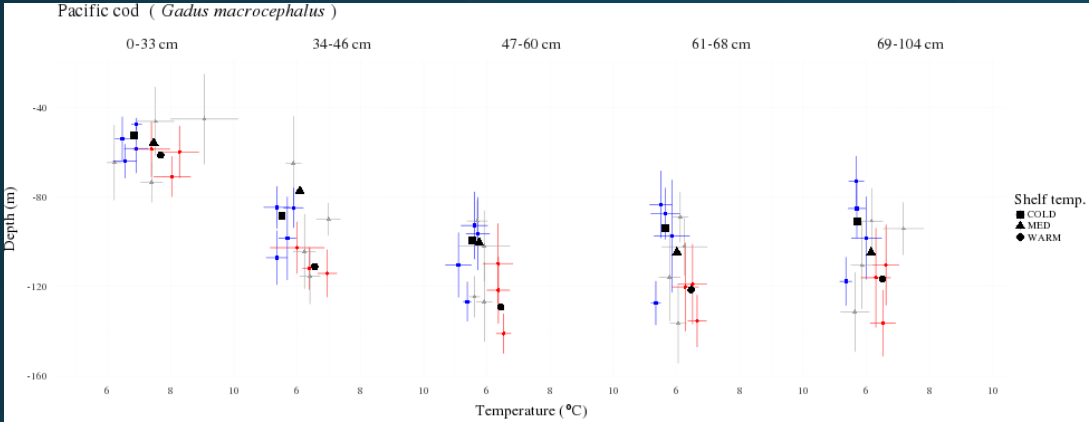


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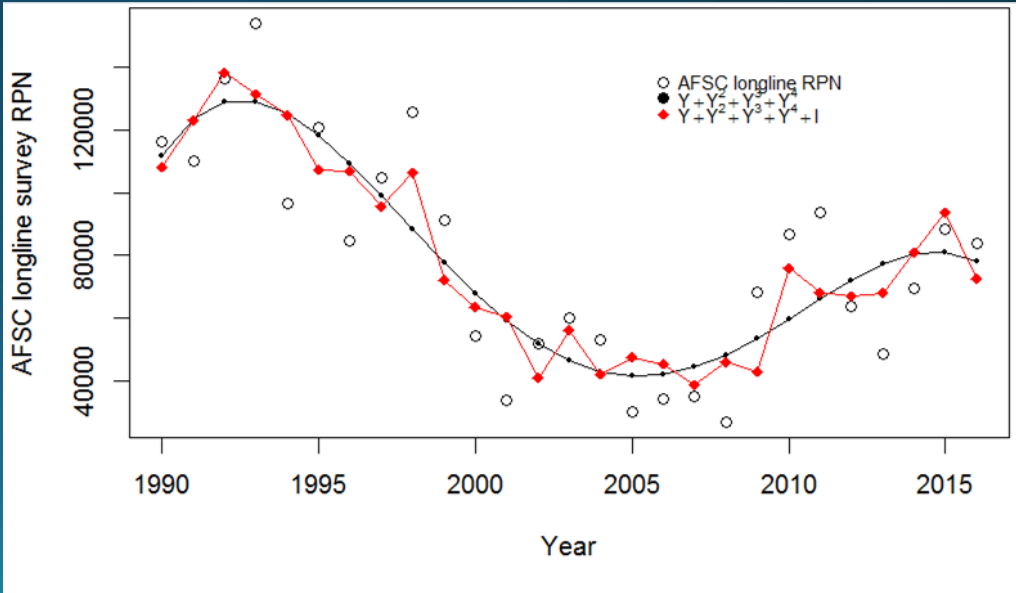
Longline survey catchability



- Fit with 10 cm CFSR temperature index



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$x=Y+Y^2$	623.65	10.8	0.0045	0.000565	295.21
$x=Y+Y^2+Y^3$	622.78	9.93	0.0070	0.001163	143.31
$x=Y+Y^2+Y^3+Y^4$	617.32	4.47	0.1070	0.017832	9.35
$x=Y+Y^2+Y^3+Y^4+Y^5$	619.31	6.46	0.0396	0.006593	25.28
$x=Y+Y^2+Y^3+Y^4+I$	613.75	0.90	0.6376	0.106271	1.57
$x=Y+Y^2+Y^3+Y^4+I+I^2$	612.85	0	1.0000	0.166667	1.00
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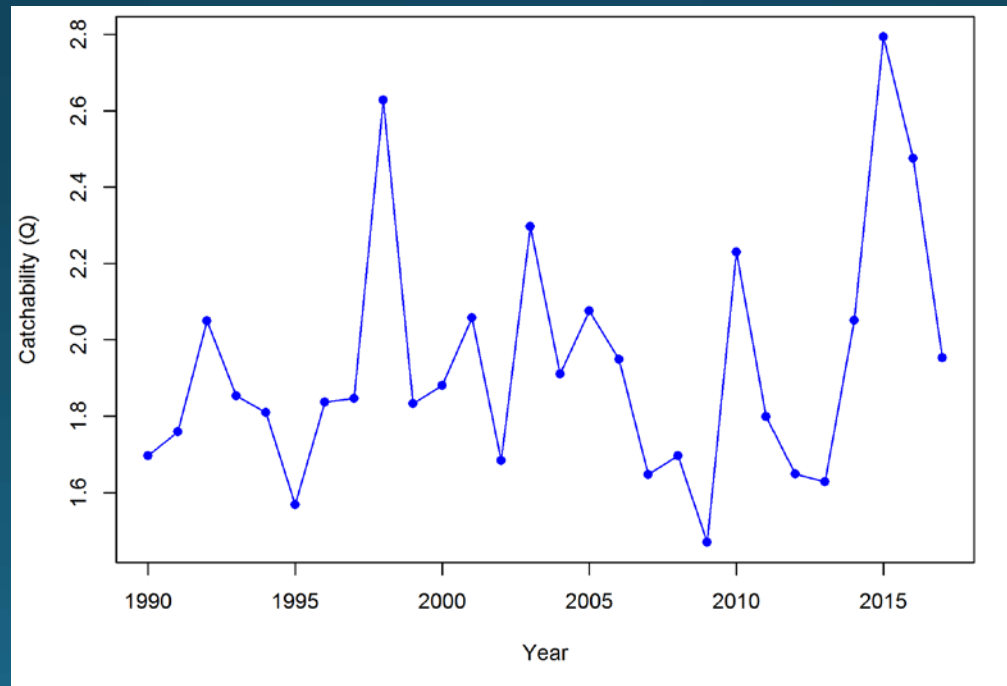


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17.09.26 vs 17.09.31



- Fit AFSC longline survey with 10 cm CFSR temp. index
- Reduced natural mortality prior σ to 0.1 for both blocks
 - $M_{\text{standard}} = 0.48$, $M_{2015-2016} = 0.69$



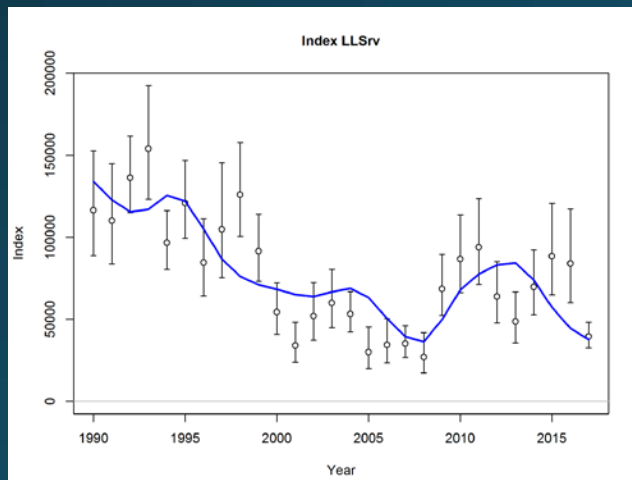
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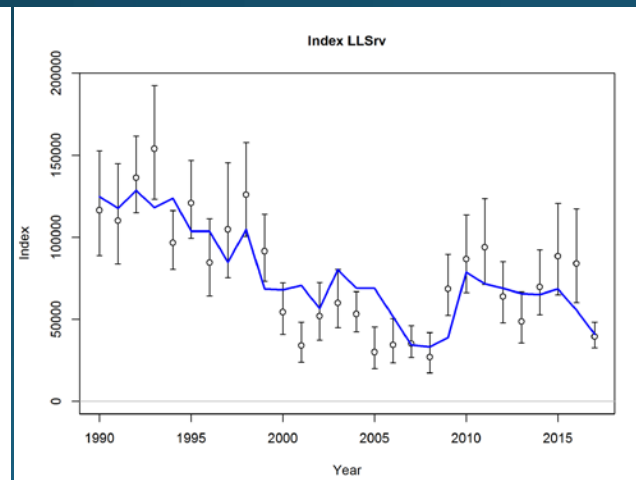


- Improves AIC by 24.22 overall
 - Improved fit to AFSC longline survey (11.52 to 0.61 LL)
 - Slightly degraded fit to AFSC trawl survey (-5.54 to -0.85 LL)

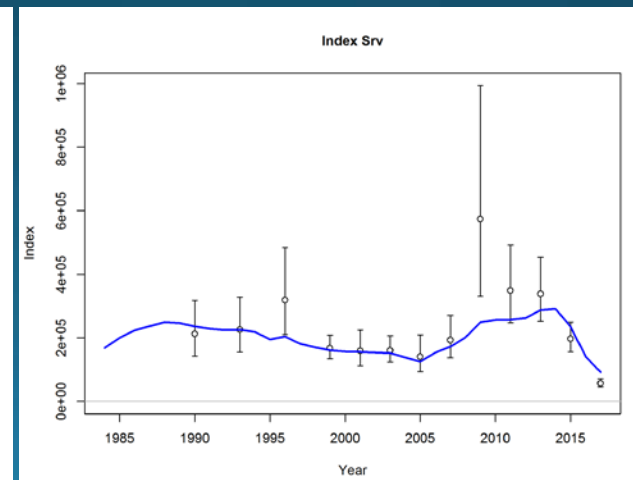
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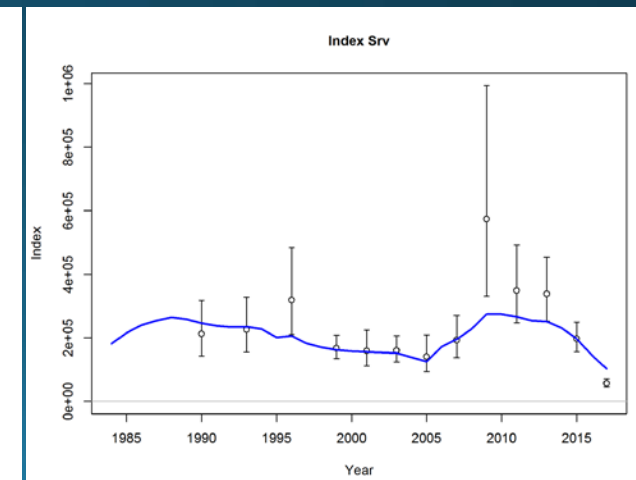
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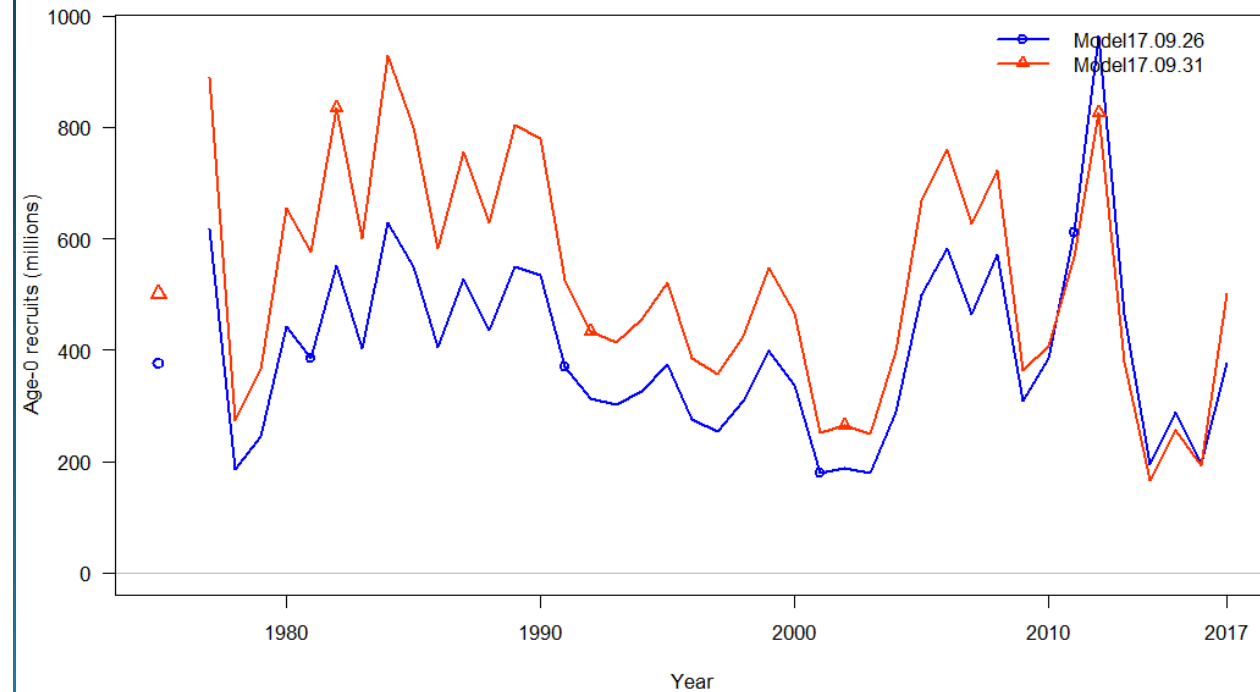
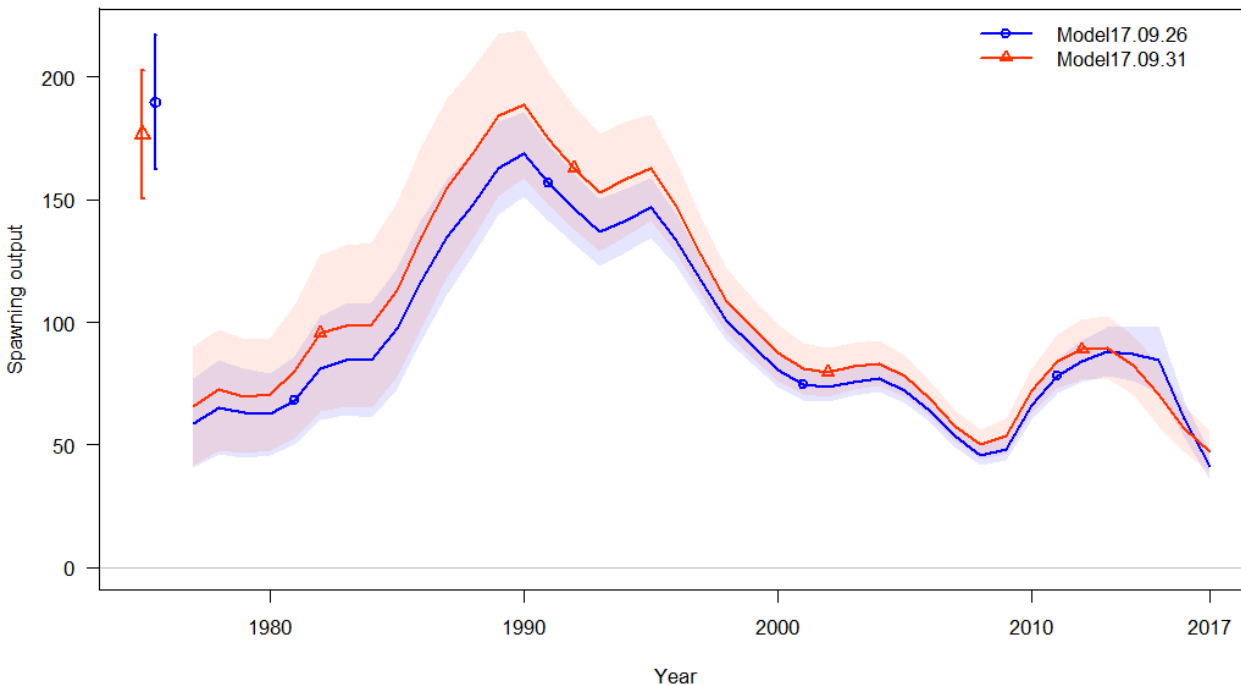


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17.09.26 vs 17.09.31



- Higher M_{standard} results in higher overall recruitment and biomass
- Lower $M_{2015-2016}$ results in less steep decline and relatively lower 2011-2012 recruitment

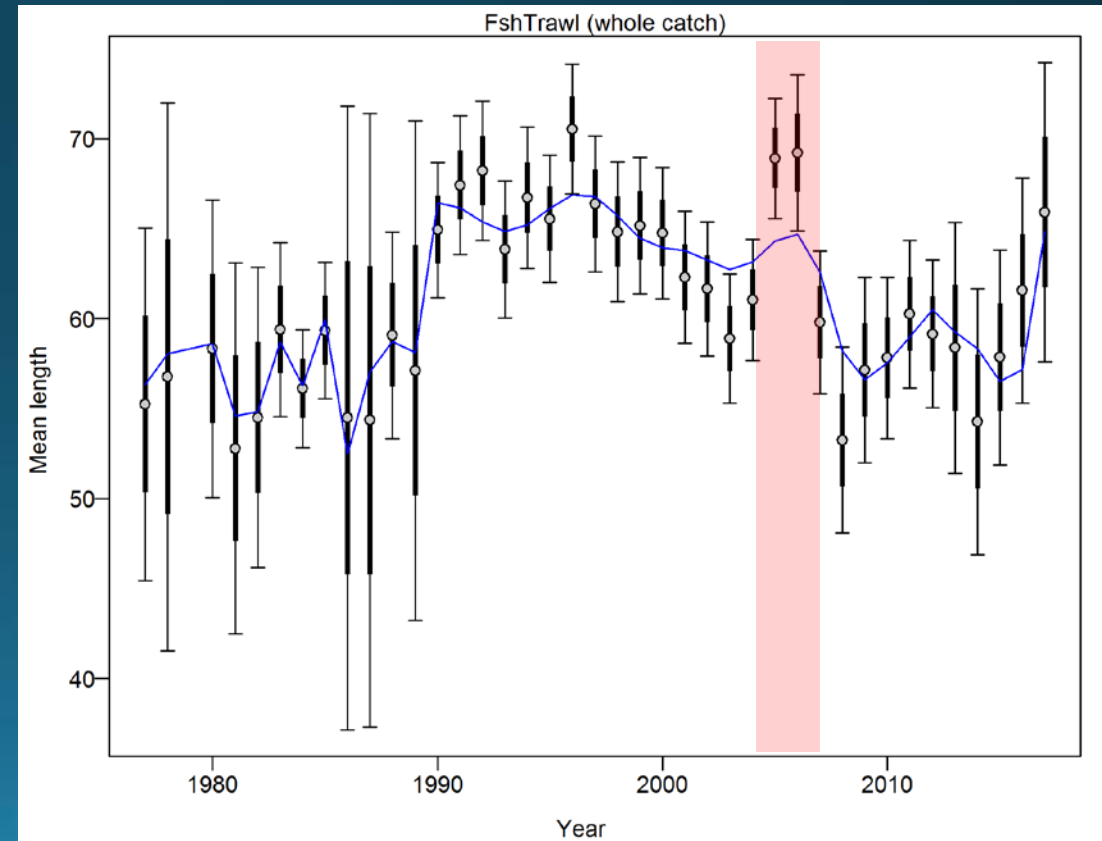
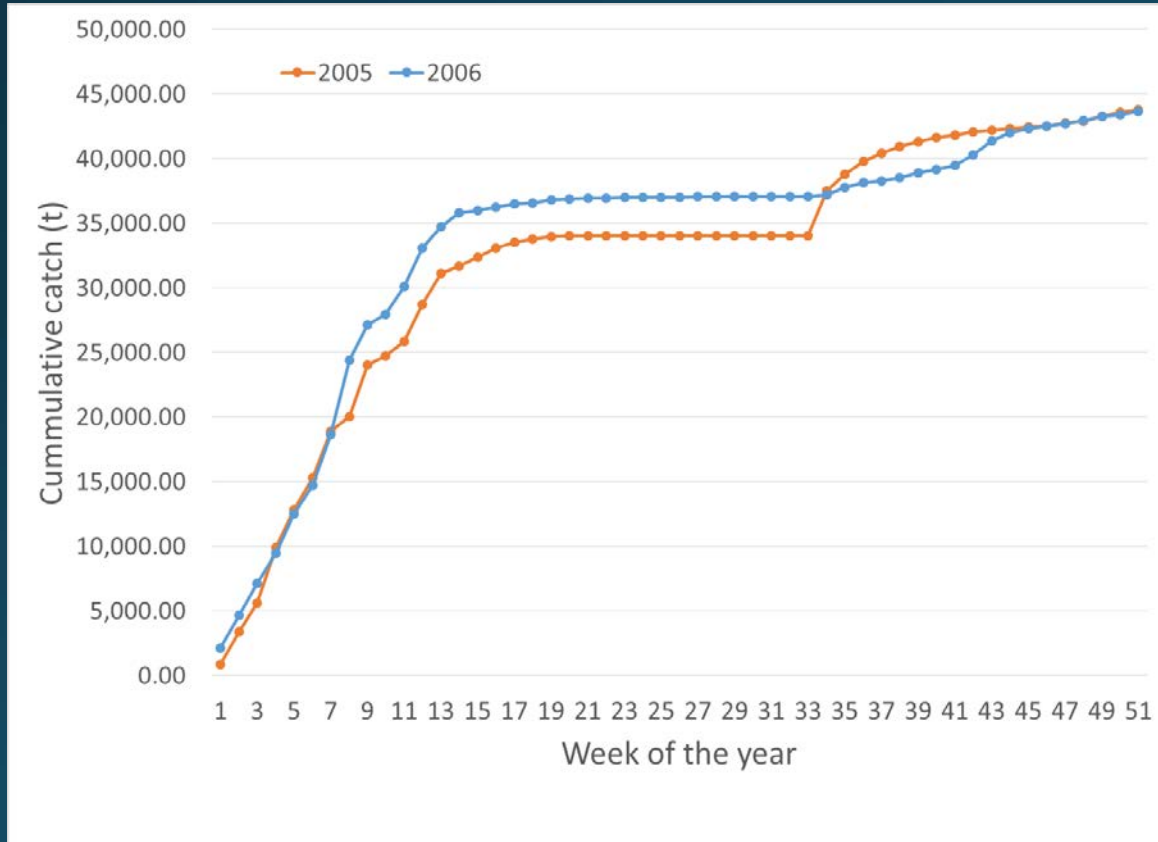


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New trawl and longline fishery selectivity block 2005-2006



- A-season only trawl fishery resulted in landing larger fish for 2005-2006



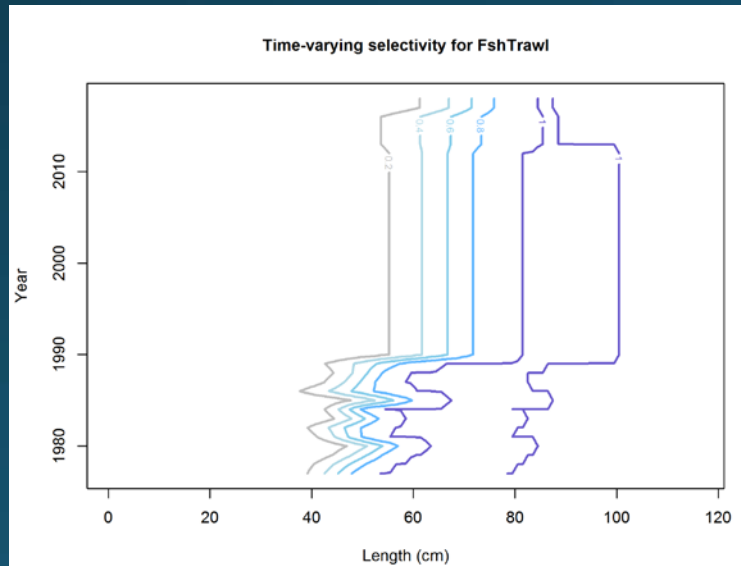
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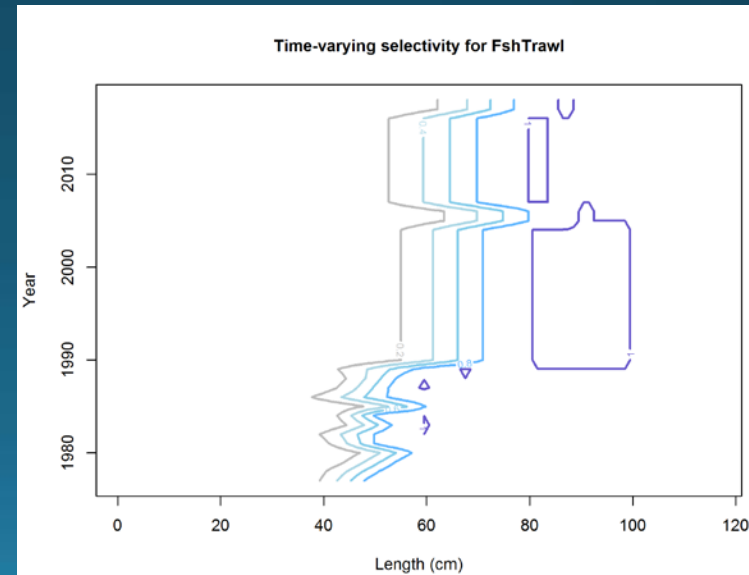


- Additional time block for trawl and longline fishery selectivity for 2005-2006
- Improves model fit AIC -57.9
 - Improved fits to the trawl length and age composition data

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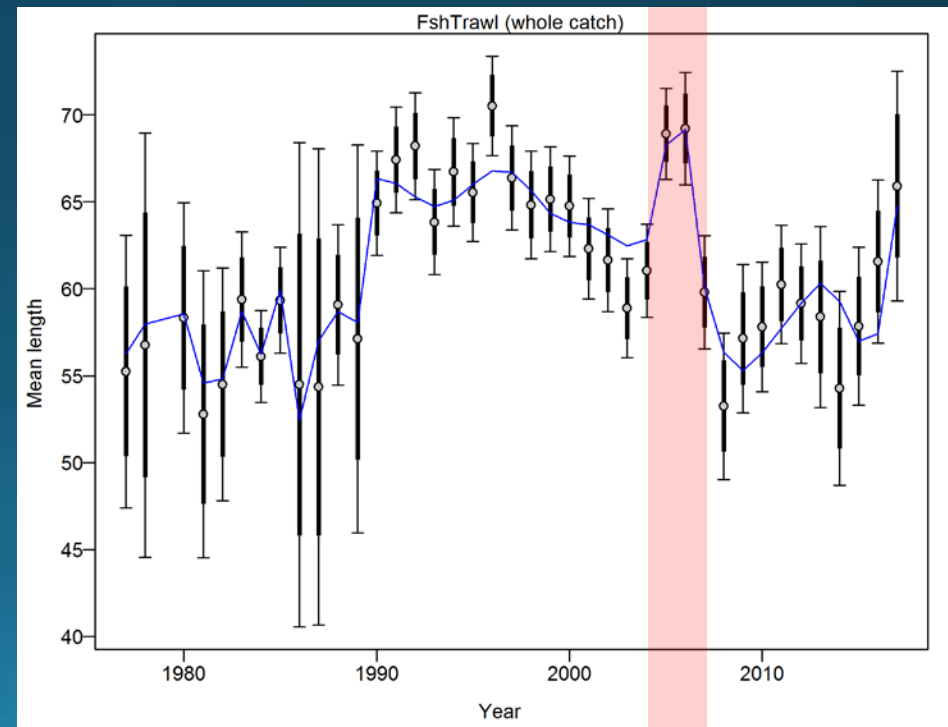
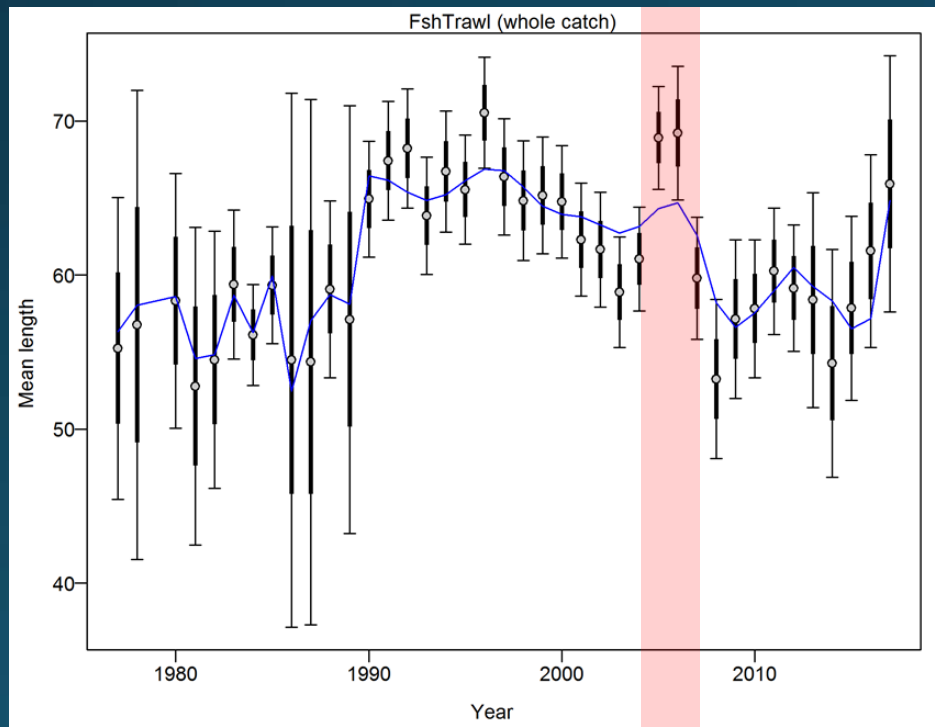


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- Additional time block for trawl and longline fishery for 2005-2006
- Improves model fit AIC -57.9
 - All improvement to the trawl and longline length composition data fit

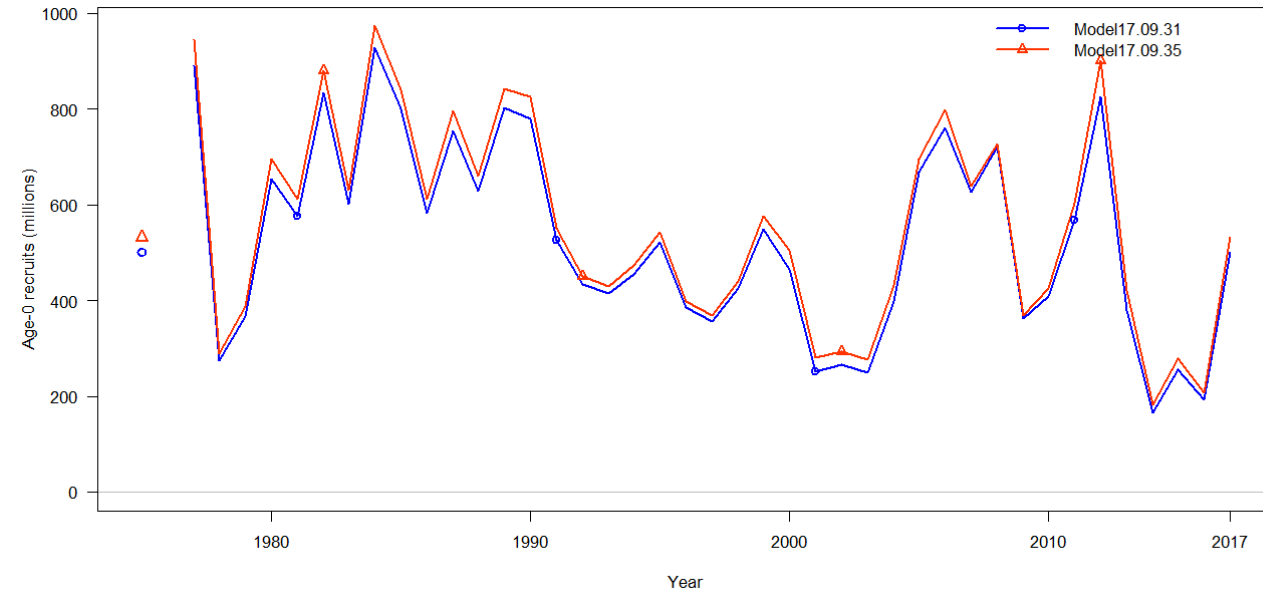
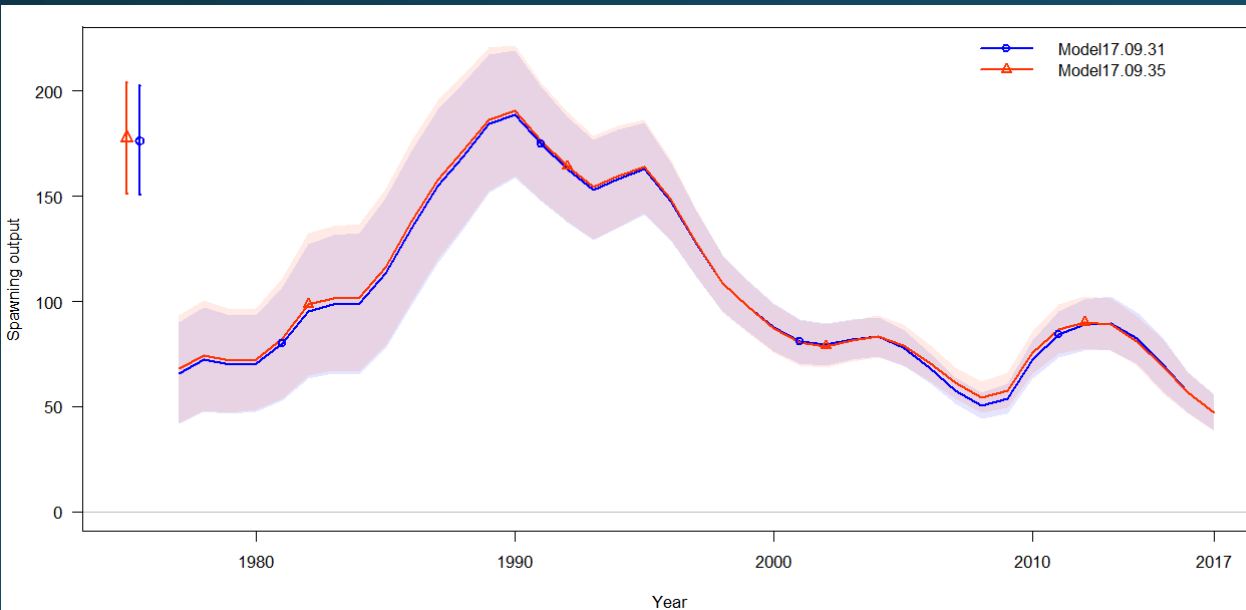


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17.09.31 vs 17.09.35



- M small increase
 - $M_{\text{standard}} = 0.49$, $M_{2015-2016} = 0.71$
- Trawl survey catchability decreased
 - Q_{trawl} from 1.48 to 1.47



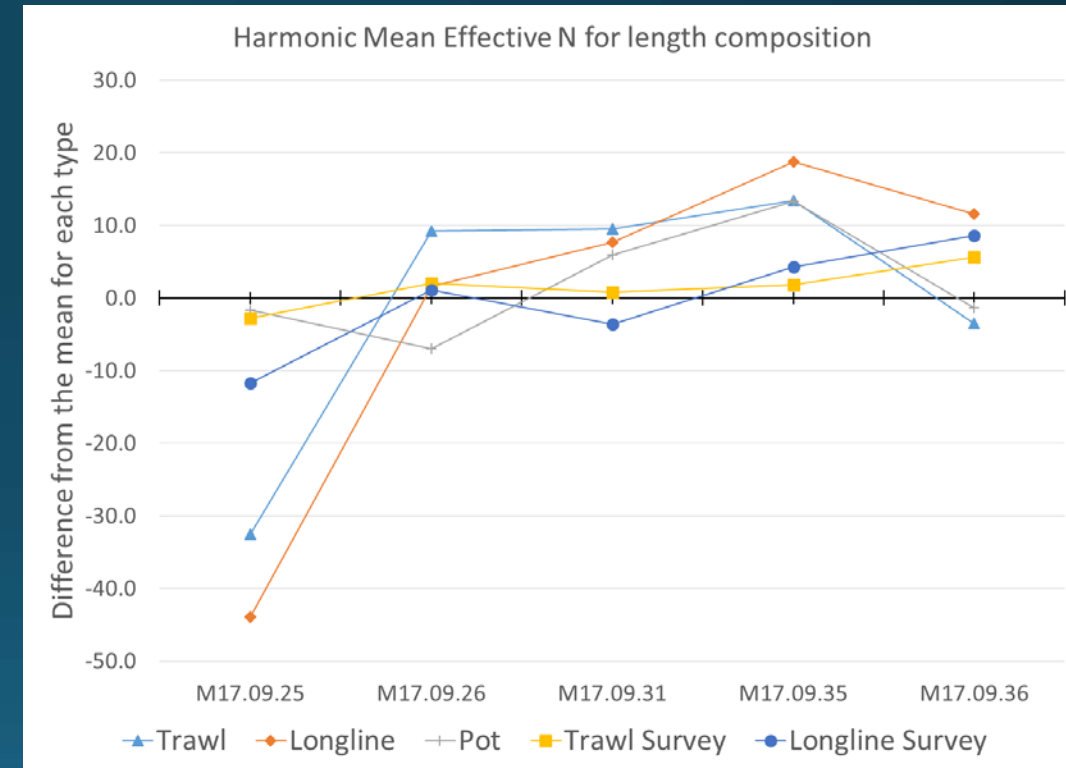
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Francis T.A18 weighting

17.09.35 vs 17.09.36



- Francis weighting suggests lower weight on fishery length composition
- Not comparable through AIC or total likelihoods however,
 - Marginal improved fit to AFSC survey length composition (↓ LL and ↑ Effn)
 - Marginal improvement to AFSC trawl index (↓ < 1 LL)
 - Worse fit to AFSC longline survey (↑ < 3 LL)
 - Worse fit to fishery composition (small ↓ EffN for all fisheries)

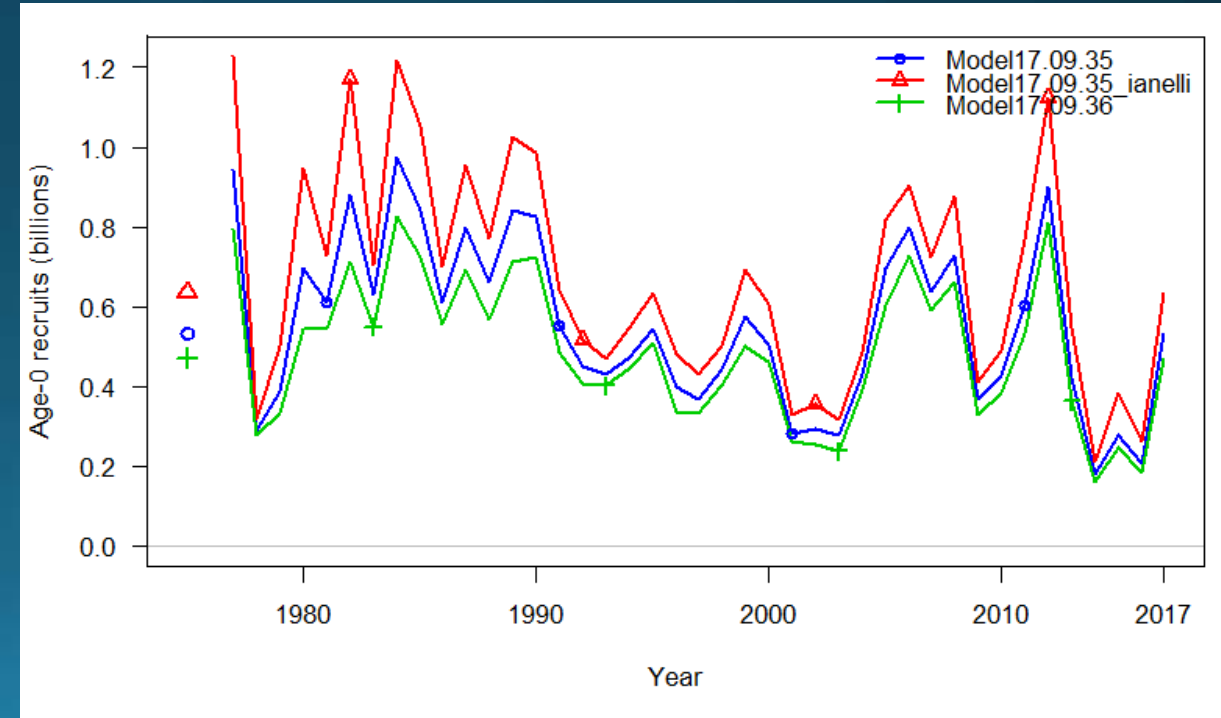
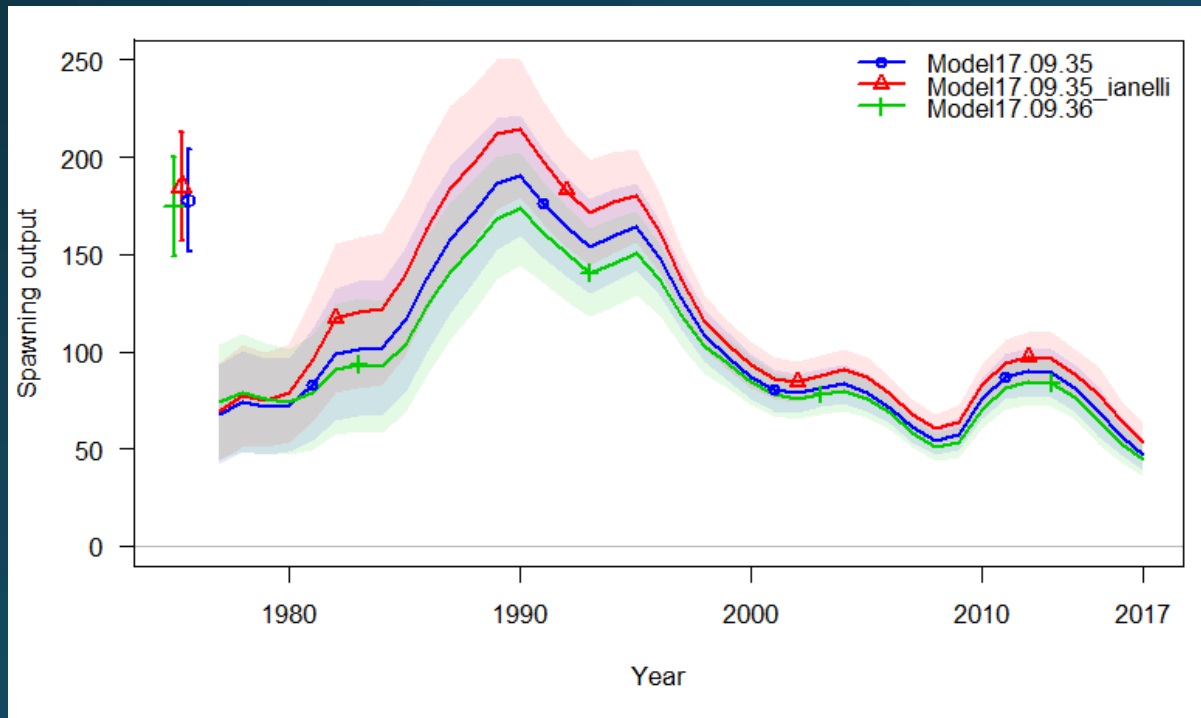


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Model selection - Tuning



- Results for Model 17.09.35 between Francis tuning (Model 17.09.36) and McAlister and Ianelli tuning methods.

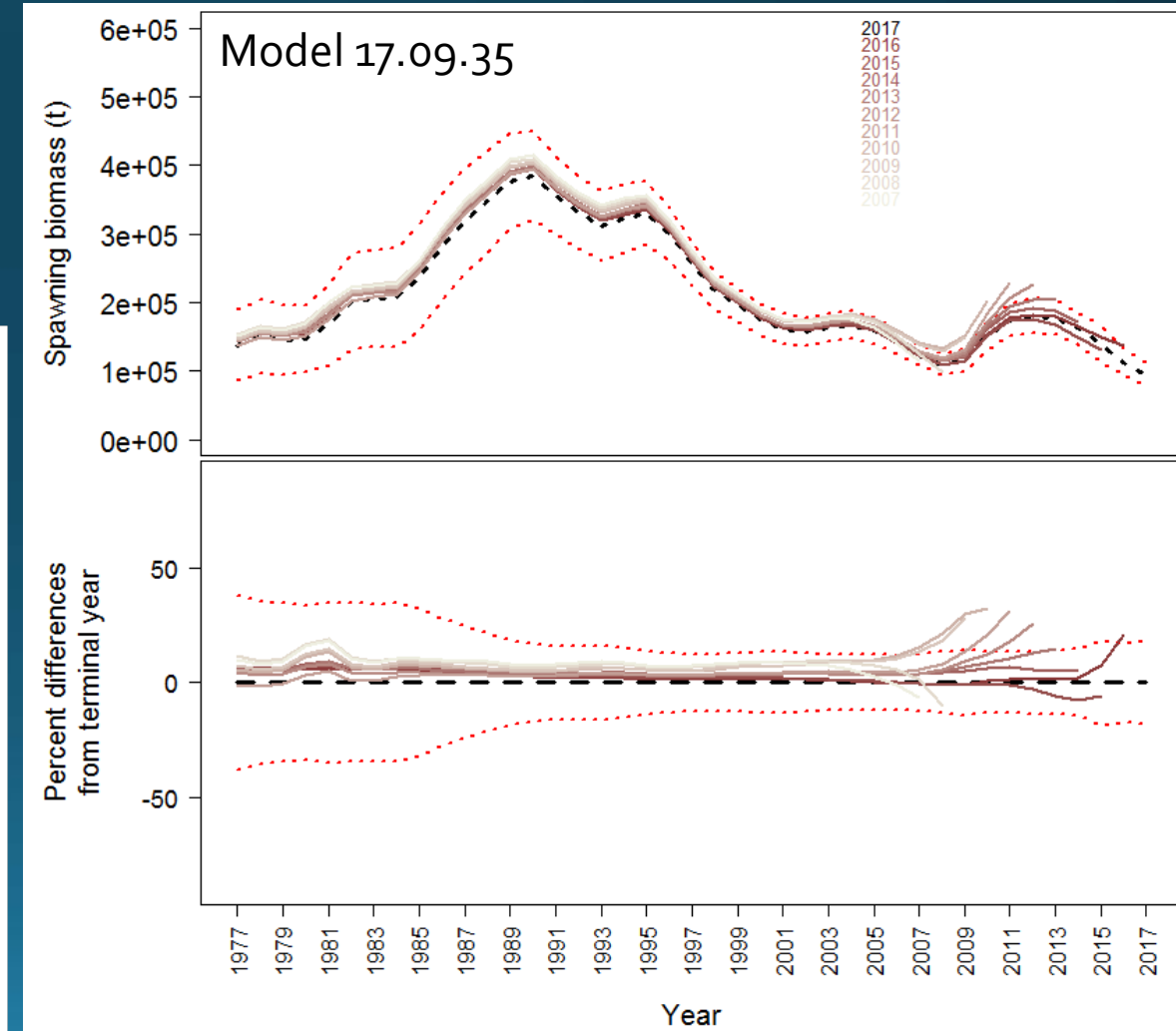
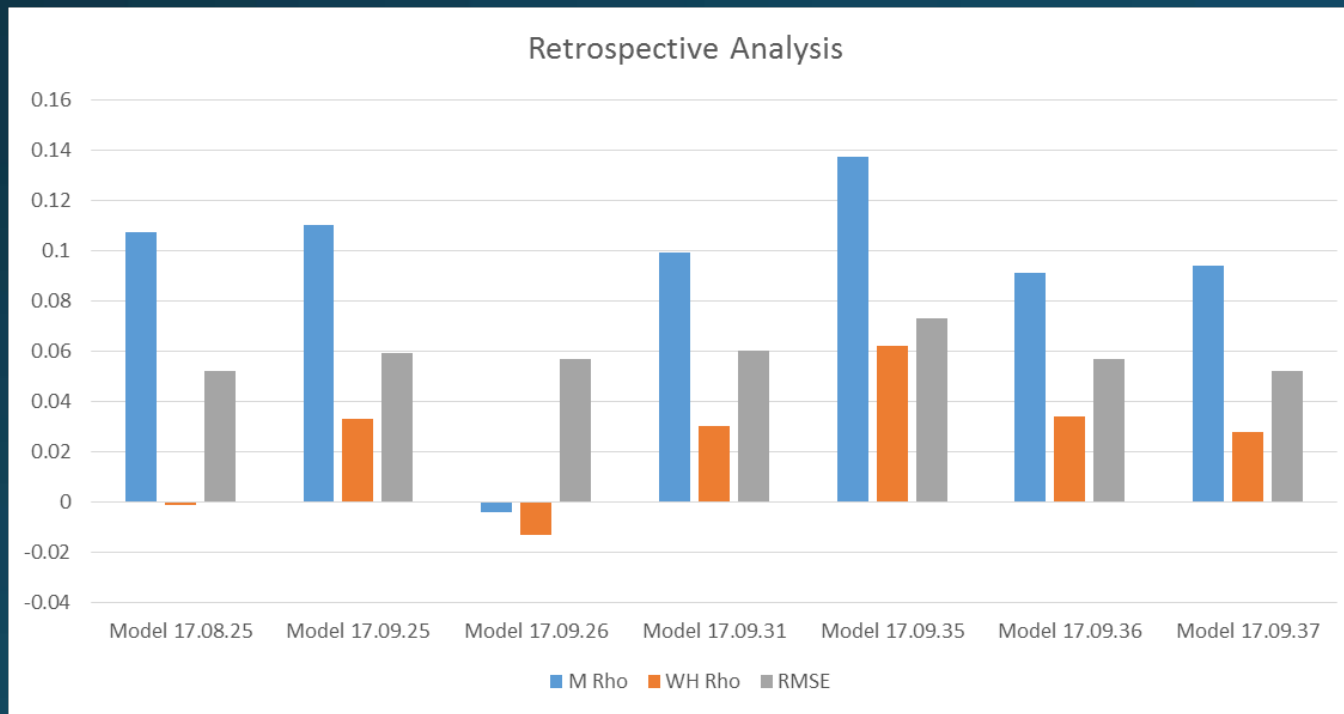


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Model selection - Retrospective analysis



- 10-year peal
- All model Mohn's Rho within acceptable bounds

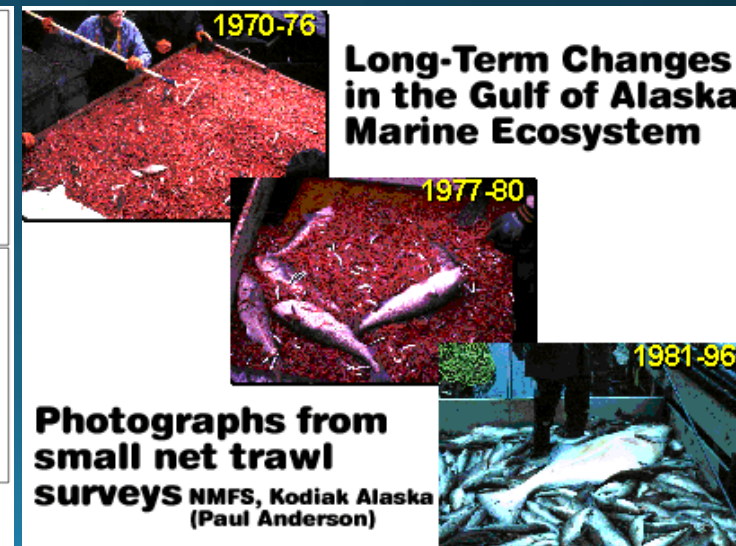
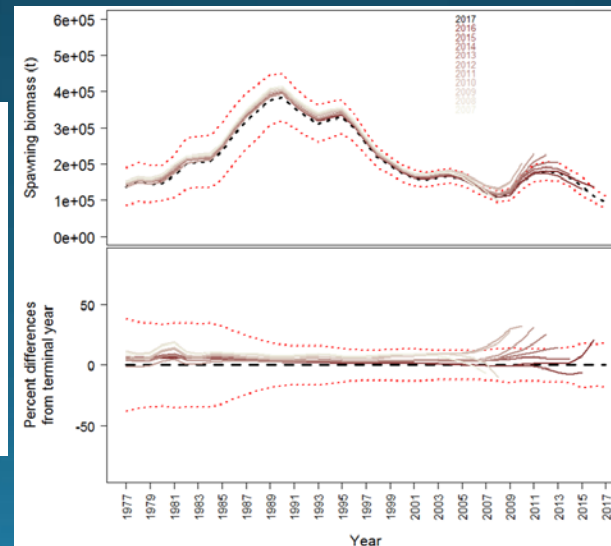
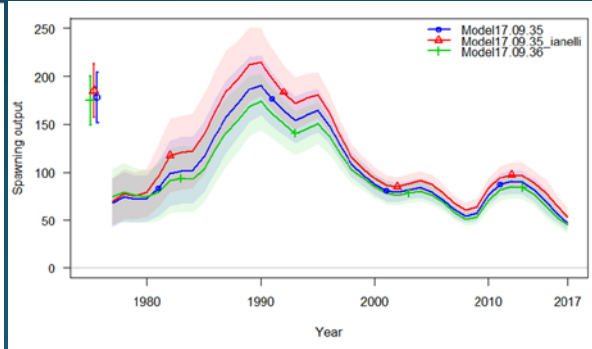
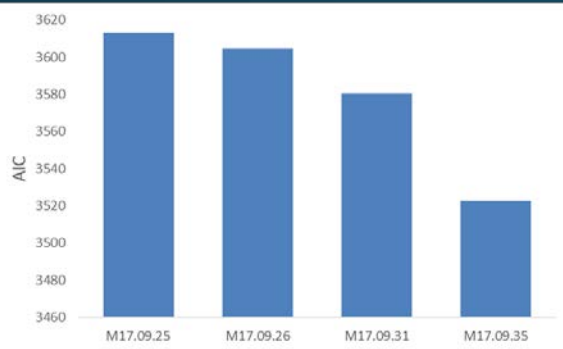


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Model selection – Model17.09.35

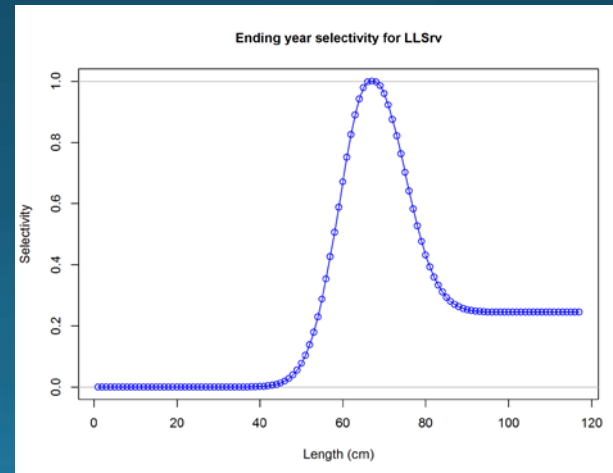
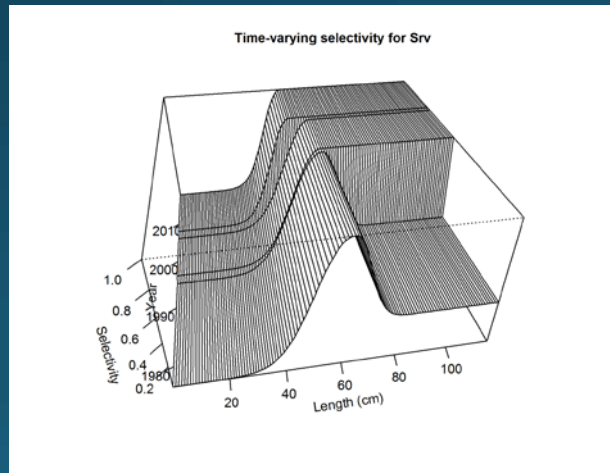
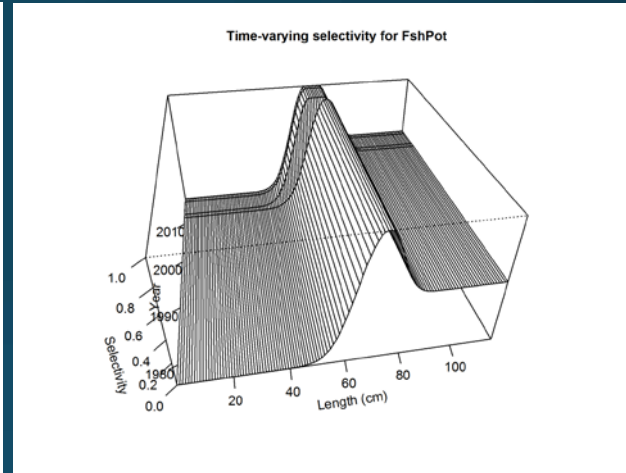
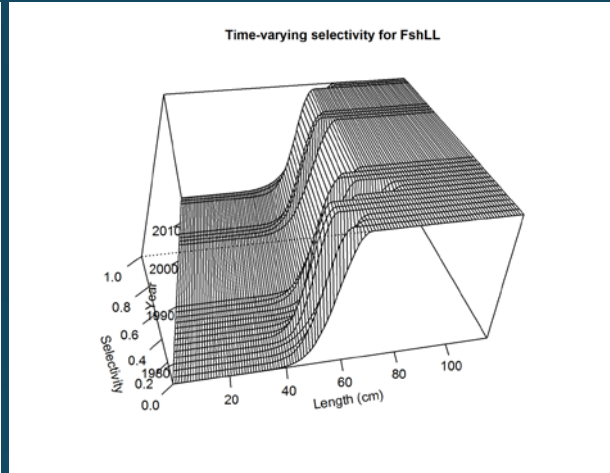
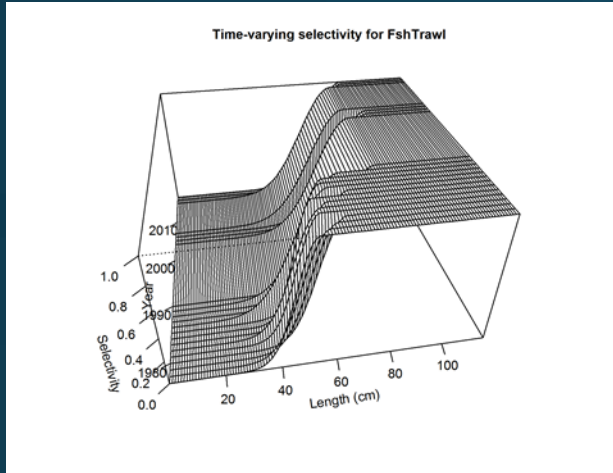


- Of the comparable models Model17.09.35 has the lowest AIC
- Mid-way between Francis tuning and McAllister and Ianelli methods
- Acceptable retrospective pattern
- Biomass dynamics consistent with published history (Anderson and Piatt, 1999)



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Model 17.09.35 Selectivities

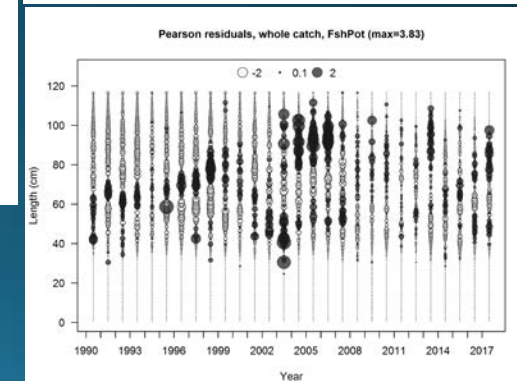
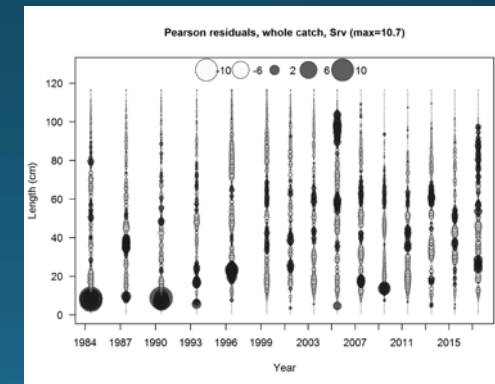
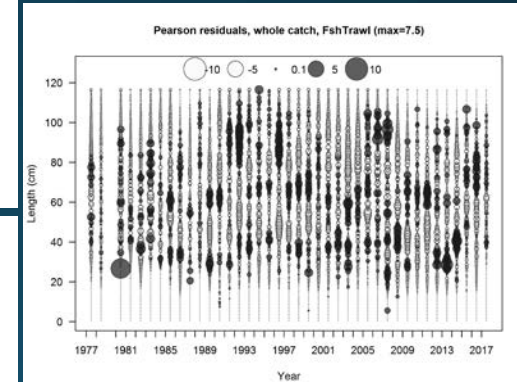
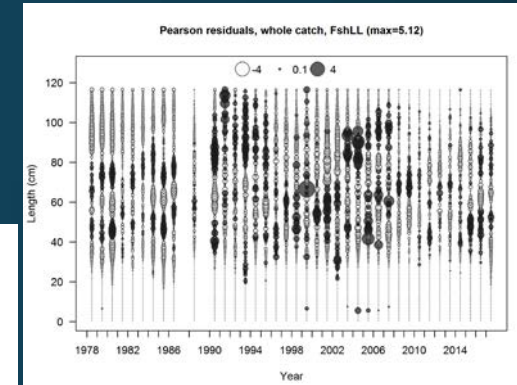
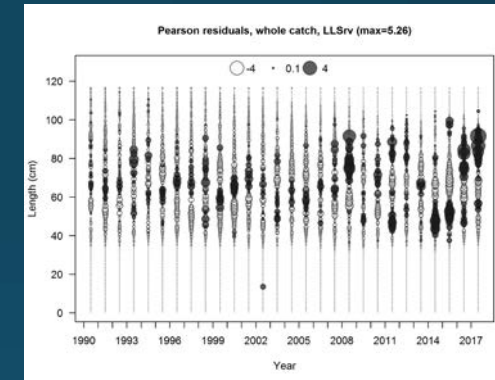
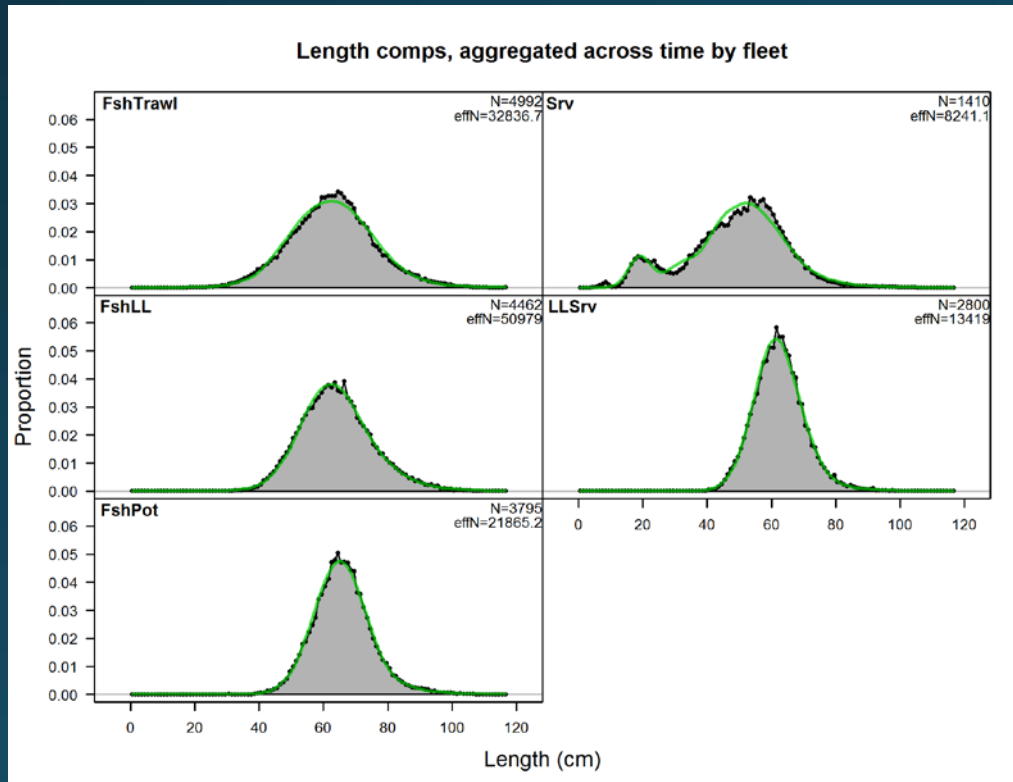


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Model 17.09.35 Composition fit

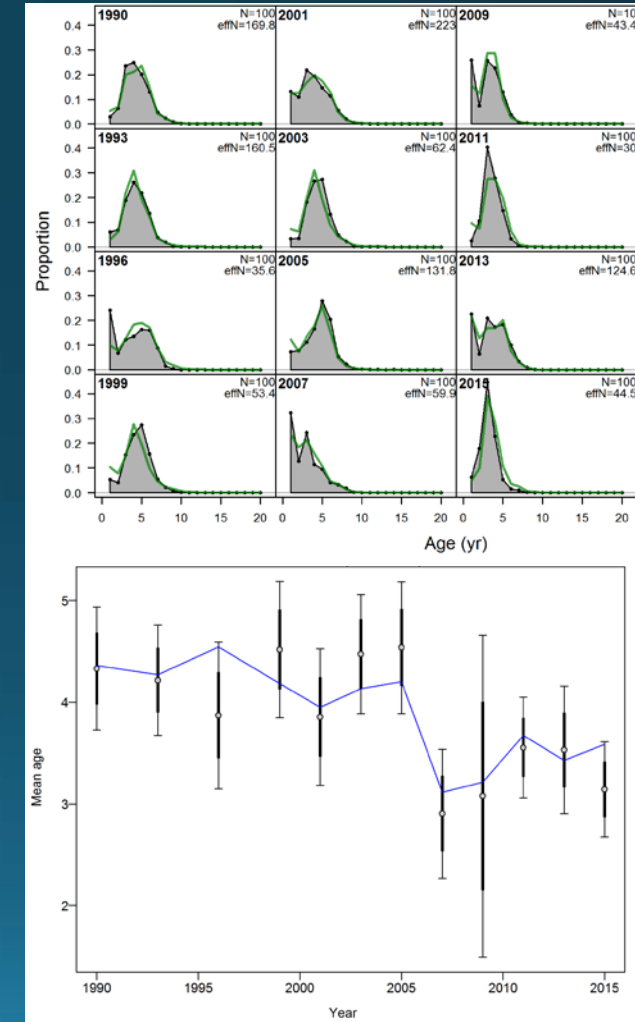
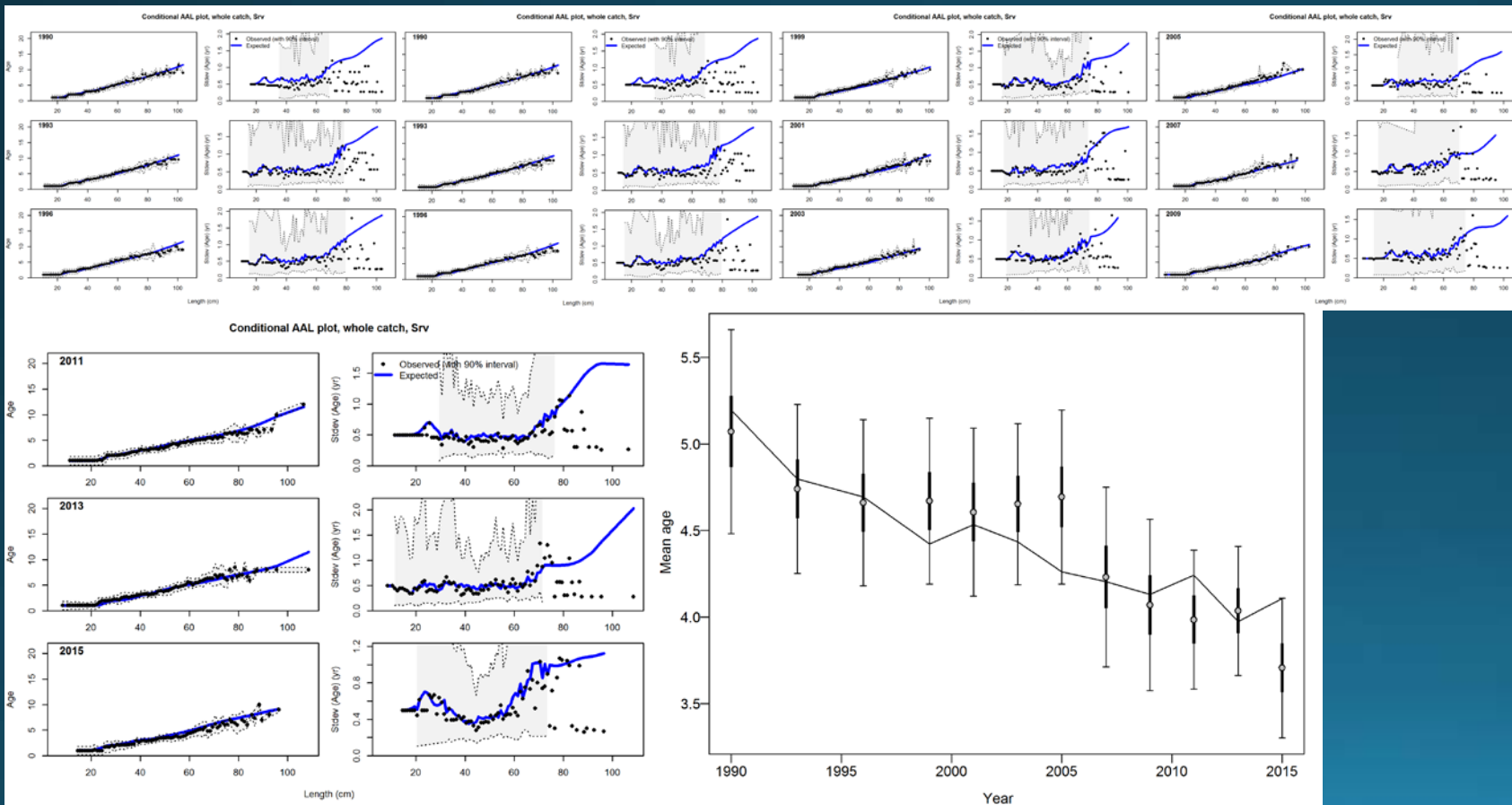


- Good fit to all components
- No substantial trend in residuals



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Model 17.09.35 Age composition and conditional length at age

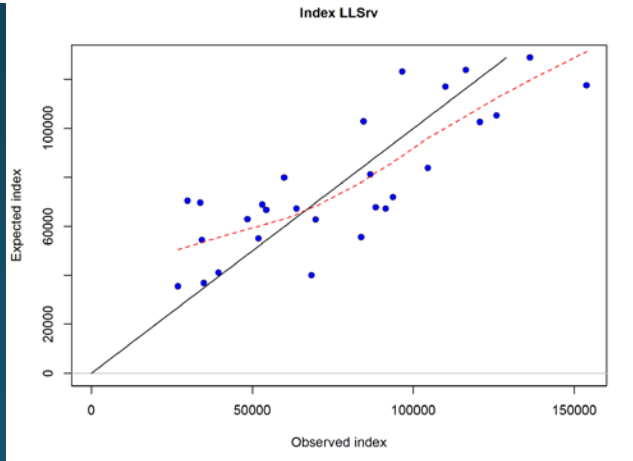
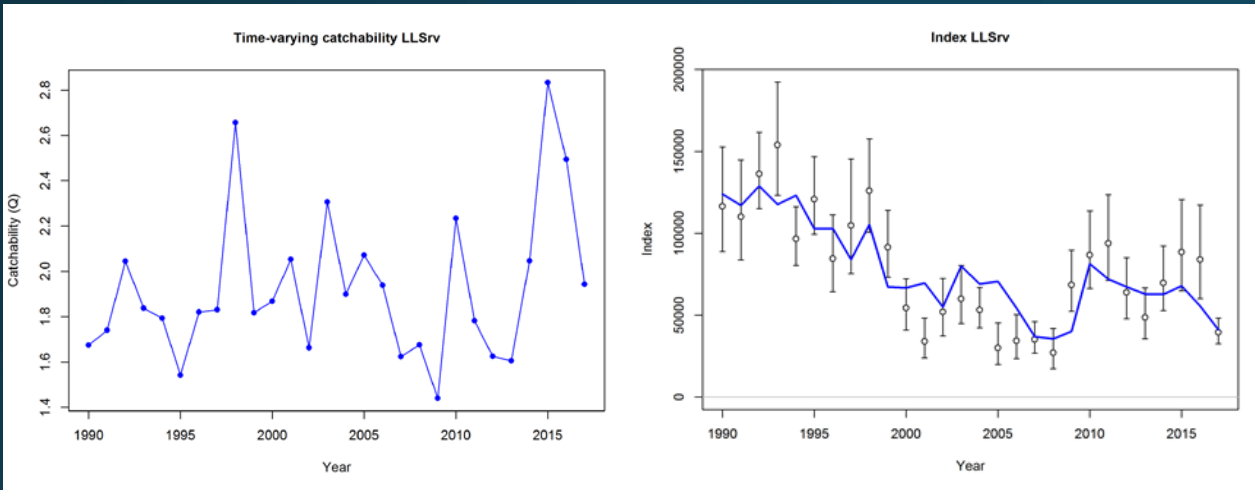


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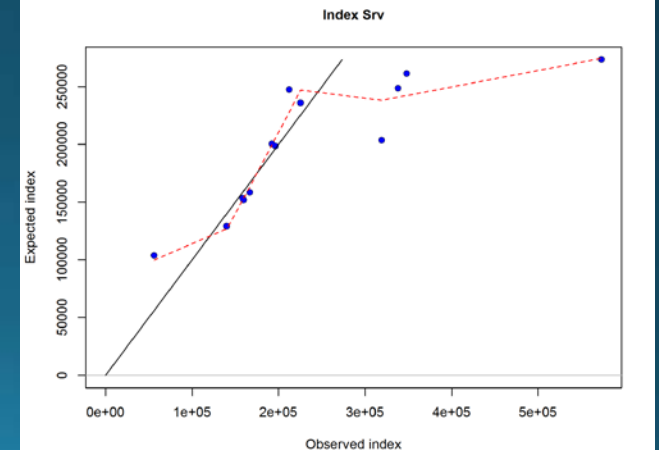
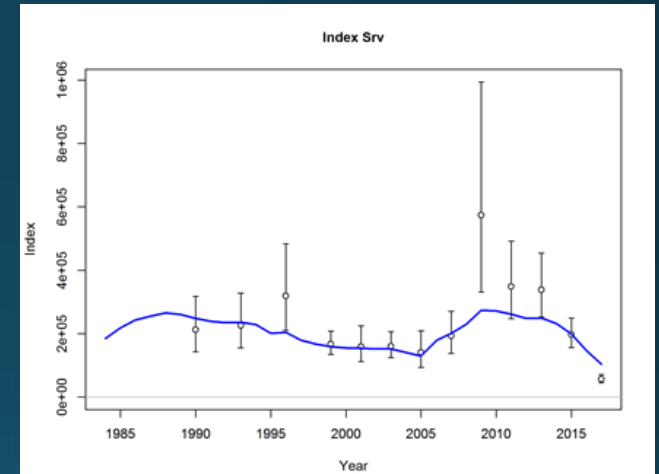
Model 17.09.35 Index Fits



AFSC longline survey



AFSC trawl survey

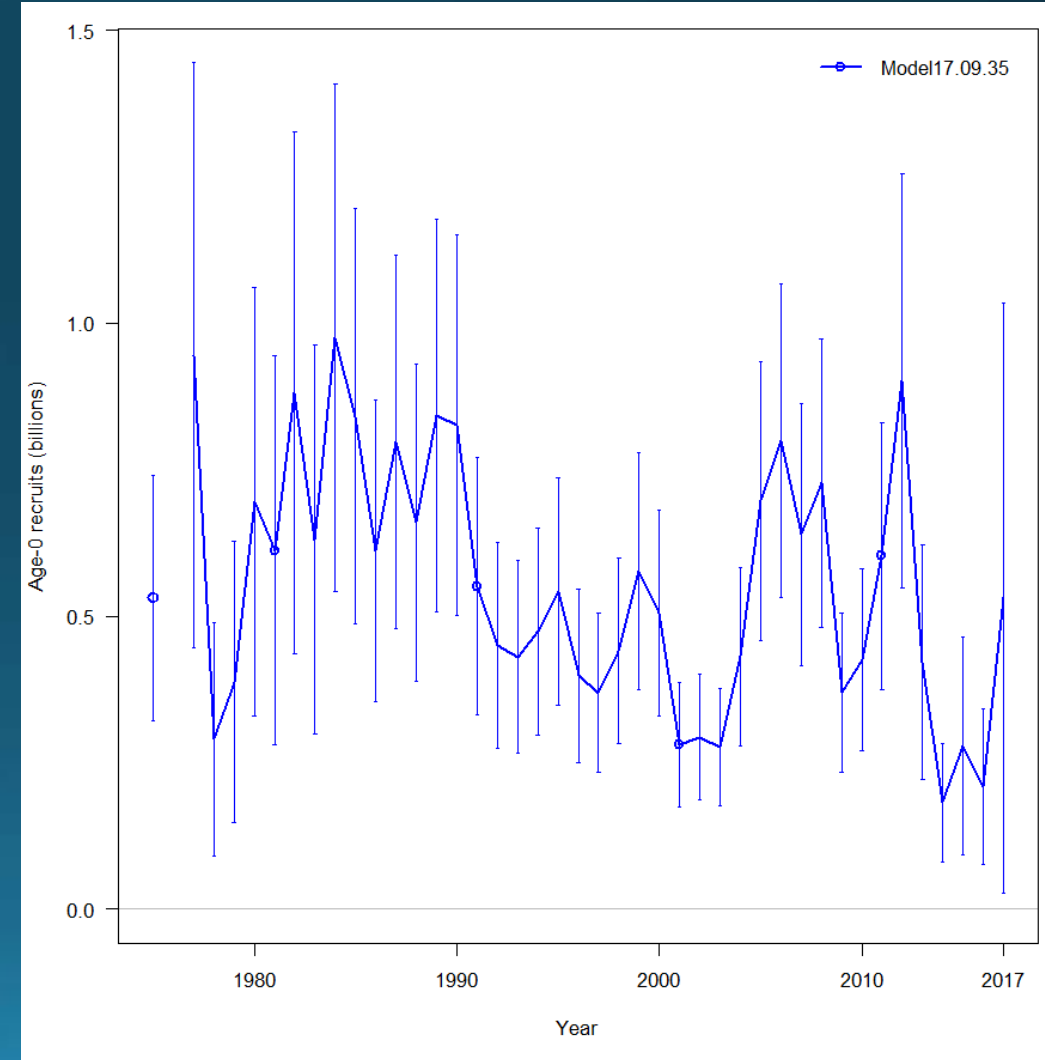


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Model 17.09.35 Recruitment



- Largest single recruitment was in 1984 with 0.98×10^9 fish
- 1980-1990 series of large recruitment events ($\mu = 0.76 \times 10^9$)
- 1991-2004 series of poor recruitment ($\mu = 0.43 \times 10^9$)
- 2012 recruits at 0.90×10^9
- 2014 lowest recruitment estimate in time series at 0.14×10^9
- 2016 and 2015 second and third lowest recruitment estimates

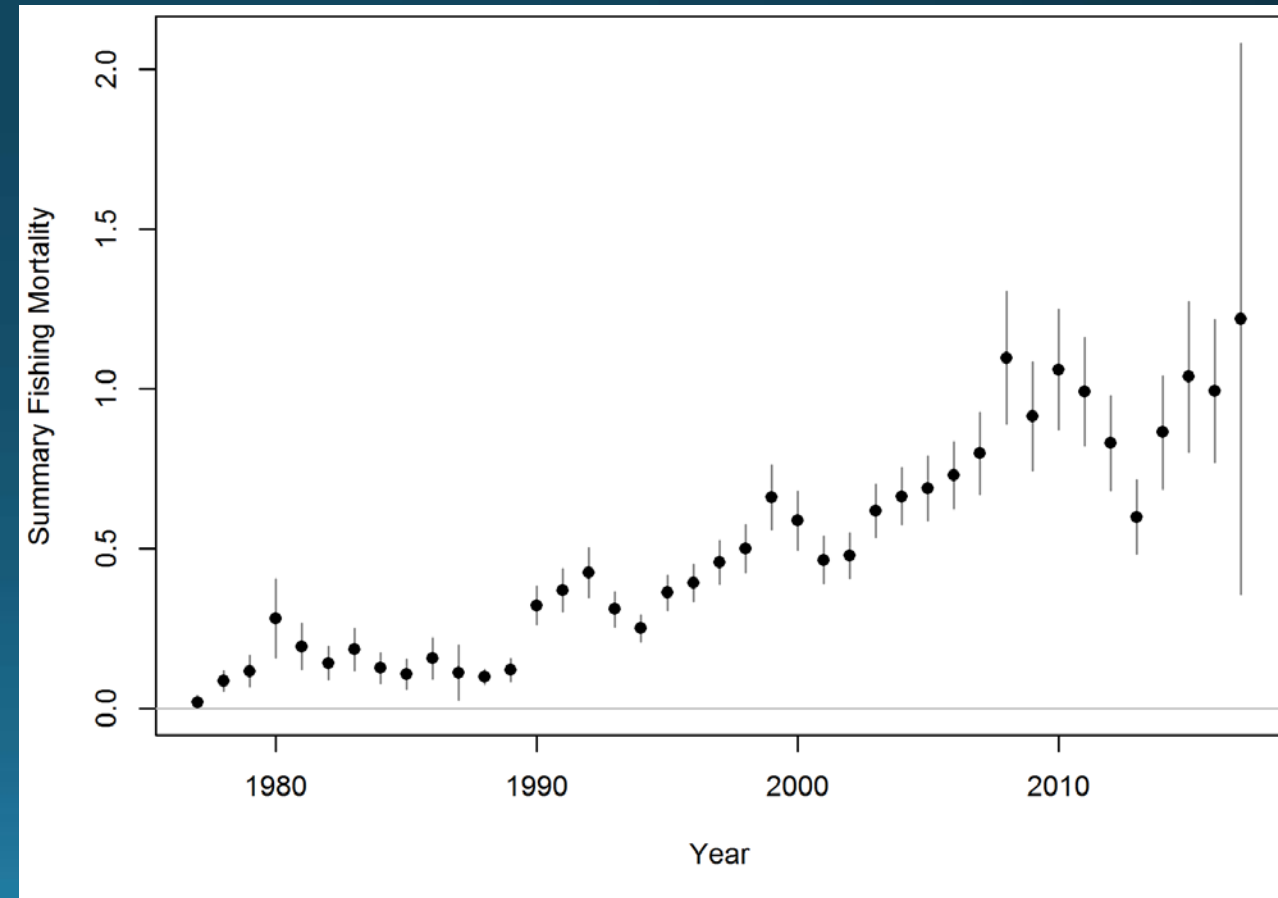
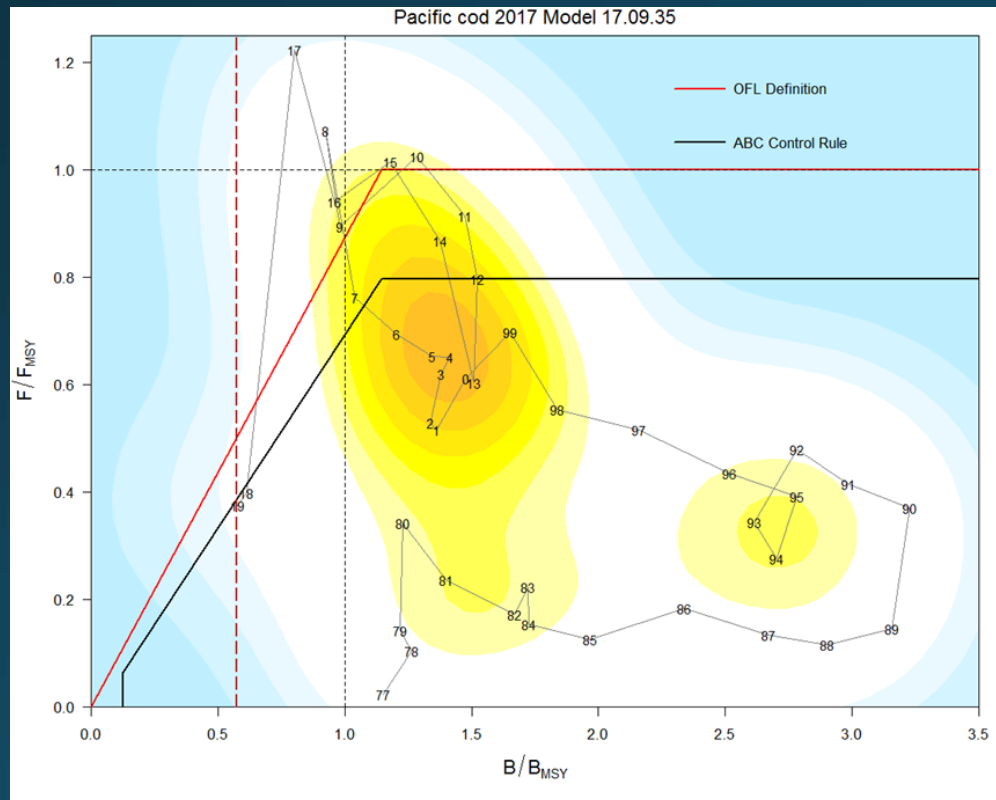


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Model 17.09.35 Fishing mortality



- Relatively high F
 - 2008-2010 and 2015-2017

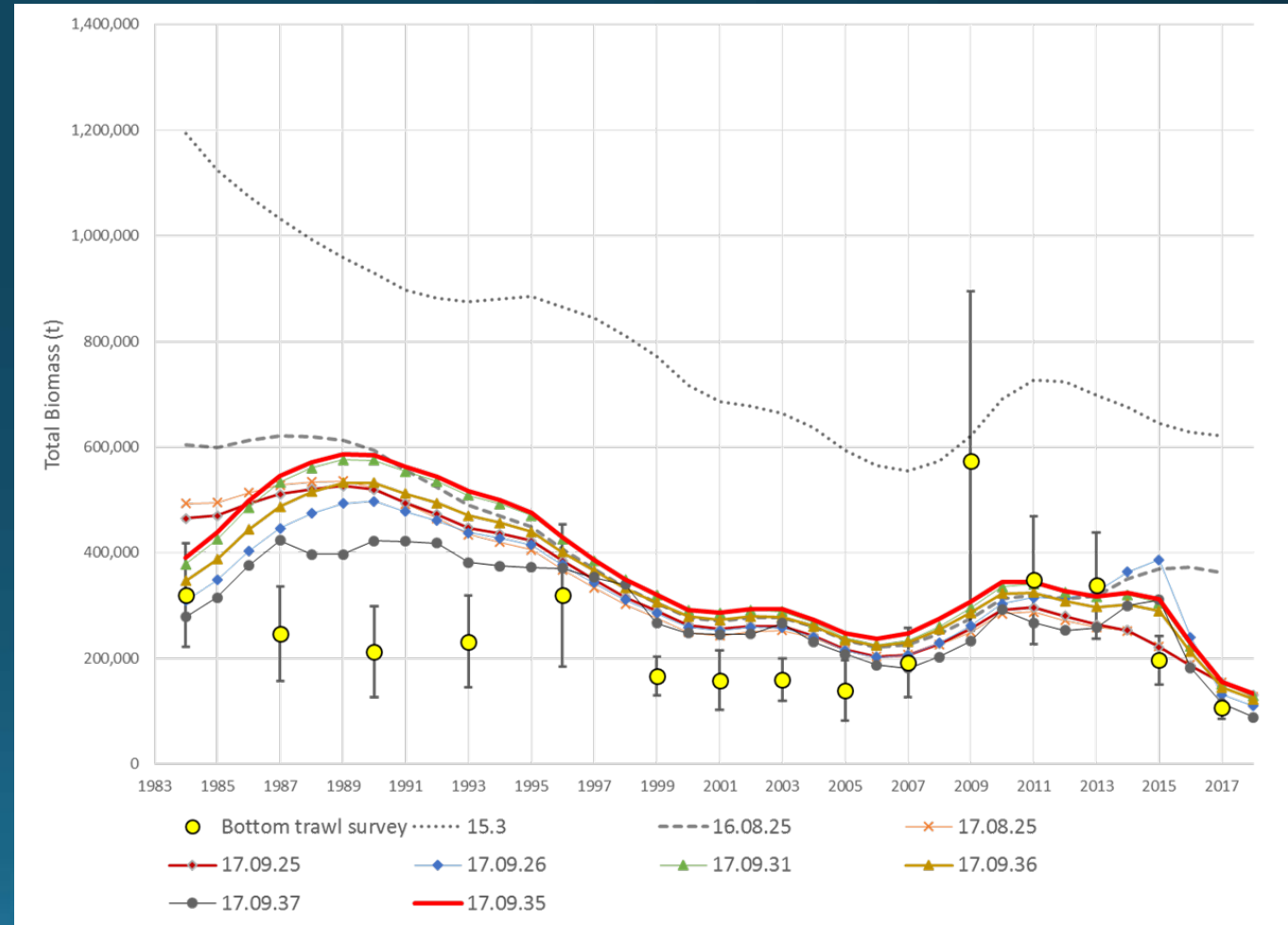


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Model 17.09.35 Total biomass



- Effective catchability for 1996 to 2017 = 0.71
- Gadoid outburst peaked in late 1989 (585,807 t)
- 2018 is an all-time low for the time series (132,723 t)
- Previous low in 2006 (237,068 t)

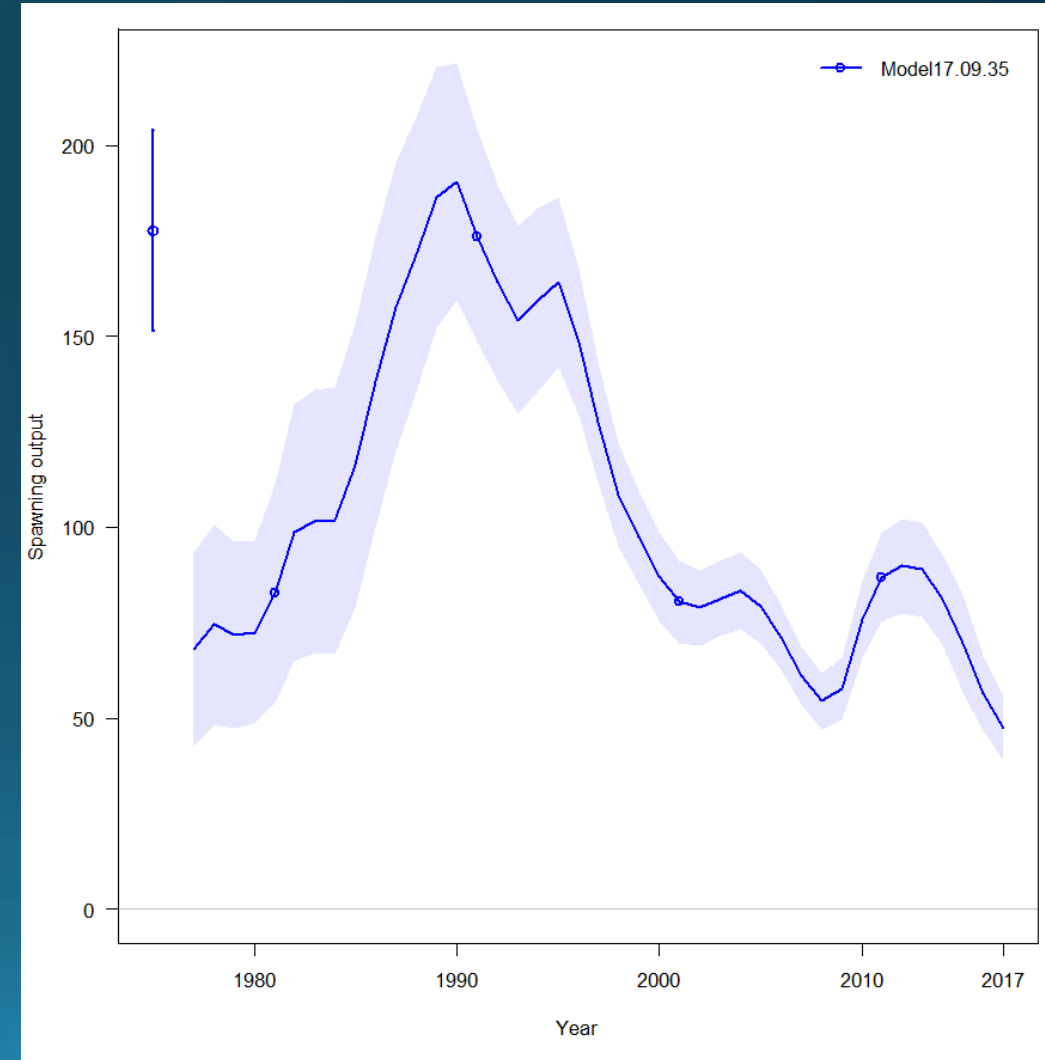


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Model 17.09.35 Spawning biomass



- Peak female spawning biomass in 1990 (190,465 t)
- Lowest female spawning biomass in 2017 (47,326 t)
- 2008 previous low at 54,470 t
- Build up in 2009-2012 based on large 2006-2008 year classes

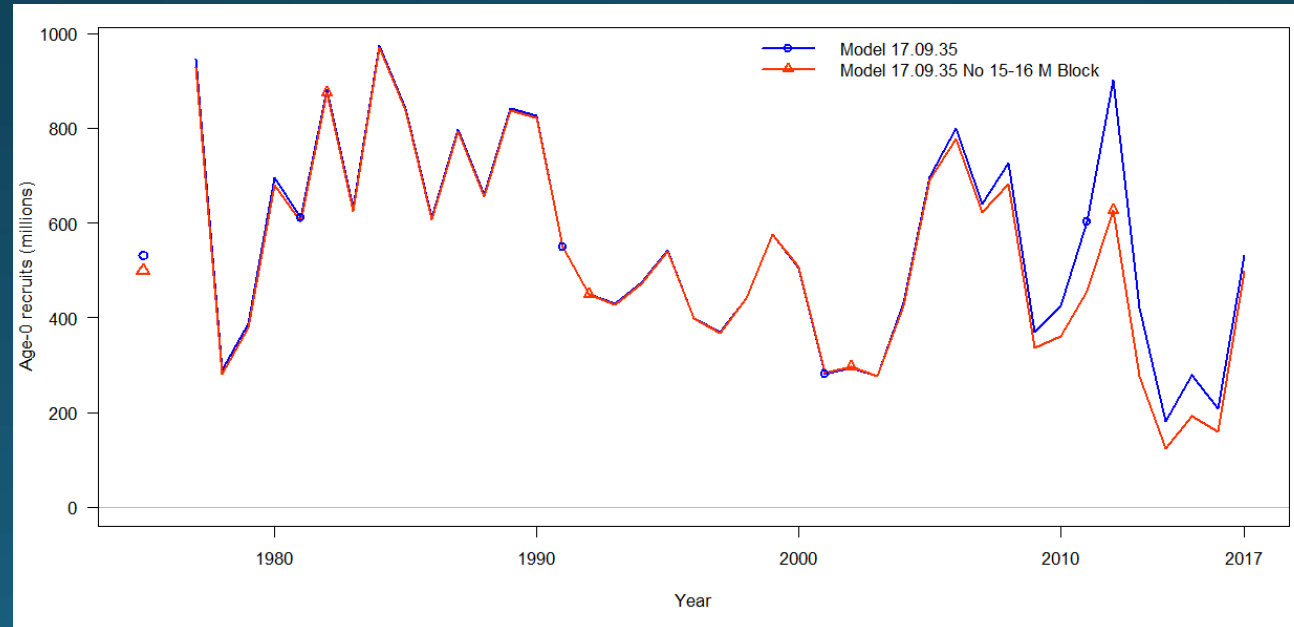


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Model 17.09.35 Projections



- Based on mean recruitment post-2016
- Projection recruitment based on Model 17.09.35 without the 2015-2016 recruitment block
- Assumed 2016 fishery selectivity

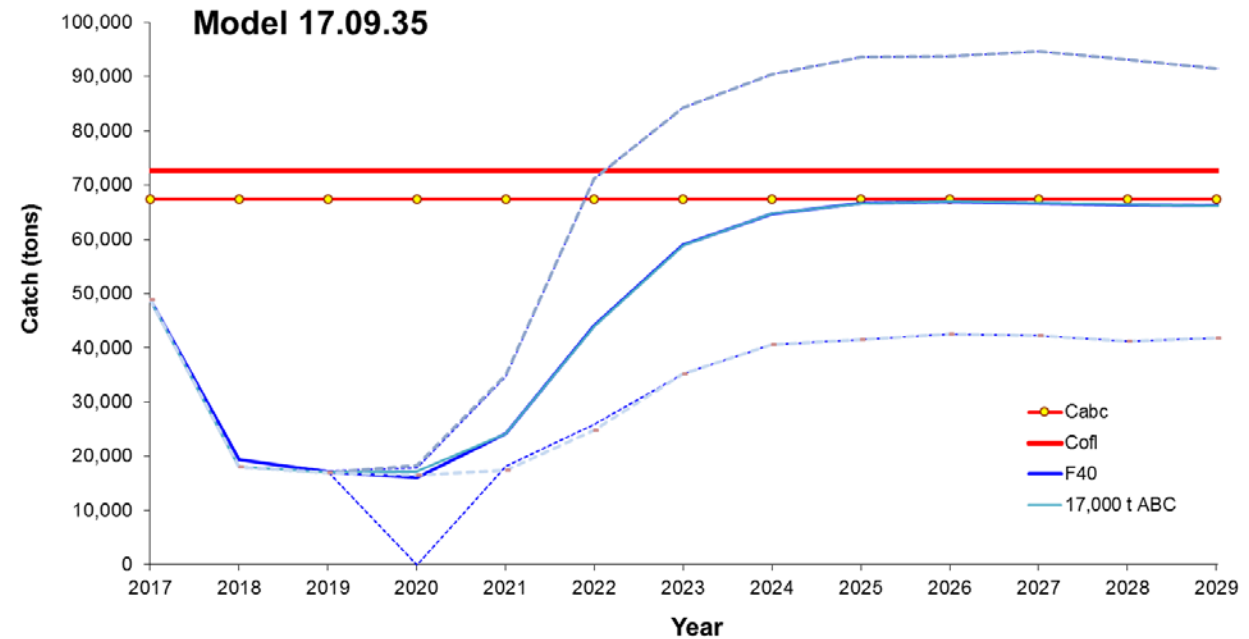
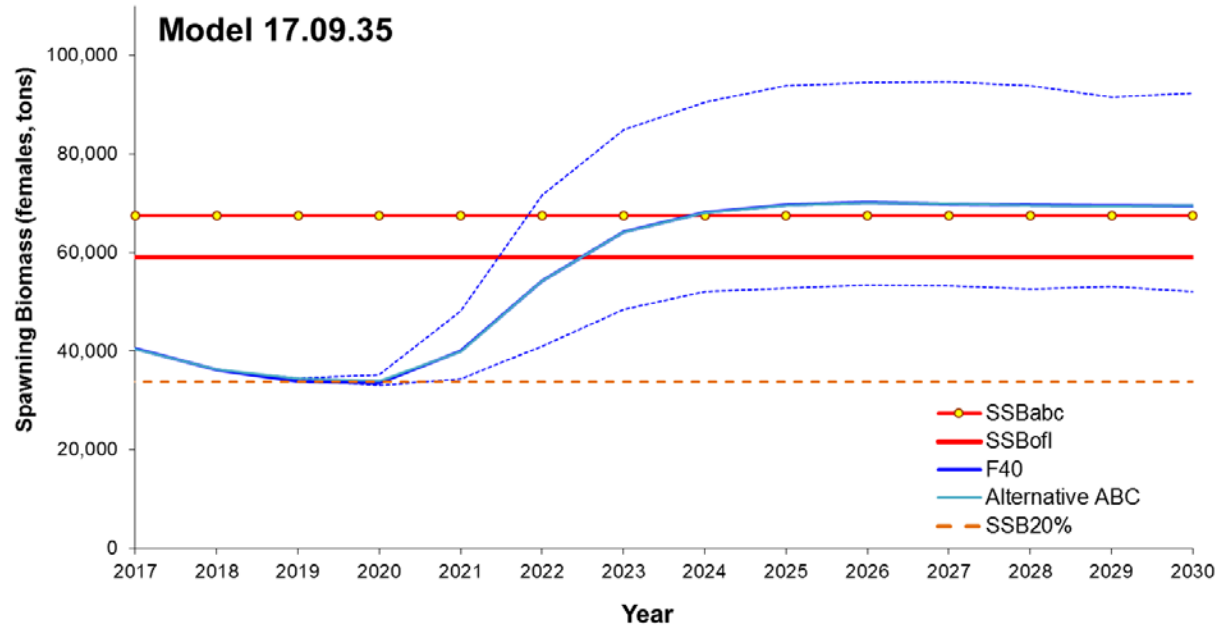


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Model 17.09.35 Projections



- Approaches $B_{20\%}$
- Requires $ABC < \text{Max ABC}$ in 2018 and 2019 to remain above $B_{20\%}$
- Allowable catch below 18,000 t through 2020

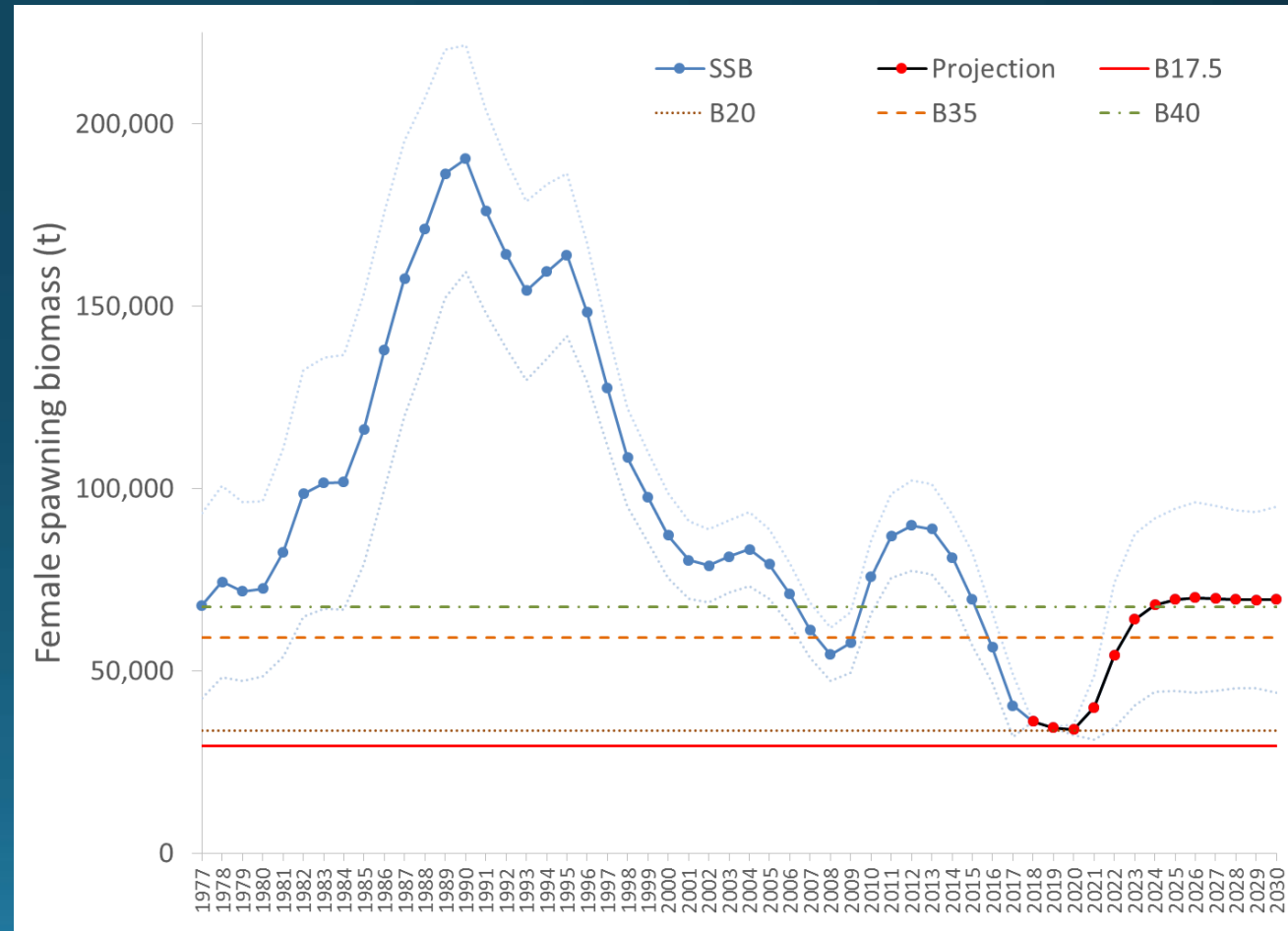


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Model 17.09.35 Projections



- Projected to reach all-time low in 2020
- Due to high mortality of the 2011 and 2012 age classes and expected poor recruitment 2013-2016
- First increase expected in 2021 given mean recruitment post-2016

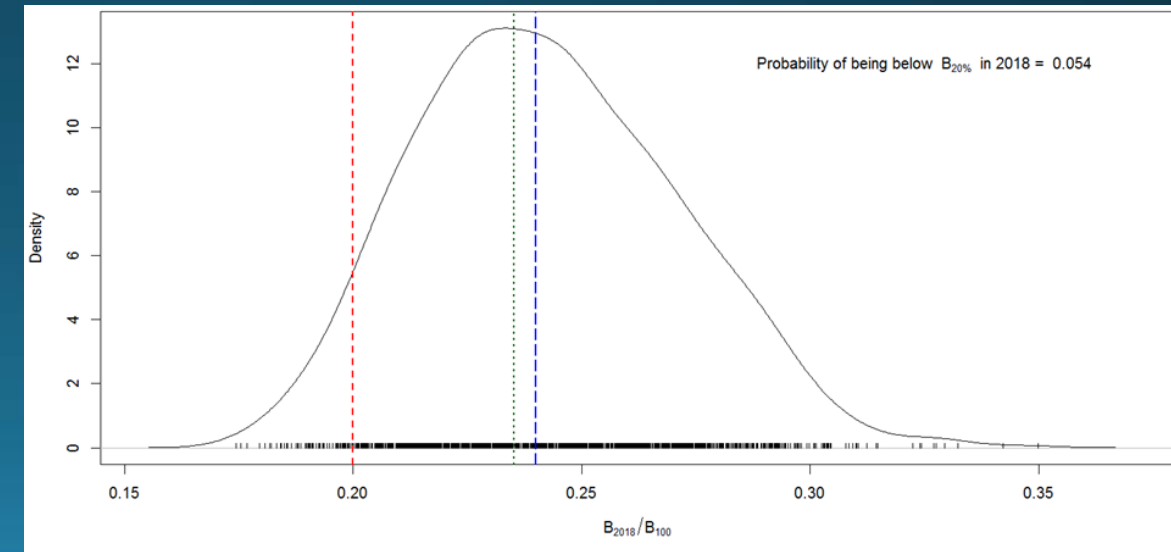
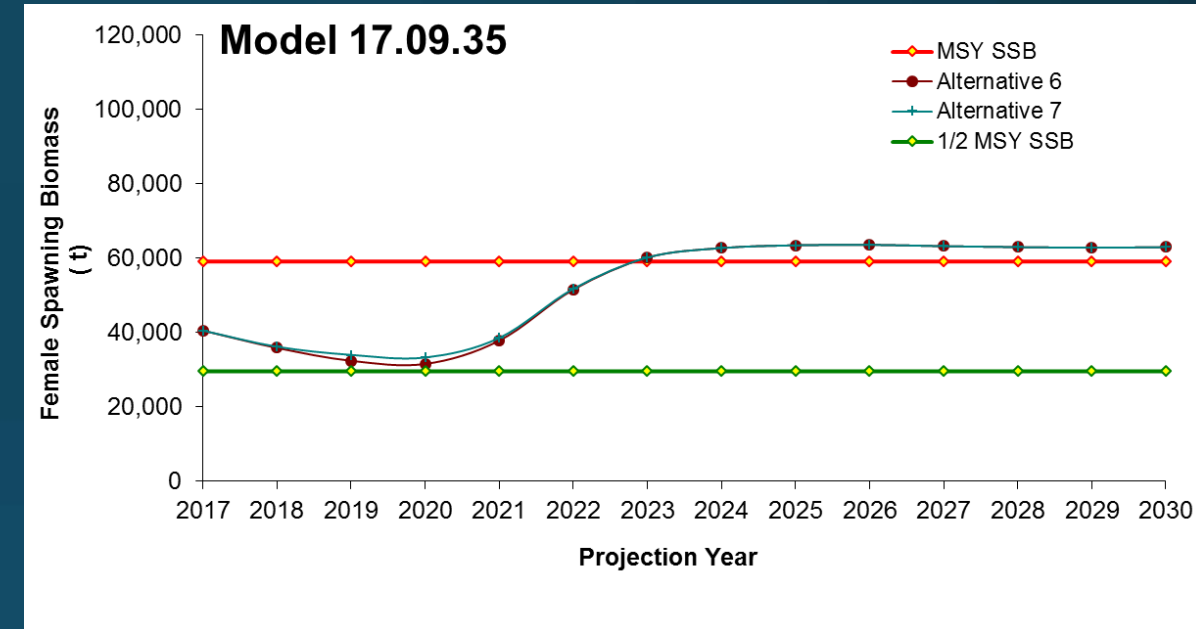
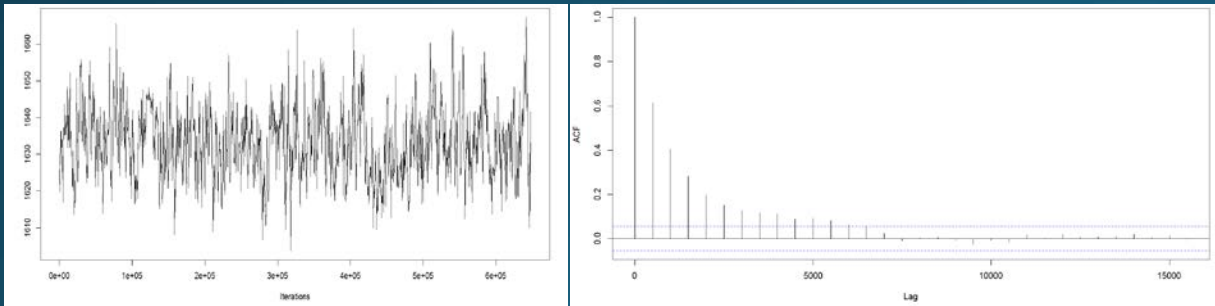


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Model 17.09.35 Status



- Not overfished, not overfishing...
- MCMC posterior distribution
 - 1,000,000 burn 350,000 thinned 500
 - Stable MCMC
 - Posteriors consistent with MLE
 - 5% probability of being below $B_{20\%}$ in 2018



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Status

- Tier 3b ($B_{2018} = B_{21.5\%}$)
- 77% decrease in ABC from last year's projection for 2018
- 61% decrease from 2017 catch
- Area apportionment based on random effects model

Authors' recommended Model 17.09.35

Quantity	As estimated or specified last year for:		As estimated or specified this year for:	
	2017	2018	2018	*2019
M (natural mortality rate)	0.47	0.47	0.49	0.49
Tier	3a	3a	3b	3b
Projected total (age o+) biomass (t)	426,384	428,885	170,565	198,942
Female spawning biomass (t)				
Projected	91,198	98,479	36,209	34,424
$B_{100\%}$	196,776	196,776	168,583	168,583
$B_{40\%}$	78,711	78,711	67,433	67,433
$B_{35\%}$	68,872	68,872	59,004	59,004
F_{OFL}	0.652	0.652	0.42	0.40
$maxF_{ABC}$	0.530	0.530	0.34	0.32
F_{ABC}	0.530	0.530	0.31	0.31
OFL (t)	105,378	94,188	23,565	21,412
maxABC (t)	88,342	79,272	19,401	17,634
ABC (t)	88,342	79,272	18,000	17,000
	As determined this year for:			
Status	2015	2016	2016	2017
Overfishing	no	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	no	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	no	n/a	No

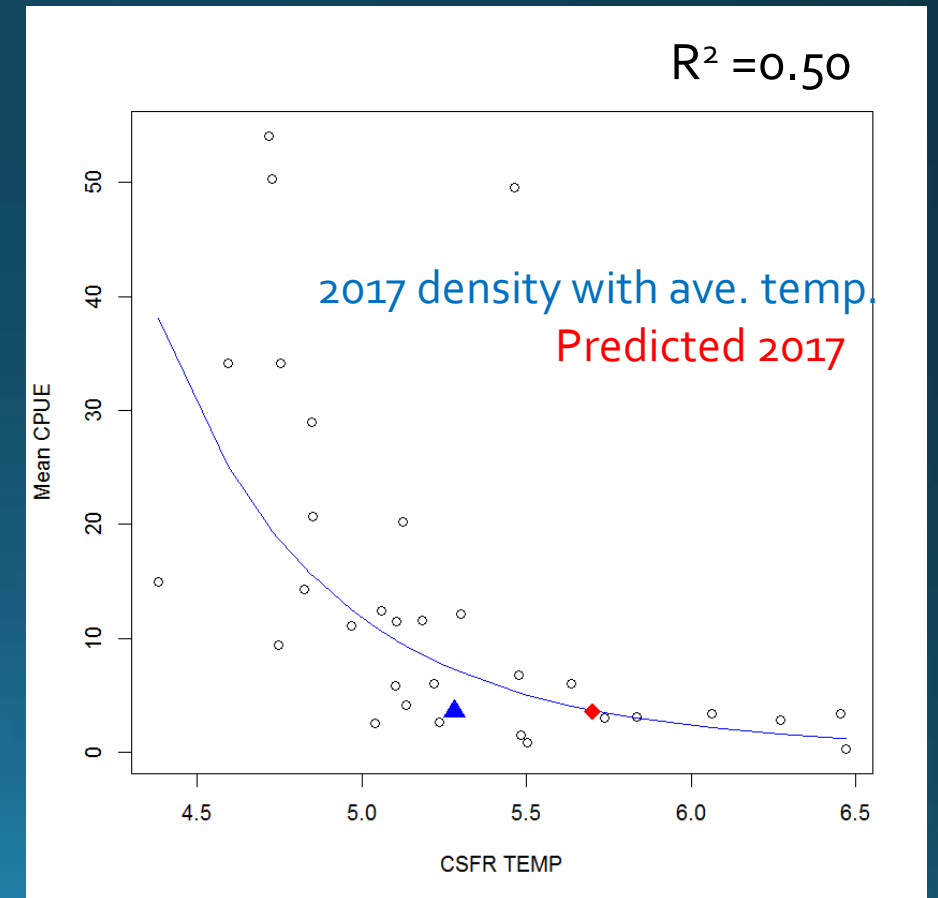
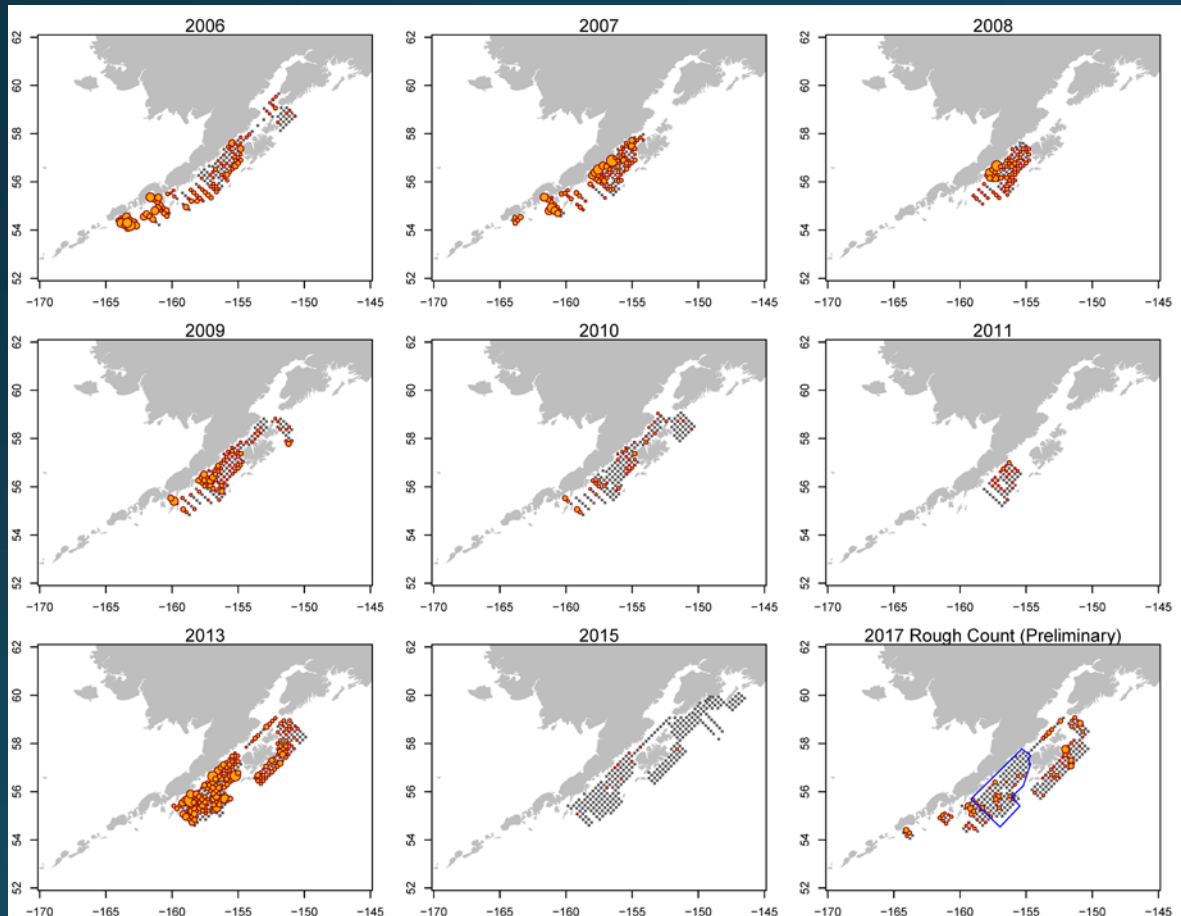
	Western	Central	Eastern	Total
Random effects area apportionment (percent)	44.9	45.1	10.0	100.00
2018 ABC	8,082	8,118	1,800	18,000
2019 ABC	7,633	7,667	1,700	17,000

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Future outlook



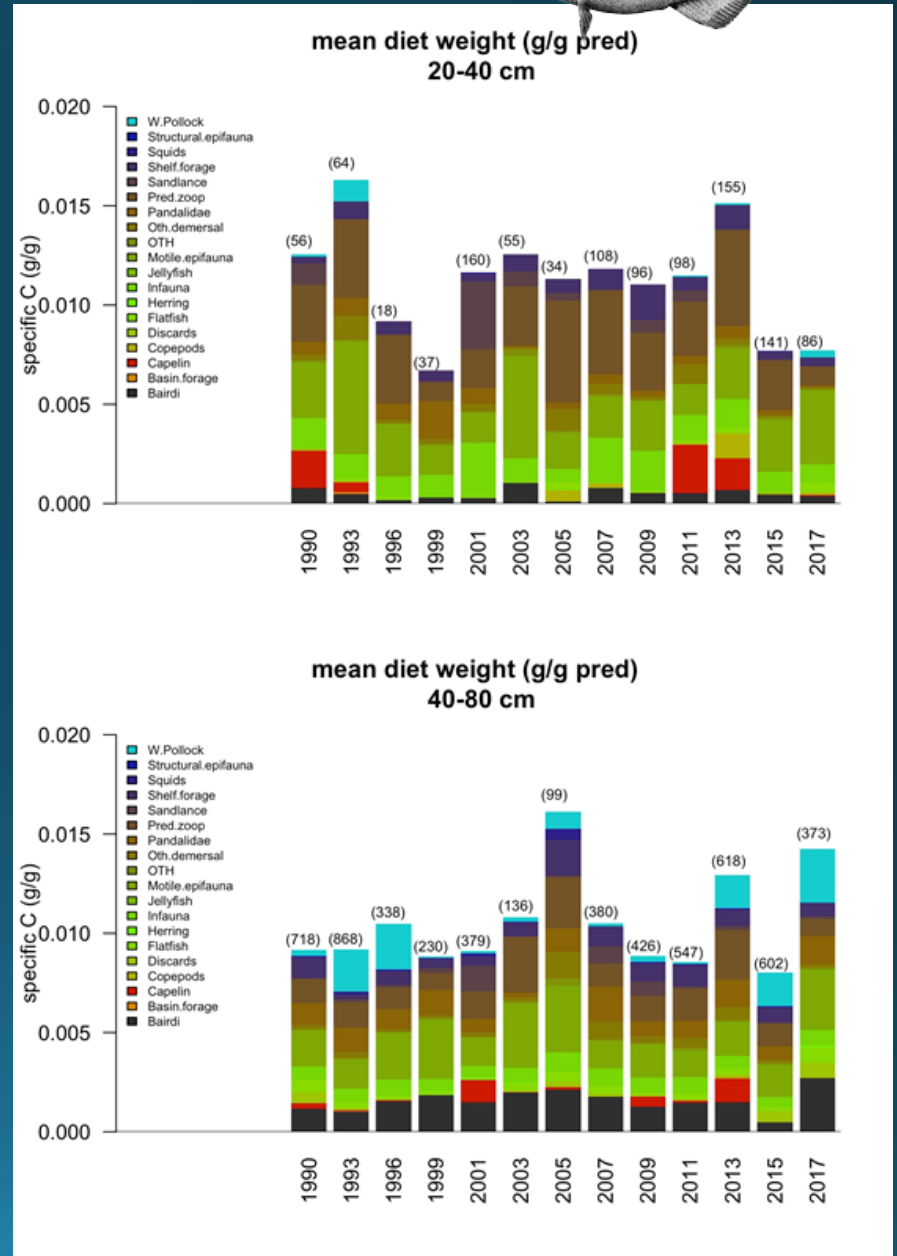
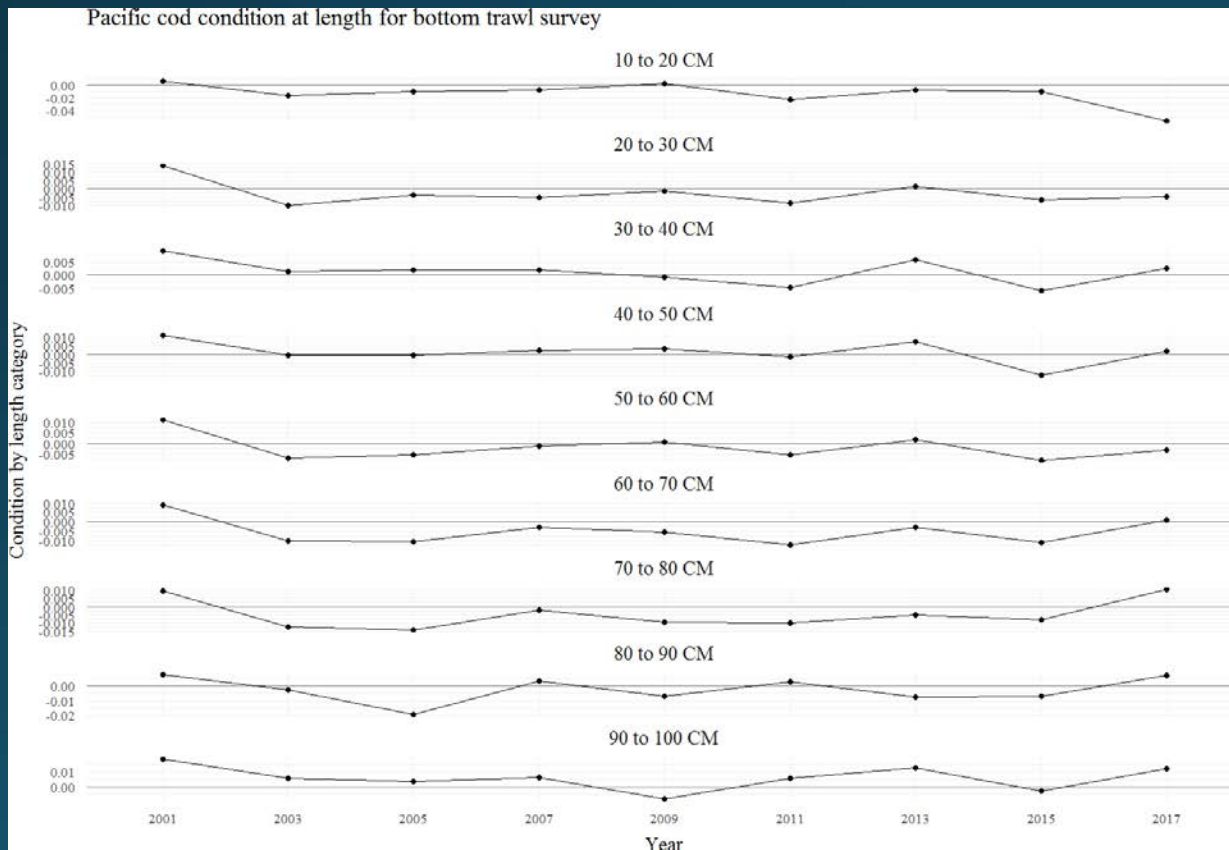
- 2017 larval survey densities look average



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Future outlook

- 2017 stomach analysis
 - small fish remain below average
 - large fish (Pollock, Bairdi, Oth, shrimp ↑)

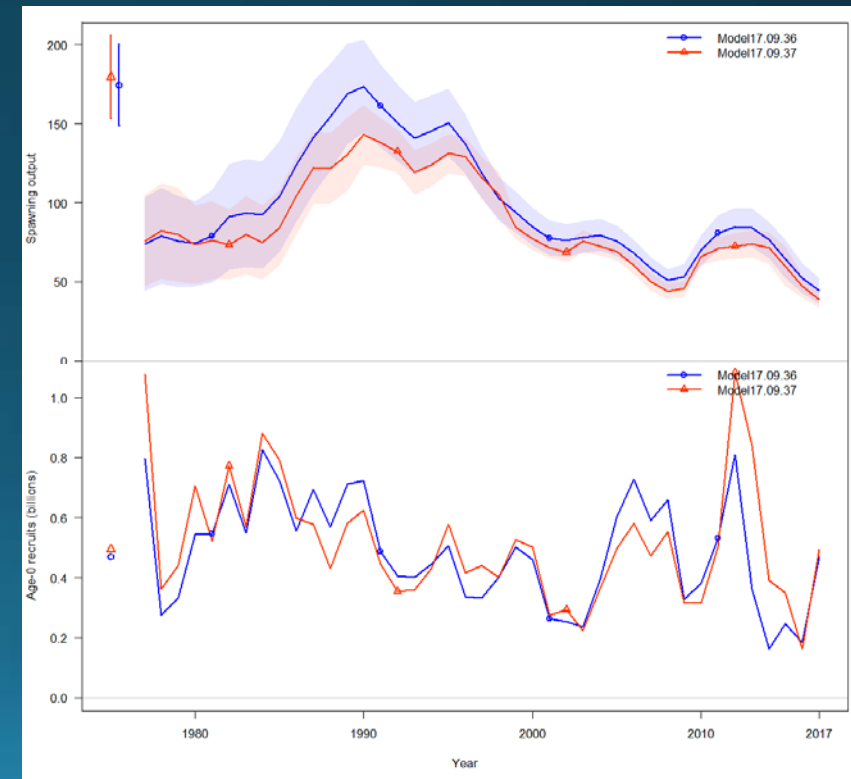
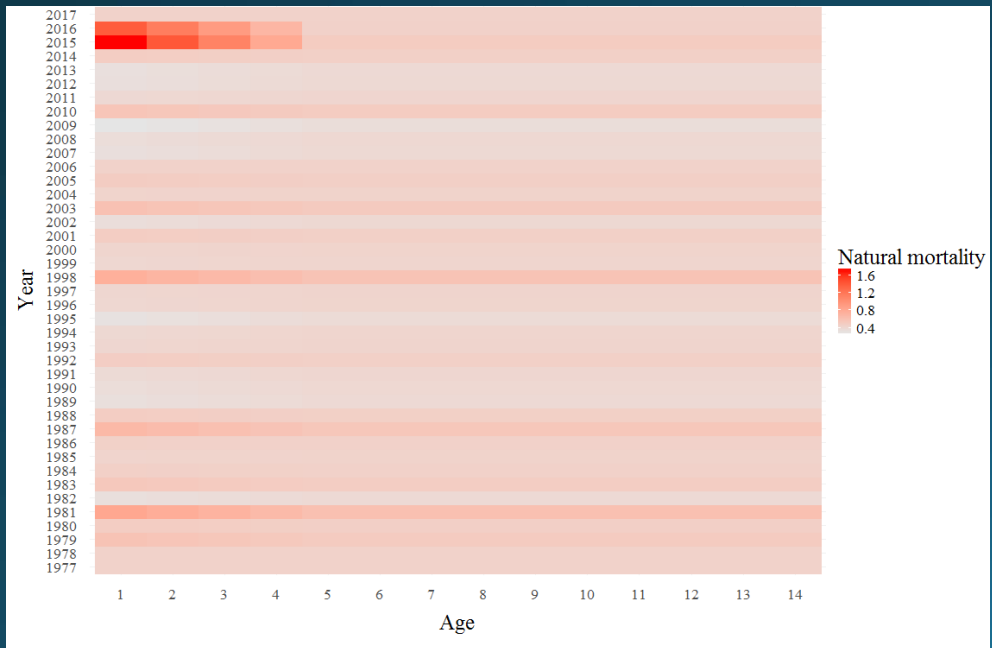


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Model 17.09.37 – Exploratory dynamic M



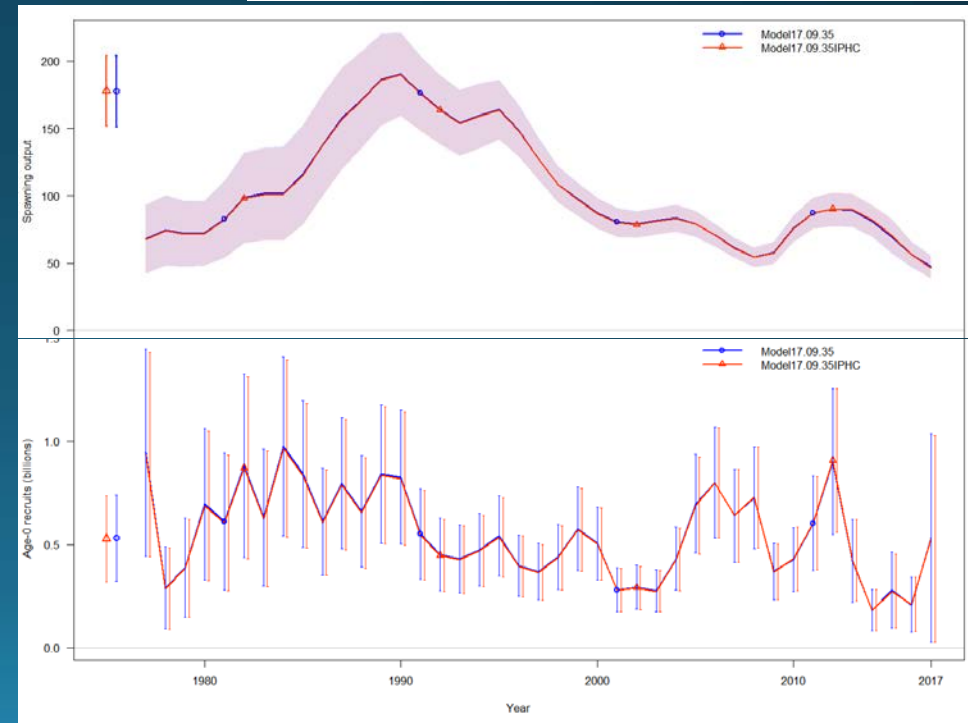
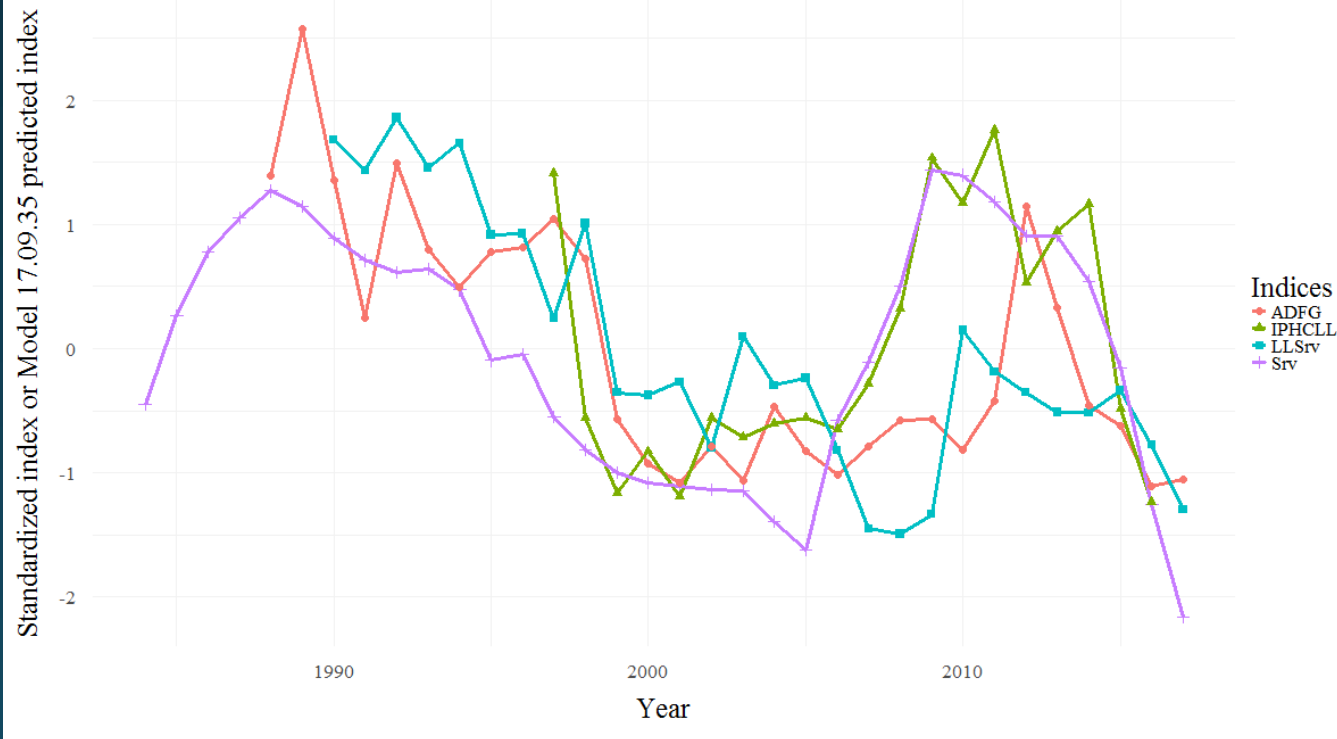
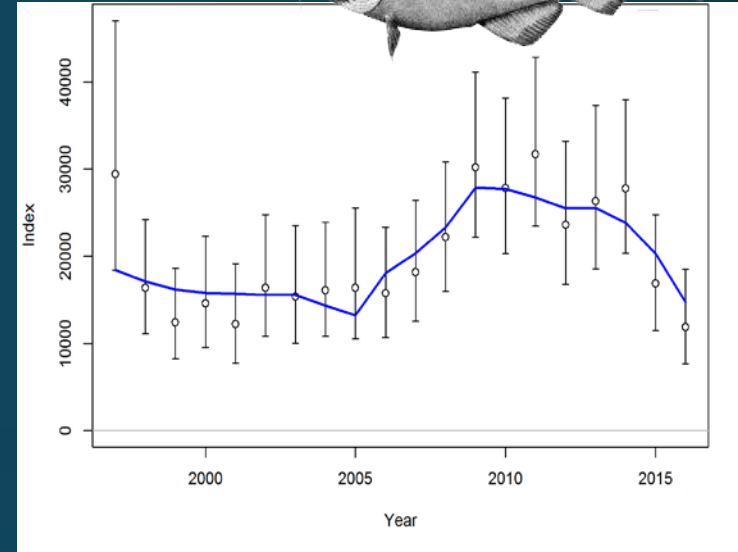
- Knots on M at ages 0, 1, and 5, linear trend between knots
- Annually varying M conditioned on 10 cm CFSR index (age 1 and 5 knots)
 - Average M for ages 1-14 = 0.45
- Not compatible with current projection model



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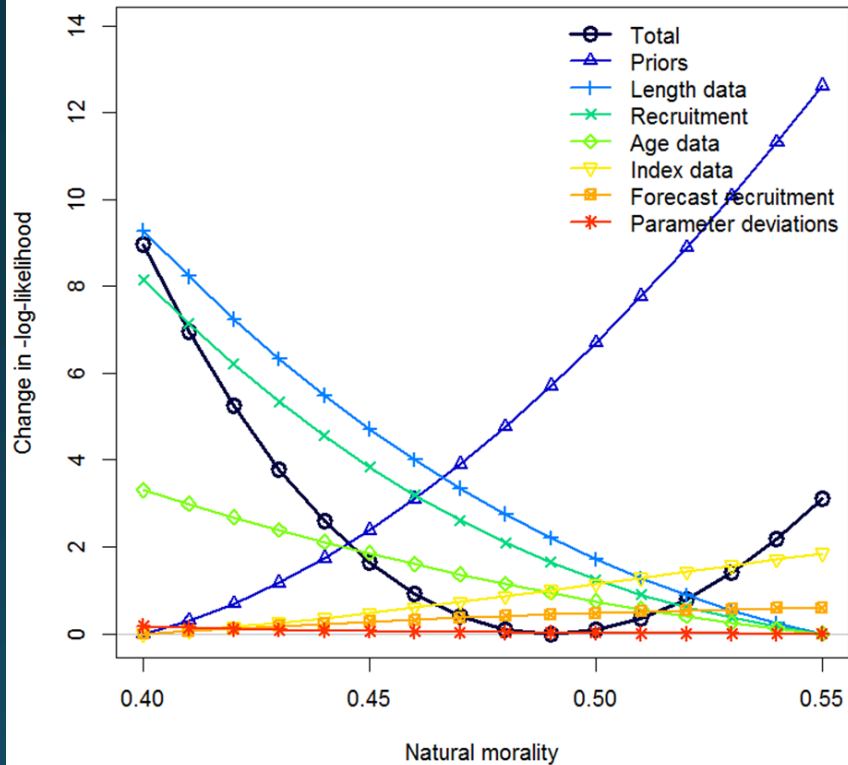
Model 17.09.35 with IPHC survey

- Uses bottom trawl survey selectivity
- Makes little difference in model results
- Should be added to 2018 models



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Model 17.09.35 and M



Prior and posterior of M - Model17.09.35

