

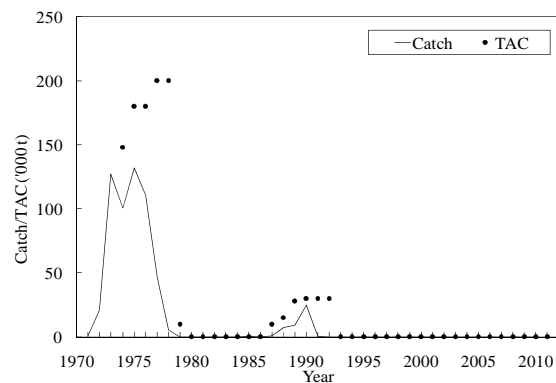
Capelin in Divisions 3NO

Fishery and catches: The directed fishery was closed in 1992 and the closure has continued through 2010. No catches have been reported for this stock since 1993.

Year	Catch ('000 tons)	TAC ('000 tons)
2008	0	ndf*
2009	0	ndf
2010	0	ndf
2011	0	ndf

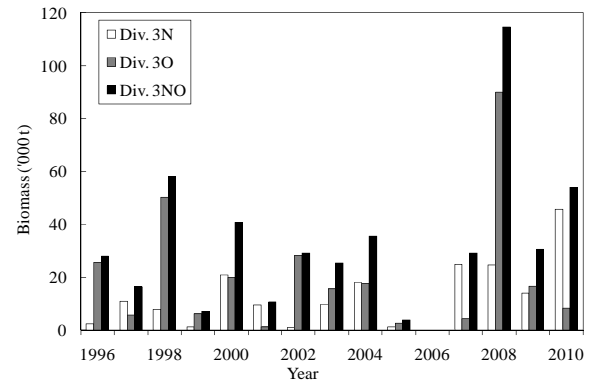
* ndf = no direct fishing

Data: Capelin catches from Canadian bottom trawl surveys conducted in 1990-2010, as well as historical data sets from Russian and Canadian trawl acoustic surveys directed to capelin.

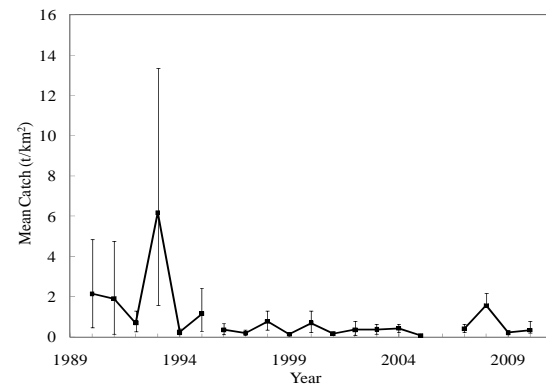


Assessment: No analytical assessment was possible with current data.

Biomass: The only indicator of stock dynamics presently available is capelin biomass indices obtained during Canadian stratified-random bottom trawl surveys. In 1996-2010 survey biomass of capelin in Div. 3NO varied from 3.9 t to 114.7 thousand t. In 2009-2010, survey biomass was 30.6 and 54.1 thousand t respectively; when the average for the period from 1996 was estimated as 34.5 thousand t. Estimates in 2006 are not compatible because of poor survey coverage in that year.



Mean catch index: In 1996-2010 the mean catch per km² varied between 0.06 and 1.56. In 2009 and 2010, this parameter was 0.21 and 0.33 respectively.



Recommendation: No directed fishery on capelin in Div. 3NO in 2012-2013.

Reference points: Scientific Council is not in a position to propose reference points at this time.

The next full assessment will be in 2013.

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