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Calculation of Partial Selection for Cod in Subdivision 3Ps

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INTRODUCTION

The fishing mortality vector in a given year can be thought of as being composed of two effects, an effect due to the amount of effort exerted and an effect reflecting the relative selection at age. The latter effect can be a result of factors such as mesh size, hook size, gear composition, or location of capture. In some instances, the fishing mortality at age may be estimated directly but often, due to constraints with the data, the estimation is done in two steps. First, partial selection is determined, then the fishing mortality for the fully recruited ages is obtained.

Various approaches have been used to estimate a partial selection, a common one being to use the average partial selection in recent years. This method assumes that the gear composition remains the same from year to year. Another approach involves the calculation of partial selection for each gear involved in the fishery. The overall partial selection can then be computed as the average partial selection, weighted by the catch of the component gears. This method could potentially take into account changes in the gear composition. Another advantage of the latter approach is that the partial selection for each gear, once established, would not need to be recalculated each year unless there was a change in some factor that might affect the individual partial selections, i.e. mesh size.

The partial selection factors for cod in Subdivision 3Ps have been calculated by the former method in past years. This paper examines the adequacy of available data for calculation of partial selection by the latter method.

METHOD

The partial fishing mortality for each of the gear components was calculated by multiplying the fishing mortality obtained from a cohort analysis by the ratio of the catch at age for that gear to the total catch at age. The partial selections were then computed by dividing the partial fishing mortality by the fishing mortality for the age or ages which appeared to be fully recruited to that gear. The age or ages at full recruitment were determined for each gear after examination of the partial fishing mortality.

Data were available to compute the partial selection for trap, line trawl, gill net, handline and otter trawl from 1977-83. An average partial selection was calculated for this time period, excluding the last two years, because of the influence of the input data, and any years which exhibited an anomalous pattern. The entire exercise was repeated for three values of fully recruited fishing mortalities, 0.15, 0.25, and 0.35, to examine the effect of this parameter on the results. The input partial selection for the cohort analysis was the vector used as input in the 1983 assessments (Bishop and Gavaris, 1983).

RESULTS

Using age length keys and length frequencies which had been sampled from the commercial catch, the catch at age by each of the gear components was constructed for the years 1977-83 (Table 1). The fishing mortalities from the three cohort analyses are shown in Table 2. The partial fishing mortalities and partial selections are contained in Tables 3-5. Fully recruited age or ages were determined to be 5 for trap, 8 for line trawl, 8-10 for gill net, 5-6 for handline, and 7-8 for otter trawl. For gears where more than one age was determined

to be fully recruited, the partial fishing mortalities were divided by the arithmetic mean of the fishing mortalities for these ages. The years used for averaging the partial selections of each gear are indicated with the results in Table 6. The effect of different fully recruited fishing mortalities in 1983 on the average was marginal. This suggests that the use of the rounded average partial selections shown in Table 7 may be adequate for calculation of partial selection for the fishery. As an example of such a calculation the 1983 catch for each gear was used to weight their respective partial selections to arrive at an estimate for the 1983 fishery (Table 7).

#### DISCUSSION

It is evident from Tables 3-5 that the results are quite variable and exhibit large fluctuations in particular years. This is especially so for gears where the catch is small such as otter trawl. Nevertheless, the averages obtained display relatively smooth patterns and appear reasonable. These results can therefore be tentatively accepted pending further evaluation as the cohort analyses is extended each year.

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Table 1. Catch at age by gear for the Canadian cod fishery in Subdivision 3Ps from 1979 to 1983.

OTTER TRAWL										TRAP						
AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	
3	274	1	39	68	5	1	8	3	118	57	45	125	326	53	193	
4	1894	314	352	308	12	142	33	4	4454	1452	996	679	561	1679	951	
5	1880	1074	2718	1137	45	270	472	5	2546	1034	1670	959	149	629	1621	
6	596	1707	1859	2234	258	243	180	6	733	145	96	369	73	80	284	
7	146	576	754	2072	269	345	132	7	39	23	11	49	40	44	64	
8	58	252	294	445	148	295	187	8	8	5	3	5	9	22	21	
9	31	39	95	78	28	59	161	9	0	0	0	0	1	4	23	
10	14	32	16	1	7	18	33	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
11	5	12	1	1	4	10	16	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12	2	3	1	1	4	1	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GILL NET										LINE TRAWL						
AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	
3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	391	98	31	68	404	29	430	
4	10	36	12	5	13	113	32	4	1356	1750	624	357	1498	1378	920	
5	424	165	247	219	132	382	554	5	2179	2146	3351	1946	1916	1454	2965	
6	913	313	649	988	406	400	662	6	607	1432	2023	4076	2608	683	1185	
7	210	265	532	545	845	676	379	7	387	681	1088	1574	3030	950	491	
8	90	110	132	243	304	857	234	8	175	284	390	704	778	1015	389	
9	39	47	46	68	145	182	280	9	147	149	125	199	275	225	353	
10	15	40	14	31	50	66	79	10	65	109	73	90	97	92		
11	4	15	11	20	22	23	28	11	37	43	35	34	34	30	35	
12	3	4	1	13	10	6	14	12	29	19	18	29	15	14	18	
13	1	2	1	7	8	3	5	13	20	13	10	12	7	5	12	
14	0	2	1	8	1	1	2	14	8	8	9	17	1	3	5	
HAND LINE																
AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	
3	99	57	34	37	132	2	1	3	99	57	34	37	132	2	1	
4	942	684	368	295	312	665	142	4	840	880	1624	835	176	469	954	
5	840	880	1624	835	176	469	954	5	239	529	462	668	139	110	302	
6	89	222	143	125	101	92	91	7	89	222	143	125	101	92	91	
8	39	71	39	23	33	80	38	8	31	7	10	4	9	19	47	
10	14	7	2	0	4	5	7	10	14	7	2	0	2	2		
11	8	5	2	0	0	0	1	11	8	5	2	0	0	1		
12	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	7	0	0	0	0	1		
13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	5	0	0	0	0	0		
14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1	0	0	0	0	0		

Table 2. Fishing mortalities from cohort analyses over a range of fully recruited F's for cod in Subdivision 3Ps.

FISHING MORTALITY

AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
3	0.012	0.005	0.005	0.004	0.005	0.001	0.003
4	0.237	0.068	0.066	0.063	0.051	0.034	0.026
5	0.418	0.214	0.215	0.196	0.149	0.100	0.071
6	0.435	0.385	0.333	0.288	0.248	0.146	0.107
7	0.334	0.464	0.436	0.518	0.292	0.259	0.150
8	0.366	0.486	0.440	0.456	0.352	0.285	0.150
9	0.395	0.403	0.353	0.310	0.334	0.272	0.150
10	0.451	0.549	0.229	0.210	0.300	0.290	0.150
11	0.291	0.601	0.257	0.232	0.279	0.240	0.150
12	0.505	0.209	0.290	0.376	0.247	0.163	0.150
13	0.682	0.437	0.128	0.528	0.384	0.149	0.150
14	0.370	0.480	0.430	0.470	0.310	0.270	0.150

FISHING MORTALITY

AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
3	0.013	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.009	0.001	0.005
4	0.253	0.077	0.080	0.086	0.076	0.055	0.043
5	0.438	0.232	0.250	0.246	0.212	0.156	0.118
6	0.459	0.413	0.370	0.351	0.332	0.223	0.178
7	0.360	0.505	0.486	0.613	0.386	0.386	0.250
8	0.432	0.544	0.505	0.543	0.463	0.421	0.250
9	0.421	0.521	0.421	0.381	0.438	0.403	0.250
10	0.491	0.609	0.331	0.267	0.401	0.429	0.250
11	0.308	0.674	0.301	0.380	0.386	0.359	0.250
12	0.523	0.225	0.347	0.469	0.489	0.248	0.250
13	0.712	0.463	0.140	0.708	0.541	0.374	0.250
14	0.386	0.519	0.470	0.530	0.500	0.450	0.250

FISHING MORTALITY

AGE	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
3	0.014	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.012	0.002	0.007
4	0.260	0.082	0.088	0.102	0.097	0.074	0.060
5	0.447	0.240	0.269	0.277	0.260	0.206	0.165
6	0.470	0.426	0.389	0.389	0.389	0.288	0.249
7	0.372	0.525	0.511	0.666	0.447	0.488	0.350
8	0.366	0.574	0.539	0.592	0.536	0.531	0.350
9	0.395	0.403	0.460	0.422	0.505	0.509	0.350
10	0.451	0.549	0.229	0.303	0.470	0.540	0.350
11	0.291	0.601	0.257	0.232	0.461	0.456	0.350
12	0.505	0.209	0.290	0.376	0.247	0.320	0.350
13	0.682	0.437	0.128	0.528	0.384	0.149	0.350
14	0.370	0.480	0.430	0.470	0.310	0.270	0.350





Table 5. Fishing mortality and partial recruitment estimates by gear from a cohort at  $F_t = 0.35$ .

AGE	FISHING MORTALITY							PARTIAL RECRUITMENT																
	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983										
TRAP	3   0.002 0.002 0.002 0.003 0.004 0.001 0.002	4   0.127 0.028 0.037 0.042 0.020 0.025 0.022	5   0.137 0.046 0.046 0.052 0.014 0.031 0.033	6   0.107 0.017 0.007 0.017 0.007 0.012 0.022	7   0.018 0.007 0.002 0.007 0.003 0.008 0.016	8   0.007 0.004 0.002 0.002 0.003 0.004 0.007	9   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.001 0.003 0.007	3   0.013 0.036 0.047 0.066 0.277 0.031 0.053	4   0.926 0.598 0.804 0.810 1.464 0.782 0.670	5   1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000	6   0.785 0.363 0.155 0.330 0.498 0.370 0.665	7   0.115 0.146 0.047 0.143 0.255 0.243 0.477	8   0.054 0.085 0.040 0.040 0.227 0.120 0.208	9   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.065 0.089 0.229	10   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.170 0.058 0.081									
	10   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.002 0.002 0.003	11   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	12   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	13   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	14   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	3   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	4   0.004 0.007 0.007 0.003 0.004 0.013 0.008	5   0.342 0.079 0.105 0.130 0.104 0.145 0.123	6   2.011 0.339 0.745 0.505 0.324 0.443 0.540	7   1.278 0.831 1.623 0.941 0.630 0.894 1.020	8   1.255 0.925 1.244 1.110 0.895 1.116 0.837	9   0.876 0.834 1.151 0.901 1.109 0.972 1.009	10   0.869 1.241 0.605 0.989 0.996 0.913 1.154	11   0.308 1.267 0.911 0.942 0.986 0.782 1.077	12   0.530 0.343 0.236 1.276 0.577 0.429 1.245	13   1.324 0.492 0.180 2.132 1.106 0.227 0.883	14   0.000 1.026 0.665 1.648 0.447 0.205 0.863							
GILL NET	3   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	4   0.000 0.001 0.000 0.000 0.002 0.001	5   0.023 0.007 0.007 0.012 0.012 0.019 0.011	6   0.134 0.032 0.048 0.046 0.037 0.058 0.050	7   0.085 0.078 0.105 0.086 0.073 0.118 0.092	8   0.083 0.087 0.080 0.101 0.104 0.147 0.075	9   0.058 0.078 0.074 0.082 0.128 0.128 0.091	10   0.058 0.116 0.039 0.090 0.115 0.120 0.104	11   0.020 0.119 0.059 0.086 0.114 0.103 0.097	12   0.035 0.032 0.015 0.116 0.067 0.056 0.114	13   0.088 0.046 0.012 0.195 0.128 0.030 0.080	14   0.000 0.096 0.043 0.150 0.052 0.027 0.078	3   0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	4   0.004 0.007 0.007 0.003 0.004 0.013 0.008	5   0.342 0.079 0.105 0.130 0.104 0.145 0.123	6   2.011 0.339 0.745 0.505 0.324 0.443 0.540	7   1.278 0.831 1.623 0.941 0.630 0.894 1.020	8   1.255 0.925 1.244 1.110 0.895 1.116 0.837	9   0.876 0.834 1.151 0.901 1.109 0.972 1.009	10   0.869 1.241 0.605 0.989 0.996 0.913 1.154	11   0.308 1.267 0.911 0.942 0.986 0.782 1.077	12   0.530 0.343 0.236 1.276 0.577 0.429 1.245	13   1.324 0.492 0.180 2.132 1.106 0.227 0.883	14   0.000 1.026 0.665 1.648 0.447 0.205 0.863
LINE TRAWL	3   0.006 0.003 0.001 0.002 0.005 0.001 0.004	4   0.039 0.033 0.023 0.022 0.051 0.020 0.021	5   0.117 0.096 0.092 0.106 0.174 0.073 0.060	6   0.089 0.145 0.150 0.190 0.240 0.099 0.090	7   0.157 0.200 0.215 0.239 0.261 0.165 0.119	8   0.162 0.223 0.238 0.293 0.265 0.174 0.125	9   0.219 0.247 0.202 0.241 0.243 0.159 0.115	10   0.250 0.316 0.134 0.212 0.207 0.176 0.121	11   0.189 0.340 0.188 0.146 0.176 0.134 0.121	12   0.340 0.153 0.274 0.240 0.100 0.132 0.147	13   0.440 0.299 0.116 0.334 0.112 0.050 0.191	14   0.269 0.384 0.387 0.320 0.052 0.081 0.194	3   0.036 0.013 0.006 0.004 0.018 0.010 0.003	4   0.238 0.149 0.097 0.076 0.199 0.116 0.168	5   0.721 0.428 0.388 0.360 0.656 0.419 0.475	6   0.548 0.650 0.632 0.647 0.907 0.572 0.720	7   0.966 0.894 0.903 0.816 0.986 0.951 0.949	8   1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000	9   1.353 1.107 0.852 0.820 0.918 0.909 0.914	10   1.544 1.417 0.564 0.724 0.782 1.015 0.966	11   1.167 1.521 0.789 0.498 0.665 0.772 0.967	12   2.099 0.683 1.154 0.885 0.378 0.757 1.169	13   2.712 1.339 0.489 1.137 0.422 0.286 1.523	14   1.660 1.719 1.628 1.089 0.195 0.466 1.551
HAND LINE	3   0.001 0.002 0.002 0.001 0.002 0.000 0.000	4   0.027 0.013 0.014 0.018 0.011 0.010 0.003	5   0.045 0.039 0.045 0.045 0.016 0.023 0.019	6   0.035 0.054 0.034 0.031 0.018 0.016 0.023	7   0.036 0.056 0.028 0.019 0.009 0.016 0.022	8   0.036 0.056 0.024 0.010 0.011 0.014 0.012	9   0.046 0.012 0.016 0.005 0.008 0.013 0.015	10   0.054 0.020 0.006 0.000 0.009 0.009 0.009	11   0.041 0.040 0.011 0.000 0.000 0.009 0.007	12   0.082 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.008	13   0.110 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	14   0.034 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	3   0.037 0.036 0.041 0.027 0.106 0.002 0.000	4   0.670 0.279 0.346 0.479 0.764 0.494 0.155	5   1.128 0.844 1.132 1.186 1.109 1.189 0.908	6   0.872 1.156 0.868 0.814 0.891 0.811 1.092	7   0.901 1.402 0.714 0.497 0.605 0.811 1.046	8   0.904 1.203 0.601 0.251 0.781 0.694 0.581	9   1.158 0.250 0.410 0.127 0.553 0.676 0.724	10   1.350 0.438 0.141 0.000 0.640 0.461 0.437	11   1.024 0.851 0.271 0.000 0.000 0.453 0.329	12   2.056 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.396	13   2.752 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	14   0.842 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000
OTTER TRAWL	3   0.004 0.000 0.002 0.002 0.000 0.000 0.000	4   0.054 0.006 0.013 0.019 0.000 0.002 0.001	5   0.101 0.048 0.075 0.062 0.004 0.014 0.009	6   0.087 0.173 0.138 0.104 0.024 0.035 0.014	7   0.059 0.169 0.149 0.315 0.023 0.060 0.032	8   0.054 0.188 0.179 0.185 0.050 0.051 0.040	9   0.046 0.065 0.154 0.094 0.025 0.041 0.052	10   0.054 0.092 0.045 0.003 0.018 0.033 0.043	11   0.026 0.095 0.005 0.004 0.021 0.045 0.055	12   0.023 0.024 0.015 0.009 0.027 0.009 0.008	13   0.022 0.092 0.012 0.028 0.016 0.019 0.016	14   0.057 0.048 0.043 0.019 0.052 0.027 0.039	3   0.072 0.000 0.011 0.007 0.002 0.000 0.002	4   0.954 0.032 0.080 0.076 0.011 0.039 0.016	5   1.788 0.261 0.457 0.247 0.111 0.244 0.205	6   1.547 0.943 0.842 0.416 0.646 0.640 0.297	7   1.047 0.920 0.907 1.258 0.630 1.086 0.694	8   0.953 1.080 1.093 0.742 1.370 0.914 1.306	9   0.820 0.353 0.938 0.377 0.673 0.750 1.133	10   0.956 0.506 0.273 0.012 0.438 0.592 0.941	11   0.453 0.517 0.033 0.017 0.543 0.809 1.202	12   0.416 0.131 0.073 0.036 0.725 0.170 0.176	13   0.390 0.501 0.071 0.111 0.434 0.180 0.345	14   1.193 0.261 0.262 0.075 1.404 0.488 0.843

Table 6. Average partial selection for each year based on partial fishing mortalities from cohort analyses with fully recruited fishing mortality of 0.15, 0.25, and 0.35 in 1983.

Age	Trap (1977-80)			Gill net (1978-81)			Line trawl (1977-80)			Hand line (1978-81)			Otter trawl (1978-81)		
	0.15	0.25	0.35	0.15	0.25	0.35	0.15	0.25	0.35	0.15	0.25	0.35	0.15	0.25	0.35
3	.03	.04	.04	0	0	0	.013	.013	.015	.04	.04	.05	.004	.005	.005
4	.73	.76	.78	.005	.005	.005	.13	.13	.14	.39	.42	.44	.04	.05	.05
5	1.00	1.00	1.00	.10	.10	.10	.46	.44	.47	1.00	1.00	1.00	.26	.26	.27
6	.41	.41	.41	.48	.45	.49	.62	.60	.62	.92	.89	.87	.72	.71	.71
7	.12	.11	.11	1.01	.95	1.01	.89	.86	.89	.80	.77	.75	.94	.93	.93
8	.06	.06	.05	1.03	.99	1.04	.100	1.00	1.00	.69	.67	.66	1.06	1.07	1.07
9	0	0	0	.99	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.10	1.03	.34	.34	.31	.58	.61	.59
10	0	0	0	.98	1.01	.96	1.14	1.15	1.06	.32	.33	.29	.34	.36	.31
11	0	0	0	1.16	1.24	1.03	1.14	1.18	.99	.31	.31	.26	.29	.31	.28
12	0	0	0	.82	.92	.61	1.37	1.32	1.21	0	0	0	.35	.49	.25
13	0	0	0	1.33	1.41	.98	1.60	1.53	1.42	0	0	0	.37	.38	.28
14	0	0	0	1.20	1.15	.95	1.77	1.67	1.52	0	0	0	.71	.83	.50

Table 7. Rounded average partial selections for each gear and the calculated partial selection for the fishery in 1983.

Trap	Gill net	Line trawl	Hand line	Otter trawl	1983
0.050	0.000	0.015	0.050	0.005	0.023
0.750	0.005	0.130	0.400	0.050	0.252
1.000	0.100	0.450	1.000	0.250	0.601
0.400	0.450	0.600	0.900	0.700	0.743
0.100	0.950	0.850	0.750	1.000	1.000
0.050	1.000	1.000	0.650	1.000	1.079
0.000	1.000	1.000	0.350	0.600	0.971
0.000	1.000	1.000	0.350	0.500	1.684
0.000	1.000	1.000	0.300	0.500	1.679
0.000	1.000	1.000	0.300	0.500	1.679
0.000	1.000	1.000	0.300	0.500	1.679

