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Results From Bottom Trawl Survey of Flemish Cap in July 1989

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A fishing survey of Flemish Cap was carried out in July 1989 on board the French R/V CRYOS to estimate cod stock abundance, redfish and American plaice. The survey was conducted in the same way as the 1988 one (Vazquez, 1989); like that it had a bottom trawl stratified random design following NAFO specifications (Doubleday, 1981). A total of 129 bottom trawls were made up to a depth of 720 meters (400 f.). A synoptic sheet of the survey with ship and gear characteristics is presented in Table 1.

Althought the research ship used was not the one of the 1988 survey, gear, fishing doars, warps and trawling speed remained the same. In such conditions the effect of using a different ship is reduced to a minimun. Both station election and course are chosen in a non personal proceedings.

RESULTS

A complete list of species occurrence in comparison with 1989's results is presented in Table 2.

Mean catch in half our tow of main species in the bank was:

	1988	1989	Kg
cod .....	46.74	146.04	"
American plaice .....	15.01	14.25	"
<u>Sebastes marinus</u> .....	19.28	33.25	"
<u>Sebastes spp</u> .....	188.22	161.15	"
Shrimp .....	2.5	2.71	"

Cod

Mean catch by strata and whole bank data and its standard error are presented in Table 3.

Cod stock biomass, estimated by sweep area method, was three times bigger than in 1988. This increase of biomass is not explained by individual growth in weight and recruitment. The abundances of year classes in the fishery were calculated as follow:

	year class	
	abundance in:	
	1988	1989
1988	-	2085
1987	-	1100
1986	-	8422
1985	-	4922
1984	-	1858
1983	-	127
1982	-	15
1981	-	12
1980	-	11
1979	-	1

(x 10E-4)

The higher abundance observed in 1989 was not due to a few tows exceptionally abundant. The increase observed in the size of the 1987 year class in the 1989 survey may be explained by the increasing retention of longer fish by the gear. Full recruitment to the survey gear seems to occur before age 2. For 1986 to 1983 year classes, the bulk of the population, abundances calculated in 1989 have approximately the double size than in 1988, if the reduction by natural and fishing mortality is considered. The catches by species (Table 2) remained fairly constant from 1988 to 1989, pointing out that changes in the efficiency of the gear can be considered negligible. Statistical variability is not also sufficient to explain the higher cod catch.

Cod stock biomass estimates compare with USSR's survey results were:

Year	EEC	USSR
1983		23,000
1984		31,100
1985		28,100
1986		26,100
1987		12,300
1988	37,127	7,700 (34,200)
1989	103,644	36,500 (78,300)

- 1) Biomass estimated from a bottom trawl survey
- 2) Biomass estimates from bottom trawl survey  
(Chumakov, A.K.- 1989. PINFO Investigations in NAFO Convention Area in 1988. NAFO SCS Doc. 89/08)
- 3) USSR's estimates of bottom trawlable plus pelagic biomass  
(Kuzmin, S.A.-1990. Stock assessment, age-length composition and maturity stages of the Flemish Cap cod. NAFO SCR Doc. 90/53)

The more feasible explanation for the increase in cod abundance from 1988 to 1989, is that individuals of the strongest year classes in this stock became more accessible to bottom trawl gear in the late year. This would correspond to a less pelagic dispersion.

Tables 4, 5 and 6 show length frequency, age length key and estimated age composition of the stock respectively.

#### American plaice

Mean catch by strata and whole bank data and its standard error are presented in Table 7.

Total biomass calculated by sweep area method was:

1988 - 11,868 t  
1989 - 10,533

The abundance of year classes in the stock was:

	abundance in:	
	1988.	1989
1987 -	454	
1986 -	2284	6847
1985 -	625	1500
1984 -	3034	3238
1983 -	1975	3006
1982 -	3020	2868
1981 -	4154	1691
1980 -	4258	587
1979 -	1492	261
1978 -	207	34
1977 -	109	14
1976 -	61	

(x 10E-3)

Full recruitment seems not to occur before age 6. Among the prerecruited year classes, the one of 1986 seems to be very abundant.

Tables 8, 9 and 10 show length frequency, age length key and estimated age composition of the population respectively.

#### Redfish

Redfish catches were split into Sebastodes marinus and Sebastodes spp. Scales and otoliths were used for age determination of both species. Mean catch by strata and whole bank data and its standard error are presented in Tables 11 and 15.

Sebastodes marinus is less abundant than the two other species together. Changes observed in stock biomass may partly arise from incorrect splitting of species in the beginning of 1988's survey.

Stock biomass estimated in:	1988	1989
<u>Sebastodes marinus</u>	15,289	22,958
<u>Sebastodes spp</u>	142,933	113,675
total .....	158,222	136,633 tons

These figures are well below of the respective absolute biomasses due to the pelagic behaviour of the redfish species.

Tables 12, 13 and 14 show length frequency, age length key and age composition of the population respectively for S. marinus, and tables 16, 17 and 18 for beaked redfish.

#### Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)

Mean catch by strata and whole bank estimates are presented in table 19. Table 20 shows the length composition of the population.

#### Shrimp (Pandalus borealis)

In Table 21 mean catch by strata and whole bank data are presented. Estimated length composition of the population is presented in Tables 22 and 23.

Pelagic hauls

Last three days of the survey were devoted to make pelagic trawl to identify organisms that are responsables for scattering layers in the echosounder, with special interest in identification of pelagic cod. The hauls were made in stations and depths with the most characteristic echo signals. Catches were from meduses, young Sebastes marinus, cod and mictophids. Meduses were present in all hauls.

The echo register of pelagic cod, once indentified, corresponded usually to quite large concentrations of fish.

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Table 1. Technical data of the survey.

Procedure	specification
Ship	B/O CRYOS
GT	800 t
power	2 x 690 HP
Trawling speed	3.5 - 4.0 knot
Trawling time	30 minutes
Trawl gear	type "Lofoten"
footrope / handrope	31.20 / 17.70 m
footgear	27 steel bobbins of 35 cm
vertical opening	3.20 m (according specifications)
warps	100 meters
trawl doors	polivalent, 850 Kg
wire length	2.5 times the depth
mesh size in codend	35 mm
Type of survey	stratified sampling
Station selection procedure	random
Criterion to change position of a selected tow:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- unsuitable bottom for trawling according to echosondeder register.</li><li>- information on from previous surveys.</li></ul>
Criterion to reject data from tow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- severe tears</li><li>- less than 20 minutes tow</li></ul>
Daily period for fishing	6.00 to 22.00 hours
Species for sampling	all fishes and shrimp
Species for age determination	cod, American plaice and redfish ( <u>Sebastes</u> spp and <u>S. marinus</u> )

Table 2. List of species caught in 1988 and 1989.

Family Species	1988's catch			1989's catch		
	tows	number	weight(gr)	tows	number	weight(gr)
<b>PISCIS</b>						
Squalidae						
Squalidae	2	2	3000			
<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	1	1	2450			
<i>Etmopterus princeps</i>	1	4	4700			
Rajidae						
<i>Raja</i> sp.	11	35	63700	6	8	30800
<i>Raja spinicauda</i>	25	30	265320	16	28	102700
<i>Raja radiata</i>	62	143	263590	46	94	165715
<i>Raja senta</i>	17	28	13860			
Nemichthyidae						
<i>Nemichthys scolopaceus</i>	1	1	15	1	1	200
Serrivomeridae						
<i>Serrivomer beani</i>	8	11	1760	13	15	2835
Synaphobranchidae						
<i>Synaphobranchus kaupi</i>	16	218	31510	13	117	13935
Notacanthidae						
<i>Notacanthus chemnitzi (nasus)-17</i>	95		66045	17	45	61950
Chauliodontidae						
<i>Chauliodus sloani</i>	11	99	3800	11	27	1450
Bathylagidae						
<i>Bathylagus euryops</i>	2	7	270			
Argentinidae						
<i>Argentina silus</i>	2	2	1040	1	0	300
Stomiidae						
<i>Stomias boa</i>				11	17	1015
Paralepididae						
<i>Paralepis brevis brevis</i>	11	88	5390			
<i>Notolepis rissoii</i>	1	2	30	20	45	2035
Alepisauridae						
<i>Alepisaurus brevirostris</i>				1	1	2400
Myctophidae						
<i>Myctophidae</i>	1	5	100	14	50	1200
<i>Notoscopelus sp.</i>	4	13	120			
<i>Benthosema glaciale</i>	2	20	100			
Gadidae						
<i>Gadus morhua</i>	86	20350	5647907	99	30829	16687575
<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	2	4	1150	5	6	4250
<i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>	2	2	404			
<i>Urophycis sp.</i>	3	2	1180			
<i>Urophycis chus</i>	29	187	32011			
<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>	12	29	34000	3	3	4650
<i>Urophycis cheasteri</i>	19	204	25705	42	178	23120
<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	4	4	631	5	5	1390
<i>Gaidropsarus ensis</i>	15	27	6850	10	18	1965
<i>Brosme brosme</i>	3	3	16440	1	1	6500
<i>Enchelyopus cimbrius</i>	4	4	430	3	3	300
Moridae						
<i>Antimora rostrata</i>	13	564	51070	16	558	43975

TABLE 2. (Cont'd)

<b>Macrouridae</b>						
<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>	50	1137	92291	9	160	14285
<i>Macrourus berglax</i>	39	613	316200	38	305	161615
<i>Nezumia bairdi</i>				44	840	48469
<i>Coelorhynchus carminatus</i>	3	24	961			
<i>Trachyrhynchus murrayi</i>	1	2	700			
<b>Escomberesocidae</b>						
<i>Scomberesox saurus</i>	2	2	360	1	1	70
<b>Chiasmodontidae</b>						
<i>Chiasmodon niger</i>	1	1	15			
<b>Anarhichadidae</b>						
<i>Anarhichas sp.</i>	1	16	15700			
<i>Anarhichas lupus</i>	81	1279	688390	87	1379	742685
<i>Anarhichas minor</i>	52	154	308105	61	151	221750
<i>Anarhichas denticulatus</i>	21	36	116390	20	30	205200
<b>Zoarcidae</b>						
<i>Lycodes sp.</i>	57	367	67226	11	61	11060
<i>Lycodes esmarki</i>				19	38	14425
<i>Lycodes reticulatus</i>	11	41	8861	53	900	145310
<b>Stichaeidae</b>						
<i>Lumpenus lumpretaeformis</i>				9	16	475
<b>Escrpaenidae</b>						
<i>Sebastes sp.</i>	82	87335	21054732	90	76906	18430160
<i>Sebastes marinus</i>	66	6690	2109025	53	11069	4052370
<b>Cottidae</b>						
<i>Triglops murrayi</i>	2	7	80	5	12	260
<i>Cottunculus microps</i>	9	12	1160	3	5	305
<i>Cottunculus thomsoni</i>				8	17	355
<b>Agonidae</b>						
<i>Aspidophoroides monopterigios</i>	6	9	96	5	18	120
<b>Cyclopteridae</b>						
<i>Cyclopterus lumpus</i>						
<b>Pleuronectidae</b>						
<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides-</i>	81	3165	1767930	81	3536	1691480
<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>	64	270	133690	38	99	53570
<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides-</i>	75	663	940011	76	595	687860
<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>	2	2	28000			

CEPHALOPODAE

<i>Rossia macrosoma</i>	2	2	100			
<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>	5	5	770	10	13	1280
<i>Bathyopypus arcticus</i>	5	7	1620			
<i>Histioteuthis reversa</i>	2	2	245			
<i>Chiroteuthys picteti</i>						
<i>Cirromorpha</i>	1	1	2100			
<i>Onychoteuthis bauksii</i>	1	1	20			

CRUSTACEAE

<i>Crustaceae se</i>				1	0	1100
<i>Pandalus borealis</i>	54	14119	298373	38	20059	314670

Table 3. Cod catches (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	25.00	25.22	12.94	12.92
2 -	838	10	161.45	177.73	84.00	93.00
3 -	628	7	222.86	93.55	111.59	46.04
4 -	348	4	184.62	191.52	94.91	104.92
5 -	703	7	206.36	219.86	103.81	99.03
6 -	496	6	187.75	235.41	93.35	118.21
7 -	822	9	263.56	225.60	132.95	107.95
8 -	646	7	339.93	302.42	173.49	152.34
9 -	314	3	226.67	200.32	114.26	100.82
10 -	951	12	70.62	58.93	35.13	30.39
11 -	806	8	227.25	114.22	111.85	62.67
12 -	670	8	50.44	79.91	25.13	40.59
13 -	249	3	142.83	246.96	69.41	120.00
14 -	602	6	25.22	29.13	10.82	14.17
15 -	666	6	166.17	234.75	86.39	128.18
16 -	634	7	1.41	3.40	0.70	1.67
17 -	216	2	0.34	0.48	0.16	0.23
18 -	210	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 -	414	5	3.14	6.64	1.66	3.52

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
general mean ( $\bar{Y}$ )	146.04	73.65
standard error of $\bar{Y}$	15.62	7.89

Table 4. Cod length frequency by strata (x 10E-4).

Table 5. Cod age length key.

length	age														no	n.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+	id	tot
0- 2																		
3- 5																		
6- 8																		
9-11	2																	2
12-14	80	6															6	92
15-17	209	21															14	244
18-20	51	35	1														12	99
21-23	1	43	15														9	68
24-26	1	36	116	1													23	177
27-29		12	221	3	1												28	265
30-32		2	183	6	1												44	236
33-35			177	13													41	231
36-38			215	57	2												57	331
39-41			168	141													81	390
42-44	1	83	233	16													68	401
45-47		21	226	32													109	388
48-50		4	173	112	2												103	394
51-53		1	120	149	4												99	373
54-56			57	151	5												57	270
57-59			14	104	16												31	165
60-62			31	15													9	55
63-65			13	6	1													20
66-68			3	11	1												1	16
69-71			3	15	2												4	24
72-74				8	6													14
75-77				8	3	1											2	14
78-80				2	2	2												6
81-83					1													1
84-86					3	1												4
87-89						5											1	6
90-92							3	1										4
93-95							3	1										4
96-98							3										1	4
99- 1																	1	1
102- 4																		
105- 7																		
108-10																	1	1
111-13																		
114-16														1				
total:	344	1561	2051	1044	618	92	19	18	2	1							8024301	

Table 6. Age composition of cod catches by strata ( $\times 10E-4$ ).

stratum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	total	mean weight
age																				
1 :	12	168	309	66	920	401	32	1	3	111	59				1	2		2085	34	
2 :	10	114	127	21	474	226	17	4	4	57	45				1	1		1100	103	
3 :	97	1244	929	524	2508	856	390	669	162	287	549	42	102	8	53	1	1	8422	340	
4 :	25	390	438	229	319	212	667	918	302	179	599	145	155	36	301	3	4	4922	839	
5 :	5	81	110	39	56	65	356	302	140	90	250	55	43	26	234	2	4	1858	1294	
6 :		7	12	1	4	6	26	11	7	11	19	3	1	2	16		1	127	2187	
7 :		4	2		1	1	2		2					1			15	4248		
8 :		5				1	4	1						1			12	6979		
9 :		9																1	7539	
10 :																		1	14979	
11 :																		0	0	
12 :																		0	0	
13 :																		0	0	
14 :																		0	0	
15 :																		0	0	
16+ :																		0	0	

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5 -	703	7	44.18	53.04	24.74	29.93
6 -	496	6	25.83	12.21	12.81	6.11
7 -	822	9	7.09	4.16	3.63	2.08
8 -	646	7	2.57	4.68	1.43	2.71
9 -	314	3	5.92	5.22	2.92	2.49
10 -	951	12	17.76	21.73	8.81	11.04
11 -	806	8	16.16	14.43	8.15	7.68
12 -	670	8	0.34	0.97	0.16	0.44
13 -	249	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14 -	602	6	0.15	0.36	0.08	0.20
15 -	666	6	1.57	1.69	0.84	0.95
16 -	634	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17 -	216	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18 -	210	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 -	414	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
general mean (Y)			14.25		7.48	
standard error of Y			1.95		1.09	

Table 8. American plaice length frequency by strata ( $\times 10E-3$ ).

length (cm)	stratum															total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15		
10-11	29									5						34
12-13	6									5						11
14-15	6					5										11
16-17	34	30	6		5					10						85
18-19	104	54		43	32	6		7	15	7						268
20-21	6	328	238	28	101	87	49	32		83	33					987
22-23	24	674	424	80	452	295	123	32	21	88	111					2324
24-25	12	723	538	126	380	333	172	57		88	176					2621
26-27	18	257	226	80	184	169	73	19	7	10	268					1313
28-29	18	111	72	11	14	38	25	6		15	98					409
30-31	53	172	36		93	43	12	26	7	26	46					522
32-33	118	267	72	6	129	44	18			125	40					818
34-35	236	540	72	17	219	54	43	12	28	349	85					1655
36-37	413	548	84	6	386	153	80		7	422	190	6				2330
38-39	278	498	66	12	314	120	56	6	28	239	131					1753
40-41	147	234	72	23	311	98	37	6	49	214	105					1318
42-43	54	242	54	58	295	65	55	13	35	145	118					1148
44-45	42	192	84	81	360	153	68	19	14	192	190	6				1406
46-47	12	243	90	29	184	76	31	31	14	47	72					836
48-49	6	129	42	34	84	55	18	6		10	7					391
50-51	16	12	11	70	5	12	6			13						147
52-53	44	24	6	24	16					10	7					132
54-55		6	6	16						5	7					40
56-57		6			8											14
58-59																6

Table 9. American plaice age length keys.

MALE

length	age							no	n.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
0-1									
2-3									
4-5									
6-7									
8-9									
10-11									
12-13									
14-15									
16-17	2								2
18-19	4	4							8
20-21	2	19							23
22-23	1	67	2						73
24-25		75	6	1					90
26-27		30	11						45
28-29		6	6	4					16
30-31	1	10	11						24
32-33		8	21	2					37
34-35		7	25	15	7				58
36-37		3	24	29	15	4			77
38-39		1	5	26	10	1			47
40-41			1	7	9	1			22
42-43				3	2	2			8
44-45					2	2			5
46-47					2				2
total:	9	202	54	92	82	47	10	3	38 537

FEMALE

length	age							no	n.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
0-1									
2-3									
4-5									
6-7									
8-9									
10-11									
12-13									
14-15									
16-17	2								2
18-19	8	1							9
20-21	4	14							18
22-23	1	46	1						48
24-25		57	2						61
26-27		28	8						42
28-29		10	5	1					17
30-31	1	2	2						6
32-33		2	4						6
34-35		5	20	5	1				32
36-37		2	19	10	1				33
38-39		1	13	18	3	2			38
40-41			9	13	19	8			52
42-43				14	26	20	4		67
44-45					6	58	37		109
46-47						21	31	14	69
48-49						2	10	12	28
50-51							2		4
52-53							2	3	6
54-55							2	1	3
56-57								1	1
total:	15	157	28	68	66	131	108	39	26 651

Table 10. American plaice age composition by strata ( $\times 10E-3$ )

age	stratum															mean weight
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	total	
1 :																0
2 :	2	163	115	12	52	40	11	6	7	36	10				454	74
3 :	64	1899	1341	282	1040	833	397	132	26	258	562				6847	144
4 :	124	422	171	39	220	131	60	24	10	129	164				1500	314
5 :	435	955	185	29	556	205	87	22	33	496	213	2			3238	485
6 :	450	751	119	35	534	185	102	11	50	499	240	2			3006	624
7 :	263	585	152	93	620	215	114	30	52	429	281	1	3	30	2868	823
8 :	74	360	120	74	400	151	72	29	30	196	167		2	16	1691	969
9 :	6	149	60	35	153	59	27	14	5	34	42			3	587	1236
10 :	12	59	27	17	75	19	9	4	4	13	.22				261	1411
11 :	7	6	3	9	3					3	3				34	1765
12 :		6			8										14	2125
13 :																
14 :																
15 :																
16+:																

Table 11. Redfish (Sebastes marinus) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	41.00	27.47	21.29	14.26
2 -	838	10	1.18	2.31	0.61	1.17
3 -	628	7	35.51	57.96	17.22	27.44
4 -	348	4	0.47	0.59	0.25	0.31
5 -	703	7	25.11	35.35	12.57	16.82
6 -	496	6	18.47	19.69	9.17	9.86
7 -	822	9	12.34	12.59	6.41	6.28
8 -	646	7	1.96	3.16	1.05	1.69
9 -	314	3	2.10	2.67	1.08	1.39
10 -	951	12	203.32	673.06	97.45	322.40
11 -	806	8	100.64	185.01	50.99	96.00
12 -	670	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13 -	249	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14 -	602	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 -	666	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16 -	634	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17 -	216	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18 -	210	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 -	414	5	0.40	0.89	0.19	0.43

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
general mean (Y)	33.25	16.32
standard error of Y	18.29	8.82

Table 12. Redfish (Sebastes marinus) length frequency by strata.

(x 10E-3)

length (cm)	stratum												total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	19	
6-	6												6
7-		6	6			5							17
8-	12	29	24		7	5							78
9-	6	17	30		14	27							110
10-	6	52	36		63	38	25						328
11-	36	63	19		133	16	68						366
12-	6	75	66		266	76	86						830
13-	18	69	54		357	44	178						1241
14-	18	69	127		491	76	258		7	518	906		2469
15-	30	29	121		547	49	209						2820
16-	54	12	36		315	49	98						4098
17-	66	28	79		238	55	80						1906
18-	30	29	48		189	60	18						441
19-	102	29	42		217	60	18						636
20-	138	40	42		210	110	30						945
21-	166	17	54		154	49	49	19					624
22-	198	28	84	9	175	71	43		14	168	224		1014
23-	228	17	108		126	77	43	6	7	471	46		1131
24-	347	17	72		161	72	56						1201
25-	304	22	102		112	105	55	19	28	1303	218		2270
26-	305	23	108		91	67	86		14	1926	143		2763
27-	281		96		168	94	80		14	1357	414		2505
28-	246	11	97		133	151	105	19	7	1814	800		3384
29-	150		93		105	66	62	45	7	2764	245		3536
30-	166	6	86	9	112	39	43		7	1936	627		3032
31-	54		88		21	44	86						3330
32-	113	141	9		56	22	68		7	3378	952		4748
33-	42	137			63	17	92						4230
34-	24	161			42	22	98	19					2951
35-	18	174			21	5	49	6	7	1281	352		1913
36-	18	156			14	6	37						1737
37-	42	161			42	5	37						1030
38-	18	6	143		14	11	24	12	7	418	584		1238
39-	6		96		28		25						911
40-			104		35	10	30						431
41-			84		7		18						311
42-	24	19			56	24							414
43-	18	45			35	25							460
44-	12	12			84	6							213
45-	6		7		49	6							159
46-			25		56								275
47-			7		49	6							376
48-	6				7								58
49-					7							6	13
50-													
51-						7	6						13
52-								6					6
53-						7							7
54-								6					6

Table 13. Redfish (*Sebastos marinus*) age length keys.

MALE

length	age														no id	n. tot	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+	
10-10																	
11-11																	
12-12																	
13-13																	
14-14																	
15-15																	
16-16																	1
17-17																	1
18-18																	2
19-19																	4
20-20																	9
21-21																	8
22-22																	6
23-23																	11
24-24																	9
25-25																	10
26-26																	11
27-27																	11
28-28																	16
29-29																	17
30-30																	5
31-31																	6
32-32																	12
33-33																	14
34-34																	7
35-35																	10
36-36																	10
37-37																	8
38-38																	9
39-39																	5
40-40																	2
41-41																	5
42-42																	6
43-43																	4
44-44																	10
45-45																	9
46-46																	5
47-47																	4
48-48																	1
49-49																	1
total:	2	11	12	8	9	10	6	7	11	8	4	8	14	142	252		

TABLE 13. (cont'd)

## FEMALE

length	age												no id	n. tot		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+
10-10																
11-11																
12-12																
13-13																
14-14																
15-15																
16-16	1	1												1	3	
17-17	1													4	5	
18-18														1	1	
19-19			1											2	3	
20-20		1	2											4	7	
21-21	3		4												7	
22-22		1	1	1	1									6	10	
23-23						1								5	6	
24-24			3	1	1									4	9	
25-25			2	3										6	11	
26-26			2											5	7	
27-27			1	2							1			11	15	
28-28						1								9	10	
29-29		1			2		2							8	13	
30-30				1	4			1						5	11	
31-31				2	1	1								5	9	
32-32					5	1	1							2	9	
33-33				1	1		1							2	5	
34-34						1		2	1					2	6	
35-35						2	1							4	7	
36-36							2	1				1		8	12	
37-37							1			1				1	4	6
38-38								1	1				3	1	6	
39-39									1				1	3	5	
40-40										1			1	4	2	7
41-41													2	2	4	
42-42													3	3	6	
43-43													2	2	4	
44-44														2	2	
45-45													2	3	5	
46-46													3	1	4	
47-47													1	4	5	
48-48													3	2	5	
49-49													2		2	
50-50													4		4	
51-51													1	1	2	
total:	2	5	4	8	8	8	6	12	7	8	6	3	32	124	233	

Table 14. Redfish (Sebastes marinus) age composition (x 10E-3).

age	stratum													mean weight
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	19	total	
1 :														0
2 :														0
3 :														0
4 :	67	43	89		310	83	61		10	837	116		1616	93
5 :	313	55	133	2	434	187	92	9	10	654	180		2069	131
6 :	443	59	144	3	372	151	86	11	19	758	249		2295	200
7 :	344	36	131	4	194	122	75	13	22	1090	296		2327	245
8 :	537	17	212	2	296	200	167	20	25	3027	853		5356	332
9 :	587	33	250		253	168	172	20	22	3119	678		5302	343
10 :	160	2	158	8	87	43	87	17	6	3639	927		5134	492
11 :	259		147	2	167	112	148	23	12	4992	1145		7007	465
12 :	157	2	390	6	123	55	158	9	6	4777	1362		7045	565
13 :	71	2	370		86	28	118	9	2	2833	1167		4686	662
14 :	49	4	157		33	29	66	6	7	1502	566		2419	608
15 :	26	3	160		54	10	52	9	5	844	458		1621	798
16+:	62		261		308	20	94			1183	710	6	2644	1181

Table 15. Redfish (Sebastes spp.) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	catch per tow		catch per mile towed	
			mean	s.deviat.	mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 -	838	10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 -	628	7	66.86	162.48	32.36	78.20
4 -	348	4	5.83	8.81	3.08	4.75
5 -	703	7	1.80	2.91	1.01	1.66
6 -	496	6	36.67	80.57	16.91	36.76
7 -	822	9	231.05	293.03	110.87	138.38
8 -	646	7	345.93	586.96	174.86	295.30
9 -	314	3	118.67	9.29	59.61	6.85
10 -	951	12	196.03	198.85	101.43	107.03
11 -	806	8	508.31	459.50	245.20	209.20
12 -	670	8	224.50	134.97	113.90	62.26
13 -	249	3	467.00	225.10	246.39	133.30
14 -	602	6	139.25	97.88	67.68	54.39
15 -	666	6	152.67	86.28	77.72	47.69
16 -	634	7	109.17	100.44	60.07	55.44
17 -	216	2	170.59	239.59	92.93	130.64
18 -	210	2	28.50	10.61	14.85	6.14
19 -	414	5	63.90	43.49	33.53	23.08

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
general mean (Y)	161.15	80.79
standard error of Y	22.03	10.79

Table 16. Redfish (Sebastes spp) length frequency by strata (x 10E-4).

length (cm)	stratum																		total
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
6-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	5	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	
7-	1	1	24	12	2	7	4	1	3	21	4	8	27	12	12	12	7	49	
8-	1	1	24	12	2	7	3	21	9	19	48	12	12	48	40	1	80		
9-	3	1	5	5	4	9	35	102	9	19	116	13	13	40	48	7	262		
10-	2	1	5	5	4	9	35	102	13	104	116	21	21	23	40	12	698		
11-	1	1	5	5	9	11	142	227	13	134	121	21	21	23	48	13	821		
12-	4	4	5	9	11	13	134	280	29	134	154	52	181	96	3	1	1928		
13-	3	12	15	16	24	173	940	85	184	154	52	444	310	1	1	1	3963		
14-	5	15	16	16	16	351	1661	163	694	243	48	303	517	2	2	2	3508		
15-	4	16	16	12	16	307	674	195	1059	395	33	133	133	1	1	1	1175		
16-	1	6	4	14	14	307	51	133	54	588	145	3	58	133	1	1	1	209	
17-	10	10	4	12	31	7	74	38	3	38	3	3	38	3	3	3	1	1	
18-	2	1	1	1	4	12	3	24	6	39	102	6	10	29	2	5	1	133	
19-	2	1	1	1	3	16	2	6	34	9	83	75	2	24	54	1	1	203	
20-	5	1	1	1	3	62	62	37	243	178	19	19	12	196	20	20	1	312	
21-	1	1	1	1	2	4	94	64	37	243	178	19	10	29	2	2	2	727	
22-	3	3	2	2	3	194	87	89	278	431	53	8	112	112	1	1	1	1459	
23-	2	2	2	2	3	194	87	89	278	431	53	8	112	112	1	1	1	133	
24-	5	3	4	1	325	216	150	530	762	122	12	266	358	1	1	1	1	2762	
25-	3	2	3	6	562	332	209	838	1088	302	24	472	595	8	5	5	5	4448	
26-	12	7	2	20	695	544	184	1020	1416	419	115	505	628	4	3	2	18	5592	
27-	31	4	33	597	754	138	822	1262	445	148	268	346	3	3	1	1	1	4863	
28-	60	1	4	60	513	660	80	427	793	168	159	94	187	10	11	4	4	3235	
29-	95	2	1	31	187	571	44	190	381	105	151	32	63	14	6	1	1	1875	
30-	146	2	23	125	269	26	53	274	86	98	15	22	27	25	2	2	14	1211	
31-	77	1	22	97	176	6	25	307	77	53	25	33	40	20	1	1	12	972	
32-	77	2	36	141	134	10	32	311	144	105	7	34	62	16	4	4	24	1138	
33-	43	1	19	111	101	3	24	236	123	80	15	27	59	18	6	23	23	889	
34-	30	1	19	128	116	5	9	185	110	91	21	18	80	33	5	5	28	878	
35-	20	3	10	87	100	4	11	222	121	128	10	19	96	48	9	30	917	30	
36-	17	1	8	49	43	19	141	141	141	141	9	18	110	58	6	37	789	1138	
37-	10	1	1	4	22	2	1	84	97	113	7	102	68	8	35	593	1	1	
38-	7	1	2	14	12	2	1	27	60	90	3	6	88	56	4	4	26	396	
39-	3	1	2	18	24	1	16	39	106	4	11	63	53	7	13	7	360	1	
40-	1	1	1	3	20	6	24	34	59	1	1	42	43	3	16	3	253	1	
41-	1	1	1	4	4	3	15	26	1	1	15	23	3	8	1	1	2	103	
42-	42-	43-	44-	45-	46-	47-	48-	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table 17. Redfish (*Sabastes* spp) age length keys.

MALE

length	1	2	3	4	5	6	age	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+	no id	n. tot
10-10																		1	1
11-11																			
12-12																			
13-13																			
14-14																			
15-15																			
16-16																			
17-17																			
18-18		1	1				1												3
19-19							2												2
20-20																			
21-21		1	1																1
22-22		1					1												6
23-23		2	3	5	1														19
24-24			4	13	6	4	4	2		1		1							30
25-25			1	18	13	3	1	2		1									76
26-26				10	17	9	3	5											109
27-27		1	4	19	8	12	3							1					91
28-28			3	6	5	5	6	2		1		1							49
29-29				4	3	5	4		6										33
30-30				1	2	6	5	1	3		2								32
31-31					1	4	9	5	3	3	1								41
32-32						3	5	6	7	4		1							45
33-33							1	2	7	4	6	3							46
34-34							2	2	3	7	2	3		1	16				36
35-35								2	3	7	5	3	3	3	16				39
36-36							1		1	5	2	8	5	5	17				40
37-37								2	1	1	4	4	3	8	15				38
38-38										2		2	7	7	17				28
39-39										1	2	1	6	6	7				17
40-40													1	4	2				7
41-41													2	2					4
42-42															1				1
43-43																1			1
44-44														1					1
45-45																			
46-46														1					
47-47																			
48-48																			
49-49																	1		1
total:				1	5	12	54	68	36	48	49	37	45	30	25	38	414	862	

TABLE 17. (Cont'd)

**FEMALE**

length	age														no id	n. tot		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+		
10-10																		
11-11																		
12-12																		
13-13																		
14-14																		
15-15																		
16-16																		
17-17																		
18-18							2										2	
19-19							1										1	
20-20							2										2	
21-21							2										6 8	
22-22							4	3	1								5 13	
23-23							3	4	1	1							16 25	
24-24							5	5	1		1						23 35	
25-25							1	10	6	8	2	2					47 77	
26-26							2	11	9	6	6	3	1				60 98	
27-27							1	9	12	11	2	1	2	1			43 83	
28-28							1	3	1	6	9	5	1	1			30 57	
29-29								2	6	5	3	4					8 28	
30-30									1	5	5	3	1				5 20	
31-31									1	1	2		3				5 12	
32-32										4	4	7	8				10 34	
33-33										1	2	2	5	2			6 18	
34-34										1	3	11	5	4	3	2	12 41	
35-35											2		6	2	4	2	17 33	
36-36													2	6	6	4	21 39	
37-37													4	4	2	3	4 22 39	
38-38													1	2	2	1	8 17 31	
39-39													1				5 13 28	
40-40													1	2	4	3	8 8 16	
41-41													1		1	8	10 21	
42-42																	2 2	
43-43																	2 3 5	
44-44																	1 1	
45-45																	1 1	
total:							3	21	42	35	41	37	32	38	40	24	23	45 389 770

Table 18. Redfish (*Sebastodes spp.*) age composition ( $\times 10^6$ ).

Table 19. Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area squa. miles	tow number	mean mctch per tow	s.deviat.	catch per mile towed mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 -	838	10	0.05	0.17	0.02	0.08
3 -	628	7	0.74	0.87	0.37	0.42
4 -	348	4	0.80	1.60	0.43	0.86
5 -	703	7	1.89	2.75	1.02	1.55
6 -	496	6	0.53	0.83	0.27	0.41
7 -	822	9	1.18	1.20	0.57	0.56
8 -	646	7	4.95	3.04	2.54	1.54
9 -	314	3	7.62	6.95	3.86	3.50
10 -	951	12	1.27	1.22	0.64	0.62
11 -	806	8	1.15	1.11	0.56	0.54
12 -	670	8	13.31	9.59	7.13	5.26
13 -	249	3	6.97	2.45	3.66	1.51
14 -	602	6	7.20	7.67	3.60	4.13
15 -	666	6	3.55	3.62	1.87	2.06
16 -	634	7	27.93	6.33	15.88	4.96
17 -	216	2	7.50	10.61	4.09	5.78
18 -	210	2	3.25	4.60	1.73	2.45
19 -	414	5	32.20	16.66	16.65	8.08

	catch per tow	catch per mile towed
general mean (Y)	5.85	3.12
standard error of Y	0.50	0.27

Table 20. Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) length frequency in the bank (x 10E-3).

Sex	I	M	H	length		
				24	6	
length				25		
24 -				25	54	138
25 -				25	55	94
26 -				26	56	6
27 -	6			26	57	161
28 -		7	5	27	58	74
29 -		6	6	28	59	88
30 -	6		13	29	12	33
31 -				30	60	60
32 -				31	61	34
33 -				32	62	19
34 -		12	12	33	63	12
35 -		12	14	34	64	13
36 -			19	35	65	13
37 -		12	7	36	66	12
38 -		12	26	37	67	6
39 -		24	44	38	68	12
40 -	6	12	21	39	69	6
41 -		36	47	40	70	
42 -	6	7	72	41	71	
43 -		47	113	42	72	
44 -	5	83	77	43	73	
45 -	11	55	88	44	74	
46 -		49	92	45	75	
47 -		43	104	46	76	
48 -	11	42	164	47	77	
49 -	11	57	210	48	78	
50 -	7	70	216	49	79	
51 -	5	55	214	50	80	
52 -	17	45	137	51	81	
53 -		39	162	52	82	
				53	83	6

Table 21. Shrimp catch (Kg) by strata.

stratum	area	tow number	mctch per tow		catch per	
	squa. miles		mean	s.deviat.	mile towed mean	s.deviat.
1 -	342	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 -	838	10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 -	628	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 -	348	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 -	703	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 -	496	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 -	822	9	0.37	0.70	0.19	0.35
8 -	646	7	1.24	3.29	0.59	1.56
9 -	314	3	2.25	1.10	1.12	0.52
10 -	951	12	0.70	0.98	0.34	0.47
11 -	806	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12 -	670	8	12.27	12.35	6.51	6.59
13 -	249	3	3.33	5.77	1.73	3.00
14 -	602	6	6.76	6.99	2.72	3.04
15 -	666	6	7.32	4.25	3.70	2.28
16 -	634	7	5.07	5.29	2.77	3.10
17 -	216	2	0.63	0.88	0.34	0.48
18 -	210	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 -	414	5	11.60	14.72	5.99	7.81
general mean (Y)			2.71		1.37	
standard error of Y			0.46		0.24	

Table 22. Shrimp length frequency by strata (x 10E-4).

length (cm)	7	9	10	12	13	stratum 14	15	16	19	total
14.0-	3									3
14.5-	3		2							5
15.0-	3									3
15.5-										
16.0-	3		2							5
16.5-	3									3
17.0-	6	6	4			12				12
17.5-	3	6	4							25
18.0-	6	5	10	8	6	19	37	4		97
18.5-	6	9	31				12			59
19.0-	9	23	67	8	6	61	110			292
19.5-	9	39	73	8		55	184			378
20.0-	32	41	119	8		115	391		3	731
20.5-	9	66	67	39	6	148	464	17		842
21.0-	23	48	65	16	17	162	354	4		711
21.5-	12	27	29	16	6	112	160	4	3	380
22.0-	6	9	8	81		41	50	13	19	233
22.5-	3	8	2	96	11	6	200	28	123	493
23.0-	11	9	10	278	11	26	126	21	145	658
23.5-	14	10	8	162	6	94	200	88	215	822
24.0-	11	23	31	268	23	157	237	79	325	1192
24.5-	23	31	44	182	12	233	86	38	149	822
25.0-	26	35	28	208	29	128	136	26	48	684
25.5-	20	38	28	99	6	124	50	69	53	501
26.0-	9	49	19	65	6	65	38	37	79	377
26.5-	6	41	19	47	17	78	86	60	45	411
27.0-	6	26	10	224	46	28	161	72	155	751
27.5-	9	29	4	346	52	51	175	109	187	993
28.0-	3	24	5	270	29	155	186	206	187	1099
28.5-	15	5	583	34	123	125	197	214		1339
29.0-	3	8	559	52	113	123	247	236		1385
29.5-	3	12	6	284	63	88	174	212	239	1116
30.0-	2	4	211	17	84	111	84	233		770
30.5-	3		57	29	54	12	97	69		333
31.0-	2	2	31	6	84	25	116	19		294
31.5-			8	23	97	24	63	157		384
32.0-				11	47	36	47	50		198
32.5-				42	6	29	12	38		130
33.0-				34	6	33	47	53		178
33.5-					6	11	13	3		34
34.0-				34			12	4		52
34.5-						3				3

Table 23. Shrimp length frequency by sex (x 10E-4).

Sex	I	M	F
length			
14.0 -		3	
14.5 -		5	
15.0 -		3	
15.5 -			
16.0 -		5	
16.5 -		3	
17.0 -		12	
17.5 -		25	
18.0 -		97	
18.5 -		59	
19.0 -	6	286	
19.5 -	6	372	
20.0 -	3	722	6
20.5 -	15	822	5
21.0 -	6	696	9
21.5 -	3	361	16
22.0 -		221	12
22.5 -		424	69
23.0 -	6	615	37
23.5 -		781	41
24.0 -	11	1058	123
24.5 -		481	341
25.0 -	2	419	263
25.5 -		201	300
26.0 -	6	84	287
26.5 -	6	97	308
27.0 -	13	78	660
27.5 -	3	93	897
28.0 -	17	58	1024
28.5 -	15	12	1312
29.0 -	6	6	1373
29.5 -	11		1105
30.0 -	6		764
30.5 -			333
31.0 -			294
31.5 -			384
32.0 -			198
32.5 -			130
33.0 -			178
33.5 -			34
34.0 -			52
34.5 -			3