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An Extended Survivors Analysis (XSA) of the Greenland Halibut in NAFO Divisions 0+1

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Abstract

An assessment of the Greenland halibut in NAFO Divisions 0+1 was carried out using Extended Survivors Analysis (XSA). Although the assessment results are considered to be provisional due to problems with the catch at age data, the assessment is considered to reflect the dynamics of the stock. The results indicate that the stock increased during 1987-1990 and has since remained stable. The rate of exploitation has been increasing in recent years after a period of relatively stability.

Methods

The Extended Survivors Analysis (XSA, Shepherd, 1999; Darby and Flatman, 1994) stock assessment model was fitted to the stock data for the Greenland halibut in Div. 0+1. The model was calibrated with trawl survey data for the years 1997-2002 at ages 5-15. Catchability was assumed to be constant in time at all ages and constant with age after age 10. Shrinkage to the mean fishing mortality was applied over the final three years and oldest two ages using a c.v. of 1.0. The minimum permitted value for the survey catchability standard error at each age was set to 0.3.

Results

The assessment data, fitted model diagnostics and estimated population abundance and exploitation rates are presented in Tables 1- 8.

The log catchability residuals of the model fit to the survey data show that there is good agreement between the estimated population numbers and the survey data at the majority of ages. There are no trends or patterns indicating departures from the model assumptions.

Figure 1 illustrates average fishing mortality for ages 7-13, Fig. 2 the estimated biomass series and Fig. 3 recruitment. Retrospective analysis was carried out and the time series of estimates for assessments terminating in 2001 and 2000 are also plotted. The retrospective series indicate good agreement between years in the assessment results with no systematic bias.

Fishing mortality is estimated to have increased in proportion to the levels of catches. Spawning stock and total biomass are estimated to have increased throughout the period for which assessment data is available.

Discussion

There are concerns with regard to the availability of the length distributions and the frequent inconsistencies between years and between SA1 and SA0 in the age-length-keys used to derive the catch-at-age data for this stock. Therefore the assessment results are considered to be representative of the overall trends in the stock and exploitation dynamics.

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Table 1. The proportion of fishing and natural mortality prior to spawning and the maturity at age ogive used in the assessment of Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Proportion of F before spawning | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proportion of M before spawning | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural mortality | 0.2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proportion mature at age | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | +gp |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |

Table 2. The catch per unit effort at age data, for the years 1997 – 2002, used in the assessment of Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

| Survey | 1997 | 2002 | 0.5 | 0.6 | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 9961295 | 15370847 | 13558728 | 5436358 | 1200931 | 948950 | 584382.0 | 466433 | 187646 | 96503 | 262704 | 187646 |
| | 1 | 14760362 | 19057854 | 14083592 | 5766084 | 1515966 | 1211419 | 764751.0 | 527881 | 351921 | 155657 | 236870 | 115051 |
| | 1 | 11291344 | 15893794 | 19759852 | 4786548 | 859124 | 920490 | 613660.0 | 675026 | 429562 | 429562 | 184098 | 61366 |
| | 1 | 15090231 | 16838191 | 14711646 | 5026106 | 3214208 | 1040152 | 717770.0 | 350292 | 318336 | 122157 | 230208 | 128241 |
| | 1 | 20601616 | 26595603 | 17922784 | 4674899 | 2550178 | 780082 | 705656.0 | 369836 | 345397 | 195607 | 225277 | 91540 |
| | 1 | 11779876 | 26697300 | 18561065 | 6201987 | 1857799 | 1340261 | 905723.0 | 166242 | 257412 | 143024 | 263139 | 178780 |

Tables 3 and 4. The catch numbers, catch and stock weights at age used in the assessment of Greenland halibut in NAAFO Div. 0 and 1.

| Catch numbers at age (thousands) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| YEAR | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 53 | 241 | 254 | 152 | 151 | 41 | 71 | 262 | 415 | 69 | 570 |
| 6 | 31 | 29 | 36 | 87 | 318 | 678 | 651 | 862 | 552 | 530 | 311 | 372 | 1092 | 1106 | 987 | 1975 |
| 7 | 182 | 190 | 244 | 592 | 1742 | 2967 | 2242 | 2472 | 1628 | 1818 | 1556 | 677 | 1759 | 1677 | 3212 | 4252 |
| 8 | 296 | 354 | 409 | 1711 | 2679 | 4311 | 2356 | 1692 | 940 | 1575 | 2110 | 1187 | 1174 | 1144 | 1802 | 1791 |
| 9 | 193 | 245 | 212 | 1356 | 1418 | 2604 | 1048 | 954 | 558 | 660 | 1042 | 900 | 672 | 772 | 1154 | 617 |
| 10 | 77 | 115 | 75 | 711 | 533 | 951 | 590 | 294 | 259 | 306 | 438 | 572 | 375 | 501 | 776 | 476 |
| 11 | 40 | 80 | 47 | 359 | 221 | 398 | 224 | 183 | 228 | 160 | 232 | 422 | 234 | 443 | 503 | 347 |
| 12 | 18 | 61 | 48 | 195 | 144 | 231 | 130 | 160 | 188 | 127 | 118 | 205 | 184 | 291 | 273 | 149 |
| 13 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 189 | 108 | 158 | 72 | 125 | 104 | 64 | 96 | 153 | 172 | 178 | 101 | 209 |
| 14 | 9 | 46 | 42 | 115 | 60 | 85 | 59 | 58 | 80 | 57 | 21 | 98 | 95 | 68 | 50 | 75 |
| 15 | 6 | 35 | 26 | 67 | 36 | 45 | 37 | 55 | 85 | 39 | 13 | 19 | 61 | 75 | 21 | 168 |
| +gp | 9 | 20 | 13 | 20 | 8 | 24 | 32 | 51 | 69 | 71 | 12 | 4 | 62 | 27 | 18 | 146 |
| TOTALNUM | 873 | 1234 | 1197 | 5406 | 7287 | 12505 | 7682 | 7160 | 4843 | 5558 | 5990 | 4680 | 6142 | 6697 | 8966 | 10775 |
| TONSLAND | 1295 | 2605 | 2207 | 10540 | 10982 | 18070 | 11423 | 10144 | 8270 | 8982 | 9101 | 8693 | 9691 | 10689 | 13184 | 15136 |
| SOPCOF % | 101 | 100 | 101 | 104 | 103 | 100 | 99 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

| Catch and stock weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0.289 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.338 | 0.33 | 0.58 | 0.43 | 0.49 | 0.52 | 0.36 | 0.5 | 0.54 | 0.53 | 0.48 | 0.48 |
| 6 | 0.508 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.538 | 0.56 | 0.72 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.69 | 0.55 | 0.74 | 0.7 | 0.72 | 0.67 | 0.7 |
| 7 | 0.739 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.79 | 0.794 | 0.8 | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.86 | 1 | 0.98 | 1 | 0.91 | 0.96 |
| 8 | 1.078 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 1.1 | 1.124 | 1.13 | 1.26 | 1.26 | 1.34 | 1.38 | 1.27 | 1.24 | 1.28 | 1.29 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 9 | 1.41 | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.52 | 1.57 | 1.59 | 1.8 | 1.72 | 1.81 | 1.91 | 1.83 | 1.54 | 1.66 | 1.71 | 1.76 | 1.85 |
| 10 | 1.965 | 2.05 | 2 | 2.11 | 2.27 | 2.28 | 2.43 | 2.19 | 2.37 | 2.48 | 2.38 | 2.22 | 2.25 | 2.26 | 2.29 | 2.2 |
| 11 | 2.582 | 2.8 | 2.68 | 2.94 | 3.22 | 3.02 | 3.25 | 2.73 | 2.89 | 3.18 | 3.01 | 3.08 | 2.74 | 2.84 | 2.91 | 2.82 |
| 12 | 3.522 | 3.88 | 3.73 | 3.9 | 4.24 | 4.02 | 4.1 | 3.43 | 3.62 | 4.04 | 3.84 | 3.84 | 3.68 | 3.59 | 3.51 | 3.32 |
| 13 | 4.643 | 5.01 | 4.87 | 4.96 | 5.5 | 5.33 | 5.26 | 4.48 | 4.44 | 5.05 | 4.93 | 4.74 | 4.73 | 4.23 | 4.31 | 3.93 |
| 14 | 5.789 | 6.16 | 6.2 | 6.26 | 6.82 | 6.76 | 6.17 | 5.75 | 5.61 | 5.95 | 5.69 | 6.04 | 5.58 | 5.19 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| 15 | 6.605 | 7.44 | 7.65 | 7.96 | 8.33 | 7.76 | 7.42 | 6.58 | 6.65 | 7.34 | 6.79 | 6.6 | 6.68 | 5.85 | 6.09 | 5.383 |
| +gp | 9.4286 | 9.1987 | 9.3903 | 10.2023 | 9.8263 | 8.7338 | 8.3281 | 8.2841 | 8.8694 | 9.5011 | 8.0256 | 13.3927 | 8.5144 | 7.883 | 8.2867 | 8.5962 |
| SOPCOFAC | 1.0093 | 1.0017 | 1.0061 | 1.0363 | 1.0251 | 1.0007 | 0.9852 | 1.0107 | 0.9988 | 0.999 | 1.002 | 0.9992 | 1.0002 | 1.0007 | 1.0001 | 1.0025 |

Table 5a. The specification for the model structure of the XSA fitted to the data for the Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

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Extended Survivors Analysis

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CPUE data from file tun.dat

Catch data for 16 years. 1987 to 2002. Ages 5 to 16.

| Fleet | First year | Last year | First age | Last age | Alpha | Beta |
|--------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|------|
| Survey | 1997 | 2002 | 5 | 15 | 0.5 | 0.6 |

Time series weights :

Tapered time weighting not applied

Catchability analysis :

Catchability independent of stock size for all ages

Catchability independent of age for ages ≥ 10

Terminal population estimation :

Survivor estimates shrunk towards the mean F
of the final 3 years or the 2 oldest ages.

S.E. of the mean to which the estimates are shrunk = 1.000

Minimum standard error for population
estimates derived from each fleet = .300

Prior weighting not applied

Tuning converged after 96 iterations

Regression weights

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Table 5b. Fishing mortality and population numbers at age estimated by fitting XSA to the data for Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

| Fishing mortalities | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Age | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| 5 | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.013 | 0.017 | 0.002 | 0.029 |
| 6 | 0.027 | 0.027 | 0.082 | 0.071 | 0.052 | 0.084 |
| 7 | 0.213 | 0.075 | 0.169 | 0.175 | 0.304 | 0.328 |
| 8 | 0.342 | 0.25 | 0.181 | 0.158 | 0.289 | 0.277 |
| 9 | 0.277 | 0.239 | 0.219 | 0.174 | 0.236 | 0.151 |
| 10 | 0.153 | 0.241 | 0.148 | 0.252 | 0.266 | 0.144 |
| 11 | 0.14 | 0.216 | 0.147 | 0.261 | 0.432 | 0.182 |
| 12 | 0.084 | 0.176 | 0.137 | 0.274 | 0.255 | 0.218 |
| 13 | 0.16 | 0.149 | 0.22 | 0.191 | 0.144 | 0.316 |
| 14 | 0.071 | 0.244 | 0.13 | 0.127 | 0.075 | 0.151 |
| 15 | 0.036 | 0.085 | 0.236 | 0.144 | 0.052 | 0.385 |

| 1 XSA population numbers (Thousands) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| YEAR | AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 1997 | 1.92E+04 | 1.29E+04 | 8.96E+03 | 8.05E+03 | 4.75E+03 | 3.42E+03 | 1.97E+03 | 1.62E+03 | 7.18E+02 | 3.37E+02 | 4.08E+02 |
| 1998 | 1.88E+04 | 1.57E+04 | 1.03E+04 | 5.93E+03 | 4.68E+03 | 2.95E+03 | 2.40E+03 | 1.40E+03 | 1.22E+03 | 5.01E+02 | 2.57E+02 |
| 1999 | 2.20E+04 | 1.53E+04 | 1.25E+04 | 7.82E+03 | 3.78E+03 | 3.02E+03 | 1.90E+03 | 1.58E+03 | 9.61E+02 | 8.62E+02 | 3.21E+02 |
| 2000 | 2.69E+04 | 1.78E+04 | 1.15E+04 | 8.67E+03 | 5.34E+03 | 2.49E+03 | 2.13E+03 | 1.34E+03 | 1.13E+03 | 6.32E+02 | 6.20E+02 |
| 2001 | 3.30E+04 | 2.16E+04 | 1.35E+04 | 7.93E+03 | 6.06E+03 | 3.67E+03 | 1.58E+03 | 1.34E+03 | 8.35E+02 | 7.65E+02 | 4.56E+02 |
| 2002 | 2.24E+04 | 2.70E+04 | 1.68E+04 | 8.17E+03 | 4.87E+03 | 3.92E+03 | 2.31E+03 | 8.42E+02 | 8.52E+02 | 5.92E+02 | 5.81E+02 |

| Estimated population abundance at 1st Jan 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 0.00E+00 | 1.78E+04 | 2.03E+04 | 9.91E+03 | 5.07E+03 | 3.43E+03 | 2.78E+03 | 1.57E+03 | 5.55E+02 | 5.09E+02 | 4.17E+02 |

| Taper weighted geometric mean of the VPA populations: | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 1.95E+04 | 1.52E+04 | 1.12E+04 | 7.35E+03 | 4.46E+03 | 2.72E+03 | 1.73E+03 | 1.13E+03 | 7.77E+02 | 5.27E+02 | 3.64E+02 |

| Standard error of the weighted Log(VPA populations) : | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| | 0.2071 | 0.2367 | 0.2135 | 0.2071 | 0.1995 | 0.2368 | 0.2471 | 0.2774 | 0.2857 | 0.288 | 0.311 |

Table 5c. The log catchability residuals, estimates of average log catchability and catchability regression diagnostics from an XSA model fitted to the data for Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

Log catchability residuals.

Fleet : Survey

| Age | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5 | -0.12 | 0.3 | -0.12 | -0.03 | 0.07 | -0.09 |
| 6 | 0.07 | 0.08 | -0.04 | -0.14 | 0.11 | -0.09 |
| 7 | 0.11 | -0.06 | 0.13 | -0.08 | 0.03 | -0.14 |
| 8 | 0.04 | 0.35 | -0.15 | -0.22 | -0.13 | 0.12 |
| 9 | -0.29 | -0.06 | -0.43 | 0.52 | 0.2 | 0.05 |
| 10 | -0.17 | 0.27 | -0.07 | 0.3 | -0.37 | 0.04 |
| 11 | -0.11 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.09 | 0.46 | 0.2 |
| 12 | -0.17 | 0.15 | 0.25 | -0.16 | -0.12 | -0.47 |
| 13 | -0.22 | -0.13 | 0.35 | -0.13 | 0.23 | 0.01 |
| 14 | -0.18 | 0 | 0.41 | -0.54 | -0.29 | -0.31 |
| 15 | 0.61 | 1 | 0.6 | 0.12 | 0.36 | 0.45 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mean Log q | 6.4816 | 7.1405 | 7.4344 | 6.7781 | 6.083 | 5.9859 | 5.9859 |
| S.E(Log q) | 0.1622 | 0.1018 | 0.1096 | 0.2117 | 0.3421 | 0.2595 | 0.2324 |

| Age | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mean Log q | 5.9859 | 5.9859 | 5.9859 | 5.9859 |
| S.E(Log q) | 0.2748 | 0.2264 | 0.3659 | 0.6442 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|--------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 5 | 1.05 | -0.137 | -7.38 | 0.61 | 6 | 0.19 | 6.48 |
| 6 | 1.13 | -0.605 | -9.26 | 0.85 | 6 | 0.12 | 7.14 |
| 7 | 1.32 | -1.09 | -12.74 | 0.75 | 6 | 0.14 | 7.43 |
| 8 | -3.42 | -2.793 | 62.68 | 0.09 | 6 | 0.47 | 6.78 |
| 9 | 0.37 | 2.505 | 3.11 | 0.8 | 6 | 0.09 | 6.08 |
| 10 | -14.18 | -1.879 | 207.38 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 5.99 |
| 11 | 3.26 | -1.213 | -37.12 | 0.07 | 6 | 0.63 | 6.09 |
| 12 | 0.55 | 2.276 | -0.01 | 0.86 | 6 | 0.1 | 5.9 |
| 13 | 1.1 | -0.165 | -7.32 | 0.39 | 6 | 0.28 | 6 |
| 14 | 0.8 | 0.536 | -3.37 | 0.64 | 6 | 0.28 | 5.83 |
| 15 | 4.55 | -4.132 | -51.07 | 0.25 | 6 | 0.65 | 6.51 |

Table 5d. The estimates of estimated survivors in 2003 and the breakdown of the contribution from the fleet and shrinkage constraint for the Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

Terminal year survivor and F summaries :

Age 5 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1997

| Fleet | I : | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|--------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Survey | 16276 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.915 | 0.031 |
| F shrinkage mean | 46828 | 1 | | | | 0.085 | 0.011 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------------|-------|
| 17801 | 0.29 | 0.31 | 2 | 1.071 | 0.029 |

Age 6 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1996

| Fleet | I : | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|--------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Survey | 20083 | 0.212 | 0.076 | 0.36 | 2 | 0.953 | 0.085 |
| F shrinkage mean | 25166 | 1 | | | | 0.047 | 0.069 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------------|-------|
| 20296 | 0.21 | 0.06 | 3 | 0.303 | 0.084 |

Age 7 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1995

| Fleet | I : | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|--------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Survey | 9712 | 0.173 | 0.073 | 0.42 | 3 | 0.958 | 0.334 |
| F shrinkage mean | 15878 | 1 | | | | 0.042 | 0.217 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------------|-------|
| 9913 | 0.17 | 0.08 | 4 | 0.479 | 0.328 |

Age 8 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1994

| Fleet | I : | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|--------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Survey | 5011 | 0.152 | 0.063 | 0.41 | 4 | 0.963 | 0.28 |
| F shrinkage mean | 6923 | 1 | | | | 0.037 | 0.21 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------------|-------|
| 5071 | 0.15 | 0.06 | 5 | 0.408 | 0.277 |

Table 5e. The estimates of estimated survivors in 2003 and the breakdown of the contribution from the fleet and shrinkage constraint for the Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

Age 9 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1993

| Fleet | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F | |
|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| Survey | 3466 | 0.142 | 0.074 | 0.52 | 5 | 0.968 | 0.149 |
| F shrinkage mean | 2382 | 1 | | | | 0.032 | 0.211 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------|--------------|-------|-------|
| | 3425 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 6 | 0.509 | 0.151 |

Age 10 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1992

| Fleet | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F | |
|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| Survey | 2813 | 0.13 | 0.062 | 0.48 | 6 | 0.974 | 0.142 |
| F shrinkage mean | 1726 | 1 | | | | 0.026 | 0.223 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------|--------------|-------|-------|
| | 2777 | 0.13 | 0.06 | 7 | 0.503 | 0.144 |

Age 11 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1991

| Fleet | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F | |
|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| Survey | 1597 | 0.131 | 0.122 | 0.93 | 6 | 0.972 | 0.179 |
| F shrinkage mean | 966 | 1 | | | | 0.028 | 0.282 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------|--------------|-------|-------|
| | 1574 | 0.13 | 0.12 | 7 | 0.882 | 0.182 |

Age 12 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1990

| Fleet | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F | |
|------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| Survey | 555 | 0.14 | 0.182 | 1.3 | 6 | 0.964 | 0.217 |
| F shrinkage mean | 539 | 1 | | | | 0.036 | 0.223 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------|--------------|-------|-------|
| | 555 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 7 | 1.167 | 0.218 |

Table 5f . The estimates of estimated survivors in 2003 and the breakdown of the contribution from the fleet and shrinkage constraint for the Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

Age 13 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1989

| Fleet | | Int | Ext | Var | N | Scaled | Estimated |
|------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|---|---------|-----------|
| | | s.e | s.e | Ratio | | Weights | F |
| Survey | 498 | 0.135 | 0.032 | 0.24 | | 0.965 | 0.322 |
| F shrinkage mean | 926 | 1 | | | | 0.035 | 0.186 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors | Int | Ext | N | Var | F | |
|----------------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| at end of year | s.e | s.e | | Ratio | | |
| | 509 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 7 | 0.409 | 0.316 |

Age 14 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1988

| Fleet | | Int | Ext | Var | N | Scaled | Estimated |
|------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|---|---------|-----------|
| | | s.e | s.e | Ratio | | Weights | F |
| Survey | 413 | 0.138 | 0.1 | 0.73 | | 0.97 | 0.152 |
| F shrinkage mean | 579 | 1 | | | | 0.03 | 0.111 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors | Int | Ext | N | Var | F | |
|----------------|-----|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| at end of year | s.e | s.e | | Ratio | | |
| | 417 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 7 | 0.68 | 0.151 |

Age 15 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1987

| Fleet | | Int | Ext | Var | N | Scaled | Estimated |
|------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|---|---------|-----------|
| | | s.e | s.e | Ratio | | Weights | F |
| Survey | 316 | 0.142 | 0.098 | 0.69 | | 0.96 | 0.393 |
| F shrinkage mean | 575 | 1 | | | | 0.04 | 0.235 |

Table 6. The XSA estimated fishing mortality at age for Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

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| Table 8 Fishing mortality (F) at age | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| YEAR | | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0002 | 0.0013 | 0.0033 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | 0.0035 | 0.0025 | 0.0026 | 0.0059 | 0.0213 | 0.0559 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7 | 0.0288 | 0.0269 | 0.026 | 0.0543 | 0.1552 | 0.2817 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 8 | 0.0781 | 0.0719 | 0.0745 | 0.2552 | 0.3691 | 0.7085 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9 | 0.0786 | 0.0857 | 0.056 | 0.3757 | 0.3485 | 0.7551 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 10 | 0.0549 | 0.0614 | 0.034 | 0.2694 | 0.2471 | 0.4179 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11 | 0.0436 | 0.0743 | 0.0321 | 0.2262 | 0.1248 | 0.2952 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12 | 0.0314 | 0.0866 | 0.0582 | 0.1808 | 0.1328 | 0.186 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 13 | 0.023 | 0.1343 | 0.0831 | 0.3399 | 0.1439 | 0.2112 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 14 | 0.0268 | 0.1404 | 0.136 | 0.3236 | 0.1707 | 0.1611 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 15 | 0.025 | 0.1379 | 0.1099 | 0.3338 | 0.158 | 0.187 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | +gp | 0.025 | 0.1379 | 0.1099 | 0.3338 | 0.158 | 0.187 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | FBAR 7-13 | 0.0484 | 0.0773 | 0.052 | 0.2431 | 0.2174 | 0.4079 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | FBAR 00-02 |
| | 5 | 0.015 | 0.0151 | 0.0119 | 0.0105 | 0.0024 | 0.0042 | 0.0133 | 0.0172 | 0.0023 | 0.0286 | 0.016 | | | | | | |
| | 6 | 0.0507 | 0.0684 | 0.0413 | 0.0521 | 0.027 | 0.0265 | 0.0821 | 0.0713 | 0.0518 | 0.0844 | 0.0692 | | | | | | |
| | 7 | 0.2641 | 0.2763 | 0.1783 | 0.186 | 0.213 | 0.0754 | 0.1686 | 0.175 | 0.3043 | 0.328 | 0.2691 | | | | | | |
| | 8 | 0.3791 | 0.3265 | 0.1599 | 0.2622 | 0.3423 | 0.2499 | 0.1814 | 0.1577 | 0.289 | 0.2773 | 0.2413 | | | | | | |
| | 9 | 0.3654 | 0.2588 | 0.1691 | 0.161 | 0.2774 | 0.2391 | 0.2186 | 0.174 | 0.2363 | 0.151 | 0.1871 | | | | | | |
| | 10 | 0.3742 | 0.1639 | 0.1031 | 0.1317 | 0.1527 | 0.2413 | 0.1479 | 0.2516 | 0.2658 | 0.1442 | 0.2205 | | | | | | |
| | 11 | 0.1616 | 0.1886 | 0.1847 | 0.0855 | 0.1396 | 0.2159 | 0.1466 | 0.2613 | 0.4321 | 0.1818 | 0.2917 | | | | | | |
| | 12 | 0.1473 | 0.1661 | 0.3018 | 0.1485 | 0.0838 | 0.1764 | 0.1373 | 0.2742 | 0.2545 | 0.2176 | 0.2488 | | | | | | |
| | 13 | 0.081 | 0.2063 | 0.1549 | 0.1584 | 0.16 | 0.149 | 0.2203 | 0.1911 | 0.1436 | 0.3161 | 0.2169 | | | | | | |
| | 14 | 0.1134 | 0.0867 | 0.1974 | 0.1189 | 0.0713 | 0.2438 | 0.1299 | 0.1267 | 0.075 | 0.1508 | 0.1175 | | | | | | |
| | 15 | 0.0976 | 0.1471 | 0.1769 | 0.1392 | 0.0358 | 0.0851 | 0.2355 | 0.1436 | 0.0523 | 0.385 | 0.1936 | | | | | | |
| | +gp | 0.0976 | 0.1471 | 0.1769 | 0.1392 | 0.0358 | 0.0851 | 0.2355 | 0.1436 | 0.0523 | 0.385 | | | | | | | |
| | FBAR 7-13 | 0.2533 | 0.2266 | 0.1788 | 0.1619 | 0.1955 | 0.1924 | 0.1744 | 0.2121 | 0.2751 | 0.2309 | | | | | | | |

Table 7. The XSA estimated population numbers at age for Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

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Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| Table 10 | Stock number at age (start of year) | | | | | | Numbers*10**-3 | | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|------------|--|
| YEAR | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | | | | | | | | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 15741 | 18504 | 20093 | 20362 | 16865 | 17820 | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 9684 | 12886 | 15149 | 16450 | 16667 | 13790 | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 7092 | 7901 | 10524 | 12370 | 13389 | 13358 | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 4352 | 5642 | 6297 | 8395 | 9592 | 9386 | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 2820 | 3295 | 4299 | 4785 | 5325 | 5429 | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 1593 | 2134 | 2476 | 3328 | 2691 | 3077 | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 1037 | 1235 | 1644 | 1959 | 2081 | 1721 | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 643 | 813 | 938 | 1303 | 1279 | 1504 | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 485 | 510 | 610 | 725 | 890 | 917 | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 377 | 388 | 365 | 460 | 423 | 631 | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 269 | 300 | 276 | 261 | 272 | 292 | | | | | | | | |
| +gp | 403 | 171 | 139 | 78 | 61 | 155 | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 44495 | 53778 | 62809 | 70476 | 69536 | 68081 | | | | | | | | |
| YEAR | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | GMST 87-00 | AMST 87-00 | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 17864 | 18683 | 14258 | 15955 | 19240 | 18775 | 21970 | 26863 | 33019 | 22372 | 0 | 18569 | 18785 | |
| 6 | 14542 | 14408 | 15066 | 11536 | 12926 | 15715 | 15307 | 17750 | 21618 | 26972 | 17801 | 14259 | 14420 | |
| 7 | 10677 | 11317 | 11016 | 11836 | 8965 | 10301 | 12530 | 11544 | 13532 | 16806 | 20296 | 10748 | 10916 | |
| 8 | 8252 | 6713 | 7029 | 7546 | 8045 | 5932 | 7822 | 8667 | 7934 | 8173 | 9913 | 7251 | 7405 | |
| 9 | 3784 | 4624 | 3965 | 4904 | 4753 | 4678 | 3783 | 5341 | 6061 | 4866 | 5071 | 4341 | 4413 | |
| 10 | 2089 | 2150 | 2923 | 2741 | 3418 | 2949 | 3015 | 2489 | 3675 | 3918 | 3425 | 2596 | 2648 | |
| 11 | 1659 | 1176 | 1494 | 2159 | 1967 | 2402 | 1897 | 2129 | 1584 | 2306 | 2777 | 1706 | 1754 | |
| 12 | 1049 | 1155 | 798 | 1017 | 1623 | 1401 | 1585 | 1341 | 1343 | 842 | 1574 | 1134 | 1175 | |
| 13 | 1022 | 741 | 801 | 483 | 718 | 1222 | 961 | 1131 | 835 | 852 | 555 | 768 | 801 | |
| 14 | 608 | 772 | 494 | 562 | 337 | 501 | 862 | 632 | 765 | 592 | 509 | 509 | 529 | |
| 15 | 440 | 444 | 579 | 332 | 408 | 257 | 321 | 620 | 456 | 581 | 417 | 347 | 362 | |
| +gp | 379 | 410 | 468 | 602 | 379 | 55 | 325 | 222 | 389 | 501 | 603 | | | |
| TOTAL | 62364 | 62593 | 58890 | 59671 | 62780 | 64188 | 70377 | 78730 | 91211 | 88781 | 62941 | | | |

Table 8. The time series of management indices derived from an XSA model fitted to catch data for the Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0 and 1.

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Table 16 Summary (without SOP correction)

Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| | RECRUITS | TOTALBIO | TOTSPBIO | LANDINGS | YIELD/SSB | FBAR 7-13 |
|--------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Age 5 | | | | | |
| 1987 | 15741 | 41457 | 18080 | 1295 | 0.0716 | 0.0484 |
| 1988 | 18504 | 48295 | 19738 | 2605 | 0.132 | 0.0773 |
| 1989 | 20093 | 55751 | 21506 | 2207 | 0.1026 | 0.052 |
| 1990 | 20362 | 69090 | 27207 | 10540 | 0.3874 | 0.2431 |
| 1991 | 16865 | 73321 | 28881 | 10982 | 0.3803 | 0.2174 |
| 1992 | 17820 | 74563 | 31035 | 18070 | 0.5823 | 0.4079 |
| 1993 | 17864 | 78607 | 30318 | 11423 | 0.3768 | 0.2533 |
| 1994 | 18683 | 69640 | 25964 | 10144 | 0.3907 | 0.2266 |
| 1995 | 14258 | 72344 | 28464 | 8270 | 0.2905 | 0.1788 |
| 1996 | 15955 | 78865 | 31703 | 8982 | 0.2833 | 0.1619 |
| 1997 | 19240 | 72224 | 31563 | 9101 | 0.2883 | 0.1955 |
| 1998 | 18775 | 76456 | 30579 | 8693 | 0.2843 | 0.1924 |
| 1999 | 21970 | 83230 | 32081 | 9691 | 0.3021 | 0.1744 |
| 2000 | 26863 | 88802 | 29926 | 10689 | 0.3572 | 0.2121 |
| 2001 | 33019 | 95250 | 31621 | 13184 | 0.4169 | 0.2751 |
| 2002 | 22372 | 97160 | 31781 | 15136 | 0.4763 | 0.2309 |
| Arith. | | | | | | |
| Mean | 19899 | 73441 | 28153 | 9438 | 0.3202 | 0.1967 |
| Units | (Thousands) | (Tonnes) | (Tonnes) | (Tonnes) | | |

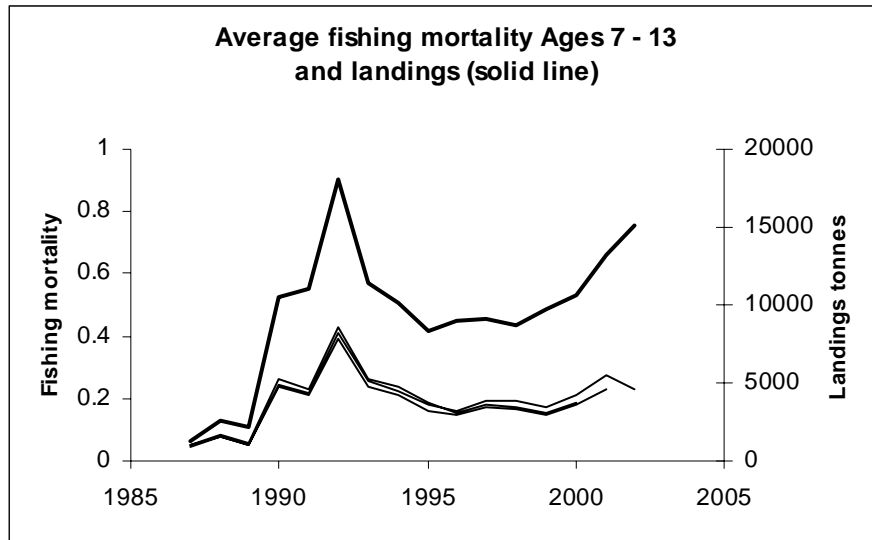


Fig. 1. The landings and estimated fishing mortality for Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0-1. Fishing mortalities estimated from retrospective assessments for 2001 and 2000 are also plotted.

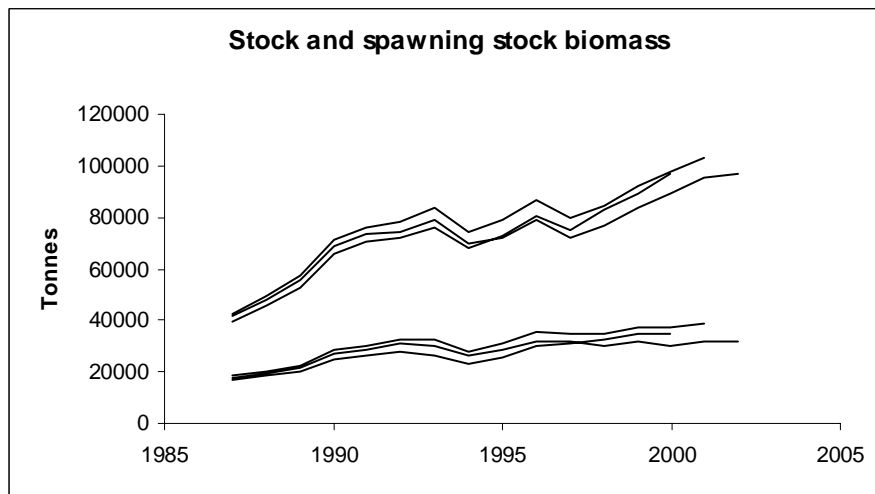


Fig. 2. The estimated stock and spawning stock biomass for Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0-1. The estimates derived from retrospective assessments for 2001 and 2000 are also plotted.

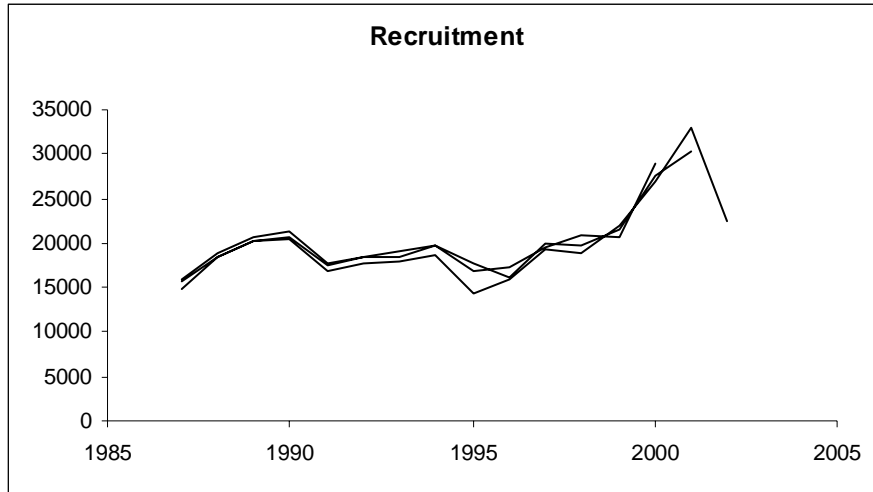


Fig. 3. The estimated recruitment for Greenland halibut in NAFO Div. 0-1. The estimates derived from retrospective assessments for 2001 and 2000 are also plotted.