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SUBAREAS 1+2**A. Status of the fisheries***Greenland halibut*

The directed trawl fishing for Greenland halibut took place in July-November. In accordance with quota allocation to two areas, the fishery off the West Greenland was executed to the north (Div. 1A) and to the south (Divs. 1CD) of 68° N.

In the area north of 68° N, four trawlers (STM and SRTMK type) carried out fishery during 75 fishing days. The fishery covered a relatively small area between 68°49'N - 70°08' N and 58°53'W - 60°56'W at the depth of 750-1300 meters. According to the preliminary data, about 575 t of Greenland halibut was caught. The catch rate varied from month to month between 5.1 t and 12.2 t and on the average amounted to 7.7 tons.

In the area south of 68° N one STM trawler and four SRTMK trawlers performed fishing operations during 81 fishing days. The fishery took place from July to December between 63°26'N- 64°30'N and 55°32'W- 57°57'W on 900 - 1500 m depth. Daily fishing efficiency varied in relation to the vessel type from 5.5 t to 16.8 t during fishing months and on the average amounted to 8.1 tons. According to the preliminary data the catch of Greenland halibut was estimated at 689 t, the by-catch included Atlantic halibut, Northern wolffish, roughhead and roundnose grenadiers.

On the whole 1264 t of Greenland halibut were caught in the area off the West Greenland by Russian fleet (Table 1).

Pelagic deep- water redfish

Russian pelagic fishing of deep- water redfish in Divs. 1F, 2HJ was executed at 210- 320 m in July- August. Participating were vessels of STM, RTMS, BMRTPT, and BMRTIB type.

In July the catch rate ranged between 12.5 to 18.0 t per a fishing day.

In August the fishery was unstable, the mean daily catch did not exceed 10.0 tons. At the turn of the month Russian fishery of the deep- water redfish was completed.

According to the preliminary data the catch of the pelagic redfish in Divs. 1F, 2HJ was 3992 tons.

Other fish species

There was no directed fishery of other fish species. The by-catch of grenadier, skate and other fish species amounted to about 1 %.

B. Special research studies

In July 2007 the Russian RV "Smolensk" took part in the International trawl/acoustic survey on redfish in the Irminger Sea and adjacent waters (the Labrador Sea).

Trawl-acoustic estimation of the redfish stocks was made in accordance with recommendations of the Study Group on Redfish Stocks that was held in Murmansk in January 2007.

The acoustic survey was conducted with the use of the 38 kHz Simrad EK500 echo sounder. The echo integration was made down to 900 m depth.

The midwater trawl (design 78,7/416) with a vertical opening of 50-55 m and a horizontal opening of 50 m and 110-120 m (between the doors) was used. The trawl parameters were determined from the screen of the Wesmar's trawl sonar. The towing speed was 3.2-4.0 knots.

In the layer shallower than DSL 6 midwater hauls were made in the depth range 210-275 m. The catches of redfish varied from 7 to 63 kg and on average amounted to 38 kg per 1 hour trawling. In the layer deeper than the DSL 15 midwater hauls were performed between 300 and 900 m depth. The redfish catches ranged from 0 to 11 kg and averaged 3.0 kg per hour trawling.

During the survey the biomass of redfish in the area studied was estimated at 159.4 tons and the abundance at 291.2 million fish.

Biological data on Greenland halibut in Div. 1AD and pelagic deep-water redfish in Divs. 1F, 2HJ were collected by scientists from PINRO staying aboard Russian research vessels as NAFO observers.

Greenland halibut

In Div. 1A the halibut length in catches ranged from 30 to 84 cm, fish as long as 46-48 cm prevailed. The average length of males was 49.0 cm, of females 52.6 cm (Table 2). Sex ratio was equal.

In Div. 1D the Greenland halibut 28-100 cm in length was recorded, fish as long as 50-52 cm were prevailed. The mean length of males was 50.5 cm, of females 59.2 cm (Table 2). Sex ratio was approximately 1,9:1.

Most studied fish in Div. 1AD were sexually mature by early October, about 12% of fish were prespawning and spawning.

16 items were recorded in halibut diet. Main food items were squid, shrimp and roughhead grenadier. Feeding was weak. The mean index of stomach fullness equaled to 0.5.

In Div. 1AD the age of halibut varied from 3 to 15 years, predominating were fish aged 6-7 (Table 3).

Deep-water redfish

In Div. 1F the length of deep-water redfish in catches ranged from 23 to 46 cm, the mean length was 34.8 cm (Table 4). Fish 35-36 cm in length made up the bulk of catches. Males - females ratio was 1,2: 1.

In Div. 2J deep-water redfish 23-45 cm in length was recorded, the mean length was 35,4 cm. Fish 35-36 cm in length made up the bulk of catches. Males- females ratio was 1,7: 1.

SUBAREA 3

A. Status of the fisheries

Greenland halibut

Directed fishing on the Greenland halibut was conducted by 4 trawlers during the year. The most important fishing area was the North- Eastern slope of the Grand bank and adjacent area of the Flemish Cap bank (Divs. 3LMN) between 42- 48°N and 44°- 49° W at 750- 1350 m depth.

Catch rates varied from 4,0 to 17.9 t and averaged 7.8 t per fishing day. The by-catch in these divisions was large enough and averaged 18%, including 10% of grenadiers, 5% of spotted wolffish, 1% of redfishes, 1% of skates and 1% of other fish species (Atlantic halibut, witch flounder, American plaice, cod, sharks).

According to the preliminary data, the catch totaled 1507 tons.

Redfish

In June one SRTMK-vessel (M- 1007) conducted directed fishery on redfish on the Flemish Cap between 46°30'N- 47°07'N and 45°32'W- 45°52 W on 250- 450 m depth. Fishing conditions were favorable, catch rates amounted to 16,9 t/day. In July this vessel fished redfish in the area between 46°48'- 46°55'N and 45°35'- 45°45 W at the depth of 250- 275 m with the fishing efficiency of 12.4 t.

In August 2 SRTMK vessels (M-1007 and M- 1008) operated between 44°38'- 47°10' N and 44°00'- 46°01'W at 240- 450 m. The catch rate was higher than in June/July and equaled 18,1 t.

According to the preliminary data, Russian redfish catch on the Flemish Cap bank totaled 780 tons.

In Div. 3O in 2007 Russian vessels operated occasionally. In May one SRTMK vessel was fishing in the area between 42°56'- 43°21'N and 51°06'- 51°38'W at the depth of 300- 450 m during 4 fishing days. The mean daily fishing efficiency was 14,0 t. In June two SRTMK vessels carried out fishery for redfish between 43°05'- 43°22'N and 51°03'- 51°31W at 110- 370 m during 2 fishing days. The fishing efficiency was equal to 6,4 t.

According to the preliminary data Russian redfish catch in Div. 3O amounted to 54 tons.

Thorny skate

In 2007 1-2 vessels of SRTMK type participated in the Russian directed trawl fishery on skates in May-June and in August-October on the southern Grand Bank (Divs. 3NO). Vessels operated between 43°12'- 44°20'N, 49°36'- 51°11'W between 40 and 170 m. The highest fishing efficiency was recorded in May-June. In this period the daily catch varied from 6,2 to 20,6 t, and on average amounted 14,6 t. In August- October the catch rate declined to 8,9 tons per fishing day.

According to the preliminary data, the Russian catch of skates in Divs. 3NO made 713 tons.

Other fish species

There was no directed fishery for other fish species. The by-catch of other fish species in the directed fisheries ranged from 1 to 10%.

B. Special research studies

Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)

There were no special surveys to assess the stock of Greenland halibut. Aboard fishing vessels biological data was collected by observers.

In Div. 3L Greenland halibut 24- 92 cm in length occurred with the average length of 47.4 cm. Fish as long as 44-47 cm predominated (Table 5).

The length of fishes in Div. 3M varied from 24 to 86 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by individuals 44-47 cm in length, which is similar to Div. 3L.

The halibut length Div. 3N varied from 28 to 100 cm, the mean length was 48.4 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by fish 46- 49 cm in length.

As a whole, in Divs. 3LMNO Greenland halibut 28-100cm in length occurred with the mean length of 47.6 cm. The age of fish determined by scale varied from 3 to 19 years (Table 6). Specimens aged 6-7 made up the bulk of catches (59.9%).

Roughhead grenadier (Macrourus berglax)

The total length of roughhead grenadier in catches in Div. 3L ranged from 27 to 99 cm, the mean length was 51,6 cm (Table 7). Fish 45-47cm in length made up the bulk of catches.

In Div.3M the fish length distribution varied from 30 to 90cm, the mean length was 50,2 cm; the modal length was 39- 44cm.

In Div. 3N the length varied from 24 to 93 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by individuals 54-56 cm in length.

On the whole in Divs. 3 LMNO roughhead grenadier with 24-99cm length occurred, the mean length was 53,4 cm.

Acadian redfish (Sebastes fasciatus)

In Div. 3M the length of Acadian redfish varied from 14 to 35 cm, the mean length was 23,1cm. Fish as long as 22-23cm prevailed (Table 8).

In Div. 3O Acadian redfish 12-38 cm in length was registered, the mean length was 24.9 cm. Fish as long as 24-25 cm prevailed.

Deep- water redfish (Sebastes mentella)

In Div. 3L the length of deep-water redfish in by-catches taken in the Greenland halibut fishery ranged from 25 to 40 cm, the mean length was 33.7cm (Table 9).

In Div. 3M the length distribution fluctuated between 14 and 47cm, the mean length was 26,8 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by fishes 28-29cm in length.

In Div. 3N the length of fish varied from 25 to 45 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by individuals 32-33cm in length.

In Div. 3O the redfish length was 21-42 cm, the mean length was 27.9cm. Fish 25-27 cm predominated in catches.

Golden redfish (Sebastes marinus)

In Div. 3M the length of Golden redfish was 15-56 cm, the mean length was 28,3 cm (Table 10).

American plaice (Hippoglossoides platessoides)

In Div. 3L the length distribution of American plaice in by-catches in the Greenland halibut fishery was determined by 26- 58 cm fish. The mean length was 40.3 cm (Table 11).

In Div. 3M the length distribution of American plaice in by-catches in the redfish fishery varied from 34 to 56cm, the mean length was 46,3 cm.

In Div. 3M the length of American plaice in by-catches of the skate fishery varied from 18 to 70 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by individuals 40-43cm in length.

In Div. 3O the length of fish varied from 24 to 66 cm.

Witch flounder (Glyptocephalus cynoglossus)

In Div. 3L the length distribution of witch flounder from by-catches of the Greenland halibut fishery was characterized by fish 20- 52cm in length, the mean length was 41,3 cm (Table 12).

On the Flemish Cap witch flounder was recorded in by-catches as single specimens.

In Div. 3N the greatest amounts of fish were found in by- catches. The length of fish varied from 28 to 60 cm, the mean length was 41.5 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by fishes 40-43cm in length.

In Div. 3O the length distribution of witch flounder varied from 30 to 62cm, the mean length was 43.4 cm.

Yellowtail flounder (Limanda ferruginea)

In Div. 3N the length of yellowtail flounder varied from 20 to 58 cm, the mean length was 37.2 cm (Table 13).

The bulk of catches was made up by fish 34-37cm in length.

In Div. 3O the length distribution of with flounder fluctuated between 22 and 50 cm, the mean length was 37.7 cm.

Cod (Gadus morhua)

On the Flemish Cap the length of cod was 36- 102 cm, the mean length was 68,9 cm (Table 14). The bulk of catches was made up by fish 75-80 cm in length.

The length distribution of cod in Div. 3N varied from 36 to 132 cm, the mean length was 81.7 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by fishes 96 -100cm in length.

In Div. 3O the length distribution of fish varied from 33 to 123 cm, the mean length was 62.7 cm.

Threebeard rockling (Gaidropsarus ensis)

In Div. 3L the length of threebeard rockling varied from 27 to 48 cm, the mean length was 40.0 cm (Table 15). The bulk of catches was made up by individuals 39-44 cm in length.

In Div. 3N fish as long as 24-51cm occurred with the mean length of 40.5 cm.

White hake (Urophycis tenuis)

In Div. 3N the length of white hake was 30-87 cm, the average one 53.0 cm (Table 16).

In Div. 3O fish as long as 27-90cm occurred, the mean length was 62.9 cm.

Thorny skate (Amblyraja radiata)

In Div. 3L during the Greenland halibut fishery thorny skate were occurred 33-84 cm in length (Table 17).

In Div. 3M the length of thorny skate varied from 36 to 75cm , the mean length was 56.1 cm.

In Div. 3N the length distribution of this species varied from 24 to 93 cm, the mean length was 62.6 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by fish 60-67cm in length.

In Div. 3O the length of fish varied from 27 to 90cm, the mean length was 63.3 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by skate 63-67cm in length.

Black dogfish (Centroscyllium fabricii)

This species was mainly recorded in by-catches in the halibut fishery. In Divs. 3LMNO the length of males varied from 36 to 75cm, the mean length was 59.5 cm (Table 18). Females 33- 81cm in length occurred with the mean length of 59.2 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by sharks 60-64cm in length.

Northern wolffish (Anarhichas denticulatus)

In Div. 3L the length of Northern wolffish varied from 42 to 120 cm, the mean length was 70.9 cm (Table 19).

In Div. 3N the length distribution of this species varied from 33 to 120 cm. The bulk of catches was made up by fish 51-55cm in length.

Blue hake (Antimora rostrata)

In Divs. 3LMNO the length distribution of blue hake varied from 18 to 69 cm, the mean length was 32.2 cm (Table 20). The bulk of catches was made up by fish 36-40 cm in length.

Common grenadier (Nezumia bairdii)

In Divs. 3LMNO the total length of common grenadier varied from 21 to 44 cm, the mean length was 33.5 cm (Table 21).

Atlantic halibut (Hippoglossus hippoglossus)

In Div. 3N the length distribution of this species varied from 44 to 187 cm, the mean length was 101.1 cm (Table 220).

In Divs. 3LMO minor amounts of this species occurred in catches.

Other fish species

In the fishery period Atlantic and spotted wolffishes, roundnose grenadier, chimeraas, longfinned hake, Notacanthidae and other fish species were occurred in by-catch.

SUBAREA 4

A. Status of the Fisheries

In 2007 no fishing activities were carried out in the said subdivision.

B. Special Researches

1. Environmental researches
1. Hydrographic studies

In 2007 the monitoring of sea-surface temperature (SST) was continued on the shelf of the Northwest Atlantic and adjacent part of the open ocean. For this purpose the base of average monthly values of SST anomalies was used [«http://ingridldgo.columbia.edu/SOURCES/IGOSS/nmc»](http://ingridldgo.columbia.edu/SOURCES/IGOSS/nmc). The monitoring covered 19 points located in typical parts of the Northwest Atlantic shelf and in offshore areas between 40°-55°N and 45°-70°W (Fig.1). Main feature of hydrological conditions in 2007 consists in dropping of SST by 1.5°-2.5°C on average in the whole area compared with warm 2006. In the northern part of the Labrador Current SST was lower than in 2006 for the most of the year. In the middle part of the current the decrease in temperature began in May 2007 and continued till October, having attained negative anomaly values (Fig. 2, point 4). In the southern part of the current (point 8) SST was significantly lower from January to August as compared with 2006. In the southern part of the current (point 8) SST was markedly lower than in 2006 from January to August. In adjacent part of the Labrador Sea and in a North Atlantic Current branch (points 5, 7) SST was also considerably lower than in 2006. On the Grand Bank SST began to decrease from March 2007, and in the Laurentian Channel that trend was observed to continue from January to August 2007 (Fig. 2, points 9, 14). As compared with 2006, SST dropped there by 2.5°-3.0°C. In 2007, on the Nova Scotian shelf and its periphery, there occurred a transition from positive SST anomalies to negative ones, which had been formed in February and lasted until September. As compared with 2006, a difference of values amounted to 1.8°-2.6°C (Fig. 2, points 9, 14). In 2007, offshore of the shelf in the Slope waters, SST was below the mean annual values during March-September (point 12), while at the Gulf Stream front (point 13) this process began in January and also persisted until September. Fall of temperature extended to the areas of Georges Bank and the Gulf of Maine in New England, where positive anomalies were replaced by negative ones. In autumn (September-October) the process of SST decrease began to slacken in some areas and changed to the reverse. These areas were the Grand Bank shelf, Laurentian Channel, Nova Scotian shelf and Georges Bank, where SST reached the 2006 level or exceeded it. In other areas the SST anomalies kept on below the 2006 level.

At least two processes could influence the SST decrease so large scale in space, significant in magnitude, and stable in time. The first of these is the intensification of the Arctic air mass transport from the north in the winter-spring period, and the second is resulting intensification of the Labrador Current. Both processes become intensified during the periods of positive the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) development phase in winter, when the atmospheric pressure drops in the centre of the Iceland minimum. According to Nesterov (Nesterov, 2003), basic processes of positive (NAO) phase formation in winter are: a) strengthening of the Azores maximum in June-July, b) positive SST anomaly in the Gulf Stream in September, c) weakening of latent heat flux from the ocean to atmosphere in November-December in the Gulf Stream area and strengthening of the flux in the area of the Iceland pressure minimum, while the negative NAO phase sets in given the reverse direction of these processes. All the above mentioned conditions were recorded in 2007. Therefore a decrease of SST in the Northwest Atlantic in 2007 may be attributed to NAO transition from the negative phase of its development to positive. Further monitoring will show if the process of NAO index increase and, consequently, low temperature background persist within the next few years.

TABLE 1. Preliminary catches taken by Russian trawlers in NAFO SA 1-3 in 2007.

Species	Division	Catch, t
Greenland halibut	1A	562
	1B	13
	1C	103
	1D	586
	1ABCD	1264
Greenland halibut	3L	785
	3M	119
	3N	603
	3LMN	1507
Atlantic halibut	3N	4
American plaice	3L	9
	3N	79
	3O	5
	3LNO	93
Yellowtail flounder	3N	111
	3O	3
	3NO	114
Witch flounder	3L	2
	3N	23
	3O	4
	3LNO	29
Roughhead grenadier	3L	19
	3M	20
	3N	104
	3LMN	143
Deep-sea redfish	1F	1589
	2H	171
	2J	2232
	1F2HJ	3992
Redfish spp.	3L	5
	3M	780
	3N	14
	3O	54
	3LMNO	853
Skate	3L	12
	3M	7
	3N	627
	3O	86
	3LMN	732
Atlantic cod	3M	6
	3N	27
	3O	13
	3MNO	46
White hake	3N	1
	3O	2
	3NO	3
Wolffish spp.	3L	2
	3M	1
	3N	23
	3LMN	26

TABLE 2. Greenland halibut length composition (ind.) of the Russian trawl catches in NAFO Divs. 1AD in 2007.

Length, cm	1A			1D			Total 1AD		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
28					1	1		1	1
30	1	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	5
32				2	3	5	2	3	5
34	3	2	5	10		10	13	2	15
36	7	3	10	13	5	18	20	8	28
38	11	10	21	25	10	35	36	20	56
40	21	14	35	100	18	118	121	32	153
42	44	17	61	200	49	249	244	66	310
44	54	24	78	384	79	463	438	103	541
46	62	64	126	756	125	881	818	189	1007
48	83	65	148	981	183	1164	1064	248	1312
50	64	52	116	1111	221	1332	1175	273	1448
52	51	48	99	891	250	1141	942	298	1240
54	38	56	94	615	249	864	653	305	958
56	25	42	67	395	261	656	420	303	723
58	15	44	59	169	263	432	184	307	491
60	7	13	20	77	276	353	84	289	373
62	5	14	19	41	243	284	46	257	303
64	3	13	16	37	196	233	40	209	249
66	6	10	16	34	154	188	40	164	204
68	3	11	14	13	125	138	16	136	152
70		2	2	5	95	100	5	97	102
72		2	2	1	79	80	1	81	82
74		5	5		67	67		72	72
76		1	1	1	52	53	1	53	54
78		1	1		42	42		43	43
80		1	1		26	26		27	27
82					20	20		20	20
84		1	1		20	20		21	21
86					14	14		14	14
88					7	7		7	7
90					9	9		9	9
92					4	4		4	4
94					3	3		3	3
96					2	2		2	2
100					1	1		1	1
Total	503	516	1019	5863	3153	9016	6366	3669	10035
Mean length, cm	49.0	52.6	50.8	50.5	59.2	53.6	50.4	58.3	53.3

TABLE 3. Greenland halibut age composition of the Russian trawl catches (ind.) in the NAFO Divs. 1AD in 2007.

Length, cm	Age, years														Total	Weight, g
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
28	1														1	170.0
30	5														5	223.3
32		5													5	300.0
34		15													15	323.8
36		16	12												28	393.9
38		14	42												56	454.4
40			153												153	561.3
42			199	111											310	608.9
44			232	309											541	719.3
46				1007											1007	811.7
48				1225	87										1312	908.7
50					1448										1448	1090.9
52					1240										1240	1230.7
54					890		68								958	1362.9
56					145	578									723	1500.0
58						491									491	1831.5
60							316	57							373	2026.5
62							210	70	23						303	2216.5
64							199	50							249	2403.0
66								204							204	2690.6
68								124	28						152	3084.1
70									102						102	3311.0
72									82						82	3606.0
74									41	31					72	4436.4
76										54					54	4926.0
78										34	9				43	4899.8
80											27				27	5423.3
82											20				20	6000.0
84											21				21	6628.0
86											14				14	6986.0
88												7			7	7153.3
90												9			9	7370.5
92												4			4	9710.0
94																0.0
96													1	1	2	11565.0
Total	6	50	639	2651	3810	1069	793	505	276	119	91	21	1	10031	106927.3	
Mean length. cm	30.25	35.56	40.88	46.36	52.55	57.72	61.97	66.13	71.29	76.58	83.76	90.71	96.00			
Mean weight. g	210.0	367.5	548.9	812.6	1228.3	1680.6	2105.3	2774.0	3578.5	4789.6	6274.8	8395.9	10270.0			

TABLE 4. Redfish length composition (ind.) of the Russian trawl catches in NAFO Divs. 1F, 2J in 2007.

Length, cm	Division 1F			Division 2J			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
23	2		2		1	1	2	1	3
24	1		1				1		1
25				2	1	3	2	1	3
26	1	6	7	6	2	8	7	8	15
27	9	16	25	6	7	13	15	23	38
28	25	29	54	16	16	32	41	45	86
29	90	28	118	54	37	91	144	65	209
30	186	138	324	154	102	256	340	240	580
31	333	212	545	290	152	442	623	364	987
32	451	284	735	447	205	652	898	489	1387
33	695	385	1080	929	301	1230	1624	686	2310
34	930	508	1438	1325	372	1697	2255	880	3135
35	1263	726	1989	2201	689	2890	3464	1415	4879
36	871	850	1721	1596	902	2498	2467	1752	4219
37	555	698	1253	951	953	1904	1506	1651	3157
38	274	544	818	678	887	1565	952	1431	2383
39	84	223	307	227	428	655	311	651	962
40	55	137	192	110	218	328	165	355	520
41	12	27	39	17	56	73	29	83	112
42	4	6	10	6	11	17	10	17	27
43	3	4	7	4	5	9	7	9	16
45	4		4	1		1	5		5
46	3		3				3		3
Total	5851	4821	10672	9020	5345	14365	14871	10166	25037
Mean length, cm	34.5	35.3	34.8	35	36.1	35.4	34.8	35.7	35.2

TABLE 5. Greenland halibut length composition (ind.) of the Russian commercial trawler catches by month in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	Division 3L				Division 3M					Division 3N				Division 3O		Total 3LMNO
	III	IV	V	Total	III	IV	V	VIII	Total	IV	V	VI	Total	V	Total	
24		2		2					2							4
26																
28											3		3			3
30	1	4	4	9		1			1	2	5		7			17
32	2	13	12	27	1			2	3	8	25	2	35			65
34	14	63	10	87	1	1		1	3	42	65	2	109			199
36	14	245	40	299		23	1	1	25	99	176	10	285	1	1	610
38	30	352	79	461	1	68	5	6	80	188	355	19	562	1	1	1104
40	75	740	150	965	1	170	30	12	213	446	828	42	1316	1	1	2495
42	45	1031	292	1368	5	279	49	38	371	599	1168	76	1843	9	9	3591
44	50	1165	316	1531	20	411	77	37	545	748	1471	103	2322	14	14	4412
46	63	1288	386	1737	19	573	84	36	712	855	1744	123	2722	22	22	5193
48	54	1114	340	1508	43	446	67	24	580	620	1722	152	2494	47	47	4629
50	40	862	278	1180	29	397	44	25	495	456	1384	123	1963	30	30	3668
52	23	611	185	819	19	274	25	22	340	298	1060	81	1439	16	16	2614
54	20	444	120	584	16	194	18	21	249	186	696	55	937	11	11	1781
56	15	291	60	366	15	146	10	9	180	105	383	37	525	10	10	1081
58	11	200	43	254	12	90	4	9	115	84	261	21	366	5	5	740
60	5	137	32	174	8	68	4	5	85	75	280	17	372	2	2	633
62	1	54	26	81	6	36	3	5	50	51	191	18	260	3	3	394
64		38	17	55	3	10	3	4	20	31	148	7	186	1	1	262
66	1	24	23	48	1	13	4	2	20	28	96	6	130	1	1	199
68		9	16	25	1	7	2	3	13	13	71	4	88	1	1	127
70		12	10	22	1	5	2	1	9	17	75	5	97	1	1	129
72		8	10	18		1	1	2	4	7	48	5	60			82
74	1	5	5	11	1	2	1	1	5	7	28	2	37	1	1	54
76		5	3	8		3	1		4	2	21	2	25			37
78			2	2		1			1	2	22	2	26			29
80		4	6	10		3	1		4		13	3	16			30

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82			1	1		1			1	2	10	1	13			15
84		2	1	3						1	5		6			9
86			4	4			1		1		5		5			10
88											4		4			4
90			1	1							5		5			6
92		1		1						2	3		5			6
94											2		2			2
96										1			1			1
98											1		1			1
100												1	1			1
Total	465	8724	2472	11661	203	3223	437	266	4131	4975	12374	919	18268	177	177	34237
Mean length, cm	45,8	47,2	48,2	47,4	51,4	48,7	48	49,1	48,3	47,1	48,9	49,5	48,4	50,2	50,2	

TABLE 6. Greenland halibut age composition of the Russian commercial trawler catches in NAFO Divs.3LMNO in 2007.

Age, years	3 L		3 M		3 N		3 O		3 LMNO	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
3	19	0.2	3	0.1	23	0.2			45	0.1
4	319	2.5	42	0.9	353	1.9	1	0.3	715	2
5	2230	17.6	627	13.5	2943	15.9	13	7.3	5813	16.2
6	3867	30.6	1408	30.2	5480	29.7	44	24.8	10799	30
7	3691	29.2	1478	31.7	5522	29.9	71	40.4	10762	29.9
8	1423	11.2	612	13.1	2097	11.4	27	15.2	4159	11.6
9	594	4.7	276	5.9	928	5	12	6.6	1810	5
10	245	1.9	115	2.5	468	2.5	4	2.5	832	2.3
11	113	0.9	47	1.0	265	1.4	2	1.4	427	1.2
12	71	0.6	26	0.6	166	0.9	2	0.9	265	0.8
13	38	0.3	12	0.3	95	0.5	1	0.5	146	0.4
14	28	0.2	9	0.2	75	0.4		0.1	112	0.3
15	8	0.1	2		26	0.2			36	0.1
16	3	0.0			10	0.1			13	0.1
17					2	0.0			2	0.0
18										
19					1	0.0			1	0.0
Total	12649	100	4657	100	18454	100	177	100	35937	100

TABLE 7. Length composition (ind.) of Roughhead grenadier in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
24			2		2
27	1		5		6
30	10	7	11		28
33	25	15	38		78
36	38	33	77		148
39	49	73	154		276
42	33	72	146		251
45	53	61	128		242
48	29	58	182		269
51	34	48	156	1	239
54	41	40	224		305
57	18	22	183		223
60	33	25	186		244
63	24	15	139		178
66	16	12	92		120
69	22	12	91		125
72	8	13	65		86
75	8	8	32		48
78	5	7	35		47
81	7	4	9		20
84	2	2	4		8
87		2	4		6
90	1	2	1		4
93			1		1
96	1				1
99	1				1
Total	459	531	1965	1	2956
Mean length, cm	51.6	50.2	54.6	52.0	53.4

TABLE 8. Length composition (ind.) of Acadian redfish (*S. fasciatus*) in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LNMO in 2007.

Length. cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
12				1	1
13					0
14		2		3	5
15		9		2	11
16		16		6	22
17		25		10	35
18		57		10	67
19		84		10	94
20		105		29	134
21		128		35	163
22		131		70	201
23		138		125	263
24		128		171	299
25	4	116		189	309
26	2	98		166	266
27	1	64		116	181
28	2	39	1	64	106
29		35	1	39	75
30	1	21	3	31	56
31		19	6	11	36
32	1	12	2	6	21
33		7	5	2	14
34		1		2	3
35		3	2	3	8
36				1	1
37			2	1	3
38				2	2
39			1		1
Total	11	1238	23	1105	2377
Mean length, cm	27.0	23.1	32.4	24.9	24.1

TABLE 9.Length composition (ind.) of deep-sea redfish (*S. mentella*) in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
14		1			1
15		10			10
16		32			32
17		72			72
18		157			157
19		207			207
20		330			330
21		337		8	345
22		348		20	368
23		337		38	375
24		401		75	476
25	1	506	3	134	644
26		545	8	124	677
27	1	663	6	132	802
28		798	16	104	918
29	3	772	11	86	872
30	1	676	42	66	785
31	7	446	37	58	548
32	21	299	55	32	407
33	19	194	50	26	289
34	8	165	34	25	232
35	23	102	56	20	201
36	8	69	39	8	124
37	8	35	33	11	87
38	3	31	23	6	63
39		33	13	4	50
40	1	17	11	1	30
41		8	5	6	19
42		5		2	7
43		1	1		2
44		3	1		4
45			1		1
46					0
47		1			1
Total	104	7601	445	986	9136
Mean length, cm	33.7	26.8	33.5	27.9	27.3

TABLE 10. Golden redfish (*S. marinus*) length composition (ind.) of the Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3MO in 2007.

Length, cm	3M	3O	3MO
15	3		3
16	4		4
17	19		19
18	29		29
19	55		55
20	77		77
21	117		117
22	106		106
23	122		122
24	140		140
25	199		199
26	274		274
27	270		270
28	331		331
29	302		302
30	354		354
31	185		185
32	139		139
33	82		82
34	51		51
35	51		51
36	29		29
37	43		43
38	29		29
39	25	1	26
40	23		23
41	22		22
42	17		17
43	31		31
44	12	1	13
45	10		10
46	4		4
47	15		15
48	10		10
49	1	1	2
50	4		4
51	3		3
52	2		2
55	1	1	2
56	1		1
58		1	1
Total	3192	5	3197
Mean length, cm	28.3	49.0	28.4

TABLE 11. Length composition (ind.) of American plaice in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
18			1		1
20			1		1
22			2		2
24			10	1	11
26	1		11	2	14
28	2		21	2	25
30	13		66	7	86
32	14		135	5	154
34	41	2	186	4	233
36	67	4	238	7	316
38	62	5	224	9	300
40	37	2	256	9	304
42	27	4	295	13	339
44	21	5	241	16	283
46	16	7	186	21	230
48	21	4	124	11	160
50	24	4	81	4	113
52	12	5	93	5	115
54	2	7	89	4	102
56	1	2	82	6	91
58	1		76	7	84
60			56	5	61
62			51	5	56
64			32	2	34
66			26	1	27
68			8		8
70			7		7
Total	362	51	2598	146	3157
Mean length, cm	40.3	46.3	43.9	45.4	43.6

TABLE 12. Length composition (ind.) of Witch flounder in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
20		1			1
28			7		7
30		1	12	1	14
32	2	1	36	5	44
34	7		80	8	95
36	12	3	106	15	136
38	10	3	141	15	169
40	22	4	194	21	241
42	18	4	192	43	257
44	17	4	125	26	172
46	10	5	97	28	140
48	5		52	24	81
50	2	1	33	9	45
52	1	1	24	7	33
54		1	8		9
56			6	1	7
58			3		3
60			1	1	2
62				1	1
Total	107	28	1117	205	1457
Mean length, cm.	41.3	42.4	41.5	43.4	41.8

TABLE 13. Length composition (ind.) of Yellowtail flounder in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3NO in 2007.

Length, cm	3N	3O	3NO
20	2		2
22	5	1	6
24	26	2	28
26	44	2	46
28	80	4	84
30	216	4	220
32	489	9	498
34	602	19	621
36	504	21	525
38	359	15	374
40	325	12	337
42	304	10	314
44	183	6	189
46	135	5	140
48	77	3	80
50	41	4	45
52	16		16
54	1		1
56	1		1
58	2		2
Total	3412	117	3529
Mean length, cm	37.2	37.7	37.3

TABLE 14. Length composition (ind.) of Atlantic cod in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
33				1	1
36		1	3	4	8
39		6	5	5	16
42		7	10	16	33
45		17	28	24	69
48		9	22	18	49
51		18	30	24	72
54		47	20	24	91
57		56	19	19	94
60		56	13	11	80
63		25	16	10	51
66		27	13	9	49
69		51	14	3	68
72		50	20	6	76
75		66	12	7	85
78		67	19	11	97
81		21	25	6	52
84	1	21	25	6	53
87		16	23	4	43
90		12	30	6	48
93		13	35	5	53
96		6	46	6	58
99		1	41	4	46
102		1	29	2	32
105			16	2	18
108			20	2	22
111			12		12
114			7		7
117			5		5
120			1		1
123			5	1	6
126			7		7
129			2		2
132			2		2
Total	1	594	575	236	1406
Mean length, cm	85.0	68.9	81.7	62.7	73.1

TABLE 15. Length composition (ind.) of Threebeard rockling in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMN in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3LMN
24			1	1
27	3			3
30	9	2	8	19
33	31	5	26	62
36	36	5	39	80
39	55	20	43	118
42	63	21	32	116
45	34	7	36	77
48	1	4	15	20
51			1	1
Total	232	64	201	497
Mean length,cm	40.0	41.2	40.5	40.3

TABLE 16. Length composition (ind.) of White hake in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3NO in 2007.

Length, cm	3N			3O			Total 3NO		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
27					1	1		1	1
30		5	5		2	2		7	7
33	2	11	13				2	11	13
36		7	7					7	7
39				2	1	3	2	1	3
42	1	1	2	2		2	3	1	4
45	1		1	1	1	2	2	1	3
48	2		2	8	1	9	10	1	11
51	2	4	6	8	4	12	10	8	18
54	2	2	4	9	2	11	11	4	15
57	3	6	9	11	8	19	14	14	28
60	6	6	12	12	11	23	18	17	35
63	4	5	9	10	19	29	14	24	38
66	1	3	4	2	14	16	3	17	20
69	1	2	3	5	7	12	6	9	15
72	1	2	3	2	3	5	3	5	8
75					5	5		5	5
78		1	1	2	7	9	2	8	10
81					6	6		6	6
84				1	4	5	1	4	5
87		2	2					2	2
90					2	2		2	2
Total	26	57	83	75	98	173	101	155	256
Mean length, cm	56.7	51.3	53.0	58.6	66.2	62.9	58.2	60.7	59.7

TABLE 17. Length composition (ind.) of Thorny skate in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
24			1		1
27			5	1	6
30			16	2	18
33	2		29	4	35
36	2	3	73	6	84
39	1	1	182	21	205
42	7	15	351	39	412
45	7	11	473	43	534
48	9	20	691	60	780
51	15	8	886	118	1027
54	18	6	1295	165	1484
57	18	24	1455	219	1716
60	26	21	1703	290	2040
63	38	28	1834	333	2233
66	24	6	1775	343	2148
69	9	4	1437	287	1737
72	8	2	1114	136	1260
75	7	2	704	84	797
78	6		535	59	600
81	2		282	34	318
84	1		125	12	138
87			37	3	40
90			9	1	10
93			1		1
Total	200	151	15013	2260	17624
Mean length, cm	60.8	56.1	62.6	63.3	62.6

TABLE 18. Length composition (ind.) of Black dogfish in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	Males	Females	Total
33		1	1
36	1	1	2
39	6	9	15
42	13	23	36
45	16	33	49
48	24	31	55
51	31	33	64
54	41	43	84
57	53	48	101
60	126	72	198
63	105	62	167
66	53	28	81
69	16	48	64
72	2	26	28
75	3	10	13
78		6	6
81		1	1
Total	490	475	965
Mean length, cm	59.5	59.2	59.4

TABLE 19. Length composition (ind) of Northern wolffish (*Anarchichas denticulatus*) in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
33			1		1
39		2			2
42	3		3		6
45	1		8		9
48	3		11		14
51	8	5	20	1	34
54	10	1	20	1	32
57	15	6	12	3	36
60	8	5	16	1	30
63	6	3	17		26
66	8	5	5	1	19
69	12	6	7		25
72	20	1	5		26
75	9	2	10		21
78	7	2	8		17
81	3	1	1		5
84	4	3	9		16
87	5		6		11
90	5	4	7		16
93	4	2	4		10
96	1		1		2
99	1		10		11
102			2		2
105	2		2		4
108	4		4		8
111			3		3
114			5		5
117			3		3
120	1		3		4
Total	140	48	203	7	398
Mean length, cm	70.9	68.1	71.5	58.4	70.7

TABLE 20. Length composition (ind.) of Blue hake (*Antimora rostrata*) in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMN in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3LMN
18	2			2
21			4	4
24			4	4
27	1		7	8
30	14	3	32	49
33	31	10	51	92
36	59	31	73	163
39	61	27	45	133
42	35	30	14	79
45	23	20	19	62
48	21	13	15	49
51	17	15	13	45
54	20	16	10	46
57	11	6	5	22
60	15	1	2	18
63	8			8
66	9			9
69	1			1
Total	328	172	294	794
Mean length, cm	44.2	44.0	39.0	42.2

TABLE 21. Length composition (ind.) of Common grenadier (*Nezumia bairdii*) in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	3LMNO
21		1	1		2
24	18	3	9		30
27	41	4	66		111
30	105	20	175	2	302
33	103	18	209		330
36	74	14	174		262
39	9	4	60		73
42			3		3
Total	350	64	697	2	1113
Mean length, cm	32.7	33.1	33.8	31.0	33.5

TABLE 22. Length composition (ind.) of Atlantic halibut (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*) in Russian trawler catches in NAFO Divs. 3LMNO in 2007.

Length, cm	3L	3M	3N	3O	LMNO
44			1		1
50		1			1
52			1		1
56			1		1
58			2	1	3
60			1		1
62			2		2
64		1	2		3
68		2	1		3
70		1	2	1	4
72			1		1
74		2	4	1	7
76		2	2		4
78	1	2	3		6
80			2	1	3
82			1		1
84			2		2
86	1	2		1	4
88			3		3
90		1	3		4
94			2		2
96				1	1
98			1		1
100			1	1	2
102			3		3
104			4		4
106		1			1
108	1	1			2
110			1		1
112			1		1
114		2	2		4
116			1	1	2
118			3	1	4
120			3		3
124		1	3	1	5
126	1				1
128			1		1
130		1	2		3
134	1	1	1	1	4
140			1		1
144			1		1
146	1	1	1		3
150			2		2
154			1		1
158			1		1
160		2			2
164			1		1
168			1		1
176			1		1
186			1		1
Total	6	24	74	11	115
Mean length, cm.	113.5	97.8	101.9	96.5	101.1

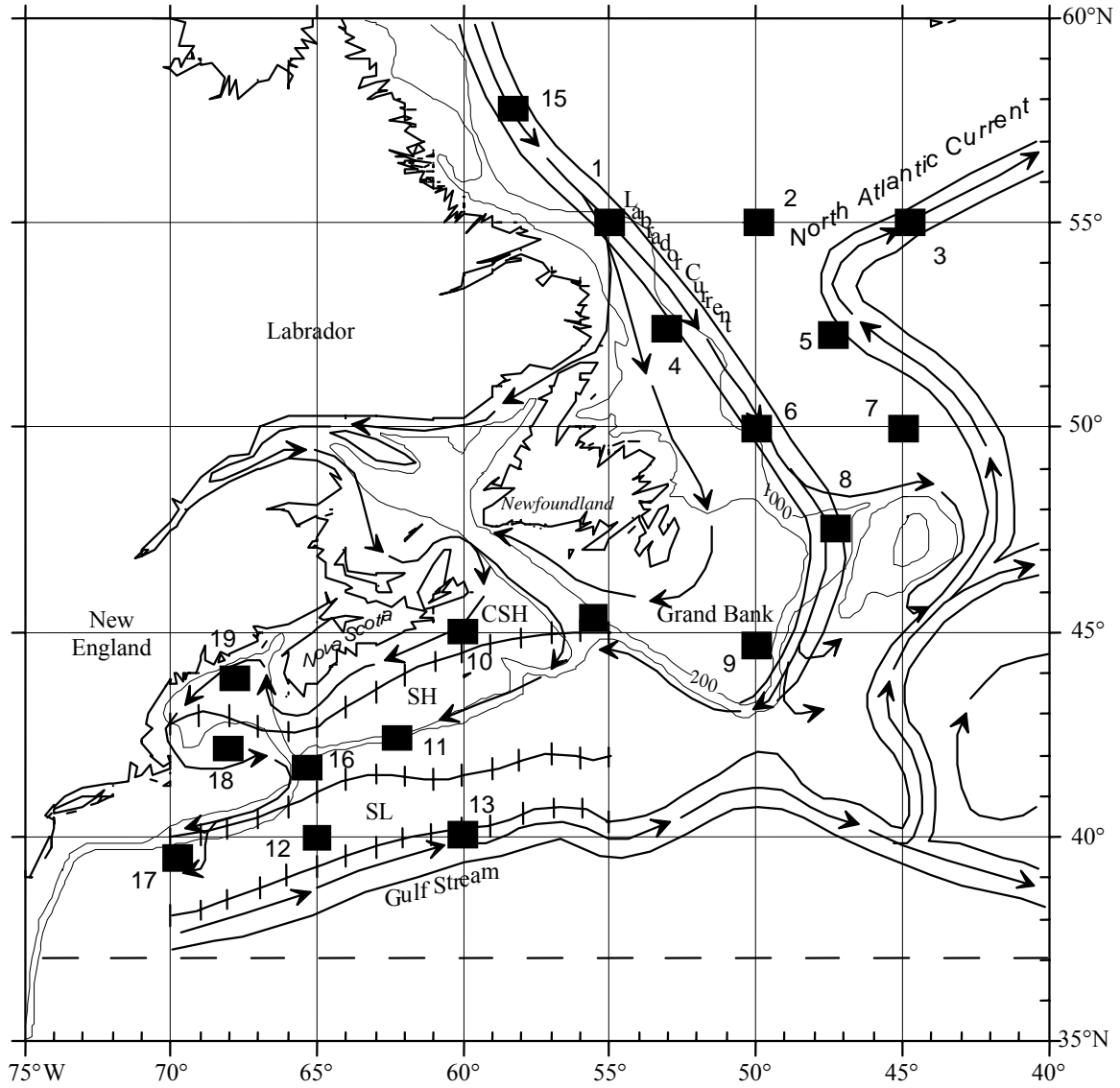


Fig. 1. Diagram of SST monitoring in the Northwest Atlantic.

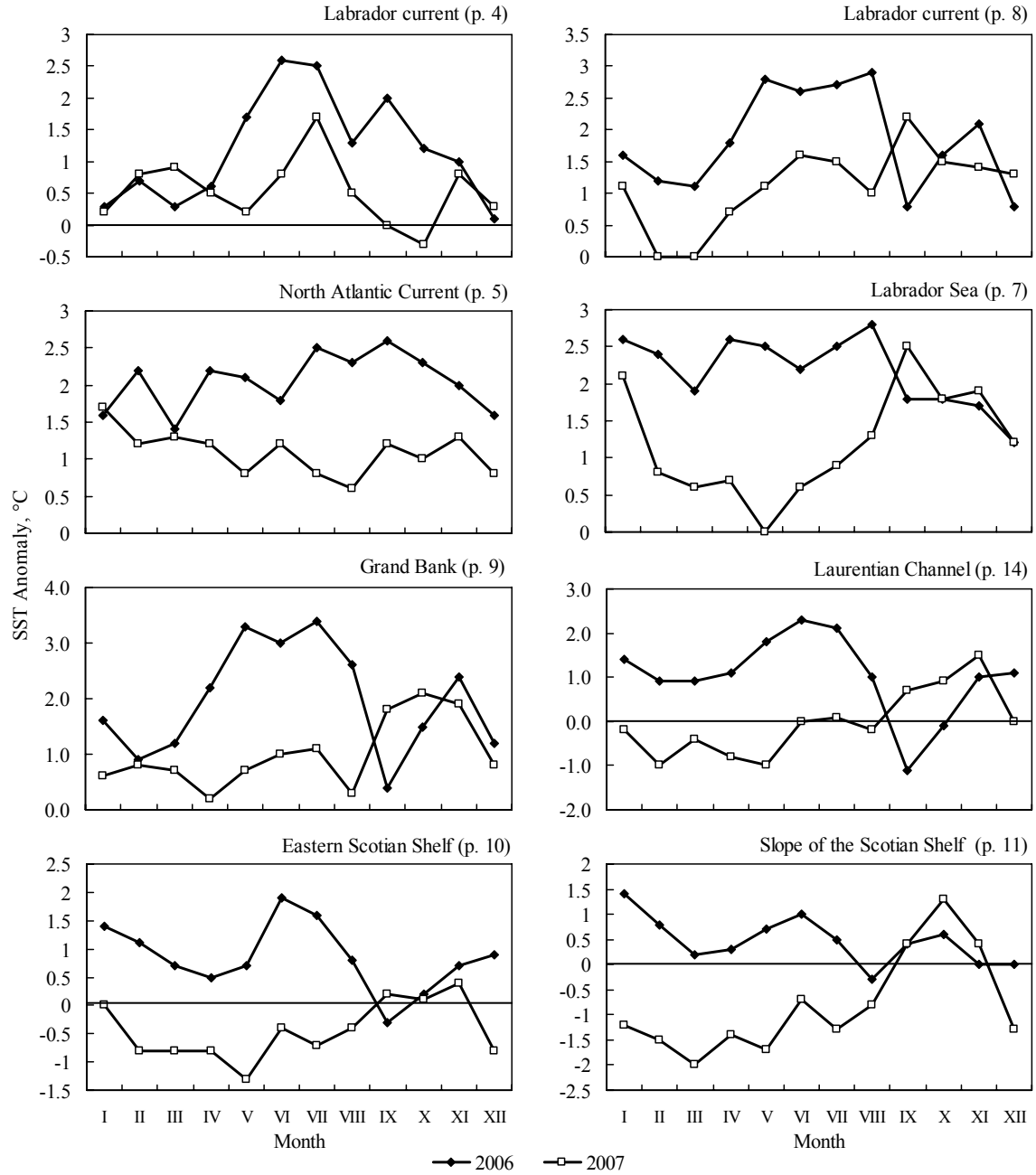


Fig. 2. SST anomalies in the areas of the Northwest Atlantic in 2006 and 2007.