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#### **Survey for Greenland Halibut in NAFO Divisions 1C-1D, 2016**

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#### **Abstract**

Greenland initiated a survey series in 1997 covering NAFO Divisions 1CD at depths between 400 and 1 500 m. The survey is designed as a Stratified Random Bottom Trawl Survey aimed primarily at Greenland halibut and roundnose grenadier. The paper gives biomass and abundance estimates and length frequencies for Greenland halibut, roundnose and roughhead grenadier, and deep sea redfish together with information on bottom temperatures and a list over recorded fish species. In 2016 all 70 planned were conducted. The biomass and abundance of Greenland halibut has been decreasing gradually since 2011 but increased again in 2015 to a level somewhat about average and stayed at that level in 2016. The length distribution had a mode around 51 cm. The biomass of roundnose grenadier was low and is still at a very low level compared to the level seen in the 80's. The biomass and abundance estimates of deep sea redfish was about the half of the 2014 estimate, but still above the level seen until 2008.

#### **Introduction**

During 1987-1995 Japan Marine Fishery Resources Research Center (JAMARC) and Greenland Institute of Natural Resources jointly conducted 12 bottom trawl surveys (Jørgensen, 1998a) at depths down to 1500 m and four pelagic surveys (Jørgensen, 1997a) at West Greenland as part of a joint venture agreement on fisheries development and fisheries research in Greenland waters. The bottom trawl surveys were aimed primarily at Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*) in NAFO Div. 1B-1D. In 1997 Greenland Institute of Natural Resources continued the bottom trawl surveys series with the Institute's own vessel PAAMIUT that had been rigged for deep sea trawling. There has unfortunately not been any comparative trawling between the Japanese research vessel SHINKAI MARU and PAAMIUT making comparisons between the surveys difficult. The PAAMIUT survey traditionally covers NAFO Div. 1CD, but in 2001 the survey area was expanded to include Div. 1A (to 74°N) and Div. 1B and in 2004 the northern part of the Baffin Bay (73°N-77°N) (Div. 1A) was surveyed. In 2010 Div.1A was surveyed to 75.30°N (SCR 11/010). In 2013 the survey only covered Div. 1D.

#### **Materials and Methods**

The survey in 2016 covered Div. 1CD at depths between 400 and 1500 m, and took place during August 31 – September 15.

## **Stratification**

The survey covered NAFO Div. 1CD between the 3-nm line and the midline to Canada at depths between 400 and 1500 m. The survey area was stratified in NAFO divisions and subdivided in 6 depth strata 401-600, 601-800, 801-1000, 1001-1200, 1201-1400 and 1401-1500 m. The depth stratification was based on Greenland Geological Survey's 10 m depth contour maps, Canadian maps and depth soundings made during previous surveys. The area of each stratum was measured using "MapInfo Version 4.0" (Table 2).

The survey was planned as a Stratified Random Bottom Trawl Survey with in total 70 hauls. Each stratum was allocated at least two hauls. The remaining hauls were allocated in order to minimize the variance in the estimation of the biomass of Greenland halibut. *i.e.* strata with great variation in the catches of Greenland halibut in the previous years surveys have got relatively more hauls than strata with little variation in the catches. In 2004 a new method of selecting stations was introduced. The method combines the use of a minimum between-stations-distance rule (buffer zone) with a random allocation scheme (Kingsley et al. 2004). The sea bed in Div. 1D stratum 601-800 m is muddy and soft and is generally not suitable for trawling hence trawling is done on 3 fixed stations.

## **Vessel and gear**

The survey is conducted by the 722 GRT trawler PAAMIUT, using an ALFREDO III trawl with a mesh size on 140 mm and a 30-mm mesh-liner in the cod-end. The ground gear is of the rock hopper type. The trawl doors are Greenland Injector weighing 2 700 kg. The Injector otter doors replaced the Perfect doors that have been used until 2003. The average net height was 20 cm higher with the new doors compared to the old, but the difference was not statistically significant (95% level) and it was concluded that the net performance has not changed by the introduction of new doors. Further information about trawl and gear is given in Jørgensen, 1998b.

A MarePort net sonde mounted on the head rope measured net height. MarePort sensors measured the distance between the trawl doors. Wingspread, taken as the distance between the outer bobbins, was calculated as:

$$\text{distance between outer bobbins} = 10.122 + \text{distance between trawl doors} * 0.142$$

This relationship was estimated based on flume tank measurements of the trawl and rigging used in the survey (Jørgensen, 1998b).

Near-bottom temperatures were measured, by 0.1°C, by a Seastar sensor mounted on one of the otter doors.

## **Trawling procedure**

Towing time was usually 30 min, but towing time down to 15 min was accepted. Average towing speed was 3.0 kn. Towed distance was estimated from the start and end positions of the haul. Trawling took place around the clock.

## **Handling of the catch**

After each haul the catch was sorted by species and weighed and the number of specimens recorded. Most fish species were sexed and measured as total length (TL) to 1.0 cm below. Grenadiers were measured as pre anal fin length (AFL) to 1.0 cm below. In case of large catches subsamples of the catch were measured.

## **Biomass and abundance**

Biomass and abundance estimates were obtained by applying the swept area method (trawled distance \* estimated bobbin spread) taking the catchability coefficient as 1.0. All catches were standardized to 1 km<sup>2</sup> swept prior to further calculations.

In strata with one haul only SD was estimated as: SD= biomass or abundance.

## Results and Discussion

In total 70 successful hauls were made and all depth strata were covered. Haul by haul information on catches of Greenland halibut, roundnose grenadier, roughhead grenadier, deep sea redfish, depth, temperature etc. is given in Appendix 1 and the distribution of hauls by strata is given in Table 2.

In total 71 species or groups of fish species were recorded (Appendix 2).

### **Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*)**

Greenland halibut was caught in all hauls except one (Fig. 1, Appendix 1) and the biomass in Div. 1CD 400-1500 m was estimated at 76 629.9 tons which is a minor decrease from 78 445.5 tons in 2015 (Table 1 and Fig. 2) and the biomass is still at a level slightly above the average of the time series (71 000 tons). The gradual decrease in biomass seen from 2011 to 2014 seems to have ended.

The survey in 2013 only covered Div. 1D and the biomass (and abundance) in Div. 1C has been estimated by an GLM ( model:  $\ln(\text{biomass}) = \text{year} * \text{division}$ ) using data from 2010-2014 where the distribution of the biomass has been rather stable with 63-69% of the biomass found in Div. 1D. The 1CD biomass and abundance in 2013 was estimated to 64 049.0 tons and  $51.160 * 10^6$ , respectively.

The highest densities (in weight) was found at 1000-1200 m and 801-1000 in Div. 1C (2.5 - 2.3 tons  $\text{km}^{-2}$ ) (Table 2, Fig. 3). The weighted mean catch per tow has shown a gradual decrease from the record high 1.66 tons  $\text{km}^{-2}$  in 2011 to 1.12  $\text{km}^{-2}$  in 2014 (Table 1, Fig. 4). The decreasing trend was reversed in 2015 where the mean catch per tow was estimated at 1.50 tons  $\text{km}^{-2}$  and the mean catch remained at that level in 2016 (1.47 tons  $\text{km}^{-2}$ ).

The abundance in 2016 was estimated at  $59.677 * 10^6$  which is a minor decrease compared to 2015  $61.620 * 10^6$  (Table 1). The abundance estimate in 2016 was slightly below the average of the time series ( $65.000 * 10^6$ ). The highest abundance was found in between 600-800 m in Div. 1C and 1000 and 1200 m in Div. 1D and the highest densities (in number) were found in Div. 1C 1000-1200 m (Table 3).

Estimated abundance by age in Div. 1CD is given in Table 4 (not updated in 2016, because the otolith reading procedure is under revision).

The length ranged from 12 cm to 109 cm, except from a few larvae < 9 cm. The overall length distribution (weighted by stratum area) was dominated by a mode at 50-52 cm (Fig. 6). The overall length distribution has throughout the years been dominated by a single distinct mode at 48-52 cm. Generally the length distributions in the different depth strata were dominated by a single mode and fish size increased with depth (Fig. 7) as seen in previous surveys (Jørgensen, 1997b).

Table 1. Biomass (tons), mean catch per tow (tons) standardized to km<sup>2</sup> and abundance of Greenland halibut in Div. 1CD and with S.E. The biomass and abundance in Div. 1C in 2013 is estimated by a GLM including data from 2010-2014.

| Year | Biomass | S.E.    | Mean | S.E. | Abundance (*10 <sup>6</sup> ) | S.E.   | Biomass Div. 1D |
|------|---------|---------|------|------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1997 | 56260.2 | 4399.6  | 1.07 | 0.08 | 53.613                        | 4.118  | 45750.5         |
| 1998 | 70473.5 | 8391.7  | 1.34 | 0.16 | 67.677                        | 7.687  | 53232.0         |
| 1999 | 64398.0 | 6912.1  | 1.27 | 0.14 | 61.366                        | 6.265  | 52461.4         |
| 2000 | 59092.4 | 5543.3  | 1.28 | 0.11 | 61.710                        | 5.976  | 47927.7         |
| 2001 | 77554.0 | 13013.6 | 1.57 | 0.26 | 80.814                        | 14.221 | 51895.3         |
| 2002 | 71932.4 | 5613.9  | 1.56 | 0.12 | 71.510                        | 6.223  | 60511.3         |
| 2003 | 68717.2 | 6411.9  | 1.39 | 0.13 | 72.556                        | 7.764  | 48696.6         |
| 2004 | 75869.4 | 5186.3  | 1.48 | 0.10 | 74.859                        | 5.445  | 51070.6         |
| 2005 | 80865.4 | 8365.7  | 1.54 | 0.16 | 73.001                        | 7.317  | 62832.7         |
| 2006 | 77010.3 | 6259.6  | 1.47 | 0.12 | 70.715                        | 5.622  | 54449.3         |
| 2007 | 74356.8 | 9455.4  | 1.48 | 0.19 | 67.427                        | 8.492  | 60186.2         |
| 2008 | 83465.4 | 5456.3  | 1.60 | 0.10 | 72.804                        | 5.334  | 60364.8         |
| 2009 | 70966.2 | 5110.3  | 1.36 | 0.10 | 62.507                        | 4.419  | 53243.2         |
| 2010 | 75522.5 | 5382.4  | 1.44 | 0.10 | 64.868                        | 5.389  | 50343.3         |
| 2011 | 86591.4 | 5210.4  | 1.66 | 0.10 | 74.978                        | 4.723  | 60331.0         |
| 2012 | 64948.8 | 7379.3  | 1.24 | 0.14 | 54.271                        | 6.815  | 42370.6         |
| 2013 | 64049.0 |         | 1.22 |      | 51.160                        |        | 42376.7         |
| 2014 | 58424.6 | 4117.7  | 1.12 | 0.08 | 44.773                        | 3.246  | 36634.2         |
| 2015 | 78445.5 | 6612.8  | 1.50 | 0.13 | 61.620                        | 6.072  | 43739.3         |
| 2016 | 76629.9 | 4810.86 | 1.47 | 0.09 | 59.677                        | 3.730  | 47417.3         |

Table 2. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and biomass (tons) with Standard Error of Greenland halibut in Division 1CD by depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Biomass | SE     |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|---------|--------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 0.0485     | 163.4   | 163.4  |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 0.8519     | 13732.3 | 2840.7 |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 2.2683     | 13759.8 | 2156.7 |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 2.5485     | 1557.1  | 301.9  |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 0.4136     | 373.5   | 292.8  |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 0.7043     | 1366.4  | 425.5  |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 1.5656     | 6065.3  | 1370.8 |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 2.0631     | 20919.9 | 2263.5 |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 2.0668     | 12804.0 | 964.9  |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 1.9050     | 5888.2  | 1450.6 |
| All  |            |       |       | 1.4650     | 76629.9 | 4810.8 |

Table 3. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and abundance with Standard Error of Greenland halibut in Division 1CD by depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Abundance  | SE        |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 33.0       | 111166.1   | 111166.1  |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 884.3      | 14255052.1 | 2370867.7 |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 1773.7     | 10758982.3 | 1663669.2 |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 1663.0     | 1016067.9  | 389839.3  |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 517.9      | 467661.1   | 444862.3  |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 456.2      | 884942.9   | 354935.9  |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 1210.7     | 4690357.9  | 1036099.0 |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 1404.2     | 14239014.3 | 1563710.6 |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 1478.9     | 9161637.2  | 739890.1  |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 1323.9     | 4092073.0  | 979505.4  |
| All  |            |       |       | 1140.9     | 59676954.8 | 3728616.9 |

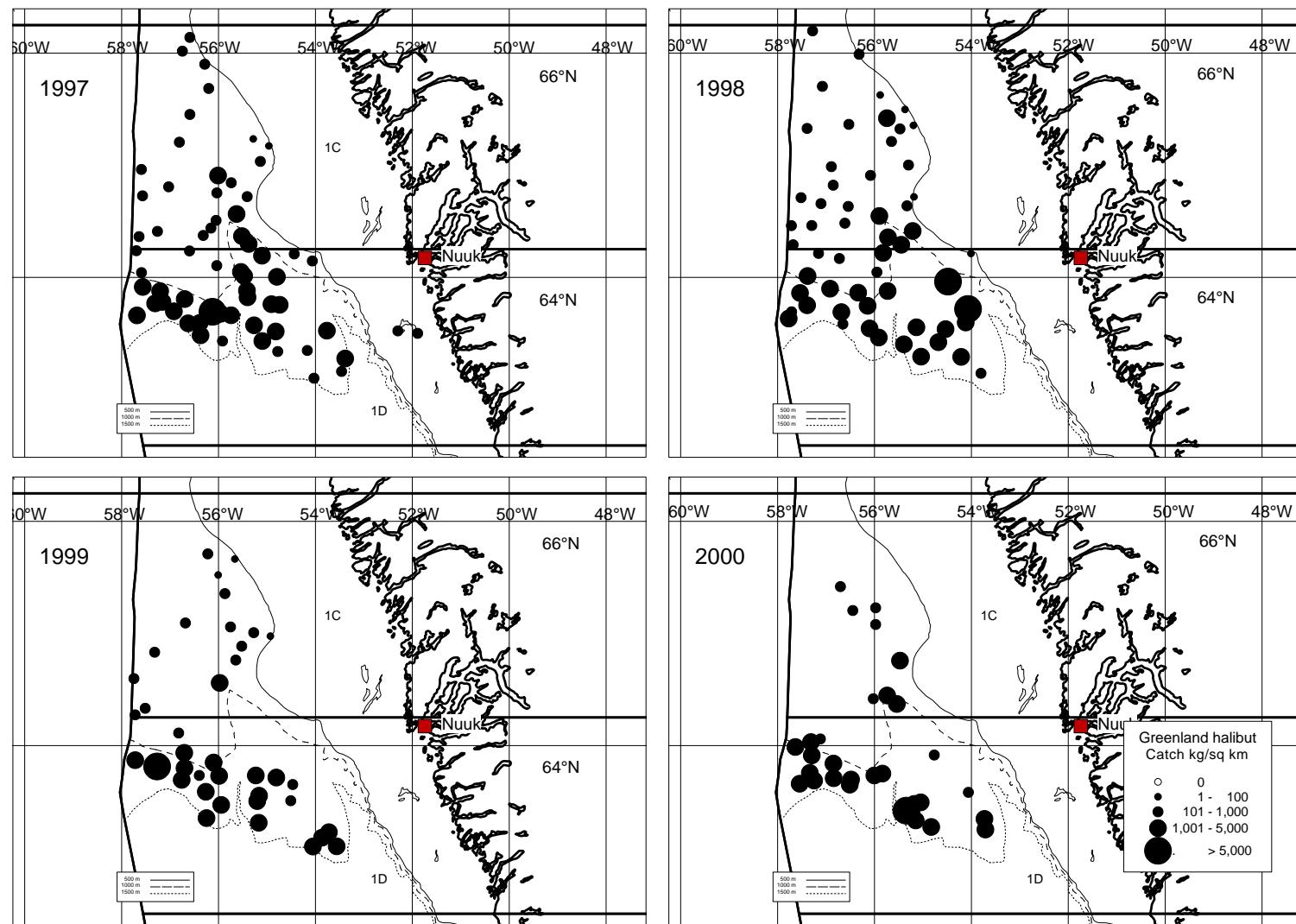


Fig. 1. Distribution of catches of Greenland halibut during 1997-2000 in kg/km<sup>2</sup>.

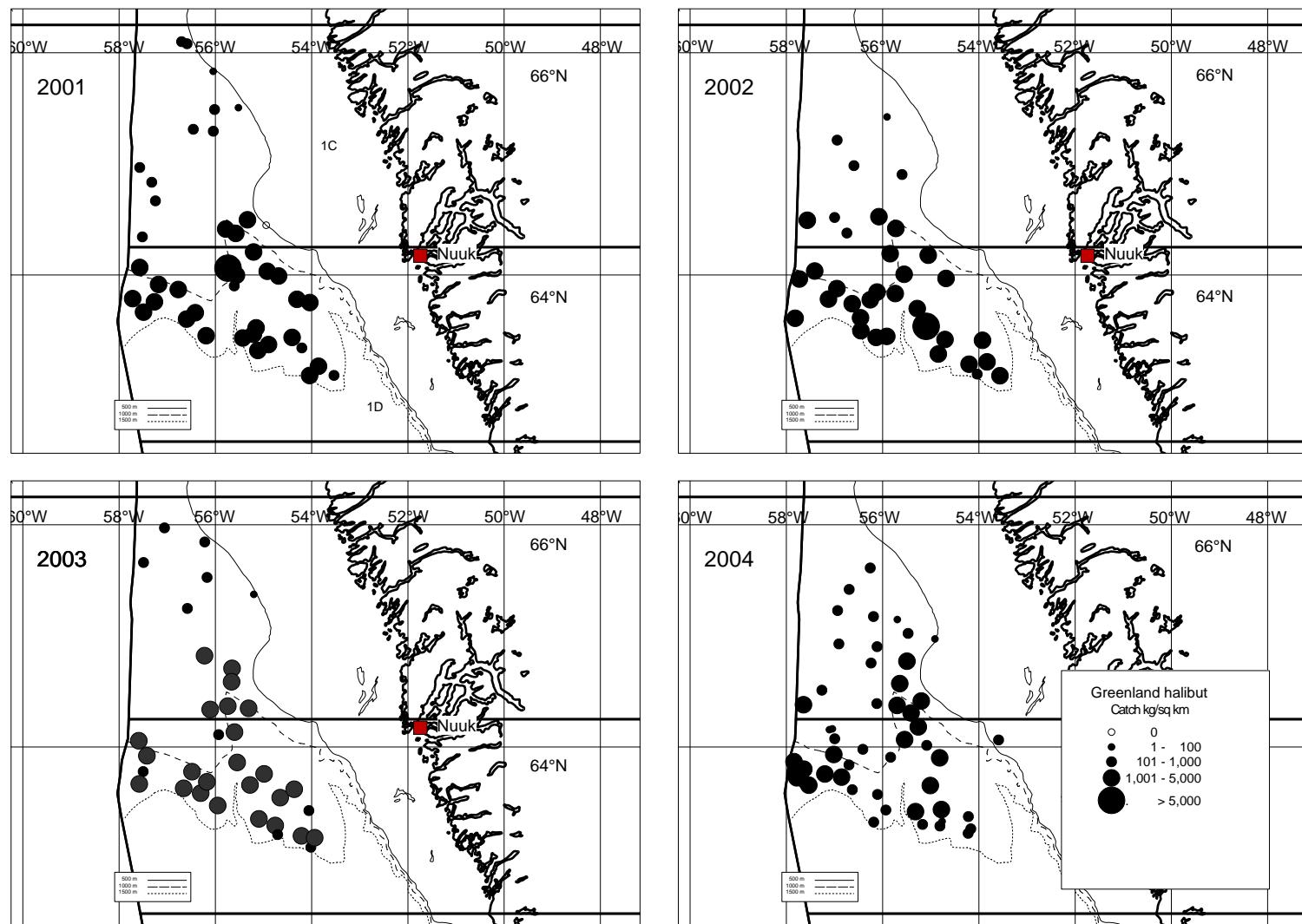


Fig. 1. (cont.). Distribution of catches of Greenland halibut in 2001 - 2004 in kg/km<sup>2</sup>

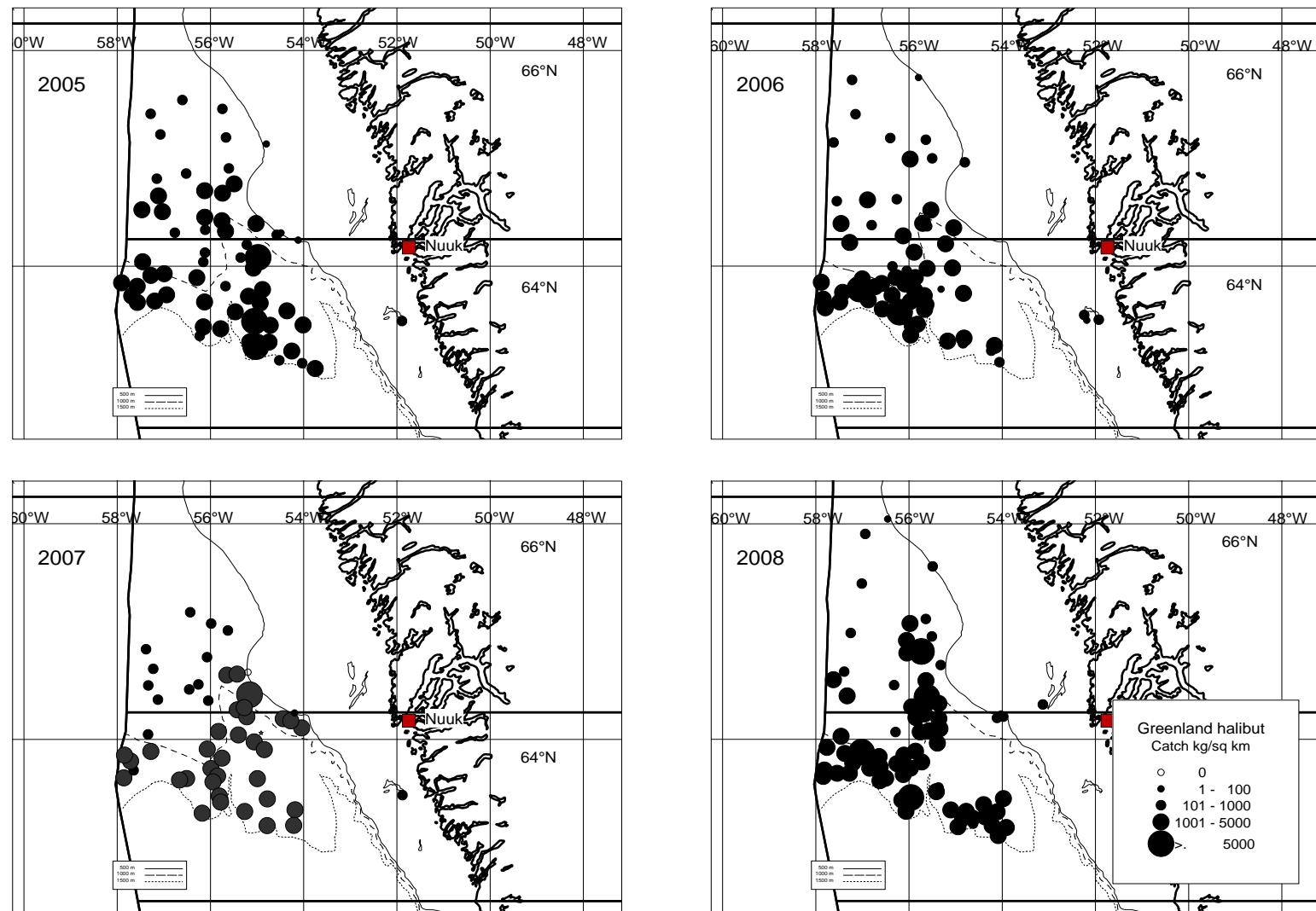


Fig. 1. (cont.). Distribution of catches of Greenland halibut in 2005 - 2008 in kg/km<sup>2</sup>

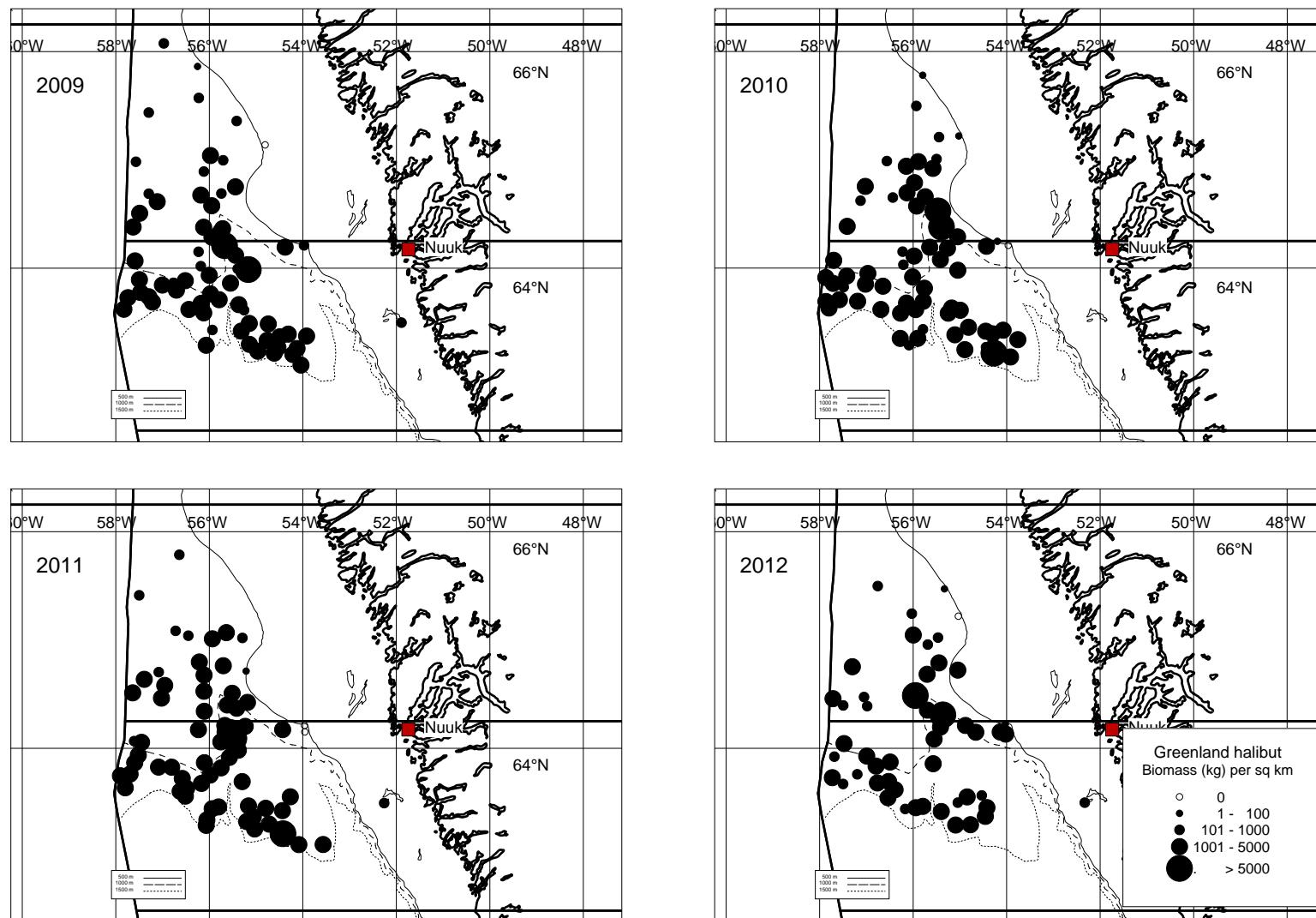


Fig. 1. (cont.). Distribution of catches of Greenland halibut in 2009 - 2012 in kg/km<sup>2</sup>

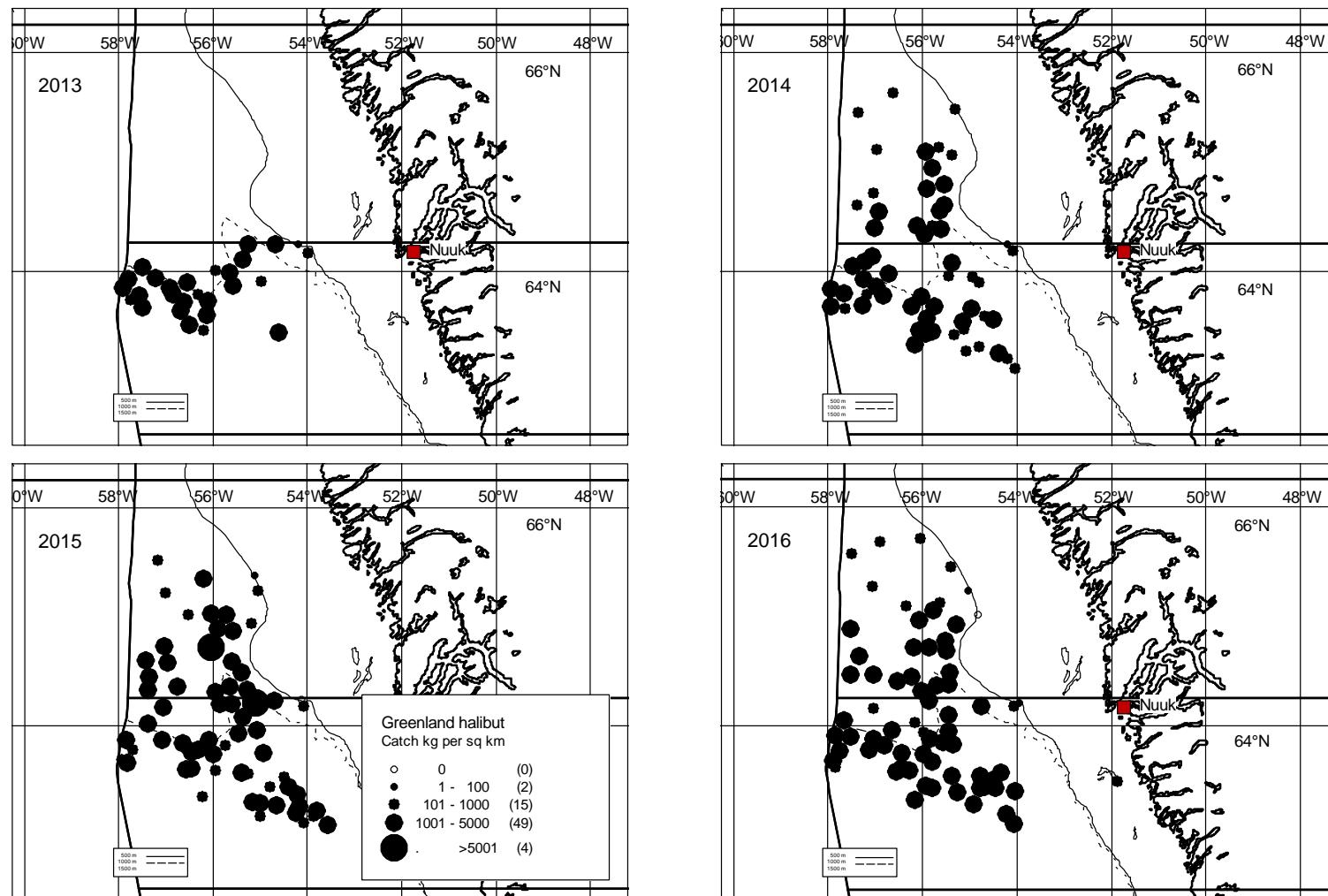


Fig. 1. (cont.). Distribution of catches of Greenland halibut in 2013 - 2016 in kg/km<sup>2</sup>

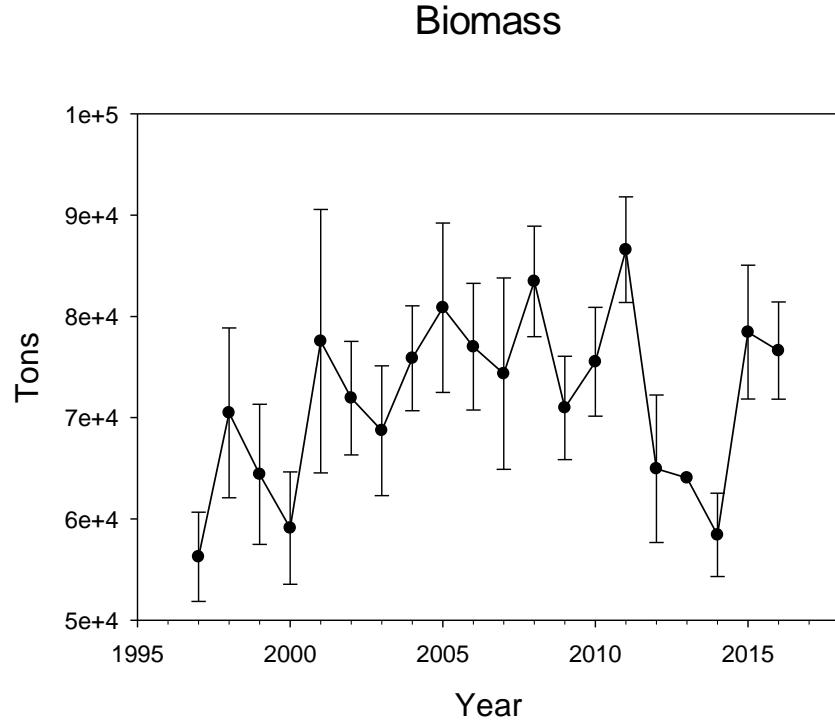


Fig. 2. Biomass (tons) of Greenland halibut in Div. 1CD by year with 1\*SE. No data from Div. 1C in 2013. The biomass in Div. 1C in 2013 is estimated by a GLM including data from 2010-2014.

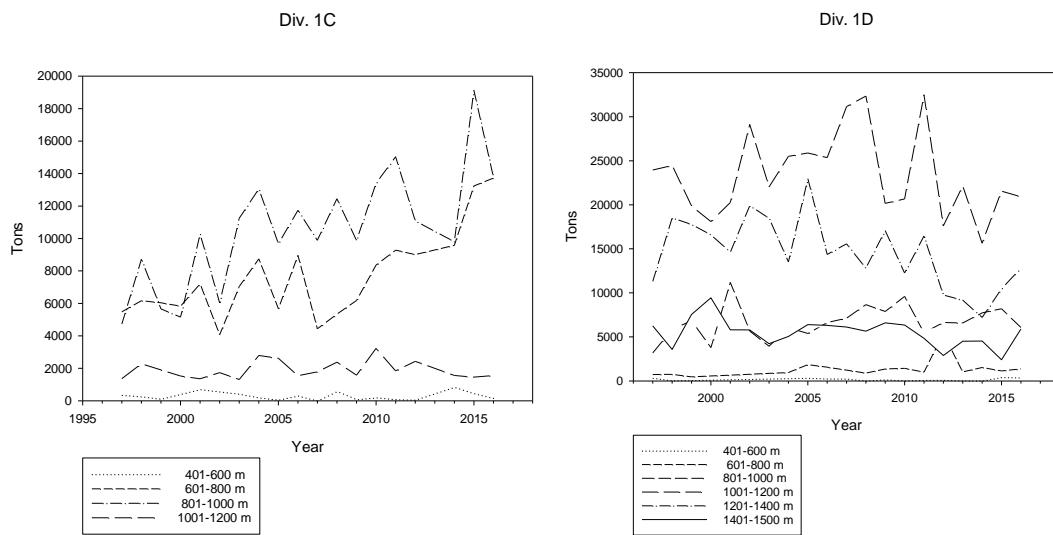


Fig.3. Biomass by Division, depth stratum and year. No data from Div. 1C in 2013

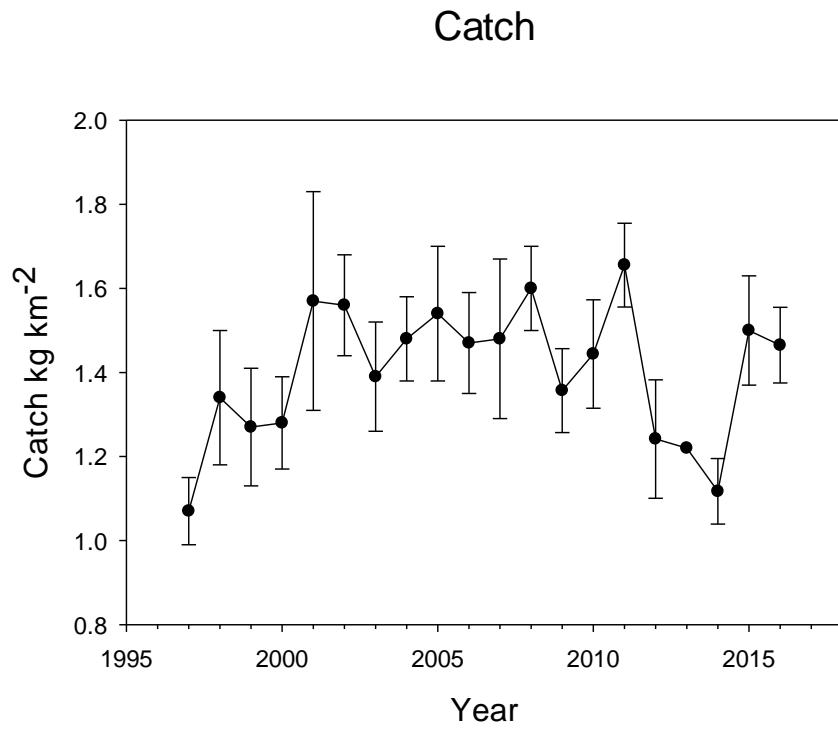


Fig. 4. Mean catch of Greenland halibut  $\text{km}^{-2}$  (tons) in Div. 1CD standardized by stratum area with  $1^{\circ}\text{S.E.}$ . No data from Div. 1C in 2013. The biomass in Div. 1C in 2013 is estimated by a GLM including data from 2010-2014.

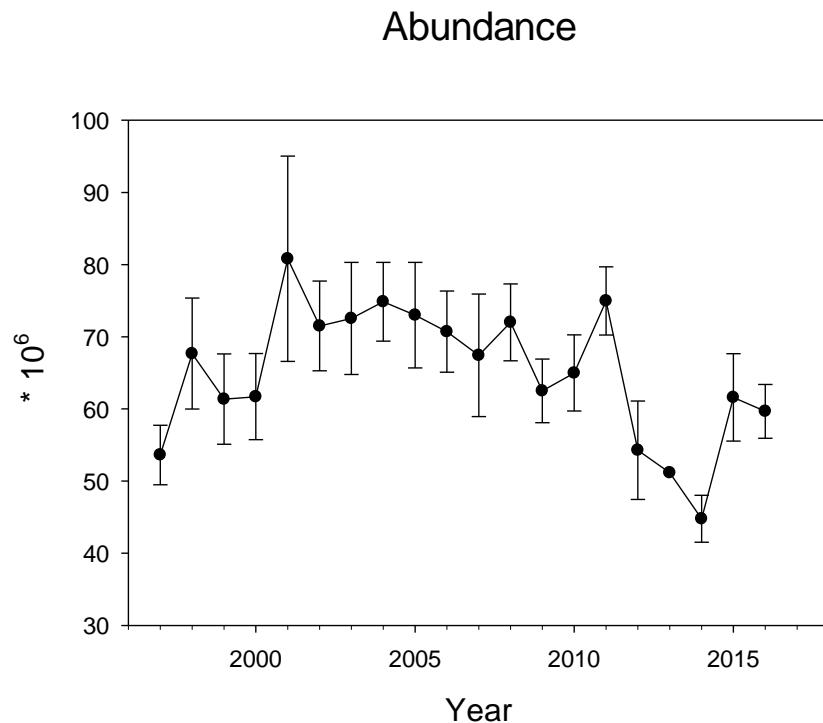


Fig. 5. Abundance (millions) of Greenland halibut in Div. 1CD by year with  $1^{\circ}\text{S.E.}$ . No data from Div. 1C in 2013. The abundance in Div. 1C in 2013 is estimated by a GLM including data from 2010-2014.

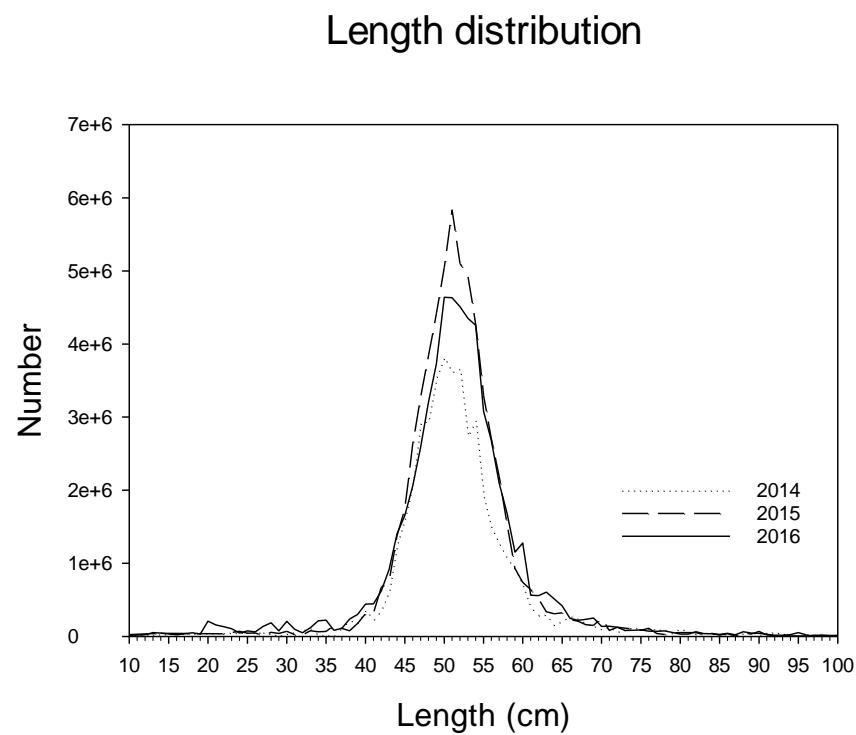


Fig. 6. Overall length distribution of Greenland halibut in numbers (weighted by stratum area) in Div. 1CD by year

Table 4. Number by age by year of Greenland halibut (excluding larvae, age 0). No data from 2008 and 2010-2016.

| AGE | 1997     | 1998     | 1999     | 2000     | 2001     | 2002     | 2003     | 2004     | 2005     | 2006     | 2007     | 2009     |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1   | 0        | 0        | 0        | 78826    | 15585    | 71512    | 833452   | 314358   | 200672   | 132147   | 0        |          |
| 2   | 536130   | 609093   | 184098   | 109496   | 281013   | 214536   | 3187890  | 255511   | 201882   | 641030   | 99520    | 613665   |
| 3   | 1704893  | 3722237  | 920490   | 479059   | 511722   | 285367   | 1468105  | 274564   | 569831   | 524114   | 268062   | 773577   |
| 4   | 3023773  | 4662948  | 4172888  | 3074341  | 4835796  | 2361529  | 2417001  | 4465950  | 1749900  | 2959669  | 802718   | 704747   |
| 5   | 9961295  | 14760362 | 11291344 | 15090231 | 20601616 | 11779876 | 12348567 | 14877198 | 12218823 | 13324592 | 12509462 | 7823793  |
| 6   | 15370847 | 19057854 | 15893794 | 16838191 | 26595603 | 26697300 | 21816458 | 30067732 | 19867351 | 20210890 | 18237159 | 12339572 |
| 7   | 13558728 | 14083592 | 19759852 | 14711646 | 17922784 | 18561065 | 18499540 | 14298142 | 21303055 | 15509156 | 19469186 | 22722253 |
| 8   | 5436358  | 5766084  | 4786548  | 5026106  | 4674899  | 6201987  | 6534966  | 6252194  | 12674030 | 13224793 | 11815872 | 9358562  |
| 9   | 1200931  | 1515966  | 859124   | 3214208  | 2550178  | 1857799  | 2403542  | 1724259  | 385774   | 731747   | 360855   | 3065130  |
| 10  | 948950   | 1211419  | 920490   | 1040152  | 780082   | 1340261  | 1244102  | 944766   | 1881136  | 1342871  | 1960085  | 2058523  |
| 11  | 584382   | 764751   | 613660   | 717770   | 705656   | 905723   | 581491   | 392534   | 158664   | 362986   | 0        | 1095209  |
| 12  | 466433   | 527881   | 675026   | 350292   | 369836   | 166242   | 224915   | 230820   | 1044342  | 958082   | 1030110  | 741972   |
| 13  | 187646   | 351921   | 429562   | 318336   | 345397   | 257412   | 264203   | 158687   | 36861    | 122337   | 26403    | 558339   |
| 14  | 96503    | 155657   | 429562   | 122157   | 195607   | 143024   | 207745   | 163836   | 410090   | 459693   | 502253   | 346258   |
| 15  | 262704   | 236870   | 184098   | 230208   | 225277   | 263139   | 67270    | 218713   | 85460    | 114617   | 27483    | 199826   |
| 16  | 187646   | 115051   | 61366    | 128242   | 91540    | 178780   | 206590   | 71775    | 13547    | 102977   | 182091   | 50494    |
| 17  | 64336    | 128586   | 61366    | 95352    | 80275    | 107268   | 72546    | 96352    | 118365   | 28973    | 49422    | 26348    |
| 18  | 16084    | 0        | 61366    | 57045    | 22628    | 35756    | 41219    | 6650     | 35465    | 0        | 26001    |          |
| 19  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 27474    | 32325    | 83431    | 58531    | 37874    | 45452    | 0        | 0        |          |
| 20  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 8081     | 0        | 22258    |          |          |          | 46549    |          |
| 21  |          |          |          |          |          | 0        | 7419     |          |          |          |          |          |
| SUM | 53607639 | 67670271 | 61304634 | 61709132 | 80845900 | 71512007 | 72507812 | 74851915 | 73000702 | 70750676 | 67413231 | 62478267 |

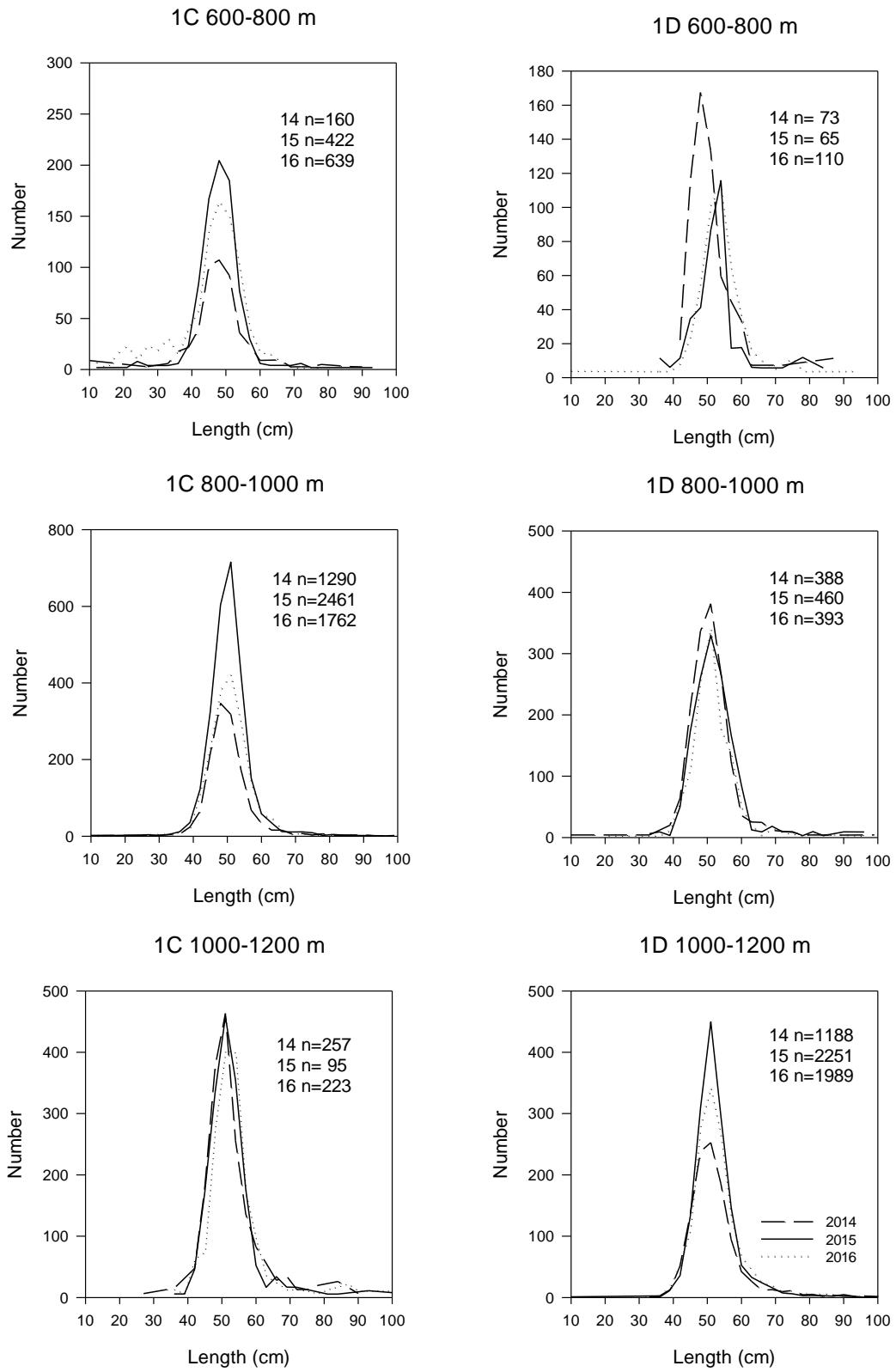


Fig. 7. Length distribution of Greenland halibut in numbers  $\text{km}^{-2}$  by year, division and depth stratum. Div 1CD 600-1200 m 2014-2016.

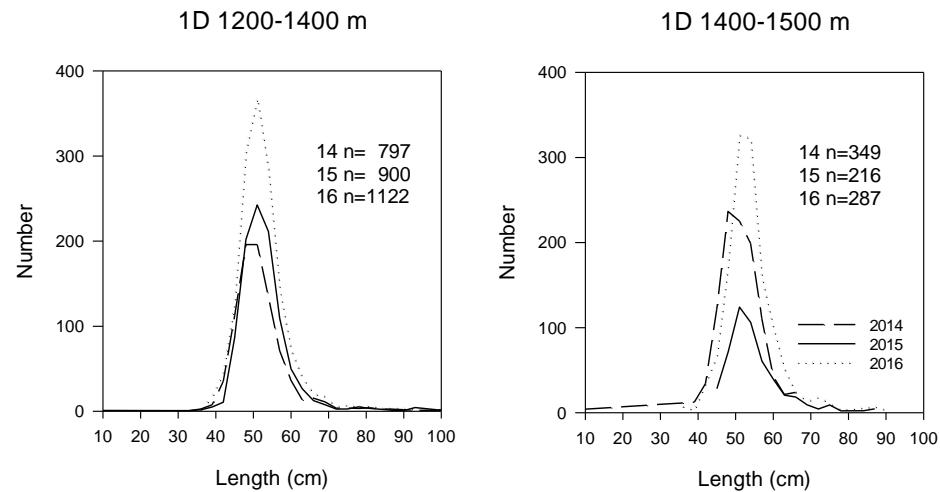


Fig. 7. cont. Length distribution of Greenland halibut in numbers  $\text{km}^{-2}$  by year, division and depth stratum.  
Div. 1D 1200-1500 m 2104-2016.

Table 5. Mean weight and length by year and age. No data 2008 and 2010-2016.

|     | 1997   |        | 1998   |        | 1999   |        | 2000   |        | 2001   |        | 2002   |        | 2003   |        | 2004   |        | 2005   |        | 2006   |        | 2007   |        | 2009   |        |     |      |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|------|
| AGE | weight | length |     |      |
| 1   |        |        |        |        |        |        | 25     | 13.5   | 28     | 14.4   | 20     | 16.0   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 18     | 13.3   |        |        |        |     |      |
| 2   | 23     | 15.3   | 38     | 18.7   | 64     | 21.0   | 75     | 21.0   | 85     | 21.0   | 60     | 21.7   | 85     | 23.0   |        |        |        |        | 69     | 21.5   | 71     | 21.1   | 70     | 22.0   | 91  | 23.3 |
| 3   | 58     | 19.8   | 176    | 28.5   | 206    | 27.4   | 146    | 26.3   | 173    | 26.7   | 200    | 29.6   | 192    | 29.4   |        |        |        |        | 169    | 28.5   | 180    | 28.6   | 181.7  | 28.7   | 162 | 27.1 |
| 4   | 137    | 26.1   | 348    | 35.3   | 342    | 34.4   | 329    | 33.6   | 366    | 34.2   | 341    | 35.5   | 355    | 35.7   | 487    | 39.1   | 382    | 36.6   | 397    | 36.8   | 352.6  | 35.9   | 377    | 36.6   |     |      |
| 5   | 272    | 32.8   | 551    | 40.9   | 571    | 40.3   | 528    | 39.5   | 574    | 39.7   | 487    | 39.9   | 522    | 40.2   | 646    | 42.8   | 550    | 41.3   | 594    | 41.8   | 565.8  | 41.6   | 544    | 40.7   |     |      |
| 6   | 444    | 38.0   | 854    | 46.8   | 793    | 45.6   | 764    | 44.5   | 849    | 44.9   | 747    | 45.6   | 763    | 45.4   | 917    | 47.5   | 831    | 46.7   | 867    | 47.0   | 859.6  | 47.2   | 771    | 45.4   |     |      |
| 7   | 737    | 43.9   | 1218   | 51.9   | 1196   | 51.4   | 1074   | 49.8   | 1159   | 49.9   | 1132   | 51.7   | 1116   | 51.2   | 1293   | 52.5   | 1137   | 51.6   | 1142   | 51.4   | 1072   | 51.1   | 1025   | 50.0   |     |      |
| 8   | 1070   | 49.9   | 1572   | 56.8   | 1665   | 57.9   | 1376   | 53.7   | 1541   | 54.8   | 1370   | 55.6   | 1419   | 55.9   | 1638   | 56.5   | 1569   | 56.5   | 1531   | 56.1   | 1541   | 56.6   | 1540   | 56.3   |     |      |
| 9   | 1454   | 55.6   | 2075   | 60.6   | 2057   | 61.1   | 1631   | 56.8   | 1844   | 58.0   | 1844   | 60.7   | 1861   | 59.8   | 1942   | 60.2   | 1754   | 58.8   | 2189   | 61.2   | 1635   | 57.5   | 1856   | 59.8   |     |      |
| 10  | 2043   | 61.2   | 2293   | 63.1   | 2441   | 64.1   | 2077   | 61.5   | 2259   | 61.8   | 2037   | 62.5   | 2115   | 62.6   | 2191   | 62.3   | 2301   | 63.8   | 2502   | 64.2   | 2123   | 62.4   | 2208   | 62.9   |     |      |
| 11  | 2815   | 66.7   | 2867   | 66.5   | 2812   | 66.9   | 2503   | 63.9   | 3316   | 65.0   | 2508   | 66.0   | 2668   | 66.8   | 2924   | 67.8   | 2878   | 68.0   | 3588   | 70.9   |        |        | 2816   | 67.7   |     |      |
| 12  | 3828   | 72.6   | 3453   | 69.9   | 4000   | 72.9   | 3014   | 67.5   | 3450   | 68.7   | 3011   | 69.7   | 3190   | 70.4   | 3237   | 68.2   | 3464   | 71.2   | 3450   | 70.2   | 3049   | 68.6   | 3492   | 70.9   |     |      |
| 13  | 4840   | 77.3   | 4538   | 74.7   | 5679   | 79.5   | 3612   | 70.4   | 3866   | 71.3   | 3558   | 71.6   | 3178   | 70.6   | 3683   | 72.4   | 4617   | 77.0   | 4951   | 77.5   | 3300   | 70.0   | 4019   | 73.3   |     |      |
| 14  | 6679   | 84.0   | 5112   | 77.6   | 7613   | 86.7   | 3893   | 72.8   | 5257   | 77.8   | 4650   | 78.5   | 3845   | 75.5   | 3889   | 71.1   | 5305   | 79.1   | 5324   | 79.0   | 4548   | 76.4   | 5586   | 79.8   |     |      |
| 15  | 7711   | 87.8   | 7141   | 85.1   | 8477   | 91.2   | 5409   | 78.3   | 6324   | 81.9   | 5149   | 79.0   | 4340   | 76.0   | 4740   | 74.8   | 6468   | 86.0   | 7029   | 86.1   | 6443   | 85.5   | 6709   | 83.9   |     |      |
| 16  | 9166   | 94.6   | 8385   | 88.9   | 9925   | 88.5   | 6873   | 85.5   | 7203   | 86.0   | 6786   | 84.8   | 5747   | 81.3   |        |        | 13320  | 100.0  | 8415   | 89.3   | 8402   | 90.8   | 9700   | 94.0   |     |      |
| 17  | 10797  | 97.8   | 10684  | 95.4   |        |        | 8492   | 91.8   | 8954   | 92.4   | 8520   | 90.3   | 6200   | 84.0   | 6498   | 82.0   |        |        | 9588   | 95.0   | 9565   | 92.5   | 9198   | 93.0   |     |      |
| 18  |        |        |        |        | 12500  | 99.0   | 8590   | 92.3   | 8760   | 93.0   | 9385   | 93.0   |        |        | 893    | 93.0   | 9570   | 97.0   |        |        | 9200   | 95.0   |        |        |     |      |
| 19  |        |        |        |        | 12850  | 99.0   |        |        | 9645   | 91.5   | 11500  | 102.0  | 8553   | 90.3   |        |        | 10220  | 93.0   | 14150  | 101.0  |        |        |        |        |     |      |
| 20  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 14400  | 105.0  |        |        |        |        |        |        | 12330  | 102.0  |     |      |

### Roundnose grenadier (*Coryphaenoides rupestris*)

Roundnose grenadier was caught in 65 of the 70 valid hauls but the catches were very low (Fig. 8, Appendix 1). The biomass has been very low for about two decades (Table 6) and far below the level seen in the late 80'. The biomass in 2016 was estimated at 861.2 tons which is at the same level as in 2015 (813.4 tons). Most of the biomass and the highest densities was found in Div. 1D at 400-600 this figure is, however, based on two hauls only (Table 7 and 8).

The abundance was estimated at  $6.39 \times 10^6$  compared to  $7.35 \times 10^6$  specimens in 2015.

Table 6. Biomass (tons) and abundance of roundnose grenadier with 1\*S.E. by year. NOTE! Data from 2013 only includes Div. 1D.

| Year | Biomass | S.E.    | Abundance<br>( $\times 10^6$ ) | S.E.<br>( $10^6$ ) |
|------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1997 | 5 686.5 | 926.4   | 32.44                          | 7.06               |
| 1998 | 7 263.3 | 2 530.2 | 75.24                          | 27.36              |
| 1999 | 2 771.8 | 445.5   | 29.10                          | 8.96               |
| 2000 | 5 593.7 | 2 616.8 | 99.52                          | 67.31              |
| 2001 | 1 577.2 | 516.4   | 24.70                          | 8.80               |
| 2002 | 1 593.1 | 462.7   | 18.61                          | 8.91               |
| 2003 | 774.2   | 144.0   | 6.90                           | 1.27               |
| 2004 | 633.0   | 98.2    | 10.56                          | 2.53               |
| 2005 | 733.0   | 116.0   | 12.18                          | 3.75               |
| 2006 | 658.6   | 192.2   | 10.83                          | 4.28               |
| 2007 | 838.0   | 206.4   | 13.16                          | 4.50               |
| 2008 | 546.1   | 81.3    | 4.75                           | 0.70               |
| 2009 | 1 151.1 | 516.1   | 16.58                          | 10.01              |
| 2010 | 580.7   | 81.1    | 6.78                           | 1.80               |
| 2011 | 939.8   | 244.9   | 11.57                          | 4.64               |
| 2012 | 1 634.1 | 936.3   | 24.36                          | 15.63              |
| 2013 | 487.5   | 190.8   | 3.94                           | 2.31               |
| 2014 | 596.9   | 215.8   | 5.08                           | 2.11               |
| 2015 | 813.4   | 167.4   | 7.35                           | 2.28               |
| 2016 | 861.2   | 274.6   | 6.39                           | 1.80               |

Pre anal fin length ranged from 2 to cm 20 cm. The grenadiers were generally small and the overall length distribution (weighted by stratum area) was dominated by fish at 5 cm (Fig. 9).

Table 7. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and biomass (tons) with Standard Error of roundnose grenadier in Division 1CD by depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Biomass | SE    |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|---------|-------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 0.0014     | 4.8     | 4.8   |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 0.0073     | 117.0   | 83.8  |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 0.0156     | 94.5    | 45.6  |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 0.0141     | 8.6     | 0.8   |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 0.2777     | 250.8   | 250.8 |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 0.0134     | 26.1    | 13.9  |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 0.0089     | 34.6    | 18.6  |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 0.0141     | 143.1   | 36.9  |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 0.0220     | 136.4   | 34.1  |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 0.0147     | 45.3    | 17.2  |
| A11  |            |       |       | 0.0165     | 861.2   | 274.6 |

Table 8. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and abundance with Standard Error of roundnose grenadier in Division 1CD by depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Abundance | SE        |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 6.6        | 22233.2   | 22233.2   |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 106.9      | 1722833.3 | 1296900.8 |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 252.8      | 1533354.0 | 827790.3  |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 109.6      | 66942.2   | 12487.6   |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 984.7      | 889150.1  | 889150.1  |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 123.0      | 238534.8  | 85684.7   |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 88.4       | 342397.9  | 127398.7  |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 84.9       | 861087.9  | 204508.6  |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 94.4       | 584705.6  | 154499.6  |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 41.0       | 126822.7  | 33340.0   |
| A11  |            |       |       | 122.1      | 6388061.7 | 1802443.9 |

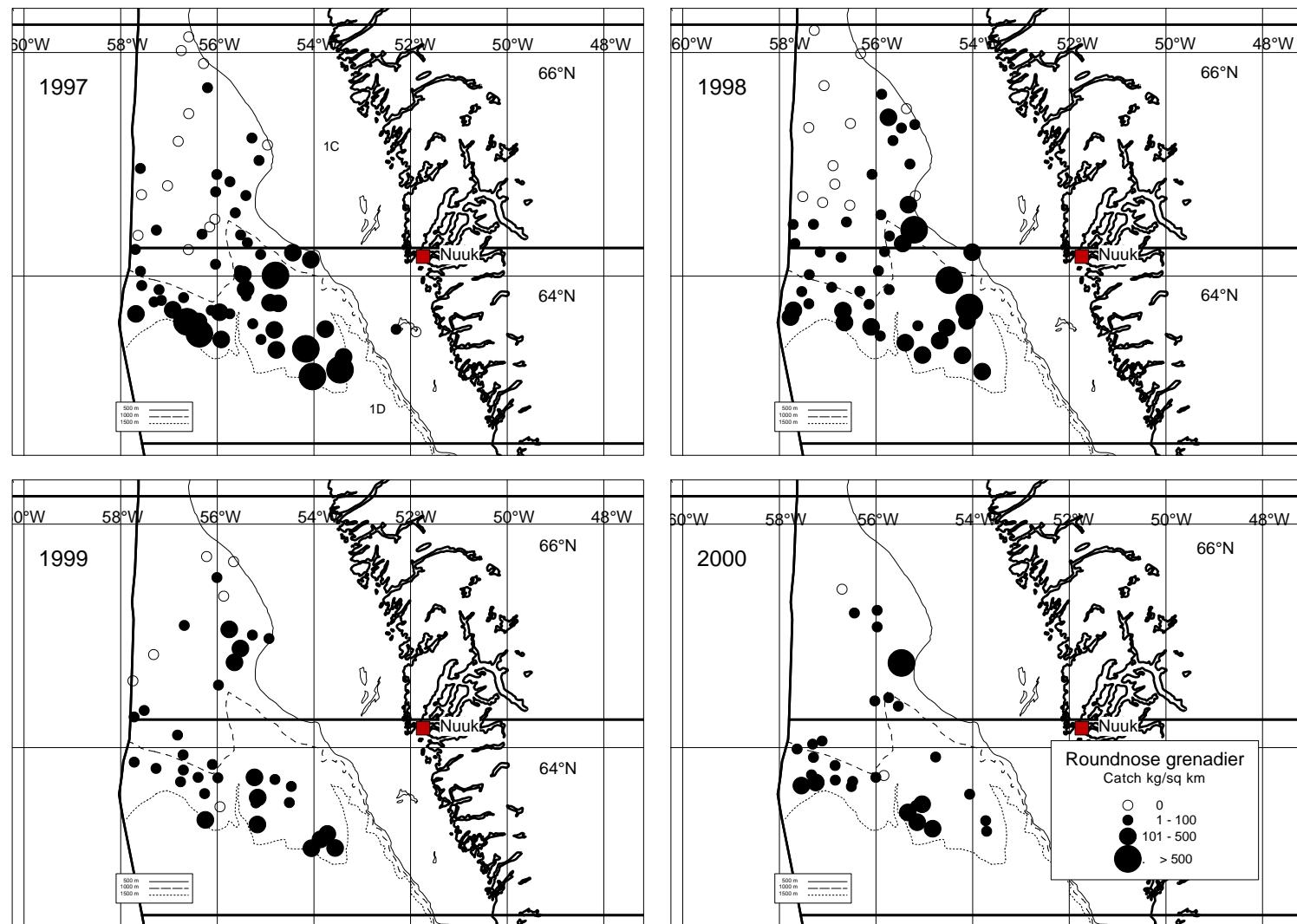


Fig. 8. Distribution of catches of roundnose grenadier in 1997-2000 in kg per km<sup>2</sup>

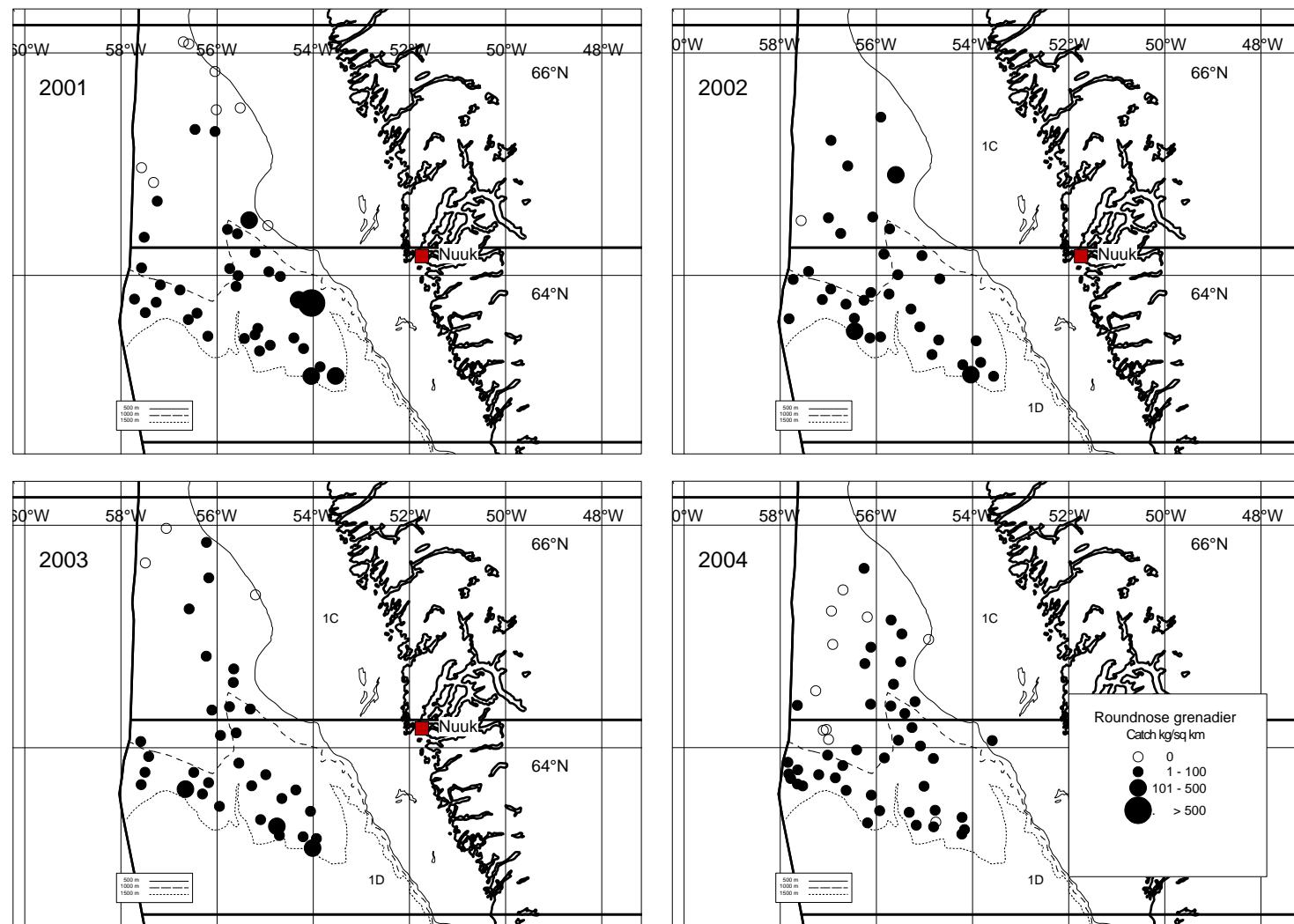


Fig. 8. cont. Distribution of catches of roundnose grenadier in 2001-2004 in kg per km<sup>2</sup>.

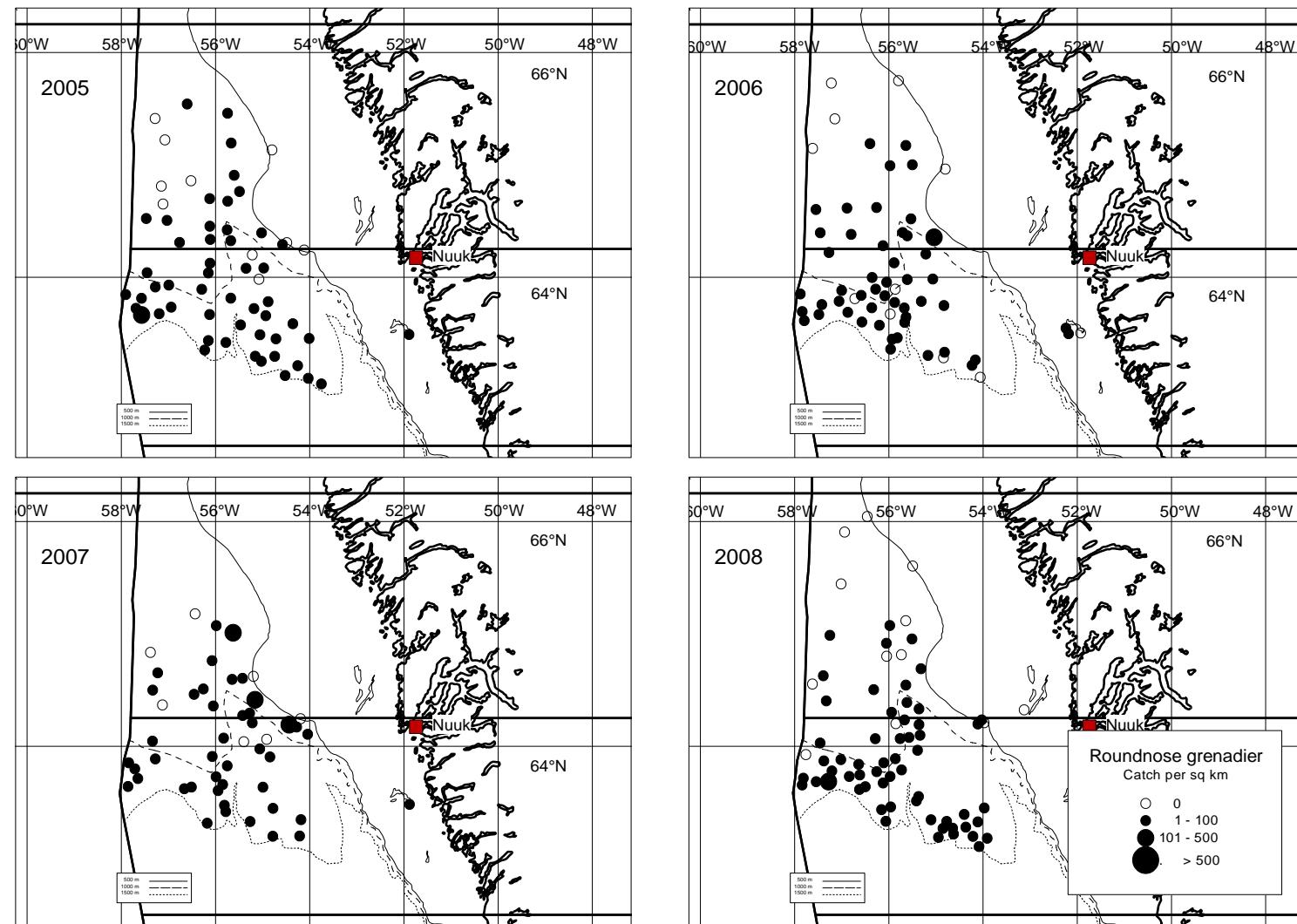


Fig. 8 cont. Distribution of catches of roundnose grenadier in 2005-2008 in kg per  $\text{km}^{-2}$ .

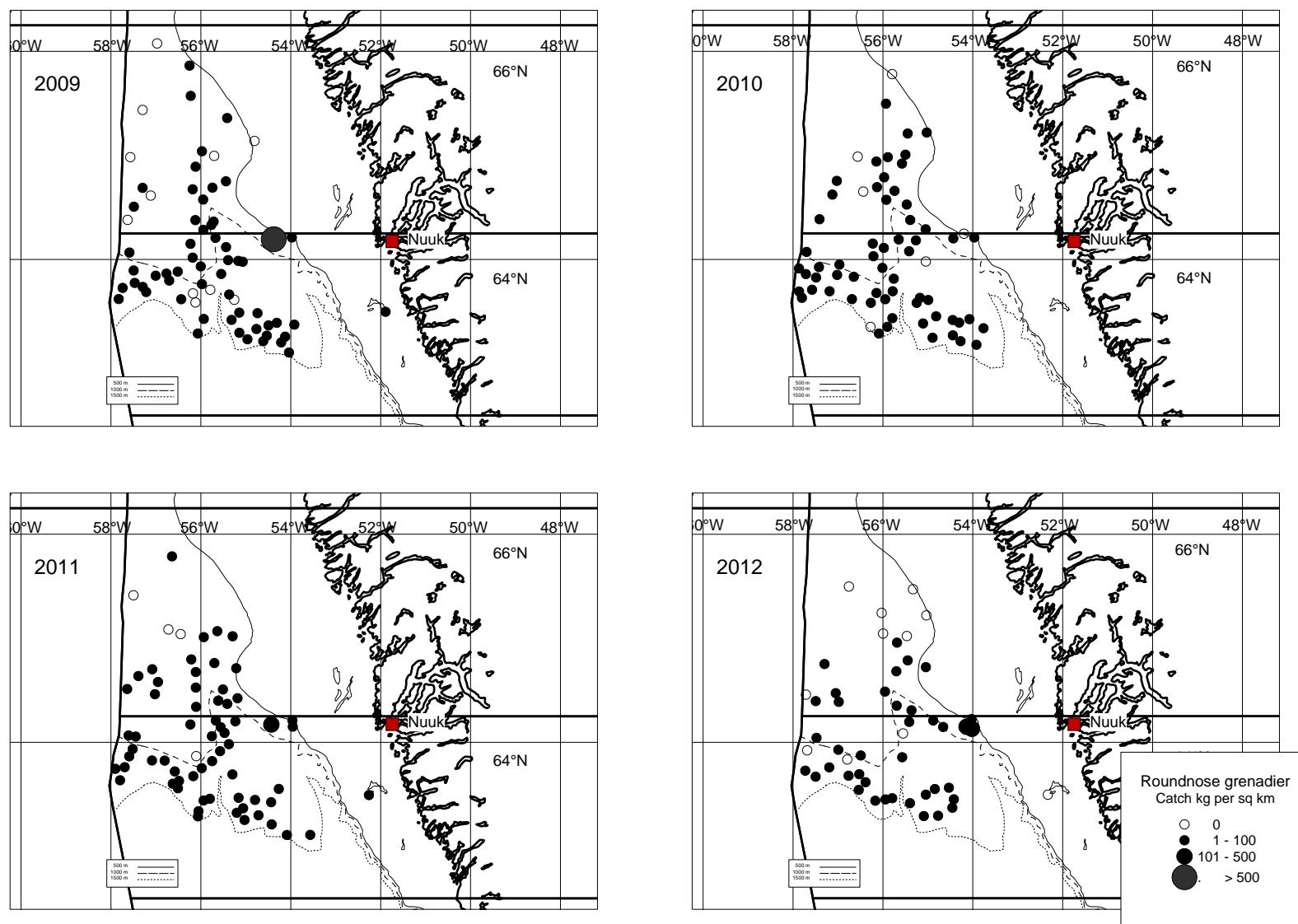


Fig. 8 cont. Distribution of catches of roundnose grenadier in 2009-2012 in kg per km<sup>2</sup>.

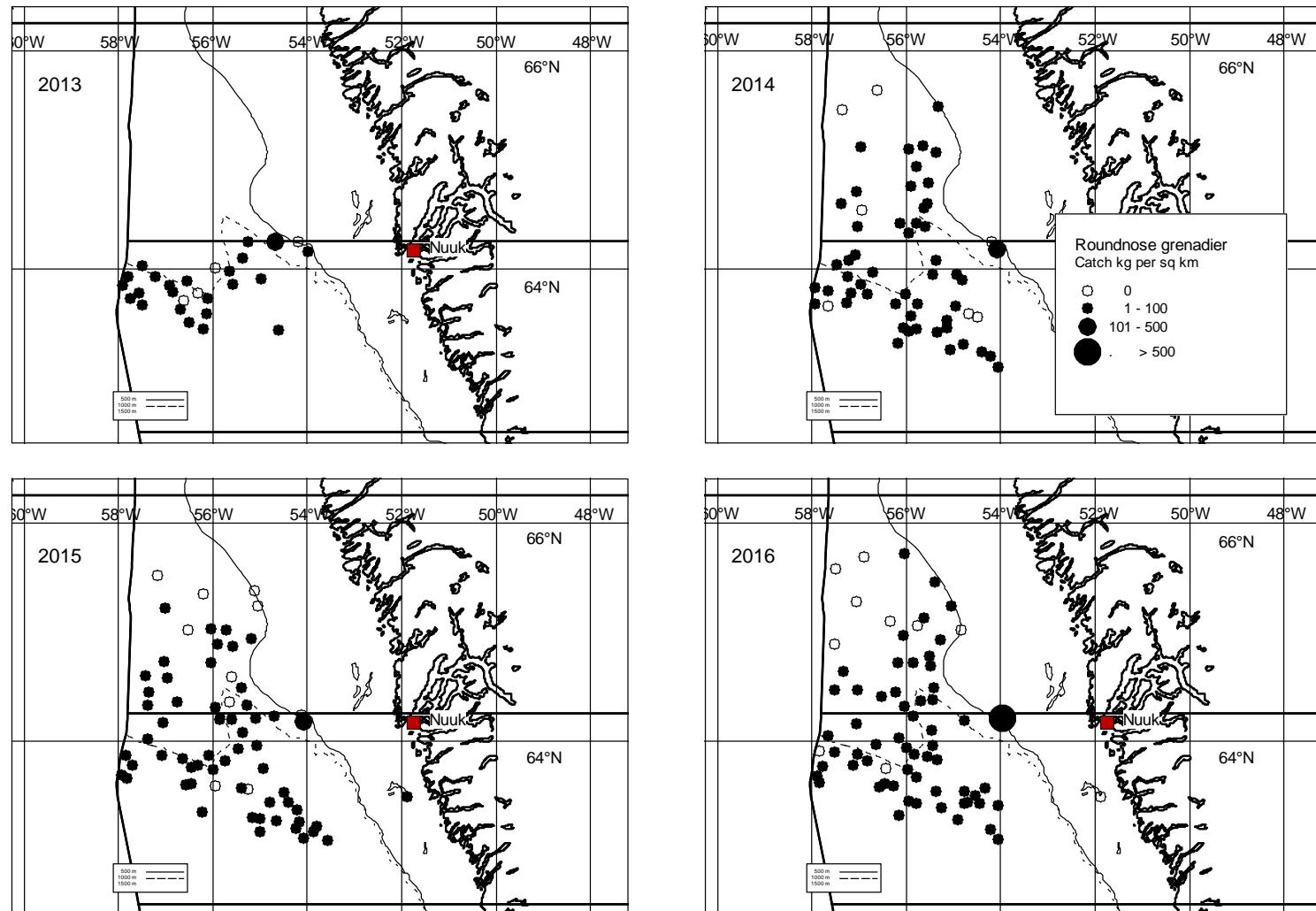


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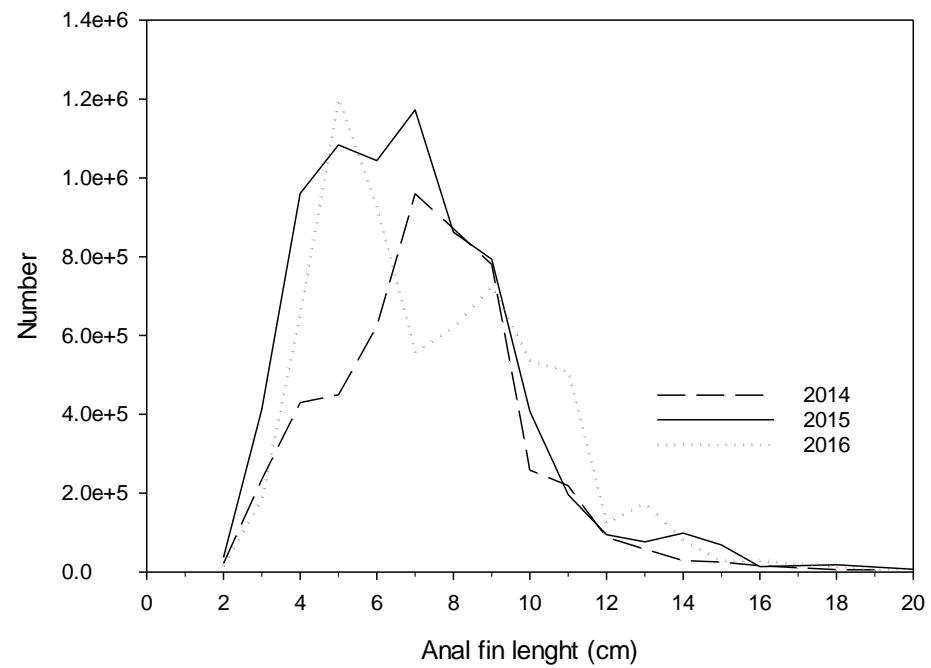


Fig. 9. Overall length distribution of roundnose grenadier (pre anal fin length) in numbers (weighted by stratum area) in 1CD in 2014-2016.

### Roughhead grenadier (*Macrourus berglax*)

Roughhead grenadier was caught in 68 of 70 valid hauls. The catches were, however, generally low (Fig. 11, Appendix 1). The biomass was estimated at 2871.6 tons in 2016 compared to 3291.8 tons in 2015 which is the third lowest estimate in the time series (Table 9). The abundance was estimated at  $6.81 \times 10^6$  compared to  $8.65 \times 10^6$  in 2015. The 2016 abundance estimate is the third lowest in the time series. The densities in numbers per km<sup>2</sup> were fairly even distributed throughout the survey area (Table 10 and 11).

Table 9. Biomass and abundance of roughhead grenadier by year in Div. 1CD with S.E. NOTE! Data from 2013 only includes Div. 1D.

| Year | Biomass | S.E.   | Abundance<br>( $\times 10^6$ ) | S.E. ( $\times 10^6$ ) |
|------|---------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1997 | 2258.6  | 250.1  | 4.60                           | 0.45                   |
| 1998 | 4314.1  | 377.9  | 11.62                          | 1.01                   |
| 1999 | 5166.2  | 854.1  | 14.07                          | 2.04                   |
| 2000 | 7178.1  | 2226.5 | 20.28                          | 7.18                   |
| 2001 | 4576.6  | 456.3  | 13.87                          | 1.55                   |
| 2002 | 7907.6  | 823.6  | 19.62                          | 1.76                   |
| 2003 | 5657.5  | 700.8  | 15.37                          | 2.57                   |
| 2004 | 4314.3  | 452.6  | 11.16                          | 1.32                   |
| 2005 | 5602.6  | 419.5  | 14.00                          | 1.31                   |
| 2006 | 5148.2  | 621.2  | 11.84                          | 1.09                   |
| 2007 | 3467.6  | 374.6  | 8.18                           | 1.08                   |
| 2008 | 4533.7  | 970.2  | 9.94                           | 1.35                   |
| 2009 | 3795.7  | 299.2  | 8.21                           | 0.67                   |
| 2010 | 4025.8  | 564.5  | 8.21                           | 1.10                   |
| 2011 | 3084.5  | 265.3  | 7.39                           | 0.65                   |
| 2012 | 6303.4  | 2774.2 | 8.44                           | 1.21                   |
| 2013 | 2241.1  | 507.2  | 4.14                           | 0.96                   |
| 2014 | 2907.4  | 251.0  | 7.80                           | 0.61                   |
| 2015 | 3291.8  | 225.5  | 8.65                           | 0.69                   |
| 2016 | 2871.6  | 281.6  | 6.81                           | 0.60                   |

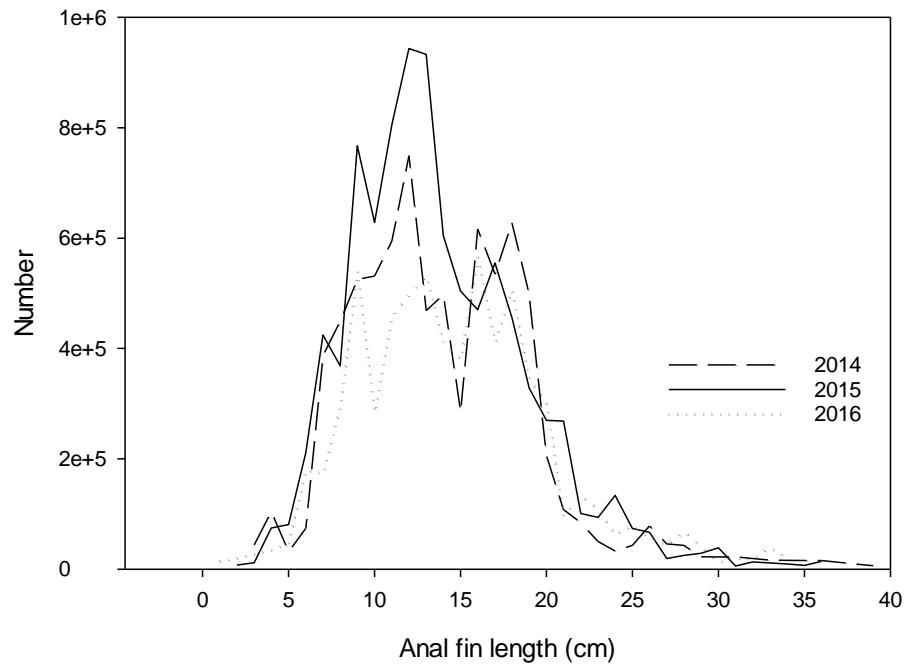


Fig. 10. Overall length distribution (pre anal fin length) of roughhead grenadier in numbers (weighted by stratum area) in 1CD in 2014-2016.

Table 10. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and biomass (tons) with Standard Error of roughhead grenadier in Division 1CD by depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Biomass | SE    |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|---------|-------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 0.0315     | 106.1   | 1.1   |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 0.0374     | 602.5   | 131.6 |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 0.0547     | 331.8   | 53.5  |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 0.0269     | 16.5    | 16.5  |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 0.0460     | 41.5    | 41.5  |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 0.0985     | 191.0   | 108.8 |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 0.0446     | 172.7   | 44.9  |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 0.0521     | 528.1   | 72.0  |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 0.1065     | 659.7   | 155.0 |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 0.0717     | 221.6   | 118.5 |
| All  |            |       |       | 0.0549     | 2871.6  | 281.6 |

Table 11. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and abundance and Standard Error of roughhead grenadier in Division 1CD by depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Abundance | SE       |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 71.2       | 239727.5  | 27071.1  |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 126.2      | 2034229.7 | 505720.1 |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 153.1      | 928630.8  | 135243.7 |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 97.5       | 59572.3   | 59572.3  |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 101.0      | 91194.9   | 91194.9  |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 163.9      | 318016.5  | 66589.4  |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 98.8       | 382792.8  | 113319.2 |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 137.8      | 1397442.7 | 143950.3 |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 170.9      | 1058811.9 | 150413.8 |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 98.4       | 304047.1  | 130217.9 |
| A11  |            |       |       | 130.3      | 6814466.3 | 603506.4 |

Pre anal fin length ranged from 1 to 34 cm and the overall length distribution showed minor modes at 9, 13, 16 and 18 cm, respectively. (Fig.10).

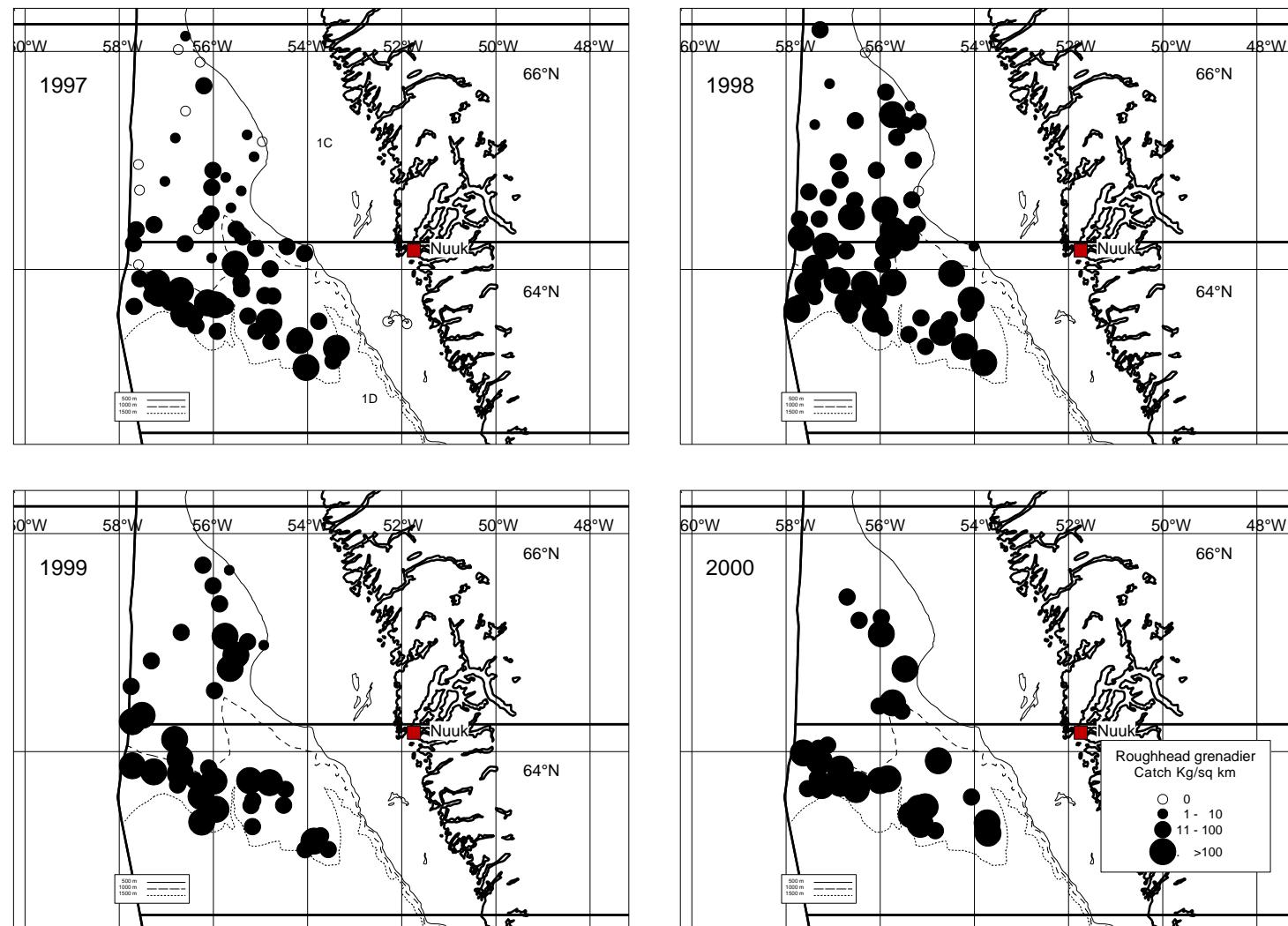


Fig.11. Distribution of catches of roughhead grenadier in 1997-2000 in kg per km<sup>2</sup>.

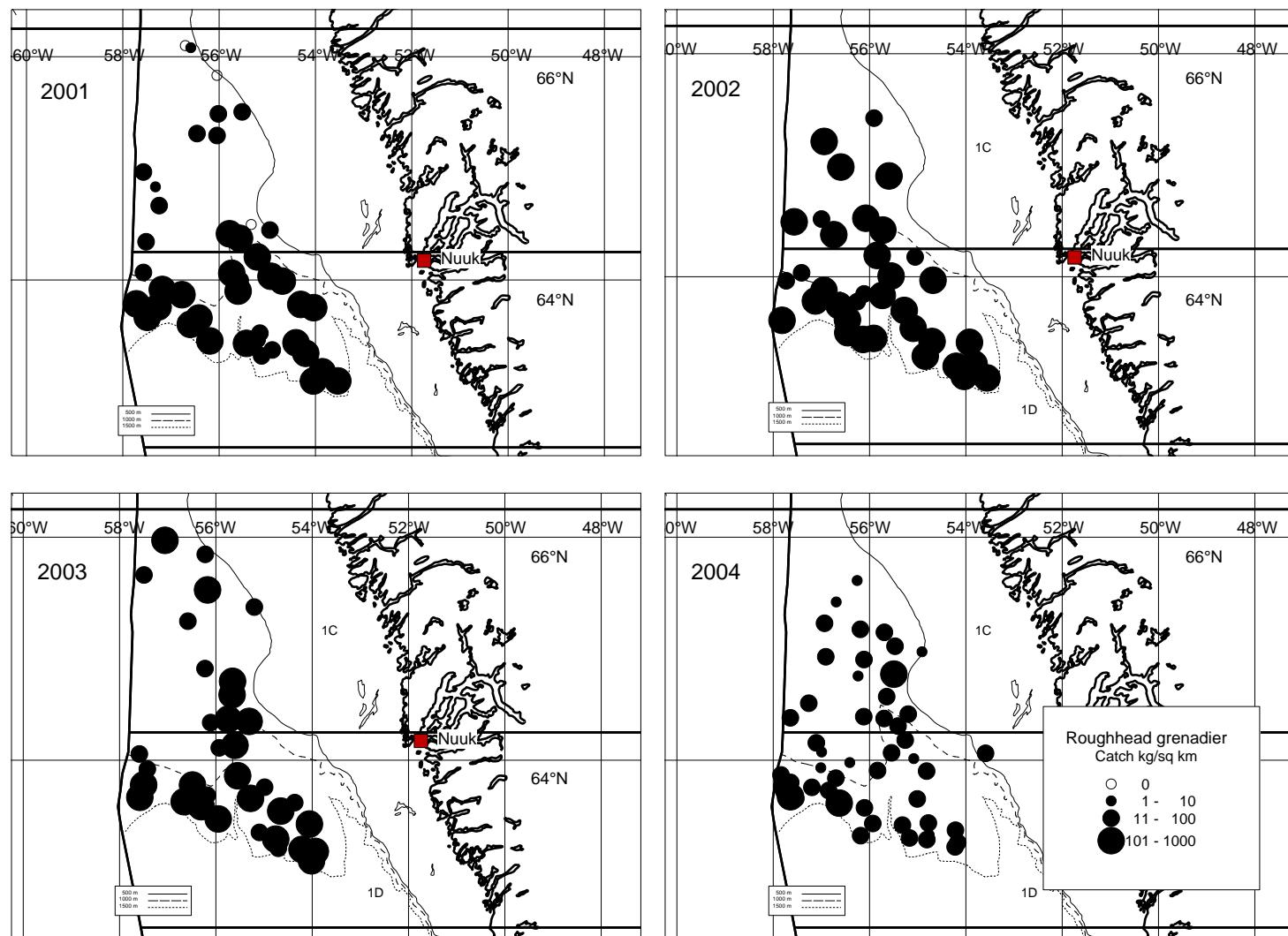


Fig. 11. cont. Distribution of catches of roughhead grenadier during 2001-2004 per km<sup>2</sup>.

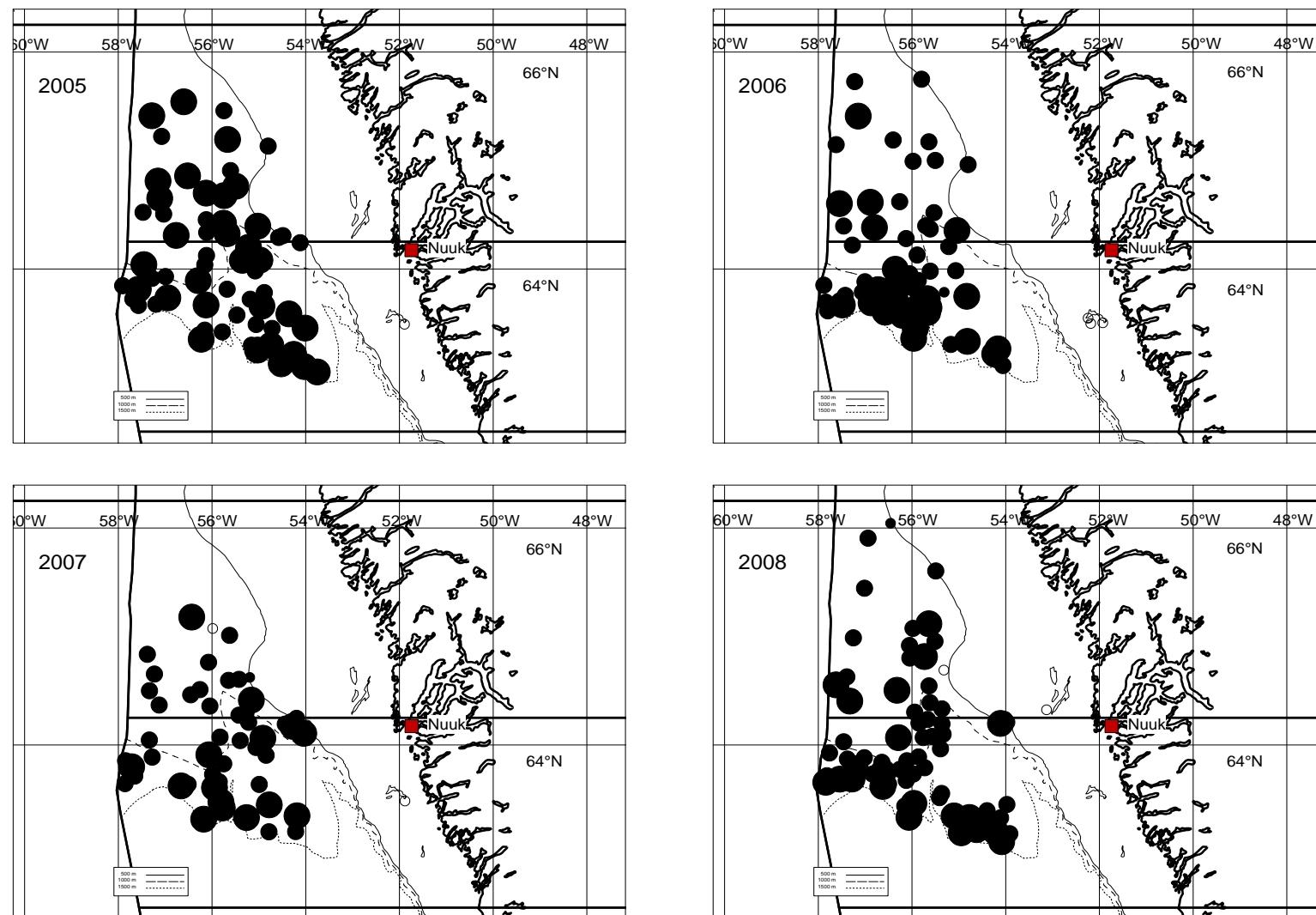


Fig.11 cont.. Distribution of catches of roughhead grenadier during 2005-2008 per  $\text{km}^2$ .

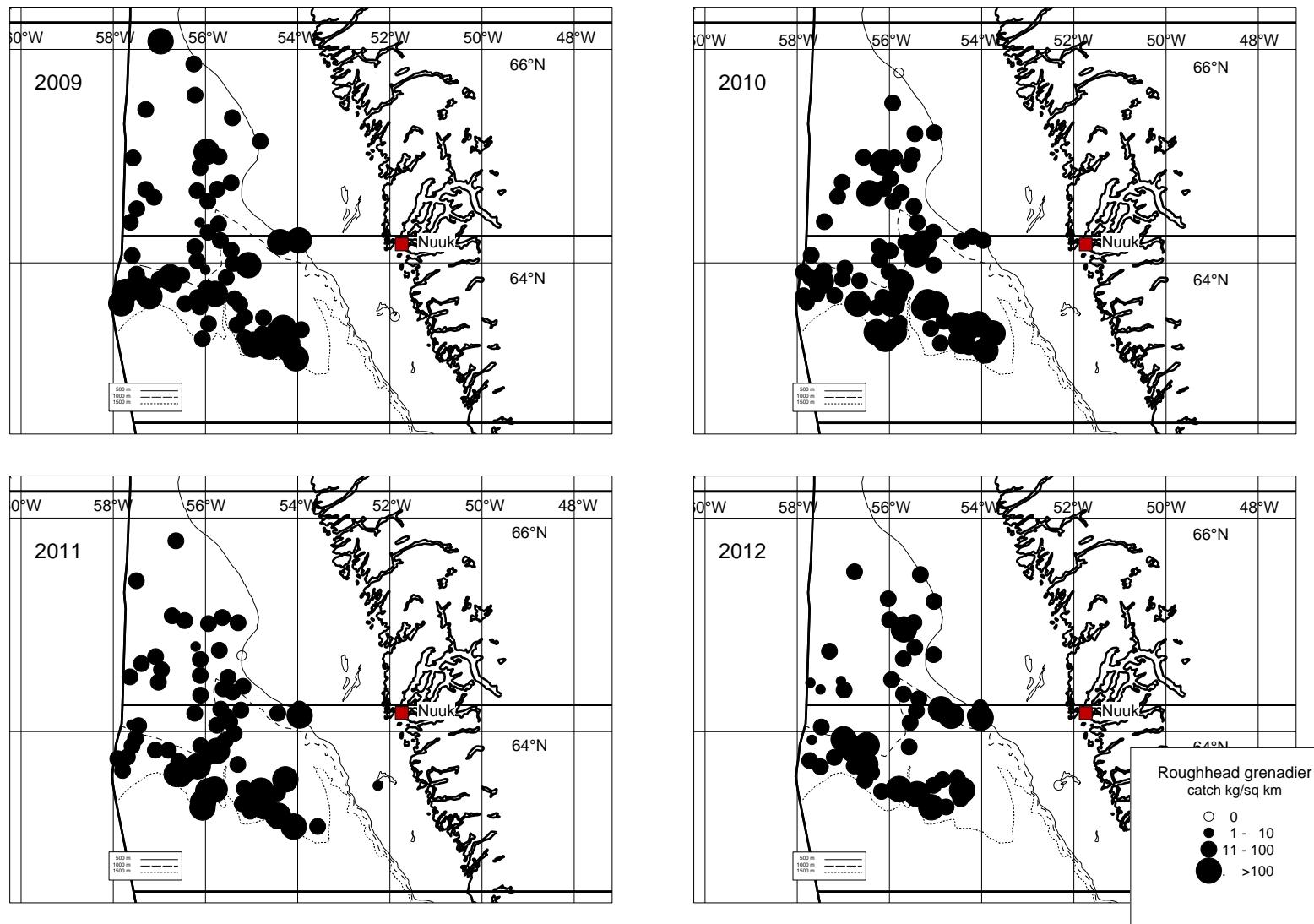


Fig. 11 cont.. Distribution of catches of roughhead grenadier during 2009-2012 in kg per km<sup>2</sup>.

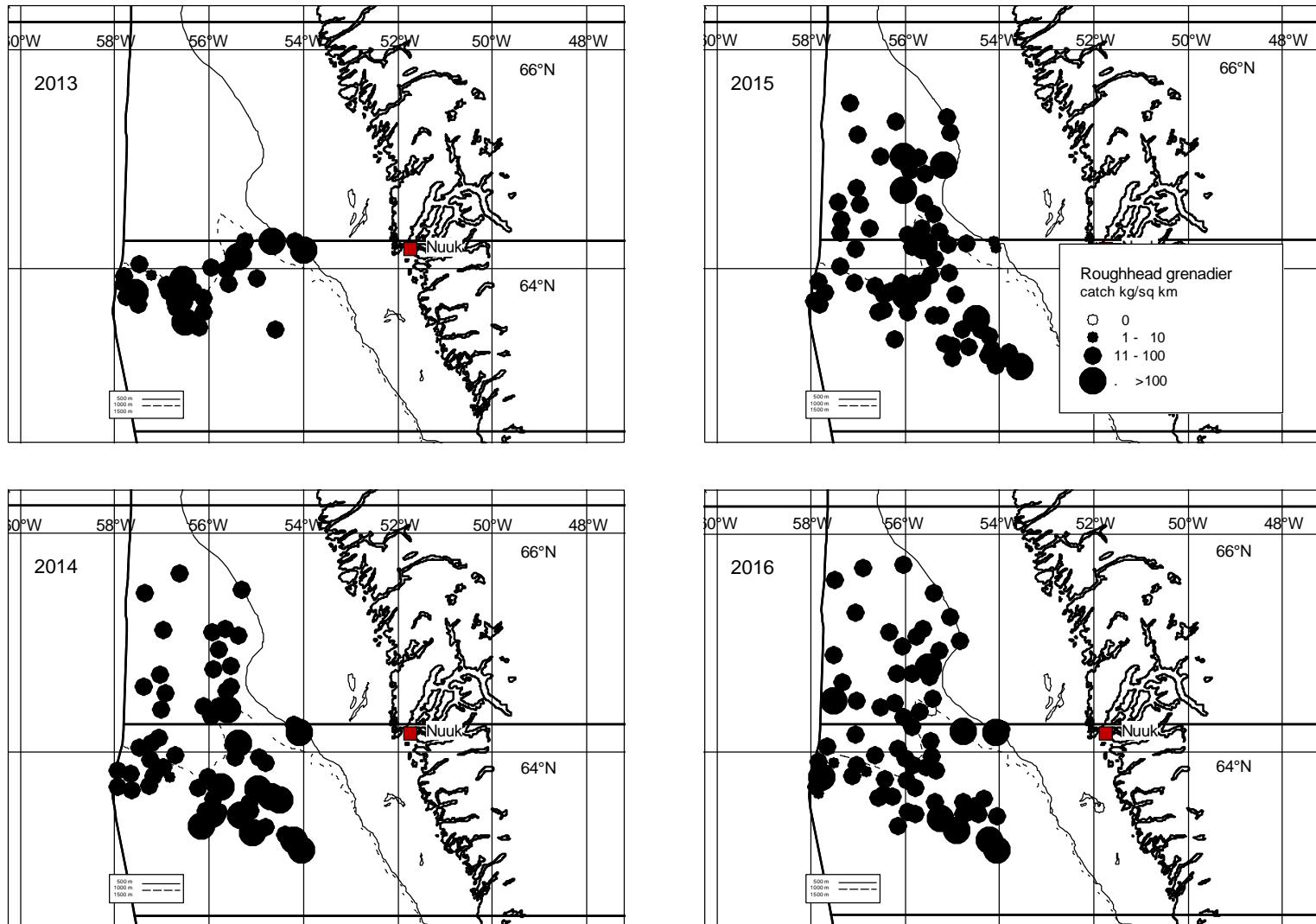


Fig. 11 cont.. Distribution of catches of roughhead grenadier in 2013 - 2016 in kg per km<sup>2</sup>.

### Deep-sea redfish (*Sebastes mentella*)

Deep-sea redfish was caught in 33 of the 70 valid hauls (Fig 13). The biomass was estimated at 11335.6 tons in 2016 which is at the same level as in 2015 (10 016.5 tons) which is about the half of the 2014 estimate, but still above the level seen until 2008 (Table 12). The survey only covers the deepest part of the distribution area and the coverage is poor (< = 4 hauls at depths between 400 and 600 m and 12 hauls at depth between 600 and 800 m and the biomass and abundance estimates are often driven by 1-3 large hauls. This was also the case in 2016 (Fig. 13, Table 13 and Appendix 1).

The abundance was estimated at 24.70 in 2016 compared to  $31.46 \times 10^6$  compared in 2015 and well below the all-time high  $65.81 \times 10^6$  estimated in 2014. Almost all the abundance was found at depths < 800 m with the highest density at 401-600 m in Div. 1D (two hauls only) (Table 14).

The length ranged from 20 to 49 cm without any clear modes (Fig. 12).

Table 12. Biomass and abundance of deep-sea redfish including a few redfish sp. by year in Div. 1CD with 1\*S.E. NOTE! Data from 2013 only includes Div. 1D.

| Year               | Biomass | S.E.    | Abundance<br>$\times 10^6$ | S.E. $\times 10^6$ |
|--------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1997               | 2464.3  | 787.1   | 14.69                      | 5.50               |
| 1998               | 2408.1  | 503.9   | 18.83                      | 4.50               |
| 1999               | 2484.9  | 1007.7  | 12.93                      | 4.09               |
| 2000 <sup>1)</sup> |         |         |                            |                    |
| 2001               | 2063.4  | 873.5   | 16.34                      | 6.47               |
| 2002 <sup>1)</sup> |         |         |                            |                    |
| 2003               | 1493.4  | 684.5   | 7.13                       | 3.08               |
| 2004               | 2329.1  | 1986.8  | 13.34                      | 11.31              |
| 2005               | 2546.2  | 1683.3  | 7.28                       | 3.16               |
| 2006               | 2188.4  | 700.7   | 18.20                      | 8.40               |
| 2007 <sup>1)</sup> | 574.2   | 230.0   | 3.00                       | 1.31               |
| 2008               | 13199.0 | 6482.9  | 52.94                      | 17.70              |
| 2009               | 7796.4  | 3916.8  | 35.04                      | 17.72              |
| 2010               | 4065.6  | 1329.4  | 17.83                      | 3.17               |
| 2011               | 9623.9  | 4883.7  | 32.42                      | 16.19              |
| 2012               | 14010.6 | 6795.5  | 40.27                      | 16.39              |
| 2013 <sup>1)</sup> | 25356.0 | 21231.2 | 45.90                      | 33.54              |
| 2014               | 21945.8 | 14079.3 | 65.81                      | 46.04              |
| 2015               | 10016.5 | 4457.3  | 31.46                      | 12.67              |
| 2016               | 11335.6 | 4828.8  | 24.70                      | 9.94               |

1) Poor coverage of relevant depths.

Table 13. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and biomass (tons) with Standard Error of deep sea redfish in Division 1CD by depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Biomass | SE     |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|---------|--------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 0.6336     | 2132.8  | 766.4  |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 0.2328     | 3753.4  | 2130.2 |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 0.0128     | 77.4    | 37.2   |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 0.0000     | 0.0     | 0.0    |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 4.6109     | 4163.7  | 4108.8 |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 0.5939     | 1152.1  | 1143.7 |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 0.0000     | 0.0     | 0.0    |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 0.0039     | 39.6    | 15.0   |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 0.0009     | 5.8     | 5.8    |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 0.0035     | 10.9    | 10.9   |
| A11  |            |       |       | 0.2167     | 11335.6 | 4828.8 |

Table 14. Mean catch per km<sup>2</sup> and abundance with Standard Error of deep sea redfish by Division and depth stratum, 2016.

| Div. | Stratum(m) | Area  | Hauls | Mean sq km | Abundance  | SE        |
|------|------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1C   | 401-600    | 3366  | 2     | 1382.3     | 4652942.7  | 771961.9  |
|      | 601-800    | 16120 | 9     | 612.8      | 9878507.4  | 5660723.7 |
|      | 801-1000   | 6066  | 13    | 26.6       | 161621.4   | 78142.7   |
|      | 1001-1200  | 611   | 2     | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0       |
| 1D   | 401-600    | 903   | 2     | 8973.7     | 8103282.2  | 7951194.9 |
|      | 601-800    | 1940  | 3     | 908.8      | 1763088.0  | 1741035.1 |
|      | 801-1000   | 3874  | 4     | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0       |
|      | 1001-1200  | 10140 | 19    | 11.2       | 113997.7   | 36040.8   |
|      | 1201-1400  | 6195  | 12    | 2.3        | 14263.9    | 14263.9   |
|      | 1401-1500  | 3091  | 4     | 3.2        | 9778.1     | 9778.1    |
| A11  |            |       |       | 472.2      | 24697481.2 | 9944854.3 |

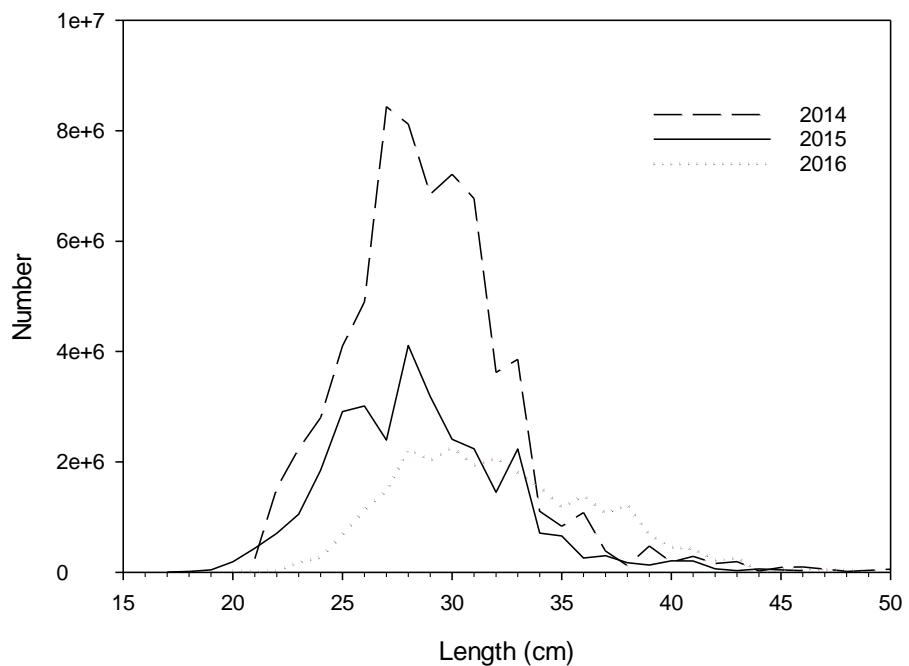


Fig. 12. Overall length distribution of deep sea redfish in numbers (weighted by stratum area) in Div. 1D in 1CD in 2014-2016.

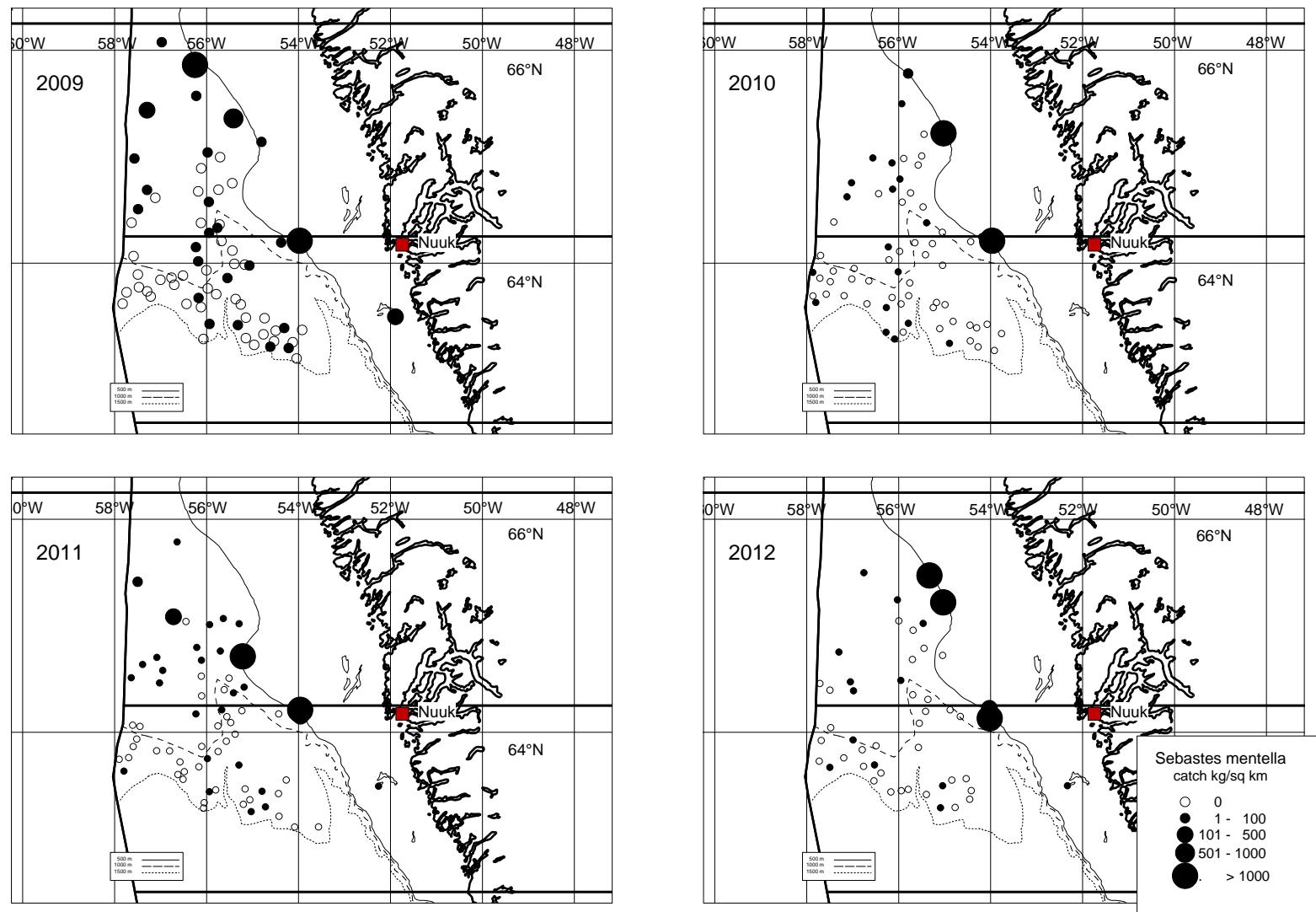


Fig. 13. Distribution of catches of deep sea redfish during 2009-2012 per  $\text{km}^2$ .

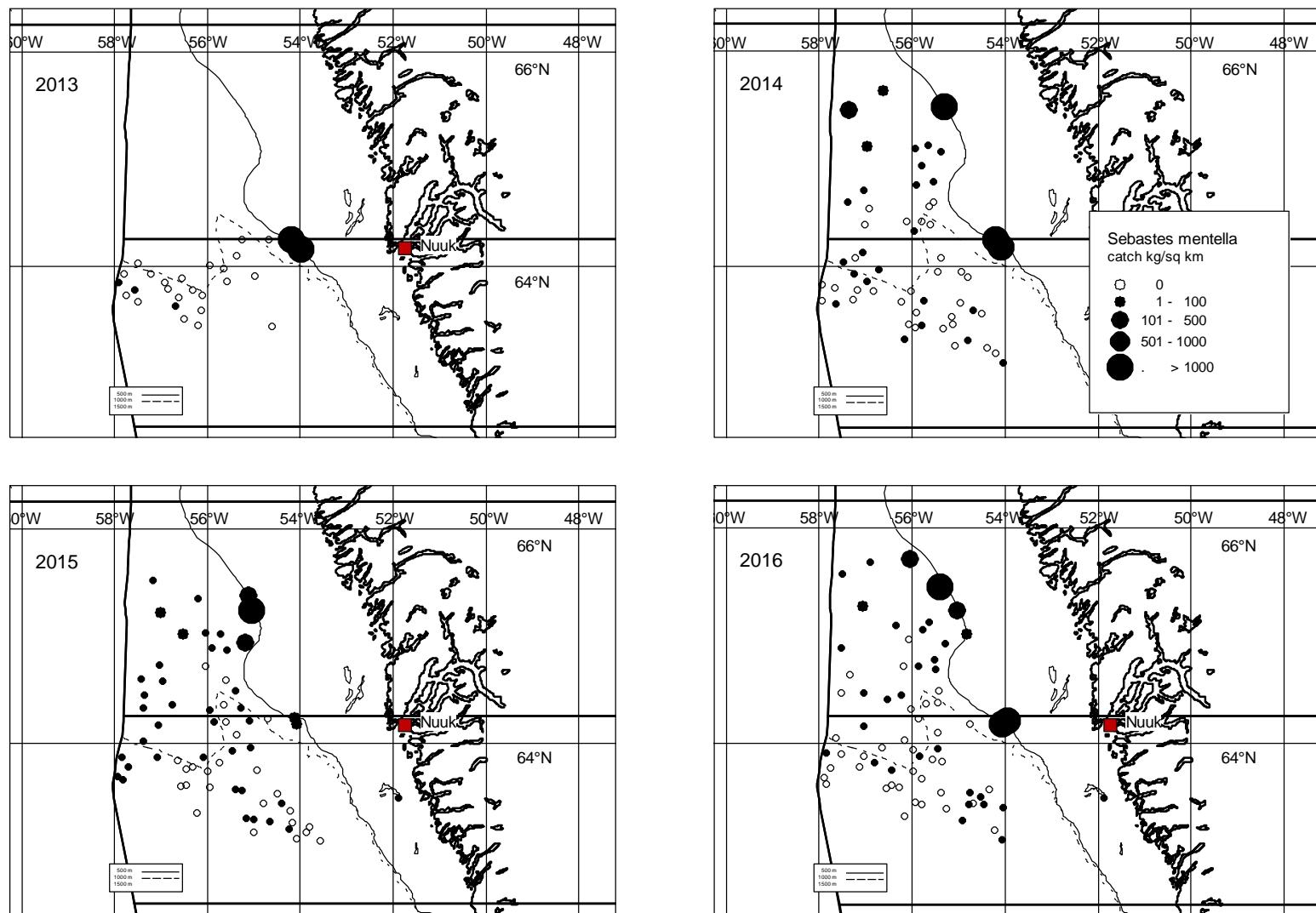


Fig. 13. Distribution of catches of deep sea redfish during 2013 - 2016 in kg per km<sup>2</sup>

## Temperature

The bottom temperature ranged from 1.88 to 4.69 °C (Appendix 1). The mean temperature was generally decreasing by depth as in previous years (Fig. 14, Table 15).

The mean temperatures have been relatively constant in recent years except at depths between 400 and 600 m and to some extent 600-800 m where the mean temperature has fluctuated somewhat during the years. The temperature data in those depth strata are, however, based on few observations (Fig. 14).

Table 15. Mean temperature, S.E and number of observations by NAFO Division and depth stratum.

| Div. | Depth stratum (m) |     |   |         |     |   |          |     |    |           |     |    |           |     |    |           |     |   |
|------|-------------------|-----|---|---------|-----|---|----------|-----|----|-----------|-----|----|-----------|-----|----|-----------|-----|---|
|      | 401-600           |     |   | 601-800 |     |   | 801-1000 |     |    | 1001-1200 |     |    | 1201-1400 |     |    | 1401-1500 |     |   |
|      | °C                | SE  | n | °C      | SE  | n | °C       | SE  | n  | °C        | SE  | n  | °C        | SE  | n  | °C        | SE  | n |
| 1C   | 4.3               | .07 | 2 | 3.5     | .26 | 9 | 3.8      | .03 | 13 | 3.5       | .02 | 2  |           |     |    |           |     |   |
| 1D   | 4.7               | .02 | 2 | 4.0     | .19 | 2 | 3.7      | .05 | 4  | 3.5       | .02 | 19 | 3.5       | .01 | 12 | 3.4       | .03 | 4 |

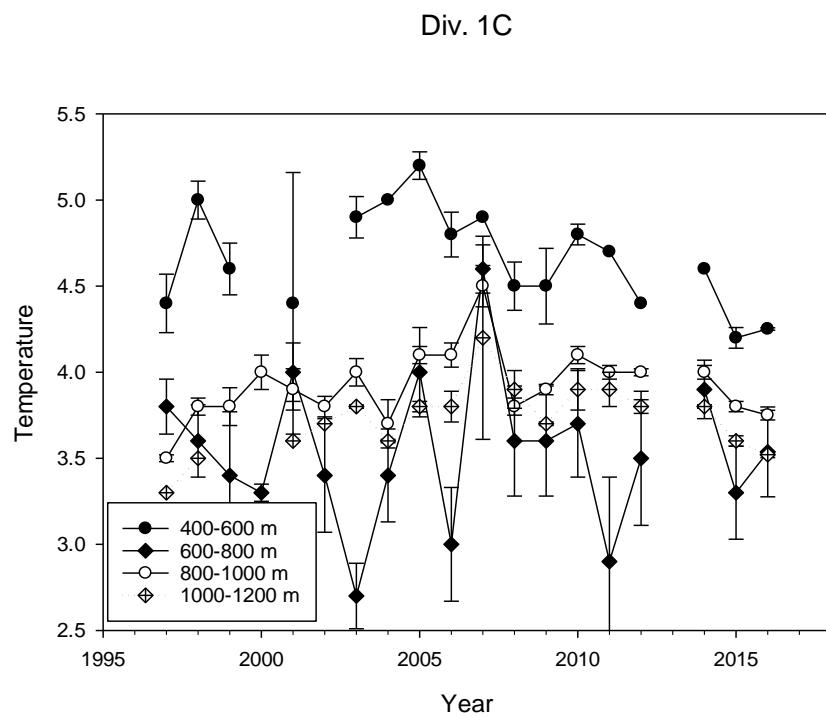


Fig 14a. Mean temperatures in Div. 1C by depth stratum and year with 1\*SE. No data from in 2013

## Div. 1D

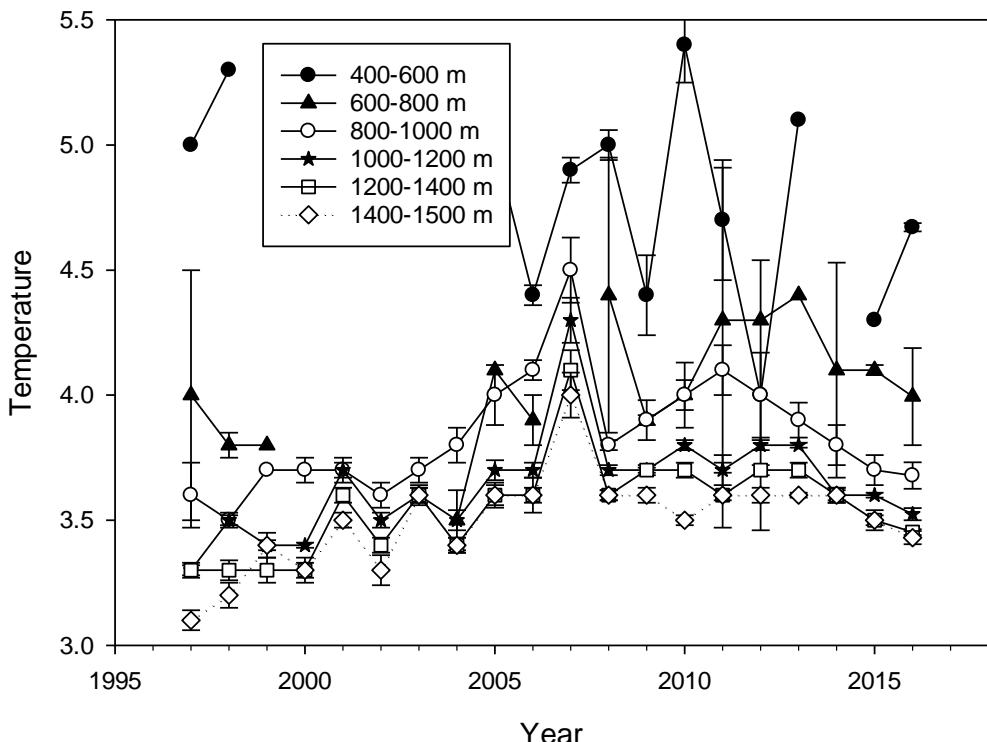


Fig 14b. Mean temperatures in Div. 1D by depth stratum and year with 1\*S.E.

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**Appendix 1.** Catch weight and - numbers (not standardized to kg/km<sup>2</sup>) of Greenland halibut, roundnose and roughhead grenadier and deep-sea redfish by haul, 2016. Depth in m, swept area in km<sup>2</sup> and bottom temperature in °C.

| St. No | S.<br>Area | Div. | Depth  | Temp. | Grl.<br>halibut |        | Roundnose<br>gre. |        | Roughhead<br>gre. |        | S.<br><i>mentella</i> |        |
|--------|------------|------|--------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
|        |            |      |        |       | Number          | Weight | Number            | Weight | Number            | Weight | Number                | Weight |
| 1      | 0.0396     | 1D   | 546.0  | 4.66  | 1.0             | 3.5    | 78                | 22.0   | 8                 | 3.6    | 704.2                 | 362.9  |
| 2      | 0.0435     | 1D   | 697.5  | 4.38  | 5.0             | 11.8   | 8                 | 0.4    | 10                | 9.1    | 117.7                 | 77.2   |
| 3      | 0.0605     | 1D   | 1028.0 | 3.63  | 164.0           | 238.3  | 18                | 3.0    | 13                | 6.7    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 4      | 0.0876     | 1D   | 1126.5 | 3.56  | 92.0            | 142.8  | 3                 | 0.4    | 17                | 3.9    | 2.0                   | 0.5    |
| 5      | 0.0781     | 1D   | 1105.5 | 3.55  | 147.0           | 204.8  | 4                 | 0.5    | 17                | 5.7    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 7      | 0.0892     | 1D   | 979.0  | 3.67  | 143.0           | 193.3  | 5                 | 0.4    | 16                | 6.7    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 8      | 0.0769     | 1C   | 1070.0 | 3.54  | 177.0           | 234.1  | 10                | 1.0    | 15                | 4.1    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 10     | 0.0449     | 1C   | 1047.0 | 3.50  | 46.0            | 92.2   | 4                 | 0.7    | 0                 | 0.0    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 11     | 0.0824     | 1C   | 955.5  | 3.60  | 276.3           | 341.4  | 29                | 2.4    | 10                | 6.0    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 13     | 0.0425     | 1C   | 867.5  | 3.65  | 149.0           | 209.6  | 53                | 2.8    | 9                 | 3.4    | 6.0                   | 2.0    |
| 14     | 0.0789     | 1C   | 877.5  | 3.69  | 136.0           | 181.4  | 113               | 6.4    | 24                | 8.3    | 9.0                   | 5.7    |
| 15     | 0.0899     | 1C   | 945.0  | 3.72  | 177.0           | 209.3  | 2                 | 0.1    | 14                | 2.1    | 1.0                   | 1.0    |
| 16     | 0.0874     | 1C   | 872.5  | 3.74  | 189.0           | 227.3  | 1                 | 0.1    | 9                 | 1.4    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 17     | 0.0839     | 1C   | 839.0  | 3.74  | 255.0           | 310.5  | 2                 | 0.1    | 7                 | 5.4    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 18     | 0.0781     | 1C   | 757.0  | 3.81  | 69.0            | 75.9   | 1                 | 0.0    | 5                 | 1.2    | 3.0                   | 1.0    |
| 19     | 0.0529     | 1C   | 813.5  | 3.96  | 21.0            | 27.0   | 2                 | 0.1    | 14                | 2.7    | 1.0                   | 0.6    |
| 20     | 0.0784     | 1C   | 839.0  | 3.90  | 116.0           | 132.6  | 0                 | 0.0    | 17                | 3.3    | 3.0                   | 1.2    |
| 21     | 0.0808     | 1C   | 772.5  | 3.90  | 114.0           | 120.0  | 60                | 3.8    | 8                 | 2.2    | 10.0                  | 3.6    |
| 22     | 0.0633     | 1C   | 512.5  | 4.25  | 0.0             | 0.0    | 0                 | 0.0    | 4                 | 2.0    | 73.0                  | 25.7   |
| 24     | 0.0757     | 1C   | 574.5  | 4.26  | 5.0             | 7.4    | 1                 | 0.2    | 6                 | 2.4    | 122.0                 | 65.2   |
| 25     | 0.0785     | 1C   | 617.0  | 4.23  | 14.0            | 15.5   | 9                 | 1.0    | 6                 | 2.5    | 251.0                 | 93.5   |
| 26     | 0.0556     | 1C   | 654.5  | 4.07  | 13.0            | 11.7   | 3                 | 0.2    | 3                 | 1.4    | 75.0                  | 30.6   |
| 27     | 0.0770     | 1C   | 668.0  | 3.73  | 64.0            | 38.1   | 0                 | 0.0    | 9                 | 2.4    | 15.0                  | 4.9    |
| 28     | 0.0785     | 1C   | 623.5  | 1.88  | 92.0            | 57.7   | 0                 | 0.0    | 12                | 3.1    | 8.0                   | 4.0    |
| 29     | 0.0892     | 1C   | 626.0  | 2.56  | 82.0            | 60.6   | 0                 | 0.0    | 31                | 3.7    | 32.0                  | 9.5    |
| 30     | 0.0840     | 1C   | 760.0  | 3.80  | 118.0           | 140.6  | 0                 | 0.0    | 4                 | 2.1    | 3.0                   | 1.1    |
| 31     | 0.0809     | 1C   | 810.0  | 3.77  | 67.0            | 83.6   | 2                 | 0.2    | 4                 | 1.1    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 32     | 0.0813     | 1C   | 841.5  | 3.76  | 99.0            | 130.7  | 3                 | 0.3    | 17                | 8.6    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 33     | 0.0857     | 1C   | 823.5  | 3.83  | 93.0            | 128.7  | 4                 | 0.7    | 7                 | 1.5    | 1.0                   | 0.3    |
| 34     | 0.0789     | 1C   | 746.0  | 3.87  | 73.0            | 96.3   | 3                 | 0.3    | 14                | 7.9    | 9.0                   | 5.0    |
| 35     | 0.0888     | 1C   | 839.5  | 3.74  | 93.0            | 128.6  | 1                 | 0.1    | 7                 | 4.4    | 1.0                   | 0.4    |
| 37     | 0.0727     | 1C   | 925.5  | 3.65  | 91.0            | 123.5  | 3                 | 0.4    | 8                 | 5.1    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 39     | 0.0403     | 1D   | 922.0  | 3.77  | 18.0            | 22.0   | 6                 | 0.3    | 2                 | 1.7    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 40     | 0.0763     | 1D   | 1045.0 | 3.81  | 128.0           | 183.9  | 3                 | 0.1    | 13                | 3.2    | 1.0                   | 0.3    |
| 41     | 0.0810     | 1D   | 793.0  | 3.83  | 60.0            | 79.4   | 3                 | 0.3    | 12                | 4.8    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 42     | 0.0803     | 1D   | 884.0  | 3.74  | 125.0           | 149.1  | 11                | 1.8    | 5                 | 1.5    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 43     | 0.0878     | 1D   | 769.5  | 3.77  | 45.0            | 75.7   | 13                | 2.4    | 10                | 2.3    | 2.0                   | 0.8    |
| 44     | 0.0866     | 1D   | 964.0  | 3.54  | 107.0           | 146.5  | 1                 | 0.1    | 9                 | 3.7    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 45     | 0.0789     | 1D   | 1115.0 | 3.50  | 116.0           | 145.2  | 1                 | 0.0    | 5                 | 1.1    | 5.0                   | 2.2    |
| 46     | 0.0897     | 1D   | 1126.5 | 3.49  | 94.0            | 127.8  | 3                 | 0.3    | 3                 | 0.9    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 47     | 0.0411     | 1D   | 1269.5 | 3.44  | 52.0            | 78.1   | 3                 | 0.2    | 9                 | 6.2    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 48     | 0.0833     | 1D   | 1371.0 | 3.41  | 104.0           | 132.1  | 3                 | 0.8    | 4                 | 3.1    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 49     | 0.0806     | 1D   | 1462.0 | 3.47  | 65.0            | 78.3   | 4                 | 1.0    | 1                 | 0.7    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 50     | 0.0824     | 1D   | 1306.0 | 3.44  | 156.0           | 195.9  | 4                 | 1.8    | 8                 | 5.7    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 51     | 0.0818     | 1D   | 1121.0 | 3.47  | 231.0           | 343.0  | 3                 | 0.8    | 6                 | 3.3    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 52     | 0.0868     | 1D   | 1174.0 | 3.45  | 154.8           | 213.3  | 3                 | 1.0    | 7                 | 0.4    | 1.0                   | 0.3    |
| 53     | 0.0863     | 1D   | 1170.5 | 3.56  | 107.0           | 213.6  | 1                 | 0.0    | 15                | 6.9    | 2.0                   | 0.8    |
| 54     | 0.0892     | 1D   | 1364.0 | 3.44  | 140.0           | 208.4  | 1                 | 0.2    | 7                 | 5.4    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 55     | 0.0505     | 1D   | 1341.0 | 3.46  | 72.0            | 99.3   | 2                 | 0.5    | 5                 | 2.9    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 56     | 0.0782     | 1D   | 1444.5 | 3.36  | 59.0            | 96.2   | 1                 | 0.9    | 4                 | 1.8    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 57     | 0.0628     | 1D   | 1428.5 | 3.48  | 124.0           | 176.6  | 4                 | 1.9    | 8                 | 4.8    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 59     | 0.0579     | 1D   | 1189.0 | 3.45  | 152.0           | 219.9  | 4                 | 0.5    | 4                 | 4.2    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 61     | 0.0567     | 1D   | 1312.0 | 3.43  | 140.0           | 190.1  | 17                | 3.5    | 10                | 4.1    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 62     | 0.0848     | 1D   | 1077.0 | 3.74  | 90.0            | 123.6  | 1                 | 0.1    | 15                | 3.0    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 63     | 0.0897     | 1D   | 1159.0 | 3.59  | 84.0            | 124.4  | 1                 | 0.5    | 21                | 8.1    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 64     | 0.0724     | 1D   | 1228.5 | 3.52  | 123.0           | 169.1  | 2                 | 0.7    | 14                | 5.1    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |
| 65     | 0.0527     | 1D   | 1252.0 | 3.55  | 66.0            | 91.1   | 2                 | 0.4    | 7                 | 1.9    | 0.0                   | 0.0    |

|    |        |    |        |      |       |       |    |     |    |      |     |     |
|----|--------|----|--------|------|-------|-------|----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|
| 66 | 0.0393 | 1D | 1237.0 | 3.44 | 65.0  | 98.4  | 3  | 0.8 | 11 | 3.4  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 67 | 0.0785 | 1D | 1260.0 | 3.44 | 83.0  | 127.2 | 11 | 2.4 | 16 | 9.7  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 69 | 0.0362 | 1D | 1282.5 | 3.46 | 45.0  | 56.9  | 5  | 1.5 | 12 | 12.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| 71 | 0.0564 | 1D | 1125.5 | 3.44 | 46.0  | 79.8  | 13 | 1.6 | 8  | 5.4  | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| 72 | 0.0730 | 1D | 1132.0 | 3.45 | 55.0  | 83.2  | 7  | 1.3 | 14 | 5.9  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 73 | 0.0443 | 1D | 1127.0 | 3.47 | 49.0  | 70.5  | 3  | 0.4 | 7  | 2.9  | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| 74 | 0.0686 | 1D | 1128.0 | 3.44 | 67.0  | 112.3 | 16 | 2.8 | 9  | 1.8  | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| 75 | 0.0739 | 1D | 1105.5 | 3.48 | 61.0  | 76.7  | 3  | 0.5 | 5  | 1.9  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 76 | 0.0867 | 1D | 1155.0 | 3.45 | 69.0  | 105.5 | 9  | 1.5 | 7  | 3.0  | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| 77 | 0.0753 | 1D | 1083.5 | 3.44 | 83.0  | 115.9 | 15 | 3.6 | 11 | 3.3  | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| 78 | 0.0783 | 1D | 1280.0 | 3.42 | 76.0  | 119.8 | 16 | 3.7 | 15 | 13.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 79 | 0.0790 | 1D | 1434.5 | 3.42 | 139.0 | 205.9 | 3  | 0.3 | 16 | 14.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| 80 | 0.0475 | 1D | 421.5  | 4.69 | 48.0  | 35.1  | 0  | 0.0 | 0  | 0.0  | 8.0 | 2.9 |

**Appendix 2.** List of species and groups of species recorded in Div. 1CD in 2016 with observed maximum catch weight (kg), maximum number per tow, minimum and maximum depth (m), minimum and maximum bottom temperature (°C) and most northern observation, respectively.

| Obs art species                     |  | maxwgt | maxno | mindepth | maxdepth | mintemp | maxtemp | maxpos  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|-------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 ALA Alepocephalus agassizzi       |  | 21.1   | 32    | 878      | 1462     | 3.4     | 3.7     | 64.7788 |
| 2 ALB Alepocephalus bairdii         |  | 4.0    | 12    | 698      | 1364     | 3.4     | 4.4     | 64.1800 |
| 3 RFL Amblyraja fyllae              |  | 1.7    | 2     | 655      | 1128     | 3.4     | 4.1     | 65.7120 |
| 4 RRD Amblyraja radiata             |  | 2.9    | 4     | 422      | 814      | 4.0     | 4.7     | 65.1285 |
| 5 CAD Anarhichas denticulatus       |  | 17.7   | 4     | 513      | 1435     | 3.4     | 4.7     | 65.4550 |
| 6 CAS Anarhichas minor              |  | 35.1   | 2     | 1127     | 1364     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 63.8998 |
| 7 ANC Anopologaster cornuta         |  | 0.2    | 2     | 1106     | 1429     | 3.4     | 3.6     | 64.0993 |
| 8 ANT Antimora rostrata             |  | 30.9   | 56    | 746      | 1462     | 3.4     | 4.0     | 65.4289 |
| 9 ARZ Arctozenus rissoei            |  | 0.3    | 3     | 422      | 1229     | 2.6     | 4.7     | 65.2799 |
| 10 ARS Argentina silus              |  | 8.9    | 22    | 513      | 546      | 4.2     | 4.7     | 65.0209 |
| 11 BAM Bajacalifornia megalops      |  | 0.3    | 1     | 926      | 1128     | 3.4     | 3.6     | 64.3213 |
| 12 BAT Bathylagus euryops           |  | 3.2    | 65    | 746      | 1462     | 3.4     | 3.9     | 65.4289 |
| 13 BSP Bathyraja spinicauda         |  | 23.4   | 1     | 698      | 1229     | 3.4     | 4.4     | 64.4921 |
| 14 BEG Benthosema glaciale          |  | 0.1    | 23    | 422      | 1462     | 1.9     | 4.7     | 65.7120 |
| 15 POC Boreogadus saida             |  | 0.0    | 1     | 655      | 655      | 4.1     | 4.1     | 65.7120 |
| 16 BOA Borostomias antarcticus      |  | 0.5    | 3     | 746      | 1445     | 3.4     | 3.9     | 65.4289 |
| 17 CFB Centroscyllium fabricii      |  | 41.0   | 31    | 513      | 1364     | 2.6     | 4.4     | 65.7120 |
| 18 CHO Ceratias holboelli           |  | 0.0    | 1     | 868      | 1260     | 3.4     | 3.7     | 64.6867 |
| 19 CHM Chalinura mediterranum       |  | 1.0    | 4     | 1435     | 1462     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 63.6247 |
| 20 CHA Chaenododus sloani           |  | 0.1    | 2     | 1127     | 1306     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 63.7829 |
| 21 CHH Chiasmodon harteli           |  | 0.0    | 1     | 1128     | 1128     | 3.4     | 3.4     | 63.5053 |
| 22 CHN Chiasmodon niger             |  | 0.0    | 1     | 1270     | 1371     | 3.4     | 3.4     | 63.7729 |
| 23 CGR Coryphaenoides guntheri      |  | 5.3    | 31    | 1028     | 1462     | 3.4     | 3.7     | 65.4289 |
| 24 RNG Coryphaenoides rupestris     |  | 22.0   | 113   | 546      | 1462     | 3.4     | 4.7     | 65.7120 |
| 25 COM Cottunculus microps          |  | 1.1    | 2     | 760      | 1237     | 3.4     | 4.0     | 65.1285 |
| 26 COT Cottunculus thomsonii        |  | 3.2    | 3     | 655      | 1171     | 3.4     | 4.1     | 65.7120 |
| 27 LUM Cyclopterus lumpus           |  | 0.6    | 1     | 956      | 1283     | 3.4     | 3.6     | 64.4921 |
| 28 CLM Cyclothona microdon          |  | 0.0    | 2     | 655      | 1283     | 3.5     | 4.1     | 65.7120 |
| 29 DPK Dolopichthys longicornis     |  | 0.1    | 1     | 814      | 814      | 4.0     | 4.0     | 65.1285 |
| 30 EUR Eurypharynx pelecanoides     |  | 0.3    | 2     | 1115     | 1371     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 63.9101 |
| 31 COD Gadus morhua                 |  | 32.8   | 18    | 422      | 624      | 1.9     | 4.7     | 65.5780 |
| 32 ONA Gaidropsarus argentatus      |  | 0.3    | 1     | 668      | 1429     | 3.4     | 3.7     | 65.6871 |
| 33 ONN Gaidropsarus ensis           |  | 2.2    | 5     | 624      | 1462     | 1.9     | 3.8     | 65.6871 |
| 34 WIT Glyptocephalus cynoglossus   |  | 0.6    | 1     | 770      | 839      | 3.8     | 3.9     | 65.0615 |
| 35 GOB Gonostoma bathyphilum        |  | 0.0    | 1     | 1070     | 1429     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 64.3648 |
| 36 HJI Halargyreus johnsonii        |  | 0.2    | 1     | 956      | 956      | 3.6     | 3.6     | 64.4921 |
| 37 PLA Hippoglossoides platessoides |  | 18.2   | 114   | 422      | 868      | 1.9     | 4.7     | 65.7120 |
| 38 HOA Holtbyrnia anomala           |  | 0.1    | 2     | 1047     | 1445     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 65.4289 |
| 39 HAT Hoplostethus atlanticus      |  | 0.2    | 1     | 773      | 773      | 3.9     | 3.9     | 64.9260 |
| 40 HAF Hydrolagus affinis           |  | 31.7   | 5     | 1252     | 1445     | 3.4     | 3.6     | 63.6752 |
| 41 LMC Lampanyctus macdonaldi       |  | 1.1    | 71    | 422      | 1462     | 2.6     | 4.7     | 65.7120 |
| 42 LEP Lepidion eques               |  | 1.5    | 7     | 546      | 1084     | 3.4     | 4.7     | 64.9260 |
| 43 LIF Liparis fabricii             |  | 2.5    | 81    | 624      | 873      | 1.9     | 3.9     | 65.6871 |
| 44 LOA Lophodoles alanthogantus     |  | 0.0    | 1     | 1174     | 1174     | 3.5     | 3.5     | 63.8250 |
| 45 LPA Lycodes paamiuti             |  | 0.3    | 1     | 624      | 1237     | 1.9     | 3.8     | 65.5780 |
| 46 LYV Lycodes vahli                |  | 1.0    | 8     | 422      | 422      | 4.7     | 4.7     | 63.4916 |
| 47 LYM Lycodonus mirabilis          |  | 0.0    | 1     | 1132     | 1435     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 63.4465 |
| 48 RHG Macrourus berglax            |  | 14.1   | 31    | 513      | 1462     | 1.9     | 4.7     | 65.7120 |
| 49 MAL Malacoosteus niger           |  | 0.1    | 1     | 1429     | 1462     | 3.5     | 3.5     | 63.6247 |
| 50 MAM Maulisia mauli               |  | 0.1    | 1     | 626      | 868      | 2.6     | 3.7     | 65.2799 |
| 51 BLI Molva dipterygia             |  | 1.2    | 1     | 546      | 546      | 4.7     | 4.7     | 64.2061 |
| 52 MYJ Myxine jespersenae           |  | 0.1    | 1     | 878      | 878      | 3.7     | 3.7     | 64.7788 |
| 53 NZB Nezumia bairdii              |  | 0.1    | 1     | 1127     | 1127     | 3.5     | 3.5     | 63.8998 |
| 54 PMO Normichthys operosa          |  | 0.0    | 1     | 1077     | 1077     | 3.7     | 3.7     | 63.7441 |
| 55 NOT Notacanthus chemnitzii       |  | 7.6    | 7     | 546      | 1462     | 3.4     | 4.7     | 65.1285 |
| 56 NOK Notoscopelus kroyeri         |  | 0.0    | 1     | 624      | 1127     | 1.9     | 3.9     | 65.5780 |
| 57 PAC Paraliparis copei            |  | 0.0    | 1     | 1128     | 1128     | 3.4     | 3.4     | 63.5053 |
| 58 PAG Paraliparis garmani          |  | 0.0    | 3     | 626      | 842      | 2.6     | 4.1     | 65.7120 |
| 59 POL Polyacanthonotus rissoanus   |  | 0.5    | 3     | 1084     | 1462     | 3.4     | 3.5     | 63.6247 |
| 60 RBI Raja bigelowi                |  | 0.1    | 1     | 1128     | 1128     | 3.4     | 3.4     | 63.5053 |
| 61 SKA Raja. sp.                    |  | 0.1    | 1     | 655      | 655      | 4.1     | 4.1     | 65.7120 |
| 62 GHL Reinhardtius hippoglossoides |  | 343.0  | 276   | 422      | 1462     | 1.9     | 4.7     | 65.7120 |
| 63 SAS Sagamichthys schnakenbecki   |  | 0.1    | 1     | 760      | 760      | 3.8     | 3.8     | 64.8913 |
| 64 SCO Scopelosaurus lepidus        |  | 1.5    | 11    | 668      | 1462     | 3.4     | 4.0     | 65.6871 |
| 65 REG Sebastes marinus             |  | 11.1   | 5     | 422      | 626      | 2.6     | 4.7     | 65.4550 |
| 66 REB Sebastes mentella            |  | 362.9  | 704   | 422      | 1435     | 1.9     | 4.7     | 65.7120 |
| 67 RED Sebastes sp.                 |  | 0.1    | 1     | 698      | 698      | 4.4     | 4.4     | 64.1800 |
| 68 SER Serrivomer beani             |  | 0.4    | 5     | 873      | 1435     | 3.4     | 3.7     | 64.7188 |

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| 69 STO <i>Stomias boa</i>            | 0.1 | 2  | 422 | 1462 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 64.9698 |
| 70 SYN <i>Synaphobranchus kaupi</i>  | 1.9 | 13 | 546 | 1462 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 65.5780 |
| 71 TRA <i>Trachyrhynchus murrayi</i> | 0.9 | 3  | 926 | 1429 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 65.4289 |