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**An Assessment of the Cod Stock in NAFO Divisions 3NO**

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**Abstract**

Cod within Divs. 3NO are assessed on a three year cycle by SC. There was a special request from Fisheries Commission to assess this stock in 2017 ahead of its scheduled assessment year of 2018. However, due to workload issues during the 2017 June SC meeting and the certainty that the status of the stock and associated advice would not change relative to the previous assessment, SC did not fulfill the request for a full assessment. Nevertheless, the analyses necessary for the full assessment had been completed (without projections) and are documented here.

Cod in Divisions 3NO inhabit the southern Grand Bank of Newfoundland. The stock declined dramatically during the mid-1980's and has been under a fishing moratorium since 1994. Estimates from a population model utilizing the ADAPTive framework (Gavaris 1988) indicate that the spawner biomass increased after 2010 and has been steady at 23000-25000 t over the past four years. The 2017 estimate of 25,000 t represents 42% of  $B_{lim}$  (60,000 t). Fishing mortality (ages 4-6) has been below  $F_{lim}$  (0.3) in 13 consecutive years. The strong 2005 and 2006 year classes observed in previous assessments continue to be strong in 2017 and at ages 12 and 11 comprise 70% of the total spawner biomass. More recent year classes, however, do not appear strong, which raises concern for the stock going forward. Despite the recent increase in SSB, overall abundance estimates have not increased, suggesting the growth in SSB is primarily a result of survival and growth of existing spawners rather than strong new cohorts entering the SSB.

**Introduction**

The Divisions 3NO cod stock occupies the southern part of the Grand Bank of Newfoundland. Fish are distributed over the shallower parts of the bank in summer, particularly in the Southeast Shoal area (Div. 3N), and on the slopes of the bank in winter when cooling occurs. Some seasonal mixing between fish in Division 3O and Subdivision 3Ps may occur. This stock has been under moratorium to all directed fishing both inside and outside the Regulatory Area since February 1994. In 1998 the Scientific Council Report recommended that there should be no directed fishing for cod in Div. 3N and 3O in 1999 and that by-catches in fisheries targeting other species should be kept at the lowest possible level. All subsequent assessments have re-iterated this advice.

This assessment updates the status of the stock, based primarily on a population model incorporating Canadian spring and fall research vessel surveys conducted in Div. 3NO. Population and spawner stock biomass estimates for 1959-2017 are provided from ADAPT utilizing the catch at age and calibrated using three Canadian research vessel surveys.



## Nominal catch and catch at age

Catches from this stock peaked at 227,000 tons (t) in 1967, mainly by the former USSR and Spain, but declined steadily thereafter to 15,000 t in 1978. From 1979 to 1991 catches ranged from 20,000 to 50,000 t (Table 1, Fig. 1). A consecutive decline in TAC's in the early 1990's reduced catches to a level of about 10,000 t in 1993 the last full year of a directed fishery. Total catches since the moratorium (Table 1, Fig. 1), increased from 170 t in 1995, peaked at about 4 800 t in 2003 and have been between 600 t and 1100 t since that time. The total catch in 2016 was 666 t. The Canadian catch in 2015 and 2016 made up 26% and 22% respectively of the total catch and was taken predominantly (80%) as bycatch from the yellowtail flounder bottom trawl fishery (Table 2).

Sampling data for 2015-2016 was available from Spanish (González-Costas et al., MS 2016, 2017), Portuguese (Vargas et al., MS 2016, 2017), Russian (Fomin and Pochtar MS 2016, MS 2017) and Estonian (Tõrra et al. MS 2016, Hubel and Sirp MS 2017) otter trawl fisheries. Commercial sampling data were not available from Canada for 2015-2016. Therefore length frequency data from Spain were applied to Canadian catches, since similar ages were historically sampled by Canada and Spain. The total catch-at-age from by-catches in 2015-2016 (Fig. 2) was compiled in the most judicious manner possible given the sampling deficiencies noted (Table 3). The catch-at-age for non-Canadian fleets was constructed by applying Canadian survey age length keys to the available length sampling. A review of the sampling over the period 1995-2016 used to produce a catch-at-age for this stock (Table 4) indicates considerable sampling deficiencies.

In 1996, 1997, and 1998 the sampling was considered to be inadequate to develop a catch-at-age. An approach for developing catch at age for this period based on using an average partial recruitment pattern is presented in Stansbury et al. (1999). For 1999, 2000 and 2013 there are also gaps in the data but catch at age was estimated via the use of sampling collected by other contracting countries and by making use of Canadian research vessel survey age length keys. Age length keys available for 2013 did not adequately cover the range of ages sampled in the catch and a gap from age 11 to 16 was filled by eye. Sampling data for the 2014 Canadian catch was not available for the assessment so catch at age was estimated using annual length frequency data from EU Spain, which historically sampled cod in a size range similar to that by Canada. For 2014, there was no autumn survey to provide age length keys. Therefore, autumn 2013 keys were applied to the autumn 2014 catch.

Catch-at-age and mean weights-at-age from the fisheries in the 1959-2016 period are presented in Table 4 and Table 5. Generally, abundant age classes observed in 2012 and earlier catch at age tracked through to 2016. Inadequate sampling also presents problems for computing mean weight at age. To fill the 1996-1998 gaps, a geometric mean was computed at each age, using the three nearest non-zero values on either side of the three year window.

## Research vessel survey data

Stratified-random bottom trawl surveys have been conducted in spring by Canadian research vessels in Divs. 3N and 3O since 1971 and 1973, respectively, with the exceptions of 1983 in Div. 3N, and 1974 and 1983 in Div. 3O. The stratification scheme used for these surveys is based on depth (Fig. 3, Table 6). The surveys from 1991 onwards covered areas to a maximum of 732m (400 fathoms) but prior to this only covered to a maximum of 367m (200 fathoms). In 2006 survey coverage was incomplete and the 2006 spring survey is not considered an index of population size. Surveys from 1971 to 1982 were conducted by the research vessel *A.T. CAMERON* and those since 1984 were conducted primarily by the *WILFRED TEMPLEMAN* or its sister ship *ALFRED NEEDLER* (Table 7). The 2014 spring survey was conducted by the *TELEOST*. All index strata were covered in this survey but set coverage of these index strata was reduced (95/134 sets completed). Set coverage improved in 2015 (122/134 sets completed) and 2016 (131/134 sets completed) and all index strata were completed.

Autumn surveys have been carried out in Divisions 3NO from 1990 to 2008 using the *WILFRED TEMPLEMAN* for strata less than 732 m. Starting in 1995 the *Teleost* was used for sampling strata greater than 732m to a maximum depth of 1463m (800 fathoms), but coverage has not been consistent in these greater depths. Because of vessel difficulties in 1996 the *ALFRED NEEDLER* conducted the survey in strata less than 732m. In



2009 the autumn survey was conducted by the *ALFRED NEEDLER* with only partial coverage of Div. 3N strata greater than 732m by Teleost. The Autumn survey of Divisions 3NO in 2014 was not completed due to vessel mechanical issues. All index strata were completed in 2015 (120/121 sets completed). In 2016, one index stratum (stratum 336) was not completed (only one successful set) but otherwise the set coverage was good (120/121 sets completed).

In the autumn of 1995, the Campelen 1800 shrimp trawl with rockhopper footgear was introduced in the Canadian groundfish survey, replacing the Engel 145 Hi-rise trawl that had been previously used. The Campelen trawl is towed at 3.0 knots for 15 min instead of 3.5 knots for 30 minutes in the case of the Engel trawl. The selectivities of the two nets were estimated in comparative fishing experiments in 1995 and 1996 and were found to be markedly different, with the Campelen being far more effective at catching small cod and slightly less effective at catching large cod (Warren 1997; Warren et al. 1997). Conversion of Engels catches to Campelen equivalent catches are reported by Stansbury (1996, 1997).

The location of fishing sets for the Spring and Autumn surveys and the standardized total weight of fish caught at each station are demonstrated in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 respectively. It is clear from these plots that the largest survey catches of 3NO cod in recent years have come from southern 3N in the NAFO Regulatory Area. However, catches in the NRA in 2015 and 2016 were not as large as those in the two years prior. The lack of large fishing sets results in lower stratum-specific estimates of biomasses (Fig. 6 and Fig. 7).

Abundance and biomass estimates for the entire stock area are presented in Table 8-Table 15. Trends in the total abundance and biomass estimates are plotted for the index strata (<200 fathoms) in Fig. 8-Fig. 9. Spring abundance and biomass estimates were extremely low in both Div. 3N and Div. 3O from 1994 to about 2006. Survey indices increased after 2006, particularly from 2011-2014 and particularly in Div. 3N, but the 2015-2016 estimates are much lower. The swept area survey biomass estimate from index strata (<200 fathoms) surveyed in 3NO combined for 2016 spring is 16,788 t and for autumn is 46,667 t.

## **Analysis**

### Maturity at age

Annual proportion mature was modeled by fitting a probit model with a logit link function by cohort to observed proportions mature at age from sampling conducted during Canadian spring surveys. The model fitted the data for all cohorts from 1953 to 2007, except for the 1991 and 2000 cohorts. The estimated age at 50% maturity (A50) ranged between 5.6 and 7.4 years for cohorts produced from the 1950's to 1980's (Fig. 10). Age at 50% maturity declined between 1980 and the late 1990's from approximately 6.8 to 4.5. Age at 50% maturity increased from about 4.5 years in the late 1990s to over six years of age in the mid-2000s, but in subsequent years has decreased again to just above five years of age. The estimated proportion of females mature at age from the fitted cohort model is given in Table 19. Estimates for the 1991 and 2000 cohorts were produced by averaging the observed proportions from the two adjacent years. As the estimation is by cohort, special considerations are needed to fill the older ages for the starting years, and also for the younger ages for current years. These values were produced by averaging estimates from the 3 previous and 3 subsequent years for the appropriate age (shaded cells in Table 19). Estimated annual maturities for 1975-2016 are plotted (Fig. 11) to show trends for selected ages. These trends generally reflect the overall change in size at maturity.

## **Sequential Population Analysis**

### **Survey Indices: Cohort Tracking**

The assessment of this stock utilizes a sequential population analysis applying the ADAPT framework (Gavaris 1988) estimation of population size. Before updating the assessment, cohort tracking and consistency within the survey data are explored by a number of illustrative and standardized age-disaggregated plots, including (a) age-disaggregated plots of mean number per tow 3NO, (b) pair-wise scatter plots and correlations of age-disaggregated survey data (log-scale) and (c) standardized proportions by age across years (SPAY). In the SPAY plots the annual index proportions were standardized at each age to have a mean of 0 and a variance of 1.

For the Canadian Spring survey, the 1989 and 1990 year classes were the most dominant in the series from 1990 to 2008 (Fig. 12) but at different ages. For example, the 1989 year class was dominant at ages 2, 4, 7, 9 and 10 whereas the 1990 year class was dominant at ages 3 and 8. The 2006 year class shows up strong as age 3 in 2009. In 2015 and 2016 this cohort continued to show up as strong at ages 9 and 10 respectively. Pairwise plots and correlations (Fig. 13) indicate generally good tracking between ages for cohorts.

For the Canadian Autumn survey the 1989 and 1990 year classes were amongst the most dominant in the series (Fig. 15) and also illustrate a similar pattern as the spring. The 1989 year class was dominant at ages except 7 whereas the 1990 cohort is only dominant at age 7, 8. The 1997 and/or 1998 cohorts were also very apparent at ages 3-9, something not so obvious in the spring series. A decline in density is also quite dramatic by age 5 for most cohorts. The pairwise plots and correlations (Fig. 16) also indicate generally good tracking between ages for cohorts although correlations were not as good as in the spring.

Standardized indices by age for the Canadian Spring and Autumn surveys are compared in Fig. 18. The EU-Spain survey is also included for comparison. The results indicate generally good tracking for the Canadian surveys.

### **ADAPTive Framework**

The catch at age (Table 4) was used in a sequential population analysis applying the ADAPT framework (Gavaris 1988). The catch for age 2 is from the NAFO SCR Docs series presented from 1988 to 1998. Zero catch was assumed for age 2 in years 1959-1987. Due to inadequate sampling of removals, total catch for 1996-1998 was proportioned by age using the average partial recruitment vector from 1990-93 (from a previous ADAPT run) with the fully recruited  $F$  estimated from a catch projection so as to match the observed catch (further details in catch-at-age section). Catches since that time have been based on fishery sampling although for some contracting parties constructing catch at age required using Canadian RV age-length keys (see Table 3).

The ADAPT was calibrated with Canadian RV survey indices at age from spring 1984-2005 and 2007-2016 (Table 16), autumn 1990-2013 and 2015-2016 (Table 17) and a Canadian juvenile survey 1989-94 (Table 18) to estimate population numbers  $N_{i,t}$ ,

where  $i = 3$  to 12, for  $t = 2017$  (10 parameters) and  $i = 12$ , for  $t = 1994$  to 2016 (23 parameters),

and Catchabilities

- $q_{1i}$  where  $i = 2$  to 10 for the Canadian Research Vessel survey spring (RV1) (9 parameters)
- $q_{2i}$  where  $i = 2$  to 10 for the Canadian Research Vessel survey autumn (RV2) (9 parameters)
- $q_{3i}$  where  $i = 2$  to 10 for the Juvenile Research Vessel survey (RV3) (9 parameters)

The following structure was imposed:

- natural mortality was assumed to be 0.2,
- fishing mortality on the oldest age (12) set equal to the average  $F$  for ages 6 to 9 for years 1959-1993,
- no "plus" age class,
- equal weighting of all indices,
- no error in the catch numbers-at-age.



Input data were:

Catch numbers at age,  
 $C_{i,t}$  where  $i = 2$  to 12 and  $t = 1959$  to 2016,  
 Canadian Research Vessel survey estimates of mean numbers per tow-at-age (Campelen or Campelen equivalent values),  
 $RV_{1,i,t}$  where  $i = 2$  to 10 and  $t = 1984$  to 2005 and 2007-2016, spring  
 $RV_{2,i,t}$  where  $i = 2$  to 10 and  $t = 1990$  to 2013 and 2015-2016, autumn  
 and Canadian juvenile Research Vessel survey estimates of mean numbers per tow-at-age (Yankee 41.5 shrimp trawl in August – September)  
 $RV_{3,i,t}$  where  $i = 2$  to 10 and  $t = 1989$  to 1994.

The objective function minimized is

$$SS = \sum_{s,i,t} \{ \ln(RV_{s,i,t}) - \ln(q_{s,i} N_{i,t}) \}^2$$

where  $s$ = Survey 1 to 3 ,  $i$  =age 2 to 10,  $t$ = year of survey.

This particular model formulation was selected since it follows the accepted VPA from the last assessment in 2013 and effectively deals with problems associated with zeros in the catch matrix at the age 12 (by estimating survivors at age 12 in these years). The statistics associated with the ADAPT output are given in Table 20. The mean square error of the residuals of the model fit was 0.599 based on an estimation of 60 parameters. For the survivors estimated in 2017, the relative error in the parameter estimates decreased with age from a high of 56% at age 3 to 23% at ages 11 and 12.

The estimated survey catchabilities ( $q$ 's) with associated standard errors are also provided in Table 20 and Fig. 19. Survey catchabilities ( $q$ 's) generally decrease with age for all three surveys with the spring and autumn tending to having similar  $q$ 's for ages 7-10. The Yankee 41.5 (juvenile survey) catchability for age 2 is much higher than that for the Campelen surveys.

Diagnostic residual plots from the ADAPT run are presented in Fig. 20-Fig. 21. Overall the spring and autumn surveys show little pattern in the residuals, although there are some year effects. These are evident in the spring survey in 1987, 1993, 1996 and 1998 (mostly positive) and 1989, 1995, 2002 (mostly negative). The fall 1997 estimates have large negative residuals, particularly for ages 5, 6 and 7. The residuals for 2015 and 2016 spring and autumn surveys are negative for most ages.

Bias-adjusted estimates of population numbers (Fig. 22) and fishing mortality at age (Fig. 23) are given in Table 21 and Table 22 respectively. The age 2 value in 2015 is the geometric mean of the 2012-2014 age 2 estimates from the ADAPT. Population numbers remain low. There was a small increase between 2006-2008 but there has been a leveling or declining trend since that time. No good recruitment (Fig. 24) has been observed since 2009 (i.e. the 2006 year class).

The relatively strong 2005 and 2006 cohorts noted in previous assessments continue to be relatively strong in 2017. The strength of these year classes is still low relative to historic estimates. Fishing mortality (Table 22, Fig. 23) on the prominent age groups in the fishery has been very low since 2008 (< 0.1).

Beginning of year mean weight-at-age calculated from the commercial catch is presented in Table 23. These weights are used to calculate biomass, given in Table 24. Stock biomass reached an historic low in 1995. Biomass slowly increased over the 2004-2012 period and has remained stable at 25,000-28,000 t since that time. The maturities computed from the cohort model were applied to the population numbers to compute the spawner stock biomass (Table 25, Fig. 25). SSB increased after 2010 and has been steady at 23,000-25,000 t over the past four years. The 2017 estimate of 25,101 t represents 42% of Blim (60,000 t). The relatively strong 2005 and 2006 cohorts account for 70% of the SSB in 2017 at ages 10 and 9 respectively.

### Retrospective analysis

A retrospective analysis was conducted to investigate whether systematic trends were apparent in the population modeling. A 5 year period was chosen to evaluate whereby a complete year of data was removed, one year at a time in succession (for catch at age and survey indices at age), and the estimation with identical structure to the VPA formulation above was repeated for each case. The resulting retrospective patterns do not show any consistent bias in the assessment (Fig. 26).

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Table 1. Catch (t) of cod in NAFO Divisions 3NO.

Year	Canada	Others	Total	TAC
1953	39884	26313	66197	
1954	17392	117369	134761	
1955	6053	108303	114356	
1956	5363	59519	64882	
1957	9641	80549	90190	
1958	4812	43239	48051	
1959	3687	60683	64370	
1960	3408	76269	79677	
1961	5428	67296	72724	
1962	3235	31749	34984	
1963	5079	64663	69742	
1964	2882	61579	64461	
1965	4229	94958	99187	
1966	6501	102418	108919	
1967	3446	223338	226784	
1968	3287	162224	165511	
1969	3664	114041	117705	
1970	4771	106790	111561	
1971	2311	123985	126296	
1972	1736	101638	103374	
1973	1832	78597	80429	103000
1974	1360	72029	73389	101000
1975	1189	42985	44174	88000
1976	2065	22218	24283	43000
1977	2532	15072	17604	30000
1978	6246	8472	14718	15000
1979	9938	17913	27851	25000
1980	5589	14402	19991	26000
1981	6096	18248	24344	26000
1982	10185	21420	31605	17000
1983	11374	17445	28819	17000
1984	8705	18398	27103	26000
1985	18179	18720	36899	33000
1986	18035	32610	50645	33000
1987	18652	22967	41619	33000
1988	19727	23423	43150	40000
1989	13433	19782	33215	25000
1990	10620	18226	28846	18600
1991	12056 <sup>2</sup>	17396 <sup>3</sup>	29454	13600
1992	7859	4893 <sup>3</sup>	12752	13600
1993	5370	5276 <sup>3</sup>	10646	10200
1994	47	2655 <sup>3</sup>	2702	6000 <sup>5</sup>
1995	64	108 <sup>3</sup>	172	ndf
1996	99	75 <sup>3</sup>	174	ndf
1997	286	97 <sup>3</sup>	383	ndf
1998	396	151 <sup>3</sup>	547	ndf
1999	568	351 <sup>3</sup>	919	ndf
2000	207	843 <sup>3</sup>	1050	ndf
2001	560	750 <sup>3</sup>	1310	ndf
2002	444	1750 <sup>3</sup>	2194	ndf
2003	818	4052 <sup>3</sup>	4870 <sup>4</sup>	ndf
2004	442	492 <sup>3</sup>	934	ndf
2005	461	263 <sup>3</sup>	724	ndf
2006	108	492 <sup>3</sup>	600	ndf
2007	203	645 <sup>3</sup>	848	ndf
2008	247	676 <sup>3</sup>	923	ndf
2009	165	918 <sup>3</sup>	1083	ndf
2010	107	839 <sup>3</sup>	946	ndf
2011	44	823	867	ndf
2012	26	708 <sup>3</sup>	734	ndf
2013	226	887 <sup>3</sup> #	1113	ndf
2014 <sup>1</sup>	197	537 <sup>3</sup> #	734	ndf
2015	151	435	586	ndf
2016	147	519	666	ndf

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Includes an estimate of 4000 t deemed misreported to Div. 3L.<sup>3</sup> Includes estimates by Canadian Surveillance and by NAFO Scientific Council.<sup>4</sup> Catch could not be precisely estimated but is in the range of 4, 280 - 5, 460 tons<sup>5</sup> There has been no directed fishery since February 1994.

Table 2. Cod landings (t) by month and gear from NAFO Divisions 3NO by Canada in 2015 and 2016.

Month	Canada (N)						Canada (M)			
	3N		3O			Other	3N		3O	
	Ottertrawl	Longline	Ottertrawl	Gillnet	Longline		Ottertrawl	Longline	Ottertrawl	Longline
Jan			0.952							
Feb										
Mar	0.13		2.20							
Apr	0.04	0.40	18.13		0.96				2.23	0.04
May	0.37	0.67	2.82					6.49	2.07	0.96
Jun	9.46	0.59	33.02					2.95		0.11
Jul								1.20		2.38
Aug	0.29		14.16	0.08				0.75		0.06
Sep	0.19		14.82					0.56		7.01
Oct	3.09	0.38	18.05							
Nov	1.10		0.97							
Dec	4.22		2.47							
	18.88	2.04	107.58	0.08	0.96	0.00	0.00	11.96	4.30	10.55
										156.35
Month	Canada (N)						Canada (M)			
	3N		3O			Other	3N		3O	
	Ottertrawl	Longline	Ottertrawl	Gillnet	Longline		Ottertrawl	Longline	Ottertrawl	Longline
Jan	12.38		0.291							
Feb	3.43		2.01		0.13					
Mar			4.87							0.03
Apr			18.42		0.04			0.03	0.33	1.42
May			0.48					2.42	0.37	2.09
Jun	7.31	0.36						0.33		3.41
Jul	17.85	0.35						0.33		0.06
Aug	1.63	0.62	0.18	0.51				1.20		
Sep	16.51	0.36	8.13			0.24				
Oct	2.45		7.84							
Nov	15.18		5.52							
Dec	8.88		0.21							
	85.62	1.69	47.95	0.51	0.17	0.24	0.00	4.31	0.71	7.01
										148.21

Table 3. A review of sampling used to compile catch at age for 3NO cod. Highlighted years note use of Canadian RV age/length keys to some commercial catches. Details for the estimation of catch at age for previous years are available in Rideout et al. (2015).

	Sampling	Canada	Spain	Portugal	Other
2005	Bycatch in Canadian otter trawl fishery was adequately sampled providing frequencies and keys. Length frequencies provided by Spain and Russia were used in conjunction with Canadian Research Surveys keys to create catch at age for Spain, Portugal, Russia and Estonia.	2/LL 4706/OT	6109/OT		125/OT
2006	Canadian cod bycatch was taken mainly in the otter trawl and gillnet fishery for redfish and hake, sampling was limited mainly to frequencies. Canadian autumn research keys were used. Frequencies provided by Portugal and Russia were used in conjunction with Canadian autumn research keys to compile catch at age for Portugal, Spain, Estonia and Lithuania.	44/GN 478/OT		3269/OT	125/OT
2007	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow-tail, redfish and hake. The otter trawl fishery was sampled by observers. About 40 % of the Canadian catch was taken in longline fisheries and no sampling exist for this catch	1457/ OT NO LL	401 (135 mm mesh)/OT No sampling for 280mm mesh	376 (130mm mesh)/OT; 18 (280mm mesh)/OT	811 /OT /Russian fishery
2008	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow-tail, redfish and hake. The otter trawl fishery was sampled by observers. About 25 % of the Canadian catch was taken in longline fisheries and no sampling exist for this catch	1796 OT NO LL	408 OT	41 OT for 30	519 OT
2009	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow-tail, redfish and hake. The otter trawl fishery was sampled by observers. About 20 % of the Canadian catch was taken in longline fisheries and no sampling exist for this catch. Canadian research survey keys used to age all catch	246/OT length and 24 aged fish	511(130mm, 3N)/OT; 98(280mm, 3N)/OT	1935 OT	
2010	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow-tail and amounted to 109 t. Canadian research survey keys used to age all catch	90 comercial and 997 research ages	1354 measured	2467 130mm and 223 280mm mesh measured	171 measured
2011	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow-tail and amounted to 54 t. Canadian research survey keys used to age all catch.	23 commercial and 959 research ages	396 measured	5042 measured	100 measured
2012	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow-tail and amounted to 26 t. Canadian research survey keys used to age all catch	1441 research ages	2411 measured	4484 measured	
2013	Canadian cod bycatch was taken primarily in the otter trawl fishery for yellow tail flounder. The otter trawl fishery was sampled by observers. Q4 length frequencies for otter trawls (130 mm) from Spain applied to Q4 Canadian otter trawl catch. Canadian research survey keys used to age all catch.	1120 / OT and 66 aged fish	174 (130 mm, 3NO)/OT, 865 (280mm, 3N) / OT	6293 (130 mm, 3NO)/OT, 561 (280mm, 3N)/OT	387 OT/Estonia
2014	Canadian cod bycatch was primarily taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow tail flounder. Annual length frequencies for EU Spain otter trawls (130 mm) applied to all Canadian otter trawl catch. Canadian research survey keys from spring 2014 used to age 2014 spring catch, but fall 2013 keys used to age fall catch.	no length or age data available	454 (130 mm, 3NO)/OT, 795 (280 mm, 3NO)/OT	4327 (130 mm, 3NO)/OT, 84 (280 mm, 3N)/OT	none
2015	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for .... . Annual length frequencies for EU Spain otter trawls (130 mm) applied to all Canadian otter trawl catch. Canadian research survey keys from spring and fall 2015 were used to age all catch.	no length or age data available	246 (130 mm, 3N)/OT, 539 (280 mm, 3NO)/OT	7460 (130 mm, 3NO)/OT	101 OT/Estonia , 255 OT/Russia
2016	Canadian cod bycatch was taken in the otter trawl fishery for yellow tail flounder and white flounder. Annual length frequencies for EU Spain otter trawls (130 mm) applied to all Canadian otter trawl catch. Canadian research survey keys from spring and fall 2016 were used to age all catch.	no length or age data available	141 (130 mm, 3O)/OT, 902 (280 mm, 3NO)/OT	1888 (130 mm, 3NO)/OT	221 OT/Estonia , 40 OT/Russia

Table 4. Catch at age used in this assessment for Divisions 3NO cod ('000s).

Cn	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1959	0	1711	13036	5068	6025	3935	1392	757	926	1220	103
1960	0	1846	6503	22050	3095	2377	2504	583	387	898	242
1961	0	812	4400	11696	15258	2014	1672	847	196	25	245
1962	0	1026	3882	2206	1581	3594	773	668	433	226	216
1963	0	313	5757	11210	4849	1935	3840	1165	608	322	208
1964	0	6202	15555	19496	7919	2273	1109	788	328	37	112
1965	0	1013	7611	7619	13258	9861	4827	1081	1248	163	141
1966	0	753	18413	19681	11795	8486	4467	1829	1694	122	57
1967	0	20086	62442	50317	18517	4774	4651	236	180	71	45
1968	0	16359	56775	48608	18485	6337	1592	505	178	90	45
1969	0	8154	12924	26949	11191	2089	1393	518	292	134	202
1970	0	2105	19703	10799	9481	3646	1635	541	149	227	90
1971	0	950	26900	30300	11700	3500	2500	500	200	100	50
1972	0	69	19797	12289	13432	5883	1686	285	216	78	74
1973	0	10058	27600	15098	5989	1971	972	707	243	137	116
1974	0	6425	9501	10907	10872	2247	2147	1015	676	428	257
1975	0	671	8781	3528	2505	3057	1059	921	461	252	152
1976	0	4054	7534	5945	1084	211	238	44	37	13	9
1977	0	607	2469	2531	1500	572	177	209	65	41	25
1978	0	920	4337	2518	818	354	102	58	51	8	5
1979	0	72	3827	9208	2784	883	265	58	17	12	7
1980	0	266	1055	3812	2275	761	222	92	31	8	13
1981	0	505	1091	1262	2297	1902	574	192	94	41	13
1982	0	305	1978	1591	1012	1528	1492	595	211	162	27
1983	0	1179	647	1893	1204	686	1152	774	238	81	41
1984	0	58	1000	1411	2324	1220	720	918	551	106	42
1985	0	57	2953	6203	3036	2519	797	459	533	261	97
1986	0	153	2865	6423	4370	1512	948	558	373	349	135
1987	195	516	422	3491	3445	1213	653	845	494	398	404
1988	256	277	318	1527	6347	3955	1009	567	425	249	142
1989	127	1917	2182	1502	1260	1887	1284	485	233	168	100
1990	410	1064	4505	4341	895	422	721	581	439	150	83
1991	6028	1103	673	995	544	282	368	568	502	383	202
1992	83	4508	1769	837	612	235	64	99	128	153	100
1993	33	1314	3209	637	479	321	74	25	39	49	53
1994	0	232	2326	1117	125	93	26	8	1	0	0
1995	0	0	72	20	40	2	0	1	0	0	0
1996	2	4	5	3	17	25	3	2	3	1	0
1997	1	12	18	11	5	31	45	5	4	5	3
1998	1	3	23	21	10	5	28	41	4	4	5
1999	46	94	41	101	40	14	6	23	55	3	2
2000	10	356	339	87	62	21	12	4	13	12	2
2001	10	187	302	160	11	43	23	7	2	9	12
2002	100	218	550	427	141	9	27	13	3	1	6
2003	43	337	810	1274	669	133	5	18	8	2	1
2004	11	37	45	50	92	73	21	1	7	3	1
2005	1	1	1	2	4	28	55	20	1	3	2
2006	45	214	168	82	21	5	10	2	2	0	0
2007	4	205	289	93	25	9	6	9	10	2	0
2008	1	4	58	165	41	20	2	3	20	13	7
2009	12	262	167	136	90	26	11	1	4	7	16
2010	249	214	459	195	75	39	13	0	2	0	1
2011	44	187	56	133	44	47	46	7	4	1	0
2012	26	217	197	38	96	35	16	14	5	1	0
2013	21	169	239	151	41	121	54	24	10	4	0
2014	60	194	144	156	59	55	29	13	4	2	0
2015	10	60	101	51	82	32	9	38	7	2	0
2016	12	81	103	77	30	45	30	5	29	15	0



Table 6. Details on the stratification scheme used for the assessment of 3NO cod.

NAFO Div.	Depth Range (fathoms)	Strata	Area Sq. mi.	NAFO Div.	Depth Range (fathoms)	Strata	Area Sq. mi.
3N	0-30	375	1593	3O	31-50	330	2089
		376	1499			331	456
	31-50	360	2992			338	1898
		361	1853			340	1716
		362	2520			351	2520
		373	2520			352	2580
		374	931			353	1282
	51-100	359	421		51-100	329	1721
		377	100			332	1047
		382	647			337	948
	101-150	358	225			339	585
		378	139			354	474
		381	182		101-150	333	151
	151-200	357	164			336	121
		379	106			355	103
		380	116		151-200	334	92
	201-300	723	155			335	58
		725	105			356	61
		727	160		201-300	717	166
	301-400	724	124			719	76
		726	72			721	76
		728	156		301-400	718	134

Table 7. Information on the timing and vessel/trip numbers for the Canadian Spring and Autumn surveys.

Year	Spring Survey			Autumn Survey		
	Vessel(s) & Trips	Start Date (mm/dd)	End Date (mm/dd)	Vessel(s) & Trips	Start Date (mm/dd)	End Date (mm/dd)
1984	AN 27	04/28	05/08			
1985	AN 43	04/11	04/25			
1986	WT 47	04/18	05/04			
1987	WT 58-60	04/23	05/14			
1988	WT 70	04/21	05/05			
1989	WT 82	04/20	05/06			
1990	WT 95-96	05/05	06/01	WT 101-102	11/22	12/09
1991	WT 105-106	04/19	05/11	WT 113-115	10/19	11/10
1992	WT 119-120	04/22	05/13	WT 128-130	10/20	11/05
1993	WT 136-137	04/27	05/18	WT 144-146	10/24	11/12
1994	WT 152-153	04/30	05/22	WT 160-161	10/25	11/13
1995	WT 168-169	05/03	05/27	WT 176-177	09/26	10/26
1996	WT 188-189	05/07	05/30	WT 200, TEL 42, AN 253	11/24	12/17
1997	WT 204-208	04/30	06/04	WT 212-214	09/26	11/05
1998	WT 221-222	05/12	06/04	WT 229-233, TEL 76	10/10	12/16
1999	WT 238-241	05/11	06/07	WT 244-247	10/13	11/22
2000	WT 315-318	05/11	06/09	WT 319-323, TEL 338-339	10/11	12/05
2001	WT 367-369	05/05	06/06	WT 372-373, TEL 357	09/22	10/29
2002	WT 419-424	04/27	05/29	WT 427-428, TEL 411-412	10/05	10/26
2003	WT 479-481	05/08	06/04	WT 485-487, TEL 469	09/23	11/07
2004	WT 546-548	05/12	06/08	WT 557-558	10/31	11/23
2005	WT 618-621	05/09	06/19	WT 627-628,630, TEL 608-609, AN 657	10/04	11/19
2006				WT 704-706	09/30	10/21
2007	WT 759-762	05/03	06/29	WT 770-772, TEL 750-751	10/06	11/14
2008	WT 827-829	05/23	06/22	WT 835-837	10/03	11/01
2009	AN 904-906	05/13	06/11	AN 913-916, TEL 894-895	10/02	11/12
2010	AN 932-934	05/08	06/06	AN 942-944, TEL 979	09/30	12/12
2011	AN 403-404	05/08	05/30	AN 409-413	09/29	11/20
2012	AN 417-420	04/27	06/03	AN 424-426	09/30	11/05
2013	AN 432-434	04/24	05/22	AN 438-442	09/19	10/18
2014	TEL 139-140	05/29	06/17			
2015	AN 452-454	05/10	06/03	AN 458-461	09/25	10/26
2016	TEL 159, 169-170	05/19	05/31	AN 466-467,469	09/16	11/07









Table 12. Cod abundance (000's) from Canadian Autumn RV surveys in Division 3N. Both index strata and the most commonly fished deep strata are shown. The index strata are the basis for the assessment. Data for 1984-1995 have been converted to Campelan equivalent units. Values in brackets are estimates for non-sampled strata.

Year	Index Strata (<200 fathoms)															Total Index	1 std	Deep Strata (≥200 fathoms)						Total >200		
	375	376	360	361	362	373	374	383	359	377	382	358	378	381	357	379	380	723	725	727	724	726	728			
1990	5421	32419	28703	6273	12855	1336	879	530	702	243	210	766	550	nf	683	213	nf	91783	29227	nf	nf	nf	nf	nf	nf	-
1991	66596	455280	12311	14155	73045	22575	20754	530	0	nf	359	1500	2046	0	399	nf	798	670348	355442	0	nf	nf	0	nf	nf	0
1992	nf	354763	8311	20718	49583	1400	nf	nf	497	493	270	5063	1602	nf	194	596	nf	443490	286249	nf	0	nf	nf	nf	nf	0
1993	2047	260	3463	6177	1300	750	819	0	88	0	494	47	48	202	1526	655	48	17924	4041	97	80	878	17	0	nf	1072
1994	1947	312	0	7549	622	0	1034	0	0	7	0	94	10	0	57	81	16	11729	3576	0	0	11	0	0	0	11
1995	4954	3918	433	3751	901	69	57	46	29	7	0	55	10	0	20	32	57	14339	3284	0	12	9	0	0	0	21
1996	0	92	480	2005	103	129	64	0	51	12	32	14	0	230	38	52	24	3326	1341	43	22	267	19	10	76	437
1997	603	41	137	2156	898	50	43	0	29	0	0	15	17	8	0	79	16	4092	757	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
1998	329	1598	309	5761	792	149	171	46	0	0	0	247	10	13	124	13	0	9562	2228	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
1999	14518	361	2367	1733	7924	3004	512	0	0	21	134	340	1472	138		988	383	33895	9200	0	7	22	0	0	0	29
2000	8163	819	1132	3161	6478	341	85	0	550	21	134	1156	1785	338	168	164	563	25058	7551	0	0	49	0	0	0	49
2001	4492	876	2315	6780	6438	446	1836	0	290	481	0	342	226	1702	61	663	14	26962	4867	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
2002	2849	317	360	1173	314	149	256	0	463	51	45	437	476	13	10	47	465	7425	2909	0	14	11	0	0	0	25
2003	446	324	1242	4952	99	57	0	0	434	0	0	356	36	0	102	52	104	8204	1013	0	0	25	nf	0	0	25
2004	438	2062	1543	4282	198	149	171	46	116	206	0	279	315	2078	124	54	96	12158	3027	0	nf	0	0	0	0	43
2005	3671	7099	2036	12672	1882	106	0	0	608	35	89	512	1520	82	229	91	56	30688	11059	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
2006	3999	987	14200	4384	495	248	640	46	145	76	0	1024	1430	138	302	58	83	28255	13287	0	63	9	0	0	0	72
2007	4024	10516	12142	30180	4727	451	840	0	1319	297	316	4797	850	5858	56	73	32	76478	15069	31	0	0	60	0	0	91
2008	13586	20758	470	9431	14906	2253	3522	0	898	5475	0	3363	8824	3089	124	131	326	87156	21572	9	7	0	0	0	0	16
2009	4821	112129	6709	9198	520	469	1729	46	347	2586	158	584	3142	67	121	32	199	142857	74196	0	0	39	0	16	0	55
2010	10902	16032	4956	16569	1684	545	1195	46	319	467	0	552		114	113	40	32	53566	12251	17	nf	11	0	0	0	28
2011	6793	1804	3013	3257	870	485	1409	46	2734	3384	140	867	4646	11129	56	645	454	41732	12798	0	17	0	0	23	0	39
2012	2763	22786	2337	16183	2427	1634	1708	46	931	812	45	851	180	38	53	144	769	53704	10810	14	7	279	17	0	0	317
2013	25853	4691	5362	13612	6834	3518	14051	185	116	813	134	297	4872	2790	11	7	993	84138	21554	0	0	11	0	0	0	11
2014																										
2015	5478	2114	875	15167	792	545	683	0	596	289	0	93	3038	225	30	414	828	31167	4354.7	11	7	20	0	0	0	37
2016	4531	2217	11987	12252	1387	149	384	0	232	307	89	46	3751	224	34	17	1657	39264	10940	0	0	11	0	0	0	11



Table 13. Cod biomass (t) from Canadian Autumn RV surveys in Division 3N. Both index strata and the most commonly fished deep strata are shown. The index strata are the basis for the assessment. Data for 1984-1995 have been converted to Campelan equivalent units. Values in brackets are estimates for non-sampled strata.

Year	Index Strata (<200 fathoms)															Total Index	1 std	Deep Strata (≥200 fathoms)						Total >200		
	375	376	360	361	362	373	374	383	359	377	382	358	378	381	357	379	380	723	725	727	724	726	728			
1990	31395	5147	7585	24777	9636	9722	2501	216	39	122	129	404	362	nf	370	318	nf	92723	25023	nf	nf	nf	nf	nf	nf	-
1991	69276	80732	4456	16326	40955	26255	9699	164	0	nf	73	430	635	0	205	nf	117	249323	64135	0	nf	nf	0	nf	nf	0
1992	nf 116390	4572	12485	22852	4114	nf	nf	156	257	115	2464	461	nf	120	317	nf	164303	91007	nf	0	nf	nf	nf	nf	nf	0
1993	3305	152	8072	12996	1576	254	1102	0	39	0	168	45	12	119	629	240	32	28741	7956	63	90	484	12	0	nf	649
1994	9447	993	0	12111	1001	0	2414	0	0	13	0	51	11	0	42	96	10	26189	7249	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
1995	3162	4035	1329	8626	337	39	15	54	12	11	0	61	8	0	46	20	26	17781	4298	0	10	3	0	0	0	13
1996	0	799	316	1717	28	49	26	0	36	11	92	9	0	117	19	27	12	3258	1199	24	13	97	40	15	34	223
1997	594	12	1226	3255	2581	26	45	0	25	0	0	80	21	5	0	108	10	7988	1681	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
1998	839	791	1258	3811	713	60	196	0	0	0	0	327	9	8	245	8	0	8265	3200	0	18	0	0	0	0	18
1999	2022	46	8681	1060	4955	1948	111	0	0	6	93	197	729	39	664	223	20774	5772	0	10	39	0	0	0	0	49
2000	8642	2677	1536	1986	2840	125	20	0	458	3	116	933	1156	86	311	129	178	21196	5346	0	0	34	0	0	0	34
2001	1490	2351	3183	3319	4146	324	1042	0	249	660	0	470	174	1583	172	675	3	19841	4203	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
2002	2135	813	217	4519	1597	154	172	0	601	68	12	467	276	9	9	79	879	12007	3490	0	6	11	0	0	0	17
2003	192	1025	2917	6749	582	1	0	0	814	0	0	358	43	0	66	53	48	12848	3571	0	0	10	nf	0	0	10
2004	47	23	5334	9089	54	14	31	6	94	382	0	105	99	1890	201	133	54	17558	6793	0	nf	0	0	0	0	44
2005	487	5798	2220	8438	3160	33	0	0	317	19	16	262	711	80	221	41	48	21851	6469	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
2006	6913	2112	12038	2887	1582	95	1501	34	217	89	0	468	832	34	184	38	37	29061	11576	0	49	3	0	0	0	52
2007	6277	910	2291	3624	1640	99	99	0	296	66	93	4112	486	3303	50	27	28	23401	7102	49	0	0	65	0	0	114
2008	5111	11121	2231	8548	6235	544	1015	0	456	1720	0	1613	2644	888	89	102	205	42522	12646	27	11	0	0	0	0	38
2009	3038	31762	7251	9296	247	815	793	23	328	1601	42	400	2144	21	214	33	106	58114	23590	0	0	17	0	13	0	30
2010	2963	17484	8031	4621	3604	315	755	51	257	310	0	638	165	130	55	26	39405	14438	27	nf	6	0	0	0	32.333	
2011	3120	1139	10504	2562	834	286	661	22	3173	3416	180	1104	4836	5166	154	841	421	38419	9968	0	22	0	0	18	0	40
2012	1946	27994	11207	23494	2873	1635	427	34	1254	1102	13	974	138	15	116	254	850	74327	24017	66	16	534	40	0	0	656
2013	5440	4200	17535	12422	3913	5647	28073	244	66	994	96	266	9370	2856	43	8	1192	92366	32654	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
2014	8095	2729	2716	10597	1022	171	1235	0	918	178	0	119	1808	76	17	341	657	30680	8058	18	13	18	0	0	0	49
2015	5571	943	19136	6320	276	154	245	0	307	92	37	17	2779	143	63	55	729	36866	11042	0	0	6	0	0	0	6



Table 14. Cod abundance (000's) from Canadian Autumn RV surveys in Division 30. Both index strata and the most commonly fished deep strata are shown. The index strata are the basis for the assessment. Data for 1984-1995 have been converted to Campelan equivalent units. Values in brackets are estimates for non-sampled strata.

Year	Index Strata (<200 fathoms)															Total Index	1 std	Deep Strata (>200 fathoms)						Total >200			
	330	331	338	340	351	352	353	329	332	337	339	354	333	336	355	334	335	356	717	719	721	718	720	722			
1990	10709	507	20199	4158	29085	10248	1781	531	1721	1001	163	1580	21	6	nf	13	12	nf	81735	17121	0	0	nf	nf	nf	0	
1991	10264	6682	10334	5625	24185	24761	223	1605	1127	66	0	0	0	0	887	0	4	4	85767	15463	nf	0	0	nf	nf	0	
1992	7036	222	857	7746	3558	2747	0	558	436	198	41	1712	10	0	64	0	0	0	25185	6229	nf	nf	nf	nf	nf	0	
1993	5271	222	6221	1859	10450	4710	0	239	2036	307	528	0	0	67	172	9	0	0	102	32193	7605	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994	2072	95	330	763	661	717	0	1036	242	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5957	2162	0	5	0	0	0	5	
1995	3946	760	2478	1668	2709	972	415	574	0	0	41	165	0	0	13	0	0	0	13741	2367	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1996	277	31	261	94	196	284	0	473	0	0	0	337	nf	8	339	nf	132	40	2472	571	nf	37	0	nf	0	37	
1997	1006	31	52	519	1684	1006	0	95	48	0	80	130	0	0	0	0	12	0	4663	916	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1998	3113	408	835	1747	347	761	0	710	288	0	126	33	0	0	0	0	4	17	8389	1597	0	0	5	0	0	5	
1999	6178	721	4804	5665	9244	2789	661	521	576	130	554	0	0	28	0	0	7	31878	5652	10	0	0	0	0	10		
2000	4428	1505	3580	6945	11737	9419	0	255	624	82	40	33	10	42	14	0	4	25	38743	6086	0	3	0	0	0	3	
2001	9339	265	209	2172	9013	6405	0	710	96	130	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	28423	3443	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2002	4133	376	835	2408	2091	2980	0	326	331	0	322	6181	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	19987	6278	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	1293	94	261	1369	1436	4780	44	331	48	174	443	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10273	2516	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2004	886	157	112	1039	842	1680	756	101	1296	0	46	37	0	0	28	0	0	0	6980	1681	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2005	1533	470	3081	964	2327	3397	1146	0	946	143	80	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	14119	2807	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2006	1485	345	2611	991	2526	4741	453	221	288	43	80	65	0	0	63	6	0	4	13922	2345	0	0	0	nf	0	0	
2007	14991	4610	5065	1457	22015	32905	882	900	2358	7694	201	10610	27	0	38	0	0	4	103757	13838	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2008	15403	1004	5993	2859	6586	6033	118	1631	912	297	268	1710	9	15	25	0	4	0	42867	11520	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2009	6540	1157	1484	2822	6718	3042	44	473	43	87	46	58	0	nf	6	7	0	17	22544	3796	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2010	3044	282	2402	1665	3075	9492	88	384	43	82	40	811	9	0	7	6	0	0	21430	4311	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2011	3496	282	2611	2408	2080	6236	485	832	55	43	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	4	18597	4272	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2012	10409	860	6313	1416	3566	6794	88	421	128	87	112	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	30259	6479	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2013	4922	188	3916	1175	8133	4107	44	605	0	0	241	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23332	4085	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2014																											
2015	3079	282	5065	2630	2328	8501	265	1705	576	261	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24731	5690	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2016	1581	878	3290	1511	1684	9633	0	473	192	130	40	0	0	nf	0	0	0	0	19412	3592	0	0	0	0	0	0	



Table 15. Cod biomass (t) from Canadian Autumn RV surveys in Division 30. Both index strata and the most commonly fished deep strata are shown. The index strata are the basis for the assessment. Data for 1984-1995 have been converted to Campelan equivalent units. Values in brackets are estimates for non-sampled strata.

Year	Index Strata (<200 fathoms)															Total Index	1 std	Deep Strata (>200 fathoms)						Total >200		
	330	331	338	340	351	352	353	329	332	337	339	354	333	336	355	334	335	356	717	719	721	718	720	722		
1990	6651	27	13966	3635	17027	21151	4593	1291	767	2331	1242	66	12	29	nf	16	13	nf	72817	11789	0	0	nf	nf	nf	0
1991	2374	1047	7122	6247	21473	32262	56	1019	74	70	0	0	0	0	155	0	8	8	71915	12726	nf	0	0	nf	nf	0
1992	2574	191	2760	6711	3142	3137	0	109	254	373	64	896	12	0	31	0	0	0	20254	4404	nf	nf	nf	nf	nf	0
1993	4278	267	3763	1231	9895	4920	0	245	1323	176	447	0	0	107	104	21	0	68	26845	7412	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994	1928	172	91	832	679	4775	0	1546	452	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10531	3158	0	14	0	0	0	14
1995	6035	1455	5283	3149	5052	3195	2238	1052	0	0	46	161	0	0	15	0	0	0	27681	6346	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	299	11	26	37	73	1340	0	367	0	0	0	258	nf	11	233	nf	300	39	2994	1397	nf	55	0	nf	0	55
1997	1779	85	167	951	4806	3220	0	159	0	0	276	96	0	0	0	0	16	0	11555	2467	0	0	0	0	0	0
1998	2027	735	1786	2108	815	1198	0	820	1	0	606	42	0	0	0	0	8	30	10176	1753	0	0	9	0	0	9
1999	2379	367	16088	2902	7355	9096	716	684	18	21	184	0	0	25	0	0	13	39848	15975	1	0	0	0	0	1	
2000	1817	574	5978	5371	5249	14518	0	86	33	12	161	18	4	49	11	0	1	28	33910	6738	0	5	0	0	0	5
2001	5922	155	558	1785	8149	7207	0	810	41	91	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24770	4051	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	4037	481	493	2542	2296	4081	0	1407	960	0	447	8920	0	0	0	0	0	11	25675	8993	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	1547	243	238	2028	2002	8617	2	566	62	111	769	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16185	5988	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	440	641	267	2663	685	3025	239	267	225	0	23	3	0	0	19	0	0	0	8499	2867	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	1664	442	3592	3002	4017	4231	1604	0	31	25	145	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18757	4624	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	1347	713	1804	421	1348	4782	1105	185	312	17	25	26	0	0	51	6	0	9	12151	2469	0	0	0	nf	0	0
2007	1463	141	1010	1540	4093	19781	184	292	165	2891	111	11472	1	0	30	0	0	5	43179	16998	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	1813	296	1220	1305	1907	3344	91	333	167	175	59	991	5	24	30	0	6	0	11766	2472	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	3019	189	1712	1714	4705	4502	53	622	21	13	100	43	0	nf	4	6	0	33	16736	3409	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	1596	214	508	940	3003	8294	64	210	38	50	2	651	14	0	11	4	0	0	15599	4027	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	2049	198	3527	1500	2296	6939	1457	754	86	24	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	8	18900	4645	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	10556	256	1587	1270	2896	7022	300	376	2	123	156	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	24596	6811	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	1671	177	2502	890	5549	4081	12	629	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15522	3010	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014																									0	
2015	3282	145	409	827	3013	2511	1265	1059	85	72	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12711	3285	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	634	366	1279	1232	352	5296	0	629	5	9	0	0	0	nf	0	0	0	0	9801	2413	0	0	0	0	0	0







Table 18. Mean number per tow at age of cod from Juvenile Surveys conducted by Canada in Divisions 3NO during August and September.

Year	Age															1+
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1989	0.00	1.40	14.16	12.58	5.82	1.21	0.72	1.22	0.79	0.25	0.17	0.20	0.11	0.09	0.16	38.88
1990	0.00	60.88	11.62	6.53	8.99	3.62	0.67	0.50	0.63	0.53	0.28	0.21	0.04	0.08	0.27	94.85
1991	0.00	36.33	74.04	8.54	2.45	1.96	0.72	0.19	0.17	0.24	0.19	0.23	0.18	0.17	0.48	125.89
1992	0.00	0.84	12.28	12.89	1.42	0.69	0.52	0.22	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.10	0.13	29.22
1993	0.00	1.98	3.70	8.85	7.91	0.80	0.30	0.28	0.10	0.02	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.09	24.31
1994	0.00	2.75	4.03	1.25	4.07	4.79	0.41	0.08	0.13	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	17.85



Table 20. Estimated survivors and catchabilities in linear scale from ADAPT.

ORTHOGONALITY OFFSET.....			0.000367			
MEAN SQUARE RESIDUALS .....			0.599246			
Survivors			Standard	Relative	Relative	
Year	Age	Estimate	Error	Error	Bias	Bias
1994	12	121.00	77.80	0.64	14.90	0.12
1995	12	64.70	28.30	0.44	4.98	0.08
1996	12	37.60	12.60	0.34	1.96	0.05
1997	12	78.80	24.20	0.31	3.63	0.05
1998	12	109.00	35.00	0.32	5.44	0.05
1999	12	54.20	18.20	0.34	2.81	0.05
2000	12	58.70	17.20	0.29	2.41	0.04
2001	12	515.00	139.00	0.27	18.20	0.04
2002	12	243.00	64.80	0.27	8.49	0.04
2003	12	34.50	9.19	0.27	1.18	0.03
2004	12	42.60	12.00	0.28	1.55	0.04
2005	12	73.80	21.30	0.29	2.74	0.04
2006	12	79.80	24.60	0.31	3.28	0.04
2007	12	19.60	5.94	0.30	0.85	0.04
2008	12	124.00	39.40	0.32	5.65	0.05
2009	12	268.00	82.50	0.31	11.70	0.04
2010	12	187.00	56.90	0.31	8.09	0.04
2011	12	52.80	15.40	0.29	2.22	0.04
2012	12	34.70	10.80	0.31	1.57	0.05
2013	12	61.20	16.50	0.27	2.17	0.04
2014	12	128.00	33.90	0.26	4.39	0.03
2015	12	409.00	100.00	0.25	12.80	0.03
2016	12	445.00	107.00	0.24	14.00	0.03
2017	3	5380.00	3010.00	0.56	884.00	0.16
2017	4	1680.00	687.00	0.41	149.00	0.09
2017	5	653.00	262.00	0.40	52.30	0.08
2017	6	752.00	266.00	0.35	47.00	0.06
2017	7	324.00	111.00	0.34	18.60	0.06
2017	8	949.00	278.00	0.29	42.20	0.04
2017	9	1030.00	266.00	0.26	37.80	0.04
2017	10	400.00	99.70	0.25	13.40	0.03
2017	11	1870.00	420.00	0.23	53.20	0.03
2017	12	951.00	215.00	0.23	27.30	0.03
			Standard	Relative	Relative	
Catchabilities	Age	Estimate	Error	Error	Bias	Bias
RV_Spr	2	0.001030	0.000151	0.147000	0.000004	0.004000
RV_Spr	3	0.001410	0.000206	0.146000	0.000006	0.004000
RV_Spr	4	0.000703	0.000104	0.148000	0.000003	0.005000
RV_Spr	5	0.000483	0.000073	0.151000	0.000003	0.006000
RV_Spr	6	0.000345	0.000053	0.154000	0.000002	0.006000
RV_Spr	7	0.000338	0.000053	0.158000	0.000003	0.008000
RV_Spr	8	0.000326	0.000053	0.162000	0.000003	0.009000
RV_Spr	9	0.000321	0.000053	0.166000	0.000004	0.011000
RV_Spr	10	0.000406	0.000069	0.169000	0.000006	0.014000
RV_Fall	2	0.001080	0.000179	0.165000	0.000006	0.006000
RV_Fall	3	0.001130	0.000187	0.165000	0.000007	0.006000
RV_Fall	4	0.000803	0.000135	0.169000	0.000006	0.007000
RV_Fall	5	0.000677	0.000117	0.173000	0.000006	0.008000
RV_Fall	6	0.000547	0.000097	0.178000	0.000005	0.010000
RV_Fall	7	0.000379	0.000070	0.184000	0.000005	0.012000
RV_Fall	8	0.000373	0.000071	0.191000	0.000005	0.015000
RV_Fall	9	0.000270	0.000054	0.198000	0.000005	0.018000
RV_Fall	10	0.000368	0.000078	0.212000	0.000009	0.025000
RV_Juvenile	2	0.003530	0.001120	0.319000	0.000161	0.046000
RV_Juvenile	3	0.001850	0.000588	0.318000	0.000084	0.045000
RV_Juvenile	4	0.001330	0.000426	0.319000	0.000061	0.046000
RV_Juvenile	5	0.001090	0.000349	0.321000	0.000049	0.045000
RV_Juvenile	6	0.000794	0.000257	0.323000	0.000035	0.044000
RV_Juvenile	7	0.000578	0.000190	0.329000	0.000026	0.045000
RV_Juvenile	8	0.000455	0.000152	0.334000	0.000022	0.048000
RV_Juvenile	9	0.000290	0.000099	0.340000	0.000016	0.053000
RV_Juvenile	10	0.000256	0.000089	0.348000	0.000016	0.064000













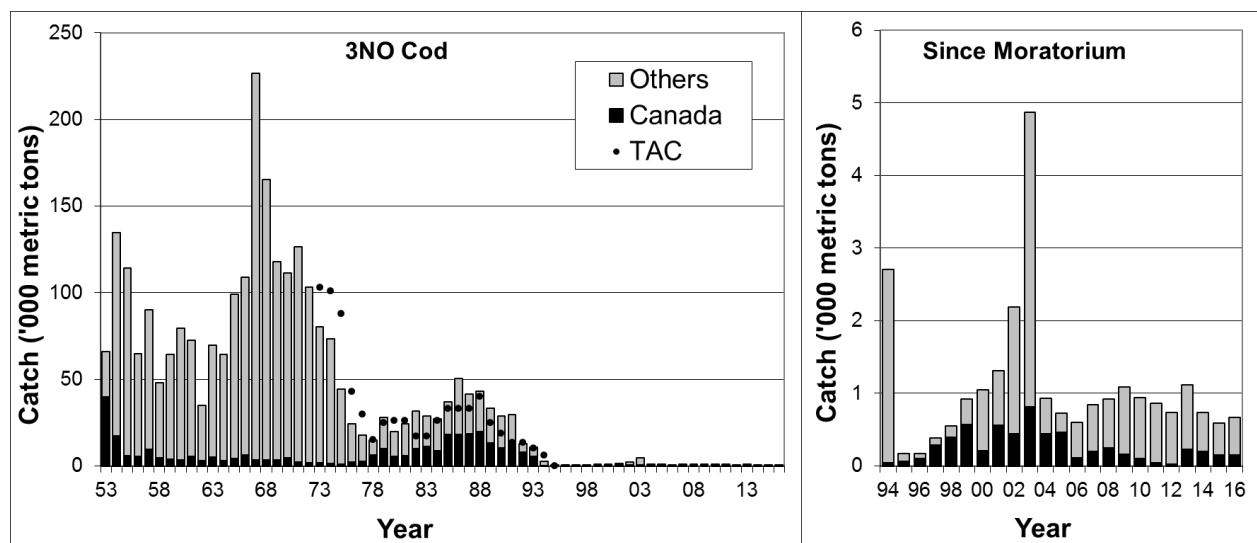


Fig. 1. Catches of cod in NAFO Divs. 3NO. The panel on the right represents catches since the moratorium in Feb. 1994.

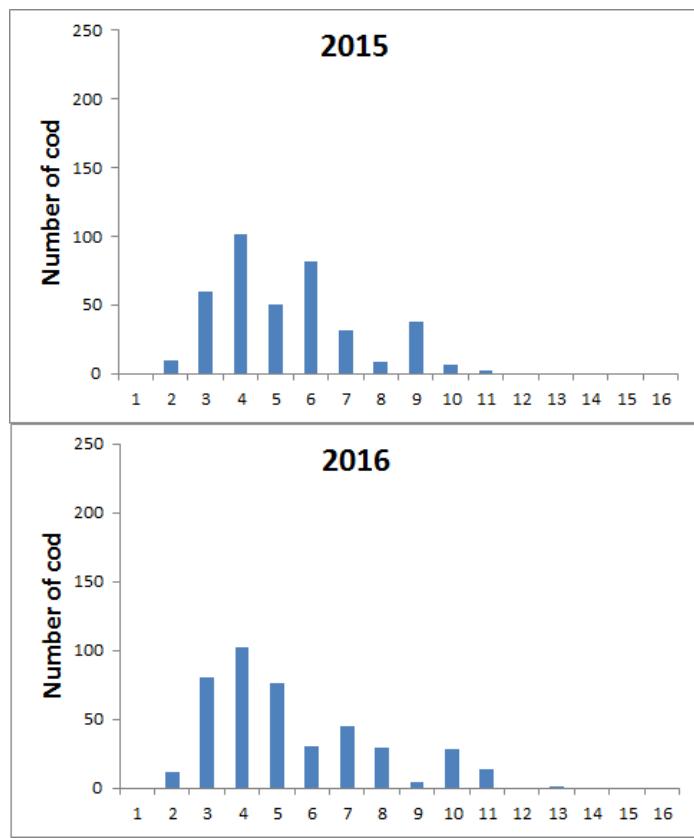


Fig. 2. Plot of recent catch-at-age estimates for cod from NAFO Divs. 3NO.

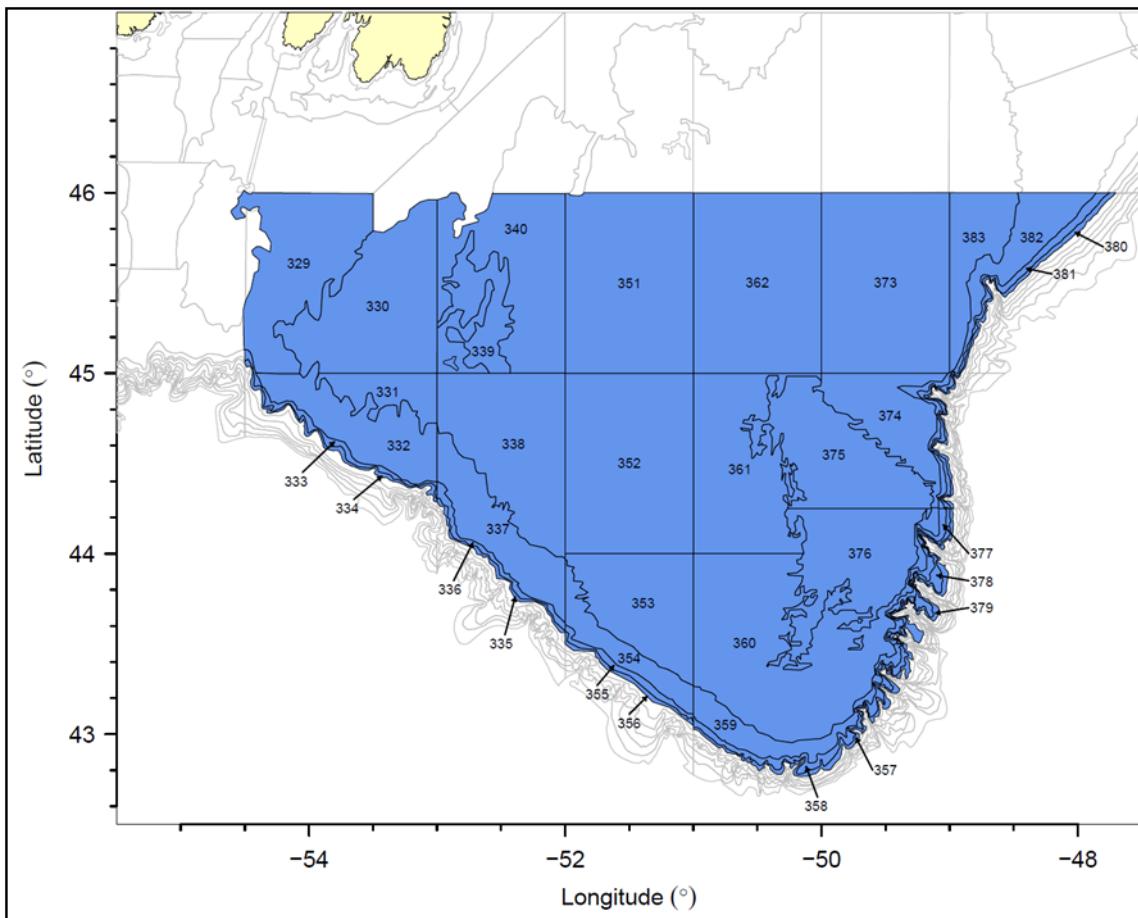


Fig. 3. Stratification scheme for Divs. 3NO. Index strata for Divs. 3NO cod are highlighted blue.

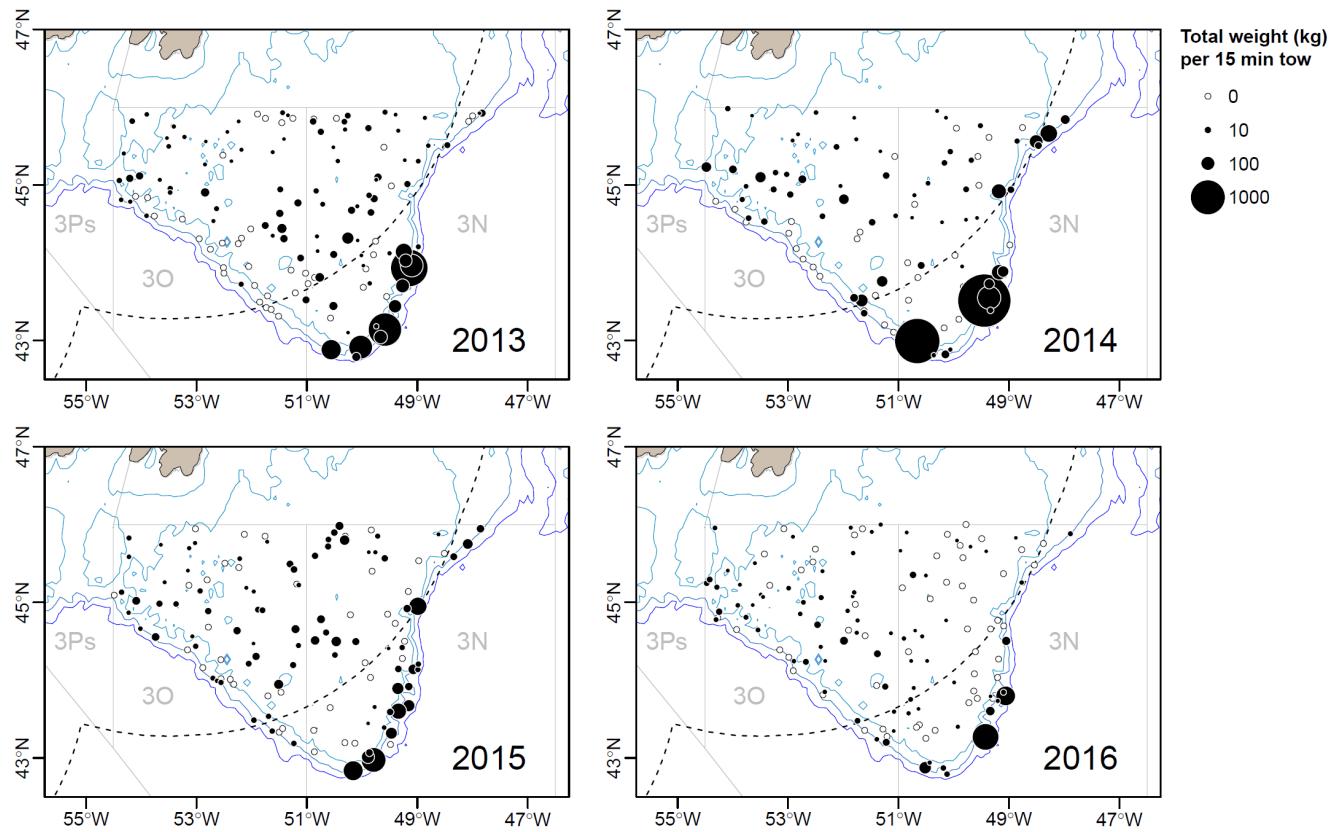


Fig. 4. Distribution plots demonstrating Spring survey set locations and total weight of fish caught at each location. Symbol area is proportional to catch weight.

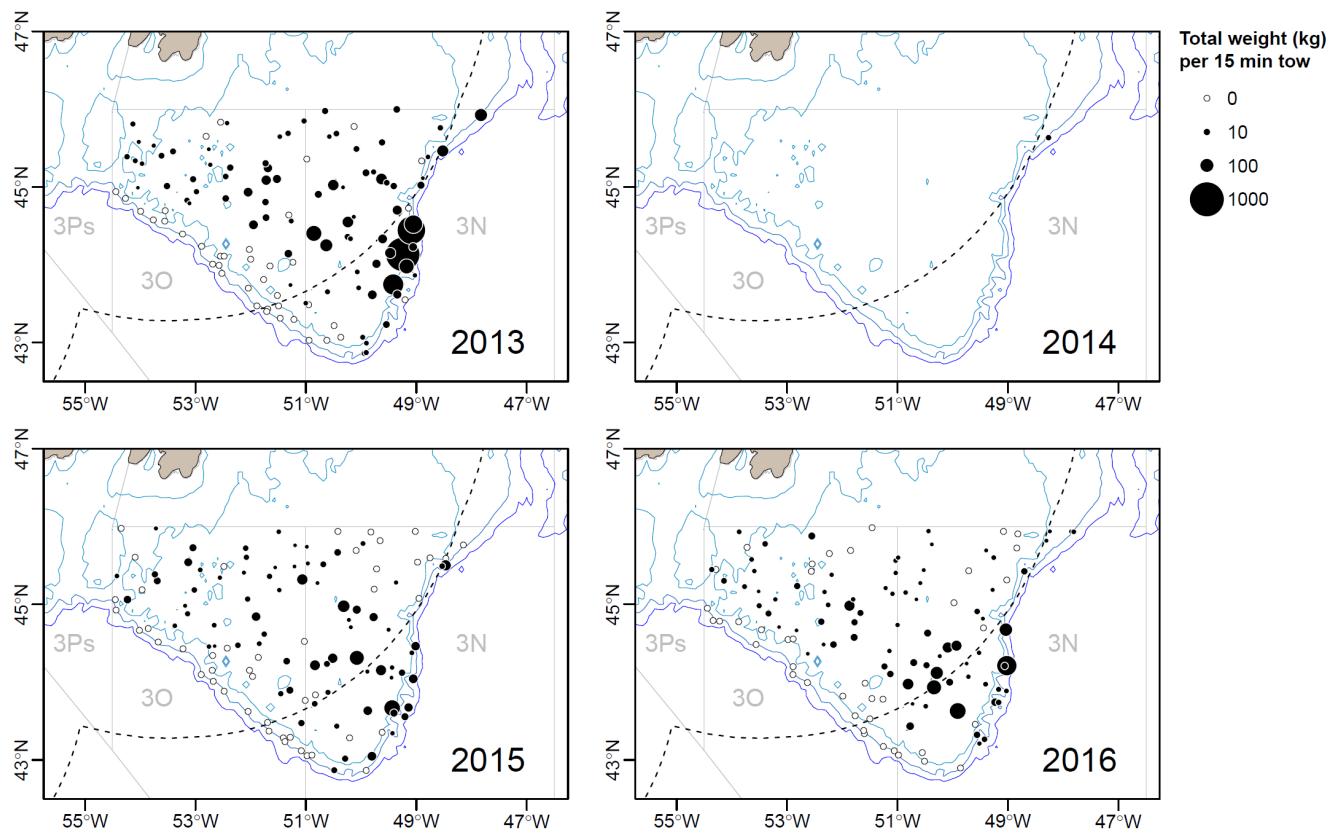


Fig. 5. Distribution plots demonstrating Autumn survey set locations and total weight of fish caught at each location. Symbol area is proportional to catch weight.

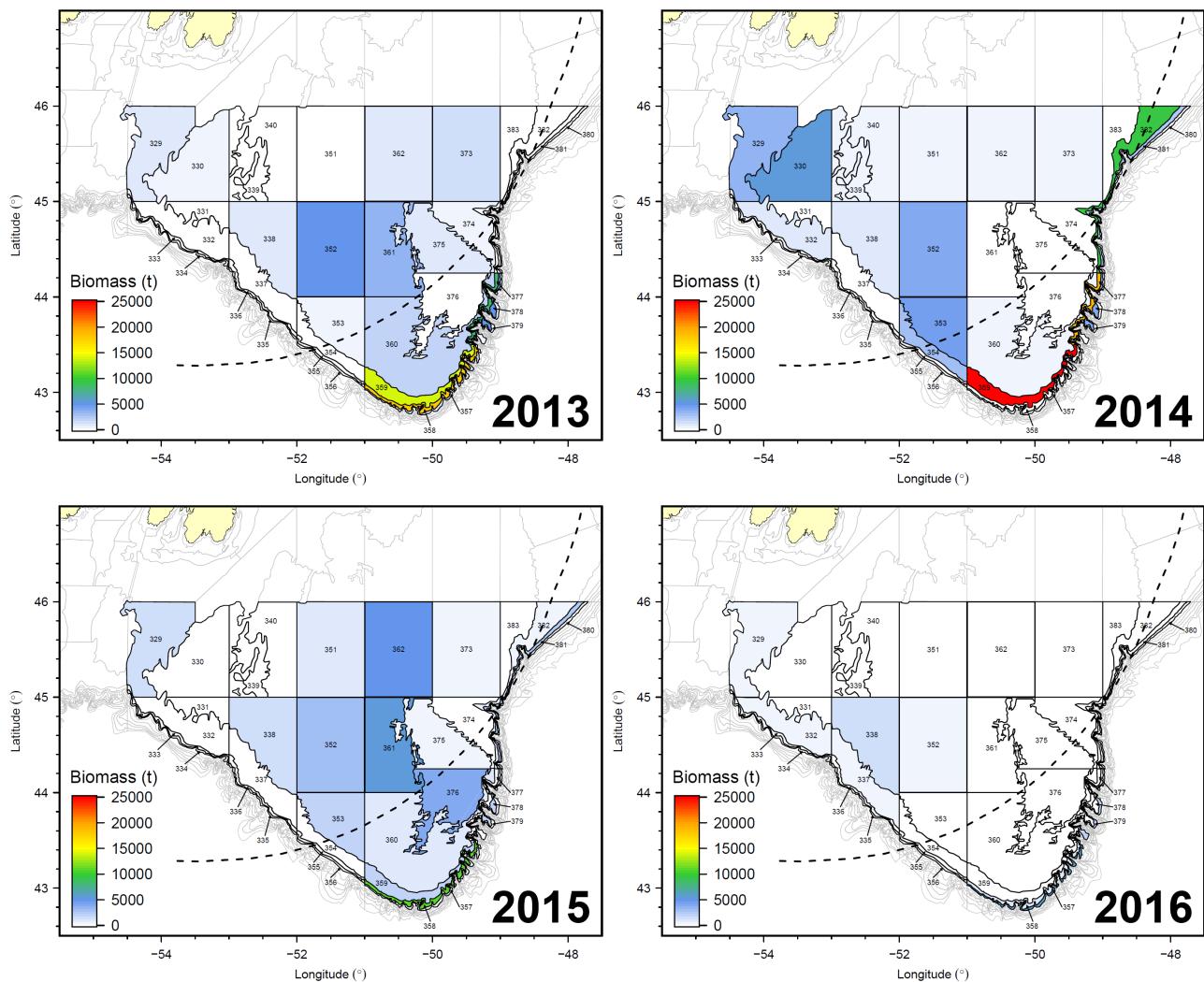


Fig. 6. Spring biomass distribution plots for 2013-2016. Individual strata are colour-coded based on stratum specific biomass estimates from Canadian RV surveys.

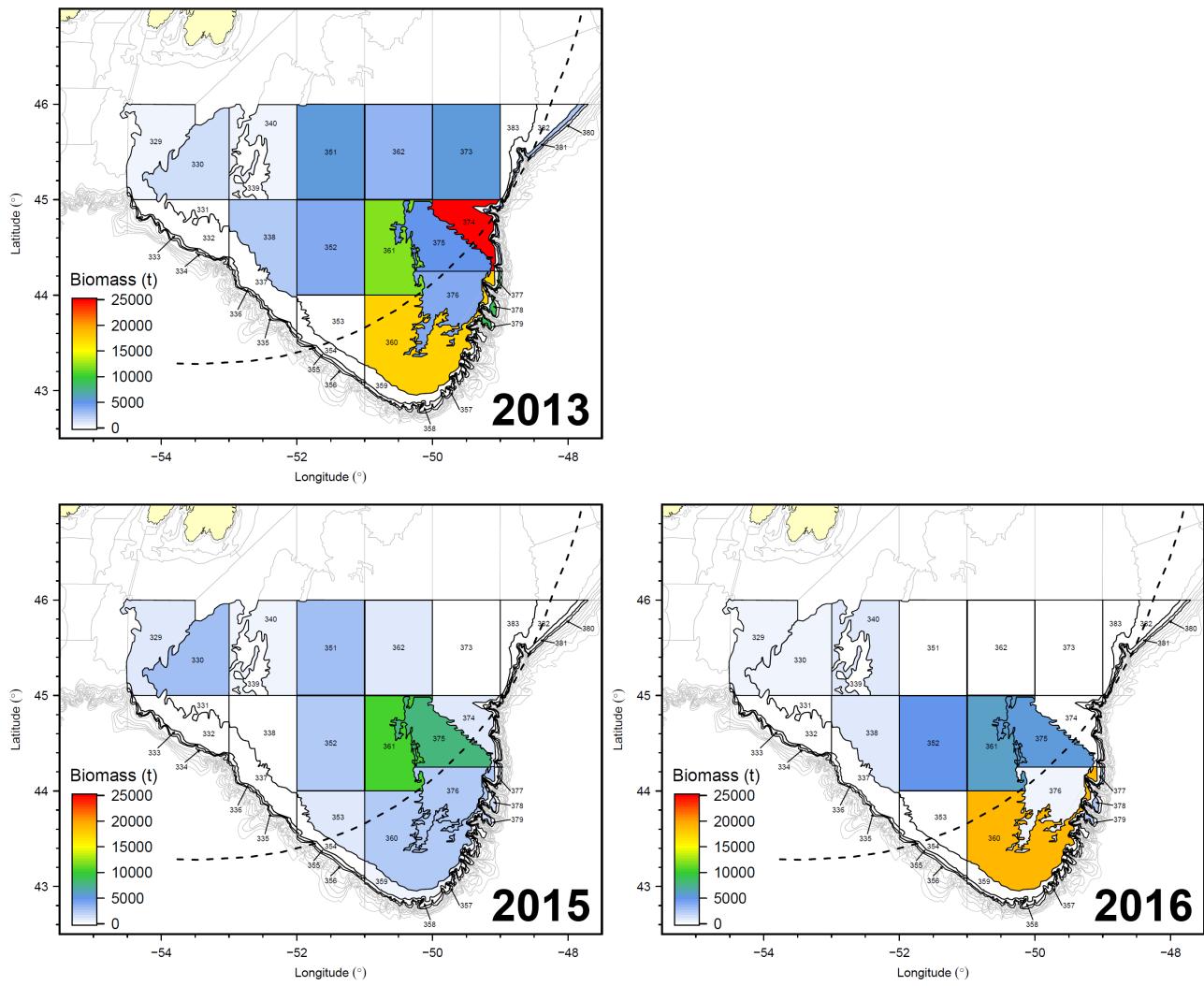


Fig. 7. Autumn biomass distribution plot for 2013-2016 (note that the survey was not completed in autumn 2014). Individual strata are colour-coded based on stratum specific biomass estimates from Canadian RV surveys.

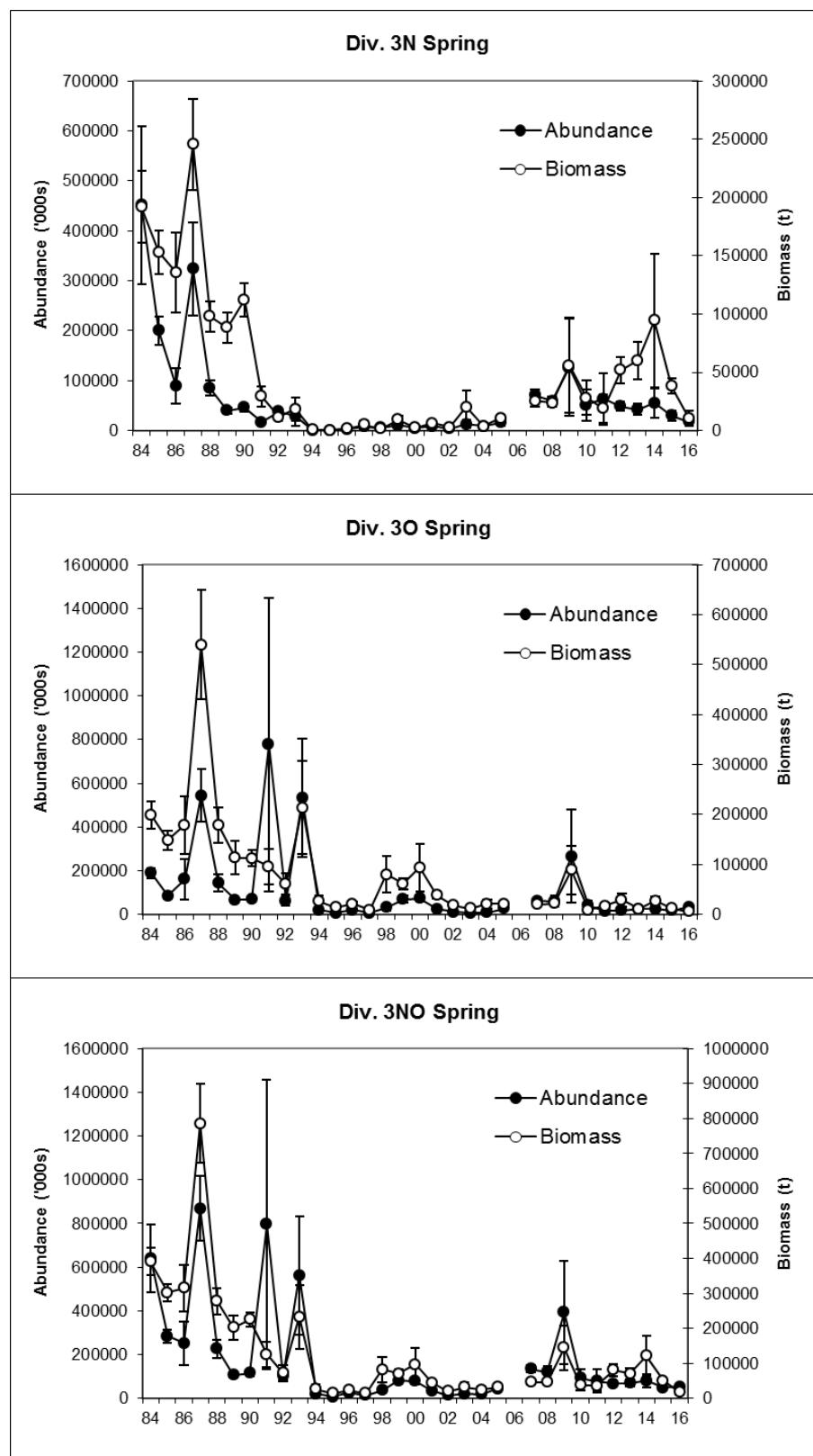


Fig. 8. Abundance (000's) and biomass (t) for the Canadian Spring Research Vessel survey series with 1 standard deviation for strata<200 fathoms.

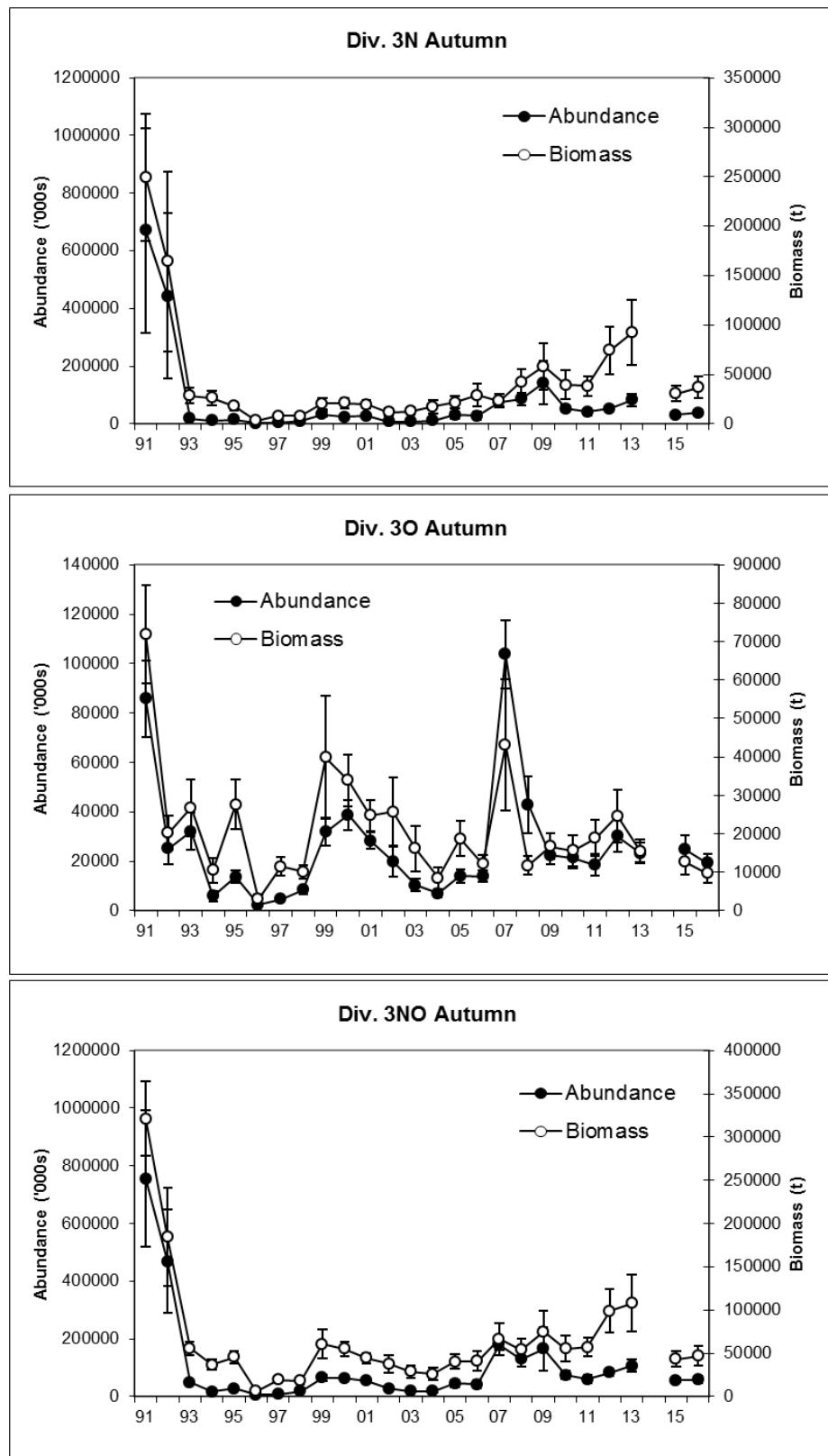


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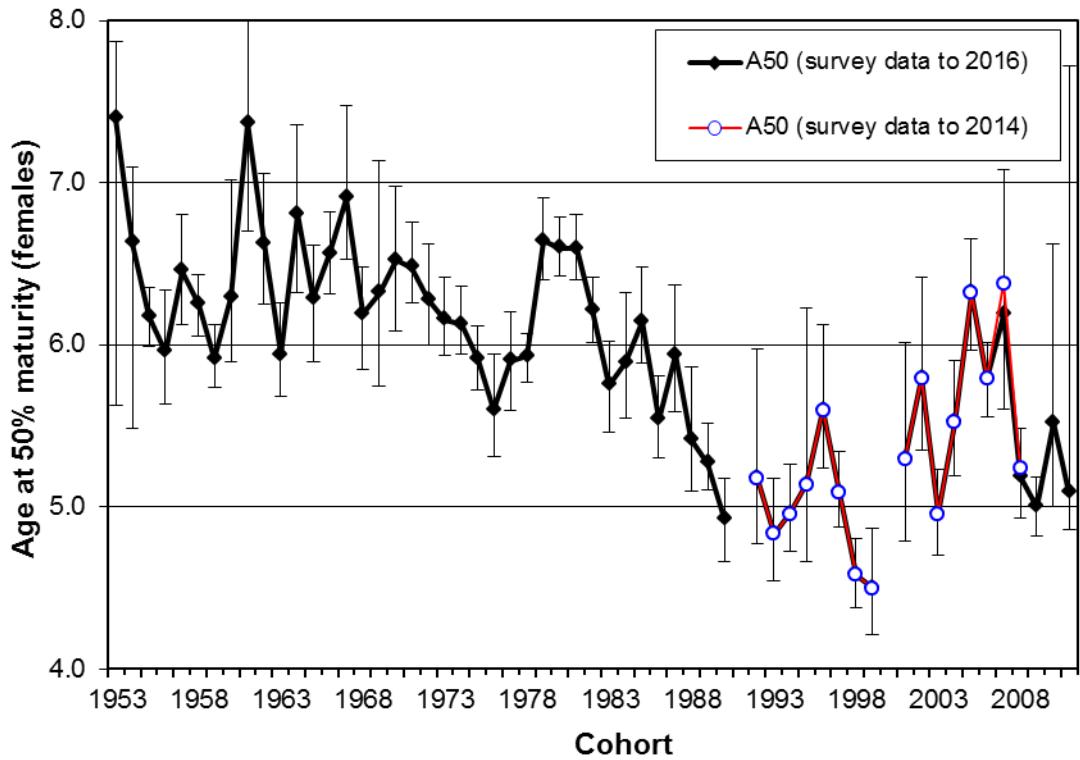


Fig. 10. Age at 50% maturity by cohort for female cod sampled during DFO spring research vessel bottom-trawl surveys of NAFO Divs. 3NO. Error bars are 95% fiducial limits.

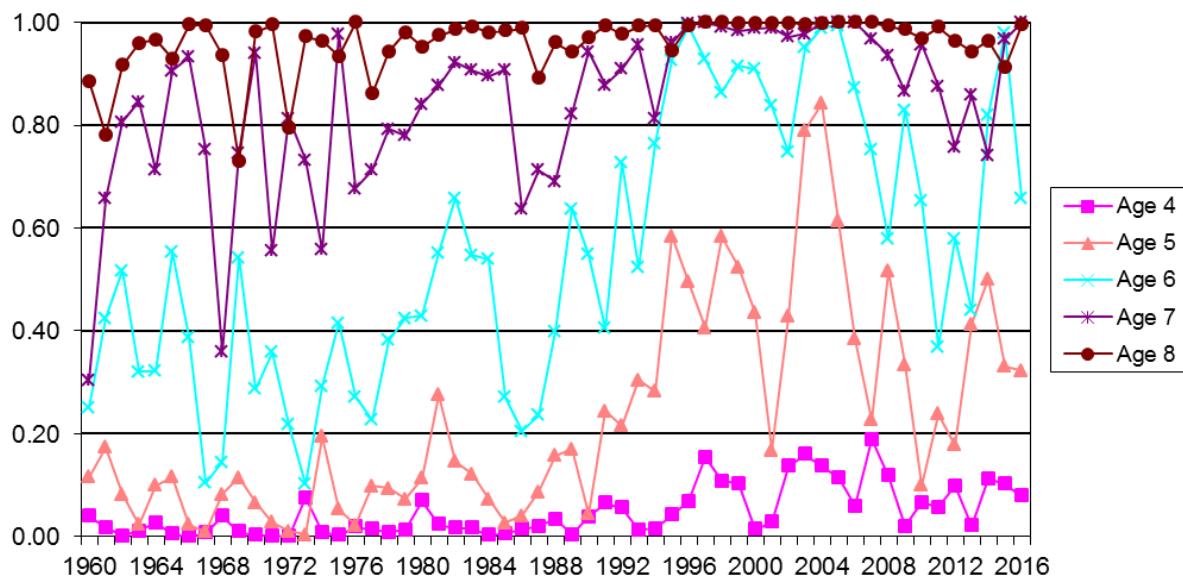


Fig. 11. Estimated proportions mature at ages 4-8 for female cod sampled during Canadian research vessel bottom-trawl surveys in NAFO Divs 3NO. Model fitted by cohort to observed proportions mature.

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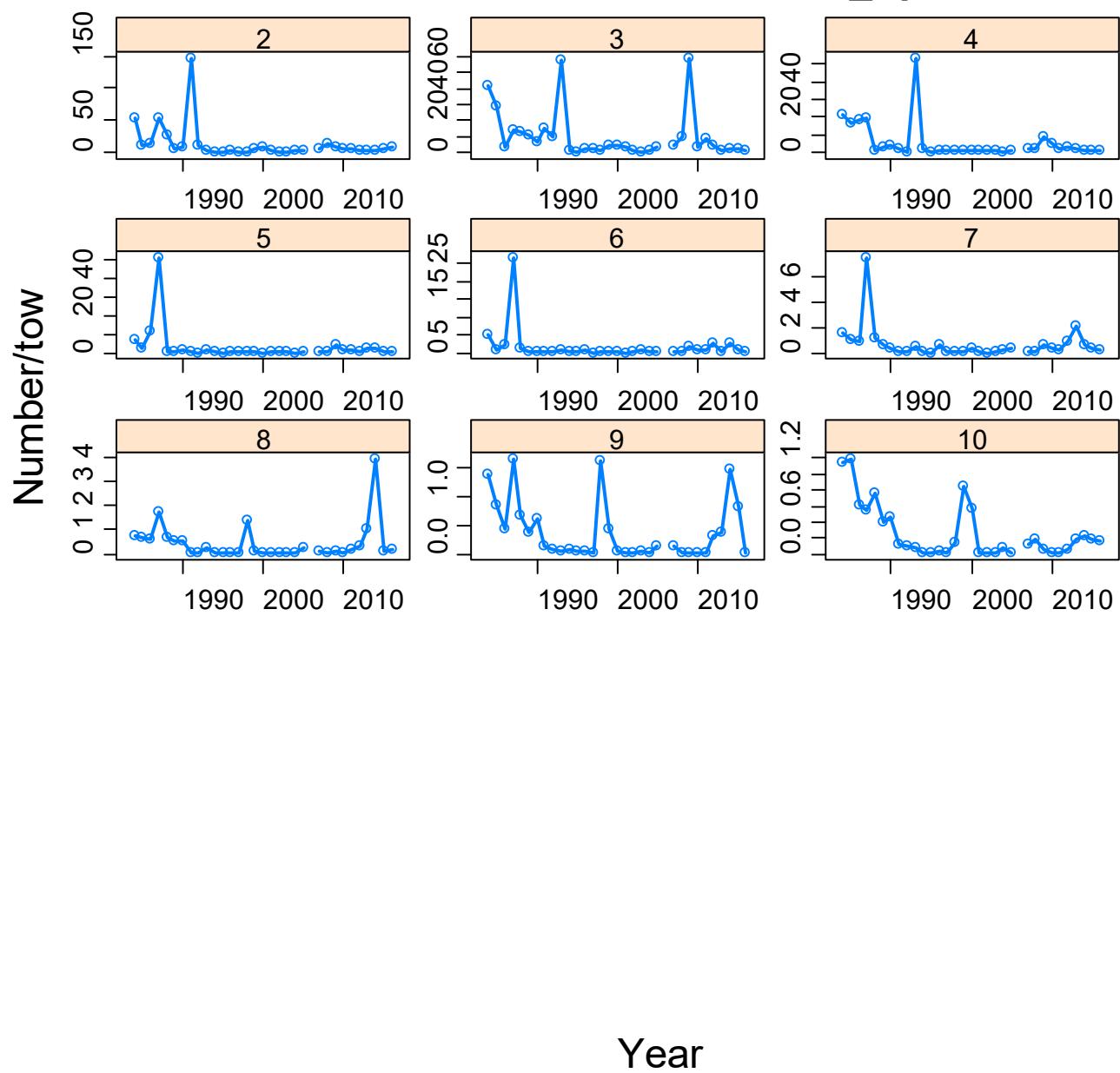


Fig. 12. Age by age disaggregated plots of mean number per tow from Canadian SPRING surveys from 1984-2016.

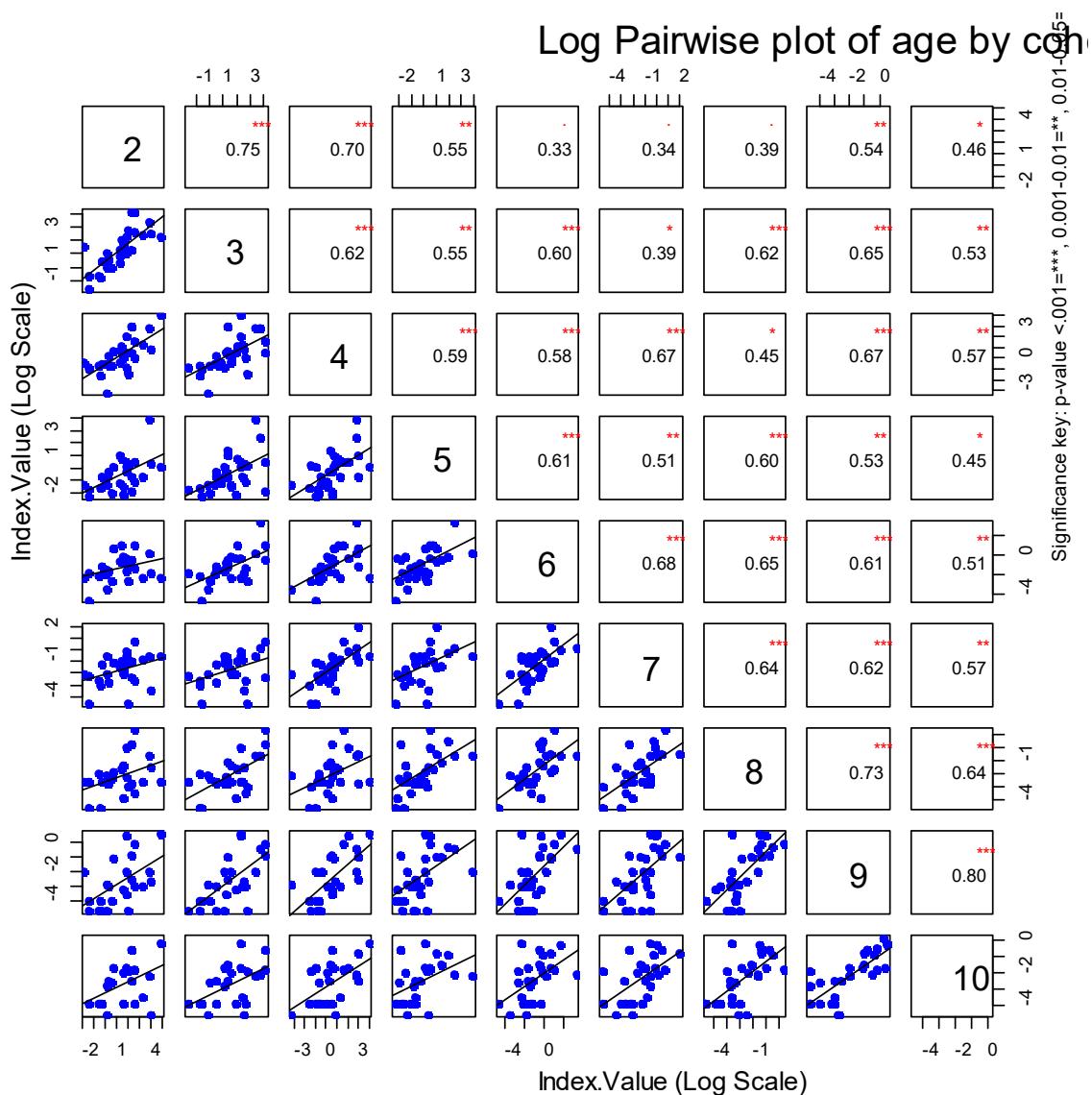


Fig. 13. Pair-wise scatter plot of age-disaggregated survey data (log-scale) from Canadian SPRING surveys in Divs. 3NO (1984-2016). Data points in the panels below the numbered diagonal compare the logarithm of survey data at different ages for a common cohort. The solid line in each panel is the linear least squares regression line with the correlation coefficient provided in the corresponding diagonal panel (p-values significantly different than 0 noted with asterisk (see key on right side of diagram).

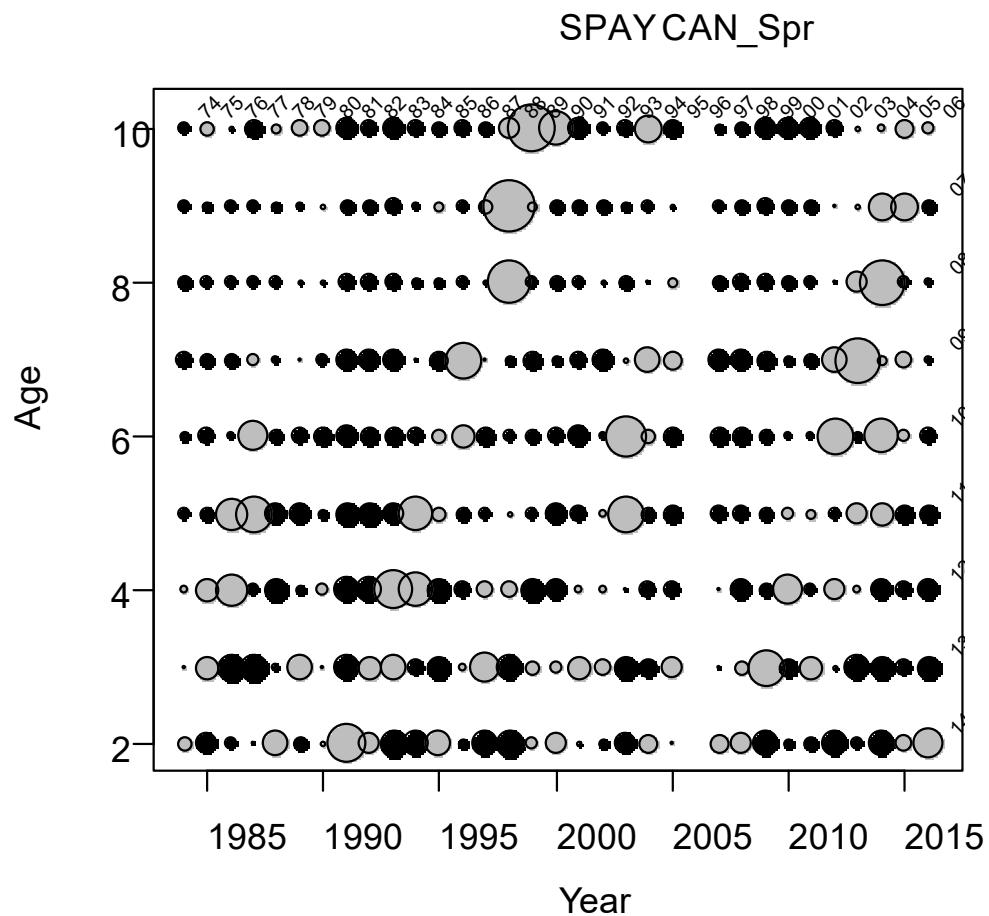


Fig. 14. Plot of standardized proportions at age across years (SPAY) for the Canadian Spring surveys in 3NO (1984-2016). Age disaggregated mean number per tow were converted to proportions within an age. For each survey-age, the survey data are standardized to have a mean of 0 and a variance of 1. Symbol sizes are scaled and values greater than average are shown as grey circles, average values are shown as small dots, and less than average values are shown as black circles.

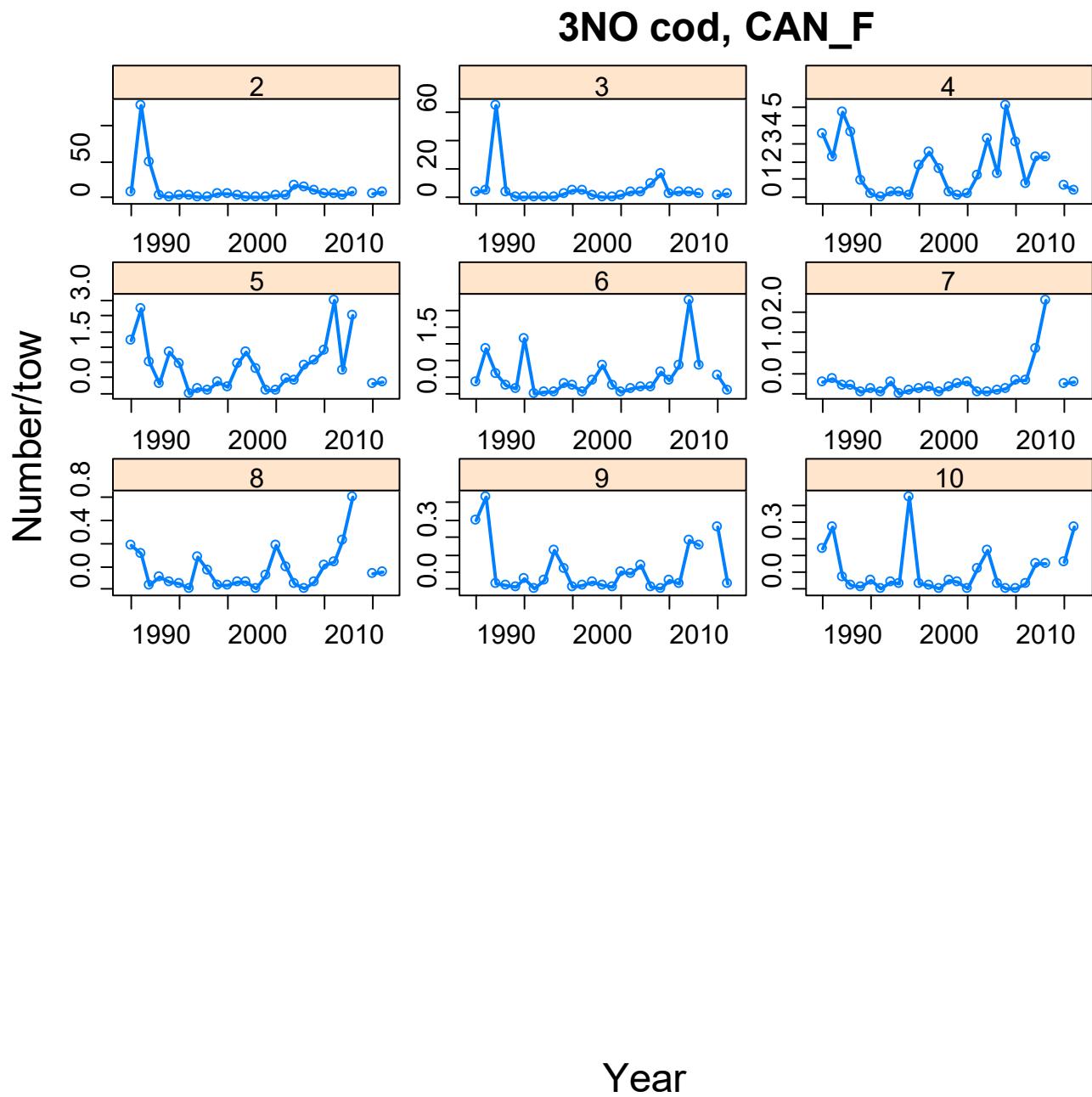


Fig. 15. Age by age disaggregated plots of mean number per tow from Canadian AUTUMN surveys from 1984-2016.

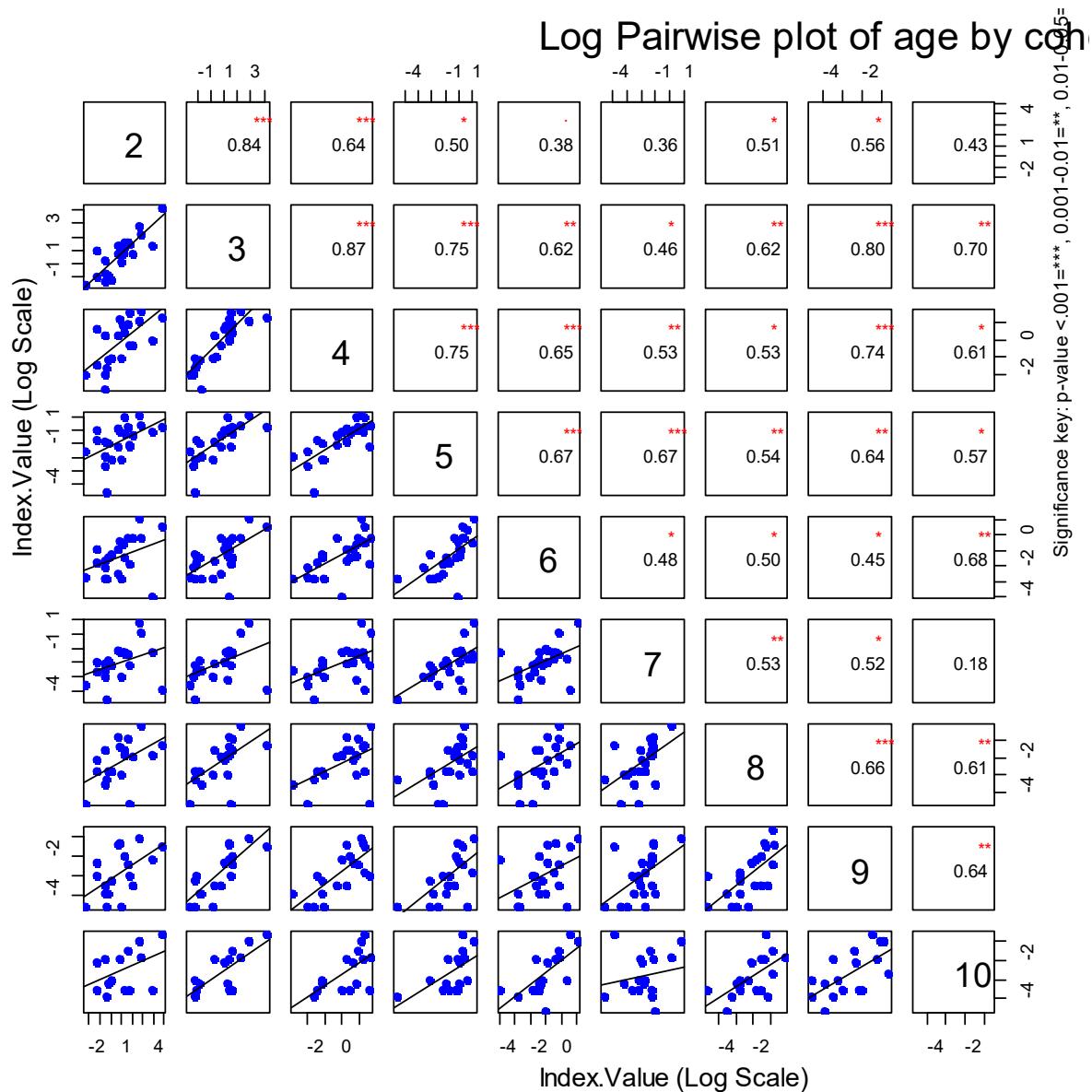


Fig. 16. Pair-wise scatter plot of age-disaggregated survey data (log-scale) from Canadian AUTUMN surveys in Divs. 3NO (1990-2016). Data points in the panels below the numbered diagonal compare the logarithm of survey data at different ages for a common cohort. The solid line in each panel is the linear least squares regression line with the correlation coefficient provided in the corresponding diagonal panel (p-values significantly different than 0 noted with asterisk (see key on right side of diagram).

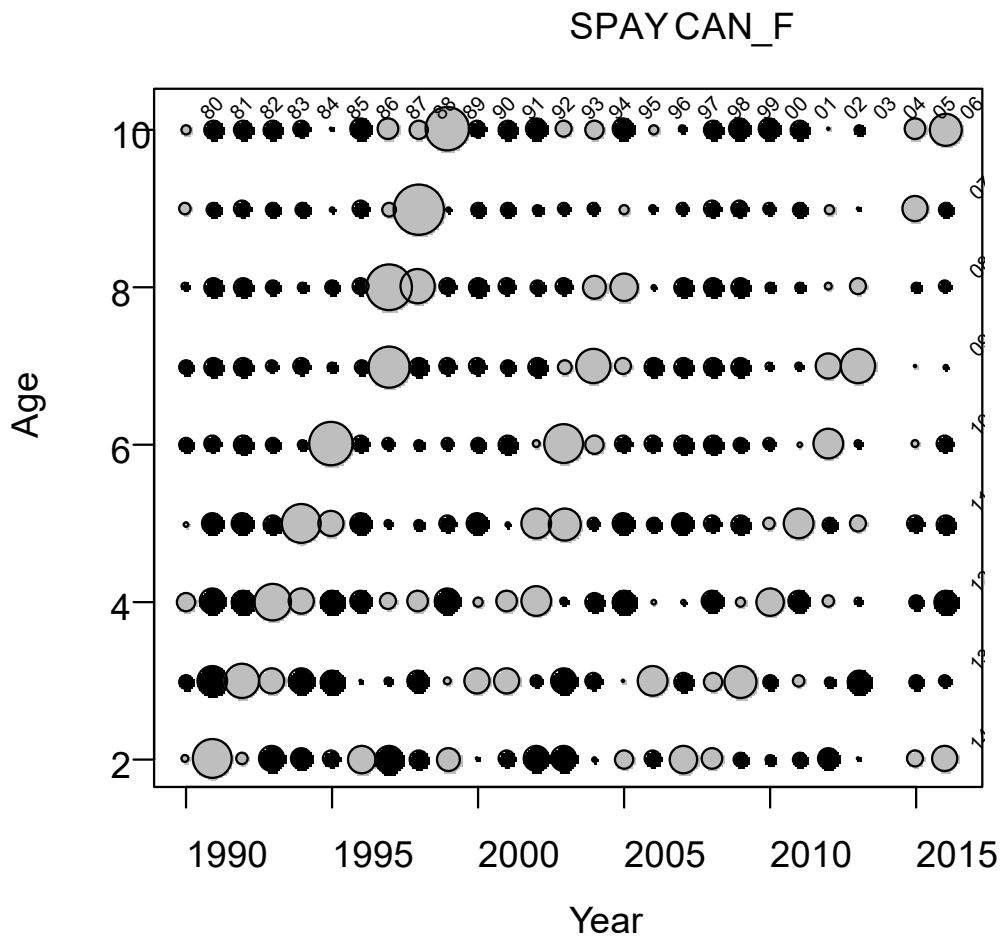


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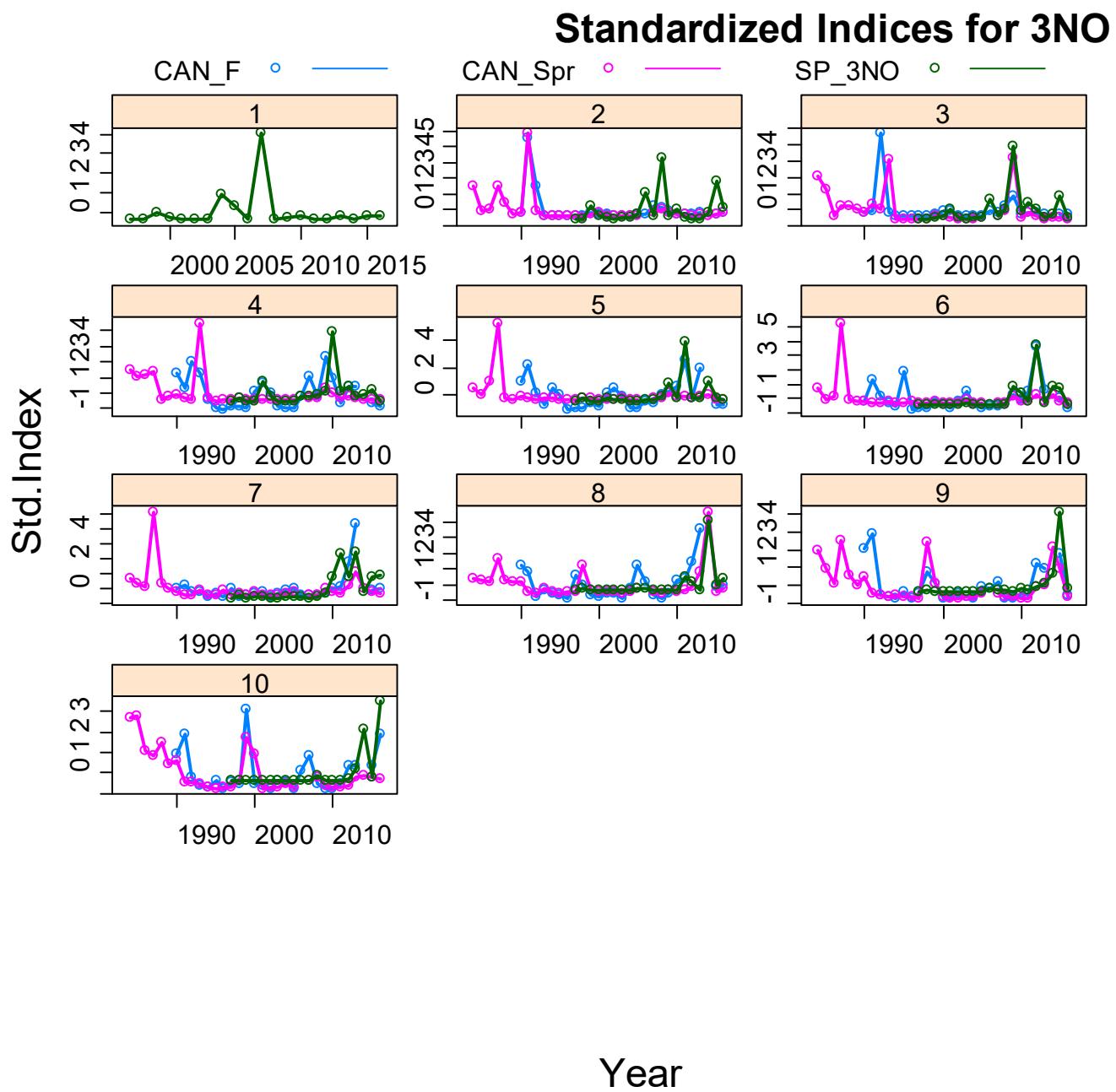


Fig. 18. Cohort consistency plots for survey indices for 3NO cod (Canadian SPRING, Canadian Autumn and Spanish 3NO). Plotted are standardized indices at age.

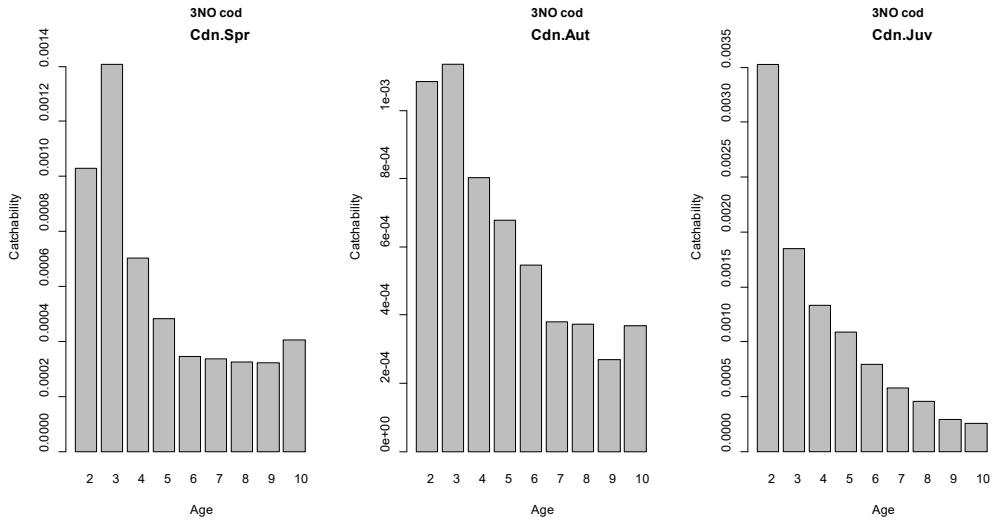


Fig. 19. Estimated catchabilities from ADAPT.

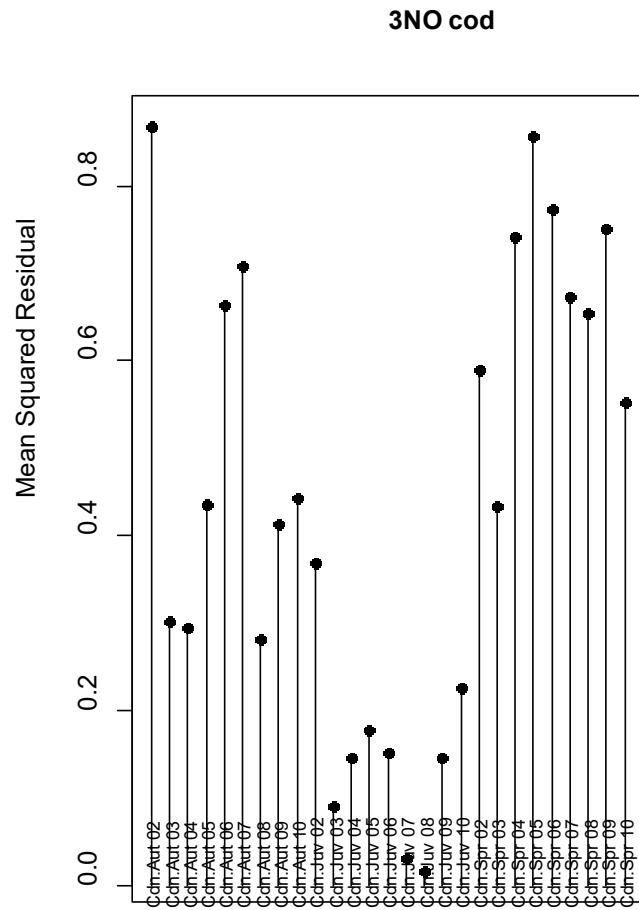


Fig. 20. Mean squared residual at age for each index in the ADAPT.

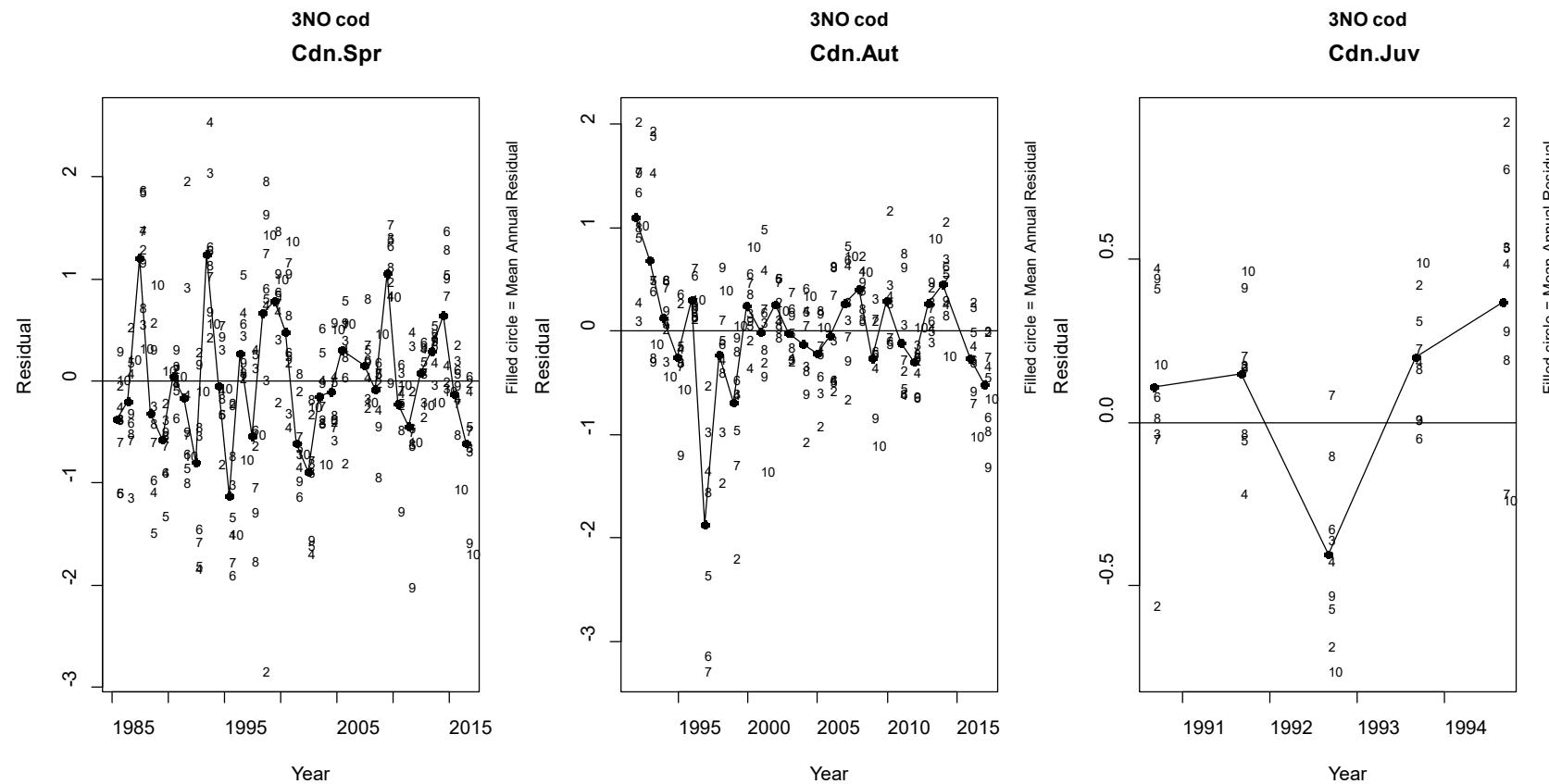


Fig. 21. Residuals at age for each index in the ADAPT.

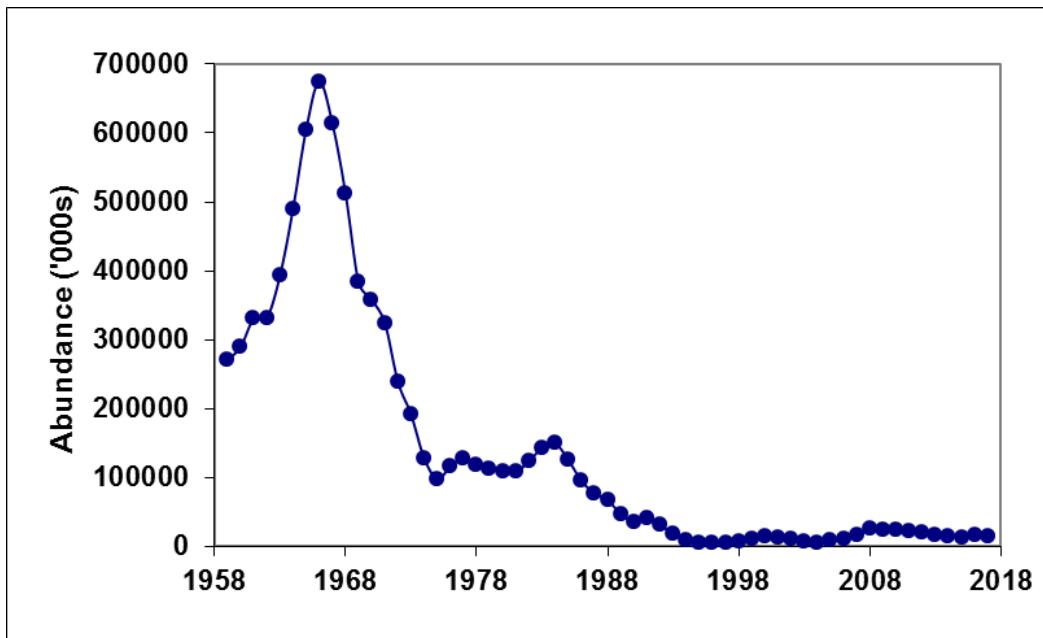


Fig. 22. Bias corrected Population Abundance for cod in Divs. 3NO as estimated from ADAPT

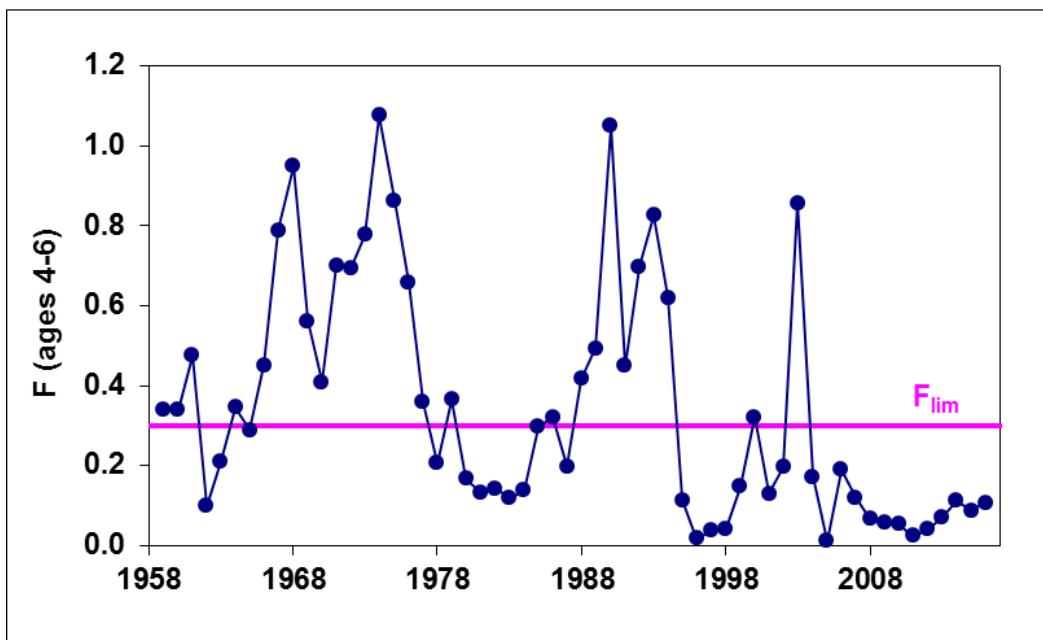


Fig. 23. Fishing Mortality for cod in Div. 3NO as estimated from ADAPT.

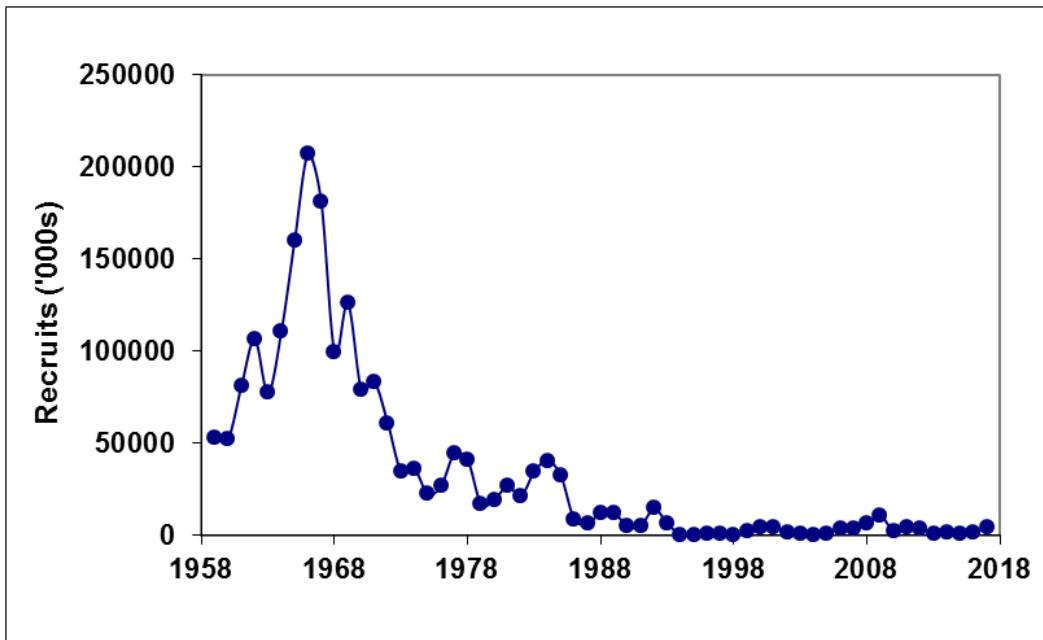


Fig. 24. Age 3 recruits for cod in Div. 3NO as estimated from ADAPT.

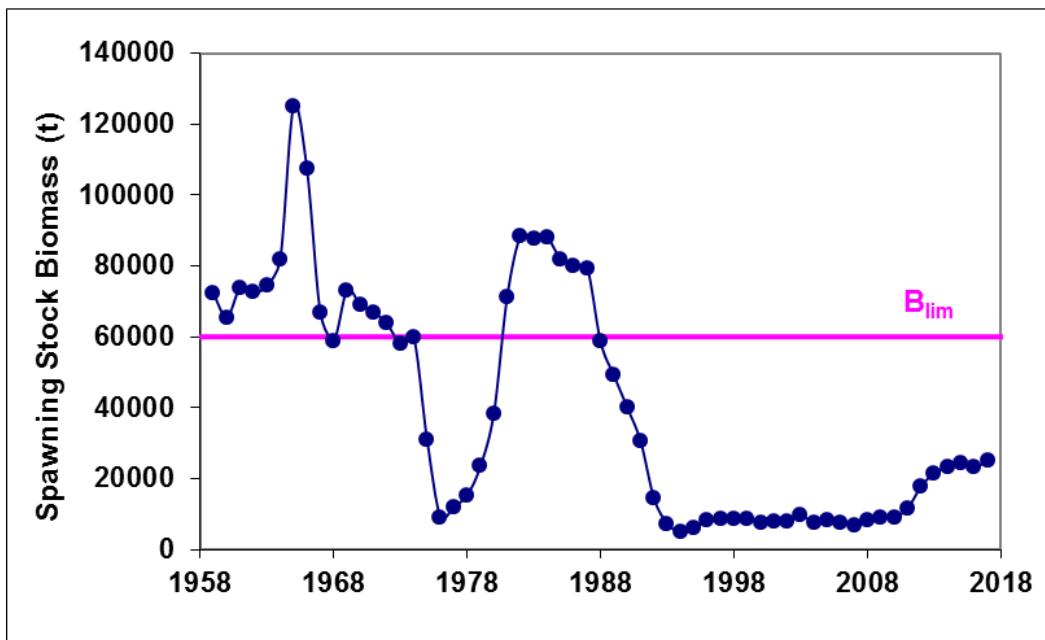


Fig. 25. Spawner biomass for cod in Div. 3NO as estimated from ADAPT.

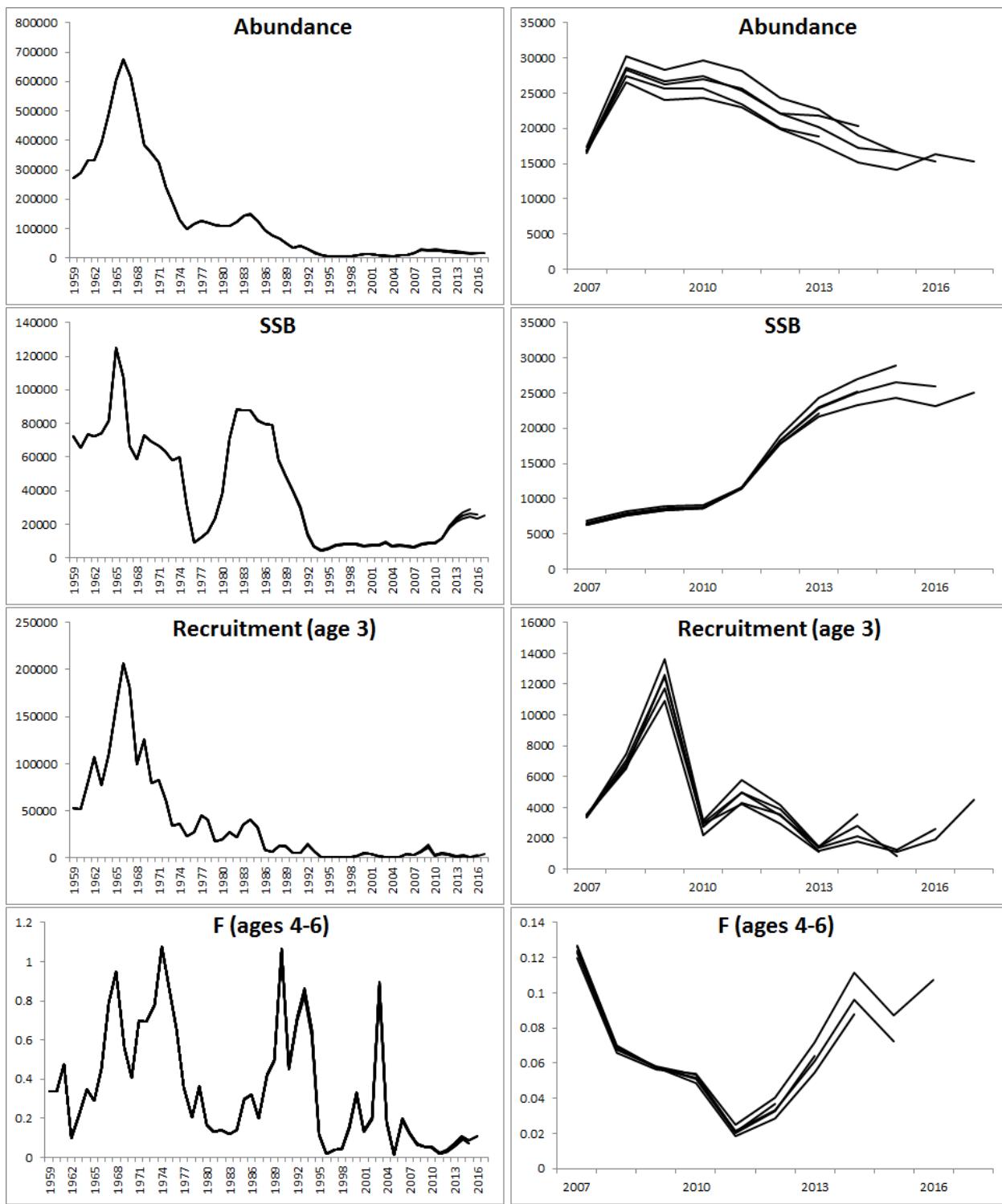


Fig. 26. Retrospective estimates of abundance, spawner biomass, age 3 recruits, and fishing mortality for cod in Div. 3NO.