# Abundance Indices of Yellowedge Grouper and Golden Tilefish Collected in NMFS Bottom Longline Surveys in the northern Gulf of Mexico 

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## Introduction

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Mississippi Laboratories has conducted standardized bottom longline surveys in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and Western North Atlantic since 1995. The objective of these surveys is to provide fisheries independent data for stock assessment purposes for as many species as possible. These surveys are conducted annually in U.S. waters of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) and/or the Atlantic Ocean (Table 1), and they provide an important source of fisheries independent information on large coastal sharks, snappers and groupers from the GOM and Atlantic. The evolution of these surveys has been the subject of many documents [e.g, Ingram et al. 2005 (LCS05/06-DW-27)] and was not described again in this document. Results from analyses of data collected on yellowedge grouper and golden tilefish during these surveys are presented below in order to aid in the current assessment of these stocks in the GOM.

## Methods and Results

For the SEDAR 22, we used the time series of data between 2000 and 2009 to develop abundance indices for both yellowedge grouper and golden tilefish for the GOM. Due to the use of J-type hooks and the shallow depths primarily surveyed in early years, very few of these species were captured. With the change to circle-hooks, grouper catches increased by an order of magnitude (LCS05/06-DW-27). Therefore, only survey years 2000 to 2009, during which circlehooks were employed, were used (Table 1). However, due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the distribution of effort, the 2005 survey was dropped from the analysis for both species.

The positions of all stations, within the depth range yellowedge grouper were collected (i.e. 70 365 m ), and positions of stations where yellowedge grouper were captured were plotted by year and all years combined (Figures 1-11). Survey coverage area varied during the time series due to weather or mechanical problems. Only data from stations within the depth range of capture for yellowedge grouper were used in development of annual indices for this species. Likewise, the positions of all stations, within the depth range golden tilefish were collected (i.e. $125-365 \mathrm{~m}$ ), and positions of stations where golden tilefish were captured were plotted by year and all years combined (Figures 12-22). Only data from stations within the depth range of capture for golden tilefish were used in development of annual indices for this species.

The delta-lognormal index of relative abundance $\left(I_{y}\right)$ as described by Lo et al. (1992) was estimated as

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\begin{equation*}
I_{y}=c_{y} p_{y}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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where $c_{y}$ is the estimate of mean CPUE for positive catches only for year $y$; $p_{y}$ is the estimate of mean probability of occurrence during year $y$. Both $c_{y}$ and $p_{y}$ were estimated using generalized linear models. Data used to estimate abundance for positive catches (c) and probability of occurrence $(p)$ were assumed to have a lognormal distribution and a binomial distribution, respectively, and modeled using the following equations:
(2) $\ln (\mathbf{c})=\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$
and
(3) $\mathbf{p}=\frac{e^{\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}}{1+e^{\mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta}+\varepsilon}}$, respectively,
where $\mathbf{c}$ is a vector of the positive catch data, $\mathbf{p}$ is a vector of the presence/absence data, $\mathbf{X}$ is the design matrix for main effects, $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is the parameter vector for main effects, and $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ is a vector of independent normally distributed errors with expectation zero and variance $\sigma^{2}$.

We used the GLIMMIX and MIXED procedures in SAS (v. 9.1, 2004) to develop the binomial and lognormal submodels, respectively. Similar covariates were tested for inclusion for both submodels: water depth, survey area (three demarcations in the GOM: Eastern Gulf (east of $88^{\circ}$ west longitude); Central Gulf (between $88^{\circ}$ and $93^{\circ}$ west longitude); and Western Gulf (west of $93^{\circ}$ west longitude) and year. A backward selection procedure was used to determine which variables were to be included into each submodel based on type 3 analyses with a level of significance for inclusion of $\alpha=0.05$. If year was not significant then it was forced into each submodel in order to estimate least-squares means for each year, which are predicted annual population margins (i.e., they estimate the marginal annual means as if over a balanced population).

Therefore, $c_{y}$ and $p_{y}$ were estimated as least-squares means for each year along with their corresponding standard errors, $\operatorname{SE}\left(c_{y}\right)$ and $\operatorname{SE}\left(p_{y}\right)$, respectively. From these estimates, $I_{y}$ was calculated, as in equation (5), and its variance calculated as

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\begin{equation*}
V\left(I_{y}\right) \approx V\left(c_{y}\right) p_{y}^{2}+c_{y}^{2} V\left(p_{y}\right)+2 c_{y} p_{y} \operatorname{Cov}(c, p), \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Cov}(c, p) \approx \rho_{\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{p}}\left[\operatorname{SE}\left(c_{y}\right) \operatorname{SE}\left(p_{y}\right)\right], \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\rho_{\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{p}}$ denotes correlation of $c$ and $p$ among years.
The backward selection procedure used to develop the delta-lognormal model is summarized in Table 2 for yellowedge grouper and Table 3 for golden tilefish. For yellowedge grouper, the area effect was dropped from the binomial submodel based on type 3 analyses, and with the variable removal there was a corresponding decrease in AIC (Table 2). For the lognormal submodel for
nonzero catch of yellowedge grouper, both area and water depth variables were dropped from the model; the year variable was not significant (Table 2); and the AIC decreased with each step. Figure 23 indicates the approximately normal distribution of the residuals of the lognormal submodel. For golden tilefish, there were no variables were dropped from either submodel (Table 3). Figure 24 indicates the approximately normal distribution of the residuals of the lognormal submodel. Table 4 and Figure 25 summarize indices of yellowedge grouper developed from using a delta-lognormal model. Table 5 and Figure 26 summarize indices of golden tilefish developed from using a delta-lognormal model. Finally, we constructed length frequency histograms for yellowedge grouper (Figure 27) and golden tilefish (Figure 28) collected during this survey in the GOM.

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Table 1. NMFS MS Laboratory longline projects, 1995-2009. Shaded rows indicate cruises from which data was used in this document. For surveys that occurred in both the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico within a single survey, only data from the Gulf was used.

| Survey | Date | Location | Depth range (m) | Effort (\# sets) | Random station selection description. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OT-95-04 (218) | 7/23-8/17/95 | $\mathrm{GOM}^{1}$ | 18m-73m | 82 | Stations depth stratified and equally allocated within statistical zones; depth strata $18 \mathrm{~m}-37 \mathrm{~m}, 37 \mathrm{~m}-$ $55 \mathrm{~m}, 55 \mathrm{~m}-73 \mathrm{~m}$; J hooks. |
| RS-95-03 (2) | 8/10-8/24/95 | Atlantic ${ }^{2}$ | 18m-73m | 45 | Stations depth stratified and equally allocated within statistical zones; depth strata $18 \mathrm{~m}-37 \mathrm{~m}, 37 \mathrm{~m}-$ 55 m , $55 \mathrm{~m}-73 \mathrm{~m}$; J hooks. |
| OT-96-04 (222) | 7/31-9/13/96 | GOM and Atlantic | 18m-73m | 151 | Stations depth stratified and equally allocated within statistical zones; depth strata $18 \mathrm{~m}-37 \mathrm{~m}, 37 \mathrm{~m}-$ $55 \mathrm{~m}, 55 \mathrm{~m}-73 \mathrm{~m}$; J hooks. |
| OT-97-04 (227) | 7/25-9/24/97 | Mexican GOM, GOM and Atlantic | $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}$ | 259 | Stations not depth stratified but equally allocated within 60 linear n . mile zones or statistical zones; J hooks. |
| OT-98-02 (231) | 7/24-9/22/98 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mexican GOM, Cuba } \\ & 3, \text { GOM } \end{aligned}$ | 9m-413m | 216 | Stations not depth stratified but equally allocated within 60 linear n . mile zones or statistical zones; J hooks. |
| OT-99-02 (233) | 2/16-3/2/99 | Atlantic | 9m-55m | 29 | Stations not depth stratified but equally allocated within statistical zones; J hooks. |
| FE-99-10 SEF | 5/6-5/19/99 | GOM | $64 \mathrm{~m}-146 \mathrm{~m}$ | 60 | Station coordinates by random longitude and random depth and equally allocated within 10 linear n . mile contiguous sampling blocks; circle hooks. |
| CARETTA 99-01 | 8/4-9/28/99 | GOM | $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}$ | 161 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; sampling density experiment; hook comparison experiment with $75 \% \mathrm{~J}$ hooks, $25 \%$ circle hooks. |
| GU-00-03 (8) | 6/6-6/19/00 | GOM | $64 \mathrm{~m}-146 \mathrm{~m}$ | 59 | Station coordinates by random longitude and random depth and equally allocated within 20 linear n . mile contiguous sampling blocks; hook comparison experiment with $75 \%$ circle hooks, $25 \% \mathrm{~J}$ hooks. |
| OT-00-04 (241) | 8/3-8/28/00 | GOM | $9 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}$ | 137 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; sampling density experiment; hook comparison experiment with $75 \%$ J hooks, $25 \%$ circle hooks. |
| FE-00-12 (2) | 9/6-10/16/00 | Atlantic | $9 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}$ | 105 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; sampling density experiment; hook comparison experiment with $75 \%$ J hooks, $25 \%$ circle hooks. |
| OT-00-08 (244) | 12/6-12/12/00 | GOM | $55 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 41 | Station coordinates by random longitude and random depth and equally allocated within 10 linear n . mile contiguous sampling blocks; stations depth stratified with 4 stations each block $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 2$ stations each block $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; hook comparison experiment with $75 \%$ circle hooks, $25 \% \mathrm{~J}$ hooks. |
| ONJUKU-01 | 6/1-6/20/01 | Mexican GOM ${ }^{4}$ | $9 \mathrm{~m}-50 \mathrm{~m}$ | 38 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within 60 linear $n$. mile sampling zones; circle hooks, Atlantic bonito for bait. |
| OT-01-04 (247) | 7/31-9/30/01 | GOM | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 277 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| ONJUKU-01 | 6/28-7/5/02 | Mexican GOM ${ }^{4}$ | $18 \mathrm{~m}-217 \mathrm{~m}$ | 30 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within 60 linear $n$. mile sampling zones; circle hooks, Atlantic bonito for bait |
| OT-02-04 (251) | 7/31-9/21/02 | GOM and Atlantic | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 212 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, 50\% allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| OT-03-04 (255) | 7/29-9/29/03 | GOM | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 280 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| GANDY 72-043 | 07/25-08/28/04 | Atlantic | $8 \mathrm{~m}-34 \mathrm{~m}$ | 40 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| OT-04-04 (260) | 7/31-9/29/04 | GOM | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 232 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| GANDY 72-044 | 10/06-10/23/04 | GOM | $7 \mathrm{~m}-92 \mathrm{~m}$ | 17 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| OT-05-04 (266) | 8/5-8/25/05 | GOM and Atlantic | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 74 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| OT-06-04 (272) | 7/29-9/24/06 | GOM and Atlantic | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 208 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| OT-07-04 (277) | 8/10-8/24/07 | GOM | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 156 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| OT-08-04 (283) | 8/2-9/29/08 | GOM and Atlantic | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 145 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |
| OT-09-04 (288) | 7/30-9/29/09 | GOM and Atlantic | $9 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$ | 211 | Proportional allocation based on continental shelf width within statistical zones; depth stratified, $50 \%$ allocation $9 \mathrm{~m}-55 \mathrm{~m}, 40 \%$ allocation $55 \mathrm{~m}-183 \mathrm{~m}, 10 \%$ allocation $183 \mathrm{~m}-366 \mathrm{~m}$; circle hooks. |



Figure 1. Survey effort included in analyses and CPUE of yellowedge grouper from 2000 through 2009 in the Gulf of Mexico. Crosses indicate effort with no catch. The size of yellow circles is linearly related to positive CPUE (range: 0.4 - 9 yellowedge grouper per 100 hook hours). Symbols in the following figures are on the same scale as described for this figure, in order to facilitate direct comparisons.


Figure 2. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0.7 - 7.9 per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2000.


Figure 3. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0.9 - 3 per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2001.


Figure 4. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $0.8-4.8$ per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2002 .


Figure 5. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0.6 - 7.6 per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2003.


Figure 6. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0.9 - 5.7 per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2004.


Figure 7. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 1-2 per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2005.


Figure 8. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $0.4-4$ per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2006.


Figure 9. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $0.9-9$ per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2007.


Figure 10. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 1-6 per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2008.


Figure 11. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 1-5.1 per 100 hook hours) of yellowedge grouper for 2009.


Figure 12. Survey effort included in analyses and CPUE of golden tilefish from 2000 through 2009 in the Gulf of Mexico. Crosses indicate effort with no catch. The size of green circles is linearly related to positive CPUE (range: $0.7-14.5$ golden tilefish per 100 hook hours). Symbols in the following figures are on the same scale as described for this figure, in order to facilitate direct comparisons.


Figure 13. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0.8 - 2.8 per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2000.


Figure 14. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $0.8-14.5$ per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2001.


Figure 15. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0.8 - 12.4 per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2002.


Figure 16. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0.7 - 6 per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2003.


Figure 17. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $1-7.9$ per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2004.


Figure 18. Survey effort and CPUE (range: 0 per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2005.


Figure 19. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $1-6$ per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2006.


Figure 20. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $1-10$ per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2007.


Figure 21. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $1-6$ per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2008.


Figure 22. Survey effort and CPUE (range: $1-11$ per 100 hook hours) of golden tilefish for 2009.

Table 2. Backward selection procedure for building delta-lognormal submodels for yellowedge grouper.

| Model Run \#1 | Binomial Submodel Type 3 Tests ( (IIC = 2949.0) |  |  |  |  |  | Lognormal Submodel Type 3 Tests ( $A I C=290.8$ ) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Effect | Num DF | Den DF | Chi-Square | F Value | Pr $>$ ChiSq | $\operatorname{Pr}>F$ | Num DF | Den DF | $F$ Value | $\operatorname{Pr}>F$ |
| year | 8 | 624 | 7.04 | 0.88 | 0.5326 | 0.5332 | 8 | 133 | 1.26 | 0.2713 |
| area | 2 | 624 | 2.88 | 1.44 | 0.2367 | 0.2374 | 2 | 133 | 0.09 | 0.9177 |
| water depth | 1 | 624 | 4.97 | 4.97 | 0.0257 | 0.0261 | 1 | 133 | 0.01 | 0.9330 |
| Model Run \#2 | Binomial Submodel Type 3 Tests ( (IIC = 2944.7) |  |  |  |  |  | Lognormal Submodel Type 3 Tests ( $A I C=279.0$ ) |  |  |  |
| Effect | Num DF | Den DF | Chi-Square | $F$ Value | Pr > ChiSq | $\operatorname{Pr}>F$ | Num DF | Den DF | $F$ Value | $P r>F$ |
| year | 8 | 626 | 7.79 | 0.97 | 0.4547 | 0.4558 | 8 | 134 | 1.32 | 0.2390 |
| area | dropped |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 134 | 0.09 | 0.9180 |
| water depth | 1 | 626 | 5.05 | 5.05 | 0.0246 | 0.0250 | dropped |  |  |  |
| Model Run \#3 | Binomial Submodel Type 3 Tests ( (IC = 2944.7) |  |  |  |  |  | Lognormal Submodel Type 3 Tests (AIC = 274.5) |  |  |  |
| Effect | Num DF | Den DF | Chi-Square | F Value | Pr > ChiSq | $\operatorname{Pr}>F$ | Num DF | Den DF | F Value | $P r>F$ |
| year | 8 | 626 | 7.79 | 0.97 | 0.4547 | 0.4558 | 8 | 136 | 1.64 | 0.1193 |
| area | dropped |  |  |  |  |  | dropped |  |  |  |
| water depth | 1 | 626 | 5.05 | 5.05 | 0.0246 | 0.0250 | dropped |  |  |  |

Table 3. Backward selection procedure for building delta-lognormal submodels for golden tilefish.

| Model Run \#1 | Binomial Submodel Type 3 Tests ( AIC = 1604.9) |  |  |  |  |  | Lognormal Submodel Type 3 Tests (AIC = 218.9) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Effect | Num DF | Den DF | Chi-Square | $F$ Value | Pr > ChiSq | $P r>F$ | Num DF | Den DF | $F$ Value | $\operatorname{Pr}>F$ |
| year | 8 | 309 | 11.05 | 1.38 | 0.1990 | 0.2040 | 8 | 85 | 1.17 | 0.3271 |
| area | 2 | 309 | 9.93 | 4.96 | 0.0070 | 0.0076 | 2 | 85 | 7.48 | 0.0010 |
| water depth | 1 | 309 | 54.75 | 54.75 | <. 0001 | <. 0001 | 1 | 85 | 5.98 | 0.0165 |



Figure 23. Residual plots of the lognormal submodel for yellowedge grouper. The upper plot is of residuals versus survey year, and the lower is a QQ plot of the residuals.


Figure 24. Residual plots of the lognormal submodel for golden tilefish. The upper plot is of residuals versus survey year, and the lower is a QQ plot of the residuals.

Table 4. Indices of yellowedge grouper collected during bottom longline surveys (Index = number per 100 hook hours and Scaled Index = Index scaled to a mean of one) developed with a delta-lognormal model. The nominal frequency, total number of samples included in analyses per year, the CV (coefficient of variation on the mean), and upper and lower 95\% confidence intervals on the Scaled Index are listed.

| Survey <br> Year | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | $C V$ | $L C L$ | $U C L$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.24658 | 73 | 0.40993 | 0.87976 | 0.27905 | 0.50877 | 1.52129 |
| 2001 | 0.18085 | 94 | 0.29792 | 0.63937 | 0.29947 | 0.35579 | 1.14896 |
| 2002 | 0.27711 | 83 | 0.47234 | 1.01372 | 0.24498 | 0.62549 | 1.64292 |
| 2003 | 0.23913 | 92 | 0.50358 | 1.08075 | 0.25655 | 0.65227 | 1.79069 |
| 2004 | 0.19277 | 82 | 0.42709 | 0.91659 | 0.30625 | 0.50363 | 1.66819 |
| 2006 | 0.29091 | 55 | 0.62509 | 1.34153 | 0.29349 | 0.75496 | 2.38382 |
| 2007 | 0.20000 | 55 | 0.53695 | 1.15236 | 0.36998 | 0.56296 | 2.35885 |
| 2008 | 0.12903 | 31 | 0.32895 | 0.70598 | 0.62662 | 0.22331 | 2.23190 |
| 2009 | 0.25714 | 70 | 0.59173 | 1.26994 | 0.27912 | 0.73431 | 2.19629 |



Figure 25. Indices of yellowedge grouper collected during bottom longline surveys (number per 100 hook hours) developed with the delta-lognormal model, coefficient of variation on the mean (CV), and nominal frequency of occurrence.

Table 5. Indices of golden tilefish collected during bottom longline surveys (Index = number per 100 hook hours and Scaled Index = Index scaled to a mean of one) developed with a delta-lognormal model. The nominal frequency, total number of samples included in analyses per year, the CV (coefficient of variation on the mean), and upper and lower 95\% confidence intervals on the Scaled Index are listed.

| Survey <br> Year | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | $C V$ | $L C L$ | $U C L$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2000 | 0.17391 | 23 | 0.25310 | 0.26508 | 0.83492 | 0.06190 | 1.13518 |
| 2001 | 0.31915 | 47 | 0.48962 | 0.51279 | 0.42145 | 0.22842 | 1.15120 |
| 2002 | 0.30769 | 39 | 1.06216 | 1.11242 | 0.42358 | 0.49366 | 2.50676 |
| 2003 | 0.20455 | 44 | 0.58687 | 0.61464 | 0.51860 | 0.23159 | 1.63128 |
| 2004 | 0.23404 | 46 | 0.73175 | 0.76638 | 0.46651 | 0.31551 | 1.86156 |
| 2006 | 0.32258 | 31 | 0.94970 | 0.99464 | 0.43806 | 0.43027 | 2.29929 |
| 2007 | 0.34211 | 38 | 1.67831 | 1.75773 | 0.39300 | 0.82371 | 3.75085 |
| 2008 | 0.58824 | 17 | 1.13977 | 1.19371 | 0.45313 | 0.50297 | 2.83307 |
| 2009 | 0.37143 | 35 | 1.70206 | 1.78261 | 0.34453 | 0.91234 | 3.48303 |



Figure 26. Indices of golden tilefish collected during bottom longline surveys (number per 100 hook hours) developed with the delta-lognormal model, coefficient of variation on the mean (CV), and nominal frequency of occurrence.


Figure 27. Length frequency histogram of yellowedge grouper total lengths and fork lengths collected during bottom longline surveys ( $\mathrm{N}=360$ ).


Figure 28. Length frequency histogram of golden tilefish total lengths and fork lengths collected during bottom longline surveys $(\mathrm{N}=327)$.

## Addendum 1 to SEDAR 22-DW-07

During the workshop I was asked to incorporate sediment data into the delta-lognormal models for both species. This data is summarized by Rester (2009). The variables included for testing, along with those listed above, were the amounts of mud, clay, and carbonate in core samples taken nearest to the station location and the linear critical sheer stress and sorting factor of the sediment in said core sample. Modeling methods were conducted as described above. The following tables summarize the final type 3 analyses of the terminal run of the backward selection procedure for both submodels and the resulting indices of abundance for both species.

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## Yellowedge Grouper

Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the Binomial Submodel for Yellowedge Grouper

|  | Num <br> DF | Den <br> DF | Chi-Square | F Value | Pr $>$ ChiSq | Pr $>F$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| YEAR | 9 | 670 | 7.24 | 0.80 | 0.6121 | 0.6122 |
| sta_dpth | 1 | 670 | 5.67 | 5.67 | 0.0173 | 0.0176 |
| Carbonate | 1 | 670 | 3.93 | 3.93 | 0.0474 | 0.0478 |
| lCritShStrs | 1 | 670 | 4.72 | 4.72 | 0.0299 | 0.0302 |

Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the
Lognormal Submodel
for Yellowedge Grouper

|  |  Num Den <br> Effect $D F$ $D F$ |  |  | F Value | Pr $>$ F |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | YEAR |  | 9147 | 2.13 | 0.0308 |  |  |
| Survey <br> Year | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | CV | LCL | UCL |
| 1999 | 0.20690 | 58 | 0.65188 | 1.35380 | 0.36079 | 0.67253 | 2.72519 |
| 2000 | 0.24658 | 73 | 0.40214 | 0.83516 | 0.28528 | 0.47732 | 1.46128 |
| 2001 | 0.18085 | 94 | 0.28525 | 0.59241 | 0.30744 | 0.32478 | 1.08056 |
| 2002 | 0.27711 | 83 | 0.44878 | 0.93202 | 0.25324 | 0.56608 | 1.53452 |
| 2003 | 0.23913 | 92 | 0.51928 | 1.07843 | 0.25894 | 0.64791 | 1.79502 |
| 2004 | 0.19277 | 82 | 0.42613 | 0.88497 | 0.31687 | 0.47671 | 1.64286 |
| 2006 | 0.29091 | 55 | 0.61077 | 1.26843 | 0.30161 | 0.70302 | 2.28857 |
| 2007 | 0.20000 | 55 | 0.52605 | 1.09248 | 0.38985 | 0.51487 | 2.31808 |
| 2008 | 0.12903 | 31 | 0.34987 | 0.72660 | 0.63294 | 0.22758 | 2.31983 |
| 2009 | 0.25714 | 70 | 0.59501 | 1.23570 | 0.28257 | 0.70986 | 2.15107 |


| Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the Binomial Submodel <br> for Golden Tilefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Num | Den |  |  |  |  |
| Effect | $D F$ | DF | Chi-Square | F Value | Pr $>$ ChiSq | Pr $>F$ |
| YEAR | 8 | 302 | 16.33 | 2.04 | 0.0380 | 0.0416 |
| sta_dpth | 1 | 302 | 45.28 | 45.28 | $<.0001$ | $<.0001$ |
| Clay | 1 | 302 | 8.18 | 8.18 | 0.0042 | 0.0045 |
| Sorting | 1 | 302 | 8.83 | 8.83 | 0.0030 | 0.0032 |

Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the Lognormal Submodel for Golden Tilefish

|  | Num <br> DF | Den <br> DF | F Value | Pr $>F$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| YEAR | 8 | 87 | 1.34 | 0.2355 |
| sta_dpth | 1 | 87 | 6.35 | 0.0136 |


| Survey <br> Year | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | $C V$ | $L C L$ | $U C L$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.17391 | 23 | 0.10907 | 0.12277 | 0.89663 | 0.02642 | 0.57048 |
| 2001 | 0.31915 | 47 | 0.44762 | 0.50384 | 0.44211 | 0.21641 | 1.17300 |
| 2002 | 0.30769 | 39 | 0.96130 | 1.08202 | 0.46269 | 0.44841 | 2.61096 |
| 2003 | 0.20455 | 44 | 0.35876 | 0.40381 | 0.58394 | 0.13668 | 1.19308 |
| 2004 | 0.23404 | 46 | 0.60633 | 0.68248 | 0.50839 | 0.26160 | 1.78052 |
| 2006 | 0.32258 | 31 | 1.02528 | 1.15403 | 0.47514 | 0.46810 | 2.84513 |
| 2007 | 0.34211 | 38 | 1.73256 | 1.95014 | 0.41516 | 0.87841 | 4.32945 |
| 2008 | 0.58824 | 17 | 1.28212 | 1.44313 | 0.45643 | 0.60459 | 3.44473 |
| 2009 | 0.37143 | 35 | 1.47282 | 1.65778 | 0.39634 | 0.77223 | 3.55881 |

## Addendum 2 to SEDAR 22-DW-07

Also, during the data workshop, I was asked by the stock assessment scientist to develop indices for three areas of the Gulf. These areas were based on the NMFS shrimp statistical zones, employed in many fishery independent survey designs: southwest Florida (SWFLA), zones 2-5; northwest Florida (NWFLA), zones 6-11; and the western Gulf (WEST), zones 13-21. This area variable and a variable denoting the interaction of this area and year were forced into the models developed for each species in Addendum 1. The following tables and graphs summarize these area-specific abundance indices.

## Yellowedge Grouper

| Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the Binomial Submodel <br> for Yellowedge Grouper |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Effect | Num <br> DF | Den <br> DF | Chi-Square | F Value | Pr > ChiSq | Pr > F |
| YEAR | 8 | 579 | 6.67 | 0.83 | 0.5724 | 0.5729 |
| Area | 2 | 579 | 0.44 | 0.22 | 0.8015 | 0.8016 |
| sta_dpth | 1 | 579 | 4.49 | 4.49 | 0.0340 | 0.0344 |
| Carbonate | 1 | 579 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 0.2204 | 0.2209 |
| lCritShStrs | 1 | 579 | 5.22 | 5.22 | 0.0223 | 0.0227 |
| YEAR*Area | 13 | 579 | 6.24 | 0.48 | 0.9371 | 0.9361 |

Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the Lognormal Submodel
for Yellowedge Grouper

|  | Effect |  | Num DF D |  | Den DF F | F Value | Pr $>$ F |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | YEAR |  |  | 8 | 121 | 1.25 | 0.2745 |  |
|  | Area |  |  | 2 | 121 | 0.75 | 0.4734 |  |
|  | YEAR | *Area |  | 13 | 121 | 0.96 | 0.4976 |  |
| Survey <br> Year | Area | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | CV | LCL | UCL |
| 2000 | NWFLA | 0.28571 | 7 | 0.24922 | 20.51119 | 90.86261 | 0.11502 | 2.27188 |
| 2001 | NWFLA | 0.17241 | 29 | 0.22536 | 60.46225 | $5 \quad 0.56739$ | 0.16070 | 1.32966 |
| 2002 | NWFLA | 0.33333 | 15 | 0.42259 | 90.86681 | 10.51609 | 0.32798 | 2.29090 |
| 2003 | NWFLA | 0.25000 | 28 | 0.50848 | 81.04299 | 90.45763 | 0.43604 | 2.49477 |
| 2004 | NWFLA | 0.19048 | 20 | 0.39862 | 20.81763 | 30.61117 | 0.26498 | 2.52286 |
| 2006 | NWFLA | 0.42857 | 7 | 1.15009 | 92.35903 | 30.64875 | 0.72100 | 7.71846 |
| 2007 | NWFLA | 0.21429 | 14 | 0.45707 | 70.93752 | 20.72390 | 0.25595 | 3.43401 |
| 2008 | NWFLA | 0.10000 | 10 | 0.21671 | 10.44451 | 11.24105 | 0.06445 | 3.06569 |
| 2009 | NWFLA | 0.37500 | 16 | 0.75411 | 11.54680 | 00.45852 | 0.64567 | 3.70562 |
| 2001 | SWFLA | 0.00000 | 19 | 0.00000 | $0 \quad 0.00000$ |  |  |  |
| 2003 | SWFLA | 0.21875 | 32 | 0.76688 | 81.57299 | 90.46283 | 0.65172 | 3.79657 |
| 2004 | SWFLA | 0.16667 | 30 | 0.46950 | 00.96302 | 20.55196 | 0.34333 | 2.70126 |
| 2006 | SWFLA | 0.26316 | 19 | 0.41394 | 40.84906 | 60.54312 | 0.30713 | 2.34717 |


| Survey <br> Year | Area | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | $C V$ | $L C L$ | $U C L$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2007 | SWFLA | 0.31579 | 19 | 0.80989 | 1.66122 | 0.51044 | 0.63455 | 4.34896 |
| 2008 | SWFLA | 0.09091 | 11 | 0.30008 | 0.61551 | 1.24194 | 0.08917 | 4.24889 |
| 2009 | SWFLA | 0.25000 | 20 | 0.70607 | 1.44827 | 0.52878 | 0.53649 | 3.90965 |
| 2000 | WEST | 0.24242 | 66 | 0.42160 | 0.86478 | 0.30227 | 0.47871 | 1.56219 |
| 2001 | WEST | 0.26087 | 46 | 0.43616 | 0.89463 | 0.35504 | 0.44912 | 1.78207 |
| 2002 | WEST | 0.26471 | 68 | 0.45864 | 0.94076 | 0.28859 | 0.53433 | 1.65633 |
| 2003 | WEST | 0.25000 | 32 | 0.36234 | 0.74323 | 0.42124 | 0.33119 | 1.66790 |
| 2004 | WEST | 0.21875 | 32 | 0.39667 | 0.81364 | 0.49316 | 0.32001 | 2.06871 |
| 2006 | WEST | 0.27586 | 29 | 0.59795 | 1.22650 | 0.42760 | 0.54043 | 2.78354 |
| 2007 | WEST | 0.09091 | 22 | 0.31664 | 0.64949 | 0.90307 | 0.13861 | 3.04331 |
| 2008 | WEST | 0.20000 | 10 | 0.42392 | 0.86953 | 0.89709 | 0.18701 | 4.04301 |
| 2009 | WEST | 0.20588 | 34 | 0.43811 | 0.89865 | 0.46790 | 0.36908 | 2.18808 |



\left.| Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the Binomial Submodel |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| for Golden Tilefish |  |  |  |  |  |  |$\right]$

Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects for the Lognormal Submodel for Golden Tilefish

| Effect | Num DF | Den DF | F Value | Pr $>F$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| YEAR | 8 | 78 | 1.40 | 0.2087 |
| Area | 2 | 78 | 1.02 | 0.3658 |
| sta_dpth | 1 | 78 | 5.48 | 0.0218 |
| YEAR*Area | 7 | 78 | 0.90 | 0.5110 |


| Survey <br> Year | Area | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | $C V$ | LCL | UCL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | NWFLA | 0.00000 | 4 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | $\cdot$ | . | . |
| 2001 | NWFLA | 0.28571 | 21 | 0.36233 | 0.27630 | 0.71024 | 0.07696 | 0.99193 |
| 2002 | NWFLA | 0.40000 | 10 | 1.15490 | 0.88070 | 0.58965 | 0.29537 | 2.62601 |
| 2003 | NWFLA | 0.29412 | 17 | 0.60755 | 0.46330 | 0.76620 | 0.11900 | 1.80374 |
| 2004 | NWFLA | 0.41667 | 11 | 1.62034 | 1.23564 | 0.57235 | 0.42612 | 3.58307 |
| 2006 | NWFLA | 0.66667 | 6 | 1.77768 | 1.35562 | 0.47528 | 0.54973 | 3.34292 |
| 2007 | NWFLA | 0.53846 | 13 | 2.35840 | 1.79847 | 0.47926 | 0.72435 | 4.46539 |
| 2008 | NWFLA | 0.80000 | 5 | 1.47560 | 1.12527 | 0.58283 | 0.38154 | 3.31868 |
| 2009 | NWFLA | 0.50000 | 10 | 1.61015 | 1.22787 | 0.57008 | 0.42500 | 3.54744 |
| 2001 | SWFLA | 0.00000 | 7 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | . | . | . |
| 2003 | SWFLA | 0.00000 | 17 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | . | . | . |
| 2004 | SWFLA | 0.00000 | 17 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | . | . | . |
| 2006 | SWFLA | 0.00000 | 12 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | . | . | . |
| 2007 | SWFLA | 0.00000 | 14 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | . | . | . |
| 2008 | SWFLA | 0.00000 | 3 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | . | . | . |
| 2009 | SWFLA | 0.09091 | 11 | 0.29951 | 0.22840 | 1.20561 | 0.03434 | 1.51905 |
| 2000 | WEST | 0.21053 | 19 | 0.18039 | 0.13756 | 0.86394 | 0.03090 | 0.61244 |
| 2001 | WEST | 0.47368 | 19 | 0.87397 | 0.66647 | 0.46705 | 0.27412 | 1.62037 |
| 2002 | WEST | 0.27586 | 29 | 1.27283 | 0.97064 | 0.53226 | 0.35748 | 2.63547 |
| 2003 | WEST | 0.40000 | 10 | 0.75335 | 0.57449 | 0.62844 | 0.18120 | 1.82137 |


| Survey <br> Year | Area | Nominal <br> Frequency | $N$ | Index | Scaled <br> Index | $C V$ | $L C L$ | UCL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2004 | WEST | 0.33333 | 18 | 0.82481 | 0.62899 | 0.67514 | 0.18465 | 2.14260 |
| 2006 | WEST | 0.46154 | 13 | 1.49065 | 1.13674 | 0.55433 | 0.40369 | 3.20092 |
| 2007 | WEST | 0.54545 | 11 | 2.87709 | 2.19401 | 0.47416 | 0.89142 | 5.40000 |
| 2008 | WEST | 0.66667 | 9 | 1.63184 | 1.24441 | 0.55130 | 0.44413 | 3.48676 |
| 2009 | WEST | 0.50000 | 14 | 2.43270 | 1.85513 | 0.44300 | 0.79560 | 4.32566 |



