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# Standardized catch rates of U.S. Atlantic red snapper (Lutjanus campechanus) from headboat data 

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## Background and Data Description

The headboat fishery in the south Atlantic includes for-hire vessels that typically accommodate 11-70 passengers and charge a fee per angler. The fishery uses hook and line gear, generally targets hard bottom reefs as the fishing grounds, and generally targets species in the snappergrouper complex. This fishery is sampled separately from other fisheries, and the available data were used to generate a fishery dependent index, with the size and age range of fish the same as that of landings from the headboat fishery.

Headboats in the south Atlantic are sampled from North Carolina to the Florida Keys (Figure 1). Data have been collected since 1972, but logbook reporting did not start until 1973. In addition, only North Carolina and South Carolina were included in the earlier years of the data set. In 1976, data were collected from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and northern Florida, and starting in 1978, data were collected from southern Florida (areas 11, 12, and 17). Variables reported in the data set include year, month, day, area, location, trip type, number of anglers, species, catch, and vessel id. Biological data and discard data were recorded for some trips in some years.

## Methods

Headboat records were examined, and the data were explored in order to determine if any confounding factors would have an effect on the ability of the index to reflect relative abundance. Catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) standardization was then employed, and an index of abundance was computed for 1976-2009.

## Data treatment

Data from 1972-1975 were dropped from the analysis because the data collected included only North Carolina and South Carolina. Thus, the data didn't include the primary location of red snapper (i.e., northern Florida). Data from area 1 (Figure 1) were excluded as this area was not recorded during most of the time series. The minimum number of anglers per vessel was set at 6 , which excluded the lower $0.5 \%$ of trips. These trips were excluded because they were possibly misreported and likely don't reflect the behavior of headboats in general. Finally, outliers defined by the upper $0.5 \%$ of red snapper catch data were dropped as they likely represent misreporting.

## Possible confounding factors

As part of the analysis, the data were explored in order to identify any factors that could confound inferences about relative abundance. As part of this exploration, two factors were considered: bag limit changes and size limit changes for the fishery.

The changes that have occurred in the past include:

- A 12" minimum size limit in August of 1983
- A 20 " minimum size limit in January of 1992
- A bag limit of 10 snapper/person/day with no more than 2 red snapper in January of 1992

Changes in the minimum size limit did not result in changes in the computation of the headboat index because changes in the size limit can be accounted for with selectivity curves in the assessment model.

The bag limit change was explored in order to determine if bag limits impacted the catch of red snapper. In order to determine if change occurred, I examined the percentage of headboat trips where anglers caught 2 or more red snapper and contrasted this percentage before and after the bag limit change. This contrast was done for two regions: north (areas 2-10) and south (11, 12, and 17). Based on this exploration, harvest of red snapper did not change after the bag limit was instituted in 1992 (Table 1). Thus, this exploration suggests that CPUE of red snapper is unlikely to be influenced by bag limit regulations in the south Atlantic.

## Subsetting trips

Trips to be included in the computation of the index need to be determined based on effort directed at red snapper. Effort can be determined directly for trips which had positive red snapper catches, but some trips likely directed effort at red snapper, but were unsuccessful at landing red snapper. Given that information on directed effort for trips without red snapper harvest is not available, another method must be used to compute total effort.

In order to determine effort that was likely directed at red snapper and which trips should be used to compute an index, the method of Stephens and MacCall (2004) was applied. The Stephens and MacCall method uses multiple logistic regression to estimate a probability for each trip that the focal species was caught, given other species caught on that trip. Species compositions differ across the south Atlantic; thus, the method was applied separately for two different regions: north (areas 2-10) and south (areas 11, 12, and 17; Shertzer and Williams 2009). To avoid computation errors, the number of species in each analysis was limited to those species that occurred in $1 \%$ or more of trips (Table 2). The most general model therefore included all species in the snapper-grouper complex which occurred in $1 \%$ or more of trips as main effects, excluding red porgy. Red porgy was eliminated because of regulation changes, which could erroneously remove trips likely to have caught red snapper in recent years. A backwards stepwise AIC procedure (Venables and Ripley 1997) was then used to perform further selection among possible species as predictor variables. In this procedure, a generalized linear model with Bernoulli response was used to relate presence/absence of red snapper in headboat trips to presence/absence of other species. For the northern area (areas 2-10), stepwise AIC eliminated Atlantic spadefish, bank sea bass, blue runner, and mutton snapper. For the southern area (areas 11, 12, and 17), stepwise AIC eliminated bar jack, black margate, bluestriped grunt, hogfish, jolthead porgy, knobbed porgy, mutton snapper, queen triggerfish, saucereye porgy, and schoolmaster. Regression coefficients for the remaining species were computed for the northern area (Figure 2) and for the southern area (Figure 3).

Finally, a trip was included as effort if the trip's probability of catching red snapper was higher than a threshold probability for the northern region (Figure 4) and for the southern region (Figure 5). The threshold was defined to be that which results in the same number of predicted and observed positive trips, as suggested by Stephens and MacCall (2004). The resulting data set, given the constraints and methods above, contained 46,404 trips in the northern region and $29,548(64 \%)$ of those trips were positive, and 1,662 trips in the southern region and 413 ( $25 \%$ ) of those trips were positive.

## Response and explanatory variables

CPUE - Catch per unit effort (CPUE) has units of fish/angler-hour and was calculated as the number of red snapper caught divided by the number of anglers times the number of trip hours.
$Y E A R$ - A summary of the total number of trips with red snapper effort per year is provided in Table 3, and a summary of the total number of trips with positive red snapper catch per year is provided in Table 4. Following data subsetting, the number of records with positive red snapper effort ranged from 773 in 1997 to 2,091 in 1987, and the number of records with positive red snapper catch ranged from 377 in 1997 to 1,291 in 1985.

AREA - The total number of trips with positive red snapper effort by year and area is provided in Table 3 (Figure 6), and the total number of trips with positive red snapper catches by year and region is provided in Table 4. The proportion of trips with positive red snapper catch by area is provided in Figure 6. Most of the trips with positive red snapper catches occurred in north Florida and Georgia (GF; 80\%), followed by South Carolina (SC; 13\%), North Carolina (NC; $6 \%$ ), and south Florida (SFL; 1\%).

SEASON - The seasons were defined as winter (January, February, March), spring (April, May, June), summer (July, August, September) and fall (October, November, December). The total number of trips with red snapper effort was greatest in spring and summer, but the proportion of trips catching red snapper was consistent across seasons (Figure 7).

TRIP TYPE - Trips were originally labeled in the dataset according to whether they were half day, three quarters, full day, or multi-day trips. It was assumed that half day trips fished for 5 hours, three quarters day trips fished for 7 hours, full day trips fished for 9 hours, and multi-day trips fished for 12 hours/day. The proportions of three quarters and multi-day trips were relatively low but constant over time (Figure 8). Consistent with previous south Atlantic SEDARs (e.g. SEDAR 2008), multi-day trips were combined with full day trips and three quarters day trips were combined with half day trips as factor variables in the standardization process, while the original number of hours was retained for effort determinations. Based on the subsetted data, there were $n=6,464$ half/three-quarters day red grouper trips, and $n=41,602$ full/multi-day trips. Of these, $46 \%$ of half day trips and $65 \%$ of full day trips caught at least one red snapper.

ANGLERS - Based on subsetted data, most trips had fewer than 60 passengers (mean 35.2, median 33). Nominal CPUE appeared to decrease as a function of the number of anglers (Figure 9). As effort was summarized by angler-hours, the number of anglers was not independent of CPUE, and thus it should not be included directly as an explanatory variable. However, if
headboat captain's behavior changes (e.g., fishing locations) as a function of the number of anglers (e.g., revenue to buy fuel, etc.), the number of anglers may be an important variable to consider. Therefore, I considered 2 categories for the number of anglers as factors in the standardization process. In particular, I considered the categories: small (6-30 anglers) and large (31+ anglers). The total number of trips and proportion of trips with positive red snapper catches over time by angler category is provided in Figure 10.

## Standardization

I modeled CPUE using the delta-glm approach (cf., Lo et al. 1992; Dick 2004; Maunder and Punt 2004). In particular, I compared fits of lognormal and gamma models for positive CPUE, and examined which combination of predictor variables best explained CPUE patterns (both for positive CPUE and 0/1 CPUE). Jackknife estimates of variance were computed using the 'leave one out' estimator (Dick 2004). All analyses were performed in the R programming language, with much of the code adapted from Dick (2004).

## BERNOULLI SUBMODEL

One component of the delta-GLM is a logistic regression model that attempts to explain the probability of either catching or not catching red snapper on a particular trip. First, I fit a model with all main effects in order to determine which effects should remain in the binomial component of the delta-GLM. Stepwise AIC (Venables and Ripley1997) with a backwards selection algorithm was then used to eliminate those that did not improve model fit. In this case, the stepwise AIC procedure did not remove any predictor variables (Appendix 1). Recognizable patterns were not apparent in the randomized quantile residuals (Figures 11-16).

## POSITIVE CPUE SUBMODEL

Then, to determine predictor variables important for predicting positive CPUE, I started by fitting the positive portion of the model with all main effects using both the lognormal and gamma distributions. Stepwise AIC (Venables and Ripley1997) with a backwards selection algorithm was then used to eliminate those that did not improve model fit. All predictor variables were modeled as fixed effects (and as factors rather than continuous variables). Backwards model selection eliminated only the trip type variable for the lognormal distribution (Appendix 1) and did not eliminate any of the predictor variables for the gamma distribution.

I then fit both components of the model together (with the code adapted from Dick 2004) using the lognormal and gamma distributions and compared them using AIC. With CPUE as the dependent variable, the lognormal distribution outperformed the gamma distribution with lower AIC ( $\Delta \mathrm{AIC}>1,000$ ) values when all factors were included and when using only those factors that were selected in the previous step.

Thus, the lognormal model with all factors except trip type was used for computing the positive component of the index, and the binomial with all factors was used for computing the Bernoulli component of the index. Standard model diagnostics (Figures 17-21) appeared reasonable for the positive component of the model using raw residuals (Dunn and Smyth 1996).

## Index

The distribution of log CPUE for the index appeared reasonable (Figure 22), as did the QQ plot of the residuals (Figure 23). The nominal CPUE for all areas most closely resembles the nominal CPUE for Georgia and north Florida (Figure 24). The index is presented in Table 5 and visually in Figure 25.

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Table 1. Proportion of trips with positive red snapper catches that had two or more red snapper per angler for both the northern regions (areas 2-10) and the southern region (areas 11, 12, and 17).

| Year | North | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1976 | 0.099 |  |
| 1977 | 0.058 |  |
| 1978 | 0.067 | 0.000 |
| 1979 | 0.055 | 0.000 |
| 1980 | 0.032 | 0.000 |
| 1981 | 0.047 | 0.000 |
| 1982 | 0.012 | 0.031 |
| 1983 | 0.023 | 0.011 |
| 1984 | 0.034 | 0.015 |
| 1985 | 0.026 | 0.014 |
| 1986 | 0.003 | 0.014 |
| 1987 | 0.007 | 0.000 |
| 1988 | 0.011 | 0.065 |
| 1989 | 0.008 | 0.045 |
| 1990 | 0.012 | 0.059 |
| 1991 | 0.006 | 0.050 |
| 1992 | 0.010 | 0.000 |
| 1993 | 0.002 | 0.014 |
| 1994 | 0.007 | 0.022 |
| 1995 | 0.004 | 0.000 |
| 1996 | 0.004 | 0.000 |
| 1997 | 0.002 | 0.000 |
| 1998 | 0.002 | 0.056 |
| 1999 | 0.004 | 0.063 |
| 2000 | 0.005 | 0.000 |
| 2001 | 0.026 | 0.040 |
| 2002 | 0.052 | 0.091 |
| 2003 | 0.010 | 0.000 |
| 2004 | 0.008 | 0.000 |
| 2005 | 0.006 | 0.000 |
| 2006 | 0.009 | 0.000 |
| 2007 | 0.005 | 0.000 |
| 2008 | 0.019 | 0.000 |
| 2009 | 0.013 | 0.008 |
|  |  |  |

Table 2. All species (common names) in the snapper-grouper complex in the south Atlantic, and species retained from the snapper-grouper complex and included in logistic regressions for the Stephens-MacCall method for the northern region (areas 2-10) and southern region (11, 12, and 17). Species were included if they appeared in the catch records of $1 \%$ or more of headboat trips (red porgy was removed because of strict regulations).

| Full snapper-grouper list |  | North | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Almaco jack | Ocean triggerfish | Almaco jack | Almaco jack |
| Atlantic spadefish | Porkfish | Atlantic spadefish | Bar jack |
| Banded rudderfish | Puddingwife | Banded rudderfish | Blackfin snapper |
| Bank sea bass | Queen snapper | Bank sea bass | Black grouper |
| Bar jack | Queen triggerfish | Black sea bass | Black margate |
| Black grouper | Red grouper | Blue runner | Black sea bass |
| Black margate | Red hind | Cubera snapper | Blue runner |
| Black sea bass | Red porgy | Gag grouper | Bluestriped grunt |
| Black snapper | Red snapper | Gray snapper | French grunt |
| Blackfin snapper | Rock hind | Gray triggerfish | Gag grouper |
| Blue runner | Rock sea bass | Graysby | Graysby |
| Blueline tilefish | Sailors choice | Greater amberjack | Gray snapper |
| Bluestriped grunt | Sand tilefish | Jolthead porgy | Gray triggerfish |
| Coney | Saucereye porgy | Knobbed porgy | Greater amberjack |
| Cottonwick | Scamp | Lane snapper | Hogfish |
| Crevalle jack | Schoolmaster | Longspine porgy | Jolthead porgy |
| Cubera snapper | Scup | Mutton snapper | Knobbed porgy |
| Dog snapper | Sheepshead | Queen triggerfish | Lane snapper |
| French grunt | Silk snapper | Red grouper | Margate |
| Gag grouper | Smallmouth grunt | Red hind | Mutton snapper |
| Goliath grouper | Snowy grouper | Rock hind | Ocean triggerfish |
| Grass porgy | Spanish grunt | Scamp | Porkfish |
| Gray snapper | Speckled hind | Scup | Queen triggerfish |
| Gray triggerfish | Tiger grouper | Snowy grouper | Red grouper |
| Graysby | Tilefish | Speckled hind | Red hind |
| Greater amberjack | Tomtate | Tomtate | Rock hind |
| Hogfish | Vermilion snapper | Vermilion snapper | Sand tilefish |
| Jolthead porgy | Warsaw grouper | Warsaw grouper | Saucereye porgy |
| Knobbed porgy | White grunt | White grunt | Scamp |
| Lane snapper | Whitebone porgy | Whitebone porgy | Schoolmaster |
| Lesser amberjack | Wreckfish | Yellowtail snapper | Silk snapper |
| Longspine porgy | Yellow jack |  | Tomtate |
| Mahogany snapper | Yellowedge grouper |  | Vermilion snapper |
| Margate | Yellowfin grouper |  | Whitebone porgy |
| Misty grouper | Yellowmouth grouper |  | White grunt |
| Mutton snapper Nassau grouper | Yellowtail snapper |  | Yellowtail snapper |

Table 3. The total number of trips with red snapper effort per year for each region.

| Year | NC | SC | GA-NFL | SFL | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1976 | 144 | 226 | 440 | - | 810 |
| 1977 | 62 | 177 | 576 | - | 815 |
| 1978 | 147 | 236 | 1041 | 4 | 1428 |
| 1979 | 162 | 77 | 967 | 33 | 1239 |
| 1980 | 115 | 177 | 989 | 57 | 1338 |
| 1981 | 106 | 50 | 821 | 75 | 1052 |
| 1982 | 191 | 217 | 858 | 65 | 1331 |
| 1983 | 175 | 207 | 1108 | 70 | 1560 |
| 1984 | 84 | 189 | 1057 | 93 | 1423 |
| 1985 | 79 | 247 | 1181 | 162 | 1669 |
| 1986 | 97 | 247 | 1484 | 190 | 2018 |
| 1987 | 116 | 310 | 1487 | 178 | 2091 |
| 1988 | 119 | 348 | 1466 | 97 | 2030 |
| 1989 | 49 | 192 | 1062 | 51 | 1354 |
| 1990 | 66 | 252 | 1075 | 24 | 1417 |
| 1991 | 142 | 284 | 982 | 12 | 1420 |
| 1992 | 244 | 227 | 1519 | 67 | 2057 |
| 1993 | 178 | 259 | 1388 | 59 | 1884 |
| 1994 | 182 | 224 | 1101 | 59 | 1566 |
| 1995 | 182 | 209 | 1042 | 25 | 1458 |
| 1996 | 173 | 198 | 697 | 20 | 1088 |
| 1997 | 120 | 113 | 527 | 13 | 773 |
| 1998 | 210 | 209 | 1125 | 6 | 1550 |
| 1999 | 164 | 206 | 1166 | 5 | 1541 |
| 2000 | 188 | 202 | 982 | 15 | 1387 |
| 2001 | 157 | 274 | 1051 | 14 | 1496 |
| 2002 | 167 | 274 | 952 | 11 | 1404 |
| 2003 | 123 | 154 | 779 | 17 | 1073 |
| 2004 | 197 | 269 | 898 | 20 | 1384 |
| 2005 | 90 | 182 | 902 | 25 | 1199 |
| 2006 | 98 | 213 | 854 | 30 | 1195 |
| 2007 | 69 | 271 | 988 | 39 | 1367 |
| 2008 | 97 | 170 | 941 | 50 | 1258 |
| 2009 | 105 | 124 | 1086 | 76 | 1391 |
| Total | 4598 | 7214 | 34592 | 1662 | 48066 |

Table 4. The total number of trips with positive red snapper catch per year for each region.

| Year | NC | SC | GA-NFL | SFL | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1976 | 37 | 116 | 417 | - | 570 |
| 1977 | 32 | 61 | 514 | - | 607 |
| 1978 | 68 | 96 | 888 | 1 | 1053 |
| 1979 | 79 | 31 | 778 | 3 | 891 |
| 1980 | 49 | 104 | 752 | 11 | 916 |
| 1981 | 68 | 26 | 738 | 29 | 861 |
| 1982 | 110 | 112 | 710 | 6 | 938 |
| 1983 | 90 | 107 | 947 | 8 | 1152 |
| 1984 | 37 | 124 | 851 | 21 | 1033 |
| 1985 | 39 | 163 | 1043 | 46 | 1291 |
| 1986 | 62 | 110 | 953 | 27 | 1152 |
| 1987 | 45 | 149 | 1012 | 25 | 1231 |
| 1988 | 63 | 192 | 885 | 16 | 1156 |
| 1989 | 21 | 127 | 823 | 4 | 975 |
| 1990 | 21 | 168 | 806 | 2 | 997 |
| 1991 | 49 | 137 | 670 | 0 | 856 |
| 1992 | 75 | 110 | 392 | 17 | 594 |
| 1993 | 80 | 208 | 411 | 16 | 715 |
| 1994 | 55 | 135 | 569 | 22 | 781 |
| 1995 | 56 | 103 | 601 | 6 | 766 |
| 1996 | 41 | 59 | 425 | 8 | 533 |
| 1997 | 24 | 31 | 319 | 3 | 377 |
| 1998 | 32 | 80 | 665 | 1 | 778 |
| 1999 | 61 | 137 | 690 | 0 | 888 |
| 2000 | 55 | 86 | 643 | 7 | 791 |
| 2001 | 103 | 170 | 720 | 3 | 996 |
| 2002 | 96 | 205 | 664 | 2 | 967 |
| 2003 | 46 | 112 | 534 | 0 | 692 |
| 2004 | 42 | 168 | 725 | 2 | 937 |
| 2005 | 8 | 83 | 753 | 6 | 850 |
| 2006 | 11 | 69 | 606 | 12 | 698 |
| 2007 | 2 | 86 | 722 | 31 | 841 |
| 2008 | 22 | 65 | 856 | 26 | 969 |
| 2009 | 33 | 34 | 990 | 52 | 1109 |
| Total | 1712 | 3764 | 24072 | 413 | 29961 |

Table 5. The relative nominal CPUE, number of trips with positive effort, portion of trips with positive red snapper catches, standardized index, and CV for the headboat fishery in the south Atlantic.

|  | Relative |  | Proportion N | Standardized |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | nominal CPUE | N | positive | index | CV (index) |
| 1976 | 2.333825 | 810 | 0.703704 | 2.301045 | 0.068914 |
| 1977 | 2.384366 | 815 | 0.744785 | 2.241804 | 0.066364 |
| 1978 | 2.410424 | 1428 | 0.737395 | 2.113801 | 0.051756 |
| 1979 | 2.467378 | 1239 | 0.719128 | 2.118015 | 0.055641 |
| 1980 | 1.443451 | 1338 | 0.684604 | 1.418691 | 0.052292 |
| 1981 | 2.429863 | 1052 | 0.818441 | 2.87604 | 0.051011 |
| 1982 | 0.90684 | 1331 | 0.704733 | 1.139134 | 0.049624 |
| 1983 | 1.274623 | 1560 | 0.738462 | 1.528256 | 0.047318 |
| 1984 | 1.42886 | 1423 | 0.725931 | 1.308457 | 0.051759 |
| 1985 | 1.835491 | 1669 | 0.773517 | 1.991512 | 0.046176 |
| 1986 | 0.536642 | 2018 | 0.570862 | 0.474538 | 0.052209 |
| 1987 | 0.599761 | 2091 | 0.588714 | 0.559273 | 0.049132 |
| 1988 | 0.742369 | 2030 | 0.569458 | 0.539267 | 0.05508 |
| 1989 | 1.052822 | 1354 | 0.720089 | 0.912407 | 0.054955 |
| 1990 | 0.91514 | 1417 | 0.703599 | 0.836733 | 0.051824 |
| 1991 | 0.748394 | 1420 | 0.602817 | 0.654579 | 0.055796 |
| 1992 | 0.142847 | 2057 | 0.28877 | 0.078295 | 0.073775 |
| 1993 | 0.284973 | 1884 | 0.379512 | 0.150414 | 0.071758 |
| 1994 | 0.320607 | 1566 | 0.498723 | 0.259337 | 0.065835 |
| 1995 | 0.357311 | 1458 | 0.525377 | 0.277886 | 0.063292 |
| 1996 | 0.230882 | 1088 | 0.48989 | 0.253117 | 0.068558 |
| 1997 | 0.240769 | 773 | 0.48771 | 0.265594 | 0.08029 |
| 1998 | 0.286379 | 1550 | 0.501935 | 0.235547 | 0.059401 |
| 1999 | 0.363517 | 1541 | 0.576249 | 0.298236 | 0.058135 |
| 2000 | 0.4535 | 1387 | 0.570296 | 0.418363 | 0.060791 |
| 2001 | 0.743353 | 1496 | 0.665775 | 0.803709 | 0.059722 |
| 2002 | 0.86125 | 1404 | 0.688746 | 0.963951 | 0.059374 |
| 2003 | 0.53248 | 1073 | 0.644921 | 0.530603 | 0.065141 |
| 2004 | 0.747897 | 1384 | 0.677023 | 0.829492 | 0.05305 |
| 2005 | 0.640722 | 1199 | 0.708924 | 0.803434 | 0.055258 |
| 2006 | 0.550719 | 1195 | 0.5841 | 0.454168 | 0.062385 |
| 2007 | 0.510477 | 1367 | 0.615216 | 0.462045 | 0.055522 |
| 2008 | 1.689744 | 1258 | 0.77027 | 1.858984 | 0.049069 |
| 2009 | 1.532322 | 1391 | 0.797268 | 2.043275 | 0.045586 |
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Figure 1. Spatial sampling strata from the headboat survey off the southeast Atlantic coast of the U.S. The northern region consisted of areas $2-10$, and the southern region consisted of areas 11, 12 , and 17.


Figure 2. Estimates of species-specific regression coefficients from Stephens and MacCall method applied to headboat data from areas in the northern region (excludes areas 11, 12, and 17), as used to estimate each trip's probability of catching the focal species.

White_grunt
Longspine_porgy Snowy_Grouper Red Hind Rock_Hind
Jolthead_porgy Scup
Knobbed_porgy Tomtate Almaco_jack Graysby
Red_Grouper
Queen_triggerfish Banded_rudderfish

Black_sea_bass
Whitebone_porgy Speckled_Hind
Yellowtail_snapper
Lane_snapper Scamp
Gray_triggerfish Greater_amberjack Gray_snapper
Cubera_snapper Gag
Warsaw_Grouper Vermilion_snapper


Regression coefficient

Figure 3. Estimates of species-specific regression coefficients from Stephens and MacCall method applied to headboat data from areas in the southern region (includes areas 11, 12, and 17), as used to estimate each trip's probability of catching the focal species.


Figure 4. Absolute difference between observed and predicted number of positive trips from Stephens and MacCall method applied to headboat data from the northern region (excludes areas 11,12 , and 17). Left and right panels differ only in the range of probabilities shown.


Figure 5. Absolute difference between observed and predicted number of positive trips from Stephens and MacCall method applied to headboat data from the southern region (includes areas 11,12 , and 17). Left and right panels differ only in the range of probabilities shown.



Figure 6. Total number of trips with positive red snapper effort by area (upper panel), and the proportion of trips which had positive red snapper catch by area (lower panel), where NC contains areas $2,3,9$, and 10 ; SC contains areas 4 and 5 ; GF contains areas 6,7 , and 8 ; and SF contains areas 11,12 , and 17 ..


Figure 7. Total number of trips with positive red snapper effort by season (upper panel), and the proportion of trips which had positive red snapper catch by season (lower panel).



Figure 8. The proportion of full, half, three quarters, and multi-day trips from the entire headboat data set over time.

## Proportion of each trip type over time



Figure 9. The catch per angler-hour as a function of the number of anglers.


Figure 10. The number of total trips and the proportion of trips positive over time for boats with different levels of anglers (small: 6-30 anglers, and large: 31+ anglers).



Figure 11. The proportion of trips, which had positive catches of red snapper, summed by year.

## Proportion positive trips summed by year



Figure 12. Standardized (quantile) residuals from the binomial portion of the index during 19762009.

Standarized (quantile) residuals: (proportion positive)


Figure 13. Standardized (quantile) residuals from the binomial portion of the index across the explanatory variable season, where winter is January-March, spring is April-June, summer is July-September, and fall is October-December.

Standarized (quantile) residuals: (proportion positive)


Figure 14. Standardized (quantile) residuals from the binomial portion of the index across the explanatory variable area, where NC contains areas $2,3,9$, and 10 ; SC contains areas 4 and 5; GF contains areas 6,7 , and 8 ; and SF contains areas 11,12 , and 17 .

Standarized (quantile) residuals: (proportion positive)


Figure 15. Standardized (quantile) residuals from the binomial portion of the index across the explanatory variable of number of anglers, where small is 6 to 30 anglers and large is 31+ anglers.

Standarized (quantile) residuals: (proportion positive)


Figure 16. Standardized (quantile) residuals from the binomial portion of the index across the explanatory variable of trip type.

## Standarized (quantile) residuals: (proportion positive)



Figure 17. The distribution of CPUE for the positive portion of the headboat index, which was fit with a lognormal distribution.

## Red snapper pos headboat CPUE



Figure 18. Raw residuals from the positive portion of the index, estimated using a lognormal distribution, across the years 1976-2009.

Raw residuals (pos CPUE)


Figure 19. Raw residuals from the positive portion of the index, estimated using a lognormal distribution, across the explanatory variable season, where winter is January-March, spring is April-June, summer is July-September, and fall is October-December.

Raw residuals (pos CPUE)


Figure 20. Raw residuals from the positive portion of the index, estimated using a lognormal distribution, across the explanatory variable season, where NC contains areas 2, 3, 9, and 10; SC contains areas 4 and 5; GF contains areas 6,7 , and 8 ; and SF contains areas 11, 12, and 17 .

Raw residuals (pos CPUE)


Figure 21. Raw residuals from the positive portion of the index, estimated using a lognormal distribution, across the explanatory variable season, where small is 6 to 30 anglers and large is $31+$ anglers.

Raw residuals (pos CPUE)


Figure 22. The distribution of $\log$ CPUE for the south Atlantic red snapper headboat fishery during 1976-2009, with the normal distribution (empirical mean and variance) overlaid.

Red snapper pos headboat CPUE


Figure 23. Q-Q plot of the log residuals of the positive CPUE.

Red snapper: log residuals (pos CPUE)


Figure 24. The nominal CPUE over time for each area.


Figure 25. The standardized and nominal headboat index computed for red snapper in the south Atlantic during 1976-2009.


## APPENDIX 1

Model selection steps for choosing factors independently for each of the model components. For the positive component using the lognormal, all factors were retained except type which is trip type:

| Start: AIC=88554.04 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\log$ (cpue) $\sim$ year + area + anglers + ty |  |  |  |
|  | Df | Deviance | AIC |
| type | 1 | 33609 | 88552 |
| none |  | 33609 | 88554 |
| season | 3 | 34755 | 89553 |
| anglers | 1 | 35259 | 89988 |
| area | 3 | 35337 | 90050 |
| year | 33 | 40407 | 94007 |


| Step: AIC=88552.24 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\log$ (cpue) $\sim$ year + area + anglers + season |  |  |
| D | Deviance | AIC |
| none> | 33609 | 88552 |
| season 3 | 34756 | 89551 |
| anglers 1 | 35261 | 89988 |
| area 3 | 35339 | 90050 |
| year 33 | 40421 | 94015 |

For the positive component using the gamma distribution, all factors were retained:
Start: AIC=-154522.6

| Df | Deviance | AIC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| none | 33434 | -154523 |
| type 1 | 33438 | -154522 |
| area 3 | 34267 | -154096 |
| season 3 | 34768 | -153836 |
| anglers 1 | 34821 | -153804 |
| year 33 | 40885 | -150722 |

For the Bernoulli component using the binominal distribution, all factors were retained:
Start: AIC=54950.82
cpue $\sim$ year + area + anglers + type + season
Df Deviance AIC
none 5486754951
anglers 15501455096
season 35540655484
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { type } & 1 & 56295 & 56377\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { year } & 33 & 58597 & 58615\end{array}$
area $358715 \quad 58793$

