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**Abstract**

Size frequency distributions of Gulf of Mexico cobia and Spanish mackerel from the Galveston, Texas, Reef Fish Observer Program are summarized. Size data for all Gulf areas are available from 2006 through 2011 (Tables 1 and 2). A total of 165 cobia and 73 Spanish mackerel were measured. Of those, an average of 27 cobia and 11 Spanish mackerel per year was measured. Size frequencies by year for cobia and Spanish mackerel are presented in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

Table 1.—Number of cobia lengths samples from the Galveston, Texas, Reef Fish Observer Program by year.

Year	N
2006	14
2007	25
2008	30
2009	40
2010	32
2011	22

Table 2.—Number of Spanish mackerel lengths samples from the Galveston, Texas, Reef Fish Observer Program by year.

Year	N
2006	4
2007	30
2008	14
2009	14
2010	9
2011	0

Figure 1.--Length frequency distribution of cobia measured from the Galveston, Texas, Reef Fish Observer Program, 2006-2011.

Galveston Reef Fish Survey - Cobia

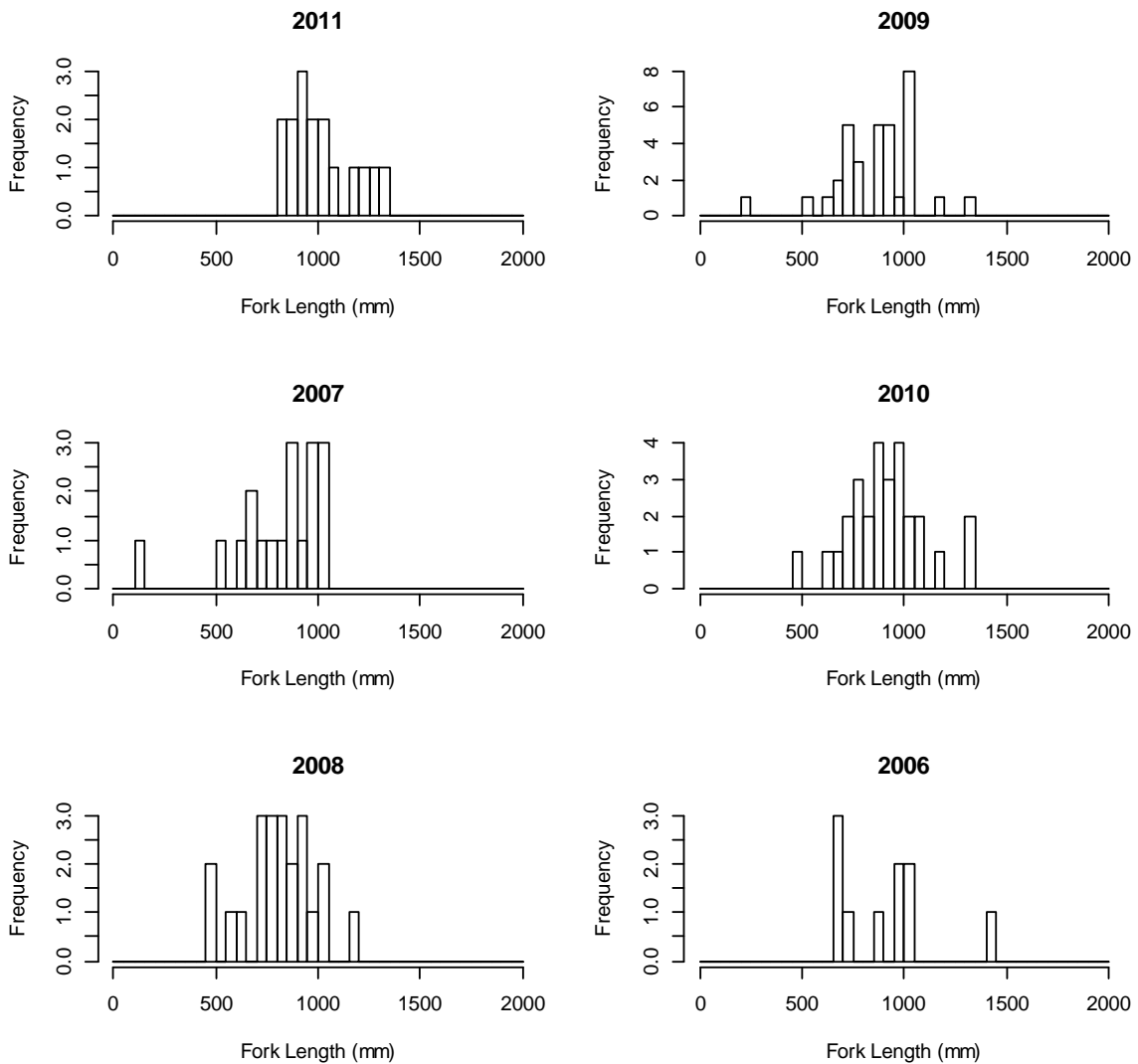


Figure 2.--Length frequency distribution of Spanish mackerel measured from the Galveston, Texas, Reef Fish Observer Program, 2006-2011 (note: no Spanish mackerel were measured in 2011).

