

Conclusion

While each power plant represents only a single location, they offer the advantage of an intensive and continuous sampling protocol. Year-round data eliminates the problems associated with a mismatch between seasonal estuary use and the timing of a beach seine survey. However, generalizing the observations made at each facility to the regional scale depends on the availability of useable data at a sufficient number of key locations, and the extent to which they corroborate each other. Due to the crude bits of data I was able to assemble for most of these facilities, it is unclear how useful this approach will be. The largest obstacle to using these data as a measure of juvenile menhaden abundance is actually obtaining the impingement records. Despite many phone calls and emails over the past several weeks, I have received only a small amount of useful data, yet have been given many assurances that additional information will be forthcoming. If we are able to obtain all the data that has been promised to me, I feel this approach could be a useful check against the JA

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