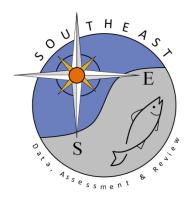
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### SUMMARY

Length composition data for *Mustelus canis* from the northwest Atlantic were submitted during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment. This working paper reviewed each length data set submitted from the Atlantic during the SEDAR 39 DW. Options were then identified for possible uses of the length composition data in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Length composition data for *Mustelus canis* from the northwest Atlantic were submitted during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible used in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment. This working paper reviewed each length data set submitted from the Atlantic during the SEDAR 39 DW.

#### 2. METHODS

The length composition data were summarized separately for accepted indices, catch, and rejected indices. Options were then identified for possible uses of the length composition data in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment.

#### **3. RESULTS**

Available length composition data were summarized for each length data set submitted for *Mustelus canis* from the northwest Atlantic during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) (Figures 1 - 3; Tables 1 - 3; Appendix A).

#### 4. DISCUSSION

Options were identified for possible uses of the length composition data in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment.

### 4.1. Accepted Indices

The following options were identified for length composition data obtained from accepted indices:

1. Use the length compositions from each accepted CPUE index to represent the selectivity of the index;

2. Use sex combined (or unknown sex) length compositions from each accepted CPUE index; and

3. Use sex specific length compositions, where available, from each accepted CPUE index (Figure 1; Table 1).

### 4.2. Catch

The following options were identified for length composition data obtained from observed catch:

- Use Northeast Observer Program sink gillnet (NE-GNOP) length compositions to represent the selectivity of the commercial gillnet catch;
   1.a. Split the NE-GNOP length compositions (and the commercial gillnet catch) into kept and discarded catch;
- 2. Use the Northeast Observer Program otter trawl (NE-TOP) length compositions to represent the selectivity of the commercial trawl catch;
  - 2.a. Combine NE-TOP length compositions (kept, discarded, and unknown disposition);
- 3. Exclude Southeast Observer Program gillnet (SE) GNOP and bottom longline (SE) BLLOP
- length compositions as they may not be representative of commercial catch from the northeast; 3.a. Include SE GNOP length compositions in exploratory analysis if time permits;
- 4. Include Southeast Observer Program bottom longline (SE BLLOP) length compositions to represent the length composition of longline catch because most longline catch appears to be from N. and S. Carolina where the SE BLLOP operates
- 5. Use Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP/MRFSS) length compositions to represent the selectivity of the recreational catch;
- 6. Use sex combined (or unknown sex) length compositions from each catch data set; and
- 7. Use sex specific length compositions, where available, from each catch data set (Figure 2; Table 2).

### 4.3. Rejected Indices

The following options were identified for length composition data obtained from rejected indices:

1 Exclude length compositions from rejected indices because the CPUE series have all been rejected and because other length compositions are available from the accepted CPUE indices, which may more accurately reflect the length composition of sharks captured in those data series; and

1.a. Include length compositions from rejected indices (Figure 3; Table 3) in exploratory analysis if time permits.

Table 1. Available length composition data for Mustelus canis from the northwest Atlantic submitted for accepted indices during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 Mustelus canis Atlantic stock assessment.

			Sex specific					
			data			SEDAR 39 Data		
	Years of		(Yes or			Workshop document		Index
Name (and acronym used in this report)	coverage	State	No)	N (n)	Index rank <sup>3</sup>	number	Provider	number
Northeast Fisheries Science Center Fall Trawl Survey								
North of Cape Hatteras							NEFSC	
(NEFSC Fall Trawl-N)	1972-2012	MA-NC	Yes	3,078 1	Rank 1	SEDAR 39-DW-24	(Woods Hole)	1.1
NEAMAP Shallow Water Fall Trawl Survey								
(NEAMAP Fall Trawl)	2007-2012	MA-NC	Yes	4,317 <sup>1</sup>	Rank 2	SEDAR 39-DW-30	VIMS	1.2
Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries Fall								
Trawl Survey				1			NEFSC	
(MA DMF Fall Trawl)	1978-2012	MA	Yes	1,764	Rank 3	SEDAR 39-DW-24	(Woods Hole)	1.3
Rhode Island Department of Environmental								
Management trawl surveys				2			NEFSC	
(RI DEM Seas Trawl)	1980-2012	RI	Yes	$(n = 666^{-2})$	Rank 3	SEDAR 39-DW-10	(Narragansett)	1.4
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental								
Protection Long Island Sound trawl surveys				2			NEFSC	
(CT DEEP Trawl)	1989-2012	CT/NY	Yes	$(n = 4, 112^{-2})$	Rank 3	SEDAR 39-DW-12	(Narragansett)	1.5
	1966-1971;							
Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife trawl surveys	1974; 1997-			2			NEFSC	
(DE Trawl)	2012	DE	No	$(n = 16, 113^{-2})$	Rank 3	SEDAR 39-DW-15	(Narragansett)	1.6
New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife trawl surveys				2			NEFSC	
(NJ DFW Trawl)	1988-2012	NJ	No	$(n = 69,871^{-2})$	Rank 3	SEDAR 39-DW-14	(Narragansett)	1.7
SEAMAP South Atlantic Shallow Water Trawl Survey							SEFSC	
(SEAMAP-SA Trawl)	1994-2012	FL-NC	Yes	$(n = 4, 136^{-2})$	Rank 4	SEDAR 39-DW-02	(Panama City)	1.8

<sup>1</sup> Sample size (N) indicates the number of records obtained from the mean number measured at length per tow (NEFSC survey data).
 <sup>2</sup> Sample size (n) indicates the number of lengths measured.
 <sup>3</sup> The relative ranking assigned to each index at the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop.

Table 2. Available length composition data for Mustelus canis from the northwest Atlantic submitted for observed catch (commercial and recreational) during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 Mustelus canis Atlantic stock assessment. a

			Sex					
			specifi	c				
			data			SEDAR 39 Data		
	Years of		(Yes o	r		Workshop document		Index
Name (and acronym used in this report)	coverage	State	No)	N (n)	Index rank	number	Provider	number
Northeast Observer Program Sink Gillnet				8,016 <sup>-1</sup>			NEFSC	
(NE GNOP; Combined Mesh, Kept)	1992-2012	MA-NC	Yes	$(n = 11,751^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-25	(Woods Hole)	2.1
Northeast Observer Program Sink Gillnet				8,016 <sup>-1</sup>			NEFSC	
(NE GNOP; Combined Mesh, Discard)	1992-2012	MA-NC	Yes	$(n = 2,337^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-25	(Woods Hole)	2.2
Northeast Observer Program (Otter Trawl)				$2,606^{-1}$			NEFSC	
(NE TOP; Combined Mesh and Disposition)	1994-2012	MA-NC	Yes	$(n = 3,623^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-25	(Woods Hole)	2.3
Southeast Gillnet Fishery Observer Program							SEFSC-	
(SE GNOP)	2005-2012	FL-NC	Yes	$(n = 645^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-03	(Panama City)	2.4
Southeast Bottom Longline Observer Program							SEFSC-	
(SE BLLOP)	1994-2012		Yes	$(n = 507^2)$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-03	(Panama City)	2.5
Marine Recreational Information Program							SEFSC-	
(MRIP; MRFSS)	1981-2012	FL-ME	No	$(n = 1,562^{-2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-03	(Panama City)	2.6

<sup>1</sup>Sample size (N) indicates the number of records obtained from each subsample (NEFSC Observer Program data) <sup>2</sup>Sample size (n) indicates the number of lengths measured.

Table 3. Available length composition data for Mustelus canis from the northwest Atlantic submitted for rejected indices during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 Mustelus canis Atlantic stock assessment.

			Sex specific					
			data			SEDAR 39 Data		
	Years of		(Yes or			Workshop document		Index
Name	coverage	State	No)	N (n)	Index rank <sup>3</sup>		Provider	number
							NEFSC	
NEFSC Trawl Survey (Spring North)	1973-2012	MA-NC	Yes	2,132 1	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-24	(Woods Hole)	3.1
							NEFSC	
NEFSC Trawl Survey (Spring South)	1974-2011	NC-FL	Yes	681 <sup>1</sup>	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-24	(Woods Hole)	3.2
							NEFSC	
MA Dept of Mar Fish Trawl Survey (Spring)	1978-2012	MA	yes	433 <sup>1</sup>	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-24	(Woods Hole)	3.3
							NEFSC	
NEFSC Trawl Survey (Winter North)	1992-2007	MA-NC	Yes	1,484 1	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-24	(Woods Hole)	3.4
Northeast Fisheries Observer Program		NC –					NEFSC	
(Anchored sink gillnet)	1995-2012	Maine	Yes	$(n = 12,052^{-2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-09	(Narragansett)	3.5
Northeast Fisheries Observer Program		NC –					NEFSC	
(Drift sink gillnet)	2001-2012	Mid. Atl.	Yes	$(n = 1, 130^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-09	(Narragansett)	3.6
Northeast Fisheries Observer Program		NC –					NEFSC	
(Otter trawl)	1996-2012	Maine	Yes	$(n = 3,575^2)$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-09	(Narragansett)	3.7
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Ocean							NEFSC	
Gillnet Program	2009-2012	NC	No	$(n = 224^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-17	(Narragansett)	3.8
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources							NEFSC	
Red Drum Longline Survey	1995-2006	SC	Yes	$(n = 853^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-19	(Narragansett)	3.9
University of North Carolina Shark Longline Survey							NEFSC	
south of Shakleford Banks	1972-2011	NC	Yes	$(n = 706^{2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-18	(Narragansett)	3.10
Cooperative Atlantic States Shark Pupping and Nursery							NEFSC	
(COASTSPAN) Longline Survey Delaware Bay	2003-2012	DE/NJ	Yes	$(n = 2, 160^{-2})$	NA	SEDAR 39-DW-16	(Narragansett)	3.11

<sup>1</sup>Sample size (N) indicates the number of records obtained from the mean number measured at length per tow (NEFSC survey data).
 <sup>2</sup>Sample size (n) indicates the number of lengths measured.
 <sup>3</sup>These indices were rejected for use in the SEDAR 39 stock assessment during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop.

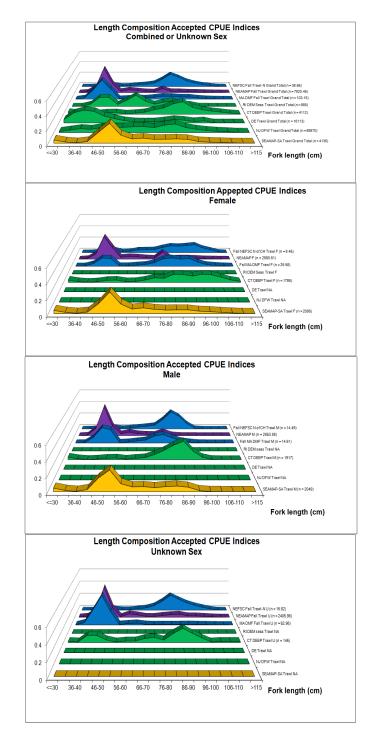


Figure 1. Available length composition data for *Mustelus canis* from the northwest Atlantic submitted for accepted indices during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment (Table 1).

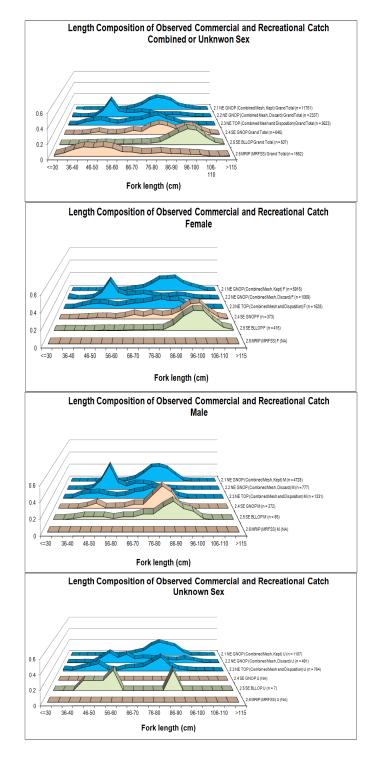


Figure 2. Available length composition data for *Mustelus canis* from the northwest Atlantic submitted for observed catch (commercial and recreational) during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment (Table 2).

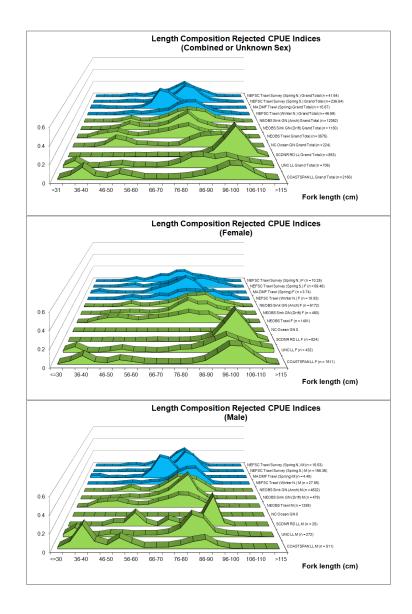
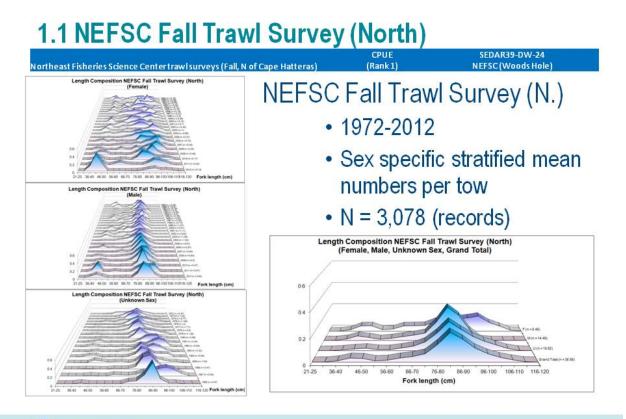


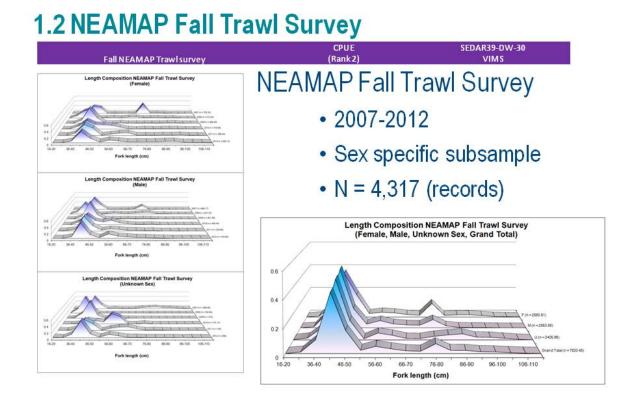
Figure 3. Available length composition data for *Mustelus canis* from the northwest Atlantic submitted for rejected indices during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic stock assessment (Table 3).

### Appendix A –Annual Length Compositions for *Mustelus canis* From the Northwest Atlantic Submitted During the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for Possible use in the SEDAR 39 *Mustelus canis* Atlantic Stock Assessment

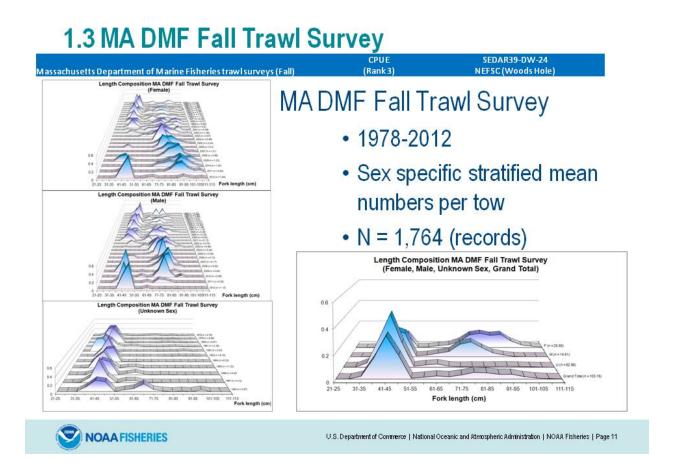
Length compositions for *Mustelus canis* are plotted below from data submitted during the SEDAR 39 Data Workshop (DW) for possible use in the SEDAR 39 Mustelus canis Atlantic stock assessment (Adapted from a presentation submitted during SEDAR 39 Assessment Webinar I).

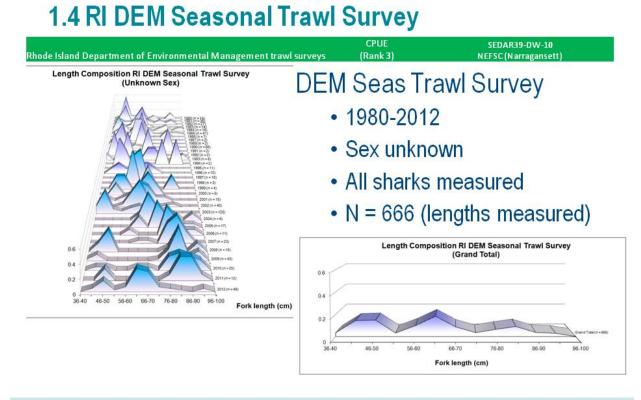




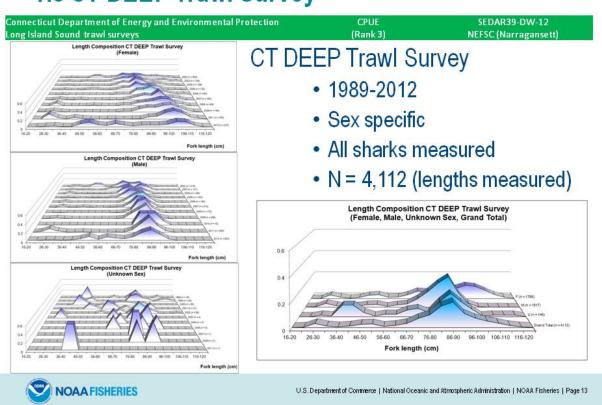




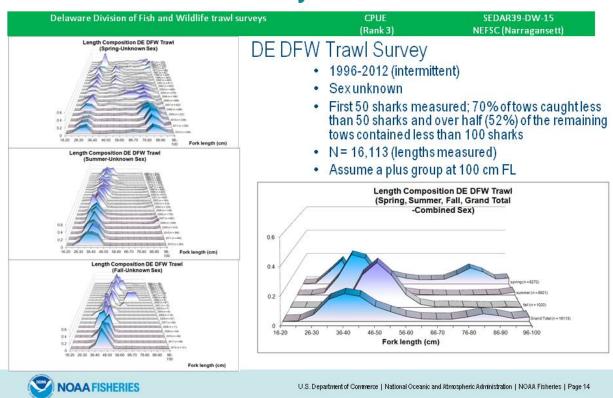




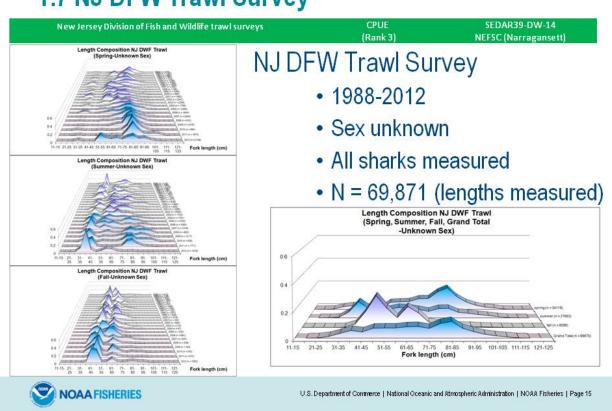




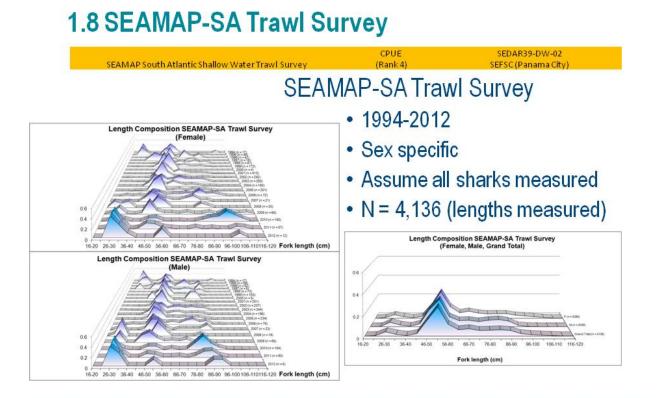
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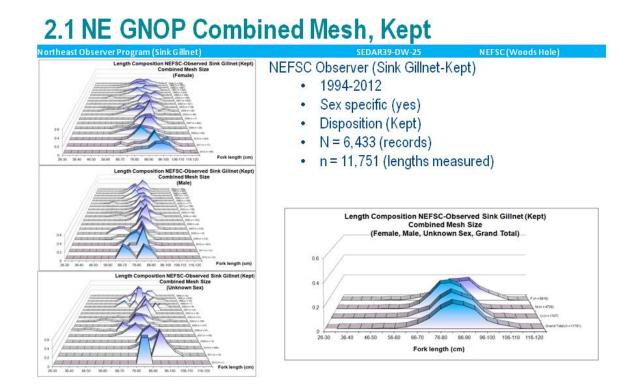
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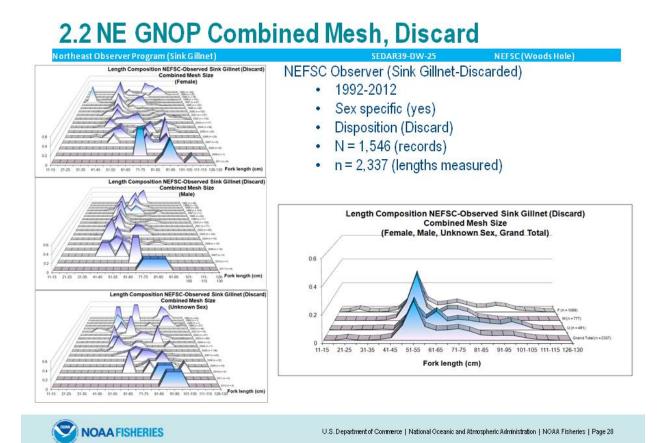
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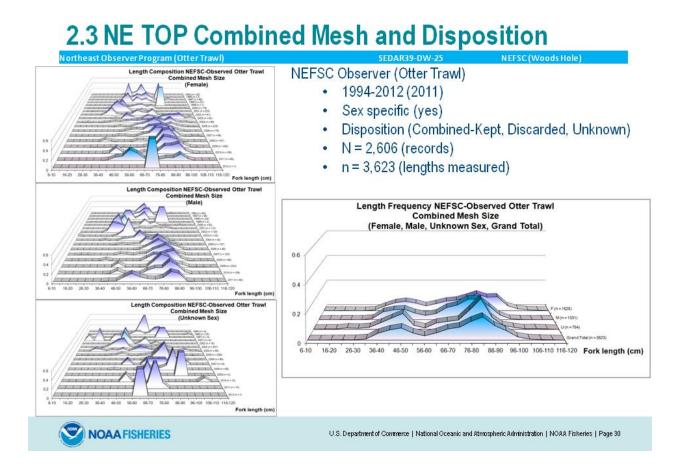


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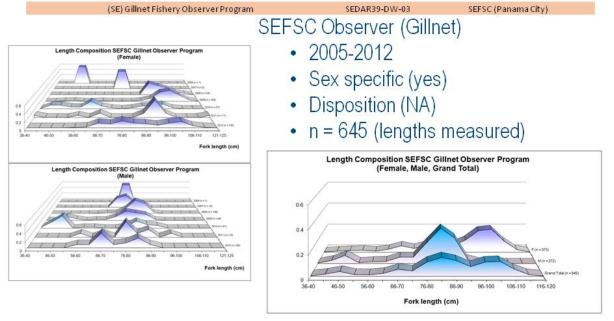




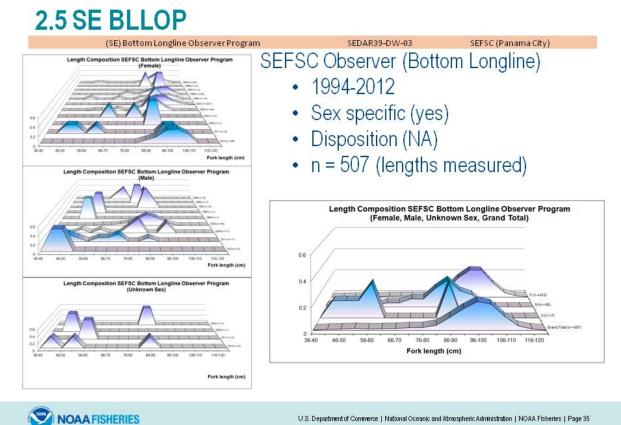




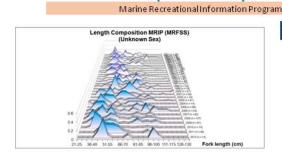
# 2.4 SE GNOP







# 2.6 MRIP (MRFSS)



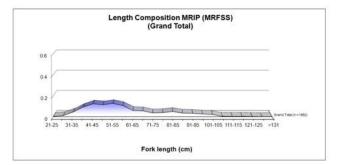
# MRIP (MRFSS) Recreational Catch

SEFSC (Panama City)

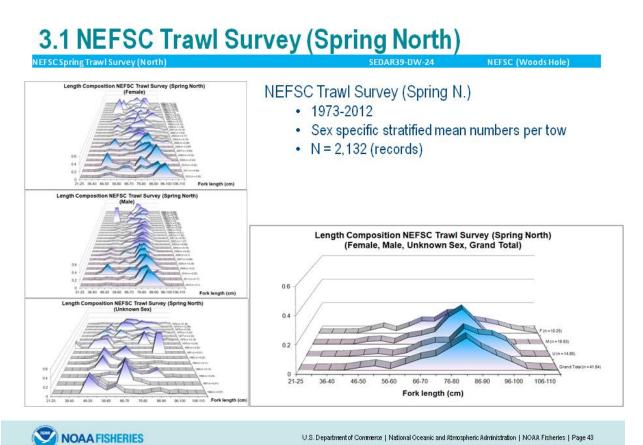
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- Sex specific (no)

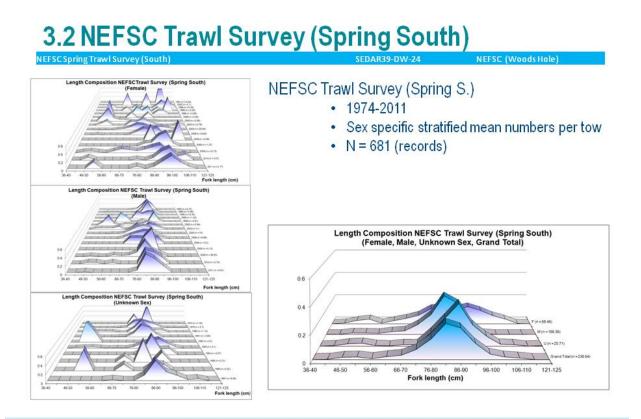
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- Disposition (NA)
- n = 1,562 (lengths measured)

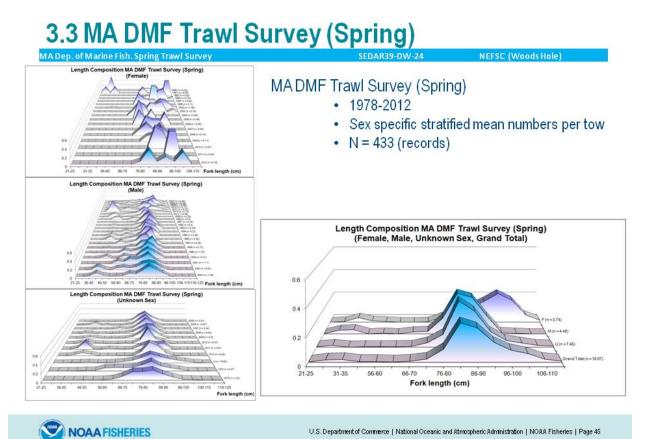


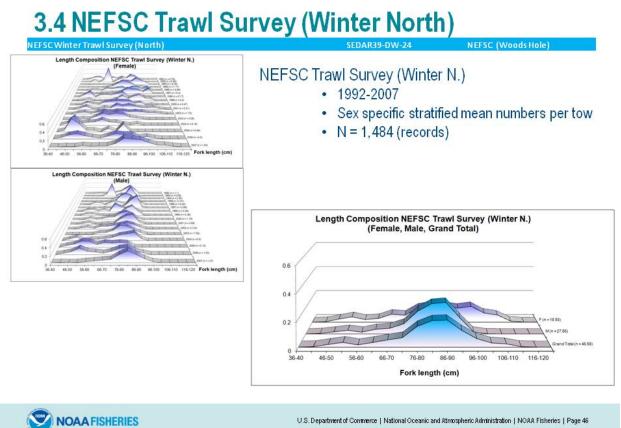


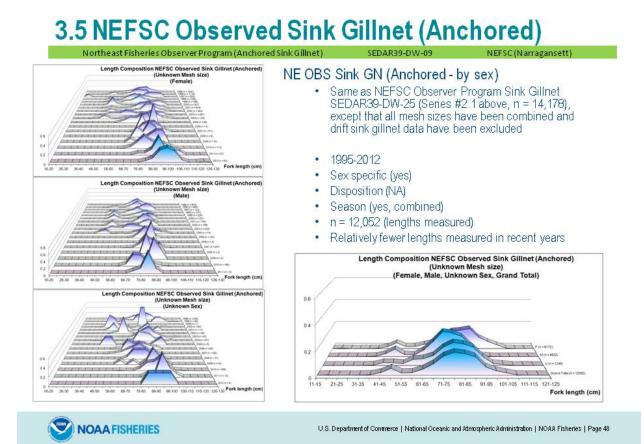


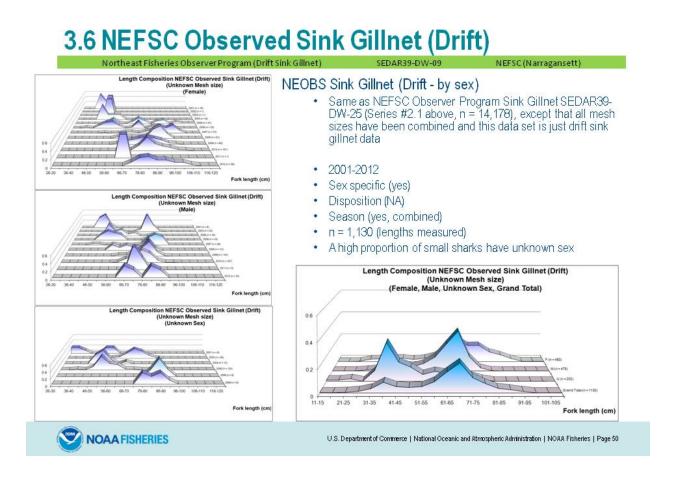


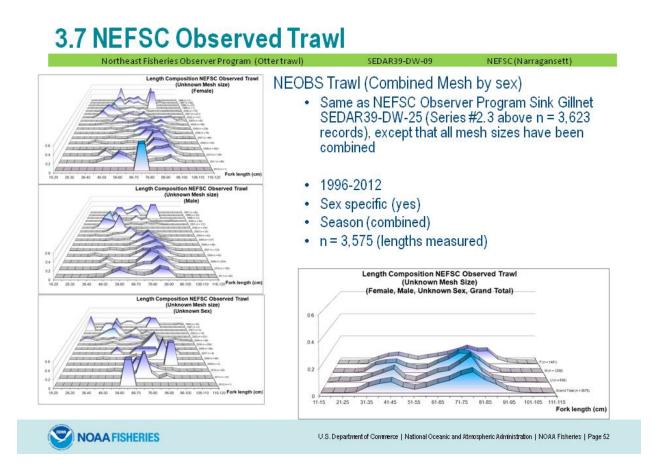
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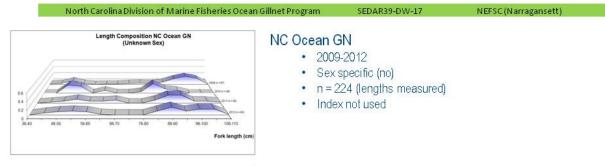


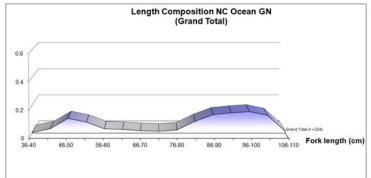






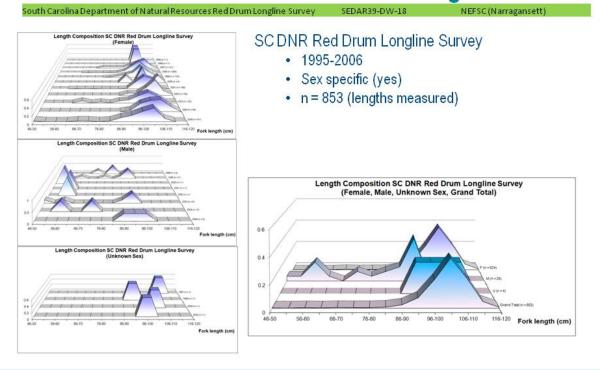
### 3.8 North Carolina Ocean Gillnet North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Ocean Gillnet Program SEDAR39-E







## 3.9 South Carolina DNR Red Drum Longline South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Red Drum Longline Survey SEDAR39-DW-18 NEFSC (Natural Resources Red Drum Longline SUrvey SEDAR39-DW-18



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# 3.10 UNC Longline Survey University of North Carolina Shark Longline Survey South of Shakleford Banks SEDAR39-DW-18 NEFSC (Narragansett)

