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## Red Grouper Size Distribution and Standardized CPUE Observed in For-Hire Recreational Fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico

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Detailed information on the size of discarded fish is not collected in traditional dockside surveys of recreational fisheries. At-sea observer surveys provide valuable information on the size and condition of discarded fish. Such surveys have been conducted on headboat vessels in the eastern Gulf of Mexico since 2005. Coverage was expanded in June of 2009 to include charter vessels on the east coast of Florida, and this coverage continued through 2013. This report provides a summary of available information on the size and catch-per-unit-effort for Red Grouper collected from headboats and charter boats from the Gulf coast of Florida. For detailed methods and results, refer also to Sauls et al. (2014), which was provided as a reference document for this data workshop (SEDAR42-RD01).

## Coverage

Fishery observer coverage for headboats and charter boats operating on the Gulf coast of Florida is summarized in Table 1. From 2005-2007, at-sea observer surveys were conducted on headboats only from Alabama through Southwest Florida (Figure 1); however, funding was discontinued in 2008. A new funding source allowed coverage to resume on both headboats and charter boats over a reduced area (A, B and C in Figure 1 and Table 1) from June 2009 through December 2013.

Table 1. Fishery observer coverage for headboats (H) and charter vessels (C) on the Gulf coast of Florida. Refer to figure 1 for areas.

| Area | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | $2009^{*}$ | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NW panhandle (A) | H | H | H |  | H, C | H, C | H, C | H, C | H, C |
| TB nearshore (B) | H | H | H |  | H, C | H, C | H, C | H, C | H, C |
| TB offshore (C) | H | H | H |  | H | H | H | H | H |
| Naples/Ft. Meyers (E) | H | H | H |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Sampling did not resume until June.
Cooperative vessels were randomly selected year-round for observer coverage, and samples were stratified by region (Figure 1). Operators from selected vessels were contacted by state biologists and one or two observers were scheduled to sample a single trip in a selected week. Monthly
sample quotas were assigned to two trip types in areas A and B: 1) single day charter trips and 2) single day headboat (large party boat) trips. Monthly sample quotas for a third trip type, multiday ( $>24$ hour) headboat trips, were assigned in area C. For trips with 15 or less passengers, only one observer accompanied passengers during the scheduled trip. Area D, the Big Bend region, was not routinely sampled due to the small number of charter boats (and no headboats) that target reef fishes offshore and the infrequent nature of trips; however, observers were able to conduct a small number of trips in this region.


Figure 1. Study areas in Florida. Box A represents the area where half-day and full-day trips originating from the northwest panhandle region (NW) took place, Box B represents the area where half-day and full-day trips originating from the Tampa Bay region (TB) took place, Box C represents the area where multi-day trips originating from the Tampa Bay region (TB) took place. Box E is the area where headboats based in Naples/Fort Meyers operate.

## Data Elements:

## All sampled trips

Trip level data are available for all regions and years of observer coverage (Table 1). Trip level information for each sampled trip includes:

- Year, month and day of trip
- duration of trip (to the nearest half hour)
- duration of time spent fishing (to the nearest half hour)
- total number of anglers on board
- number of anglers observed
- minimum and maximum depths fished

For each location fished during a sampled trip, the following station-level information was recorded:

- latitude and longitude (degrees and minutes)
- fishing zone and subzone (same as commercial zones)
- bottom depth (meters)
- up to three target species and percentage of time targeting each

For each angler observed during a sampled trip, the following information was collected:

- total number of fish retained by species
- total number of fish discarded alive by species
- total number of fish discarded dead by species

For each rod fished by an observed angler at a given station, the following information was recorded:

- leader type and strength
- hook type (circle hook, J hook, kahle hook, treble hook, other)
- hook offset (yes or no)
- hook size (using a standard hook sizing chart)
- bait type (live, whole dead fish, cut fish, squid, cocktail, artificial)

For each fish observed from a given rod at a given station, the following information was recorded:

- species
- mid-line length (mm)
- disposition, coded as:
- 1: thrown back alive, legal
- 2: thrown back alive, not legal
- 3: plan to eat
- 4: used for bait or plan to use for bait
- 5: sold or plan to sell
- 6: thrown back dead or plan to throw away
- 7: other
- method of hook removal (easy or difficult; by hand, dehooking tool, pliers, or left in place)
- presence of barotrauma symptoms (inflated bladder, everted stomach, extruded intestines, exopthalmia)
- venting method (released without venting, bladder vented, stomach vented)
- presence of gill injury (visible bleeding from gills)


## Sample Weights for Size Distribution:

To generate weighting factors for different trip-types, fishing effort data for the years 2009 through 2013 were used to calculate proportional effort by trip-type. Headboat vessels report fishing effort in logbook trip reports, and effort data from the two study regions in the Gulf of Mexico were provided by the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center in Beaufort, NC. Effort data for charter vessels is collected through the For-Hire Survey component of the Marine Recreational Information Program, which a weekly vessel directory telephone survey of charter boat operators (Van Voorhees et al. 2002). Proportional fishing effort was calculated as the total numbers of trips in the Gulf of Mexico reported for a given trip-type divided by the total number of Gulf trips reported. To obtain the sample weight $\left(\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{t}}\right)$, proportional effort was then divided by the proportion of a given trip type in the sample population:

$$
\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{t}}=\left(\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{t}} / \mathrm{N}\right) /\left(\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{t}} / \mathrm{n}\right)
$$

## Equation 1

Where $N_{t} / N$ is the number of trips of type $t$ divided by total trips reported, and $n_{t} / n$ is the number of trips of type $t$ in the sample population divided by the total number of sampled trips. Triptypes with $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{t}}<1$ are down weighted to account for oversampling and trip-types with $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{t}}>1$ are inflated to account for undersampling.

Numbers of charter and headboat trips sampled per year are provided in Table 2.1 and 2.2. Total number of fish sampled on headboats for this project are given in Table 3.1, while number sampled on charter vessels are given in Table 3.2. Sample weights are provided in Table 4.1 and 4.2. Headboat trip type (e.g., half day, full day, etc.) was recorded differently in 2013 compared to prior years; however, trip type was standardized across all years to produce the sample weights provided here. Finally, a distribution of sampled trips by trip duration per year is given in Figure 2.1 and 2.2.

Table 2.1. Numbers of headboat trips sampled each year by region. Regions shaded in gray represent the area with most consistent coverage throughout the time series.

| Area | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Alabama | 48 | 55 | 37 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NW FL (A) | 55 | 46 | 52 |  | 28 | 32 | 52 | 49 | 39 |
| TB FL (B-C) | 53 | 64 | 63 |  | 35 | 49 | 48 | 44 | 48 |
| SW FL (D) | 36 | 39 | 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 2.2. Charter at-sea observer trips sampled per year.

| Year | Trips |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2009 | 32 |
| 2010 | 52 |
| 2011 | 70 |
| 2012 | 58 |
| 2013 | 52 |

Table 3.1. Sample sizes of Red Grouper length measurements from headboats.

| Year |  | Disposition | Region A | Region B-C |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total |  |  |  |  |
| 2005 | Discard | 163 | 963 | 1126 |
|  | Harvest | 15 | 32 | 47 |
| 2006 | Discard | 54 | 1004 | 1058 |
|  | Harvest | 26 | 67 | 93 |
| 2007 | Discard | 19 | 1614 | 1633 |
|  | Harvest | 19 | 142 | 161 |
| 2009 | Discard | 27 | 1707 | 1734 |
|  | Harvest | 3 | 40 | 43 |
| 2010 | Discard | 21 | 1571 | 1592 |
|  | Harvest | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| 2011 | Discard | 33 | 1023 | 1056 |
|  | Harvest | 13 | 37 | 50 |
| 2012 | Discard | 19 | 616 | 635 |
|  | Harvest | 9 | 31 | 40 |
| 2013 | Discard | 8 | 764 | 772 |
|  | Harvest | 3 | 36 | 39 |

Table 3.2. Sample sizes of Red Grouper length measurements from charter boats.

| Year | Disposition | Region A | Region B-C | Total |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2009 | Discard | 46 | 983 | 1029 |
|  | Harvest | 7 | 35 | 42 |
| 2010 | Discard | 145 | 2168 | 2313 |
|  | Harvest | 27 | 75 | 102 |
| 2011 | Discard | 76 | 1758 | 1834 |
|  | Harvest | 39 | 75 | 114 |
| 2012 | Discard | 16 | 1308 | 1324 |
|  | Harvest | 37 | 134 | 171 |
| 2013 | Discard | 5 | 1190 | 1195 |
|  | Harvest | 15 | 160 | 175 |

Table 4.1. Sample weights $\left(\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{ay}}\right)$ by year and trip type for Charter vessels.

| Region | Year | Half day | $3 / 4$ day | Full day | Multi-day |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NW charter | 2009 | 4.880992 | 0.759578 | 0.512414 |  |
|  | 2010 | 2.721536 | 0.601878 | 0.962257 |  |
|  | 2011 | 3.522423 | 0.562034 | 1.267357 |  |
|  | 2012 | 2.253355 | 0.620278 | 0.977800 |  |
|  | 2013 | 1.332341 | 0.754993 | 1.262676 |  |
| TB charter | 2009 | 9.409514 | 0.843459 | 0.203723 |  |
|  | 2010 | 2.199546 | 0.916811 | 0.378559 | 0.037793 |
|  | 2011 | 1.336384 | 1.071163 | 0.287683 |  |
|  | 2012 | 2.864030 | 0.679953 | 0.271719 |  |
|  | 2013 | 1.435865 | 0.655321 | 1.02407 |  |

Table 4.2. Sample weights $\left(\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{ay}}\right)$ by year and trip type for Headboat vessels.

| Year | Half day | 3/4 day | Full day | Multi-day |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2005 | 4.3929 | 0.8497 | 1.3905 | 0.0786 |
| 2006 | 2.6677 | 1.0168 | 0.8960 | 0.1097 |
| 2007 | 2.5789 | 0.9907 | 1.2222 | 0.0490 |
| 2009 | 4.5287 | 0.9898 | 0.3112 | 0.0676 |
| 2010 | 2.6680 | 1.0916 | 0.3111 | 0.0906 |
| 2011 | 1.5677 | 1.1018 | 0.6231 | 0.0643 |
| 2012 | 1.2124 | 1.2423 | 0.6996 | 0.0945 |
| 2013 | 1.0571 | 3.0613 | 0.8487 | 0.1001 |



Figure 2. Distribution of sampled trips by trip type and year.

## Size Distribution of Discards

Individual fish were assigned to one cm length bin categories ( 40 cm bin $=$ fish 39.5 cm to 40.4 cm ). The numbers of fish in each length bin category were summed by disposition (harvested, released), and multiplied by appropriate sample weights. Discard length distributions from head boats are shown in Figure 3 and discard length distributions from charter vessels are shown in Figure 4.

2005



Figure 3. Weighted length frequencies (expressed as proportions) of red grouper discards from head boat vessels. The minimum size limit for harvest is 20 " total length ( 50.8 cm TL ).

2007




Figure 3 continued




Figure 3 continued



2012


Figure 4. Weighted length frequencies (expressed as proportions) of red grouper discards from charter vessels. The minimum size limit for harvest is 20 " total length ( 50.8 cm TL ).


Figure 4. continued.

## Standardized Catch-per-Unit-Effort (CPUE)

Observer data were used to construct an index of abundance from standardized catch-per-unit effort data collected from headboats. The effort unit for this index was numbers of red grouper discards observed per angler hour.

## Methods

Harvested red grouper were excluded from this index to avoid overlap with other fisheriesdependent indices that measure abundance of legal-sized harvested fish and provide a longer time series. Only single day headboat trips sampled from the two regions with the most consistent observer coverage throughout the time series were included in this index (Table 2.1). Other regions in Florida and Alabama that have had inconsistent observer coverage are not included in this index. Multi-day trips from the Tampa Bay region (TB FL in Table 2.1) were also excluded since the majority of red grouper caught during these trips are legal sized.

In the Tampa Bay region, red grouper were present on $89 \%$ of trips; therefore, all trips in this region were considered potential red grouper trips. In the Panhandle, no red grouper were observed from the majority of trips sampled (Table 5), and clustering methods were explored to determine the subset of trips from this region to include in an index. The Stephens and McCall (2004) method was explored; however, due to the frequency of false negatives (positive trips with a low estimated probability for red grouper presence), this was not a reliable method for identifying red grouper trips in the region. Hierarchical cluster analysis revealed close association between red grouper and numerous reef associated fishes that are abundant in the panhandle (including vermilion snapper, red snapper, and porgies). The species composition for clustering was sensitive to Morisita and Horn-Morisita aggregation indices, and both methods included the most frequently caught species in the panhandle region (red snapper, vermilion, gray triggerfish, red porgy). So in both cases, no trips were dropped from consideration for a red grouper index. Therefore, all single-day headboat trips sampled from the Tampa Bay and panhandle regions were included in this index, regardless of red grouper presence.

Separate GLMs were constructed for the binomial presence/absence of red grouper discards and CPUE for positive trips (expressed as the log of discards per observed angler hour). The GLMs were constructed using the GLIMMIX procedure in SAS. A total of 33 unique headboat vessels were sampled repeatedly throughout the time series, and CPUE is likely correlated with the region where individual vessels operate from, patterns in the types of trips offered, locations vessel operators choose to fish, and other potential factors. Correlation within repeated observations on the same vessels was accounted for with a generalized estimating equation (GEE) using the random statement in GLIMMIX. To insure that similar types of trips were clustered together, clusters were defined by vessel and trip type, with trip types defined as halfday ( $<6$ hours), three-quarter-day ( 6 to $<9$ hours), or full day ( 9 hours or longer). Year and region were included as covariates in the model. One other covariate, depth fished, improved the model fit but was not included due to missing values for a large portion of trips in one year (2007) that impacted sample size.

## Results

Nominal CPUE (measured as catch per observed angler-hour) by year is provided in Table 5. Figures 5 and 6 summarize the distribution of proportion positive trips and CPUE for positive trips. Results for the binomial and lognormal models are provided in Figures 7 and 8. Results for the standardized index of abundance are provided in Figure 9.

Table 5. Frequency of total and positive trips (N_obs and N_pp), proportion positive trips (PP_obs), and nominal catch per observed angler hour (mean_CPUE).

| Factor | Level | $N_{-}$OBS | $N_{-} P P$ | $P P_{-}$OBS | Mean_CPUE |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| YEAR | 2005 | 90 | 62 | 0.68889 | 0.09984 |
| YEAR | 2006 | 103 | 56 | 0.54369 | 0.04027 |
| YEAR | 2007 | 107 | 60 | 0.56075 | 0.08977 |
| YEAR | 2009 | 62 | 43 | 0.69355 | 0.38711 |
| YEAR | 2010 | 78 | 49 | 0.62821 | 0.41891 |
| YEAR | 2011 | 103 | 59 | 0.57282 | 0.25459 |
| YEAR | 2012 | 92 | 47 | 0.51087 | 0.15249 |
| YEAR | 2013 | 88 | 48 | 0.54545 | 0.18316 |
| flreg | NW | 348 | 92 | 0.26437 | 0.01751 |
| flreg | TB | 375 | 332 | 0.88533 | 0.34585 |
| YEAR | 2005 | 90 | 62 | 0.68889 | 0.09984 |
| YEAR | 2006 | 103 | 56 | 0.54369 | 0.04027 |
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| flreg | NW | 348 | 92 | 0.26437 | 0.01751 |
| flreg | TB | 375 | 332 | 0.88533 | 0.34585 |



Figure 5. Distribution of percent positive trips by year, region and trip type.


Figure 6. Distribution of $\log$ cpue for positive trips.

| Model Information |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Data Set | WORK.ANALYSIS |
| Response Variable | success |
| Response Distribution | Binomial |
| Link Function | Logit |
| Variance Function | Default |
| Variance Matrix Blocked By | triptype*fdmvesselid |
| Estimation Technique | Residual PL |
| Degrees of Freedom Method | Kenward-Roger |
| Fixed Effects SE Adjustment | Kenward-Roger |


| Solutions for Fixed Effects |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Effect | triptype | YEAR OF DATA | flreg | Estimate | Standard Error | DF | $t$ Value | $\operatorname{Pr}>\|t\|$ | Alpha | Lower | Upper |
| Intercept |  |  |  | 2.1892 | 0.4141 | 101.6 | 5.29 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | 1.3678 | 3.0105 |
| YEAR |  | 2005 |  | 0.8222 | 0.3981 | 700 | 2.07 | 0.0393 | 0.05 | 0.04054 | 1.6039 |
| YEAR |  | 2006 |  | -0.7614 | 0.3836 | 704.3 | -1.98 | 0.0475 | 0.05 | -1.5144 | -0.00830 |
| YEAR |  | 2007 |  | -0.4404 | 0.3856 | 708.3 | -1.14 | 0.2538 | 0.05 | -1.1974 | 0.3166 |
| YEAR |  | 2009 |  | 0.7413 | 0.4377 | 691.9 | 1.69 | 0.0908 | 0.05 | -0.1181 | 1.6007 |
| YEAR |  | 2010 |  | -0.2164 | 0.4260 | 708.2 | -0.51 | 0.6117 | 0.05 | -1.0527 | 0.6200 |
| YEAR |  | 2011 |  | 0.4015 | 0.3706 | 690.1 | 1.08 | 0.2790 | 0.05 | -0.3261 | 1.1292 |
| YEAR |  | 2012 |  | 0.03905 | 0.3713 | 674.9 | 0.11 | 0.9163 | 0.05 | -0.6899 | 0.7680 |
| YEAR |  | 2013 |  | 0 | . | . |  | . |  |  |  |
| triptype | Full |  |  | 2.0336 | 0.4760 | 45.92 | 4.27 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | 1.0754 | 2.9919 |
| triptype | Half |  |  | -0.9058 | 0.3764 | 29.52 | -2.41 | 0.0226 | 0.05 | -1.6751 | -0.1365 |
| triptype | Threequarter |  |  | 0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| flreg |  |  | 1 | -3.5484 | 0.3474 | 35.96 | -10.21 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | -4.2530 | -2.8438 |
| flreg |  |  | 2 | 0 | . | . |  | . | . |  |  |

Type III Tests of Fixed Effects

|  | Num | Den |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Effect | $D F$ | $D F$ | Chi-Square | F Value | Pr $>$ ChiSq | Pr $>F$ |
| YEAR | 7 | 703 | 26.27 | 3.75 | 0.0004 | 0.0005 |
| triptype | 2 | 38.36 | 30.77 | 15.37 | $<.0001$ | $<.0001$ |
| flreg | 1 | 35.96 | 104.31 | 104.31 | $<.0001$ | $<.0001$ |

Figure 7. Results of the GLIMMIX procedure for bi-nomial proportion positive trips.

| YEAR Least Squares Means |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YEAR OF DATA | Estimate | Standard Error | DF | $t$ Value | Pr $>\|t\|$ | Alpha | Lower | Upper | Mean | Standard Error Mean | Lower <br> Mean | Upper Mean |
| 2005 | 1.6131 | 0.3184 | 237.5 | 5.07 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | 0.9858 | 2.2405 | 0.8338 | 0.04412 | 0.7283 | 0.9038 |
| 2006 | 0.02953 | 0.2947 | 184.8 | 0.10 | 0.9203 | 0.05 | -0.5519 | 0.6110 | 0.5074 | 0.07366 | 0.3654 | 0.6482 |
| 2007 | 0.3505 | 0.3009 | 218.3 | 1.16 | 0.2454 | 0.05 | -0.2425 | 0.9436 | 0.5867 | 0.07296 | 0.4397 | 0.7198 |
| 2009 | 1.5322 | 0.3847 | 454.1 | 3.98 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | 0.7761 | 2.2883 | 0.8223 | 0.05621 | 0.6848 | 0.9079 |
| 2010 | 0.5745 | 0.3479 | 255.6 | 1.65 | 0.0998 | 0.05 | -0.1105 | 1.2596 | 0.6398 | 0.08017 | 0.4724 | 0.7790 |
| 2011 | 1.1924 | 0.3072 | 223.5 | 3.88 | 0.0001 | 0.05 | 0.5870 | 1.7979 | 0.7672 | 0.05488 | 0.6427 | 0.8579 |
| 2012 | 0.8299 | 0.3143 | 218.2 | 2.64 | 0.0089 | 0.05 | 0.2105 | 1.4494 | 0.6963 | 0.06646 | 0.5524 | 0.8099 |
| 2013 | 0.7909 | 0.3272 | 263 | 2.42 | 0.0163 | 0.05 | 0.1465 | 1.4352 | 0.6880 | 0.07024 | 0.5366 | 0.8077 |



FWC Headboat Observer Red Grouper Gulf of Mexico 2005 to 2013 Diagnostic plots: 1) Obs vs Pred Proport Posit


Figure 7 (continued).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Data Set |  |  | WORK.POSIT |  |  |  |  |
|  | Response Variable |  |  | Igcpue |  |  |  |  |
|  | Response Distribution |  |  | Gaussian |  |  |  |  |
|  | Link Function |  |  | Identity |  |  |  |  |
|  | Variance Function |  |  | Default |  |  |  |  |
|  | Variance Matrix Blocked By |  |  | triptype*fdmvesselid |  |  |  |  |
|  | Estimation Technique |  |  | Restricted Maximum Likelihood |  |  |  |  |
|  | Degrees of Freedom Method |  |  | Containment |  |  |  |  |
| Convergence criterion ( $G C O N V=1 \mathrm{E}-8$ ) satisfied. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Fit Statistics |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | -2 Res Log Likelihood |  |  | 996.84 |  |  |  |
|  |  | AIC (smaller is better) |  |  | 1014.84 |  |  |  |
|  |  | AICC (smaller is better) |  |  | 1015.36 |  |  |  |
|  |  | BIC (smaller is better) |  |  | 1032.22 |  |  |  |
|  |  | CAIC (smaller is better) |  |  | 1041.22 |  |  |  |
|  |  | HQIC (smaller is better) |  |  | 1021.48 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Generalized Chi-Square |  |  | 358.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Gener. Chi-Square / DF |  |  | 1.00 |  |  |  |
| Effect | Estimate | Standard Error | DF | $t$ Value | Pr $>\|t\|$ | Alpha | Lower | Upper |
| Intercept | -1.3724 | 0.2086 | 49 | -6.58 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | -1.7915 | -0.9532 |
| 2005 | -0.5174 | 0.1910 | 309 | -2.71 | 0.0071 | 0.05 | -0.8933 | -0.1415 |
| 2006 | -1.2357 | 0.2038 | 309 | -6.06 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | -1.6368 | -0.8346 |
| 2007 | -1.5016 | 0.2170 | 309 | -6.92 | <. 0001 | 0.05 | -1.9285 | -1.0746 |
| 2009 | 0.6900 | 0.1862 | 309 | 3.71 | 0.0002 | 0.05 | 0.3237 | 1.0563 |
| 2010 | 0.6593 | 0.1797 | 309 | 3.67 | 0.0003 | 0.05 | 0.3056 | 1.0130 |
| 2011 | 0.3542 | 0.1620 | 309 | 2.19 | 0.0295 | 0.05 | 0.03546 | 0.6729 |
| 2012 | -0.01118 | 0.1642 | 309 | -0.07 | 0.9458 | 0.05 | -0.3343 | 0.3119 |
| 2013 | 0 | . | . | . | . | . | . |  |
| NW region | -0.8970 | 0.2396 | 309 | -3.74 | 0.0002 | 0.05 | -1.3684 | -0.4256 |
| TB region | 0 |  |  | . | . | . |  |  |
| depth | -0.00453 | 0.002511 | 309 | -1.80 | 0.0724 | 0.05 | -0.00947 | 0.000413 |

Figure 8. Results from GLIMMIX procedure on $\log$ cpue for positive trips.

| Obs | YEAR | cpue | Icpu | selcpu | mc margPos | vposcatch | cvposcatch |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1 | 2005 | 0.09166 | -2.40250 | 0.16046 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.025746 | -0.06679 |
| 2 | 2006 | 0.04481 | -3.12081 | 0.17606 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.030998 | -0.05642 |
| 3 | 2007 | 0.03449 | -3.38669 | 0.19748 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.039000 | -0.05831 |
| 4 | 2009 | 0.30662 | -1.19510 | 0.16097 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.025911 | -0.13469 |
| 5 | 2010 | 0.29732 | -1.22580 | 0.16025 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.025679 | -0.13073 |
| 6 | 2011 | 0.21836 | -1.53091 | 0.13631 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.018581 | -0.08904 |
| 7 | 2012 | 0.15181 | -1.89629 | 0.14939 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.022318 | -0.07878 |
| 8 | 2013 | 0.15357 | -1.88511 | 0.15156 | 309 WORK.POSIT | 0.022969 | -0.08040 |

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Figure 8 (continued).


Figure 9. Standardized index results.

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