Atlantic Herring Operational Update Assessment 2015

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Outline

Revisit 2012 benchmark (SAW 54)

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Stock status

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Summary and Conclusions

Used ASAP

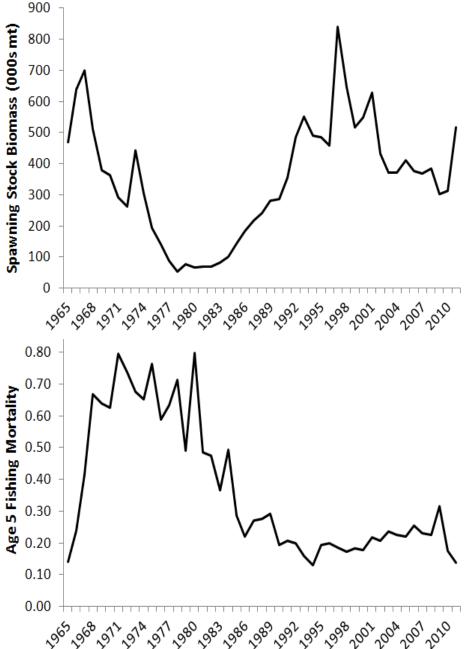
Some model characteristics:

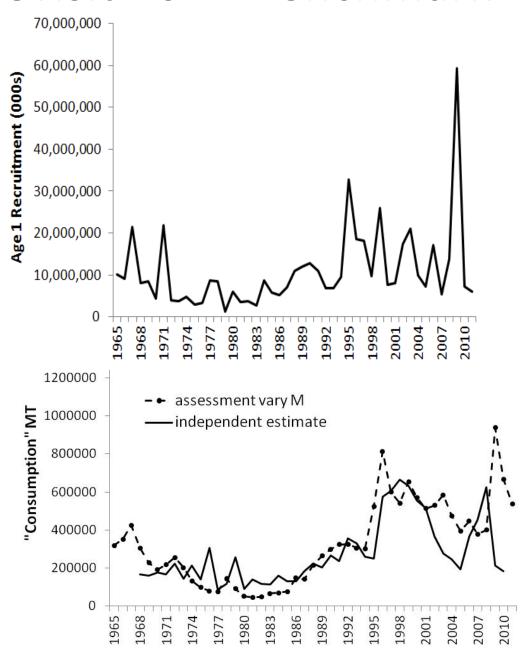
 $M_{a,y}$

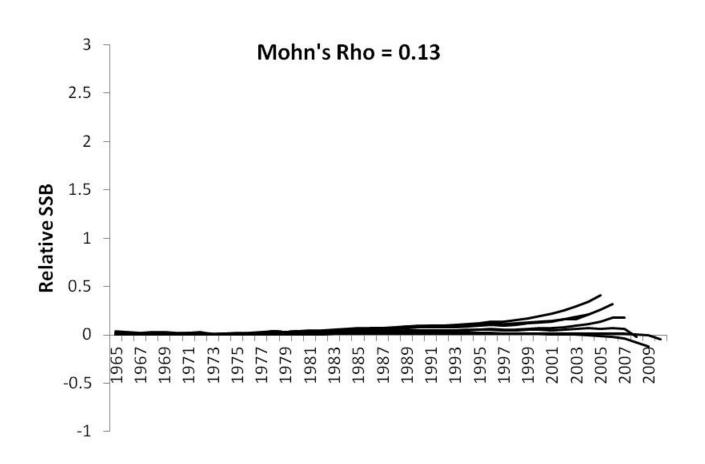
50% increase in M during 1996-2011

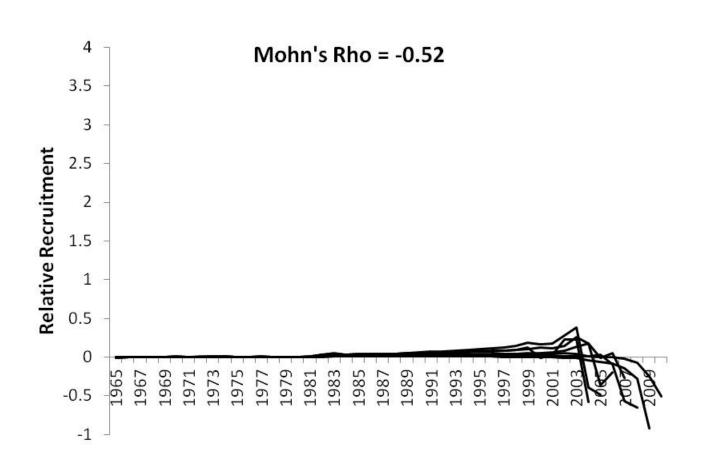
Two gears: Fixed and Mobile

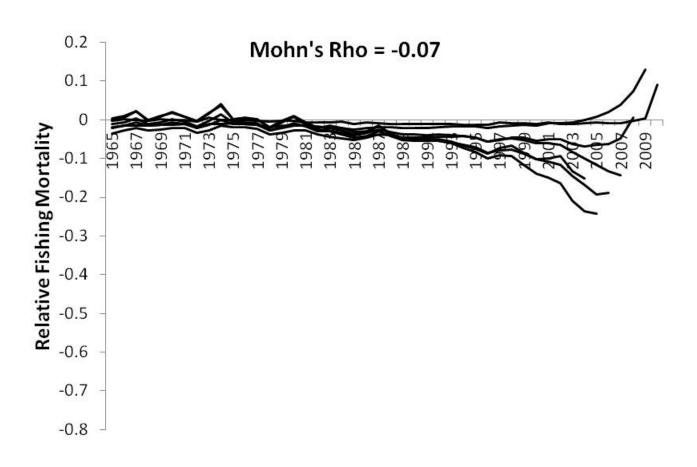
Estimated SR curve









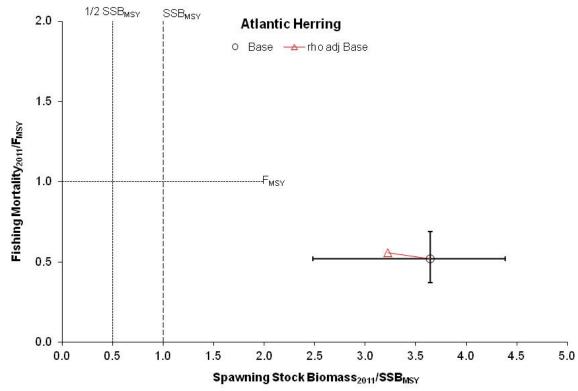


Fmsy = 0.27

SSBmsy = 157,000 mt

MSY = 53,000 mt

2011 SSB = 518,000 mt and F5 = 0.14



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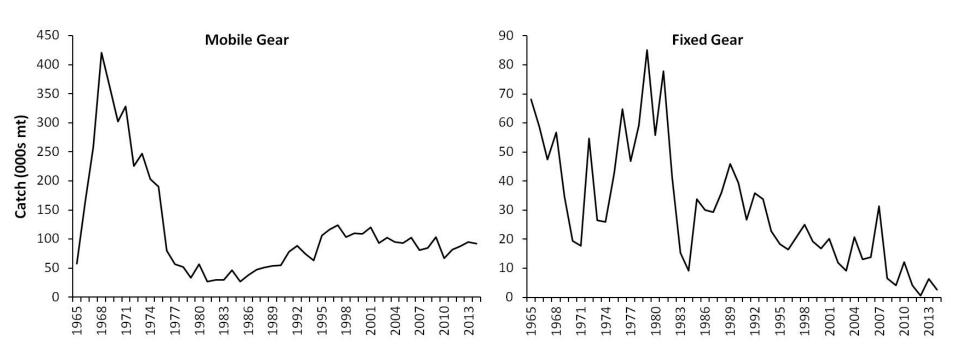
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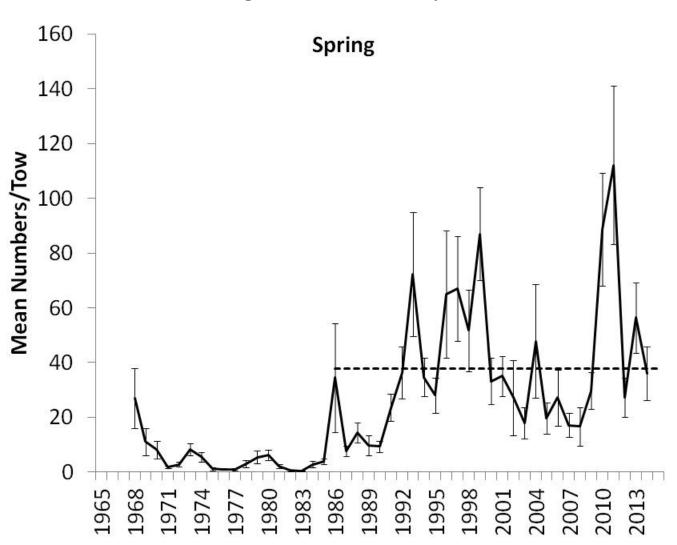
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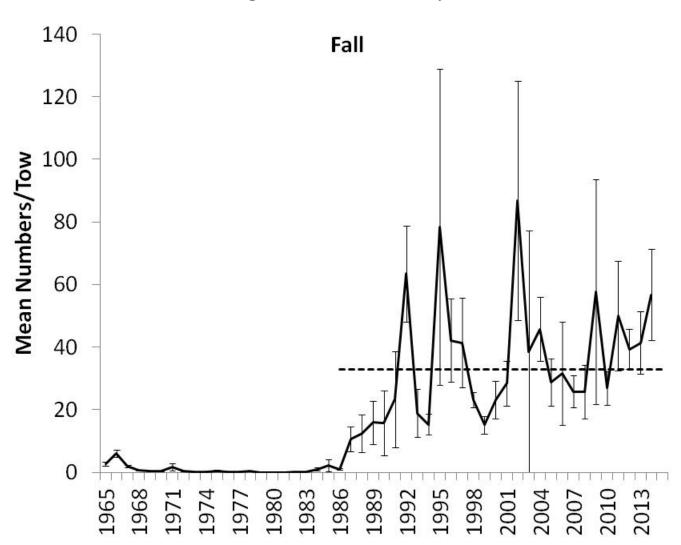
Mobile dominates recently; relatively stable ~20 years



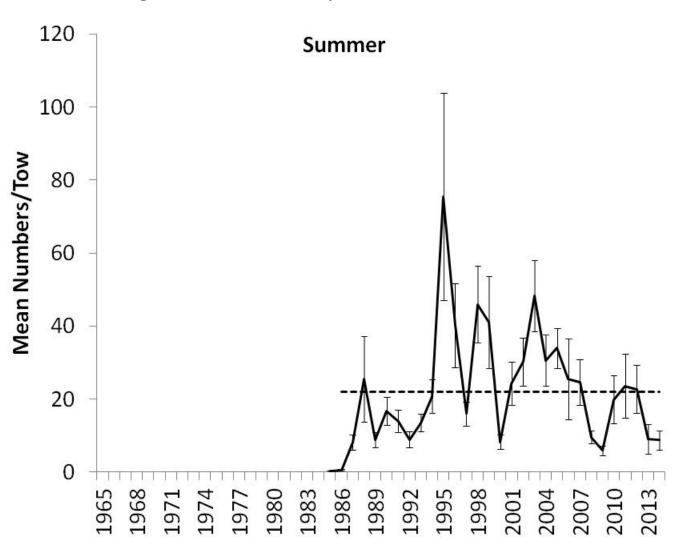
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Average or below recently



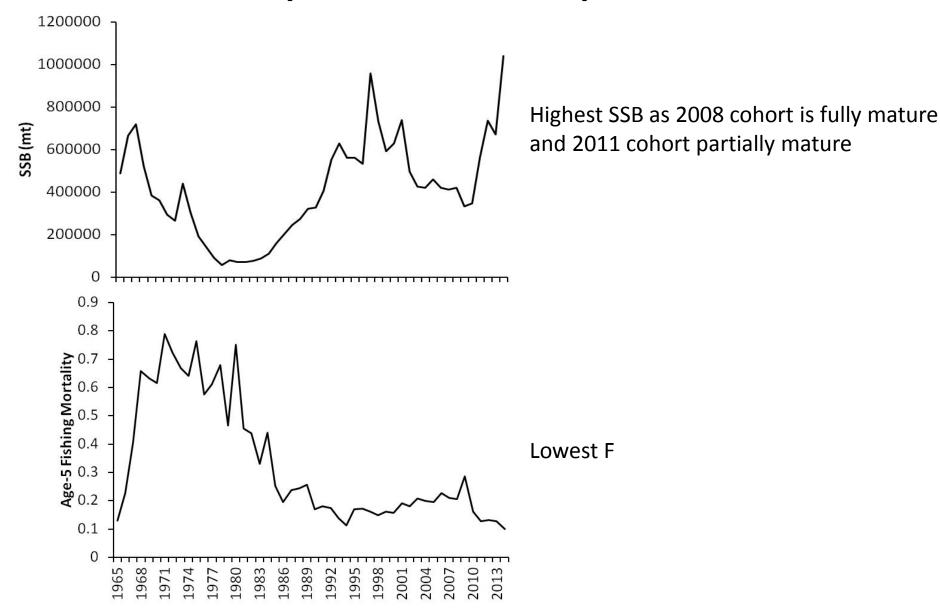
Likelihood Issue

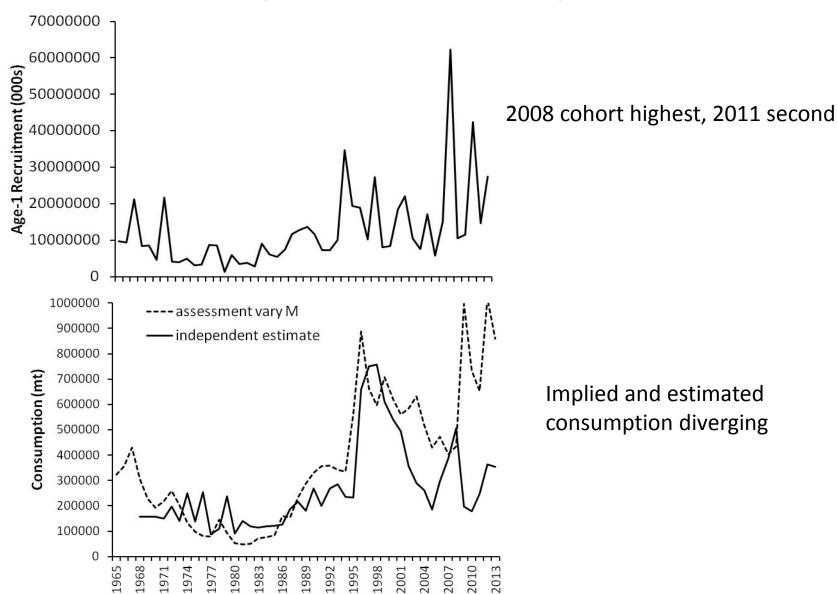
Recruitment assumed lognormally distributed:

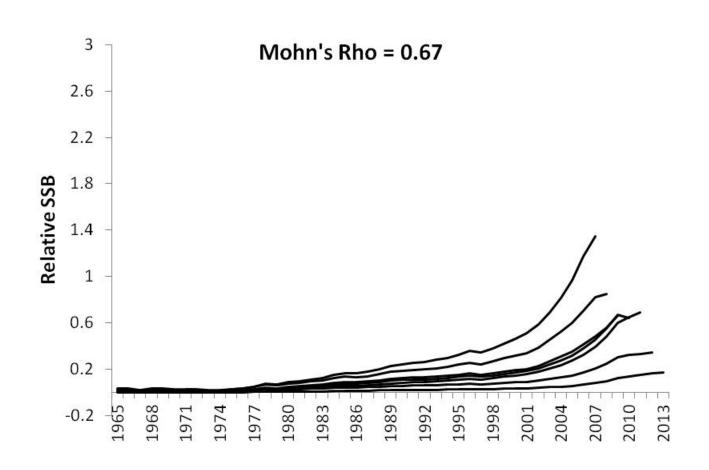
$$-\ln(L) = n_{rec} \frac{\ln(2\pi)}{2} + \sum_{Y_f}^{Y_l} \ln(\widehat{R_y}) + n_{rec} \ln(\sigma) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{Y_f}^{Y_l} \frac{\left(\ln(\widehat{R_y}) - \ln(\overline{R_y})\right)^2}{\sigma^2}$$

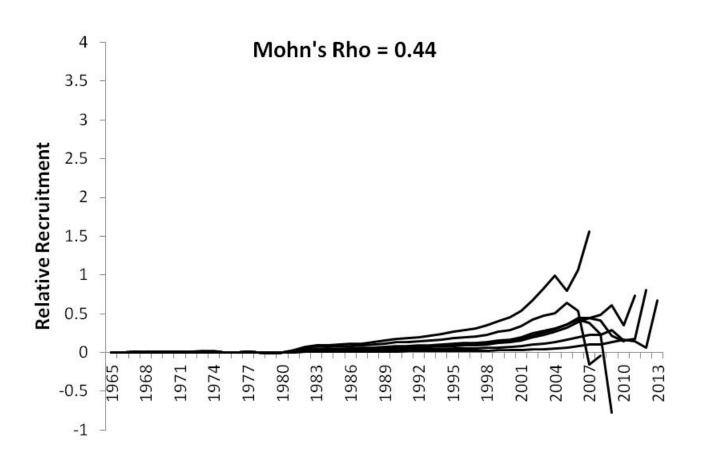
Sum of "observations", but these are parameters Model improves fit by reducing scale of recruits Fixed for update

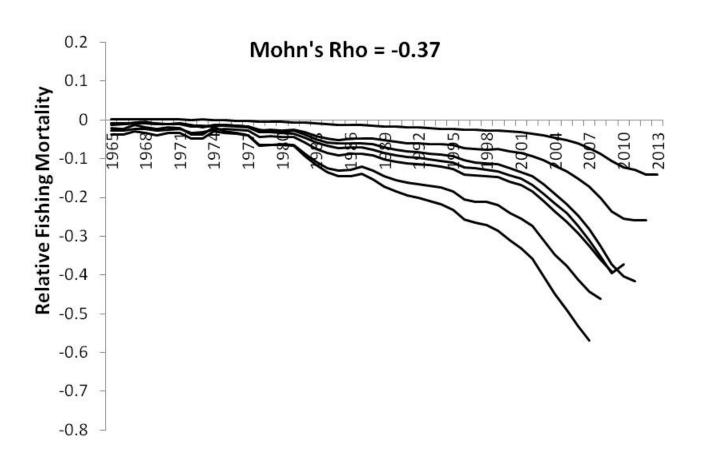
Diagnostic issues present regardless of issue fix amplifies issues (e.g., retro worsens)











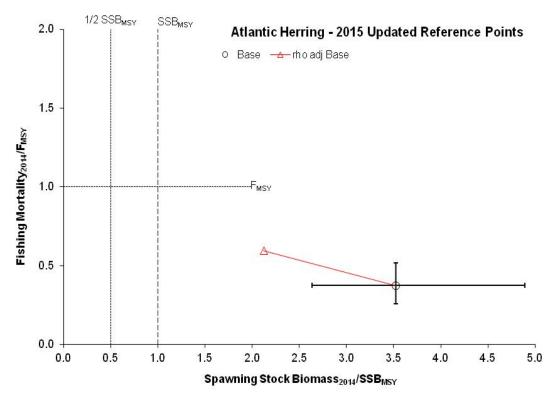
Fmsy = 0.24

SSBmsy = 311,145 mt

MSY = 77,247 mt

2014 SSB = 1,041,500 mt and F5 = 0.10

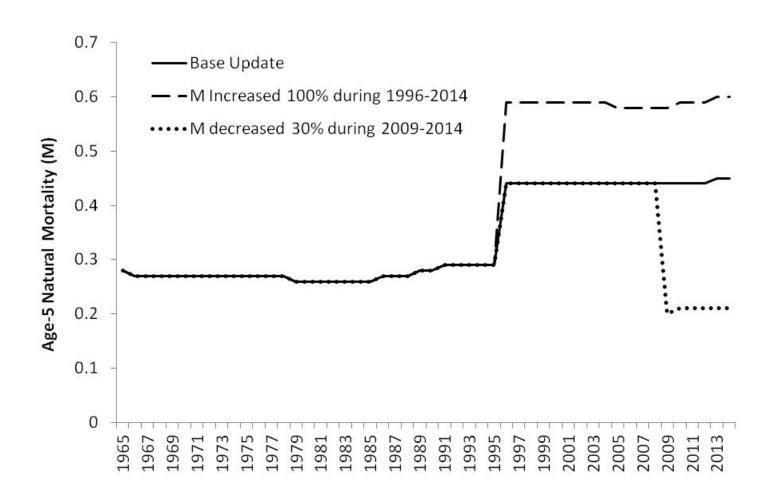
Retro adjusted: SSB = 622,991 mt and F5 = 0.16



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- 2 sensitivities focused on these diagnostics
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Natural Mortality in Sensitivities



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- Reducing retro worsens consumption match, while matching consumption worsens retro

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- Base update has moderate retro and consistency with consumption deteriorates
- These diagnostics and other uncertainties insufficient to reject update, but use retro adjustment

Panel took comfort in:

Stock status robust

Signs of \geq average recruitment

"Empirical" information show similar trends to update

Questions and Comments?

Projections

	Harvest Scenario F _{MSY}		
Result	2016	2017	2018
F	0.24	0.24	0.24
80%CI	-	-	-
Median Catch mt	138,000	113,000	107,000
80%CI	95,000-208,000	81,000-166,000	74,000-162,000
Median SSB mt	536,000	440,000	412,000
80%CI	354,000-880,000	312,000-669,000	282,000-631,000
Prob SSB<(SSB _{MSY} /2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prob F>F _{MSY}	-	-	-
	0.75F _{MSY}		
F	0.18	0.18	0.18
80%CI	-	-	-
Median Catch mt	106,000	90,000	88,000
80%CI	73,000-159,000	65,000-132,000	61,000-132,000
Median SSB mt	560,000	477,000	456,000
80%CI	369,000-914,000	337,000-721,000	314,000-695,000
Prob SSB<(SSB _{MSY} /2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prob F>F _{MSY}	-	-	-

Projections

	Status Quo ABC (114,000mt)		
Median F	0.19	0.24	0.26
80%CI	0.13-0.30	0.15-0.37	0.15-0.44
Catch mt	114,000	114,000	114,000
80%CI	-	-	-
Median SSB mt	555,000	454,000	421,000
80%CI	341,000-940,000	279,000-756,000	232,000-732,000
Prob SSB<(SSB _{MSY} /2)	0.00	0.00	0.02
Prob F>F _{MSY}	0.27	0.47	0.54
	F _{MSY} with 2011 year class reduced to average		
F	0.24	0.24	0.24
80%CI	-	-	-
Median Catch mt	111,000	98,000	96,000
80%CI	74,000-176,000	70,000-149,000	65,000-149,000
Median SSB mt	446,000	392,000	370,000
80%CI	282,000-785,000	275,000-613,000	250,000-575,000
Prob SSB<(SSB _{MSY} /2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prob F>F _{MSY}	-	-	-

Projections

	Constant Catch that Produces Prob F>F _{MSY} = 0.50 in 2018		
Median F	0.19	0.23	0.25
80%CI	0.13-0.29	0.15-0.36	0.15-0.42
Catch mt	111,000	111,000	111,000
80%CI	-	-	-
Median SSB mt	557,000	458,000	427,000
80%CI	343,000-942,000	283,000-760,000	237,000-738,000
Prob SSB<(SSB _{MSY} /2)	0.00	0.00	0.02
Prob F>F _{MSY}	0.23	0.43	0.50