Development of Framework 51 to the Multispecies FMP:

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Specifications for Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder

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Declining SSB

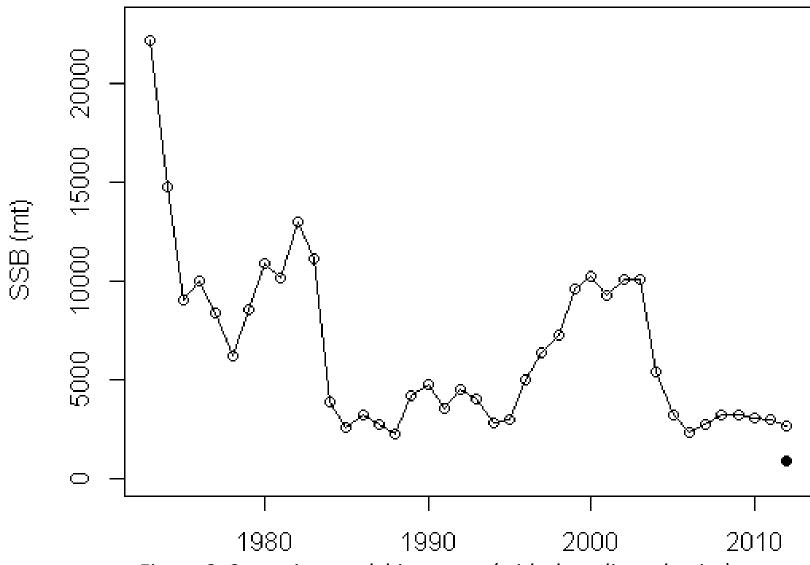


Figure 2. Spawning stock biomasses (with rho adjusted point).

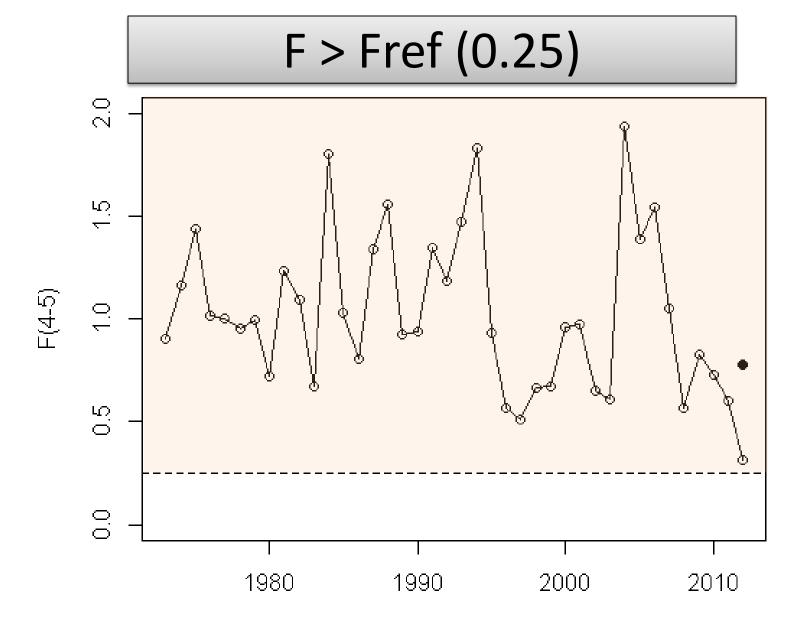
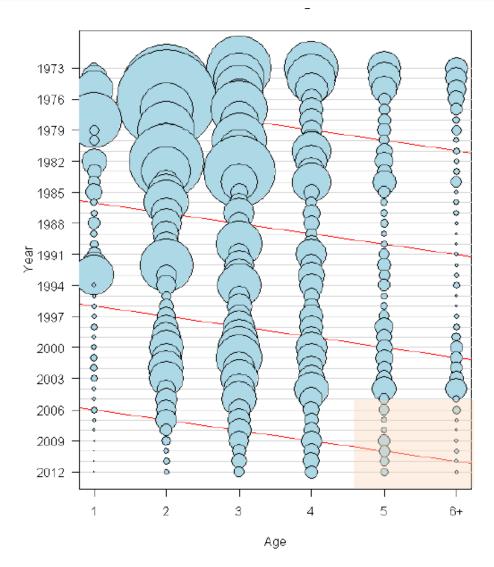


Figure 4: Fishing mortality rates (with rho adjusted point and Fref line).

Lack of Older Fish



2013 DRAFT Assessment

Figure 9

Poor Recruitment

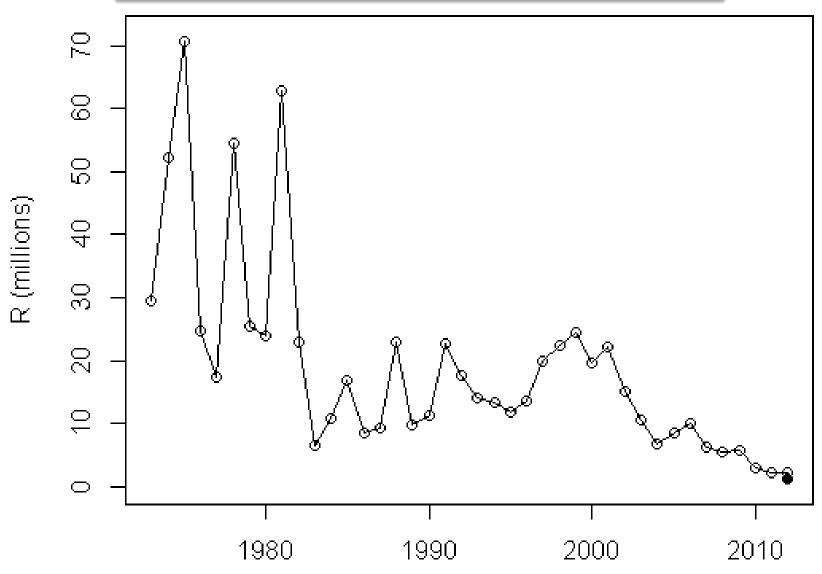
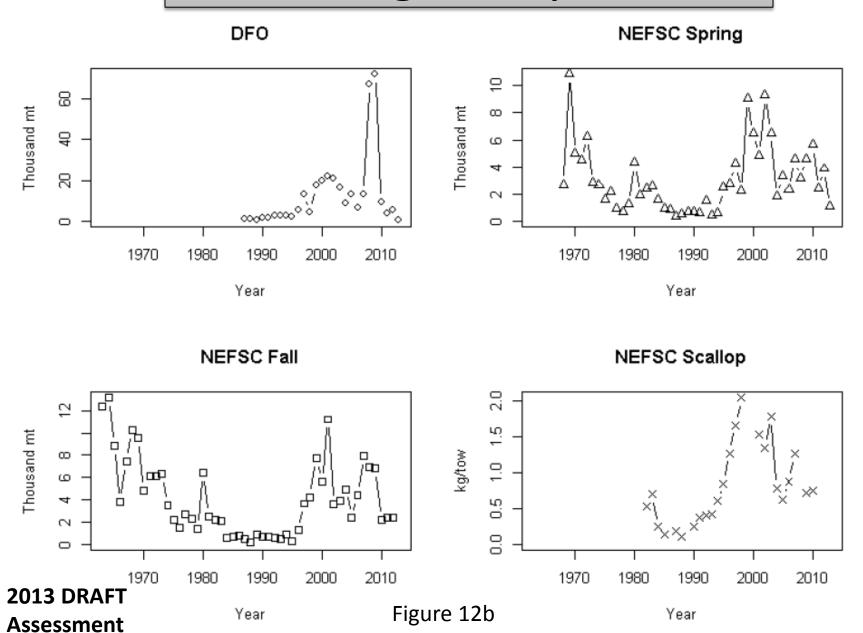


Figure 3. Recruitments (with rho adjusted point).

Declining survey trends



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NMFS Guidance

	Split	adjSp
Fref = 0.25		
Catch	(562)	123
Adult Jan-1 B	2671	569
delta B	26%	56%
P(B inc)	1	1
P(B inc 10%)	0.997	1

562 mt is the catch at Fref for the split series unadjusted, likely biased high Accounting for uncertainty total ABC = 400 mt

Biological Implications

400 mt or 425 mt

P(F>Fref) = 100% No change

400 mt

P(B inc 10%) = 66%

425 mt

P(B inc 10%) ~50% ~16% change

400 mt

P(B inc) = 100%

425 mt

P(B inc)~ 83% ~13% change

2013 TSRBased on Figure 5

Fisheries Implications

Year	Total GB ABC	TMGC Recommendation	Canada Share	Canada TAC	U.S. Share	U.S. GB ABC
2013	500	500	0.57	285	0.43	215
2014	400	400	0.18	72	0.82	328
2014	425	425	0.18	77	0.82	349

Year	OFL	U.S. ABC	ACL Values								
			State Waters	Other sub- Components	Scallops	Groundfish	Comm Groundfish	Sectors	Non-Sector Groundfish	Small- Mesh	Total
2013	882	215		4.3	83.4	116.8	116.8	115.4	1.4	4.0	208.5
2014	unknown	328		6.6	50.9	254.5	254.5	251.5	3.1	6.1	318.1
2014	unknown	349		7.0	54.1	270.4	270.4	267.2	3.2	6.5	338.0

Fisheries Implications

Change in ACLs

Change = 2014 - 2013

400 mt

Groundfish =
$$254.5-116.8 = +137.7$$
 mt
Scallops = $50.9-83.4 = -32.5$ mt

425 mt

Groundfish =
$$270.4-116.8 = +153.6$$
 mt
Scallops = $54.1-83.4 = -29.3$ mt

Fisheries Implications

ACLs

400 mt

Groundfish 254.5 mt Scallops 50.9 mt

425 mt

Groundfish 270.4 mt Scallops 54.1 mt

Groundfish 15.9 mt change Scallops 3.2 mt change