

2025 Data Update¹

Unit Stock of Ocean Pout, *Zoarces americanus*

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Catch

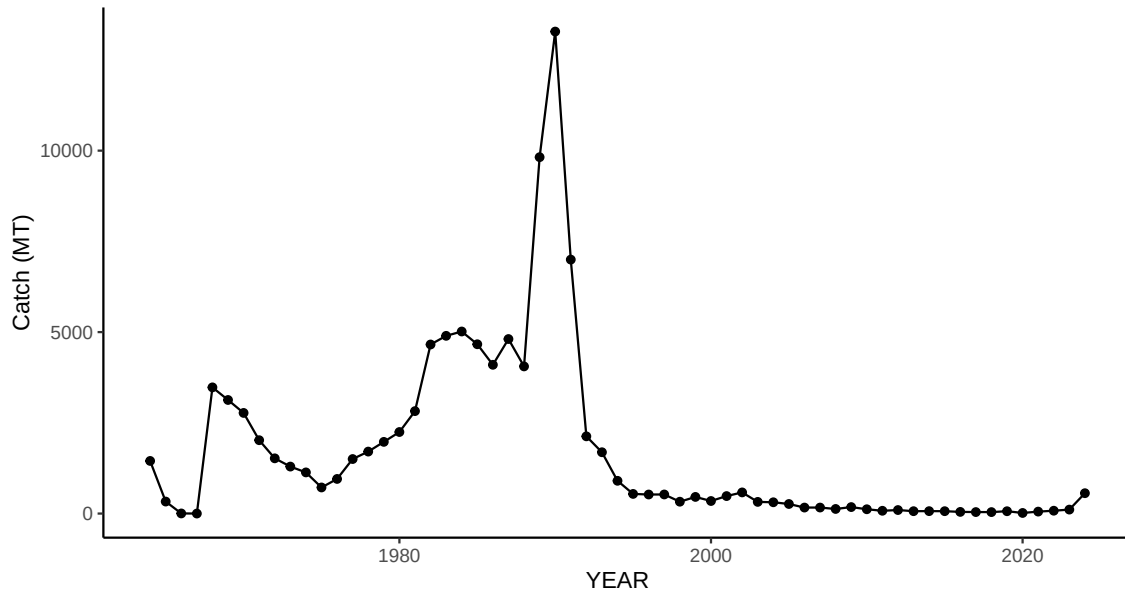


Figure 1: Total catch in metric tons (MT) of Ocean Pout from calendar year 1964 through 2024. Landings begin in 1964 and discards begin in 1968.

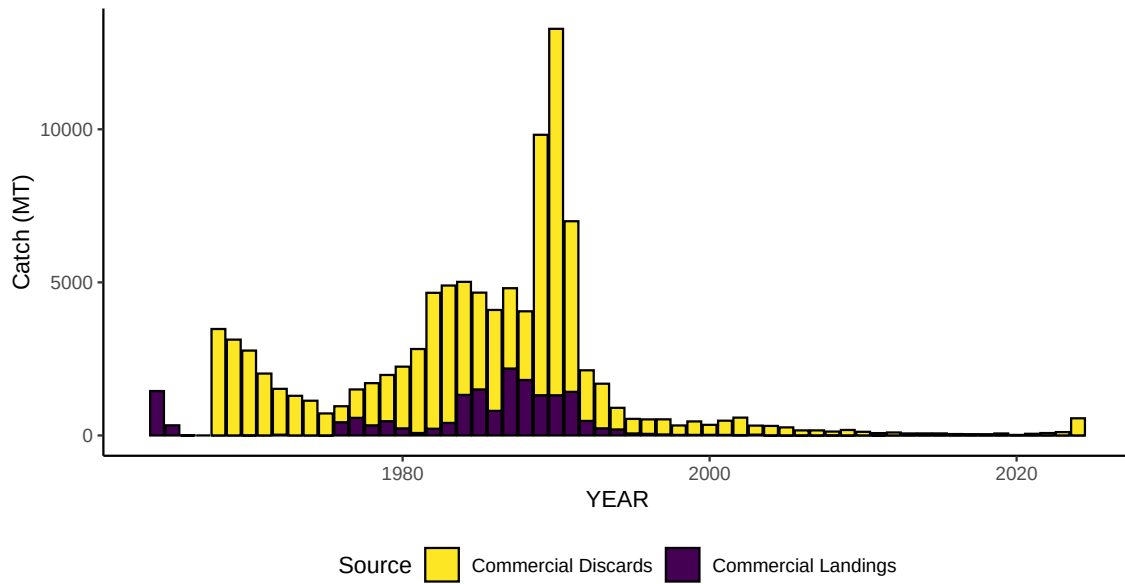


Figure 2: Landings (MT) and discards (MT) of Ocean Pout from calendar year 1964 through 2024. Landings begin in 1964 and discards begin in 1968.

Table 1: Landings, discards, and total catch of Ocean Pout, in metric tons (MT), from calendar year 1964 through 2024.

Year	Landings (MT)	Discards (MT)	Total Catch (MT)
1964	1,449.992		1,449.992
1965	330.707		330.707
1966	3.091		3.091
1967	0.304		0.304
1968	0.068	3,476.933	3,477.001
1969	0.265	3,129.460	3,129.725
1970	6.872	2,765.751	2,772.623
1971	0.000	2,021.509	2,021.509
1972	23.587	1,498.188	1,521.775
1973	0.237	1,294.157	1,294.394
1974	0.000	1,133.916	1,133.916
1975	2.205	716.576	718.781
1976	431.564	522.170	953.734
1977	574.666	928.074	1,502.740
1978	329.945	1,377.614	1,707.559
1979	465.893	1,509.269	1,975.162
1980	230.707	2,015.929	2,246.636
1981	79.355	2,743.247	2,822.602
1982	218.954	4,439.533	4,658.487
1983	408.306	4,488.697	4,897.003
1984	1,324.157	3,692.187	5,016.344
1985	1,504.043	3,161.037	4,665.080
1986	802.379	3,296.414	4,098.793
1987	2,185.365	2,623.584	4,808.949
1988	1,811.116	2,243.580	4,054.696
1989	1,313.868	8,506.263	9,820.131
1990	1,312.152	11,969.294	13,281.446
1991	1,423.972	5,573.524	6,997.496
1992	474.316	1,653.738	2,128.054

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1993	232.083	1,457.306	1,689.389
1994	196.436	705.878	902.314
1995	65.370	475.528	540.898
1996	51.188	473.582	524.770
1997	33.188	492.539	525.727
1998	17.522	309.007	326.529
1999	18.257	440.084	458.341
2000	18.667	327.343	346.010
2001	17.585	464.296	481.881
2002	12.130	570.265	582.395
2003	25.588	295.707	321.295
2004	5.450	305.712	311.162
2005	3.612	259.996	263.608
2006	5.087	160.232	165.319
2007	3.425	162.021	165.446
2008	7.226	119.377	126.603
2009	3.162	175.191	178.353
2010	0.317	118.255	118.572
2011	0.363	76.156	76.519
2012	0.031	96.946	96.977
2013	0.002	65.230	65.232
2014	0.210	66.617	66.827
2015	0.084	65.333	65.417
2016	0.079	45.694	45.773
2017	0.020	41.211	41.231
2018	0.000	40.392	40.392
2019	0.000	64.453	64.453
2020	0.000	16.400	16.400
2021	0.002	53.715	53.717
2022	0.015	78.133	78.148
2023	0.004	109.124	109.128
2024	0.064	560.773	560.837

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Survey

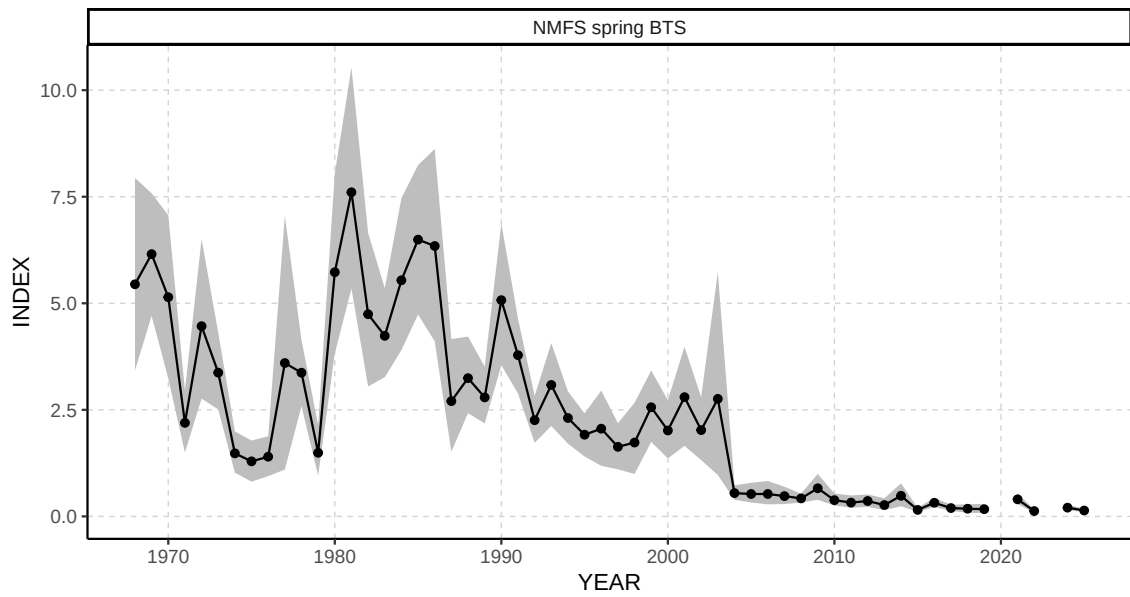


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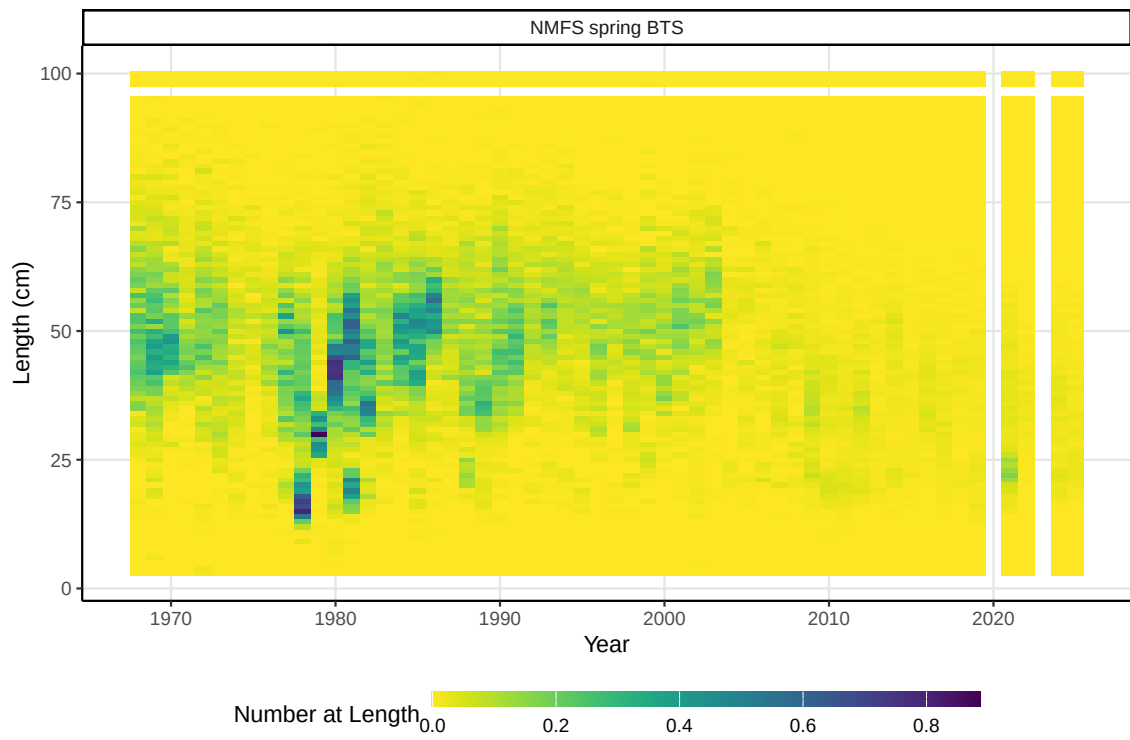


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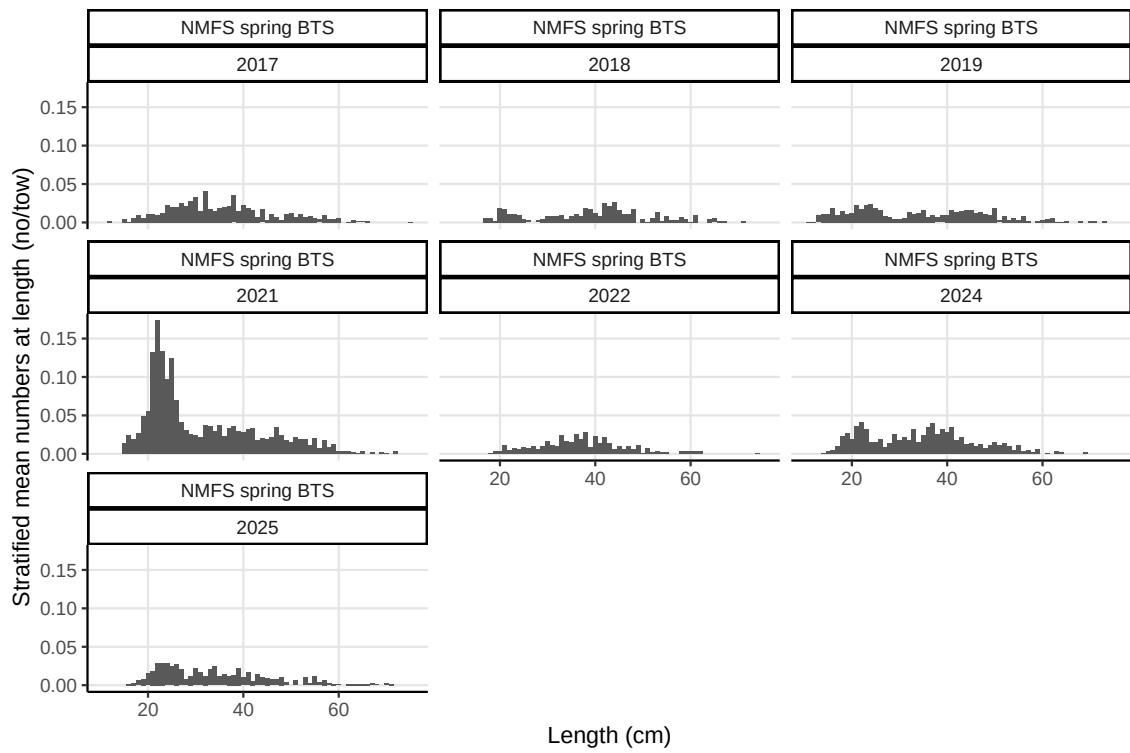


Figure 5: Stratified Mean Indices at Length for the Bottom Trawl Survey of Ocean Pout from 2017 through 2025. Survey was incomplete in Spring 2020 and Spring 2023.

Table 2: Bottom Trawl Survey Index of Ocean Pout from 1968 through 2025. Units in Biomass (kg/tow). Survey was incomplete in Spring 2020 and Spring 2023.

YEAR	SPRING INDEX	SPRING CV
1968	5.4461	0.2560
1969	6.1538	0.1415
1970	5.1431	0.2232
1971	2.1953	0.2040
1972	4.4634	0.2551
1973	3.3729	0.1621
1974	1.4794	0.2035
1975	1.2917	0.2286
1976	1.4000	0.2029
1977	3.5982	0.5124
1978	3.3709	0.1427
1979	1.4929	0.2414
1980	5.7294	0.2192
1981	7.6048	0.2085
1982	4.7433	0.2287
1983	4.2364	0.1497
1984	5.5400	0.1916
1985	6.4939	0.1615
1986	6.3445	0.2177
1987	2.7046	0.3004
1988	3.2440	0.1707
1989	2.7920	0.1449
1990	5.0738	0.1956
1991	3.7826	0.1437
1992	2.2566	0.1484
1993	3.0840	0.1907
1994	2.3086	0.1637
1995	1.9161	0.1622
1996	2.0583	0.2556
1997	1.6317	0.2018

YEAR	SPRING INDEX	SPRING CV
1998	1.7329	0.2896
1999	2.5611	0.2032
2000	2.0160	0.2082
2001	2.7978	0.2488
2002	2.0248	0.2257
2003	2.7584	0.5269
2004	0.5463	0.1880
2005	0.5259	0.2640
2006	0.5263	0.3180
2007	0.4765	0.2564
2008	0.4221	0.1504
2009	0.6606	0.2815
2010	0.3813	0.2241
2011	0.3240	0.2670
2012	0.3610	0.2395
2013	0.2664	0.3082
2014	0.4830	0.3556
2015	0.1528	0.1772
2016	0.3198	0.2091
2017	0.1957	0.2182
2018	0.1798	0.3506
2019	0.1696	0.3761
2020		
2021	0.4008	0.1913
2022	0.1252	0.2102
2023		
2024	0.2053	0.1850
2025	0.1384	0.1757