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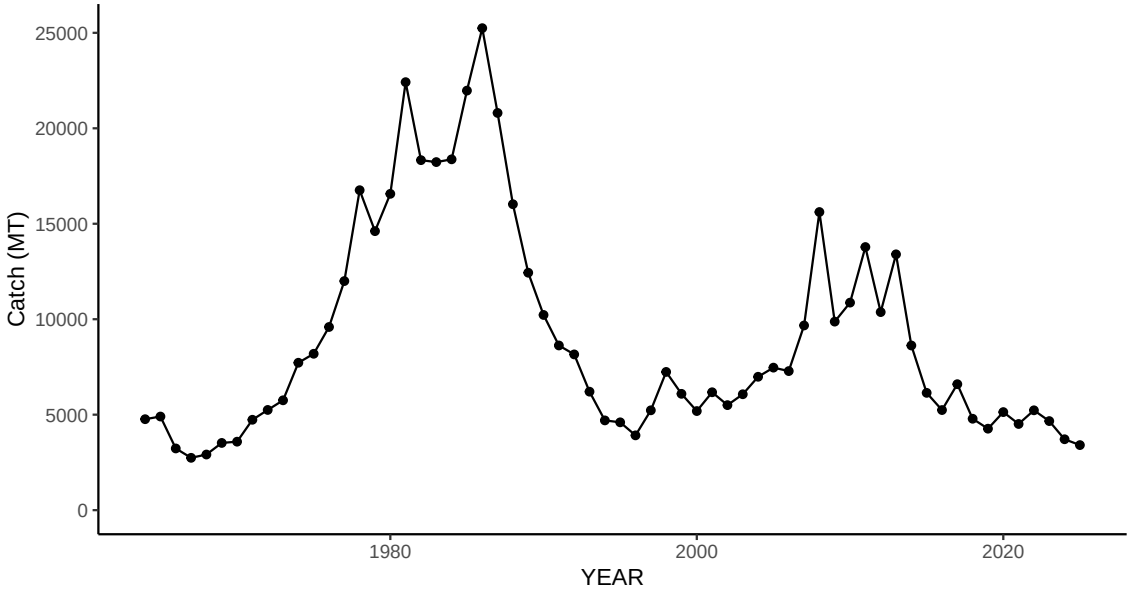

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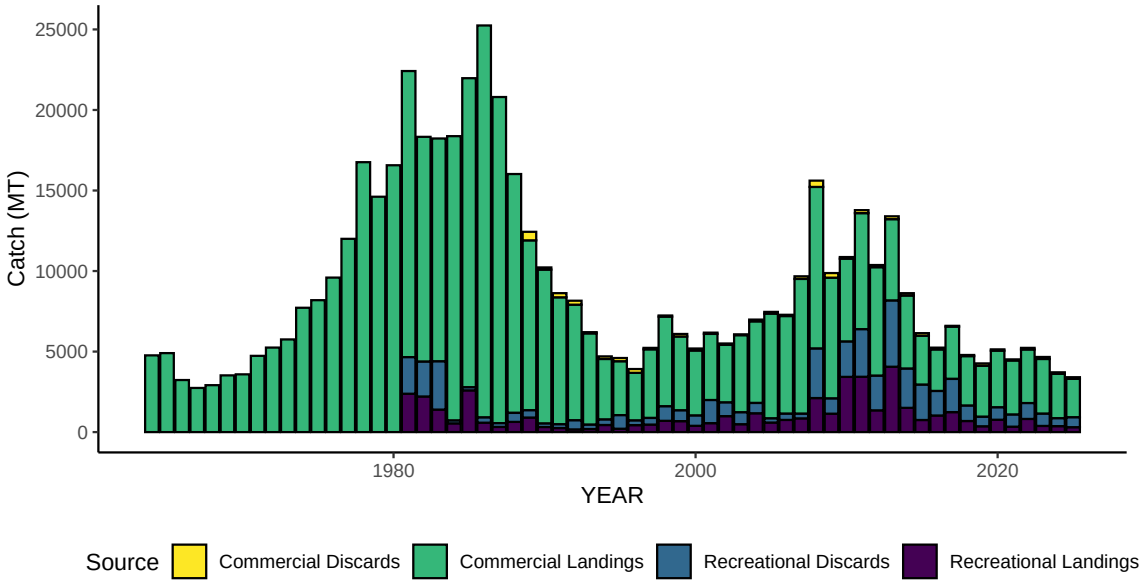

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Year	Commercial Landings (MT)	Commercial Discards (MT)	Recreational Landings (MT)	Recreational Discards (MT)	Total Catch (MT)
1964	4,764				4,764
1965	4,903				4,903
1966	3,232				3,232
1967	2,741				2,741
1968	2,913				2,913
1969	3,521				3,521
1970	3,586				3,586
1971	4,734				4,734
1972	5,248				5,248
1973	5,753				5,753
1974	7,720				7,720
1975	8,190				8,190
1976	9,593				9,593
1977	11,999				11,999
1978	16,758				16,758
1979	14,613				14,613
1980	16,567				16,567
1981	17,766		2,382	2,269	22,417
1982	13,961		2,211	2,159	18,331
1983	13,842		1,397	2,991	18,230
1984	17,657		543	174	18,374
1985	19,192		2,590	191	21,973
1986	24,339		583	323	25,245
1987	20,251		322	231	20,804
1988	14,830		635	558	16,023
1989	10,553	529	903	450	12,435
1990	9,559	134	318	212	10,223
1991	7,886	257	253	230	8,626
1992	7,184	245	167	561	8,157
1993	5,674	74	189	268	6,205

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1994	3,763	160	442	336	4,701
1995	3,352	199	209	840	4,600
1996	2,962	237	434	284	3,917
1997	4,264	88	466	411	5,229
1998	5,572	70	700	897	7,239
1999	4,590	157	681	664	6,092
2000	4,043	123	390	634	5,190
2001	4,109	77	556	1,433	6,175
2002	3,580	85	990	846	5,501
2003	4,794	51	490	735	6,070
2004	5,070	109	1,169	638	6,986
2005	6,509	108	592	255	7,464
2006	6,067	78	757	382	7,284
2007	8,373	162	852	286	9,673
2008	10,040	392	2,114	3,068	15,614
2009	7,504	286	1,143	941	9,874
2010	5,153	100	3,428	2,188	10,869
2011	7,211	185	3,435	2,949	13,780
2012	6,742	134	1,351	2,146	10,373
2013	5,058	177	4,058	4,105	13,398
2014	4,545	145	1,505	2,430	8,625
2015	3,043	161	751	2,188	6,143
2016	2,582	110	1,030	1,521	5,243
2017	3,247	50	1,240	2,061	6,598
2018	3,078	69	689	951	4,787
2019	3,167	150	362	587	4,266
2020	3,524	79	767	766	5,136
2021	3,364	68	336	746	4,514
2022	3,330	98	817	984	5,229
2023	3,402	124	383	756	4,665
2024	2,760	96	371	486	3,713
2025	2,395	99	305	609	3,408

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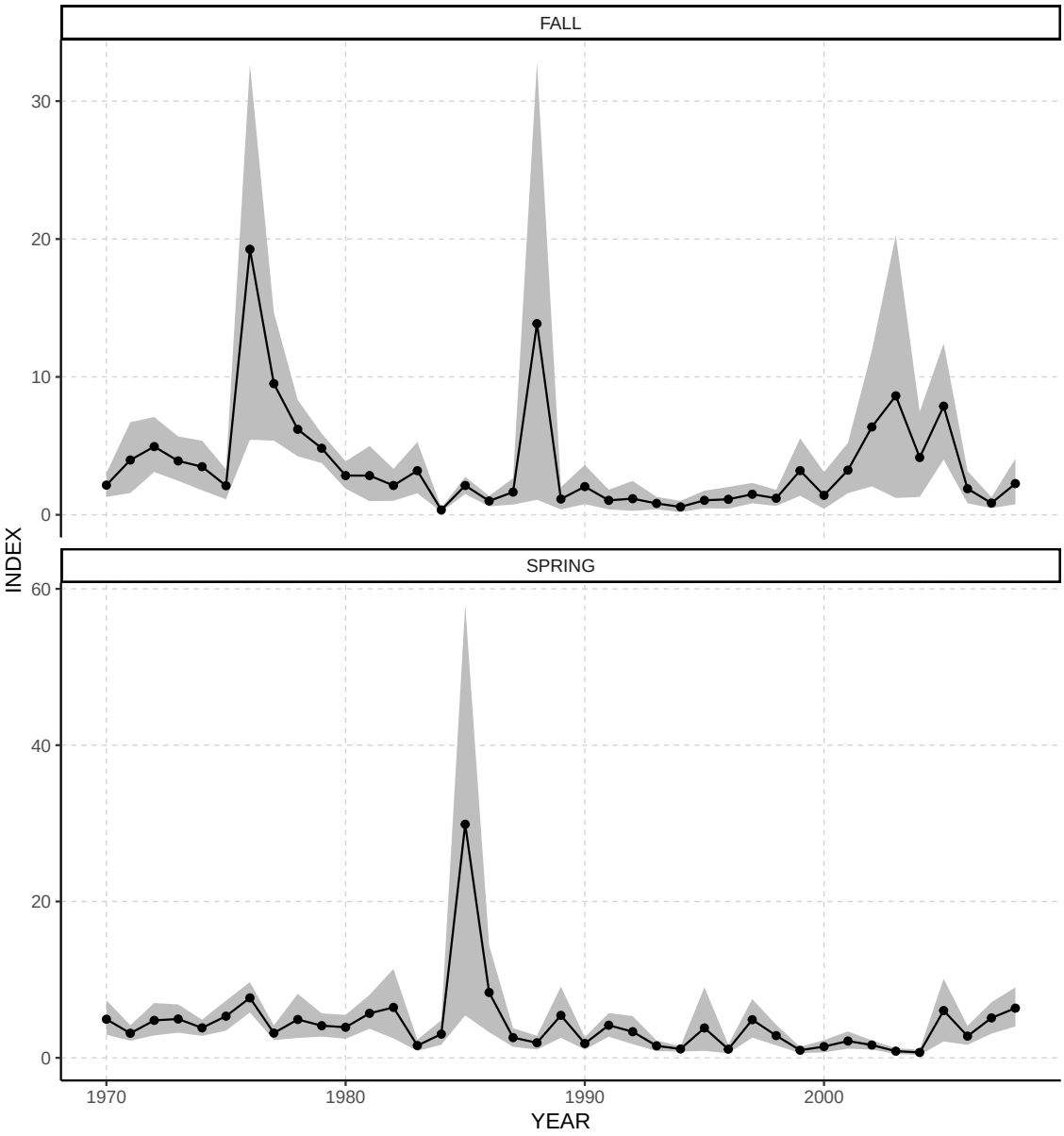

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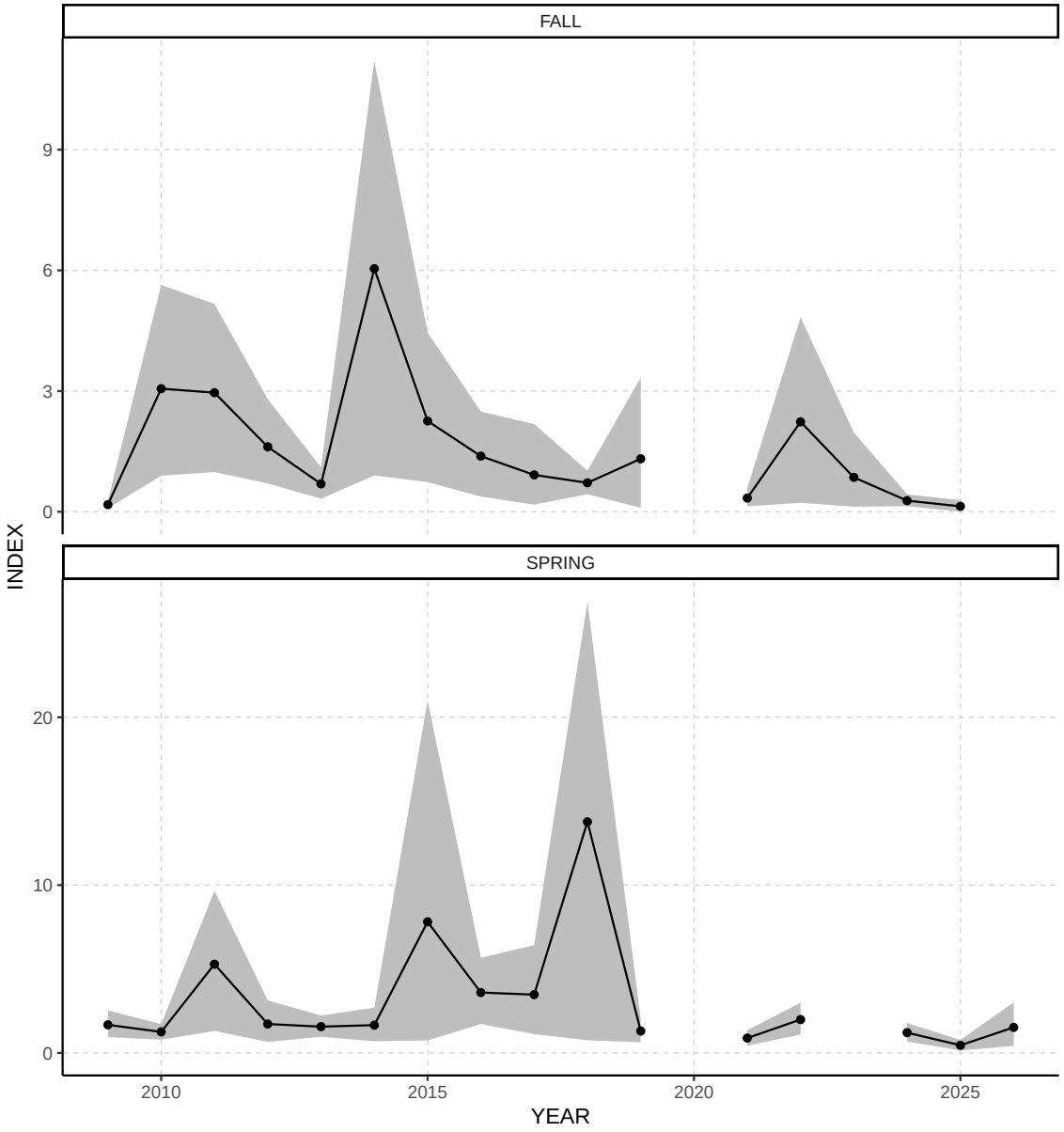

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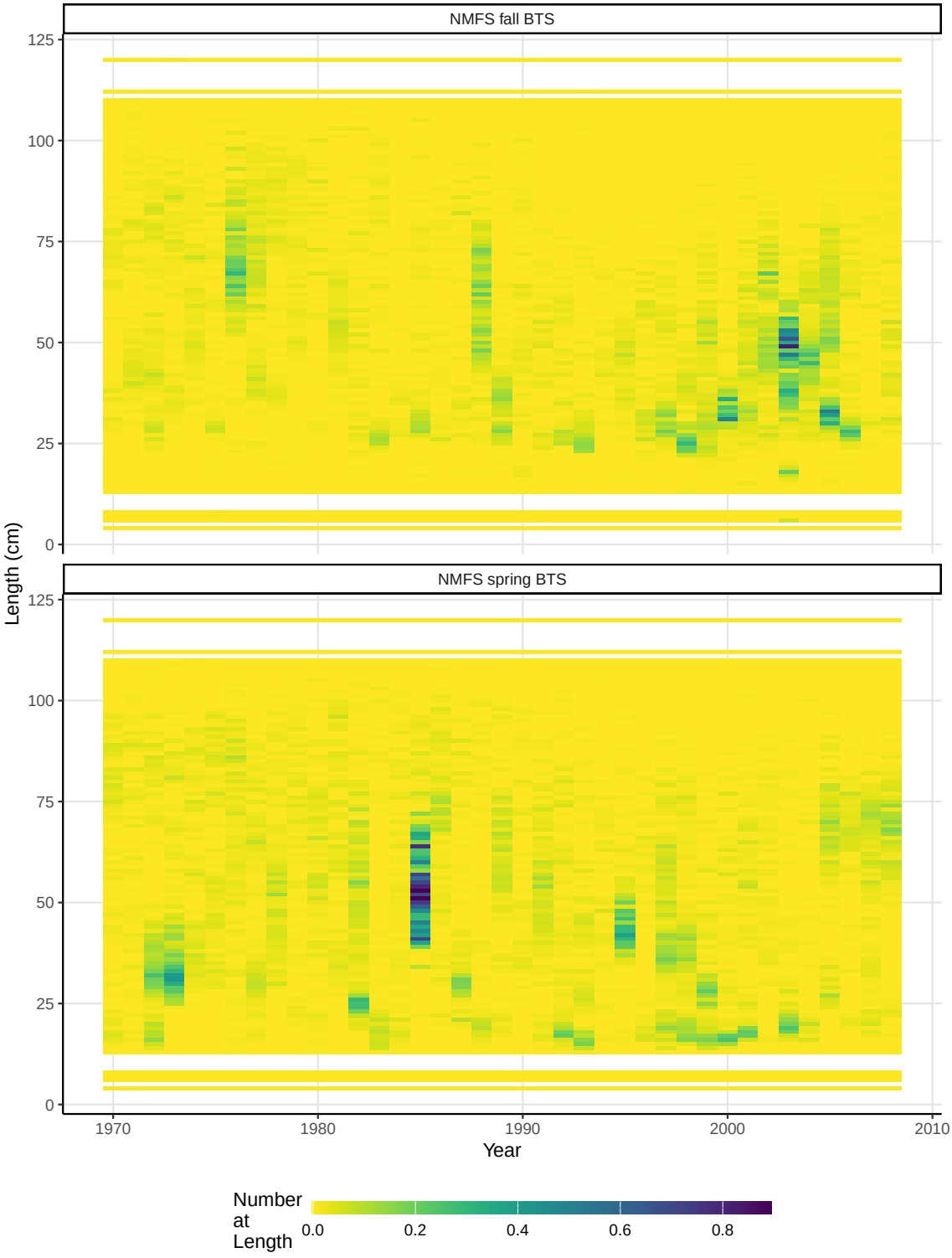

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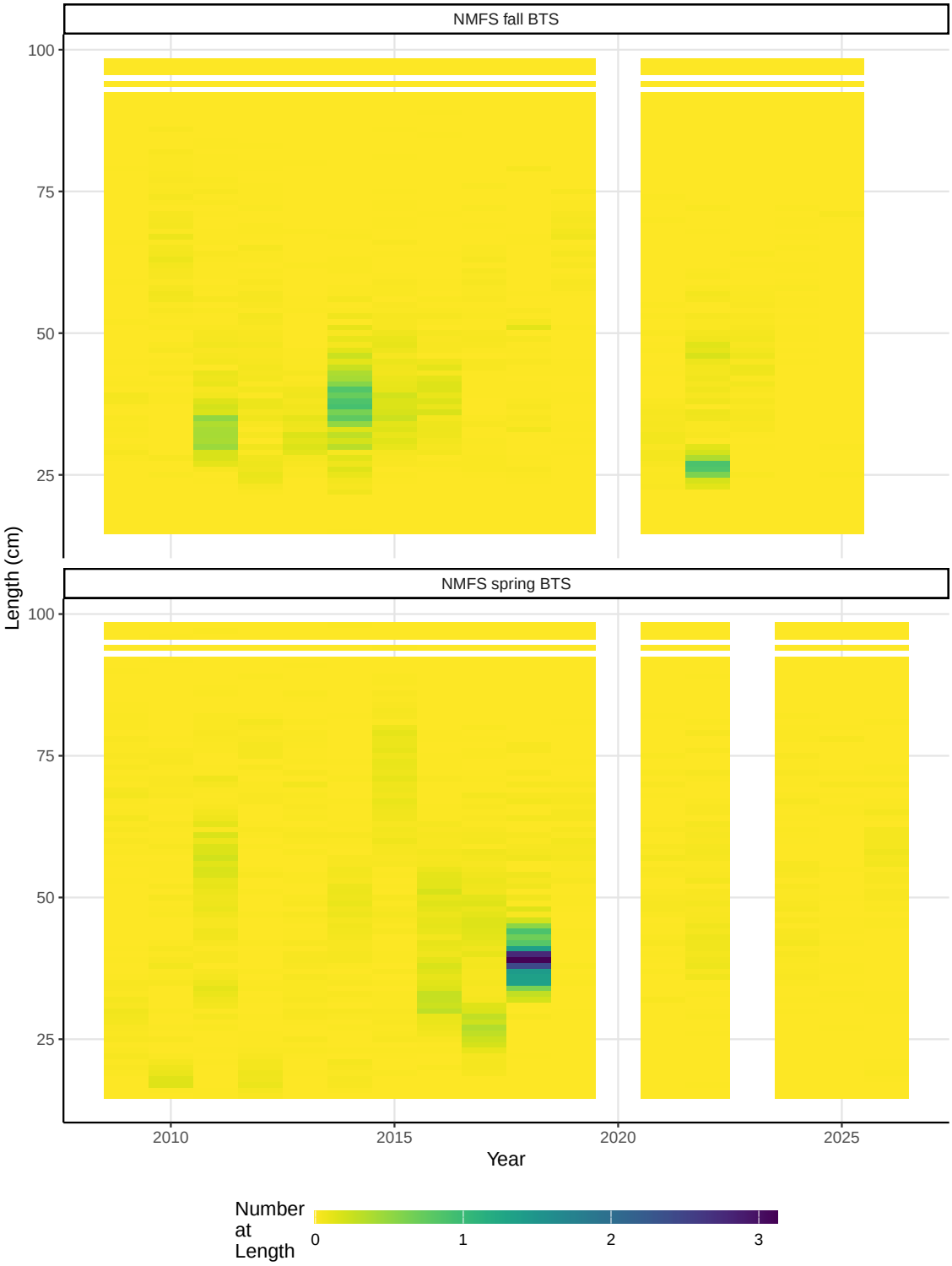

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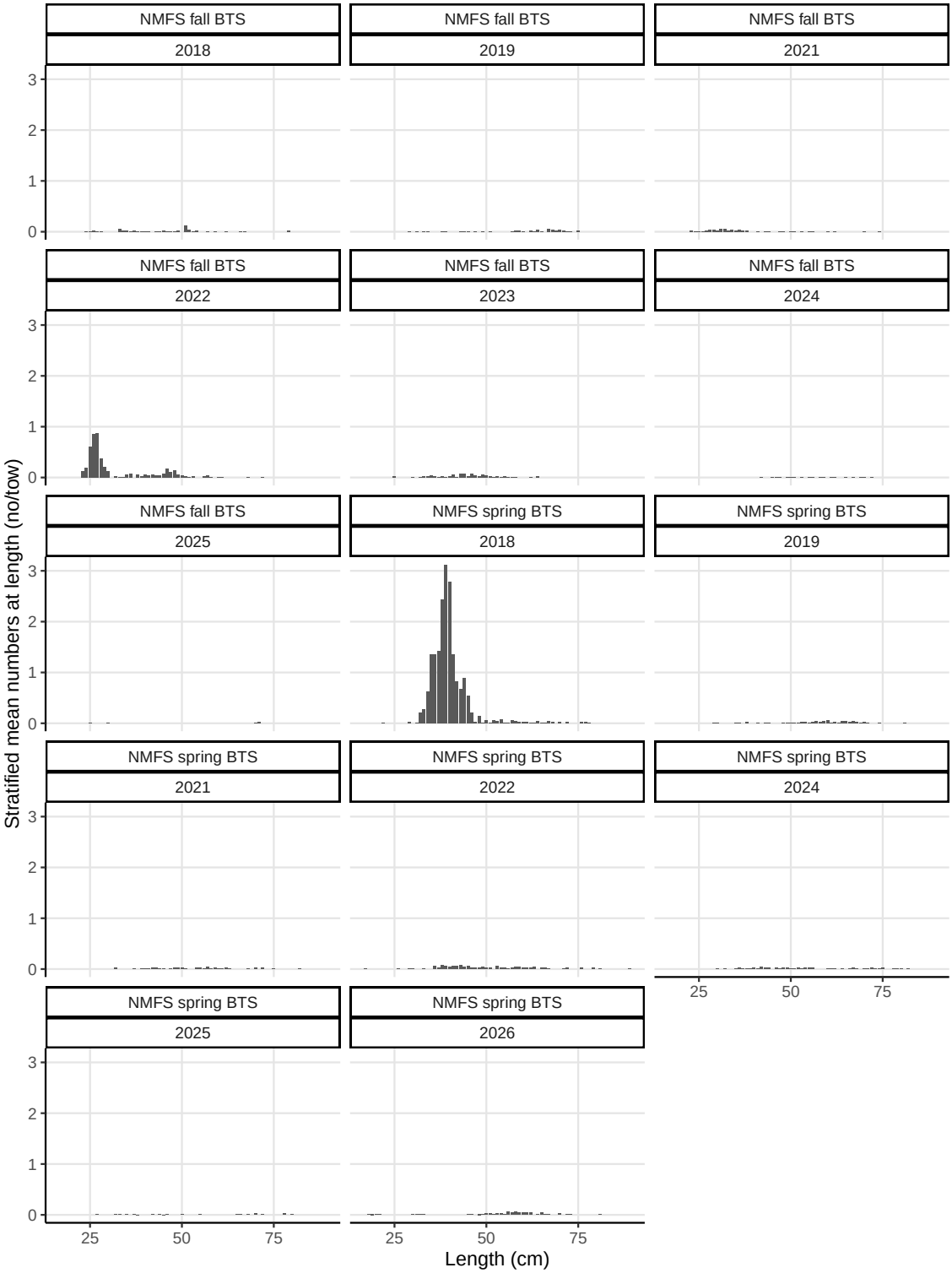

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YEAR	FALL INDEX	SPRING INDEX	FALL CV	SPRING CV
1970	2.1522	4.9374	0.2447	0.2741
1971	3.9742	3.1454	0.4064	0.1920
1972	4.9466	4.7946	0.2399	0.2641
1973	3.9059	4.9693	0.2500	0.2228
1974	3.4889	3.8368	0.3107	0.1619
1975	2.1102	5.3318	0.3136	0.2210
1976	19.2565	7.6717	0.4165	0.1571
1977	9.5120	3.1725	0.2934	0.1795
1978	6.1976	4.9087	0.2011	0.3604
1979	4.8278	4.1141	0.1299	0.2212
1980	2.8443	3.9127	0.2183	0.2377
1981	2.8419	5.6958	0.4552	0.2332
1982	2.1294	6.4527	0.3274	0.4186
1983	3.1995	1.5743	0.3565	0.2801
1984	0.3524	3.0369	0.2589	0.3270
1985	2.1259	29.8801	0.1739	0.6502
1986	1.0007	8.3659	0.2301	0.3891
1987	1.6488	2.5905	0.3586	0.2828
1988	13.8629	1.9278	0.7104	0.2769
1989	1.1409	5.4357	0.4660	0.3740
1990	2.0460	1.8306	0.4310	0.2580
1991	1.0493	4.1707	0.4320	0.2218
1992	1.1684	3.3434	0.5604	0.3348
1993	0.8241	1.5349	0.3249	0.2746
1994	0.5735	1.1370	0.4515	0.1818
1995	1.0505	3.8220	0.3699	0.6486
1996	1.1244	1.1053	0.4579	0.3045
1997	1.4916	4.8812	0.3063	0.3032
1998	1.2006	2.8451	0.3010	0.2793
1999	3.2042	0.9731	0.3840	0.2489

YEAR	FALL INDEX	SPRING INDEX	FALL CV	SPRING CV
2000	1.4115	1.4426	0.5792	0.3334
2001	3.2394	2.1515	0.3399	0.3079
2002	6.3706	1.6386	0.4815	0.2155
2003	8.6273	0.8555	0.6888	0.2573
2004	4.1533	0.6905	0.4556	0.3068
2005	7.8751	6.0496	0.3262	0.4119
2006	1.8927	2.7805	0.3823	0.2584
2007	0.8497	5.1097	0.2786	0.2413
2008	2.2643	6.3564	0.4255	0.2400

Table 3: Bottom Trawl Survey Index of Pollock during the Bigelow years, from 2009 through 2026. Units in Biomass (kg/tow). Survey was not conducted in Fall 2020 and Spring 2020 and incomplete in Spring 2023.

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2009	0.1780	1.6741	0.3217	0.2887
2010	3.0603	1.2513	0.4630	0.2266
2011	2.9603	5.2871	0.4305	0.5839
2012	1.6144	1.7215	0.4051	0.4358
2013	0.6931	1.5656	0.3471	0.2476
2014	6.0419	1.6551	0.5166	0.3815
2015	2.2576	7.8124	0.5200	0.8081
2016	1.3825	3.5969	0.4813	0.3318
2017	0.9169	3.4728	0.6714	0.4741
2018	0.7198	13.7733	0.2521	0.7071
2019	1.3167	1.3048	0.7554	0.3370
2020				
2021	0.3411	0.8860	0.4046	0.3159
2022	2.2357	1.9880	0.6268	0.2856
2023	0.8554		0.6797	
2024	0.2766	1.2085	0.3259	0.2780
2025	0.1362	0.4541	0.7027	0.4258
2026		1.5209		0.5356

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BACKGROUND

Short-term projections of median total fishery yield and spawning stock biomass for Atlantic Pollock (*Pollachius virens)* were conducted using AgePro software, based on three harvest scenarios:

1) Fishing at an F_{MSY} proxy of $F_{40\%}$ between 2027 and 2031 (Tables 1 and 2),
2) Fishing at 75% of the F_{MSY} proxy of $F_{40\%}$ between 2027 and 2031 (Tables 3 and 4), and
3) Harvesting the equilibrium catch at 75% of the F_{MSY} proxy of $F_{40\%}$ between 2027 and 2031 (Table 5).

The OFLs were determined for harvest scenarios 2 (Table 6) and 3 (Table 7). Harvest scenarios 1 and 2 were conducted for the 2024 Management Track (MT) base (i.e., dome-shaped fishery and survey selectivities) and sensitivity (i.e., flat-topped survey selectivities) models. Harvest scenario 3 was conducted the 2024 MT base model only. The OFLs were determined for the 2024 MT base model only. The contribution of cohorts to the median total fishery yield from harvest scenario 2 for the 2024 MT base model is reported in Figures 1 and 2.

Final catch estimates of 3,714 (mt) and 3,409 (mt) were used for 2024 and 2025, respectively. A preliminary catch estimate of 4,656 (mt) was used for 2026. Recruitments were sampled from a cumulative distribution function derived from the 2024 MT estimated age-1 recruitment between 1970 and 2021. Recruitments in 2022 and 2023 were not included due to uncertainty in those estimates. The annual fishery selectivity, natural mortality, maturity ogive, and mean weights used in projections were the most recent 5-year averages. Based on the results of the 2024 MT, no retrospective adjustments were made to the initial numbers at age in the projections for the base and sensitivity models. The equilibrium catch at 75% of the F_{MSY} proxy of $F_{40\%}$ was obtained by projecting harvest scenario 3 for 100-years, 2027-2127.

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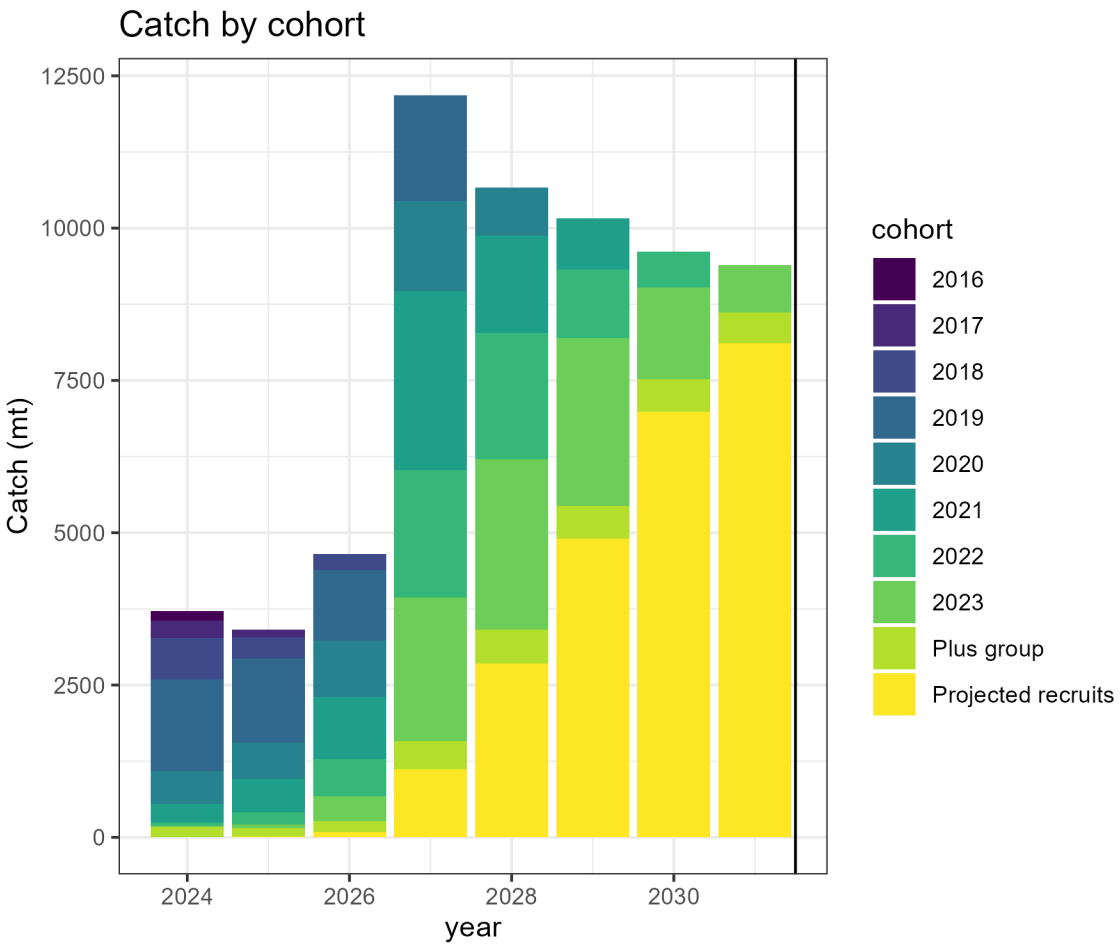

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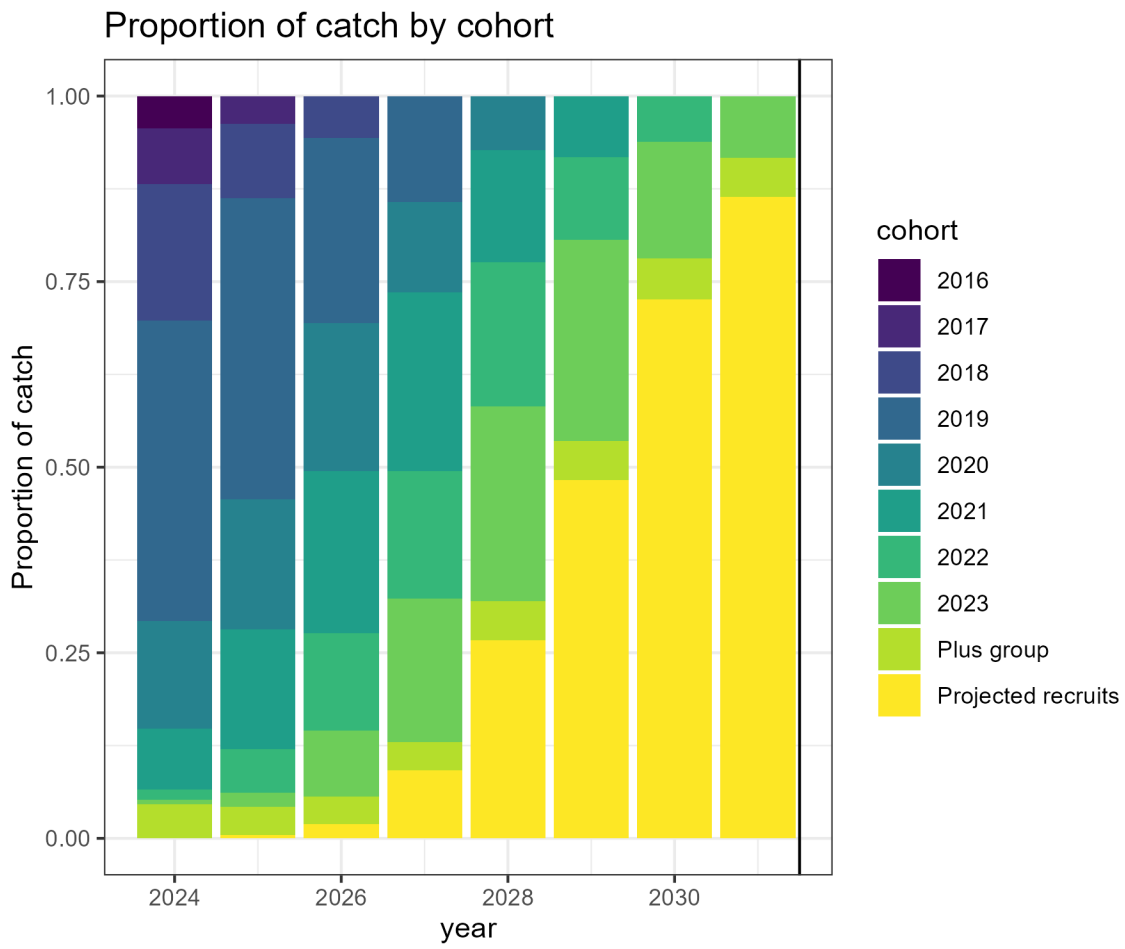

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2026	Preliminary Catch	0.055	4,656	172,454	18,105
2027	F_{MSY}	0.205	15,903	170,220	18,042
2028	F_{MSY}	0.205	13,309	160,645	18,034
2029	F_{MSY}	0.205	12,242	148,456	18,093
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2027	F_{MSY}	0.214	13,043	127,086	14,218
2028	F_{MSY}	0.214	10,791	120,421	14,212
2029	F_{MSY}	0.214	9,909	111,796	14,257
2030	F_{MSY}	0.214	9,239	104,448	14,282
2031	F_{MSY}	0.214	8,969	97,665	14,197

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2029	75% F_{MSY}	0.154	10,159	155,257	18,093
2030	75% F_{MSY}	0.154	9,616	147,487	18,125
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2031	75% F_{MSY}	0.161	7,707	106,792	14,197

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Year	Harvest Scenario	F_{AVG}	Catch (mt)	SSB (mt)	R (000s)
2024	Final Catch	0.045	3,714	175,919	18,085
2025	Final Catch	0.039	3,409	173,903	18,074
2026	Preliminary Catch	0.055	4,656	172,454	18,105
2027	75% F_{MSY} Equil. Catch	0.112	9,005	170,220	18,042
2028	75% F_{MSY} Equil. Catch	0.124	9,005	167,738	18,034
2029	75% F_{MSY} Equil. Catch	0.127	9,005	160,532	18,093
2030	75% F_{MSY} Equil. Catch	0.134	9,005	154,424	18,125
2031	75% F_{MSY} Equil. Catch	0.138	9,005	147,945	18,015

Table 6. Unadjusted short-term projections of OFL and ABC for Pollock from the current base model based on a harvest scenario of fishing at 75% of the F_{MSY} proxy of $F_{40\%}$ between 2027 and 2031.

Year	OFL (mt)	ABC (mt)
2027	15,903	12,184
2028	13,910	10,661
2029	13,251	10,159
2030	12,546	9,616
2031	12,251	9,390

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Year	OFL (mt)	ABC (mt)
2027	15,903	9,005
2028	14,428	9,005
2029	14,031	9,005
2030	13,361	9,005
2031	13,016	9,005

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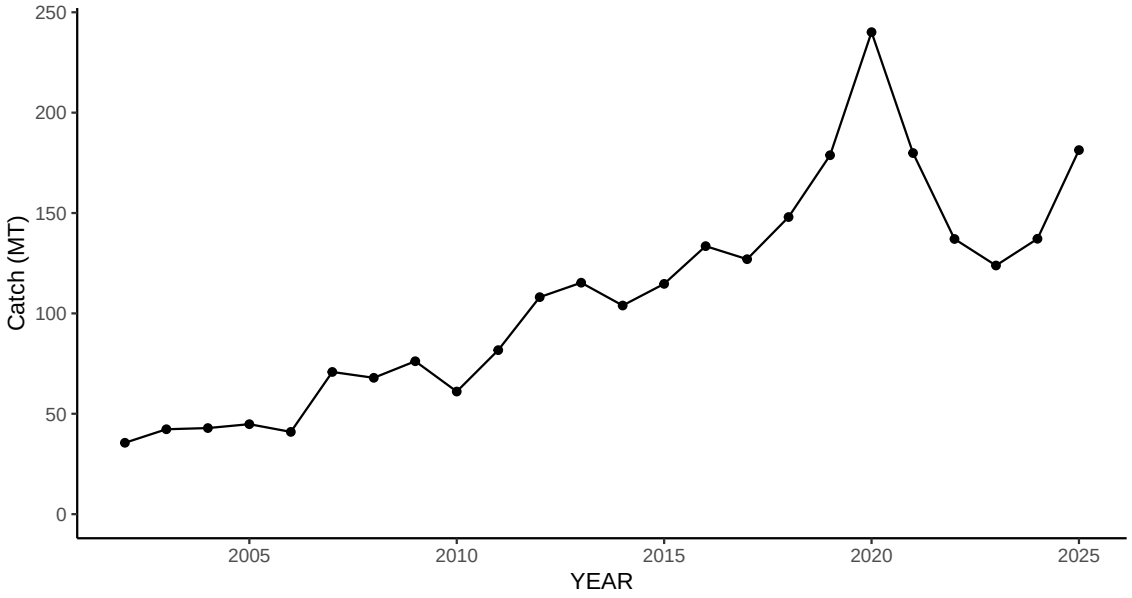

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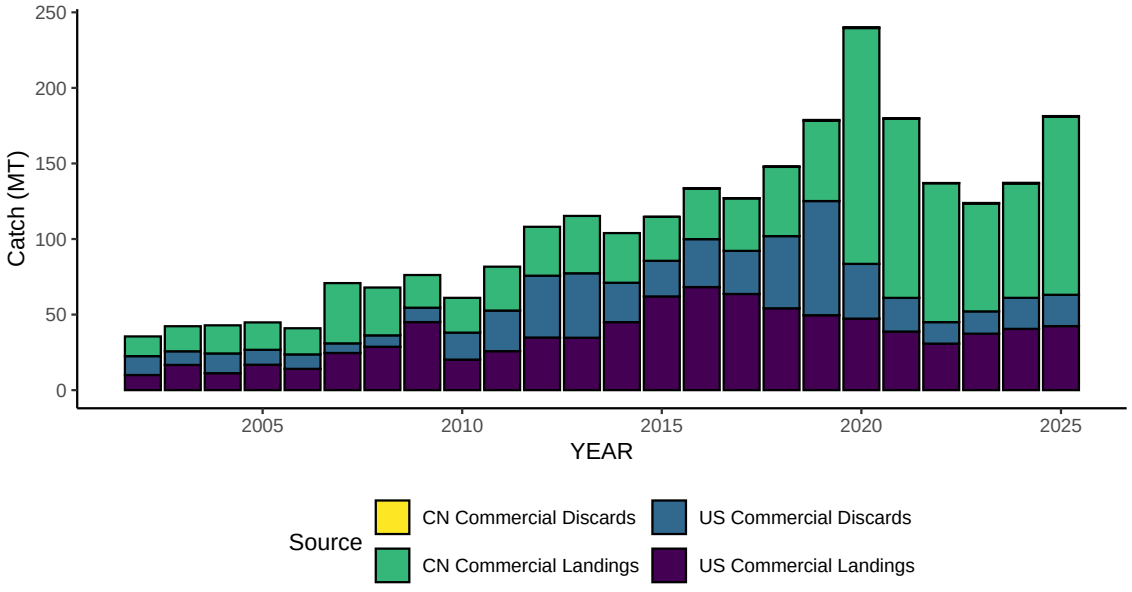

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Year	US Commercial Landings	US Commercial Discards	CN Commercial Landings	CN Commercial Discards	Total Catch (MT)
2002	10.01	12.49	13.05		35.55
2003	16.68	9.03	16.58		42.29
2004	11.22	13.06	18.60		42.88
2005	16.81	9.87	18.14		44.82
2006	14.08	9.58	17.31		40.97
2007	24.60	6.36	39.87		70.83
2008	28.69	7.56	31.66		67.91
2009	45.05	9.50	21.63		76.18
2010	20.20	17.86	23.01		61.07
2011	25.79	26.86	29.05		81.70
2012	34.80	40.94	32.36		108.10
2013	34.67	42.66	37.96		115.29
2014	44.99	26.08	32.86		103.93
2015	62.00	23.57	29.14	0.00	114.71
2016	68.20	31.71	33.59	0.01	133.51
2017	63.62	28.54	34.83	0.01	127.00
2018	54.16	47.75	45.82	0.27	148.00
2019	49.58	75.55	53.11	0.55	178.79
2020	47.32	36.22	156.07	0.49	240.10
2021	38.78	22.27	118.61	0.22	179.88
2022	30.78	14.22	91.94	0.13	137.07
2023	37.37	14.75	71.37	0.37	123.86
2024	40.54	20.54	75.62	0.47	137.17
2025	42.37	20.72	117.74	0.52	181.35

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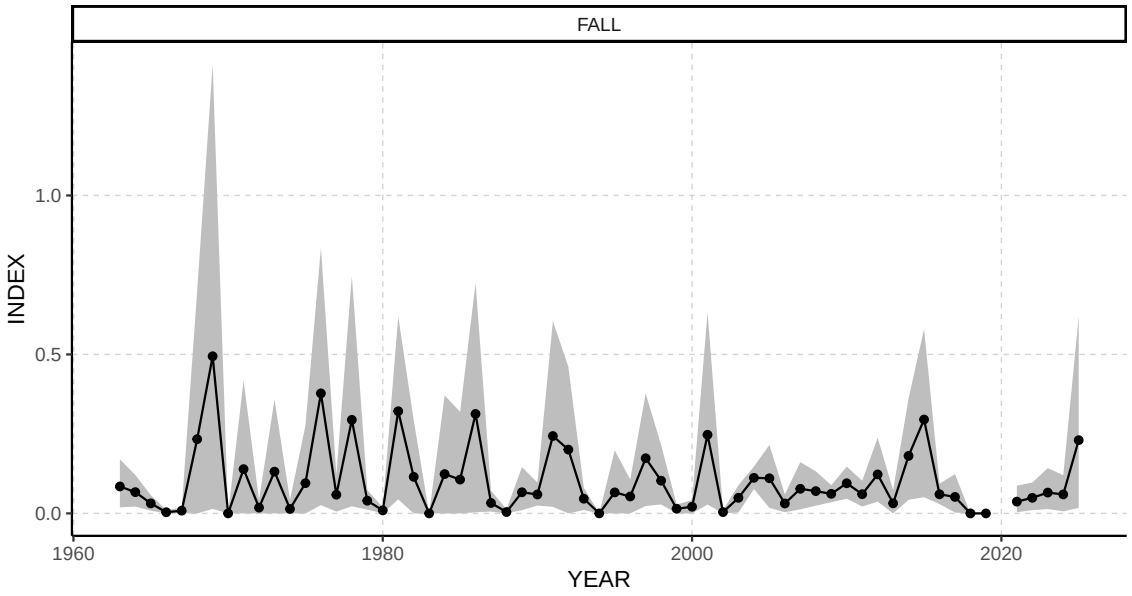

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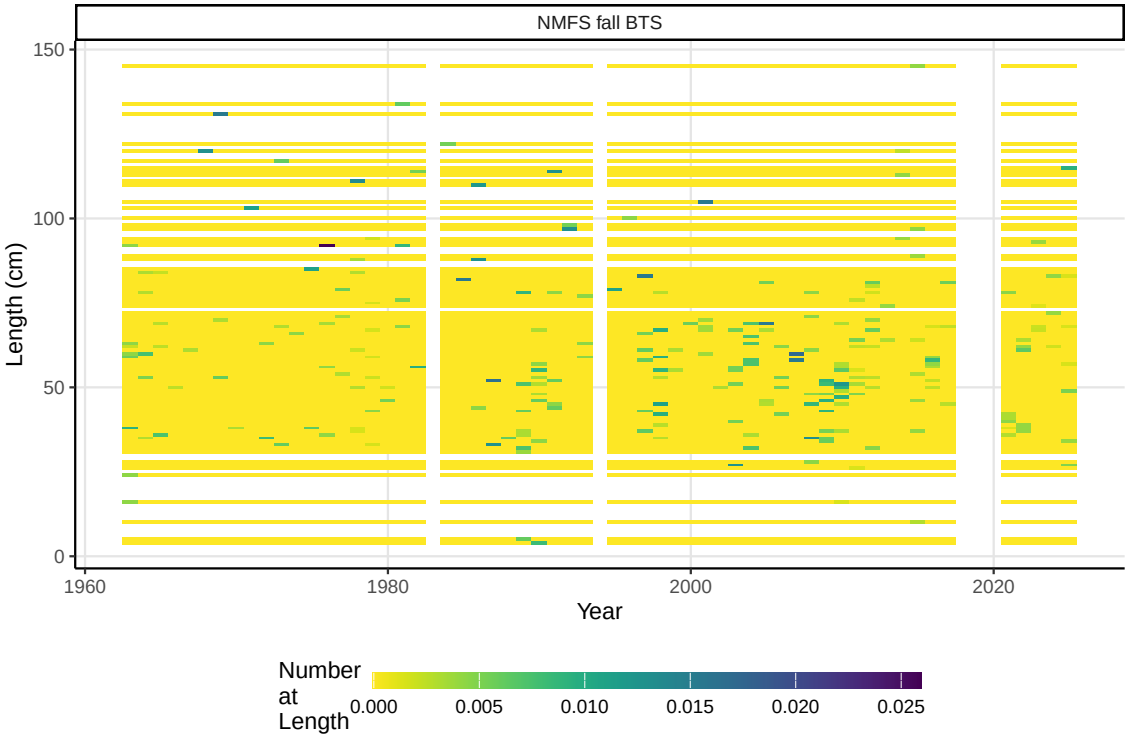

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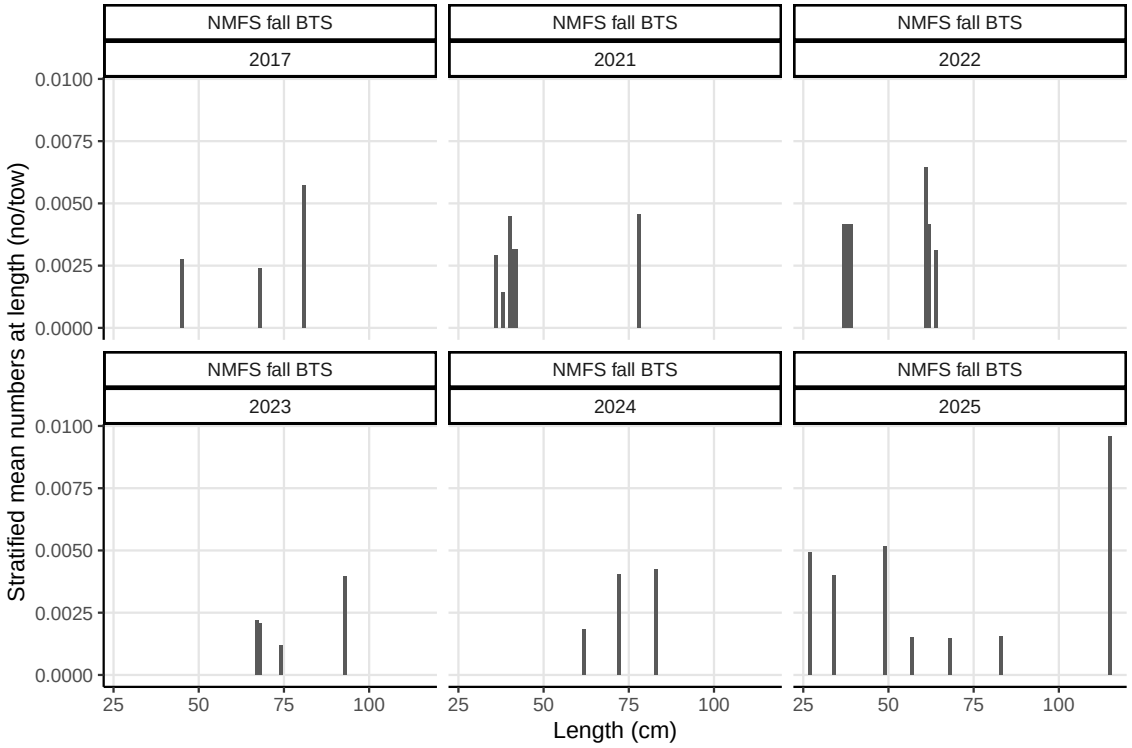

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YEAR	FALL INDEX	FALL CV
1963	0.0848	0.5365
1964	0.0669	0.4546
1965	0.0316	0.4952
1966	0.0036	0.8506
1967	0.0086	0.8992
1968	0.2335	0.8762
1969	0.4943	0.9078
1970	0.0000	
1971	0.1393	0.9147
1972	0.0182	0.7326
1973	0.1314	0.8428
1974	0.0141	0.9245
1975	0.0951	0.8684
1976	0.3775	0.6351
1977	0.0588	0.5683
1978	0.2943	0.7400
1979	0.0400	0.4799
1980	0.0095	0.6820
1981	0.3214	0.5445
1982	0.1150	0.7815
1983	0.0000	
1984	0.1237	0.8873
1985	0.1064	0.9153
1986	0.3129	0.6661
1987	0.0328	0.6259
1988	0.0043	0.9165
1989	0.0665	0.6626
1990	0.0596	0.3743
1991	0.2434	0.7466

YEAR	FALL INDEX	FALL CV
1992	0.2007	0.6617
1993	0.0462	0.4338
1994	0.0000	
1995	0.0661	0.9040
1996	0.0532	0.9103
1997	0.1735	0.6154
1998	0.1030	0.5377
1999	0.0147	0.5309
2000	0.0209	0.8316
2001	0.2474	0.7502
2002	0.0041	0.8866
2003	0.0490	0.4943
2004	0.1119	0.2311
2005	0.1105	0.5368
2006	0.0312	0.5703
2007	0.0774	0.5549
2008	0.0701	0.4432
2009	0.0615	0.2696
2010	0.0948	0.3249
2011	0.0604	0.4171
2012	0.1226	0.5040
2013	0.0317	0.6655
2014	0.1809	0.5541
2015	0.2952	0.5882
2016	0.0601	0.3277
2017	0.0519	0.7197
2018	0.0000	
2019	0.0000	
2020		
2021	0.0371	0.7204
2022	0.0491	0.5377
2023	0.0655	0.6012

YEAR	FALL INDEX	FALL CV
2024	0.0597	0.5651
2025	0.2304	0.7586