

Appendix I: 2021 Projections - Outputs and Assumptions

Projections for 2021:

1. Model configured the same as in Framework 32, with 8 areas in MA and 12 in GB. In 2019, the Closed Area II access area was partitioned into CAII-SW and CAII-SE.
2. Initialized using the average (mean) of available 2020 survey data. In areas where no new survey data was available, projection for 2020 from the 2019 model were applied (CAI-Mid, NF, CA2-N). In Block Island, only dredge estimate was used.
3. L_{∞} in NLS-S-deep was set to 110 mm to match observed growth (SARC 65).
4. L_{∞} was reduced in all SAMS areas except CAII-SW and NLS-South to match observed growth.

Table 10 - Projected exploitable biomass for 2021 by SAMS area.

SAMS Area	2021 Exploitable Biomass
HCS	3,589
Etop	7,720
ETFlex	4,259
Dmv	209
NYB	3,901
LI	8,602
Vir	14
BI+Inshore	1,132
Total	29,426
CL1-N	498
CL1-mid	378
CL2-N	3,186
CL2-SE	1,777
CL2-SW	14,630
NLS-W	225
NLS-N	1,292
NLS-S	12,594
CL2-Ext	10,697
GSC	2,737
NF	743
SF	6,989
Total	55,746