

# Obs. Monthly Flatfish d/K by Statistical Reporting Area

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# Monthly d/K ratios by SRA (2006-2016)

- The following figures display observed monthly d/K ratios of GB yellowtail, SNE yellowtail, and N. windowpane to scallop meats kept by statistical reporting area (SRA)
- Observed hauls from standard observer trips on LA and LAGC vessels were aggregated by month and SRA
- Figures only display SRAs with observed activity from at least 3 vessels for each month.

# d/K Calculation

d/K ratios calculated using:

$$\frac{(d_{2006} + d_{2007} + d_{2008} + \cdots d_{2016})}{(K_{2006} + K_{2007} + K_{2008} + \cdots K_{2016})}$$

where  $d$  = observed weight of discarded flatfish (lbs) and  $K$  = observed weight of kept scallops (lbs).

For observed hauls where only round weights of scallops were recorded, lbs of round scallops were converted to lbs of dressed scallops using the equation:

$$\frac{K_{round}}{8.33}$$

where  $K_{round}$  = the weight of in shell scallops (lbs).

# d/K 'Stoplight' Scale

- d/K scale are different for each flatfish stock
- Represent the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile range of d/K values

SNE/MA yellowtail example:

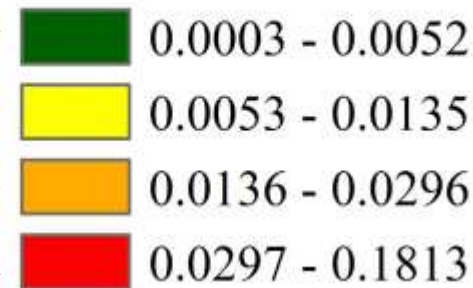
Minimum → 25<sup>th</sup> percentile  
0.03-0.52 lbs of yellowtail catch per  
100 lbs of dressed scallops kept

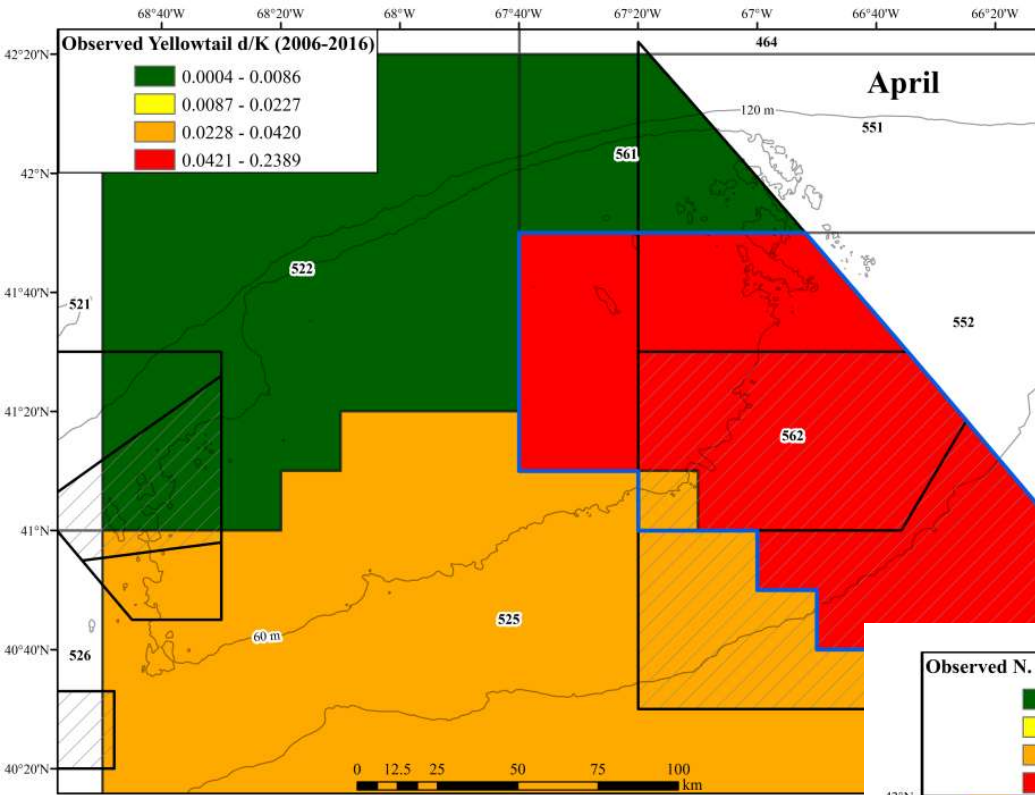
50<sup>th</sup> percentile  
0.53-1.35 lbs of yellowtail catch per  
100 lbs of scallops kept

75<sup>th</sup> percentile  
1.36-2.96 lbs of yellowtail catch per  
100 lbs of scallops kept

100<sup>th</sup> percentile  
2.97-18.13 lbs of yellowtail catch per  
100 lbs of scallops kept

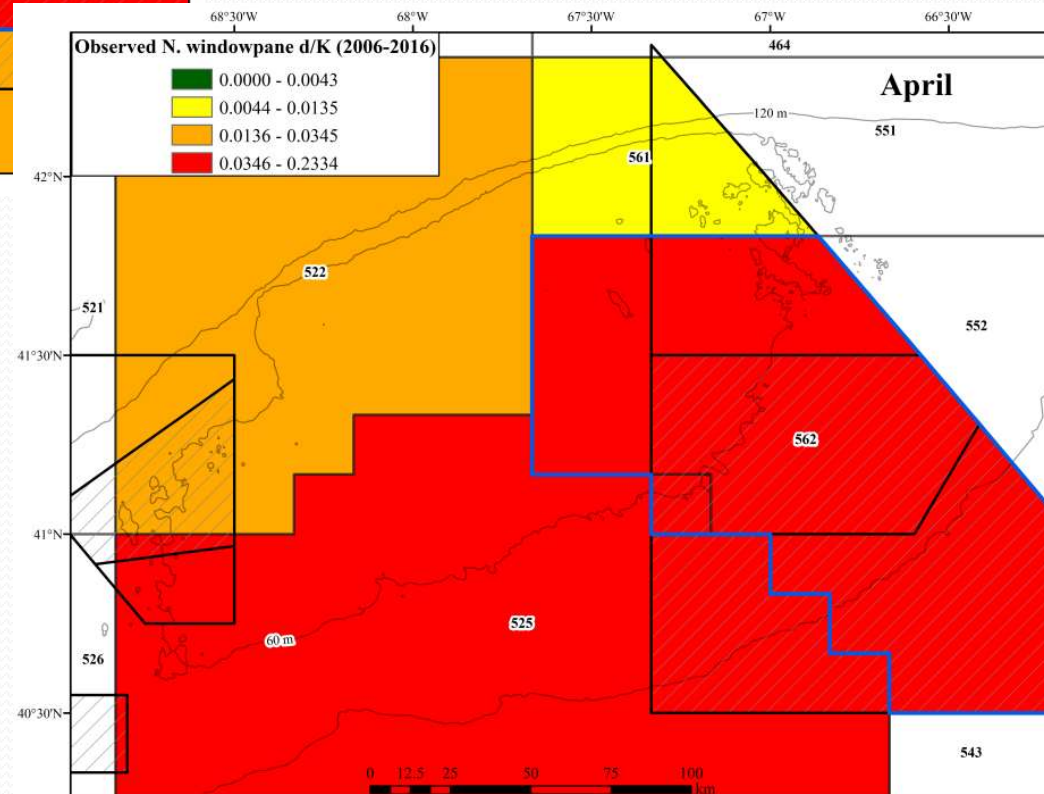
## Observed SNE/MA yellowtail d/K (2006-2016)



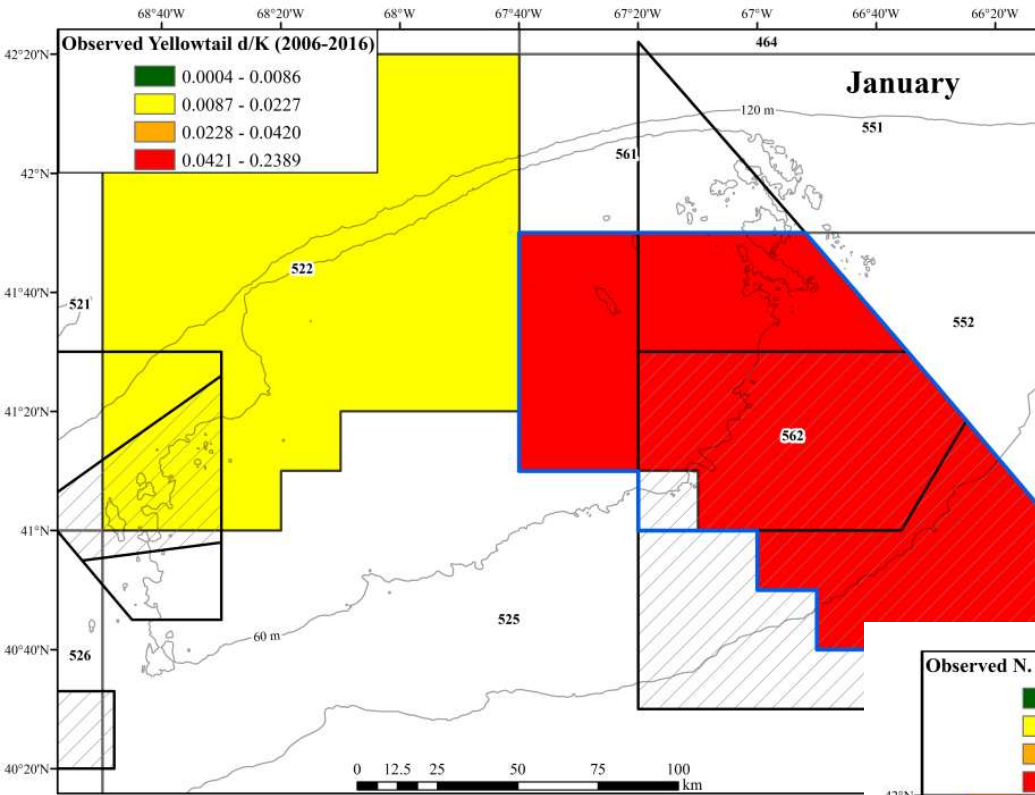


# Flatfish d:K: April

- High d:K in CA II for YT & Windowpane.
- Low relative effort/scallop landings in April on GB

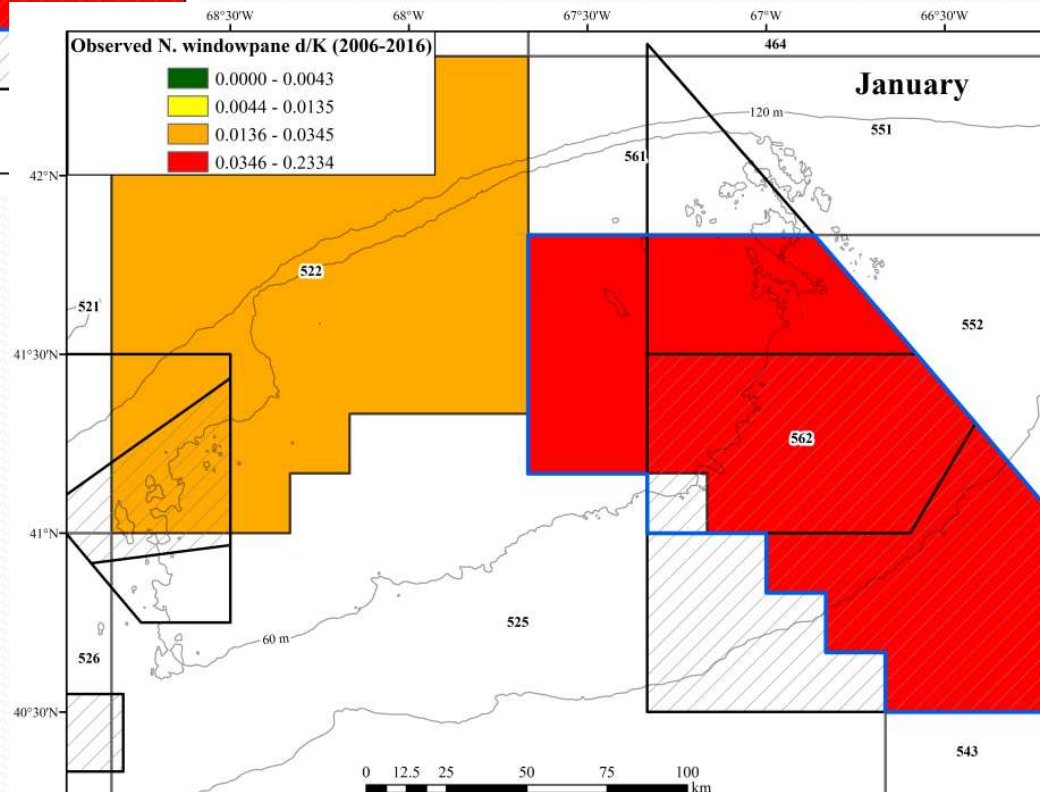


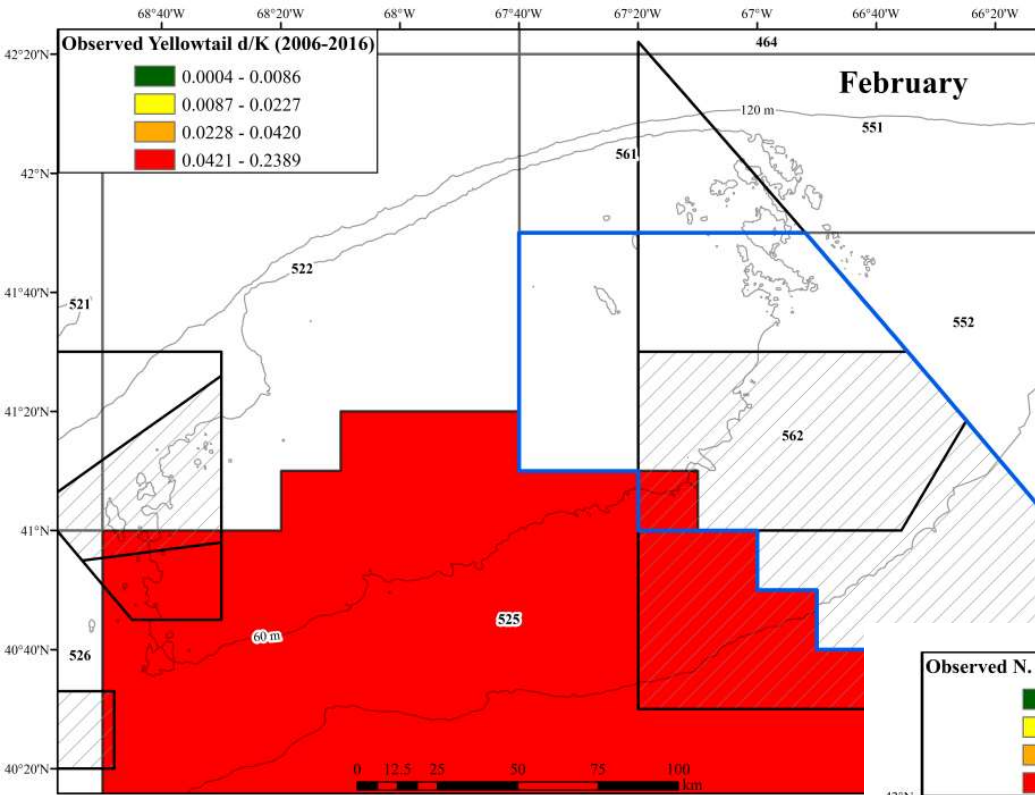




# Flatfish d:K January

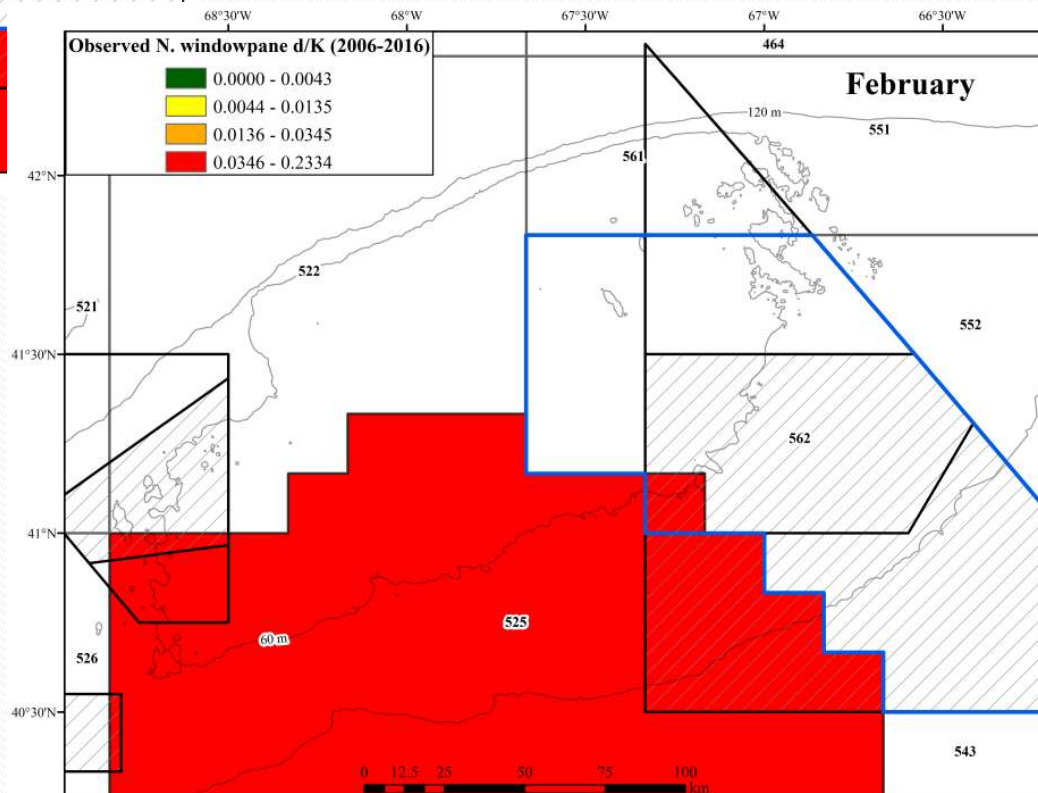
- High d:K in CA II for YT & Windowpane.
- Low relative effort/scallop landings in January on GB



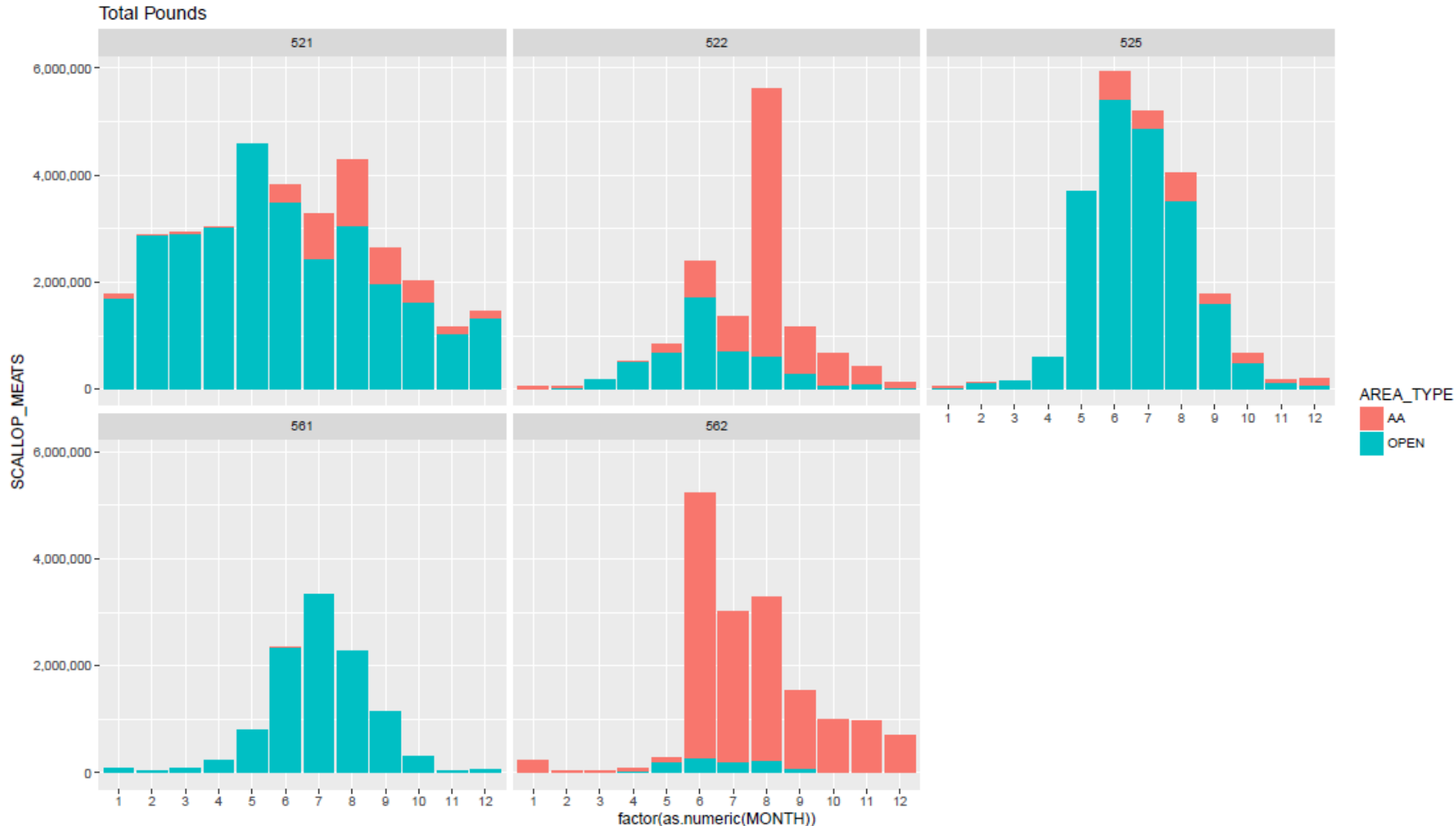


# Flatfish d:K February

- High d:K in CA II for YT & Windowpane.
- Low relative effort/scallop landings in February on GB



# GB scallop landings (2008-2016)





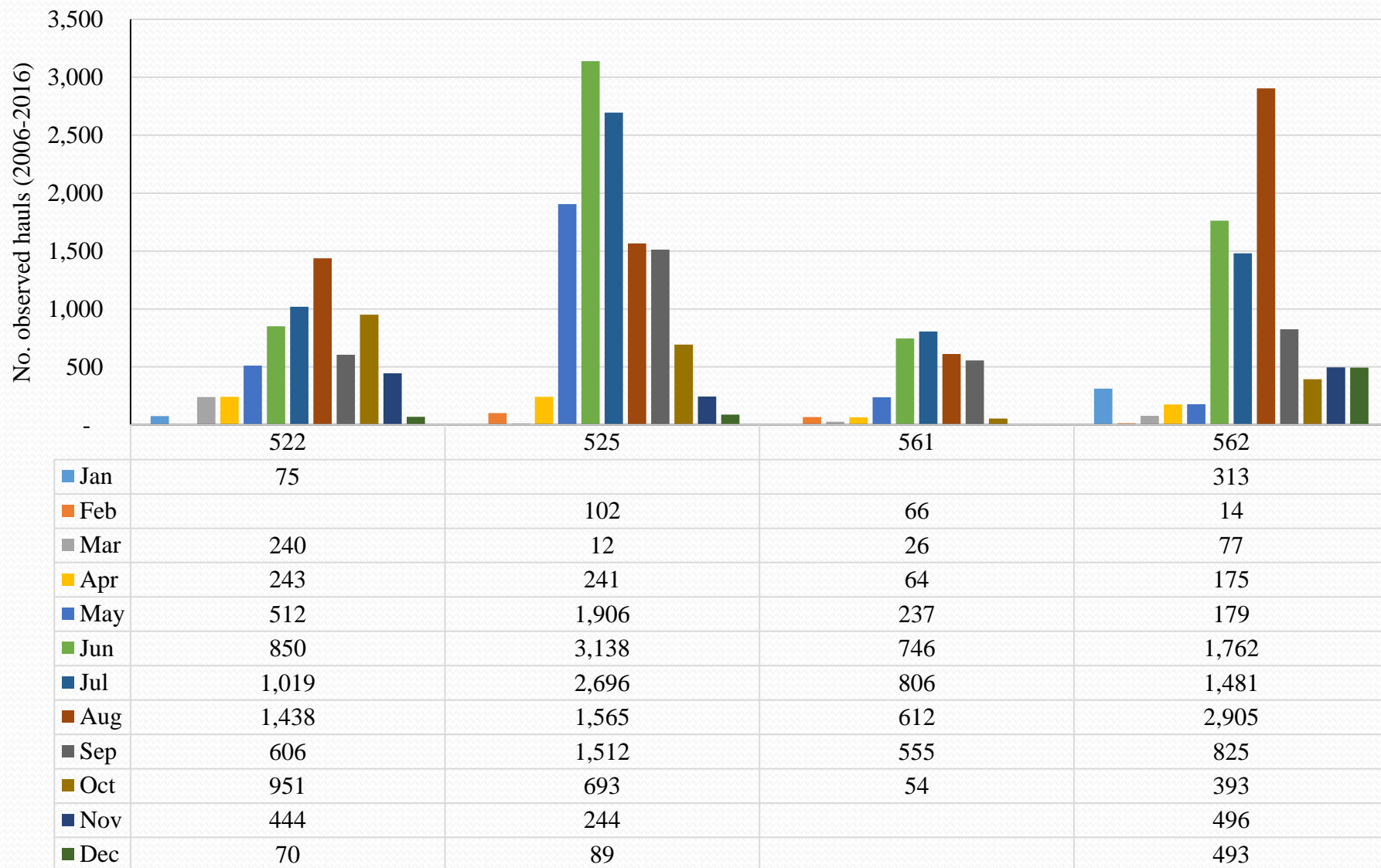
# GB yellowtail vs. N. windowpane

	522		525		561		562	
	GB YT	NWP	GB YT	NWP	GB YT	NWP	GB YT	NWP
Jan	0.015	0.018					0.128	0.233
Feb			0.076	0.089				
March	0.003	0.052					0.026	0.114
April	0.002	0.021	0.029	0.140	0.008	0.011	0.061	0.197
May	0.011	0.041	0.028	0.023	0.016	0.005	0.030	0.028
June	0.005	0.000	0.025	0.001	0.009	0.005	0.075	0.002
July	0.015	0.001	0.023	0.003	0.012	0.005	0.023	0.005
Aug	0.003	0.010	0.021	0.002	0.020	0.015	0.040	0.001
Sept	0.005	0.015	0.036	0.010	0.010	0.013	0.134	0.000
Oct	0.029	0.026	0.067	0.004	0.015	0.007	0.082	0.002
Nov	0.008	0.024	0.027	0.050			0.067	0.015
Dec	0.005	0.005					0.044	0.083

- Colors correspond with scales seen in figures.
- Black cells = no observed d/K value

# Observed hauls (2008-2016)

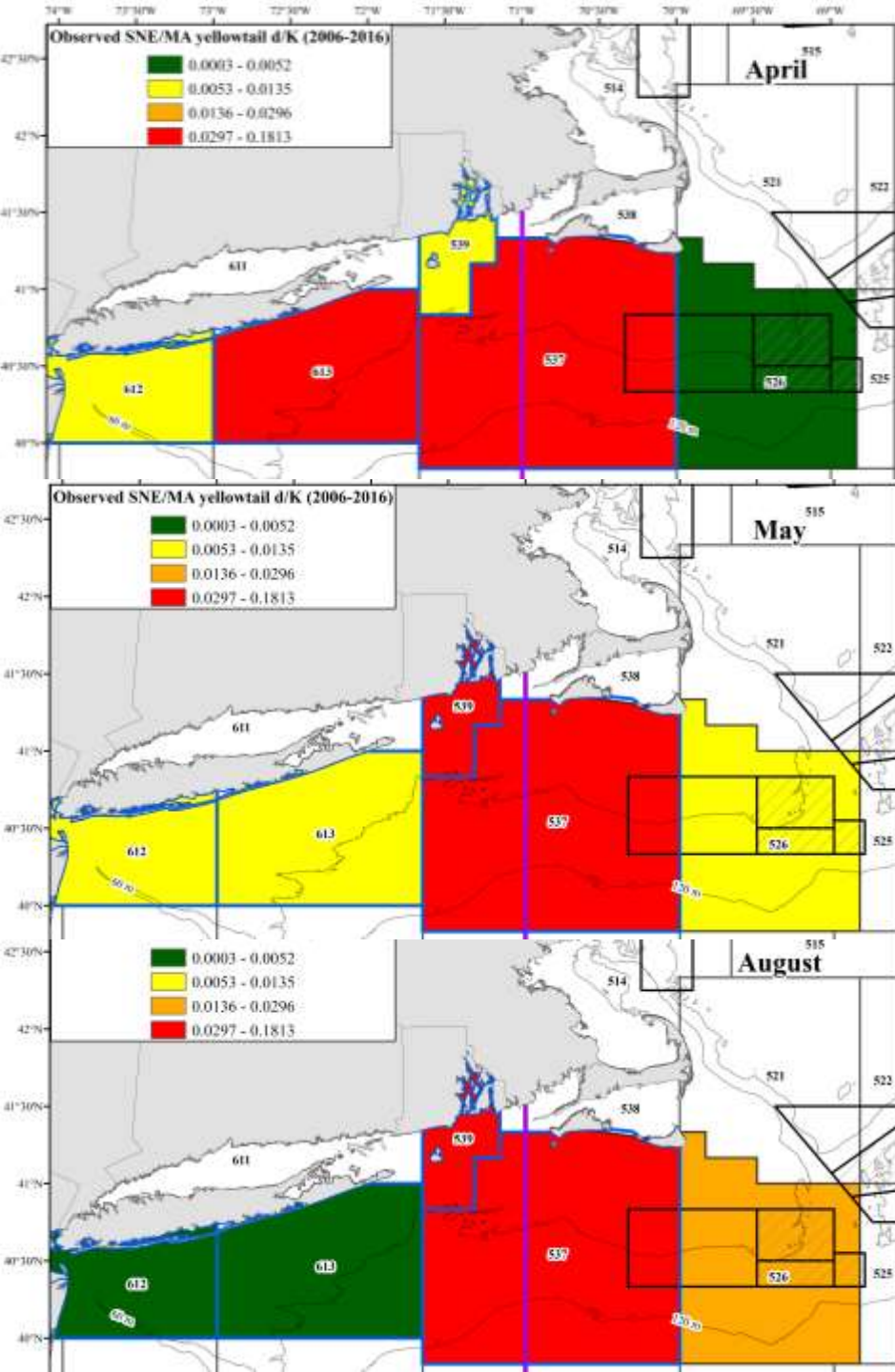
GB yellowtail/N. windowpane



# Flatfish d:K

## April, May, August

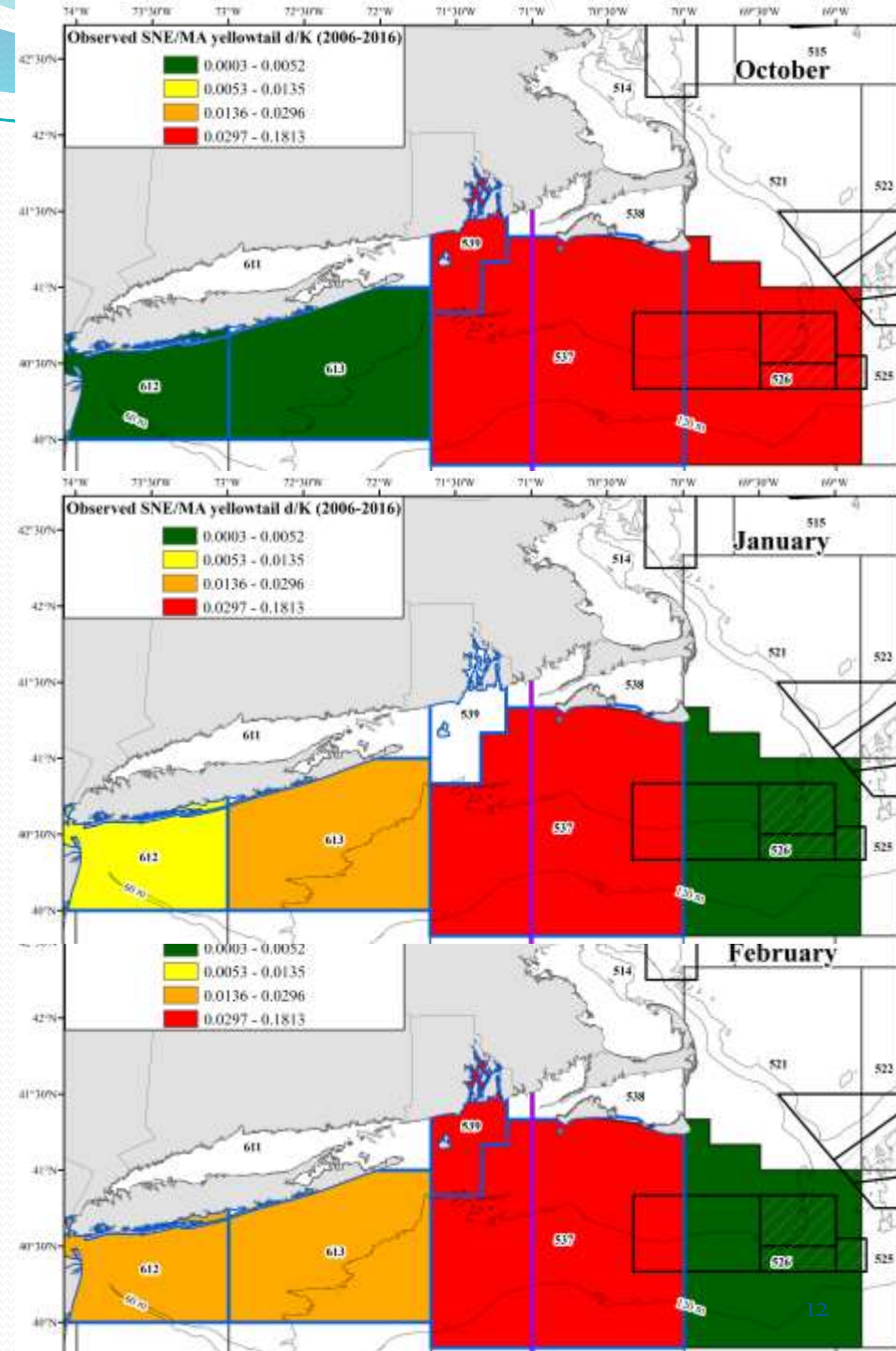
- High SNE/MA YT d:K in 539 & 537
  - Low effort overall compared to rest of SNE/MA
- High d/K → SRA 613 in April:
  - Relatively high effort/landings compared to other SRAs and other months.



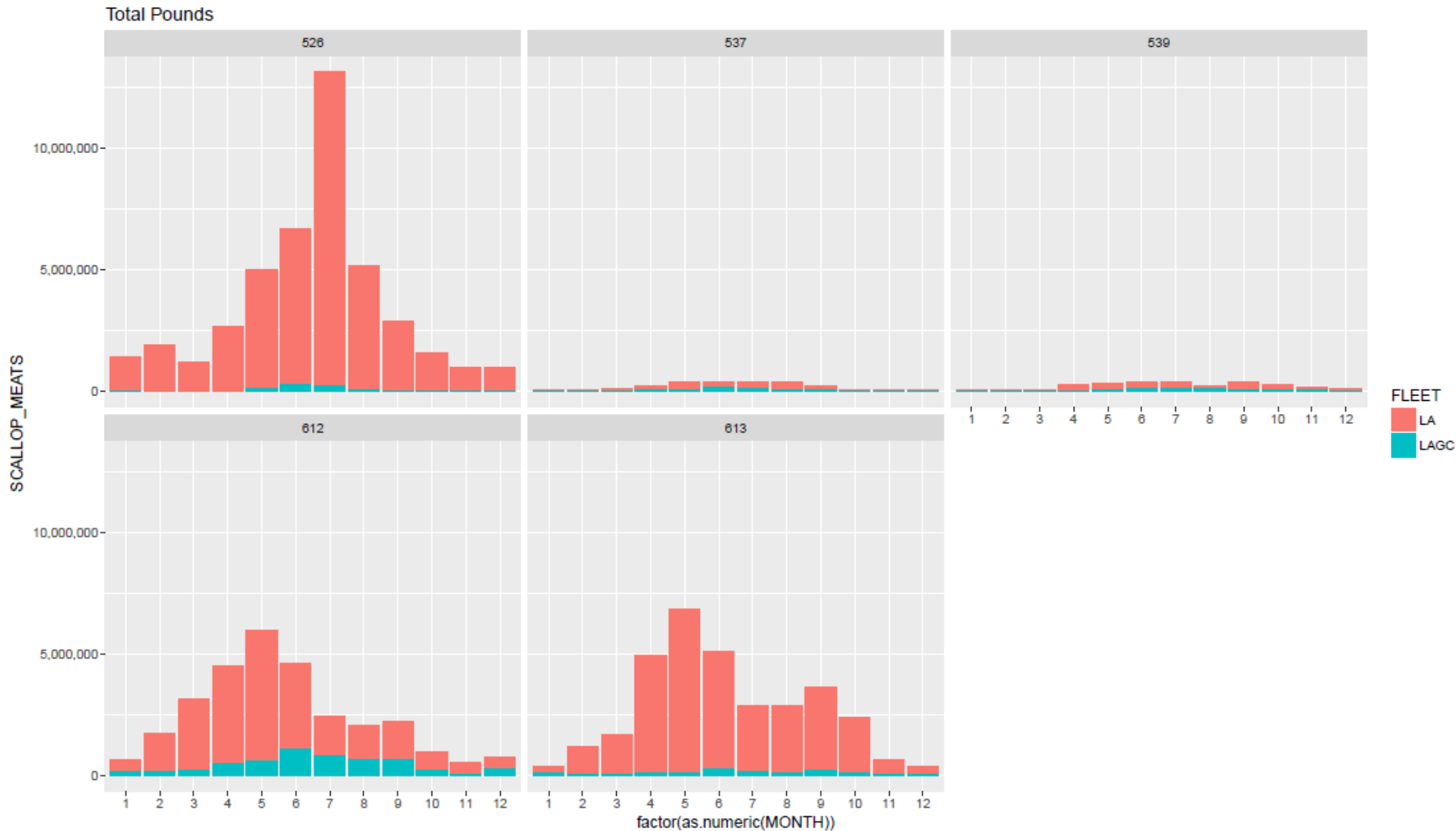
# Flatfish d:K

October, January, February

- High d/K → October in SRA 526
- Low effort/landings compared to other months



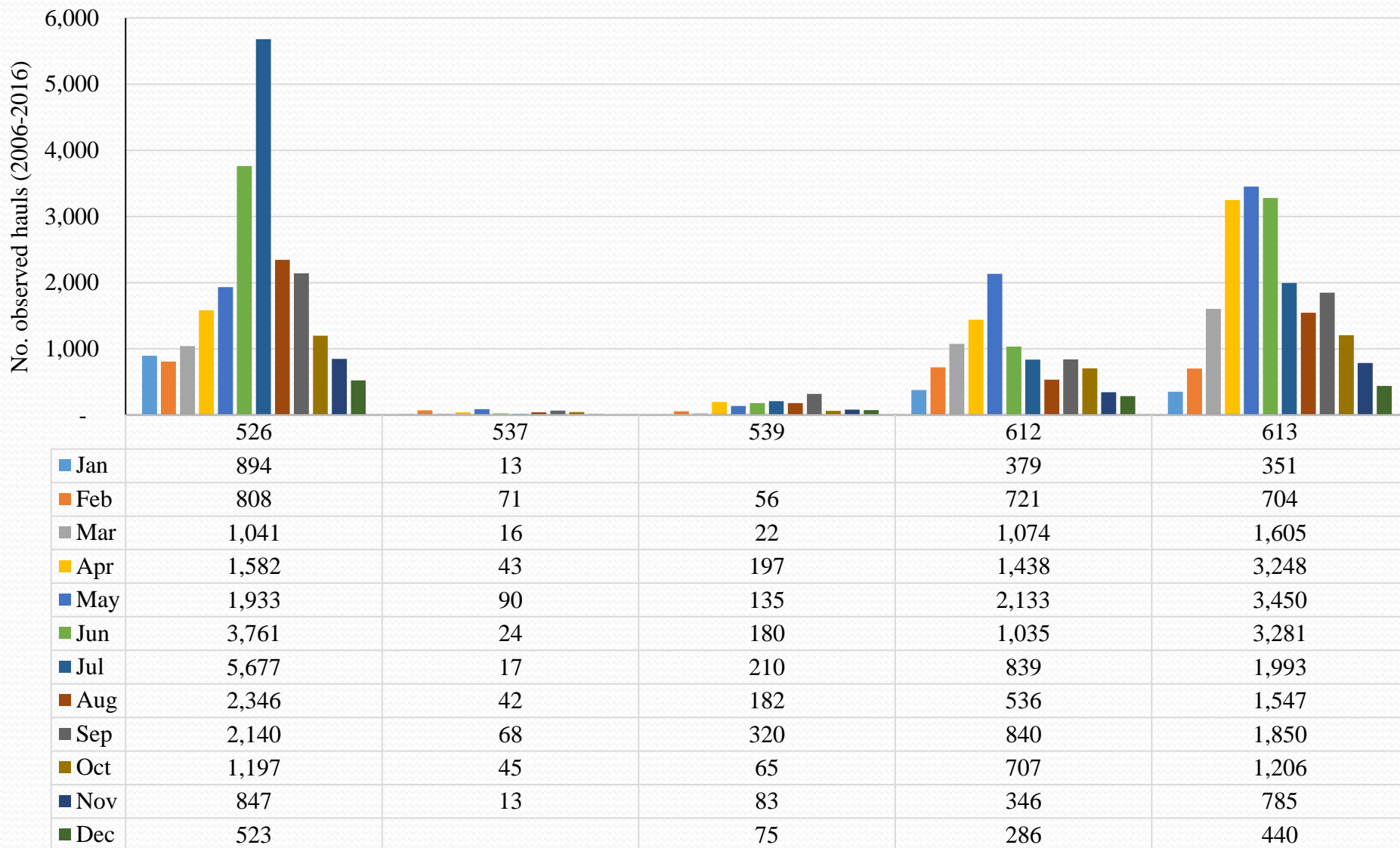
# SNE/MA scallop landings (2008-2016)





# Observed hauls (2006-2016)

SNE yellowtail



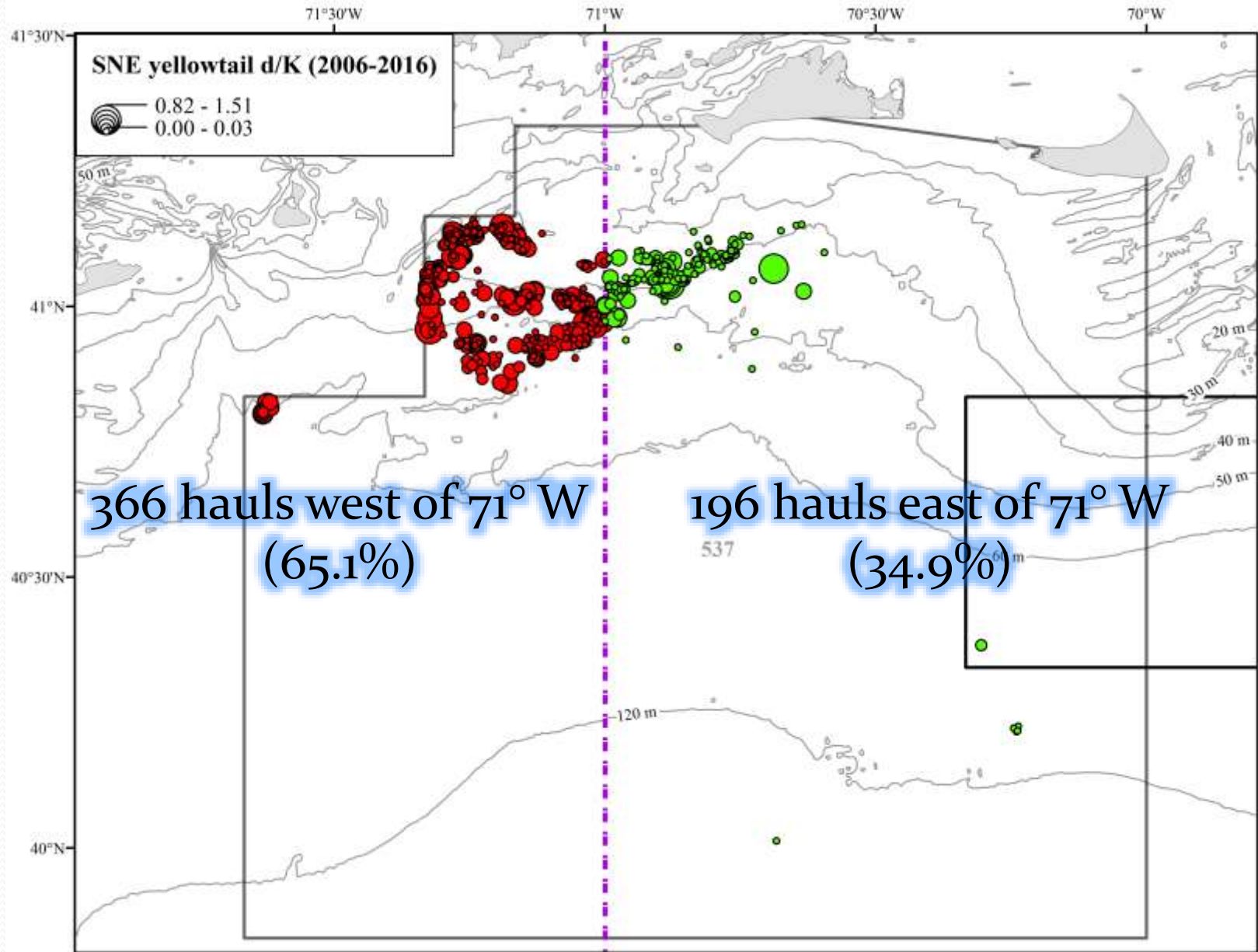
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# SNE/MA yellowtail

	526	537	539	612	613
Jan	0.004	0.181		0.011	0.025
Feb	0.004	0.038	0.088	0.026	0.021
March	0.004		0.006	0.020	0.023
April	0.004	0.123	0.011	0.013	0.030
May	0.010	0.053	0.052	0.013	0.011
June	0.013		0.029	0.003	0.008
July	0.010		0.025	0.002	0.004
Aug	0.014	0.065	0.030	0.003	0.003
Sept	0.024	0.020	0.030	0.000	0.002
Oct	0.030	0.064	0.032	0.001	0.003
Nov	0.012		0.005	0.002	0.009
Dec	0.011		0.014	0.007	0.017

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# Effort in SRA 537 (2006-2016)



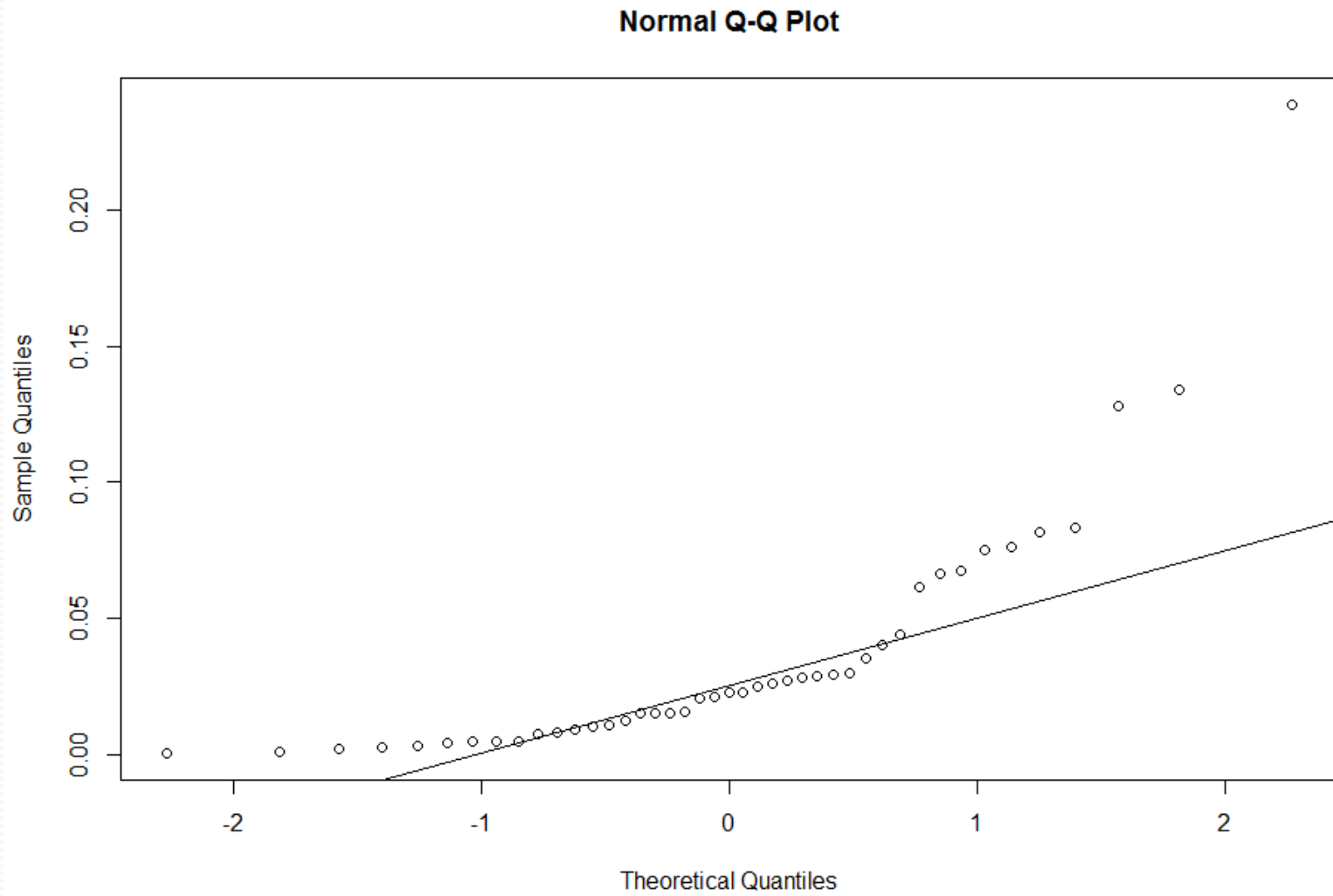
# Questions/Caveats

- This is not the same approach GARFO uses to estimate  $d/K$  (refer to Ben G.)
- Quartile 'stoplight' scale → valid for purpose of ID'ing high  $d/K$  values at SRA level relative to stock
  - What do 'red'  $d/K$  values actually mean in terms of flatfish catch?
- High  $d/K$  in months (and SRAs) with minimal observed hauls

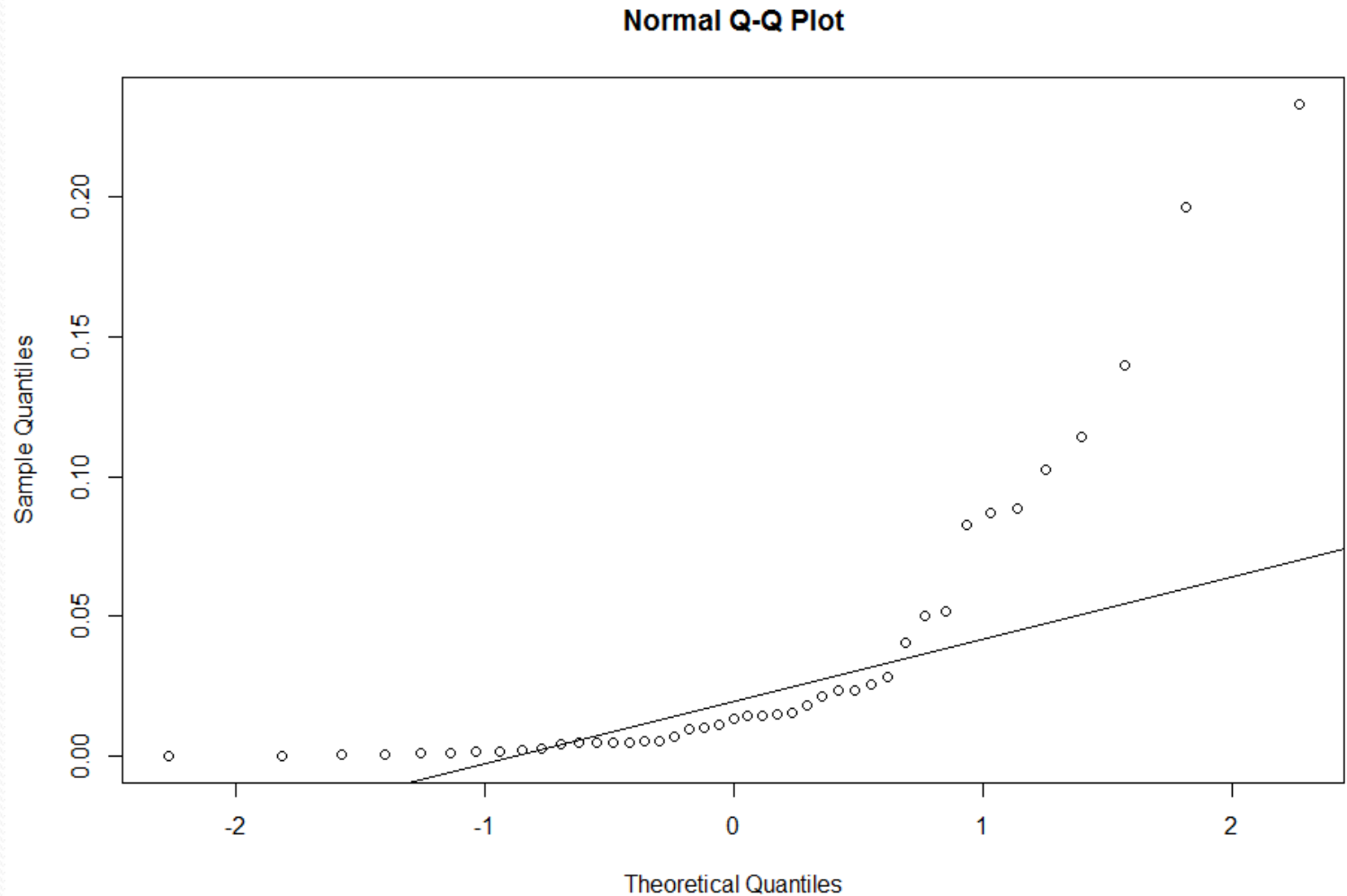
# Extra Slides



# GB yellowtail d/K dist.



# N. windowpane d/K dist.



# SNE yellowtail d/K dist.

