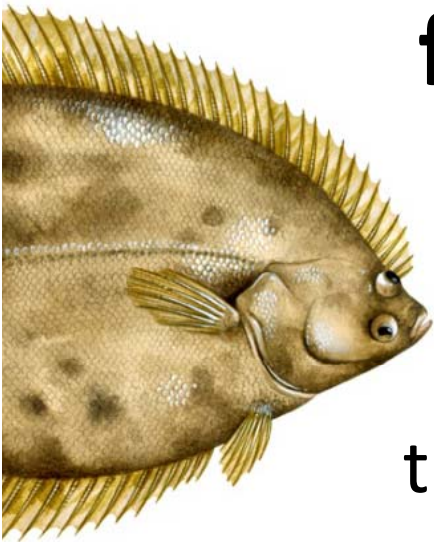





**Review of ASMFC's
Inshore Winter Flounder FMP
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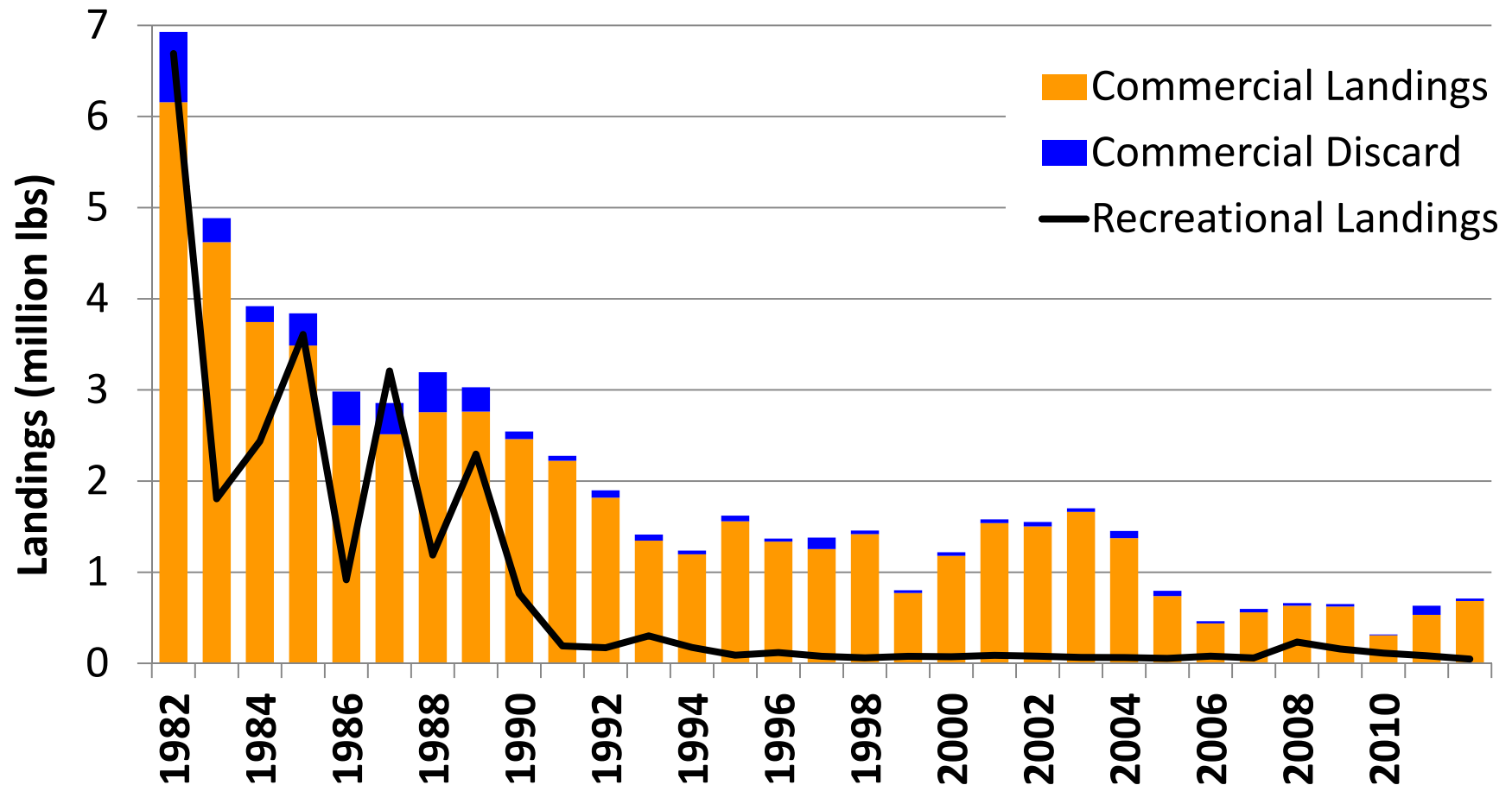


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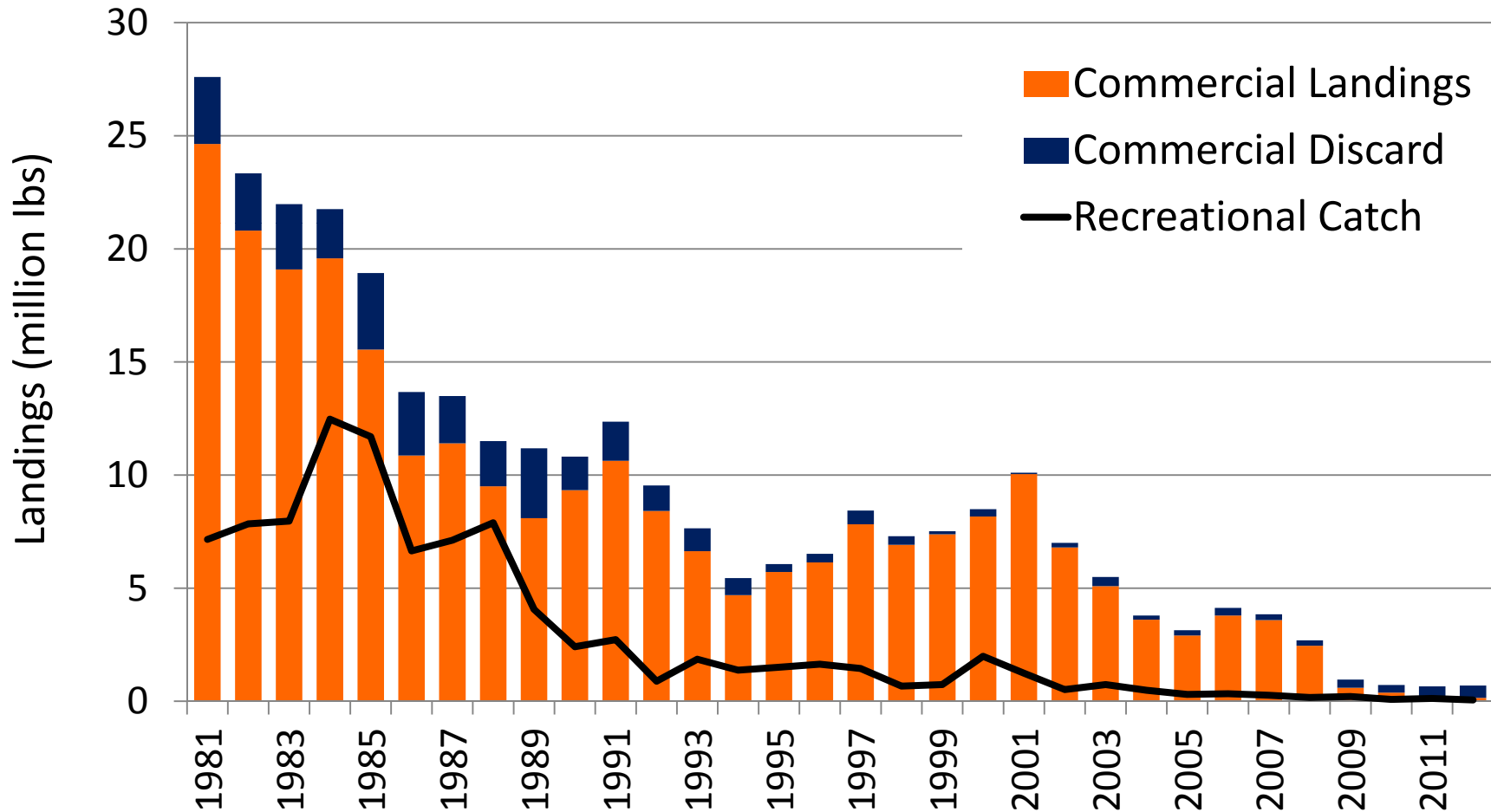
GOM Winter Flounder Landings



Source: State compliance reports, NMFS, MRIP

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Status of Management for FY 2012

- **Amendment 1 (2005)**
- **Addendum I to Amendment 1 (2009)**
- **Addendum II (2012)**
- **Addendum III (implemented for 2013 FY)**

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- **Gulf of Maine**
 - ✓ 500-lb trip limit for non-federal permits
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 - ✓ Maintain seasonal closures
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 - ✓ 2 fish bag limit
 - ✓ 60-day open season
 - ✓ 20 days closed during March-April
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Monitoring & Research

- Plan-specific requirements:
 - **Annual Juvenile recruitment**
 - ✓ MA, NY, RI, and DE
 - **Spawning stock biomass**
 - ✓ MA, RI, CT, and NJ
- **States' management programs were consistent with FMP.**


Request for *De minimis* Status

- **Amendment 1**
 - **Criteria: 3 year-average commercial or recreational landings is less than 1% of coastwide landings**
- **Delaware requests *de minimis* status**
 - **PDT recommends granting *de minimis* status to Delaware**
 - **Commercial landings = 0%**
 - **Recreational landings = 0%**



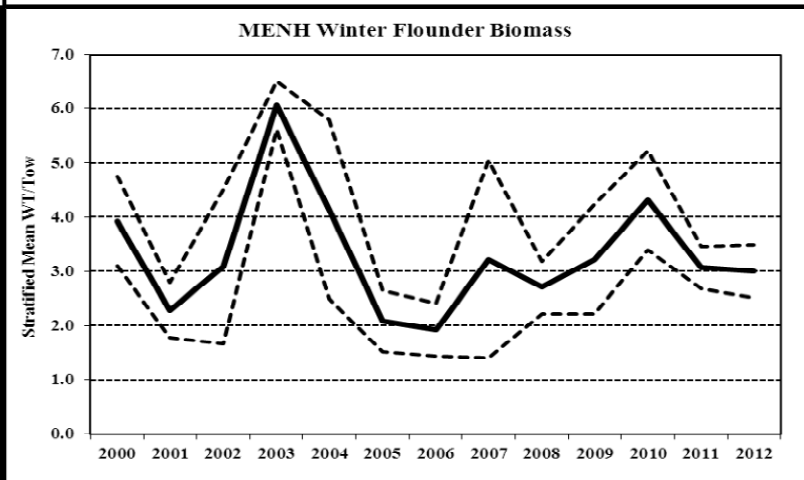
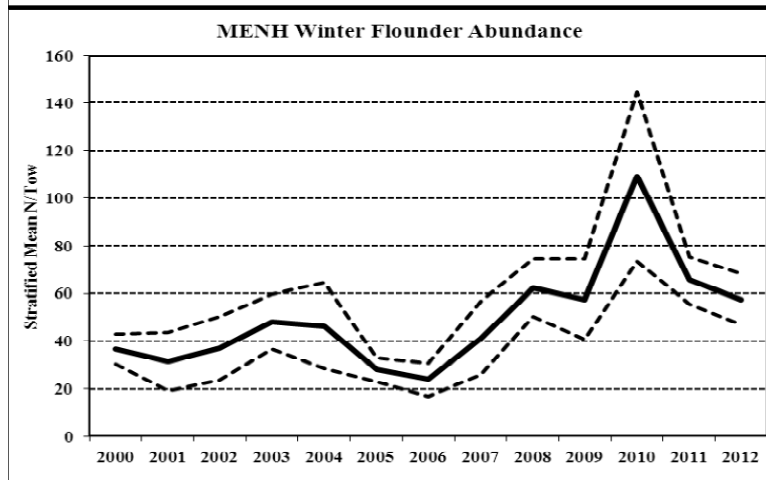
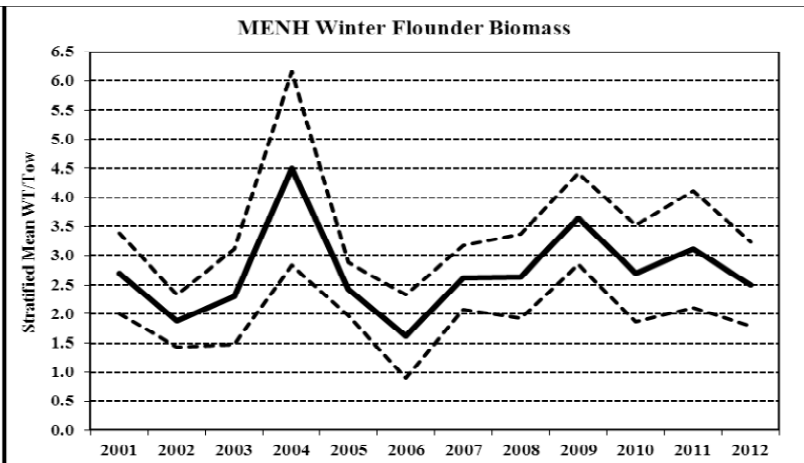
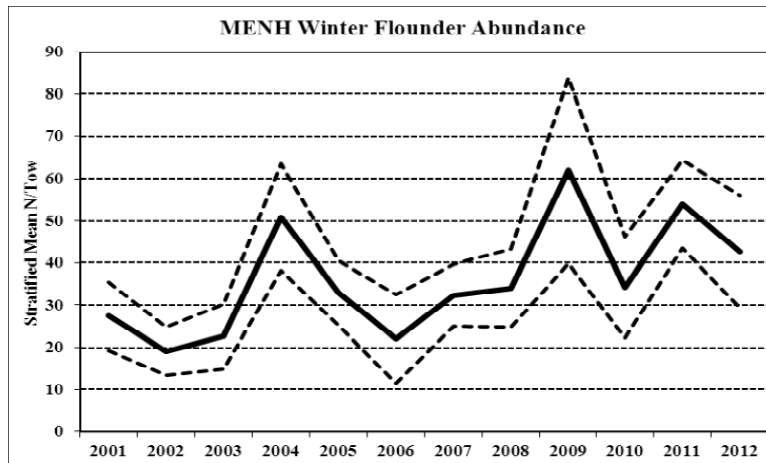
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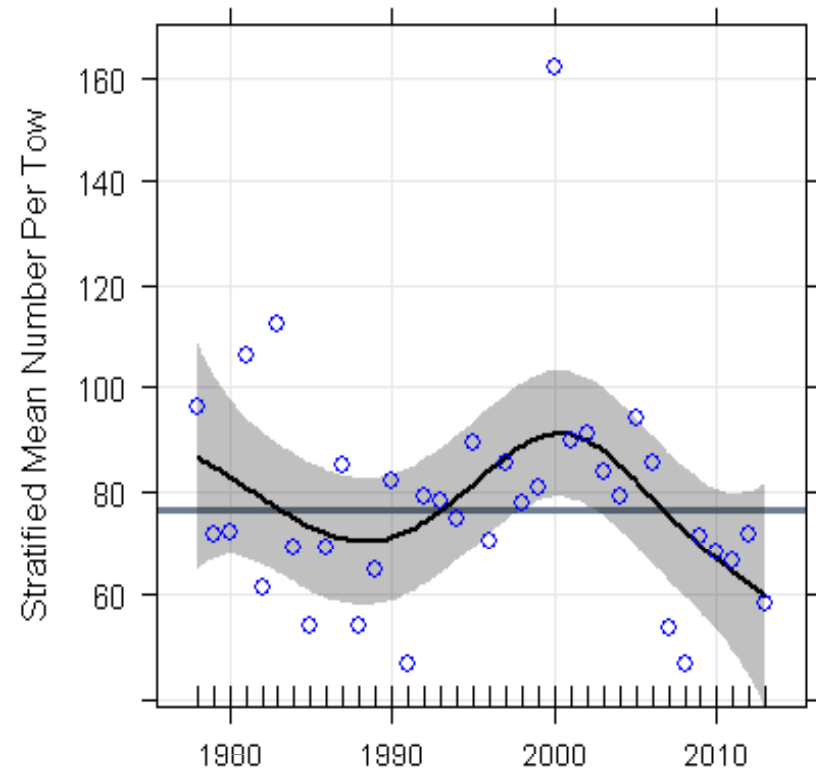
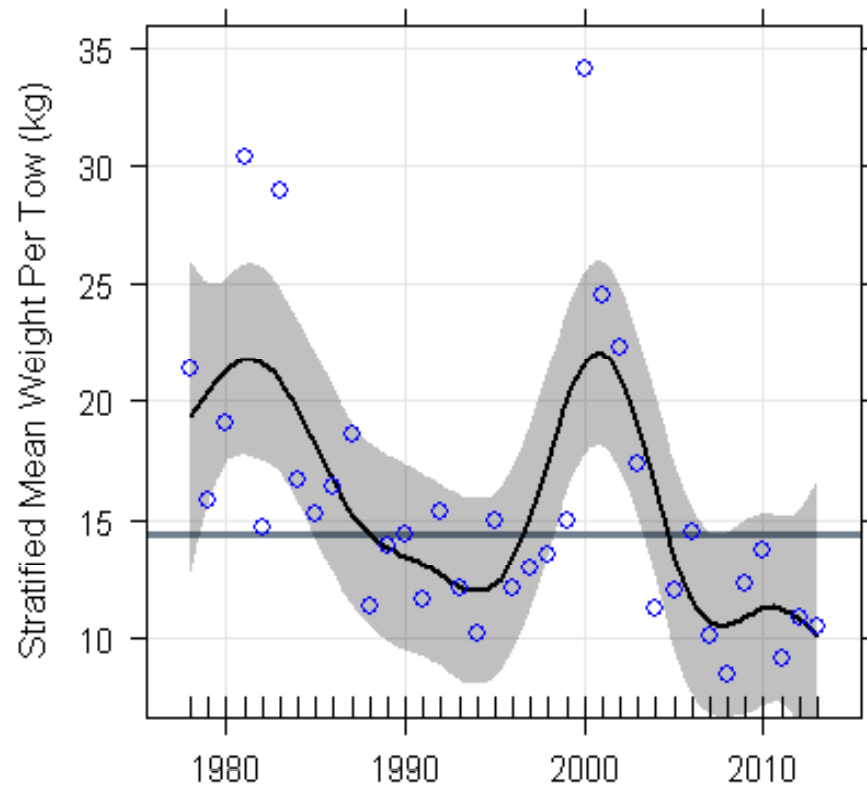
Gulf of Maine

➤ Maine and New Hampshire



Gulf of Maine

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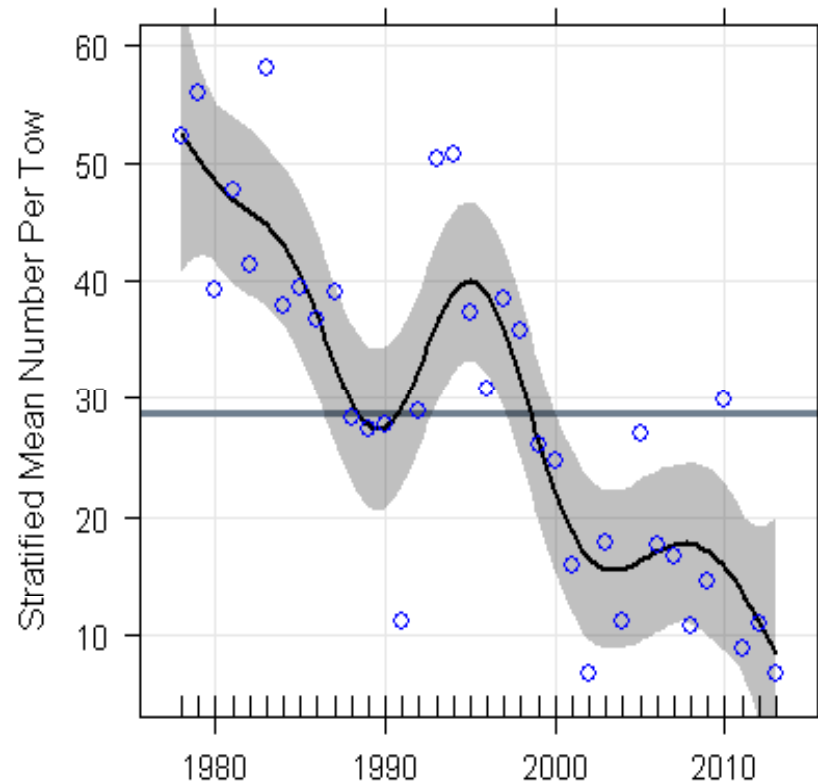
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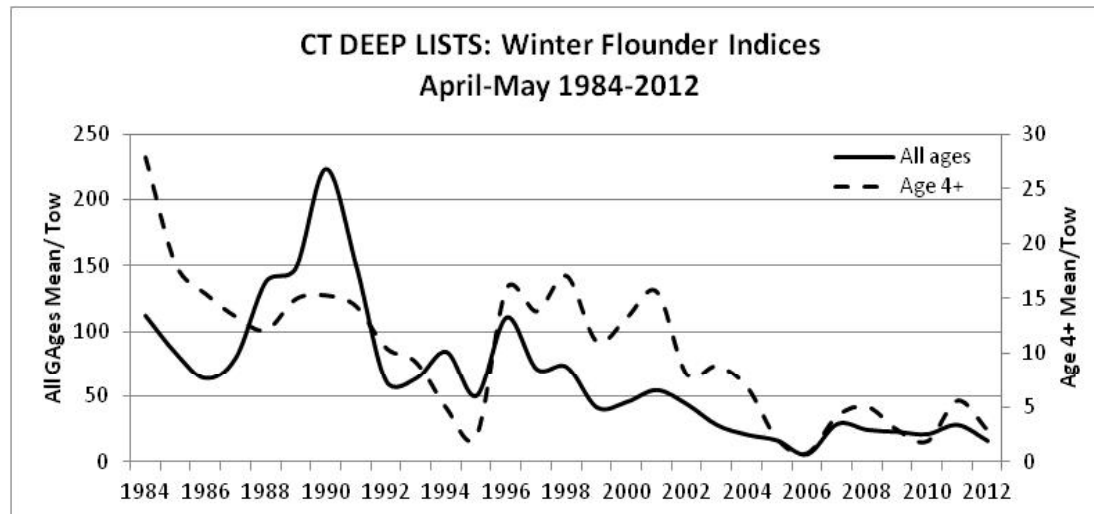
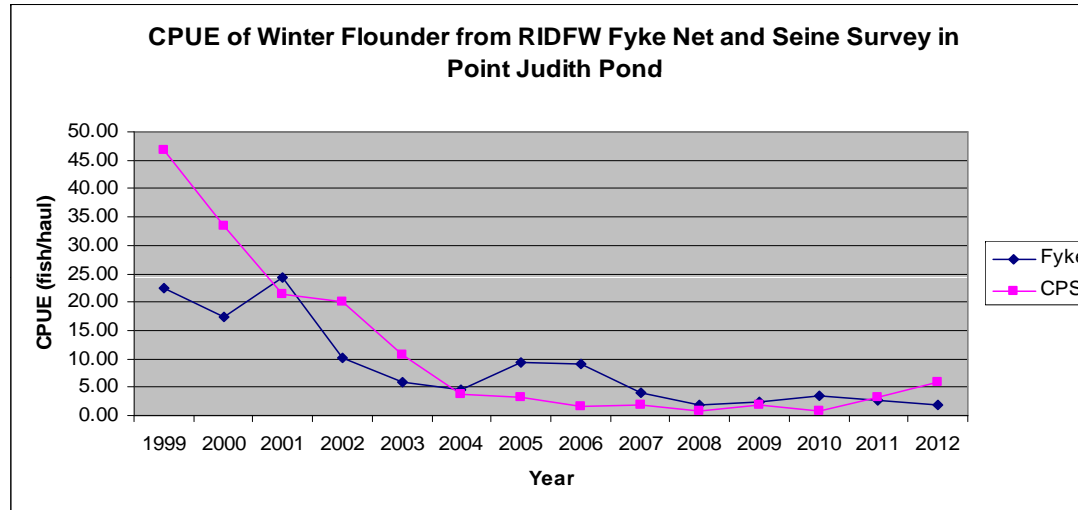
Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic

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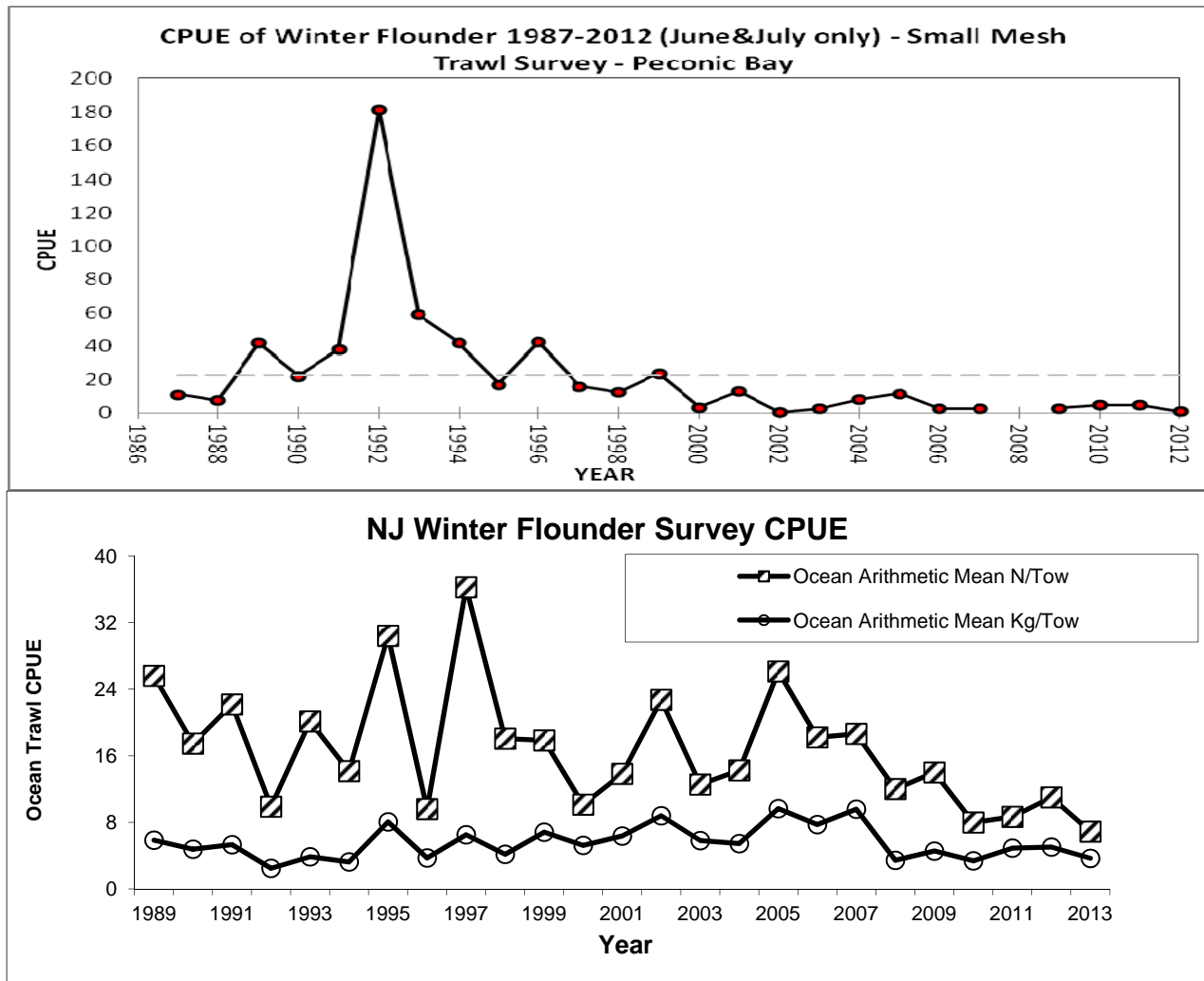
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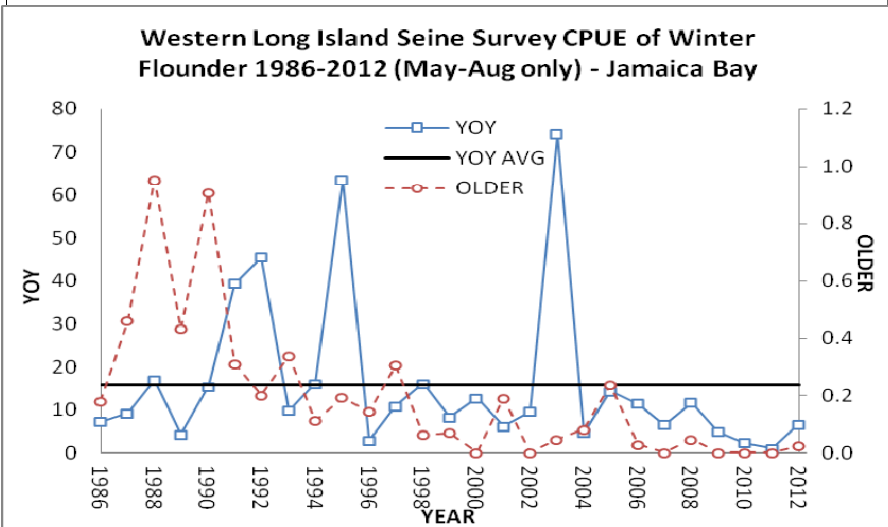
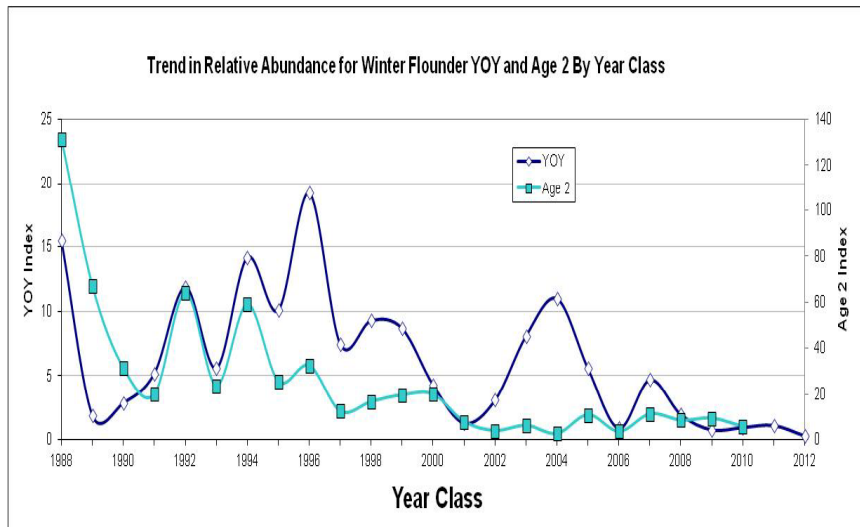
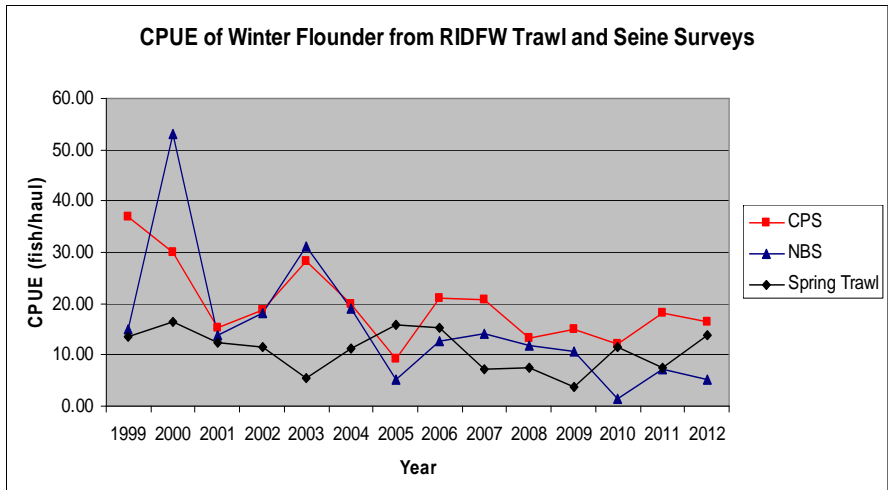
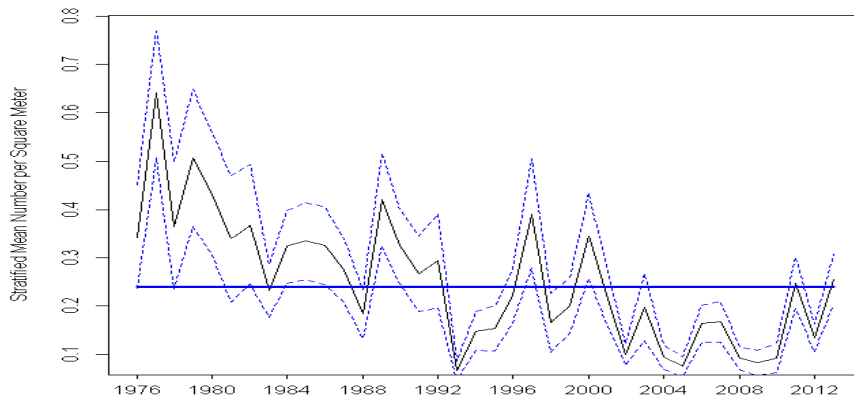
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➤ Juvenile abundance indices: MA, RI, CT, NY





Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic


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Winter Flounder Specifications for the 2014 Fishing Year

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NEFMC Draft Framework 51

GOM Winter Flounder Specifications, in Metric Tons				
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2015				
2016				



NEFMC Draft Framework 51


SNE/MA Winter Flounder Specifications, in mt				
Year	OFL	ABC	Total ACL	State-Water Sub-Component
2014	3,372	1,676	1,612	235
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2016				

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