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6 SAITHE IN SUB-AREA IV AND DIVISION IIIA

6.1 The fishery

6.1.1 ACFM advice applicable to 1998

The stock was considered to be outside safe biological limits. ACFM therefore recommended that the fishing mortality should be reduced by 20% from the fishing mortality in 1996 ($F_{96} = 0.50$) in order to have a high probability of the spawning stock biomass being close to safe biological limits in the medium term. The landings in 1998 corresponding to this reduction are 97,000 t.

This stock is associated with the West of Scotland stock, both in terms of stock distribution and in terms of some of the major exploiting fleets. Trends in SSB and recruitment are similar in both stocks. The West of Scotland stock is also considered to be outside safe biological limits.

6.1.2 Management applicable to 1998

Management of saithe is by TAC and technical measures. The agreed TAC for saithe in IV and IIIa for 1998 is 97,000 t. The minimum mesh size is 100 mm in IV and 90 mm in Skagerrak.

Minimum landing size is 35 cm in EU waters. In Norwegian waters the minimum landing size is 32 cm in IV, and 30 cm in Skagerrak.

6.1.3 Trends in landings

Recent nominal landings are given in table 6.1.1. Working group estimates are in Table 6.1.2 and are plotted in Figure 6.1.1. Landings were high in the early 1970s, reaching a maximum of 320,000 t in 1976. Subsequently, landings declined to 114,000 t in 1979, also due to the discontinuation in the fishery of the USSR. After that, the landings followed an increasing trend to reach 200,000 t in 1985. This increase is partly due to good year classes coming into the fishery. After 1985 the saithe landings decreased to 88,000 t in 1990, and since then the landings have increased slightly. In 1996 and 1997, the landings are estimated to be 110,000 t and 103,000 t respectively. Small amounts of saithe are taken as industrial by-catch, but most of the saithe is sorted out and delivered for human consumption. Since 1977, the average industrial by-catch has been 2,400 t. In later years no bycatch has been registered, but in 1998 a bycatch of about 3000 t was registered. The catch trends do not include discards. The agreed TAC in 1997 was 115,000 t which is 8,000 t higher than the estimated catch.

Saithe is mainly taken in a directed trawl fishery which started in the beginning of the 1970s. The French, German and Norwegian catches made up about 75% of the total international catch in 1997.

6.2 Natural mortality, maturity, age compositions, mean weight at age

Conventional values of natural mortality rate, and maturity at age based on biological sampling are given in Table 6.2.1. They have been assumed to be the same all years. Total international age compositions are given in Table 6.2.2. Data for 1996 were updated with minor changes. Data for 1997 were supplied by Denmark, Germany, France, Norway, UK (England) and UK (Scotland) amounting to about 95% of the landings. Estimates of discards are available only from the Scottish fleet, and they are not representative for the total international catch, and not included in the assessment.

The mean weights at age in the landings are given in Table 6.2.3. These are also used as stock mean weights. SOP corrections have been applied.

6.3 Catch, effort and research vessel data

The French database for the large trawler fleet (FRATRB) has been modified relative to last year in two ways; by the exclusion of catches taken in the Norwegian sector, and by the exclusion of trips targeting deepwater species rather than saithe.

Formerly, the FRATRB series included all catches taken by these vessels, including those taken in the Norwegian sector, for which no effort figures are available. These catches have now been excluded so both the catches and effort figures now refer only to the EU sector of the North Sea. This also applies to data for the freezer trawler fleet (FRATRF) which are available for tuning for the first time.

Since 1991, some trips by the FRATRB vessels have been exploratory and have targeted deepwater species in the Northern North Sea. These trips have been excluded, using a criterion of a minimum of 10% of saithe per fishing day. This modification has resulted in a reduction of less than 1% in the annual landings attributed to this fleet, but has reduced the effort by between 15 and 30% per year. Data are currently available to apply these modifications back to 1992, and the 1991 data have also been modified on the assumption that the proportion of effort targeting deepwater species was the same in 1991 as it was in 1993.

The fleets used for tuning the VPA are given in Table 6.3.1. The data from the French trawlers starts in 1990 and 1992 and contains the age groups 3 - 10. The data from the Norwegian trawlers starts in 1980 and contains the age groups 3 - 10. After the drop in effort in the period 1985 to 1990, the effort in recent years seems to have stabilised on half the level of 1985. The Scottish research vessel indices start in 1982 and contains age 2 and 3, and the English indices start in 1977 containing ages 2 - 10.

6.4 Catch-at-age analysis

The method used to tune the VPA was XSA (v3.1), the same tuning configuration as last year. Preliminary runs were done with all fleets included. Diagnostics and plots of the residuals were inspected. Age 2 from all fleets showed very big residuals and very low r^2 , and they were therefore excluded. In FRATRB age 9 had a negative slope, and the same had age 7 and 8 in FRATRF. Age 9 in ENGGFS showed also bad diagnostics. Following data were used for the final run:

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| FRATRB 1990-1997 | age 3-8 |
| FRATRF 1992-1997 | age 3-7 |
| NORTRL 1980-1997 | age 3-9 |
| ENGGFS 1977-1997 | age 3-8 |
| SCOGFS 1982-1997 | age 3 |

Plots of the residuals are shown in Figure 6.4.1, and plots of indices against VPA are shown in Fig 6.4.3. Last year catchability was dependent of stock size for age 1, 2 and 3. However, in the runs this year the t-value for age 3 was so low that it was decided to run the tuning with constant catchability for age 3. Catchability was fixed for ages 7 and above as last year. The tuning were run with no taper over ten years. The age range used for VPA was 1 to 10 (the plus group), and F for the oldest ages was shrunk to the mean of the 3 younger ages. The tuning results are given in Table 6.4.1, Table 6.4.2 gives the values of fishing mortality rates, and Table 6.4.3 gives the stock numbers estimated by tuning. The F shrinkage mean gives a high weight for age 1 and 2. The surveys get some weight for the ages 3 and 4. For the ages 5 to 7 the commercial fleets got most of the weight while on older ages the two commercial fleets and the mean shrinker are sharing the weights (Figure 6.4.2).

Because of the short time series of FRATRF a retrospective analysis could only be run for two years backwards. The results are plotted in Figure 6.4.4. There is reasonable agreement for the two runs.

6.5 Recruitment Estimates

Some survey data were available, but RCT3 runs showed that the VPA mean was given about 90% of the weights. The Group therefore decided to use a geometric mean to estimate recruitment. All points in the left corner of the stock-recruitment plot (Figure 6.9.1) are derived from the last decade. The geometric mean over the last ten years was therefore used for ages 1 and 2 in 1998 (year classes 1997 and 1996). The year class 1997 was estimated to 155 million at age 1, and the year class 1996 was estimated to 131 million at age 2. For the year classes 1998 and 1999 the GM of 155 millions was used.

6.6 Historical stock trends

Table 6.6.1 gives a summary of the trends in landings, fishing mortality, biomass and recruitment as estimated by VPA. These data are also plotted in Figure 6.1.1.

Mean fishing mortality increased substantially from 1981 to 1986. Since then, it has decreased to a level of about 0.5. Total biomass and spawning biomass show a continuous downwards trend until 1990 when they were on historically low levels. The present assessment shows a slight improvement of the stock since then.

6.7 Short term forecast

Input data for prediction are given in Table 6.7.1. Ages 1 and 2 are GM estimates. The period for calculations of mean exploitation pattern and mean weights is 1995 to 1997, and the fishing pattern were not scaled to F97. Geometric mean are used for the 1998 and the 1999 year classes. Results of the prediction are given in Table 6.7.2 and in Figure 6.7.1. Input data for a sensitivity analysis are shown in Table 6.7.1 and the results of this analysis are shown in Figures 6.7.2 and 6.7.3.

Maintenance of the *status quo* of fishing mortality in 1998 is expected to lead to landings of 111,000 t in 1998 and 123,000 t in 1999. Spawning stock size is predicted to increase to 134,000 t in 2000.

Table 6.7.4 shows the contribution of the different year classes in the catch in 1999 and the spawning stock in 2000. Half of the expected landings in 1999, and half of the predicted SSB in 2000 is made up of year classes for which GM recruitment is assumed.

The sensitivity analysis shows that the prediction of the yield in 1999 is mostly dependent of the fishing mortality levels in 1999 and 1998 and the estimation of the number of the 1995 year class, together with its weight at age 4 and its relative fishing mortality age 4. The prediction of the spawning stock in 2000 is dependent of the estimates of number, weight, proportion mature and relative fishing mortality of the same year class together with the fishing mortality levels in 1998 and 1999. (Figure 6.7.2). The stock numbers of age 3 contributes to most of the variance in the prediction (Figure 6.7.2). It must be remembered that the ages 1 and 2 (year classes 1997 and 1996) are geometric means.

The probability plots show that there is about a 75% probability that the spawning stock will remain below 150,000 t in 2000 if the *status quo* fishing mortality (0.50) is maintained (Figure 6.7.3).

6.8 Medium term projections

The input for these analyses is shown in Table 6.7.1 and Table 6.8.1, and the results are presented in Figure 6.8.1. All stock-recruit models available were examined. All models showed similar shape. The analysis described in Section 1.4.2 was used and the group decided to use the Ricker model. It was also decided to use an average over ten years for the stock- and catch weights. Using the *status quo* fishing mortality, the median landings is expected to increase and stabilise at about 140,000 t. The median spawning stock biomass will stay at the present level of about 130,000 t, and the probability for SSB to remain below 150,000 t is about 40%.

6.9 Long term Considerations

Figure 6.9.1 shows the stock-recruitment plot. The *status quo* F (0.50) is slightly above F_{med} (0.48). The input parameters for the yield and biomass per recruit are given in Table 6.9.1 and the results are shown in Table 6.9.2 and Figure 6.7.1.

6.10 Biological reference points

For saithe 150,000 t has been used as MBAL, and the SGPAFM has suggested this value as a B_{pa} . The choice of MBAL was based on an indication of reduced recruitment below that value. The Group decided to use 150,000 t as B_{pa} for saithe in the North Sea and Skagerrak. However, next year the West of Scotland stock will be included in the assessment and this may result in a different B_{pa} . Biological reference points were estimated using the PA software. Input values are shown in Tables 6.7.1 and 6.8.1, and the results are shown in Tables 6.10.1 and 6.10.2 and Figures 6.10.1 and 6.10.2. Figure 6.10.3 indicate $F_{pa5} = 0.44$, $F_{pa10} = 0.46$ and $F_{pa20} = 0.47$. The probability of being below B_{pa} in 2007 is sensitive to small changes in F between 0.4 and 0.45. Given the precision with which current values of F can be estimated, the Working Group proposes an F of 0.40 as F_{pa} .

Figure 6.10.4 shows the history of F_{3-6} versus SSB. In the last 14 years SSB has been below B_{pa} and also above F_{pa} .

The stock may be considered to be outside safe biological limits.

6.11 Comments on the Assessment

This year's assessment is consistent with last year's assessment. However, for the 1996 year class and onwards GM(86-95) recruitment is assumed, and the year class 1995, which is important in the prediction, is not well estimated. The forecast should therefore be treated with caution.

Table 6.1.1 Nominal catch (in tonnes) of Saithe in Sub-area IV and Division IIIa, 1986-1997, as officially reported to ICES.

| Country | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 ¹ |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Belgium | 16 | 4 | 60 | 13 | 23 | 29 | 70 | 113 | 130 | 228 | 157 | 254 |
| Denmark | 10,343 | 7,928 | 6,868 | 6,550 | 5,800 | 6,314 | 4,669 | 4,232 | 4,305 ¹ | 4,388 | 4,705 | 4,513 |
| Faroe Islands | 224 | 691 | 276 | 739 | 1,650 | 671 | 2,480 | 2,875 | 1,780 ¹ | 3,808 | 617 | 158 |
| France | 43,958 | 38,356 | 28,913 | 30,761 ^{1,2} | 29,892 ^{1,2} | 14,795 ^{1,2} | 9,061 ¹ | 15,258 ¹ | 18,220 ^{1,2} | 11,224 ¹ | 12,227 | 19,658 ^{1,2} |
| Germany | 22,277 | 22,400 | 18,528 | 14,339 | 15,006 | 19,574 | 13,177 | 14,814 | 10,013 | 12,093 | 11,567 | 12,581 |
| Netherlands | 134 | 334 | 345 | 257 | 206 | 199 | 180 | 79 | 18 | 9 | 17 | 40 |
| Norway | 67,341 | 66,400 | 40,021 | 24,737 | 19,122 | 36,240 | 48,205 | 47,669 | 47,042 | 53,293 ¹ | 55,382 | 46,484 ¹ |
| Poland | 495 | 832 | 1,016 | 809 | 1,244 | 1,336 | 1,238 | 937 ¹ | 151 | 592 | 365 | 822 |
| Sweden | 1,987 | 1,732 | 2,064 | 797 | 838 | 1,514 | 3,302 | 4,955 | 5,366 | 1,891 | 1,771 | 1,592 |
| UK (Engl. & Wales) | 4,480 | 3,233 | 3,790 | 4,012 | 3,397 | 4,070 | 2,893 | 2,429 | 2,354 | 2,522 | 2,864 | 2,556 |
| UK (Scotland) | 15,520 | 11,911 | 10,850 | 9,190 | 7,703 | 8,602 | 6,881 | 5,929 | 5,566 | 6,341 | 5,848 | 6,329 |
| USSR | - | - | - | - | - | 116 ³ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total reported to ICES | 166,775 | 153,821 | 112,731 | 92,204 | 84,881 | 93,460 | 92,156 | 99,290 | 90,337 | 96,389 | 95,520 | 94,987 |
| Unreported landings | -3,882 | -4,414 | -6,132 | -172 | 3,199 | 5,093 | 343 | 5,316 | 12,256 | 17,171 | 14,826 | 8,339 |
| Landings as used by WG | 162,873 | 149,407 | 106,599 | 92,032 | 88,080 | 98,553 | 92,499 | 104,606 | 102,593 | 113,560 | 110,346 | 103,326 |
| TAC | 240,000 | 173,000 | 165,000 | 170,000 | 120,000 | 125,000 | 110,000 | 93,000 | 97,000 | 107,000 | 111,000 | 115,000 |

¹Preliminary.

²Includes IIa(EC), IIIa-d(EC).

³Includes Estonia.

TABLE 6.1.2; Saithe in IV and III, North Sea and Skagerrak
Annual weight and numbers caught, 1967 to 1997.

| Year | Wt. ('000t) | Nos. (millions) |
|------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1967 | 78 | 54 |
| 1968 | 104 | 62 |
| 1969 | 115 | 66 |
| 1970 | 222 | 142 |
| 1971 | 253 | 176 |
| 1972 | 246 | 176 |
| 1973 | 226 | 169 |
| 1974 | 273 | 165 |
| 1975 | 278 | 189 |
| 1976 | 320 | 310 |
| 1977 | 196 | 121 |
| 1978 | 135 | 97 |
| 1979 | 114 | 68 |
| 1980 | 120 | 72 |
| 1981 | 123 | 70 |
| 1982 | 166 | 115 |
| 1983 | 169 | 112 |
| 1984 | 198 | 167 |
| 1985 | 200 | 208 |
| 1986 | 163 | 157 |
| 1987 | 149 | 166 |
| 1988 | 107 | 93 |
| 1989 | 92 | 75 |
| 1990 | 88 | 73 |
| 1991 | 99 | 93 |
| 1992 | 92 | 71 |
| 1993 | 105 | 78 |
| 1994 | 103 | 80 |
| 1995 | 114 | 75 |
| 1996 | 110 | 78 |
| 1997 | 103 | 78 |
| Min. | 78 | 54 |
| Mean | 157 | 118 |
| Max. | 320 | 310 |

TABLE 6.2.1 Saithe in IV and III, North Sea and Skagerrak
Natural Mortality and proportion mature

| Age | Nat Mor | Mat. |
|-----|---------|-------|
| 1 | .200 | .000 |
| 2 | .200 | .000 |
| 3 | .200 | .000 |
| 4 | .200 | .150 |
| 5 | .200 | .700 |
| 6 | .200 | .900 |
| 7 | .200 | 1.000 |
| 8 | .200 | 1.000 |
| 9 | .200 | 1.000 |
| 10+ | .200 | 1.000 |

Table 6.2.1 Natural Mortality (M) and maturity at age
YEAR 1967

| AGE | Nat Mor | Mat. |
|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | .2000 | .0000 |
| 2 | .2000 | .0000 |
| 3 | .2000 | .0000 |
| 4 | .2000 | .1500 |
| 5 | .2000 | .7000 |
| 6 | .2000 | .9000 |
| 7 | .2000 | 1.0000 |
| 8 | .2000 | 1.0000 |
| 9 | .2000 | 1.0000 |
| +gp | .2000 | 1.0000 |

Table 6.2.2 Catch numbers at age Numbers*10**-3

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR | 1967 | | | | | | | | | | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 8494 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | 15277 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | 13335 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | 13597 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | 2035 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7 | 1141 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 8 | 200 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9 | 154 | | | | | | | | | |
| +gp | | 108 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALNUM | | 54342 | | | | | | | | | |
| TONSLAND | | 78480 | | | | | | | | | |
| SOPCOF % | | 100 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 172 | 36 | 234 | 594 | 379 | 4416 | 3947 | 312 | 235 | 2015 |
| | 2 | 3783 | 1764 | 2228 | 10773 | 20189 | 31275 | 16150 | 71766 | 31335 | 12891 |
| | 3 | 20788 | 28252 | 34392 | 68424 | 40162 | 47388 | 61201 | 50672 | 199669 | 22890 |
| | 4 | 18944 | 13063 | 74326 | 53348 | 62290 | 32955 | 31387 | 23406 | 50339 | 52270 |
| | 5 | 11987 | 9559 | 13194 | 30846 | 23108 | 24967 | 12123 | 9005 | 9902 | 13082 |
| | 6 | 5402 | 7103 | 11529 | 3650 | 20779 | 15228 | 20080 | 6706 | 5137 | 4753 |
| | 7 | 281 | 5170 | 3654 | 3783 | 3363 | 7998 | 13734 | 12650 | 3317 | 3218 |
| | 8 | 116 | 685 | 1596 | 2481 | 2790 | 1689 | 4308 | 8650 | 4845 | 3062 |
| | 9 | 94 | 547 | 278 | 1574 | 1550 | 1165 | 988 | 3304 | 3003 | 3522 |
| +gp | | 87 | 79 | 144 | 536 | 1445 | 1927 | 1094 | 2347 | 2128 | 3780 |
| TOTALNUM | | 61654 | 66257 | 141576 | 176011 | 176056 | 169008 | 165011 | 188819 | 309910 | 121484 |
| TONSLAND | | 104002 | 114758 | 222100 | 252618 | 245879 | 225770 | 273466 | 278126 | 319933 | 196185 |
| SOPCOF % | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 1215 | 907 | 1276 | 5309 | 1932 | 270 | 59 | 226 | 89 | 786 |
| | 2 | 16503 | 16787 | 23095 | 18195 | 28263 | 32798 | 34455 | 7191 | 6477 | 29143 |
| | 3 | 30972 | 14504 | 14159 | 22267 | 27405 | 23363 | 75449 | 129042 | 48517 | 28906 |
| | 4 | 24935 | 13022 | 11399 | 6362 | 38946 | 17980 | 29769 | 52613 | 82843 | 90314 |
| | 5 | 16771 | 10031 | 8338 | 6151 | 7934 | 25161 | 12081 | 11827 | 11422 | 12037 |
| | 6 | 2616 | 7991 | 6086 | 3265 | 5410 | 4903 | 12330 | 3543 | 3986 | 1789 |
| | 7 | 849 | 2437 | 5189 | 2994 | 1761 | 4380 | 1357 | 2397 | 1549 | 1031 |
| | 8 | 790 | 577 | 956 | 3173 | 1210 | 1333 | 1113 | 496 | 987 | 786 |
| | 9 | 607 | 349 | 418 | 504 | 846 | 929 | 279 | 295 | 260 | 649 |
| +gp | | 2165 | 1333 | 1486 | 1863 | 794 | 819 | 487 | 519 | 555 | 483 |
| TOTALNUM | | 97421 | 67938 | 72402 | 70083 | 114502 | 111936 | 167379 | 208147 | 156685 | 165925 |
| TONSLAND | | 134829 | 114363 | 120293 | 122518 | 165977 | 168884 | 198001 | 199534 | 162873 | 149407 |
| SOPCOF % | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 10 | 3642 | 291 | 334 | 290 | 139 | 102 | 97 | 316 | 26 |
| | 2 | 5158 | 9125 | 4240 | 11761 | 5865 | 7578 | 6761 | 3012 | 7467 | 11411 |
| | 3 | 26865 | 14870 | 35037 | 42313 | 16626 | 34742 | 16516 | 26588 | 9757 | 12382 |
| | 4 | 22887 | 25063 | 15888 | 26941 | 30543 | 17978 | 38061 | 24379 | 37988 | 17639 |
| | 5 | 32693 | 10934 | 10119 | 6293 | 11772 | 10758 | 12097 | 13409 | 11052 | 29120 |
| | 6 | 2777 | 9552 | 3896 | 2974 | 2826 | 2798 | 3897 | 3204 | 7172 | 3339 |
| | 7 | 1016 | 1182 | 2246 | 1286 | 1409 | 1407 | 821 | 3104 | 2910 | 2434 |
| | 8 | 406 | 481 | 495 | 706 | 631 | 1406 | 274 | 566 | 716 | 921 |
| | 9 | 446 | 262 | 148 | 267 | 461 | 746 | 375 | 464 | 173 | 264 |
| +gp | | 351 | 305 | 205 | 241 | 327 | 915 | 682 | 636 | 374 | 258 |
| TOTALNUM | | 92608 | 75415 | 72565 | 93116 | 70749 | 78468 | 79585 | 75459 | 77927 | 77794 |
| TONSLAND | | 106599 | 92032 | 88080 | 98553 | 92499 | 104606 | 102593 | 113560 | 110346 | 103326 |
| SOPCOF % | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Table 6.2.3 Catch weights at age (kg)

| YEAR | 1967 | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | .0000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | .6790 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | .8920 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 1.3070 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 2.0770 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 3.1300 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 3.7180 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 5.2880 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 5.8350 | | | | | | | | | |
| +gp | 7.9440 | | | | | | | | | |
| SOPCOFAC | .9998 | | | | | | | | | |

| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 5010 | .4510 | .4340 | .4950 | .3040 | .1540 | .2680 | .1980 | .4610 | .4290 |
| 2 | .7720 | .5780 | .6970 | .6090 | .5100 | .3920 | .4940 | .4940 | .5010 | .4160 |
| 3 | 1.2910 | .9620 | .9310 | .8380 | .7430 | .7800 | .8490 | .8870 | .6900 | .7530 |
| 4 | 1.6520 | 1.6080 | 1.4420 | 1.3570 | 1.1580 | 1.4070 | 1.5560 | 1.4970 | 1.3020 | 1.2510 |
| 5 | 1.9720 | 2.2630 | 2.0730 | 2.2030 | 1.8970 | 1.5750 | 2.4890 | 2.4780 | 2.1750 | 1.9000 |
| 6 | 3.0170 | 2.6990 | 2.7080 | 3.0070 | 2.3640 | 2.5430 | 2.7290 | 3.2750 | 3.0360 | 3.0970 |
| 7 | 4.0690 | 3.5690 | 3.5980 | 3.8040 | 3.8690 | 3.3390 | 3.3530 | 3.6840 | 4.0070 | 4.1460 |
| 8 | 4.4590 | 4.3350 | 4.4200 | 4.6350 | 4.1840 | 4.6570 | 4.3860 | 4.1900 | 4.3250 | 4.5510 |
| 9 | 6.4260 | 5.1570 | 5.6150 | 5.1680 | 4.5430 | 4.5020 | 5.5380 | 5.4810 | 4.9810 | 4.7790 |
| +gp | 7.4970 | 6.1310 | 6.6590 | 5.6910 | 6.1200 | 6.0460 | 7.5250 | 7.4190 | 6.7680 | 6.2570 |
| SOPCOFAC | 1.0001 | 1.0001 | .9998 | 1.0001 | .9999 | .9999 | 1.0000 | .9999 | 1.0002 | 1.0000 |

| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | .3530 | .4340 | .2530 | .2740 | .2490 | .4180 | .1810 | .1430 | .5180 | .3710 |
| 2 | .5200 | .3890 | .4110 | .5850 | .4980 | .4550 | .4820 | .5080 | .5250 | .4060 |
| 3 | .7810 | 1.0800 | .9050 | .9370 | 1.0870 | .9820 | .7720 | .6480 | .6690 | .6510 |
| 4 | 1.2940 | 1.5900 | 1.8120 | 1.8590 | 1.5660 | 1.7010 | 1.6000 | 1.2420 | 1.0050 | .8520 |
| 5 | 2.1200 | 2.2190 | 2.3700 | 2.6940 | 2.4970 | 2.1180 | 2.2700 | 1.8690 | 1.6700 | 1.7880 |
| 6 | 3.2100 | 3.0710 | 2.9750 | 3.5290 | 3.1440 | 3.0580 | 2.6450 | 2.6110 | 2.2690 | 2.9420 |
| 7 | 4.4660 | 3.9660 | 4.0470 | 4.4700 | 3.9580 | 3.5330 | 3.7150 | 3.1760 | 3.5430 | 3.8200 |
| 8 | 4.7840 | 5.1280 | 5.0440 | 5.4240 | 4.9080 | 4.4320 | 4.5240 | 4.5550 | 4.2400 | 4.8680 |
| 9 | 5.3090 | 5.9470 | 5.8120 | 6.9070 | 5.6060 | 5.3360 | 5.8970 | 5.3310 | 5.7540 | 5.4840 |
| +gp | 6.7480 | 7.1700 | 7.3220 | 8.3490 | 7.7480 | 6.9480 | 7.7200 | 7.8900 | 7.9860 | 7.0380 |
| SOPCOFAC | 1.0001 | 1.0001 | 1.0001 | 1.0000 | 1.0001 | 1.0000 | .9999 | 1.0000 | .9999 | 1.0001 |

| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | .4290 | .4260 | .2160 | .4410 | .6290 | .3300 | .2800 | .5140 | .2530 | .4220 |
| 2 | .6120 | .7270 | .6990 | .5260 | .6130 | .7190 | .6910 | .7750 | .4750 | .4250 |
| 3 | .7310 | .9000 | .8450 | .7780 | .9510 | .8930 | .9070 | 1.0250 | .9500 | .9040 |
| 4 | .9310 | 1.0220 | 1.2030 | 1.1510 | 1.1760 | 1.2400 | 1.1130 | 1.2750 | 1.1900 | 1.1410 |
| 5 | 1.3620 | 1.4010 | 1.5610 | 1.7420 | 1.5740 | 1.7310 | 1.5750 | 1.7870 | 1.7740 | 1.4440 |
| 6 | 2.6320 | 1.9330 | 2.1950 | 2.3590 | 2.1840 | 2.6120 | 2.3780 | 2.5310 | 2.3450 | 2.5410 |
| 7 | 3.6690 | 3.8310 | 3.1580 | 3.1240 | 3.6280 | 3.1320 | 3.5340 | 3.5290 | 2.8910 | 3.5280 |
| 8 | 4.6270 | 4.8220 | 4.5840 | 4.0700 | 4.2610 | 3.9430 | 4.6500 | 4.6480 | 4.6430 | 4.5000 |
| 9 | 5.6540 | 6.3110 | 6.0440 | 5.8960 | 5.2840 | 5.0090 | 6.5660 | 5.0930 | 5.9230 | 6.1390 |
| +gp | 7.2010 | 8.4540 | 8.3660 | 7.6650 | 6.2820 | 6.7450 | 8.2190 | 7.5690 | 8.2070 | 8.8020 |
| SOPCOFAC | 1.0000 | .9999 | 1.0002 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0001 | .9999 | 1.0001 | .9999 | .9998 |

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Table 6.3.1 SAITHE IN THE NORTH SEA & SKAGERRAK: 1967 - 1997. Tuning data.

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FRATRB

1990 1997

1 1 .00 1.00

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| | | | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| 15841.000 | 3311.000 | 2417.000 | 1381.000 | 305.000 | 290.000 | 33.000 |
| 12697.000 | 1316.000 | 2481.000 | 736.000 | 380.000 | 134.000 | 66.000 |
| 7902.000 | 695.000 | 1465.000 | 530.000 | 80.000 | 27.000 | 8.000 |
| 14412.000 | 3808.000 | 2229.000 | 1264.000 | 120.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 |
| 14125.000 | 1739.000 | 3686.000 | 1422.000 | 447.000 | 40.000 | 5.000 |
| 14739.000 | 3082.000 | 1670.000 | 943.000 | 234.000 | 74.000 | 26.000 |
| 16043.000 | 894.000 | 4282.000 | 1041.000 | 532.000 | 107.000 | 24.000 |
| 13009.000 | 1075.000 | 1879.000 | 3171.000 | 199.000 | 88.000 | 17.000 |

FRATRF

1992 1997

1 1 .00 1.00

3 7

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|--|
| 1832.000 | 215.000 | 427.000 | 120.000 | 17.000 | 6.000 | |
| 8059.000 | 1917.000 | 1139.000 | 412.000 | 23.000 | 2.000 | |
| 8082.000 | 863.000 | 1665.000 | 559.000 | 165.000 | 15.000 | |
| 8844.000 | 1308.000 | 788.000 | 494.000 | 128.000 | 43.000 | |
| 7824.000 | 379.000 | 1790.000 | 345.000 | 182.000 | 37.000 | |
| 6767.000 | 635.000 | 1148.000 | 1644.000 | 68.000 | 29.000 | |

NORTRL

1980 1997

1 1 .00 1.00

3 10

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 18317.000 | 186.000 | 1290.000 | 658.000 | 980.000 | 797.000 | 261.000 | 60.000 | 82.000 |
| 28229.000 | 88.000 | 844.000 | 1345.000 | 492.000 | 670.000 | 699.000 | 119.000 | 64.000 |
| 47412.000 | 6624.000 | 12016.000 | 2737.000 | 2112.000 | 341.000 | 234.000 | 19.000 | 77.000 |
| 43099.000 | 4401.000 | 4963.000 | 8176.000 | 1950.000 | 2367.000 | 481.000 | 357.000 | 84.000 |
| 47803.000 | 20576.000 | 7328.000 | 2207.000 | 3358.000 | 433.000 | 444.000 | 106.000 | 51.000 |
| 66607.000 | 27088.000 | 21401.000 | 5307.000 | 1569.000 | 637.000 | 56.000 | 46.000 | 4.000 |
| 57468.000 | 5297.000 | 29612.000 | 3589.000 | 818.000 | 393.000 | 122.000 | 25.000 | 33.000 |
| 30008.000 | 2645.000 | 18454.000 | 2217.000 | 290.000 | 235.000 | 201.000 | 198.000 | 64.000 |
| 18402.000 | 3132.000 | 2042.000 | 2214.000 | 141.000 | 157.000 | 74.000 | 134.000 | 43.000 |
| 17781.000 | 649.000 | 2126.000 | 835.000 | 694.000 | 309.000 | 154.000 | 65.000 | 7.000 |
| 10249.000 | 804.000 | 781.000 | 924.000 | 519.000 | 203.000 | 63.000 | 12.000 | 3.000 |
| 28768.000 | 14348.000 | 4968.000 | 1194.000 | 518.000 | 203.000 | 51.000 | 56.000 | 1.000 |
| 35621.000 | 3447.000 | 9532.000 | 4031.000 | 1087.000 | 465.000 | 165.000 | 109.000 | 6.000 |
| 24572.000 | 7635.000 | 4028.000 | 2878.000 | 1018.000 | 526.000 | 365.000 | 252.000 | 252.000 |
| 30628.000 | 3939.000 | 16098.000 | 4276.000 | 326.000 | 251.000 | 72.000 | 203.000 | 21.000 |
| 32489.000 | 4347.000 | 9366.000 | 5412.000 | 833.000 | 1644.000 | 273.000 | 203.000 | 104.000 |
| 40400.000 | 3790.000 | 14429.000 | 4414.000 | 2765.000 | 1144.000 | 189.000 | 16.000 | 13.000 |
| 31077.000 | 2395.000 | 4538.000 | 8638.000 | 1249.000 | 800.000 | 280.000 | 68.000 | 28.000 |

ENGGFS

1977 1998

1 1 .05 0.75

3 8

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 484.9103659 | 867.5753049 | 52.61707317 | 21.41067073 | 17.2125 | 13.43414634 |
| 1 57.35640244 | 34.9847561 | 93.01280488 | 6.203963415 | 1.446036585 | 1.446036585 |
| 1 104.9853659 | 160.3079268 | 116.6935976 | 69.45640244 | 84.15 | 4.78902439 |
| 1 179.5993902 | 164.1484756 | 91.2402439 | 17.95884146 | 41.46859756 | 13.3875 |
| 1 119.7634146 | 113.1640244 | 248.6716463 | 0 | 68.66341463 | 73.60792683 |
| 1 2121.102439 | 1921.409451 | 105.1875 | 28.92073171 | 5.504268293 | 9.096036585 |
| 1 547.2198171 | 257.7210366 | 312.3439024 | 41.37530488 | 23.94115854 | 24.16280488 |
| 1 4643.564024 | 1284.033841 | 364.6344512 | 503.5286585 | 39.46280488 | 37.64359756 |
| 1 2710.968902 | 758.7960366 | 121.1871951 | 59.98719512 | 68.98993902 | 10.9152439 |
| 1 1708.744207 | 695.4042683 | 133.5018293 | 50.65792683 | 17.07256098 | 31.29969512 |
| 1 255.1204268 | 1710.991159 | 225.0219512 | 52.47713415 | 19.9179878 | 1.632621951 |
| 1 786.5954268 | 238.8292683 | 251.9835366 | 22.67012195 | 11.10182927 | 4.586585366 |
| 1 178.407622 | 161.0698171 | 45.1070122 | 52.4027439 | 7.995426829 | 3.871646341 |
| 1 872.7112805 | 83.54054878 | 49.49176829 | 21.05640244 | 30.29237805 | 12.38018293 |
| 1 426.4704268 | 97.18597561 | 22.12926829 | 19.6847561 | 4.524695122 | 10.19054878 |
| 1 94.231886 | 230.7028947 | 42.71642991 | 15.92468507 | 4.664634146 | 10.86705977 |
| 1 1091.482846 | 413.0936746 | 83.55333691 | 33.26755562 | 1.623224337 | 9.756432592 |
| 1 123.2625302 | 75.18091664 | 55.1554543 | 49.26058697 | 9.431787724 | 4.715893862 |
| 1 1366.474582 | 262.1934468 | 98.05146073 | 33.37007505 | 20.76018494 | 6.372062896 |
| 1 296.6486867 | 691.8661217 | 72.65210399 | 43.62201823 | 17.70168856 | 3.109756098 |
| 1 449.9998883 | 287.5840927 | 452.022246 | 24.02372018 | 22.19545698 | 8.594545698 |
| 1 53.79478245 | 353.7594925 | 126.5773251 | 123.3137899 | 9.312181721 | 9.312181721 |

SCOGFS

1982 1997

1 1 .05 0.75

3 3

| |
|---------|
| 1 1370 |
| 1 370 |
| 1 26470 |
| 1 40140 |
| 1 43180 |
| 1 1700 |
| 1 1430 |
| 1 1320 |
| 1 4010 |
| 1 3180 |
| 1 1840 |
| 1 7890 |
| 1 1390 |
| 1 13920 |
| 1 4050 |
| 1 3670 |

Table 6.4.1. SAITHE IN THE NORTH SEA & SKAGERRAK : 1967 - 1997

CPUE data from file saiiver9.dat

Catch data for 31 years, 1967 to 1997. Ages 1 to 10.

| Fleet | First year | Last year | First age | Last age | Alpha | Beta |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|------|
| FRATRB | 1990 | 1997 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| FRATRF | 1992 | 1997 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| NORTRL | 1988 | 1997 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| ENGGFS | 1988 | 1997 | 3 | 8 | 0.5 | 0.75 |
| SCOGFS | 1988 | 1997 | 3 | 3 | 0.5 | 0.75 |

Time series weights :

Tapered time weighting not applied

Catchability analysis :

Catchability dependent on stock size for ages < 3

Regression type = C

Minimum of 5 points used for regression

Survivor estimates shrunk to the population mean for ages < 3

Catchability independent of age for ages >= 7

Terminal population estimation :

Survivor estimates shrunk towards the mean F of the final 5 years or the 3 oldest ages.

S.E. of the mean to which the estimates are shrunk = .500

Minimum standard error for population estimates derived from each fleet = .300

Prior weighting not applied

Tuning converged after 26 iterations

Regression weights

| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Fishing mortalities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
| 1 | 0 | 0.021 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.074 | 0.076 | 0.03 | 0.122 | 0.037 | 0.078 | 0.033 | 0.041 | 0.089 | 0.066 |
| 3 | 0.363 | 0.314 | 0.46 | 0.465 | 0.253 | 0.321 | 0.244 | 0.178 | 0.18 | 0.208 |
| 4 | 0.624 | 0.691 | 0.656 | 0.794 | 0.739 | 0.477 | 0.705 | 0.69 | 0.417 | 0.571 |
| 5 | 1.001 | 0.705 | 0.675 | 0.596 | 1.042 | 0.637 | 0.699 | 0.58 | 0.799 | 0.662 |
| 6 | 0.57 | 0.952 | 0.589 | 0.425 | 0.592 | 0.762 | 0.5 | 0.397 | 0.721 | 0.601 |
| 7 | 0.64 | 0.51 | 0.611 | 0.391 | 0.365 | 0.675 | 0.526 | 0.999 | 0.776 | 0.576 |
| 8 | 0.478 | 0.732 | 0.417 | 0.39 | 0.338 | 0.771 | 0.26 | 0.876 | 0.661 | 0.605 |
| 9 | 0.525 | 0.66 | 0.517 | 0.416 | 0.48 | 0.868 | 0.476 | 0.954 | 0.737 | 0.549 |

XSA population numbers (Thousands)

| YEAR | AGE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|------|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1988 | | 1.69E+05 | 8.02E+04 | 9.75E+04 | 5.45E+04 | 5.71E+04 | 7.06E+03 | 2.37E+03 | 1.18E+03 | 1.21E+03 |
| 1989 | | 1.97E+05 | 1.38E+05 | 6.10E+04 | 5.55E+04 | 2.39E+04 | 1.72E+04 | 3.27E+03 | 1.02E+03 | 5.99E+02 |
| 1990 | | 1.39E+05 | 1.58E+05 | 1.05E+05 | 3.65E+04 | 2.28E+04 | 9.67E+03 | 5.43E+03 | 1.61E+03 | 4.04E+02 |
| 1991 | | 2.17E+05 | 1.14E+05 | 1.26E+05 | 5.43E+04 | 1.55E+04 | 9.50E+03 | 4.39E+03 | 2.41E+03 | 8.66E+02 |
| 1992 | | 1.36E+05 | 1.77E+05 | 8.23E+04 | 6.46E+04 | 2.01E+04 | 6.99E+03 | 5.09E+03 | 2.43E+03 | 1.34E+03 |
| 1993 | | 2.78E+05 | 1.11E+05 | 1.40E+05 | 5.23E+04 | 2.52E+04 | 5.80E+03 | 3.17E+03 | 2.89E+03 | 1.42E+03 |
| 1994 | | 1.02E+05 | 2.27E+05 | 8.43E+04 | 8.32E+04 | 2.66E+04 | 1.09E+04 | 2.22E+03 | 1.32E+03 | 1.09E+03 |
| 1995 | | 1.19E+05 | 8.33E+04 | 1.80E+05 | 5.40E+04 | 3.37E+04 | 1.08E+04 | 5.43E+03 | 1.07E+03 | 8.33E+02 |
| 1996 | | 2.43E+05 | 9.73E+04 | 6.55E+04 | 1.23E+05 | 2.22E+04 | 1.54E+04 | 5.96E+03 | 1.64E+03 | 3.66E+02 |
| 1997 | | 6.93E+04 | 1.98E+05 | 7.29E+04 | 4.48E+04 | 6.65E+04 | 8.17E+03 | 6.15E+03 | 2.24E+03 | 6.91E+02 |

Estimated population abundance at 1st Jan 1998

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0.00E+00 | 5.67E+04 | 1.52E+05 | 4.85E+04 | 2.07E+04 | 2.81E+04 | 3.67E+03 | 2.83E+03 | 1.00E+03 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

Taper weighted geometric mean of the VPA populations:

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2.08E+05 | 1.74E+05 | 1.27E+05 | 7.33E+04 | 3.31E+04 | 1.39E+04 | 6.51E+03 | 3.01E+03 | 1.42E+03 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

Standard error of the weighted Log(VPA populations) :

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0.5307 | 0.4957 | 0.5195 | 0.5001 | 0.5261 | 0.6845 | 0.7612 | 0.8201 | 0.8773 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Log catchability residuals.

Table 6.4.1 continued
Fleet : FRATRB

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.55 | -0.32 | -0.16 | 0.44 | 0.15 | -0.11 | -0.42 | -0.12 |
| 4 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.36 | 0.27 | 0.02 | -0.07 | 0.09 | -0.32 | -0.4 | 0.06 |
| 5 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.03 | 0.15 | -0.6 | -0.07 | 0.1 |
| 6 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.02 | 0.41 | -0.3 | -0.23 | 0.36 | -0.37 | 0.15 | -0.04 |
| 7 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 1.15 | 0.71 | -0.58 | -1.56 | 0.14 | 0.01 | 0.11 | 0.01 |
| 8 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.11 | 0.6 | -1.07 | -1.43 | -1.54 | 0.54 | -0.14 | -0.61 |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mean Log q | -13.3703 | -12.3445 | -12.2128 | -12.7785 | -13.3682 | -13.3682 |
| S.E(Log q) | 0.3502 | 0.262 | 0.2524 | 0.2918 | 0.8121 | 0.972 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | 0.77 | 0.778 | 12.94 | 0.65 | 8 | 0.28 | -13.37 |
| 4 | 1.78 | -2.008 | 13.4 | 0.52 | 8 | 0.39 | -12.34 |
| 5 | 1.13 | -0.506 | 12.48 | 0.71 | 8 | 0.3 | -12.21 |
| 6 | 0.69 | 1.308 | 11.63 | 0.74 | 8 | 0.19 | -12.78 |
| 7 | 0.59 | 0.782 | 11.34 | 0.38 | 8 | 0.49 | -13.37 |
| 8 | 4.55 | -0.816 | 36.14 | 0.01 | 8 | 3.96 | -13.81 |

Fleet : FRATRF

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|
| 3 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.22 | 0.43 | 0.1 | -0.37 | -0.47 | 0.1 |
| 4 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.01 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.38 |
| 5 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.42 | -0.23 | 0.05 | -0.45 | -0.17 | 0.38 |
| 6 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.1 | -0.82 | 0.4 | 0.02 | 0.28 | 0.03 |
| 7 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 99.99 | 0.08 | -1.89 | 0.41 | 0.68 | 0.47 | 0.25 |
| 8 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mean Log q | -13.4618 | -12.5036 | -12.4957 | -13.2602 | -14.0652 |
| S.E(Log q) | 0.3474 | 0.3546 | 0.3473 | 0.4299 | 0.9485 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | 0.95 | 0.111 | 13.37 | 0.59 | 6 | 0.37 | -13.46 |
| 4 | 1.89 | -1.129 | 13.75 | 0.29 | 6 | 0.65 | -12.5 |
| 5 | 0.85 | 0.448 | 12.17 | 0.69 | 6 | 0.32 | -12.5 |
| 6 | 0.52 | 2.233 | 11.3 | 0.85 | 6 | 0.17 | -13.26 |
| 7 | 0.54 | 0.792 | 11.46 | 0.43 | 6 | 0.53 | -14.07 |

Table 6.4.1 continued
Fleet : NORTRL

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3 | 0.32 | -0.77 | -0.48 | 1.19 | -0.12 | 0.54 | 0.13 | -0.61 | 0.04 | -0.25 |
| 4 | -0.46 | -0.38 | -0.42 | 0.05 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.7 | 0.53 | -0.2 | -0.02 |
| 5 | -0.48 | -0.67 | 0.02 | -0.41 | 0.52 | 0.16 | 0.31 | 0.2 | 0.29 | 0.07 |
| 6 | -1.09 | -0.2 | 0.49 | -0.6 | 0.31 | 0.87 | -0.19 | -0.39 | 0.38 | 0.43 |
| 7 | -0.12 | 0.22 | -0.11 | -1.03 | -0.57 | 0.53 | -0.14 | 0.99 | 0.22 | 0.01 |
| 8 | -0.24 | 0.78 | -0.15 | -1.81 | -0.88 | 0.3 | -0.99 | 0.76 | -0.34 | -0.02 |
| 9 | 0.35 | 0.42 | -0.38 | -0.68 | -0.64 | 0.68 | 0.33 | 0.75 | -1.27 | -0.28 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mean Log q | -13.3138 | -12.2569 | -12.0505 | -12.2784 | -12.03 | -12.03 | -12.03 |
| S.E(Log q) | 0.5886 | 0.4017 | 0.3895 | 0.5968 | 0.5568 | 0.8508 | 0.68 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | 0.68 | 0.807 | 12.73 | 0.45 | 10 | 0.41 | -13.31 |
| 4 | 0.74 | 0.85 | 11.93 | 0.58 | 10 | 0.3 | -12.26 |
| 5 | 1.1 | -0.311 | 12.24 | 0.53 | 10 | 0.45 | -12.05 |
| 6 | 1.33 | -0.409 | 13.3 | 0.16 | 10 | 0.83 | -12.28 |
| 7 | 0.93 | 0.146 | 11.77 | 0.35 | 10 | 0.55 | -12.03 |
| 8 | 26.47 | -1.425 | 136.24 | 0 | 10 | 20.2 | -12.29 |
| 9 | 0.58 | 1.655 | 9.85 | 0.66 | 10 | 0.36 | -12.1 |

Fleet : ENGGFS

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3 | 0.68 | -0.36 | 0.77 | -0.12 | -1.34 | 0.62 | -1.1 | 0.51 | -0.01 | 0.32 |
| 4 | 0.23 | -0.14 | -0.39 | -0.56 | 0.1 | 0.73 | -1.29 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.58 |
| 5 | 0.64 | -0.4 | -0.27 | -0.74 | -0.07 | 0.12 | -0.31 | -0.04 | 0.21 | 0.86 |
| 6 | 0.03 | 0.22 | -0.35 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 0.73 | 0.33 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.04 |
| 7 | 0.7 | -0.02 | 0.86 | -0.96 | -1.1 | -1.49 | 0.54 | 0.73 | 0.34 | 0.41 |
| 8 | 0.42 | 0.55 | 1.07 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.46 | 0.2 | 1.09 | -0.18 | 0.48 |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -5.154 | -5.1512 | -5.3124 | -5.292 | -5.5458 | -5.5458 |
| S.E(Log q) | 0.7418 | 0.6117 | 0.4815 | 0.3587 | 0.8608 | 0.644 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | 0.51 | 1.404 | 8.23 | 0.51 | 10 | 0.36 | -5.15 |
| 4 | 1.3 | -0.357 | 3.43 | 0.15 | 10 | 0.83 | -5.15 |
| 5 | 0.52 | 4.977 | 7.67 | 0.93 | 10 | 0.13 | -5.31 |
| 6 | 1.13 | -0.309 | 4.8 | 0.42 | 10 | 0.43 | -5.29 |
| 7 | 0.93 | 0.101 | 5.75 | 0.19 | 10 | 0.84 | -5.55 |
| 8 | 1.25 | -0.577 | 4.46 | 0.41 | 10 | 0.48 | -5.05 |

Fleet : SCOGFS

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 3 | -0.77 | -0.41 | 0.25 | -0.16 | -0.42 | 0.55 | -0.73 | 0.78 | 0.55 | 0.37 |
| 4 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 |
|------------|--------|
| Mean Log q | -3.1 |
| S.E(Log q) | 0.5678 |

Table 6.4.1 continued

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | 0.61 | 1.204 | 6.37 | 0.54 | 10 | 0.34 | -3.1 |

Terminal year survivor and F summaries :

Age 1 Catchability dependent on age and year class strength

Year class = 1996

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|---|----------------|-------------|
| FRATRB | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRATRF | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTRL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ENGGFS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SCOGFS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| P shrinkage mean | 173813 | 0.5 | | | | 0.504 | 0 |
| F shrinkage mean | 18159 | 0.5 | | | | 0.496 | 0.001 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---|-----------|---|
| 56738 | 0.35 | 11 | 2 | 31.262 | 0 |

Age 2 Catchability dependent on age and year class strength

Year class = 1995

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|---|----------------|-------------|
| FRATRB | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRATRF | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTRL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ENGGFS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SCOGFS | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| P shrinkage mean | 126737 | 0.52 | | | | 0.481 | 0.078 |
| F shrinkage mean | 179910 | 0.5 | | | | 0.519 | 0.056 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---|-----------|-------|
| 152017 | 0.36 | 11.93 | 2 | 33.123 | 0.066 |

Age 3 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1994

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|---|----------------|-------------|
| FRATRB | 42875 | 0.371 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.275 | 0.232 |
| FRATRF | 53353 | 0.375 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.269 | 0.191 |
| NORTRL | 37792 | 0.617 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.26 |
| ENGGFS | 66824 | 0.778 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.063 | 0.155 |
| SCOGFS | 69883 | 0.596 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.107 | 0.149 |
| F shrinkage mean | 42029 | 0.5 | | | | 0.187 | 0.236 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---|-----------|-------|
| 48469 | 0.2 | 0.09 | 6 | 0.441 | 0.208 |

Table 6.4.1 continued

Age 4 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1993

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| FRATRB | 18559 | 0.234 | 0.231 | 0.99 | 2 | 0.337 | 0.621 |
| FRATRF | 20390 | 0.269 | 0.425 | 1.58 | 2 | 0.25 | 0.578 |
| NORTRL | 20717 | 0.349 | 0.026 | 0.07 | 2 | 0.153 | 0.571 |
| ENGGFS | 29983 | 0.497 | 0.283 | 0.57 | 2 | 0.075 | 0.427 |
| SCOGFS | 36040 | 0.596 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.046 | 0.367 |
| F shrinkage mean | 18950 | 0.5 | | | | 0.139 | 0.611 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|-------|
| 20713 | 0.14 | 0.1 | 10 | 0.731 | 0.571 |

Age 5 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1992

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| FRATRB | 25297 | 0.19 | 0.157 | 0.83 | 3 | 0.346 | 0.714 |
| FRATRF | 27082 | 0.225 | 0.268 | 1.19 | 3 | 0.239 | 0.68 |
| NORTRL | 25113 | 0.273 | 0.162 | 0.59 | 3 | 0.172 | 0.717 |
| ENGGFS | 55607 | 0.364 | 0.158 | 0.43 | 3 | 0.099 | 0.388 |
| SCOGFS | 61081 | 0.596 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.024 | 0.359 |
| F shrinkage mean | 23192 | 0.5 | | | | 0.12 | 0.759 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|-------|
| 28068 | 0.12 | 0.1 | 14 | 0.854 | 0.662 |

Age 6 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1991

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| FRATRB | 3419 | 0.191 | 0.063 | 0.33 | 4 | 0.354 | 0.633 |
| FRATRF | 3358 | 0.243 | 0.093 | 0.38 | 4 | 0.196 | 0.642 |
| NORTRL | 5324 | 0.291 | 0.064 | 0.22 | 4 | 0.129 | 0.449 |
| ENGGFS | 3664 | 0.293 | 0.134 | 0.46 | 4 | 0.178 | 0.601 |
| SCOGFS | 1771 | 0.596 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.009 | 0.996 |
| F shrinkage mean | 3680 | 0.5 | | | | 0.134 | 0.599 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|-------|
| 3666 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 18 | 0.42 | 0.601 |

Age 7 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1990

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| FRATRB | 2695 | 0.19 | 0.168 | 0.88 | 5 | 0.3 | 0.597 |
| FRATRF | 2962 | 0.246 | 0.165 | 0.67 | 5 | 0.174 | 0.556 |
| NORTRL | 3522 | 0.297 | 0.116 | 0.39 | 5 | 0.176 | 0.486 |
| ENGGFS | 2884 | 0.29 | 0.181 | 0.62 | 5 | 0.16 | 0.567 |
| SCOGFS | 4896 | 0.596 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.007 | 0.371 |
| F shrinkage mean | 2286 | 0.5 | | | | 0.183 | 0.675 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|-------|
| 2829 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 22 | 0.523 | 0.576 |

Table 6.4.1 continued

Age 8 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1989

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| FRATRB | 822 | 0.2 | 0.115 | 0.58 | 6 | 0.264 | 0.7 |
| FRATRF | 1107 | 0.231 | 0.072 | 0.31 | 5 | 0.135 | 0.562 |
| NORTRL | 1039 | 0.302 | 0.105 | 0.35 | 6 | 0.164 | 0.589 |
| ENGGFS | 1151 | 0.306 | 0.174 | 0.57 | 6 | 0.192 | 0.545 |
| SCOGFS | 660 | 0.596 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.007 | 0.816 |
| F shrinkage mean | 1046 | 0.5 | | | | 0.238 | 0.586 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|-------|
| 1003 | 0.15 | 0.06 | 25 | 0.363 | 0.605 |

Age 9 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1988

| Fleet | Estim Surviv | Int s.e | Ext s.e | Var Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| FRATRB | 366 | 0.228 | 0.094 | 0.41 | 6 | 0.171 | 0.502 |
| FRATRF | 415 | 0.266 | 0.191 | 0.72 | 4 | 0.075 | 0.455 |
| NORTRL | 318 | 0.389 | 0.19 | 0.49 | 7 | 0.225 | 0.561 |
| ENGGFS | 363 | 0.341 | 0.134 | 0.39 | 6 | 0.14 | 0.506 |
| SCOGFS | 278 | 0.596 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.003 | 0.62 |
| F shrinkage mean | 291 | 0.5 | | | | 0.385 | 0.599 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors at end of year | Int s.e | Ext s.e | N | Var Ratio | F |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|-------|
| 327 | 0.22 | 0.06 | 25 | 0.285 | 0.549 |

Table 6.4.2 SAITHE IN THE NORTH SEA & SKAGERRAK: 1967 - 1997
Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| YEAR | 1967 | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 0.0793 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 0.1619 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 0.2433 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 0.3822 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 0.5186 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 0.3789 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 0.2123 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 0.3724 | | | | | | | | | |
| +gp | 0.3724 | | | | | | | | | |
| FBAR 3-6 | 0.3265 | | | | | | | | | |

| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.0005 | 0.0001 | 0.0011 | 0.0029 | 0.0017 | 0.0182 | 0.0068 | 0.0017 | 0.0019 | 0.0176 |
| 2 | 0.012 | 0.006 | 0.0065 | 0.0645 | 0.1282 | 0.1935 | 0.0856 | 0.1638 | 0.241 | 0.1326 |
| 3 | 0.2834 | 0.1162 | 0.1538 | 0.2804 | 0.3614 | 0.498 | 0.7142 | 0.4192 | 0.9286 | 0.2786 |
| 4 | 0.3096 | 0.2897 | 0.5043 | 0.3783 | 0.4461 | 0.5732 | 0.7384 | 0.6674 | 0.9993 | 0.6725 |
| 5 | 0.3602 | 0.2531 | 0.5353 | 0.4041 | 0.2788 | 0.3219 | 0.4273 | 0.4826 | 0.6743 | 0.787 |
| 6 | 0.2561 | 0.3766 | 0.5522 | 0.2735 | 0.5271 | 0.2995 | 0.4669 | 0.4466 | 0.566 | 0.8309 |
| 7 | 0.1216 | 0.4172 | 0.3387 | 0.3502 | 0.4369 | 0.3949 | 0.4855 | 0.6122 | 0.4157 | 0.8735 |
| 8 | 0.0589 | 0.4872 | 0.2172 | 0.407 | 0.4744 | 0.4094 | 0.3835 | 0.6554 | 0.5027 | 0.8699 |
| 9 | 0.1461 | 0.43 | 0.3718 | 0.3457 | 0.4831 | 0.3703 | 0.4486 | 0.5763 | 0.4986 | 0.8672 |
| +gp | 0.1461 | 0.43 | 0.3718 | 0.3457 | 0.4831 | 0.3703 | 0.4486 | 0.5763 | 0.4986 | 0.8672 |
| FBAR 3-6 | 0.3023 | 0.2589 | 0.4364 | 0.3341 | 0.4033 | 0.4231 | 0.5867 | 0.504 | 0.7921 | 0.6423 |

| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.0129 | 0.0037 | 0.0087 | 0.031 | 0.0067 | 0.0006 | 0.0002 | 0.0016 | 0.0005 | 0.0088 |
| 2 | 0.1954 | 0.2472 | 0.1241 | 0.165 | 0.2292 | 0.151 | 0.1031 | 0.0246 | 0.0578 | 0.2393 |
| 3 | 0.5378 | 0.2635 | 0.341 | 0.1691 | 0.4004 | 0.3012 | 0.6122 | 0.6865 | 0.2302 | 0.3921 |
| 4 | 0.5578 | 0.4554 | 0.3416 | 0.2523 | 0.5002 | 0.5018 | 0.792 | 1.2703 | 1.4859 | 0.8881 |
| 5 | 0.4713 | 0.4572 | 0.5998 | 0.3125 | 0.5747 | 0.7178 | 0.7655 | 0.8822 | 1.1375 | 0.9333 |
| 6 | 0.3457 | 0.4314 | 0.5612 | 0.4993 | 0.501 | 0.8823 | 0.9899 | 0.5309 | 0.8745 | 0.5197 |
| 7 | 0.332 | 0.6349 | 0.5584 | 0.6021 | 0.556 | 1.0305 | 0.6516 | 0.5132 | 0.4687 | 0.5825 |
| 8 | 0.5417 | 0.396 | 0.5529 | 0.8175 | 0.524 | 1.1638 | 0.8192 | 0.5272 | 0.4116 | 0.4629 |
| 9 | 0.4093 | 0.4912 | 0.5622 | 0.6455 | 0.5312 | 1.0373 | 0.8287 | 0.528 | 0.59 | 0.5259 |
| +gp | 0.4093 | 0.4912 | 0.5622 | 0.6455 | 0.5312 | 1.0373 | 0.8287 | 0.528 | 0.59 | 0.5259 |
| FBAR 3-6 | 0.4782 | 0.4019 | 0.4609 | 0.3083 | 0.4941 | 0.6008 | 0.7899 | 0.8425 | 0.932 | 0.6833 |

| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | FBAR 95-97 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0.0001 | 0.0206 | 0.0023 | 0.0017 | 0.0024 | 0.0006 | 0.0011 | 0.0009 | 0.0014 | 0.0004 | 0.0009 |
| 2 | 0.0737 | 0.0756 | 0.0301 | 0.1216 | 0.0372 | 0.0782 | 0.0335 | 0.0408 | 0.0887 | 0.0657 | 0.065 |
| 3 | 0.3631 | 0.3139 | 0.4597 | 0.4654 | 0.2527 | 0.3206 | 0.2441 | 0.1784 | 0.1799 | 0.2079 | 0.1888 |
| 4 | 0.6242 | 0.6907 | 0.6564 | 0.7944 | 0.7394 | 0.4775 | 0.7045 | 0.6902 | 0.4168 | 0.5713 | 0.5594 |
| 5 | 1.001 | 0.7046 | 0.6748 | 0.5957 | 1.0425 | 0.6366 | 0.6991 | 0.5801 | 0.7995 | 0.662 | 0.6805 |
| 6 | 0.5704 | 0.9522 | 0.5893 | 0.4245 | 0.5916 | 0.7616 | 0.5005 | 0.3965 | 0.7208 | 0.6012 | 0.5728 |
| 7 | 0.6404 | 0.5104 | 0.6109 | 0.3911 | 0.3653 | 0.6751 | 0.5262 | 0.9994 | 0.7764 | 0.5759 | 0.7839 |
| 8 | 0.4779 | 0.7317 | 0.4168 | 0.3904 | 0.3377 | 0.7711 | 0.2605 | 0.8759 | 0.6612 | 0.6049 | 0.714 |
| 9 | 0.5247 | 0.6598 | 0.5173 | 0.4157 | 0.4795 | 0.8678 | 0.4755 | 0.9542 | 0.7368 | 0.5485 | 0.7465 |
| +gp | 0.5247 | 0.6598 | 0.5173 | 0.4157 | 0.4795 | 0.8678 | 0.4755 | 0.9542 | 0.7368 | 0.5485 | |
| FBAR 3-6 | 0.6397 | 0.6654 | 0.5951 | 0.57 | 0.6565 | 0.5491 | 0.5371 | 0.4613 | 0.5293 | 0.5106 | |

Table 6.4.3 Stock number at age (start of year)

Numbers*10**3

| YEAR | 1967 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 429605 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 123084 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 112928 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 68239 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 47304 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 5558 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 3997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 1158 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 548 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| +gp | 381 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 792802 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | | | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 400314 | 464408 | 233134 | 227095 | 240331 | 270655 | 645450 | 197838 | 140413 | 127745 | | | |
| 2 | 351731 | 327594 | 380192 | 190662 | 185392 | 196423 | 217598 | 524878 | 161694 | 114747 | | | |
| 3 | 93087 | 284550 | 266615 | 309259 | 146353 | 133518 | 132519 | 163541 | 364797 | 104031 | | | |
| 4 | 78634 | 57403 | 207406 | 187167 | 191287 | 83483 | 66437 | 53120 | 88046 | 118003 | | | |
| 5 | 43803 | 47239 | 35178 | 102557 | 104968 | 100251 | 38531 | 25994 | 22312 | 26537 | | | |
| 6 | 26426 | 25016 | 30027 | 16862 | 56055 | 65031 | 59487 | 20578 | 13134 | 9308 | | | |
| 7 | 2709 | 16748 | 14055 | 14152 | 10503 | 27093 | 39464 | 30534 | 10780 | 6106 | | | |
| 8 | 2241 | 1964 | 9035 | 8201 | 8164 | 5555 | 14945 | 19884 | 13553 | 5824 | | | |
| 9 | 767 | 1729 | 988 | 5953 | 4470 | 4159 | 3020 | 8338 | 8453 | 6712 | | | |
| +gp | 705 | 248 | 510 | 2011 | 4127 | 6827 | 3315 | 5857 | 5930 | 7091 | | | |
| TOTAL | 1000416 | 1226900 | 1177139 | 1063919 | 951649 | 892995 | 1220766 | 1050562 | 829112 | 526104 | | | |
| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | | | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 104799 | 268148 | 162914 | 192116 | 318105 | 475184 | 398773 | 155915 | 184916 | 98828 | | | |
| 2 | 102765 | 84703 | 218721 | 132228 | 152487 | 258694 | 388803 | 326434 | 127447 | 151316 | | | |
| 3 | 82283 | 69204 | 54160 | 158176 | 91795 | 99273 | 182124 | 287149 | 260755 | 98484 | | | |
| 4 | 64462 | 39343 | 43536 | 31530 | 109356 | 50359 | 60138 | 80841 | 118336 | 169588 | | | |
| 5 | 49316 | 30214 | 20428 | 25330 | 20059 | 54293 | 24962 | 22300 | 18581 | 21925 | | | |
| 6 | 9890 | 25202 | 15661 | 9181 | 15173 | 9244 | 21685 | 9505 | 7557 | 4878 | | | |
| 7 | 3320 | 5730 | 13403 | 7315 | 4562 | 7527 | 3132 | 6598 | 4576 | 2580 | | | |
| 8 | 2087 | 1950 | 2486 | 6278 | 3280 | 2142 | 2199 | 1337 | 3233 | 2345 | | | |
| 9 | 1998 | 994 | 1075 | 1171 | 2269 | 1590 | 548 | 794 | 646 | 1754 | | | |
| +gp | 7062 | 3757 | 3777 | 4277 | 2108 | 1377 | 941 | 1383 | 1360 | 1291 | | | |
| TOTAL | 427982 | 529247 | 536161 | 567602 | 719195 | 959682 | 1083303 | 892254 | 727407 | 552990 | | | |
| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 GM67-95 | GM86-95 | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 169070 | 197207 | 138969 | 217140 | 136259 | 277534 | 101883 | 118917 | 242535 | (-69329) ¹ | (0) ¹ | 215025 | 155795 |
| 2 | 80202 | 138413 | 158164 | 113515 | 177477 | 111297 | 227100 | 83323 | 97273 | 198285 | (-56738) ¹ | 176524 | 130537 |
| 3 | 97517 | 60997 | 105067 | 125658 | 82296 | 139999 | 84266 | 179816 | 65493 | 72884 | 152017 | 132152 | 113413 |
| 4 | 54477 | 55532 | 36485 | 54319 | 64593 | 52334 | 83186 | 54047 | 123163 | 44793 | 48469 | 73234 | 67021 |
| 5 | 57127 | 23894 | 22788 | 15495 | 20095 | 25248 | 26580 | 33668 | 22191 | 66464 | 20713 | 32807 | 24832 |
| 6 | 7059 | 17190 | 9669 | 9501 | 6993 | 5801 | 10937 | 10816 | 15432 | 8168 | 28068 | 14088 | 8501 |
| 7 | 2375 | 3267 | 5431 | 4391 | 5088 | 3168 | 2218 | 5429 | 5957 | 6145 | 3666 | 6544 | 3654 |
| 8 | 1180 | 1025 | 1606 | 2414 | 2432 | 2891 | 1321 | 1073 | 1636 | 2244 | 2829 | 3105 | 1799 |
| 9 | 1208 | 599 | 404 | 866 | 1337 | 1420 | 1095 | 833 | 366 | 691 | 1003 | 1529 | 932 |
| +gp | 940 | 689 | 556 | 778 | 940 | 1715 | 1973 | 1124 | 783 | 669 | 643 | | |
| TOTAL | 471156 | 498813 | 479138 | 544077 | 497511 | 621409 | 540557 | 489045 | 574829 | 469670 | 314146 | | |

(¹) Overwritten in the prediction

Table 6.6.1 Summary (without SOP correction)

Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| | RECRUITS | TOTALBIO | TOTSPBIO | LANDINGS | YIELD/SSB | FBAR | 3- 6 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------|------|
| | Age 1 | | | | | | |
| 1967 | 429605 | 416346 | 125016 | 78480 | 0.6278 | 0.3265 | |
| 1968 | 400314 | 919503 | 182929 | 104002 | 0.5685 | 0.3023 | |
| 1969 | 464408 | 1017986 | 228171 | 114758 | 0.5029 | 0.2589 | |
| 1970 | 233134 | 1167154 | 268535 | 222100 | 0.8271 | 0.4364 | |
| 1971 | 227095 | 1152366 | 375944 | 252618 | 0.672 | 0.3341 | |
| 1972 | 240331 | 949857 | 412234 | 245879 | 0.5965 | 0.4033 | |
| 1973 | 270655 | 839886 | 453315 | 225770 | 0.498 | 0.4231 | |
| 1974 | 645450 | 994147 | 468289 | 273466 | 0.584 | 0.5867 | |
| 1975 | 197838 | 939801 | 402623 | 278126 | 0.6908 | 0.504 | |
| 1976 | 140413 | 784538 | 271102 | 319933 | 1.1801 | 0.7921 | |
| 1977 | 127745 | 536005 | 211645 | 196185 | 0.927 | 0.6423 | |
| 1978 | 104799 | 457479 | 197343 | 134829 | 0.6832 | 0.4782 | |
| 1979 | 268148 | 496643 | 191551 | 114363 | 0.597 | 0.4019 | |
| 1980 | 162914 | 454705 | 188341 | 120293 | 0.6387 | 0.4609 | |
| 1981 | 192116 | 548008 | 196270 | 122518 | 0.6242 | 0.3083 | |
| 1982 | 318105 | 587180 | 166892 | 165977 | 0.9945 | 0.4941 | |
| 1983 | 475184 | 696876 | 172922 | 168884 | 0.9766 | 0.6008 | |
| 1984 | 398773 | 642496 | 137793 | 198001 | 1.4369 | 0.7899 | |
| 1985 | 155915 | 583281 | 108755 | 199534 | 1.8347 | 0.8425 | |
| 1986 | 184916 | 548747 | 99494 | 162873 | 1.637 | 0.932 | |
| 1987 | 98828 | 400229 | 102004 | 149407 | 1.4647 | 0.6833 | |
| 1988 | 169070 | 367779 | 106569 | 106599 | 1.0003 | 0.6397 | |
| 1989 | 197207 | 390055 | 88915 | 92032 | 1.0351 | 0.6654 | |
| 1990 | 138969 | 361645 | 82187 | 88080 | 1.0717 | 0.5951 | |
| 1991 | 217140 | 399768 | 83056 | 98553 | 1.1866 | 0.57 | |
| 1992 | 136259 | 437422 | 89074 | 92499 | 1.0384 | 0.6565 | |
| 1993 | 277534 | 460387 | 93971 | 104606 | 1.1132 | 0.5491 | |
| 1994 | 101883 | 459718 | 103978 | 102593 | 0.9867 | 0.5371 | |
| 1995 | 118917 | 503354 | 113985 | 113560 | 0.9963 | 0.4613 | |
| 1996 | 242535 | 425312 | 115519 | 110346 | 0.9552 | 0.5293 | |
| 1997 | 155795* | 389157 | 135433 | 103326 | 0.7629 | 0.5106 | |
| Arith. | | | | | | | |
| Mean | 238888 | 623478 | 192705 | 156780 | 0.9261 | 0.5392 | |
| Units | (Thousan | (Tonnes) | (Tonnes) | (Tonnes) | | | |

* GM(86-95) value

Table 6.7.1 Saithe, North Sea and Skagerrak
 Input data for catch forecast and linear sensitivity analysis.

| Populations in 1998 | | | Stock weights | | | Nat.Mortality | | | Prop.mature | | |
|---------------------|--------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| N1 | 155793 | .34 | WS1 | .40 | .33 | M1 | .20 | .10 | MT1 | .00 | .00 |
| N2 | 130537 | .35 | WS2 | .56 | .34 | M2 | .20 | .10 | MT2 | .00 | .00 |
| N3 | 152016 | .36 | WS3 | .96 | .06 | M3 | .20 | .10 | MT3 | .00 | .10 |
| N4 | 48467 | .20 | WS4 | 1.20 | .06 | M4 | .20 | .10 | MT4 | .15 | .10 |
| N5 | 20713 | .14 | WS5 | 1.67 | .12 | M5 | .20 | .10 | MT5 | .70 | .10 |
| N6 | 28067 | .12 | WS6 | 2.47 | .04 | M6 | .20 | .10 | MT6 | .90 | .10 |
| N7 | 3665 | .12 | WS7 | 3.32 | .11 | M7 | .20 | .10 | MT7 | 1.00 | .10 |
| N8 | 2829 | .14 | WS8 | 4.60 | .02 | M8 | .20 | .10 | MT8 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N9 | 1001 | .15 | WS9 | 5.72 | .10 | M9 | .20 | .10 | MT9 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N10 | 641 | .22 | WS10 | 8.19 | .08 | M10 | .20 | .10 | MT10 | 1.00 | .00 |

| HC selectivity | | | HC.catch wt | | |
|----------------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| sH1 | .00 | .52 | WH1 | .40 | .33 |
| sH2 | .07 | .31 | WH2 | .56 | .34 |
| sH3 | .19 | .09 | WH3 | .96 | .06 |
| sH4 | .56 | .31 | WH4 | 1.20 | .06 |
| sH5 | .68 | .10 | WH5 | 1.67 | .12 |
| sH6 | .57 | .22 | WH6 | 2.47 | .04 |
| sH7 | .78 | .33 | WH7 | 3.32 | .11 |
| sH8 | .71 | .27 | WH8 | 4.60 | .02 |
| sH9 | .75 | .34 | WH9 | 5.72 | .10 |
| sH10 | .75 | .34 | WH10 | 8.19 | .08 |

| Year effect M | | | HC relative eff | | |
|---------------|-------|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| K98 | 1.00 | .10 | HF98 | 1.00 | .07 |
| K99 | 1.00 | .10 | HF99 | 1.00 | .07 |
| K** | 1.00 | .10 | HF** | 1.00 | .07 |

| Recruitment | | |
|-------------|--------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV |
| R99 | 155795 | .34 |
| R** | 155795 | .34 |

Proportion F before spawning= .00
 Proportion M before spawning= .00

Stock numbers in 1998 are VPA survivors.
 These are overwritten at Age 2

Table 6.7.2. Saithe, North Sea and Skagerrak

Catch forecast output and estimates of coefficient of variation (CV) from linear analysis.

| | | Year | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|--|
| | | 1998 | 1999 | | | | | | | |
| Mean F | Ages | | | | | | | | | |
| H.cons | 3 to 6 | .50 | .00 | .10 | .20 | .30 | .40 | .50 | .60 | |
| Effort relative to | 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| H.cons | | 1.00 | .00 | .20 | .40 | .60 | .80 | 1.00 | 1.20 | |
| Biomass at start of year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 479 | 473 | 473 | 473 | 473 | 473 | 473 | 473 | |
| Spawning | | 132 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | |
| Catch weight (,000t) | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.cons | | 111 | 0 | 30 | 57 | 82 | 104 | 123 | 141 | |
| Biomass at start of 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | 609 | 571 | 537 | 507 | 480 | 456 | 435 | |
| Spawning | | | 245 | 217 | 192 | 170 | 151 | 134 | 119 | |

| | | Year | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|--|
| | | 1998 | 1999 | | | | | | | |
| Effort relative to | 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| H.cons | | 1.00 | .00 | .20 | .40 | .60 | .80 | 1.00 | 1.20 | |
| Est. Coeff. of Variation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biomass at start of year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | .15 | .16 | .16 | .16 | .16 | .16 | .16 | .16 | |
| Spawning | | .09 | .13 | .13 | .13 | .13 | .13 | .13 | .13 | |
| Catch weight | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.cons | | .13 | .00 | .38 | .24 | .21 | .19 | .19 | .18 | |
| Biomass at start of 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | .15 | .15 | .15 | .16 | .16 | .16 | .17 | |
| Spawning | | | .18 | .19 | .19 | .20 | .21 | .22 | .23 | |

Table 6.7.3. Saithe, North Sea and Skagerrak
Detailed forecast tables.

Forecast for year 1998
F multiplier H.cons=1.00

| Populations | | Catch number | |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Age | Stock No. | H.Cons | Total |
| 1 | 155794 | 141 | 141 |
| 2 | 130537 | 7454 | 7454 |
| 3 | 152017 | 23802 | 23802 |
| 4 | 48468 | 18986 | 18986 |
| 5 | 20713 | 9376 | 9376 |
| 6 | 28067 | 11201 | 11201 |
| 7 | 3665 | 1829 | 1829 |
| 8 | 2829 | 1324 | 1324 |
| 9 | 1002 | 484 | 484 |
| 10 | 642 | 310 | 310 |
| Wt | 479 | 111 | 111 |

Forecast for year 1999
F multiplier H.cons=1.00

| Populations | | Catch number | |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Age | Stock No. | H.Cons | Total |
| 1 | 155795 | 141 | 141 |
| 2 | 127426 | 7276 | 7276 |
| 3 | 100149 | 15681 | 15681 |
| 4 | 103027 | 40357 | 40357 |
| 5 | 22690 | 10271 | 10271 |
| 6 | 8583 | 3425 | 3425 |
| 7 | 12956 | 6464 | 6464 |
| 8 | 1370 | 641 | 641 |
| 9 | 1134 | 548 | 548 |
| 10 | 638 | 308 | 308 |
| Wt | 473 | 123 | 123 |

Table 6.7.4

Saithe in IV and IIIa
Stock numbers of recruits and their source for recent year classes used in predictions, and the relative (%) contributions to landings and SSB (by weight) of these year classes

| Year-class | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Stock No. (thousands) of 1 year-olds | 118917 | 242535 | 155795 | 155795 | 155795 |
| Source | VPA | VPA | GM | GM | GM |
| Status Quo F: | | | | | |
| % in 1998 landings | 20.6 | 20.6 | 3.8 | 0.0 | - |
| % in 1999 | 13.9 | 39.4 | 12.2 | 3.3 | 0.0 |
| % in 1998 SSB | 6.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| % in 1999 SSB | 21.2 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| % in 2000 SSB | 15.6 | 42.1 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

GM : geometric mean recruitment

Saithe in IV and IIIa : Year-class % contribution to

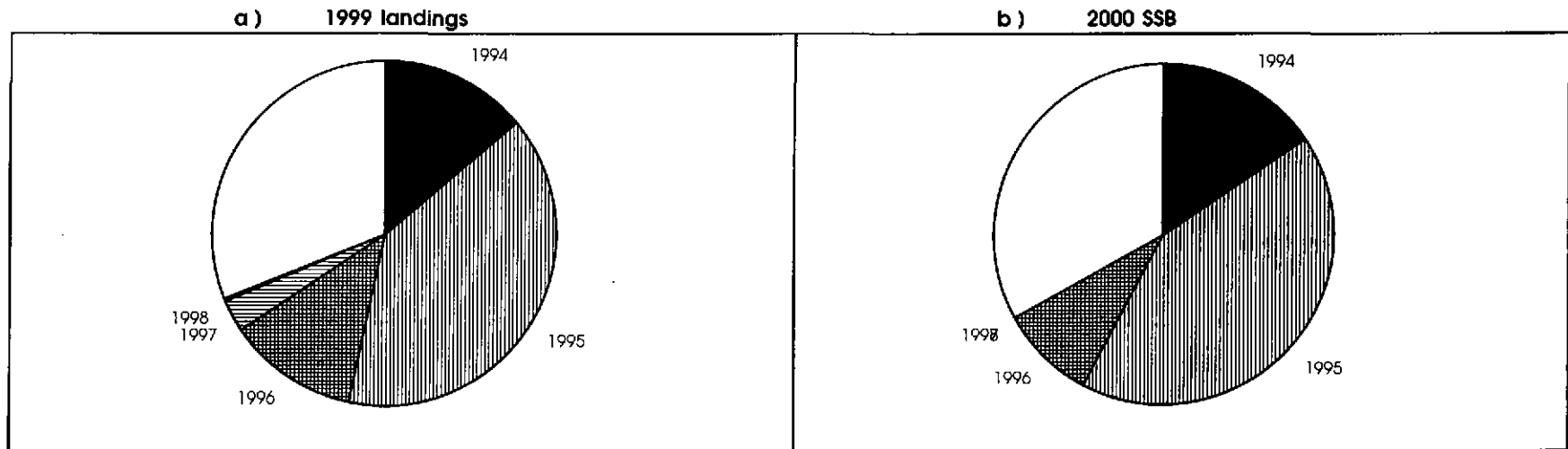


Table 6.8.1 Saithe i North Sea. Model parameters
for stock recruitment

Data read from file recruit.inn

Ricker curve

Moving average term NOT fitted

IFAIL on exit from E04FDF =, 0

Residual sum of squares=, 7.0245

Number of observations=, 30

Number of parameters =, 2

Residual mean square =, .2509

Coefficient of determination =, .1118

Adj. coeff. of determination =, .0801

IFAIL from E04YCF=, 0

Parameter Correlation matrix

, 1.0000,
, .8604, 1.0000,

Parameter,s.d.

2.2708, .4074,
.0032, .0008,

Table 6.9.1

The SAS System

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Saithe in the North Sea Area (Fishing Areas IV and IIIa)

Yield per recruit: Input data

| Age | Recruit- ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
|------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 1.000 | 0.2000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.396 | 0.0009 | 0.396 |
| 2 | . | 0.2000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.558 | 0.0650 | 0.558 |
| 3 | . | 0.2000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.960 | 0.1888 | 0.960 |
| 4 | . | 0.2000 | 0.1500 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.202 | 0.5594 | 1.202 |
| 5 | . | 0.2000 | 0.7000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.668 | 0.6805 | 1.668 |
| 6 | . | 0.2000 | 0.9000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 2.472 | 0.5727 | 2.472 |
| 7 | . | 0.2000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 3.316 | 0.7837 | 3.316 |
| 8 | . | 0.2000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 4.597 | 0.7130 | 4.597 |
| 9 | . | 0.2000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 5.718 | 0.7460 | 5.718 |
| 10+ | . | 0.2000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 8.193 | 0.7460 | 8.193 |
| Unit | Numbers | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

Notes: Run name : YLDCMM02
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Table 6.9.2

Saithe in the North Sea Area (Fishing Areas IV and IIIa)

Yield per recruit: Summary table

| F Factor | Reference F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 5.517 | 14573.311 | 2.390 | 12200.007 | 2.390 | 12200.007 |
| 0.1000 | 0.0500 | 0.150 | 526.704 | 4.770 | 9747.887 | 1.674 | 7423.160 | 1.674 | 7423.160 |
| 0.2000 | 0.1001 | 0.238 | 707.032 | 4.331 | 7234.534 | 1.265 | 4954.874 | 1.265 | 4954.874 |
| 0.3000 | 0.1501 | 0.297 | 762.769 | 4.039 | 5754.599 | 1.002 | 3516.856 | 1.002 | 3516.856 |
| 0.4000 | 0.2001 | 0.340 | 770.215 | 3.828 | 4809.259 | 0.818 | 2610.601 | 0.818 | 2610.601 |
| 0.5000 | 0.2502 | 0.373 | 759.111 | 3.668 | 4168.167 | 0.683 | 2006.041 | 0.683 | 2006.041 |
| 0.6000 | 0.3002 | 0.399 | 741.767 | 3.541 | 3712.527 | 0.580 | 1584.629 | 0.580 | 1584.629 |
| 0.7000 | 0.3502 | 0.420 | 723.348 | 3.438 | 3376.053 | 0.500 | 1280.299 | 0.500 | 1280.299 |
| 0.8000 | 0.4003 | 0.437 | 705.939 | 3.351 | 3119.481 | 0.435 | 1053.982 | 0.435 | 1053.982 |
| 0.9000 | 0.4503 | 0.452 | 690.265 | 3.278 | 2918.422 | 0.383 | 881.461 | 0.383 | 881.461 |
| 1.0000 | 0.5003 | 0.466 | 676.461 | 3.214 | 2757.123 | 0.339 | 747.137 | 0.339 | 747.137 |
| 1.1000 | 0.5504 | 0.477 | 664.414 | 3.159 | 2625.062 | 0.303 | 640.627 | 0.303 | 640.627 |
| 1.2000 | 0.6004 | 0.487 | 653.928 | 3.109 | 2515.009 | 0.272 | 554.820 | 0.272 | 554.820 |
| - | - | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams |

Notes: Run name : YLDCMM02
 Date and time : 11OCT98:21:42
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 3 - 6
 F-0.1 factor : 0.2109
 F-max factor : 0.3753
 F-0.1 reference F : 0.1055
 F-max reference F : 0.1878
 Recruitment : Single recruit

Table 6.10.1

North Sea and Skager Saithe in IV and : precautionary reference points

BIOMASS

WGNSSK

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| B_{loss} (lowest observed SSB) | = | 82,187 t |
| B_{lim} | = | |
| B_{pa} | = | 150,000 t |
| MBAL | = | |

SGPAFM

| | | |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
| B_{lim} | = | 80,000 t |
| B_{pa} | = | 150,000 t (decline in recruitment) |

Special comments regarding SSB

FISHING MORTALITY

Status quo F_{bar} (4-8) = 0.50 (Average 95-97)

| | Estimate | Probability SSB< B_{pa} in 2007 | % of historical F above precautionary F | Long-term SSB (t) at GM rec | | |
|---|----------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| $F_{0.1}$ 5th %ile | 0.07 | 0% | 100% | 906083 | 0.1489 | 155000 |
| $F_{35\%SPR}$ 5th %ile | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 767199 | 0.1920 | |
| | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 745507 | 0.1998 | |
| $F_{0.1}$ | 0.11 | 0% | 100% | 711731 | 0.2126 | |
| $F_{35\%SPR}$ | 0.12 | 0% | 100% | 637250 | 0.2440 | |
| F_{max} 5th %ile | 0.13 | 0% | 100% | 584595 | 0.2697 | |
| F_{max} | 0.19 | 0% | 100% | 421736 | 0.3759 | |
| | 0.20 | 0% | 100% | 394399 | 0.3996 | |
| | 0.30 | 0% | 97% | 239640 | 0.5994 | |
| F_{med} 5th %ile | 0.39 | 0% | 84% | 166729 | 0.7749 | |
| | 0.40 | 1% | 84% | 159239 | 0.7992 | |
| $F_{loss} \times \exp(-1.645 \cdot SE)$ | 0.42 | 3% | 74% | 146006 | 0.8465 | |
| $F_{loss} \times$ 5th %ile | 0.45 | 9% | 71% | 135012 | 0.8907 | |
| F_{med} | 0.49 | 39% | 58% | 114805 | 0.9873 | |
| | 0.50 | 42% | 58% | 112657 | 0.9990 | |
| F_{loss}^{**} | 0.59 | 93% | 35% | 86172 | 1.1762 | |
| | 0.60 | 93% | 32% | 83459 | 1.1988 | |
| | 0.70 | 100% | 13% | 64043 | 1.3986 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| SGPAFM F_{lim} | 0.63 | | 29% | 76832 | = F_{loss} | 1.2587 |
| SGPAFM F_{pa} | 0.40 | | 84% | 159239 | = $F_{lim} e^{-1.645 \cdot SE}$ | 0.7992 |

F range from the historic series 0.26 to 0.93
 SSB range from the historical series 82200 to 468300

** A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0,5 was used.
 Stock recruit data were log-transformed
 A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

Ricker stock recruit model alpha 4.8855 beta 3.41E-03
 Special comments regarding F

Table 6.10.2**Introduction to PA Add-in outputs**

Four sheets of results are included in this workbook:

RefPts - provides stochastic output in the form of a table of reference points and a chart summarising the distributions of some reference points.

Plots - provides 5 plots:

A stock recruitment plot with a LOWESS smoother as a possible stock recruitment relationship. Some reference points are also indicated.

A plot of YPR and SPR curves with some reference points indicated.

A plot of historical SSB against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

A plot of historical yield against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

A plot of the time series of stock and recruitment with expected recruits based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

PD - gives the value of the reference points during each iteration of the simulation and the percentiles plotted on the chart on RefPts.

SV - contains the steady state vectors and stock recruitment series used. These can be used as the basis for further runs.

For estimation of Gloss and Floss:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0.5 was used.

Stock recruit data were log-transformed

A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

For estimation of the stock recruitment relationship used in equilibrium calculations:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 1 was used.

Stock recruit data were un-transformed

No point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

North Sea and Skager Saithe in IV and III

Steady state selection averaged over 0 years.

FBar averaged from age 3 to 6

Number of iterations = 1000

Data source:

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D:\North Sea Demersal WG 98\PA\RoundFish\Saithe IV\SaiIV.SUM

FishLab DLL used

FLVB32.DLL built on Aug 18 1998 at 08:57:43

Figure 6.1.1 : Saithe in North Sea and Division IIIa.

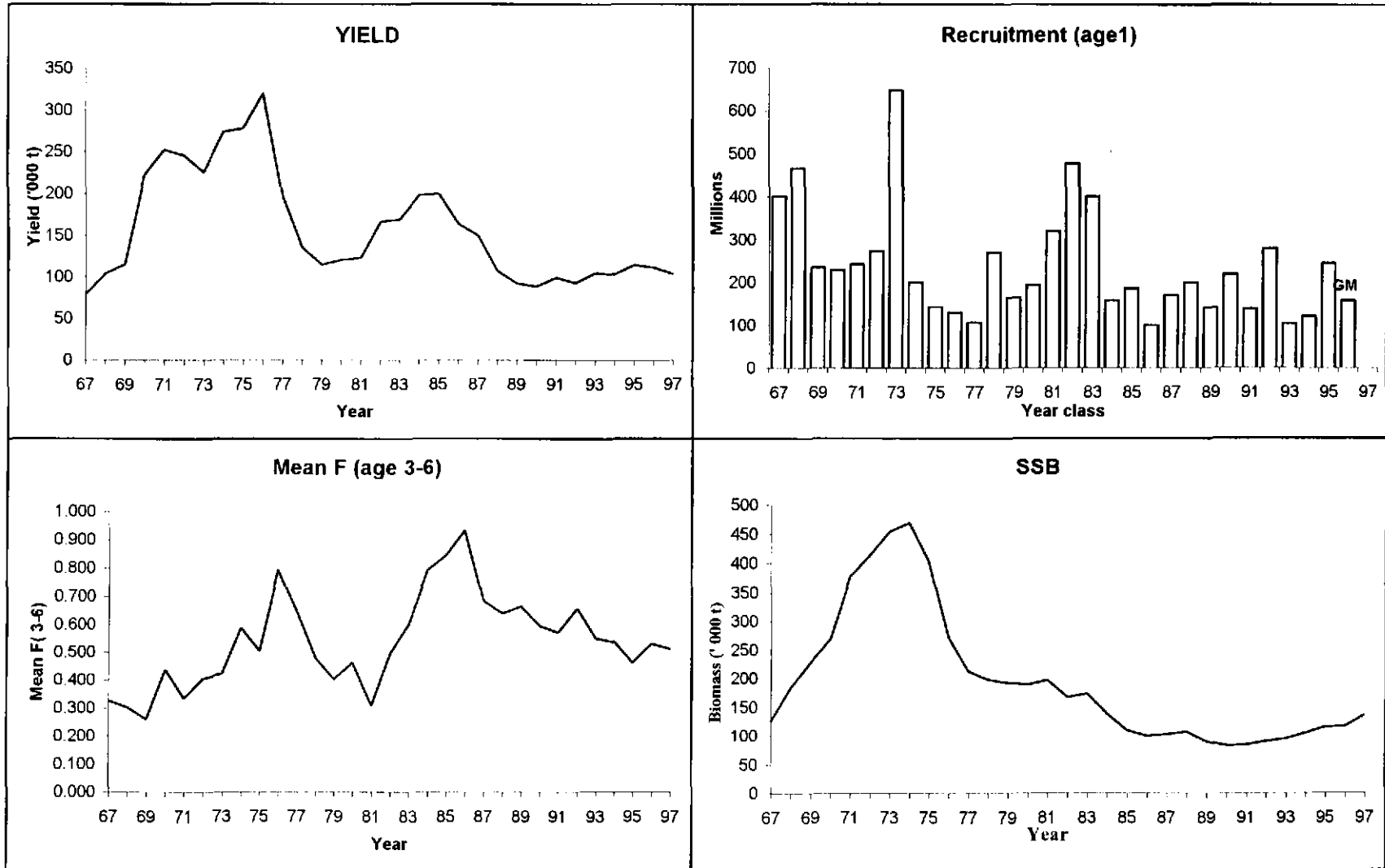
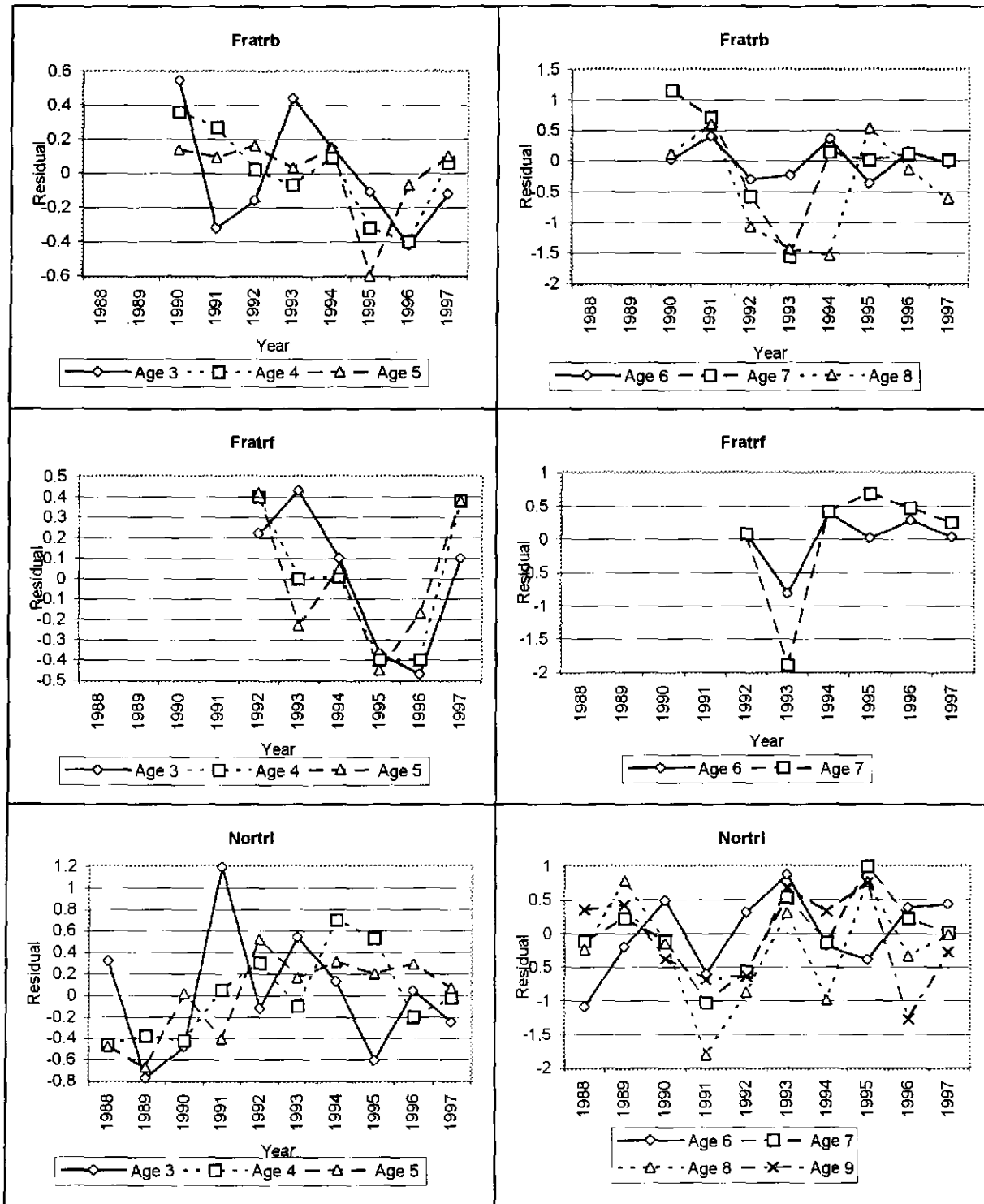


Figure 6.4.1. Saithe in the North Sea. q residuals by fleet.



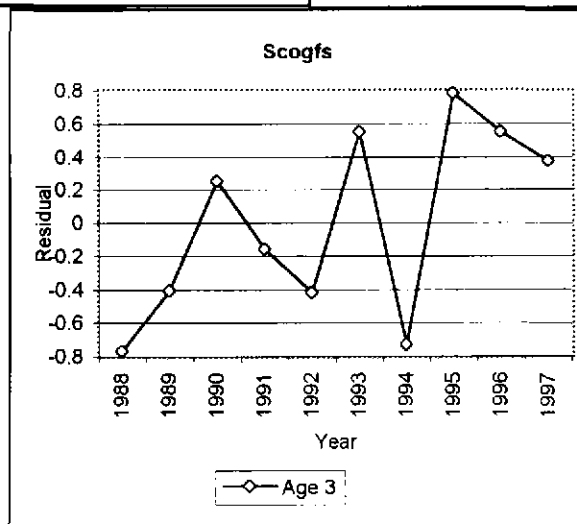
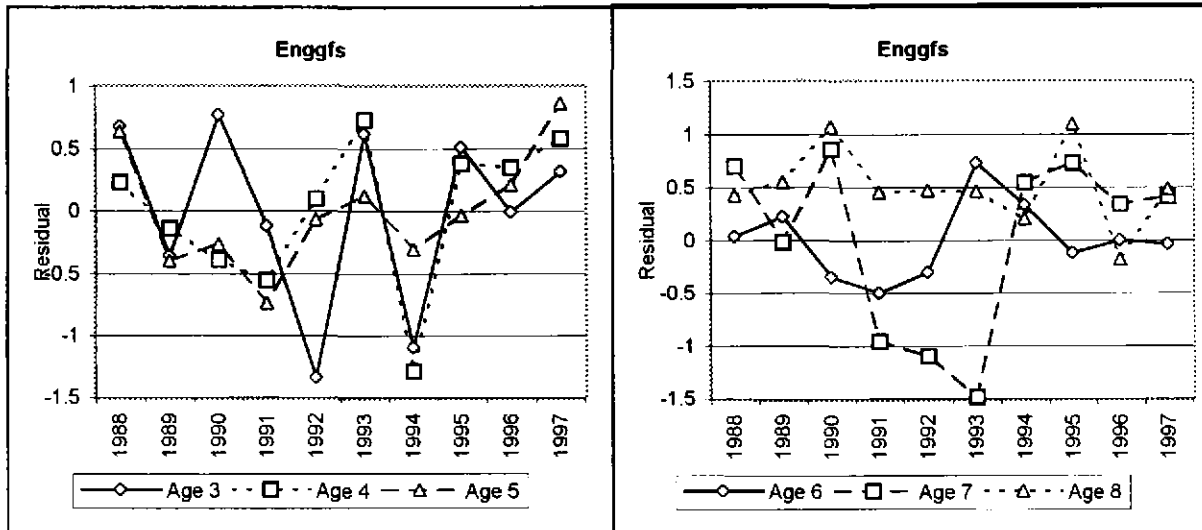


Figure 6.4.2. Saithe IV - Contribution of Commercial fleets, survey indices and shrinkage to tuned XSA

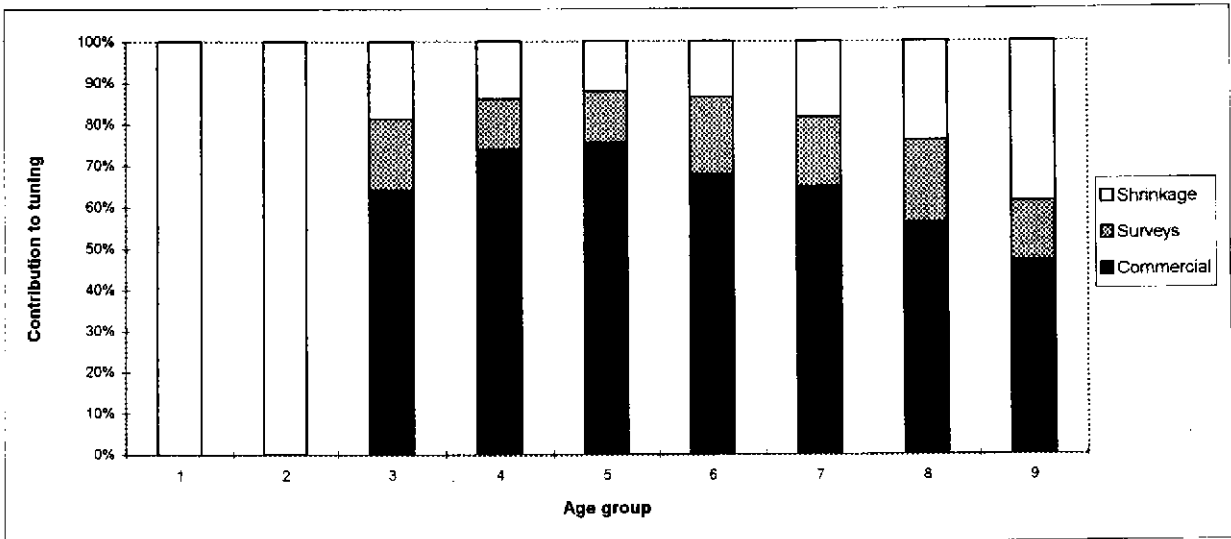
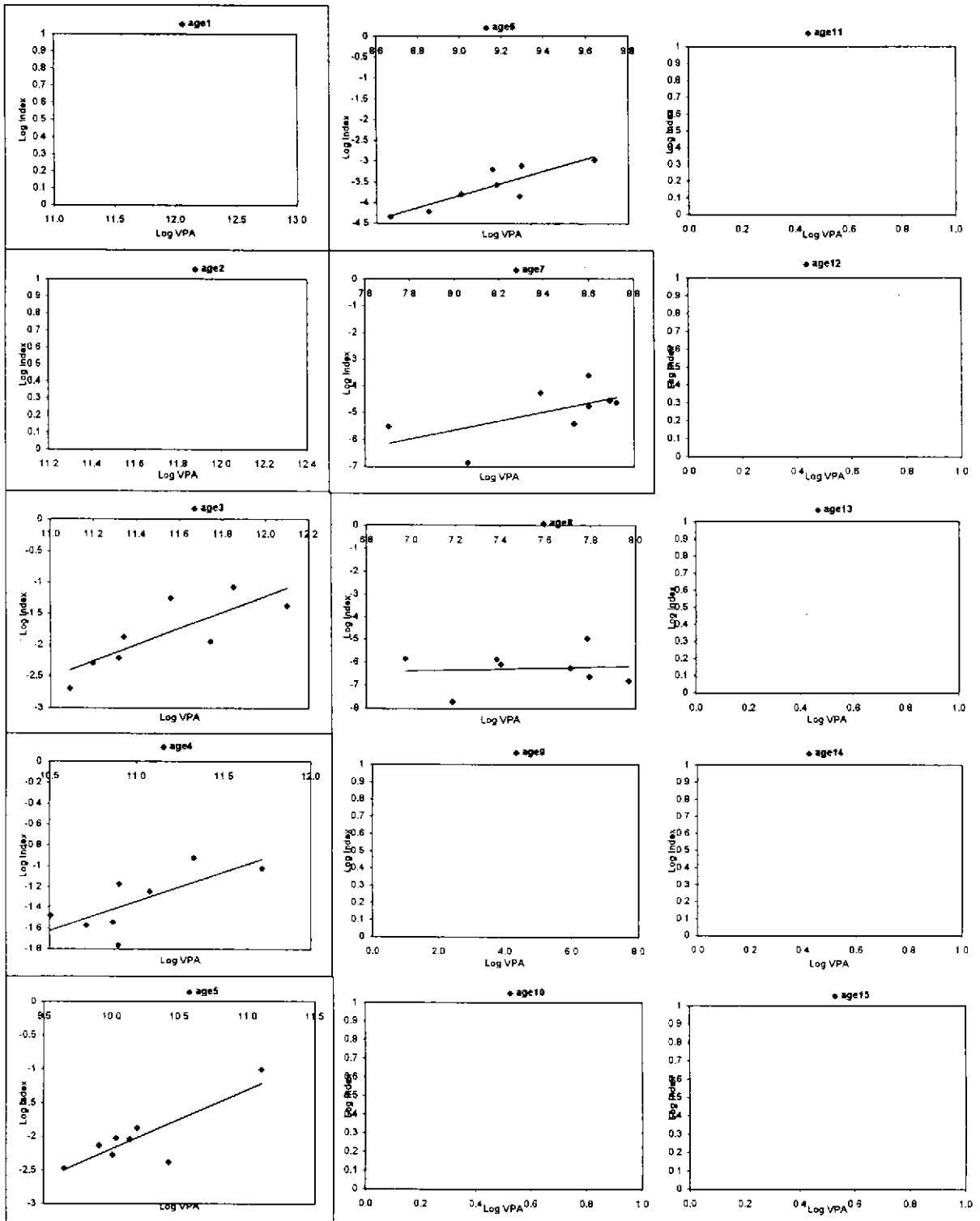
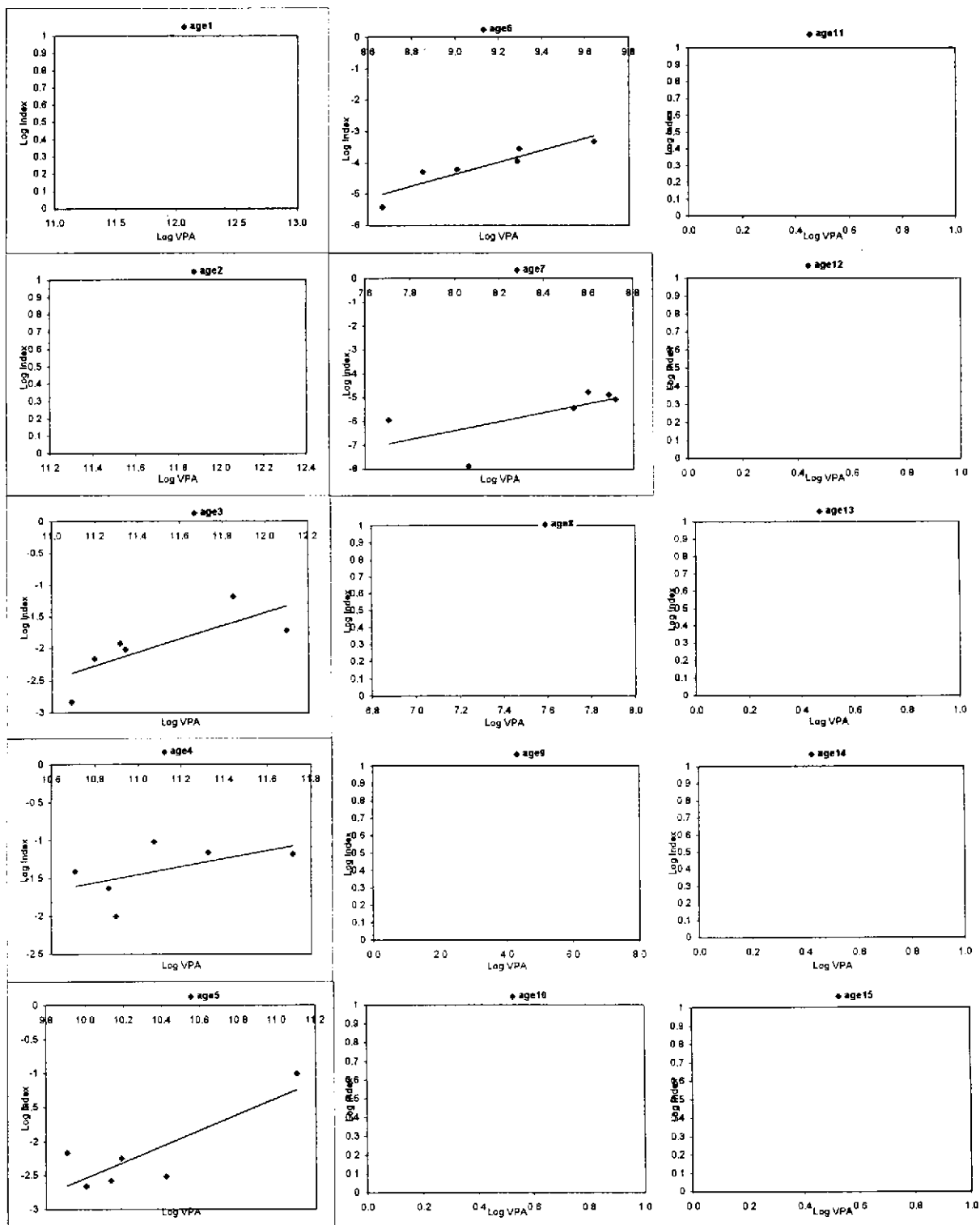


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 Yearrange **1990-1997**



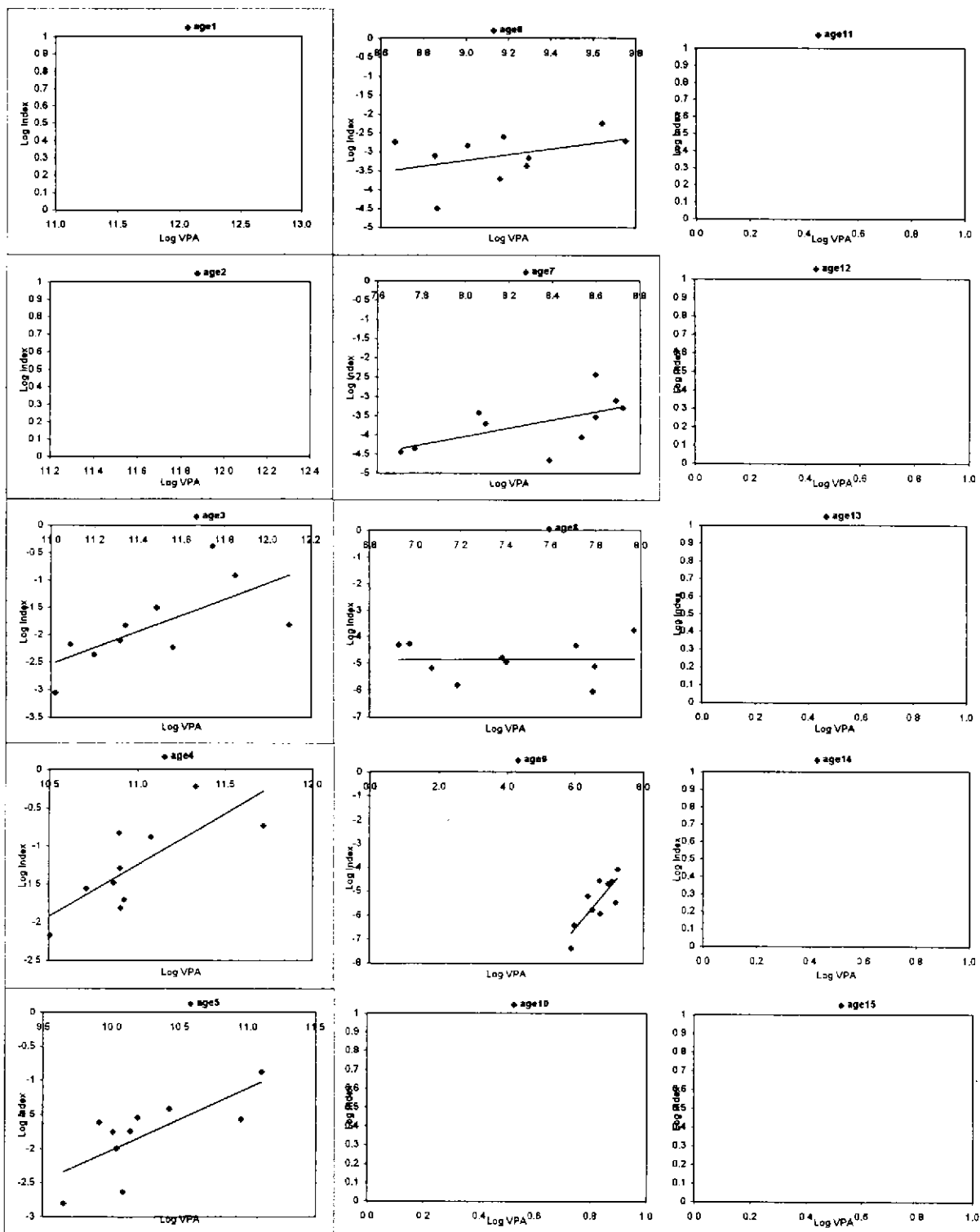
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 Index **FRATRF**
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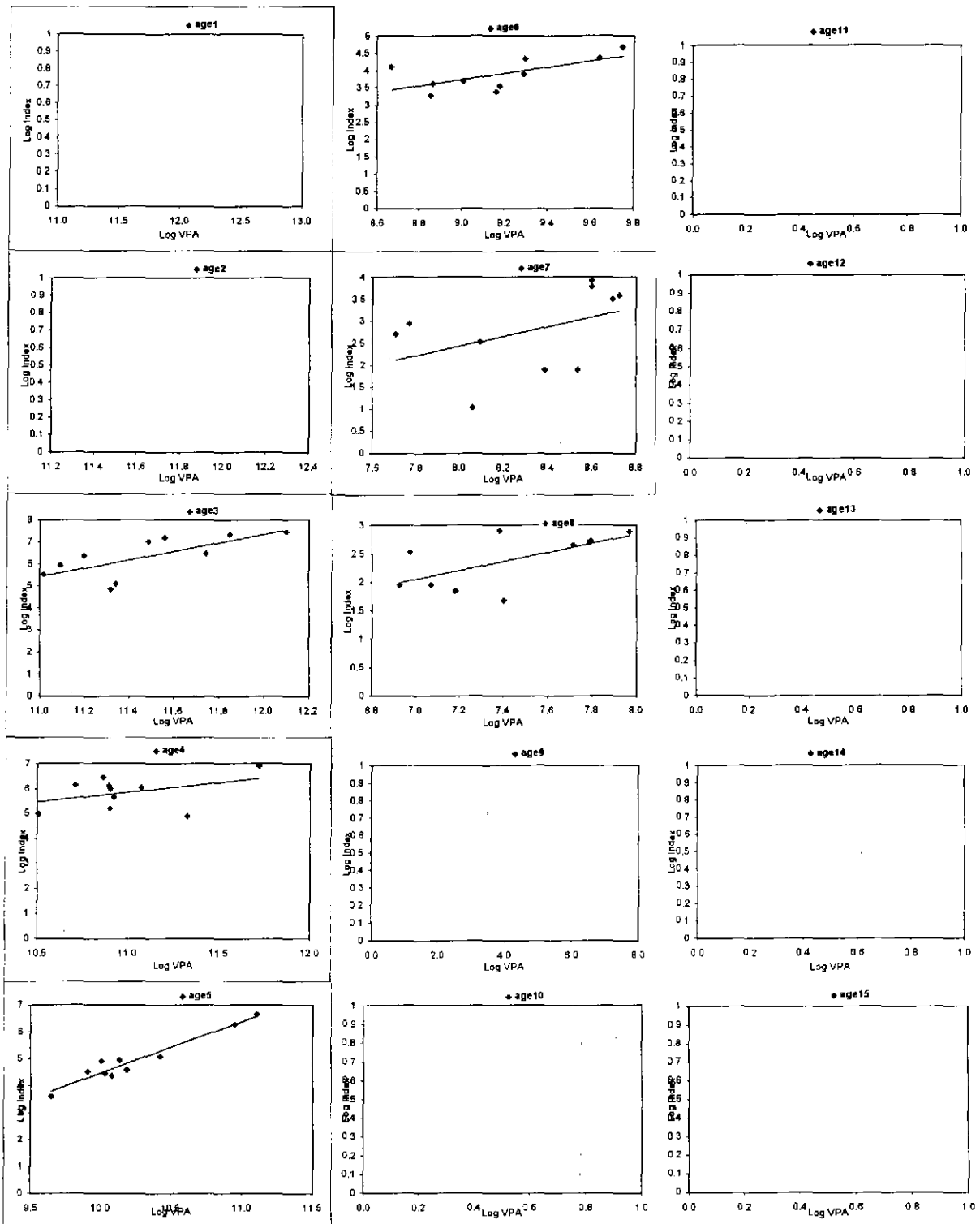
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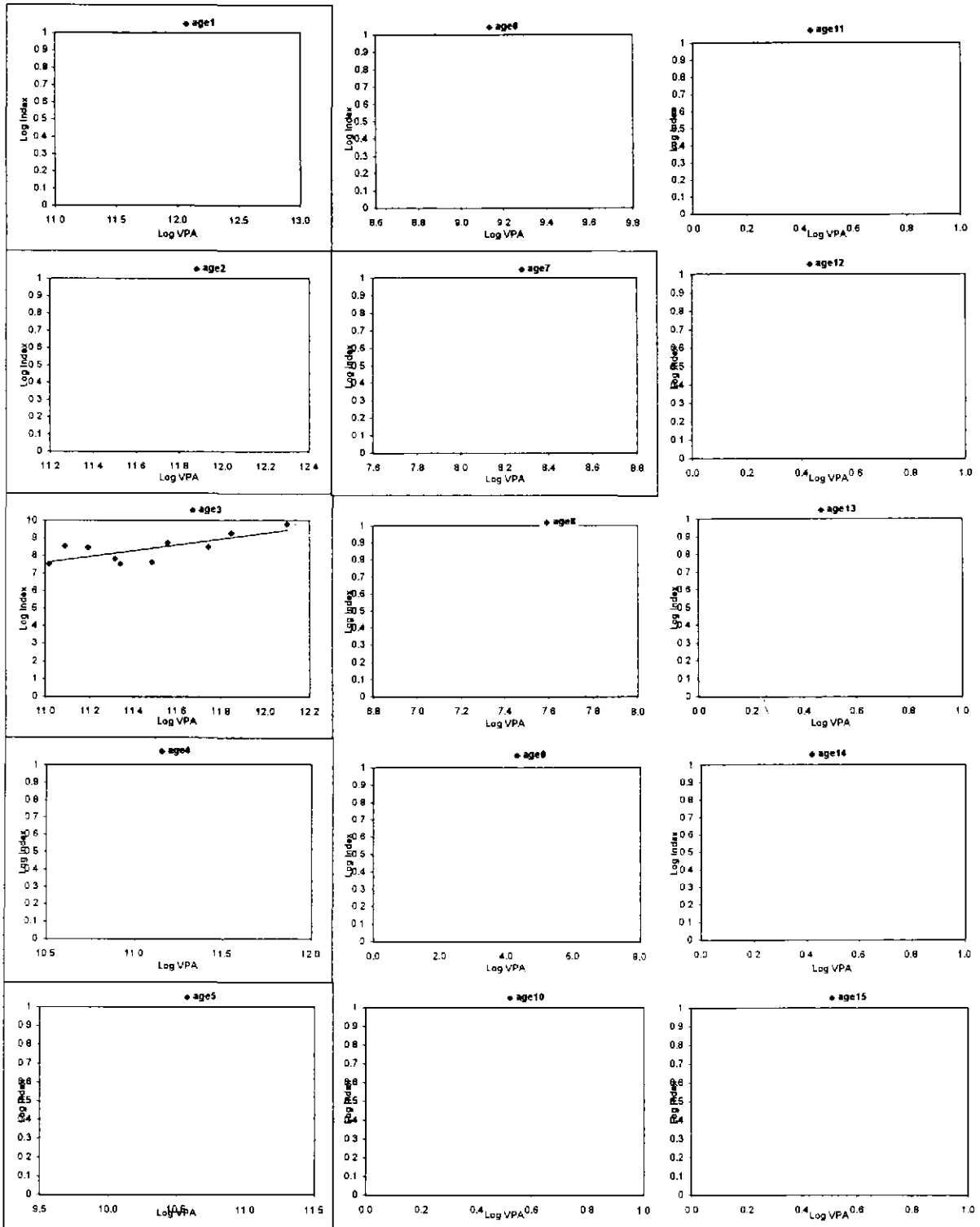
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Figure 6.4.4.- Saithe in Division IV. Retrospective analysis with final Run.

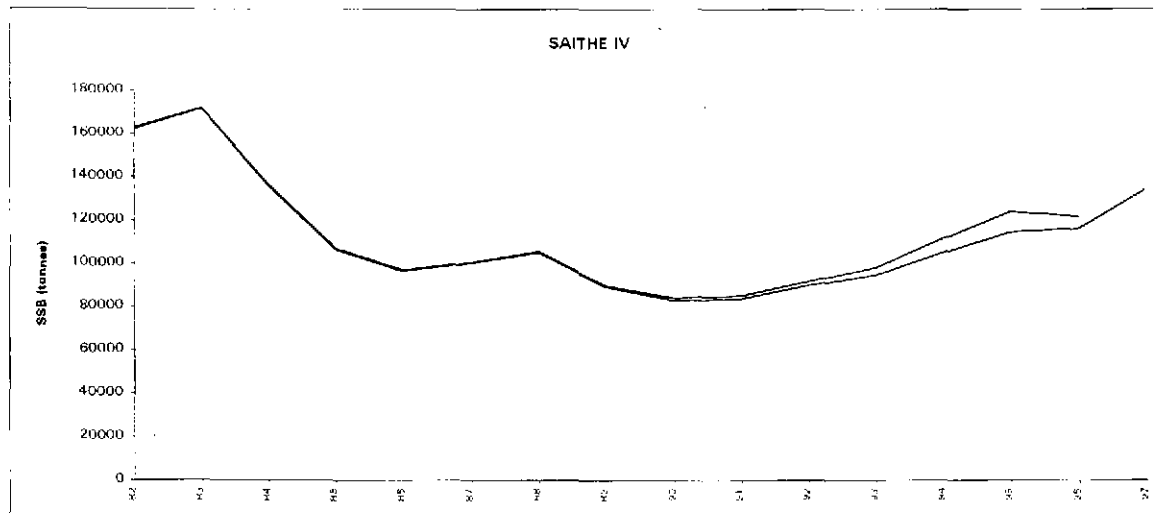
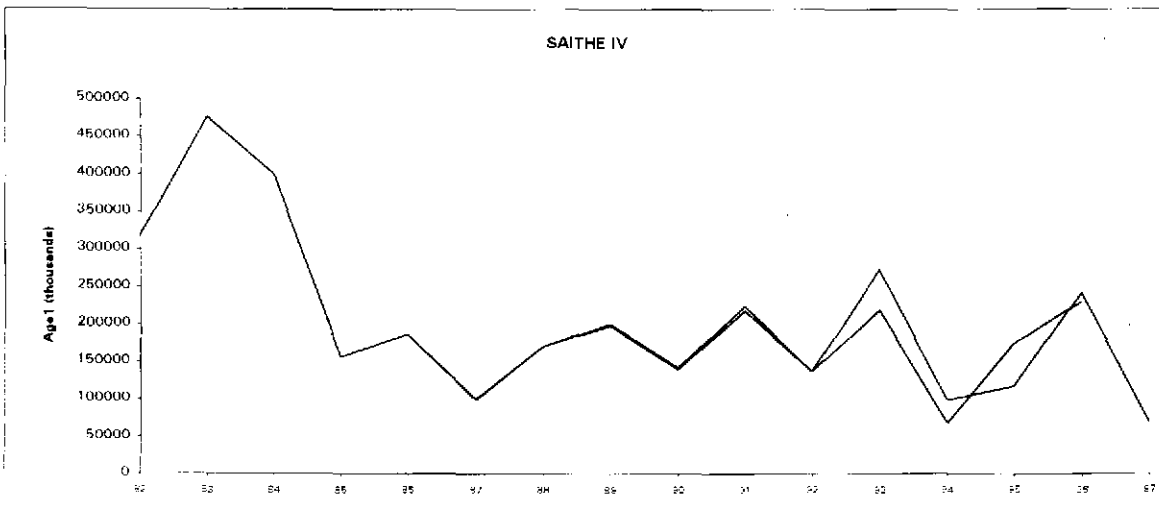
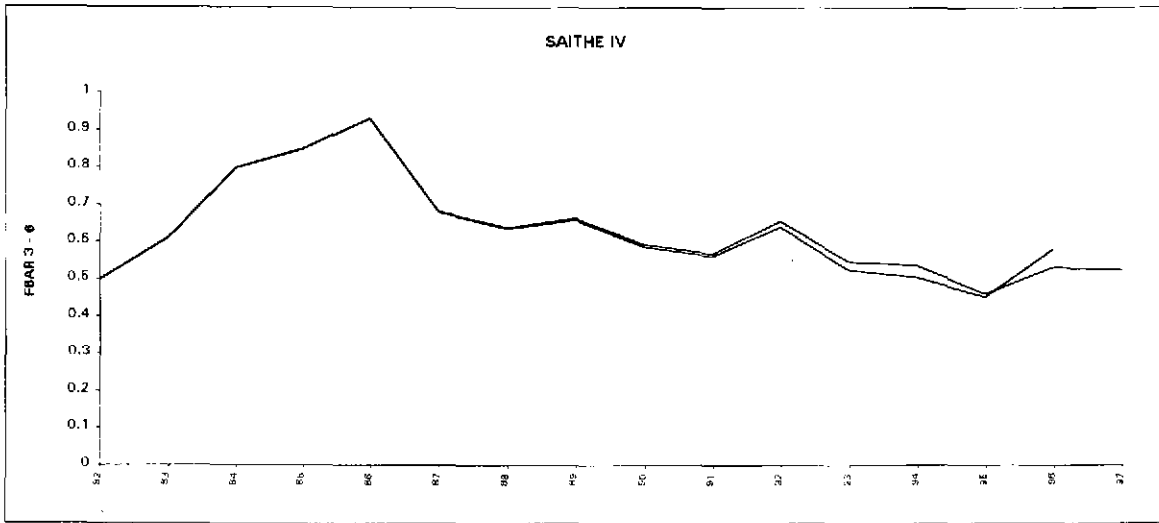
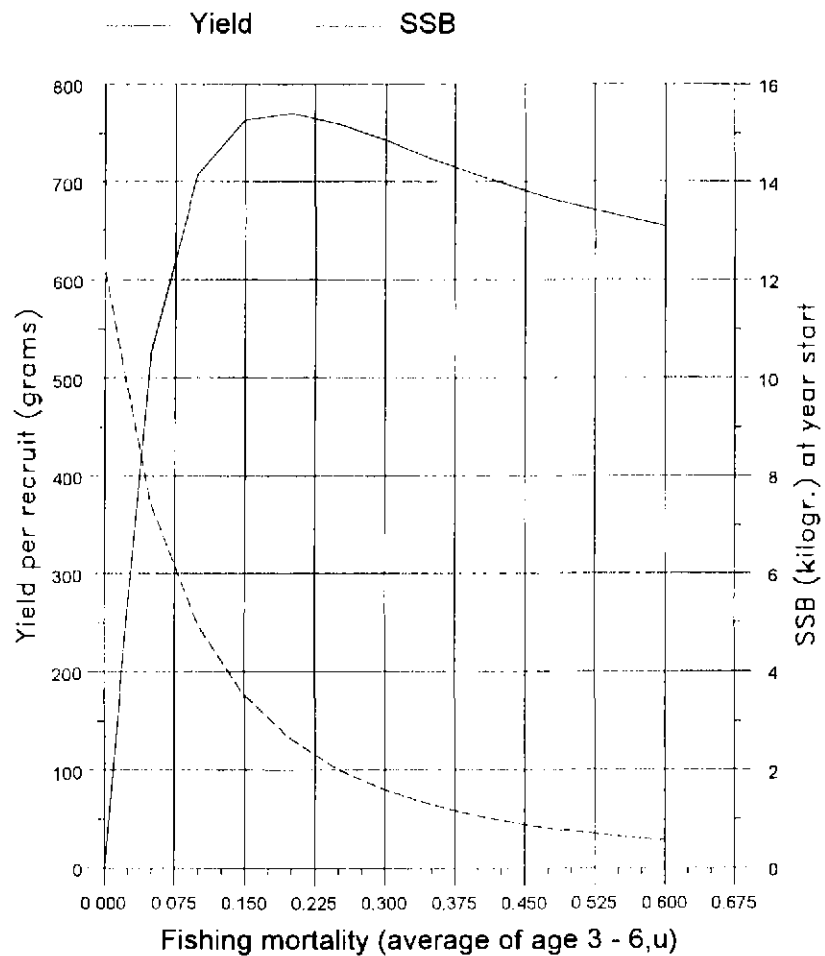


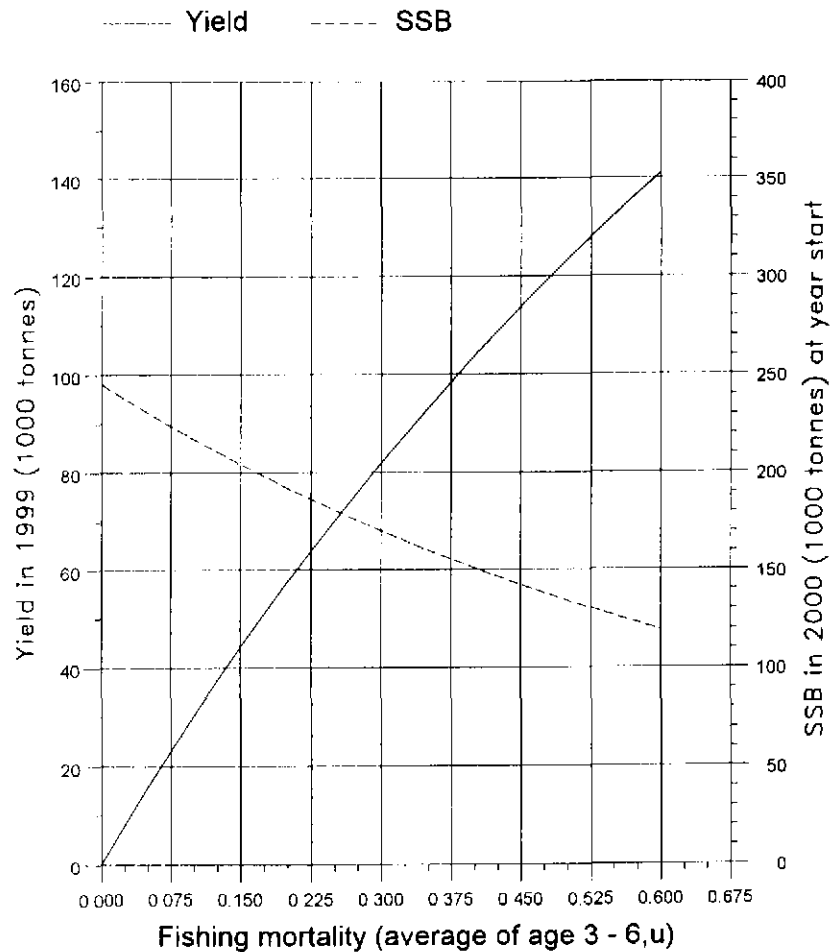
Figure 6.7.1

Long term yield and spawning stock biomass



(run: YLDCMM02) C

Short term yield and spawning stock biomass



(run: MANCMM04) D

Figure 6.7.2 Saithe, North Sea and Skager. Sensitivity analysis of short term forecast.

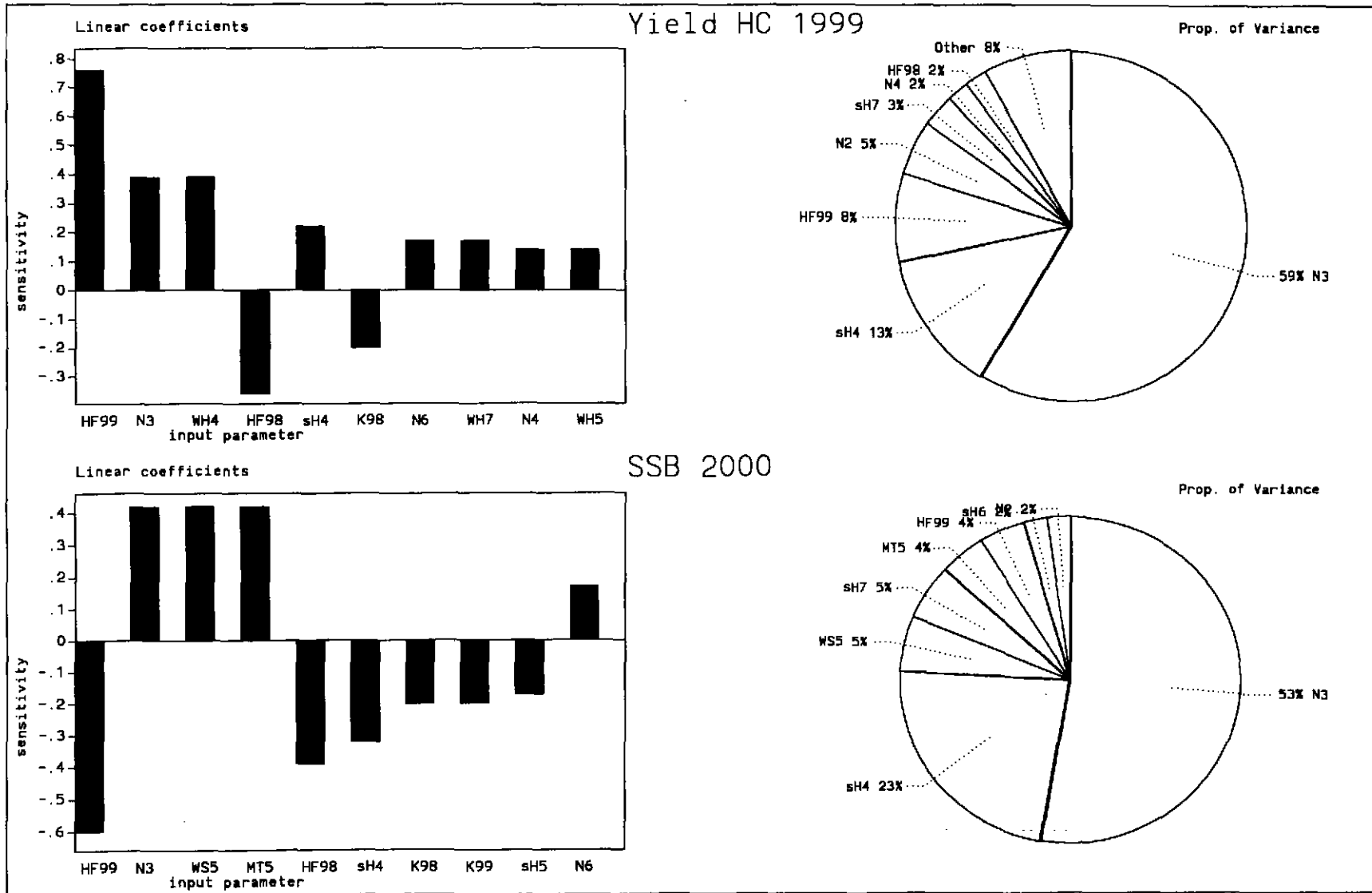


Figure 6.7.3 Saithe, North Sea and Skager. Probability profiles for short term forecast.

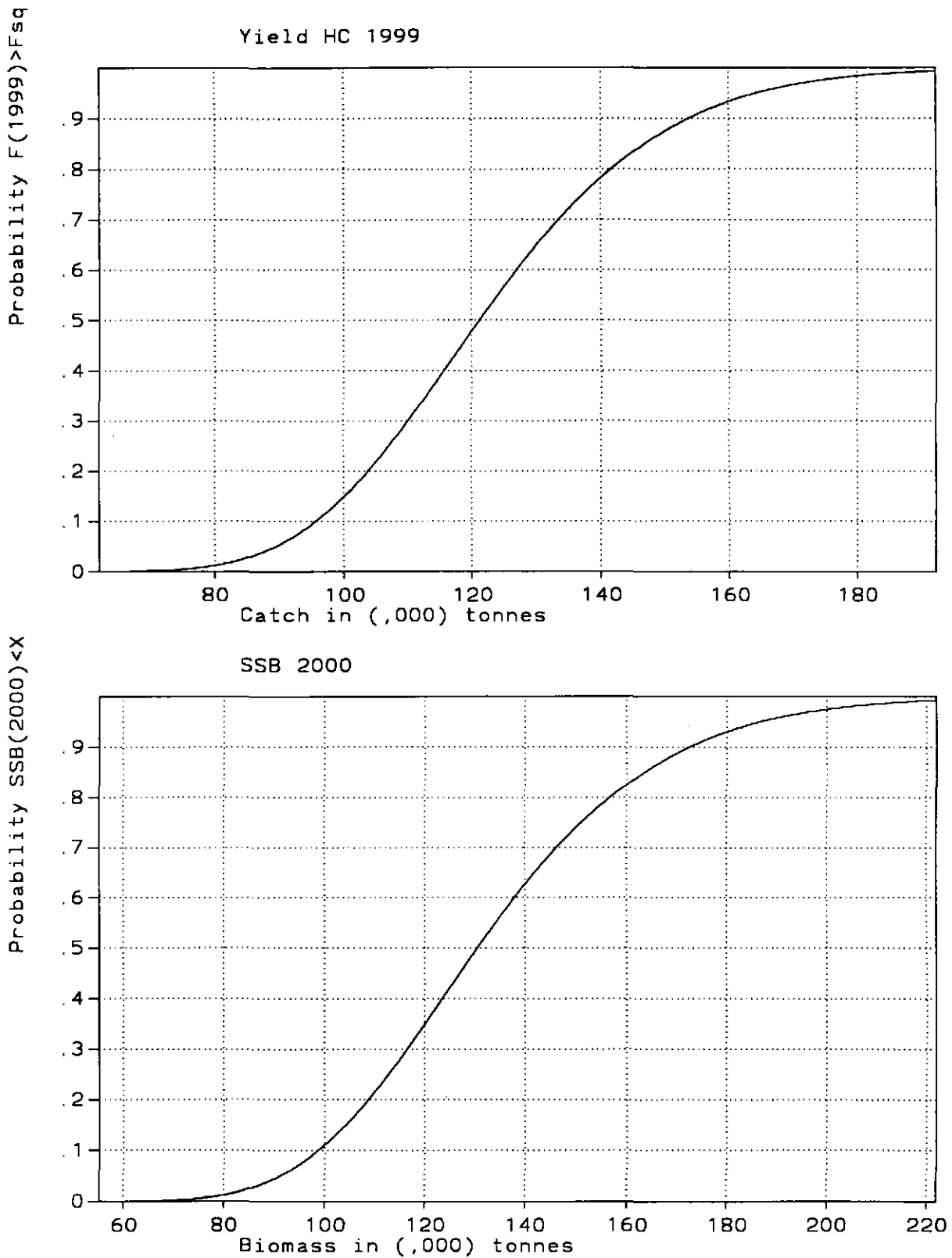


Figure 6.8.1. Saithe North Sea. Medium Term predictions. Status quo Fishing mortality. Solid lines show 5, 25, 50, 75, 95 %
 Number of simulations: 500 Model used: Ricker

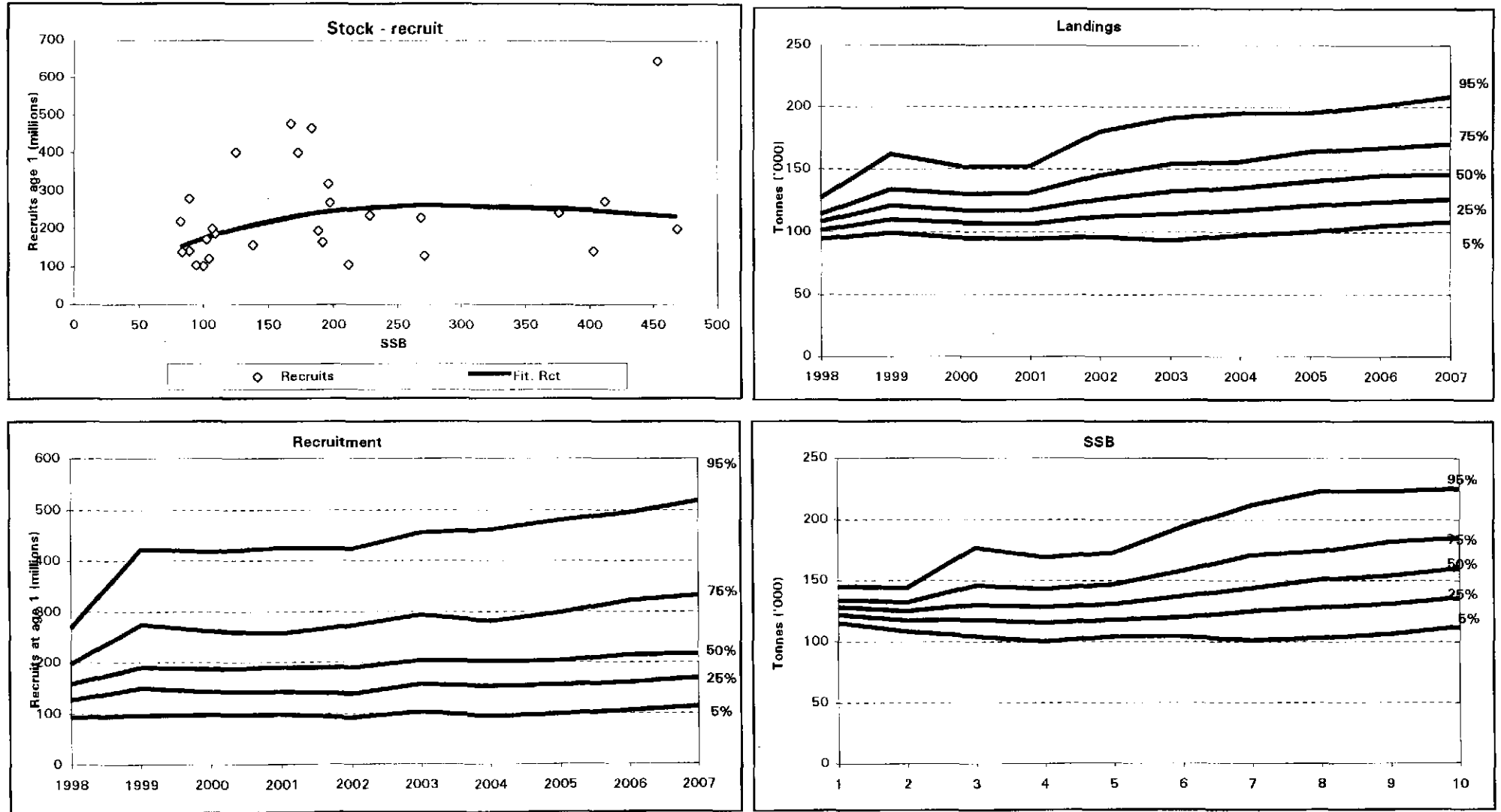


Figure 6.9.1

North Sea and S Saithe in IV an: Stock and Recruitment

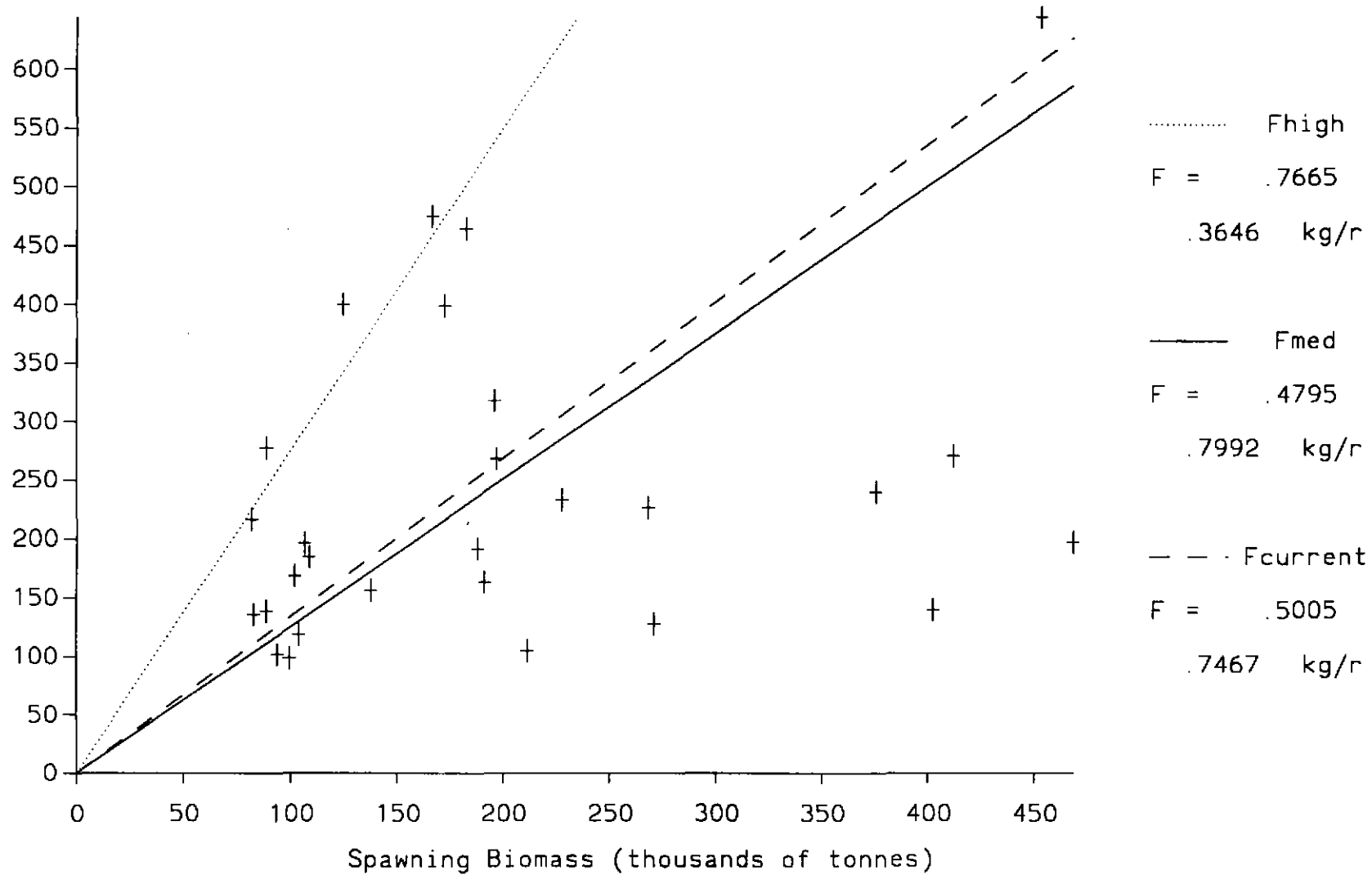
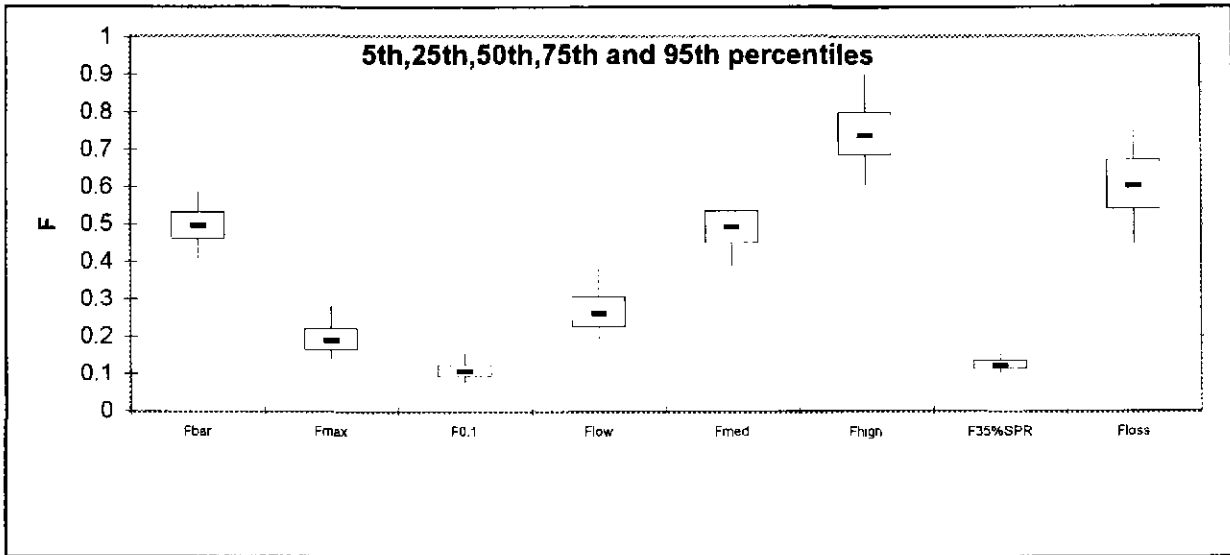


Figure 6.10.1 Saithe in IV and III a. Reference points.



| Reference point | Deterministic | Median | 95th percentile | 80th percentile |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MedianRecruits | 198000 | 198000 | 240000 | 227000 |
| MBAL | 0 | | | |
| Bloss | 82200 | | | |
| SSB90%R90%Surv | 152830 | 153542 | 197628 | 174516 |
| SPR%ofVirgin | 6.18 | 6.36 | 9.24 | 7.63 |
| VirginSPR | 11.75 | 11.73 | 17.23 | 14.45 |
| SPRloss | 0.56 | 0.54 | 0.79 | 0.66 |
| | Deterministic | Median | 5th percentile | 20th percentile |
| FBar | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.40 | 0.45 |
| Fmax | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.13 | 0.16 |
| F0.1 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.09 |
| Flow | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.19 | 0.22 |
| Fmed | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 0.44 |
| Fhigh | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.60 | 0.67 |
| F35%SPR | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.11 |
| Floss | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.45 | 0.52 |

Figure 6.10.2 Sathe in IV and IIIa

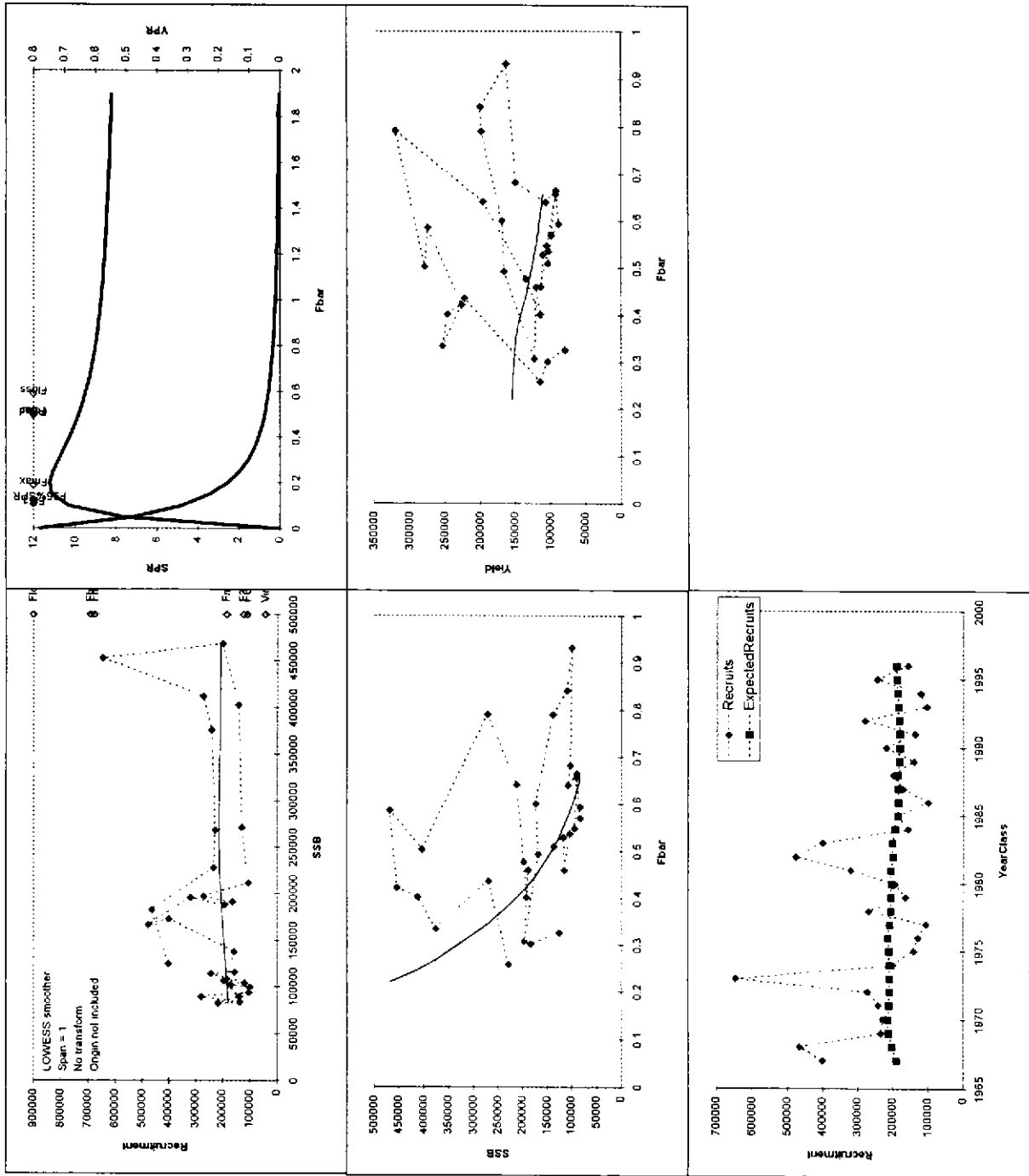


Figure 6.10.3 Medium term projections of SSB in 2007 at different F levels

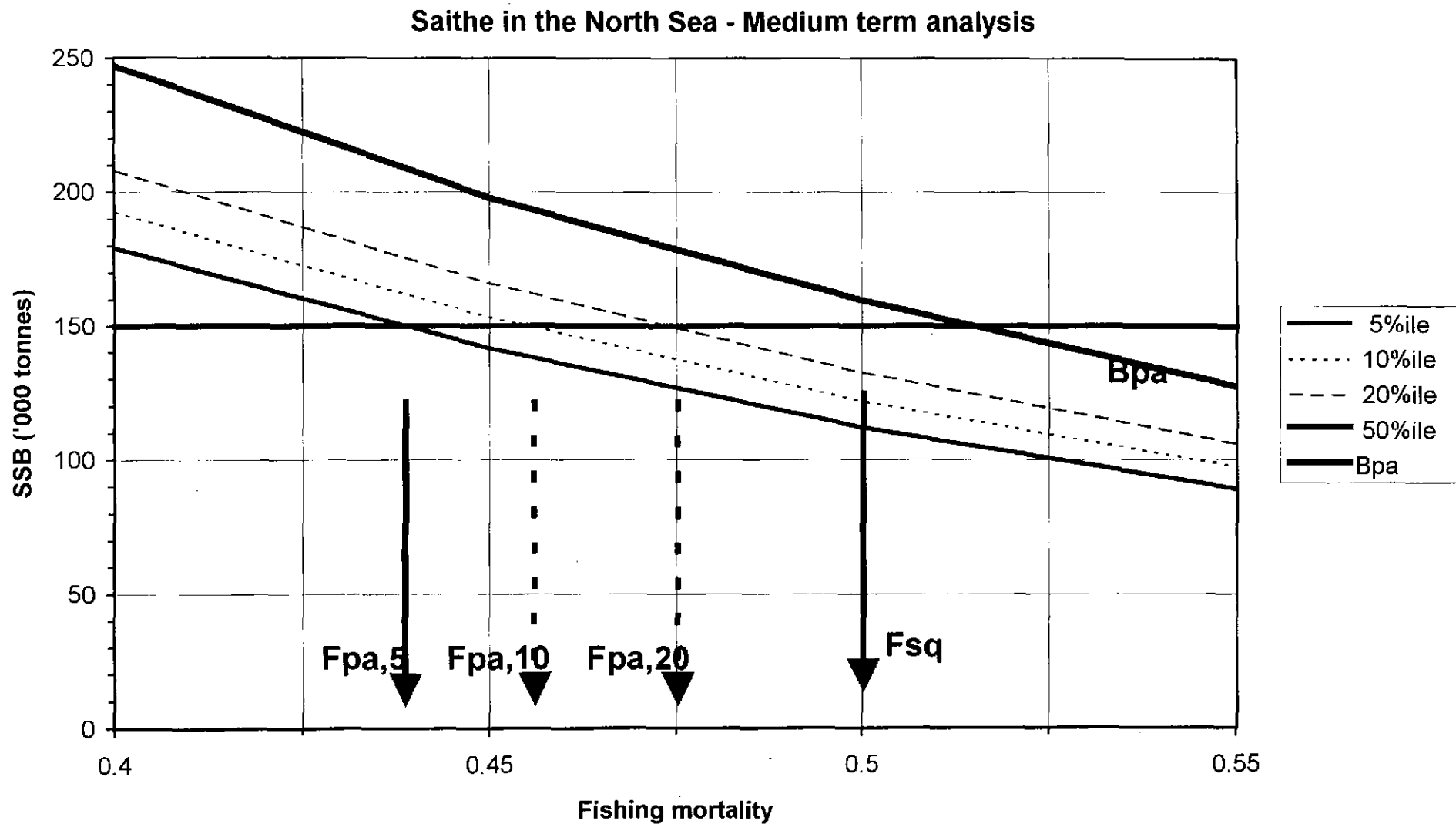
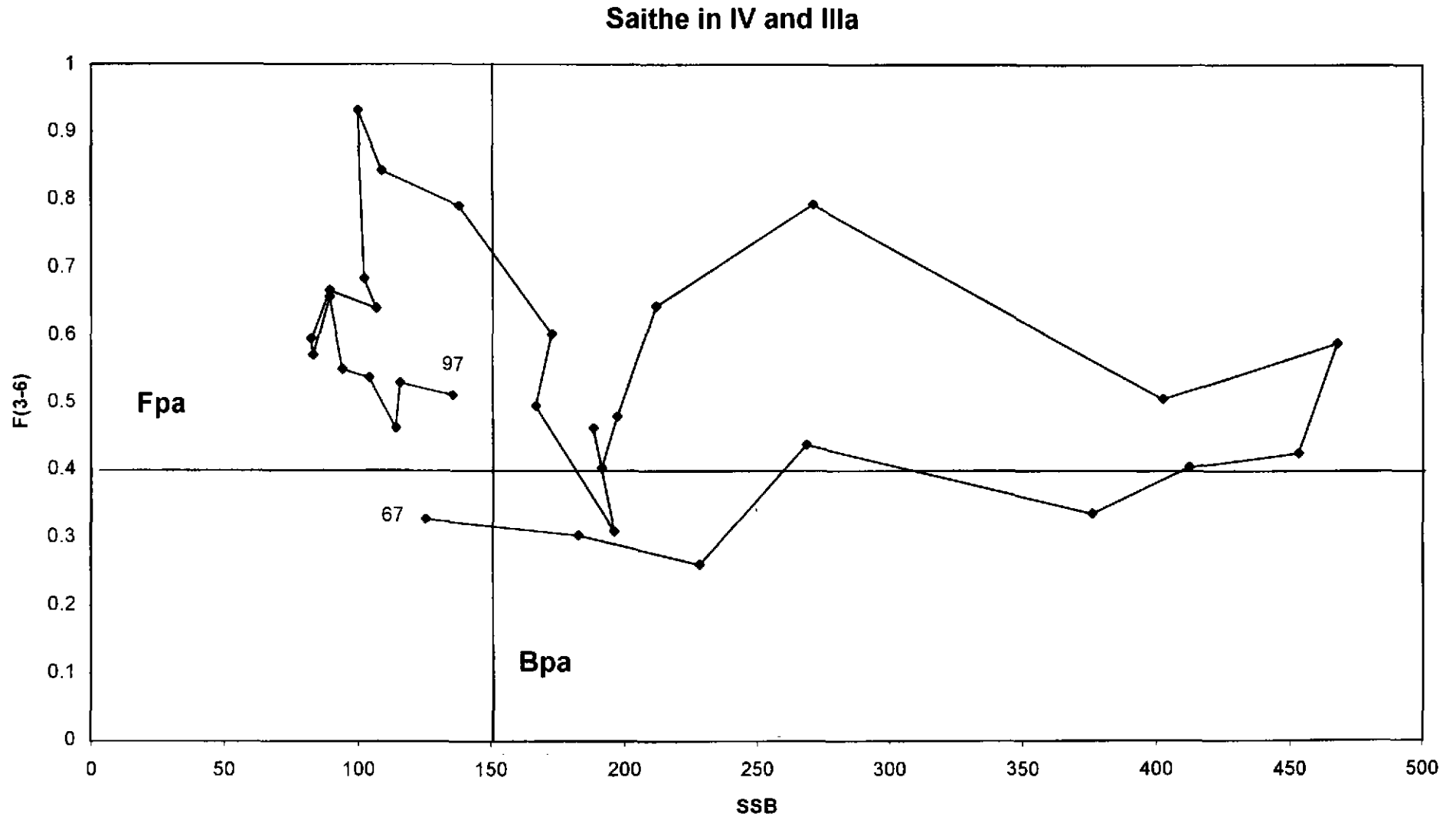


Figure 6.10.4 Saithe in the North Sea and Skagerrak. F(3-6) against SSB.



7 SOLE IN SUB-AREA IV

7.1 The fishery

7.1.1 ACFM advice applicable to 1997 and 1998

ACFM advised that for 1997 in order to maintain the spawning stock above MBAL, there should be a significant reduction in fishing mortality of at least 20% of the 1995 value (0.51).

For 1998 ACFM advised that fishing mortality on North Sea sole should be reduced by 25% from the 1996 value (0.54) to achieve a high probability that SSB will remain above 35,000 t in the medium term. The expected landings for 1998 corresponding to this reduction are 18,100 t. In view of the large 1996 year class, the reduction in fishing mortality could take place over a 2 year period.

It was also emphasised that the large 1996 year class will temporarily reverse the decline in SSB and at the same time provide an opportunity to reduce the fishing mortality to sustainable levels in the long term with only moderate immediate reductions in catches.

The advice of a reduction of F by 25% is consistent with the advice for plaice, which is taken in a mixed fishery with sole. A reduction over 2 years for sole should only be chosen if this does not compromise the reduction in fishing mortality for plaice.

The advice in recent years have been based on the objective to maintain the SSB above an MBAL of 35,000 t for this stock.

7.1.2 Management applicable to 1997 and 1998

The TAC's for 1997 and 1998 were 18,000 t and 19,100 t. Both these TAC's were set at levels above those recommended by ACFM.

Technical measures applicable to the sole fishery are an exemption to use 80 mm mesh codend when fishing south of 55° North. (Fishing for sole means retaining at least 5% sole in weight on board). Additional protection is given to sole from the closure of the plaice box along the Dutch and Danish coast. The box was closed to all vessels using towed gears and with engine power larger than 300 HP. In the years 1989 to 1993 the box was closed in the second and third quarter. Since the second quarter of 1994 the box is closed for all quarters.

Additional national management measures are in operation and will be discussed in Section 7.1.3.

New technical measures which will be in operation from the year 2000 include a shift of 80 mm mesh exemption from 55° to 56° North. There will be no change in the minimum landing size which will remain at 24 cm.

7.1.3 Fleet developments

Sole is mainly taken by beam trawlers in a mixed fishery with plaice in the southern part of the North Sea. The minimum mesh size allowed in this fishery is 80 mm. There is also a directed gill-net fishery in Danish coastal areas predominantly in the 2nd quarter of the year. Since 1989 the distribution pattern of beam trawl fleets > 300 HP has changed as a result of the Plaice Box.

7.1.4 Landings in 1997

Landings of sole in the North Sea in the early 1990s have been dominated by two strong year classes, 1987 and 1991, and were near a level of 30,000 t. In 1997, landings reported to the Working Group decreased to 14,981 t, 17% below the agreed TAC of 18,000 t. Unallocated landings have decreased considerably since 1993. In 1997 most countries did not take their quota. Reported landing statistics for recent years by various countries as well as Working Group estimates of the total landings are given in Table 7.1. A longer time series of landings is given in Table 7.13. and graphed in Figure 7.10.a.

7.2 Natural mortality, maturity, age composition, mean weight at age

Age compositions, mean weight at age in the catch and mean length at age in the catch were available on a quarterly or annual basis from Belgium, Denmark, France, the Netherlands and UK (England and Wales). These comprise 94% of the total landings in 1997. The age compositions were combined and raised to the international total on an annual basis. The SOP of the combined 1997 age composition was 1% lower than the total landings.

Minor revisions have been made to the 1994 and 1995 data due to revisions in the French ALKs for these years. The age compositions are given in Table 7.2. No estimates of discards are available to the Working Group. Because these are generally low, it is not thought these would largely affect the assessment.

Weights at age in the catch are measured weights from the various national market sampling programmes of the landings. Weights at age in the stock are those of the 2nd quarter in the landings. Weights at age in the catch and stock are given in Tables 7.3. and 7.4.

As in all previous assessments, a knife-edged maturity-ogive was used in all years, assuming full maturation at age 3. The maturity-ogive is based on market samples of females observations in the 1960s and 1970s. Maturity at age may have changed over time, but available data have not been analysed yet.

Natural mortality in the period 1957–1997 has been assumed constant over all ages at a level of 0.1, except for 1963 where a value of 0.9 was used to take account the effect of a severe winter (ICES 1979). In 1996 additional natural mortality was observed in the cold winter of 1995/1996 (ICES 1997e). Although there are strong evidence that extra natural mortality occurred, the actual value of M could not be quantified.

7.3 Catch, effort and research vessel data

Catch and effort data, used for tuning the assessment are given in Table 7.5. The “UK commercial beam trawl” is a new tuning fleet based on all English registered beam trawlers fishing south of 55° North. Effort in this fleet has decreased in the last three years reaching the one but lowest value in the time series in 1997. Effort in the “Netherlands commercial beam trawl” has increased considerably over time but stabilised in the last two years. The other 2 fleets are Dutch research vessel surveys. The SNS (Sole Net Survey) is a coastal survey with a 6- m beam trawl carried out in October. The BTS (Beam Trawl Survey) is carried out in the southern and south-eastern North Sea in August and September using an 8-m beam trawl.

Available trends in effort and CPUE are listed in Table 7.6. and graphed in Figure 7.1. In Belgium, vessel landings are restricted to a maximum amount by trip. In the Netherlands vessel landings of sole and plaice may have been restricted by ITQs. Changes in directivity between these species and towards other species may have occurred. Therefore CPUE in these fleets are considered to be biased in recent years due to quota restrictions. The Dutch beam trawl CPUE show a continuous decline since 1990. Especially in the last year the substantial reduction of 35% may be related to the ITQ restrictions but also reflects the poor availability of sole in the first half of the year. In the other 2 fleets no clear trend in CPUE are apparent in recent years although there was also a reduction of 17% and 26% in the Belgian and UK beamtrawl fleets in the last year. Because of a restrictive plaice quatum, effort in the Dutch fleet has been reduced in 1997 by limiting the amount of fishing days to avoid a premature closure of the fishery.

7.4 Catch at age analysis

General approaches and methods are described in Section 1.4. As in previous assessments, the age range for the analyses was 1–15+, and tuning of the VPA was performed with XSA using data over the last 10 years.

7.4.1 Exploration of data

The results of exploratory VPA runs which are not included in this report are available in ICES files.

A preliminary inspection of the quality of international catch-at-age data was carried out using separable VPA, with a reference age of 4, terminal F = 0.5 and terminal S = 0.8. Except for ages 1/ 2, log-catch ratios did not show any large residuals or trends (Table 7.7.).

Repeating last years final assessment, with the corrected database, gave almost identical results compared to that of last years Working Group.

The tuning data were examined for trends in catchability by carrying out Laurec-Shepherd (without shrinkage) and XSA (settings as last year's final run with a weak shrinkage of 1.5) tuning runs using data for each of the three fleets individually (Figure 7.2.). The residual patterns of catchability for the run including all the fleets are graphed in Figure 7.3. Although catchability was variable in the less well-sampled ages, examination of the residuals and regression slopes revealed no apparent trends, except in the UK beam trawl fleet, which showed a negative trend from 1990 to 1993 and a positive trend from 1993 to 1995 for the younger ages. Runs which included the new UK fleet revealed a more stable exploitation pattern than excluding it and showed little changes in the estimated survivors. These minor changes to the final outcome of the XSA and the fact that an exclusion of the UK beamtrawl would make the assessment solely based on Dutch tuning data made the Working Group decide to maintain the UK beamtrawl in the assessment.

Retrospective analyses with shrinkage SE of 0.5, with the power model as used last year, were carried out to investigate the terminal estimates of $F(2-8)$, SSB and recruitment at age 1 (Figure 7.4.). Since the XSA run uses a 10-year tuning range and the UK beamtrawl has only 11 years of data, retrospective runs with a 9-year window were investigated. Different shrinkages were also investigated and gave almost identical results.

Last year the Working Group pointed out there was evidence for an increase of natural mortality in the winter of 1995–1996. This mortality could not be quantified. Several runs were carried out in order to investigate the effect of different assumptions of M in 1996 on the 1998 assessment. The results of these analysis indicate that in all runs the estimated SSB, fishing mortality and exploitation pattern in 1997 was insensitive to the choice M , but trends in SSB and F in the recent previous years were affected by the choice of M (Figure 7.5). Since there were no objective criteria to decide on a appropriate M estimate and that the choice of M does not affect the perception of the state of the stock, the exploitation in 1997 and the forecasts.

The Working Group therefore decided to maintain M_{96} as 0.1 for the assessment but recognised that this will have implications for the choice of exploitation pattern for the short and medium term forecast (see short term prediction)..

7.4.2 Final XSA run

The configuration of the final XSA run is the same as last year: catchability independent on stock size for ages less than 3, q plateau at age 7, fleet SE threshold of 0.3, a shrinkage of 0.5 over 5 years and 5 ages, and 10 year no taper.

The only difference was the revision of the UK beamtrawl fleet.

The log index versus the log VPA for the four tuning fleets are shown in Figures 7.6–9.

Full tuning diagnostics are given in Table 7.8.

For age 1, the two surveys, SNS and BTS are given most of the weight to the final survivors estimates with 51% and 25% respectively (F-shrinkage and P-shrinkage taken only 18% and 7%). For age 2, the surveys also contribute 71% to the weight, 17% coming from shrinkages and the remaining 11% from the two commercial fleets. From age group 3 onwards the commercial fleets start to contribute more with the most weight given to the Netherlands commercial fleet. Although estimates of survivors from most of the tuning fleets appear to be quite consistent for all ages, the UK beam trawl fleet tends to give slightly different estimates for all ages.

The fishing mortality stock numbers estimated by the final XSA are given in Tables 7.9. and 7.10.

7.5 Recruitment estimation

Average recruitment in the period 1957–1995 was 137 million (arithmetic mean) or 98 million (geometric mean) 1-year-old-fish.

Recruitment indices were available from pre-recruit surveys carried out in 1998 and previous years. The surveys and indices are listed in Table 7.11. The Sole Net Survey (SNS) and Beam Trawl Survey (BTS) are Dutch beam trawl surveys directed to flatfish juveniles in their coastal nurseries. The Demersal Fish Survey (DFS) is an international survey by Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and UK in their national nursery areas using a shrimp beam trawl and

provides a combined international index. Indices of the DFS and BTS for 1998 were not available because the survey had not finished due to bad weather conditions. The results of these partial surveys will be thoroughly investigated before they are incorporated in the series. No indices are available from the Solea survey in recent years.

The options used in RCT3 are the same as those used in previous years and are listed in Table 7.12. The results are given in the same tables.

The 1995 year class is estimated to be poor by 6 out of 7 indices at ages 0, 1 and 2. Only the SNS 3-group index indicates an average year class. The overall estimate from RCT3 is less than half GM average. The estimate of the XSA is 9% higher than RCT3 and since 73% of the weighting comes from surveys, this estimate was used in the forecast.

The 1996 year class was estimated to be poor by the DFS 0-group index. However, as 1-group it appears to be very abundant particularly along the continental coast where 5 out of 6 surveys estimate it a good year class. The weighted estimate from RCT3 is 3.0 times higher than the GM recruitment and is almost the same estimate as XSA. Therefore the XSA estimate has been used in the forecast.

The 1997 year class was estimated as average by the SNS 1-group index. Although this year class is chiefly determined by one survey. The survey has a high R^2 and is historically well connected with the VPA. The RCT3 estimates were used in the forecast

The underlined estimates in the table below have been accepted in the assessment:

| year class | RCT3 age_1 | XSA age_1 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1995 | 41594 | <u>45250</u> |
| 1996 | 291106 | <u>297809</u> |
| 1997 | <u>112376</u> | ---- |

7.6 Historical stock trends

Historical trends in landings, recruitment, fishing mortality and SSB are given in Table 7.13. and plotted in Figures 7.10.a-d.

Fishing Mortality $F(2-8)$ has increased from 0.14 to 0.55 in the period 1957–1984, mainly because of a developing beam trawl fishery. Since then it has varied mainly between 0.4 and 0.5.

Recruitment shows considerable variation from year to year and is characterised by the occasional occurrence of exceptional large year classes. Most large year classes were born after cold winters. In the recent decade two outstanding year classes, spawned in 1987 and 1991, have dominated the landings. Most other year classes recruited in recent years seem to be poor or below GM average.

The major fluctuations in SSB are associated with the effect of strong year classes superimposed on a declining stock trend, caused by an increase in fishing mortality. A drastic decline in SSB in 1964 was caused by a high natural mortality in the strong winter of 1963–1964 when water temperatures were very low. After a 20 year period where SSB has varied between 25,000 t and 50,000 t, it increased sharply in 1990 and remained at a high level until 1994. Since 1994 it has declined from 77 000 t to 34 000 t in 1997 because of below average recruitment and a high fishing mortality.

The present assessment indicates that SSB has declined to just above the historically low level.

7.7 Short term forecast

7.7.1 Additional natural mortality in the winter of 1995–1996

Reports of catches of dead soles from commercial fisheries and research vessel surveys indicated that additional natural mortality occurred in the severe 1995–1996 winter. After this winter the CPUE of the commercial fleets reduced considerably, especially in the north-eastern distribution area of sole in the German Bight. Also the catch rates in the

research vessel surveys dropped drastically in 1996 and did not recover in the 1997 surveys. A more detailed description of the event and the biological background is given in last years report of this Working Group (ICES CM 1997/Assess:6).

Unfortunately this winter mortality could not be quantified. The only estimate of 10% mortality in the catches originates from a research vessel survey covering a small area, not representative for other parts of the North Sea. In last years report the effect of various levels of M on the expected catches and development of the stock were given. ACFM decided, in the lack of quantitative estimates of M to base its forecast on the standard value of $M = 0.1$.

7.7.2 Forecast

Table 7.14. lists the input parameters for the forecast.

The effect of underestimating M in 1996 is an apparent increase in F in the years prior to 1997 (Figure 7.5.), especially in the values for F_{bar} in 1995 and 1996. Therefore the Working Group decided on using the exploitation pattern over the period 1995–97 scaled to the mean $F(2-8)$ 1997 value of 0.50.

The stock number for ages 2–15+ are the survivors estimated by XSA. The stock number for ages 1 in 1998 were estimated by RCT3. The weights at age of the catch and stock, used in the prediction, were the averages of the last 3 years. Maturity-ogive was the same as in the XSA. The GM average recruitment value of 98,461 for age 1 have been assumed for years after 1998.

The results are given in Tables 7.15 (management options) and the detailed predictions in Table 7.16. The options are also graphed in Figure 7.11.

Assuming a *status quo* F results in an estimated catch in 1998 of 20 000 t (the agreed TAC is 19,100 t) and a catch of 24,000 t in 1999. Assuming *status quo* F will result in a SSB in 1999 of 51,000 t, decreasing slightly to 47,000 t in the year 2000.

The proportional contributions of recent year classes to catch in 1999 and SSB in 2000 are given in Table 7.17. It should be noted that the strong 1996 year class accounts for 58% of the landings in 1999.

7.7.3 Sensitivity analyses

A sensitivity analysis (method in Section 1.4.2) was carried out to examine the contribution of different sources of uncertainty to the partial variance of predicted SSB and yield. The input values are presented in Table 7.18. Figure 7.12. shows the sensitivity of the forecast of the predicted yields in 1999 and the predicted biomasses in 2000 to the input parameters. The estimated Yield in 1999 is mostly sensitive to the fishing mortality in that year, the weight in the catch of the 1996 year class, the estimate of its size and the fishing pattern. The estimated SSB is mostly affected by the stock weight of the 1994 year class, its assumed maturity and the estimates of the 1996 year class. The variance of both yield and SSB estimates is mostly determined by the 1996 year class.

Probability profiles of expected yield and SSB are given in Figure 7.13. The approximate 90% confidence intervals of the expected *status quo* yield in 1999 is 15,000 t and 35,000 t. There is a 50% probability that SSB in 2000 will be above a value of 45,000 t.

7.8 Medium term projections

Medium term predictions were made for a period of 10 years, to estimate percentiles of the distribution of the predicted yields, SSB and recruitment at a *status quo* level of fishing mortality.

Since it has been observed that mean weight in the catches fluctuates over time, the Working Group decided to use an average of the last 15 year for stock weights as well as catch weights in the medium term predictions. The input values are presented in Table 7.19.

Several SSB/recruitment models were examined (ICES stock files). None gave a good fit to the data but a Ricker fit was preferred as used in last years assessment. The diagnostics of the Ricker Model are presented in Table 7.20.

The model was run with 500 simulations. Figure 7.14. shows the trajectory of yields and SBB with associated 5, 10, 20 50 and 95 percentiles. Only in the first years the trajectories of the yield and SSB and their percentiles are affected by the assumptions made in the input. Predictions of yields and SSB start to diverge in 2001. The increase in SSB and landings in the first years of the trajectory is associated with the high estimate of the 1996 year class. The estimates for later years and their associated probabilities reach converged values within a rather short time period and may therefore also be indicative for the long term.

Additional medium term predictions were carried out with F-factors varying between 0.1 and 1.7 in order to estimate the probability that SSB will decrease below a certain level in the medium term (10 years). The results for the 5, 10 and 20% are plotted in Figure 7.15.

7.9 Long term considerations

As in the medium term predictions the average of the last 15 year for stock weights as well as catch weights were used to calculate the yield (Table 7.19.). The yield-per-recruit results, long-term yield and SSB, conditional on the present exploitation pattern and assuming *status quo* F in 1998, are given in Table 7.21 and Figure 7.11. The stock and recruitment relationship is given in Figure 7.16, and includes values of F_{high} , F_{med} and F_{low} (1.02, 0.33 and 0.09 respectively) which are about 10% higher to last year's values. F_{97} (0.50) is estimated to be 72% above F_{med} and 47% below F_{high} . Assuming *status quo* F exploitation pattern, and GM recruitment, long-term yield and SSB are estimated to be 17,800 t and 34,000 t respectively.

7.10 Biological reference points

B_{pa} considerations

The SGPAFM recommended the following biomass reference points for North Sea sole: $B_{lim} = B_{loss} = 25,000$ t; $B_{pa} = 35,000$ t. The choice of MBAL was originally based on a perceived reduction in recruitment at low SSB. However, examination of the stock-recruitment plot reveals no evidence of reduced recruitment at low SSB for the time series (Figure 7.16.). B_{loss} was adopted by the Working Group as an estimate for B_{lim} . The proposed B_{pa} was derived as $B_{pa} = B_{lim} e^{1.645\sigma} = 35,000$ t where $\sigma = 0.2$.

F_{pa} considerations

The SGPAFM recommended $F_{lim} = 0.85$ and $F_{pa} = 0.45$.

A number of candidate reference points for F_{pa} are given in Table 7.22. Also given are the probabilities of SSB falling below B_{pa} in 2007, according to the medium term results, and the percentage of historical F estimates which are above the precautionary F candidates. Equilibrium SSB assuming GM recruitment are given for comparison.

The assumptions used for the calculations are listed in Table 7.23.

Results from the PA software Excel add-in are shown in Figure 7.17 and 7.18. Figure 7.17 gives percentiles for some of the candidate F reference points.

The Working Group propose F_{pa} in the region of 0.40 - 0.45 which correspond to about 10% probability that SSB will remain below B_{pa} in ten years time.

It is noted that the probability of $SSB < B_{pa}$ is sensitive to the choice of the stock/recruitment model.

The reference points would also have to be updated when new or additional information concerning natural mortality, sex ratio, discards and maturity-ogives will become available in the future.

Figure 7.19 shows the relationship between historical and predicted SSB's on F values according the precautionary reference points identified.

7.11 Comments on assessment

In the history of the assessment, recruitment of 1 year olds have been estimated well for poor and average year classes but have been initially underestimated strong year classes. The estimate of the 1996 year class is about 3 times average recruitment and was estimated about the same size in last years assessment. Prognoses of landings in 1999 and the recovery of the stock from its low level are mainly depended on the estimate of the 1996 year class.

The present assessment indicates that SSB in 1997 has been overestimated by last years Working Group by not been able to take into account an appropriate estimate for the extra natural mortality in the 1995/1996 winter. It should also be noted that the TAC in 1997 was not taken.

Although the assumption of M in 1996 does not affect the estimate of the present state of the stock, it does have an effect on the fishing mortality, recruitment estimates and SSB in the recent history. Since it is likely that F in 1995 and 1996 is overestimated by not taking into account an appropriate value for M in 1996, a scaled F to the mean of the 1997 value was used for short and medium term forecasts.

There is a lack of representative data on effort and CPUE of fisheries that exploit sole. The available tuning fleets may be biased because of quota restrictions. The two commercial fleets, for which measured data have been used, are mixed fisheries for sole and plaice. The variable catch opportunities of the two species between years and the improved enforcement of management measures in recent years, affect the directivity in this fishery and may bias the assessment.

Table 7.1. Nominal catch (tonnes) of SOLE in Sub-area IV and landings as estimated by the Working Group, 1982-1997

| Year | Belgium | Denmark | France | Germany Fed. Rep. | Netherlands | UK (Engl. Wales) | Other countries | Total reported | Unallocated landings | WG Total | TAC |
|------|---------|---------|--------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1982 | 1,927 | 522 | 686 | 290 | 17,749 | 403 | | 21,577 | 2 | 21,579 | 20,000 |
| 1983 | 1,740 | 730 | 332 | 619 | 16,101 | 435 | | 19,957 | 4,970 | 24,927 | 20,000 |
| 1984 | 1,771 | 818 | 400 | 1,034 | 14,330 | 586 | 1 | 18,940 | 7,899 | 26,839 | 20,000 |
| 1985 | 2,390 | 692 | 875 | 303 | 14,897 | 774 | 3 | 19,934 | 4,313 | 24,247 | 22,000 |
| 1986 | 1,833 | 443 | 296 | 155 | 9,558 | 647 | 2 | 12,934 | 5,267 | 18,201 | 20,000 |
| 1987 | 1,644 | 342 | 318 | 210 | 10,635 | 676 | 4 | 13,829 | 3,539 | 17,368 | 14,000 |
| 1988 | 1,199 | 616 | 487 | 452 | 9,841 | 740 | 28 | 13,363 | 8,227 | 21,590 | 14,000 |
| 1989 | 1,596 | 1,020 | 312 | 864 | 9,620 | 1,033 | 50 | 14,495 | 7,311 | 21,806 | 14,000 |
| 1990 | 2,389 | 1,428 | 352 | 2,296 | 18,202 | 1,614 | 263 | 26,544 | 8,576 | 35,120 | 25,000 |
| 1991 | 2,977 | 1,307 | 465 | 2,107 | 18,758 | 1,723 | 271 | 27,608 | 5,905 | 33,513 | 27,000 |
| 1992 | 2,058 | 1,359 | 548 | 1,880 | 18,601 | 1,281 | 277 | 26,004 | 3,337 | 29,341 | 25,000 |
| 1993 | 2,783 | 1,661 | 486 | 1,379 | 22,015 | 1,149 | 298 | 29,771 | 1,720 | 31,491 | 32,000 |
| 1994 | 2,935 | 1,804 | 498 | 1,744 | 22,874 | 1,137 | 298 | 31,290 | 1,712 | 33,002 | 32,000 |
| 1995 | 2,624 | 1,673 | 640 | 1,564 | 20,927 | 1,040 | 312 | 28,780 | 1,687 | 30,467 | 28,000 |
| 1996 | 2,555 | 1,018 | 535 | 670 | 15,344 | 848 | 229 | 21,199 | 1,452 | 22,651 | 23,000 |
| 1997 | 1,519 | 689 | 315 | 510 | 10,241 | 479 | 205 | 13,958 | 1,023 | 14,981 | 18,000 |

all landings reported to ICES

unreported landings estimated by the Working Group

1997 data are provisional

French data are provisional

No data on discards available

N-Ireland included with England & Wales

Table 7.2

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

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| Table 1 | Catch numbers at age | Numbers*10**-3 |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------|
| YEAR, | 1957, | |
| AGE | | |
| 1, | 0, | |
| 2, | 1415, | |
| 3, | 10148, | |
| 4, | 12642, | |
| 5, | 3762, | |
| 6, | 2924, | |
| 7, | 6518, | |
| 8, | 1733, | |
| 9, | 509, | |
| 10, | 5379, | |
| 11, | 166, | |
| 12, | 266, | |
| 13, | 34, | |
| 14, | 79, | |
| +gp, | 364, | |
| TOTALNUM, | 45939, | |
| TONSLAND, | 12067, | |
| SOPCOF %, | 104, | |

| Table 1 | Catch numbers at age | | | | | | | | | | Numbers*10**-3 |
|-----------|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------------|
| YEAR, | 1958, | 1959, | 1960, | 1961, | 1962, | 1963, | 1964, | 1965, | 1966, | 1967, | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 0, | 0, | 0, | 0, | 0, | 0, | 55, | 0, | 0, | 0, | |
| 2, | 1854, | 3659, | 12042, | 959, | 1594, | 676, | 155, | 47100, | 12278, | 3686, | |
| 3, | 8440, | 12025, | 14133, | 49786, | 6210, | 8339, | 2113, | 1089, | 133617, | 25683, | |
| 4, | 14169, | 10401, | 16798, | 19140, | 59191, | 8555, | 5712, | 1599, | 990, | 85127, | |
| 5, | 9500, | 8975, | 9308, | 12404, | 15346, | 46201, | 3809, | 5002, | 1181, | 1954, | |
| 6, | 3484, | 5768, | 8367, | 4695, | 10541, | 8490, | 17337, | 2482, | 3689, | 536, | |
| 7, | 3008, | 1206, | 4846, | 3944, | 4826, | 6658, | 3126, | 12500, | 744, | 1919, | |
| 8, | 4439, | 2025, | 1593, | 4279, | 4112, | 2423, | 1810, | 1557, | 6324, | 760, | |
| 9, | 2253, | 2574, | 1056, | 836, | 2087, | 3393, | 818, | 1525, | 702, | 5047, | |
| 10, | 727, | 1366, | 2800, | 990, | 900, | 1566, | 872, | 389, | 767, | 538, | |
| 11, | 5215, | 736, | 992, | 1711, | 1539, | 1002, | 495, | 627, | 287, | 610, | |
| 12, | 111, | 2875, | 515, | 1154, | 977, | 764, | 217, | 475, | 473, | 455, | |
| 13, | 207, | 101, | 3135, | 444, | 1161, | 1778, | 474, | 322, | 120, | 348, | |
| 14, | 35, | 128, | 133, | 2539, | 389, | 413, | 336, | 200, | 87, | 277, | |
| +gp, | 262, | 409, | 326, | 416, | 2528, | 2861, | 621, | 1195, | 716, | 685, | |
| TOTALNUM, | 53704, | 52248, | 76044, | 103297, | 111401, | 93119, | 37950, | 76062, | 161975, | 127625, | |
| TONSLAND, | 14287, | 13832, | 18620, | 23566, | 26877, | 26164, | 11342, | 17043, | 33340, | 33439, | |
| SOPCOF %, | 100, | 101, | 99, | 101, | 99, | 99, | 97, | 96, | 99, | 102, | |

Table 7.2 Continued

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

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| Table 1 | Catch numbers at age Numbers*10**-3 | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1968, | 1969, | 1970, | 1971, | 1972, | 1973, | 1974, | 1975, | 1976, | 1977, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 1037, | 396, | 1299, | 420, | 358, | 703, | 101, | 264, | 1041, | 1747, |
| 2, | 17148, | 23922, | 6140, | 33369, | 7594, | 12228, | 15380, | 22954, | 3542, | 22328, |
| 3, | 13896, | 21451, | 25993, | 14425, | 36759, | 12783, | 21540, | 28535, | 27966, | 12073, |
| 4, | 24973, | 5326, | 8235, | 12757, | 7075, | 16187, | 5487, | 11717, | 14013, | 15306, |
| 5, | 48571, | 12388, | 1784, | 4485, | 4965, | 4025, | 7061, | 2088, | 4819, | 7440, |
| 6, | 462, | 25139, | 3231, | 1442, | 1565, | 2324, | 1922, | 3830, | 966, | 1779, |
| 7, | 245, | 331, | 11960, | 2327, | 523, | 994, | 1585, | 790, | 1909, | 319, |
| 8, | 1644, | 244, | 246, | 7214, | 1232, | 765, | 658, | 907, | 550, | 1112, |
| 9, | 324, | 1190, | 140, | 192, | 4706, | 1218, | 401, | 508, | 425, | 256, |
| 10, | 4407, | 289, | 686, | 232, | 120, | 3337, | 609, | 234, | 204, | 211, |
| 11, | 254, | 2961, | 169, | 826, | 100, | 221, | 2363, | 252, | 195, | 93, |
| 12, | 820, | 291, | 2416, | 291, | 492, | 297, | 104, | 1905, | 132, | 122, |
| 13, | 82, | 538, | 238, | 1413, | 119, | 499, | 32, | 25, | 1320, | 108, |
| 14, | 396, | 151, | 582, | 466, | 922, | 110, | 305, | 84, | 39, | 852, |
| +gp, | 564, | 1042, | 1143, | 1366, | 1048, | 1326, | 1401, | 945, | 773, | 729, |
| TOTALNUM, | 114823, | 95659, | 64262, | 81225, | 67578, | 57017, | 58949, | 75038, | 57894, | 64475, |
| TONSLAND, | 33179, | 27559, | 19685, | 23652, | 21086, | 19309, | 17989, | 20773, | 17326, | 18003, |
| SOPCOF %, | 100, | 102, | 100, | 101, | 99, | 102, | 99, | 101, | 102, | 102, |

| Table 1 | Catch numbers at age Numbers*10**-3 | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1978, | 1979, | 1980, | 1981, | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 27, | 9, | 637, | 423, | 2660, | 389, | 191, | 165, | 373, | 94, |
| 2, | 25031, | 8179, | 1209, | 29217, | 26435, | 34408, | 30734, | 16618, | 9351, | 29018, |
| 3, | 29292, | 41170, | 12511, | 3259, | 45746, | 41386, | 43931, | 43213, | 18494, | 22052, |
| 4, | 6129, | 16060, | 17781, | 6866, | 1843, | 21189, | 22554, | 20286, | 17703, | 8913, |
| 5, | 6639, | 2996, | 7297, | 8223, | 3535, | 624, | 8791, | 9403, | 7745, | 6515, |
| 6, | 4250, | 3222, | 1450, | 3661, | 4789, | 1378, | 741, | 3556, | 5522, | 3121, |
| 7, | 1738, | 1747, | 2197, | 948, | 1678, | 1950, | 854, | 209, | 2272, | 1570, |
| 8, | 611, | 816, | 1409, | 886, | 615, | 978, | 1043, | 379, | 110, | 906, |
| 9, | 646, | 241, | 367, | 766, | 605, | 386, | 524, | 637, | 282, | 81, |
| 10, | 191, | 393, | 54, | 197, | 527, | 301, | 242, | 200, | 620, | 103, |
| 11, | 235, | 154, | 415, | 107, | 149, | 423, | 209, | 192, | 355, | 166, |
| 12, | 123, | 117, | 52, | 160, | 74, | 31, | 146, | 189, | 173, | 145, |
| 13, | 106, | 103, | 52, | 92, | 201, | 14, | 30, | 94, | 126, | 63, |
| 14, | 68, | 73, | 32, | 21, | 12, | 177, | 24, | 33, | 105, | 56, |
| +gp, | 879, | 687, | 598, | 331, | 315, | 230, | 243, | 267, | 305, | 165, |
| TOTALNUM, | 75965, | 75967, | 46061, | 55157, | 89184, | 103864, | 110257, | 95441, | 63536, | 72968, |
| TONSLAND, | 20280, | 22598, | 15807, | 15403, | 21579, | 24927, | 26839, | 24248, | 18200, | 17368, |
| SOPCOF %, | 100, | 101, | 102, | 103, | 101, | 100, | 100, | 99, | 99, | 99, |

Table 7.2 Continued

| Table 1 | Catch numbers at age Numbers*10**-3 | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 10, | 115, | 837, | 117, | 968, | 53, | 637, | 4723, | 171, | 1584, |
| 2, | 13187, | 46108, | 12019, | 13208, | 6864, | 49906, | 7663, | 12752, | 18632, | 6048, |
| 3, | 47140, | 18198, | 103860, | 25452, | 44201, | 16871, | 87050, | 16957, | 16101, | 23641, |
| 4, | 15248, | 22567, | 9775, | 77484, | 16198, | 31403, | 13776, | 68166, | 16930, | 7365, |
| 5, | 4400, | 4697, | 9357, | 6661, | 37983, | 13883, | 18787, | 6584, | 27213, | 5148, |
| 6, | 3890, | 1694, | 3509, | 3839, | 2471, | 23969, | 5723, | 7941, | 3941, | 12803, |
| 7, | 1554, | 1454, | 1164, | 1828, | 3083, | 1494, | 11263, | 2043, | 4812, | 1261, |
| 8, | 898, | 654, | 1273, | 760, | 788, | 1217, | 465, | 5982, | 981, | 2344, |
| 9, | 526, | 466, | 604, | 742, | 430, | 490, | 925, | 294, | 3321, | 351, |
| 10, | 38, | 240, | 268, | 325, | 481, | 194, | 281, | 345, | 239, | 1444, |
| 11, | 34, | 45, | 324, | 329, | 177, | 306, | 86, | 65, | 298, | 33, |
| 12, | 86, | 36, | 59, | 386, | 235, | 109, | 215, | 75, | 155, | 118, |
| 13, | 42, | 49, | 28, | 18, | 134, | 85, | 84, | 49, | 55, | 22, |
| 14, | 10, | 27, | 63, | 16, | 7, | 116, | 45, | 20, | 105, | 26, |
| +gp, | 111, | 95, | 215, | 168, | 255, | 109, | 248, | 149, | 173, | 70, |
| TOTALNUM, | 87174, | 96445, | 143355, | 131333, | 114275, | 140205, | 147248, | 126145, | 93127, | 62258, |
| TONSLAND, | 21590, | 21806, | 35120, | 33513, | 29341, | 31491, | 33002, | 30467, | 22651, | 14981, |
| SOPCOF %, | 100, | 99, | 99, | 98, | 98, | 99, | 99, | 99, | 99, | 99, |

Table 7.3

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| Table 2 | Catch weights at age (kg) |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| YEAR, | 1957, |
| AGE | |
| 1, | .0000, |
| 2, | .1540, |
| 3, | .1770, |
| 4, | .2040, |
| 5, | .2480, |
| 6, | .2790, |
| 7, | .2900, |
| 8, | .3350, |
| 9, | .4360, |
| 10, | .3940, |
| 11, | .4320, |
| 12, | .4710, |
| 13, | .6310, |
| 14, | .4370, |
| +gp, | .5330, |
| SOPCOFAC, | 1.0402, |

| Table 2 | Catch weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| YEAR, | 1958, | 1959, | 1960, | 1961, | 1962, | 1963, | 1964, | 1965, | 1966, | 1967, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .1530, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, |
| 2, | .1450, | .1620, | .1530, | .1460, | .1550, | .1630, | .1750, | .1690, | .1770, | .1920, |
| 3, | .1780, | .1880, | .1850, | .1740, | .1650, | .1710, | .2130, | .2090, | .1900, | .2010, |
| 4, | .2200, | .2280, | .2350, | .2110, | .2080, | .2190, | .2520, | .2460, | .1800, | .2520, |
| 5, | .2540, | .2610, | .2540, | .2550, | .2410, | .2580, | .2740, | .2860, | .3010, | .2770, |
| 6, | .2730, | .3010, | .2770, | .2880, | .2950, | .3090, | .3090, | .2820, | .3320, | .3890, |
| 7, | .3140, | .3280, | .3010, | .3190, | .3200, | .3230, | .3270, | .3450, | .4290, | .4190, |
| 8, | .3230, | .3210, | .3090, | .3040, | .3210, | .3870, | .3460, | .3780, | .3990, | .3390, |
| 9, | .3880, | .3730, | .3810, | .3460, | .3340, | .3760, | .3880, | .4040, | .4490, | .4240, |
| 10, | .4010, | .3910, | .3630, | .3720, | .3490, | .4400, | .4440, | .4250, | .4720, | .4980, |
| 11, | .4090, | .4380, | .4360, | .3690, | .3470, | .3970, | .4390, | .4590, | .5410, | .4560, |
| 12, | .5020, | .4170, | .4280, | .3970, | .3940, | .4330, | .4750, | .4800, | .5260, | .3890, |
| 13, | .2870, | .4370, | .4420, | .4780, | .4350, | .4440, | .4030, | .4580, | .5210, | .5190, |
| 14, | .5780, | .4120, | .4270, | .4500, | .3730, | .4900, | .4470, | .3970, | .4910, | .4420, |
| +gp, | .5770, | .5890, | .5780, | .5510, | .4760, | .5780, | .6440, | .5280, | .4990, | .5910, |
| SOPCOFAC, | 1.0050, | 1.0095, | .9936, | 1.0137, | .9940, | .9918, | .9661, | .9592, | .9892, | 1.0225, |

Table 7.3 Continued

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

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| Table 2 | Catch weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| YEAR, | 1968, | 1969, | 1970, | 1971, | 1972, | 1973, | 1974, | 1975, | 1976, | 1977, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .1570, | .1520, | .1540, | .1450, | .1690, | .1460, | .1640, | .1290, | .1430, | .1470, |
| 2, | .1890, | .1910, | .2120, | .1930, | .2040, | .2080, | .1920, | .1820, | .1900, | .1880, |
| 3, | .2070, | .1960, | .2180, | .2370, | .2520, | .2380, | .2330, | .2250, | .2220, | .2360, |
| 4, | .2670, | .2550, | .2850, | .3220, | .3340, | .3460, | .3380, | .3200, | .3060, | .3070, |
| 5, | .3270, | .3110, | .3500, | .3580, | .4340, | .4040, | .4180, | .4060, | .3890, | .3690, |
| 6, | .3420, | .3730, | .4040, | .4250, | .4250, | .4480, | .4480, | .4560, | .4410, | .4240, |
| 7, | .3540, | .5530, | .4410, | .4200, | .5320, | .5520, | .5200, | .5290, | .5120, | .4300, |
| 8, | .4550, | .3980, | .4630, | .4900, | .4850, | .5670, | .5590, | .5950, | .5620, | .5200, |
| 9, | .4650, | .4680, | .4430, | .5340, | .5580, | .5090, | .6090, | .6290, | .6670, | .5620, |
| 10, | .4750, | .4990, | .5110, | .4250, | .4810, | .5690, | .6020, | .5600, | .6580, | .6220, |
| 11, | .6740, | .4960, | .5120, | .4890, | .4720, | .6440, | .6610, | .6480, | .5380, | .7310, |
| 12, | .5240, | .5380, | .5410, | .4660, | .5770, | .3990, | .6780, | .6830, | .7360, | .6070, |
| 13, | .6560, | .4740, | .4560, | .5780, | .5970, | .5470, | .5320, | .6200, | .6680, | .6050, |
| 14, | .4950, | .6130, | .5420, | .5630, | .6770, | .6420, | .5820, | .6450, | .5980, | .6430, |
| +gp, | .6500, | .6130, | .5420, | .5830, | .6470, | .6700, | .6790, | .6780, | .6840, | .5810, |
| SOPCOFAC, | .9968, | 1.0202, | 1.0001, | 1.0119, | .9890, | 1.0189, | .9864, | 1.0104, | 1.0216, | 1.0188, |

| Table 2 | Catch weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1978, | 1979, | 1980, | 1981, | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .1520, | .1370, | .1410, | .1430, | .1410, | .1340, | .1530, | .1220, | .1350, | .1390, |
| 2, | .1960, | .2080, | .1990, | .1870, | .1880, | .1820, | .1710, | .1870, | .1790, | .1850, |
| 3, | .2310, | .2460, | .2440, | .2260, | .2160, | .2170, | .2210, | .2160, | .2130, | .2050, |
| 4, | .3140, | .3230, | .3310, | .3240, | .3070, | .3010, | .2860, | .2880, | .2990, | .2760, |
| 5, | .3700, | .3910, | .3710, | .3780, | .3710, | .3890, | .3610, | .3570, | .3570, | .3560, |
| 6, | .4260, | .4480, | .4180, | .4240, | .4090, | .4160, | .3860, | .4270, | .4070, | .3780, |
| 7, | .4660, | .5340, | .4990, | .4420, | .4370, | .4670, | .4650, | .4470, | .4850, | .4280, |
| 8, | .4170, | .5440, | .5500, | .5160, | .4910, | .4890, | .5550, | .5440, | .5430, | .4810, |
| 9, | .5720, | .6090, | .5980, | .5420, | .5800, | .5050, | .5750, | .6120, | .5680, | .3940, |
| 10, | .4710, | .6570, | .5440, | .5530, | .5560, | .6090, | .5120, | .6340, | .5360, | .6080, |
| 11, | .6040, | .7280, | .6580, | .4030, | .6280, | .6220, | .6550, | .5090, | .5750, | .6440, |
| 12, | .7110, | .7740, | .6840, | .6650, | .5910, | .6000, | .6310, | .6560, | .6330, | .6140, |
| 13, | .5880, | .8060, | .6740, | .5650, | .7710, | .3340, | .7220, | .7670, | .6310, | .6950, |
| 14, | .8300, | .8390, | .6610, | .7210, | .8980, | .6310, | .8450, | .8010, | .7880, | .7270, |
| +gp, | .7160, | .8150, | .7170, | .7450, | .7680, | .7560, | .7070, | .6800, | .7150, | .6960, |
| SOPCOFAC, | .9956, | 1.0124, | 1.0201, | 1.0262, | 1.0138, | 1.0040, | 1.0034, | .9898, | .9936, | .9948, |

| Table 2 | Catch weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .1270, | .1180, | .1240, | .1270, | .1460, | .0970, | .1420, | .1510, | .1620, | .1510, |
| 2, | .1750, | .1730, | .1820, | .1850, | .1770, | .1670, | .1810, | .1850, | .1770, | .1800, |
| 3, | .2170, | .2160, | .2260, | .2090, | .2130, | .1950, | .2020, | .1960, | .2020, | .2060, |
| 4, | .2700, | .2880, | .2900, | .2630, | .2580, | .2390, | .2280, | .2470, | .2330, | .2360, |
| 5, | .3530, | .3350, | .3680, | .3140, | .2990, | .2640, | .2570, | .2640, | .2740, | .2670, |
| 6, | .4280, | .3740, | .4030, | .4280, | .3790, | .3010, | .3000, | .3190, | .2850, | .2960, |
| 7, | .4830, | .4560, | .4010, | .4340, | .4100, | .3380, | .3170, | .3420, | .3190, | .3250, |
| 8, | .5190, | .4900, | .4970, | .4550, | .4590, | .4420, | .4320, | .3560, | .3690, | .3070, |
| 9, | .5580, | .4720, | .4570, | .5050, | .4840, | .4930, | .4110, | .4450, | .3900, | .3870, |
| 10, | .5940, | .5090, | .5640, | .5480, | .5270, | .6220, | .4130, | .5050, | .5160, | .4070, |
| 11, | .8070, | .6810, | .6220, | .5130, | .5900, | .5630, | .5160, | .7500, | .5400, | .5750, |
| 12, | .7140, | .6300, | .5170, | .5080, | .4720, | .5870, | .4810, | .5450, | .5450, | .6030, |
| 13, | .7540, | .7090, | .5710, | .8190, | .6180, | .6390, | .6690, | .7580, | .5900, | .6530, |
| 14, | .7710, | .6350, | .4610, | .7420, | .7760, | .6080, | .6060, | .9310, | .6910, | .4620, |
| +gp, | .6940, | .7270, | .6300, | .5520, | .6350, | .6400, | .5590, | .6020, | .7470, | .7480, |
| SOPCOFAC, | .9990, | .9855, | .9922, | .9837, | .9847, | .9887, | .9885, | .9869, | .9892, | .9907, |

Table 7.4

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Table 3 Stock weights at age (kg)
YEAR, 1957,

| AGE | 1957 |
|------|--------|
| 1, | .0250, |
| 2, | .0700, |
| 3, | .1470, |
| 4, | .1870, |
| 5, | .2080, |
| 6, | .2530, |
| 7, | .2620, |
| 8, | .3550, |
| 9, | .3900, |
| 10, | .3590, |
| 11, | .6020, |
| 12, | .3700, |
| 13, | .5870, |
| 14, | .6890, |
| +gp, | .2540, |

Table 3 Stock weights at age (kg)
YEAR, 1958, 1959, 1960,

| AGE | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, |
| 2, | .0700, | .0700, | .0700, | .0700, | .0700, | .0700, | .0700, | .1400, | .0700, | .1770, |
| 3, | .1640, | .1590, | .1630, | .1480, | .1480, | .1480, | .1590, | .1980, | .1600, | .1640, |
| 4, | .2050, | .1980, | .2070, | .2060, | .1920, | .1930, | .2140, | .2230, | .1490, | .2350, |
| 5, | .2260, | .2390, | .2340, | .2350, | .2400, | .2430, | .2400, | .2510, | .3890, | .2420, |
| 6, | .2280, | .2710, | .2400, | .2320, | .3010, | .2750, | .2910, | .2970, | .3100, | .3990, |
| 7, | .2970, | .2920, | .2680, | .2590, | .2930, | .3110, | .3050, | .3370, | .4060, | .3620, |
| 8, | .3180, | .2760, | .2420, | .2740, | .2820, | .3630, | .3060, | .3580, | .3770, | .2830, |
| 9, | .3930, | .3030, | .3600, | .2810, | .2730, | .3290, | .3650, | .5260, | .3850, | .3810, |
| 10, | .3800, | .4100, | .3570, | .3020, | .4100, | .4330, | .4430, | .4240, | .4270, | .4640, |
| 11, | .4170, | .4080, | .5080, | .3790, | .3580, | .3650, | .3960, | .4640, | .5980, | .3780, |
| 12, | .6100, | .4060, | .3900, | .3350, | .3150, | .3520, | .4580, | .4560, | .5550, | .3720, |
| 13, | .4330, | .4130, | .4640, | .4820, | .4630, | .4910, | .4700, | .4180, | .4680, | .5440, |
| 14, | .5660, | .5980, | .4660, | .4330, | .4620, | .4140, | .3940, | .3390, | .3800, | .4500, |
| +gp, | .5180, | .5990, | .5730, | .5480, | .5390, | .5400, | .6310, | .5040, | .5380, | .5460, |

Table 7.4 Continued

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVNO1/T01)

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| Table 3 | Stock weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1968, | 1969, | 1970, | 1971, | 1972, | 1973, | 1974, | 1975, | 1976, | 1977, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0250, | .0250, | .0250, | .0340, | .0380, | .0390, | .0350, | .0350, | .0350, | .0350, |
| 2, | .1220, | .1370, | .1370, | .1480, | .1550, | .1490, | .1460, | .1480, | .1420, | .1470, |
| 3, | .1710, | .1740, | .2010, | .2130, | .2180, | .2260, | .2180, | .2060, | .2010, | .2020, |
| 4, | .2480, | .2520, | .2750, | .3130, | .3130, | .3220, | .3290, | .3110, | .3010, | .2910, |
| 5, | .3120, | .3240, | .3410, | .3610, | .4190, | .3710, | .4080, | .4030, | .3790, | .3650, |
| 6, | .2800, | .3640, | .3670, | .4100, | .4430, | .4330, | .4290, | .4460, | .4580, | .4090, |
| 7, | .6290, | .5790, | .4230, | .4320, | .4430, | .4520, | .4990, | .5080, | .5080, | .4780, |
| 8, | .4160, | .4150, | .4580, | .4740, | .4430, | .4720, | .5650, | .5820, | .5170, | .4870, |
| 9, | .4100, | .4690, | .3900, | .4830, | .5080, | .4460, | .5420, | .5800, | .6440, | .5310, |
| 10, | .4500, | .5240, | .4860, | .4510, | .4400, | .4890, | .5940, | .6170, | .6970, | .6170, |
| 11, | .7530, | .5040, | .4900, | .4810, | .4710, | .6210, | .6320, | .6150, | .6140, | .6610, |
| 12, | .4450, | .5640, | .5350, | .4250, | .5030, | .4660, | .5940, | .6470, | .7860, | .6560, |
| 13, | .6600, | .5340, | .6220, | .5740, | .6310, | .5480, | .6500, | .6500, | .6480, | .6280, |
| 14, | .4560, | .5150, | .5740, | .5020, | .6210, | .6240, | .5400, | .7050, | .6280, | .6320, |
| +gp, | .6980, | .5510, | .6220, | .5680, | .6590, | .6420, | .6230, | .6690, | .6790, | .6650, |

| Table 3 | Stock weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1978, | 1979, | 1980, | 1981, | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0350, | .0450, | .0390, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, |
| 2, | .1390, | .1480, | .1570, | .1370, | .1300, | .1400, | .1330, | .1270, | .1330, | .1540, |
| 3, | .2110, | .2110, | .2000, | .2000, | .1930, | .2000, | .2030, | .1850, | .1910, | .1910, |
| 4, | .2900, | .3000, | .3040, | .3050, | .2700, | .2850, | .2680, | .2670, | .2790, | .2620, |
| 5, | .3650, | .3520, | .3450, | .3640, | .3590, | .3290, | .3480, | .3240, | .3460, | .3570, |
| 6, | .4290, | .4290, | .3940, | .4020, | .4110, | .4350, | .3860, | .3810, | .4250, | .3810, |
| 7, | .4270, | .5210, | .4890, | .4540, | .4290, | .4640, | .4880, | .3800, | .4980, | .4060, |
| 8, | .3850, | .5620, | .5370, | .5220, | .4760, | .4830, | .5910, | .6260, | .4920, | .4540, |
| 9, | .5420, | .5670, | .5790, | .5610, | .5830, | .5100, | .5670, | .5540, | .5900, | .3330, |
| 10, | .4280, | .6560, | .5490, | .5200, | .5930, | .5830, | .5590, | .5890, | .5610, | .5120, |
| 11, | .5700, | .7120, | .6640, | .4090, | .5700, | .6010, | .6320, | .5170, | .6810, | .6380, |
| 12, | .6750, | .7160, | .6760, | .7130, | .5310, | .7210, | .7310, | .7340, | .6470, | .5810, |
| 13, | .5890, | .7870, | .6380, | .5330, | .7910, | .7410, | .8730, | .7400, | .7390, | .6330, |
| 14, | .8600, | .8150, | .6570, | .8220, | .6110, | .6800, | .9520, | .6420, | .9430, | .6910, |
| +gp, | .6970, | .7910, | .6380, | .7200, | .6910, | .7190, | .7000, | .6730, | .8890, | .6710, |

| Table 3 | Stock weights at age (kg) | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, | .0500, |
| 2, | .1330, | .1330, | .1480, | .1380, | .1560, | .1280, | .1430, | .1510, | .1470, | .1500, |
| 3, | .1930, | .1950, | .2030, | .1830, | .1940, | .1830, | .1740, | .1780, | .1770, | .1900, |
| 4, | .2600, | .2900, | .2920, | .2530, | .2560, | .2280, | .2090, | .2400, | .2080, | .2250, |
| 5, | .3350, | .3480, | .3560, | .3000, | .3070, | .2640, | .2570, | .2510, | .2740, | .2520, |
| 6, | .4080, | .3390, | .4380, | .4060, | .3970, | .2930, | .3260, | .3200, | .2670, | .3030, |
| 7, | .4170, | .4100, | .3910, | .4370, | .4050, | .3440, | .3490, | .3630, | .3200, | .3180, |
| 8, | .4720, | .4750, | .4860, | .4990, | .4680, | .4790, | .4020, | .3570, | .3720, | .3240, |
| 9, | .4850, | .4180, | .4710, | .5450, | .4940, | .4330, | .4930, | .5440, | .4020, | .3580, |
| 10, | .4550, | .4620, | .4960, | .5370, | .5440, | .5730, | .3410, | .4580, | .4020, | .3850, |
| 11, | .8290, | .7040, | .6820, | .5010, | .4880, | .5630, | .4330, | .3950, | .4680, | .5780, |
| 12, | .6550, | .7870, | .5500, | .5510, | .4430, | .5070, | .5190, | .7010, | .5370, | .6340, |
| 13, | .5350, | .7160, | .7890, | .4300, | .5950, | .6760, | .4800, | .6920, | .6140, | .7100, |
| 14, | .8470, | .6160, | .4580, | 1.1090, | .6720, | .5800, | .6890, | .5840, | .6380, | .7050, |
| +gp, | .6870, | .7300, | .7490, | .6400, | .6070, | .6620, | .5050, | .6600, | .8000, | .6530, |

Table 7.6

North Sea sole Indices of effort and CPUE

| | Effort | | | CPUE | | |
|------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| | 1 Belgium | 2 UK-bt | 3 Netherlands | 4 Belgium | 5 UK-bt | 6 Netherlands |
| 1971 | | | | | | |
| 1972 | 29.8 | | | 33.5 | | |
| 1973 | 29.4 | | | 33.1 | | |
| 1974 | 32.2 | | | 23.7 | | |
| 1975 | 39.2 | | | 26.2 | | |
| 1976 | 44.7 | | | 24.5 | | |
| 1977 | 47.6 | | | 27.2 | | |
| 1978 | 50.3 | | 44.3 | 25.9 | | 375.8 |
| 1979 | 40.0 | | 44.9 | 38.7 | | 423.2 |
| 1980 | 35.2 | | 45.0 | 30.9 | | 282.1 |
| 1981 | 31.1 | | 46.3 | 35.2 | | 267.8 |
| 1982 | 34.9 | | 57.3 | 44.7 | | 309.8 |
| 1983 | 35.4 | | 65.6 | 42.8 | | 319.9 |
| 1984 | 42.8 | | 70.8 | 35.2 | | 307.3 |
| 1985 | 51.4 | | 70.3 | 40.8 | | 276.3 |
| 1986 | 42.5 | 40.6 | 68.2 | 38.8 | | 213.4 |
| 1987 | 50.7 | 59.5 | 68.5 | 28.9 | 3.44 | 204.5 |
| 1988 | 53.0 | 73.5 | 76.3 | 19.2 | 2.42 | 235.9 |
| 1989 | 54.3 | 71.8 | 61.6 | 22.7 | 2.90 | 272.7 |
| 1990 | 64.7 | 78.8 | 71.4 | 24.8 | 4.05 | 378.1 |
| 1991 | 74.3 | 115.6 | 68.5 | 33.5 | 8.13 | 350.9 |
| 1992 | 67.7 | 139.9 | 71.1 | 22.5 | 2.41 | 307.1 |
| 1993 | 71.1 | 148.9 | 76.9 | 27.2 | 2.99 | 306.4 |
| 1994 | 60.0 | 114.3 | 81.4 | 32.5 | 3.36 | 295.6 |
| 1995 | 46.5 | 90.5 | 81.2 | 34.9 | 2.74 | 275.1 |
| 1996 | 64.9 | 75.5 | 72.1 | 29.0 | 3.10 | 227.1 |
| 1997 | 47.2 | 56.7 | 73.6 | 24.2 | 2.29 | 148.4 |

CPUE in these fleets in recent years are biased because of quota restrictions

- 1 fishing hours in 1000 HP beam trawl units * 10E3
- 2 million HP hours (revised series)
- 3 million HP days beam trawl
- 4 Kg/FH 1000 HP beam trawl
- 5 kg/1000 HP hours
- 6 kg/1000 HP day

Table 7.7

Title : Sole in IV (run: SEPWN03/S03)

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Separable analysis

from 1988 to 1997 on ages 1 to 14

with Terminal F of .600 on age 4 and Terminal S of .800

Initial sum of squared residuals was 278.485 and

final sum of squared residuals is 51.694 after 62 iterations

Matrix of Residuals

| Years, | 1988/89, | 1989/90, | 1990/91, | 1991/92, | 1992/93, | 1993/94, | 1994/95, | 1995/96, | 1996/97, | TOT, | WTS, |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| 1/ 2, | -5.226, | -1.053, | .646, | -.685, | -.496, | -1.533, | .242, | 2.284, | -.492, | .000, | .083, |
| 2/ 3, | .129, | .015, | -.134, | -.614, | -.257, | .062, | -.372, | .575, | -.007, | .000, | .498, |
| 3/ 4, | .391, | .659, | .092, | .223, | .152, | -.029, | -.190, | -.051, | .116, | .000, | .662, |
| 4/ 5, | .468, | .565, | -.186, | .112, | -.409, | -.100, | -.087, | .485, | .110, | .000, | .496, |
| 5/ 6, | .259, | -.011, | .333, | .402, | -.093, | .280, | .045, | .086, | -.319, | .000, | .724, |
| 6/ 7, | .197, | -.014, | .005, | -.460, | -.139, | .060, | .122, | -.013, | -.030, | .000, | .895, |
| 7/ 8, | .010, | -.321, | -.281, | .103, | .231, | .421, | -.329, | .176, | -.498, | .000, | .536, |
| 8/ 9, | .068, | -.117, | .097, | .097, | .042, | -.204, | -.228, | .293, | .098, | .000, | 1.000, |
| 9/10, | .095, | .258, | .073, | -.144, | .257, | -.031, | .188, | -.198, | -.216, | .000, | .896, |
| 10/11, | -1.181, | -.904, | -1.059, | -.276, | -.386, | -.068, | .363, | -.535, | .629, | .000, | .271, |
| 11/12, | -.296, | -.130, | -.270, | .214, | .402, | .228, | -.188, | -.816, | .375, | .000, | .424, |
| 12/13, | -.475, | -.378, | .305, | .146, | .148, | -.653, | .345, | -.404, | .564, | .000, | .386, |
| 13/14, | -.051, | -.353, | .223, | .580, | -.176, | .278, | .870, | -.930, | -.043, | .000, | .318, |
| TOT , | .000, | .000, | .000, | .000, | .000, | .000, | .000, | .000, | .000, | -7.845, | |
| WTS , | .001, | .001, | .001, | .001, | 1.000, | 1.000, | 1.000, | 1.000, | 1.000, | | |

Fishing Mortalities (F)

| | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| F-values, | .4845, | .4073, | .5106, | .5301, | .5418, | .5920, | .6483, | .5740, | .7954, | .6000, |

Selection-at-age (S)

| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | 7, | 8, | 9, | 10, | 11, | 12, | 13, | 14, |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| S-values, | .0083, | .2872, | .7351, | 1.0000, | | | | | | | | | | |
| S-values, | 1.0168, | 1.0616, | 1.0154, | .8722, | .9575, | .9740, | .6826, | 1.0230, | .7117, | .8000, | | | | |

Table 7.8

Lowestoft VPA Version 3.1

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Extended Survivors Analysis

Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

CPUE data from file /users/fish/ifad/ifapwork/wgnssk/sol_nsea/FLEET.T01

Catch data for 41 years. 1957 to 1997. Ages 1 to 15.

| Fleet, | First, | Last, | First, | Last, | Alpha, | Beta |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | year, | year, | age, | age, | | |
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 1988, | 1997, | 2, | 14, | .000, | 1.000 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl, | 1988, | 1997, | 2, | 14, | .000, | 1.000 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 1988, | 1997, | 1, | 7, | .670, | .750 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 1988, | 1997, | 1, | 4, | .670, | .750 |

Time series weights :

Tapered time weighting not applied

Catchability analysis :

Catchability dependent on stock size for ages < 3

Regression type = C

Minimum of 5 points used for regression

Survivor estimates shrunk to the population mean for ages < 3

Catchability independent of age for ages >= 7

Terminal population estimation :

Survivor estimates shrunk towards the mean F of the final 5 years or the 5 oldest ages.

S.E. of the mean to which the estimates are shrunk = .500

Minimum standard error for population estimates derived from each fleet = .300

Prior weighting not applied

Tuning converged after 27 iterations

Regression weights

, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000

Fishing mortalities

| Age, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| 1, | .000, | .001, | .005, | .002, | .003, | .001, | .012, | .049, | .004, | .006 |
| 2, | .237, | .127, | .137, | .088, | .118, | .176, | .127, | .298, | .245, | .169 |
| 3, | .646, | .523, | .411, | .420, | .416, | .417, | .464, | .402, | .662, | .494 |
| 4, | .699, | .655, | .524, | .544, | .457, | .520, | .630, | .716, | .788, | .643 |
| 5, | .559, | .422, | .552, | .730, | .497, | .796, | .599, | .623, | .620, | .516 |
| 6, | .482, | .384, | .569, | .407, | .582, | .597, | .808, | .484, | .847, | .591 |
| 7, | .468, | .296, | .439, | .583, | .589, | .750, | .552, | .674, | .539, | .637 |
| 8, | .377, | .325, | .405, | .507, | .473, | .431, | .485, | .566, | .714, | .485 |
| 9, | .255, | .304, | .499, | .388, | .533, | .537, | .603, | .572, | .628, | .531 |
| 10, | .201, | .159, | .256, | .485, | .415, | .432, | .598, | .417, | 1.183, | .545 |
| 11, | .246, | .344, | .297, | .505, | .471, | .449, | .308, | .235, | .681, | .424 |
| 12, | .347, | .396, | .905, | .606, | .732, | .527, | .581, | .426, | 1.197, | .557 |
| 13, | .364, | .302, | .541, | .686, | .385, | .565, | .895, | .221, | .564, | .450 |
| 14, | .374, | .375, | .696, | .603, | .551, | .598, | .587, | .480, | .881, | .504 |

Table 7.8 Continued

XSA population numbers (Thousands)

| YEAR | 1, | AGE 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | 7, | 8, | | |
|------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1988 | 4.49E+05 | 6.58E+04 | 1.04E+05 | 3.19E+04 | 1.08E+04 | 1.07E+04 | 4.37E+03 | 3.01E+03 | 2.45E+03 | 2.19E+02 |
| 1989 | 1.09E+05 | 4.06E+05 | 4.70E+04 | 4.93E+04 | 1.43E+04 | 5.59E+03 | 5.97E+03 | 2.47E+03 | 1.87E+03 | 1.72E+03 |
| 1990 | 1.83E+05 | 9.89E+04 | 3.24E+05 | 2.52E+04 | 2.32E+04 | 8.50E+03 | 3.44E+03 | 4.02E+03 | 1.62E+03 | 1.25E+03 |
| 1991 | 7.16E+04 | 1.65E+05 | 7.81E+04 | 1.94E+05 | 1.35E+04 | 1.21E+04 | 4.35E+03 | 2.01E+03 | 2.42E+03 | 8.89E+02 |
| 1992 | 3.60E+05 | 6.47E+04 | 1.36E+05 | 4.64E+04 | 1.02E+05 | 5.89E+03 | 7.28E+03 | 2.20E+03 | 1.09E+03 | 1.49E+03 |
| 1993 | 7.48E+04 | 3.25E+05 | 5.20E+04 | 8.14E+04 | 2.66E+04 | 5.61E+04 | 2.98E+03 | 3.65E+03 | 1.24E+03 | 5.81E+02 |
| 1994 | 5.82E+04 | 6.76E+04 | 2.46E+05 | 3.10E+04 | 4.38E+04 | 1.09E+04 | 2.79E+04 | 1.27E+03 | 2.15E+03 | 6.56E+02 |
| 1995 | 1.05E+05 | 5.21E+04 | 5.39E+04 | 1.40E+05 | 1.49E+04 | 2.18E+04 | 4.38E+03 | 1.46E+04 | 7.09E+02 | 1.06E+03 |
| 1996 | 4.53E+04 | 9.01E+04 | 3.50E+04 | 3.26E+04 | 6.19E+04 | 7.25E+03 | 1.21E+04 | 2.02E+03 | 7.48E+03 | 3.62E+02 |
| 1997 | 2.98E+05 | 4.08E+04 | 6.38E+04 | 1.63E+04 | 1.34E+04 | 3.02E+04 | 2.81E+03 | 6.41E+03 | 8.96E+02 | 3.61E+03 |

Estimated population abundance at 1st Jan 1998

.00E+00, 2.68E+05, 3.11E+04, 3.52E+04, 7.77E+03, 7.26E+03, 1.51E+04, 1.35E+03, 3.57E+03, 4.77E+02,

Taper weighted geometric mean of the VPA populations:

9.93E+04, 8.51E+04, 6.56E+04, 3.71E+04, 2.04E+04, 1.17E+04, 6.94E+03, 4.52E+03, 2.88E+03, 2.05E+03,

Standard error of the weighted Log(VPA populations) :

.8106, .8361, .8662, .9151, .9534, .9572, 1.0249, 1.0611, 1.1398, 1.2933,

| YEAR | 11, | AGE 12, | 13, | 14, |
|------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| 1988 | 1.64E+02 | 3.09E+02 | 1.45E+02 | 3.37E+01 |
| 1989 | 1.62E+02 | 1.16E+02 | 1.97E+02 | 9.09E+01 |
| 1990 | 1.33E+03 | 1.04E+02 | 7.05E+01 | 1.32E+02 |
| 1991 | 8.72E+02 | 8.93E+02 | 3.81E+01 | 3.71E+01 |
| 1992 | 4.95E+02 | 4.76E+02 | 4.40E+02 | 1.74E+01 |
| 1993 | 8.89E+02 | 2.80E+02 | 2.07E+02 | 2.71E+02 |
| 1994 | 3.41E+02 | 5.13E+02 | 1.49E+02 | 1.07E+02 |
| 1995 | 3.26E+02 | 2.27E+02 | 2.60E+02 | 5.52E+01 |
| 1996 | 6.34E+02 | 2.33E+02 | 1.34E+02 | 1.88E+02 |
| 1997 | 1.00E+02 | 2.91E+02 | 6.38E+01 | 6.91E+01 |

Estimated population abundance at 1st Jan 1998

1.90E+03, 5.94E+01, 1.51E+02, 3.68E+01,

Taper weighted geometric mean of the VPA populations:

1.33E+03, 9.32E+02, 5.71E+02, 3.79E+02,

Standard error of the weighted Log(VPA populations) :

1.3842, 1.4127, 1.5541, 1.6452,

Table 7.8 Continued

Log catchability residuals.

Fleet : FLT01: FL01: NL beam

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | .54 | .25 | -.18 | -.90 | -.41 | .22 | -.53 | .49 | .59 | -.07 |
| 3 | .43 | .26 | -.01 | -.14 | -.05 | -.30 | -.03 | -.36 | .09 | .12 |
| 4 | .23 | .33 | -.09 | .03 | -.29 | -.13 | -.35 | .15 | .20 | -.09 |
| 5 | -.06 | -.29 | .03 | .34 | .04 | .31 | -.03 | -.46 | .24 | -.13 |
| 6 | .04 | -.13 | -.19 | -.33 | .05 | .27 | .15 | -.18 | .01 | .30 |
| 7 | .16 | -.14 | -.25 | -.30 | .26 | .29 | .22 | -.17 | .14 | -.21 |
| 8 | -.18 | -.26 | -.16 | -.35 | -.13 | -.14 | -.57 | .24 | .10 | .18 |
| 9 | -.56 | -.19 | .01 | -.36 | -.12 | -.25 | -.03 | -.20 | .52 | -.78 |
| 10 | -.71 | -.91 | -.84 | -.23 | -.25 | -.80 | .07 | -.34 | .93 | .34 |
| 11 | -.58 | -1.36 | -.92 | -.67 | -.42 | -.19 | -1.33 | -1.37 | .34 | -1.45 |
| 12 | -.64 | -.06 | .75 | -.04 | .51 | -.31 | .20 | -1.01 | .75 | .15 |
| 13 | -.37 | -.97 | -.45 | -.21 | -.47 | -.18 | -.27 | -.80 | -.26 | -.31 |
| 14 | -1.01 | -.65 | -.79 | -.27 | .00 | -.08 | -.29 | -.82 | .52 | -.12 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -5.3559 | -5.1342 | -5.2531 | -5.3858 | -5.4532 | -5.4532 | -5.4532 | -5.4532 | -5.4532 | -5.4532 |
| S.E(Log q) | .2388 | .2281 | .2575 | .2076 | .2346 | .2807 | .4053 | .6591 | 1.0288 | .5760 |

| Age | 13 | 14 |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -5.4532 | -5.4532 |
| S.E(Log q) | .5237 | .5951 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| 2 | 1.12 | -.532 | 5.75 | .70 | 10 | .54 | -6.39 |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | .99 | .126 | 5.44 | .91 | 10 | .25 | -5.36 |
| 4 | .95 | .531 | 5.42 | .93 | 10 | .23 | -5.13 |
| 5 | .90 | 1.028 | 5.76 | .92 | 10 | .23 | -5.25 |
| 6 | .88 | 1.604 | 5.87 | .96 | 10 | .17 | -5.39 |
| 7 | .87 | 1.445 | 5.87 | .94 | 10 | .19 | -5.45 |
| 8 | .78 | 3.541 | 6.12 | .97 | 10 | .13 | -5.58 |
| 9 | .76 | 2.140 | 6.08 | .91 | 10 | .22 | -5.65 |
| 10 | 1.02 | -.067 | 5.71 | .64 | 10 | .64 | -5.73 |
| 11 | .73 | 1.789 | 6.17 | .84 | 10 | .39 | -6.25 |
| 12 | 1.09 | -.277 | 5.40 | .52 | 10 | .66 | -5.42 |
| 13 | 1.18 | -1.318 | 6.06 | .87 | 10 | .30 | -5.88 |
| 14 | .87 | .776 | 5.61 | .82 | 10 | .42 | -5.80 |

Table 7.8 Continued

Fleet : FLT02: UK beamtrawl

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| 1 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | -.97 | .96 | .73 | -.55 | -.74 | -1.02 | .87 | .59 | .31 | -.18 |
| 3 | .05 | .64 | .63 | .08 | -.43 | -.51 | -.33 | .16 | .10 | -.39 |
| 4 | .15 | .31 | .43 | .09 | -.36 | -.94 | .42 | -.38 | .02 | .26 |
| 5 | .38 | .44 | .54 | -.09 | -1.02 | -.60 | -.36 | .94 | -.28 | .06 |
| 6 | .10 | .56 | .88 | .25 | -.53 | -1.01 | -.16 | -.30 | 1.02 | -.80 |
| 7 | -.49 | -.31 | 1.02 | .23 | -.03 | -.66 | -1.27 | .34 | -.14 | 1.33 |
| 8 | .11 | -.23 | .49 | -.08 | .42 | -.28 | -.87 | -.94 | 1.00 | -.49 |
| 9 | -.35 | .13 | .85 | -.49 | .93 | .50 | -.20 | -.30 | -.13 | 1.10 |
| 10 | -.67 | -.06 | .86 | -.04 | .37 | .95 | .76 | .40 | .54 | -.74 |
| 11 | -.13 | -.65 | .37 | .25 | .68 | .16 | 1.03 | 1.04 | .91 | 1.09 |
| 12 | .68 | .48 | .49 | .38 | .89 | .73 | .09 | 1.46 | 1.60 | .87 |
| 13 | .96 | 1.24 | 1.13 | -.06 | 1.13 | 1.16 | 1.56 | .14 | 1.72 | 1.70 |
| 14 | 1.75 | 1.63 | 2.41 | .36 | -.54 | .91 | 1.21 | .45 | 1.55 | 1.83 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -9.6083 | -8.9277 | -8.5944 | -8.4887 | -8.1686 | -8.1686 | -8.1686 | -8.1686 | -8.1686 | -8.1686 |
| S.E(Log q) | .4151 | .4364 | .5906 | .6874 | .7730 | .6188 | .6292 | .6514 | .7667 | .9350 |

| Age | 13 | 14 |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -8.1686 | -8.1686 |
| S.E(Log q) | 1.2757 | 1.4977 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

Age, Slope, t-value, Intercept, RSquare, No Pts, Reg s.e, Mean Log q

2, 1.20, -.548, 11.27, .49, 10, .83, -11.32,

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

Age, Slope, t-value, Intercept, RSquare, No Pts, Reg s.e, Mean Q

3, .98, .117, 9.65, .77, 10, .43, -9.61,
 4, 1.40, -1.687, 8.18, .69, 10, .56, -8.93,
 5, 2.39, -3.154, 6.51, .39, 10, 1.00, -8.59,
 6, 2.96, -2.947, 6.61, .22, 10, 1.50, -8.49,
 7, 3.34, -2.384, 7.05, .11, 10, 2.10, -8.17,
 8, 1.48, -1.126, 8.35, .40, 10, .89, -8.26,
 9, 1.68, -1.452, 8.32, .36, 10, .94, -7.97,
 10, 1.14, -.473, 8.09, .59, 10, .72, -7.93,
 11, .97, .120, 7.64, .70, 10, .60, -7.69,
 12, 1.17, -.594, 7.70, .60, 10, .57, -7.40,
 13, .90, .388, 6.88, .65, 10, .57, -7.10,
 14, .64, 1.841, 6.04, .76, 10, .49, -7.01,

Table 7.8 Continued

Fleet : FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | -.28 | -.25 | -.22 | -.39 | -.08 | -.18 | .25 | .56 | .01 | .57 |
| 2 | .35 | .40 | .50 | -.17 | 1.18 | -.38 | -.67 | -.01 | -.87 | -.32 |
| 3 | -.53 | .22 | .02 | .00 | .13 | -.14 | .06 | .94 | -.39 | -.31 |
| 4 | -.44 | .72 | -.16 | .07 | .14 | .08 | -.84 | .31 | .18 | -.04 |
| 5 | -.80 | .02 | -.10 | -.42 | -.02 | .81 | .32 | -.26 | .13 | .31 |
| 6 | -.61 | .16 | .06 | .34 | -.25 | .85 | -.82 | .48 | .63 | -.84 |
| 7 | -.26 | -.20 | -.09 | .23 | -.01 | -.79 | .05 | .57 | .24 | .26 |
| 8 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Mean Log q | -9.3729 | -9.5787 | -9.8519 | -10.1078 | -10.1471 |
| S.E(Log q) | .4098 | .4227 | .4434 | .6063 | .3723 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1 | .64 | 2.401 | 9.98 | .85 | 10 | .37 | -8.95 |
| 2 | 1.16 | -.552 | 8.38 | .61 | 10 | .65 | -8.81 |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| 3 | 1.00 | -.015 | 9.37 | .76 | 10 | .44 | -9.37 |
| 4 | .83 | 1.147 | 9.78 | .85 | 10 | .35 | -9.58 |
| 5 | .81 | 1.216 | 9.90 | .84 | 10 | .35 | -9.85 |
| 6 | .88 | .493 | 10.03 | .67 | 10 | .56 | -10.11 |
| 7 | .90 | .583 | 10.00 | .82 | 10 | .35 | -10.15 |

Table 7.8 Continued

Fleet : FLT04: SNS-Tridens N

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1 | -.14 | -.31 | -.24 | .08 | .07 | .09 | -.31 | -.15 | .10 | .19 |
| 2 | .37 | -.11 | .29 | .30 | -.72 | -.14 | .15 | .04 | -.09 | -.09 |
| 3 | -.16 | .73 | .02 | .91 | -.16 | -1.13 | .37 | -.17 | -1.09 | .34 |
| 4 | .29 | -.66 | .62 | .39 | .62 | -.05 | -1.82 | .33 | -.19 | .46 |
| 5 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 3 | 4 |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -5.5367 | -5.7026 |
| S.E(Log q) | .6789 | .7529 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| 1 | .74 | 3.012 | 5.94 | .94 | 10 | .21 | -3.86 |
| 2 | .63 | 2.542 | 7.26 | .86 | 10 | .33 | -4.79 |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 | .78 | .908 | 6.82 | .68 | 10 | .53 | -5.54 |
| 4 | .89 | .373 | 6.27 | .58 | 10 | .70 | -5.70 |

Terminal year survivor and F summaries :

Age 1 Catchability dependent on age and year class strength

Year class = 1996

| Fleet | Estimated Survivors | Int, s.e. | Ext, s.e. | Var, Ratio | N | Scaled Weights | Estimated F |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---|----------------|-------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam | 1. | .000 | .000 | .00 | 0 | .000 | .000 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl | 1. | .000 | .000 | .00 | 0 | .000 | .000 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth | 473060. | .431 | .000 | .00 | 1 | .245 | .003 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N | 325508. | .300 | .000 | .00 | 1 | .506 | .005 |
| P shrinkage mean | 85059. | .84,,,, | | | | .066 | .018 |
| F shrinkage mean | 110303. | .50,,,, | | | | .183 | .014 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year | Int, s.e. | Ext, s.e. | N | Var, Ratio | F |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|------------|------|
| 267963. | .21 | .38 | 4 | 1.771 | .006 |

Table 7.8 Continued

Age 2 Catchability dependent on age and year class strength

Year class = 1995

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 28998., | .594, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .078, | .181 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 26027., | .913, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .033, | .200 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 29160., | .359, | .140, | .39, | 2, | .213, | .180 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 31893., | .234, | .090, | .39, | 2, | .502, | .166 |
| P shrinkage mean , | 65604., | .87,,,, | | | | .044, | .084 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 26990., | .50,,,, | | | | .131, | .193 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 31148., | .17, | .07, | 8, | .438, | .169 |

Age 3 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1994

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 43041., | .267, | .182, | .68, | 2, | .246, | .420 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 26759., | .391, | .257, | .66, | 2, | .115, | .610 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 34597., | .270, | .367, | 1.36, | 3, | .217, | .501 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 32966., | .218, | .106, | .49, | 3, | .303, | .520 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 37097., | .50,,,, | | | | .119, | .474 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 35225., | .13, | .10, | 11, | .758, | .494 |

Age 4 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1993

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 7828., | .211, | .108, | .51, | 3, | .331, | .639 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 9702., | .315, | .085, | .27, | 3, | .147, | .544 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 7321., | .251, | .128, | .51, | 4, | .204, | .671 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 6627., | .225, | .241, | 1.07, | 4, | .179, | .721 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 8072., | .50,,,, | | | | .139, | .625 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 7767., | .13, | .07, | 15, | .532, | .643 |

Table 7.8 Continued

Age 5 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1992

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 6546., | .188, | .116, | .62, | 4, | .398, | .559 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 8115., | .304, | .107, | .35, | 4, | .132, | .472 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 9360., | .241, | .191, | .79, | 5, | .211, | .421 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 7647., | .212, | .070, | .33, | 4, | .127, | .495 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 5585., | .50,,,, | | | | .131, | .630 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----|----------------|------|
| 7255., | .12, | .07, | 18, | .575, | .516 |

Age 6 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1991

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 19177., | .177, | .048, | .27, | 5, | .476, | .492 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 9031., | .316, | .121, | .38, | 5, | .121, | .854 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 12705., | .254, | .202, | .80, | 6, | .178, | .672 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 16244., | .219, | .101, | .46, | 4, | .070, | .559 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 12860., | .50,,,, | | | | .155, | .666 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----|----------------|------|
| 15118., | .13, | .08, | 21, | .596, | .591 |

Age 7 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1990

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 1093., | .179, | .065, | .37, | 6, | .470, | .741 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 3105., | .361, | .271, | .75, | 6, | .091, | .327 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 1562., | .264, | .152, | .58, | 7, | .232, | .570 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 815., | .219, | .376, | 1.72, | 4, | .037, | .905 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 1387., | .50,,,, | | | | .170, | .623 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----|----------------|------|
| 1345., | .14, | .09, | 24, | .656, | .637 |

Table 7.8 Continued

Age 8 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1989

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 3809. | .158, | .067, | .43, | 7, | .555, | .461 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 2298. | .331, | .085, | .26, | 7, | .117, | .678 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 4468. | .233, | .068, | .29, | 7, | .154, | .405 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 3433. | .215, | .138, | .64, | 4, | .035, | .500 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 3148. | .50,,,, | | | | .138, | .536 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, Weights, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| 3571., | .12, | .05, | 26, | .403, | .485 |

Age 9 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1988

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 372. | .186, | .152, | .81, | 8, | .531, | .640 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 1084. | .387, | .183, | .47, | 8, | .147, | .268 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 677. | .263, | .192, | .73, | 7, | .085, | .401 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 707. | .213, | .112, | .52, | 4, | .015, | .387 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 428. | .50,,,, | | | | .223, | .577 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, Weights, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| 477., | .16, | .10, | 28, | .640, | .531 |

Age 10 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1987

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 2558. | .179, | .052, | .29, | 9, | .469, | .430 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 1039. | .353, | .148, | .42, | 9, | .184, | .842 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 2130. | .238, | .113, | .48, | 7, | .077, | .498 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 1800. | .220, | .099, | .45, | 4, | .017, | .567 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 1629. | .50,,,, | | | | .254, | .612 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, Weights, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| 1895., | .17, | .08, | 30, | .456, | .545 |

Table 7.8 Continued

Age 11 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1986

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 46., | .245, | .241, | .99, | 10, | .330, | .523 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 101., | .441, | .229, | .52, | 10, | .211, | .270 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 34., | .263, | .142, | .54, | 6, | .037, | .656 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 97., | .306, | .108, | .35, | 3, | .004, | .280 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 58., | .50,,,, | | | | .419, | .430 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 59., | .24, | .11, | 30, | .466, | .424 |

Age 12 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1985

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 155., | .240, | .070, | .29, | 10, | .411, | .544 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 250., | .374, | .147, | .39, | 10, | .186, | .371 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 161., | .254, | .134, | .53, | 5, | .039, | .529 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 108., | .555, | .399, | .72, | 2, | .002, | .714 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 112., | .50,,,, | | | | .362, | .696 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 151., | .22, | .08, | 28, | .362, | .557 |

Age 13 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1984

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 31., | .311, | .141, | .45, | 10, | .422, | .511 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 117., | .463, | .167, | .36, | 10, | .131, | .165 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Neth, | 41., | .269, | .112, | .42, | 4, | .019, | .411 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 49., | .790, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .001, | .353 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 30., | .50,,,, | | | | .427, | .528 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 37., | .26, | .12, | 26, | .450, | .450 |

Table 7.8 Continued

Age 14 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 7

Year class = 1983

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----|---------------------|----------------|
| FLT01: FL01: NL beam, | 27., | .250, | .114, | .45, | 10, | .466, | .657 |
| FLT02: UK beamtrawl , | 126., | .397, | .168, | .42, | 10, | .138, | .179 |
| FLT03: BTS-ISIS Meth, | 32., | .289, | .216, | .75, | 3, | .023, | .577 |
| FLT04: SNS-Tridens N, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | .000 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 38., | .50,,,, | | | | .373, | .503 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----|----------------|------|
| 38., | .23, | .12, | 24, | .545, | .504 |

Table 7.9

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

At 7-Oct-98 19:08:17

Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

Table 8 Fishing mortality (F) at age 1957,

| AGE | F |
|------------|--------|
| 1, | .0000, |
| 2, | .0191, |
| 3, | .1060, |
| 4, | .2101, |
| 5, | .1717, |
| 6, | .1281, |
| 7, | .2008, |
| 8, | .1226, |
| 9, | .0748, |
| 10, | .1285, |
| 11, | .1036, |
| 12, | .1676, |
| 13, | .1159, |
| 14, | .1182, |
| +gp, | .1182, |
| FBAR 2- 8, | .1369, |
| FBAR 3-10, | .1428, |

Table 8 Fishing mortality (F) at age

| YEAR, | 1958, | 1959, | 1960, | 1961, | 1962, | 1963, | 1964, | 1965, | 1966, | 1967, |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, | .0001, | .0000, | .0000, | .0000, |
| 2, | .0131, | .0298, | .0253, | .0168, | .0161, | .0422, | .0176, | .1039, | .1249, | .1098, |
| 3, | .1360, | .0993, | .1381, | .1248, | .1293, | .1511, | .2513, | .1481, | .4207, | .3675, |
| 4, | .1894, | .2212, | .1757, | .2505, | .1919, | .3761, | .2036, | .2730, | .1748, | .4593, |
| 5, | .2159, | .1578, | .2809, | .1705, | .2908, | .3177, | .4083, | .2467, | .2961, | .5390, |
| 6, | .2128, | .1764, | .1937, | .1994, | .1919, | .3679, | .2632, | .4512, | .2588, | .1897, |
| 7, | .1689, | .0951, | .1974, | .1181, | .2886, | .2489, | .3146, | .2743, | .2094, | .1861, |
| 8, | .1832, | .1472, | .1574, | .2395, | .1559, | .3243, | .1354, | .2275, | .1942, | .3051, |
| 9, | .2075, | .1380, | .0958, | .1041, | .1577, | .2608, | .2398, | .1451, | .1362, | .2095, |
| 10, | .1309, | .1678, | .1958, | .1100, | .1399, | .2373, | .1350, | .1536, | .0908, | .1319, |
| 11, | .1589, | .1701, | .1586, | .1579, | .2230, | .3224, | .1503, | .1220, | .1455, | .0872, |
| 12, | .0841, | .1109, | .1548, | .2496, | .1142, | .2287, | .1460, | .1888, | .1145, | .3207, |
| 13, | .1707, | .0923, | .1524, | .1738, | .3787, | .4512, | .3049, | .2981, | .0598, | .1038, |
| 14, | .1506, | .1360, | .1517, | .1594, | .2031, | .3148, | .1956, | .1818, | .1095, | .1709, |
| +gp, | .1506, | .1360, | .1517, | .1594, | .2031, | .3148, | .1956, | .1818, | .1095, | .1709, |
| FBAR 2- 8, | .1599, | .1324, | .1669, | .1599, | .1806, | .2612, | .2277, | .2464, | .2398, | .3081, |
| FBAR 3-10, | .1806, | .1503, | .1794, | .1646, | .1932, | .2855, | .2439, | .2400, | .2226, | .2985, |

Table 7.9 Continued

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

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Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| Table 8 | Fishing mortality (F) at age | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR, | 1968, | 1969, | 1970, | 1971, | 1972, | 1973, | 1974, | 1975, | 1976, | 1977, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0110, | .0083, | .0097, | .0106, | .0049, | .0070, | .0010, | .0066, | .0096, | .0131, |
| 2, | .3072, | .3295, | .1534, | .3239, | .2391, | .2052, | .1852, | .2756, | .1041, | .2605, |
| 3, | .6608, | .6874, | .6323, | .5628, | .6269, | .6980, | .5860, | .5400, | .5575, | .5335, |
| 4, | .6488, | .5052, | .5437, | .6509, | .5268, | .5521, | .6520, | .6520, | .4920, | .6003, |
| 5, | .4583, | .6945, | .2789, | .5705, | .5017, | .5728, | .4389, | .4889, | .5411, | .4668, |
| 6, | .2066, | .4043, | .3411, | .3387, | .3519, | .4111, | .5244, | .4010, | .3892, | .3466, |
| 7, | .1115, | .2005, | .3038, | .3909, | .1763, | .3510, | .4833, | .3757, | .3171, | .1907, |
| 8, | .2152, | .1391, | .2014, | .2700, | .3284, | .3733, | .3676, | .4992, | .4321, | .2747, |
| 9, | .1840, | .2133, | .0994, | .2137, | .2529, | .5528, | .3041, | .4766, | .4084, | .3258, |
| 10, | .2548, | .2221, | .1643, | .2125, | .1798, | .2556, | .5241, | .2603, | .3160, | .3240, |
| 11, | .0764, | .2427, | .1752, | .2713, | .1197, | .5124, | .2586, | .3784, | .3200, | .2073, |
| 12, | .1455, | .1060, | .2846, | .4532, | .2296, | .5402, | .4279, | .3051, | .3096, | .3021, |
| 13, | .0783, | .1206, | .1065, | .2393, | .2999, | .3416, | .0892, | .1530, | .3191, | .3977, |
| 14, | .1480, | .1812, | .1663, | .2787, | .2168, | .4420, | .3216, | .3155, | .3355, | .3122, |
| +gp, | .1480, | .1812, | .1663, | .2787, | .2168, | .4420, | .3216, | .3155, | .3355, | .3122, |
| FBAR 2- 8, | .3726, | .4229, | .3506, | .4440, | .3930, | .4519, | .4625, | .4618, | .4047, | .3819, |
| FBAR 3-10, | .3425, | .3833, | .3206, | .4013, | .3681, | .4708, | .4851, | .4617, | .4317, | .3828, |

| Table 8 | Fishing mortality (F) at age | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| YEAR, | 1978, | 1979, | 1980, | 1981, | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0006, | .0008, | .0043, | .0030, | .0184, | .0028, | .0028, | .0021, | .0024, | .0014, |
| 2, | .2351, | .2256, | .1264, | .2482, | .2304, | .3083, | .2846, | .3131, | .1418, | .2352, |
| 3, | .5647, | .6573, | .5583, | .5131, | .6685, | .5948, | .7123, | .7167, | .6020, | .5058, |
| 4, | .5032, | .6159, | .5865, | .6042, | .5431, | .6674, | .6724, | .7553, | .6432, | .5795, |
| 5, | .5015, | .4360, | .5577, | .5237, | .6390, | .3146, | .5713, | .5830, | .6463, | .4574, |
| 6, | .4709, | .4297, | .3457, | .5345, | .5851, | .4867, | .6641, | .4223, | .7209, | .5185, |
| 7, | .5929, | .3191, | .5183, | .3544, | .4431, | .4429, | .5612, | .3479, | .4637, | .4033, |
| 8, | .5883, | .5446, | .4081, | .3606, | .3638, | .4449, | .3996, | .4607, | .2771, | .3011, |
| 9, | .2268, | .4295, | .4460, | .3606, | .3970, | .3629, | .4031, | .4028, | .6563, | .3009, |
| 10, | .3820, | .1878, | .1425, | .4056, | .4007, | .3119, | .3611, | .2350, | .7626, | .4692, |
| 11, | .6367, | .5354, | .2759, | .4087, | .5414, | .5750, | .3297, | .4803, | .7332, | .4132, |
| 12, | .4106, | .6731, | .3069, | .1454, | .4875, | .1806, | .3516, | .4948, | .9517, | .6699, |
| 13, | .4135, | .6347, | .6380, | 1.2117, | .2450, | .1408, | .2378, | .3563, | .6380, | 1.0214, |
| 14, | .4152, | .4938, | .3629, | .5082, | .4156, | .3150, | .3376, | .3950, | .7518, | .5772, |
| +gp, | .4152, | .4938, | .3629, | .5082, | .4156, | .3150, | .3376, | .3950, | .7518, | .5772, |
| FBAR 2- 8, | .4938, | .4612, | .4430, | .4484, | .4961, | .4657, | .5522, | .5142, | .4993, | .4287, |
| FBAR 3-10, | .4788, | .4525, | .4454, | .4571, | .5050, | .4533, | .5431, | .4905, | .5965, | .4420, |

| Table 8 | Fishing mortality (F) at age | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, | FBAR 95-97 |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0000, | .0011, | .0048, | .0017, | .0028, | .0007, | .0116, | .0487, | .0040, | .0056, | .0194, |
| 2, | .2366, | .1271, | .1367, | .0881, | .1183, | .1762, | .1268, | .2978, | .2452, | .1695, | .2375, |
| 3, | .6464, | .5228, | .4115, | .4197, | .4163, | .4173, | .4643, | .4016, | .6617, | .4937, | .5190, |
| 4, | .6992, | .6553, | .5237, | .5443, | .4570, | .5199, | .6299, | .7162, | .7881, | .6429, | .7157, |
| 5, | .5592, | .4225, | .5520, | .7305, | .4974, | .7957, | .5994, | .6226, | .6195, | .5158, | .5860, |
| 6, | .4824, | .3839, | .5693, | .4066, | .5819, | .5968, | .8075, | .4837, | .8471, | .5909, | .6406, |
| 7, | .4683, | .2958, | .4391, | .5826, | .5893, | .7498, | .5515, | .6736, | .5389, | .6375, | .6166, |
| 8, | .3769, | .3255, | .4051, | .5071, | .4727, | .4311, | .4846, | .5655, | .7136, | .4852, | .5881, |
| 9, | .2555, | .3045, | .4986, | .3882, | .5328, | .5367, | .6027, | .5722, | .6283, | .5307, | .5771, |
| 10, | .2009, | .1587, | .2565, | .4852, | .4153, | .4321, | .5983, | .4169, | 1.1831, | .5451, | .7151, |
| 11, | .2464, | .3443, | .2966, | .5053, | .4714, | .4493, | .3076, | .2349, | .6809, | .4240, | .4466, |
| 12, | .3466, | .3960, | .9052, | .6063, | .7319, | .5274, | .5807, | .4264, | 1.1970, | .5568, | .7267, |
| 13, | .3645, | .3022, | .5407, | .6860, | .3854, | .5645, | .8954, | .2210, | .5638, | .4501, | .4116, |
| 14, | .3736, | .3746, | .6960, | .6031, | .5511, | .5976, | .5867, | .4798, | .8813, | .5036, | .6216, |
| +gp, | .3736, | .3746, | .6960, | .6031, | .5511, | .5976, | .5867, | .4798, | .8813, | .5036, | .6216, |
| FBAR 2- 8, | .4956, | .3904, | .4339, | .4684, | .4476, | .5267, | .5234, | .5373, | .6306, | .5051, | |
| FBAR 3-10, | .4611, | .3836, | .4570, | .5080, | .4953, | .5599, | .5923, | .5565, | .7475, | .5552, | |

Table 7.10

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

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Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| Table 10 YEAR, | Stock number at age (start of year) 1957, | Numbers*10**-3 |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| AGE | | |
| 1, | 165502, | |
| 2, | 78586, | |
| 3, | 106073, | |
| 4, | 70122, | |
| 5, | 25073, | |
| 6, | 25567, | |
| 7, | 37658, | |
| 8, | 15794, | |
| 9, | 7421, | |
| 10, | 46886, | |
| 11, | 1774, | |
| 12, | 1813, | |
| 13, | 327, | |
| 14, | 745, | |
| +gp, | 3427, | |
| TOTAL, | 586767, | |

| Table 10 YEAR, | Stock number at age (start of year) | | | | | Numbers*10**-3 | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1958, | 1959, | 1960, | 1961, | 1962, | 1963, | 1964, | 1965, | 1966, | 1967, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 144952, | 559004, | 66858, | 115733, | 28345, | 23007, | 554350, | 121485, | 41180, | 75332, |
| 2, | 149752, | 131158, | 505808, | 60496, | 104719, | 25648, | 9354, | 501544, | 109924, | 37261, |
| 3, | 69762, | 133738, | 115196, | 446219, | 53827, | 93238, | 9996, | 8317, | 409013, | 87785, |
| 4, | 86326, | 55095, | 109572, | 90790, | 356398, | 42797, | 32590, | 7035, | 6489, | 242989, |
| 5, | 51424, | 64633, | 39958, | 83166, | 63944, | 266178, | 11945, | 24056, | 4845, | 4930, |
| 6, | 19109, | 37493, | 49945, | 27302, | 63453, | 43261, | 78761, | 7185, | 17008, | 3260, |
| 7, | 20353, | 13976, | 28439, | 37233, | 20237, | 47388, | 12175, | 54774, | 4141, | 11881, |
| 8, | 27874, | 15555, | 11499, | 21123, | 29938, | 13721, | 15021, | 8043, | 37671, | 3039, |
| 9, | 12642, | 20999, | 12148, | 8889, | 15042, | 23178, | 4034, | 11870, | 5797, | 28071, |
| 10, | 6230, | 9296, | 16552, | 9988, | 7248, | 11626, | 7260, | 2872, | 9290, | 4577, |
| 11, | 37308, | 4946, | 7112, | 12314, | 8096, | 5702, | 3728, | 5740, | 2228, | 7676, |
| 12, | 1447, | 28797, | 3775, | 5492, | 9514, | 5861, | 1679, | 2902, | 4597, | 1743, |
| 13, | 1387, | 1204, | 23322, | 2926, | 3871, | 7679, | 1896, | 1313, | 2174, | 3710, |
| 14, | 263, | 1058, | 993, | 18120, | 2225, | 2399, | 1989, | 1265, | 882, | 1853, |
| +gp, | 1966, | 3376, | 2431, | 2964, | 14430, | 15701, | 3668, | 7541, | 7249, | 4575, |
| TOTAL, | 630795, | 1080327, | 993608, | 942754, | 781288, | 627384, | 748446, | 765941, | 662488, | 518682, |

Table 7.10 Continued

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

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Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| Table 10 YEAR, | Stock number at age (start of year) | | | | | Numbers*10**-3 | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1968, | 1969, | 1970, | 1971, | 1972, | 1973, | 1974, | 1975, | 1976, | 1977, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 100099, | 50588, | 141475, | 41933, | 76953, | 106416, | 110805, | 41890, | 114207, | 140649, |
| 2, | 68163, | 89587, | 45397, | 126776, | 37543, | 69289, | 95621, | 100165, | 37652, | 102349, |
| 3, | 30209, | 45365, | 58306, | 35236, | 82970, | 26747, | 51064, | 71891, | 68798, | 30700, |
| 4, | 55000, | 14116, | 20643, | 28032, | 18162, | 40108, | 12042, | 25715, | 37907, | 35649, |
| 5, | 138891, | 26011, | 7707, | 10845, | 13230, | 9703, | 20894, | 5677, | 12122, | 20970, |
| 6, | 2602, | 79471, | 11752, | 5276, | 5547, | 7248, | 4951, | 12189, | 3150, | 6385, |
| 7, | 2440, | 1915, | 47996, | 7560, | 3402, | 3530, | 4348, | 2652, | 7386, | 1932, |
| 8, | 8925, | 1975, | 1418, | 32052, | 4627, | 2581, | 2249, | 2426, | 1648, | 4867, |
| 9, | 2027, | 6512, | 1555, | 1049, | 22139, | 3015, | 1608, | 1409, | 1333, | 968, |
| 10, | 20599, | 1526, | 4760, | 1274, | 767, | 15556, | 1570, | 1073, | 792, | 802, |
| 11, | 3630, | 14446, | 1106, | 3654, | 932, | 579, | 10901, | 841, | 749, | 522, |
| 12, | 6365, | 3043, | 10255, | 840, | 2521, | 748, | 314, | 7616, | 521, | 492, |
| 13, | 1145, | 4980, | 2476, | 6981, | 483, | 1813, | 394, | 185, | 5079, | 346, |
| 14, | 3026, | 958, | 3994, | 2014, | 4973, | 324, | 1166, | 326, | 144, | 3340, |
| +gp, | 4302, | 6596, | 7830, | 5889, | 5640, | 3886, | 5339, | 3661, | 2842, | 2850, |
| TOTAL, | 447422, | 347087, | 366669, | 309412, | 279888, | 291545, | 323265, | 277715, | 294329, | 352820, |

| Table 10 YEAR, | Stock number at age (start of year) | | | | | Numbers*10**-3 | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1978, | 1979, | 1980, | 1981, | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 47080, | 11840, | 155102, | 149684, | 153485, | 144561, | 72014, | 82369, | 161251, | 72812, |
| 2, | 125603, | 42574, | 10704, | 139736, | 135037, | 136349, | 130434, | 64979, | 74374, | 145551, |
| 3, | 71370, | 89840, | 30743, | 8536, | 98646, | 97041, | 90644, | 88786, | 42988, | 58401, |
| 4, | 16294, | 36715, | 42129, | 15916, | 4623, | 45744, | 48439, | 40229, | 39232, | 21305, |
| 5, | 17697, | 8913, | 17944, | 21206, | 7871, | 2430, | 21235, | 22375, | 17104, | 18659, |
| 6, | 11897, | 9698, | 5215, | 9295, | 11366, | 3759, | 1605, | 10852, | 11301, | 8109, |
| 7, | 4085, | 6722, | 5710, | 3340, | 4928, | 5729, | 2091, | 748, | 6437, | 4973, |
| 8, | 1444, | 2043, | 4421, | 3077, | 2120, | 2863, | 3329, | 1079, | 478, | 3663, |
| 9, | 3346, | 726, | 1072, | 2660, | 1941, | 1333, | 1660, | 2020, | 616, | 328, |
| 10, | 632, | 2413, | 427, | 621, | 1678, | 1181, | 839, | 1004, | 1222, | 289, |
| 11, | 525, | 391, | 1810, | 335, | 375, | 1017, | 782, | 529, | 718, | 516, |
| 12, | 384, | 251, | 207, | 1243, | 202, | 197, | 518, | 509, | 296, | 312, |
| 13, | 329, | 230, | 116, | 138, | 972, | 112, | 149, | 330, | 281, | 103, |
| 14, | 210, | 197, | 111, | 55, | 37, | 689, | 88, | 106, | 209, | 134, |
| +gp, | 2709, | 1845, | 2059, | 869, | 970, | 892, | 889, | 857, | 603, | 394, |
| TOTAL, | 303606, | 214398, | 277769, | 356711, | 424251, | 443897, | 374716, | 316774, | 357109, | 335550, |

Table 7.10 Continued

| Table 10 YEAR, | Stock number at age (start of year) | | | | | Numbers*10**3 | | | | | | GMST 57-95 | AMST 57-95 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|------------|
| | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, | 1998, | | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 448902, | 109429, | 182897, | 71591, | 359922, | 74792, | 58199, | 104516, | 45250, | 297809, | 0, | 98461, | 135416, |
| 2, | 65794, | 406173, | 98906, | 164696, | 64667, | 324750, | 67624, | 52054, | 90077, | 40782, | 267963, | 86550, | 121456, |
| 3, | 104097, | 46989, | 323661, | 78061, | 136460, | 51984, | 246374, | 53900, | 34971, | 63782, | 31148, | 66719, | 96230, |
| 4, | 31867, | 49350, | 25207, | 194066, | 46422, | 81428, | 30988, | 140124, | 32641, | 16327, | 35225, | 38065, | 58914, |
| 5, | 10800, | 14330, | 23187, | 13510, | 101893, | 26596, | 43808, | 14935, | 61948, | 13430, | 7767, | 20015, | 33608, |
| 6, | 10686, | 5586, | 8499, | 12080, | 5888, | 56066, | 10859, | 21768, | 7251, | 30167, | 7255, | 11516, | 18601, |
| 7, | 4369, | 5969, | 3443, | 4352, | 7279, | 2977, | 27931, | 4382, | 12143, | 2812, | 15118, | 7001, | 12228, |
| 8, | 3007, | 2475, | 4018, | 2009, | 2199, | 3653, | 1273, | 14559, | 2022, | 6410, | 1345, | 4569, | 8199, |
| 9, | 2453, | 1866, | 1617, | 2424, | 1094, | 1240, | 2148, | 709, | 7484, | 896, | 3571, | 2901, | 5666, |
| 10, | 219, | 1719, | 1245, | 889, | 1488, | 581, | 656, | 1064, | 362, | 3612, | 477, | 2115, | 5095, |
| 11, | 164, | 162, | 1327, | 872, | 495, | 889, | 341, | 326, | 634, | 100, | 1895, | 1454, | 3732, |
| 12, | 309, | 116, | 104, | 893, | 476, | 280, | 513, | 227, | 233, | 291, | 59, | 995, | 2753, |
| 13, | 145, | 197, | 70, | 38, | 440, | 207, | 149, | 260, | 134, | 64, | 151, | 627, | 1999, |
| 14, | 34, | 91, | 132, | 37, | 17, | 271, | 107, | 55, | 188, | 69, | 37, | 403, | 1401, |
| +9p, | 373, | 319, | 448, | 388, | 630, | 253, | 584, | 409, | 308, | 185, | 139, | | |
| TOTAL, | 683216, | 644772, | 674763, | 545906, | 729370, | 625969, | 491555, | 409290, | 295647, | 476737, | 372149, | | |

Table 7.11. NORTH SEA SOLE (IV) Indices of recruitment (input data for RCT3)

| Year class | DFS INT-0 | SNS Tridens 1 | DFS INT-1 | SNS Tridens 2 | SNS Tridens 3 | Ger Solea 3 | BTS Neth-1 | BTS Neth-2 |
|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1968 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 745 | 99 | -11 | -11 | -11 |
| 1969 | -11 | 4938 | -11 | 1961 | 161 | -11 | -11 | -11 |
| 1970 | -11 | 613 | -11 | 341 | 73 | -11 | -11 | -11 |
| 1971 | -11 | 1410 | -11 | 905 | 69 | -11 | -11 | -11 |
| 1972 | -11 | 4686 | -11 | 397 | 174 | -11 | -11 | -11 |
| 1973 | -11 | 1924 | -11 | 887 | 187 | 31.5 | -11 | -11 |
| 1974 | -11 | 597 | 2.83 | 79 | 77 | 16.3 | -11 | -11 |
| 1975 | 160.94 | 1413 | 6.95 | 762 | 267 | 34.4 | -11 | -11 |
| 1976 | 80.99 | 3724 | 9.63 | 1379 | 325 | -11 | -11 | -11 |
| 1977 | 27.95 | 1552 | 2.1 | 388 | 99 | 41.5 | -11 | -11 |
| 1978 | 89.98 | 104 | 2.27 | 80 | 51 | 1.9 | -11 | -11 |
| 1979 | 392.06 | 4483 | -11 | 1411 | 231 | 76.1 | -11 | -11 |
| 1980 | 403.86 | 3739 | 14.59 | 1124 | 107 | 77.1 | -11 | -11 |
| 1981 | 295.15 | 5098 | 15.08 | 1137 | 307 | 147.1 | -11 | -11 |
| 1982 | 340.01 | 2640 | -11 | 1081 | 159 | 77.8 | -11 | -11 |
| 1983 | 108.73 | 2359 | 12.31 | 709 | 67 | 10.8 | -11 | 6.021 |
| 1984 | 195.01 | 2151 | 3.97 | 465 | 59 | 29.8 | 2.372 | 4.883 |
| 1985 | 300.66 | 3791 | 13.55 | 955 | 284 | 24.6 | 5.935 | 9.842 |
| 1986 | 72.06 | 1890 | 6.18 | 594 | 248 | 20.3 | 6.101 | 11.138 |
| 1987 | 532.11 | 11227 | 38.04 | 5369 | 907 | 66.9 | 70.609 | 60.486 |
| 1988 | 61.15 | 3052 | 9.25 | 1078 | 527 | 86.4 | 8.021 | 19.4 |
| 1989 | 83.38 | 2900 | 13.26 | 2515 | 319 | 54.1 | 18.991 | 17.372 |
| 1990 | 62.16 | 1265 | 12.26 | 114 | 46 | 11.3 | 3.328 | 24.403 |
| 1991 | 368.7 | 11081 | 18.44 | 3489 | 943 | 180.7 | 67.816 | 24.505 |
| 1992 | 32.65 | 1351 | 11.84 | 475 | 126 | -11 | 4.954 | 5.007 |
| 1993 | 29.18 | 559 | 5.88 | 234 | 27 | -11 | 6.537 | 6.343 |
| 1994 | 76.17 | 1501 | 7.16 | 473 | 231 | -11 | 25.812 | 5.055 |
| 1995 | 18.13 | 691 | 3.25 | 143 | 131 | -11 | 3.029 | 4.214 |
| 1996 | 61.03 | 10132 | 24.88 | 1993 | -11 | -11 | 136.097 | -11 |
| 1997 | 55.86 | 2875 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 |
| 1998 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 |

DFS International Demersal Fish Survey
 BTS International Beam Trawl Survey
 SNS Sole Net Survey

Table 7.12

NORTH SEA SOLE (IV) - VPA (1 year olds)

Data for 8 surveys over 31 years : 1968 - 1998

Regression type = C
 Tapered time weighting not applied
 Survey weighting not applied

Final estimates shrunk towards mean
 Minimum S.E. for any survey taken as .00
 Minimum of 3 points used for regression

Forecast/Hindcast variance correction used.

Yearclass = 1995

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | prediction |
| DFS-0, | 1.30 | 5.27 | .97 | .396 | 20 | 2.95 | 9.10 | 1.150 | .026 | 8,955 |
| SNS-1, | .78 | 5.55 | .28 | .870 | 26 | 6.54 | 10.64 | .308 | .370 | 41,773 |
| DFS-1, | 1.46 | 8.16 | .52 | .717 | 19 | 1.45 | 10.28 | .597 | .102 | 29,144 |
| SNS-2, | .81 | 6.16 | .42 | .749 | 27 | 4.97 | 10.20 | .467 | .161 | 26,903 |
| SNS-3, | 1.05 | 6.15 | .60 | .599 | 27 | 4.88 | 11.29 | .632 | .087 | 80,017 |
| BTS-1, | .75 | 9.86 | .43 | .737 | 11 | 1.39 | 10.90 | .518 | .130 | 54,176 |
| BTS-2, | 1.22 | 8.56 | .65 | .534 | 12 | 1.65 | 10.57 | .791 | .056 | 39,949 |
| VPA Mean = | | | | | | 11.48 | | .715 | .068 | 96,761 |

Yearclass = 1996

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | prediction |
| DFS-0, | 1.30 | 5.27 | .97 | .396 | 20 | 4.13 | 10.63 | 1.063 | .038 | 41,357 |
| SNS-1, | .78 | 5.55 | .28 | .870 | 26 | 9.22 | 12.72 | .315 | .433 | 334,369 |
| DFS-1, | 1.46 | 8.16 | .52 | .717 | 19 | 3.25 | 12.92 | .596 | .121 | 408,399 |
| SNS-2, | .81 | 6.16 | .42 | .749 | 27 | 7.60 | 12.34 | .456 | .206 | 228,662 |
| BTS-1, | .75 | 9.86 | .43 | .737 | 11 | 4.92 | 13.55 | .603 | .118 | 766,814 |
| VPA Mean = | | | | | | 11.48 | | .715 | .084 | 96,761 |

Yearclass = 1997

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | prediction |
| DFS-0, | 1.30 | 5.27 | .97 | .396 | 20 | 4.04 | 10.52 | 1.066 | .063 | 37,049 |
| SNS-1, | .78 | 5.55 | .28 | .870 | 26 | 7.36 | 11.74 | .301 | .795 | 128,492 |
| VPA Mean = | | | | | | 11.48 | | .715 | .141 | 96,761 |

| Year Class | Weighted Average Prediction | Log WAP | Int Std Error | Ext Std Error | Var Ratio | VPA | Log VPA |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|------------|
| 1995 | 41594 | 10.64 | .19 | .17 | .82 | | |
| 1996 | 291106 | 12.58 | .21 | .28 | 1.83 | | |
| 1997 | 112376 | 11.63 | .27 | .21 | .64 | | |
| 1998 | No valid surveys | | | | | | |

Table 7.13

Run title : Sole in IV (run: TUNWVN01/T01)

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Table 16 Summary (without SOP correction)

Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| | RECRUITS, Age 1 | TOTALBIO, | TOTSPBIO, | LANDINGS, | YIELD/SSB, | FBAR 2- 8, | FBAR 3-10, |
|--------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1957, | 165502, | 88541, | 78902, | 12067, | .1529, | .1369, | .1428, |
| 1958, | 144952, | 99676, | 85569, | 14287, | .1670, | .1599, | .1806, |
| 1959, | 559004, | 116347, | 93191, | 13832, | .1484, | .1324, | .1503, |
| 1960, | 66858, | 138322, | 101244, | 18620, | .1839, | .1669, | .1794, |
| 1961, | 115733, | 156081, | 148953, | 23566, | .1582, | .1599, | .1646, |
| 1962, | 28345, | 156823, | 148784, | 26877, | .1806, | .1806, | .1932, |
| 1963, | 23007, | 150772, | 148401, | 26164, | .1763, | .2612, | .2855, |
| 1964, | 554349, | 68096, | 53583, | 11342, | .2117, | .2277, | .2439, |
| 1965, | 121485, | 122205, | 48952, | 17043, | .3482, | .2464, | .2400, |
| 1966, | 41180, | 113508, | 104784, | 33340, | .3182, | .2398, | .2226, |
| 1967, | 75332, | 109351, | 100873, | 33439, | .3315, | .3081, | .2985, |
| 1968, | 100099, | 99738, | 88920, | 33179, | .3731, | .3726, | .3425, |
| 1969, | 50588, | 83909, | 70371, | 27559, | .3916, | .4229, | .3833, |
| 1970, | 141475, | 72696, | 62940, | 19685, | .3128, | .3506, | .3206, |
| 1971, | 41933, | 72564, | 52375, | 23652, | .4516, | .4440, | .4013, |
| 1972, | 76953, | 64473, | 55730, | 21086, | .3784, | .3930, | .3681, |
| 1973, | 106416, | 56337, | 41863, | 19309, | .4612, | .4519, | .4708, |
| 1974, | 110805, | 60113, | 42275, | 17989, | .4255, | .4625, | .4851, |
| 1975, | 41890, | 59304, | 43014, | 20773, | .4829, | .4618, | .4617, |
| 1976, | 114207, | 52814, | 43470, | 17326, | .3986, | .4047, | .4317, |
| 1977, | 140650, | 56002, | 36034, | 18003, | .4996, | .3819, | .3828, |
| 1978, | 47080, | 57660, | 38553, | 20280, | .5260, | .4938, | .4788, |
| 1979, | 11840, | 53006, | 46172, | 22598, | .4894, | .4612, | .4525, |
| 1980, | 155102, | 43754, | 36024, | 15807, | .4388, | .4430, | .4454, |
| 1981, | 149684, | 51351, | 24723, | 15403, | .6230, | .4484, | .4571, |
| 1982, | 153485, | 60046, | 34817, | 21579, | .6198, | .4961, | .5050, |
| 1983, | 144561, | 68552, | 42236, | 24927, | .5902, | .4657, | .4533, |
| 1984, | 72014, | 66447, | 45499, | 26839, | .5899, | .5522, | .5431, |
| 1985, | 82369, | 55128, | 42757, | 24248, | .5671, | .5142, | .4905, |
| 1986, | 161251, | 53942, | 35988, | 18200, | .5057, | .4993, | .5965, |
| 1987, | 72812, | 57415, | 31360, | 17368, | .5538, | .4287, | .4420, |
| 1988, | 448901, | 72780, | 41584, | 21590, | .5192, | .4956, | .4611, |
| 1989, | 109429, | 95680, | 36187, | 21806, | .6026, | .3904, | .3836, |
| 1990, | 182898, | 114916, | 91133, | 35120, | .3854, | .4339, | .4570, |
| 1991, | 71591, | 104586, | 78279, | 33513, | .4281, | .4684, | .5080, |
| 1992, | 359922, | 106496, | 78411, | 29341, | .3742, | .4476, | .4953, |
| 1993, | 74792, | 101586, | 56279, | 31491, | .5596, | .5267, | .5599, |
| 1994, | 58199, | 89121, | 76541, | 33002, | .4312, | .5234, | .5923, |
| 1995, | 104516, | 75456, | 62370, | 30467, | .4885, | .5373, | .5565, |
| 1996, | 45250, | 56056, | 40552, | 22651, | .5586, | .6306, | .7475, |
| 1997, | 297809, | 54465, | 33457, | 14981, | .4478, | .5051, | .5552, |
| Arith. | | | | | | | |
| Mean | 137177, | 83808, | 63979, | 22691, | .4110, | .3934, | .4032, |
| Units, | (Thousands), | (Tonnes), | (Tonnes), | (Tonnes), | | | |

Table 7.14

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Prediction with management option table: Input data

| Year: 1998 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Stock size | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 112376.00 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.050 | 0.0176 | 0.155 |
| 2 | 267963.00 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.149 | 0.2151 | 0.181 |
| 3 | 31148.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.182 | 0.4701 | 0.201 |
| 4 | 35225.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.224 | 0.6483 | 0.239 |
| 5 | 7767.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.259 | 0.5308 | 0.268 |
| 6 | 7255.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.297 | 0.5802 | 0.300 |
| 7 | 15118.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.334 | 0.5585 | 0.329 |
| 8 | 1345.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.351 | 0.5327 | 0.344 |
| 9 | 3571.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.435 | 0.5227 | 0.407 |
| 10 | 477.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.415 | 0.6477 | 0.476 |
| 11 | 1895.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.480 | 0.4045 | 0.622 |
| 12 | 59.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.624 | 0.6582 | 0.564 |
| 13 | 151.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.672 | 0.3728 | 0.667 |
| 14 | 37.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.642 | 0.5630 | 0.695 |
| 15+ | 139.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.704 | 0.5630 | 0.699 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

| Year: 1999 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Recruit-ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 98461.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.050 | 0.0176 | 0.155 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.149 | 0.2151 | 0.181 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.182 | 0.4701 | 0.201 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.224 | 0.6483 | 0.239 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.259 | 0.5308 | 0.268 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.297 | 0.5802 | 0.300 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.334 | 0.5585 | 0.329 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.351 | 0.5327 | 0.344 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.435 | 0.5227 | 0.407 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.415 | 0.6477 | 0.476 |
| 11 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.480 | 0.4045 | 0.622 |
| 12 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.624 | 0.6582 | 0.564 |
| 13 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.672 | 0.3728 | 0.667 |
| 14 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.642 | 0.5630 | 0.695 |
| 15+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.704 | 0.5630 | 0.699 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

| Year: 2000 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Recruit-ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 98461.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.050 | 0.0176 | 0.155 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.149 | 0.2151 | 0.181 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.182 | 0.4701 | 0.201 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.224 | 0.6483 | 0.239 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.259 | 0.5308 | 0.268 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.297 | 0.5802 | 0.300 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.334 | 0.5585 | 0.329 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.351 | 0.5327 | 0.344 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.435 | 0.5227 | 0.407 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.415 | 0.6477 | 0.476 |
| 11 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.480 | 0.4045 | 0.622 |
| 12 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.624 | 0.6582 | 0.564 |
| 13 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.672 | 0.3728 | 0.667 |
| 14 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.642 | 0.5630 | 0.695 |
| 15+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.704 | 0.5630 | 0.699 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

Notes: Run name : MANVNO4
Date and time: 10OCT98:17:08

Table 7.15

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Prediction with management option table

| Year: 1998 | | | | | Year: 1999 | | | | | Year: 2000 | |
|------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| F Factor | Reference F | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass | Catch in weight | F Factor | Reference F | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass | Catch in weight | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1.0000 | 0.5051 | 71713 | 26168 | 20416 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 70932 | 51123 | 0 | 90443 | 72246 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.1000 | 0.0505 | . | 51123 | 2964 | 87343 | 69169 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.2000 | 0.1010 | . | 51123 | 5795 | 84386 | 66235 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.3000 | 0.1515 | . | 51123 | 8499 | 81564 | 63436 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.4000 | 0.2020 | . | 51123 | 11083 | 78870 | 60766 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.5000 | 0.2526 | . | 51123 | 13552 | 76300 | 58218 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.6000 | 0.3031 | . | 51123 | 15913 | 73846 | 55787 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.7000 | 0.3536 | . | 51123 | 18169 | 71503 | 53468 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.8000 | 0.4041 | . | 51123 | 20326 | 69266 | 51254 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.9000 | 0.4546 | . | 51123 | 22389 | 67129 | 49140 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.0000 | 0.5051 | . | 51123 | 24362 | 65088 | 47122 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.1000 | 0.5556 | . | 51123 | 26249 | 63138 | 45195 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.2000 | 0.6061 | . | 51123 | 28055 | 61276 | 43355 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.3000 | 0.6566 | . | 51123 | 29783 | 59495 | 41598 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.4000 | 0.7071 | . | 51123 | 31437 | 57794 | 39920 |
| - | - | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | - | - | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes |

Notes: Run name : MANWVNO4
 Date and time : 10OCT98:17:08
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 2 - 8
 Basis for 1998 : F factors

Table 7.16

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Single option prediction: Detailed tables

| Year: 1998 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.5051 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0176 | 1866 | 289 | 112376 | 5619 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.2151 | 49441 | 8949 | 267963 | 39926 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.4701 | 11161 | 2243 | 31148 | 5669 | 31148 | 5669 | 31148 | 5669 |
| 4 | 0.6483 | 16078 | 3843 | 35225 | 7890 | 35225 | 7890 | 35225 | 7890 |
| 5 | 0.5308 | 3058 | 819 | 7767 | 2012 | 7767 | 2012 | 7767 | 2012 |
| 6 | 0.5802 | 3054 | 916 | 7255 | 2155 | 7255 | 2155 | 7255 | 2155 |
| 7 | 0.5585 | 6185 | 2035 | 15118 | 5049 | 15118 | 5049 | 15118 | 5049 |
| 8 | 0.5327 | 531 | 183 | 1345 | 472 | 1345 | 472 | 1345 | 472 |
| 9 | 0.5227 | 1389 | 565 | 3571 | 1553 | 3571 | 1553 | 3571 | 1553 |
| 10 | 0.6477 | 218 | 104 | 477 | 198 | 477 | 198 | 477 | 198 |
| 11 | 0.4045 | 602 | 374 | 1895 | 910 | 1895 | 910 | 1895 | 910 |
| 12 | 0.6582 | 27 | 15 | 59 | 37 | 59 | 37 | 59 | 37 |
| 13 | 0.3728 | 45 | 30 | 151 | 101 | 151 | 101 | 151 | 101 |
| 14 | 0.5630 | 15 | 11 | 37 | 24 | 37 | 24 | 37 | 24 |
| 15+ | 0.5630 | 57 | 40 | 139 | 98 | 139 | 98 | 139 | 98 |
| Total | | 93726 | 20416 | 484526 | 71713 | 104187 | 26168 | 104187 | 26168 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

| Year: 1999 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.5051 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0176 | 1635 | 253 | 98461 | 4923 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.2151 | 18434 | 3337 | 99908 | 14886 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.4701 | 70063 | 14083 | 195537 | 35588 | 195537 | 35588 | 195537 | 35588 |
| 4 | 0.6483 | 8039 | 1921 | 17613 | 3945 | 17613 | 3945 | 17613 | 3945 |
| 5 | 0.5308 | 6561 | 1758 | 16667 | 4317 | 16667 | 4317 | 16667 | 4317 |
| 6 | 0.5802 | 1740 | 522 | 4133 | 1228 | 4133 | 1228 | 4133 | 1228 |
| 7 | 0.5585 | 1503 | 495 | 3675 | 1227 | 3675 | 1227 | 3675 | 1227 |
| 8 | 0.5327 | 3089 | 1063 | 7825 | 2747 | 7825 | 2747 | 7825 | 2747 |
| 9 | 0.5227 | 278 | 113 | 714 | 311 | 714 | 311 | 714 | 311 |
| 10 | 0.6477 | 874 | 416 | 1916 | 795 | 1916 | 795 | 1916 | 795 |
| 11 | 0.4045 | 72 | 45 | 226 | 108 | 226 | 108 | 226 | 108 |
| 12 | 0.6582 | 528 | 298 | 1144 | 714 | 1144 | 714 | 1144 | 714 |
| 13 | 0.3728 | 8 | 5 | 28 | 19 | 28 | 19 | 28 | 19 |
| 14 | 0.5630 | 39 | 27 | 94 | 60 | 94 | 60 | 94 | 60 |
| 15+ | 0.5630 | 37 | 26 | 91 | 64 | 91 | 64 | 91 | 64 |
| Total | | 112900 | 24362 | 448033 | 70932 | 249664 | 51123 | 249664 | 51123 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

(cont.)

Table 7.16 Continued

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Single option prediction: Detailed tables

(cont.)

| Year: 2000 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.5051 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0176 | 1635 | 253 | 98461 | 4923 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.2151 | 16151 | 2923 | 87537 | 13043 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.4701 | 26122 | 5251 | 72905 | 13269 | 72905 | 13269 | 72905 | 13269 |
| 4 | 0.6483 | 50467 | 12062 | 110570 | 24768 | 110570 | 24768 | 110570 | 24768 |
| 5 | 0.5308 | 3281 | 879 | 8334 | 2159 | 8334 | 2159 | 8334 | 2159 |
| 6 | 0.5802 | 3734 | 1120 | 8870 | 2634 | 8870 | 2634 | 8870 | 2634 |
| 7 | 0.5585 | 857 | 282 | 2094 | 699 | 2094 | 699 | 2094 | 699 |
| 8 | 0.5327 | 751 | 258 | 1902 | 668 | 1902 | 668 | 1902 | 668 |
| 9 | 0.5227 | 1617 | 658 | 4157 | 1808 | 4157 | 1808 | 4157 | 1808 |
| 10 | 0.6477 | 175 | 83 | 383 | 159 | 383 | 159 | 383 | 159 |
| 11 | 0.4045 | 288 | 179 | 907 | 435 | 907 | 435 | 907 | 435 |
| 12 | 0.6582 | 63 | 35 | 136 | 85 | 136 | 85 | 136 | 85 |
| 13 | 0.3728 | 159 | 106 | 536 | 360 | 536 | 360 | 536 | 360 |
| 14 | 0.5630 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 17 | 11 |
| 15+ | 0.5630 | 39 | 27 | 95 | 67 | 95 | 67 | 95 | 67 |
| Total | | 105346 | 24123 | 396904 | 65088 | 210906 | 47122 | 210906 | 47122 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

Notes: Run name : SPRVW04
 Date and time : 10OCT98:17:04
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 2 - 8
 Prediction basis : F factors

Table 7.17.

North Sea sole (IV)
Stock numbers of recruits and their source for recent year classes used in predictions, and the relative (%) contributions to landings and SSB (by weight) of these year classes

| Year-class | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Stock No. (thousands) of 1 year-olds | 104516 | 45250 | 297809 | 112376 | 98461 |
| Source | VPA | VPA | VPA | RCT3 | GM |
| Status Quo F: | | | | | |
| % in 1998 landings | 18.8 | 11.0 | 43.8 | 1.4 | - |
| % in 1999 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 57.8 | 13.7 | 1.0 |
| % in 1998 SSB | 30.2 | 21.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| % in 1999 SSB | 8.4 | 7.7 | 69.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| % in 2000 SSB | 5.6 | 4.6 | 52.6 | 28.2 | 0.0 |

GM : geometric mean recruitment

North Sea sole (IV) : Year-class % contribution to

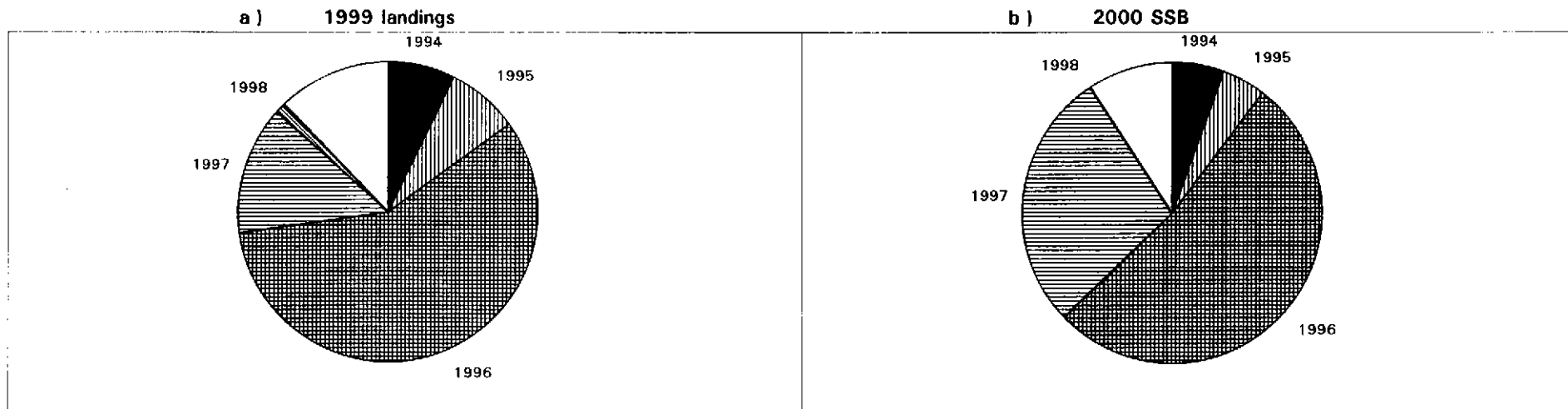


Table 7.18. North Sea Sole (IV) Input data for linear sensitivity analysis

| Name | Value | certainty (CV) | Name | Value | certainty (CV) |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------|---|-------|-------------------|
| Population at age in 1998 | | | Fishing mortality pattern | | |
| N1 | 112376 | 0.27 | sH1 | 0.018 | 1.31 |
| N2 | 267962 | 0.38 | sH2 | 0.215 | 0.27 |
| N3 | 31146 | 0.17 | sH3 | 0.470 | 0.17 |
| N4 | 35224 | 0.13 | sH4 | 0.648 | 0.03 |
| N5 | 7766 | 0.13 | sH5 | 0.531 | 0.09 |
| N6 | 7253 | 0.12 | sH6 | 0.580 | 0.20 |
| N7 | 15115 | 0.13 | sH7 | 0.559 | 0.21 |
| N8 | 1344 | 0.14 | sH8 | 0.533 | 0.08 |
| N9 | 3569 | 0.12 | sH9 | 0.523 | 0.04 |
| N10 | 475 | 0.16 | sH10 | 0.648 | 0.46 |
| N11 | 1893 | 0.17 | sH11 | 0.405 | 0.41 |
| N12 | 59 | 0.24 | sH12 | 0.662 | 0.45 |
| N13 | 149 | 0.22 | sH13 | 0.373 | 0.38 |
| N14 | 36 | 0.26 | sH14 | 0.566 | 0.24 |
| N15 | 138 | 0.23 | sH15 | 0.566 | 0.24 |
| Weight in the catch at age | | | Weight in the stock at age | | |
| WH1 | 0.155 | 0.04 | WS1 | 0.050 | 0.00 |
| WH2 | 0.181 | 0.02 | WS2 | 0.149 | 0.01 |
| WH3 | 0.201 | 0.02 | WS3 | 0.182 | 0.04 |
| WH4 | 0.239 | 0.03 | WS4 | 0.224 | 0.07 |
| WH5 | 0.268 | 0.02 | WS5 | 0.259 | 0.05 |
| WH6 | 0.300 | 0.06 | WS6 | 0.297 | 0.09 |
| WH7 | 0.329 | 0.04 | WS7 | 0.334 | 0.08 |
| WH8 | 0.344 | 0.10 | WS8 | 0.351 | 0.07 |
| WH9 | 0.407 | 0.08 | WS9 | 0.435 | 0.22 |
| WH10 | 0.476 | 0.13 | WS10 | 0.415 | 0.09 |
| WH11 | 0.622 | 0.18 | WS11 | 0.480 | 0.19 |
| WH12 | 0.564 | 0.06 | WS12 | 0.624 | 0.13 |
| WH13 | 0.667 | 0.13 | WS13 | 0.672 | 0.08 |
| WH14 | 0.695 | 0.34 | WS14 | 0.642 | 0.09 |
| WH15 | 0.699 | 0.12 | WS15 | 0.704 | 0.12 |
| Natural mortality pattern | | | Maturity ogive pattern | | |
| M1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT1 | 0 | 0 |
| M2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT2 | 0 | 0.1 |
| M3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT3 | 1 | 0.1 |
| M4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT4 | 1 | 0 |
| M5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT5 | 1 | 0 |
| M6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT6 | 1 | 0 |
| M7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT7 | 1 | 0 |
| M8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT8 | 1 | 0 |
| M9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT9 | 1 | 0 |
| M10 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT10 | 1 | 0 |
| M11 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT11 | 1 | 0 |
| M12 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT12 | 1 | 0 |
| M13 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT13 | 1 | 0 |
| M14 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT14 | 1 | 0 |
| M15 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT15 | 1 | 0 |
| Effort multiplier in year | | | Natural mortality multiplier in year | | |
| HF98 | 1 | 0.12 | K98 | 1 | 0.1 |
| HF99 | 1 | 0.12 | K99 | 1 | 0.1 |
| HF00 | 1 | 0.12 | K00 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Recruitment in year | | | | | |
| R99 | 98458 | 0.8 | | | |
| R00 | 98458 | 0.8 | | | |

Table 7.19 North Sea Sole (IV) Input data for medium term analysis

| Name | Value certainty (CV) | | Name | Value certainty (CV) | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------|
| Population at age in 1998 | | | Fishing mortality pattern | | |
| N1 | 112376 | 0.27 | sH1 | 0.018 | 1.31 |
| N2 | 267962 | 0.38 | sH2 | 0.215 | 0.27 |
| N3 | 31146 | 0.17 | sH3 | 0.470 | 0.17 |
| N4 | 35224 | 0.13 | sH4 | 0.648 | 0.03 |
| N5 | 7766 | 0.13 | sH5 | 0.531 | 0.09 |
| N6 | 7253 | 0.12 | sH6 | 0.580 | 0.20 |
| N7 | 15115 | 0.13 | sH7 | 0.559 | 0.21 |
| N8 | 1344 | 0.14 | sH8 | 0.533 | 0.08 |
| N9 | 3569 | 0.12 | sH9 | 0.523 | 0.04 |
| N10 | 475 | 0.16 | sH10 | 0.648 | 0.46 |
| N11 | 1893 | 0.17 | sH11 | 0.405 | 0.41 |
| N12 | 59 | 0.24 | sH12 | 0.662 | 0.45 |
| N13 | 149 | 0.22 | sH13 | 0.373 | 0.38 |
| N14 | 36 | 0.26 | sH14 | 0.566 | 0.24 |
| N15 | 138 | 0.23 | sH15 | 0.566 | 0.24 |
| Weight in the catch at age | | | Weight in the stock at age | | |
| WH1 | 0.136 | 0.12 | WS1 | 0.050 | 0.00 |
| WH2 | 0.180 | 0.03 | WS2 | 0.140 | 0.07 |
| WH3 | 0.211 | 0.04 | WS3 | 0.190 | 0.05 |
| WH4 | 0.269 | 0.10 | WS4 | 0.256 | 0.11 |
| WH5 | 0.324 | 0.14 | WS5 | 0.313 | 0.13 |
| WH6 | 0.371 | 0.14 | WS6 | 0.370 | 0.15 |
| WH7 | 0.410 | 0.15 | WS7 | 0.401 | 0.14 |
| WH8 | 0.464 | 0.15 | WS8 | 0.466 | 0.17 |
| WH9 | 0.490 | 0.15 | WS9 | 0.486 | 0.16 |
| WH10 | 0.541 | 0.12 | WS10 | 0.503 | 0.16 |
| WH11 | 0.612 | 0.14 | WS11 | 0.580 | 0.20 |
| WH12 | 0.583 | 0.11 | WS12 | 0.614 | 0.16 |
| WH13 | 0.669 | 0.17 | WS13 | 0.672 | 0.18 |
| WH14 | 0.711 | 0.19 | WS14 | 0.714 | 0.23 |
| WH15 | 0.679 | 0.10 | WS15 | 0.690 | 0.12 |
| Natural mortality pattern | | | Maturity ogive pattern | | |
| M1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT1 | 0 | 0 |
| M2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT2 | 0 | 0.1 |
| M3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT3 | 1 | 0.1 |
| M4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT4 | 1 | 0 |
| M5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT5 | 1 | 0 |
| M6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT6 | 1 | 0 |
| M7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT7 | 1 | 0 |
| M8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT8 | 1 | 0 |
| M9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT9 | 1 | 0 |
| M10 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT10 | 1 | 0 |
| M11 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT11 | 1 | 0 |
| M12 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT12 | 1 | 0 |
| M13 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT13 | 1 | 0 |
| M14 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT14 | 1 | 0 |
| M15 | 0.1 | 0.1 | MT15 | 1 | 0 |
| Effort multiplier in year | | | Natural mortality multiplier in year | | |
| HF98 | 1 | 0.12 | K98 | 1 | 0.1 |
| HF99 | 1 | 0.12 | K99 | 1 | 0.1 |
| HF00 | 1 | 0.12 | K00 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Recruitment in year | | | | | |
| R99 | 98458 | 0.8 | | | |
| R00 | 98458 | 0.8 | | | |

Table 7.20

Sole North Sea(IV)

Data read from file SOL4.REC

Ricker curve

Moving average term NOT fitted

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| IFAIL on exit from E04FDF = | 5 |
| Residual sum of squares= | 26.412 |
| Number of observations= | 40 |
| Number of parameters = | 2 |
| Residual mean square = | 0.6951 |
| Coefficient of determination = | -0.0163 |
| Adj. coeff. of determination = | -0.0431 |
| IFAIL from E04YCF= | 0 |

Parameter Correlation matrix

| | |
|--------|---|
| 1 | |
| 0.8948 | 1 |

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Parameter | s.d. |
| 4.7592 | 1.4052 |
| 0.016 | 0.0041 |

| Y/Class | SSB | Recruits | Fit. rct | residuals | residuals | wt |
|---------|-------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----|
| 1957 | 78.9 | 145 | 106.03 | 0.313 | 0.313 | 1 |
| 1958 | 85.6 | 559 | 103.32 | 1.6883 | 1.6883 | 1 |
| 1959 | 93.2 | 67 | 99.59 | -0.3964 | -0.3964 | 1 |
| 1960 | 101.2 | 116 | 95.13 | 0.1984 | 0.1984 | 1 |
| 1961 | 149 | 28 | 65.1 | -0.8437 | -0.8437 | 1 |
| 1962 | 148.8 | 23 | 65.22 | -1.0423 | -1.0423 | 1 |
| 1963 | 148.4 | 554 | 65.47 | 2.1356 | 2.1356 | 1 |
| 1964 | 53.6 | 121 | 108.05 | 0.1132 | 0.1132 | 1 |
| 1965 | 49 | 41 | 106.33 | -0.953 | -0.953 | 1 |
| 1966 | 104.8 | 75 | 92.99 | -0.215 | -0.215 | 1 |
| 1967 | 100.9 | 100 | 95.3 | 0.0481 | 0.0481 | 1 |
| 1968 | 88.9 | 51 | 101.77 | -0.6909 | -0.6909 | 1 |
| 1969 | 70.4 | 141 | 108.41 | 0.2628 | 0.2628 | 1 |
| 1970 | 62.9 | 42 | 109.24 | -0.9558 | -0.9558 | 1 |
| 1971 | 52.4 | 77 | 107.68 | -0.3353 | -0.3353 | 1 |
| 1972 | 55.7 | 106 | 108.56 | -0.0239 | -0.0239 | 1 |
| 1973 | 41.9 | 111 | 101.88 | 0.0857 | 0.0857 | 1 |
| 1974 | 42.3 | 42 | 102.2 | -0.8892 | -0.8892 | 1 |
| 1975 | 43 | 114 | 102.73 | 0.1041 | 0.1041 | 1 |
| 1976 | 43.5 | 141 | 103.1 | 0.3131 | 0.3131 | 1 |
| 1977 | 36 | 47 | 96.22 | -0.7165 | -0.7165 | 1 |
| 1978 | 38.5 | 12 | 98.86 | -2.1088 | -2.1088 | 1 |
| 1979 | 46.2 | 155 | 104.86 | 0.3908 | 0.3908 | 1 |
| 1980 | 36 | 150 | 96.22 | 0.444 | 0.444 | 1 |
| 1981 | 24.7 | 153 | 79.12 | 0.6594 | 0.6594 | 1 |
| 1982 | 34.8 | 145 | 94.82 | 0.4248 | 0.4248 | 1 |
| 1983 | 42.2 | 72 | 102.12 | -0.3495 | -0.3495 | 1 |
| 1984 | 45.5 | 82 | 104.43 | -0.2418 | -0.2418 | 1 |
| 1985 | 42.7 | 161 | 102.51 | 0.4515 | 0.4515 | 1 |
| 1986 | 36 | 73 | 96.22 | -0.2762 | -0.2762 | 1 |
| 1987 | 31.3 | 449 | 90.2 | 1.605 | 1.605 | 1 |
| 1988 | 41.6 | 109 | 101.64 | 0.0699 | 0.0699 | 1 |
| 1989 | 36.2 | 183 | 96.44 | 0.6405 | 0.6405 | 1 |
| 1990 | 91.1 | 72 | 100.68 | -0.3353 | -0.3353 | 1 |
| 1991 | 78.3 | 360 | 106.24 | 1.2204 | 1.2204 | 1 |
| 1992 | 78.4 | 75 | 106.2 | -0.3479 | -0.3479 | 1 |
| 1993 | 56.3 | 58 | 108.68 | -0.628 | -0.628 | 1 |
| 1994 | 76.5 | 105 | 108.83 | -0.0173 | -0.0173 | 1 |
| 1995 | 62.4 | 45 | 109.24 | -0.8869 | -0.8869 | 1 |
| 1996 | 40.5 | 298 | 100.71 | 1.0848 | 1.0848 | 1 |

Table 7.21

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Yield per recruit: Summary table

| F Factor | Reference F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 10.508 | 4433.229 | 8.603 | 4256.551 | 8.603 | 4256.551 |
| 0.1000 | 0.0505 | 0.303 | 127.605 | 7.478 | 2581.066 | 5.575 | 2404.612 | 5.575 | 2404.612 |
| 0.2000 | 0.1010 | 0.448 | 168.431 | 6.034 | 1770.658 | 4.133 | 1594.426 | 4.133 | 1594.426 |
| 0.3000 | 0.1515 | 0.533 | 182.945 | 5.189 | 1334.229 | 3.289 | 1158.219 | 3.289 | 1158.219 |
| 0.4000 | 0.2020 | 0.589 | 187.699 | 4.633 | 1069.456 | 2.735 | 893.667 | 2.735 | 893.667 |
| 0.5000 | 0.2526 | 0.629 | 188.474 | 4.240 | 895.420 | 2.343 | 719.853 | 2.343 | 719.853 |
| 0.6000 | 0.3031 | 0.658 | 187.575 | 3.948 | 774.087 | 2.052 | 598.741 | 2.052 | 598.741 |
| 0.7000 | 0.3536 | 0.681 | 185.995 | 3.721 | 685.546 | 1.827 | 510.420 | 1.827 | 510.420 |
| 0.8000 | 0.4041 | 0.700 | 184.182 | 3.540 | 618.531 | 1.648 | 443.625 | 1.648 | 443.625 |
| 0.9000 | 0.4546 | 0.715 | 182.343 | 3.392 | 566.269 | 1.502 | 391.583 | 1.502 | 391.583 |
| 1.0000 | 0.5051 | 0.727 | 180.570 | 3.269 | 524.489 | 1.380 | 350.022 | 1.380 | 350.022 |
| 1.1000 | 0.5556 | 0.738 | 178.904 | 3.164 | 490.382 | 1.276 | 316.134 | 1.276 | 316.134 |
| 1.2000 | 0.6061 | 0.747 | 177.357 | 3.074 | 462.040 | 1.188 | 288.011 | 1.188 | 288.011 |
| 1.3000 | 0.6566 | 0.755 | 175.930 | 2.995 | 438.127 | 1.111 | 264.315 | 1.111 | 264.315 |
| 1.4000 | 0.7071 | 0.763 | 174.618 | 2.926 | 417.680 | 1.043 | 244.086 | 1.043 | 244.086 |
| 1.5000 | 0.7577 | 0.769 | 173.412 | 2.864 | 399.993 | 0.983 | 226.616 | 0.983 | 226.616 |
| 1.6000 | 0.8082 | 0.775 | 172.304 | 2.809 | 384.537 | 0.929 | 211.378 | 0.929 | 211.378 |
| 1.7000 | 0.8587 | 0.780 | 171.284 | 2.759 | 370.908 | 0.881 | 197.965 | 0.881 | 197.965 |
| 1.8000 | 0.9092 | 0.785 | 170.345 | 2.713 | 358.792 | 0.837 | 186.065 | 0.837 | 186.065 |
| 1.9000 | 0.9597 | 0.789 | 169.478 | 2.672 | 347.943 | 0.797 | 175.432 | 0.797 | 175.432 |
| 2.0000 | 1.0102 | 0.793 | 168.677 | 2.634 | 338.164 | 0.760 | 165.869 | 0.760 | 165.869 |
| 2.1000 | 1.0607 | 0.797 | 167.936 | 2.599 | 329.299 | 0.727 | 157.218 | 0.727 | 157.218 |
| 2.2000 | 1.1112 | 0.800 | 167.248 | 2.566 | 321.218 | 0.696 | 149.352 | 0.696 | 149.352 |
| 2.3000 | 1.1617 | 0.803 | 166.609 | 2.536 | 313.816 | 0.667 | 142.165 | 0.667 | 142.165 |
| 2.4000 | 1.2122 | 0.806 | 166.014 | 2.508 | 307.006 | 0.640 | 135.569 | 0.640 | 135.569 |
| 2.5000 | 1.2628 | 0.809 | 165.459 | 2.481 | 300.715 | 0.615 | 129.491 | 0.615 | 129.491 |
| 2.6000 | 1.3133 | 0.812 | 164.941 | 2.456 | 294.882 | 0.592 | 123.871 | 0.592 | 123.871 |
| 2.7000 | 1.3638 | 0.814 | 164.456 | 2.433 | 289.454 | 0.570 | 118.656 | 0.570 | 118.656 |
| 2.8000 | 1.4143 | 0.817 | 164.002 | 2.411 | 284.388 | 0.549 | 113.802 | 0.549 | 113.802 |
| 2.9000 | 1.4648 | 0.819 | 163.575 | 2.390 | 279.645 | 0.530 | 109.271 | 0.530 | 109.271 |
| 3.0000 | 1.5153 | 0.821 | 163.174 | 2.370 | 275.193 | 0.511 | 105.030 | 0.511 | 105.030 |
| - | - | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams |

Notes: Run name : YLDWVN04
 Date and time : 12OCT98:10:42
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 2 - 8
 F-0.1 factor : 0.2020
 F-max factor : 0.4825
 F-0.1 reference F : 0.1020
 F-max reference F : 0.2437
 Recruitment : Single recruit

Table 7.22

North Sea Sole (IV) : precautionary reference points

BIOMASS

WGNSSK

Bloss (lowest observed SSB) = 25,000 t
 Blim =
 Bpa = 35,000 t
 MBAL =

SGPAFM

Blim = 25,000 t Lowest observed SSB
 Bpa = 35,000 t

FISHING MORTALITY

Status quo Fbar (2-8) = 0.51 F97

| | F value | Probability SSB<Bpa in 2007 | % of historical F above precautionary F | Long-term SSB (t) at GM rec |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| F0.1 5th %ile | 0.08 | 0% | 100% | 189123 |
| F35%SPR 5th %ile | 0.09 | 0% | 100% | 173347 |
| | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 159293 |
| F0.1 | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 157304 |
| F35%SPR | 0.11 | 0% | 100% | 147870 |
| Fmax 5th %ile | 0.18 | 0% | 85% | 96377 |
| | 0.20 | 0% | 85% | 89513 |
| Fmed 5th %ile | 0.21 | 0% | 85% | 84641 |
| Fmax | 0.24 | 0% | 80% | 74096 |
| | 0.30 | 0% | 76% | 60035 |
| Fmed | 0.33 | 1% | 73% | 54542 |
| | 0.40 | 8% | 61% | 44499 |
| Floss x 5th %ile | 0.49 | 30% | 27% | 35792 |
| | 0.50 | 32% | 17% | 35115 |
| | 0.60 | 57% | 2% | 28895 |
| | 0.70 | 72% | 0% | 24488 |
| Floss x exp(-1.645*SE) | 0.90 | 90% | 0% | 18760 |
| Floss ** | 1.24 | 98% | 0% | 13054 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| SGPAFM Flim | 0.85 | | 0% | 19861 |
| SGPAFM Fpa | 0.45 | | 41% | 39282 |

Floss
 Consistent with BPA

F range from the historic series 0.13 to 0.55
 SSB range from the historical series 24700 to 149000

** A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0,5 was used.
 Stock recruit data were log-transformed
 A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.
 Ricker Stock recruit model

Table 7.23 - North Sea sole IV

Introduction to PA Add-in outputs

Four sheets of results are included in this workbook:

RefPts - provides stochastic output in the form of a table of reference points and a chart summarising the distributions of some reference points.

Plots - provides 5 plots:

A stock recruitment plot with a LOWESS smoother as a possible stock recruitment relationship. Some reference points are also indicated.

A plot of YPR and SPR curves with some reference points indicated.

A plot of historical SSB against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

A plot of historical yield against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

A plot of the time series of stock and recruitment with expected recruits based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

PD - gives the value of the reference points during each iteration of the simulation and the percentiles plotted on the chart on RefPts.

SV - contains the steady state vectors and stock recruitment series used. These can be used as the basis for further runs.

For estimation of Gloss and Floss:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0.5 was used.

Stock recruit data were log-transformed

A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

For estimation of the stock recruitment relationship used in equilibrium calculations:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 1 was used.

Stock recruit data were un-transformed

No point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

North Sea Sole

Steady state selection averaged over 0 years.

FBar averaged from age 2 to 8

Number of iterations = 1000

Data source:

D:\North Sea Demersal WG 98\PA\FIatFish\Sole IV\SOLIV.SEN

D:\North Sea Demersal WG 98\PA\FIatFish\Sole IV\SOLIV.SUM

FishLab DLL used

FLVB32.DLL built on Aug 18 1998 at 08:57:43

Figure 7.1.

North Sea Sole, trends in effort and cpue in commercial fleets. Cpue in these fleets in recent year may be biased because of quota restrictions.

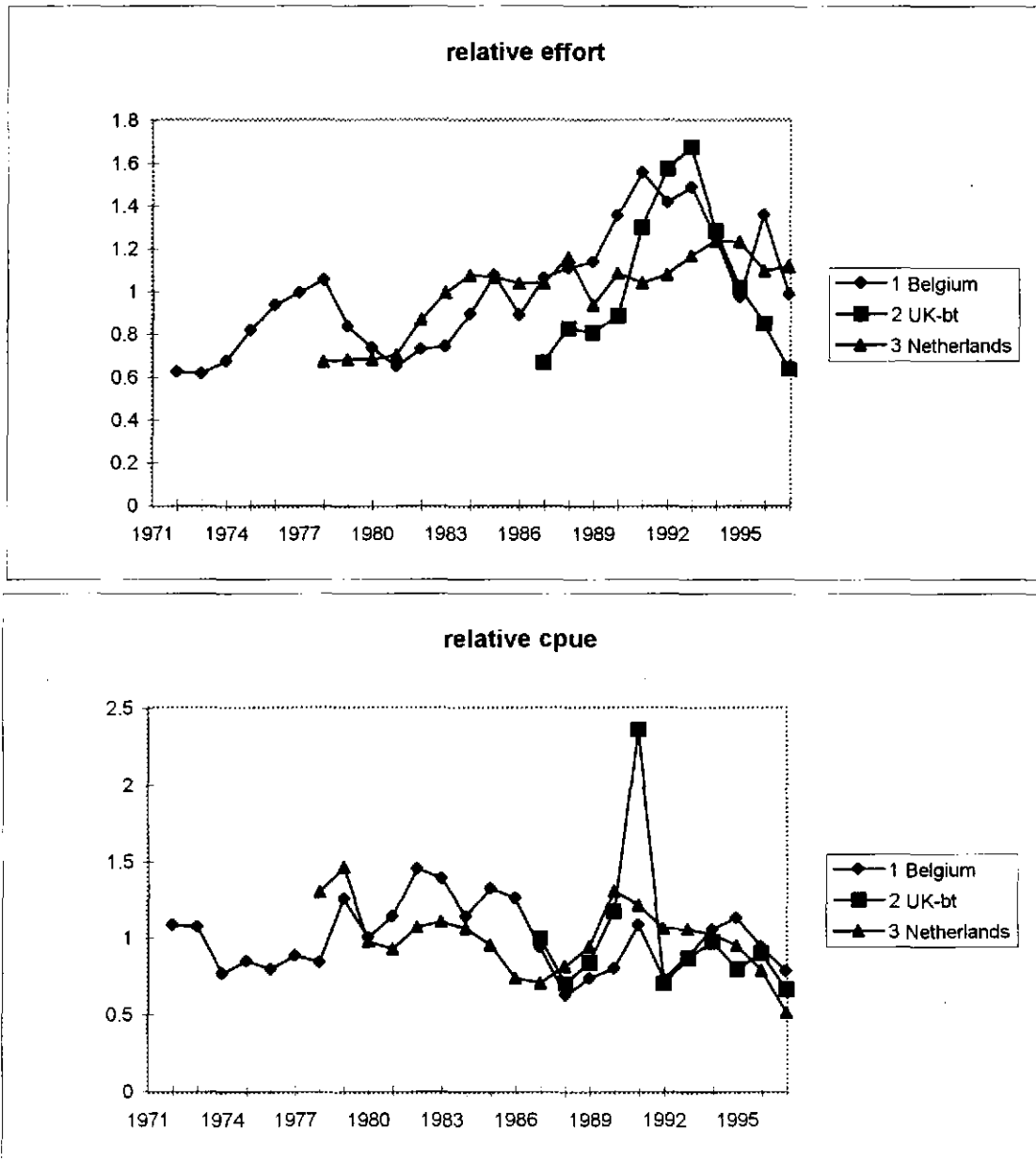


Figure 7.2

North Sea sole - Log catchability residual plots - XSA single fleets - SE shrinkage : 1.5

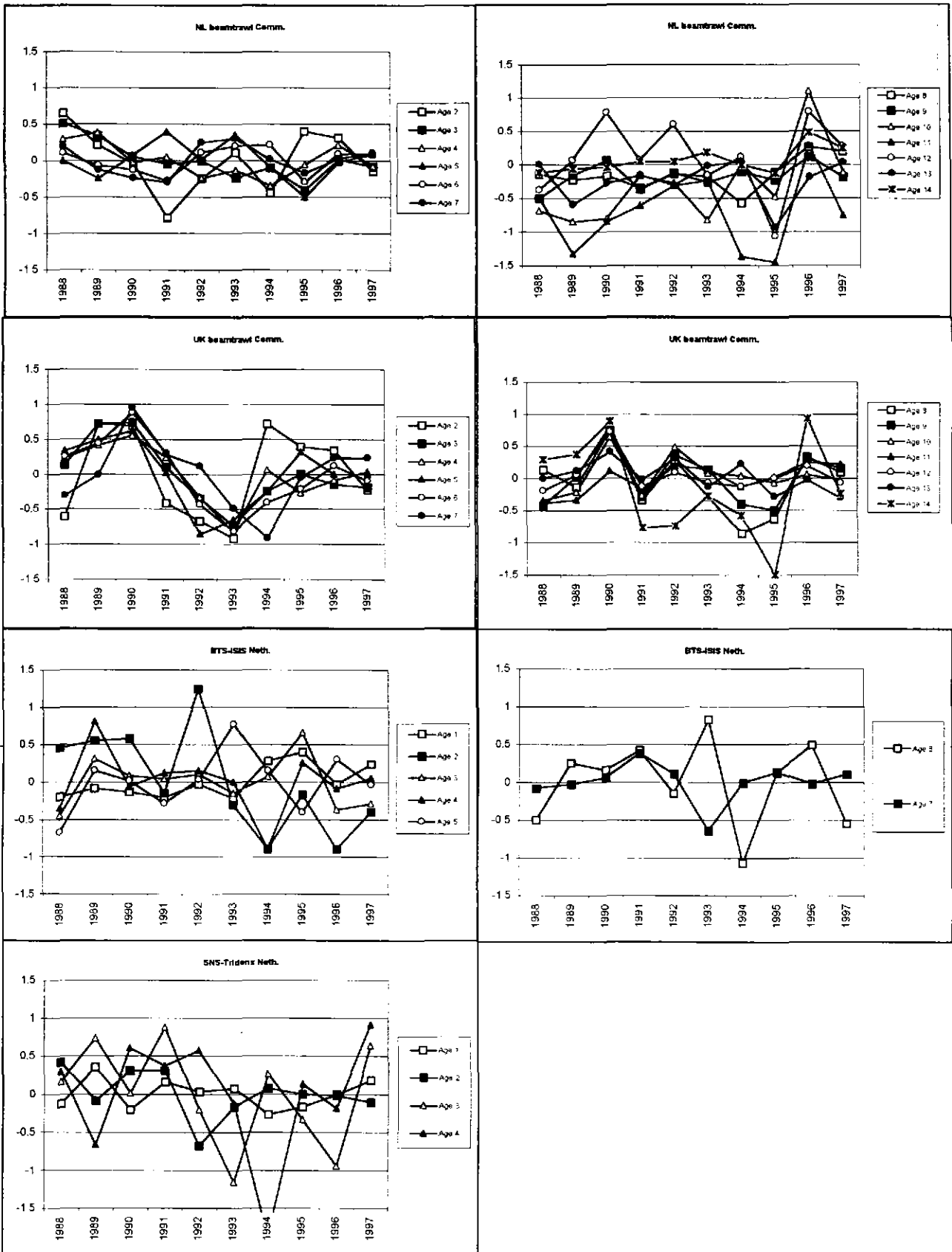


Figure 7.3

North Sea sole - Log catchability residual plots - XSA All fleets

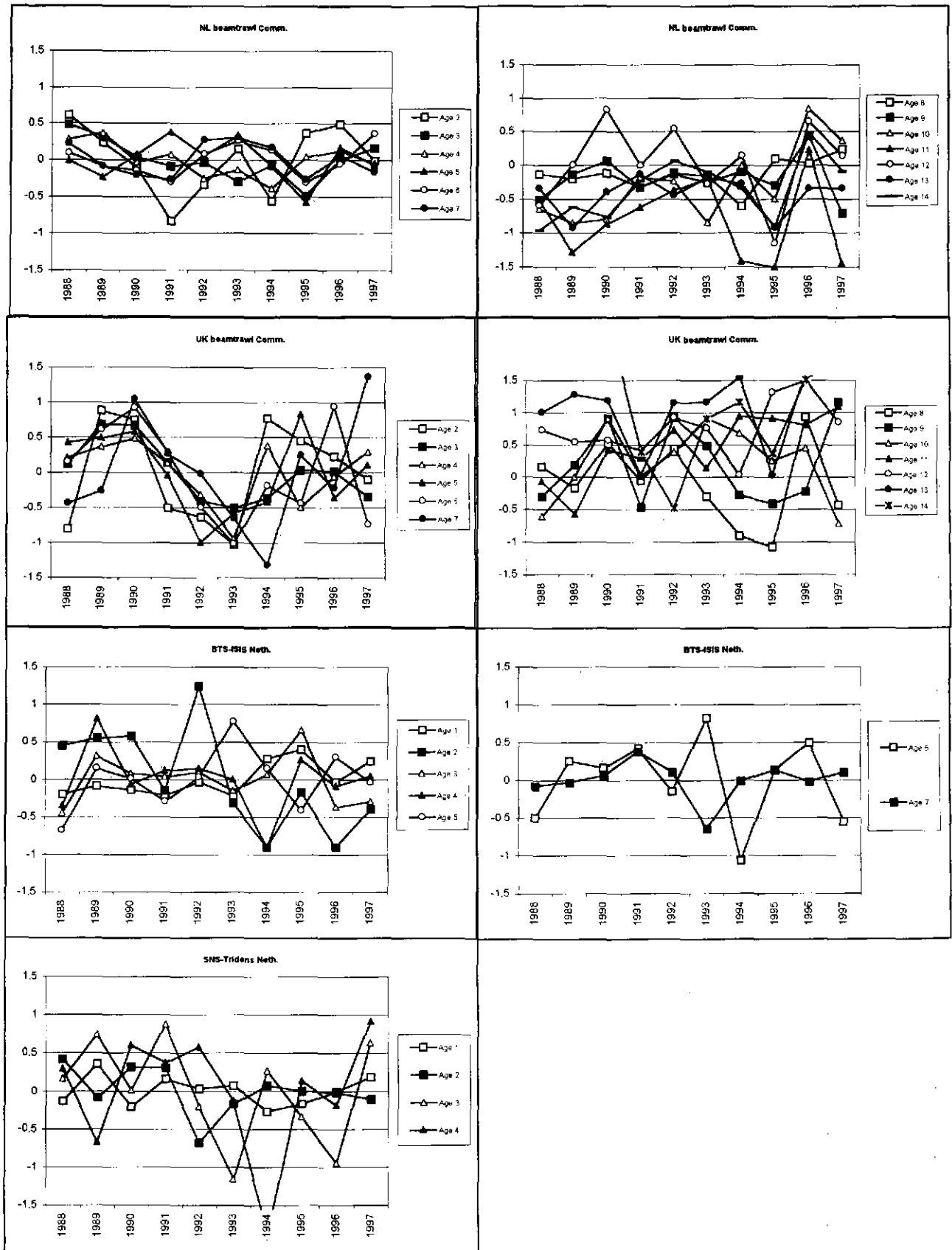


Figure 7.4

North Sea sole (IV)
 Retrospective - M96=0.1 - 9 Year window

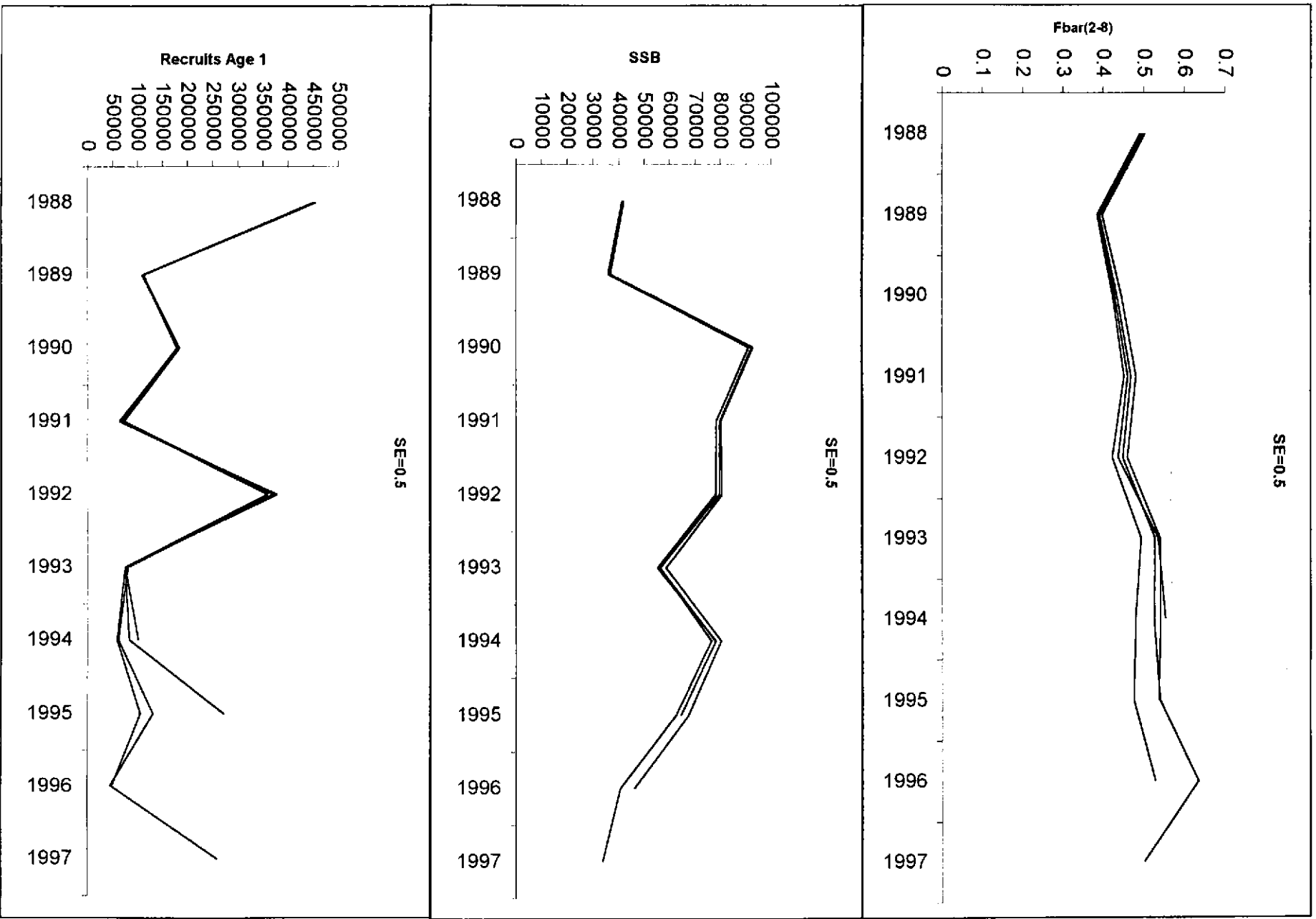


Figure 7.5

North Sea sole (IV)
XSA-run with M96=0.1 and M96=0.4

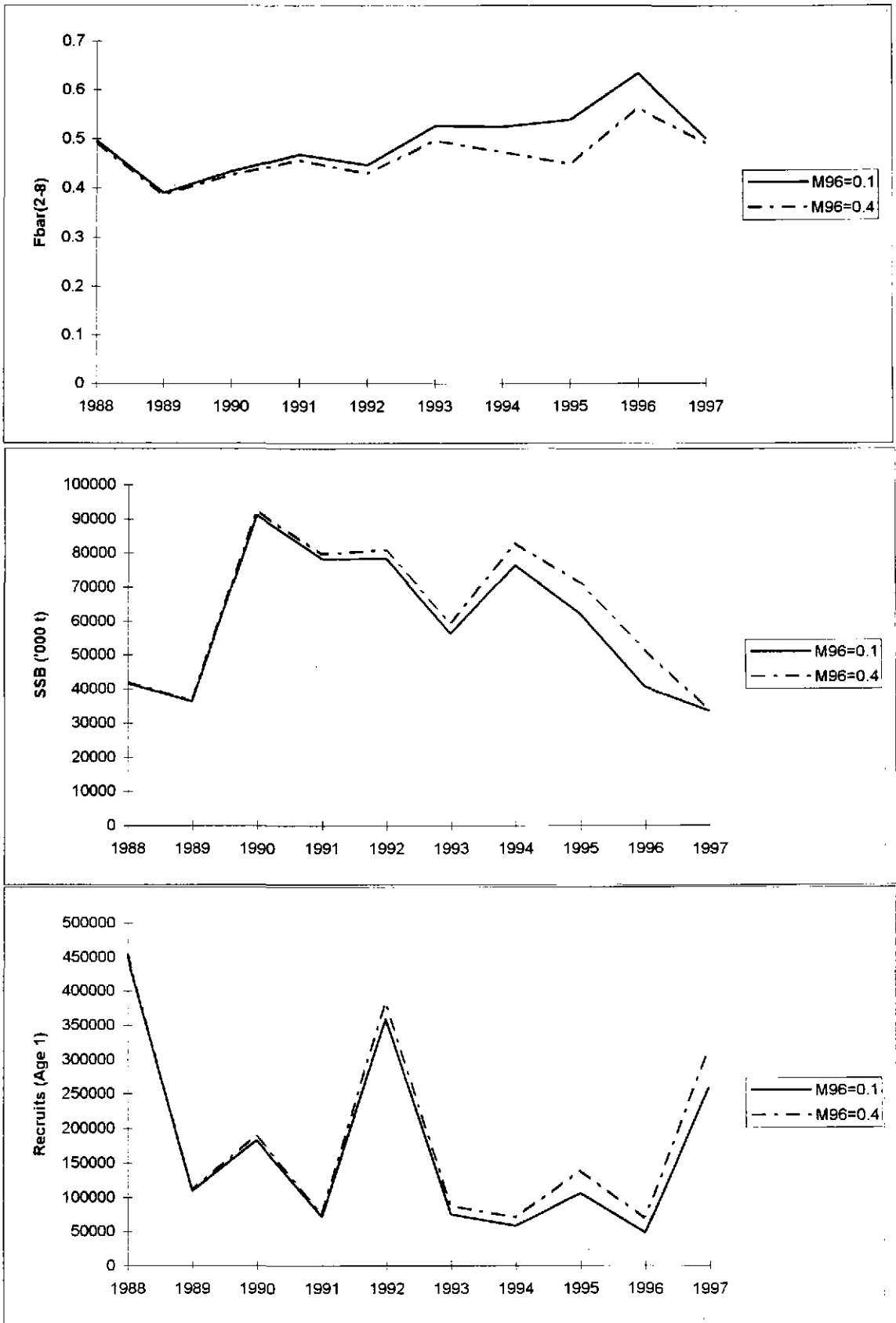


Figure : 7.6
North Sea sole (IV)
Log VPA vs. log Index
Netherlands Commercial beamtrawl
Yearrange : 1988-1997

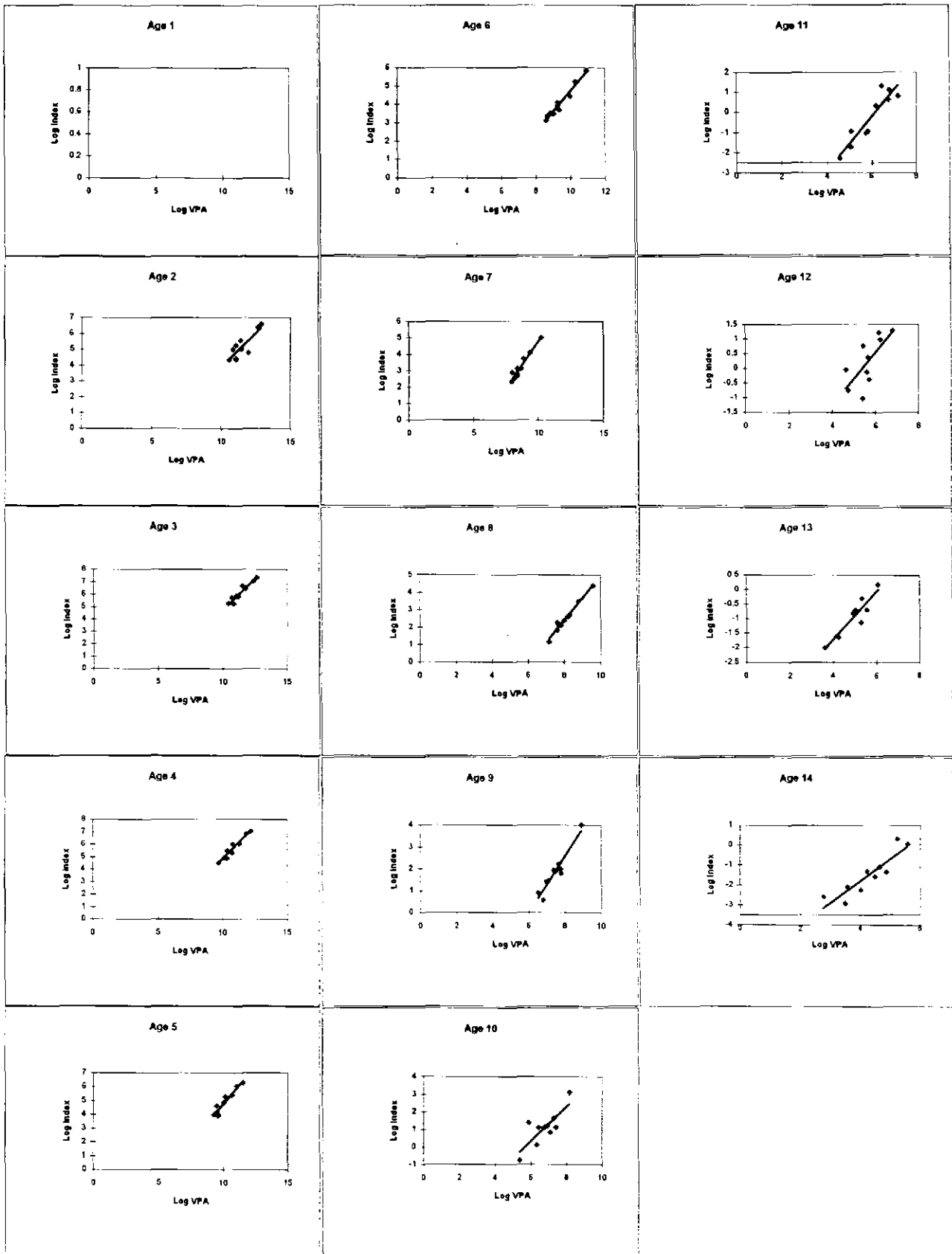


Figure : 7.7
North Sea sole (IV)
Log VPA vs. log Index
UK Commercial beamtrawl
Year range : 1988-1997

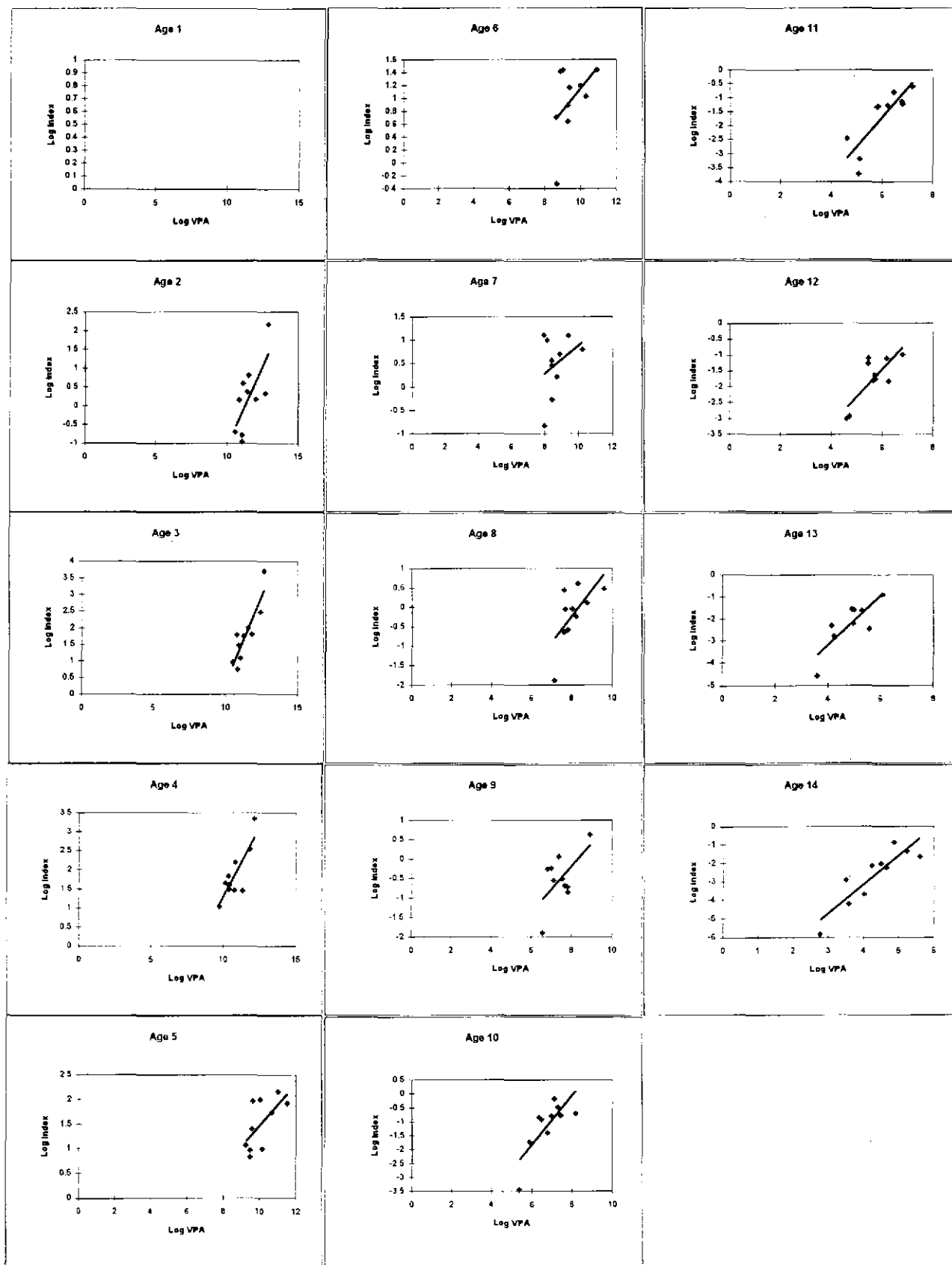


Figure : 7.8
North Sea sole (IV)
Log VPA vs. log Index
BTS - ISIS Netherlands
Year range : 1988-1997

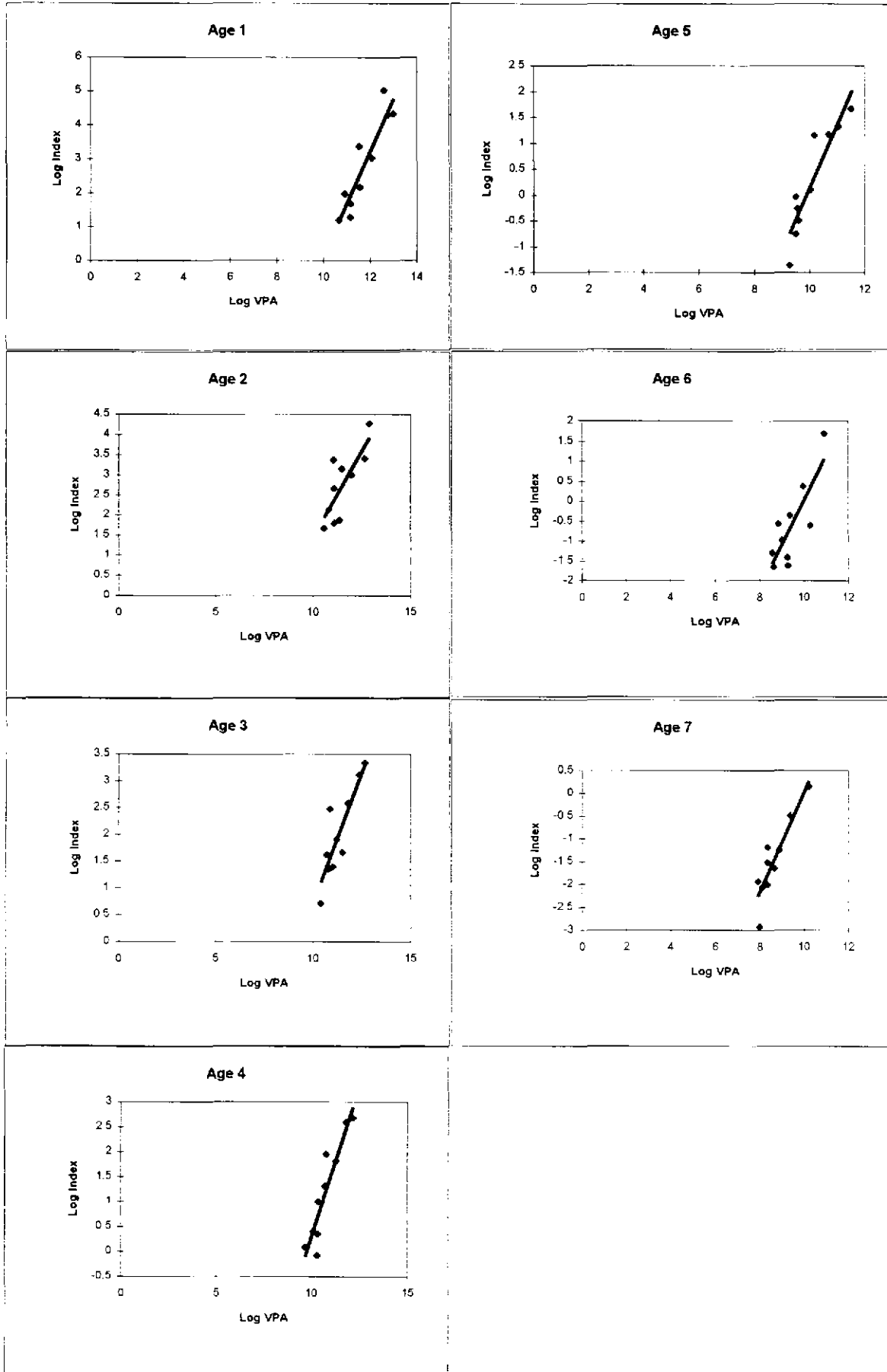


Figure 7.9
North Sea sole (IV)
Log VPA vs. log Index
SNS - Tridens Netherlands
Year range : 1988-1997

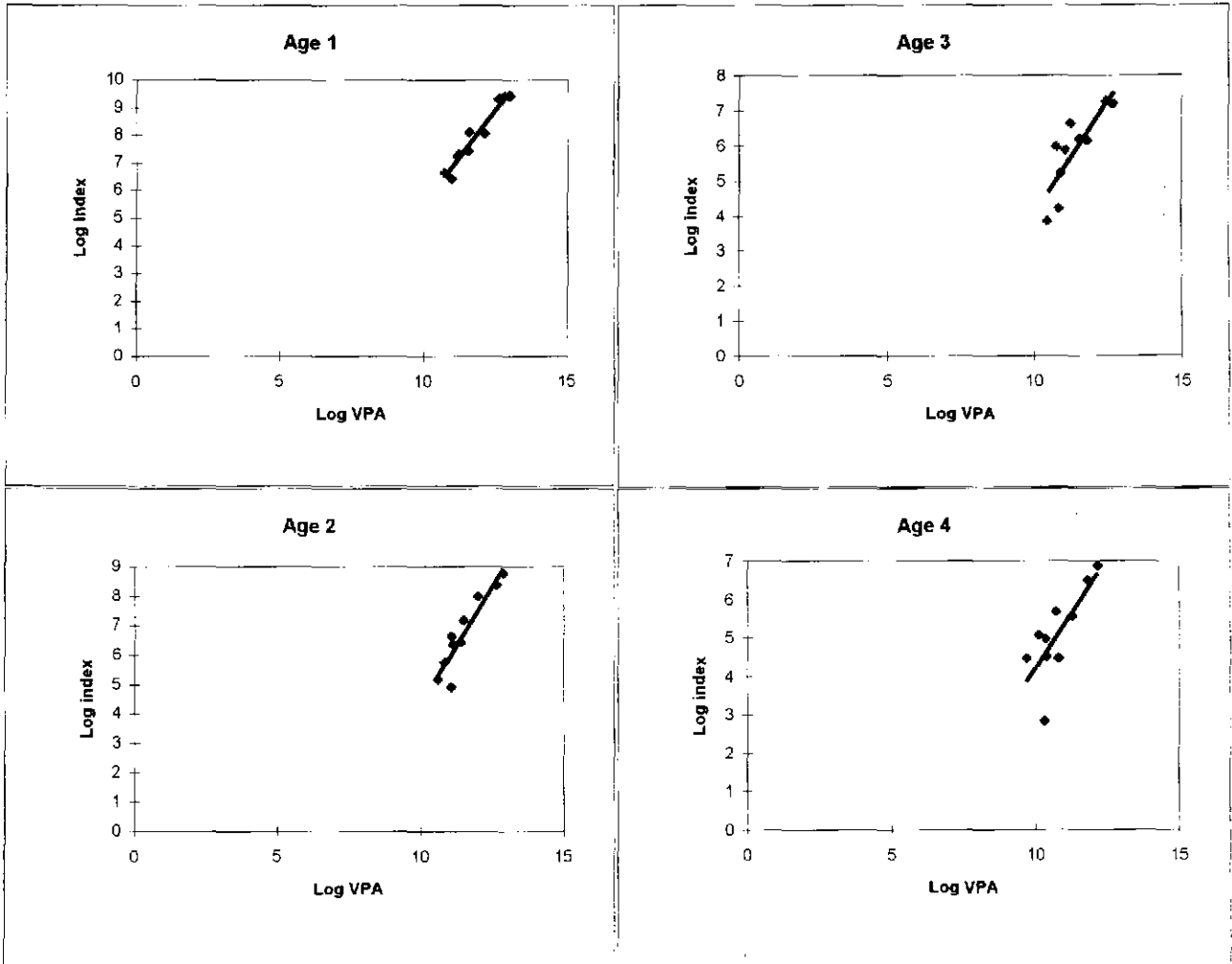


Figure 7.10

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV) 7-10-1998

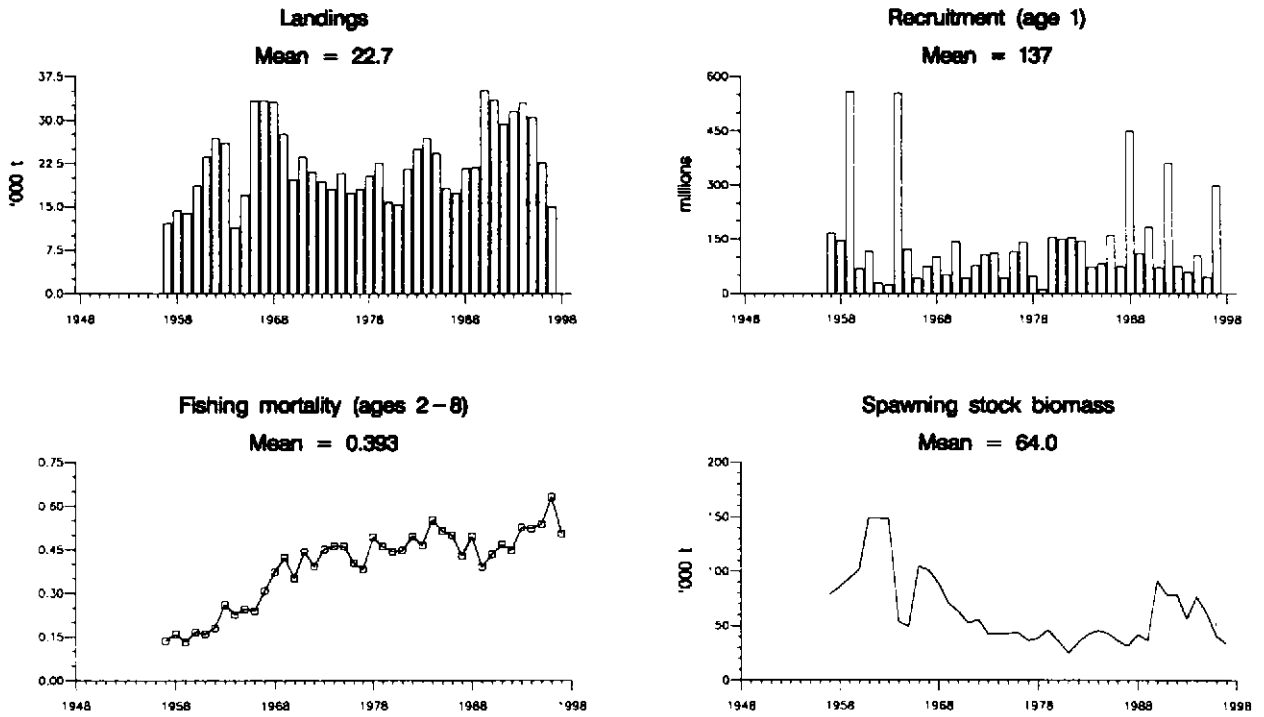


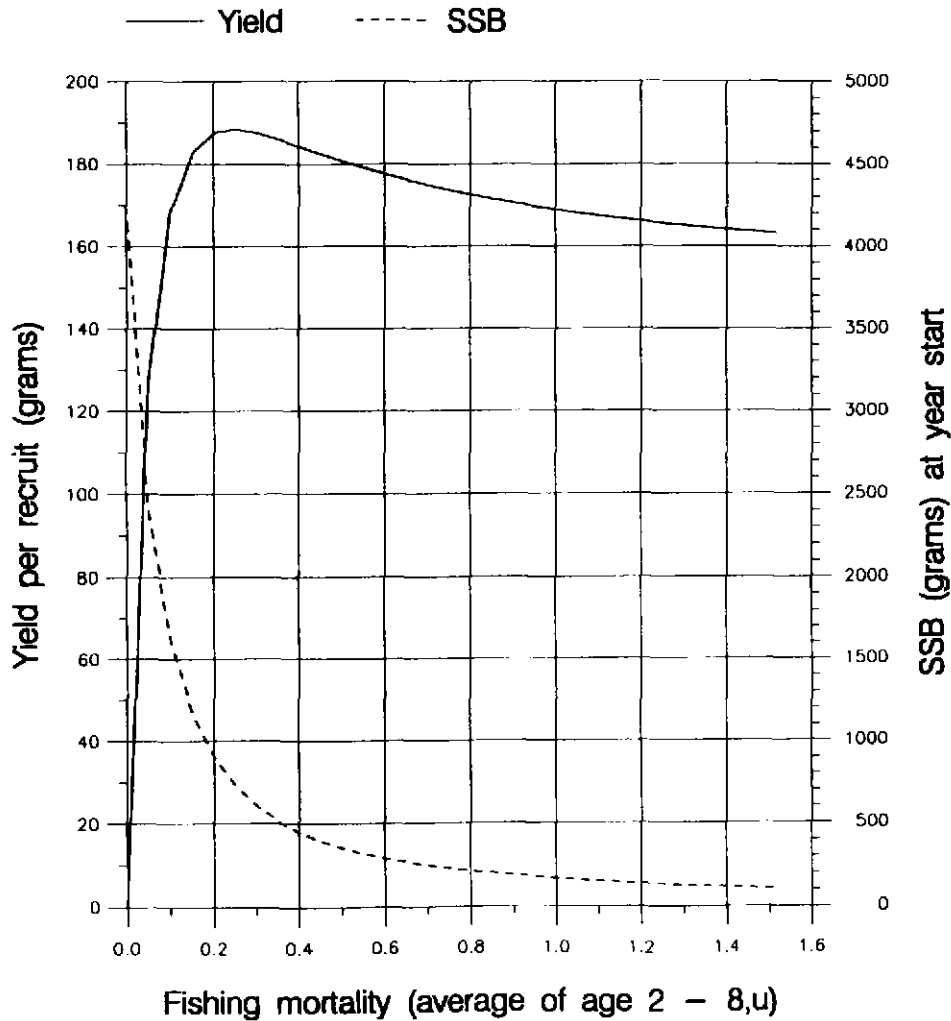
Figure 7.11

Fish Stock Summary

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

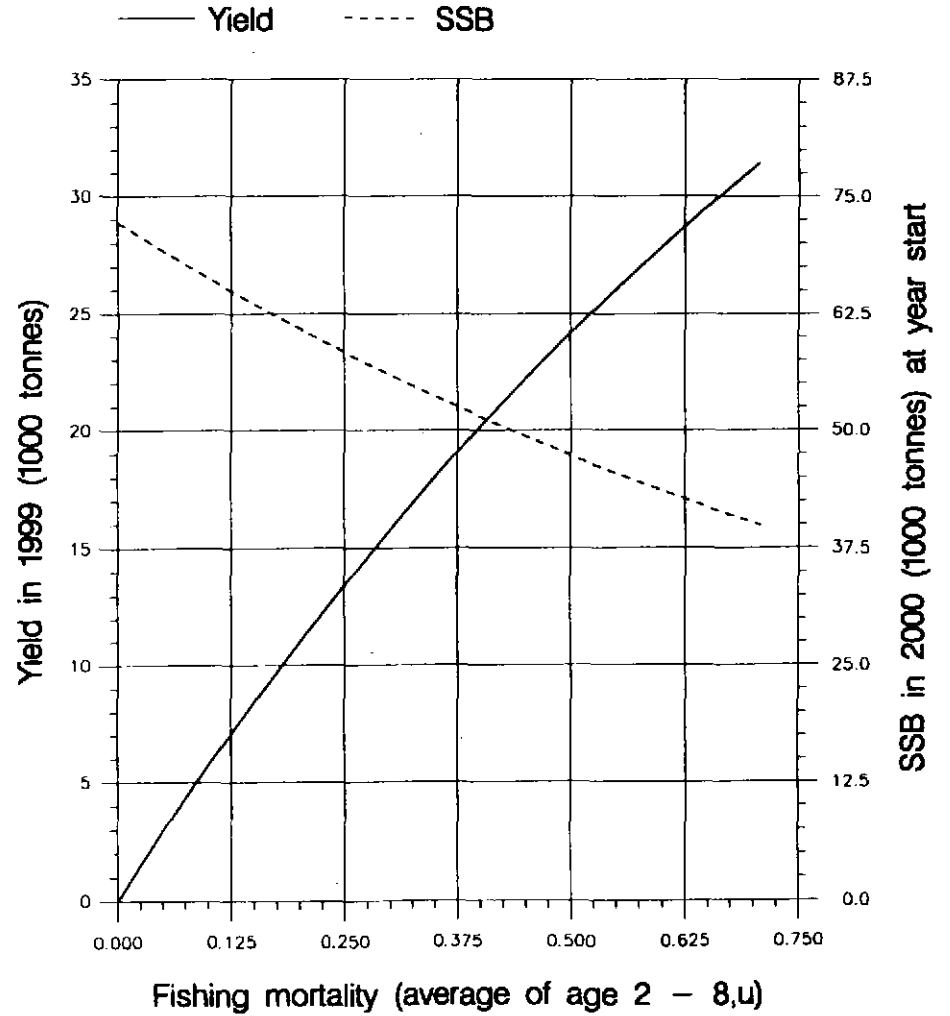
12 - 10 - 1998

Long term yield and spawning stock biomass



(run: YLDWVN04) C

Short term yield and spawning stock biomass



(run: MANWVN04) D

Figure 7.12. Sole, North Sea. Sensitivity analysis of short term forecast.

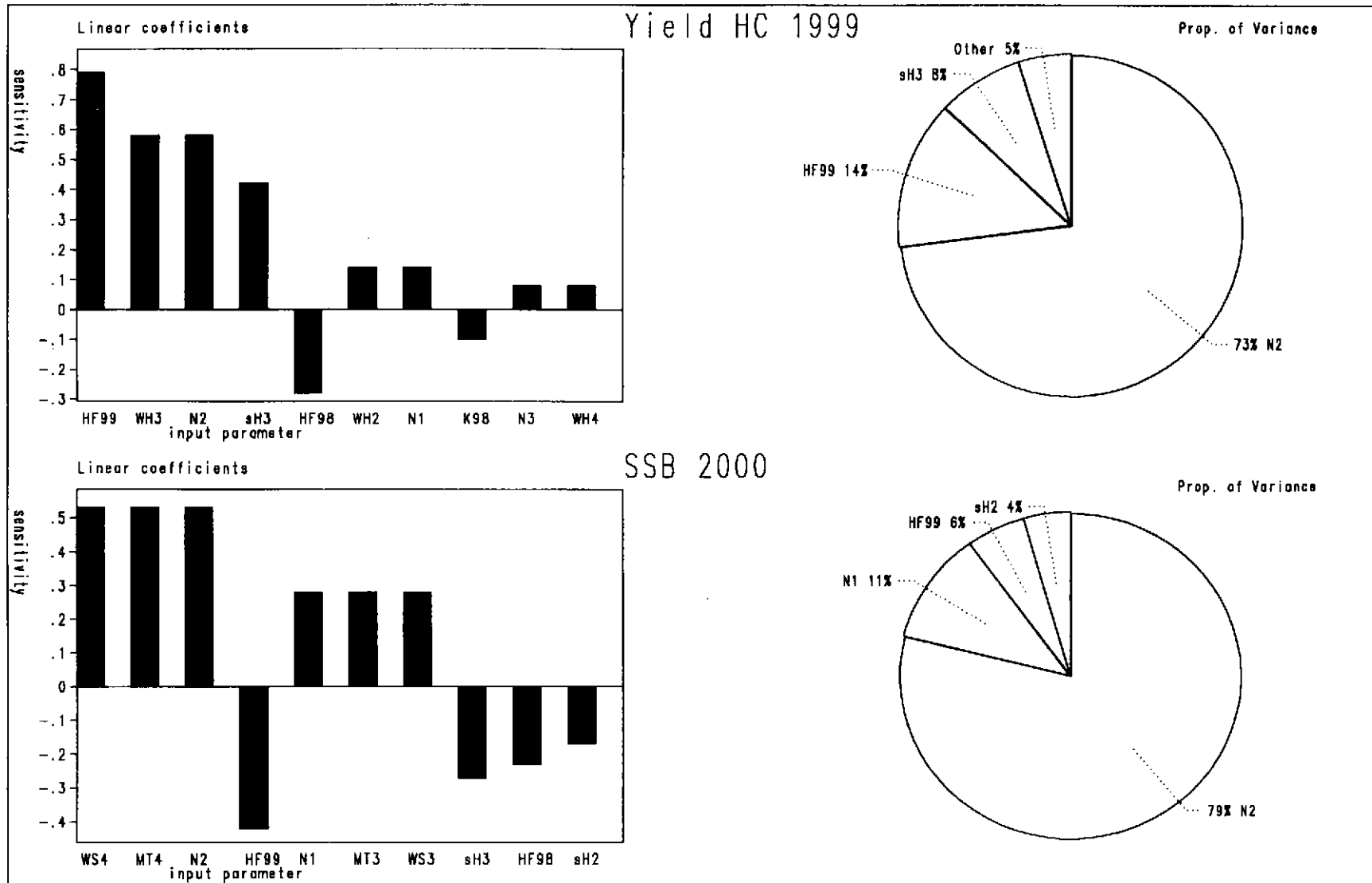


Figure 7.13 Sole, North Sea. Probability profiles for short term forecast.

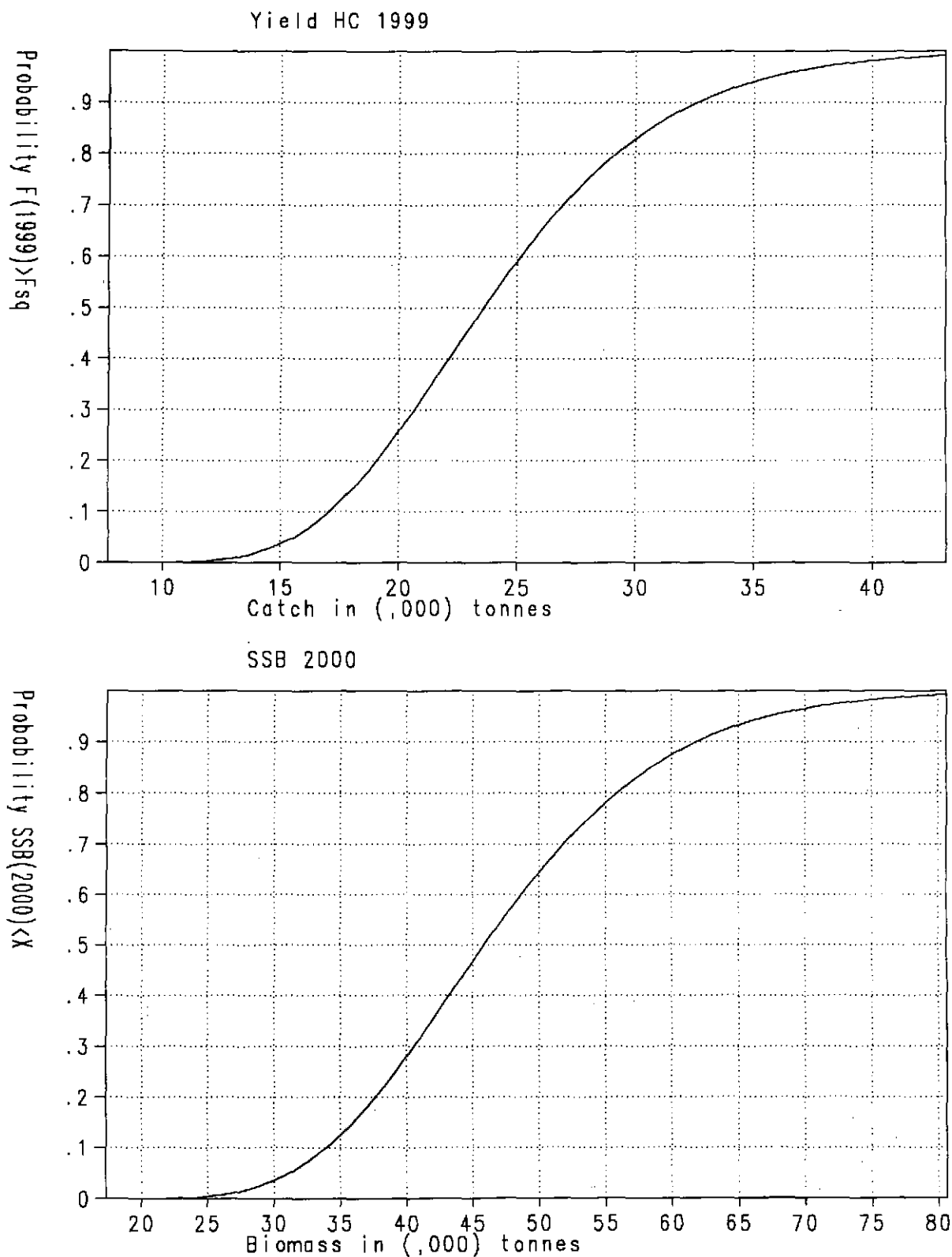


Figure 7.14

North Sea Sole. Medium term projections. Solid lines show 5, 10, 20, 50, and 95 percentiles
 Ricker stock-recruitment relationship
 number of simulations 500

Relative Cons. effort = 1.00 Natural Mortality = 0.1 M96=0.1

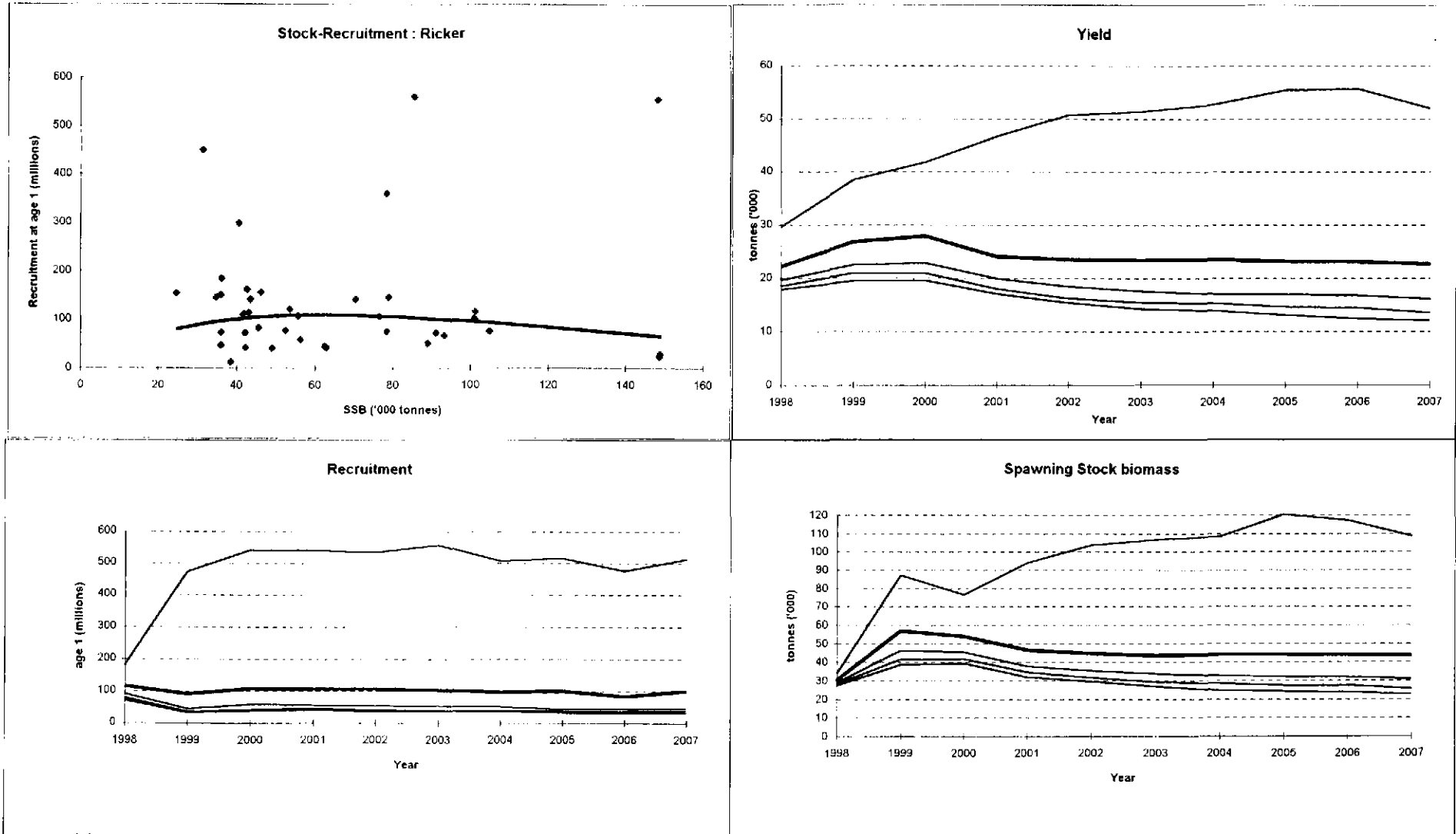


Figure 7.15

Sole IV - Medium term analysis

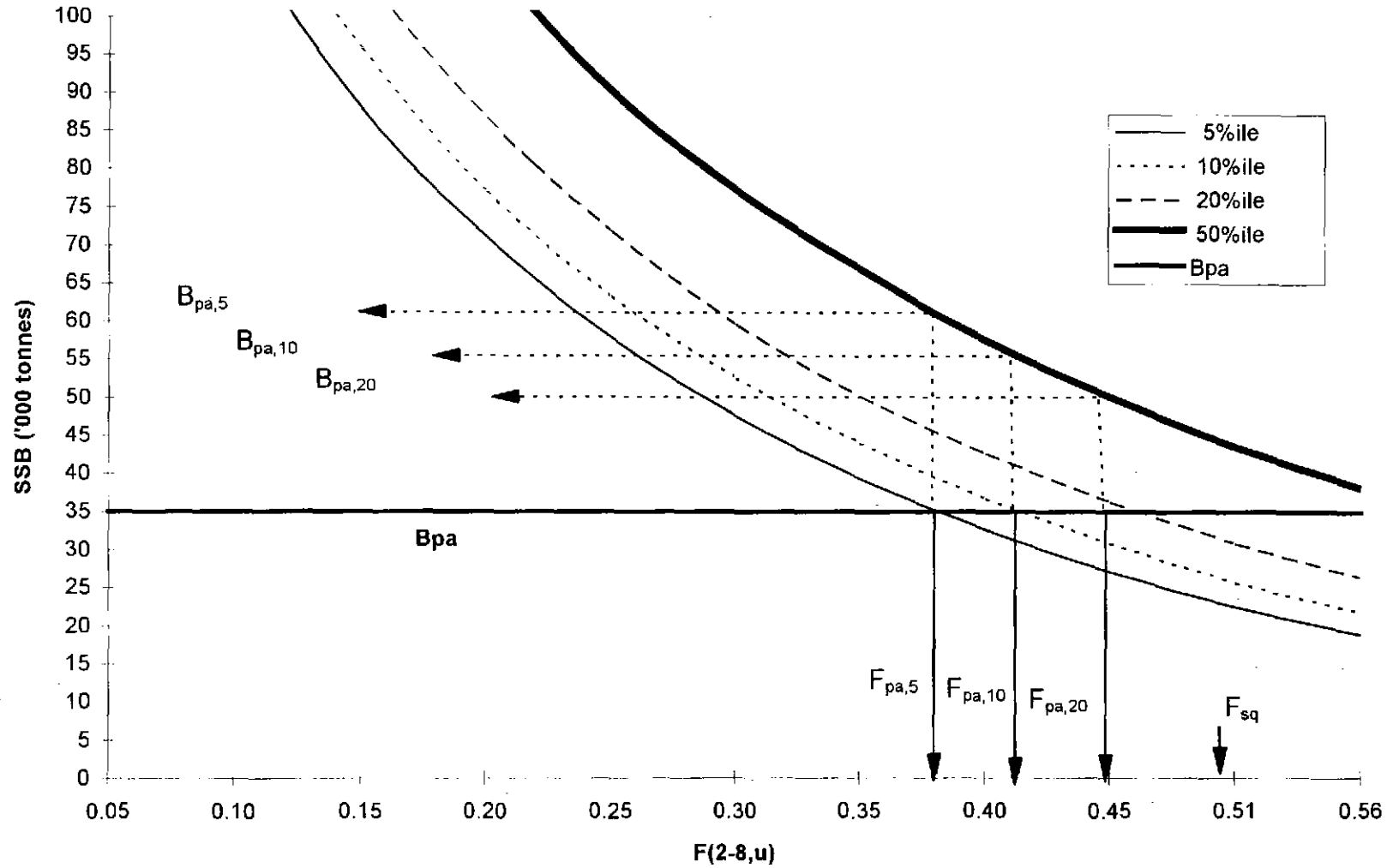
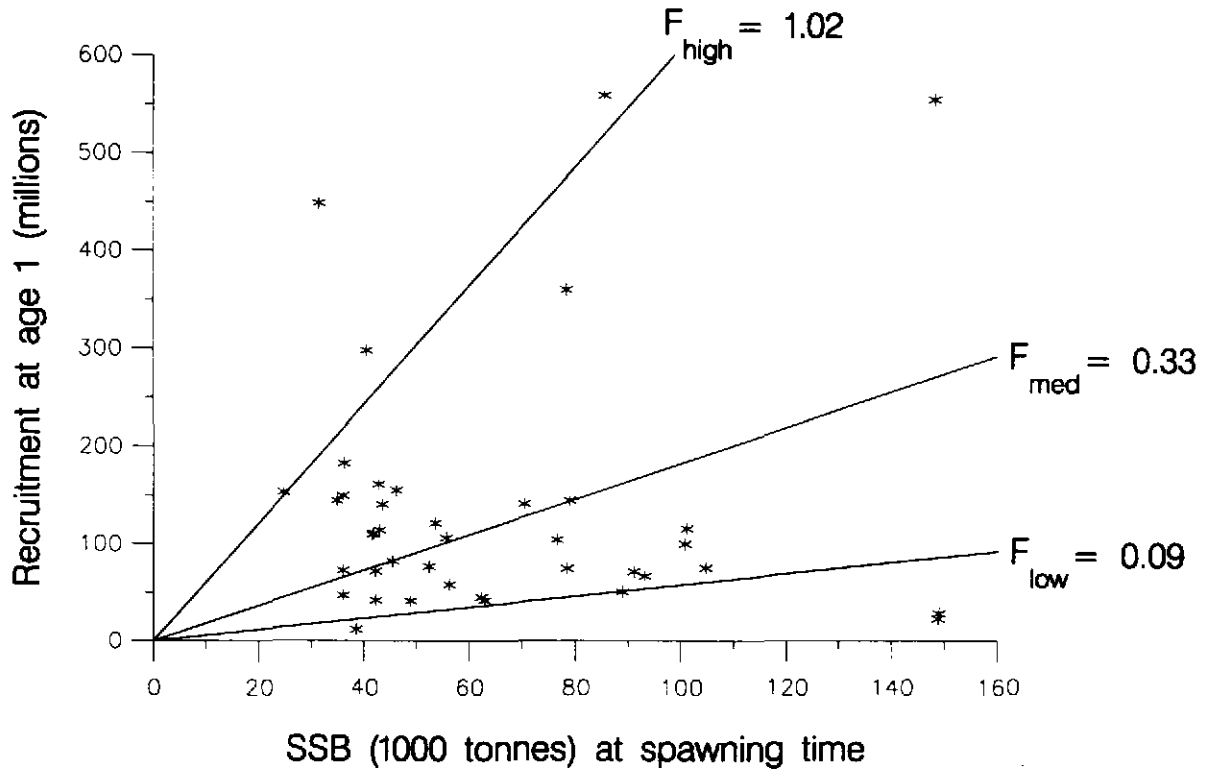


Figure 7.16

Sole in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV) 7-10-1998

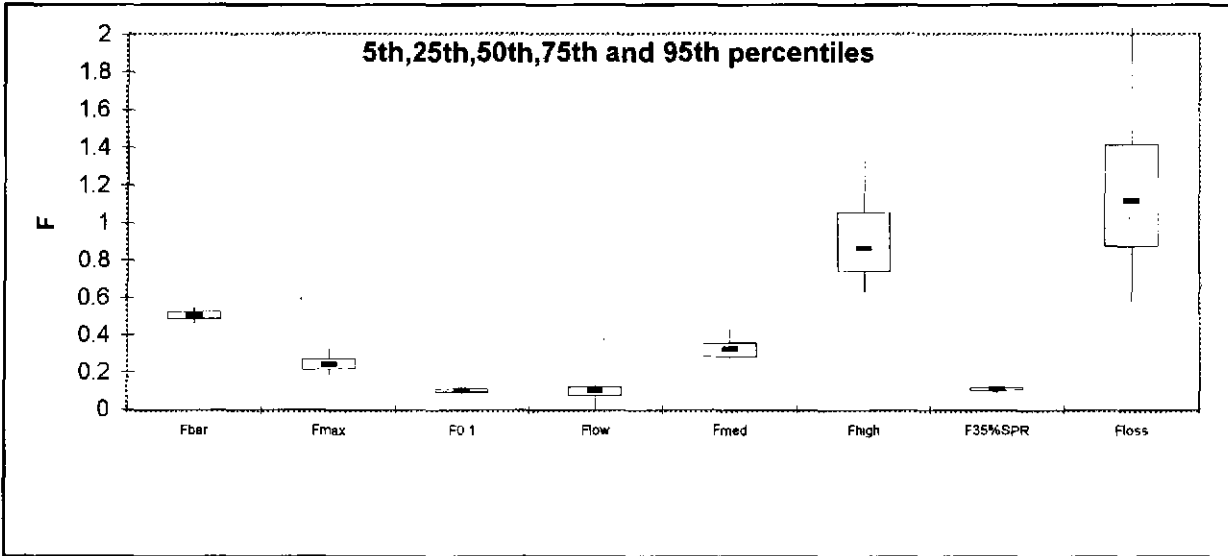
Stock - Recruitment



(run: TUNWVN01)

Figure 7.17

North Sea sole IV



| Reference point | Deterministic | Median | 95th percentile | 80th percentile |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MedianRecruits | 106000 | 106000 | 121000 | 114000 |
| MBAL | 0 | | | |
| Bloss | 24700 | | | |
| SSB90%R90%Surv | 59069 | 48108 | 85600 | 71632 |
| SPR%ofVirgin | 8.22 | 8.20 | 10.58 | 9.39 |
| VirginSPR | 4.26 | 4.27 | 5.68 | 4.90 |
| SPRloss | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.36 | 0.21 |
| | Deterministic | Median | 5th percentile | 20th percentile |
| FBar | 0.51 | 0.50 | 0.46 | 0.48 |
| Fmax | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.18 | 0.21 |
| F0.1 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.09 |
| Flow | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.05 |
| Fmed | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.21 | 0.27 |
| Fhigh | 0.87 | 0.87 | 0.63 | 0.72 |
| F35%SPR | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.09 | 0.10 |
| Floss | 1.24 | 1.12 | 0.49 | 0.80 |

Figure 7.18

North Sea Sole IV

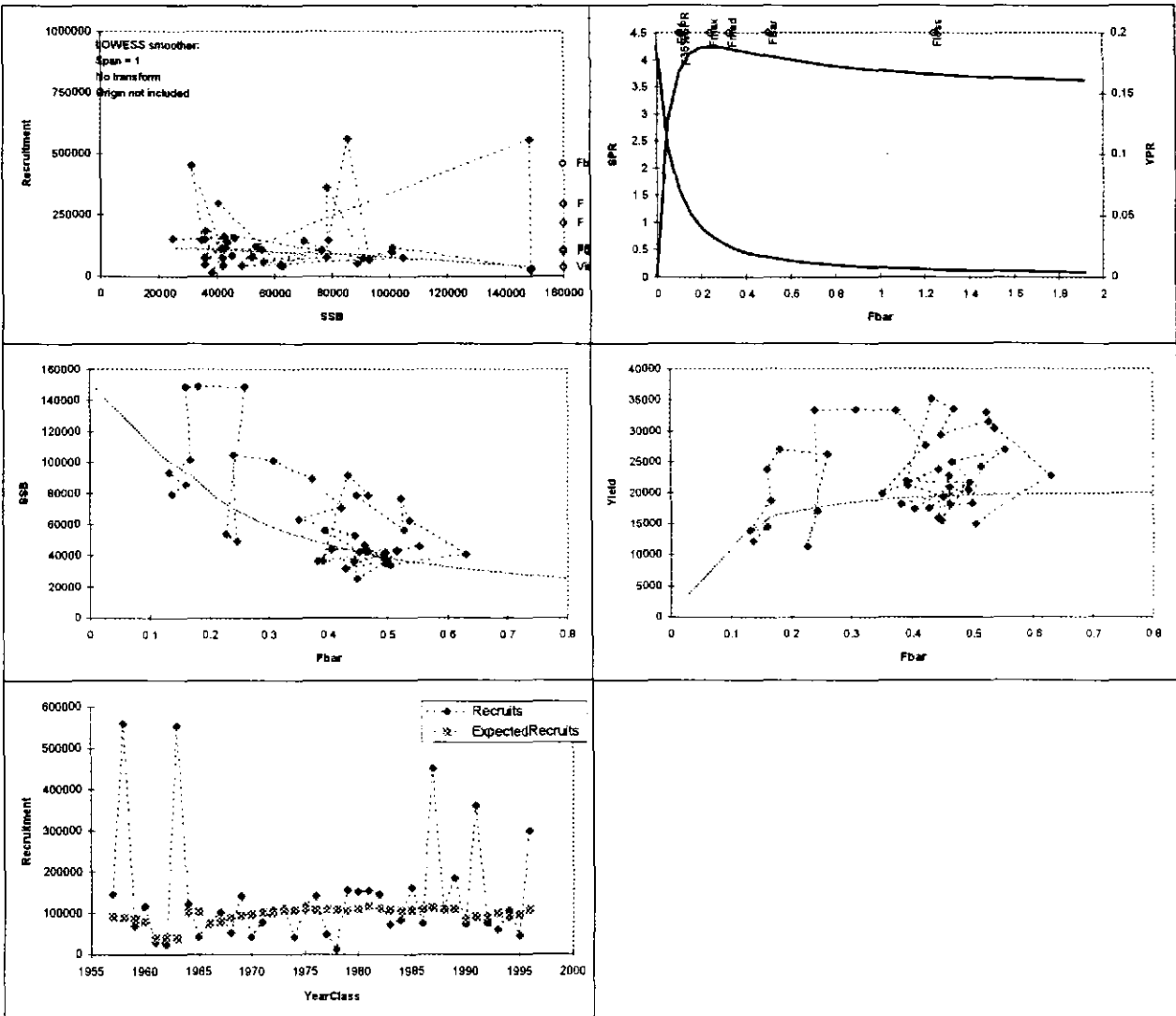
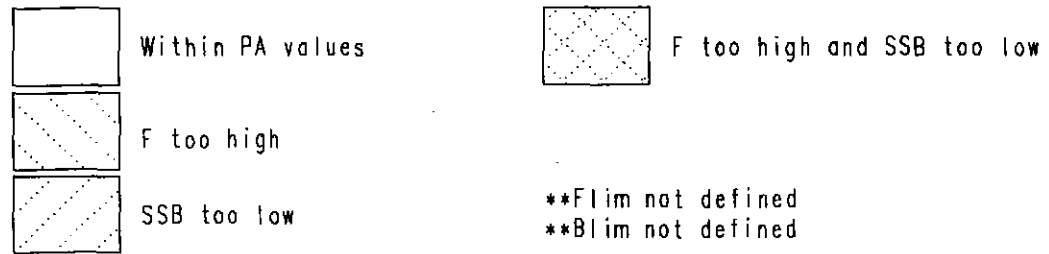
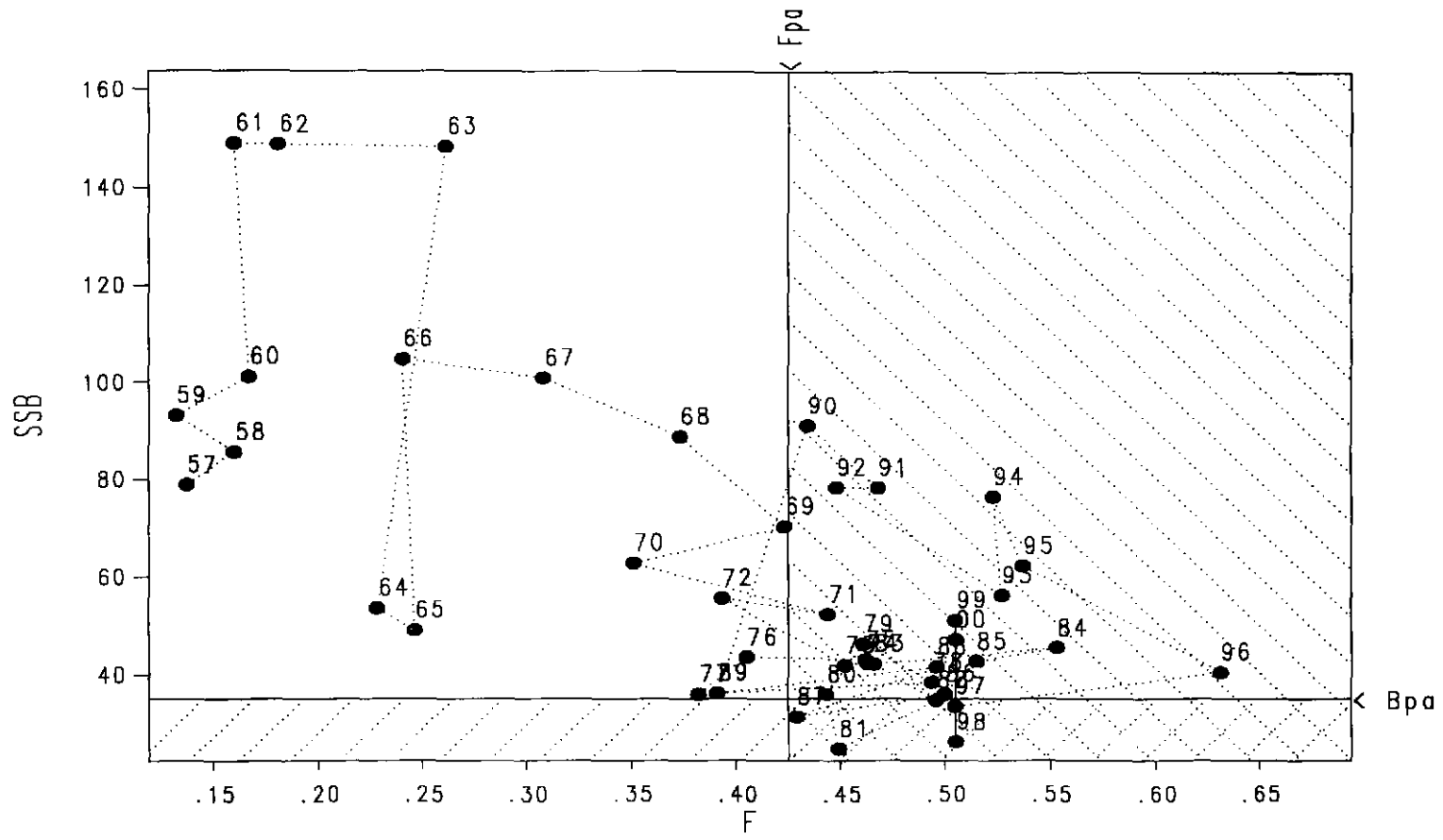


Figure 7.19 North Sea sole (IV) - PA reference points



8 SOLE IN DIVISION VIID

8.1 The fishery

There is a directed fishery for sole by small inshore vessels using trammel nets and trawls who fish mainly along the English and French coasts and possibly exploit sub-coastal populations. These vessels take about 53% of the total recorded landings (Table 8.1.1a) and the fishery is of primary importance to these vessels. There is also a directed fishery by mobile English and Belgian beam trawlers who take 34% of the landings. These vessels are able to fish for sole in the winter before the fish move inshore and become accessible to the local fleets. In cold winters, sole are particularly vulnerable to the offshore beamers when they aggregate in localised areas of deeper water. Effort from the beam trawl metier can change considerably depending on whether the fleet moves to other areas or directs effort at other species such as scallops and cuttlefish. A third metier is made up of French offshore trawlers fishing for mixed demersal species and taking sole as a by-catch. This fleet takes about 1% of the landings.

8.1.1 ACFM advice applicable to 1988

ACFM regarded the state of the stock as uncertain due to inconsistencies in the data but noted that fishing mortality had been increasing as a result of increases in effort in some fleets. ACFM recommended that a further increase in effort should not be allowed and advised a TAC which was below the recent average of 4,500 t.

8.1.2 Management applicable to 1998

The TACs for 1998 were set at 5,230 t which is in line with the upper level of landings in recent years.

Mesh size for trawling is 80 mm. There are no effort or mesh size restrictions on fixed nets but there are proposals to introduce a minimum mesh size of 100 mm for fixed nets from 1999.

Minimum landing size for sole is 24 cm.

8.1.3 Landings in 1997

Landings data reported to ICES are shown in Table 8.1.1b together with the total landings estimated by the Working group. The high level of unallocated landings are mainly due to the late reporting of data by some countries and is not a problem of misrecording by the fishery. The estimated landings in 1997 were 4983 t which is 5% below the agreed TAC of 5230 t and but close to the catch predicted at *status quo* fishing mortality in 1997 (4800 t).

| Year | TAC | Predicted at SQ F | WG Landings |
|------|------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1996 | 4700 | 5024 | 5025 |
| 1997 | 5230 | 4800 | 4983 |
| 1998 | 5230 | 4570 | |

8.2 Natural mortality, maturity, age compositions and weight at age

As in previous assessments natural mortality was assumed constant over ages and years at 0.1 and the maturity ogive used was knife-edged with sole regarded as fully mature at age 3 and older (Table 8.2.1). Age sampling for the period before 1980 was poor, but between 1981 and 1984 quarterly samples were provided by both Belgium and England. Since 1985, quarterly catch and weight at age compositions were available from Belgium, France and England. Stock weights were calculated from a smoothed curve of the of the catch weights interpolated to 1st January.

The age composition data and the mean weight at age in the catch and stock are shown in Table 8.2.2–8.2.4. Anomalies in the catch at age data for 1994 at age 2 were thoroughly investigated by both France and England. Length distributions and ALKs were checked and a proportion of otoliths were re-aged. No discrepancies were found in the data and it has not been possible to revise the low catch at age 2 in 1994 apart from some minor changes already made last year to the French catch at age which were included last year.

No discard data are available for this stock but discarding is thought to be low.

8.3 Catch, effort and research vessel data

Catch per unit effort and effort data is shown for 4 main commercial fleets in Table 8.3.1. and Figure 8.3.1. All fleets with the exception of the French trawlers showed an increase in CPUE in recent years after a steep decline from a peak in the late 1980's. An inshore and offshore French trawl fleet index had previously been available. This had been combined into a single fleet index but was not considered reliable in 1997. CPUE from the English beam trawl survey is shown in Table 8.3.2 and indicates a stable level of CPUE for the 3+ fish over the last three years.

Effort has increased consistently since 1975 and reached a peak during 1989–90, followed by a decline in the early 1990's. The effort in 1997 has increased in all fleets with the exception of the French trawlers which have shown a 10% decrease.

8.4 Catch at age analysis

ACFM had commented that the strong time taper used in 1997 effectively rejected much of the data. In the analysis this year, the exploratory tuning looked at the effect of omitting the time taper and improving the fleet data by reducing trends in catchability.

8.4.1 Data screening

a) year range and age range: A separable analysis was run to examine the consistency of the age composition. The results are shown in Table 8.4.1a. The residuals on ages 1/2 were high as expected from the low catch and poor sampling of these ages. There were also increased anomalies at ages older than 11 and these ages were subsequently combined into an 11+ group. In the years 1982–1986 there were some high anomalies at ages 5/6 and 8/9 and these combined with some trends in fleet catchability (see below) in the early period provided support for a reduced year range in the final analysis.

8.4.2 Exploratory XSA runs

- a) fleets: The French trawl fleet had been completely revised by combining the inshore and offshore trawlers. The data for 1997 was uncertain because of changes in the availability of an important component of the inshore fleet CPUE. Because the French fleet takes a large part of the landings and has an important influence on the assessment, the fleet was included with data up to 1996 but excluding the 1997 catch at age. The remaining fleets were similar to last year.
- b) Trends in catchability. Each fleet was initially run separately with similar parameters for XSA to those used last year except for a low shrinkage ($SE = 1.5$) and no time taper was used. The log catchability residuals were plotted to examine trends across years (Figure 8.4.1). Negative residuals were evident in the Belgian beam trawl and French otter trawl in years before 1986 and positive residuals in the UK beam trawl. This resulted in some evidence of a trend in $\log q$ over time. Removing the early years with high residuals reduced the trends and the final run was done over the period 1986–97.
- c) Time taper. Last year a strong time taper (tricubic over 10 years) was applied because the assessment was found to be highly sensitive to the year range used in tuning. This year the assessment was improved by reducing the trends in q in some fleets and eliminating earlier years with highly variable age data. No time taper was therefore applied in the final run.
- d) Variability at age. High variability was seen in the $\log q$ residuals at age 2 in the Belgian beam trawl, at age 1 in the English beam trawl survey and in the English and French young fish surveys at age 1. The two year olds were excluded from the Belgian data set but the one year old data was kept for the survey fleets as it was felt likely that the commercial catch at this age was more variable than the survey CPUE.
- e) Ages treated as recruits (i.e., q proportional to stock size). Last year q was assumed to be dependent on stock size for ages one and two. This was re-examined and none of the regression slopes were found to be significantly different from one. As a result, all ages were treated as independent of abundance.
- f) Shrinkage: Retrospective runs showed that there was a tendency to overestimate F in recent years (Figure 8.4.2). A moderately weak shrinkage of 0.7, led to a sharp increase in F in the last year and increased the overestimate of F in previous years. A stronger shrinkage (0.3) reduced the tendency to overestimate F but pulled F in 1997 down

steeply in comparison to the peak in 1987–89. This appeared to be low compared with fleet trends in effort (Figure 8.3.1). The moderate shrinkage used last year (0.5) was accepted.

- g) The relationship between \ln CPUE index and \ln VPA at each age and for all fleets was plotted to examine the goodness of fit of the data. The results are shown in Figure 8.4.3a-f.

8.4.3 Final XSA run

The input parameters for the final runs compared with those from last year are shown below:

| | Fleets | Age range | Age as recruits | Age for constant q | Year range for tuning | Year taper | F shrinkage |
|----------------|---|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1996 WG | Bel BT; UK BT; Inshore & offshore Fr Ot; 3 surveys | 1–11+ | < 3 | > 7 | 1982–95 | Uniform over 10 | 0.3 |
| 1997 WG | As 1996 but excl Fr offshore trawl | 1–11+ | < 3 | > 7 | 1982–96 | Tricubic over 10 | 0.5 |
| 1998 WG | As 1996 but new Fr trawl | 1–11+ | none | > 7 | 1986–97 except Fr Tr 1986–96 | No taper | 0.5 |

The input fleets used in the final XSA run are given in Table 8.4.1b and tuning results using the selected parameters in Table 8.4.1 c. The tables of fishing mortality and stock number at age in Table 8.4.2 and 8.4.3.

Confirmation of the approximate level of F was obtained by plotting the decline in numbers at age averaged over a 10 year period and calculating z from the slope of the curve. The mean z was calculated as 0.57 which gives a mean F of 0.47. This is very similar to the average F3–8 calculated from the final XSA run.

8.5 Recruitment estimates

Recruit indices were available for 1 and 2-gp sole from the English 4 m beam trawl survey which covers most of VIId in August and for 0 and 1-gp from English and French coastal young fish surveys. The relationship between these series and the VPA is shown in Figure 8.5.1. The input file to RCT3 is given in Table 8.5.1 and the output in Table 8.5.2a-b.

The geometric mean recruitment for the year classes 1981–94 at age 1 was 22.6 million and the arithmetic mean was 23.3 million.

1995 year class at age 3 in 1998: This was estimated at 14.149 million in XSA based on survey and fleet estimates receiving 63% of the weight. This value was therefore accepted. This year class is estimated by XSA at 21% lower than in last year's analysis based on RCT3 at two year old.

1996 year class at age 2 in 1998: The English beam trawl survey index of this year class is the strongest in the series at age 1 and second strongest at age 2. However the English and French inshore surveys give this year class as average or below average. The XSA estimate of 8.540 million was mainly dependent on F shrinkage (41%) and the English YFS (42%). The RCT3 estimate which includes additional survey information from 1998 surveys, estimates the year class as 24 million, slightly above GM of 22 million. The RCT3 estimate is however also dependant on the population shrinkage to XSA mean (42%) with the English beam trawl survey and EnglishYFS contributing 36%. There is some confirmation from the fishery of strong recruitment of the 1996 year class and also a 3 year time series of survey indices in the Baie de Seine, which indicates a strong 1996 year class. In view of the additional information and the fact that the RCT3 estimate is close to AM, the value of 24.480 million was accepted for the short term forecast.

1997 year class at age 1 in 1998: Two survey estimates were available but only the English beam trawl survey received a significant weighting. The RCT3 estimate of 21.29 million was replaced with the GM of 22.6 million

The final population estimates used in the short term forecast are shown underlined below:

| Year class | At age in 1998 | RCT3 ('000s) | XSA ('000s) | GM 1982-94 |
|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1995 | 3 | | <u>14149</u> | |
| 1996 | 2 | <u>24480</u> | 9469 | |
| 1997 | 1 | 21290 | | <u>22600</u> |
| 1998,1999 | recruits | | | <u>22600</u> |

8.6 Historical Stock trends

Trends in yield fishing mortality, SSB and recruitment are shown in Table 8.6.1 and Figure 8.1.1a. Fishing mortality has been variable over the period with peaks in 1987 and 1989. F has been increasing since 1993 and is at a high level although the level in 1997 is thought to be overestimated as indicated from the retrospective pattern (Figure 8.4.2). There is some confirmation for the overall level of F from the effort indices which are all at historically high levels for the main fleets (Figure 8.3.1 and Table 8.3.1). Recruitment seems to be slightly stronger in the period after 1989 and the 1996 year class appears to be relatively strong.

8.7 Short term forecast

The input data for the catch forecasts are given in Table 8.7.1. Stock numbers in 1998 were taken from the XSA output for age 3 and older, from RCT3 at age 2 and GM at age 1. The GM recruitment of 22.6 million was used for age 1 in 1999 and 2000. In view of the tendency to underestimate F in the current year, the exploitation pattern was the mean for the period 1995-97 ($F_{3-8} = .45$) and was not scaled to 1997 F_{3-8} . Catch and stock weights at age were the mean for the period 1995-97 and the proportions of M and F before spawning were set to zero. The result of the *status quo* catch prediction are given in Table 8.7.2 and a detailed output by age in Table 8.7.3. The predicted SQ landings in 1998 are estimated to be 4132 t (TAC 98 = 5,230 t) compared with 4,600 t from last year's assessment. The predicted SQ landings in 1999 are estimated to be 4,200 t. Spawning stock biomass is forecast to be stable at around 9,500 t in 1998 and 1999 before decreasing slightly in 2000.

Table 8.7.3a shows the contribution of different year classes to the landings in 1999 and SSB in 2000 under *status quo* assumptions. The 1996 year class is expected to contribute 31% of the landings by weight in 1999 and 26% to the SSB in 2000. The two year classes estimated from RCT3 and GM together contribute about 57% of the SSB in 2000.

Sensitivity Analysis

Input data for the sensitivity analysis of the catch predictions using the programme INSENS are given in Table 8.7.4 and the results shown in Figures 8.7.1. For yield, the prediction in 1999 is most sensitive to the variability in the estimate of F in 1999 (HF99) which also contributes 64% of the variance. The SSB in 2000 is affected about equally by variability in the estimates of F in 1999 (HF99), natural mortality on age 3 (MT), the stock weights at age 3 (WS3) and numbers of the 1999 year class (N1).

Probability profiles of expected yield and SSB are given in Figure 8.7.2. There is a relatively low probability (15%) of the SSB falling below the lowest observed level of around 7,600 t in the year 2000.

The input data and plot of short term yield and SSB is shown in Table 8.7.5 and Figure 8.7.3.

8.8 Medium Term Projections

The results of the medium term projections are very sensitive to the stock recruitment model chosen. Since the SSB has not varied widely over the period for which data is available, it was difficult to select an appropriate model as all available models were poor fits to the data. Figure 8.8.1 illustrates the fits from Beverton and Holt, Shepherd and Ricker models. The Shepherd and Ricker curves show a strong decline in recruitment at high stock levels which is not thought to be realistic for most flatfish species. It was agreed that for this stock a simpler model which fitted a straight line through the median recruitment with a linear slope from the lowest observed SSB through the origin would be more appropriate. It would also be less sensitive to changes in the assessment for year to year and consequently would be likely to produce more robust reference points. The Butterworth and Berg model was therefore selected and run using the programme WGMTermB_{pa}, which is adapted from WGMTerm_a. The outputs from the model are shown in Figure

8.8.2. and indicate that SSB is expected to decline with a 20% probability of being below the lowest observed level of around 8,000 t by 2007.

8.9 Long Term Considerations

Figure 8.9.1 shows the relationship between stock and recruitment and gives the calculated reference points. The current level of F_{3-8} (0.45) is above F_{med} (0.38) and nearly twice F_{max} (0.24). The input parameters for the yield and biomass-per-recruit calculations are given in Table 8.7.5 and the results are shown in Table 8.9.1.

8.10 Biological Reference Points

Biological reference points were calculated using the PA software and the results are shown in Tables 8.10.1 - 8.10.3 and in Figure 8.10.1. There is only a short time series and small range of SSB for this stock and it was not possible to identify a clear break point where recruitment was obviously reduced at lower stock levels. In fact the stock shows the highest recruitment at lower stock levels. The WG therefore agreed, following the guidelines from ACFM, that the lowest observed SSB of 7600 t (B_{loss}) rounded up to 8,000 t could be taken as B_{pa} .

The results of the PA analysis (Table 8.10.2) suggests that the F needed in order to have a probability of 0.1 that SSB will be below B_{pa} is between 0.5 and 0.55. The probability of being below the suggested B_{pa} increases from 5% at an F of 0.5 to 22% at 0.55. In view of the uncertainty in the estimates of F , the WG recommends that F_{pa} should be set at an F of 0.5.

Figure 8.10.2 indicates that in the historical time series, the stock has been below F_{pa} at 0.5 for 12 out of 15 years and substantially above B_{pa} at 8,000 t for all 15 years

8.11 Comments on the Assessment

Last year the main problem with the assessment of VIIId sole was the use of the tricubic taper over a 10 year period. This strong taper had a major affect on the assessment and was noted as a reason for ACFM to reject the assessment. This year trends in fleet catchability were reduced by excluding some earlier years and as a result the analysis was run without the need for a taper.

The unresolved problems with the catch at age data in 1992/93 and the inability to use the 1997 CPUE for the French trawl tuning fleet are possible explanations for the continued overestimate of F in the retrospective pattern.

There is a need for improvement in the tuning fleets and this may be achieved by better separation of the catch at age data for the inshore and offshore components of the fleets which are likely to have different catchabilities and may be exploiting different components of the stock.

Table 8.1.1a. VIIId Sole Landings by metier, 1997

| | Landings 1997 | % |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Offshore Beam trawl | 1711 | 34.3 |
| Offshore otter trawl | 70 | 1.4 |
| Inshore netters | 1528 | 30.7 |
| Inshore trawl | 1649 | 33.1 |
| Scallopers | 25 | 0.5 |
| Total | 4983 | 100.0 |

**Table 8.1.1.b Sole in VIId Nominal landings (tonnes)
as officially reported to ICES and used by the WG.**

| Year | Belgium | France | UK (E&W) | others | Total reported | Unallocated ¹ | Total used by WG |
|-------|---------|--------|----------|--------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1974 | 159 | 469 | 309 | 3 | 940 | -56 | 884 |
| 1975 | 132 | 464 | 244 | 1 | 841 | 41 | 882 |
| 1976 | 203 | 599 | 404 | . | 1206 | 99 | 1305 |
| 1977 | 225 | 737 | 315 | . | 1277 | 58 | 1335 |
| 1978 | 241 | 782 | 366 | . | 1389 | 200 | 1589 |
| 1979 | 311 | 1129 | 402 | . | 1842 | 373 | 2215 |
| 1980 | 302 | 1075 | 159 | . | 1536 | 387 | 1923 |
| 1981 | 464 | 1513 | 160 | . | 2137 | 340 | 2477 |
| 1982 | 525 | 1828 | 317 | 4 | 2674 | 516 | 3190 |
| 1983 | 502 | 1120 | 419 | . | 2041 | 1417 | 3458 |
| 1984 | 592 | 1309 | 505 | . | 2406 | 1169 | 3575 |
| 1985 | 568 | 2545 | 520 | . | 3633 | 204 | 3837 |
| 1986 | 858 | 1528 | 551 | . | 2937 | 1087 | 4024 |
| 1987 | 1100 | 2086 | 655 | . | 3841 | 1133 | 4974 |
| 1988 | 667 | 2057 | 578 | . | 3302 | 680 | 3982 |
| 1989 | 646 | 1610 | 689 | . | 2945 | 1242 | 4187 |
| 1990 | 996 | 1255 | 742 | . | 2993 | 1067 | 4060 |
| 1991 | 904 | 2054 | 826 | - | 3784 | 598 | 4382 |
| 1992 | 891 | 2187 | 706 | 10 | 3794 | 348 | 4142 |
| 1993 | 917 | 2322 | 610 | 13 | 3862 | 649 | 4511 |
| 1994 | 940 | 2382 | 701 | 14 | 4037 | 366 | 4403 |
| 1995 | 817 | 2248 | 669 | 9 | 3743 | 760 | 4503 |
| 1996 | 899 | 2335 | 877 | - | 4111 | 914 | 5025 |
| 1997* | 1306 | 1609 | 933 | - | 3848 | 1135 | 4983 |

¹ Unallocated mainly includes official landings reported late by some countries

Table 8.2.1 Sole in VIId Natural Mortality and proportion mature

| age | M | Maturity ogive |
|-----|-----|-------------------|
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 4 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 5 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 6 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 7 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 8 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 9 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 10 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 11 | 0.1 | 1 |

Table 8.2.2

| Table 1 | | Catch numbers at age Numbers*10**-3 | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| YEAR, | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, | | | | | |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 155, | 0, | 24, | 49, | 49, | 9, | | | | | |
| 2, | 2625, | 852, | 1977, | 3693, | 1264, | 3284, | | | | | |
| 3, | 5256, | 3452, | 3157, | 5211, | 5377, | 3827, | | | | | |
| 4, | 1727, | 3930, | 2610, | 1646, | 3273, | 3417, | | | | | |
| 5, | 570, | 897, | 1900, | 1027, | 925, | 2166, | | | | | |
| 6, | 653, | 735, | 742, | 1860, | 790, | 1064, | | | | | |
| 7, | 549, | 627, | 457, | 144, | 1087, | 1110, | | | | | |
| 8, | 240, | 333, | 317, | 158, | 156, | 828, | | | | | |
| 9, | 122, | 108, | 136, | 156, | 192, | 114, | | | | | |
| 10, | 83, | 89, | 99, | 69, | 216, | 163, | | | | | |
| +9p, | 202, | 193, | 238, | 128, | 381, | 469, | | | | | |
| TOTALNUM, | 12182, | 11216, | 11657, | 14141, | 13710, | 16451, | | | | | |
| TONSLAND, | 3190, | 3458, | 3575, | 3837, | 4024, | 4974, | | | | | |
| SOPCOF %, | 97, | 99, | 99, | 100, | 100, | 100, | | | | | |

| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 95, | 163, | 1271, | 383, | 106, | 85, | 34, | 683, | 11, | 30, |
| 2, | 2227, | 3704, | 3092, | 7381, | 4082, | 5225, | 783, | 2974, | 2055, | 1740, |
| 3, | 7393, | 3424, | 6326, | 3796, | 8967, | 6716, | 6660, | 4558, | 7934, | 6444, |
| 4, | 1648, | 4842, | 1257, | 4316, | 1886, | 5735, | 6152, | 5003, | 3081, | 5228, |
| 5, | 1219, | 1530, | 1654, | 585, | 2065, | 1057, | 3514, | 3090, | 3381, | 2157, |
| 6, | 910, | 943, | 329, | 1003, | 295, | 645, | 613, | 2052, | 1896, | 1840, |
| 7, | 400, | 651, | 432, | 256, | 382, | 171, | 613, | 394, | 1332, | 992, |
| 8, | 268, | 218, | 293, | 257, | 140, | 206, | 112, | 310, | 288, | 841, |
| 9, | 280, | 181, | 138, | 272, | 184, | 123, | 154, | 95, | 351, | 255, |
| 10, | 84, | 270, | 139, | 95, | 98, | 67, | 94, | 111, | 112, | 199, |
| +9p, | 284, | 329, | 556, | 395, | 237, | 145, | 278, | 247, | 375, | 298, |
| TOTALNUM, | 14808, | 16255, | 15487, | 18739, | 18442, | 20175, | 19007, | 19517, | 20816, | 20024, |
| TONSLAND, | 3982, | 4187, | 4060, | 4382, | 4142, | 4511, | 4403, | 4503, | 5025, | 4983, |
| SOPCOF %, | 100, | 100, | 99, | 100, | 100, | 100, | 95, | 98, | 100, | 98, |

Table 8.2.3

| Table 2 | Catch weights at age (kg) | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| YEAR, | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | |
| 1, | .1020, | .0000, | .1000, | .0900, | .1350, | .0950, |
| 2, | .1710, | .1730, | .1780, | .1820, | .1790, | .1760, |
| 3, | .2250, | .2300, | .2340, | .2300, | .2120, | .2360, |
| 4, | .3120, | .3020, | .3140, | .2810, | .3060, | .2950, |
| 5, | .3860, | .4040, | .3800, | .3680, | .3620, | .3530, |
| 6, | .4280, | .4360, | .4360, | .3940, | .3850, | .4070, |
| 7, | .4390, | .4350, | .4170, | .5160, | .4350, | .4120, |
| 8, | .5090, | .5240, | .5380, | .5430, | .5190, | .4790, |
| 9, | .5020, | .5370, | .5290, | .5940, | .5010, | .4630, |
| 10, | .4630, | .5830, | .5650, | .5950, | .5240, | .5380, |
| *gp, | .6730, | .6280, | .7140, | .8000, | .6030, | .6190, |
| SOPCOFAC, | .9713, | .9910, | .9884, | .9980, | 1.0044, | 1.0003, |

| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .1020, | .1060, | .1210, | .1140, | .1030, | .0850, | .0990, | .1270, | .1420, | .1390, |
| 2, | .1520, | .1560, | .1800, | .1610, | .1530, | .1480, | .1510, | .1740, | .1670, | .1550, |
| 3, | .2260, | .1930, | .2400, | .2110, | .2020, | .1970, | .1880, | .1800, | .1790, | .1890, |
| 4, | .2780, | .2740, | .2910, | .2670, | .2670, | .2450, | .2360, | .2330, | .2300, | .2330, |
| 5, | .3580, | .2950, | .3510, | .3490, | .2910, | .3310, | .2900, | .2570, | .2720, | .2910, |
| 6, | .4070, | .3570, | .3430, | .3900, | .3990, | .3740, | .3540, | .3320, | .3230, | .3410, |
| 7, | .4580, | .3910, | .4690, | .4150, | .3860, | .5280, | .3800, | .3560, | .3600, | .3850, |
| 8, | .5090, | .4690, | .4630, | .4260, | .4550, | .5400, | .5050, | .3800, | .4030, | .4010, |
| 9, | .5510, | .5160, | .4890, | .4330, | .4450, | .5050, | .4920, | .4800, | .4360, | .4950, |
| 10, | .5590, | .5380, | .5190, | .4770, | .4610, | .7420, | .4960, | .4900, | .4610, | .4690, |
| *gp, | .6660, | .7050, | .5670, | .5590, | .5580, | .6470, | .6150, | .6420, | .5850, | .6430, |
| SOPCOFAC, | .9970, | .9974, | .9949, | 1.0004, | 1.0006, | 1.0009, | .9480, | .9827, | 1.0000, | .9779, |

Table 8.2.4

| Table 3 YEAR, | Stock weights at age (kg) | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0590, | .0700, | .0670, | .0650, | .0700, | .0720, |
| 2, | .1140, | .1350, | .1310, | .1290, | .1360, | .1390, |
| 3, | .1670, | .1970, | .1920, | .1920, | .1980, | .2030, |
| 4, | .2170, | .2550, | .2490, | .2540, | .2560, | .2620, |
| 5, | .2630, | .3090, | .3040, | .3150, | .3090, | .3180, |
| 6, | .3060, | .3590, | .3550, | .3760, | .3580, | .3700, |
| 7, | .3470, | .4060, | .4030, | .4360, | .4030, | .4170, |
| 8, | .3840, | .4480, | .4480, | .4950, | .4430, | .4610, |
| 9, | .4180, | .4870, | .4900, | .5540, | .4800, | .5000, |
| 10, | .4500, | .5220, | .5290, | .6110, | .5120, | .5360, |
| +gp, | .5300, | .6010, | .6270, | .7800, | .5760, | .6160, |

| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0730, | .0600, | .0700, | .0610, | .0840, | .0670, | .0680, | .0970, | .1030, | .1080, |
| 2, | .1410, | .1190, | .1350, | .1190, | .1320, | .0870, | .1180, | .1340, | .1390, | .1460, |
| 3, | .2060, | .1750, | .1960, | .1750, | .1780, | .1610, | .1650, | .1720, | .1750, | .1840, |
| 4, | .2670, | .2300, | .2530, | .2280, | .2230, | .2300, | .2110, | .2100, | .2120, | .2220, |
| 5, | .3240, | .2830, | .3050, | .2780, | .2670, | .2930, | .2540, | .2480, | .2480, | .2600, |
| 6, | .3770, | .3350, | .3530, | .3260, | .3090, | .3520, | .2960, | .2870, | .2840, | .2980, |
| 7, | .4260, | .3850, | .3960, | .3710, | .3490, | .4050, | .3350, | .3260, | .3200, | .3360, |
| 8, | .4710, | .4330, | .4350, | .4130, | .3880, | .4540, | .3720, | .3660, | .3570, | .3740, |
| 9, | .5120, | .4790, | .4700, | .4530, | .4250, | .4970, | .4070, | .4060, | .3930, | .4120, |
| 10, | .5490, | .5230, | .5000, | .4900, | .4610, | .5350, | .4400, | .4460, | .4290, | .4500, |
| +gp, | .6300, | .6750, | .5500, | .5760, | .5460, | .6100, | .5320, | .5750, | .5340, | .5570, |

Table 8.3.1 Sole in VIId

| Year | Catch per unit effort | | | Effort | | | | |
|------|---|--|------|-----------------------------------|---|---|------|--------------------------------|
| | Belgium Beam trawl (kg/10hr) HP corr | UK Trammel (kg/day) Beam trawl (kg/hr) GRT corr | | France Trawl (kg/h*kw*10-4) | Belgium Beam trawl (‘000 hr) HP corr | UK Trammel (days at sea) Beam trawl (‘000 hr) | | France Trawl (h*kw*10-4) |
| 1972 | | | 15.2 | | | | | |
| 1973 | | | 12.1 | | | | | |
| 1974 | | | 11.6 | | | | | |
| 1975 | 24.1 | | 11.5 | | 5.0 | | | |
| 1976 | 27.3 | | 10.5 | | 6.6 | | | |
| 1977 | 30.0 | | 11.0 | | 6.9 | | | |
| 1978 | 26.3 | | 9.1 | | 8.2 | | | |
| 1979 | 37.4 | | 8.3 | | 7.3 | | | |
| 1980 | 23.3 | | 15.2 | | 12.8 | | 2.7 | |
| 1981 | 24.5 | | 13.7 | | 19.0 | | 2.3 | |
| 1982 | 23.6 | | 11.2 | | 23.9 | | 4.2 | |
| 1983 | 22.4 | | 21.4 | 25.5 | 23.6 | | 2.7 | 1816.7 |
| 1984 | 21.6 | | 13.3 | 22.5 | 28.0 | | 2.9 | 2801.3 |
| 1985 | 22.9 | 33.8 | 12.8 | 48.0 | 25.3 | 6243.0 | 9.1 | 6997.0 |
| 1986 | 33.5 | 38.9 | 10.9 | 36.2 | 23.5 | 5863.0 | 12.9 | 8480.0 |
| 1987 | 36.6 | 31.6 | 11.0 | 67.6 | 27.1 | 7192.0 | 24.3 | 6609.0 |
| 1988 | 15.9 | 33.8 | 11.3 | 62.1 | 38.5 | 6943.0 | 19.0 | 7006.0 |
| 1989 | 16.8 | 28.2 | 10.6 | 63.1 | 35.7 | 8380.0 | 33.3 | 6983.0 |
| 1990 | 25.9 | 20.2 | 11.9 | 29.9 | 30.3 | 13541.0 | 33.4 | 8395.0 |
| 1991 | 22.6 | 31.8 | 8.1 | 38.0 | 24.3 | 12188.0 | 30.4 | 10505.0 |
| 1992 | 29.1 | 30.1 | 8.0 | 34.8 | 22.0 | 8547.0 | 37.1 | 9766.0 |
| 1993 | 34.8 | 18.7 | 8.4 | 42.5 | 20.0 | 9062.0 | 29.3 | 10331.0 |
| 1994 | 27.9 | 21.1 | 9.2 | 31.4 | 25.2 | 10756.0 | 28.1 | 10685.0 |
| 1995 | 24.7 | 21.8 | 9.0 | 31.2 | 24.2 | 10571.0 | 28.6 | 10300.0 |
| 1996 | 29.8 | 31.2 | 10.3 | 29.3 | 25.0 | 8531.0 | 39.1 | 12084.0 |
| 1997 | 32.6 | 32.8 | 9.9 | * | 30.9 | 10066.0 | 39.6 | 10915.0 |

Note: No index available for French trawl due to discrepancies in revised fleet

Table 8.3.2 Sole in VIId. English beam trawl survey numbers raised to 8m beam trawl equivalent (mean no/rectangle, averaged across rectangles)

| Age | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ | 1+ | 3+ |
|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1988 | 8.2 | 14.2 | 9.9 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 35.7 | 13.2 |
| 1989 | 2.6 | 15.4 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 25.1 | 6.8 |
| 1990 | 12.1 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21.4 | 5.4 |
| 1991 | 8.9 | 22.8 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 37.6 | 5.8 |
| 1992 | 1.4 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 27.1 | 13.7 |
| 1993 | 0.5 | 17.5 | 8.4 | 7.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 36.1 | 18.2 |
| 1994 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 24.4 | 16.5 |
| 1995 | 3.5 | 10.6 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 21.5 | 7.4 |
| 1996 | 3.5 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 19.6 | 8.8 |
| 1997 | 19.0 | 7.3 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 33.5 | 7.2 |
| mean | 6.4 | 11.4 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 28.2 | 10.3 |

Table 8.4.1a Sole in VIId. Separable analysis

with Terminal F of .500 on age 4 and Terminal S of .500

Initial sum of squared residuals was 407.919 and
final sum of squared residuals is 83.524 after 69 iterations

Matrix of Residuals

| Years, Ages | 1982/83, | 1983/84, | 1984/85, | 1985/86, | 1986/87, |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1/ 2, | 1.587, | -4.487, | -2.053, | .399, | -.568, |
| 2/ 3, | .587, | -.299, | -.404, | .835, | .017, |
| 3/ 4, | -.107, | .033, | -.059, | .441, | .288, |
| 4/ 5, | .081, | .306, | .042, | .382, | .074, |
| 5/ 6, | -.993, | -.390, | -1.040, | -.092, | -.616, |
| 6/ 7, | -.450, | .145, | .832, | .423, | -.554, |
| 7/ 8, | -.064, | .280, | .179, | -.268, | .000, |
| 8/ 9, | .618, | .873, | .217, | -.007, | .415, |
| 9/10, | -.152, | -.220, | -.106, | -.418, | -.019, |
| 10/11, | -.085, | .148, | .504, | -.722, | -.577, |
| 11/12, | .231, | -.040, | -.018, | -.478, | .374, |
| 12/13, | .926, | .129, | .380, | .515, | -.747, |
| 13/14, | -.747, | -1.240, | -.605, | -1.354, | -.648, |
| TOT , | -.003, | -.005, | -.006, | -.007, | -.007, |
| WTS , | .001, | .001, | .001, | .001, | .001, |

| Years, | 1987/88, | 1988/89, | 1989/90, | 1990/91, | 1991/92, | 1992/93, | 1993/94, | 1994/95, | 1995/96, | 1996/97, | TOT, | WTS, |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| 1/ 2, | -2.492, | -.238, | .316, | 1.493, | .707, | -.839, | 1.216, | -1.127, | 2.429, | -1.683, | -.011, | .109, |
| 2/ 3, | -.287, | .503, | .227, | .559, | .426, | .152, | .786, | -.832, | .106, | -.228, | -.013, | .412, |
| 3/ 4, | .012, | .058, | .441, | -.169, | .019, | -.161, | -.110, | -.025, | .232, | .051, | -.012, | 1.000, |
| 4/ 5, | .011, | -.469, | .330, | .032, | -.126, | -.208, | .121, | .204, | .060, | -.186, | -.008, | .885, |
| 5/ 6, | -.299, | -.432, | .649, | -.380, | -.338, | .205, | .005, | -.116, | -.003, | -.088, | -.002, | .463, |
| 6/ 7, | .097, | -.088, | .166, | -.359, | .207, | -.166, | -.253, | .030, | .185, | .209, | .005, | .559, |
| 7/ 8, | .480, | .122, | .123, | -.153, | -.224, | -.172, | .040, | .192, | -.006, | -.046, | .008, | .983, |
| 8/ 9, | .538, | .288, | .169, | -.211, | -.103, | -.272, | .288, | .057, | -.065, | -.002, | .007, | .617, |
| 9/10, | -.541, | -.356, | -.318, | -.205, | .290, | .319, | -.017, | -.065, | -.389, | .156, | .002, | .782, |
| 10/11, | .278, | .398, | -.456, | -.123, | -.694, | .075, | -.139, | .287, | -.159, | -.069, | -.005, | .501, |
| 11/12, | -.395, | .234, | -1.199, | .011, | .402, | .014, | -.027, | -.258, | -.546, | .007, | -.011, | .416, |
| 12/13, | -.563, | .222, | -.874, | 1.431, | .682, | .248, | -.603, | -.299, | -.087, | .725, | -.014, | .298, |
| 13/14, | .951, | .130, | -.935, | .687, | -.348, | .007, | -.977, | .825, | -.061, | .198, | -.013, | .269, |
| TOT , | -.008, | -.008, | -.009, | -.009, | -.008, | -.008, | -.006, | -.005, | -.004, | -.002, | -6.956, | |
| WTS , | .001, | .001, | .001, | .001, | .001, | 1.000, | 1.000, | 1.000, | 1.000, | 1.000, | | |

Table 8.4.1 b Sole in VIId Tuning fleets for final XSA

107D SOLE, TUNING FILE, UK, BELG, FRANCE [REV:08/9/98 JD]
 106
 BELGIAN BT (HP CORRECTED EFFORT & ALL GEARS AGE COMP)
 1980 1997
 1 1 0 1
 3 15
 12.8 46.1 298.7 189.6 57.4 24.7 10.3 5.1 8.6 3.1 5.5 2.4 2.6 37.9
 19.0 161.4 82.1 312.8 229.6 44.7 32.9 33.1 6.9 9.0 18.4 9.3 0.8 51.9
 23.9 980.9 128.0 93.4 155.9 112.6 38.8 60.1 15.2 14.0 7.4 12.5 5.9 54.3
 23.6 373.0 818.9 65.5 54.0 81.7 73.2 23.5 20.2 27.0 5.0 1.0 7.1 33.0
 28.0 347.2 311.2 436.0 53.7 38.5 104.9 59.9 25.4 23.2 25.3 9.0 8.2 42.4
 25.3 612.1 213.0 209.1 260.2 58.2 34.1 48.0 31.0 16.9 19.6 9.2 7.7 21.3
 23.4 1522.3 675.0 233.7 170.6 194.0 30.1 53.1 64.2 32.6 12.7 2.6 43 29.3
 27.1 451 739.3 724.4 344.5 232.4 152.7 25.3 86.5 56 56.1 54.5 9.3 109.0
 38.5 990.4 243.3 362.9 216.7 111.8 41.8 73.8 47.0 9.8 22.3 35.8 8.6 25.3
 35.7 512.6 543.6 748.0 276.6 225.0 53.1 36.4 12.7 4.7 0.0 0.0 4.7 27.0
 30.3 1375.2 218.1 366.2 85.3 198.2 65.5 39.0 22.4 22.2 25.4 2.8 24.0 18.2
 24.3 1358.6 710.1 125.6 283.9 60.6 56.2 21.0 19.8 22.2 18.0 5.6 0.3 21.4
 22.0 1613.7 523.3 477.7 36.9 67.9 28.2 31.7 11.2 11.4 6.0 5.7 3.2 16.7
 20.0 1520.4 889.5 215.5 78.5 38.9 40.8 37.8 11.3 8.7 13.3 1.5 3.0 22.4
 22.2 1183.2 1598.5 912.9 201.0 160.0 39.5 33.8 46.2 16.0 10.2 14.9 8.8 18.6
 24.2 542.7 671.3 590.9 409.4 100.6 40.3 25.4 14.2 9.3 5.0 11.9 3.4 8.0
 25.0 284.1 975.5 628.7 560.1 354.3 316.8 68.3 77.6 34.2 26.2 15.8 10.8 1.1 4.2
 30.9 196.0 1282.3 966.1 500.2 422.3 301.1 144.7 56.6 29.3 25.8 12.1 12.6 3.4 1.4
 UK BEAM TRAWL (FLEET EFFORT & ALL TRAWL AGE COMPS DE-RAISED)
 1981 1997
 1 1 0 1
 2 15
 2.27 41.5 31.2 6.7 25.7 8.5 1.9 2.3 1.6 0.3 0.4 0.8 0.1 0.0 2.8
 4.17 17.2 137.2 10.1 3.3 14.1 1.8 1.8 1.9 4.5 1.1 0.0 0.1 0.1 2.3
 2.66 18.5 38.4 118.6 2.0 2.8 6.9 4.4 0.3 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.7 1.3
 2.88 42.6 34.8 26.1 30.1 2.6 1.1 0.7 0.6 0.4 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.3 1.5
 9.11 12.8 295.0 43.8 21.9 79.8 0.3 0.1 4.9 0.0 0.1 0.5 1.8 0.5 0.5
 12.92 38.4 185.4 128.7 35.9 36.9 50.5 1.5 3.1 6.7 3.3 3.6 2.0 2.2 6.8
 24.27 362.0 152.3 206.4 142.6 26.8 21.0 54.1 2.1 0.6 4.8 1.5 2.2 4.7 3.5
 18.98 145.2 402.6 81.8 94.4 61.4 13.4 17.6 25.6 2.6 0.4 6.7 7.1 0.0 0.3
 33.29 310.0 186.9 369.7 44.0 81.7 60.5 12.7 10.8 42.6 2.5 1.1 5.0 6.8 34.5
 33.39 199.8 662.3 97.2 146.7 29.1 34.2 34.7 8.7 15.0 48.6 4.1 1.1 6.8 17.7
 30.38 488.9 200.3 287.8 12.3 45.9 7.5 11.0 16.3 4.1 2.7 12.7 0.4 0.0 7.4
 37.10 332.3 684.6 105.6 215.2 15.0 26.1 8.2 19.0 6.6 3.0 1.9 4.2 0.1 3.3
 29.32 272.1 358.5 357.3 56.9 86.8 8.6 17.7 7.4 5.0 5.5 1.9 2.1 3.5 4.6
 28.13 49.6 394.0 217.4 170.0 41.6 68.3 6.7 15.8 4.9 5.9 5.5 3.6 2.4 13.9
 28.6 229.9 136.3 291.6 140.5 124.3 24.4 51.3 7.2 13.1 2.6 5.9 6.1 1.2 10.8
 39.1 446.0 376.0 118.1 251.3 127.7 101.8 26.3 50.5 6.3 13.5 6.3 8.0 5.4 18.2
 39.6 427.3 504.4 239.9 64.2 180.2 75.3 71.0 16.6 33.1 4.0 10.4 1.7 5.4 12.1
 French Combined Trawl (Effort Hr*KW*10-4), 1985-92 Deraised, 1993-97 True Age composition
 1985 1997
 1 1 0 1
 2 15
 6997.0 419.1 406.3 150.4 87.7 146.3 10.6 15.5 9.8 4.8 1.0 1.2 0.1 0.8 1.7
 8480.0 121.7 402.1 237.7 62.1 51.6 74.3 15.5 16.2 14.5 10.4 1.9 0.7 1.0 7.5
 6609.0 239.2 446.0 294.9 129.7 93.5 120.6 68.3 11.7 11.4 4.4 3.6 4.9 1.4 5.2
 7006.0 303.0 907.2 201.5 87.8 68.7 39.1 26.5 10.6 5.4 6.2 3.9 3.4 1.3 6.2
 6983.0 534.0 424.2 545.8 113.3 73.3 41.3 21.8 18.9 21.7 4.6 5.2 5.6 3.6 8.8
 8395.0 221.2 389.2 102.0 115.1 22.7 19.0 17.5 10.5 10.8 11.3 6.7 6.4 4.0 6.4
 10505.0 902.3 249.8 320.7 65.0 73.6 25.3 22.1 26.0 8.6 8.7 11.0 1.0 2.5 10.2
 9766.0 409.6 772.6 144.0 92.5 28.9 27.4 10.3 9.8 8.3 9.9 2.4 2.4 0.7 3.8
 10331.0 838.3 772.1 447.2 65.9 21.5 10.8 9.3 6.8 3.4 1.4 0.5 0.4 0.1 0.1
 10685.0 54.7 587.2 515.9 252.8 40.1 27.0 8.3 8.9 4.6 3.0 1.6 1.4 2.1 5.8
 10300.0 243.0 442.1 311.8 192.6 114.0 24.1 7.8 4.5 5.1 4.2 4.3 0.9 0.5 8.7
 12084.0 75.9 783.2 255.1 169.7 126.6 68.6 18.4 9.4 8.7 4.3 6.2 3.6 3.2 8.9
 10915.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
 English BTS
 1988 1997
 1 1 .5 .75
 1 6
 1.0 8.2 14.2 9.9 0.8 1.3 0.6
 1.0 2.6 15.4 3.4 1.7 0.6 0.2
 1.0 12.1 3.7 3.4 0.7 0.8 0.2
 1.0 8.9 22.8 2.2 2.3 0.3 0.5
 1.0 1.4 12.0 10.0 0.7 1.1 0.3
 1.0 0.5 17.5 8.4 7.0 0.8 1.0
 1.0 4.7 3.2 8.3 3.3 3.3 0.2
 1.0 3.5 10.6 1.5 2.3 1.2 1.1
 1.0 3.5 7.4 3.8 0.7 1.3 0.9
 1.0 19.0 7.3 3.2 1.3 0.2 0.5
 ENGLISH YFS
 1985 1997
 1 1 .5 .75
 1 1

Table 8.4.1 b Continued

| | |
|------------|----------|
| 1.0 | 1.84 |
| 1.0 | 1.67 |
| 1.0 | 1.72 |
| 1.0 | 2.66 |
| 1.0 | 0.98 |
| 1.0 | 3.37 |
| 1.0 | 6.80 |
| 1.0 | 2.22 |
| 1.0 | 1.73 |
| 1.0 | 3.94 |
| 1.0 | 4.20 |
| 1.0 | 1.60 |
| 1.0 | 2.20 |
| FRENCH YES | |
| 1987 | 1997 |
| 1 | 1 .5 .75 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 1.0 | 0.04 |
| 1.0 | 0.08 |
| 1.0 | 0.08 |
| 1.0 | 0.25 |
| 1.0 | 0.21 |
| 1.0 | 0.13 |
| 1.0 | 0.02 |
| 1.0 | 0.89 |
| 1.0 | 0.80 |
| 1.0 | 0.09 |
| 1.0 | 0.02 |

Table 8.4.1.c

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Extended Survivors Analysis

Sole in VIId (run: XSARIC02/X02)

CPUE data from file /users/fish/ifad/ifapwork/wgnssk/sol_eche/FLEET.X02

Catch data for 16 years. 1982 to 1997. Ages 1 to 11.

| Fleet, | First, | Last, | First, | Last, | Alpha, | Beta |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| , | year, | year, | age, | age | , | |
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 1986, | 1997, | 3, | 10, | .000, | 1.000 |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 1986, | 1997, | 2, | 10, | .000, | 1.000 |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 1986, | 1997, | 2, | 10, | .000, | 1.000 |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 1988, | 1997, | 1, | 6, | .500, | .750 |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 1986, | 1997, | 1, | 1, | .500, | .750 |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 1987, | 1997, | 1, | 1, | .500, | .750 |

Time series weights :

Tapered time weighting not applied

Catchability analysis :

Catchability independent of stock size for all ages

Catchability independent of age for ages >= 7

Terminal population estimation :

Survivor estimates shrunk towards the mean F
of the final 4 years or the 4 oldest ages.

S.E. of the mean to which the estimates are shrunk = .500

Minimum standard error for population
estimates derived from each fleet = .300

Prior weighting not applied

Tuning had not converged after 30 iterations

Total absolute residual between iterations
29 and 30 = .00071

Final year F values

| Age | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | 7, | 8, |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Iteration 29, | .0033, | .1106, | .4872, | .6721, | .8842, | .4934, | .3506, | .3571, |
| Iteration 30, | .0033, | .1106, | .4872, | .6720, | .8841, | .4934, | .3506, | .3571, |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Regression weights

, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000

Fishing mortalities

| Age, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 1, | .004, | .010, | .029, | .011, | .003, | .005, | .001, | .030, | .001, | .003 |
| 2, | .251, | .173, | .240, | .207, | .139, | .189, | .055, | .128, | .106, | .111 |
| 3, | .529, | .665, | .441, | .459, | .370, | .315, | .347, | .456, | .514, | .487 |
| 4, | .404, | .703, | .484, | .541, | .385, | .381, | .470, | .423, | .565, | .672 |
| 5, | .382, | .716, | .486, | .385, | .477, | .344, | .377, | .405, | .499, | .884 |
| 6, | .374, | .506, | .286, | .543, | .304, | .237, | .306, | .350, | .413, | .493 |
| 7, | .407, | .443, | .406, | .335, | .362, | .258, | .329, | .293, | .358, | .351 |
| 8, | .295, | .361, | .325, | .399, | .275, | .301, | .240, | .246, | .322, | .357 |
| 9, | .251, | .296, | .363, | .501, | .491, | .367, | .342, | .293, | .429, | .464 |
| 10, | .415, | .362, | .346, | .404, | .300, | .294, | .470, | .393, | .586, | .408 |

XSA population numbers (Thousands)

| YEAR , | AGE | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | | |
| 1988 , | 2.72E+04, | 1.05E+04, | 1.89E+04, | 5.21E+03, | 4.04E+03, | 3.07E+03, | 1.26E+03, |
| 1989 , | 1.70E+04, | 2.45E+04, | 7.41E+03, | 1.01E+04, | 3.15E+03, | 2.50E+03, | 1.91E+03, |
| 1990 , | 4.71E+04, | 1.52E+04, | 1.87E+04, | 3.45E+03, | 4.52E+03, | 1.39E+03, | 1.36E+03, |
| 1991 , | 3.71E+04, | 4.14E+04, | 1.08E+04, | 1.09E+04, | 1.92E+03, | 2.52E+03, | 9.45E+02, |
| 1992 , | 3.53E+04, | 3.32E+04, | 3.05E+04, | 6.20E+03, | 5.73E+03, | 1.18E+03, | 1.32E+03, |
| 1993 , | 1.70E+04, | 3.19E+04, | 2.61E+04, | 1.90E+04, | 3.81E+03, | 3.22E+03, | 7.90E+02, |
| 1994 , | 2.88E+04, | 1.53E+04, | 2.39E+04, | 1.73E+04, | 1.18E+04, | 2.45E+03, | 2.30E+03, |
| 1995 , | 2.46E+04, | 2.61E+04, | 1.31E+04, | 1.53E+04, | 9.76E+03, | 7.30E+03, | 1.63E+03, |
| 1996 , | 1.93E+04, | 2.16E+04, | 2.08E+04, | 7.51E+03, | 9.04E+03, | 5.89E+03, | 4.65E+03, |
| 1997 , | 9.47E+03, | 1.75E+04, | 1.76E+04, | 1.12E+04, | 3.86E+03, | 4.97E+03, | 3.53E+03, |

Estimated population abundance at 1st Jan 1998

, .00E+00, 8.54E+03, 1.41E+04, 9.77E+03, 5.19E+03, 1.44E+03, 2.74E+03,

Taper weighted geometric mean of the VPA populations:

, 2.12E+04, 1.99E+04, 1.58E+04, 8.81E+03, 4.81E+03, 2.98E+03, 1.76E+03,

Standard error of the weighted Log(VPA populations) :

, .4473, .3916, .3948, .4829, .5002, .5157, .5245,

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Log catchability residuals.

Fleet : FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H)

Age , 1986, 1987

| | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|------|
| 1 | , No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 2 | , No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 3 | .91, | -.04 |
| 4 | .07, | .27 |
| 5 | -.34, | .33 |
| 6 | -.27, | .75 |
| 7 | -.29, | .33 |
| 8 | -.37, | -.16 |
| 9 | .07, | -.26 |
| 10 | .12, | .91 |

Age , 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | , No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | , No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | -.26, | .15, | .28, | 1.04, | .24, | .40, | .15, | -.07, | -1.18, | -1.61 |
| 4 | -.84, | -.48, | -.26, | .02, | .31, | -.19, | .43, | -.42, | .69, | .40 |
| 5 | -.44, | .76, | -.26, | -.30, | .09, | -.26, | -.04, | -.36, | -.21, | 1.03 |
| 6 | -.36, | .22, | -.31, | .64, | -.65, | -.84, | .31, | -.14, | .38, | .27 |
| 7 | -.23, | .14, | .50, | -.13, | -.24, | -.23, | .04, | -.18, | .02, | .26 |
| 8 | -1.13, | -.41, | -.44, | -.04, | -.39, | -.22, | .03, | -1.03, | 1.34, | .11 |
| 9 | -.77, | -.80, | -.09, | -.85, | .03, | .42, | -.09, | -.14, | -.11, | .83 |
| 10 | .48, | -2.05, | -.70, | -.07, | -.87, | -.40, | 1.03, | -.58, | 1.47, | .01 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Age , | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | 7, | 8, |
| Mean Log q, | -6.0383, | -5.6365, | -5.3906, | -5.7101, | -5.5983, | -5.5983, |
| S.E(Log q), | .7566, | .4482, | .4718, | .5030, | .2613, | .6663, |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

Age, Slope , t-value , Intercept, RSquare, No Pts, Reg s.e, Mean Q

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------|---------|-------|------|-----|-------|--------|
| 3, | 1.46, | -.570, | 4.34, | .13, | 12, | 1.14, | -6.04, |
| 4, | .88, | .505, | 6.07, | .63, | 12, | .41, | -5.64, |
| 5, | 1.15, | -.458, | 4.92, | .48, | 12, | .56, | -5.39, |
| 6, | .83, | .719, | 6.11, | .63, | 12, | .43, | -5.71, |
| 7, | .89, | .847, | 5.81, | .86, | 12, | .24, | -5.60, |
| 8, | .95, | .126, | 5.88, | .44, | 12, | .62, | -5.83, |
| 9, | 1.84, | -1.200, | 5.17, | .17, | 12, | .89, | -5.75, |
| 10, | -4.93, | -2.143, | 7.82, | .01, | 12, | 4.13, | -5.65, |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Fleet : FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL

Age , 1986, 1987

| | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | , No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 2 | -.42, | .51 |
| 3 | .41, | .00 |
| 4 | .35, | .45 |
| 5 | .10, | .53 |
| 6 | .15, | -.33 |
| 7 | .59, | -.33 |
| 8 | -1.15, | .54 |
| 9 | -.54, | -1.01 |
| 10 | .09, | -2.32 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Age | , 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997 |
| 1 | , No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | .73, | .05, | .11, | .08, | -.31, | -.21, | -1.20, | -.18, | .34, | .50 |
| 3 | .56, | .22, | .46, | -.09, | -.13, | -.42, | -.17, | -.60, | -.34, | .10 |
| 4 | .12, | .54, | .18, | .24, | -.48, | -.15, | -.46, | -.08, | -.53, | -.19 |
| 5 | .64, | -.28, | .45, | -1.12, | .49, | -.26, | -.23, | -.24, | .15, | -.21 |
| 6 | .45, | .44, | -.11, | -.04, | -.71, | .25, | -.14, | -.14, | -.18, | .36 |
| 7 | -.01, | .53, | .28, | -.81, | -.09, | -.50, | .58, | -.14, | -.04, | -.08 |
| 8 | .34, | -.14, | .46, | -.26, | -.51, | .19, | -.35, | .67, | .03, | .05 |
| 9 | .51, | -.31, | -.06, | .31, | .63, | .04, | .54, | .07, | .77, | .05 |
| 10 | -.07, | .86, | .43, | -.24, | -.29, | .03, | .18, | .80, | .15, | .86 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Age | , | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | 7, |
| Mean Log q, | | -7.7880, | -7.0505, | -6.9775, | -7.1102, | -7.0744, | -7.2299, |
| S.E(Log q), | | .5215, | .3636, | .3693, | .4986, | .3444, | .4370, |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|---|---------|---|------------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
| Age, | Slope | , | t-value | , | Intercept, | RSquare, | No Pts, | Reg s.e, | Mean Q |
| 2, | 1.08, | | -.186, | | 7.62, | .36, | 12, | .59, | -7.79, |
| 3, | 1.20, | | -.623, | | 6.52, | .50, | 12, | .45, | -7.05, |
| 4, | 1.16, | | -.596, | | 6.64, | .59, | 12, | .44, | -6.98, |
| 5, | .75, | | 1.153, | | 7.45, | .68, | 12, | .37, | -7.11, |
| 6, | .81, | | 1.277, | | 7.25, | .81, | 12, | .27, | -7.07, |
| 7, | .72, | | 1.791, | | 7.31, | .81, | 12, | .29, | -7.23, |
| 8, | .61, | | 2.739, | | 7.12, | .83, | 12, | .25, | -7.24, |
| 9, | .64, | | 1.466, | | 6.89, | .62, | 12, | .32, | -7.15, |
| 10, | .73, | | .633, | | 6.87, | .36, | 12, | .64, | -7.19, |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Fleet : FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN

| Age | 1986 | 1987 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|
| 1 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 2 | -.14 | .11 |
| 3 | -.08 | .69 |
| 4 | -.17 | .55 |
| 5 | -.28 | .39 |
| 6 | -.26 | 1.06 |
| 7 | .06 | 1.38 |
| 8 | .27 | .74 |
| 9 | .19 | .67 |
| 10 | -.06 | .59 |

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 1.17 | .86 | .30 | .47 | -.06 | .66 | -1.43 | -.40 | -1.54 | 99.99 |
| 3 | .68 | .92 | -.37 | -.49 | -.36 | -.29 | -.49 | -.09 | -.11 | 99.99 |
| 4 | .47 | .94 | .05 | -.15 | -.39 | -.43 | -.18 | -.55 | -.14 | 99.99 |
| 5 | .22 | .87 | .24 | .25 | -.37 | -.42 | -.22 | -.26 | -.42 | 99.99 |
| 6 | .39 | .72 | -.15 | .33 | .11 | -1.27 | -.38 | -.37 | -.18 | 99.99 |
| 7 | .72 | .37 | -.27 | .13 | -.04 | -.56 | -.72 | -.47 | -.60 | 99.99 |
| 8 | .41 | .62 | -.18 | .16 | -.29 | -.75 | -.51 | -1.53 | -.49 | 99.99 |
| 9 | -.72 | .47 | .17 | .50 | -.04 | -.34 | -.41 | -.72 | -1.07 | 99.99 |
| 10 | .32 | .41 | .14 | .23 | -.06 | -.65 | -.26 | -.46 | .30 | 99.99 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mean Log q | -13.4038 | -12.2736 | -12.3304 | -12.6680 | -12.8146 | -12.7980 |
| S.E(Log q) | .8651 | .5145 | .4629 | .4202 | .6265 | .6364 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| 2 | .90 | .168 | 13.06 | .24 | 11 | .82 | -13.40 |
| 3 | 3.33 | -2.268 | 18.27 | .10 | 11 | 1.44 | -12.27 |
| 4 | 1.47 | -1.151 | 13.83 | .40 | 11 | .67 | -12.33 |
| 5 | 1.64 | -1.735 | 15.32 | .45 | 11 | .63 | -12.67 |
| 6 | 1.43 | -.799 | 14.93 | .27 | 11 | .92 | -12.81 |
| 7 | 1.01 | -.025 | 12.85 | .42 | 11 | .68 | -12.80 |
| 8 | .93 | .138 | 12.53 | .32 | 11 | .66 | -12.94 |
| 9 | 1.89 | -1.046 | 18.72 | .13 | 11 | 1.08 | -12.92 |
| 10 | .81 | .883 | 11.45 | .70 | 11 | .31 | -12.75 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Fleet : FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | .54 | -.14 | .39 | .31 | -1.49 | -1.79 | -.08 | -.20 | .03 | 2.43 |
| 2 | 1.18 | .36 | -.55 | .25 | -.21 | .24 | -.81 | -.10 | -.28 | -.08 |
| 3 | .76 | .71 | -.35 | -.23 | .19 | .14 | .23 | -.81 | -.30 | -.33 |
| 4 | -.13 | .15 | .20 | .28 | -.45 | .73 | .13 | -.14 | -.53 | -.25 |
| 5 | .58 | .27 | .05 | -.14 | .12 | .13 | .44 | -.37 | -.15 | -.93 |
| 6 | .25 | -.56 | -.12 | .37 | .46 | .62 | -.67 | -.03 | .02 | -.34 |
| 7 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -8.5783 | -7.5655 | -7.9192 | -8.3378 | -8.3226 | -8.4901 |
| S.E(Log q) | 1.1522 | .5508 | .4963 | .3748 | .4329 | .4341 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| 1 | 7.57 | -1.072 | -1.32 | .00 | 10 | 8.65 | -8.58 |
| 2 | 1.11 | -.220 | 7.29 | .32 | 10 | .65 | -7.57 |
| 3 | 1.03 | -.069 | 7.87 | .41 | 10 | .54 | -7.92 |
| 4 | .79 | 1.180 | 8.51 | .80 | 10 | .29 | -8.34 |
| 5 | .95 | .190 | 8.33 | .65 | 10 | .44 | -8.32 |
| 6 | 1.11 | -.375 | 8.54 | .60 | 10 | .51 | -8.49 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Fleet : FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (

| Age | 1986 | 1987 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|
| 1 | -.54 | .33 |
| 2 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 3 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 4 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 5 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 6 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 7 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 8 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | |
| 10 | No data for this fleet at this age | |

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | -.08 | -.61 | -.38 | .55 | -.52 | -.04 | .25 | .49 | -.25 | .78 |
| 2 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | No data for this fleet at this age | | | | | | | | | |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 1 |
|-------------|----------|
| Mean Log q, | -9.0872, |
| S.E(Log q), | .4750, |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| 1, | 1.59, | -1.264, | 8.53, | .32, | 12, | .73, | -9.09, |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Fleet : FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C

Age , 1986, 1987

1 , 99.99, -.40
 2 , No data for this fleet at this age
 3 , No data for this fleet at this age
 4 , No data for this fleet at this age
 5 , No data for this fleet at this age
 6 , No data for this fleet at this age
 7 , No data for this fleet at this age
 8 , No data for this fleet at this age
 9 , No data for this fleet at this age
 10 , No data for this fleet at this age

Age , 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

1 , -.55, -.08, .05, .11, -.33, -1.47, 1.79, 1.87, -.10, -.89
 2 , No data for this fleet at this age
 3 , No data for this fleet at this age
 4 , No data for this fleet at this age
 5 , No data for this fleet at this age
 6 , No data for this fleet at this age
 7 , No data for this fleet at this age
 8 , No data for this fleet at this age
 9 , No data for this fleet at this age
 10 , No data for this fleet at this age

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

Age , 1
 Mean Log q, -12.1174,
 S.E(Log q), 1.0126,

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

Age, Slope , t-value , Intercept, RSquare, No Pts, Reg s.e, Mean Q
 1, .56, 1.244, 11.20, .47, 11, .55, -12.12,

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Terminal year survivor and F summaries :

Age 1 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1996

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 97145., | 1.208, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .071, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 18711., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .423, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 3521., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .092, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 3088., | .50,,,,, | | | | .414, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 8539., | .32, | .75, | 4, | 2.339, | .003 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Age 2 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1995

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 23377., | .543, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .205, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 13285., | .521, | .042, | .08, | 2, | .223, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 11035., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .247, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 12850., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .054, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 13025., | .50,,,, | | | | .270, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 14149., | .25, | .12, | 6, | .479, | .111 |

Age 3 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1994

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 1954., | .787, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .053, | 1. |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 11629., | .311, | .112, | .36, | 2, | .328, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 2084., | .904, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .036, | 1. |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 7246., | .369, | .026, | .07, | 3, | .228, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 16009., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .117, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 63129., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .026, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 12119., | .50,,,, | | | | .213, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 9766., | .19, | .21, | 10, | 1.100, | .487 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Age 4 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1993

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 5871., | .409, | .597, | 1.46, | 2, | .132, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 4104., | .251, | .050, | .20, | 3, | .303, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 4335., | .463, | .122, | .26, | 2, | .065, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 4123., | .280, | .039, | .14, | 4, | .252, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 6678., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .051, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 31229., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .011, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 8489., | .50,,,,, | | | | .186, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 5190., | .15, | .12, | 14, | .764, | .672 |

Age 5 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1992

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 3279., | .329, | .215, | .65, | 3, | .163, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 867., | .239, | .164, | .69, | 4, | .249, | 1. |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 1120., | .343, | .280, | .82, | 3, | .091, | 1. |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 655., | .252, | .115, | .45, | 5, | .246, | 1. |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 1389., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .031, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 332., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .007, | 1. |
| F shrinkage mean , | 4078., | .50,,,,, | | | | .214, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 1444., | .15, | .21, | 18, | 1.359, | .884 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Age 6 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1991

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 2660., | .291, | .166, | .57, | 4, | .169, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 3205., | .214, | .114, | .53, | 5, | .310, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 1806., | .280, | .142, | .51, | 4, | .122, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 2278., | .233, | .108, | .46, | 6, | .245, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 1626., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .019, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 1971., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .004, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 4520., | .50,,,, | | | | .131, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 2745., | .13, | .08, | 22, | .637, | .493 |

Age 7 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1990

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 2821., | .220, | .106, | .48, | 5, | .317, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 1813., | .203, | .060, | .29, | 6, | .290, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 1806., | .269, | .026, | .10, | 5, | .111, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 2132., | .230, | .090, | .39, | 6, | .159, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 3908., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .013, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 2498., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .003, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 2593., | .50,,,, | | | | .106, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 2248., | .12, | .05, | 25, | .460, | .351 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Age 8 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age)

Year class = 1989

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 1860., | .211, | .041, | .19, | 6, | .296, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 1731., | .196, | .037, | .19, | 7, | .311, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 1284., | .261, | .088, | .34, | 6, | .127, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 2523., | .227, | .132, | .58, | 6, | .135, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 1278., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .011, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 1962., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .002, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 2500., | .50,,,,, | | | | .118, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 1865., | .11, | .05, | 28, | .434, | .357 |

Age 9 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age)

Year class = 1988

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, , | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 554., | .203, | .225, | 1.11, | 7, | .304, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 372., | .193, | .058, | .30, | 8, | .312, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 269., | .257, | .044, | .17, | 7, | .132, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 286., | .228, | .142, | .62, | 6, | .110, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 224., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .008, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 379., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .002, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 562., | .50,,,,, | | | | .132, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 411., | .12, | .08, | 31, | .699, | .464 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

Age 10 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age)

Year class = 1987

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Est |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------|-----|
| FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H, | 313., | .207, | .144, | .70, | 8, | .286, | . |
| FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL, | 655., | .201, | .081, | .40, | 9, | .300, | . |
| FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN, | 154., | .260, | .181, | .70, | 8, | .157, | . |
| FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM , | 528., | .239, | .128, | .53, | 6, | .090, | . |
| FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (, | 346., | .494, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .006, | . |
| FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C, | 216., | 1.058, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .001, | . |
| F shrinkage mean , | 365., | .50,,,,, | | | | .160, | . |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----|----------------|------|
| 376., | .13, | .10, | 34, | .809, | .408 |

FLT13: BELGIAN BT (H

CPUE adjusted to start of year

| YEAR | AGE | | | | | | |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | |
| 1986 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .8618E+02, | .3729E+02, | .1212E+02, | .8738E+01, | .1037 |
| 1987 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .2243E+02, | .3777E+02, | .3577E+02, | .1760E+02, | .1231 |
| 1988 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .3466E+02, | .8047E+01, | .1188E+02, | .7066E+01, | .3703 |
| 1989 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .2055E+02, | .2215E+02, | .3065E+02, | .1033E+02, | .8169 |
| 1990 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .5876E+02, | .9501E+01, | .1597E+02, | .3393E+01, | .8334 |
| 1991 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .7298E+02, | .3957E+02, | .6524E+01, | .1584E+02, | .3075 |
| 1992 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .9195E+02, | .3003E+02, | .2857E+02, | .2039E+01, | .3853 |
| 1993 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .9288E+02, | .5603E+02, | .1335E+02, | .4623E+01, | .2314 |
| 1994 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .6610E+02, | .9446E+02, | .5170E+02, | .1101E+02, | .8864 |
| 1995 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .2923E+02, | .3562E+02, | .3110E+02, | .2101E+02, | .5027 |
| 1996 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .1521E+02, | .5341E+02, | .3343E+02, | .2864E+02, | .1766 |
| 1997 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .8386E+01, | .5956E+02, | .4913E+02, | .2146E+02, | .1698 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

FLT14: UK BEAM TRAWL

CPUE adjusted to start of year

| YEAR | AGE | | | | | | |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | |
| 1986 | .0000E+00, | .3305E+01, | .1901E+02, | .1288E+02, | .3373E+01, | .3423E+01, | .4890 |
| 1987 | .0000E+00, | .1688E+02, | .8458E+01, | .1177E+02, | .7862E+01, | .1529E+01, | .1242 |
| 1988 | .0000E+00, | .9073E+01, | .2858E+02, | .5488E+01, | .6267E+01, | .4061E+01, | .9002 |
| 1989 | .0000E+00, | .1064E+02, | .8034E+01, | .1615E+02, | .1934E+01, | .3273E+01, | .2356 |
| 1990 | .0000E+00, | .7059E+01, | .2568E+02, | .3843E+01, | .5805E+01, | .1050E+01, | .1305 |
| 1991 | .0000E+00, | .1869E+02, | .8607E+01, | .1283E+02, | .5111E+00, | .2048E+01, | .3044 |
| 1992 | .0000E+00, | .1007E+02, | .2313E+02, | .3593E+01, | .7632E+01, | .4915E+00, | .8783 |
| 1993 | .0000E+00, | .1069E+02, | .1494E+02, | .1535E+02, | .2404E+01, | .3487E+01, | .3490 |
| 1994 | .0000E+00, | .1904E+01, | .1737E+02, | .1014E+02, | .7599E+01, | .1799E+01, | .2986 |
| 1995 | .0000E+00, | .8989E+01, | .6212E+01, | .1309E+02, | .6256E+01, | .5398E+01, | .1032 |
| 1996 | .0000E+00, | .1262E+02, | .1287E+02, | .4134E+01, | .8544E+01, | .4175E+01, | .3245 |
| 1997 | .0000E+00, | .1197E+02, | .1684E+02, | .8695E+01, | .2548E+01, | .6033E+01, | .2362 |

FLT15: FRENCH COMBIN

CPUE adjusted to start of year

| YEAR | AGE | | | | | | |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | |
| 1986 | .0000E+00, | .1596E-01, | .6282E-01, | .3624E-01, | .8888E-02, | .7293E-02, | .1096 |
| 1987 | .0000E+00, | .4096E-01, | .9096E-01, | .6178E-01, | .2626E-01, | .1959E-01, | .2619 |
| 1988 | .0000E+00, | .5129E-01, | .1745E+00, | .3662E-01, | .1579E-01, | .1231E-01, | .7116 |
| 1989 | .0000E+00, | .8738E-01, | .8693E-01, | .1137E+00, | .2374E-01, | .1400E-01, | .7666 |
| 1990 | .0000E+00, | .3108E-01, | .6002E-01, | .1604E-01, | .1811E-01, | .3259E-02, | .2884 |
| 1991 | .0000E+00, | .9977E-01, | .3104E-01, | .4134E-01, | .7810E-02, | .9498E-02, | .2970 |
| 1992 | .0000E+00, | .4714E-01, | .9917E-01, | .1861E-01, | .1246E-01, | .3597E-02, | .3503 |
| 1993 | .0000E+00, | .9344E-01, | .9131E-01, | .5453E-01, | .7900E-02, | .2451E-02, | .1244 |
| 1994 | .0000E+00, | .5527E-02, | .6816E-01, | .6334E-01, | .2975E-01, | .4566E-02, | .3108 |
| 1995 | .0000E+00, | .2638E-01, | .5595E-01, | .3887E-01, | .2381E-01, | .1375E-01, | .2830 |
| 1996 | .0000E+00, | .6949E-02, | .8673E-01, | .2890E-01, | .1867E-01, | .1339E-01, | .7075 |
| 1997 | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

FLT16: ENGLISH BEAM

CPUE adjusted to start of year

| YEAR | AGE | | | | | | |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | |
| 1988 | .8749E+01, | .1768E+02, | .1465E+02, | .1096E+01, | .1755E+01, | .8062E+00, | .0000 |
| 1989 | .2785E+01, | .1826E+02, | .5477E+01, | .2803E+01, | .9975E+00, | .2918E+00, | .0000 |
| 1990 | .1311E+02, | .4575E+01, | .4763E+01, | .1007E+01, | .1153E+01, | .2545E+00, | .0000 |
| 1991 | .9539E+01, | .2762E+02, | .3117E+01, | .3429E+01, | .4061E+00, | .7464E+00, | .0000 |
| 1992 | .1493E+01, | .1393E+02, | .1341E+02, | .9475E+00, | .1576E+01, | .3860E+00, | .0000 |
| 1993 | .5340E+00, | .2096E+02, | .1088E+02, | .9449E+01, | .1056E+01, | .1234E+01, | .0000 |
| 1994 | .5007E+01, | .3526E+01, | .1097E+02, | .4708E+01, | .4443E+01, | .2576E+00, | .0000 |
| 1995 | .3795E+01, | .1222E+02, | .2121E+01, | .3187E+01, | .1644E+01, | .1457E+01, | .0000 |
| 1996 | .3727E+01, | .8413E+01, | .5572E+01, | .1059E+01, | .1889E+01, | .1239E+01, | .0000 |
| 1997 | .2027E+02, | .8326E+01, | .4615E+01, | .2103E+01, | .3690E+00, | .7238E+00, | .0000 |

FLT17: ENGLISH YFS (

CPUE adjusted to start of year

| YEAR | AGE | | | | | | |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | |
| 1986 | .1780E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1987 | .1832E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1988 | .2838E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1989 | .1050E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1990 | .3652E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1991 | .7288E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1992 | .2368E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1993 | .1848E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1994 | .4197E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1995 | .4554E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1996 | .1704E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1997 | .2347E+01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |

Table 8.4.1.c Continued

FLT18: FRENCH YFS (C

CPUE adjusted to start of year

| YEAR | AGE | | | | | | |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | |
| 1987 | .4260E-01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1988 | .8535E-01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1989 | .8570E-01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1990 | .2709E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1991 | .2251E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1992 | .1387E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1993 | .2136E-01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1994 | .9481E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1995 | .8675E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1996 | .9584E-01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |
| 1997 | .2133E-01, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000E+00, | .0000 |

Table 8.4.2

Run title : Sole in VIId (run: XSARIC02/X02)

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Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| Table 8 YEAR, | Fishing mortality (F) at age | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, |
| AGE | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0125, | .0000, | .0011, | .0038, | .0019, | .0008, |
| 2, | .1800, | .0794, | .1098, | .2162, | .1160, | .1528, |
| 3, | .3100, | .3378, | .4133, | .4126, | .4915, | .5300, |
| 4, | .4592, | .3571, | .4091, | .3494, | .4378, | .5903, |
| 5, | .1993, | .4073, | .2605, | .2482, | .3008, | .5137, |
| 6, | .2374, | .3774, | .6154, | .3885, | .2738, | .5908, |
| 7, | .4473, | .3346, | .3784, | .2014, | .3662, | .6717, |
| 8, | .3975, | .4751, | .2510, | .1933, | .3107, | .4657, |
| 9, | .3230, | .2780, | .3209, | .1687, | .3374, | .3486, |
| 10, | .3523, | .3673, | .3926, | .2385, | .3301, | .4724, |
| +9p, | .3523, | .3673, | .3926, | .2385, | .3301, | .4724, |
| FBAR 3- 8, | .3418, | .3815, | .3880, | .2989, | .3635, | .5604, |

| YEAR, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, | FBAR 95-97 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | .0037, | .0101, | .0288, | .0109, | .0032, | .0053, | .0012, | .0297, | .0006, | .0033, | .0112, |
| 2, | .2515, | .1730, | .2400, | .2074, | .1386, | .1892, | .0553, | .1278, | .1055, | .1106, | .1146, |
| 3, | .5290, | .6653, | .4407, | .4590, | .3703, | .3150, | .3473, | .4558, | .5140, | .4872, | .4856, |
| 4, | .4044, | .7025, | .4836, | .5405, | .3854, | .3810, | .4698, | .4228, | .5645, | .6720, | .5531, |
| 5, | .3815, | .7161, | .4856, | .3855, | .4766, | .3443, | .3769, | .4048, | .4992, | .8841, | .5961, |
| 6, | .3736, | .5060, | .2859, | .5429, | .3039, | .2367, | .3057, | .3502, | .4130, | .4934, | .4189, |
| 7, | .4075, | .4434, | .4057, | .3350, | .3616, | .2582, | .3291, | .2931, | .3579, | .3506, | .3338, |
| 8, | .2950, | .3609, | .3251, | .3989, | .2751, | .3006, | .2398, | .2457, | .3217, | .3571, | .3082, |
| 9, | .2506, | .2959, | .3625, | .5011, | .4909, | .3674, | .3421, | .2931, | .4285, | .4642, | .3953, |
| 10, | .4150, | .3617, | .3457, | .4041, | .2998, | .2944, | .4700, | .3930, | .5865, | .4083, | .4626, |
| +9p, | .4150, | .3617, | .3457, | .4041, | .2998, | .2944, | .4700, | .3930, | .5865, | .4083, | |
| FBAR 3- 8, | .3985, | .5657, | .4044, | .4436, | .3622, | .3060, | .3448, | .3621, | .4451, | .5407, | |

Table 8.4.3

Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| Table 10 YEAR, | Stock number at age (start of year) | | | | | | Numbers*10**-3 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| | 1982, | 1983, | 1984, | 1985, | 1986, | 1987, | |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 13127, | 22089, | 22097, | 13465, | 26975, | 11645, | |
| 2, | 16751, | 11730, | 19987, | 19971, | 12137, | 24361, | |
| 3, | 20730, | 12660, | 9803, | 16204, | 14558, | 9780, | |
| 4, | 4931, | 13758, | 8172, | 5867, | 9705, | 8058, | |
| 5, | 3316, | 2819, | 8710, | 4911, | 3743, | 5668, | |
| 6, | 3248, | 2458, | 1697, | 6074, | 3467, | 2507, | |
| 7, | 1600, | 2318, | 1525, | 830, | 3727, | 2386, | |
| 8, | 769, | 926, | 1501, | 945, | 614, | 2338, | |
| 9, | 465, | 468, | 521, | 1057, | 705, | 407, | |
| 10, | 294, | 304, | 321, | 342, | 808, | 455, | |
| +9p, | 713, | 658, | 768, | 633, | 1420, | 1304, | |
| TOTAL, | 65943, | 70187, | 75101, | 70299, | 77859, | 68909, | |

| YEAR, | Numbers*10**-3 | | | | | | | | | | GMST | |
|--------|----------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997, | | 1998, |
| AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1, | 27194, | 17005, | 47113, | 37057, | 35325, | 16987, | 28840, | 24562, | 19314, | *(9469) | ** (9) | 226 |
| 2, | 10529, | 24516, | 15232, | 41420, | 33166, | 31863, | 15290, | 26063, | 21575, | 17466, | 8537 | 199 |
| 3, | 18919, | 7408, | 18659, | 10841, | 30457, | 26127, | 23860, | 13090, | 20754, | 17567, | 14149, | 153 |
| 4, | 5209, | 10086, | 3446, | 10866, | 6199, | 19029, | 17252, | 15255, | 7509, | 11232, | 9766, | 87 |
| 5, | 4040, | 3145, | 4521, | 1923, | 5727, | 3815, | 11763, | 9759, | 9044, | 3863, | 5190, | 46 |
| 6, | 3069, | 2496, | 1391, | 2517, | 1183, | 3217, | 2446, | 7301, | 5891, | 4967, | 1444, | 27 |
| 7, | 1257, | 1911, | 1362, | 945, | 1323, | 790, | 2298, | 1630, | 4654, | 3527, | 2745, | 15 |
| 8, | 1103, | 756, | 1110, | 821, | 612, | 834, | 552, | 1496, | 1101, | 2944, | 2248, | 9 |
| 9, | 1328, | 743, | 477, | 725, | 499, | 421, | 559, | 393, | 1059, | 722, | 1865, | 5 |
| 10, | 260, | 935, | 500, | 300, | 398, | 276, | 264, | 359, | 265, | 624, | 411, | 3 |
| +9p, | 876, | 1136, | 1993, | 1244, | 959, | 596, | 776, | 796, | 884, | 931, | 936, | |
| TOTAL, | 73782, | 70139, | 95804, | 108662, | 115848, | 103956, | 103900, | 100704, | 92049, | 73312, | 47292, | |

*Replaced with 27298 from RCT3

**Replaced with 22600 from GM

Table 8.5.1 Sole in VIId. Input data for RCT3

7d Sole (2 year olds)

| | 6 | 17 | 2 | | | | | |
|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| 1981 | 11730 | 5.66 | 1.28 | 2 | 0.03 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1982 | 19988 | 5.32 | 2.16 | 0.46 | 0.02 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1983 | 19973 | 26.18 | 4.49 | 0.38 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1984 | 12138 | 3.35 | 1.84 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1985 | 24363 | 8.54 | 1.67 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1986 | 10529 | 7.49 | 1.72 | -11 | 0.04 | -11 | 14.2 | |
| 1987 | 24519 | 15.14 | 2.66 | 0.36 | 0.08 | 8.2 | 15.4 | |
| 1988 | 15234 | 5.67 | 0.98 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 2.6 | 3.7 | |
| 1989 | 41425 | 8.04 | 3.37 | 7.7 | 0.25 | 12.1 | 22.8 | |
| 1990 | 33170 | 9.47 | 6.8 | 0.25 | 0.21 | 8.9 | 12 | |
| 1991 | 31866 | 3.4 | 2.22 | 0.46 | 0.13 | 1.4 | 17.5 | |
| 1992 | 15291 | 4 | 1.73 | 0.21 | 0.02 | 0.5 | 3.2 | |
| 1993 | 26066 | 17.02 | 3.94 | 0.12 | 0.89 | 4.8 | 10.6 | |
| 1994 | 21578 | 12.06 | 4.2 | 5.35 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 7.3 | |
| 1995 | -11 | 10.77 | 1.6 | 4.44 | 0.09 | 3.5 | 7.3 | |
| 1996 | -11 | 4.08 | 2.2 | 0.13 | 0.02 | 19 | 20.9 | |
| 1997 | | 7.27 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 2.1 | -11 | |

enyfs0
enyfs1
frbds0
frbds1
enbts1
enbts2

Table 8.5.2.a Sole in VIII. RCT3 estimate at age 1

Analysis by RCT3 ver3.1 of data from file : s7recl98.csv

7d Sole (1 year olds),

Data for 6 surveys over 17 years : 1981 - 1997

Regression type = C
 Tapered time weighting not applied
 Survey weighting not applied

Final estimates shrunk towards mean
 Minimum S.E. for any survey taken as .20
 Minimum of 5 points used for regression

Forecast/Hindcast variance correction used.
 Yearclass = 1995

| I-----Regression-----I | | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Survey/ Series | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights |
| enyfs0 | 2.56 | 4.42 | 1.39 | .089 | 14 | 2.47 | 10.73 | 1.570 | .027 |
| enyfs1 | 1.71 | 7.87 | .53 | .401 | 14 | .96 | 9.51 | .608 | .180 |
| frbds0 | 1.87 | 8.92 | 1.39 | .077 | 11 | 1.69 | 12.09 | 1.745 | .022 |
| frbds1 | 5.05 | 9.13 | 1.09 | .156 | 11 | .09 | 9.57 | 1.268 | .041 |
| enbts1 | .71 | 9.08 | .42 | .463 | 8 | 1.50 | 10.15 | .517 | .250 |
| enbts2 | 1.29 | 7.03 | .68 | .332 | 9 | 2.12 | 9.75 | .818 | .100 |
| | | | | | | VPA Mean = | 10.03 | .419 | .380 |

Yearclass = 1996

| I-----Regression-----I | | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Survey/ Series | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights |
| enyfs0 | 2.56 | 4.42 | 1.39 | .089 | 14 | 1.63 | 8.58 | 1.615 | .028 |
| enyfs1 | 1.71 | 7.87 | .53 | .401 | 14 | 1.16 | 9.86 | .597 | .203 |
| frbds0 | 1.87 | 8.92 | 1.39 | .077 | 11 | .12 | 9.15 | 1.637 | .027 |
| frbds1 | 5.05 | 9.13 | 1.09 | .156 | 11 | .02 | 9.23 | 1.288 | .044 |
| enbts1 | .71 | 9.08 | .42 | .463 | 8 | 3.00 | 11.21 | .618 | .189 |
| enbts2 | 1.29 | 7.03 | .68 | .332 | 9 | 3.09 | 11.00 | .862 | .097 |
| | | | | | | VPA Mean = | 10.03 | .419 | .412 |

Yearclass = 1997

| I-----Regression-----I | | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Survey/ Series | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights |
| enyfs0 | 2.56 | 4.42 | 1.39 | .089 | 14 | 2.11 | 9.82 | 1.558 | .043 |
| enyfs1 | | | | | | | | | |
| frbds0 | | | | | | | | | |
| frbds1 | | | | | | | | | |
| enbts1 | .71 | 9.08 | .42 | .463 | 8 | 1.13 | 9.88 | .529 | .369 |
| enbts2 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | VPA Mean = | 10.03 | .419 | .589 |

| Year Class | Weighted Average Prediction | Log WAP | Int Std Error | Ext Std Error | Var Ratio | VPA | Log VPA |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|------------|
| 1995 | 21625 | 9.98 | .26 | .17 | .43 | | |
| 1996 | 27298 | 10.21 | .27 | .27 | 1.00 | | |
| 1997 | 21291 | 9.97 | .32 | .05 | .03 | | |

Table 8.5.2.b Sole in VIId RCT3 estimate at age 2

Analysis by RCT3 ver3.1 of data from file : s7rec298.csv

7d Sole (2 year olds),

Data for 6 surveys over 17 years : 1981 - 1997

Regression type = C

Tapered time weighting not applied

Survey weighting not applied

Final estimates shrunk towards mean

Minimum S.E. for any survey taken as .20

Minimum of 5 points used for regression

Forecast/Hindcast variance correction used.

Yearclass = 1996

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquate | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights |
| enyfs0 | 2.53 | 4.38 | 1.37 | .090 | 14 | 1.63 | 8.49 | 1.595 | .028 |
| enyfs1 | 1.70 | 7.77 | .53 | .400 | 14 | 1.16 | 9.76 | .594 | .204 |
| frbds0 | 2.02 | 8.72 | 1.51 | .065 | 11 | .12 | 8.96 | 1.784 | .023 |
| frbds1 | 5.09 | 9.02 | 1.10 | .151 | 11 | .02 | 9.12 | 1.302 | .042 |
| enbts1 | .71 | 8.96 | .42 | .455 | 8 | 3.00 | 11.10 | .623 | .186 |
| enbts2 | 1.26 | 6.97 | .66 | .337 | 9 | 3.09 | 10.87 | .844 | .101 |
| | | | | | | VPA Mean - | 9.92 | .416 | .416 |
| | | | | | | VPA Mean - | 9.92 | .416 | .595 |

| Year Class | Weighted Average Prediction | Log WAP | Int Std Error | Ext Std Error | Var Ratio | VPA | Log VEA |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|------------|
| 1996 | 24480 | 10.11 | .27 | .27 | .99 | | |

Table 8.6.1

Run title : Sole in VIId (run: XSARIC02/X02)

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Table 16 Summary (without SOP correction)

Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| | RECRUITS, Age 1 | TOTALBIO, | TOTSPBIO, | LANDINGS, | YIELD/SSB, | FBAR 3- 8, |
|--------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1982, | 13127, | 10637, | 7953, | 3190, | .4011, | .3418, |
| 1983, | 22089, | 13023, | 9893, | 3458, | .3495, | .3815, |
| 1984, | 22097, | 13459, | 9361, | 3575, | .3819, | .3880, |
| 1985, | 13465, | 14001, | 10550, | 3837, | .3637, | .2989, |
| 1986, | 26975, | 14647, | 11109, | 4024, | .3622, | .3635, |
| 1987, | 11645, | 14375, | 10150, | 4974, | .4901, | .5604, |
| 1988, | 27194, | 13653, | 10183, | 3982, | .3910, | .3985, |
| 1989, | 17005, | 11955, | 8017, | 4187, | .5222, | .5657, |
| 1990, | 47113, | 14346, | 8991, | 4060, | .4515, | .4044, |
| 1991, | 37057, | 14802, | 7612, | 4382, | .5756, | .4436, |
| 1992, | 35325, | 17662, | 10317, | 4142, | .4015, | .3622, |
| 1993, | 16987, | 16163, | 12252, | 4511, | .3682, | .3060, |
| 1994, | 28840, | 16786, | 13021, | 4403, | .3382, | .3448, |
| 1995, | 24562, | 17702, | 11827, | 4503, | .3807, | .3621, |
| 1996, | 19314, | 17012, | 12024, | 5025, | .4179, | .4451, |
| 1997, | (27298)* | 15166, | 11593, | 4983, | .4298, | .5407, |
| Arith. | | | | | | |
| Mean | 23266, | 14712, | 10303, | 4202, | .4141, | .4067, |
| Units, | (Thousands), | (Tonnes), | (Tonnes), | (Tonnes), | | |

*Replaced by RCT3 estimate.

Table 8.7.1

Sole in the Eastern English Channel (Fishing Area VIId)

Prediction with management option table: Input data

| Year: 1998 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Stock size | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 22600.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.103 | 0.0112 | 0.136 |
| 2 | 24480.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.140 | 0.1146 | 0.165 |
| 3 | 14149.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.177 | 0.4856 | 0.183 |
| 4 | 9766.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.215 | 0.5531 | 0.232 |
| 5 | 5190.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.252 | 0.5961 | 0.273 |
| 6 | 1444.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.290 | 0.4189 | 0.332 |
| 7 | 2745.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.327 | 0.3338 | 0.367 |
| 8 | 2248.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.366 | 0.3082 | 0.395 |
| 9 | 1865.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.404 | 0.3953 | 0.470 |
| 10 | 411.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.442 | 0.4626 | 0.473 |
| 11+ | 936.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.555 | 0.4626 | 0.623 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

| Year: 1999 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Recruit-ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 22600.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.103 | 0.0112 | 0.136 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.140 | 0.1146 | 0.165 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.177 | 0.4856 | 0.183 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.215 | 0.5531 | 0.232 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.252 | 0.5961 | 0.273 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.290 | 0.4189 | 0.332 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.327 | 0.3338 | 0.367 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.366 | 0.3082 | 0.395 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.404 | 0.3953 | 0.470 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.442 | 0.4626 | 0.473 |
| 11+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.555 | 0.4626 | 0.623 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

| Year: 2000 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Recruit-ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 22600.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.103 | 0.0112 | 0.136 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.140 | 0.1146 | 0.165 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.177 | 0.4856 | 0.183 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.215 | 0.5531 | 0.232 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.252 | 0.5961 | 0.273 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.290 | 0.4189 | 0.332 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.327 | 0.3338 | 0.367 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.366 | 0.3082 | 0.395 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.404 | 0.3953 | 0.470 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.442 | 0.4626 | 0.473 |
| 11+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.555 | 0.4626 | 0.623 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

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Table 8.7.2

Sole in the Eastern English Channel (Fishing Area VIId)

Prediction with management option table

| Year: 1998 | | | | | Year: 1999 | | | | | Year: 2000 | |
|------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| F Factor | Reference F | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass | Catch in weight | F Factor | Reference F | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass | Catch in weight | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1.0000 | 0.4493 | 15241 | 9502 | 4132 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 14825 | 9681 | 0 | 18634 | 13458 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.1000 | 0.0449 | . | 9681 | 506 | 18112 | 12939 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.2000 | 0.0899 | . | 9681 | 989 | 17613 | 12443 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.3000 | 0.1348 | . | 9681 | 1451 | 17137 | 11970 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.4000 | 0.1797 | . | 9681 | 1893 | 16682 | 11518 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.5000 | 0.2246 | . | 9681 | 2315 | 16248 | 11087 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.6000 | 0.2696 | . | 9681 | 2718 | 15833 | 10676 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.7000 | 0.3145 | . | 9681 | 3104 | 15437 | 10283 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.8000 | 0.3594 | . | 9681 | 3474 | 15058 | 9907 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.9000 | 0.4044 | . | 9681 | 3827 | 14696 | 9548 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.0000 | 0.4493 | . | 9681 | 4165 | 14350 | 9206 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.1000 | 0.4942 | . | 9681 | 4488 | 14019 | 8878 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.2000 | 0.5391 | . | 9681 | 4798 | 13703 | 8565 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.3000 | 0.5841 | . | 9681 | 5095 | 13401 | 8266 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.4000 | 0.6290 | . | 9681 | 5379 | 13111 | 7980 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.5000 | 0.6739 | . | 9681 | 5651 | 12835 | 7706 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.6000 | 0.7189 | . | 9681 | 5912 | 12570 | 7444 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.7000 | 0.7638 | . | 9681 | 6162 | 12316 | 7194 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.8000 | 0.8087 | . | 9681 | 6401 | 12073 | 6954 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.9000 | 0.8536 | . | 9681 | 6631 | 11841 | 6725 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 2.0000 | 0.8986 | . | 9681 | 6851 | 11618 | 6505 |
| - | - | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | - | - | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes |

Notes: Run name : MANRICO6
 Date and time : 10OCT98:14:28
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 3 - 8
 Basis for 1998 : F factors

Table 8.7.3

Sole in the Eastern English Channel (Fishing Area VIId)

Single option prediction: Detailed tables

| Year: 1998 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.4493 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0112 | 240 | 33 | 22600 | 2320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1146 | 2525 | 417 | 24480 | 3419 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.4856 | 5200 | 950 | 14149 | 2504 | 14149 | 2504 | 14149 | 2504 |
| 4 | 0.5531 | 3966 | 920 | 9766 | 2096 | 9766 | 2096 | 9766 | 2096 |
| 5 | 0.5961 | 2229 | 609 | 5190 | 1308 | 5190 | 1308 | 5190 | 1308 |
| 6 | 0.4189 | 472 | 157 | 1444 | 418 | 1444 | 418 | 1444 | 418 |
| 7 | 0.3338 | 743 | 273 | 2745 | 899 | 2745 | 899 | 2745 | 899 |
| 8 | 0.3082 | 569 | 225 | 2248 | 822 | 2248 | 822 | 2248 | 822 |
| 9 | 0.3953 | 581 | 273 | 1865 | 753 | 1865 | 753 | 1865 | 753 |
| 10 | 0.4626 | 145 | 69 | 411 | 182 | 411 | 182 | 411 | 182 |
| 11+ | 0.4626 | 331 | 206 | 936 | 520 | 936 | 520 | 936 | 520 |
| Total | | 17002 | 4132 | 85834 | 15241 | 38754 | 9502 | 38754 | 9502 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

| Year: 1999 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.4493 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0112 | 240 | 33 | 22600 | 2320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1146 | 2086 | 345 | 20222 | 2824 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.4856 | 7260 | 1326 | 19752 | 3496 | 19752 | 3496 | 19752 | 3496 |
| 4 | 0.5531 | 3199 | 742 | 7878 | 1691 | 7878 | 1691 | 7878 | 1691 |
| 5 | 0.5961 | 2183 | 597 | 5083 | 1281 | 5083 | 1281 | 5083 | 1281 |
| 6 | 0.4189 | 846 | 281 | 2587 | 749 | 2587 | 749 | 2587 | 749 |
| 7 | 0.3338 | 233 | 85 | 859 | 281 | 859 | 281 | 859 | 281 |
| 8 | 0.3082 | 450 | 178 | 1779 | 650 | 1779 | 650 | 1779 | 650 |
| 9 | 0.3953 | 466 | 219 | 1495 | 603 | 1495 | 603 | 1495 | 603 |
| 10 | 0.4626 | 402 | 190 | 1137 | 502 | 1137 | 502 | 1137 | 502 |
| 11+ | 0.4626 | 272 | 169 | 767 | 426 | 767 | 426 | 767 | 426 |
| Total | | 17635 | 4165 | 84158 | 14825 | 41336 | 9681 | 41336 | 9681 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

| Year: 2000 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.4493 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0112 | 240 | 33 | 22600 | 2320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1146 | 2086 | 345 | 20222 | 2824 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0.4856 | 5997 | 1095 | 16316 | 2888 | 16316 | 2888 | 16316 | 2888 |
| 4 | 0.5531 | 4466 | 1036 | 10997 | 2361 | 10997 | 2361 | 10997 | 2361 |
| 5 | 0.5961 | 1761 | 481 | 4100 | 1033 | 4100 | 1033 | 4100 | 1033 |
| 6 | 0.4189 | 828 | 275 | 2534 | 734 | 2534 | 734 | 2534 | 734 |
| 7 | 0.3338 | 417 | 153 | 1540 | 504 | 1540 | 504 | 1540 | 504 |
| 8 | 0.3082 | 141 | 56 | 557 | 204 | 557 | 204 | 557 | 204 |
| 9 | 0.3953 | 369 | 173 | 1183 | 477 | 1183 | 477 | 1183 | 477 |
| 10 | 0.4626 | 322 | 153 | 911 | 402 | 911 | 402 | 911 | 402 |
| 11+ | 0.4626 | 384 | 239 | 1085 | 602 | 1085 | 602 | 1085 | 602 |
| Total | | 17010 | 4039 | 82044 | 14350 | 39222 | 9206 | 39222 | 9206 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

Notes: Run name : SPRRIC01
Date and time : 10OCT98:13:29
Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 3 - 8
Prediction basis : F factors

Table 8.7.3a

Sole in Vlld
Stock numbers of recruits and their source for recent year classes used in
predictions, and the relative (%) contributions to landings and SSB (by weight) of these year classes

| Year-class | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Stock No. (thousands) of 1 year-olds | 24562 | 19314 | 27298 | 22600 | 22600 |
| Source | VPA | VPA | RCT3 | GM | GM |
| Status Quo F: | | | | | |
| % in 1998 landings | 22.3 | 23.0 | 10.1 | 0.8 | - |
| % in 1999 | 14.3 | 17.8 | 31.8 | 8.3 | 0.8 |
| % in 1998 SSB | 22.1 | 26.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
| % in 1999 SSB | 13.2 | 17.5 | 36.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| % in 2000 SSB | 8.0 | 11.2 | 25.6 | 31.4 | 0.0 |

GM : geometric mean recruitment

Sole in Vlld : Year-class % contribution to

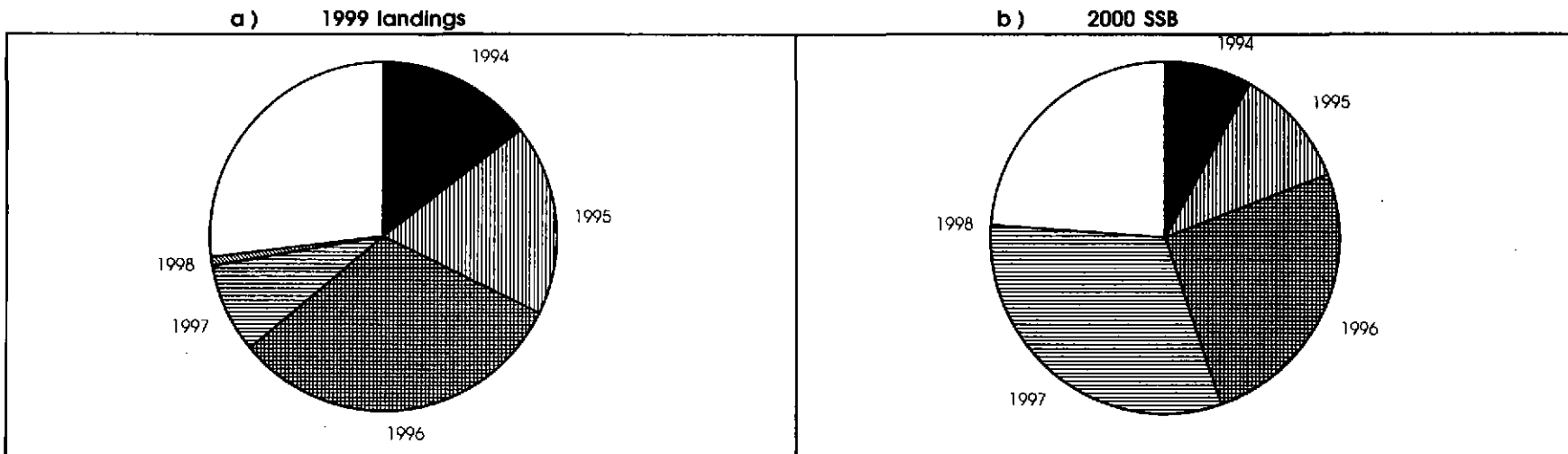


Table 8.7.4 Sole,VIII Input data for catch forecast and linear sensitivity analysis.

| Populations in 1998 | | | Stock weights | | | Nat.Mortality | | | Prop.mature | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| N1 | 22599 | .42 | WS1 | .10 | .05 | M1 | .10 | .10 | MT1 | .00 | .00 |
| N2 | 24480 | .21 | WS2 | .14 | .04 | M2 | .10 | .10 | MT2 | .00 | .10 |
| N3 | 14151 | .25 | WS3 | .18 | .04 | M3 | .10 | .10 | MT3 | 1.00 | .10 |
| N4 | 9768 | .21 | WS4 | .21 | .03 | M4 | .10 | .10 | MT4 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N5 | 5191 | .15 | WS5 | .25 | .03 | M5 | .10 | .10 | MT5 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N6 | 1444 | .21 | WS6 | .29 | .03 | M6 | .10 | .10 | MT6 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N7 | 2746 | .12 | WS7 | .33 | .02 | M7 | .10 | .10 | MT7 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N8 | 2248 | .12 | WS8 | .37 | .02 | M8 | .10 | .10 | MT8 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N9 | 1866 | .11 | WS9 | .40 | .02 | M9 | .10 | .10 | MT9 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N10 | 410 | .12 | WS10 | .44 | .03 | M10 | .10 | .10 | MT10 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N11 | 938 | .13 | WS11 | .55 | .04 | M11 | .10 | .10 | MT11 | 1.00 | .00 |

| HC selectivity | | | HC.catch wt | | |
|----------------|-------|------|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| sH1 | .01 | 1.52 | WH1 | .14 | .06 |
| sH2 | .12 | .29 | WH2 | .16 | .06 |
| sH3 | .49 | .17 | WH3 | .18 | .03 |
| sH4 | .55 | .04 | WH4 | .23 | .01 |
| sH5 | .60 | .23 | WH5 | .27 | .06 |
| sH6 | .42 | .03 | WH6 | .33 | .03 |
| sH7 | .33 | .12 | WH7 | .37 | .04 |
| sH8 | .31 | .05 | WH8 | .40 | .03 |
| sH9 | .40 | .09 | WH9 | .47 | .07 |
| sH10 | .46 | .27 | WH10 | .47 | .03 |
| sH11 | .46 | .27 | WH11 | .62 | .05 |

| Year effect M | | | HC relative eff | | |
|---------------|-------|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| K98 | 1.00 | .10 | HF98 | 1.00 | .20 |
| K99 | 1.00 | .10 | HF99 | 1.00 | .20 |
| K** | 1.00 | .10 | HF** | 1.00 | .20 |

| Recruitment | | |
|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV |
| R99 | 22599 | .42 |
| R** | 22599 | .42 |

Proportion F before spawning= .00
 Proportion M before spawning= .00

Stock numbers in 1998 are VPA survivors.
 These are overwritten at Age 1 Age 2

Table 8.7.5

Sole in the Eastern English Channel (Fishing Area VIId)

Yield per recruit: Input data

| Age | Recruit-ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
|------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.103 | 0.0112 | 0.136 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.140 | 0.1146 | 0.165 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.177 | 0.4856 | 0.183 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.215 | 0.5531 | 0.232 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.252 | 0.5961 | 0.273 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.290 | 0.4189 | 0.332 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.327 | 0.3338 | 0.367 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.366 | 0.3082 | 0.395 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.404 | 0.3953 | 0.470 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.442 | 0.4626 | 0.473 |
| 11+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.555 | 0.4626 | 0.623 |
| Unit | Numbers | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

Notes: Run name : YLDRIC03
Date and time: 10OCT98:14:08

Table 8.9.1 Sole in the Eastern English Channel (Fishing Area VIId)

Sole in the Eastern English Channel (Fishing Area VIId)

Yield per recruit: Summary table

| F Factor | Reference F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 10.508 | 3746.767 | 8.603 | 3517.725 | 8.603 | 3517.725 |
| 0.1000 | 0.0449 | 0.266 | 103.840 | 7.847 | 2411.261 | 5.943 | 2182.361 | 5.943 | 2182.361 |
| 0.2000 | 0.0899 | 0.407 | 142.673 | 6.445 | 1750.656 | 4.542 | 1521.897 | 4.542 | 1521.897 |
| 0.3000 | 0.1348 | 0.494 | 158.360 | 5.578 | 1367.284 | 3.676 | 1138.666 | 3.676 | 1138.666 |
| 0.4000 | 0.1797 | 0.553 | 164.432 | 4.989 | 1122.623 | 3.089 | 894.145 | 3.089 | 894.145 |
| 0.5000 | 0.2246 | 0.596 | 166.206 | 4.564 | 956.168 | 2.665 | 727.832 | 2.665 | 727.832 |
| 0.6000 | 0.2696 | 0.628 | 166.012 | 4.244 | 837.507 | 2.345 | 609.312 | 2.345 | 609.312 |
| 0.7000 | 0.3145 | 0.654 | 164.940 | 3.995 | 749.808 | 2.097 | 521.753 | 2.097 | 521.753 |
| 0.8000 | 0.3594 | 0.674 | 163.516 | 3.796 | 683.075 | 1.899 | 455.160 | 1.899 | 455.160 |
| 0.9000 | 0.4044 | 0.690 | 161.997 | 3.634 | 631.048 | 1.738 | 403.273 | 1.738 | 403.273 |
| 1.0000 | 0.4493 | 0.704 | 160.509 | 3.499 | 589.636 | 1.604 | 362.001 | 1.604 | 362.001 |
| 1.1000 | 0.4942 | 0.716 | 159.106 | 3.386 | 556.070 | 1.492 | 328.575 | 1.492 | 328.575 |
| 1.2000 | 0.5391 | 0.726 | 157.811 | 3.289 | 528.426 | 1.396 | 301.071 | 1.396 | 301.071 |
| 1.3000 | 0.5841 | 0.734 | 156.628 | 3.206 | 505.332 | 1.314 | 278.116 | 1.314 | 278.116 |
| 1.4000 | 0.6290 | 0.742 | 155.553 | 3.133 | 485.789 | 1.242 | 258.712 | 1.242 | 258.712 |
| 1.5000 | 0.6739 | 0.749 | 154.579 | 3.069 | 469.056 | 1.179 | 242.120 | 1.179 | 242.120 |
| 1.6000 | 0.7189 | 0.754 | 153.696 | 3.012 | 454.579 | 1.123 | 227.781 | 1.123 | 227.781 |
| - | - | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams |

Notes: Run name : YLDRIC03
Date and time : 10OCT98:14:08
Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 3 - 8
F-0.1 factor : 0.2370
F-max factor : 0.5325
F-0.1 reference F : 0.1065
F-max reference F : 0.2393
Recruitment : Single recruit

Table 8.10.1 VIId Sole. Input parameters for precautionary reference points**Introduction to PA Add-in outputs**

Four sheets of results are included in this workbook:

RefPts - provides stochastic output in the form of a table of reference points and a chart summarising the distributions of some reference points.

Plots - provides 5 plots:

A stock recruitment plot with a LOWESS smoother as a possible stock recruitment relationship. Some reference points are also indicated.

A plot of YPR and SPR curves with some reference points indicated.

A plot of historical SSB against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

A plot of historical yield against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

A plot of the time series of stock and recruitment with expected recruits based on the LOWESS stock recruitment relationship.

PD - gives the value of the reference points during each iteration of the simulation and the percentiles plotted on the chart on RefPts.

SV - contains the steady state vectors and stock recruitment series used. These can be used as the basis for further runs.

For estimation of Gloss and Floss:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0.5 was used.

Stock recruit data were log-transformed

A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

For estimation of the stock recruitment relationship used in equilibrium calculations:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 1 was used.

Stock recruit data were un-transformed

No point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

VIId Sole

Steady state selection averaged over 0 years.

FBar averaged from age 3 to 8

Number of iterations = 1000

Data source:

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FishLab DLL used

FLVB32.DLL built on Aug 18 1998 at 08:57:43

10/12/98 11:53

Table 8.10.2 Vild Sole : precautionary reference points

BIOMASS

WGNSSK

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------|------------|
| B_{loss} (lowest observed SSB) | = | 7,600 t | B_{loss} |
| B_{lim} | = | 7,600 t | |
| B_{pa} | = | 8,000 t | |
| MBAL | = | | |

SGPAFM

| | | |
|-----------|---|---------------------|
| B_{lim} | = | Lowest observed SSB |
| B_{pa} | = | |

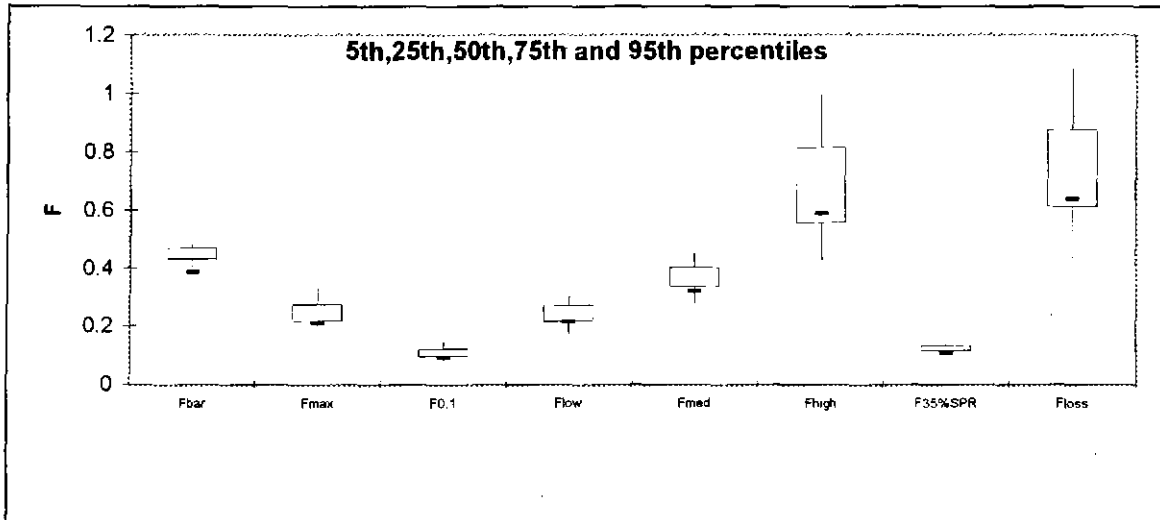
Special comments regarding SSB Small range of SSB gives poor stock recruitment discrimination.
 Recruitment appears high at lower levels of observed SSB

FISHING MORTALITY

Status quo F_{bar} (3-8) = 0.45 (Average 95-97)

| | Estimate | Probability SSB<Bpa in 2007 | % of historical F above precautionary F | Long-term SSB (t) at GM rec | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| $F_{0.1}$ 5th %ile | 0.08 | 0% | 100% | 37469 | 0.1750 | 22671 |
| $F_{35\%SPR}$ 5th %ile | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 32247 | 0.2217 | |
| | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 32161 | 0.2226 | |
| $F_{0.1}$ | 0.11 | 0% | 100% | 30770 | 0.2372 | |
| $F_{35\%SPR}$ | 0.12 | 0% | 100% | 27907 | 0.2713 | |
| | 0.20 | 0% | 100% | 18408 | 0.4451 | |
| F_{max} | 0.24 | 0% | 100% | 15511 | 0.5334 | |
| F_{max} 5th %ile | 0.24 | 0% | 100% | 15264 | 0.5423 | |
| F_{med} 5th %ile | 0.28 | 0% | 100% | 13505 | 0.6139 | |
| | 0.30 | 0% | 94% | 12413 | 0.6677 | |
| F_{med} | 0.37 | 0% | 56% | 10073 | 0.8191 | |
| | 0.40 | 0% | 38% | 9247 | 0.8902 | |
| F_{loss} x 5th %ile | 0.43 | 0% | 31% | 8504 | 0.9659 | |
| | 0.50 | 4% | 19% | 7363 | 1.1128 | |
| F_{loss} x $\exp(-1.645 \cdot SE)$ | 0.55 | 22% | 13% | 6711 | 1.2205 | |
| | 0.60 | 64% | 0% | 6141 | 1.3353 | |
| | 0.70 | 91% | 0% | 5295 | 1.5579 | |
| F_{loss}^{**} | 0.76 | 99% | 0% | 4890 | 1.6960 | |
| | | | | | 0.0000 | |
| | | | | | 0.0000 | |
| SGPAFM F_{lim} | | | | | 0.0000 | |
| SGPAFM F_{pa} | | | | | 0.0000 | |
| | | | | | | |
| F range from the historic series | | 30% | to | 1 | | |
| SSB range from the historical series | | 7600 | to | 13025 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| ** A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0,5 was used. | | | | | | |
| Stock recruit data were log-transformed | | | | | | |
| A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data. | | | | | | |
| Butterworth Bergh stock recruit model Geo. Mean recruitment above Bloss | | | | | | |
| Special comments regarding Bncertainty about current level of F | | | | | | |

Table 8.10.3 Vild Sole



| Reference point | Deterministic | Median | 95th percentile | 80th percentile |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MedianRecruits | 23332 | 23332 | 27134 | 26977 |
| MBAL | 0 | | | |
| Bloss | 7615 | | | |
| SSB90%R90%Surv | 8234 | 8585 | 10536 | 9782 |
| SPR%ofVirgin | 10.29 | 10.21 | 13.03 | 11.76 |
| VirginSPR | 3.52 | 3.51 | 4.58 | 4.01 |
| SPRloss | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.36 | 0.28 |
| | Deterministic | Median | 5th percentile | 20th percentile |
| FBar | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.42 |
| Fmax | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.18 | 0.21 |
| F0.1 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.09 |
| Flow | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.17 | 0.20 |
| Fmed | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.28 | 0.33 |
| Fhigh | 0.72 | 0.69 | 0.42 | 0.53 |
| F35%SPR | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.11 |
| Floss | 0.76 | 0.75 | 0.43 | 0.58 |

Figure 8.1.1a Stock summary, Sole in Division VIId

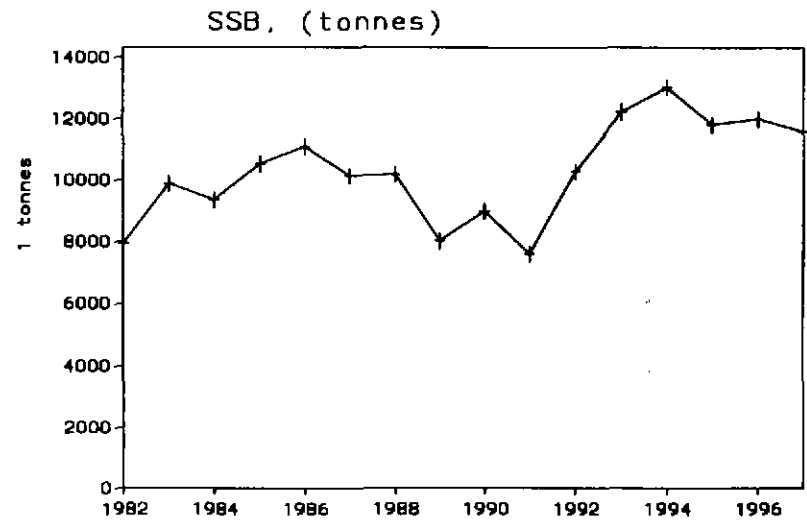
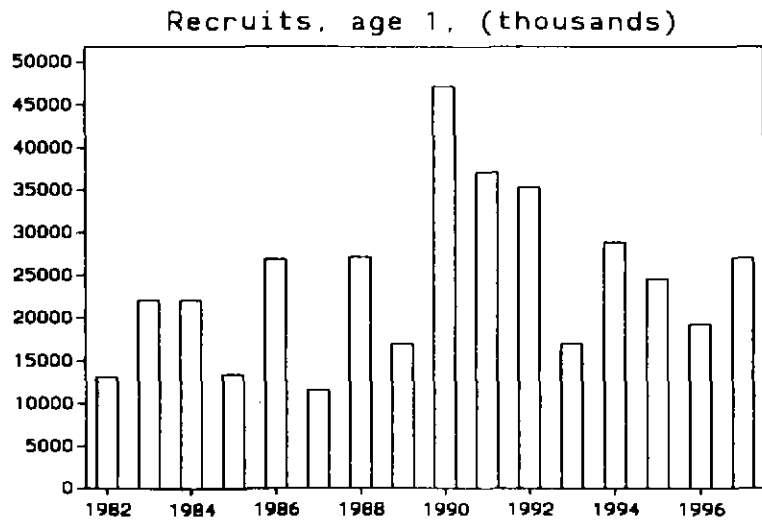
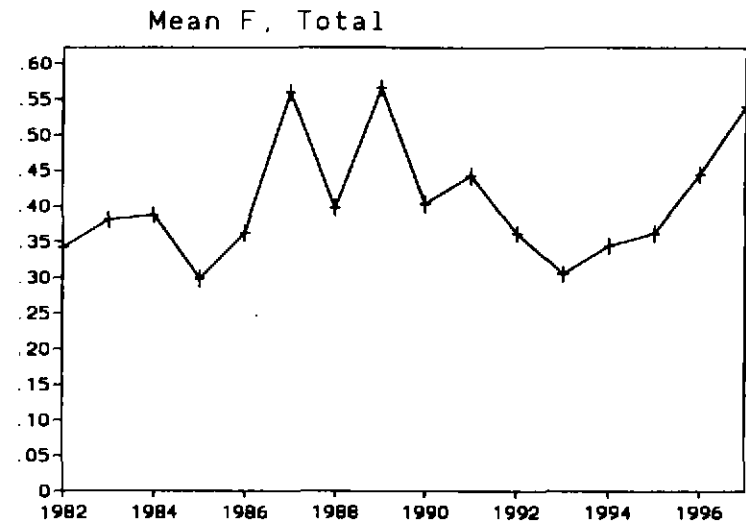
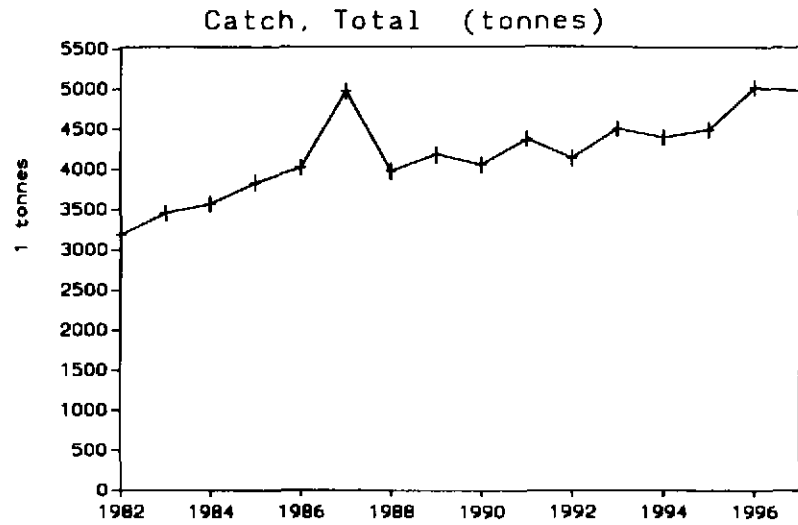


Figure 8.3.1 Sole in VIId. Trends in effort and cpue for the main commercial fleets

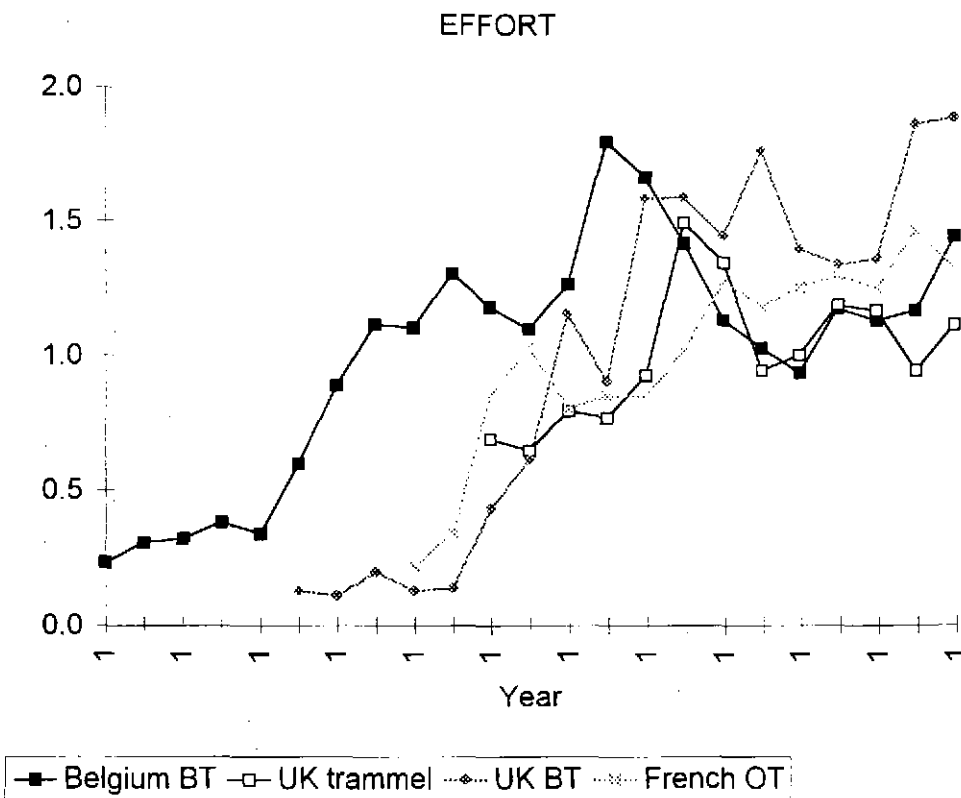
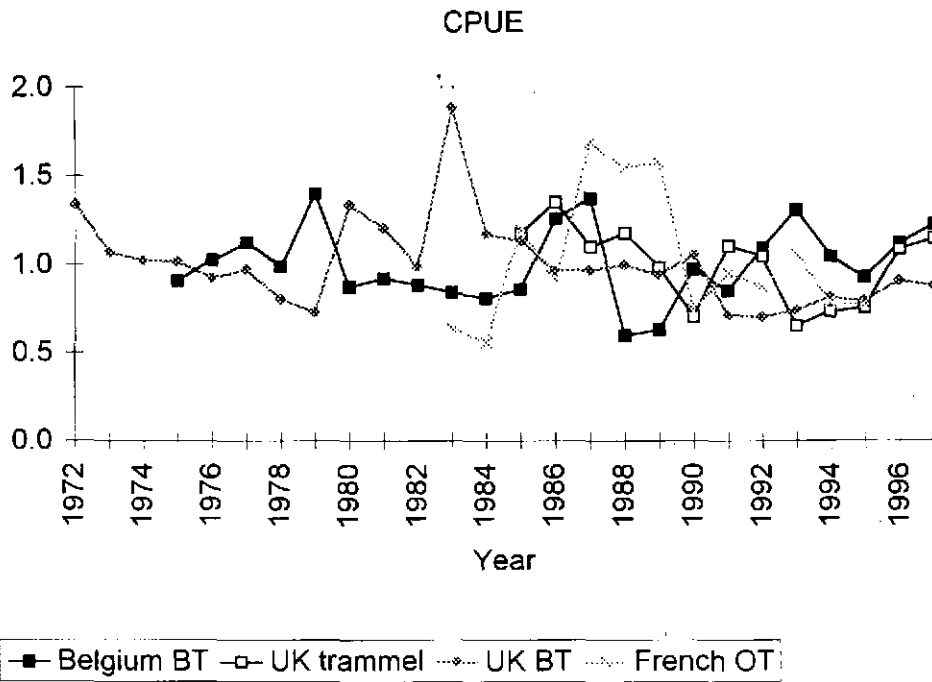


Figure 8.4.1 VIId Sole Log catchability trends

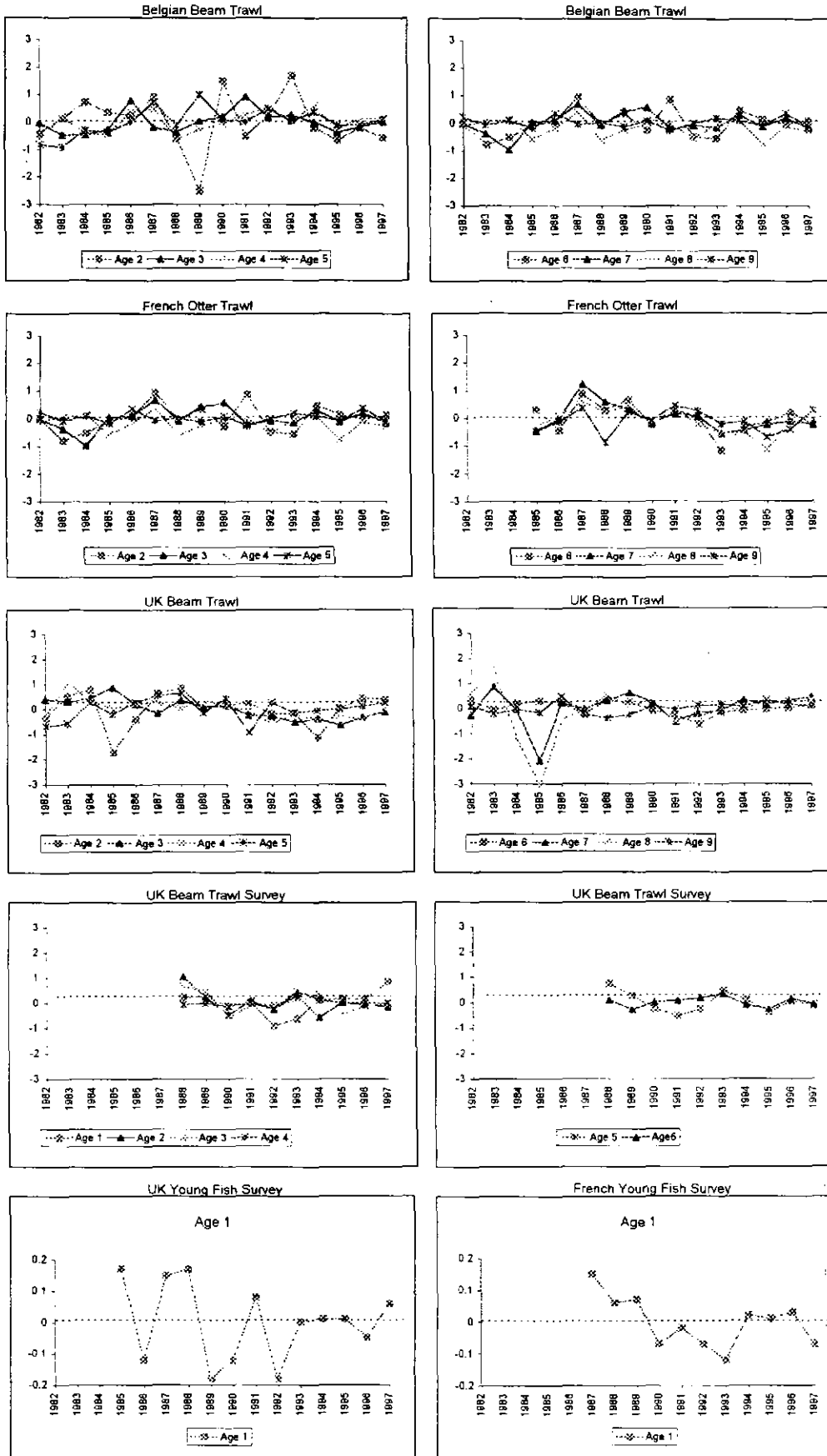


Figure 8.4.2- Sole in Division VIId. Retrospective analysis with final Run.

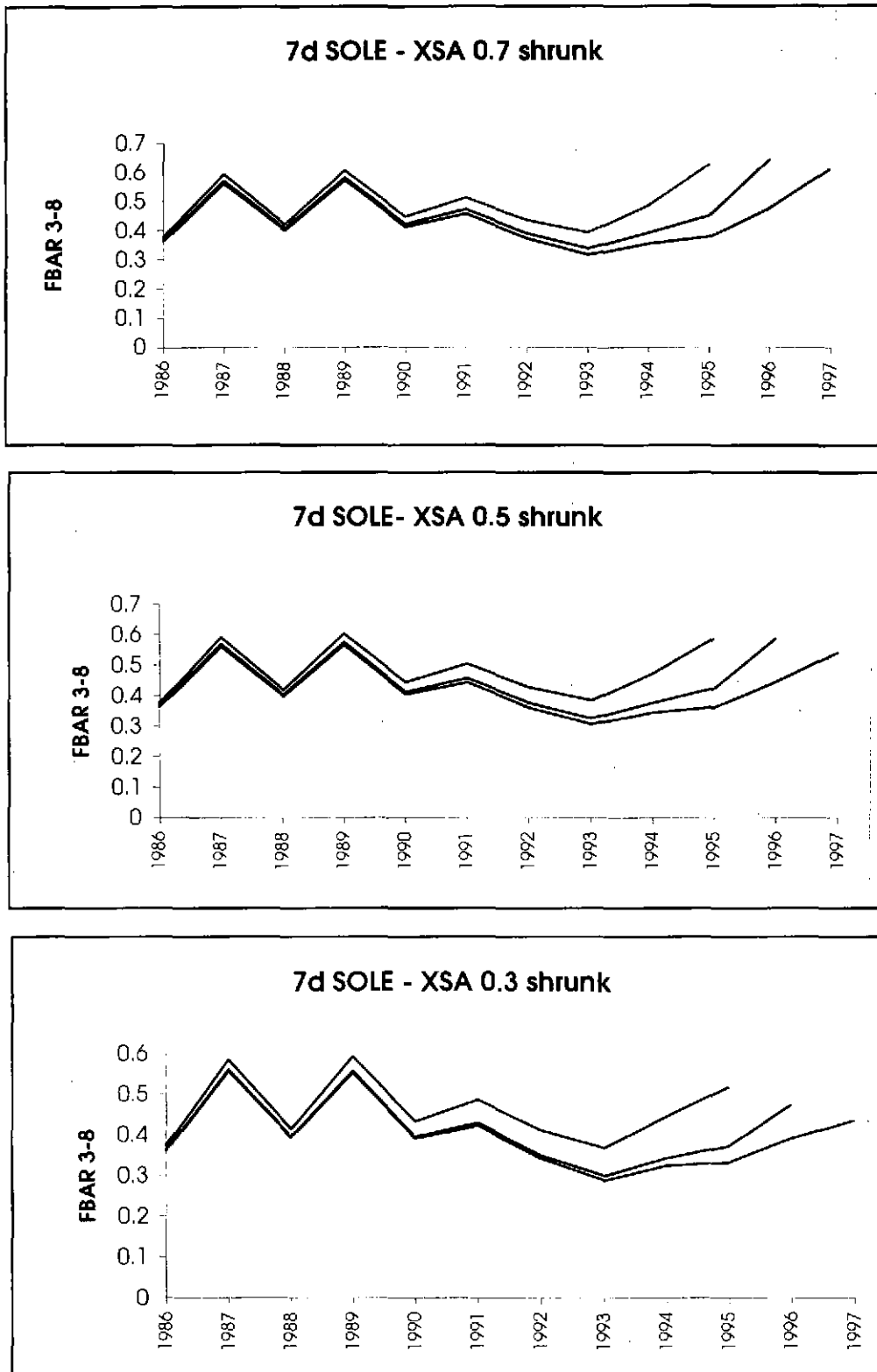


Figure : 8.4.3a
 SOLE Vild
 Log VPA vs. log Index
 BELGIAN BEAM TRAWL
 Yearrange : 1988-1997

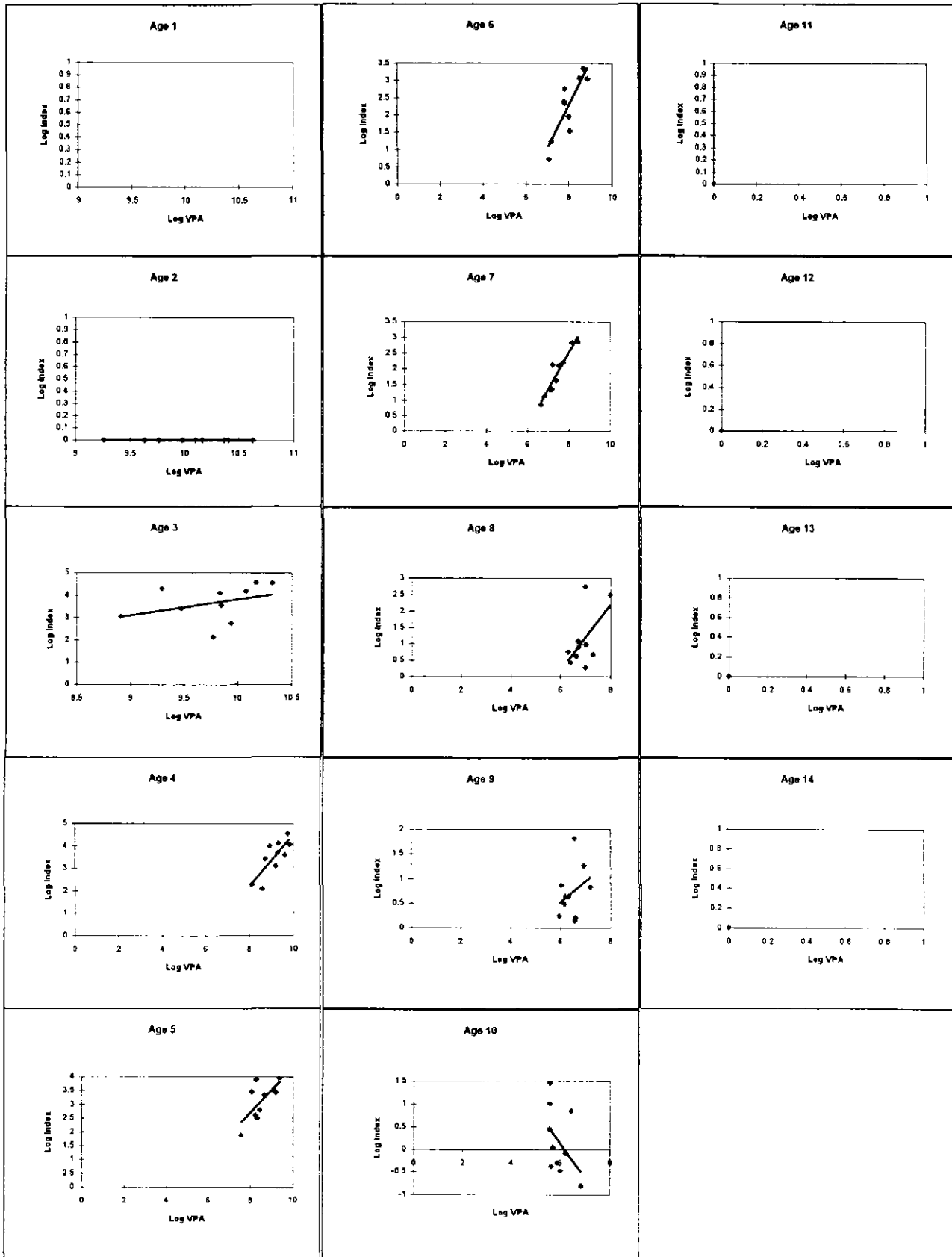


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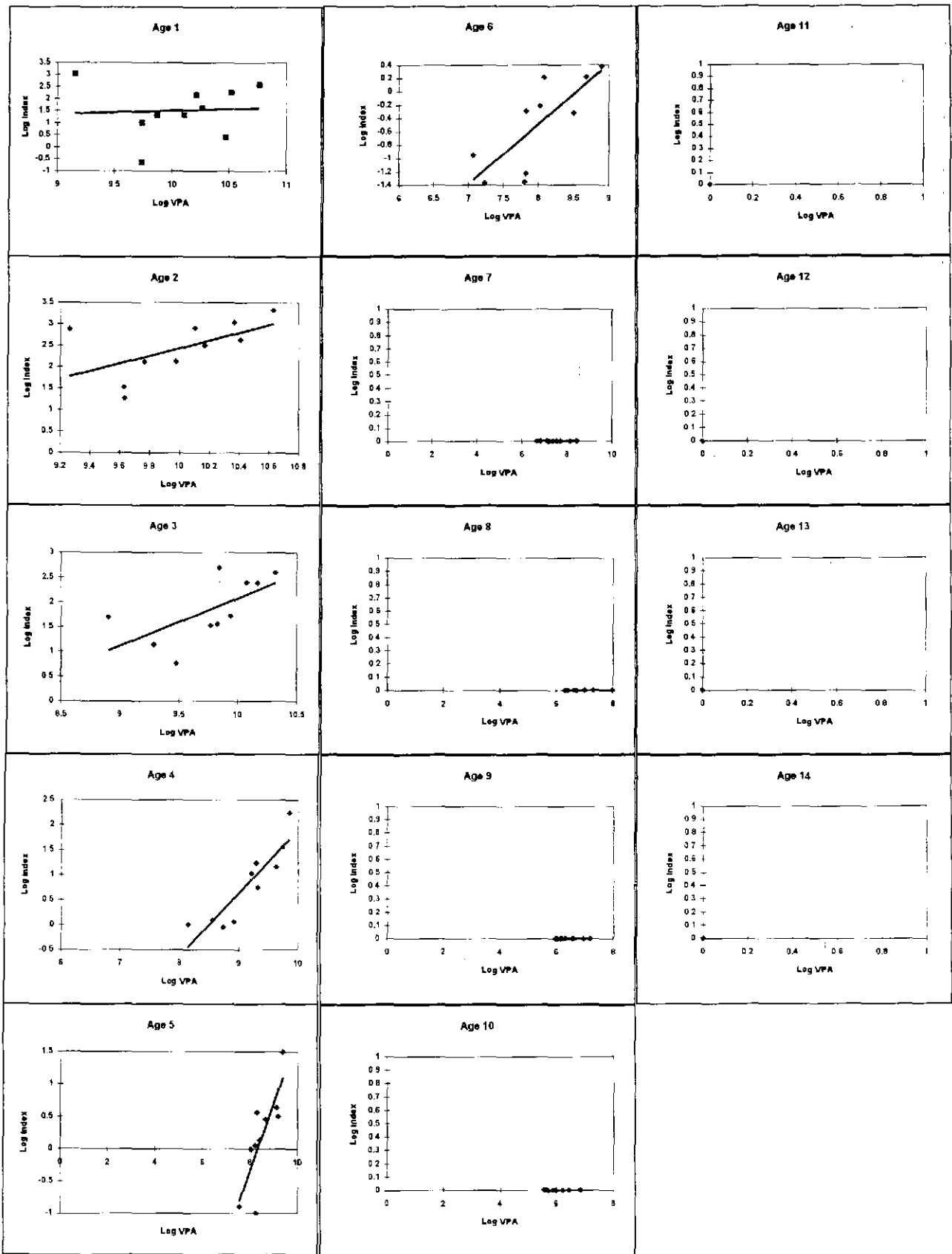


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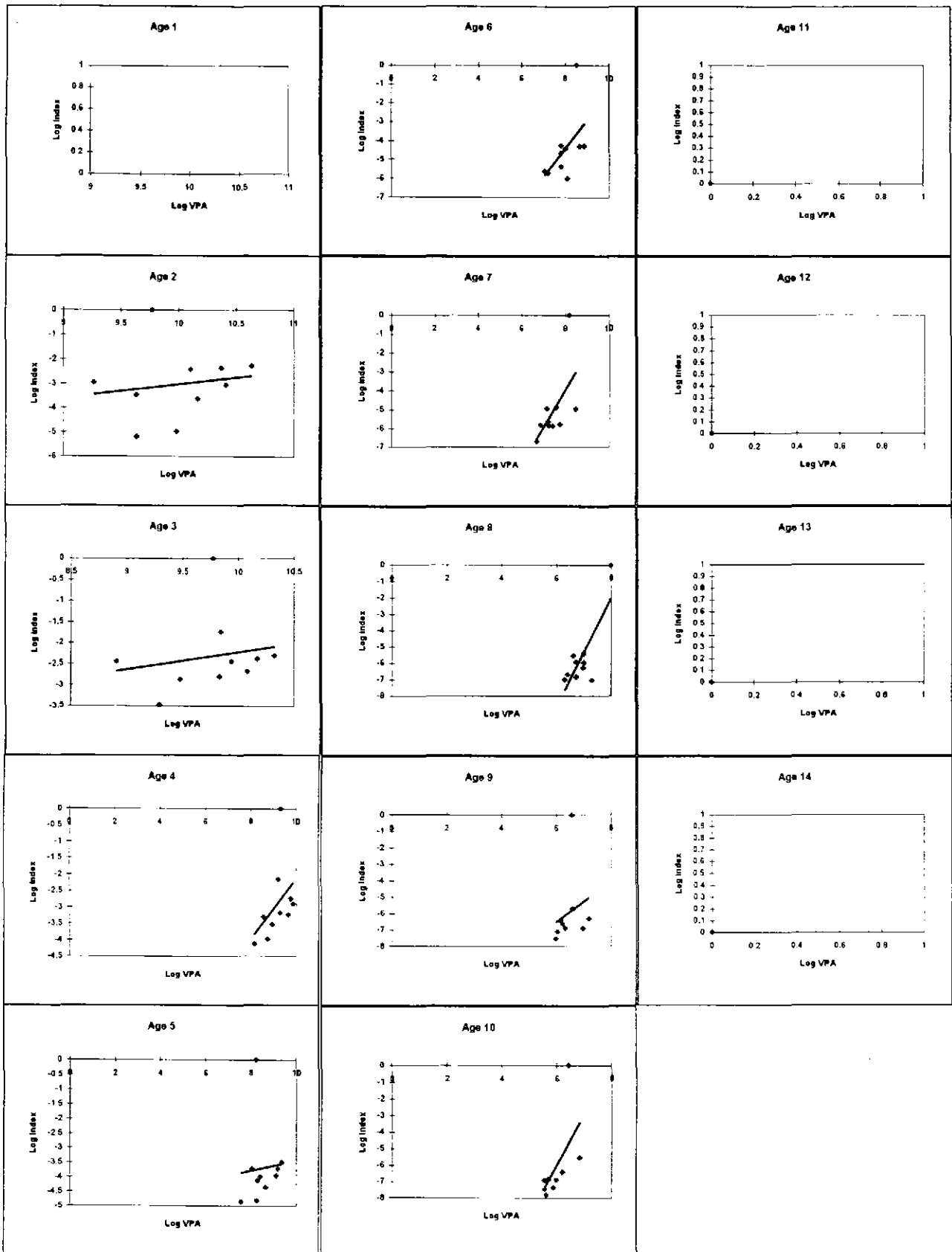


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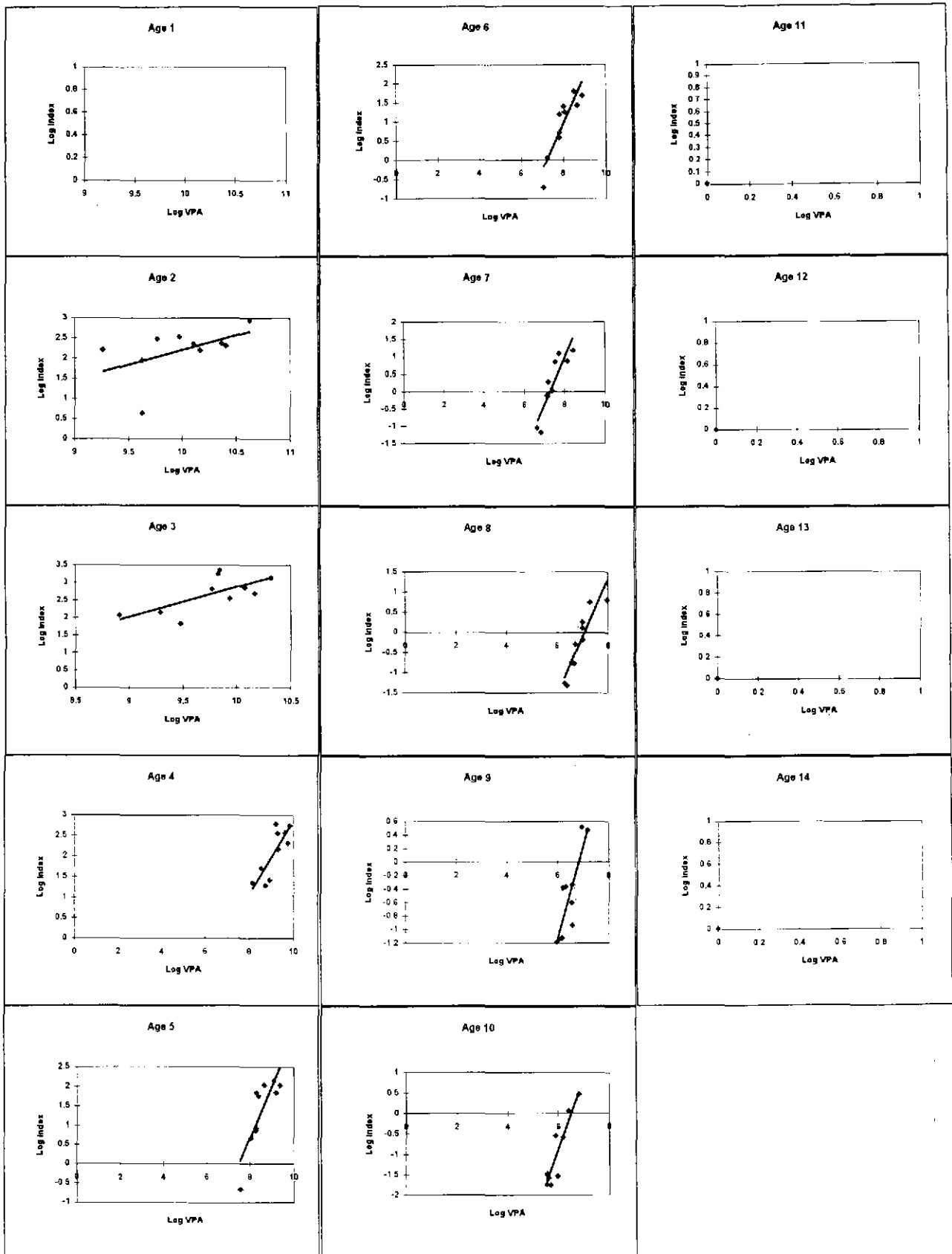


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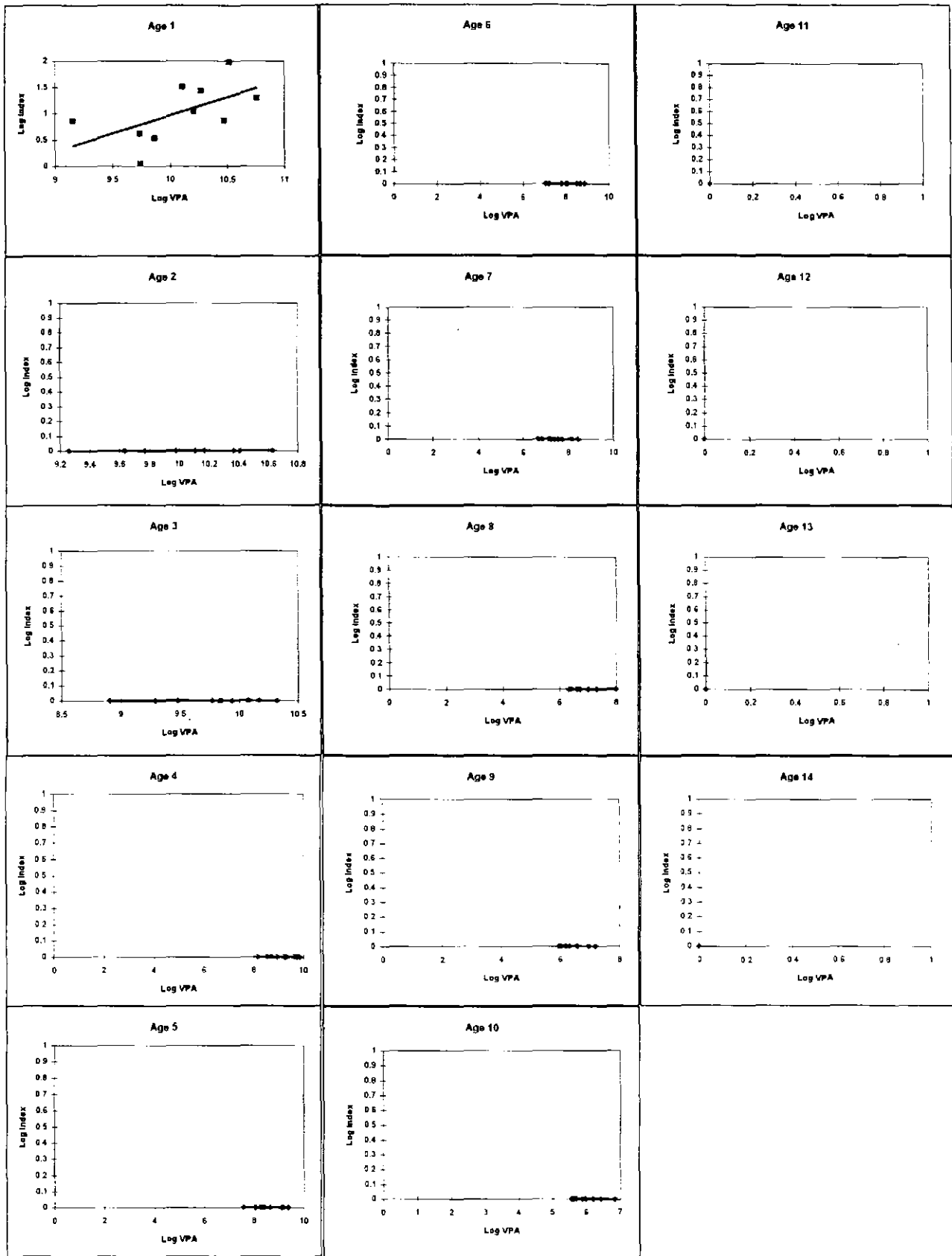


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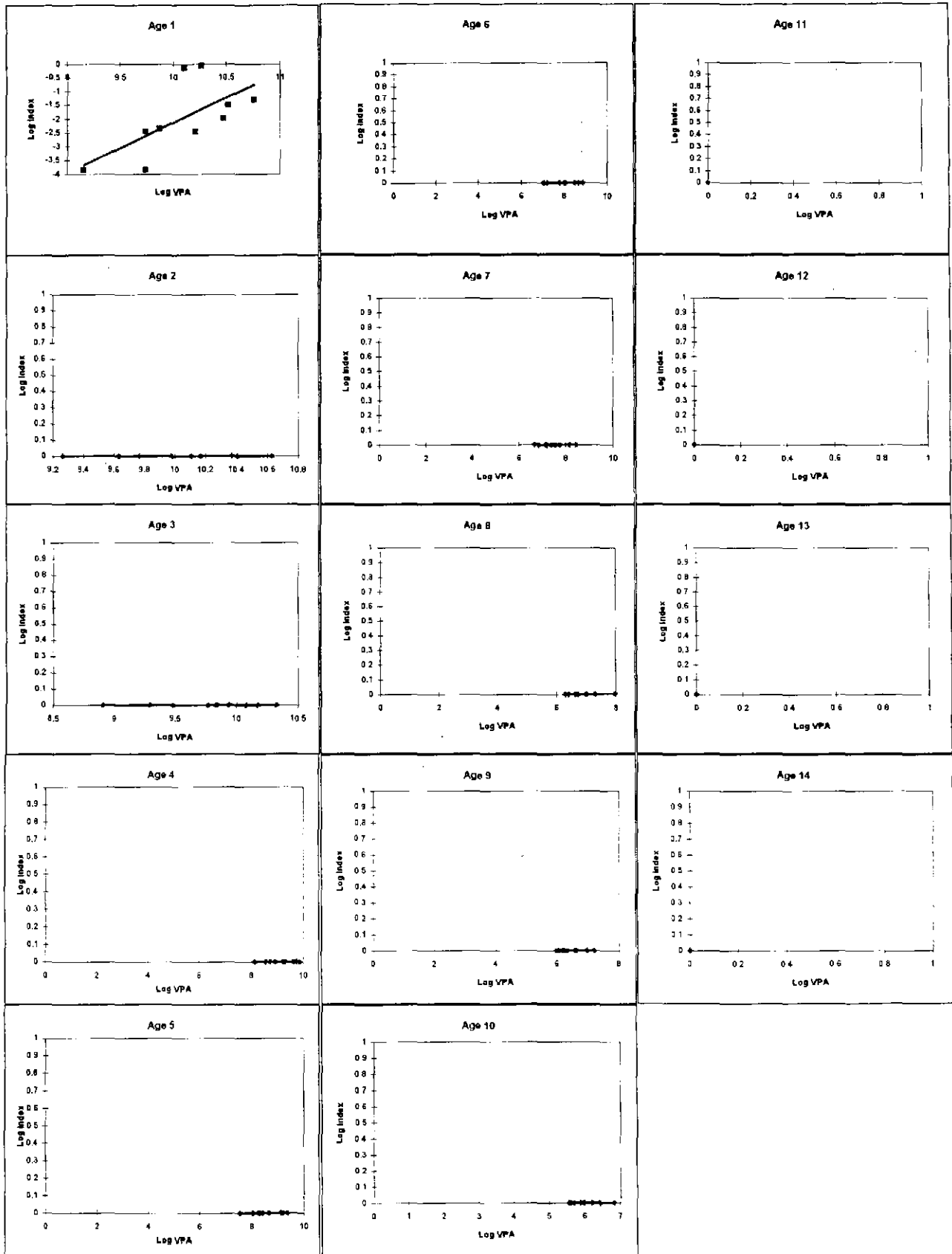


Figure 8.5.1 Sole in Division VIId. Survey index versus VPA-1 yr olds

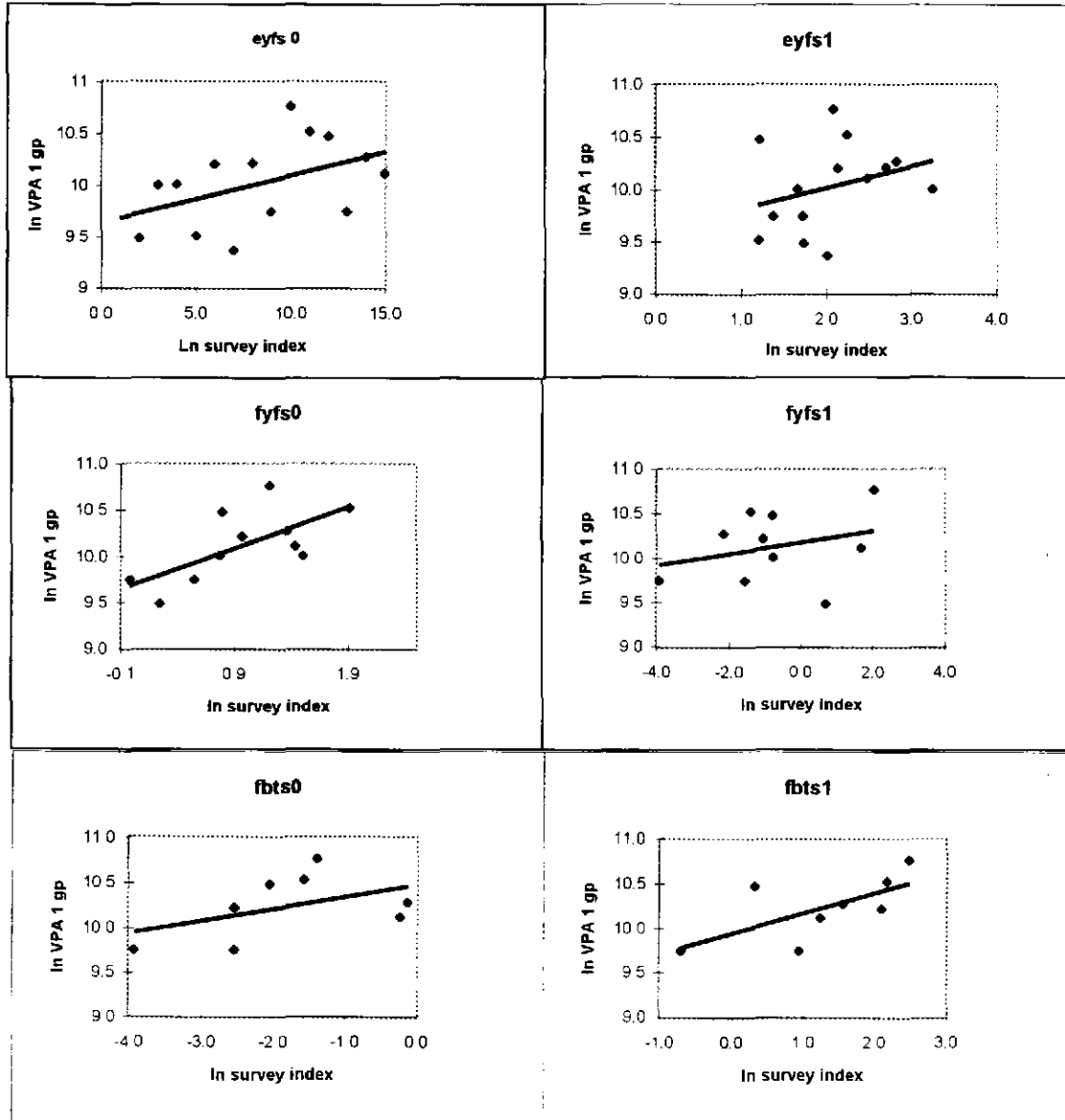


Figure 8.7.1 Sole, VlId. Sensitivity analysis of short term forecast.

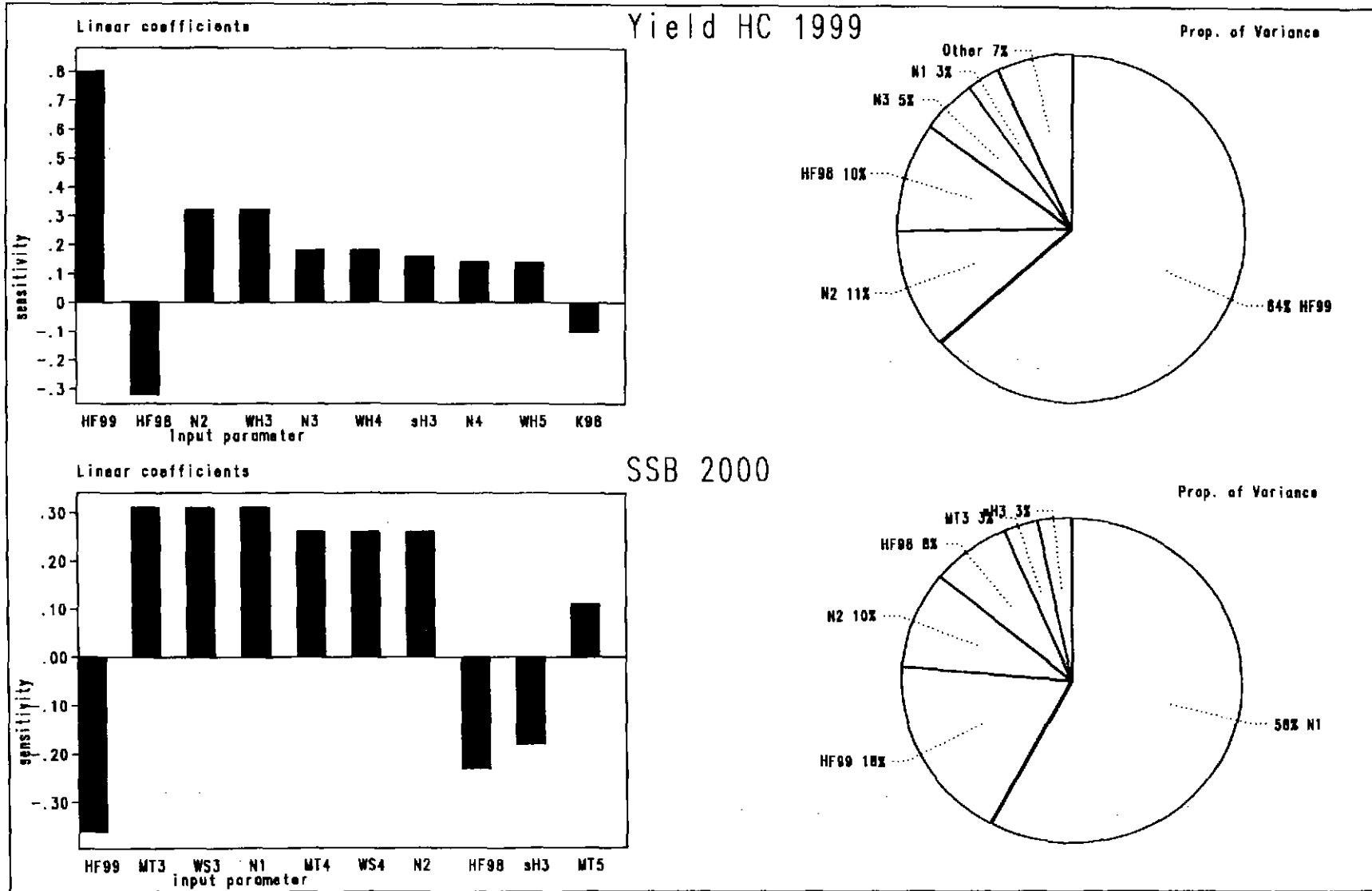


Figure 8.7.2 Sole VIId. Probability profiles for short-term forecast.

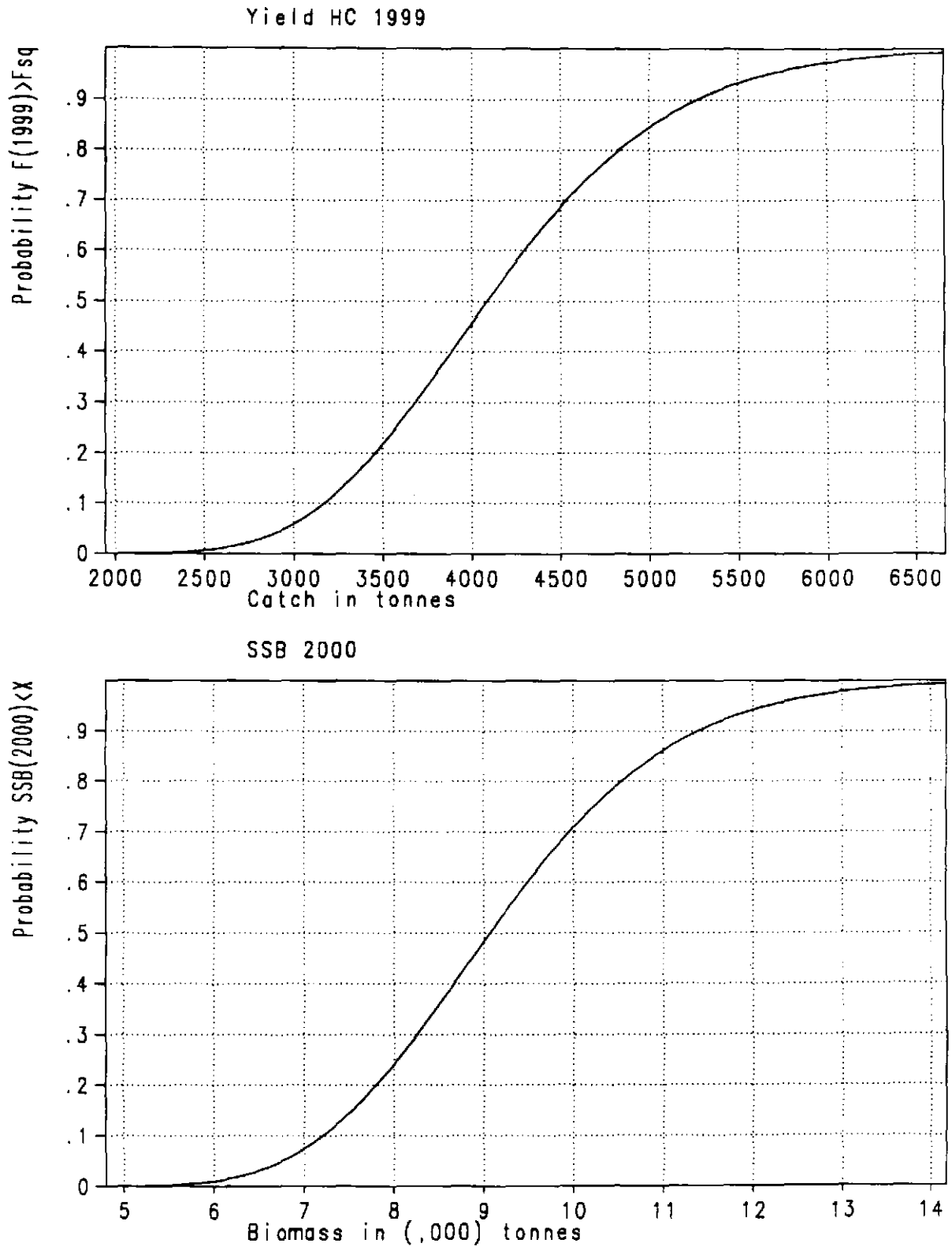


Figure 8.7.3 VIId Sole: Yield per Recruit

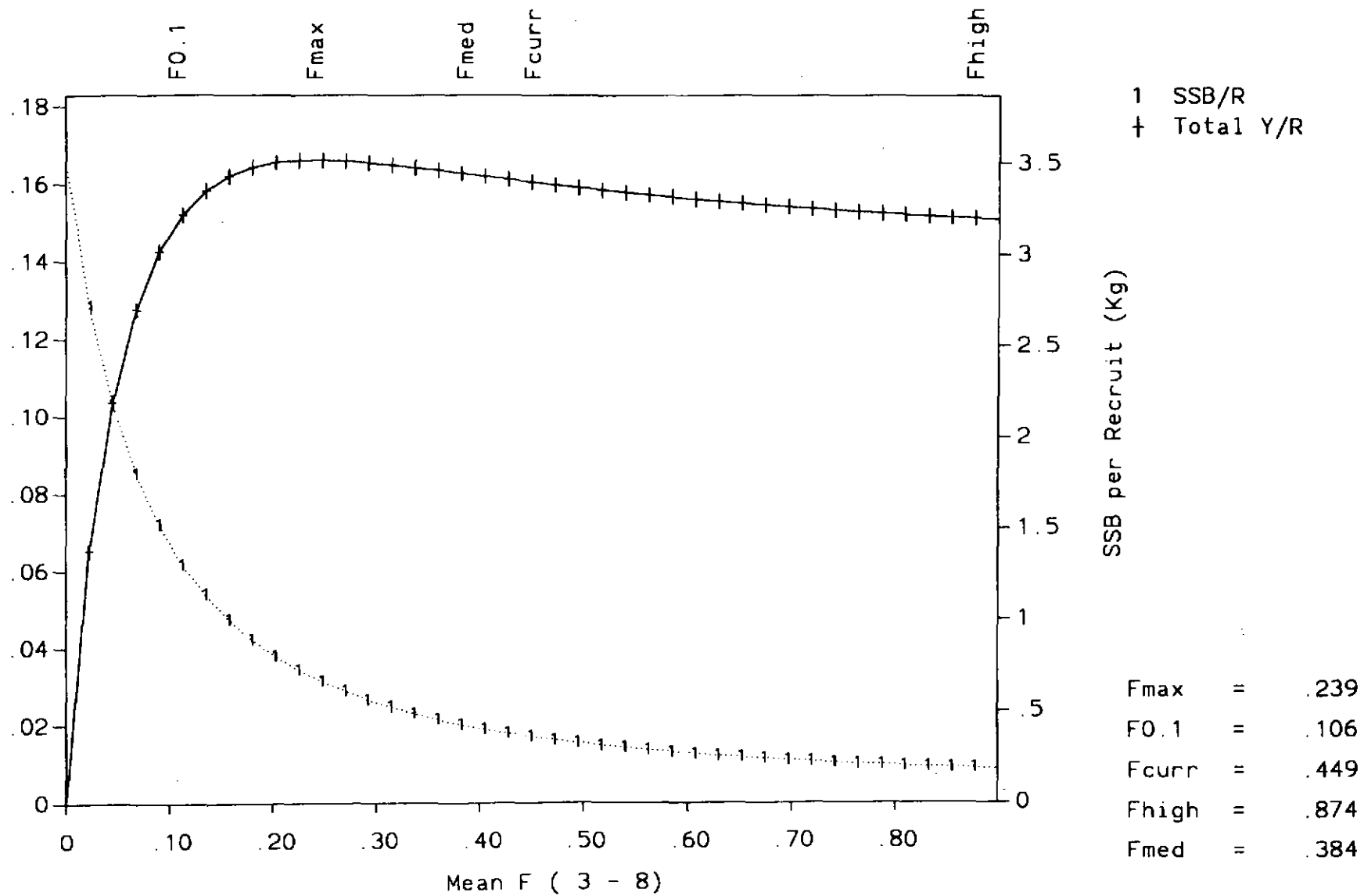


Figure 8.8.1 Stock recruit models for Vld sole

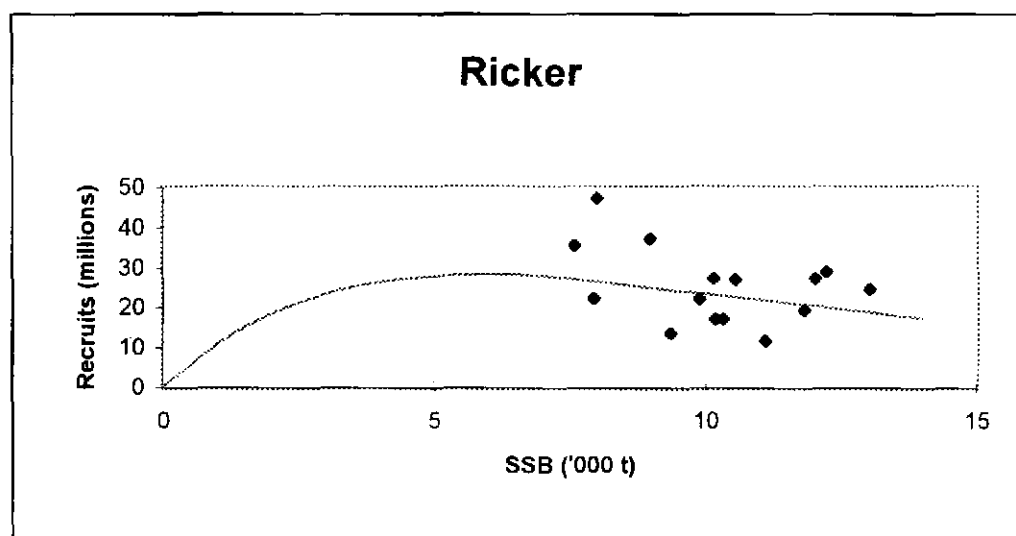
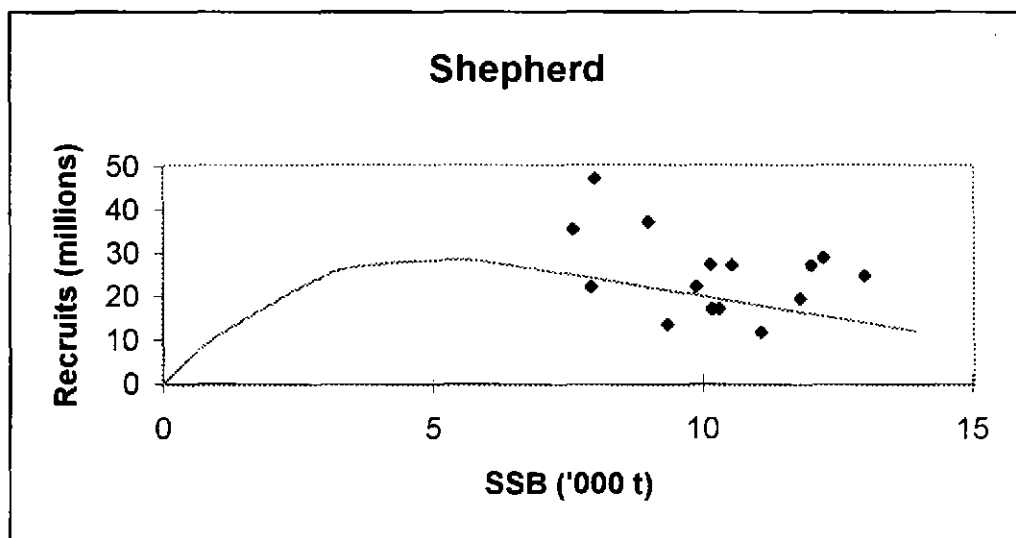
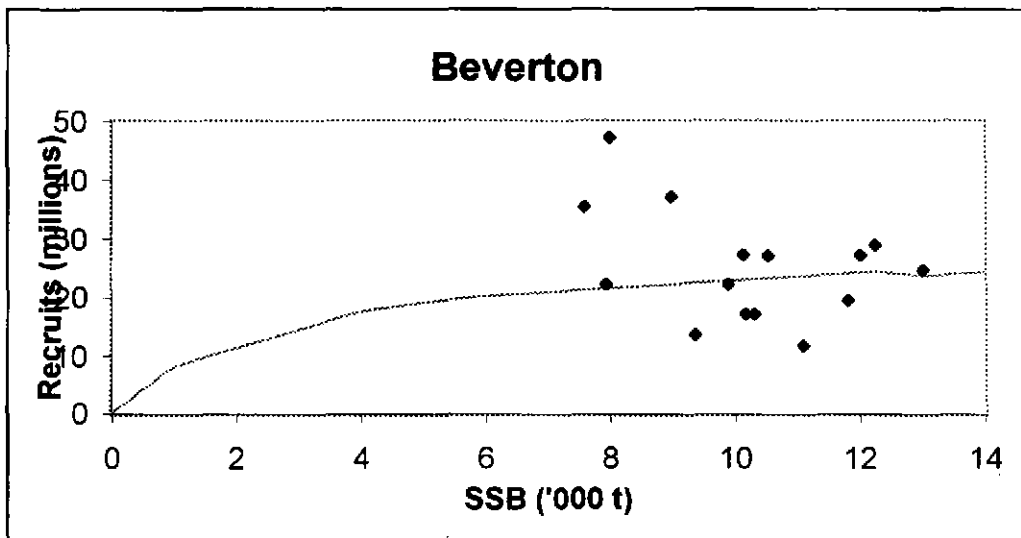


Figure 8.8.2 Sole in V11d. Medium term projections, showing 50 percentile (black line) and 5,10,20,95 percentiles from Butterworth and Berg stock recruit model at SQ F

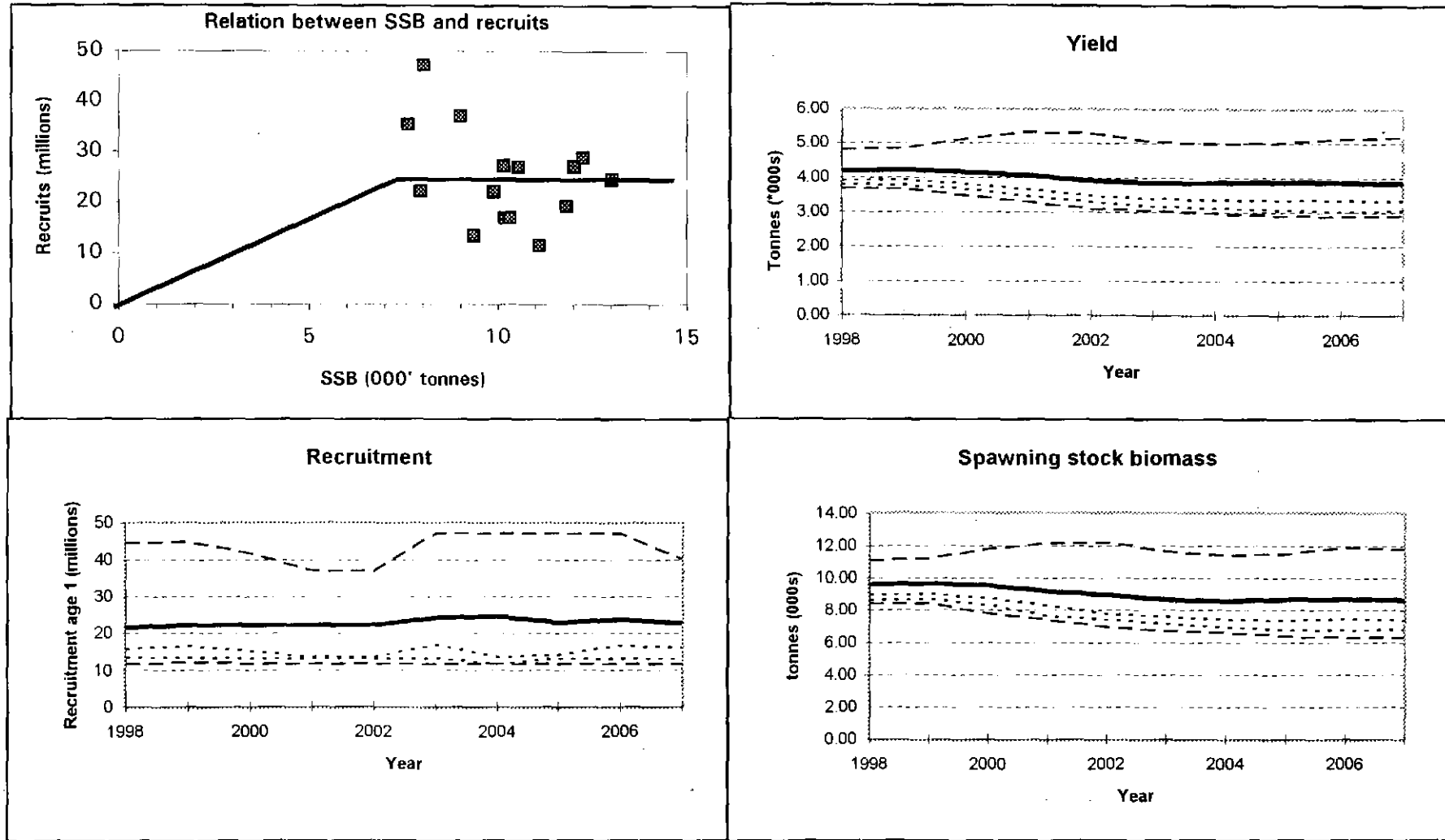


Figure 8.9.1 VIId Sole: Stock and Recruitment

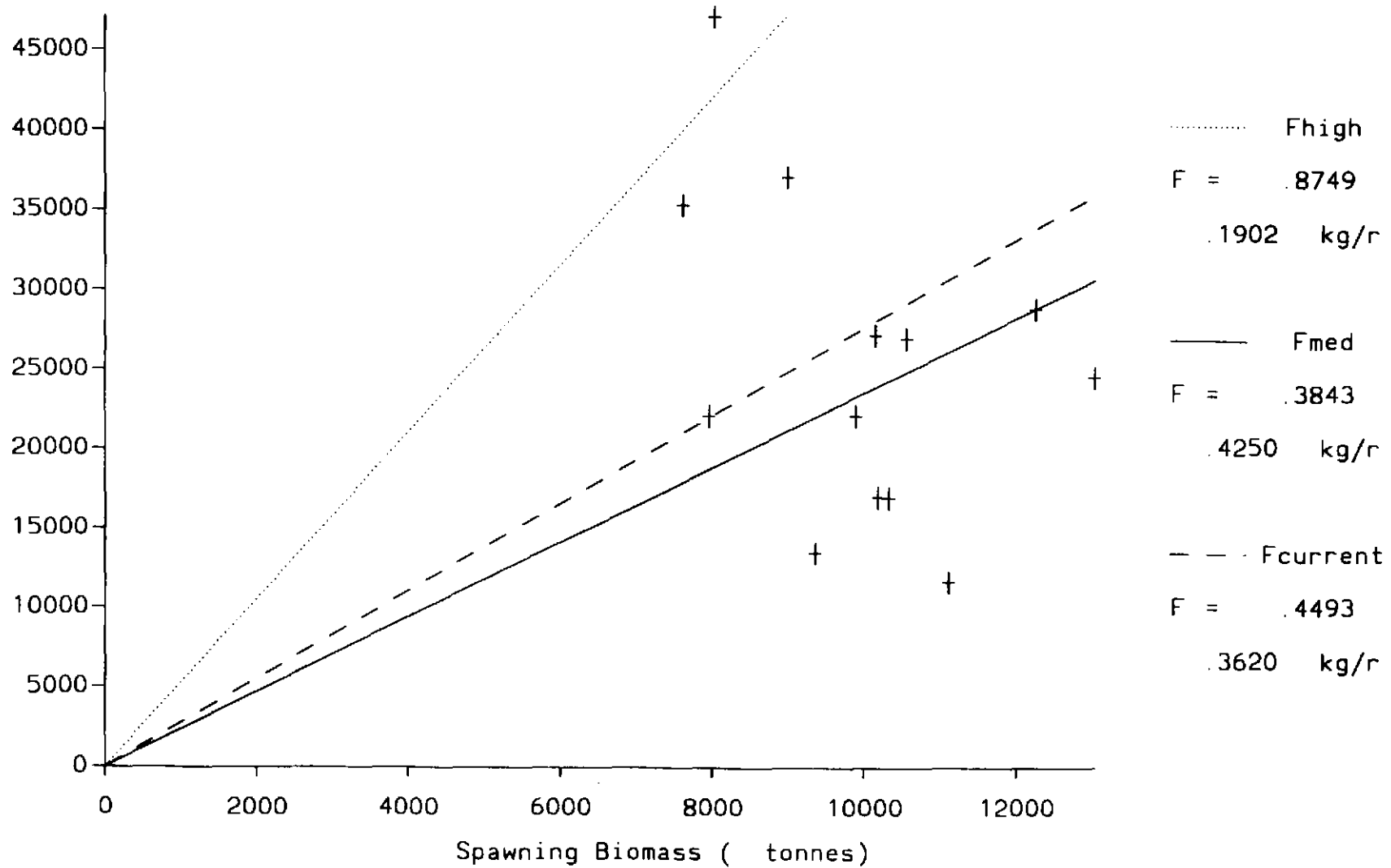


Figure 8.10.1 Vild Sole Output from Precautionary Approach Analysis

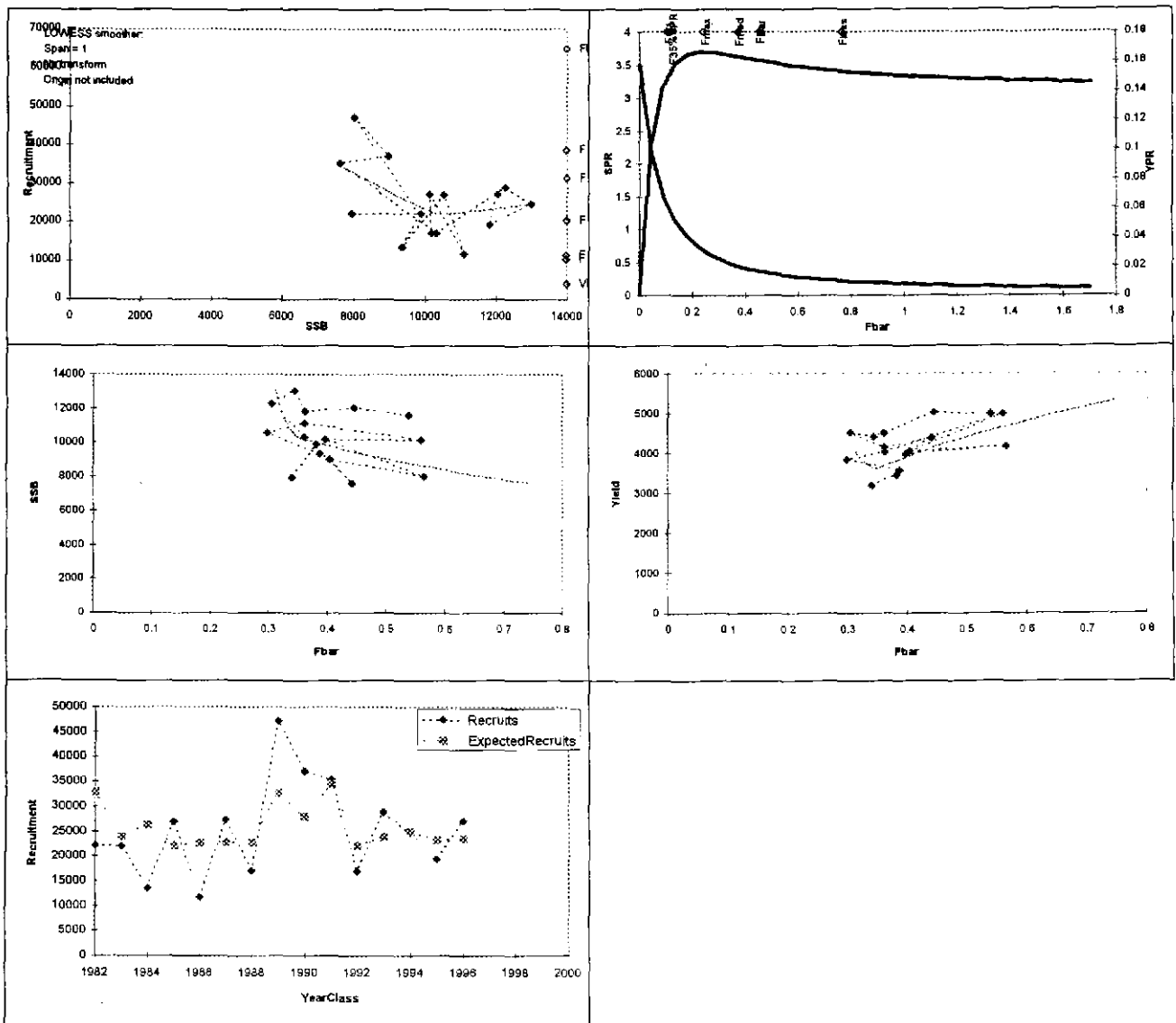
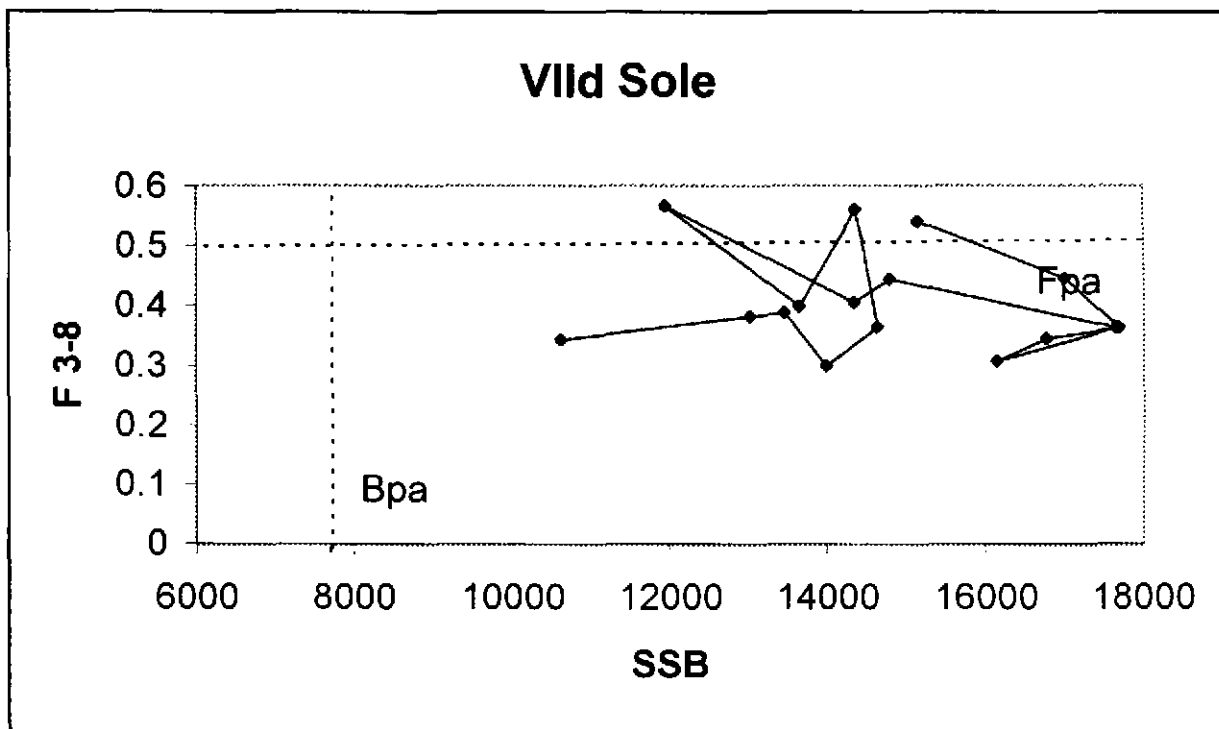


Figure 8.10.2 VIId Sole. Relationship between the suggested precautionary reference the historical pattern of SSB and recruitment



9 NORTH SEA PLAICE

9.1 The fishery

9.1.1 ACFM advice applicable to 1997 and 1998

The ACFM advice for North Sea plaice for 1997 was twofold. First in the October 1996 meeting, ACFM advised to fishing mortality should be reduced by at least 20% from the 1995 level in order to rebuild SSB (ICES 1997d). It was also agreed that the advice would be reconsidered in the May 1997 meeting when the actual catches of 1996 would be available.

In May 1997 additional information had become available on the developments in the weight at age in the stock, and these were included in the new predictions that were carried out. ACFM concluded that the new forecasts indicates that because of the increase in growth rate SSB may recover above MBAL of 300,000 t sooner than indicated by ICES in 1996. The increase in growth also means that fishing mortality in 1996 would have been 0.38 rather than 0.46 as implied by the *status quo* F assumptions made in the 1996 advice. (ICES 1997b).

In October 1997 ACFM concluded that the increase in growth was less than originally foreseen and that the North Sea plaice stock was outside safe biological limits and advised that there was: no biological requirement to modify the EC/Norway agreement to fish at $F = 0.3$ in 1998. This corresponds to landings of 82,000 tonnes. (ICES 1997 c).

9.1.2 Management applicable to 1997 and 1998

The North Sea plaice TAC for 1997 was originally set at 77,000 t but after re-negotiations was increased to 81,000 t before the beginning of the year. In September 1997 the TAC was increased to 91,000 following a revised catch forecasts by ACFM.

In 1995 the EU and Norway agreed to develop multi-annual management strategies for North Sea plaice, which was formulated as:

In the light of the grave and serious stock situation for plaice, the Parties agreed to apply a multi-annual management strategy to achieve the objective of reaching a level of spawning stock biomass defined by ACFM as the minimum biologically acceptable level (MBAL). To this end, the Parties agreed that, for 1996, the TAC set implies a fishing mortality rate in that year of 0.35. For 1997, the Parties agreed to adopt a TAC consistent with a fishing mortality rate of 0.3 unless future scientific advice requires modification of this agreement. The Parties agreed that, to provide increased security and greater potential yield, the stock needs to be rebuilt to progressively higher levels (Source: Agreed record of conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Community and Norway, Brussels, 9 December 1995). The agreement was re-iterated at the December 1997 meeting where again a fishing mortality of 0.3 was agreed (Agreed Record of Conclusions of Fisheries Consultations between the European Community and Norway, Brussels, 2 December 1997)

Technical measures applicable to the plaice fishery in the North Sea include mesh size regulations, minimum landing size and a closed area (the plaice box). Mesh size regulations for towed gears require that vessels fishing North of 55° N should have a minimum mesh of 100 mm. Below 55° N vessels are allowed to fish for sole with 80 mm.

A closed area has been in operation since 1989: the plaice box. The box was closed to all vessels using towed gears and with an engine power larger than 300 HP. In the years 1989 to 1993 the box was closed in the second and third quarter. Since the second quarter of 1994 the box is closed for all quarters. An exemption fleet of vessels smaller than 300 HP has been allowed to fish inside the plaice box.

New technical measures have been agreed which will be in operation from the year 2000 onward. Important elements in these new regulations that are relevant to the evaluation of this stock, are:

- reduction of the minimum landing size from 27 cm to 22 cm
- shift of 80 mm mesh size border from 55° N to 56° N.

9.1.3 Fleet developments

Plaice are mainly taken in a mixed fishery for sole and plaice by beamtrawlers of the Netherlands, Belgium, England and Germany. The remaining part is taken in a directed fishery with seine and gillnets (Denmark), and a mixed otter trawl fishery (several countries).

Total effort exerted by the main fleet in the mixed beamtrawl fishery has decreased slightly over the recent years. However the quota uptake by country differed in the past and there has been reflagging of former Dutch beamtrawl vessels to British, German and Danish flags. No detailed information on reflagging was available at the WG but it was estimated that e.g., the English flagged vessels account for around 40–50% of the total English beamtrawl effort. The WG regrets that no detailed information on these fleet components is available which makes it difficult to evaluate the total effort applied in this mixed fishery.

9.1.4 Landings in 1997

Total landings of North Sea plaice in 1997 (Table 9.1) were estimated by the WG to be just over 83,000 tonnes which is at around the same level as in 1996.

| year | Total WG landings | TAC |
|------|-------------------|---------|
| 1995 | 98,356 | 115,000 |
| 1996 | 81,673 | 81,000 |
| 1997 | 83,177 | 91,000 |

Slight revisions were made in the total official and estimated landings of 1996 and the catch in number table was changed accordingly.

Quota uptake by month for the total international fleet is presented in Figure 9.1, which shows that the TAC in 1996 was completely taken but that the TAC in 1997 was not taken although this will be influenced by the change in TAC in September of that year. The EU predicted catch for 1998, based on reported landings until August is 68,000 tonnes, which is considerable lower than the agreed TAC (87,000 tonnes).

9.2 Age composition, natural mortality, maturity, weight at age

Natural mortality and maturity at age were the conventional numbers used in previous assessments (Table 9.2). Maturation is taken as a step function representing the difference in maturation of males and females and is assumed constant over time. Estimation of maturation was originally based on biological sampling of maturity and sex-ratio. Data on the maturity of female plaice from the Dutch market sampling program indicates that both maturity of female plaice and sex ratio might give an underestimation of the current spawning stock. However, since only data was available from the Dutch market sampling, it was not yet appropriate to change the maturity ogive. The working group recognises the need to analyse maturity data on an international level and recommends to have intersessional work done on this topic.

The age composition of the landings is presented in Table 9.3 and Figure 9.2. The catch at age table has been revised slightly for 1996.

SOP corrections were used in the calculations of the English and Belgian age compositions. No SOP corrections were used in the Danish, French and Dutch age compositions. The WG recognised the need to standardise methods for calculating age compositions.

Age distributions were available from samples representative of 81% of the total landings. The SOP-discrepancy was small (1%) but may be underestimated due to the reasons given above. No time series of discards estimates are available to incorporate in the assessment. There are indications that the discard pattern may vary due to changes in growth, market conditions and quota regulations.

Mean weights at age in the catch were estimated from the market samples taken throughout the year (Table 9.4). Weights-at-age in the stock were first quarter weights (Table 9.5). Values for age groups which are not fully recruited to

the fishery were extrapolated graphically. Weight at age has varied considerably over time. Weight at age increased during the 1960s and 1970s, whereas cohorts born in the second half of the 1980s showed a reduced weight at age. In the recent years, stock weight at age of the main age groups in the catch (age 4–8) appears to increase again whereas for the ages 2 and 3 there seems to be a slightly lower weight (Figure 9.3)

9.3 Catch, effort and research vessel data

The following tuning data were available for North Sea plaice:

- NL commercial beamtrawl CPUE (Table 9.6)
- UK commercial beamtrawl CPUE (Table 9.7)
- Beam Trawl Survey BTS (Table 9.8)
- Sole Net Survey SNS (Table 9.9)
- English Groundfish Survey EGFS (Table 9.10)
- Demersal Young Fish Survey DFS

The Dutch commercial beamtrawl CPUE consist of the total catch at age by the Dutch fleet and the effort in Horse Power days. The series is available for 1980 onwards and for the age 2 to 14. However, only the years 1989 onwards have been used in the recent assessments because of strong patterns in residuals in the earlier years. The time series of the NL beamtrawl index is given in Table 9.6.

The UK commercial beamtrawl CPUE is derived from the catch at age of all beamtrawlers registered in England and Wales but excluding Scottish registered vessels. The fleets landings and effort include landings into England and Wales as well as landings abroad. Effort was calculated on a trip basis as hours fishing times the horse power (HP) of the vessel. The time series of data is shown in Table 9.7.

The Beam Trawl Survey (BTS) was initiated in 1985 and aims at obtaining pre-recruit indices for 1- and 2-group plaice and sole. However, due to its spatial distribution the BTS survey also catches considerable numbers of older plaice and sole (up to age 10 as a plus group). The survey is carried out in international cooperation and covers both inshore and offshore areas throughout the North Sea, Channel and western waters of the UK. The Dutch survey is carried out using the RV ISIS. The fishing gear used is a pair of 8 m beam trawls with 40 mm stretched mesh cod-ends. The Dutch participation in the survey is used as a tuning series for the plaice assessment and consists of catches in numbers per haul for the ages 1 - 10+. Unfortunately the BTS index for 1998 will only be preliminary because due to bad weather conditions during the survey period, not all stations could be fished. The time series of the BTS index is given in Table 9.8.

The Sole Net Survey (SNS) was carried out with RV Tridens until 1995. Since 1996 the RV ISIS is used for this survey. The gear used is a pair of 6 m beam trawls with 40 mm stretched mesh cod-ends. The stations fished are in lines perpendicular to the coast. The index has a year range of 1977 to 1998 and an age range of 0 to 3. Only the ages 1 to 3 are used for tuning North Sea plaice assessment, the 0-group index is used in the RCT3. The time series of the SNS index is given in Table 9.9.

The English groundfish survey (EGFS) is carried out with RV Cirolana using demersal roundfish trawl throughout the North Sea in August. Only small catches of plaice are made. The time series of the EGFS index is given in Table 9.10

The Demersal Young Fish Survey (DFS) is an international survey carried out by The Netherlands, England, Belgium and Germany. Two types of gear are used. In the Wadden Sea and Scheldt Estuaries a single light 3 meter beam trawl is used with a 20 mm cod-end and one light tickler chain from the shoes. The coastal area are fished with a pair of 6 m beam trawls rigged with a similar net as the 3 meter beam trawl. The combined index is calculated as a mean of the international indices with a fixed weighting by country which refers to the area covered. In 1998 no estimate of the DYFS is available due to bad weather conditions during the period of the survey.

Table 9.11 lists the CPUE values for the indices relevant to the estimation of the adult population. Figure 9.4 summarises trends in CPUE. In Section 0 the trends in the tuning indices will be discussed further with a special focus on the representiveness of CPUE for stock size.

9.4 Assessment

9.4.1 Data exploration

A six year separable model was run on the catch at age matrix to analyse whether any problems could be expected from these. Reference F at age 4 was set at 0.5 and selection at the final age was set at 0.6, which is comparable to the average selection pattern in the 1997 WG assessment. Results of the run are presented in Figure 9.5. It is concluded that the separable model of 6 years does not show any clear trends in the residuals of the catch ratio's.

Next a series of Laurec-Shepherd tuned VPA's was run with all fleets separately. The SNS index was not included because it is mainly a recruitment index and is not indicative of stock development. Log catchability residuals of the runs are shown in Figure 9.6. It is concluded that the UK beamtrawl index ages 2 and 3, the BTS index ages 1, 8, 9 and 10 and the EGFS age 10 behave badly, showing occasionally residuals above 1. Furthermore, the EGFS index for 1992 gives consistent positive residuals for the most relevant ages.

A test of the English Groundfish survey was performed by running a XSA where the EGFS was used in conjunction with the four traditional fleets. Relevant diagnostics of this run are presented in Table 9.12. The r -squares of the regressions show an inconsistent pattern, ranging from 0.00 to 0.67, also two ages have negative slopes. It was decided that the survey contained too little information to be used in the tuning and it was removed from further investigations.

An XSA was run that was configured just as the 1997 WG, i.e., the same tuning indices and the same setting, but with one year of data added. Relevant diagnostics are presented in Table 9.13. Based on the diagnostics it was decided that the ages that contain no information on the stock development of plaice (r -squares below 0.4, negative slopes, s.e. $\log q$ larger than 0.5) would be left out of the assessment:

- NL beamtrawl fleet: drop ages 10 - 14
- UK beamtrawl fleet: drop ages 2 - 3 and 13 - 14
- BTS survey: drop ages 8 - 10

9.4.2 Final assessment

The XSA settings of the final assessment (and the 1997 assessment) are given in Table 9.14. Diagnostics are presented in Table 9.15. Figure 9.7 shows plots of the log Index against log VPA estimate which forms the basis of the assessment. Superimposed on the graphs is a simple regression which may not be appropriate for the ages where catchability is dependent on abundance and for which a power relationship should rather be fitted. Figure 9.8 gives the log residuals over time between the fleet data and the model fit. Tuning diagnostics are shown in Figure 9.9 which indicate that population and fishing mortality shrinkage determines a major proportion of the recruitment estimates.

Calculated stock numbers and fishing mortality are given in Tables 9.16 and 9.17. A summary of the assessment is given in Table 9.18. The stock is estimated at a low state (210,000 tonnes) and fishing mortality is just over 0.4.

A retrospective analysis is presented in Figure 9.10. For this analysis a six year tuning window was used so that 4 runs can be compared (the shortest tuning time series is 9 years). The figure shows that no substantial retrospective pattern exists for both fishing mortality and SSB indicating that the model gives a consistent interpretation of the available data. Recruitment estimates are shown to be rather dependent on the tuning configuration and are considered less reliable.

9.5 Recruitment

Several issues needed to be addressed before recruitment estimation could be performed. These were:

- possible ageing problems in the BTS, DFS and SNS surveys
- incorporation of a plaice box effect

In Section 0 - these issues will be addressed in more detail.

Recruitment was estimated using the RCT3 program. The input to the RCT3 is given in Table 9.19. Output of the regression of recruitment indices against VPA numbers at age 1 is given in Table 9.20, the output of regressions against

age 2 in Table 9.21. XSA and RCT3 estimates of recruitment are shown in Figure 9.11. Recruitment estimates are summarised below:

| Year class | XSA-1 | RCT3-1 | RCT3-2 | GM 57-95 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1995 | 467 | 657 | 591 | |
| 1996 | 391 | 842 | 761 | |
| 1997 | | 501 | | |
| 1998 | | 538 | | 420 |

The values for the year classes 1996 and 1997 was taken from the RCT3 output (respectively at age 2 and age 1) because the surveys that contributed to the estimates received high weights compared to the shrinkage mean and were therefore considered reliable indicators of these year classes. The 1995 year class was kept as calculated by XSA because for this year class there is additional catch information which is used in XSA but not in RCT3. The 1998 year class was estimated using geometric mean rather than RCT3 because the weighting was based on only one survey where the mean had a higher weight in any case.

9.6 Historic stock trends

Figure 9.12 shows the trends in yield, mean $F(2-10)$, SSB and recruitment since 1957. Yield has gradually increased up to the late 1980s and rapidly declined since then.

Fishing mortality increased until the early 1980s, and levelled off in the 1980s after which there have been slight fluctuations in fishing mortality. Current fishing mortality (0.43) is around the mean level since 1980.

The SSB increased to a peak in 1967 when the strong 1963 year class became mature. Since then, SSB declined to a level of 300 kt in the early 1980s. Due to the recruitment of the strong year classes 1981 and 1985, SSB again increased to a peak in 1989 and rapidly declined since then. The present SSB is well below the minimum level observed in the early 1980s.

Except for the occurrence of exceptionally strong year classes (1963, 1981 and 1985), which coincided with cold winters, inter-annual variability in recruitment is rather small. VPA estimates of recruitment show a periodic change with relative poor recruitment in the 1960s and relatively strong recruitment in the 1980s. The recruitment level in the early 1990s appears to be somewhat lower than in the 1980s. The 1996 year class appears to be rather strong and is currently estimated at 842000 (4th in the time series). There are however doubts about the growth of this year class which will be addressed in Section 0.

9.7 Short term projection

The input data to the short term forecast are given in Table 9.22. Weight at age in the stock and in the catch were taken as a mean over the last three years. As there is an increasing trend in the stock weights over the recent years (see Figure 9.3) taking an average over three years gives a conservative estimate of stock development in the short term. The exploitation pattern was taken as the mean value of the last three years and not scaled to the average F for 1997. Population numbers were taken from the final VPA. The number of 1-year olds (year class 1997) was as the RCT3 estimate (501 million). Numbers at age 2 were also taken from RCT3 where a regression against VPA age 2 gave an estimate of the 1996 year class at age 2 of 761 million (Table 9.21). All other ages were taken from the XSA survivors in 1998.

In Table 9.23 the results of a detailed status-quo prediction are shown. The strong 1996 year class is expected recruit to the fishery in 1998. In that year it is expected to contribute around 20% to the total landings (in weight) and in 1999 45%. In 2000, the 1996 year class is expected to contribute 38% to the total SSB (Table 9.24).

A management option Table for *status quo* fishing mortality is presented in Table 9.25. At *status quo* fishing mortality in 1998 and 1999 the SSB is expected to increase to 288 kt in 1999 and further increase to 305 kt. in 1999. The yield at *status quo* F is expected to be around 115 kt. in 1998 and 141 kt. in 1999.

The sensitivity of the short-term predictions to the uncertainties in the input parameters was explored using the programs WGFAN4 and SENPLOT. The input of the analysis is given in Table 9.26. Figure 9.13 (right hand side) indicates that the yield in 1999 is most sensitive to the uncertainties in the year class 1996 both as age 2 at the start of 1998 ($N2 = 36\%$) and as the fishing mortality at age 3-year ($sH3 = 35\%$). The SSB in 2000 is mostly affected by the uncertainties in the 1998 year class ($R99 = 29\%$) and the fishing mortalities on the 1997 year class ($sH3 = 25\%$) and 1996 year class ($N2 = 25\%$).

The linear sensitivity coefficients (Figure 9.13, left hand side) illustrate the effect of a relative change in the input parameters on the yield and SSB. The yield is mainly affected by the overall fishing mortality in 1999 [HF99]. The SSB in 2000 is affected by several of the input parameters which all have a similar coefficient (maturity at age 4 [MT4], number of 2-year olds [N2] and weight of 4 year olds [WS4]).

Cumulative probability profiles for the landings in 1999 and for the SSB in 2000 are shown in Figure 9.14. The probability that the SSB in 2000 will be above 300 kt at the *status quo* fishing mortality (0.43) is around 35%.

9.8 Medium term projection

Several functional relationships were fitted to the stock recruitment data for the year classes 1957 – 1996 (Figure 9.15). It is shown that the inclusion of the 1996 year class in the stock recruitment plot could have a large impact on the form of the stock recruitment relationship. It was decided that given the undetectable pattern in the data the preferred model would be the Butterworth-Berg model where the geometric mean recruitment is used for the SSB levels where observations are available and recruitment declines linearly from the lowest observed to the origin.

A medium term projection of 10 years was carried out using the program WGTermB_{pa} which was adapted from the WGMTERMA program. Input to the medium term projection was the same as for the short term projections. Because the difference between a long term mean weight and a three year mean weight were small, the latter was used in the projection. Changes implemented in the WGTermB_{pa} program are described in the annex.

Results of the medium term projections are used in the calculation of biological reference points (Section 0). Results of a single medium term projection using 500 iterations and with *status quo* fishing mortality of 0.43 are presented in Figure 9.16. The iterations were such that SSB levels would generate geometric mean recruitment.

9.9 Long term considerations

Compared to the period prior to the early 1990s, spawning biomass remains at a relatively low level. Fishing mortality appears to have been at the same high level for a long period already. Inputs for long-term equilibrium yield and SSB-per-recruit analyses are given in Table 9.26 and results are presented in Table 9.27 and Figure 9.17.

9.10 Biological reference points

Biological reference points were estimated using the PA software using settings as in Table 9.29. A plot of the reference points and their values is given in Figure 9.18. In order to arrive at precautionary biomass reference points (B_{pa} , B_{lim}) the stock recruitment plot was inspected. It was concluded that no clear trends could be found of impaired recruitment at low spawning stock biomass. However, since the stock is at an historical low, it was considered appropriate to use the lowest observed biomass (B_{loss}) of 210,000 tonnes as a biomass limit reference points (B_{lim}) below which no information is available on trends in the stock. B_{pa} can be derived using the standard formula which is then rounded to 300,000 tonnes which is incidentally the old MBAL set for this stock.

Table 9.30 lists several fishing mortality reference points and the associated probability that SSB is below B_{pa} (300,000 tonnes) in 2007. The relationship between fishing mortality and probability of being below B_{pa} in 2007 is plotted in Figure 9.19 from which it can be seen that there is a steep increase in the risk of falling below B_{pa} if fishing mortality is higher than 0.3. However, the currently agreed fishing mortality level (0.3) gives, under the assumption of the simple stock-recruitment model (Butterworth-Berg), a low probability of being below B_{pa} in 2007 (< 10%) and may therefore be considered as a candidate for F_{pa} .

9.11 Comments on the assessment

In the assessment, projections and estimation of biological reference points for North Sea plaice, a number of issues need to be addressed:

- Model specification
- Trends in catchability and CPUE in tuning fleets
- Evaluation of the plaice box
- Age reading of juvenile plaice in recruitment surveys

North Sea plaice is traditionally assessed using Extended Survivor's Analysis (XSA). However, it is appropriate to evaluate the sensitivity of the assessment to the assumptions implicit in the method chosen. An important assumption to be evaluated in this context is the assumption of catchability being constant over years. In a working document (Pastoors *et al.*, WD 1) it was shown that for the Dutch beamtrawl fleet, one of the main tuning indices for this stock, catchability was not constant at all, and that may well cause the negative residuals for this fleet. Excluding the Dutch beamtrawl fleet from the analysis gave a substantially different perception of the state of the stock. Also an analysis was presented on the differences in CPUE between Dutch beam trawl vessels and so-called Flag-vessels, both fishing for plaice. It was shown that Flag vessels had consistently higher CPUE's and that the differences were increasing, which could point at changes in targeting in the Dutch fleet due to e.g., quota restrictions.

The model specification was tested using an alternative assessment method: ICA. A six year selection pattern was estimated with a reference age 4 and selection at the final age of 0.6. Linear models were fitted for the tuning indices and each survey was given a total weight of 1. Results indicate that the SSB estimates in the final years are comparable with the XSA results although ICA seems to give a slightly more optimistic view on the rebuilding of the spawning stock in recent years. Fishing mortality is estimated rather differently, where ICA gives a fishing mortality on age 2 - 10 in 1997 of 0.34 against 0.43 of XSA. The diagnostic plots show that the behaviour of the fleets is highly comparable between XSA and ICA with the Dutch beamtrawl fleet given a strong negative trend over time and the UK beamtrawl fleet a positive trend over time.

Recent developments related to the plaice box, the partially closed area described in Section 9.1.2, were discussed in a working document presented to the Working Group (Pastoors *et al.*, 1998, WD no. 6). It was shown that in spite of the purpose of this measure to enhance recruitment to the fishable stock by reducing the discarding, recruitment seems unaffected and SSB is declining. There is some evidence that undersized plaice have shifted its distribution towards the border of the box. Effort of the Dutch beam trawl fleet inside the box has dropped substantially to around 10% of the level before the installation, but has done so mainly since 1994 when the fourth quarter closure was effectuated. The so-called 'Eurocutters' that were allowed to fish in the plaice box, showed a decline in the proportion of effort allocated to the box area since 1994, although at that time they had a monopoly to fish in the box. Retardation of growth of young plaice which was observed over a number of years may have extended the time of exposition to the hazards of being caught below the minimum landing size.

The Working Group concluded that the preliminary evaluation presented in the working document indicated the need for a thorough evaluation of the plaice box as a technical measure to enhance recruitment to the fishery of plaice and sole. In previous years (e.g., 1996 Working Group) it was assumed that the plaice box would have a positive effect on plaice recruitment of 15%. This figure was used in the medium term projections to show the likely trends in the plaice stock, given the existence of a plaice box. The Working Group concluded that it is at this stage premature to estimate a positive effect of the plaice box, and that in the light of the uncertainty surrounding these effects it seems inappropriate to include a positive recruitment effect in the medium term projections. This entails that the estimates of the biological reference points are also made without inclusion of a positive recruitment effect. The Working Group decided to wait for the results of the June 1999 plaice box evaluation before it will decide on what effects of the box to include in its medium term projections. As such, the biological reference points estimated by the Working Group may be revised next year.

In 1997 a clear shift has been observed in the age length keys of all Dutch survey samples. The currently used age length keys suggest decreased growth rates for the 1995 and 1996 year classes. However, a bias in the age determinations can possibly explain (part of) the shift in age length keys. An exchange of plaice otoliths and a small plaice ageing workshop confirmed the suspicion of a discrepancy in age determinations between age readers. What one age reader interprets as a badly grown two-year-old, is an one-year-old with a false ring according to the other age reader. The otoliths causing problems are small otoliths which exhibit a narrow ring close to the nucleus or to the first annulus. If the narrow rings prove to be false rings than a considerable proportion of the 1996 year class has probably been incorrectly allocated to the 1995 year class.

The short term predictions presented in Section 0 - is heavily dependent on the size of the 1996 year class which is thought to contribute 45% to the 1999 landings. Already in the estimation of the SSB in 1998 there is a large difference in its estimated size: around 225,000 tonnes using the XSA year class estimate, and 275,000 t using the RCT3 estimate. An alternative short term prediction where the 1996 year class was taken from XSA gave a predicted SSB level in 2000

(at *status quo* fishing mortality) of 242,000 t which is around 20% lower than the result presented in this report. Also, this year class has up till now not been detected in the 1998 catches as an outstanding year class. Given the uncertainty in the estimation of this year class, and the high sensitivity of the prediction to the actual size of the year class, the prediction should be treated with considerable care.

Table 9.1 North Sea plaice. Nominal landings in Sub-area IV as officially reported to ICES, 1986-1997.

| | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Belgium | 7,232 | 8,554 | 11,527 | 10,939 | 13,940 | 14,328 | 12,006 | 10,814 | 7,951 | 7,093 | 5,765 | 5,223 |
| Denmark | 26,332 | 21,597 | 20,259 | 23,481 | 26,474 | 24,356 | 20,891 | 16,452 | 17,056 | 13,358 | 11,776 | 13,940 |
| France | 751 | 1,580 | 1,773 | 2,037 | 1,339 | 508 | 537 | 603 | 438 | 442 | 379 | 587 |
| Germany | 1,809 | 1,794 | 2,566 | 5,341 | 8,747 | 7,926 | 6,818 | 6,895 | 5,697 | 6,329 | 4,780 | 4,159 |
| Neth | 74,447 | 76,612 | 77,724 | 84,173 | 78,204 | 67,945 | 51,064 | 48,552 | 50,289 | 44,263 | 35,419 | 34,143 |
| Norway | 21 | 12 | 21 | 321 | 1,756 | 560 | 836 | 827 | 524 | 674 | 1,242 | 1,775 |
| Sweden | 16 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 169 | 103 | 53 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| UK (E/W/NI) | 12,428 | 14,891 | 17,613 | 20,413 | 18,810 | 18,267 | 21,049 | 20,586 | 17,806 | 15,801 | 13,541 | 13,789 |
| UK (Scotland) | 4,866 | 5,747 | 6,884 | 5,691 | 6,822 | 9,572 | 10,228 | 10,542 | 9,943 | 8,594 | 7,451 | 8,345 |
| Others | | | 43 | | | | | | | | | |
| total | 127,902 | 130,794 | 138,412 | 152,408 | 156,261 | 143,565 | 123,482 | 115,278 | 109,710 | 96,557 | 80,358 | 81,965 |
| Unallocated | 37,445 | 22,876 | 16,063 | 17,410 | -21 | 4,438 | 1,708 | 1,835 | 682 | 1,799 | 1,315 | 1,212 |
| WG estimate | 165,347 | 153,670 | 154,475 | 169,818 | 156,240 | 148,003 | 125,190 | 117,113 | 110,392 | 98,356 | 81,673 | 83,177 |
| TAC | 180,000 | 150,000 | 175,000 | 185,000 | 180,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 | 175,000 | 165,000 | 115,000 | 81,000 | 91,000 |

Table 9.2 North Sea plaice: natural mortality and maturity at age

| | M | maturity |
|-----|-----|----------|
| 1 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| 3 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| 4 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 5 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 6 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 7 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 8 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 9 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 10 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 11 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 12 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 13 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 14 | 0.1 | 1 |
| +gp | 0.1 | 1 |

Table 9.3 North Sea plaice: catch composition (thousands)

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 4315 | 7129 | 16556 | 5959 | 2264 | 2147 | 4340 | 14708 | 9858 | 4144 | 5982 |
| 3 | 59818 | 22205 | 30427 | 61876 | 33392 | 35876 | 21471 | 40486 | 42202 | 65009 | 30304 |
| 4 | 44718 | 62047 | 25489 | 51022 | 67906 | 66779 | 76926 | 64735 | 53188 | 51488 | 112917 |
| 5 | 31771 | 34112 | 41099 | 21321 | 32699 | 50060 | 54364 | 57408 | 43674 | 36667 | 41383 |
| 6 | 8885 | 19594 | 22936 | 27329 | 12759 | 20628 | 31799 | 37091 | 30151 | 27370 | 22053 |
| 7 | 11029 | 8178 | 13873 | 14186 | 14680 | 9060 | 12848 | 15819 | 18361 | 16500 | 16175 |
| 8 | 9028 | 8000 | 6408 | 9013 | 9748 | 9035 | 6833 | 6595 | 8554 | 10784 | 8004 |
| 9 | 4973 | 6110 | 6596 | 5087 | 5996 | 5257 | 7047 | 3980 | 4213 | 6467 | 6728 |
| 10 | 4300 | 4093 | 5360 | 4711 | 3446 | 3428 | 3863 | 3804 | 4015 | 3336 | 3045 |
| 11 | 2580 | 4530 | 3386 | 3418 | 3621 | 2659 | 3591 | 3066 | 2807 | 1843 | 2033 |
| 12 | 1312 | 1740 | 3564 | 2391 | 2887 | 2266 | 2117 | 1905 | 2221 | 2552 | 968 |
| 13 | 787 | 1110 | 1507 | 1966 | 1743 | 2001 | 2089 | 1518 | 1745 | 1624 | 1303 |
| 14 | 875 | 528 | 869 | 1014 | 1345 | 1061 | 1536 | 1300 | 1338 | 1032 | 783 |
| +gp | 1005 | 1147 | 1494 | 1653 | 1618 | 1386 | 3396 | 5293 | 5461 | 4541 | 3043 |
| 0 TOTALN | 185396 | 180523 | 179564 | 210946 | 194104 | 211643 | 232220 | 257708 | 227788 | 233357 | 254721 |
| TONSLAN | 70563 | 73354 | 79300 | 87541 | 85984 | 87472 | 107118 | 110540 | 97143 | 101834 | 108819 |
| SOPCOF | 111 | 106 | 102 | 101 | 102 | 97 | 102 | 101 | 101 | 102 | 102 |
| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | |
| 1 | 0 | 3 | 76 | 19 | 2233 | 1268 | 2223 | 981 | 2820 | 3220 | |
| 2 | 9474 | 15017 | 17294 | 29591 | 36528 | 31733 | 23120 | 28124 | 33643 | 56969 | |
| 3 | 40698 | 45187 | 51174 | 48282 | 62199 | 59099 | 55548 | 61623 | 77649 | 43289 | |
| 4 | 38140 | 36084 | 56153 | 33475 | 52906 | 73065 | 42125 | 31262 | 96398 | 66013 | |
| 5 | 123619 | 35585 | 40686 | 26059 | 23043 | 42255 | 41075 | 25419 | 13779 | 83705 | |
| 6 | 17139 | 102014 | 35074 | 22903 | 16998 | 13817 | 19666 | 21188 | 9904 | 9142 | |
| 7 | 10341 | 10410 | 78886 | 16913 | 14380 | 8685 | 8005 | 11873 | 9120 | 5912 | |
| 8 | 10102 | 6086 | 6311 | 29730 | 10903 | 9848 | 6321 | 5923 | 6391 | 5022 | |
| 9 | 3925 | 8192 | 4185 | 6414 | 18585 | 6084 | 5568 | 4106 | 2947 | 4061 | |
| 10 | 4891 | 3739 | 4778 | 4602 | 3467 | 13829 | 3931 | 3337 | 2020 | 1927 | |
| 11 | 2273 | 4760 | 2202 | 3377 | 2841 | 1680 | 10118 | 1741 | 2111 | 1301 | |
| 12 | 1556 | 1796 | 2871 | 2213 | 2538 | 1995 | 1634 | 7935 | 911 | 1357 | |
| 13 | 607 | 1223 | 1150 | 1910 | 1553 | 1516 | 1686 | 1080 | 4478 | 489 | |
| 14 | 1007 | 703 | 939 | 929 | 1591 | 1355 | 1242 | 1424 | 388 | 2290 | |
| +gp | 3031 | 3871 | 2900 | 3879 | 3661 | 3603 | 3369 | 4178 | 2644 | 1827 | |
| 0 TOTALN | 266803 | 274670 | 304679 | 230296 | 253426 | 270032 | 225631 | 210194 | 265203 | 286524 | |
| TONSLAN | 111534 | 121651 | 130342 | 113944 | 122843 | 130429 | 112540 | 108536 | 113670 | 119188 | |
| SOPCOF | 103 | 106 | 97 | 103 | 103 | 105 | 104 | 106 | 103 | 100 | |
| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | |
| 1 | 1143 | 1318 | 979 | 253 | 3334 | 1214 | 108 | 121 | 1674 | 0 | |
| 2 | 60578 | 58031 | 64904 | 100927 | 47776 | 119695 | 63252 | 73552 | 57125 | 85123 | |
| 3 | 62343 | 118863 | 133741 | 122296 | 209007 | 115034 | 274209 | 144316 | 163717 | 115961 | |
| 4 | 54341 | 48962 | 77523 | 57604 | 69544 | 99076 | 53549 | 185203 | 93801 | 111239 | |
| 5 | 50102 | 47886 | 24974 | 35745 | 28655 | 29359 | 37468 | 32520 | 84479 | 64758 | |
| 6 | 35510 | 39932 | 17982 | 12414 | 16726 | 12906 | 13661 | 15544 | 24049 | 34728 | |
| 7 | 5940 | 24228 | 13761 | 9564 | 7589 | 8216 | 6465 | 6871 | 9299 | 11452 | |
| 8 | 3352 | 4161 | 8458 | 8092 | 5470 | 4193 | 5544 | 3650 | 4490 | 4341 | |
| 9 | 2419 | 2807 | 1864 | 4874 | 4482 | 3013 | 2720 | 2698 | 2733 | 2154 | |
| 10 | 2176 | 2333 | 1326 | 1406 | 3706 | 2947 | 2088 | 1543 | 2026 | 1743 | |
| 11 | 1145 | 1849 | 952 | 1097 | 1134 | 2144 | 1307 | 1030 | 1178 | 1033 | |
| 12 | 603 | 1113 | 1173 | 830 | 712 | 1219 | 1143 | 1070 | 1084 | 863 | |
| 13 | 689 | 707 | 433 | 796 | 575 | 581 | 455 | 727 | 806 | 529 | |
| 14 | 330 | 707 | 284 | 468 | 519 | 344 | 310 | 371 | 628 | 296 | |
| +gp | 2525 | 2579 | 1209 | 1306 | 2007 | 1052 | 1262 | 1057 | 1228 | 1214 | |
| 0 TOTALN | 283196 | 355476 | 349563 | 357672 | 401236 | 400993 | 463541 | 470273 | 458317 | 435224 | |
| TONSLAN | 113984 | 145347 | 139951 | 139747 | 154547 | 144038 | 156147 | 159838 | 165347 | 153670 | |
| SOPCOF | 96 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 101 | 99 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 99 | |
| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | |
| 1 | 0 | 1261 | 1512 | 1416 | 3196 | 3170 | 1288 | 6981 | 963 | 617 | |
| 2 | 15146 | 46757 | 31766 | 42027 | 41447 | 49674 | 41773 | 33499 | 37503 | 34185 | |
| 3 | 250675 | 105929 | 96067 | 81484 | 81827 | 93111 | 95773 | 76526 | 57925 | 80432 | |
| 4 | 74335 | 231414 | 109559 | 113986 | 70534 | 70839 | 77935 | 76168 | 43759 | 47014 | |
| 5 | 47380 | 52909 | 160287 | 72475 | 71836 | 51090 | 39615 | 35882 | 32512 | 22372 | |
| 6 | 25091 | 19247 | 26895 | 78494 | 33685 | 29811 | 21353 | 18947 | 15054 | 15692 | |
| 7 | 16774 | 10567 | 8431 | 15113 | 30684 | 13805 | 15850 | 10669 | 11579 | 8233 | |
| 8 | 5381 | 7561 | 4410 | 5509 | 7253 | 12710 | 6690 | 5054 | 5427 | 6430 | |
| 9 | 3162 | 2120 | 3717 | 3267 | 3450 | 4128 | 6155 | 2688 | 3324 | 2996 | |
| 10 | 1671 | 1692 | 1176 | 2565 | 2497 | 2235 | 2745 | 2174 | 1999 | 1397 | |
| 11 | 932 | 927 | 767 | 1039 | 1786 | 1588 | 1134 | 1321 | 1735 | 785 | |
| 12 | 932 | 630 | 487 | 670 | 1006 | 1173 | 820 | 631 | 867 | 1128 | |
| 13 | 505 | 446 | 325 | 396 | 624 | 861 | 768 | 370 | 512 | 576 | |
| 14 | 516 | 328 | 235 | 332 | 629 | 310 | 459 | 396 | 427 | 303 | |
| +gp | 1677 | 1557 | 1222 | 1296 | 1648 | 1321 | 1022 | 937 | 1537 | 1035 | |
| 0 TOTALN | 444177 | 483345 | 446856 | 420069 | 352102 | 335826 | 313380 | 272243 | 215123 | 223195 | |
| TONSLAN | 154475 | 169818 | 156240 | 148004 | 125190 | 117113 | 110392 | 98356 | 81673 | 83177 | |
| SOPCOF | 98 | 99 | 98 | 96 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 99 | |

Table 9.4 North Sea plaice: catch weights at age (kg)

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.165 | 0.198 | 0.218 | 0.2 | 0.191 | 0.211 | 0.253 | 0.25 | 0.242 | 0.232 | 0.232 |
| 3 | 0.201 | 0.221 | 0.246 | 0.236 | 0.233 | 0.248 | 0.286 | 0.273 | 0.282 | 0.27 | 0.279 |
| 4 | 0.258 | 0.259 | 0.293 | 0.289 | 0.302 | 0.3 | 0.319 | 0.312 | 0.321 | 0.348 | 0.322 |
| 5 | 0.353 | 0.337 | 0.362 | 0.386 | 0.412 | 0.4 | 0.399 | 0.388 | 0.385 | 0.436 | 0.425 |
| 6 | 0.456 | 0.453 | 0.473 | 0.485 | 0.509 | 0.541 | 0.533 | 0.487 | 0.471 | 0.484 | 0.547 |
| 7 | 0.533 | 0.513 | 0.592 | 0.601 | 0.604 | 0.57 | 0.624 | 0.628 | 0.539 | 0.559 | 0.597 |
| 8 | 0.589 | 0.615 | 0.623 | 0.683 | 0.671 | 0.692 | 0.667 | 0.7 | 0.663 | 0.624 | 0.662 |
| 9 | 0.396 | 0.665 | 0.75 | 0.724 | 0.812 | 0.777 | 0.715 | 0.737 | 0.726 | 0.69 | 0.738 |
| 10 | 0.821 | 0.802 | 0.791 | 0.874 | 0.87 | 0.959 | 0.86 | 0.841 | 0.615 | 0.813 | 0.837 |
| 11 | 0.957 | 0.92 | 0.918 | 0.959 | 0.942 | 0.995 | 0.92 | 0.89 | 0.792 | 0.858 | 0.87 |
| 12 | 1.048 | 1.045 | 1.009 | 1.162 | 1.033 | 1.1 | 1.033 | 0.954 | 0.857 | 0.843 | 0.902 |
| 13 | 1.233 | 1.134 | 1.19 | 1.232 | 1.224 | 1.187 | 1.004 | 0.938 | 0.974 | 0.943 | 0.95 |
| 14 | 1.141 | 1.37 | 1.267 | 1.36 | 1.239 | 1.41 | 1.182 | 1.098 | 0.878 | 1.018 | 1.032 |
| +gp | 1.487 | 1.563 | 1.563 | 1.572 | 1.553 | 1.54 | 1.276 | 1.204 | 1.121 | 1.08 | 1.214 |
| 0 SOPC | 1.1105 | 1.0634 | 1.0217 | 1.0067 | 1.0156 | 0.9665 | 1.0193 | 1.0075 | 1.0057 | 1.0182 | 1.0198 |
| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | |
| 1 | 0 | 0.217 | 0.315 | 0.256 | 0.246 | 0.272 | 0.285 | 0.249 | 0.265 | 0.254 | |
| 2 | 0.267 | 0.294 | 0.286 | 0.318 | 0.296 | 0.316 | 0.311 | 0.3 | 0.295 | 0.323 | |
| 3 | 0.298 | 0.31 | 0.318 | 0.356 | 0.352 | 0.344 | 0.354 | 0.33 | 0.338 | 0.353 | |
| 4 | 0.331 | 0.333 | 0.356 | 0.403 | 0.428 | 0.405 | 0.405 | 0.42 | 0.375 | 0.38 | |
| 5 | 0.366 | 0.359 | 0.419 | 0.448 | 0.493 | 0.486 | 0.476 | 0.495 | 0.513 | 0.418 | |
| 6 | 0.517 | 0.412 | 0.443 | 0.514 | 0.541 | 0.539 | 0.554 | 0.587 | 0.594 | 0.556 | |
| 7 | 0.59 | 0.573 | 0.499 | 0.542 | 0.608 | 0.605 | 0.609 | 0.636 | 0.641 | 0.647 | |
| 8 | 0.596 | 0.655 | 0.672 | 0.607 | 0.646 | 0.627 | 0.693 | 0.703 | 0.705 | 0.721 | |
| 9 | 0.686 | 0.658 | 0.744 | 0.699 | 0.674 | 0.677 | 0.707 | 0.783 | 0.741 | 0.715 | |
| 10 | 0.75 | 0.694 | 0.762 | 0.724 | 0.785 | 0.729 | 0.779 | 0.853 | 0.813 | 0.791 | |
| 11 | 0.817 | 0.81 | 0.78 | 0.818 | 0.841 | 0.978 | 0.849 | 0.854 | 0.851 | 0.898 | |
| 12 | 0.939 | 0.838 | 0.892 | 0.848 | 0.901 | 0.907 | 0.971 | 0.983 | 0.928 | 0.97 | |
| 13 | 0.936 | 1.022 | 0.941 | 0.922 | 0.9 | 0.942 | 1.002 | 0.953 | 1.019 | 0.855 | |
| 14 | 0.973 | 0.863 | 1.021 | 1.004 | 0.964 | 0.983 | 1.04 | 1.138 | 1.009 | 1.063 | |
| +gp | 1.201 | 1.179 | 1.128 | 1.133 | 1.192 | 1.079 | 1.224 | 1.264 | 1.159 | 1.165 | |
| 0 SOPC | 1.0291 | 1.0582 | 0.9744 | 1.0331 | 1.0283 | 1.0508 | 1.0369 | 1.0624 | 1.0254 | 1.0016 | |
| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | |
| 1 | 0.244 | 0.235 | 0.238 | 0.237 | 0.279 | 0.2 | 0.233 | 0.247 | 0.221 | 0.221 | |
| 2 | 0.315 | 0.311 | 0.286 | 0.274 | 0.262 | 0.25 | 0.263 | 0.264 | 0.269 | 0.249 | |
| 3 | 0.369 | 0.349 | 0.344 | 0.329 | 0.311 | 0.3 | 0.283 | 0.29 | 0.304 | 0.3 | |
| 4 | 0.397 | 0.388 | 0.401 | 0.416 | 0.424 | 0.383 | 0.375 | 0.337 | 0.347 | 0.351 | |
| 5 | 0.438 | 0.429 | 0.473 | 0.505 | 0.514 | 0.515 | 0.491 | 0.462 | 0.425 | 0.402 | |
| 6 | 0.491 | 0.474 | 0.545 | 0.558 | 0.608 | 0.604 | 0.613 | 0.577 | 0.488 | 0.504 | |
| 7 | 0.609 | 0.55 | 0.588 | 0.604 | 0.664 | 0.677 | 0.684 | 0.678 | 0.675 | 0.583 | |
| 8 | 0.687 | 0.675 | 0.662 | 0.642 | 0.712 | 0.771 | 0.725 | 0.729 | 0.751 | 0.728 | |
| 9 | 0.776 | 0.796 | 0.772 | 0.725 | 0.738 | 0.815 | 0.837 | 0.804 | 0.853 | 0.829 | |
| 10 | 0.781 | 0.871 | 0.931 | 0.869 | 0.84 | 0.893 | 0.916 | 0.9 | 0.921 | 0.826 | |
| 11 | 0.886 | 0.818 | 0.943 | 0.95 | 0.983 | 0.913 | 0.981 | 1.001 | 0.948 | 0.996 | |
| 12 | 0.983 | 0.894 | 0.848 | 0.931 | 1.045 | 0.984 | 1.026 | 0.95 | 1.063 | 1.015 | |
| 13 | 1.039 | 1.083 | 1.015 | 0.933 | 1.174 | 1.24 | 1.112 | 1.071 | 1.078 | 1.045 | |
| 14 | 0.933 | 1.044 | 1.308 | 1.179 | 0.97 | 1.209 | 1.25 | 1.139 | 1.074 | 1.127 | |
| +gp | 1.094 | 1.115 | 1.248 | 1.236 | 1.177 | 1.167 | 1.214 | 1.215 | 1.11 | 1.15 | |
| 0 SOPC | 0.9643 | 0.9983 | 1.0136 | 1.0175 | 1.0062 | 0.9938 | 0.9844 | 0.9799 | 0.9877 | 0.9875 | |
| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | |
| 1 | 0.221 | 0.236 | 0.271 | 0.227 | 0.251 | 0.249 | 0.233 | 0.272 | 0.24 | 0.208 | |
| 2 | 0.254 | 0.28 | 0.285 | 0.286 | 0.263 | 0.273 | 0.263 | 0.277 | 0.28 | 0.271 | |
| 3 | 0.278 | 0.309 | 0.298 | 0.295 | 0.291 | 0.29 | 0.287 | 0.302 | 0.31 | 0.314 | |
| 4 | 0.352 | 0.332 | 0.318 | 0.307 | 0.32 | 0.327 | 0.339 | 0.341 | 0.361 | 0.366 | |
| 5 | 0.453 | 0.392 | 0.368 | 0.367 | 0.344 | 0.358 | 0.392 | 0.403 | 0.428 | 0.447 | |
| 6 | 0.512 | 0.533 | 0.448 | 0.456 | 0.427 | 0.424 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.491 | 0.511 | |
| 7 | 0.608 | 0.603 | 0.596 | 0.528 | 0.531 | 0.519 | 0.496 | 0.517 | 0.503 | 0.557 | |
| 8 | 0.699 | 0.67 | 0.687 | 0.664 | 0.603 | 0.616 | 0.591 | 0.588 | 0.572 | 0.531 | |
| 9 | 0.813 | 0.792 | 0.752 | 0.738 | 0.704 | 0.693 | 0.696 | 0.703 | 0.691 | 0.635 | |
| 10 | 0.936 | 0.819 | 0.817 | 0.822 | 0.737 | 0.755 | 0.732 | 0.819 | 0.808 | 0.754 | |
| 11 | 0.964 | 0.923 | 1.025 | 0.902 | 0.809 | 0.771 | 0.856 | 0.775 | 0.84 | 0.855 | |
| 12 | 1.041 | 0.952 | 1.077 | 0.917 | 0.924 | 0.873 | 0.87 | 0.822 | 0.849 | 0.877 | |
| 13 | 1.137 | 1.157 | 1.096 | 0.979 | 0.969 | 0.825 | 0.921 | 0.867 | 0.816 | 0.838 | |
| 14 | 1.115 | 1.084 | 0.968 | 0.944 | 0.879 | 0.87 | 0.787 | 0.872 | 0.784 | 0.992 | |
| +gp | 1.038 | 0.994 | 1.075 | 1.004 | 1.059 | 1.036 | 0.979 | 1.036 | 0.851 | 1.033 | |
| 0 SOPC | 0.9848 | 0.9554 | 0.9827 | 0.9644 | 0.9827 | 0.9791 | 0.9858 | 0.9977 | 0.9854 | 0.9862 | |

Table 9.5 North Sea plaice: stock weights at age (kg) derived from 1st quarter catch weights

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| YEAR | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
| 1 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 | 0.141 |
| 2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.146 | 0.19 | 0.126 | 0.187 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.203 |
| 3 | 0.268 | 0.197 | 0.194 | 0.208 | 0.202 | 0.258 | 0.232 | 0.228 | 0.246 | 0.243 | 0.246 |
| 4 | 0.238 | 0.226 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.254 | 0.306 | 0.29 | 0.276 | 0.274 | 0.301 | 0.281 |
| 5 | 0.325 | 0.303 | 0.329 | 0.364 | 0.337 | 0.424 | 0.378 | 0.373 | 0.333 | 0.403 | 0.442 |
| 6 | 0.485 | 0.442 | 0.47 | 0.469 | 0.483 | 0.573 | 0.54 | 0.477 | 0.43 | 0.455 | 0.528 |
| 7 | 0.719 | 0.577 | 0.65 | 0.633 | 0.579 | 0.684 | 0.663 | 0.645 | 0.516 | 0.503 | 0.585 |
| 8 | 0.682 | 0.778 | 0.686 | 0.726 | 0.691 | 0.806 | 0.788 | 0.673 | 0.601 | 0.565 | 0.65 |
| 9 | 0.844 | 0.793 | 0.908 | 0.845 | 0.779 | 0.873 | 0.882 | 0.845 | 0.722 | 0.581 | 0.703 |
| 10 | 0.918 | 0.945 | 0.897 | 0.918 | 0.911 | 1.335 | 0.961 | 0.973 | 0.578 | 0.848 | 0.833 |
| 11 | 1.137 | 1.081 | 0.901 | 0.975 | 0.947 | 1.074 | 1.097 | 0.999 | 0.79 | 0.949 | 0.907 |
| 12 | 1.182 | 0.785 | 1.138 | 1.126 | 1.079 | 1.24 | 1.261 | 1.255 | 0.843 | 0.704 | 1.007 |
| 13 | 1.385 | 1.042 | 1.41 | 1.148 | 1.184 | 1.141 | 1.246 | 1.201 | 1.072 | 1.052 | 0.898 |
| 14 | 1.48 | 1.615 | 0.945 | 1.373 | 1.186 | 1.8 | 1.403 | 1.62 | 0.721 | 1.056 | 0.976 |
| +gp | 1.585 | 2.159 | 1.34 | 1.522 | 1.424 | 1.619 | 1.678 | 1.46 | 1.234 | 1.216 | 1.221 |
| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | |
| 1 | 0.141 | 0.175 | 0.175 | 0.175 | 0.175 | 0.175 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.16 | |
| 2 | 0.2 | 0.203 | 0.25 | 0.248 | 0.274 | 0.264 | 0.234 | 0.275 | 0.217 | 0.25 | |
| 3 | 0.265 | 0.258 | 0.261 | 0.305 | 0.321 | 0.322 | 0.304 | 0.294 | 0.281 | 0.309 | |
| 4 | 0.301 | 0.297 | 0.311 | 0.363 | 0.401 | 0.38 | 0.375 | 0.417 | 0.332 | 0.364 | |
| 5 | 0.344 | 0.344 | 0.369 | 0.413 | 0.473 | 0.468 | 0.437 | 0.483 | 0.484 | 0.405 | |
| 6 | 0.532 | 0.39 | 0.41 | 0.489 | 0.534 | 0.521 | 0.524 | 0.544 | 0.55 | 0.551 | |
| 7 | 0.592 | 0.565 | 0.468 | 0.512 | 0.579 | 0.566 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.593 | 0.627 | |
| 8 | 0.362 | 0.621 | 0.636 | 0.583 | 0.606 | 0.583 | 0.629 | 0.668 | 0.658 | 0.69 | |
| 9 | 0.667 | 0.679 | 0.732 | 0.696 | 0.655 | 0.617 | 0.652 | 0.704 | 0.694 | 0.667 | |
| 10 | 0.746 | 0.635 | 0.747 | 0.707 | 0.759 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.762 | 0.743 | 0.759 | |
| 11 | 0.791 | 0.772 | 0.771 | 0.817 | 0.815 | 0.926 | 0.774 | 0.83 | 0.784 | 0.818 | |
| 12 | 0.919 | 0.741 | 0.898 | 0.847 | 0.869 | 0.899 | 0.932 | 0.886 | 0.875 | 0.909 | |
| 13 | 0.81 | 0.995 | 0.839 | 0.941 | 0.849 | 0.961 | 1.017 | 0.874 | 0.972 | 0.838 | |
| 14 | 0.938 | 0.907 | 1.155 | 0.936 | 0.971 | 0.977 | 0.962 | 1.07 | 1.158 | 1.055 | |
| +gp | 1.17 | 1.179 | 1.175 | 1.102 | 1.237 | 0.998 | 1.113 | 1.217 | 1.107 | 1.116 | |
| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | |
| 1 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | |
| 2 | 0.242 | 0.243 | 0.229 | 0.25 | 0.242 | 0.211 | 0.203 | 0.208 | 0.195 | 0.194 | |
| 3 | 0.336 | 0.303 | 0.307 | 0.282 | 0.265 | 0.248 | 0.242 | 0.243 | 0.253 | 0.265 | |
| 4 | 0.367 | 0.363 | 0.372 | 0.378 | 0.381 | 0.329 | 0.338 | 0.31 | 0.336 | 0.33 | |
| 5 | 0.411 | 0.414 | 0.444 | 0.473 | 0.49 | 0.494 | 0.464 | 0.452 | 0.44 | 0.401 | |
| 6 | 0.467 | 0.459 | 0.524 | 0.536 | 0.589 | 0.559 | 0.571 | 0.536 | 0.533 | 0.503 | |
| 7 | 0.547 | 0.543 | 0.582 | 0.57 | 0.631 | 0.624 | 0.649 | 0.635 | 0.692 | 0.573 | |
| 8 | 0.63 | 0.667 | 0.651 | 0.624 | 0.679 | 0.712 | 0.692 | 0.656 | 0.779 | 0.711 | |
| 9 | 0.704 | 0.764 | 0.778 | 0.707 | 0.726 | 0.754 | 0.787 | 0.764 | 0.888 | 0.747 | |
| 10 | 0.773 | 0.826 | 1.025 | 0.849 | 0.828 | 0.791 | 0.898 | 0.869 | 0.971 | 0.817 | |
| 11 | 0.848 | 0.894 | 0.947 | 0.91 | 0.981 | 0.824 | 0.932 | 0.955 | 0.953 | 1.009 | |
| 12 | 0.939 | 0.88 | 0.838 | 0.866 | 1.066 | 1.011 | 1.042 | 0.906 | 1.107 | 1.018 | |
| 13 | 0.959 | 1.127 | 1.209 | 1.114 | 1.182 | 1.13 | 1.235 | 1.068 | 1.153 | 1.019 | |
| 14 | 1.024 | 1.041 | 1.194 | 1.218 | 0.897 | 1.257 | 1.127 | 1.108 | 1.126 | 1.214 | |
| +gp | 1.119 | 1.255 | 1.31 | 1.324 | 1.197 | 1.124 | 1.235 | 1.308 | 1.354 | 1.114 | |
| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | |
| 1 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.131 | 0.131 | 0.131 | 0.131 | 0.124 | 0.124 | 0.124 | |
| 2 | 0.212 | 0.215 | 0.245 | 0.208 | 0.262 | 0.257 | 0.222 | 0.245 | 0.245 | 0.212 | |
| 3 | 0.238 | 0.248 | 0.272 | 0.263 | 0.267 | 0.264 | 0.249 | 0.265 | 0.283 | 0.253 | |
| 4 | 0.315 | 0.282 | 0.282 | 0.276 | 0.301 | 0.302 | 0.301 | 0.312 | 0.33 | 0.346 | |
| 5 | 0.426 | 0.362 | 0.343 | 0.342 | 0.318 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.399 | 0.39 | 0.439 | |
| 6 | 0.467 | 0.484 | 0.422 | 0.401 | 0.403 | 0.391 | 0.404 | 0.448 | 0.462 | 0.492 | |
| 7 | 0.547 | 0.553 | 0.555 | 0.463 | 0.5 | 0.49 | 0.462 | 0.509 | 0.488 | 0.521 | |
| 8 | 0.644 | 0.616 | 0.647 | 0.633 | 0.573 | 0.587 | 0.533 | 0.584 | 0.554 | 0.543 | |
| 9 | 0.706 | 0.759 | 0.701 | 0.652 | 0.683 | 0.633 | 0.653 | 0.678 | 0.66 | 0.627 | |
| 10 | 0.897 | 0.837 | 0.76 | 0.744 | 0.73 | 0.723 | 0.702 | 0.789 | 0.791 | 0.734 | |
| 11 | 0.937 | 0.791 | 1.017 | 0.824 | 0.803 | 0.764 | 0.864 | 0.669 | 0.795 | 0.847 | |
| 12 | 1.009 | 0.968 | 1.144 | 0.96 | 0.852 | 0.914 | 0.879 | 0.82 | 0.845 | 0.83 | |
| 13 | 1.065 | 1.215 | 0.996 | 0.951 | 0.958 | 0.798 | 0.939 | 0.852 | 0.725 | 0.824 | |
| 14 | 1.135 | 0.899 | 1.046 | 0.825 | 0.774 | 0.822 | 0.701 | 0.9 | 0.763 | 1.117 | |
| +gp | 0.972 | 0.857 | 1.068 | 0.891 | 1.016 | 0.969 | 0.888 | 1.11 | 0.896 | 1.022 | |

Table 9.6 North Sea plaice: NL beamtrawl tuning index

| year | effort | age2 | age3 | age4 | age5 | age6 | age7 | age8 | age9 | age10 | age11 | age12 | age13 | age14 |
|------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1980 | 45.0 | 50891 | 77713 | 35756 | 9113 | 8887 | 5801 | 3123 | 936 | 729 | 319 | 205 | 148 | 119 |
| 1981 | 46.3 | 74302 | 80371 | 25347 | 19353 | 6853 | 5373 | 4097 | 2253 | 893 | 616 | 297 | 287 | 174 |
| 1982 | 57.3 | 39984 | 137295 | 36614 | 15391 | 9841 | 5687 | 3864 | 1954 | 1785 | 677 | 388 | 242 | 148 |
| 1983 | 65.6 | 96297 | 78330 | 55221 | 15280 | 7433 | 5034 | 2799 | 2025 | 1702 | 1258 | 1008 | 365 | 213 |
| 1984 | 70.8 | 53837 | 180607 | 30489 | 22212 | 7308 | 3717 | 3363 | 1792 | 1323 | 768 | 649 | 249 | 180 |
| 1985 | 70.3 | 66003 | 105584 | 102925 | 17163 | 9669 | 4188 | 2330 | 1681 | 941 | 697 | 617 | 450 | 258 |
| 1986 | 68.2 | 59619 | 119586 | 57104 | 46190 | 12358 | 5804 | 2610 | 1725 | 1386 | 828 | 697 | 528 | 297 |
| 1987 | 68.4 | 83963 | 80818 | 69416 | 34033 | 13962 | 4852 | 1854 | 837 | 707 | 455 | 289 | 195 | 113 |
| 1988 | 76.2 | 10932 | 158030 | 37783 | 26927 | 14288 | 8717 | 3253 | 1898 | 999 | 444 | 370 | 242 | 198 |
| 1989 | 72.5 | 40443 | 73696 | 131915 | 23064 | 9634 | 5240 | 2715 | 947 | 631 | 304 | 168 | 149 | 69 |
| 1990 | 71.1 | 21956 | 60038 | 49862 | 76521 | 12187 | 3682 | 1790 | 1161 | 492 | 251 | 171 | 102 | 64 |
| 1991 | 68.5 | 27501 | 42376 | 53152 | 30697 | 34092 | 6879 | 1954 | 1137 | 652 | 286 | 122 | 67 | 73 |
| 1992 | 71.1 | 24271 | 44306 | 31854 | 27165 | 12219 | 9485 | 2464 | 993 | 508 | 313 | 263 | 95 | 75 |
| 1993 | 76.9 | 27552 | 46536 | 31333 | 19705 | 10984 | 6040 | 3611 | 1025 | 535 | 253 | 174 | 93 | 35 |
| 1994 | 81.4 | 30194 | 48106 | 35901 | 15371 | 7938 | 6174 | 2866 | 1929 | 717 | 255 | 121 | 79 | 32 |
| 1995 | 81.2 | 22519 | 43505 | 33883 | 14453 | 6575 | 3418 | 1549 | 931 | 574 | 210 | 96 | 46 | 27 |
| 1996 | 72.1 | 26600 | 27628 | 20922 | 13980 | 5313 | 3644 | 1366 | 944 | 553 | 353 | 106 | 44 | 45 |
| 1997 | 73.6 | 23098 | 45655 | 18156 | 6884 | 4337 | 2016 | 975 | 460 | 345 | 197 | 165 | 39 | 29 |

Effort is specified in HP days (*100,000), catchnumbers in thousands. Source: RIVO-DLO. The light shaded areas indicate ages or years that have not been used in the final tuning.

Table 9.7 North Sea plaice: UK beamtrawl tuning index

| year | effort | age2 | age3 | age4 | age5 | age6 | age7 | age8 | age9 | age10 | age11 | age12 | age13 | age14 | age15 |
|------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1985 | 23.7 | 109 | 584 | 1664 | 335 | 341 | 154 | 107 | 1044 | 39 | 24 | 52 | 41 | 15 | 138 |
| 1986 | 49.7 | 100 | 2121 | 1626 | 2473 | 417 | 343 | 185 | 132 | 105 | 67 | 76 | 62 | 89 | 229 |
| 1987 | 93.5 | 323 | 2130 | 4893 | 3512 | 3219 | 750 | 507 | 294 | 272 | 160 | 96 | 135 | 74 | 437 |
| 1988 | 123.3 | 68 | 5565 | 4756 | 4471 | 2719 | 2852 | 585 | 439 | 249 | 229 | 231 | 109 | 148 | 758 |
| 1989 | 150.5 | 67 | 1057 | 11964 | 4463 | 2897 | 1796 | 2311 | 448 | 506 | 330 | 262 | 145 | 160 | 885 |
| 1990 | 151 | 88 | 1744 | 3652 | 12539 | 2360 | 1497 | 954 | 1113 | 332 | 224 | 129 | 125 | 104 | 705 |
| 1991 | 197.8 | 196 | 1204 | 4101 | 5352 | 9984 | 2004 | 1266 | 647 | 923 | 343 | 277 | 159 | 159 | 741 |
| 1992 | 248.9 | 622 | 4277 | 5123 | 7829 | 4907 | 6470 | 1705 | 983 | 855 | 874 | 293 | 306 | 358 | 970 |
| 1993 | 276.5 | 290 | 4673 | 7576 | 6747 | 5579 | 2035 | 4136 | 1400 | 881 | 787 | 563 | 295 | 208 | 921 |
| 1994 | 250.2 | 843 | 4078 | 6973 | 6633 | 4068 | 2874 | 1362 | 1950 | 988 | 435 | 368 | 371 | 291 | 682 |
| 1995 | 222.1 | 694 | 3857 | 8808 | 4082 | 3635 | 2512 | 1529 | 818 | 931 | 707 | 353 | 203 | 246 | 451 |
| 1996 | 188.2 | 253 | 1696 | 3434 | 4828 | 2691 | 2528 | 1637 | 1170 | 622 | 822 | 488 | 334 | 255 | 708 |
| 1997 | 172.5 | 488 | 3620 | 3393 | 2290 | 2889 | 1642 | 1862 | 1371 | 579 | 362 | 654 | 375 | 195 | 716 |

Effort specified in HP fishing hours (millions), catchnumbers in thousands. Source: CEFAS.

Table 9.8 North Sea plaice: BTS survey tuning index

| year | effort | age1 | age2 | age3 | age4 | age5 | age6 | age7 | age8 | age9 | age10 |
|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1985 | 1 | 105.7 | 185.9 | 39.5 | 13.3 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 1986 | 1 | 634.3 | 125.8 | 50.4 | 10.2 | 4.7 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 1987 | 1 | 207.7 | 707.4 | 32.1 | 9.5 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 1988 | 1 | 541.2 | 151.1 | 208.0 | 6.8 | 3.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 1989 | 1 | 398.0 | 337.9 | 56.1 | 51.1 | 7.9 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 1990 | 1 | 123.2 | 122.1 | 67.4 | 22.3 | 10.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 1991 | 1 | 187.2 | 125.5 | 30.1 | 21.6 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 1992 | 1 | 179.6 | 117.2 | 20.6 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 1993 | 1 | 124.9 | 164.1 | 36.9 | 7.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 1994 | 1 | 152.7 | 65.2 | 32.2 | 10.3 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| 1995 | 1 | 238.2 | 48.2 | 14.3 | 6.2 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 1996 | 1 | 218.5 | 200.3 | 23.3 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 1997 | 1 | 431.3 | 741.1 | 21.3 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 1998 | 1 | 347.6 | 421.2 | 53.9 | 7.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

Effort as dummy variable. Catchnumber per haul. Source: RIVO-DLO.

Table 9.9 North Sea plaice: SNS survey (recruitment) tuning index

| year | effort | age0 | age1 | age2 | age3 |
|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1982 | 1 | 23987 | 70108 | 8503 | 1146 |
| 1983 | 1 | 36722 | 34884 | 14708 | 308 |
| 1984 | 1 | 7958 | 44667 | 10413 | 2480 |
| 1985 | 1 | 47385 | 27832 | 13789 | 1584 |
| 1986 | 1 | 8658 | 93573 | 7558 | 1155 |
| 1987 | 1 | 21270 | 33426 | 33021 | 1232 |
| 1988 | 1 | 15598 | 36672 | 14430 | 13140 |
| 1989 | 1 | 24198 | 37238 | 14952 | 3709 |
| 1990 | 1 | 9559 | 24903 | 7287 | 3248 |
| 1991 | 1 | 17120 | 57349 | 11149 | 1507 |
| 1992 | 1 | 5398 | 48223 | 13742 | 2257 |
| 1993 | 1 | 9226 | 22184 | 9484 | 988 |
| 1994 | 1 | 27901 | 18225 | 4866 | 884 |
| 1995 | 1 | 13029 | 24900 | 2786 | 415 |
| 1996 | 1 | 91713 | 24663 | 10377 | 1189 |
| 1997 | 1 | 15363 | 64524 | 36374 | 1393 |
| 1998 | 1 | 22720 | 33391 | 29431 | 5739 |

Source: RIVO-DLO

Table 9.10 North Sea plaice: UK Groundfish survey tuning index

| year | effort | age1 | age2 | age3 | age4 | age5 | age6 | age7 | age8 | age9 | age10 | age11 | age12 | age13 | age14 | age15 |
|------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1977 | 1 | 30 | 469 | 492 | 425 | 319 | 58 | 14 | 29 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 25 |
| 1978 | 1 | 24 | 1462 | 556 | 482 | 440 | 253 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 58 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 85 |
| 1979 | 1 | 1 | 842 | 999 | 168 | 119 | 119 | 87 | 8 | 17 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 41 |
| 1980 | 1 | 96 | 2425 | 737 | 493 | 139 | 74 | 58 | 47 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 57 |
| 1981 | 1 | 1 | 555 | 631 | 280 | 311 | 63 | 55 | 50 | 29 | 4 | 16 | 4 | 13 | 5 | 47 |
| 1982 | 1 | 117 | 470 | 1203 | 254 | 110 | 80 | 47 | 17 | 26 | 28 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 33 |
| 1983 | 1 | 115 | 2737 | 416 | 305 | 57 | 59 | 22 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 32 |
| 1984 | 1 | 61 | 1262 | 3289 | 189 | 113 | 46 | 16 | 14 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| 1985 | 1 | 28 | 2071 | 1234 | 1231 | 83 | 65 | 39 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 1986 | 1 | 305 | 1352 | 1118 | 503 | 365 | 29 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| 1987 | 1 | 9 | 3695 | 947 | 431 | 111 | 71 | 30 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 16 |
| 1988 | 1 | 66 | 1025 | 4738 | 703 | 296 | 106 | 92 | 30 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 20 |
| 1989 | 1 | 357 | 1764 | 1135 | 2322 | 171 | 100 | 44 | 58 | 7 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 20 |
| 1990 | 1 | 250 | 2445 | 2265 | 619 | 875 | 99 | 47 | 27 | 53 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 36 |
| 1991 | 1 | 344 | 1590 | 1278 | 875 | 324 | 320 | 58 | 44 | 18 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 28 |
| 1992 | 1 | 5878 | 9024 | 2812 | 1215 | 347 | 150 | 142 | 39 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 1993 | 1 | 198 | 2161 | 1425 | 477 | 211 | 56 | 29 | 31 | 23 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| 1994 | 1 | 148 | 2304 | 1567 | 661 | 112 | 92 | 37 | 24 | 40 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 1995 | 1 | 554 | 1052 | 760 | 754 | 282 | 67 | 56 | 23 | 19 | 27 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 1996 | 1 | 877 | 2485 | 1229 | 419 | 374 | 209 | 103 | 57 | 19 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 1997 | 1 | 9193 | 5064 | 2450 | 425 | 149 | 100 | 131 | 13 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |

Source: CEFAS.

Table 9.11 Effort and CPUE for the Dutch and English beam trawl fleets

| Effort | | | CPUE | | |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Fleet | NL beam | UK beam | Fleet | NL beam | UK beam |
| | HP days * | Fishing hours | | tonnes / | tonnes / |
| | 100,000 | | | (100,000 | fishing hour |
| | | | | HP days) | |
| 1979 | 44.3 | | 1979 | 1693 | |
| 1980 | 45.0 | | 1980 | 1729 | |
| 1981 | 46.3 | | 1981 | 1853 | |
| 1982 | 57.3 | | 1982 | 1707 | |
| 1983 | 65.6 | | 1983 | 1441 | |
| 1984 | 70.8 | | 1984 | 1439 | |
| 1985 | 70.3 | 23.7 | 1985 | 1511 | 77.7 |
| 1986 | 68.2 | 49.7 | 1986 | 1651 | 78.6 |
| 1987 | 68.4 | 93.5 | 1987 | 1440 | 87.6 |
| 1988 | 76.2 | 123.3 | 1988 | 1194 | 90.6 |
| 1989 | 72.5 | 150.5 | 1989 | 1379 | 87.0 |
| 1990 | 71.1 | 151 | 1990 | 1104 | 81.2 |
| 1991 | 68.5 | 197.8 | 1991 | 1022 | 68.7 |
| 1992 | 71.1 | 248.9 | 1992 | 745 | 66.9 |
| 1993 | 76.9 | 276.5 | 1993 | 656 | 59.6 |
| 1994 | 81.4 | 250.2 | 1994 | 626 | 63.9 |
| 1995 | 81.2 | 222.1 | 1995 | 565 | 57.2 |
| 1996 | 72.1 | 188.2 | 1996 | 510 | 60.8 |
| 1997 | 73.6 | 172.5 | 1997 | 481 | 73.0 |

Table 9.12 Selection of XSA output of the run with all fleets (including the English Groundfish Survey EGFS) - run X15

Fleet : UK GROUNDFISH SURVEY

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | -25.92 | -4.81 | -9.16 | -5.24 | 17.07 | -11.63 | -15.19 | .78 | 6.25 | 17.15 |
| 2 | 7.70 | 2.22 | -.42 | 3.34 | -12.63 | .35 | -.10 | 7.37 | -.67 | -7.16 |
| 3 | .25 | -.92 | .02 | -.39 | .77 | -.10 | .05 | -.43 | .13 | .62 |
| 4 | -.24 | .02 | -.53 | -.16 | .49 | -.31 | .15 | .30 | -.18 | .09 |
| 5 | -.17 | -.68 | .15 | -.08 | .04 | -.19 | -.73 | .41 | -.66 | .24 |
| 6 | -.04 | -.02 | -.36 | .23 | .18 | -.79 | -.08 | -.35 | 1.02 | .23 |
| 7 | .10 | -.34 | -.28 | -.32 | .18 | -.79 | -.47 | .03 | .74 | 1.15 |
| 8 | .11 | .35 | -.21 | .30 | -.01 | -.51 | -.21 | -.20 | .79 | -.42 |
| 9 | -.66 | -.82 | .81 | -.08 | -.26 | .05 | .42 | -.14 | .24 | -.16 |
| 10 | -.11 | .67 | .18 | .52 | -.99 | -.68 | -1.08 | -.57 | .92 | 99.99 |
| 11 | -.46 | -.45 | -.43 | -.19 | 99.99 | .59 | .68 | .42 | 99.99 | .07 |
| 12 | .51 | .43 | .54 | -.10 | .37 | -.39 | 99.99 | .06 | 99.99 | -.92 |
| 13 | .21 | .90 | .15 | .82 | 99.99 | .06 | -.26 | 99.99 | 99.99 | -.26 |
| 14 | -.05 | -.14 | .92 | .44 | 99.99 | .41 | 99.99 | -.30 | -.07 | .21 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | |
| Mean Log q | -5.1966 | -5.5834 | -5.8600 | -5.8710 | -6.0648 | -6.1926 | -6.3411 |
| S.E(Log q) | .3074 | .4414 | .4784 | .5836 | .3958 | .4851 | .7549 |
| | .4805 | .5187 | .5305 | | | | |
| Age | 14 | | | | | | |
| Mean Log q | -6.3411 | | | | | | |
| S.E(Log q) | .4437 | | | | | | |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1 | 12.30 | -.344 | -65.08 | .00 | 10 | 20.41 | -6.53 |
| 2 | -9.20 | -1.109 | 85.48 | .00 | 10 | 6.53 | -4.90 |
| 3 | 1.35 | -.925 | 2.19 | .47 | 10 | .53 | -4.91 |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| 4 | 1.25 | -1.011 | 3.43 | .67 | 10 | .38 | -5.20 |
| 5 | 1.22 | -.612 | 4.22 | .48 | 10 | .56 | -5.58 |
| 6 | 1.35 | -.611 | 4.06 | .28 | 10 | .67 | -5.86 |
| 7 | 2.54 | -.979 | -1.20 | .05 | 10 | 1.48 | -5.87 |
| 8 | 1.50 | -.616 | 4.16 | .16 | 10 | .61 | -6.06 |
| 9 | .45 | 1.907 | 7.98 | .60 | 10 | .19 | -6.19 |
| 10 | 1.90 | -.315 | 3.95 | .02 | 9 | 1.52 | -6.34 |
| 11 | .24 | 2.160 | 7.97 | .57 | 8 | .09 | -6.31 |
| 12 | -1.32 | -2.249 | 10.85 | .14 | 8 | .54 | -6.28 |
| 13 | 1.09 | -.047 | 5.95 | .05 | 7 | .56 | -6.11 |
| 14 | .66 | .549 | 6.62 | .30 | 8 | .28 | -6.16 |

Table 9.13 North Sea plaice: XSA diagnostics of a run with settings and tuning fleets as 1997 WG

NL commercial beamtrawl CPUE

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|------------|
| 2, | 1.75, | -1.734, | 2.27, | .44, | 9, | .28, | -6.74, |
| 3, | 1.33, | -1.748, | 3.66, | .80, | 9, | .16, | -5.88, |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 4, | .99, | .169, | 5.76, | .96, | 9, | .13, | -5.67, |
| 5, | .82, | 2.906, | 6.78, | .97, | 9, | .10, | -5.70, |
| 6, | .69, | 3.419, | 7.46, | .95, | 9, | .11, | -5.86, |
| 7, | .78, | 1.829, | 6.95, | .91, | 9, | .12, | -5.96, |
| 8, | .74, | 1.272, | 7.27, | .78, | 9, | .15, | -6.35, |
| 9, | .80, | .946, | 7.14, | .76, | 9, | .15, | -6.58, |
| 10, | 2.20, | -1.451, | 4.13, | .17, | 9, | .47, | -6.77, (low r-square) |
| 11, | 1.74, | -1.274, | 6.02, | .30, | 9, | .35, | -7.09, (low r-square) |
| 12, | 2.21, | -.916, | 6.25, | .08, | 9, | .79, | -7.29, (low r-square) |
| 13, | -1.36, | -1.112, | 7.95, | .03, | 9, | .69, | -7.56, (low r-square) |
| 14, | 1.02, | -.012, | 7.60, | .05, | 9, | .51, | -7.59, (low r-square) |

UK commercial beamtrawl

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Log q |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 2, | -.36, | -6.235, | 12.92, | .72, | 10, | .16, | -12.40, (negative slope) |
| 3, | 2.10, | -1.281, | 6.61, | .14, | 10, | 1.22, | -9.79, (low r-square) |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| 4, | 1.78, | -2.004, | 5.71, | .45, | 10, | .62, | -8.58, |
| 5, | 1.22, | -1.425, | 7.18, | .85, | 10, | .24, | -7.97, |
| 6, | 1.25, | -1.221, | 6.90, | .74, | 10, | .26, | -7.74, |
| 7, | 1.28, | -.721, | 6.84, | .45, | 10, | .40, | -7.63, |
| 8, | 1.10, | -.186, | 7.31, | .29, | 10, | .42, | -7.55, |
| 9, | 1.83, | -.788, | 6.09, | .10, | 10, | .74, | -7.58, |
| 10, | 1.07, | -.192, | 7.46, | .47, | 10, | .22, | -7.56, |
| 11, | .65, | 1.832, | 7.85, | .78, | 10, | .12, | -7.49, |
| 12, | .63, | 1.218, | 7.70, | .58, | 10, | .18, | -7.43, |
| 13, | .56, | .796, | 7.54, | .29, | 10, | .18, | -7.40, |
| 14, | 2.45, | -.968, | 6.77, | .05, | 10, | .72, | -7.11, |

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Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1, | .59, | 1.105, | 9.60, | .48, | 10, | .24, | -7.35, |
| 2, | .58, | .799, | 9.79, | .31, | 10, | .39, | -7.59, |
| 3, | .69, | 2.436, | 9.98, | .88, | 10, | .18, | -8.75, |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Q |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 4, | .69, | 1.737, | 10.35, | .80, | 10, | .28, | -9.52, |
| 5, | .72, | 1.483, | 10.46, | .78, | 10, | .30, | -10.00, |
| 6, | .61, | 1.839, | 10.68, | .74, | 10, | .26, | -10.45, |
| 7, | .63, | 2.419, | 10.64, | .84, | 10, | .16, | -10.76, |
| 8, | 1.10, | -.076, | 10.78, | .07, | 10, | 1.01, | -10.70, (low r-square) |
| 9, | .72, | .404, | 10.75, | .20, | 10, | .49, | -11.29, (low r-square) |
| 10, | -2.85, | -1.382, | 4.20, | .02, | 10, | 1.67, | -10.62, (low r-square) |

SNS - Tridens survey

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e. | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---|
| 1, | .90, | .193, | 3.46, | .30, | 10, | .34, | -2.38, (low r-square not excluded) |
| 2, | .57, | .984, | 7.42, | .40, | 10, | .32, | -3.40, |
| 3, | .57, | 2.987, | 8.25, | .86, | 10, | .21, | -4.85, |

Table 9.14 North Sea plaice: summary of XSA settings

| Assessment year | 1997 | | | | 1998 | | | |
|--|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|
| | years | ages | alpha-beta | | years | ages | alpha-beta | |
| Tuning fleets | NL BT cpue | 89-96 | 2-14 | 0-1 | NL BT cpue | 89-97 | 2-9 | 0-1 |
| | UK BT cpue | 87-96 | 2-14 | 0-1 | UK BT cpue | 88-97 | 4-12 | 0-1 |
| | BTS-ISIS | 87-96 | 1-10 | 0.66-0.75 | BTS-ISIS | 88-97 | 1-7 | 0.66-0.75 |
| | SNS | 87-96 | 1-3 | 0.66-0.75 | SNS | 88-97 | 1-3 | 0.66-0.75 |
| First tuning year | 1987 | | | | 1988 | | | |
| Last datayear | 1996 | | | | 1997 | | | |
| Time series weights | none | | | | none | | | |
| Catchability dependent on stock size for age < | 4 | | | | 4 | | | |
| Catchability independent of age for ages >= | 10 | | | | 10 | | | |
| Survivor estimates shrunk towards mean F | 5 years / 5 ages | | | | 5 years / 5 ages | | | |
| s. e. of the means | 5 | | | | 5 | | | |
| Minimum standard error for pop. estimates | 0.3 | | | | 0.3 | | | |
| Prior weighting | none | | | | none | | | |

Table 9.15 North Sea plaice: XSA diagnostics of the final run

Lowestoft VPA Version 3.1
 8/10/1998 17:12
 Extended Survivors Analysis
 Plaice in IV (run: XSALJB04/X04)
 CPUE data from file /users/fish/ifad/ifapwork/wgnssk/ple_nsea/FLEET.X04

Catch data for 41 years. 1957 to 1997. Ages 1 to 15.

| Fleet, | First, year, | Last, year, | First, age, | Last, age, | Alpha, | Beta |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------|-------|
| FLT02: NL Beamtrawl , | 1989, | 1997, | 2, | 9, | .000, | 1.000 |
| FLT05: UK Beamtrawl , | 1988, | 1997, | 4, | 12, | .000, | 1.000 |
| FLT07: BTS-ISIS - sh, | 1988, | 1997, | 1, | 7, | .660, | .750 |
| FLT09: TRIDENS SNS S, | 1988, | 1997, | 1, | 3, | .660, | .750 |

Time series weights :
 Tapered time weighting not applied

Catchability analysis :

Catchability dependent on stock size for ages < 4
 Regression type - C
 Minimum of 5 points used for regression
 Survivor estimates shrunk to the population mean for ages < 4

Catchability independent of age for ages >= 10

Terminal population estimation :

Survivor estimates shrunk towards the mean F
 of the final 5 years or the 5 oldest ages.
 S.E. of the mean to which the estimates are shrunk = .500
 Minimum standard error for population
 estimates derived from each fleet = .300
 Prior weighting not applied

Tuning had not converged after 100 iterations

Total absolute residual between iterations
 99 and 100 = .00120

Final year F values

| Age | 1, | 2, | 3, | 4, | 5, | 6, | 7, | 8, | 9, | 10 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Iteration 99, | .0017, | .0893, | .3654, | .6023, | .6676, | .5319, | .5850, | .4995, | .3765, | .2010 |
| Iteration **, | .0017, | .0891, | .3653, | .6020, | .6674, | .5319, | .5849, | .4994, | .3765, | .2009 |

| Age | 11, | 12, | 13, | 14 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Iteration 99, | .1797, | .1584, | .1864, | .1927 |
| Iteration **, | .1797, | .1584, | .1864, | .1927 |

Regression weights
 , 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000

Table 9.15 Continued

Fishing mortalities

| Age, | 1988, | 1989, | 1990, | 1991, | 1992, | 1993, | 1994, | 1995, | 1996, | 1997 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 1, | .000, | .003, | .004, | .004, | .008, | .012, | .005, | .019, | .002, | .002 |
| 2, | .033, | .100, | .094, | .128, | .130, | .153, | .190, | .162, | .121, | .089 |
| 3, | .321, | .297, | .272, | .326, | .348, | .421, | .436, | .550, | .408, | .365 |
| 4, | .409, | .488, | .503, | .527, | .460, | .508, | .661, | .655, | .622, | .602 |
| 5, | .608, | .506, | .656, | .650, | .661, | .630, | .527, | .648, | .573, | .667 |
| 6, | .545, | .472, | .462, | .697, | .636, | .561, | .520, | .456, | .550, | .532 |
| 7, | .469, | .412, | .345, | .454, | .572, | .515, | .584, | .473, | .495, | .585 |
| 8, | .411, | .354, | .268, | .353, | .363, | .436, | .447, | .327, | .415, | .499 |
| 9, | .380, | .250, | .263, | .289, | .347, | .322, | .346, | .288, | .331, | .377 |
| 10, | .302, | .320, | .191, | .260, | .333, | .352, | .327, | .176, | .321, | .201 |
| 11, | .221, | .244, | .209, | .231, | .260, | .326, | .270, | .231, | .186, | .180 |
| 12, | .293, | .204, | .175, | .254, | .325, | .243, | .248, | .212, | .208, | .158 |
| 13, | .263, | .199, | .138, | .188, | .354, | .451, | .221, | .151, | .237, | .186 |
| 14, | .293, | .244, | .137, | .183, | .452, | .265, | .410, | .152, | .234, | .193 |

XSA population numbers (Thousands)

| YEAR , | AGE | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 7, | 8, | 9, | 10, | 11, | 12, |
| 1988 , | 5.72E+05, | 4.95E+05, | 9.60E+05, | 2.33E+05, | 1.09E+05, | 6.28E+04, |
| 1989 , | 4.14E+05, | 5.18E+05, | 4.33E+05, | 6.30E+05, | 1.40E+05, | 5.38E+04, |
| 1990 , | 4.08E+05, | 3.74E+05, | 4.24E+05, | 2.91E+05, | 3.50E+05, | 7.64E+04, |
| 1991 , | 3.98E+05, | 3.68E+05, | 3.08E+05, | 2.92E+05, | 1.59E+05, | 1.64E+05, |
| 1992 , | 4.09E+05, | 3.59E+05, | 2.93E+05, | 2.01E+05, | 1.56E+05, | 7.53E+04, |
| 1993 , | 2.84E+05, | 3.67E+05, | 2.85E+05, | 1.87E+05, | 1.15E+05, | 7.30E+04, |
| 1994 , | 2.62E+05, | 2.54E+05, | 2.85E+05, | 1.69E+05, | 1.02E+05, | 5.54E+04, |
| 1995 , | 3.88E+05, | 2.36E+05, | 1.90E+05, | 1.67E+05, | 7.91E+04, | 5.44E+04, |
| 1996 , | 4.67E+05, | 3.45E+05, | 1.82E+05, | 9.94E+04, | 7.84E+04, | 3.74E+04, |
| 1997 , | 3.91E+05, | 4.21E+05, | 2.76E+05, | 1.09E+05, | 4.83E+04, | 4.00E+04, |

Estimated population abundance at 1st Jan 1998

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| , | 0.00E+00, | 3.52E+05, | 3.50E+05, | 1.74E+05, | 5.42E+04, | 2.24E+04, | 2.13E+04, | 9.85E+03, | 9.45E+03, | 6.23E+03, |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Taper weighted geometric mean of the VPA populations:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| , | 4.20E+05, | 3.73E+05, | 3.05E+05, | 2.00E+05, | 1.19E+05, | 6.82E+04, | 4.12E+04, | 2.65E+04, | 1.78E+04, | 1.24E+04, |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Standard error of the weighted Log(VPA populations) :

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| , | .3776, | .3957, | .3968, | .4209, | .4500, | .4457, | .4469, | .4523, | .4886, | .5230, |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

| YEAR , | AGE | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 11, | 12, | 13, | 14, |
| 1988 , | 4.94E+03, | 3.86E+03, | 2.29E+03, | 2.14E+03, |
| 1989 , | 4.50E+03, | 3.59E+03, | 2.60E+03, | 1.59E+03, |
| 1990 , | 4.27E+03, | 3.19E+03, | 2.65E+03, | 1.93E+03, |
| 1991 , | 5.30E+03, | 3.14E+03, | 2.42E+03, | 2.09E+03, |
| 1992 , | 8.20E+03, | 3.81E+03, | 2.20E+03, | 1.82E+03, |
| 1993 , | 6.00E+03, | 5.73E+03, | 2.49E+03, | 1.40E+03, |
| 1994 , | 5.04E+03, | 3.92E+03, | 4.06E+03, | 1.44E+03, |
| 1995 , | 6.74E+03, | 3.48E+03, | 2.77E+03, | 2.95E+03, |
| 1996 , | 1.08E+04, | 4.85E+03, | 2.55E+03, | 2.15E+03, |
| 1997 , | 5.02E+03, | 8.09E+03, | 3.56E+03, | 1.82E+03, |

Estimated population abundance at 1st Jan 1998

| | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| , | 5.97E+03, | 3.79E+03, | 6.25E+03, | 2.67E+03, |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Taper weighted geometric mean of the VPA populations:

| | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| , | 8.64E+03, | 6.12E+03, | 4.17E+03, | 2.92E+03, |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Standard error of the weighted Log(VPA populations) :

| | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| , | .5561, | .5578, | .5630, | .5865, |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Table 9.15 Continued

Fleet : NL Beamtrawl

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2 | .99.99 | .54 | -.44 | .20 | -.13 | -.03 | .46 | -.14 | .07 | -.52 |
| 3 | .99.99 | .18 | -.07 | -.13 | -.05 | -.02 | -.04 | .30 | -.19 | .01 |
| 4 | .99.99 | .11 | -.07 | .05 | -.16 | -.16 | .09 | .04 | .18 | -.08 |
| 5 | .99.99 | -.08 | .29 | .20 | .06 | -.04 | -.27 | -.02 | .04 | -.17 |
| 6 | .99.99 | .17 | .06 | .47 | .16 | -.03 | -.15 | -.35 | -.02 | -.32 |
| 7 | .99.99 | .15 | -.14 | .22 | .03 | .19 | .14 | -.26 | -.11 | -.22 |
| 8 | .99.99 | .11 | -.03 | .15 | .10 | .02 | .40 | -.24 | -.08 | -.43 |
| 9 | .99.99 | .23 | -.07 | .18 | .13 | -.17 | .08 | .00 | .06 | -.45 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mean Log q | -5.6800 | -5.7207 | -5.8991 | -6.0282 | -6.4580 | -6.7050 |
| S.E(Log q) | .1224 | .1721 | .2566 | .1857 | .2382 | .2073 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| 2 | 2.19 | -2.077 | -.39 | .30 | 9 | .39 | -6.77 |
| 3 | 1.34 | -1.760 | 3.64 | .79 | 9 | .16 | -5.89 |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 4 | .99 | .146 | 5.76 | .96 | 9 | .13 | -5.68 |
| 5 | .82 | 2.778 | 6.80 | .97 | 9 | .10 | -5.72 |
| 6 | .69 | 3.145 | 7.49 | .94 | 9 | .12 | -5.90 |
| 7 | .79 | 1.617 | 6.97 | .89 | 9 | .13 | -6.03 |
| 8 | .79 | .804 | 7.20 | .68 | 9 | .19 | -6.46 |
| 9 | .92 | .307 | 6.94 | .65 | 9 | .20 | -6.71 |

Table 9.15 Continued

Fleet : UK Beamtrawl

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 4 | .13 | -.11 | -.52 | -.67 | -.33 | .05 | .23 | .60 | .33 | .30 |
| 5 | .32 | -.18 | .00 | -.33 | -.16 | -.12 | .04 | -.02 | -.29 | .16 |
| 6 | .13 | .11 | -.45 | .06 | -.13 | -.11 | -.06 | -.07 | .21 | .30 |
| 7 | .35 | .02 | -.12 | -.41 | .06 | -.51 | -.08 | -.09 | .23 | .39 |
| 8 | -.28 | .41 | -.22 | -.16 | -.34 | .06 | -.28 | -.07 | .33 | -.56 |
| 9 | -.06 | -.26 | .14 | -.45 | -.14 | -.14 | -.04 | -.14 | .31 | .79 |
| 10 | -.22 | .34 | -.24 | .04 | .01 | .10 | .04 | -.29 | .16 | .06 |
| 11 | -.03 | .24 | -.11 | -.17 | .12 | .25 | -.09 | -.20 | .03 | .06 |
| 12 | .26 | .22 | -.39 | .16 | -.18 | -.08 | -.02 | -.16 | .32 | .16 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 11 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Mean Log q | -8.5889 | -7.9959 | -7.7762 | -7.6932 | -7.6450 | -7.6985 | -7.7006 |
| S.E(Log q) | .4035 | .2088 | .2122 | .2951 | .3223 | .3441 | .1952 |
| | .1603 | .2320 | | | | | |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 4 | 1.79 | -2.011 | 5.71 | .45 | 10 | .62 | -8.59 |
| 5 | 1.21 | -1.420 | 7.21 | .85 | 10 | .24 | -8.00 |
| 6 | 1.25 | -1.220 | 6.94 | .74 | 10 | .26 | -7.78 |
| 7 | 1.25 | -.684 | 7.00 | .49 | 10 | .38 | -7.69 |
| 8 | .99 | .030 | 7.68 | .40 | 10 | .34 | -7.64 |
| 9 | 1.33 | -.531 | 7.11 | .25 | 10 | .48 | -7.70 |
| 10 | 1.35 | -1.016 | 7.22 | .52 | 10 | .26 | -7.70 |
| 11 | .89 | .690 | 7.76 | .83 | 10 | .14 | -7.65 |
| 12 | .87 | .599 | 7.73 | .71 | 10 | .20 | -7.64 |

Table 9.15 Continued

Fleet : BTS-ISIS newa

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | .20 | .31 | -.46 | -.15 | -.21 | -.08 | .13 | .04 | -.21 | .43 |
| 2 | -.34 | .00 | -.14 | -.10 | -.10 | .03 | -.01 | -.08 | .18 | .56 |
| 3 | .08 | -.03 | .10 | -.11 | -.31 | .16 | .07 | -.03 | .28 | -.22 |
| 4 | -.56 | .52 | .48 | .46 | -.48 | -.20 | .36 | -.14 | .13 | -.58 |
| 5 | .03 | .66 | .11 | .25 | .20 | -.55 | -.33 | .08 | .38 | -.84 |
| 6 | -.39 | .13 | -.23 | .57 | .84 | .20 | -.46 | -.15 | .21 | -.72 |
| 7 | -.09 | -.08 | -.45 | .01 | .44 | .11 | .36 | -.02 | .20 | -.47 |

Mean log catchability and standard error of ages with catchability independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time

| Age | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mean Log q | -9.5298 | -10.0211 | -10.4979 | -10.8304 |
| S.E.(Log q) | .4470 | .4507 | .4839 | .2995 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| 1 | .67 | .760 | 9.17 | .40 | 10 | .29 | -7.37 |
| 2 | .45 | 1.630 | 10.45 | .53 | 10 | .25 | -7.62 |
| 3 | .69 | 2.373 | 9.98 | .88 | 10 | .19 | -8.76 |

Ages with q independent of year class strength and constant w.r.t. time.

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 4 | .70 | 1.717 | 10.35 | .80 | 10 | .28 | -9.53 |
| 5 | .72 | 1.469 | 10.48 | .77 | 10 | .30 | -10.02 |
| 6 | .62 | 1.781 | 10.71 | .73 | 10 | .27 | -10.50 |
| 7 | .63 | 2.749 | 10.70 | .87 | 10 | .14 | -10.83 |

Fleet : TRIDENS SNS Septembe

| Age | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | -.26 | .09 | -.38 | .64 | .41 | -.15 | -.31 | -.32 | -.53 | .80 |
| 2 | -.17 | -.18 | -.19 | .04 | .16 | -.03 | .03 | -.17 | .06 | .45 |
| 3 | .02 | .09 | .03 | -.07 | .22 | -.19 | -.25 | -.23 | .36 | .02 |

Regression statistics :

Ages with q dependent on year class strength

| Age | Slope | t-value | Intercept | RSquare | No Pts | Reg s.e | Mean Log q |
|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| 1 | 1.19 | -.264 | .36 | .19 | 10 | .49 | -2.40 |
| 2 | .47 | 1.862 | 8.36 | .61 | 10 | .21 | -3.42 |
| 3 | .57 | 2.993 | 8.26 | .86 | 10 | .21 | -4.86 |

Table 9.15 Continued

Age 1 Catchability dependent on age and year class strength

Year class = 1996

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl , | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | .000 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | .000 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 540696., | .323, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .416, | .001 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 785227., | .575, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .132, | .001 |
| P shrinkage mean , | 372765., | .40,,,, | | | | .278, | .002 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 62834., | .50,,,, | | | | .174, | .009 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----|----------------|------|
| 351852., | .21, | .56, | 4, | 2.696, | .002 |

Age 2 Catchability dependent on age and year class strength

Year class = 1995

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl , | 206827., | .423, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .106, | .146 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | .000 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 409102., | .218, | .383, | 1.76, | 2, | .400, | .076 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 429887., | .261, | .418, | 1.60, | 2, | .279, | .073 |
| P shrinkage mean , | 304911., | .40,,,, | | | | .132, | .101 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 198973., | .50,,,, | | | | .083, | .151 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----|----------------|------|
| 349577., | .14, | .18, | 7, | 1.293, | .089 |

Age 3 Catchability dependent on age and year class strength

Year class = 1994

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl , | 178672., | .242, | .026, | .11, | 2, | .193, | .356 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | .000 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 171897., | .174, | .117, | .68, | 3, | .359, | .368 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 172614., | .197, | .087, | .44, | 3, | .284, | .367 |
| P shrinkage mean , | 200476., | .42,,,, | | | | .096, | .323 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 140814., | .50,,,, | | | | .068, | .434 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----|----------------|------|
| 173598., | .11, | .05, | 10, | .424, | .365 |

Table 9.15 Continued

Age 4 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1993

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl | 47725., | .196, | .034, | .17, | 3, | .290, | .661 |
| UK Beamtrawl | 72873., | .423, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .076, | .479 |
| BTS-ISIS newa | 53517., | .168, | .177, | 1.06, | 4, | .326, | .607 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 57988., | .199, | .199, | 1.00, | 3, | .209, | .572 |
| F shrinkage mean | 56452., | .50,,,, | | | | .099, | .583 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 54176., | .11, | .07, | 12, | .693, | .602 |

Age 5 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1992

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl | 23422., | .180, | .129, | .71, | 4, | .330, | .646 |
| UK Beamtrawl | 27160., | .253, | .069, | .27, | 2, | .211, | .579 |
| BTS-ISIS newa | 17614., | .183, | .193, | 1.05, | 5, | .235, | .792 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 19998., | .198, | .086, | .43, | 3, | .107, | .725 |
| F shrinkage mean | 25314., | .50,,,, | | | | .117, | .610 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 22425., | .11, | .08, | 15, | .685, | .667 |

Age 6 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1991

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl | 18484., | .170, | .086, | .51, | 5, | .352, | .592 |
| UK Beamtrawl | 29293., | .205, | .060, | .30, | 3, | .282, | .412 |
| BTS-ISIS newa | 18064., | .193, | .179, | .93, | 6, | .199, | .602 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 19675., | .198, | .149, | .75, | 3, | .066, | .565 |
| F shrinkage mean | 20521., | .50,,,, | | | | .101, | .547 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 21263., | .11, | .07, | 18, | .688, | .532 |

Table 9.15 Continued

Age 7 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1990

| Fleet, | Estimated, | Int, | Ext, | Var, | N, | Scaled, | Estimated |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|-------|--------|----|----------|-----------|
| , | Survivors, | s.e, | s.e, | Ratio, | , | Weights, | F |
| NL Beamtrawl , | 8847., | .166, | .048, | .29, | 6, | .335, | .634 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 12829., | .186, | .084, | .46, | 4, | .291, | .477 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 7841., | .199, | .123, | .62, | 7, | .242, | .693 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 10387., | .199, | .193, | .97, | 3, | .033, | .562 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 11218., | .50,,,, | | | | .099, | .530 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, | Int, | Ext, | N, | Var, | F |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|
| at end of year, | s.e, | s.e, | , | Ratio, | |
| 9853., | .10, | .06, | 21, | .582, | .585 |

Age 8 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1989

| Fleet, | Estimated, | Int, | Ext, | Var, | N, | Scaled, | Estimated |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|-------|--------|----|----------|-----------|
| , | Survivors, | s.e, | s.e, | Ratio, | , | Weights, | F |
| NL Beamtrawl , | 7115., | .152, | .062, | .41, | 7, | .388, | .620 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 12388., | .170, | .124, | .73, | 5, | .317, | .401 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 9249., | .182, | .097, | .53, | 7, | .170, | .508 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 10098., | .197, | .137, | .69, | 3, | .033, | .474 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 12478., | .50,,,, | | | | .092, | .399 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, | Int, | Ext, | N, | Var, | F |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|
| at end of year, | s.e, | s.e, | , | Ratio, | |
| 9447., | .10, | .07, | 23, | .697, | .499 |

Age 9 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1988

| Fleet, | Estimated, | Int, | Ext, | Var, | N, | Scaled, | Estimated |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|-------|--------|----|----------|-----------|
| , | Survivors, | s.e, | s.e, | Ratio, | , | Weights, | F |
| NL Beamtrawl , | 4800., | .149, | .061, | .41, | 8, | .436, | .466 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 8836., | .168, | .157, | .93, | 6, | .336, | .280 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 5472., | .187, | .092, | .49, | 7, | .118, | .419 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 5650., | .197, | .066, | .34, | 3, | .022, | .408 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 7353., | .50,,,, | | | | .088, | .328 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, | Int, | Ext, | N, | Var, | F |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|
| at end of year, | s.e, | s.e, | , | Ratio, | |
| 6234., | .10, | .07, | 25, | .754, | .377 |

Table 9.15 Continued

Age 10 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and dependent on age

Year class = 1987

| Fleet, | Estimated, | Int, | Ext, | Var, | N, | Scaled, | Estimated |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|-------|--------|----|----------|-----------|
| , | Survivors, | s.e, | s.e, | Ratio, | , | Weights, | F |
| NL Beamtrawl , | 5863., | .152, | .057, | .37, | 8, | .352, | .204 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 6257., | .159, | .066, | .42, | 7, | .460, | .193 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 7871., | .192, | .050, | -.26, | 7, | .089, | .156 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 5419., | .196, | .081, | .41, | 3, | .016, | .219 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 3759., | .50,,,,, | | | | .083, | .303 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, | Int, | Ext, | N, | Var, | F |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|
| at end of year, | s.e, | s.e, | , | Ratio, | |
| 5971., | .10, | .04, | 26, | .438, | .201 |

Age 11 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1986

| Fleet, | Estimated, | Int, | Ext, | Var, | N, | Scaled, | Estimated |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|-------|--------|----|----------|-----------|
| , | Survivors, | s.e, | s.e, | Ratio, | , | Weights, | F |
| NL Beamtrawl , | 4451., | .156, | .067, | .43, | 7, | .272, | .155 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 3659., | .149, | .076, | .51, | 8, | .565, | .186 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 4522., | .205, | .132, | .64, | 6, | .065, | .153 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 3648., | .212, | .130, | .61, | 2, | .010, | .186 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 2571., | .50,,,,, | | | | .088, | .255 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, | Int, | Ext, | N, | Var, | F |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|
| at end of year, | s.e, | s.e, | , | Ratio, | |
| 3792., | .11, | .05, | 24, | .487, | .180 |

Age 12 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1985

| Fleet, | Estimated, | Int, | Ext, | Var, | N, | Scaled, | Estimated |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|-------|--------|----|----------|-----------|
| , | Survivors, | s.e, | s.e, | Ratio, | , | Weights, | F |
| NL Beamtrawl , | 6871., | .162, | .054, | -.34, | 6, | .219, | .145 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 6247., | .137, | .057, | .41, | 9, | .651, | .159 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 9361., | .224, | .071, | -.32, | 5, | .047, | .109 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 6368., | .300, | .000, | .00, | 1, | .004, | .156 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 3818., | .50,,,,, | | | | .080, | .248 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, | Int, | Ext, | N, | Var, | F |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|--------|------|
| at end of year, | s.e, | s.e, | , | Ratio, | |
| 6250., | .10, | .05, | 22, | .476, | .158 |

Table 9.15 Continued

Age 13 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1984

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl , | 2676., | .195, | .075, | .48, | 5, | .209, | .186 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 2888., | .136, | .088, | .65, | 9, | .637, | .174 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 2674., | .230, | .163, | .71, | 4, | .050, | .186 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | .000 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 1670., | .50,,,, | | | | .104, | .284 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 2674., | .11, | .07, | 19, | .616, | .186 |

Age 14 Catchability constant w.r.t. time and age (fixed at the value for age) 10

Year class = 1983

| Fleet, | Estimated, Survivors, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | Var, Ratio, | N, Weights, | Scaled, Weights, | Estimated F |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| NL Beamtrawl , | 1482., | .162, | .065, | .40, | 4, | .190, | .178 |
| UK Beamtrawl , | 1395., | .138, | .051, | .37, | 8, | .625, | .188 |
| BTS-ISIS newa , | 1009., | .248, | .173, | .70, | 3, | .048, | .251 |
| TRIDENS SNS Septembe, | 1., | .000, | .000, | .00, | 0, | .000, | .000 |
| F shrinkage mean , | 1166., | .50,,,, | | | | .137, | .221 |

Weighted prediction :

| Survivors, at end of year, | Int, s.e, | Ext, s.e, | N, , | Var, Ratio, | F |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|------|
| 1356., | .11, | .04, | 16, | .365, | .193 |

Table 9.16 North Sea plaice: Stock numbers at age

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| AGE | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
| 1 | 296180 | 429999 | 433472 | 405361 | 359423 | 318866 | 315215 | 1022179 | 309633 | 305507 | 277340 |
| 2 | 179763 | 267995 | 389079 | 392222 | 366786 | 325219 | 288522 | 285219 | 924906 | 280168 | 276434 |
| 3 | 321006 | 158552 | 235710 | 336305 | 349229 | 329728 | 292228 | 256937 | 244086 | 827513 | 249564 |
| 4 | 195762 | 233557 | 122342 | 184336 | 245443 | 284232 | 264224 | 243995 | 193975 | 180714 | 686926 |
| 5 | 127853 | 134596 | 152310 | 86453 | 118261 | 157492 | 193661 | 165905 | 159198 | 124922 | 114540 |
| 6 | 64214 | 85465 | 89339 | 98722 | 57945 | 75903 | 94886 | 123519 | 95509 | 102505 | 78155 |
| 7 | 62542 | 49652 | 58693 | 59020 | 63331 | 40294 | 49057 | 55608 | 76483 | 57740 | 66715 |
| 8 | 48953 | 46099 | 37147 | 39911 | 39909 | 43340 | 27842 | 32168 | 35269 | 51739 | 36550 |
| 9 | 29768 | 35707 | 34103 | 27517 | 27540 | 26839 | 30621 | 18692 | 22833 | 23776 | 36557 |
| 10 | 26977 | 22204 | 26497 | 24583 | 20059 | 19215 | 19284 | 21004 | 13128 | 16653 | 15362 |
| 11 | 13657 | 20320 | 16198 | 18877 | 17762 | 14873 | 14126 | 13774 | 15387 | 8059 | 11895 |
| 12 | 7639 | 9904 | 14077 | 11436 | 13829 | 12628 | 10928 | 9366 | 9547 | 11252 | 5539 |
| 13 | 3889 | 5664 | 7306 | 9347 | 8073 | 9767 | 9271 | 7874 | 6663 | 6526 | 7754 |
| 14 | 4906 | 2770 | 4069 | 5177 | 6587 | 5647 | 6934 | 6401 | 5681 | 4369 | 4360 |
| +gp | 5622 | 6005 | 6978 | 8420 | 7905 | 7360 | 15291 | 26000 | 23122 | 19169 | 16908 |
| 0 TOT | 1388731 | 1508487 | 1627321 | 1707686 | 1702083 | 1671402 | 1632091 | 2288644 | 2135418 | 2020609 | 1884599 |
| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | |
| 1 | 245709 | 327745 | 370679 | 275853 | 235236 | 543135 | 452907 | 337490 | 326206 | 475017 | |
| 2 | 250947 | 222326 | 296553 | 335332 | 249584 | 210726 | 490243 | 407693 | 304440 | 292481 | |
| 3 | 244438 | 218055 | 186885 | 251882 | 275273 | 191087 | 160487 | 421598 | 342143 | 243467 | |
| 4 | 196989 | 182463 | 154321 | 120422 | 181985 | 189912 | 116685 | 92376 | 322860 | 235722 | |
| 5 | 514146 | 141963 | 130775 | 86221 | 77120 | 114341 | 102338 | 65511 | 53848 | 200439 | |
| 6 | 64275 | 347629 | 94604 | 79629 | 53228 | 47862 | 63266 | 53527 | 35097 | 35617 | |
| 7 | 49740 | 41856 | 217509 | 52238 | 50265 | 31993 | 30164 | 38538 | 28279 | 22336 | |
| 8 | 44980 | 35170 | 27970 | 121771 | 31179 | 31803 | 20497 | 19679 | 23577 | 16913 | |
| 9 | 25458 | 31090 | 26034 | 19305 | 81903 | 17840 | 19409 | 12534 | 12172 | 15254 | |
| 10 | 26679 | 19302 | 20339 | 19576 | 11367 | 56430 | 10355 | 12265 | 7435 | 8210 | |
| 11 | 11003 | 19487 | 13908 | 13859 | 13335 | 6987 | 37906 | 5631 | 7924 | 4806 | |
| 12 | 8829 | 7794 | 13105 | 10490 | 9327 | 9364 | 4724 | 24674 | 3439 | 5162 | |
| 13 | 4091 | 6509 | 5344 | 9127 | 7387 | 6026 | 6575 | 2720 | 14778 | 2245 | |
| 14 | 5777 | 3124 | 4726 | 3741 | 6442 | 5207 | 4010 | 4346 | 1434 | 9112 | |
| +gp | 17351 | 17159 | 14561 | 15576 | 14779 | 13802 | 10838 | 12700 | 9742 | 7248 | |
| 0 TOT | 1710411 | 1621671 | 1577312 | 1415021 | 1298408 | 1476514 | 1530404 | 1511281 | 1493375 | 1574029 | |
| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | |
| 1 | 433855 | 446499 | 663352 | 427902 | 1035930 | 598229 | 616660 | 541474 | 1273330 | 546834 | |
| 2 | 426750 | 391481 | 402755 | 599295 | 386941 | 934176 | 540145 | 557874 | 489831 | 1150565 | |
| 3 | 210457 | 328515 | 299026 | 302689 | 446259 | 304673 | 731420 | 428576 | 434821 | 379366 | |
| 4 | 179120 | 131127 | 184187 | 143351 | 157553 | 204979 | 166256 | 400981 | 250514 | 237710 | |
| 5 | 150497 | 110384 | 72074 | 92917 | 74915 | 76408 | 91228 | 99497 | 186652 | 137448 | |
| 6 | 101742 | 88516 | 54329 | 41459 | 50073 | 40528 | 41209 | 46906 | 59095 | 88531 | |
| 7 | 23531 | 58282 | 42109 | 32054 | 25705 | 29398 | 24395 | 24293 | 27656 | 30595 | |
| 8 | 14587 | 15641 | 29689 | 25011 | 19906 | 16040 | 18785 | 15924 | 15445 | 16179 | |
| 9 | 10526 | 10010 | 10195 | 18818 | 14934 | 12808 | 10525 | 11724 | 10936 | 9704 | |
| 10 | 9939 | 7223 | 6388 | 7452 | 12391 | 9249 | 8723 | 6936 | 8042 | 7296 | |
| 11 | 5596 | 6924 | 4317 | 4519 | 5405 | 7687 | 5566 | 5907 | 4809 | 5349 | |
| 12 | 3111 | 3974 | 4506 | 3000 | 3045 | 3812 | 4916 | 3793 | 4365 | 3230 | |
| 13 | 3380 | 2242 | 2537 | 2961 | 1925 | 2078 | 2290 | 3361 | 2414 | 2919 | |
| 14 | 1566 | 2403 | 1356 | 1884 | 1922 | 1195 | 1328 | 1639 | 2349 | 1418 | |
| +gp | 11953 | 8734 | 5758 | 5242 | 7410 | 3642 | 5390 | 4657 | 4580 | 5801 | |
| 0 TOT | 1586610 | 1611957 | 1782578 | 1708556 | 2244315 | 2244904 | 2268837 | 2153542 | 2774840 | 2622944 | |
| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 GMST 57-9 |
| 1 | 572442 | 414356 | 407790 | 397773 | 409060 | 284275 | 262167 | 388441 | 466725 | (391066) | (0) 419587 |
| 2 | 494796 | 517967 | 373725 | 367545 | 358573 | 367093 | 254207 | 235993 | 344835 | 421394 | (351847) 372338 |
| 3 | 960103 | 433302 | 424199 | 307943 | 292591 | 285025 | 284908 | 190281 | 181671 | 276346 | 349580 309767 |
| 4 | 232969 | 630287 | 291305 | 292449 | 201129 | 186911 | 169331 | 166693 | 99379 | 109282 | 173598 207316 |
| 5 | 109275 | 140089 | 350179 | 159368 | 156192 | 114895 | 101740 | 79083 | 78377 | 48297 | 54176 122754 |
| 6 | 62769 | 53807 | 76429 | 164386 | 75262 | 72996 | 55363 | 54375 | 37425 | 39992 | 22425 70192 |
| 7 | 47072 | 32928 | 30378 | 43573 | 74077 | 36058 | 37693 | 29783 | 31178 | 19544 | 21263 42294 |
| 8 | 16790 | 26636 | 19743 | 19467 | 25050 | 37840 | 19495 | 19029 | 16800 | 17197 | 9853 27060 |
| 9 | 10510 | 10074 | 16909 | 13669 | 12374 | 15767 | 22149 | 11276 | 12410 | 10039 | 9447 18179 |
| 10 | 6732 | 6502 | 7098 | 11764 | 9261 | 7915 | 10340 | 14186 | 7646 | 8068 | 6234 12706 |
| 11 | 4944 | 4502 | 4274 | 5304 | 8205 | 6004 | 5036 | 6745 | 10768 | 5017 | 5971 8707 |
| 12 | 3858 | 3587 | 3192 | 3138 | 3811 | 5725 | 3922 | 3478 | 4847 | 8093 | 3792 6115 |
| 13 | 2292 | 2604 | 2646 | 2425 | 2202 | 2491 | 4065 | 2769 | 2547 | 3561 | 6250 4240 |
| 14 | 2138 | 1594 | 1932 | 2085 | 1817 | 1399 | 1435 | 2947 | 2154 | 1817 | 2674 2976 |
| +gp | 6928 | 7548 | 10030 | 8124 | 4741 | 5944 | 3184 | 6962 | 7734 | 6195 | 5979 |

() overwritten in the prediction.

Table 9.17 North Sea plaice: fishing mortality at age

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YEAR | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.0256 | 0.0284 | 0.0458 | 0.0161 | 0.0065 | 0.007 | 0.0159 | 0.0557 | 0.0113 | 0.0157 | 0.023 |
| 3 | 0.218 | 0.1593 | 0.1458 | 0.215 | 0.1059 | 0.1215 | 0.0804 | 0.1811 | 0.2006 | 0.0862 | 0.1366 |
| 4 | 0.2746 | 0.3275 | 0.2472 | 0.3439 | 0.3437 | 0.2837 | 0.3654 | 0.327 | 0.34 | 0.356 | 0.1897 |
| 5 | 0.3028 | 0.3098 | 0.3336 | 0.3001 | 0.3434 | 0.4067 | 0.3497 | 0.4522 | 0.3402 | 0.369 | 0.4777 |
| 6 | 0.1572 | 0.2758 | 0.3146 | 0.3439 | 0.2633 | 0.3365 | 0.4343 | 0.3793 | 0.4033 | 0.3295 | 0.3519 |
| 7 | 0.205 | 0.1901 | 0.2857 | 0.2913 | 0.2793 | 0.2697 | 0.322 | 0.3553 | 0.2909 | 0.3573 | 0.2942 |
| 8 | 0.2155 | 0.2014 | 0.2001 | 0.271 | 0.2968 | 0.2474 | 0.2984 | 0.2427 | 0.2943 | 0.2473 | 0.2616 |
| 9 | 0.1931 | 0.1983 | 0.2273 | 0.2161 | 0.2599 | 0.2306 | 0.277 | 0.2534 | 0.2156 | 0.3368 | 0.215 |
| 10 | 0.1834 | 0.2154 | 0.2391 | 0.225 | 0.1992 | 0.2077 | 0.2365 | 0.2112 | 0.3879 | 0.2365 | 0.2337 |
| 11 | 0.2214 | 0.2671 | 0.2481 | 0.2112 | 0.2412 | 0.2082 | 0.3109 | 0.2666 | 0.2129 | 0.275 | 0.1981 |
| 12 | 0.1991 | 0.2042 | 0.3095 | 0.2482 | 0.2478 | 0.2091 | 0.2277 | 0.2406 | 0.2805 | 0.2724 | 0.203 |
| 13 | 0.2392 | 0.2307 | 0.2444 | 0.2499 | 0.2574 | 0.2426 | 0.2704 | 0.2265 | 0.3221 | 0.3033 | 0.1944 |
| 14 | 0.2076 | 0.2236 | 0.2543 | 0.2305 | 0.2416 | 0.2201 | 0.2651 | 0.2402 | 0.2845 | 0.2855 | 0.2092 |
| +gp | 0.2076 | 0.2236 | 0.2543 | 0.2305 | 0.2416 | 0.2201 | 0.2651 | 0.2402 | 0.2845 | 0.2855 | 0.2092 |
| 0 FBAR 2 | 0.1973 | 0.2118 | 0.2266 | 0.2469 | 0.2331 | 0.2345 | 0.2644 | 0.2731 | 0.276 | 0.2594 | 0.2426 |
| YEAR | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0002 | 0.0001 | 0.01 | 0.0025 | 0.0052 | 0.0031 | 0.0091 | 0.0072 | |
| 2 | 0.0405 | 0.0737 | 0.0633 | 0.0974 | 0.1671 | 0.1723 | 0.0508 | 0.0753 | 0.1235 | 0.2291 | |
| 3 | 0.1924 | 0.2457 | 0.3395 | 0.225 | 0.2712 | 0.3932 | 0.4523 | 0.1668 | 0.2726 | 0.2069 | |
| 4 | 0.2276 | 0.2331 | 0.4821 | 0.3456 | 0.3647 | 0.5183 | 0.4773 | 0.4397 | 0.3767 | 0.3487 | |
| 5 | 0.2914 | 0.3059 | 0.3961 | 0.3823 | 0.377 | 0.4918 | 0.5481 | 0.5241 | 0.3134 | 0.5781 | |
| 6 | 0.329 | 0.3689 | 0.4939 | 0.3601 | 0.409 | 0.3617 | 0.3957 | 0.5381 | 0.3519 | 0.3145 | |
| 7 | 0.2466 | 0.3031 | 0.4801 | 0.4161 | 0.3577 | 0.3452 | 0.3271 | 0.3914 | 0.4141 | 0.3261 | |
| 8 | 0.2693 | 0.2008 | 0.2708 | 0.2966 | 0.4583 | 0.3938 | 0.3919 | 0.3804 | 0.3354 | 0.3742 | |
| 9 | 0.1768 | 0.3243 | 0.1851 | 0.4297 | 0.2725 | 0.444 | 0.3589 | 0.4222 | 0.2937 | 0.3283 | |
| 10 | 0.2141 | 0.2277 | 0.2836 | 0.2839 | 0.3866 | 0.2979 | 0.5093 | 0.3369 | 0.3363 | 0.2833 | |
| 11 | 0.2448 | 0.2968 | 0.182 | 0.2959 | 0.2536 | 0.2914 | 0.3294 | 0.3931 | 0.3286 | 0.3349 | |
| 12 | 0.2049 | 0.2774 | 0.2618 | 0.2507 | 0.3369 | 0.2536 | 0.4519 | 0.4126 | 0.3264 | 0.3235 | |
| 13 | 0.1696 | 0.2201 | 0.2565 | 0.2485 | 0.2498 | 0.3072 | 0.3141 | 0.5402 | 0.3835 | 0.2601 | |
| 14 | 0.2024 | 0.2699 | 0.2343 | 0.3025 | 0.3006 | 0.3196 | 0.3939 | 0.4223 | 0.3346 | 0.3068 | |
| +gp | 0.2024 | 0.2699 | 0.2343 | 0.3025 | 0.3006 | 0.3196 | 0.3939 | 0.4223 | 0.3346 | 0.3068 | |
| 0 FBAR 2 | 0.2209 | 0.2537 | 0.3327 | 0.3152 | 0.3405 | 0.3798 | 0.3902 | 0.3639 | 0.3131 | 0.3321 | |
| YEAR | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | |
| 1 | 0.0028 | 0.0031 | 0.0016 | 0.0006 | 0.0034 | 0.0021 | 0.0002 | 0.0002 | 0.0014 | 0 | |
| 2 | 0.1616 | 0.1694 | 0.1856 | 0.1949 | 0.139 | 0.1447 | 0.1314 | 0.1492 | 0.1556 | 0.081 | |
| 3 | 0.3731 | 0.4786 | 0.6352 | 0.5529 | 0.678 | 0.5057 | 0.5011 | 0.437 | 0.5039 | 0.3876 | |
| 4 | 0.3841 | 0.4985 | 0.5842 | 0.5489 | 0.6237 | 0.7095 | 0.4134 | 0.6647 | 0.5003 | 0.6772 | |
| 5 | 0.4308 | 0.6089 | 0.453 | 0.5182 | 0.5144 | 0.5174 | 0.5652 | 0.421 | 0.6459 | 0.6838 | |
| 6 | 0.4571 | 0.6429 | 0.4276 | 0.378 | 0.4326 | 0.4076 | 0.4285 | 0.4283 | 0.5583 | 0.5317 | |
| 7 | 0.3084 | 0.5745 | 0.4209 | 0.3764 | 0.3716 | 0.3479 | 0.3266 | 0.3529 | 0.4361 | 0.5001 | |
| 8 | 0.2765 | 0.328 | 0.3559 | 0.4157 | 0.3409 | 0.3213 | 0.3714 | 0.2757 | 0.3647 | 0.3314 | |
| 9 | 0.2765 | 0.3492 | 0.2135 | 0.3178 | 0.3791 | 0.2841 | 0.317 | 0.277 | 0.3048 | 0.2657 | |
| 10 | 0.2616 | 0.4148 | 0.2462 | 0.2211 | 0.3775 | 0.4079 | 0.2899 | 0.2664 | 0.3077 | 0.2892 | |
| 11 | 0.2422 | 0.3295 | 0.2638 | 0.2947 | 0.2492 | 0.347 | 0.2835 | 0.2025 | 0.2978 | 0.2269 | |
| 12 | 0.2278 | 0.3487 | 0.3198 | 0.3436 | 0.2821 | 0.4097 | 0.2803 | 0.3518 | 0.3025 | 0.243 | |
| 13 | 0.2412 | 0.4028 | 0.1977 | 0.3321 | 0.3768 | 0.348 | 0.2343 | 0.258 | 0.4323 | 0.2114 | |
| 14 | 0.2504 | 0.3701 | 0.2487 | 0.3026 | 0.3338 | 0.3604 | 0.2817 | 0.2718 | 0.3299 | 0.2478 | |
| +gp | 0.2504 | 0.3701 | 0.2487 | 0.3026 | 0.3338 | 0.3604 | 0.2817 | 0.2718 | 0.3299 | 0.2478 | |
| 0 FBAR 2 | 0.3255 | 0.4517 | 0.3914 | 0.3916 | 0.4285 | 0.4051 | 0.3716 | 0.3636 | 0.4197 | 0.4164 | |
| YEAR | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | FBAR |
| 1 | 0 | 0.0032 | 0.0039 | 0.0037 | 0.0082 | 0.0118 | 0.0052 | 0.0191 | 0.0022 | 0.0017 | 0.0076 |
| 2 | 0.0327 | 0.0997 | 0.0936 | 0.1281 | 0.1296 | 0.1534 | 0.1897 | 0.1616 | 0.1214 | 0.0891 | 0.1241 |
| 3 | 0.3209 | 0.2971 | 0.2719 | 0.326 | 0.3481 | 0.4207 | 0.436 | 0.5496 | 0.4083 | 0.3653 | 0.441 |
| 4 | 0.4086 | 0.4877 | 0.5032 | 0.5272 | 0.4599 | 0.5082 | 0.6614 | 0.6546 | 0.6216 | 0.602 | 0.6261 |
| 5 | 0.6085 | 0.5059 | 0.6562 | 0.6502 | 0.6607 | 0.6301 | 0.5265 | 0.6482 | 0.5729 | 0.6674 | 0.6295 |
| 6 | 0.5451 | 0.4717 | 0.4619 | 0.6971 | 0.6359 | 0.5609 | 0.52 | 0.4562 | 0.5497 | 0.5319 | 0.5126 |
| 7 | 0.4694 | 0.4115 | 0.345 | 0.4535 | 0.5717 | 0.515 | 0.5835 | 0.4726 | 0.495 | 0.5849 | 0.5175 |
| 8 | 0.4109 | 0.3544 | 0.2676 | 0.3531 | 0.363 | 0.4356 | 0.4475 | 0.3274 | 0.4149 | 0.4994 | 0.4139 |
| 9 | 0.3802 | 0.2501 | 0.2628 | 0.2894 | 0.3469 | 0.3219 | 0.3455 | 0.2885 | 0.3307 | 0.3765 | 0.3319 |
| 10 | 0.3024 | 0.3196 | 0.1914 | 0.2603 | 0.3333 | 0.3522 | 0.3272 | 0.1757 | 0.3214 | 0.2009 | 0.2327 |
| 11 | 0.2209 | 0.2439 | 0.2091 | 0.2306 | 0.2599 | 0.3258 | 0.2701 | 0.2305 | 0.1856 | 0.1797 | 0.1986 |
| 12 | 0.293 | 0.2041 | 0.1748 | 0.2542 | 0.325 | 0.2426 | 0.2482 | 0.2116 | 0.2083 | 0.1584 | 0.1928 |
| 13 | 0.2634 | 0.1985 | 0.1382 | 0.1884 | 0.3537 | 0.4514 | 0.2214 | 0.1514 | 0.2374 | 0.1864 | 0.1917 |
| 14 | 0.2927 | 0.2438 | 0.1368 | 0.1832 | 0.4524 | 0.2653 | 0.4097 | 0.1523 | 0.2337 | 0.1927 | 0.1929 |
| +gp | 0.2927 | 0.2438 | 0.1368 | 0.1832 | 0.4524 | 0.2653 | 0.4097 | 0.1523 | 0.2337 | 0.1927 | |

Table 9.18 North Sea plaice: summary of the final XSA

Run title : Plaice in IV (run: XSAJJB04/X04),

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Table 16 Summary (without SOP correction)

Terminal Fs derived using XSA (With F shrinkage)

| | RECRUITS, Age 1 | TOTALBIO, | TOTSPBIO, | LANDINGS, | YIELD/SSB, | FBAR | 2-10, |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------|--------|
| 1957, | 296180, | 457390, | 354637, | 70563, | .1990, | | .1973, |
| 1958, | 429999, | 443698, | 340651, | 73354, | .2153, | | .2118, |
| 1959, | 433472, | 457592, | 345206, | 79300, | .2297, | | .2266, |
| 1960, | 405361, | 497729, | 368337, | 87541, | .2377, | | .2469, |
| 1961, | 359423, | 461966, | 352908, | 85984, | .2436, | | .2331, |
| 1962, | 318866, | 564521, | 446618, | 87472, | .1959, | | .2345, |
| 1963, | 315215, | 547232, | 440036, | 107118, | .2434, | | .2644, |
| 1964, | 1022179, | 624947, | 423007, | 110540, | .2613, | | .2731, |
| 1965, | 309633, | 580626, | 414454, | 97143, | .2344, | | .2760, |
| 1966, | 305507, | 588142, | 416506, | 101834, | .2445, | | .2594, |
| 1967, | 277340, | 591043, | 493184, | 108819, | .2206, | | .2426, |
| 1968, | 245709, | 548427, | 456299, | 111534, | .2444, | | .2209, |
| 1969, | 327745, | 526563, | 418513, | 121651, | .2907, | | .2537, |
| 1970, | 370679, | 526197, | 399871, | 130342, | .3260, | | .3327, |
| 1971, | 275853, | 500999, | 372732, | 113944, | .3057, | | .3152, |
| 1972, | 235235, | 495846, | 376305, | 122843, | .3264, | | .3405, |
| 1973, | 543135, | 488958, | 335329, | 130429, | .3890, | | .3798, |
| 1974, | 452907, | 468364, | 309617, | 112540, | .3635, | | .3902, |
| 1975, | 337490, | 496561, | 321155, | 108536, | .3380, | | .3639, |
| 1976, | 326206, | 452502, | 315944, | 113670, | .3598, | | .3131, |
| 1977, | 475017, | 481247, | 331069, | 119188, | .3600, | | .3321, |
| 1978, | 433855, | 477212, | 325140, | 113984, | .3506, | | .3255, |
| 1979, | 446499, | 476942, | 312633, | 145347, | .4649, | | .4517, |
| 1980, | 663352, | 490928, | 299410, | 139951, | .4674, | | .3914, |
| 1981, | 427902, | 492480, | 310704, | 139747, | .4498, | | .3916, |
| 1982, | 1035930, | 565774, | 304435, | 154547, | .5077, | | .4285, |
| 1983, | 598229, | 555115, | 329045, | 144038, | .4377, | | .4051, |
| 1984, | 616660, | 567446, | 331620, | 156147, | .4709, | | .3716, |
| 1985, | 541474, | 557253, | 365941, | 159838, | .4368, | | .3636, |
| 1986, | 1273331, | 664058, | 370296, | 165347, | .4465, | | .4197, |
| 1987, | 546834, | 645946, | 402050, | 153670, | .3822, | | .4164, |
| 1988, | 572442, | 638662, | 386096, | 154475, | .4001, | | .3865, |
| 1989, | 414355, | 601274, | 429710, | 169818, | .3952, | | .3553, |
| 1990, | 407790, | 572874, | 408233, | 156240, | .3827, | | .3393, |
| 1991, | 397773, | 479495, | 348667, | 148004, | .4245, | | .4094, |
| 1992, | 409060, | 450968, | 311347, | 125190, | .4021, | | .4277, |
| 1993, | 284275, | 404035, | 282000, | 117113, | .4153, | | .4331, |
| 1994, | 262167, | 336657, | 238625, | 110392, | .4626, | | .4486, |
| 1995, | 388441, | 329546, | 227258, | 98356, | .4328, | | .4149, |
| 1996, | 466724, | 336259, | 210437, | 81673, | .3881, | | .4262, |
| 1997, | (391067)*, | 340431, | 212314, | 83177, | .3918, | | .4353, |
| Arith. | | | | | | | |
| Mean | 454666, | 506925, | 352155, | 119790, | .3497, | | .3402, |
| 0 Units, | [Thousands), | (Tonnes), | (Tonnes), | (Tonnes), | | | |

* replaced by RCT3 estimate of 1996 yearclass (842000)

Table 9.19 North Sea plaice: input to the RCT3 analysis

| North Sea Plaice age 1 recruitment | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | 9 | 32 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 'YC' | 'VPA' | 'T-0oct' | 'T-1oct' | 'T-2oct' | 'T-3oct' | 'BTS-1' | 'BTS-2' | 'BTS-3' | 'com-0' | 'com-1' | |
| 1967 | 246 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 2813 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1968 | 328 | -11 | -11 | 9450 | 1008 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1969 | 371 | -11 | 8033 | 23848 | 4484 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1970 | 276 | 3678 | 18101 | 9584 | 1631 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1971 | 235 | 6705 | 6437 | 4191 | 1261 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1972 | 543 | 9242 | 57238 | 17985 | 10744 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1973 | 453 | 5451 | 15648 | 9171 | 791 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |
| 1974 | 337 | 2193 | 9781 | 2274 | 1720 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 112.61 | 84.84 | |
| 1975 | 326 | 1151 | 9037 | 2900 | 345 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 71.91 | 81.55 | |
| 1976 | 475 | 11544 | 19119 | 12714 | 1577 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 242.97 | 159.02 | |
| 1977 | 434 | 4378 | 13924 | 9540 | 456 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 171.69 | 83.53 | |
| 1978 | 446 | 3252 | 21681 | 12084 | 785 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 223.89 | 176.3 | |
| 1979 | 663 | 27835 | 58049 | 16106 | 1146 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 366.94 | 252.14 | |
| 1980 | 428 | 4039 | 19611 | 8503 | 308 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 167.07 | 154.26 | |
| 1981 | 1036 | 31541 | 70108 | 14708 | 2480 | -11 | -11 | -11 | 615.26 | 285.25 | |
| 1982 | 598 | 23987 | 34884 | 10413 | 1584 | -11 | -11 | 39.488 | 460.14 | 160.79 | |
| 1983 | 617 | 36722 | 44667 | 13789 | 1155 | -11 | 185.895 | 50.377 | 475.44 | 115.66 | |
| 1984 | 541 | 7958 | 27832 | 7558 | 1232 | 105.674 | 125.547 | 32.122 | 258.95 | 106.04 | |
| 1985 | 1273 | 47385 | 93573 | 33021 | 13140 | 634.259 | 707.449 | 207.993 | 719.07 | 267.6 | |
| 1986 | 547 | 8658 | 33426 | 14430 | 3709 | 207.673 | 151.097 | 56.082 | 357.67 | 190.27 | |
| 1987 | 572 | 21270 | 36672 | 14952 | 3248 | 451.243 | 337.866 | 67.359 | 471.73 | 105.47 | |
| 1988 | 414 | 15598 | 37238 | 7287 | 1507 | 397.995 | 122.127 | 30.112 | 347 | 131.51 | |
| 1989 | 408 | 24198 | 24903 | 11149 | 2257 | 123.152 | 125.537 | 20.615 | 462.04 | 126.62 | |
| 1990 | 398 | 9559 | 57349 | 13742 | 988 | 187.158 | 117.197 | 36.885 | 450.76 | 153.95 | |
| 1991 | 409 | 17120 | 48223 | 9484 | 884 | 179.561 | 164.107 | 32.24 | 496.52 | 130.47 | |
| 1992 | 284 | 5398 | 22184 | 4866 | 415 | 124.924 | 65.199 | 14.29 | 365.12 | 75.34 | |
| 1993 | 262 | 9226 | 18225 | 2786 | 1189 | 152.749 | 48.233 | 23.85 | 267.95 | 30.11 | |
| 1994 | 388 | 27901 | 24900 | 10377 | 1393 | 238.172 | 193.1 | 21 | 461.31 | 34.81 | |
| 1995 | -11 | 13029 | 24663 | 36374 | 5739 | 213.46 | 741 | 54 | 182.42 | 117.74 | |
| 1996 | -11 | 91713 | 64524 | 29431 | -11 | 431 | 421 | -11 | 548.25 | 158 | |
| 1997 | -11 | 15363 | 33391 | -11 | -11 | 348 | -11 | -11 | 182 | -11 | |
| 1998 | -11 | 22720 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | -11 | |

Table 9.20 North Sea plaice: results of RCT3 at age 1

Analysis by RCT3 ver3.1 of data from file :

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North Sea Plaice age 1 recruitment,,,,,,,,,

Data for 9 surveys over 32 years : 1967 - 1998

Final estimates shrunk towards mean

Regression type = C

Minimum S.E. for any survey taken as .20

Tapered time weighting not applied

Minimum of 3 points used for regression

Survey weighting not applied

Forecast/Hindcast variance correction used.

Yearclass = 1995

| Survey/ Series | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | Prediction |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| T-0oct | 0.65 | 0.18 | 0.49 | 0.403 | 25 | 9.48 | 6.3 | 0.518 | 0.052 | 545 |
| T-1oct | 0.74 | -1.35 | 0.34 | 0.566 | 26 | 10.11 | 6.09 | 0.366 | 0.105 | 441 |
| T-2oct | 0.88 | -1.93 | 0.41 | 0.481 | 27 | 10.5 | 7.27 | 0.463 | 0.065 | 1437 |
| T-3oct | 1.01 | -1.26 | 0.82 | 0.191 | 28 | 8.66 | 7.45 | 0.904 | 0.017 | 1720 |
| BTS-1 | 1.1 | 0.22 | 0.5 | 0.438 | 11 | 5.37 | 6.11 | 0.581 | 0.042 | 450 |
| BTS-2 | 0.66 | 2.85 | 0.2 | 0.821 | 12 | 6.61 | 7.18 | 0.275 | 0.186 | 1313 |
| BTS-3 | 0.66 | 3.75 | 0.19 | 0.834 | 13 | 4.01 | 6.4 | 0.213 | 0.31 | 602 |
| com-0 | 1.2 | -0.74 | 0.58 | 0.311 | 21 | 5.21 | 5.51 | 0.64 | 0.034 | 247 |
| com-1 | 0.9 | 1.86 | 0.35 | 0.55 | 21 | 4.78 | 6.15 | 0.381 | 0.097 | 469 |
| | | | | | VPA | Mean = | 6.08 | 0.392 | 0.091 | 437 |

Yearclass = 1996

| Survey/ Series | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | Prediction |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| T-0oct | 0.65 | 0.18 | 0.49 | 0.403 | 25 | 11.43 | 7.56 | 0.57 | 0.062 | 1920 |
| T-1oct | 0.74 | -1.35 | 0.34 | 0.566 | 26 | 11.07 | 6.8 | 0.378 | 0.142 | 898 |
| T-2oct | 0.88 | -1.93 | 0.41 | 0.481 | 27 | 10.29 | 7.09 | 0.454 | 0.098 | 1200 |
| BTS-1 | 1.1 | 0.22 | 0.5 | 0.438 | 11 | 6.07 | 6.88 | 0.617 | 0.053 | 973 |
| BTS-2 | 0.66 | 2.85 | 0.2 | 0.821 | 12 | 6.05 | 6.81 | 0.249 | 0.326 | 907 |
| com-0 | 1.2 | -0.74 | 0.58 | 0.311 | 21 | 6.31 | 6.83 | 0.64 | 0.049 | 925 |
| com-1 | 0.9 | 1.86 | 0.35 | 0.55 | 21 | 5.07 | 6.41 | 0.383 | 0.138 | 608 |
| | | | | | VPA | Mean = | 6.08 | 0.392 | 0.131 | 437 |

Yearclass = 1997

| Survey/ Series | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | Prediction |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| T-0oct | 0.65 | 0.18 | 0.49 | 0.403 | 25 | 9.64 | 6.4 | 0.519 | 0.162 | 602 |
| T-1oct | 0.74 | -1.35 | 0.34 | 0.566 | 26 | 10.42 | 6.31 | 0.367 | 0.325 | 550 |
| BTS-1 | 1.1 | 0.22 | 0.5 | 0.438 | 11 | 5.86 | 6.64 | 0.598 | 0.122 | 765 |
| com-0 | 1.2 | -0.74 | 0.58 | 0.311 | 21 | 5.21 | 5.51 | 0.64 | 0.107 | 247 |
| | | | | | VPA | Mean = | 6.08 | 0.392 | 0.284 | 437 |

Yearclass = 1998

| Survey/ Series | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | Prediction |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| T-0oct | 0.65 | 0.18 | 0.49 | 0.403 | 25 | 10.03 | 6.66 | 0.525 | 0.359 | 781 |
| | | | | | VPA | Mean = | 6.08 | 0.392 | 0.641 | 437 |

| Year Class | Weighted Average Prediction | Log WAP | Int Std Error | Ext Std Error | Var Ratio | VPA | Log VPA |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|------------|
| 1995 | 657 | 6.49 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 1.83 | | |
| 1996 | 842 | 6.74 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.9 | | |
| 1997 | 501 | 6.22 | 0.21 | 0.15 | 0.51 | | |
| 1998 | 538 | 6.29 | 0.31 | 0.27 | 0.76 | | |

Table 9.21 North Sea plaice: results of RCT3 at age 2

Analysis by RCT3 ver3.1 of data from file : p98_2a.csv

North Sea Plaice age 2 recruitment,,,,,,,,,,,,,
 Data for 9 surveys over 32 years : 1967 - 1998
 Regression type = C
 Tapered time weighting not applied
 Survey weighting not applied
 Final estimates shrunk towards mean
 Minimum S.E. for any survey taken as .20
 Minimum of 3 points used for regression
 Forecast/Hindcast variance correction used.

Yearclass = 1995

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | |
| T-0oct | .65 | .04 | .49 | .401 | 25 | 9.48 | 6.19 | .523 | .052 | |
| T-1oct | .74 | -1.49 | .35 | .565 | 26 | 10.11 | 5.98 | .367 | .105 | |
| T-2oct | .88 | -2.05 | .41 | .483 | 27 | 10.50 | 7.17 | .463 | .066 | |
| T-3oct | 1.00 | -1.35 | .82 | .193 | 28 | 8.66 | 7.35 | .901 | .017 | |
| BTS-1 | 1.11 | .06 | .51 | .436 | 11 | 5.37 | 6.01 | .586 | .041 | |
| BTS-2 | .66 | 2.71 | .21 | .816 | 12 | 6.61 | 7.09 | .282 | .179 | |
| BTS-3 | .67 | 3.63 | .19 | .836 | 13 | 4.01 | 6.30 | .212 | .315 | |
| com-0 | 1.21 | -.90 | .59 | .309 | 21 | 5.21 | 5.40 | .647 | .034 | |
| com-1 | .90 | 1.74 | .35 | .554 | 21 | 4.78 | 6.05 | .380 | .098 | |
| VPA Mean = | | | | | | 5.98 | .394 | .092 | | |

Yearclass = 1996

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | |
| T-0oct | .65 | .04 | .49 | .401 | 25 | 11.43 | 7.46 | .575 | .062 | |
| T-1oct | .74 | -1.49 | .35 | .565 | 26 | 11.07 | 6.69 | .380 | .143 | |
| T-2oct | .88 | -2.05 | .41 | .483 | 27 | 10.29 | 6.98 | .454 | .100 | |
| BTS-1 | 1.11 | .06 | .51 | .436 | 11 | 6.07 | 6.78 | .623 | .053 | |
| BTS-2 | .66 | 2.71 | .21 | .816 | 12 | 6.05 | 6.71 | .255 | .317 | |
| com-0 | 1.21 | -.90 | .59 | .309 | 21 | 6.31 | 6.73 | .647 | .049 | |
| com-1 | .90 | 1.74 | .35 | .554 | 21 | 5.07 | 6.31 | .382 | .142 | |
| VPA Mean = | | | | | | 5.98 | .394 | .133 | | |

Yearclass = 1997

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | |
| T-0oct | .65 | .04 | .49 | .401 | 25 | 9.64 | 6.30 | .524 | .161 | |
| T-1oct | .74 | -1.49 | .35 | .565 | 26 | 10.42 | 6.21 | .368 | .326 | |
| BTS-1 | 1.11 | .06 | .51 | .436 | 11 | 5.86 | 6.54 | .604 | .121 | |
| com-0 | 1.21 | -.90 | .59 | .309 | 21 | 5.21 | 5.40 | .647 | .106 | |
| VPA Mean = | | | | | | 5.98 | .394 | .286 | | |

Yearclass = 1998

| Survey/ Series | I-----Regression-----I | | | | | I-----Prediction-----I | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| | Slope | Inter- cept | Std Error | Rsquare | No. Pts | Index Value | Predicted Value | Std Error | WAP Weights | |
| T-0oct | .65 | .04 | .49 | .401 | 25 | 10.03 | 6.56 | .529 | .356 | |
| VPA Mean = | | | | | | 5.98 | .394 | .644 | | |

| Year Class | Weighted Average Prediction | Log WAP | Int. Std Error | Ext. Std Error | Var Ratio | VPA | Log VPA |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----|------------|
| 1995 | 591 | 6.38 | .12 | .16 | 1.81 | | |
| 1996 | 761 | 6.63 | .14 | .14 | .91 | | |
| 1997 | 451 | 6.11 | .21 | .15 | .51 | | |
| 1998 | 485 | 6.19 | .32 | .28 | .76 | | |

Table 9.22 North Sea plaice: input to the short term prediction.

Plaice in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Single option prediction: Input data

| Year: 1998 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Stock size | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 501000.00 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.124 | 0.0076 | 0.240 |
| 2 | 761000.00 | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.234 | 0.1241 | 0.276 |
| 3 | 349580.00 | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.267 | 0.4410 | 0.309 |
| 4 | 173598.00 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.329 | 0.6261 | 0.356 |
| 5 | 54176.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.409 | 0.6295 | 0.426 |
| 6 | 22425.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.467 | 0.5126 | 0.484 |
| 7 | 21263.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.506 | 0.5175 | 0.526 |
| 8 | 9853.0000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.560 | 0.4139 | 0.564 |
| 9 | 9447.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.655 | 0.3319 | 0.676 |
| 10 | 6234.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.771 | 0.2327 | 0.794 |
| 11 | 5971.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.770 | 0.1986 | 0.823 |
| 12 | 3792.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.832 | 0.1928 | 0.849 |
| 13 | 6250.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.800 | 0.1917 | 0.840 |
| 14 | 2674.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.927 | 0.1929 | 0.883 |
| 15+ | 5979.000 | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.009 | 0.1929 | 0.973 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

| Year: 1999 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Recruit-ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 419587.00 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.124 | 0.0076 | 0.240 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.234 | 0.1241 | 0.276 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.267 | 0.4410 | 0.309 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.329 | 0.6261 | 0.356 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.409 | 0.6295 | 0.426 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.467 | 0.5126 | 0.484 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.506 | 0.5175 | 0.526 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.560 | 0.4139 | 0.564 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.655 | 0.3319 | 0.676 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.771 | 0.2327 | 0.794 |
| 11 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.770 | 0.1986 | 0.823 |
| 12 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.832 | 0.1928 | 0.849 |
| 13 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.800 | 0.1917 | 0.840 |
| 14 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.927 | 0.1929 | 0.883 |
| 15+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.009 | 0.1929 | 0.973 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

| Year: 2000 | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age | Recruit-ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
| 1 | 419587.00 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.124 | 0.0076 | 0.240 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.234 | 0.1241 | 0.276 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.267 | 0.4410 | 0.309 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.329 | 0.6261 | 0.356 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.409 | 0.6295 | 0.426 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.467 | 0.5126 | 0.484 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.506 | 0.5175 | 0.526 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.560 | 0.4139 | 0.564 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.655 | 0.3319 | 0.676 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.771 | 0.2327 | 0.794 |
| 11 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.770 | 0.1986 | 0.823 |
| 12 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.832 | 0.1928 | 0.849 |
| 13 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.800 | 0.1917 | 0.840 |
| 14 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.927 | 0.1929 | 0.883 |
| 15+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.009 | 0.1929 | 0.973 |
| Unit | Thousands | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

Notes: Run name : SPRLJB02
Date and time: 12OCT98:16:11

Table 9.23 North Sea plaice: results of a single options short-term prediction at *status quo F*.

Plaice in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Single option prediction: Detailed tables

| Year: 1998 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.4255 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0076 | 3610 | 866 | 501000 | 62124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1241 | 84606 | 23351 | 761000 | 178074 | 380500 | 89037 | 380500 | 89037 |
| 3 | 0.4410 | 119067 | 36752 | 349580 | 93338 | 174790 | 46669 | 174790 | 46669 |
| 4 | 0.6261 | 77271 | 27508 | 173598 | 57172 | 173598 | 57172 | 173598 | 57172 |
| 5 | 0.6295 | 24209 | 10313 | 54176 | 22176 | 54176 | 22176 | 54176 | 22176 |
| 6 | 0.5126 | 8595 | 4160 | 22425 | 10480 | 22425 | 10480 | 22425 | 10480 |
| 7 | 0.5175 | 8210 | 4316 | 21263 | 10759 | 21263 | 10759 | 21263 | 10759 |
| 8 | 0.4139 | 3189 | 1797 | 9853 | 5521 | 9853 | 5521 | 9853 | 5521 |
| 9 | 0.3319 | 2546 | 1722 | 9447 | 6188 | 9447 | 6188 | 9447 | 6188 |
| 10 | 0.2327 | 1234 | 979 | 6234 | 4808 | 6234 | 4808 | 6234 | 4808 |
| 11 | 0.1986 | 1025 | 844 | 5971 | 4600 | 5971 | 4600 | 5971 | 4600 |
| 12 | 0.1928 | 634 | 538 | 3792 | 3154 | 3792 | 3154 | 3792 | 3154 |
| 13 | 0.1917 | 1039 | 873 | 6250 | 5002 | 6250 | 5002 | 6250 | 5002 |
| 14 | 0.1929 | 447 | 395 | 2674 | 2478 | 2674 | 2478 | 2674 | 2478 |
| 15+ | 0.1929 | 1000 | 973 | 5979 | 6035 | 5979 | 6035 | 5979 | 6035 |
| Total | | 336683 | 115389 | 1933242 | 471908 | 876952 | 274078 | 876952 | 274078 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

| Year: 1999 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.4255 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0076 | 3023 | 726 | 419587 | 52029 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1241 | 50018 | 13805 | 449891 | 105275 | 224946 | 52637 | 224946 | 52637 |
| 3 | 0.4410 | 207159 | 63943 | 608218 | 162394 | 304109 | 81197 | 304109 | 81197 |
| 4 | 0.6261 | 90587 | 32249 | 203514 | 67024 | 203514 | 67024 | 203514 | 67024 |
| 5 | 0.6295 | 37530 | 15988 | 83985 | 34378 | 83985 | 34378 | 83985 | 34378 |
| 6 | 0.5126 | 10012 | 4846 | 26121 | 12207 | 26121 | 12207 | 26121 | 12207 |
| 7 | 0.5175 | 4692 | 2467 | 12153 | 6149 | 12153 | 6149 | 12153 | 6149 |
| 8 | 0.4139 | 3711 | 2092 | 11467 | 6425 | 11467 | 6425 | 11467 | 6425 |
| 9 | 0.3319 | 1588 | 1074 | 5894 | 3860 | 5894 | 3860 | 5894 | 3860 |
| 10 | 0.2327 | 1214 | 964 | 6134 | 4731 | 6134 | 4731 | 6134 | 4731 |
| 11 | 0.1986 | 767 | 632 | 4470 | 3443 | 4470 | 3443 | 4470 | 3443 |
| 12 | 0.1928 | 740 | 629 | 4430 | 3684 | 4430 | 3684 | 4430 | 3684 |
| 13 | 0.1917 | 470 | 395 | 2829 | 2265 | 2829 | 2265 | 2829 | 2265 |
| 14 | 0.1929 | 781 | 689 | 4669 | 4326 | 4669 | 4326 | 4669 | 4326 |
| 15+ | 0.1929 | 1080 | 1051 | 6456 | 6516 | 6456 | 6516 | 6456 | 6516 |
| Total | | 413374 | 141548 | 1849817 | 474707 | 901175 | 288844 | 901175 | 288844 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

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Table 9.23 Continued

Single option prediction: Detailed tables

| Year: 2000 F-factor: 1.0000 Reference F: 0.4255 | | | | | | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Age | Absolute F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1 | 0.0076 | 3023 | 726 | 419587 | 52029 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0.1241 | 41890 | 11562 | 376784 | 88167 | 188392 | 44084 | 188392 | 44084 |
| 3 | 0.4410 | 122469 | 37802 | 359569 | 96005 | 179785 | 48002 | 179785 | 48002 |
| 4 | 0.6261 | 157608 | 56108 | 354084 | 116612 | 354084 | 116612 | 354084 | 116612 |
| 5 | 0.6295 | 43997 | 18743 | 98458 | 40302 | 98458 | 40302 | 98458 | 40302 |
| 6 | 0.5126 | 15521 | 7512 | 40494 | 18924 | 40494 | 18924 | 40494 | 18924 |
| 7 | 0.5175 | 5466 | 2873 | 14156 | 7163 | 14156 | 7163 | 14156 | 7163 |
| 8 | 0.4139 | 2121 | 1196 | 6554 | 3672 | 6554 | 3672 | 6554 | 3672 |
| 9 | 0.3319 | 1849 | 1250 | 6859 | 4493 | 6859 | 4493 | 6859 | 4493 |
| 10 | 0.2327 | 757 | 601 | 3827 | 2952 | 3827 | 2952 | 3827 | 2952 |
| 11 | 0.1986 | 755 | 622 | 4398 | 3388 | 4398 | 3388 | 4398 | 3388 |
| 12 | 0.1928 | 554 | 471 | 3316 | 2758 | 3316 | 2758 | 3316 | 2758 |
| 13 | 0.1917 | 550 | 462 | 3305 | 2645 | 3305 | 2645 | 3305 | 2645 |
| 14 | 0.1929 | 353 | 312 | 2114 | 1959 | 2114 | 1959 | 2114 | 1959 |
| 15+ | 0.1929 | 1388 | 1351 | 8300 | 8378 | 8300 | 8378 | 8300 | 8378 |
| Total | | 398302 | 141590 | 1701803 | 449445 | 914040 | 305330 | 914040 | 305330 |
| Unit | - | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes | Thousands | Tonnes |

Notes: Run name : SPRLJB02
 Date and time : 12OCT98:16:11
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 2 - 10
 Prediction basis : F factors

Table 9.24 North Sea plaice (IV)
Stock numbers of recruits and their source for recent year classes used in predictions, and the relative (%) contributions to landings and SSB (by weight) of these year classes

| Year-class | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Stock No. (thousands) of 1 year-olds | 388441 | 466725 | 842000 | 501000 | 420000 |
| Source | VPA | VPA | RCT3 | RCT3 | GM |
| Status Quo F: | | | | | |
| % in 1998 landings | 23.8 | 31.9 | 20.2 | 0.8 | - |
| % in 1999 landings | 11.3 | 22.8 | 45.2 | 9.8 | 0.5 |
| % in 1998 SSB | 20.9 | 17.0 | 32.5 | 0.0 | - |
| % in 1999 SSB | 11.9 | 23.2 | 28.1 | 18.2 | 0.0 |
| % in 2000 SSB | 6.2 | 13.2 | 38.2 | 15.7 | 14.4 |

GM : geometric mean recruitment

North Sea plaice (IV) : Year-class % contribution to

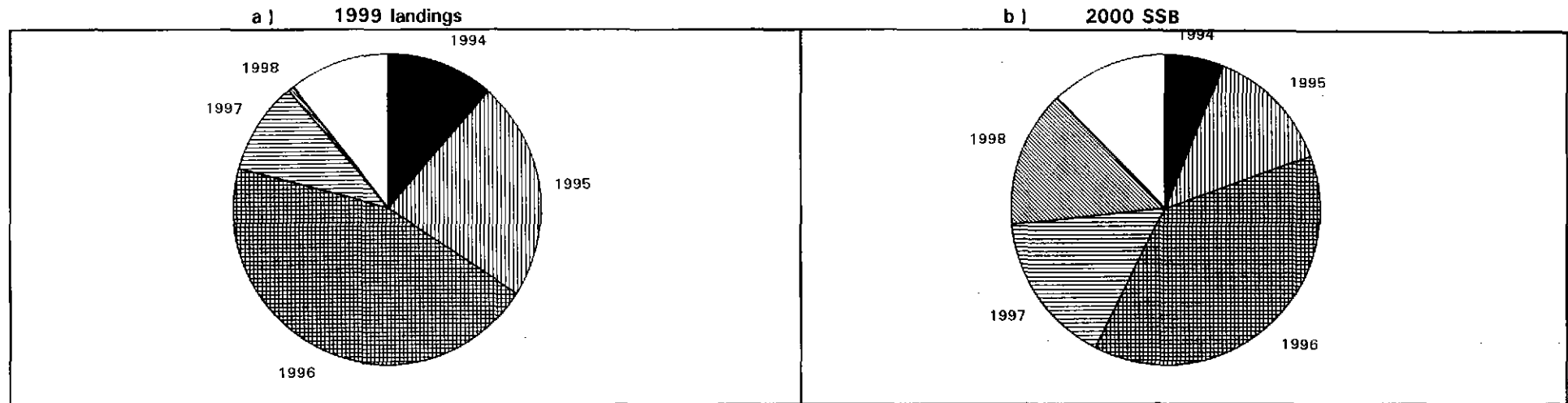


Table 9.25 North Sea plaice: short term prediction with management option table, using F status quo for 1998.

Prediction with management option table

| Year: 1998 | | | | | Year: 1999 | | | | | Year: 2000 | |
|------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| F Factor | Reference F | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass | Catch in weight | F Factor | Reference F | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass | Catch in weight | Stock biomass | Sp.stock biomass |
| 1.0000 | 0.4255 | 471908 | 274078 | 115389 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 474707 | 288844 | 0 | 594105 | 443311 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.1000 | 0.0425 | . | 288844 | 17263 | 576353 | 426263 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.2000 | 0.0851 | . | 288844 | 33738 | 559436 | 410041 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.3000 | 0.1276 | . | 288844 | 49466 | 543309 | 394603 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.4000 | 0.1702 | . | 288844 | 64484 | 527934 | 379907 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.5000 | 0.2127 | . | 288844 | 78827 | 513272 | 365916 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.6000 | 0.2553 | . | 288844 | 92530 | 499286 | 352593 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.7000 | 0.2978 | . | 288844 | 105624 | 485941 | 339905 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.8000 | 0.3404 | . | 288844 | 118139 | 473207 | 327819 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 0.9000 | 0.3829 | . | 288844 | 130105 | 461051 | 316303 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.0000 | 0.4255 | . | 288844 | 141548 | 449445 | 305330 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.1000 | 0.4680 | . | 288844 | 152495 | 438361 | 294872 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.2000 | 0.5106 | . | 288844 | 162969 | 427773 | 284902 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.3000 | 0.5531 | . | 288844 | 172994 | 417657 | 275396 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.4000 | 0.5957 | . | 288844 | 182592 | 407987 | 266331 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.5000 | 0.6382 | . | 288844 | 191784 | 398744 | 257684 |
| . | . | . | . | . | 1.6000 | 0.6808 | . | 288844 | 200589 | 389904 | 249434 |
| - | - | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | - | - | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes | Tonnes |

Notes: Run name : MANLJB02
 Date and time : 12OCT98:16:14
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 2 - 10
 Basis for 1998 : F factors

Table 9.26 : North Sea plaice: input data for linear sensitivity analysis of short term projection

| Populations in 1998 | | | Stock weights | | | Nat.Mortality | | | Prop.mature | | |
|---------------------|--------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| N1 | 501000 | .21 | WS1 | .15 | .10 | M1 | .10 | .10 | MT1 | .00 | .10 |
| N2 | 761000 | .14 | WS2 | .22 | .13 | M2 | .10 | .10 | MT2 | .50 | .10 |
| N3 | 350734 | .18 | WS3 | .27 | .12 | M3 | .10 | .10 | MT3 | .50 | .10 |
| N4 | 173700 | .11 | WS4 | .32 | .13 | M4 | .10 | .10 | MT4 | 1.00 | .10 |
| N5 | 54330 | .11 | WS5 | .41 | .13 | M5 | .10 | .10 | MT5 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N6 | 22441 | .11 | WS6 | .49 | .12 | M6 | .10 | .10 | MT6 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N7 | 21274 | .11 | WS7 | .57 | .11 | M7 | .10 | .10 | MT7 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N8 | 9858 | .10 | WS8 | .64 | .12 | M8 | .10 | .10 | MT8 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N9 | 9444 | .10 | WS9 | .72 | .10 | M9 | .10 | .10 | MT9 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N10 | 6236 | .10 | WS10 | .81 | .16 | M10 | .10 | .10 | MT10 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N11 | 5970 | .10 | WS11 | .88 | .11 | M11 | .10 | .10 | MT11 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N12 | 3793 | .11 | WS12 | .95 | .14 | M12 | .10 | .10 | MT12 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N13 | 6250 | .10 | WS13 | 1.01 | .14 | M13 | .10 | .10 | MT13 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N14 | 2672 | .11 | WS14 | 1.06 | .21 | M14 | .10 | .10 | MT14 | 1.00 | .00 |
| N15 | 5979 | .11 | WS15 | 1.18 | .16 | M15 | .10 | .10 | MT15 | 1.00 | .00 |

| HC selectivity | | | HC.catch wt | | |
|----------------|-------|------|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| sH1 | .01 | 1.31 | WH1 | .19 | .58 |
| sH2 | .12 | .32 | WH2 | .27 | .12 |
| sH3 | .44 | .24 | WH3 | .31 | .11 |
| sH4 | .63 | .07 | WH4 | .36 | .11 |
| sH5 | .63 | .08 | WH5 | .43 | .12 |
| sH6 | .51 | .08 | WH6 | .51 | .11 |
| sH7 | .52 | .09 | WH7 | .59 | .08 |
| sH8 | .41 | .19 | WH8 | .67 | .08 |
| sH9 | .33 | .11 | WH9 | .74 | .07 |
| sH10 | .23 | .33 | WH10 | .82 | .09 |
| sH11 | .20 | .16 | WH11 | .89 | .08 |
| sH12 | .19 | .17 | WH12 | .95 | .09 |
| sH13 | .19 | .22 | WH13 | 1.01 | .11 |
| sH14 | .19 | .20 | WH14 | 1.05 | .14 |
| sH15 | .19 | .20 | WH15 | 1.16 | .13 |

| Year effect M | | | HC relative eff | | |
|---------------|-------|-----|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV | Labl | Value | CV |
| K98 | 1.00 | .10 | HF98 | 1.00 | .02 |
| K99 | 1.00 | .10 | HF99 | 1.00 | .02 |
| K** | 1.00 | .10 | HF** | 1.00 | .02 |

| Recruitment | | |
|-------------|--------|-----|
| Labl | Value | CV |
| R99 | 538000 | .31 |
| R** | 424037 | .40 |

Proportion F before spawning= .00
 Proportion M before spawning= .00
 Stock numbers in 1998 are VPA survivors.
 These are overwritten at Age 1 Age 2

Table 9.27 North Sea plaice: Input data to the yield per recruit analysis.

Yield per recruit: Input data

| Age | Recruit- ment | Natural mortality | Maturity ogive | Prop.of F bef.spaw. | Prop.of M bef.spaw. | Weight in stock | Exploit. pattern | Weight in catch |
|------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 1.000 | 0.1000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.124 | 0.0076 | 0.240 |
| 2 | . | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.234 | 0.1241 | 0.276 |
| 3 | . | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.267 | 0.4410 | 0.309 |
| 4 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.329 | 0.6261 | 0.356 |
| 5 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.409 | 0.6295 | 0.426 |
| 6 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.467 | 0.5126 | 0.484 |
| 7 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.506 | 0.5175 | 0.526 |
| 8 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.560 | 0.4139 | 0.564 |
| 9 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.655 | 0.3319 | 0.676 |
| 10 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.771 | 0.2327 | 0.794 |
| 11 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.770 | 0.1986 | 0.823 |
| 12 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.832 | 0.1928 | 0.849 |
| 13 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.800 | 0.1917 | 0.840 |
| 14 | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.927 | 0.1929 | 0.883 |
| 15+ | . | 0.1000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 1.009 | 0.1929 | 0.973 |
| Unit | Numbers | - | - | - | - | Kilograms | - | Kilograms |

Notes: Run name : YLDLJB02
Date and time: 12OCT98:16:58

Table 9.28 North Sea plaice: Yield per recruit analysis.

Plaice in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV)

Yield per recruit: Summary table

| F Factor | Reference F | Catch in numbers | Catch in weight | Stock size | Stock biomass | 1 January | | Spawning time | |
|----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass | Sp.stock size | Sp.stock biomass |
| 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 10.508 | 6189.347 | 8.647 | 5850.180 | 8.647 | 5850.180 |
| 0.1000 | 0.0425 | 0.236 | 122.469 | 8.154 | 4214.628 | 6.298 | 3876.972 | 6.298 | 3876.972 |
| 0.2000 | 0.0851 | 0.383 | 185.654 | 6.684 | 3042.296 | 4.833 | 2706.132 | 4.833 | 2706.132 |
| 0.3000 | 0.1276 | 0.480 | 218.983 | 5.717 | 2312.500 | 3.872 | 1977.809 | 3.872 | 1977.809 |
| 0.4000 | 0.1702 | 0.547 | 236.664 | 5.053 | 1839.944 | 3.214 | 1506.707 | 3.214 | 1506.707 |
| 0.5000 | 0.2127 | 0.594 | 245.922 | 4.582 | 1523.194 | 2.748 | 1191.395 | 2.748 | 1191.395 |
| 0.6000 | 0.2553 | 0.629 | 250.572 | 4.235 | 1304.080 | 2.406 | 973.699 | 2.406 | 973.699 |
| 0.7000 | 0.2978 | 0.656 | 252.679 | 3.972 | 1147.974 | 2.149 | 818.995 | 2.149 | 818.995 |
| 0.8000 | 0.3404 | 0.677 | 253.387 | 3.768 | 1033.621 | 1.950 | 706.026 | 1.950 | 706.026 |
| 0.9000 | 0.3829 | 0.693 | 253.337 | 3.606 | 947.617 | 1.793 | 621.389 | 1.793 | 621.389 |
| 1.0000 | 0.4255 | 0.707 | 252.889 | 3.474 | 881.311 | 1.666 | 556.433 | 1.666 | 556.433 |
| 1.1000 | 0.4680 | 0.718 | 252.249 | 3.364 | 828.994 | 1.561 | 505.450 | 1.561 | 505.450 |
| 1.2000 | 0.5106 | 0.728 | 251.532 | 3.271 | 786.825 | 1.473 | 464.597 | 1.473 | 464.597 |
| 1.3000 | 0.5531 | 0.736 | 250.801 | 3.192 | 752.166 | 1.399 | 431.240 | 1.399 | 431.240 |
| 1.4000 | 0.5957 | 0.743 | 250.093 | 3.123 | 723.176 | 1.335 | 403.534 | 1.335 | 403.534 |
| 1.5000 | 0.6382 | 0.749 | 249.423 | 3.062 | 698.544 | 1.279 | 380.170 | 1.279 | 380.170 |
| 1.6000 | 0.6808 | 0.755 | 248.800 | 3.009 | 677.320 | 1.230 | 360.200 | 1.230 | 360.200 |
| 1.7000 | 0.7233 | 0.760 | 248.225 | 2.960 | 658.808 | 1.186 | 342.926 | 1.186 | 342.926 |
| 1.8000 | 0.7659 | 0.765 | 247.698 | 2.917 | 642.485 | 1.147 | 327.825 | 1.147 | 327.825 |
| 1.9000 | 0.8084 | 0.769 | 247.216 | 2.877 | 627.954 | 1.112 | 314.502 | 1.112 | 314.502 |
| 2.0000 | 0.8510 | 0.773 | 246.776 | 2.841 | 614.909 | 1.081 | 302.650 | 1.081 | 302.650 |
| - | - | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams | Numbers | Grams |

Notes: Run name : YLDLJ802
 Date and time : 12OCT98:16:58
 Computation of ref. F: Simple mean, age 2 - 10
 F-0.1 factor : 0.3545
 F-max factor : 0.8383
 F-0.1 reference F : 0.1508
 F-max reference F : 0.3567
 Recruitment : Single recruit

Table 9.29: North Sea plaice: Input to the PA-software program for estimating reference points

For estimation of Gloss and Floss:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0.5 was used.

Stock recruit data were log-transformed

A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

For estimation of the stock recruitment relationship used in equilibrium calculations:

A LOWESS smoother with a span of 1 was used.

Stock recruit data were un-transformed

No point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

North Sea Plaice

Steady state selection averaged over 0 years.

FBar averaged from age 2 to 10

Number of iterations = 1000

Data source:

D:\North Sea Demersal WG 98\PA\FlatFish\Plaice IV\PLEIV.SEN

D:\North Sea Demersal WG 98\PA\FlatFish\Plaice IV\pleiv.sum

FishLab DLL used

FLVB32.DLL built on Aug 18 1998 at 08:57:43

Table 9.30 North Sea plaice : precautionary reference points

BIOMASS

WGNSSK

B_{loss} (lowest observed SSB) = 210,000 t
 B_{lim} = 210,000 t
 B_{pa} = 300,000 t
 MBAL = 300,000 t

SGPAFM

B_{lim} = 220,000 t Lowest observed SSB
 B_{pa} = 300,000 t Calculated from B_{lim} using c.v. = 0.2

Special comments regarding SSB
 NONE

FISHING MORTALITY

Status quo F_{bar} (2-10) = 0.43 (Average 95-97)

| | Estimate | Probability SSB < B_{pa} in 2007 | % of historical F above precaution ary F | Long-term SSB (t) at GM rec | F mult |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 1142100 | 0.24 |
| $F_{35\%SPR}$ 5th %ile | 0.10 | 0% | 100% | 1133941 | 0.24 |
| $F_{0.1}$ 5th %ile | 0.11 | 0% | 100% | 1023320 | 0.27 |
| $F_{35\%SPR}$ | 0.12 | 0% | 100% | 996459 | 0.28 |
| $F_{0.1}$ | 0.14 | 0% | 100% | 853090 | 0.33 |
| | 0.20 | 0% | 100% | 584903 | 0.47 |
| F_{med} 5th %ile | 0.24 | 0% | 92% | 467323 | 0.57 |
| F_{max} 5th %ile | 0.22 | 0% | 97% | 519639 | 0.52 |
| F_{max} | 0.29 | 0% | 74% | 382443 | 0.68 |
| F_{med} | 0.30 | 9% | 74% | 368005 | 0.70 |
| | 0.30 | 10% | 74% | 363220 | 0.71 |
| F_{loss} x 5th %ile | 0.36 | 49% | 53% | 290254 | 0.85 |
| | 0.40 | 70% | 32% | 259990 | 0.94 |
| F_{loss} x $\exp(-1.645 \cdot SE)$ | 0.44 | 84% | 5% | 236335 | 1.03 |
| | 0.50 | 95% | 0% | 204564 | 1.18 |
| | 0.60 | 99% | 0% | 171782 | 1.41 |
| F_{loss}^{**} | 0.61 | 99% | 0% | 170174 | 1.43 |
| | 0.70 | 100% | 0% | 149966 | 1.65 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| SGPAFM F_{lim} | 0.63 | | 0% | 164348 | 1.4812 |
| SGPAFM F_{pa} | 0.40 | | 32% | 259990 | 0.9404 |

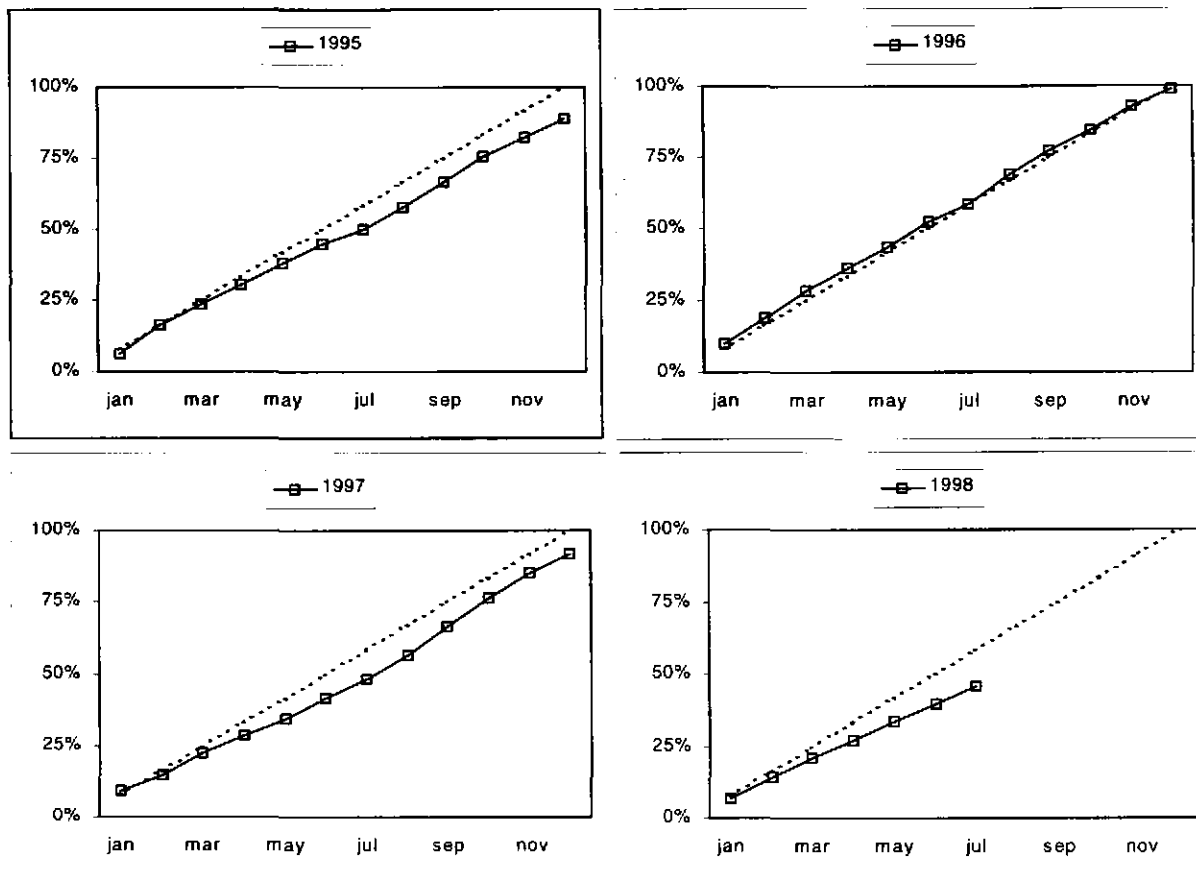
F range from the historic series 0.22 to 0.45
 SSB range from the historical series 210000 to 493200

** A LOWESS smoother with a span of 0,5 was used.
 Recruit data were log-transformed
 A point representing the origin was included in the stock recruit data.

A Butterworth-Berg stock recruitment model was used in the prediction with median recruitment above Bloss and linear downward between Bloss and the origin.
 GM recruitment 433 million
 Lowest observed biomass 210 thousand tonnes

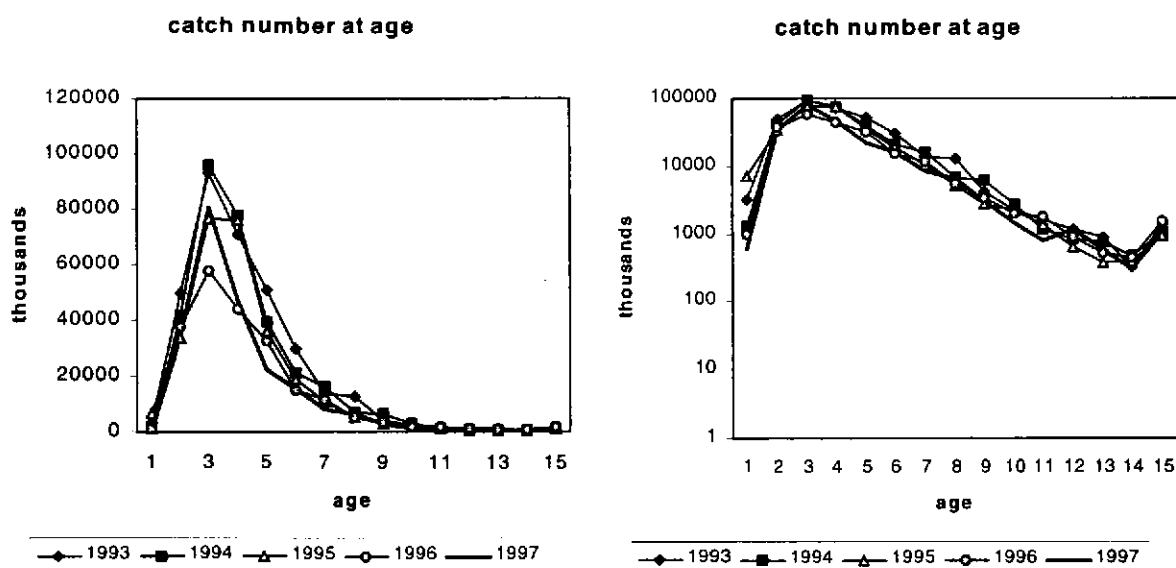
Special comments regarding F
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Figure 9.1 Total International Quota uptake of North Sea plaice



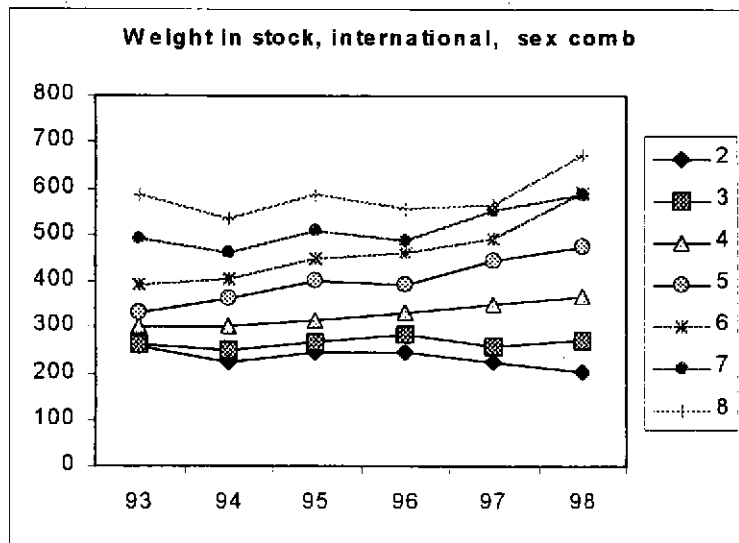
Cumulative percentage of total international TAC (EU only) of North Sea plaice taken by the international (EU) fleet. In 1997 the TAC was increased in the middle of the year which may have caused the divergence with the straight line. Source: European Commission, Catch Reporting System CRF 712, 26/09/98

Figure 9.2 Age composition of North Sea plaice landings.



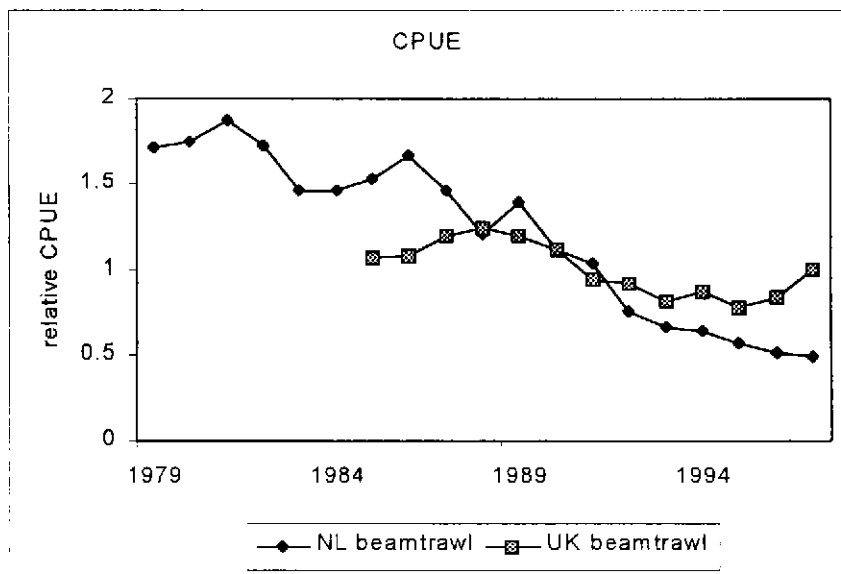
Catchnumbers at age (left) and Log catch numbers at age (right) of North Sea plaice (thousands). Source: Table 9.3.

Figure 9.3 Stock weights at age of North Sea plaice



Stock weights at age (first quarter weights) for the total landings. 1998 weights are preliminary and only based on English and Dutch sampling. Source: RIVO-DLO, IJmuiden, October 1998

Figure 9.4 North Sea plaice: trends in CPUE



CPUE was calculated at tonnes landed by HP day (NL beamtrawl), tonnes landed by fishing hour (UK beamtrawl). Relative CPUE was calculated by standardizing over the period 1985-1997. Source: table 9.11.

Figure 9.5 North Sea plaice residuals of log catch ratio's from a separable VPA

Residuals of log catch ratio's from the catch matrix against the separably generated log catch ratio's. Fishing mortality at reference age 4 was set at 0.5, selection at the final age at 0.6. The separable period was 6 year. No clear trend is observable in the residuals. Residuals of age 0 to 1 are highly variable.

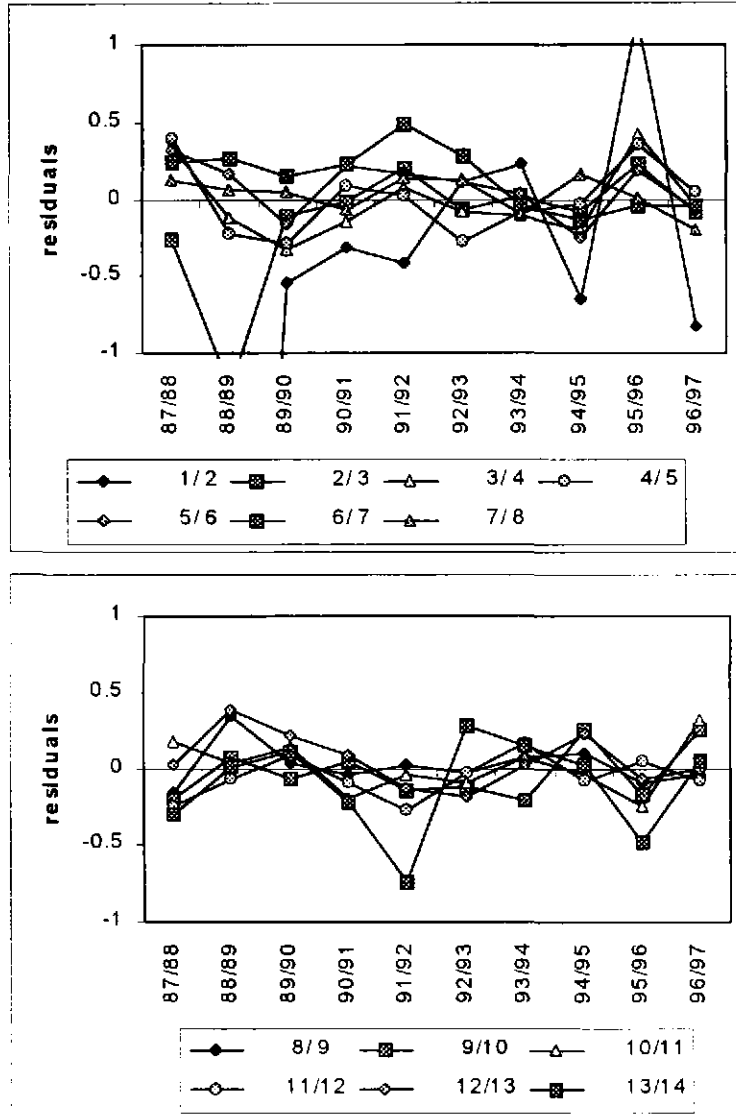


Figure 9.6 North Sea plaice: Laurec-Shepherd log catchability residuals of fleets separately

Log catchability residuals in Laurec Shepherd runs with each fleet separately (4 runs were used to generate the graphs).

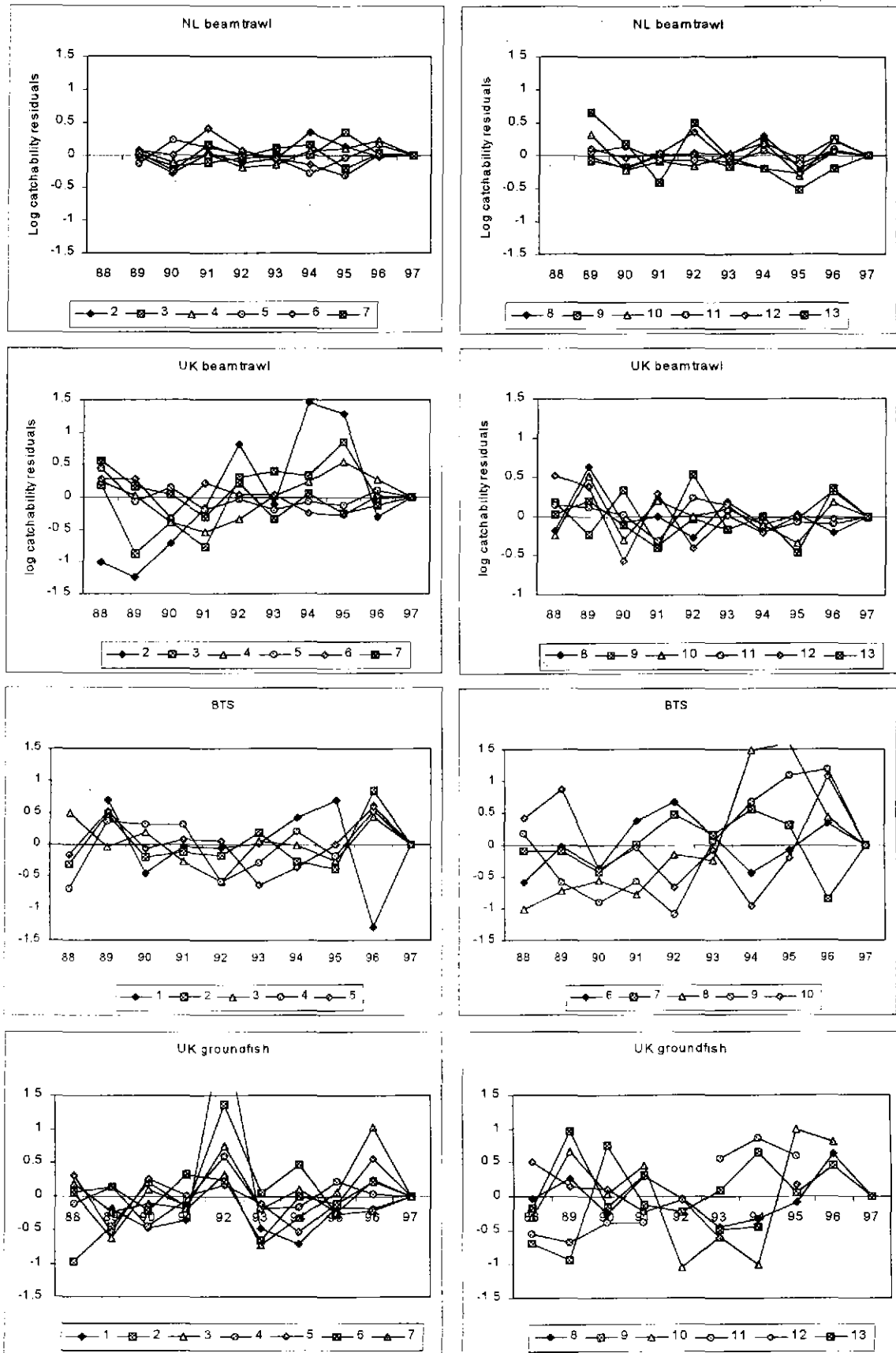


Figure 9.7 North Sea plaice: NL commercial beamtrawl. Log CPUE versus Log VPA.

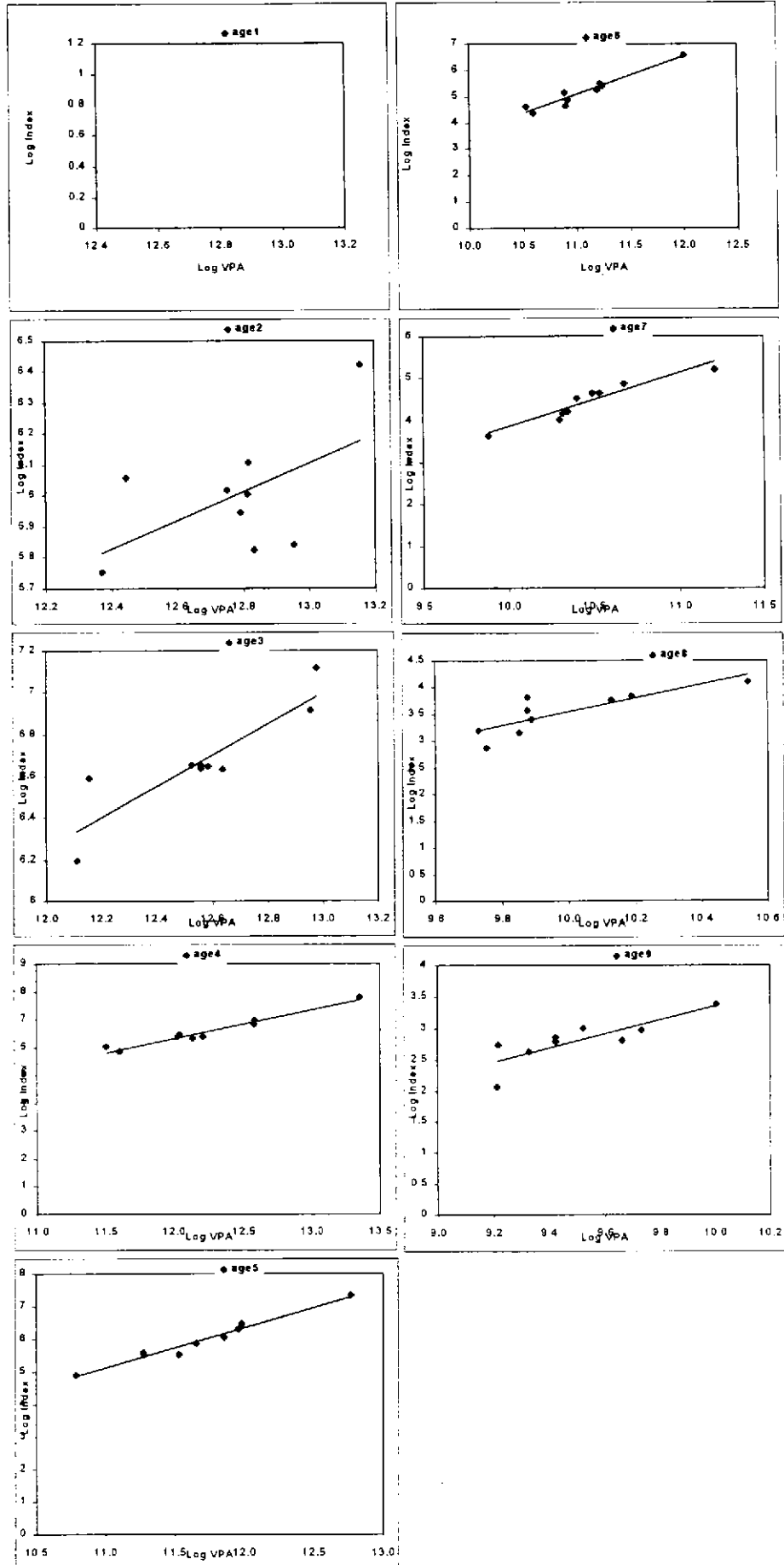


Figure 9.7 continued: UK commercial beamtrawl

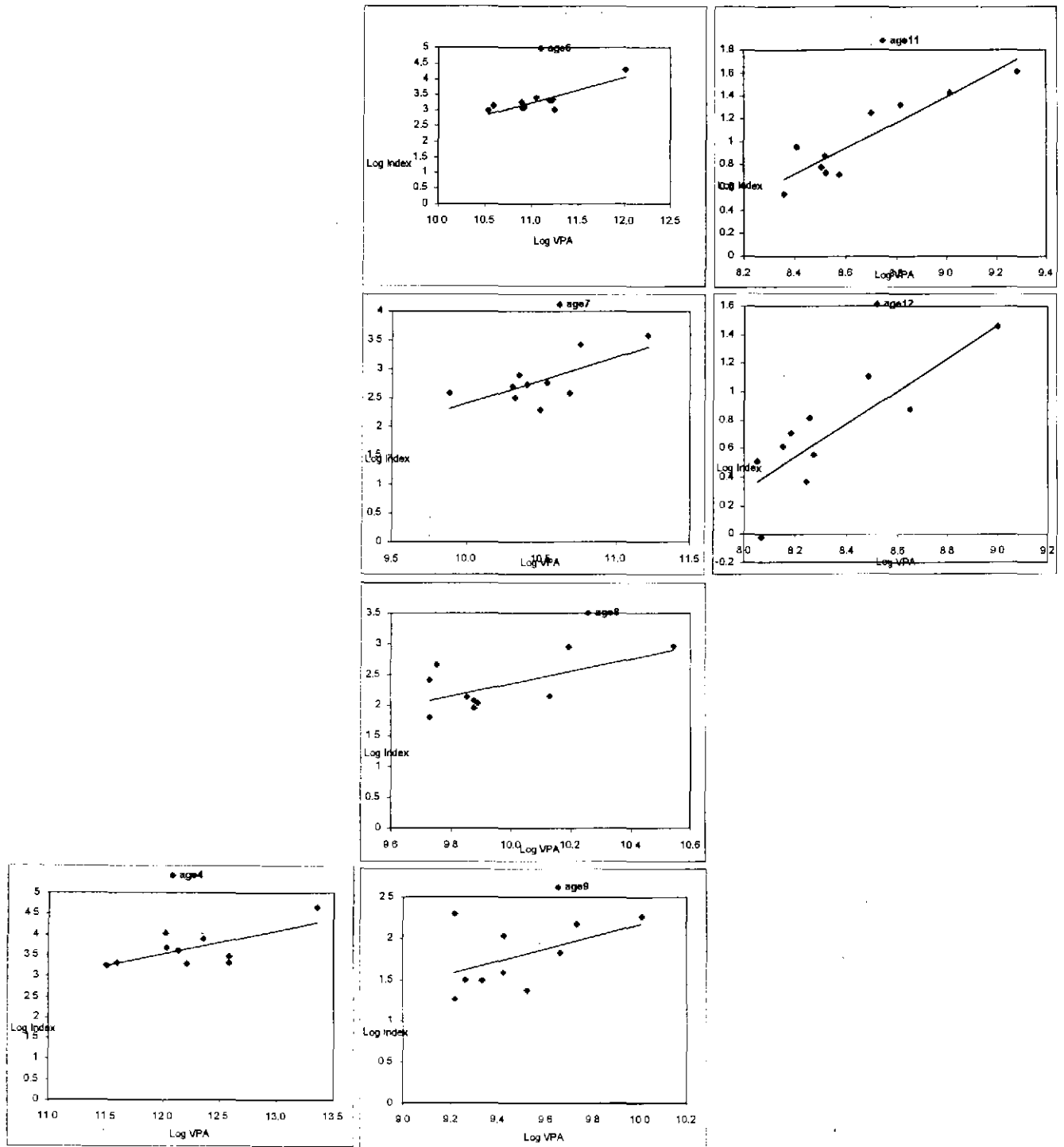


Figure 9.7 continued : BTS survey

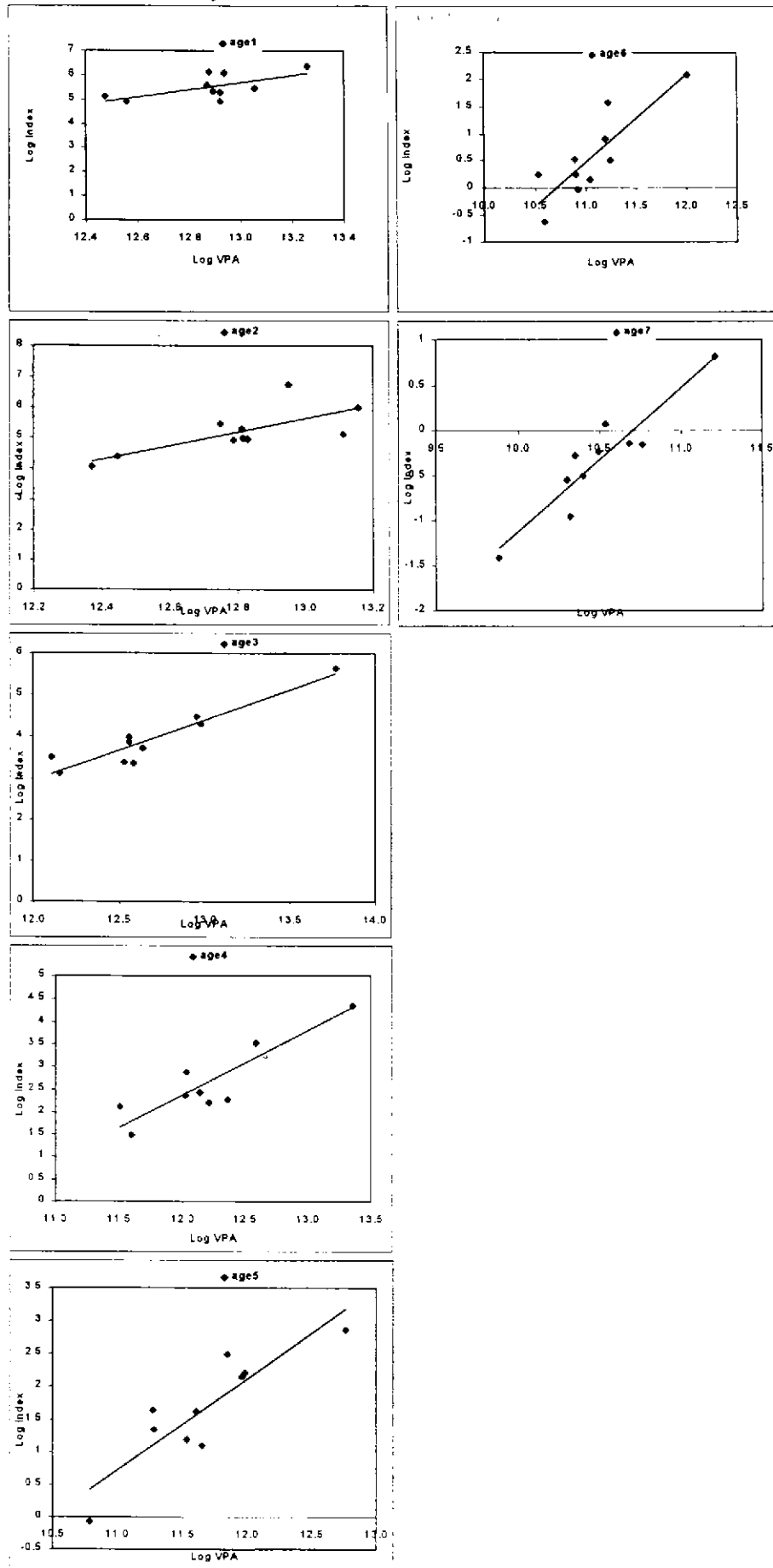


Figure 9.7 continued: SNS survey

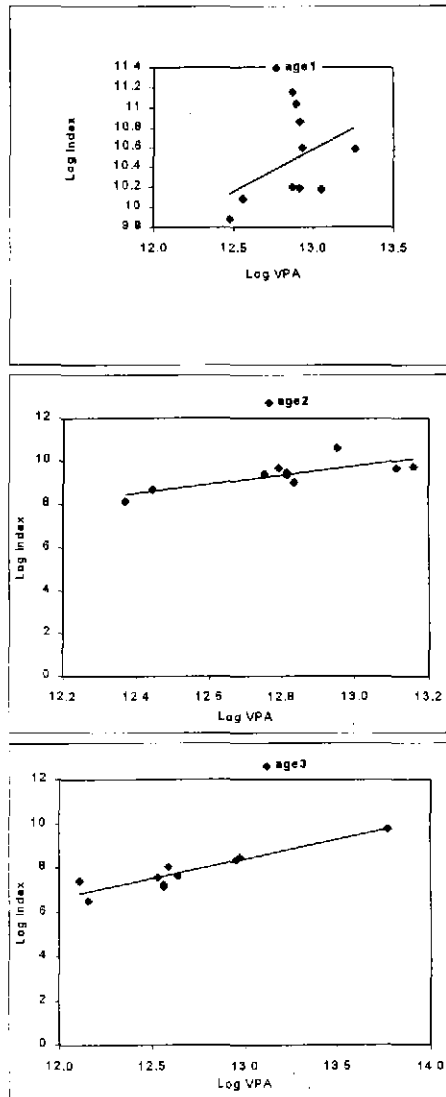


Figure 9.8 North Sea plaice: final assessment. Residuals around the model fit.

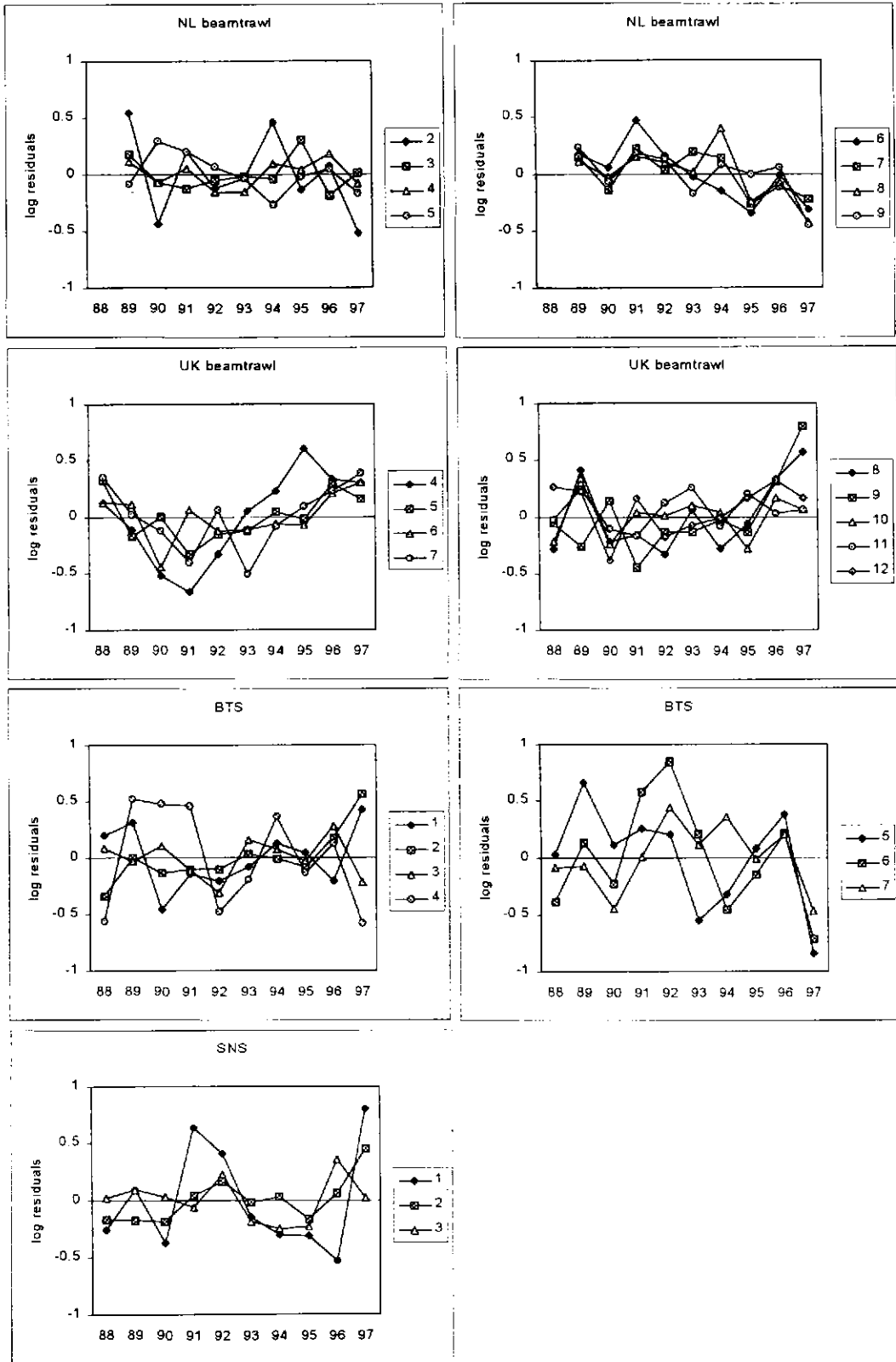


Figure 9.9 Contribution of tuning categories in the final assessment for North Sea plaice

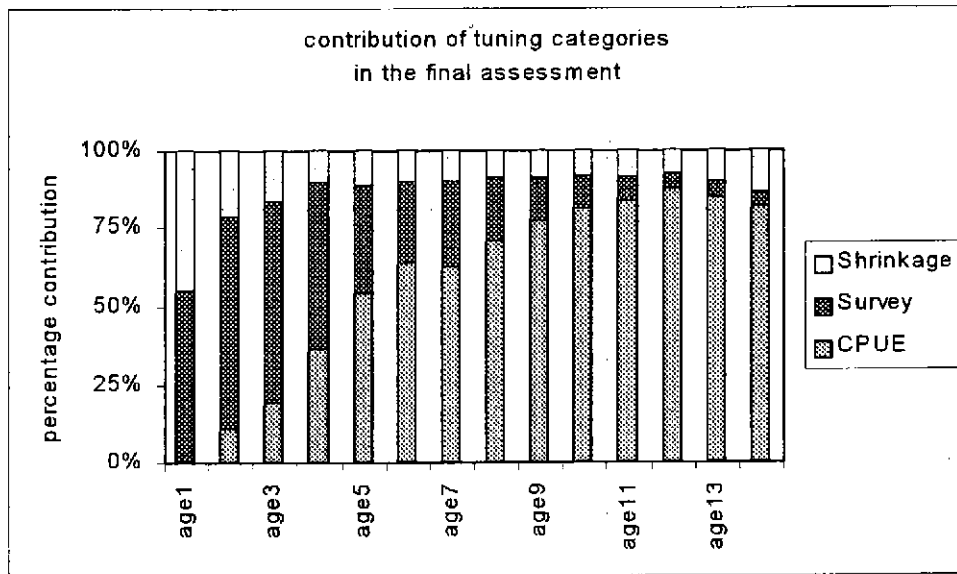
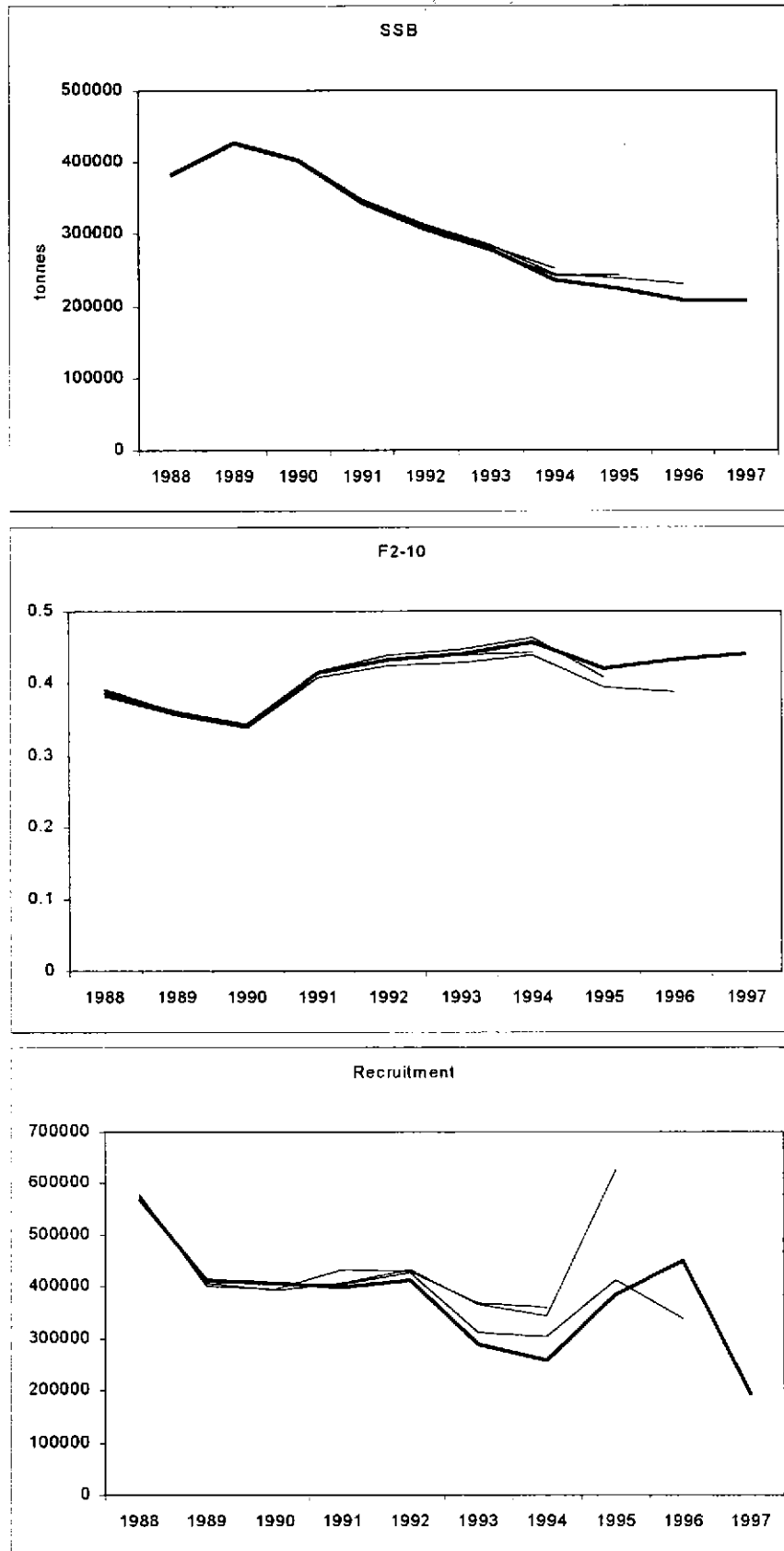


Figure 9.10 Retrospective analysis for North Sea plaice



A 6 year tuning window was used that was shifted backward over time for 4 subsequent years.

Figure 9.11 North Sea plaice: comparison of RCT3 and XSA estimates of recruitment at age 1

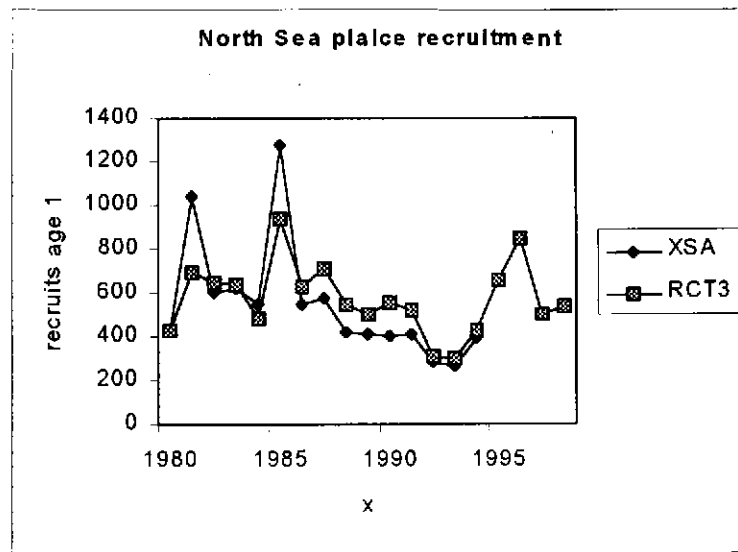


Figure 9.12 Summary of North Sea plaice landings, recruitment, fishing mortality and SSB.

Plaice in the North Sea (Fishing Area IV) 12 – 10 – 1998

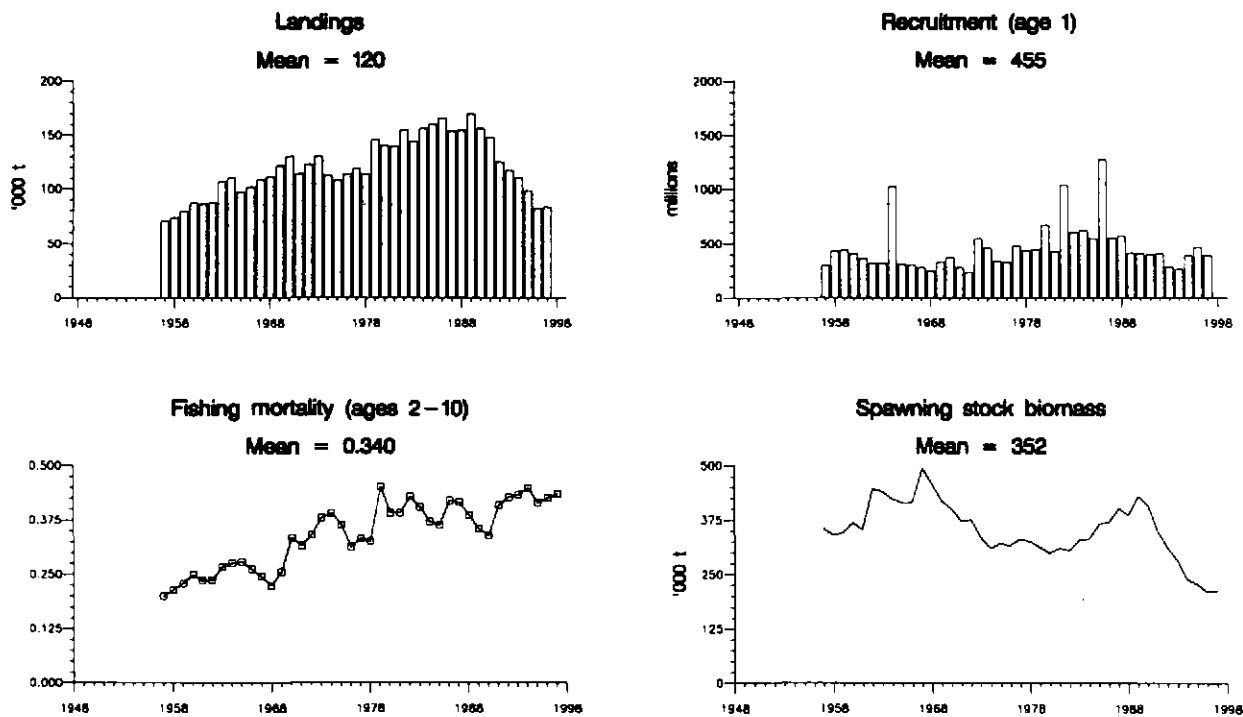


Figure 9.13 North Sea plaice: Sensitivity analysis of the short term forecast.

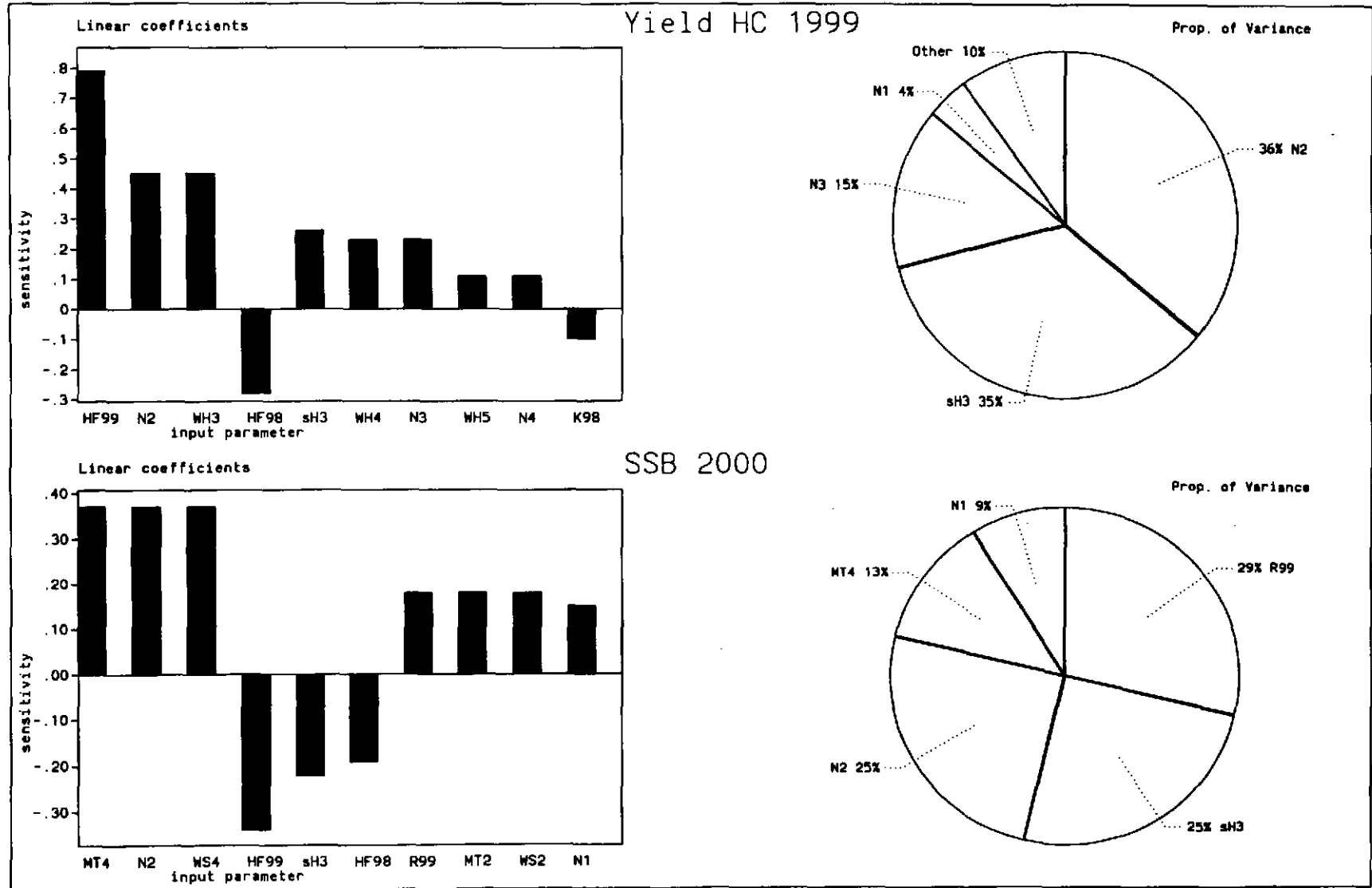


Figure 9.14 North Sea plaice: probability profiles for the short term forecasts.

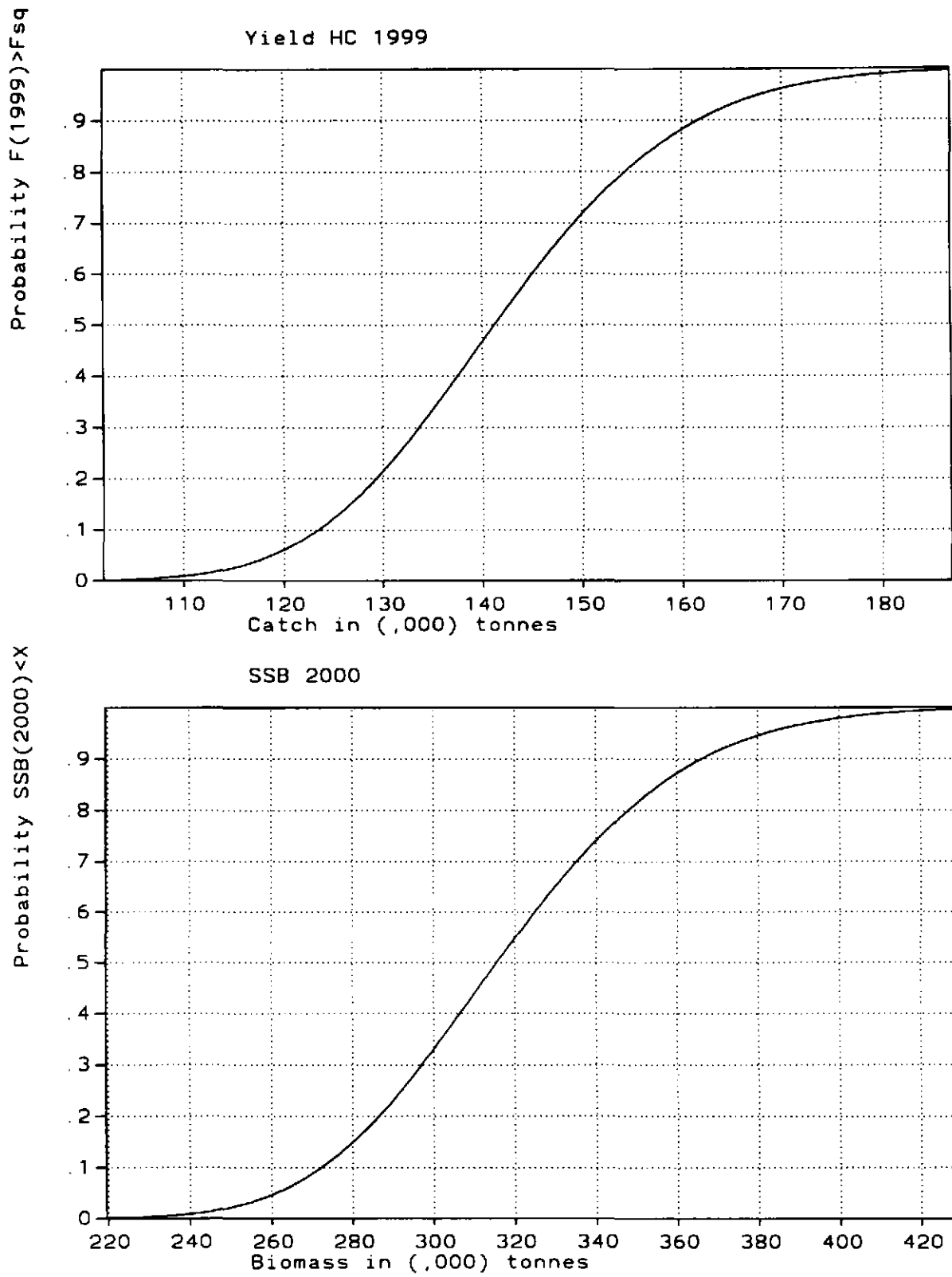
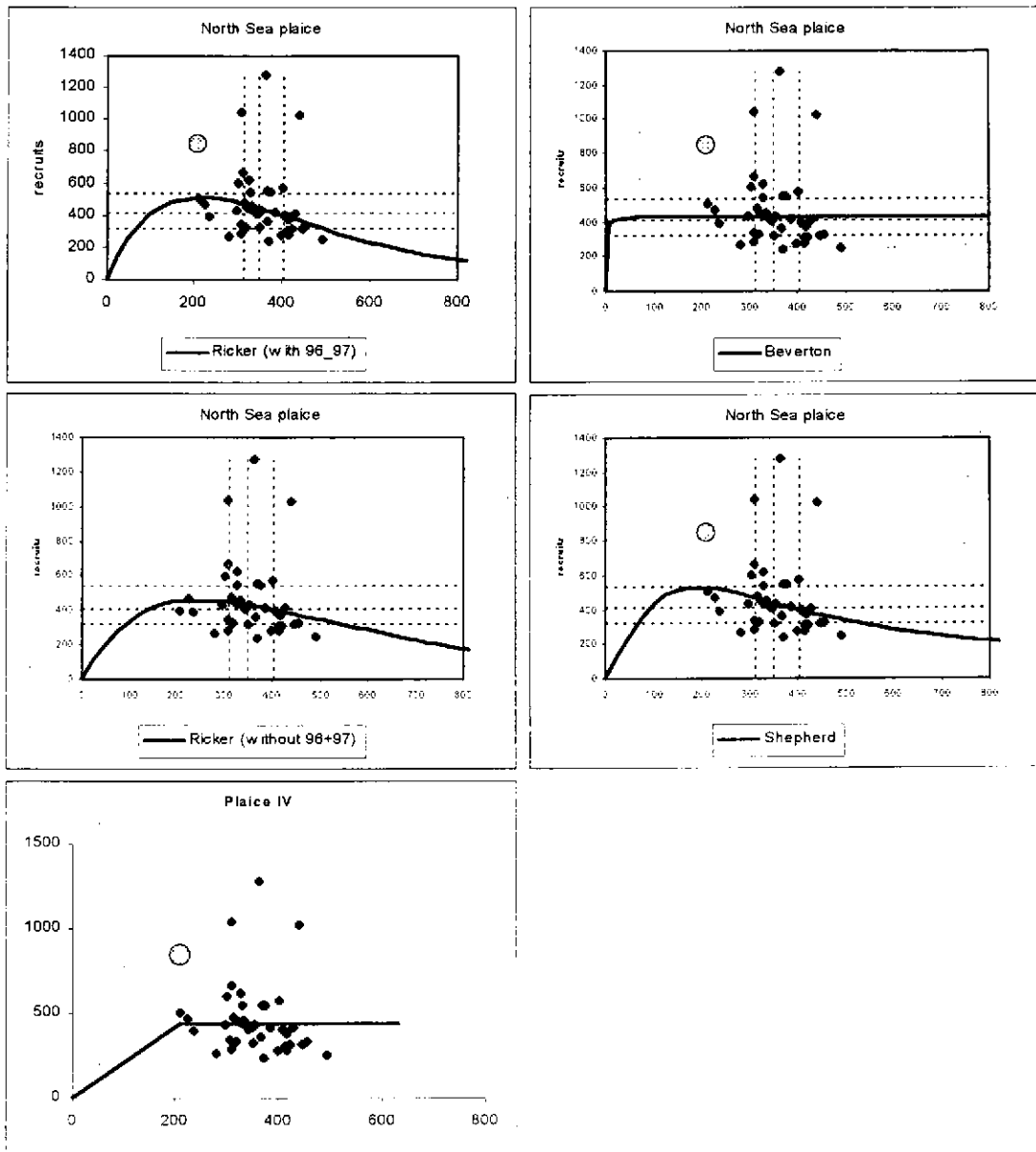
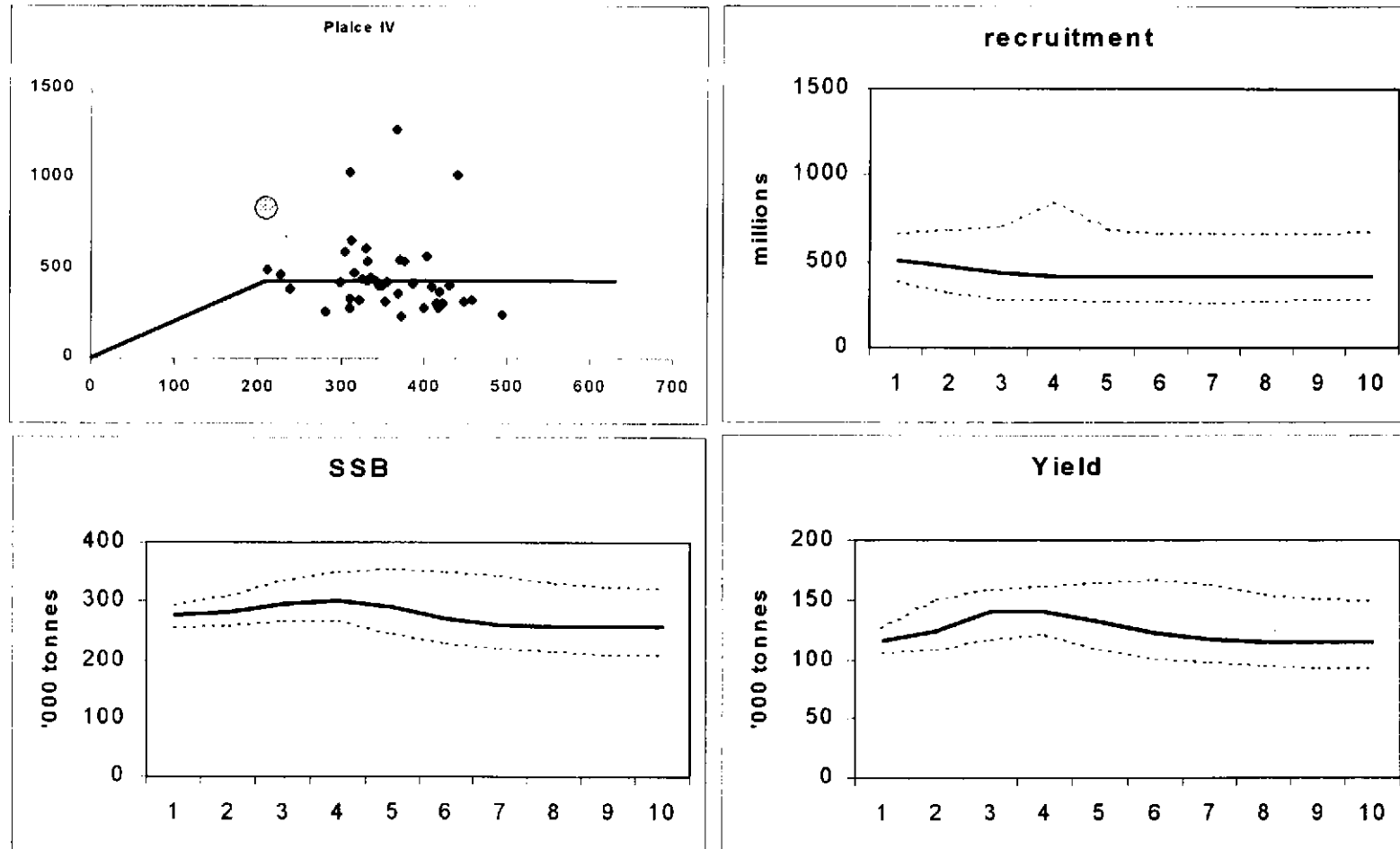


Figure 9.15 North Sea plaice: stock recruitment plots



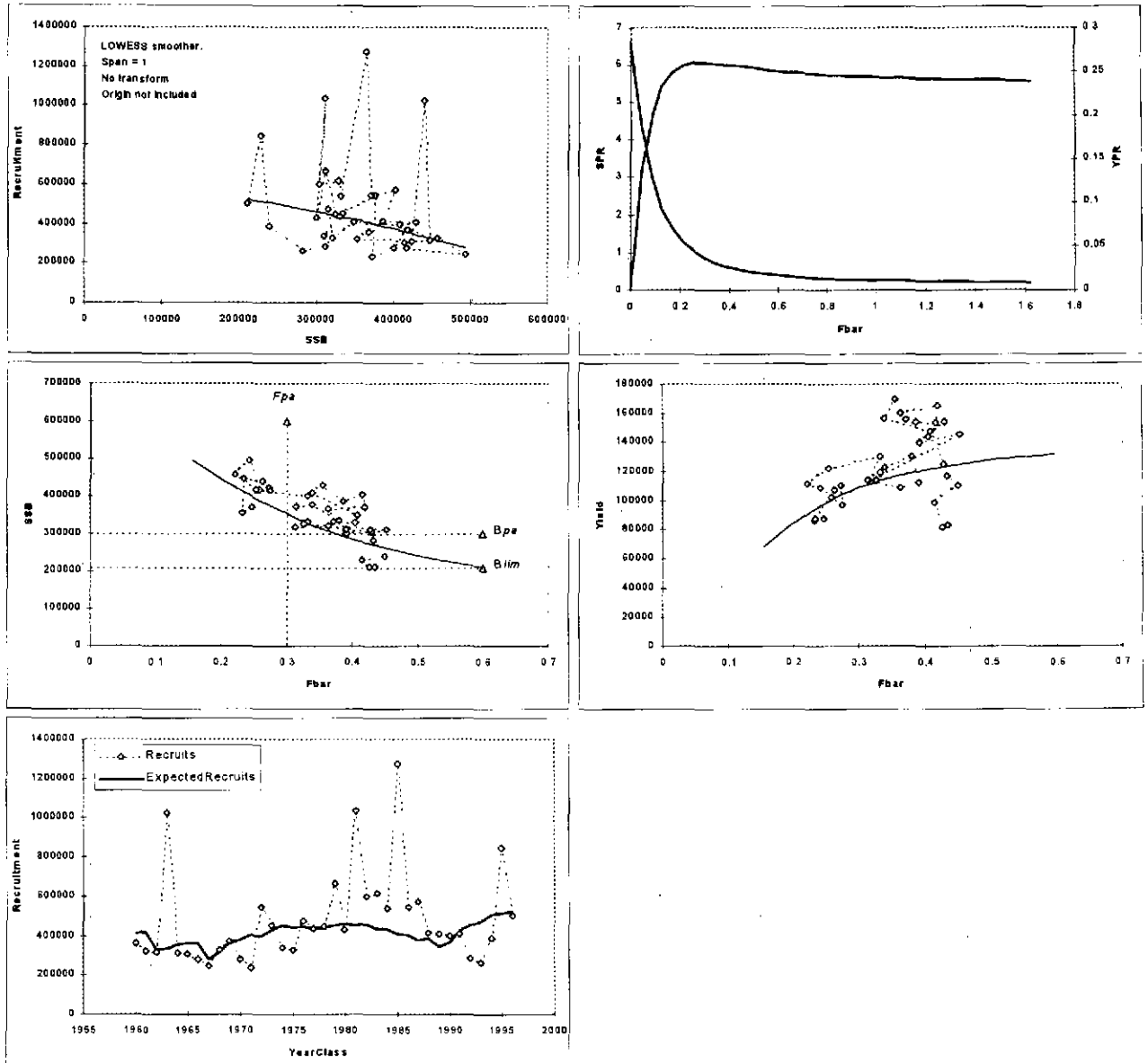
Top left: Ricker (including 1996 yearclass), top right: Beverton. Middle left: Ricker (without 1996 yearclass), middle right: Shepherd. Bottom left: Butterworth-Berg.

Figure 9.16 North Sea plaice: results of medium term analysis using *status quo* fishing mortality



Medium term projections. 500 runs. Top left: stock recruitment relationship. Top right: recruitment. Bottom left: SSB and bottom right: Yield. Shown are the median (thick line) and the 10 and 90 percentile of the distribution.

Figure 9.17 North Sea plaice: summary of state of the stock



Top left: stock recruitment plot with a LOWESS smoother as a possible stock recruitment relationship.

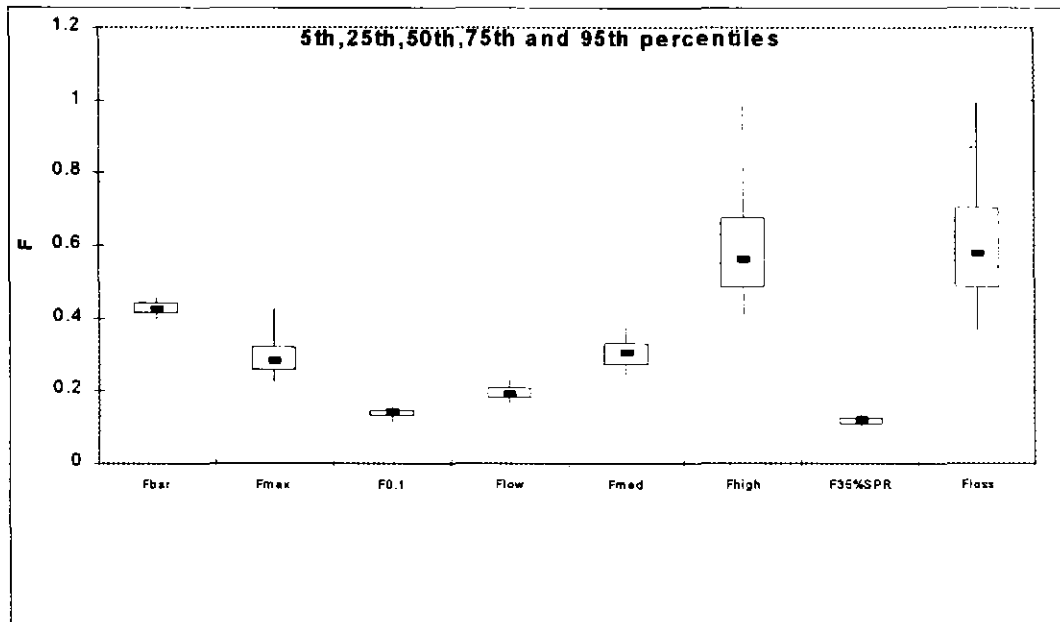
Top right: plot of YPR and SPR curves

Middle left: plot of historical SSB against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on a LOWESS smoother.

Middle right: plot of historical yield against Fbar with an equilibrium curve based on a LOWESS smoother

Bottom left: plot of the time series of stock and recruitment with expected recruits based on a LOWESS smoother.

Figure 9.18 North Sea plaice: biological reference points and their probability distribution.



| Reference point | Deterministic | Median | 95th perc. | 80th perc. |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|------------|------------|
| MedianRecruits | 408500 | 408500 | 449500 | 428000 |
| MBAL | 0 | | | |
| Bloss | 210500 | | | |
| SSB90%R90%Surv | 313219 | 310145 | 395298 | 340060 |
| SPR%ofVirgin | 8.53 | 8.49 | 11.09 | 9.91 |
| VirginSPR | 6.60 | 6.59 | 9.35 | 7.76 |
| SPRloss | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.66 | 0.49 |
| | Deterministic | Median | 5th perc. | 20th perc. |
| FBar | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.39 | 0.41 |
| Fmax | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.22 | 0.25 |
| F0.1 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.11 | 0.13 |
| Flow | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.18 |
| Fmed | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.24 | 0.27 |
| Fhigh | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.41 | 0.47 |
| F35%SPR | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.11 |
| Floss | 0.61 | 0.58 | 0.36 | 0.47 |

Figure 9.19 North Sea plaice

Relationship between fishing mortality and probability of being below Bpa (300,000 tonnes) in 2007 using a Butterworth Berg stock recruitment relationship.

