

Assessment of the Small Coastal Shark Complex, Atlantic sharpnose, Bonnethead, Blacknose and Finetooth sharks using surplus production methods

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This presentation

- Stock assessment modeling approaches
- Data inputs
- Baseline results
- Sensitivity analyses
- Discussion / Summary

Assessments conducted

- SCS: Atlantic sharpnose + Bonnethead + Blacknose + Finetooth (smalltail and angel shark not included)
- Atlantic sharpnose (*Rhizoprionodon terraenovae*)
- Bonnethead (*Sphyrna tiburo*)
- Blacknose (*Carcharhinus acronotus*)
- Finetooth (*Carcharhinus isodon*)

Surplus production modeling approaches

1) Bayesian SPM (BSP)

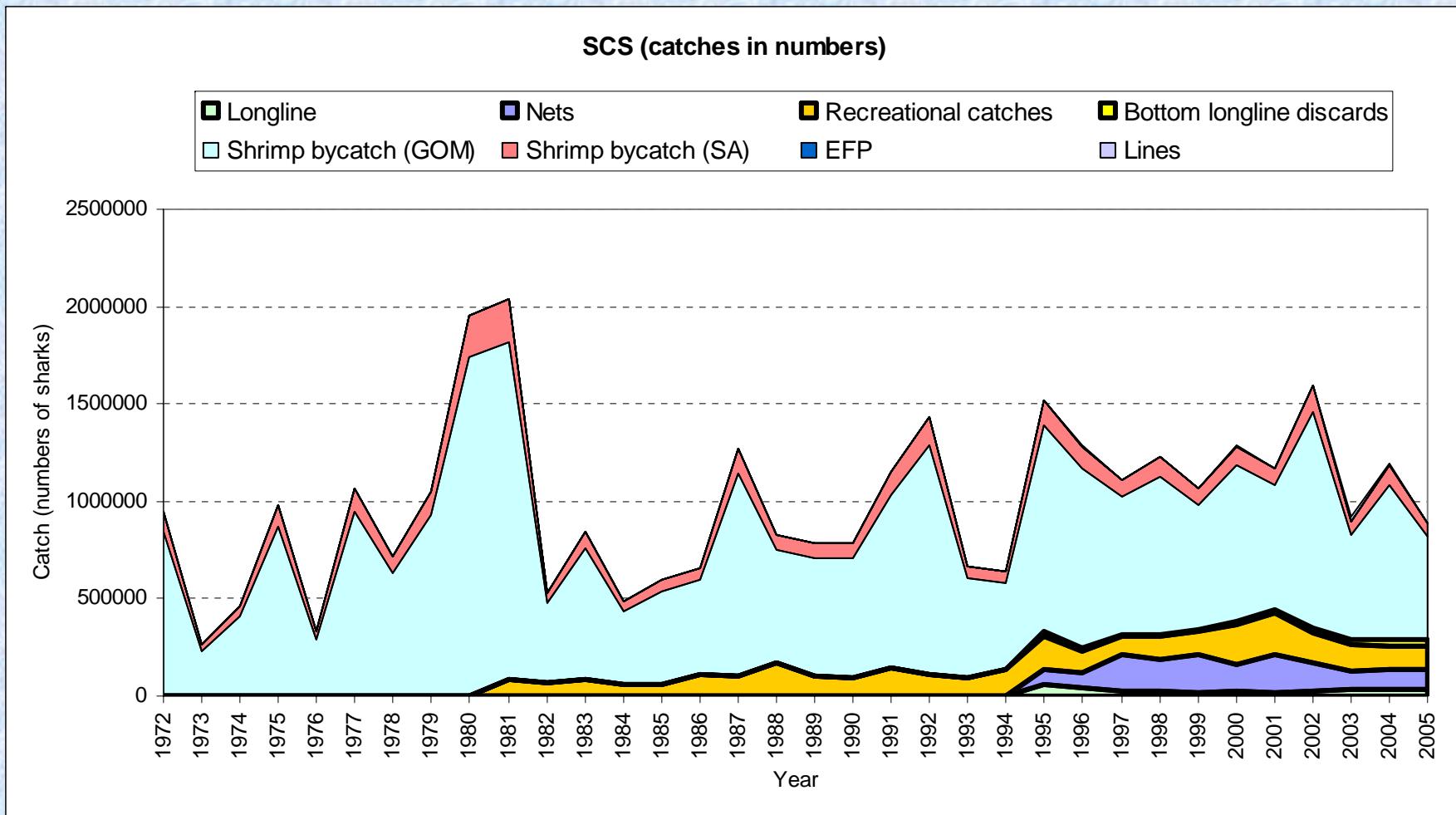
- Observation error in CPUE
- SIR algorithm for numerical integration
- Implemented in VB

2) State-space Bayesian SPM (WinBUGS)

- Observation error in CPUE
- Process error in biomass (unobserved state)
- MCMC for numerical integration
- Implemented in WinBUGS

SMALL COASTAL SHARK COMPLEX

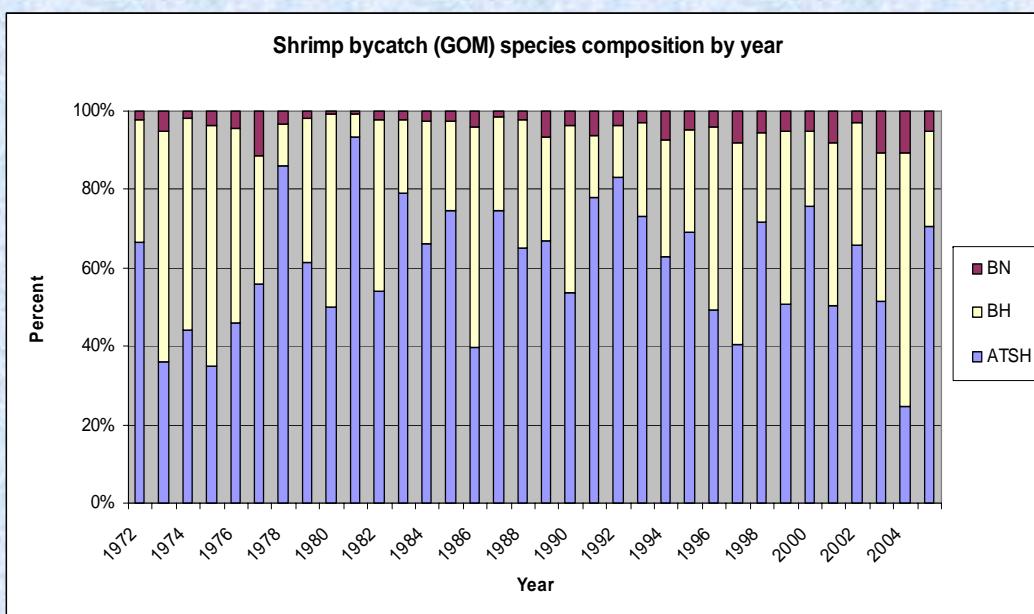
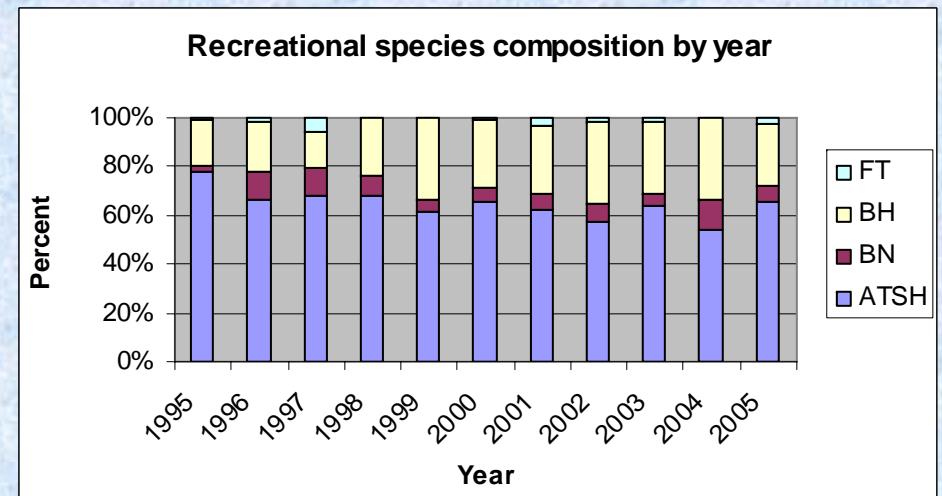
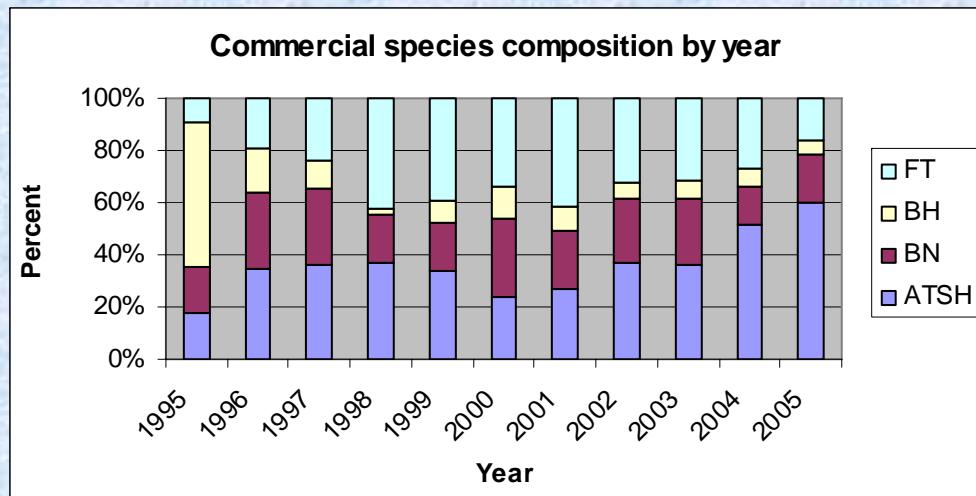
Total Catches: SCS complex



Catches by sector: why numbers?

- Commercial (in weight; use average weights from observer program to estimate numbers)
- Recreational (MRFSS + Headboat + TXPWD; in numbers)
- Bottom longline dead discards (discard rate from observer program applied to LL commercial landings)
- Shrimp trawl bycatch in the GOM (numbers)
- Shrimp trawl bycatch in the SA (a proportion of the GOM catches)
- EFP (exempted fishing permits; numbers)

Species composition of the SCS complex by sector

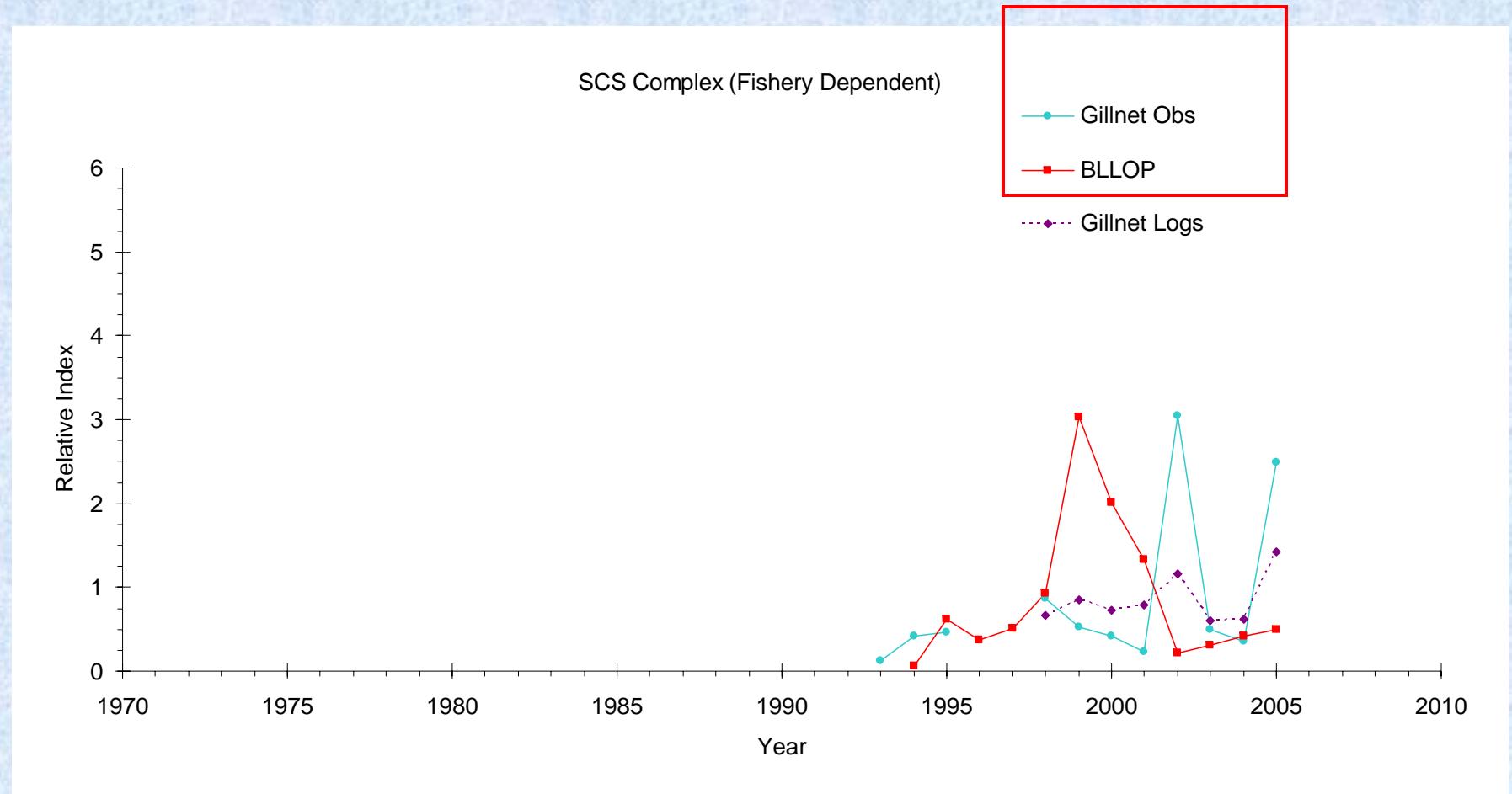


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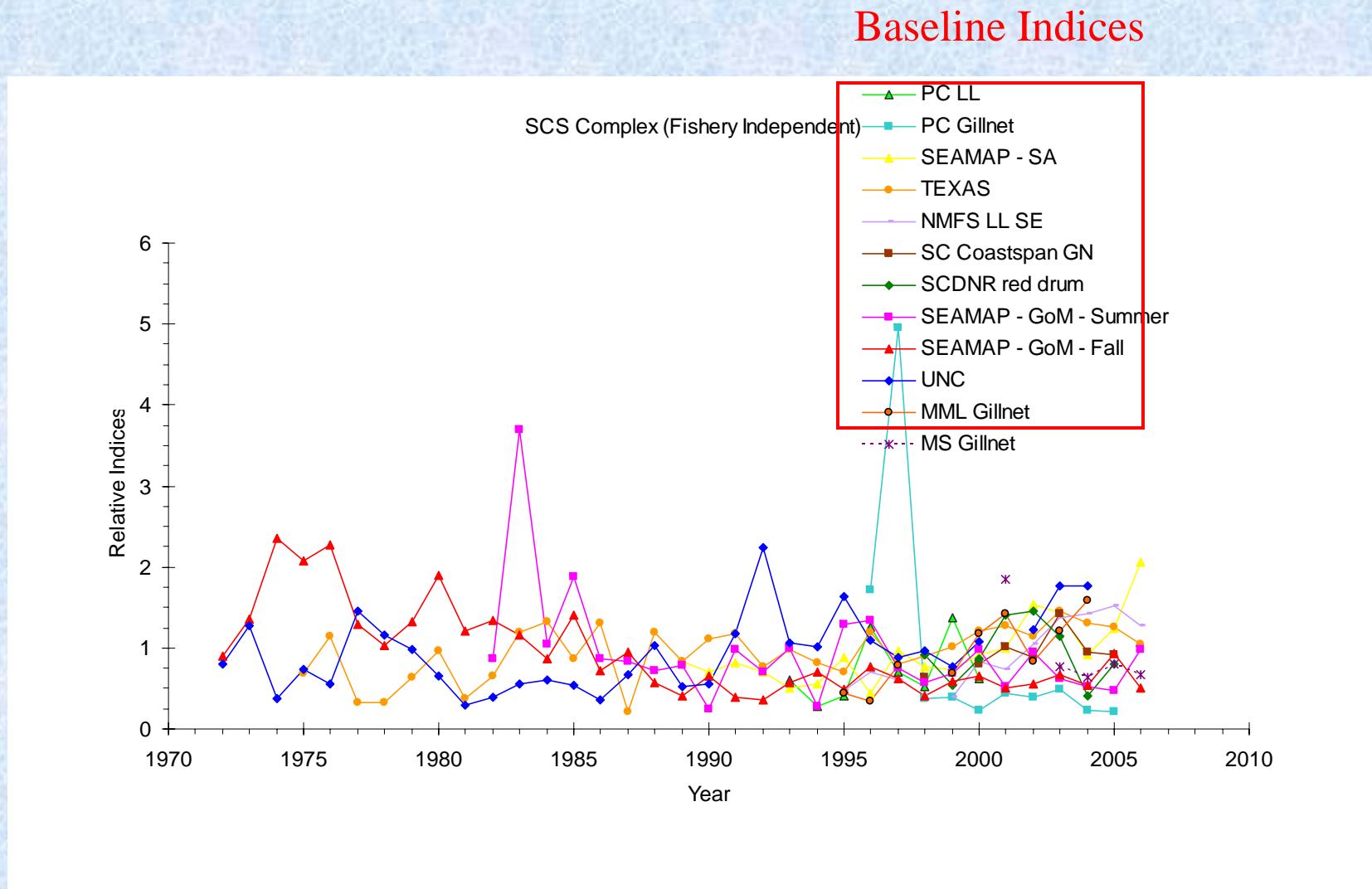
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- **FISHERY-INDEPENDENT:** PC LL, PC Gillnet, SEAMAP-SA, TEXAS, NMFS LL SE, SC Coastsnap GN, SCDNR red drum, SEAMAP-GOM-S, SEAMAP-GOM-F, UNC, MML Gillnet (11)

CPUE series: SCS complex-Baseline (F-D)

Baseline Indices



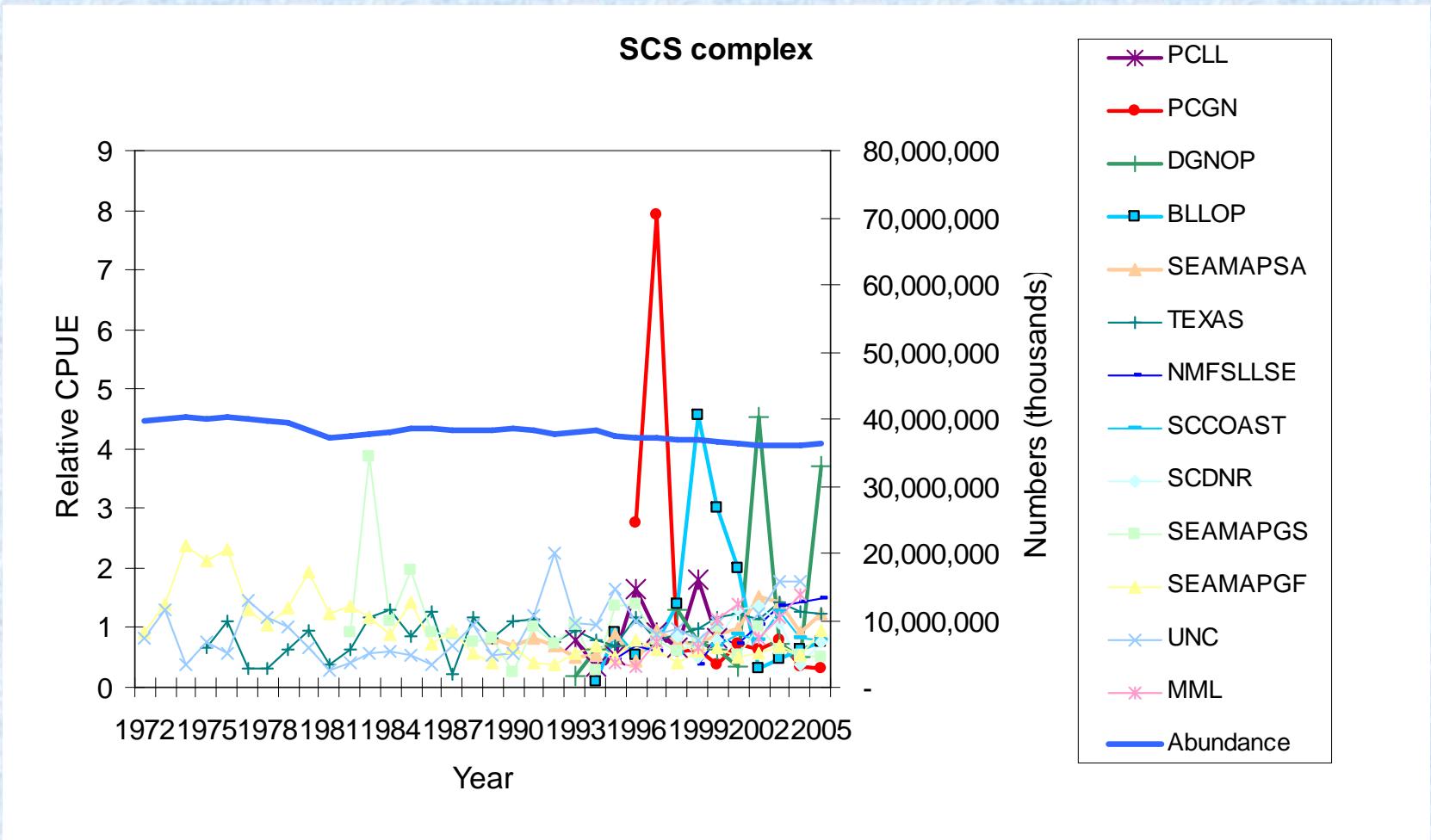
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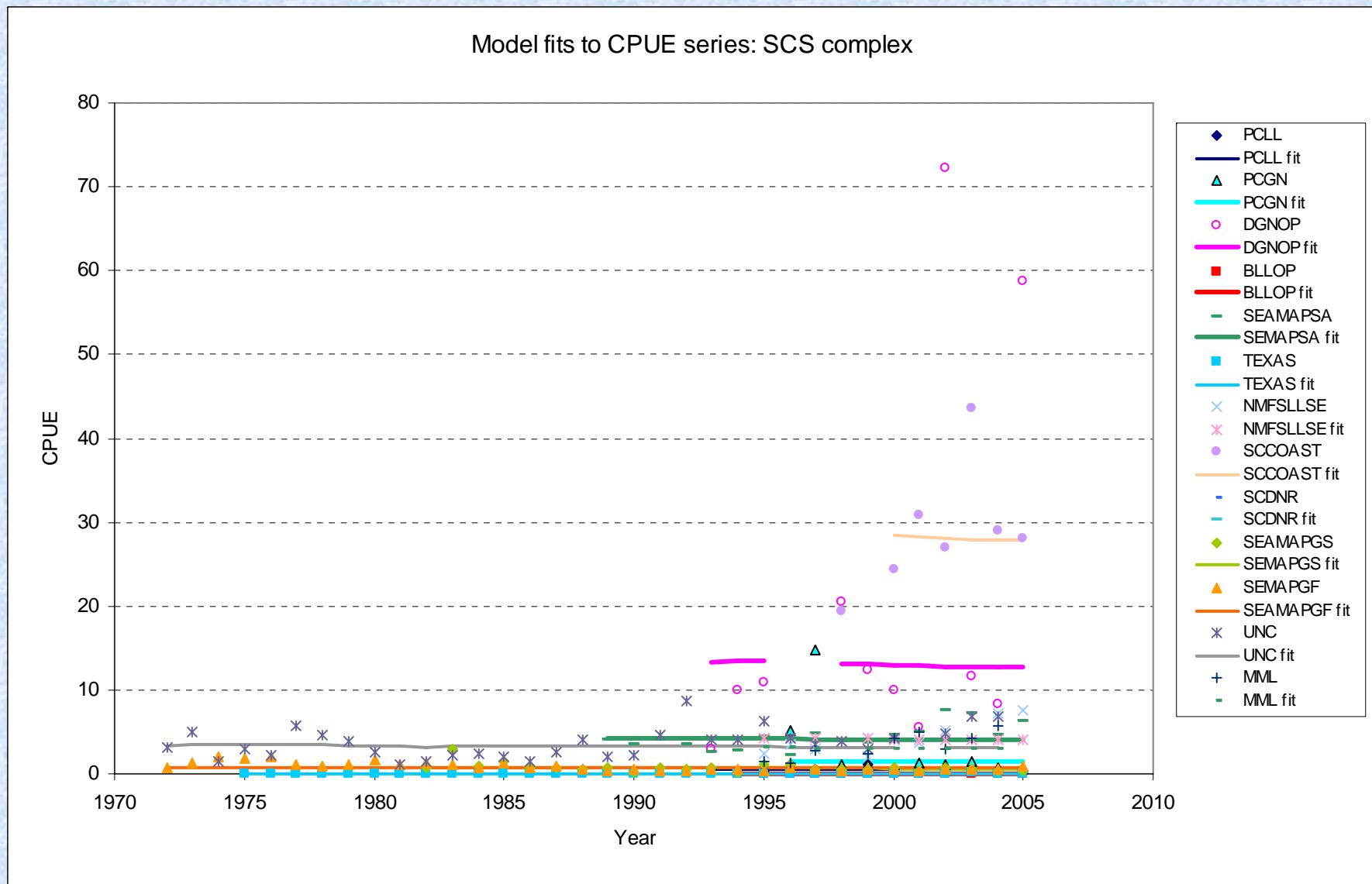
Inputs-Priors for SCS complex-Baseline

- Model starts in 1972 (first year of CPUE indices)
- Catch data available for 1972-2005
- 13 Indices available
- $r \sim LN(0.17, 0.1, 0.001, 2.0)$ ← Weighted mean
- $K \sim U$ on $\log K (10^4 - 10^8)$
- $N_{72/K} \sim LN(0.9, 0.2, 0.2, 1.1)$

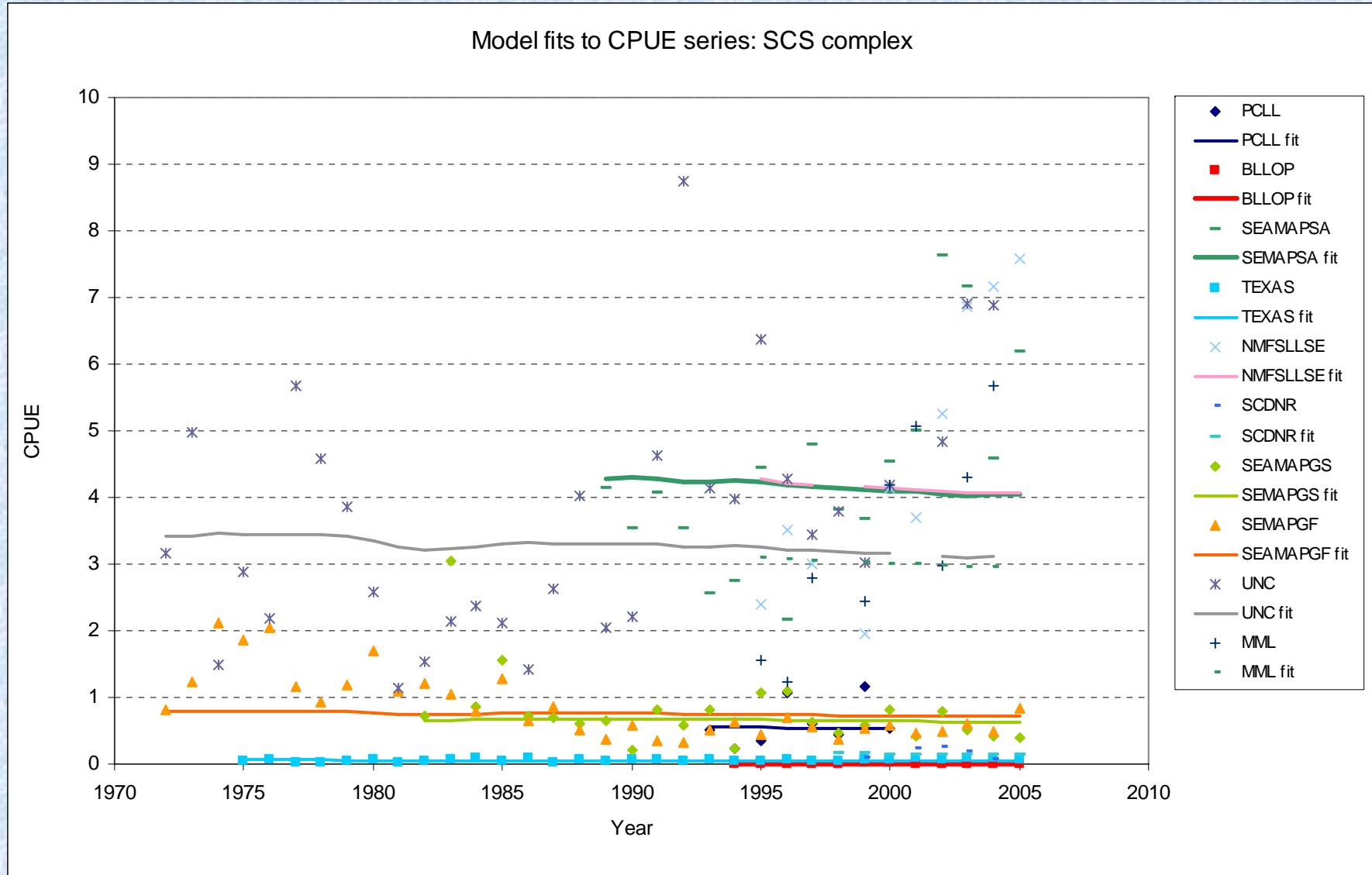
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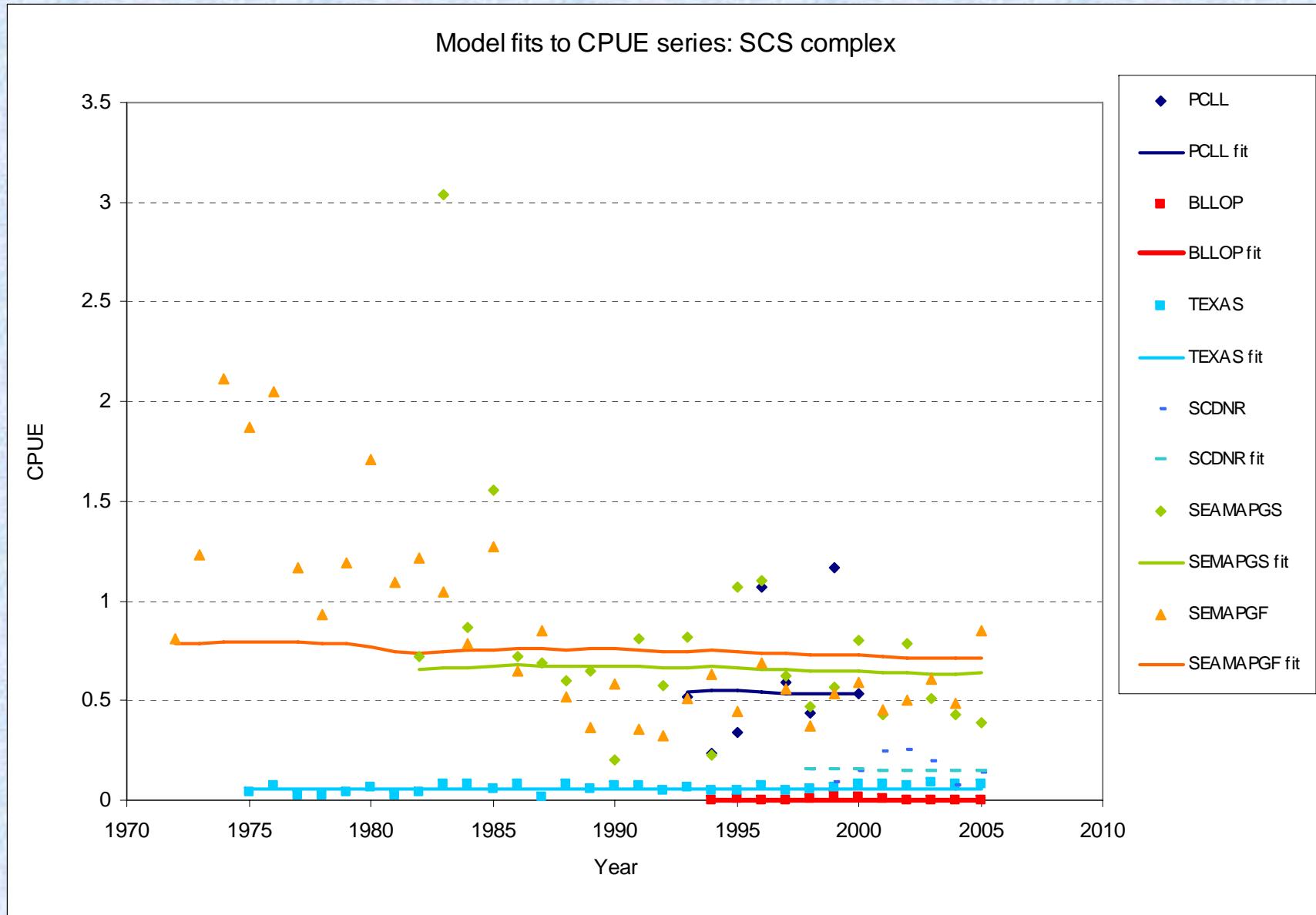
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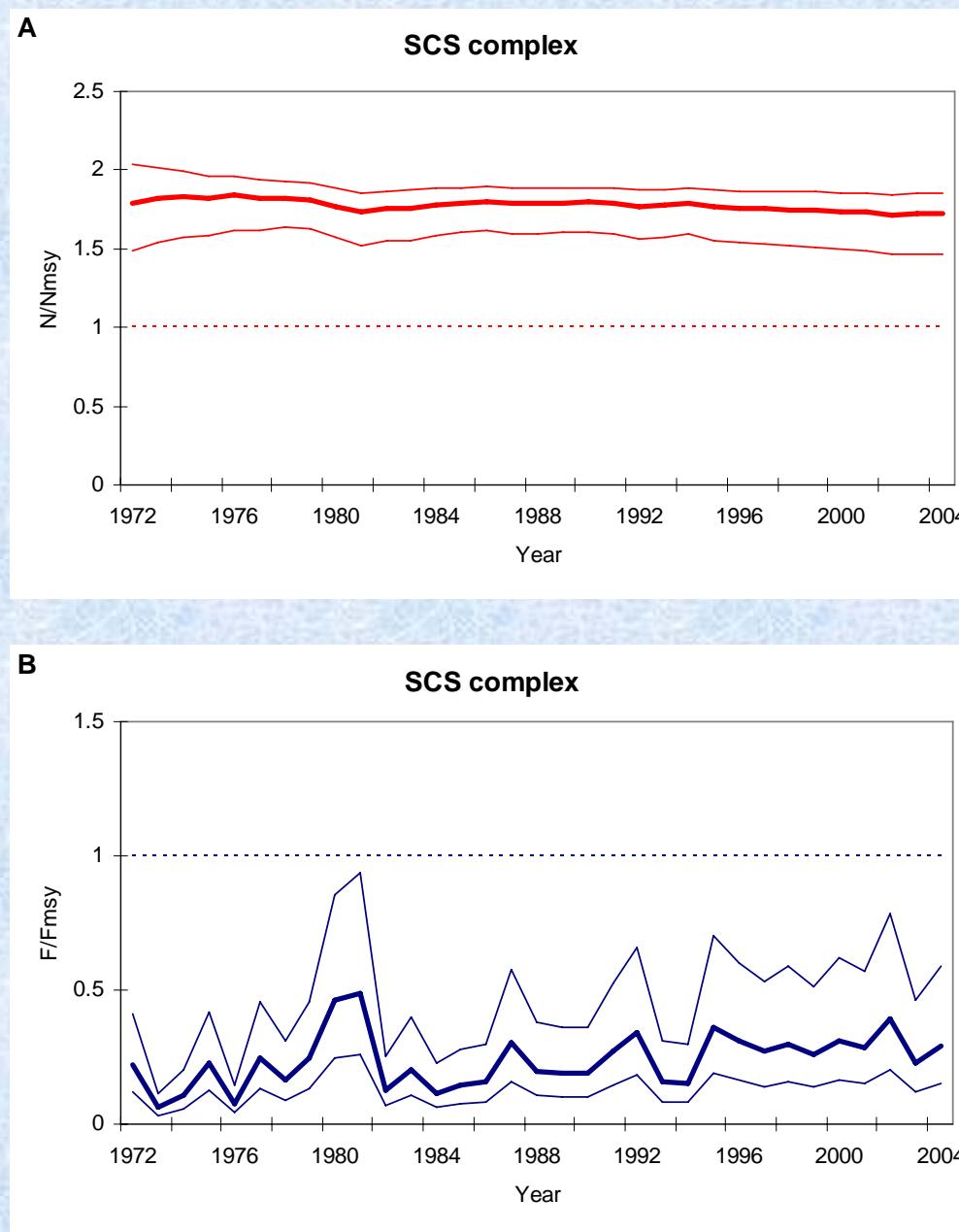
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BSP results for SCS- Baseline: BSP estimated relative abundance and fishing mortality rate trajectories



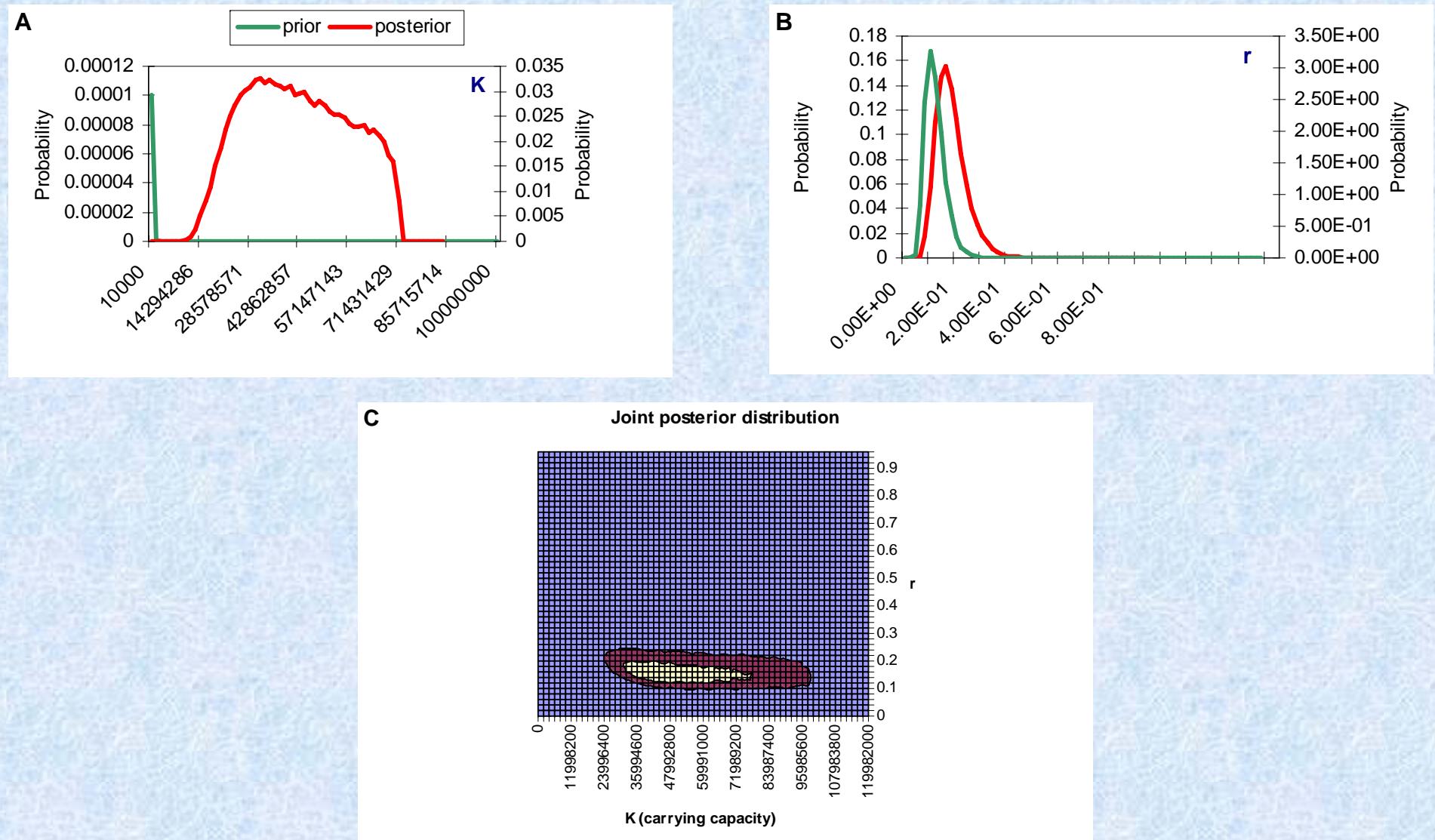
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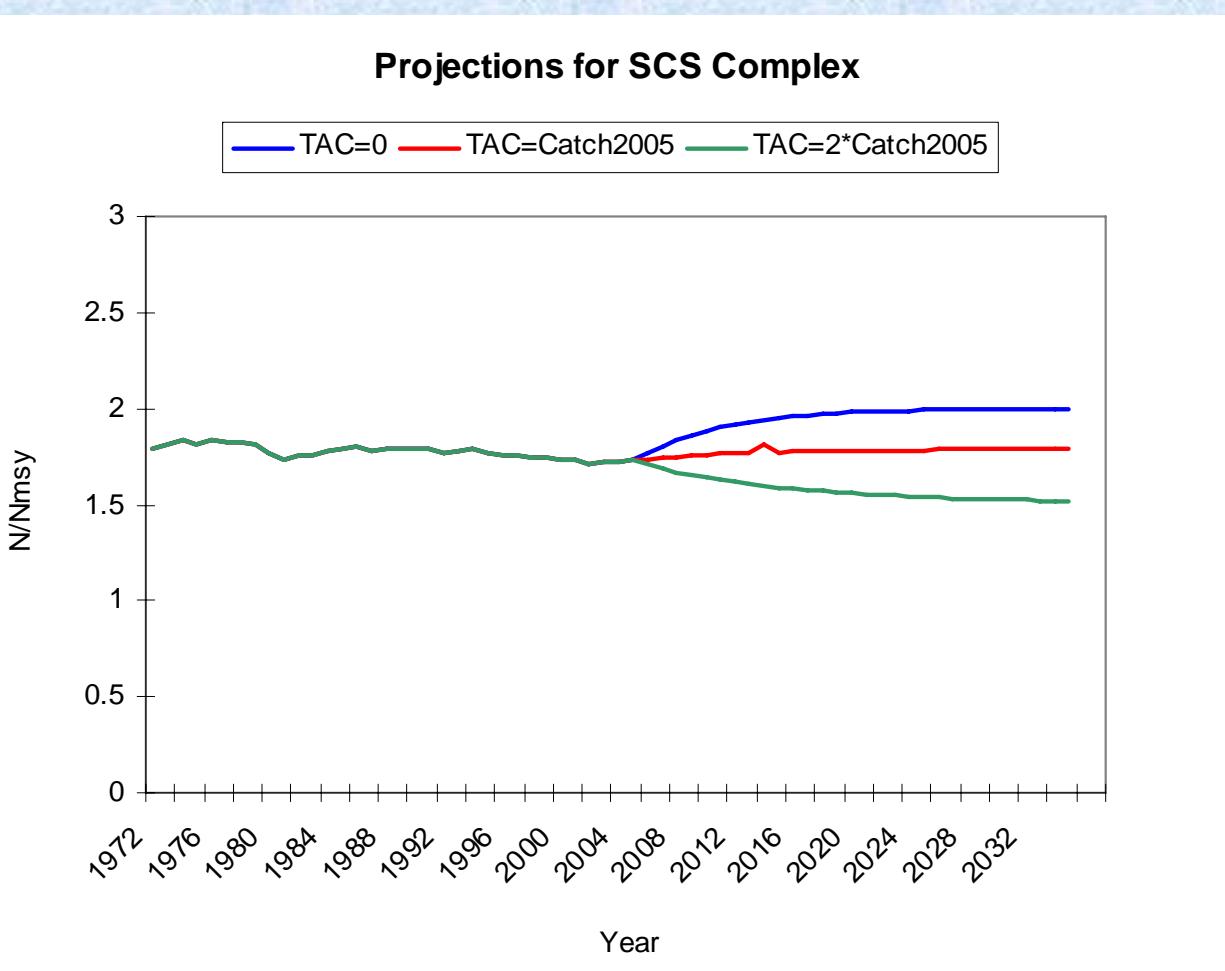
Expected values of the mean and CV of marginal posterior distributions from the BSP for SCS complex-Baseline

	SCS	
	EV	CV
Importance function	priors	
K	59566	0.35
r	0.181	0.32
MSY	2623	0.45
N ₂₀₀₅	51605	0.40
N_{2005}/K	0.85	0.09
N _{init}	53057	0.38
N ₂₀₀₅ /N _{init}	0.97	0.13
C ₂₀₀₅ /MSY	0.40	0.42
F ₂₀₀₅ /F _{MSY}	0.25	0.55
N ₂₀₀₅ /N _{MSY}	1.69	0.09
C ₂₀₀₅ /rep _y	0.79	0.05
N _{MSY}	29783	0.35
F _{MSY}	0.091	
rep _y	1125	0.05
C ₀		
Diagnostics		
CW (wt)	0.786	
CV (L*prior)	0.902	
CV (Wt) / CV (L*p)	0.87	
%maxpWt	0.002	

BSP results for SCS complex-Baseline: Prior and posterior pdfs for K and r, and joint posterior distribution for K and r



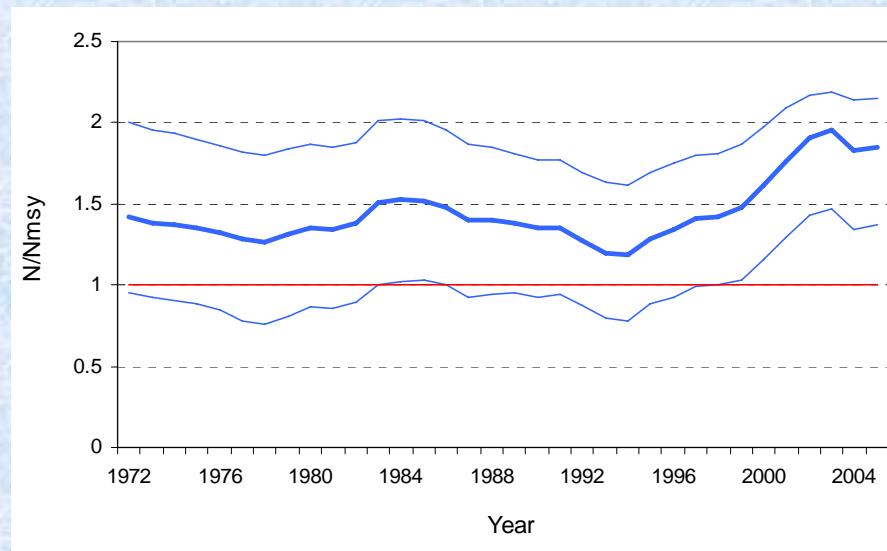
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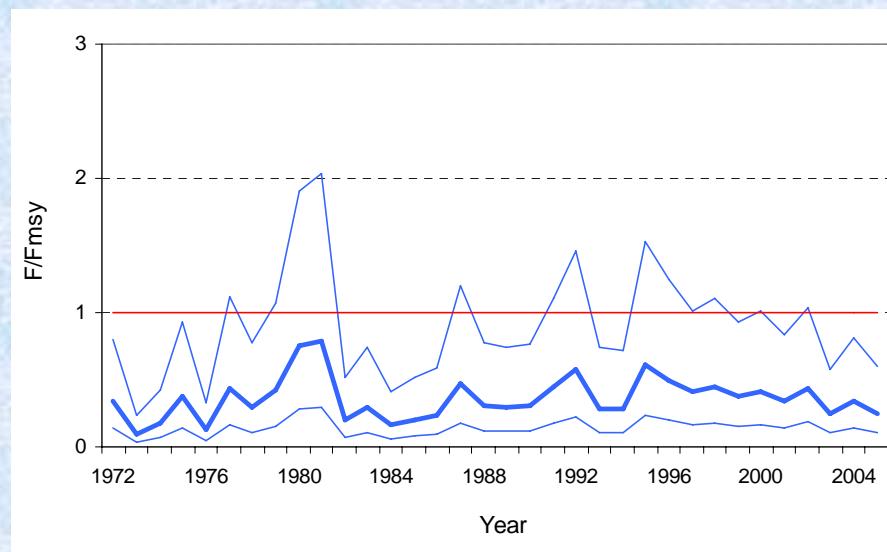
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- Alternative model (W; WinBUGS)
- Inverse CV weighting (WM)
- Extending catch series back to 1950 (AC)
- Including “sensitivity” CPUE series (ALL)

Results for SCS complex: Estimated biomass and relative biomass and fishing mortality rate trajectories of the WinBUGS SPM.

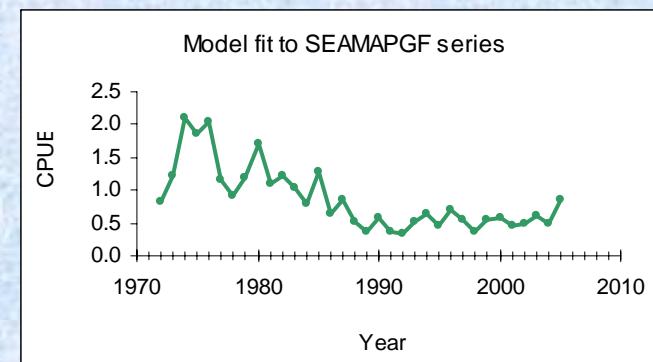
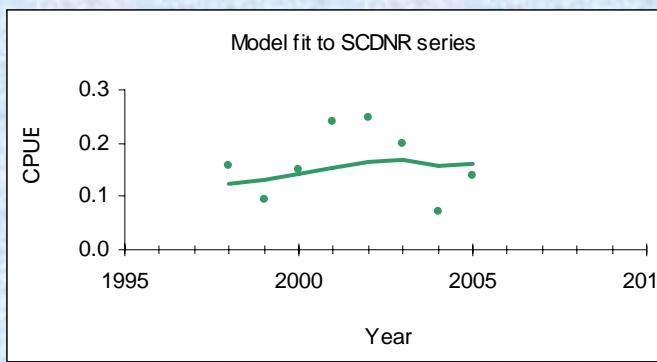
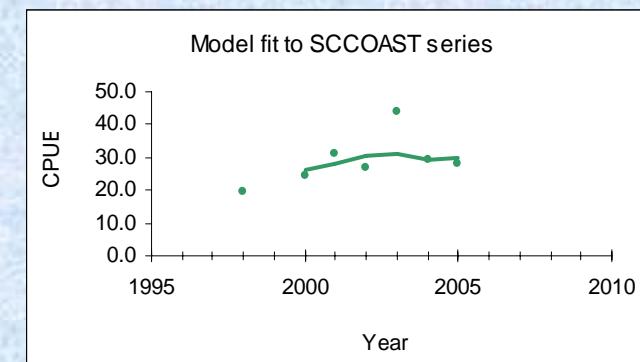
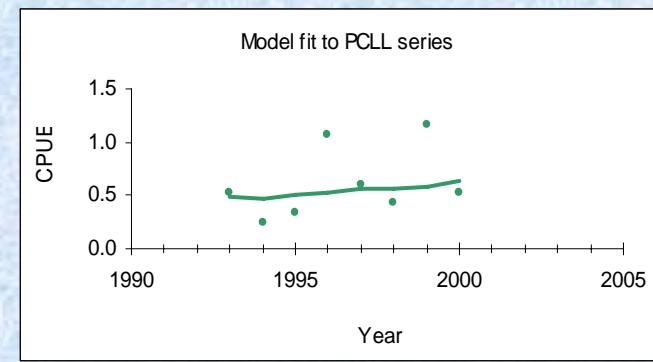
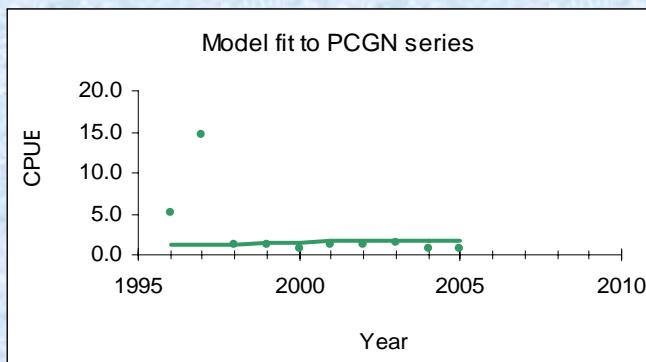
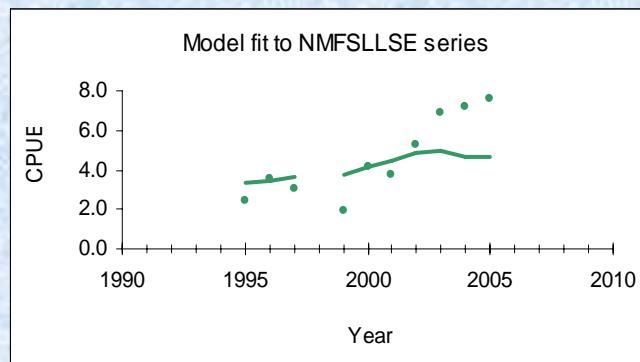
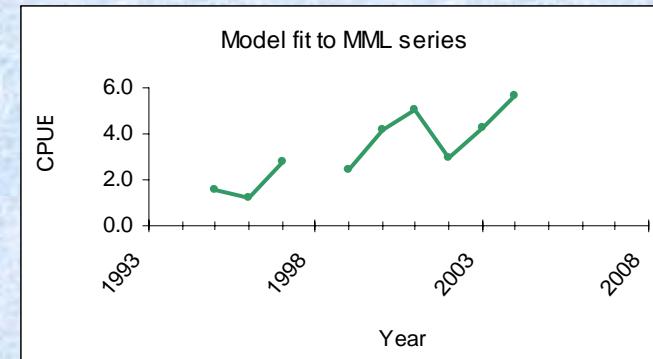
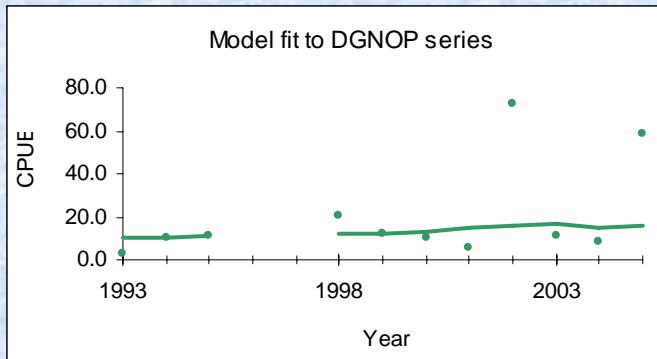
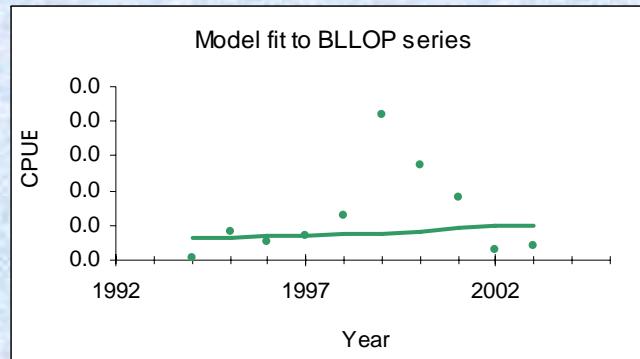


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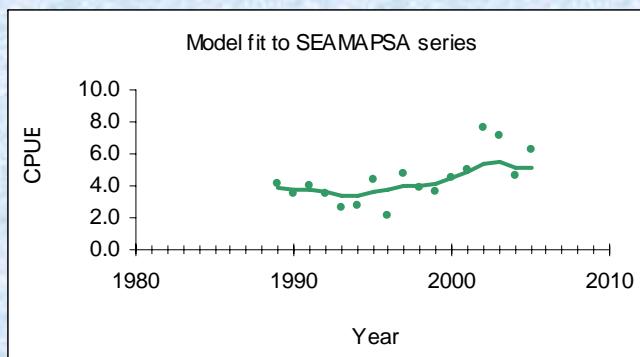
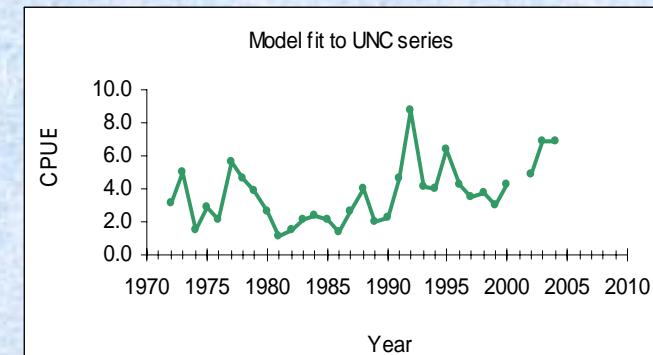
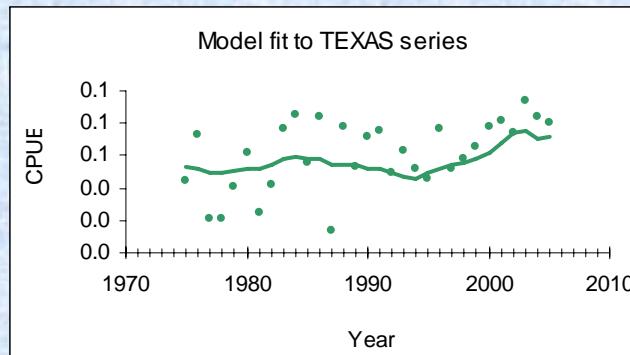
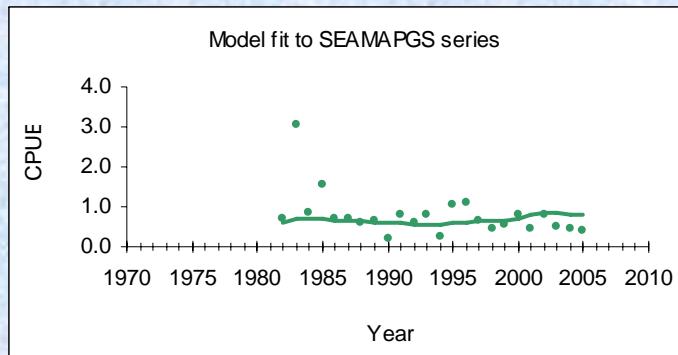


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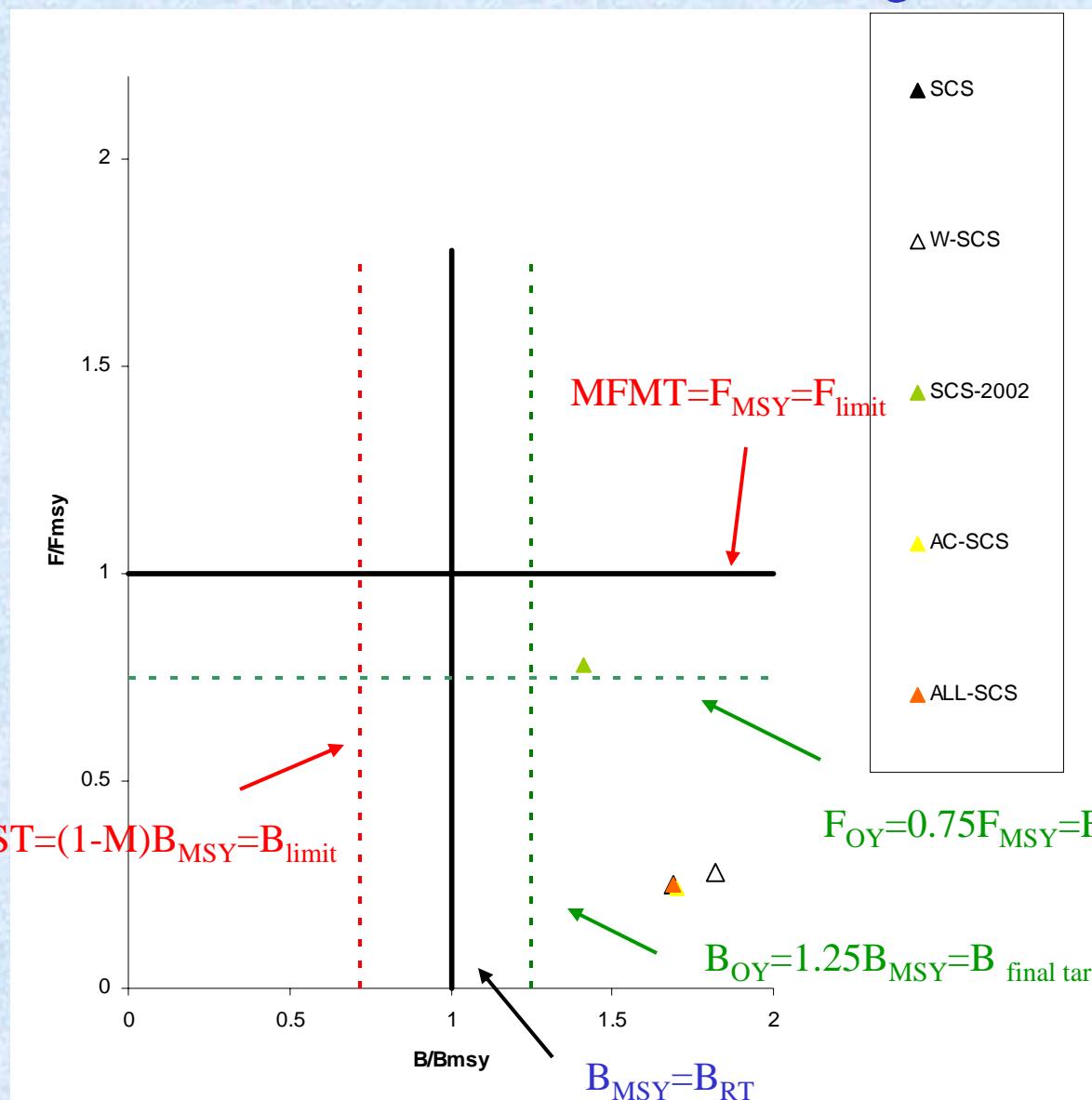
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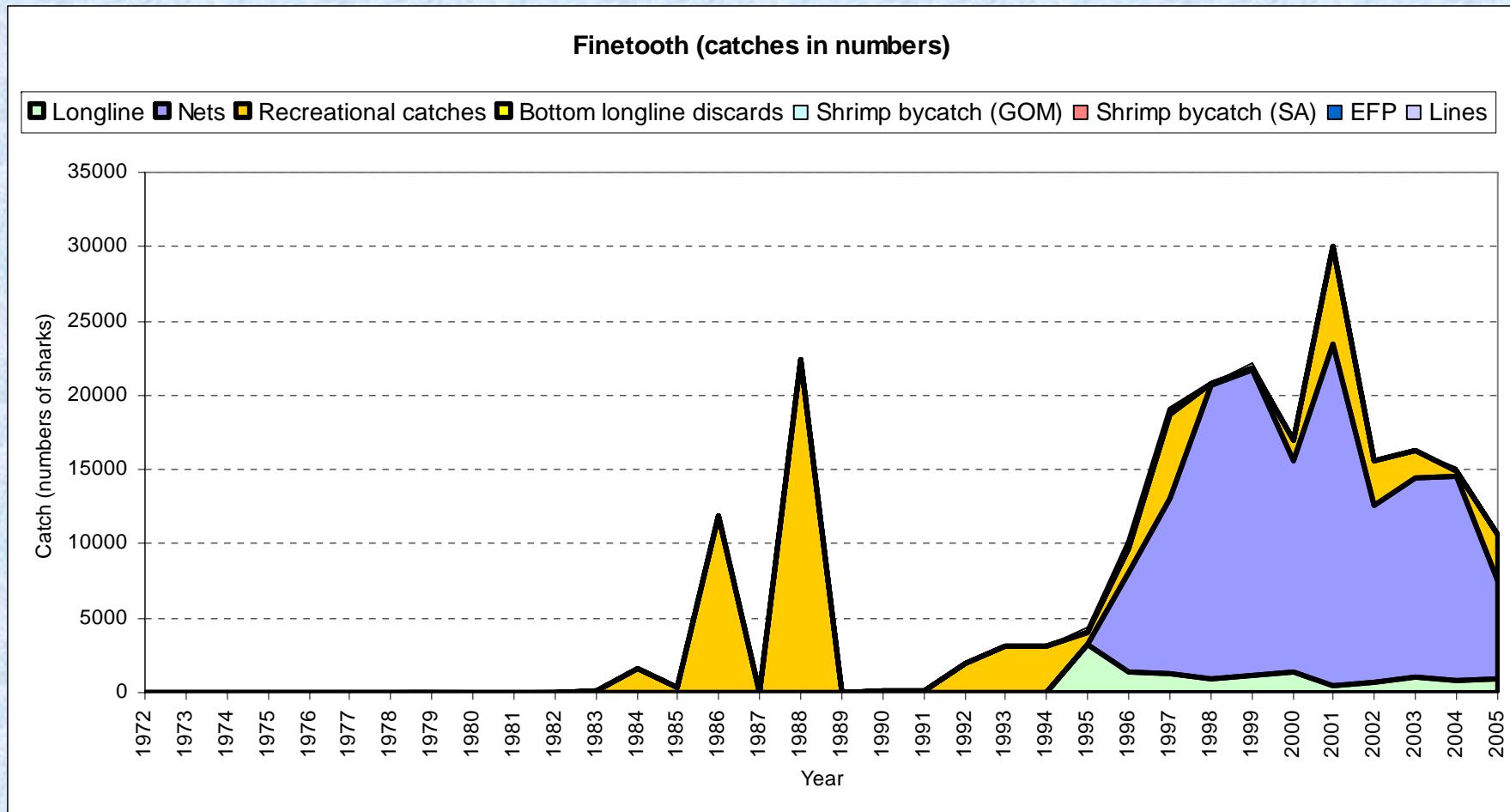


Results for SCS complex: Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



FINETOOTH SHARK

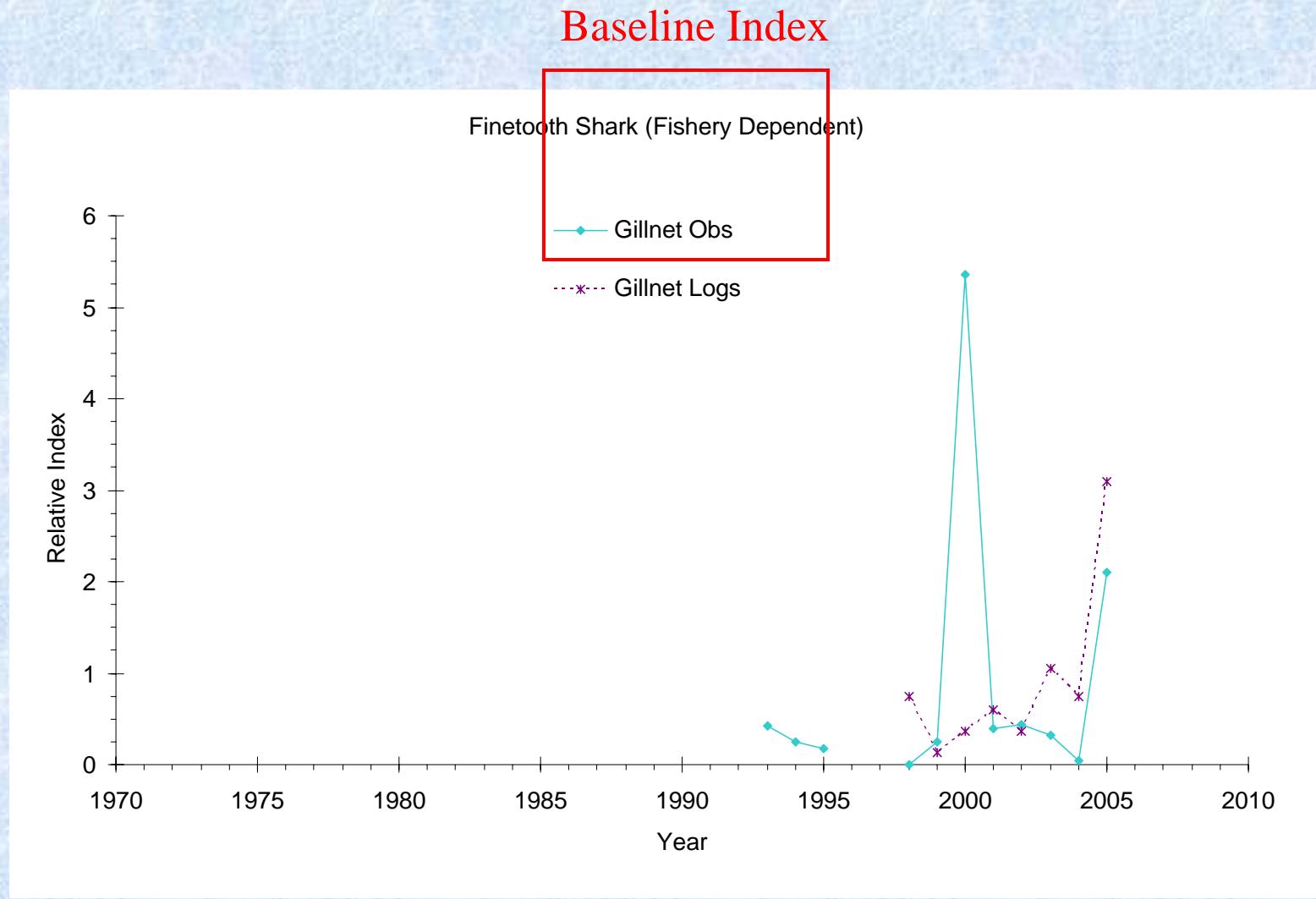
Total Catches: Finetooth shark



CPUE series: SCS complex -Baseline

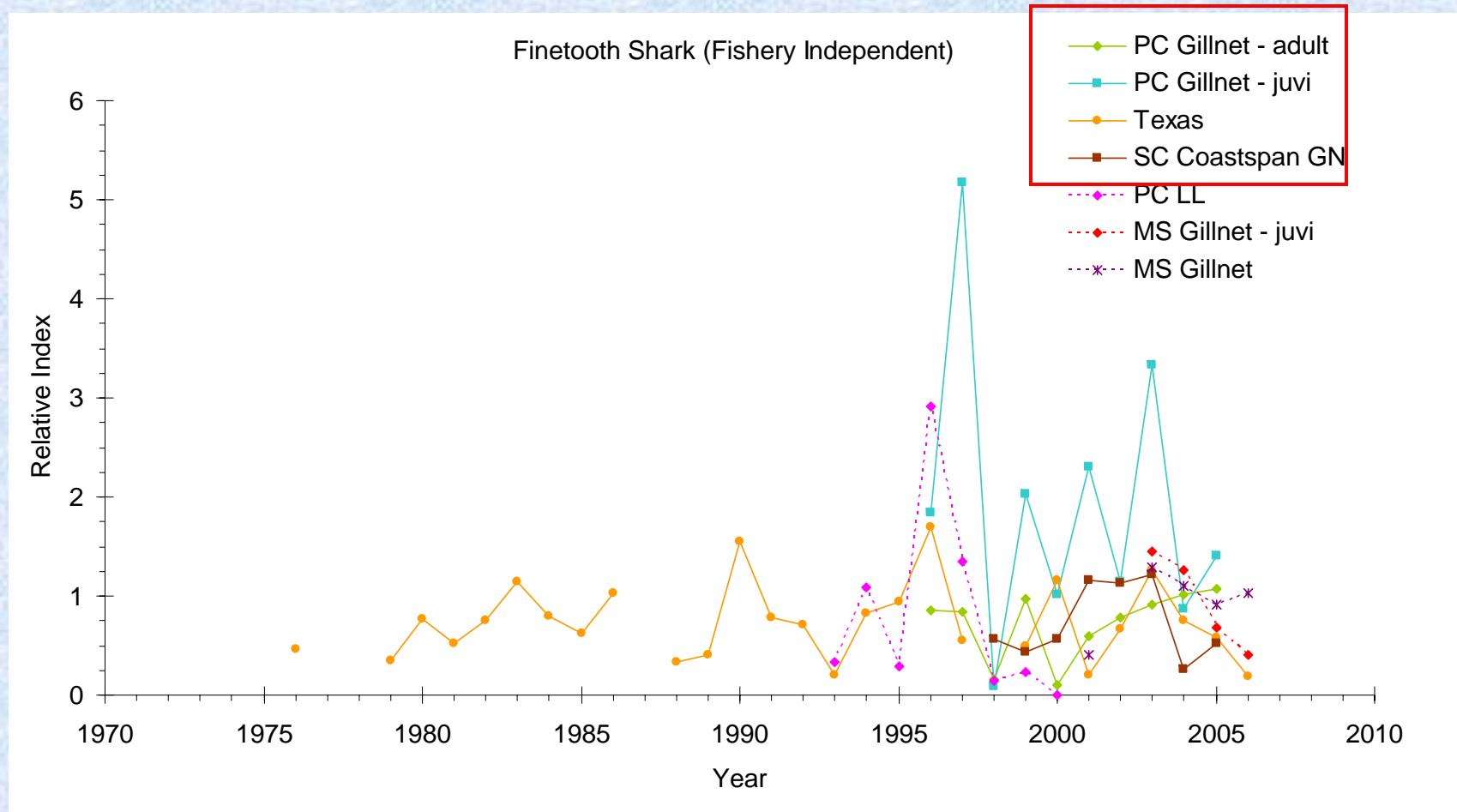
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- **FISHERY-INDEPENDENT:** PC Gillnet, TEXAS,
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CPUE series: Finetooth shark-Baseline (F-D)



CPUE series: Finetooth shark-Baseline (F-I)

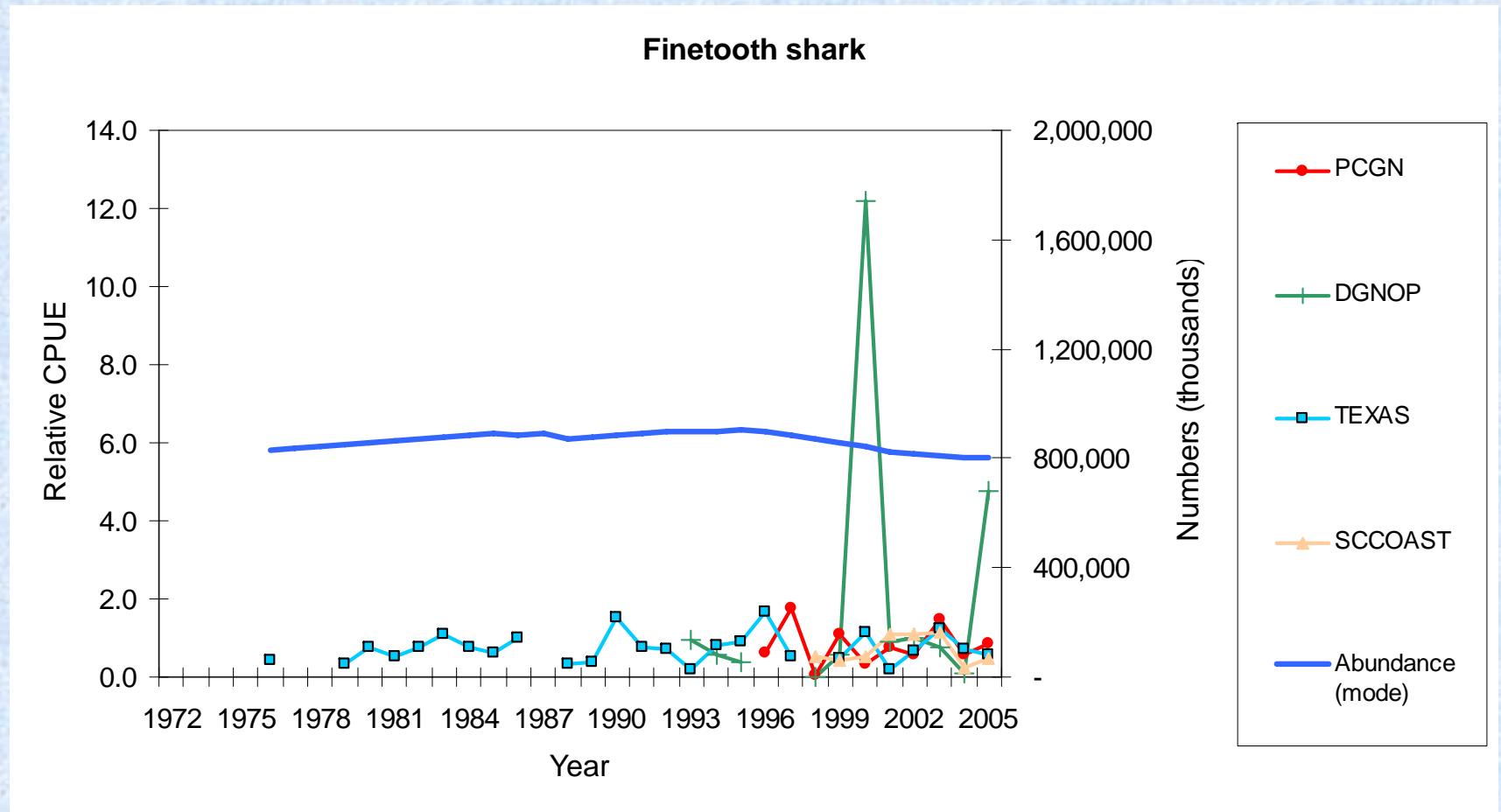
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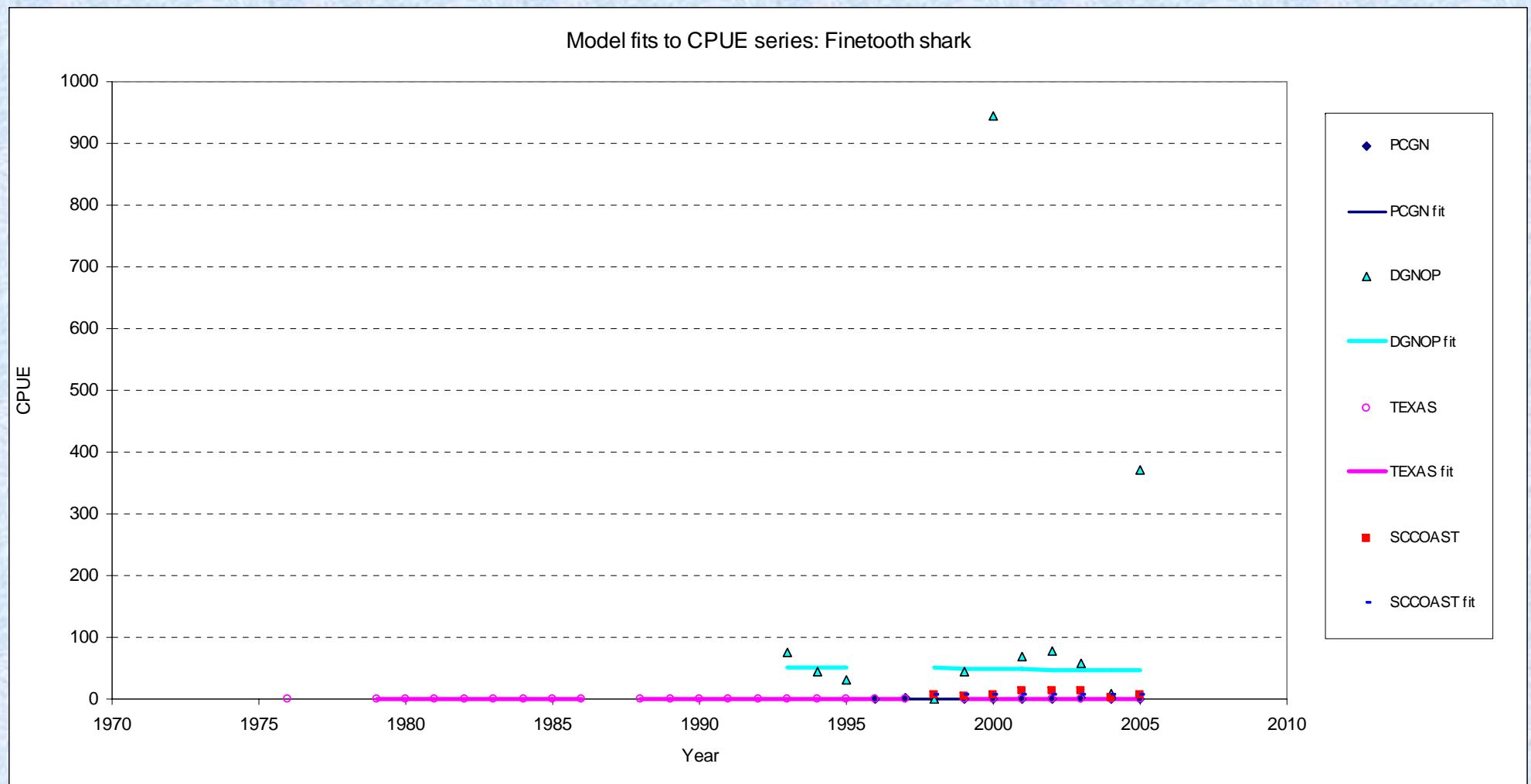
Inputs-Priors for Finetooth shark-Baseline

- Model starts in 1976 (first year of CPUE indices)
- Catch data available for 1983-2005
- 4 Indices available
- $r \sim LN(0.06, 0.04, 0.001, 2.0)$ ← 2002 assessment value
- $K \sim U$ on $\log K (10^4 - 2 \times 10^7)$
- $N_{72/K} \sim LN(0.9, 0.2, 0.2, 1.1)$
- $C_0 \sim LN(2,774, 1)$ ← Mean (1983-1988)

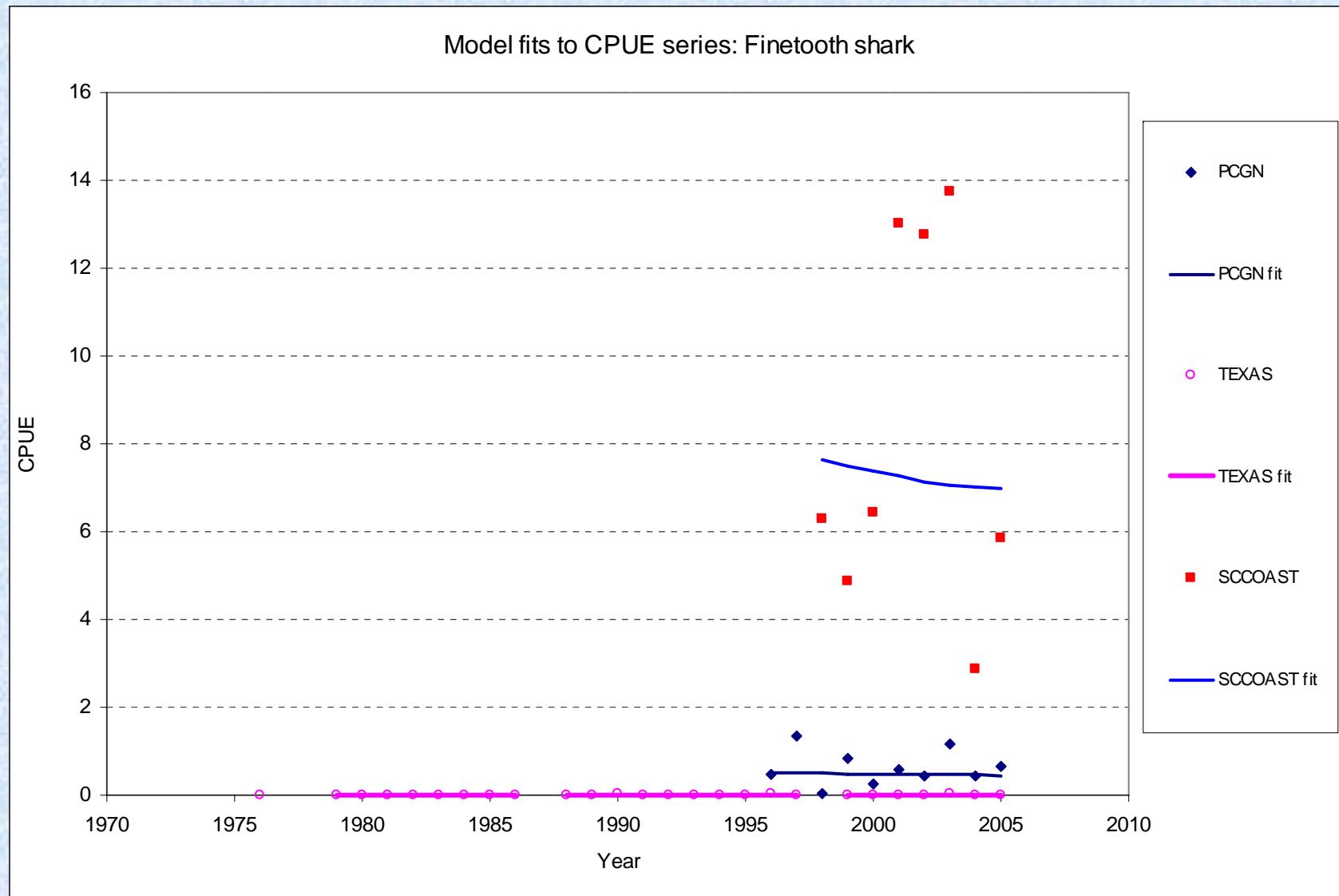
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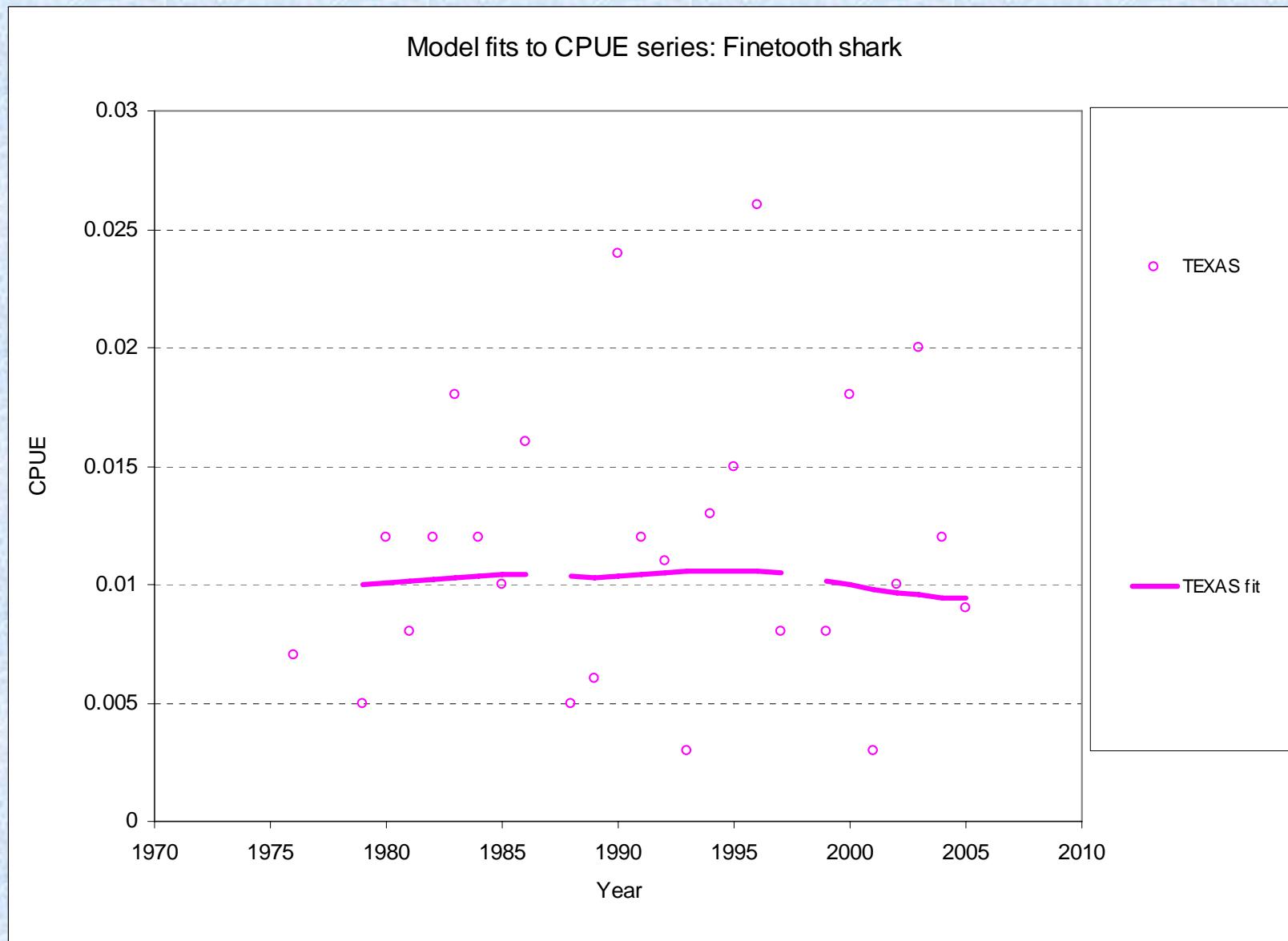
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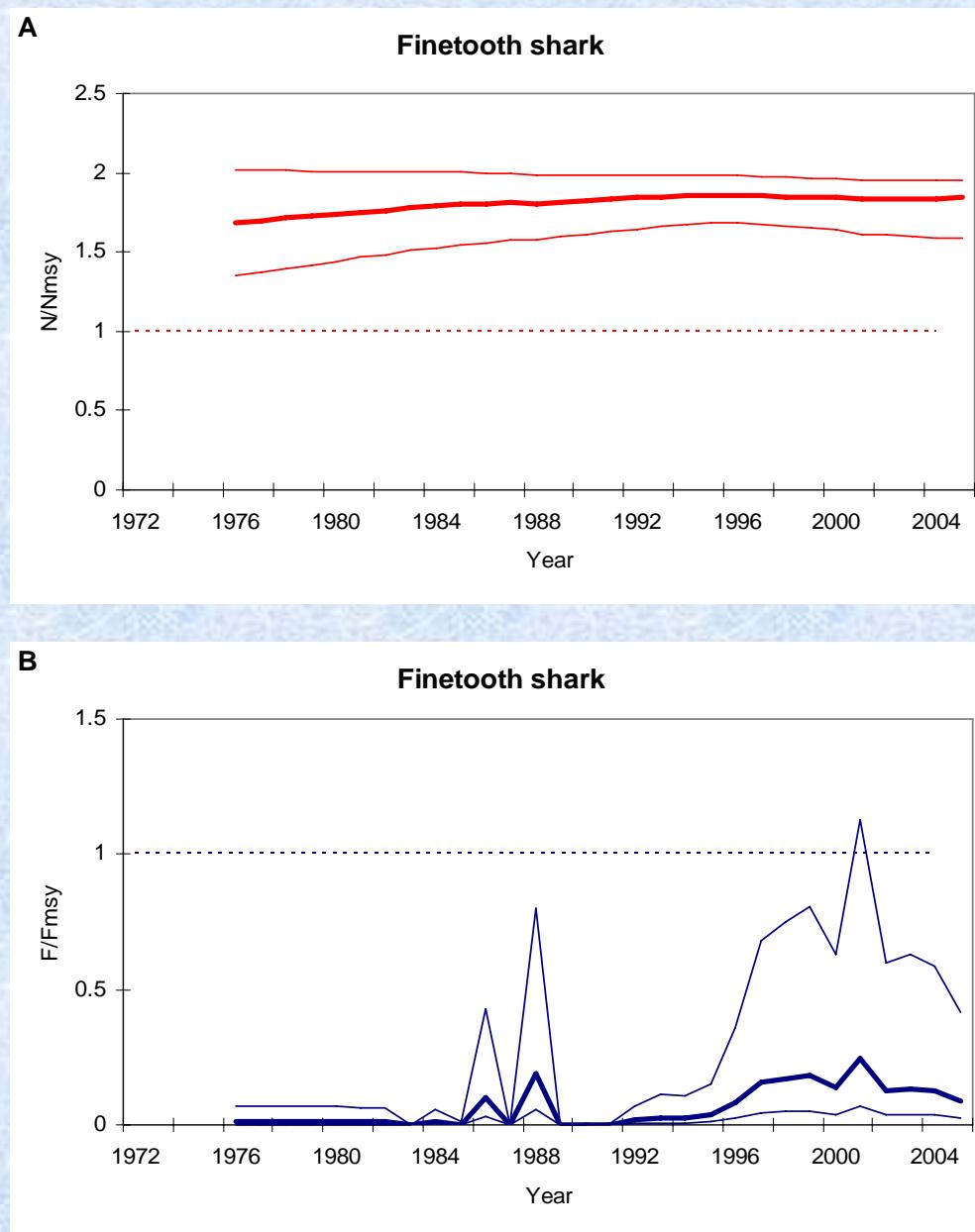
SPM results for Finetooth shark-Baseline: Model fits to the individual CPUE series (-DGNOP)



SPM results for Finetooth shark-Baseline: Model fits to the individual CPUE series (TEXAS only)



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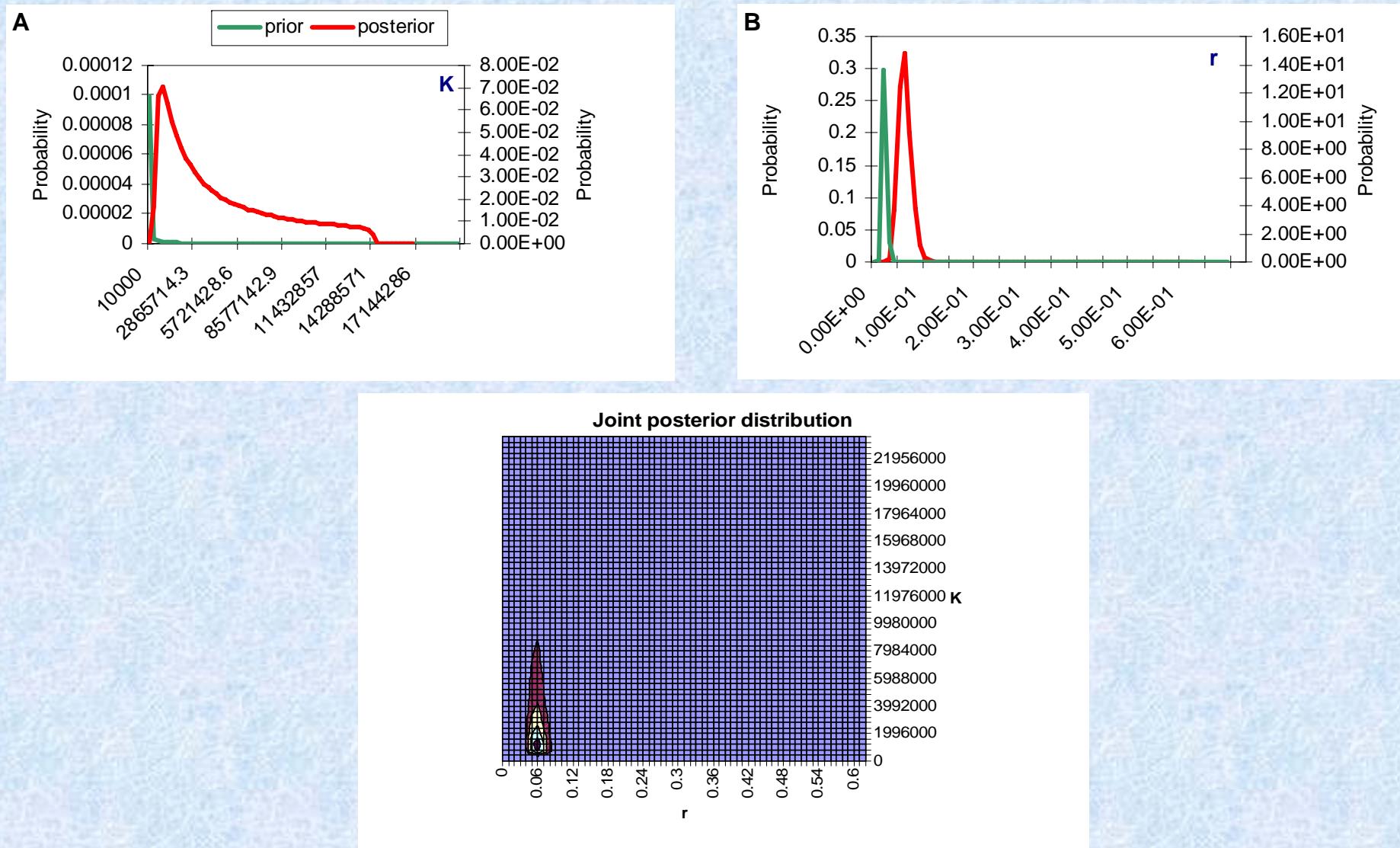
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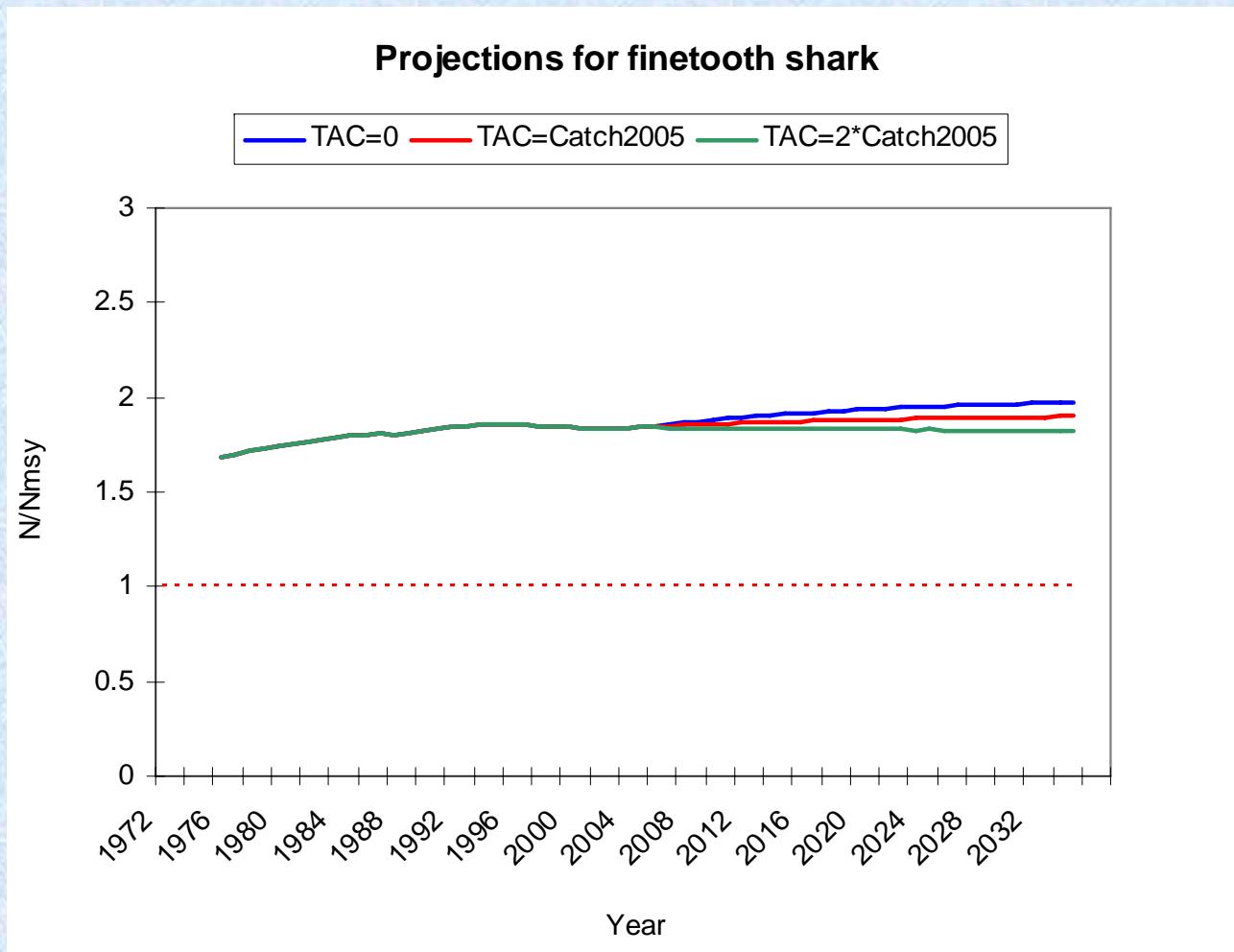
Expected values of the mean and CV of marginal posterior distributions from the SPM for Finetooth shark-Baseline

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	EV	CV
Importance function	priors	
K	6397	0.82
r	0.060	0.20
MSY	96	0.86
N ₂₀₀₅	6000	0.84
N ₂₀₀₅ /K	0.90	0.08
N _{init}	5380	0.84
N ₂₀₀₅ /N _{init}	1.09	0.14
C ₂₀₀₅ /MSY	0.27	1.08
F ₂₀₀₅ /F _{MSY}	0.17	1.32
N ₂₀₀₅ /N _{MSY}	1.80	0.09
C ₂₀₀₅ /repy	0.78	81.34
N _{MSY}	3199	0.82
F _{MSY}	0.030	
repy	21	0.83
C ₀	2	0.69
Diagnostics		
CW (wt)	0.609	
CV (L*prior)	1.163	
CV (Wt) / CV (L*p)	0.52	
%maxpWt	0.0004	

SPM results for Finetooth shark-Baseline: Prior and posterior pdfs for K and r, and joint posterior distribution for K and r



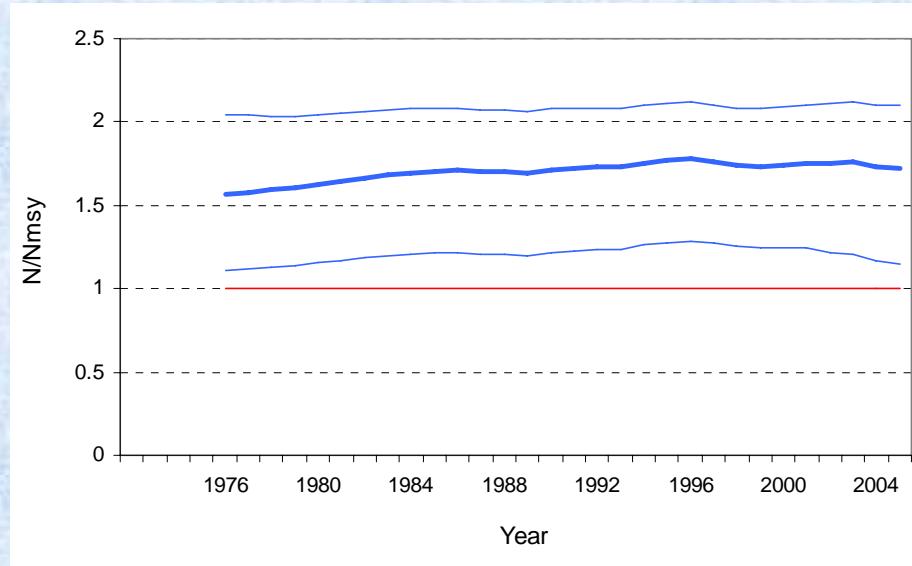
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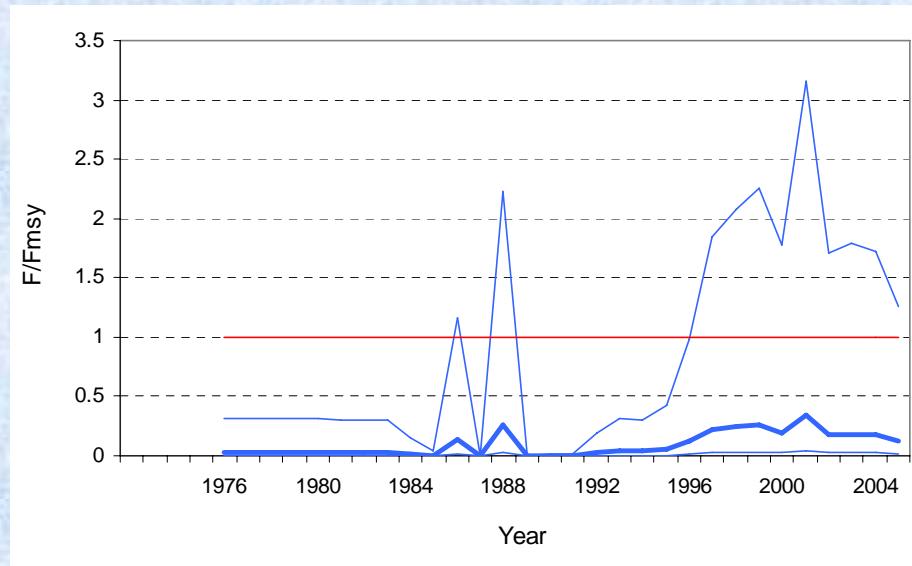
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- Extending catch series back to 1950 (AC)
- Including “sensitivity” CPUE series (ALL)
- Lowering value of r (mean=0.02)

Results for Finetooth shark: Estimated biomass and relative biomass and fishing mortality rate trajectories of the WinBUGS SPM.

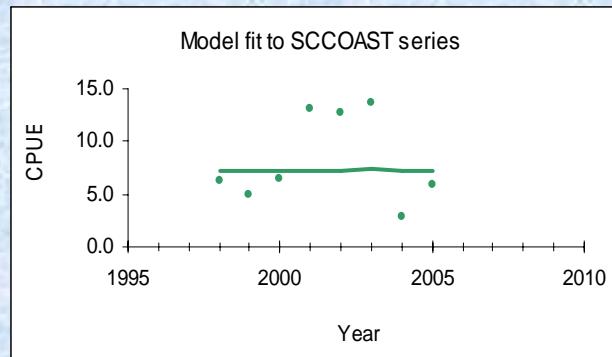
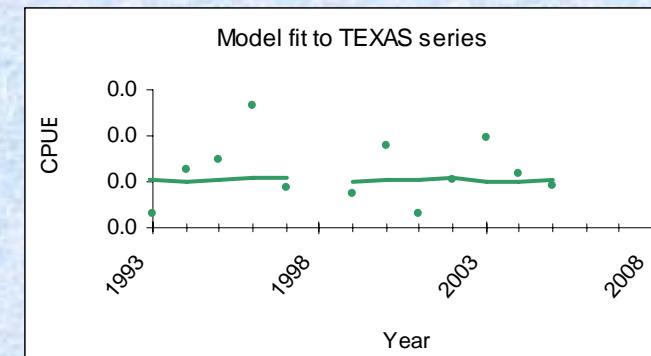
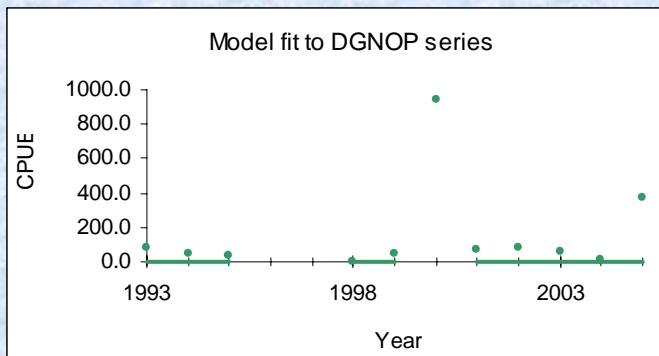
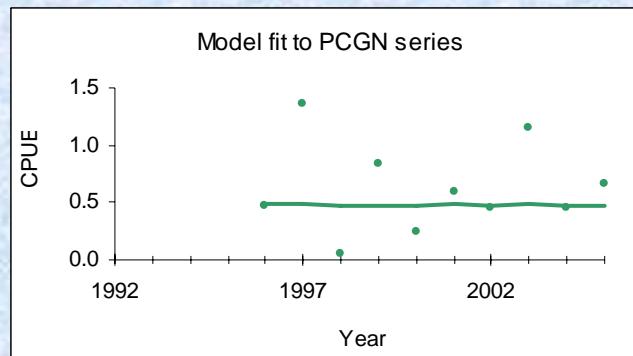


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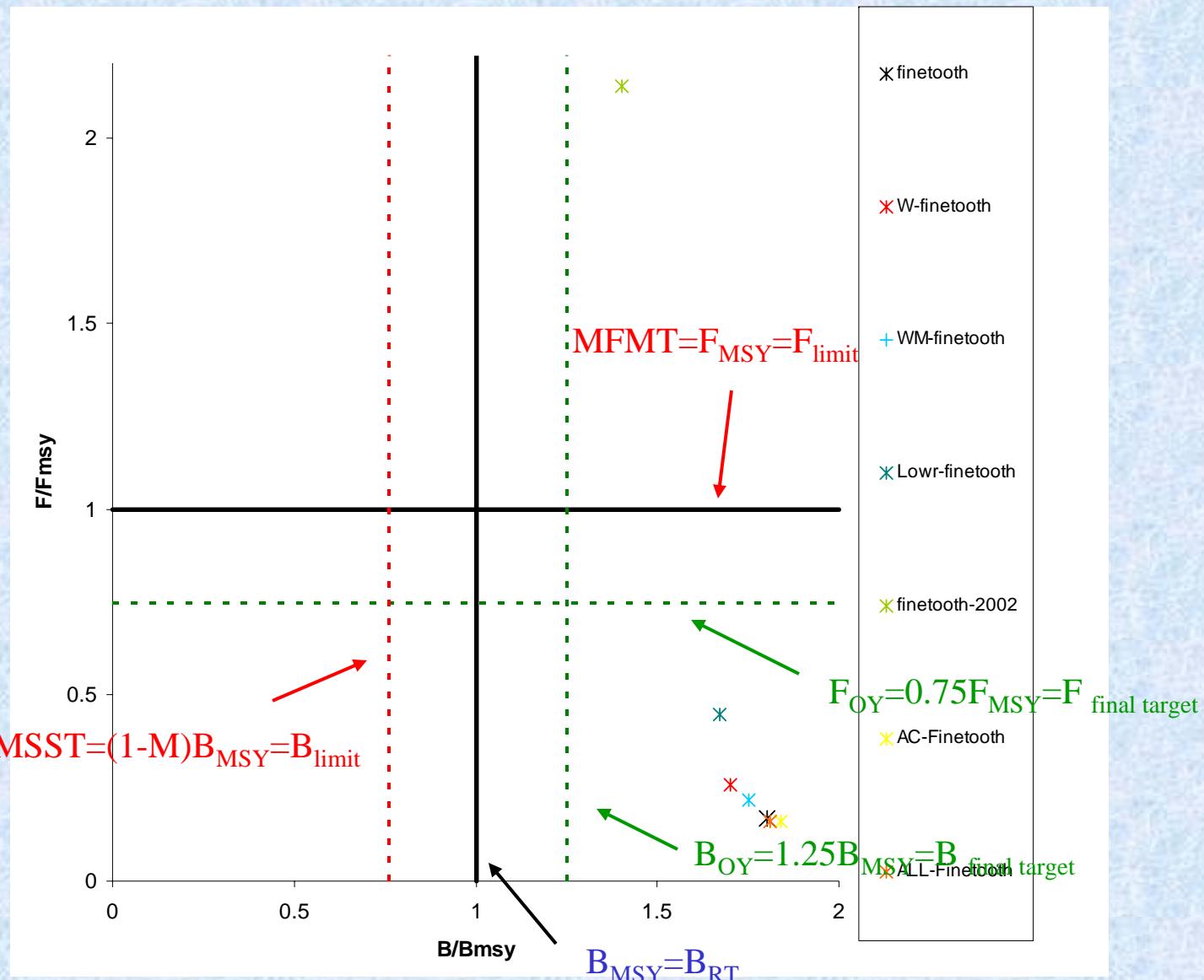


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Results for Finetooth shark: WinBUGS SPM model fits to the CPUE series

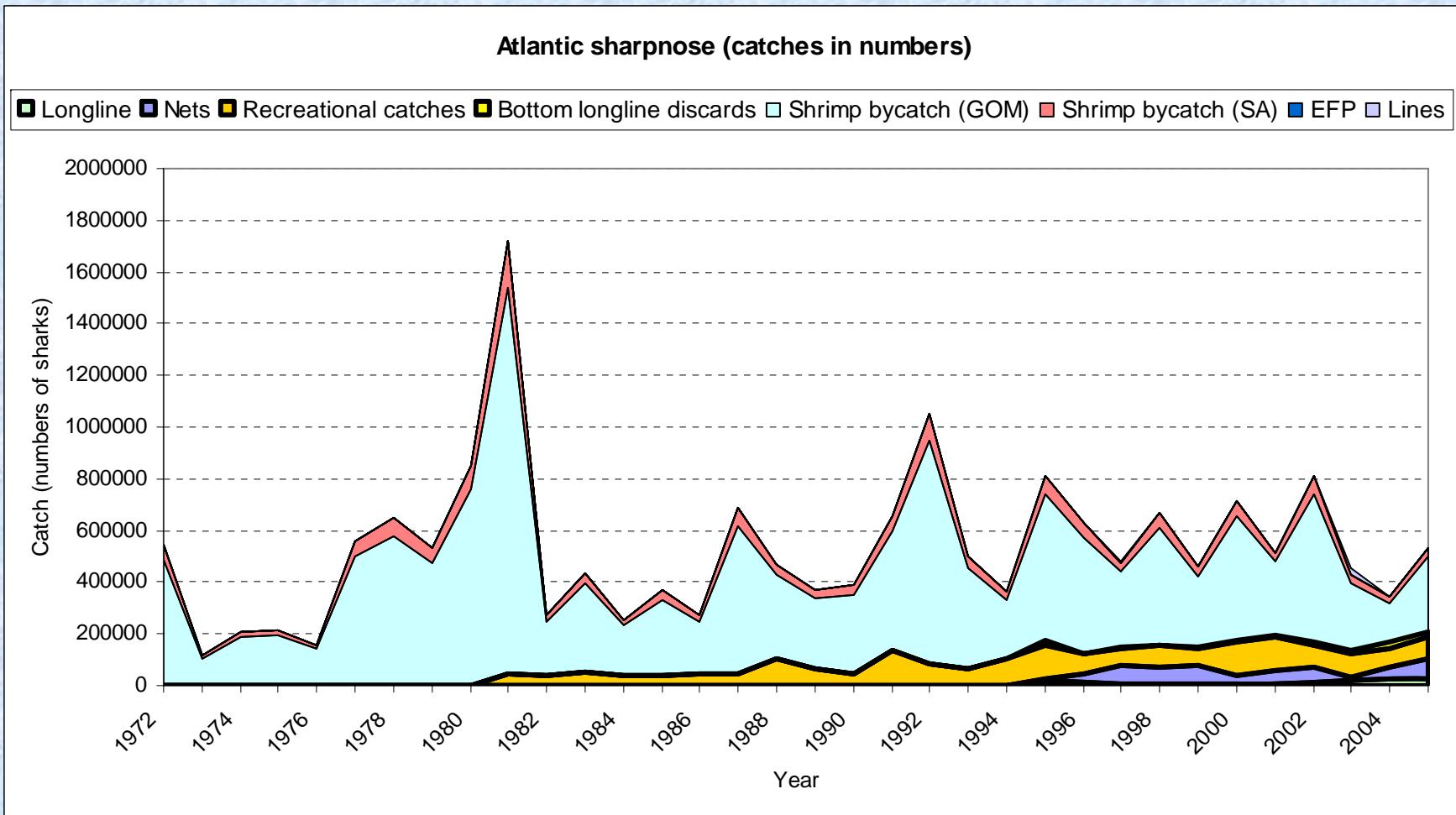


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ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE SHARK

Total Catches: Atlantic sharpnose shark

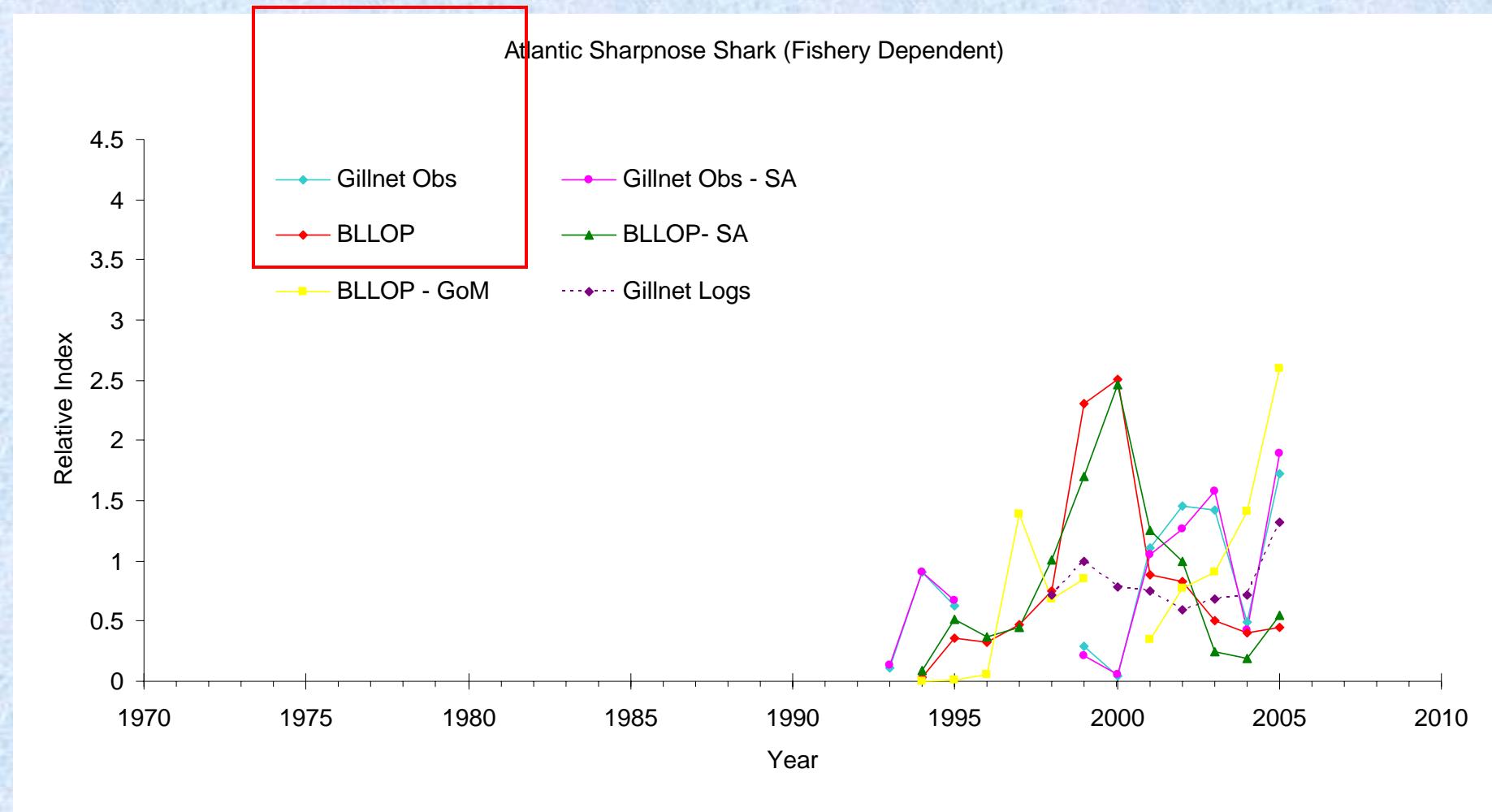


CPUE series: Atlantic sharpnose shark -Baseline

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- **FISHERY-INDEPENDENT:** PC LL, PC Gillnet, SEAMAP-SA, TEXAS, VA LL, NMFS LLSE, SC Coastspan, SCDNR, SEAMAP-GOM-S, SEAMAP-GOM-F, UNC, MML-Ad, MML-Juv (13)

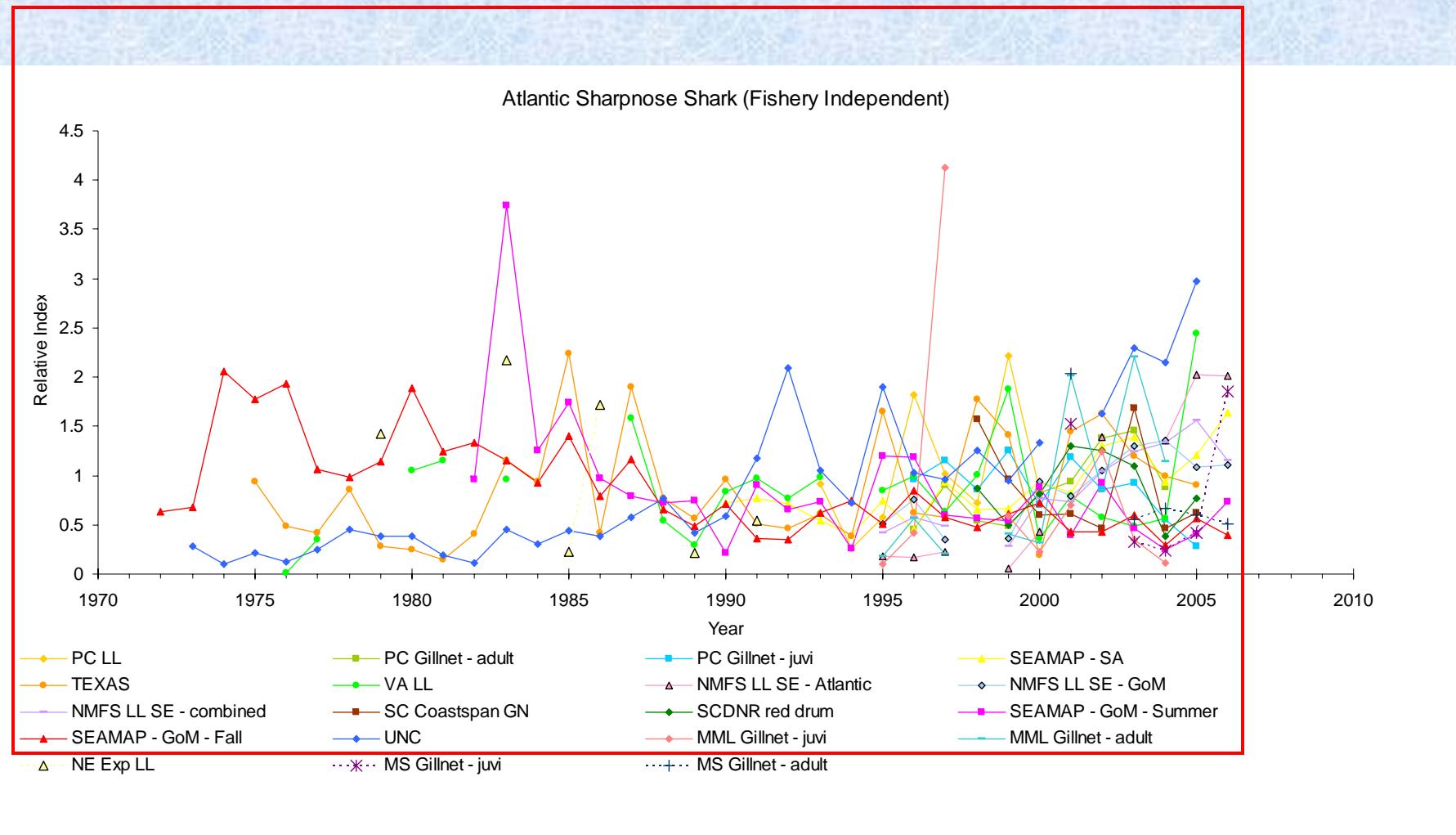
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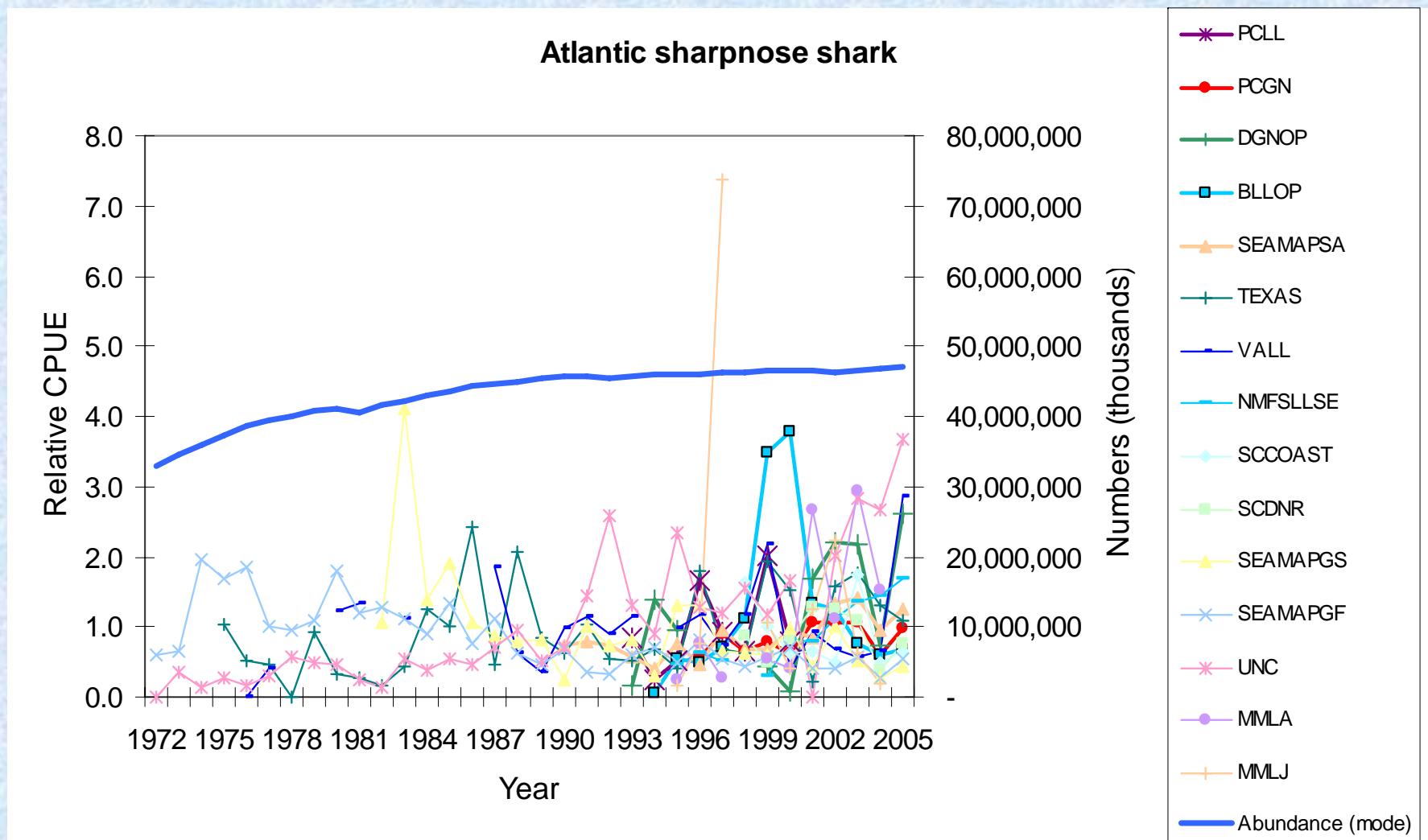
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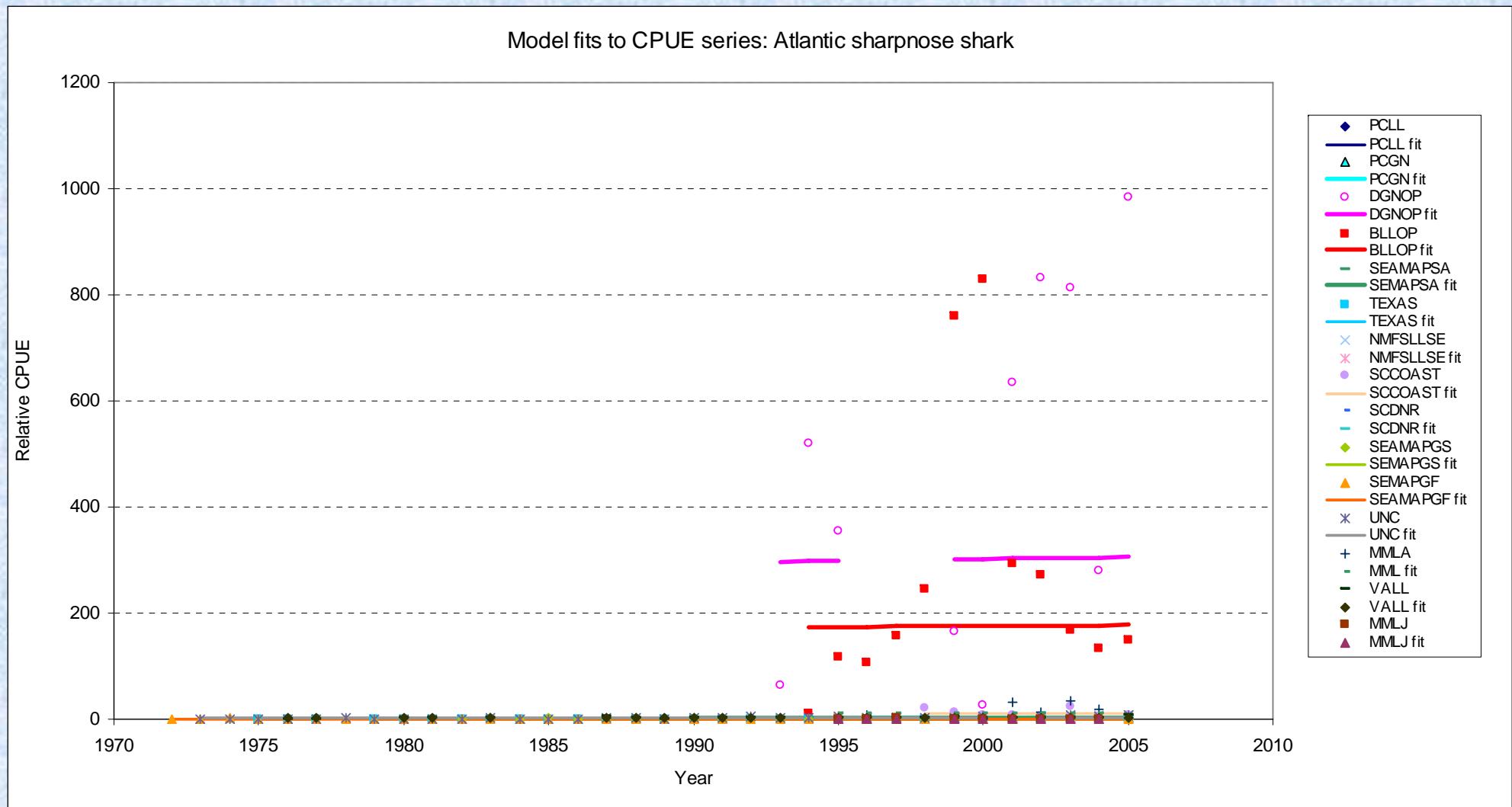
Inputs-Priors for Atlantic sharpnose shark-Baseline

- Model starts in 1972 (first year of CPUE indices)
- Catch data available for 1972-2005
- 15 Indices available
- $r \sim LN(0.165, 0.08, 0.001, 2.0)$
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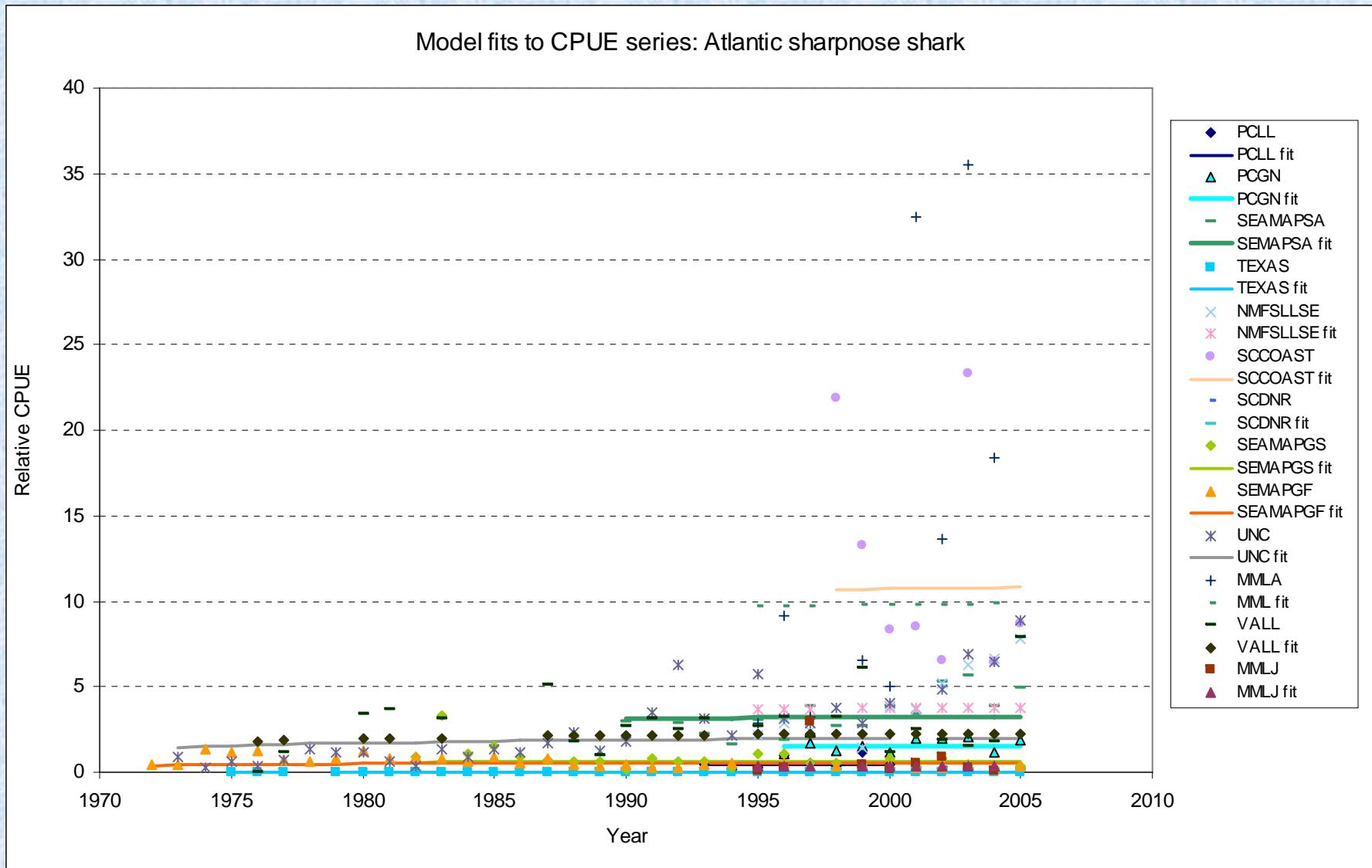
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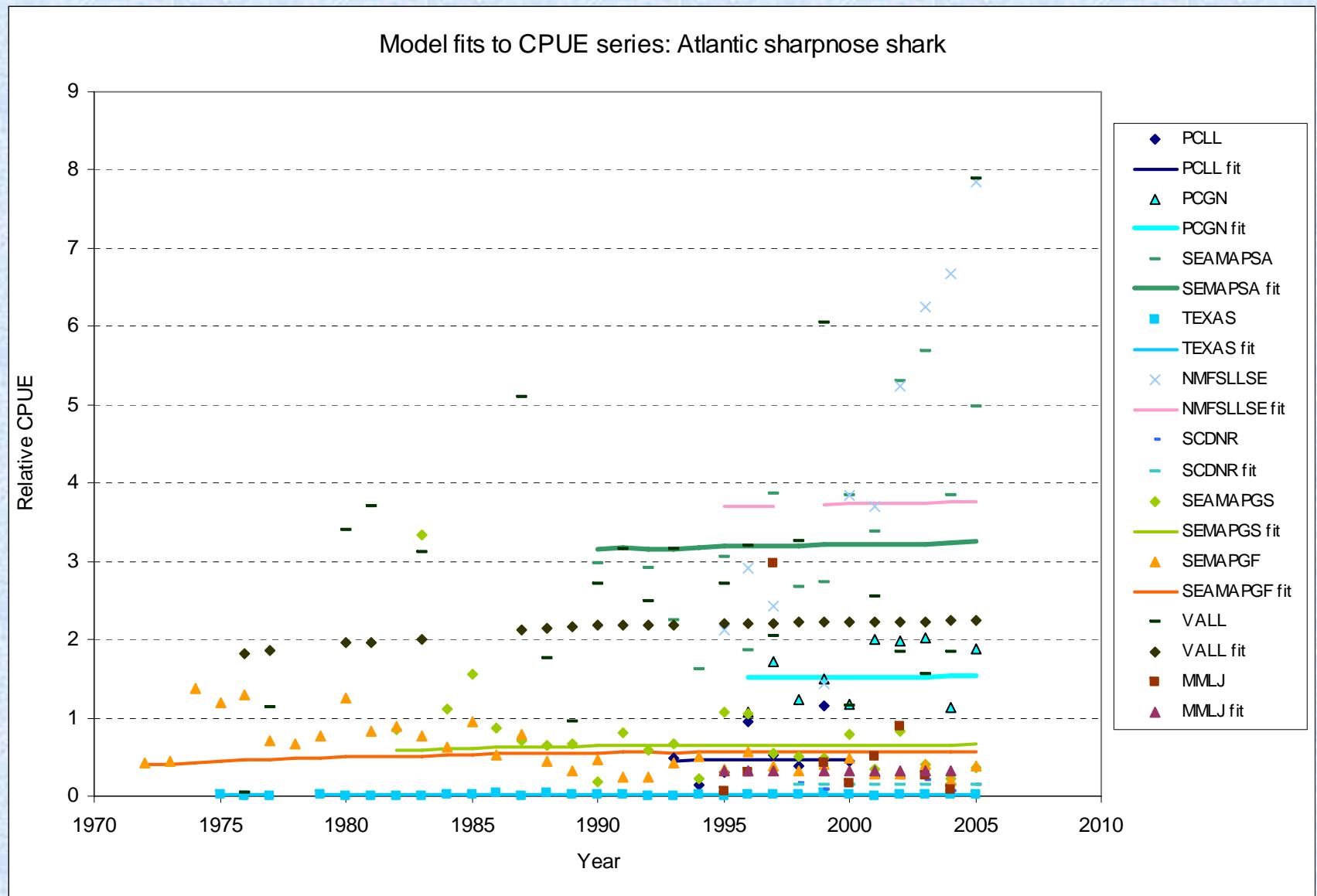
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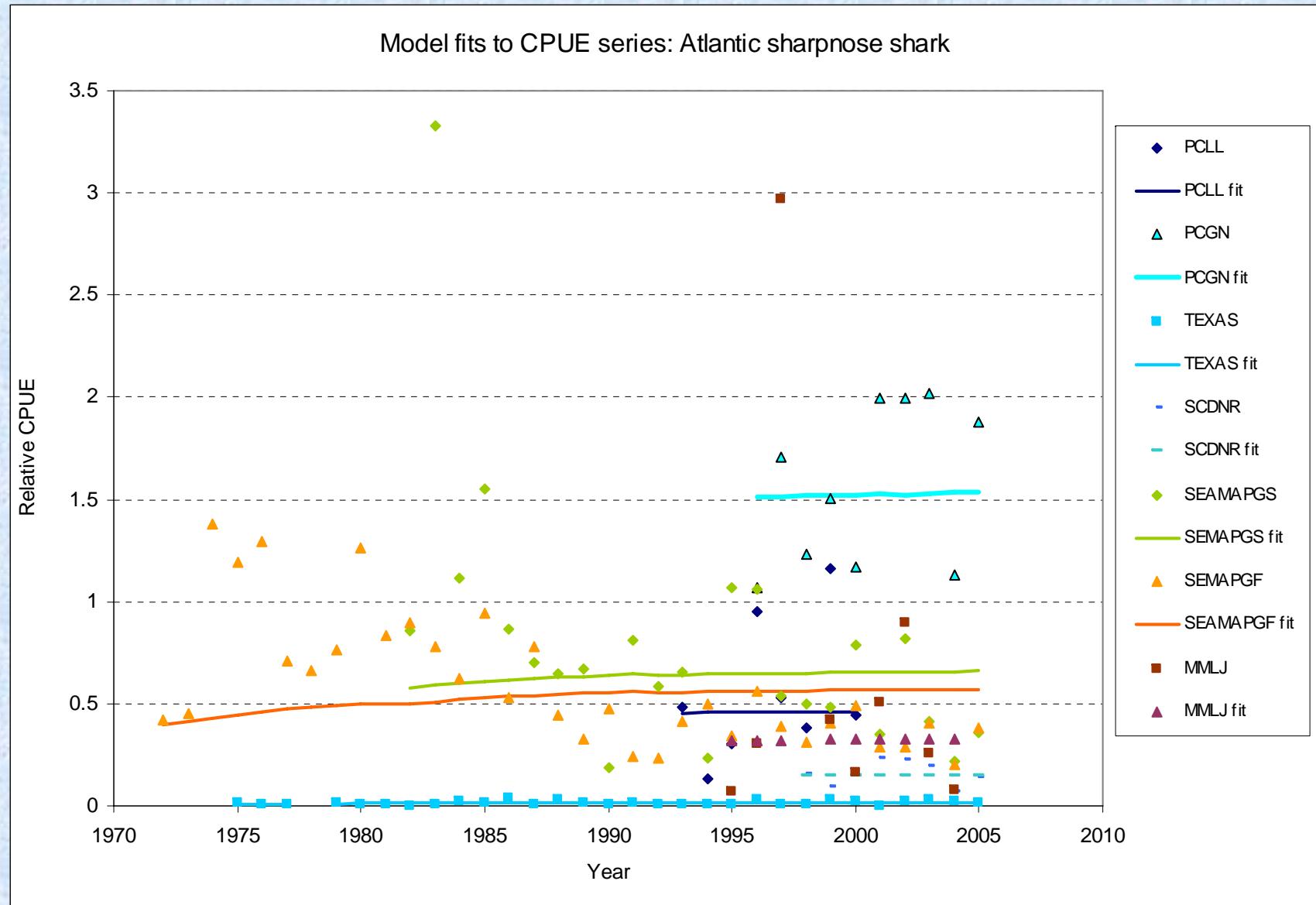
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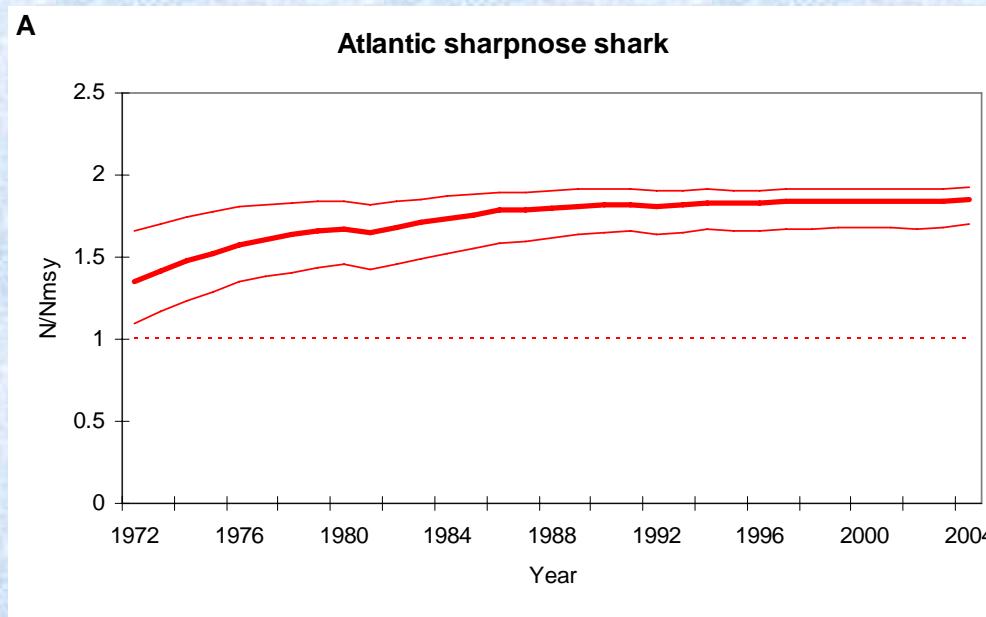
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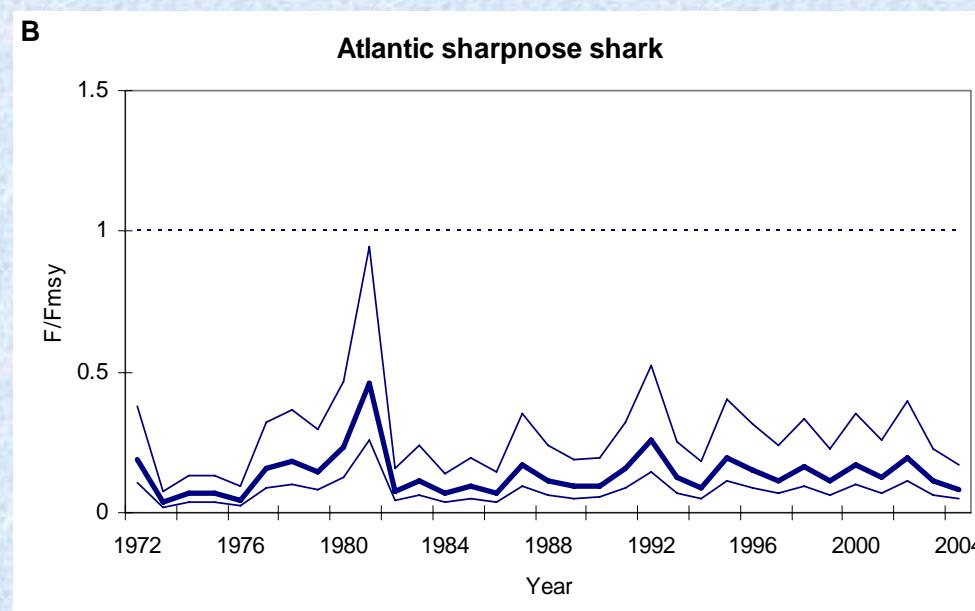
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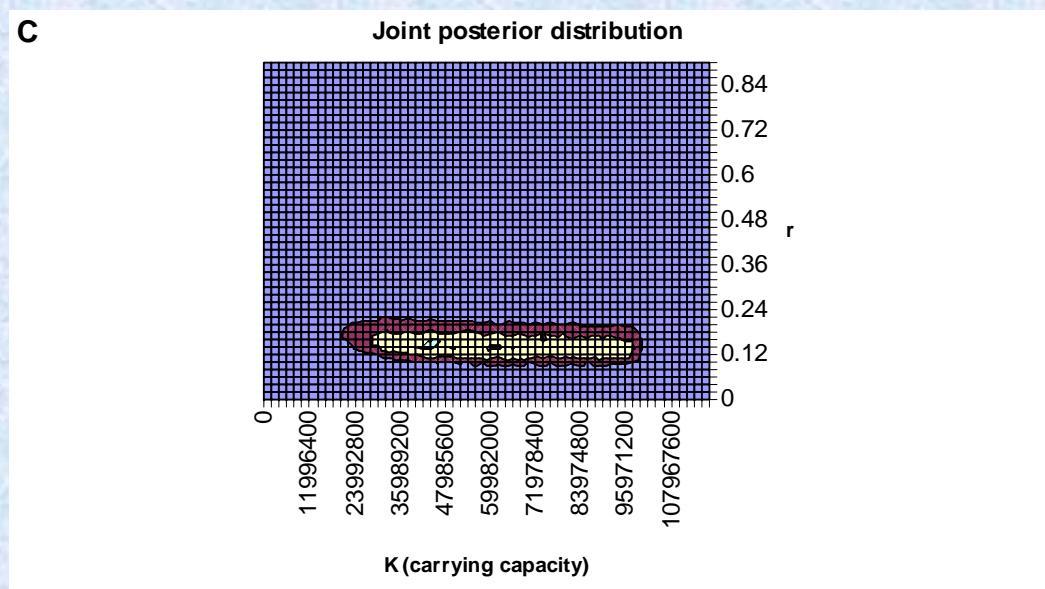
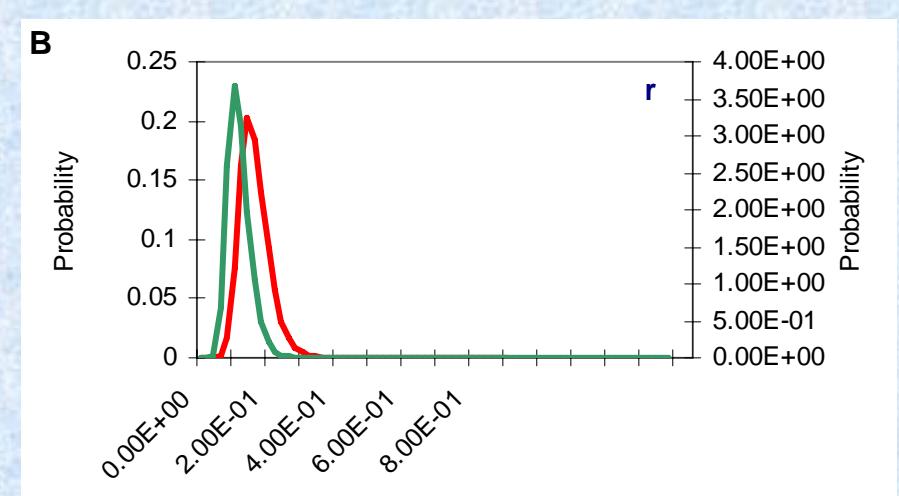
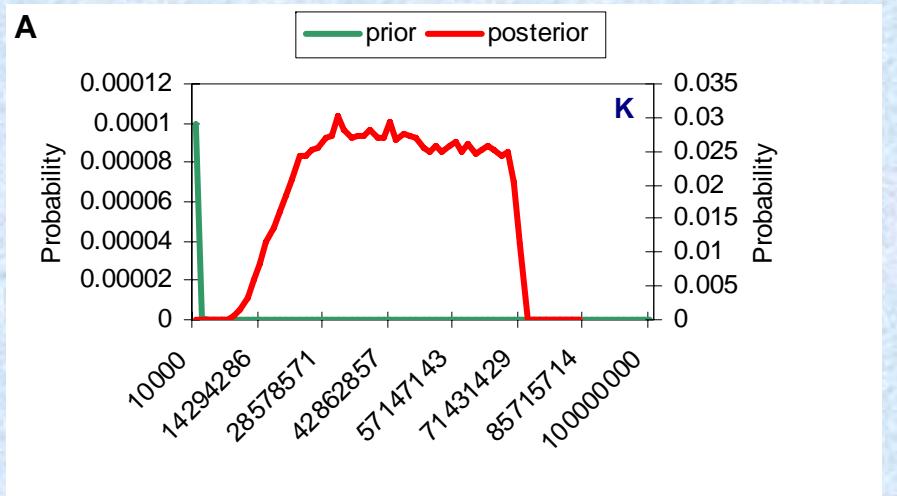


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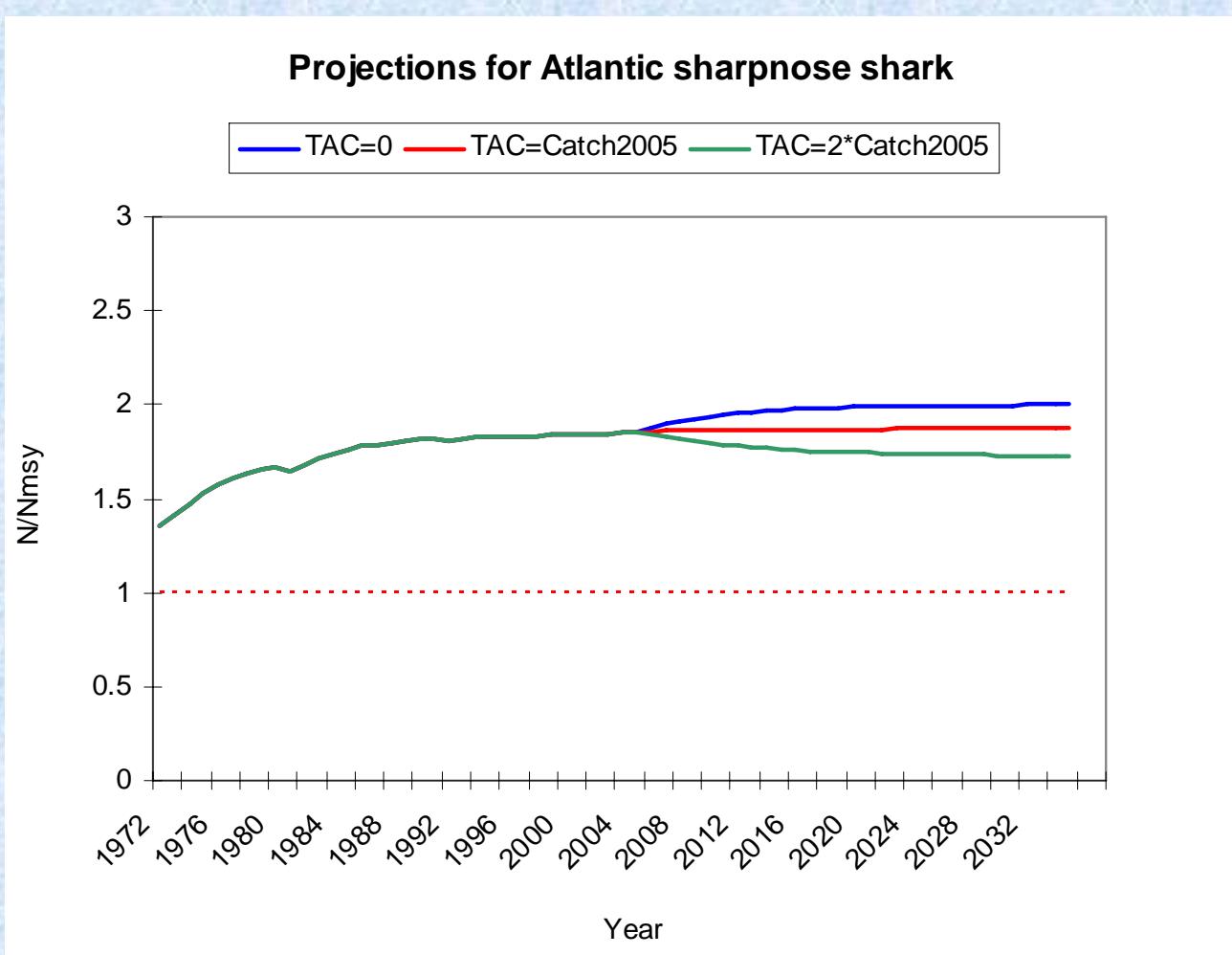
Expected values of the mean and CV of marginal posterior distributions from the SPM for Atlantic sharpnose shark-Baseline

	Atl. Sharpnose	
	EV	CV
Importance function	priors	
K	60833	0.36
r	0.160	0.27
MSY	2389	0.43
N ₂₀₀₅	56389	0.39
N ₂₀₀₅ /K	0.91	0.05
N _{init}	41778	0.41
N ₂₀₀₅ /N _{init}	1.37	0.15
C ₂₀₀₅ /MSY	0.27	0.46
F ₂₀₀₅ /F _{MSY}	0.15	0.54
N ₂₀₀₅ /N _{MSY}	1.83	0.05
C ₂₀₀₅ /rep _y	0.90	0.08
N _{MSY}	30416	0.36
F _{MSY}	0.080	
rep _y	597	0.10
C ₀		
Diagnostics		
CW (wt)	3.182	
CV (L*prior)	0.000	
CV (Wt) / CV (L*p)	n/a	
%maxpWt	0.070	

SPM results for Atlantic sharpnose shark-Baseline: Prior and posterior pdfs for K and r, and joint posterior distribution for K and r



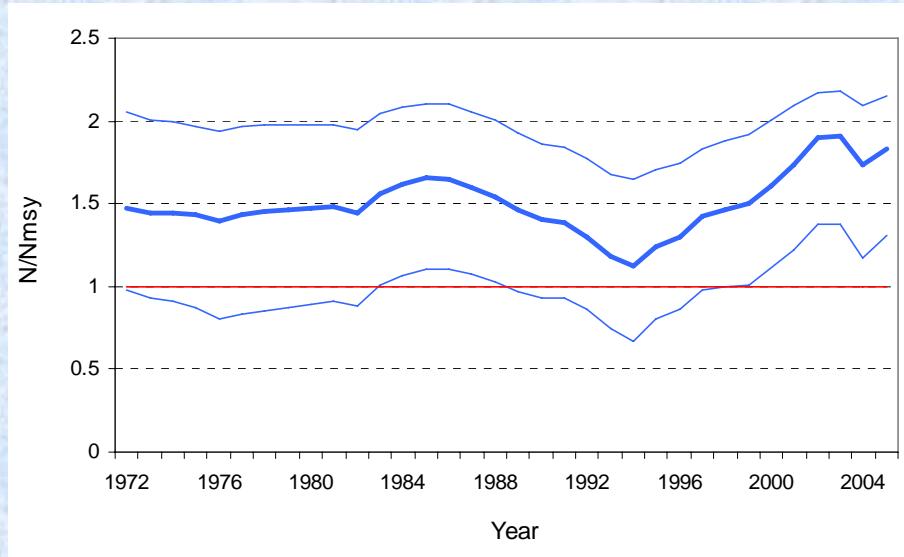
SPM results for Atlantic sharpnose shark-Baseline: Projections



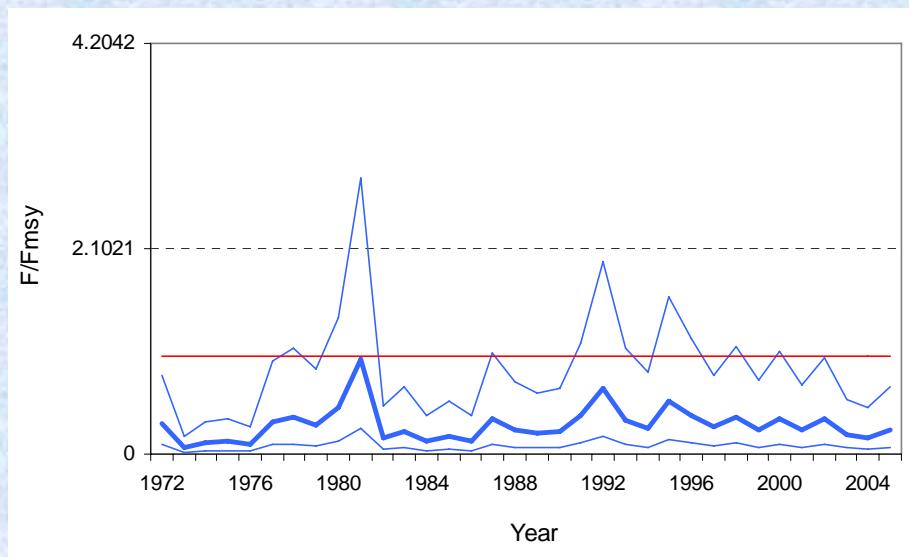
Sensitivity Analyses

- Alternative model (W; WinBUGS)
- Inverse CV weighting (WM)
- Extending catch series back to 1950 (AC)
- Including “sensitivity” CPUE series (ALL)
- Considering separate stocks (GOM or SA)

Results for Atlantic sharpnose shark: Estimated biomass and relative biomass and fishing mortality rate trajectories of the WinBUGS SPM.

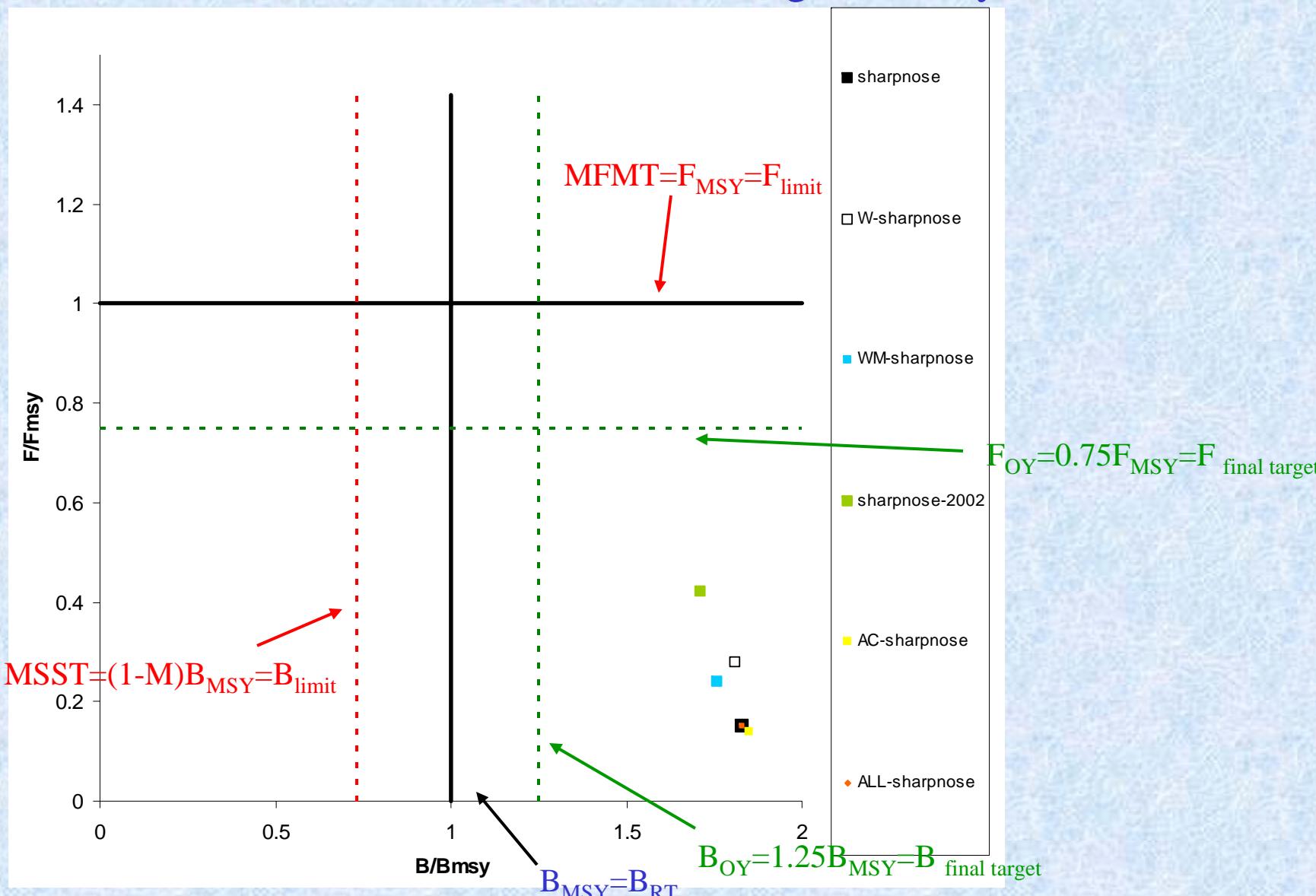


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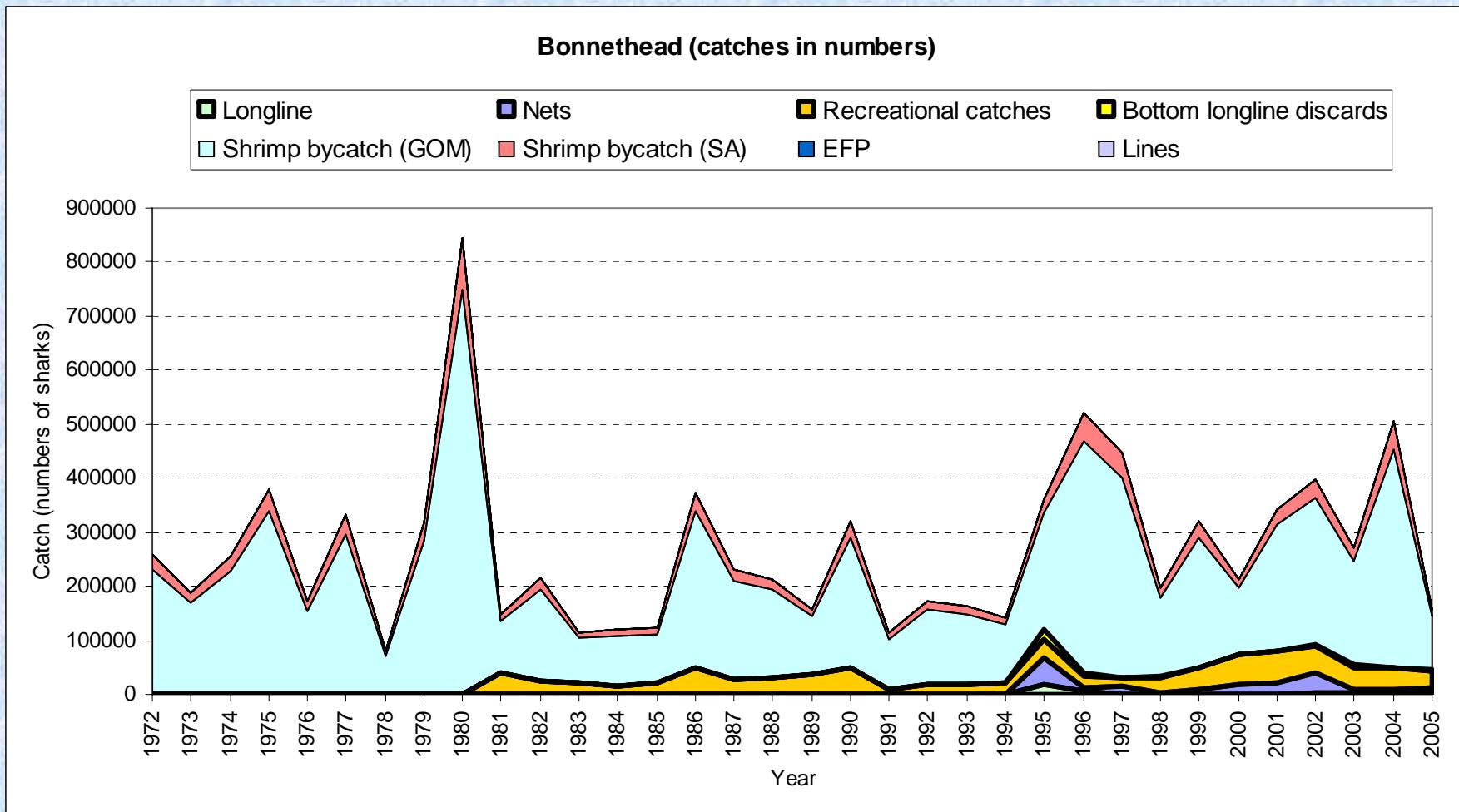
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Results for Atlantic sharpnose shark: Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



BONNETHEAD SHARK

Total Catches: Bonnethead shark

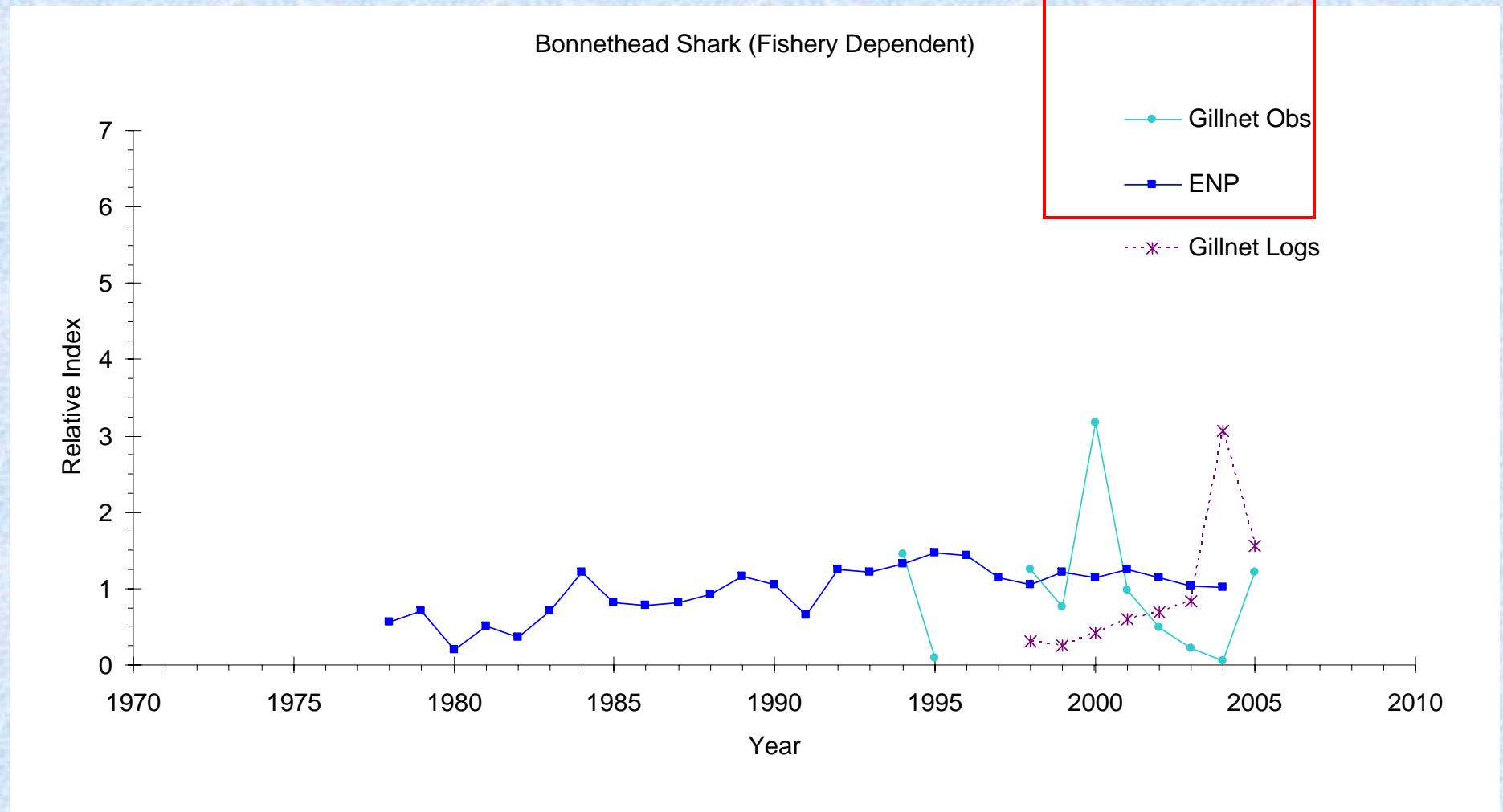


CPUE series: Bonnethead shark -Baseline

- **FISHERY-DEPENDENT:** Gillnet Observer, ENP (2)
- **FISHERY-INDEPENDENT:** PC Gillnet, SEAMAP-SA, TEXAS, SC Coastspan, SEAMAP-GOM-S, SEAMAP-GOM-F, MML-Ad, MML-Juv (8)

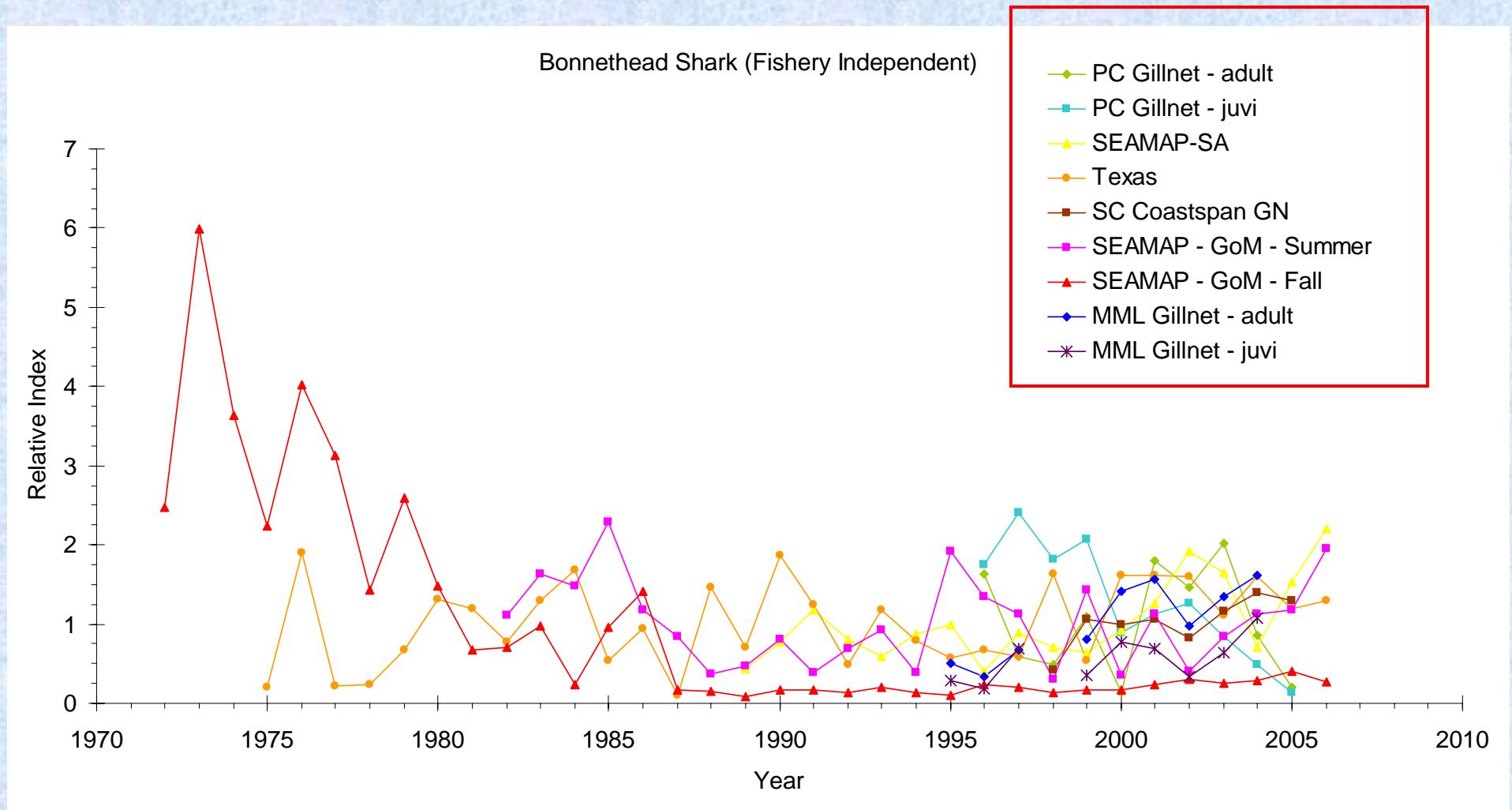
CPUE series: Bonnethead shark-Baseline (F-D)

Baseline Indices



CPUE series: Bonnethead shark-Baseline (F-I)

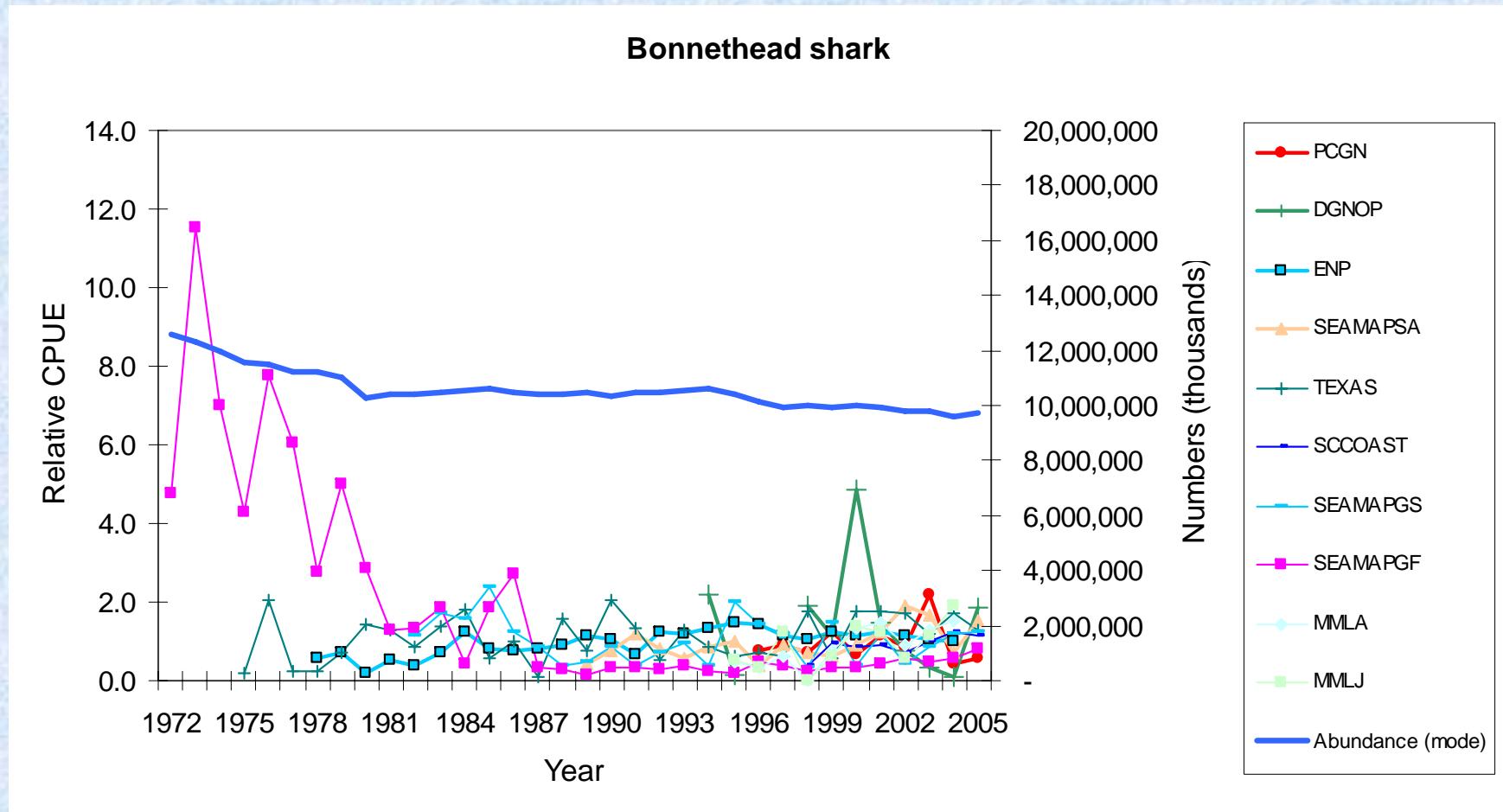
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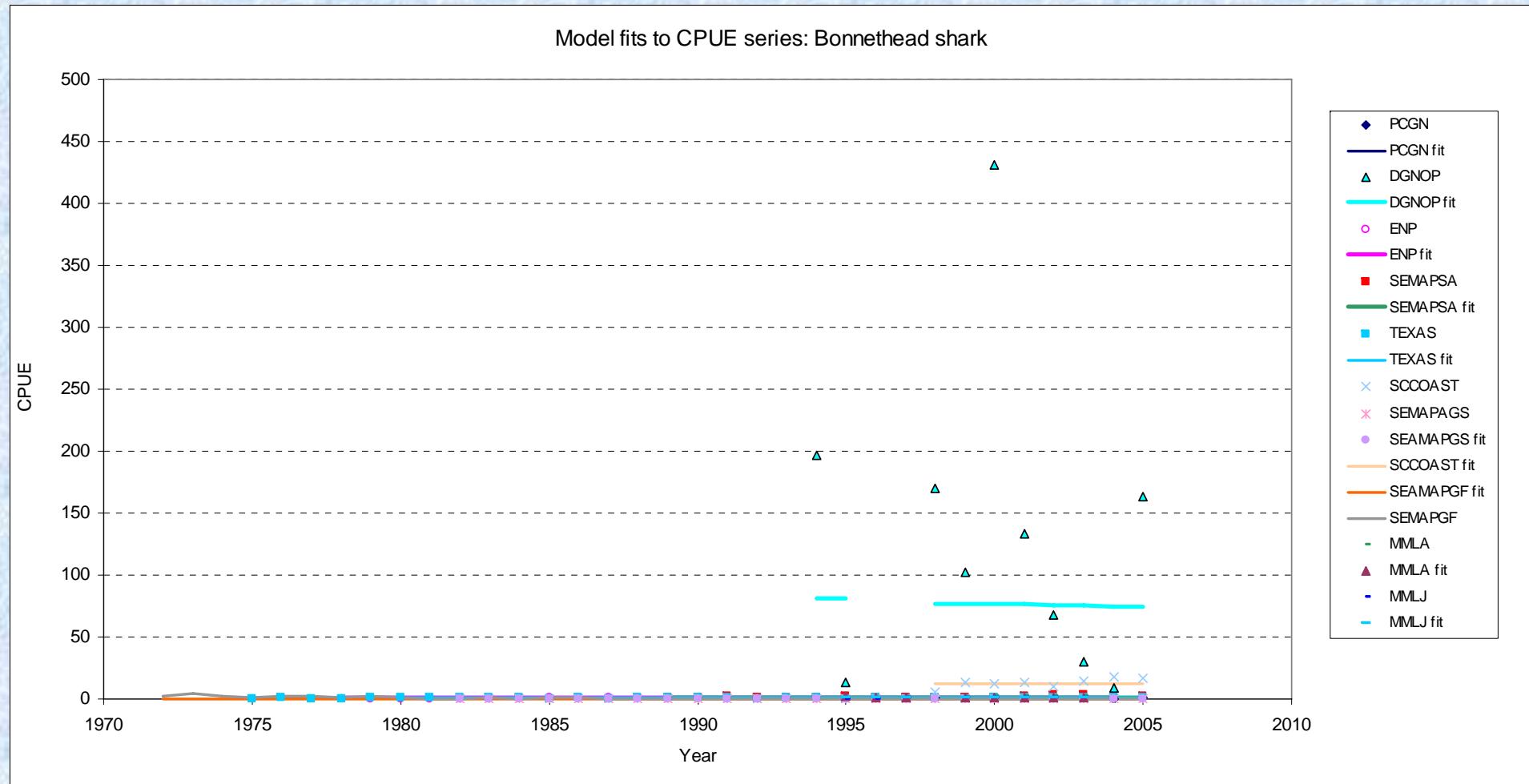
Inputs-Priors for Bonnethead shark-Baseline

- Model starts in 1972 (first year of CPUE indices)
- Catch data available for 1972-2005
- 10 Indices available
- $r \sim LN(0.205, 0.08, 0.001, 2.0)$
- $K \sim U \text{ on } \log K (10^4 - 10^8)$
- $N_{72/K} \sim LN(0.9, 0.2, 0.2, 1.1)$

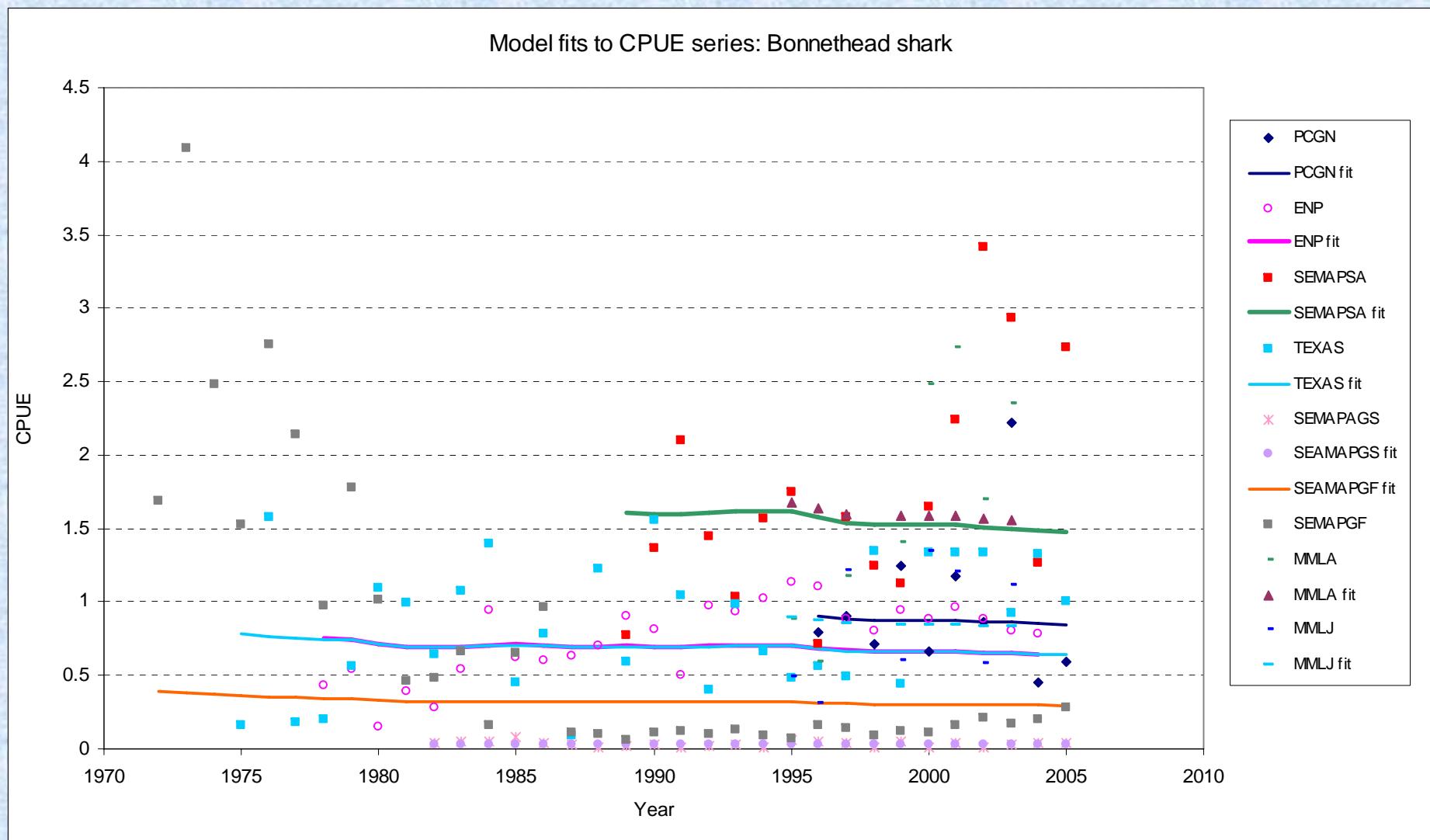
SPM results for Bonnethead shark-Baseline: Predicted biomass trend at posterior mode of the BSP model fitted to catch and CPUE data



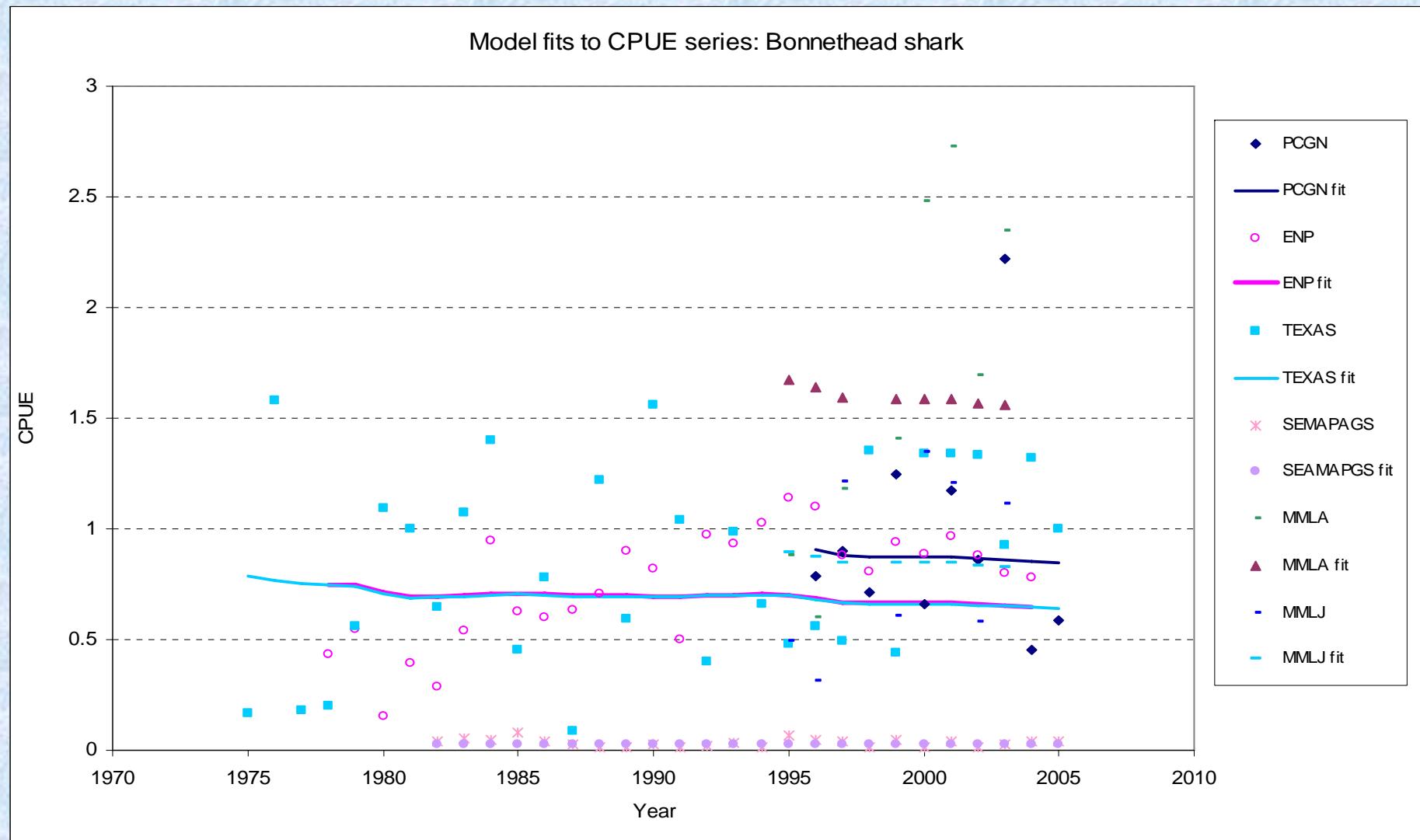
SPM results for Bonnethead shark-Baseline: Model fits to the individual CPUE series



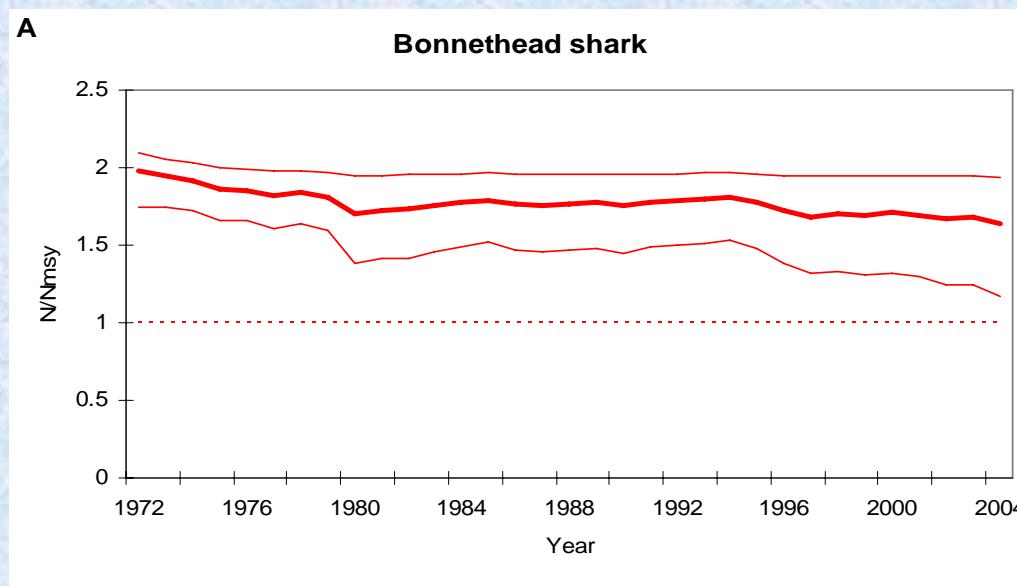
SPM results for Bonnethead shark-Baseline: Model fits to the individual CPUE series (-DGNOP, SCCOAST)



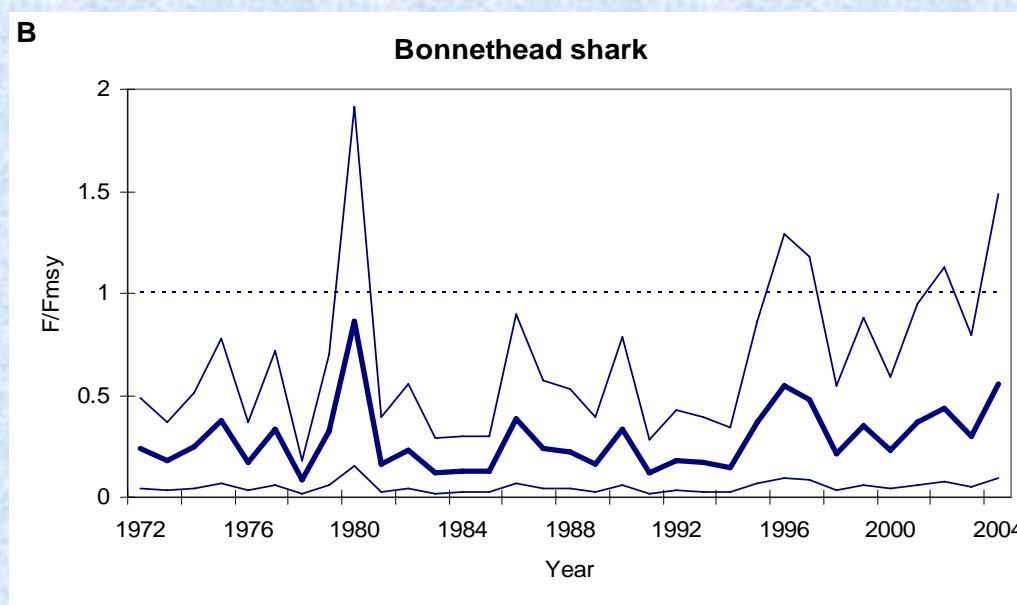
SPM results for Bonnethead shark-Baseline: Model fits to the individual CPUE series (-SEAMAPGF, SEAMAPSA)



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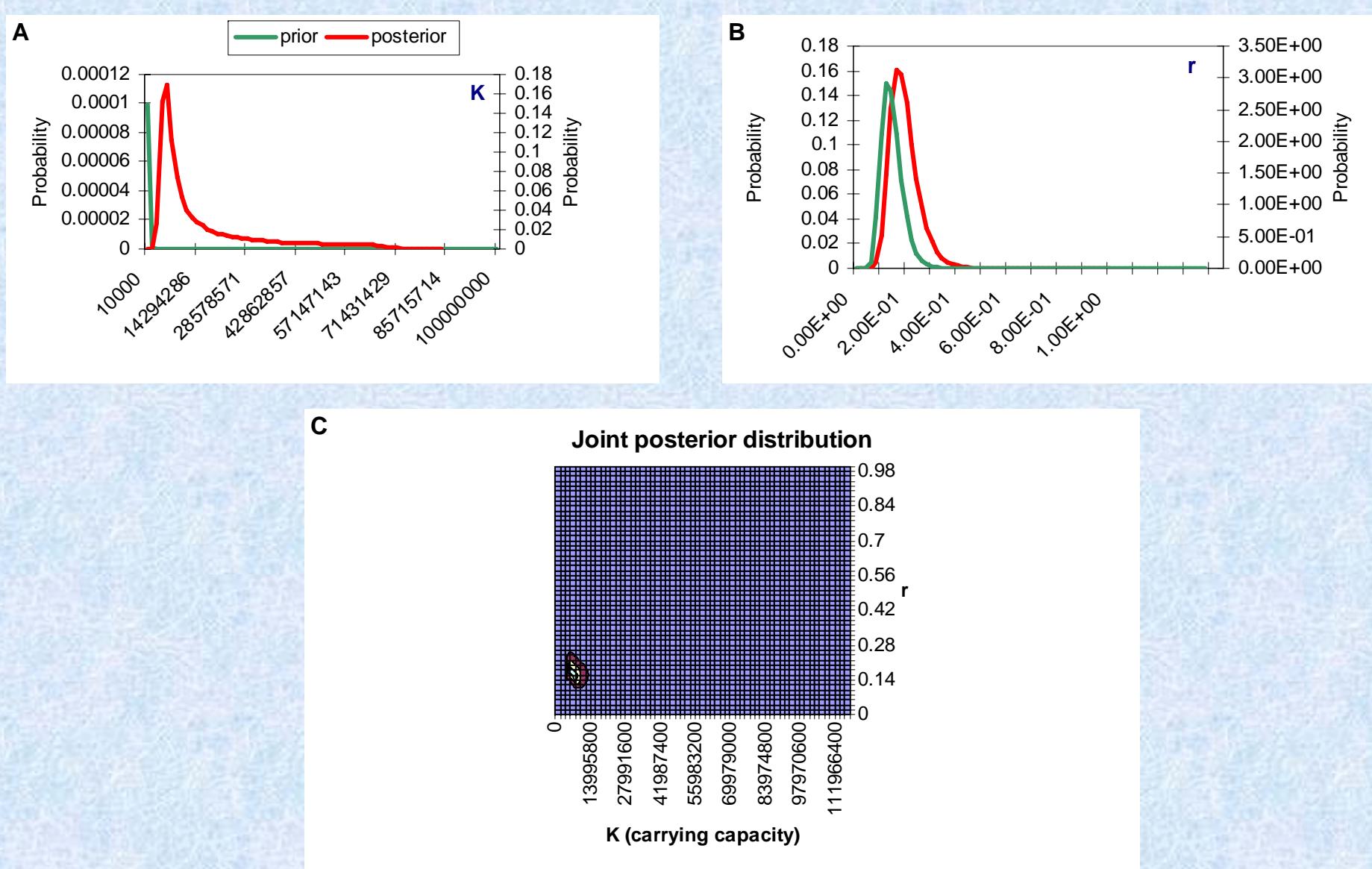


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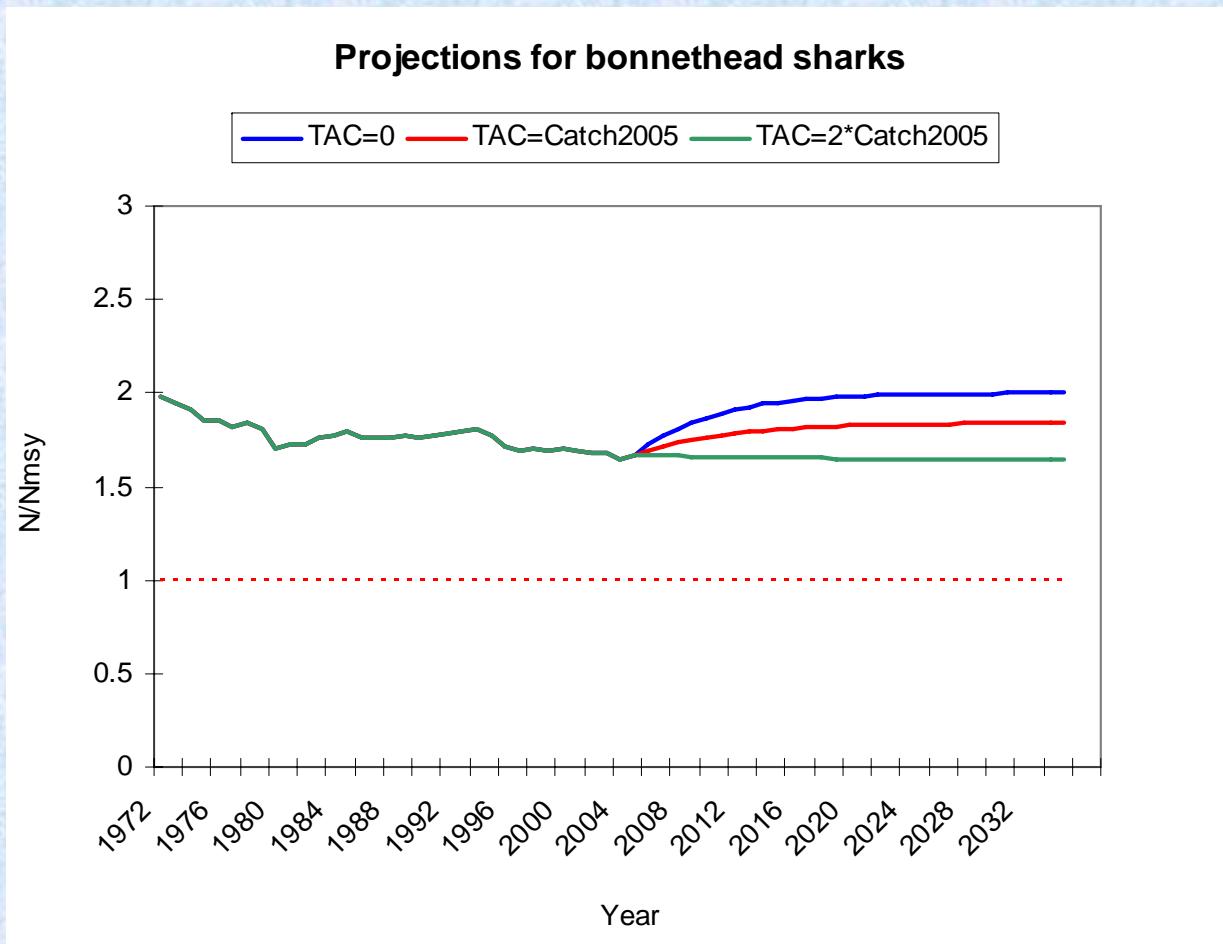
Expected values of the mean and CV of marginal posterior distributions from the SPM for Bonnethead shark-Baseline

	Bonnethead	
	EV	CV
Importance function	priors	
K	21708	0.98
r	0.191	0.29
MSY	1058	1.11
N_{2005}	19631	1.09
N_{2005}/K	0.81	0.18
N_{init}	21433	0.99
N_{2005}/N_{init}	0.83	0.17
C_{2005}/MSY	0.31	0.64
F_{2005}/F_{MSY}	0.22	0.83
N_{2005}/N_{MSY}	1.61	0.18
$C_{2005}/\text{rep}y$	0.52	0.13
N_{MSY}	10854	0.98
F_{MSY}	0.096	
rep y	309	0.11
C_0		
Diagnostics		
CW (wt)	1.819	
CV (L*prior)	2.390	
CV (Wt) / CV (L*p)	0.76	
%maxpWt	0.008	

SPM results for Bonnethead shark-Baseline: Prior and posterior pdfs for K and r, and joint posterior distribution for K and r



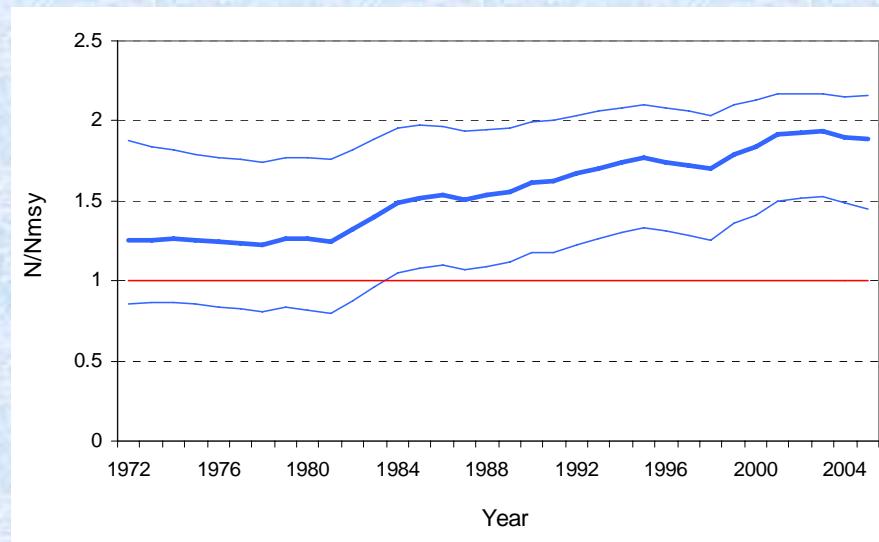
SPM results for Bonnethead shark-Baseline: Projections



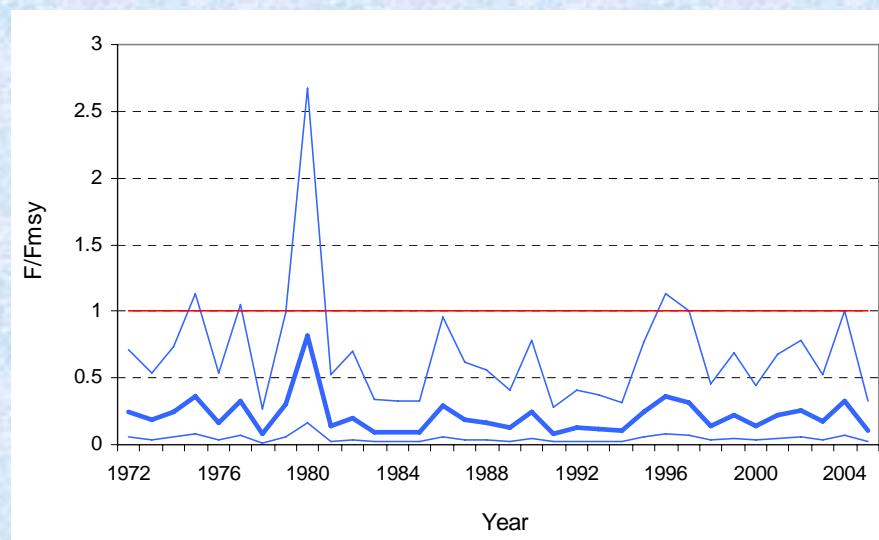
Sensitivity Analyses

- Alternative model (W; WinBUGS)
- Inverse CV weighting (WM)
- Extending catch series back to 1950 (AC)
- Including “sensitivity” CPUE series (ALL)

Results for Bonnethead shark: Estimated biomass and relative biomass and fishing mortality rate trajectories of the WinBUGS SPM.

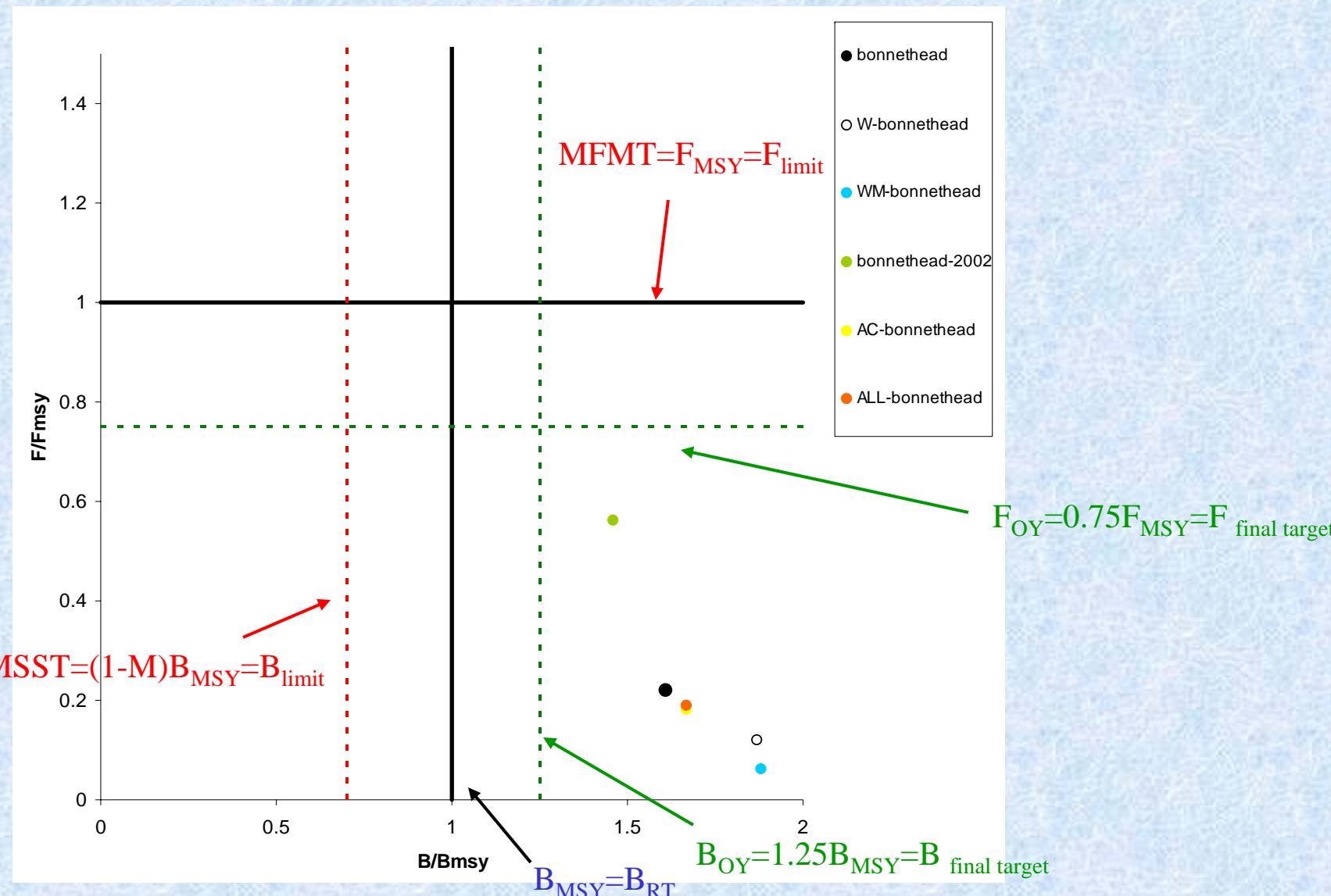


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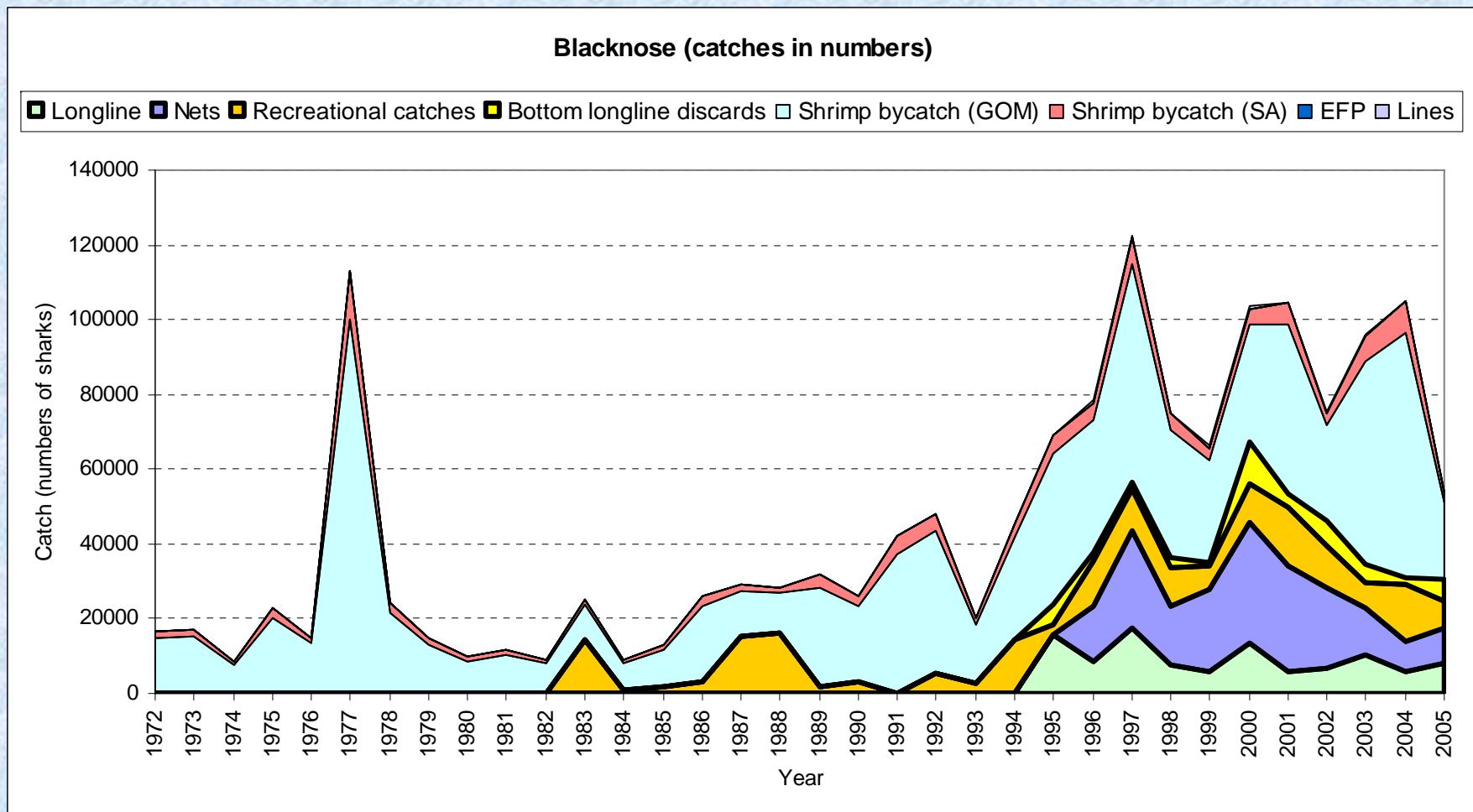
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Results for Bonnethead shark: Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



BLACKNOSE SHARK

Total Catches: Blacknose shark

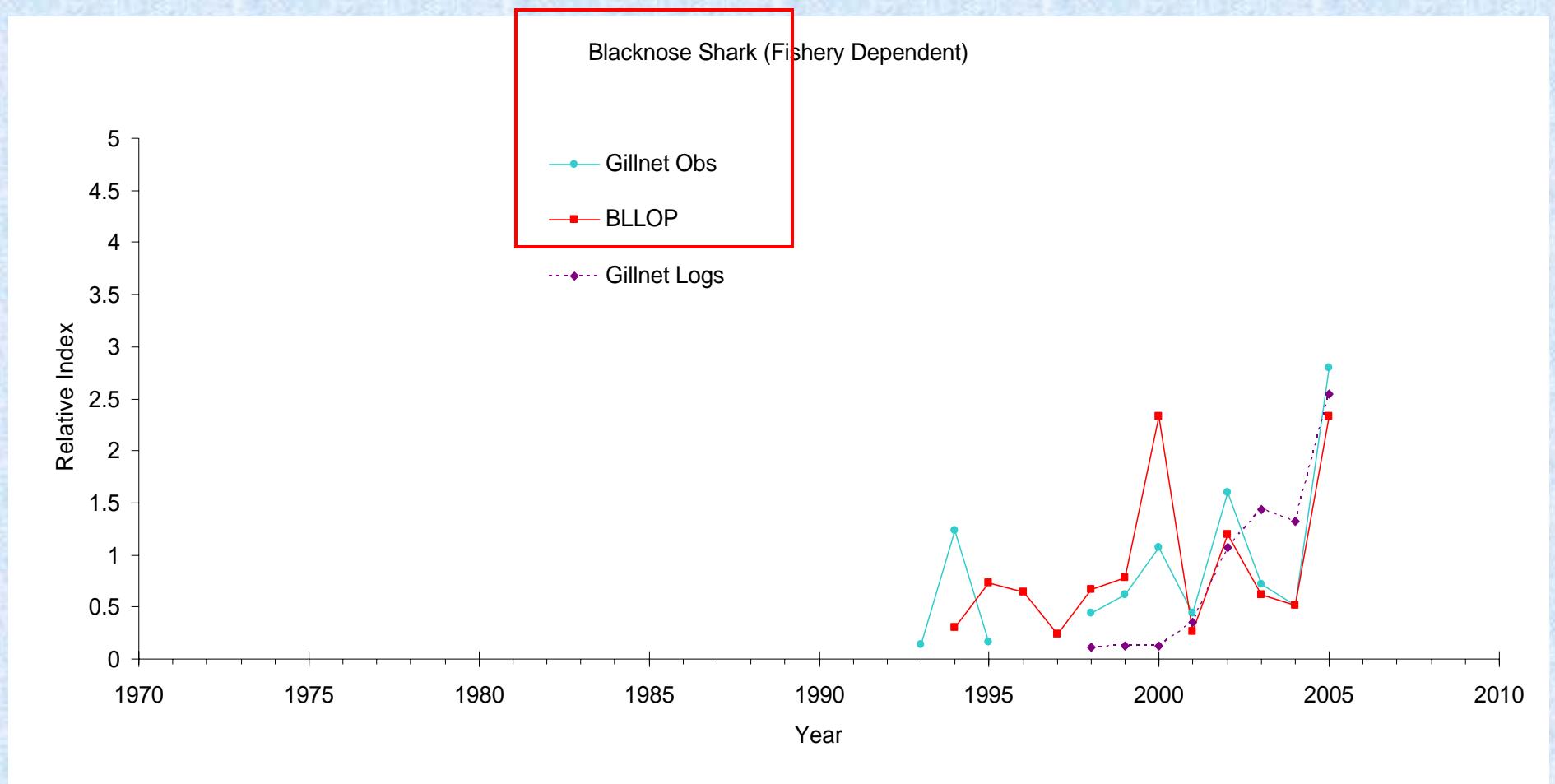


CPUE series: Blacknose shark -Baseline

- **FISHERY-DEPENDENT:** Gillnet Observer, BLLOP (2)
- **FISHERY-INDEPENDENT:** PC Gillnet, SCDNR,
NMFSLLSE, UNC, MML (5)

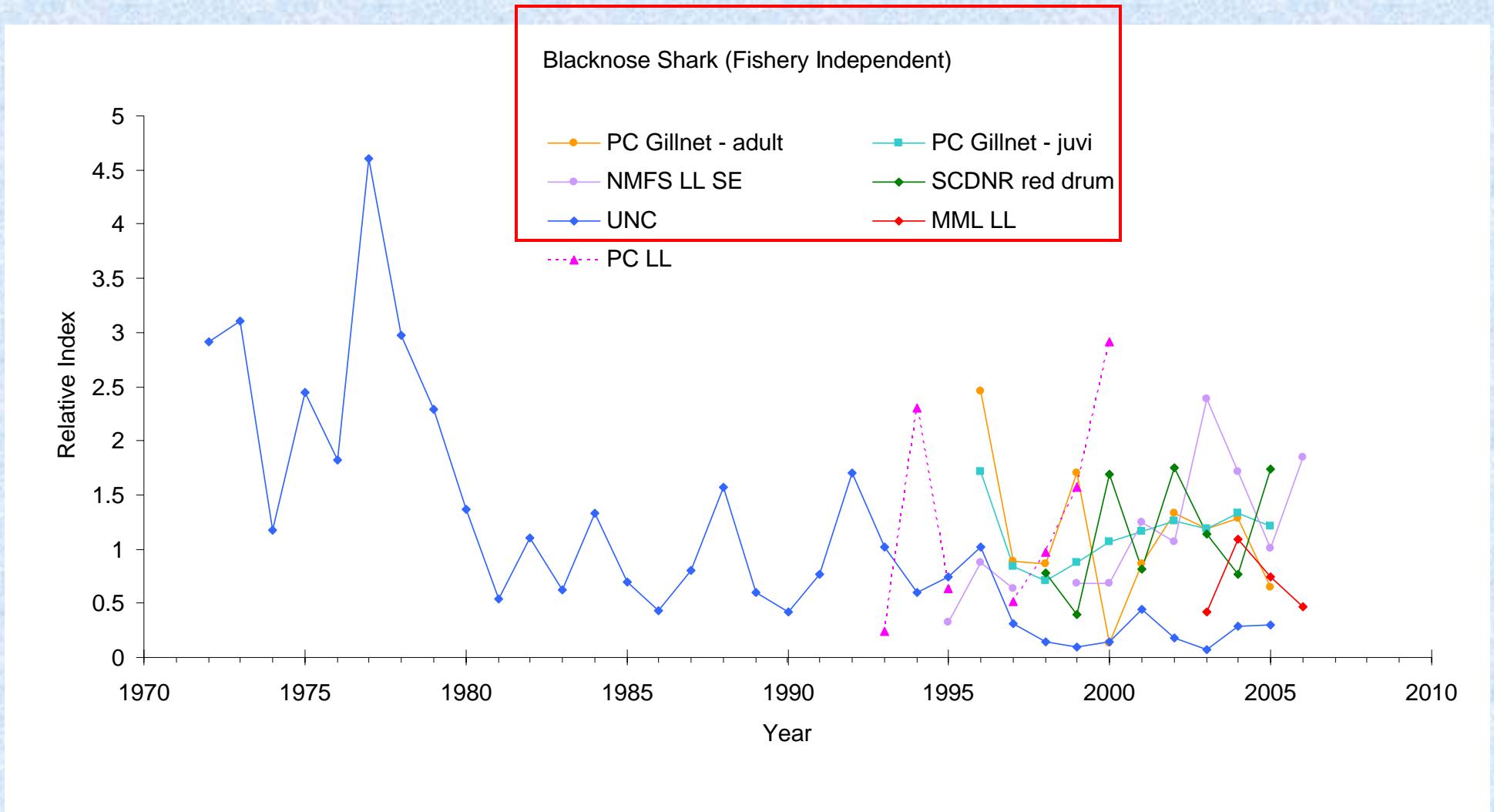
CPUE series: Blacknose shark-Baseline (F-D)

Baseline Indices



CPUE series: Blacknose shark-Baseline (F-I)

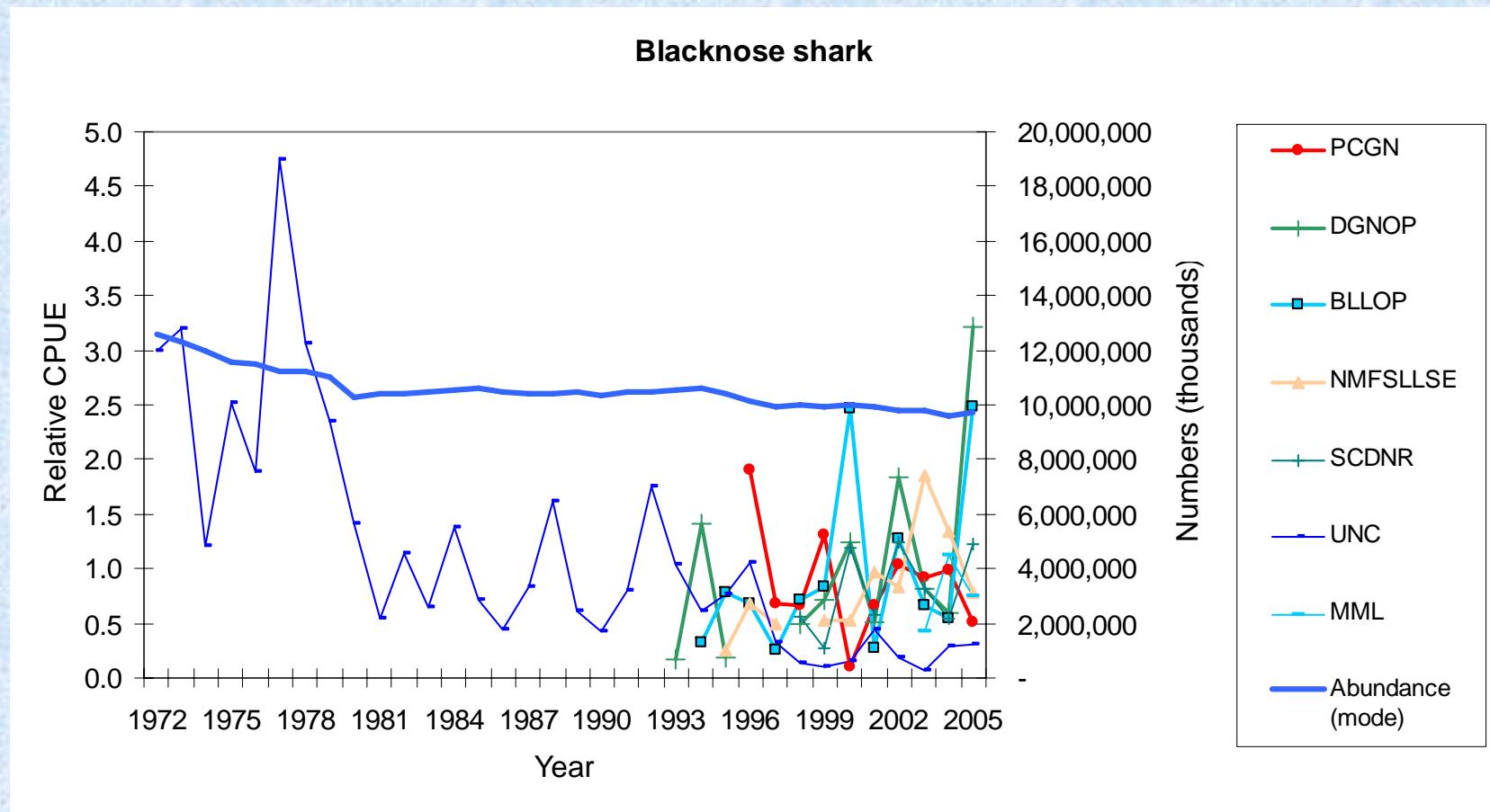
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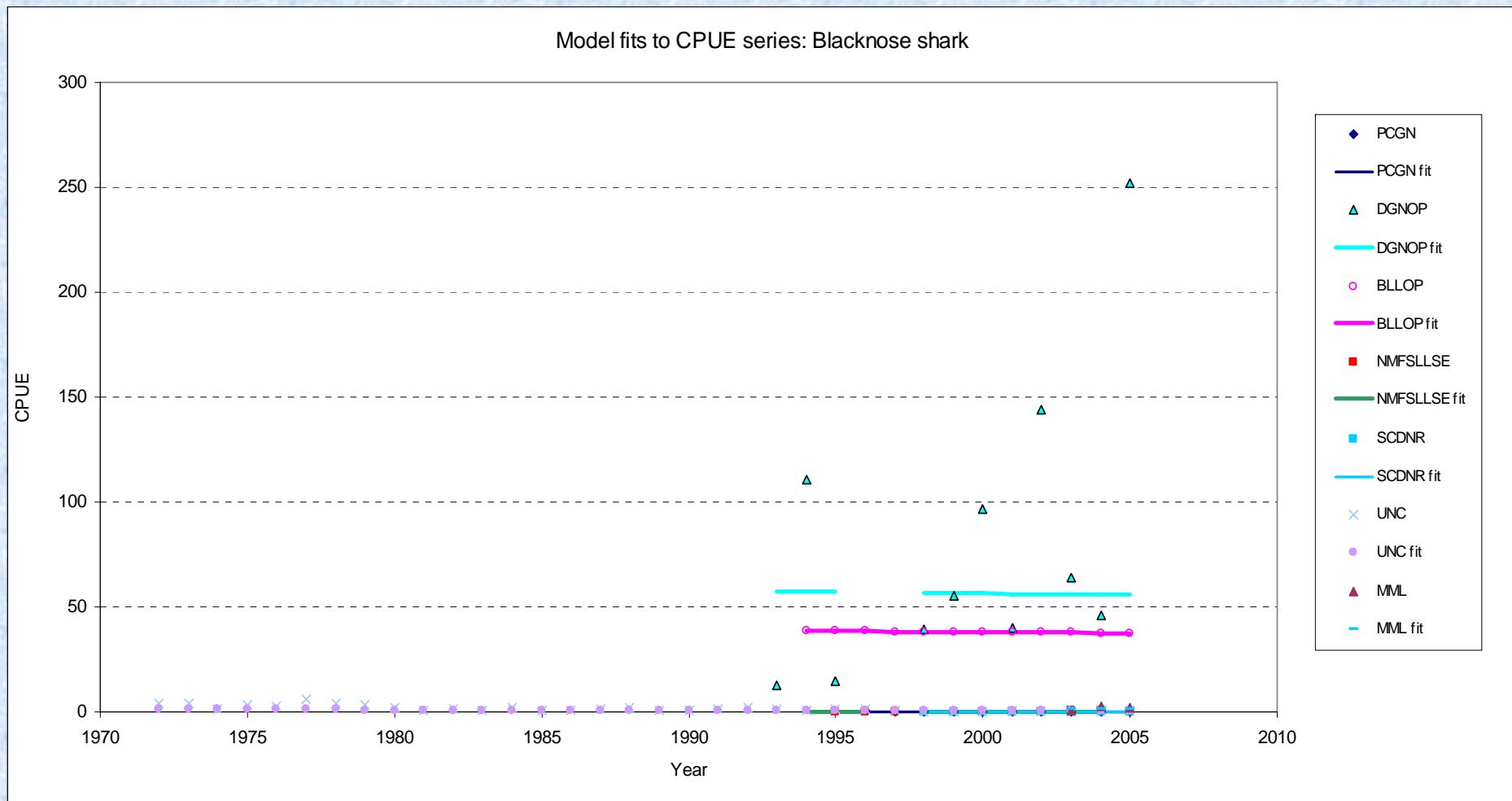
Inputs-Priors for Blacknose shark-Baseline

- Model starts in 1972 (first year of CPUE indices)
- Catch data available for 1972-2005
- 7 Indices available
- $r \sim LN(0.084, 0.06, 0.001, 2.0)$
- $K \sim U \text{ on } \log K (10^4 - 10^8)$
- $N_{72/K} \sim LN(0.9, 0.2, 0.2, 1.1)$

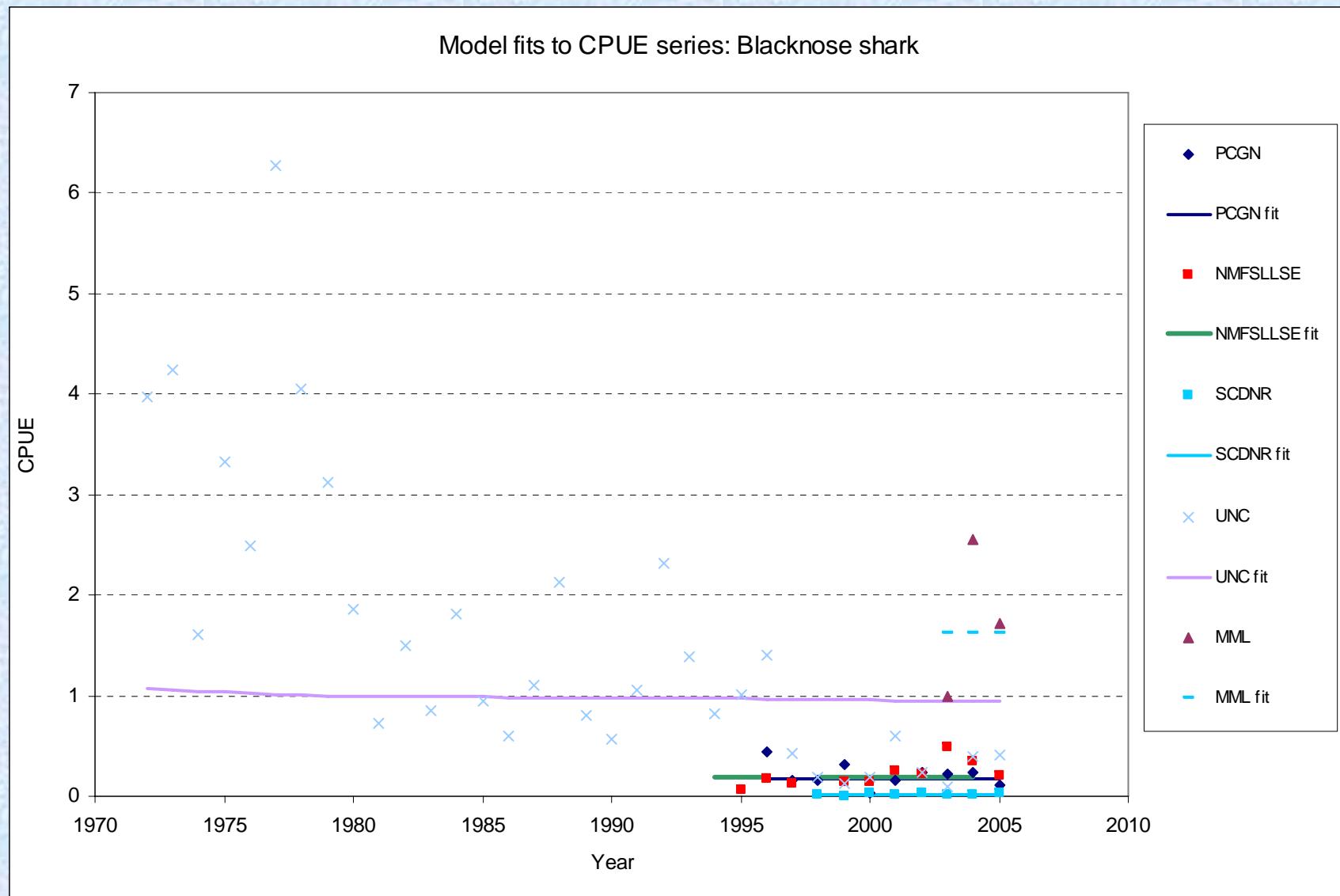
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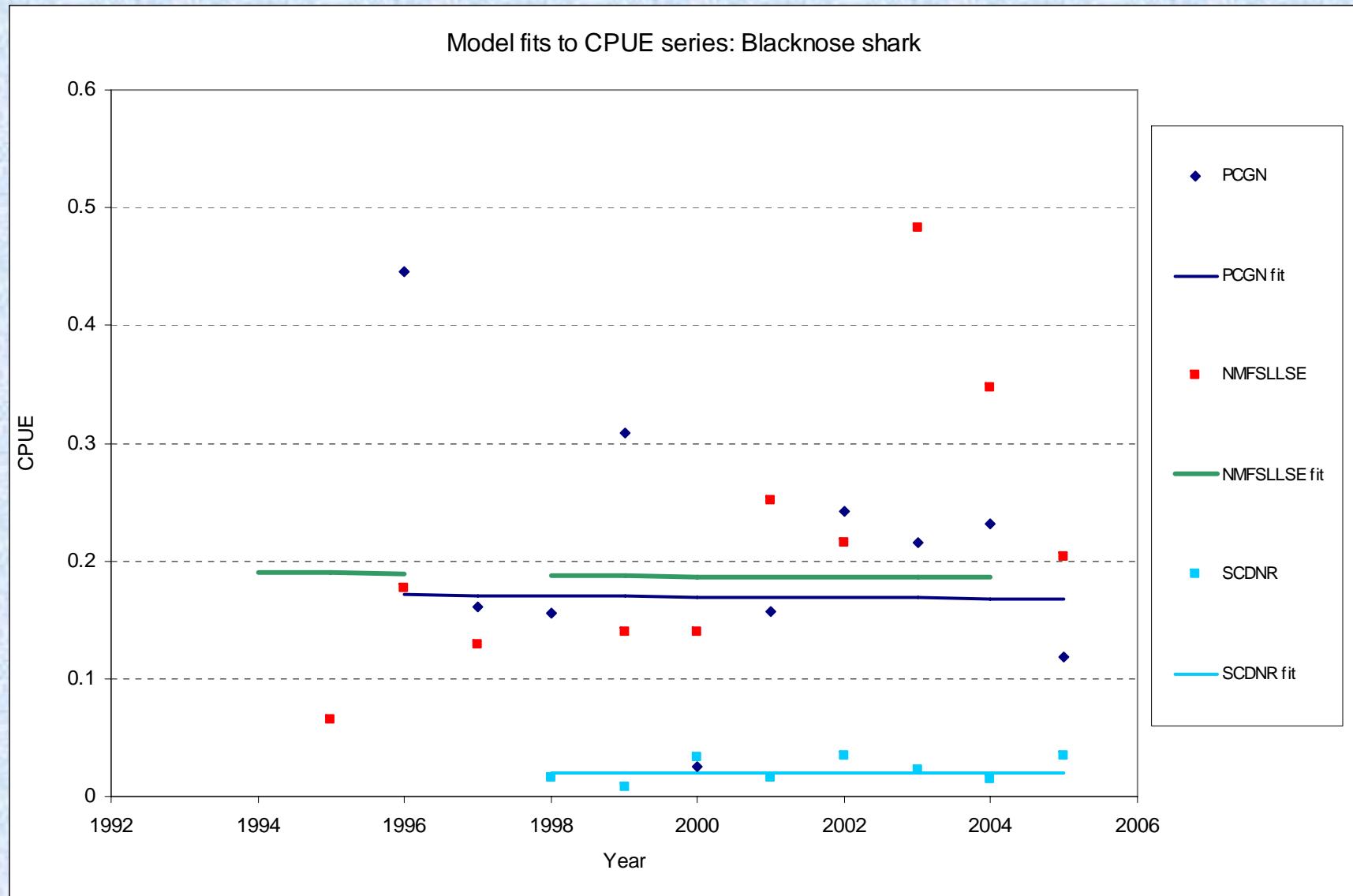
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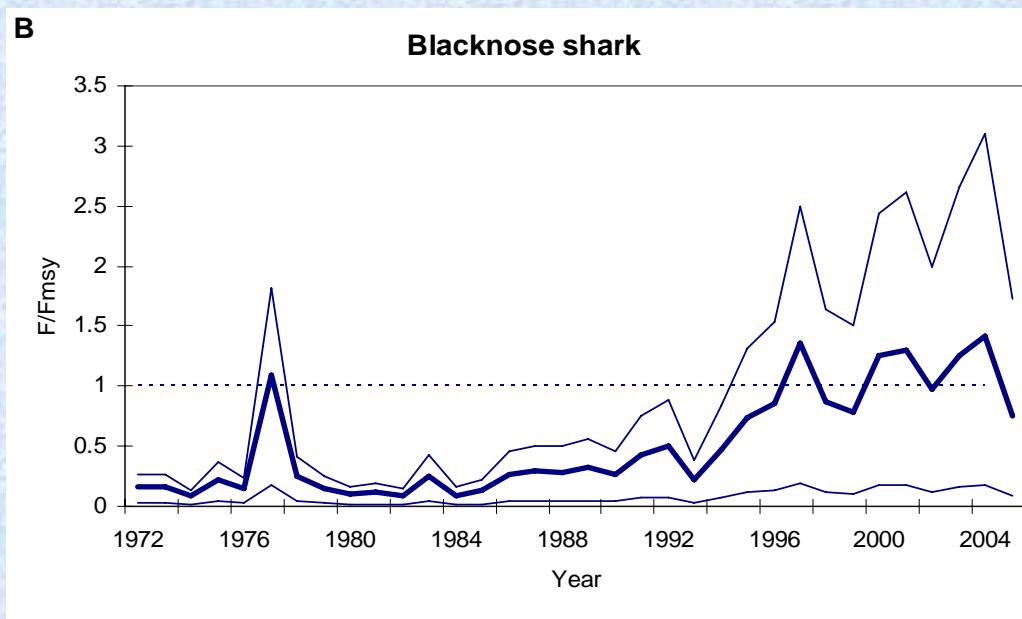
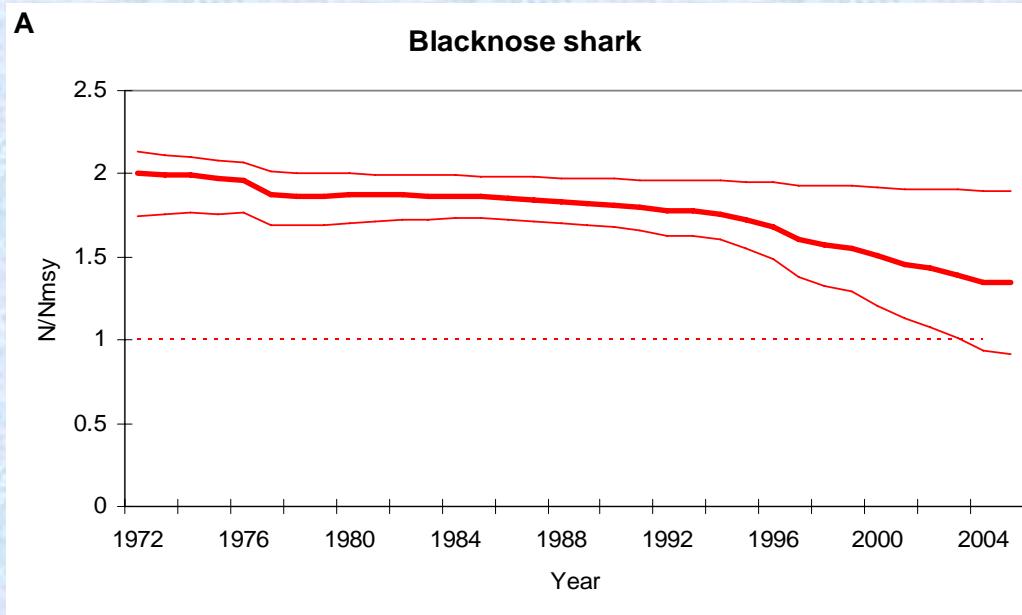
SPM results for Blacknose shark-Baseline: Model fits to the individual CPUE series (-DGNOP, BLLOP)



SPM results for Blacknose shark-Baseline: Model fits to the individual CPUE series (-UNC, MML)



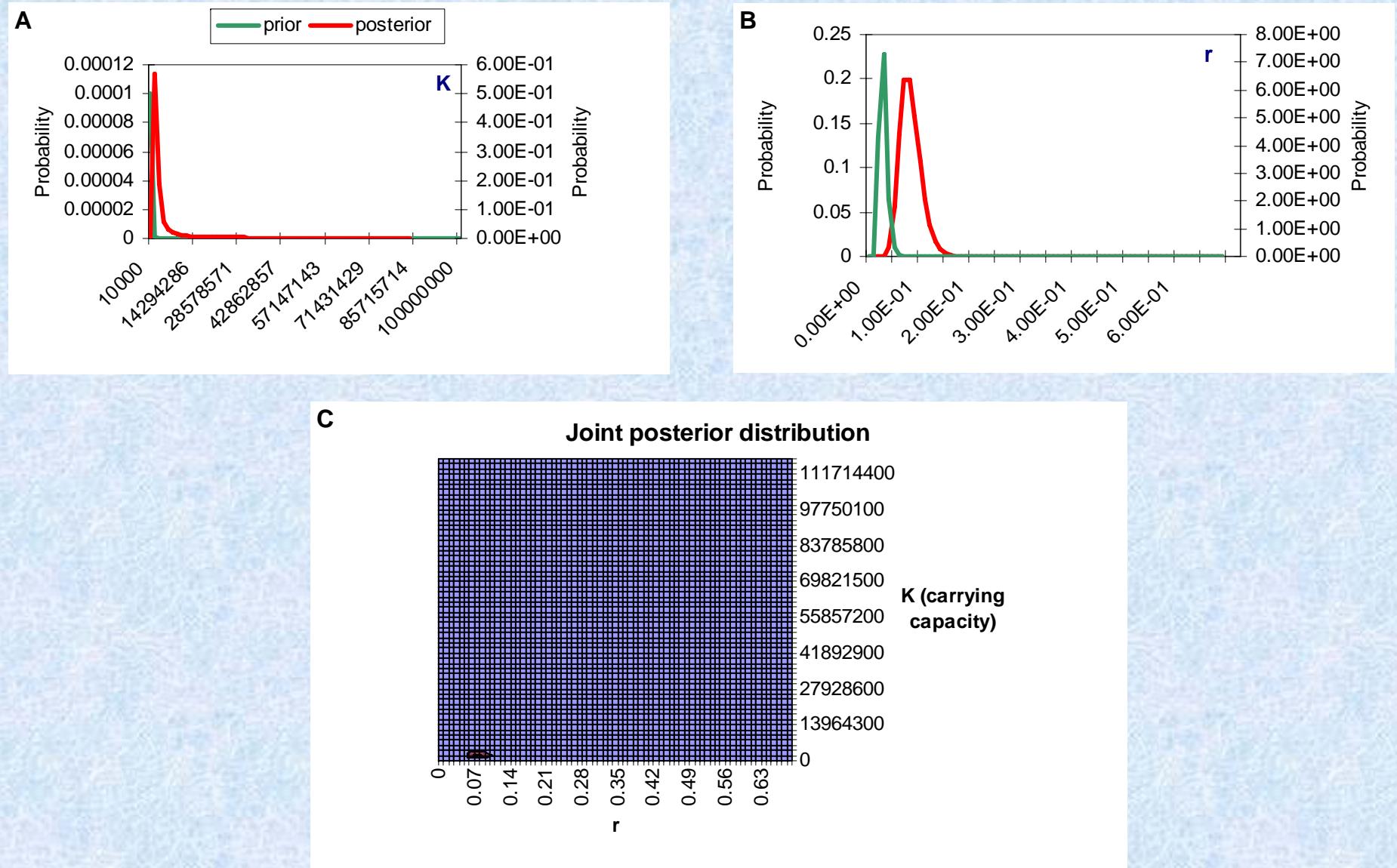
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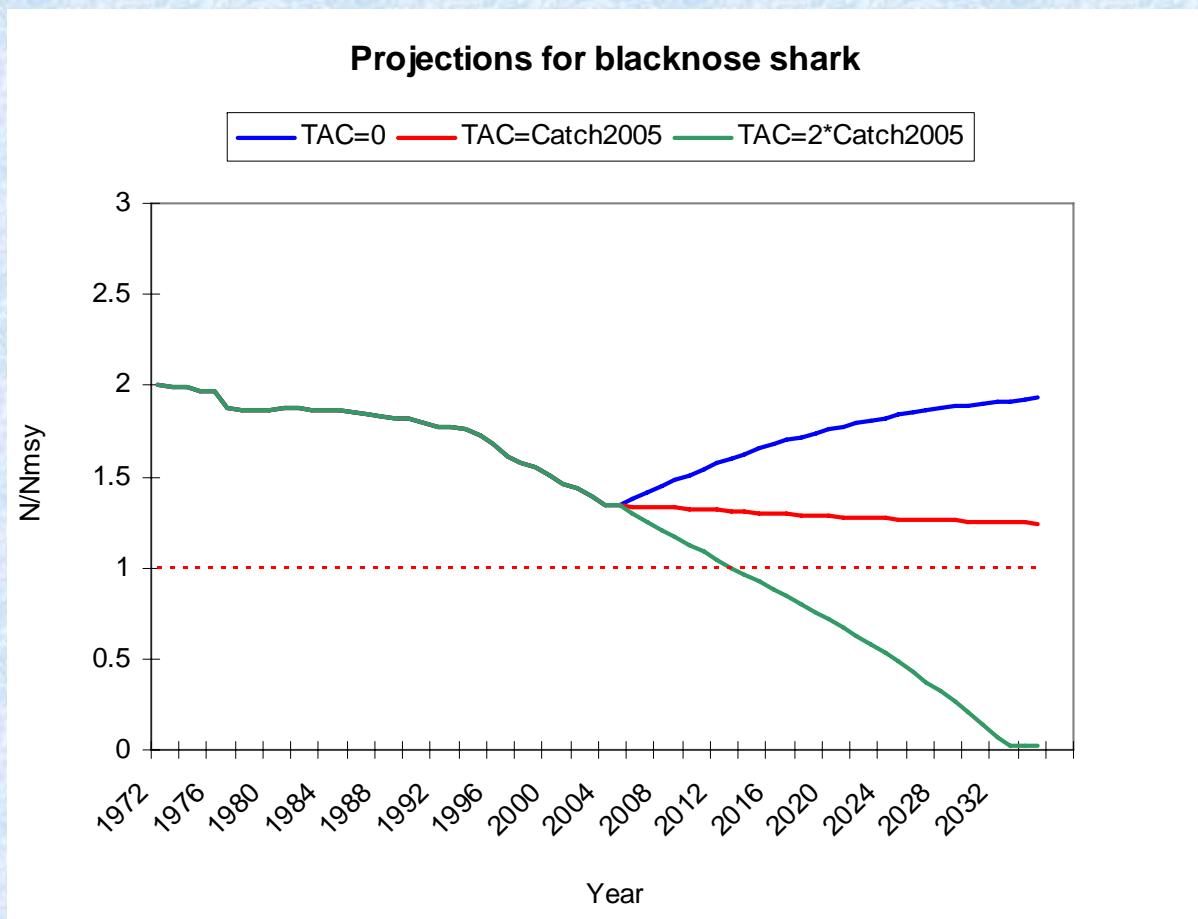
Expected values of the mean and CV of marginal posterior distributions from the SPM for Blacknose shark-Baseline

Importance function	Blacknose	
	EV	CV
priors		
K	7529	1.88
r	0.080	0.25
MSY	155	1.98
N_{2005}	6654	2.13
N_{2005}/K	0.69	0.26
N_{init}	7522	1.89
N_{2005}/N_{init}	0.70	0.26
C_{2005}/MSY	0.95	0.56
F_{2005}/F_{MSY}	0.85	0.78
N_{2005}/N_{MSY}	1.38	0.26
C_{2005}/rep_y	1.22	2.27
N_{MSY}	3764	1.88
F_{MSY}	0.040	
rep _y	47	0.28
C_0		
Diagnostics		
CW (wt)	2.412	
CV (L*prior)	3.060	
CV (Wt) / CV (L*p)	0.79	
%maxpWt	0.006	

SPM results for Blacknose shark-Baseline: Prior and posterior pdfs for K and r, and joint posterior distribution for K and r



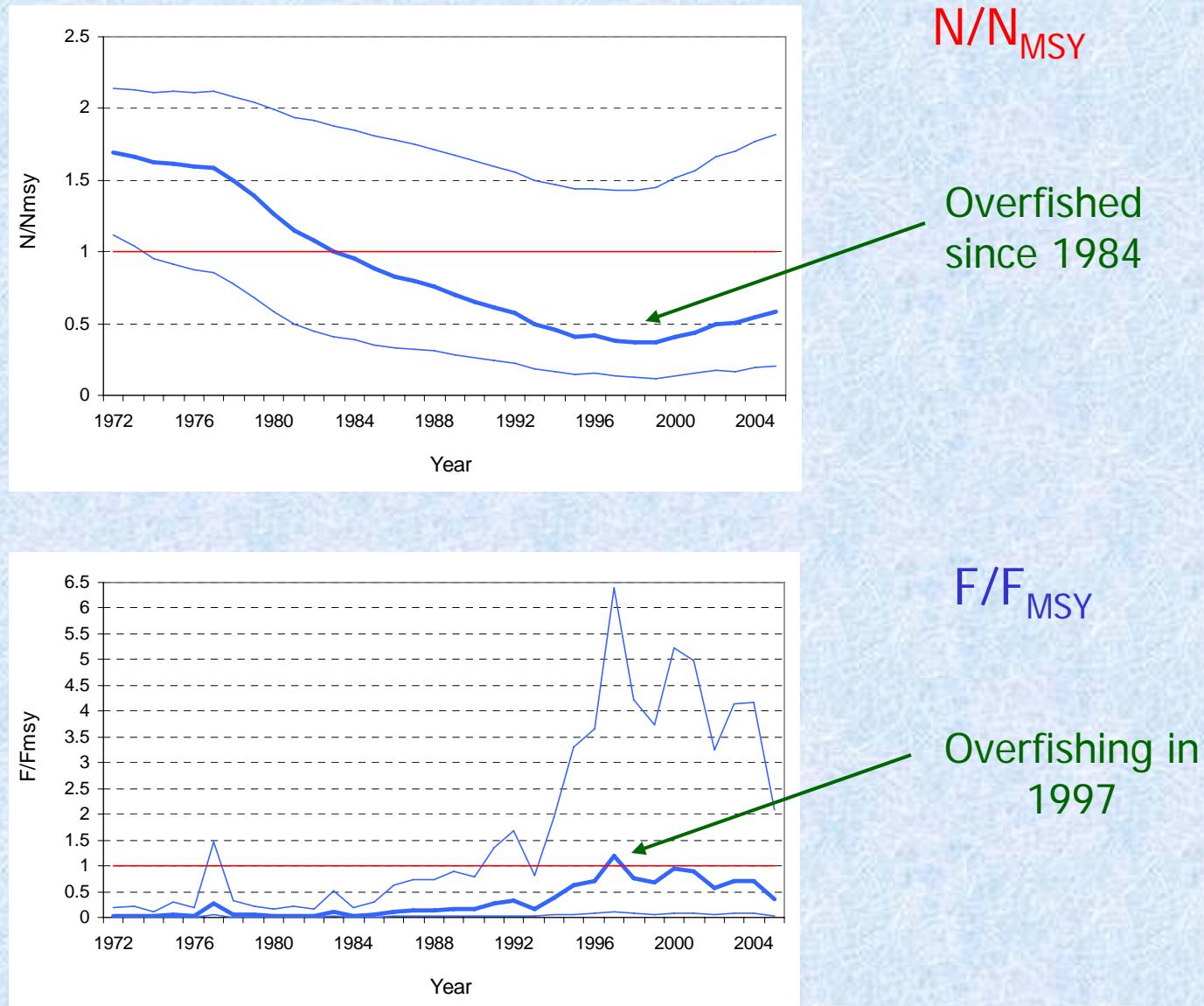
SPM results for Blacknose shark-Baseline: Projections



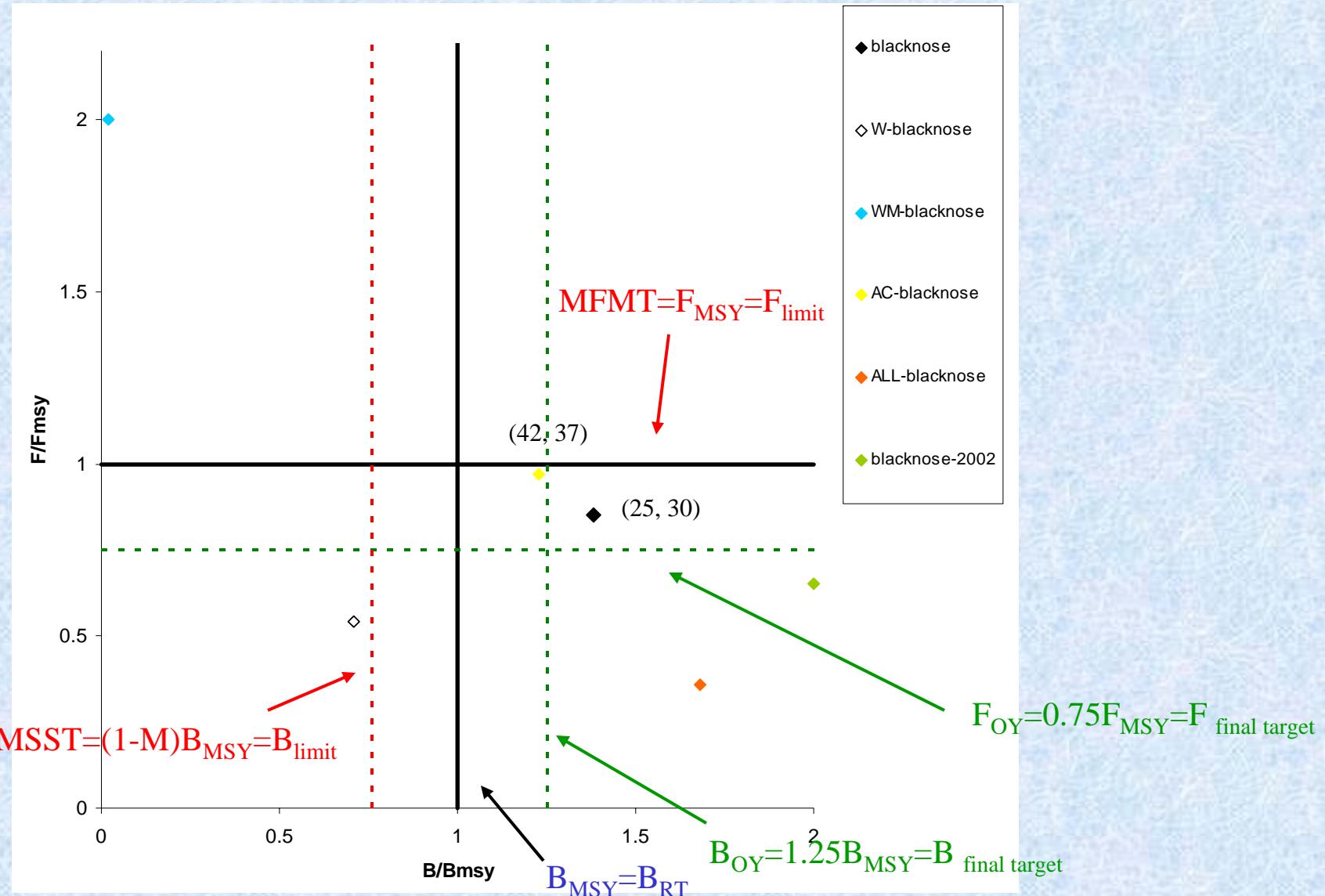
Sensitivity Analyses

- Alternative model (W; WinBUGS)
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Results for Blacknose shark: Estimated biomass and relative biomass and fishing mortality rate trajectories of the WinBUGS SPM.



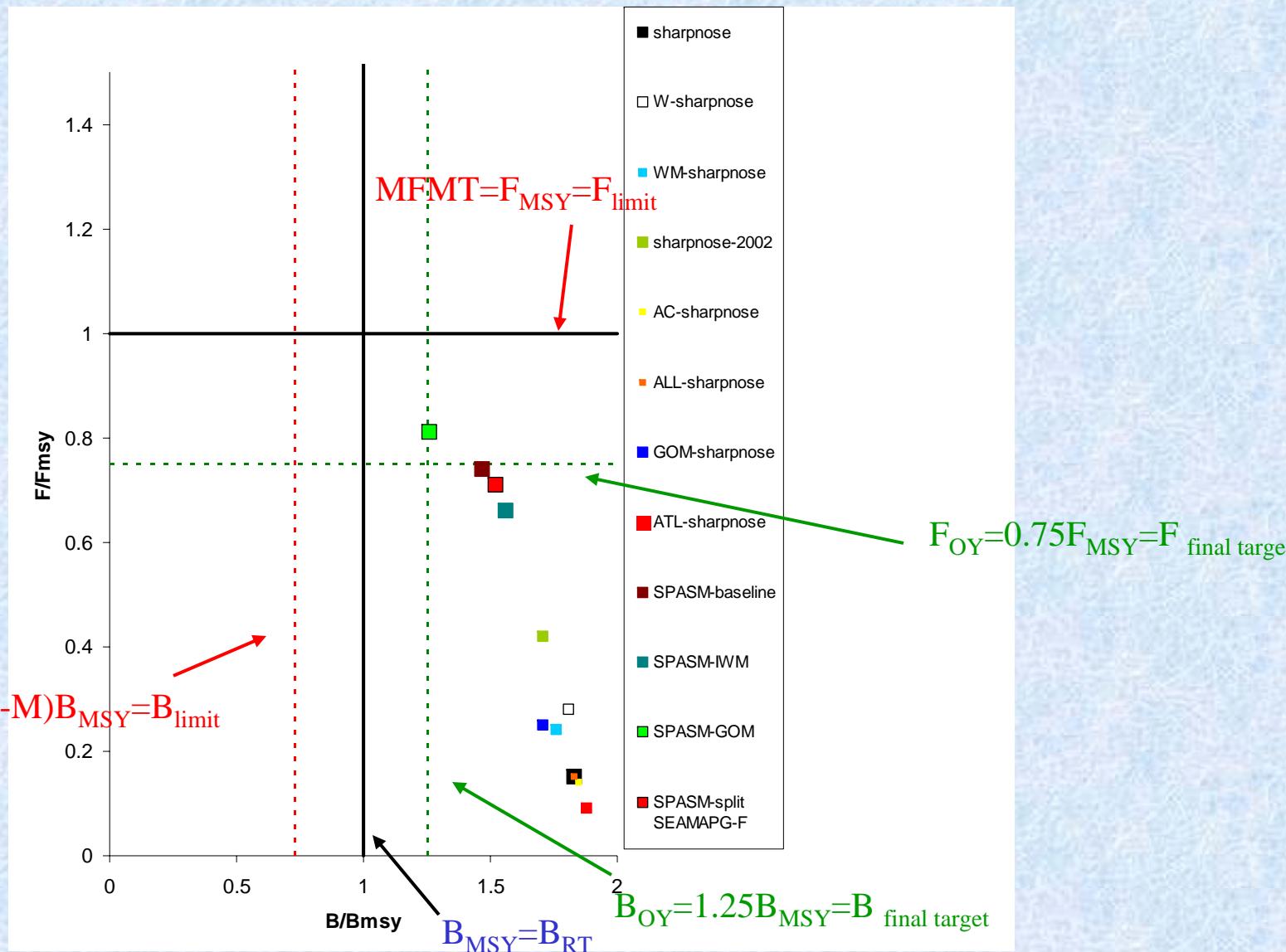
Results for Blacknose shark: Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



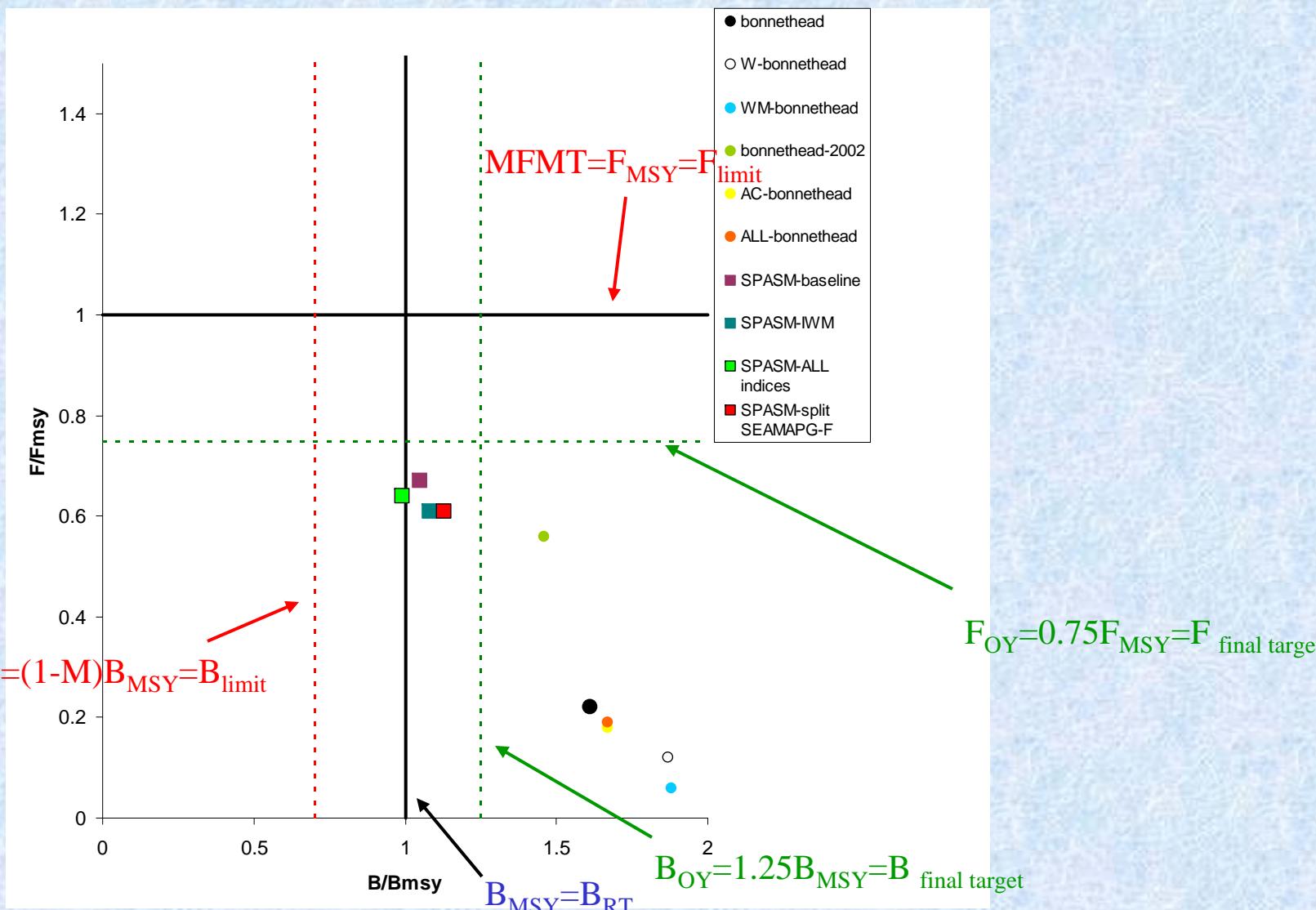
Additional slides

- Stock-recruitment curve; position of inflection point

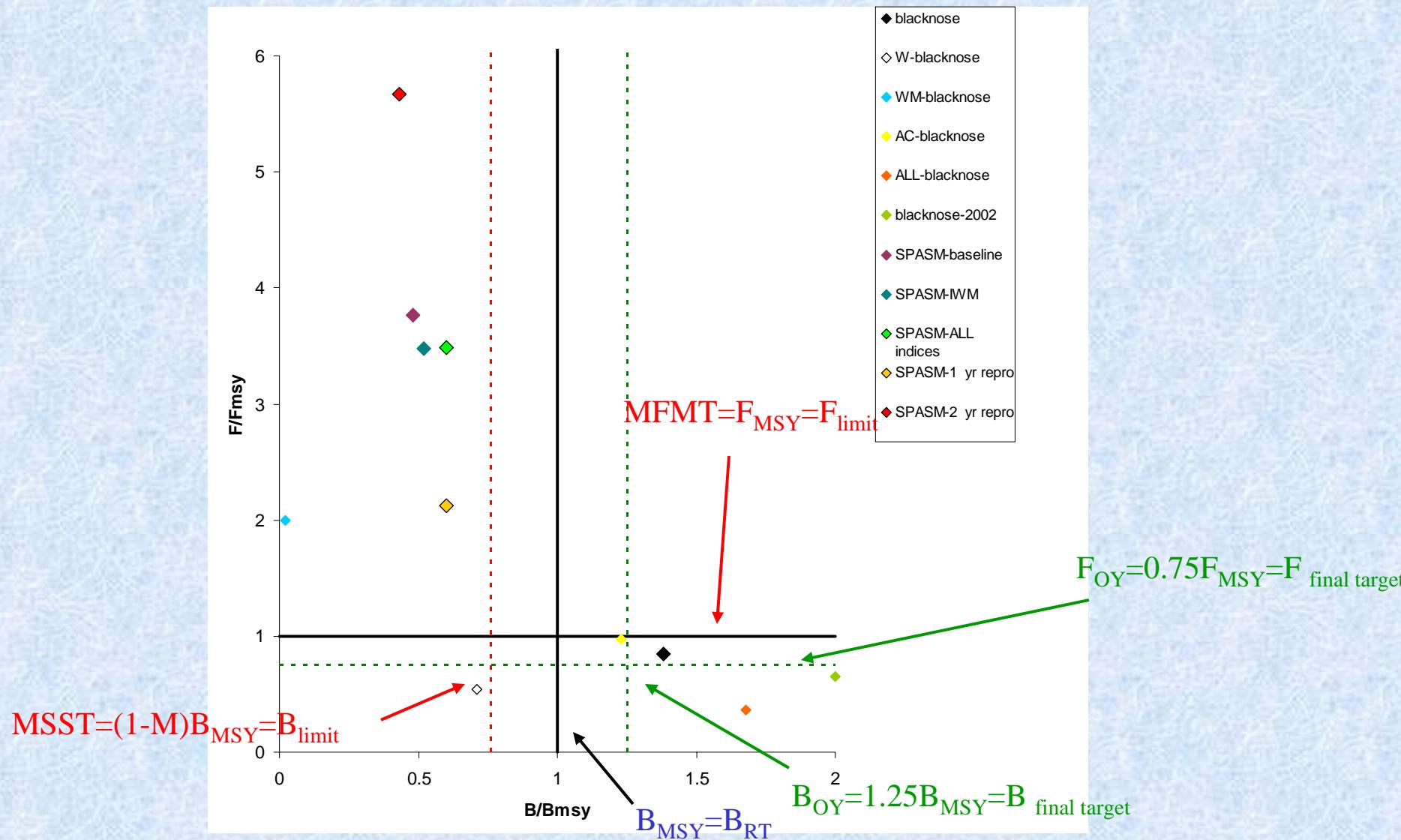
ALL Results for Atlantic sharpnose shark: Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



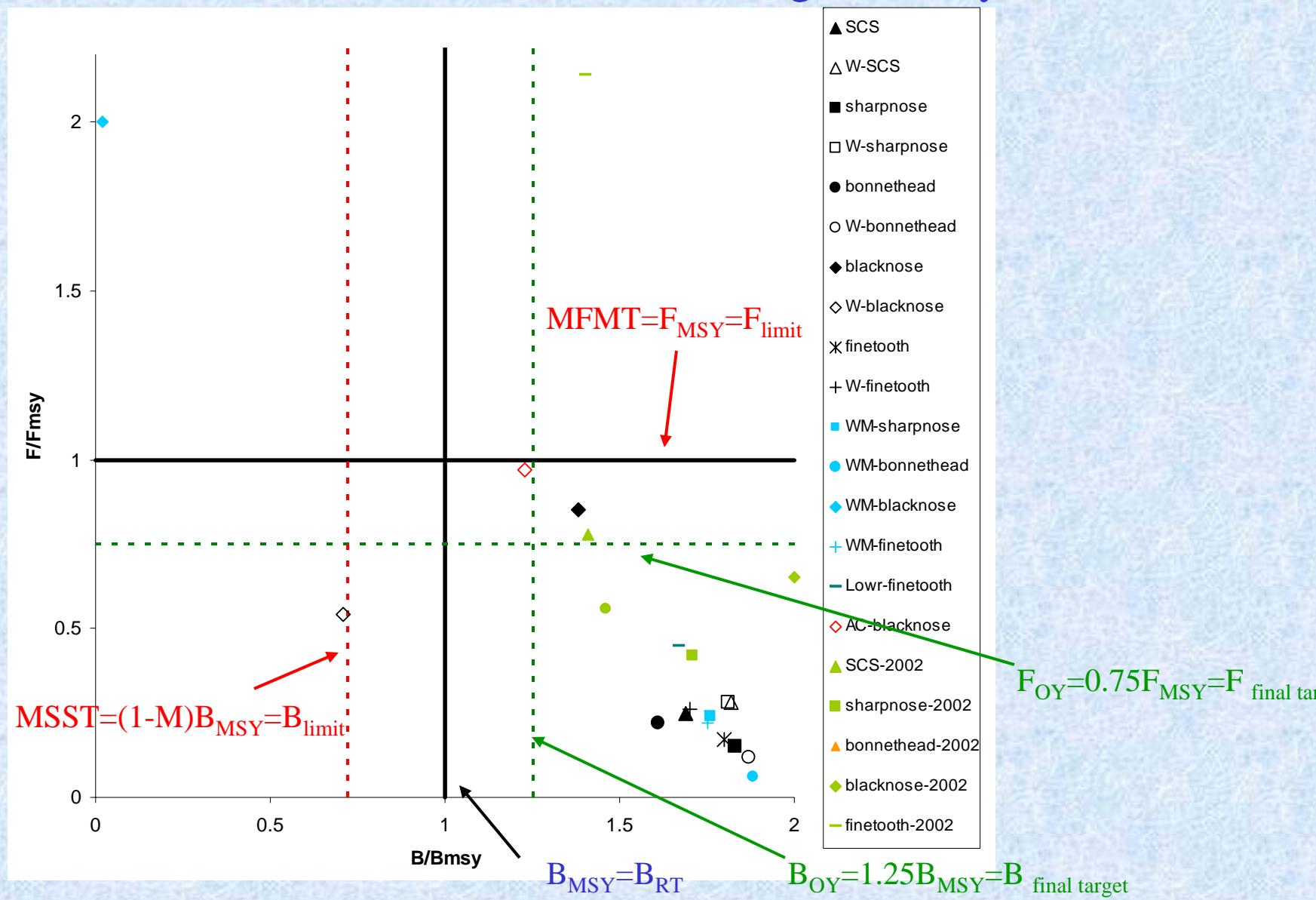
ALL Results for Bonnethead shark: Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



ALL Results for Blacknose shark: Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



Results for all (SCS complex + species): Biological reference points (phase plot of relative biomass vs. relative fishing mortality)



CPUE series: SCS complex - 2007 vs. 2002

- **2002:** SEAMAP-GOM-F, SCDNR, Rec, PC LL, PC Gillnet, Gillnet Observer, SEAMAP-SA, VA LL, NEFSC-Trawl (9)
- **2007:** BLLOP, Gillnet Observer, PC LL, PC Gillnet, SEAMAP-SA, TEXAS, NMFS LL SE, SC Coastsnap GN, SCDNR red drum, SEAMAP-GOM-S, SEAMAP-GOM-F, UNC, MML Gillnet (13)

→ 4 series in common, 9 new series

CPUE series: Atlantic sharpnose - 2007 vs. 2002

- **2002:** SEAMAP-GOM-F, SCDNR, NMFS LL NE, Rec, NMFS LL SE-ATL, NMFS LL SE-EGM, NMFS LL SE-WGM, PC LL, PC Gillnet, Gillnet Observer, SEAMAP-SA, VA LL, NEFSC-Trawl (13)
- **2007:** Gillnet Observer, BLLOP, PC LL, PC Gillnet, SEAMAP-SA, TEXAS, VA LL, NMFS LLSE, SC Coasts, SCDNR, SEAMAP-GOM-S, SEAMAP-GOM-F, UNC, MML-Ad, MML-Juv (15)

→ 7 series in common, 8 new series

CPUE series: Bonnethead - 2007 vs. 2002

- **2002:** Rec, PC Gillnet, Gillnet Observer, SEAMAP-SA (4)
- **2007:** Gillnet Observer, ENP, PC Gillnet, SEAMAP-SA, TEXAS, SC Coastsnap, SEAMAP-GOM-S, SEAMAP-GOM-F, MML-Ad, MML-Juv (10)

→ 3 series in common, 7 new series

CPUE series: Blacknose - 2007 vs. 2002

- **2002:** Rec, NMFS LL SE-EGM, NMFS LL SE-WGM, PC LL, PC Gillnet, Gillnet Observer (6)
- **2007:** Gillnet Observer, BLLOP, PC Gillnet, SCDNR, NMFS LL SE, UNC, MML (7)

→ 2 series in common, 5 new series

CPUE series: Finetooth - 2007 vs. 2002

- **2002:** Rec, NMFS LL SE-WGM, PC LL, **PC Gillnet**,
Gillnet Observer (5)
- **2007:** **Gillnet Observer**, **PC Gillnet**, TEXAS, SC
Coastspan (4)

→ 2 series in common, 2 new series