

### Sprat (Sprattus sprattus) in Division 3.a and Subarea 4 (Skagerrak, Kattegat, and North Sea)

## ICES advice on fishing opportunities

ICES advises that when the MSY approach is applied, catches in the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 should be no more than 207 807 tonnes.

Note: This advice sheet is abbreviated due to the Covid 19 disruption. Last year's advice is attached as Annex 1.

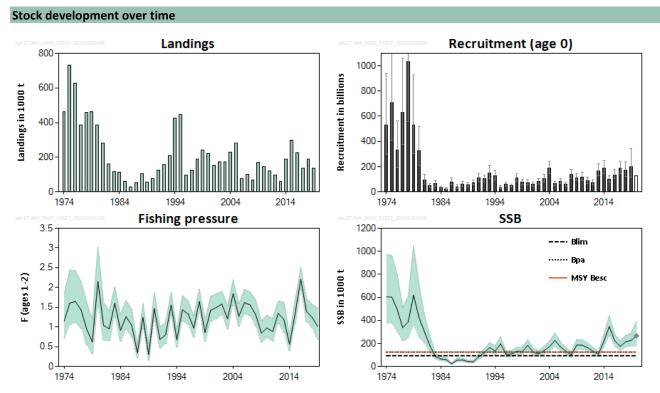


Figure 1 Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Summary of the stock assessment. Historical development from the summary of the stock assessment with 90% confidence intervals. Years on the *x*-axes refer to the model years (i.e. "2009" corresponds to the period July 2009 to June 2010); recruitment and SSB are for July 1 of the given year; predicted values for recruitment and SSB are shown as an unshaded bar and a grey diamond.

### Stock and exploitation status

**Table 1** Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.

	Fishing pressure					Stock size				
		2017	2018 2019		2	2018	2019		2020	
Maximum sustainable yield	F <sub>MSY</sub>	3	?	3	Undefined	MSY B <sub>escapement</sub>	0	•	0	Above escapement
Precautionary approach	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{pa}}\mathbf{,F}_{\mathrm{lim}}$	?	?	8	Undefined	B <sub>pa</sub> ,B <sub>lim</sub>	•	•	0	Full reproductive capacity
Management plan	F <sub>MGT</sub>	-	_	_	Not applicable	B <sub>MGT</sub>	_	-	_	Not applicable

## **Catch scenarios**

**Table 2** Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Assumptions made for the forecast.

Variable	Value	Notes
F <sub>ages 1-2</sub> (2019)	1.015	Based on observed catches until 9 March 2020.
SSB (2020)	265 933	From the assessment; in tonnes.
R <sub>age 0</sub> (2019)	199 235 879	From the assessment; in thousands.
R <sub>age 0</sub> (2020)	128 110 595	Geometric mean (GM 2009–2018); in thousands.
Discards (2019)	-	Discarding is assumed to be negligible.
Total catch (2019)	136 523	Model estimated catches; in tonnes.

Note: Years in parentheses refer to the period July to the following June (e.g. 2019 corresponds to July 2019 to June 2020). Recruitment and SSB are for 1 July of the given year.

 Table 3
 Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Annual catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes.

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Basis	Total catch * (July 2020–June 2021)	F <sub>total</sub> (July 2020–June 2021)	SSB (2021)	% SSB change *	% TAC change **	% Advice change				
ICES advice basis										
$SSB_{2021} \ge MSY B_{escapement}$ with $F_{cap}$	207 807	0.69	262 724	-1.21%	36.77	49.80				
Other scenarios	Other scenarios									
F = 0	0.00	0	393 335	47.91%	-100	-100				
F = 0.4	136 387	0.4	306 093	15.10%	-10.24	-1.69				
F = 0.8	230 586	0.8	249 322	-6.25%	51.76	66.22				
F = 1.0	267 187	1.0	228 301	-14.15%	75.85	92.60				
SSB <sub>2021</sub> = MSY B <sub>escapement</sub> = B <sub>pa</sub>	480 040	3.492	125 000	-53.00%	215.94	246.03				
F = F <sub>2019</sub>	269 710	1.015	226 878	-14.69%	77.51	94.42				

<sup>\*</sup> SSB in July 2021 relative to SSB in July 2020.

The increase in advised catch is mainly due to the increased recruitment that leads to an increasing stock size.

# Quality of the assessment

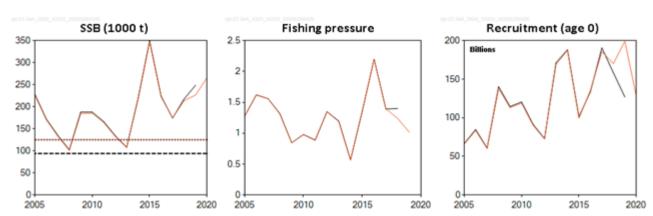


Figure 2 Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Historical assessment results. The final point on each recruitment line is a tenyear geometric mean.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> The catch (July 2020–June 2021) relative to the sum of the TACs for July 2019–June 2020 in Subarea 4 and for 2019 and the first half of 2020 in Division 3.a.

## History of the advice, catch, and management

Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. ICES advice as well as the official and ICES landings. All weights are in tonnes. During WKSPRAT (the Subarea 4 and Division 3.a stocks were merged into one stock. Hence, this table contains no historical records. To see the history of the former Subarea 4 and Division 3.a stocks, please go to <a href="http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.4.pdf">http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.4.pdf</a> and <a href="http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.3a.pdf">http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.3a.pdf</a>

Year	ICES advice	Predicted catch corresponding to advice *	Agreed TAC *	Official landings	ICES landings *
2019	MSY approach, F <sub>cap</sub> (catch)	≤ 138 726	151 940 ***	148 916 **	136 523 **
2020	MSY approach, F <sub>cap</sub> (catch)	≤ 207 807			

<sup>\*</sup> For 1 July to 30 June.

## Summary of the assessment

**Table 5** Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Assessment summary. Weights are in tonnes. Recruitment in thousands. High and low refer to 90% confidence intervals.

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1985         23115178         31832125         16785289         59755         78449         45515         62514         1.26         1	1.67 0.96
1986         78530685         110641168         55739365         22834         29729         17538         27520         1.04         1	1.45 0.75
1987         40507593         55686197         29466281         55105         75175         40393         53942         0.35         0	0.54 0.23
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1992   103388056   135574409   78842978   120331   152717   94812   156471   0.80   1	1.11 0.58
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Landings are preliminary.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The sum of the TACs for July 2019–June 2020 in Subarea 4 and for 2019 and the first half of 2020 in Division 3.a.

Year *	Recruitment (age 0)	Recruitment High	Recruitment Low	SSB	SSB High	SSB Low	Catches **	F (1, 2)	F	F
		thousands	tonnes				tonnes	(1–2)	High	Low
2008	137894575	177855580	106912101	100912	125523	81126	69892	1.31	1.68	1.02
2009	113124552	146931009	87096416	184795	232629	146796	170934	0.85	1.15	0.62
2010	118924572	156744980	90229708	185165	231228	148278	145415	0.98	1.30	0.74
2011	90331790	118064445	69113374	164226	205756	131079	122472	0.88	1.21	0.65
2012	72420502	92987452	56402548	132853	164241	107464	96030	1.35	1.66	1.09
2013	168930847	222540743	128235534	107152	133559	85965	60207	1.19	1.63	0.87
2014	187445745	247521008	141951213	216858	277699	169347	190268	0.56	0.80	0.40
2015	99632602	130250683	76211926	346972	440243	273462	298227	1.35	1.69	1.08
2016	135570180	176565844	104093031	222571	279241	177401	227169	2.2	2.5	1.93
2017	185766302	242423044	142350819	175080	222020	138065	135824	1.40	1.71	1.14
2018	170287714	235858850	122946014	213630	269398	169406	190779	1.24	1.57	0.98
2019	199235879	340842129	116461352	226613	289361	177472	136523	1.01	1.48	0.70
2020	128110600***			265933	391423	180675				

<sup>\*</sup> Years refer to the period July to the following June (e.g. 2016 corresponds to July 2016 to June 2017). Recruitment and SSB are for 1 July of the given year.

## Sources and references

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Catches are estimates from the assessment model.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Geometric mean recruitment (2009–2018).



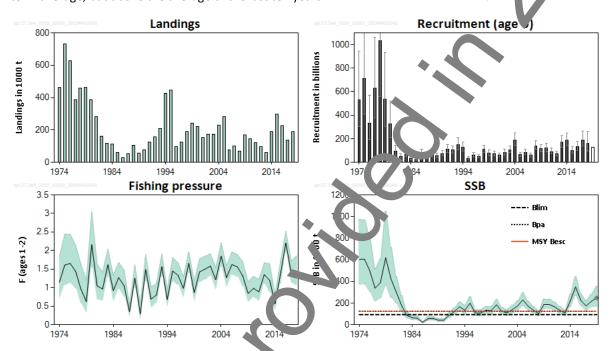
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### Stock development over time

The spawning-stock biomass (SSB) at 1 July has been above MSY B<sub>escapement</sub> since 2013. Fish, 2 mor ality (F) has been higher than average for the last four years. Recruitment (R) at 1 July in 2018 is estimated to have been below the long-term average, but above the average of the last ten years.



Sprat in Division 3.a and Span 4. Summary of the stock assessment. Historical development from the summary of the stock assessment with 90% confidence intervals. Years on the x-axes refer to the model years (i.e. "2009" corresponds to the period of the period of the period of the period of the given year; predicted values for recruitment and SSB as shown as an unshaded bar and a grey diamond.

## Stock and exploitation status

ICES assesses that the size of the pawning stock is above MSY Bescapement, Bpa, and Blim.

**Table 1** Spratin Lesision 3.a and Subarea 4. State of the stock and fishery relative to reference points.

		Fishing pressure				Stock size				
		2016	2017		2018	2	2017	2018		2019
Maximum sust inable 'eld	F <sub>MSY</sub>	3	3	3	Undefined	MSY B <sub>escapement</sub>	<b>②</b>	<b>Ø</b>	0	Above
Precontionary approxim	$F_{pa}, F_{lim}$	?	?	3	Undefined	B <sub>pa</sub> ,B <sub>lim</sub>	•	•	0	Full reproductive capacity
Manage nort plan	F <sub>MGT</sub>	-	_	_	Not applicable	B <sub>MGT</sub>	_	-	_	Not applicable

#### **Catch scenarios**

**Table 2** Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Assumptions made for the forecast.

Variable	Value	Notes
F <sub>ages 1-2</sub> (2018)	1.40	Based on observed catches until 9 March 2019.
SSB (2019)	248 824	From the assessment; in tonnes.
R <sub>age 0</sub> (2018)	158 457 979	From the assessment; in thousands.
R <sub>age 0</sub> (2019)	126 949 604	Geometric mean (GM 2008–2017); in thousands.
Discards (2018)	-	Assumed to be neglible.
Total catch (2018)	190 052	Model estimated catches; in tonnes.

Note: Years refer to the period July to the following June (e.g. 2016 corresponds to July 2016 to June 2 17). Rec ultiment and SSB are for 1 July of the given year.

**Table 3** Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Annual catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes.

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Basis	Total catch* (July 2019–June 2020)	F <sub>total</sub> (July 2019–June 2020)	SSB (2020)	% SSB change *	% TAC change	% Advice change			
ICES advice basis									
$\begin{aligned} SSB_{2020} & \geq MSY \; B_{escapement} \\ with \; F_{cap} \end{aligned}$	138 726	0.69	270 78	8.83%					
Other scenarios	Other scenarios								
F = 0	0	0	300 550	44.94%					
F = 0.4	88 565	0.4	302 5	21.60%					
F = 0.8	155 361	0.8	∠ <u></u> 466	4.68%					
F = 1.0	182 794	1.	43 731	-2.05%					
SSB <sub>2020</sub> = MSY B <sub>escapement</sub> = B <sub>pa</sub>	417 854	19	125 000	-49.76%					
F = F <sub>2018</sub>	228 739	1.4	216 613	-12.95%					

<sup>\*</sup> SSB in July 2020 relative to SSB in July 2019.

At the Benchmark Workshop on Sprat (WKSPRAT) in 20.8, sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4 were combined into a single stock unit (ICES, 2018a). Calculating % TAC change and % advice change is, therefore, not possible this year. The former TAC and ICES advice for Division 3 folio vs the calendar year, while the TAC for Subarea 4 is from 31 July to 30 June.

## Basis of the advice

**Table 4** Sprat in Division 3.a and Sharea. The basis of the advice.

Advice basis	MSY approach ( appement strategy with F <sub>cap</sub> = 0.69).
Management plan	ICES is not aware of any agreed precautionary management plan for sprat in this area.

## Quality of the assessment

Sprat in Division 3.a and 5 barea I were combined during the WKSPRAT benchmark (ICES, 2018a). Various changes were made to the assessment mouse, which improved the quality (i.e. better fit and reduced retrospective bias).

The new assessment, a mbining Subarea 4 and Division 3.a, is compared in Figure 2 with the previous assessment that covered Subar 2.4 only. The levels and trends are similar.

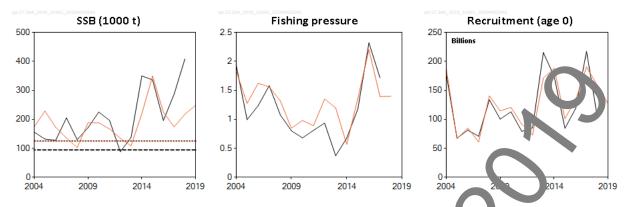


Figure 2 Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Historical assessment results. Red lines: the new method stock (Subarea 4 and Division 3.a combined). Black lines: last year of the former stock (Subarea 4).

#### Issues relevant for the advice

The advice is based on the MSY escapement strategy (with an  $F_{cap}$ ), which releas on a prediction of SSB after the fishery has taken place. A high proportion of the predicted SSB consists of recruits come the previous year for which the abundance and proportion of mature fish at spawning time is unknown. This contributes to the uncertainty in the forecast, which is accounted for by the  $F_{cap}$ .

Recruitments slightly higher than average in recent years have con. Buted to an increase in SSB well above MSY Bescapement in recent years. The F<sub>cap</sub> of 0.69 is used to ensure hat after the fishery has been conducted, escapement biomass is preserved above B<sub>lim</sub> with high probability. This vill result is a median SSB above MSY B<sub>escapement</sub> in the long term (ICES, 2018b).

The mean weight-at-age is decreasing over time, and this tax into account by using a recent average in the forecast.

Last year's mean weight was particularly low, leading to higher catch in numbers. Therefore, fishing mortality in 2018 was higher than expected.

This advice applies to the stock unit (i.e. recognized from genetics, growth, etc.) which is distributed within Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Local, genetically identifiable populations also exist in the periphery of Division 3.a, along the Norwegian coast and likely the Swedish coast. Norwegian populations are better characterized and are not part of this assessment or advice. The effort distribution within Divis. In 3.a is important to consider. If a significant amount of fishing effort is reallocated to coastal areas in Division 3.a, this could cause depletion of local populations.

Although the advice now applies to the combined area, there are different TAC-setting procedures for each area. For consideration regarding the spitting of advice between areas, please see ICES (2018a).

### **Reference points**

Table 5 Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Reference points, values, and their technical basis. All weights are in tonnes.

Framework	Reference point	Value	Technical basis	Source
	MSY B <sub>escapement</sub>	125 000	$= B_{pa}$ .	ES ( 018a)
MSY approach	F <sub>cap</sub>	0.69	F <sub>cap</sub> is the upper limit on exploitation rates when bioma is greater than MSY B <sub>escapment</sub> that has a less than 5% risk causing the stock to decline below B <sub>Lim</sub> in the long term.	ES (2018b)
	MSY B <sub>trigger</sub>	Not defined		
	F <sub>MSY</sub>	Not defined		
	B <sub>lim</sub>	94 000	The breakpoint of the hockey-stick relation	ES (2018a)
Precautionary	B <sub>pa</sub>	125 000	$B_{pa} = B_{lim} * e^{(\sigma^* 1.645)}$ , where $\sigma = 0.173$ is estimated from assessment uncertainty in the terminal year.	ES (2018a)
approach	F <sub>lim</sub>	Not defined		
	F <sub>pa</sub>	Not defined		
Management	SSB <sub>mgt</sub>			
plan	F <sub>mgt</sub>			

## Basis of the assessment

**Table 6** Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Basis of the assessment and addice.

ICES stock data category	1 ( <u>ICES, 2018c</u> ).
Assessment type	Age-based analytical assessment (SMS; ICES, 2010) the ses landings in the model.
	Commercial catches (international landings, "ges" in \ length frequencies from catch sampling), three
Input data	survey indices (IBTS Q1&Q3, HERAS), anstal maturity based on long-term average from IBTS Q1 survey
	(ICES, 2018a), and natural mortalities from the martispecies model (ICES, 2017).
Diagonala and burantah	Discards are not included. Discarding known have taken place prior to 2015, but the amount has not
Discards and bycatch	been quantified. Discarding has been as tymer negligible since 2016.
Indicators	None.
Other information	To match the sprat life cycle, the a sessment and advice year is July to June. The latest benchmark was
Other information	performed in 2018 (ICES, 201
Working group	Herring Assessment Working Group for the Area South of 62°N (HAWG)

# Information from stakeholders

There is no additional available informati

# History of the advice, catch, and managemer

Table 7

Sprat in Division 20. and Subarea 4. ICES advice as well as the official and ICES landings. All weights are in tonnes. During WKSPRA (IC.S, D18a) the Subarea 4 and Division 3.a stocks were merged into one stock. Hence, this table contains no histocal records. To see the history of the former Subarea 4 and Division 3.a stocks, please go to <a href="http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.4.pdf">http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.4.pdf</a> and <a href="http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.3a.pdf">http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2018/2018/spr.27.3a.pdf</a>

Year	. `ES au ice	Predicted catch corresponding to advice		Official landings	ICES landings
2019**	Ms approal catch)	≤ 138726			

<sup>\*</sup> TACs are set of Jan ary—December, whereas the advice since 2013 has been given for July (of the TAC year) to June of the following year.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Adrice for 1 July 30 June.

## History of the catch and landings

Table 8 Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. Catch distribution by fleet in 2018 as estimated by ICES (in tonnes).

Catch (2018)	Landi	Discards	
191 184	Industrial trawl 99%	Purse-seine 1%	nogli, lo
191 184	191 1	84	negli) 1. 'e

Sprat in Division 3.a and Subarea 4. History of commercial catch and landings; ICES estimat a values are presented by area for each country participating in the fishery. See ICES (2006) for earlier landings data. Atches in coastal areas of Norway are excluded. The Division 4.b catches for 2000–2007 divided by division 4.b West and 4.b East can be found in ICES (2008). All weights are in tonnes.

Year	Quarter	Division 3a	Division 4.a	Division 4.b	vision 4.c	Total
	1	2890	0	2872	43	5805
	2	1017	0	52	*	1069
2008	3	636	0	21 /8/		22423
	4	3672	0	2, 94	8334	40001
	Total	8215	0	<sub>3</sub> 706	8377	69298
	1	2600	0	36	1268	3904
	2	300	0	2526	1	2827
2009	3	3300	22	41513		44835
	4	2400	0	78373	9336	90109
	Total	8600	72	122448	10604	141675
	1	1462	0	10976	17072	29510
	2	648	S	3235	3	3886
2010	3	3405	0	14220		17625
	4	4278	0	62006	35973	102257
	Total	9793	0	90437	53048	153278
	1	3216	0	3747	21039	28002
	2	617	0	2067	3	2687
2011	3	2224	0	22309	451	25072
	4	3887	8	70256	13759	87910
	Total	1005	8	98380	35252	143671
	1	4668	0	81	1649	6399
	2	909	0	2924	0	3832
2012	3	1631	0	26779	307	28717
	4 🔷	2728	0	47765	6060	56553
	Total	9936	0	77549	8016	95501
	1	1296	0	1281	3158	5734
	2	443	0	32	0	474
2013	3	211	0	25577	720	26509
	Λ	943	0	18892	16276	36110
	tal	2893	0	45781	20154	68827
2014	1	384	0	59	125	568

<sup>†</sup> Version 2: totals corrected.

Varia	Overstan					
Year	Quarter	Division 3a	Division 4.a	Division 4.b	Division 4.c	Total
	2	1415	0	11631	3	13050
	3	9622	1	88457	1 28	99507
	4	6905	7	37851	82	45586
	Total	18327	8	137999	າ378	158711
	1	1442	0	14816	16972	33230
	2	619	0	16843	107	17568
2015	3	6528	0	124512	335	131375
	4	4389	25	88395	28375	121184
	Total	12978	25	244566	45789	303358
	1	746	68	18487	5969	25250
	2	669	0	8 21	51	9647
2016	3	4664	0	<b>15.</b> ₹22	111	163297
	4	1764	2	1070	14466	50301
	Total	7843	70	220007	20596	248516
	1	92	1	3432	1220	4745
	2	33	0	1327	*	1360
2017	3	227	0	92885	217	93329
	4	849	94	29310	174	30426
	Total	1200	95	126954	1611	129860
	1	168	0	8994	1628	10790
	2	224	0	11898	*	12122
2018	3	1328	0	112361	*	113690
	4	2249	0	46411	5922	54582
	Total	3969	0	179664	7551	191184

<sup>\* &</sup>lt; 0.5 tonnes.

# Summary of the assessment

Table 10 Sprat in Division 3.a and Sucrea 4. Assessment summary. Weights are in tonnes. Recruitment in thousands. High and Low refer to 90% confidence intervals.

Year*	Recruitment (age 0)	Recruicment	Recruitment Low	SSB	SSB High	SSB Low	Catches**	F (1-2)	F High	F Low
		ınousanus			tonnes		tonnes			
1974	533516003	9427! 7956	301922182	605615	973689	376680	463344	1.15	1.84	0.72
1975	713005719	1250133887	411263829	605010	967561	378309	732312	1.61	2.4	1.06
1976	3304612	56694929	192704469	497325	798730	309657	628598	1.65	2.4	1.12
1977	5317 7791	1062689348	375560955	337729	516734	220735	385257	1.44	2.1	0.97
1978	102 75820	1917223555	556877635	388481	607163	248562	458804	0.96	1.63	0.56
1979	34584 3	931513398	306791484	619706	1048246	366360	463638	0.63	1.20	0.33
1980	32 10 431	519040578	207887448	425491	713234	253834	387434	2.2	3.0	1.53
198.	00778	142215874	62529143	302549	447374	204608	280582	1.05	1.63	0.67
1982	49278577	69933635	34724037	180954	270001	121275	162357	0.96	1.42	0.65
1983	66986389	93188628	48151543	87378	117857	64781	115440	1.62	2.0	1.28
1984	33531639	47094220	23874922	65578	86703	49601	113444	0.93	1.33	0.64
1985	23324153	32267663	16859483	60355	79421	45866	62514	1.27	1.68	0.96

Year*	Recruitment (age 0)	Recruitment High	Recruitment Low	SSB	SSB High	SSB Low	Catches**	F (1–2)	F High	F Low
1986	79161450	111720817	56091026	23040	30134	17616	27520	1.05	1.47	0.76
1987	40832954	56310120	29609777	55492	75823	40613	53942	0.36	55	0.23
1988	60915609	86469649	42913455	57412	74656	44150	103652	1.2	1 5∠	0.97
1989	54624879	75311099	39620686	42531	56884	31800	58420	0.30	0.56	0.156
1990	73809647	98393101	55368353	41940	55471	31710	78180	1. '9	1.89	1.17
1991	112560341	148139752	85526202	86163	111723	66451	125815	0.69	1.01	0.47
1992	104218478	136976201	79294732	121297	154246	95387	1564 1	0.80	1.11	0.58
1993	150428734	212401872	106537686	166542	210581	131712	2088-	1 6	1.90	1.29
1994	128700686	171750003	96441725	135402	181822	100832	+24. 76	.68	0.94	0.49
1995	36324391	48312201	27311142	198590	259052	152240	4465 5	1.45	1.81	1.16
1996	60854724	81330447	45533960	108120	136837	85430	954: 5	1.34	1.67	1.07
1997	49081856	64891248	37124091	108662	139011	84939	125174	0.98	1.29	0.75
1998	109891052	146477523	82442979	134457	169733	10651	188907	1.65	1.97	1.39
1999	77593949	102838914	58546134	130092	168489	1.004	243158	0.87	1.18	0.64
2000	73294784	97297756	55213250	184241	234488	14. 761	222027	1.43	1.78	1.14
2001	61404888	80431189	46879330	125492	159993	98431	153321	1.50	1.85	1.21
2002	82227471	108747134	62175036	111302	140396	88236	174713	1.58	1.91	1.31
2003	106856781	141034136	80961759	139944	1786 1	1 542	174988	1.22	1.54	0.96
2004	188385320	248311983	142921129	173338	22041	1 6314	231352	1.85	2.2	1.55
2005	66452635	86209359	51223589	228891	294° J5	177714	280275	1.27	1.59	1.02
2006	84901303	110351475	65320661	1724.	/398	136833	78028	1.62	1.96	1.34
2007	60915609	78701816	47148993	13540	170642	107439	99902	1.56	1.89	1.29
2008	140399151	181572175	108562457	1025 9	1 :/806	82268	69892	1.32	1.70	1.02
2009	114604772	149331835	87953474	1გ. ე63	<b>2</b> 37206	148942	170934	0.85	1.16	0.62
2010	120601225	159436698	91225268	1 8151	235569	150278	145415	0.98	1.31	0.74
2011	91696980	120061874	70033357	16ե <sup>-</sup> 42	209307	132514	122472	0.89	1.22	0.65
2012	73002190	93964365	567162	134592	166716	108657	96030	1.35	1.67	1.09
2013	171312512	226600786	12951 011	.08228	135210	86631	60207	1.20	1.64	0.87
2014	188385320	249803292	14 7675	219476	282163	170716	190268	0.57	0.81	0.40
2015	101442227	133020624	7) 50375	349759	445505	274590	298227	1.36	1.71	1.09
2016	133819174	176295145	16. 577224	224583	282443	178576	227169	2.2	2.5	1.93
2017	190659562	264092477	1376 5226	174207	222605	136332	135824	1.39	1.72	1.13
2018	158457979	259616385	715510	217510	284316	166402	190052	1.40	1.86	1.05
2019	126949604			248824	356868	173458				

<sup>\*</sup> Years refer to the period July to the following June (e.g. 2016 corresponds to July 2016 to June 2017). Recruitment and SSB are for 1 July of the given year.

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