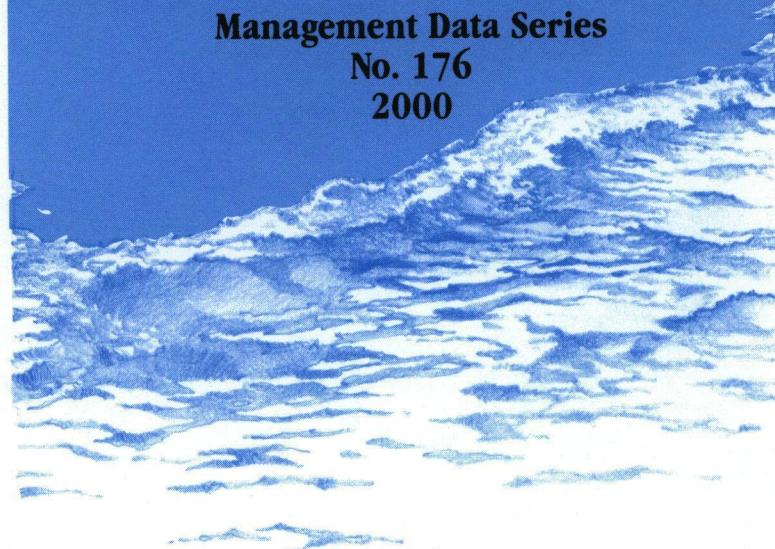


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ABSTRACT

The objective of coastal monitoring projects is to determine the status of marine resources for management and harvest purposes. Trends in relative abundance and size of finfishes and shellfishes have been monitored since 1975 using a standardized fishery independent sampling program in Texas bay systems. Data were collected with bag seines and gill nets along bay shorelines, and with trawls in coastal bays and Texas Territorial Seas. Oyster dredges were used to sample bay oyster reefs.

Data comparisons were made between 1996 and 1997 for coastwide catch rates for all gears. Coastwide spring and fall gill net catch rates for red drum increased with a record high catch rate during the spring of 1997. Spotted seatrout and black drum gill net catch rates increased slightly for both the spring and fall. Coastwide seasonal bay bag seine catch rates increased for Atlantic croaker and blue crab and decreased for red drum, spotted seatrout, black drum, brown shrimp and white shrimp. Coastwide annual bay trawl catch rates increased for blue crab and decreased for Atlantic croaker, brown shrimp, pink shrimp and white shrimp. Coastwide annual Gulf of Mexico trawl catch rates increased for Atlantic croaker and white shrimp and decreased for brown shrimp and blue crab. Coastwide annual catch rates for Eastern oyster spat, small oysters and market oysters increased to record highs in 1997. Data collected during 1997 and during previous years were used to make resource and harvest management decisions.

INTRODUCTION

Fishery independent monitoring data are used to determine relative abundance and size of finfishes and shellfishes in Texas coastal waters to regulate and allocate harvest in Texas jurisdictional waters. To collect these data, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) has used various gears systematically in Texas estuaries and the Gulf of Mexico since 1975 (Appendix A, Tables A.1-5). TPW initiated a standardized fishery independent monitoring program in 1975 using gill nets, in 1977 using bag seines, in 1982 using trawls in bays, in 1984 using oyster dredges on bay oyster reefs and in 1985 using trawls in the Gulf to monitor and assess relative trends in abundance and size of finfishes and shellfishes. Gill nets set during spring (April-June) and fall (September-November), and monthly bag seine, trawl and oyster dredge samples provide a statistically consistent and cost efficient method for obtaining population trend information on juvenile, sub-adult, and adult finfish and shellfish.

The objectives of the present study were to:

1. monitor and determine trends in species composition, size and relative abundance of selected finfishes and shellfishes in Texas coastal bay systems and in the Gulf of Mexico off Texas.
2. publish the results in a report which will assist resource managers to effectively manage finfishes and shellfishes.

Differences in the information in this report compared to previous reports are due to updating the data base. The present report should be considered the most accurate to date.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Bag seines, trawls and monofilament gill nets (Appendix A) were used in each of the 9 Texas bay systems: Sabine Lake, Galveston, East Matagorda, Matagorda, San Antonio, Aransas, Corpus Christi, upper Laguna Madre and lower Laguna Madre. Trawls, identical to those used in the bays, were used in five Gulf areas of the Texas Territorial Sea (TTS) ≤ 16.7 km from shore: 24.1 km either side of each of the Sabine Pass jetties (Sabine), Galveston jetties (Galveston), Matagorda jetties (Port O'Connor), Aransas Pass jetties (Port Aransas), and 48.2 km north from the Texas-Mexico border (Port Isabel) (Figure 1). Oyster dredges (Appendix A) were used in the Galveston, Matagorda, San Antonio and Aransas bay systems.

Gill net and bag seines sites were randomly selected from grids (1 minute latitude by 1 minute longitude) that contained ≥ 15.2 m of shoreline. Each selected grid was subdivided into 144 5-second "gridlets". All "gridlets" that contained ≥ 15.2 m of shoreline were used to randomly choose sample sites.

Gill net sets were conducted overnight during each spring and fall season (Appendix A). The spring season began with the 2nd full week in April and extended for 10 full weeks. The fall season began with the 2nd full week in September and extended for 10 full weeks. Between three and five nets were set each week in each bay, except in East Matagorda Bay where only two overnight sets were made during each week. On no more than six nights during each season could three nets be set in a bay system. Each sampling week extended from 1 h before sunset on Sunday through 4 h after sunrise the following Sunday. Gill nets were set perpendicular to shore with the smallest mesh shoreward. Nets were set within 1 h before sunset and were retrieved within 4 h after the following sunrise. Total fishing time was recorded (nearest 0.1 h).

One half of the monthly bag seine samples were collected during each of two periods (1-15 and 16-31) of the month (Appendix A). Bag seines were pulled parallel to the shoreline for 15.2 m. The surface area sampled (nearest 0.01 ha) was estimated using distance pulled and length of extension of the bag seine. No grid was sampled more than once in a month.

Trawls were used in bays which were stratified into two zones: Zone 1 (upper bay nearest mouths of rivers) and Zone 2 (lower bay farthest from rivers). Trawl sites in Zones 1 and 2 were randomly selected from bay grids (1 minute latitude by 1 minute longitude) that contained water ≥ 1 m deep in at least 1/3 of the grid and which were known to be free of obstructions. One half of the monthly trawl samples in each zone in each bay system were collected during each of two periods (1-15 and 16-31) of the month (Appendix A). In East Matagorda Bay all water was designated as Zone 1; in each of Sabine Lake, upper and lower Laguna Madre all water was designated as Zone 2. In Zones 1 and 2, trawls were towed in a circular motion near the center of each grid. All trawl tows within bays were 10 minutes in duration. No grid was duplicated in a month.

Gulf trawl sites in each area were randomly selected from grids (1 minute latitude by 1 minute longitude) in the TTS (Figure 1) that contained water ≥ 1.8 m deep in at least 1/3 of the grid and which were known to be free of obstructions. One half of the samples in each area were collected during each of two periods (1-15 and 16-31) of the month (Appendix A). Trawls were towed linearly, parallel to the fathom curve; direction of tow (north or south) was randomly

chosen for the initial tow and alternated on subsequent tows. All tows were 10 minutes in duration. No grid was duplicated in a month.

Trawls were used during daylight in the Gulf of Mexico off Sabine Pass, Galveston, Port O'Connor, Port Aransas, and Port Isabel during June and November 1996 in conjunction with the Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP). Detailed descriptions of the gear, sample stations, and sample procedures are reported by Stuntz et al. (1985).

In each major oyster producing bay (Galveston Bay, Matagorda Bay, San Antonio Bay and Aransas Bay) oyster reef areas were mapped for defined reefs. Criteria for defined reefs were Eastern oysters reefs that had ≥ 0.2 m higher than adjacent bottom for a continuous distance of ≥ 91.4 m long and 0.4 m wide. Oyster dredge sites were randomly selected from bay grids containing defined oyster reefs. Each selected grid was divided into 144 5-second "gridlets". All gridlets that contained defined oyster reefs were used to randomly choose sample sites. One half of the oyster samples were collected during each of the two periods (1-15 and 16-31) of the month (Appendix A). Dredges were pulled linearly for 30 seconds. Stations were not duplicated within a month.

Sample catch rates for each species, or category of species, were calculated by dividing total number captured by either total hours fished (gill net, trawl, and oyster dredge) or ha sampled (bag seine). Catch rates for each bay system were then calculated by month, year or season. Bay specific catch rates were weighted for coastwide estimates (Table A.7). Fish greater than 204 mm long were eliminated from bag seine catch rate calculations based on the findings of McEachron and Green (1986). Live Eastern oysters were grouped into spat (5-25 mm), small oysters (26-75 mm), and market oysters (≥ 76 mm).

Lengths [total (TL) or standard (SL)] of organisms caught were recorded. In gill nets, up to 19 individuals of each species were measured, within each mesh size, on each sampling day. In trawls, up to 50 shrimp (length from tip of rostrum to tip of telson) of each species (brown, white, pink), 35 blue crabs (carapace width between spine tips) and 19 individuals of all other species were measured in each sample. For all other gears, up to 19 specimens were measured for each species in each sample collected.

Mean TL of individual species in gill nets were calculated for each of the four mesh sizes. Mean lengths for the combined meshes were calculated by weighting individual species mean lengths in each mesh by the number of each species caught in each mesh. For all other gears, mean lengths of individual species were calculated from

individuals measured in each sample. Coastwide total mean lengths for each species in all gears were weighted according to the catch rate in each bay system, and by bay specific and gear specific weighting factors used for coastwide catch rates.

Surface salinity (ppt), water temperature (°C) and turbidity [Nephelometric Units (NTU)] were measured at the set and pickup for each gill net and prior to each bag seine sample (Appendix B, Tables B1-6). Bottom salinity, water temperature, and turbidity were measured prior to each trawl and oyster dredge sample (Appendix B, Tables B7-15).

RESULTS

Gill Net

Coastwide spring red drum (Sciaenops ocellatus) catch rate decreased in 1997 (1.2/h) (Table 1; Figure 2). This was the third highest catch rate on record. The lowest catch rates were during 1977-79 (0.3/h). Mean length decreased slightly to 499 mm TL in 1997 (Table 1; Figure 4).

Coastwide fall red drum catch rate increased in 1997 (1.1/h) (Table 2; Figure 3). This was the highest catch rate on record. The lowest catch rates (0.5/h) occurred in 1982 and 1983. Mean length increased to 476 mm TL in 1997 (Table 2; Figure 5).

Coastwide spring spotted seatrout (Cynoscion nebulosus) catch rate increased in 1997 (1.0/h) (Table 1; Figure 2). This was the highest spring coastwide catch rate for spotted seatrout since 1976 (1.1/h). The lowest catch rates occurred in 1979 and 1984 (0.3/h). Mean length remained the same at 446 mm TL in 1997 (Table 1; Figure 4).

Coastwide fall spotted seatrout catch rate remained the same in 1997 (0.5/h) (Table 2; Figure 3). The highest fall coastwide spotted seatrout catch rate (0.7/h) occurred in 1976, with lowest catch rate in 1979 (0.2/h). Mean length increased to 436 mm TL in 1997 (Table 2; Figure 5).

Coastwide spring black drum (Pogonias cromis) catch rate decreased in 1997 (1.3/h) (Table 1; Figure 2). The highest spring coastwide black drum catch rate (1.5/h) occurred in 1994, with the lowest in 1978 (0.3/h). Mean length decreased to 423 mm TL in 1997 (Table 1; Figure 4).

Coastwide fall black drum catch rate decreased in 1997 (1.1/h) (Table 2; Figure 3). The highest fall coastwide black drum catch rate occurred in 1993 (1.6/h), with lowest in 1979 and 1984 (0.3/h). Mean length decreased to 419 mm TL in 1997 (Table 2; Figure 5).

Spring and fall coastwide southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) and sheepshead (Archosargus probatocephalus) catch rates varied little over the past 10 years (<0.1-0.1/h), but were generally down from pre-1983 years (0.1-0.3/h) (Tables 1 and 2).

Coastwide spring Atlantic croaker (Micropogonias undulatus) catch rates have remained low at <0.1/h since 1978 (Table 1, Figure 2). The fall catch in 1997 equaled that in 1996 (0.3/h) (Table 2; Figure 3). The highest fall catch rate on record (0.5/h) was in 1993; lowest catch rate occurred in 1975 (0.1/h).

Coastwide 1997 catch rates for total finfish decreased in the spring (6.9/h) and fall (5.8/h) (Tables 1 and 2).

Spring and fall coastwide catch rates of blue crab (Callinectes sapidus) have remained at <0.1/h over the past 10-11 years, but are generally down from pre-1987 years (0.1-0.2/h) (Tables 1 and 2). Mean length increased in 1997 to 149 mm in spring and decreased to 149 mm in fall.

Bay Bag Seine

Annual (calendar year) bag seine catches varied by species and bay (Table 3). Seasonal trends in catch rates and mean lengths are presented for selected species:

Coastwide red drum seasonal (November-March) catch rates increased in 1997; they were highest during November 1990-March 1991 and lowest during November 1989-March 1990 (Figure 6). Coastwide mean lengths fluctuated between 48 and 58 mm TL (Figure 7).

Coastwide spotted seatrout seasonal (July-November) catch rates increased in 1997; they were highest 1991 and lowest during 1984-86 (Figure 6). Coastwide seasonal mean lengths fluctuated between 44 and 56 mm TL (Figure 7).

Coastwide black drum seasonal (June-July) catch rates increased in 1997 to the highest level since 1979 (Figure 6). Coastwide seasonal mean lengths fluctuated between 54 and 93 mm TL (Figure 7).

Coastwide Atlantic croaker seasonal catch rates (February-March) decreased slightly in 1997; they were highest in 1982 and lowest in 1989 (Figure 6). Coastwide seasonal mean lengths fluctuated between 49 and 57 mm TL (Figure 7).

Coastwide brown shrimp (Penaeus aztecus) seasonal (April-July) catch rates increased in 1997 to the highest level since 1987; they were lowest in 1979 (Figure 8). Coastwide seasonal mean lengths fluctuated between 56 and 63 mm TL (Figure 9).

Coastwide white shrimp (P. setiferus) seasonal (July-November) catch rates decreased in 1997; they were highest in 1982 and lowest in 1985 (Figure 8). Coastwide seasonal mean lengths fluctuated between 52 and 59 mm TL (Figure 9).

Coastwide blue crab seasonal (March-June) catch rates increased in 1997; they were highest in 1985 and lowest in 1989 (Figure 8). Coastwide seasonal mean widths fluctuated between 23 and 28 mm TL (Figure 9).

Bay Trawl

Annual coastwide bay trawl catch rates for total finfish increased in 1997 (262/h); ranging from 134/h in 1984 to 318/h in 1991 (Table 4). Annual catch rates of other major species caught in bay trawls varied by species and bay (Table 4).

Coastwide brown shrimp catch rates were unchanged in 1997 (23/h) (Table 4; Figure 10). Catch rates ranged from 21/h in 1983 to 49/h in 1989. Coastwide mean length decreased in 1997 to 86 mm TL, and in previous years ranged from 81-97 mm (Table 4; Figure 11).

Coastwide white shrimp catch rates increased in 1997 (32/h); they have ranged from 14/h in 1996 and 1989 to 46/h in 1982 (Table 4; Figure 10). Mean coastwide length decreased in 1997 to 95 mm TL, and in previous years ranged from 84-101 mm (Table 4; Figure 11).

Coastwide pink shrimp (P. duorarum) catch rates increased in 1997 (4/h) (Table 4). They were highest in 1991 and 1995 (5/h) and lowest in 1982, 1984 and 1993 (1/h).

Coastwide blue crab bay trawl catch rates increased slightly in 1997 (14/h) (Table 4; Figure 10). Catch rates range from 10/h in 1995 to 24/h in 1992 and 1994. Coastwide mean width decreased to 67 mm TL in 1997 (Table 4; Figure 11).

Coastwide Atlantic croaker catch rates increased in 1997 (85/h) (Table 4; Figure 10). They ranged from 27/h in 1985 to 112/h in 1992. Coastwide mean length decreased in 1997 to 110 mm TL (Table 4; Figure 11).

Gulf Trawl

Annual coastwide Gulf of Mexico trawl catch rates for total finfish increased in 1997 (401/h), and have ranged from 174/h in 1985 to 406/h in 1992 (Table 5).

Coastwide brown shrimp catch rates increased in 1997 (10/h) (Table 5; Figure 12). They ranged from 4/h in 1996 to 59/h in 1989. Coastwide mean length was unchanged in 1997 (99 mm TL) and has ranged from 97 (1992) to 109 (1985) mm TL (Table 5; Figure 13).

Coastwide annual white shrimp catch rates were unchanged in 1997 (20/h) (Table 5; Figure 12). They ranged from 10/h in 1990 and 1994 to 24/h in 1985 and 1986. Coastwide mean length increased slightly in 1997 (106 mm TL) (Table 5; Figure 13). They ranged from 105 mm TL in 1986, 1992 and 1996 to 117 mm TL in 1995.

Coastwide blue crab catch rates increased in 1997 (4/h) (Table 5; Figure 12). They ranged from <1/h in 1985 to 6/h in 1991. Coastwide mean width increased to 71 mm (carapace width) in 1997 from a record low of 67 mm in 1996 (Table 5; Figure 13).

Coastwide Atlantic croaker catch rates increased in 1997 to 104/h (Table 5; Figure 12). They ranged from 23/h in 1985 to 162/h in 1993 . Coastwide mean length increased in 1997 to 126 mm TL, but in previous years had decreased from 142 mm in 1985 to 113 mm in 1993 (Table 5; Figure 13).

Coastwide annual pink shrimp catch rates increased to 2/h in 1997; they ranged from 1-4/h in past years (Table 5). Coastwide mean length decreased in 1997 (111 mm) and was variable among years ranging from 104 mm in 1992 to 116 mm in 1985.

Annual catch rates of other major species caught in Gulf of Mexico trawls varied by species and Gulf area (Table 5).

Oyster Dredge

Coastwide catch rates of Eastern oyster (Crassostrea virginica) spat decreased in 1997 (830/h) (Table 6; Figure 14). They

previously ranged from 491/h in 1984 to 4,740/h in 1996.

Coastwide catch rates of small Eastern oysters increased to a record high in 1997 (3,468/h) (Table 6; Figure 14). The previous high occurred in 1996 at 2,714/h. Coastwide mean length increased in 1997 to 51 mm and ranged from 46-54 mm TL (Table 6; Figure 15).

Coastwide catch rates of market Eastern oysters decreased in 1997 (729/h) (Table 6; Figure 14). The record low occurred in 1990 at 215/h. Coastwide mean length increased in 1997 (89 mm TL) (Table 6; Figure 15).

Hydrologic Data

Hydrologic data varied among years, among bay systems and among gulf areas (Appendix B). Coastwide annual salinity decreased during 1997 in coastal bays and in Gulf of Mexico waters (Appendix B; Tables B.1, 4, 7, 10, and 16). Bay salinities were generally higher in upper Laguna Madre than in any other bay. Gulf salinities were highest off Port Isabel and Port Aransas. Water temperatures followed seasonal trends. Coastwide annual bay and gulf bottom water temperatures were similar to 1995 values (Appendix B; Tables B.2, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 17).

SEAMAP

Spring (March, April)

SEAMAP longlines in the spring of 1997 showed above average numbers of adult red drum in the nearshore waters. TPW had concerns that the mortality of adult red drum due to the red tide in the fall of 1996 may have affected the nearshore red drum population. Average catch rate (number/hour) from 1992-1997 was 2.55. In 1997, red drum catch rate was 3.0.

Summer (June)

Catch rates of brown shrimp by depth zone ranged from 302/h in 19-37 m to 21/h in 38-55 m during 1997 (Appendix C, Table C.1). Historically, brown shrimp are predominately caught in water 19-37 m deep.

White shrimp were caught primarily in water ≤ 18 m deep during all years (Appendix C, Table C.1). At these depths, catch rates have ranged from 4/h-41/h in all years.

Pink shrimp were captured in waters ≤ 55 m deep (0-195/h) during all years (Appendix C, Table C.1). They were caught predominately in waters ≤ 37 m deep.

Blue crab are caught primarily in the 0-18 m zone (Appendix C, Table C.1). Catch rates at these depths ranged from 3-20/h in all years.

Fall (November)

Brown shrimp were caught in all depth zones, with highest catch rates at water depths generally > 18 m (Appendix C, Table C.2). White shrimp, pink shrimp and blue crab were predominately caught in waters ≤ 37 m deep.

OVERVIEW

TPW is mandated by the Texas Legislature and the TPW Commission to annually investigate population trends, habitat variability, socio-economics, commercial and recreational fishing impacts and any other factors or conditions which may result in increases or decreases of finfishes and shellfishes in Texas waters. Long-term trend data based on independent standardized monitoring programs are necessary to assess changes in relative abundance of these populations. Shrimp data were used to recommend dates for the annual closure of Texas gulf waters to shrimping. Oyster data were used to establish the oyster transplant season in Galveston Bay. Finfish data were used to recommend changes in fishing regulations. These data were also used to develop management plans for shrimp, oysters and blue crabs as mandated by the Texas Legislature. Additionally, these data are used routinely by "outside" scientists in the private and public sector, especially the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. TPW database was used extensively by both the Galveston Bay and Corpus Christi Bay National Estuary Programs to determine status and trends of populations. Data in the present report are used to determine long-term trends in abundance and stability of finfishes and shellfish populations in Texas coastal waters and to implement management regulations.

Effective management of marine species populations requires knowledge of the relationship between spawning and subsequent adult

abundance (Cushing 1970, Gulland 1977). Since it has been possible to detect changes in annual abundances with bag seines and gill nets, it may be possible to determine stock-recruitment relationships utilizing these gears.

To determine effects of natural or man induced events in Texas coastal ecosystems, standardized monitoring programs used by TPW should be maintained. The following "meta events" affecting coastal waters were documented in 1997. Other unreported events may have occurred.

1. On 18 September 1997, the third major red tide bloom (Gymnodinium breve) in 11 years began offshore near the middle Texas coast. The bloom began near Pass Cavallo and Sargent's Beach and moved southward into Mexico and entered lower Laguna Madre. The duration of the offshore bloom (off Padre Island) was 18 September through 23 November 1997. From 21 November through 10 December, a red tide bloom occurred inside bay waters near Corpus Christi and Port Aransas. Areas of high cell counts lasted until 19 January 1998. A minimum estimate of mortality was 21.8 million aquatic organisms (16.5 million occurring in the initial offshore bloom and 5.3 million in the second bloom in the bay). The species most affected (in the millions) were anchovies, Anchoa species (5.5); gulf menhaden, Brevoortia patronus (4.6); Atlantic bumper, Chloroscombrus chrysurus (3.9); beach ghost shrimp, Callichirus islagrande (1.8); scaled sardine, Harengula jaguana (1.7) and striped mullet, Mugil cephalus (1.2). Mortality of recreational and commercial species was less than 1%.
2. By early summer, the Gulf of Mexico's hypoxic zone off Louisiana reached a record size (about 7,000 sq. miles). Low dissolved oxygen readings (1.0-2.3 ppm) were recorded at all gulf trawl sample sites 5.5 mi. offshore Sabine Pass jetties. Numerous dead fish (spotted seatrout, menhaden, eels, others) and crabs were reported on Dunn's Beach (just west of Holly Beach, Louisiana) and on Bolivar Peninsula's beaches. In mid-June, nearshore gulf currents switched from an east to west direction to a westerly direction, attributed to an El Nino weather pattern. This change, returned normal dissolved oxygen levels to the Sabine Bank area, but temporally pushed low dissolved oxygen level waters into Sabine Lake.
3. Brown tide, from Aureoumbra lagunensis, persisted in the Laguna Madre (upper and lower) and the Baffin Bay complex for the eighth consecutive year. No open bay mortalities were observed with these blooms. Following the heavy rainfalls

during the fall (25+ inches in 4 days in Kingsville), the bloom appeared to disappear. Researchers at UT Port Aransas reported brown tide cell counts of 50/ml (previous low cell counts were 500,000/ml). They also reported large numbers of dwarf surf clam larvae (the clam is a major grazer of brown tide algae) in Baffin Bay.

4. About 20-30 Pacific white shrimp (Penaeus vannamei) from a local Palacios shrimp house, caught in Tres Palacios and Matagorda bays by local bay shrimpers, were given to Coastal Fisheries staff. The presence of P. vannamei in the wild was confirmed with their presence in three out of four TPW 30-minute trawls.
5. A freeze affecting the Texas coast caused many fish to seek thermal refuge from the low water temperatures. The large numbers of spotted seatrout landed by recreational fishermen from these deeper water refuges (especially in Corpus Christi Bay, lower Laguna Madre and Offatts Bayou near Galveston) prompted comments by concerned sportsmen for TPW to create areas closed to fishing during freezes.
6. The freeze along with record recreational harvest of large spotted seatrout may explain the decline (from 7% to about 3%) in the percentage of spotted seatrout >700 mm caught in upper Laguna Madre Spring 1997 gill nets. Overall spotted seatrout gill net catch rates were unchanged from previous year.
7. The drought of 1996 continued through the summer of 1997, in parts of Texas. Salinities for Aransas and Copano bays were high (ppt in the 30's) while the salinities rose over the mid-40's in parts of Baffin Bay complex. Rising salinities seemed to have little adverse effect on fisheries resources. Gill net catch rates of red drum, spotted seatrout and black drum were generally higher than long-term averages. Recruitment of black drum and spotted seatrout were particularly good.
8. High tides coupled with severe rainfall associated with Hurricane Pauline may have affected Texas marine resources. Strong rains fell in the Coastal Bend. Rains caused major flooding in area towns and cities. Large amount of fresh water inflow into area bays caused flooding and rendered many boat ramps temporarily unusable. Extensive damage occurred at some piers and minor damage occurred at ramps. Some areas around Baffin Bay complex reported 25 inches of rain in four days. The resulting runoff lowered salinities from the mid-

40's to the mid-teens in Baffin Bay and lower teens in the upper Laguna Madre. Salinities remained in the mid-teens to low 20's through December. By November, salinities in Aransas Bay ranged from 0.4 to 13 ppt and may have affected the white shrimp catch rates. Many boat ramps and piers were unusable due to the flooding.

9. Record rainfall produced low salinities throughout the San Antonio Bay system for much of the year. Victoria received over 70 inches of rainfall. Bait stands in the Port O'Conner area had a very difficult time keeping shrimp and croaker alive due to the low salinities.
10. Heavy rainfall in March, in lower Laguna Madre, moderated the bay salinities and decreased salinities in the Arroyo Colorado to 0-1 ppt. High catch rates of brown shrimp occurred in the two months following this rain.
11. Lower water temperatures and lower salinities may have contributed to higher catches and protracted seasons of many species. Aransas Bay had high bag seine catch rates for brown and white shrimp 997/ha and 1,430/ha, respectively. Young-of-Year spotted seatrout catch rate (1 98/ha) was also high.
12. A coastwide mercury alert occurred in July. The Texas Department of Health issued a consumption advisory for king mackerel due to elevated levels of mercury in tissue samples. The advisory recommends no consumption of king mackerel larger than 43 inches; for fish 37-43 inches no more than one 8-oz meal a week for adults and no more than one 8-oz meal a month for children and females of childbearing age.
13. Kill Investigations:

Aransas Bay: an estimated 1,000 hardhead catfish were reported killed in Aransas and Copano Bay.

Galveston Bay (West Bay): an estimated 1,000 hardhead catfish and 20 gafftopsail catfish were observed drifting east down West Bay toward the causeway.

14. Low DO's:

Sabine Lake: an estimated 100,000 Gulf menhaden observed dead in canals within housing areas of Pleasure Island's marina.

Galveston Bay (West Bay): an estimated 100,000 Gulf menhaden were observed in a dead end canal in Bayou Vista subdivision.

Galveston Bay (Burnet Bay): approximately 150,000-200,000 dead menhaden were observed in a dead end canal in Burnet Bay.

Nueces Bay: an estimated 22,000 unidentified dead fish were reported in Sunset Lake.

Upper Laguna Madre: an estimated 1,000 unidentified dead fish were observed in a dead end canal in Tropic Isles subdivision.

15. Seismic activity for oil/gas exploration continued to occur in several bay systems. Concerns were raised by the public about the increasing frequency of this activity in our bays.

September: Western Geophysical utilized airguns to conduct a 3-D seismic imaging study. Subsurface geologic data were collected from throughout Sabine Lake.

Winter & Fall: 3-D seismic work was going on in Espiritu Santo Bay during late Winter and Spring and in San Antonio Bay in late Summer and early Fall. Fairfield Industries was conducting the shoot for Petro Guard.

Summer: Seismic activity and oil exploration were conducted in Nueces Bay and Corpus Christi Bay.

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TABLE 1. Mean catch rates (No./h) and mean total lengths (mm) of selected fishes and blue crab caught with gill nets (all meshes combined) by bay system during spring 1976-97. Blank indicates no measurement taken; ND = no data.

Species	Year	East			Central			West		
		Sabine Lake	Galveston	Matagorda	Matagorda	Aransas	San Antonio	Corpus	Upper Laguna	Lower Laguna
		No./h Length								
Red drum	1976	ND	0.1	310	ND	1.0	429	1.0	410	1.0
	1977	ND	0.3	450	0.2	418	0.1	467	0.3	380
	1978	ND	0.1	394	0.4	429	0.5	485	0.2	400
	1979	ND	0.2	480	0.1	466	0.2	414	0.2	421
	1980	ND	0.9	449	0.4	451	1.1	387	0.7	400
	1981	ND	0.3	431	0.2	465	0.2	408	0.6	396
	1982	ND	0.9	474	0.4	436	0.5	425	0.4	408
	1983	ND	0.9	474	1.0	475	0.6	411	0.7	402
	1984	ND	0.9	482	0.7	446	0.1	430	0.2	513
	1985	ND	0.6	538	0.5	514	0.2	457	0.2	465
	1986	0.4	520	1.4	497	0.8	456	0.8	463	0.4
	1987	0.2	516	0.6	497	0.6	501	0.9	465	0.6
	1988	0.3	498	0.7	492	0.9	473	0.7	434	1.1
	1989	0.5	480	0.7	478	1.7	492	0.6	452	0.7
	1990	0.5	509	0.5	529	0.8	568	0.4	483	0.3
	1991	0.5	581	0.3	548	0.5	532	0.3	495	0.3
	1992	0.7	470	1.2	465	2.1	456	1.3	397	1.3
	1993	0.4	529	1.2	529	2.6	514	0.9	426	1.6
	1994	0.4	507	0.5	536	1.6	528	0.6	470	1.3
	1995	0.5	456	0.7	486	2.4	517	0.9	459	1.4
	1996	1.2	542	1.4	523	4.4	526	1.1	483	2.0
	1997	0.5	507	1.4	515	3.2	532	0.7	468	1.0
Spotted seatrout	1976	ND	<1	530	ND	0.3	422	0.5	382	3.3
	1977	ND	0.2	516	2.0	434	0.2	381	0.9	392
	1978	ND	0.2	523	0.4	441	0.6	409	1.4	408
	1979	ND	0.2	515	0.4	426	0.3	490	0.1	436
	1980	ND	0.1	419	0.8	402	0.6	426	0.9	402
	1981	ND	0.4	483	1.8	416	0.4	406	0.7	453
	1982	ND	0.4	491	0.9	454	0.5	456	0.8	440
	1983	ND	0.4	510	1.7	441	0.5	452	0.7	444
	1984	ND	0.3	498	0.7	468	0.3	439	0.3	483
	1985	ND	0.5	506	0.6	467	0.3	424	0.3	457
	1986	0.3	460	0.5	449	1.0	432	0.5	426	0.4

TABLE 1. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length	
							East	West	South	North
Spotted seatrout (cont.)										
1987	0.2	339	0.6	449	0.7	436	0.4	447	0.5	456
1988	0.2	386	0.7	459	0.8	456	0.5	435	0.5	458
1989	0.2	441	0.6	481	0.5	494	0.5	428	0.6	459
1990	0.1	441	0.5	457	0.6	510	0.3	432	0.6	480
1991	0.1	467	0.5	449	0.3	498	0.4	431	0.8	440
1992	0.2	406	0.7	446	0.4	511	0.4	440	0.4	449
1993	0.3	415	0.5	460	0.5	501	0.6	428	0.7	477
1994	0.3	408	0.7	460	0.8	496	0.7	418	0.8	438
1995	0.1	462	0.7	456	0.5	490	0.4	431	0.9	448
1996	0.2	411	0.7	438	0.6	514	0.6	414	1.3	429
1997	0.2	428	0.9	454	0.9	468	0.8	443	1.3	444
Black drum										
1976	ND	0.2	290	ND	0.8	418	1.0	306	0.9	389
1977	ND	0.4	388	0.3	262	0.5	519	1.0	314	1.2
1978	ND	0.2	439	0.4	345	0.2	300	0.1	306	0.4
1979	ND	0.3	292	0.7	328	0.5	415	<1	370	0.3
1980	ND	0.4	314	1.0	272	0.9	355	0.5	263	1.0
1981	ND	0.8	418	0.8	312	0.3	301	0.4	352	0.8
1982	ND	0.6	343	0.8	294	0.5	363	0.7	317	1.1
1983	ND	0.9	337	2.7	365	0.6	355	0.6	323	1.2
1984	ND	0.6	373	1.0	391	0.2	368	0.2	460	0.1
1985	ND	0.5	346	0.4	313	0.2	476	1.1	426	0.2
1986	0.3	383	0.6	345	0.3	402	0.1	313	0.4	316
1987	0.1	399	0.5	368	0.6	320	0.4	366	0.2	392
1988	0.1	410	0.4	380	0.7	376	0.4	390	0.4	339
1989	0.2	326	0.6	350	1.8	378	0.4	412	0.3	363
1990	0.2	378	0.5	372	1.5	393	0.8	341	0.3	330
1991	0.3	318	0.6	356	1.4	347	0.8	354	0.5	294
1992	0.2	366	0.5	370	1.3	391	0.4	339	0.8	388
1993	0.3	360	0.4	377	0.4	345	0.4	374	1.8	449
1994	0.4	376	0.4	415	0.1	363	0.6	418	1.2	489
1995	0.2	330	0.4	381	0.3	332	0.9	418	0.7	395
1996	0.5	381	0.5	378	0.3	375	0.7	391	1.2	395
1997	0.4	412	0.6	376	0.4	373	0.9	405	2.0	432

TABLE 1. (Cont.)

Species	Year	East			Central			West			Coastal				
		Sabine Lake	Galveston	Mata Gorda	Mata Gorda	Matagorda	San Antonio	Aransas	Christi	No. / h Length					
Sheepshead															
1976	ND	0.0	<.1	338	<.1	234	0.1	420	0.3	341	0.6	342	0.0		
1977	ND	0.0	<.1	338	0.4	296	<.1	280	0.2	308	<.1	294	0.1		
1978	ND	0.0	<.1	305	0.1	297	0.1	278	0.1	313	0.2	354	0.2		
1979	ND	<.1	353	0.3	347	0.1	391	<.1	402	0.1	320	0.5	362	0.1	
1980	ND	<.1	353	0.3	347	0.1	334	0.1	320	0.2	352	0.2	322	0.2	
1981	ND	<.1	393	0.2	326	<.1	453	0.6	335	0.3	349	0.1	319	0.2	
1982	ND	0.1	332	0.0	311	0.1	330	0.2	354	<.1	326	0.2	343	0.2	
1983	ND	0.1	313	0.4	311	0.1	373	0.2	372	0.1	349	0.3	370	0.2	
1984	ND	0.1	351	0.3	354	0.1	387	0.2	398	<.1	401	0.2	379	0.1	
1985	ND	<.1	352	0.2	372	<.1	337	<.1	409	<.1	382	0.1	424	<.1	
1986	<.1	372	<.1	372	0.2	356	<.1	369	0.1	417	<.1	305	0.1	388	<.1
1987	<.1	364	<.1	361	0.2	314	<.1	340	<.1	447	<.1	342	<.1	350	<.1
1988	0.0	<.1	405	0.1	350	<.1	357	0.1	342	0.1	348	0.1	403	<.1	
1989	<.0	529	0.1	384	0.3	324	<.1	371	<.1	379	<.1	350	0.2	412	<.1
1990	<.1	364	<.1	378	0.3	364	0.1	400	<.1	444	<.1	372	0.2	388	<.1
1991	<.1	354	<.1	381	0.2	343	<.1	359	<.1	491	<.1	304	<.1	367	<.1
1992	<.1	278	<.1	346	0.1	356	0.1	367	0.1	415	<.1	348	0.1	436	<.1
1993	<.1	274	<.1	376	0.2	360	0.1	408	0.1	355	<.1	408	0.1	422	<.1
1994	<.1	353	<.1	374	0.2	413	<.1	372	<.1	338	<.1	344	<.1	435	<.1
1995	<.1	309	<.1	389	0.1	428	0.1	407	0.3	359	0.1	363	0.3	446	<.1
1996	<.1	362	<.1	383	0.2	438	0.2	403	0.5	401	0.1	367	0.2	452	<.1
1997	<.1	395	<.1	387	0.1	394	0.1	377	0.3	392	0.2	373	0.1	392	0.1
Southern flounder															
1976	ND	0.0	<.1	358	<.1	328	<.1	328	<.1	208	0.1	335	0.0	0.0	0.0
1977	ND	<.1	351	0.1	352	<.1	330	0.1	290	0.1	388	<.1	279	<.1	
1978	ND	<.1	249	0.1	451	0.1	348	0.1	307	<.1	292	0.1	316	0.1	
1979	ND	<.1	344	0.1	325	0.1	340	<.1	270	0.1	291	<.1	368	0.1	
1980	ND	0.1	<.1	244	<.1	340	<.1	319	0.1	307	0.1	305	0.1	361	0.1
1981	ND	<.1	343	<.1	343	<.1	319	0.1	319	0.1	319	0.1	333	0.1	
1982	ND	0.1	343	<.1	366	0.1	318	0.1	327	<.1	333	<.1	329	0.1	
1983	ND	0.1	366	0.1	366	0.1	318	0.1	317	<.1	321	<.1	310	<.1	
1984	ND	0.1	338	0.1	388	<.1	348	<.1	346	0.1	329	0.1	347	<.1	
1985	ND	0.1	349	0.1	348	<.1	348	<.1	347	0.1	347	0.1	353	0.1	
1986	<.1	294	0.1	345	0.2	329	<.1	358	0.1	316	0.1	357	<.1	395	0.1
1987	<.1	364	0.1	338	0.1	330	<.1	304	0.1	345	<.1	336	<.1	336	<.1
1988	<.1	292	0.1	367	0.1	349	0.1	354	<.1	350	<.1	407	0.1	401	<.1

TABLE 1. (Cont.)

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Species Year	East			Corpus Christi			Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre			Coastwide				
	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length					
Gafftopsail catfish (cont.)																	
1978 ND	0.3	539	0.1	546	1.1	546	1.8	496	0.1	545	<1	436	0.0	0.0	0.5		
1979 ND	0.3	520	0.5	534	0.4	553	0.4	534	0.5	544	0.2	551	0.0	0.0	0.3		
1980 ND	0.2	511	0.2	566	0.5	554	1.2	547	0.4	552	0.1	598	0.0	0.0	0.3		
1981 ND	0.2	514	0.3	480	0.8	541	0.5	537	1.4	541	0.1	521	<1	577	0.4		
1982 ND	0.4	513	0.2	496	0.4	544	1.4	540	0.9	542	0.3	530	<1	534	0.5		
1983 ND	0.2	544	<1	475	0.3	537	2.0	530	0.9	537	0.1	536	<1	372	0.5		
1984 ND	0.2	527	<1	580	1.0	529	1.1	530	0.6	550	0.2	532	<1	575	0.5		
1985 ND	0.3	532	<1	467	0.4	517	0.8	537	0.1	557	0.1	507	<1	472	0.4		
1986 0.2	490	0.4	515	0.3	468	0.3	533	0.5	554	0.4	529	0.4	534	<1	211	0.4	
1987 <.1	509	0.4	552	0.1	507	0.2	539	0.1	565	0.2	567	0.2	550	<1	413	0.4	
1988 0.1	538	0.2	511	0.1	530	0.5	531	0.3	563	0.2	562	0.2	550	<1	388	0.2	
1989 <.1	494	0.3	536	0.1	535	0.6	530	0.4	557	0.1	569	0.1	533	<1	337	0.2	
1990 <.1	518	0.8	528	0.2	460	0.8	534	0.6	555	0.4	546	0.4	554	<1	374	0.3	
1991 <.1	520	0.2	504	0.2	528	0.5	531	0.7	527	0.4	565	0.4	530	<1	518	0.2	
1992 <.1	519	0.1	521	0.2	556	0.3	530	0.6	578	0.1	559	0.2	532	<1	428	0.2	
1993 <.1	457	0.1	494	0.2	581	0.5	543	0.8	563	0.3	576	0.2	503	<1	405	0.2	
1994 <.1	518	0.1	495	0.2	569	0.8	545	1.2	571	0.2	561	0.2	547	<1	536	0.2	
1995 <.1	508	0.4	498	0.3	543	0.3	517	0.7	557	0.2	572	0.1	529	<1	537	0.2	
1996 <.1	377	0.3	496	0.1	569	0.5	494	0.6	537	0.2	534	0.2	526	<1	456	0.3	
1997 <.1	465	0.4	519	0.2	557	0.3	502	1.4	219	0.3	496	0.4	524	<1	455	0.4	
Gulf menhaden																	
1976 ND	0.2	261	ND	0.1	250	0.1	275	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1		
1977 ND	2.5	251	0.7	299	0.1	245	0.1	233	0.3	247	2.6	255	<1	282	0.1		
1978 ND	0.3	242	<1	194	0.2	245	1.2	258	0.0	0.2	263	1.2	264	<1	246	0.4	
1979 ND	1.2	251	0.0	0.1	251	<1	132	<1	241	0.1	255	0.2	260	0.0	0.3	0.251	
1980 ND	<1	193	0.0	<1	252	0.1	287	<1	271	<1	257	0.6	269	<1	253	0.1	
1981 ND	0.4	260	0.0	0.2	254	0.1	252	0.2	254	0.1	243	0.1	246	0.1	244	0.2	
1982 ND	0.4	254	0.0	<1	248	0.3	252	0.1	249	<1	250	0.4	268	<1	303	0.2	
1983 ND	0.8	252	0.0	0.2	251	0.2	243	0.1	244	0.1	248	0.1	304	0.1	252	0.3	
1984 ND	0.5	254	0.0	0.1	251	0.2	279	0.2	246	0.1	257	<1	284	<1	265	0.2	
1985 ND	0.8	253	<1	281	0.5	242	0.3	243	0.4	250	0.6	250	<1	244	0.8	260	0.5
1986 0.1	279	1.3	251	<1	226	0.1	242	0.1	244	0.2	245	0.4	258	<1	252	0.4	251
1987 <.1	348	1.2	245	<1	227	<1	241	0.0	226	0.2	242	<1	240	0.1	253	0.3	245
1988 <.1	278	0.1	244	0.2	244	<1	278	<1	236	0.1	253	<1	257	<1	290	0.1	249
1989 <.1	269	1.4	249	0.0	0.1	232	<1	226	0.0	187	0.1	235	<1	237	0.0	0.3	0.248
1990 <.1	270	1.6	242	<1	237	0.1	216	<1	255	<1	237	<1	308	<1	239	0.4	242

TABLE 1. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine No./h Length	Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	East Matagorda No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length						
Gulf menhaden (cont.)																				
1991	<.1	253	0.3	252	<.1	0.1	216	0.1	239	<.1	281	0.1	255	0.0	241	0.1	247			
1992	<.1	266	0.7	257	0.0	<.1	207	0.1	245	0.1	251	0.1	275	<.1	252	0.2	257			
1993	<.1	256	1.5	247	0.0	0.1	257	<.1	217	0.0	<.1	242	<.1	312	<.1	.282	0.3	247		
1994	0.1	267	0.5	260	0.0	0.1	235	<.1	254	<.1	262	0.1	253	<.1	238	<.1	295	0.1	258	
1995	0.1	275	0.2	257	<.1	252	0.3	254	0.2	255	0.1	265	<.1	207	0.0	0.1	269	0.1	257	
1996	<.1	256	0.4	252	<.1	241	0.1	241	<.1	269	<.1	243	<.1	253	<.1	238	<.1	306	0.1	251
1997	<.1	264	0.3	249	<.1	246	0.2	231	0.1	242	0.2	257	0.2	248	<.1	248	0.1	298	0.1	249
Striped mullet																				
1976	ND	0.1	385	ND	0.2	0.2	322	0.2	338	0.6	366	0.0	<.1	375	0.0	0.2	358			
1977	ND	0.2	322	0.0	0.2	0.2	314	0.9	317	0.8	319	0.1	340	0.2	368	0.2	345	0.3	323	
1978	ND	0.0	327	0.4	336	0.2	334	0.2	327	0.2	366	0.1	327	0.1	327	0.1	354	0.2	338	
1979	ND	0.2	320	0.1	336	0.1	341	0.7	343	0.2	339	0.1	333	0.1	404	0.1	354	0.2	341	
1980	ND	0.1	343	<.1	338	0.4	335	<.1	328	0.1	337	0.1	320	0.2	379	0.2	356	0.2	343	
1981	ND	<.1	318	0.1	345	<.1	336	<.1	341	0.1	336	0.1	321	0.2	353	0.2	353	0.1	344	
1982	ND	0.2	344	0.2	295	0.2	326	0.2	330	0.2	333	0.2	344	0.2	359	0.3	361	0.2	341	
1983	ND	0.2	350	0.1	346	0.1	346	0.2	341	0.2	341	0.1	351	0.3	367	0.2	368	0.2	352	
1984	ND	0.2	344	0.2	340	0.3	328	0.2	337	0.4	337	0.1	336	0.6	352	0.5	347	0.3	342	
1985	ND	0.2	340	0.2	339	0.3	332	0.1	328	0.3	340	0.1	338	0.2	380	0.1	339	0.2	342	
1986	0.1	326	0.2	350	0.2	321	0.2	330	0.1	328	0.2	336	0.1	340	0.1	368	0.1	341	0.1	340
1987	<.1	312	0.2	366	0.1	319	0.2	343	0.2	348	0.2	354	0.1	336	0.1	402	0.2	359	0.2	357
1988	<.1	327	0.1	344	0.2	333	0.1	323	0.2	348	0.1	343	0.1	350	0.1	371	0.1	364	0.1	348
1989	<.1	323	0.2	348	0.4	339	0.2	337	0.1	356	0.2	356	0.1	344	0.1	400	0.1	372	0.2	354
1990	<.1	325	0.2	341	0.3	342	0.4	342	0.2	357	0.2	340	0.2	340	0.5	389	0.4	353	0.3	354
1991	<.1	325	0.1	347	0.2	341	0.2	347	0.2	343	0.3	335	0.1	343	0.2	386	0.1	377	0.2	350
1992	<.1	310	0.1	352	0.3	340	0.3	341	0.2	342	0.4	352	0.2	355	0.2	389	0.2	374	0.2	355
1993	<.1	331	0.1	358	0.3	371	0.2	333	0.3	347	0.4	356	0.2	355	0.2	379	0.1	354	0.2	353
1994	0.1	343	0.1	347	0.1	381	0.3	343	0.3	359	0.2	368	0.1	365	0.2	386	0.2	383	0.2	362
1995	<.1	341	0.3	356	0.2	366	0.5	347	0.3	364	0.2	366	0.1	359	0.2	403	0.1	376	0.3	361
1996	0.1	336	0.3	348	0.2	349	0.2	352	0.3	355	0.2	364	0.1	361	0.2	385	0.1	364	0.2	358
1997	<.1	344	0.2	356	0.2	342	0.4	355	0.3	352	0.3	349	0.1	373	0.6	443	0.1	381	0.3	378
Total finfishes																				
1976	ND	11.1	429	ND	5.2	394	7.6	391	9.5	415	6.2	332	1.1	378	7.1	419	7.3	408		
1977	ND	8.8	316	4.3	395	5.9	442	8.2	428	8.1	428	7.6	297	3.8	366	4.3	395	6.7	377	
1978	ND	5.0	357	2.4	359	4.8	437	7.7	409	2.0	406	3.4	343	4.6	365	5.0	406	4.6	390	
1979	ND	6.8	345	2.5	396	3.4	409	3.2	453	3.2	433	2.7	393	2.2	360	3.2	411	3.8	387	

TABLE 1. (Cont.)

Species Year	East										Coastwide									
	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length		
Total finfishes (cont.)																				
1980	ND	5.0	380	4.2	347	5.4	428	5.2	422	3.1	405	2.8	387	3.9	368	3.5	419	4.3	400	
1981	ND	4.6	369	5.5	363	5.3	408	6.1	417	6.0	432	2.8	634	4.2	353	6.5	406	5.2	396	
1982	ND	8.1	378	4.7	368	5.3	435	6.8	411	5.8	417	4.6	400	4.5	367	8.8	394	6.4	397	
1983	ND	9.0	369	7.6	384	4.5	417	7.2	422	5.5	404	5.5	397	5.0	373	7.5	409	6.6	394	
1984	ND	6.2	389	3.7	397	4.3	449	5.6	431	3.9	432	4.8	397	3.2	369	4.6	412	4.7	410	
1985	ND	7.6	381	3.8	408	5.2	446	4.1	479	3.6	452	5.0	368	3.6	350	5.2	384	5.1	404	
1986	4.9	432	9.3	377	5.4	381	5.0	425	3.5	422	3.2	418	5.7	371	2.9	387	5.2	425	5.3	398
1987	2.0	517	8.7	373	4.3	384	4.0	430	2.9	420	3.4	431	3.8	420	3.0	432	5.9	434	4.8	408
1988	2.5	472	6.7	385	4.6	401	4.5	411	4.7	444	3.0	436	6.4	390	3.2	407	5.4	436	4.8	411
1989	2.6	474	9.0	365	7.4	396	5.1	428	6.4	437	4.2	403	4.4	402	2.8	432	4.7	425	5.5	403
1990	2.5	485	10.5	367	8.2	403	6.6	432	6.1	448	5.1	410	6.8	410	3.5	405	5.2	424	6.5	405
1991	3.1	474	6.9	367	11.7	358	6.4	415	6.1	437	6.0	400	5.8	405	5.3	381	7.2	409	6.4	398
1992	2.6	445	8.4	395	8.8	423	6.3	407	5.9	448	7.1	412	7.0	410	5.7	409	8.4	431	7.0	414
1993	2.4	480	9.8	387	8.7	459	7.0	424	8.6	467	6.9	433	9.7	419	4.8	427	8.3	428	7.8	425
1994	2.7	451	6.6	394	6.8	467	7.2	419	9.0	444	7.2	438	7.4	425	7.7	428	9.7	454	7.5	429
1995	2.3	463	8.4	390	7.4	460	7.8	400	9.9	422	6.8	411	6.7	421	7.2	417	6.3	435	7.5	412
1996	5.1	493	7.9	397	9.1	460	8.2	393	10.9	417	8.4	411	7.4	433	6.0	441	7.1	454	7.9	420
1997	2.7	467	6.4	424	7.36	465	6.1	407	10.4	434	8.5	411	6.8	433	6.3	400	5.6	446	6.9	424
Blue crab																				
1983	ND	0.2	151	0.3	154	0.1	151	0.2	142	0.3	142	0.2	151	0.1	156	0.2	145	0.2	147	
1984	ND	0.2	150	0.4	135	0.1	143	0.2	137	0.2	142	0.3	147	0.3	145	0.2	142	0.2	144	
1985	ND	0.3	149	0.5	151	0.2	144	0.3	136	0.2	141	0.2	149	0.3	141	0.2	158	0.2	147	
1986	0.2	146	0.3	151	0.6	133	0.2	140	0.1	135	0.1	144	0.1	154	<1	147	0.2	148	0.2	145
1987	0.3	152	0.3	139	0.3	138	0.1	138	0.2	140	0.1	155	0.1	151	<1	137	0.1	142	0.1	141
1988	0.3	154	0.1	148	0.1	159	<1	135	0.1	141	0.1	150	0.1	145	<1	115	0.1	152	0.1	147
1989	0.2	157	0.1	137	0.4	128	<1	136	<1	128	<1	131	<1	149	<1	72	<1	147	0.1	136
1990	0.2	154	0.2	141	0.2	129	<1	138	0.2	135	0.1	135	0.2	140	<1	114	0.1	139	0.1	138
1991	0.1	141	0.2	132	0.4	135	0.2	144	0.1	136	0.1	144	0.1	140	<1	105	0.1	152	0.1	138
1992	0.1	151	0.2	153	0.1	135	<1	144	0.1	133	0.1	142	0.3	150	0.4	146	0.1	146	0.1	147
1993	0.2	161	0.1	144	0.2	162	0.1	147	0.1	148	0.1	152	0.2	148	0.1	147	<1	136	0.1	149
1994	0.1	155	<1	144	0.1	160	<1	143	0.1	134	<1	149	0.1	158	<1	102	<1	129	<1	140
1995	0.1	164	0.1	147	0.3	165	<1	151	<1	161	<1	167	<1	152	<1	141	<1	107	<1	153
1996	0.2	150	0.1	136	0.2	152	0.1	138	<1	163	<1	151	<1	161	<1	141	0.1	149	0.1	145
1997	0.1	152	0.2	149	0.4	150	0.1	155	<1	141	<1	153	<1	152	<1	114	0.1	149	0.1	149

TABLE 2. Mean catch rates (No./h) and mean total lengths (mm) of selected fishes and blue crab caught with gill nets (all meshes combined) by bay system during fall 1975-97. Blank indicates no measurement taken; ND = no data.

Species Year	East						Corpus Christi						Upper Laguna Madre						Lower Laguna Madre					
	Sabine Lake	No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Corpus Christi	No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre	No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre	No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre	No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre	No./h Length	Coastwide					
Red drum																								
1975	0.8	382	1.1	403	ND	1.2	337	0.9	326	1.1	339	0.4	330	0.3	424	0.7	474	0.9	373					
1976	ND	1.0	509	1.1	487	0.5	415	1.6	406	0.5	395	0.5	460	0.4	442	1.3	465	0.9	452					
1977	ND	0.6	445	0.9	390	0.8	435	1.0	386	0.6	392	0.5	427	0.2	364	0.4	448	0.6	416					
1978	ND	0.3	429	1.1	376	0.5	395	0.6	384	1.0	401	0.4	429	0.3	455	0.4	493	0.6	412					
1979	ND	0.8	386	0.7	403	1.4	353	1.9	376	0.9	378	0.8	352	0.5	387	0.5	449	1.0	378					
1980	ND	0.5	436	0.8	473	0.6	434	0.9	411	1.1	386	0.7	370	0.5	454	0.7	449	0.7	419					
1981	ND	0.5	429	0.7	405	0.6	390	0.7	373	0.8	403	0.6	396	0.3	515	0.8	488	0.6	422					
1982	ND	0.6	440	0.9	401	0.6	390	0.5	360	0.4	386	0.3	417	0.2	456	0.5	440	0.5	412					
1983	ND	0.6	436	0.8	394	0.5	418	0.6	407	0.4	410	0.3	448	0.2	486	0.7	509	0.5	440					
1984	ND	0.9	451	1.1	551	0.4	381	0.6	383	0.5	377	0.8	400	0.7	457	0.7	472	0.7	433					
1985	ND	0.9	421	1.3	420	0.8	394	1.3	385	0.9	427	0.7	436	0.3	460	0.9	478	0.9	423					
1986	0.4	481	0.7	468	0.9	453	0.8	403	1.2	441	0.9	454	0.5	450	0.4	486	0.9	495	0.8	456				
1987	0.4	449	0.5	459	0.9	446	0.8	372	1.0	473	0.6	459	0.4	424	0.3	527	1.5	532	0.7	467				
1988	0.5	399	0.8	437	1.5	486	0.9	418	1.1	457	0.9	454	0.5	458	0.3	520	1.3	522	0.8	463				
1989	0.4	461	0.6	479	1.1	511	0.4	402	1.1	468	0.7	423	0.6	476	0.3	533	1.1	521	0.7	475				
1990	0.4	500	0.3	488	0.8	497	0.5	408	1.1	458	1.0	477	0.8	432	0.7	553	1.0	534	0.7	482				
1991	1.1	412	0.5	393	0.9	380	0.6	402	1.3	375	1.0	442	1.5	451	0.6	517	1.5	514	0.9	441				
1992	0.5	531	0.7	482	2.0	494	0.8	419	0.7	453	1.4	435	1.0	477	0.7	502	1.3	479	0.9	465				
1993	0.3	484	0.4	482	1.9	526	0.9	439	1.6	480	1.7	490	1.0	500	0.7	555	1.4	531	1.0	496				
1994	0.6	426	0.6	437	1.9	478	0.6	447	1.0	470	1.0	468	0.6	471	0.4	568	1.1	539	0.8	481				
1995	0.6	454	0.5	474	2.1	470	0.5	413	0.7	421	0.9	458	0.6	467	0.3	521	0.9	506	0.7	464				
1996	0.8	431	0.5	453	2.2	479	0.7	452	1.0	456	1.1	468	0.5	467	0.5	507	1.0	493	0.8	468				
1997	0.8	473	0.9	469	2.0	496	1.0	414	1.0	436	1.6	490	0.9	485	0.8	505	1.6	510	1.1	476				
Spotted seatrout																								
1975	0.1	413	0.2	447	ND	0.6	419	1.0	389	0.6	474	0.4	479	0.2	455	0.8	413	0.5	428					
1976	ND	0.3	463	0.9	451	0.4	437	0.7	427	0.2	448	0.6	387	0.2	455	2.4	431	0.7	433					
1977	ND	0.3	501	0.3	461	0.4	455	0.5	387	0.1	485	0.3	483	0.6	412	0.8	464	0.4	449					
1978	ND	0.3	544	0.3	400	0.8	406	0.5	387	0.1	383	0.2	417	0.4	431	0.5	437	0.4	432					
1979	ND	0.2	449	0.1	385	0.6	418	0.2	439	0.1	476	0.2	413	0.1	434	0.4	472	0.2	438					
1980	ND	0.4	476	0.2	418	0.3	406	0.3	435	0.2	446	0.3	465	0.2	434	0.5	490	0.3	458					
1981	ND	0.3	483	0.8	419	0.4	437	0.3	428	0.2	442	0.4	437	0.2	459	0.7	486	0.4	457					

TABLE 2. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine No./h Length	Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aranas No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length		
Spotted seatrout (cont.)																
1982	ND	0.3	456	0.4	468	0.3	430	0.4	428	0.2	446	0.2	458	0.4	435	
1983	ND	0.3	464	0.5	420	0.3	438	0.5	425	0.2	459	0.3	435	0.3	453	
1984	ND	0.4	465	0.3	459	0.2	430	0.2	420	0.1	453	0.2	467	0.1	476	
1985	ND	0.3	470	0.3	418	0.4	439	0.2	430	0.2	438	0.4	432	0.2	458	
1986	0.2	395	0.4	438	0.4	444	0.5	419	0.4	432	0.3	442	0.4	443	0.3	453
1987	0.1	410	0.2	459	0.5	425	0.6	425	0.3	422	0.3	452	0.5	464	0.3	446
1988	0.1	420	0.5	444	0.7	432	0.3	439	0.4	438	0.3	430	0.4	442	0.2	428
1989	0.1	430	0.3	441	0.4	447	0.2	435	0.4	457	0.3	446	0.4	475	0.1	464
1990	<1	399	0.2	460	0.5	461	0.2	427	0.2	479	0.3	459	0.5	474	0.1	505
1991	0.1	378	0.2	442	0.3	473	0.5	406	0.4	415	0.3	436	0.6	449	0.4	482
1992	0.1	392	0.3	418	0.5	452	0.4	417	0.2	436	0.4	457	0.6	463	0.5	508
1993	0.1	450	0.3	446	0.9	472	0.3	428	0.4	430	0.3	441	0.9	427	0.5	468
1994	0.1	398	0.4	434	0.8	465	0.3	417	0.5	431	0.4	435	0.6	442	0.5	448
1995	0.1	397	0.4	439	1.0	474	0.3	438	0.5	431	0.4	429	0.4	448	0.6	429
1996	0.2	405	0.6	430	0.7	490	0.3	416	0.7	426	0.7	427	0.3	460	0.6	426
1997	0.2	420	0.7	431	0.6	526	0.3	424	0.6	425	0.5	432	0.4	477	0.4	430
Black drum																
1975	0.5	294	0.4	366	ND	0.9	326	0.5	315	0.8	290	0.4	358	1.2	422	
1976	ND	0.3	337	0.7	305	0.9	344	1.2	325	0.6	376	0.3	366	1.0	503	
1977	ND	0.4	384	0.5	371	0.5	338	0.7	336	0.4	341	0.3	365	0.8	406	
1978	ND	0.4	383	1.0	346	0.5	383	0.3	306	0.5	311	0.1	383	0.8	425	
1979	ND	0.2	398	0.1	410	0.2	404	0.4	361	0.3	380	0.4	308	0.4	377	
1980	ND	0.8	391	0.9	341	0.7	306	1.2	298	0.9	340	0.5	370	0.6	423	
1981	ND	0.3	408	0.4	343	0.4	343	0.5	315	0.5	341	0.4	357	0.5	365	
1982	ND	0.6	355	2.4	346	0.6	352	1.0	296	1.1	337	0.6	369	0.9	388	
1983	ND	0.2	381	1.0	361	0.6	375	0.6	328	0.6	345	0.7	406	0.5	410	
1984	ND	0.5	405	0.7	348	0.2	386	0.3	269	0.2	329	0.2	376	0.4	425	
1985	ND	0.8	379	0.6	363	0.4	357	0.3	295	0.4	325	0.2	363	0.9	389	
1986	0.4	360	0.7	380	0.6	303	0.6	351	0.4	342	0.5	357	0.3	388	0.5	435
1987	0.3	378	0.4	376	1.5	376	0.4	383	0.3	364	0.5	370	0.2	384	1.9	387
1988	0.2	355	0.5	387	1.2	339	0.7	346	1.0	334	0.7	330	0.7	337	1.5	403
1989	0.5	324	2.0	384	1.4	358	0.8	351	1.0	337	1.4	373	1.3	416	1.5	422

TABLE 2. (Cont.)

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Species Year	East		Upper Laguna		Lower Laguna		Corpus Christi No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length		
	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Mata Gorda No./h Length	Mata Gorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length								
Southern flounder														
1975	0.1	337	<.1	317	ND	0.1	323	0.1	250	0.1	309	0.2		
1976	ND	<.1	365	0.5	321	0.1	296	0.2	363	0.1	304	0.3		
1977	ND	0.2	331	0.3	342	<.1	322	0.2	312	0.2	368	0.1		
1978	ND	0.1	359	0.1	354	<.1	310	0.1	310	0.1	377	0.2		
1979	ND	<.1	348	0.1	331	0.1	338	0.2	388	0.1	322	0.1		
1980	ND	0.2	345	0.3	369	0.2	330	0.1	325	0.1	359	0.2		
1981	ND	0.1	326	0.1	351	0.1	335	0.1	311	0.1	356	0.1		
1982	ND	0.2	345	0.3	354	0.1	350	0.2	311	0.1	360	0.1		
1983	ND	0.1	348	0.2	350	0.1	324	0.2	342	0.1	335	0.1		
1984	ND	0.1	341	0.3	364	0.1	328	0.1	322	0.1	323	0.1		
1985	ND	0.1	340	0.2	370	0.1	333	0.1	330	0.1	336	0.1		
1986	0.1	299	0.1	363	0.1	376	0.1	346	0.1	377	<.1	348	0.1	
1987	0.1	335	0.1	336	0.1	350	0.1	308	0.1	345	0.1	394	0.1	
1988	0.1	346	0.1	350	0.2	353	0.1	365	0.1	342	0.1	372	<.1	
1989	0.1	324	0.1	349	0.2	362	0.1	328	0.1	353	0.1	342	<.1	
1990	<.1	325	0.1	326	0.2	340	0.1	326	0.1	324	0.1	344	0.1	
1991	<.1	313	0.1	354	0.1	371	0.1	332	0.1	352	0.1	366	0.1	
1992	<.1	330	0.1	356	0.3	375	0.1	352	<.1	370	0.1	385	0.1	
1993	<.1	350	0.1	379	0.2	426	0.1	364	0.1	395	0.1	411	0.1	
1994	<.1	373	0.1	361	0.2	401	0.1	357	0.1	378	0.1	386	0.1	
1995	0.1	349	<.1	360	0.1	407	0.1	357	0.1	351	0.1	390	0.1	
1996	<.1	393	0.1	381	0.1	371	<.1	353	0.1	372	<.1	363	0.1	
1997	<.1	334	0.1	352	0.2	387	<.1	342	0.1	359	<.1	386	0.1	
Atlantic croaker														
1975	0.0	<.1	245	ND	0.0	0.1	312	0.2	338	0.4	321	0.1	314	0.1
1976	ND	0.2	262	0.1	248	0.3	263	0.4	296	0.2	314	0.6	329	0.5
1977	ND	0.1	291	0.1	275	0.2	274	0.2	290	0.8	307	0.6	350	0.7
1978	ND	0.1	274	0.1	248	0.2	255	0.1	242	0.5	314	0.4	296	0.4
1979	ND	<.1	271	0.2	248	0.1	287	0.2	270	0.2	303	0.5	326	0.1
1980	ND	0.2	284	0.1	262	0.2	261	0.1	264	0.3	320	1.7	345	0.7
1981	ND	0.2	279	0.2	254	0.1	273	0.2	268	0.7	328	0.8	323	0.2
1982	ND	0.4	282	0.4	256	0.1	277	0.2	278	0.4	328	1.0	327	0.4
1983	ND	0.3	275	0.4	261	0.2	263	0.5	286	0.3	309	1.0	320	0.1

TABLE 2. (Cont.)

Species Year	East						Corpus Christi						Upper Laguna Madre						Lower Laguna Madre						Coastwide					
	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length																	
Atlantic croaker (cont.)																														
1984	ND	0.2	274	0.2	259	0.2	252	0.1	261	0.5	274	0.1	264	0.2	270	0.2	268	0.2	270	0.2	270	0.2	274	0.3	274					
1985	ND	0.6	272	0.5	258	0.1	254	0.1	261	0.3	268	0.6	279	0.2	307	0.3	281	0.3	281	0.3	281	0.3	281	0.4	289					
1986	0.2	296	0.4	281	0.1	261	0.2	253	0.2	256	0.3	280	1.4	305	0.1	322	0.3	299	0.4	299	0.4	299	0.4	298	0.4	298				
1987	0.1	287	0.8	288	0.1	252	0.3	253	<.1	253	0.2	283	1.5	323	0.1	321	0.3	322	0.4	322	0.4	322	0.4	322	0.4	322				
1988	0.2	276	0.6	291	0.1	267	0.3	255	0.2	255	0.3	301	0.8	317	0.1	357	0.3	318	0.3	318	0.3	318	0.3	318	0.3	318				
1989	0.1	284	0.6	271	0.2	257	0.2	250	0.2	262	0.2	266	0.3	317	<.1	324	0.1	308	0.2	273	0.2	273	0.2	273	0.2	273				
1990	0.2	283	0.4	286	0.2	270	0.1	261	<.1	260	0.1	261	0.3	290	<.1	298	0.1	264	0.2	280	0.2	280	0.2	280	0.2	280				
1991	0.1	271	0.2	274	0.1	290	0.2	260	0.2	251	0.2	262	0.4	283	<.1	269	1.4	279	0.3	275	0.3	275	0.3	275	0.3	275				
1992	0.2	293	0.4	269	0.1	278	0.1	258	0.1	268	0.3	278	1.0	299	0.1	328	0.7	291	0.3	286	0.3	286	0.3	286	0.3	286				
1993	0.1	286	1.4	273	0.2	276	0.1	265	0.2	267	0.1	281	1.0	313	<.1	306	0.3	300	0.5	282	0.5	282	0.5	282	0.5	282				
1994	0.1	277	0.3	283	0.1	295	0.1	270	0.2	265	0.1	293	1.0	310	0.1	336	0.1	324	0.2	294	0.2	294	0.2	294	0.2	294				
1995	0.1	272	0.4	284	0.3	301	0.1	271	0.3	272	0.4	285	0.6	343	0.1	331	0.1	321	0.3	297	0.3	297	0.3	297	0.3	297				
1996	0.1	278	0.5	268	0.1	286	0.3	260	0.5	279	0.3	281	0.5	311	<.1	296	0.1	332	0.3	279	0.3	279	0.3	279	0.3	279				
1997	0.2	282	0.5	2766	0.1	287	0.2	260	0.3	266	0.2	282	0.4	306	0.1	319	0.2	300	0.3	280	0.3	280	0.3	280	0.3	280				
Gafftopsail catfish																														
1975	<.1	530	0.0	ND	0.1	482	0.0	ND	0.1	571	<.1	493	<.1	552	0.1	575	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
1976	ND	0.1	516	<.1	516	0.0	ND	<.1	499	0.2	526	<.1	498	0.1	587	<.1	475	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
1977	ND	<.1	516	0.0	ND	0.0	ND	<.1	514	<.1	499	0.2	526	<.1	385	<.1	600	0.1	529	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
1978	ND	0.0	ND	0.0	ND	0.0	ND	0.0	542	0.0	542	0.0	543	0.0	543	0.1	551	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
1979	ND	0.1	550	0.0	ND	0.1	ND	0.1	478	0.3	505	0.1	509	0.1	522	0.1	517	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
1980	ND	0.1	492	0.0	ND	0.1	ND	0.1	473	<.1	505	0.1	542	0.1	511	0.1	523	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
1981	ND	0.1	423	<.1	616	0.1	ND	<.1	520	0.3	520	0.1	527	0.1	533	0.1	545	<.1	541	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
1982	ND	<.1	492	0.1	473	<.1	ND	0.1	498	0.3	514	0.1	544	0.1	532	0.0	0.0	<.1	282	<.1	282	<.1	282	<.1	282	<.1	282	<.1		
1983	ND	<.1	517	0.1	474	0.1	ND	0.1	510	0.3	507	0.1	521	<.1	488	0.0	0.0	<.1	315	0.1	315	0.1	315	0.1	315	0.1	315	0.1		
1984	ND	<.1	482	0.1	482	0.1	ND	0.1	498	0.1	546	0.1	556	0.1	519	<.1	556	<.1	511	0.1	528	0.1	528	0.1	528	0.1	528	0.1		
1985	ND	0.1	525	0.1	482	0.1	ND	0.1	474	<.1	474	0.2	485	0.1	532	0.1	514	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
1986	0.1	462	<.1	521	0.1	473	<.1	ND	0.1	512	<.1	519	0.1	542	<.1	528	0.0	0.0	<.1	390	<.1	390	<.1	390	<.1	390	<.1	390	<.1	
1987	<.1	423	0.1	491	0.1	527	0.1	ND	0.1	510	0.3	514	0.1	544	0.1	532	0.0	0.0	<.1	408	0.1	408	0.1	408	0.1	408	0.1	408	0.1	
1988	<.1	370	<.1	515	<.1	534	0.2	ND	0.1	521	0.1	544	0.1	538	0.1	521	<.1	495	<.1	325	0.1	325	0.1	325	0.1	325	0.1	325	0.1	
1989	<.1	321	<.1	480	<.1	485	0.2	ND	0.1	549	0.1	547	0.1	384	0.0	0.0	<.1	358	0.1	358	0.1	358	0.1	358	0.1	358	0.1			
1990	<.1	465	0.1	504	0.1	499	0.2	ND	0.1	509	0.2	509	0.1	583	0.1	549	<.1	598	<.1	429	0.1	429	0.1	429	0.1	429	0.1			
1991	<.1	469	<.1	502	0.1	518	0.1	ND	0.1	476	<.1	562	<.1	569	<.1	472	0.0	0.0	<.1	299	<.1	299	<.1	299	<.1	299	<.1			
1992	<.1	464	0.1	444	0.1	556	0.1	ND	0.1	519	0.1	565	<.1	541	<.1	496	<.1	495	<.1	406	0.1	406	0.1	406	0.1	406	0.1			

TABLE 2. (Cont.)

Species	Year	East			Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre			Coastwide		
		Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorde No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length		
Gafftopsail catfish (cont.)													
1993	0.0	0.1	513	0.1	566	0.1	501	0.3	538	<.1	585	0.1	
1994	<.1	409	0.1	441	0.1	501	0.2	516	0.2	541	0.1	414	
1995	<.1	380	0.1	408	0.2	511	0.2	503	0.3	522	0.1	419	
1996	<.1	490	0.1	422	<.1	504	0.1	483	0.2	517	<.1	340	
1997	<.1	417	0.3	462	0.1	529	0.1	477	0.2	496	0.1	322	
Gulf menhaden													
1975	ND	0.5	272	ND	1.7	302	0.4	221	0.2	307	0.5	284	
1976	ND	2.7	240	<.1	270	0.3	246	0.3	275	0.1	267	0.2	
1977	ND	3.0	246	<.1	248	0.2	244	0.1	237	0.2	304	0.1	
1978	ND	0.6	249	0.5	249	0.1	241	0.1	239	0.6	254	1.4	
1979	ND	0.1	249	0.1	231	0.4	250	<.1	235	0.1	251	0.3	
1980	ND	0.3	253	0.0	<.1	260	0.1	255	0.1	245	<.1	243	
1981	ND	0.7	259	<.1	260	0.1	246	0.1	242	0.1	238	0.3	
1982	ND	0.6	251	<.1	310	<.1	246	0.1	243	<.1	238	0.8	
1983	ND	1.7	257	0.1	248	0.1	249	0.2	239	0.2	246	0.2	
1984	ND	1.0	256	0.2	255	0.4	248	0.4	246	0.6	251	0.5	
1985	ND	1.5	249	<.1	233	0.1	254	0.1	249	0.1	263	0.5	
1986	0.2	246	1.5	244	0.1	233	0.3	239	0.1	244	0.2	255	
1987	0.1	244	1.8	250	0.0	0.1	244	<.1	278	<.1	250	0.2	
1988	0.2	268	0.9	244	<.1	206	0.3	233	0.1	241	<.1	258	
1989	0.2	253	0.8	245	<.1	236	0.2	231	<.1	240	<.1	251	
1990	0.1	256	1.3	253	<.1	247	0.6	224	<.1	251	0.1	273	
1991	0.3	255	1.4	257	0.0	<.1	217	0.1	239	<.1	249	0.8	
1992	<.1	299	1.3	257	<.1	232	0.1	239	0.1	245	<.1	256	
1993	0.4	283	1.0	254	<.1	255	0.2	269	<.1	300	0.0	271	
1994	0.2	240	0.5	254	<.1	210	0.1	249	<.1	266	0.2	257	
1995	0.2	250	2.5	254	<.1	237	0.1	245	0.3	256	<.1	271	
1996	0.1	260	2.3	254	<.1	125	0.1	235	0.1	246	0.1	254	
1997	0.1	254	1.9	255	0.0	0.1	254	<.1	259	<.1	245	0.3	
Striped mullet													
1975	<.1	390	0.3	331	ND	0.4	347	0.6	322	2.5	328	1.0	
1976	ND	0.3	346	0.2	320	0.3	349	1.7	331	0.5	342	0.6	

TABLE 2. (Cont.)

Species Year	East			Upper Laguna			Lower Laguna			Corpus Christi			Upper Laguna			Lower Laguna			Coastwide		
	Sabine Lake	Gulfveston No./h Length	Matacorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aranas No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Madre No./h Length							
Striped mullet (cont.)																					
1977	ND	0.2	345	0.2	380	0.4	330	0.9	343	0.3	321	0.4	371	0.3	396	0.6	354	0.4	348		
1978	ND	0.2	423	0.6	330	0.7	342	0.5	322	1.1	336	0.1	364	0.3	387	0.4	347	0.4	347		
1979	ND	0.1	351	0.1	338	0.3	340	0.7	344	0.7	344	0.3	353	0.6	410	0.3	365	0.4	357		
1980	ND	0.2	363	<.1	319	0.2	343	0.6	357	0.6	357	0.3	360	0.3	346	0.3	353	0.3	353		
1981	ND	0.1	395	0.1	349	0.1	332	0.6	341	0.5	334	0.3	353	0.3	363	0.4	352	0.4	352		
1982	ND	0.2	376	0.4	329	0.3	330	0.4	341	0.8	331	0.2	345	0.1	348	0.4	372	0.4	347		
1983	ND	0.2	370	0.2	335	0.2	339	0.3	334	0.5	350	0.3	347	0.3	383	0.6	375	0.3	358		
1984	ND	0.4	362	0.7	328	0.3	331	0.5	350	0.6	342	0.4	357	0.5	376	0.4	356	0.5	352		
1985	ND	0.2	338	0.2	326	0.2	323	0.5	355	0.3	343	0.2	342	0.3	397	0.3	375	0.3	354		
1986	<.1	328	0.1	377	0.3	328	0.1	337	0.4	369	0.2	356	0.2	358	0.1	370	0.7	359	0.2	359	
1987	<.1	325	0.2	375	0.4	333	0.7	319	1.1	360	0.6	348	0.3	338	0.2	391	0.4	382	0.5	351	
1988	0.1	331	0.2	362	0.4	344	0.4	326	0.4	347	0.4	365	0.3	370	0.4	409	0.4	396	0.3	366	
1989	<.1	329	0.2	349	0.2	334	0.2	328	0.3	350	0.4	348	0.2	359	0.3	394	0.5	366	0.3	357	
1990	0.1	334	0.4	341	0.3	368	0.2	344	0.8	369	0.7	358	0.2	353	0.2	387	0.4	383	0.4	361	
1991	0.1	331	0.2	333	0.6	366	0.1	343	0.8	364	0.5	351	0.3	368	0.1	383	0.4	401	0.3	363	
1992	<.1	328	0.3	376	0.3	387	0.4	330	0.2	350	0.7	364	0.4	360	0.2	389	0.3	383	0.4	362	
1993	0.6	328	0.9	364	0.7	377	0.5	352	0.7	374	0.9	365	0.4	376	0.6	422	0.4	402	0.7	373	
1994	0.1	353	0.6	372	0.4	384	0.6	347	0.3	358	0.7	365	0.2	379	0.1	398	0.2	400	0.4	367	
1995	0.2	353	0.4	371	0.3	397	0.4	356	0.2	347	0.5	370	0.3	368	0.4	421	0.2	375	0.3	374	
1996	0.1	358	0.3	358	0.2	401	0.4	355	0.4	368	0.4	360	0.3	393	0.8	432	0.3	403	0.4	385	
1997	0.1	347	0.4	356	0.3	408	1.5	343	0.4	374	0.8	377	0.4	395	0.5	436	0.2	392	0.6	368	
Total finfishes																					
1975	3.0	383	5.1	396	ND	6.6	355	4.9	339	7.9	345	5.7	343	4.3	374	4.8	394	5.5	365		
1976	ND	7.2	334	4.0	385	4.9	388	9.1	365	5.0	363	5.0	349	5.1	383	11.1	400	6.8	369		
1977	ND	6.2	334	3.2	362	5.4	389	6.2	344	3.6	344	5.8	326	5.2	343	6.5	381	5.5	353		
1978	ND	4.0	342	4.0	325	5.0	359	5.1	383	5.2	341	3.8	322	3.6	358	3.1	395	4.3	355		
1979	ND	3.5	367	2.0	372	4.3	350	5.6	368	3.8	372	3.5	327	2.6	367	3.5	393	3.7	365		
1980	ND	4.0	371	2.9	375	3.3	346	6.1	342	4.8	350	5.0	336	2.5	354	4.2	390	4.3	357		
1981	ND	4.2	357	3.3	355	3.0	384	4.8	358	4.4	375	4.8	364	3.1	357	5.5	388	4.2	369		
1982	ND	6.2	346	6.2	354	3.7	372	5.1	360	4.5	366	5.1	338	3.5	363	5.9	381	5.0	360		
1983	ND	6.0	350	6.2	341	4.0	378	5.3	352	3.9	396	5.8	356	3.0	362	5.5	399	4.9	367		
1984	ND	6.5	364	5.7	379	4.4	369	3.9	362	3.8	399	4.2	347	3.1	373	4.2	406	4.6	373		
1985	ND	7.1	335	4.5	366	3.7	380	4.2	376	3.3	396	4.0	358	3.4	362	4.6	390	4.6	364		

TABLE 2. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake		Galveston		East		Matagorda		Matagorda		San Antonio		Aransas		Corpus Christi		Upper Laguna		Lower Laguna		Coastwide	
	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length															
Total finfishes (cont.)																						
1986	2.6	395	6.0	349	4.4	390	4.6	379	4.7	408	4.0	378	5.3	347	2.2	381	5.2	404	4.6	377		
1987	2.2	430	5.8	334	4.7	390	5.0	323	5.2	428	3.3	391	4.9	353	1.6	406	4.6	444	4.4	374		
1988	2.5	371	6.2	346	6.5	398	5.5	361	5.8	393	4.3	382	5.0	358	3.1	396	5.7	410	5.2	374		
1989	2.2	394	6.8	363	5.2	387	4.3	361	5.6	402	4.7	374	5.4	388	2.9	417	5.2	408	5.0	382		
1990	2.4	401	5.2	343	4.9	387	4.2	345	5.5	399	4.5	400	4.5	398	2.7	433	4.5	431	4.4	384		
1991	3.1	389	5.4	341	5.4	376	4.9	362	6.5	389	4.9	373	6.3	371	4.0	397	7.6	389	5.5	372		
1992	2.7	439	6.1	356	6.1	439	5.6	366	6.0	408	6.2	419	5.8	377	3.4	425	7.3	399	5.7	391		
1993	2.7	379	6.9	347	7.1	457	5.8	380	7.5	430	6.4	455	7.3	394	6.3	443	7.9	425	6.7	407		
1994	3.1	374	6.4	372	6.7	428	5.2	381	6.4	404	5.4	402	5.5	386	7.0	444	6.1	443	5.9	403		
1995	3.9	391	7.1	333	7.2	417	6.0	361	5.9	374	6.4	383	5.8	403	6.5	443	5.7	435	6.2	383		
1996	3.8	398	7.3	355	5.7	431	5.8	376	8.0	408	6.7	393	5.2	403	6.9	433	5.8	438	6.5	396		
1997	4.0	400	7.4	357	4.9	452	6.0	363	5.6	391	5.7	416	4.0	401	5.9	432	5.1	433	5.8	393		
Blue crab																						
1983	ND	0.1	136	0.3	153	0.1	151	0.1	138	0.2	146	0.2	146	0.3	146	0.3	146	0.2	146	0.2	144	
1984	ND	0.1	151	0.1	140	0.1	147	0.1	147	0.2	145	0.2	141	0.2	138	0.2	148	0.1	145	0.1	145	
1985	ND	0.1	149	0.1	154	<.1	142	0.1	139	0.1	141	0.1	143	0.2	147	0.1	148	0.1	148	0.1	145	
1986	0.2	150	<.1	146	<.1	144	<.1	161	0.1	146	<.1	138	0.1	144	<.1	147	0.1	149	0.1	147		
1987	0.2	154	0.1	140	0.1	158	0.2	154	0.3	153	0.1	158	0.1	157	0.3	157	0.1	152	0.2	153		
1988	0.2	155	0.1	144	0.2	150	0.1	137	0.1	138	0.1	145	0.1	147	<.1	129	0.1	152	0.1	147		
1989	0.1	157	<.1	136	<.1	144	<.1	139	<.1	133	<.1	148	<.1	159	0.0	0.1	152	<.1	143	<.1		
1990	0.2	146	0.1	149	0.1	144	0.2	144	0.1	144	0.1	149	0.1	138	0.1	129	0.2	142	0.1	144		
1991	0.1	152	<.1	151	0.1	152	0.1	131	0.2	150	<.1	136	0.1	153	0.1	139	0.2	148	0.1	146		
1992	0.1	161	<.1	143	0.1	156	0.1	153	0.1	136	0.1	140	<.1	148	0.2	138	0.1	152	0.1	144		
1993	0.1	169	<.1	145	0.1	150	<.1	156	<.1	146	<.1	160	0.1	155	<.1	157	<.1	142	<.1	153		
1994	0.1	163	<.1	152	0.1	151	<.1	155	<.1	150	<.1	154	<.1	147	<.1	140	<.1	125	<.1	151		
1995	0.1	158	<.1	146	0.1	151	<.1	127	0.1	154	<.1	144	<.1	150	<.1	124	0.1	136	<.1	142		
1996	<.1	155	<.1	185	<.1	154	<.1	147	<.1	159	<.1	140	<.1	144	<.1	139	<.1	148	<.1	159		
1997	0.1	160	<.1	142	0.1	156	<.1	152	<.1	161	<.1	159	0.1	149	0.2	149	0.1	139	0.1	149		

TABLE 3. Annual mean catch rates (No./ha) and mean total lengths (mm) of selected fishes and shellfishes caught with 18.3-m bag seines by bay system during 1977-97. Blank indicates no measurement taken; ND = no data.

Species Year	Sabine Lake		Galveston		East Matagorda		Matagorda		San Antonio		Aransas		Corpus Christi		Upper Laguna Madre		Lower Laguna Madre		Coastwide		
	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	
FISHES																					
Red drum																					
1977*	ND	20	35	ND	8	51	85	51	14	44	1	41	0	1	39	18	46				
1978	ND	3	67	ND	4	43	13	51	4	94	3	67	11	58	17	52	7	58			
1979	ND	17	62	ND	6	92	11	67	5	92	18	85	27	66	15	64	14	70			
1980	ND	59	74	ND	8	68	28	50	5	88	16	75	4	82	15	72	23	70			
1981	ND	26	52	ND	9	86	29	53	30	38	40	46	5	46	45	56	26	52			
1982	ND	53	62	ND	9	76	19	102	26	103	21	62	1	55	16	89	24	76			
1983	ND	47	67	11 ^b	66	4	70	7	99	12	98	7	88	2	59	41	92	20 ^b	78		
1984	ND	13	66	6	70	2	105	12	56	4	100	4	80	2	52	4	73	6	69		
1985	ND	3	131	10	106	7	96	7	114	19	82	9	67	1	61	17	69	9	86		
1986	19	66	7	87	8	86	2	78	6	105	1	117	4	98	3	84	22	94	7	90	
1987	6	99	45	58	47	61	16	88	15	89	9	59	7	71	2	117	32	63	21	66	
1988	13	78	8	78	27	79	3	114	6	89	10	78	9	49	4	66	21	63	10	73	
1989	61	44	3	59	24	47	4	92	10	82	8	65	4	83	1	54	18	69	9	63	
1990	5	62	17	53	27	50	14	51	19	50	43	40	20	57	4	32	25	39	20	46	
1991	6	97	14	73	30	53	30	81	36	79	25	61	28	72	5	88	43	61	24	71	
1992	5	71	9	85	23	56	15	77	22	84	23	83	7	74	14	51	13	70	14	76	
1993	11	73	28	58	40	48	11	66	17	58	13	60	12	73	9	53	23	62	18	60	
1994	7	72	22	59	31	55	6	58	13	69	29	58	53	55	11	61	26	70	21	61	
1995	20	69	12	48	18	54	7	69	15	76	15	62	26	62	7	86	29	62	15	63	
1996	8	76	16	48	21	56	16	49	27	63	5	65	8	76	11	60	14	66	14	58	
1997	11	74	12	76	39	63	17	68	16	62	9	76	13	82	6	113	15	85	13	75	
Spotted seatrout																					
1977*	ND	34	87	ND	39	84	50	73	1	99	7	84	16	83	5	85	23	82			
1978	ND	35	52	ND	6	86	11	69	8	50	4	59	14	93	2	52	14	61			
1979	ND	37	79	ND	3	83	12	70	7	68	12	53	13	80	2	86	14	75			
1980	ND	17	72	ND	3	84	21	71	11	74	11	79	3	56	<1	60	10	73			
1981	ND	16	85	ND	7	110	9	68	13	70	12	65	4	73	6	84	10	80			
1982	ND	37	82	ND	7	99	19	62	15	76	4	75	5	78	3	76	15	79			
1983	ND	26	84	4 ^b	101	7	73	8	72	14	81	4	79	5	101	4	80	11 ^b	82		
1984	ND	7	71	2	85	3	77	1	83	10	74	1	54	1	88	5	98	4	77		
1985	ND	5	80	24	73	11	87	4	64	24	61	3	50	9	70	2	78	9	70		
1986	2	67	2	85	17	66	5	71	5	78	12	60	4	68	1	72	2	58	5	68	

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine Lake		Galveston		Matagorda		San Antonio		Aransas		Corpus Christi		Upper Laguna Madre		Lower Laguna Madre		Coastwide	
		No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length
Spotted seatrout (cont.)																			
1987	2	92	22	73	14	68	3	82	19	70	13	69	10	76	1	104	3	63	
1988	7	88	6	88	14	75	5	96	7	67	28	68	7	65	5	65	3	87	
1989	5	63	6	79	14	80	6	69	20	61	16	71	6	71	4	50	2	56	
1990	3	69	5	56	10	74	8	66	8	61	14	61	13	65	2	54	<1	86	
1991	1	67	16	63	13	71	15	70	34	59	20	65	8	72	6	63	2	59	
1992	2	73	6	73	4	82	10	59	42	52	12	64	8	69	18	50	2	54	
1993	5	84	6	61	19	71	6	62	15	54	12	68	7	69	14	59	7	49	
1994	3	73	5	64	13	78	13	68	12	66	28	76	7	69	5	79	1	51	
1995	17	70	5	77	23	76	17	63	16	77	33	68	5	89	19	73	3	75	
1996	3	92	6	52	17	93	11	69	16	67	12	79	3	76	9	74	2	74	
1997	3	96	15	61	17	76	13	64	16	66	29	73	9	67	8	74	2	60	
Black drum																			
1977*	ND	0	ND	11	147	6	179	1	142	1	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	156
1978	ND	95	ND	9	112	22	110	2	165	1	122	4	106	0	0	0	0	13	102
1979	ND	83	ND	12	106	5	97	1	85	8	89	6	140	18	98	15	92		
1980	ND	4	93	ND	4	102	0	2	100	2	75	3	95	1	142	2	97		
1981	ND	12	122	ND	11	110	2	141	5	141	2	113	11	44	6	130	8	108	
1982	ND	4	124	ND	5	138	9	90	7	94	1	109	<1	155	2	117	4	110	
1983	ND	23	91	3°	123	3	118	1	132	2	145	2	108	2	107	<1	141	7	98
1984	ND	8	108	1	103	3	156	0	1	140	0	1	82	<1	91	2	115		
1985	ND	4	141	3	83	3	113	1	122	<1	124	1	68	6	86	0	2	112	
1986	2	141	2	107	5	85	0	1	149	0	<1	96	2	68	1	145	1	110	
1987	0	1	106	0	4	130	1	118	0	6	74	44	63	1	89	6	72		
1988	2	146	5	107	5	94	6	126	2	132	2	128	2	112	8	90	2	158	
1989	0	4	124	8	87	3	109	1	125	3	116	1	110	11	77	4	150	4	108
1990	3	128	4	99	41	75	14	117	6	123	2	127	15	64	833	45	7	126	
1991	1	124	3	111	10	99	7	155	2	113	<1	174	<1	112	61	77	1	171	
1992	<1	123	<1	142	3	114	1	146	3	23	0	0	3	70	6	59	4	118	
1993	2	129	1	109	3	99	<1	122	<1	158	<1	99	1	67	1	39	<1	203	
1994	2	119	5	78	31	84	13	71	8	96	6	74	4	78	4	38	1	94	
1995	1	160	1	119	4	76	3	100	3	115	4	111	1	99	77	72	1	101	
1996	1	149	5	77	2	104	1	95	1	86	1	77	<1	106	51	63	1	131	
1997	2	108	8	95	5	96	1	115	3	88	11	75	2	99	11	192	1	115	

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake No./ha Length	Galveston No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	Matacora No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Arauas No./ha Length	Corpus Christi Length	Upper Laguna No./ha Length	Lower Laguna No./ha Length	Madre No./ha Length	Coastwide No./ha Length												
Sheepshead																							
1977*	ND	0	ND	1	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	128		
1978	ND	0	ND	<1	86	1	54	1	59	1	122	1	61	1	61	1	70	1	70	1	70		
1979	ND	15	66	ND	1	94	6	63	3	56	13	41	0	1	50	6	61	6	61	6	61		
1980	ND	1	114	ND	1	163	1	41	1	51	0	0	0	1	60	1	86	1	86	1	86		
1981	ND	1	158	ND	2	68	0	1	95	1	41	0	1	92	1	101	1	101	1	101	1	101	
1982	ND	1	174	ND	0	3	67	<1	62	<1	50	0	0	0	0	0	1	90	1	90	1	90	
1983	ND	1	23	<1 ^b	93	<1	50	1	102	<1	67	<1	99	0	3	52	1 ^b	52	1 ^b	52	1 ^b	52	
1984	ND	0	<1	178	<1	90	1	30	<1	36	<1	30	0	0	0	0	<1	43	1 ^b	43	1 ^b	43	
1985	ND	2	20	1	58	1	157	3	39	1	35	0	0	0	2	57	1	43	1	43	1	43	
1986	0	<1	114	<1	32	<1	203	1	48	1	50	0	0	0	1	73	<1	80	1	80	1	80	
1987	0	0	1	91	<1	94	<1	53	0	0	0	0	0	1	47	<1	64	1	64	1	64	1	64
1988	0	<1	60	2	69	<1	124	2	58	1	55	3	35	0	<1	40	1	56	1	56	1	56	
1989	1	91	<1	59	1	35	1	116	25	40	0	0	0	<1	89	3	44	3	44	3	44	3	44
1990	<1	153	<1	126	<1	36	<1	79	<1	85	<1	115	0	0	0	1	48	<1	86	1	86	1	86
1991	<1	146	1	55	0	<1	101	1	81	<1	29	0	0	<1	70	<1	69	1	69	1	69	1	69
1992	<1	97	0	1	33	1	36	5	39	<1	66	<1	40	0	4	63	1	49	1	49	1	49	
1993	<1	50	<1	147	<1	47	0	1	98	<1	36	<1	19	<1	45	<1	51	<1	77	1	77	1	77
1994	<1	106	<1	76	<1	131	5	54	2	81	1	33	1	34	<1	24	0	1	54	1	54	1	54
1995	<1	74	1	86	0	2	71	1	150	2	69	<1	51	<1	32	2	59	1	76	1	76	1	76
1996	<1	55	<1	37	3	38	<1	167	3	42	1	54	<1	38	0	1	89	1	54	1	54	1	54
1997	<1	166	1	93	1	77	<1	108	2	67	1	66	1	43	<1	44	<1	82	1	75	1	75	
Southern flounder																							
1977*	ND	0	ND	1	171	0	0	<1	98	1	44	<1	128	0	0	0	0	0	<1	171	0	0	
1978	ND	9	40	ND	<1	43	3	37	<1	98	1	44	<1	128	1	46	3	42	1	46	3	42	
1979	ND	1	85	ND	<1	135	2	85	0	1	122	2	46	1	38	1	71	1	71	1	71	1	71
1980	ND	10	54	ND	1	38	2	55	0	3	64	1	43	5	38	4	51	4	51	4	51	4	51
1981	ND	5	57	ND	7	79	2	53	2	90	1	67	1	66	11	55	4	64	3	64	3	64	
1982	ND	9	67	ND	3	82	6	56	18	37	2	62	1	53	13	39	8	51	8	51	8	51	
1983	ND	9	46	1 ^b	75	2	54	3	58	6	39	1	34	0	2	45	4 ^b	46	4 ^b	46	4 ^b	46	
1984	ND	2	83	2	69	1	78	1	67	3	62	3	45	1	86	1	64	2	69	2	69	2	69
1985	ND	4	58	5	78	2	112	1	43	7	55	5	55	<1	71	2	67	3	64	3	64	3	64
1986	2	83	4	83	6	70	19	66	2	78	4	64	2	54	1	79	12	44	6	63	6	63	
1987	2	47	21	51	9	54	1	62	3	44	1	103	1	37	<1	69	3	56	6	53	6	53	
1988	15	66	14	61	3	76	3	85	3	69	5	48	1	65	<1	60	5	60	6	63	6	63	
1989	10	74	3	62	10	60	3	67	10	51	24	38	8	53	<1	106	2	62	7	50	7	50	
1990	12	68	22	59	12	55	15	48	11	50	3	55	12	47	4	67	9	51	12	54	12	54	

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake			Galveston			Matagorda			Matacorida			San Antonio			Aransas			Corpus Christi			Upper Laguna			Lower Laguna			Coastwide		
	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length		
<i>Southern flounder (cont.)</i>																														
1991	7	58	5	34	7	56	3	53	2	94	1	55	2	46	<1	27	2	60	3	49										
1992	7	66	3	41	3	67	2	34	3	48	1	41	5	44	<1	22	<1	56	2	46										
1993	4	95	6	56	5	45	6	46	3	47	2	57	3	69	<1	130	2	54	4	55										
1994	2	94	4	62	3	31	3	58	3	46	5	54	6	42	<1	34	2	78	3	56										
1995	4	65	4	59	5	63	3	55	1	42	6	41	5	47	1	58	<1	93	3	53										
1996	5	85	9	45	5	88	8	55	9	50	3	53	8	48	1	72	4	54	6	52										
1997	4	129	8	61	9	62	8	581	6	61	3	45	7	48	2	63	3	34	6	56										
<i>Atlantic croaker</i>																														
1977*	ND	20	96	ND	0	0	1	36	11	50	1	181	4	83	6	88														
1978	ND	320	61	ND	239	59	10	100	37	73	1	30	11	86	29	38	121	61												
1979	ND	463	52	ND	109	74	52	49	7	76	25	65	3	92	221	44	162	53												
1980	ND	1,085	55	ND	82	69	17	89	16	56	24	49	1	40	198	42	290	54												
1981	ND	528	57	ND	24	94	26	73	26	42	20	55	1	112	32	46	136	58												
1982	ND	1,812	61	ND	165	74	67	67	142	61	32	54	0	49	53	471	62													
1983	ND	888	55	56*	79	236	66	67	80	63	62	6	61	2	86	49	51	254 ^b	58											
1984	ND	815	59	210	64	483	60	25	83	155	68	1,160	61	4	102	133	59	404	60											
1985	ND	242	64	121	63	299	72	13	88	46	78	4	76	11	87	42	122	66												
1986	126	74	148	77	198	68	2,138	52	17	99	12	72	12	78	<1	89	62	57	364	55										
1987	79	70	335	54	110	56	2,07	78	33	47	9	81	4	40	<1	60	10	62	113	61										
1988	154	68	485	53	160	51	60	80	13	66	3	50	8	50	0	15	63	125	56											
1989	111	56	36	77	190	45	22	56	9	49	18	62	10	61	0	9	38	27	59											
1990	97	67	316	51	117	46	82	68	24	32	58	65	14	59	2	78	46	62	103	55										
1991	208	57	635	52	343	47	1,035	58	156	57	63	35	66	11	36	169	46	353	55											
1992	225	56	505	47	450	47	626	48	430	47	215	44	95	13	54	157	44	326	47											
1993	232	64	358	50	421	44	216	47	48	47	25	66	25	53	2	67	195	40	165	48										
1994	255	52	229	49	186	58	302	43	59	46	74	39	25	37	6	44	123	46	143	46										
1995	357	57	112	48	247	50	110	57	37	59	36	69	24	35	2	58	179	41	95	50										
1996	765	59	453	47	290	50	147	63	37	54	35	60	6	44	3	65	112	44	179	51										
1997	248	49	234	59	286	52	176	50	52	56	57	66	4	56	6	71	223	46	136	54										
<i>Sand seatrout</i>																														
1977*	ND	0	ND	11	61	0	0	0	0	0	<1	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	61									
1978	ND	13	58	ND	3	59	0	0	0	0	<1	33	1	77	0	0	0	0	0	4	58									
1979	ND	35	58	ND	14	70	2	75	<1	34	0	89	0	1	76	0	0	0	0	10	61									
1980	ND	8	61	ND	7	82	<1	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	69										
1981	ND	21	60	ND	2	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	78	5	61							

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake No./ha Length	Galveston No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Arkansas No./ha Length	Corpus Christi No./ha Length	Upper Laguna No./ha Length		Lower Laguna No./ha Length		Padre No./ha Length		Coastwide No./ha Length	
								Length	No./ha Length	Length	No./ha Length	Length	No./ha Length	Length	No./ha Length
Sand seatrout (cont.)															
1982	ND	47	57	ND	12	67	<1	35	<1	76	<1	73	0	<1	65
1983	ND	47	53	10 ^a	59	30	64	<1	47	1	70	2	53	0	0
1984	ND	49	55	7	66	22	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	41
1985	ND	11	60	8	59	12	71	0	<1	67	1	82	0	<1	60
1986	6	71	9	50	4	60	9	64	0	0	<1	57	0	0	0
1987	4	63	16	58	11	61	14	65	1	61	0	0	0	0	6
1988	5	54	5	53	38	40	6	66	<1	69	0	0	0	0	3
1989	9	54	43	55	7	66	4	68	<1	31	0	<1	106	0	10
1990	24	52	75	46	10	59	13	56	1	36	0	0	0	0	56
1991	7	48	76	55	25	59	39	56	<1	76	3	50	2	42	0
1992	7	54	30	53	10	52	36	54	0	0	<1	81	1	61	0
1993	7	58	53	48	19	53	88	53	4	64	<1	96	1	57	0
1994	4	61	34	48	16	70	29	56	<1	70	<1	64	0	0	<1
1995	14	50	59	44	53	38	37	59	<1	56	<1	64	0	0	1
1996	16	63	18	50	20	51	6	57	0	0	1	62	0	0	6
1997	11	48	27	54	12	49	36	52	2	55	2	64	<1	71	0
Gulf menhaden														<1	38
1977*	ND	21	76	ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	0	0	0
1978	ND	533	31	ND	3,963	47	169	64	3,310	44	1	41	44	42	71
1979	ND	122	53	ND	867	43	0	0	817	38	335	38	6	37	1
1980	ND	14,717	46	ND	115	50	24	52	48	30	7	49	4	40	54
1981	ND	196	45	ND	348	51	52	41	355	48	8	41	721	42	11
1982	ND	4,788	50	ND	820	48	1,008	37	137	33	1,068	36	9	31	130
1983	ND	4,971	66	1,324 ^a	44	809	44	67	42	16	34	619	33	2	30
1984	ND	1,839	44	470	48	1,260	45	1,084	42	866	39	553	52	128	49
1985	ND	4,86	42	243	43	3,819	50	868	45	48	39	122	37	62	44
1986	3,049	48	3,024	38	1,502	37	10,076	53	612	36	27	34	11	46	36
1987	633	47	2,64	50	755	49	3,550	60	3,5	40	68	36	11	34	32
1988	600	40	2,625	45	438	41	363	60	<1	43	80	30	<1	44	14
1989	526	48	781	42	386	51	187	45	53	37	43	37	11	43	2
1990	774	49	5,106	43	640	44	527	56	797	71	943	35	869	32	21
1991	270	41	4,298	40	1,258	42	3,044	42	296	42	569	41	244	38	123
1992	593	45	6,025	37	291	36	1,919	38	1,810	35	259	33	43	46	30
1993	1,878	48	7,341	40	509	36	492	46	191	38	634	66	158	38	13
1994	72	51	5,203	48	222	41	418	57	138	39	263	33	15	45	32
1995	399	46	6,155	39	2,382	50	718	36	140	48	373	37	83	40	133

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	East			West			Corpus Christi			Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre			Coastwide				
	Sabine Lake No./ha	Length	Galveston No./ha Length	Matacoria No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Aransas No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Aransas No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Aransas No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Aransas No./ha Length				
Gulf menhaden (cont.)																				
1996	1,489	44	7,928	39	554	36	1,484	40	202	33	179	41	459	31	68	30	3	32	2,039	39
1997	371	45	1,733	54	551	43	2,297	36	473	46	142	40	472	51	56	51	224	31	875	45
Pinfish																				
1977*	ND	0	ND	ND	32	114	24	105	22	105	66	93	167	102	13	101	39	103		
1978	ND	116	55	ND	24	61	77	75	54	74	133	69	41	84	7	64	65	65		
1979	ND	73	75	ND	43	79	60	79	47	85	81	61	13	122	1	107	47	77		
1980	ND	151	38	ND	16	50	363	57	167	66	250	61	17	88	153	59	152	55		
1981	ND	270	55	ND	68	69	131	70	107	85	267	67	40	84	132	75	151	66		
1982	ND	144	67	ND	34	66	590	55	448	67	265	62	100	73	349	57	260	61		
1983	ND	138	65	61 ^b	79	115	80	510	49	642	68	533	66	25	82	211	68	279 ^b	64	
1984	ND	247	59	180	64	107	71	172	66	471	62	214	54	146	79	120	77	214	64	
1985	ND	362	55	401	65	209	71	396	55	274	66	234	67	133	68	261	66	280	62	
1986	64	74	183	61	676	64	117	58	161	66	696	59	304	58	245	62	329	63	287	61
1987	8	72	50	64	227	57	44	68	442	63	321	67	463	58	42	56	339	64	206	63
1988	7	84	128	61	373	62	43	77	246	63	589	62	983	54	312	59	660	60	357	60
1989	24	75	80	62	359	58	308	53	607	61	300	63	361	57	60	70	251	61	254	60
1990	37	75	182	58	499	61	251	65	552	52	609	55	566	57	392	62	660	60	415	58
1991	8	79	138	58	307	60	39	68	248	65	119	61	435	63	240	69	696	57	243	61
1992	12	73	96	46	371	56	67	49	431	53	545	59	475	50	174	59	531	58	293	55
1993	27	78	309	49	139	59	150	53	368	60	564	56	482	54	307	59	452	60	344	56
1994	9	71	164	50	285	66	125	57	174	58	463	58	411	58	102	56	358	56	237	57
1995	12	86	159	49	284	52	73	51	308	59	333	64	326	54	165	59	247	60	212	57
1996	77	74	88	51	71	53	35	53	243	50	248	59	420	51	755	59	471	54	272	55
1997	9	75	56	70	200	59	33	61	240	65	371	56	323	62	250	64	395	55	207	60
Spot																				
1977*	ND	56	100	ND	23	118	0	0	2	170	12	100	0	0	1	125	18	105		
1978	ND	407	52	ND	182	49	361	48	80	55	310	47	227	59	149	52	253	51		
1979	ND	352	42	ND	21	64	201	44	58	60	210	55	103	70	57	59	156	49		
1980	ND	269	57	ND	76	56	256	51	101	61	95	58	86	59	165	48	160	55		
1981	ND	331	52	ND	154	57	135	64	97	54	121	61	115	63	220	67	185	58		
1982	ND	404	62	ND	143	58	467	52	623	54	225	60	180	58	340	66	350	58		
1983	ND	459	57	50 ^b	64	95	58	169	47	350	56	135	55	57	60	526	63	273 ^b	58	
1984	ND	238	53	96	61	146	58	247	46	659	56	564	58	493	66	948	67	433	60	
1985	ND	179	62	158	59	216	59	274	44	254	64	227	55	80	77	169	54	197	58	
1986	118	65	135	68	319	56	825	51	102	58	258	51	160	60	114	55	614	54	314	54

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake		Galveston		Matagorda		San Antonio		Corpus Christi		Upper Laguna		Lower Laguna		Coastwide				
	No./ha	Length No./ha	No./ha	Length No./ha	No./ha	Length No./ha	No./ha	Length No./ha	No./ha	Length No./ha	No./ha	Length No./ha	No./ha	Length No./ha	No./ha	Length No./ha			
Spot (cont.)																			
1987	19	80	264	60	383	60	83	58	203	49	476	58	359	49	17	70	307	47	
1988	44	82	229	69	210	66	116	64	132	54	361	59	158	65	212	54	270	59	
1989	96	52	87	63	256	58	173	59	264	62	253	53	158	62	271	50	151	64	
1990	16	70	222	62	525	54	330	57	691	51	566	52	831	49	684	57	854	55	
1991	22	65	270	56	304	59	131	49	198	69	295	53	279	52	174	53	950	51	
1992	27	70	211	55	89	61	63	53	194	59	164	53	387	45	219	58	347	54	
1993	35	80	164	56	288	55	123	53	149	50	185	59	281	58	221	62	341	53	
1994	55	78	369	49	161	61	99	61	127	56	310	62	250	59	66	60	369	54	
1995	15	104	171	50	199	56	254	49	77	65	191	59	303	53	145	59	218	57	
1996	185	69	827	43	394	44	340	48	321	50	245	55	524	46	223	54	272	56	
1997	5	102	89	67	174	57	169	47	69	59	229	59	481	55	451	58	782	46	
Striped mullet																			
1977	ND	31	140	ND	129	106	129	117	27	132	179	156	15	158	62	103	74	126	
1978	ND	56	120	ND	26	124	126	66	68	103	121	76	53	94	105	81	74	90	
1979	ND	135	89	ND	93	99	273	66	152	103	202	135	16	102	383	53	174	81	
1980	ND	90	117	ND	15	107	41	121	61	102	49	88	57	70	95	85	61	100	
1981	ND	229	57	ND	41	92	249	84	205	81	79	85	31	63	161	98	152	76	
1982	ND	128	66	ND	553	118	179	77	177	85	29	110	23	86	43	94	174	98	
1983	ND	85	94	62 ^a 104	26	136	57	64	110	106	37	61	21	99	44	84	57 ^b	94	
1984	ND	52	95	33 110	34	53	69	73	102	57	142	52	154	68	255	96	106	77	
1985	ND	75	110	199	89	49	92	22	134	95	58	22	62	70	53	119	81	72	84
1986	84	103	34	134	20	144	23	86	37	93	22	91	62	67	23	57	41	66	35
1987	48	98	244	75	60	89	33	96	63	115	127	73	141	56	94	37	72	103	116
1988	42	80	115	115	69	90	44	64	116	84	50	189	49	64	62	27	125	74	80
1989	61	68	41	96	40	61	24	82	10	147	77	47	131	49	61	33	78	58	61
1990	43	88	194	71	151	81	21	71	47	100	156	41	322	44	226	59	114	89	144
1991	83	78	234	80	162	60	79	65	73	97	40	88	138	41	283	50	49	126	133
1992	23	94	149	79	97	78	52	78	72	81	132	80	141	50	70	53	44	99	95
1993	74	84	105	83	84	74	41	77	62	71	67	86	133	49	70	36	39	78	71
1994	56	102	66	41	29	70	75	35	92	53	66	137	48	62	47	221	42	91	57
1995	63	99	45	71	73	84	23	70	20	123	57	45	19	59	20	57	29	49	35
1996	92	166	43	217	44	30	67	7	135	17	73	131	55	24	75	36	58	71	52
1997	37	82	120	66	143	79	62	81	72	94	118	90	151	48	94	73	34	111	92

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	East		West		Corpus Christi		Upper Laguna Madre		Lower Laguna Madre		Coastwide								
	Sabine Lake No./ha	Length Length	Galveston No./ha	Length Length	Matagorda No./ha	Length Length	Matagorda No./ha	Length Length	San Antonio No./ha	Length Length	Aransas No./ha	Length Length	No./ha	Length Length					
Total finfishes																			
1977 ^a	ND	959	59	ND	489	88	3,106	52	1,383	64	2,788	60	67	830	59	1,464			
1978	ND	4,103	53	ND	4,855	67	1,671	65	5,038	64	1,515	66	1,282	62	908	54	3,030		
1979	ND	3,149	60	ND	1,635	71	3,375	57	3,096	60	2,191	70	1,354	69	2,368	72	2,518		
1980	ND	18,543	86	ND	632	77	1,879	67	1,407	68	1,490	67	2,116	63	1,070	59	5,241		
1981	ND	3,334	63	ND	1,093	83	1,781	61	2,020	66	2,213	64	1,792	54	1,267	70	2,028		
1982	ND	9,007	68	ND	2,077	78	4,321	56	5,021	57	2,596	66	1,355	58	1,342	61	4,194		
1983	ND	8,725	71	2,078 ^b	63	1,857	80	2,147	55	4,059	63	2,160	59	734	61	1,378	68	3,528 ^b	
1984	ND	4,644	59	1,617	66	2,625	62	2,687	58	3,574	62	3,353	52	1,817	60	1,906	71	3,044	
1985	ND	1,995	63	1,921	68	5,152	82	2,200	65	2,514	60	1,389	56	1,534	55	1,458	60	2,383	
1986	3,776	69	3,916	71	3,329	63	14,493	73	1,849	60	2,294	57	841	62	1,554	51	1,672	61	4,146
1987	1,153	67	2,231	64	2,484	63	4,312	79	1,344	65	2,030	58	1,357	55	1,012	46	1,575	60	2,073
1988	1,153	62	4,347	71	2,024	63	913	83	1,391	58	3,150	54	2,344	56	2,271	50	2,144	65	2,464
1989	1,243	62	2,157	67	2,097	59	1,362	69	1,997	62	2,079	55	2,006	56	2,360	45	2,341	56	2,010
1990	1,319	67	7,186	58	2,951	59	2,106	68	3,470	57	3,968	55	3,913	52	3,385	48	2,993	59	4,209
1991	719	62	7,525	62	3,452	63	4,982	69	3,090	63	2,300	59	2,273	60	2,971	50	4,012	54	4,138
1992	1,143	56	7,886	54	1,924	57	3,414	57	4,687	53	2,622	57	2,373	52	4,251	47	2,893	55	4,188
1993	2,526	62	9,393	64	2,536	54	1,700	60	2,284	54	2,839	65	2,393	53	4,103	48	2,752	54	4,050
1994	617	62	6,845	54	1,538	63	1,985	63	1,183	60	2,496	57	1,972	58	2,941	44	2,846	50	3,126
1995	1,350	65	7,390	59	5,029	69	1,949	58	1,555	64	2,937	59	1,815	57	3,602	48	3,002	49	3,559
1996	3,242	61	10,257	54	2,586	52	2,693	62	1,606	55	1,352	60	2,171	50	3,320	46	2,214	49	3,949
1997	974	61	3,120	65	1,922	63	3,260	58	1,795	61	1,898	62	2,425	58	3,598	50	2,430	51	2,609
SHELLFISHES																			
Blue crab 1977 ^a	ND	103	43	ND	31	46	51	46	95	56	56	38	16	58	8	63	56	47	
1978	ND	66	52	ND	10	38	52	51	57	62	33	43	98	61	19	60	48	55	
1979	ND	106	52	ND	27	51	76	49	84	62	152	43	90	48	61	54	83	51	
1980	ND	122	54	ND	24	56	119	45	65	52	80	38	65	40	176	46	95	48	
1981	ND	58	53	ND	43	44	51	54	85	45	86	40	42	58	167	35	74	44	
1982	ND	101	48	ND	31	51	107	42	193	48	52	49	35	54	175	42	102	46	
1983	ND	148	43	15	77	34	105	40	145	43	48	40	36	59	112	33	94	41	
1984	ND	88	58	60	58	42	42	46	63	50	62	42	37	61	80	46	64	51	
1985	ND	144	49	107	54	56	46	41	42	141	38	184	37	73	52	152	34	113	
1986	ND	79	90	55	86	55	57	53	62	46	30	48	77	23	45	91	41	63	
1987	ND	23	68	163	41	87	38	36	51	64	35	80	47	50	59	72	44	77	
1988	44	64	160	46	138	31	36	48	42	54	35	89	44	38	43	78	37	78	

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake		Galveston		Matagorda		Matacorde		San Antonio		Araansas		Corpus Christi		Upper Laguna Madre		Lower Laguna Madre		Coastwide		
	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	No./ha	Length	
Blue crab (cont.)																					
1989	50	45	85	48	121	30	45	25	74	31	56	34	72	43	22	41	31	35	59	38	
1990	67	47	141	44	94	46	75	31	98	30	83	35	150	42	37	51	68	40	94	39	
1991	46	56	165	47	92	44	58	37	198	38	107	35	158	40	49	45	107	43	117	42	
1992	36	55	90	36	54	37	45	26	117	30	140	34	164	38	105	58	129	35	103	37	
1993	36	59	116	35	89	27	51	23	89	35	652	41	176	42	67	55	78	36	166	39	
1994	28	51	89	38	176	26	96	22	27	34	91	27	210	39	113	47	130	32	102	34	
1995	43	46	59	32	194	27	64	22	32	30	56	34	122	37	62	40	97	31	71	32	
1996	84	41	106	36	136	25	39	27	39	30	38	33	119	33	48	39	100	27	73	33	
1997	76	43	90	42	117	33	63	23	63	35	64	39	122	44	61	47	67	32	76	38	
Brown shrimp																					
1977*	ND	139	46	ND	64	52	200	49	229	54	99	58	9	63	200	53	137	51			
1978	ND	540	50	ND	167	63	102	63	152	60	258	56	188	68	120	53	245	56			
1979	ND	482	58	ND	194	66	69	63	438	63	499	61	53	59	155	59	285	61			
1980	ND	495	52	ND	143	68	553	60	386	60	183	62	64	64	234	56	314	58			
1981	ND	719	57	ND	157	74	310	64	355	60	679	53	102	76	1,008	58	490	59			
1982	ND	915	64	ND	207	64	599	51	505	54	428	57	62	63	565	61	510	60			
1983	ND	484	60	99	76	248	66	310	57	530	60	295	56	57	65	532	50	360	58		
1984	ND	628	64	294	65	197	56	244	66	740	66	291	58	82	61	389	63	396	64		
1985	ND	522	60	413	59	364	63	306	56	755	61	370	55	288	70	1,007	56	525	59		
1986	605	74	166	58	558	63	524	67	137	65	231	63	204	58	193	66	627	54	318	62	
1987	401	70	1,162	58	387	56	445	64	158	60	464	62	293	60	417	56	961	58	610	59	
1988	248	61	516	62	570	57	208	61	206	53	357	58	394	64	756	73	461	62	416	63	
1989	110	70	519	59	889	56	369	54	739	55	726	51	522	54	167	58	411	59	493	56	
1990	127	69	356	56	723	61	477	61	482	56	1,005	60	592	62	77	74	2,128	59	694	59	
1991	14	68	601	57	790	61	453	60	624	56	511	67	660	70	248	56	1,064	63	591	61	
1992	245	71	708	57	455	55	270	52	726	52	455	62	629	58	328	62	926	55	565	57	
1993	102	63	541	58	560	54	232	55	321	54	568	64	636	58	279	62	891	59	482	59	
1994	302	62	515	60	480	56	403	61	165	57	513	62	713	63	239	58	841	59	477	60	
1995	83	68	331	54	392	50	344	57	290	57	359	57	498	60	477	59	728	59	406	57	
1996	1,164	65	363	58	419	52	277	55	382	55	387	60	266	58	273	56	518	56	390	58	
1997	103	63	552	62	369	52	240	58	436	58	739	58	608	69	1,020	78	1,231	54	640	62	
Pink shrimp																					
1977*	ND	0	ND	0	ND	0	<1	100	<1	63	0	0	12	41	0	0	48	77	0	7	69
1978	ND	0	ND	0	ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	51	12	78	26	77	0	3	77
1979	ND	0	ND	0	ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	106	7	7	57	57	57	57	

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	East			West			Corpus Christi			Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre			Coastwide		
	Sabine Lake No./ha Length	Galveston No./ha Length	Matacorida No./ha Length	Matagorda No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Aranas No./ha Length	San Antonio No./ha Length	Aranas No./ha Length	Corpus Christi Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./ha Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./ha Length	Coastwide No./ha Length						
Pink shrimp (cont.)																		
1980	ND	0	ND	0	6	51	13	50	58	55	10	60	2	75	10	55		
1981	ND	0	ND	0	28	54	87	44	67	54	8	62	5	49	24	49		
1982	ND	0	ND	0	0	124	47	67	46	7	61	3	52	25	48			
1983	ND	0	0	0	9	51	50	56	31	47	12	54	0	12	53			
1984	ND	0	0	<1	25	1	73	16	48	26	48	14	65	<1	79	6	53	
1985	ND	0	0	<1	73	0	0	17	59	7	49	8	76	0	4	61		
1986	0	0	<1	73	0	<1	68	15	39	25	49	6	43	3	65	5	46	
1987	0	0	0	0	<1	32	0	11	52	60	52	14	50	0	8	52		
1988	0	0	0	0	0	<1	38	135	49	106	50	<1	55	6	54	28	50	
1989	0	0	0	0	0	1	52	45	42	64	46	20	59	0	14	47		
1990	0	0	<1	131	<1	72	<1	36	99	106	48	4	48	15	51	25	49	
1991	0	0	<1	142	0	<1	110	61	52	25	46	31	42	1	52	14	49	
1992	0	<1	59	0	0	1	40	32	53	77	54	38	55	176	59	38	57	
1993	0	<1	34	0	0	<1	44	58	47	53	50	32	55	140	56	34	53	
1994	0	2	40	52	56	5	38	<1	35	103	49	150	53	9	39	235	59	
1995	0	1	37	16	41	3	33	4	46	88	50	53	50	7	45	179	57	
1996	0	0	<1	32	<1	35	17	54	35	53	25	52	24	51	154	56	31	
1997	0	1	38	31	44	1	30	12	35	52	57	88	59	13	46	59	53	
White shrimp																		
1977	ND	1,586	55	ND	1,054	102	115	47	26	63	84	57	36	85	23	57	553	
1978	ND	858	66	ND	554	70	130	61	92	49	62	52	21	55	130	53	335	
1979	ND	1,720	61	ND	543	70	212	56	99	64	817	52	5	53	143	47	61	
1980	ND	571	64	ND	522	68	291	57	133	61	141	69	62	71	18	45	288	
1981	ND	1,393	62	ND	805	59	66	64	183	50	173	51	19	56	264	61	527	
1982	ND	3,560	58	ND	1,750	64	650	51	297	43	369	54	14	51	326	50	1,276	
1983	ND	1,524	50	348	70	394	65	135	64	129	53	135	42	7	67	218	52	
1984	ND	1,557	59	409	65	1,438	71	166	56	415	53	311	63	17	58	625	58	
1985	ND	307	61	552	61	584	63	37	44	239	44	33	53	6	73	204	54	
1986	73	1,389	62	173	65	675	66	140	66	287	44	101	58	2	48	175	49	
1987	682	972	53	577	61	579	67	90	54	111	65	152	61	7	37	121	61	
1988	796	63	482	66	429	66	341	68	168	52	425	47	155	61	73	534	73	
1989	615	61	559	55	76	59	384	78	145	52	631	60	372	59	2	68	194	
1990	425	65	1,698	54	690	57	451	63	335	58	821	50	537	67	35	40	368	
1991	385	71	1,723	50	223	51	624	58	236	55	361	71	445	62	77	49	381	
1992	463	68	924	54	264	62	643	60	115	68	211	71	167	66	32	58	85	
1993	324	68	526	56	449	62	585	61	132	68	96	56	876	69	137	58	750	

TABLE 3. (Cont.)

Species Year	East			Matagorda			San Antonio			Corpus Christi			Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre			Coastwide		
	Sabine No./ha	Lake Length	Galveston No./ha	Length	Matagorda No./ha	Length	Aansas No./ha	Length	San Antonio No./ha	Length	Corpus Christi No./ha	Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./ha	Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./ha	Length	Coastwide No./ha	Length			
White shrimp (cont.)																					
1994	510	73	985	53	618	55	512	62	327	63	447	64	395	71	55	55	200	59	483	59	
1995	789	70	563	53	613	57	607	60	368	75	218	57	268	70	19	51	378	57	401	60	
1996	824	61	746	55	439	63	455	62	248	54	94	60	216	71	13	51	356	55	374	58	
1997	414	55	603	63	293	50	481	61	93	63	211	68	163	72	2	53	53	57	281	62	

^aData for October-December only.^bEast Matagorda Bay data are only for February-September 1983. Coastwide values do not include East Matagorda Bay data.

TABLE 4. Annual mean catch rates (No./h) and mean total lengths (mm) of select fishes and shellfishes caught with 6.1-m trawls in Texas bay systems during 1982-97. Blank indicates no measurement taken; ND = no data.

Species Year	East			Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre			Coastwide		
	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Lower Laguna Madre No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length		
FINFISHES												
Atlantic croaker												
1982*	ND	ND	ND	102	ND	10	ND	87	75	110	ND	28
1983	ND	30	131	ND	31	117	18	110	44	106	43	149
1984	ND	15	126	ND	30	104	22	87	52	83	120	121
1985	ND	20	124	ND	41	110	17	105	33	101	42	138
1986	10	157	31	123	ND	52	114	44	105	57	96	83
1987	25	139	26	117	17*	133	126	103	146	87	100	50
1988	45	135	56	98	13	131	43	121	90	109	100	102
1989	45	145	36	116	4	98	75	120	88	102	71	99
1990	40	113	36	109	12	113	79	118	50	97	45	92
1991	31	115	41	106	8	120	135	106	175	93	223	93
1992	40	139	54	107	4	120	211	100	155	84	238	87
1993	70	131	90	104	15	128	120	104	48	104	123	98
1994	34	144	73	111	17	148	99	116	146	78	55	106
1995	22	117	47	100	24	123	108	103	88	99	87	117
1996	51	120	68	103	16	111	54	118	26	113	60	108
1997	87	133	97	102	24	126	136	109	32	112	90	109
Black drum												
1982*	ND	<1	259	ND	0	<1	199	<1	221	<1	166	2
1983	ND	<1	274	ND	<1	199	<1	192	<1	201	1	347
1984	ND	<1	168	ND	0	<1	0	<1	251	<1	341	1
1985	ND	<1	242	ND	0	<1	0	<1	403	<1	315	1
1986	<1	226	<1	233	ND	0	0	0	<1	0	334	<1
1987	<1	278	<1	246	0*	0	<1	200	0	<1	186	1
1988	1	271	<1	271	<1	192	<1	170	<1	154	<1	204
1989	2	260	<1	274	<1	192	0	<1	267	<1	170	<1
1990	1	272	<1	254	<1	146	<1	930	<1	114	<1	173
1991	2	268	<1	313	1	218	0	<1	194	<1	247	<1
1992	2	320	<1	210	<1	235	0	<1	212	<1	183	<1
1993	3	283	<1	275	<1	309	0	<1	282	<1	223	<1
1994	2	324	<1	291	1	259	<1	280	<1	184	<1	259

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year	East				Upper Laguna Madre				Lower Laguna Madre				Coastwide					
	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matecalfa No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length		
Black drum (cont.)																		
1995	1	306	<1	229	1	257	0	1	221	<1	346	1	325	3	235	0		
1996	2	292	<1	359	1	314	0	2	271	<1	565	1	326	5	250	<1		
1997	3	258	<1	258	1	241	<1	223	2	241	1	349	5	227	<1	386	1	
Gafftopsail catfish																		
1982*	ND	<1	ND	ND	4	ND	3	ND	3	ND	1	138	1	193	0	2	141	
1983	ND	<1	137	ND	1	132	2	123	2	135	<1	175	0	0	1	133	1	
1984	ND	<1	139	ND	1	144	5	121	2	109	<1	218	<1	131	<1	196	1	
1985	ND	<1	154	ND	2	137	2	128	3	128	1	150	0	<1	210	1	126	
1986	0	1	126	ND	2	134	5	128	2	121	<1	92	<1	158	0	1	128	
1987	<1	174	<1	145	1	143	2	138	9	122	2	124	<1	183	<1	175	2	
1988	0	<1	149	1	135	3	14	3	131	3	127	<1	14	0	0	1	124	
1989	<1	299	<1	126	<1	139	1	134	4	136	4	139	<1	156	0	0	1	
1990	0	1	218	1	127	1	137	4	130	2	143	<1	173	0	0	1	137	
1991	0	1	145	1	142	2	145	5	127	3	141	<1	206	0	0	1	159	
1992	<1	144	<1	161	<1	128	2	125	5	132	10	117	1	126	0	<1	203	2
1993	0	1	139	<1	118	2	145	4	123	4	118	<1	183	0	<1	185	2	
1994	0	2	127	<1	197	2	129	3	119	2	145	1	180	<1	181	0	2	
1995	<1	275	2	139	<1	176	1	137	4	129	3	142	1	200	0	<1	207	2
1996	<1	289	<1	167	1	166	2	129	1	141	1	153	<1	225	0	<1	185	1
1997	0	1	138	1	162	4	128	1	142	3	139	1	155	<1	157	0	2	135
Gulf menhaden																		
1982*	ND	12	ND	ND	10	ND	11	ND	24	ND	2	ND	<1	ND	10	ND	10	
1983	ND	7	103	ND	10	109	17	76	3	89	3	104	1	87	0	8	96	
1984	ND	3	98	ND	3	93	23	58	45	44	4	82	6	76	<1	59	9	
1985	ND	18	112	ND	10	109	27	79	12	92	2	119	4	106	0	14	101	
1986	<1	121	17	95	4	79	18	64	8	55	1	156	<1	49	0	9	84	
1987	3	101	20	95	15	84	12	101	34	77	22	62	1	128	<1	92	0	
1988	3	94	22	80	1	96	16	96	11	99	4	106	1	124	1	58	<1	
1989	3	79	14	107	7	97	3	111	21	103	3	65	7	115	<1	60	<1	
1990	5	68	11	94	2	94	4	121	24	85	19	102	2	97	2	85	<1	
1991	6	83	21	87	4	82	17	98	34	92	16	88	2	128	1	73	<1	
1992	2	95	22	103	7	71	31	103	17	94	38	87	3	102	1	108	1	
1993	2	79	39	84	5	44	10	104	12	68	16	75	4	98	<1	119	<1	
1994	4	84	30	91	4	46	7	120	13	74	3	117	5	91	<1	187	2	

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length
Gulf menhaden (cont.)										
1995	2	68	23	103	2	48	3	105	19	45
1996	16	55	14	101	29	33	6	91	8	79
1997	3	76	28	102	7	82	5	123	9	86
Pinfish										
1982*	ND	1	ND	ND	7	ND	5	ND	2	ND
1983	ND	1	121	ND	6	110	14	106	38	119
1984	ND	1	121	ND	6	107	7	96	39	96
1985	ND	1	120	ND	9	111	23	104	53	110
1986	4	117	2	118	ND	10	101	18	98	55
1987	<1	126	1	122	5*	113	13	103	32	91
1988	4	126	2	114	5	107	18	111	92	104
1989	1	117	2	121	9	98	16	113	53	103
1990	3	109	5	107	5	103	34	109	64	101
1991	1	111	4	120	8	100	6	116	26	102
1992	1	98	2	127	1	112	5	112	10	103
1993	3	119	4	114	3	110	5	103	34	102
1994	1	128	9	109	2	125	9	101	27	103
1995	<1	122	2	137	2	119	6	106	38	97
1996	17	131	3	107	4	114	4	106	19	69
1997	2	116	1	132	9	121	2	111	11	104
Red drum										
1982*	ND	0	ND	<1	ND	<1	230	<1	102	<1
1983	ND	0	ND	<1	319	<1	224	0	0	<1
1984	ND	<1	583	ND	<1	305	<1	142	<1	280
1985	ND	0	ND	<1	56	0	<1	54	81	<1
1986	<1	212	0	ND	0	<1	35	<1	276	<1
1987	<1	405	<1	34	0*	0	0	<1	78	0
1988	<1	272	<1	53	0	0	<1	23	0	<1
1989	<1	254	<1	44	0	<1	42	0	<1	525
1990	0	<1	320	0	0	<1	53	0	0	<1
1991	0	<1	135	0	0	<1	75	0	<1	264
1992	0	<1	197	0	<1	63	<1	349	<1	369
1993	<1	575	0	360	0	<1	250	<1	412	0
1994	0	<1	433	<1	72	0	<1	170	0	<1

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine No./hLength	Lake No./hLength	Galveston No./hLength	Matagorda No./hLength	San Antonio No./hLength	Aransas No./hLength	Christi No./hLength	Corpus Madre No./hLength	Upper Laguna No./hLength	Lower Laguna No./hLength	Coastwide No./hLength
Red drum (cont.)											
1995 <1	246	0	0	<1	400	0	<1	281	0	<1	306
1996 0	679	<1	491	0	<1	330	<1	93	<1	330	<1
1997 <1	679	<1	491	0	<1	350	<1	240	0	<1	227
Sand seatrout											
1982* ND	4	ND	5	185	<1	141	3	126	14	147	1
1983 ND	3	134	ND	4	132	<1	108	3	111	9	158
1984 ND	2	147	ND	1	121	<1	115	1	107	4	141
1985 ND	4	127	ND	3	126	<1	136	1	119	7	144
1986 1	152	3	141	ND	2	117	<1	112	<1	133	5
1987 2	121	2	110	2	112	5	114	1	99	1	94
1988 1	140	3	107	1	117	2	126	<1	123	2	107
1989 2	102	10	96	<1	81	3	111	1	110	4	85
1990 1	110	5	109	1	96	3	119	<1	117	1	110
1991 1	118	7	130	1	103	2	123	1	119	4	113
1992 2	113	6	113	<1	150	6	113	2	104	4	128
1993 6	108	6	110	3	107	4	119	1	109	5	103
1994 1	76	8	107	3	124	3	119	<1	123	2	130
1995 1	101	8	121	2	104	8	111	1	105	4	126
1996 7	151	2	116	3	94	3	119	<1	139	3	106
1997 10	115	8	119	2	87	5	130	<1	105	4	131
Sheepshead											
1982* ND	<1	295	ND	0	<1	119	<1	85	<1	345	1
1983 ND	<1	344	ND	0	<1	113	<1	138	<1	365	1
1984 ND	<1	339	ND	<1	147	0	<1	157	<1	342	<1
1985 ND	<1	341	ND	<1	102	<1	112	<1	143	<1	259
1986 1	215	<1	451	ND	0	0	<1	122	<1	288	<1
1987 <1	356	0 ^c	<1	111	<1	124	<1	115	<1	299	<1
1988 <1	332	<1	423	0	<1	112	<1	80	<1	155	<1
1989 1	252	<1	253	<1	104	<1	120	<1	120	<1	251
1990 3	248	<1	343	0	0	<1	89	<1	99	0	0
1991 2	300	<1	339	<1	192	0	<1	145	<1	229	0
1992 3	267	<1	354	0	<1	65	1	121	<1	149	<1
1993 5	257	<1	311	1	286	0	1	134	<1	203	<1
1994 2	281	<1	287	1	309	0	<1	187	<1	101	<1
										133	<1
										187	<1
										156	<1
										473	1
										509	1
										123	<1
										256	<1

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Mata No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Araansas No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length
Sheepshead (cont.)											
1995	3	244	<1	322	<1	301	<1	123	1	177	<1
1996	2	300	<1	403	1	328	0	1	181	<1	139
1997	2	303	1	312	2	314	<1	119	<1	152	<1
Southern flounder											
1982*	ND	<1	158	ND	<1	169	1	155	1	186	1
1983	ND	<1	175	ND	<1	196	<1	120	1	180	<1
1984	ND	<1	193	ND	<1	194	<1	153	2	148	<1
1985	ND	<1	234	ND	<1	202	1	147	1	152	1
1986	<1	141	1	161	ND	<1	165	1	141	1	144
1987	<1	168	<1	231	<1	154	<1	191	<1	160	<1
1988	<1	144	<1	195	<1	132	<1	148	<1	118	<1
1989	<1	173	<1	166	<1	181	<1	194	<1	130	<1
1990	<1	119	<1	174	<1	161	<1	166	<1	121	<1
1991	<1	152	<1	160	<1	147	<1	242	<1	148	<1
1992	<1	185	<1	184	<1	186	<1	210	<1	191	<1
1993	<1	198	<1	155	<1	177	<1	142	<1	126	<1
1994	1	214	1	160	<1	230	<1	162	<1	226	<1
1995	1	138	<1	192	0	<1	225	1	170	<1	167
1996	1	214	<1	197	<1	162	1	151	<1	156	<1
1997	1	218	1	219	1	159	1	202	1	178	1
Spot											
1982*	ND	9	ND	26	ND	5	ND	68	ND	33	ND
1983	ND	6	120	ND	17	122	5	112	18	118	36
1984	ND	8	115	ND	34	107	35	84	131	91	74
1985	ND	13	121	ND	20	118	13	110	60	116	215
1986	6	120	14	120	ND	29	121	21	99	92	106
1987	9	134	11	127	12	119	38	115	34	97	86
1988	24	113	14	117	5	107	42	127	116	108	151
1989	19	130	11	123	6	111	85	118	73	105	97
1990	6	130	8	117	12	95	94	119	117	96	165
1991	6	124	9	120	6	108	44	124	39	105	52
1992	10	137	19	125	2	125	71	128	25	119	78
1993	32	119	16	135	4	131	86	112	30	101	63
1994	25	129	24	116	4	128	23	122	39	103	61

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna Madre No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length
Spot (cont.)										
1995	6	127	17	127	4	119	38	119	53	110
1996	39	121	8	125	6	129	39	112	23	119
1997	5	149	13	134	25	125	51	125	12	120
Spotted seatrout										
1982*	ND	<1	173	ND	0	<1	232	<1	163	<1
1983	ND	<1	288	ND	<1	155	168	2	207	<1
1984	ND	<1	418	ND	<1	174	252	<1	237	<1
1985	ND	<1	286	ND	<1	171	156	1	156	<1
1986	<1	187	<1	259	ND	<1	193	<1	170	<1
1987	<1	147	<1	134	<1	162	143	1	166	<1
1988	<1	189	<1	172	<1	166	249	<1	159	2
1989	<1	227	<1	142	<1	128	174	<1	190	1
1990	<1	334	<1	118	0	0	<1	119	<1	168
1991	<1	251	<1	165	<1	184	<1	134	<1	176
1992	<1	194	<1	155	<1	150	155	1	136	1
1993	<1	196	<1	161	<1	130	133	<1	149	2
1994	<1	142	<1	145	<1	220	0	1	127	<1
1995	<1	172	<1	145	<1	190	182	1	156	1
1996	<1	180	<1	152	<1	174	140	1	167	1
1997	<1	183	<1	170	<1	140	239	1	175	<1
Striped mullet										
1982*	ND	<1	ND	<1	ND	<1	131	2	137	3
1983	ND	1	204	ND	<1	204	174	1	192	1
1984	ND	1	244	ND	<1	163	136	7	158	<1
1985	ND	2	195	ND	<1	116	<1	157	<1	158
1986	<1	187	4	255	ND	<1	158	1	226	<1
1987	1	168	2	292	<1	158	200	4	145	1
1988	2	239	2	294	<1	167	138	1	130	<1
1989	5	183	5	249	1	164	237	1	188	<1
1990	<1	234	1	192	<1	133	141	<1	136	1
1991	4	174	3	213	<1	114	178	7	141	2
1992	6	232	5	232	0	<1	129	3	145	4
1993	1	209	1	260	<1	172	157	1	148	1
1994	4	261	1	189	<1	207	<1	141	3	184

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matacanda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length
Striped mullet (cont.)												
1995	1	190	3	261	<1	333	0	<1	134	2	196	0
1996	2	209	13	274	1	181	<1	151	1	220	3	350
1997	1	241	5	248	1	222	<1	138	3	195	3	213
Total finfish												
1982*	ND	88	199	ND	193	139	48	179	270	119	371	166
1983	ND	63	126	ND	162	99	107	93	174	108	308	139
1984	ND	46	123	ND	111	104	82	312	86	294	124	197
1985	ND	82	117	ND	115	114	96	101	236	99	380	129
1986	28	151	96	122	ND	127	112	118	97	261	104	378
1987	53	136	83	121	64 ^c	117	242	107	302	100	354	101
1988	101	131	138	101	49	122	186	118	363	107	512	108
1989	98	137	111	119	44	105	265	122	295	106	347	109
1990	85	122	94	116	41	108	282	118	304	102	381	106
1991	72	127	176	106	41	109	359	104	347	97	423	102
1992	94	152	166	121	23	102	455	105	268	98	443	97
1993	156	142	201	107	55	132	297	108	166	103	365	110
1994	82	152	194	111	54	150	229	110	295	92	266	104
1995	59	128	216	103	69	130	371	99	329	101	338	120
1996	166	123	150	118	85	104	177	106	137	117	320	109
1997	143	133	216	110	85	135	272	117	102	122	344	116
SHELLFISHES												
Blue crab												
1982*	ND	28	91	ND	5	99	17	81	29	66	7	97
1983	ND	24	88	ND	10	86	21	80	40	81	2	96
1984	ND	19	92	ND	4	88	8	82	31	81	8	88
1985	ND	30	79	ND	10	85	19	76	23	72	5	115
1986	6	132	28	79	ND	13	85	19	25	78	14	88
1987	5	135	19	78	28 ^c	87	10	77	40	93	18	84
1988	5	137	9	71	13	91	3	77	89	57	63	7
1989	9	135	25	66	51	63	6	80	50	74	24	68
1990	6	98	31	72	15	79	4	90	39	69	17	71
1991	7	117	10	64	26	76	6	75	68	58	5	102
1992	7	139	8	77	2	102	6	65	105	56	10	81

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year	East					Upper Laguna					Lower Laguna					Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length						
	Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	San Antonio No./h Length	Aransas No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Christi No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Christi No./h Length								
Blue crab (cont.)																							
1993	5	131	16	70	6	93	14	82	50	80	35	78	10	96	16	114	22	88	20	81			
1994	4	146	16	74	3	90	23	85	71	47	26	72	3	66	20	83	25	93	24	67			
1995	2	133	8	58	3	111	8	74	25	55	11	67	4	69	11	76	17	84	10	64			
1996	9	107	14	60	6	107	16	82	14	75	10	72	5	78	4	86	12	87	12	73			
1997	4	131	16	52	5	138	18	73	21	70	12	68	4	82	7	99	15	88	14	67			
Brown shrimp																							
1982*	ND	23	90	ND	25	94	17	101	54	80	40	90	40	90	40	101	6	61	27	91			
1983	ND	12	99	ND	26	100	31	99	56	91	8	99	8	102	9	66	21	97					
1984	ND	13	102	ND	7	102	58	96	107	80	50	103	25	108	6	74	30	94					
1985	ND	33	75	ND	24	89	27	90	67	81	24	96	16	108	11	63	30	83					
1986	<1	99	15	94	ND	29	99	69	98	111	96	42	95	7	108	15	64	34	96				
1987	4	92	24	88	7 ^c	76	47	91	93	85	101	88	66	94	8	100	5	70	46	89			
1988	3	85	24	84	10	91	32	100	124	91	139	86	17	89	6	93	3	73	44	90			
1989	8	84	29	84	47	97	39	91	156	90	105	90	17	88	5	92	9	63	49	89			
1990	1	113	11	98	40	100	26	96	104	92	78	90	28	88	12	91	27	79	34	92			
1991	1	93	13	87	63	96	21	86	51	89	158	91	29	91	19	97	8	80	32	90			
1992	3	83	38	82	9	90	23	82	65	82	64	81	30	92	40	110	7	73	37	84			
1993	9	79	18	85	14	69	43	94	45	82	95	88	22	87	13	103	5	67	32	88			
1994	9	83	29	99	3	69	51	95	101	88	37	85	10	88	18	103	54	58	41	91			
1995	1	91	12	83	9	65	54	84	100	75	108	84	23	90	15	91	14	70	41	81			
1996	8	89	14	95	25	63	23	101	36	89	69	80	19	94	13	82	7	86	23	91			
1997	7	80	12	92	4	62	29	89	23	80	71	78	16	91	24	107	12	68	23	86			
Pink shrimp																							
1982*	ND	<1	94	ND	<1	113	<1	96	7	89	2	100	1	96	0	1	94	0	1	94	1	94	
1983	ND	<1	95	ND	1	112	5	95	9	94	2	103	1	113	1	113	1	88	2	99			
1984	ND	0	88	ND	<1	76	<1	72	3	86	3	109	<1	94	<1	94	<1	71	1	98			
1985	ND	<1	88	ND	<1	104	3	98	4	100	5	96	4	107	1	98	2	99					
1986	0	<1	118	ND	2	114	4	103	11	101	12	103	1	109	<1	109	<1	70	3	104			
1987	0	<1	111	2 ^c	102	5	95	2	92	6	84	12	101	1	107	2	72	3	95				
1988	0	1	79	<1	110	2	89	6	86	20	82	8	93	<1	76	2	77	4	85				
1989	0	<1	90	<1	94	1	102	8	93	14	91	8	95	<1	85	1	80	3	93				
1990	0	<1	84	0	<1	106	1	97	23	88	4	97	3	71	3	85	3	90					
1991	0	<1	101	1	115	2	102	8	84	27	88	8	97	4	103	4	79	5	90				
1992	0	<1	58	<1	101	<1	101	<1	70	7	77	10	95	9	103	20	82	3	89				

TABLE 4. (Cont.)

Species Year		Sabine Lake No./h Length	Galveston No./h Length	Matagorda No./h Length	Corpus Christi No./h Length	Upper Laguna No./h Length	Lower Laguna No./h Length	Madre No./h Length	Coastwide No./h Length	
<i>Pink shrimp (cont.)</i>										
1993	0	<1	87	0	<1	100	1	86	5	76
1994	0	<1	92	<1	89	3	104	5	85	4
1995	0	<1	89	2	80	10	97	6	82	4
1996	0	1	101	2	90	1	113	7	92	4
1997	0	<1	92	1	76	3	98	4	96	14
White shrimp										
1982*	ND	88	93	ND	39	86	14	99	16	95
1983	ND	78	93	ND	20	102	13	96	18	100
1984	ND	60	98	ND	15	99	8	99	38	106
1985	ND	62	99	ND	21	110	23	91	17	106
1986	14	105	95	ND	60	98	15	96	13	101
1987	23	101	37	97	22 ^c	92	16	97	87	10
1988	39	107	21	91	8	95	16	98	41	93
1989	29	87	29	89	11	98	9	98	43	99
1990	50	90	14	98	14	103	16	115	47	97
1991	17	91	76	97	7	99	11	95	27	94
1992	37	88	59	93	5	99	31	96	24	95
1993	11	81	38	91	31	83	17	97	18	88
1994	45	96	95	80	15	97	9	107	44	87
1995	4	93	55	90	34	87	11	101	28	86
1996	31	97	18	98	87	89	14	109	18	95
1997	48	78	51	95	25	95	27	101	37	96

^aValues include May-Dec. only.^b1986 values include Sabine Lake; 1987 values include East Matagorda Bay.^cValues include Apr.-Dec. only.

TABLE 5. Annual mean catch rates (No./h) and mean total lengths (mm) of select fishes and shellfishes caught with 6.1-m trawls in the Texas Territorial Sea during 1985-97. Blank indicates no measurement taken; ND = no data.

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide	
		No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length
FINFISHES													
Atlantic croaker	1985 ^a	ND		22	145	42	139	17	145	9	149	23	142
	1986	44 ^b	134	45	126	98	136	43	130	9	132	49	132
	1987	9	114	110	119	65	131	28	134	<1	157	44	124
	1988	79	122	78	118	89	132	23	130	2	128	55	125
	1989	64	115	117	117	75	128	28	128	6	137	60	121
	1990	175	117	139	111	69	135	65	131	4	119	91	119
	1991	272	111	153	114	201	121	87	129	4	162	145	117
	1992	229	110	228	116	153	116	81	106	6	126	142	113
	1993	437	111	200	110	74	123	91	121	10	144	162	113
	1994	140	115	109	126	75	141	2	114	14	143	69	126
	1995	80	116	33	123	112	119	20	133	1	121	50	119
	1996	253	118	88	128	29	117	7	117	8	143	77	121
	1997	150	118	94	118	195	134	51	133	18	136	104	126
Black drum	1985 ^a	ND		0		<1		0		825	0		825
	1986	0 ^b		0		<1		900	0		0	<1	900
	1987	<1	851	<1	760	<1	680	<1	680	0		<1	741
	1988	0		<1	752	0		0		0		<1	752
	1989	<1	698	0	<1	528	0	506	0	0	0	<1	631
	1990	0		<1	970	0		0		0		<1	538
	1991	0		0		<1		889	0	0	0	<1	970
	1992	0		0		<1		0		<1		<1	889
	1993	<1	146	<1	825	0		0		780	<1	<1	632
	1994	0		<1	843	0		0		0	<1	<1	843
	1995	<1	871	<1	142	0		0		0	<1	<1	496
	1996	0		0		0		0		0	0	0	0
	1997	0		0		0		0		0	0	0	0

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide	
		No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length				
Gafftopsail catfish													
1985*	ND	<1	165	<1	156	<1	136	0	0	<1	160		
1986	13 ^b	121	<1	118	<1	115	<1	176	0	3	121		
1987	3	116	0	<1	158	<1	134	0	0	1	118		
1988	2	118	<1	169	<1	168	0	<1	180	<1	126		
1989	2	144	1	123	<1	546	<1	187	0	<1	143		
1990	3	119	<1	123	0	0	0	0	0	1	119		
1991	1	145	<1	170	<1	181	<1	178	0	<1	150		
1992	12	125	1	148	<1	148	<1	209	0	3	127		
1993	6	123	<1	129	<1	182	<1	145	0	1	127		
1994	6	131	2	152	<1	239	1	204	0	2	143		
1995	5	131	1	141	0	0	1	155	0	1	135		
1996	5	122	1	137	<1	238	1	190	0	1	138		
1997	5	118	1	241	0	<1	287	0	0	1	134		
Gulf menhaden													
1985*	ND	2	150	1	159	1	151	0	0	1	152		
1986	4 ^b	125	2	147	<1	180	<1	197	0	1	135		
1987	3	132	5	135	1	146	<1	159	0	2	136		
1988	5	124	10	57	6	107	<1	122	0	4	87		
1989	1	137	1	144	<1	131	<1	177	<1	51	1	138	
1990	2	133	4	136	1	122	<1	162	0	1	134		
1991	7	134	1	144	1	130	<1	148	0	2	135		
1992	4	141	14	116	1	139	1	145	0	4	123		
1993	5	142	1	129	<1	159	0	0	0	1	141		
1994	6	131	3	132	3	117	<1	116	<1	157	2	129	
1995	5	137	4	137	1	159	<1	163	<1	131	2	141	
1996	9	141	1	136	1	155	1	146	<1	205	2	142	
1997	9	124	5	107	3	160	2	150	<1	144	4	128	

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide					
		No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length				
King mackerel	1985*	ND	<1	173	0	<1	124	0	0	<1	142	<1	142				
	1986 ^b	0	<1	159	0	<1	0	0	0	<1	159	<1	159				
	1987	0	0	<1	120	<1	200	0	0	<1	131	<1	131				
	1988	0	0	<1	0	<1	0	0	0	0	0	<1	0				
	1989	0	0	<1	161	<1	164	0	0	<1	162	<1	162				
	1990	0	<1	201	<1	223	0	0	0	<1	210	<1	210				
	1991	0	<1	172	<1	157	<1	99	0	<1	132	<1	132				
	1992	0	<1	149	<1	152	1	136	<1	192	<1	144	<1	144			
	1993	0	0	<1	0	<1	169	0	0	<1	169	<1	169				
	1994	0	0	<1	173	<1	108	<1	167	0	<1	167	<1	167			
	1995	0	<1	0	0	<1	108	<1	177	0	<1	170	<1	170			
	1996	0	<1	158	<1	159	1	157	<1	195	0	<1	195	<1	195		
	1997	<1	158	<1	159	1	157	<1	163	0	<1	158	<1	158			
Pinfish	1985*	ND	<1	124	3	109	4	110	1	135	2	112	2	112			
	1986 ^b	98	2	104	2	105	4	107	2	103	2	105	2	105			
	1987	0	<1	100	3	111	3	115	<1	112	1	113	1	113			
	1988	<1	93	<1	112	8	105	8	110	3	105	4	107	4	107		
	1989	<1	100	1	108	3	116	7	110	6	105	3	109	3	109		
	1990	<1	86	1	111	4	110	18	105	2	98	5	105	5	105		
	1991	<1	121	1	132	2	116	18	113	2	118	4	114	4	114		
	1992	<1	115	2	121	3	110	6	103	3	107	3	108	3	108		
	1993	<1	72	<1	102	3	105	6	110	2	111	3	108	3	108		
	1994	<1	131	1	111	5	107	4	107	6	107	3	107	3	107		
	1995	0	1	117	3	101	4	121	7	115	3	114	3	114	3	114	
	1996	1	120	<1	126	1	121	4	116	7	110	3	114	3	114	3	114
	1997	<1	120	<1	122	4	118	13	118	12	107	6	107	6	107	6	112

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide		
		No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	
Red drum	1985*	ND	0	0	<1	84	0	<1	84	0	<1	84		
	1986	0 ^b	0	0	<1	948	0	<1	42	0	<1	520		
	1987	0	0	0	<1	1,110	0	0	0	0	<1	1,110		
	1988	0	0	<1	61	0	0	0	0	0	<1	61		
	1989	0	0	<1	1,110	0	0	0	0	0	<1	1,110		
	1990	0	0	<1	61	0	0	0	0	0	<1	61		
	1991	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	0		
	1992	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	95		
	1993	0	0	<1	1,013	0	0	0	0	0	<1	95		
	1994	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	1,013		
	1995	0	0	<1	964	0	0	<1	1,037	0	<1	922		
	1996	0	0	<1	964	0	0	<1	930	<1	<1	467		
	1997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1	0		
Red snapper	1985*	ND	0	<1	152	2	85	7	89	2	88			
	1986	0 ^b	0	68	<1	88	1	95	<1	103	<1	100		
	1987	0	0	0	<1	74	2	122	<1	83	<1	107		
	1988	0	0	<1	74	0	1	111	1	106	<1	109		
	1989	0	0	<1	126	2	87	4	87	3	90	2	88	
	1990	0	0	0	0	<1	94	3	105	2	113	1	106	
	1991	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	80	2	106	2	84	
	1992	0	0	0	0	2	79	6	77	2	99	2	81	
	1993	0	0	<1	126	1	76	2	77	3	98	1	88	
	1994	0	0	0	0	3	89	3	103	5	97	2	96	
	1995	0	0	0	0	5	70	6	89	8	89	3	84	
	1996	0	0	<1	64	0	1	95	2	90	1	101	1	93
	1997	<1	2	2	80	2	89	2	99	2	99	1	88	

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide	
		No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length				
Sand seatrout													
1985*	ND	10	141	6	168	3	140	<1	221	5	150		
1986	5 ^b	164	4	141	3	151	1	174	0	3	154		
1987	7	131	6	133	5	134	2	162	<1	108	4	135	
1988	3	148	5	114	11	129	1	184	<1	137	4	130	
1989	22	133	41	110	16	127	7	155	2	123	18	122	
1990	50	136	8	126	7	139	2	130	1	118	14	135	
1991	28	130	12	143	7	146	12	129	1	153	12	135	
1992	41	132	11	138	6	148	5	131	<1	161	13	135	
1993	45	129	7	131	15	116	10	112	2	121	16	124	
1994	82	132	3	149	5	148	2	125	1	130	18	134	
1995	23	126	18	129	111	106	16	125	6	88	36	112	
1996	11	138	5	141	8	163	2	130	9	102	7	136	
1997	15	134	7	141	15	134	2	151	6	106	9	133	
Southern flounder													
1985*	ND	0	<1	280	<1	137	0			<1	199		
1986	1 ^b	162	<1	255	<1	184	<1	311	0	<1	173		
1987	<1	256	<1	197	0	<1	214	<1	225	<1	168	<1	191
1988	<1	204	0	<1	210	<1	210	<1	298	0	<1	214	
1989	0	0	<1	<1	212	<1	164	<1	250	<1	239	<1	197
1990	<1	187	0	<1	194	<1	188	<1	250	<1	220	<1	220
1991	<1	286	<1	260	<1	240	0	<1	284	<1	418	<1	270
1992	<1	143	<1	124	0	0	<1	279	0	<1	201	<1	201
1993	<1	124	0	<1	180	<1	215	0	<1	286	<1	205	
1994	<1	171	<1	180	<1	196	<1	262	0	<1	262	<1	262
1995	0	0	<1	437	<1	437	0	0	0	<1	280	<1	280
1996	<1	196	0	0	<1	0	<1	0	0	<1	275	<1	275
1997	<1	275	0	0	<1	0	<1	0	0	<1	275	<1	275

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide	
		No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length				
Spanish mackerel													
1985 ^a	ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986 <1 ^b	200	0	<1	183	0	<1	258	0	0	0	<1	200	203
1987 <1	93	<1	178	<1	182	<1	110	<1	200	<1	200	<1	203
1988 <1	166	<1	172	<1	175	<1	175	0	0	<1	180	<1	180
1989 <1	206	<1	174	1	176	<1	225	<1	192	0	<1	182	182
1990 <1	174	1	184	1	163	<1	144	<1	134	0	<1	180	180
1991 1	184	1	158	<1	175	<1	181	<1	164	0	<1	168	168
1992 <1	158	<1	167	<1	188	0	<1	237	0	<1	168	<1	168
1993 1	167	<1	0	<1	170	<1	170	0	0	<1	190	<1	190
1994 0	0	<1	194	<1	186	<1	135	<1	242	0	<1	170	170
1995 <1	289	<1	289	<1	460	0	0	0	0	<1	192	<1	192
1996 <1	154	<1	154	<1	135	<1	205	<1	190	0	<1	348	348
1997 <1	139	8	139	8	134	11	140	32	125	21	<1	160	160
Spot													
1985 ^a	ND	3	132	20	130	21	141	1	142	1	142	11	136
1986 3 ^b	124	8	128	7	124	25	123	2	125	9	124	9	124
1987 5	140	9	126	4	125	22	129	<1	170	8	129	8	129
1988 4	115	7	116	23	128	23	122	3	110	12	123	12	123
1989 6	120	27	108	18	124	48	121	4	121	21	118	21	118
1990 9	123	25	121	102	125	93	117	4	112	47	125	47	125
1991 18	117	4	125	67	122	37	127	1	129	26	123	26	123
1992 5	127	12	126	6	122	10	126	2	117	7	125	7	125
1993 4	122	14	119	4	126	19	125	4	138	9	124	9	124
1994 13	125	4	131	13	125	4	131	4	129	8	127	8	127
1995 7	115	3	135	30	132	7	150	4	125	10	132	10	132
1996 9	116	4	130	18	137	13	124	5	120	10	128	10	128
1997 4	139	8	134	11	140	32	125	21	124	15	129	15	129

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide	
		No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length				
Spotted seatrout													
1985 ^a	ND	0	0	0	<1	172	<1	165	<1	140	0	<1	140
1986	<1 ^b	163	<1	178	0	0	<1	110	0	0	0	<1	165
1987	<1	178	0	<1	65	<1	173	0	0	0	0	<1	178
1988	0	98	0	<1	110	<1	122	<1	144	0	0	<1	88
1989	<1	110	<1	160	<1	148	0	0	0	0	0	<1	137
1990	<1	112	0	0	<1	160	0	0	0	0	0	<1	132
1991	0	112	0	0	<1	148	0	0	0	0	0	<1	148
1992	<1	139	0	0	<1	160	0	0	0	0	0	<1	112
1993	0	187	<1	54	0	<1	160	0	0	0	0	<1	160
1994	<1	276	0	0	<1	54	0	0	0	0	0	<1	67
1995	<1	139	0	0	<1	276	0	0	0	0	0	<1	276
1996	<1	280	0	0	<1	139	0	0	0	0	0	<1	139
1997	<1	0	<1	0	<1	0	<1	144	<1	214	<1	<1	183
Total finfish													
1985 ^a	ND	148	119	188	118	227	114	130	101	174	101	174	114
1986	159 ^b	122	207	118	215	123	292	119	72	110	190	190	120
1987	158	98	289	111	229	118	226	114	80	96	199	199	110
1988	153	120	273	104	379	114	291	106	52	103	234	234	110
1989	178	114	301	111	350	118	354	113	106	108	261	261	114
1990	477	121	355	113	464	138	337	115	80	103	346	346	122
1991	427	117	322	125	666	115	458	108	124	102	404	404	115
1992	524	115	499	116	523	111	332	103	128	96	406	406	111
1993	651	117	324	116	376	102	381	104	135	106	377	377	110
1994	408	121	253	121	560	110	447	99	151	105	367	367	111
1995	231	119	165	109	900	98	394	109	174	97	380	380	104
1996	618	116	279	115	430	108	458	99	196	98	397	397	109
1997	472	114	252	111	683	124	325	113	253	108	401	401	116

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide	
		No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length
SHELLFISHES													
Blue crab	1985*	ND		<1	105	1	134	1	127	<1	144	<1	127
	1986	4 ^b	96	6	105	1	141	1	145	1	123	3	110
	1987	3	96	1	112	2	105	<1	142	<1	140	1	106
	1988	2	85	<1	104	1	113	1	128	<1	160	1	105
	1989	4	61	2	72	1	130	<1	134	<1	146	1	78
	1990	15	80	4	63	1	118	1	126	1	127	4	84
	1991	19	72	6	58	1	102	2	114	<1	121	6	73
	1992	7	58	1	104	<1	85	1	95	<1	123	2	69
	1993	5	78	1	83	2	116	1	130	1	102	2	95
	1994	9	77	2	123	1	115	2	66	1	128	3	87
	1995	8	65	1	61	<1	120	1	122	<1	122	2	70
	1996	5	58	<1	59	<1	115	<1	120	1	107	1	67
	1997	15	67	3	65	<1	83	1	107	1	124	4	71
Brown shrimp	1985*	ND		7	103	7	125	47	109	18	106	19	109
	1986	10 ^b	107	13	99	6	114	10	105	6	110	9	105
	1987	7	104	24	104	9	108	14	106	1	118	11	106
	1988	15	102	5	109	24	103	28	106	<1	116	15	104
	1989	33	103	50	96	56	105	140	95	12	94	59	98
	1990	34	101	10	108	55	107	58	114	20	106	36	108
	1991	12	90	2	102	12	93	9	101	17	123	10	104
	1992	9	91	20	103	4	96	19	92	2	115	11	97
	1993	23	100	21	97	13	105	9	97	4	109	14	100
	1994	6	100	10	101	5	99	16	94	7	106	9	99
	1995	49	102	5	97	49	101	31	94	2	112	28	100
	1996	10	92	3	103	3	104	4	105	2	107	4	99
	1997	23	94	4	100	7	100	8	104	8	108	10	99

TABLE 5. (Cont.)

Species	Year	Sabine		Galveston		Port O'Connor		Port Aransas		Port Isabel		Coastwide	
		No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length				
Pink shrimp	1985*	ND	<1	120	<1	130	1	119	1	108	1	116	
	1986 0 ^b	0	<1	124	2	110	4	105	3	118	2	111	
	1987 0	87	0	0	1	114	5	102	1	124	1	108	
	1988 0	<1	105	1	108	7	103	1	125	2	106		
	1989 0	0	<1	104	1	101	3	118	4	117	2	105	
	1990 0	<1	104	1	109	6	112	2	118	3	117	1	114
	1991 <1	101	<1	99	1	109	6	112	<1	122	1	104	
	1992 <1	88	<1	79	<1	114	4	102	9	112	4	107	
	1993 0	<1	104	4	99	5	104	9	112	4	107		
	1994 <1	90	<1	116	1	109	10	98	8	116	4	106	
	1995 <1	78	0	0	6	102	6	109	3	112	3	106	
	1996 <1	94	0	1	112	1	109	5	116	1	114		
	1997 0	<1	93	3	103	4	111	4	118	2	111		
White shrimp	1985*	ND	53	110	26	124	11	126	1	105	24	115	
	1986 41 ^b	101	53	101	15	120	8	124	2	137	24	105	
	1987 26	105	14	109	16	112	8	119	1	121	13	110	
	1988 14	105	17	100	19	110	9	116	<1	133	12	107	
	1989 21	102	25	106	22	108	14	113	1	122	17	107	
	1990 18	104	11	115	15	118	6	136	2	136	10	115	
	1991 28	105	10	117	30	106	6	127	1	122	15	109	
	1992 51	98	31	108	11	112	10	118	1	145	21	105	
	1993 61	101	10	108	11	121	5	134	1	133	17	106	
	1994 17	109	8	109	15	114	9	116	1	128	10	112	
	1995 10	110	20	113	14	117	12	125	3	134	12	117	
	1996 49	96	22	105	18	118	9	125	5	116	21	105	
	1997 59	100	18	104	14	118	9	124	1	122	20	106	

*Values include Feb-Dec only off Port Aransas and Aug-Dec only off all other areas.

^bValues include Jun-Dec only.

TABLE 6. Annual mean catch rates (No./h) and mean total lengths (mm) by size class* of Eastern oyster caught with 46.0-cm wide dredges on "reef" stations in Texas bay systems during 1984-97. Blank indicates no measurement taken; ND = no data.

Size class	Year	Galveston		Matagorda		San Antonio		Aransas		Coastwide	
		No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length
Spat	1984	491		ND		ND		ND		491	
	1985	891		ND		ND		ND		891	
	1986	1,010		764		499		551		770	
	1987	1,054		654		66		4,269		1,382	
	1988	1,440		938		439		1,772		1,202	
	1989	1,322		2,019		1,864		3,071		1,880	
	1990	2,147		1,289		1,117		1,611		1,685	
	1991	1,458		718		894		410		1,022	
	1992	3,083		454		268		82		1,487	
	1993	3,194		139		122		0		1,440	
	1994	1,263		329		546		719		860	
	1995	718		1,311		1,493		1,836		1,194	
	1996	7,458		1,497		4,521		1,251		4,740	
	1997	940		816		756		654		830	
Small	1984	1,705	47	ND		ND		ND		1,705	47
	1985	2,096	54	ND		ND		ND		2,095	54
	1986	1,316	54	382	51	565	58	1,273	51	1,001	54
	1987	1,070	51	555	51	240	55	2,499	50	1,077	51
	1988	1,500	53	580	52	235	42	2,187	52	1,208	52
	1989	1,086	47	706	48	1,985	50	2,278	49	1,463	48
	1990	2,996	45	417	48	1,401	53	1,495	45	1,971	46
	1991	4,927	48	1,040	51	538	54	1,016	48	2,615	49
	1992	4,601	51	622	52	92	48	263	54	2,168	51
	1993	3,895	54	396	54	500	51	296	59	1,926	54
	1994	3,002	52	805	48	573	47	1,010	46	1,749	50
	1995	2,656	53	1,193	49	987	52	4,192	52	2,354	52
	1996	3,023	47	1,748	50	1,740	47	3,912	52	2,714	49
	1997	5,846	50	1,517	51	689	51	3,160	57	3,468	51

TABLE 6. (Cont.)

Size Class	Year	Galveston		Matagorda		San Antonio		Aransas		Coastwide	
		No./h	Length	No./h Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h
Market	1984	447	91	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	447	91
	1985	674	88	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	674	88
	1986	617	88	212	92	444	92	191	86	438	89
	1987	370	91	167	91	258	93	411	86	323	90
	1988	397	89	201	91	23	89	402	87	284	88
	1989	232	90	177	90	414	90	282	85	275	89
	1990	179	88	114	89	445	88	99	83	215	88
	1991	502	87	216	89	377	91	65	84	349	88
	1992	796	87	164	88	24	93	40	83	384	87
	1993	1,346	88	204	92	74	87	161	87	652	87
	1994	1,214	90	313	95	287	93	355	93	691	91
	1995	760	89	433	92	415	93	1,056	92	673	91
	1996	683	89	698	90	604	94	1,442	91	803	88
	1997	837	89	562	91	167	94	1,244	88	729	89

* Spat (5-25 mm), small (26-75 mm), market (≥ 76 mm). Mean total length not calculated for spat.

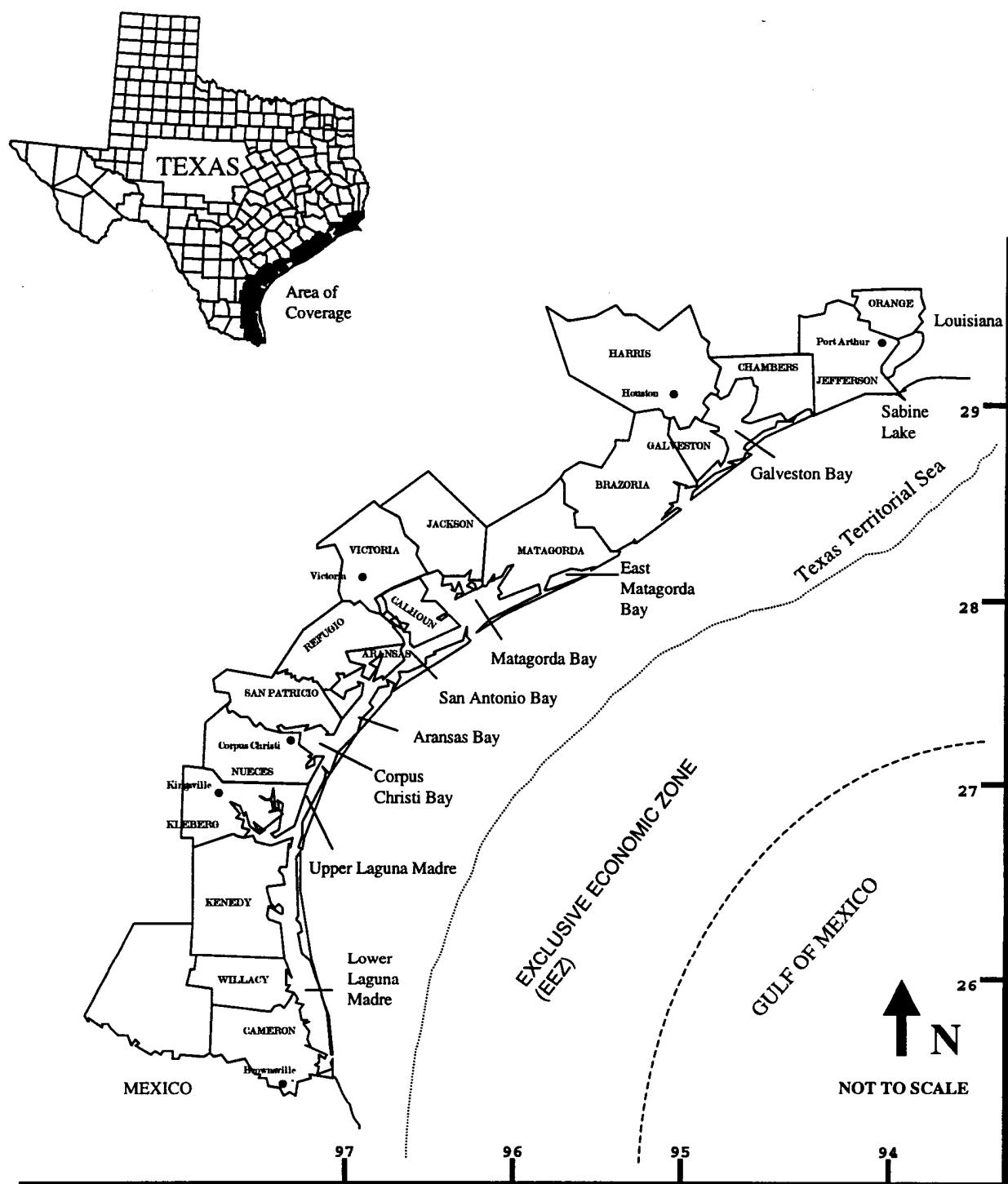


Figure 1. Texas gulf shoreline and Texas Territorial Sea (TTS).

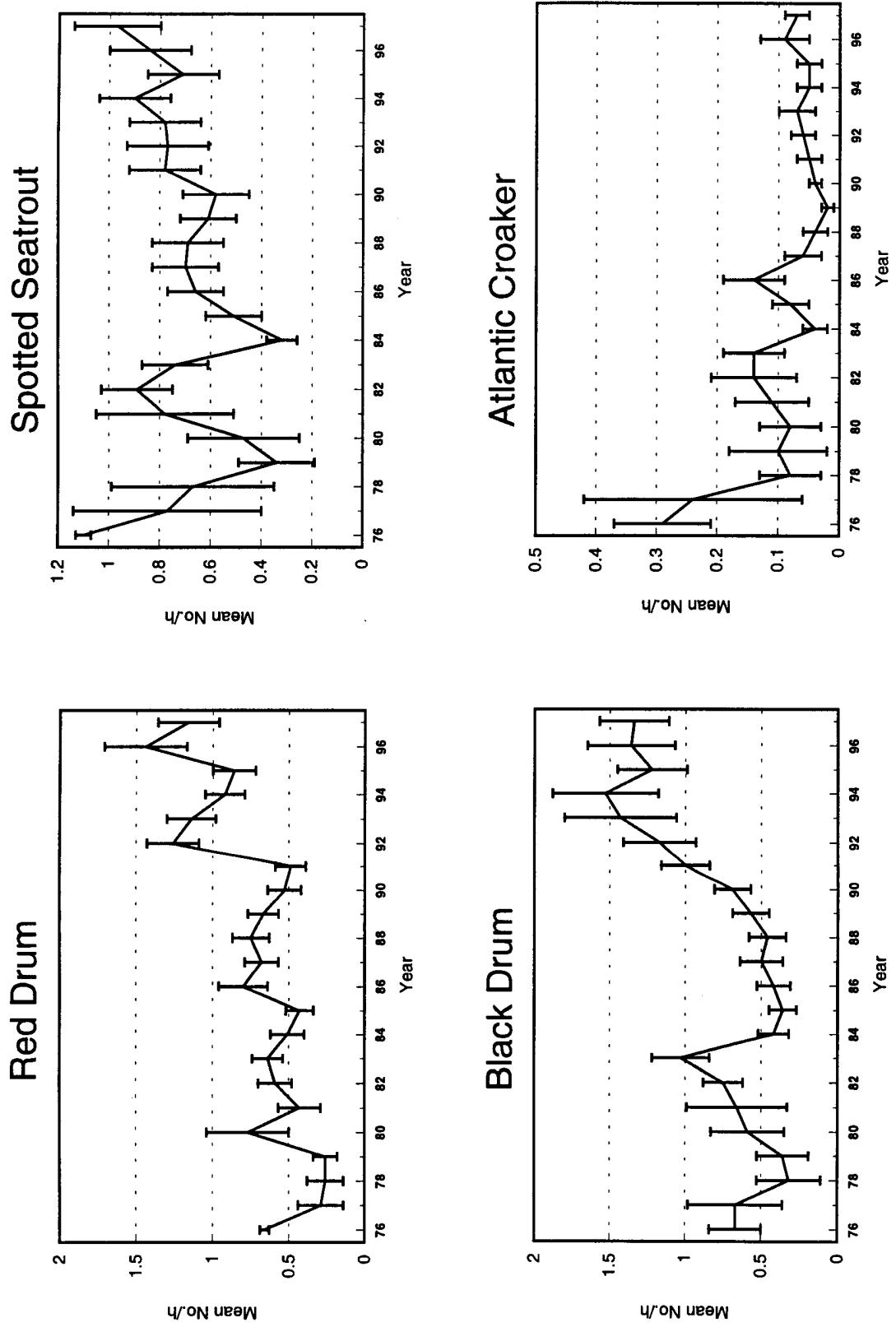


Figure 2. Spring gill net mean catch rates ($\text{No.}/\text{h} \pm 1 \text{ SE}$) for red drum, black drum, spotted seatrout and Atlantic croaker during 1976-97.

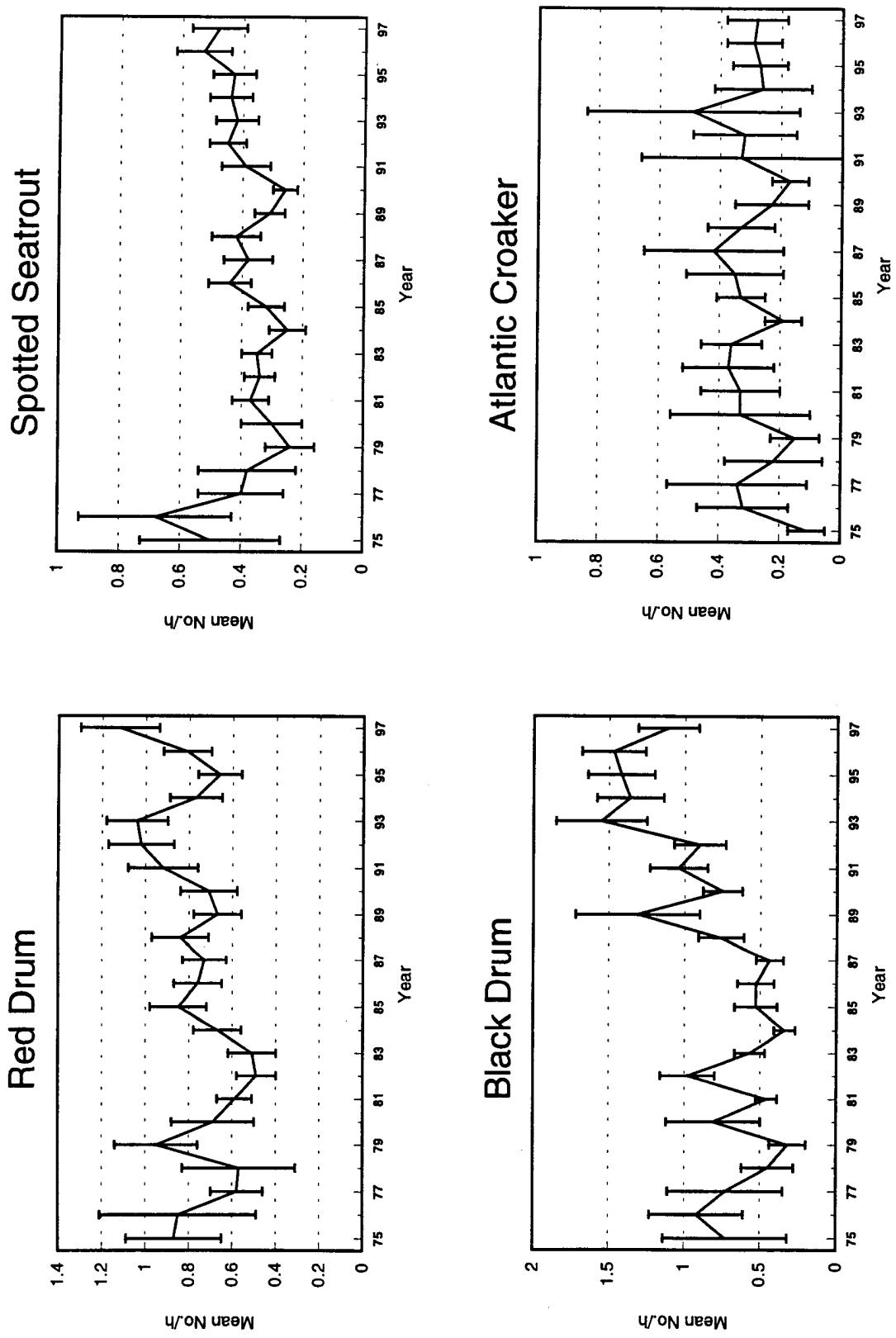


Figure 3. Fall gill net mean catch rates (No./h \pm 1 SE) for red drum, black drum, spotted seatrout and Atlantic croaker during 1975-97.

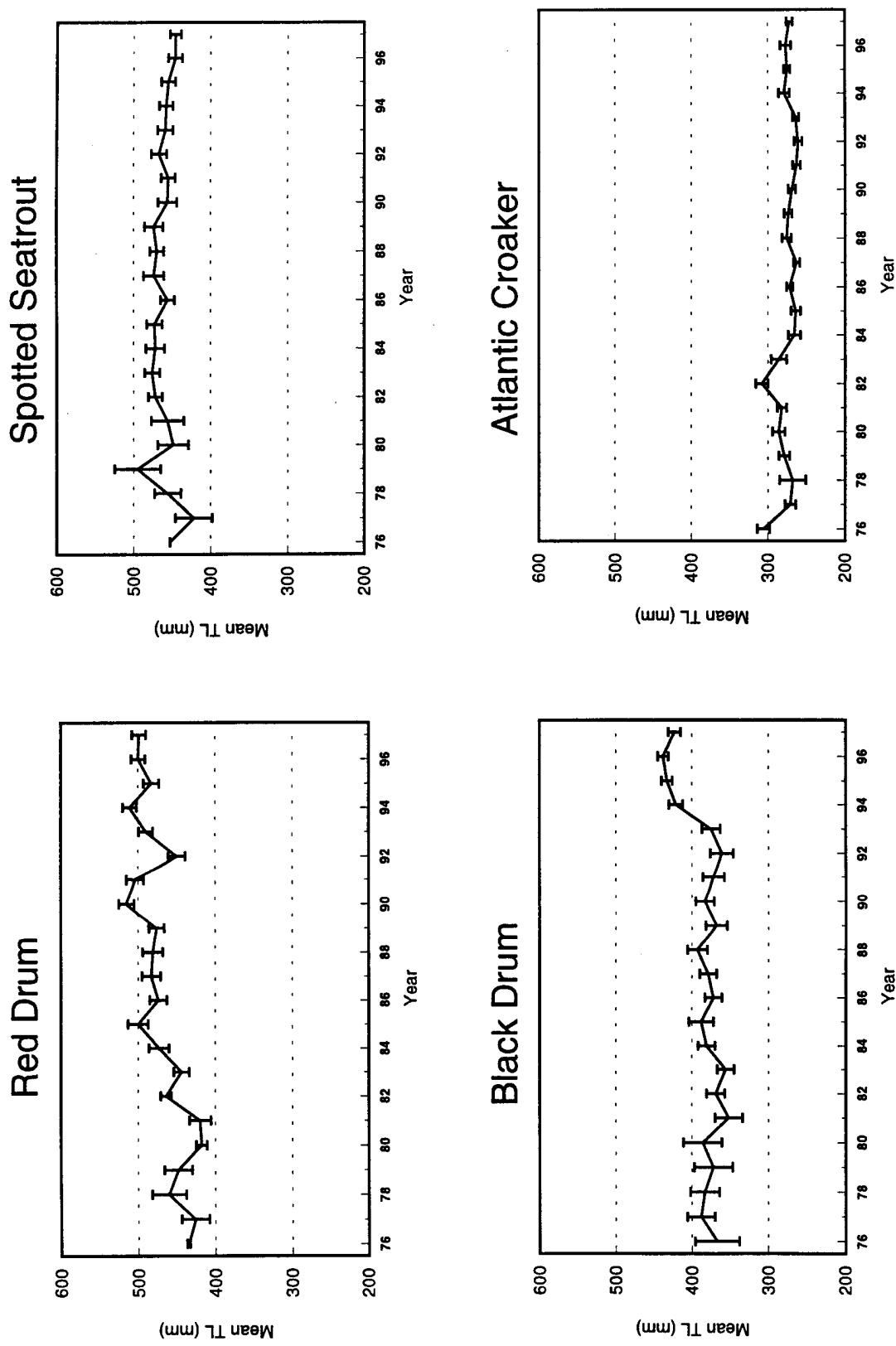


Figure 4. Spring gill net mean total lengths ($\text{mm} \pm 1 \text{ SE}$) for red drum, black drum, spotted seatrout and Atlantic croaker during 1976-97.

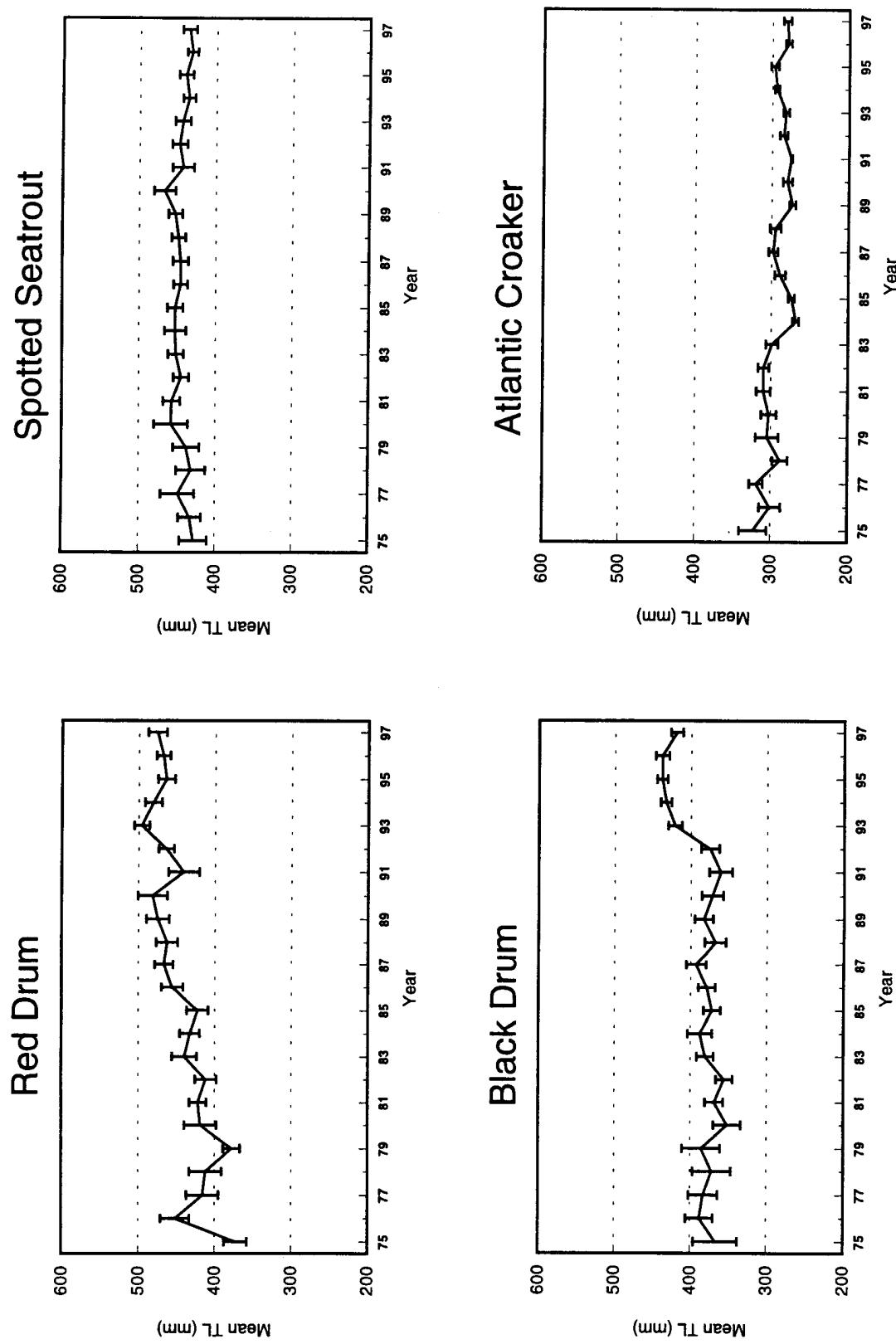


Figure 5. Fall gill net mean total lengths ($\text{mm} \pm 1 \text{ SE}$) for red drum, black drum, spotted seatrout and Atlantic croaker during 1975-97.

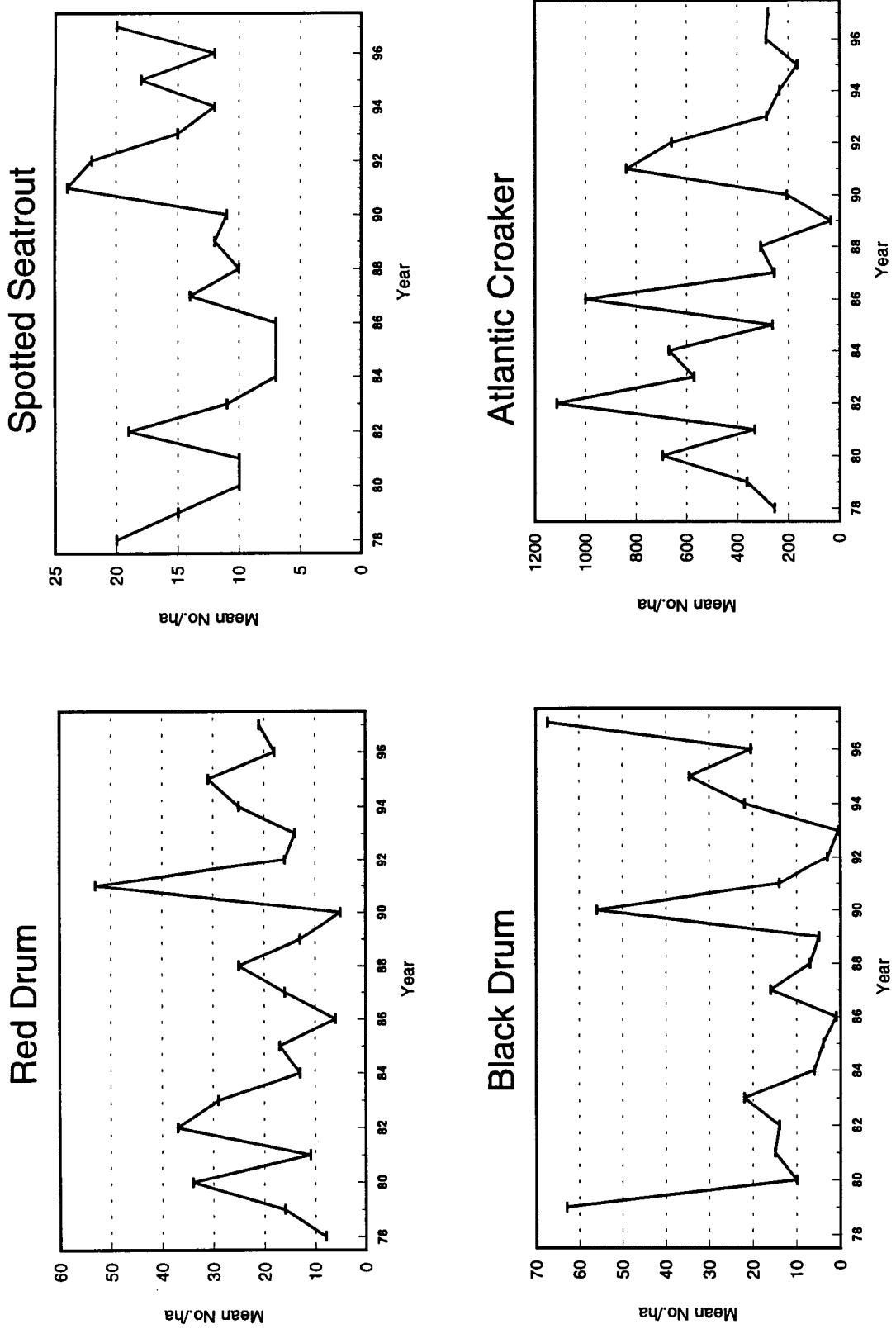


Figure 6. Seasonal bag seine mean catch rates (No./ha) for juvenile red drum (Nov-Mar), black drum (Jun-Jul), spotted seatrout (Jul-Nov) and Atlantic croaker (Feb-May) during 1978-97. Red drum 35-75 mm, spotted seatrout 20-75 mm, black drum 35-110 mm and Atlantic croaker 30-85 mm are considered young-of-the-year.

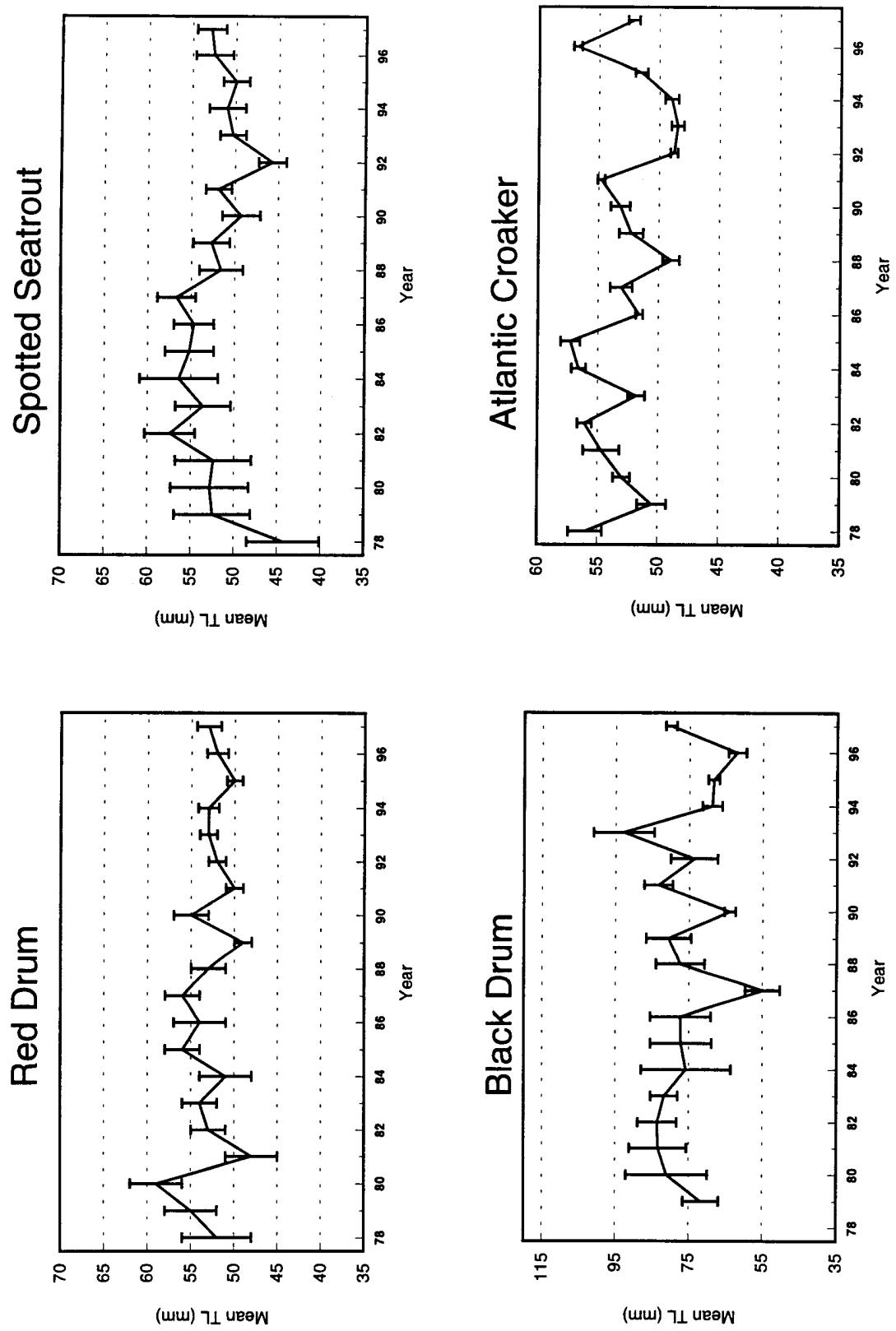


Figure 7. Seasonal bag seine mean total lengths (mm \pm 1 SE) for juvenile red drum (Nov-Mar), black drum (Jun-Jul), spotted seatrout (Jul-Nov) and Atlantic croaker (Feb-May) during 1978-97. Red drum 35-75 mm, spotted seatrout 20-75 mm, black drum 35-110 mm and Atlantic croaker 30-85 mm are considered young-of-the-year.

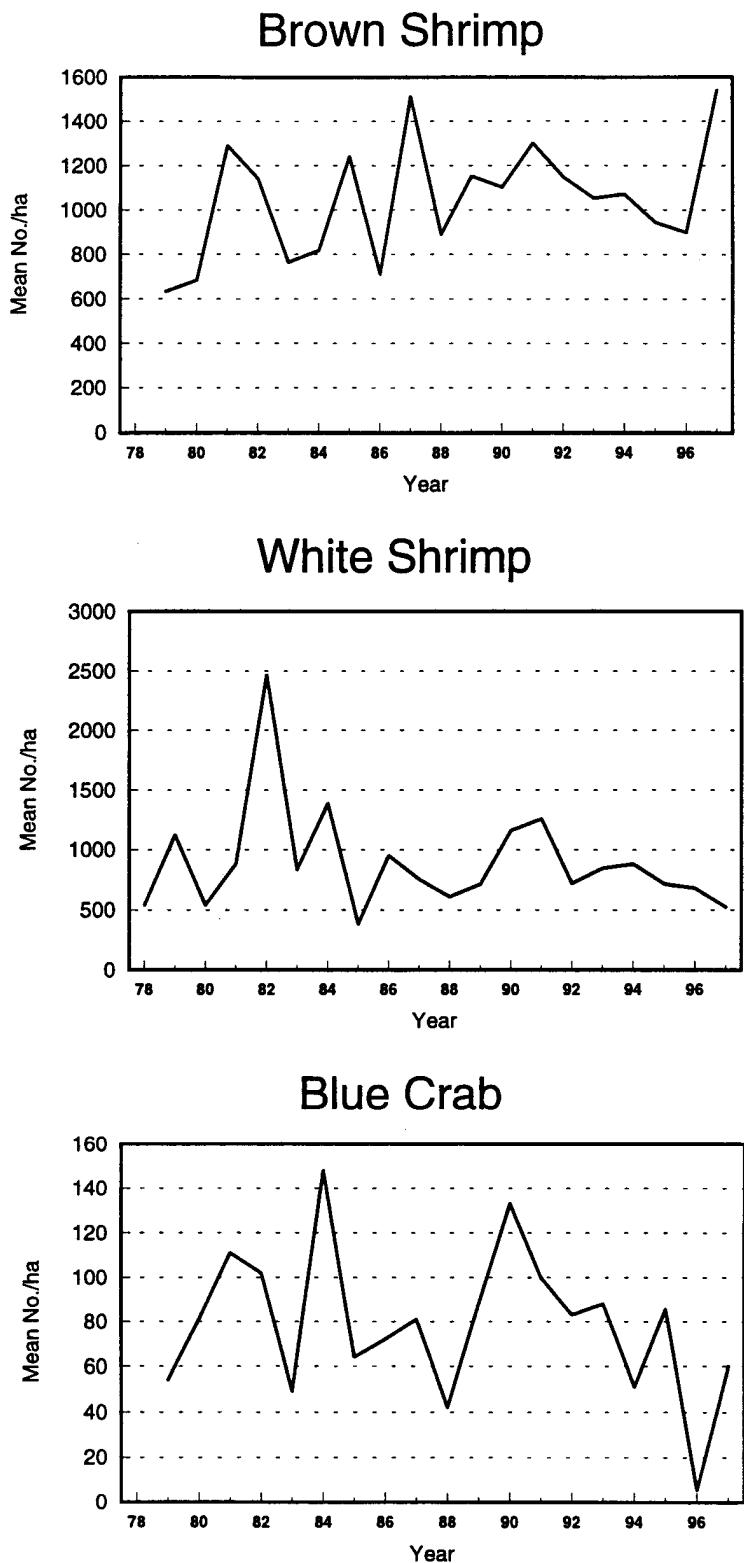


Figure 8. Seasonal bag seine mean catch rates (No./ha) for juvenile brown shrimp (Apr-Jul), white shrimp (Jul-Nov) and blue crab (Mar-Jun) during 1978-97. Brown and white shrimp 33-82 mm and blue crab 13-42 mm are considered young-of-the-year.

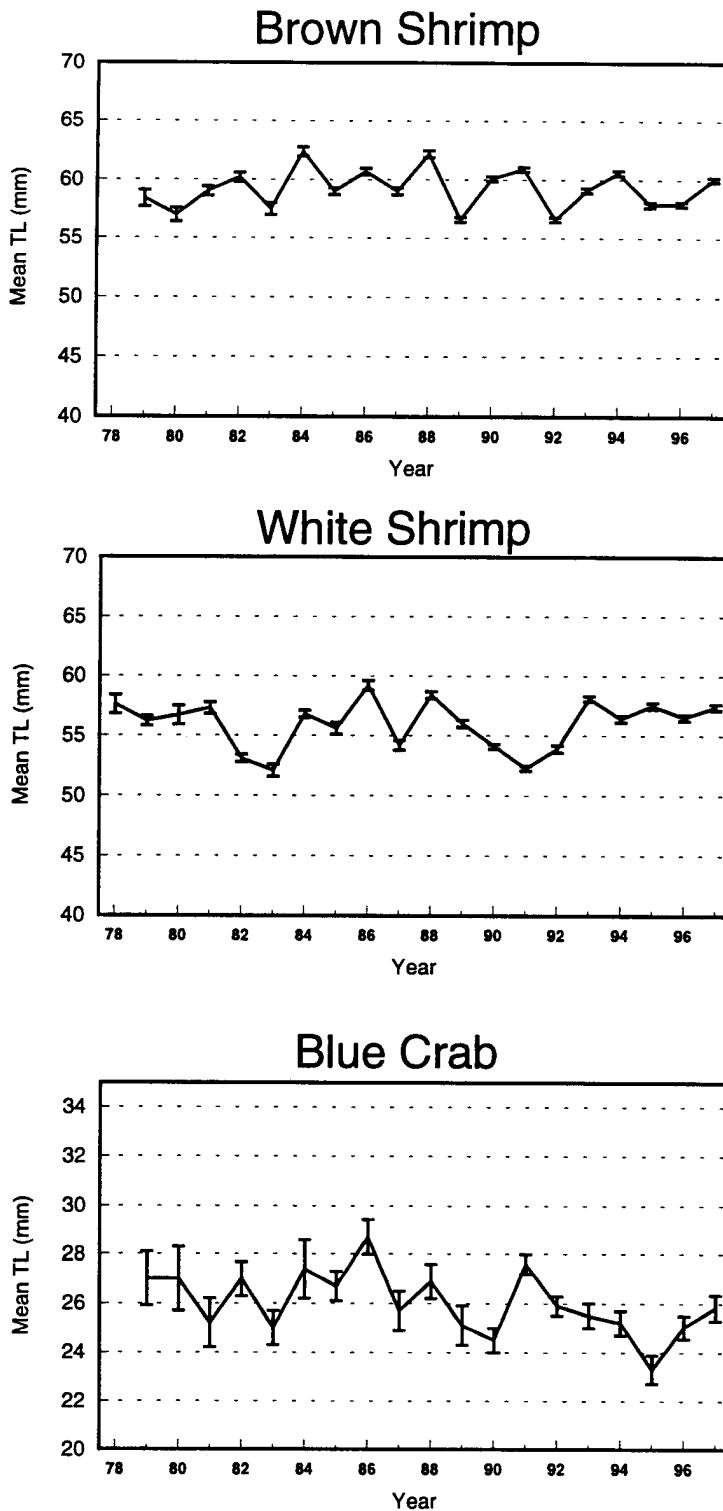


Figure 9. Seasonal bag seine mean total lengths ($\text{mm} \pm 1$ SE) for juvenile brown shrimp (Apr-Jul), white shrimp (Jul-Nov) and blue crab (Mar-Jun) during 1978-97. Brown and white shrimp 33-82 mm and blue crab 13-42 mm are considered young-of-the-year.

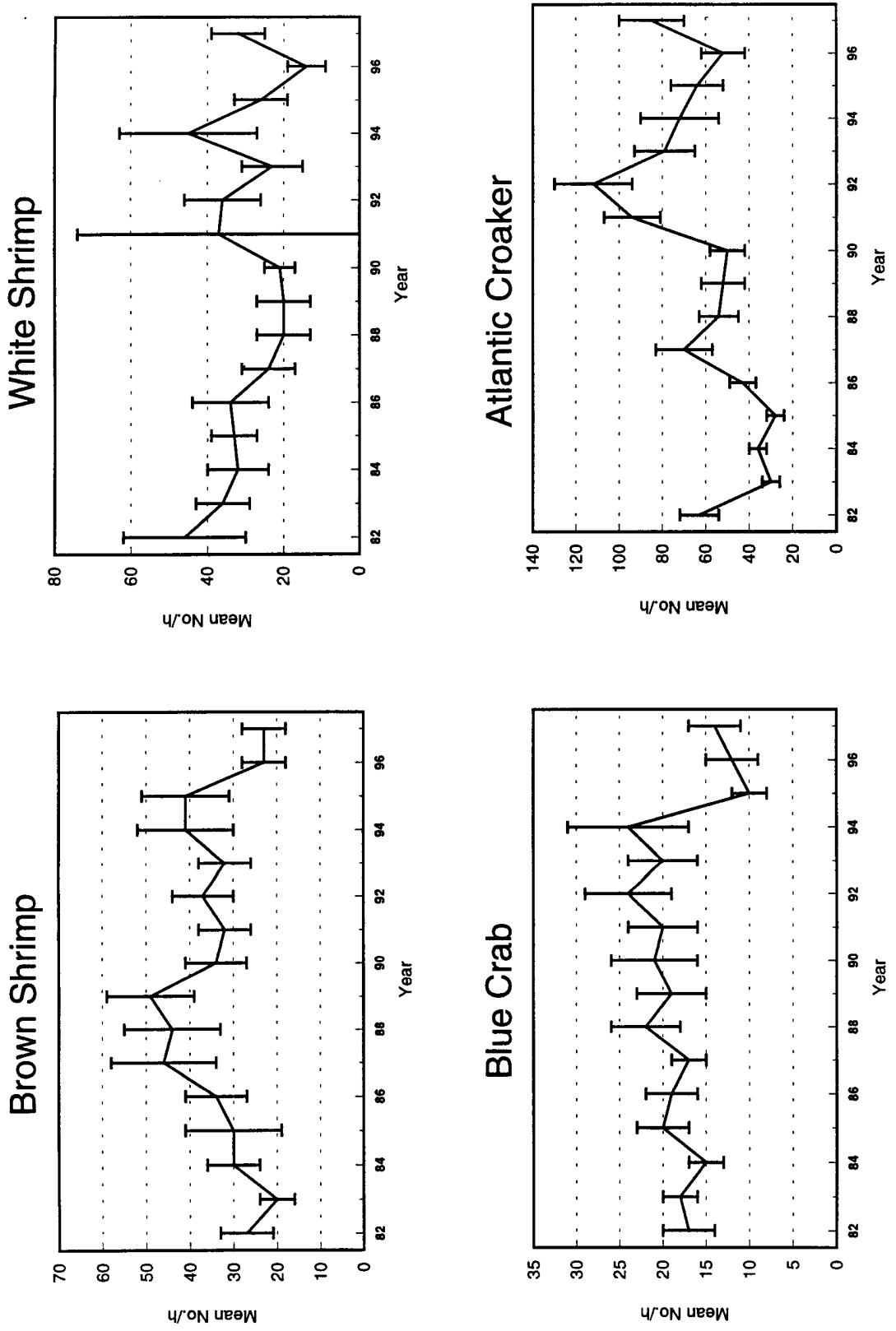


Figure 10. Annual bay trawl catch rates (No./h \pm 1 SE) for brown shrimp, white shrimp, blue crab and Atlantic croaker during 1982-97.

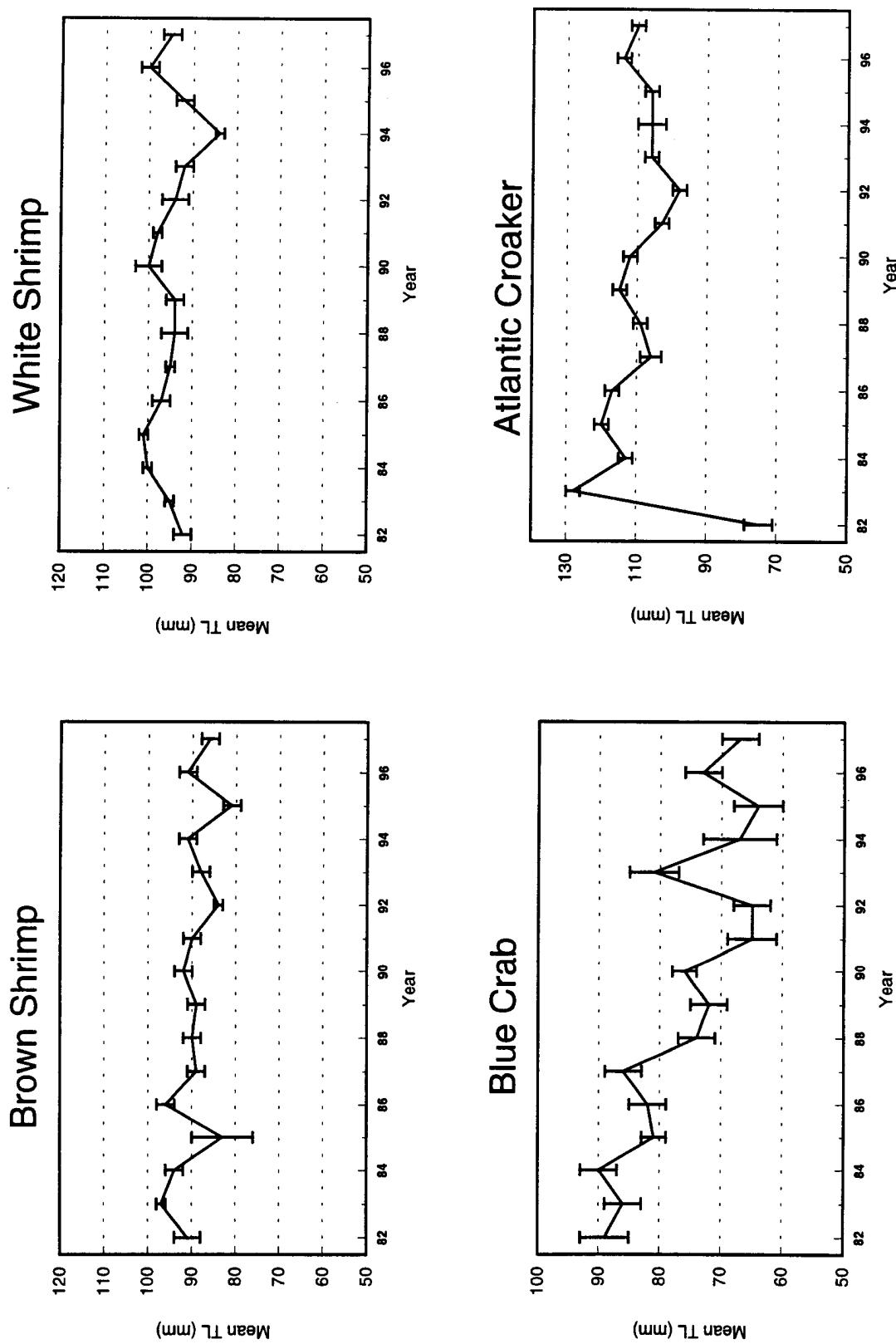


Figure 11. Annual bay trawl mean total lengths (mm \pm 1 SE) for brown shrimp, white shrimp, blue crab and Atlantic croaker during 1982-97.

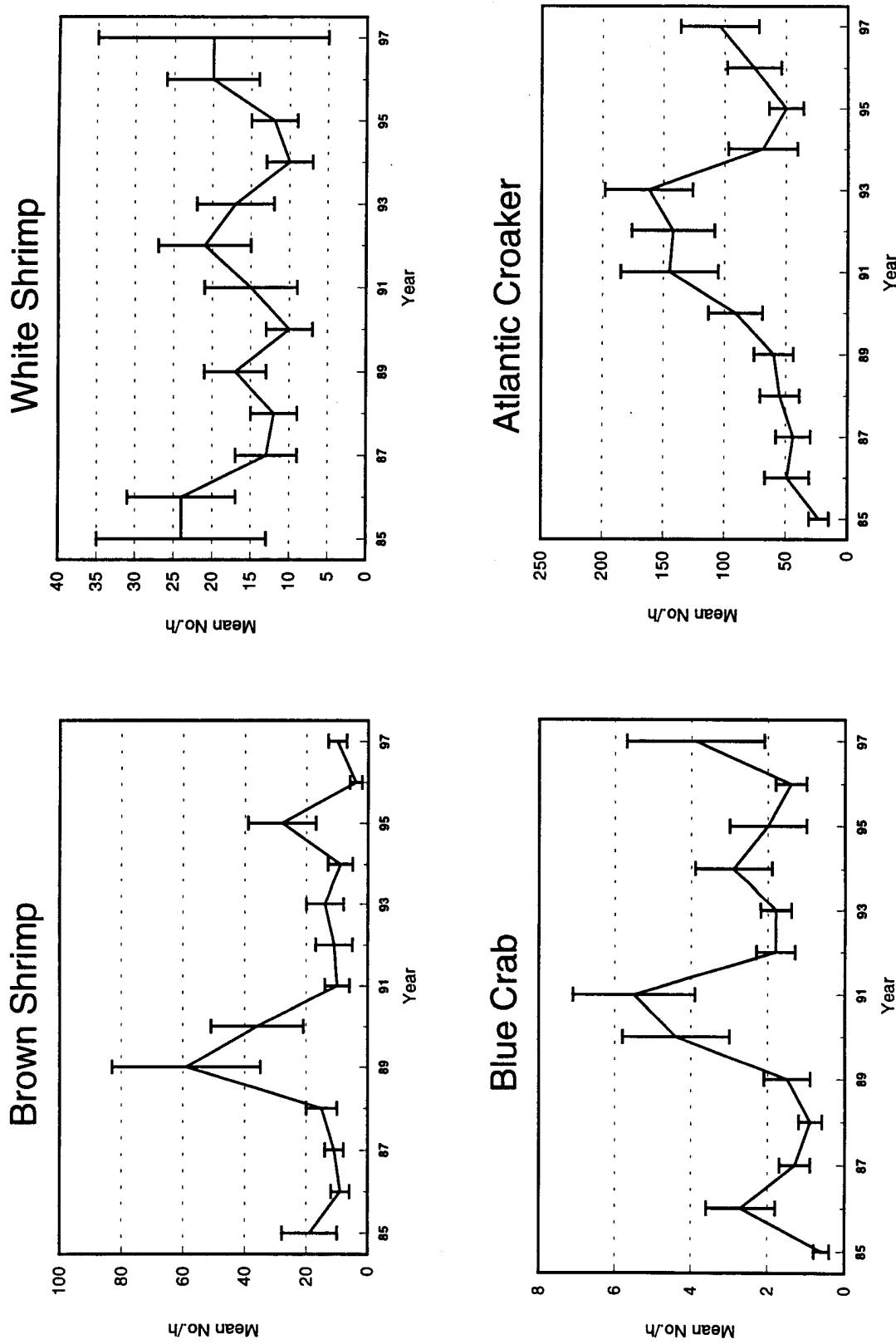


Figure 12. Annual gulf trawl catch rates (No./h \pm 1 SE) for brown shrimp, white shrimp, blue crab and Atlantic croaker during 1985-97.

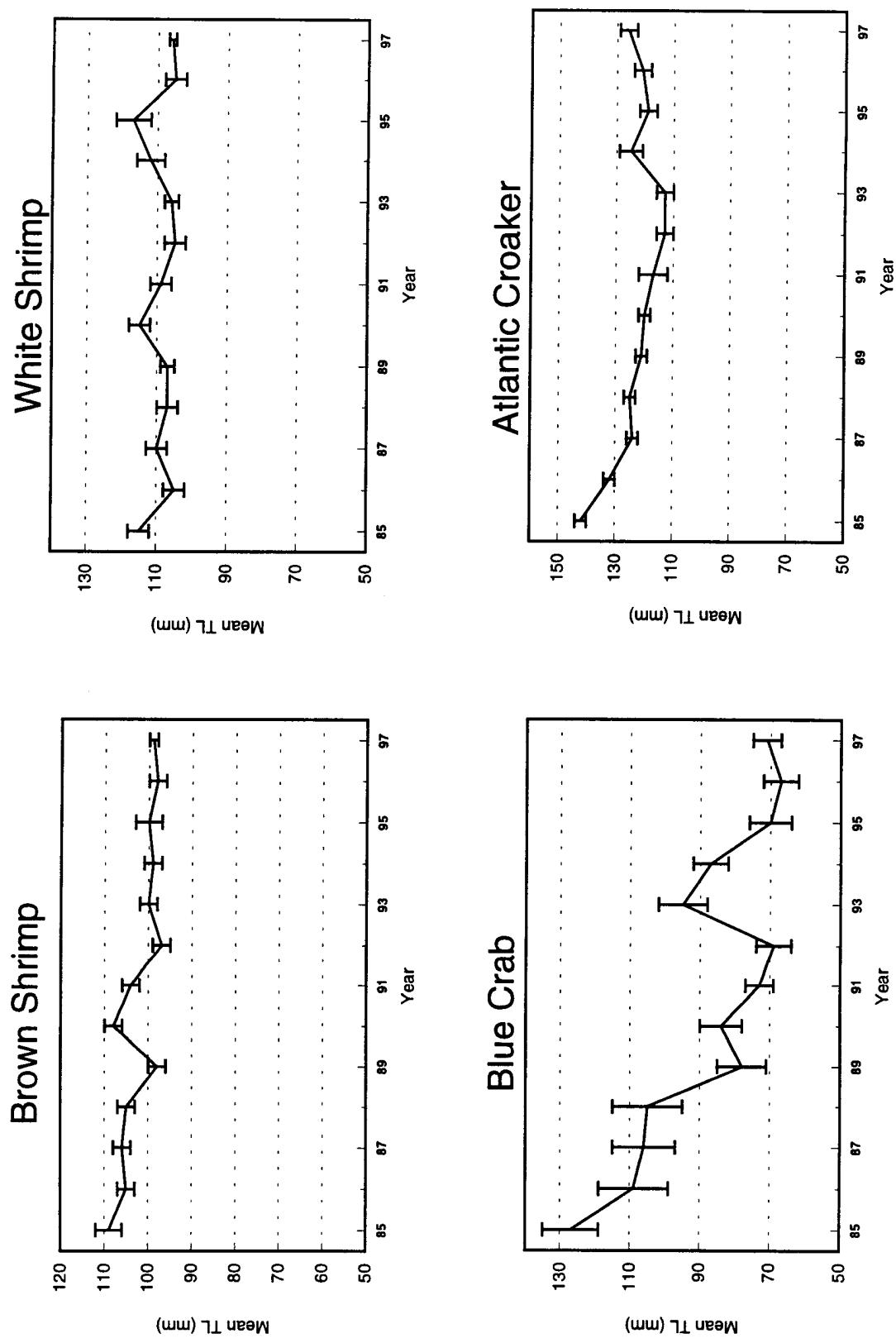


Figure 13. Annual gulf trawl mean total lengths (mm \pm 1 SE) for brown shrimp, white shrimp, blue crab and Atlantic croaker during 1985-97.

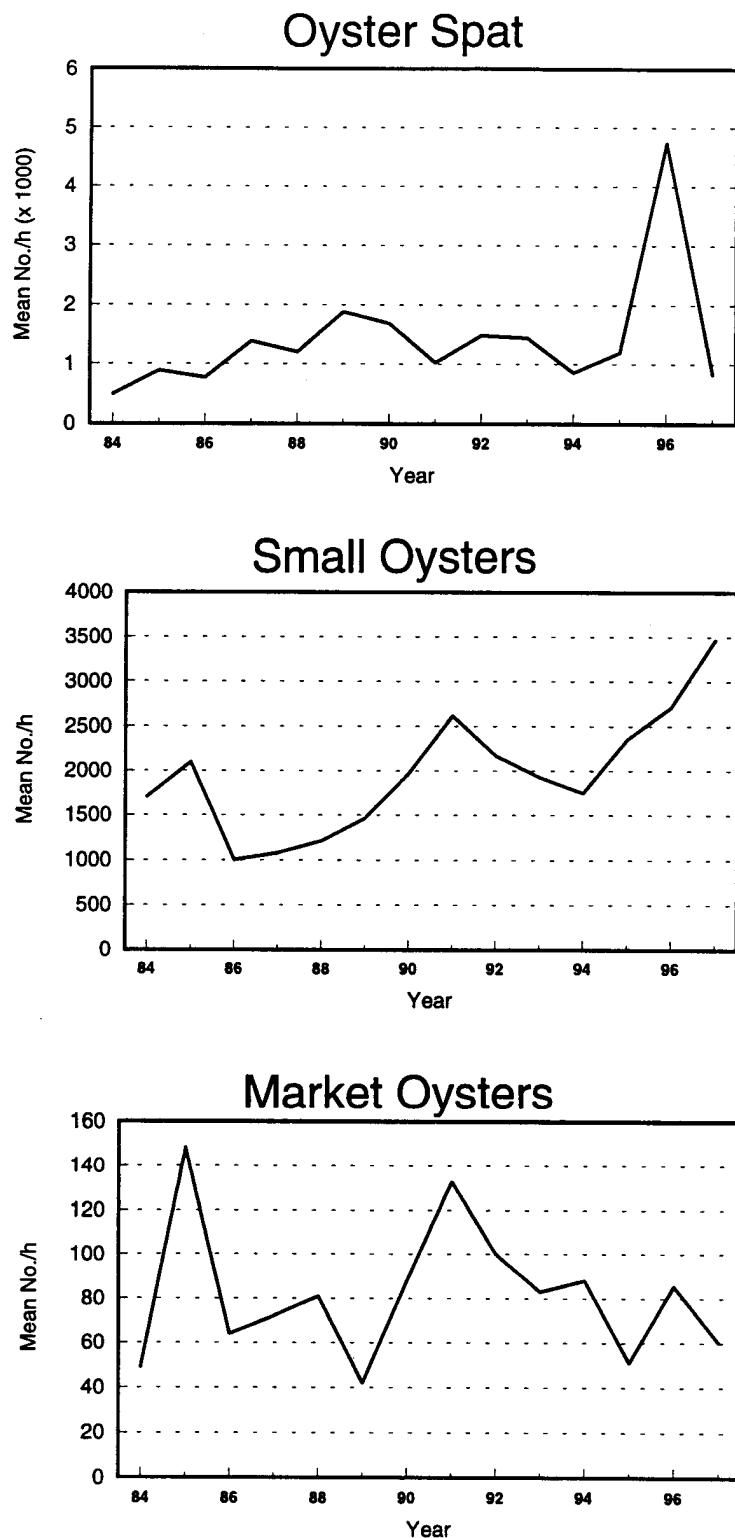
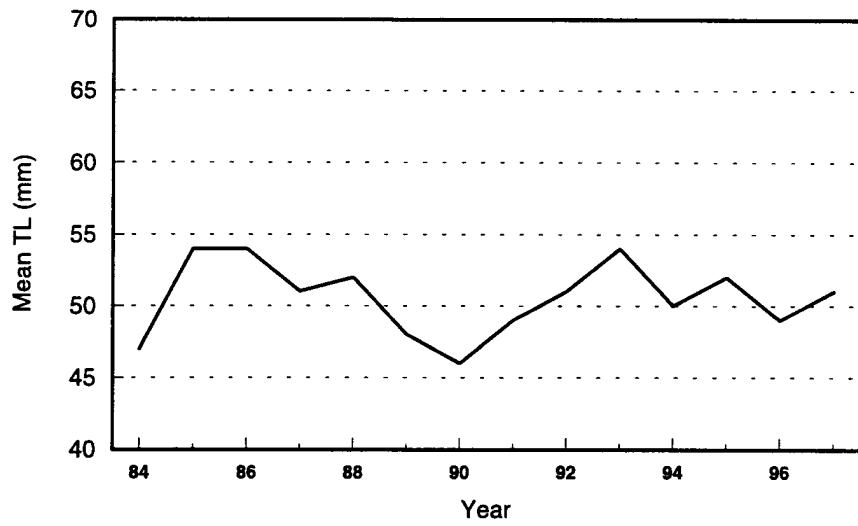


Figure 14. Annual mean oyster dredge catch rates (No./h) for Eastern oyster spat (≤ 25 mm), small oysters (26-75 mm) and market oysters (≥ 76 mm) during 1984-97.

Small Oysters



Market Oysters

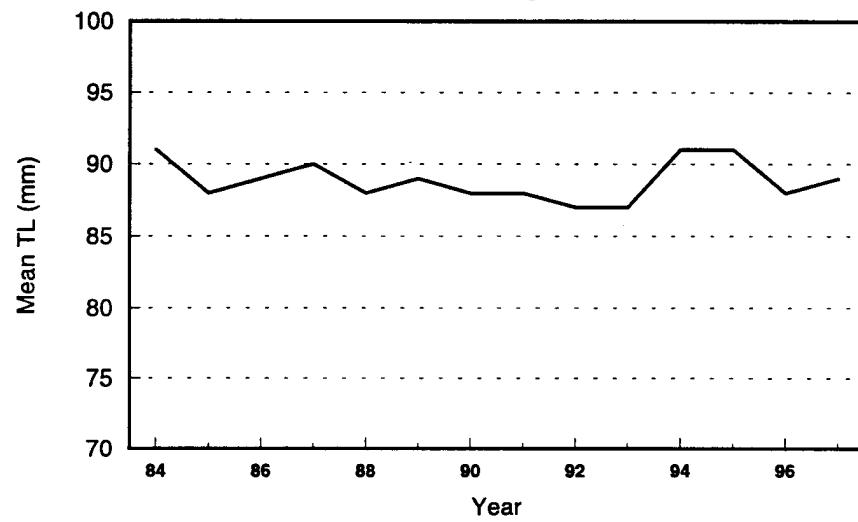


Figure 15. Annual mean oyster dredge total lengths (mm) for small and market Eastern oysters during 1984-97.

Appendix A. Summary of historical sampling dates, gear description, procedures, dates, number of samples collected, weighting factors, and list of species collected.

Table A.1. Historical sampling dates (month/year) by bay system and gear.

GEAR	SABINE	GALVESTON	EAST MATAGORDA	MATAGORDA	SAN ANTONIO	ARANSAS	CORPUS CHRISTI	UPPER LAGUNA	LOWER LAGUNA
GILL NET PRESENT	April 1986- Present	Nov. 1975- Present	Oct. 1976- Present	Nov. 1975- Present	Nov. 1975- Present	Nov. 1975- Present	Nov. 1975- Present	Nov. 1975- Present	Nov. 1975- Present
GULF TRAWL	Jul. 1986- Present	Aug. 1985- Present	Not used.	Not used.	Aug. 1985- Present	Not used.	Feb. 1985- Present	Not used.	Aug. 1985- Present
BAY TRAWL	Jan. 1986- Present	Jan. 1982- Present	April 1987- Present	May 1982- Present	Jan. 1982- Present	Jan. 1982- Present	May 1982- Present	May 1982- Present	May 1982- Present
ICW TRAWL	Jan. Dec. 1992-1995								
BEACH SEINE	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995	Not used.	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1991	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995
BEACH BAG SEINE	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995	Not used.	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1991	Oct. 1987-1995	Oct. 1987-1995
BAY BAG SEINE	Jan. 1986- Present	Oct. 1977- Present	Feb. 1983- Present	Oct. 1977- Present	Oct. 1977- Present	Oct. 1977- Present	Oct. 1977- Present	Oct. 1977- Present	Oct. 1977- Present
OYSTER REEF DREDGE	Jan. 1986-1991	Oct. 1984- Present	Jan. 1986-1991	Jan. 1986- Present	Jan. 1986- Present	Jan. 1986- Present	Jan. 1986- Present	Not used.	Jan. 1986-1991
NON-REEF DREDGE	1986-1989	1985-1989	1986-1989	1986-1989	1986-1989	1986-1989	1986-1989	1986-1988	1986-1988

Table A.2. Gear descriptions.

GEAR	GEAR DESCRIPTION
Gill Net	Monofilament, 183 m long; 1.2 m deep with separate 45.7 m sections of 7.6, 10.2 (#12 monofilament), 12.7 and 15.2 cm (#18 monofilament) stretched mesh tied together in ascending mesh size.
Trawl	6.1 m wide at mouth with 3.8 cm stretched nylon multifilament mesh throughout and doors 1.2 m long and 0.5 m tall.
Beach Seine	60.9 m long; 1.8 m deep with 7.6 cm stretched #12 monofilament mesh.
Bag Seine	18.3 m long; 1.8 m deep with 1.3 cm stretched nylon multifilament mesh in the 1.8 m wide central bag with remaining webbing 1.9 cm stretched mesh.
Oyster Dredge	Louisiana style 9-tooth; 46 cm wide, 25 cm tall with a 36 cm deep bag. Four bottom rows and one top row of linked metal rings 5 cm in diameter; top and bottom rows of 7.6 cm mesh webbing made of 0.8 cm nylon rope.

Table A.3 . Historical sampling procedures by gear.

GEAR	HISTORICAL SAMPLING PROCEDURES
GILL NET	<p>Monofilament gill nets have been systematically used in 7 Texas bay systems since November 1975; East Matagorda Bay was added in fall 1976 and Sabine Lake in spring 1986 (Figure 1). Prior to September 1984, sites for setting gill nets during spring (ten week period, generally, 15 April-15 June) and fall (Ten week period, generally, 15 September-15 November) were randomly selected from about 100 stations in each bay system (McEachron and Green 1985). Beginning September 1984, current site selection methods were adopted.</p> <p>Prior to fall 1981, no less than one nor more than 18 overnight gill net sets occurred in each season in each bay system. Since fall 1981, 45 gill nets were set overnight during each season in each bay system except East Matagorda Bay. In East Matagorda Bay, from fall 1981 to spring 1984, not less than six nor more than 12 gill nets were set during each season; since fall 1984, 20 sets were set in each season.</p>
GULF TRAWLS	Trawls have been systematically used in 4 Gulf areas of Texas Territorial Seas since August 1985 and a total of 5 areas since July 1986.
ICWW TRAWLS	From January 1992 through December 1995, 6 monthly samples were collected in each of the 9 bay systems along the Texas coast.
BEACH SEINE	Beach seines were systematically used on Texas Gulf beaches from October 1987 through November 1995. Six beach seine samples were collected each month (from October 1987-November 1989; from May-November 1990-1995) along Gulf beach shoreline areas. (Dailey et al. 1991)

Table A.3. (Cont.)

BEACH BAG SEINE	Beach bag seine samples were systematically used on Texas Gulf beaches from October 1987 through November 1995. Six beach bag seine samples were collected each month (from October 1987-November 1989; from May-November 1990-1995) along Gulf beach shoreline areas. (Dailey et al. 1991)
BAY BAG SEINE	Bay bag seine samples have been systematically collected in 7 Texas bay systems since October 1977; sample collection began in the East Matagorda Bay system February 1983 and Sabine Lake in January 1986. Bay bag seine samples were collected by pulling the seine 15.2-30.5 m parallel to shore prior to September 1984; since then it has been pulled 15.2 m. Prior to September 1984, sites for sampling with bag seines (monthly) were randomly selected from about 100 stations in each bay system (McEachron and Green 1985). Prior to October 1981, six bag seine samples were collected each month in each bay system (except during June 1978 when no samples were collected). From October 1981 through August 1984, 10 bag seine samples were collected each month in each bay system; half of the samples were collected during each of the first and last two fullest weeks of each month (McEachron and Green 1985). Beginning September 1984, half of the monthly samples were collected during the 1st-15th and half during the 16th-31st of each month. From April 1988 through December 1989, 12 bag seine samples were collected each month in each bay system. Beginning January 1990, 16 bag seine samples were collected each month in each bay system. Beginning January 1992, 20 samples were collected in each bay system each month, except in East Matagorda Bay where only 10 samples were collected per month.
OYSTER REEF DREDGE	Oyster dredges have been systematically used in Texas bays since January 1986. The number of monthly samples collected in the Galveston Bay system were: 20 in 1984; 80 in 1985; and 56 in 1986-1991. Monthly samples collected in the Aransas Bay system were: 56 in 1986-1989; and 26

Table A.3. (Cont.)

OYSTER REEF DREDGE (Cont.)	in 1990-1991. From 1986 to 1991, 10 samples per month were collected in Sabine Lake and the Lower Laguna Madre and 26 monthly samples were collected in the Matagorda, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and East Matagorda Bay systems. Beginning January 1992, 30 samples were collected each month in the Galveston Bay system, and 20 samples in the Matagorda, San Antonio and Aransas Bay systems. Sampling in other systems were discontinued in January 1992.
NON-REEF DREDGE	Non-reef dredge samples were systematically collected in Texas bays from 1985-1989. In 1985, 10 monthly samples were collected in the Galveston Bay system. From 1986-1989, 10 monthly samples were collected in all bay systems.

Table A.4. Number of samples collected during routine monitoring by bay, gear, and year.

Gear	Year	Sabine Lake			East Galveston Matagorda			San Antonio Aransas			Corpus Christi Laguna Madre			Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre			Coast-wide		
		Sabine	Lake	Galveston	Matagorda	East	Matagorda	San Antonio	Aransas	Corpus Christi	Laguna Madre	Corpus Christi	Laguna Madre	Upper	Lower	Coast-wide	Upper	Lower	Coast-wide	Upper	Lower	Coast-wide
Bay Bag	1977	0	22	0	22	0	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	154	154	
Seine	1978	0	66	0	66	0	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	462	462	
	1979	0	72	0	72	0	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	504	504	
	1980	0	72	0	72	0	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	504	504	
	1981	0	84	0	84	0	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	588	588	
	1982	0	120	0	120	0	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	840	840	
	1983	0	120	110	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	950	950	
	1984	0	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	960	960	
	1985	0	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	960	960	
	1986	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	1,080	1,080	
	1987	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	1,080	1,080	
	1988	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	1,242	1,242	
	1989	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	1,296	1,296	
	1990	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	1,728	1,728	
	1991	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	1,728	1,728	
	1992	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	2,040	2,040	
	1993	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	2,040	2,040	
	1994	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	2,040	2,040	
	1995	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	2,040	2,040	
	1996	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	2,040	2,040	
	1997	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	2,040	2,040	
Bay Trawl	1977	0	9	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	39	39	
	1978	0	55	0	52	0	45	0	45	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	207	207	
	1979	0	55	0	47	0	47	0	47	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	157	157	
	1980	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	1981	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	1982	0	240	0	240	0	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,200	1,200	
	1983	0	240	0	240	0	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,440	1,440	
	1984	0	240	0	240	0	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,440	1,440	
	1985	0	240	0	240	0	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,440	1,440	
	1986	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,440	1,440	
	1987	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,770	1,770	
	1988	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,800	1,800	
	1989	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,800	1,800	
	1990	120	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,680	1,680	

Table A.4. (Cont.)

Gear	Year	Sabine Lake			East Galveston Matagorda			San Antonio Matagorda			Corpus Christi Aransas Laguna Madre			Upper Lower	
		Sabine	Lake	Galveston	Matagorda	Matagorda	Antonio	Aransas	Christi	Laguna	Madre	Coast-wide			
Bay Trawl (cont.)	1991	120	240	120	240	240	240	240	240	120	120	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
	1992	120	240	120	240	240	240	240	240	120	120	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
	1993	120	240	120	240	240	240	240	240	120	120	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
	1994	120	240	120	240	240	240	240	240	120	120	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
	1995	120	240	120	240	240	240	240	240	120	120	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
	1996	120	240	120	240	240	240	240	240	120	120	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
	1997	120	240	120	240	240	240	240	240	120	120	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680
Gill Net (Spring)	1976	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	9
	1977	0	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	4	40
	1978	0	6	6	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	50
	1979	0	10	10	11	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	10	79
	1980	0	8	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	75
	1981	0	7	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	57
	1982	0	45	6	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	321
	1983	0	45	8	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	323
	1984	0	45	7	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	322
	1985	0	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	335
	1986	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1987	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1988	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1989	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1990	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1991	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1992	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1993	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1994	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1995	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1996	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1997	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
Gill Net (Fall)	1975	2	8	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	40
	1976	0	12	4	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	64
	1977	0	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	64
	1978	0	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	7	59
	1979	0	18	9	17	17	17	16	15	17	16	16	16	16	125
	1980	0	11	10	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	79
	1981	0	45	8	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	323

Table A.4. (Cont.)

Gear	Year	Sabine			East			San			Upper			Lower		Coast-wide
		Lake	Galveston	Matagorda	Matagorda	Antonio	Aransas	Corpus	Laguna	Christi	Madre	Madre	Corpus	Laguna		
Gill Net	1982	0	45	11	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	326
(Fall)	1983	0	45	12	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	327
(cont.)	1984	0	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	335
	1985	0	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	335
	1986	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1987	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1988	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1989	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1990	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1991	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1992	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1993	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1994	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1995	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1996	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380
	1997	45	45	20	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	380

Table A.5. Number of samples collected by oyster reef dredge during routine monitoring by bay and year.

Gear	Year	Galveston	Matagorda	San Antonio	Aransas	Coastwide
Oyster Dredge	1984	240	0	0	0	240
	1985	959	0	0	0	959
	1986	672	312	312	672	1,968
	1987	672	312	312	672	1,968
	1988	672	312	312	672	1,968
	1989	672	312	312	672	1,968
	1990	672	312	312	672	1,968
	1991	672	312	312	312	1,604
	1992	360	240	240	240	1,080
	1993	360	240	240	240	1,080
	1994	360	240	240	240	1,080
	1995	360	240	240	240	1,080
	1996	360	240	240	240	1,080
	1997	360	240	240	240	1,080

Table A.6. Number of Gulf trawl samples collected during routine monitoring in 5 Gulf zones by Gulf area and year.

Year	Sabine Lake	Galveston	Port O'Connor	Port Aransas	Port Isabel	Port Coastwide
1985	0	80	80	176	80	416
1986	112	192	192	192	192	880
1987	192	192	192	192	192	960
1988	192	192	192	192	184	952
1989	192	192	192	184	189	949
1990	192	192	192	192	192	960
1991	192	192	192	184	192	952
1992	192	192	192	184	192	952
1993	192	192	192	192	192	960
1994	192	192	187	192	192	955
1995	192	192	192	184	192	952
1996	192	192	192	192	192	960
1997	192	192	188	192	192	956

Table A.7. Weighting factors used in calculating coastwide average catch rates.

Area	Gill net and ^a bay bag seine	Bay ^b trawl	ICWW ^c trawl	Oyster ^d dredge	Gulf ^e trawl
BAY SYSTEM					
Sabine	75.6	1.220	57.6		
Galveston	411.2	9.408	61.8	126	
East Matagorda	64.4	0.101	23.4		
Matagorda	284.8	6.288	27.4	42	
San Antonio	225.2	3.680	27.0	66	
Aransas	263.5	2.251	25.2	55	
Corpus Christi	171.3	3.357 ^f	13.8		
Upper Laguna Madre	222.3	1.534	55.1		
Lower Laguna Madre	252.1	1.153	46.6		
Total	1,970.4	28.992	337.9	289	
GULF AREA					
Sabine			266		
Galveston			273		
Port O'Connor			277		
Port Aransas			257		
Port Isabel			248		
Total			1,317		

^a Equals miles of shoreline (Matlock and Osborn 1982).

Table A.7. (Cont.)

- ^b Equals total bay surface area (divided by 10,000) minus 1977 estimate of shallow water area ($\leq 1.2\text{ m}$) (for the upper and lower Laguna Madre) or minus the mean of 1972 and 1977 estimates (for other bays) (Matlock and Osborn 1982).
- ^c Equals nautical miles of ICWW, trawls not done after 1995.
- ^d Equals total number of grids containing oyster reef.
- ^e Equals total number of Gulf trawlable grids.
- ^f No estimate was available for 1977 shallow water area, so 1977 area was estimated as proportion of sampling grid zones that are designated as trawls grids, times the total surface area of the bay.

Table A.8. Species caught (alphabetical by scientific name; Robins et al. 1991) in Texas marine waters by TPW sampling gear during 1975-1997. Common names are assigned by TPW for identification purposes.

Scientific Name	Common Name
Finfish	
<u>Abudefduf saxatilis</u>	Sergeant major
<u>Achirus lineatus</u>	Lined sole
<u>Adinia xenica</u>	Diamond killifish
<u>Aetobatis narinari</u>	Spotted eagle ray
<u>Agonostomus monticola</u>	Mountain mullet
<u>Albula vulpas</u>	Bonefish
<u>Alectis ciliaris</u>	African pompano
<u>Alosa chrysochloris</u>	Skipjack herring
<u>Aluterus heudelotii</u>	Dotterel filefish
<u>Aluterus schoepfi</u>	Orange filefish
<u>Aluterus scriptus</u>	Scrawled filefish
<u>Ambloplites rupestris</u>	Rock bass
<u>Ameiurus melas</u>	Black bullhead
<u>Ameiurus natalis</u>	Yellow bullhead
<u>Amia calva</u>	Bowfin
<u>Anchoa hepsetus</u>	Striped anchovy
<u>Anchoa lyolepis</u>	Dusky anchovy
<u>Anchoa mitchilli</u>	Bay anchovy
<u>Anchoa nasuta</u>	Longnose anchovy
<u>Ancylopsetta dilecta</u>	Three-eye flounder
<u>Ancylopsetta quadrocellata</u>	Ocellated flounder
<u>Anguilla rostrata</u>	American eel
<u>Antennarius radiosus</u>	Singlespot frogfish
<u>Antennarius striatus</u>	Striated frogfish
<u>Aplodinotus grunniens</u>	Freshwater drum
<u>Archosargus probatocephalus</u>	Sheepshead
<u>Arius felis</u>	Hardhead catfish
<u>Astroscopus y-graecum</u>	Southern stargazer
<u>Bagre marinus</u>	Gafftopsail catfish
<u>Bairdiella chrysoura</u>	Silver perch
<u>Balistes capriscus</u>	Gray triggerfish
<u>Bascanichthys bascanium</u>	Sooty eel
<u>Bascanichthys scuticaris</u>	Whip eel
<u>Bathygobius soporator</u>	Frillfin goby
<u>Bellator militaris</u>	Horned searobin
<u>Bodianus pulchellus</u>	Spotfin hogfish
<u>Bollmannia communis</u>	Ragged goby
<u>Bothus robinsi</u>	Twospot flounder
<u>Brevoortia patronus</u>	Gulf menhaden
<u>Brevoortia gunteri</u>	Finescale menhaden
<u>Brotula barbata</u>	Bearded brotula
<u>Calamus leucosteus</u>	Whitebone porgy
<u>Cantherhines pullus</u>	Orangespotted filefish
<u>Canthidermis maculata</u>	Rough triggerfish
<u>Caranx bartholomaei</u>	Yellow jack
<u>Caranx cryos</u>	Blue runner
<u>Caranx hippos</u>	Crevalle jack
<u>Caranx latus</u>	Horse-eye jack
<u>Caranx ruber</u>	Bar jack
<u>Carassius auratus</u>	Goldfish
<u>Carcharhinus acronotus</u>	Blacknose shark
<u>Carcharhinus brevipinna</u>	Spinner shark

Table A.8. (Cont.)

Scientific Name	Common Name
<u>Carcharhinus falciformis</u>	Silky shark
<u>Carcharhinus isodon</u>	Finetooth shark
<u>Carcharhinus leucas</u>	Bull shark
<u>Carcharhinus limbatus</u>	Blacktip shark
<u>Carcharhinus obscurus</u>	Dusky shark
<u>Carcharhinus plumbeus</u>	Sandbar shark
<u>Carcharhinus porosus</u>	Smalltail shark
<u>Centropomus mexicanus</u>	Largescale fat snook
<u>Centropomus parallelus</u>	Fat snook
<u>Centropomus undecimalis</u>	Common snook
<u>Centropristes oxyurus</u>	Bank sea bass
<u>Centropristes philadelphica</u>	Rock sea bass
<u>Chaetodipterus faber</u>	Atlantic spadefish
<u>Chaetodon ocellatus</u>	Spotfin butterflyfish
<u>Chasmodes bosquianus</u>	Striped blenny
<u>Chilomycterus schoepfi</u>	Striped burrfish
<u>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</u>	Atlantic bumper
<u>Citharichthys macrops</u>	Spotted whiff
<u>Citharichthys spilopterus</u>	Bay whiff
<u>Conodon nobilis</u>	Barred grunt
<u>Ctenopharyngodon idella</u>	Grass carp
<u>Cyclopsetta chittendeni</u>	Mexican flounder
<u>Cyclopsetta fimbriata</u>	Spotfin flounder
<u>Cynoscion arenarius</u>	Sand seatrout
<u>Cynoscion nebulosus</u>	Spotted seatrout
<u>Cynoscion nothus</u>	Silver seatrout
<u>Cyprinodon variegatus</u>	Sheepshead minnow
<u>Cyprinus carpio</u>	Common carp
<u>Dasyatis americana</u>	Southern stingray
<u>Dasyatis sabina</u>	Atlantic stingray
<u>Dasyatis say</u>	Bluntnose stingray
<u>Decapterus punctatus</u>	Round scad
<u>Diapterus auratus</u>	Irish pompano
<u>Dibranchus atlanticus</u>	Atlantic batfish
<u>Diodon hystrix</u>	Porcupinefish
<u>Diplectrum bivittatum</u>	Dwarf sand perch
<u>Diplectrum formosum</u>	Sand perch
<u>Diplodus holbrooki</u>	Spottail pinfish
<u>Dormitator maculatus</u>	Fat sleeper
<u>Dorosoma cepedianum</u>	Gizzard shad
<u>Dorosoma petenense</u>	Threadfin shad
<u>Echeneis naucrates</u>	Sharksucker
<u>Echiophis intortus</u>	Spotted spoon-nose eel
<u>Elagatis bipinnulata</u>	Rainbow runner
<u>Elops saurus</u>	Ladyfish
<u>Epinephelus nigritus</u>	Warsaw grouper
<u>Epinephelus niveatus</u>	Snowy grouper
<u>Equetus umbrosus</u>	Cubbyu
<u>Erotelis smaragdus</u>	Emerald sleeper
<u>Etropus crossotus</u>	Fringed flounder
<u>Etrumeus teres</u>	Round herring
<u>Eucinostomus argenteus</u>	Spotfin mojarra
<u>Eucinostomus gula</u>	Silver jenny
<u>Eucinostomus lefroyi</u>	Mottled mojarra
<u>Eucinostomus melanopterus</u>	Flagfin mojarra
<u>Evorthodus lyricus</u>	Lyre goby

Table A.8. (Cont.)

Scientific Name	Common Name
<u>Fundulus chrysotus</u>	Golden topminnow
<u>Fundulus grandis</u>	Gulf killifish
<u>Fundulus pulvereus</u>	Bayou killifish
<u>Fundulus similis</u>	Longnose killifish
<u>Gadella maraldi</u>	(Barbelless codlet)
<u>Gambusia affinis</u>	Western mosquitofish
<u>Gerres cinereus</u>	Yellowfin mojarra
<u>Gnathagnus egregius</u>	Freckled stargazer
<u>Gobiesox punctulatus</u>	Stippled clingfish
<u>Gobiesox strumosus</u>	Skilletfish
<u>Gobioides broussonneti</u>	Violet goby
<u>Gobiomorus dormitor</u>	Bigmouth sleeper
<u>Gobionellus boleosoma</u>	Darter goby
<u>Gobionellus hastatus</u>	Sharptail goby
<u>Gobionellus shufeldti</u>	Freshwater goby
<u>Gobiosoma bosc</u>	Naked goby
<u>Gobiosoma robustum</u>	Code goby
<u>Goniolectrus hispanus</u>	Spanish flag
<u>Gunterichthys longipenis</u>	Gold brotula
<u>Gymnachirus texae</u>	Fringed sole
<u>Gymnothorax nigromarginatus</u>	Blackedge moray
<u>Gymnura micrura</u>	Smooth butterfly ray
<u>Haemulon aurolineatum</u>	Tomtate
<u>Halieutichthys aculeatus</u>	Pancake batfish
<u>Harengula jaguana</u>	Scaled sardine
<u>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</u>	Bluntnose jack
<u>Hemipteronotus novacula</u>	Pearly razorfish
<u>Hemiramphus balao</u>	Balao
<u>Hemiramphus brasiliensis</u>	Ballyhoo
<u>Hildebrandia flava</u>	Yellow conger
<u>Hippocampus erectus</u>	Lined seahorse
<u>Hippocampus zosterae</u>	Dwarf seahorse
<u>Histrio histrio</u>	Sargassumfish
<u>Holacanthus bermudensis</u>	Blue angelfish
<u>Hoplostethus mediterraneus</u>	Armorhead
<u>Hypseurochilus geminatus</u>	Crested blenny
<u>Hyporhamphus unifasciatus</u>	Silverstripe halfbeak
<u>Hypsoblennius hentz</u>	Feather blenny
<u>Hypsoblennius ionthas</u>	Freckled blenny
<u>Ictalurus furcatus</u>	Blue catfish
<u>Ictalurus punctatus</u>	Channel catfish
<u>Ictiobus bubalus</u>	Smallmouth buffalo
<u>Ictiobus cyprinellus</u>	Bigmouth buffalo
<u>Isurus oxyrinchus</u>	Shortfin mako
<u>Jenkinsia lamprotaenia</u>	Dwarf herring
<u>Kyphosus incisor</u>	Yellow chub
<u>Kyphosus sectatrix</u>	Bermuda chub
<u>Labrisomus nuchipinnis</u>	Hairy blenny
<u>Lactophrys quadricornis</u>	Scrawled cowfish
<u>Lagocephalus laevigatus</u>	Smooth puffer
<u>Lagodon rhomboides</u>	Pinfish
<u>Larimus fasciatus</u>	Banded drum
<u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u>	Spot
<u>Lepisosteus oculatus</u>	Spotted gar
<u>Lepisosteus osseus</u>	Longnose gar
<u>Lepisosteus platostomus</u>	Shortnose gar

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Scientific Name	Common Name
<u>Lepisosteus spatula</u>	Alligator gar
<u>Lepomis cyanellus</u>	Green sunfish
<u>Lepomis gulosus</u>	Warmouth
<u>Lepomis macrochirus</u>	Bluegill
<u>Lepomis megalotis</u>	Longear sunfish
<u>Lepomis microlophus</u>	Redear sunfish
<u>Lepophidium brevibarbe</u>	Blackedge cusk-eel
<u>Lobotes surinamensis</u>	Tripletail
<u>Lucania parva</u>	Rainwater killifish
<u>Lutjanus apodus</u>	Schoolmaster
<u>Lutjanus campechanus</u>	Red snapper
<u>Lutjanus griseus</u>	Gray snapper
<u>Lutjanus jocu</u>	Dog snapper
<u>Lutjanus synagris</u>	Lane snapper
<u>Lutjanus vivanus</u>	Silk snapper
<u>Megalops atlanticus</u>	Tarpon
<u>Membras martinica</u>	Rough silverside
<u>Menidia beryllina</u>	Inland silverside
<u>Menidia clarkhubbsi</u>	Texas silverside
<u>Menidia peninsulae</u>	Tidewater silverside
<u>Menticirrhus americanus</u>	Southern kingfish
<u>Menticirrhus littoralis</u>	Gulf kingfish
<u>Menticirrhus saxatilis</u>	Northern kingfish
<u>Microgobius gulosus</u>	Clown goby
<u>Microgobius thalassinus</u>	Green goby
<u>Micropogonias undulatus</u>	Atlantic croaker
<u>Monocanthus ciliatus</u>	Fringed tilefish
<u>Morone chrysops</u>	White bass
<u>Morone mississippiensis</u>	Yellow bass
<u>Morone saxatilis</u>	Striped bass
<u>Morone X</u>	Hybrid bass (stripedxwhite)
<u>Mugil cephalus</u>	Striped mullet
<u>Mugil curema</u>	White mullet
<u>Mullus auratus</u>	Red goatfish
<u>Mustelus canis</u>	Smooth dogfish
<u>Mycteroperca bonaci</u>	Black grouper
<u>Mycteroperca microlepis</u>	Gag
<u>Mycteroperca phenax</u>	Scamp
<u>Mycteroperca rubra</u>	Comb grouper
<u>Myrophis punctatus</u>	Speckled worm eel
<u>Narcine brasiliensis</u>	Lesser electric ray
<u>Negaprion brevirostris</u>	Lemon shark
<u>Neomerinthe hemingwayi</u>	Spinycheek scorpionfish
<u>Ogcocephalus nasutus</u>	Shortnose batfish
<u>Ogcocephalus pantostictus</u>	Spotted batfish
<u>Ogcocephalus parvus</u>	Roughback batfish
<u>Ogcocephalus radiatus</u>	Polka-dot batfish
<u>Ogcocephalus sp.</u>	(Batfish-unidentified)
<u>Oligoplites saurus</u>	Leatherjacket
<u>Ophichthus gomesi</u>	Shrimp eel
<u>Ophichthus ophis</u>	Spotted snake eel
<u>Ophichthus puncticeps</u>	Pale-spotted eel
<u>Ophidion grayi</u>	Blotched cusk-eel
<u>Ophidion holbrooki</u>	Bank cusk-eel
<u>Ophidion marginatum</u>	Striped cusk-eel
<u>Ophidion welshi</u>	Crested cusk-eel

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<u>Opisthonema oglinum</u>	Atlantic thread herring
<u>Opsanus beta</u>	Gulf toadfish
<u>Opsanus pardus</u>	Leopard toadfish
<u>Orthopristis chrysoptera</u>	Pigfish
<u>Parablennius marmoratus</u>	Seaweed blenny
<u>Paraconger caudilimbatus</u>	Margintail conger
<u>Paralichthys albigutta</u>	Gulf flounder
<u>Paralichthys lethostigma</u>	Southern flounder
<u>Paralichthys sp.</u>	(Flounder-unidentified)
<u>Paralichthys squamilentus</u>	Broad flounder
<u>Parasudis truculenta</u>	Longnose greeneye
<u>Peprilus lepidotus</u>	Harvestfish
<u>Peprilus burti</u>	Gulf butterfish
<u>Phaeoptyx conklini</u>	Freckled cardinalfish
<u>Physiculus fulvus</u>	Metallic codling
<u>Platybelone argalus</u>	Keeltail needlefish
<u>Poecilia formosa</u>	Amazon molly
<u>Poecilia latipinna</u>	Sailfin molly
<u>Pogonias cromis</u>	Black drum
<u>Polydactylus octonemus</u>	Atlantic threadfin
<u>Pomacentrus fuscus</u>	Dusky damselfish
<u>Pomacentrus variabilis</u>	Cocoa damselfish
<u>Pomadasys crocro</u>	Burro grunt
<u>Pomatomus saltatrix</u>	Bluefish
<u>Pomoxis annularis</u>	White crappie
<u>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u>	Black crappie
<u>Pontinus longispinis</u>	Longspine scorpionfish
<u>Porichthys pectorodon</u>	Atlantic midshipman
<u>Priacanthus arenatus</u>	Bigeye
<u>Prionotus longispinosus</u>	Bigeye searobin
<u>Prionotus marlisis</u>	Barred searobin
<u>Prionotus ophryas</u>	Bandtail searobin
<u>Prionotus paralatus</u>	Mexican searobin
<u>Prionotus roseus</u>	Bluespotted searobin
<u>Prionotus rubio</u>	Blackwing searobin
<u>Prionotus scitulus</u>	Leopard searobin
<u>Prionotus stearnsi</u>	Shortwing searobin
<u>Prionotus tribulus</u>	Bighead searobin
<u>Pristigenys alta</u>	Short bigeye
<u>Pristipomoides aquilonaris</u>	Wenchman
<u>Pristis pectinata</u>	Smalltooth sawfish
<u>Pylodictis olivaris</u>	Flathead catfish
<u>Rachycentron canadum</u>	Cobia
<u>Raja eglanteria</u>	Clearnose skate
<u>Raja texana</u>	Roundel skate
<u>Remora remora</u>	Remora
<u>Rhinobatos lentiginosus</u>	Atlantic guitarfish
<u>Rhinoptera bonasus</u>	Cownose ray
<u>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</u>	Atlantic sharpnose shark
<u>Rhomboplites aurorubens</u>	Vermilion snapper
<u>Ruvettus pretiosus</u>	Oilfish
<u>Rypticus saponaceus</u>	Greater soapfish
<u>Sardinella aurita</u>	Spanish sardine
<u>Saurida brasiliensis</u>	Largescale lizardfish
<u>Saurida caribbaea</u>	Smallscale lizardfish
<u>Scartella cristata</u>	Molly miller

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Scientific Name	Common Name
<u>Sciaenops ocellatus</u>	Red drum
<u>Scomber japonicus</u>	Chub mackerel
<u>Scomberomorus cavalla</u>	King mackerel
<u>Scomberomorus maculatus</u>	Spanish mackerel
<u>Scomberomorus</u> sp.	(Mackerel-unidentified)
<u>Scorpaena brasiliensis</u>	Barbfish
<u>Scorpaena calcarata</u>	Smoothhead scorpionfish
<u>Scorpaena plumieri</u>	Spotted scorpionfish
<u>Scyliorhinus retifer</u>	Chain dogfish
<u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u>	Bigeye scad
<u>Selene setapinnis</u>	Atlantic moonfish
<u>Selene vomer</u>	Lookdown
<u>Seriola dumerili</u>	Greater amberjack
<u>Seriola fasciata</u>	Lesser amberjack
<u>Seriola zonata</u>	Banded rudderfish
<u>Serranichthys pumilio</u>	Pygmy sea bass
<u>Serranus atrobranchus</u>	Blackear bass
<u>Serranus phoebe</u>	Tattler
<u>Serranus subligarius</u>	Belted sandfish
<u>Sparisoma radians</u>	Bucktooth parrotfish
<u>Sphoeroides parvus</u>	Least puffer
<u>Sphoeroides spengleri</u>	Bandtail puffer
<u>Sphyraena barracuda</u>	Great barracuda
<u>Sphyraena guachancho</u>	Guaguanche
<u>Sphyraena lewini</u>	Scalloped hammerhead
<u>Sphyraena mokarran</u>	Great hammerhead
<u>Sphyraena tiburo</u>	Bonnethead
<u>Sphyraena tudes</u>	Smalleye hammerhead
<u>Stellifer lanceolatus</u>	Star drum
<u>Stenotomus caprinus</u>	Longspine porgy
<u>Strongylura marina</u>	Atlantic needlefish
<u>Strongylura timucu</u>	Timucu
<u>Syacium gunteri</u>	Shoal flounder
<u>Syacium papillosum</u>	Dusky flounder
<u>Sympodus civitatus</u>	Offshore tonguefish
<u>Sympodus diomedianus</u>	Spottedfin tonguefish
<u>Sympodus parvus</u>	Pygmy tonguefish
<u>Sympodus plagiusa</u>	Blackcheek tonguefish
<u>Sympodus urospilus</u>	Spottail tonguefish
<u>Syngnathus floridae</u>	Dusky pipefish
<u>Syngnathus louisianae</u>	Chain pipefish
<u>Syngnathus pelagicus</u>	Sargassum pipefish
<u>Syngnathus scovelli</u>	Gulf pipefish
<u>Synodus foetens</u>	Inshore lizardfish
<u>Synodus poeyi</u>	Offshore lizardfish
<u>Thunnus thynnus</u>	Bluefin tuna
<u>Tilapia aurea</u>	Blue tilapia
<u>Trachinocephalus myops</u>	Snakefish
<u>Trachinotus carolinus</u>	Florida pompano
<u>Trachinotus falcatus</u>	Permit
<u>Trachinotus goodei</u>	Palometta
<u>Trachurus lathami</u>	Rough scad
<u>Trichiurus lepturus</u>	Atlantic cutlassfish
<u>Trinectes maculatus</u>	Hogchoker
<u>Umbrina coroides</u>	Sand drum
<u>Upeneus parvus</u>	Dwarf goatfish

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<u><i>Urophycis cirrata</i></u>	Gulf hake
<u><i>Urophycis floridana</i></u>	Southern hake
<u><i>Xanthichthys ringens</i></u>	Sargassum triggerfish
Invertebrates	
<u><i>Acetes americanus</i></u>	(Sergestid shrimp)
<u><i>Agriopoma texasanum</i></u>	Texas venus
<u><i>Albunea gibbesii</i></u>	Surf mole crab
<u><i>Albunea paretii</i></u>	Beach mole crab
<u><i>Alpheua formosus</i></u>	Striped snapping shrimp
<u><i>Alpheus estuariensis</i></u>	Estuarine snapping shrimp
<u><i>Alpheus armillatus</i></u>	Banded river shrimp
<u><i>Amaea mitchelli</i></u>	Mitchell's wentletrap
<u><i>Anachis avara</i></u>	Greedy dovesnail
<u><i>Anadara brasiliiana</i></u>	Incongruous ark
<u><i>Anadara floridana</i></u>	Cut-ribbed ark
<u><i>Anadara ovalis</i></u>	Blood ark
<u><i>Anadara transversa</i></u>	Transverse ark
<u><i>Anatina anatina</i></u>	Smooth duckclam
<u><i>Anasimus latus</i></u>	Stilt spider crab
<u><i>Anomalocardia auberiana</i></u>	Pointed-venus
<u><i>Anomia simplex</i></u>	Common jingle
<u><i>Aplysia brasiliiana</i></u>	Sooty seahare
<u><i>Arbacia punctulata</i></u>	Red sea urchin
<u><i>Arca imbricata</i></u>	Mossy ark
<u><i>Architectonica nobilis</i></u>	Common sundial
<u><i>Arcinella cornuta</i></u>	Florida spiny jewelbox
<u><i>Arenaeus cribarius</i></u>	Speckled swimming crab
<u><i>Argopecten gibbus</i></u>	Atlantic calico scallop
<u><i>Argopecten irradians</i></u>	Bay scallop
<u><i>Armina tigrina</i></u>	Tiger armina
<u><i>Astropecten duplicatus</i></u>	Two-spined starfish
<u><i>Atrina serrata</i></u>	Sawtooth pen shell
<u><i>Aurelia aurita</i></u>	Moon jellyfish
<u><i>Barbatia candida</i></u>	White-beard ark
<u><i>Beroe ovata</i></u>	Sea walnut
<u><i>Brachidontes exustus</i></u>	Scorched mussel
<u><i>Brissopsis alta</i></u>	Heart urchin
<u><i>Bulla striata</i></u>	Striate bubble
<u><i>Bursatella leachii pleii</i></u>	Ragged seahare
<u><i>Busycon sinistrum</i></u>	Lightning whelk
<u><i>Busycotypus spiratus</i></u>	Pearwhelk
<u><i>Calappa flammea</i></u>	Flame box crab
<u><i>Calappa ocellata</i></u>	Ocellate box crab
<u><i>Calappa sulcata</i></u>	Yellow box crab
<u><i>Callianassa louisianensis</i></u>	Gulf estuarine ghost shrimp
<u><i>Callinectes marginatus</i></u>	(Sargassum crab)
<u><i>Callinectes sapidus</i></u>	Blue crab
<u><i>Callinectes similis</i></u>	Lesser blue crab
<u><i>Cancellaria reticulata</i></u>	Common nutmeg
<u><i>Cantharus cancellarius</i></u>	Cancellate cantharus
<u><i>Cerithidea pliculosa</i></u>	Plicate hornsail
<u><i>Cerithium lutosum</i></u>	Variable cerith
<u><i>Chasmocarcinus mississippiensis</i></u>	Roughrist soft crab
<u><i>Chione cancellata</i></u>	Cross-barred venus

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Scientific Name	Common Name
<u>Chione clenchi</u>	Clench venus
<u>Chione intapurpurea</u>	Lady-in-waiting venus
<u>Chiropsalmus quadrumanus</u>	Sea wasp
<u>Chrysaora quinquecirrha</u>	Sea nettle
<u>Claassenia</u> sp.	Stonefly (nymph)
Class Malacostraca	(Malacostracan crustacean)
<u>Clibanarius vittatus</u>	Thinstripe hermit
<u>Conus stimpsoni</u>	Yellow cone
<u>Crassostrea virginica</u>	Eastern oyster
<u>Crepidula convexa</u>	Convex slippersnail
<u>Crepidula fornicate</u>	Common Atlantic slippersnail
<u>Crepidula plana</u>	Eastern white slippersnail
<u>Cyphoma gibbosum</u>	Flamingo tongue
<u>Cyclinella tenuis</u>	Thin cyclinella
<u>Cyrtopleura costata</u>	Angelwing
<u>Dardanus fucosus</u>	Bareye hermit
<u>Dinocardium robustum</u>	Atlantic giant-cockle
<u>Distorsio clathrata</u>	Atlantic distorsio
<u>Donax variabilis</u>	Variable coquina
<u>Dosinia discus</u>	Disk dosinia
<u>Dromidia antillensis</u>	Hairy sponge crab
<u>Dyspanopeus texana</u>	Gulf grassflat crab
<u>Echinometra lucunter</u>	Rock-boring urchin
<u>Emerita portoricensis</u>	Puerto Rican sand crab
<u>Ensis minor</u>	Minor jackknife
<u>Euceramus praelongus</u>	Olivepit porcelain crab
<u>Eurypanopeus abbreviatus</u>	Lobate mud crab
<u>Eurypanopeus depressus</u>	Flatback mud crab
<u>Exhippolysmata oplophoroides</u>	Redleg humpback shrimp
Family Amphinomidae	Family bristle worms
Family Ogyrididae	Family longeye shrimps
<u>Fasciolaria lilium</u> <u>lilium</u>	Banded tulip
<u>Glypturus acanthochirus</u>	Ghost shrimp
<u>Haminoea antillarum</u>	Antilles glassy-bubble
<u>Haminoea succinea</u>	Amber glassy-bubble
<u>Hepatus epheliticus</u>	Calico box crab
<u>Hepatus pudibundus</u>	Flecked box crab
<u>Heterocrypta granulata</u>	Smooth elbow crab
<u>Hexapanopeus angustifrons</u>	Smooth mud crab
<u>Hexapanopeus paulensis</u>	Knobbed mud crab
<u>Hypoconcha arcuata</u>	Granulate shellback shrimp
<u>Hypoconcha sabulosa</u>	Shellback crab (Dromiid)
<u>Ischadium recurvum</u>	Hooked mussel
<u>Isocheles wurdemanni</u>	Surf hermit
<u>Isonychia</u> sp.	Mayfly (nymph)
<u>Laevicardium mortoni</u>	Morton eggcockle
<u>Latreutes fucorum</u>	Slender sargassum shrimp
<u>Latreutes parvulus</u>	Sargassum shrimp
<u>Leander tenuicornis</u>	Brown grass shrimp
<u>Leiоламбрис nitidus</u>	White elbow crab
<u>Lepidopatra benedicti</u>	(Gulf mole crab)
<u>Libinia dubia</u>	Longnose spider crab
<u>Libinia emarginata</u>	Portly spider crab
<u>Littorina irrorata</u>	Marsh periwinkle
<u>Loligo pealei</u>	Longfin squid
<u>Loligo pleii</u>	Arrow squid

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<u>Lolliguncula brevis</u>	Atlantic brief squid
<u>Lucifer faxoni</u>	Sergestid shrimp
<u>Lucina pectinata</u>	Thick lucine
<u>Luidia alternata</u>	Banded sea star
<u>Luidia clathrata</u>	Large sea star
<u>Lysiosquilla scabricauda</u>	(Giant) mantis shrimp
<u>Lysmata wurdemanni</u>	Peppermint shrimp
<u>Lytechinus variegatus</u>	Short spined sea urchin
<u>Macoma brevifrons</u>	Short macoma
<u>Macoma mitchelli</u>	Mitchell macoma
<u>Macrobrachium acanthurus</u>	Cinnamon river shrimp
<u>Macrobrachium ohioe</u>	Ohio shrimp
<u>Macrobranchium olfersi</u>	Bristled river shrimp
<u>Macrobranchium sp.</u>	(River shrimp-unidentified)
<u>Macrocallista maculata</u>	Calico clam
<u>Mactra fragilis</u>	Fragile Atlantic mactra
<u>Melampus bidentatus</u>	Eastern melampus
<u>Mellita quinquiesperforata</u>	Five-lunuled sand dollar
<u>Menippe adina</u>	Gulf stone crab
<u>Mercenaria campechiensis</u>	Southern quahog
<u>Mercenaria campechiensis texana</u>	Texas quahog
<u>Metoporaphis calcarata</u>	False arrow crab
<u>Mnemiopsis mccradyi</u>	Phosphorus jelly
<u>Molgula manhattensis</u>	Sea squirt
<u>Mulinia lateralis</u>	Dwarf surf clam
<u>Muricanthus fluvescens</u>	Giant eastern murex
<u>Nassarius vibex</u>	Bruised nassa
<u>Nemopsis bachei</u>	(Hydromedusa)
<u>Neritina virginaea</u>	Virgin nerite
<u>Neverita duplicata</u>	Shark eye
<u>Noetia ponderosa</u>	Ponderous ark
<u>Octopus vulgaris</u>	Common octopus
<u>Oculina diffusa</u>	Ivory coral
<u>Ocypode quadrata</u>	Atlantic ghost crab
<u>Oliva sayana</u>	Lettered olive
<u>Ophiolepis elegans</u>	Brittle star
<u>Orchestia grillus</u>	Beach flea (amphipod)
<u>Ostreola equestris</u>	Crested oyster
<u>Ovalipes floridanus</u>	Florida lady crab
<u>Paguristes hummi</u>	(Blue spot hermit crab)
<u>Pagurus annulipes</u>	(Brown-banded hermit crab)
<u>Pagurus brevidactylus</u>	Short-fingered hermit
<u>Pagurus impressus</u>	Dimpled hermit
<u>Pagurus longicarpus</u>	Longwrist hermit
<u>Pagurus pollicaris</u>	Flatclaw hermit
<u>Palaemonetes pugio</u>	Daggerblade grass shrimp
<u>Palaemonetes vulgaris</u>	Marsh grass shrimp
<u>Panopeus simpsoni</u>	Oystershell mud crab
<u>Paranthus rapiformis</u>	Onion anemone
<u>Parthenope serrata</u>	Sawtooth elbow crab
<u>Pelia mutica</u>	Cryptic teardrop crab
<u>Penaeus aztecus</u>	Brown shrimp
<u>Penaeus duorarum</u>	Pink shrimp
<u>Penaeus setiferus</u>	White shrimp
<u>Perna perna</u>	Edible brown mussel
<u>Persephona crinita</u>	Pink purse crab

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<u>Persephona mediterranea</u>	Mottled purse crab
<u>Petrochirus diogenes</u>	Giant hermit
<u>Petrolisthes armatus</u>	Green porcelain crab
<u>Phalium granulatum</u>	Scotch bonnet
<u>Physalia physalis</u>	Portuguese man-of-war
<u>Pinnotheres maculatus</u>	Squatter pea crab
<u>Pisania tincta</u>	Tinted canthurus
<u>Pleurobranchaea tarda</u>	(Side-gilled slug)
<u>Pleuroploca gigantea</u>	Horse conch
<u>Podochela riisei</u>	Longfinger neck crab
<u>Podochela sidneyi</u>	Shortfinger neck crab
<u>Polycera hummi</u>	Hummm's polycera
<u>Polymesoda maritima</u>	Southern marshclam
<u>Porcellana sayana</u>	Spotted porcelain crab
<u>Porcellana sigsbeiana</u>	Striped porcelain crab
<u>Portunus anceps</u>	Delicate swimming crab
<u>Portunus gibbesii</u>	Iridescent swimming crab
<u>Portunus sayi</u>	Sargassum swimming crab
<u>Portunus spinicarpus</u>	Longspine swimming crab
<u>Portunus spinimanus</u>	Blotched swimming crab
<u>Portunus ventralis</u>	(Portunid swimming crab)
<u>Procambarus clarkii</u>	Red swamp crawfish
<u>Pseudocyphoma intermedium</u>	Intermediate cyphoma
<u>Rangia cuneata</u>	Atlantic rangia
<u>Rangia flexuosa</u>	Brown rangia
<u>Raninoides louisianensis</u>	Gulf frog crab
<u>Renilla mulleri</u>	Sea pansy
<u>Rhithropanopeus harrisii</u>	Harris mud crab
<u>Scyllaea pelagica</u>	Sargassum nudibranch
<u>Sesarma reticulatum</u>	Heavy marsh crab
<u>Sicyonia brevirostris</u>	Brown rock shrimp
<u>Sicyonia dorsalis</u>	Lesser rock shrimp
<u>Sicyonia stimpsoni</u>	Eyespot rock shrimp
<u>Sicyonia typica</u>	Kinglet rock shrimp
<u>Simnialena marferula</u>	Sea-whip simnia
<u>Sinum perspectivum</u>	White baby-ear
<u>Solariorbis blakei</u>	(Vitrinella)
<u>Solenocera vioscai</u>	Humpback shrimp
<u>Speocarcinus lobatus</u>	Gulf squareback crab
<u>Spisula lidissima</u>	Atlantic surfclam
<u>Squilla chydaea</u>	(Offshore mantis shrimp)
<u>Squilla empusa</u>	Mantis shrimp
<u>Squilla neglecta</u>	Lesser mantis shrimp
<u>Stenorhynchus seticornis</u>	Yellowline arrow crab
<u>Stomolophus meleagris</u>	Cabbagehead
<u>Strombus alatus</u>	Florida fighting conch
Suborder Zygoptera	(Damselfly nymphs)
<u>Synalpheus fritzmuelleri</u>	Speckled snapping shrimp
<u>Tagelus plebeius</u>	Stout tagelus
<u>Tellina alternata</u>	Alternate tellin
<u>Tellina tampaensis</u>	Tampa tellin
<u>Terebra protexta</u>	Fine-ribbed auger
<u>Thais haemastoma floridana</u>	Florida rocksail
<u>Thyone mexicana</u>	Sea cucumber
<u>Tonna galea</u>	Giant tun
<u>Tozeuma carolinense</u>	Arrow shrimp

Table A.8. (Cont.)

Scientific Name	Common Name
<u>Trachycardium muricatum</u>	Yellow pricklycockle
<u>Trachypenaeus constrictus</u>	Roughneck shrimp
<u>Trachypenaeus similis</u>	Roughback shrimp
<u>Uca panacea</u>	Gulf sand fiddler
<u>Uca spinicarpa</u>	Spined fiddler
<u>Upogebia affinis</u>	Coastal mud shrimp
<u>Velella velella</u>	By-the-wind sailor
<u>Xiphopenaeus kroyeri</u>	Seabob

Appendix B. Summary of hydrological data collected for gill net, bay bag seine, oyster dredge, and bay and gulf trawl samples.

Table B.1. Mean surface salinity (σ/σ_0) at sampled gill net sites by bay system during spring and fall, 1975-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine		East		San		Corpus		Upper		Lower		
	Spring	Fall	Galveston	Matagorda	Matacanda	Antonio	Aransas	Christi	Laguna Madre	Laguna Madre	Coastwide	Spring	Fall
1975	ND	ND	ND	13.9	ND	ND	22.3	ND	17.6	ND	20.0	ND	25.8
1976	ND	ND	ND	19.6	ND	20.7	0.0	18.8	ND	17.9	ND	14.9	35.5
1977	ND	ND	15.4	23.2	14.2	18.6	19.3	15.0	14.3	19.1	9.0	19.1	30.9
1978	ND	ND	18.5	21.3	20.8	18.4	19.2	15.6	26.1	13.9	19.0	12.5	26.5
1979	ND	ND	7.6	13.3	14.0	11.8	11.1	9.6	7.5	12.3	9.4	7.7	18.2
1980	ND	ND	11.3	22.7	17.0	24.1	14.3	23.4	20.8	18.2	17.4	19.7	30.0
1981	ND	ND	25.8	10.3	26.8	17.5	20.1	13.7	19.0	10.8	20.3	8.4	29.4
1982	ND	ND	12.1	20.5	18.3	24.1	12.4	23.0	17.3	26.9	12.1	25.1	23.6
1983	ND	ND	14.8	11.4	17.5	13.4	20.1	12.7	19.5	17.3	21.6	7.8	29.3
1984	ND	ND	21.4	19.0	23.1	15.8	23.9	19.0	27.4	29.6	22.1	26.8	30.2
1985	ND	ND	18.0	22.3	14.7	23.5	11.0	23.3	12.8	23.7	13.4	24.2	22.3
1986	11.7	13.1	15.0	20.9	25.3	14.1	23.9	22.3	21.9	23.0	21.4	24.4	30.9
1987	8.2	14.3	19.7	21.5	15.8	13.7	16.1	20.4	12.3	16.1	16.7	13.5	32.8
1988	7.8	12.1	18.3	21.8	24.9	27.3	25.4	32.4	23.8	23.0	21.3	24.8	33.6
1989	5.5	8.7	15.9	14.8	26.0	26.4	26.5	28.4	26.5	29.9	30.8	34.3	35.3
1990	2.0	10.4	12.4	19.3	19.2	27.8	19.6	25.3	23.7	24.3	27.0	22.2	31.5
1991	0.2	5.4	9.4	17.4	11.7	19.4	11.2	19.5	16.3	25.1	16.9	18.4	26.9
1992	2.0	12.1	10.4	22.4	11.5	23.4	5.7	23.1	2.7	20.9	4.1	17.6	16.7
1993	2.1	8.3	12.1	21.2	11.5	25.9	10.8	24.5	9.2	17.5	10.2	18.7	26.5
1994	1.4	5.1	11.3	12.3	21.7	24.3	18.2	18.8	12.2	18.5	17.3	22.4	27.7
1995	0.2	8.0	9.9	19.7	14.8	24.6	13.6	21.9	17.4	23.5	18.3	22.8	26.1
1996	10.7	9.1	23.9	20.1	28.1	20.8	30.4	23.9	26.1	26.4	30.9	31.6	33.8
1997	2.4	10.7	11.1	18.8	7.6	17.7	6.5	9.3	9.0	11.5	10.7	7.5	27.7

Table B.2. Mean surface water temperature (C) at sampled gill net sites by bay system during spring and fall, 1975-97.
ND = no data.

Year	Sabine		East		Matagorda		San		Corpus		Upper		Lower		
	Spring	Fall	Lake	Galveston	Spring	Fall	Antonio	Spring	Aansas	Christi	Laguna	Madre	Coastwide	Spring	Fall
1975	ND	ND	20.8	ND	ND	ND	21.3	ND	22.4	ND	23.9	ND	24.4	ND	21.6
1976	ND	ND	30.0	18.2	ND	14.5	ND	24.8	ND	24.0	ND	24.2	ND	20.8	29.0
1977	ND	ND	24.9	20.6	25.0	21.3	25.3	23.1	25.8	23.3	25.6	22.7	25.5	21.3	21.7
1978	ND	ND	26.5	21.5	25.6	24.2	25.8	24.1	25.1	24.2	26.3	24.7	27.3	23.5	22.4
1979	ND	ND	26.5	22.8	27.5	23.4	27.3	23.6	27.3	24.2	26.8	24.0	27.1	24.5	24.1
1980	ND	ND	25.9	24.5	25.9	23.6	26.0	25.7	26.8	24.6	26.8	24.1	27.0	25.2	25.6
1981	ND	ND	27.1	25.4	27.3	23.1	26.0	24.6	27.4	25.0	27.4	24.7	27.3	25.3	27.0
1982	ND	ND	26.1	24.6	26.9	25.1	27.2	24.6	25.7	25.6	26.2	24.1	26.3	24.1	25.2
1983	ND	ND	25.7	25.3	25.8	25.9	25.0	25.6	25.6	25.3	26.2	25.2	26.6	24.1	24.8
1984	ND	ND	26.7	25.0	25.7	27.2	25.1	25.3	26.0	25.0	25.8	25.2	27.4	27.0	25.7
1985	ND	ND	27.9	25.5	28.6	25.6	27.5	25.1	26.3	27.3	27.5	25.8	26.2	27.0	25.2
1986	26.8	26.3	26.4	25.1	27.0	23.9	26.3	25.4	27.2	25.4	27.9	24.8	27.3	26.9	25.2
1987	25.7	24.0	26.4	24.0	27.1	24.5	26.4	25.1	26.7	26.3	26.4	24.8	25.9	24.1	24.8
1988	25.5	26.2	25.3	25.8	26.3	25.0	26.9	24.9	27.3	26.9	25.9	24.8	25.9	26.8	26.0
1989	25.0	24.9	25.7	24.0	28.2	25.6	26.4	24.3	26.6	24.1	26.6	24.1	25.0	27.3	25.5
1990	23.3	25.7	24.7	23.9	27.8	25.5	26.8	24.7	25.6	25.2	27.0	25.0	27.6	28.2	27.4
1991	27.0	24.9	24.3	23.8	27.8	24.1	26.5	23.6	26.7	25.4	27.0	23.2	28.1	26.6	25.3
1992	28.0	23.5	26.3	23.0	24.8	24.6	24.3	24.3	26.7	24.3	27.3	24.7	26.8	25.2	25.0
1993	25.9	22.9	25.8	22.4	26.9	24.1	25.6	23.2	26.1	24.0	26.3	24.0	25.8	27.4	25.8
1994	27.1	25.1	26.7	24.9	27.1	26.3	26.6	26.2	25.4	26.0	27.2	26.5	27.4	27.0	26.1
1995	26.0	24.8	26.1	24.7	26.6	25.5	25.8	25.1	26.6	25.2	26.9	25.9	27.3	26.4	25.5
1996	27.4	24.7	27.4	25.2	27.9	26.6	27.2	26.0	27.8	26.0	27.6	26.5	27.1	26.7	26.6
1997	25.6	22.8	26.4	22.8	26.0	24.5	25.5	23.1	26.7	22.9	27.0	23.7	27.2	24.5	23.4

Table B.3. Annual mean surface turbidity at sampled gill net sites by bay system during spring and fall 1975-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine		East		San		Corpus		Upper		Lower	
	Lake		Galveston	Matagorda	Matagorda	Antonio	Aransas	Christi	Laguna	Madre	Laguna	Madre
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Jackson Turbidity Units												
1975	ND	ND	ND	53	ND	ND	43	ND	24	ND	28	ND
1976	ND	ND	109	52	ND	157	ND	25	ND	24	ND	37
1977	ND	ND	80	75	118	47	46	68	49	13	41	50
1978	ND	ND	47	44	36	16	68	74	55	20	55	50
1979	ND	ND	153	72	38	28	74	66	80	22	70	48
1980	ND	ND	99	69	67	49	74	33	17	19	53	55
1981	ND	ND	68	68	63	64	82	64	81	21	43	49
1982	ND	ND	66	56	82	55	75	47	35	27	91	54
1983	ND	ND	57	63	61	27	50	40	41	32	49	39
1984	ND	ND	43	34	27	25	35	45	47	40	39	47
1985	ND	ND	26	29	59	37	52	51	57	49	46	39
1986	43	28	32	35	64	37	60	31	46	32	38	43
Nephelometric Units												
1987	30	18	18	17	42	19	28	19	26	15	11	7
1988	21	11	16	11	29	19	16	22	21	13	16	24
1989	25	9	12	9	16	22	36	15	30	12	8	18
1990	16	8	9	13	23	13	26	15	38	15	21	13
1991	15	6	20	8	50	21	29	15	19	13	23	13
1992	20	11	21	10	22	12	46	17	52	14	41	14
1993	24	11	24	16	35	14	46	16	29	11	24	17
1994	13	13	19	23	23	15	27	26	19	9	21	10
1995	26	8	38	11	47	20	39	20	21	8	22	13
1996	23	11	27	11	40	26	39	18	30	9	23	10
1997	20	9	19	18	47	23	44	33	27	24	22	14

Table B.4. Annual mean surface salinity (o/oo) at sampled bag seine sites by bay system during 1977-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine	Lake	East	San	Corpus	Upper	Lower	Coastwide
			Galveston	Matagorda	Antonio	Laguna	Madre	
1977	ND	21.9	ND	17.6	17.7	20.9	33.8	33.0
1978	ND	21.8	ND	19.7	20.6	19.9	39.5	29.2
1979	ND	12.2	ND	11.4	11.8	11.1	23.9	31.9
1980	ND	20.9	ND	19.9	21.0	19.8	28.1	29.6
1981	ND	18.2	ND	19.2	15.6	12.1	25.0	26.0
1982	ND	15.9	ND	18.2	17.0	17.6	27.6	29.8
1983	ND	12.2	15.4	16.5	17.3	16.8	27.5	36.4
1984	ND	19.5	17.8	21.6	23.2	22.6	31.8	39.5
1985	ND	17.0	16.9	19.7	17.5	19.7	28.1	36.7
1986	10.1	16.1	20.1	19.8	17.0	23.5	32.6	39.7
1987	7.6	18.1	15.3	15.4	10.8	13.7	28.7	31.4
1988	7.7	20.2	26.5	27.4	22.6	24.3	35.2	44.9
1989	6.6	15.1	26.9	26.9	27.4	31.4	35.6	48.6
1990	6.4	16.9	23.6	24.8	23.6	26.7	32.4	47.7
1991	2.6	12.4	17.3	16.7	19.3	17.7	30.8	40.0
1992	5.3	15.2	15.4	13.5	9.4	10.7	22.4	25.3
1993	4.3	12.6	18.2	17.1	13.9	13.8	27.6	27.7
1994	4.3	13.5	22.7	18.8	15.4	21.5	30.3	34.7
1995	3.4	14.6	19.6	18.5	18.8	21.1	28.9	37.5
1996	10.4	20.2	26.2	25.8	26.0	30.9	36.4	44.5
1997	7.6	14.7	13.1	10.7	13.8	14.2	28.1	35.0

Table B.5. Annual mean surface temperature (C) at sampled bag seine sites by bay system during 1977-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine Lake	Galveston	East Matagorda	Matagorda	San Antonio	Corpus Christi	Upper Laguna Madre			Lower Laguna Madre		Coastwide
							Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower		
1977	ND	20.3	ND	20.9	21.7	20.8	20.4	20.6	20.5	20.7		
1978	ND	21.4	ND	20.2	21.6	22.3	21.3	22.3	22.4	21.6		
1979	ND	22.8	ND	22.8	23.3	23.2	23.6	21.8	23.1	22.9		
1980	ND	23.9	ND	21.9	23.2	23.6	23.4	24.6	24.3	23.5		
1981	ND	22.5	ND	21.5	22.4	23.7	22.6	24.1	24.6	23.0		
1982	ND	23.9	ND	23.3	23.1	24.2	23.4	24.1	23.9	23.7		
1983	ND	24.0	23.6	21.9	21.7	24.3	24.3	25.4	24.9	23.8		
1984	ND	23.9	22.3	22.5	21.9	24.0	23.3	24.0	24.2	23.4		
1985	ND	24.4	24.1	23.5	24.0	23.9	23.5	23.5	24.4	24.0		
1986	23.7	24.2	23.4	23.3	23.5	25.2	23.6	24.5	25.0	24.2		
1987	22.0	22.8	23.8	23.4	22.2	23.1	24.1	24.2	23.8	23.2		
1988	21.7	23.4	23.9	23.4	21.1	24.3	23.3	23.9	25.1	23.5		
1989	21.4	23.1	22.9	22.3	23.0	22.8	24.3	25.0	25.0	23.4		
1990	21.7	22.6	24.7	23.6	23.0	24.4	24.9	24.9	25.5	23.9		
1991	22.9	22.3	24.5	22.2	23.2	23.1	24.8	25.0	25.4	23.5		
1992	22.2	21.7	22.2	21.4	23.3	22.6	23.4	24.3	25.9	23.0		
1993	22.4	22.2	24.3	22.9	22.5	23.9	23.6	23.4	25.1	23.2		
1994	23.1	23.1	24.5	23.3	22.8	25.0	25.0	24.6	25.7	24.1		
1995	22.2	23.3	25.0	23.9	24.4	24.3	25.2	24.7	25.8	24.3		
1996	22.8	23.4	24.4	24.0	23.6	24.7	25.0	25.0	25.5	24.3		
1997	22.1	22.8	22.7	22.3	22.4	22.4	23.7	24.6	25.4	23.2		

Table B.6. Annual mean surface turbidity at sampled bag seine sites by bay system during 1977-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine	Lake	Galveston	Matagorda	Matansas	Antonio	Aransas	Corpus	Christi	Upper	Lower	
	Turbidity	Units								Laguna	Madre	Coastwide
Jackson Turbidity Units												
1977	ND	94		ND	60	27		50	40	50	30	55
1978	ND	78		ND	55	33		41	43	51	34	51
1979	ND	90		ND	70	31		53	44	47	59	60
1980	ND	90		ND	42	24		47	52	75	73	61
1981	ND	87		ND	54	25		65	44	107	95	71
1982	ND	105		ND	50	31		60	46	69	87	69
1983	ND	96		88	54	30		51	46	57	48	58
1984	ND	79		42	41	36		48	41	82	61	57
1985	ND	52		67	45	54		47	40	108	68	59
1986	46	84		59	46	51		46	44	60	80	61
Nephelometric Units												
1987	24	28		39	36	32		9	26	15	17	24
1988	26	26		28	29	29		28	20	22	24	26
1989	25	29		26	25	40		22	20	22	22	26
1990	21	29		26	30	31		23	21	20	23	26
1991	28	25		32	33	42		25	17	21	15	26
1992	24	23		34	41	43		31	21	17	25	29
1993	21	30		27	38	24		30	23	26	36	30
1994	21	24		31	26	25		17	17	10	40	24
1995	27	30		33	32	24		27	17	12	27	26
1996	34	25		44	33	24		21	16	17	25	25
1997	26	26		45	52	31		24	16	18	28	29

Table B.7. Annual mean bottom salinity (o/oo) at sampled oyster dredge "reef" sites in Texas bay systems from 1984-97.
 ND = no data.

Year	San					Coastwide
	Galveston	Matagorda	Antonio	Aransas		
1984	16.7	ND	ND	ND	ND	16.7
1985	17.6	ND	ND	ND	ND	17.6
1986	15.5	22.0	18.2	21.0	18.9	
1987	16.3	16.6	10.9	14.2	14.5	
1988	19.6	28.1	22.9	25.0	23.7	
1989	16.0	29.2	27.9	29.7	25.1	
1990	16.0	24.4	24.1	26.2	22.3	
1991	12.3	17.4	19.5	18.6	16.7	
1992	14.9	11.8	9.2	8.7	11.4	
1993	13.5	15.9	13.2	14.5	14.2	
1994	13.7	19.4	17.4	19.8	16.8	
1995	14.7	17.8	18.7	20.2	17.1	
1996	22.2	25.6	27.6	29.9	25.2	
1997	15.5	10.8	13.5	15.5	14.0	

Table B.8. Annual mean bottom temperature (C) at sampled oyster dredge "reef" sites in Texas bay systems from 1984-97.
ND = no data

Year	Galveston			San			Coastwide
	Matagorda	Antonio	Aansas	ND	ND	ND	
1984	21.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	20.9
1985	22.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	22.0
1986	22.8	22.4	22.3	22.1	22.1	22.4	
1987	21.2	22.2	21.4	19.9	19.9	21.3	
1988	21.6	21.8	21.6	22.0	22.0	21.7	
1989	20.9	20.8	21.6	20.4	20.4	21.0	
1990	21.7	22.6	22.6	23.0	23.0	22.4	
1991	21.6	21.9	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.7	
1992	21.8	20.8	22.6	21.4	21.4	21.7	
1993	21.4	22.2	21.9	21.0	21.0	21.6	
1994	22.0	22.5	23.3	21.4	21.4	22.2	
1995	21.5	22.4	23.4	22.6	22.6	22.2	
1996	21.7	22.6	22.5	21.8	21.8	22.0	
1997	22.0	21.8	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.8	

Table B.9. Annual mean bottom turbidity at sampled oyster dredge "reef sites" in Texas bay systems from 1984-97. ND = no data.

Year	Galveston	Matagorda	San Antonio	Aransas	Coastwide
Jackson Turbidity Units					
1984	25	ND	ND	ND	25
1985	47	ND	ND	ND	47
1986	40	51	48	37	45
Nephelometric Units					
1987	14	22	30	8	20
1988	15	21	16	16	17
1989	19	20	27	16	21
1990	14	22	26	16	20
1991	16	23	23	20	21
1992	15	32	37	31	26
1993	21	24	20	22	22
1994	17	18	16	16	17
1995	19	20	16	15	18
1996	15	29	21	14	20
1997	16	40	26	20	24

Table B.10. Annual mean bottom salinity (o/oo) at sampled bay trawl sites in Texas bay systems from 1977-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine Lake	Galveston East	Matagorda	Matagorda	San Antonio	Corpus Christi	Upper Laguna	Lower Laguna	Madre Madre	Coastwide
1977	ND	20.5	ND	17.9	13.9	19.5	ND	ND	ND	18.5
1978	ND	20.1	ND	19.3	14.7	20.6	ND	ND	ND	19.0
1979	ND	9.0	ND	10.3	5.7	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.8
1980	ND	22.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	22.8
1981	ND	16.0	ND	22.4	16.3	19.2	30.3	34.1	35.8	21.3
1982	ND	10.7	ND	20.4	16.9	19.6	29.8	36.9	33.0	19.1
1983	ND	18.5	ND	25.2	22.9	25.2	32.5	40.0	31.0	24.6
1984	ND	17.0	ND	21.0	16.2	21.2	29.8	37.3	33.1	21.5
1985	ND	7.8	14.8	ND	24.5	17.3	22.7	31.1	39.6	36.1
1986	7.3	15.1	16.7	20.6	9.9	18.1	27.5	31.9	33.3	18.6
1988	7.8	19.2	28.7	29.6	21.7	25.7	34.9	45.0	34.8	25.6
1989	6.2	16.4	27.6	30.2	26.8	30.4	35.4	49.3	35.9	26.1
1990	5.7	15.1	25.8	26.1	21.6	27.0	32.0	48.6	36.3	23.4
1991	2.2	11.9	18.7	20.4	17.7	20.0	29.9	41.4	31.5	19.2
1992	5.5	13.6	16.6	15.0	7.9	10.7	22.9	24.6	30.7	15.0
1993	3.1	13.8	18.9	18.5	12.4	16.9	28.6	28.0	30.9	17.6
1994	3.4	13.2	25.2	21.4	15.7	21.0	30.8	35.4	32.9	19.5
1995	4.5	13.6	21.7	22.1	18.8	20.5	29.7	38.3	32.9	20.2
1996	11.0	21.8	27.2	27.7	25.9	30.7	36.7	45.7	34.5	27.4
1997	5.8	13.5	15.0	13.5	13.8	17.9	29.6	36.5	32.8	17.4

Table B.11. Annual mean bottom temperature (C) at sampled bay trawl sites in Texas bay systems from 1977-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine	East	San	Corpus	Upper	Lower
	Lake Galveston	Matagorda	Antonio	Aransas	Laguna	Laguna
				Christi	Madre	Coastwide
1977	ND	18.7	ND	17.9	21.1	17.8
1978	ND	21.6	ND	23.5	24.2	24.8
1979	ND	22.5	ND	21.6	25.5	ND
1980	ND	23.8	ND	ND	ND	ND
1981	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1982	ND	21.8	ND	24.8	23.3	23.1
1983	ND	21.5	ND	21.7	21.7	22.3
1984	ND	22.2	ND	22.8	21.6	23.4
1985	ND	21.9	ND	22.5	22.5	21.7
1986	22.1	22.2	ND	23.3	23.1	22.1
1987	20.0	21.5	24.3	21.9	21.8	21.3
1988	21.8	21.8	21.1	20.2	22.1	21.3
1989	20.8	20.4	21.0	20.5	21.1	20.5
1990	21.2	21.4	22.7	22.6	21.9	22.6
1991	21.7	21.5	22.0	21.5	22.2	21.7
1992	20.7	21.6	20.6	21.1	22.6	21.4
1993	21.0	20.9	22.2	22.2	22.5	21.8
1994	22.1	22.2	22.6	22.6	22.7	20.9
1995	22.0	21.8	22.6	23.0	23.3	22.5
1996	22.0	21.2	22.4	23.2	22.0	22.7
1997	21.6	21.6	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.9

Table B.12. Annual mean bottom turbidity at sampled bay trawl sites in Texas bay systems from 1983-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine	East	San	Corpus	Upper	Lower
	Lake	Galveston	Matagorda	Antonio	Laguna	Laguna
	Matagorda	Aransas	Christi	Madre	Madre	Coastwide
Jackson Turbidity Units						
1983	ND	101	ND	25	26	105
1984	ND	75	ND	30	30	71
1985	ND	41	ND	33	55	42
1986	35	37	ND	45	53	41
Nephelometric Units						
1987	15	17	19	22	29	7
1988	17	14	20	23	17	13
1989	16	18	27	19	22	19
1990	13	18	20	15	28	17
1991	18	16	22	19	22	19
1992	19	18	17	24	37	30
1993	16	24	17	19	19	22
1994	17	19	14	13	17	16
1995	17	20	24	18	19	17
1996	16	15	26	22	32	13
1997	19	18	30	26	34	16

Table B.13. Annual mean bottom salinity (o/oo) at sampled gulf trawl sites in the Texas Territorial Sea 1985-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine Lake	Galveston	O'Connor	Port Aransas	Port Isabel	Port Coastwide
1985	ND	30.6	32.3	30.9	31.7	31.4
1986	29.1	29.7	32.4	30.5	32.7	30.9
1987	27.4	28.8	33.5	34.4	34.4	31.7
1988	27.3	28.3	30.7	32.4	35.0	30.7
1989	25.4	29.9	32.9	30.9	33.7	30.6
1990	25.3	29.5	30.5	32.4	33.9	30.3
1991	23.7	28.5	31.0	31.9	31.2	29.3
1992	26.5	29.4	31.5	32.4	30.7	30.1
1993	23.1	27.3	28.9	34.5	30.8	28.9
1994	21.4	27.2	28.1	31.7	33.9	28.4
1995	26.1	28.0	31.5	31.2	33.4	30.0
1996	26.4	30.0	31.7	34.5	34.5	31.4
1997	27.1	27.8	31.1	32.0	33.6	30.3

Table B.14. Annual mean bottom temperature (C) at sampled gulf trawl sites in the Texas Territorial Sea 1985-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine Lake	Galveston	O'Connor	Port Aransas	Port Isabel	Port Coastwide
1985	ND	23.4	23.6	22.5	25.4	23.7
1986	25.6	22.0	22.8	22.3	22.7	23.1
1987	21.1	21.7	22.1	22.4	21.9	21.8
1988	21.1	21.6	21.2	22.2	21.8	21.6
1989	19.8	21.5	21.3	21.7	21.8	21.2
1990	21.3	21.9	21.8	22.2	21.8	21.8
1991	22.0	22.3	22.1	21.8	21.5	21.9
1992	19.9	21.5	20.9	22.5	20.9	21.1
1993	21.8	21.7	21.8	21.6	21.3	21.7
1994	22.1	22.2	21.9	22.2	22.0	22.1
1995	22.2	21.9	21.8	22.3	22.2	22.1
1996	21.6	21.8	21.8	21.9	21.1	21.7
1997	21.8	21.5	21.3	21.3	20.4	21.3

Table B.15. Annual mean bottom turbidity at sampled gulf trawl sites in the Texas Territorial Sea 1985-97. ND = no data.

Year	Sabine Lake	Galveston	Port O'Connor	Port Aransas	Port Isabel	Coastwide
Jackson Turbidity Units						
1985	ND	31	37	25	24	30
1986	30	24	29	24	24	26
Nephelometric Units						
1987	10	10	11	4	6	8
1988	6	9	10	4	4	7
1989	7	9	9	7	4	7
1990	9	11	7	8	3	8
1991	11	12	7	8	3	8
1992	13	10	10	10	4	9
1993	12	6	14	7	4	9
1994	10	8	5	5	4	6
1995	13	13	7	5	4	8
1996	14	10	9	6	3	8
1997	14	9	6	9	5	8

Appendix C. Summary of SEAMAP samples by year and depth zone for brown shrimp, white shrimp, pink shrimp and blue crab collected off Texas during 1982-97.

Table C.1. Mean catch rates (No./h) and mean size (mm) of select shellfishes caught during SEAMAP^a sampling off Texas during June-July 1982-97. Blanks indicate no measurement taken.

Year	Depth (m)	Samples (No.)	Brown Shrimp No./h Length	White Shrimp No./h Length	Pink Shrimp No./h Length	Blue Crab No./h Length
1982	0-18	22	1,222	108	15	161
	19-37	50	1,427	115	0	20
	38-55	29	138	145	0	<1
	56-73	5	117	179	0	126
	74-91	3	79	182	0	0
					0	0
1983	0-18	28	254	99	20	153
	19-37	47	1,445	119	1	167
	38-55	24	304	132	0	87
	56-73	8	66	156	0	1
	74-91	2	71	168	0	118
					0	0
1984	0-18	16	733	116	30	174
	19-37	40	1,594	116	1	168
	38-55	16	544	131	0	3
	56-73	12	194	138	0	150
	74-91	5	86	151	0	0
					0	0
1985	0-18	30	450	98	41	168
	19-37	40	1,362	112	2	167
	38-55	14	150	127	0	<1
	56-73	5	154	144	0	10
	74-91	1	36	179	0	131
					0	4

Table C.1. (Cont.)

Year	Depth (m)	Samples (No.)	Brown Shrimp No./h Length	White Shrimp No./h Length	Pink Shrimp No./h Length	Blue Crab No./h Length
1986	0-18	35	250	98	33	165
	19-37	43	809	108	0	42
	38-55	10	311	124	0	130
	56-73	5	176	136	0	0
	74-91	3	49	147	0	0
1987	0-18	74	189	103	15	159
	19-37	56	606	107	3	162
	38-55	17	26	142	0	<1
	56-73	8	16	177	0	180
	74-91	7	11	177	0	0
1988	0-18	75	227	106	4	166
	19-37	50	309	113	0	2
	38-55	17	18	126	0	0
	56-73	7	4	180	0	0
	74-91	7	3	198	0	0
1989	0-18	85	556	101	16	167
	19-37	54	928	118	4	126
	38-55	12	212	129	0	<1
	56-73	8	40	140	0	135
	74-91	7	11	159	0	0
1990	0-18	74	279	113	17	171
	19-37	48	850	123	1	156
	38-55	16	202	136	0	<1
	56-73	10	76	140	0	135
	74-91	8	16	154	0	0

Table C.1. (Cont.)

Year	Depth (m)	Samples (No.)	Brown Shrimp No./h Length	White Shrimp No./h Length	Pink Shrimp No./h Length	Blue Crab No./h Length
1991	0-18	92	202	106	31	167
	19-37	51	1,153	125	7	173
	38-55	20	186	143	0	<1
	56-73	10	76	171	0	157
	74-91	9	41	176	0	0
					0	0
1992	0-18	85	234	100	36	166
	19-37	58	217	127	<1	185
	38-55	17	22	158	0	0
	56-73	10	15	180	0	0
	74-91	8	10	186	0	0
					0	0
1993	0-18	89	121	104	16	171
	19-37	55	236	111	2	169
	38-55	22	69	139	0	176
	56-73	10	35	152	0	0
	74-91	2	34	169	0	0
					0	0
1994	0-18	93	113	109	9	169
	19-37	50	850	120	0	27
	38-55	19	46	151	0	0
	56-73	11	36	181	0	0
	74-91	3	12	181	0	0
					0	0
1995	0-18	88	343	105	19	165
	19-37	54	829	114	8	165
	38-55	20	101	125	0	<1
	56-73	11	106	148	0	0
	74-91	7	43	177	0	0
					0	0

Table C.1. (Cont.)

Year	Depth (m)	Samples (No.)	Brown Shrimp	White Shrimp	Pink Shrimp	Blue Crab
			No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length	No./h Length
1996	0-18	85	66	108	9	164
	19-37	60	332	108	<1	163
38-95	18	10	149	<1	105	30
56-73	13	28	176	0	0	106
74-91	9	24	142	0	0	0
						2
						120
1997	0-18	83	151	94	13	173
	19-37	61	302	106	<1	176
38-55	18	21	132	0	0	15
56-73	14	40	169	0	0	0
74-91	8	23	170	0	0	0
						10
						103
						1
						144

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Table C.2. Mean catch rates (No./h) and mean size (mm) of select shellfishes caught during SEAMAP^a sampling off Texas during November 1986-97. Blanks indicate no measurement taken.

Year	Depth (m)	Samples (No.)	Brown shrimp No./h	White shrimp No./h	Pink shrimp No./h	Blue crab No./h	Length
1986	0-18	12	71	77	26	0	0
	19-37	34	93	15	2	1	1
	38-55	26	68	0	0	0	0
	56-73	12	41	0	0	0	0
	74-91	4	22	0	0	0	0
1987	0-18	65	20	89	18	0	0
	19-37	40	50	7	2	<1	<1
	38-55	12	21	0	0	0	0
	56-73	2	6	0	0	0	0
	74-91	1	0	0	0	0	0
1988	0-18	77	21	98	9	0	0
	19-37	49	48	15	12	0	0
	38-55	16	44	0	1	0	0
	56-73	10	15	0	0	0	0
	74-91	7	8	0	0	0	0
1989	0-18	78	21	137	102	16	45
	19-37	60	68	140	23	10	83
	38-55	20	71	169	<1	1	<1
	56-73	7	43	173	0	124	94
	74-91	9	5	185	0	0	<1
1990	0-18	64	18	105	56	129	70
	19-37	59	69	140	5	159	<1
	38-55	22	60	168	<1	185	87

Table C.2. (Cont.)

Year	Depth (m)	Samples (No.)	Brown shrimp	White shrimp	Pink shrimp	Blue crab	
			No./h	Length	No./h	Length	No./h
1991	56-73	9	34	173	0	0	1
	74-91	6	7	190	0	0	74
	0-18	88	28	107	31	124	<1
	19-37	57	120	134	4	166	52
	38-55	20	65	161	0	4	<1
	56-73	12	31	172	0	0	133
1992	74-91	11	12	181	0	0	135
	0-18	89	11	115	135	115	<1
	19-37	55	80	135	8	157	141
	38-55	18	42	164	0	1	<1
	56-73	8	49	172	0	0	141
	74-91	4	33	176	0	0	0
1993	0-18	88	11	126	160	119	3
	19-37	55	91	119	17	134	160
	38-55	17	60	93	<1	109	1
	56-73	9	12	106	<1	125	151
	74-91	5	17	85	<1	119	<1
						98	108
1994	0-18	89	13	108	36	124	0
	19-37	54	106	132	5	152	105
	38-55	17	53	162	0	6	<1
	56-73	13	26	177	0	110	134
	74-91	11	8	192	0	0	0
						0	0
1995	0-18	95	5	118	120	114	5
	19-37	51	131	129	15	162	<1
	38-55	19	49	162	0	2	75

Table C.2. (Cont.)

Year	Depth (m)	Samples (No.)	Brown shrimp No./h	White shrimp No./h	Pink shrimp No./h	Blue crab No./h	Length
	56-73	9	45	166	0	<1	160
	74-91	9	54	177	0	0	0
1996	0-18	93	9	104	135	14	113
	19-37	52	75	124	30	146	19
	38-55	19	40	154	0	<1	135
	56-73	11	29	158	0	0	0
	74-91	11	47	173	0	0	<1
	0-18	93	8	97	106	112	116
	19-37	52	148	123	9	148	17
	38-55	17	72	164	0	4	125
	56-73	13	20	179	0	5	106
	74-91	0	7	182	0	0	0
1997							

^a Data presented here were collected with 12.2-m trawl by R/V OREGON II (NMFS) and with 6.1-m trawl by TPWD research vessels. The data were made available by the Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP). Data normalized to 12.2-m trawl by NMFS.

Appendix D. Regulations and Legislation adopted 1 September
1997.

Regulations and Legislation adopted 1 September 1997.

House Bill 520: Established a new Class B menhaden boat license (\$50 maximum fee) for the small boats assisting larger menhaden fishing boats. Also renamed the existing license to Class A.

House Bill 827: Directs the commission to waive hunting and fishing licenses fees for qualified resident disabled veterans.

House Bill 966: Expands the application of Chapter 31 on Water Safety to cover all vessels on public water. Applies numbering requirements to all vessels on public water. Forbids the operation of personal watercraft or a motorboat over 15hp on public waters by persons under the age of 16, unless accompanied by a person at least 18 years old, or at least 13 years old with a passed boating safety course. Provides TPW authority to adopt rules to approve and administer a mandatory boater education program. Requires all peace officers and game wardens to be certified as marine safety enforcement officers. Modifies penalties for certain violations of the Water Safety Act. Provides for mandatory boater education course if found guilty of certain Water Safety Act violations.

House Bill 2542: Simplifies, clarifies and updates statutes concerning parks and wildlife resources.

Senate Bill 1: Establishes a water use fee on water rights and a fee on retail customers. TPW activities under the bill include participation in drought planning/monitoring, regional planning, assessment and evaluation of fish and wildlife impacts, assistance to groundwater districts and direct grant funding to assess fish and wildlife impacts, coordination and database development, conservation enhancement for water development projects, purchase of water rights,

and other actions necessary to assure projects meet mitigation and conservation requirements.

Regulation 65.72: Provisions of subparagraph (N) were moved to the statewide Shrimp Fishery Proclamation where amendments to the provisions clarified the intent of retention of other aquatic life caught during legal shrimping operations. Changes to subsequent numbers were adjusted to subparagraph (o-s) accordingly.

Regulation 65.3; Definitions (22): Provision removed the dating requirement on gear tags for saltwater trot lines.

Regulation 65.72(b)(2): Provision decreased the daily bag limit for greater amberjack from 3 to 1 fish.

Regulation 65.72(a)(5): Provision set red snapper and king mackerel commercial season in Texas waters to run concurrently with commercial season in the EEZ. Also, reorganized the section to accommodate possible additional species.

Regulation 65.72(a)(4): Provision clarified the term "properly executed" by stating that the day and month of catch must be out on red drum tag and places restriction on having multiple tags in one's possession.

Regulation 65.78(a)(3)(c): Provision clarifies the intent of the rule restricting possession of the left stone crab claw.

Regulation 65.3; Definitions (10): Provision redefines the coastal waters boundary to redesignate as fresh water areas a portion of the Aransas River in Aransas County and Spindletop Bayou in Jefferson County.

Regulation 65.78(d)(2)(B)(iv)(I-IV): Provision establishes that all crab traps fished in Texas waters must be equipped with a 3-inch by 6-inch degradable panel.

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