



# Risk equivalency tiered Harvest Strategy approach for the Torres Strait tropical rock lobster (TRL) fishery

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# TORRES STRAIT TRL-FISHERY

## HARVEST Control RULE (HCR)

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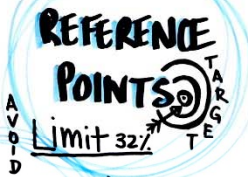
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### HARVEST STRATEGY components



METHOD of ASSESSMENT A naturally variable FISHERY

### advantages

- ✓ SOUND basis for setting TACs
- ✓ addresses SCIENTIFIC uncertainty
- ✓ quick to IMPLEMENT
- ✓ can reduce COSTS doing annual assessments
- ✓ transparent
- ✓ quick to run

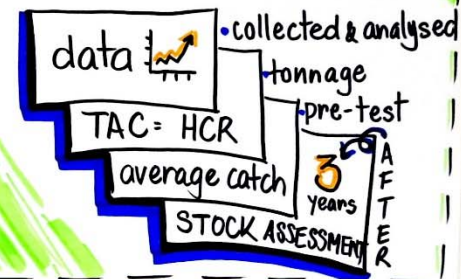


### TRADITIONAL VS HCR APPROACH

- \* MODEL analyses
- \* "BEST ASSESSMENT"
- \* Reference Point HCR

- \* Formula recommends TAC
- \* EMPIRICAL use data directly
- \* Tested by SIMULATIONS [www.dnsuepillans.com](http://www.dnsuepillans.com)

### example:



### empirical HCR

RBC = Recommended slope  $\times$  AVERAGE catch

Biological Indicators Catch

\* maintain where we are and IF:



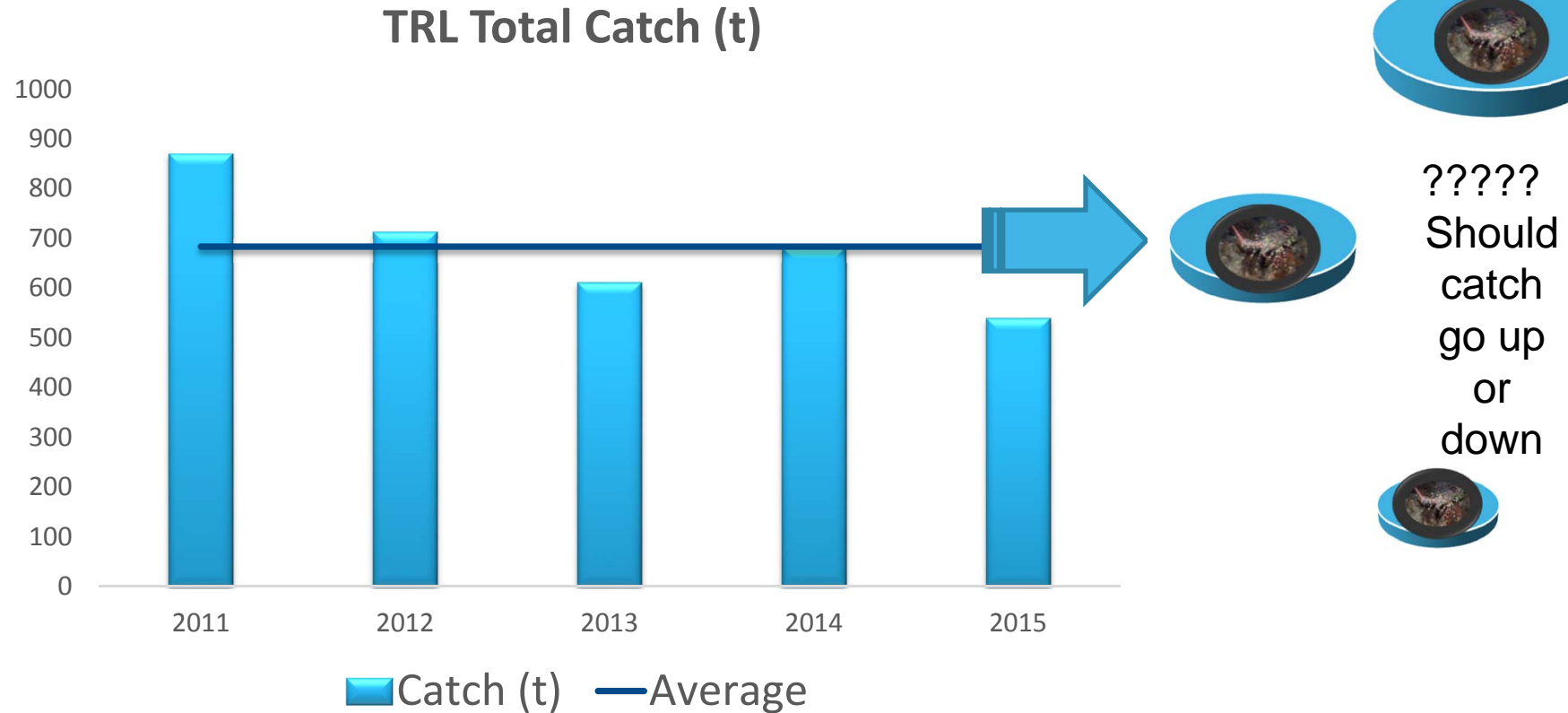
RBC never > 1000t

precautionary CHECK in RARE bad years

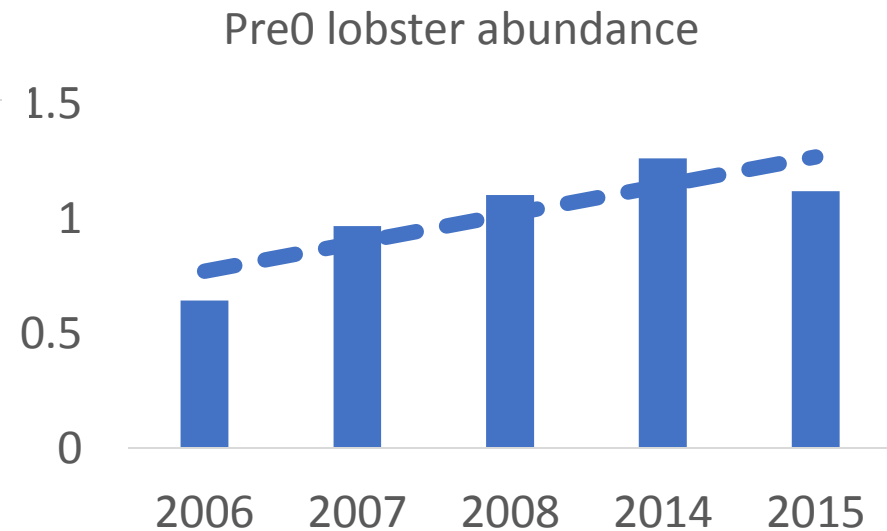
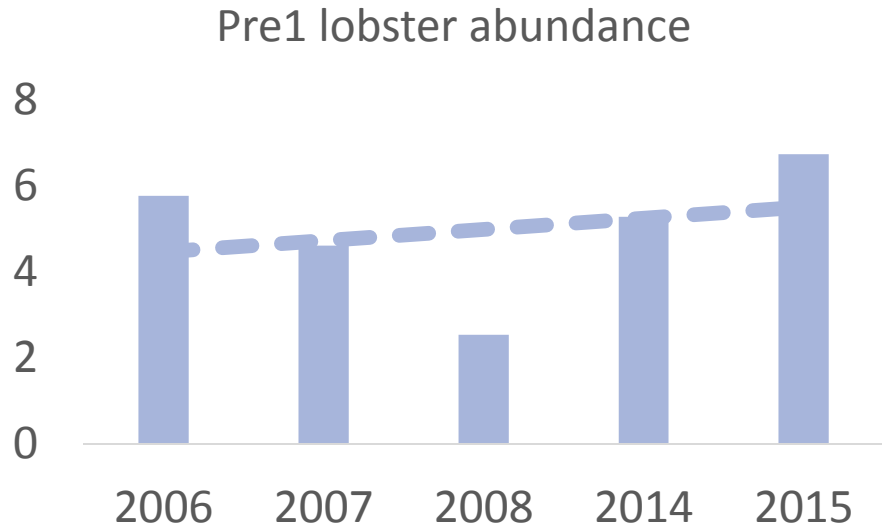
run STOCK ASSESSMENT every 3 years



# Average catch and how to scale up or down

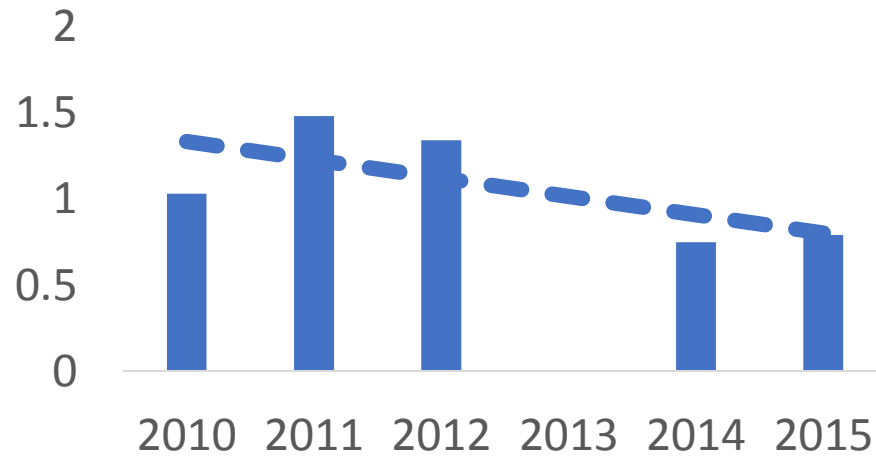


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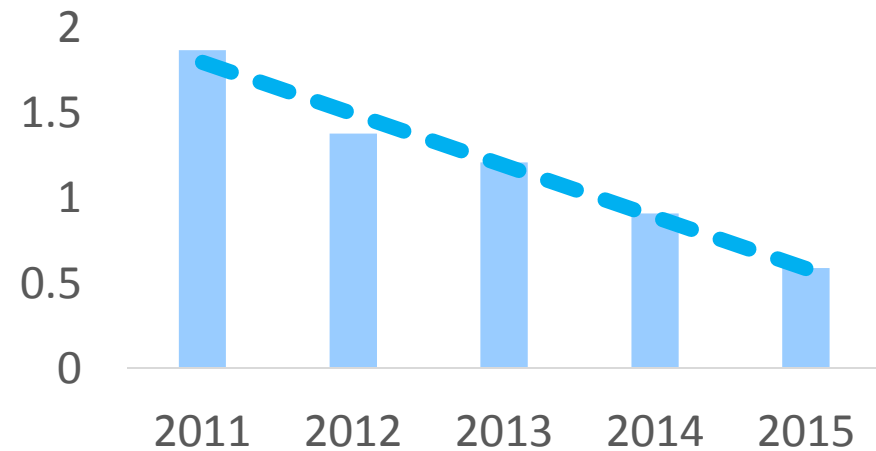


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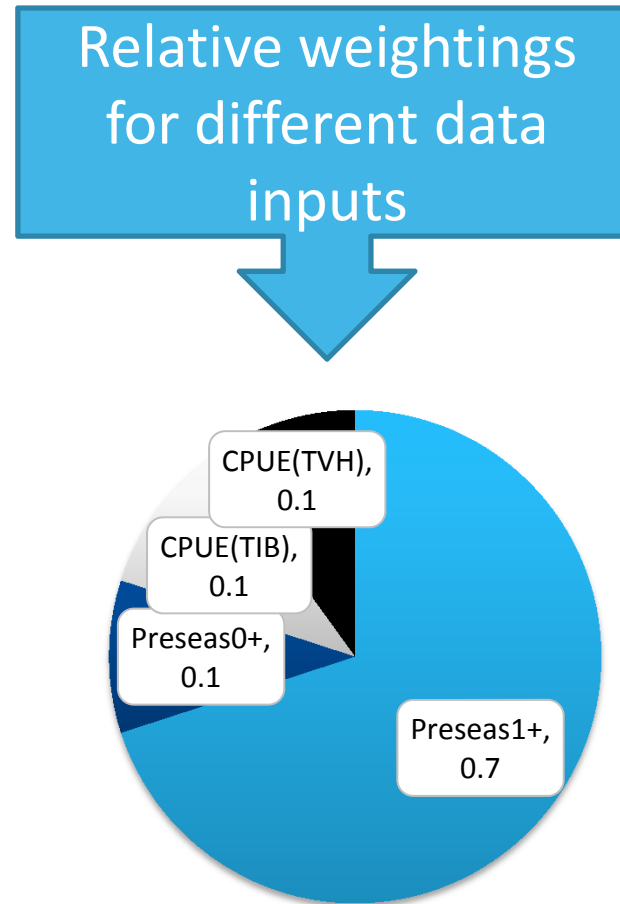
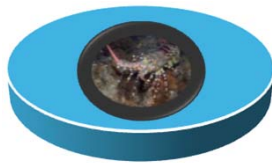


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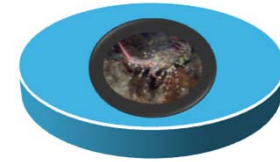


# Use information from all 4 indicators

- Slopes all based on trend using last 5 years' data
- Use a mathematical trick (logs) to dampen trends to reduce very large changes in RBC



# eHCR Rule selected by the TRLRAG



RBC = Combined Average Slope of Indicators \* Average Catch

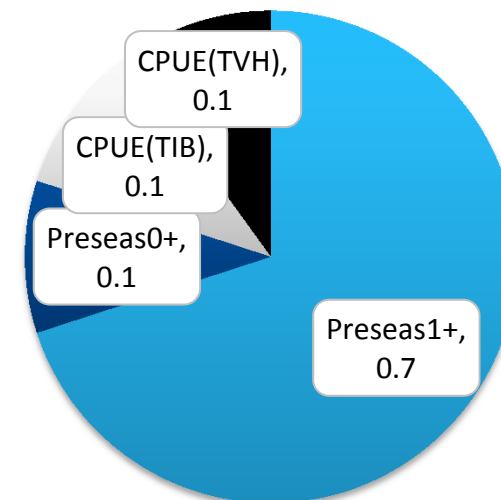
Ensure RBC is never greater than 1000t

Precautionary check in rare bad years: if Preseason 1+ index is very low then perform a stock assessment immediately

Check eHCR performing as expected by running a full stock assessment every 3 years

eHCR = Empirical Harvest Control Rule

Relative weightings for different data inputs





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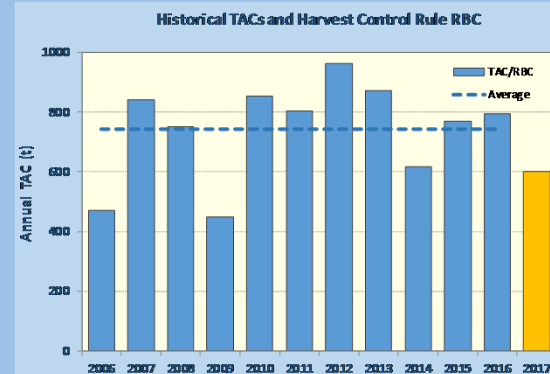
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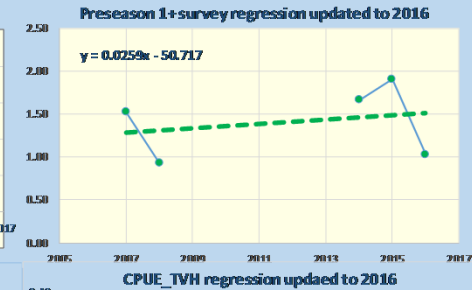
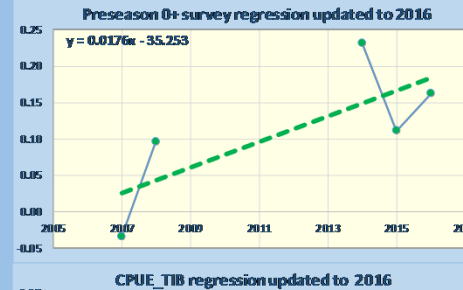
Year	RBC	Forecast RBC	RBC-Forecast	
2015	701.9	585.7		
2016	659.5	587.3		
2017	602.1	520.3	HCR	73.8
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**RBC (AUS AND PNG)  
CALCULATED FOR NEXT YEAR**



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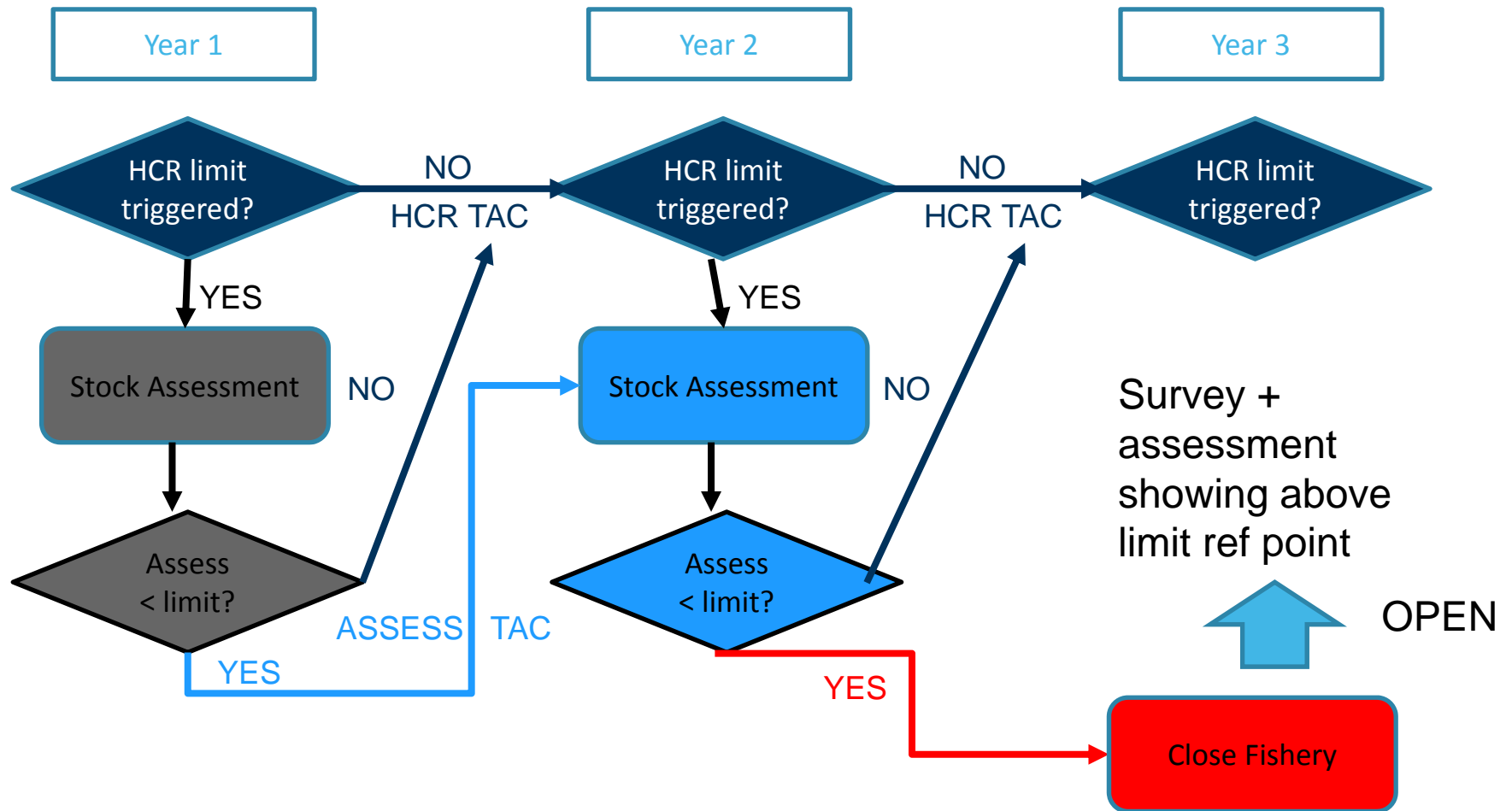
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$$TAC_{y+1} = \left[ 0.7 \cdot (1 + s_y^{presurv,1}) + 0.1 \cdot \left[ (1 + s_y^{presurv,0}) + (1 + s_y^{CPUE,TVH}) + (1 + s_y^{CPUE,TIB}) \right] \right] \cdot \bar{C}_{y-4,y}$$







# Risk Equivalency

- The amount and quality of data and surveys available to inform assessments of the Torres Strait tropical rock lobster (TRL) stock has varied over time, and stakeholders have requested flexibility to increase or decrease the frequency and intensity of fishery-independent surveys in future.
- As monitoring, management and costs increase for a fishery, the risk associated with being overfished declines
- Risk = probability of a resource falling below the limit reference point; related to the stock's productivity and amount of catch
- HSP defines risk equivalency based on the criterion that the stock stays above the limit biomass level at least 90% of the time
- The trade-offs between managing a fishery in a biologically and economically optimal way whilst minimising management costs is referred to as the risk-cost-catch frontier

# Risk-cost-catch framework

High risk = need for precautionary management = lower fishery catches



Low risk = less need for precautionary management = higher fishery catches

LESS DATA



MORE DATA

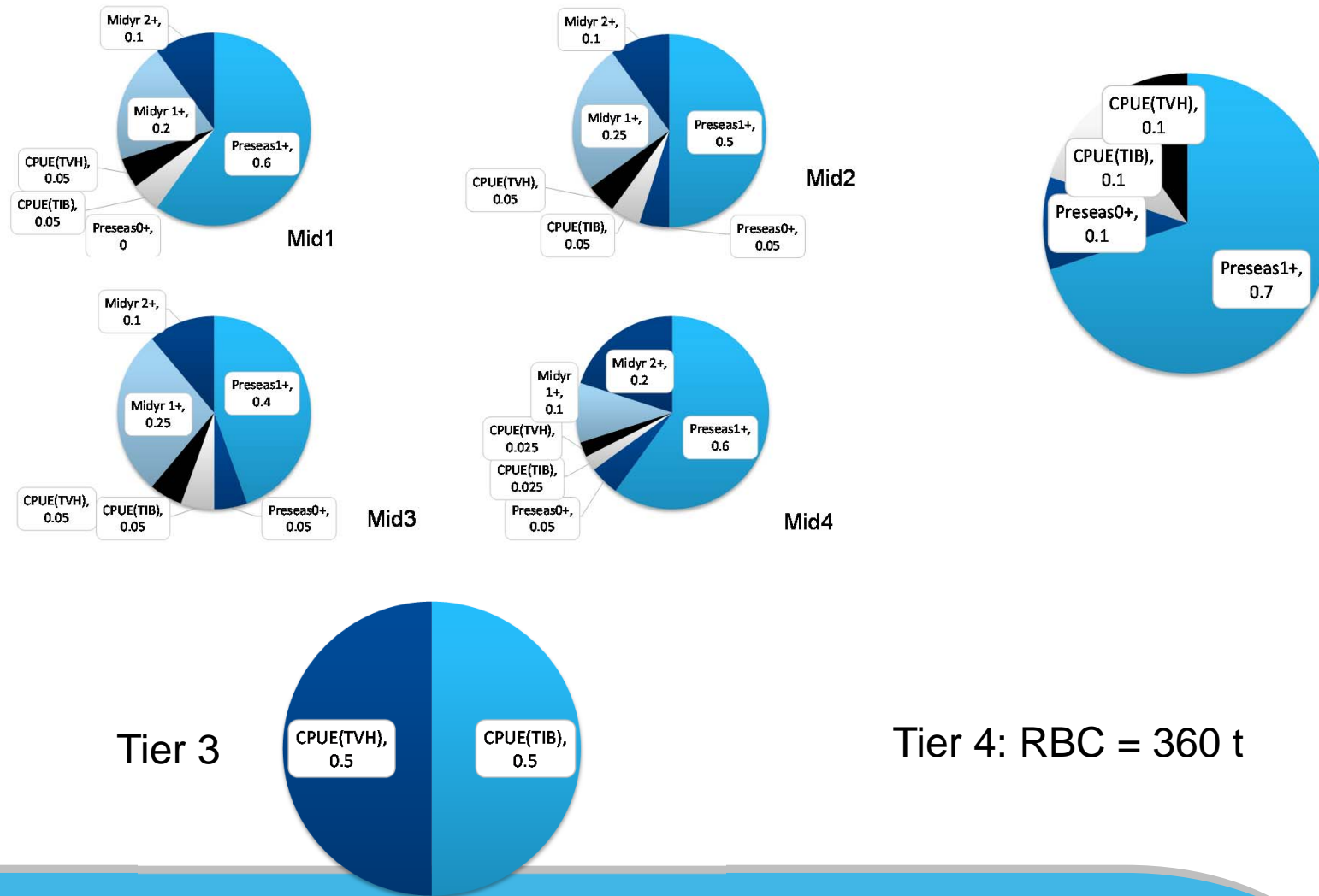
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- **Tier 2** (Current Tier): Monitoring information: Total catch (TIB, TVH, PNG), Preseason survey (0+, 1+ relative abundance), CPUE standardised indices of abundance from TIB and TVH sectors (2+ index).
- **Tier 3** (Penalty Tier): Monitoring information: Total catch (TIB, TVH, PNG), CPUE standardised indices of abundance from TIB and TVH sectors (2+ index).
- **Tier 4** (Lowest Tier): No monitoring information

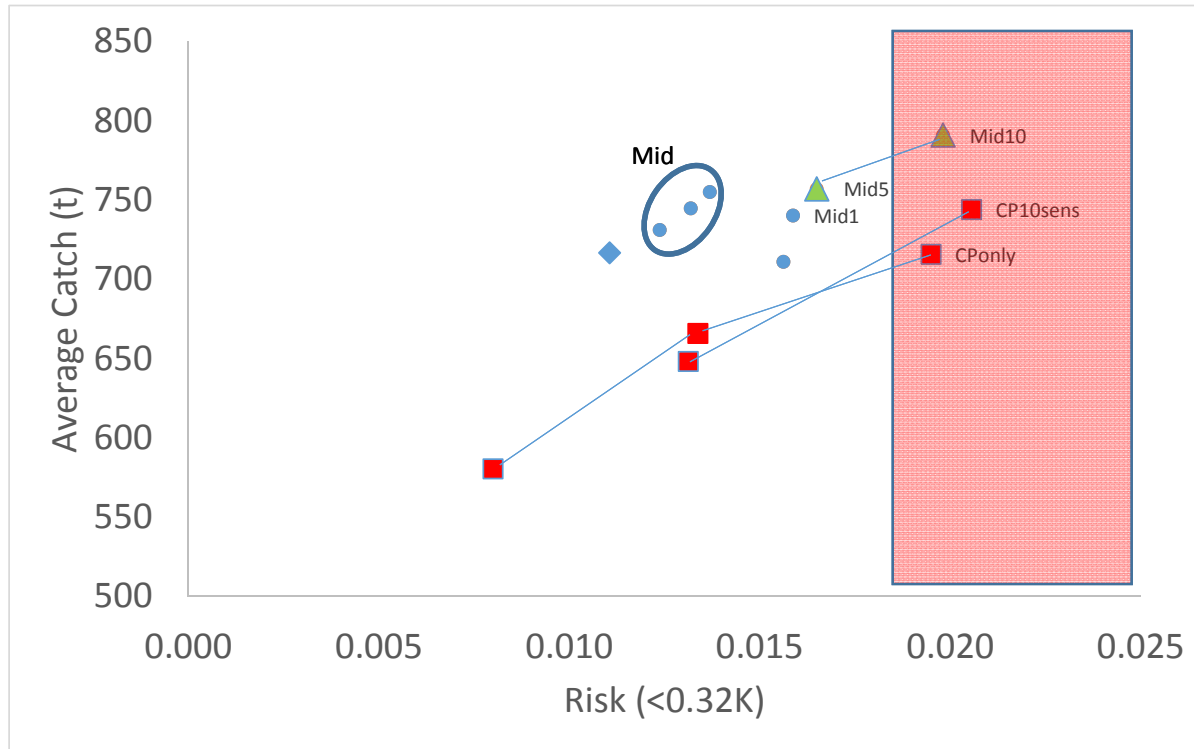
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## Range of alternative weightings tested



# Risk Equivalency Example

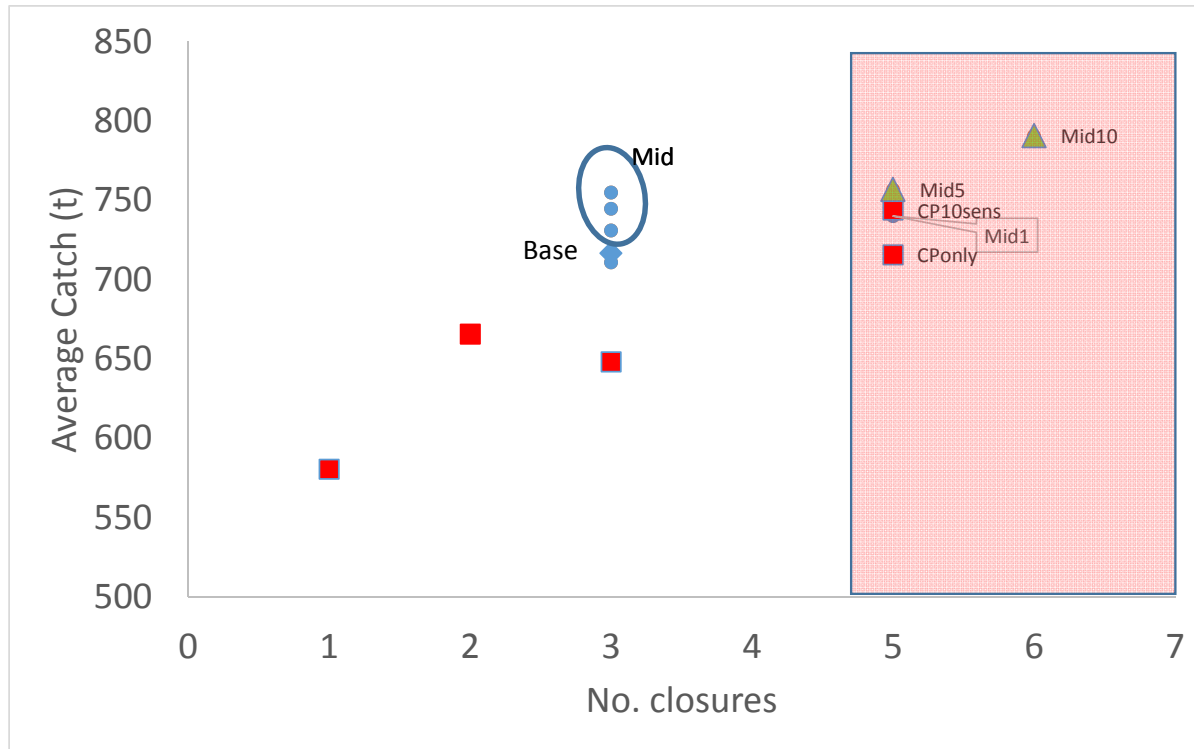


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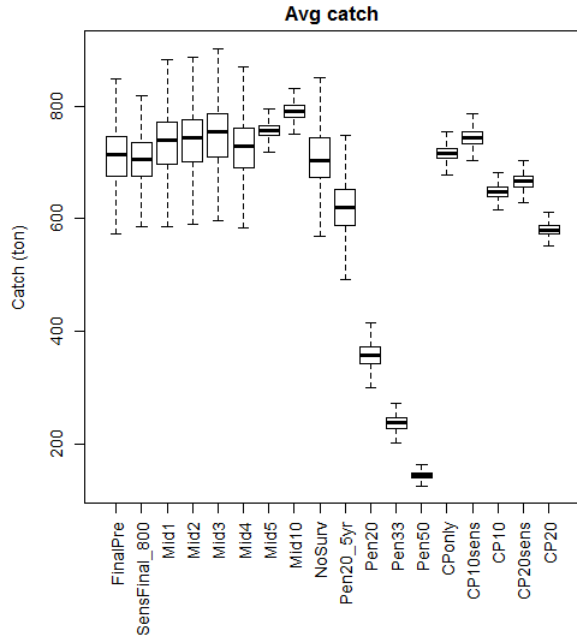
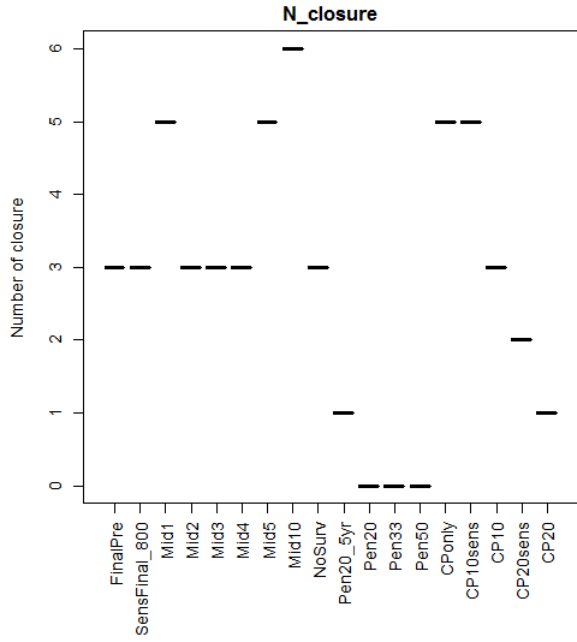
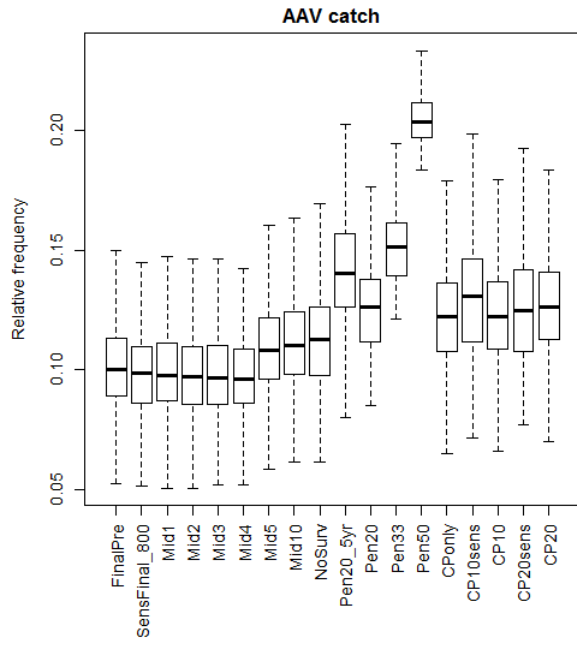
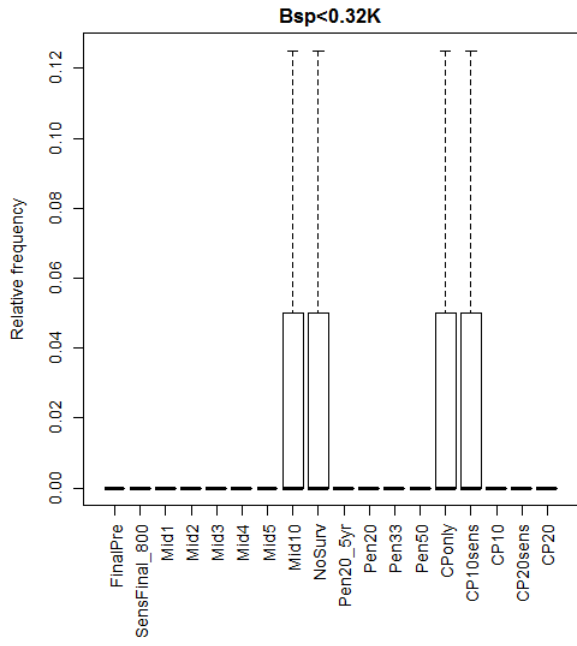
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Tier level	Information requirements	eHCR	Penalty or bonus discount factor applied to RBC
1	Catch, Midyear survey, Preseason survey, CPUE_TIB, CPUE_TVH	Based on all indices with weightings and rule as specified in App. 2.	5%
2	Catch, Preseason survey, CPUE_TIB, CPUE_TVH	Based on all indices with weightings and rule as specified in App. 1.	-
3	Catch, CPUE_TIB, CPUE_TVH	Based on CPUE indices and average catch as specified in App. 3.	-20%
4	Only for assessment	Fixed catch = 360t	-

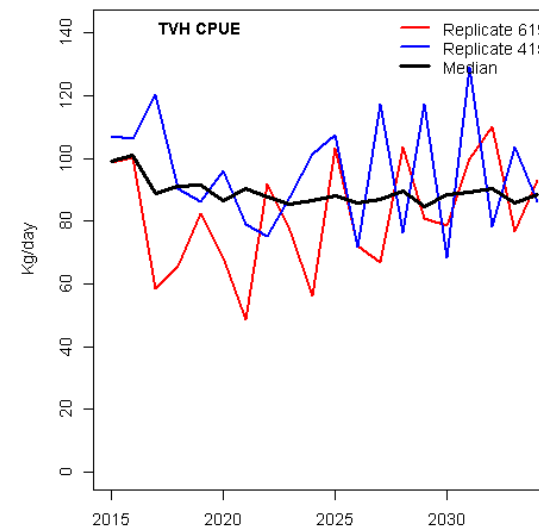
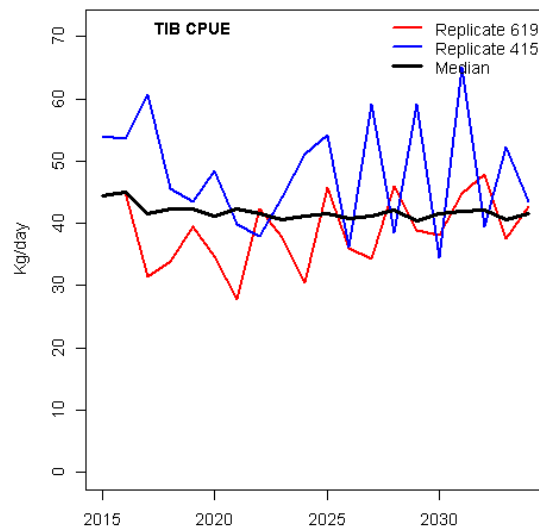
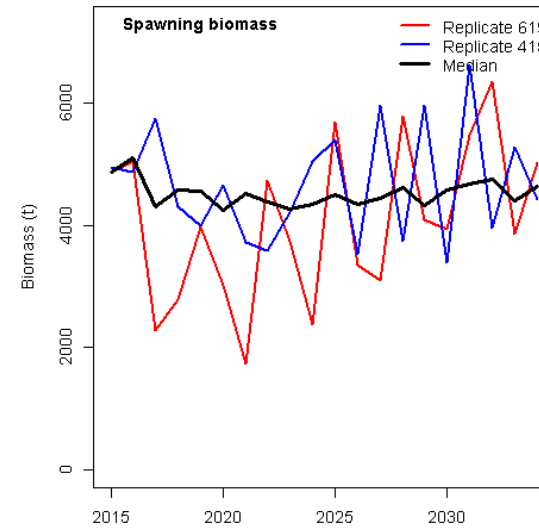
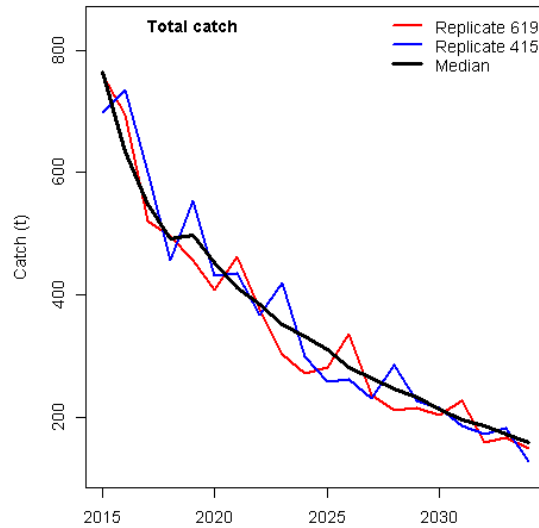
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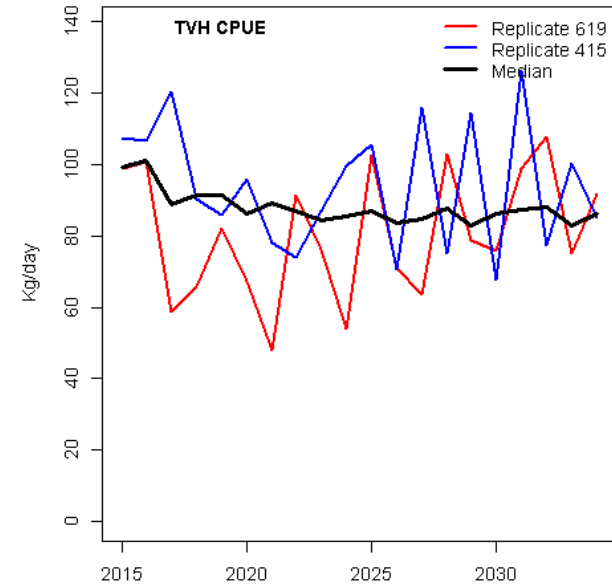
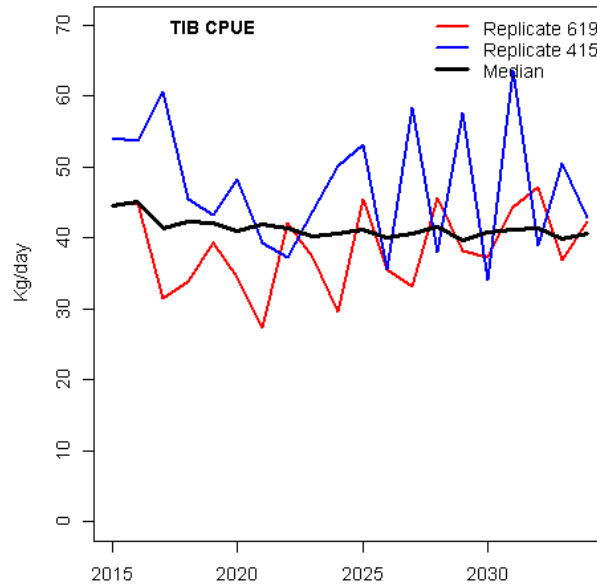
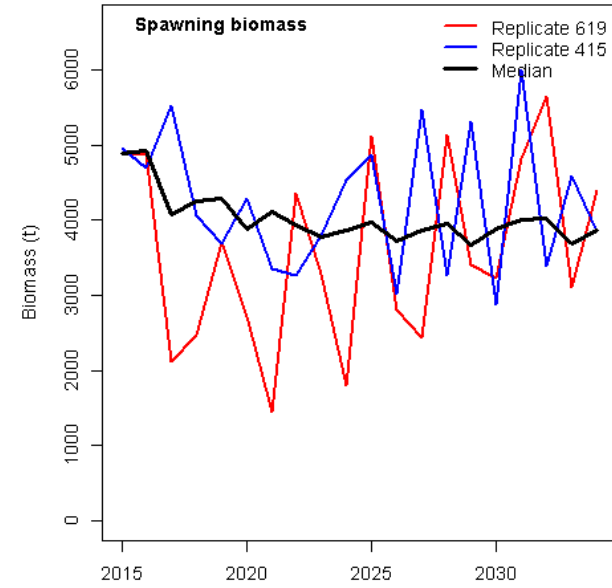
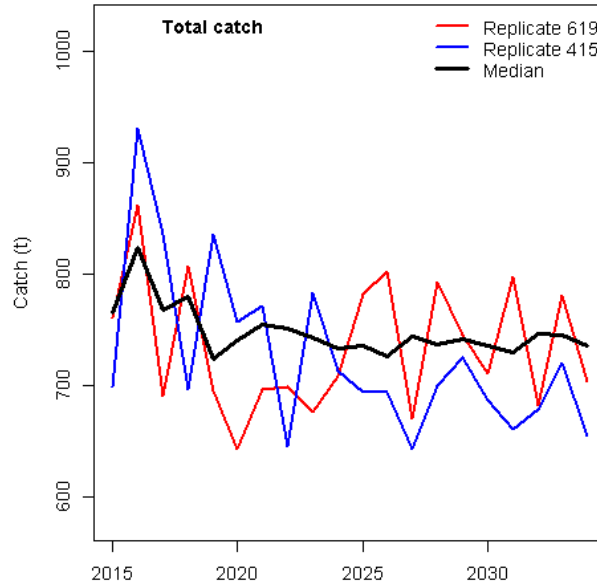
# CPUE only – penalty and average catch rule

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# Thank you

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# Addendum – correction to 2014 catch

Year	TiB	TVH	PNG	TS_Total	Aus_TAC	Catch as % of TAC
2004	235.1	481.0	182.0	898.1		
2005	358.5	545.0	228.0	1131.5		
2006	152.3	135.4	142.0	429.7	471	91%
2007	260.0	268.6	228.0	756.6	842	90%
2008	183.9	100.4	221.0	505.4	751	67%
2009	135.9	91.1	161.4	388.4	450	86%
2010	143.3	282.6	292.8	718.7	853	84%
2011	200.7	503.5	165.0	869.2	803	108%
2012	152.9	370.5	173.7	697.0	964	72%
2013	134.2	361.7	108.3	604.2	871	69%
2014	148.5	272.7	261.2	682.4	616	111%
2015	173.9	152.7	235.7	562.3	769	73%
2016	207.1	237.6	127.1	571.8	796	72%

# Revised HCR spreadsheet



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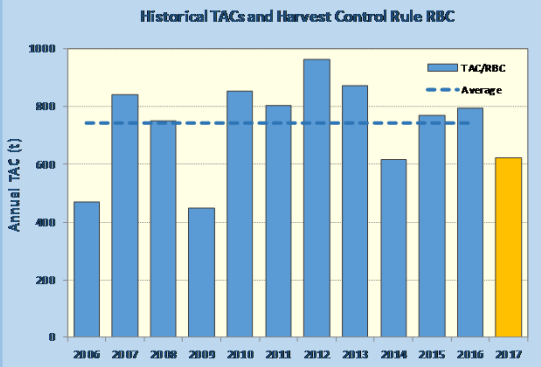
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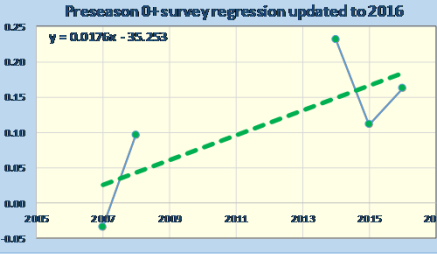
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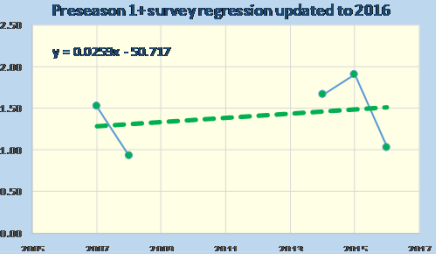


#### Preseason 0+ survey regression updated to 2016



CPUE\_TIB regression updated to 2016

#### Preseason 1+ survey regression updated to 2016



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