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ABSTRACT

NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center's (NEFSC) Research Communications Branch (RCB), in collaboration with the Northeast Cooperative Research Program (NCRP) and the Populations Dynamics Branch, assessed how NEFSC employees used NCRP Study Fleet data. A survey of NEFSC staff was conducted to determine the uses of the study fleet data. The results of the survey are provided as an inventory and bibliography.

INTRODUCTION

The Northeast Cooperative Research Program (NCRP) has been working with fishing industry partners since 2006 to develop the scientific data collection capabilities of the Study Fleet. The Study Fleet are a subset of fishing vessels from which high quality, self-reported data on fishing effort, area fished, gear characteristics, catch, and biological observations are collected. The program now works with a core group of about 37 vessels from Hampton, NH to Wanchese, NC, in the groundfish, small mesh (squid, herring, and mackerel) and scallop dredge fisheries. The data derived from this cooperative arrangement are becoming increasingly useful to scientists examining many aspects of Northeast fish and fisheries.

To determine who is using the study fleet data, and how, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Research Communications Branch (RCB), in collaboration with the NCRP and the Resource Evaluation and Assessment Division, assessed how NEFSC staff have used NCRP Study Fleet data.

METHODS

The survey utilized Google Forms to solicit feedback from NEFSC staff. The survey included a short series of questions about what type of data was used and how, and a place to provide references and links to products such as stock assessments, scientific articles, and working papers. The questions asked in the survey can be found in Appendix A. Responses to the survey are stored in a Google spreadsheet, and a copy has been saved as an Excel file. A summary of the responses is provided in Appendix B. The survey form, individual responses, and a summary of responses are available from the author.

RESULTS

Use of Data

Study fleet data are being used in a variety of ways by NEFSC scientists. Eight staff members responded to this survey. They are from the Population Dynamics Branch, Population Biology Branch, and Ecosystem Processes Division (the names at the time of the survey) of the NEFSC.

Seven of the eight respondents used catch data, and six used biological samples. Four respondents used environmental data, and three used area fished data. Fishing effort, catch-per-unit effort, landings-per-unit effort, and gear characteristics were all used by one respondent, but not necessarily the same person.

Six respondents used data that were collected with the Fisheries Logbook and Data Recording Software (FLDRS) system. Paper and electronic fishing vessel trip reports (VTRs) were only used by one respondent each. It is likely that some people using study fleet data may not know how the data were collected. There were also other data collection methods highlighted by some respondents. One respondent indicated that data were collected with temperature depth loggers and weather stations, and another's data came from biological samples.

Four respondents compared study fleet data to observer data, and two compared study fleet data to dealer reports or landings data. Five respondents compared it with other forms of

data, such as trawl survey data, other scientific studies, numerical models, ocean observations, ocean model output, and biological samples.

While three respondents used the data as supplemental information for stock assessments, five used the data for scientific articles, and two for tech memos. Study fleet data were also available to the commercial fishermen involved in the study fleet for business and/or personal use.

Species

Study fleet data were utilized for the following fish species. Many of these species were used for biological sampling.

<u>Common name</u>	<u>Scientific name</u>
Bluefish	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>
Scup	<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>
Tilefish	<i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>
Blueline tilefish	<i>Caulolatilus microps</i>
Longfin squid	<i>Doryteuthis (Amerigo) pealeii</i>
Butterfish	<i>Peprilus triacanthus</i>
Atlantic herring	<i>Clupea harengus</i>
Yellowtail flounder	<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>
Winter flounder	<i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>
Summer flounder	<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>
Spiny Dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>
Cusk	<i>Brosme brosme</i>

Stock Assessments

Study fleet data were incorporated into the information used for the 2012 Yellowtail flounder stock assessment (NEFSC 2012), the 2014 Butterfish stock assessment (NEFSC 2014), and the 2015 bluefish and scup stock assessments (NEFSC 2015).

Scientific Articles

Study fleet biological samples have contributed to several scientific articles on reproduction of yellowtail flounder and winter flounder. There were additional articles in development at the time of the survey.

Other Forms of Communication

Several respondents provided information about white papers, working papers, and presentations that they have produced by using study fleet data. These have been collected in a bibliography that can be found in Appendix C.

DISCUSSION

One of the best examples of the use of study fleet data is the contribution of environmental data (ocean temperature and depth) utilized in the 2014 butterfish stock

assessment (Press, 2014). The study fleet data showed that butterfish tend to use habitats at certain water temperatures, and this information can be used to avoid their bycatch in the squid fishery.

Another excellent example of the use of the study fleet is in enhanced biological sampling. Biological samples provided by study fleet vessels have contributed to the updating of age keys (proportion of age for a given sized fish) used in stock assessments and other technical documents.

The NCRP produced two NOAA Fisheries Navigator articles entitled “Catching Better Data: The Northeast Cooperative Research Program’s Study Fleet,” (NMFS 2016) and “Collaborative Project to Transmit Real-Time Bottom Temperatures to Enhance Fishing Selectivity and Oceanographic Modeling” (NMFS 2015). These articles highlight the various uses of the study fleet data and are good companion pieces to the inventory. Many of the projects highlighted in the articles are listed in the bibliography in Appendix C.

CONCLUSION

This inventory and the NOAA Navigator articles are useful tools for communicating with external stakeholders about how the study fleet data have been used, and why more involvement in the study fleet should be encouraged.

For now, the survey has been limited to internal NEFSC staff, but NEFSC leadership may wish to expand the pool to include external parties at some point in the future (this would likely have a Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requirement). A list of NCRP external partners that may be using study fleet data is provided in Appendix D.

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APPENDIX A

Survey Questions

Title: Study Fleet Inventory of Data Uses

If you have used Study Fleet data, please complete the following form. Your information will be used to compile an inventory of the various uses of the Study Fleet data. This information will be used by NEFSC to communicate with stakeholders about how the data collected by the Study Fleet is being used.

Your Name

Your Phone Number

Your Email Address

Type of organization you work for

- NOAA Fisheries
- Other Federal Agency
- State Agency (MA DMF)
- University
- Fishermen
- Other

Type of data used

- Catch (species, weights, amounts and disposition (landed vs. discarded))
- Fishing Effort (temporal) (duration, timing, season)
- Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) (catch per tow)
- Landings Per Unit Effort (LPUE) (landings per tow)
- Area Fished (location (GPS/VMS), statistical area)
- Gear Characteristics (gear type, configuration (mesh size, etc.), depth)
- Biological Sampling (age, length, growth, reproduction)
- Environmental Conditions (water temp, depth (sounder))
- Other

Data was collected using

- Paper Fishing Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs)
- Electronic Fishing Vessel Trip Reports (eVTRs)

- Fishing Logbook & Data Recording System (FLDRS)
- Other

Data was compared to

- Observer Data
- Dealer Reports / Landings Data
- Other

Data was used for

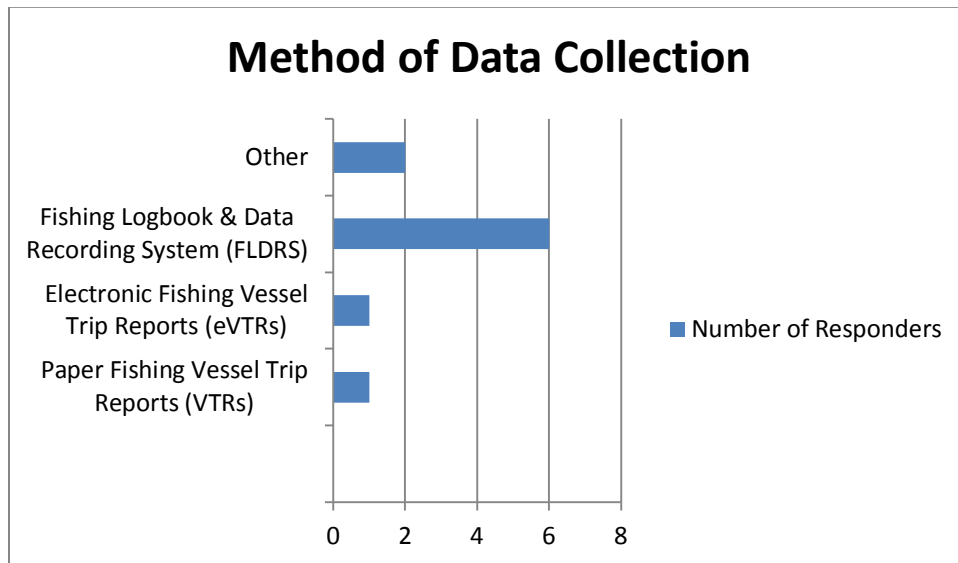
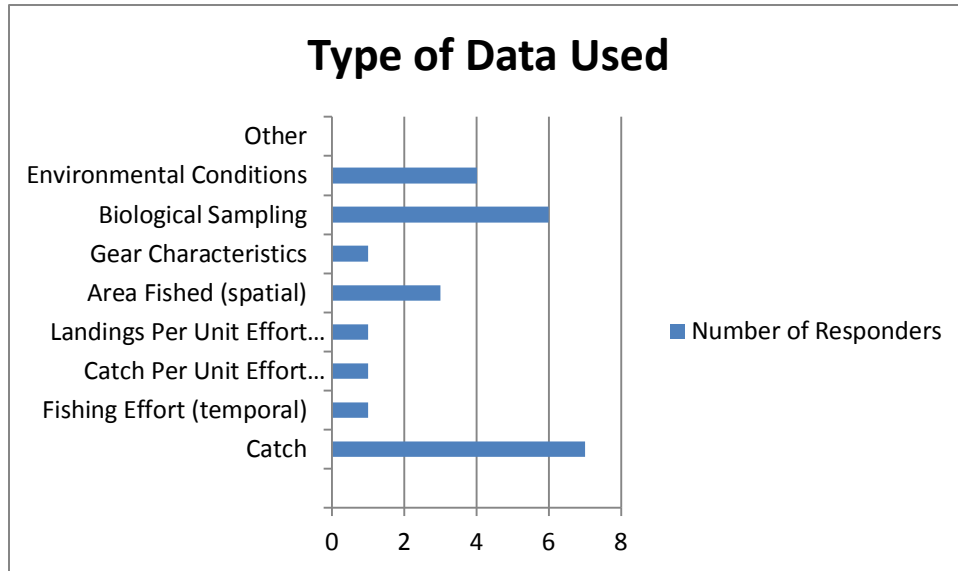
- Stock Assessment
- Tech Memo
- Scientific Article
- Business Use (Fisherman using data to make business decision)
- Personal Use (Fisherman using data to make fishing decision)

References & Citations (for Assessments, Tech Memos, Articles, etc.)

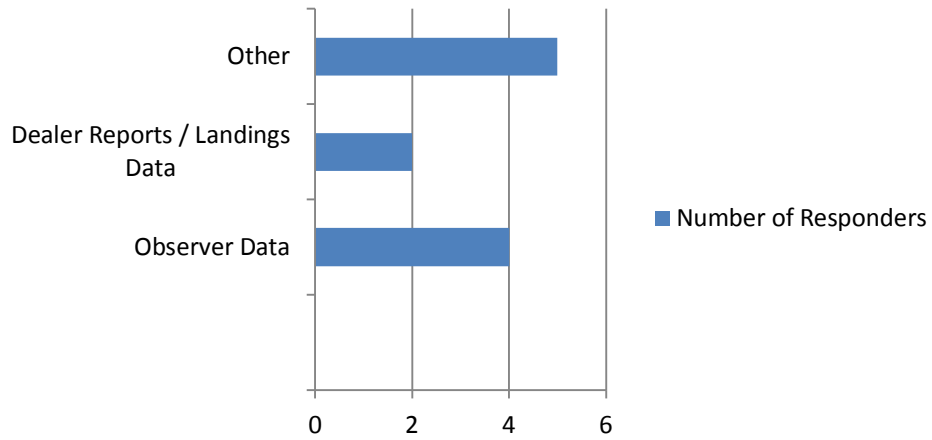
Links (for Assessments, Tech Memos, Articles, etc.)

APPENDIX B

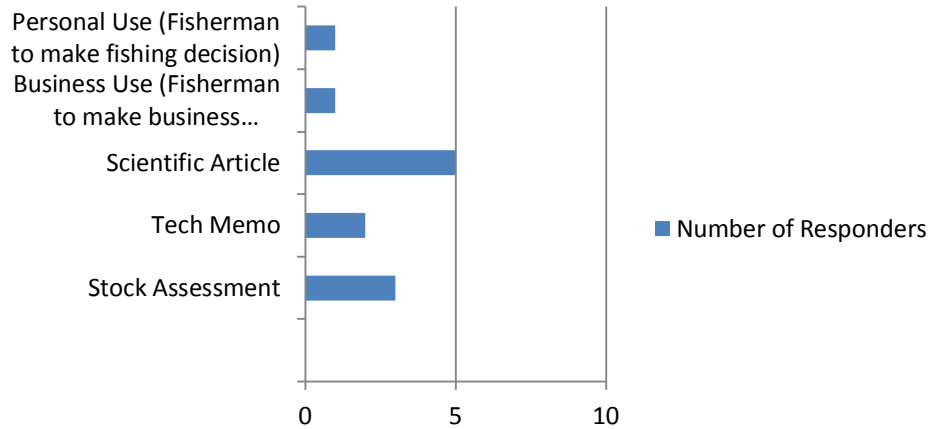
A summary of the responses to the survey.



Data Comparisons



Use of Data



APPENDIX C

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APPENDIX D

NCRP External Partners (Possible External Users of Study Fleet Data)

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