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INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes preliminary findings of a 13 month study of the finfishes occurring in the New York Bight and associated estuaries. The study was designed and initiated to provide a comprehensive life history data base relevant to current and anticipated research needs. Upon completion of analysis and publication, these data will ultimately contribute a significant portion of the material essential for:

1. future comparison of man-induced environmental stress and the resulting effects on finfishes (e.g., offshore petroleum exploration and production, construction and operation of nuclear power plants and deep water ports, and increased ocean dumping of solid and liquid wastes);
2. detection, prediction, and understanding of natural changes which periodically occur in finfish populations (e.g., relative abundance, distribution, size composition, reproductive cycles, condition factor, etc.);
3. biological models used for assessment predictions and national and international management policies pertinent to recreational and commercial fishery stocks.

In general, this study will describe the importance of the New York Bight to the finfishes which inhabit it during some phase of their life cycle. In addition, it will establish a prototype study for other selected areas along the Atlantic continental shelf.

STUDY AREA

The New York Bight is here defined as that portion of the Atlantic continental shelf between eastern Long Island and Delaware Bay (Figure 1). This study was conducted in the northern section of the Bight where the Long Island and New Jersey coastlines are nearly perpendicular.

Two study areas have been designated to facilitate sampling and data handling. The ocean study area (Figure 2) is delineated by two sets of lines and the 15 and 200 fathom isobaths. The first set of lines extends seaward from points on Long Island and New Jersey to the 15 fathom isobath; the second set from the 15 fathom isobath offshore to the edge of the continental shelf (200 fathoms). The estuarine study area includes Sandy Hook, Lower, and Raritan Bays (Figure 3).

STATION SELECTION

The ocean survey area (Figure 2) was divided into depth strata (i.e., 0-5, > 5-10, > 10-15, > 15-30, > 30-60, > 60-100, > 100-200 fathoms). Station locations within strata were randomly selected with a minimum of two stations per stratum. The 0-15 fathom strata were sampled at a rate of approximately one station per 150 square nautical miles and the >15-200 fathom strata at approximately one station per 300 square nautical miles. Figure 4 through 14 illustrate station positions for each ocean cruise.

The estuarine (bay) area was divided into 95 blocks (Figure 3). Except where interrupted by land, each block measures 1' lat. x 1' long., i.e., 1.00 x 0.75 nautical mile. Trawl stations for each cruise were selected randomly from these blocks. Figures 15 through 25 show station locations for each bay cruise.

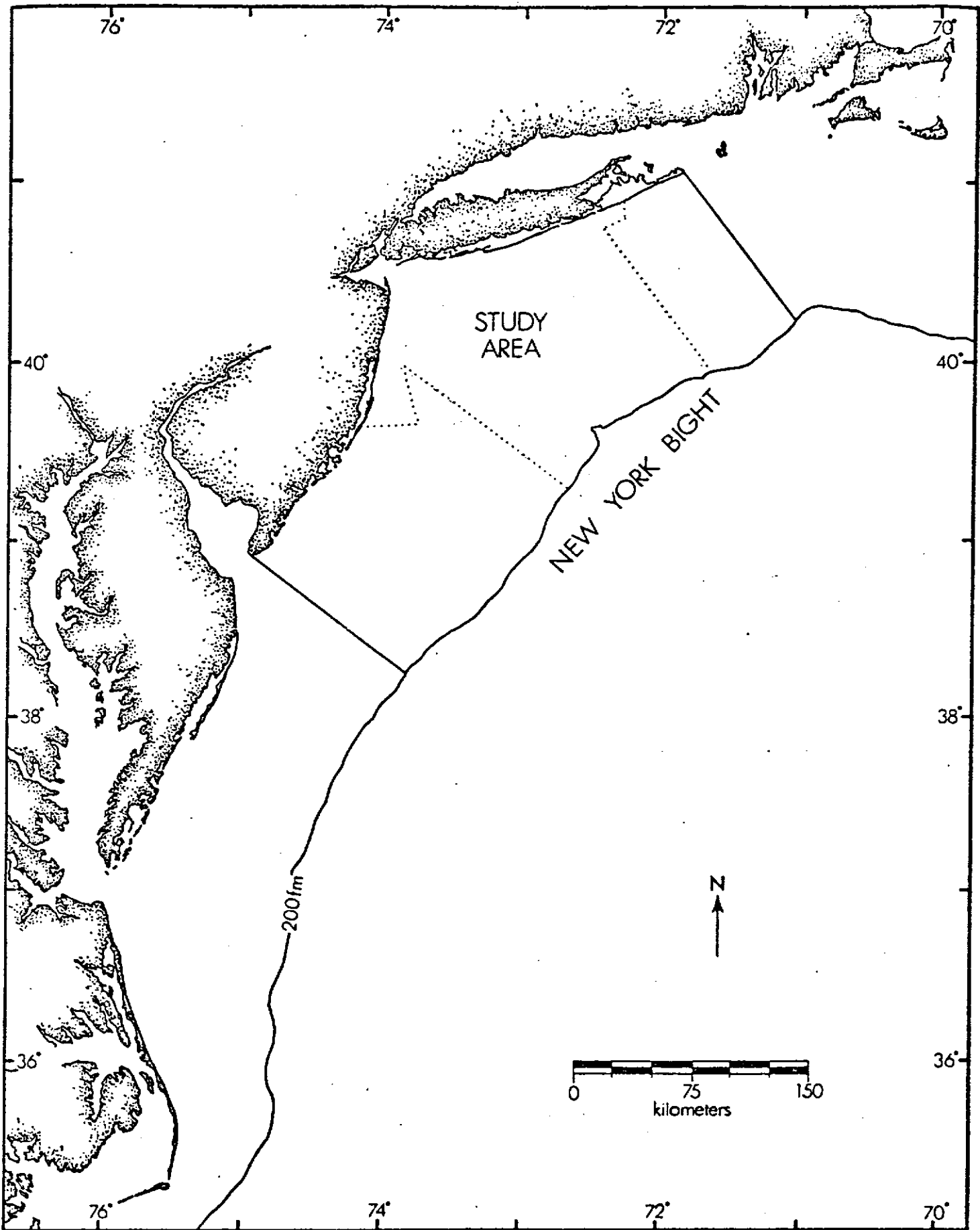


FIGURE 1.--Middle Atlantic continental shelf with outline of New York Bight.

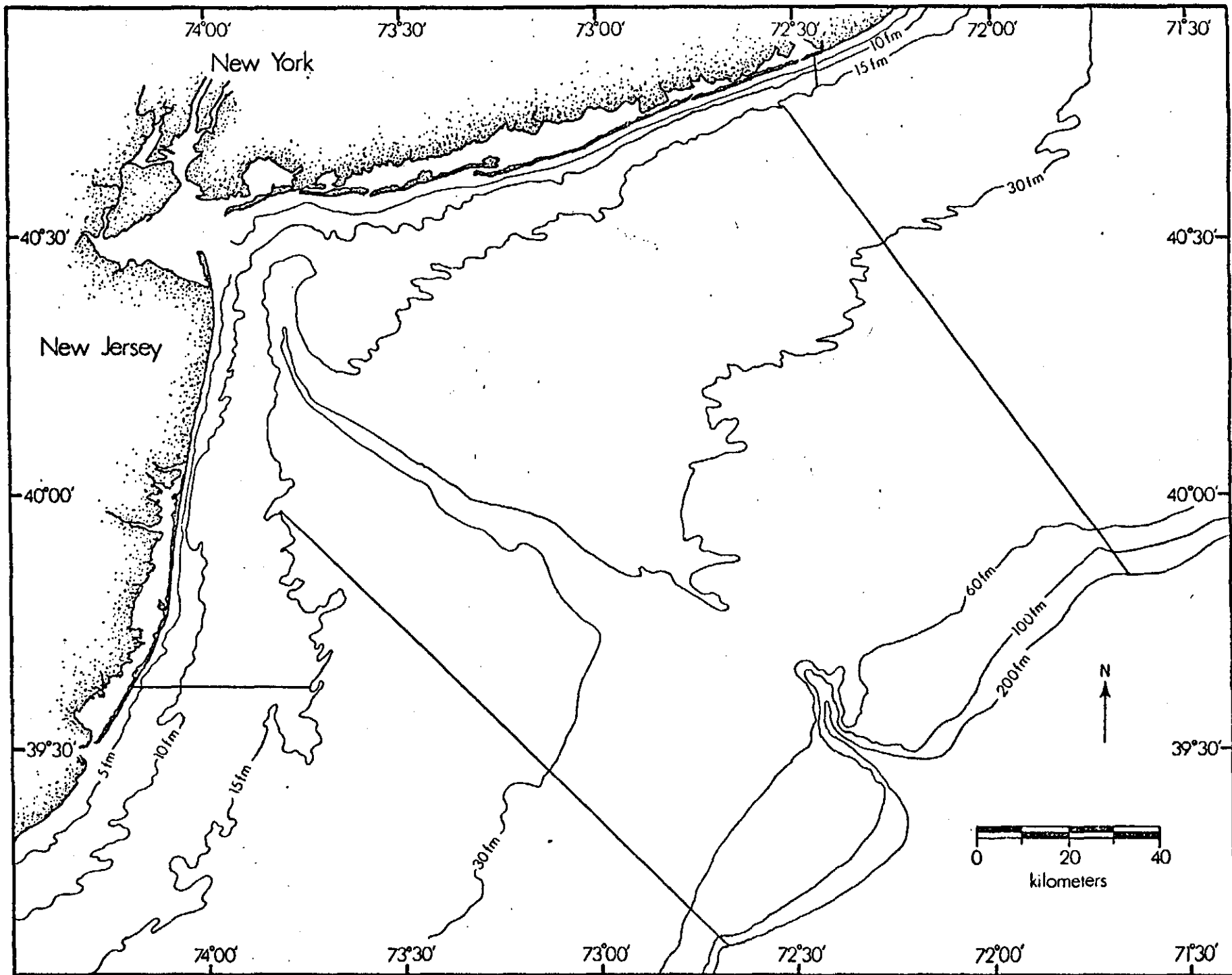


FIGURE 2.--Ocean survey area divided into depth strata where finfish were sampled during monthly cruises, June 1974 to June 1975.

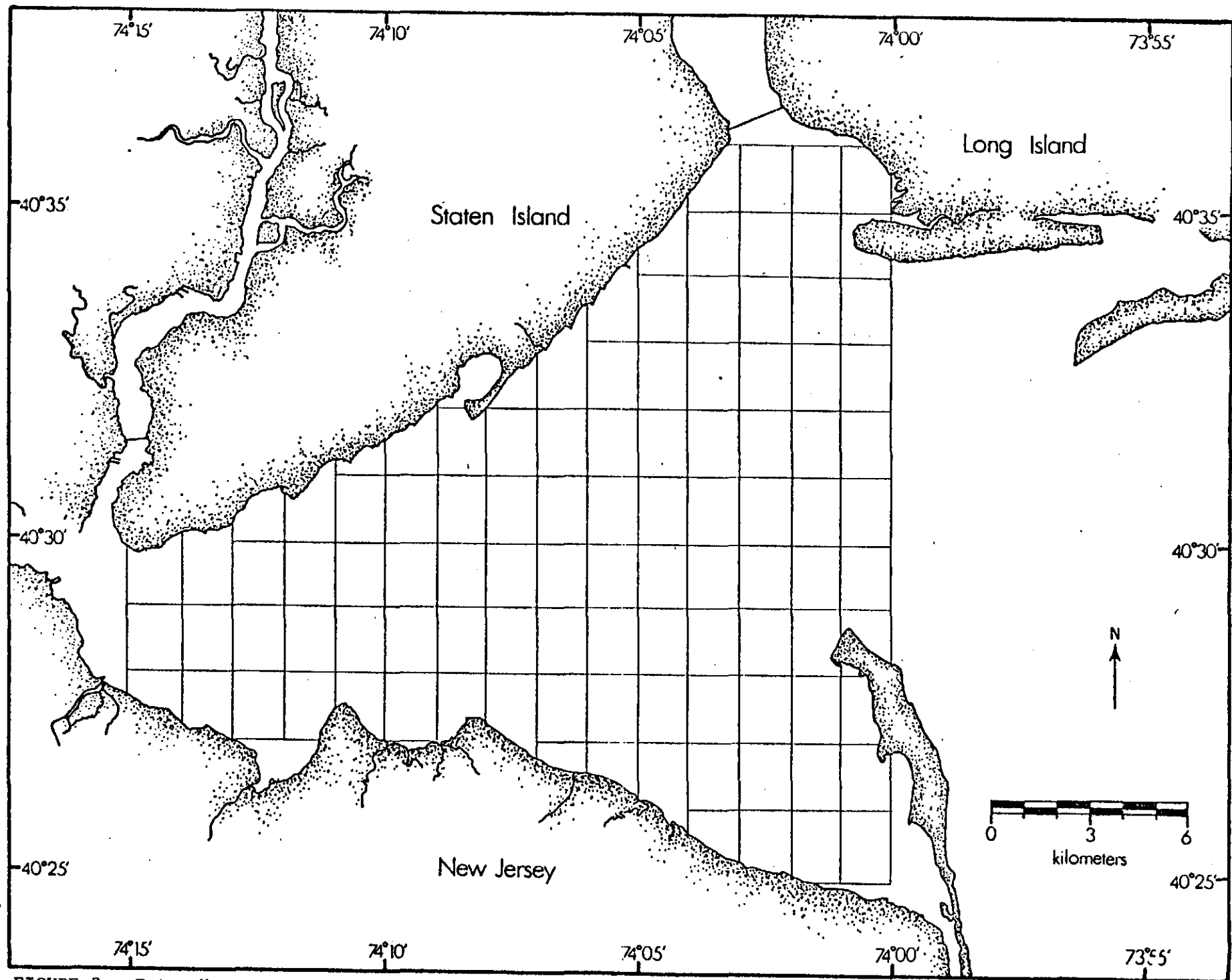


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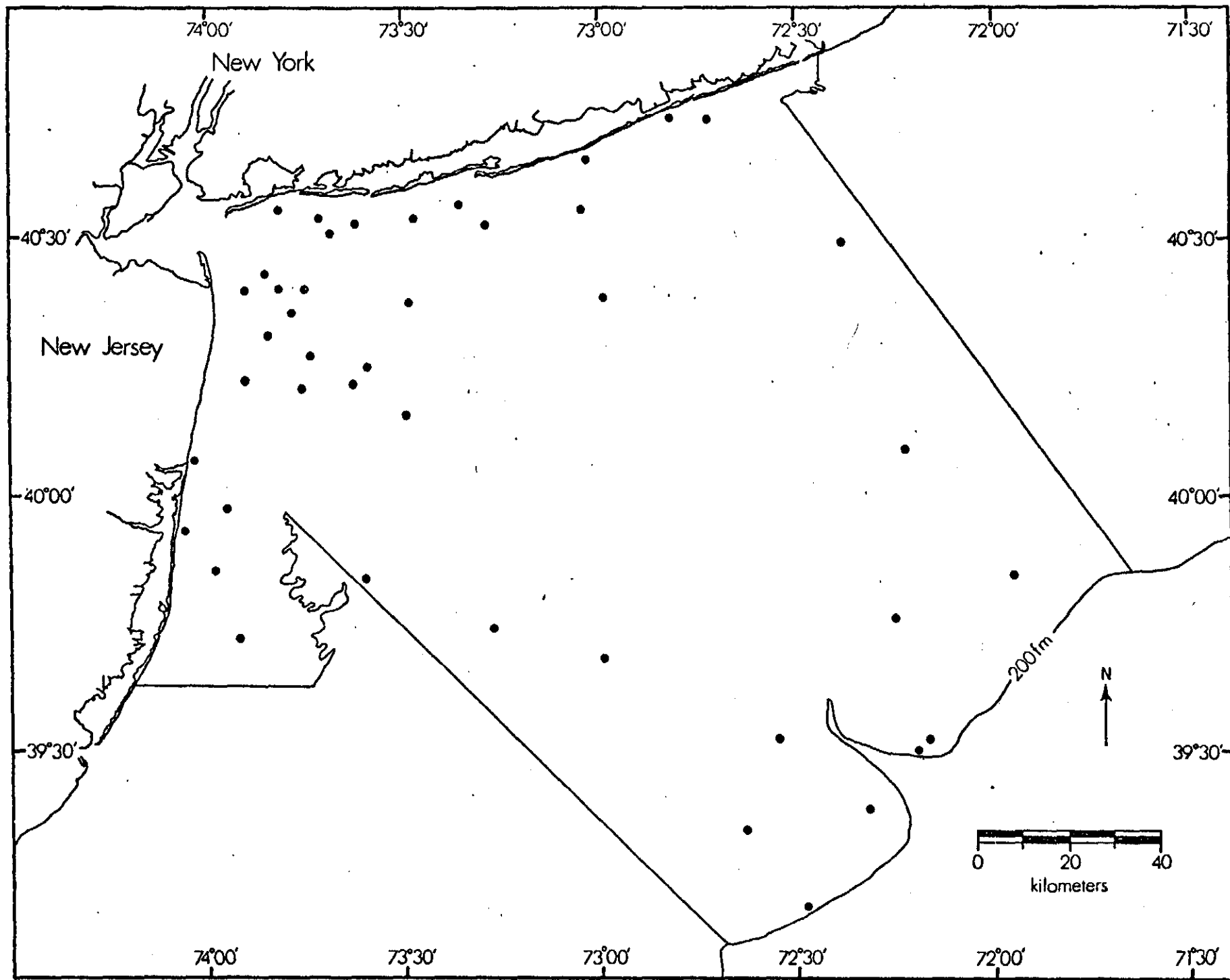


FIGURE 4.-- R. V. Delaware II Cruise 374, June 3-7, 1974. Location of collecting stations.

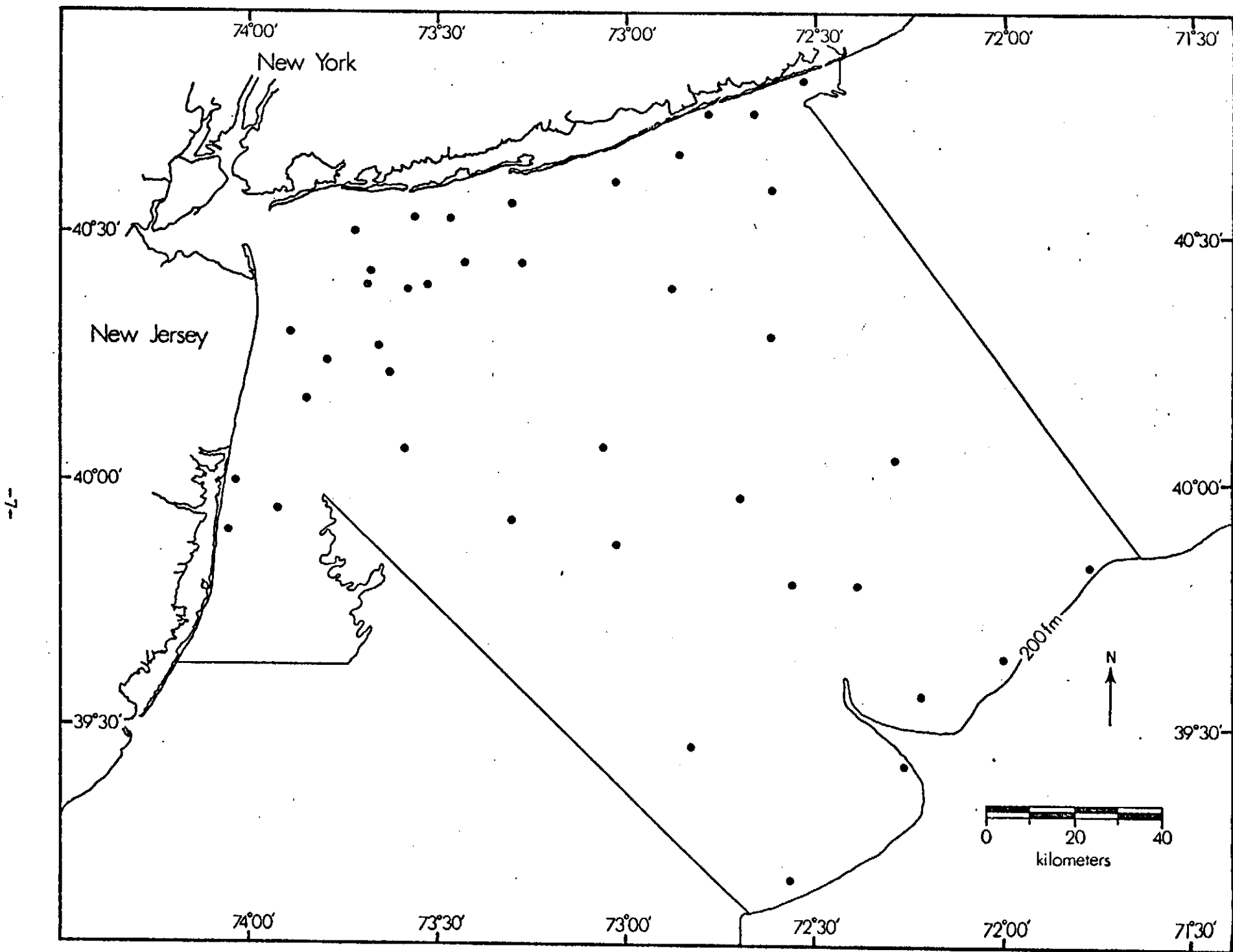


FIGURE 5.--R. V. Delaware II Cruise 774, July 24-29, 1974. Location of collecting stations.

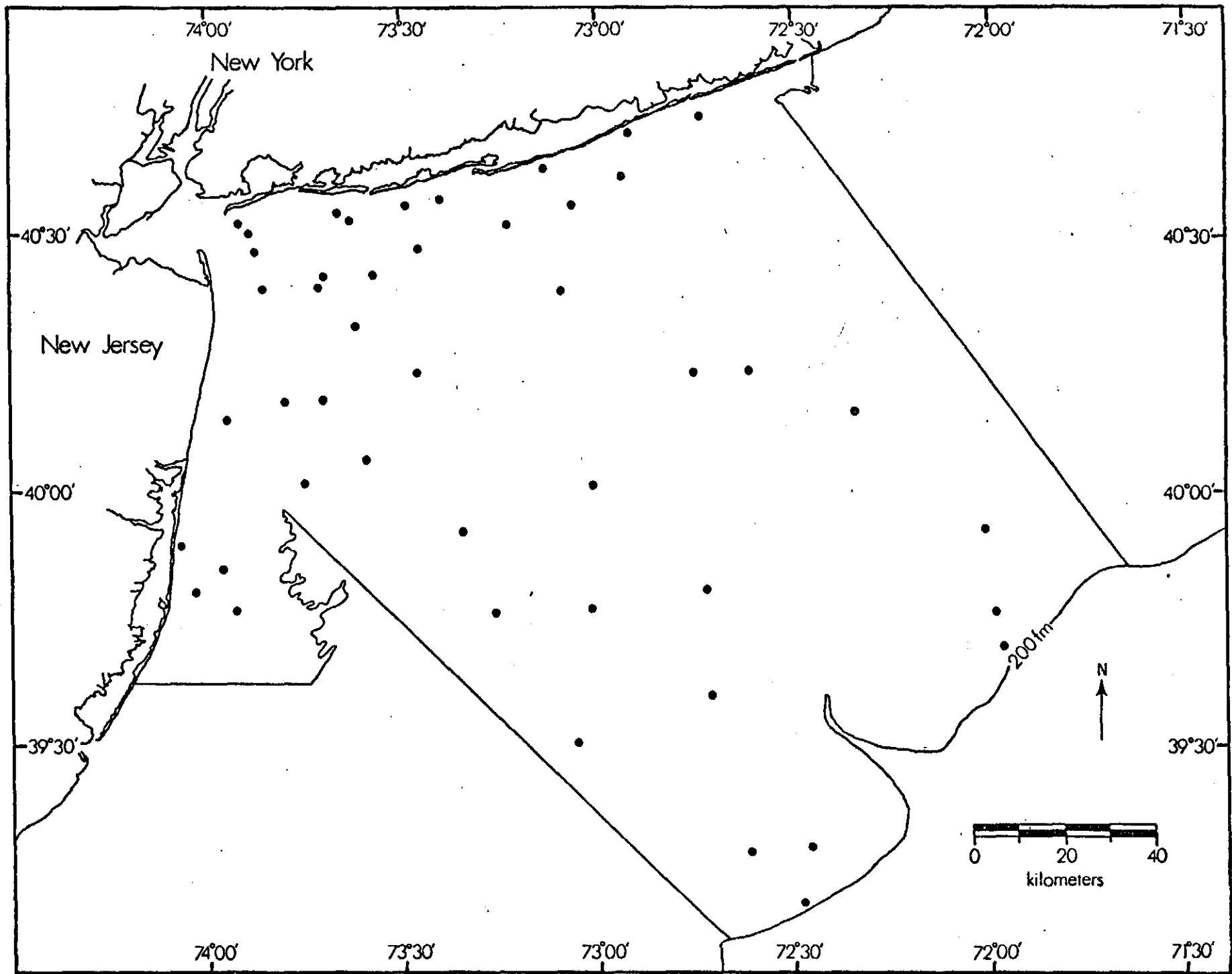


FIGURE 6.--R. V. Delaware II Cruise 874, August 16-21, 1974. Location of collecting stations.

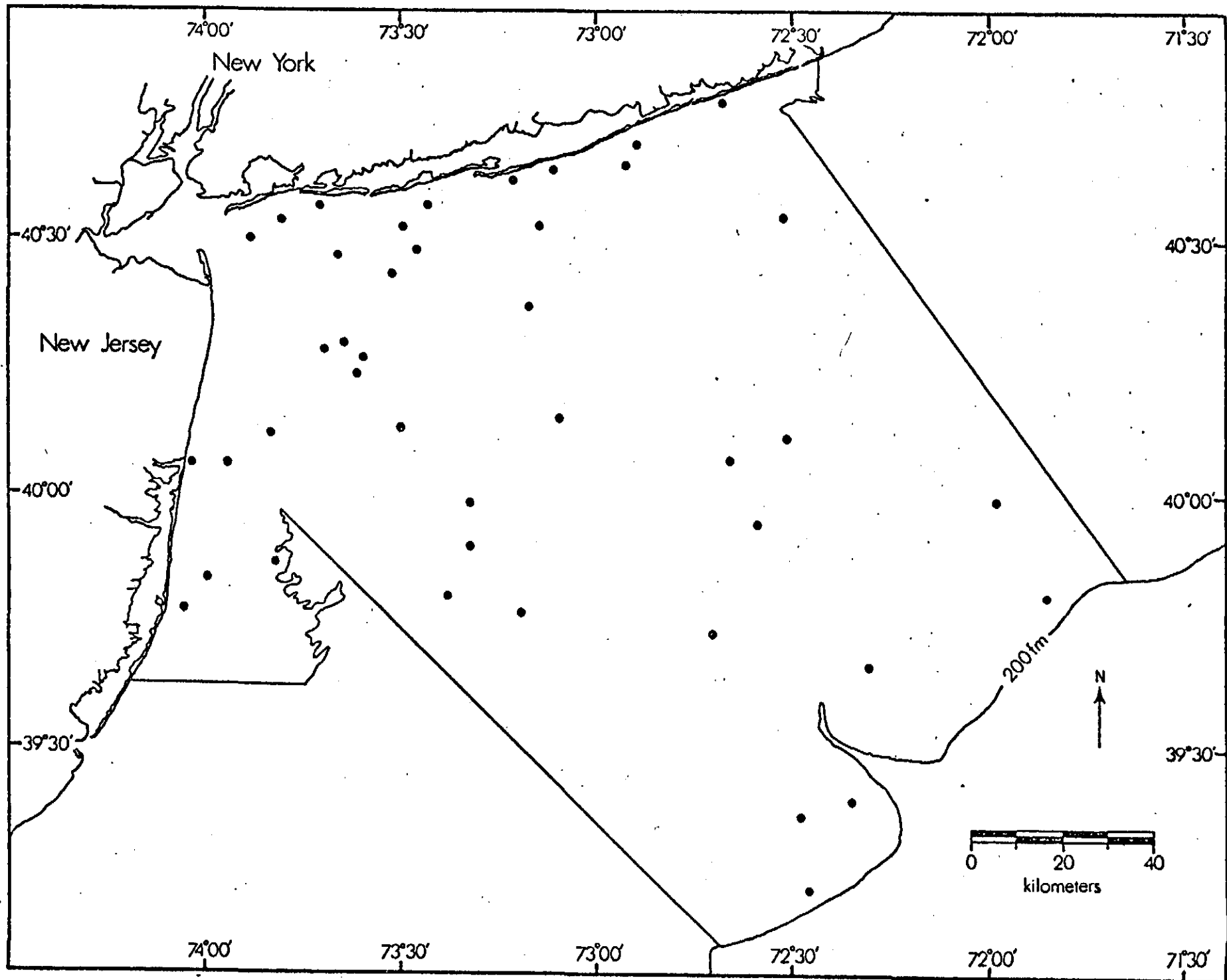


FIGURE 7.--R. V. Delaware II Cruise 974, September 23-29, 1974. Location of collecting stations.

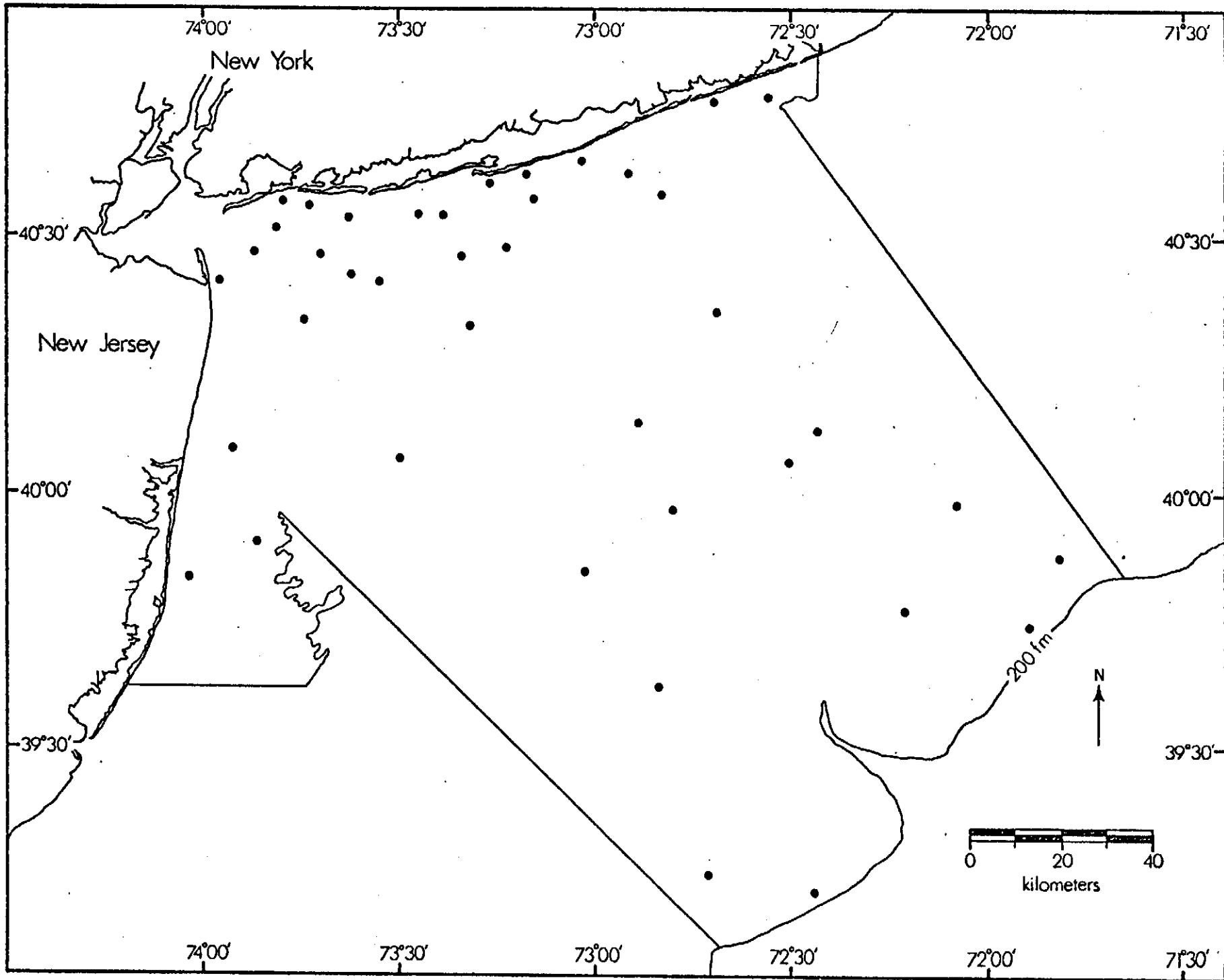


FIGURE 8.--R. V. Delaware II Cruise 463, October 22-28, 1974. Location of collecting stations.

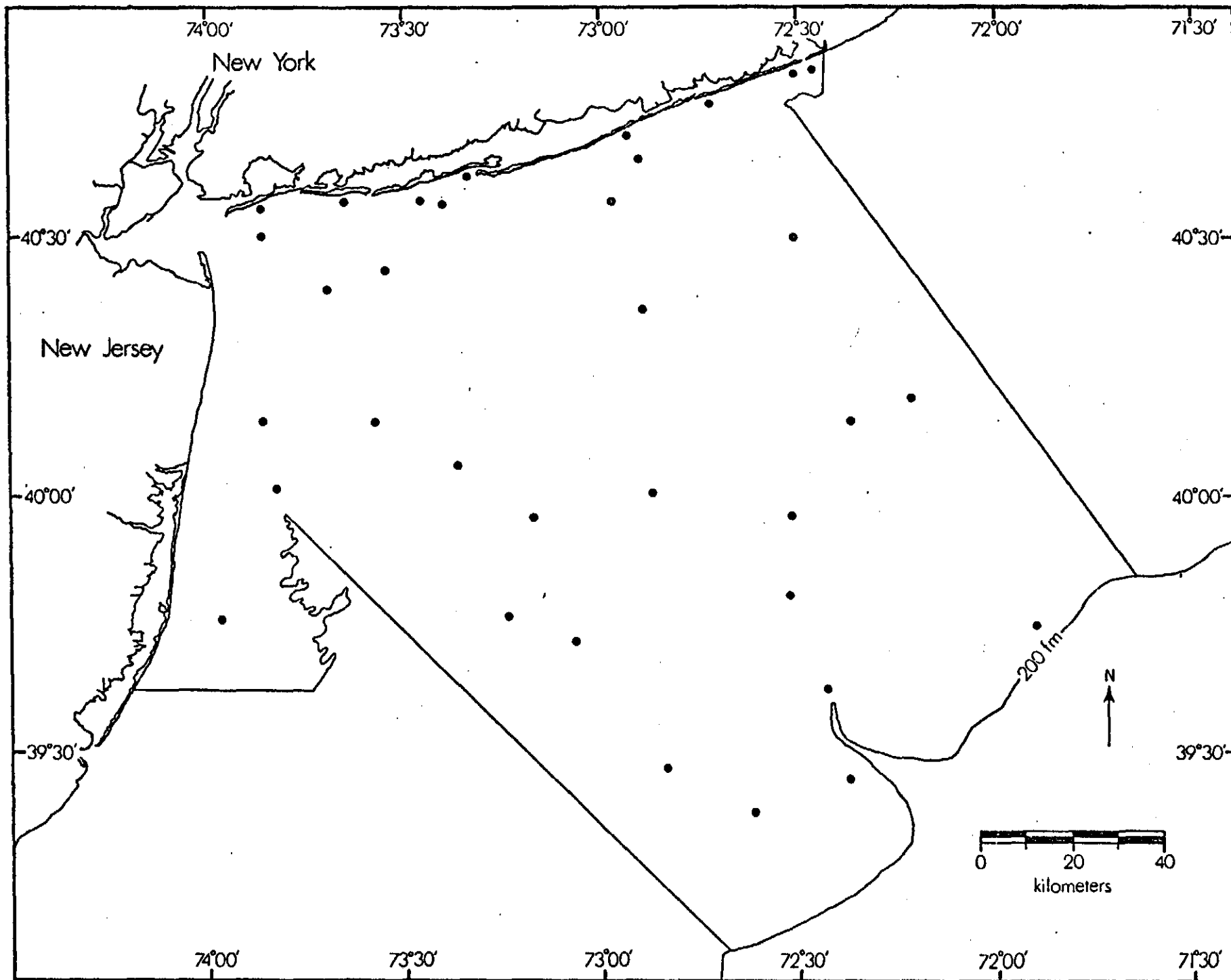


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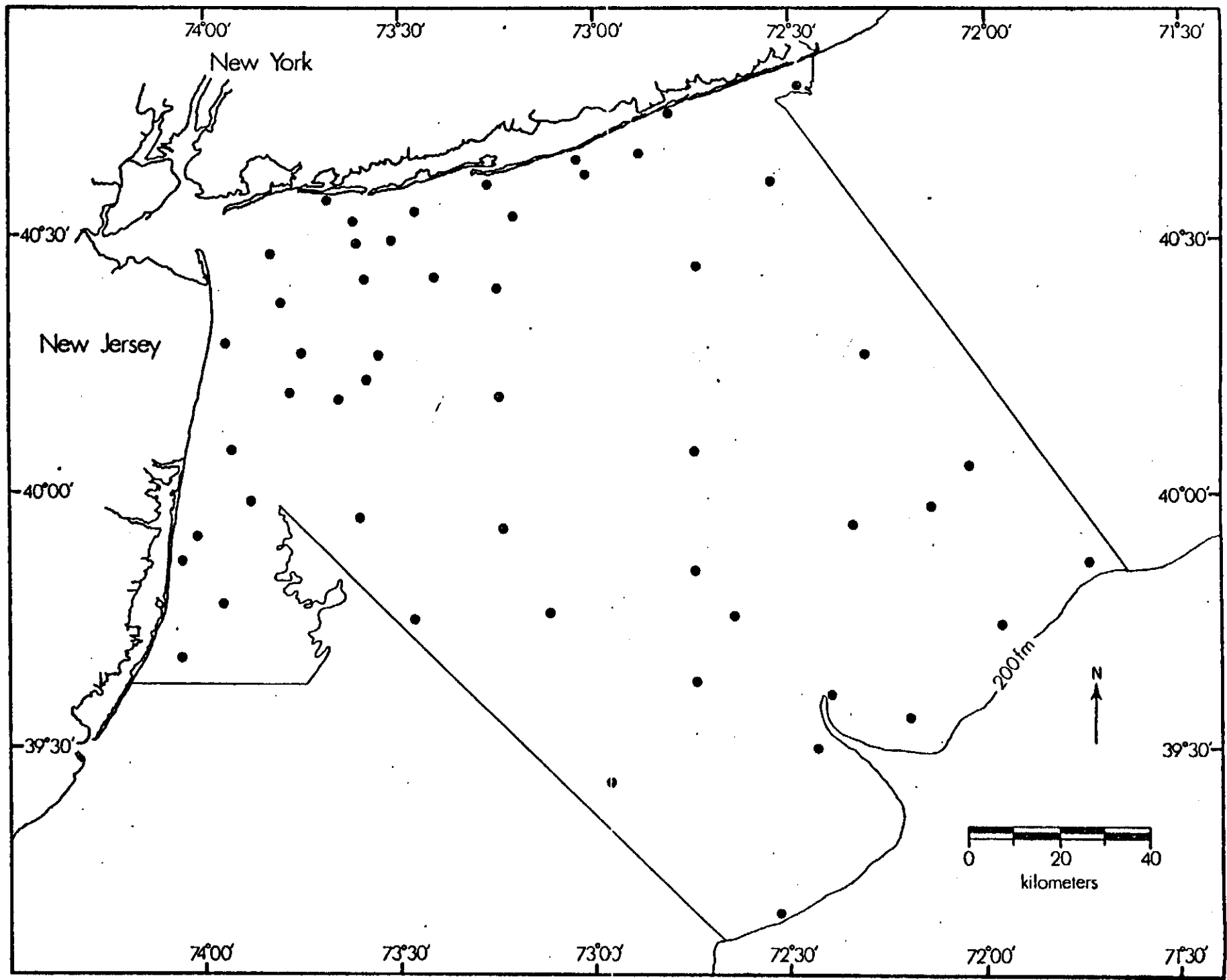


FIGURE 10.--R. V. Delaware II Cruise 185, January 31 - February 6, 1975. Location of collecting stations.

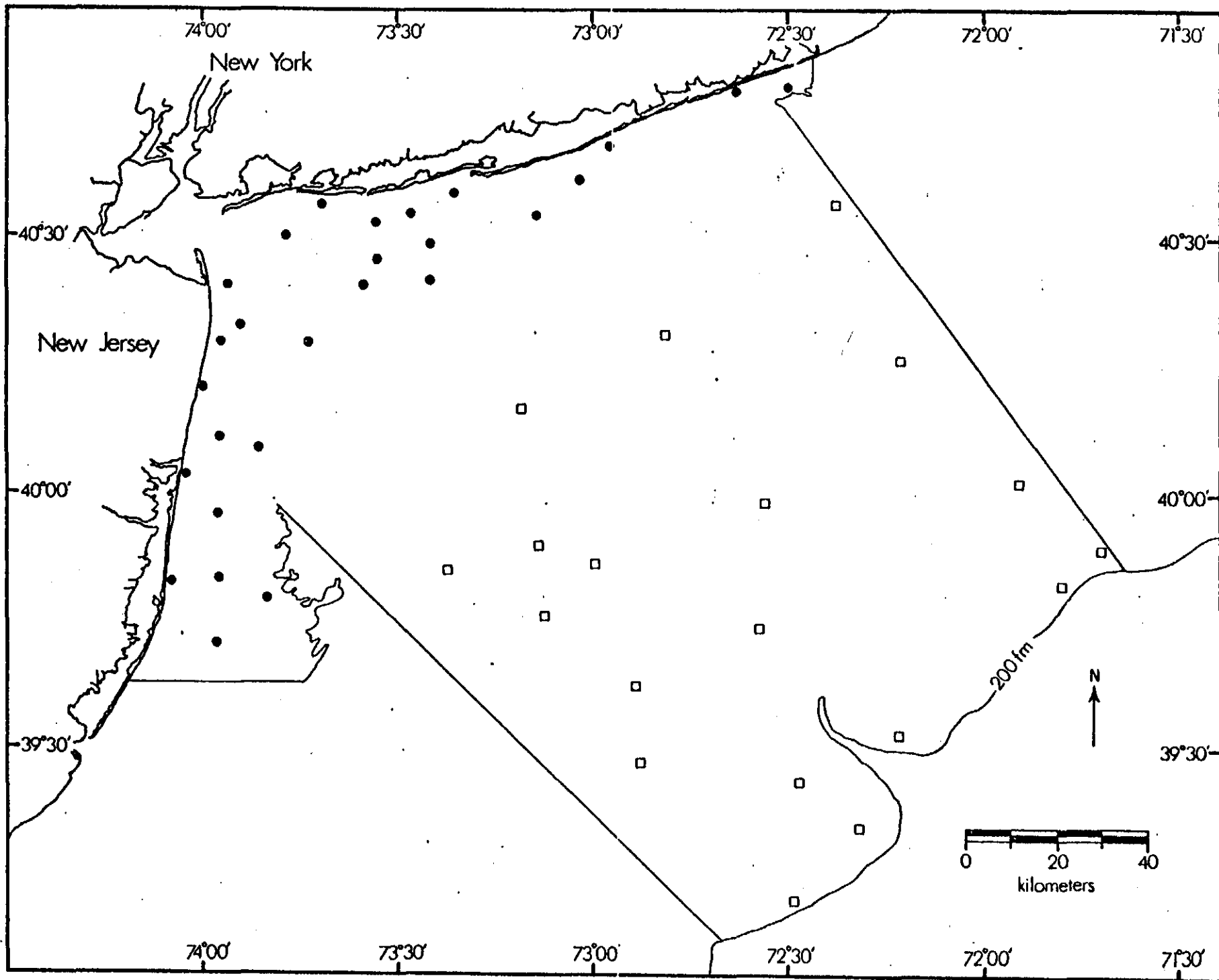


FIGURE 11.--R. V. Albatross IV Cruise 753, March 6-10, 1975 (□) and R. V. Atlantic Twin Cruise 275, March 18-24, 1975 (●). Location of collecting stations.

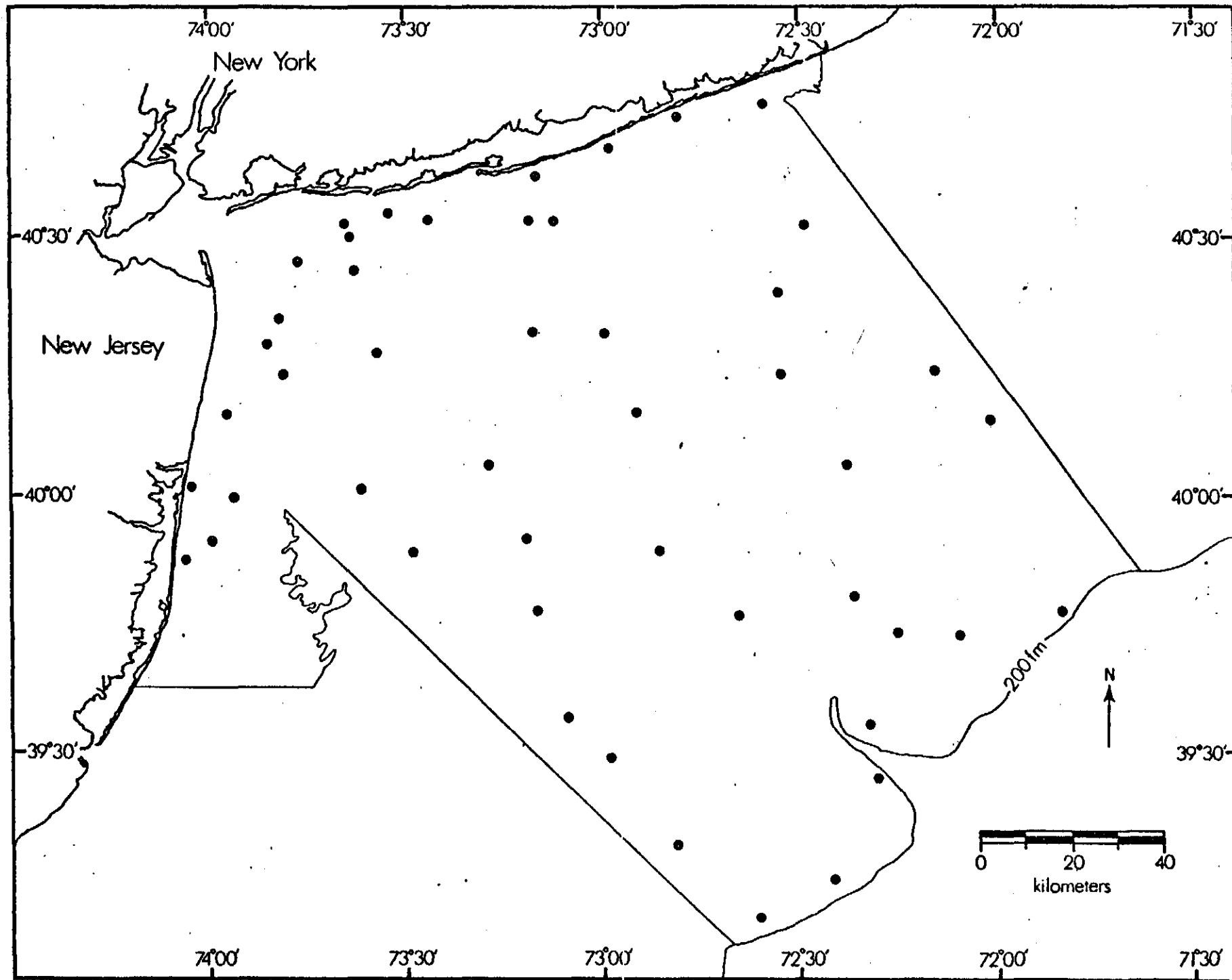


FIGURE 12.--R. V. Albatross IV Cruise 475, April 1-10, 1975. Location of collecting stations.

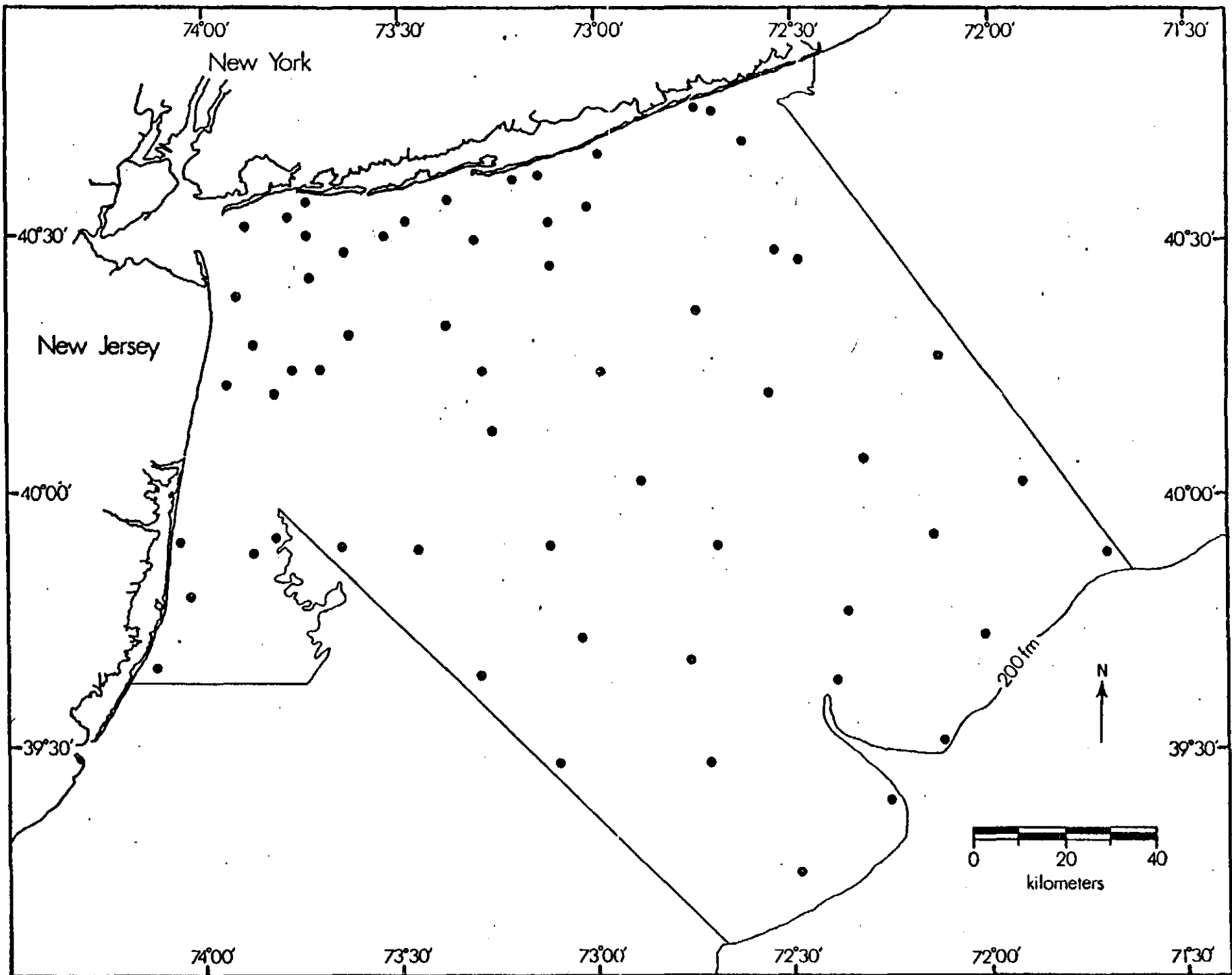


FIGURE 13.--R. V. Delaware II Cruise 575, May 5-13, 1975. Location of collecting stations.

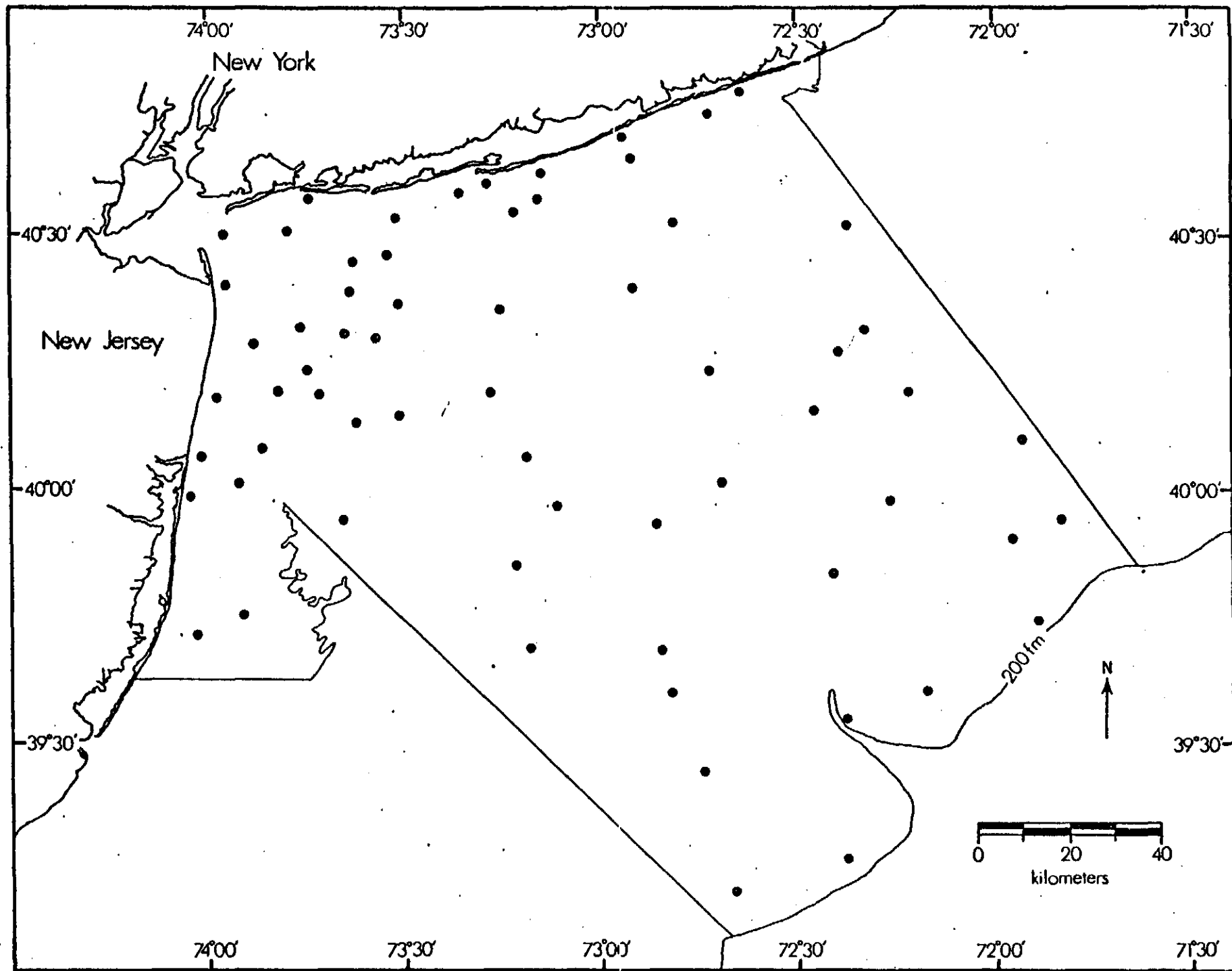


FIGURE 14.--R. V. Delaware II Cruise 435, June 2-9, 1975. Location of collecting stations.

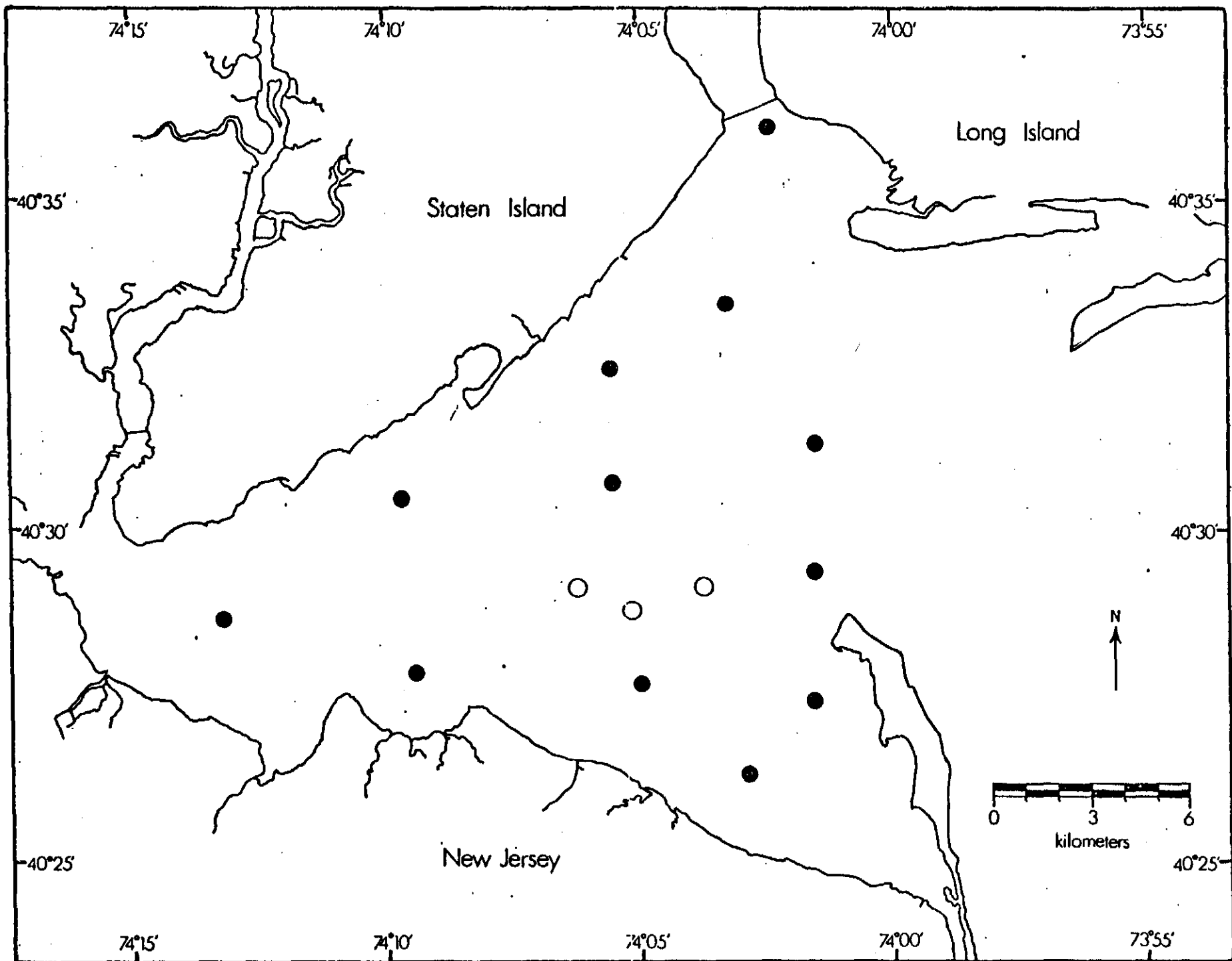


FIGURE 15.--R. V. *Xiphias* Cruise 416, June 3, 4, 6, 1974. Location of collecting stations; *Xiphias* (●), Delaware II and *Xiphias* gear comparison (○).

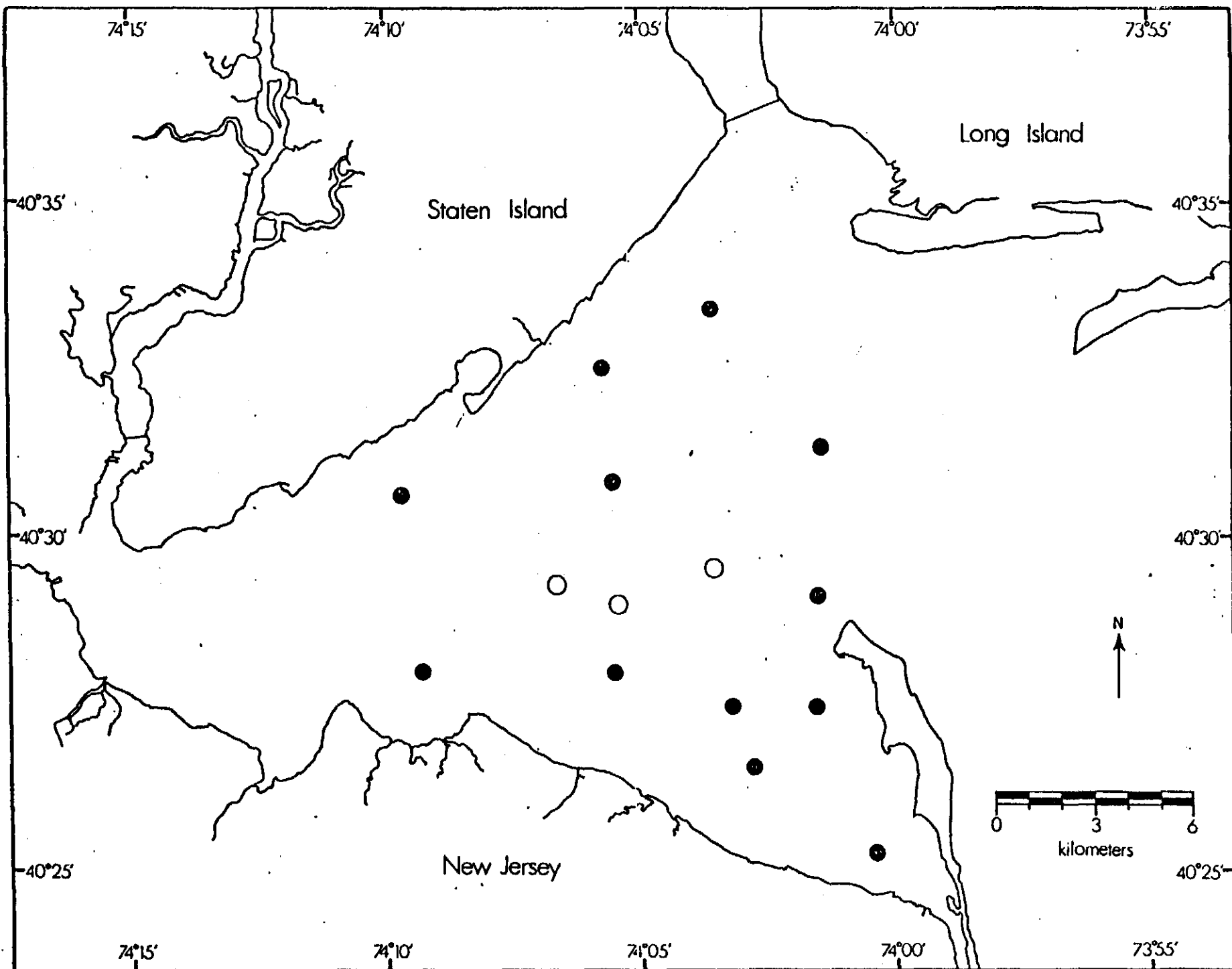


FIGURE 16.--R. V. Xiphias Cruise 417, July 23-25, 1974. Location of collecting stations; Xiphias (●), Delaware II and Xiphias gear comparison (○).

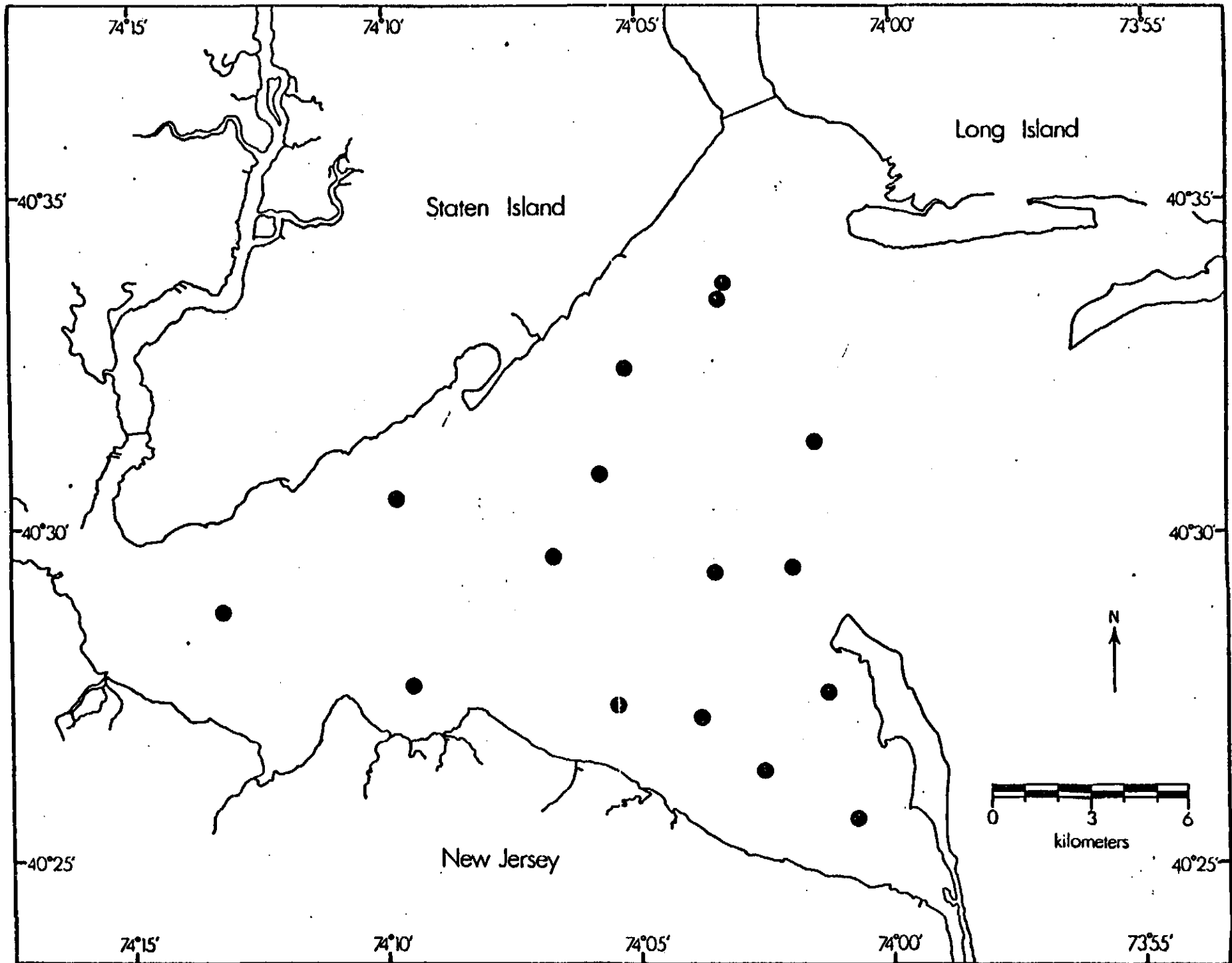


FIGURE 17.--R. V. Xiphias Cruise 418, August 14-15, 21-23, 1974. Location of collecting stations.

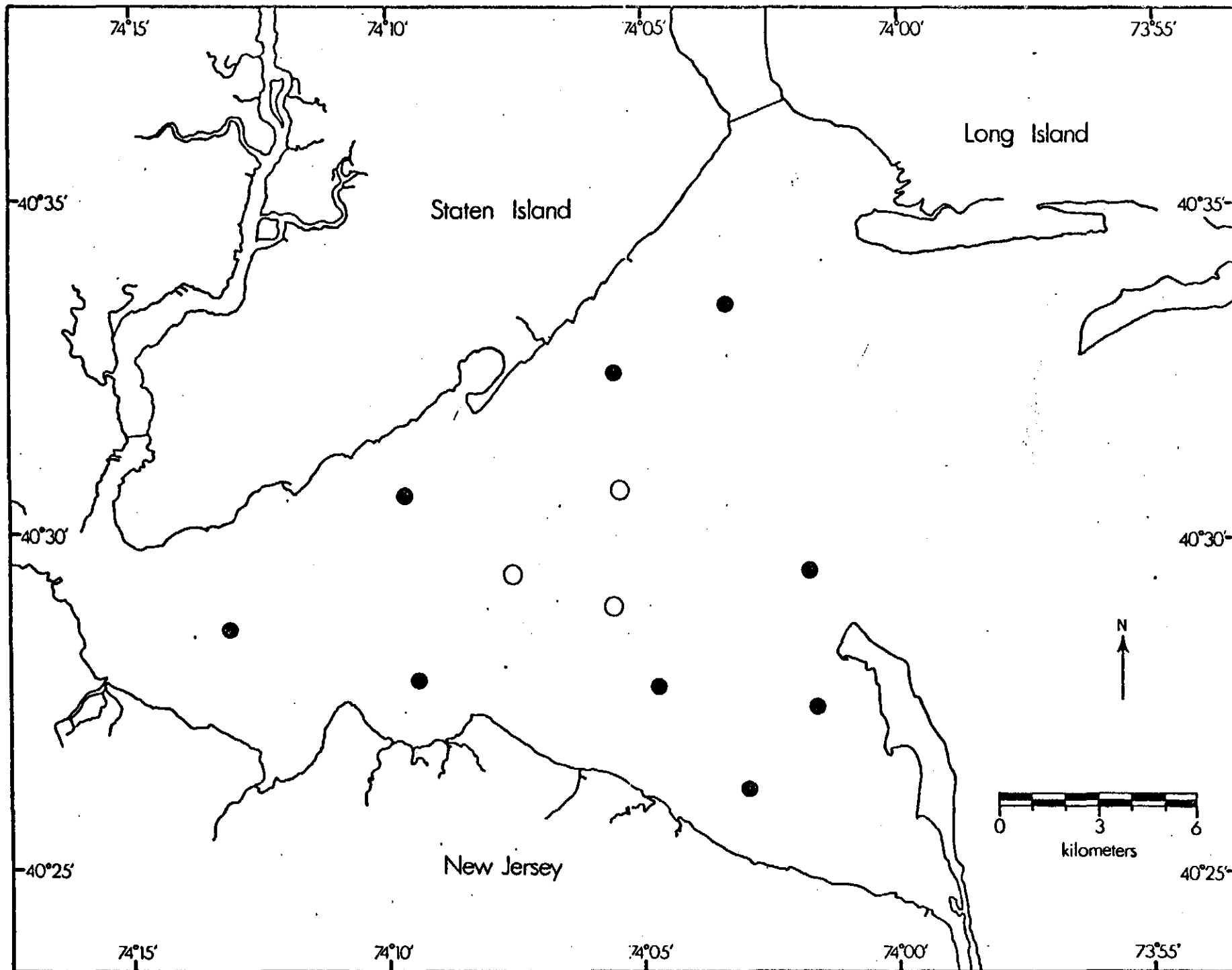


FIGURE 18.--R. V. Xiphias Cruise 419, September 23-26, 1974. Location of collecting stations, Xiphias (●), Delaware II and Xiphias gear comparison (○).

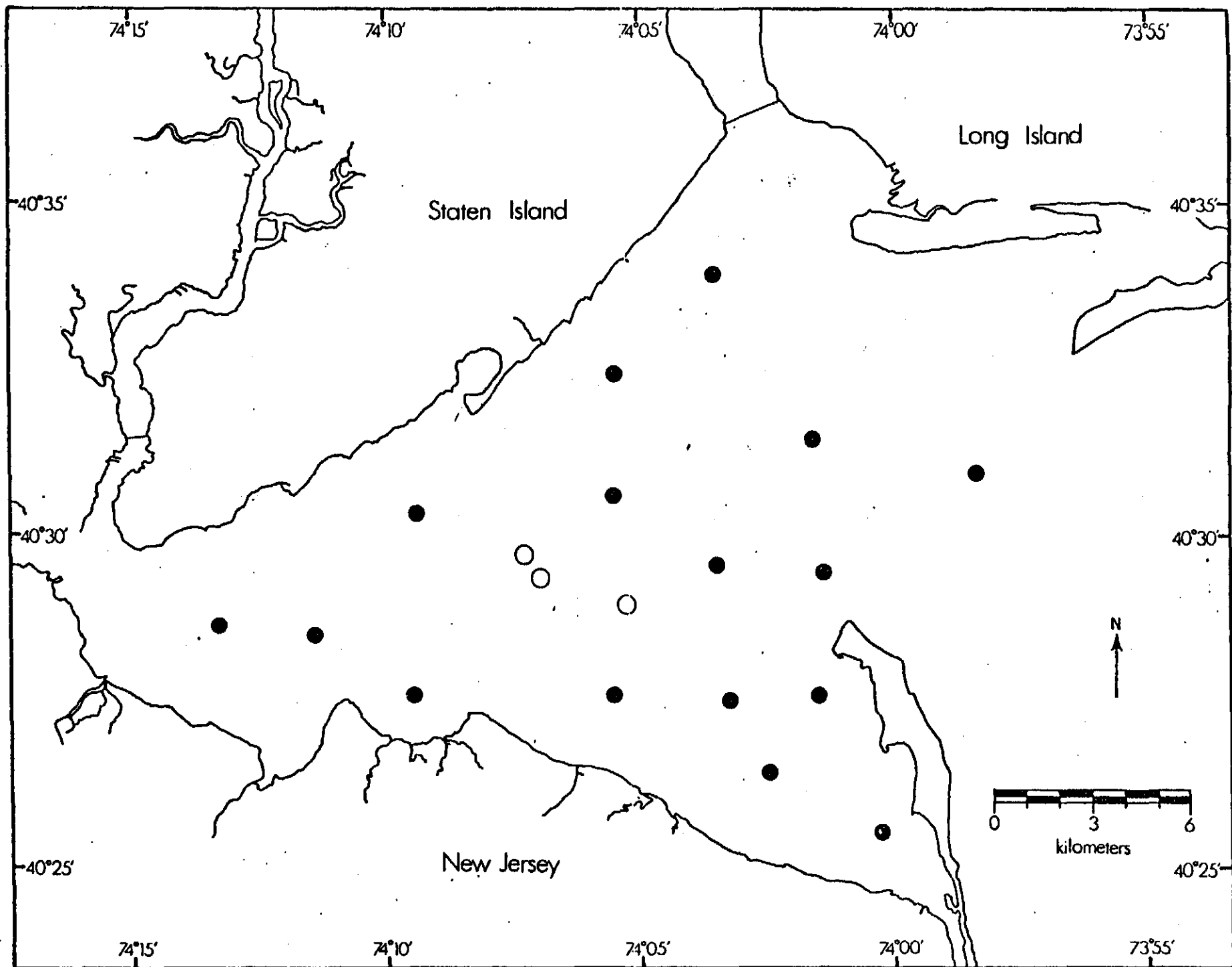


FIGURE 19.--R. V. Xiphias Cruise 421, October 22-24, 1974. Location of collecting stations; Xiphias (●), Delaware II and Xiphias gear comparison (○).

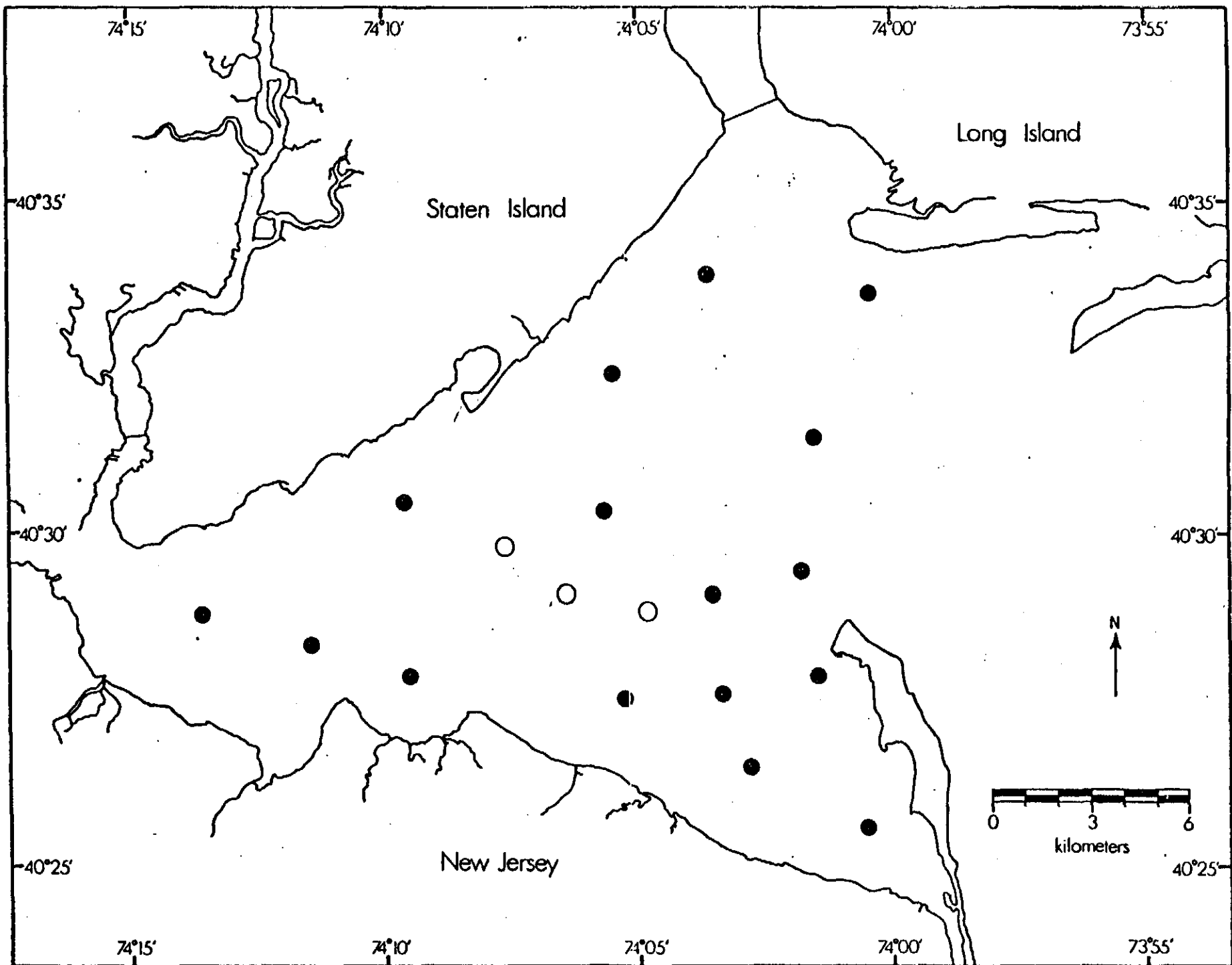


FIGURE 20.--R. V. Xiphias Cruise 423, November 18-20, 1974. Locations of collecting stations; Xiphias (●), Delaware II and Xiphias gear comparison (○).

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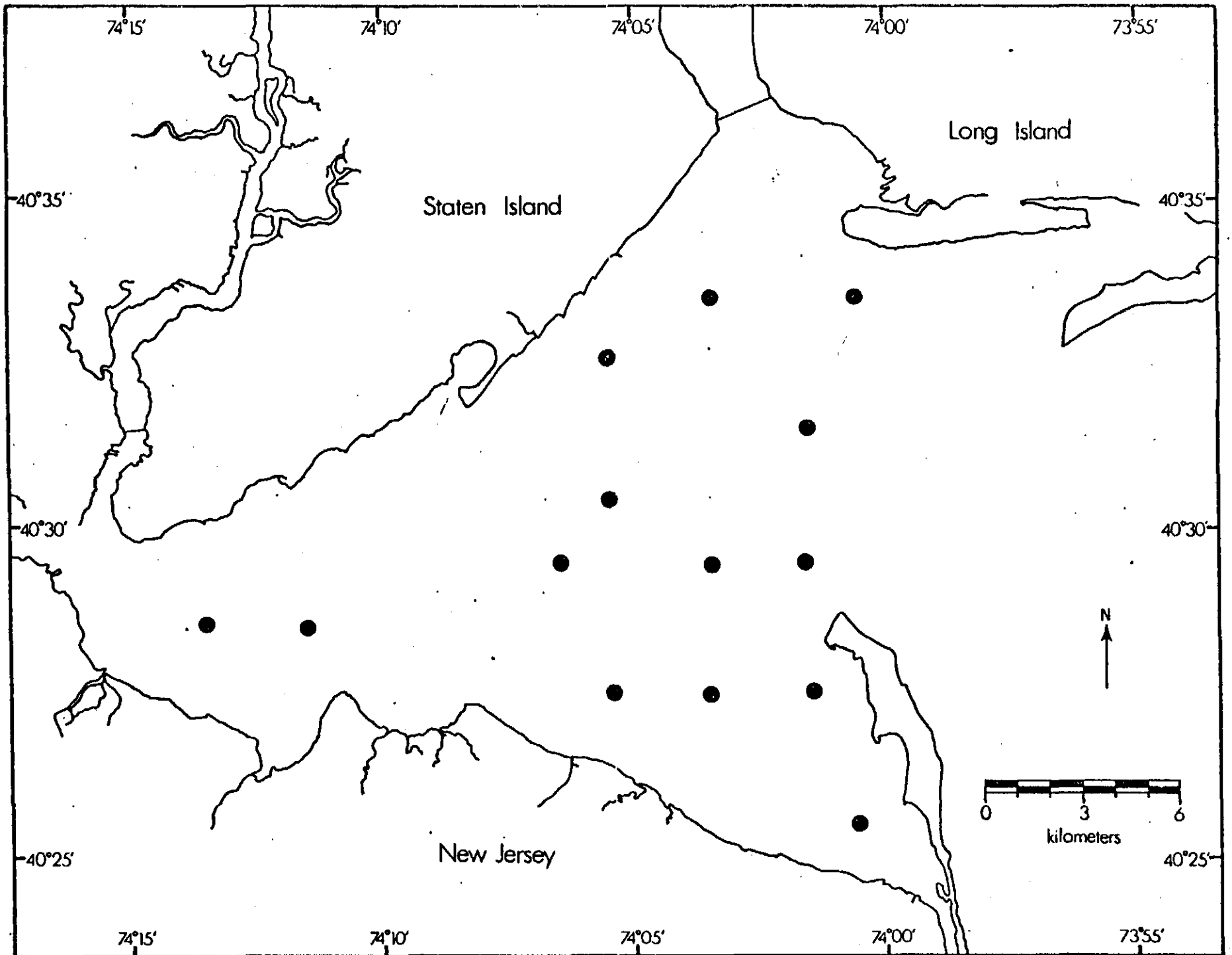


FIGURE 21.--R. V. Rorqual Cruise 425, January 3-9, 1975. Location of collecting stations.

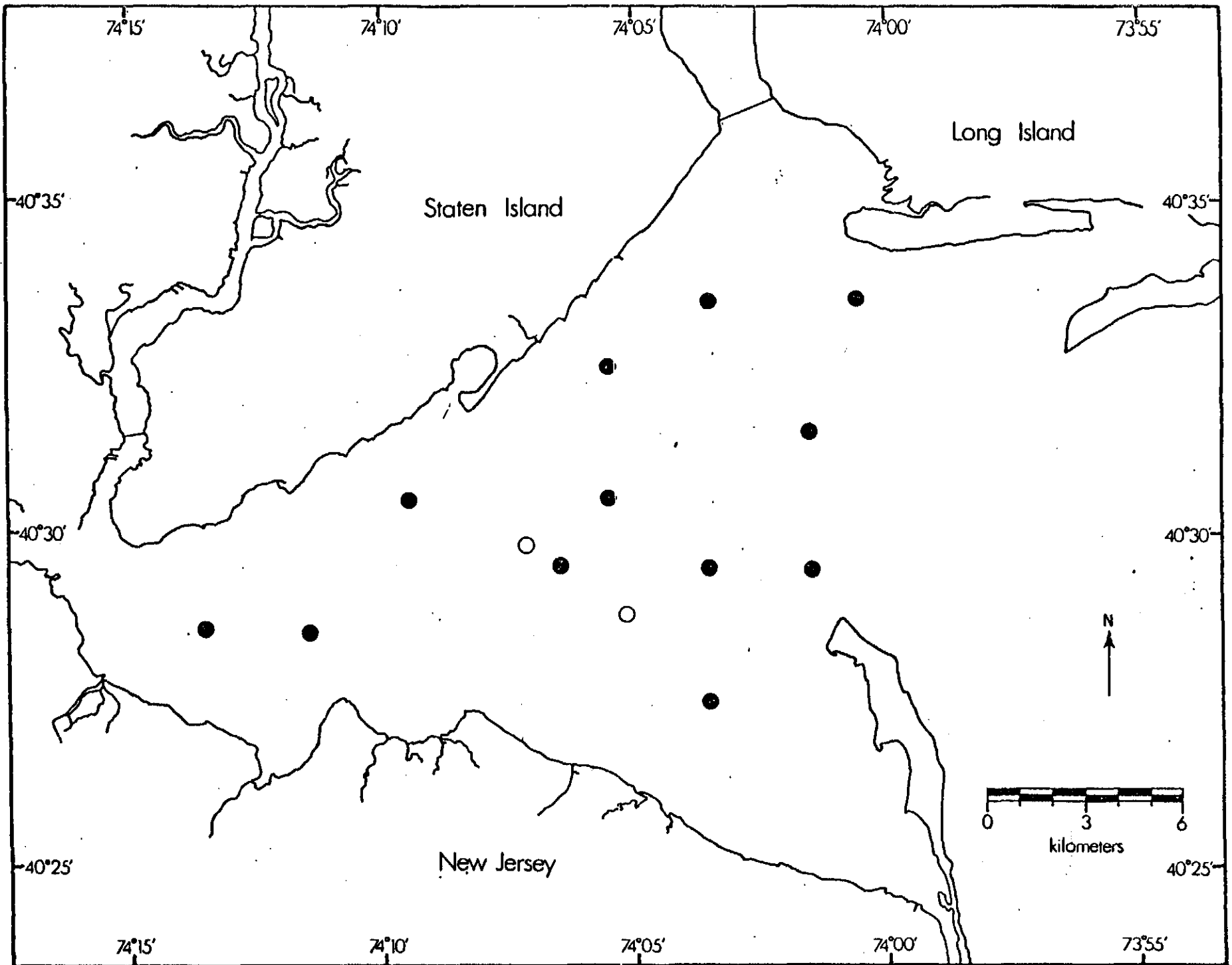


FIGURE 22.--R. V. Rorqual Cruise 427, January 31 - February 4, 1975. Location of collecting stations; Rorqual (●), Delaware II and Rorqual gear comparison (○).

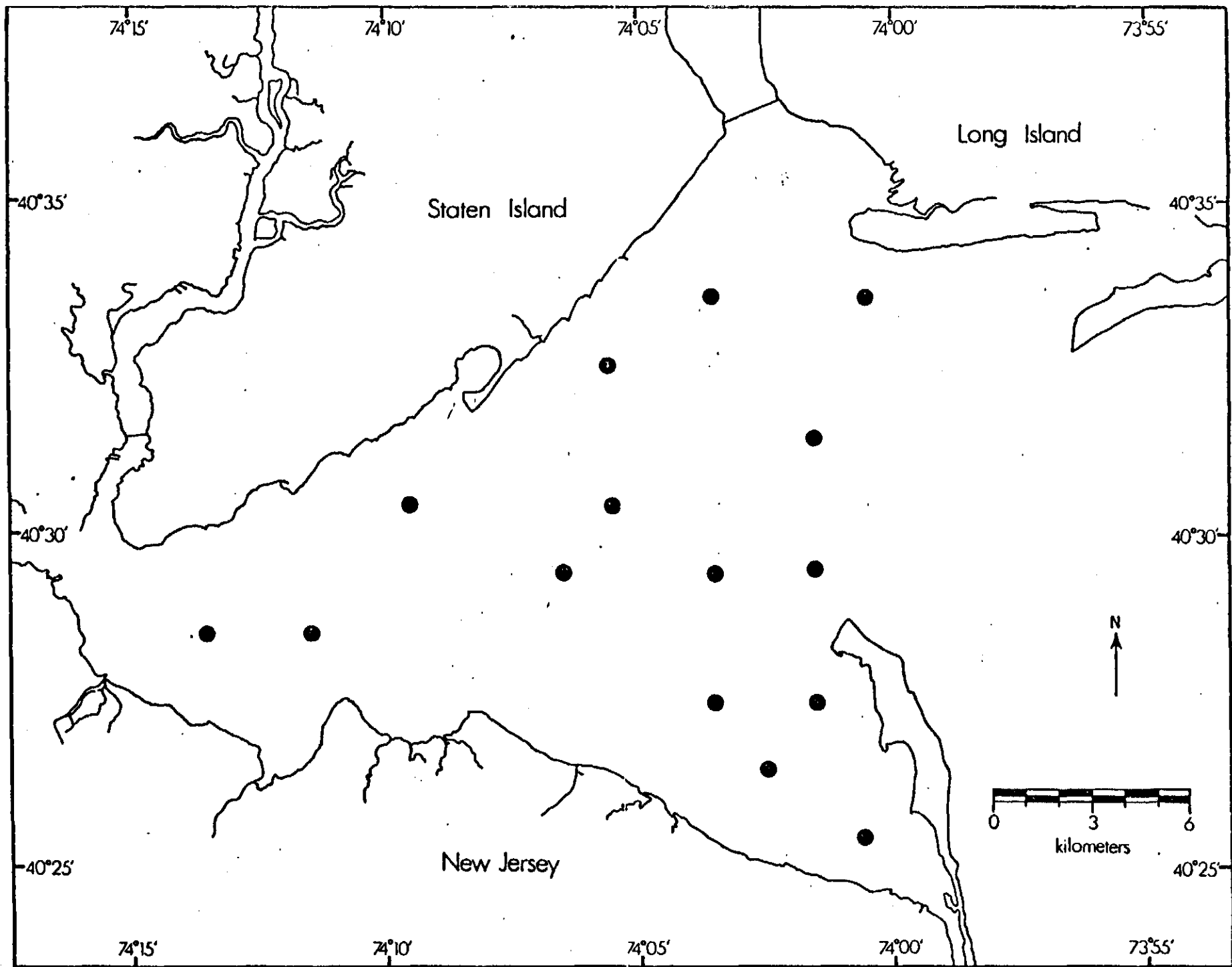


FIGURE 23.--R. V. Rorqual Cruise 429, April 1-7, 1975. Location of collecting stations.

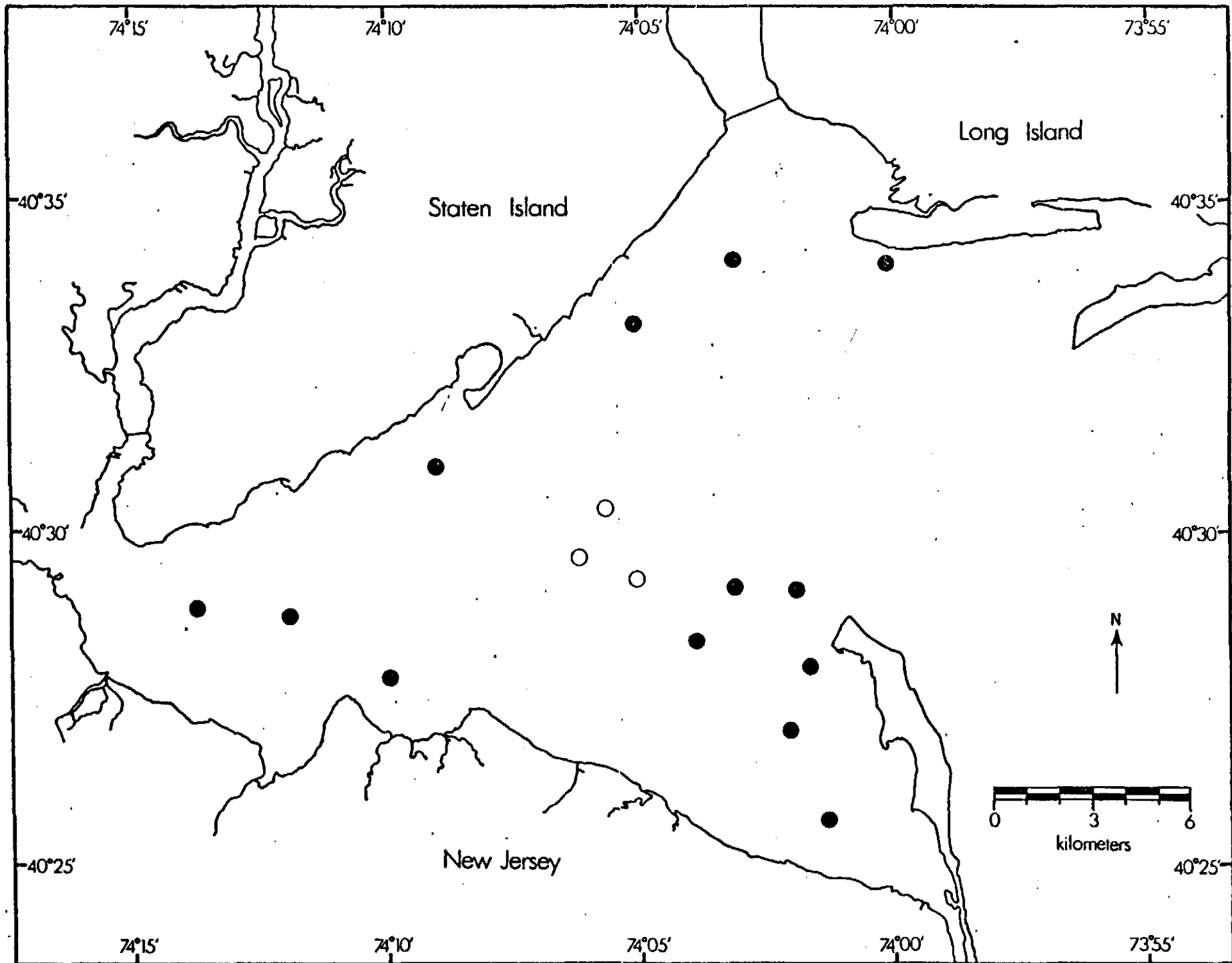


FIGURE 24.--R. V. Xiphias Cruise 431, May 5-8, 1975. Location of collecting stations; Xiphias (●), Delaware II and Xiphias gear comparison (○).

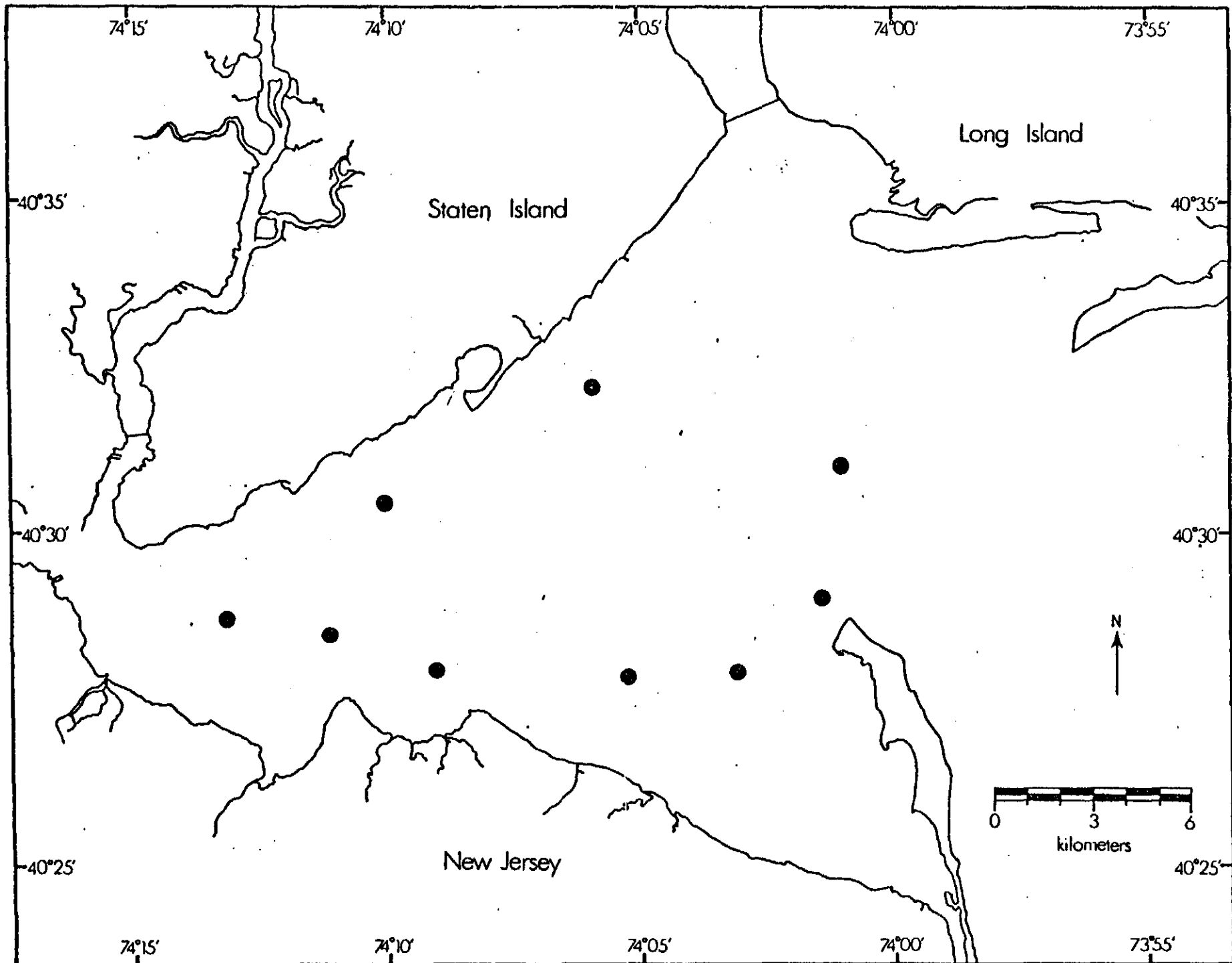


FIGURE 25.--R. V. Xiphias Cruise 433, June 2-9, 1975. Location of collecting stations.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Research vessels used during this study were the Middle Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Center's 10.4-m (34-ft) Xiphias and 19.8-m (65-ft) Rorqual, the National Ocean Survey's 47.2-m (155-ft) Delaware II and 57.0-m (187-ft) Albatross IV, and the chartered 27.4-m (90-ft) Atlantic Twin. Xiphias and Rorqual were used in the bay area exclusively and Delaware II, Albatross IV, and Atlantic Twin principally in the ocean with the exception of gear comparison stations which were made in the bay area.

At each trawl station vertical temperature profiles were obtained with an expendable bathythermograph (XBT) during ocean cruises and with a portable temperature probe during bay cruises. Surface water temperature was measured with a stem thermometer accurate to $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$. Surface and bottom water samples were taken for salinity determination.

An otter trawl was towed at approximately 6.5 km/h (3.5 knots) for 15 min at bay stations and 30 min at ocean stations. The trawl used aboard Xiphias and Rorqual has a 9.1-m (30-ft) footrope and a 7.6-m (25-ft) headrope. A Yankee #36 trawl was used on Delaware II; this gear has a 24.4-m (80-ft) footrope and an 18.3-m (60-ft) headrope. The Albatross IV used the aforementioned #36 trawl and a #41 trawl which has a 30.5-m (100-ft) footrope and a 24.4-m (80-ft) headrope. The Atlantic Twin used a 3/4 Yankee trawl which has a 16.5-m (54-ft) footrope and an 11.9-m (39 ft) headrope.

At the conclusion of each tow, the trawl was retrieved and emptied onto a sorting table where all finfish species were separated and identified. All specimens of each species were weighed and a random sample measured to the nearest centimeter (middle caudal ray). Usually, all specimens of each species were measured; but, when a species was very numerous, an estimate of the total number was made by measuring and weighing a subsample.

Samples of each species, up to 35 specimens, were frozen at each trawl station. If the total catch of a species exceeded 35 specimens, a size stratified sample of 25-35 specimens were frozen from that station.

At the laboratory each specimen was measured to the nearest millimeter (middle caudal ray) and weighed to the nearest gram. In addition, each mature specimen was sexed, development stage determined, and ovaries weighed to the nearest one-hundredth of a gram (0.01 g).

Collected data were recorded on appropriate data processing forms, transferred to punch cards, and incorporated into sorting, listing and statistical systems to simplify data recall and analysis.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

During this 13 month study 692 trawl stations were occupied during 23 cruises. Table 1 gives dates, locations, and trawl used for each cruise. Appendix Table I and II are phylogenetic lists of the 96 species and 46 families of finfishes collected during these cruises, including monthly summaries of numbers of laboratory examined specimens and their size range.

The following sections summarize 13 months of collected materials for 14 of the more numerous and/or important species: silver hake (Merluccius bilinearis), red hake (Urophycis chuss), spotted hake (Urophycis regius), black sea bass (Centropristis striata), scup (Stenotomus chrysops), weakfish (Cynoscion regalis), butterfish (Peprilus triacanthus), northern searobin (Prionotus carolinus), striped searobin (Prionotus evolans), summer flounder (Paralichthys dentatus), fourspot flounder (Paralichthys oblongus), windowpane (Scophthalmus aquosus), yellowtail flounder (Limanda ferruginea), and winter flounder (Pseudopleuronectes americanus).

Preliminary results are given in the form of graphs, tables, and maps for each of the aforementioned species. Included are shipboard collected length-frequency distributions; laboratory determined weight-length relationship (\log^{10}), sex ratios, and mean gonad-somatic indices (ovarian weight \div fish weight x 100); and monthly distributions.

TABLE 1.--List of cruises made in New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| DATES | VESSEL | CRUISE CODE | NO. OF TRAWL STATIONS | GEAR TYPE | STUDY AREA |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <u>1974</u> | | | | | |
| June 3-7 | <u>Delaware</u> II | 374 | 46 | #36 Trawl- Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 4) |
| June 3,4,6 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 416 | 15 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 15) |
| July 23-25 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 417 | 15 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 16) |
| July 24-29 | <u>Delaware</u> II | 774 | 43 | #36 Trawl- Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 5) |
| Aug. 14,15, 21-23 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 418 | 16 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 17) |
| Aug. 16-21 | <u>Delaware</u> II | 874 | 44 | #36 Trawl- Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 6) |
| Sept. 23-29 | <u>Delaware</u> II | 974 | 43 | #36 Trawl- Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 7) |
| Sept. 23-26 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 419 | 15 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 18) |
| Oct. 22-28 | <u>Delaware</u> II | 463 | 43 | #36 Trawl- Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 8) |
| Oct. 22-24 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 421 | 19 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 19) |
| Nov. 18-25 | <u>Delaware</u> II | 464 | 38 | #36 Trawl- Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 9) |
| Nov. 18-20 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 423 | 19 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 20) |
| <u>1975</u> | | | | | |
| Jan. 3-9 | <u>Rorqual</u> | 425 | 14 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 21) |
| Jan. 31 - Feb. 6 | <u>Delaware</u> II | 175 | 54 | #36 Trawl- Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 10) |
| Jan. 31 - Feb. 4 | <u>Rorqual</u> | 427 | 14 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 22) |
| Mar. 6-10 | <u>Albatross</u> IV | 753 | 20 | #41 Trawl- 18" Roller Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean - 16-200 fm. (Figure 11) |

TABLE 1.--Continued

| DATES | VESSEL | CRUISE CODE | NO. OF TRAWL STATIONS | GEAR TYPE | STUDY AREA |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <u>1975</u> | | | | | |
| Mar. 18-24 | <u>Atlantic Twin</u> | 275 | 25 | 3/4 Yankee-Trawl | N. Y. Bight Ocean - 15 fm (Figure 11) |
| Apr. 1-10 | <u>Albatross IV</u> | 475 | 48 | #36 Trawl-Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 12) |
| Apr. 1-7 | <u>Rorqual</u> | 429 | 15 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 23) |
| May 5-13 | <u>Delaware II</u> | 575 | 59 | #36 Trawl-Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 13) |
| May 5-8 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 431 | 16 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 24) |
| June 2-9 | <u>Delaware II</u> | 435 | 62 | #36 Trawl-Chain Sweep | N. Y. Bight Ocean (Figure 14) |
| June 2-9 | <u>Xiphias</u> | 433 | 9 | 30-ft Trawl | Sandy Hook-Lower-Raritan Bays (Figure 25) |
| TOTAL | | | 692 | | |

SILVER HAKE

(Merluccius bilinearis)

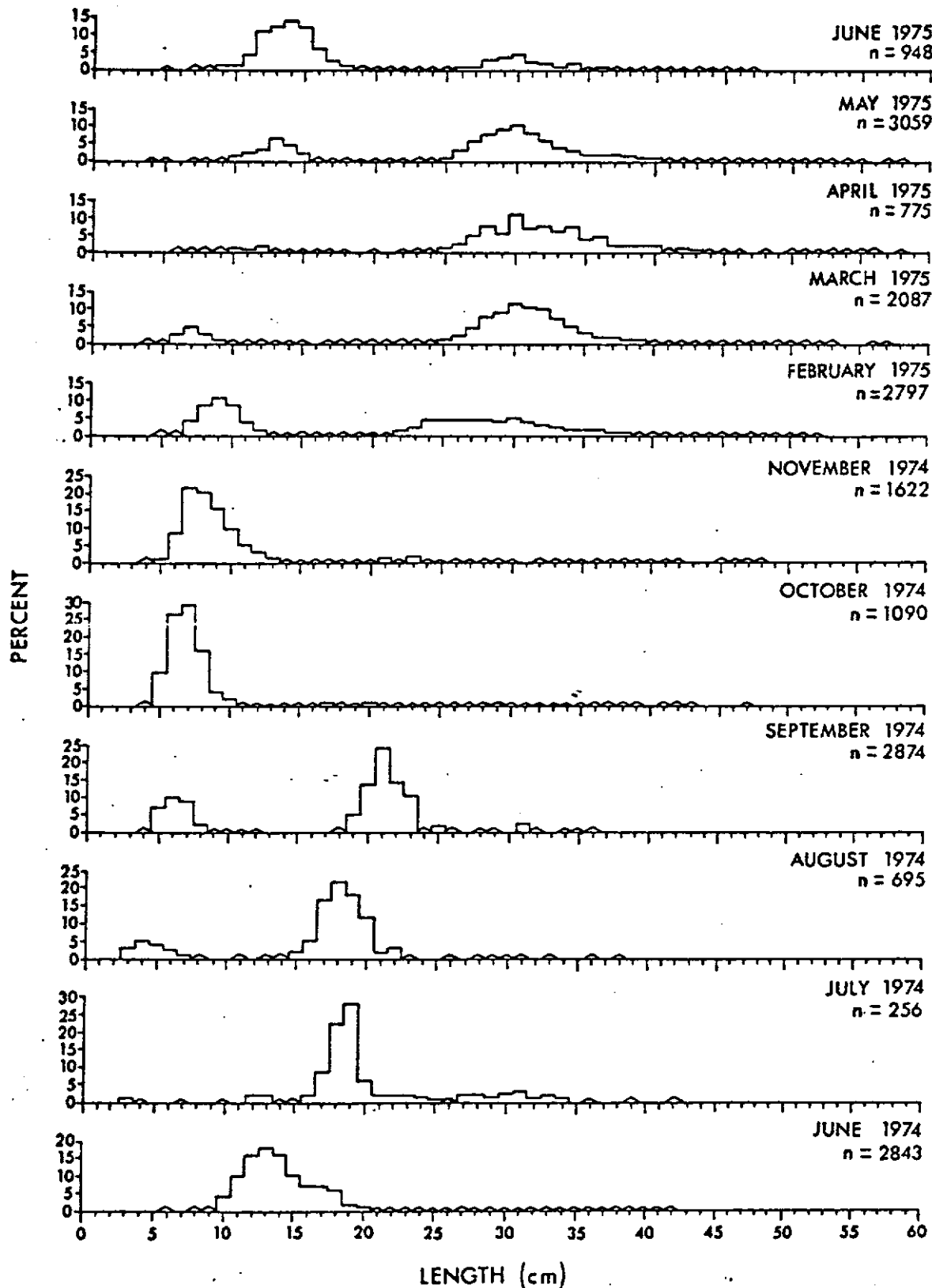


FIGURE 26.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

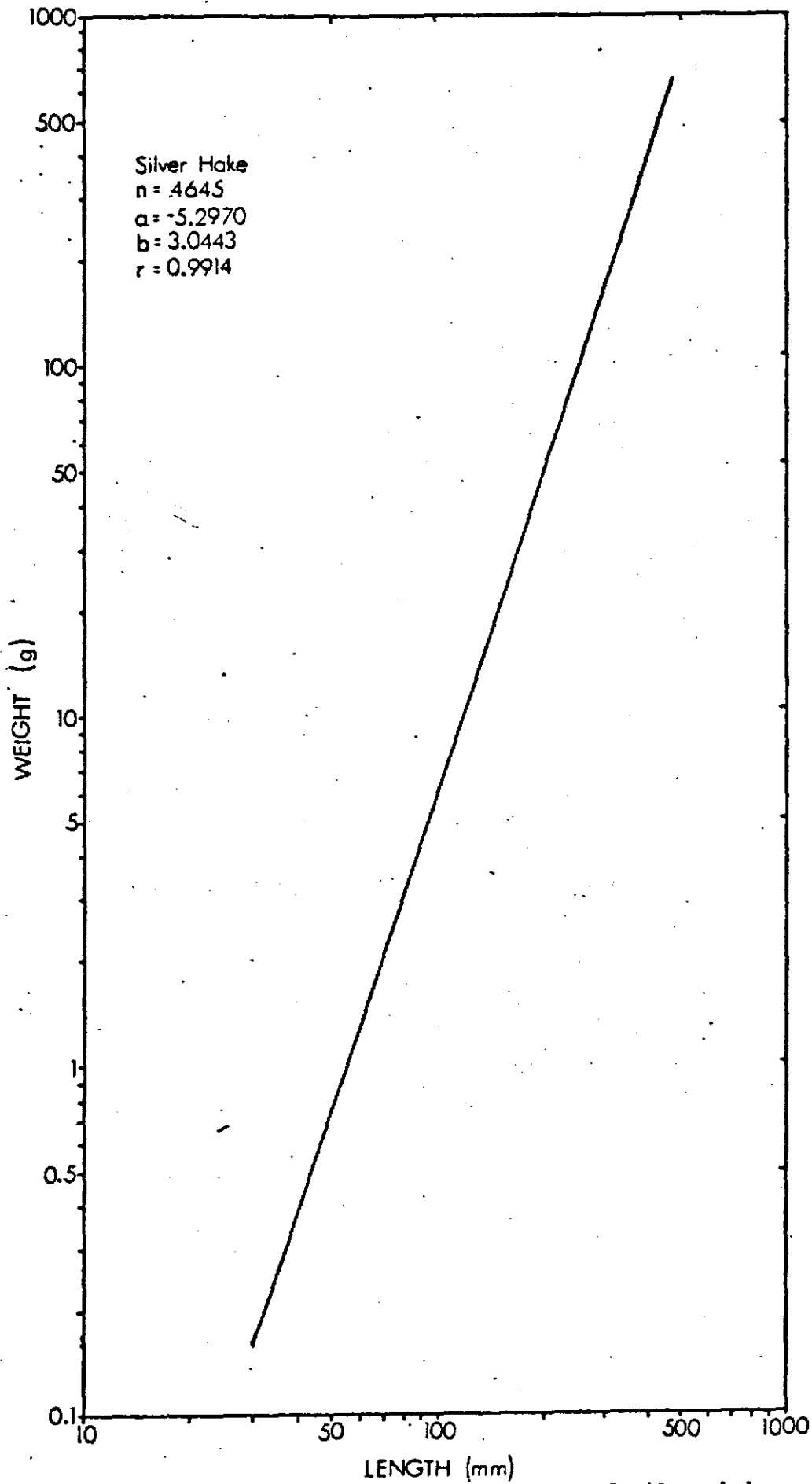


FIGURE 27.--Weight-length relationship of silver hake (Merluccius bilinearis) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 2.--Monthly sex ratios of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 204 | 16 | 7.8 | 33 | 16.2 | 155 | 76.0 |
| July | 140 | 10 | 7.1 | 18 | 12.9 | 112 | 80.0 |
| August | 211 | 12 | 5.7 | 20 | 9.5 | 179 | 84.8 |
| September | 134 | 4 | 3.0 | 6 | 4.5 | 124 | 92.5 |
| October | 190 | 18 | 9.5 | 22 | 11.6 | 150 | 78.9 |
| November | 451 | 15 | 3.3 | 77 | 17.1 | 359 | 79.6 |
| January ^{1/} | 13 | 1 | 7.7 | - | - | 12 | 92.3 |
| February | 941 | 187 | 19.9 | 374 | 39.7 | 380 | 40.4 |
| March | 665 | 277 | 41.7 | 287 | 43.2 | 101 | 15.2 |
| April | 423 | 149 | 35.2 | 208 | 49.7 | 66 | 15.6 |
| May | 858 | 226 | 26.3 | 377 | 43.9 | 255 | 29.7 |
| June | 485 | 76 | 15.7 | 103 | 21.2 | 306 | 63.1 |
| TOTAL | 4715 | 991 | 21.0 | 1525 | 32.3 | 2199 | 46.6 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

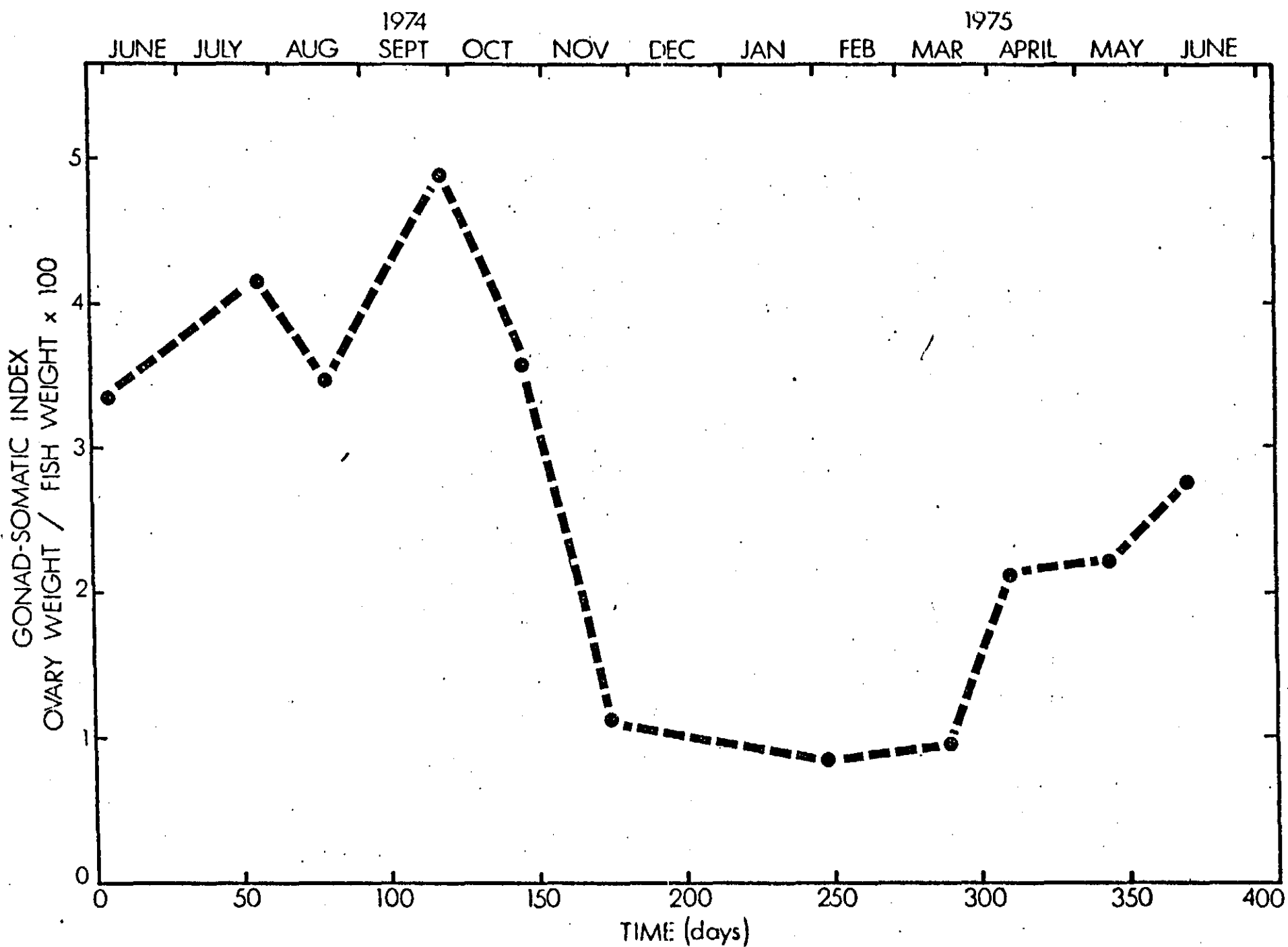


FIGURE 28.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of silver hake (Merluccius bilinearis) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

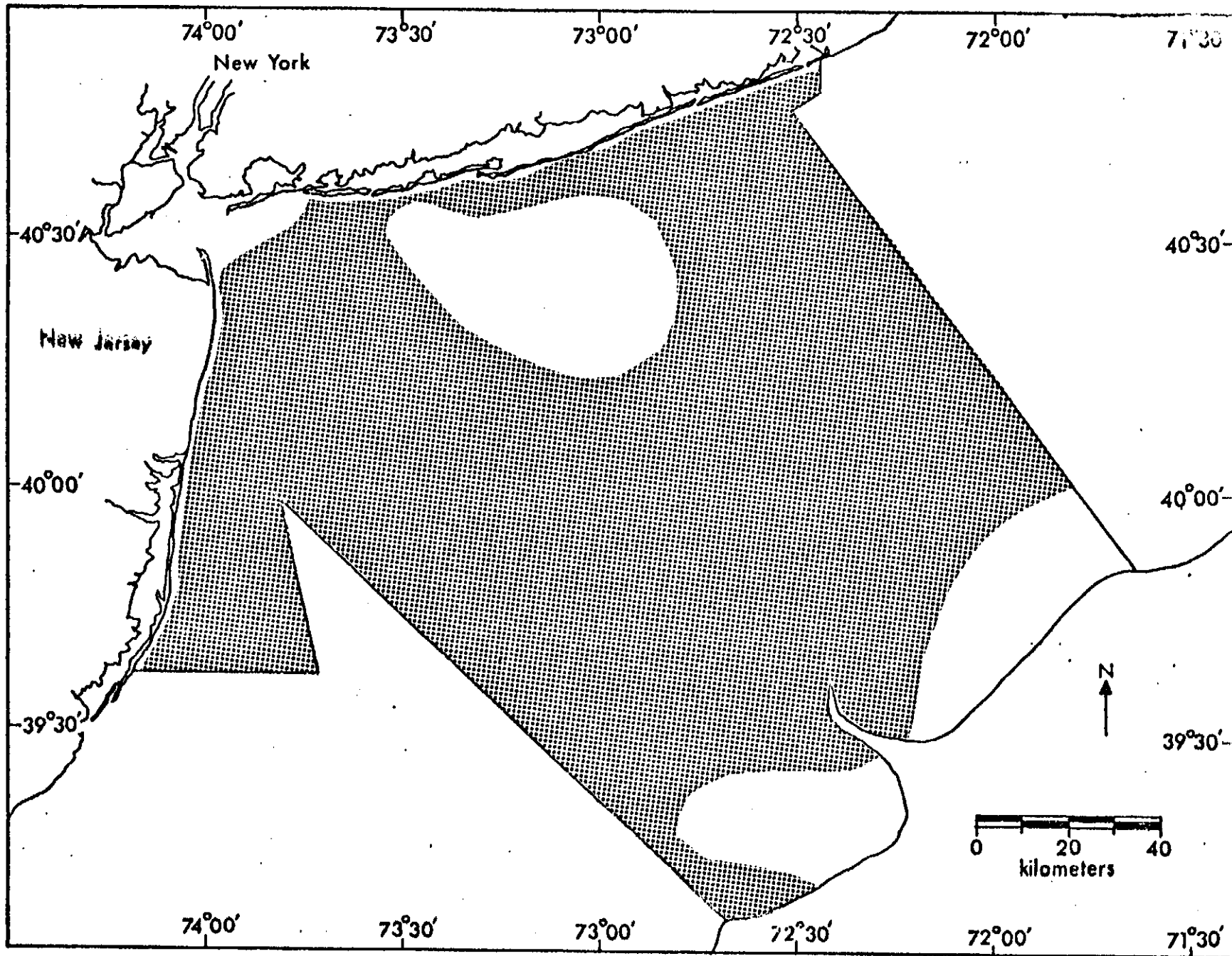


FIGURE 29.--Distribution of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

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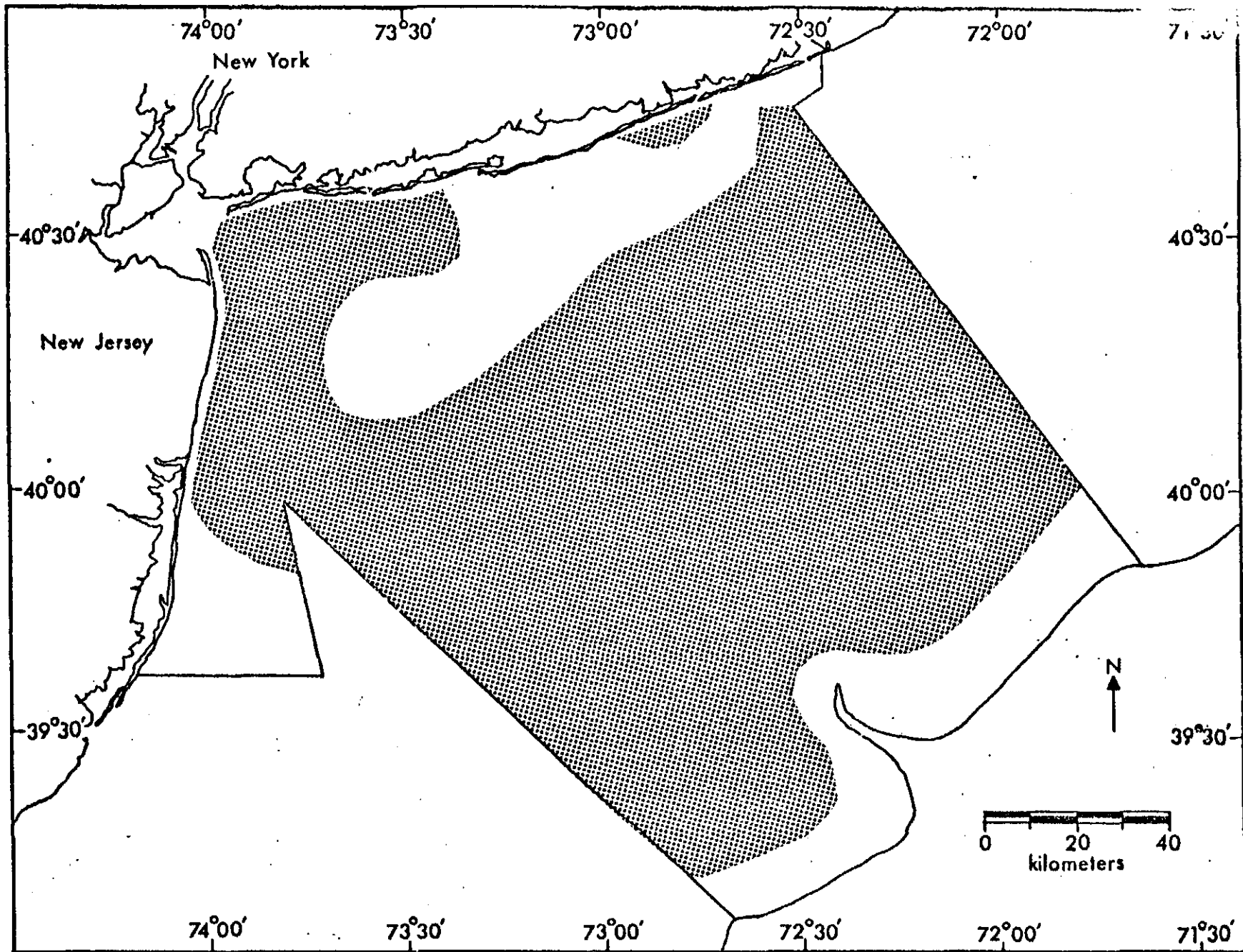


FIGURE 30.--Distribution of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

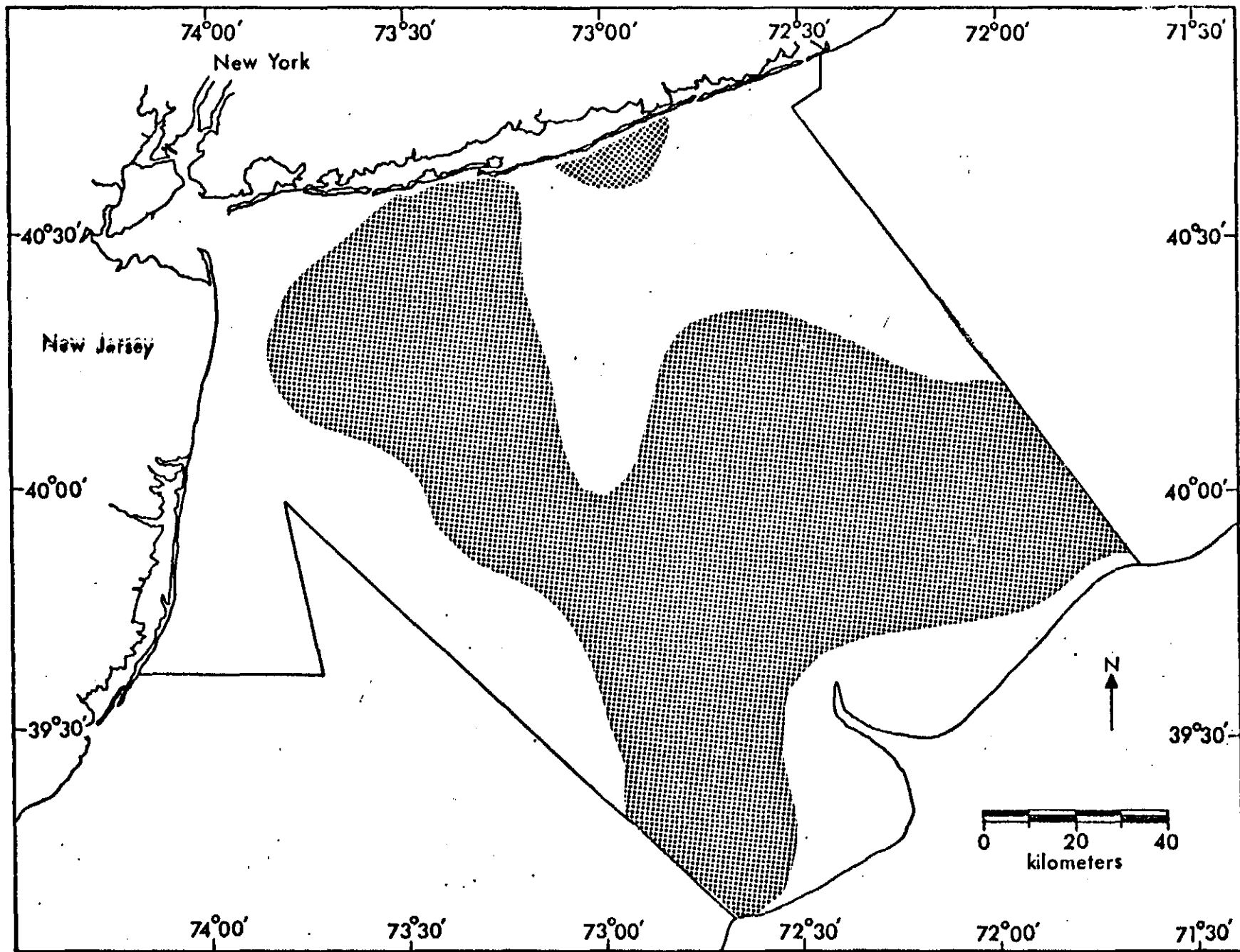


FIGURE 31.--Distribution of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

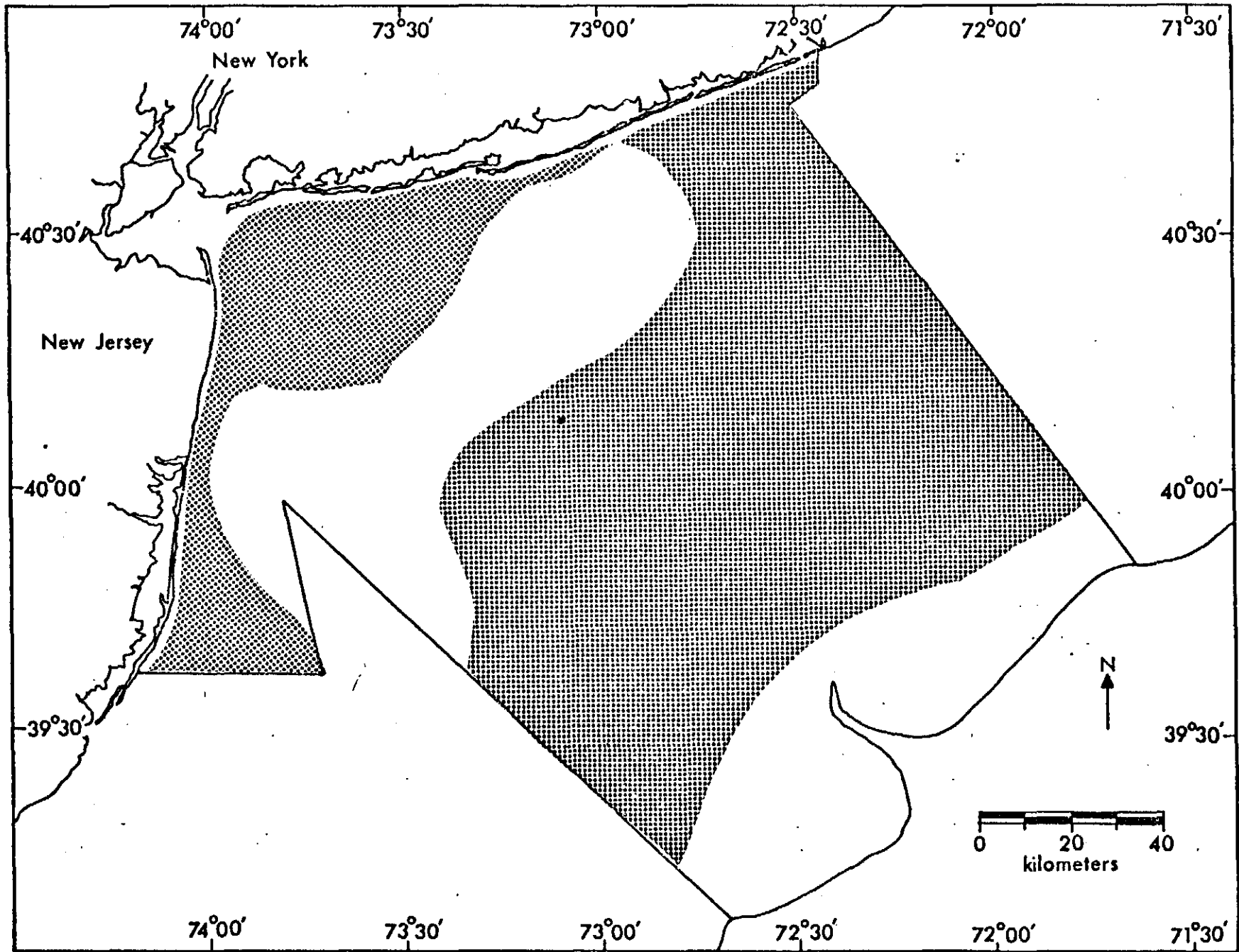


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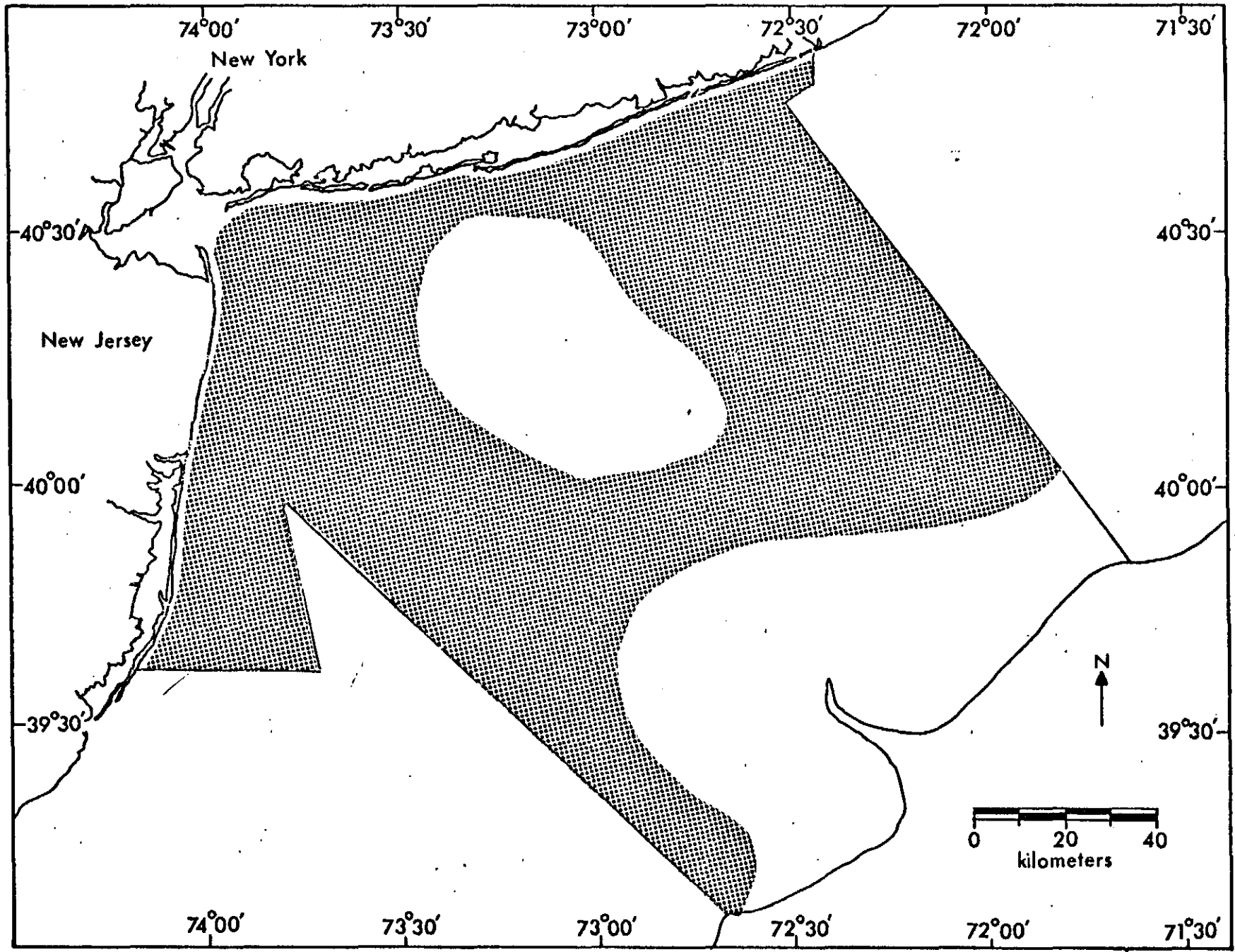


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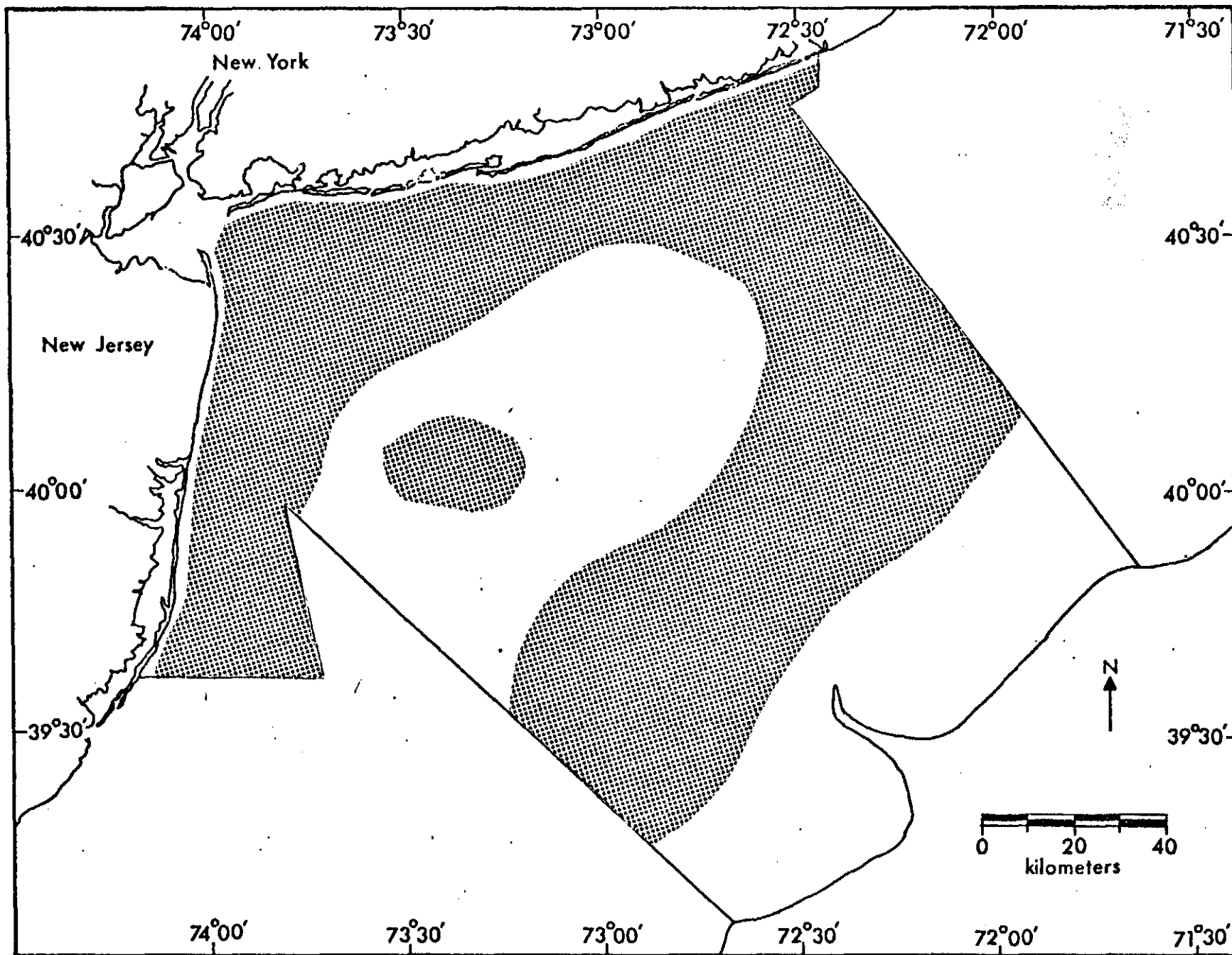


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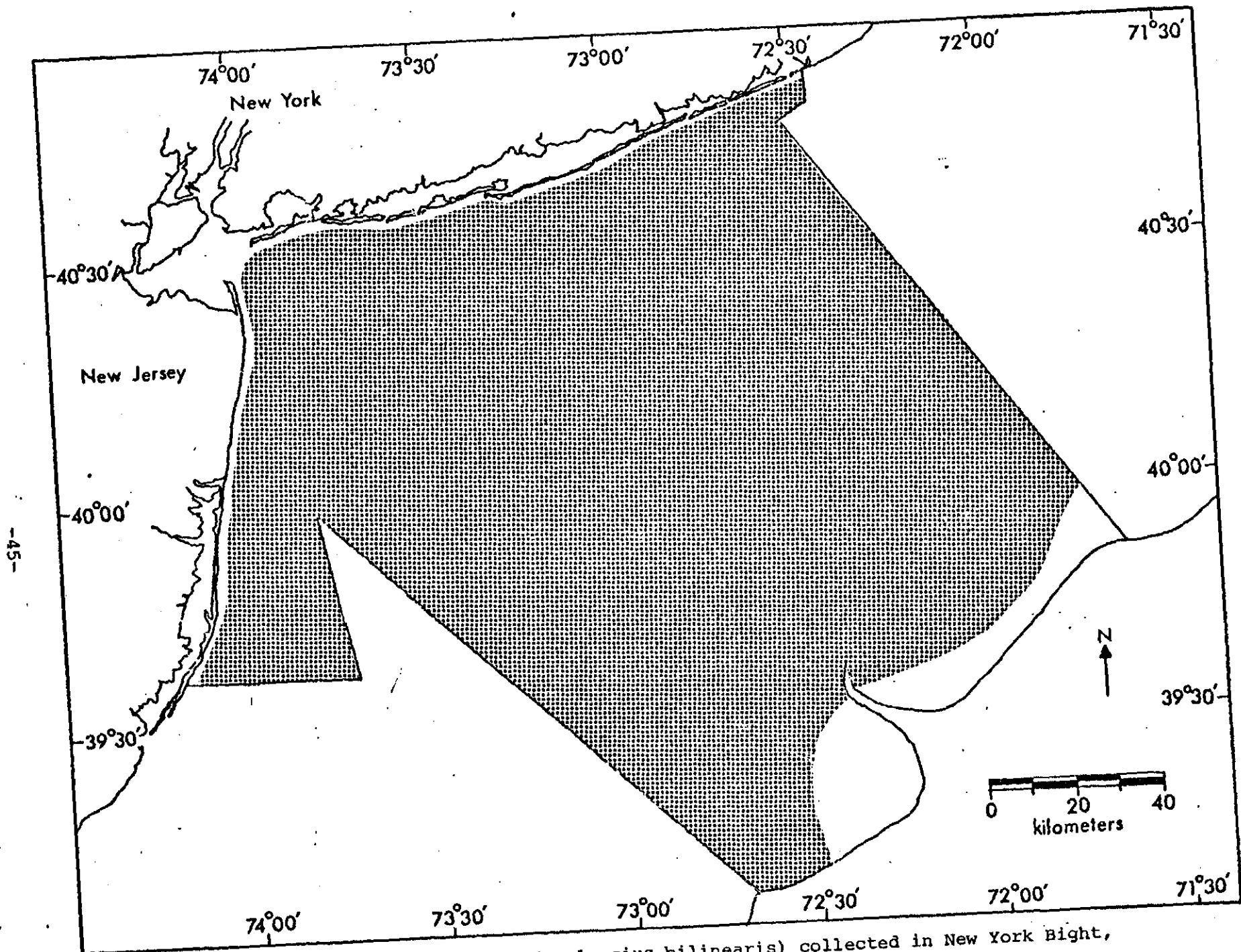


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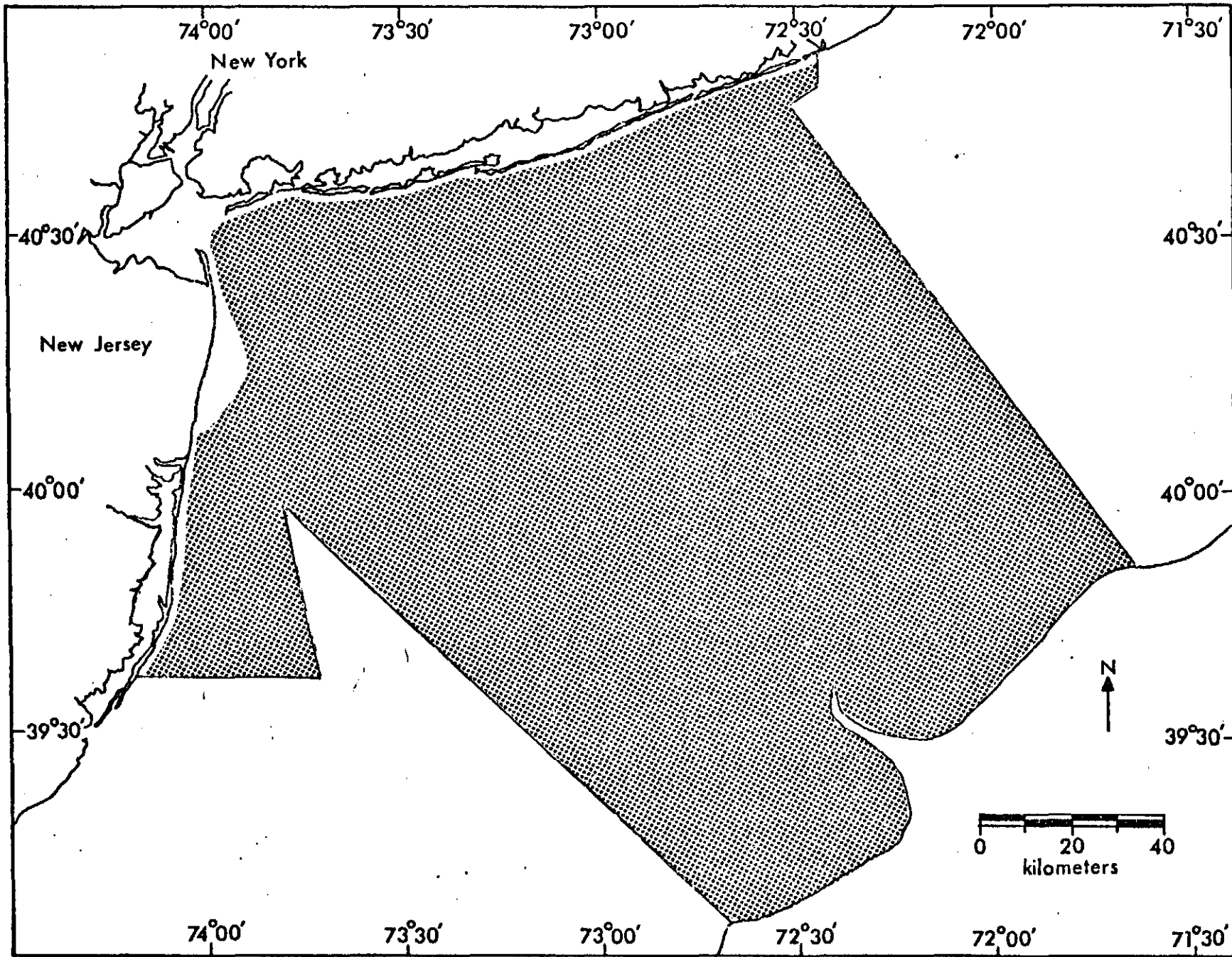


FIGURE 36.--Distribution of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

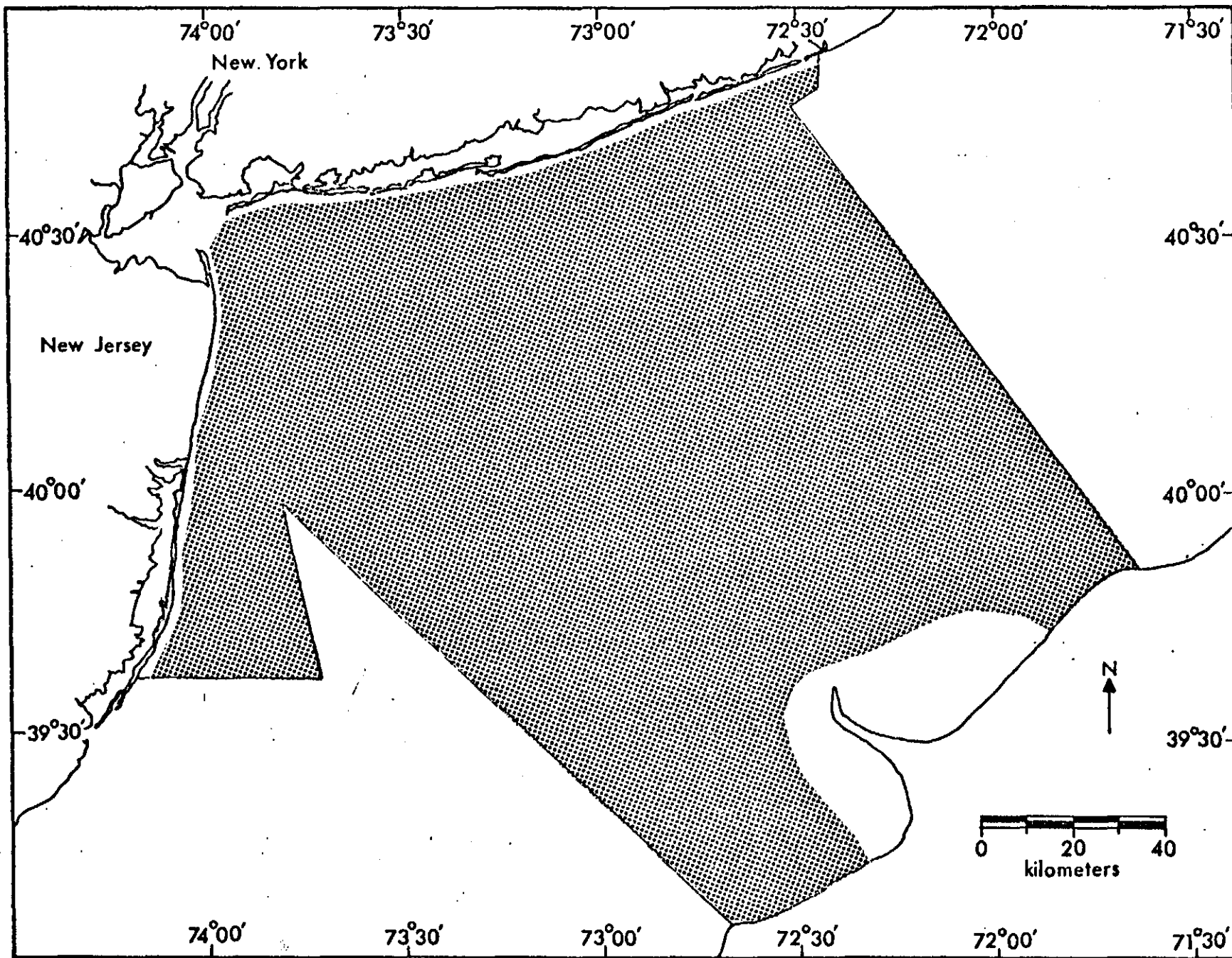


FIGURE 37.--Distribution of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

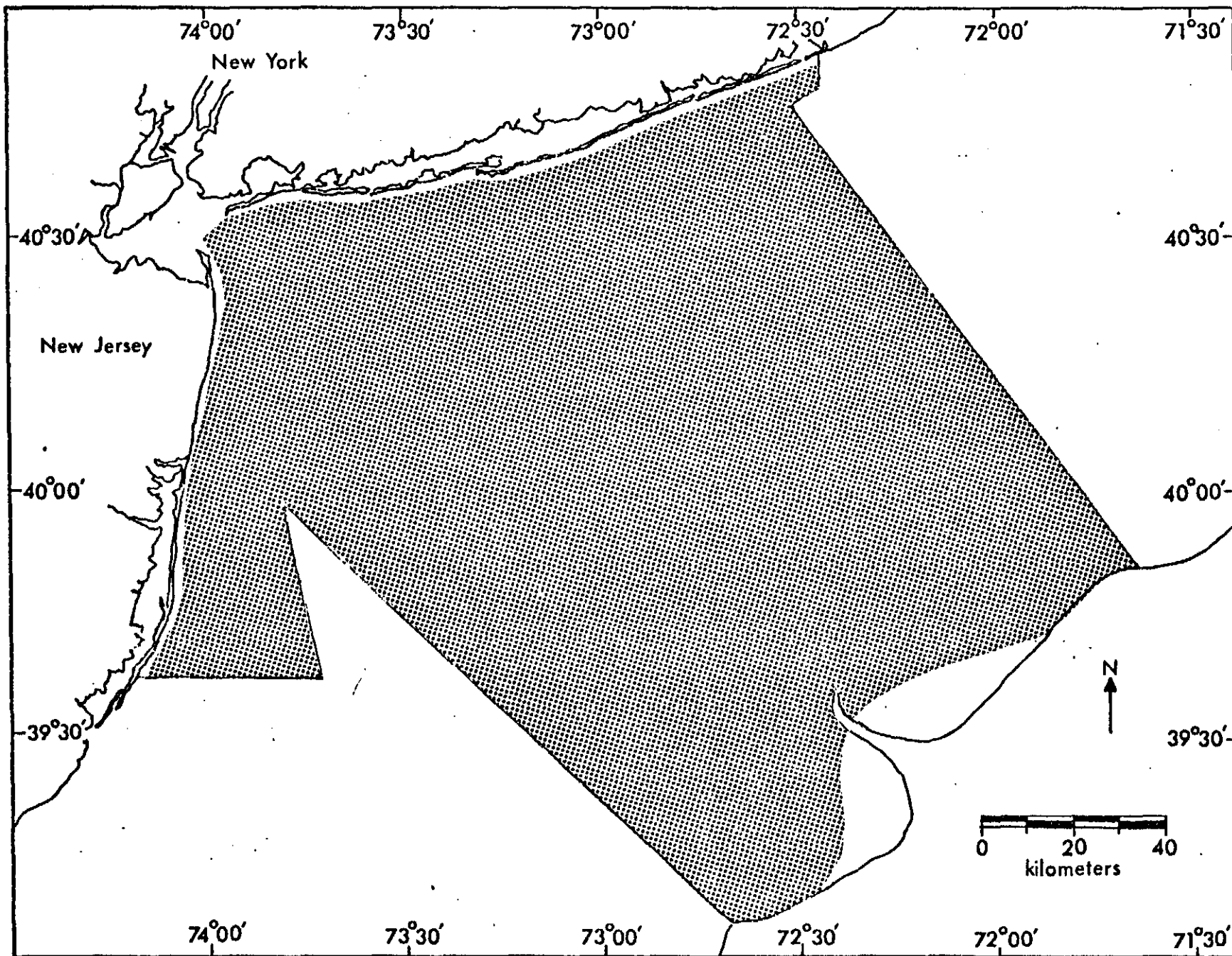


FIGURE 38.--Distribution of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

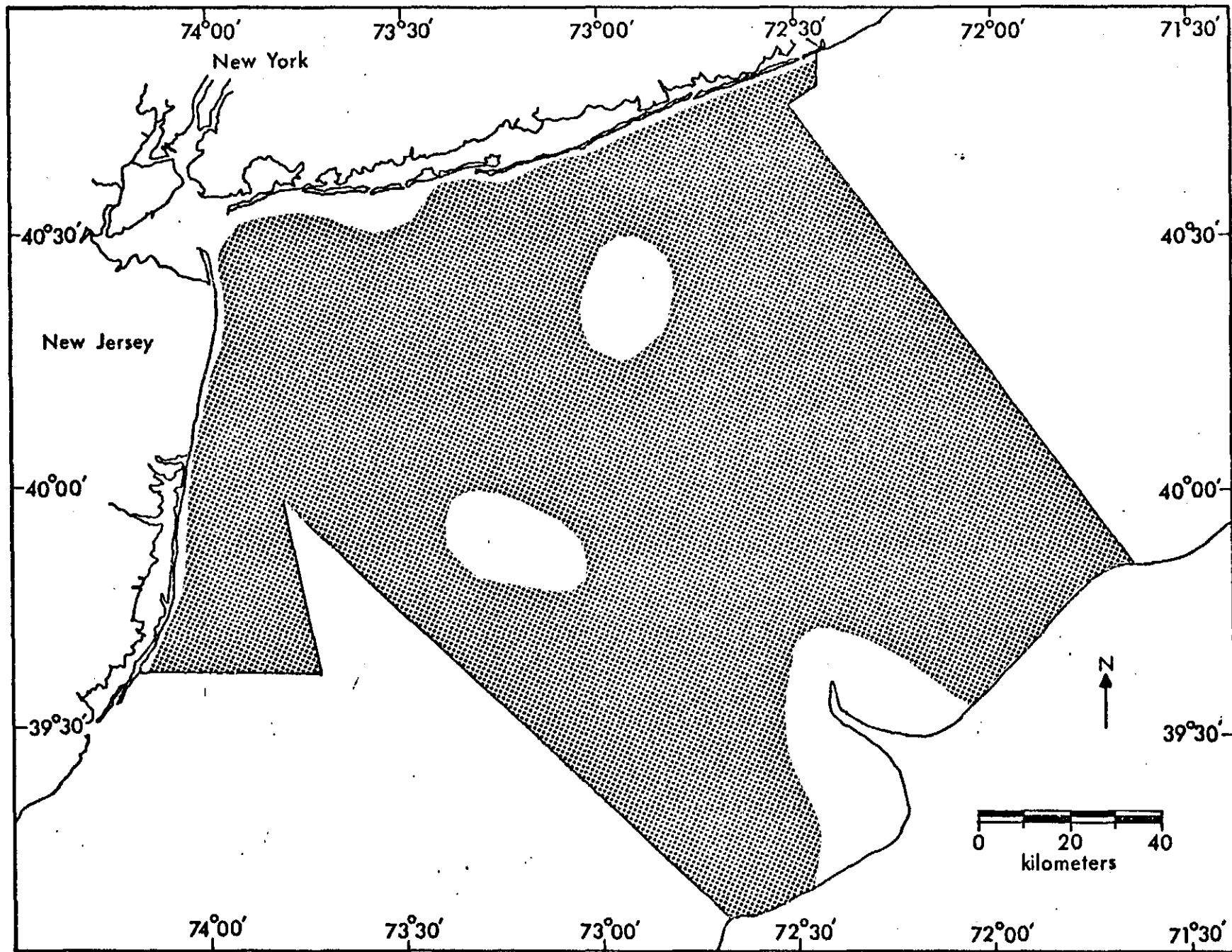


FIGURE 39.--Distribution of silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

RED HAKE

(Urophycis chuss)

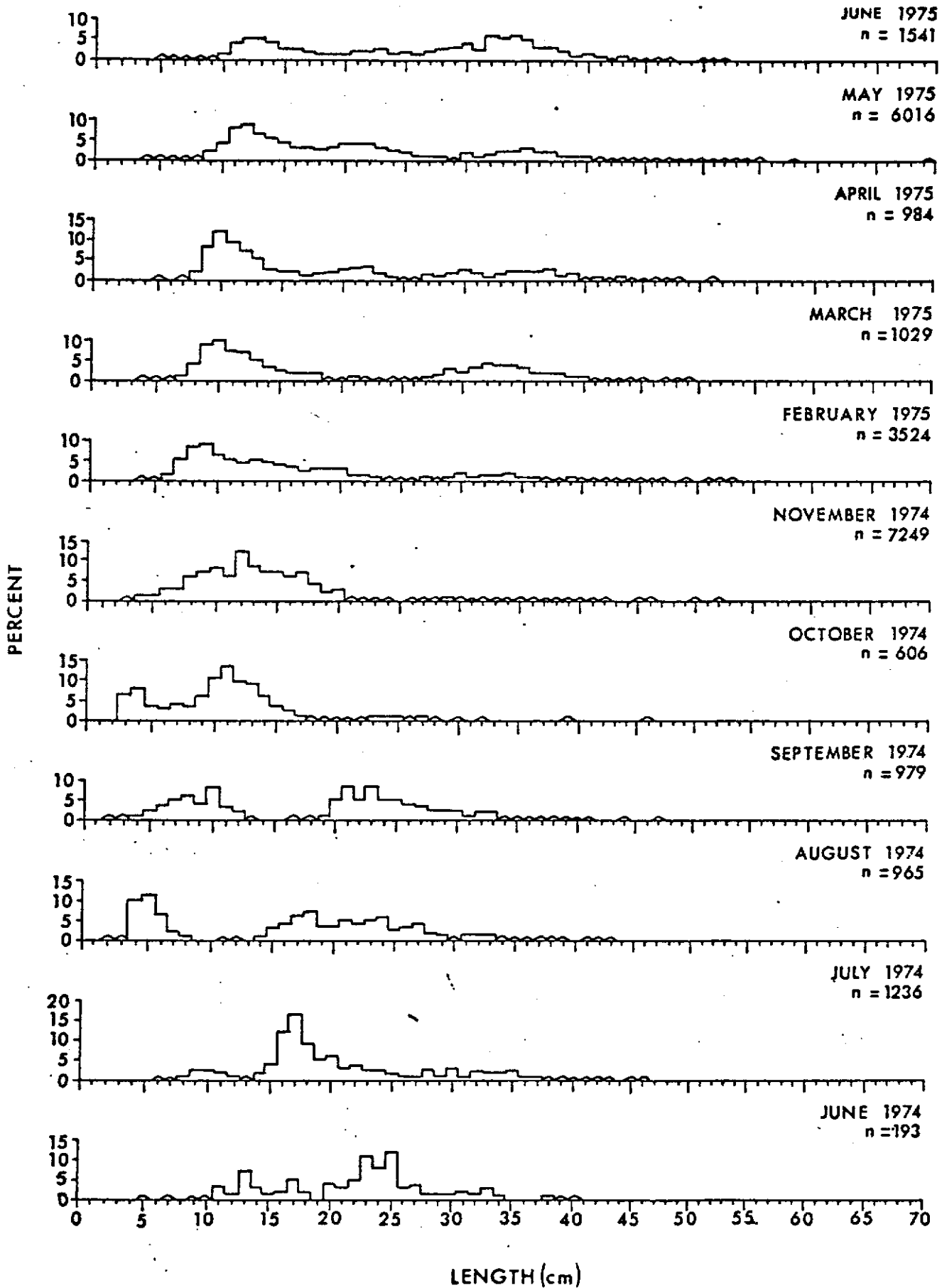


FIGURE 40.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

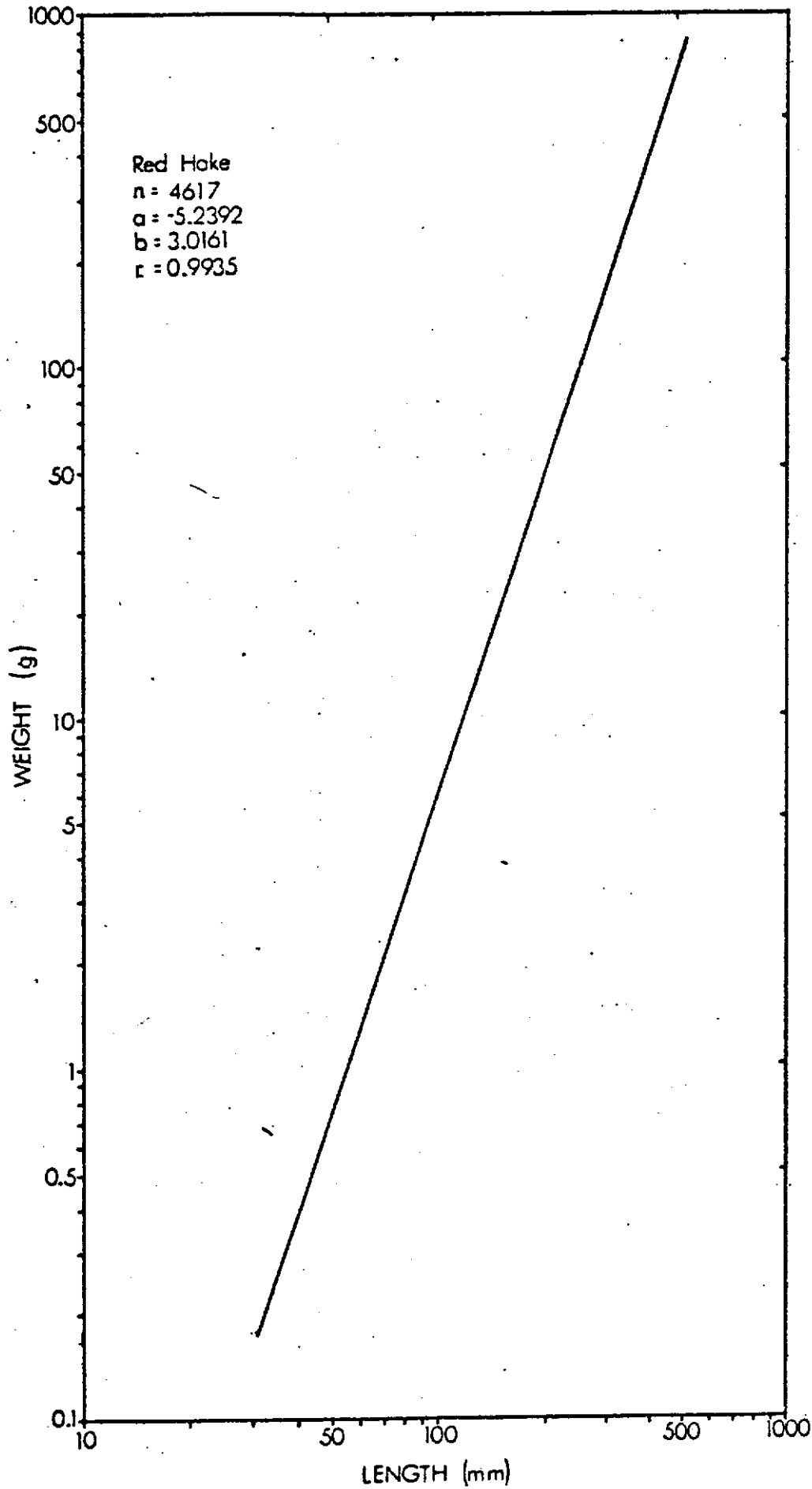


FIGURE 41.--Weight-length relationship of red hake (Urophycis chuss) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 3.--Monthly sex ratios of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 114 | 20 | 17.5 | 26 | 22.8 | 68 | 59.7 |
| July | 150 | 40 | 26.7 | 42 | 28.0 | 68 | 45.3 |
| August | 266 | 47 | 17.7 | 56 | 21.0 | 163 | 61.3 |
| September | 247 | 47 | 19.0 | 25 | 10.1 | 175 | 70.9 |
| October | 268 | 10 | 3.7 | 16 | 6.0 | 242 | 90.3 |
| November | 377 | 28 | 7.4 | 60 | 15.9 | 289 | 76.7 |
| January ^{1/} | 8 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 100.0 |
| February | 695 | 66 | 9.5 | 144 | 20.7 | 485 | 69.8 |
| March | 586 | 85 | 14.5 | 142 | 24.2 | 359 | 61.3 |
| April | 473 | 55 | 11.6 | 125 | 26.4 | 293 | 62.0 |
| May | 1068 | 202 | 18.9 | 355 | 33.2 | 511 | 47.8 |
| June | 453 | 93 | 20.5 | 90 | 19.9 | 270 | 59.6 |
| TOTAL | 4697 | 693 | 14.8 | 1081 | 23.0 | 2931 | 62.4 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

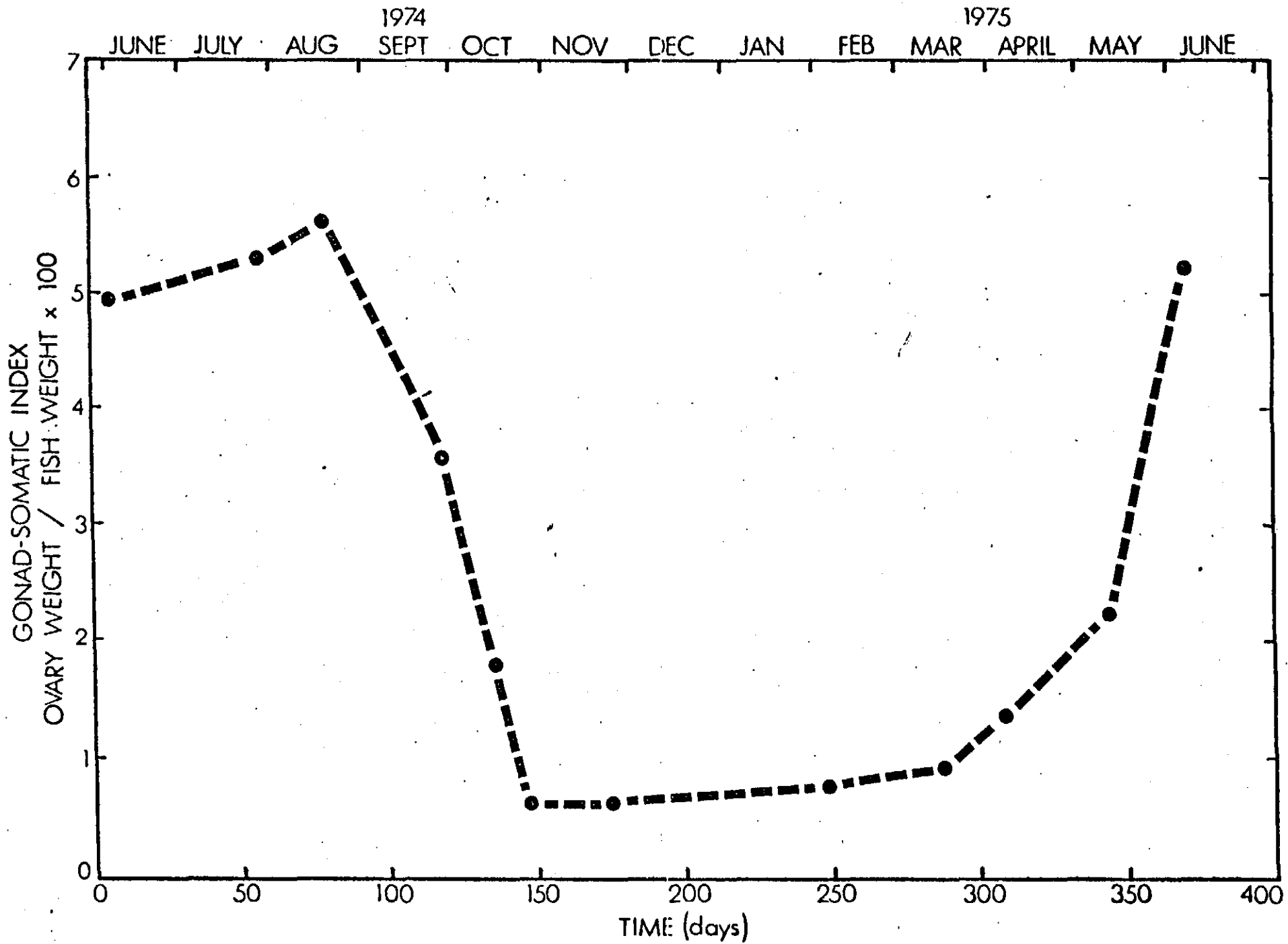


FIGURE 42.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

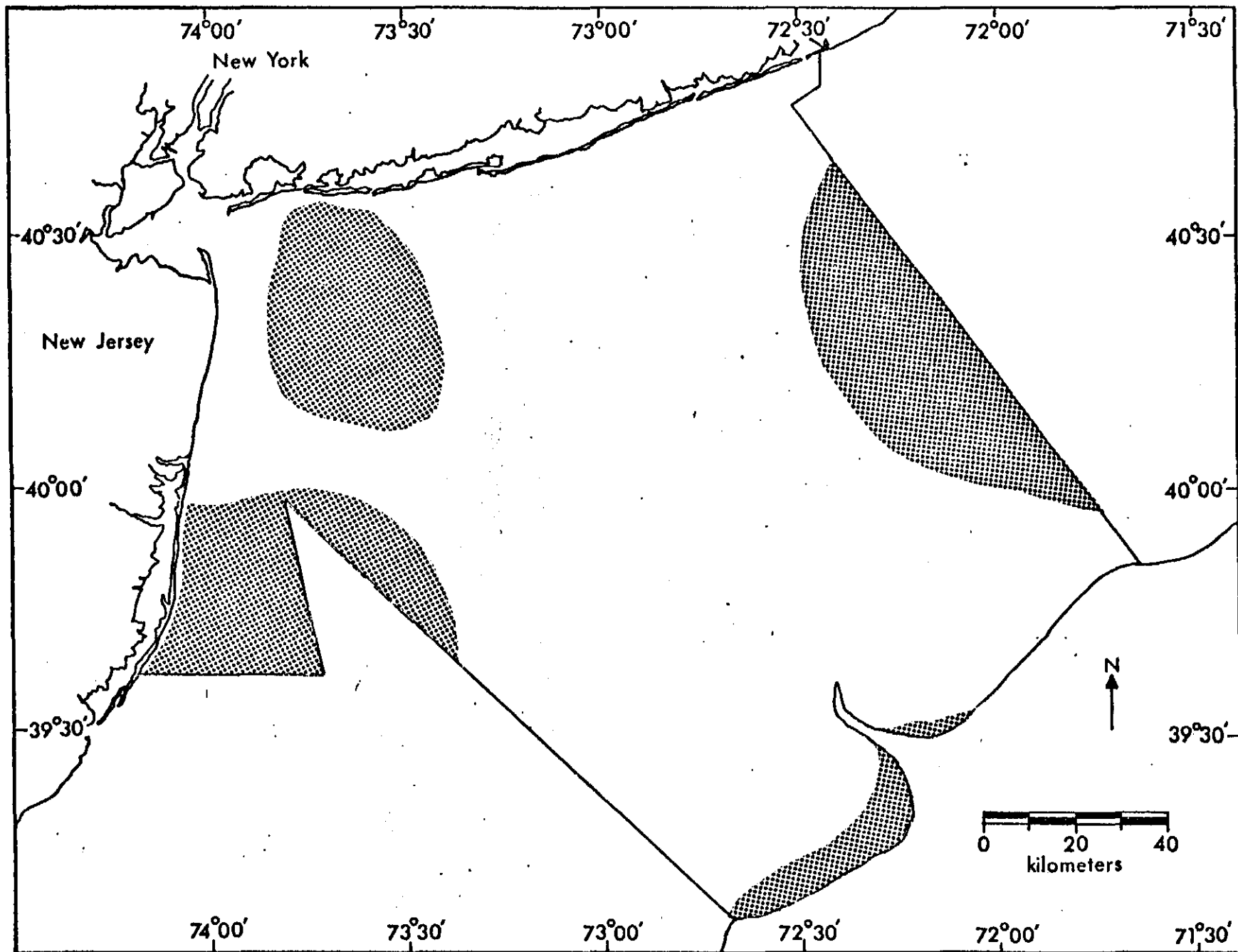


FIGURE 43.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

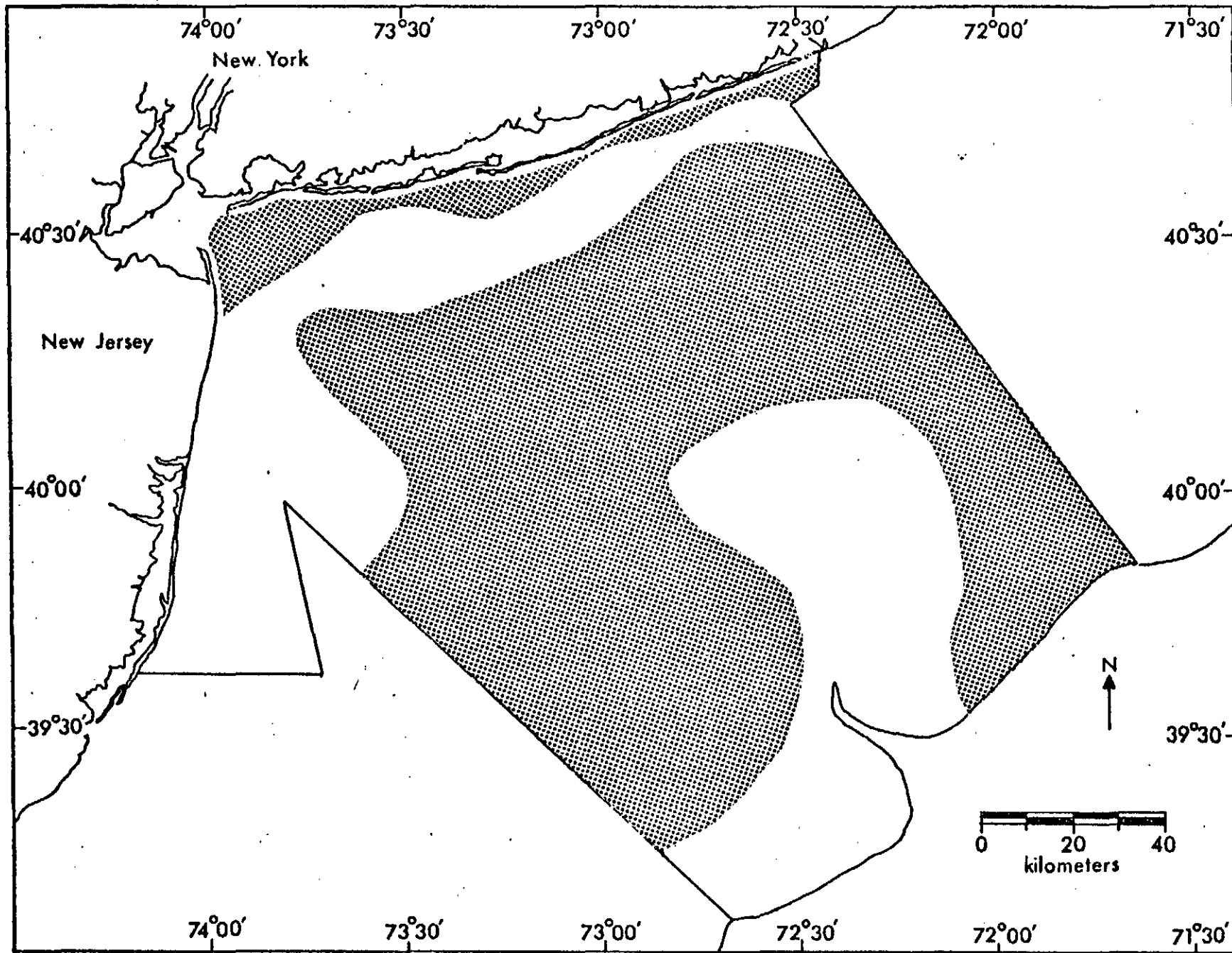


FIGURE 44.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

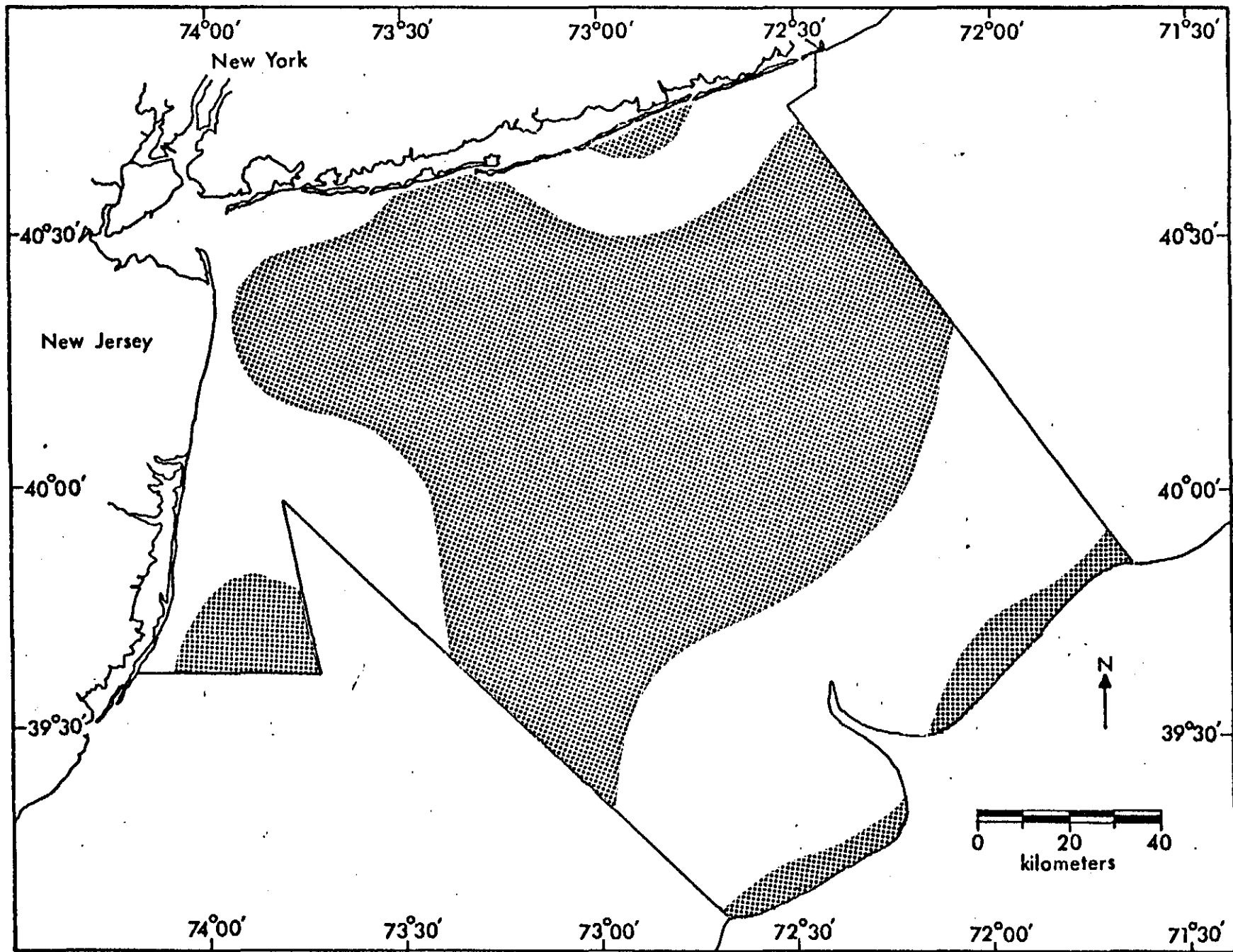


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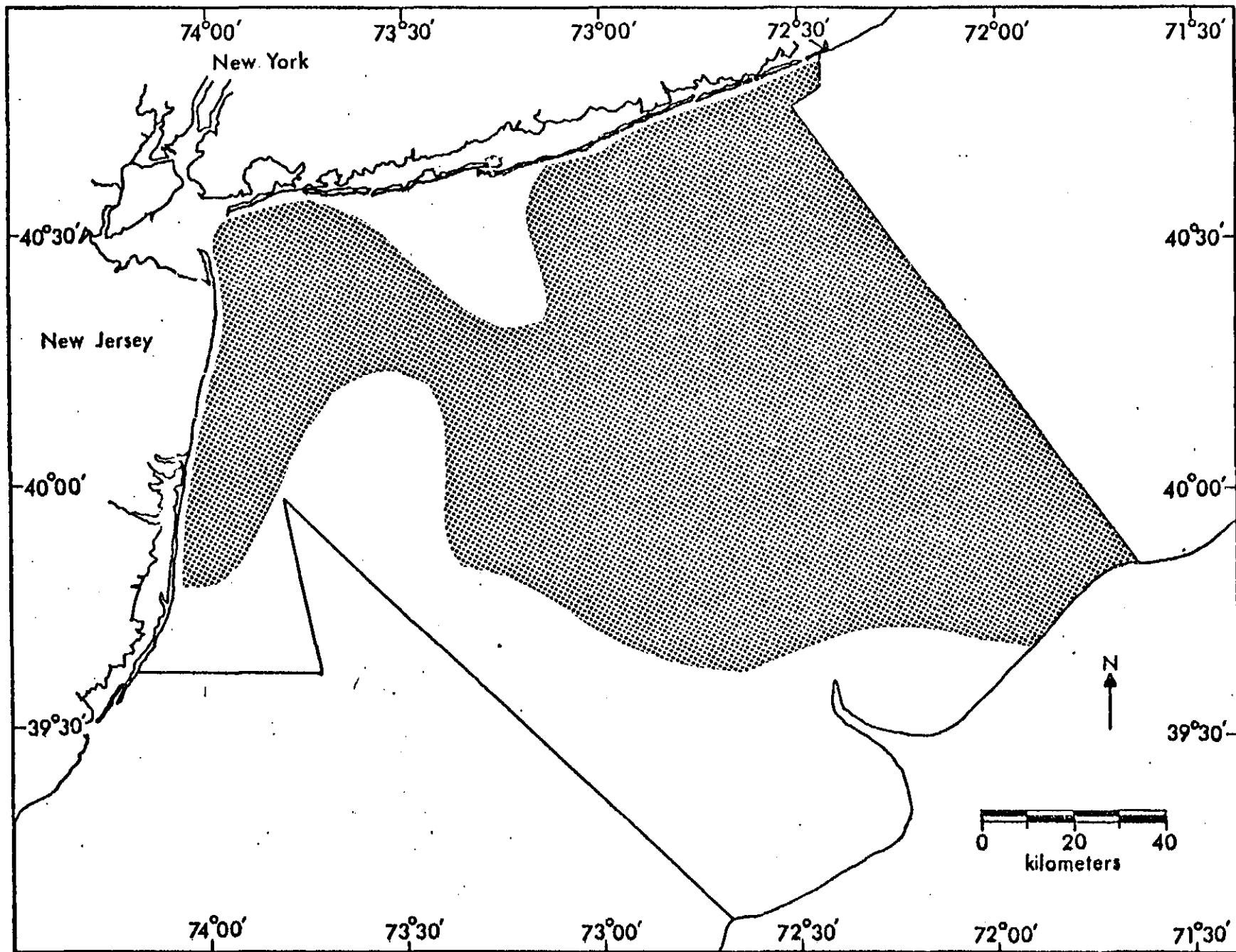


FIGURE 46.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

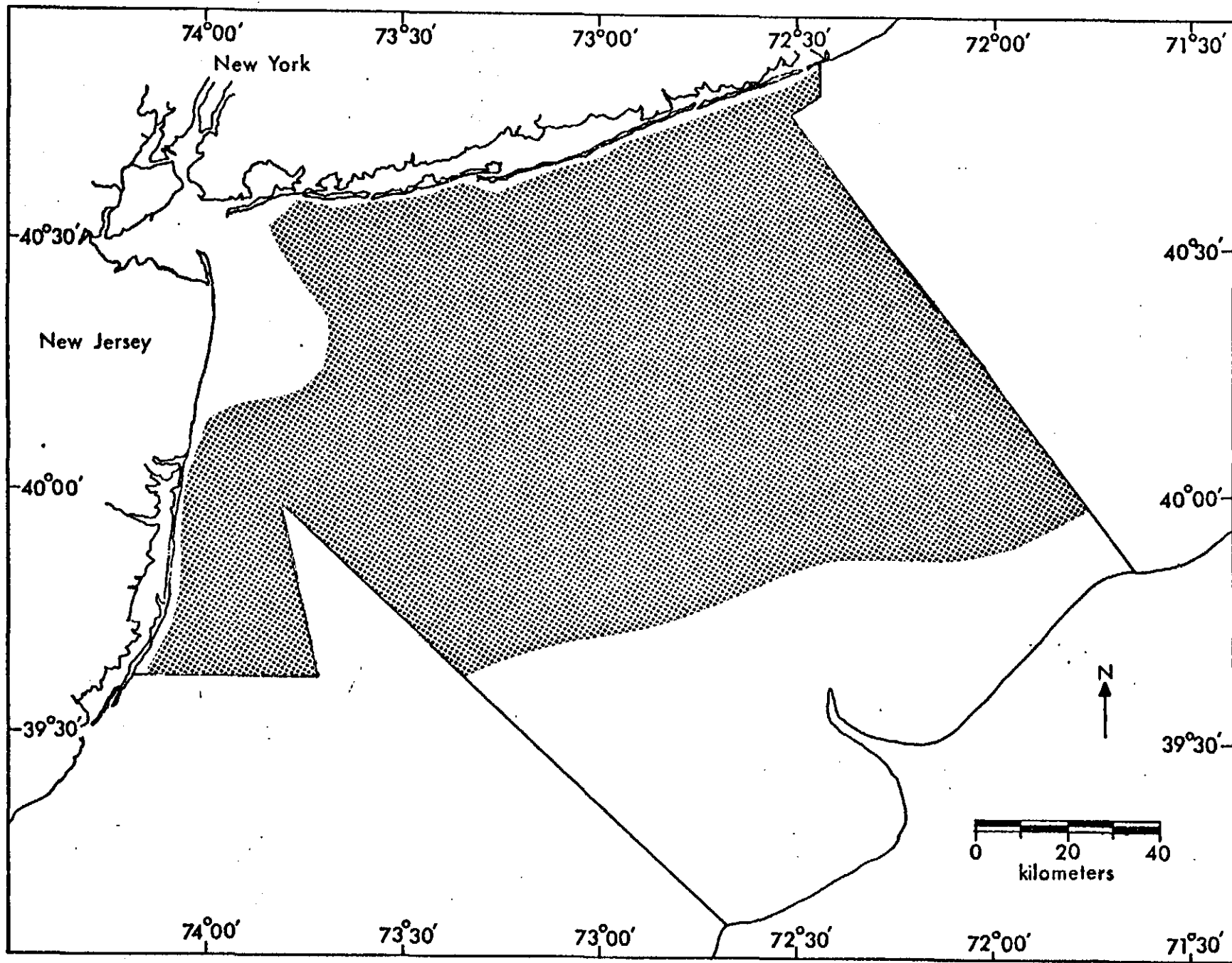


FIGURE 47.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

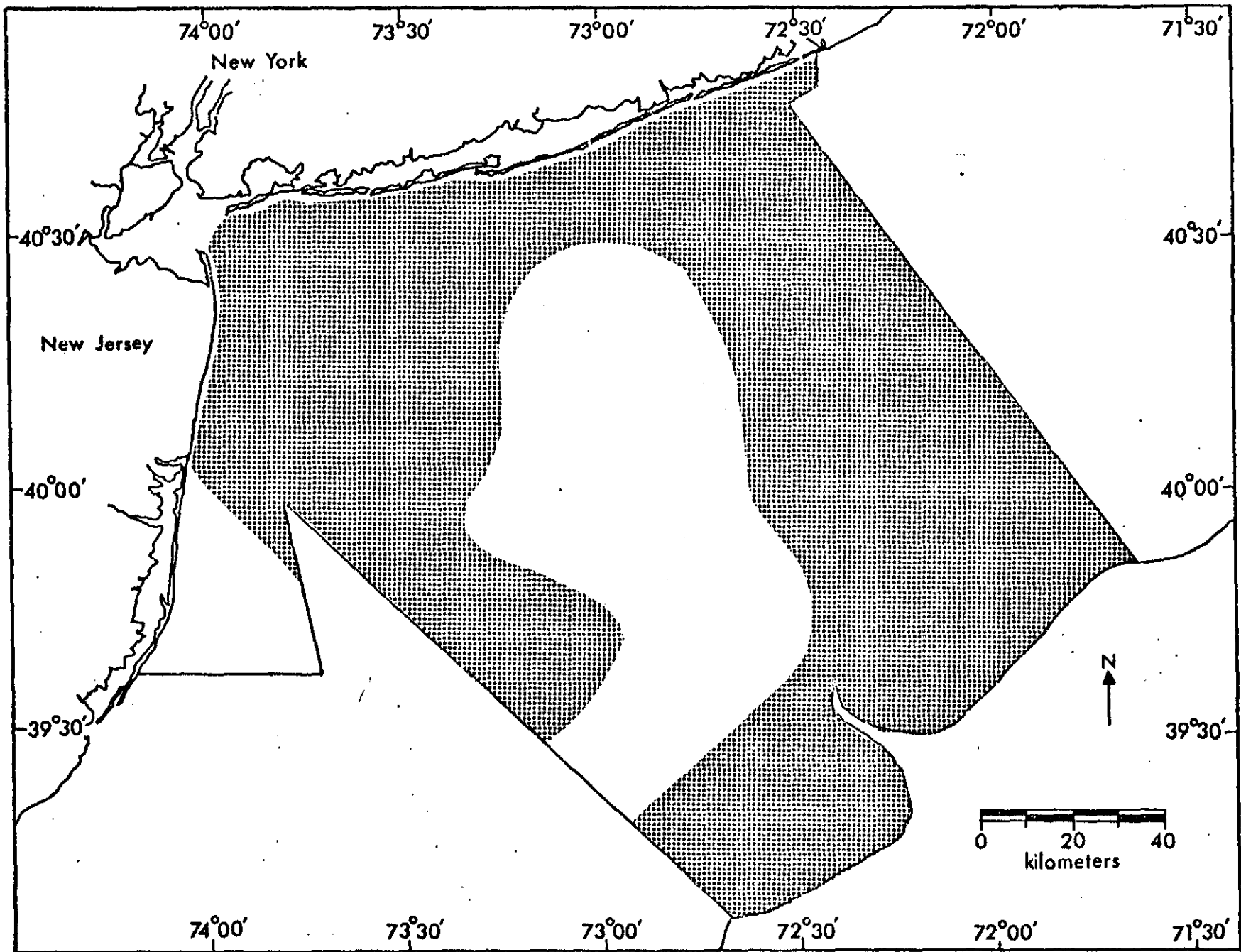


FIGURE 48.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

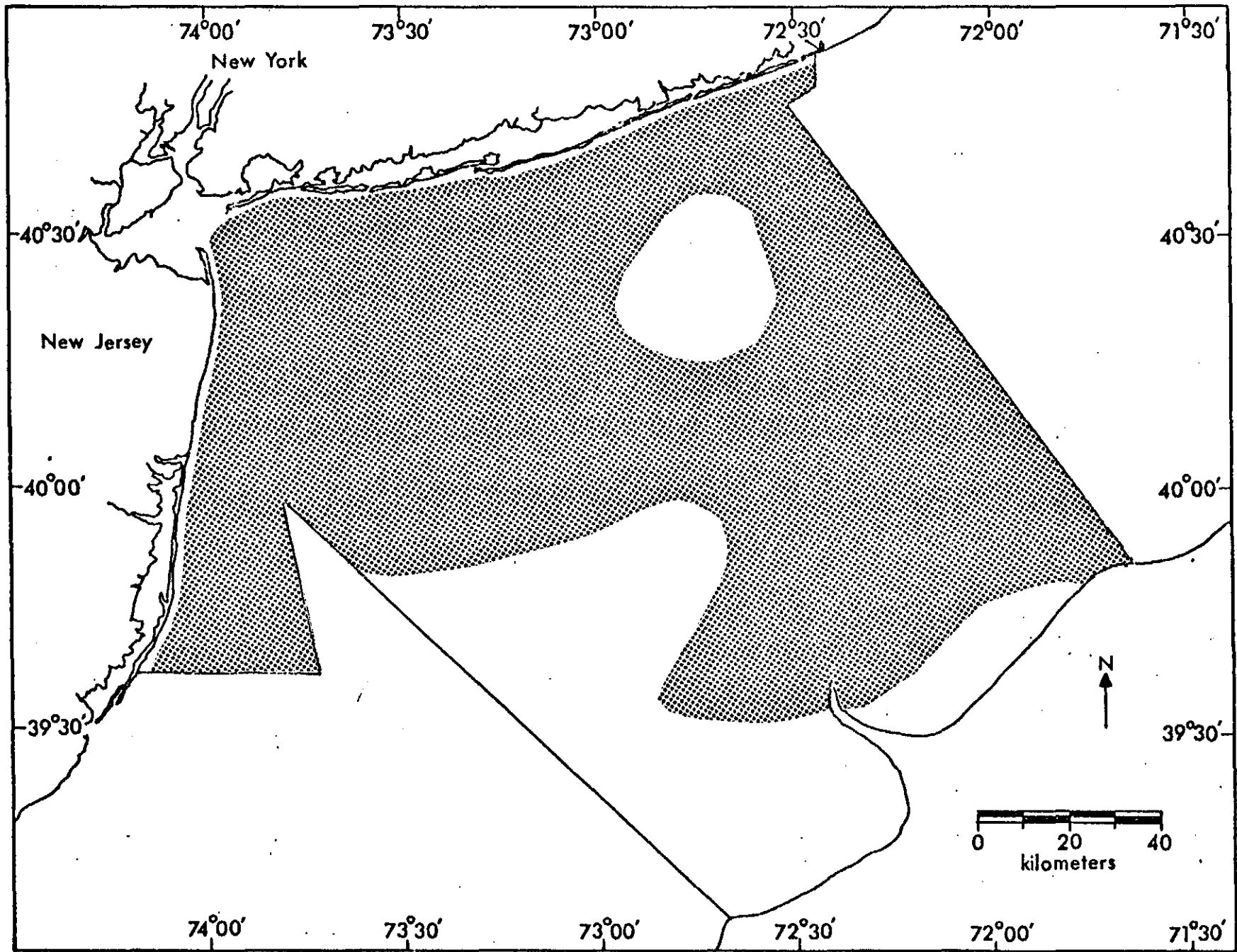


FIGURE 49.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

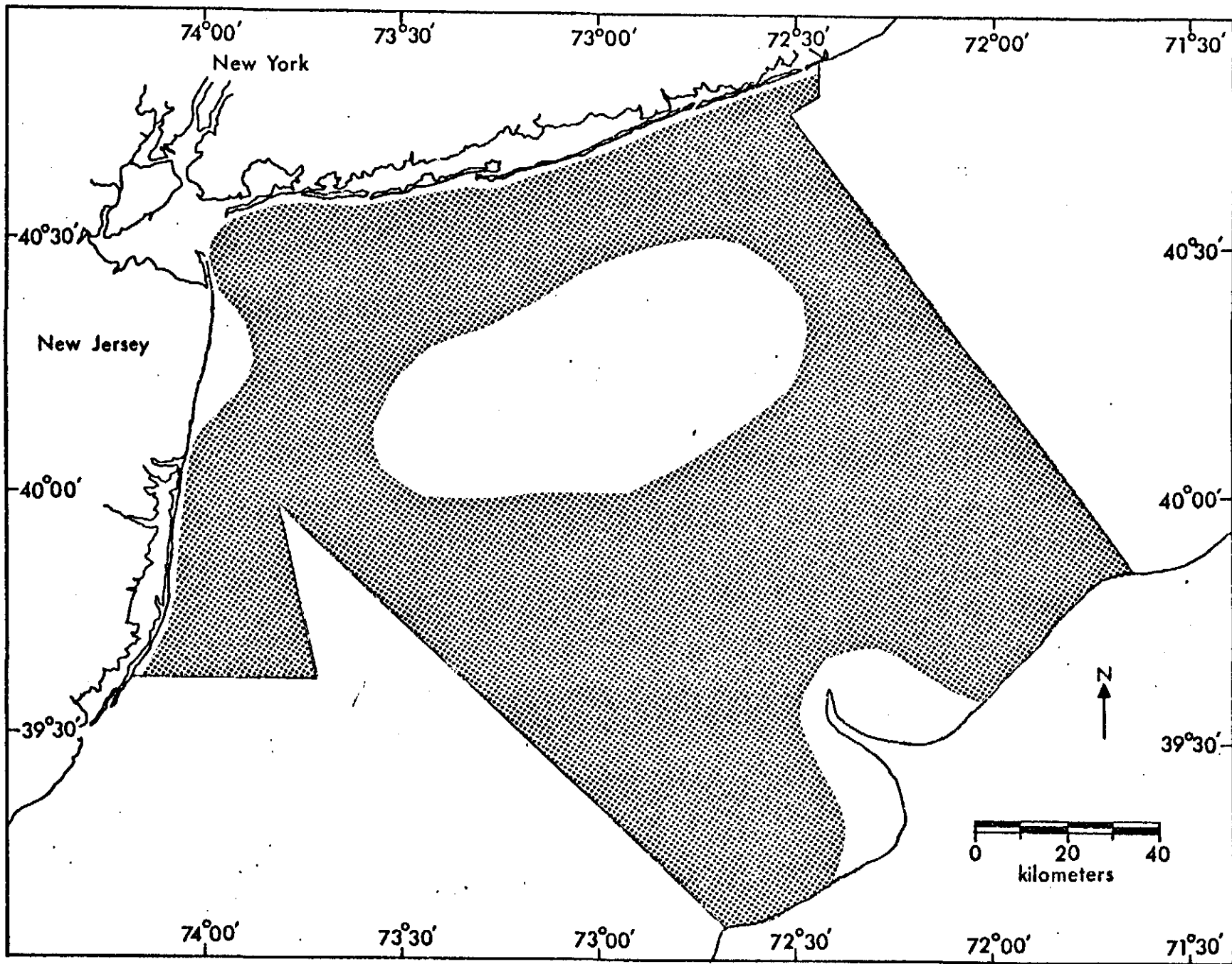


FIGURE 50.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

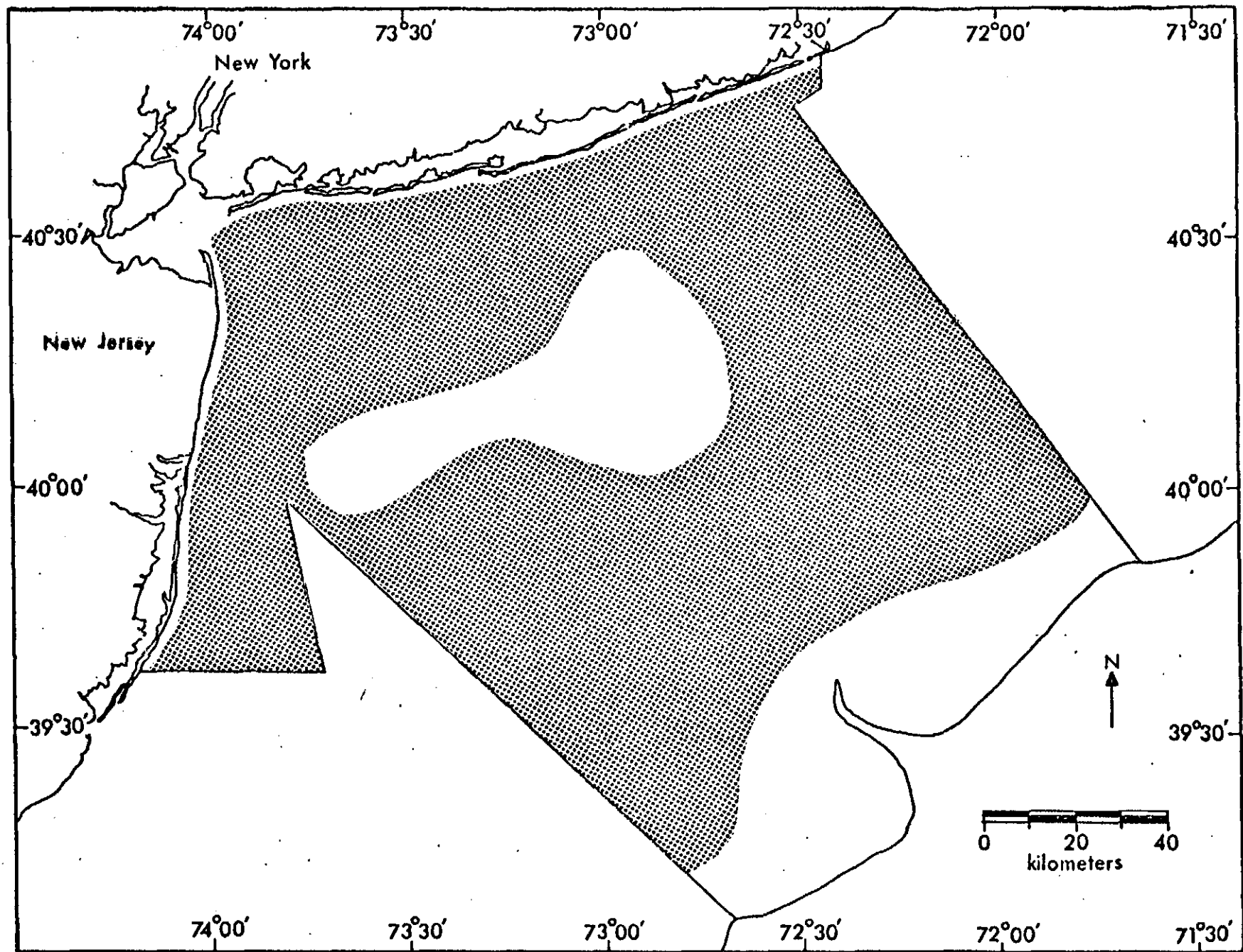


FIGURE 51.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

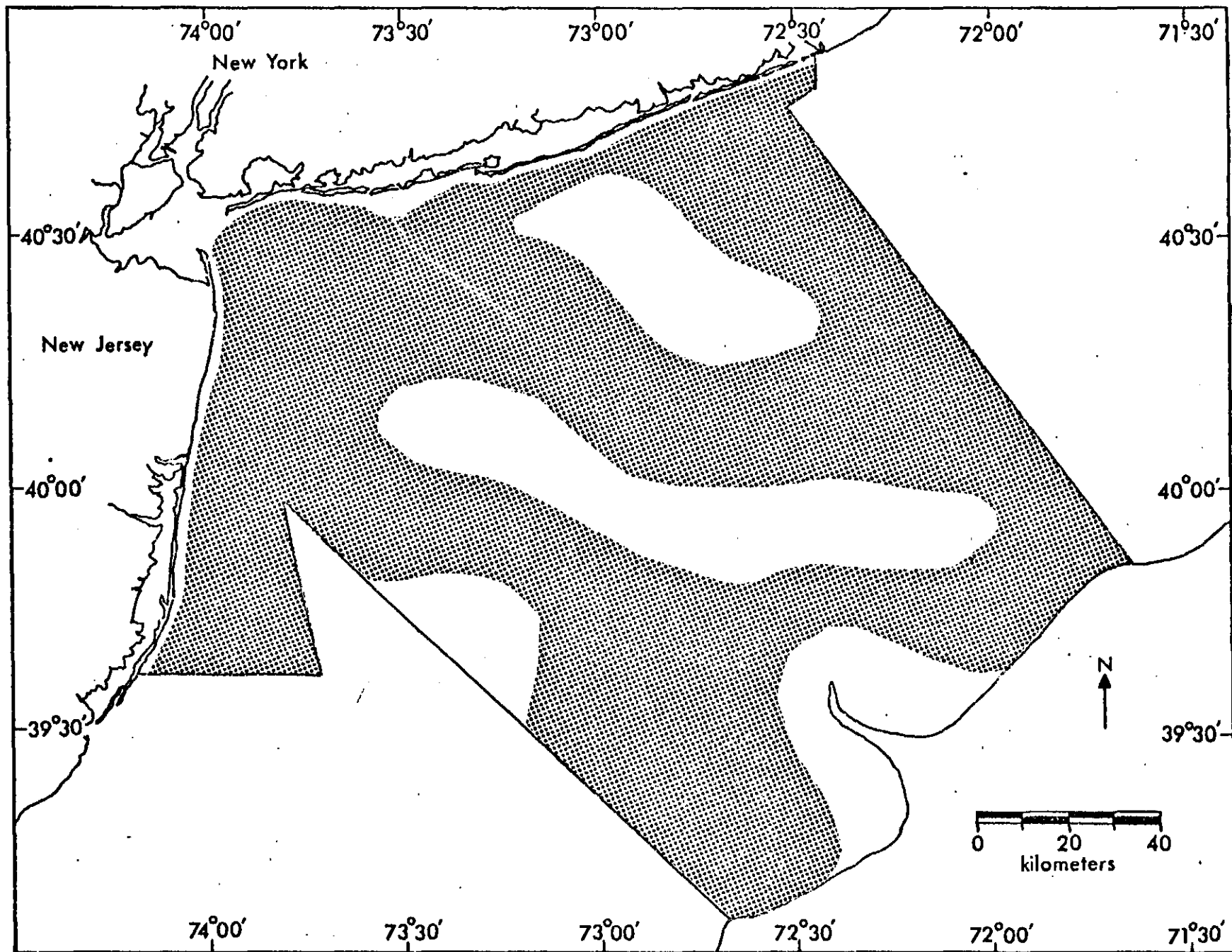


FIGURE 52.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

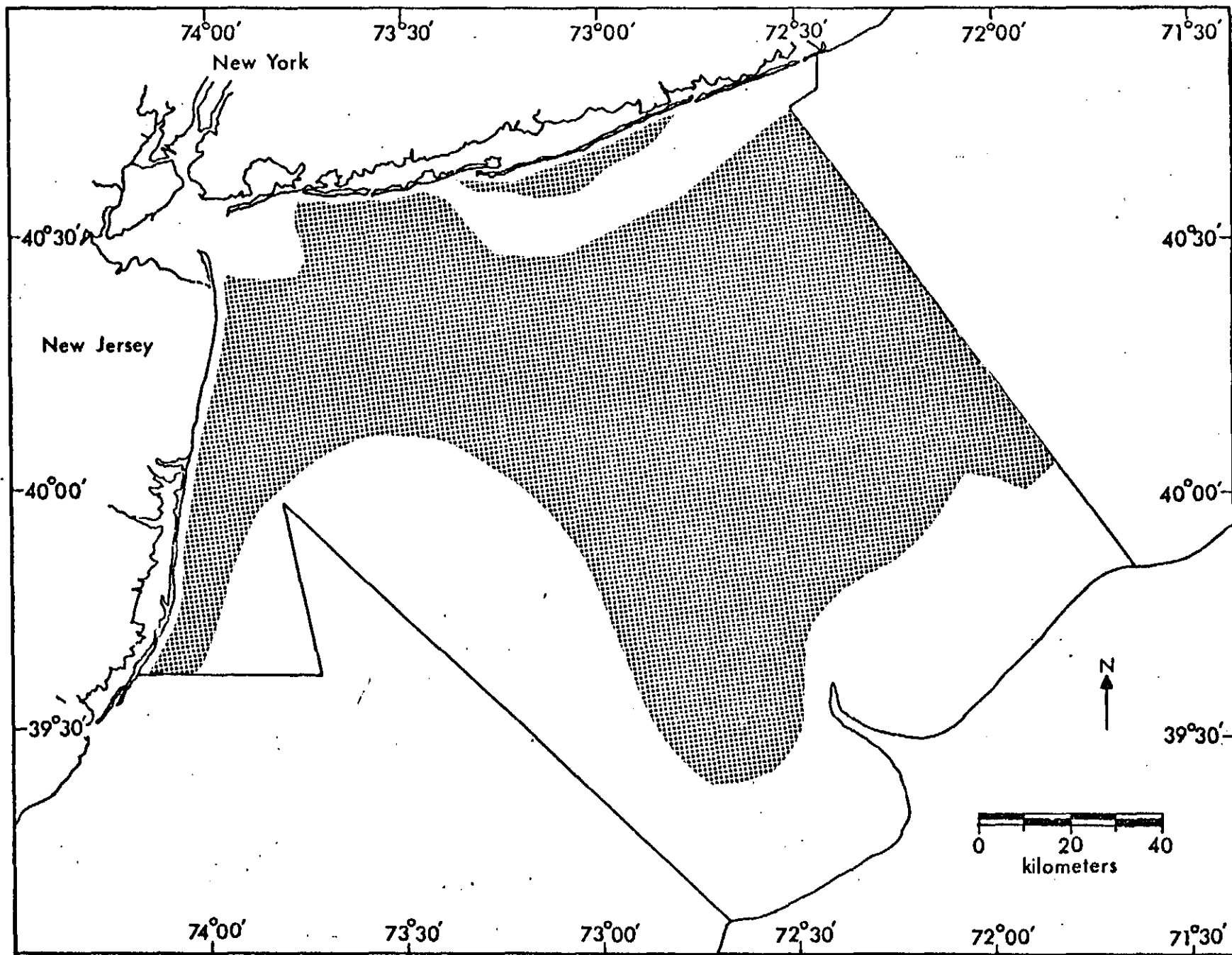


FIGURE 53.--Distribution of red hake (*Urophycis chuss*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

SPOTTED HAKE

(Urophycis regius)

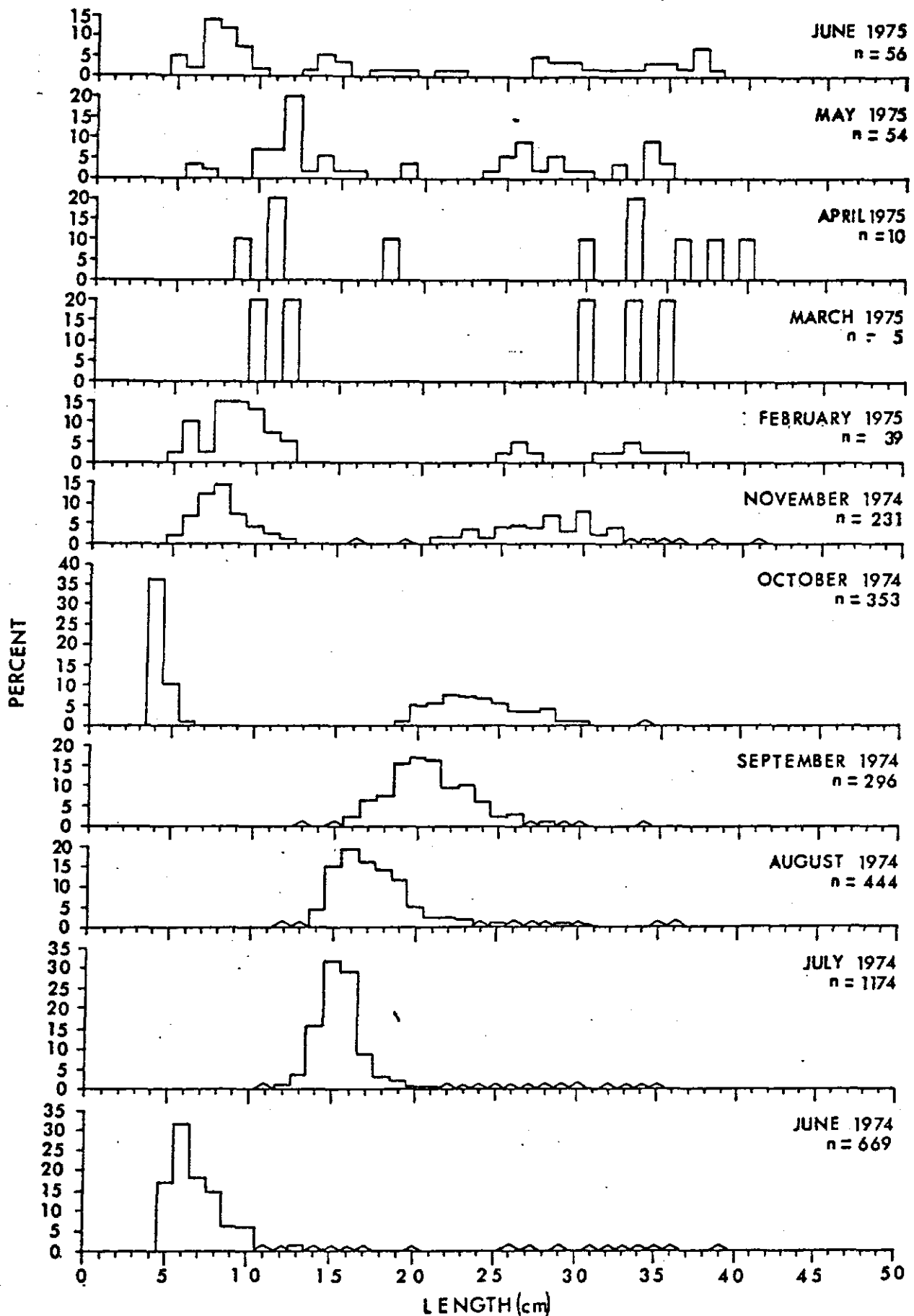


FIGURE 54.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

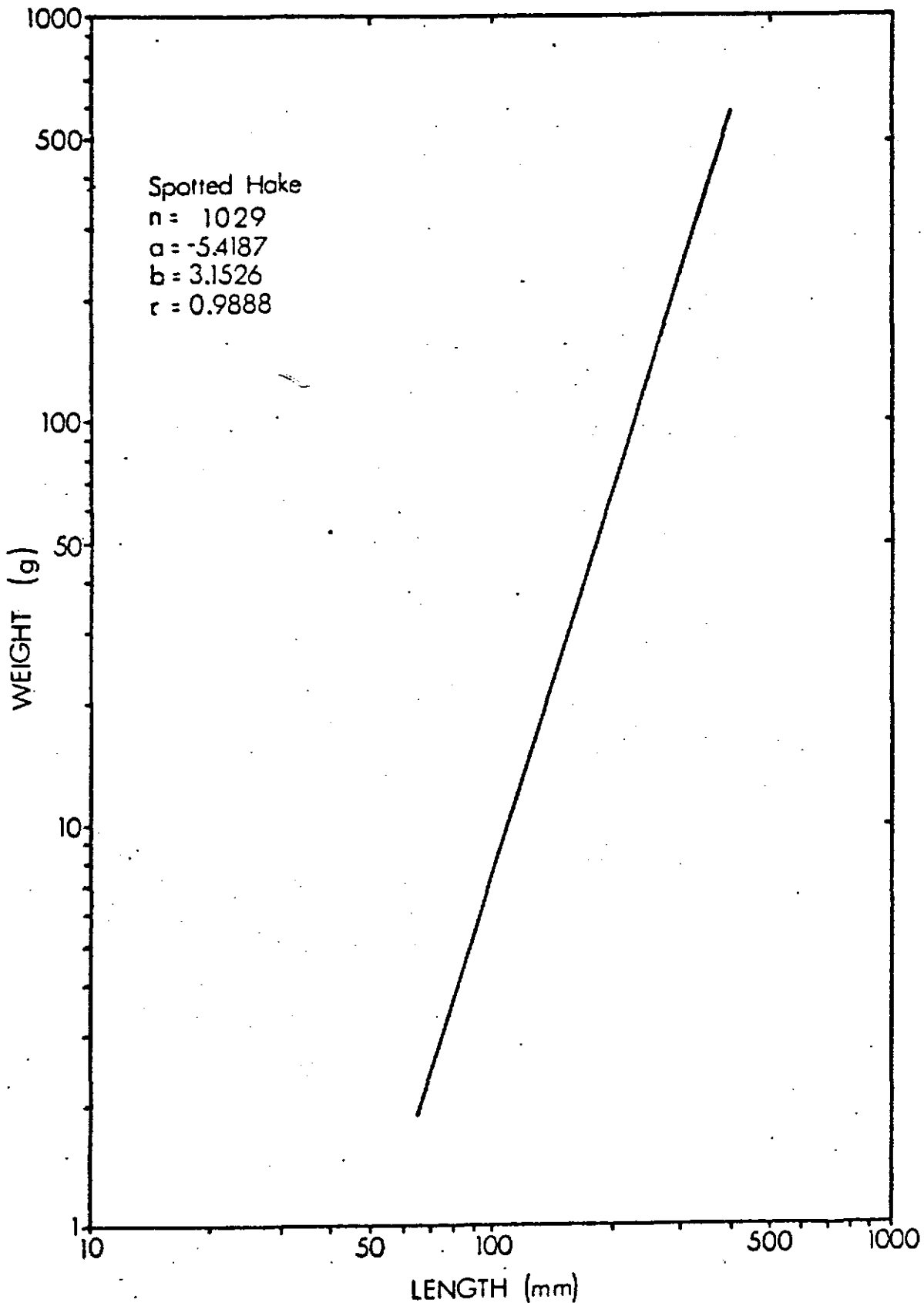


FIGURE 55.--Weight-length relationship of spotted hake (Urophycis regius) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 4.--Monthly sex ratios of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 34 | 3 | 8.8 | 12 | 35.3 | 19 | 55.9 |
| July | 186 | 18 | 9.7 | 21 | 11.3 | 147 | 79.0 |
| August | 233 | 38 | 16.3 | 46 | 19.7 | 149 | 64.0 |
| September | 137 | 57 | 41.6 | 41 | 29.9 | 39 | 28.5 |
| October | 148 | 49 | 33.1 | 82 | 55.4 | 17 | 11.5 |
| November | 189 | 14 | 7.4 | 80 | 42.3 | 95 | 50.3 |
| January ^{1/} | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 100.0 |
| February | 30 | 6 | 20.0 | 5 | 16.7 | 19 | 63.3 |
| March | 4 | - | - | 3 | 75.0 | 1 | 25.0 |
| April | 11 | - | - | 7 | 63.6 | 4 | 36.4 |
| May | 52 | 11 | 21.1 | 12 | 23.1 | 29 | 55.8 |
| June | 33 | 10 | 30.3 | 14 | 42.4 | 9 | 27.3 |
| TOTAL | 1058 | 206 | 19.5 | 323 | 30.5 | 530 | 50.0 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

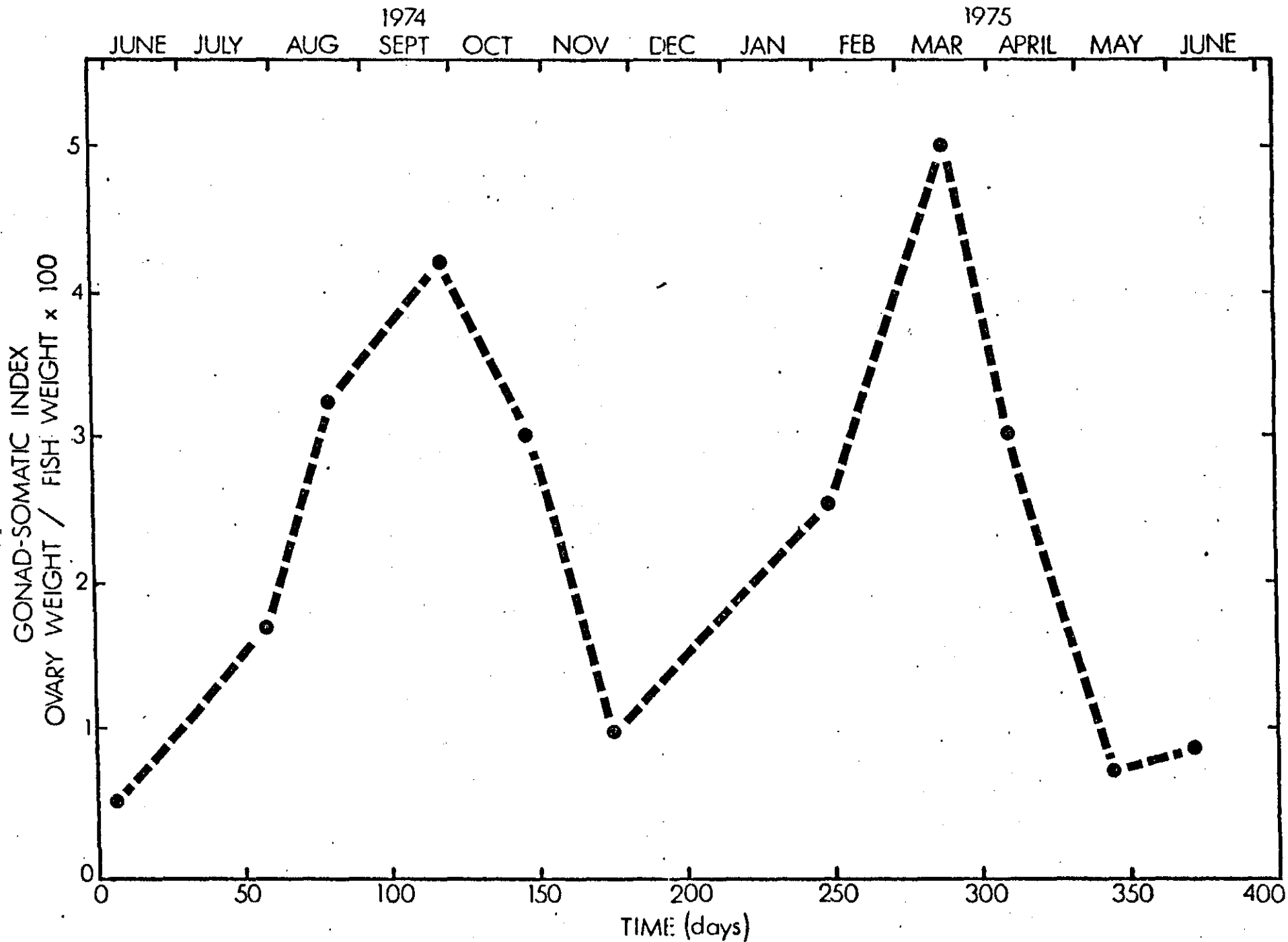


FIGURE 56.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

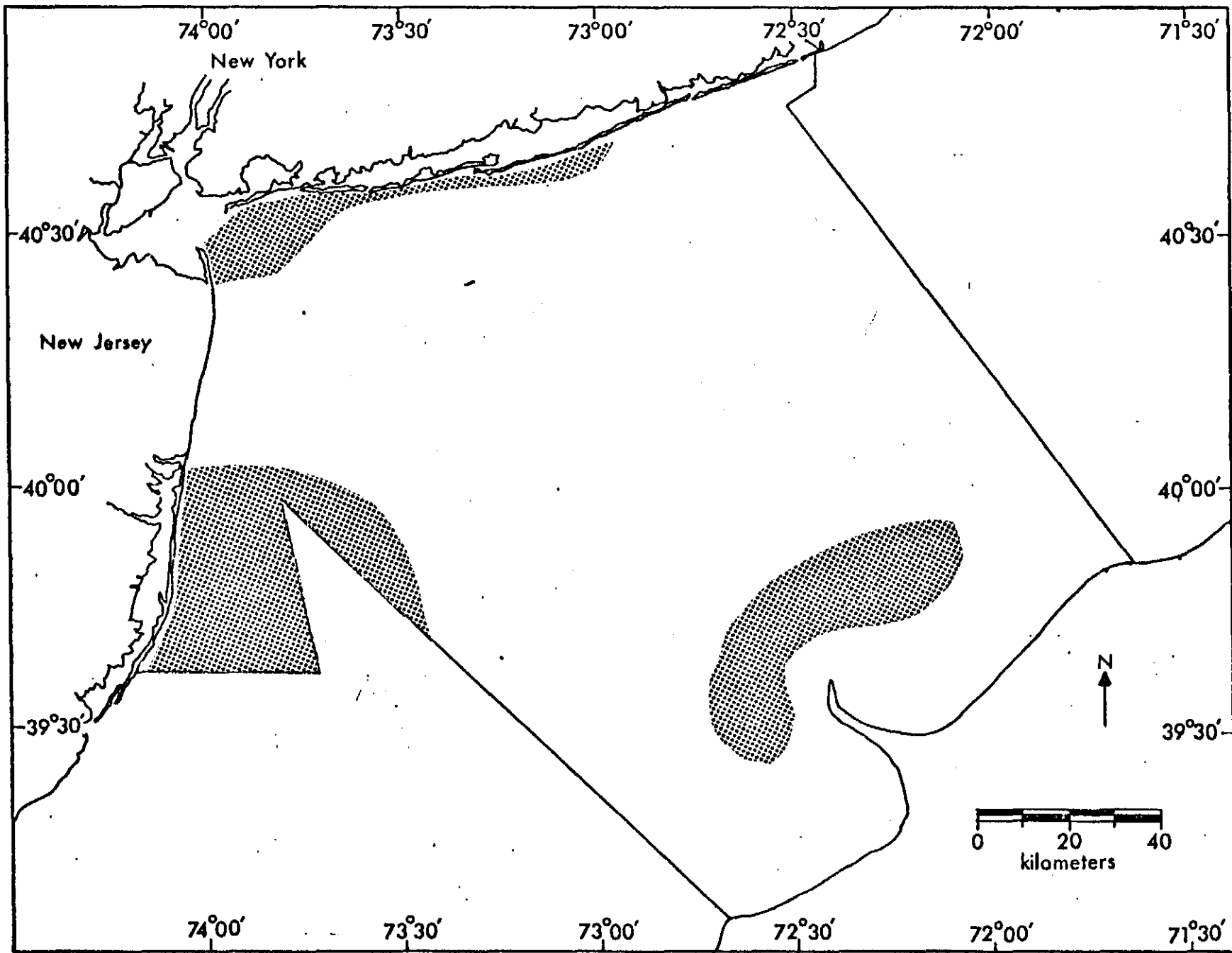


FIGURE 57.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

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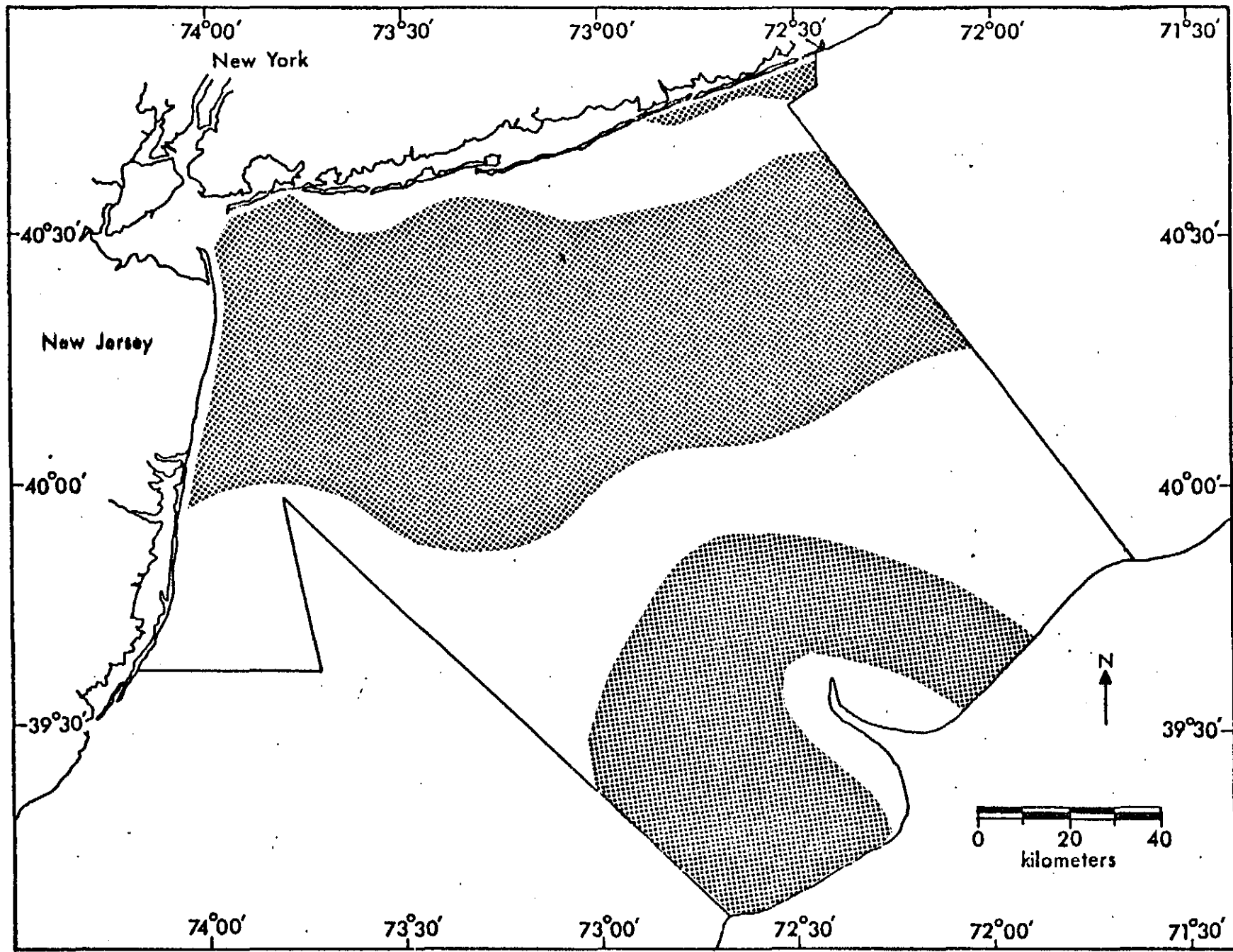


FIGURE 58.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

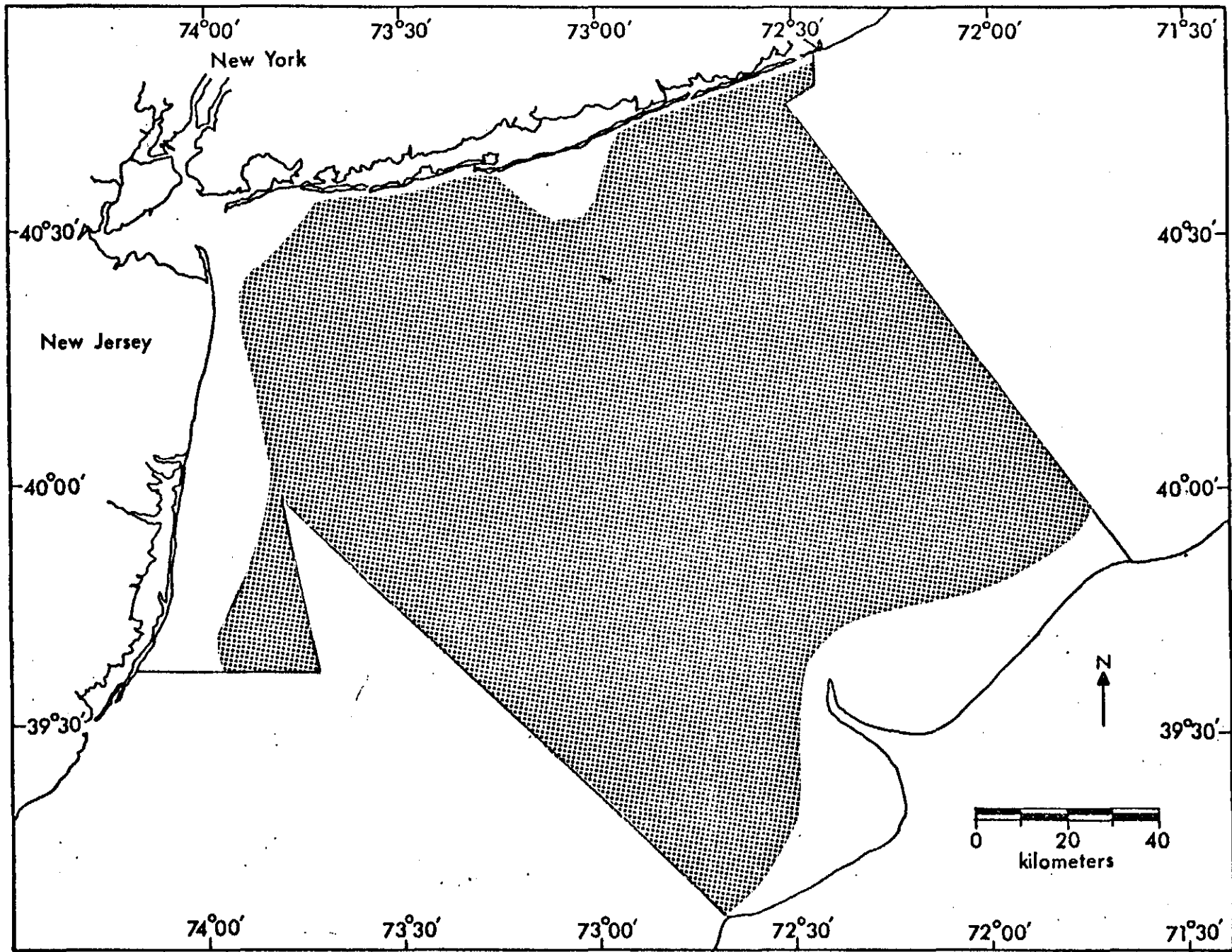


FIGURE 59.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

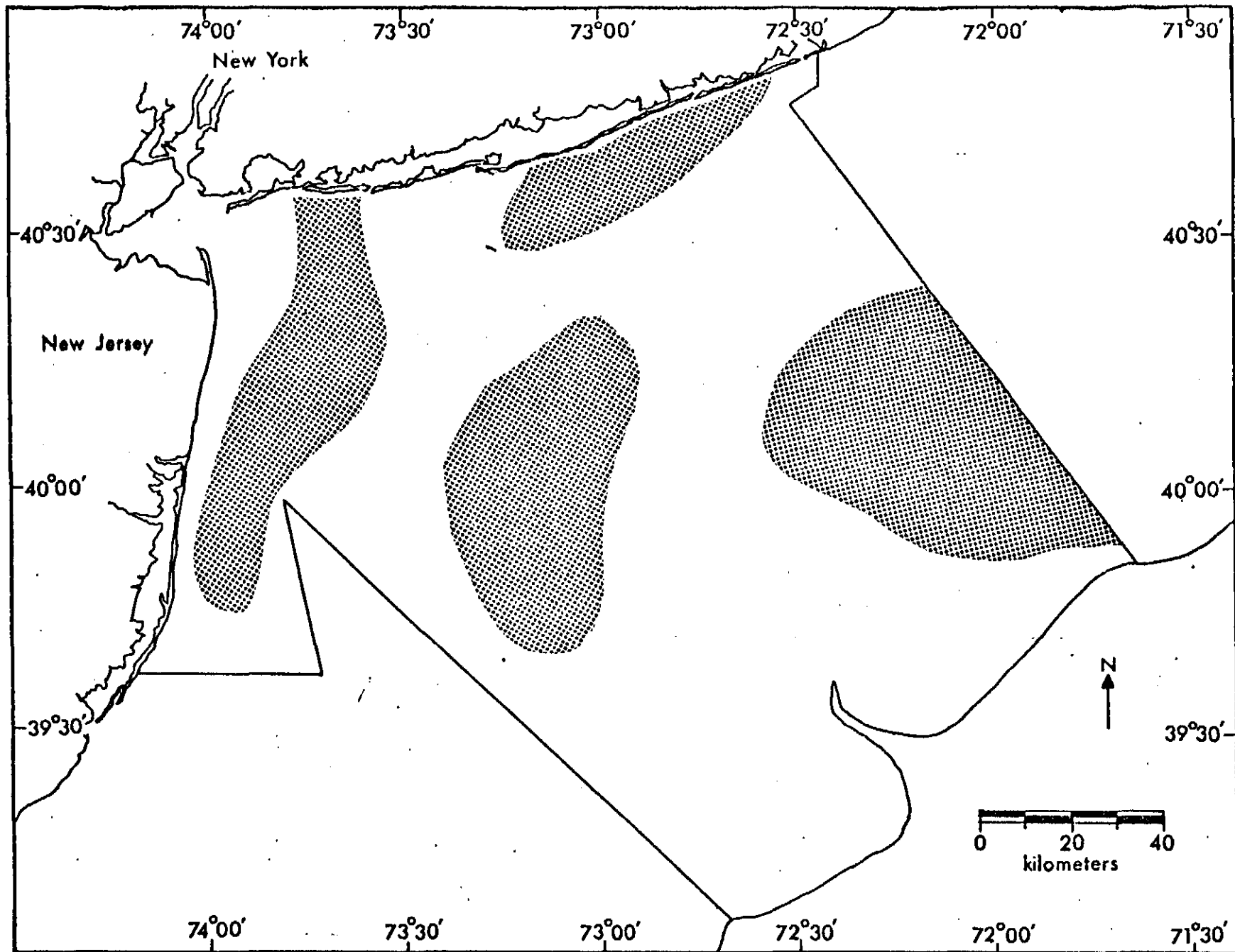


FIGURE 60.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

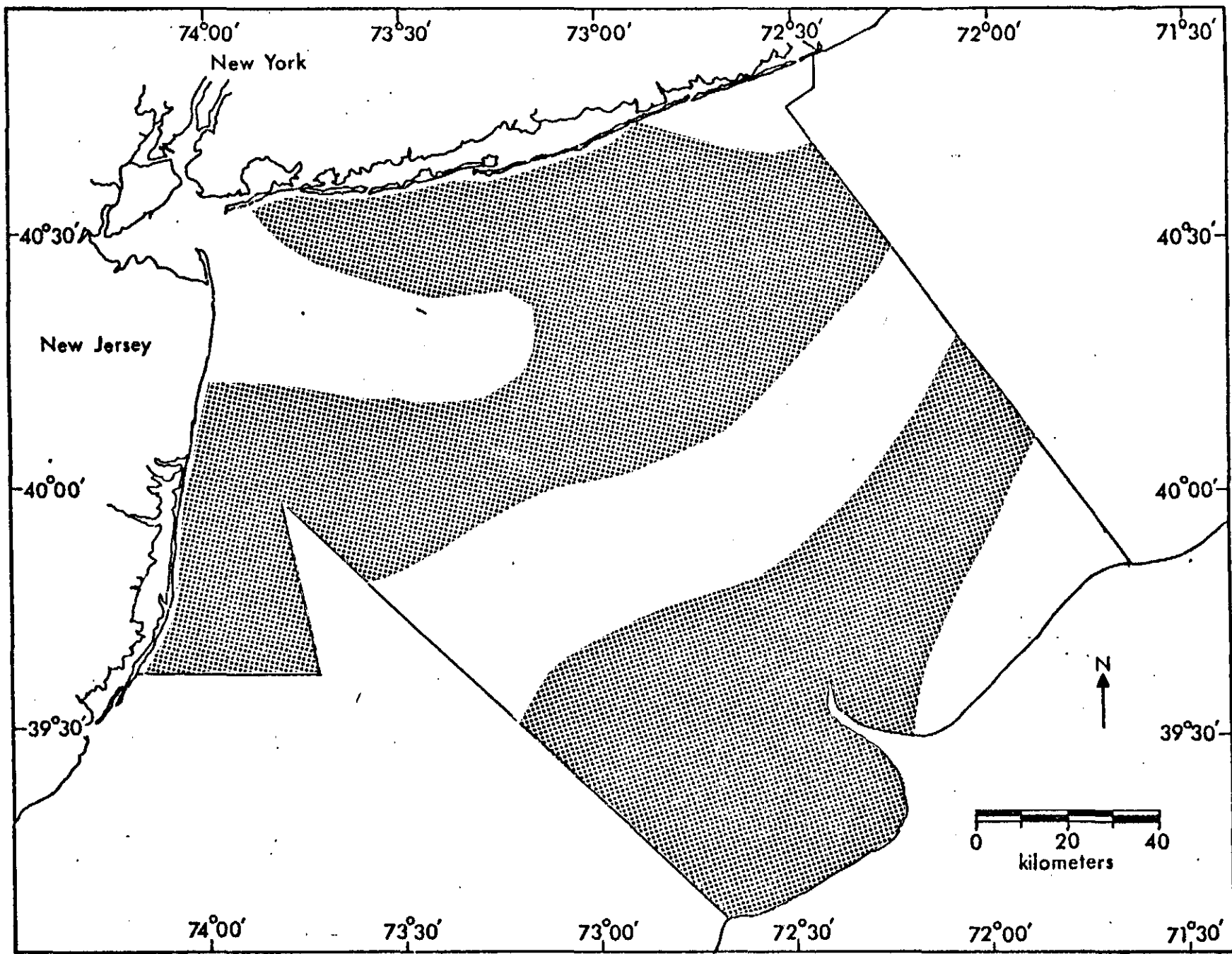


FIGURE 61.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

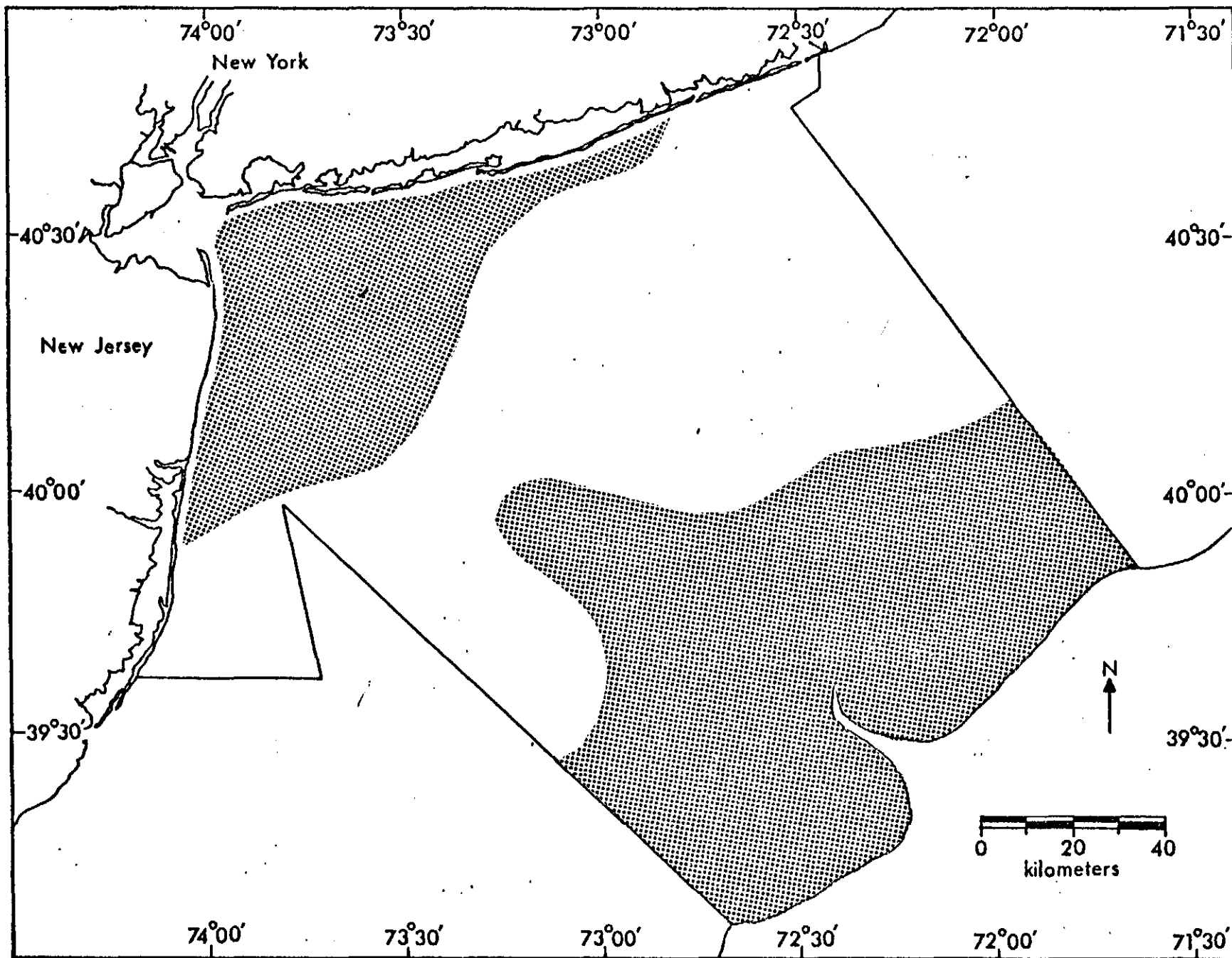


FIGURE 62.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

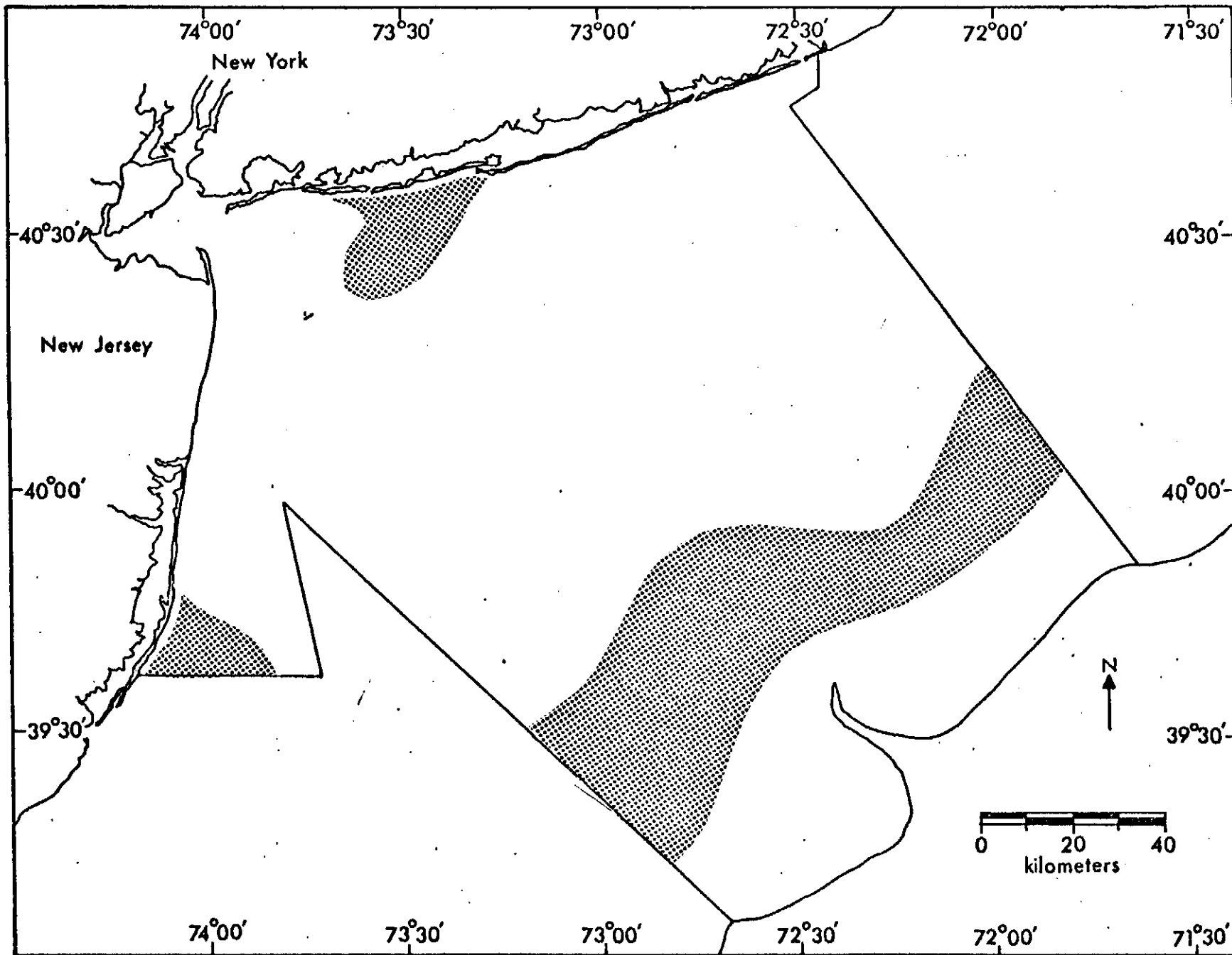


FIGURE 63.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

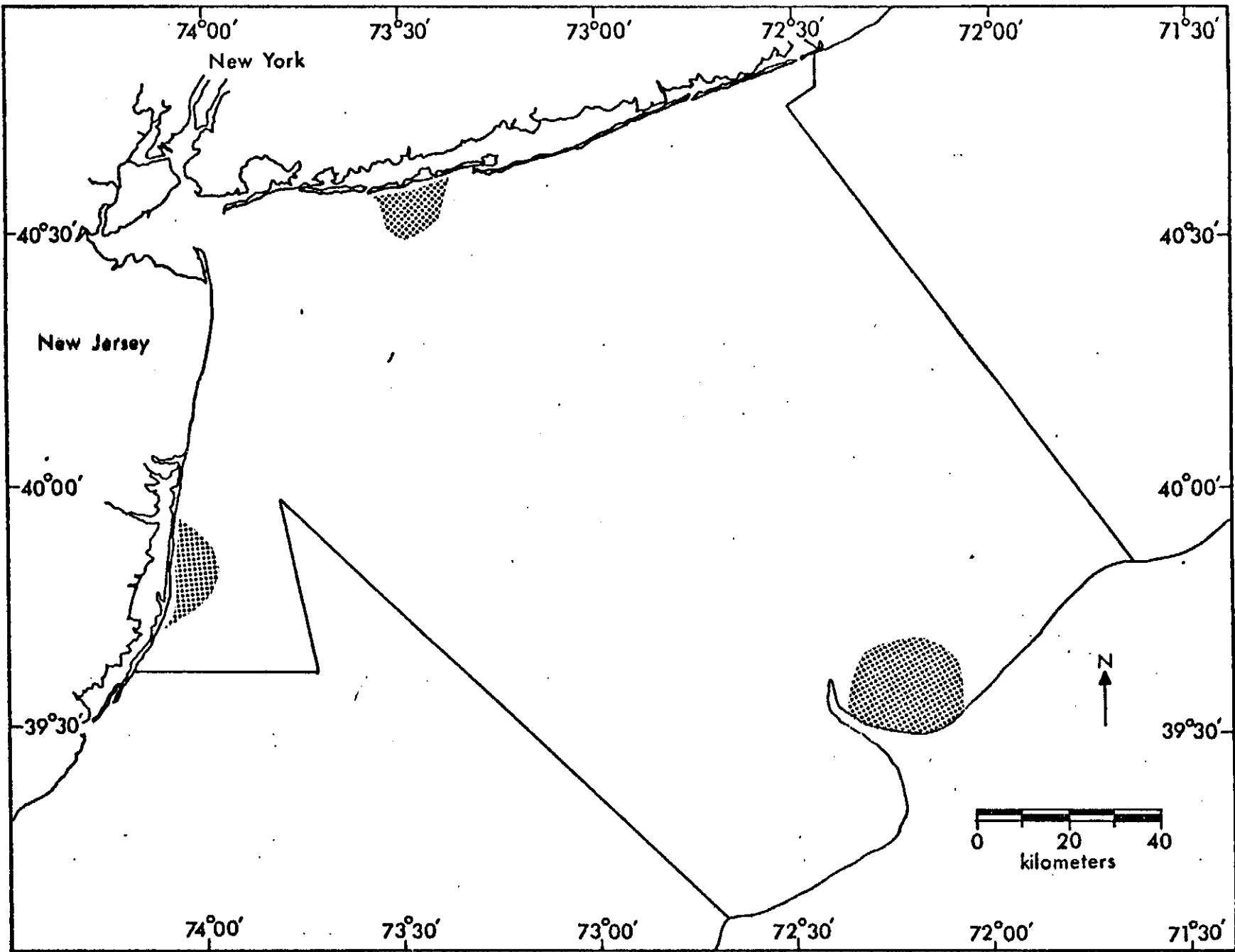


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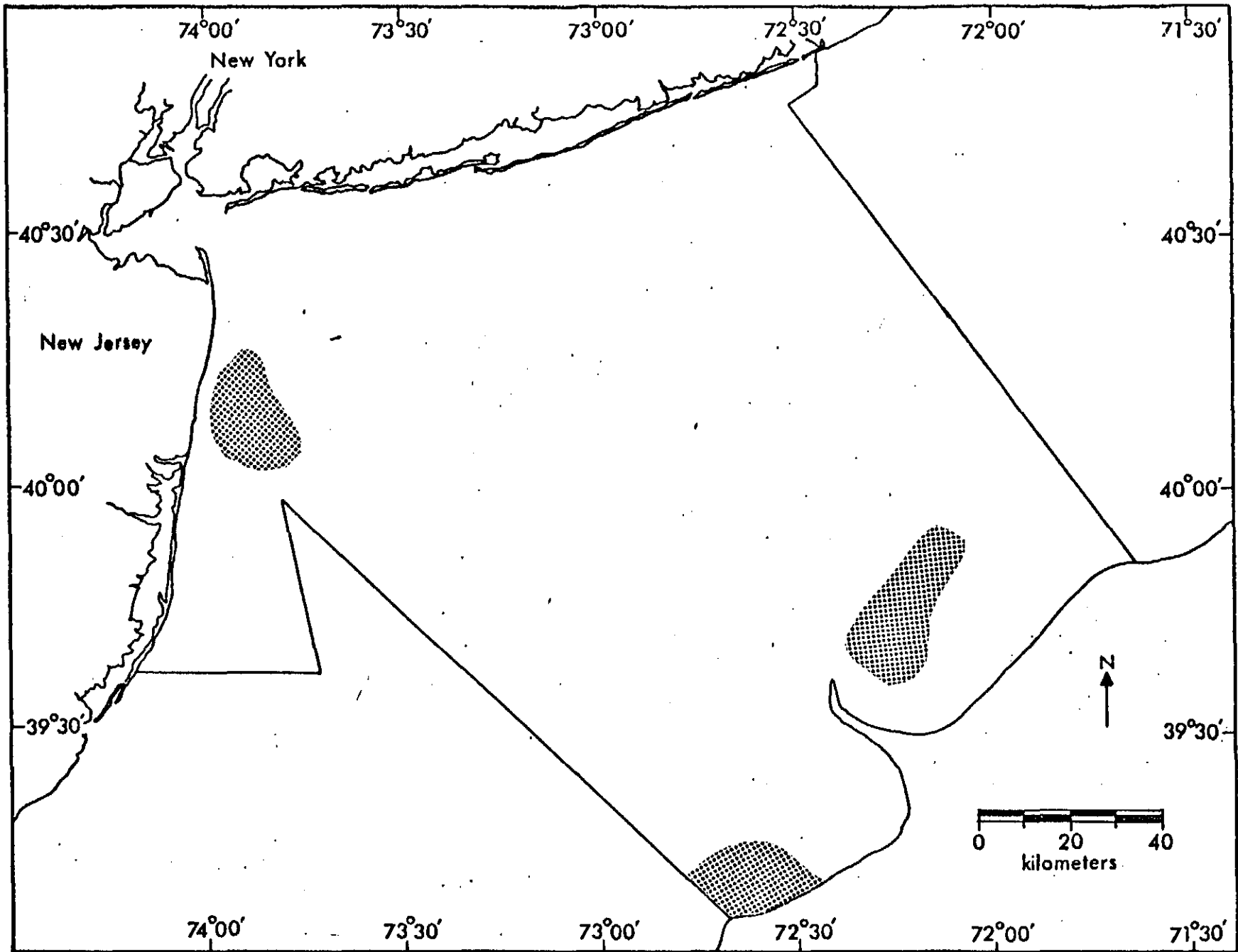


FIGURE 65.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

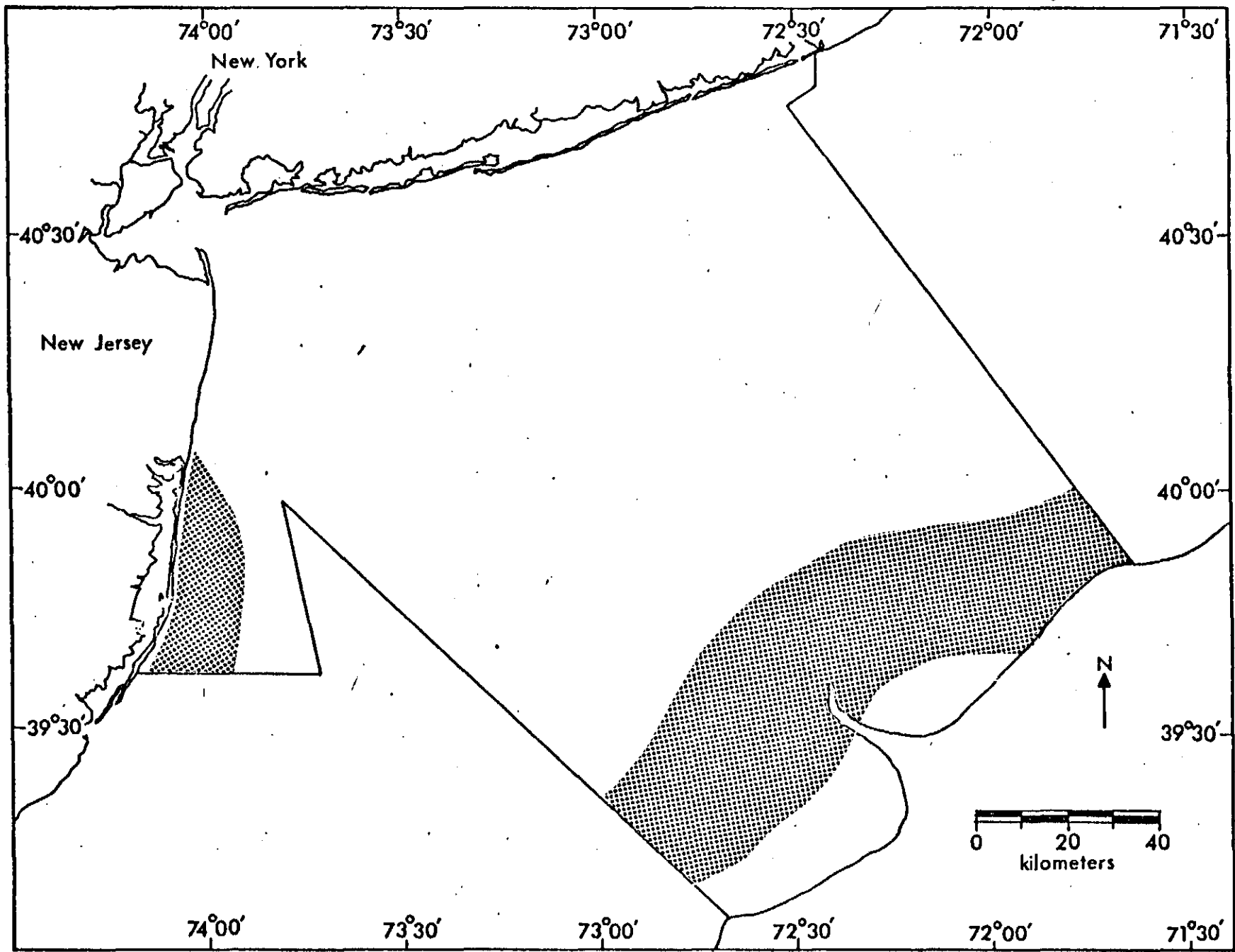


FIGURE 66.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

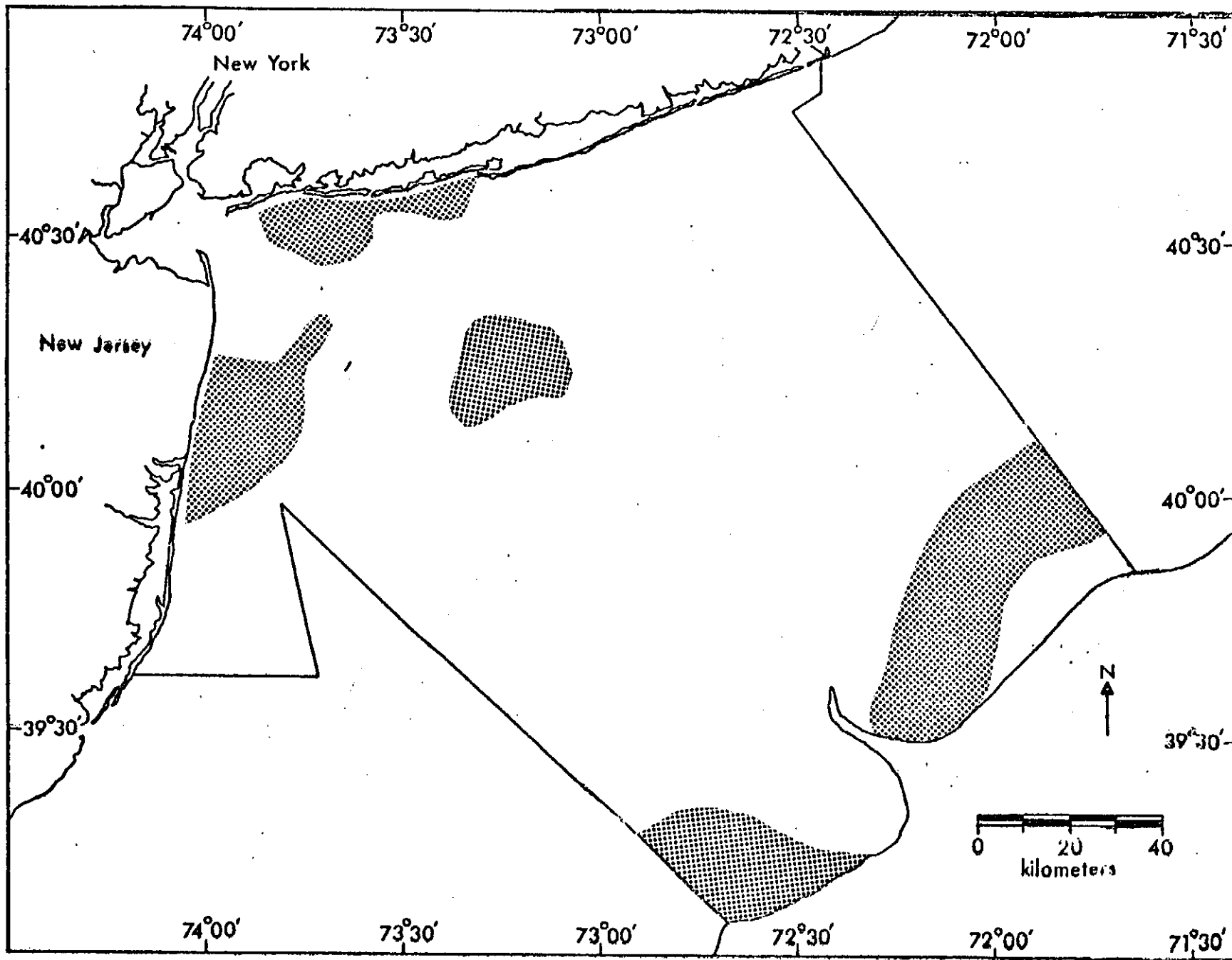


FIGURE 67.--Distribution of spotted hake (*Urophycis regius*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

BLACK SEA BASS

(Centropristis striata)

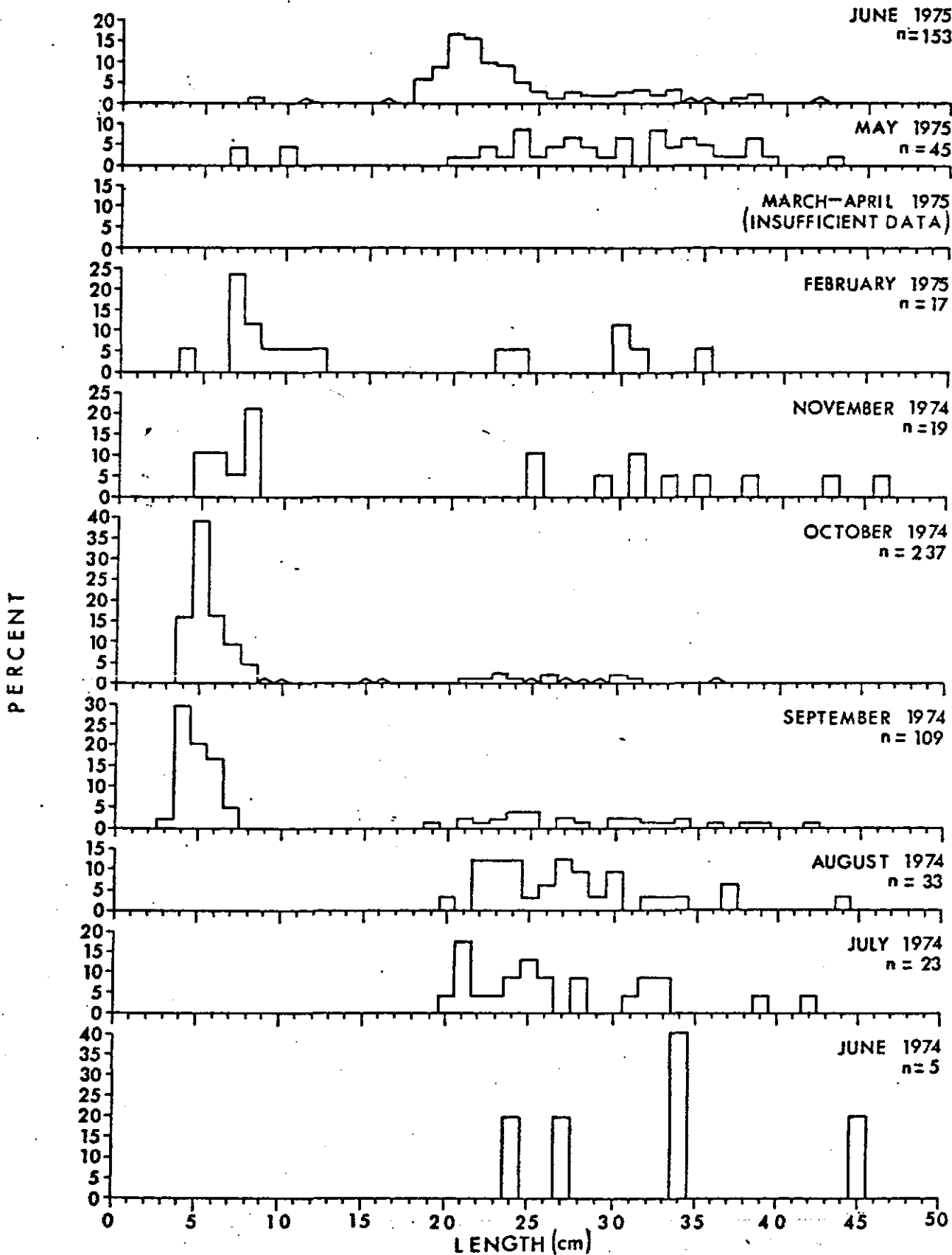


FIGURE 68.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

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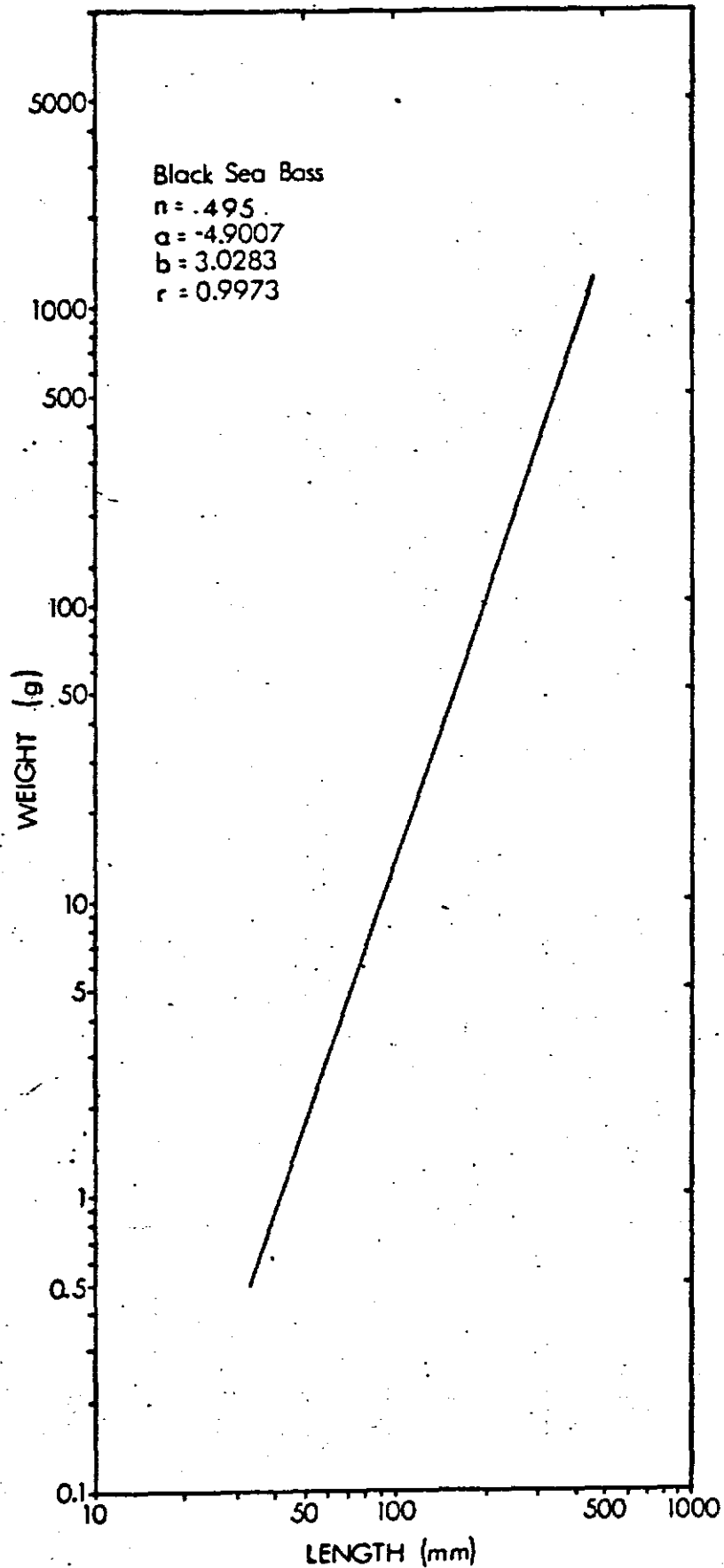


FIGURE 69.--Weight-length relationship of black sea bass (Centropristis striata) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 5.--Monthly sex ratios of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 5 | 4 | 80.0 | 1 | 20.0 | - | - |
| July | 23 | 6 | 26.1 | 17 | 73.9 | - | - |
| August | 34 | 9 | 26.5 | 25 | 73.5 | - | - |
| September | 111 | 10 | 9.0 | 21 | 18.9 | 80 | 72.1 |
| October | 97 | 9 | 9.3 | 20 | 20.6 | 68 | 70.1 |
| November | 21 | 2 | 9.5 | 8 | 38.1 | 11 | 52.4 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 12 | - | - | 2 | 16.7 | 10 | 83.3 |
| March | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 100.0 |
| April | 1 | - | - | 1 | 100.0 | - | - |
| May | 45 | 15 | 33.3 | 26 | 57.8 | 4 | 8.9 |
| June | 144 | 63 | 43.8 | 72 | 50.0 | 9 | 6.2 |
| TOTAL | 494 | 118 | 23.9 | 193 | 39.1 | 183 | 37.0 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

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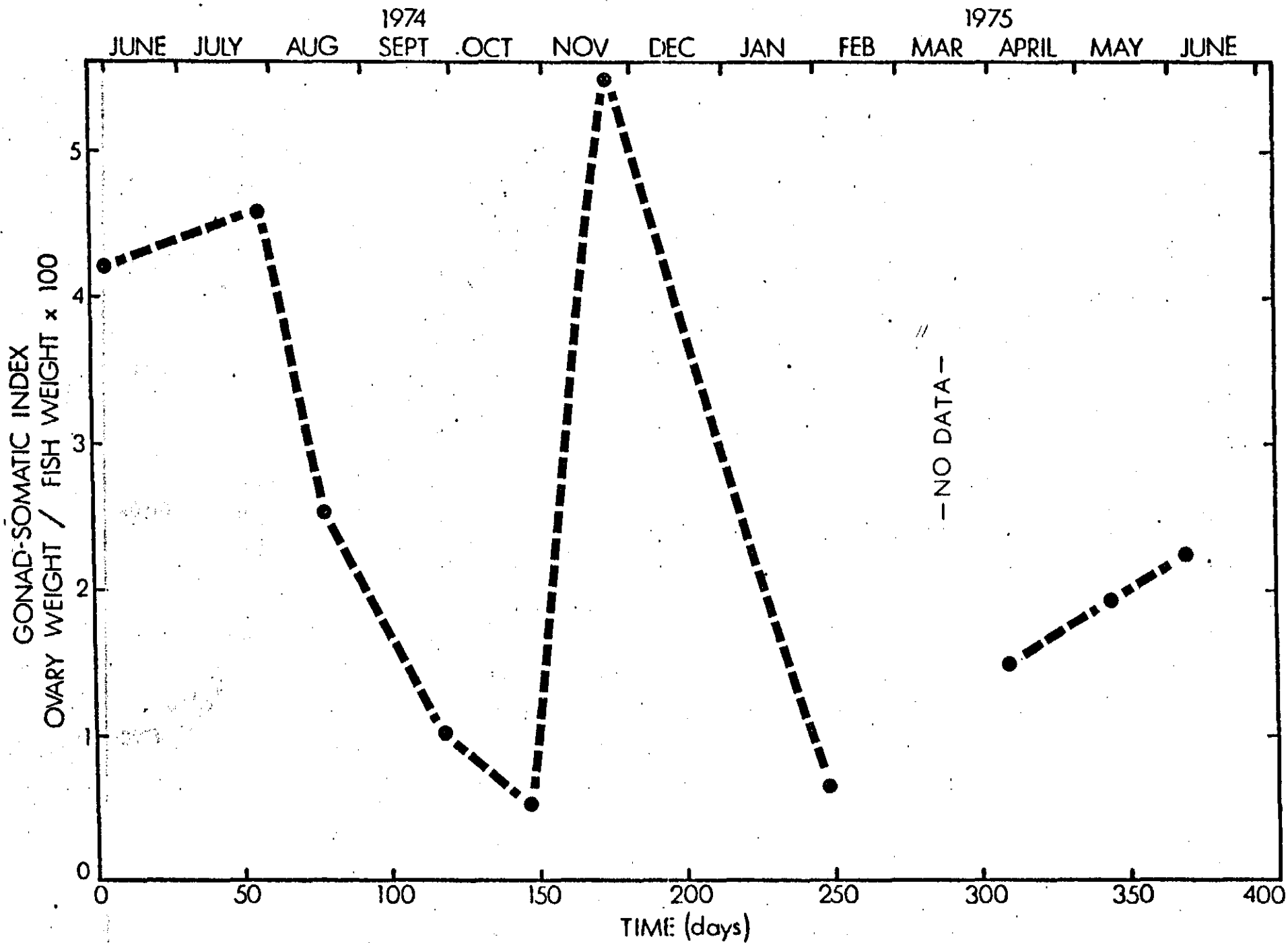


FIGURE 70.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of black sea bass (Centropristis striata) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

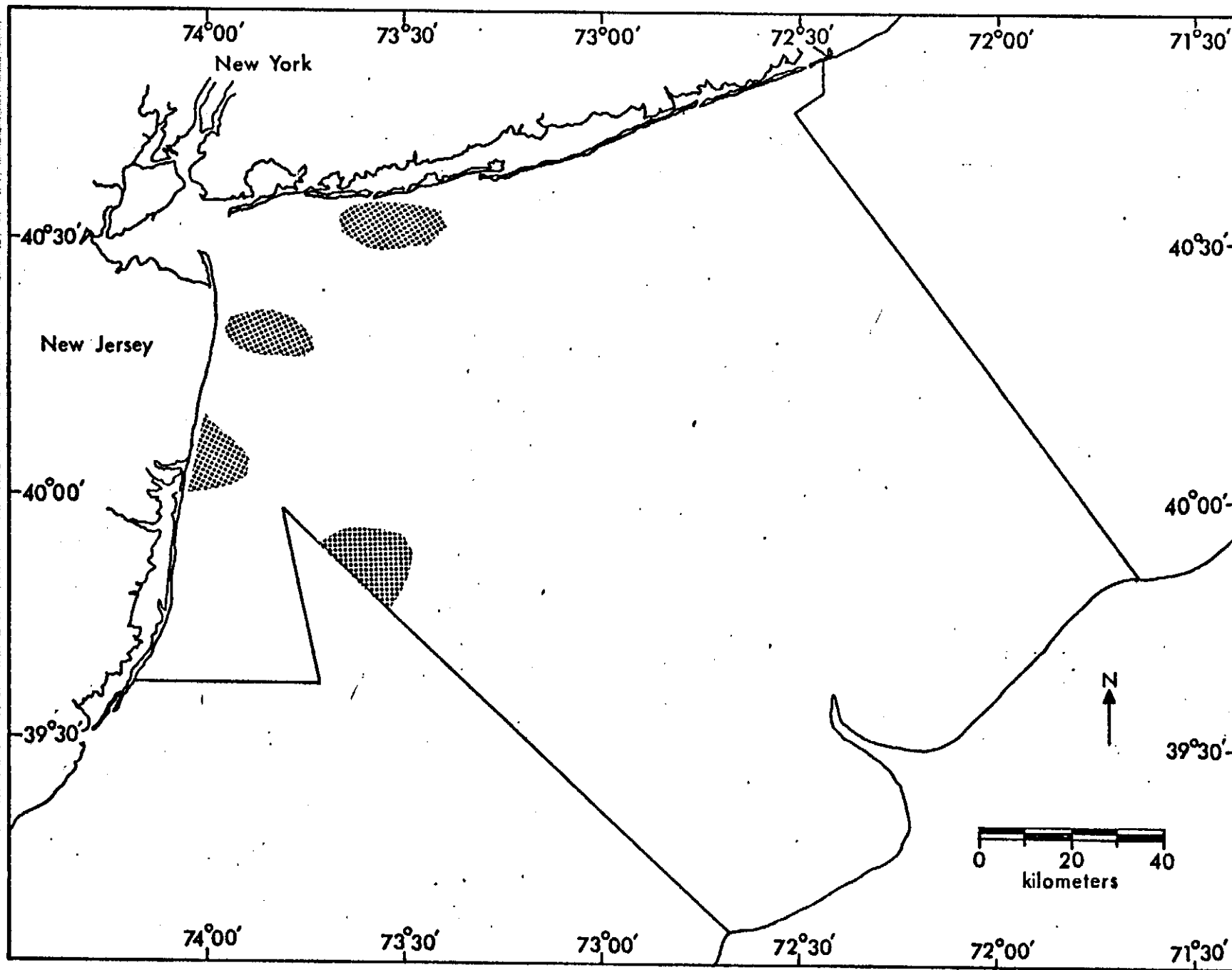


FIGURE 71.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

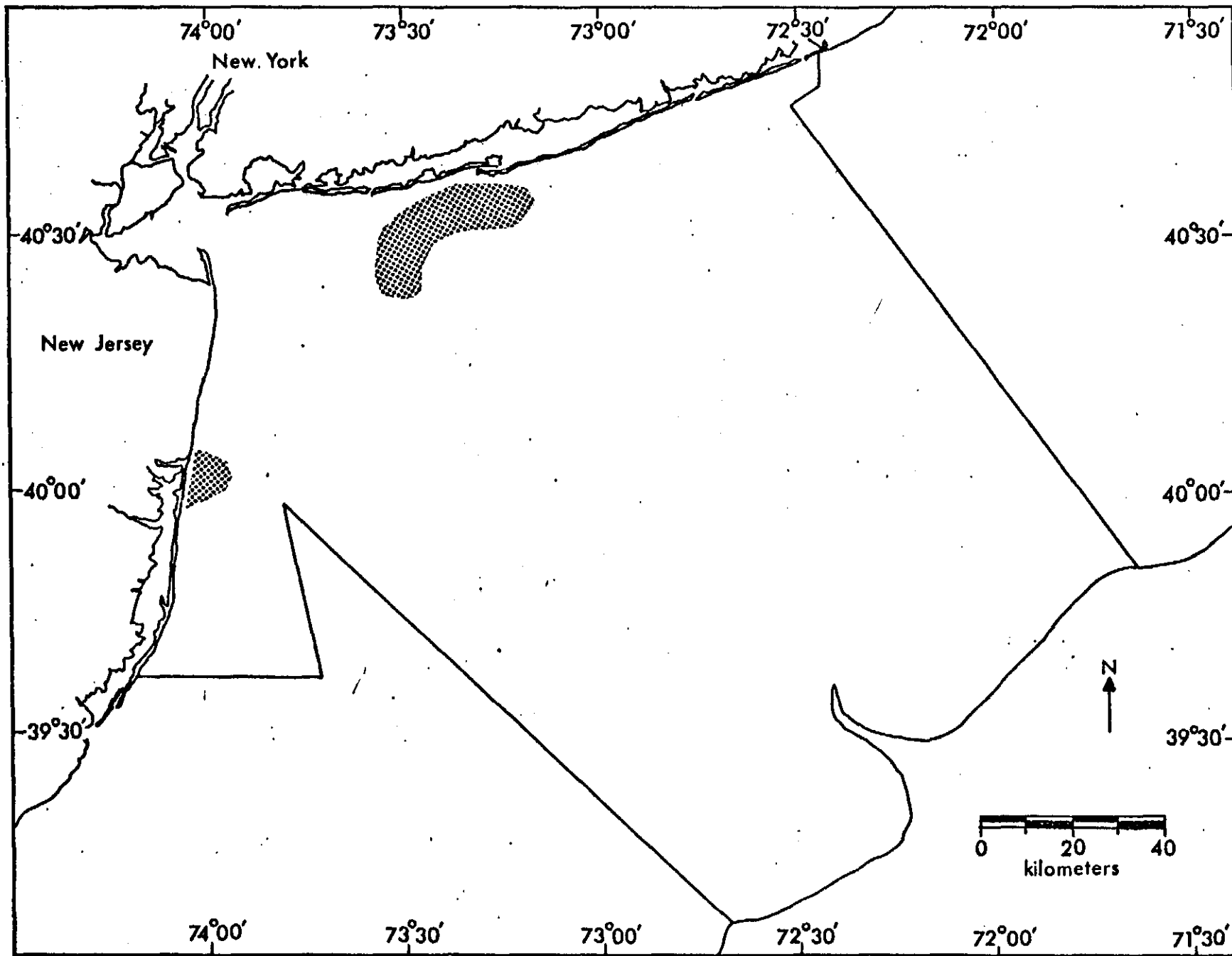


FIGURE 72.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

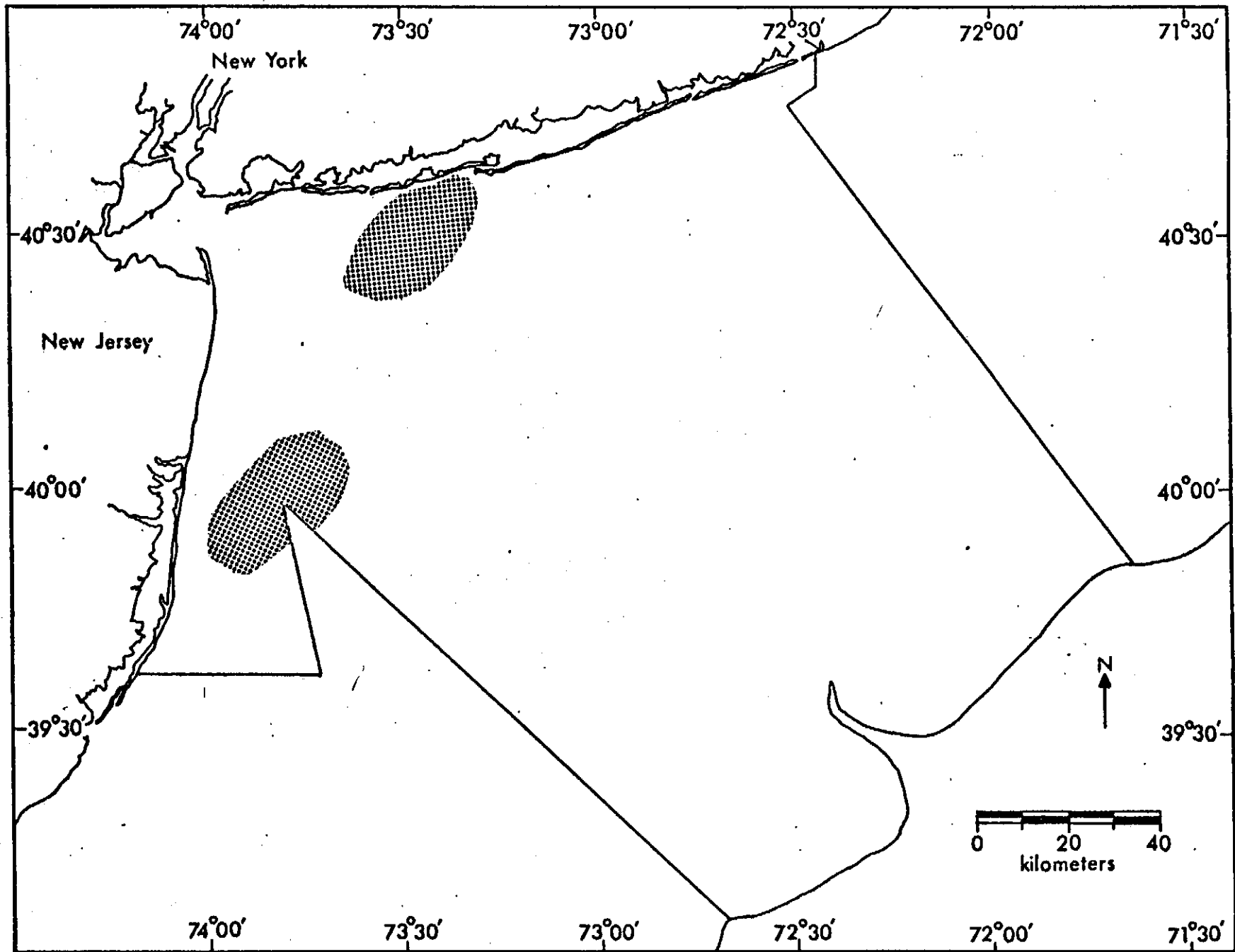


FIGURE 73.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

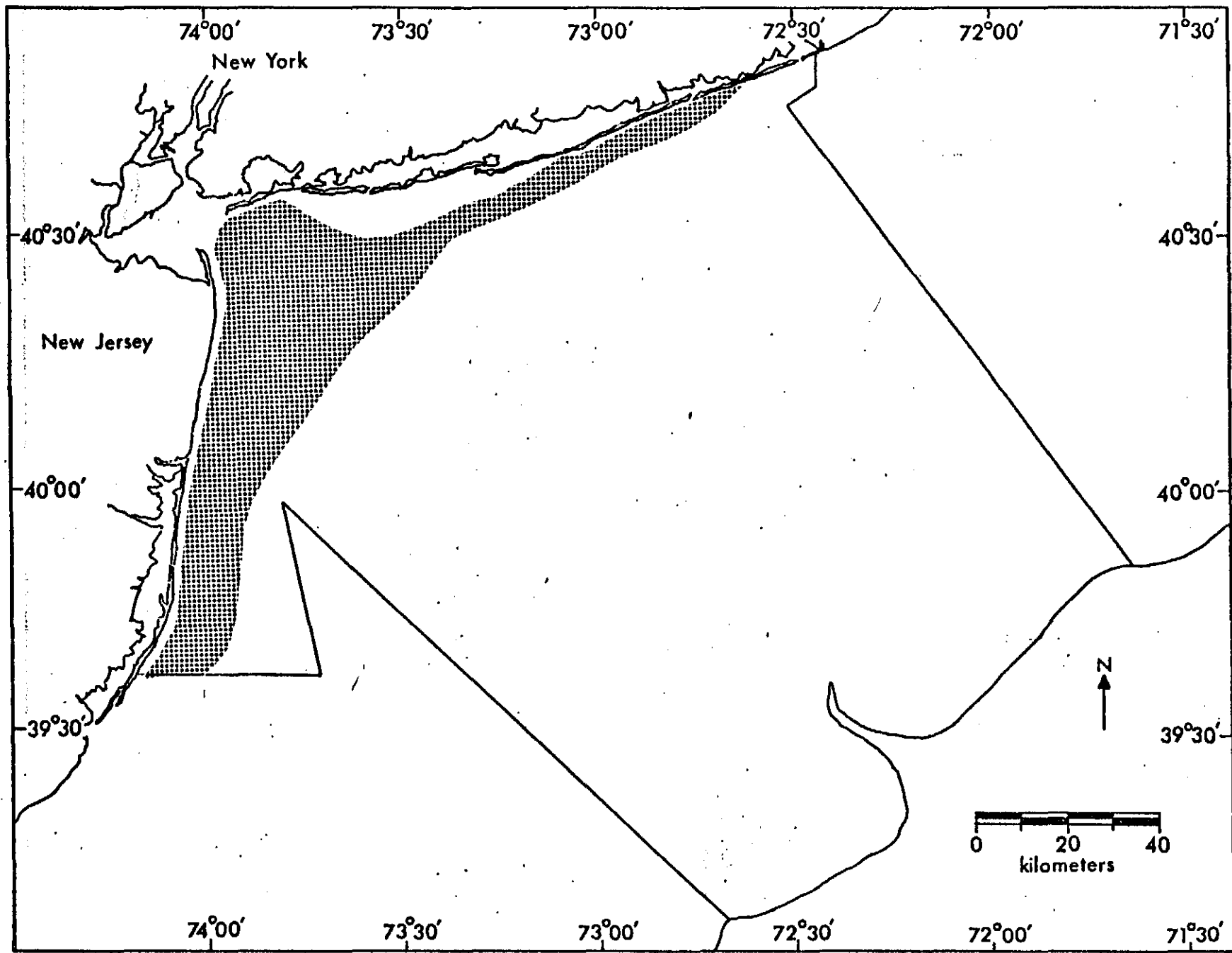


FIGURE 74.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

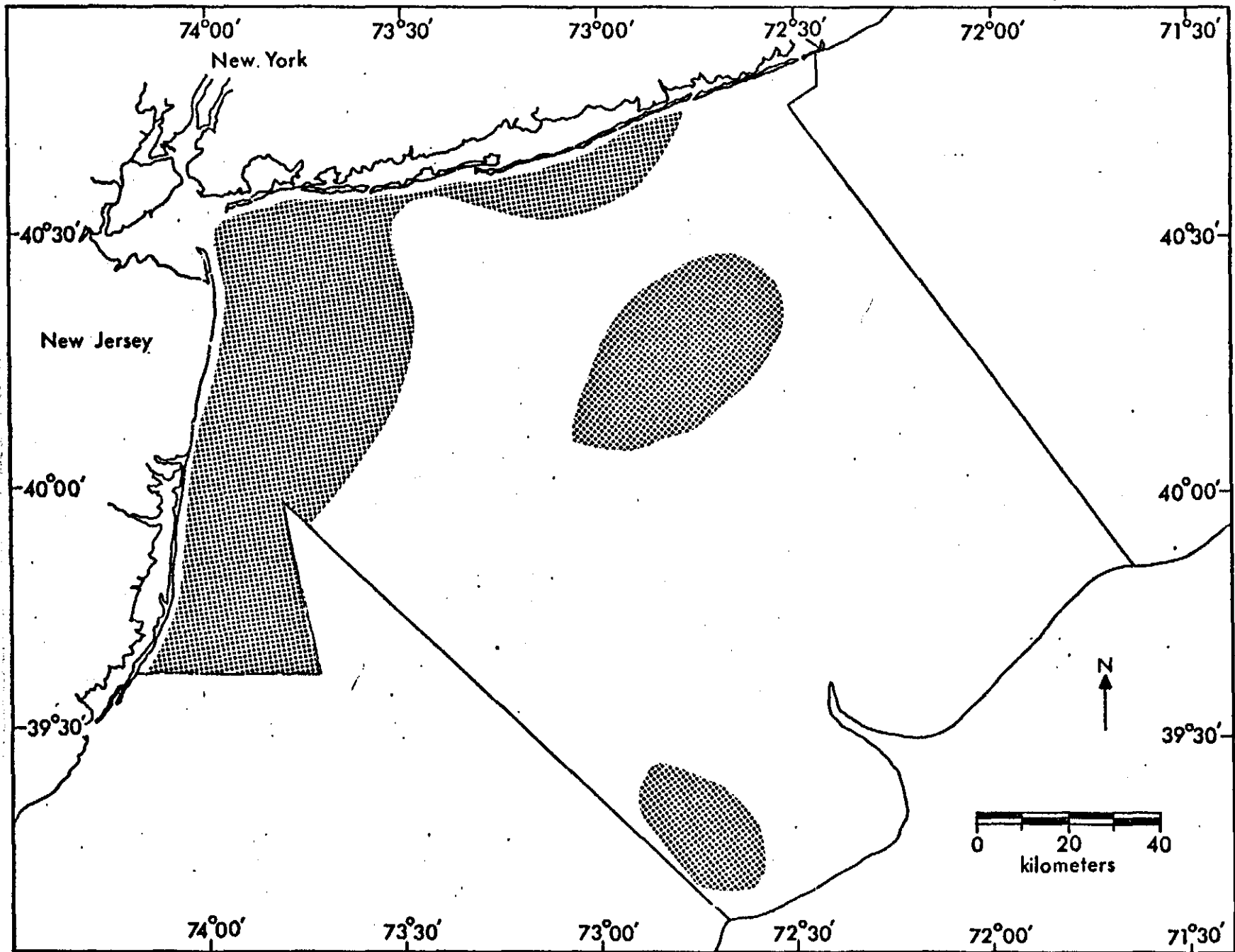


FIGURE 75.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

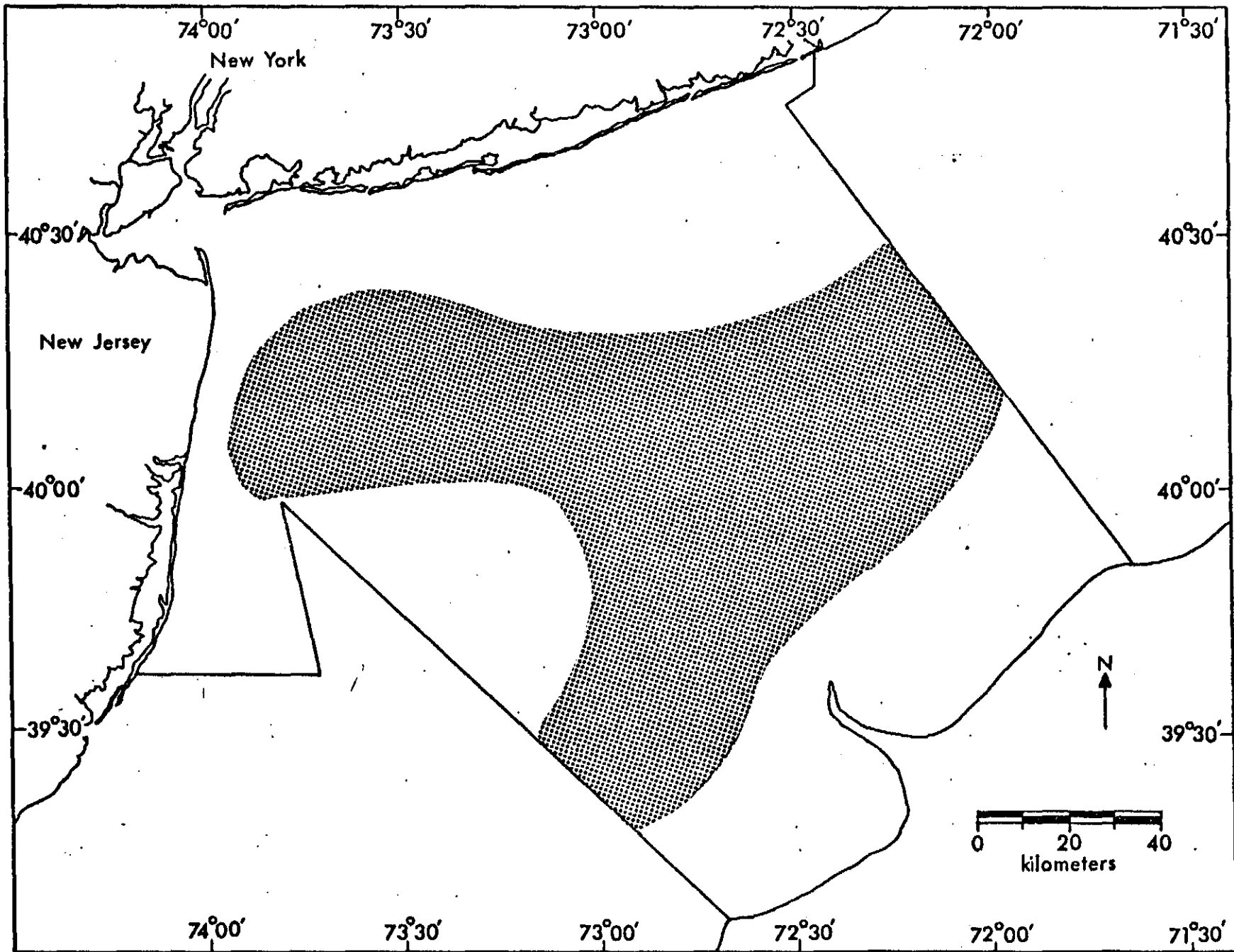


FIGURE 76.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

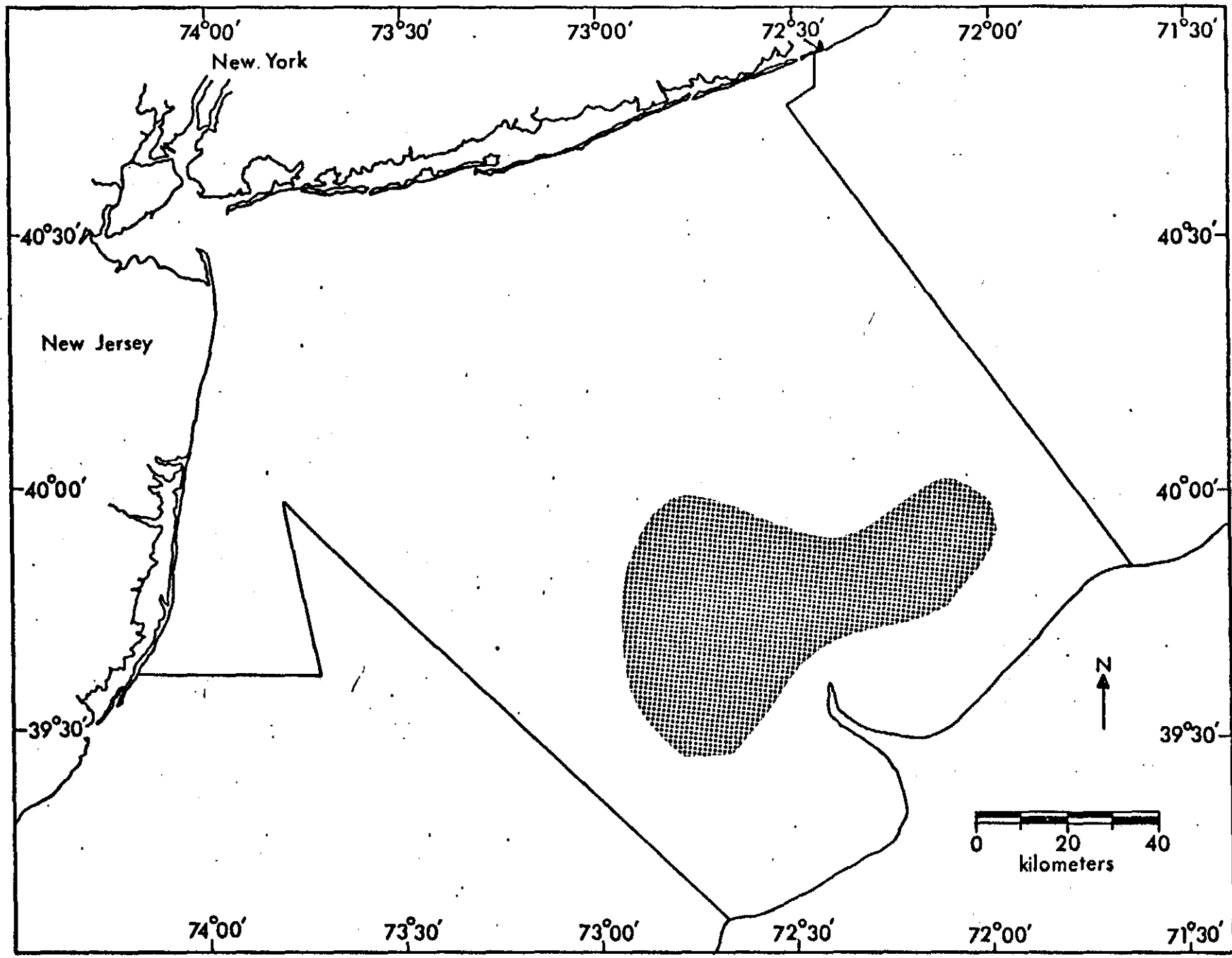


FIGURE 77.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

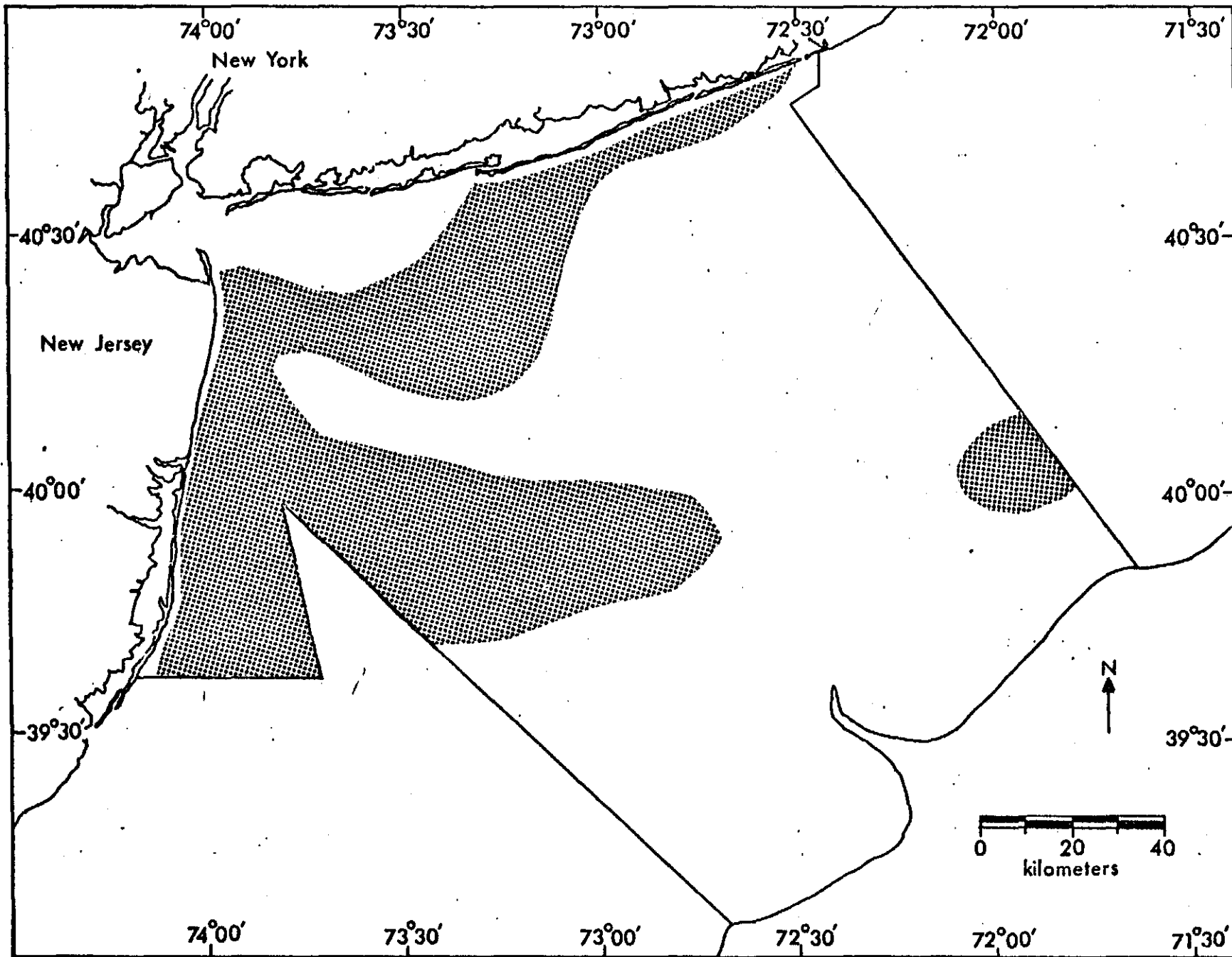


FIGURE 78.--Distribution of black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

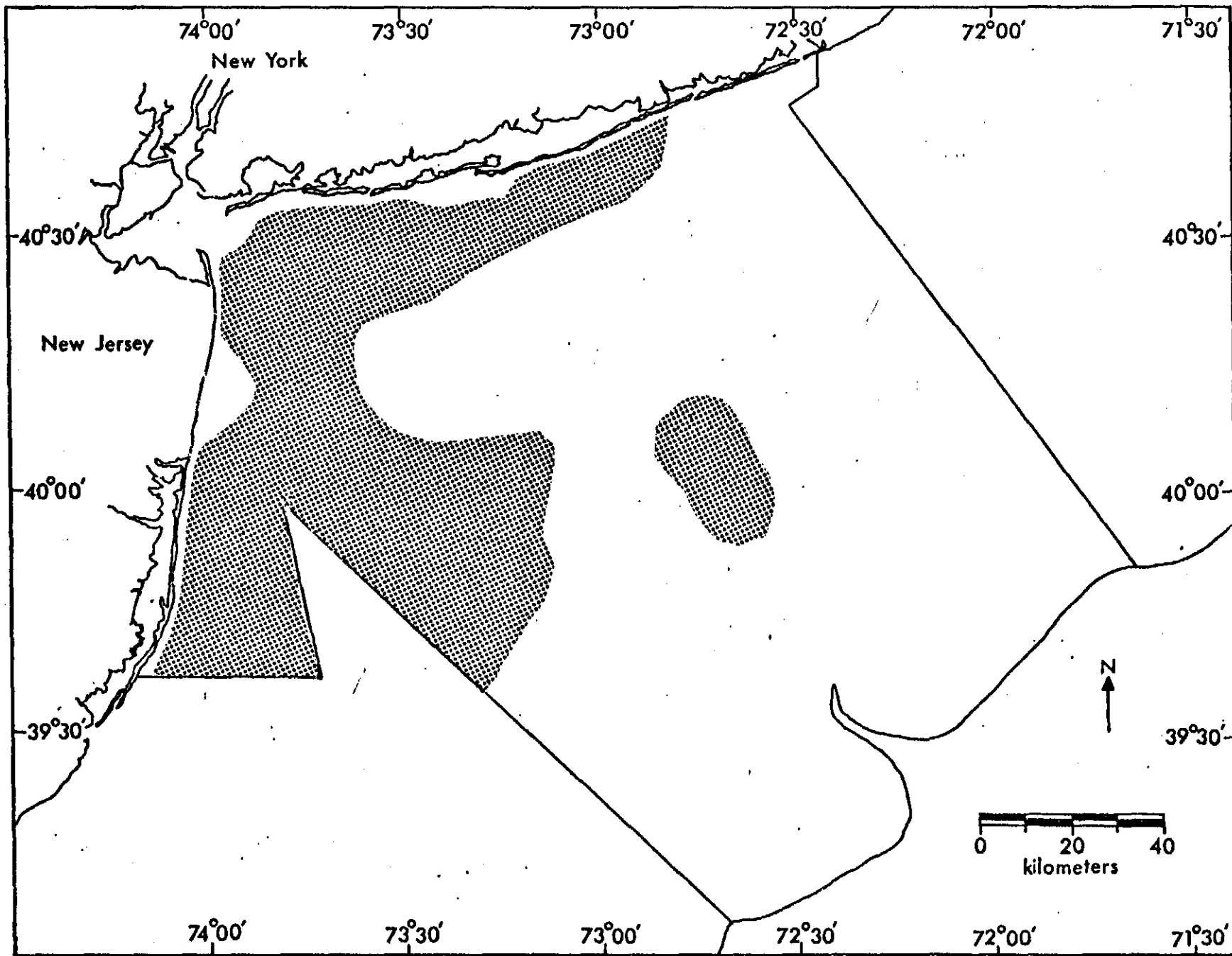


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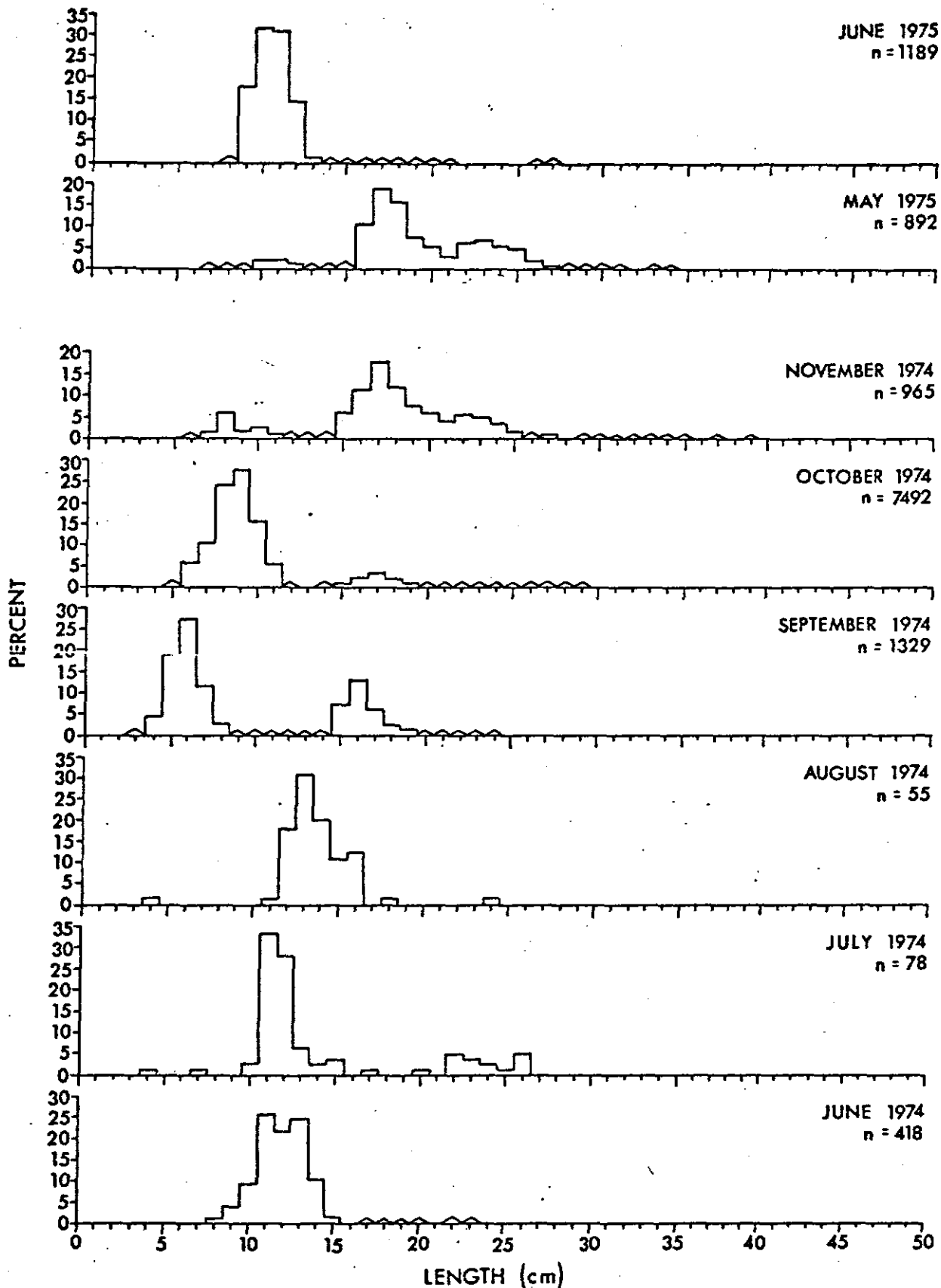


FIGURE 80.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of scup (Stenotomus chrysops) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

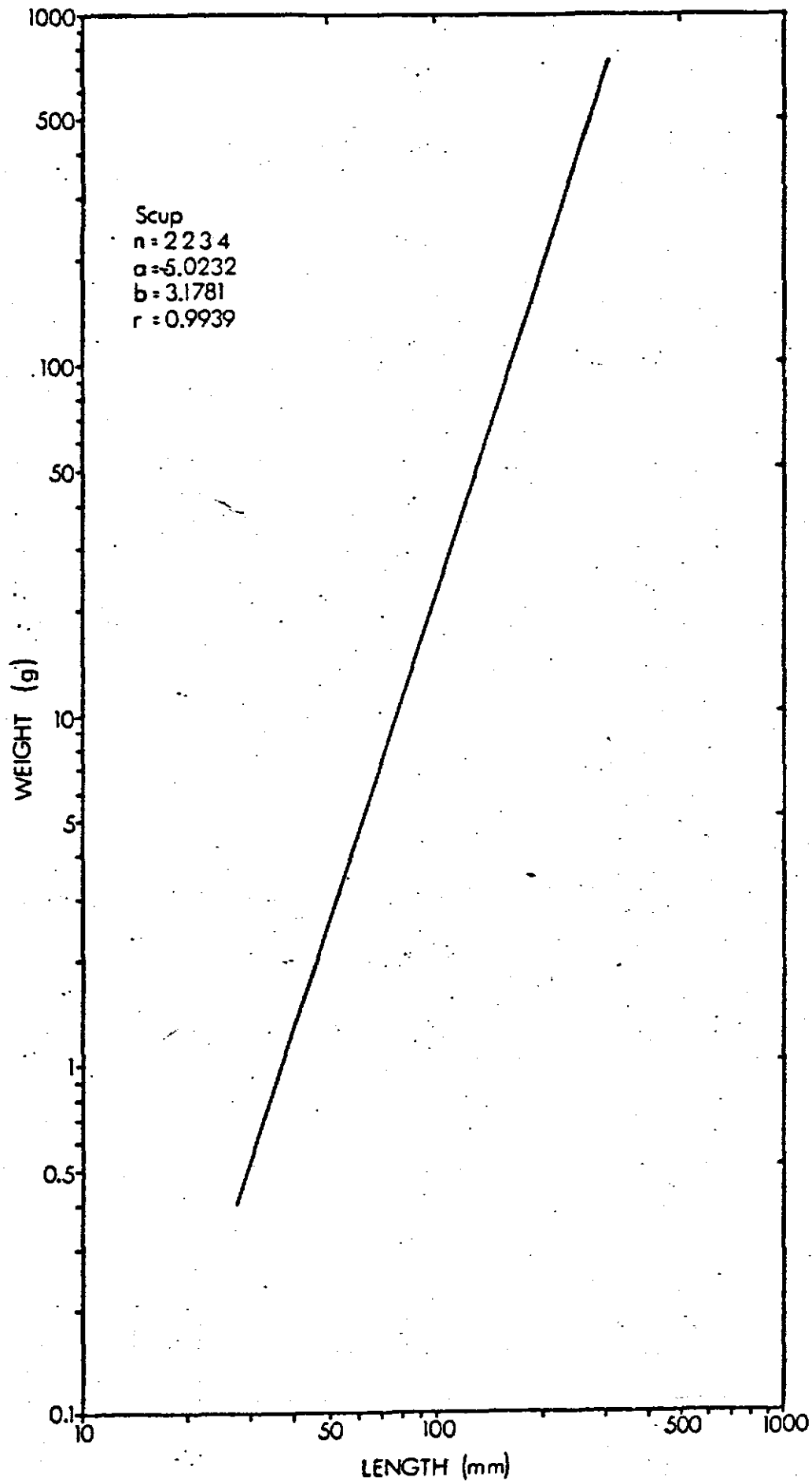


FIGURE 81.--Weight-length relationship of scup (Stenotomus chrysops) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 6.--Monthly sex ratios of scup (Stenotomus chrysops) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 162 | 3 | 1.9 | 1 | 0.6 | 158 | 97.5 |
| July | 50 | 4 | 8.0 | 10 | 20.0 | 36 | 72.0 |
| August | 90 | 3 | 3.3 | 2 | 2.2 | 85 | 94.5 |
| September | 385 | 23 | 6.0 | 9 | 2.3 | 353 | 91.7 |
| October | 467 | 59 | 12.6 | 71 | 15.2 | 337 | 72.2 |
| November | 309 | 37 | 12.0 | 104 | 33.6 | 168 | 54.4 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | - | - | 2 | 66.7 |
| March | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| April | 24 | 11 | 45.83 | 11 | 45.83 | 2 | 8.33 |
| May | 397 | 159 | 40.1 | 180 | 45.3 | 58 | 14.6 |
| June | 367 | 16 | 4.4 | 10 | 2.7 | 341 | 92.9 |
| TOTAL | 2254 | 316 | 14.0 | 398 | 17.7 | 1540 | 68.3 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

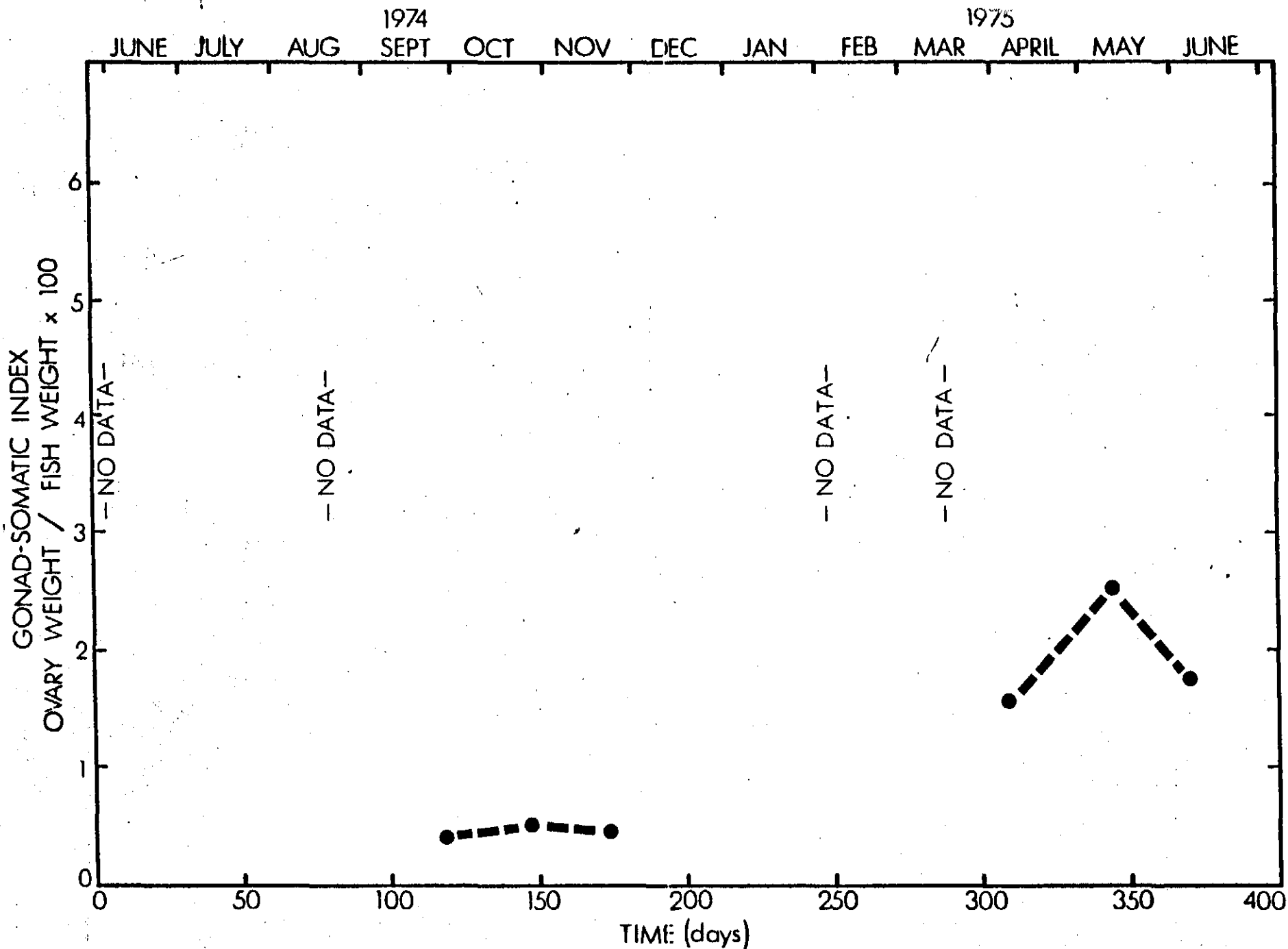


FIGURE 82.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of scup (Stenotomus chrysops) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

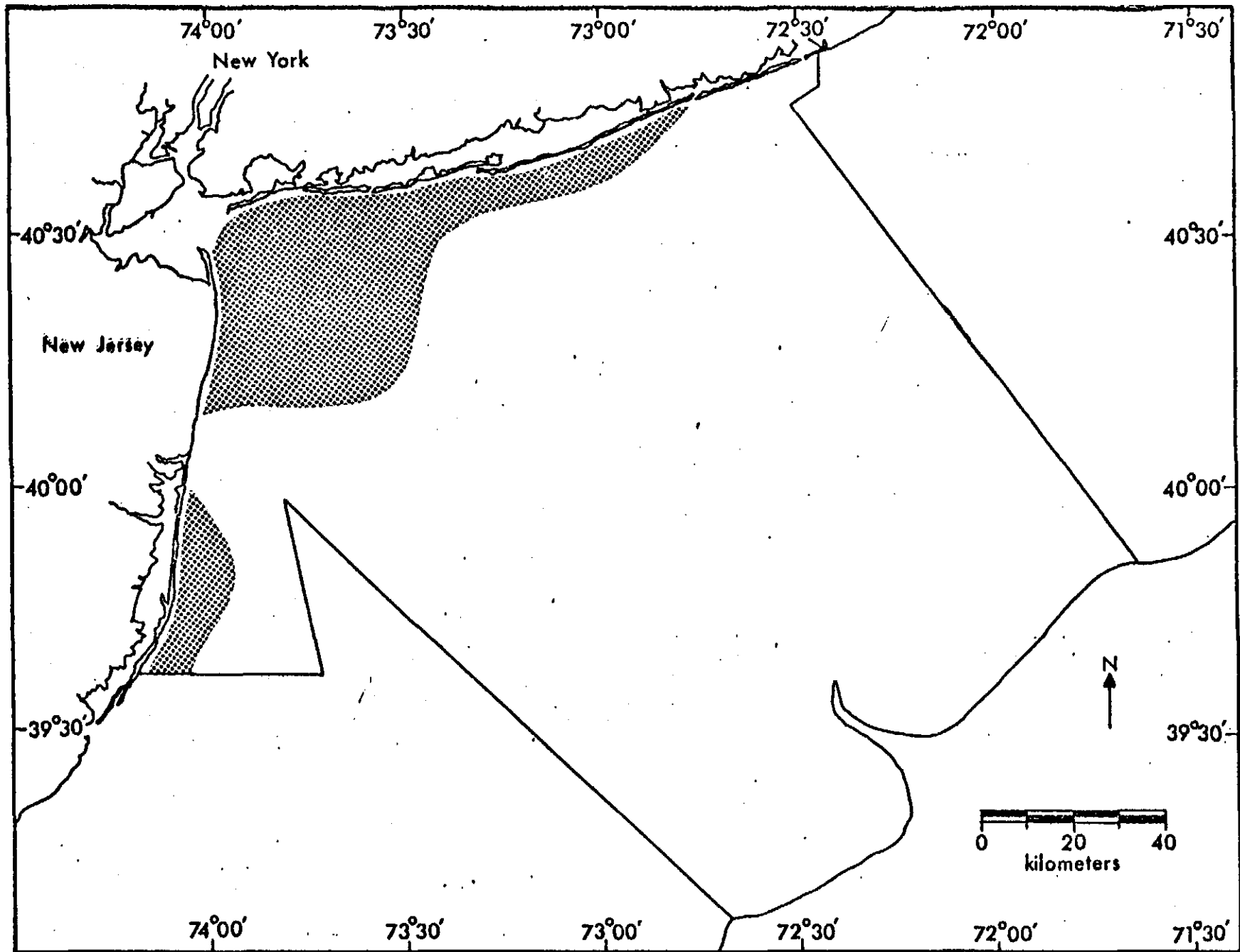


FIGURE 83.--Distribution of scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

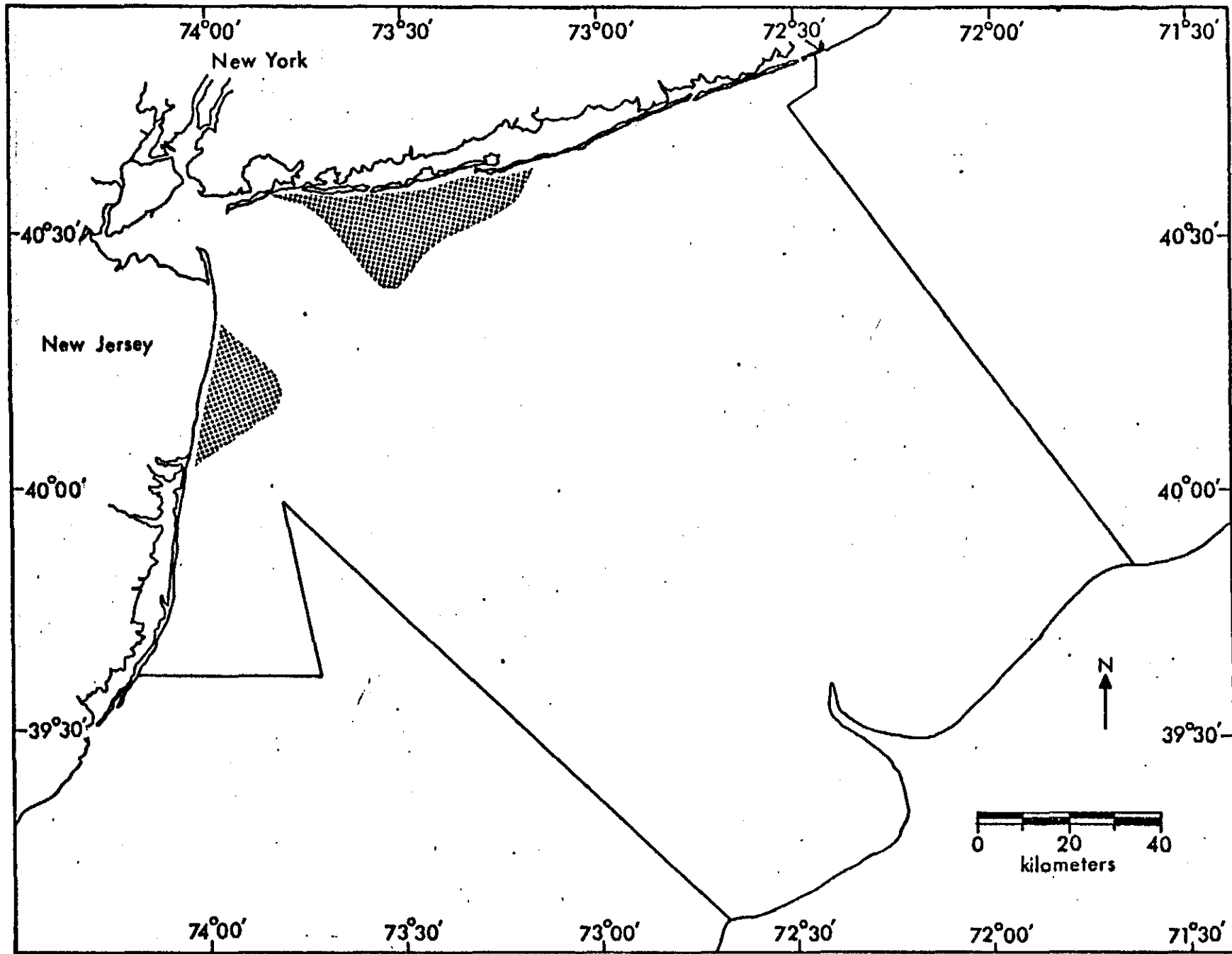


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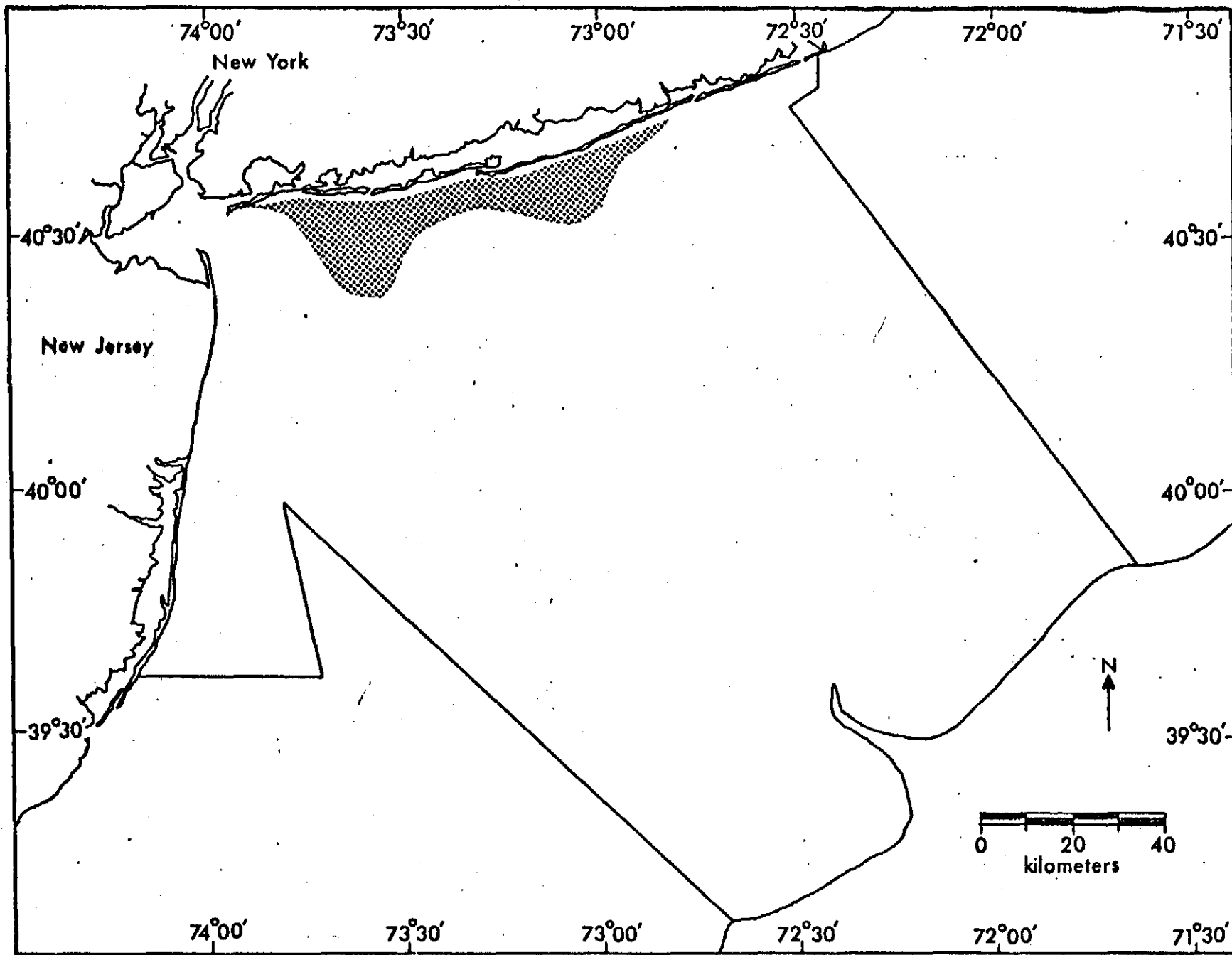


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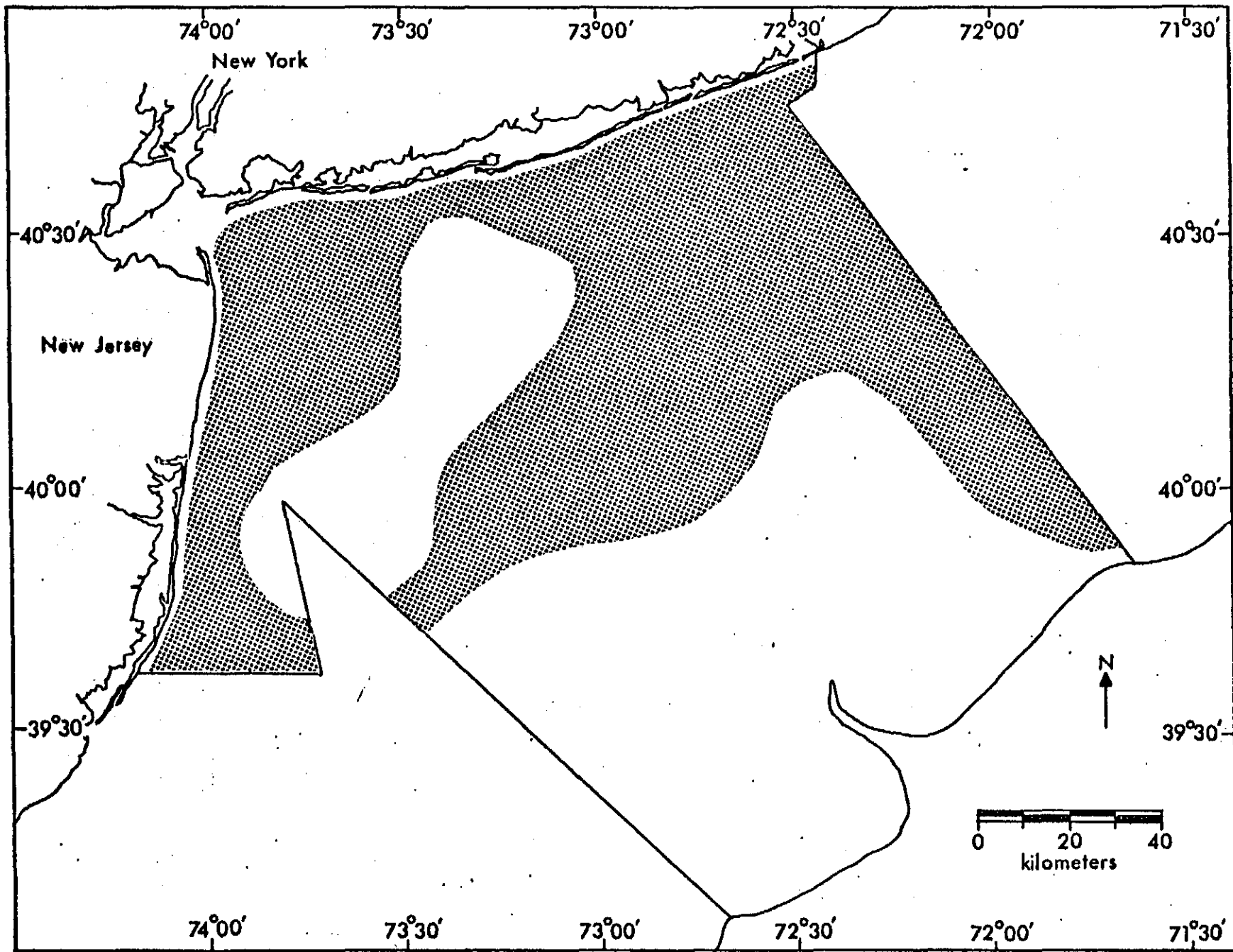


FIGURE 86.--Distribution of scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

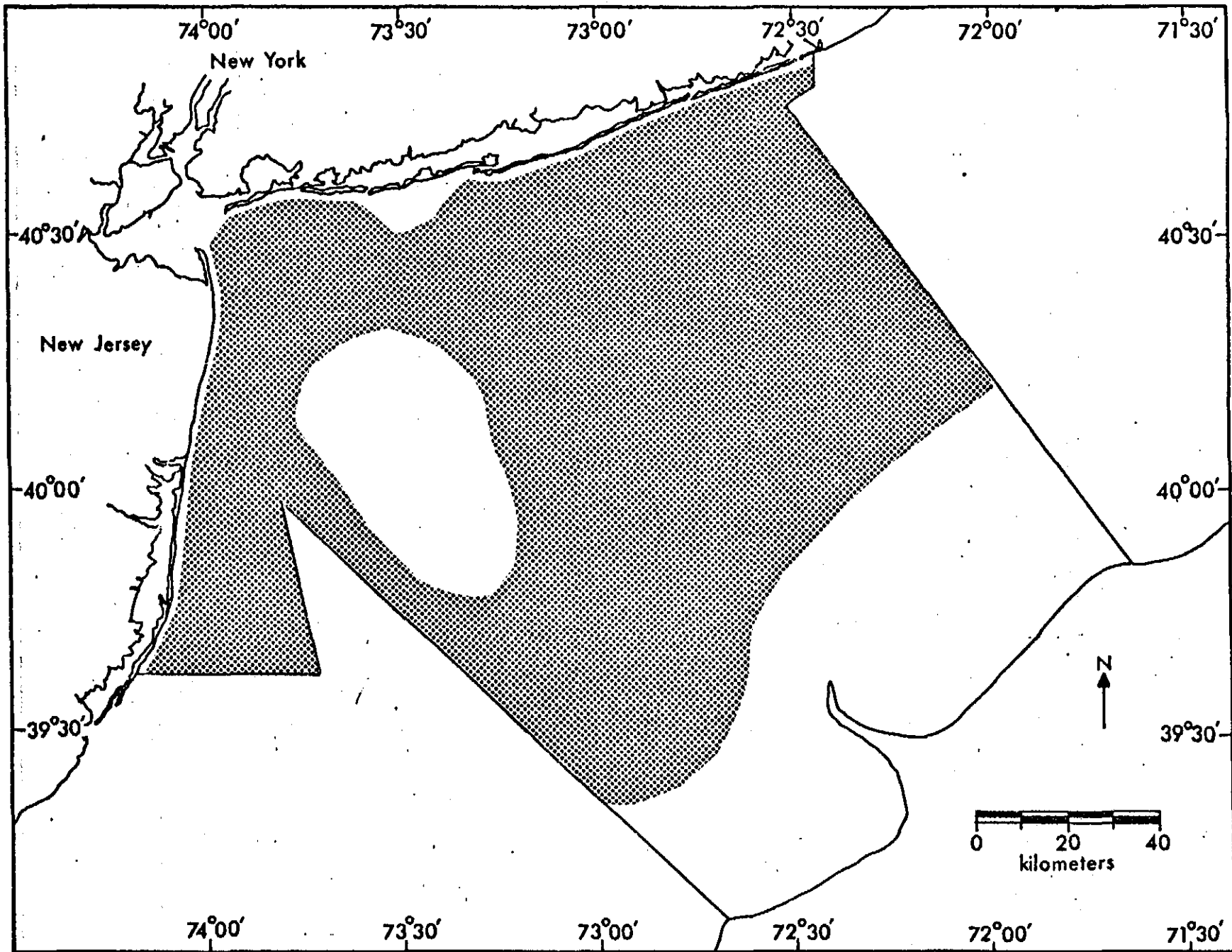


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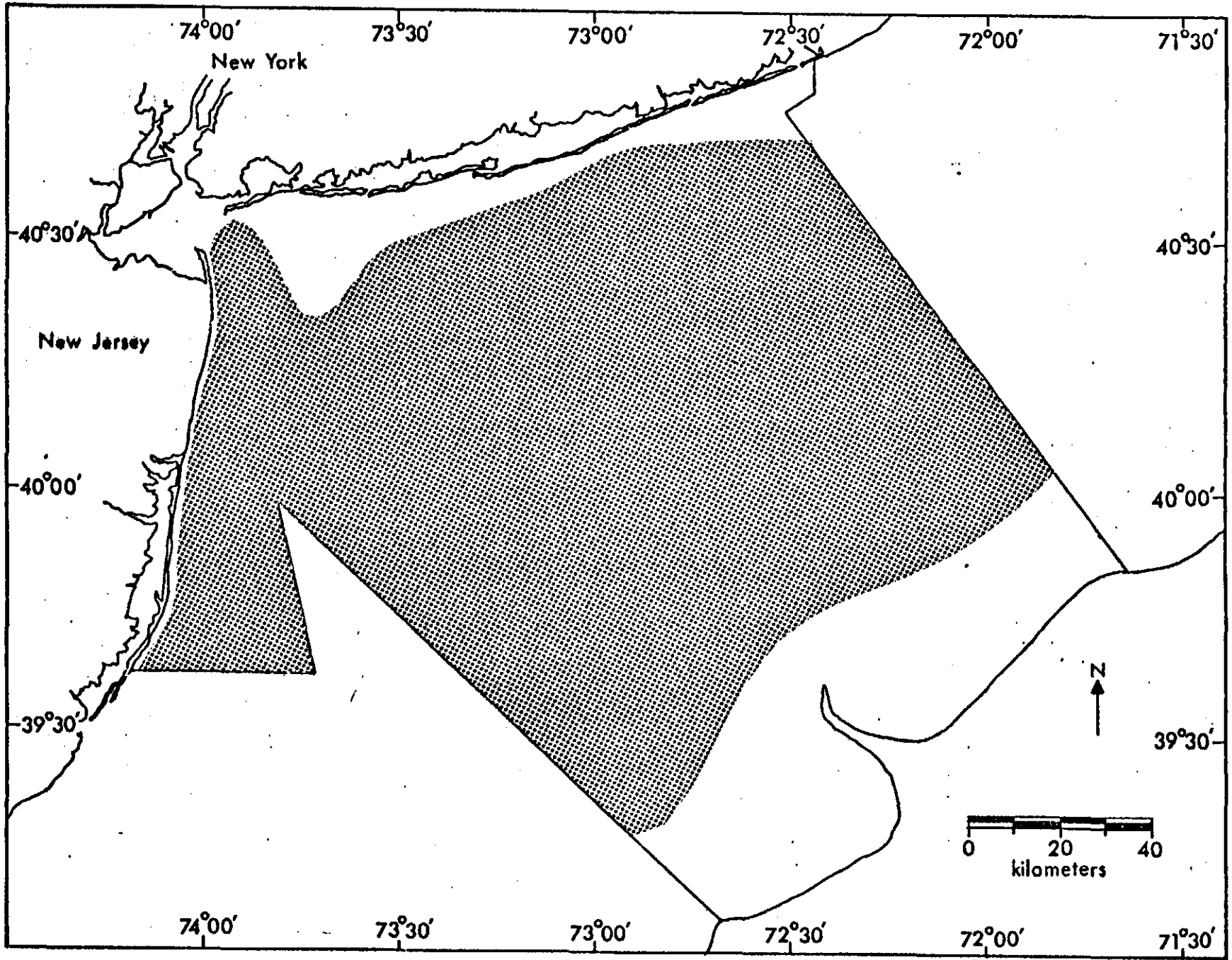


FIGURE 88.--Distribution of scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

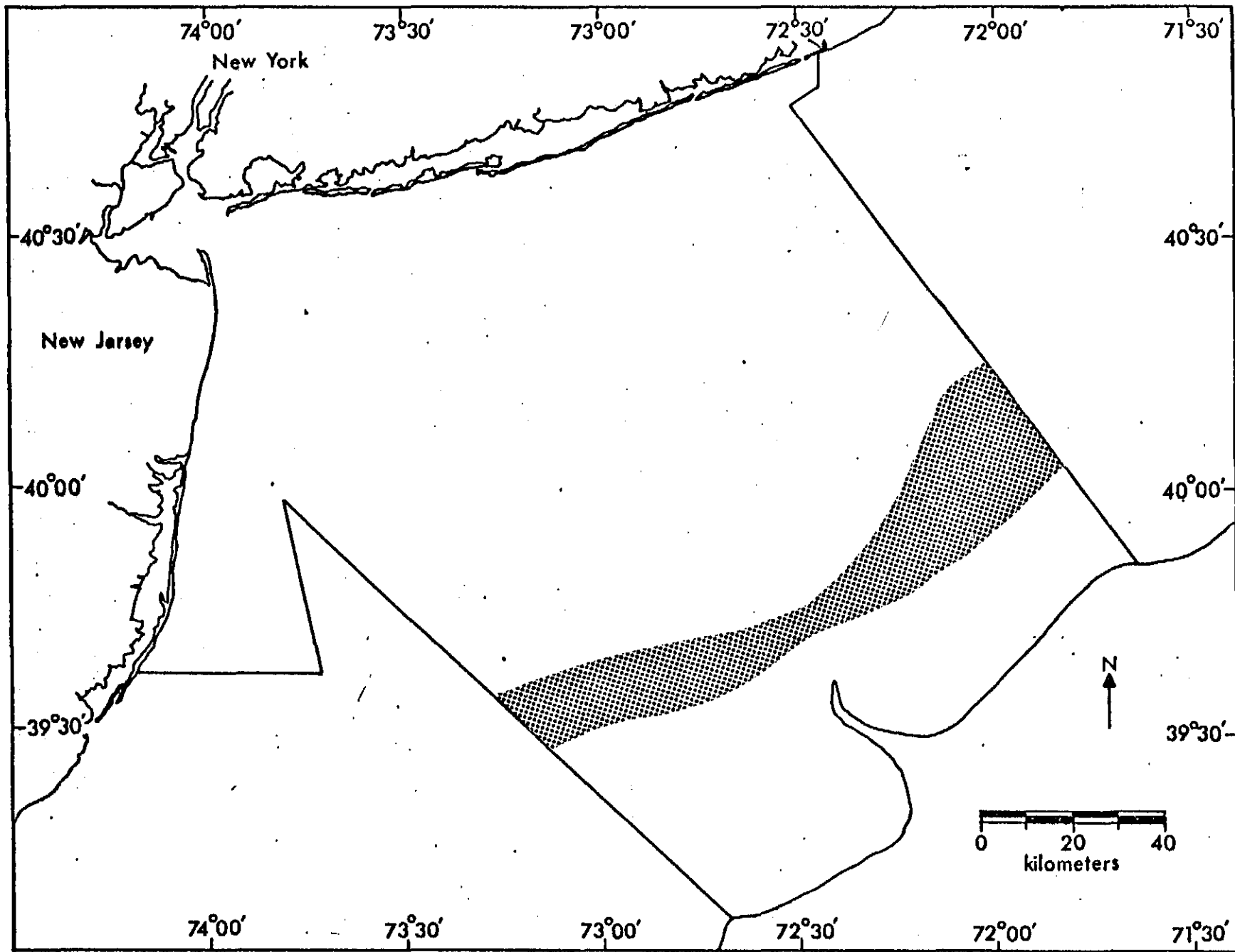


FIGURE 89.--Distribution of scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

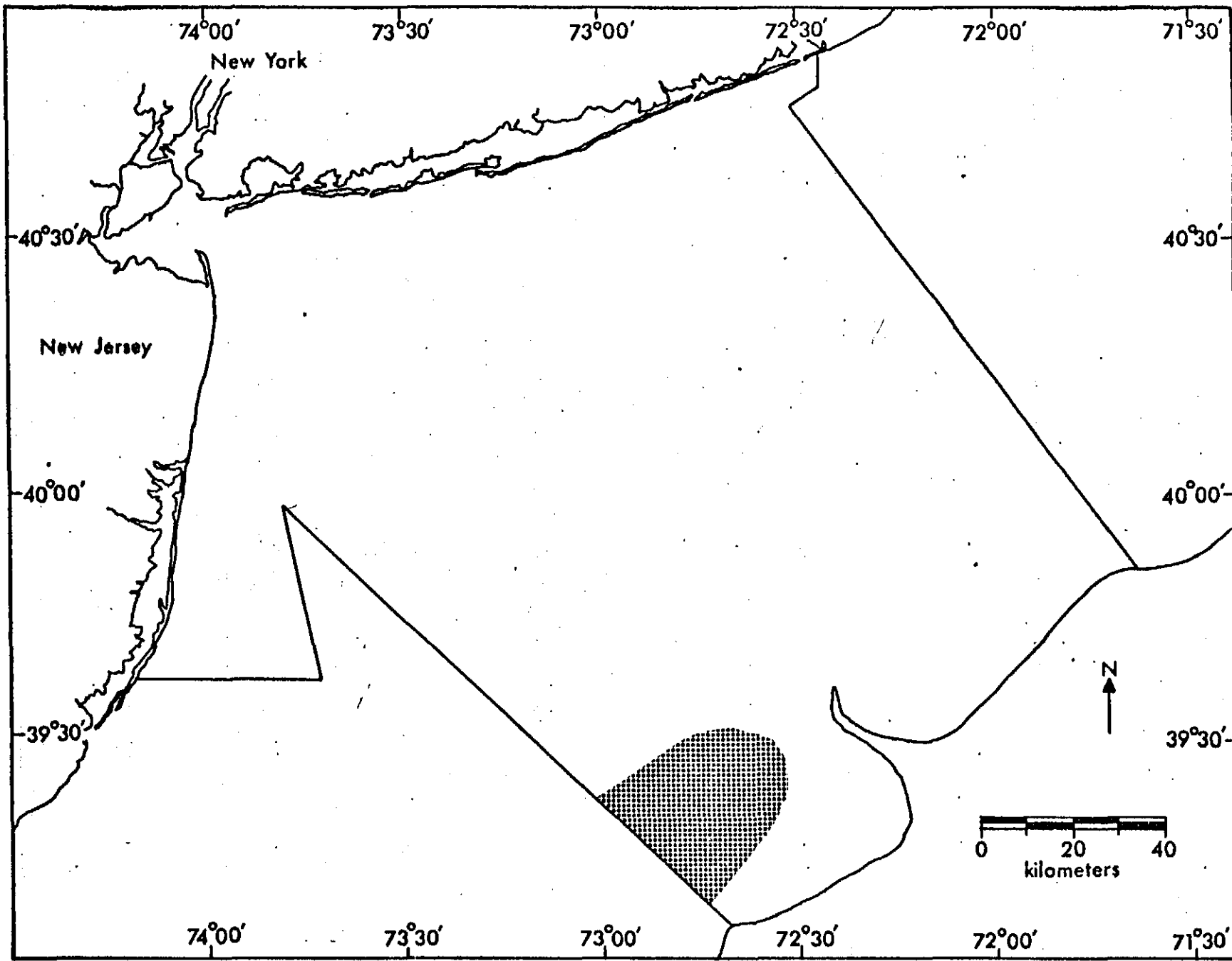


FIGURE 90.--Distribution of scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

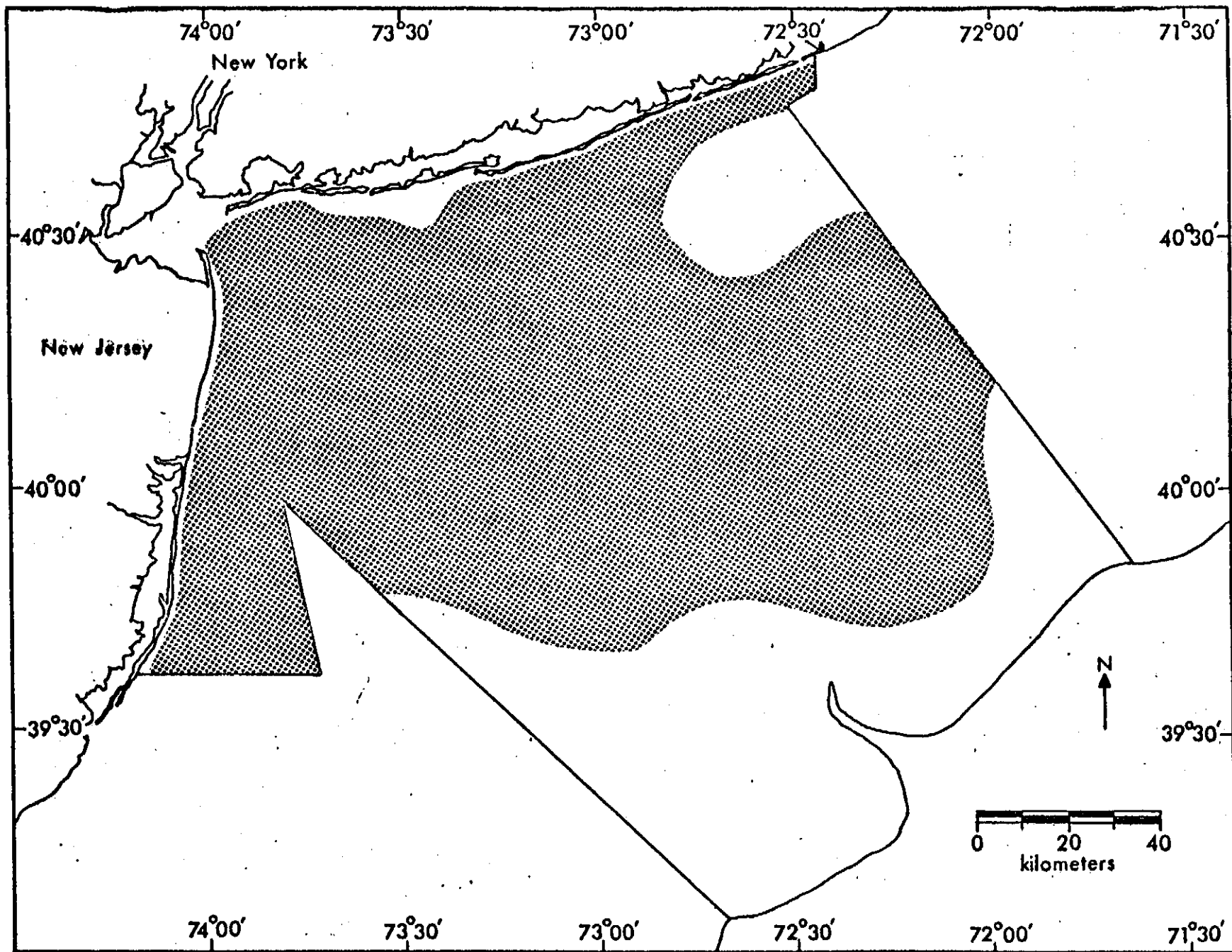


FIGURE 91.--Distribution of scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

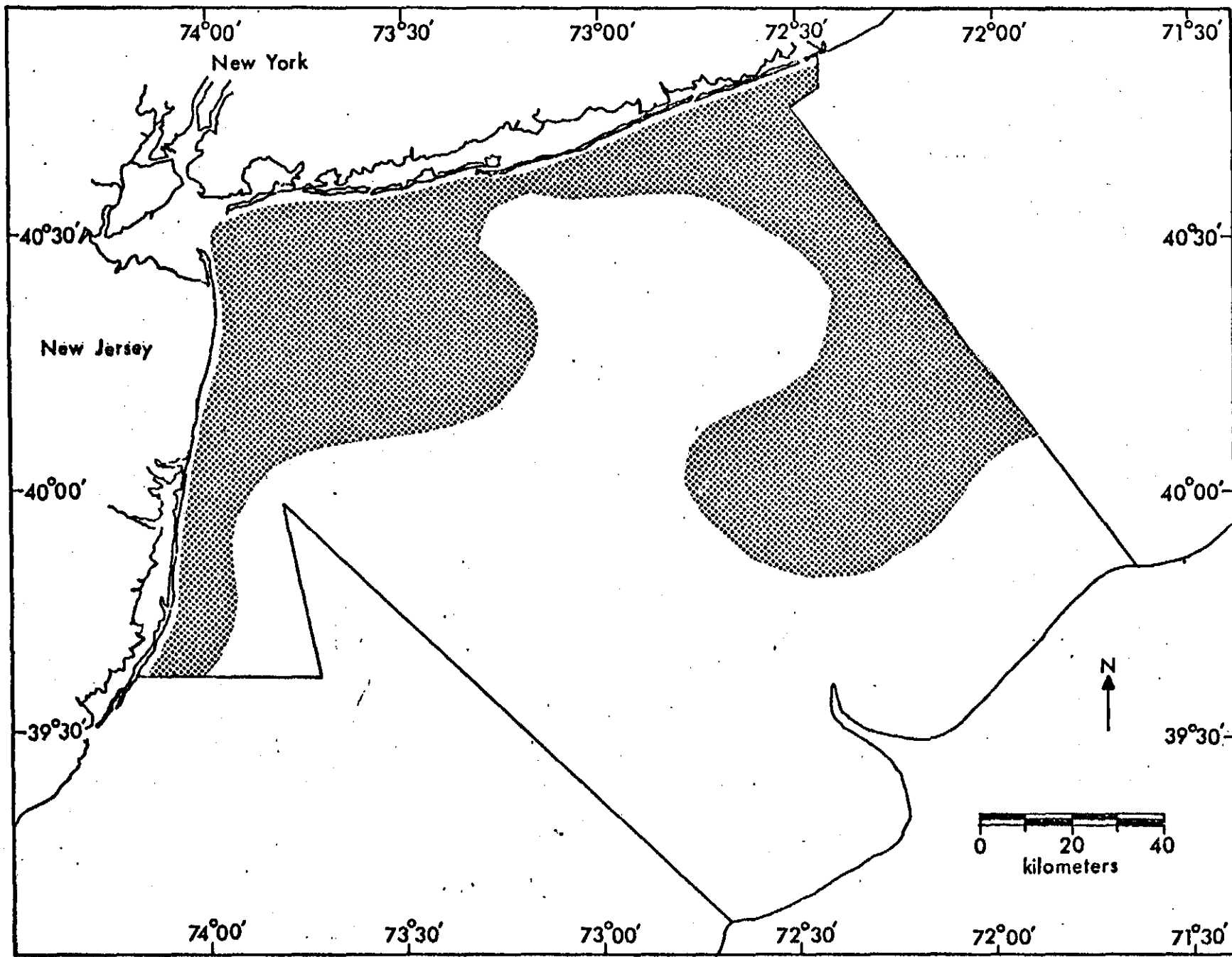


FIGURE 92.--Distribution of scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

WEAKFISH

(Cynoscion regalis)

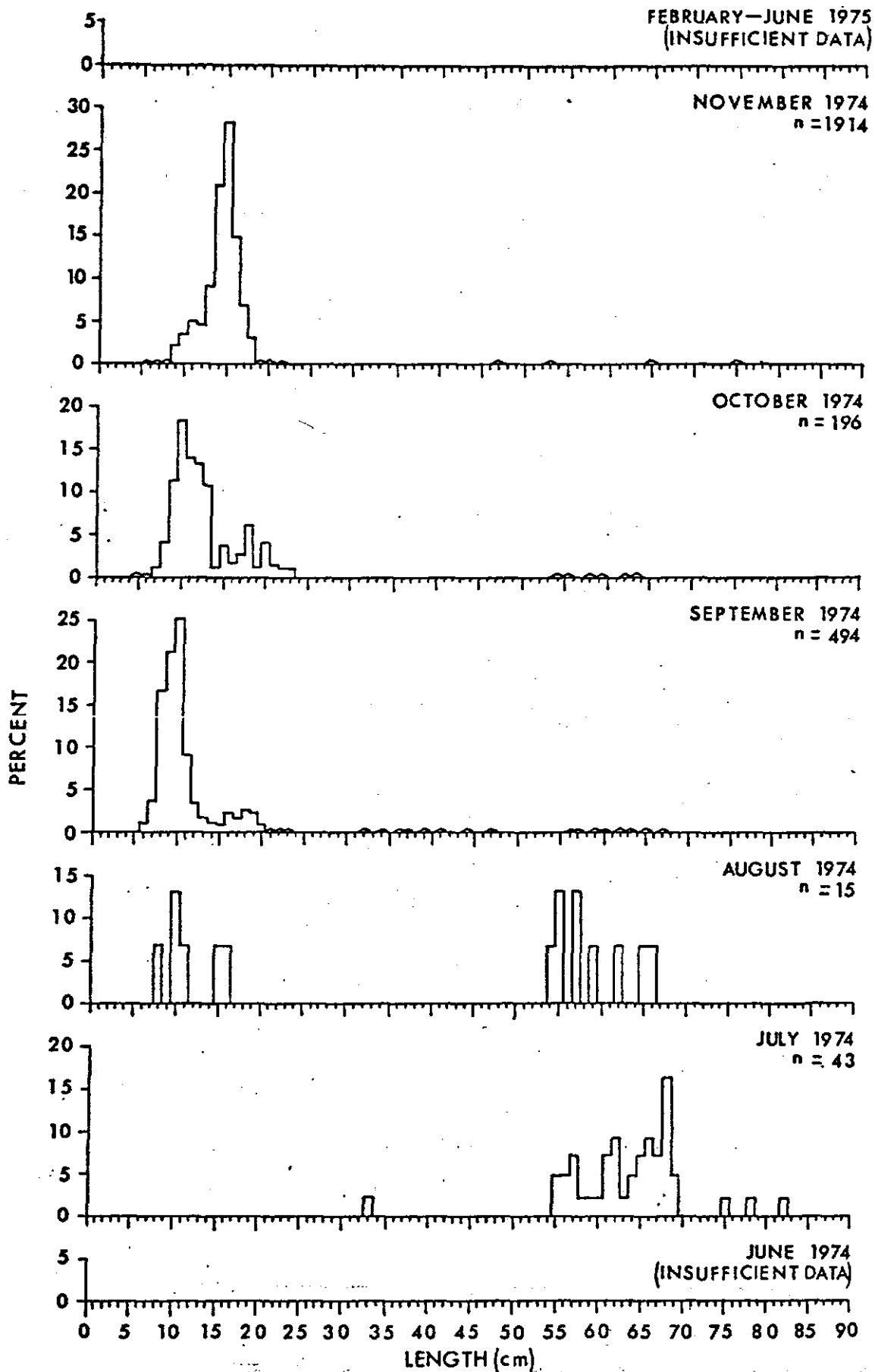


FIGURE 93.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1974. (Δ indicates < 0.5%).

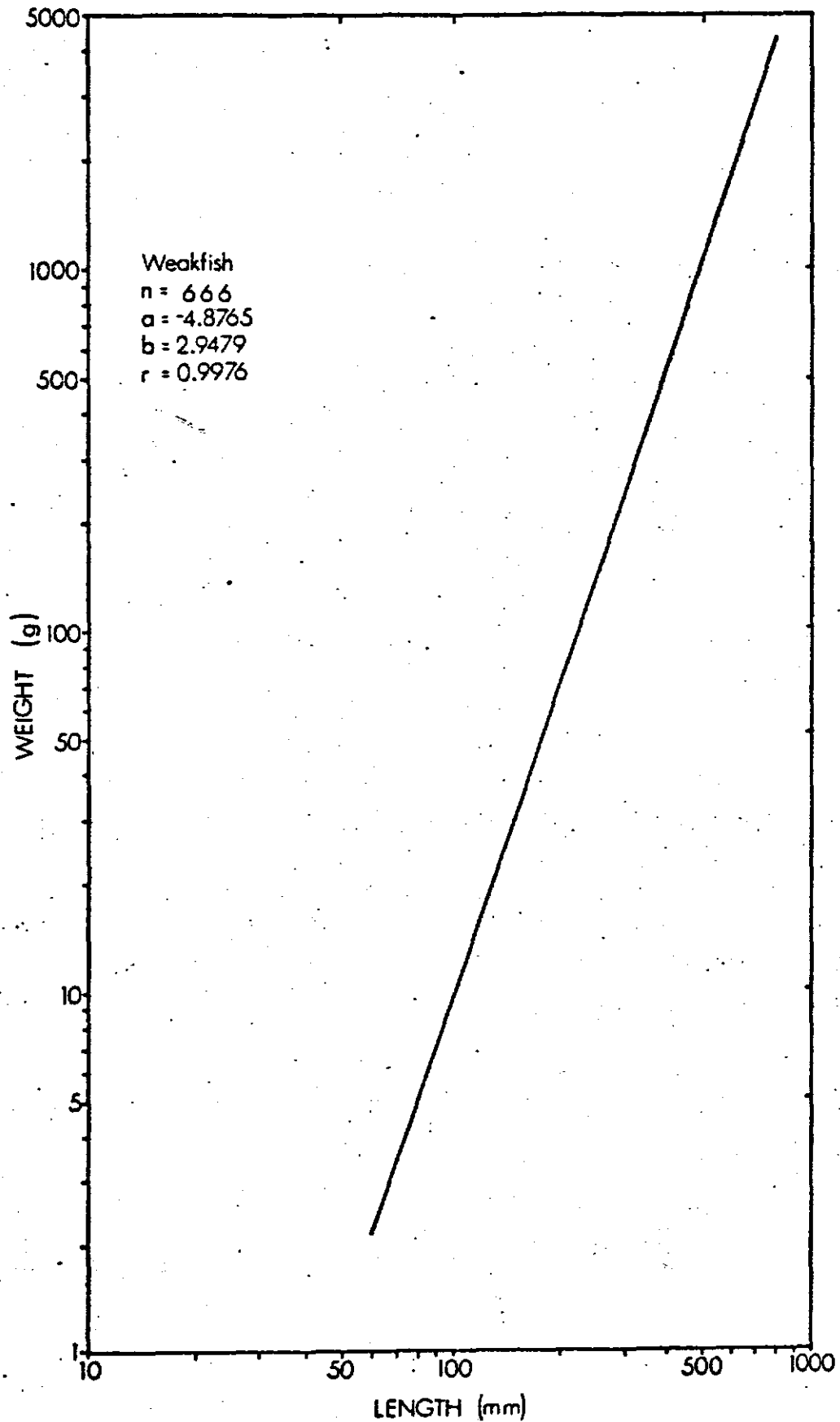


FIGURE 94.--Weight-length relationship of weakfish (Cynoscion regalis) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 7.--Monthly sex ratios of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | - | - | - | - |
| July | 48 | 23 | 47.9 | 25 | 52.1 | - | - |
| August | 15 | 8 | 53.3 | 1 | 6.7 | 6 | 40.0 |
| September | 255 | 14 | 5.5 | 8 | 3.1 | 233 | 91.4 |
| October | 117 | 7 | 6.0 | 2 | 1.7 | 108 | 92.3 |
| November | 232 | 1 | 0.4 | 3 | 1.3 | 228 | 98.3 |
| January <u>1</u> / | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| March | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| April | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| May | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 1 | 50.0 | - | - |
| June | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 670 | 55 | 8.2 | 40 | 6.0 | 575 | 85.8 |

1/ Bay stations only.

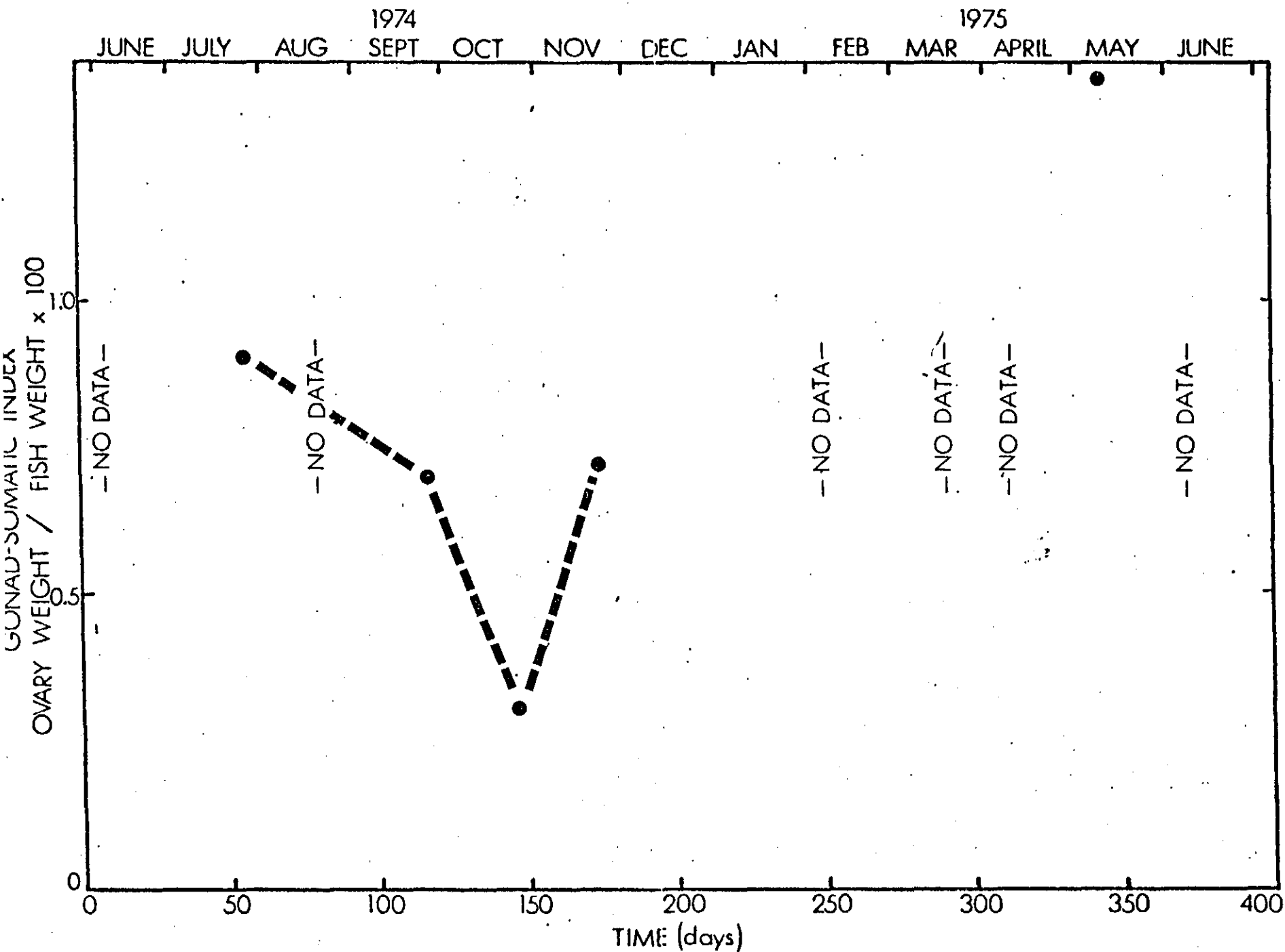


FIGURE 95.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of weakfish (Cynoscion regalis) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

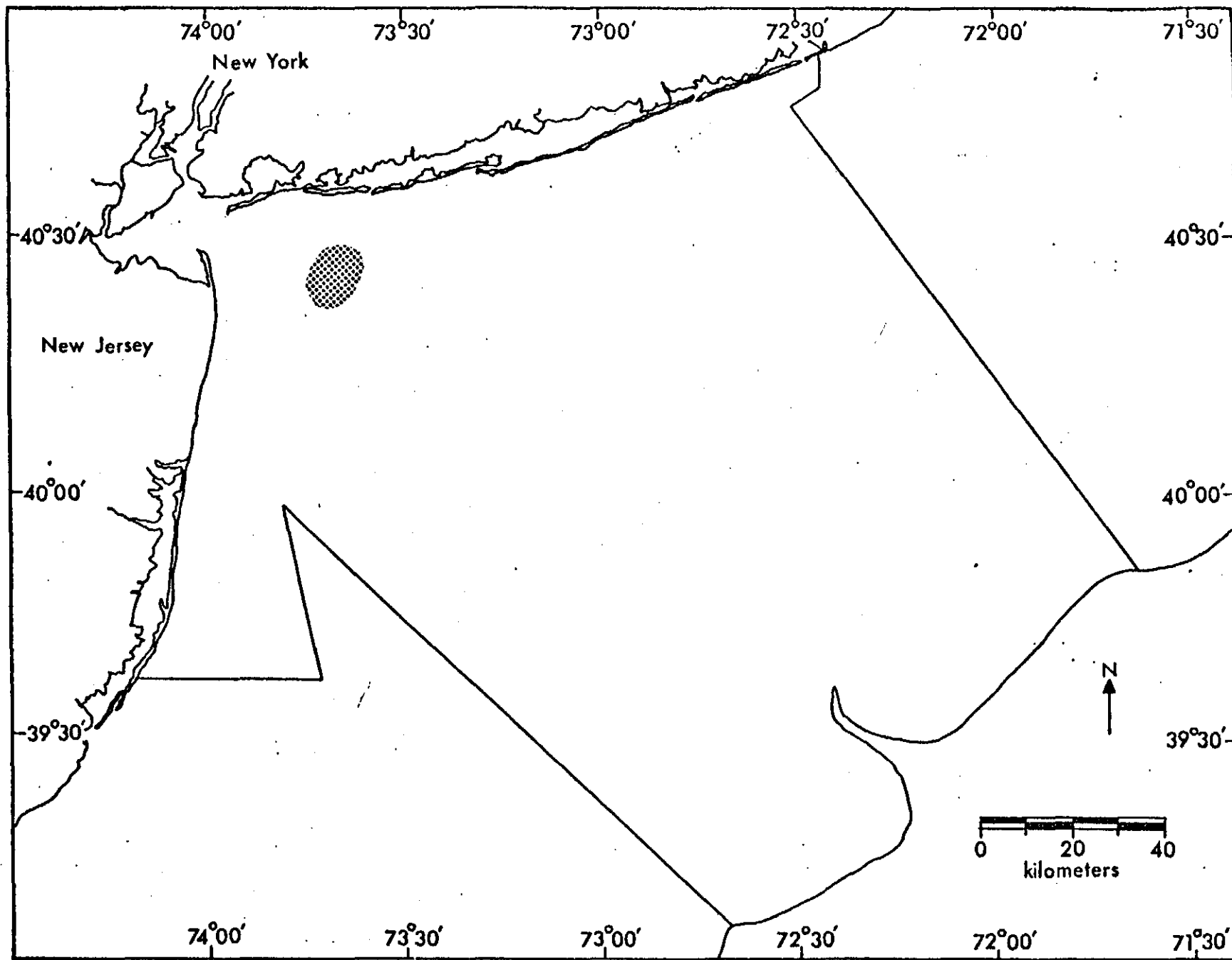


FIGURE 96.--Distribution of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

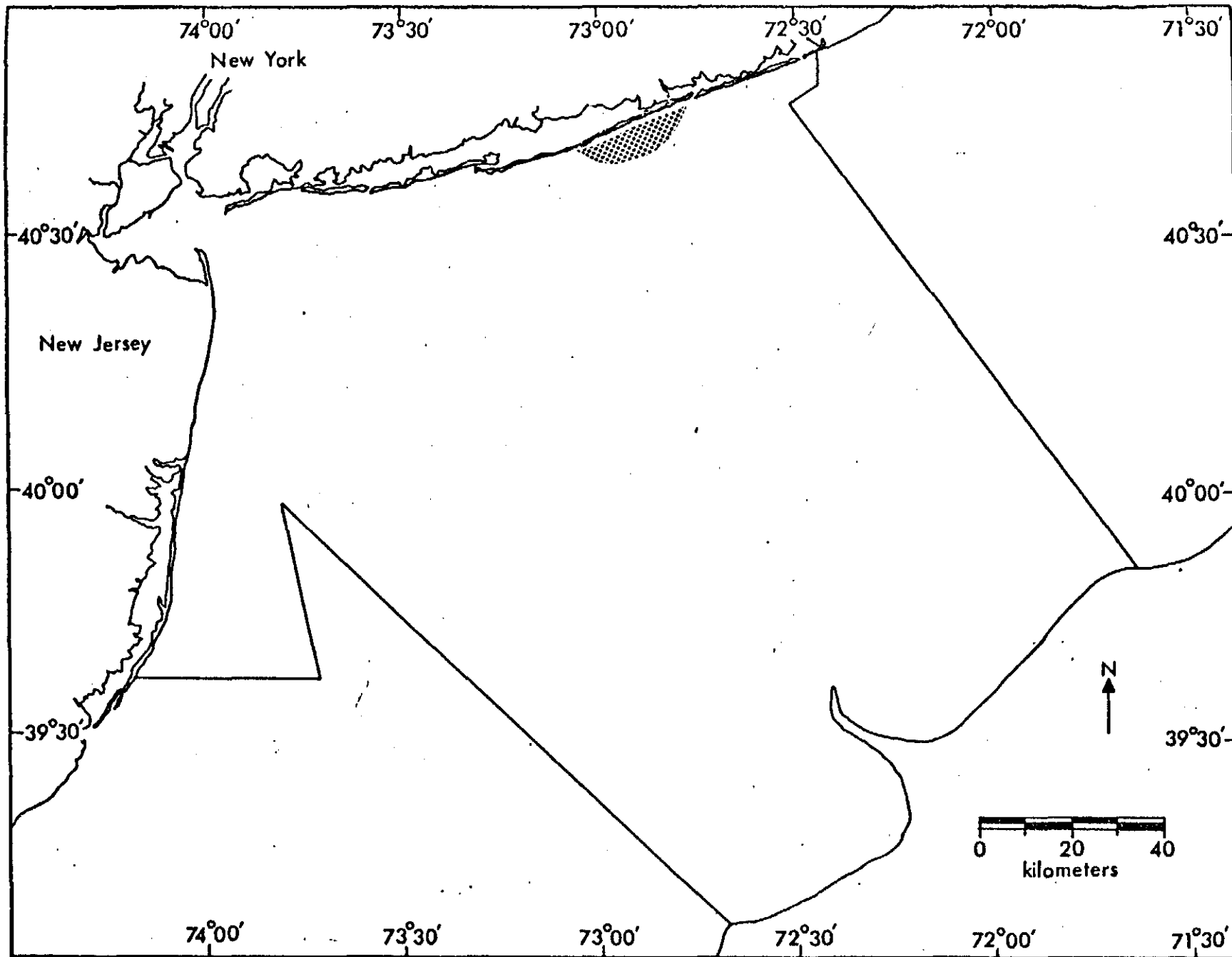


FIGURE 97.--Distribution of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

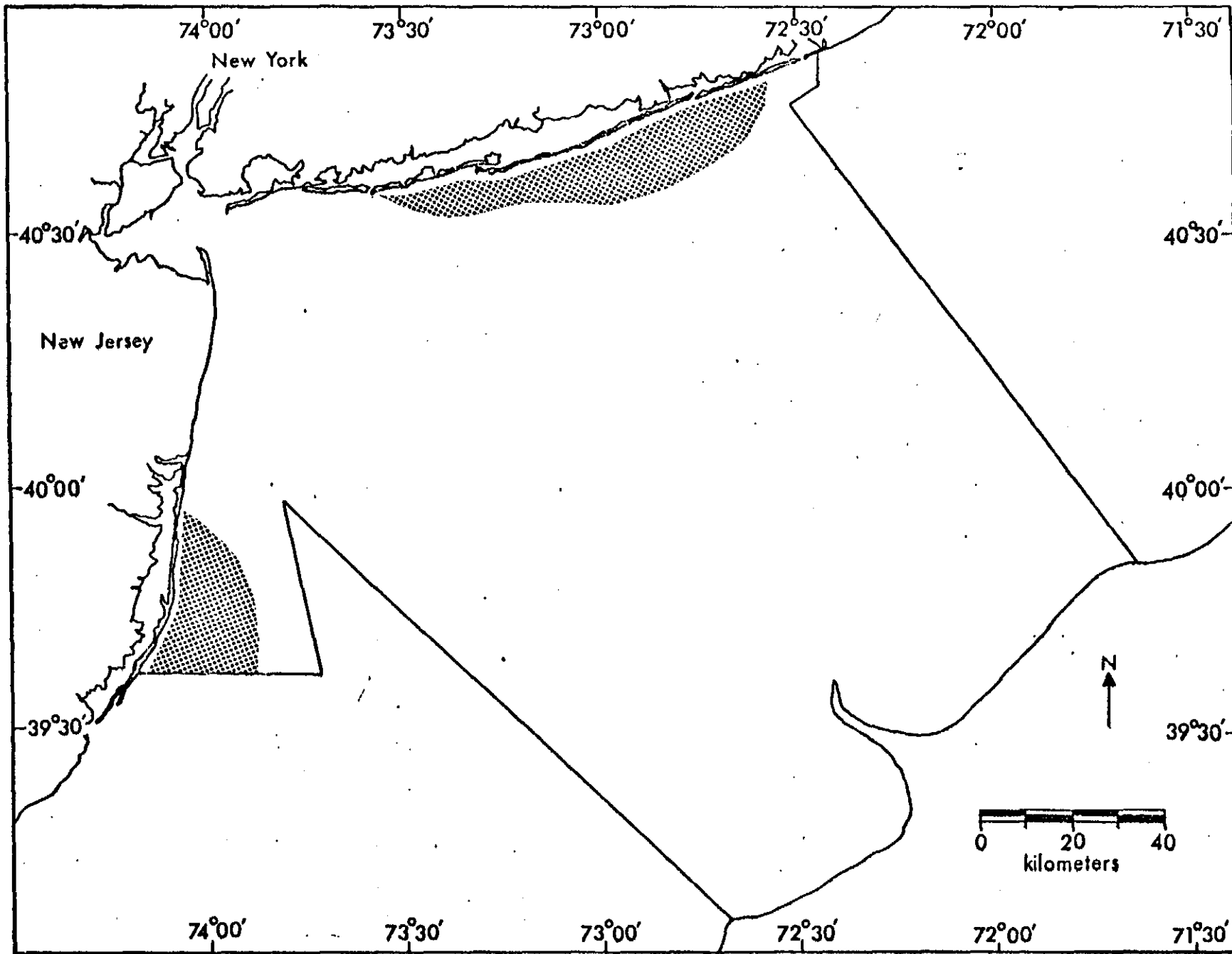


FIGURE 98.--Distribution of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

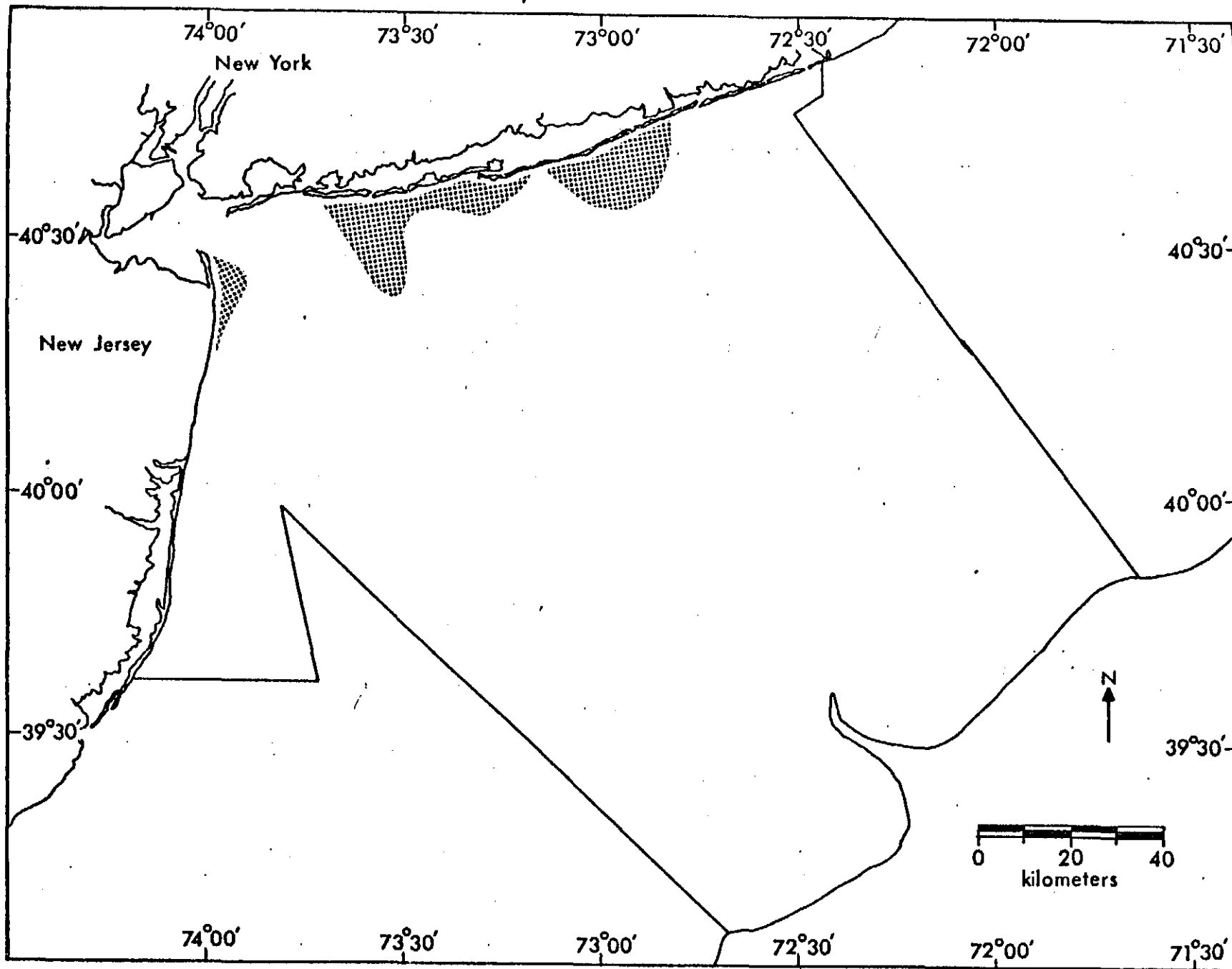


FIGURE 99.--Distribution of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

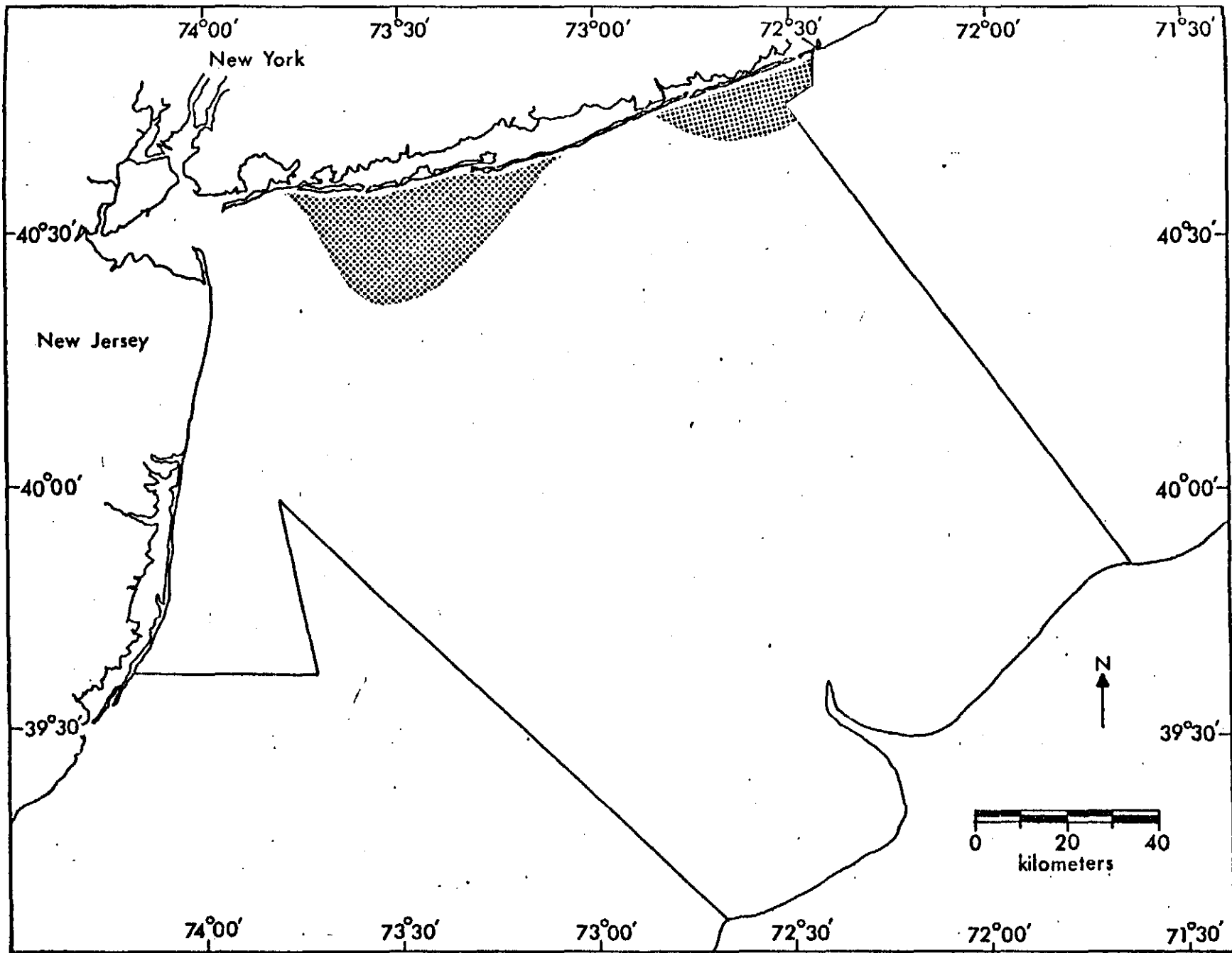


FIGURE 100.--Distribution of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

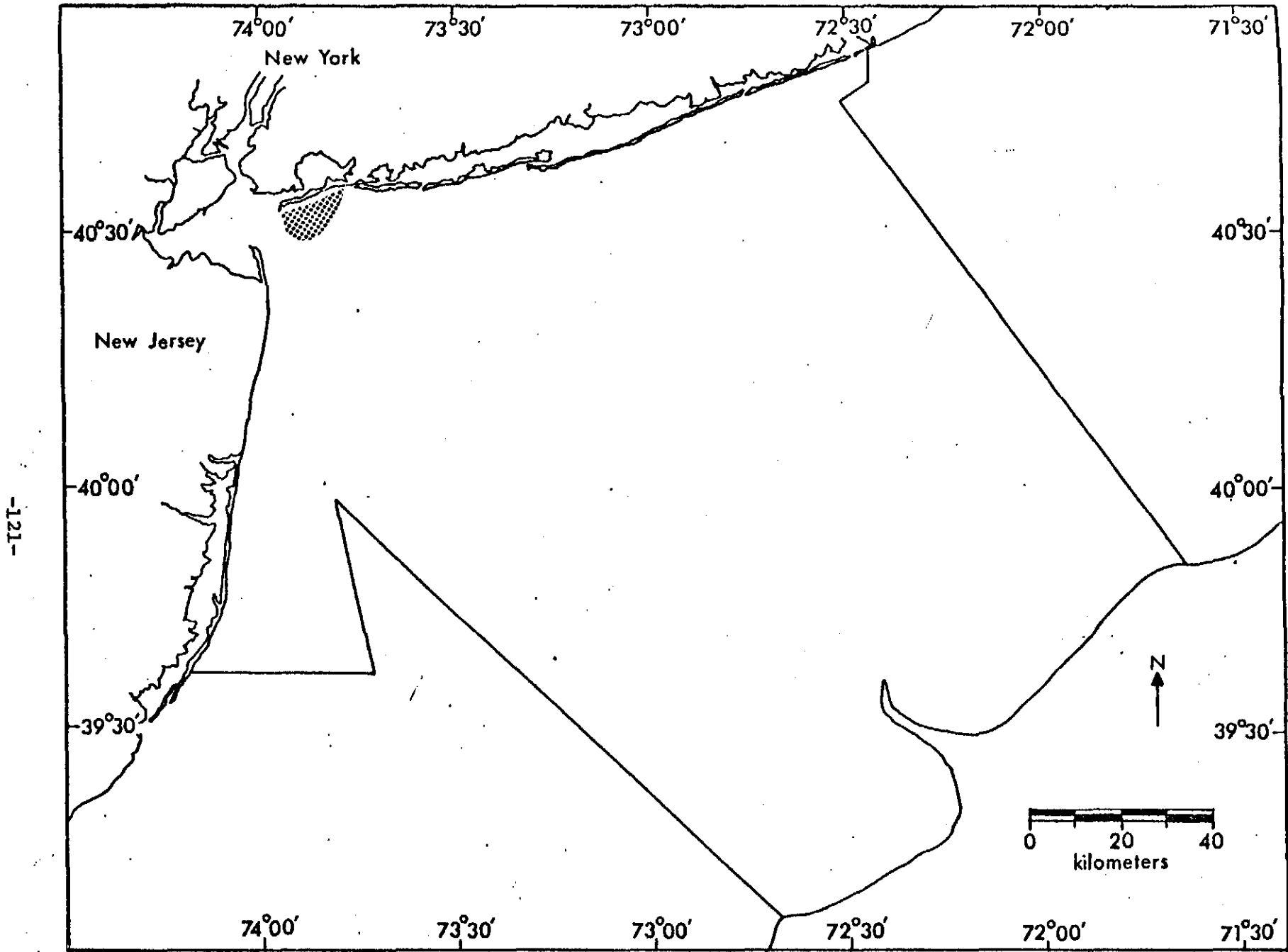


FIGURE 101.--Distribution of weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

BUTTERFISH

(Peprilus triacanthus)

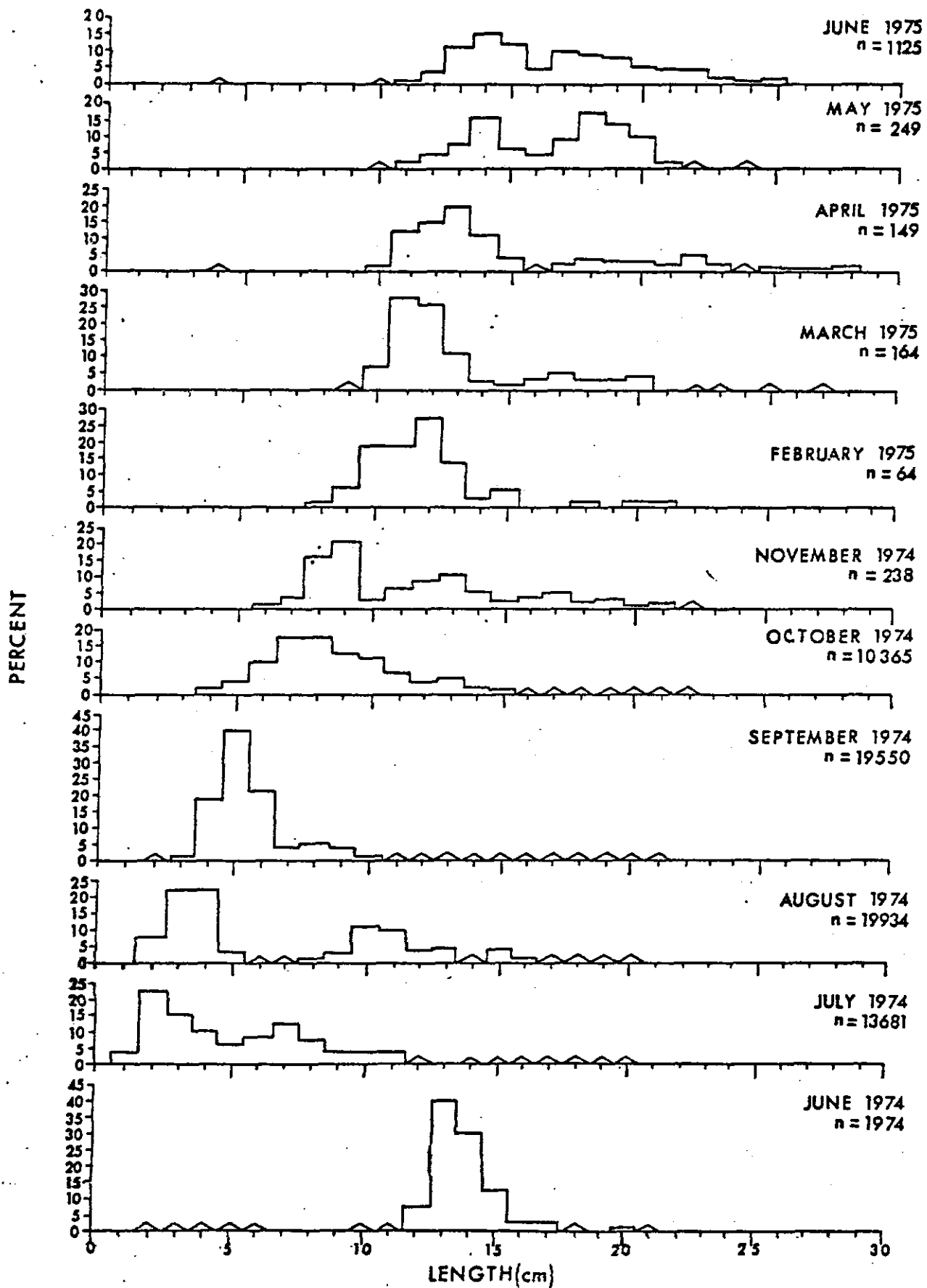


FIGURE 102.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $<0.5\%$).

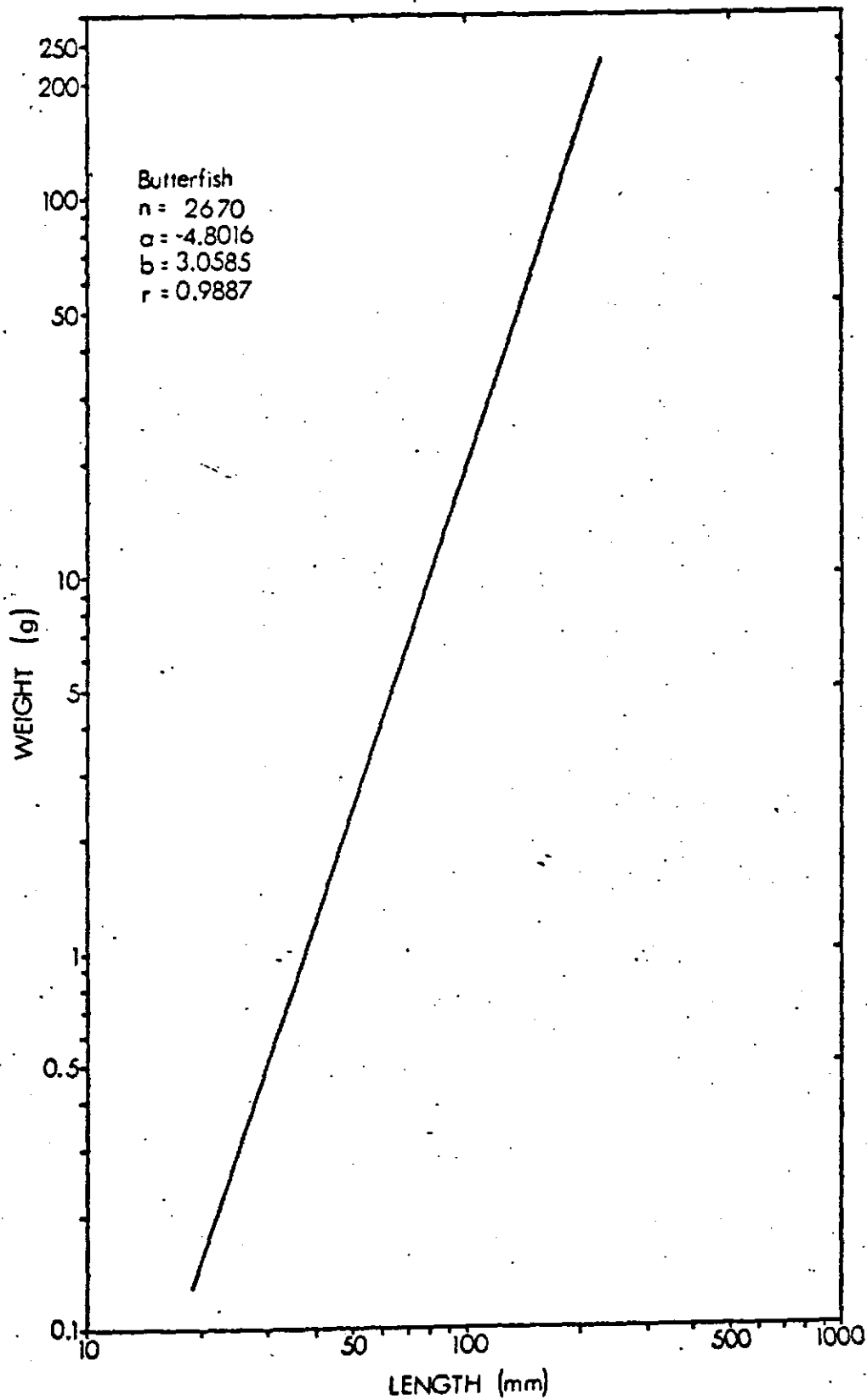


FIGURE 103.--Weight-length relationship of butterfish (Peprilus triacanthus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 8.--Monthly sex ratios of butterfish (Peprilus triacanthus) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 343 | 121 | 35.3 | 107 | 31.2 | 115 | 33.5 |
| July | 236 | 36 | 15.3 | 25 | 10.6 | 175 | 74.1 |
| August | 549 | 48 | 8.7 | 37 | 6.7 | 464 | 84.6 |
| September | 330 | 17 | 5.1 | 21 | 6.4 | 292 | 88.5 |
| October | 379 | 32 | 8.4 | 34 | 9.0 | 313 | 82.6 |
| November | 120 | 8 | 6.7 | 24 | 20.0 | 88 | 73.3 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 42 | 2 | 4.8 | 1 | 2.4 | 39 | 92.8 |
| March | 81 | 22 | 27.2 | 30 | 37.0 | 29 | 35.8 |
| April | 117 | 45 | 38.5 | 30 | 25.6 | 42 | 35.9 |
| May | 218 | 97 | 44.5 | 96 | 44.0 | 25 | 11.5 |
| June | 271 | 131 | 48.3 | 106 | 39.1 | 34 | 12.5 |
| TOTAL | 2686 | 559 | 20.8 | 511 | 19.0 | 1616 | 60.2 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

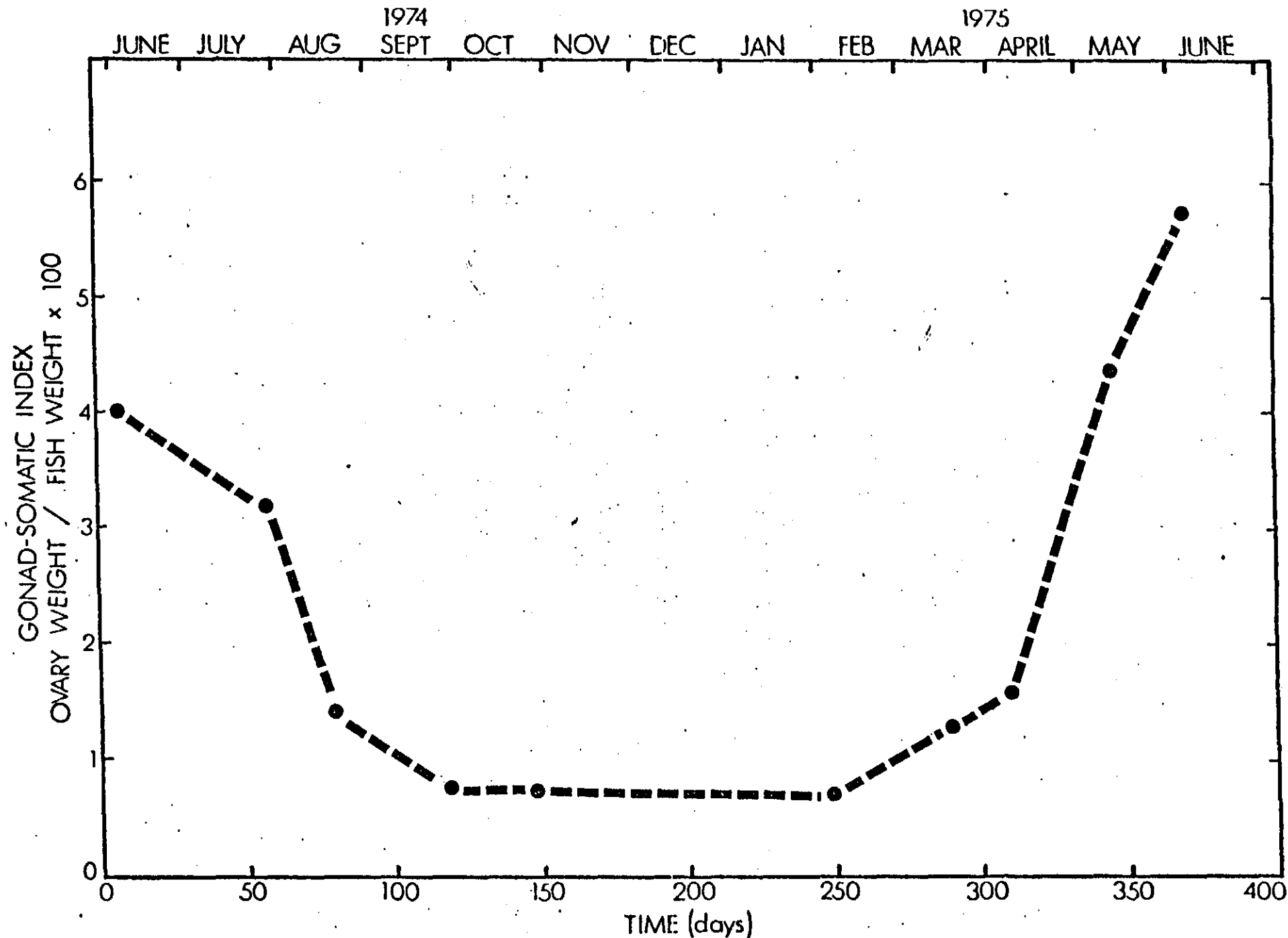


FIGURE 104.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

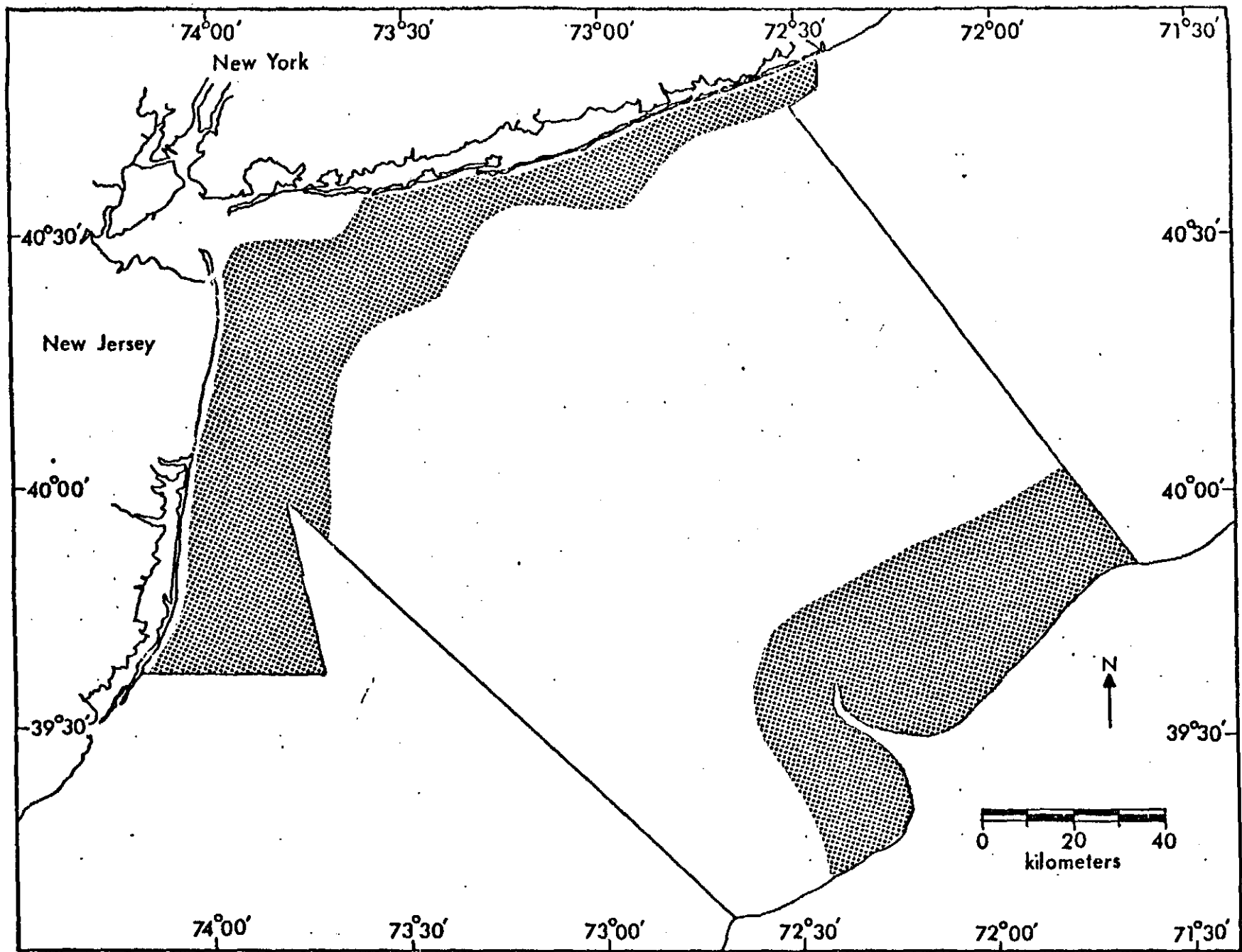


FIGURE 105.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

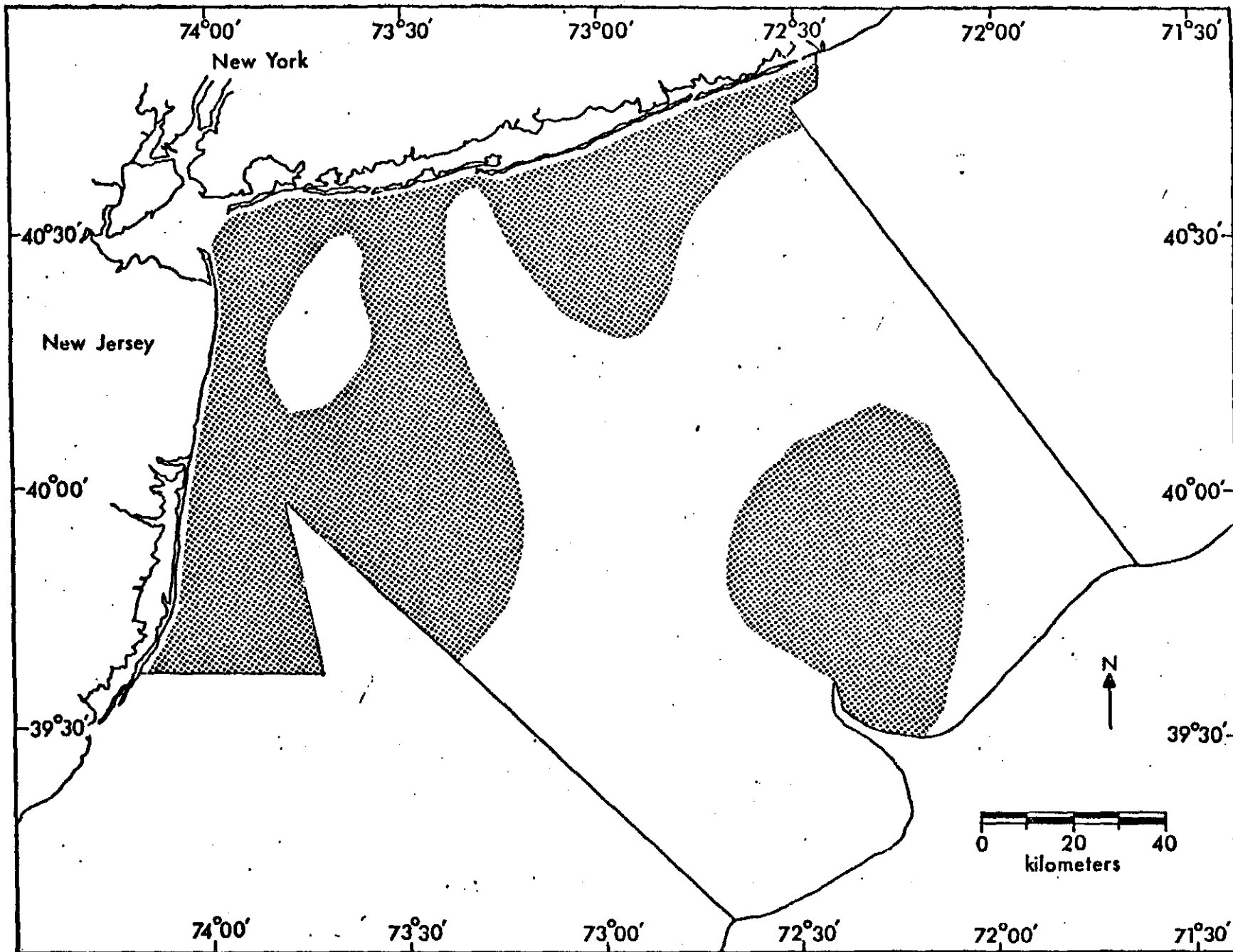


FIGURE 106.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

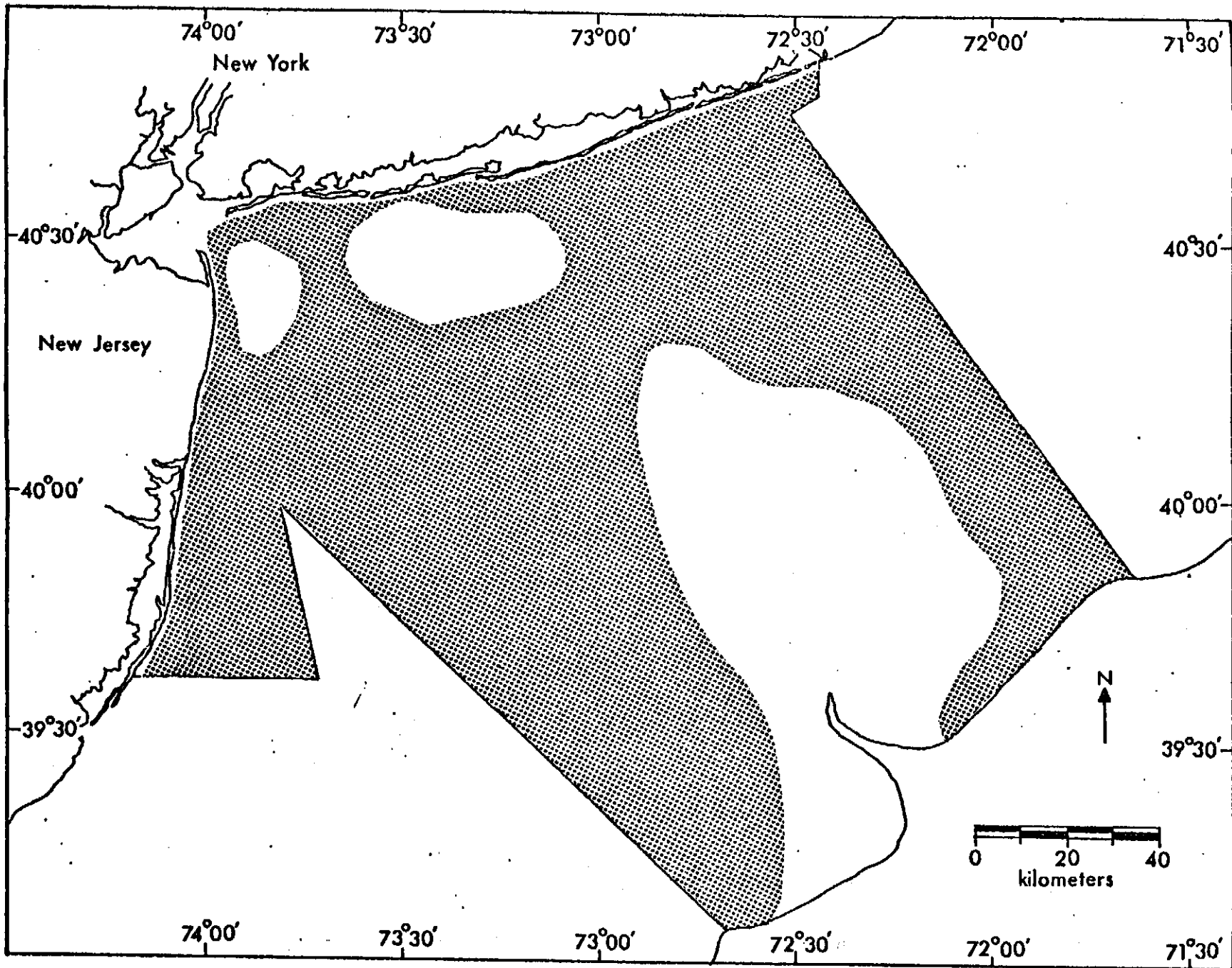


FIGURE 107.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

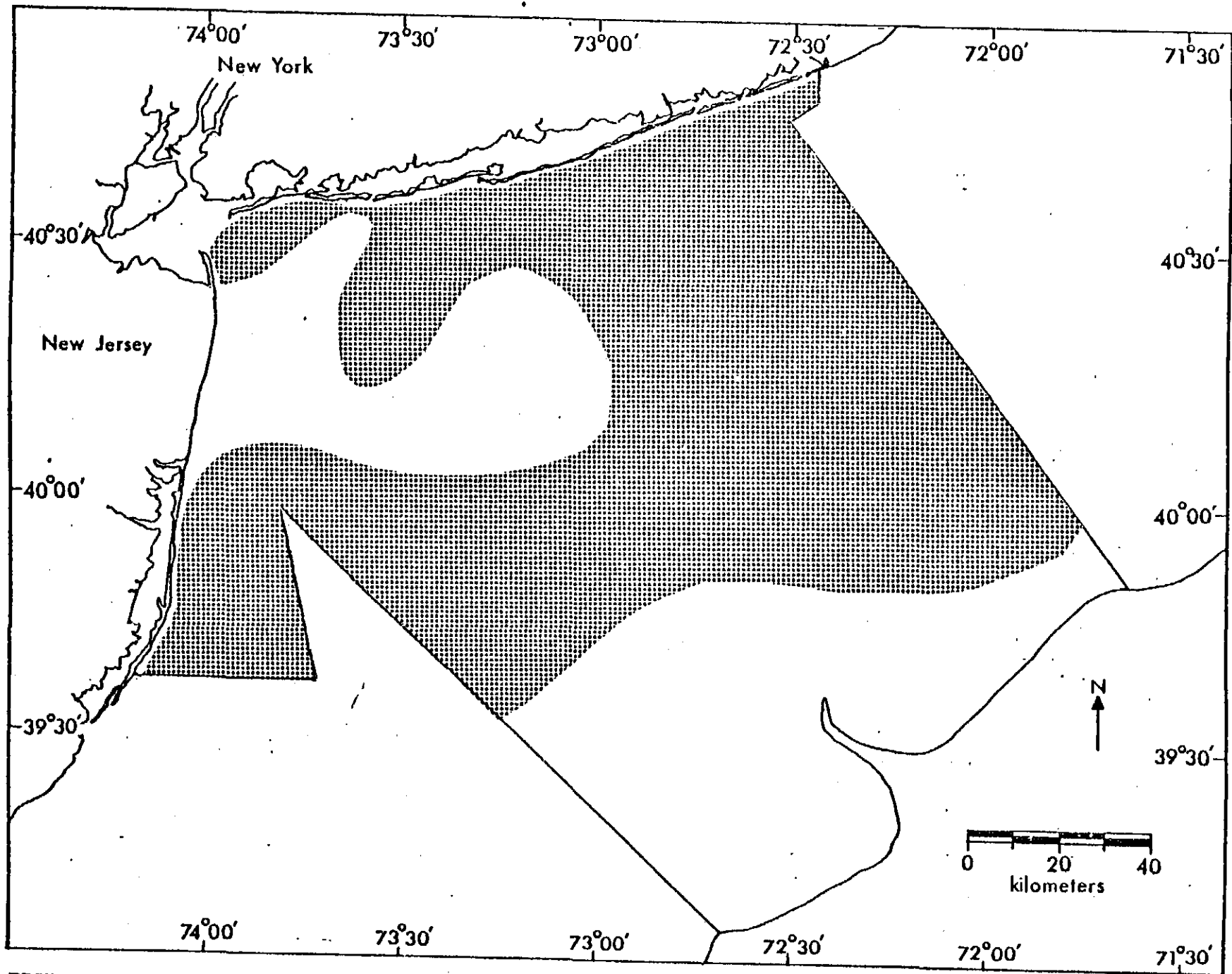


FIGURE 108.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

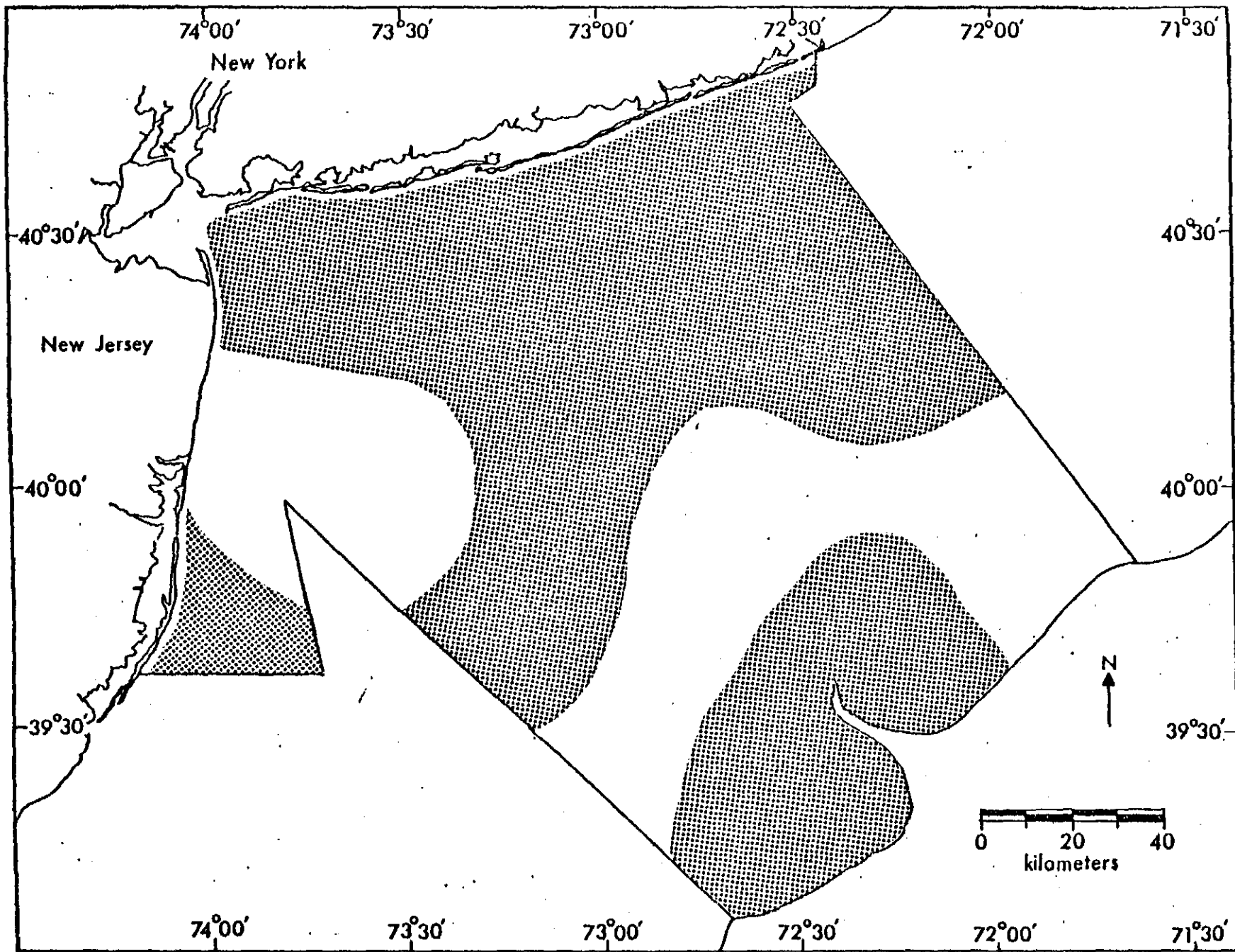


FIGURE 109.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

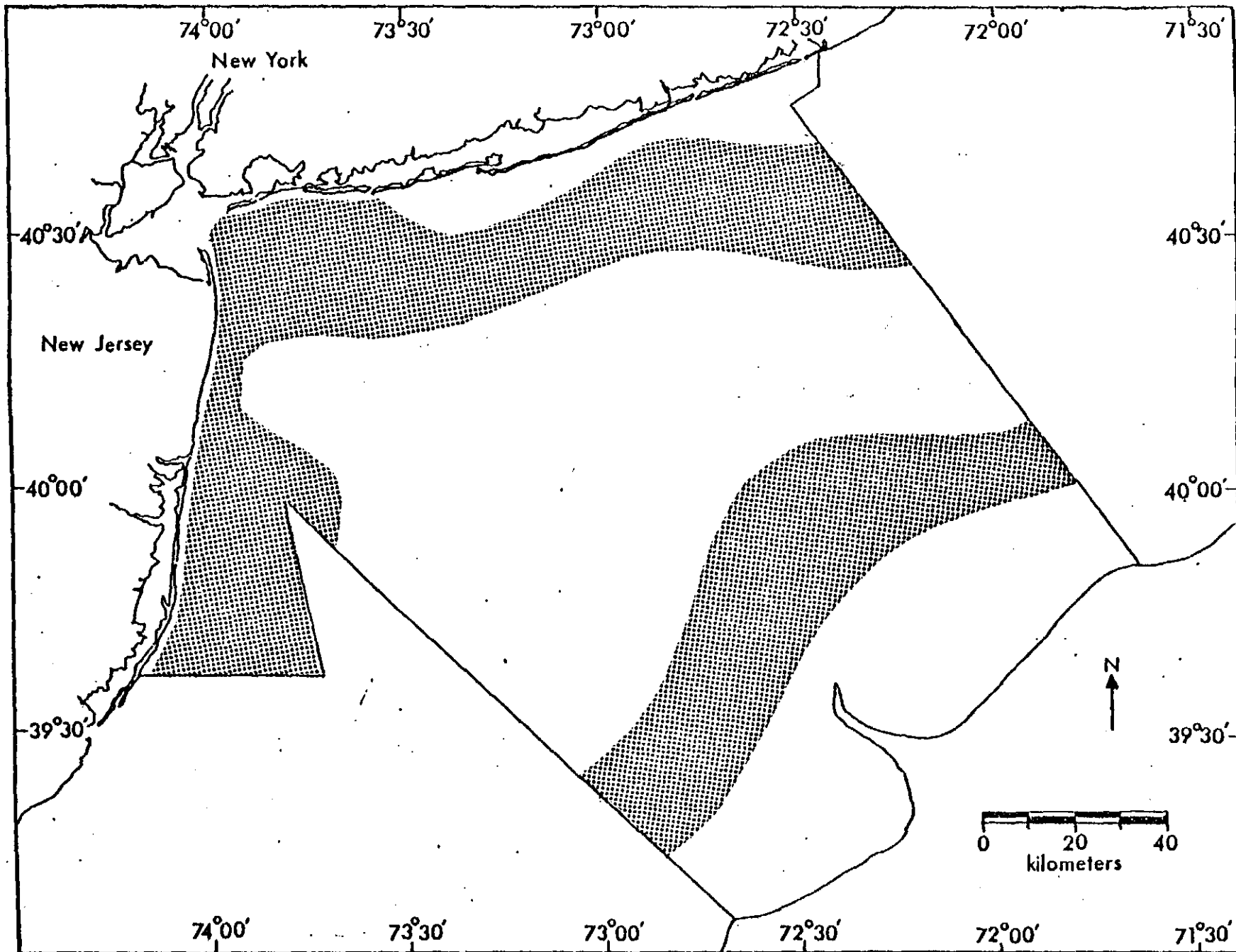


FIGURE 110.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

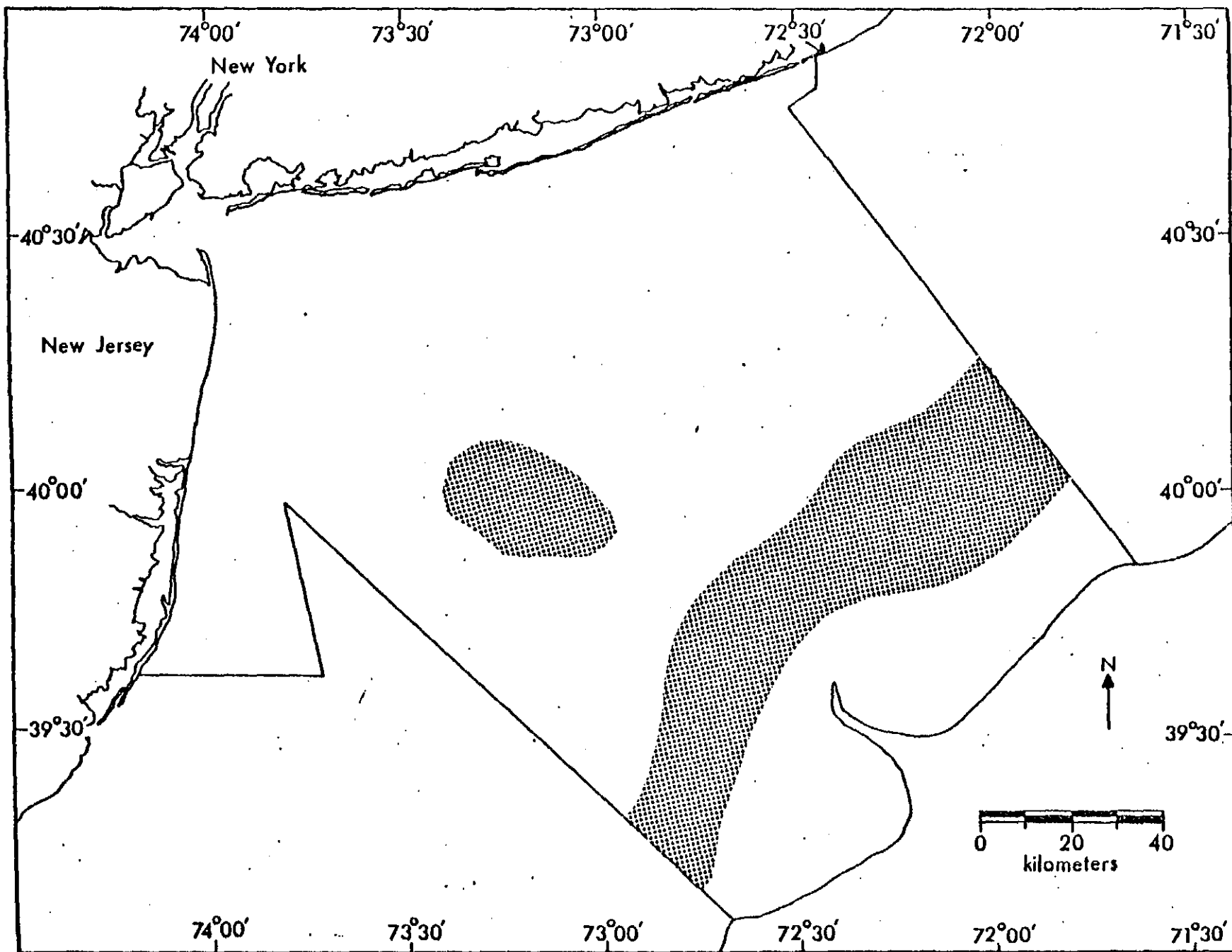


FIGURE 111.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

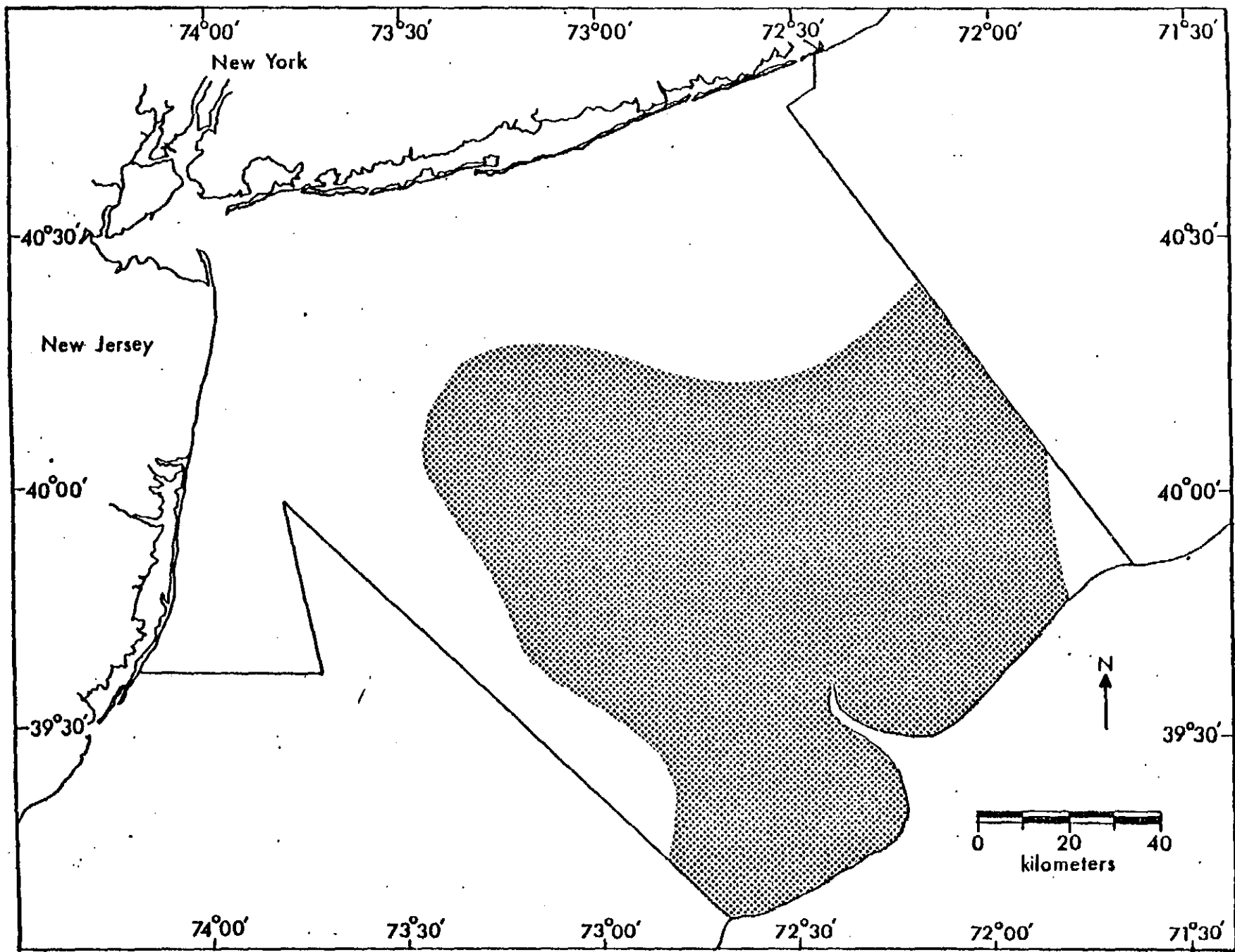


FIGURE 112.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

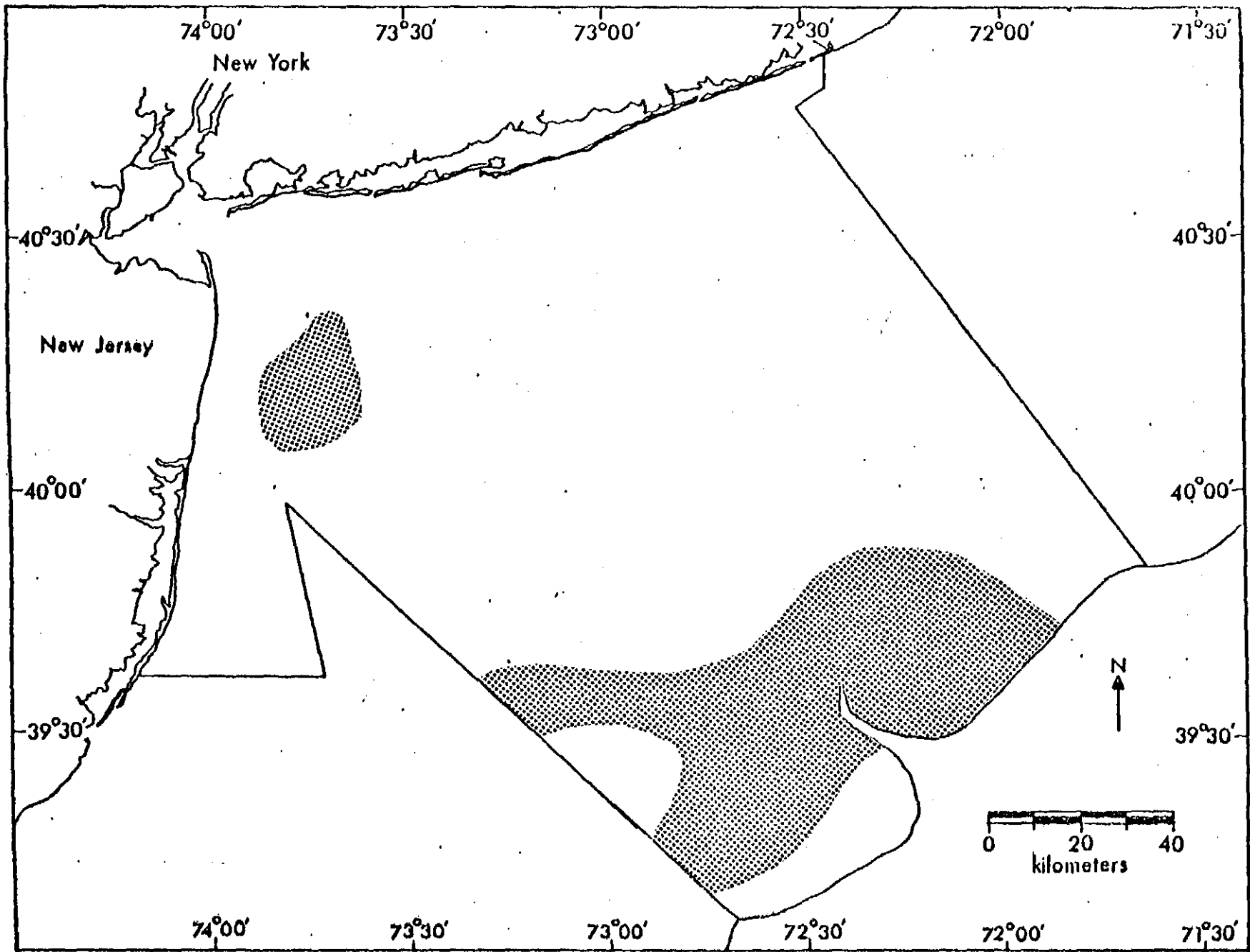


FIGURE 113.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

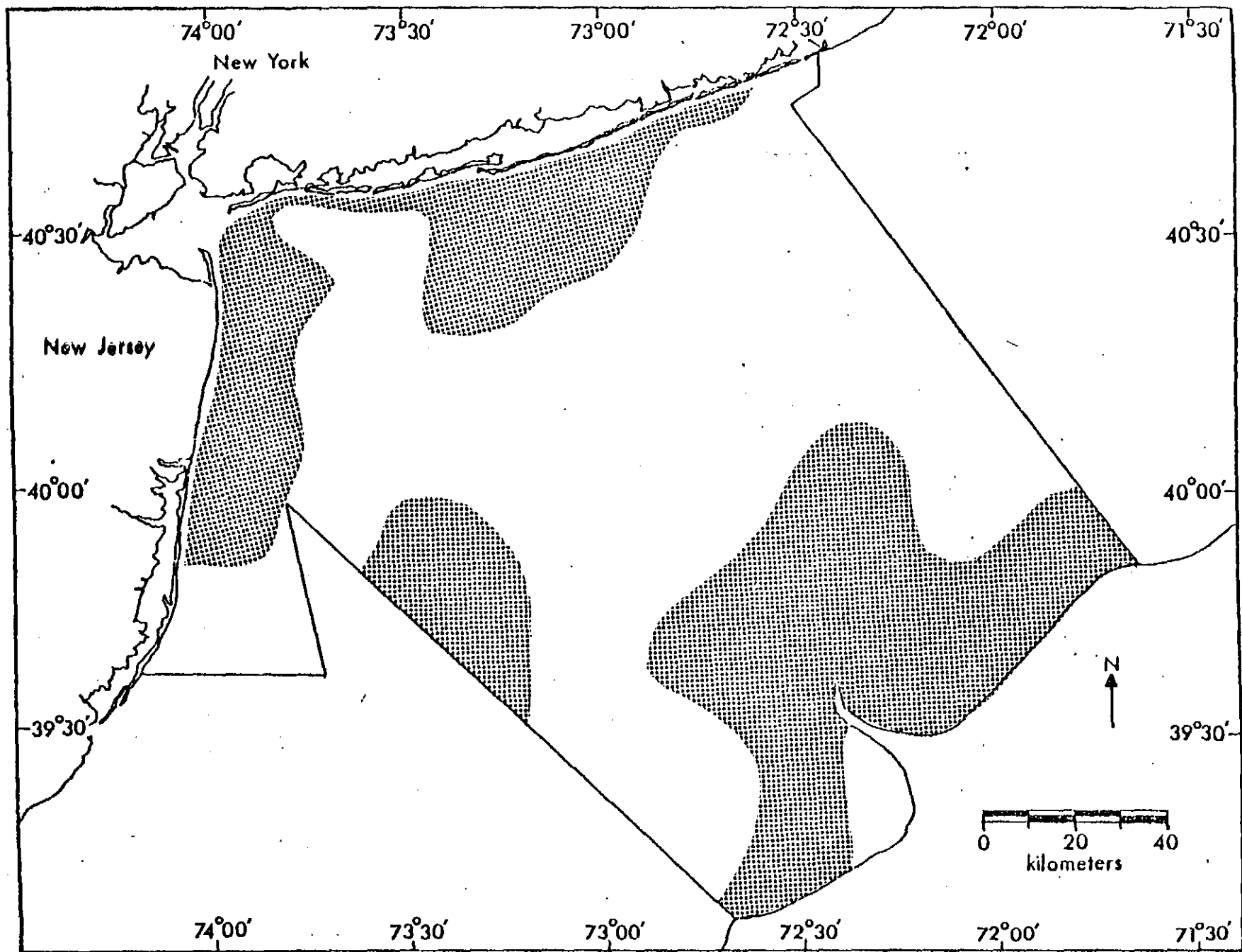


FIGURE 114.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

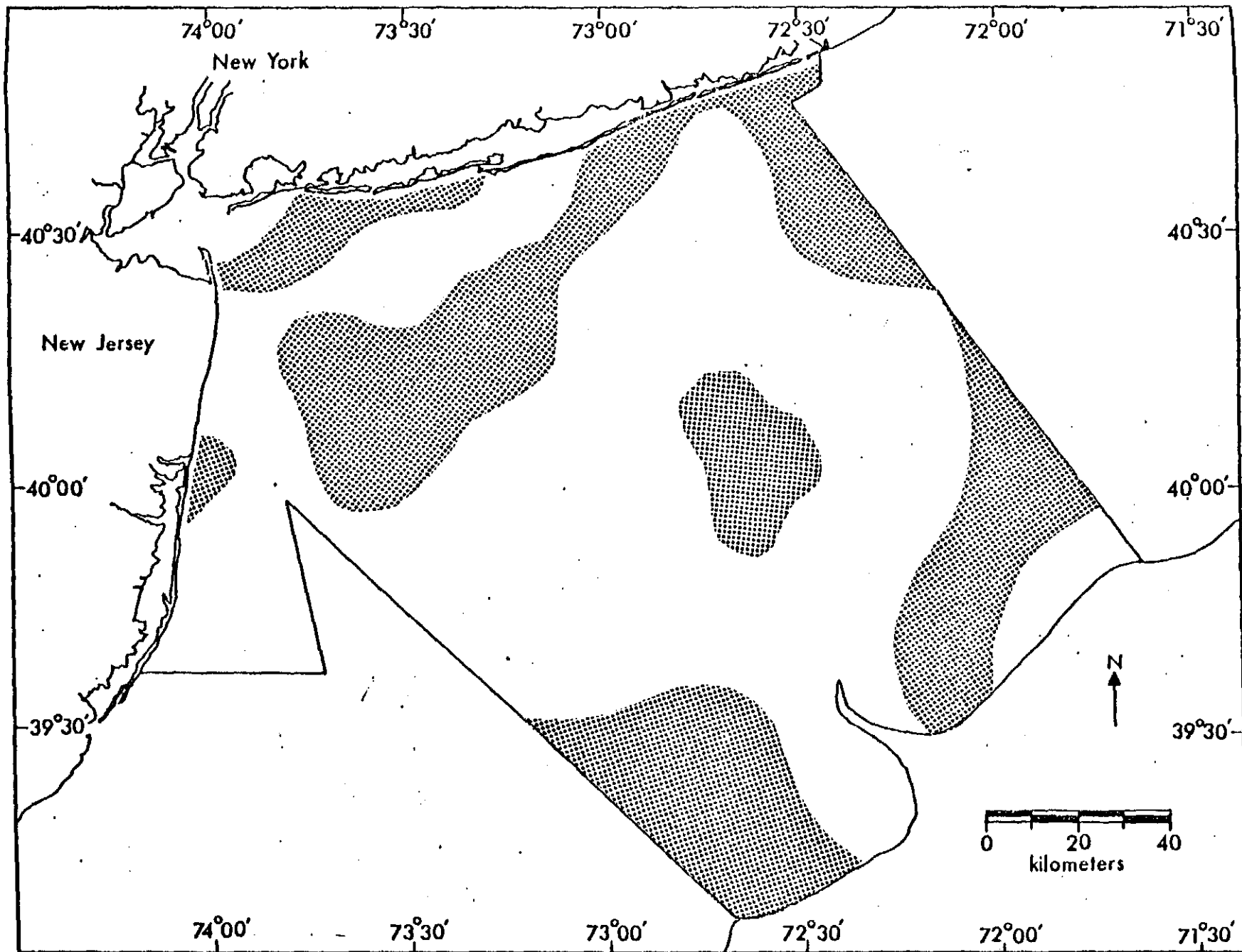


FIGURE 115.--Distribution of butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

NORTHERN SEAROBIN

(Prionotus carolinus)

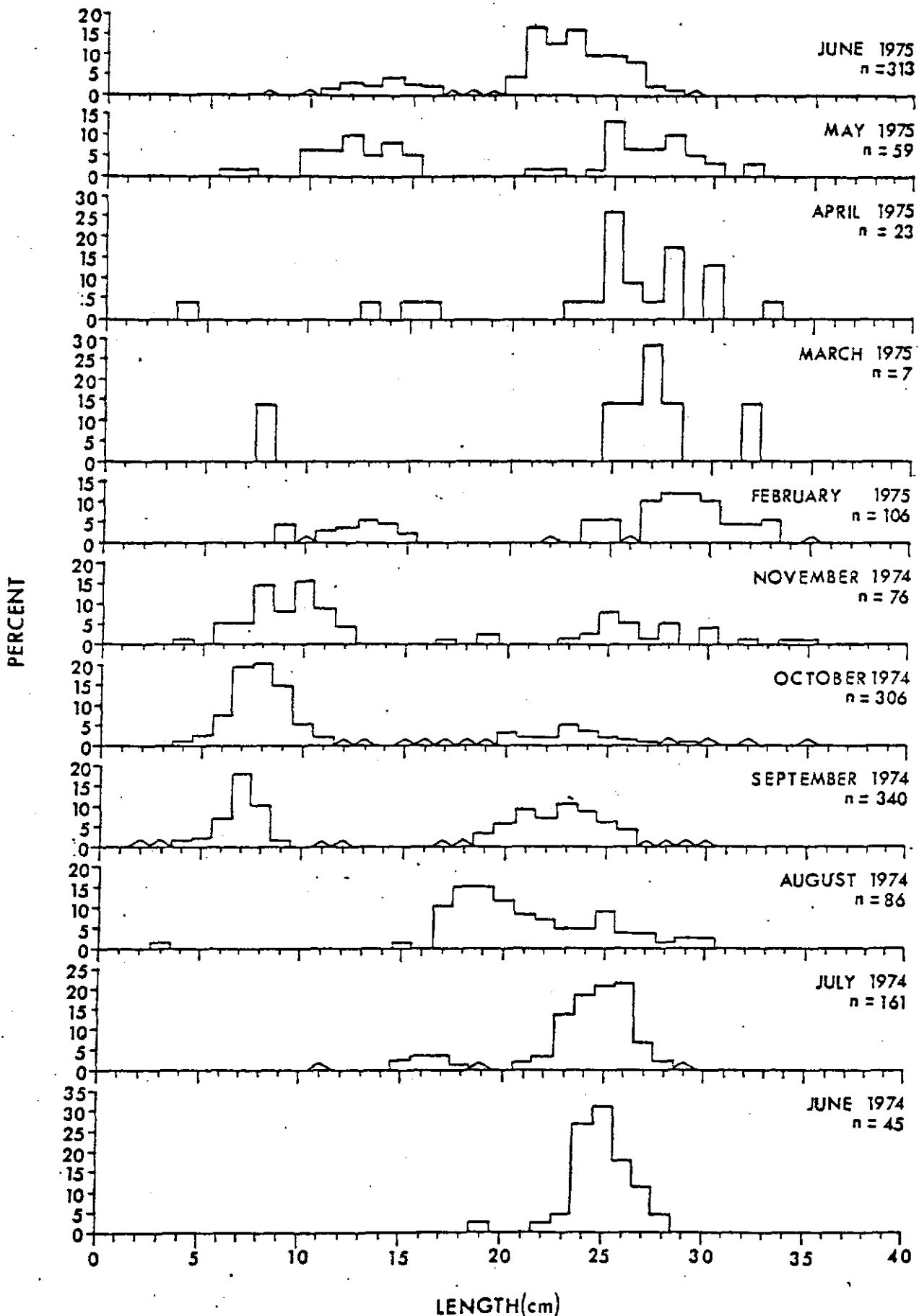


FIGURE 116.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

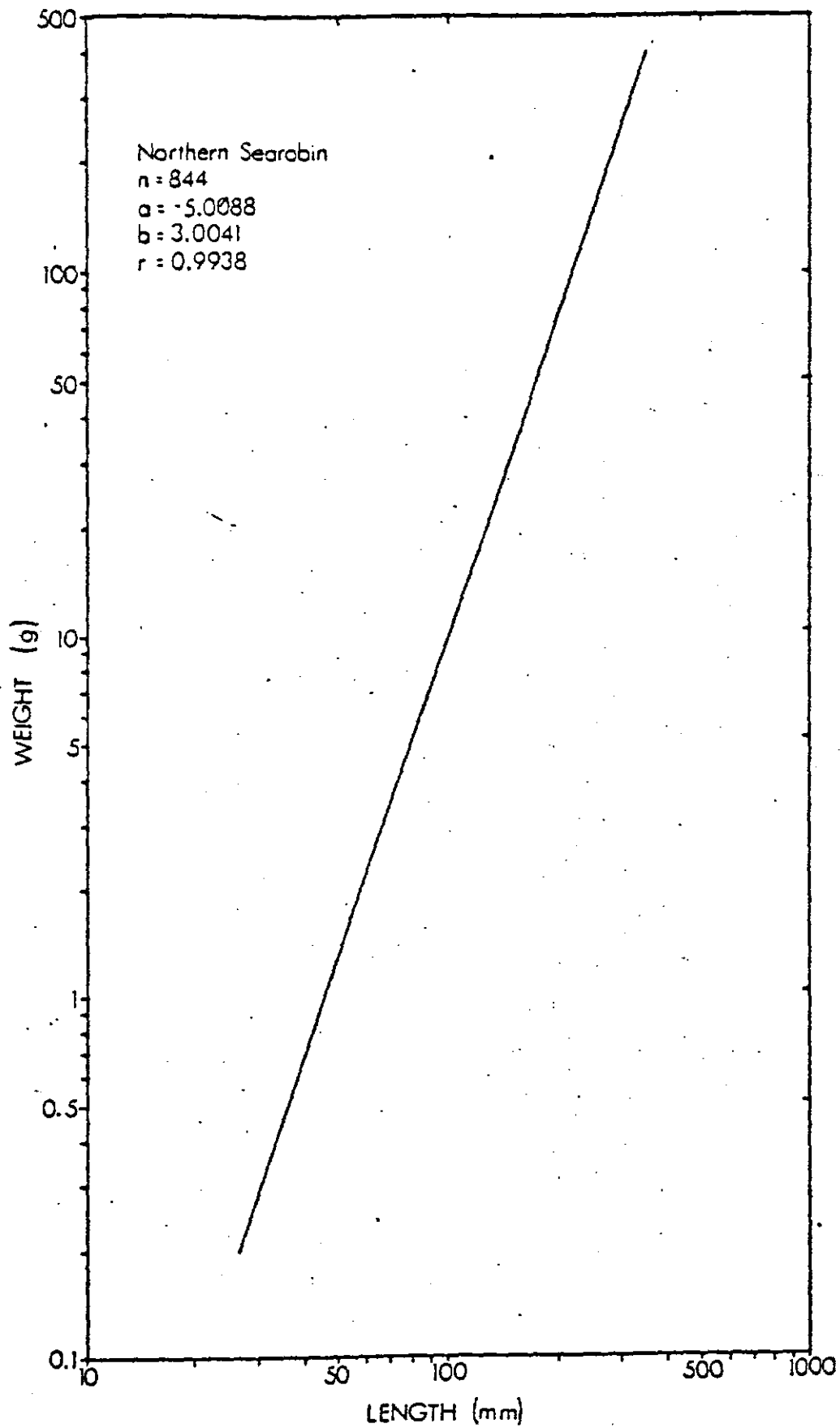


FIGURE 117.--Weight-length relationship of northern searobin (Prionotus carolinus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 9.--Monthly sex ratios of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 25 | 11 | 44.0 | 14 | 56.0 | - | - |
| July | 68 | 23 | 33.8 | 22 | 32.4 | 23 | 33.8 |
| August | 74 | 38 | 51.3 | 25 | 33.8 | 11 | 14.9 |
| September | 184 | 70 | 38.0 | 56 | 30.5 | 58 | 31.5 |
| October | 159 | 10 | 6.3 | 24 | 15.1 | 125 | 78.6 |
| November | 74 | 9 | 12.2 | 15 | 20.3 | 50 | 67.5 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 56 | 16 | 28.6 | 13 | 23.2 | 27 | 48.2 |
| March | 8 | 2 | 25.0 | 5 | 62.5 | 1 | 12.5 |
| April | 21 | 5 | 23.8 | 12 | 57.1 | 4 | 19.1 |
| May | 53 | 17 | 32.1 | 12 | 22.6 | 24 | 45.3 |
| June | 147 | 55 | 37.4 | 50 | 34.0 | 42 | 28.6 |
| TOTAL | 869 | 256 | 29.5 | 248 | 28.5 | 365 | 42.0 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

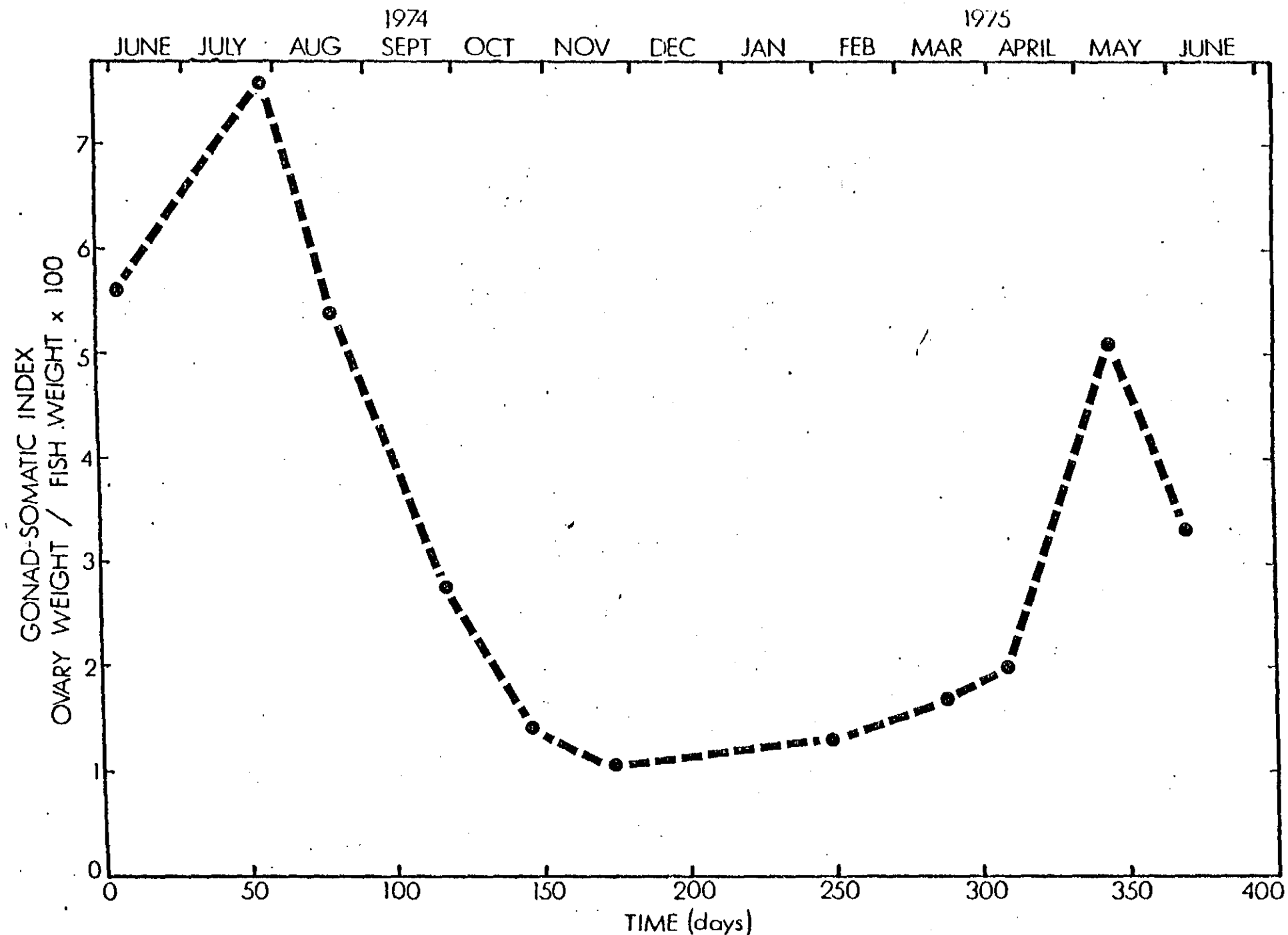


FIGURE 118.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

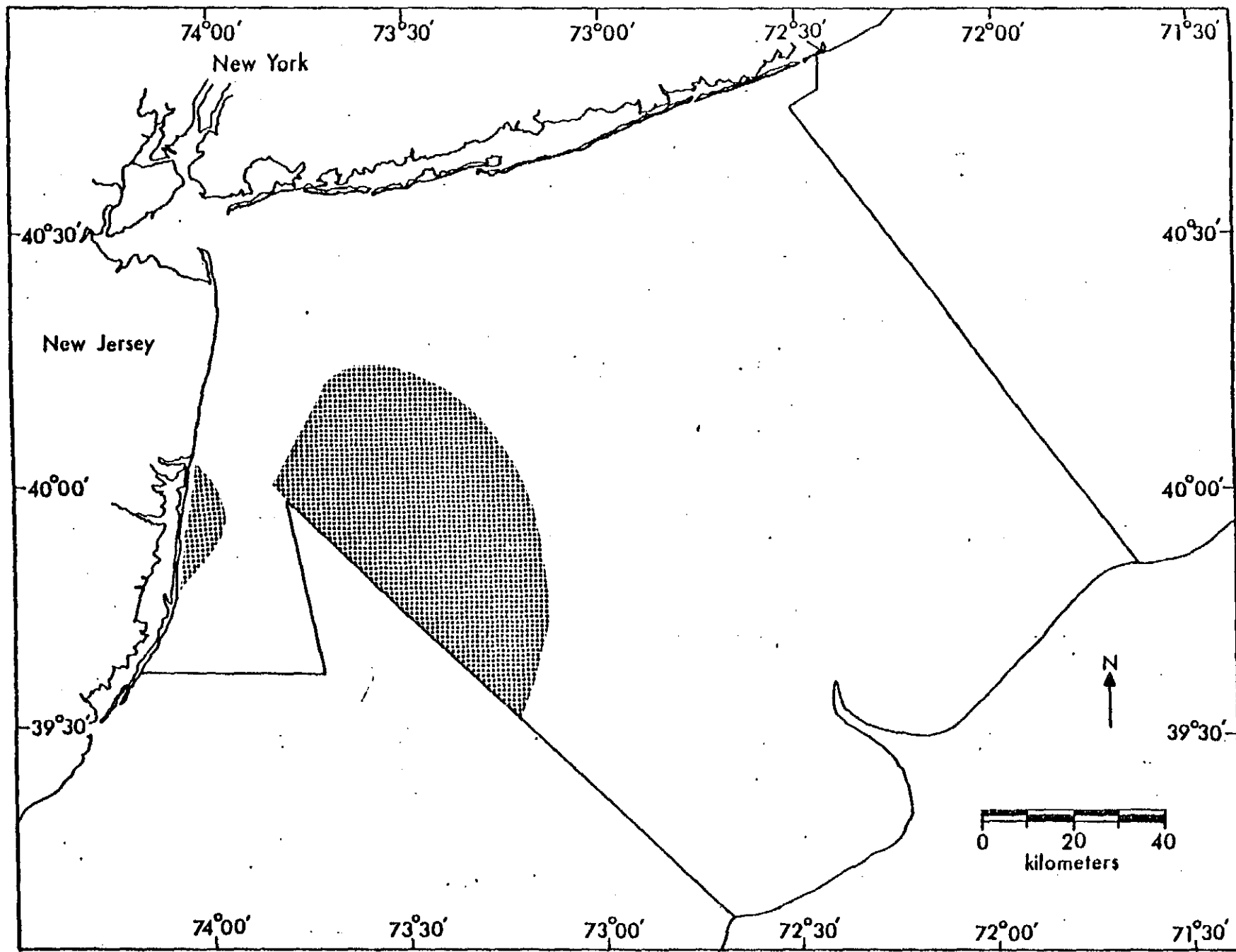


FIGURE 119.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

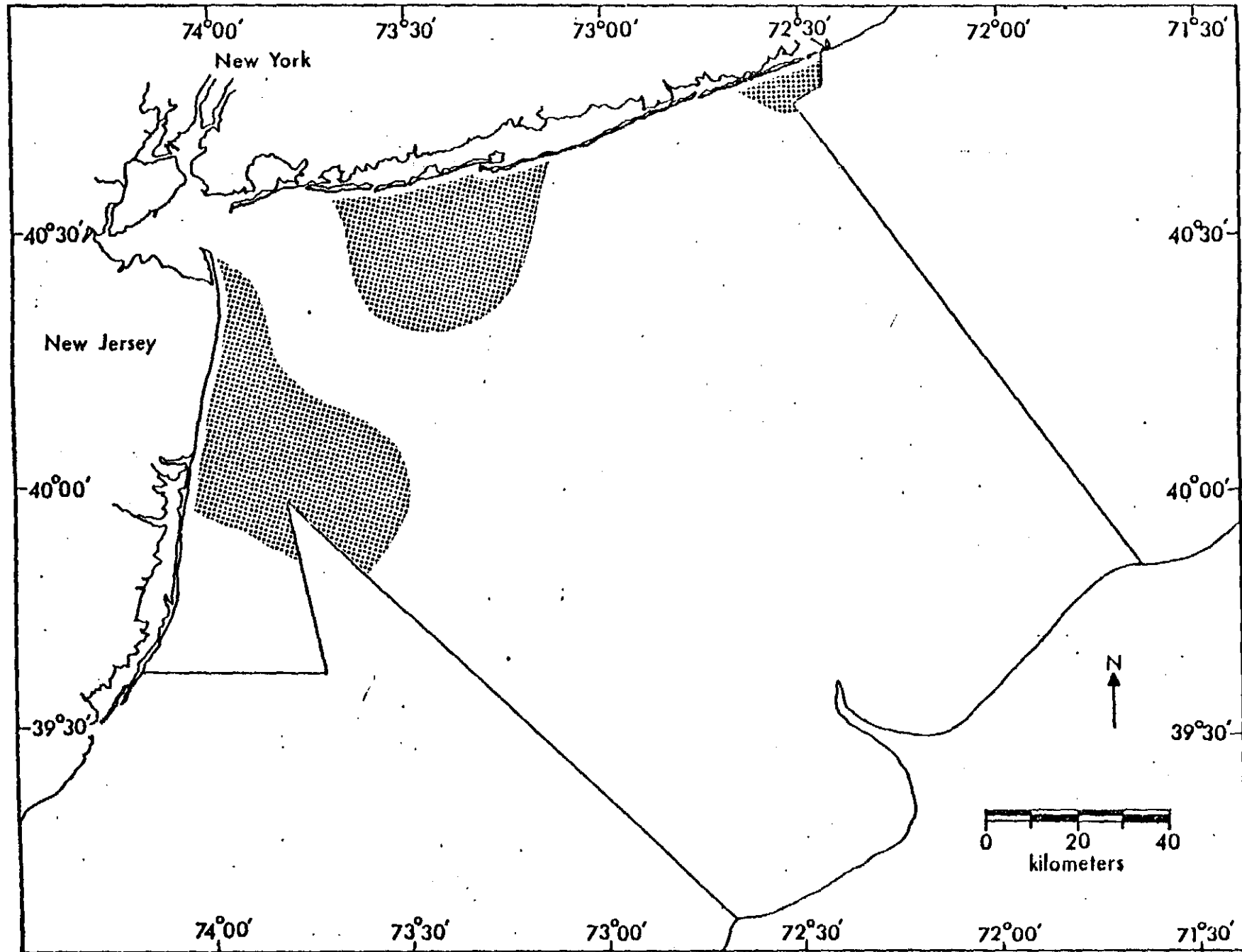


FIGURE 120.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

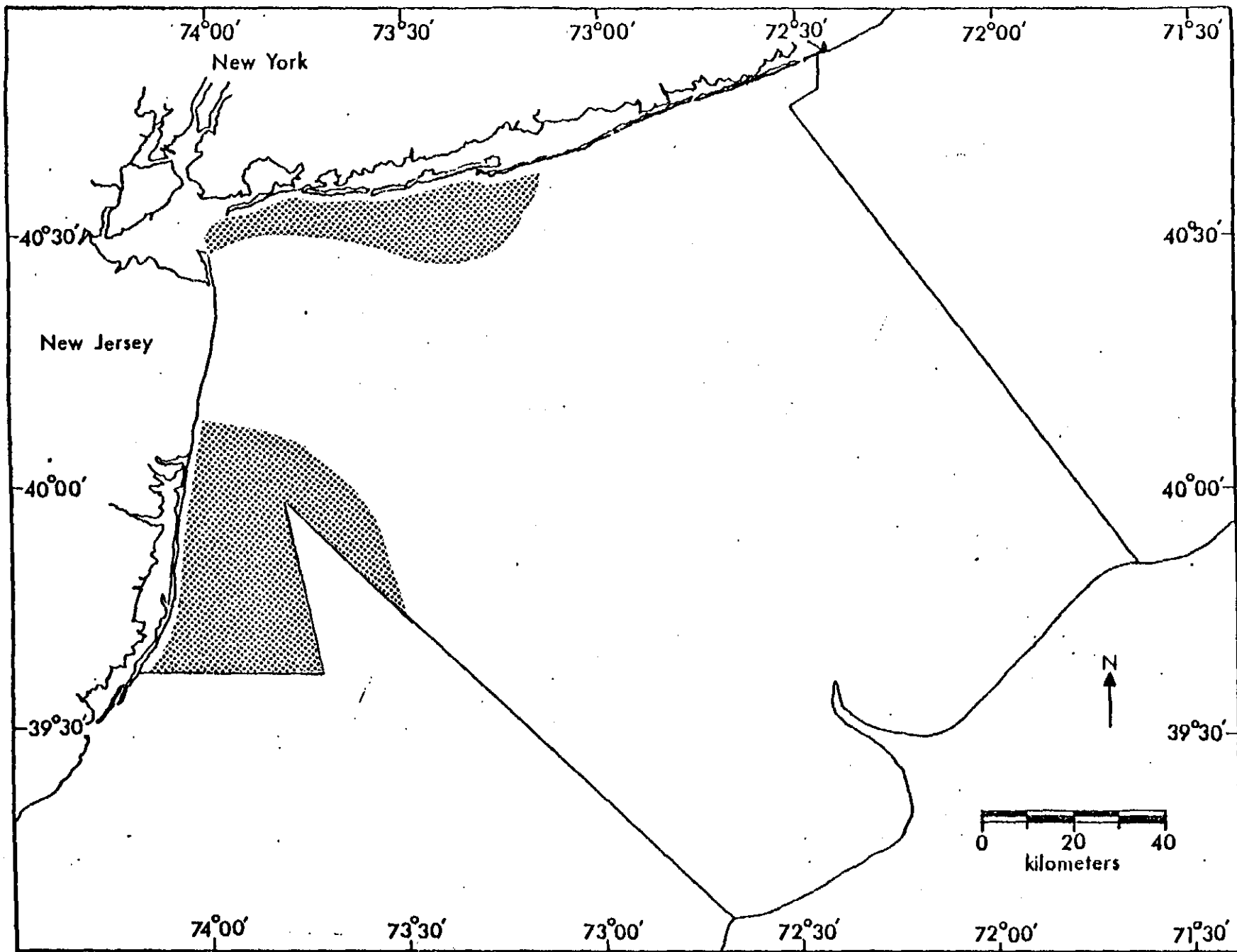


FIGURE 121.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

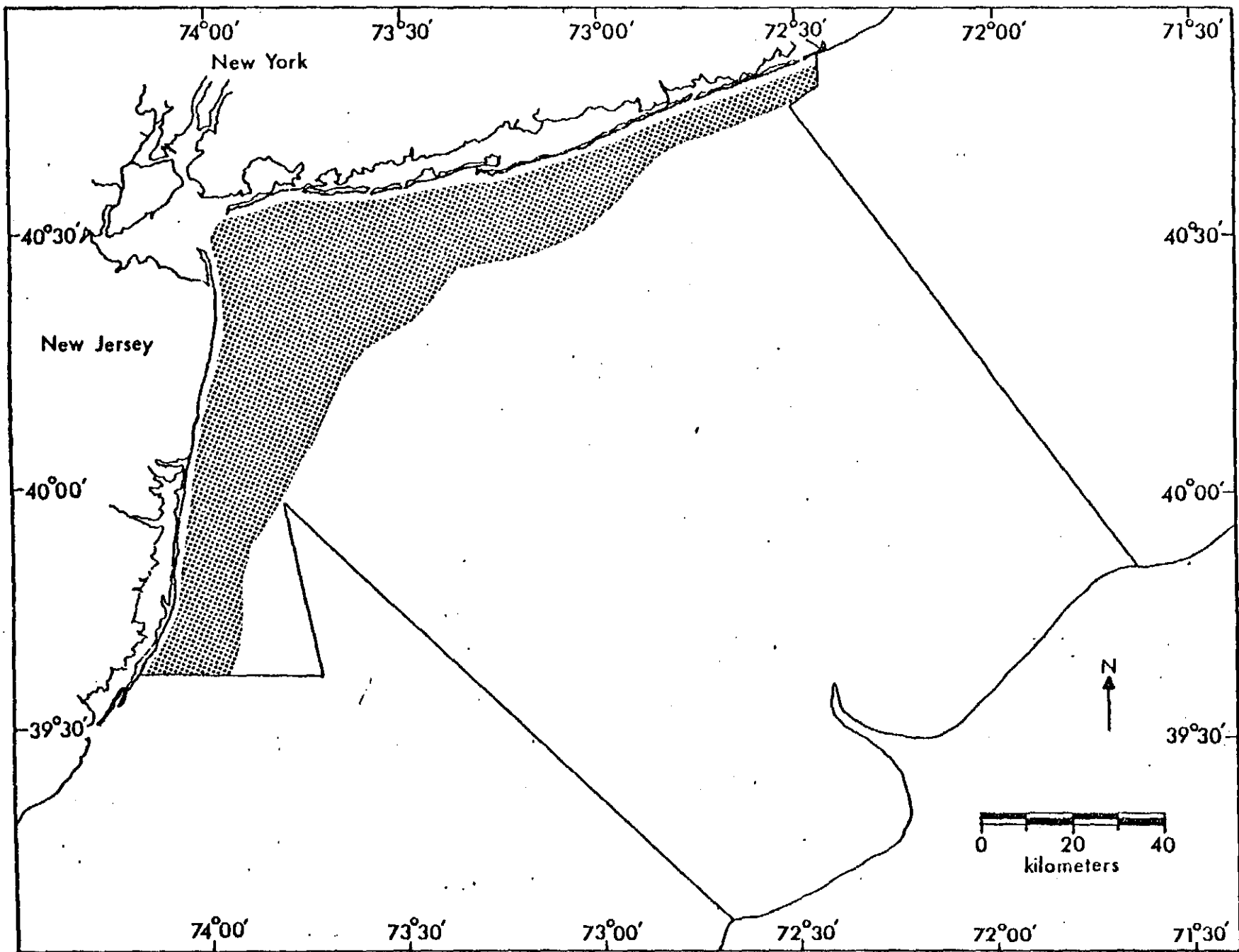


FIGURE 122.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

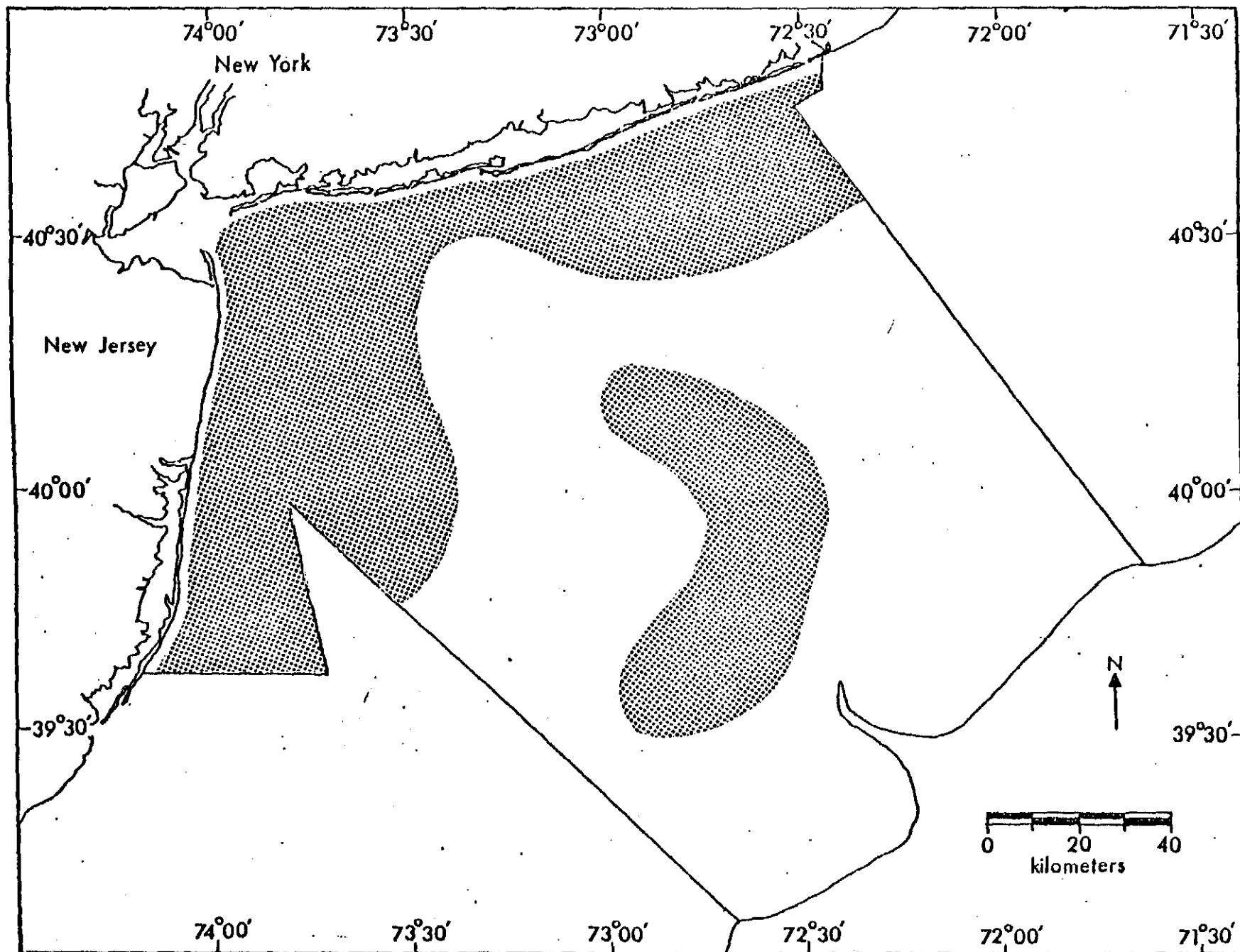


FIGURE 123.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

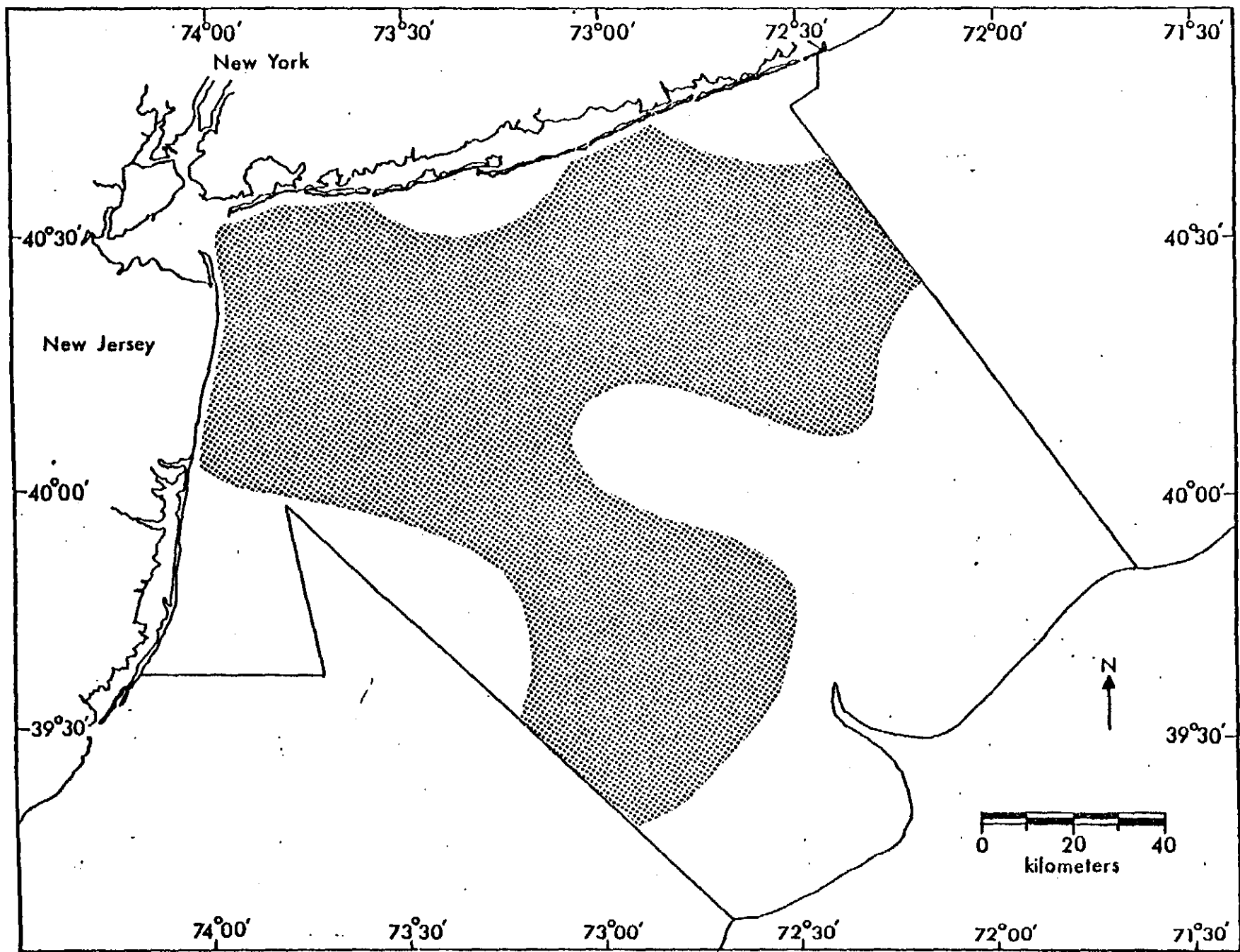


FIGURE 124.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

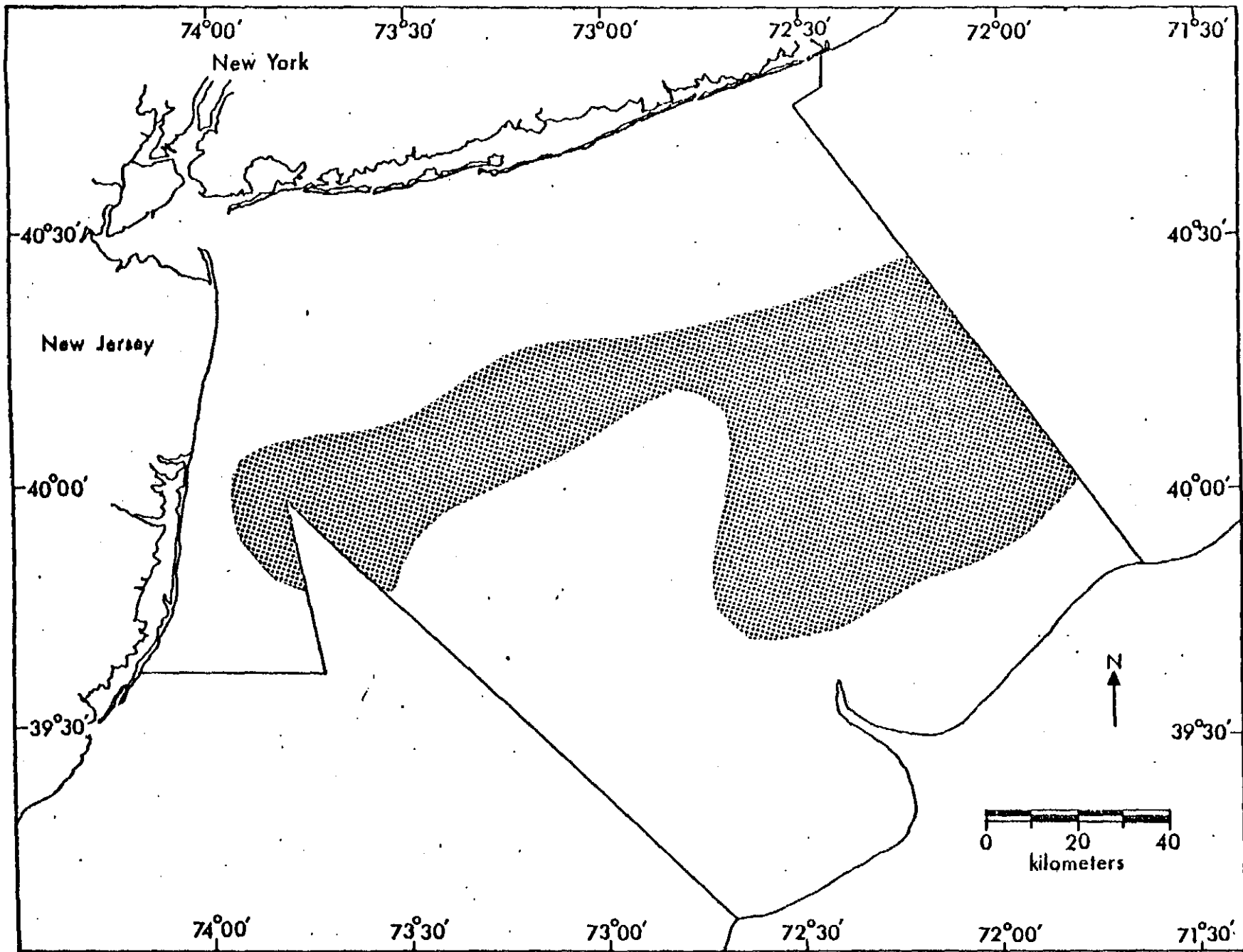


FIGURE 125.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

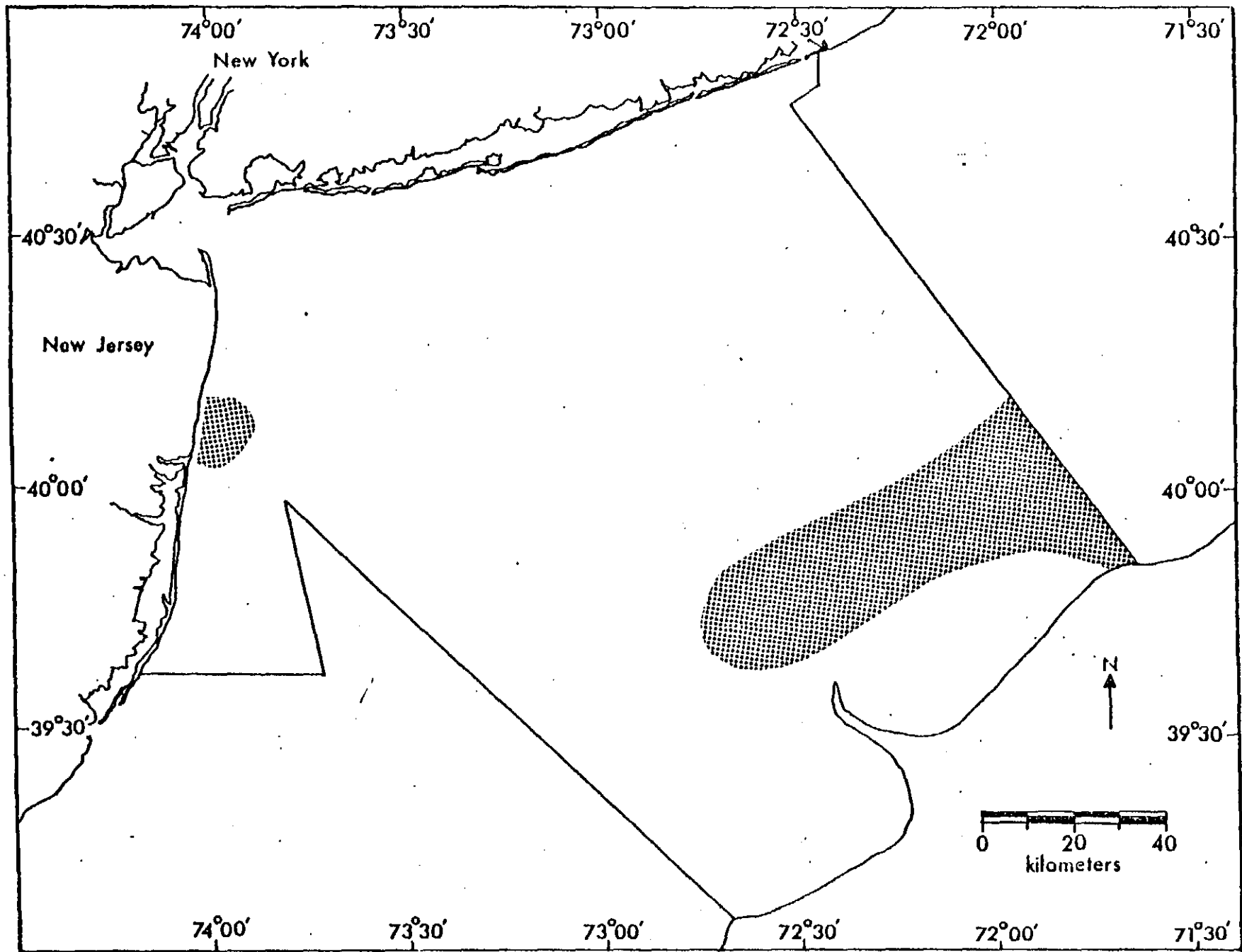


FIGURE 126.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

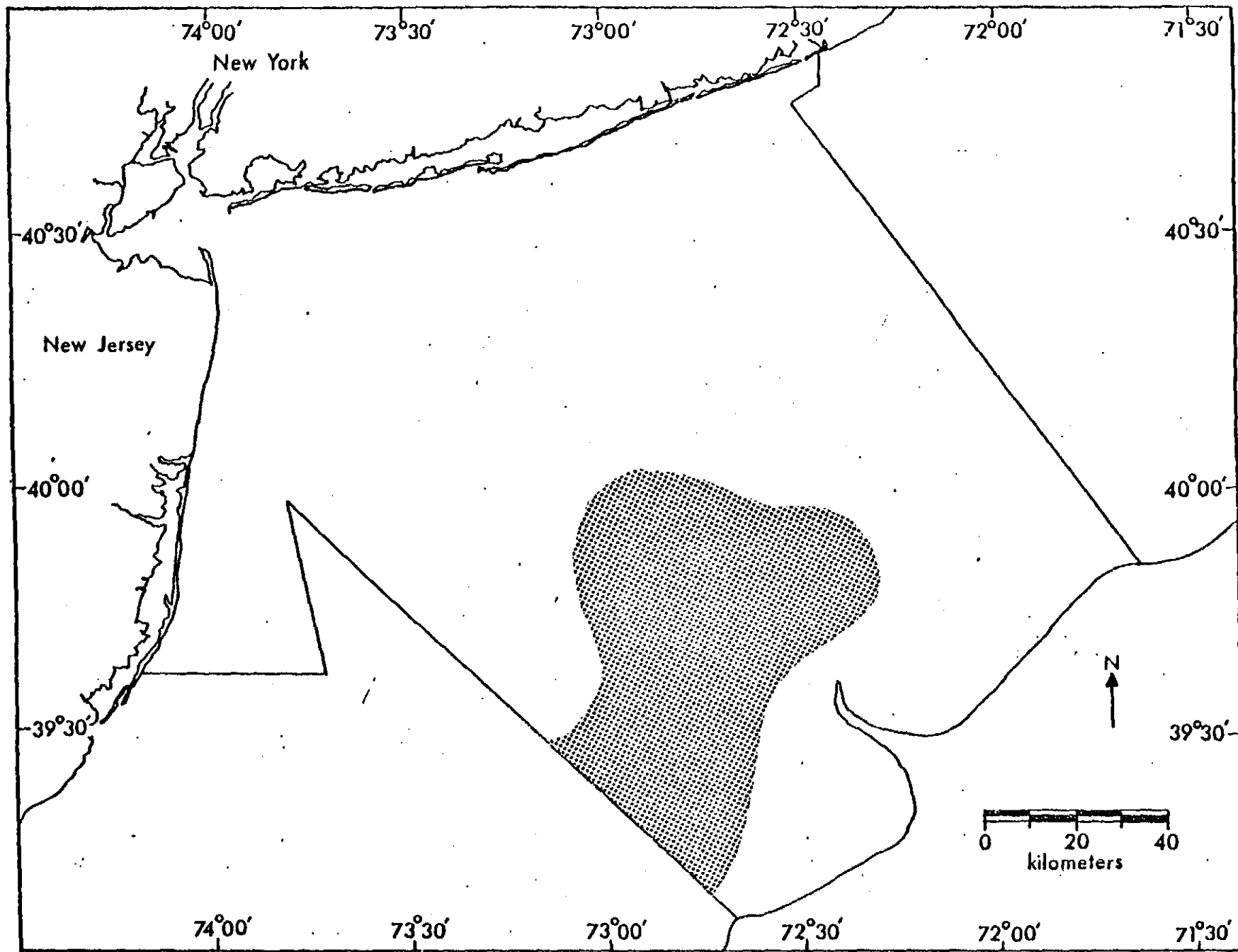


FIGURE 127.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

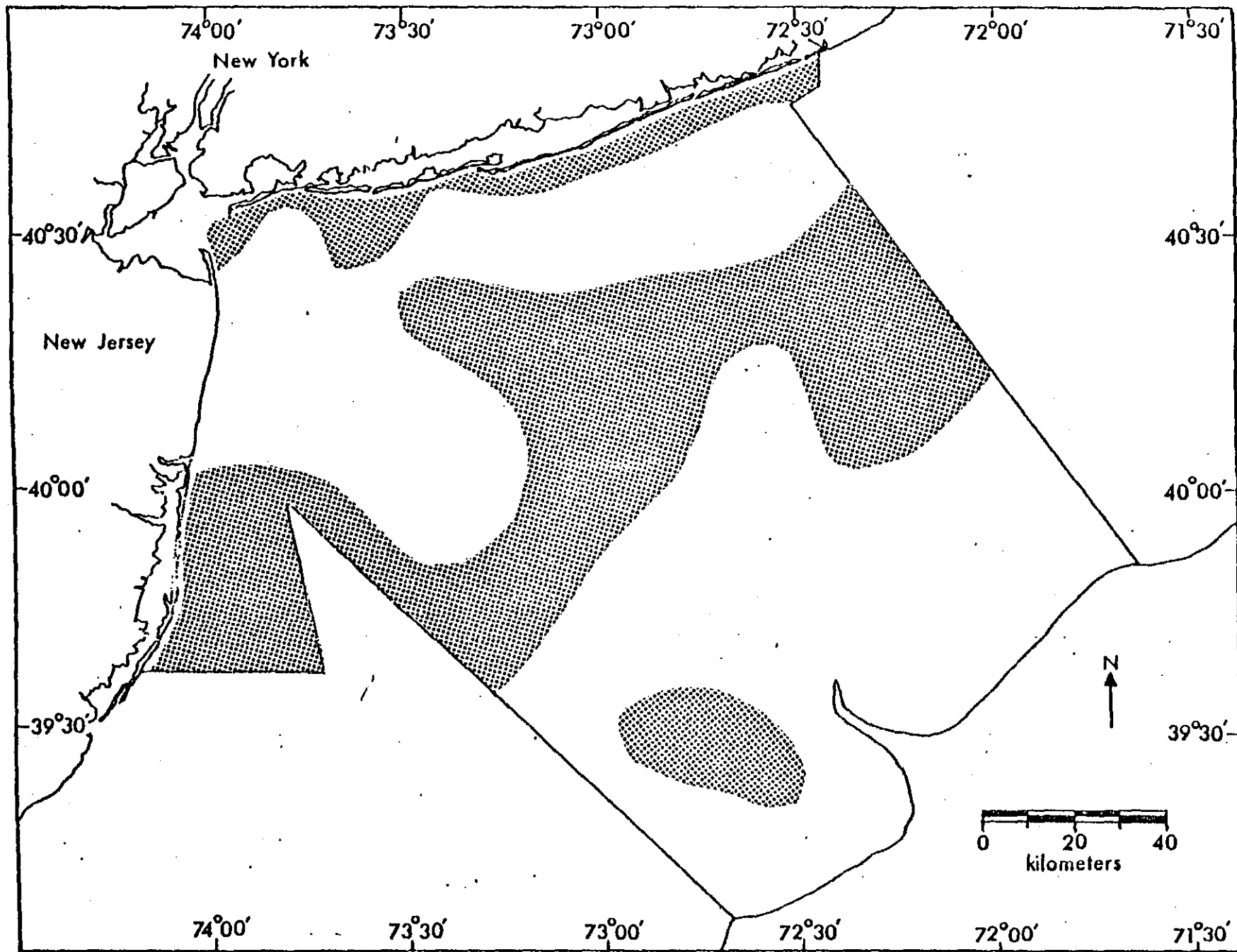


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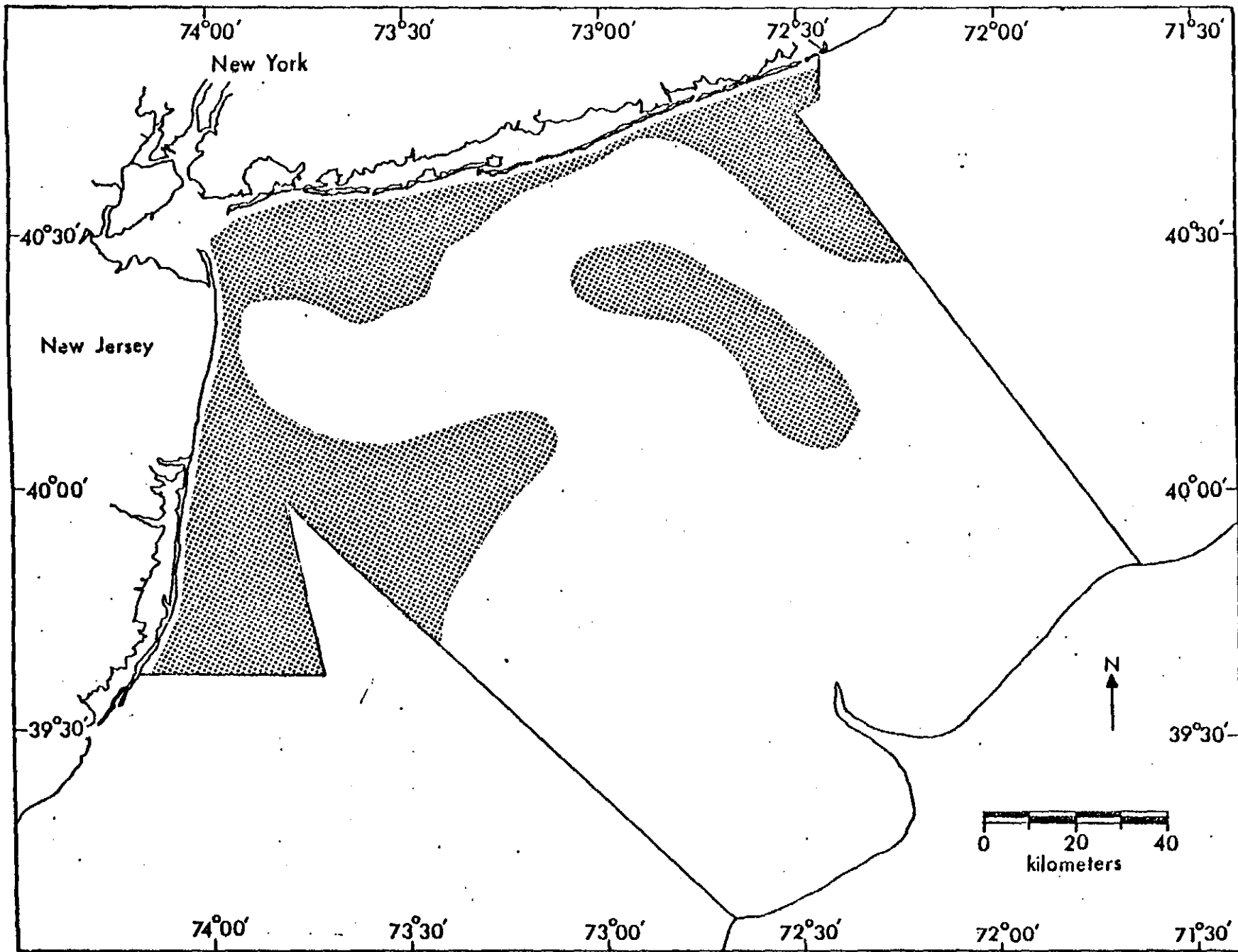


FIGURE 129.--Distribution of northern searobin (*Prionotus carolinus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

STRIPED SEAROBIN

(Prionotus evolans)

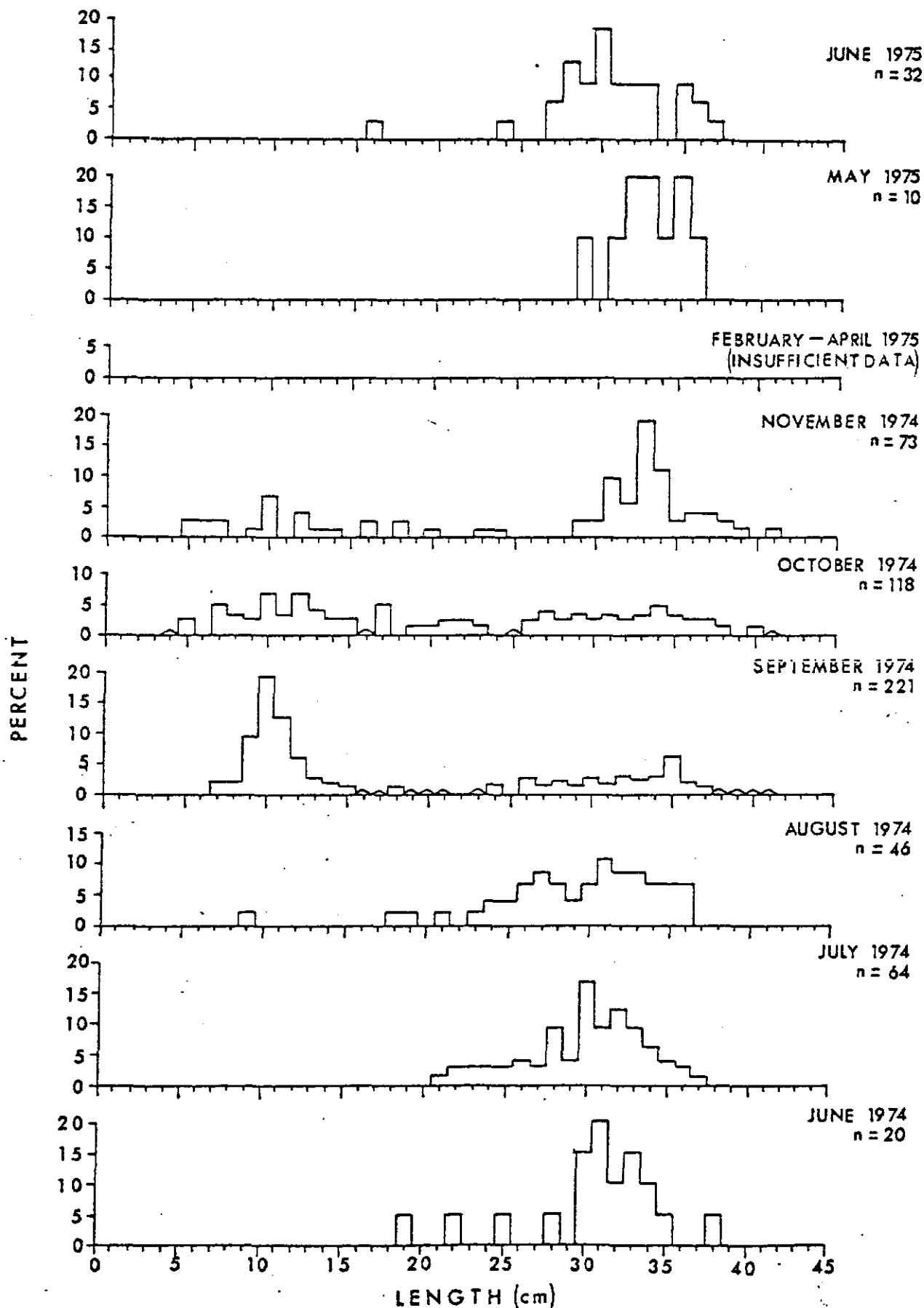


FIGURE 130.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

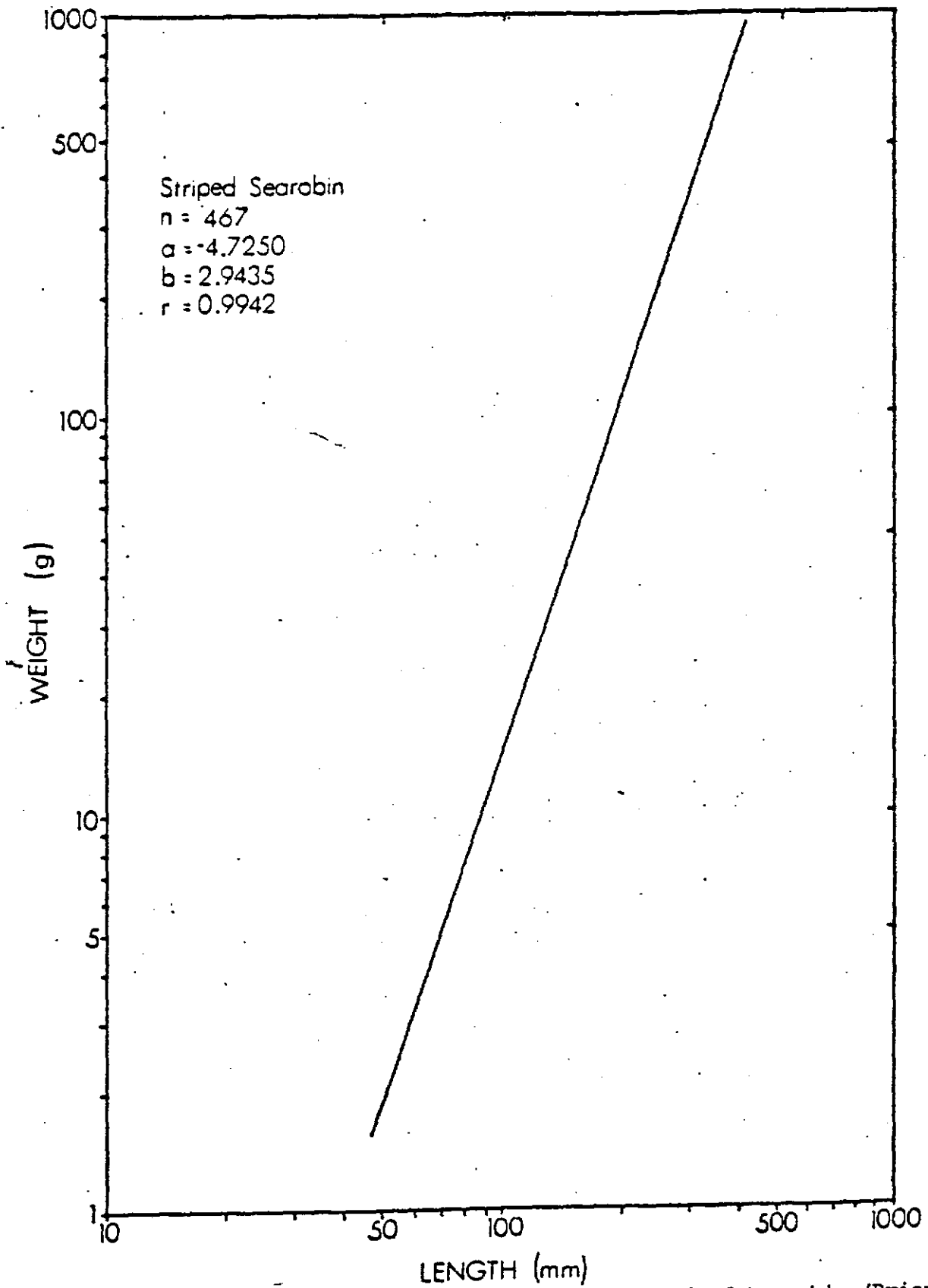


FIGURE 131.--Weight-length relationship of striped searobin (Prionotus evolvans) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 10.--Monthly sex ratios of striped searobins (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 19 | 17 | 89.5 | 2 | 10.5 | - | - |
| July | 67 | 36 | 53.7 | 21 | 31.4 | 10 | 14.9 |
| August | 46 | 32 | 69.6 | 12 | 26.1 | 2 | 4.3 |
| September | 128 | 23 | 18.0 | 21 | 16.4 | 84 | 65.6 |
| October | 103 | 9 | 8.7 | 39 | 37.9 | 55 | 53.4 |
| November | 69 | 9 | 13.0 | 31 | 45.0 | 29 | 42.0 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 100.0 |
| March | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| April | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| May | 9 | 7 | 77.7 | 2 | 28.6 | - | - |
| June | 31 | 19 | 61.3 | 12 | 38.7 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 473 | 152 | 32.1 | 140 | 29.6 | 181 | 38.3 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

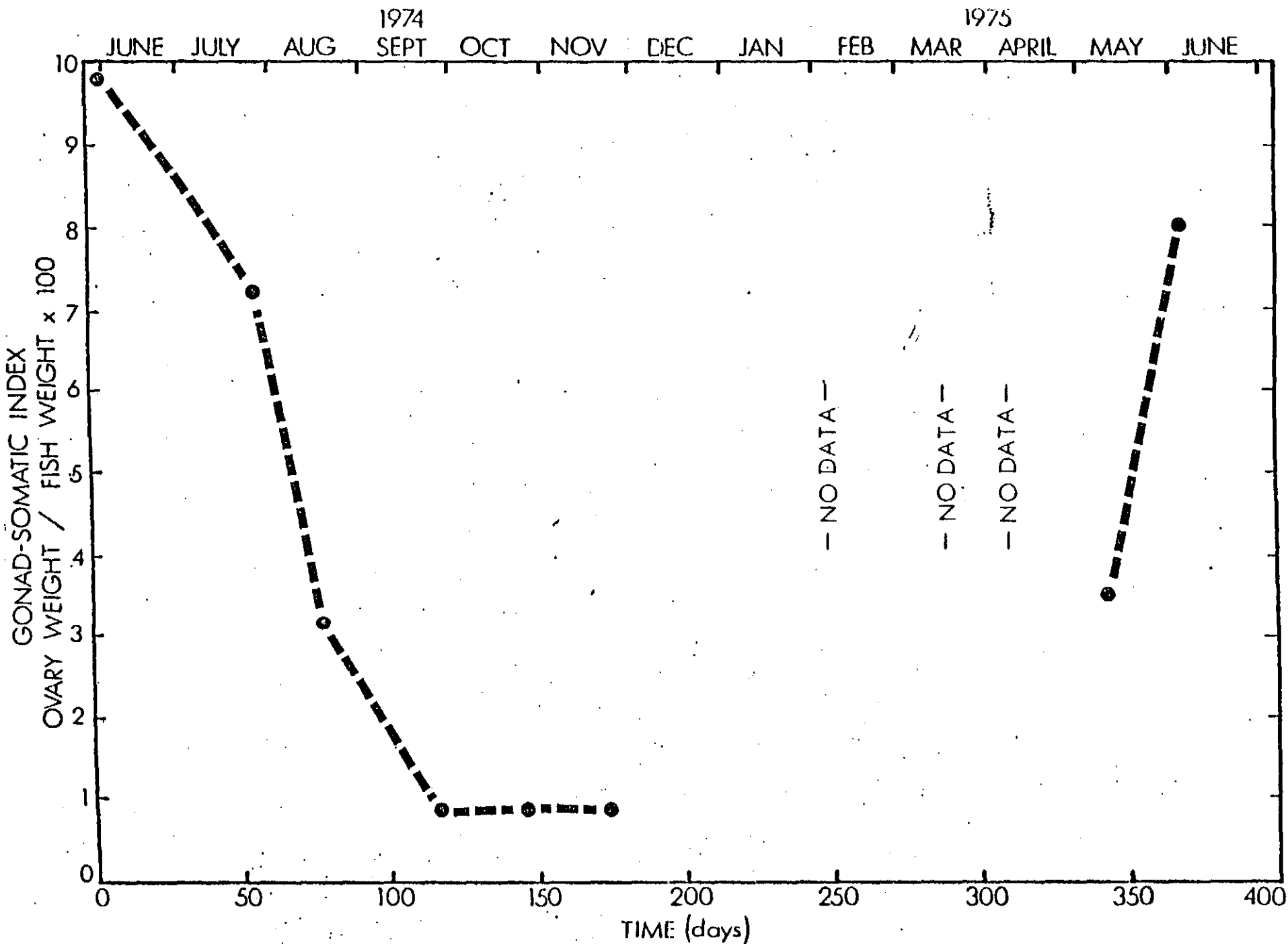


FIGURE 132.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of striped searobin (Prionotus evolans) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

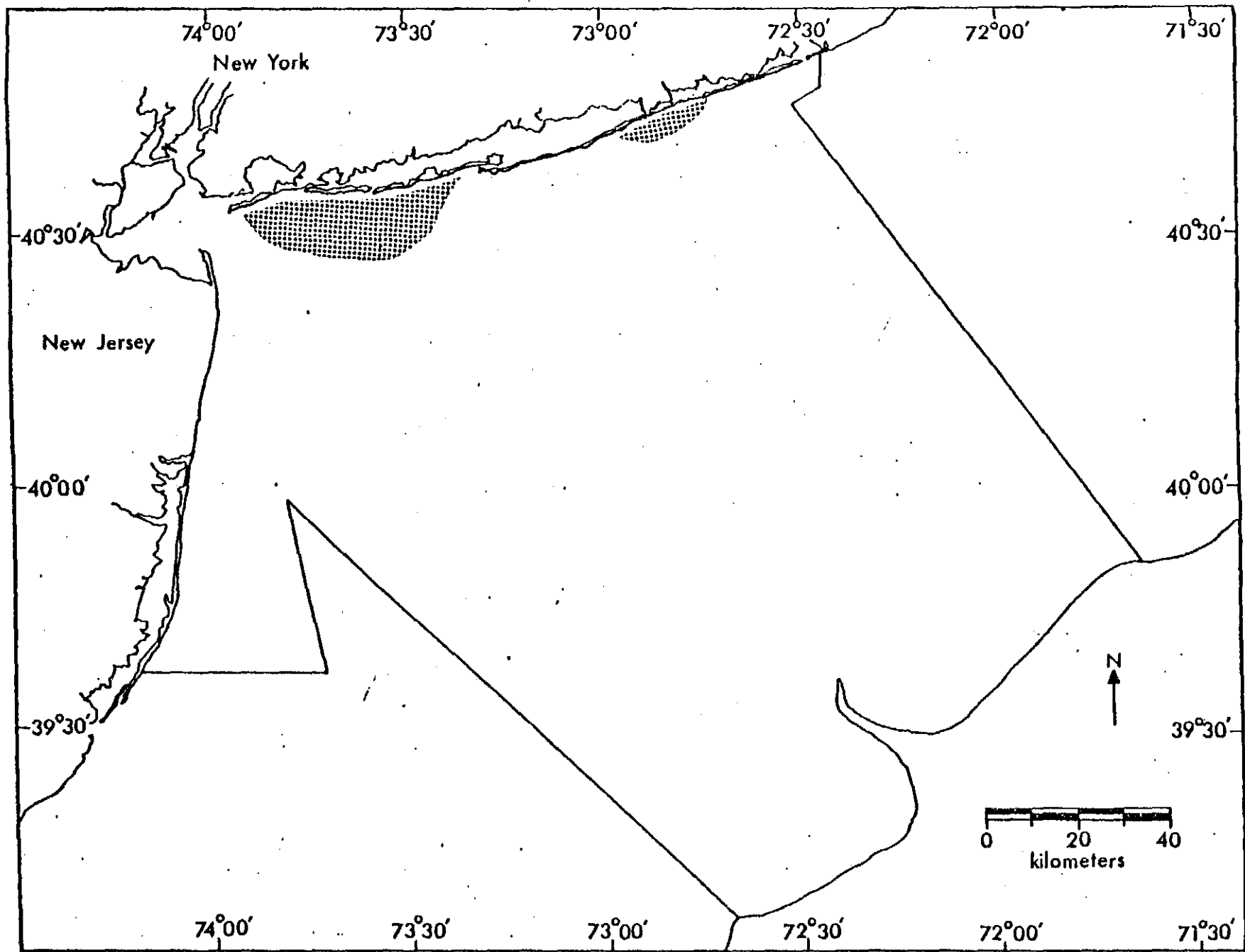


FIGURE 133.--Distribution of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

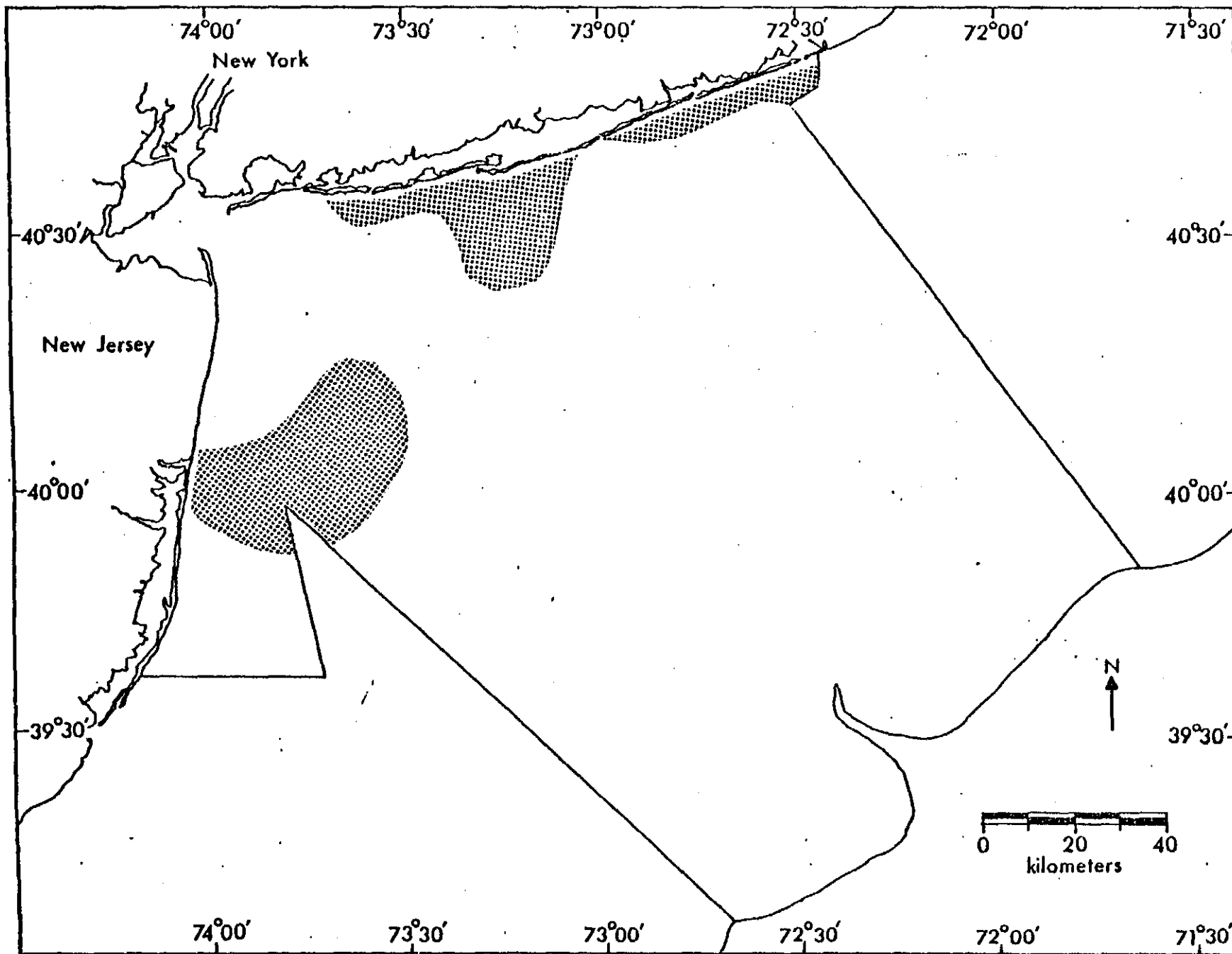


FIGURE 134.--Distribution of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

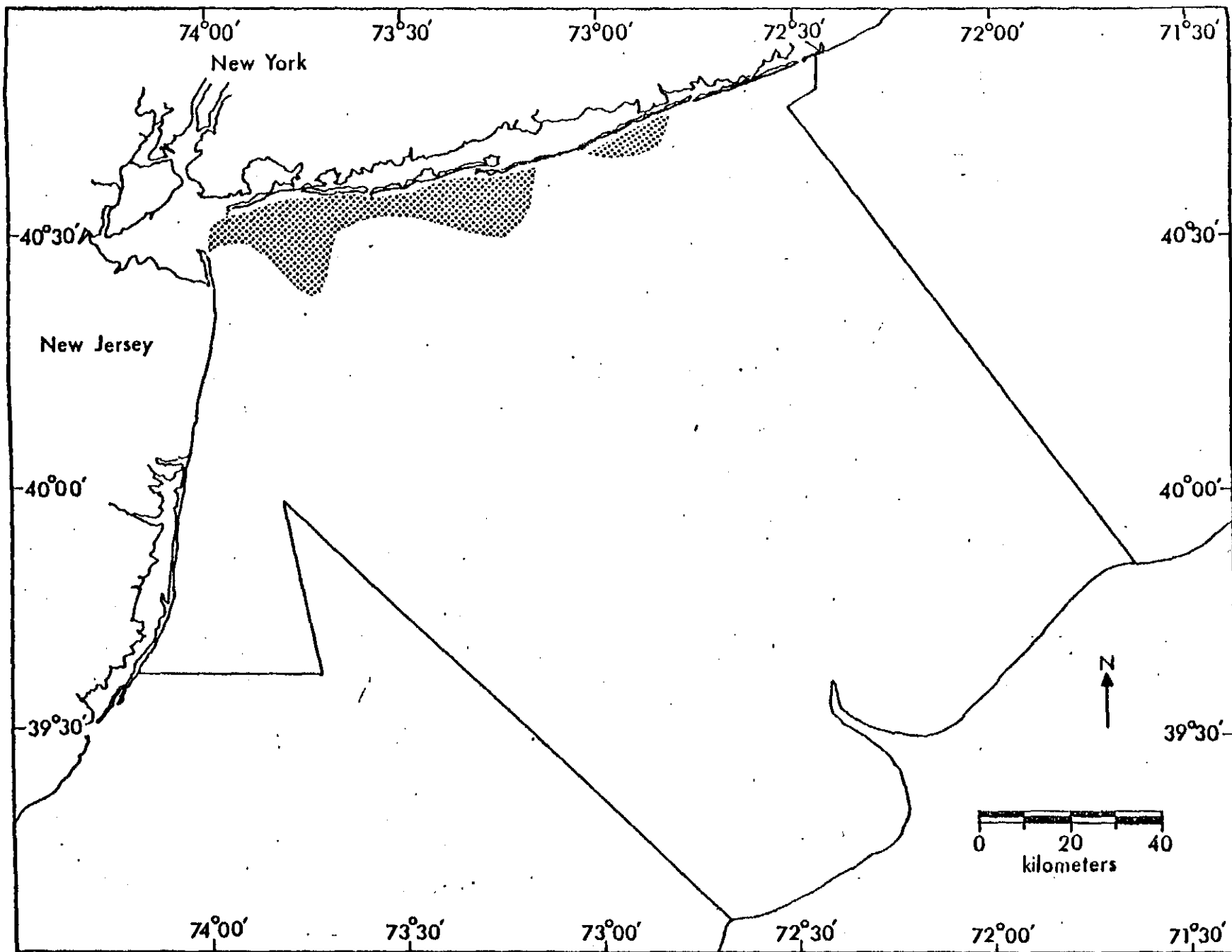


FIGURE 135.--Distribution of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

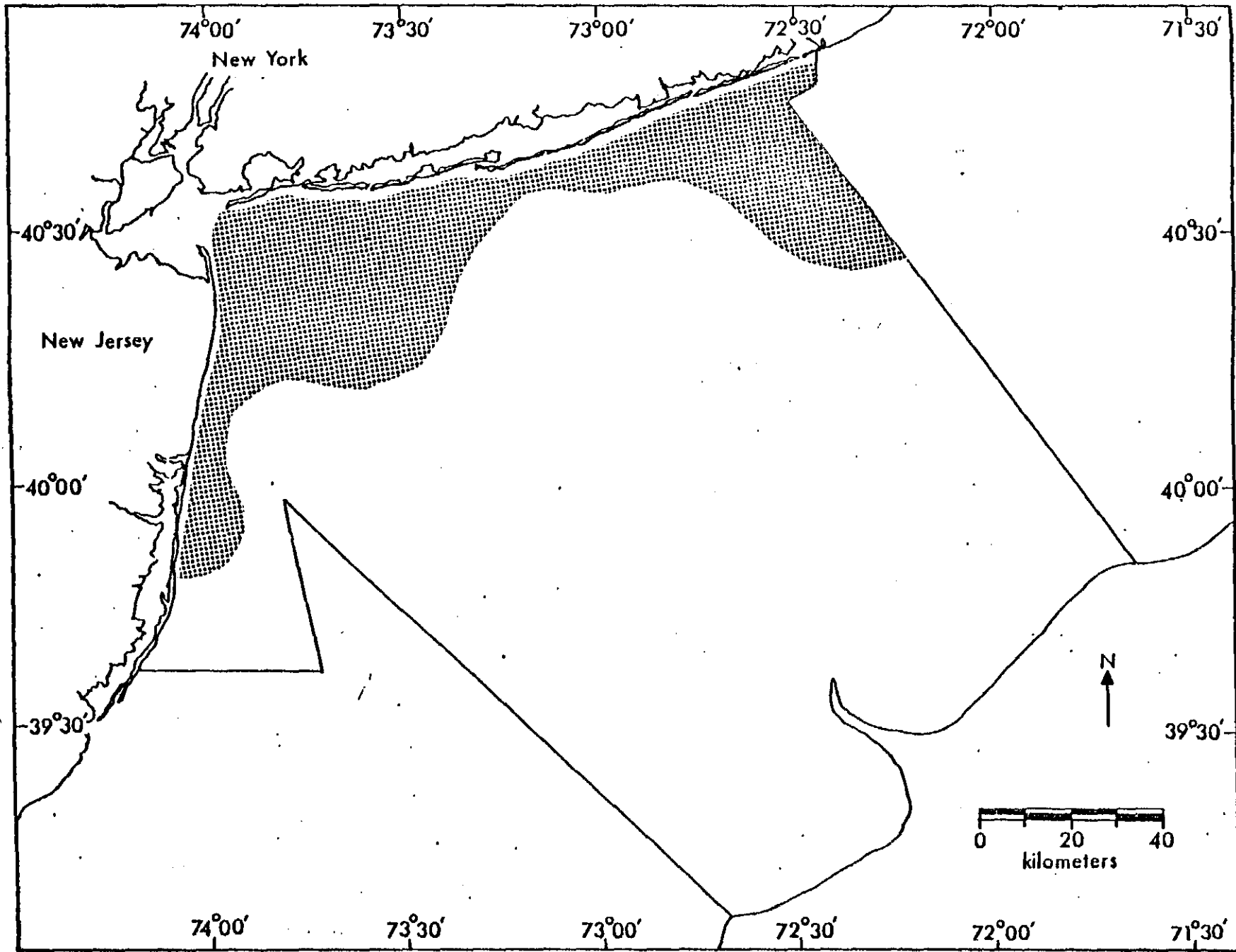


FIGURE 136.--Distribution of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

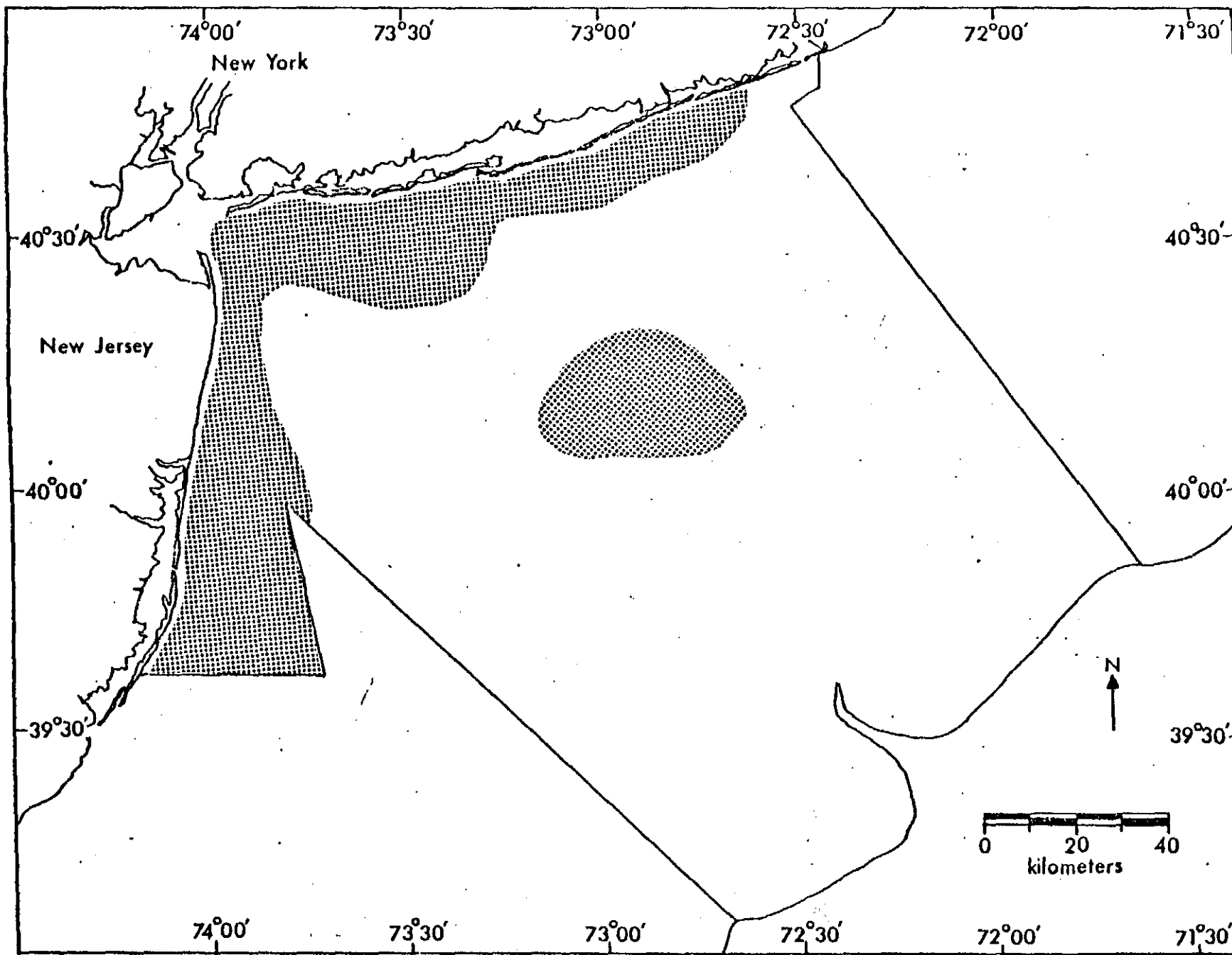


FIGURE 137.--Distribution of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

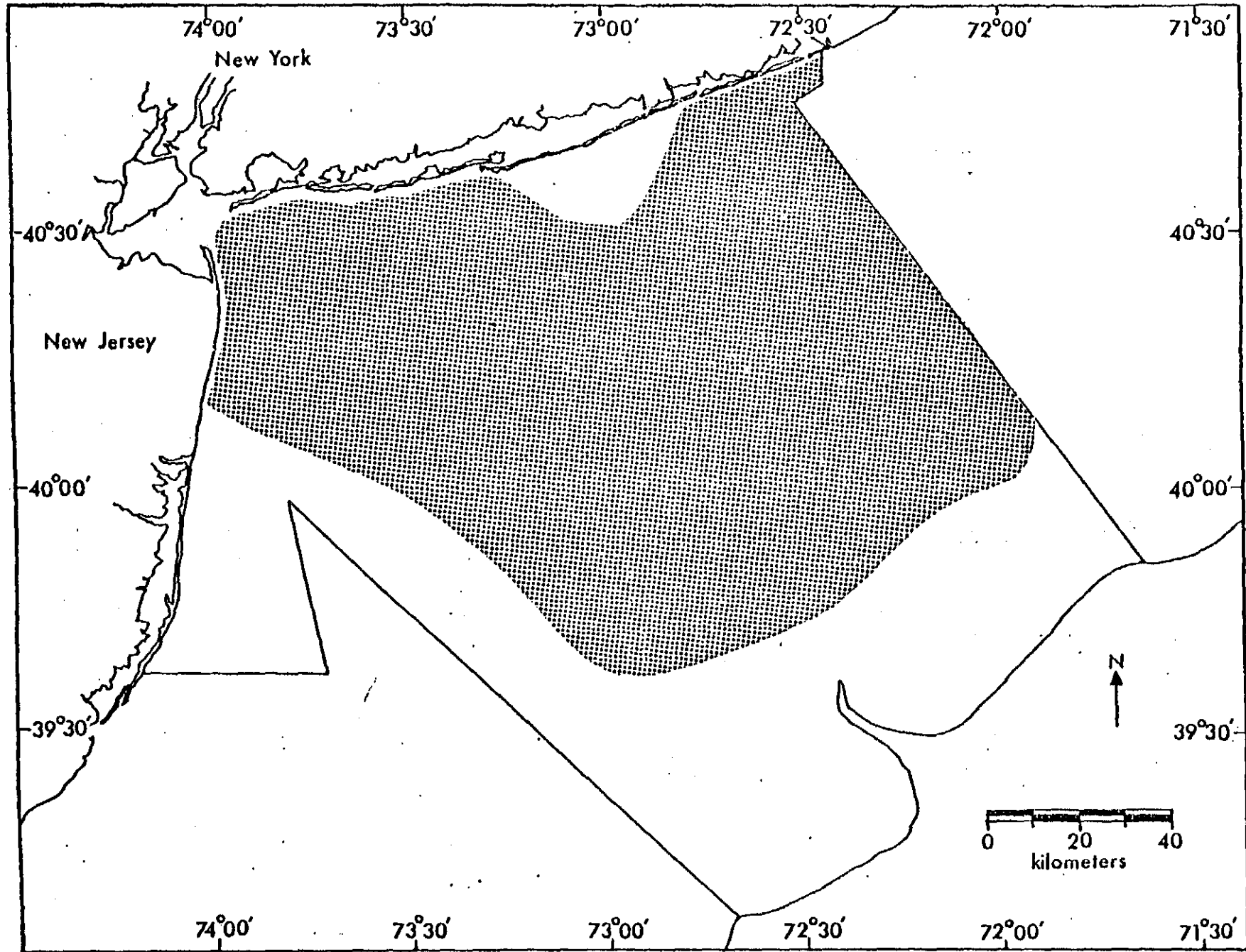


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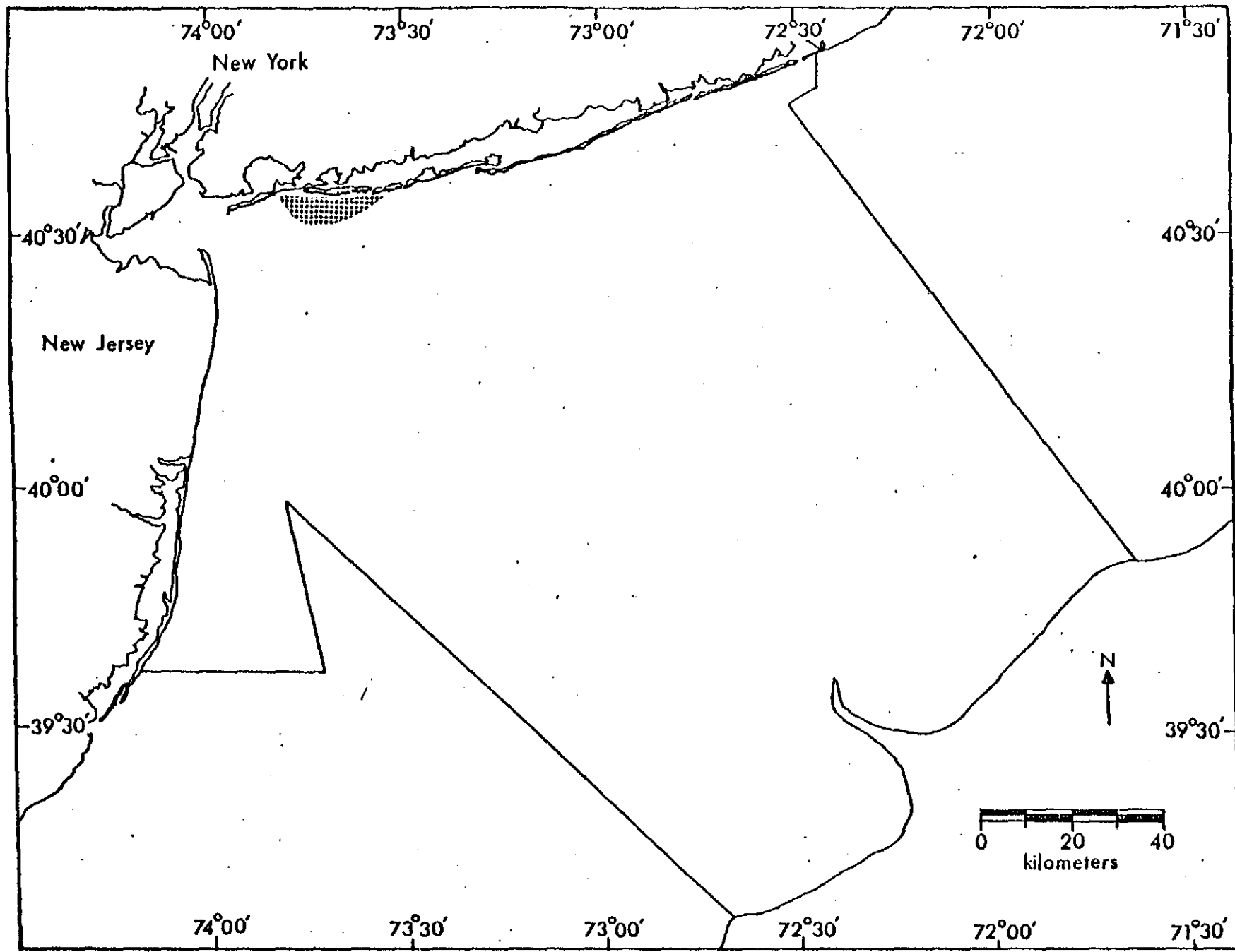


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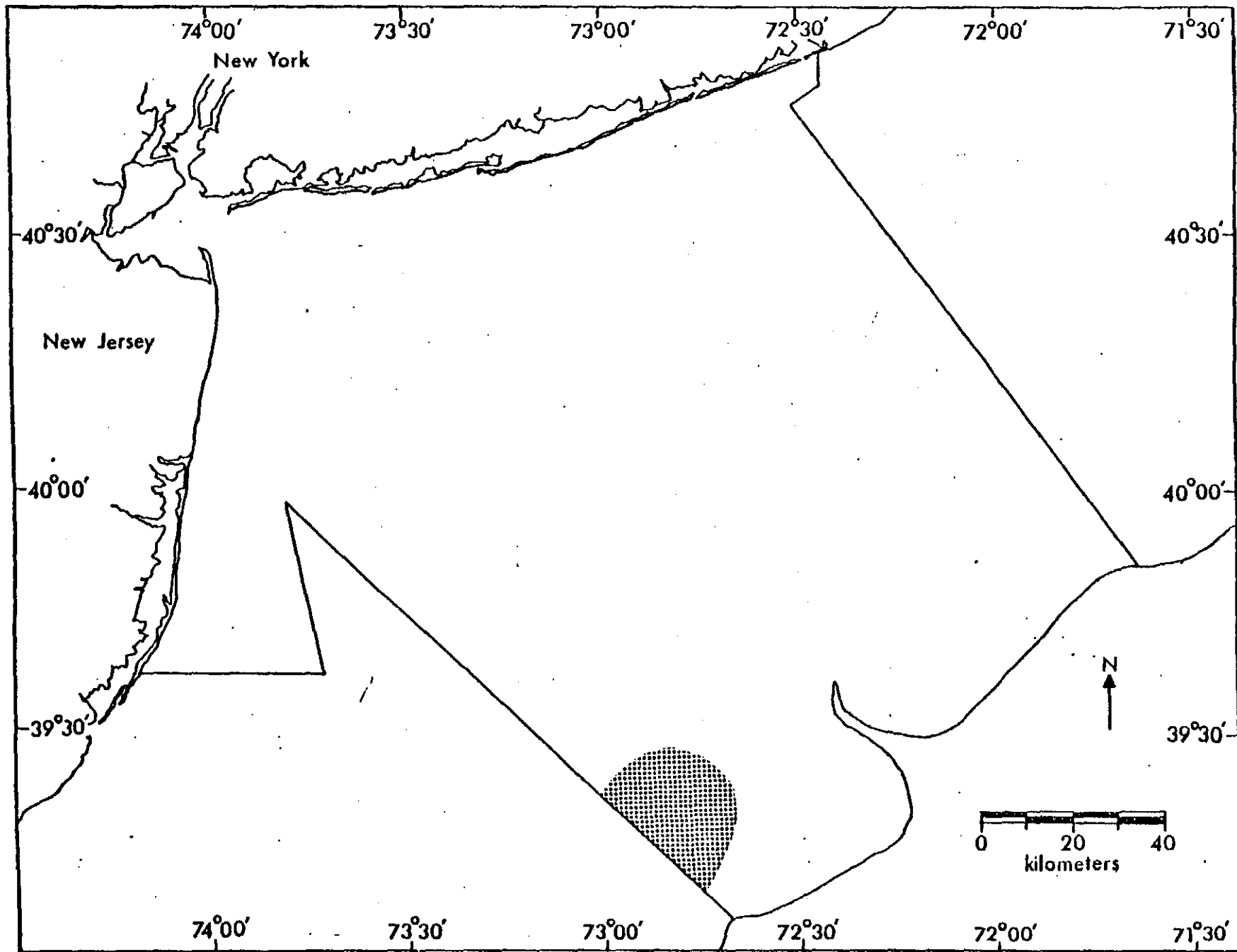


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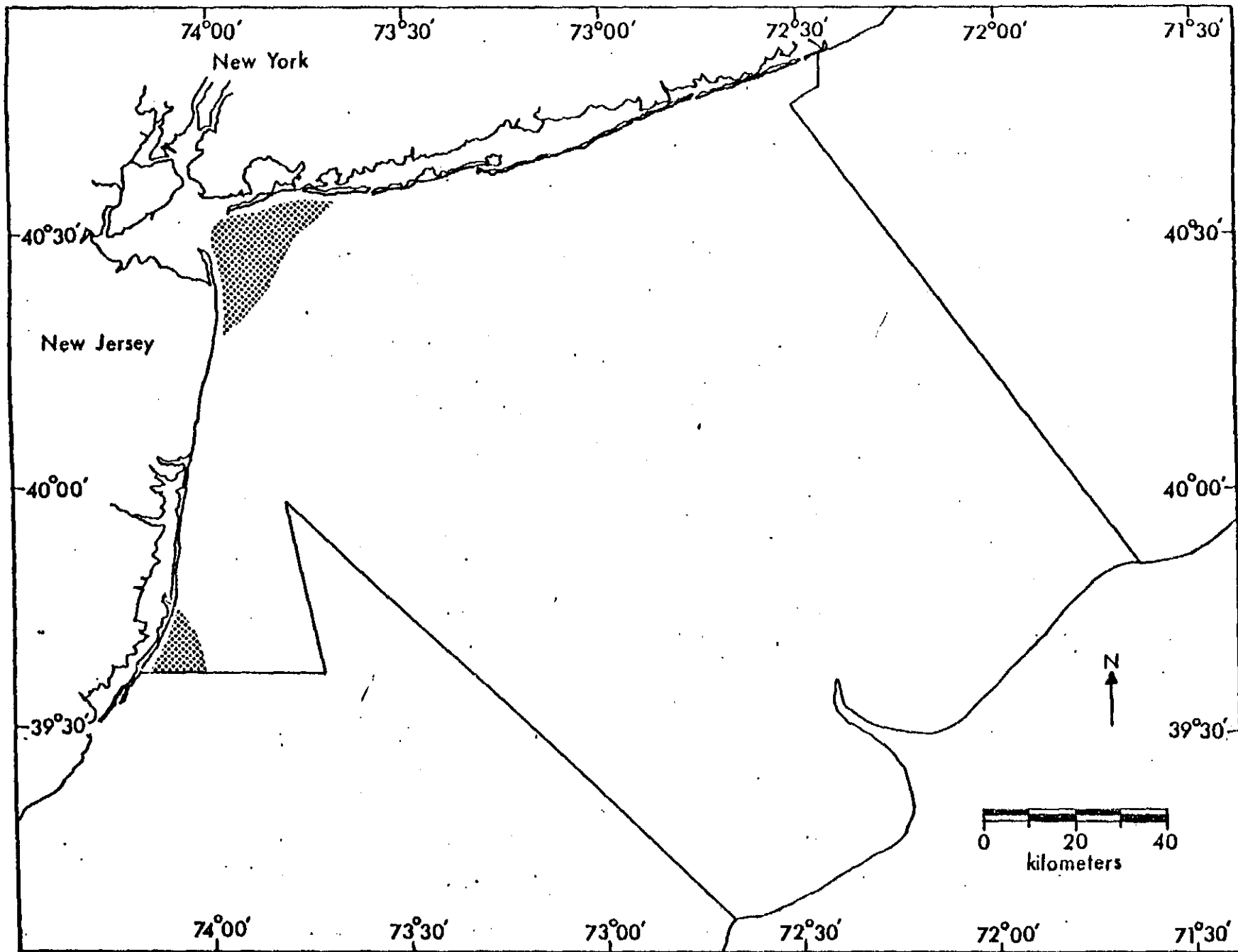


FIGURE 141.--Distribution of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

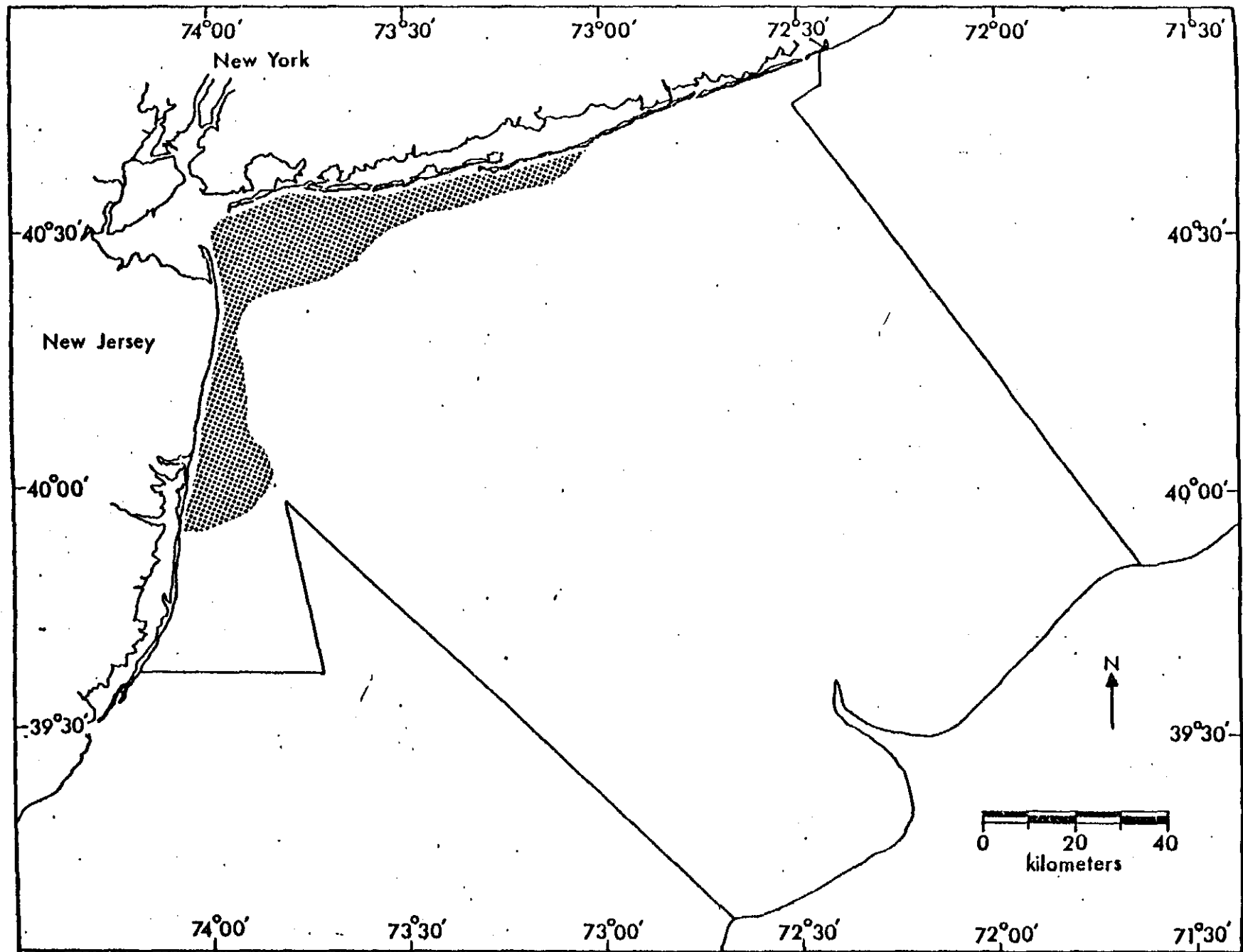


FIGURE 142.--Distribution of striped searobin (*Prionotus evolans*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

SUMMER FLOUNDER
(Paralichthys dentatus)

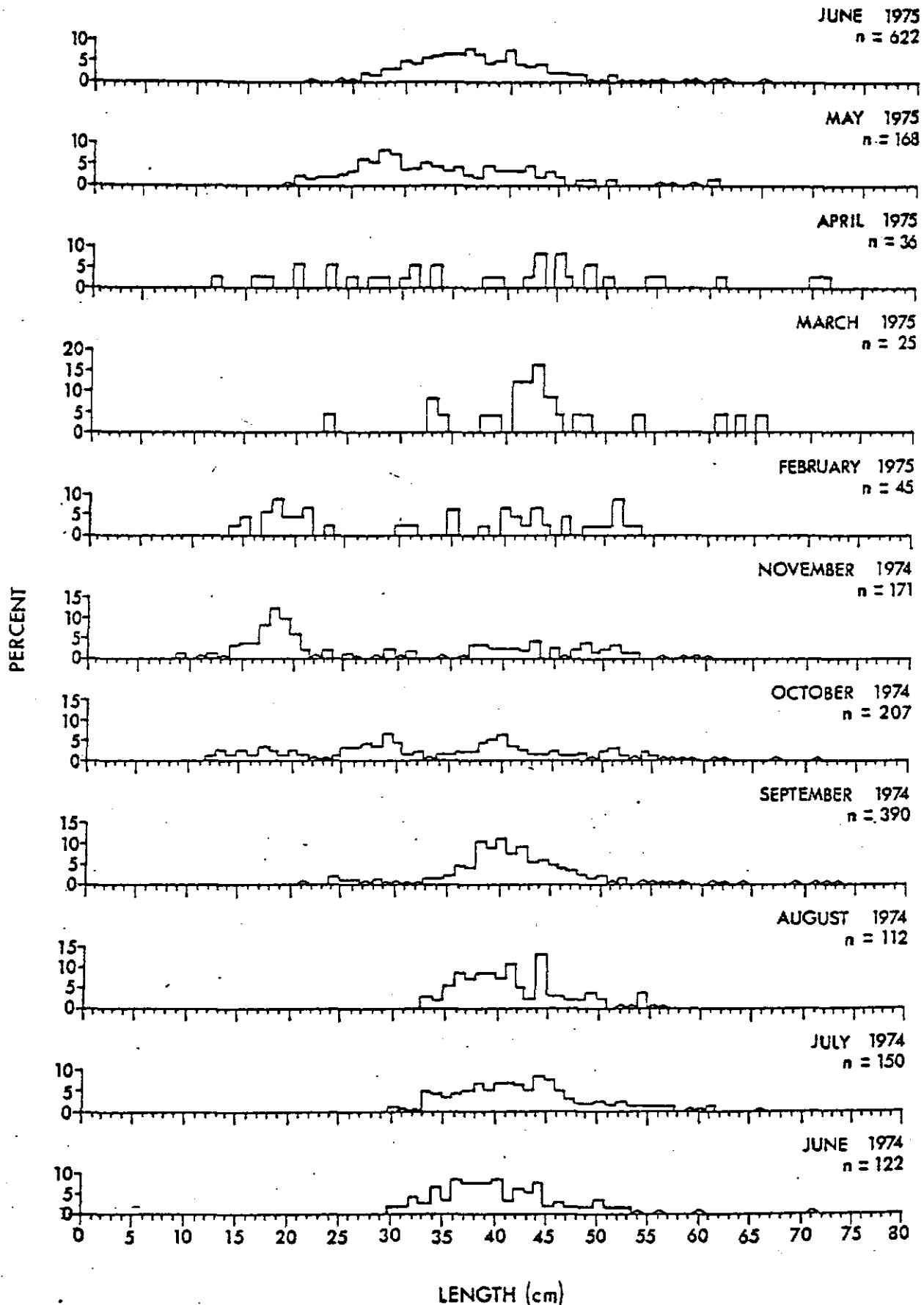


FIGURE 143.—Monthly length-frequency distributions of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates < 0.5%).

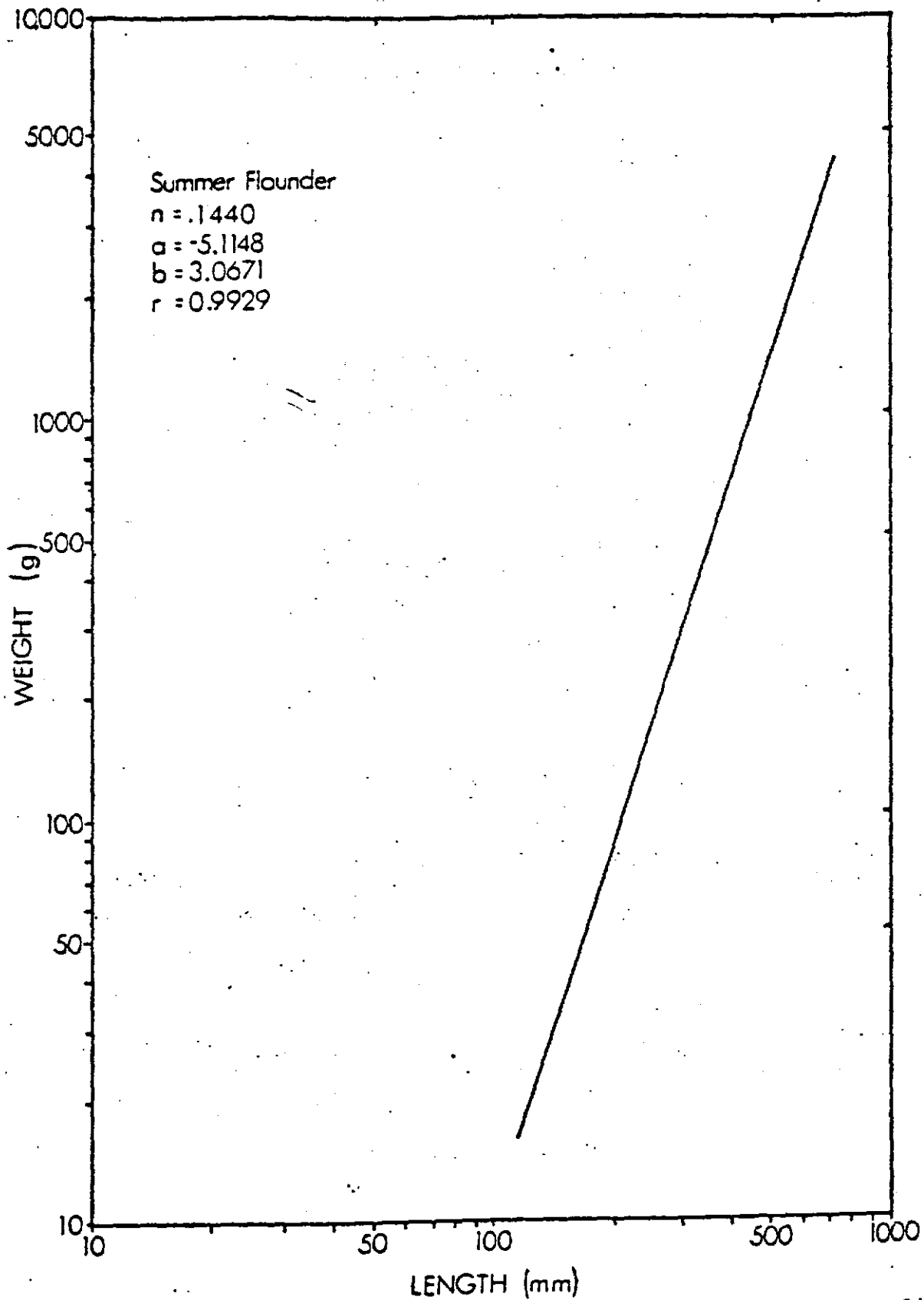


FIGURE 144.--Weight-length relationship of summer flounder (Paralichthys dentatus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 11.--Monthly sex ratios of summer flounder (Paralichthys dentatus) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 115 | 45 | 39.1 | 68 | 59.1 | 2 | 1.8 |
| July | 99 | 23 | 23.2 | 74 | 74.7 | 2 | 2.1 |
| August | 74 | 30 | 40.5 | 44 | 59.5 | - | - |
| September | 225 | 110 | 48.9 | 104 | 46.2 | 11 | 4.9 |
| October | 195 | 54 | 27.7 | 88 | 45.1 | 53 | 27.2 |
| November | 163 | 42 | 25.8 | 40 | 24.5 | 81 | 49.7 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 47 | 13 | 27.7 | 18 | 38.3 | 16 | 34.0 |
| March | 27 | 11 | 40.7 | 15 | 55.6 | 1 | 3.7 |
| April | 34 | 10 | 29.4 | 20 | 58.8 | 4 | 11.8 |
| May | 145 | 55 | 37.9 | 80 | 55.2 | 10 | 6.9 |
| June | 317 | 154 | 48.6 | 151 | 47.6 | 12 | 3.8 |
| TOTAL | 1441 | 547 | 38.0 | 702 | 48.7 | 192 | 13.3 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

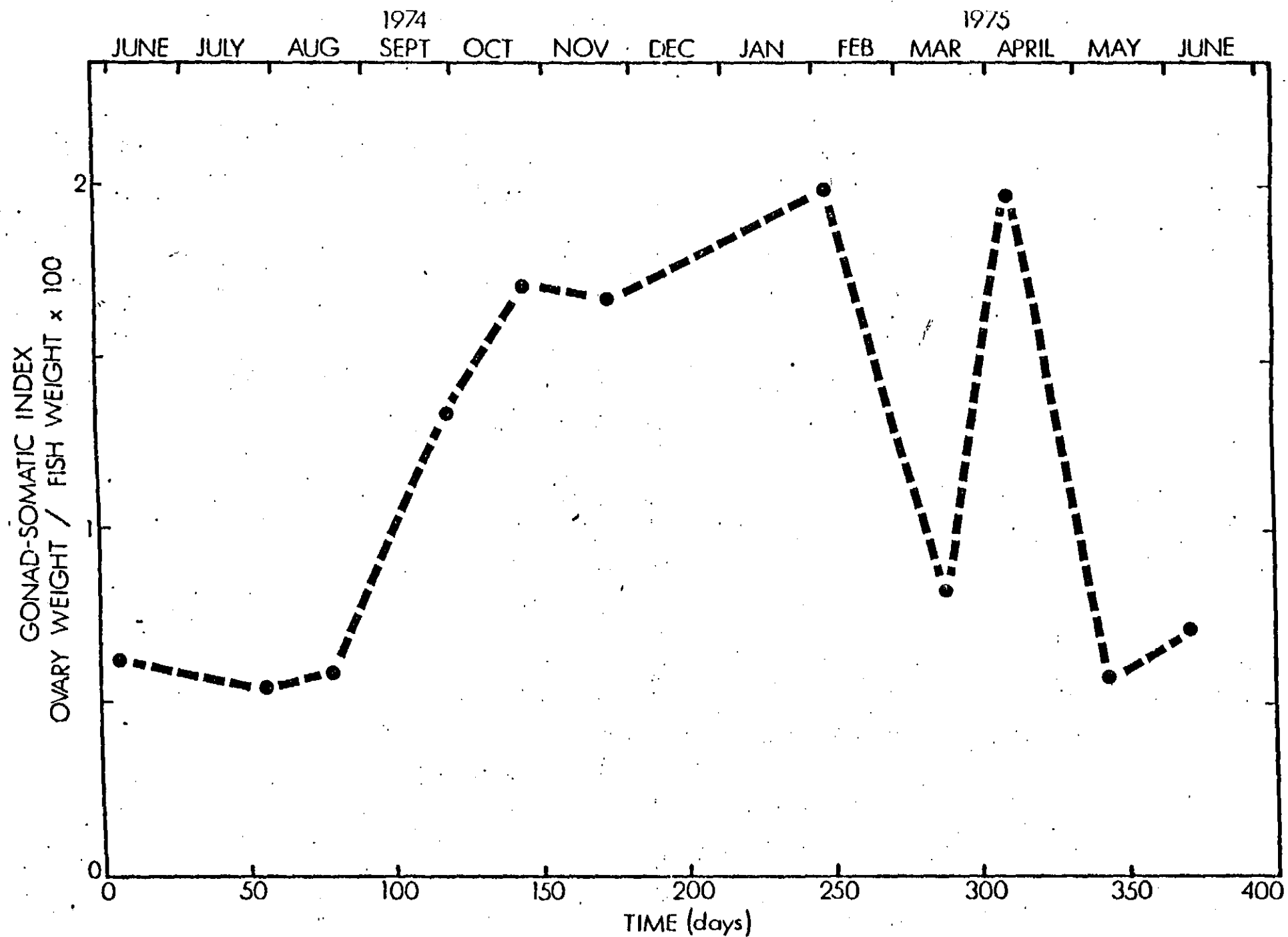


FIGURE 145.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of summer flounder (Paralichthys dentatus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

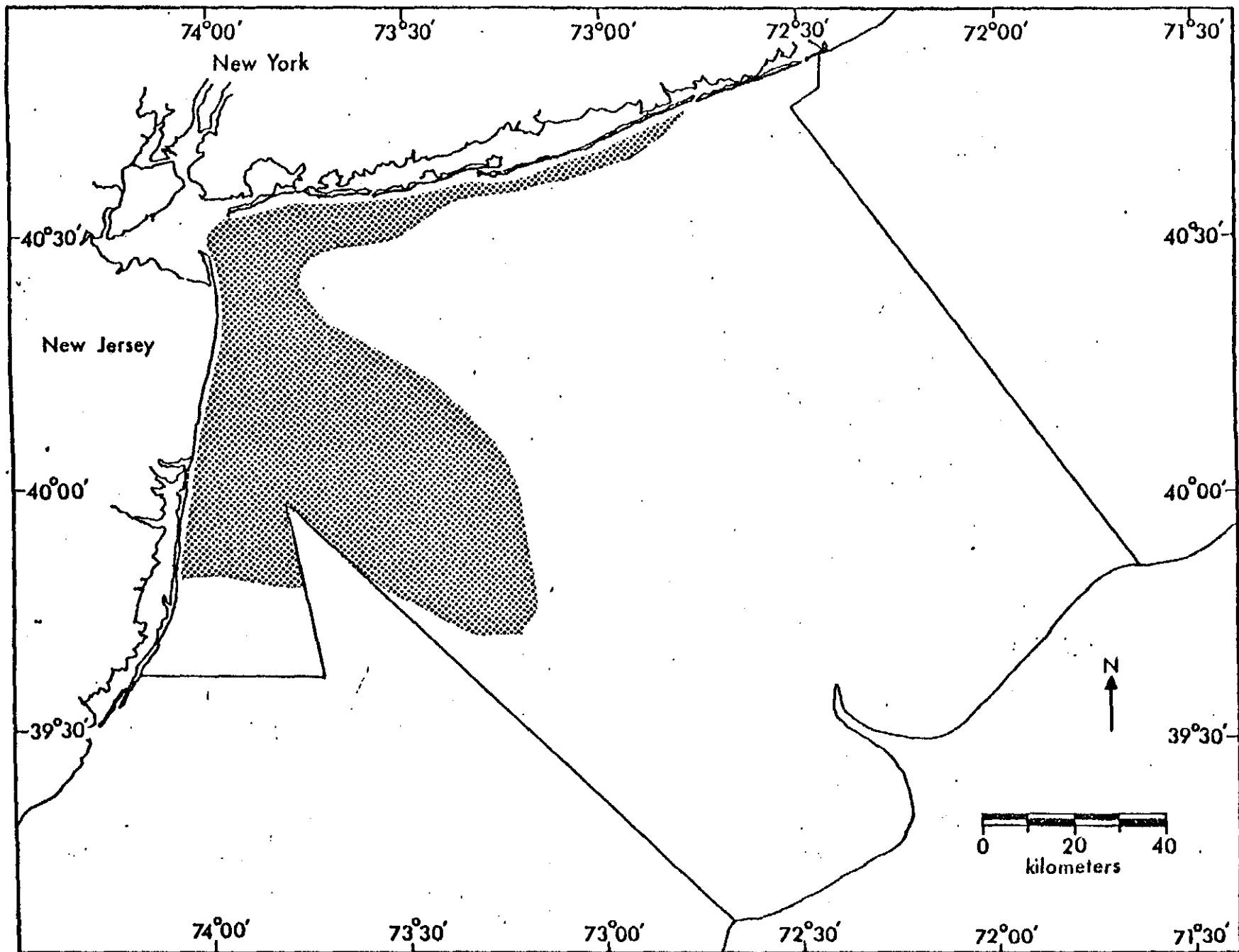


FIGURE 146.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

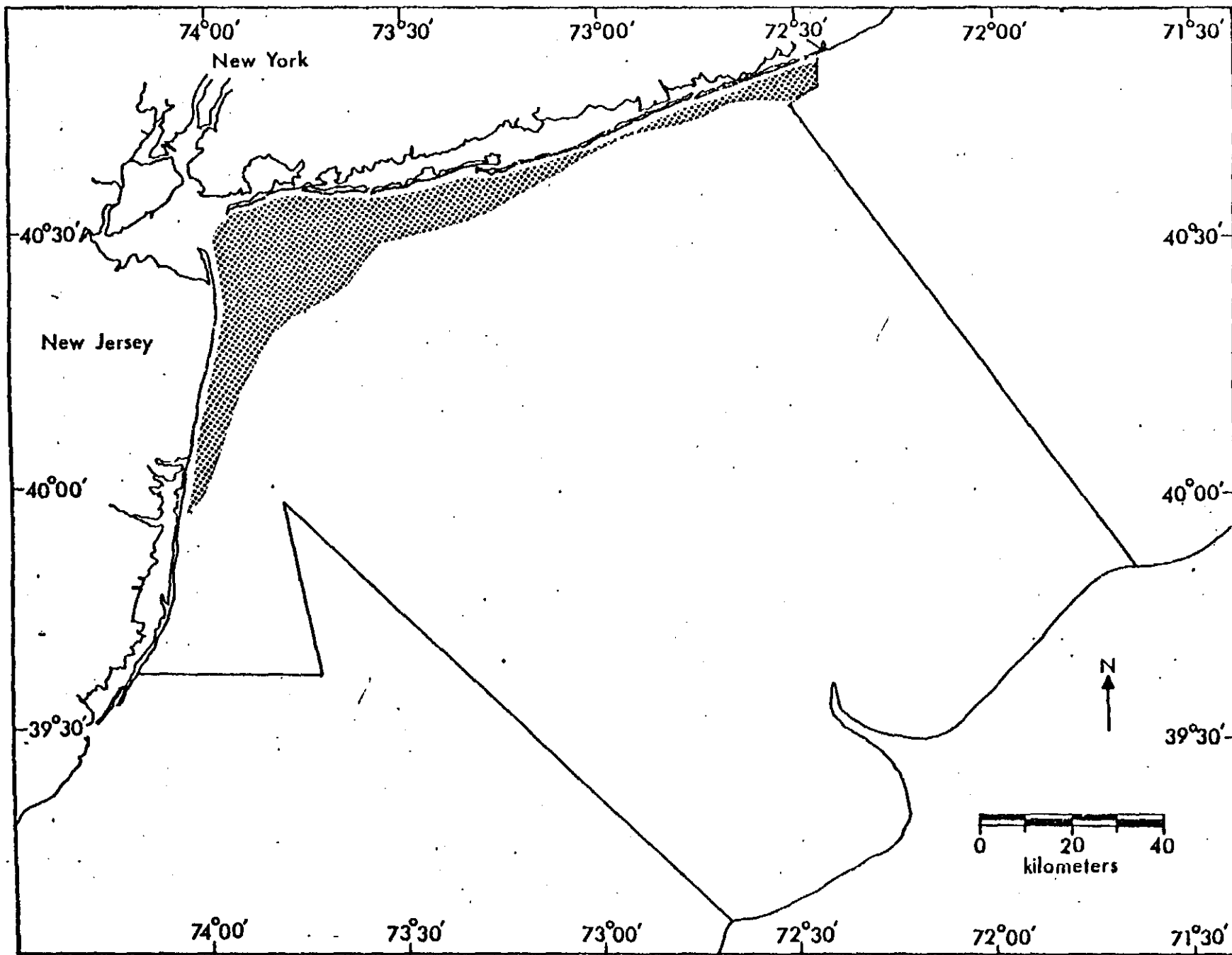


FIGURE 147.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

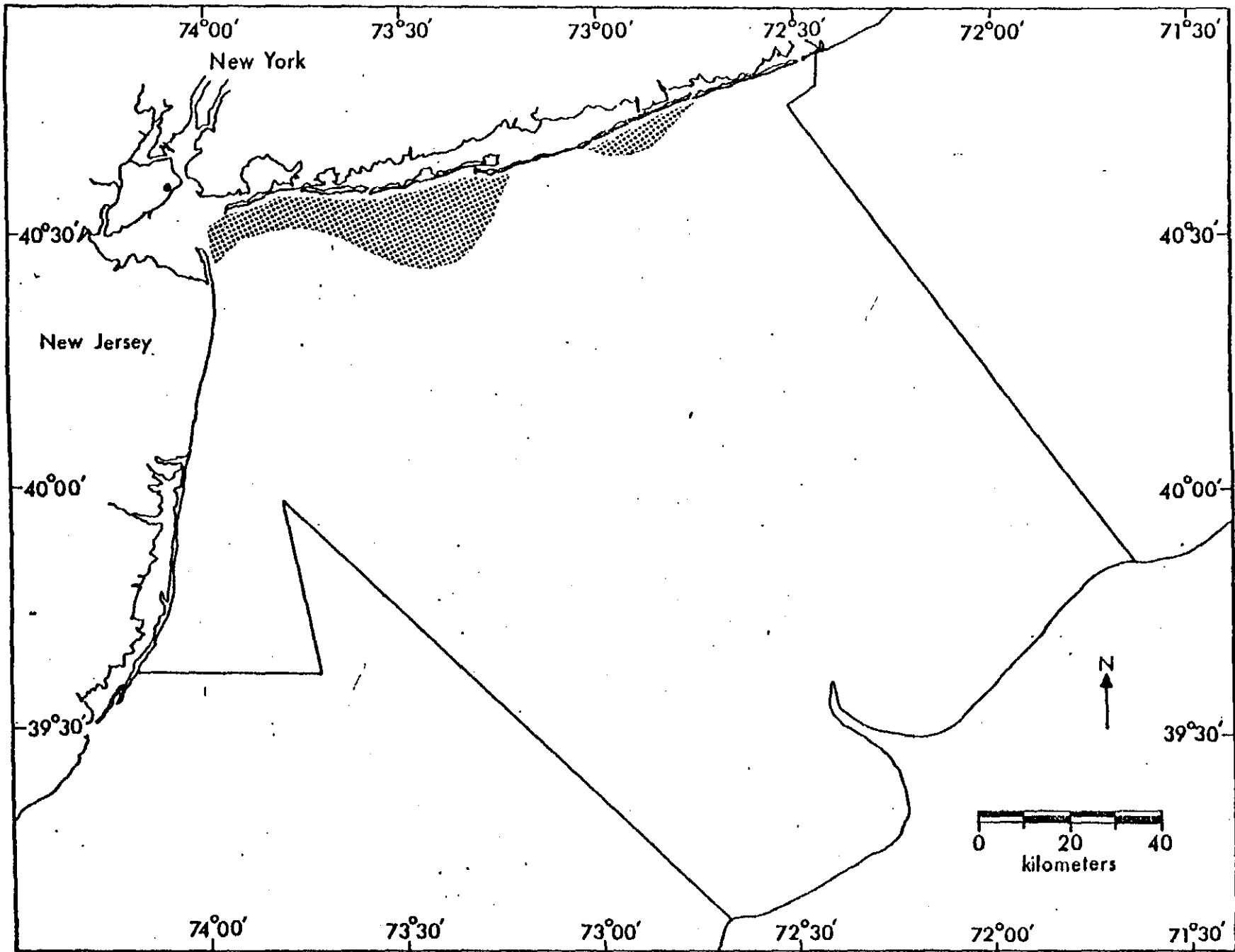


FIGURE 148.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

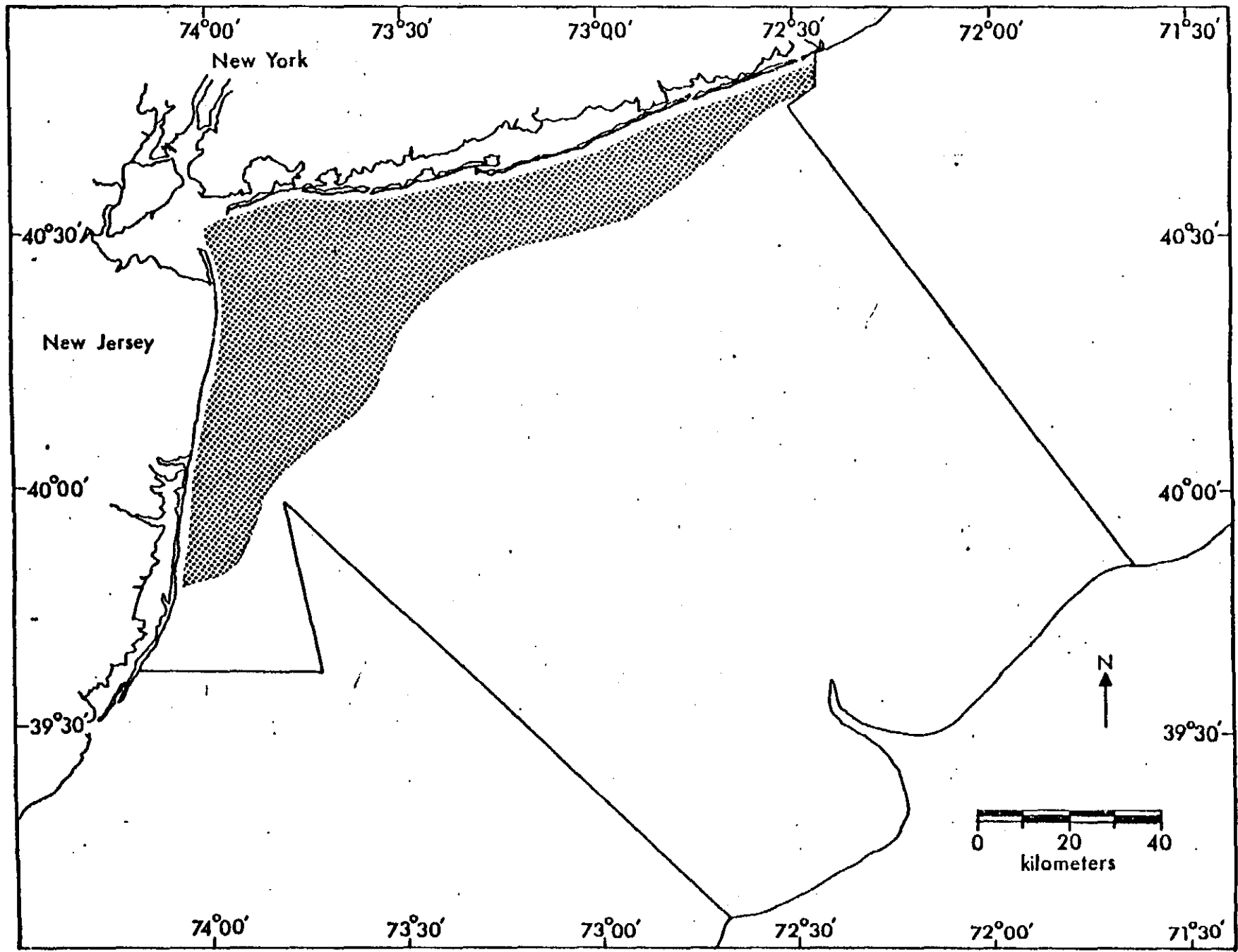


FIGURE 149.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

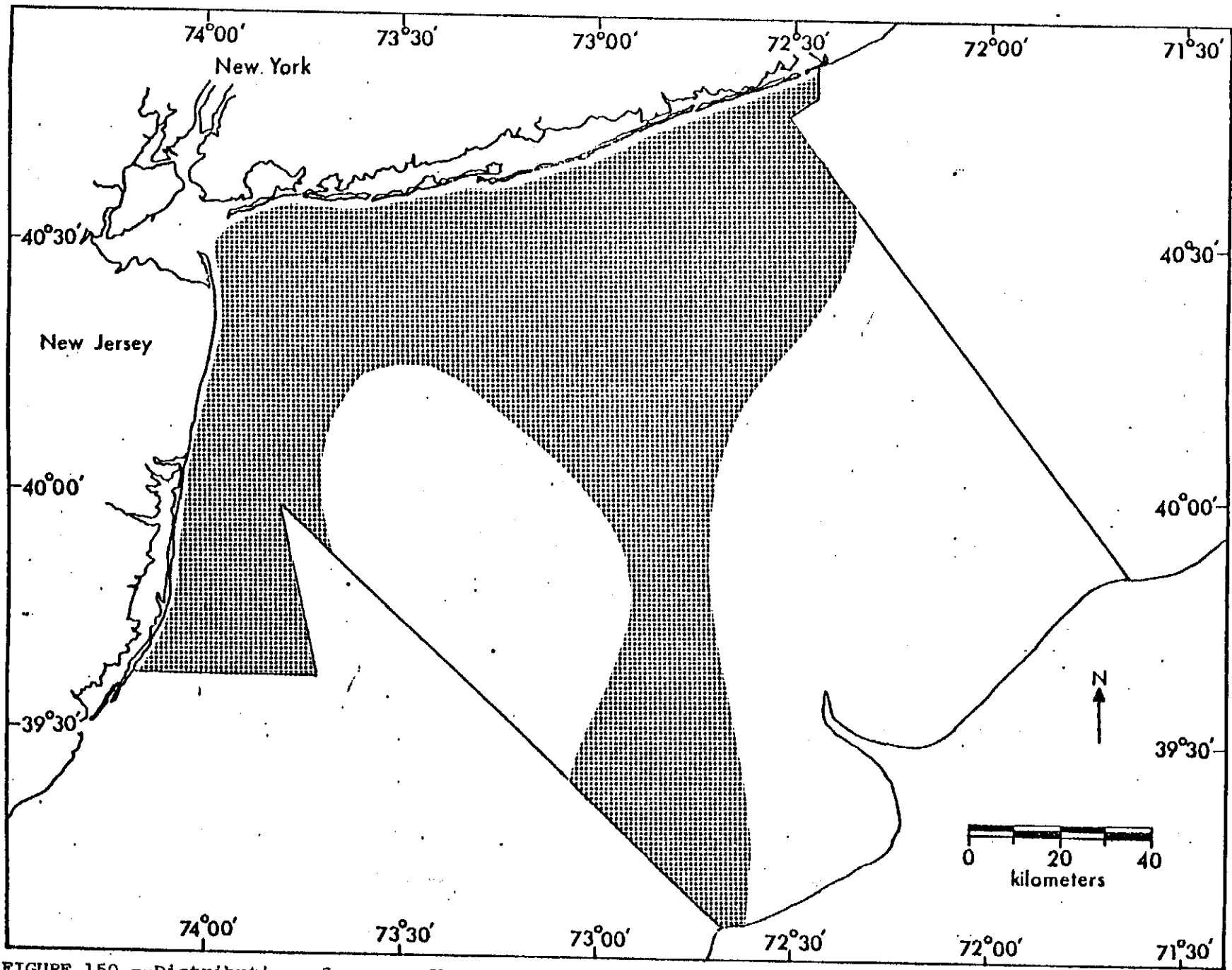


FIGURE 150.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

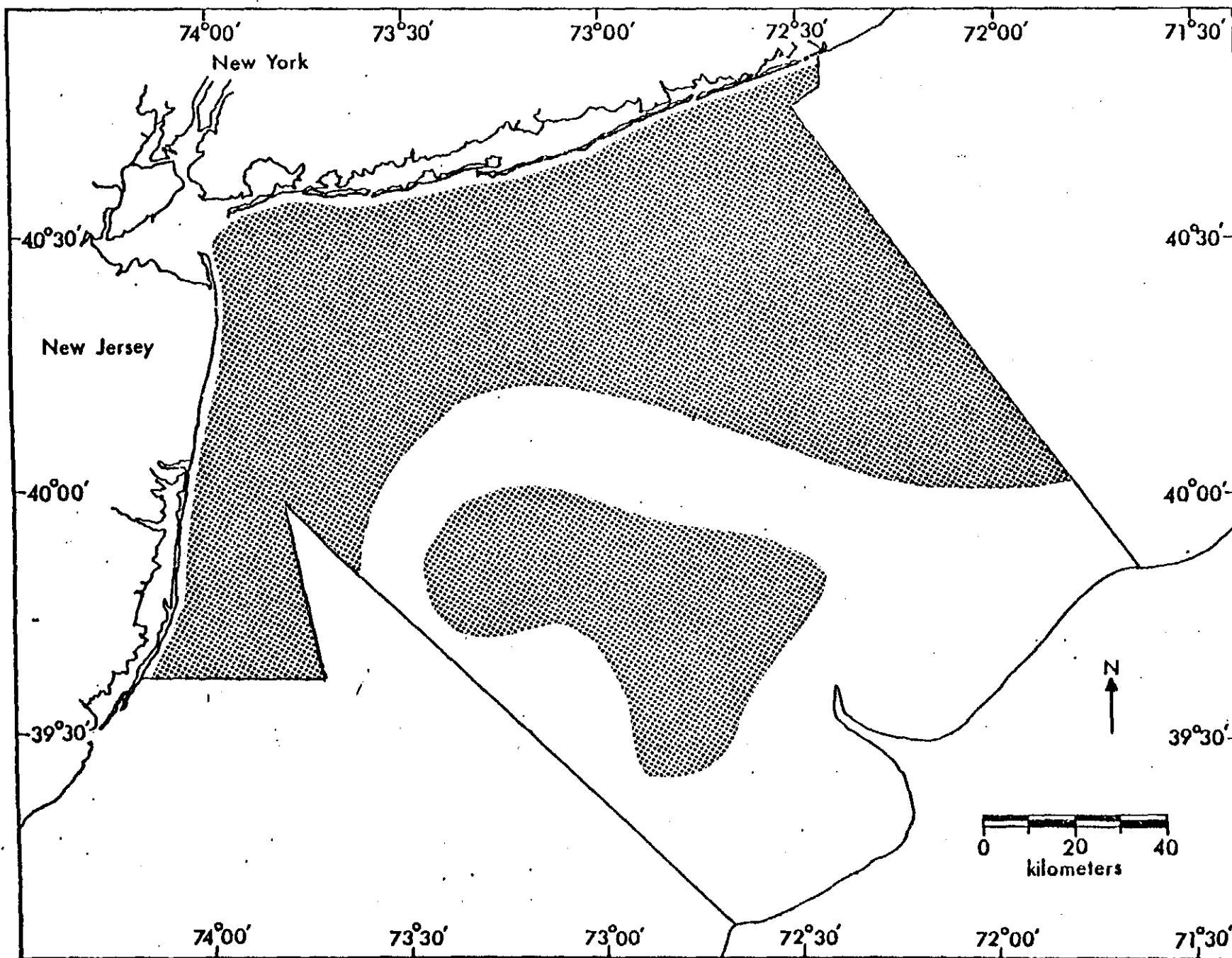


FIGURE 151.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

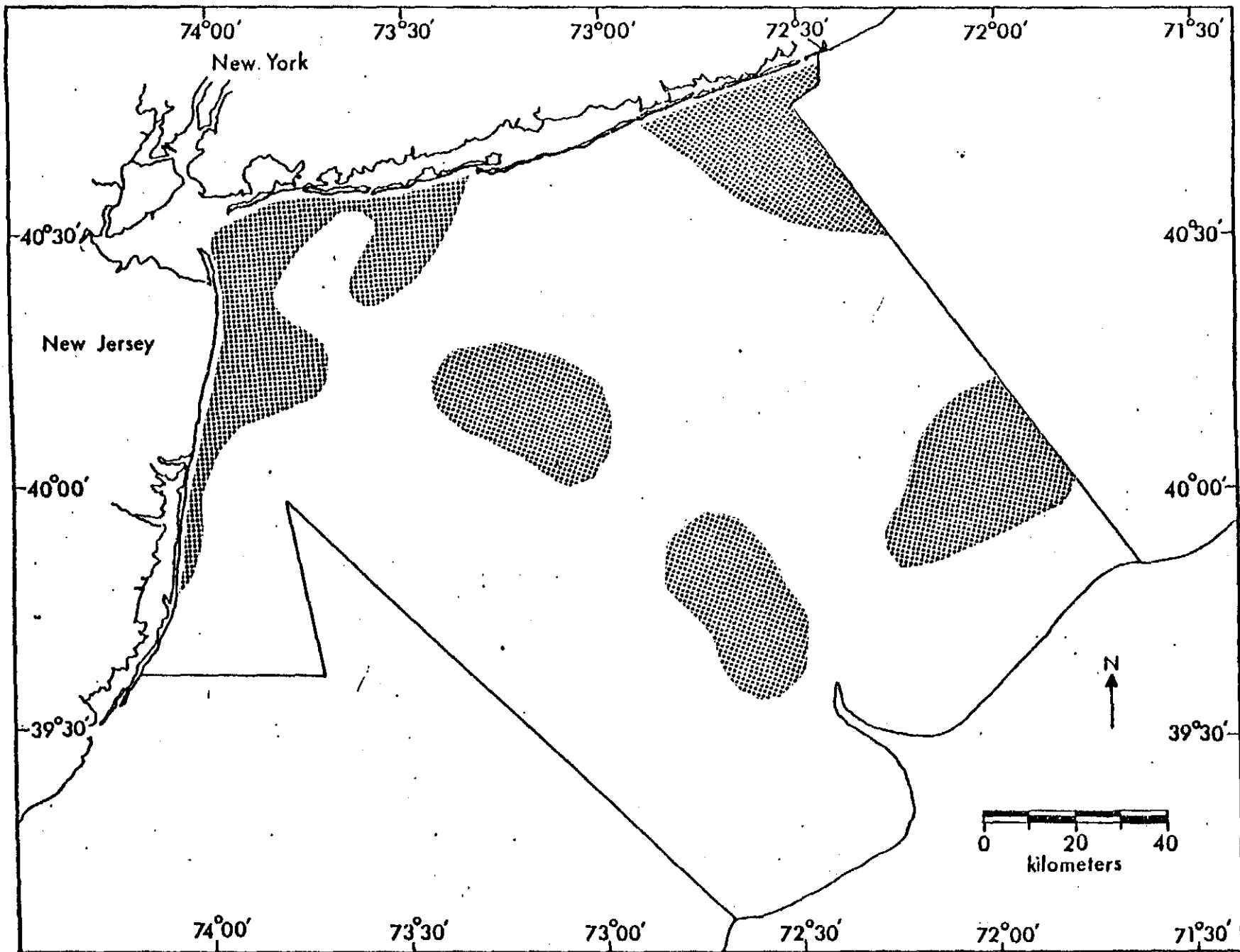


FIGURE 152.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

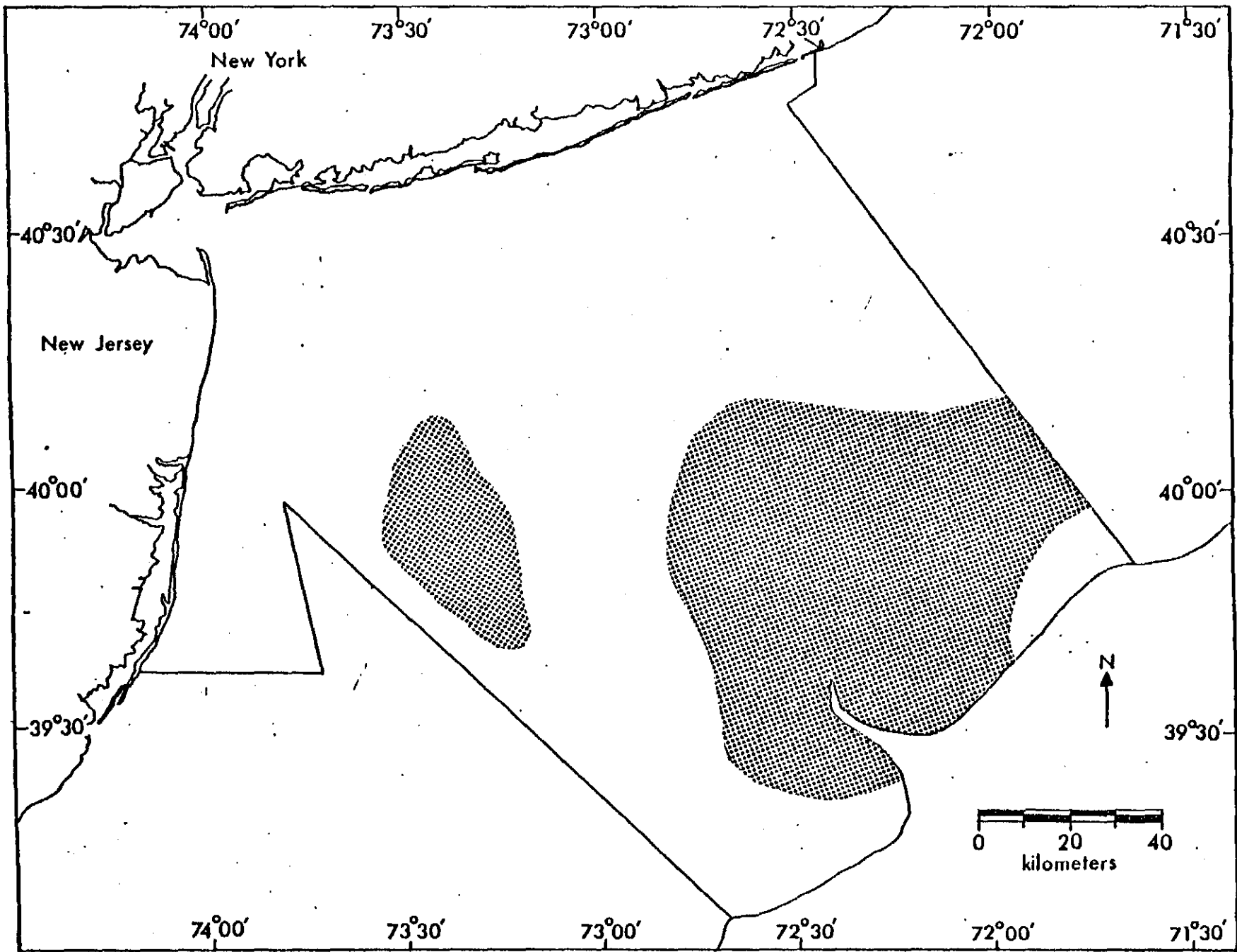


FIGURE 153.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

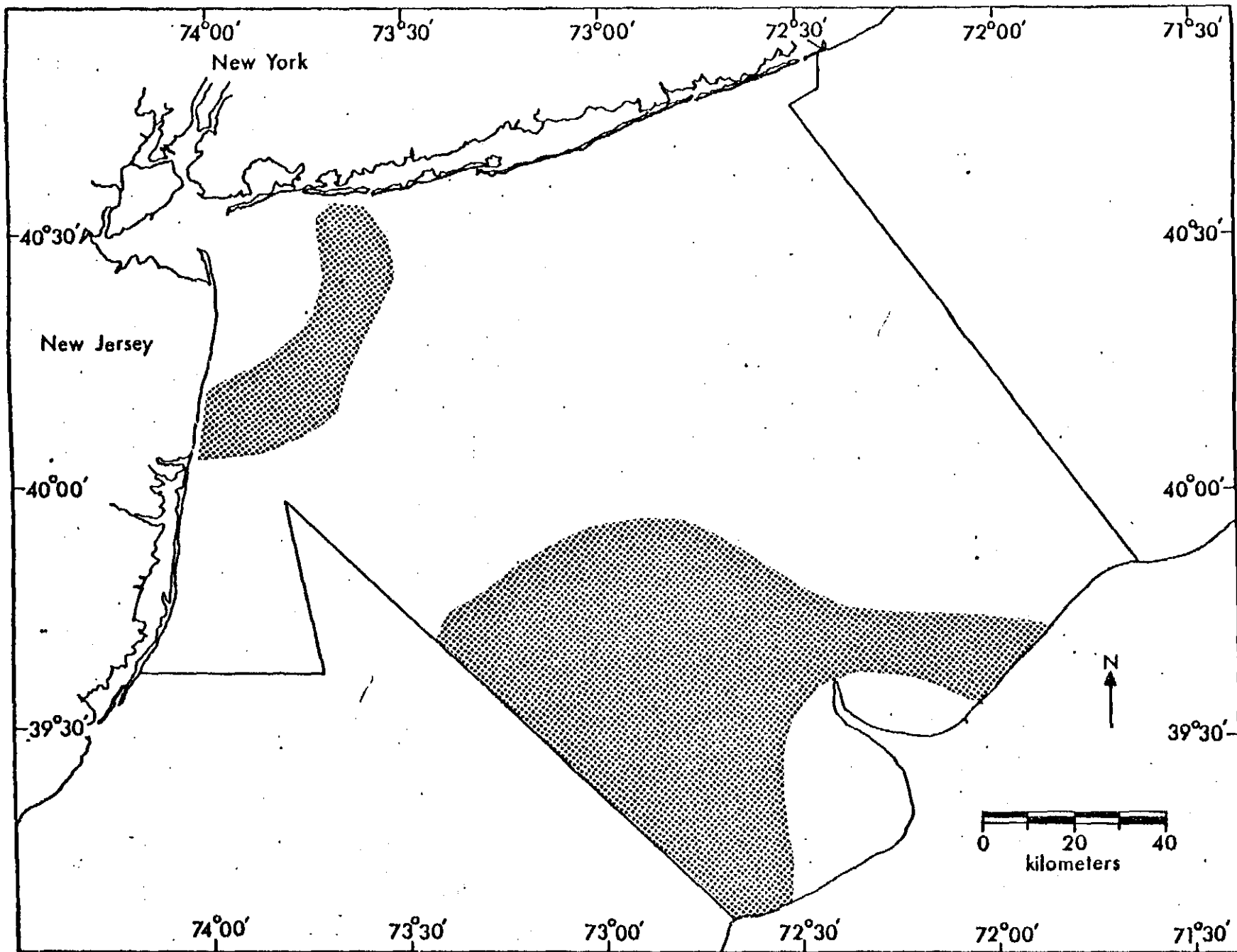


FIGURE 154.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

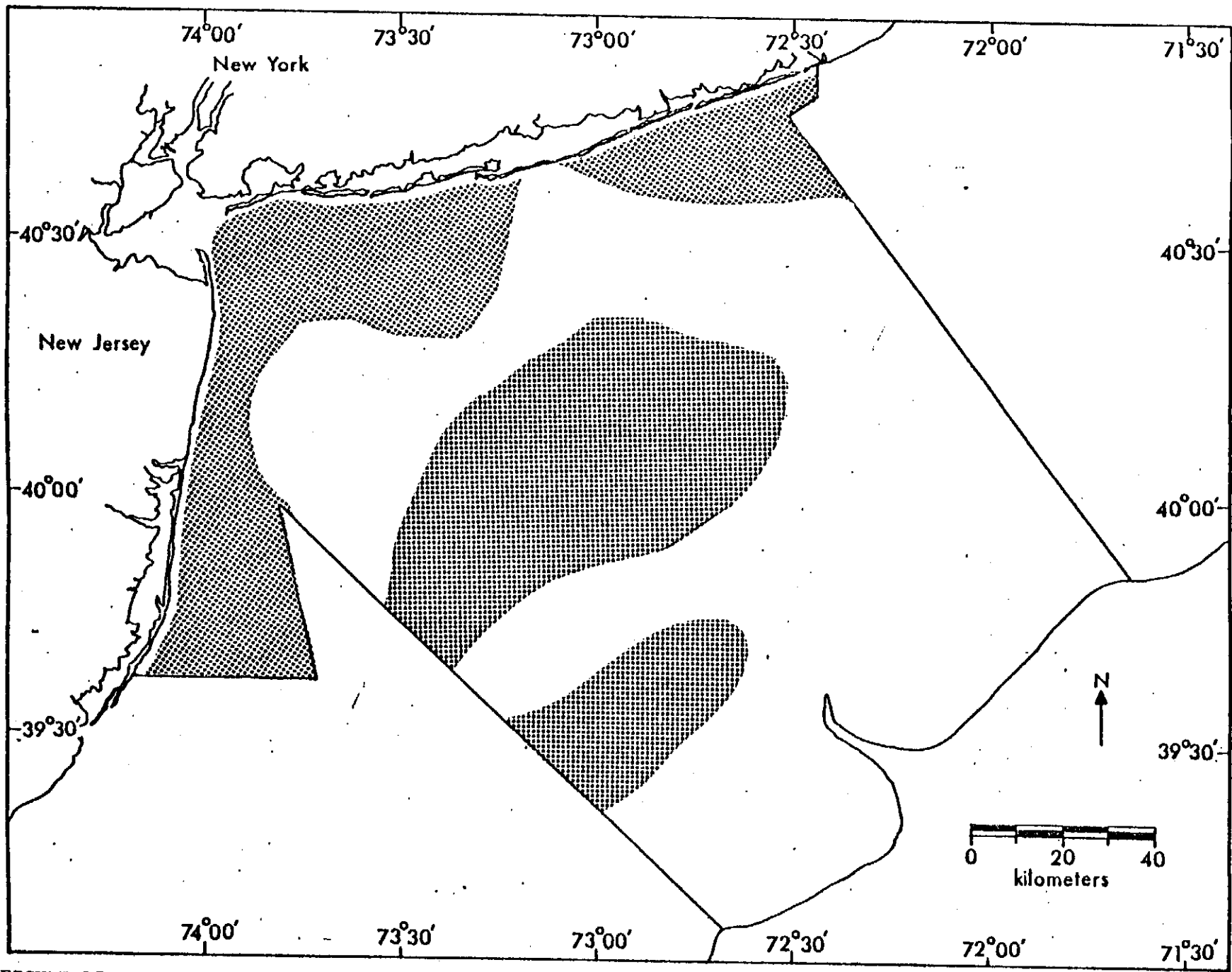


FIGURE 155.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

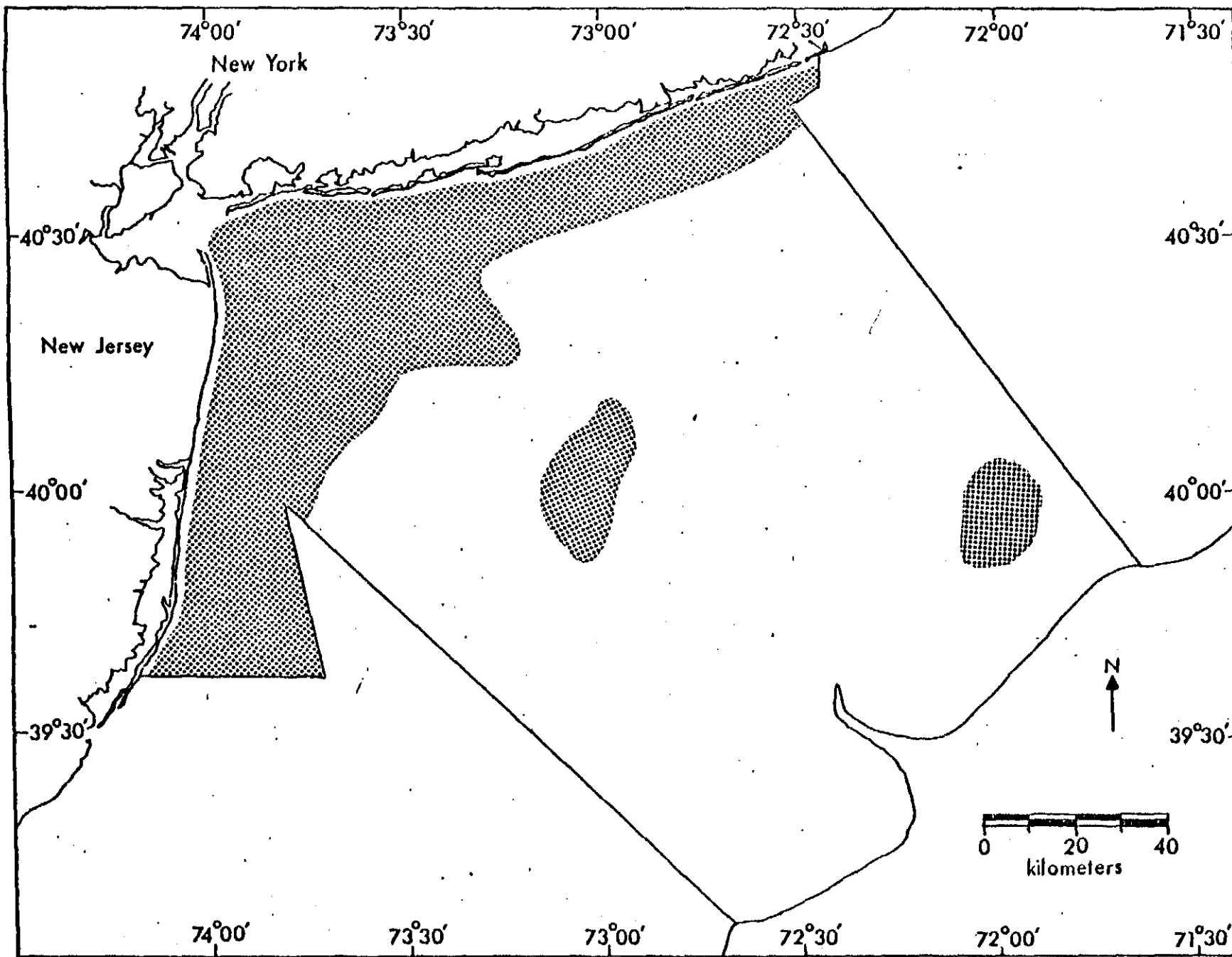


FIGURE 156.--Distribution of summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

FOURSPOT FLOUNDER

(Paralichthys oblongus)

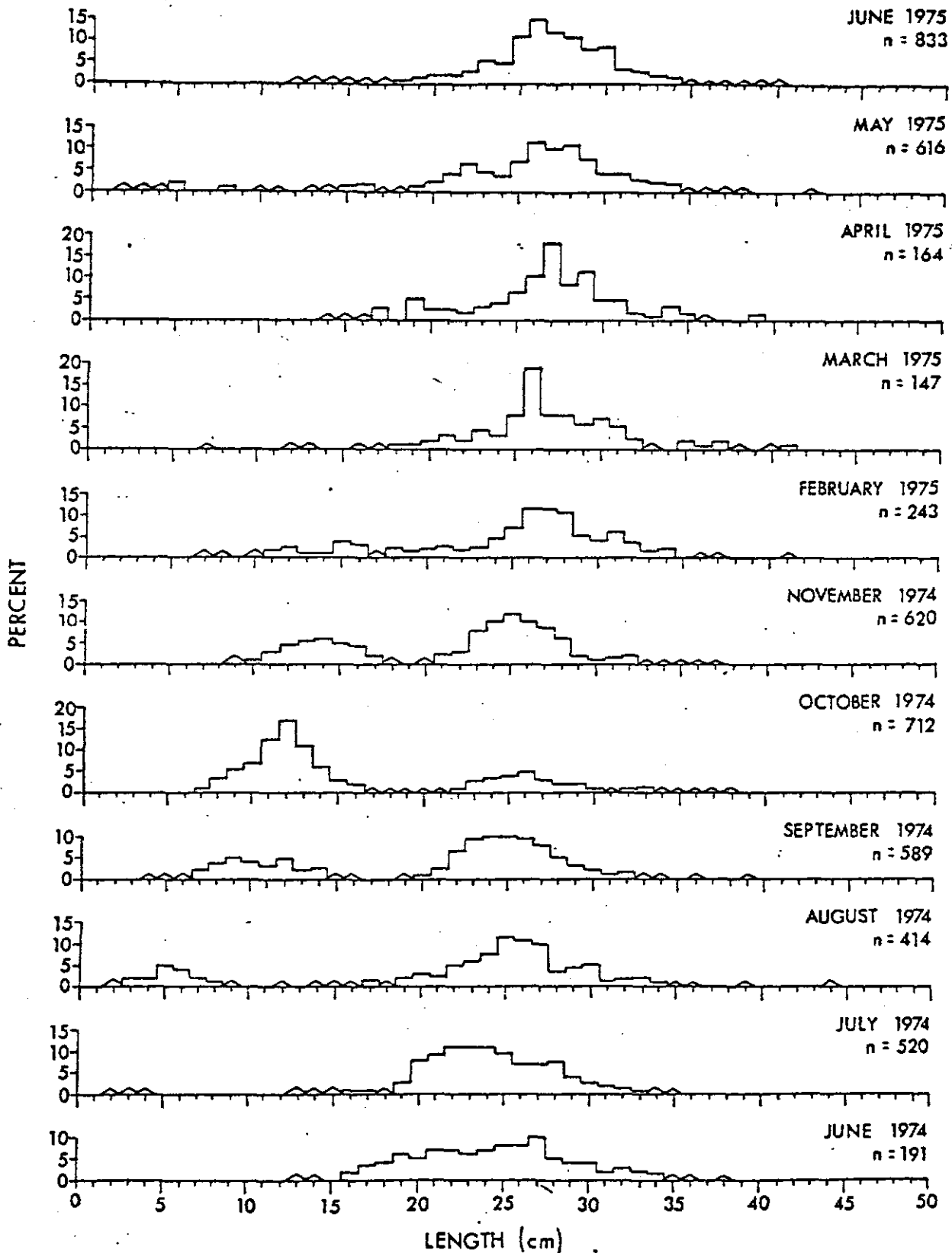


FIGURE 157.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $< 0.5\%$).

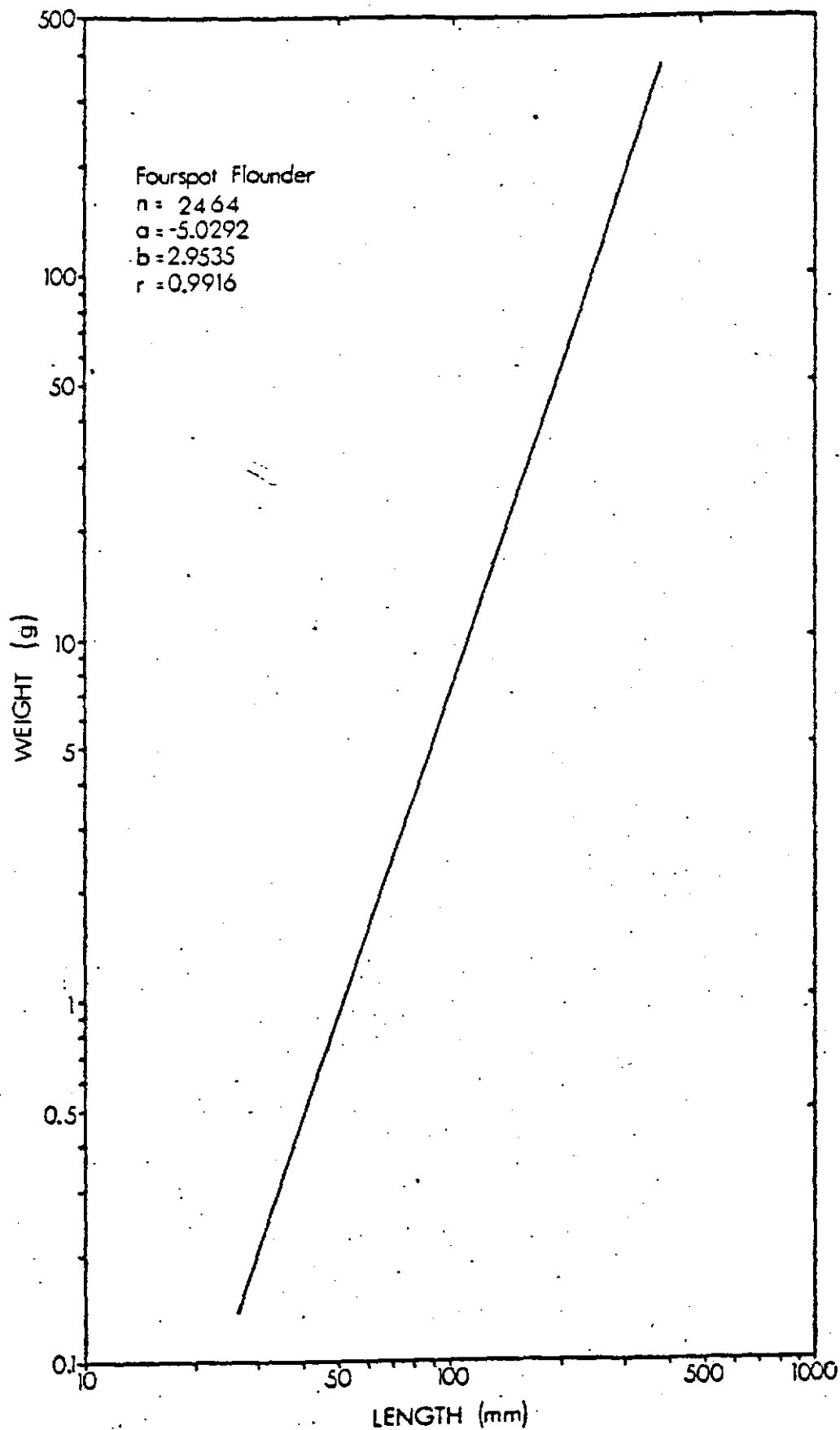


FIGURE 158.—Weight-length relationship of fourspot flounder (Paralichthys oblongus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 12.--Monthly sex ratios of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 82 | 8 | 9.8 | 17 | 20.7 | 57 | 69.5 |
| July | 228 | 84 | 36.8 | 77 | 33.8 | 67 | 29.4 |
| August | 236 | 103 | 43.6 | 87 | 36.9 | 46 | 19.5 |
| September | 285 | 77 | 27.0 | 54 | 19.0 | 154 | 54.0 |
| October | 307 | 35 | 11.4 | 39 | 12.7 | 233 | 75.9 |
| November | 330 | 84 | 25.5 | 105 | 31.8 | 141 | 42.7 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 177 | 43 | 24.3 | 75 | 42.4 | 59 | 33.3 |
| March | 127 | 34 | 26.8 | 58 | 45.7 | 35 | 27.6 |
| April | 122 | 39 | 32.0 | 58 | 48.0 | 25 | 21.0 |
| May | 337 | 103 | 30.5 | 152 | 43.8 | 82 | 25.7 |
| June | 358 | 109 | 30.4 | 120 | 33.5 | 129 | 36.0 |
| TOTAL | 2589 | 719 | 27.8 | 842 | 32.5 | 1028 | 39.7 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

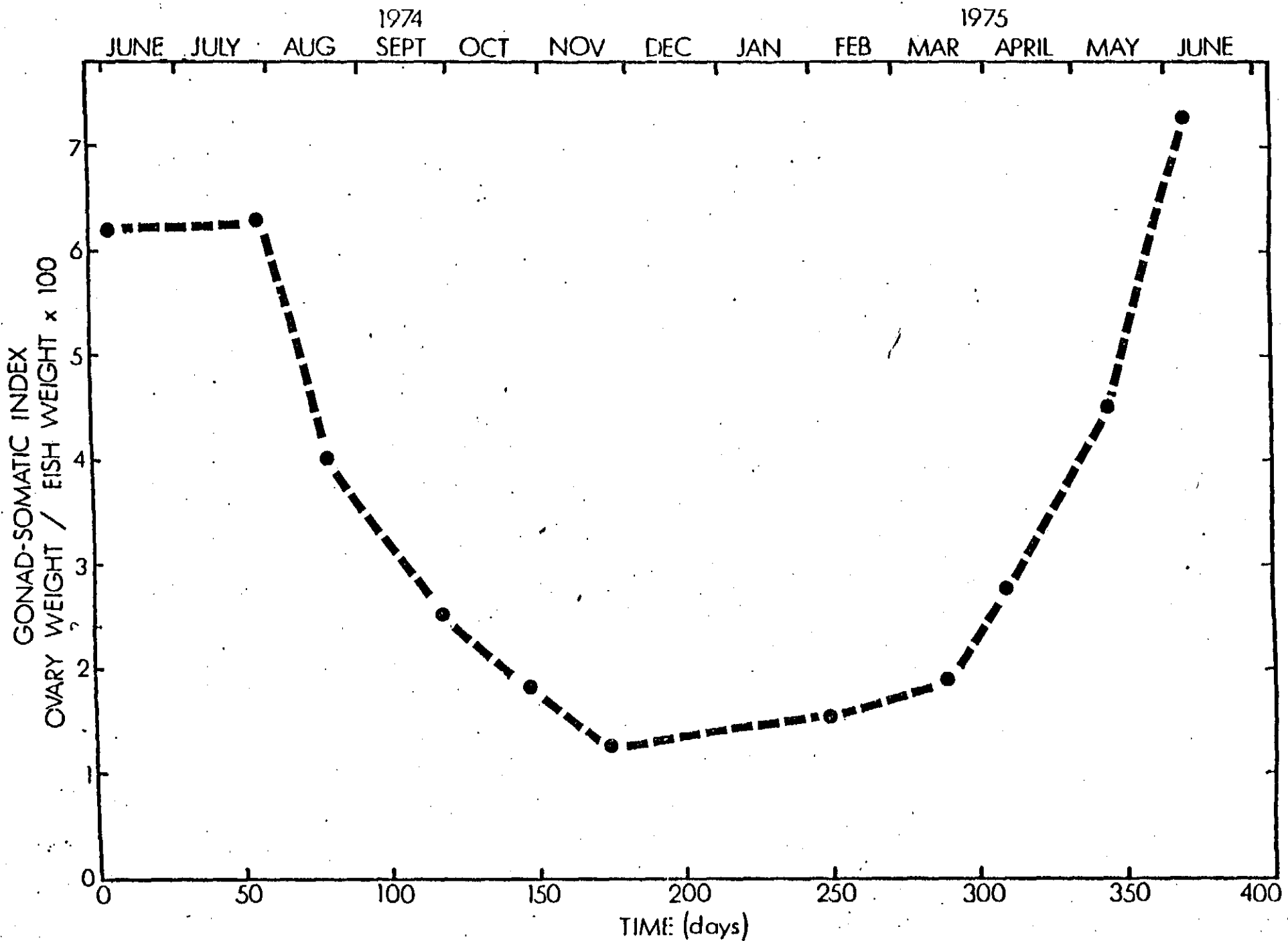


FIGURE 159.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of fourspot flounder (Paralichthys oblongus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

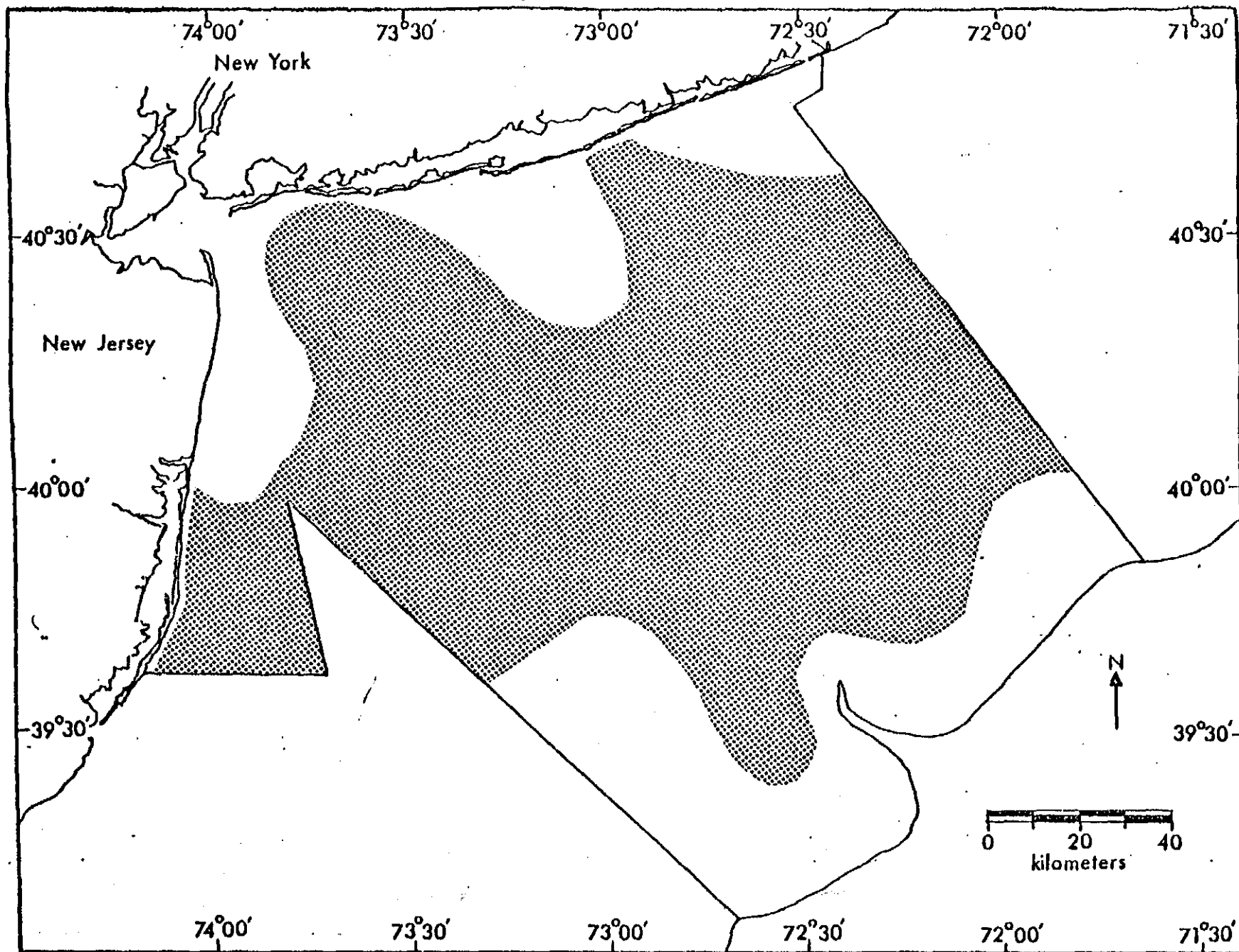


FIGURE 160.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

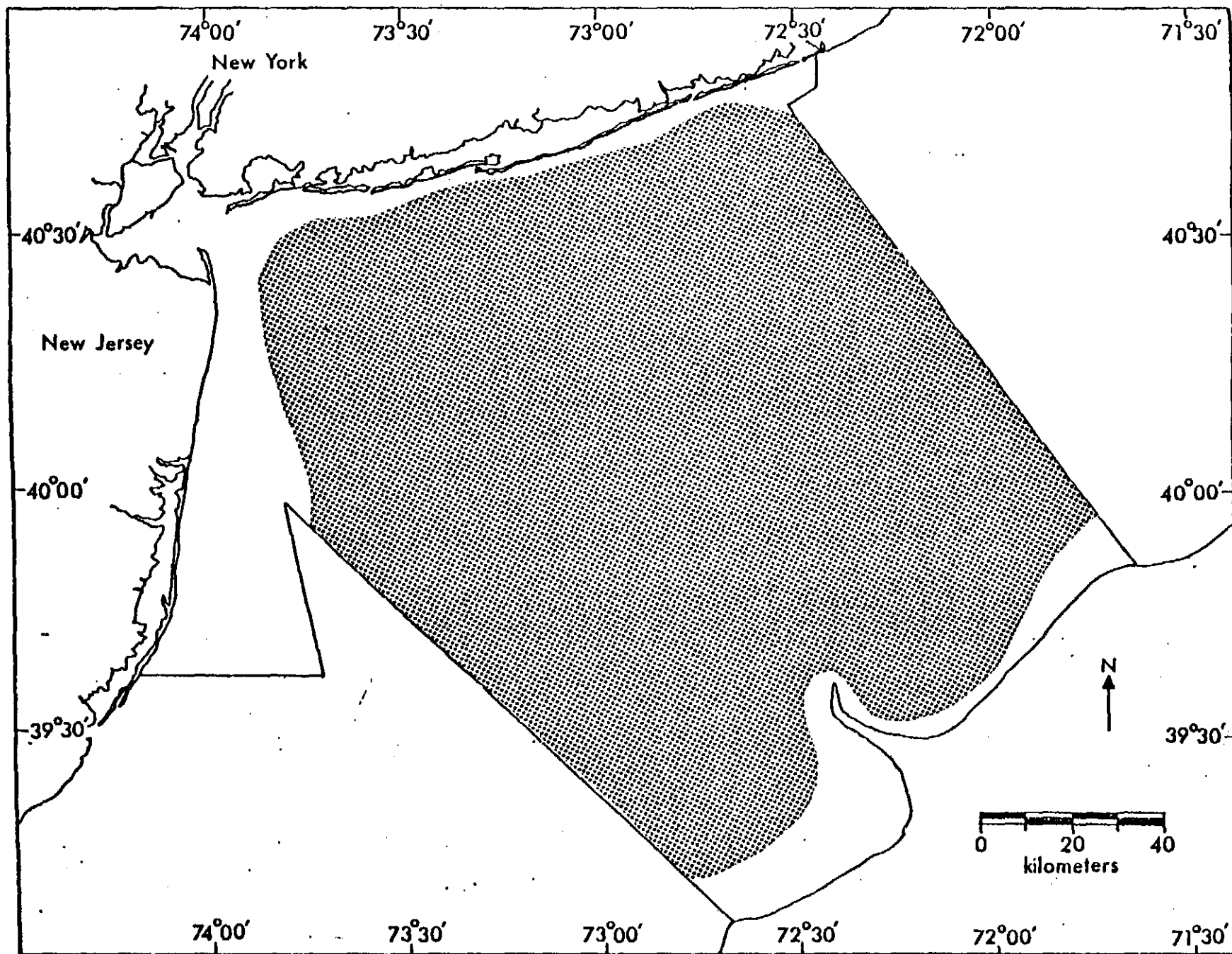


FIGURE 161.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

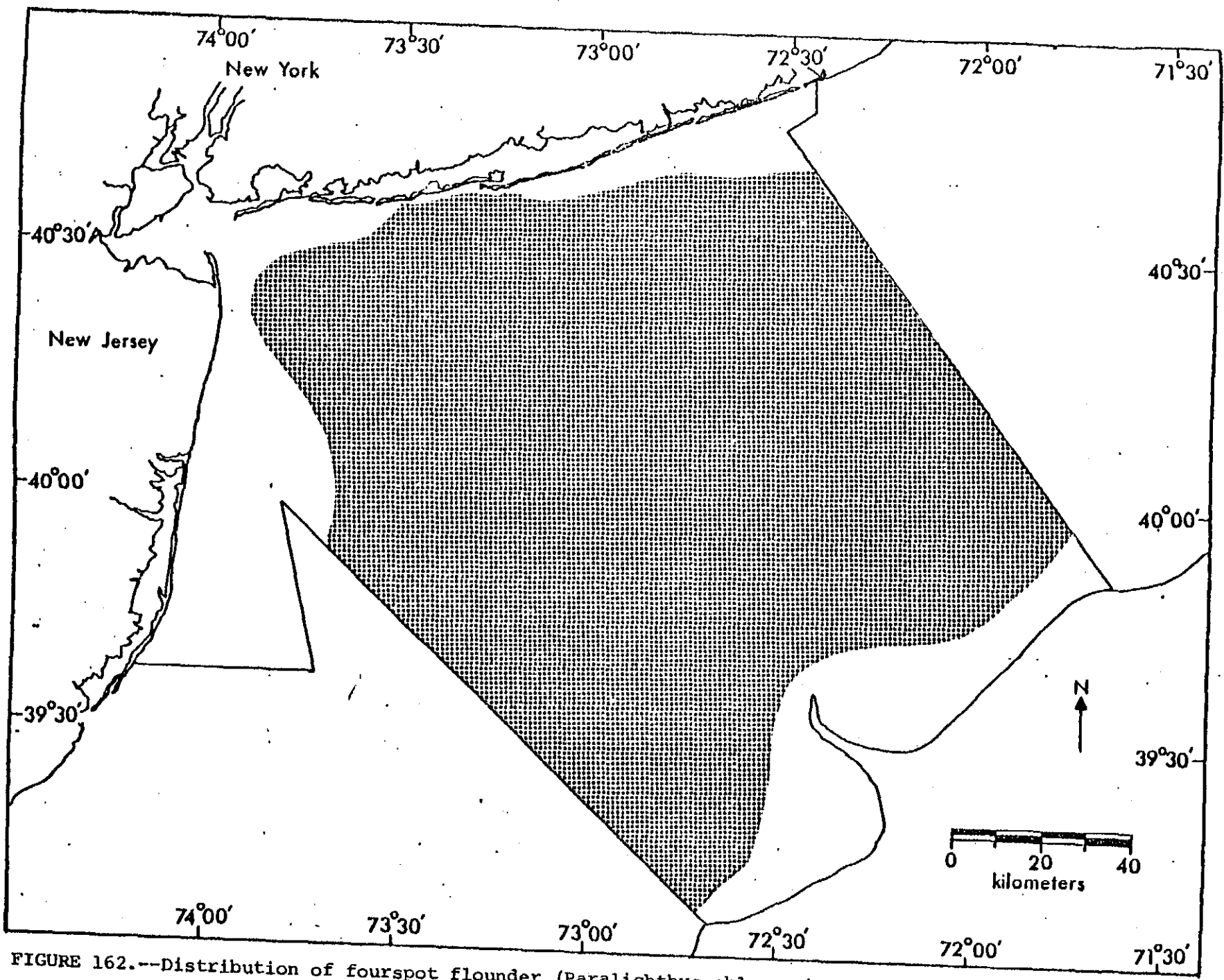


FIGURE 162.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

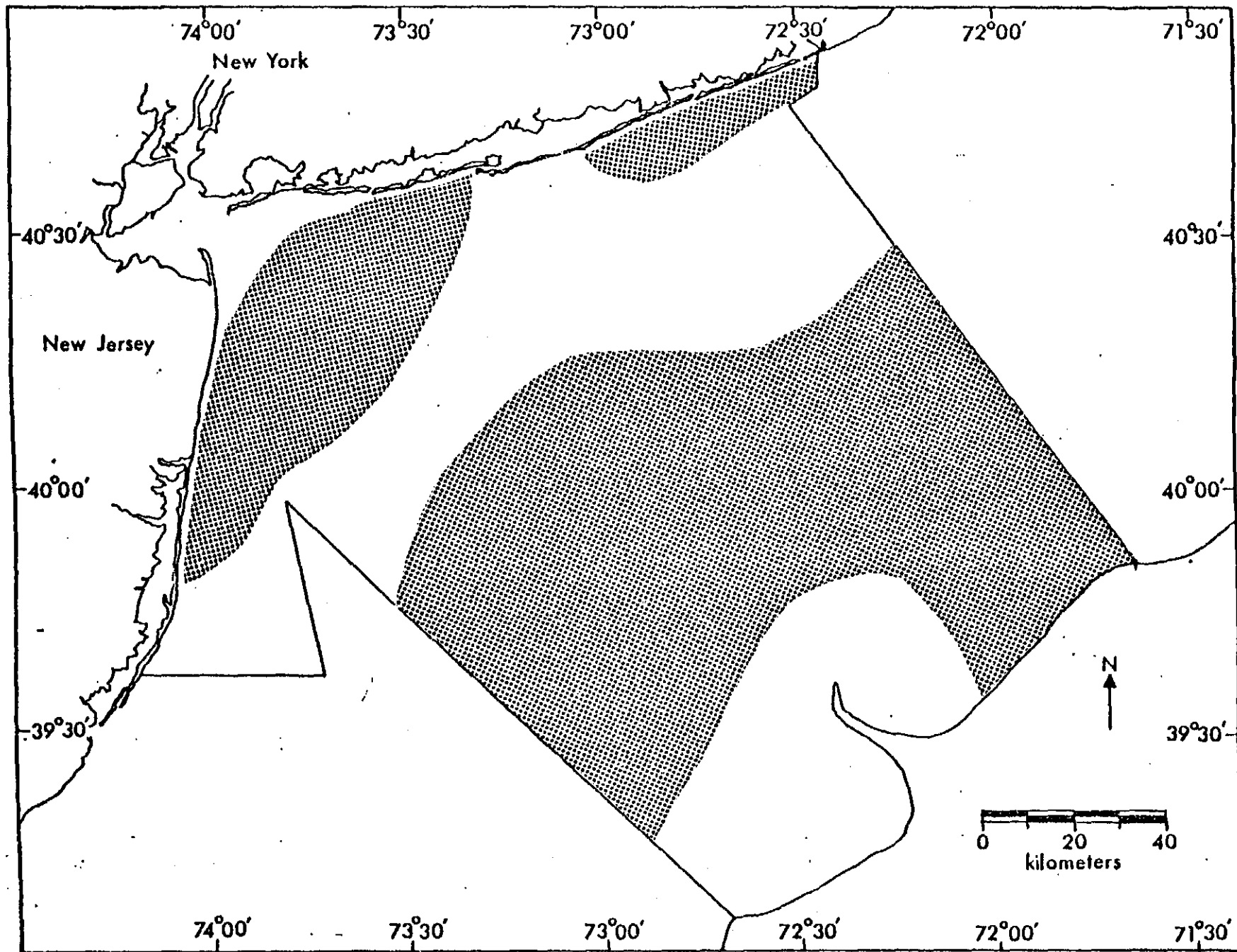


FIGURE 163.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

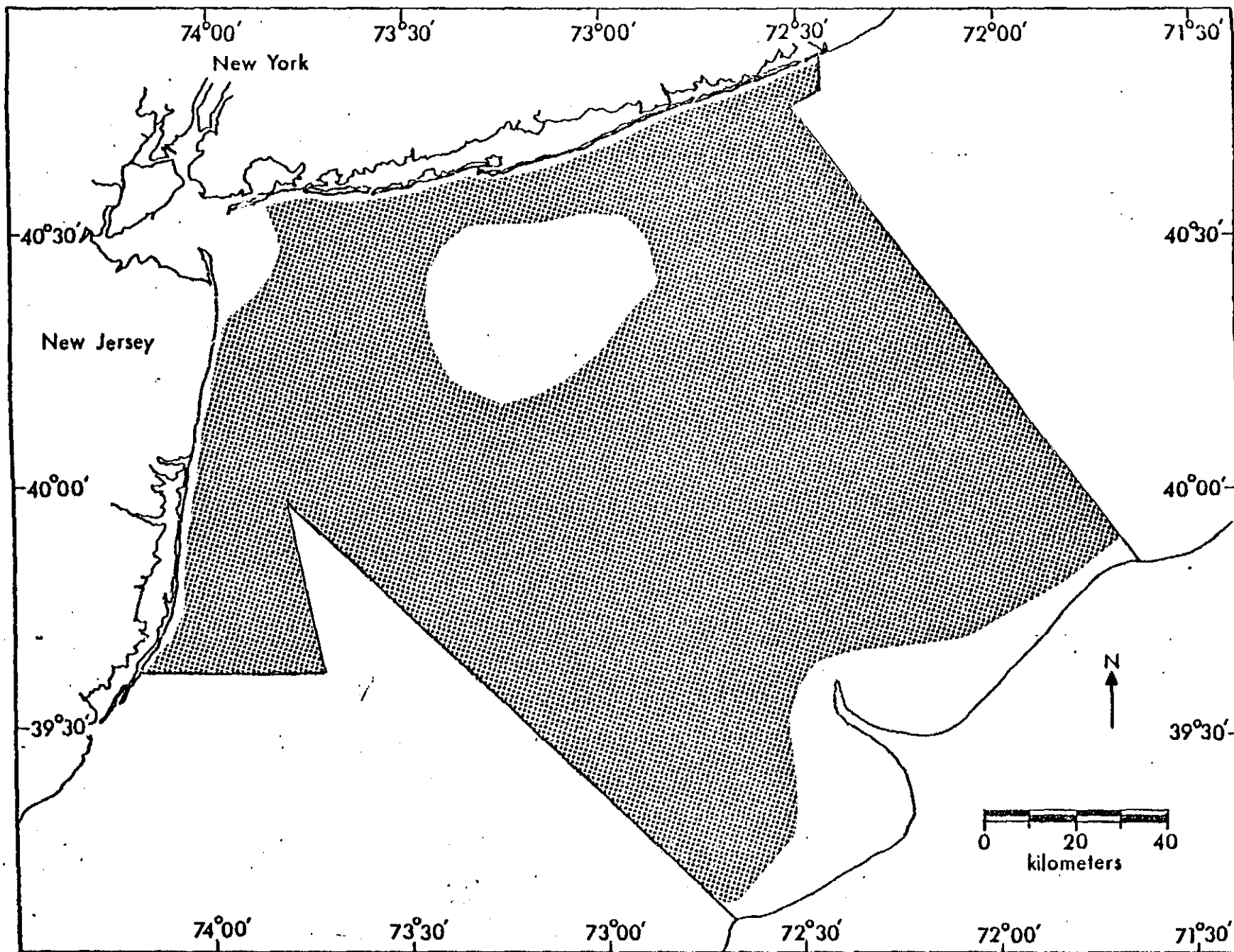


FIGURE 164.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

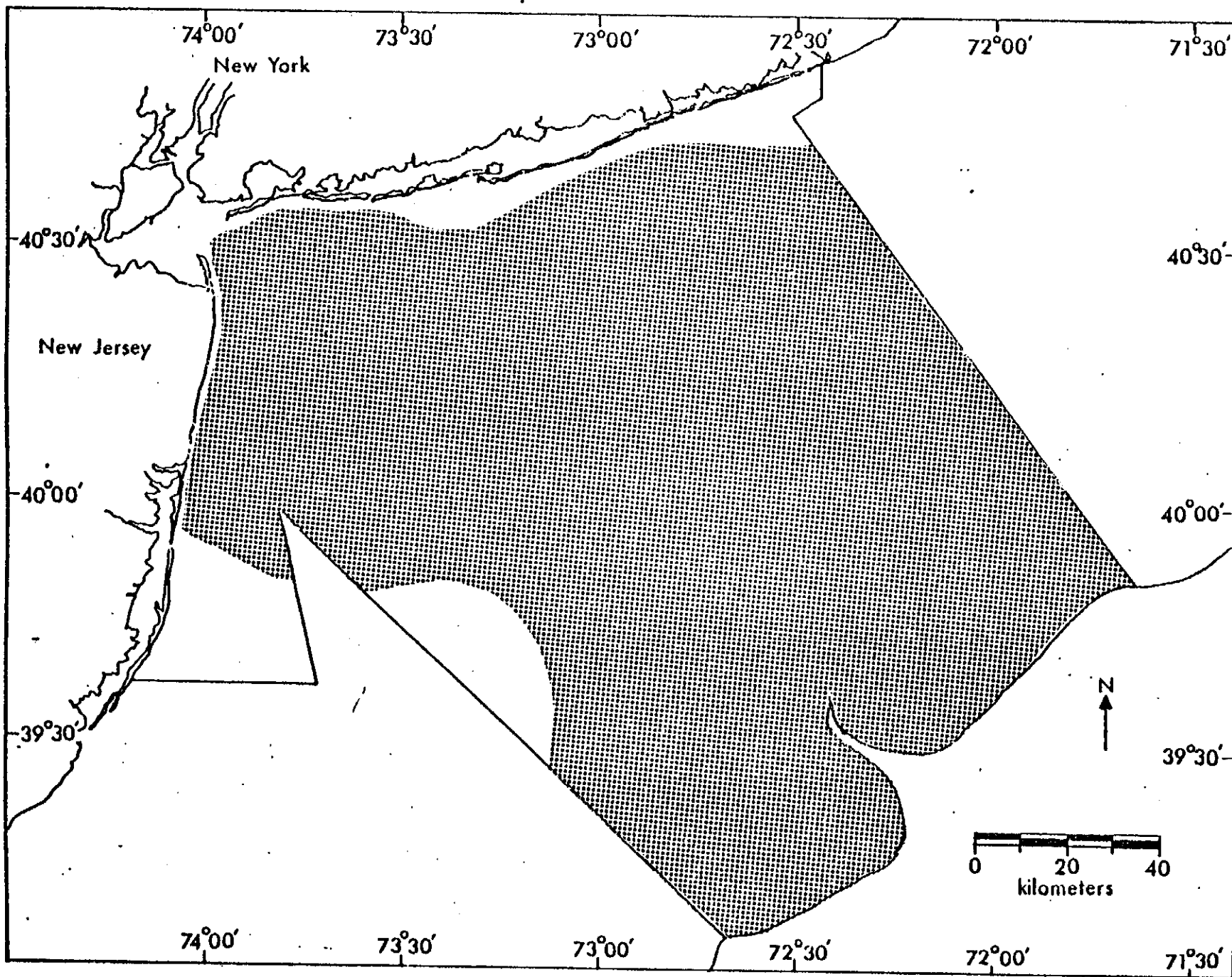


FIGURE 165.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

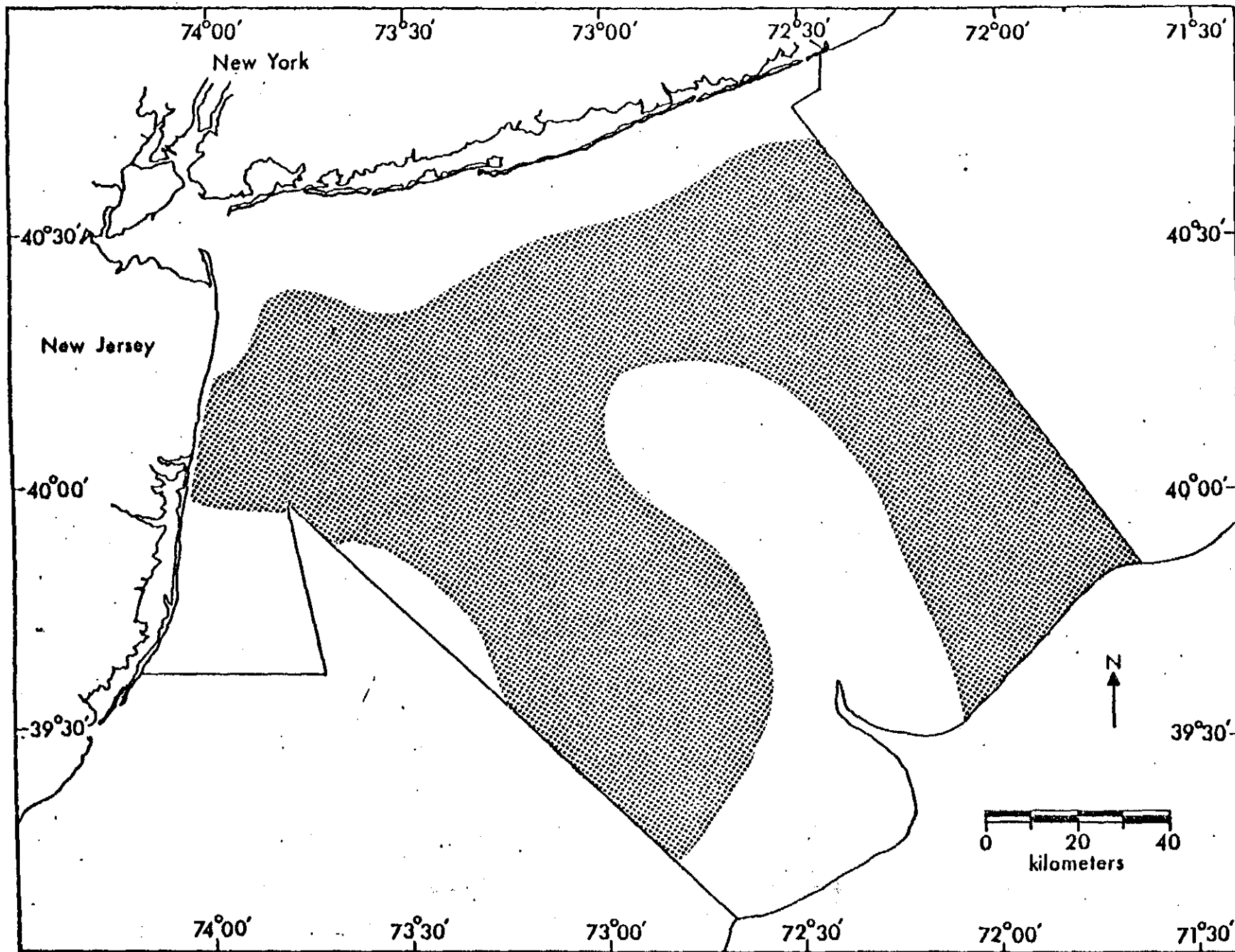


FIGURE 166.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

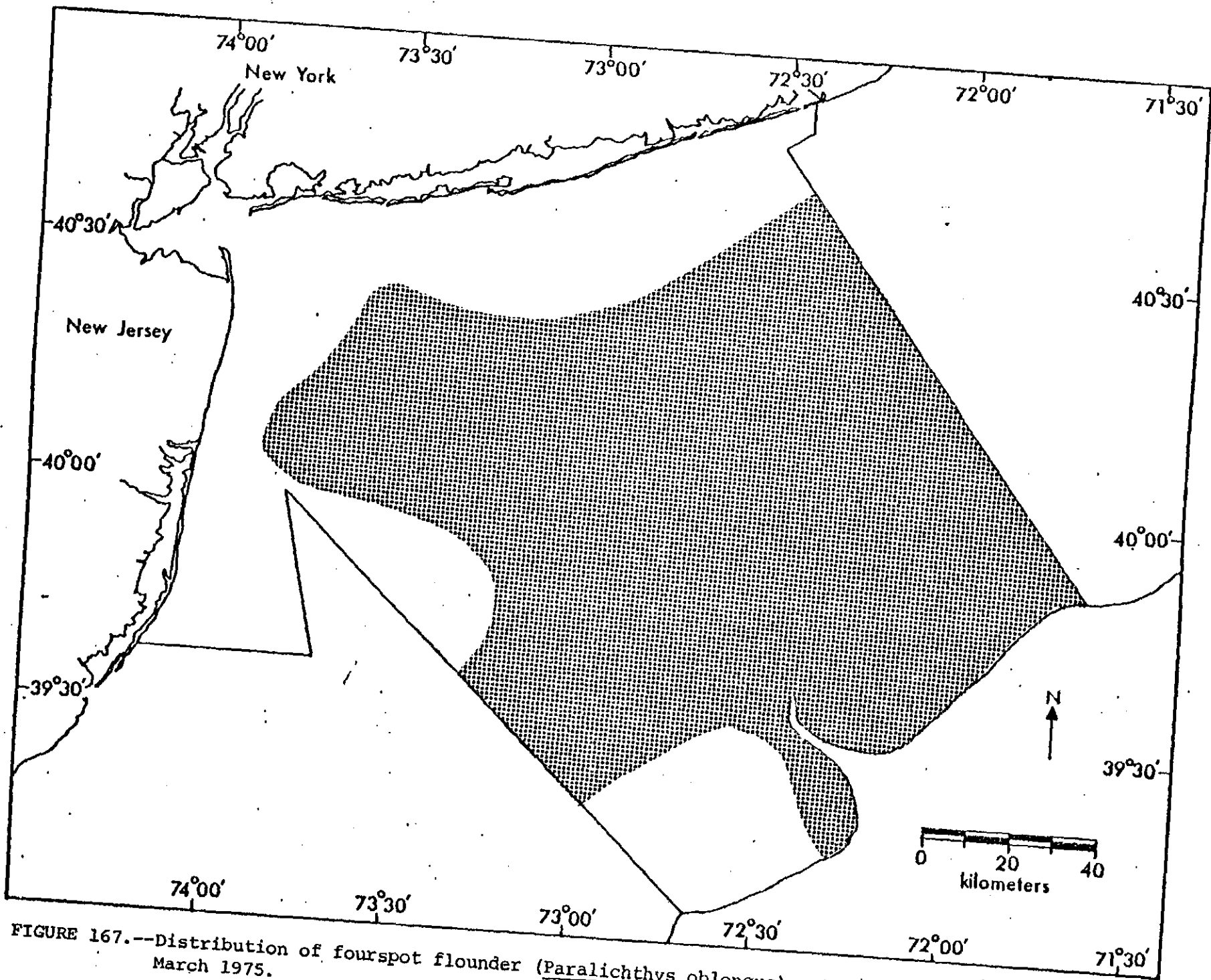


FIGURE 167.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

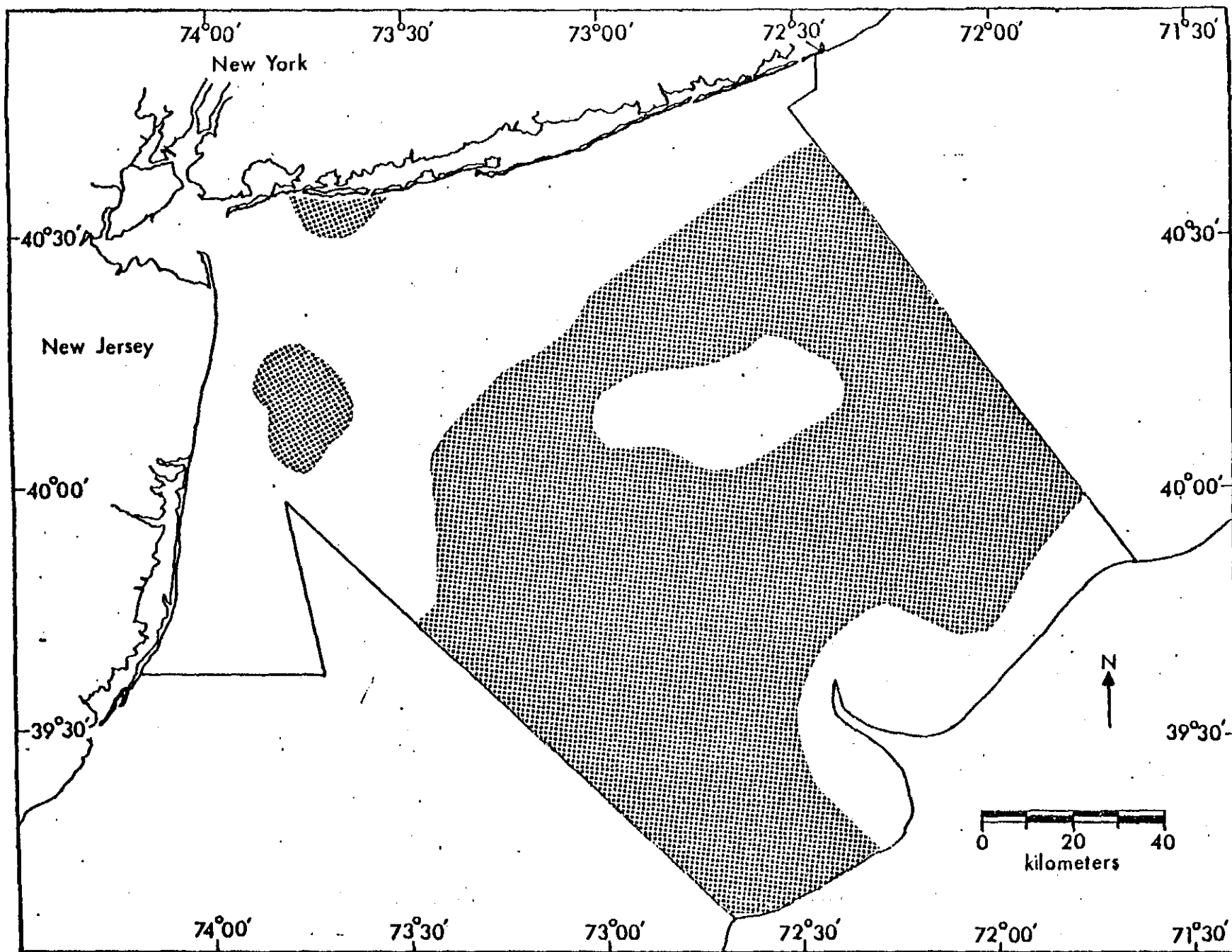


FIGURE 168.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

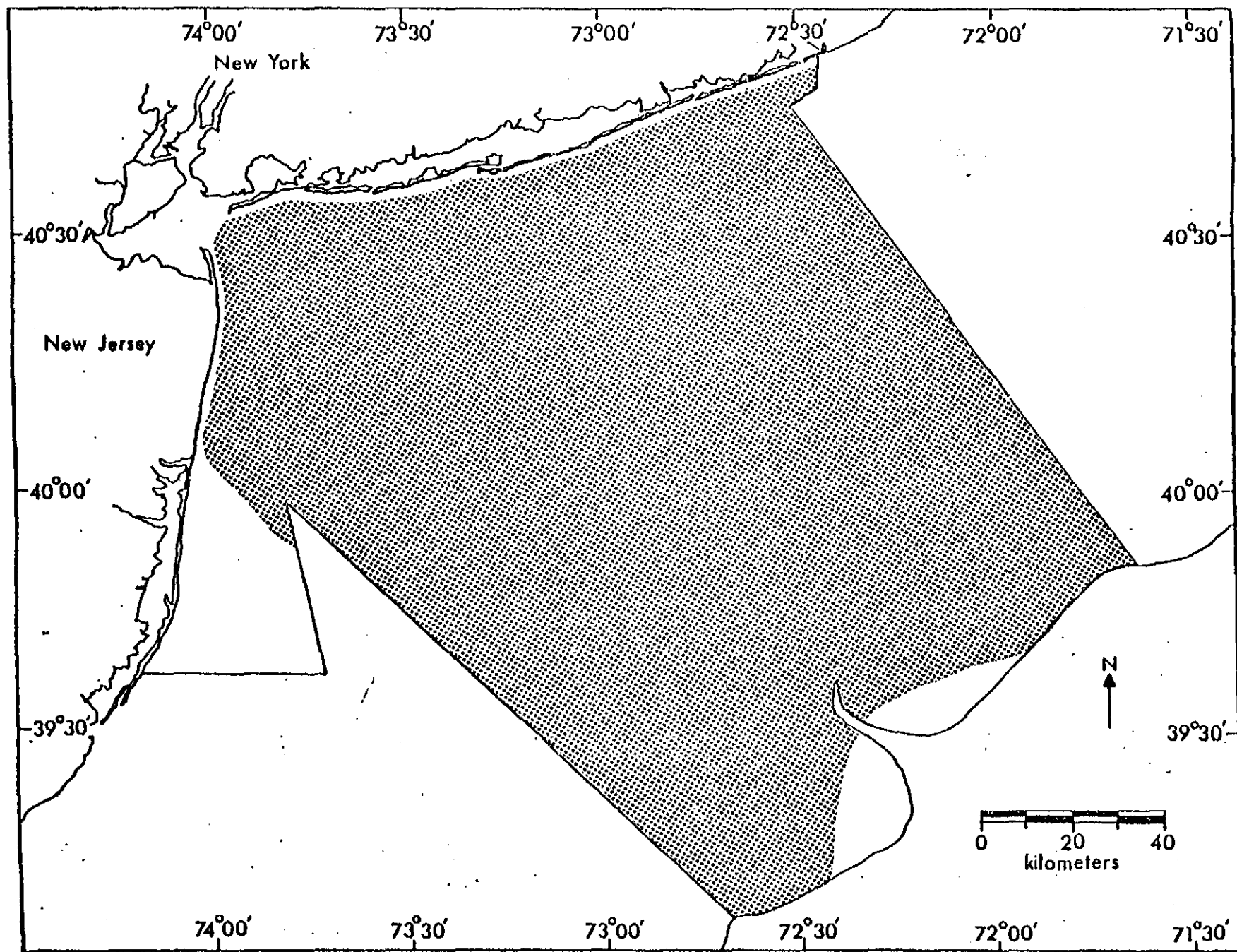


FIGURE 169.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

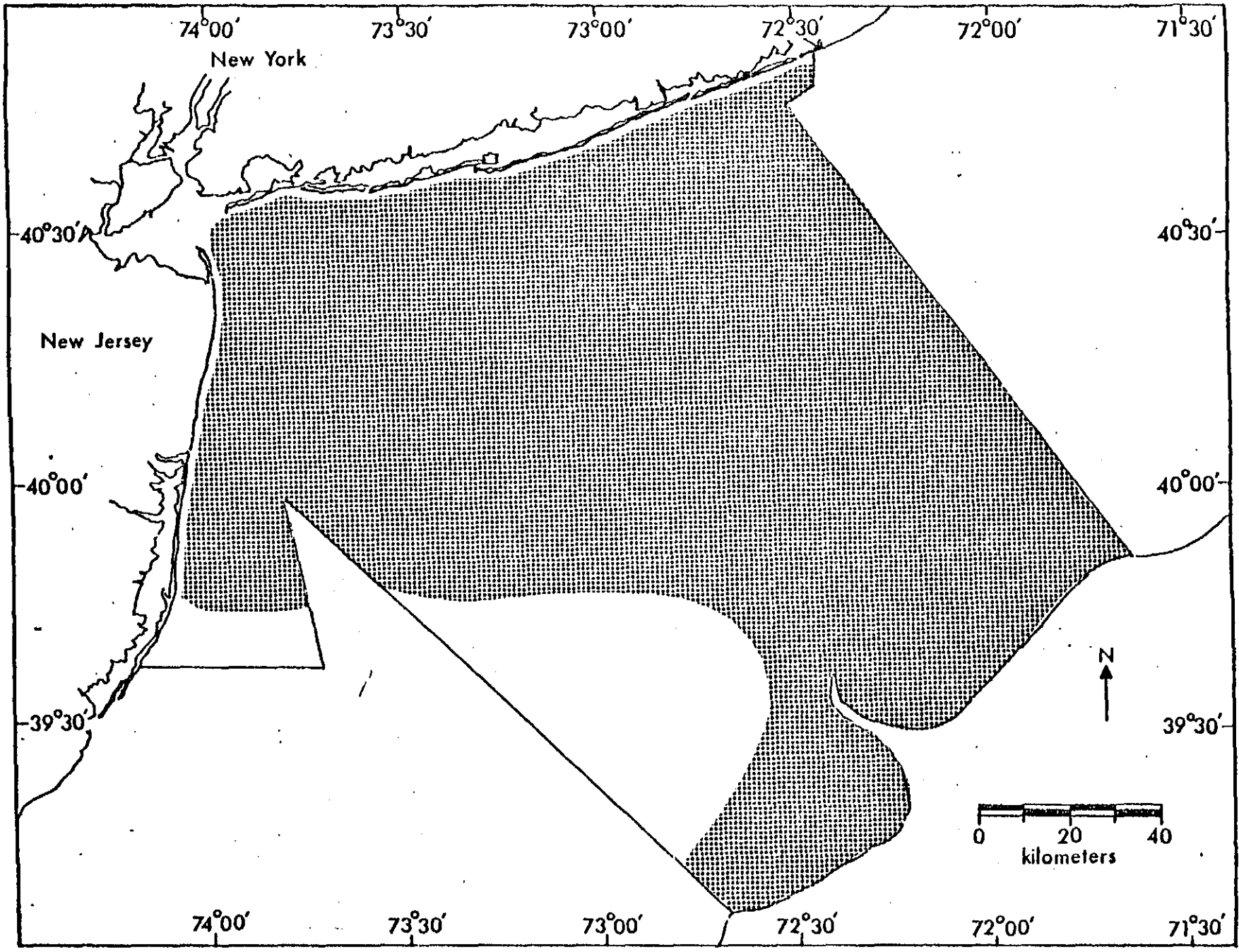


FIGURE 170.--Distribution of fourspot flounder (*Paralichthys oblongus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

WINDOWPANE

(Scophthalmus aquosus)

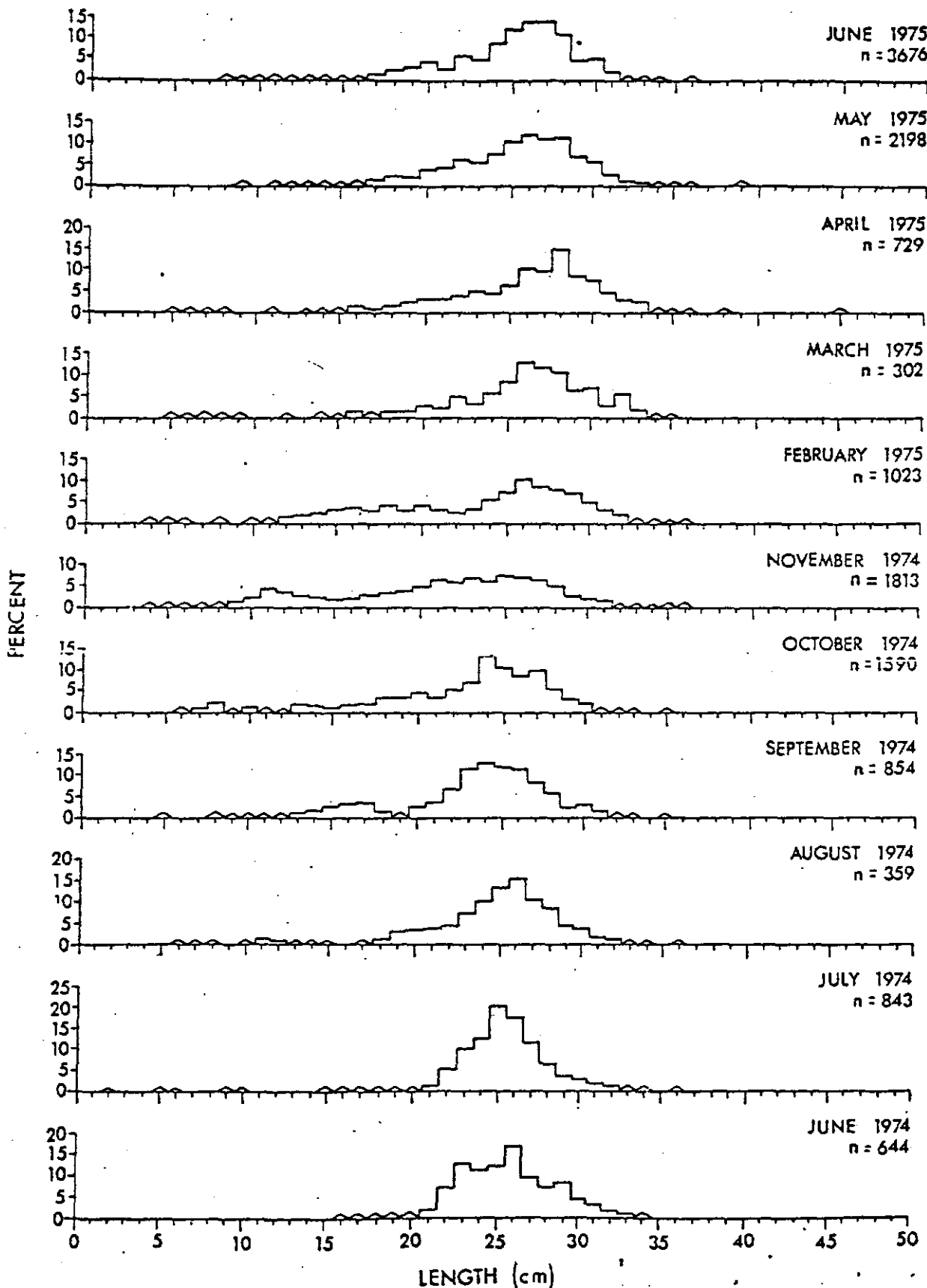


FIGURE 171.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of windowpane (Scophthalmus aquosus) collected in NEW YORK BIGHT, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates < 0.5%).

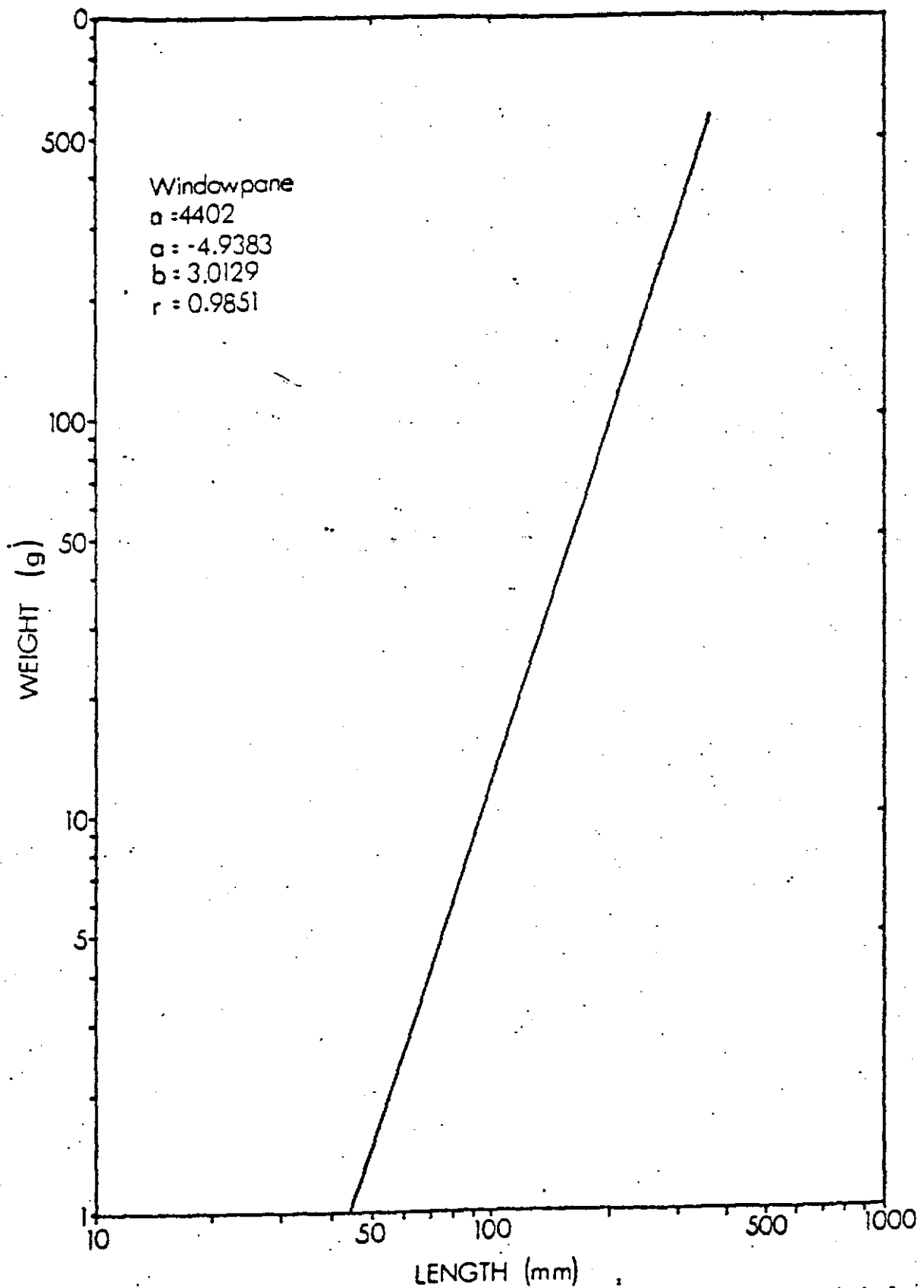


FIGURE 172.--Weight-length relationship of windowpane (Scophthalmus aquosus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 13.--Monthly sex ratios of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 207 | 75 | 36.2 | 81 | 39.1 | 51 | 24.7 |
| July | 235 | 92 | 39.1 | 117 | 49.8 | 26 | 11.1 |
| August | 279 | 102 | 26.5 | 147 | 52.7 | 30 | 10.8 |
| September | 391 | 175 | 44.8 | 172 | 44.0 | 44 | 11.2 |
| October | 412 | 126 | 30.6 | 183 | 44.0 | 103 | 25.0 |
| November | 599 | 154 | 25.7 | 301 | 50.3 | 144 | 24.0 |
| January ^{1/} | 2 | 1 | 50.0 | 1 | 50.0 | - | - |
| February | 663 | 201 | 30.3 | 269 | 40.6 | 193 | 29.1 |
| March | 295 | 131 | 44.4 | 146 | 49.5 | 18 | 6.1 |
| April | 405 | 157 | 39.0 | 208 | 51.4 | 40 | 9.9 |
| May | 517 | 248 | 48.0 | 213 | 41.2 | 56 | 10.8 |
| June | 430 | 218 | 50.7 | 174 | 40.5 | 38 | 8.8 |
| TOTAL | 4435 | 1680 | 37.9 | 2012 | 45.4 | 743 | 16.7 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

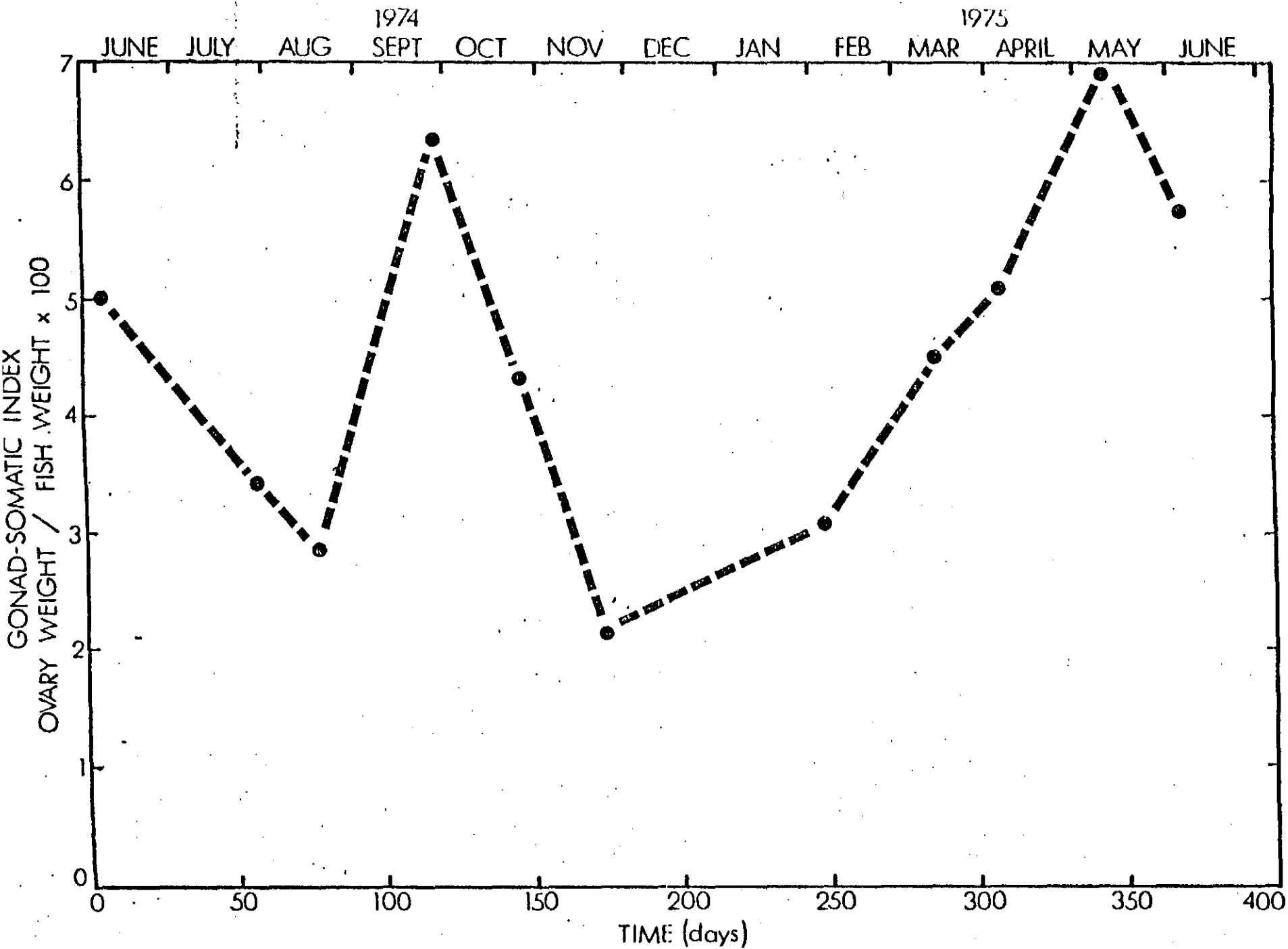


FIGURE 173.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of windowpane (Scophthalmus aquosus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

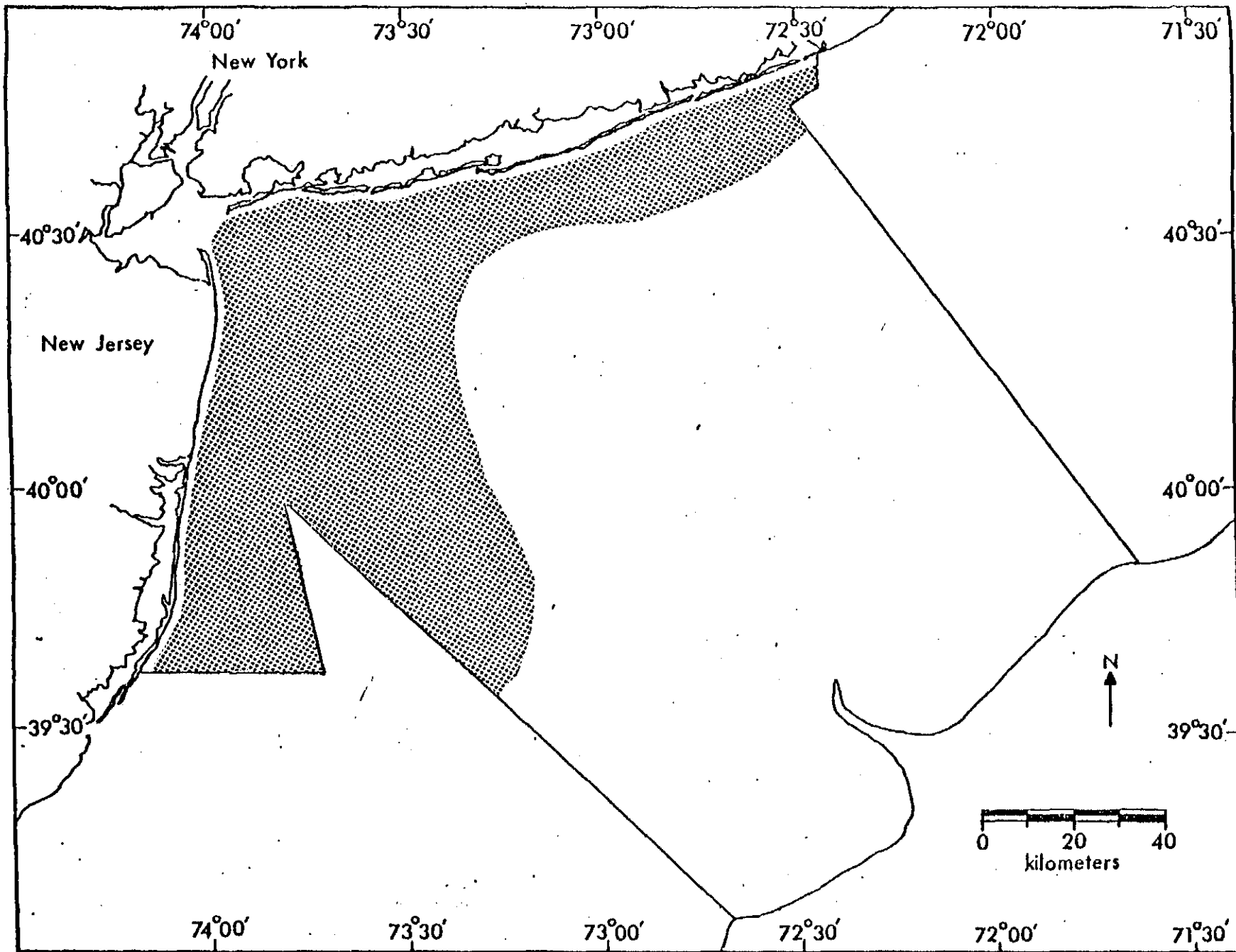


FIGURE 174.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

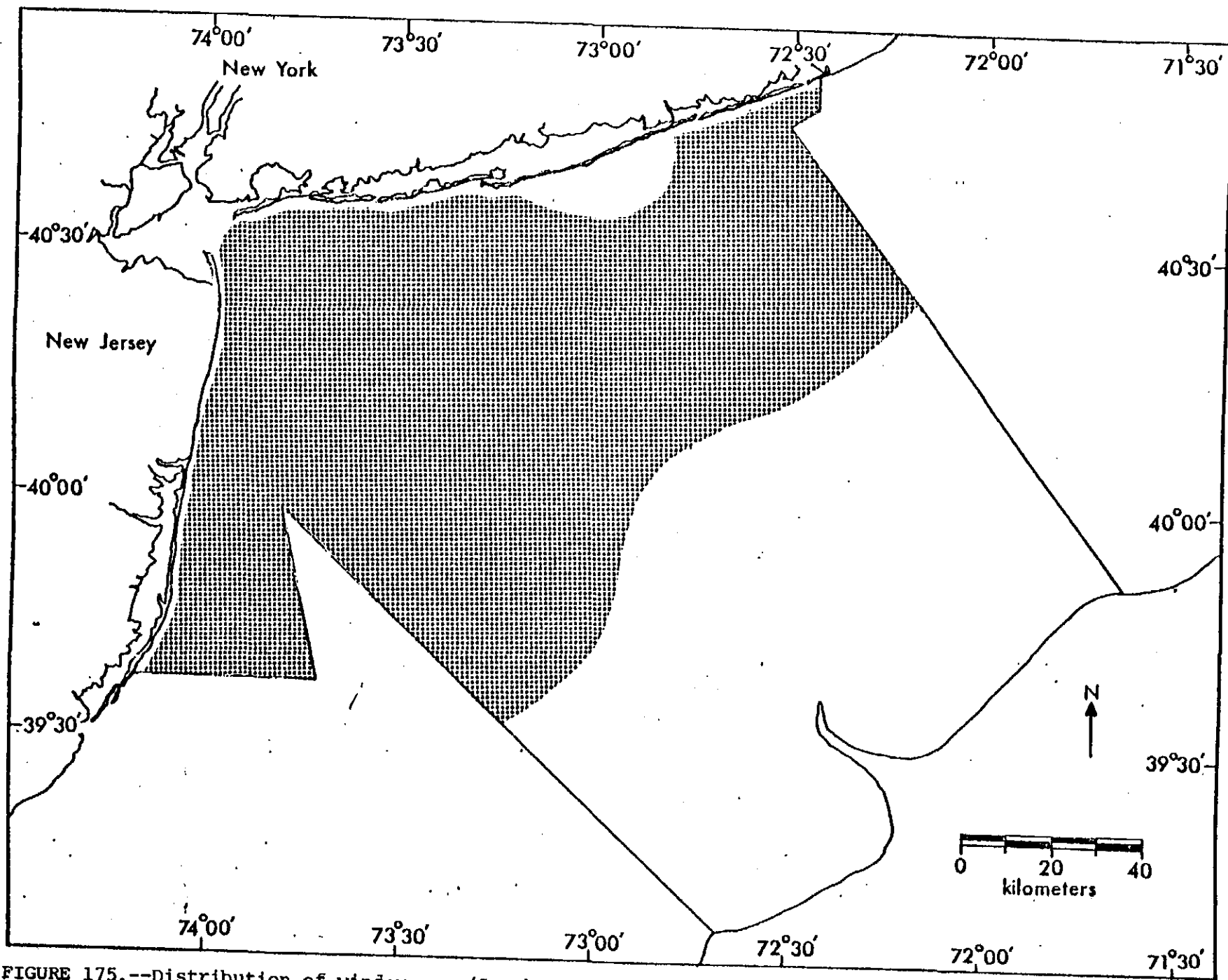


FIGURE 175.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

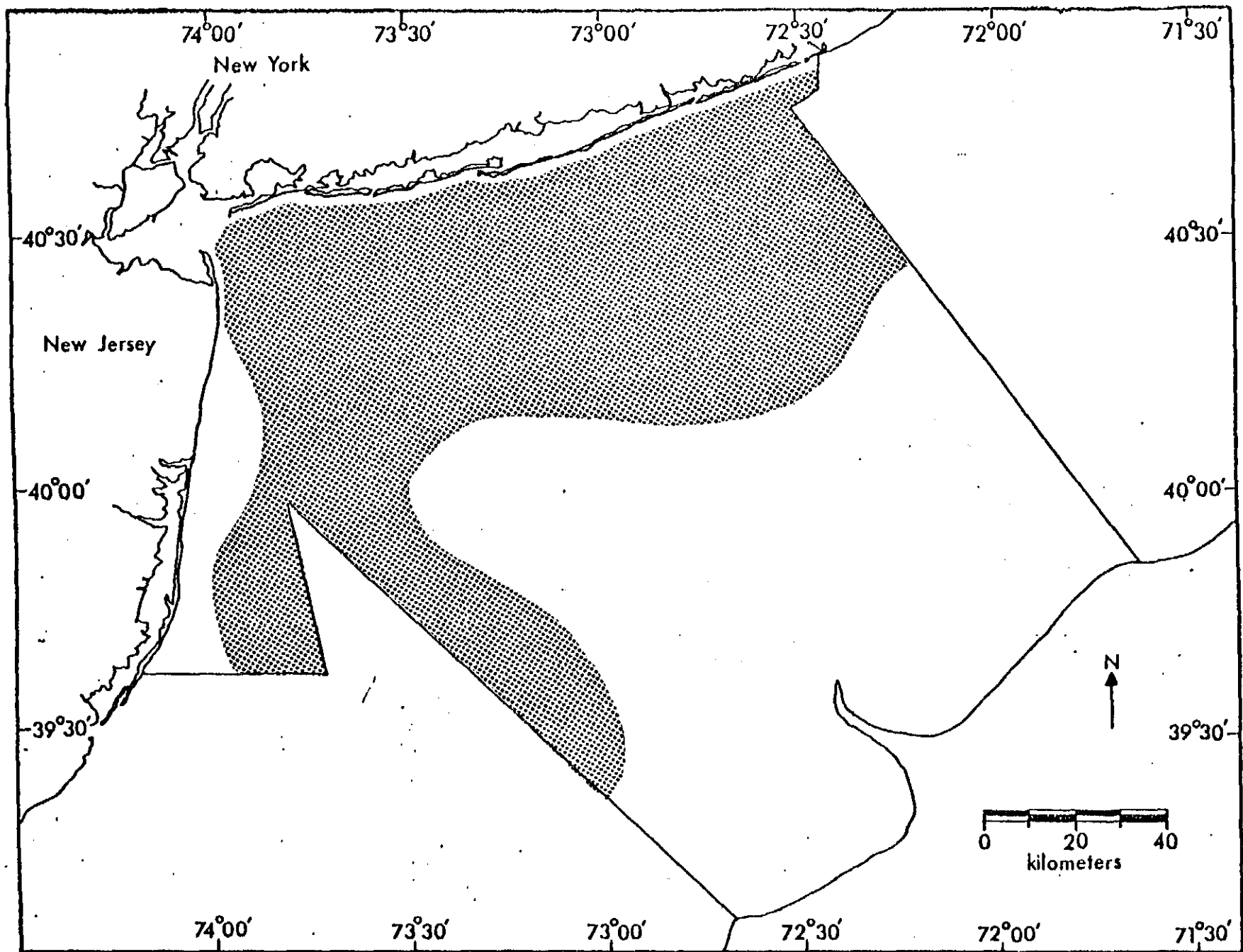


FIGURE 176.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.



FIGURE 177.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

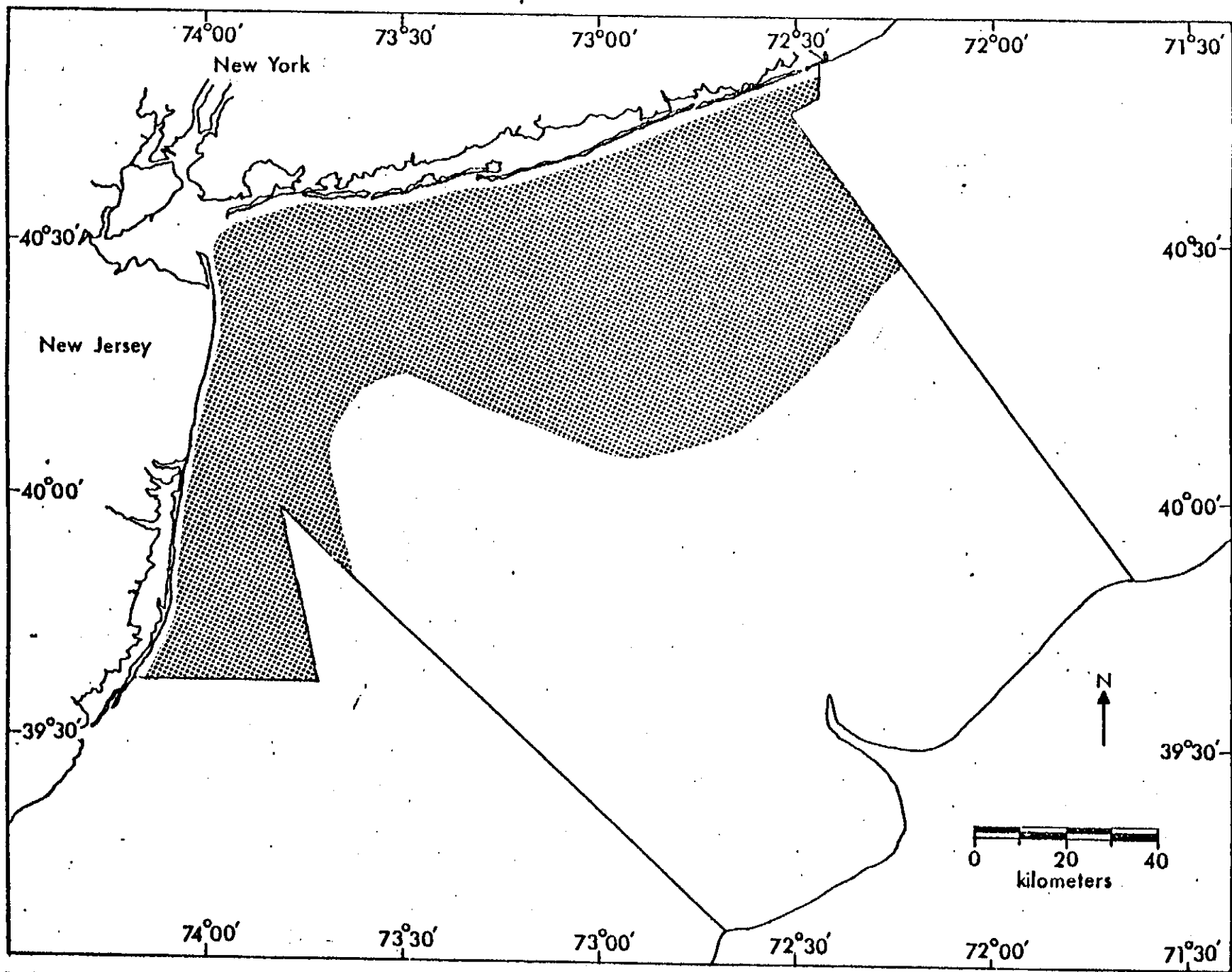


FIGURE 178.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

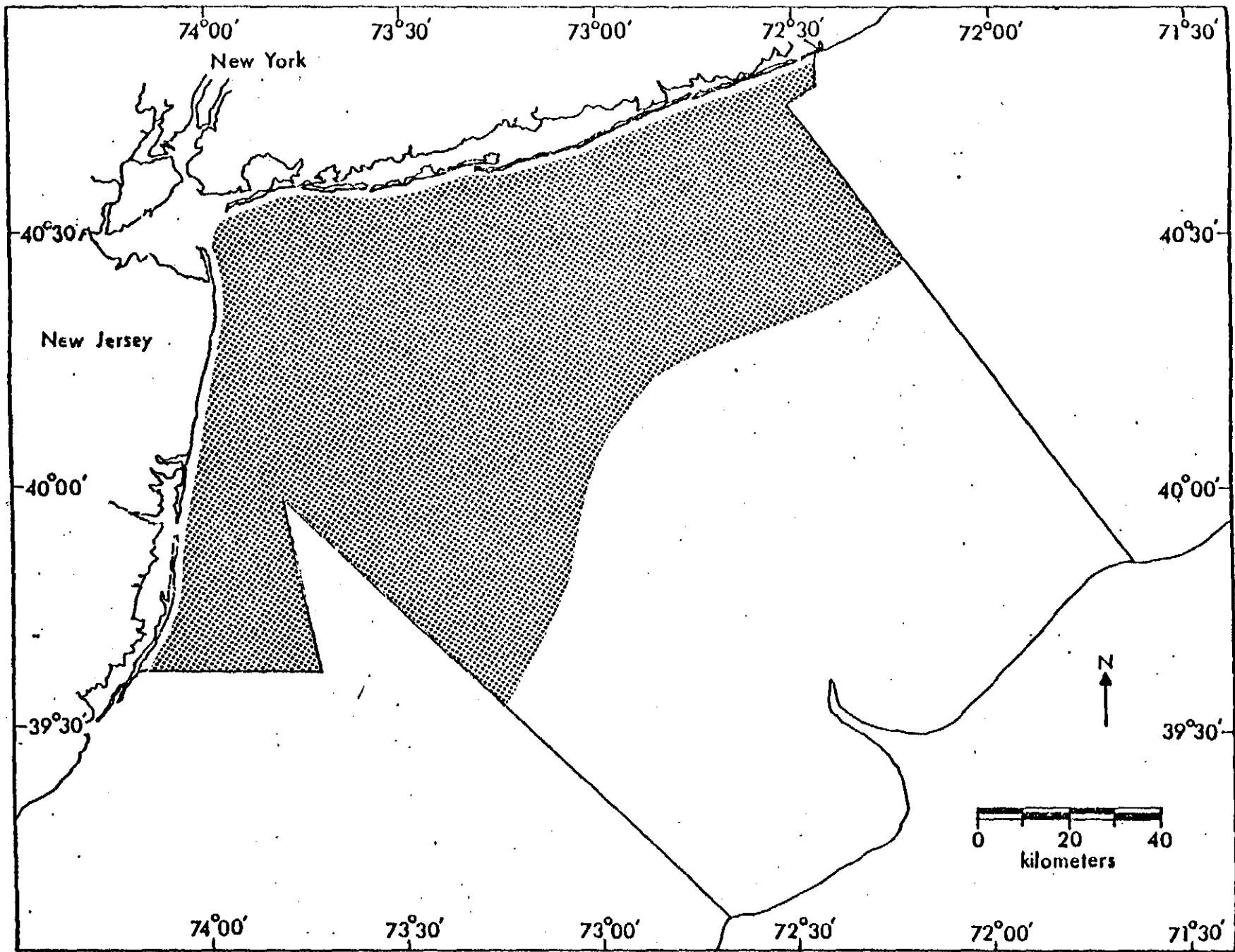


FIGURE 179.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

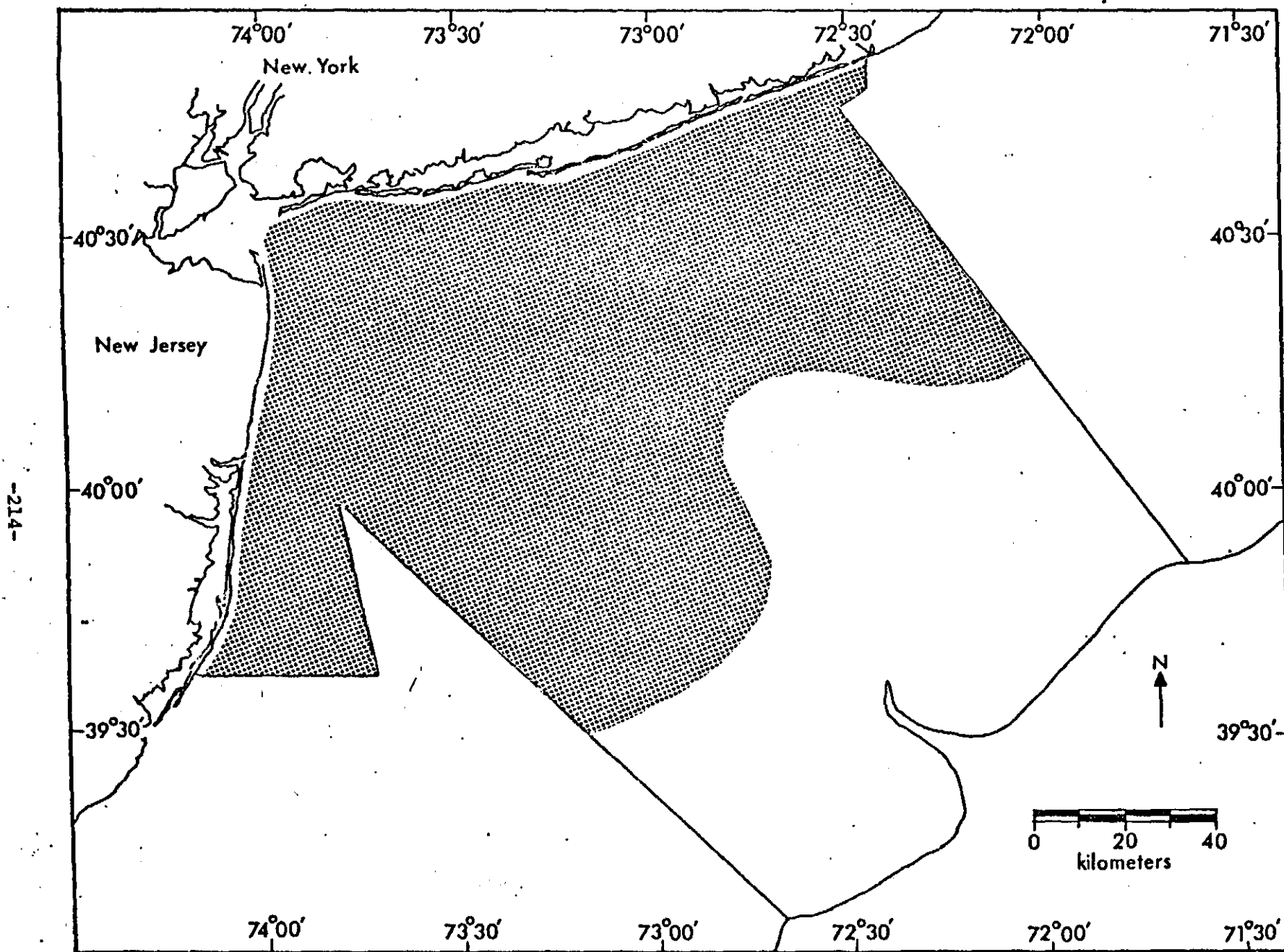


FIGURE 180.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

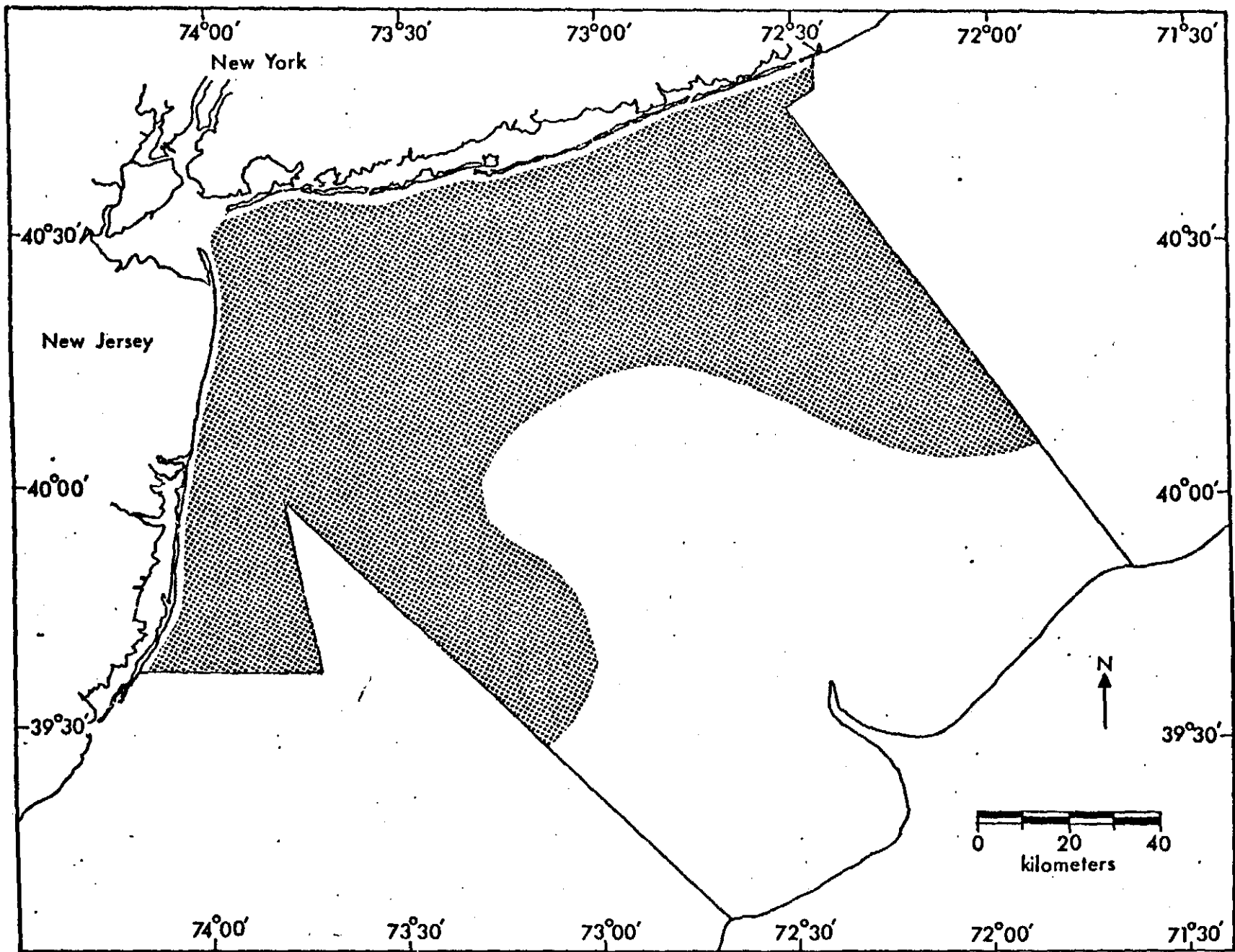


FIGURE 181.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

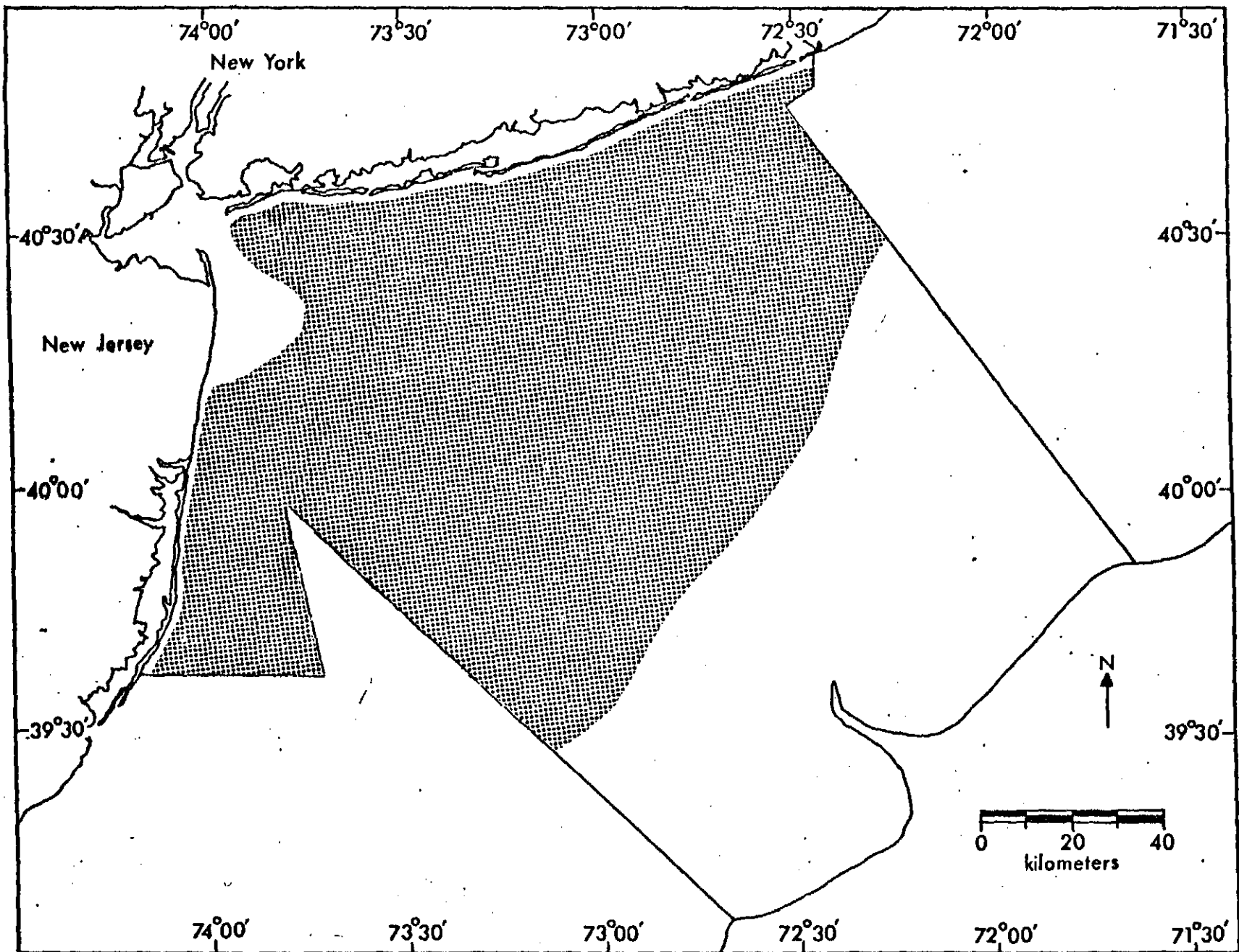


FIGURE 182.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

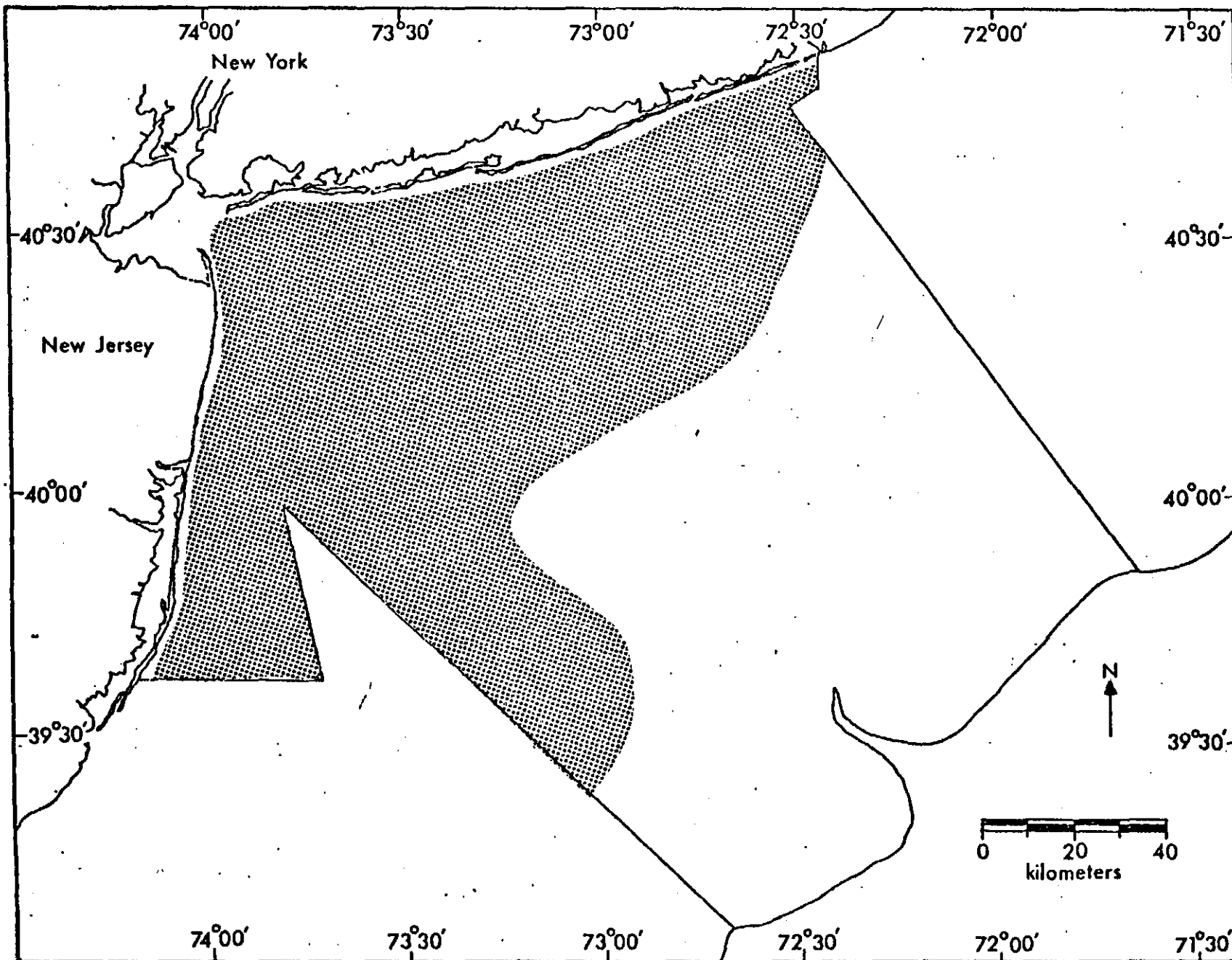


FIGURE 183.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

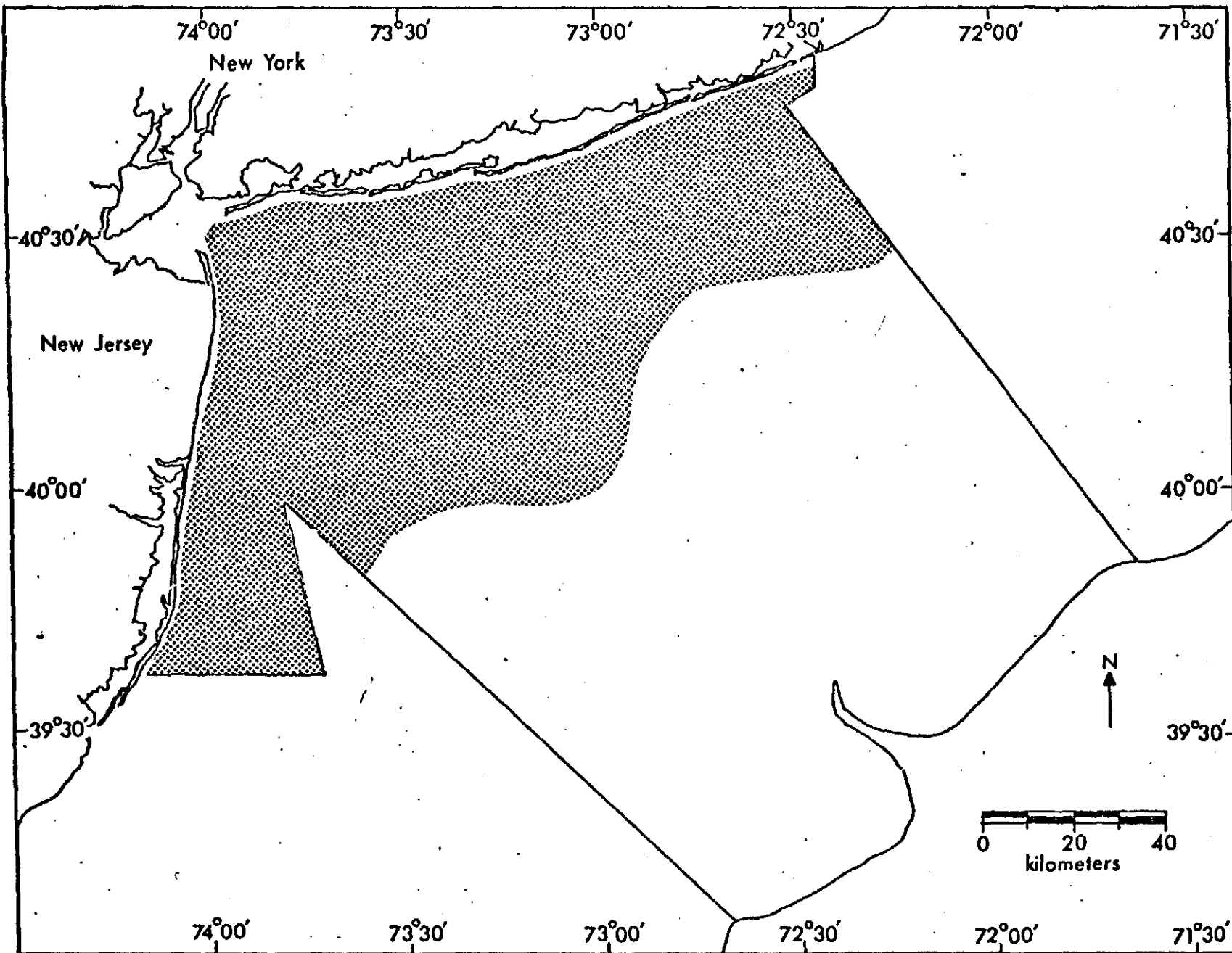


FIGURE 184.--Distribution of windowpane (*Scophthalmus aquosus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER

(Limanda ferruginea)

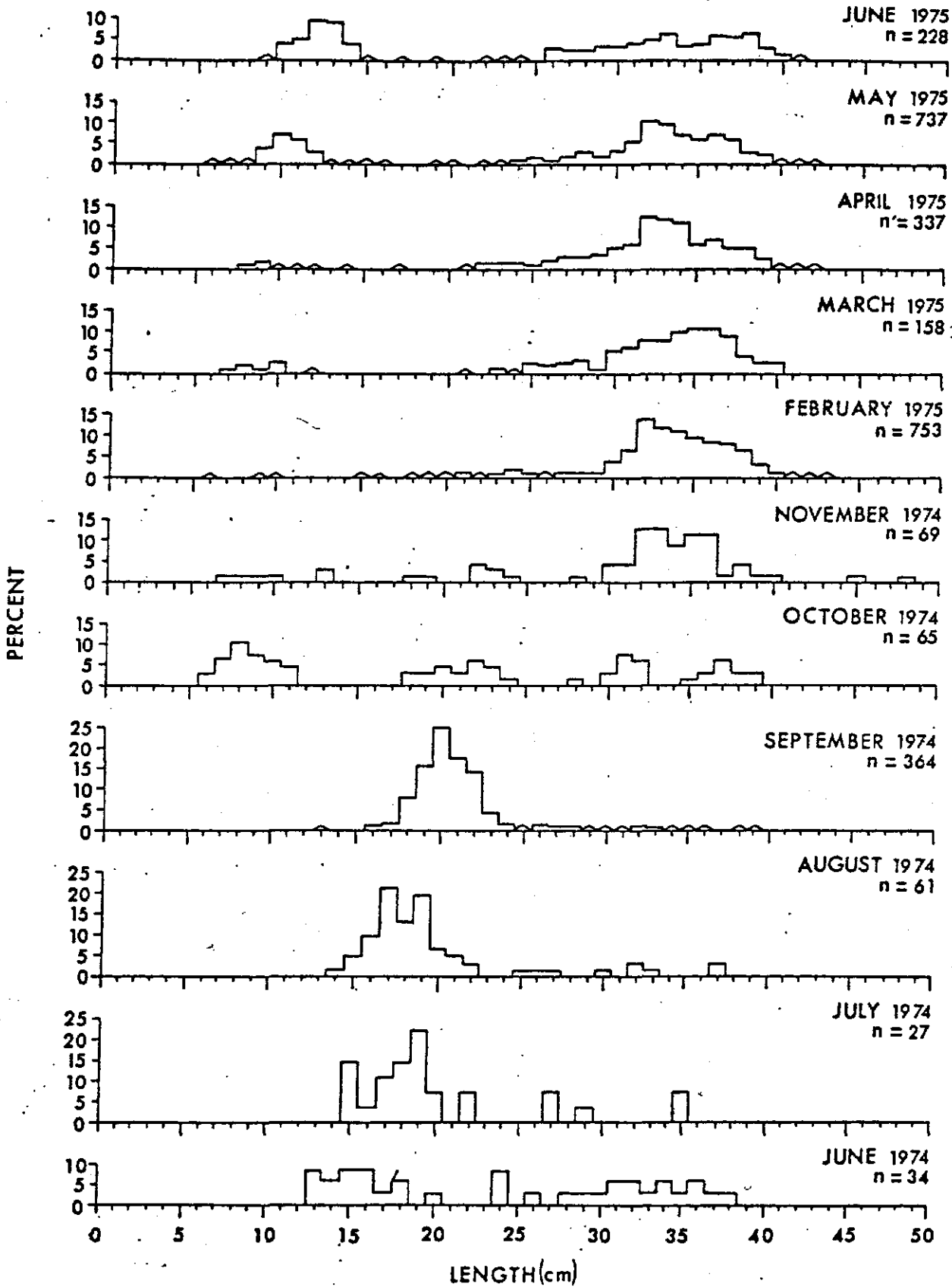


FIGURE 185.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates $<0.5\%$).

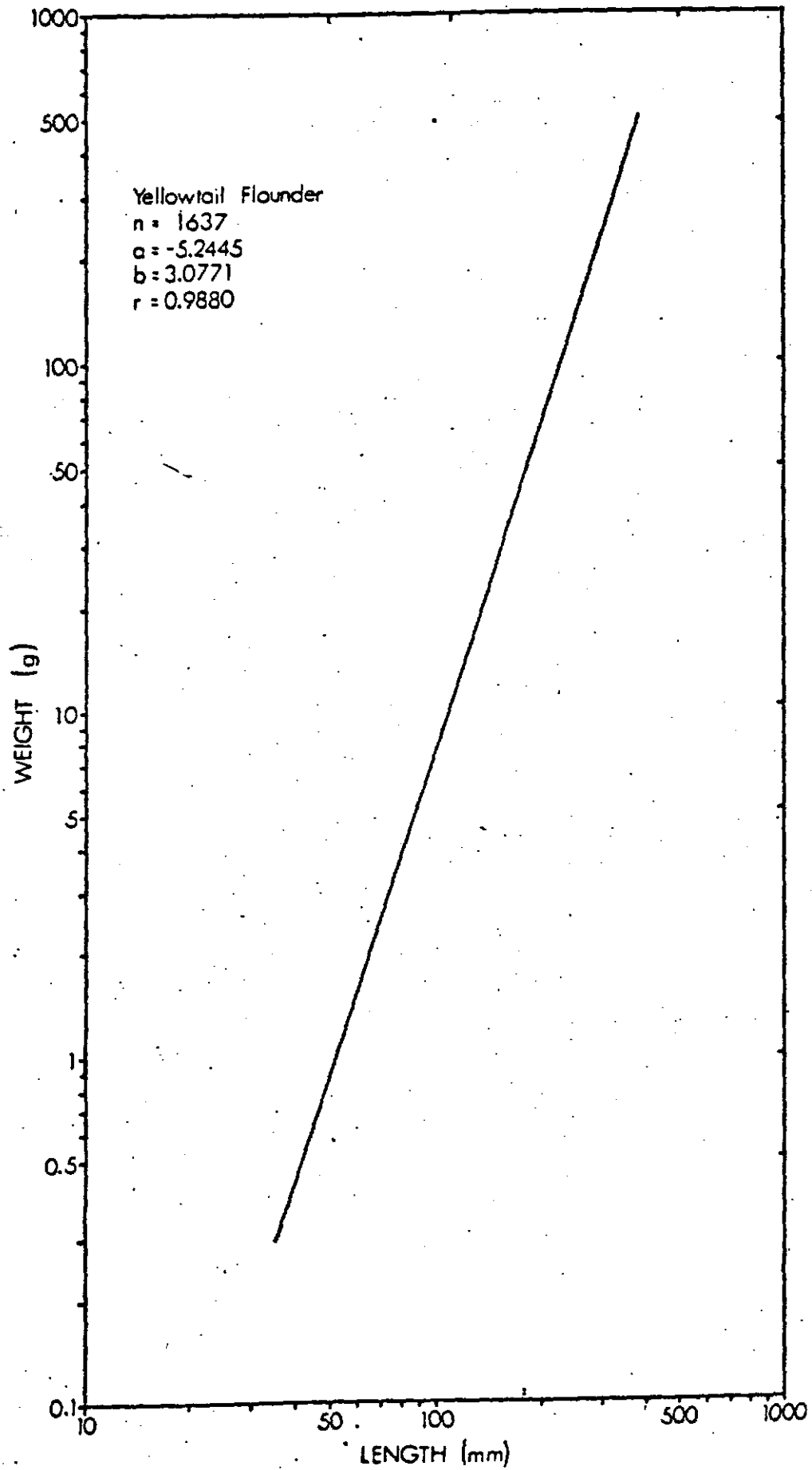


FIGURE 186.—Weight-length relationship of yellowtail flounder (Limanda ferruginea) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 14.--Monthly sex ratios of yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 36 | 4 | 11.1 | 11 | 30.6 | 21 | 58.3 |
| July | 30 | 9 | 30.0 | 3 | 10.0 | 18 | 60.0 |
| August | 41 | 4 | 9.8 | 6 | 14.6 | 31 | 75.6 |
| September | 113 | 31 | 27.4 | 21 | 18.6 | 61 | 54.0 |
| October | 48 | 15 | 31.3 | 12 | 25.0 | 21 | 43.7 |
| November | 59 | 15 | 25.4 | 38 | 64.4 | 6 | 10.2 |
| January ^{1/} | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | 422 | 172 | 40.8 | 228 | 54.0 | 22 | 5.2 |
| March | 138 | 54 | 39.1 | 70 | 50.7 | 14 | 10.2 |
| April | 292 | 122 | 41.8 | 140 | 47.9 | 30 | 10.3 |
| May | 299 | 117 | 39.1 | 133 | 44.5 | 49 | 16.4 |
| June | 160 | 49 | 30.6 | 54 | 33.8 | 57 | 35.6 |
| TOTAL | 1638 | 592 | 36.1 | 716 | 43.7 | 330 | 20.2 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

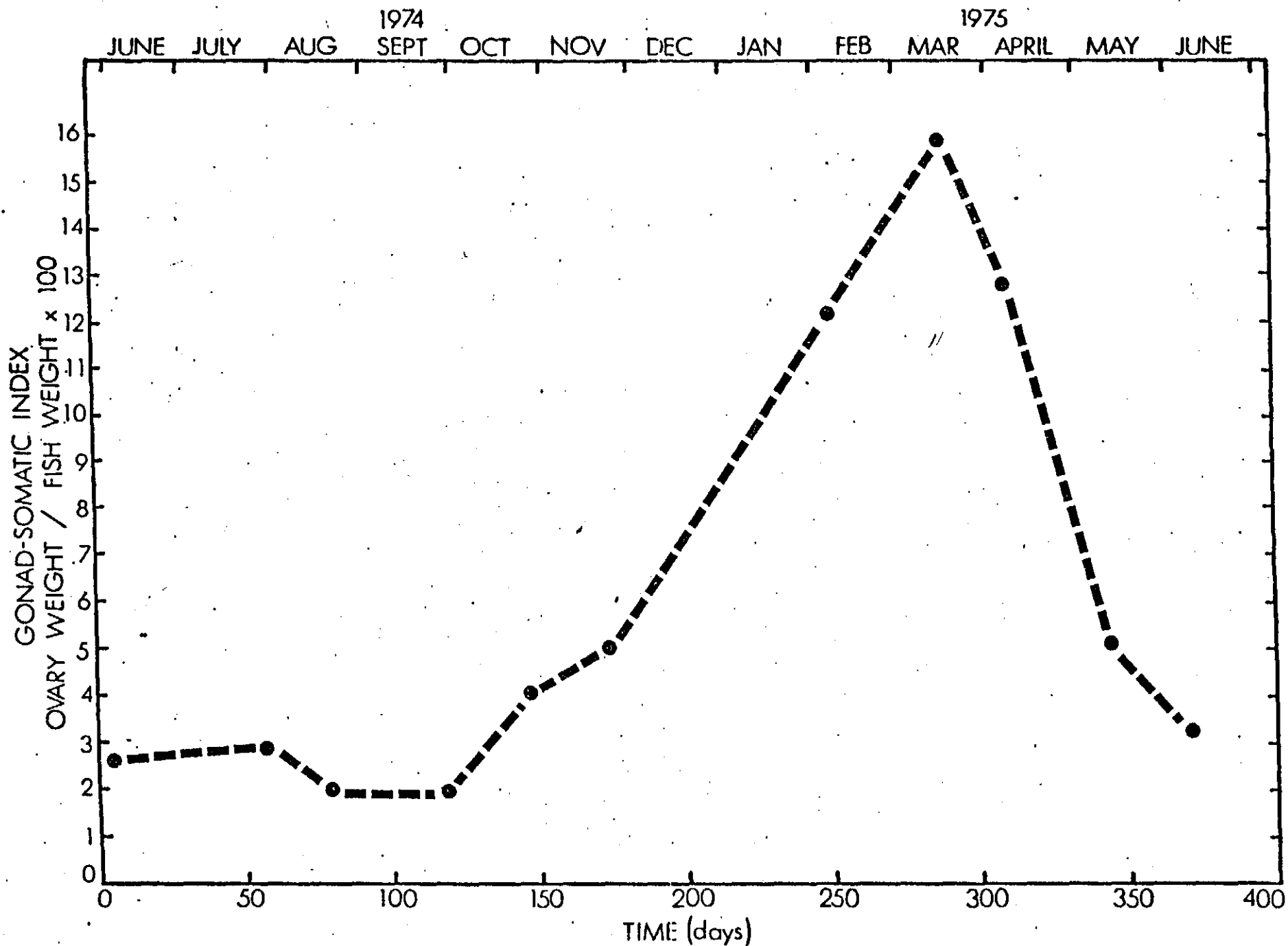


FIGURE 187.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of yellowtail flounder (Limanda ferruginea) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

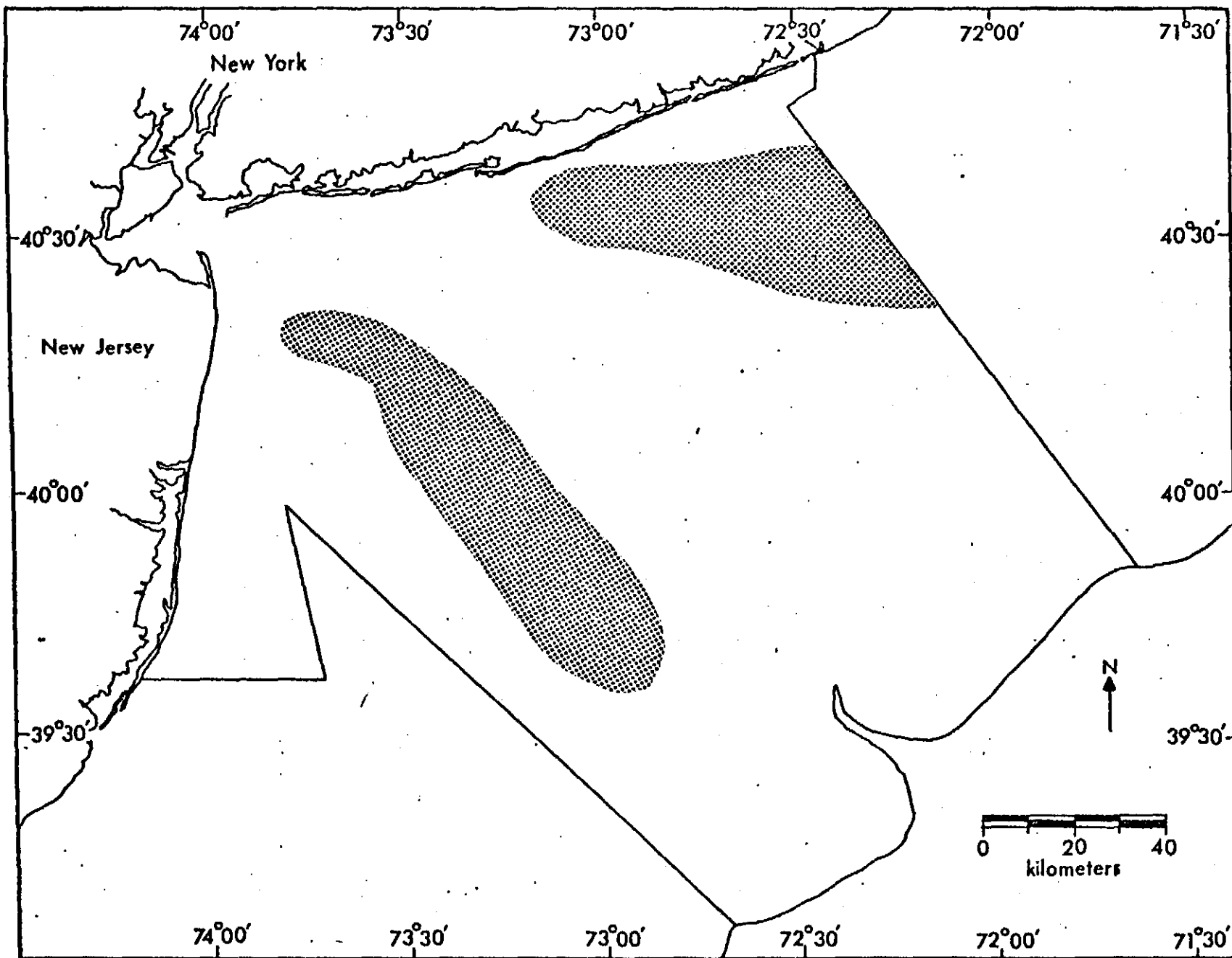


FIGURE 188.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

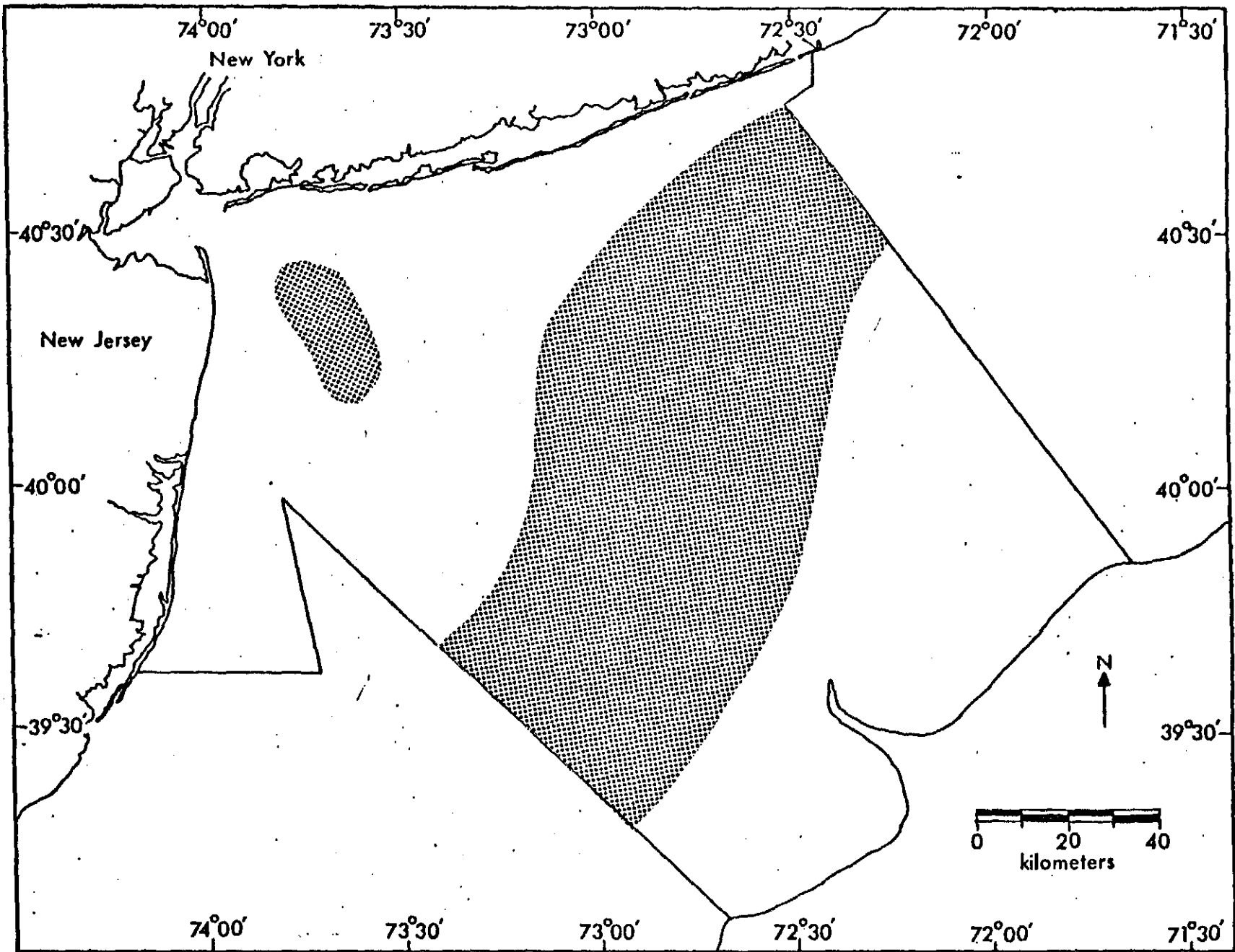


FIGURE 189.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

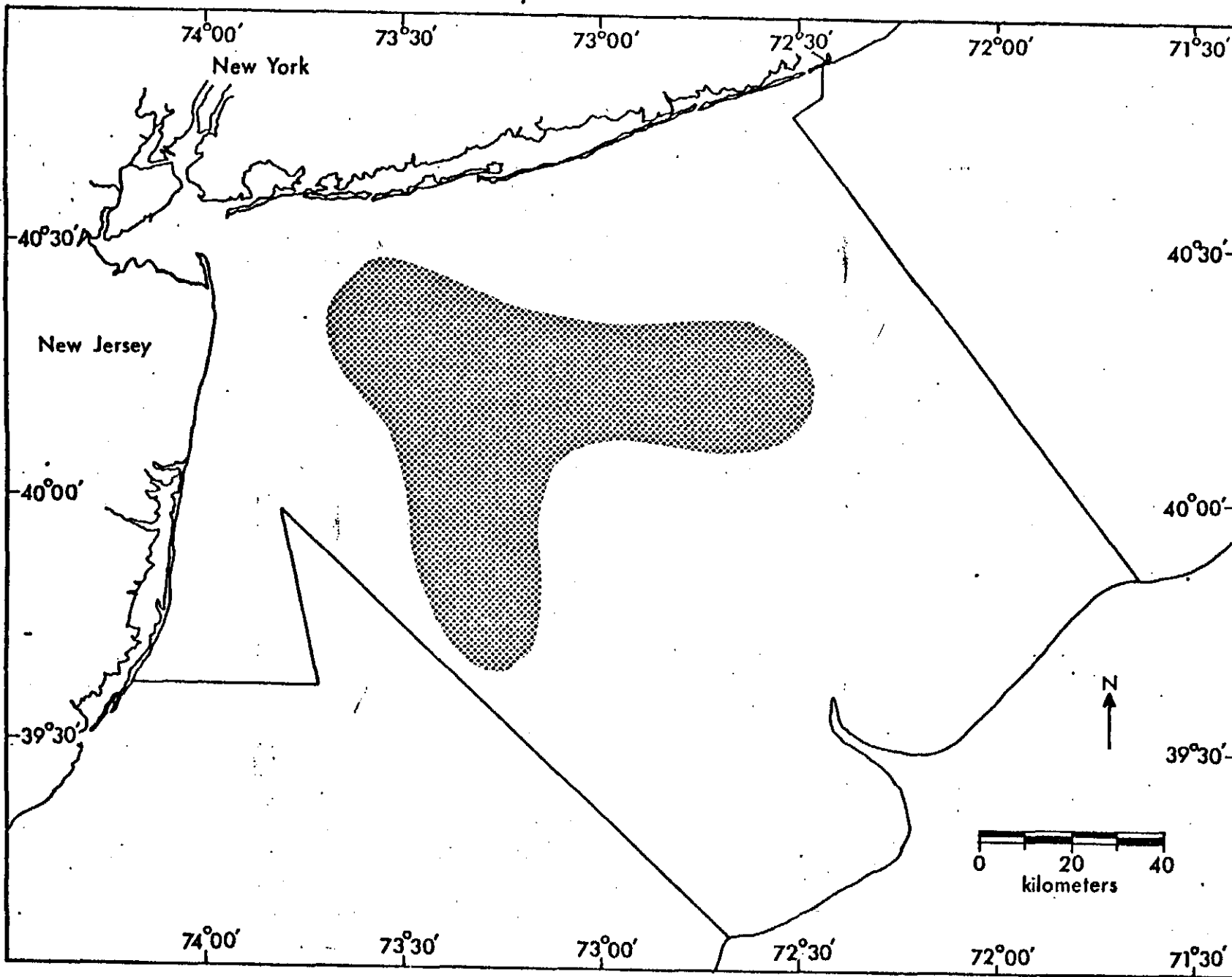


FIGURE 190.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

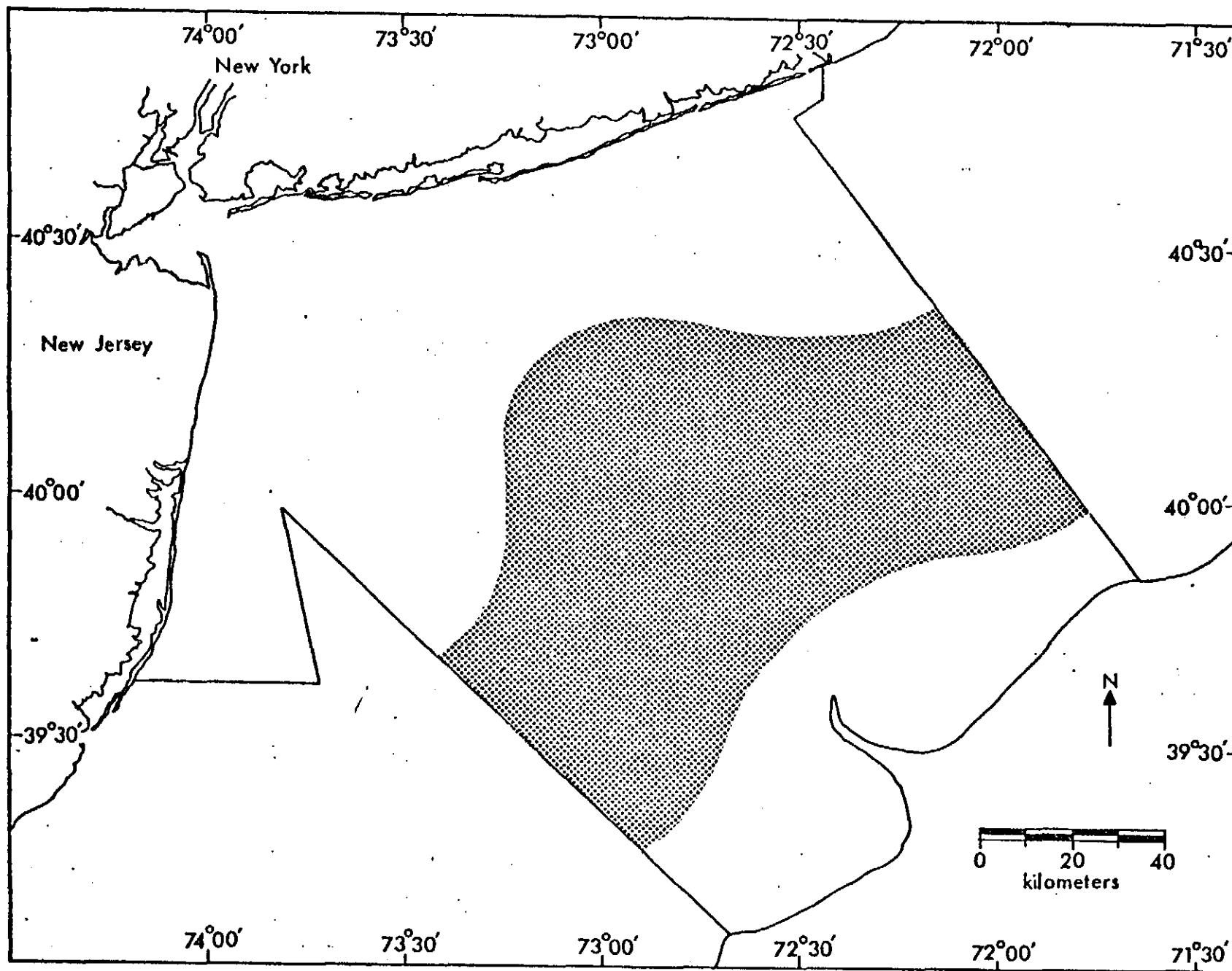


FIGURE 191.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

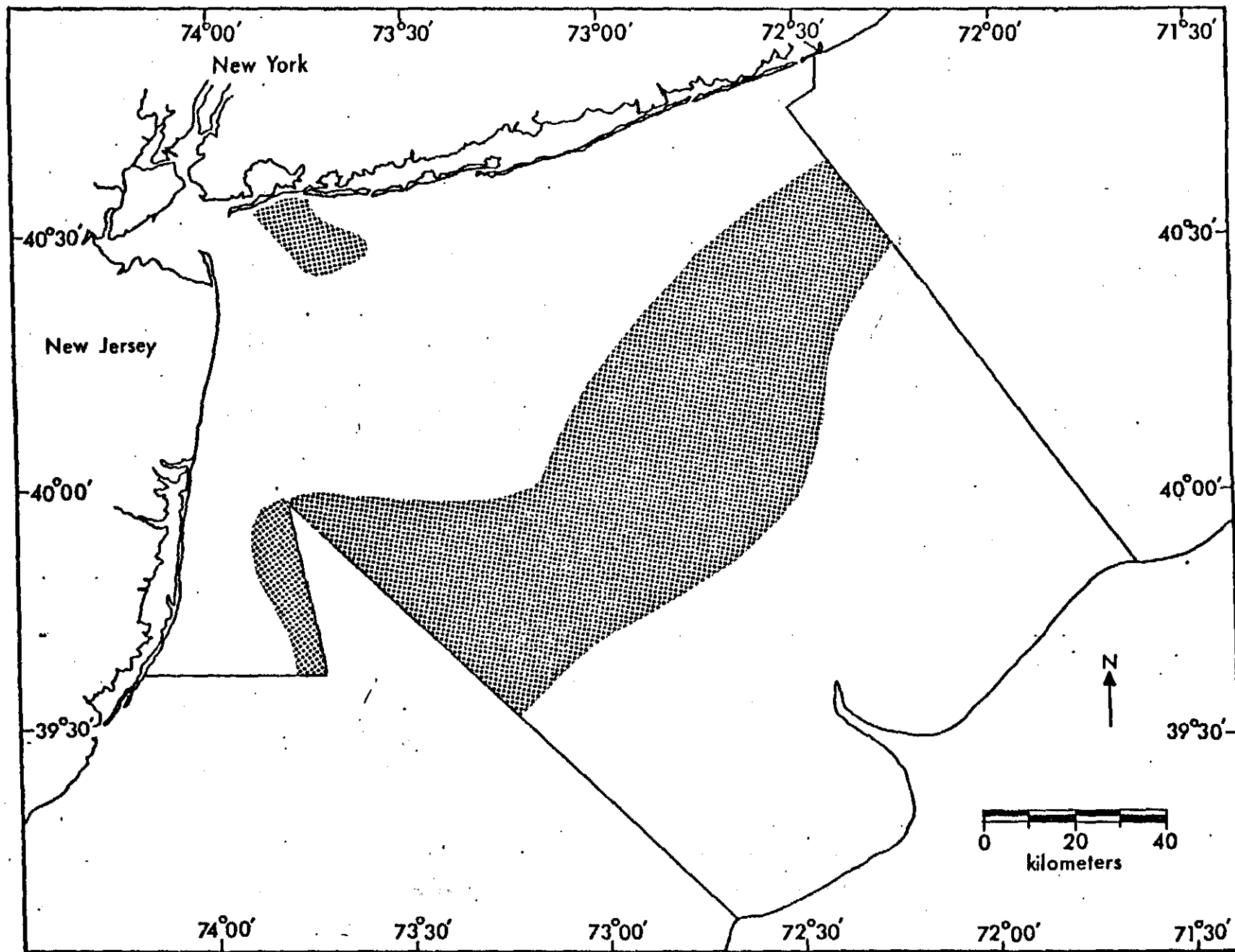


FIGURE 192.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

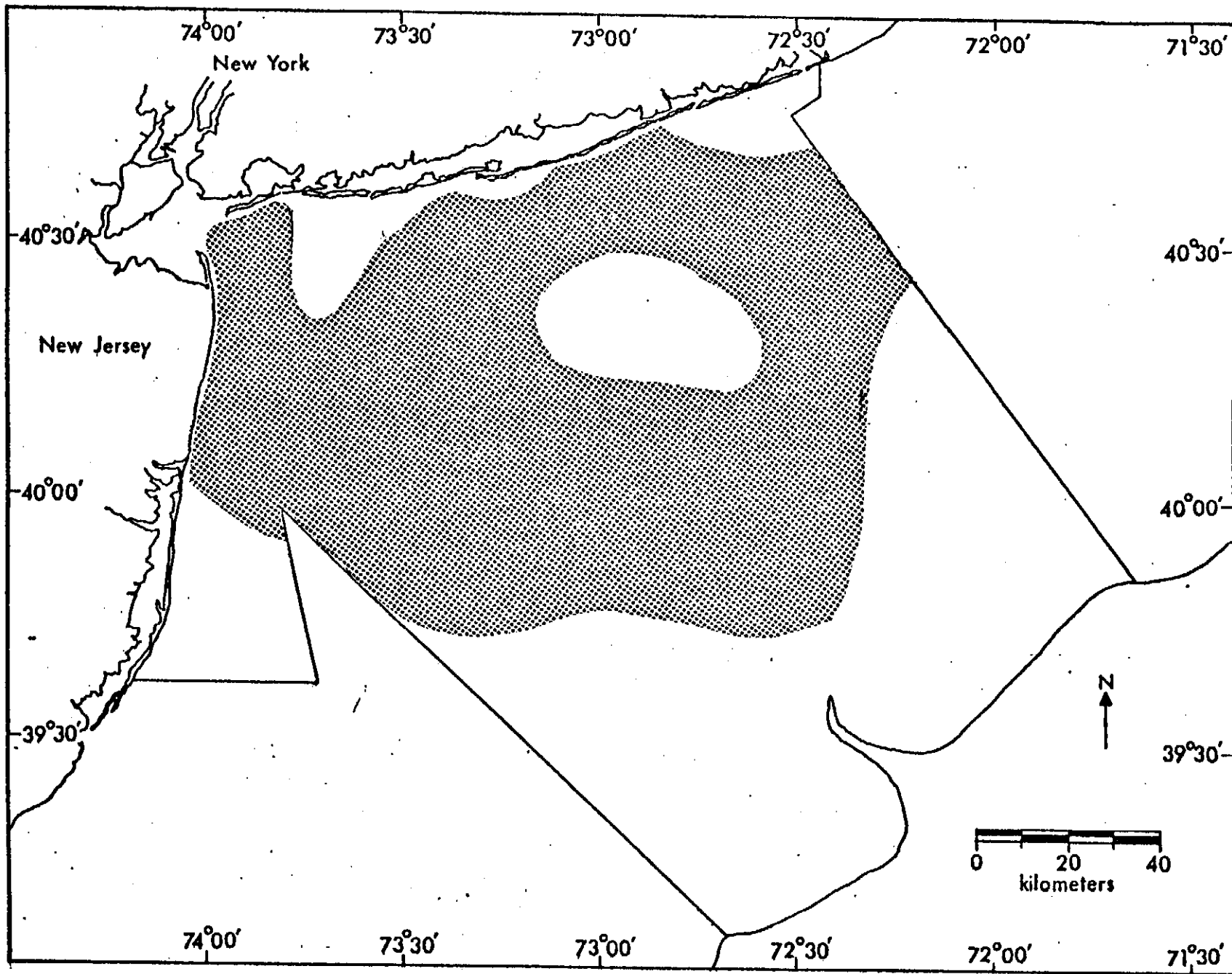


FIGURE 193.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

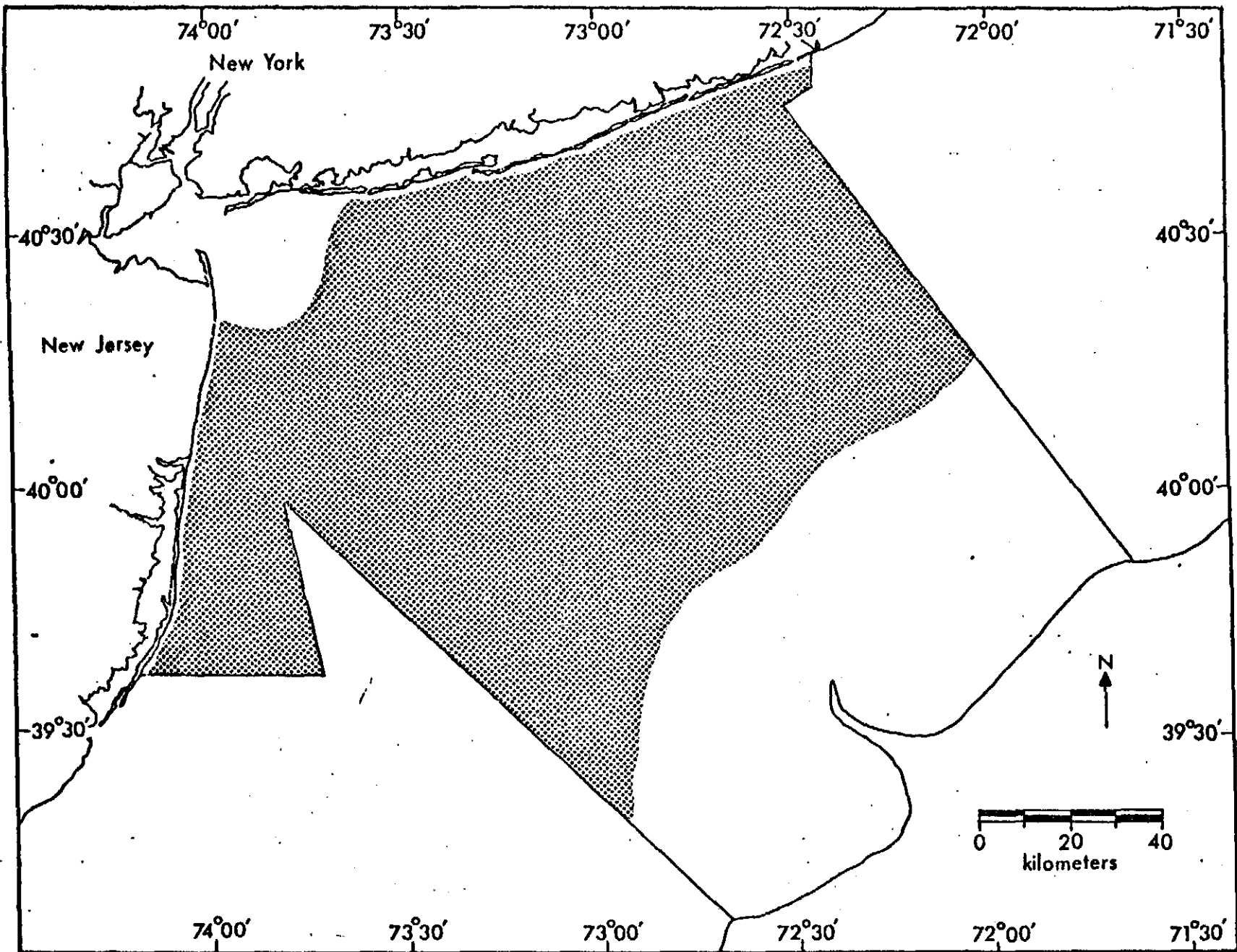


FIGURE 194.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

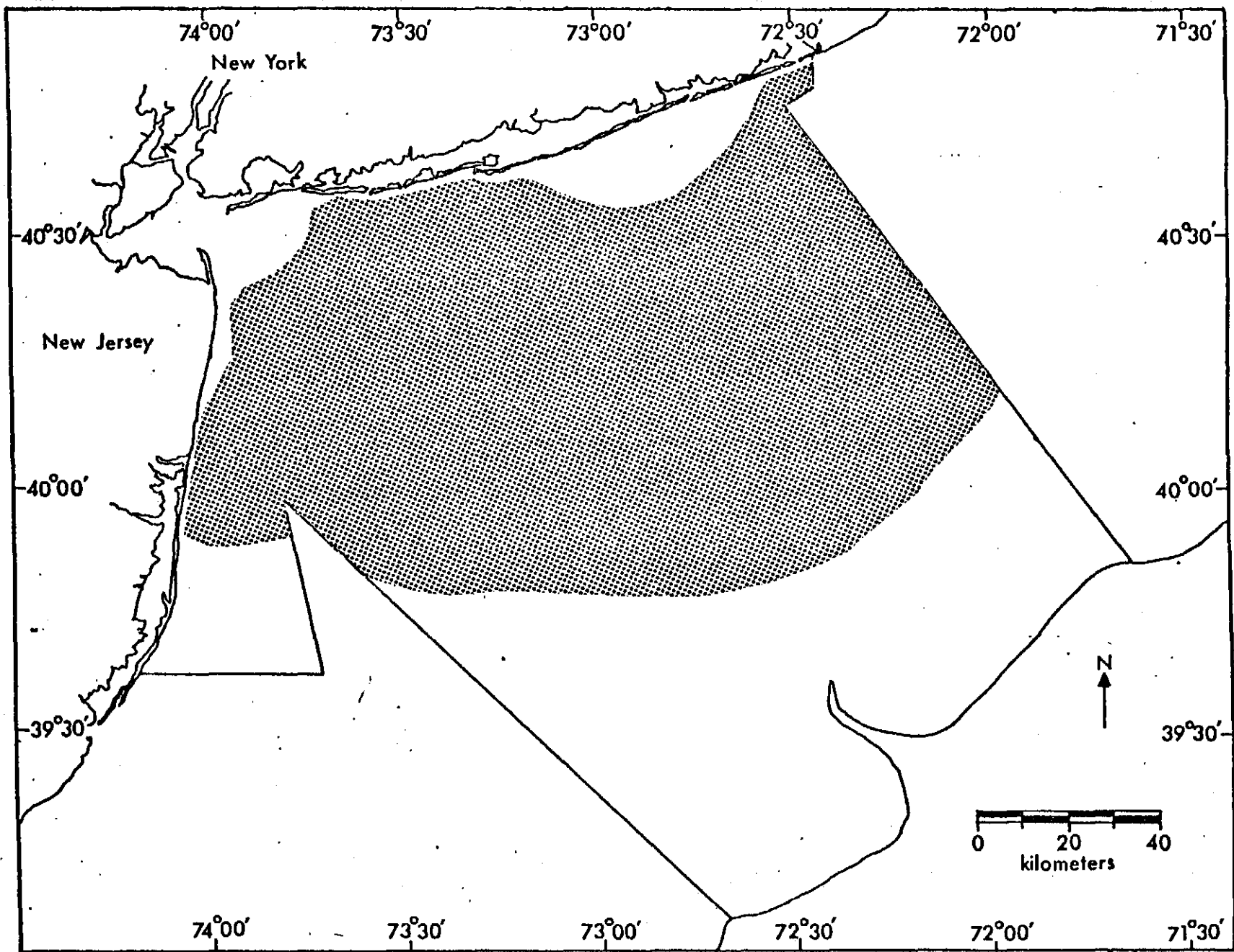


FIGURE 195.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

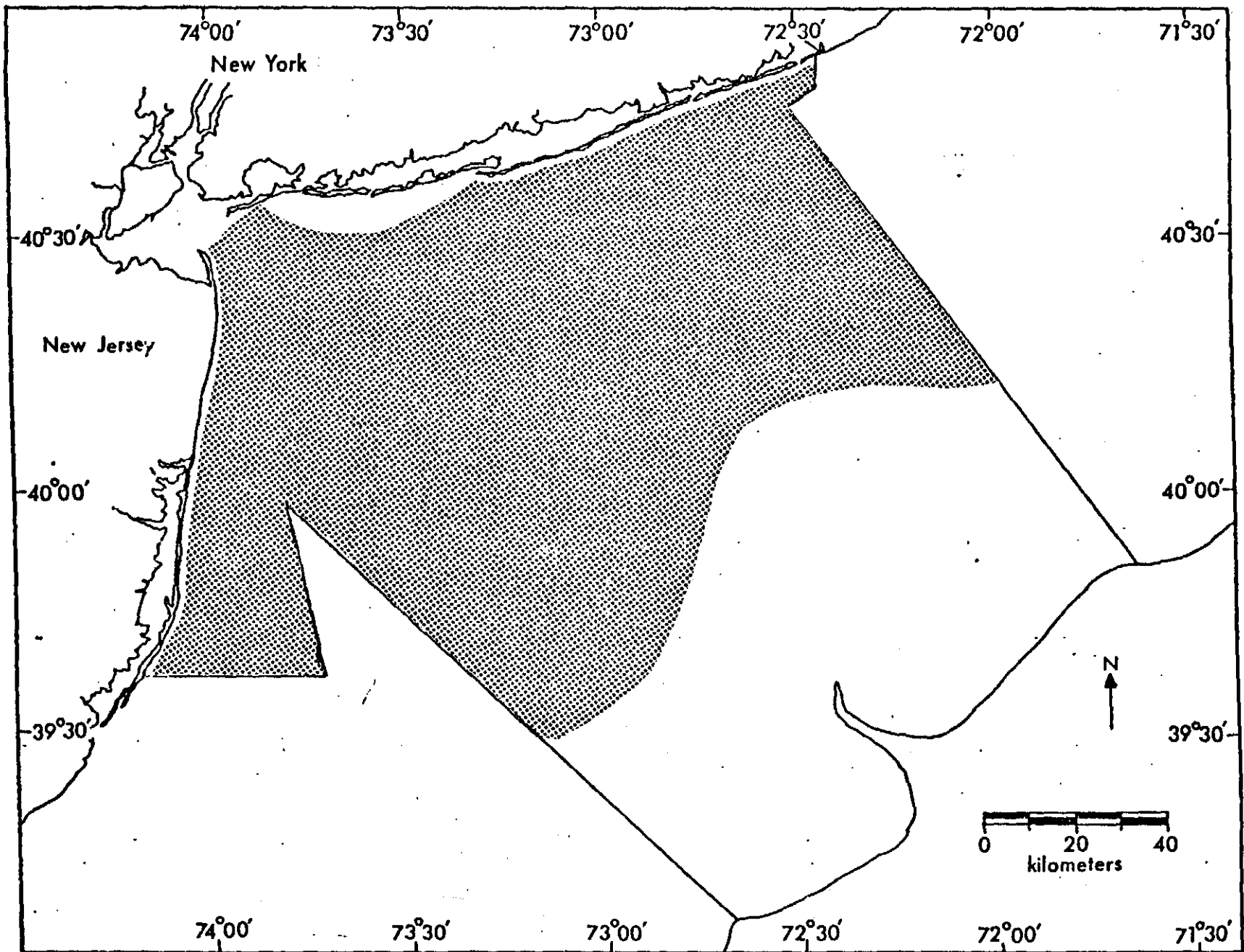


FIGURE 196.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

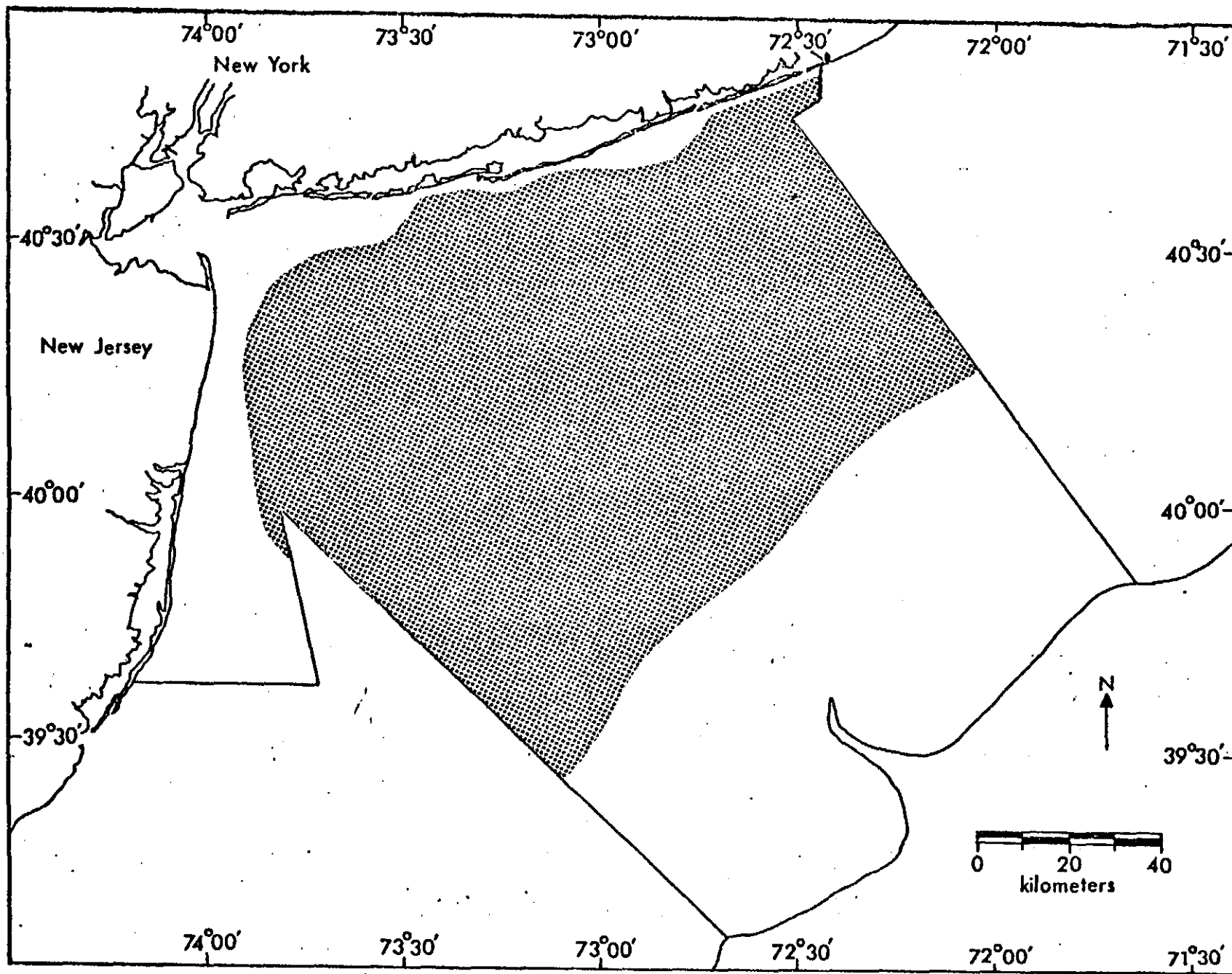


FIGURE 197.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

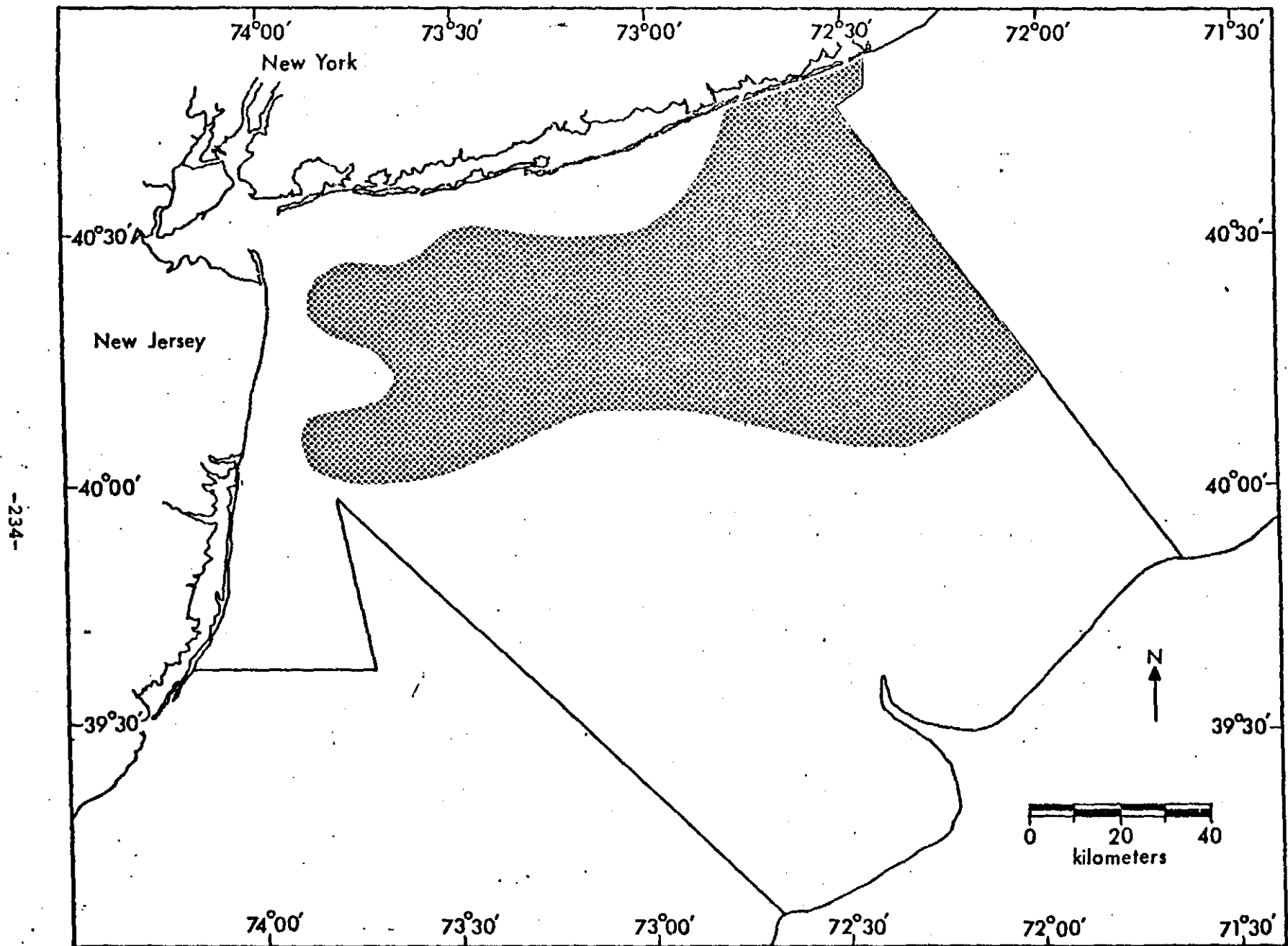


FIGURE 198.--Distribution of yellowtail (*Limanda ferruginea*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

WINTER FLOUNDER

(Pseudopleuronectes americanus)

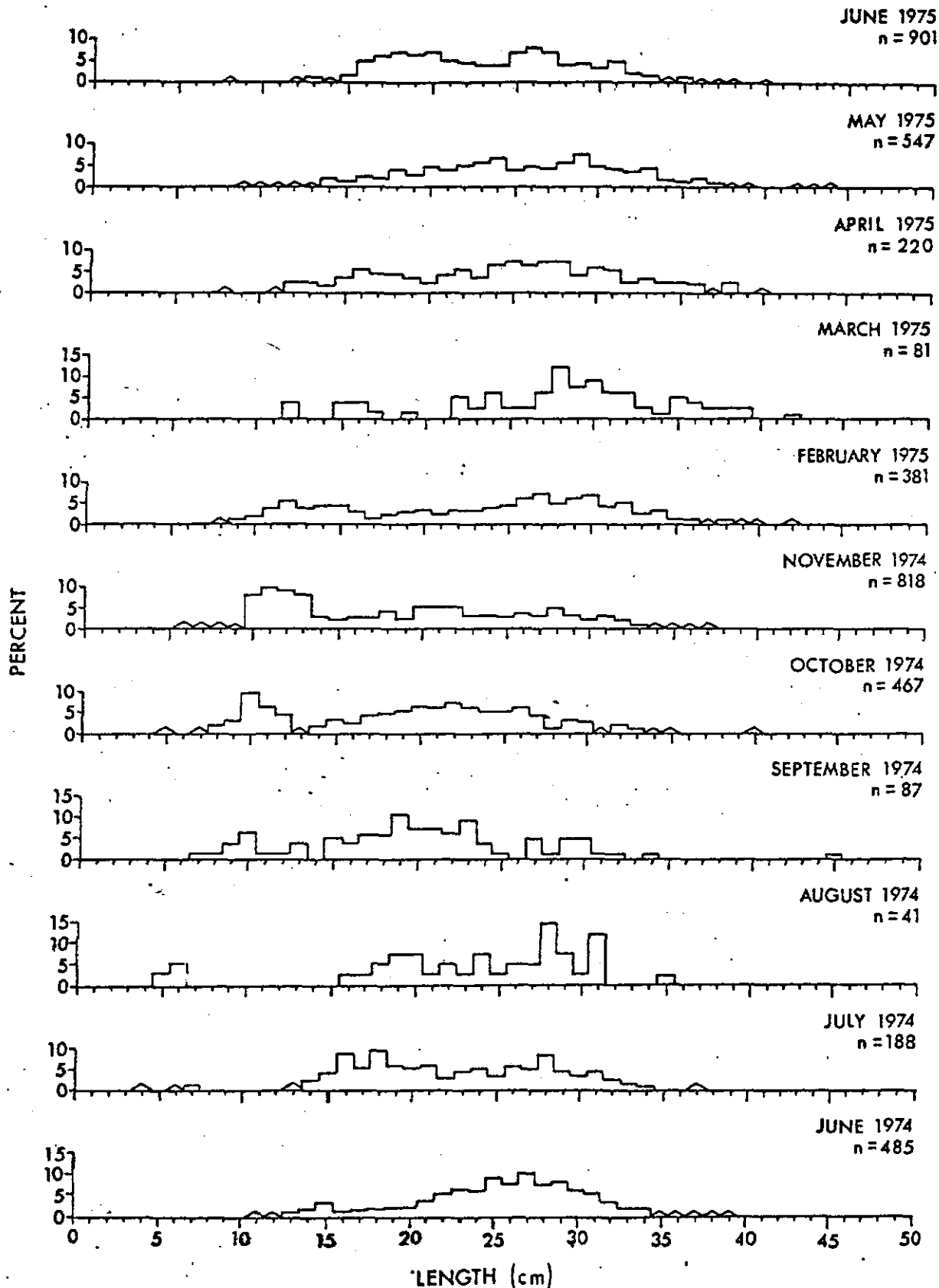


FIGURE 199.--Monthly length-frequency distributions of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975. (Δ indicates < 0.5%).

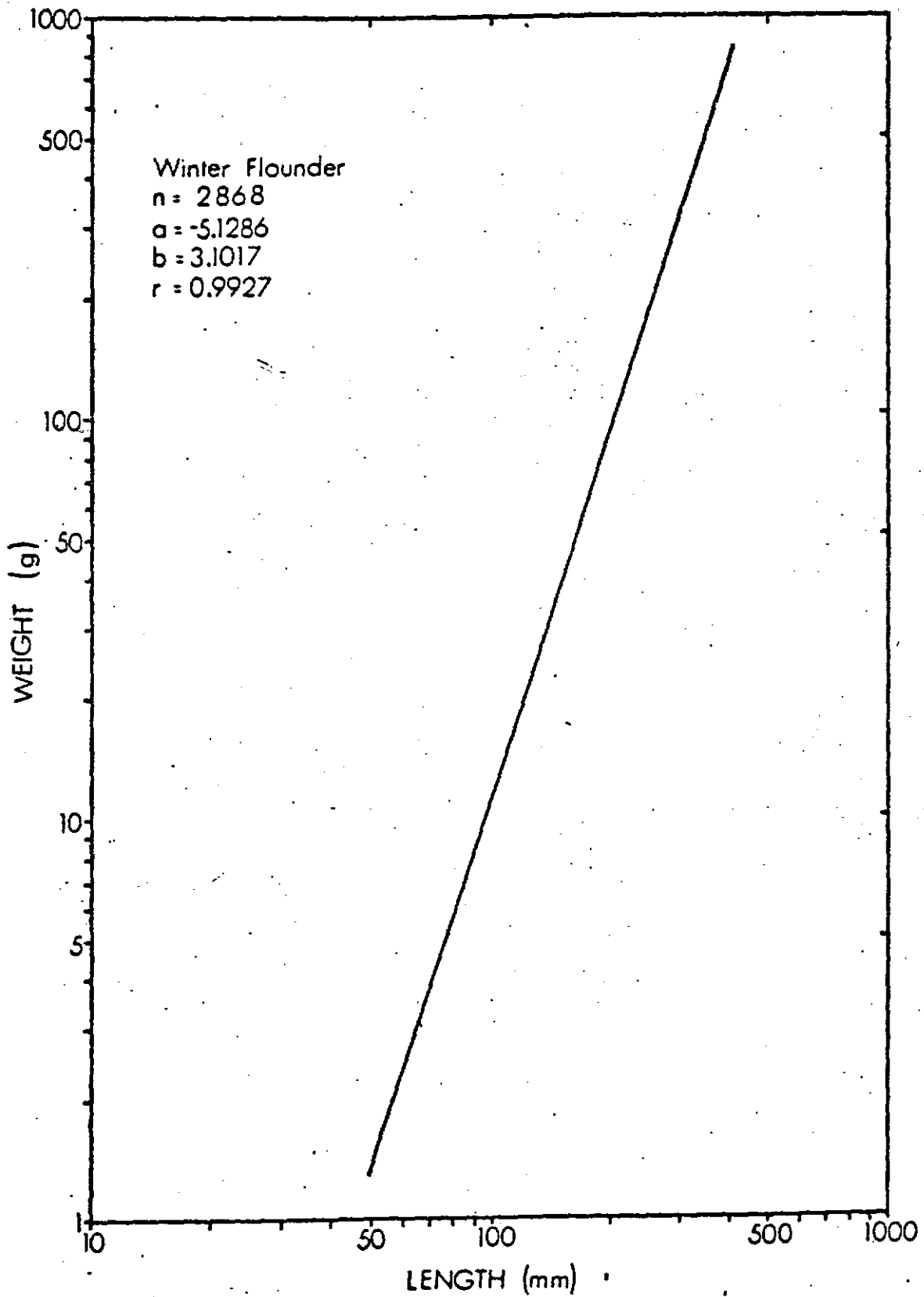


FIGURE 200.--Weight-length relationship of winter flounder (Pseudopleuronectes americanus) collected in New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 15.--Monthly sex ratios of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in the New York Bight, June 1974 - June 1975.

| MONTH | SAMPLE SIZE | MALES | | FEMALES | | UNSEXED | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| June | 300 | 54 | 18.0 | 136 | 45.3 | 110 | 36.7 |
| July | 159 | 27 | 17.0 | 76 | 47.8 | 56 | 35.2 |
| August | 38 | 14 | 36.9 | 17 | 44.7 | 7 | 18.4 |
| September | 85 | 20 | 23.5 | 22 | 25.9 | 43 | 50.6 |
| October | 303 | 77 | 25.4 | 114 | 37.6 | 112 | 37.0 |
| November | 466 | 144 | 30.9 | 183 | 39.3 | 139 | 29.8 |
| January ^{1/} | 18 | 1 | 5.6 | 5 | 27.8 | 12 | 66.7 |
| February | 361 | 98 | 27.1 | 140 | 38.8 | 123 | 34.1 |
| March | 74 | 25 | 33.8 | 40 | 54.1 | 9 | 12.2 |
| April | 212 | 56 | 26.4 | 116 | 54.7 | 40 | 18.9 |
| May | 405 | 132 | 32.6 | 205 | 50.6 | 68 | 16.8 |
| June | 458 | 150 | 32.8 | 215 | 46.9 | 93 | 20.3 |
| TOTAL | 2879 | 798 | 27.7 | 1269 | 44.1 | 812 | 28.2 |

^{1/} Bay stations only.

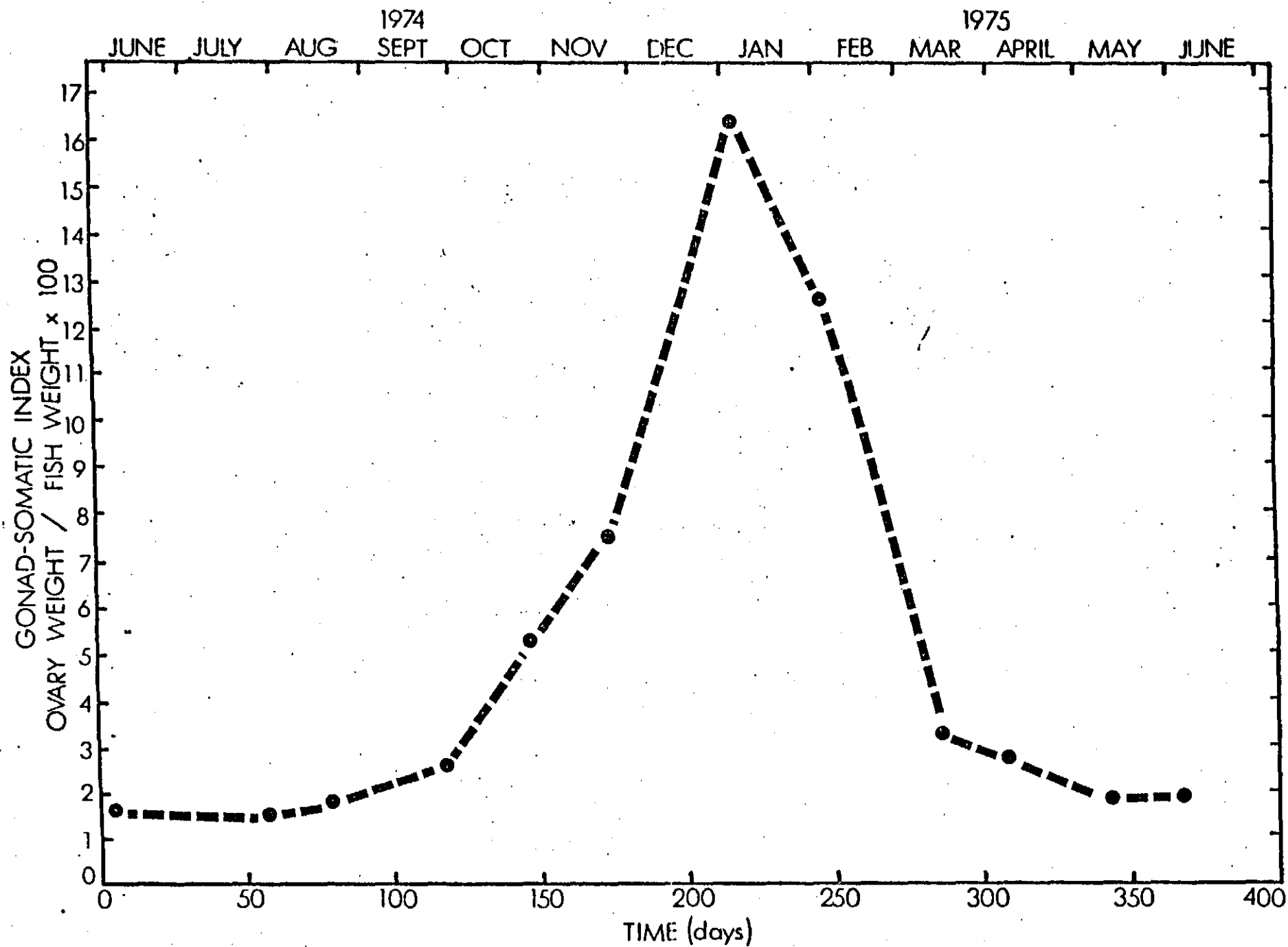


FIGURE 201.--Monthly gonad-somatic indices of winter flounder (Pseudopleuronectes americanus) collected New York Bight, June 1974 to June 1975.

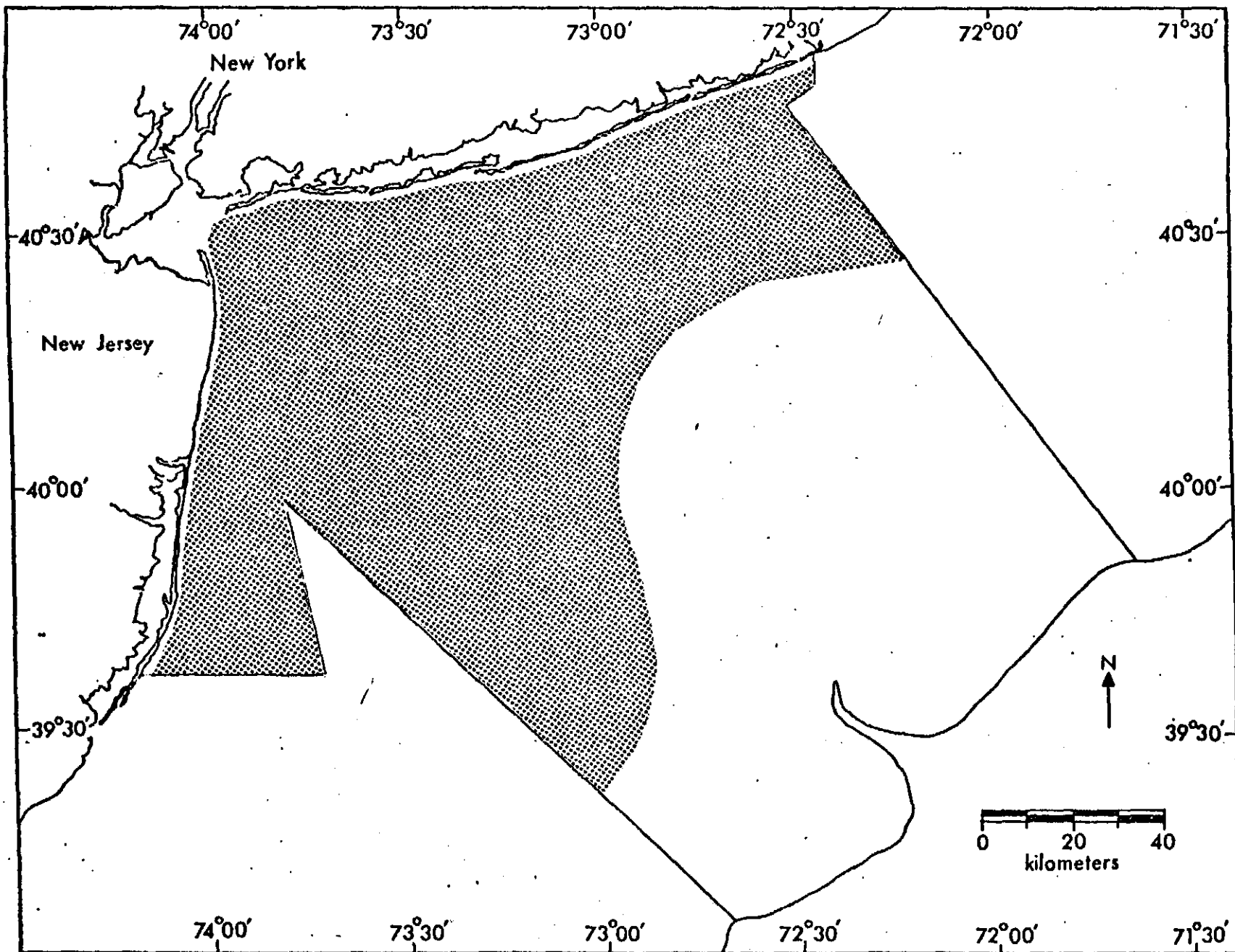


FIGURE 202.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1974.

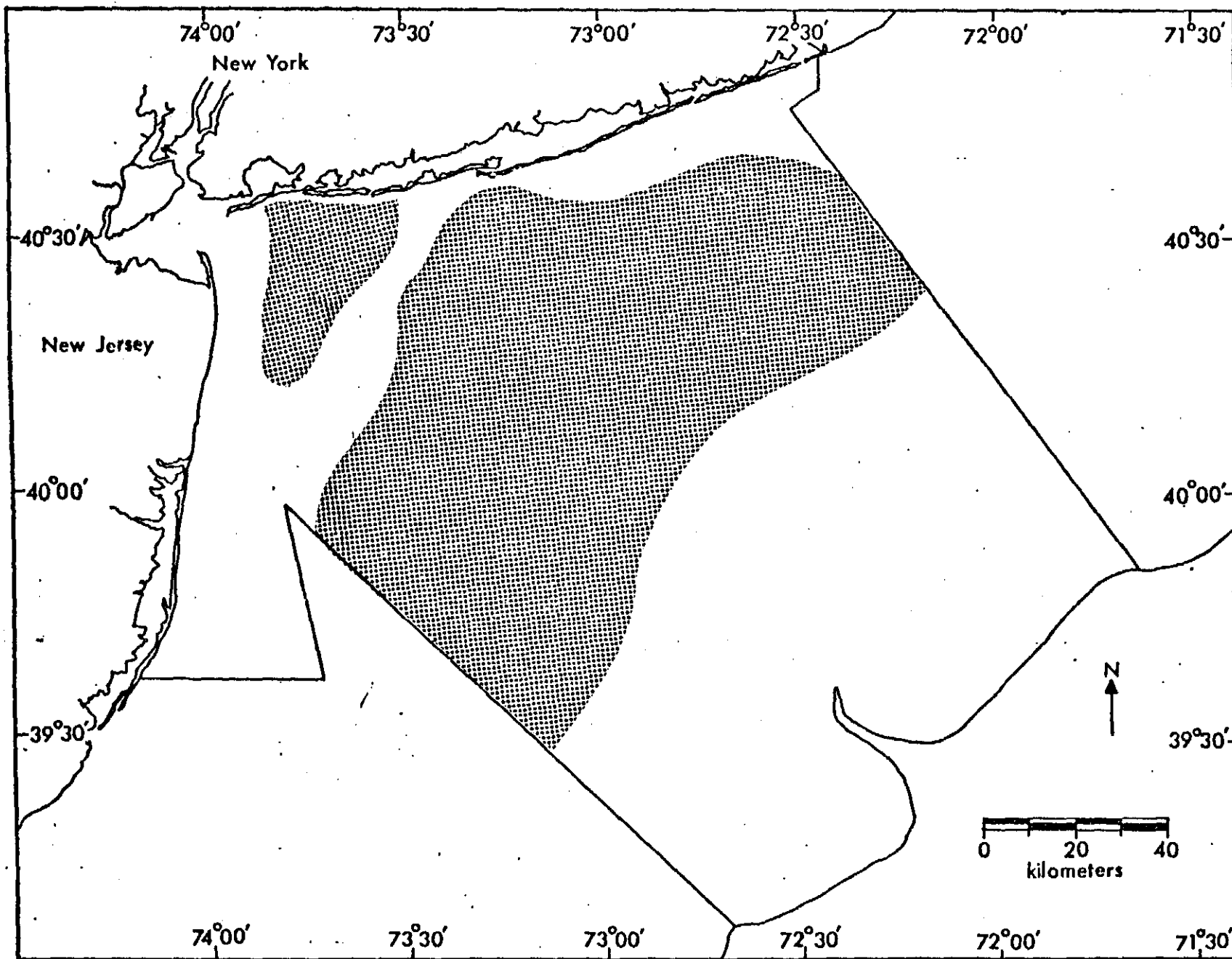


FIGURE 203.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, July 1974.

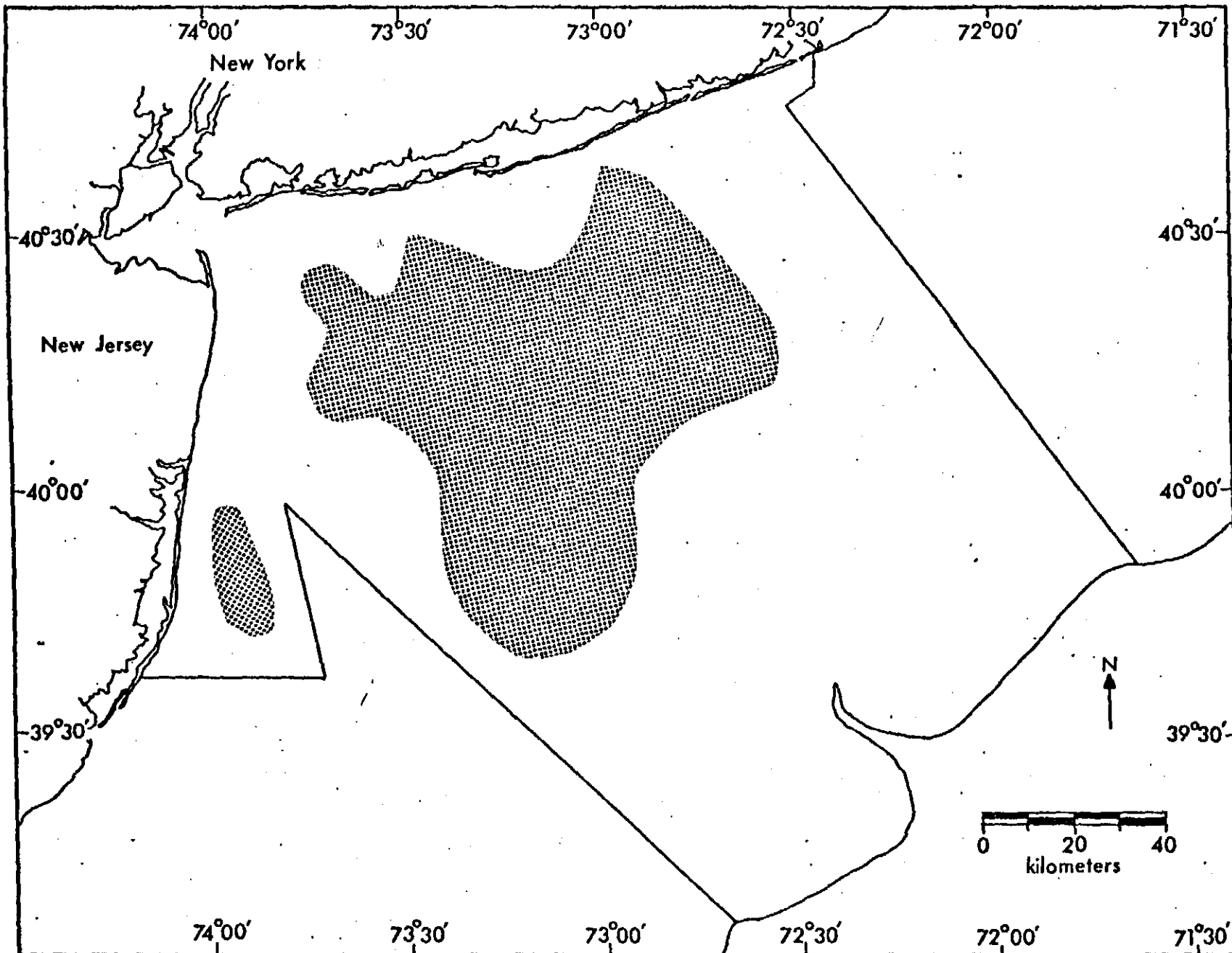


FIGURE 204.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, August 1974.

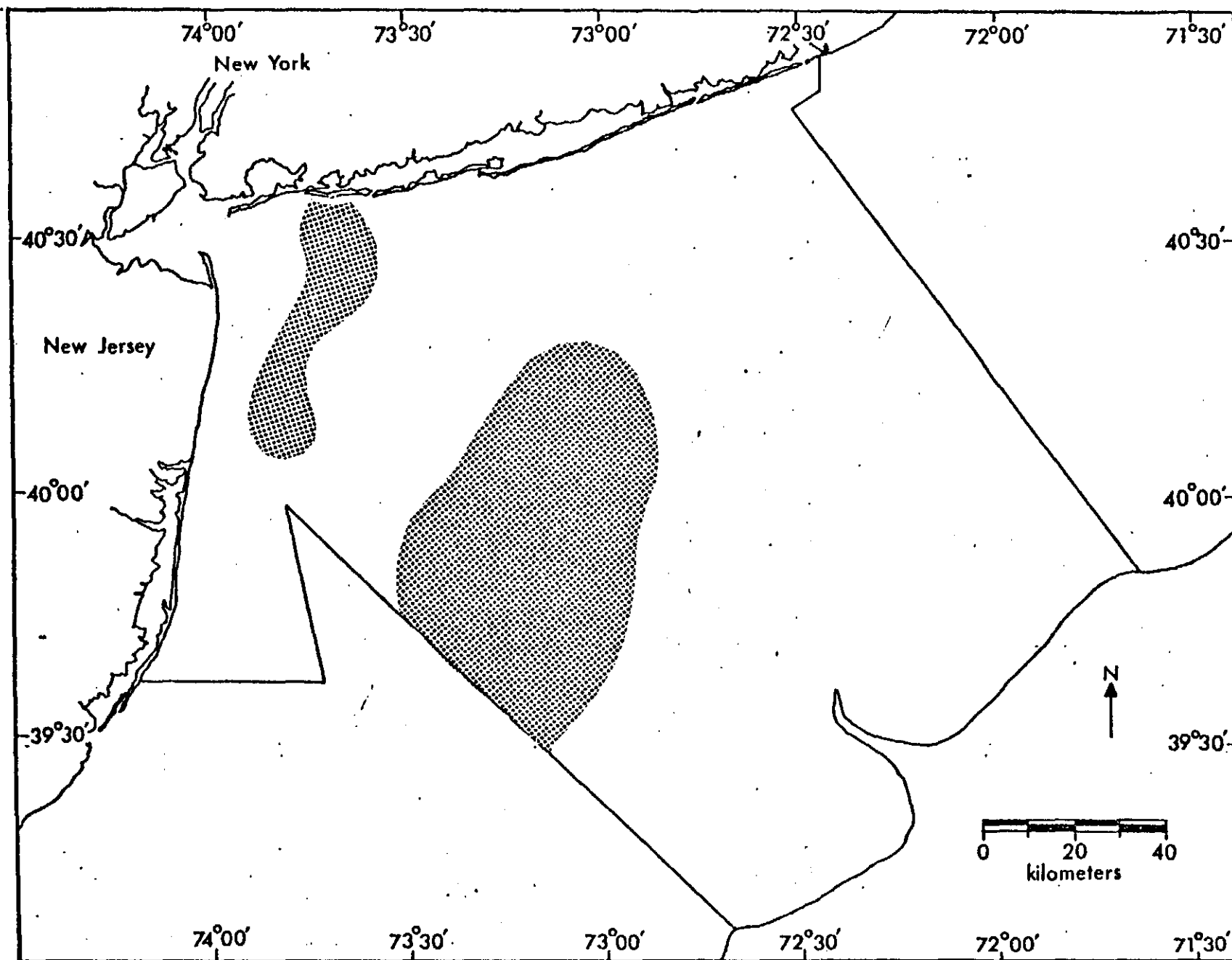


FIGURE 205.—Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, September 1974.

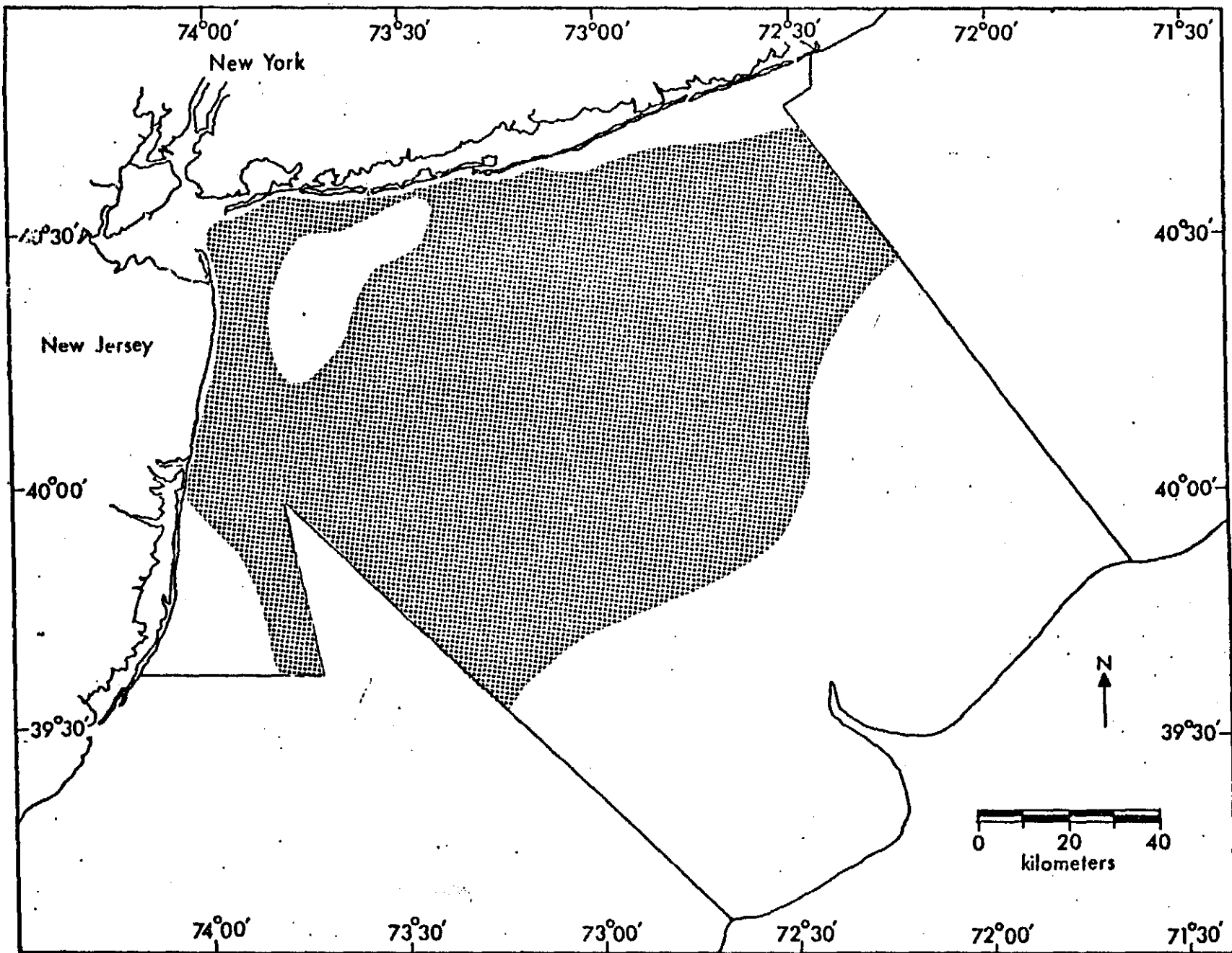


FIGURE 206.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, October 1974.

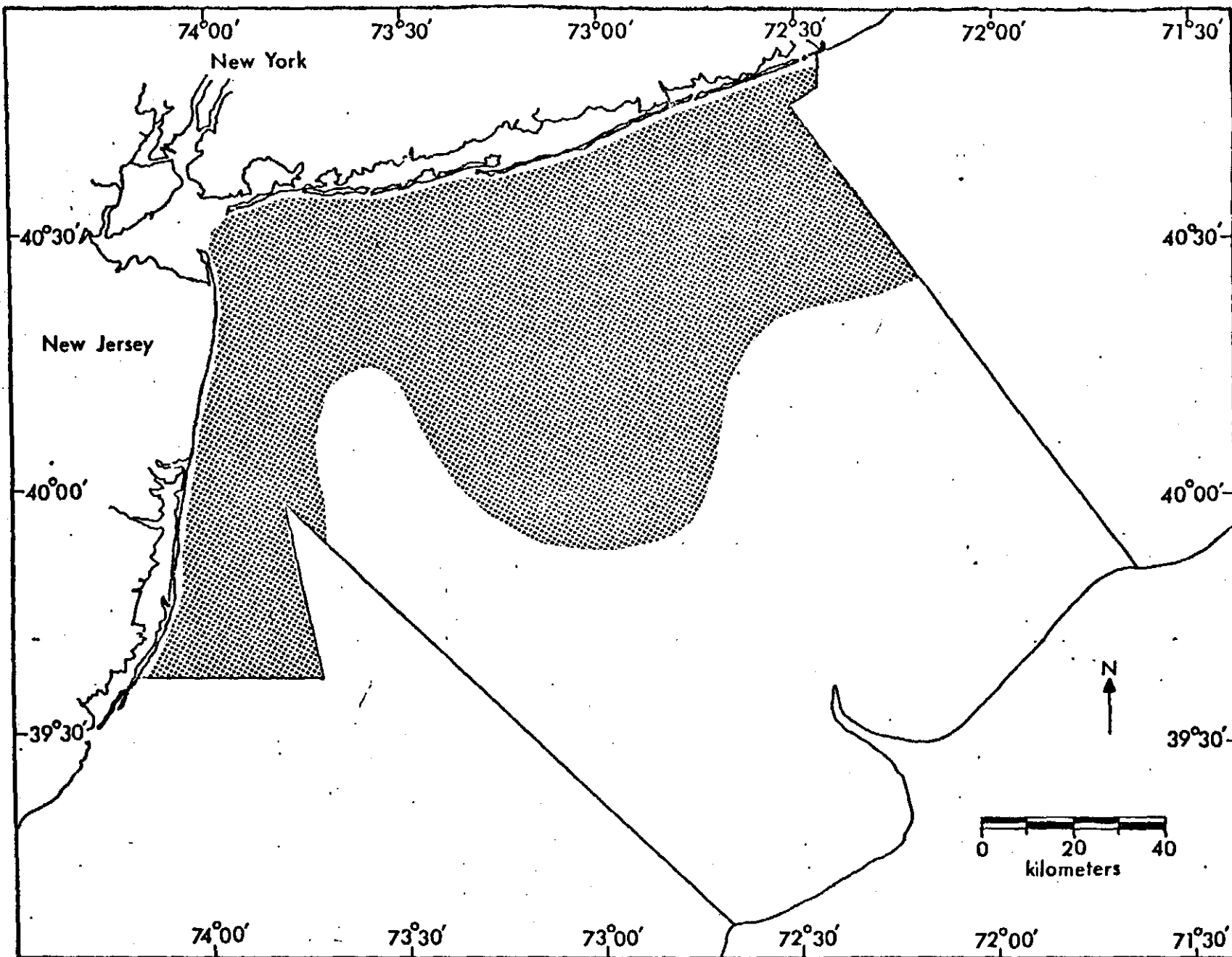


FIGURE 207.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, November 1974.

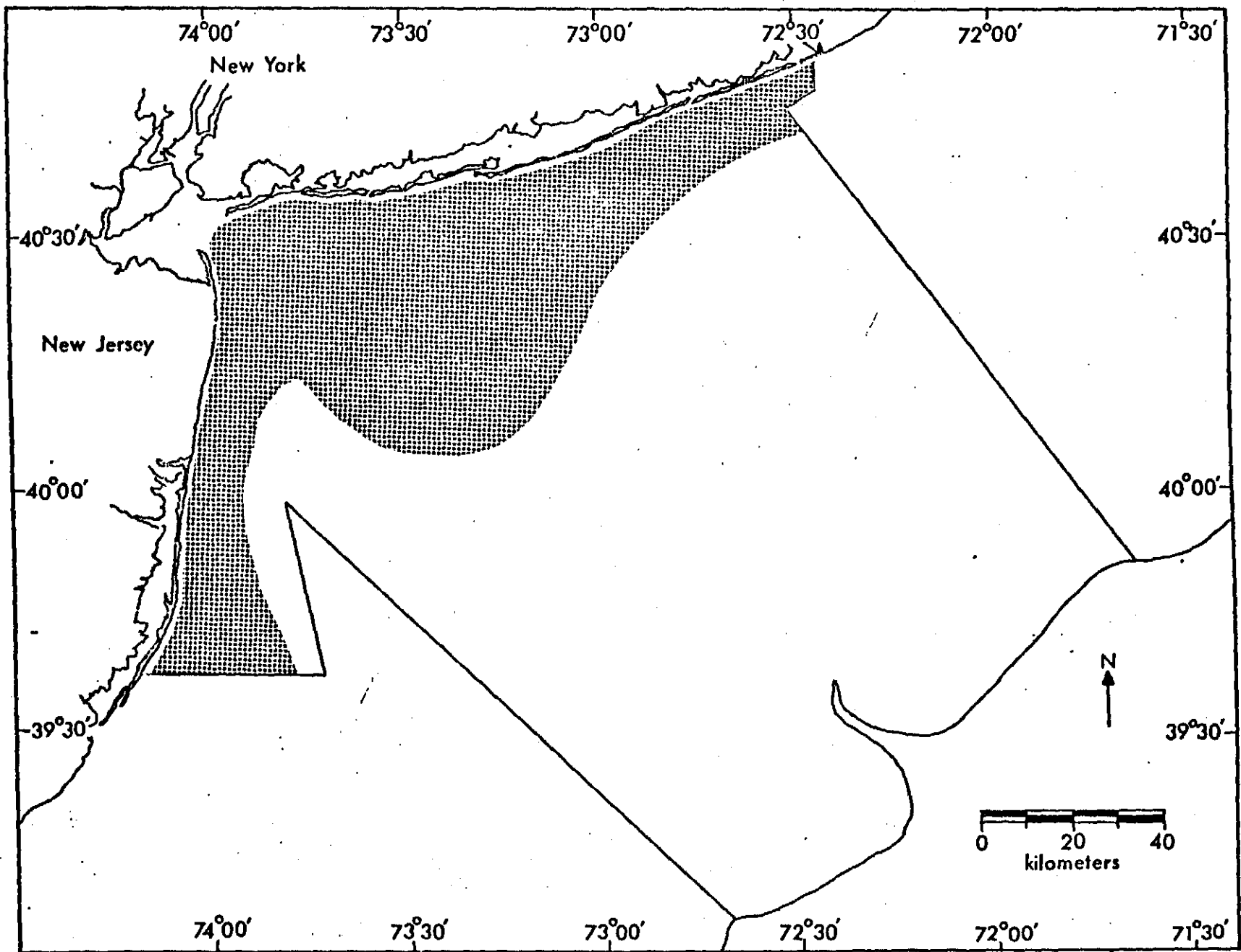


FIGURE 208.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, February 1975.

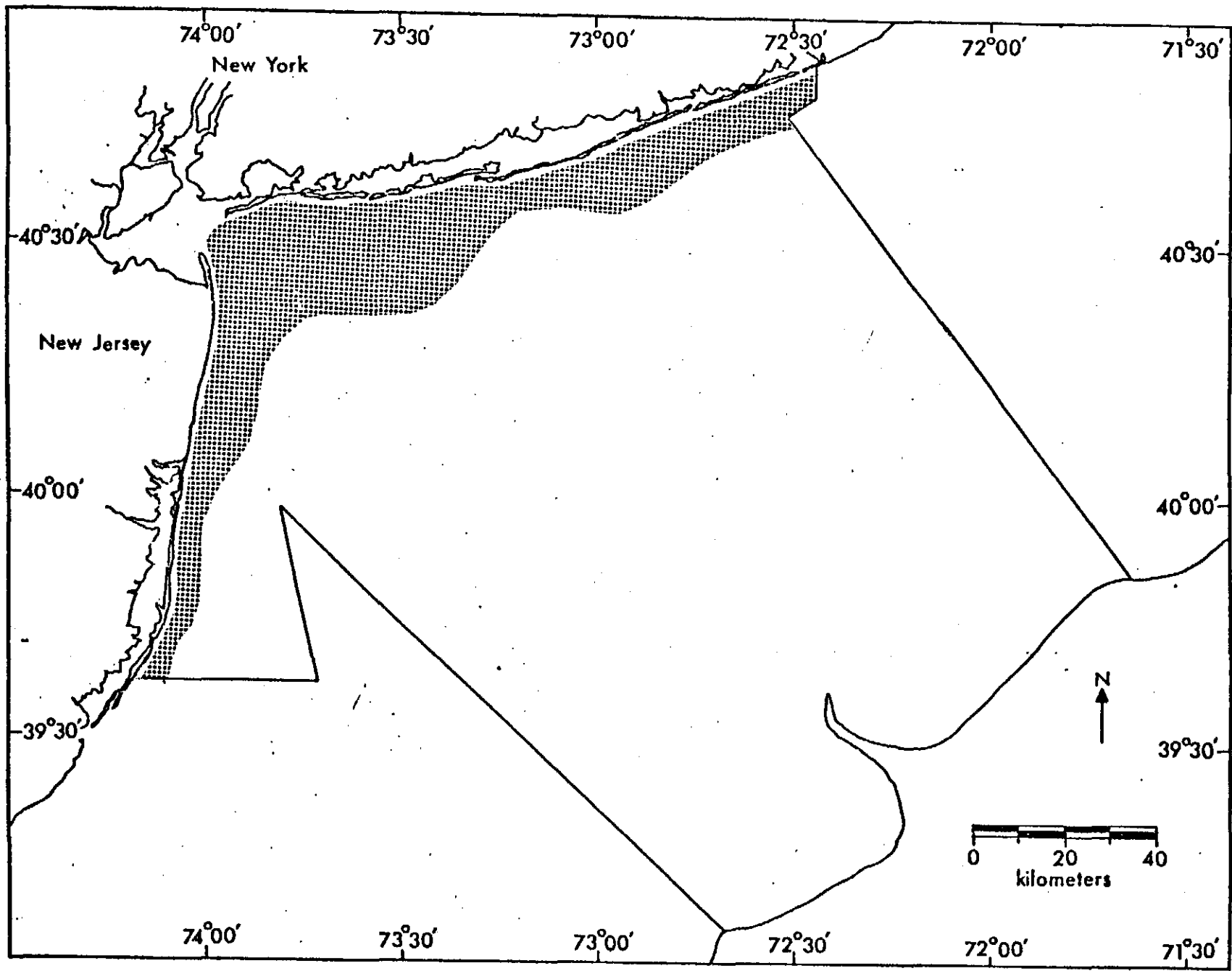


FIGURE 209.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, March 1975.

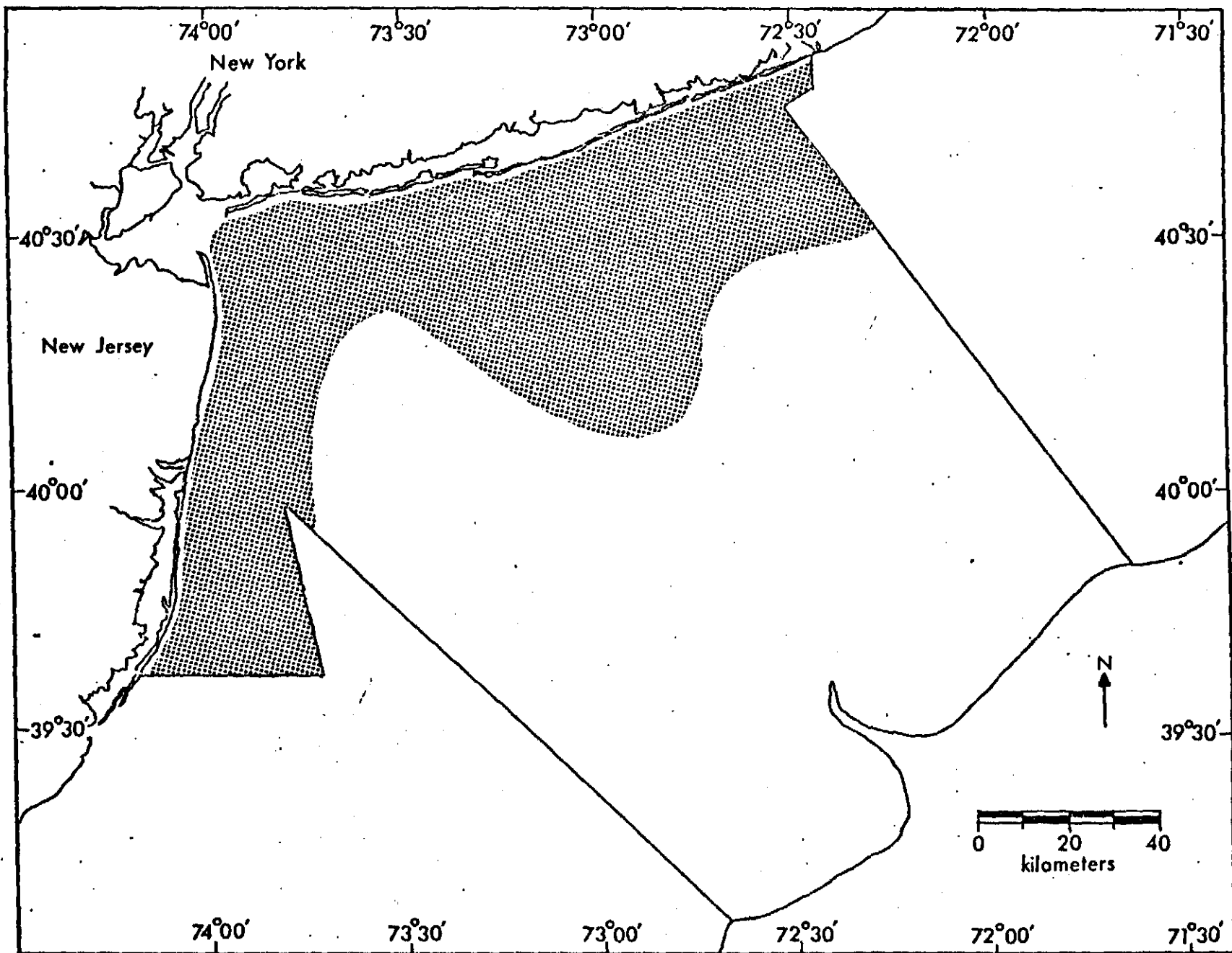


FIGURE 210.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, April 1975.

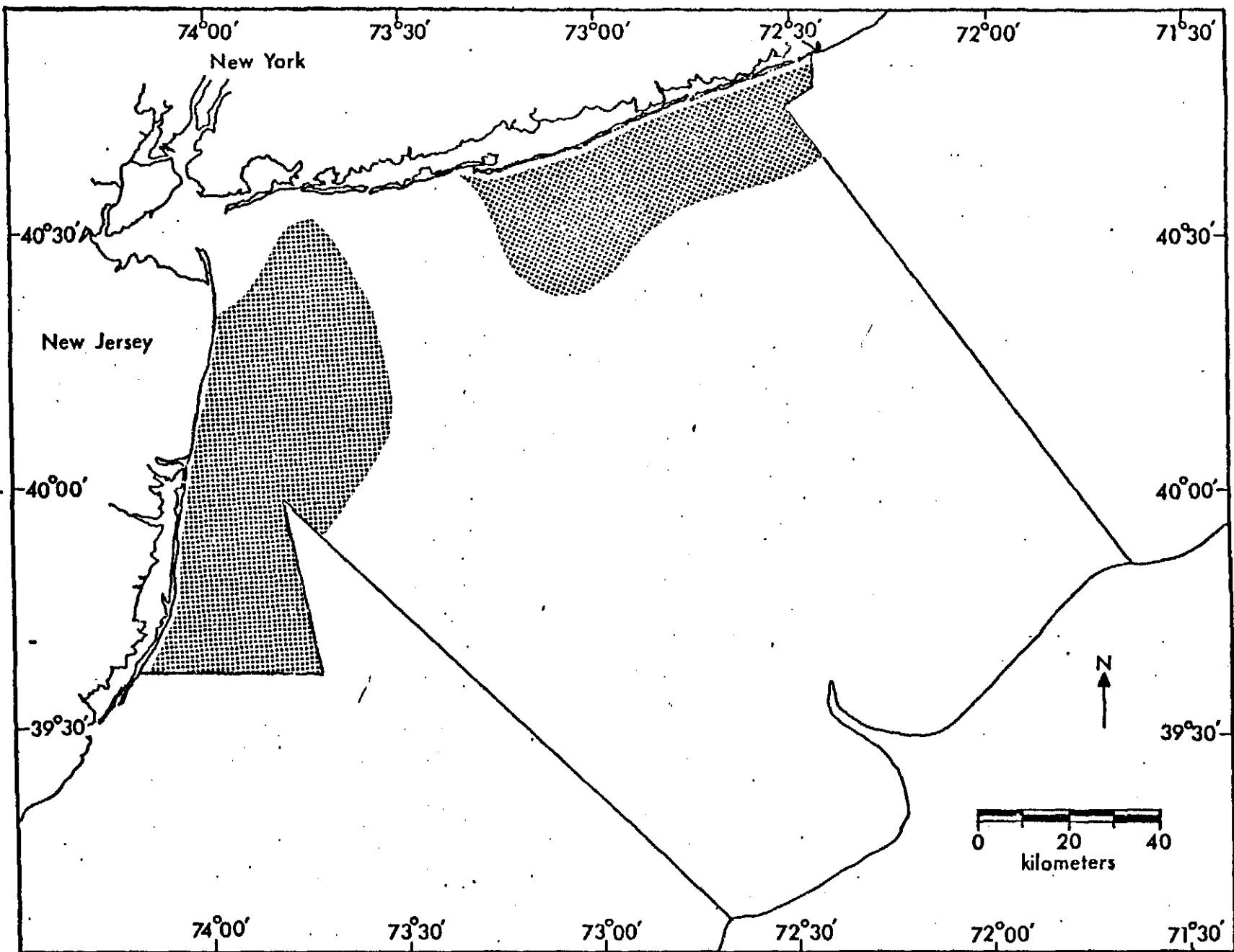


FIGURE 211.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, May 1975.

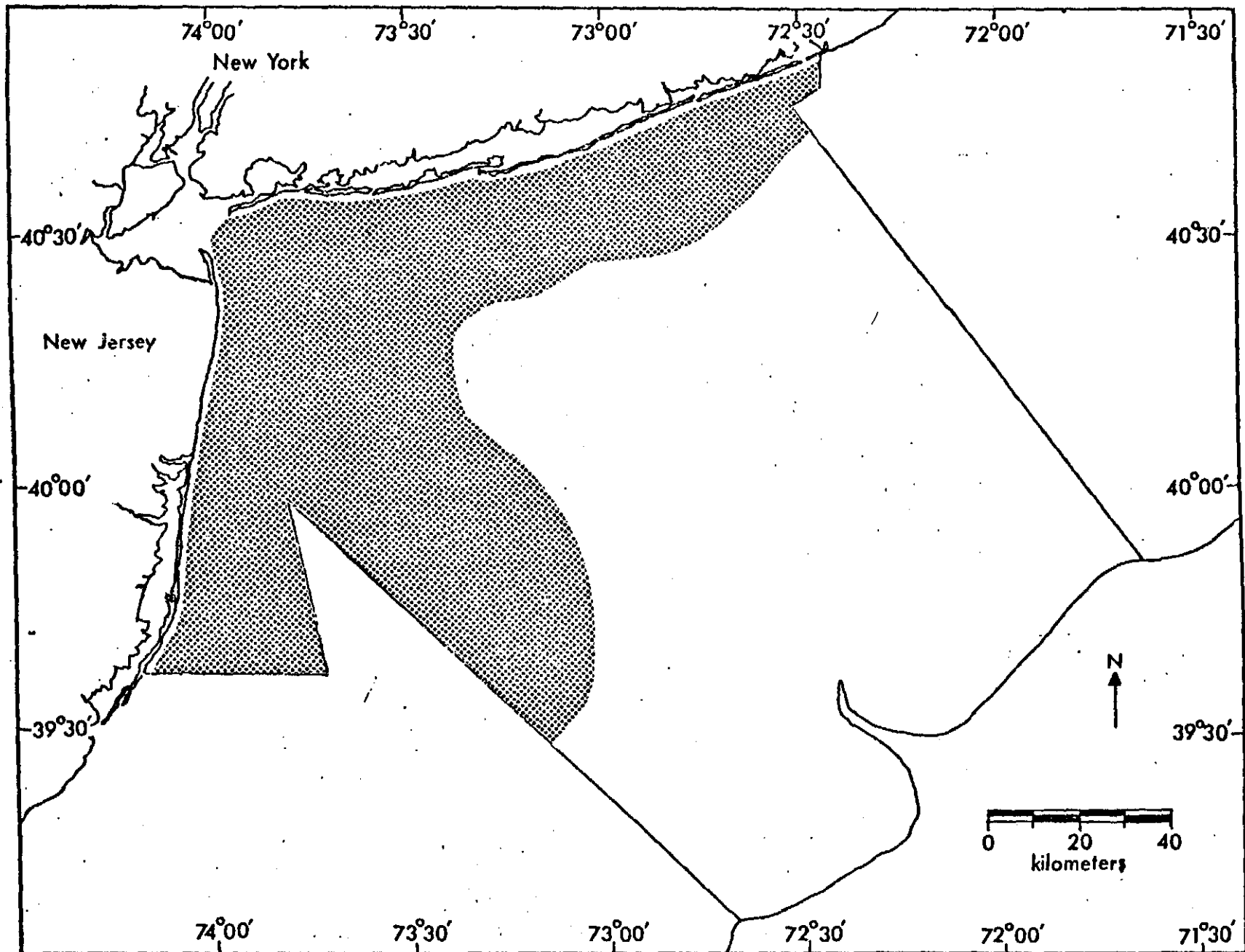


FIGURE 212.--Distribution of winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) collected in New York Bight, June 1975.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TABLE I.--Phylogenetic list of fishes collected in New York Bight, June to November, 1974;
including monthly summaries of numbers of specimens examined and their size range.

| IDENTIFICATION | JUNE | | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | |
|---|------|------------------|------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm |
| ANGUILLIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> American eel | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 569-673 |
| CLUPEIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> Blueback herring | 46 | 71-251 | - | - | 2 | 110-162 | - | - | 22 | 68-152 | 16 | 54-128 |
| <u>Alosa mediocris</u> Hickory shad | 2 | 176-317 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> Alewife | 21 | 81-255 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19 | 72-181 | 233 | 68-236 |
| <u>Alosa sapidissima</u> American shad | 8 | 144-437 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | 90-209 | 20 | 87-201 |
| <u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u> Atlantic menhaden | 50 | 172-244 | 1 | 229 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 225-277 | 40 | 112-296 |
| <u>Clupea harengus harengus</u> Atlantic herring | 19 | 235-299 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Etrumeus teres</u> Round herring | - | - | 4 | 105-119 | 112 | 98-160 | 84 | 101-137 | 22 | 112-138 | 13 | 118-134 |
| ENGRAULIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Anchoa hepsetus</u> Striped anchovy | - | - | - | - | 4 | 75-103 | - | - | 50 | 64- 89 | - | - |
| <u>Anchoa mitchilli</u> Bay anchovy | 21 | 54- 87 | 60 | 56- 93 | 153 | 35- 92 | 191 | 31- 84 | 146 | 26- 90 | 177 | 41- 93 |
| <u>Engraulis eurystole</u> Silver anchovy | 37 | 57- 91 | - | - | 54 | 60-116 | 44 | 71-113 | 25 | 94-120 | - | - |

| IDENTIFICATION | JUNE | | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | |
|---|------|------------|------|------------|--------|------------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|----------|------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE | NO. | SIZE RANGE | NO. | SIZE RANGE | NO. | SIZE RANGE | NO. | SIZE RANGE | NO. | SIZE RANGE |
| | | mm | | mm | | mm | | mm | | mm | | mm |
| SYNODONTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Synodus foetens</u> Inshore lizardfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 203-257 | 6 | 168-236 | 3 | 170-265 |
| <u>Trachinocephalus myops</u> Snakefish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | 63- 88 | 12 | 53- 84 | - | - |
| CHLOROPHTHALMIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Chlorophthalmus agassizi</u> Shortnose greeneye | 10 | 57-100 | 6 | 102-121 | 33 | 53-125 | 51 | 53-125 | 4 | 93-108 | - | - |
| LOPHIIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Lophius americanus</u> Goosefish | 38 | 247-970 | 46 | 146-832 | 67 | 110-960 | 62 | 160-850 | 58 | 60-973 | 214 | 110-114 |
| OGCOCEPHALIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Dibranchius atlanticus</u> Atlantic batfish | - | - | 9 | 105-167 | 1 | 130 | - | - | 2 | 113-178 | - | - |
| GADIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Enchelyopus cimbrius</u> Fourbeard rockling | 1 | 180 | 1 | 162 | 4 | 105-177 | 1 | 227 | 10 | 144-266 | - | - |
| <u>Gadus morhua</u> Atlantic cod | - | - | 8 | 40- 50 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 25 | 550-876 |
| <u>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</u> Haddock | - | - | 1 | 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Merluccius albidus</u> Offshore hake | 7 | 126-379 | 42 | 134-483 | 24 | 202-393 | 47 | 117-352 | 52 | 165-540 | 26 | 269-504 |
| <u>Merluccius bilinearis</u> Silver hake | 204 | 55-455 | 140 | 30-420 | 211 | 40-374 | 134 | 43-356 | 190 | 43-463 | 451 | 41-508 |
| <u>Phycis chesteri</u> Longfin hake | 3 | 209-252 | 14 | 76-228 | 10 | 186-234 | 1 | 229 | 29 | 124-263 | - | - |
| <u>Urophycis chuss</u> Red hake | 114 | 102-409 | 150 | 97-453 | 266 | 31-431 | 247 | 34-407 | 268 | 52-506 | 377 | 41-484 |

| IDENTIFICATION | JUNE | | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | |
|--|------|------------------|------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm |
| GADIDAE (Cont.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Urophycis regius</u> Spotted hake | 34 | 69-393 | 186 | 107-338 | 233 | 64-346 | 137 | 169-331 | 148 | 180-333 | 189 | 51-350 |
| <u>Urophycis tenuis</u> White hake | 2 | 274-329 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 429-535 | 11 | 182-696 |
| OPHIDIIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Lepophidium cervinum</u> Fawn cusk-eel | 40 | 145-288 | 12 | 100-234 | 66 | 97-263 | 83 | 112-262 | 18 | 65-279 | 49 | 121-223 |
| <u>Rissola marginata</u> Striped cusk-eel | - | - | - | - | 3 | 254-270 | 7 | 203-265 | 6 | 167-277 | 6 | 125-272 |
| ZOARCIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Macrozoarces americanus</u> Ocean pout | 6 | 224-596 | 28 | 121-373 | 40 | 107-409 | 28 | 117-548 | 5 | 236-329 | 11 | 228-466 |
| MACROURIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Nezumia bairdi</u> Marlin-spike | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 155-237 | - | - |
| <u>Coelorhynchus carminatus</u> Longnosed grenadier | - | - | 10 | 164-278 | 8 | 192-270 | 7 | 140-240 | 6 | 172-257 | - | - |
| BELONIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Strongylura marina</u> Atlantic needlefish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 299 | - | - | - | - |
| SCOMBERESOCIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Scorberesox saurus</u> Atlantic saury | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 328 |
| ATHERINIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Menidia menidia</u> Atlantic silversides | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | 75-108 | 73 | 75-119 |
| FISTULARIIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Fistularia petimba</u> Cornetfish | - | - | - | - | 1 | 306 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| IDENTIFICATION | JUNE | | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | |
|--|------|------------------|------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm |
| SYNGNATHIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hippocampus erectus</u> Lined seahorse | - | - | - | - | 1 | 55 | 4 | 60-71 | 17 | 43-135 | 6 | 66-131 |
| <u>Syngnathus fuscus</u> Northern pipefish | - | - | - | - | 1 | 141 | 9 | 135-228 | 17 | 115-213 | 97 | 73-224 |
| PERCICHTHYIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Morone americana</u> White perch | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 58 |
| <u>Morone saxatilis</u> Striped bass | 9 | 480-553 | 2 | 381-500 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 443 | 1 | 722 |
| SERRANIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Centropristis striata</u> Black sea bass | 5 | 231-438 | 23 | 204-403 | 34 | 192-447 | 111 | 33-409 | 97 | 40-371 | 21 | 47-452 |
| PRIACANTHIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pristigenys alta</u> Short bigeye | - | - | 1 | 33 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 36 | - | - |
| BRANCHIOSTEGIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</u> Tilefish | 3 | 127-709 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 467-476 | 1 | 499 |
| POMATOMIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pomatomus saltatrix</u> Bluefish | 24 | 39-686 | 38 | 84-725 | 43 | 112-703 | 110 | 84-701 | 94 | 86-768 | 35 | 156-697 |
| CARANGIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Decapterus punctatus</u> Round scad | - | - | 6 | 53-92 | 51 | 48-104 | 36 | 53-109 | 17 | 77-132 | - | - |
| <u>Selar crumenophthalmus</u> Bigeye scad | - | - | - | - | 1 | 122 | - | - | 1 | 150 | - | - |
| <u>Seriola zonata</u> Banded rudderfish | 1 | 92 | - | - | 5 | 165-213 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

APPENDIX TABLE I.--Continued

| IDENTIFICATION | JUNE | | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | |
|---|------|------------------|------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm |
| CARANGIDAE (Cont.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Trachurus lathami</u> Rough scad | - | - | 3 | 60-67 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 134-139 | - | - |
| <u>Vomer setapinnis</u> Atlantic moonfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | 43-61 | 2 | 46-95 | - | - |
| SPARIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Stenotomus chrysops</u> Scup | 162 | 92-213 | 50 | 42-282 | 90 | 27-235 | 385 | 42-234 | 467 | 59-306 | 309 | 60-380 |
| SCIAENIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Bairdiella chrysur</u> Silver perch | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | 76-102 | 4 | 73-103 |
| <u>Cynoscion regalis</u> Weakfish | 1 | 595 | 48 | 323-768 | 15 | 72-670 | 255 | 59-680 | 117 | 75-611 | 232 | 65-725 |
| <u>Larimus fasciatus</u> Banded drum | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 106 |
| <u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u> Spot | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 172-188 | 3 | 145-167 | 1 | 122 |
| <u>Menticirrhus saxatilis</u> Northern kingfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 25 | 60-250 | 56 | 124-402 | 29 | 51-265 |
| <u>Micropogon undulatus</u> Atlantic croaker | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 73-351 | - | - | 2 | 107-136 |
| MULLIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Mullus auratus</u> Red goatfish | - | - | 1 | 85 | 1 | 53 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CHAETODONTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Chaetodon ocellatus</u> Spotfin butterflyfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 35 | - | - | 1 | 51 |

APPENDIX TABLE I.--Continued

| IDENTIFICATION | JUNE | | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | |
|--|------|------------------|------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm |
| SCORPAENIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Helicolenus dactylopterus</u> Blackbelly rosefish, | 148 | 26-198 | 57 | 35-180 | 61 | 44-207 | 36 | 48-235 | 32 | 49-215 | 12 | 48-16 |
| <u>Scorpaena plumieri</u> Spotted scorpionfish | 1 | 157 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 50-57 | - | - |
| TRIGLIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Peristedion miniatum</u> Armored searobin | - | - | 2 | 214-235 | 9 | 228-267 | 33 | 210-349 | 5 | 241-266 | 30 | 135-344 |
| <u>Prionotus carolinus</u> Northern searobin | 25 | 198-275 | 68 | 153-278 | 74 | 26-318 | 184 | 45-297 | 159 | 41-341 | 74 | 42-382 |
| <u>Prionotus evolans</u> Striped searobin | 19 | 187-383 | 67 | 110-364 | 46 | 95-355 | 128 | 65-414 | 103 | 47-403 | 69 | 48-398 |
| COTTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hemitripterus americanus</u> Sea raven | 26 | 185-380 | 2 | 202-210 | 4 | 205-300 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 243-306 |
| <u>Myoxocephalus aeneus</u> Grubby | - | - | 2 | 85-95 | - | - | 3 | 89-102 | - | - | 26 | 69-149 |
| <u>Myoxocephalus octodecemspinosus</u> Longhorn sculpin | 10 | 200-300 | 11 | 116-210 | 36 | 110-310 | 4 | 146-274 | 4 | 113-240 | 7 | 80-338 |
| <u>Myoxocephalus scorpius</u> Shorthorn sculpin | - | - | 1 | 260 | - | - | 1 | 105 | - | - | - | - |
| SOOTHIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Citharichthys arctifrons</u> Gulf Stream flounder | 4 | 76-122 | 9 | 83-132 | 152 | 58-177 | 80 | 55-125 | 71 | 47-170 | 60 | 48-147 |
| <u>Paralichthys dentatus</u> Summer flounder | 115 | 303-692 | 99 | 257-650 | 74 | 323-537 | 225 | 227-730 | 195 | 115-714 | 163 | 130-716 |
| <u>Paralichthys oblongus</u> Fourspot flounder | 82 | 114-355 | 228 | 41-341 | 236 | 26-347 | 285 | 52-374 | 307 | 68-374 | 330 | 91-386 |

APPENDIX TABLE I.--Continued

| IDENTIFICATION | JUNE | | JULY | | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | |
|---|------|------------------|------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm |
| BOTHIDAE (Cont.) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Scophthalmus aquosus</u> Windowpane | 207 | 155-336 | 235 | 44-355 | 279 | 51-323 | 391 | 47-356 | 412 | 62-340 | 599 | 47-341 |
| PLEURONECTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</u> Witch flounder | - | - | 15 | 193-258 | 13 | 197-487 | 2 | 304-481 | 37 | 208-435 | 24 | 274-554 |
| <u>Limanda ferruginea</u> Yellowtail flounder | 36 | 126-368 | 30 | 35-346 | 41 | 150-364 | 113 | 126-381 | 48 | 56-382 | 59 | 75-390 |
| <u>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</u> Winter flounder | 300 | 113-375 | 159 | 65-362 | 38 | 49-344 | 85 | 73-346 | 303 | 72-397 | 466 | 56-393 |
| CYNOGLOSSIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Symphurus plagiusa</u> Blackcheek tonguefish | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 64 |
| BALISTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Monacanthus hispidus</u> Planehead filefish | - | - | 4 | 63-100 | 39 | 64-130 | 64 | 83-229 | 73 | 55-161 | 29 | 91-154 |
| TETRAODONTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Sphoeroides maculatus</u> Northern puffer | - | - | - | - | 29 | 60-91 | 98 | 67-122 | 27 | 37-170 | 12 | 43-65 |

APPENDIX TABLE II.--Phylogenetic list of fishes collected in New York Bight, January - June, 1975;
including monthly summaries of numbers of specimens examined and their size range.

| IDENTIFICATION | JANUARY | | FEBRUARY | | MARCH | | APRIL | | MAY | | JUNE | |
|---|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|-----|------------------|------|------------------|
| | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm | NO. | SIZE RANGE mm |
| ANGUILLIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> American eel | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 597 | 1 | 460 | - | - |
| CLUPEIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> Blueback herring | 98 | 53-204 | 208 | 57-271 | 3 | 85-277 | 92 | 77-274 | 97 | 74-269 | 16 | 91-261 |
| <u>Alosa mediocris</u> Hickory shad | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> Alewife | 115 | 68-199 | 345 | 80-345 | 35 | 142-298 | 137 | 85-363 | 307 | 82-289 | 39 | 76-273 |
| <u>Alosa sapidissima</u> American shad | 80 | 77-198 | 97 | 84-463 | 7 | 247-312 | 5 | 222-330 | 76 | 98-390 | 11 | 155-394 |
| <u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u> Atlantic menhaden | - | - | 2 | 220-241 | 1 | 303 | - | - | 6 | 198-260 | 17 | 190-243 |
| <u>Clupea harengus harengus</u> Atlantic herring | 28 | 257-313 | 77 | 247-325 | 1 | 301 | 22 | 158-320 | 102 | 151-336 | 30 | 136-254 |
| <u>Etrumeus teres</u> Round herring | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ENGRAULIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Anchoa hepsetus</u> Striped anchovy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 40 | 59- 88 | 65 | 45- 86 |
| <u>Anchoa mitchilli</u> Bay anchovy | - | - | 1 | 72 | - | - | - | - | 45 | 57- 98 | - | - |
| <u>Engraulis eurystole</u> Silver anchovy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| ARGENTINIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Argentina silus</u> Atlantic argentine | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 104-136 | 8 | 117-135 | 1 | 133 |
| CHLOROPHTHALMIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Chlorophthalmus agassizi</u> Shortnose greeneye | - | - | - | - | 1 | 68 | 14 | 60-109 | 15 | 88-127 | - | - |
| LOPHIIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Lophius americanus</u> Goosefish | - | - | 122 | 137-1020 | 38 | 172-957 | // 42 | 265-970 | 154 | 188-1350 | 172 | 135-1100 |
| OGCOEPHALIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Dibranchius atlanticus</u> Atlantic batfish | - | - | 2 | 74-153 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 48-135 | - | - |
| GADIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Enchelyopus cimbrius</u> Fourbeard rockling | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 173-285 | - | - |
| <u>Gadus morhua</u> Atlantic cod | - | - | 96 | 474-1333 | 48 | 578-1680 | 45 | 520-981 | 8 | 592-872 | 1 | 580 |
| <u>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</u> Haddock | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Merluccius albidus</u> Offshore hake | - | - | 86 | 189-529 | 16 | 129-575 | 49 | 115-495 | 38 | 261-452 | 17 | 209-522 |
| <u>Merluccius bilinearis</u> Silver hake | 13 | 88-235 | 941 | 59-556 | 661 | 51-497 | 423 | 70-590 | 858 | 77-562 | 487 | 64-507 |
| <u>Microgadus tomcod</u> Atlantic tomcod | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 159 | 23 | 56- 76 |
| <u>Phycis chesteri</u> Longfin hake | - | - | - | - | - | - | 26 | 132-307 | 25 | 169-382 | - | - |
| <u>Physiculus fulvus</u> Hakeling | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 140 | - | - | - | - |

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| GADIDAE - Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pollachius virens</u> Pollock | - | - | 1 | 459 | - | - | 1 | 1301 | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Uraleptus maraldi</u> | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 162 | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Urophycis chuss</u> Red hake | 8 | 65-102 | 695 | 65-533 | 586 | 68-476 | 473 | 76-529 | 1069 | 82-550 | 456 | 75-505 |
| <u>Urophycis regius</u> Spotted hake | 2 | 69-74 | 30 | 75-355 | 4 | 100-333 | 11 | 93-386 | 52 | 49-368 | 32 | 65-367 |
| <u>Urophycis tenuis</u> White hake | - | - | 19 | 264-664 | 16 | 326-841 | 7 | 135-435 | 23 | 182-854 | 2 | 436-474 |
| OPHIDIIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Lepophidium cervinum</u> Fawn cusk-eel | - | - | 16 | 148-236 | 54 | 142-264 | 4 | 165-275 | 24 | 97-346 | 6 | 83-226 |
| <u>Rissola marginata</u> Striped cusk-eel | - | - | 2 | 143-280 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 68-306 | - | - |
| ZOARCIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Macrozoarces americanus</u> Ocean pout | - | - | 227 | 144-729 | 55 | 92-670 | 159 | 170-704 | 218 | 180-659 | 54 | 78-558 |
| <u>Melanstigma atlanticum</u> Atlantic soft pout | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | 77-158 | - | - | - | - |
| MACROURIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Nezumia bairdi</u> Marlin - spike | - | - | 22 | 67-306 | - | - | 12 | 125-258 | 9 | 157-316 | - | - |
| <u>Nezumia berglax</u> Rough headed grenadier | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 225-259 | 7 | 125-260 | 1 | 259 |
| <u>Coelorhynchus carminatus</u> Longnosed grenadier | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| ATHERINIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Menidia menidia</u> Atlantic silversides | 6 | 77- 96 | 46 | 74-107 | 2 | 88-115 | 11 | 82-108 | 46 | 51- 87 | - | - |
| POLYMIKIIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Polymixia lowei</u> Beardfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 70 | - | - | - | - |
| GASTEROSTEIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Gasterosteus aculeatus</u> Threespine stickleback | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 52 | - | - | - | - |
| SYNGNATHIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hippocampus erectus</u> Lined seahorse | - | - | 1 | 70 | 4 | 73- 92 | 2 | 68-146 | 1 | 72 | - | - |
| <u>Syngnathus fuscus</u> Northern pipefish | - | - | 17 | 125-234 | 45 | 110-235 | 12 | 112-207 | 10 | 121-210 | - | - |
| PERCICHTHYIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Morone americana</u> White perch | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Morone saxatilis</u> Striped bass | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 492-646 | - | - |
| SERRANIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Centropristis striata</u> Black sea bass | - | - | 12 | 65-349 | 1 | 58 | 1 | 243 | 45 | 72-556 | 145 | 78-411 |
| BRANCHIOSTEGIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</u> Tilefish | - | - | - | - | 1 | 213 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 247-252 |
| POMATOMIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pomatomus saltatrix</u> Bluefish | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 500 |
| PARIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Stenotomus chrysops</u> Scup | - | - | 3 | 103-240 | - | - | 24 | 113-289 | 397 | 87-340 | 357 | 78-257 |

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| SCIAENIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Bairdiella chrysura</u> Silver perch | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Cynoscion regalis</u> Weakfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 442-503 | - | - |
| <u>Larimus fasciatus</u> Banded drum | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u> Spot | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Menticirrhus saxatilis</u> Northern kingfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Micropogon undulatus</u> Atlantic croaker | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| LABRIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Tautoga onitis</u> Tautog | - | - | 4 | 90-288 | 2 | 289-325 | 1 | 335 | 20 | 183-588 | 1 | 348 |
| <u>Tautoglabrus adspersus</u> Cunner | - | - | 67 | 116-258 | 1 | 78 | 34 | 115-349 | 59 | 118-277 | 28 | 134-267 |
| STICHAEIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ulvaria subbifurcata</u> Radiated shanny | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 88 | - | - | - | - |
| PHOLIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pholis gunnellus</u> Rock gunnel | - | - | 9 | 79-120 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 97-171 | - | e |
| AMMODYTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ammodytes americanus</u> American sand lance | 30 | 94-163 | 74 | 102-213 | 7 | 129-154 | 69 | 123-221 | 27 | 62-205 | 48 | 82-227 |
| SCOMBRIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Scomber scombrus</u> Atlantic mackerel | - | - | 33 | 159-349 | 67 | 158-377 | 4 | 158-296 | 37 | 163-447 | - | - |

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| STROMATEIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Arionna bondi</u> Silver-rag | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Peprilus triacanthus</u> Butterfish | - | - | 42 | 85-202 | 81 | 98-242 | 117 | 93-223 | 219 | 98-230 | 271 | 48-215 |
| SCORPAENIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Helicolenus dactylopterus</u> Blackbelly rosefish | - | - | 9 | 97-153 | 3 | 53- 64 | 58 | 28-197 | 63 | 72-203 | 47 | 63-242 |
| <u>Scorpaena plumieri</u> Spotted scorpionfish | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TRIGLIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Peristedion miniatum</u> Armored searobin | - | - | 25 | 193-334 | 13 | 237-318 | 22 | 214-320 | 19 | 160-370 | 8 | 266-308 |
| <u>Prionotus carolinus</u> Northern searobin | - | - | 56 | 88-344 | 8 | 78-340 | 21 | 65-321 | 53 | 74-337 | 148 | 83-299 |
| <u>Prionotus evolans</u> Striped searobin | - | - | 1 | 130 | - | - | - | - | 9 | 294-352 | 31 | 240-382 |
| COTTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hemitripterus americanus</u> Sea raven | - | - | 8 | 264-383 | 1 | 340 | 8 | 252-370 | 4 | 300-343 | 3 | 192-325 |
| <u>Myoxocephalus aeneus</u> Grubby | 1 | 118 | 12 | 54-136 | 1 | 142 | 1 | 123 | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Myoxocephalus octodecemspinosus</u> Longhorn sculpin | - | - | 51 | 55-328 | 9 | 241-307 | 37 | 190-395 | 72 | 67-325 | 3 | 84-262 |
| <u>Myoxocephalus scorpius</u> Shorthorn sculpin | - | - | - | - | 1 | 93 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| BOTHIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Citharichthys arctifrons</u> Gulf Stream flounder | - | - | 50 | 67-182 | 12 | 40-151 | 21 | 45-162 | 66 | 66-174 | 114 | 55-152 |
| <u>Monolene sessilicauda</u> Deepwater flounder | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 140-180 | - | - |
| <u>Paralichthys dentatus</u> Summer flounder | - | - | 47 | 138-540 | 27 | 204-630 | 34 | 161-699 | 145 | 186-594 | 317 | 209-651 |
| <u>Paralichthys oblongus</u> Fourspot flounder | - | - | 177 | 70-381 | 127 | 137-405 | 122 | 150-395 | 338 | 80-419 | 359 | 159-383 |
| <u>Scophthalmus aquosus</u> Windowpane flounder | 2 | 240-282 | 663 | 51-357 | 295 | 60-406 | 405 | 55-385 | 517 | 86-387 | 428 | 90-397 |
| PLEURONECTIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</u> Witch flounder | - | - | 44 | 211-511 | 4 | 254-301 | 18 | 140-377 | 34 | 180-444 | 14 | 228-510 |
| <u>Limanda ferruginea</u> Yellowtail flounder | - | - | 422 | 70-422 | 138 | 63-401 | 292 | 68-420 | 299 | 65-418 | 160 | 87-397 |
| <u>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</u> Winter flounder | 18 | 86-316 | 361 | 80-416 | 74 | 110-399 | 212 | 81-474 | 405 | 90-404 | 459 | 114-432 |
| SYNOGLOSSIDAE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Symphurus plagiusa</u> Blackcheek tonguefish | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 61 | - | - | - | - |