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Overview

This report provides a summary of the data collected in 2002 by the FWC/FMRI Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program, which completed its thirteenth year of sampling in Florida waters. Monitoring was conducted monthly using a stratified-random sampling (SRS) design in Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, the northern Indian River Lagoon, Cedar Key, the southern Indian River Lagoon, Apalachicola Bay, the Florida Keys, and northeast Florida. Gears used for routine monitoring at the various areas included 21.3-m seines, 6.1-m otter trawls, 183-m haul seines, and 183-m purse seines (Table OV02-01). In the Florida Keys, visual surveys were used to sample reeffish. Details of the sampling methods for the Florida Keys are discussed in this report (see Fisheries-Independent Monitoring and the Florida Keys sections).

There were 1,688,004 animals collected in 6,810 samples from all study areas (Figure OV02-01). The majority of animals (n=1,266,266) were collected in 21.3-m seines, which constituted 75.0% of the total catch. The majority of samples were collected with 21.3-m seines (n=2,615), followed by 183-m haul seines (n=1,466), visual surveys (n=1,172), 6.1-m otter trawls (n=1,146), and 183-m purse seines (n=490). Total sampling effort in each study area ranged from 192 to 1,240 samples, and the total number of animals collected within the study areas ranged from 23,371 to 562,055 (Table OV02-02).

In all study areas, net samples were dominated by bait and forage fishes such as *Anchoa mitchilli*, *Lagodon rhomboides*, *Menidia* spp., *Lucania parva*, *Leiostomus xanthurus* and *Eucinostomus* spp. (Table OV02-03). Recreationally and commercially important animals (i.e., Selected Taxa; see Table FIM02-02) accounted for 12.6% (n=216,224) of the overall FIM catch and comprised between 4.1 and 33.3% of the total net catches from each study area (Table OV02-03). Selected Taxa were very common in some areas when compared to dominant taxa—they were also among the ten most abundant taxa in some areas: *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* in Charlotte Harbor; *L. xanthurus* and *Micropogonias undulatus* in the northern Indian River Lagoon; *L. xanthurus* in Cedar Key; *Mugil curema*, *Archosargus probatocephalus*, *Mugil cephalus*, and *Centropomus undecimalis* in the southern Indian River Lagoon; *L. xanthurus*, *M.*

undulatus, *M. cephalus*, and *Cynoscion arenarius* in Apalachicola; *Lutjanus synagris* and *Lutjanus griseus* in the Florida Keys (trawls); and *M. cephalus* and *M. undulatus* in northeast Florida (Tables OV02-03 and –04). No selected species were among the ten most abundant taxa in Tampa Bay during 2002.

Seasonal directed sampling targeting *M. cephalus* was conducted during the winter (January-February) and fall (September-December) of 2002. Trammel nets were used to sample *M. cephalus* in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor. During the 2002 season, 3,334 *M. cephalus* were collected (77 net sets) in Tampa Bay and 1,742 *M. cephalus* were collected (36 net sets) in Charlotte Harbor (see Directed Sampling section).

Fish health monitoring indicated that 170 fish (≥ 75 mm SL) were culled for analysis of external abnormalities (including parasites). Numbers of reported abnormalities from each study area ranged from 8 (Cedar Key) to 39 (Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor; see Fish Health section).

Species profiles, including indices of relative abundance, were created for several species, including *Sciaenops ocellatus* (red drum), *Cynoscion nebulosus* (spotted seatrout), *A. probatocephalus* (sheepshead), *M. cephalus* (striped mullet), *L. rhomboides* (pinfish), and *Callinectes sapidus* (blue crabs). Abundances were variable from year to year around generally stable long-term means (see Species Profile section).

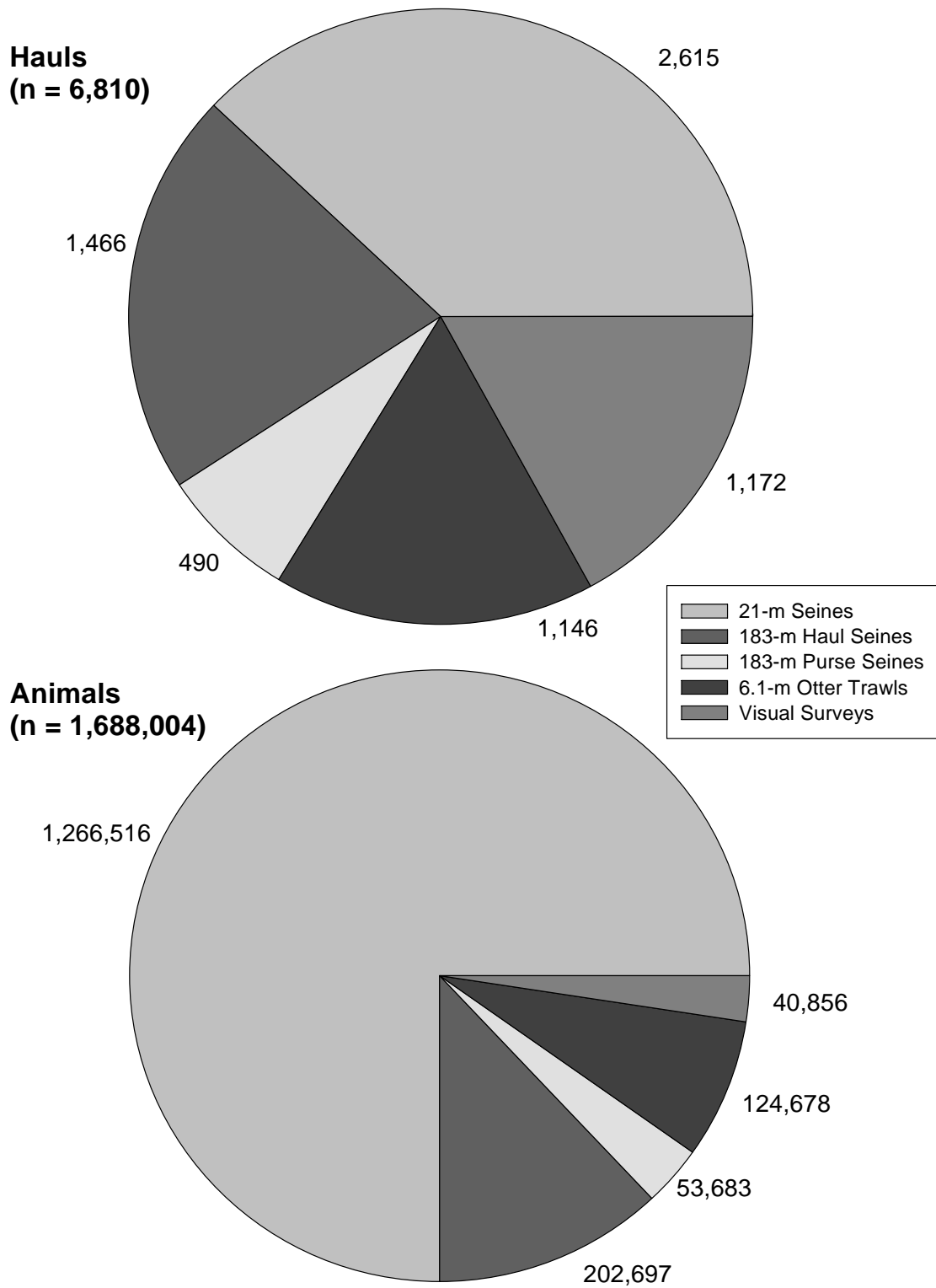


Figure OV02-01. Summary of catch and effort data during FIM program stratified-random sampling, 2002. 'Hauls' are the total number of deployments (or observations with visual surveys) by gear, and 'Animals' are the total number of animals collected (or observed) by each sampling method.

Table OV02-01. Gear usage by field laboratories for FIM program stratified-random sampling, 2002.

Field Lab	21.3-m Seines		183-m	183-m	6.1-m	Visual Surveys
	Bay	River	Haul Seines	Purse Seines	Otter Trawls	
Tampa Bay	X	X	X	X	X	
Charlotte Harbor	X	X	X	X	X	
N. Indian River	X	X	X			
Cedar Key	X	X	X		X	
Apalachicola	X	X	X		X	
S. Indian River			X			
Florida Keys					X ¹	X
Northeast Florida		X	X		X	

¹Otter trawls were conducted at the Marathon Field Lab only during September and October 2002.

Table OV02-02. Summary of catch and effort data by area for FIM program stratified-random sampling, 2002. 'Hauls' are the total number of net deployments (or point counts with visual surveys) by each gear, and 'Animals' are the total number of animals collected (or observed) by each sampling method.

Gear	Tampa Bay		Charlotte Harbor	
	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals
21.3-m seine	564	469,996	384	154,436
183-m haul seine	240	38,792	204	25,313
183-m purse seine	250	26,161	240	27,528
6.1-m otter trawl	186	27,106	90	10,063
Totals	1,240	562,055	918	217,340

Gear	N. Indian River Lagoon		Cedar Key	
	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals
21.3-m seine	455	328,135	420	80,707
183-m haul seine	230	31,793	192	31,095
183-m purse seine	.	.	.	.
6.1-m otter trawl	.	.	180	22,317
Totals	685	359,927	792	134,119

Gear	S. Indian River Lagoon		Apalachicola Bay	
	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals
21.3-m seine	.	.	408	85,023
183-m haul seine	192	23,371	216	34,657
183-m purse seine	.	.	.	.
6.1-m otter trawl	.	.	228	27,083
Totals	192	23,371	852	146,597

Table OV02-02. (Continued)

Gear	Florida Keys		Northeast Florida	
	Hauls/Observ.	Animals	Hauls	Animals
21.3-m seine	.	.	384	148,219
183-m haul seine	.	.	192	17,628
Visual surveys	1,172	40,856	.	.
6.1-m otter trawl	80	5,369	383	32,523
Totals	1252	46,225	959	198,370

Table OV02-03. Top 10 numerically dominant taxa collected in FIM program stratified-random sample areas, 2002.

Tampa Bay		Charlotte Harbor	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	339,708	<i>Lucania parva</i>	49,750
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	33,469	<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	34,286
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	33,438	<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	29,018
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	20,744	<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	24,885
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	20,083	<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	14,792
<i>Lucania parva</i>	14,304	<i>Menidia</i> spp.	14,407
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	11,425	<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	5,362
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	8,631	<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	4,588
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	6,034	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	4,227
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	5,464	<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	2,909
Total (dominant taxa)	493,300		184,224
Total (Selected Taxa)	23,223		15,007
Grand Total of Animals Collected	562,055		217,340

N. Indian River Lagoon		Cedar Key	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	186,405	<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	50,067
<i>Lucania parva</i>	31,898	<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	15,923
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	18,710	<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	13,071
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	16,975	<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	9,165
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	16,110	<i>Menidia</i> spp.	5,904
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	14,252	<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	4,875
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	11,371	<i>Membras martinica</i>	4,262
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	9,245	<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	3,069
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	6,787	<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	2,373
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	5,805	<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	2,537
Total (dominant taxa)	317,558		111,246
Total (Selected Taxa)	34,165		17,798
Grand Total of Animals Collected	359,927		134,119

Table OV02-03. (Continued)

S. Indian River Lagoon		Apalachicola Bay	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	8,871	<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	28,054
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	4,429	<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	26,389
<i>Mugil curema</i>	1,163	<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	20,221
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	816	<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	7,696
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	757	<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	6,978
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	606	<i>Menidia</i> spp.	6,875
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	566	<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	6,023
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	451	<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	5,619
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	450	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	5,493
<i>Arius felis</i>	398	<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	3,134
Total (dominant taxa)	18,507		116,482
Total (Selected Taxa)	4,424		48,895
Grand Total of Animals Collected	23,371		146,597

Florida Keys

6.1-m Otter Trawls		Visual surveys	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	941	<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	8,343
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	886	<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	5,803
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	877	<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	5,783
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	742	<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	5,275
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	671	<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	3,440
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	169	<i>Haemulon</i> spp.	2,316
<i>Calamus</i> spp.	98	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	1,598
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	81	<i>Haemulon chrysargyreum</i>	830
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	75	<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	798
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	75	<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	710
Total (dominant taxa)	4,615		34,896
Total (Selected Taxa)	1,294		40,856
Grand Total of Animals Collected	5,369		40,856

Table OV02-03. (Continued)

Northeast Florida	
Scientific Name	Number
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	77,268
<i>Menidia menidia</i>	25,195
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	21,852
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	9,436
<i>Menidia spp.</i>	8,880
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	6,391
<i>Brevoortia spp.</i>	5,693
<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>	5,000
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	4,896
<i>Stellifer lanceolatus</i>	4,676
Total (dominant taxa)	169,287
Total (Selected Taxa)	30,562
Grand Total of Animals Collected	198,370

Table OV02-04. Number of recreational or commercially important species (Selected Taxa) collected in the FIM program stratified-random sample areas, 2002. Florida Keys data represents Selected Taxa as well as Selected Reef Fish Taxa.

Tampa Bay		Charlotte Harbor	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	5,129	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	4,227
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	4,120	<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	2,610
<i>Elops saurus</i>	3,770	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,316
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1,647	<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	884
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,638	<i>Elops saurus</i>	792
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1,193	<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	717
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	1,191	<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	678
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,189	<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	670
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	850	<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	617
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	712	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	567
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	431	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	399
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	343	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	334
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	326	<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	321
<i>Mugil curema</i>	126	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	300
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	110	<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	203
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	100	<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	166
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	92	<i>Mugil curema</i>	59
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	81	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	50
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	53	<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	35
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	25	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	17
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	24	<i>Menippe</i> spp.	15
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	22	<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	12
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	20	<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	6
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	19	<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	5
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	7	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	3
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	5	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	3
		<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	1
Total	18,094	Total	15,007

Table OV02-04. (Continued)

N. Indian River Lagoon		Cedar Key	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	16,110	<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	9,165
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	5,805	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	2,091
<i>Mugil curema</i>	2,591	<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,686
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	2,469	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	1,131
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	2,125	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	776
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	956	<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	564
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	878	<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	302
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	768	<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	287
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	568	<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	273
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	352	<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	269
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	286	<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	190
<i>Elops saurus</i>	251	<i>Elops saurus</i>	180
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	214	<i>Menippe</i> spp.	173
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	209	<i>Mugil curema</i>	155
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	146	<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	138
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	142	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	135
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	69	<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	123
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	47	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	48
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	39	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	41
<i>Penaeidae</i> spp.	28	<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	32
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	26	<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	23
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	21	<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	6
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	13	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	5
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	10	<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	2
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	8	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	2
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	6	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	1
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	6		
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	6		
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	4		
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	4		
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	3		
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	2		
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2		
<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>	1		
Total	34,165		17,798

Table OV02-04. (Continued)

S. Indian River Lagoon		Apalachicola Bay	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Mugil curema</i>	1,163	<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	26,389
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	816	<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	5,619
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	606	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	5,493
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	566	<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	3,134
<i>Elops saurus</i>	273	<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	1,572
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	263	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	785
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	165	<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	765
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	146	<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	737
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	131	<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	613
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	55	<i>Mugil curema</i>	595
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	50	<i>Lucania parva</i>	522
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	46	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	498
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	31	<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	438
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	17	<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	318
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	15	<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	295
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	14	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	168
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	14	<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	160
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	11	<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	144
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	10	<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	106
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	8	<i>Elops saurus</i>	91
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	5	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	85
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	4	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	72
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	4	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	70
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	3	<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	55
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	2	<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	53
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	1	<i>Menippe</i> spp.	44
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	1	<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	26
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	1	<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	19
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	1	<i>Paralichthys squamilentus</i>	11
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	1	<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	11
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	<i>Cynoscion nothus</i>	5
		<i>Megalops atlanticus</i>	1
		<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	1
Total	4,424	Total	48,895

Table OV02-04. (Continued)

Florida Keys			
Visual Surveys		6.1-m Otter Trawl Samples	
Scientific Name	Number	Scientific Name	Number
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	8,343	<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	877
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	5,803	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	169
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	5,783	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	75
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	5,275	<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	30
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	3,440	<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	30
<i>Haemulon</i> spp.	2,316	<i>Panulirus argus</i>	24
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	1,598	<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	18
<i>Haemulon chrysargyreum</i>	830	<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	18
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	798	<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	17
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	710	<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	9
<i>Haemulon melanurum</i>	685	<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	6
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	652	<i>Menippe</i> spp.	5
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	568	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	5
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	529	<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	4
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	395	<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	2
<i>Haemulon carbonarium</i>	390	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1
<i>Chaetodon sedentarius</i>	326	<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	1
<i>Holacanthus tricolor</i>	274	<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	1
<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>	237	<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	1
<i>Bodianus rufus</i>	214	<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	1
<i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i>	200		
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	171		
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	149		
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	148		
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	130		
<i>Holacanthus bermudensis</i>	120		
<i>Chaetodon striatus</i>	117		
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	104		
<i>Haemulon macrostomum</i>	104		
<i>Haemulon striatum</i>	100	Total	1,294

Table OV02-04. (Continued)

Florida Keys (Continued)	
Visual Surveys (Continued)	
Scientific Name	Number
<i>Balistes capriscus</i>	71
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	59
<i>Anisotremus surinamensis</i>	30
<i>Lutjanus mahogoni</i>	29
<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>	19
<i>Haemulon album</i>	17
<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	15
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	14
<i>Lutjanus jocu</i>	13
<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	11
<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	11
<i>Balistes vetula</i>	11
<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	10
<i>Bodianus pulchellus</i>	7
<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	6
<i>Priacanthus arenatus</i>	4
<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	4
<i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i>	4
<i>Melichthys niger</i>	4
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	3
<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	3
<i>Priacanthus cruentatus</i>	2
Total	40,856

Table OV02-04. (Continued)

Northeast Florida	
Scientific Name	Number
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	9,436
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	6,391
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	4,896
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,921
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	1,168
<i>Mugil curema</i>	1,079
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	893
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	681
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	520
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	376
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	371
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	256
<i>Elops saurus</i>	224
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	217
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	206
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	186
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	128
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	117
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	88
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	88
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	78
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	64
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	61
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	58
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	21
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	14
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	12
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	3
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	2
<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>	2
<i>Penaeidae</i> spp.	1
<i>Paralichthys</i> spp.	1
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	1
<i>Farfantepenaeus brasiliensis</i>	1
Total	30,562

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Fisheries-Independent Monitoring

Introduction

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Marine Research Institute's (FMRI), Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program is a long-term program designed to monitor the relative abundance of fishery resources in Florida's major estuarine, coastal, and reef systems. The program was developed to: 1) address the critical need for effective assessment techniques for an array of species and sizes of fish and selected invertebrates; 2) provide timely information for use in management plans; and 3) monitor trends in the relative abundance of fishes in a variety of estuarine and marine systems throughout Florida.

Proper management of Florida's marine fisheries resources requires information from a number of sources. Traditional methods of monitoring changes in fish stocks have used catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) data derived directly from commercial and recreational fisheries. Analysis of these fisheries-dependent data can provide some information on the status of fish stocks; however, there are inherent problems in using data from these sources. Changes in vessel types, fleet size, fishing gear, or methods of operation can make fisheries-dependent data difficult to interpret (Ultang 1977). Additionally, closed seasons, changes in size or bag limits, or fluctuations in market values can further bias catch data and subsequent analyses. Fisheries-independent sampling, which targets juvenile and sub-adult fishes that have not been subjected to fishing pressure, can provide less biased estimates of trends in fish stocks than fisheries-dependent sampling (Myers and Cadigan 1993). Changes in juvenile abundance within a season can be attributed to natural mortality, immigration, emigration, or recruitment. Shifts in juvenile abundance can also be used to forecast changes in the adult stock, and necessary modifications to harvest regulations can be implemented before the fish have fully recruited to the fishery (Goodyear 1985). The FIM program was established to provide this type of timely information for use in management plans.

The Florida Marine Research Institute (FMRI) initiated the FIM program in 1985 with funding provided by a Federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) grant. In 1988, additional funding became available from special state appropriations. The FIM program is now partially supported by funds from the sale of Florida saltwater fishing licenses as well as the SFR grant. In addition, the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Final Management Plan, adopted by both the federal and State of Florida governments in 1996 and placed into effect on July 1, 1997, identifies the state's FIM program as having the primary responsibility for fisheries pre-recruitment monitoring in the FKNMS. Sampling began in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor during 1989, in the northern Indian River Lagoon during 1990, in Cedar Key during 1996, in the southern Indian River Lagoon during 1997, in Apalachicola Bay in 1998, in the FKNMS in 1998, and in northeast Florida (Jacksonville Field Laboratory) in 2001 (Figure FIM02-01). Fisheries-Independent Monitoring program sampling was also conducted in Choctawhatchee Bay/Santa Rosa Sound between 1992 and 1997, and in Florida Bay between 1993 and 1997.

Florida's coastline extends from subtropical to temperate regions and includes habitats such as seagrass beds, salt marshes, and mangroves that provide critical nursery areas for many fish and invertebrate species. It is estimated that over 70% of the recreationally important species and over 90% of the commercially important species in the Gulf of Mexico are estuarine-dependent during at least one stage of their life histories (Lindall and Saloman 1997). The Florida Reef Tract, located immediately offshore of the southeastern tip of the Florida Peninsula and the Florida Keys, supports a high proportion of the state's important recreational and commercial reef fish fisheries, which are primarily composed of snapper, grouper, and grunt species (Chiappone and Sluka 1996). The FIM program data are summarized and analyzed for all fish and selected invertebrate species collected, yielding information on the relative abundance, recruitment, habitat use, and distribution of hundreds of estuarine and marine species. This approach provides a unique source of information on economically valuable species as well as on many poorly understood non-game

fishes that may influence fisheries or may be important ecological indicators. This type of multi-species, multi-habitat, long-term monitoring program is extremely valuable for documenting ecosystem changes, evaluating the effects of natural and anthropogenic disturbances, and making management decisions (Coull 1985; Wolfe et al. 1987).

Although the FIM program has always used a suite of gears (e.g., seines, trawls, gillnets) capable of capturing a broad range of fish species and sizes from a variety of habitats, initial program efforts focused primarily on collecting young-of-the-year (YOY) fishes that could be used in developing recruitment indices. The program expanded its efforts to monitor larger-sized fishes in Tampa Bay by developing 183-m haul seines (implemented in 1993), 183-m purse seines (implemented in 1997), and by developing a visual sampling program for reef fishes in the Florida Keys (implemented in 1998). The implementation of the visual surveys in the FKNMS allowed fisheries independent information to be obtained in this unique area of Florida first time and was an important expansion to the FIM program. The 183-m haul seine gear was implemented as part of the stratified-random sampling (SRS) component of the program in Charlotte Harbor during 1996, in the northern and southern Indian River Lagoon and Cedar Key during 1997, in Apalachicola Bay during 1998, and in northeast Florida during 2001. Implementation of purse seine SRS in Charlotte Harbor began in 1998 and for a trial in Apalachicola Bay during 2000, but ended in 2001. The FIM program also assumed responsibility for an ongoing, seasonal, directed sampling program in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor for striped mullet (*Mugil cephalus*) in 1993. The inclusion of gears and directed sampling efforts that capture larger-sized fishes enables the FIM program to provide data on many species from initial recruitment into the estuarine system through harvestable size, thereby providing a continuous gauge of a particular stock's relative abundance, age and size composition, and reproductive potential.

This report summarizes monitoring data collected by the FIM program during 2002. Results from SRS in each system are presented separately. This report also summarizes directed sampling efforts for striped mullet and presents

results from fish health monitoring. Profiles of several species that are of particular interest because of their recreational and commercial value in Florida are also presented. The profiles provide critical information for certain species while also describing some of the ways the FIM program data are used to assess the status of important Florida fisheries.

Methods

The FIM program uses a multi-gear approach to collect data on fishes and selected invertebrates from a wide range of habitats and life history stages (Table FIM02-01). A 21.3-m center bag seine was used to collect juvenile and sub-adult fishes in shallow areas (< 1.8 m); a 6.1-m otter trawl was used to collect juvenile, sub-adult, and adult fish in deep water (1.0-7.6 m); a 183-m haul seine was used to collect sub-adult and adult fish in shallow water (< 2.5 m) along shorelines; a 183-m purse seine was used to collect sub-adult and adult fishes in intermediate depths (1.0-3.3 m); and visual surveys were conducted to observe reef fishes in the Florida Keys at depths to 30 m.

Several different techniques were used, depending on habitat, to stratify the samples collected with the various gears. Samples collected with 21.3-m seines in Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, the northern Indian River Lagoon, Cedar Key, and Apalachicola Bay were made with the bay seine technique (formerly referred to as “offshore” or “standard” seine technique) and pre-stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation (except in the Cedar Key area), or the presence of a shoreline. Samples collected with 21.3-m river seines (formerly referred to as the “boat” seine technique) in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor were pre-stratified by the presence or absence of overhanging shoreline vegetation and deployed directly from the boat along shorelines of rivers or tidal creeks. Samples collected with river seines in the northern Indian River Lagoon, Cedar Key, Apalachicola Bay, and northeast Florida were not pre-stratified by habitat type. Samples collected with 183-m haul seines in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor were deployed along the shoreline and pre-stratified by the presence or absence of overhanging shoreline vegetation. Samples collected

with this gear were not pre-stratified by habitat type in Apalachicola Bay, Cedar Key, and northeast Florida. However, samples collected by 183-m haul seines in the northern and southern Indian River Lagoon were post-stratified by the presence or absence of overhanging shoreline vegetation. Samples collected by 183-m purse seines were post-stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor. Details of other gears and sampling techniques, including visual survey techniques used to monitor reef tract species and trawls conducted throughout the state, are described in the FIM program's Procedure Manual.

A SRS design was used in all study areas. Each study area was divided into sampling zones based on geographic and logistical criteria, and each zone was further subdivided into 1-nm² grids that were randomly selected for sampling. In most cases, the number of monthly samples collected in each zone with each gear was proportional to the number of grids in the zone that could be sampled with a particular gear. A single sample was collected at each randomly selected site, except during the visual sampling in the Florida Keys, where multiple (four 5-m radius point counts) censuses were conducted. Sampling grids were stratified by habitat and depth, thereby identifying the gear types that could be used in those areas. All sampling was conducted during daytime hours (one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset).

Environmental data consisting of water quality, habitat characteristics, and physical parameters such as current and tidal conditions were recorded for each sample. The sample work-up technique was similar for all collected samples, regardless of gear type or sampling regime. All fish and invertebrate species (i.e., blue crabs, stone crab, Penaeid shrimp, horseshoe crabs, cannonball jellyfish, and Callinectes crabs) captured in net collections were identified to the lowest practical taxonomic level, counted, and measured (standard length for teleosts, precaudal length for sharks, disc width for rays, carapace width for crabs, and post-orbital head length for shrimp). Animals were then released except for representative samples of each taxon (for laboratory confirmation of field identifications) and samples required for specific research projects. During

visual census sampling of reef fishes, estimated lengths (natural total length) of selected reef fish species were recorded using 5-cm length intervals for fishes below 60 cm, and into 10-cm intervals for fishes above 60 cm, based on direct observations by trained divers using SCUBA. A detailed explanation of the standard sample work-up and visual survey methodology for data collection is described in the FIM program's Procedure Manual. The taxonomic nomenclature in this report follows the American Fisheries Society's Common and Scientific Names of Fishes (Robins et al. 1991).

Abundance estimates were calculated for 21.3-m seines, visual surveys, and trawls as the number of fish per 100 m² of area sampled. Catch-per-unit-effort was calculated for 183-m haul and purse seine samples as the number of fish per haul. Data were summarized separately for each bay system and for each gear type. Data were also summarized separately for all taxa and for taxa of recreational or commercial importance (Selected Taxa; Table FIM02-02). For trawl sampling conducted in the FKNMS, Selected Taxa included both the species of statewide special importance (Table FIM02-02) and the species targeted during the visual surveys (Table KY02-01). Certain taxa were not identified to species because of the possibility of hybridization (*Brevoortia* spp., *Menidia* spp.; Dahlberg 1970, Middaugh et al. 1986) or because they were morphologically or meristically indistinguishable at small juvenile sizes (*Eucinostomus* spp. <40 mm SL; Matheson 1983). These aggregated species were treated as a single species. The appendices for each study area describe the catch by month (Appendix 1), as well as by gear, stratum, and zone (Appendix 2).

Study Areas

The FIM program has established monitoring programs in Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, the northern Indian River Lagoon, Cedar Key, the southern Indian River Lagoon, Apalachicola Bay, the Florida Keys, and northeast Florida (Figure FIM02-01). In all regions, sampling was conducted over a wide range of habitats encompassing different bottom types, shoreline types, and offshore

areas. In addition to sampling in major estuaries, tidally-influenced portions of rivers that flow into Tampa Bay (Alafia, Little Manatee, and Manatee Rivers), Charlotte Harbor (Peace and Myakka Rivers), the Indian River Lagoon (Sebastian River and St. Lucie River), Apalachicola Bay (Apalachicola River and Carrabelle River), the Cedar Key area (Suwannee River), northeast Florida (St. Marys, Nassau, and St. Johns Rivers), and the shallow coastal marine waters and reef tract areas surrounding the Florida Keys were sampled. In contrast to the estuarine waters historically sampled by the FIM program, sampling in the Florida Keys region was conducted in the waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, which is comprised of coral reef, hard bottom, and seagrass habitats with consistent near-oceanic salinities. This has required the development and implementation of sampling strategies unique to the Keys area within the overall FIM program, including sampling of the Florida reef tract using visual survey methods. Details of the study areas for Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, and the northern Indian River Lagoon were described in the FIM Program 1994 Annual Data Summary Report. The Cedar Key study area was described in the FIM Program 1996 Annual Data Summary Report, while details of the southern Indian River Lagoon study area are described in the FIM Program 1997 Annual Data Summary Report. The Apalachicola Bay study area, as well as changes to the southern Indian River Lagoon study area and a brief description of the Florida Keys study area, were described in the FIM Program 1998 Annual Data Summary Report. A more comprehensive description of the Florida Keys Study area was presented in the FIM Program 1999 Annual Data Summary Report. A detailed description of the northeast Florida (Jacksonville) study area was described in the FIM Program 2001 Annual Data Summary Report.

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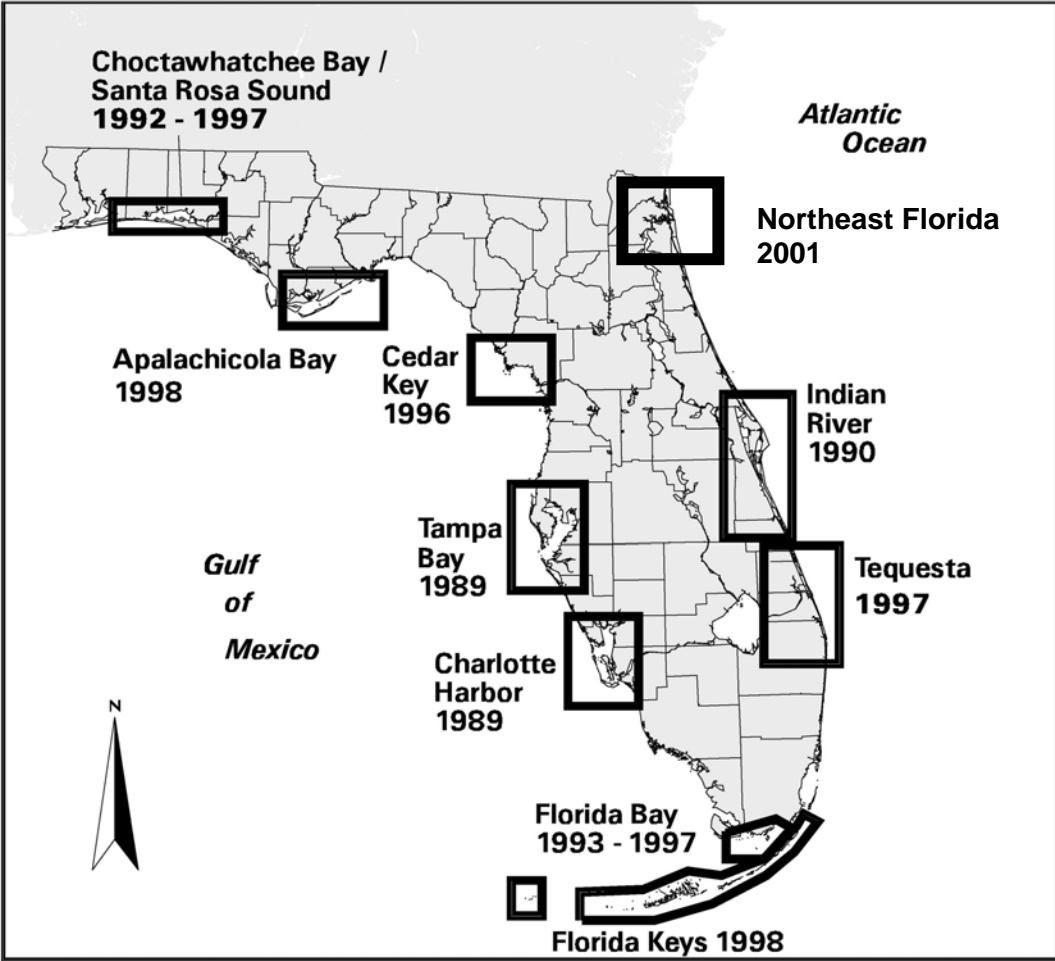
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FIM02-01. Locations of Fisheries-Independent Monitoring program field labs. Years indicate initiation of sampling.

Table FIM02-01. Description of monthly monitoring sampling gears used in 2002. A more detailed description of each gear can be found in the FIM program's Procedure Manual.

Gear	Deployment	Mesh Size (mm)	Area Sampled	Description of use
21.3-m Seine (center bag)	Bay	3.2	140-m ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used in shallow (≤ 1.5-m) near-shore and shoreline areas
	River	3.2	68-m ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used along river shorelines <1.8-m
183-m Haul Seine (center bag)	Boat	38.1	4,120-m ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used along shorelines and exposed sandbars (<2.5-m)
183-m Purse Seine	Boat	50	2,668-m ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used in intermediate depths (<3.3-m)
6.1-m Otter Trawl	Straight Tow	38.1 (3.2-mm liner)	1,130-m ² - 2,259-m ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used in areas from 1.8-m to 7.6-m deep
	Arc Tow	38.1 (3.2-mm liner)	1,130-m ² - 2,259-m ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used in areas from 1.0-m to 1.8-m deep
Visual Surveys	Point Counts	.	5-m radius cylinder (79- m ²)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stationary diver censuses an area 10-m in diameter from the bottom to the surface

Table FIM02-02. Animals designated as Selected Taxa because of their commercial or recreational importance. In the Florida Keys, an additional listing of reef fish taxa is also used (see Table KY02-01).

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	Bonefish
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	Sheepshead
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	Blue Crab
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	Snook
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	Sand Seatrout
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	Spotted Seatrout
<i>Cynoscion nothus</i>	Silver Seatrout
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	Weakfish
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	
<i>Elops saurus</i>	Ladyfish
<i>Epinephelus acanthistius</i>	
<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>	Rock Hind
<i>Epinephelus afer</i>	Mutton Hamlet
<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>	Graysby
<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>	Speckled Hind
<i>Epinephelus flavolimbatus</i>	Yellowedge Grouper
<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	Coney
<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	Red Hind
<i>Epinephelus inermis</i>	Marbled Grouper
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	Goliath Grouper
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	Red Grouper
<i>Epinephelus mystacinus</i>	Misty Grouper
<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>	Warsaw Grouper
<i>Epinephelus niveatus</i>	Snowy Grouper
<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	Nassau Grouper
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	Brown Shrimp
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	Pink Shrimp
<i>Farfantepenaeus brasiliensis</i>	
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	Spot
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	White Shrimp
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	Mutton snapper
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	Schoolmaster
<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>	
<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	Blackfin snapper

Table FIM02-02. (Continued)

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Lutjanus campechanus</i>	Red Snapper
<i>Lutjanus cyanopterus</i>	Cubera snapper
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	Gray Snapper
<i>Lutjanus jocu</i>	Dog snapper
<i>Lutjanus mahogoni</i>	Mahogany snapper
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	Lane Snapper
<i>Lutjanus vivanus</i>	Silk snapper
<i>Megalops atlanticus</i>	Tarpon
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	Stone Crab
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	Southern Kingfish
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	Gulf Kingfish
<i>Menticirrhus saxatillis</i>	Northern Kingfish
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	Atlantic croaker
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	Striped Mullet
<i>Mugil curema</i>	White Mullet
<i>Mugil gaimardianus</i>	Redeye mullet
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	Fantail Mullet
<i>Mugil liza</i>	Liza
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	Black grouper
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	Gag
<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	Scamp
<i>Mycteroperca tigris</i>	Tiger grouper
<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	Yellowfin grouper
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	Spiny Lobster
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	Gulf Flounder
<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>	Summer flounder
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	Southern Flounder
<i>Paralichthys oblongus</i>	Fourspot flounder
<i>Paralichthys squamilentus</i>	Broad Flounder
<i>Penaeidae</i> spp.	
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	Black Drum
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	Bluefish
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	Cobia
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	Red Drum
<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>	King Mackerel
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	Spanish Mackerel

Table FIM02-02. (Continued)

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>	Cero
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	Pompano
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	Permit
<i>Trachinotus goodie</i>	Palometa

Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay is a large industrialized estuary, bordered by rapidly growing urban areas of Tampa, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg. The counties surrounding the bay (Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Manatee) have experienced some of the greatest population growth in the entire Gulf of Mexico area (Rote 1991). The population density in the Tampa Bay watershed is the highest among major U.S. Gulf coast estuaries (Lowery 1993). The regional population has impacted the natural resources, including fisheries, through a combination of habitat degradation, increased fishing pressure, and increased recreational use of aquatic resources (Estevez et al. 1985).

Since 1989, the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program has monitored the fish populations and selected invertebrates in Tampa Bay through an intensive sampling program. This section summarizes data collected by the FIM program during 2002. The sampling area was divided into five bay zones (A-E) and a riverine zone (F) that encompassed the lower portions of the Alafia (K), Little Manatee (L), Manatee (M), and Braden (N) Rivers (Figure TB02-01). Stratified-random sampling (SRS) was conducted each month with 21.3-m seines, 183-m haul seines, 183-m purse seines, and 6.1-m otter trawls. Sampling with 21.3-m seines and haul seines was stratified by zone, depth, and habitat whereas sampling with purse seines and otter trawls was stratified only by zone and depth. A fixed number of samples were collected each month with all gear types in all zones with the following exceptions: trawling in Zones A-E was limited to October and November, haul seines were not used in Zone F or the northern portion of Zone D, and purse seine effort in Zone A was limited to April and October and did not exist in Zone F. All gear deployment methods were the same as those described in the Methods section of this report.

Stratified-Random Sampling

A total of 562,055 fishes and selected invertebrates were collected from 1,240 samples representing 129 taxa (Table TB02-01). The greatest number of

fishes were collected during April, September, October, and November (Appendix TB02-01). *Anchoa mitchilli* and *Menidia* spp. dominated the annual catch overall (66.4% of the total catch). Both species were taken in all months and from all regions of the bay, but the majority was found in or adjacent to the rivers. Larger collections of *A. mitchilli* were observed during April, September, October, and November, while larger catches of *Menidia* spp. were taken during April, May, June, and July (Appendices TB02-01 and –02).

Twenty-five species categorized as Selected Taxa were captured in Tampa Bay SRS during 2002, representing 4.1% (n=23,223) of the annual catch. *Leiostomus xanthurus* was the most abundant selected finfish (n=4,120) and was collected primarily during February and March, from Zones D, E, and F (Appendices TB02-01 and –02). The second most abundant selected finfish was *Elops saurus* (n=3,770). The majority of *E. saurus* were collected in the 183-m purse seine, primarily during February, March, April and September from Zone B. Members of the family Sciaenidae (i.e., *Cynoscion arenarius*, *Cynoscion nebulosus*, *L. xanthurus*, *Menticirrhus americanus*, *Menticirrhus littoralis*, *Menticirrhus saxatilis*, *Pogonias cromis*, and *Sciaenops ocellatus*) composed a significant portion of the Selected Taxa captured (n=8,589). The most abundant Selected Invertebrate was *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* (n=5,129), and together with the sciaenid species, they composed the majority of captured Selected Taxa (59.1; n=13,718).

Bay Sampling

21.3-m Bay Seines. A total of 128,924 animals were collected in 21.3-m bay seines (n=300 hauls; Table TB02-01), representing 22.9% of the total annual catch. *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=50,113), *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=10,848) and *Eucinostomus* spp. (10,269) accounted for the majority (55.2%) of the animals collected in the 21.3-m bay seine (Table TB02-02). The two most consistently collected taxa in the 21.3-m bay seines were *Eucinostomus* spp. (48.0% occurrence) and *L. rhomboides* (41.7% occurrence). These species were

generally collected over vegetated substrate or along shoreline habitats (Appendix TB02-02).

A total of 4,105 animals (20 taxa) designated as Selected Taxa were collected in 21.3-m bay seines, accounting for 3.2% of the total bay seine catch (Table TB02-03). Among finfish, *L. xanthurus* (n=635) and *C. nebulosus* (n=343) were the most abundant Selected Taxa collected with the 21.3-m bay seine. *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* (n=2,404) was the most abundant Selected Invertebrate (Appendix TB02-02)

183-m Haul Seines. A total of 38,792 individuals were collected in 240 hauls, representing 75 fish taxa and 4 invertebrate taxa (Table TB02-01; Appendix TB02-02). *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=15,330) and *Harengula jaguana* (n=7,119) accounted for the majority (57.9%) of animals collected in the 183-m haul seine (Table TB02-04). Three species were exclusively collected in this gear: *Caranx latus* (n=1), *Diapterus auratus* (n=1), and *Sphyraena barracuda* (n=21).

Twenty-four Selected Taxa were captured in the haul seine and represented 12.5% (n=4,853) of the haul seine catch (Table TB02-05). *Centropomus undecimalis* (n=1,575) was the most abundant species caught with this gear, followed by *Mugil cephalus* (n=649). *Mugil cephalus* was the most frequently captured Selected Taxon occurring in 49.6% of all samples. The next most frequently captured Selected Taxon was *Centropomus undecimalis* (42.1% occurrence) followed by *Archosargus probatocephalus* (32.5% occurrence n=288;).

183-m Purse Seines. A total of 26,161 animals were collected in 250 purse seine hauls, representing 73 fish taxa and 4 invertebrate taxa (Tables TB02-01 and -06, Appendix TB02-02). *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=4,895), *Opisthonema oglinum* (n=4,857), and *E. saurus* (n=3,255) accounted for 49.7% of the total purse seine catch (Table TB02-06). Two of the top ten numerically dominant species collected in purse seines, *E. saurus* and *L. xanthurus*, were Selected Taxa. Eight species were exclusively collected in 183-m purse seines: *Aetobatis narinari* (n=1), *Ancylopsetta quadrocellata* (n=3), Balistidae (n=1),

Caranx crysos (n=6), *Ginglymostoma cirratum* (n=1), *Ocyurus chrysurus* (n=1), *Peprilus alepidotus* (n=42), and *Pomatomus saltatrix* (n=20).

Twenty-three Selected Taxa were captured in the purse seine and represented 23.0% (n=6,022) of the total purse seine catch (Table TB02-07). *Elops saurus* (n=3,255; 28.0% occurrence) and *C. nebulosus* (19.2% occurrence; n=274) were the most abundant Selected Taxa captured. Other Selected Taxa were captured less frequently and in less abundance.

Seasonal Bay 6.1-m Otter Trawls. A total of 1,455 animals were collected in 30 trawl deployments (Tables TB02-01 and -08). *Eucinostomus gula* (n=339), *A. mitchilli* (n=269), and *P. scitulus* (n=192) were the three most abundant species in the seasonal trawl samples. *Prionotus scitulus* was more frequently collected (76.7% occurrence) in bay trawls than in any other sampling gear. Fewer, but larger *L. rhomboides* (n=72; mean SL=105 mm) were collected in bay trawls than in 21.3-m bay seines (n=10,848; mean SL=33 mm) (Table TB02-02).

Eight Selected Taxa were captured during otter trawl sampling, accounting for 13.9% (n=202) of the total otter trawl catch (Table TB02-09). Among these taxa, *C. arenarius* (n=40) and *M. americanus* (n=35) were the most abundant finfish, and *F. duorarum* (n=93) was the most abundant invertebrate. These three species represented 83.2% of all Selected Taxa collected in seasonal trawls.

River Sampling

21.3-m River Seines. River seine deployments (n=264) accounted for 60.7% (n=341,072) of the total animals collected during 2002 (Tables TB02-01 and -10). As in 21.3-m bay seine collections, *A. mitchilli* (n=274,036) made up the majority (80.3%) of the animals collected with this gear and comprised 48.8% of the total number of animals collected in 2002.

Fifteen Selected Taxa were captured during 21.3-m river seine sampling, representing 1.3% (n=4,593) of the total 21.3-m river seine catch (Table TB02-11). Among these taxa, *L. xanthurus* (n=1,522; 15.2% occurrence) and *S. ocellatus* (n=721; 25.4% occurrence) were the most numerous finfishes, and *F.*

duorarum (n=1,051; 37.5% occurrence) and *C. sapidus* (n=82; 12.1% occurrence) were the most numerous invertebrates collected.

River 6.1-m Otter Trawls. A total of 25,651 animals were collected in 156 trawl samples. These animals represented 7.0% of the total river catch and 4.6% of the total captured in 2002 (Tables TB02-01 and -12). The three most abundant taxa in the 6.1-m river otter trawl catch were *A. mitchilli* (n=15,290; 43.6% occurrence), *Eucinostomus* spp. (n=2,274; 29.5% occurrence) and *Trinectes maculatus* (n=1,886; 34.6% occurrence). *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* (n=1,486; 50.0% occurrence) was the most abundant invertebrate collected in the river 6.1-m otter trawls.

A total of 3,448 animals categorized as Selected Taxa (12 taxa) were collected in river 6.1-m otter trawls, accounting for 13.4% of the annual river 6.1-m otter trawl catch (Table TB02-13). The four most abundant Selected Taxa collected by this gear were *F. duorarum* (n=1,486), *C. arenarius* (n=834), *M. americanus* (n=773), and *C. sapidus* (n=189).

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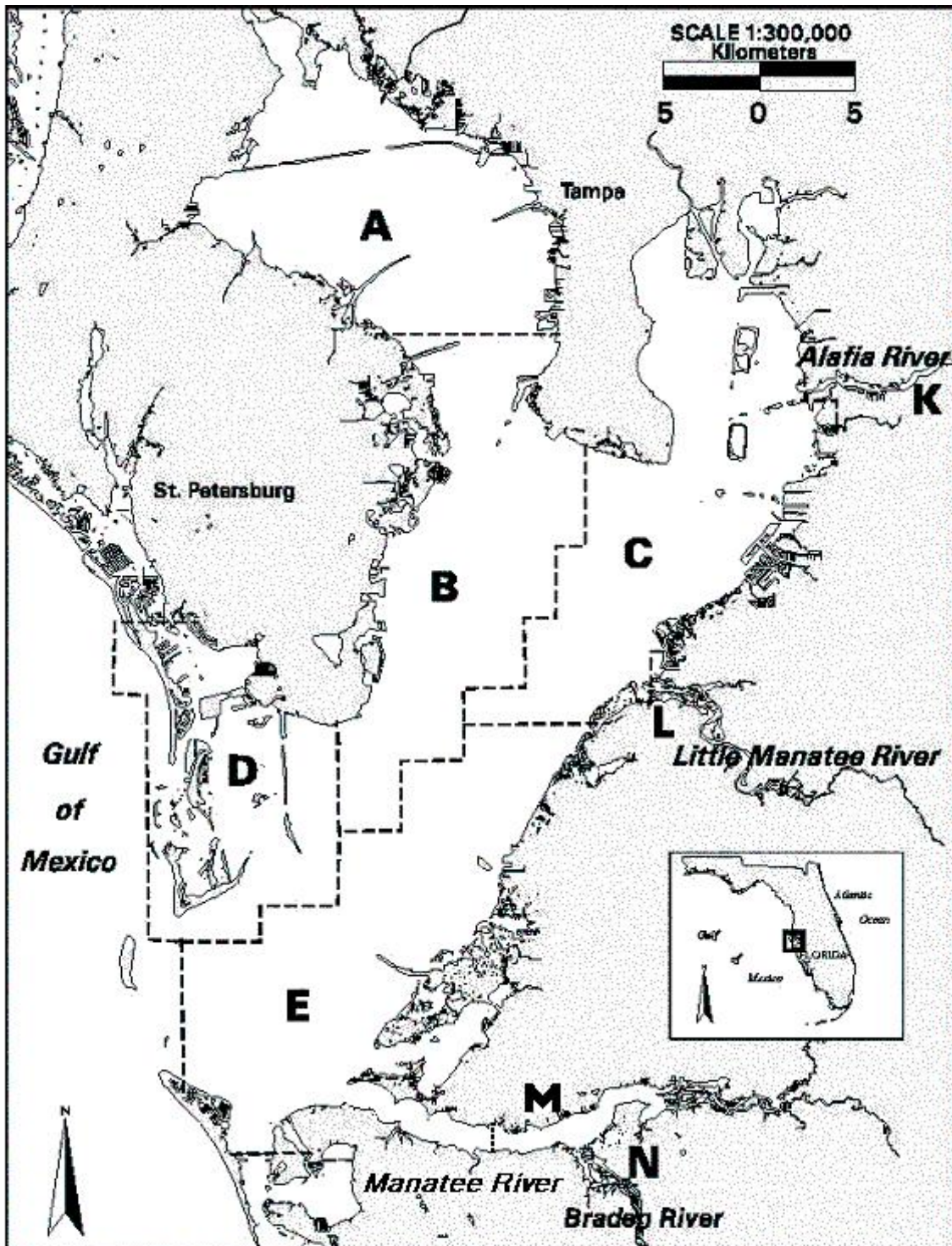


Figure TB02-01. Map of Tampa Bay sampling area. Zones are labeled A-E and K-M.

Table TB02-01. Summary of catch and effort data for Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002.

Zone	21.3-m bay seine		21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl		Totals	
	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls
A	32,302	60	.	.	3,542	48	424	10	547	6	36,815	124
B	9,849	59	.	.	8,884	48	6,494	71	124	6	25,351	184
C	9,250	71	.	.	2,436	48	2,447	48	449	8	14,582	175
D	56,905	49	.	.	12,369	36	8,281	60	94	4	77,649	149
E	20,618	61	.	.	11,561	60	8,515	61	241	6	40,935	188
K	.	.	117,863	48	.	.	.	.	3,586	24	121,449	72
L	.	.	122,277	96	.	.	.	.	14,726	72	137,003	168
M	.	.	48,562	72	.	.	.	.	4,687	36	53,249	108
N	.	.	52,370	48	.	.	.	.	2,652	24	55,022	72
Totals	128,924	300	341,072	264	38,792	240	26,161	250	27,106	186	562,055	1,240

Table TB02-02. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 300 21.3-m bay seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	50,113	38.9	19.7	119.32	75.40	1,094.48	20,670.00	33	0.02	17	60
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	10,848	8.4	41.7	25.83	6.23	417.57	1,283.57	33	0.14	12	178
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	10,269	8.0	48.0	24.45	4.00	283.46	600.00	27	0.07	5	46
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	9,993	7.8	9.3	23.79	12.16	885.27	3,268.57	44	0.15	25	125
<i>Lucania parva</i>	8,563	6.6	22.0	20.39	7.63	647.80	2,107.86	23	0.05	9	44
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	7,830	6.1	6.0	18.64	18.02	1,673.94	5,405.00	42	0.04	19	91
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	6,619	5.1	25.0	15.76	3.94	433.22	592.14	42	0.15	15	94
<i>Anchoa cubana</i>	2,464	1.9	1.7	5.87	5.79	1,710.24	1,737.86	38	0.07	26	47
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	2,453	1.9	20.7	5.84	2.90	859.94	848.57	35	0.37	9	148
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	2,404	1.9	32.7	5.72	1.58	477.28	288.57	11	0.08	3	27
Subtotal	111,556	86.6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	178
Totals	128,924	100.0	.	306.96	107.54	606.83	28,679.29	.	.	3	505

Table TB02-03. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 300 21.3-m bay seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	2,404	1.9	32.7	5.72	1.58	477.28	288.57	11	0.08	3	27
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	635	0.5	9.7	1.51	0.85	969.59	211.43	34	0.50	15	165
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	343	0.3	22.3	0.82	0.17	350.32	35.71	38	1.01	14	115
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	274	0.2	5.3	0.65	0.30	790.49	63.57	35	2.24	19	462
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	199	0.2	11.3	0.47	0.15	560.76	37.86	29	2.72	6	341
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	64	0.0	7.3	0.15	0.05	549.14	8.57	52	4.39	11	170
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	37	0.0	4.0	0.09	0.03	650.47	6.43	23	1.60	9	52
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	37	0.0	8.3	0.09	0.02	376.40	2.14	53	7.00	10	161
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	32	0.0	3.3	0.08	0.03	647.40	5.00	34	2.45	17	74
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	28	0.0	5.3	0.07	0.02	485.47	2.86	64	12.82	16	338
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	13	0.0	2.0	0.03	0.02	909.44	4.29	24	2.55	14	43
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	12	0.0	3.0	0.03	0.01	605.16	1.43	35	4.65	11	56
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	10	0.0	2.0	0.02	0.01	844.02	2.86	53	6.46	38	99
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	8	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.01	861.67	2.14	200	10.48	153	240
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	3	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.00	996.65	0.71	179	121.56	17	417
<i>Mugil curema</i>	2	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,732.05	1.43	147	5.00	142	152

Table TB02-03. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,732.05	0.71	28	.	28	28
<i>Elops saurus</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,732.05	0.71	215	.	215	215
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,732.05	0.71	253	.	253	253
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,732.05	0.71	97	.	97	97
Totals	4,105	3.2	63.3	9.77	1.90	337.26	307.86	.	.	3	462

Table TB02-04. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 240 183-m haul seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	15,330	39.5	51.7	63.88	12.59	305.26	1,647.00	98	0.22	50	278
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	7,119	18.4	15.8	29.66	14.36	750.01	2,518.00	93	0.15	52	145
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	4,074	10.5	50.4	16.98	3.44	313.78	457.00	81	0.20	40	150
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1,575	4.1	42.1	6.56	1.66	391.21	273.00	448	1.89	139	882
<i>Arius felis</i>	1,193	3.1	37.1	4.97	1.11	347.40	171.00	308	1.09	52	390
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	1,115	2.9	30.0	4.65	1.05	350.51	143.00	91	0.33	45	125
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	834	2.1	35.4	3.48	1.07	476.30	203.00	358	1.14	92	495
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	649	1.7	49.6	2.70	0.52	297.19	106.00	246	3.80	96	474
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	560	1.4	15.4	2.33	1.51	1,005.32	360.00	146	1.34	19	298
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	547	1.4	4.6	2.28	2.06	1,397.86	493.00	117	1.16	74	220
Subtotal	32,996	85.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	882
Totals	38,792	100.0	.	161.63	24.07	230.75	3,451.00	.	.	13	980

Table TB02-05. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 240 183-m haul seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)			Standard Length (mm)				
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1,575	4.1	42.1	6.56	1.66	391.21	273.00	448	1.89	139	882
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	649	1.7	49.6	2.70	0.52	297.19	106.00	246	3.80	96	474
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	466	1.2	21.7	1.94	0.64	507.70	124.00	104	1.24	51	202
<i>Elops saurus</i>	421	1.1	32.1	1.75	0.35	305.29	46.00	282	2.60	170	450
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	300	0.8	25.4	1.25	0.31	387.97	64.00	181	2.92	62	445
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	288	0.7	32.5	1.20	0.20	264.21	31.00	210	5.42	50	400
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	220	0.6	14.2	0.92	0.32	542.49	61.00	162	2.94	68	325
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	186	0.5	27.1	0.78	0.14	281.79	21.00	98	2.72	24	270
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	180	0.5	16.7	0.75	0.28	574.75	62.00	376	10.80	90	680
<i>Mugil curema</i>	122	0.3	12.1	0.51	0.16	492.17	25.00	224	5.43	112	338
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	113	0.3	17.9	0.47	0.15	493.39	33.00	200	7.55	49	398
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	65	0.2	10.4	0.27	0.08	457.79	12.00	24	0.83	13	45
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	65	0.2	5.4	0.27	0.11	603.93	20.00	150	8.13	45	285
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	43	0.1	10.4	0.18	0.05	432.18	8.00	222	14.78	45	426
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	42	0.1	2.9	0.18	0.10	859.45	20.00	198	13.26	105	412
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	39	0.1	4.6	0.16	0.07	666.87	13.00	186	9.05	75	389

Table TB02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	34	0.1	3.3	0.14	0.07	757.43	12.00	96	1.46	84	116
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	21	0.1	3.3	0.09	0.05	859.45	11.00	172	17.12	89	320
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	7	0.0	2.1	0.03	0.01	728.69	2.00	189	10.00	143	211
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	6	0.0	1.3	0.03	0.02	962.91	3.00	255	5.71	235	272
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	4	0.0	0.8	0.02	0.01	1,223.21	3.00	303	24.96	231	340
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	3	0.0	1.3	0.01	0.01	890.68	1.00	680	162.71	421	980
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	3	0.0	0.8	0.01	0.01	1,152.77	2.00	206	47.70	132	295
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,549.19	1.00	50	.	50	50
Totals	4,853	12.5	93.3	20.22	2.20	168.75	295.00	.	.	13	980

Table TB02-06. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 250 183-m purse seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	4,895	18.7	37.2	19.58	4.69	378.50	540.00	101	0.31	55	194
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	4,857	18.6	30.8	19.43	7.92	644.76	1,725.00	136	0.25	84	202
<i>Elops saurus</i>	3,255	12.4	28.0	13.02	7.85	953.33	1,934.00	275	0.79	132	550
<i>Arius felis</i>	2,747	10.5	55.2	10.99	2.26	325.45	406.00	255	0.94	52	390
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,475	5.6	16.4	5.90	2.49	667.62	581.00	156	0.45	53	203
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	1,211	4.6	16.0	4.84	2.89	943.22	707.00	142	0.40	68	223
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	1,144	4.4	16.0	4.58	1.94	671.91	438.00	118	0.27	80	168
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	858	3.3	26.0	3.43	0.89	409.93	167.00	90	0.42	64	188
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	627	2.4	19.2	2.51	0.79	496.48	127.00	117	0.79	66	195
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	610	2.3	12.8	2.44	0.72	466.52	100.00	133	0.62	45	180
Subtotal	21,679	82.8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45	550
Totals	26,161	100.0	.	104.64	14.05	212.37	2,004.00	.	.	18	1513

Table TB02-07. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 250 183-m purse seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)			Standard Length (mm)				
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Elops saurus</i>	3,255	12.4	28.0	13.02	7.85	953.33	1,934.00	275	0.79	132	550
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,475	5.6	16.4	5.90	2.49	667.62	581.00	156	0.45	53	203
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	274	1.0	19.2	1.10	0.26	380.20	36.00	226	4.02	72	530
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	274	1.0	14.4	1.10	0.48	696.74	113.00	195	1.69	129	308
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	212	0.8	15.6	0.85	0.38	707.40	90.00	108	2.05	31	200
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	204	0.8	12.0	0.82	0.30	582.60	60.00	202	2.38	132	305
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	60	0.2	4.4	0.24	0.19	1,242.33	47.00	217	6.70	67	333
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	50	0.2	10.4	0.20	0.04	352.84	6.00	299	12.30	74	565
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	41	0.2	11.6	0.16	0.04	390.79	8.00	209	9.72	106	381
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	30	0.1	4.0	0.12	0.06	758.71	13.00	29	1.11	18	48
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	28	0.1	3.2	0.11	0.06	793.90	11.00	104	2.94	63	139
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	21	0.1	4.0	0.08	0.04	696.52	8.00	261	10.99	173	384
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	21	0.1	4.4	0.08	0.03	550.46	4.00	147	6.71	87	248
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	20	0.1	3.2	0.08	0.03	664.66	6.00	324	21.02	126	430
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	16	0.1	1.2	0.06	0.06	1,389.72	14.00	161	7.30	118	240
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	8	0.0	0.8	0.03	0.03	1,396.76	7.00	241	10.25	174	265

Table TB02-07. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	7	0.0	2.4	0.03	0.01	671.56	2.00	73	6.71	45	97
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	6	0.0	2.0	0.02	0.01	740.10	2.00	198	21.15	150	267
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	6	0.0	2.0	0.02	0.01	740.10	2.00	205	26.01	116	273
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	6	0.0	0.8	0.02	0.02	1,115.79	3.00	236	7.07	218	254
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	4	0.0	1.6	0.02	0.01	785.79	1.00	436	108.77	299	760
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	2	0.0	0.8	0.01	0.01	1,115.79	1.00	236	6.00	230	242
<i>Mugil curema</i>	2	0.0	0.4	0.01	0.01	1,581.14	2.00	214	2.00	212	216
Totals	6,022	23.0	68.8	24.09	8.35	548.17	1,941.00	.	.	18	760

Table TB02-08. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 30 seasonal bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	339	23.3	56.7	0.80	0.26	177.67	4.86	88	0.54	45	115
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	269	18.5	3.3	0.60	0.60	547.72	18.15	34	0.16	29	39
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	192	13.2	76.7	0.44	0.11	140.01	2.56	91	2.28	23	150
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	93	6.4	23.3	0.21	0.16	422.84	4.86	142	1.35	104	161
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	93	6.4	53.3	0.21	0.07	188.16	1.48	14	0.43	5	23
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	72	4.9	23.3	0.17	0.07	216.13	1.15	105	1.84	73	127
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	42	2.9	13.3	0.09	0.08	481.76	2.50	37	7.61	14	210
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	40	2.7	23.3	0.09	0.04	268.14	1.15	37	3.51	14	117
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	35	2.4	33.3	0.08	0.03	230.75	0.88	59	10.29	17	273
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	29	2.0	23.3	0.07	0.04	300.66	0.81	66	2.39	32	98
Subtotal	1,204	82.7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	273
Totals	1,455	100.0	.	3.33	0.81	133.35	22.73	.	.	5	360

Table TB02-09. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 30 seasonal bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	93	6.4	53.3	0.21	0.07	188.16	1.48	14	0.43	5	23
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	40	2.7	23.3	0.09	0.04	268.14	1.15	37	3.51	14	117
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	35	2.4	33.3	0.08	0.03	230.75	0.88	59	10.29	17	273
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	15	1.0	20.0	0.03	0.02	244.95	0.34	31	3.32	6	58
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	6	0.4	13.3	0.01	0.01	282.20	0.17	213	22.64	147	302
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	6	0.4	20.0	0.01	0.01	204.43	0.08	81	19.10	20	120
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	6	0.4	10.0	0.01	0.01	332.18	0.20	74	24.53	21	181
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	1	0.1	3.3	0.00	0.00	547.72	0.07	149	.	149	149
Totals	202	13.9	80.0	0.46	0.13	157.76	2.36	.	.	5	302

Table TB02-10. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 264 21.3-m river seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	274,036	80.3	61.0	1,526.49	509.42	542.23	117,661.76	30	0.01	14	60
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	26,843	7.9	87.5	149.53	13.93	151.32	1,144.12	38	0.06	10	78
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	7,519	2.2	58.7	41.88	5.34	207.15	569.12	29	0.07	10	42
<i>Lucania parva</i>	5,592	1.6	39.4	31.15	10.78	562.12	2,663.24	22	0.08	9	47
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	3,578	1.0	10.6	19.93	11.99	977.43	2,591.18	29	0.13	19	95
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	3,179	0.9	63.6	17.71	2.06	188.96	195.59	61	0.25	29	116
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	2,463	0.7	6.1	13.72	6.73	796.58	1,242.65	59	0.25	21	87
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	2,442	0.7	11.4	13.60	4.90	585.65	825.00	38	0.27	16	88
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	1,972	0.6	43.6	10.98	2.44	360.40	489.71	37	0.35	12	101
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	1,866	0.5	9.1	10.39	7.79	1,217.79	2,025.00	59	0.36	8	95
Subtotal	329,490	96.4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	116
Totals	341,072	100.0	.	1,899.91	520.48	445.12	120,930.88	.	.	3	668

Table TB02-11. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 264 21.3-m river seine samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,522	0.4	15.2	8.48	3.09	591.32	557.35	36	0.32	15	104
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	1,051	0.3	37.5	5.85	1.36	377.43	235.29	8	0.09	3	23
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	721	0.2	25.4	4.02	0.91	367.71	163.24	39	1.14	13	555
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	707	0.2	11.7	3.94	1.82	751.68	394.12	36	0.93	14	382
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	107	0.0	13.6	0.60	0.14	388.96	25.00	40	1.97	14	121
<i>Elops saurus</i>	92	0.0	3.8	0.51	0.41	1,297.86	107.35	108	3.80	23	248
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	91	0.0	5.7	0.51	0.21	682.04	47.06	27	1.32	13	80
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	82	0.0	12.1	0.46	0.13	477.50	29.41	34	3.67	7	176
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	68	0.0	2.7	0.38	0.25	1,079.80	63.24	40	1.35	10	73
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	67	0.0	14.4	0.37	0.07	316.79	11.76	226	19.41	14	610
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	36	0.0	2.7	0.20	0.12	966.77	29.41	44	2.91	16	95
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	33	0.0	5.7	0.18	0.06	555.65	13.24	135	16.76	27	358
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	13	0.0	2.7	0.07	0.03	755.08	7.35	76	16.15	35	220
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	2	0.0	0.8	0.01	0.01	1,146.73	1.47	86	41.50	44	127
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.01	0.01	1,624.81	1.47	39	.	39	39
Totals	4,593	1.4	79.5	25.58	3.88	246.35	557.35	.	.	3	610

Table TB02-12. Catch statistics for 11 dominant taxa collected in 156 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	15,290	59.6	43.6	13.38	3.41	318.78	358.20	26	0.05	16	65
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	2,274	8.9	29.5	2.07	0.63	380.61	61.93	29	0.14	11	42
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	1,886	7.4	34.6	1.63	0.52	393.92	68.94	34	0.27	8	91
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	1,486	5.8	50.0	1.30	0.35	335.65	37.78	10	0.14	3	47
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	834	3.3	35.9	0.73	0.18	302.63	16.73	43	1.03	10	178
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	773	3.0	32.7	0.69	0.31	567.34	46.82	67	1.17	13	288
<i>Arius felis</i>	514	2.0	37.8	0.45	0.19	521.78	20.37	144	4.42	48	388
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	321	1.3	19.2	0.29	0.09	401.67	9.17	32	0.89	14	105
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	255	1.0	25.0	0.22	0.08	447.42	8.50	27	0.57	15	67
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	228	0.9	19.9	0.20	0.07	405.15	7.56	66	1.59	40	141
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	232	0.9	30.8	0.20	0.04	250.54	3.64	57	1.12	40	124
Subtotal	24,093	94.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	388
Totals	25,651	100.0	.	22.52	3.69	204.78	358.47	.	.	3	780

Table TB02-13. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 156 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	1,486	5.8	50.0	1.30	0.35	335.65	37.78	10	0.14	3	47
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	834	3.3	35.9	0.73	0.18	302.63	16.73	43	1.03	10	178
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	773	3.0	32.7	0.69	0.31	567.34	46.82	67	1.17	13	288
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	189	0.7	40.4	0.17	0.03	232.87	3.51	117	3.42	9	207
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	91	0.4	9.0	0.08	0.04	621.89	4.99	27	3.81	11	266
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	22	0.1	10.3	0.02	0.01	335.01	0.40	159	13.45	82	275
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	22	0.1	7.1	0.02	0.01	458.83	0.81	93	12.55	25	172
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	13	0.1	5.1	0.01	0.00	490.69	0.40	42	11.17	18	136
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	8	0.0	3.8	0.01	0.00	577.40	0.40	249	24.11	131	333
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	7	0.0	2.6	0.01	0.00	637.56	0.27	106	8.36	77	136
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	2	0.0	0.6	0.00	0.00	1,249.00	0.27	367	1.00	366	368
<i>Elops saurus</i>	1	0.0	0.6	0.00	0.00	1,249.00	0.13	30	.	30	30
Totals	3,448	13.4	87.2	3.03	0.53	218.17	50.32	.	.	3	368

Appendix TB02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=105	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=120	E=115	E=100	E=1,240
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	10	2	2	10	9	4	42	161	23	57	5	3	328
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	5	6	3	1	3	20
<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
<i>Anchoa cubana</i>	.	3	.	.	1	.	15	.	12	2,433	.	.	2,464
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	.	8	.	1	123	3,432	187	93	7	7,567	7	.	11,425
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	14,954	5,193	3,776	37,305	24,002	15,474	2,703	17,744	96,343	74,019	33,506	14,689	339,708
<i>Anchoa</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2,051	105	.	2,157
<i>Ancylopsetta quadrocellata</i>	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	39	17	15	21	28	28	64	20	72	57	29	41	431
<i>Arius felis</i>	48	165	591	524	227	709	300	1,142	98	408	521	481	5,214
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	6	34	41	3	66	33	22	37	18	58	9	327
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	8	11	99	80	1,865	291	485	213	1,769	462	92	89	5,464
<i>Balistidae</i> spp.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	4	4	3	1	.	.	1	.	2	1	1	6	23
<i>Belonesox belizanus</i>	13	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	3	13	33
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	.	113	69	29	5	16	143	10	511	9	2	5	912
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	2	1	9	2	.	18
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	94	54	120	184	89	26	19	33	11	20	30	32	712

Appendix TB02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=105	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=120	E=115	E=100	E=1,240
<i>Caranx crysos</i>	.	.	.	2	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	6
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	.	3	1	3	5	5	53	11	16	16	11	.	124
<i>Caranx latus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1	50	69	100	158	427	94	292	116	152	161	27	1,647
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	3
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	.	3	4	11	11	42	45	48	44	485	22	3	718
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	1	2	5	.	1	4	10	3	10	10	14	1	61
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	48	48	32	19	31	29	32	71	51	93	39	68	561
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	2	.	.	6	797	314	64	7	23	140	46	.	1,399
<i>Clupeidae spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	24	5	22	56	211	60	120	124	193	154	147	73	1,189
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	31	52	76	42	88	70	90	115	91	54	42	99	850
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	27	3	58	826	97	17	122	13	37	27	6	37	1,270
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	.	.	2	.	3	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	10
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	59	30	40	52	33	74	21	27	18	84	35	44	517
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	4	1	.	3	.	39	12	10	3	3	2	1	78
<i>Dasyatis spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	2
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	.	.	2	.	12	200	336	184	68	78	98	15	993
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1	2	.	.	6

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=105	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=120	E=115	E=100	E=1,240
<i>Diplodus holbrooki</i>	.	.	.	.	6	3	.	5	9	2	2	.	27
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	1	.	20	.	.	.	9	.	1	.	.	2	33
<i>Echeneis neucratoides</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	2	2	1	.	8
<i>Echeneis</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	12	258	309	2,128	49	166	130	61	260	171	146	80	3,770
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	6	.	17
<i>Eucinostomus argenteus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	148	185	237	221	104	111	345	637	963	2,027	2,503	1,150	8,631
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	284	540	589	382	765	81	159	254	460	339	910	441	5,204
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	232	227	78	142	.	1,163	2,242	2,548	3,071	3,630	3,729	3,021	20,083
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	42	59	41	17	12	765	1,708	191	845	715	623	111	5,129
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	128	2	109	78	60	1,092	102	146	86	99	133	153	2,188
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	18	55	56	35	61	1	98	27	4	5	53	136	549
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	2	558	83	332	1,249	4	147	76	.	69	61	35	2,616
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	6	1	10
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	35	34	15	.	.	.	2	1	3	.	12	33	135
<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>	1	1
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	.	.	.	1	2	16
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	1	1

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=105	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=120	E=115	E=100	E=1,240
<i>Gobionellus smaragdus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	1	1	.	8
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	22	28	14	35	2	45	147	24	6	12	30	62	427
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	7	40	41	38	3	106	14	13	4	6	21	2	295
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	11	28	4	.	10	309	174	36	10	18	21	24	645
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	4	2	4	.	5	1	2	1	.	.	4	23
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	.	1	1	.	.	2	4	3	19	8	1	.	39
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	23	162	567	58	97	50	366	2,453	7,630	5,692	3,558	88	20,744
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	.	1	1	3	6	1	.	.	.	1	.	2	15
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	1	.	4	.	7	1	4	.	2	3	.	.	22
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	1	6	5	1	6	12	1	2	4	30	22	1	91
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	.	5
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	31	79	75	21	12	25	22	19	99	77	31	88	579
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	191	2,903	5,896	2,367	2,033	1,984	1,174	6,063	3,375	4,179	2,553	720	33,438
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	3	1,063	1,614	317	155	356	63	178	158	186	26	1	4,120
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	2	.	1	.	6
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	2
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	1	1
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	1	1
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	7	16	20	67	9	4	2	5	5	43	14	3	195

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=105	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=120	E=115	E=100	E=1,240
<i>Loricariidae</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Lucania parva</i>	640	393	510	436	3,968	2,106	3,257	1,106	1,124	156	485	123	14,304
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	9	.	1	.	5	10	21	108	47	96	22	7	326
<i>Lutjanus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	1	1	.	.	1	.	2	.	21	51	23	.	100
<i>Membras martinica</i>	.	1	.	3	43	1	328	7	.	.	.	.	383
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	755	1,158	2,460	3,894	3,953	4,072	6,298	2,280	3,272	2,440	1,980	907	33,469
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	.	.	1	1	.	3	1	2	.	8	8	.	24
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	350	7	47	34	49	198	72	45	67	99	41	184	1,193
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	.	.	1	1	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	5
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	2	3	1	3	6	.	1	.	.	.	2	1	19
<i>Menticirrhus</i> spp.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	14	58	26	26	246	541	831	483	213	290	124	69	2,921
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	.	.	3	2	1	.	28	1	.	1	.	.	36
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	1	9	2	7	15	17	18	164	74	53	5	11	376
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	68	272	487	209	115	36	46	87	40	162	74	42	1,638
<i>Mugil curema</i>	.	52	23	4	2	6	19	6	1	11	1	1	126
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	8	34	20	51	23	27	20	6	28	86	25	15	343
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	9	2	9	21	8	4	.	53
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	10	.	2	.	1	13

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=105	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=120	E=115	E=100	E=1,240
<i>Notropis petersoni</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	.	3	.	19	20	109	79	48	354	54	3	.	689
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	.	3	81	840	266	2,072	1,038	779	113	590	252	.	6,034
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	2	2	13	13	17	11	8	39	5	20	36	4	170
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	.	30	558	139	1,229	101	145	287	191	248	131	6	3,065
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	13	8	10	9	8	16	8	8	11	8	8	3	110
<i>Pepilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	5	20	.	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	90	9	17	.	.	.	4	.	.	1	25	155	301
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	11	1	2	4	3	22
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	10	1	4	.	1	20
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	10	20	18	13	17	35	32	18	26	108	146	19	462
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	7	4	1	3	.	6	4	3	1	8	14	16	67
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	1	1	2	.	7
<i>Rhinobatos lentiginosus</i>	.	2	2	4	1	.	1	1	2	1	1	.	15
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	8	13	51	110	34	151	97	43	80	38	36	18	679
<i>Sardinella aurita</i>	.	.	.	.	1	9	76	5	233	.	.	.	324
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	58	16	47	18	18	78	8	4	15	58	399	472	1,191
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	.	.	6	15	6	11	12	26	12	3	1	92
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	.	.	1	.	5	28	20	37	3	1	.	95

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=105	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=100	E=120	E=115	E=100	E=1,240
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	24	39	30	22	41	23	35	33	37	34	31	37	386
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	2	11	2	1	21
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	.	.	.	.	10	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	4	.	1	.	2	1	.	.	4	1	.	.	13
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	1	.	7	1	1	13	2	.	4	8	5	10	52
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	31	40	17	27	45	136	93	48	89	287	72	183	1,068
<i>Strongylura spp.</i>	.	.	.	15	26	8	2	1	1	2	.	.	55
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	.	4	4	.	6	5	5	3	1	8	9	1	46
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	1	5	3	3	1	15	33	17	1	24	9	18	130
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	.	1	2	1	.	8	1	6	3	2	3	9	36
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	4	1	2	2	88	28	49	6	8	9	21	18	236
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	29	32	69	45	88	100	131	16	22	8	54	16	610
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	10	19	16	24	34	27	34	23	24	83	69	32	395
<i>Tilapia spp.</i>	1	.	2	1	.	.	5	1	.	8	4	7	29
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	8	1	2	.	.	4	4	4	2	.	.	25
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	7	14	1	1	5	4	2	9	13	.	25	.	81
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	119	338	408	138	133	81	778	45	118	158	37	19	2,372
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Totals	18,841	14,628	19,756	51,715	42,992	37,723	25,575	38,929	122,922	111,012	53,652	24,310	562,055

Appendix TB02-02. Summary by gear, stratum, and zone of species collected during Tampa Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Sampling with 21.3-m bay seine was stratified by the presence or absence of a shoreline ('Shore' or 'offshore') within 5-m. Offshore sets were further stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with 21.3-m river seine and 183-m haul seine was stratified by the presence or absence of overhanging vegetation ('Over' or 'Nonover'). Sampling with 183-m purse seine was post-stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with 6.1-m otter trawl was not stratified. Zones A-E were located in Tampa Bay, and Zone F encompassed the lower Alafia (K), Little Manatee (L), Manatee (M), and Braden (N) Rivers. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone						Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	E	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg								
	E=113	E=127	E=60	E=132	E=132	E=176	E=64	E=41	E=209									E=186	E=124	E=184	E=175	E=149	E=188	E=420	E=1,240
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	14	19	19	49	49	5	1	3	11	158	12	17	17	13	17	252	328
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>	3	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	12	1	.	2	2	8	8	.	20
<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Anchoa cubana</i>	12	19	2,433	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	12	1	2,433	15	.	2,464
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	213	41	7,576	1,838	1,740	.	.	.	.	17	17	2	122	7,585	104	3,595	11,425
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	14,317	4,897	30,899	97,630	176,406	.	.	.	.	15,559	14,055	463	3,790	28,971	3,103	289,326	339,708
<i>Anchoa</i> spp.	2,051	1	.	.	105	.	.	.	.	.	2,051	.	.	.	1	105	2,157
<i>Ancylosetta quadrocellata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	3
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	14	1	13	18	15	159	129	2	58	22	4	133	46	112	81	55	431
<i>Arius felis</i>	619	30	1	98	1	778	415	379	2,368	525	1,105	790	816	744	1,146	613	5,214
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	3	.	.	.	54	13	3	189	65	31	8	195	10	18	65	327
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	2,056	240	157	277	1,589	324	54	376	234	157	286	680	429	649	1,417	2,003	5,464
<i>Balistidae</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	.	.	1	7	14	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	22	23
<i>Belonesox belizanus</i>	.	.	.	25	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33	33
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	.	2	.	1	5	528	19	6	349	2	4	20	95	768	17	8	912
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	4	.	.	.	.	1	2	8	3	.	.	2	.	1	15	.	18
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	12	16	9	29	53	104	82	23	189	195	69	31	93	80	168	271	712

Appendix TB02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone						Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl							
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg		A	B	C	D	E	F	
	E=113	E=127	E=60	E=132	E=132	E=176	E=64	E=41	E=209	E=186	E=124	E=184	E=175	E=149	E=188	E=420		E=1,240
<i>Caranx crysos</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	5	.	.	.	.	6	.	6	
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	.	.	.	.	.	80	20	2	22	.	13	62	14	16	19	124	
<i>Caranx latus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	.	.	3	27	40	1,190	385	.	.	2	19	150	81	179	1,149	69	1,647
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	3	
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	10	5	9	.	5	510	50	29	55	45	17	84	98	76	422	21	718
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	30	10	11	1	1	.	.	.	.	8	17	17	11	3	7	6	61
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	30	4	6	1	.	42	28	161	259	30	23	108	39	249	131	11	561
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	3	1	.	.	.	143	36	75	1,136	5	5	855	340	51	148	.	1,399
<i>Clupeidae spp.</i>	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	6	6	1	27	64	5	2	9	195	874	46	14	114	72	18	925	1,189
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	220	42	81	44	63	61	52	73	201	13	142	84	95	239	170	120	850
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	2	2	1,115	36	107	8	.	.	.	.	85	25	4	874	139	143	1,270
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	1	5	.	.	2	1	3	4	.	10
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	2	3	1	5	5	116	51	16	206	112	54	94	190	21	62	96	517
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	1	.	.	.	.	40	10	2	21	4	5	30	16	7	18	2	78
<i>Dasyatis spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	2	45	2	503	157	136	8	.	.	140	39	74	27	.	53	800	993
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	1	.	.	.	2	3	1	6
<i>Diplodus holbrooki</i>	4	.	3	.	.	5	3	4	8	.	.	9	.	12	6	.	27
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	.	2	.	9	.	1	.	.	21	.	1	.	14	.	9	9	33
<i>Echeneis neucratoides</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	6	1	.	5	.	.	3	.	8
<i>Echeneis spp.</i>	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	.	.	1	84	8	370	51	214	3,041	1	207	2,612	196	435	227	93	3,770

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Species	Gear and Strata										Zone						Totals	
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl								
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg		A	B	C	D	E	F		
	E=113	E=127	E=60	E=132	E=132	E=176	E=64	E=41	E=209	E=186	E=124	E=184	E=175	E=149	E=188	E=420		E=1,240
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	.	4	.	5	8	.	17
<i>Eucinostomus argenteus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	1,205	235	716	356	620	3,257	817	174	684	567	714	1,936	1,099	1,868	1,810	1,204	8,631	
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	18	123	363	1,644	1,535	738	377	1	170	235	348	428	314	266	437	3,411	5,204	
<i>Eucinostomus spp.</i>	4,420	1,374	4,475	3,760	3,759	.	.	.	1	2,294	692	1,286	864	2,517	4,931	9,793	20,083	
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	1,302	497	605	517	534	56	9	4	26	1,579	150	198	670	505	1,069	2,537	5,129	
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	211	59	1,684	28	164	33	9	.	.	.	845	54	44	405	648	192	2,188	
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>	1	1	1
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	1	.	42	178	304	20	4	.	.	.	9	.	1	27	30	482	549	
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	.	1	137	313	2,129	32	4	.	.	.	43	3	3	121	4	2,442	2,616	
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	.	.	.	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	10
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	.	.	.	112	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	135	135
<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	.	.	1	5	1	1	.	.	.	8	2	.	1	.	.	13	16	
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Gobionellus smaragdus</i>	.	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	8
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	.	.	.	305	86	.	.	.	.	36	.	.	.	.	.	427	427
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	189	81	13	5	3	.	.	.	.	4	43	28	20	34	161	9	295
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	105	230	13	198	51	.	.	.	.	48	53	30	18	.	251	293	645
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	5	2	11	1	3	3	9	5	2	1	23
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	10	.	.	.	.	2	17	6	4	.	.	5	.	25	9	.	39
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	8,814	14	1,165	615	1,848	7,055	64	248	896	25	6,572	3,308	490	4,969	2,918	2,487	20,744	
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	9	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	2	.	.	4	.	4	7	.	15	
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	14	4	4	1	4	.	3	14	.	22	
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	26	5	.	.	.	48	12	.	.	.	45	9	2	8	27	.	91	

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	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl							
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg		A	B	C	D	E	F	
	E=113	E=127	E=60	E=132	E=132	E=176	E=64	E=41	E=209	E=186	E=124	E=184	E=175	E=149	E=188	E=420		E=1,240
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	2	.	5
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	20	16	.	.	.	50	90	95	301	7	10	197	51	122	199	.	579
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	8,626	930	1,292	1,175	797	7,249	8,081	2,600	2,295	393	585	5,791	532	14,920	9,317	2,293	33,438
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	70	23	542	537	985	231	235	225	1,250	22	12	125	111	1,422	906	1,544	4,120
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	2	.	.	4	6
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	1	6	.	1	.	75	6	6	39	61	44	5	56	22	48	20	195
<i>Loricariidae</i> spp.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Lucania parva</i>	3,638	363	4,562	2,055	3,537	.	.	.	.	149	3,516	743	878	1,760	1,667	5,740	14,304
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	43	3	18	3	10	139	81	11	10	8	.	53	7	140	106	20	326
<i>Lutjanus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	27	5	.	.	.	11	23	21	7	6	.	5	9	49	37	.	100
<i>Membras martinica</i>	3	45	328	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	330	3	43	.	.	7	383
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	1,012	864	4,743	12,425	14,418	.	.	.	.	7	2,174	1,704	418	1,250	1,073	26,850	33,469
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	7	15	3	6	6	2	7	.	24
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	10	25	2	6	62	3	3	116	158	808	41	12	102	47	150	841	1,193
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	5
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	4	6	2	1	.	.	.	.	6	.	.	2	5	4	7	1	19
<i>Menticirrhus</i> spp.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	2
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	609	423	229	809	589	.	.	.	.	262	372	301	269	30	296	1,653	2,921
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	35	.	.	.	.	.	36	36
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	44	5	5	.	.	17	23	107	169	6	1	35	5	161	172	2	376

Appendix TB02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone						Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl							
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg		A	B	C	D	E	F	
	E=113	E=127	E=60	E=132	E=132	E=176	E=64	E=41	E=209	E=186	E=124	E=184	E=175	E=149	E=188	E=420		E=1,240
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	10	76	188	312	395	412	237	.	8	.	287	78	110	277	179	707	1,638
<i>Mugil curema</i>	.	.	2	.	.	98	24	2	.	.	7	9	35	21	54	.	126
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	.	.	1	12	24	255	45	.	6	.	21	45	48	29	164	36	343
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	8	.	.	.	.	12	27	1	5	.	.	.	.	28	25	.	53
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	10	.	.	1	.	.	12	.	13
<i>Notropis petersoni</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	21	17	51	57	126	363	25	2	25	2	51	35	35	353	30	185	689
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	459	7	138	1	553	11	5	206	4,651	3	517	1,122	456	479	2,903	557	6,034
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	12	4	2	10	7	35	33	11	38	18	17	12	4	75	30	32	170
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	1,829	31	62	2	38	144	222	285	342	110	13	233	128	1,230	1,404	57	3,065
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	1	4	5	2	.	20	23	16	25	14	1	21	10	43	25	10	110
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42	.	9	.	22	.	11	.	42
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	.	.	.	107	186	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	3	1	294	301
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	.	1	.	.	.	19	2	.	.	.	1	2	11	2	6	.	22
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	14	.	.	2	3	8	7	.	20
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	7	38	4	1	2	4	9	23	152	222	28	125	137	50	89	33	462
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	3	3	.	1	3	2	7	2	12	34	4	4	13	10	6	30	67
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	3	.	.	3	1	.	3	.	7
<i>Rhinobatos lentiginosus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	10	.	.	3	7	.	5	.	15
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	.	2	.	.	1	230	117	6	323	.	111	140	293	42	92	1	679
<i>Sardinella aurita</i>	309	5	.	1	.	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	303	20	1	324
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	74	44	81	398	323	149	31	.	.	91	168	55	66	6	84	812	1,191
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	39	3	7	43	.	1	25	9	33	24	.	92
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	.	.	.	.	33	35	13	14	.	17	47	1	20	10	.	95

Appendix TB02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone						Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	E	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg								
	E=113	E=127	E=60	E=132	E=132	E=176	E=64	E=41	E=209	E=186	E=124	E=184	E=175	E=149	E=188	E=420		E=1,240
<i>Sphaeroides nephelus</i>	91	36	30	19	16	61	53	25	19	36	49	71	24	55	117	70	386
<i>Sphaeroides spengleri</i>	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	.	.	.	.	.	16	5	.	.	.	.	10	.	5	6	.	21
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	10	.	13
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	4	7	.	.	4	5	1	3	.	13
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	10	5	4	1	5	22	5	.	.	.	17	13	1	8	7	6	52
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	47	35	65	36	51	769	65	.	.	.	374	274	43	29	261	87	1,068
<i>Strongylura</i> spp.	1	.	8	30	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	46	55
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	1	2	5	15	21	2	.	.	.	.	2	3	1	1	3	36	46
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	9	13	5	6	11	.	.	1	14	71	12	4	22	3	7	82	130
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	28	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	1	9	.	19	7	.	36
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	174	34	8	.	8	.	.	.	.	12	15	66	85	27	29	14	236
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	373	106	46	30	36	.	.	1	1	17	121	142	43	44	178	82	610
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	55	110	22	20	23	21	25	27	46	46	43	86	71	59	72	64	395
<i>Tilapia</i> spp.	.	.	.	6	4	19	.	.	.	.	3	13	.	1	2	10	29
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	2	19	.	.	10	4	2	9	.	25
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	24	41	.	16	.	1	1	8	63	8	.	81
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	.	1	1	253	218	2	1	2	4	1,890	4	.	7	.	4	2,357	2,372
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	2
Totals	53,598	11,311	64,015	127,097	213,975	26,469	12,323	5,656	20,505	27,106	36,815	25,351	14,582	77,649	40,935	366,723	562,055

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Charlotte Harbor

Charlotte Harbor is one of the most pristine bay systems in the state (Florida Department of Natural Resources 1983), and approximately 90% of its waters are designated as aquatic preserves. Charlotte Harbor is connected to the Gulf of Mexico by Boca Grande Pass, San Carlos Bay, and several smaller inlets and receives freshwater inflow from the Peace, Caloosahatchee, and Myakka rivers. The only substantial urban developments occur at the mouths of the Peace (Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda) and Caloosahatchee (Fort Myers and Cape Coral) rivers; however, rapid population growth and development in the Charlotte Harbor area and watershed have resulted in increased stress on this estuarine system (Hammett 1990; Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program 2000). It is estimated that between 1945 and 1982, 29% of Charlotte Harbor's seagrass beds were lost (Harris et al. 1983), although overall seagrass coverage appears to have remained stable in more recent years (Tomasko 2003).

The Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program has conducted intensive ichthyological sampling in Charlotte Harbor since 1989. This section summarizes FIM program data collected in Charlotte Harbor during 2002. The area sampled was divided into four bay zones (A-D) and a riverine zone (F) that encompassed the lower Myakka (M) and Peace (P) Rivers (Figure CH02-01). Monthly stratified-random sampling (SRS), stratified by zone and depth, was conducted year-round using 21.3-m seines, 183-m haul seines, 183-m purse seines, and 6.1-m otter trawls. The 21.3-m and 183-m haul seine samples were also stratified by habitat type. The 6.1-m otter trawl sampling was conducted year-round in the rivers, but was limited to the fall season (October-November) in Charlotte Harbor proper (Zones A-C only). All methods used were the same as those described in the Methods section of this report.

Stratified-Random Sampling

A total of 217,340 fish and selected invertebrates were collected during Charlotte Harbor SRS in 2002 (Table CH02-01; Appendices CH02-01 and -02). A total of 128 species were represented in 918 samples. As in previous years, small forage fishes were

collected in the largest numbers. *Lucania parva* (n=49,750), *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=34,286), the mojarras (*Eucinostomus* spp., *Eucinostomus gula*, and *Eucinostomus harengulus*, and *Eucinostomus jonesi*; n=33,157), *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=29,018), *Opisthonema oglinum* (n=14,792), and *Menidia* spp. (n=14,407) together comprised 80.7% of the year's total catch. Monthly catch totals were lowest during January (n=4,134) and February (n=5,488), and highest in October (n=38,733) and May (n=35,338). Selected Taxa (15,007 individuals; 27 taxa) accounted for 6.9% of the total catch. The most abundant Selected Taxa were *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* (n=4,227), *Cynoscion arenarius* (n=2,610), *Mugil cephalus* (n=1,316), *Centropomus undecimalis* (n=884), *Elops saurus* (n=792), and *Sciaenops ocellatus* (n=717). A spinner shark (*Carcharhinus brevipinna*) captured with the purse seine in Pine Island Sound (Zone D) represents a species new to Charlotte Harbor FIM collections.

Bay Sampling

21.3-m Bay Seines. Over half (n=123,003 animals; 56.6%) of this year's total SRS catch was collected with 21.3-m bay seines (288 samples; Tables CH02-01 and -02). *Lucania parva* (n=49,712), *Eucinostomus* spp. (n=18,830), *L. rhomboides* (n=12,103), *Menidia* spp. (n=11,188), and *A. mitchilli* (n=8,381) were the most numerous taxa. *Microgobius gulosus* (n=3,943), *E. gula* (n=3,317), and *F. duorarum* (n=2,862) were also collected in large numbers.

Twenty-one Selected Taxa (n=4,258) comprised 3.5% of the 21.3-m bay seine catch (Table CH02-03). Most numerous (n=2,862) and frequently taken (51.0% occurrence) was *F. duorarum*, which accounted for about two-thirds (67.2%) of the Selected Taxa. *Sciaenops ocellatus* (n=333) and *Cynoscion nebulosus* (n=320) ranked next in abundance. *Leiostomus xanthurus*, the most abundant Selected Taxon in bay seine samples during 2001 (n=6,154), was collected in 2002 in relatively low numbers (n=153) this year.

183-m Haul Seines. A total of 25,313 animals were collected with 183-m haul seines (n=204 hauls; Tables CH02-01 and -04). *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=15,989) accounted for 63.2% of the total catch and were collected in almost two-thirds (60.3%) of the 183-m haul seine samples. *Eucinostomus gula* (n=1,481), *Bairdiella chrysoura* (n=1,104), *C.*

undecimalis (n=864), and *Archosargus probatocephalus* (n=543) were also taken in large numbers. Most of the *C. undecimalis* collected in Charlotte Harbor this year (97.7%) were taken with 183-m haul seines.

More Selected Taxa (n=23) were represented in 183-m haul seine collections than in those of any other gear (Table CH02-05). Besides *C. undecimalis* and *A. probatocephalus*, *Lutjanus griseus* (n=336), *Mycteroperca microlepis* (n=286), *M. cephalus* (n=219), and *C. nebulosus* (n=217) were the most numerous. *Pogonias cromis* (n=1) was collected exclusively with this gear.

183-m Purse Seines. A total of 27,528 animals were collected in 240 183-m purse seine hauls made during 2002 (Tables CH02-01 and -06). *Opisthonema oglinum* comprised over half of the purse seine catch (n=14,635; 53.2%), and were the most frequently captured (42.9% occurrence). *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=5,733), *Harengula jaguana* (n=779), and *B. chrysooura* (n=638) were also well represented in the purse seine samples.

Twenty Selected Taxa (n=2,618) were collected in purse seines. *Cynoscion arenarius* (n=1,270), *E. saurus* (n=604), *Menticirrhus americanus* (n=303), and *C. nebulosus* (n=100) were the most numerous and frequently captured (Table CH02-07). *Pomatomus saltatrix* (n=17) and *Epinephelus morio* (n=3) were collected only in purse nets.

Seasonal 6.1-m Bay Otter Trawls. The 18 seasonal 6.1-m bay otter trawl samples, deployed in October and November, collected 2,552 animals (Table CH02-08). *Eucinostomus* spp. were collected in 50.0% of these samples and were the most numerous taxon (n=1,022). *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=335), *A. mitchilli* (n=310), and *E. gula* (n=126) ranked next in abundance.

Ten Selected Taxa (n=312) were collected in seasonal 6.1-m bay otter trawls (Table CH02-09). The most numerous were *M. americanus* (n=106), *C. arenarius* (n=103), *F. duorarum* (n=59), and *Lutjanus synagris* (n=34), which together comprised 96.8% of the Selected Taxa catch.

River Sampling

21.3-m River Seines. A total of 31,433 animals, or 14.5% of the total yearly SRS catch, were collected with 21.3-m river seines (96 hauls; Table CH02-10). *Anchoa mitchilli* dominated these collections (n=16,679; 53.1% of 21.3-m river seine catch), as in all past years of Charlotte Harbor SRS. *Eucinostomus* spp. (n=4,854), *Menidia* spp. (n=3,219), *Fundulus majalis* (n=894), and *E. harengulus* (n=875) were also collected in large numbers. *Menidia* spp. was collected most frequently (84.4% occurrence).

Thirteen Selected Taxa (n=2,671) accounted for 8.5% of the 21.3-m river seine catch (Table CH02-11). The most numerous was *M. cephalus* (n=1,068), followed by *F. duorarum* (n=628), *C. arenarius* (n=456), and *S. ocellatus* (n=295).

6.1-m River Otter Trawls. A total of 7,511 animals were collected in 72 6.1-m river otter trawl samples (Table CH02-12). *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=3,648) accounted for about half (48.6%) of the catch. *Trinectes maculatus* ranked next in abundance (n=1,137) and was the most frequently collected species (56.9% occurrence).

A portion of the 6.1-m river otter trawl catch (n=1,698; 22.6%) consisted of Selected Taxa (Table CH02-13). Four of the nine Selected Taxa, *C. arenarius* (n=734), *F. duorarum* (n=663), *M. americanus* (n=200), and *C. sapidus* (n=87), comprised most (99.2%) of the Selected Taxa. Of the Selected Taxa, only *F. duorarum* and *C. arenarius* were collected in over half of these samples.

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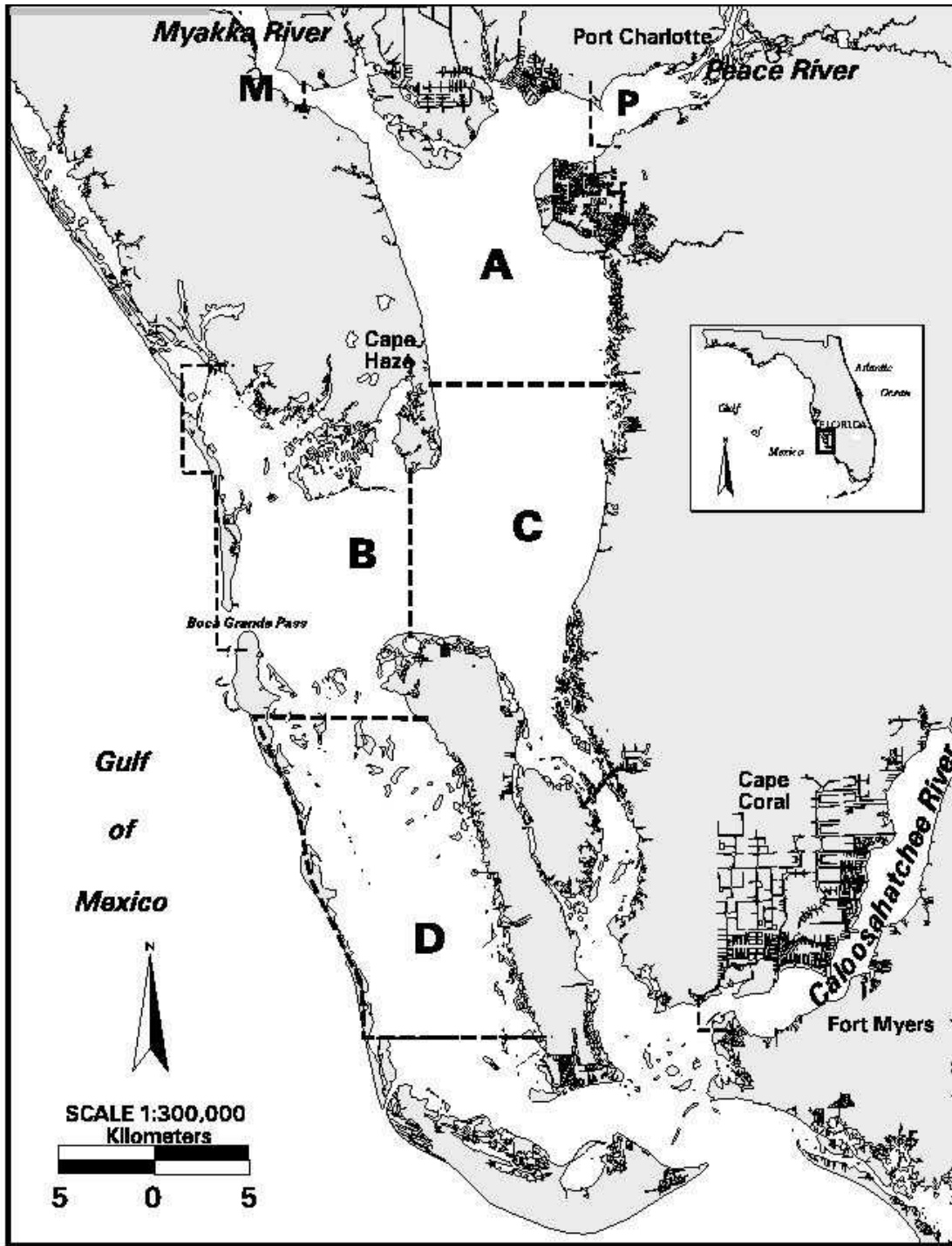


Figure CH02-01. Map of Charlotte Harbor sampling area. Zones are labeled A-D, M and P.

Table CH02-01. Summary of catch and effort data for Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Zones A-D were located in the bay, and Zones M and P encompassed the Myakka (Zone M) and lower Peace (Zone P) Rivers.

Zone	21.3-m bay seine		21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl		Totals	
	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls
A	19,080	96	.	.	1,063	60	3,283	60	1,707	6	25,133	222
B	46,784	96	.	.	11,592	48	4,938	60	595	6	63,909	210
C	57,139	96	.	.	3,283	48	5,321	60	250	6	65,993	210
D	.	.	.	.	9,375	48	13,986	60	.	.	23,361	108
M	.	.	9,083	48	.	.	.	.	3,948	36	13,031	84
P	.	.	22,350	48	.	.	.	.	3,563	36	25,913	84
Totals	123,003	288	31,433	96	25,313	204	27,528	240	10,063	90	217,340	918

Table CH02-02. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 288 21.3-m bay seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lucania parva</i>	49,712	40.4	44.4	123.29	55.05	757.69	15,268.57	21	0.02	11	45
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	18,830	15.3	63.2	46.70	7.07	256.98	1,451.43	28	0.05	9	41
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	12,103	9.8	55.9	30.02	4.99	281.96	720.00	40	0.13	12	187
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	11,188	9.1	34.0	27.75	9.44	577.10	2,154.29	44	0.09	16	81
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	8,381	6.8	13.5	20.79	13.83	1,129.14	3,920.00	29	0.05	17	65
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	3,943	3.2	48.6	9.78	1.62	281.86	245.71	29	0.11	11	58
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	3,317	2.7	49.3	8.23	1.21	250.02	211.43	52	0.16	34	88
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	2,862	2.3	51.0	7.10	1.92	458.94	520.00	10	0.08	3	35
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	1,729	1.4	18.1	4.29	1.40	552.07	302.86	26	0.23	9	60
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	1,540	1.3	30.9	3.82	1.03	455.73	257.14	56	0.29	36	98
Subtotal	113,605	92.3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	187
Totals	123,003	100.0	.	305.07	64.05	356.28	16,782.86	.	.	3	600

Table CH02-03. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 288 21.3-m bay seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	2,862	2.3	51.0	7.10	1.92	458.94	520.00	10	0.08	3	35
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	333	0.3	11.1	0.83	0.27	554.70	65.71	27	1.35	11	365
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	320	0.3	26.7	0.79	0.12	250.56	14.29	41	1.06	13	149
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	153	0.1	6.6	0.38	0.18	789.58	38.57	32	0.96	11	83
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	147	0.1	13.5	0.36	0.12	565.37	30.71	53	2.93	10	184
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	100	0.1	7.3	0.25	0.08	549.10	16.43	30	1.34	16	77
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	66	0.1	12.2	0.16	0.04	398.10	7.86	83	10.79	17	339
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	62	0.1	12.2	0.15	0.03	332.05	4.29	48	5.52	8	172
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	47	0.0	3.5	0.12	0.07	1,049.15	20.00	24	0.91	16	44
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	39	0.0	3.1	0.10	0.05	905.71	13.57	21	3.34	14	119
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	29	0.0	2.8	0.07	0.03	746.31	7.14	27	2.55	13	63
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	29	0.0	2.1	0.07	0.05	1,084.22	12.14	47	11.33	20	342
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	19	0.0	1.7	0.05	0.03	970.89	5.71	228	44.08	36	476
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	16	0.0	3.1	0.04	0.01	611.39	2.14	128	12.07	30	182
<i>Mugil curema</i>	14	0.0	0.7	0.03	0.03	1,580.07	9.29	60	5.34	19	110
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	7	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.01	799.22	1.43	72	15.07	36	156

Table CH02-03. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	6	0.0	1.7	0.01	0.01	795.11	1.43	28	5.03	19	47
<i>Elops saurus</i>	3	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.00	976.38	0.71	230	41.43	153	295
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	3	0.0	0.3	0.01	0.01	1,697.06	2.14	44	5.61	33	52
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	0.0	0.7	0.00	0.00	1,197.91	0.71	38	9.50	28	47
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,697.06	0.71	22	.	22	22
Totals	4,258	3.5	77.8	10.56	2.04	327.16	524.29	.	.	3	476

Table CH02-04. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 204 183-m haul seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	15,989	63.2	60.3	78.38	12.83	233.80	1,257.00	96	0.16	43	215
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	1,481	5.9	42.2	7.26	1.44	283.07	160.00	81	0.23	47	113
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	1,104	4.4	15.7	5.41	2.13	562.97	272.00	117	0.40	10	168
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	864	3.4	42.6	4.24	0.98	331.41	134.00	463	3.26	122	890
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	543	2.1	42.2	2.66	0.71	382.78	133.00	232	3.20	58	426
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	419	1.7	11.8	2.05	0.80	559.30	111.00	104	0.62	82	192
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	400	1.6	21.1	1.96	0.79	572.18	149.00	93	0.39	47	118
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	383	1.5	17.6	1.88	0.67	508.47	89.00	104	0.94	71	166
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	371	1.5	14.7	1.82	1.03	807.45	206.00	157	2.21	32	232
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	336	1.3	34.8	1.65	0.28	244.15	29.00	143	1.85	74	329
Subtotal	21,890	86.6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	890
Totals	25,313	100.0	.	124.08	15.22	175.18	1,368.00	.	.	10	1160

Table CH02-05. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 204 183-m haul seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	864	3.4	42.6	4.24	0.98	331.41	134.00	463	3.26	122	890
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	543	2.1	42.2	2.66	0.71	382.78	133.00	232	3.20	58	426
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	336	1.3	34.8	1.65	0.28	244.15	29.00	143	1.85	74	329
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	286	1.1	18.6	1.40	0.32	329.47	36.00	173	2.36	86	362
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	219	0.9	38.7	1.07	0.14	184.44	15.00	316	3.99	97	440
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	217	0.9	16.7	1.06	0.49	660.15	81.00	260	5.73	86	540
<i>Elops saurus</i>	185	0.7	22.1	0.91	0.33	526.13	64.00	309	4.25	171	434
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	162	0.6	5.9	0.79	0.42	759.75	67.00	208	5.37	43	325
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	138	0.5	8.3	0.68	0.34	718.72	58.00	98	1.27	75	161
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	134	0.5	23.0	0.66	0.17	368.59	26.00	107	2.95	35	190
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	100	0.4	6.9	0.49	0.18	525.49	22.00	95	1.44	72	165
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	91	0.4	11.8	0.45	0.12	384.25	17.00	172	4.09	75	296
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	85	0.3	21.1	0.42	0.07	250.74	6.00	403	13.14	106	699
<i>Mugil curema</i>	45	0.2	7.4	0.22	0.08	498.10	11.00	196	7.37	122	323
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	17	0.1	7.4	0.08	0.02	372.71	2.00	233	16.46	69	316
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	12	0.0	3.4	0.06	0.02	575.87	3.00	31	1.82	21	41

Table CH02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	6	0.0	2.5	0.03	0.01	667.47	2.00	375	52.66	225	533
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	4	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.02	1,127.49	3.00	265	20.10	210	295
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.01	1,007.46	1.00	44	1.50	42	45
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.00	1,428.29	1.00	920	.	920	920
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.00	1,428.29	1.00	259	.	259	259
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.00	1,428.29	1.00	261	.	261	261
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.00	1,428.29	1.00	245	.	245	245
Totals	3,450	13.6	93.1	16.91	1.87	157.70	155.00	.	.	21	920

Table CH02-06. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 240 183-m purse seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	14,635	53.2	42.9	60.98	19.99	507.86	3,431.00	138	0.08	82	181
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	5,733	20.8	35.4	23.89	4.33	280.54	442.00	101	0.15	41	165
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,270	4.6	13.3	5.29	1.87	546.75	271.00	177	0.79	121	302
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	779	2.8	19.6	3.25	0.86	411.88	121.00	113	0.45	87	147
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	638	2.3	8.8	2.66	2.14	1,248.74	512.00	141	0.55	98	165
<i>Elops saurus</i>	604	2.2	28.3	2.52	0.59	361.17	100.00	299	2.27	130	510
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	527	1.9	19.6	2.20	0.51	363.08	67.00	128	0.71	80	227
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	338	1.2	24.2	1.41	0.27	299.28	37.00	89	0.41	57	130
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	303	1.1	14.2	1.26	0.98	1,197.47	234.00	149	1.59	89	254
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	270	1.0	29.2	1.13	0.22	308.26	33.00	149	1.68	57	219
Subtotal	25,097	91.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41	510
Totals	27,528	100.0	.	114.70	20.63	278.69	3,444.00	.	.	26	1200

Table CH02-07. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 240 183-m purse seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,270	4.6	13.3	5.29	1.87	546.75	271.00	177	0.79	121	302
<i>Elops saurus</i>	604	2.2	28.3	2.52	0.59	361.17	100.00	299	2.27	130	510
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	303	1.1	14.2	1.26	0.98	1,197.47	234.00	149	1.59	89	254
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	100	0.4	13.8	0.42	0.10	381.64	14.00	255	7.26	135	520
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	79	0.3	4.6	0.33	0.17	808.56	37.00	141	2.75	95	271
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	64	0.2	5.8	0.27	0.12	711.73	23.00	109	1.59	50	153
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	45	0.2	12.1	0.19	0.04	331.91	5.00	115	4.57	63	195
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	44	0.2	9.6	0.18	0.05	454.49	9.00	310	14.20	115	539
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	32	0.1	4.6	0.13	0.05	613.14	8.00	181	6.81	50	238
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	21	0.1	2.9	0.09	0.05	846.64	8.00	122	5.28	95	175
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	17	0.1	2.9	0.07	0.04	815.74	8.00	252	24.04	116	399
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	10	0.0	3.8	0.04	0.01	528.36	2.00	222	22.28	119	318
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	8	0.0	2.9	0.03	0.01	605.41	2.00	41	4.62	26	61
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	8	0.0	2.9	0.03	0.01	605.41	2.00	254	22.11	152	342
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	3	0.0	1.3	0.01	0.01	890.68	1.00	37	1.86	33	39
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	3	0.0	0.4	0.01	0.01	1,549.19	3.00	137	3.00	131	140

Table CH02-07. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	3	0.0	0.8	0.01	0.01	1,152.77	2.00	213	49.67	163	312
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	2	0.0	0.4	0.01	0.01	1,549.19	2.00	775	5.00	770	780
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,549.19	1.00	100	.	100	100
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,549.19	1.00	220	.	220	220
Totals	2,618	9.5	64.2	10.91	2.64	374.46	485.00	.	.	26	780

Table CH02-08. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 18 seasonal bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	1,022	40.0	50.0	3.83	3.68	407.61	66.38	28	0.18	9	38
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	335	13.1	22.2	1.26	0.78	263.33	10.39	97	0.43	82	131
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	310	12.1	16.7	1.16	1.01	369.95	18.21	35	0.48	26	57
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	126	4.9	61.1	0.47	0.20	182.62	3.58	74	0.79	51	95
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	106	4.2	44.4	0.40	0.18	191.14	2.63	30	2.77	11	182
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	103	4.0	33.3	0.39	0.21	235.59	3.37	38	4.11	13	185
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	63	2.5	16.7	0.24	0.18	321.50	3.10	34	1.61	9	80
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	59	2.3	61.1	0.22	0.06	122.84	0.81	16	0.78	5	35
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	56	2.2	55.6	0.21	0.09	190.28	1.62	66	4.18	20	166
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	50	2.0	22.2	0.19	0.10	234.79	1.35	119	3.29	87	238
Subtotal	2,230	87.3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	238
Totals	2,552	100.0	.	9.56	4.72	209.36	87.02	.	.	5	370

Table CH02-09. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 18 seasonal bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	106	4.2	44.4	0.40	0.18	191.14	2.63	30	2.77	11	182
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	103	4.0	33.3	0.39	0.21	235.59	3.37	38	4.11	13	185
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	59	2.3	61.1	0.22	0.06	122.84	0.81	16	0.78	5	35
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	34	1.3	55.6	0.13	0.04	132.06	0.54	31	3.37	14	100
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	3	0.1	11.1	0.01	0.01	308.70	0.13	115	17.90	92	150
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	3	0.1	11.1	0.01	0.01	308.70	0.13	11	4.33	7	20
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	1	0.0	5.6	0.00	0.00	424.26	0.07	294	.	294	294
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	1	0.0	5.6	0.00	0.00	424.26	0.07	152	.	152	152
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1	0.0	5.6	0.00	0.00	424.26	0.07	126	.	126	126
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	1	0.0	5.6	0.00	0.00	424.26	0.07	286	.	286	286
Totals	312	12.2	94.4	1.17	0.41	147.15	5.67	.	.	5	294

Table CH02-10. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 96 21.3-m river seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	16,679	53.1	43.8	255.50	161.65	619.91	15,411.76	30	0.05	17	66
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	4,854	15.4	55.2	74.36	21.33	281.13	1,635.29	30	0.07	12	39
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	3,219	10.2	84.4	49.31	7.10	141.09	382.35	37	0.16	15	74
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,068	3.4	22.9	16.36	12.22	731.95	1,152.94	30	0.41	16	182
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	894	2.8	16.7	13.69	8.63	617.23	800.00	38	0.32	18	85
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	875	2.8	55.2	13.40	4.46	326.15	376.47	51	0.32	40	104
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	678	2.2	11.5	10.39	5.76	543.61	469.12	23	0.15	15	42
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	628	2.0	32.3	9.62	4.12	419.45	326.47	8	0.12	3	20
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	456	1.5	12.5	6.99	3.94	552.11	335.29	34	0.41	13	67
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	325	1.0	51.0	4.98	1.04	205.25	66.18	26	0.32	14	48
Subtotal	29,676	94.4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	182
Totals	31,433	100.0	.	481.51	172.93	351.89	16,301.47	.	.	3	555

Table CH02-11. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 96 21.3-m river seine samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,068	3.4	22.9	16.36	12.22	731.95	1,152.94	30	0.41	16	182
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	628	2.0	32.3	9.62	4.12	419.45	326.47	8	0.12	3	20
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	456	1.5	12.5	6.99	3.94	552.11	335.29	34	0.41	13	67
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	295	0.9	28.1	4.52	1.58	342.81	120.59	33	1.67	8	317
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	72	0.2	6.3	1.10	0.79	699.14	73.53	19	1.31	12	78
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	68	0.2	12.5	1.04	0.43	403.97	29.41	24	1.64	10	92
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	39	0.1	5.2	0.60	0.39	644.45	35.29	41	1.56	28	70
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	27	0.1	10.4	0.41	0.17	398.62	11.76	44	4.12	22	110
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	6	0.0	5.2	0.09	0.04	453.29	2.94	153	20.89	78	204
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	6	0.0	2.1	0.09	0.07	727.22	5.88	93	10.09	67	139
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	3	0.0	3.1	0.05	0.03	559.70	1.47	173	12.34	149	190
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	2	0.0	2.1	0.03	0.02	689.16	1.47	79	31.00	48	110
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.02	979.80	1.47	477	.	477	477
Totals	2,671	8.5	66.7	40.92	14.67	351.30	1,204.41	.	.	3	477

Table CH02-12. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 72 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	3,648	48.6	47.2	6.84	4.23	524.96	296.82	27	0.18	16	68
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	1,137	15.1	56.9	2.13	0.93	368.96	54.10	47	0.39	15	120
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	734	9.8	51.4	1.38	0.36	221.36	16.19	35	0.65	10	188
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	663	8.8	55.6	1.24	0.48	325.88	31.84	12	0.28	4	42
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	319	4.2	33.3	0.60	0.40	567.60	28.47	18	0.38	11	51
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	200	2.7	34.7	0.37	0.11	258.06	6.07	36	1.11	10	110
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	179	2.4	16.7	0.34	0.21	540.20	14.98	28	0.31	10	35
<i>Arius felis</i>	147	2.0	12.5	0.28	0.16	482.46	8.63	82	4.92	44	315
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	143	1.9	23.6	0.27	0.15	473.27	9.71	69	1.99	21	198
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	87	1.2	43.1	0.16	0.04	185.28	1.48	95	4.75	10	193
Subtotal	7,257	96.7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	315
Totals	7,511	100.0	.	14.07	4.57	275.60	305.86	.	.	4	1040

Table CH02-13. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 72 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	734	9.8	51.4	1.38	0.36	221.36	16.19	35	0.65	10	188
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	663	8.8	55.6	1.24	0.48	325.88	31.84	12	0.28	4	42
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	200	2.7	34.7	0.37	0.11	258.06	6.07	36	1.11	10	110
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	87	1.2	43.1	0.16	0.04	185.28	1.48	95	4.75	10	193
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	5	0.1	5.6	0.01	0.00	440.79	0.27	88	29.74	28	174
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	4	0.1	2.8	0.01	0.01	595.76	0.27	19	2.86	14	27
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	2	0.0	1.4	0.00	0.00	848.53	0.27	170	16.00	154	186
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2	0.0	1.4	0.00	0.00	848.53	0.27	69	3.50	65	72
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	1	0.0	1.4	0.00	0.00	848.53	0.13	140	.	140	140
Totals	1,698	22.6	87.5	3.18	0.67	178.52	35.21	.	.	4	193

Appendix CH02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=84	E=84	E=75	E=918
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	11	1	7	5	5	7	2	3	2	20	11	12	86
<i>Adinia xenica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	71	2	87
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	4
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	3	6
<i>Anarchopterus criniger</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	4
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	71	.	1	.	76	.	.	148
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	221	866	224	199	.	1,129	3	310	569	16,035	8,707	755	29,018
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	23	56	46	54	38	56	19	30	27	40	159	69	617
<i>Arius felis</i>	5	84	2	10	53	35	112	80	30	27	76	8	522
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	.	.	15	13	3	7	19	23	69	85	7	241
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	35	25	8	38	357	238	248	661	454	226	545	322	3,157
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	8	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	11
Blenniidae spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	20	1	2	1	23	10	1	.	4	40	42	38	182
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	9	1	1	.	.	3	2	3	2	6	.	1	28
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	70	75	77	27	23	26	27	7	7	9	23	28	399
<i>Caranx crysos</i>	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	12	.	.	.	18
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	7	3	1	10	8	5	2	7	16	8	4	1	72
<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	41	24	106	75	72	72	159	13	185	53	39	45	884
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	3
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	6	1	.	1	47	8	18	10	28	25	4	1	149
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	4	1	.	.	2	14	13	3	3	15	15	1	71
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	100	39	47	57	33	12	14	50	48	26	76	47	549

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=84	E=84	E=75	E=918
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	79	90	21	13	25	8	73	1	1	311
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	13	.	.	15
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	26	.	4	2	302	531	120	121	78	481	566	379	2,610
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	30	19	82	12	48	80	64	89	55	56	34	101	670
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	7	.	3	4	224	72	44	1	16	3	42	120	536
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	.	.	.	1	.	4	1	3	.	1	.	.	10
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	14	5	4	4	24	12	7	4	19	18	8	8	127
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	2	1	1	1	4	.	2	2	1	2	1	17
<i>Dasyatis spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	6	.	4	.	.	.	12
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	1	.	.	36	14	34	99	71	268	7	18	6	554
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	1	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	3	4	7	1	19
<i>Diplodus holbrookii</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	32
<i>Echeneis neucratoides</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	9	4	121	112	19	31	30	92	67	88	78	141	792
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	3	.	1	.	5
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	3
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	18	3	25
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	42	114	113	303	186	432	613	957	847	1,050	333	372	5,362
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	14	90	52	100	57	116	348	303	681	338	645	165	2,909
<i>Eucinostomus jonesi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Eucinostomus spp.</i>	15	5	91	3	1,252	3,376	2,269	2,781	2,143	7,526	3,503	1,921	24,885
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	101	39	74	13	2	123	95	297	621	1,736	664	462	4,227
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	13	5	11	6	245	683	235	70	154	94	5	208	1,729
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>	1	1

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Species	Month												Totals E=918
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=84	E=84	E=75	
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	64	3	74	.	96	18	54	.	18	24	20	41	412
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	3	120	148	6	551	27	126	73	2	1	.	8	1,065
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	4	.	31	.	4	.	.	1	181	134	4	332	691
<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	4	1	.	1	1	1	.	2	.	.	1	2	13
<i>Gobionellus smaragdus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	5
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	14	1	1	2	.	5	.	2	8	3	12	15	63
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	21	40	164	206	166	236	90	5	43	92	7	31	1,101
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	6	6	12	.	60	253	67	44	101	113	37	39	738
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	.	2	.	.	.	9	.	.	7	16	1	7	42
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	2	141	.	16	173	23	354	111	247	369	171	272	1,879
<i>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	2
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	1	2	3	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	17
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	7	3	28	1	10	4	25	.	4	1	7	5	95
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Hyporhamphus unifasciatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	8
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	17	46	43	40	7	21	4	36	9	22	24	42	311
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	869	1,367	3,521	3,614	3,078	2,413	3,056	3,557	4,400	3,552	2,665	2,194	34,286
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	4	120	15	50	24	87	3	3	9	5	1	.	321
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	13	221	8	.	.	243
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	1	.	2	.	3
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	1	.	13	24	20	4	11	2	9	1	2	.	87
<i>Lophogobius cyprinoides</i>	1	1

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=84	E=84	E=75	E=918
<i>Lucania parva</i>	21	12	769	1,810	23,792	4,453	5,066	9,110	709	3,593	138	277	49,750
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	8	1	7	18	31	56	58	134	133	75	38	8	567
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	5	20	75	102	63	33	300
<i>Membras martinica</i>	.	.	.	.	4	162	.	.	.	.	6	1	173
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	885	1,661	832	546	2,050	1,252	817	4,435	542	554	424	409	14,407
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	.	.	2	2	.	1	1	.	2	1	2	4	15
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	7	1	1	8	23	124	15	21	8	137	53	280	678
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	6
<i>Menticirrhus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	32	79	236	191	896	941	347	562	165	384	456	299	4,588
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	6	.	10
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	6	5	3	13	3	1	1	25	3	10	11	49	130
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	876	36	238	24	28	14	22	4	23	16	16	19	1,316
<i>Mugil curema</i>	4	3	7	2	.	.	13	19	.	3	.	8	59
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	30	13	9	.	1	.	.	4	7	81	47	11	203
<i>Mugil</i> spp.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	.	.	3	16	26	35	58	90	70	28	8	334
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	.	1	.	.	.	1	8	1	1	1	4	3	20
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	3
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	.	4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	6
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	1	1	1	15	17	51	25	39	24	1	.	.	175
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	58	157	505	1,447	630	4,959	1,473	104	5,002	392	22	43	14,792
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	5	.	3	6	11	13	5	4	5	6	6	.	64
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	4	5	5	358	95	46	108	177	186	177	152	89	1,402
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	6	9	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	4	3	35

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=84	E=84	E=75	E=918
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29	29
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	16	.	16	.	72	4	.	96	3	88	9	1	305
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	2	1	.	1	8	.	3	.	1	.	1	.	17
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	6	5	5	11	5	28	9	2	4	24	53	11	163
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	4	.	3	.	6	2	1	1	4	10	45	11	87
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	3
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	1	52	.	29	23	8	6	.	23	2	59	5	208
<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Sardinella aurita</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	13	13	15	12	9	3	1	2	6	256	193	194	717
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	2	2	11	2	7	.	6	1	2	5	12	50
<i>Scorpaena brasiliensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	7
<i>Serraniculus pumilio</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
Sparidae spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	40	23	32	39	21	19	17	92	36	34	62	69	484
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	3
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	2	2	9
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	.	7
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	10	.	2	2	1	.	2	.	3	3	13	1	37
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	16	18	16	21	25	88	58	14	22	26	26	9	339
<i>Strongylura</i> spp.	.	.	.	5	35	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	43
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	.	5	.	.	13	1	7	1	1	1	5	.	34
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	7	4	1	.	3	1	3	3	10	37	41	68	178
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	.	1	.	.	2	2	4	7	3	9	23	10	61

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=75	E=84	E=84	E=75	E=918
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	1	1	.	.	7	5	5	1	.	6	20	10	56
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	87	26	49	56	132	171	333	77	23	16	88	54	1,112
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	17	16	17	19	15	12	10	22	19	21	111	72	351
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	1	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	3	3	.	1	12
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	62	.	2	.	.	71	.	4	14	6	6	1	166
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	26	13	10	16	29	30	390	129	589	50	15	5	1,302
<i>Tylosurus crocodilus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	6	.	.	.	7
Totals	4,134	5,488	7,922	9,817	35,338	22,875	17,218	25,053	19,400	38,733	21,002	10,360	217,340

Appendix CH02-02. Summary by gear, stratum, and zone of species collected during Charlotte Harbor stratified-random sampling, 2002. Sampling with 21.3-m bay seine was stratified by the presence or absence of a shoreline ('Shore' or offshore) within 5-m. Offshore sets were further stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with 21.3-m river seine and 183-m haul seine was stratified by the presence or absence of overhanging vegetation ('Over' or 'Nonover'). Sampling with 183-m purse seine was post-stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with 183-m purse seine was post-stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with 6.1-m otter trawl was not stratified. Zones A-D were located in Charlotte Harbor, and Zone F encompassed the lower Peace (P), and Myakka (M) Rivers. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone					Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg							
	E=100	E=44	E=144	E=50	E=46	E=155	E=49	E=8	E=232								E=90	E=222	E=210	E=210	E=108	E=168	E=918
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	13	2	22	4	15		1		22	7	14	24	17	9	22	86
<i>Adinia xenica</i>			71	12	4								71		16	87
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>							2		2				1	3		4
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>									6				4	2		6
<i>Anarchopterus criniger</i>			4										4			4
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	8		76		64							77	7		64	148
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	618	635	7,128	12,419	4,260					3,958	6,559	1,064	1,068		20,327	29,018
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	30		36	3	3	427	116		1	1	48	293	102	167	7	617
<i>Arius felis</i>	2	3				120	32	1	217	147	96	144	66	69	147	522
<i>Bagre marinus</i>						15		1	136	89	121	7	21	53	39	241
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	395	12	748	75	35	824	280	4	634	150	303	1,273	923	405	253	3,157
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>				1	9					1					11	11
Blenniidae spp.			1								1					1
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.			1		8	2			171		18	30	27	99	8	182
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	10					3	7	2	5	1		13	2	13		28
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	20	11	31	10	58	104	30	1	44	90	73	116	32	23	155	399
<i>Caranx crysos</i>									18			1	16	1		18
<i>Caranx hippos</i>						36	10	1	25		20	15	10	27		72
<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>									1					1		1

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Species	Gear and Strata										Zone					Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg							
	E=100	E=44	E=144	E=50	E=46	E=155	E=49	E=8	E=232	E=90	E=222	E=210	E=210	E=108	E=168		E=918
<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	.	.	19	1	.	813	51	.	.	.	38	432	90	323	1	884
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	.	2	1	.	.	100	15	3	13	15	19	50	49	30	1	149
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	13	2	54	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	10	35	24	.	2	71
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	27	4	5	.	.	154	111	8	213	27	20	267	104	154	4	549
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	244	65	148	82	65	14	2	311
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	13	1	2	12	.	.	15
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	4	.	43	245	211	.	.	.	1,270	837	1,075	254	54	37	1,190	2,610
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	130	19	171	11	16	137	80	3	97	6	108	214	251	65	32	670
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	.	.	527	6	3	.	.	.	.	.	121	136	270	.	9	536
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	3	.	3	.	.	2	2	6	.	10
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	3	.	2	1	1	36	19	.	33	32	65	8	14	10	30	127
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	.	.	.	.	6	1	.	10	.	6	3	5	3	.	17
<i>Dasyatis spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	.	.	2	.	.	8	2	.	.	.	.	8	2	2	.	12
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	6	.	98	32	40	355	16	.	1	6	380	32	63	1	78	554
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	10	7	.	9	4	6	.	19
<i>Diplodus holbrooki</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	.	32	.	.	.	.	32
<i>Echeneis neucratoides</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	.	.	3	.	.	88	97	15	589	.	82	207	169	334	.	792
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	1	1	4	.	.	.	5
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	20	3	13	9	.	.	25

Appendix CH02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone					Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg							
	E=100	E=44	E=144	E=50	E=46	E=155	E=49	E=8	E=232	E=90	E=222	E=210	E=210	E=108	E=168	
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	1,279	188	1,850	30	66	1,136	345	50	288	130	495	2,477	1,476	814	100	5,362
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	155	154	1,231	564	311	348	52		64	30	534	848	435	205	887	2,909
<i>Eucinostomus jonesi</i>			1									1				1
<i>Eucinostomus spp.</i>	5,514	763	12,553	2,831	2,023					1,201	4,181	10,678	4,993		5,033	24,885
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	1,358	153	1,351	144	484	10	2		3	722	830	1,369	733	4	1,291	4,227
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	288	54	1,387								38	984	707			1,729
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>			1								1					1
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	1		286	37	45	43					54	150	125	1	82	412
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>		2	165	80	814	3	1				16	87	67	1	894	1,065
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>			13	315	363						3	3	7		678	691
<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>								1						1		1
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	1	1	6	1	3					1	5		3		5	13
<i>Gobionellus smaragdus</i>		2	3										5			5
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	2	3	13	11	34						17	1			45	63
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	555	20	513	2	6					5	254	420	414		13	1,101
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	297	24	343	11	40					23	161	131	372		74	738
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>										2		1			1	2
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	8		10				23			1		21		21		42
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	441		236		2	174	245	135	644	2	302	1,230	163	182	2	1,879
<i>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</i>									1	1	2					2
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	3	1	1						11	1	3	3	7	4		17
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	50	7	38								2	57	36			95
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	1						2					1	1	1		3
<i>Hyporhamphus unifasciatus</i>							1							1		1
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	6					2						3	5			8

Appendix CH02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone					Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg							
	E=100	E=44	E=144	E=50	E=46	E=155	E=49	E=8	E=232	E=90	E=222	E=210	E=210	E=108	E=168		E=918
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	3	.	.	.	.	3	20	25	245	15	4	101	59	147	.	311
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.	2
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	6,310	68	5,725	25	74	12,558	3,431	253	5,480	362	963	16,705	6,063	10,429	126	34,286
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	12	6	135	2	4	130	8	.	21	3	14	230	15	54	8	321
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	235	1	7	4	231	.	1	243
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	3
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	.	2	11	.	4	49	9	.	6	6	47	2	27	1	10	87
<i>Lophogobius cyprinoides</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Lucania parva</i>	32,550	111	17,051	26	12	.	.	.	.	.	540	14,982	34,190	.	38	49,750
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	83	.	64	2	1	224	112	22	57	2	9	259	83	211	5	567
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	72	1	27	2	.	34	66	2	62	34	14	125	69	90	2	300
<i>Membras martinica</i>	.	1	6	.	166	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	.	.	166	173
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	2,053	152	8,983	1,048	2,171	.	.	.	.	.	2,238	4,531	4,419	.	3,219	14,407
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	7	3	1	4	2	8	.	15
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	5	3	21	24	15	1	.	.	303	306	142	250	38	9	239	678
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	2	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	1	.	.	6
<i>Menticirrhus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	1,491	284	2,168	185	140	.	.	.	.	320	2,207	294	1,443	.	644	4,588
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	2	.	.	.	8	10
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	49	.	27	.	.	17	16	5	14	2	5	86	25	14	.	130
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	.	.	29	33	1,035	177	42	.	.	.	133	43	46	26	1,068	1,316
<i>Mugil curema</i>	.	.	14	.	.	34	11	.	.	.	11	40	6	2	.	59
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	21	.	18	16	56	62	29	.	1	.	13	41	24	53	72	203
<i>Mugil</i> spp.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1

Appendix CH02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone					Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg							
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<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	13		3			156	130	8	24		1	198	27	108		334
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	4		2			2	11		1			14	2	4		20
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	1							2				1	1	1		3
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>						3			3			4	1	1		6
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	13	10	71	10	16	16	19	1	19		65	16	59	9	26	175
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	8		1		1	116	5	97	14,538	26	1,381	767	4,144	8,499	1	14,792
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	8	1	16			26	1		10	2	6	12	24	20	2	64
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	423	3	50			131	252	23	504	16	42	748	325	287		1,402
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	1	1	5			8	9	1	9	1	1	15	10	9		35
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>									29			29				29
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	13		177	21	93	1					1	3	187		114	305
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>						1						1				1
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>									17			10	1	6		17
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	6	5	3			1	3		89	56	28	37	59	39		163
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	4	6	15	3	5	1			15	38	33	5	8	3	38	87
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>							1		2		1	2				3
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	1					53	3		151		51	21	132	4		208
<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>									2					2		2
<i>Sardinella aurita</i>			2			2						4				4
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	147	8	178	180	115	75	10			4	257	49	108	4	299	717
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>						1	5	2	42		14	11	8	17		50
<i>Scorpaena brasiliensis</i>										1		1				1
<i>Selene vomer</i>							2		5			6	1			7
<i>Serraniculus pumilio</i>	1												1			1
Sparidae spp.									1			1				1

Appendix CH02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata										Zone					Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		183-m purse seine		6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover	Veg	Unveg							
	E=100	E=44	E=144	E=50	E=46	E=155	E=49	E=8	E=232	E=90	E=222	E=210	E=210	E=108	E=168		E=918
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	78	31	57	.	2	203	89	4	11	9	62	202	147	71	2	484
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	3
<i>Sphyaena barracuda</i>	.	.	.	.	.	8	1	.	.	.	.	6	.	3	.	9
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	4	.	1	2	1	3	.	7
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	.	.	.	.	.	9	28	.	.	.	3	18	14	2	.	37
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	11	5	148	28	13	96	38	.	.	.	86	91	99	22	41	339
<i>Strongylura spp.</i>	1	.	13	25	4	.	.	.	.	.	7	3	4	.	29	43
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	.	.	20	2	.	6	6	.	.	.	.	26	6	.	2	34
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	10	39	76	11	.	1	.	.	4	37	106	30	6	.	36	178
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	33	.	26	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	30	28	.	.	61
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	18	3	18	.	.	.	.	.	1	16	8	23	20	1	4	56
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	502	39	535	10	22	.	.	.	.	4	210	278	588	.	36	1,112
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	56	39	101	4	1	31	24	2	63	30	61	169	84	30	7	351
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	8	.	1	7	1	3	.	12
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	146	16	.	3	.	9	79	14	64	.	166
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	4	.	19	31	26	4	.	.	52	1,166	74	1	33	.	1,194	1,302
<i>Tylosurus crocodilus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	2	.	5	.	7
Totals	55,253	2,880	64,870	18,535	12,898	19,350	5,963	671	26,857	10,063	25,133	63,909	65,993	23,361	38,944	217,340

Indian River Lagoon

The Indian River Lagoon system (IRL) is a narrow estuarine lagoon extending from Ponce de Leon Inlet (29° 05'N) south to Jupiter Inlet (26° 50'N). The IRL system consists of three distinct basins (Mosquito Lagoon, Indian River Lagoon proper, and Banana River) that extend approximately 260 km along the east central coast of Florida. Freshwater inflow comes from creeks and rivers located mainly along the western shoreline, while five permanent inlets connect the lagoon to the ocean. In addition, one intermittently open connection via the Canaveral Locks connects the Banana River to the Atlantic Ocean just south of Cape Canaveral.

The Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program has monitored populations of fish and selected invertebrates since in the northern Indian River Lagoon 1990. This section summarizes FIM program data collected in this region during 2002. Stratified-random sampling (SRS) was conducted monthly throughout 2002. The sampling area included six bay zones (A-E, and H) and one riverine zone (F) located in the northern portion of the Indian River Lagoon (Figure IR02-01). Zones A-C, and H were located in the Indian River, Zones D and E were located in the Banana River, and Zone F encompassed the St. Sebastian River. Zones C, D, and H were sampled with 21.3-m bay and 183-m haul seines. Zone F was sampled monthly with 21.3-m river seines. Zones A, B, and E were sampled seasonally (October and November) with 21.3-m bay seines. Zone E was also sampled monthly with the 183-m haul seine although this gear was not used in Zones A and B.

All methods are the same as those described in the Methods section of this report. During 2002, additional sets (2 183-m haul and 3 21.3-m bay seines) were made that were a result of inadvertently sampling the incorrect stratum, grid, or zone. In each case, the correct stratum, grid, or zone was subsequently sampled within the prescribed month.

Stratified-Random Sampling

Stratified-random sampling consisted of 455 21.3-m bay and river seines and 230 183-m haul seine samples and captured a total of 359,927 animals representing 131 taxa (Table IR02-01; Appendices IR02-01 and -02). Two taxa, *Anchoa mitchilli* and *Lucania*

parva, dominated the collections with 60.6% of the total catch (Appendices IR02-01 and -02). Thirty-one Selected Taxa (n=34,165 animals) composed 9.5% of the total catch. Two new species were recorded: *Nicholsina usta*, the emerald parrotfish and *Paraclinus marmoratus*, the marbled blenny (Appendices IR02-01 and -02). Both fish were collected near Sebastian Inlet in Zone H.

Bay Sampling

21.3-m Bay Seines. A total of 221,899 animals were collected in 383 21.3-m bay seine samples and accounted for 48.4% of the annual SRS collections (Table IR02-01; Appendix IR02-02). The overall mean density estimate for this gear was 414 animals per 100 m² (Table IR02-02). The ten most abundant species accounted for 89.9% of the total seine collections. *Anchoa mitchilli* and *L. parva* were the most abundant species, accounting for 62.7% of the animals collected using the 21.3-m bay seines.

Collections included 25,859 animals (26 taxa) classified as Selected Taxa, which represented 11.6% of the total 21.3-m seine catch (Table IR02-03). *Leiostomus xanthurus*, *Micropogonias undulatus*, and *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* accounted for 88% of the Selected Taxa collected in this gear (Table IR02-03).

183-m Haul seines. A total of 31,793 animals were collected in 230 183-m haul seines and accounted for 8.8% of the total annual SRS collections (Tables IR02-01 and -04; Appendix IR02-02). The overall mean CPUE for this gear was 138.2 animals per set (Table IR02-04). *Lagodon rhomboides* was the most abundant species, accounting for 50.3% of the total 183-m haul seine catch.

The 183-m haul seine samples included 6,538 animals designated as Selected Taxa, accounting for 20.6% of the total 183-m haul seine catch (Table IR02-05). *Mugil curema* and *M. cephalus* were the most abundant Selected Taxa and accounted for 59.4% of the Selected Taxa collected in this gear (Table IR02-05).

River Sampling

21.3-m River Seines. A total of 106,235 animals were collected in 23.1-m river seine samples (n=72) and accounted for 29.5% of the annual SRS collections (Table

IR02-01; Appendix IR02-02). The overall mean density estimate for this gear was 2,169.8 animals per 100 m² (Table IR02-06). The ten most abundant species accounted for 98.7% of the total river seine collections. *Anchoa mitchilli*, *Brevoortia* spp., and *Eucinostomus* spp. accounted for 92.8% of the animals collected from seines.

The 21.3-m river seine collections included 1,410 animals (17 taxa) classified as Selected Taxa, representing 1.3% of the total river seine catch (Table IR02-07). *Micropogonias undulatus*, *Centropomus undecimalis*, and *L. xanthurus* accounted for 71.6% of the Selected Taxa collected in this gear (Table IR02-07).

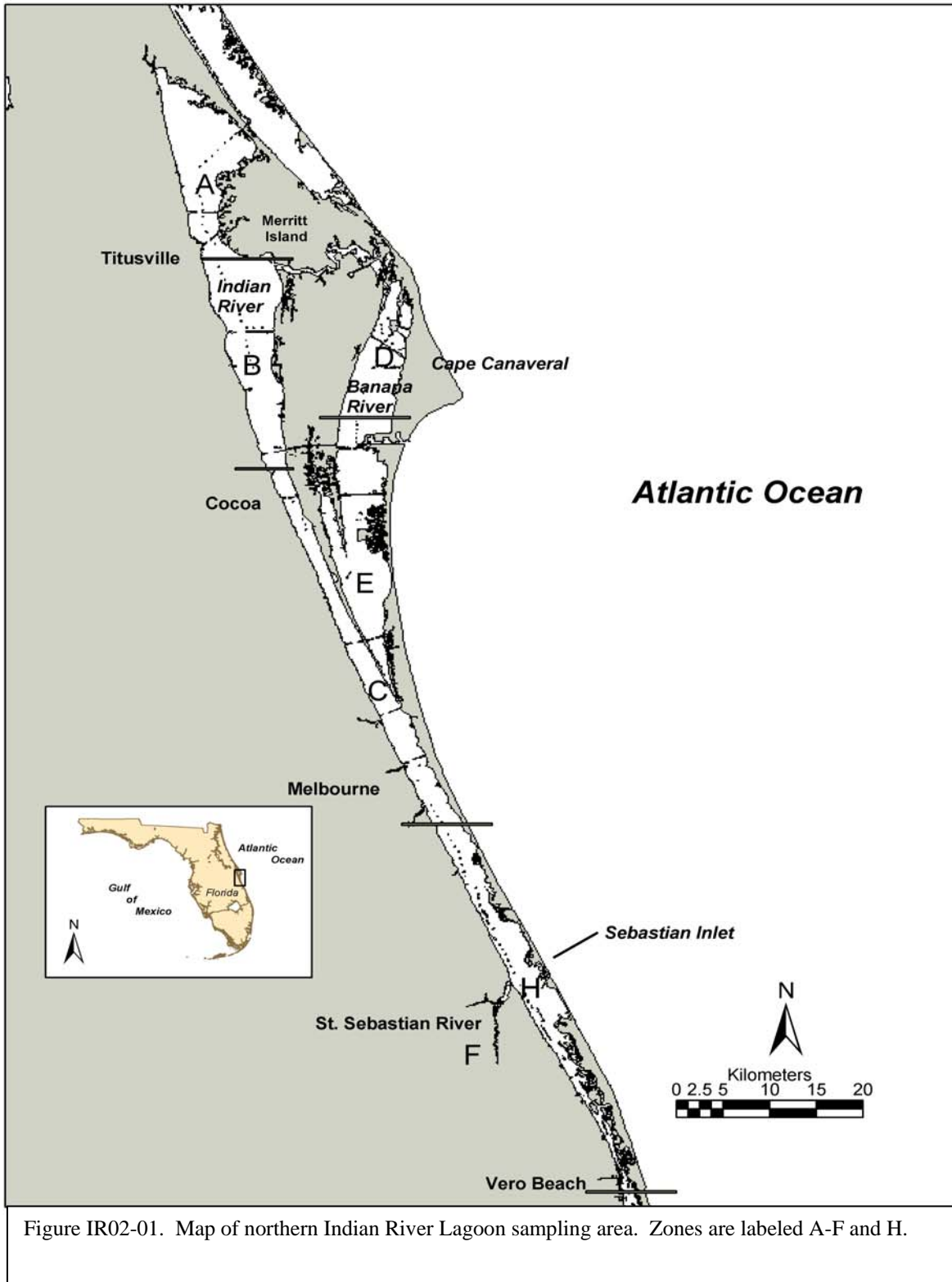


Table IR02-01. Summary of catch and effort data for Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002.

Zone	21.3-m bay seine		21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		Totals	
	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls
A	5,198	16	.	.	.	.	5,198	16
B	8,180	14	.	.	90	1	8,270	15
C	90,874	121	.	.	6,313	48	97,187	169
D	36,889	96	.	.	9,899	72	46,788	168
E	15,761	16	.	.	4,030	48	19,791	64
F	.	.	106,235	72	.	.	106,235	72
H	64,997	120	.	.	11,461	61	76,458	181
Totals	221,899	383	106,235	72	31,793	230	359,927	685

Table IR02-02. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 383 21.3-m bay seine samples during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	107,457	48.4	50.7	200.40	49.27	481.13	9,783.57	36	0.03	14	64
<i>Lucania parva</i>	31,843	14.4	43.1	59.39	13.45	443.39	3,920.00	22	0.03	8	45
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	15,590	7.0	10.4	29.07	25.92	1,744.90	9,920.00	36	0.05	15	88
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	11,366	5.1	34.7	21.20	8.18	754.77	2,788.57	27	0.08	8	75
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	9,606	4.3	46.5	17.91	5.37	586.78	1,885.71	25	0.07	10	65
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	6,350	2.9	38.6	11.84	3.09	510.01	1,028.57	38	0.13	13	89
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	5,164	2.3	6.5	9.63	5.04	1,024.59	1,402.14	24	0.08	5	65
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	4,535	2.0	30.8	8.46	2.12	489.78	535.00	37	0.26	7	140
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	4,036	1.8	43.3	7.53	1.42	368.41	317.86	26	0.11	12	61
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	3,765	1.7	23.5	7.02	2.16	602.61	610.71	33	0.23	12	152
Subtotal	199,712	89.9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	152
Totals	221,899	100.0	.	413.84	59.88	283.15	11,430.71	.	.	3	620

Table IR02-03. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 383 21.3-m bay seine samples during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	15,590	7.0	10.4	29.07	25.92	1,744.90	9,920.00	36	0.05	15	88
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	5,164	2.3	6.5	9.63	5.04	1,024.59	1,402.14	24	0.08	5	65
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	2,012	0.9	22.7	3.75	1.34	700.60	474.29	11	0.09	3	26
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	789	0.4	7.0	1.47	1.11	1,471.31	418.57	27	0.91	12	310
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	703	0.3	33.4	1.31	0.25	372.01	75.71	37	0.52	11	99
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	535	0.2	13.8	1.00	0.36	699.45	124.29	31	1.87	12	605
<i>Mugil curema</i>	290	0.1	13.8	0.54	0.21	763.97	56.43	72	2.41	18	172
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	174	0.1	8.1	0.32	0.14	854.50	48.57	36	0.96	15	72
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	142	0.1	4.2	0.26	0.10	733.01	24.29	11	0.35	4	23
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	110	0.0	8.1	0.21	0.05	519.50	12.86	54	6.66	14	350
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	63	0.0	6.3	0.12	0.03	548.22	7.86	45	5.80	15	281
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	51	0.0	1.8	0.10	0.08	1,549.48	28.57	43	1.73	16	69
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	46	0.0	3.7	0.09	0.04	947.29	14.29	95	22.81	11	620
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	44	0.0	0.8	0.08	0.08	1,825.96	29.29	49	2.41	28	91
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	37	0.0	1.6	0.07	0.05	1,357.97	17.14	8	0.21	5	13
<i>Penaeidae</i> spp.	28	0.0	0.5	0.05	0.05	1,759.35	17.86	8	0.20	6	11

Table IR02-03. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	26	0.0	4.2	0.05	0.01	584.95	3.57	43	8.91	6	167
<i>Elops saurus</i>	20	0.0	3.4	0.04	0.02	848.28	5.71	66	14.66	32	293
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	13	0.0	1.6	0.02	0.02	1,248.12	5.71	56	11.05	35	143
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	10	0.0	1.3	0.02	0.01	1,032.08	2.86	34	4.28	23	69
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	3	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.00	1,457.16	1.43	41	5.49	31	50
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	3	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.00	1,457.16	1.43	52	10.07	40	72
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.71	46	.	46	46
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.71	37	.	37	37
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.71	53	.	53	53
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.71	39	.	39	39
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.71	430	.	430	430
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.71	37	.	37	37
Totals	25,859	11.7	70.8	48.23	30.29	1,229.30	11,381.43	.	.	3	620

TableIR02-04. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 230 183-m haul seine samples during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	15,996	50.3	82.2	69.55	11.28	245.88	2,005.00	138	0.17	57	270
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	2,364	7.4	31.3	10.28	2.38	351.61	371.00	121	0.51	45	264
<i>Mugil curema</i>	2,232	7.0	74.3	9.70	1.76	274.91	236.00	155	0.76	80	370
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,652	5.2	80.0	7.18	0.81	171.30	114.00	245	1.36	110	434
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	1,059	3.3	29.1	4.60	2.15	709.70	477.00	105	0.30	78	193
<i>Arius felis</i>	948	3.0	55.7	4.12	0.63	230.04	64.00	296	1.42	112	390
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	871	2.7	60.4	3.79	0.84	335.46	172.00	235	2.25	72	580
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	844	2.7	57.4	3.67	0.48	198.39	44.00	175	0.86	36	238
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	821	2.6	50.9	3.57	0.50	213.07	49.00	225	2.70	41	553
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	530	1.7	23.0	2.30	0.89	582.52	148.00	89	0.37	42	130
Subtotal	27,317	85.9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36	580
Totals	31,793	100.0	.	138.23	13.01	142.75	2,251.00	.	.	20	1035

Table IR02-05. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 230 183-m haul seine samples during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Mugil curema</i>	2,232	7.0	74.3	9.70	1.76	274.91	236.00	155	0.76	80	370
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,652	5.2	80.0	7.18	0.81	171.30	114.00	245	1.36	110	434
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	821	2.6	50.9	3.57	0.50	213.07	49.00	225	2.70	41	553
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	288	0.9	20.9	1.25	0.27	323.58	36.00	149	2.17	38	265
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	261	0.8	25.2	1.13	0.24	317.93	38.00	436	10.20	149	915
<i>Elops saurus</i>	229	0.7	29.6	1.00	0.23	344.93	46.00	303	5.10	117	600
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	217	0.7	41.3	0.94	0.14	231.90	27.00	466	11.07	104	1035
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	173	0.5	23.9	0.75	0.25	514.00	52.00	221	6.77	57	592
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	141	0.4	9.6	0.61	0.37	904.34	82.00	606	15.20	187	929
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	139	0.4	16.1	0.60	0.14	361.83	20.00	191	4.59	87	400
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	125	0.4	8.3	0.54	0.29	803.33	53.00	159	2.94	56	298
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	119	0.4	20.0	0.52	0.10	292.21	10.00	102	3.72	27	306
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	35	0.1	7.8	0.15	0.05	450.61	6.00	215	5.51	87	275
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	20	0.1	1.7	0.09	0.06	1,107.17	14.00	198	2.96	166	220
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	18	0.1	4.3	0.08	0.03	563.85	5.00	162	22.12	51	327
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	15	0.0	3.5	0.07	0.03	687.39	5.00	32	2.73	20	48

Table IR02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	13	0.0	3.5	0.06	0.02	575.92	3.00	178	15.26	94	296
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	9	0.0	2.2	0.04	0.02	903.89	5.00	318	30.68	145	491
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	8	0.0	1.7	0.03	0.02	843.71	3.00	263	18.28	209	345
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	5	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.01	797.98	2.00	145	20.25	114	225
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	3	0.0	0.4	0.01	0.01	1,516.58	3.00	175	3.61	170	182
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	3	0.0	1.3	0.01	0.01	871.76	1.00	136	12.12	120	160
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	3	0.0	0.9	0.01	0.01	1,128.41	2.00	100	7.37	89	114
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	3	0.0	1.3	0.01	0.01	871.76	1.00	474	3.38	467	478
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	0.0	0.9	0.01	0.01	1,070.04	1.00	73	27.00	46	100
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	2	0.0	0.9	0.01	0.01	1,070.04	1.00	220	146.00	74	366
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,516.58	1.00	25	.	25	25
<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,516.58	1.00	203	.	203	203
Totals	6,538	20.6	97.4	28.43	2.24	119.43	253.00	.	.	20	1035

Table IR02-06. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 72 21.3-m river seine samples during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	78,948	74.3	70.8	1,612.50	482.20	253.74	20,705.88	30	0.02	17	57
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	12,307	11.6	23.6	251.37	156.39	527.92	10,211.76	25	0.03	15	48
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	7,366	6.9	91.7	150.45	33.45	188.67	1,694.12	24	0.09	9	39
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	3,116	2.9	76.4	63.64	20.29	270.46	1,004.41	36	0.28	13	181
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	1,308	1.2	63.9	26.72	7.55	239.83	447.06	53	0.29	38	87
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	516	0.5	13.9	10.54	8.00	643.73	564.71	33	0.40	15	72
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	482	0.5	30.6	9.84	5.60	482.27	305.88	23	0.24	13	41
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	436	0.4	33.3	8.91	2.93	278.75	169.12	32	0.33	19	58
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	261	0.2	51.4	5.33	1.56	248.66	85.29	56	4.32	16	677
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	232	0.2	11.1	4.74	2.90	519.34	197.06	26	0.89	14	91
Subtotal	104,972	98.7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	677
Totals	106,235	100.0	.	2,169.83	570.16	222.96	21,838.24	.	.	3	677

Table IR02-07. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 72 21.3-m river seine samples during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	516	0.5	13.9	10.54	8.00	643.73	564.71	33	0.40	15	72
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	261	0.2	51.4	5.33	1.56	248.66	85.29	56	4.32	16	677
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	232	0.2	11.1	4.74	2.90	519.34	197.06	26	0.89	14	91
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	141	0.1	16.7	2.88	2.61	769.59	188.24	18	1.76	10	161
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	98	0.1	13.9	2.00	1.52	642.78	108.82	8	0.29	6	18
<i>Mugil curema</i>	69	0.1	26.4	1.41	0.65	390.61	39.71	104	4.59	17	270
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	28	0.0	16.7	0.57	0.28	417.44	19.12	141	16.06	20	285
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	25	0.0	20.8	0.51	0.14	227.54	5.88	104	9.94	19	207
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	16	0.0	6.9	0.33	0.25	641.85	17.65	71	8.32	29	164
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	12	0.0	15.3	0.25	0.07	246.67	2.94	139	16.91	26	215
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	4	0.0	2.8	0.08	0.06	667.98	4.41	11	1.49	7	14
<i>Elops saurus</i>	2	0.0	2.8	0.04	0.03	595.76	1.47	73	19.50	53	92
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	2	0.0	1.4	0.04	0.04	848.53	2.94	16	1.50	14	17
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	1	0.0	1.4	0.02	0.02	848.53	1.47	18	.	18	18
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	1	0.0	1.4	0.02	0.02	848.53	1.47	27	.	27	27
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	1	0.0	1.4	0.02	0.02	848.53	1.47	73	.	73	73
<i>Cynoscion spp.</i>	1	0.0	1.4	0.02	0.02	848.53	1.47	28	.	28	28
Totals	1,410	1.3	81.9	28.80	9.57	281.84	567.65	.	.	6	677

Appendix IR02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Month												Totals E=685
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=55	E=53	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=53	E=53	E=75	E=75	E=54	
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	8	2	12	2	3	5	3	5	3	10	6	1	60
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	.	4	.	.	3	1	2	.	.	.	3	.	13
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	.	.	.	77	60	28	5	.	.	36	21	1	228
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	18,692	21,727	13,576	32,482	11,742	19,370	5,383	1,294	30,102	21,748	8,045	2,244	186,405
<i>Anchoa</i> spp.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	130	19	26	81	204	93	84	87	89	72	24	47	956
<i>Archosargus rhomboidalis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4	.	5
<i>Arius felis</i>	10	44	62	72	168	125	183	95	40	116	20	28	963
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	.	4	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	70	129	22	886	590	672	1,242	992	122	77	161	49	5,012
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	3	.	.	2	3	12
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	593	2,761	2,743	7,503	241	65	17	280	36	2	4	7	14,252
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	14	8	17	7	12	49	10	8	139	12	6	4	286
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	6	13	4	25	11	150	7	14	5	124	6	1	366
<i>Caranx latus</i>	1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	6
<i>Centropomus ensiferus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Centropomus parallelus</i>	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Centropomus</i> spp.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	20	.	.	.	23
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	38	11	5	23	35	43	46	103	59	39	123	43	568
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	1	1	.	34	3	5	17	16	6	9	1	.	93
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	9	2	4	.	34	5	20	12	6	7	9	23	131
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	31	8	5	33	13	17	9	16	3	6	5	5	151
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	9	1	.	.	.	10
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	.	.	1	6	5	1	10	2	.	11	.	.	36

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=55	E=53	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=53	E=53	E=75	E=75	E=54	
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	33	4	11	23	33	106	55	155	53	136	234	35	878
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	14	.	.	.	.	2	4	1	.	.	.	.	21
<i>Cynoscion spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	4
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	2	.	5	1	3	280	4	10	91	97	374	1	868
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	84	25	59	62	164	69	223	35	58	50	68	14	911
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	6	13	5	10	8	6	10	1	3	8	2	3	75
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	266	71	106	493	128	321	541	676	743	1,221	3,401	1,278	9,245
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	2	2	1	1	4	4	33	7	4	4	11	4	77
<i>Dormitator maculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	7	14	3	24	14	58	23	31	22	16	23	16	251
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	19	24	17	17	127	47	112	420	218	90	53	187	1,331
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	550	351	104	238	468	259	314	194	158	146	147	162	3,091
<i>Eucinostomus jonesi</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	1	24
<i>Eucinostomus spp.</i>	1,564	1,858	869	402	425	916	288	426	554	1,543	6,356	1,774	16,975
<i>Evorthodus lyricus</i>	83	.	81	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	1	2	170
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	.	.	5	7	11	30	14	78	1	.	.	.	146
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	53	1,083	151	146	125	61	248	164	22	47	15	10	2,125
<i>Farfantepenaeus spp.</i>	.	.	1	13	.	8	.	4	29	73	184	40	352
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	49	202	33	241	229	3,091	550	761	456	938	4,641	180	11,371
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	4	31	5	2	18	3	.	1	1	1	5	.	71
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	215	181	43	3	1	1	21	3	.	1	21	10	500
<i>Gerres cinereus</i>	2	.	1	4	4	.	11
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	3	1	4
<i>Gobiomorus dormitor</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	2	5

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=55	E=53	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=53	E=53	E=75	E=75	E=54	
<i>Gobionellus boleosoma</i>	4	21	.	12	4	.	.	2	1	16	15	.	75
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	16	.	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
<i>Gobionellus shufeldti</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	4	80	6	2	24	9	12	2	.	4	2	3	148
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	147	104	23	49	116	129	230	102	43	283	402	129	1,757
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	3
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	49	1	5	7	3	71
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	3
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	3	1	.	284	37	1,635	76	210	190	428	6	17	2,887
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	1	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	6
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	3	.	.	.	.	4	5	.	1	9	2	1	25
<i>Histrio histrio</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Hoplosternum littorale</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	.	2	.	14	6	1	2	2	.	6	4	.	37
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	.	3	1	.	4	.	4	4	5	63	.	6	90
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	723	651	649	2,334	1,474	2,020	4,062	2,091	1,599	1,729	692	686	18,710
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	10	15,061	462	256	91	88	40	10	50	15	27	.	16,110
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	2	.	1	6
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	7	2	1	.	.	.	13	1	.	.	.	.	24
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	4	5	2	.	1	2	.	.	.	4	.	.	18
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	35	3	1	.	.	.	39
<i>Lophogobius cyprinoides</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Appendix IR02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=55	E=53	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=53	E=53	E=75	E=75	E=54		E=685
<i>Lucania goodei</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Lucania parva</i>	388	475	652	784	1,491	3,579	747	8,627	1,318	4,638	8,121	1,078	31,898
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	3	1	6
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	18	2	2	25	14	23	15	44	31	13	18	9	214
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	3	41	.	.	47
<i>Membras martinica</i>	.	.	5	92	1	1	5	.	.	53	8	3	168
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	133	270	37	446	427	829	1,821	1,141	185	612	665	221	6,787
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	4	6	2	12	81	4	5	2	14	6	5	68	209
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	80	20	19	7	207	88	236	145	82	2,028	952	225	4,089
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	4
<i>Microphis brachyurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	36	5,497	128	23	6	2	46	5	1	57	4	.	5,805
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	.	.	.	32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	.	.	2	43	.	10	1	.	2	1	1	3	63
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	280	844	266	109	175	121	100	150	96	82	104	142	2,469
<i>Mugil curema</i>	184	212	674	186	304	206	82	88	104	125	101	325	2,591
<i>Mugil</i> spp.	.	46	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	2	.	1	.	6
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
<i>Notropis maculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	.	.	.	.	.	10
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	2
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	2	.	1	10	23	37	65	52	44	43	42	9	328
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	5	4	17	42	1	229	28	141	27	65	3	8	570

Appendix IR02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals E=685
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=55	E=53	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=53	E=53	E=75	E=75	E=54	
<i>Opsanus tau</i>	.	.	.	1	2	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	6
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	2	94	96	373	546	219	60	21	31	18	21	15	1,496
<i>Paraclinus marmoratus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	.	8	1	2	5	3	2	.	2	3	.	.	26
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Penaeidae spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28	.	.	.	28
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	3	4	4	150	18	677	20	7	3	416	83	.	1,385
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	15	.	82	1	.	.	2	7	6	15	2	12	142
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	.	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	7	3	.	2	.	.	15
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	4
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	116	72	25	24	28	18	19	18	19	27	80	322	768
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	2	1	.	10
<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Scorpaena plumieri</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	3	3	13	14	14	9	1	11	8	2	.	78
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	.	.	13
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	166	135	62	142	71	76	75	65	15	43	30	40	920
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	.	1	.	3	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	3	10
<i>Sphoeroides testudineus</i>	.	1	5	4	3	11	.	2	9	.	3	9	47
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	.	.	.	.	4	.	1	3	3	3	4	4	22
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Sphyraena guachancho</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	.	2	.	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	6
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	40	15	9	18	57	70	63	110	34	26	18	8	468
<i>Strongylura spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1

Appendix IR02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=55	E=53	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=54	E=53	E=53	E=53	E=75	E=75	E=54	E=685
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	.	.	2	.	13	18	.	2	1	1	1	.	38
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	.	.	1	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Syngnathus fuscus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	3	1	.	5	17	3	5	7	1	4	14	2	62
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	112	40	32	44	54	98	98	45	15	54	105	52	749
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	.	2	.	.	2	3	2	.	3	.	2	.	14
<i>Tilapia melanotheron</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	5	16	.	.	22
<i>Tilapia spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	3	3	1	.	.	.	.	8
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	4	.	.	1	.	.	5	5	10	2	40	2	69
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	4
Totals	25,076	52,278	21,264	48,483	20,216	36,144	17,516	19,075	37,057	37,636	35,599	9,583	359,927

Appendix IR02-02. Summary by gear, stratum, and zone of species collected during Indian River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Sampling with the 21.3-m bay seine was stratified by the presence or absence of a shoreline ('Shore' or offshore) within 5-m. Offshore sets were further stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with the 21.3-m river seine and the 183-m haul seine were post-stratified by the presence or absence of overhanging vegetation ('Over' or 'Nonover'). Zones A-C and H were located in the Indian River; Zones D-E encompassed the Banana River; and Zone F encompassed the lower Sebastian River. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Gear and Strata							Zone								Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		A	B	C	D	E	F	H		
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover									
	E=113	E=53	E=217	E=50	E=22	E=144	E=86								E=16		E=15	E=169	E=168	E=64	E=72	E=181	E=685
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	7	5	16	6	2	16	8	1	2	23	4	4	8	18	60	
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	3	.	7	.	.	3	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	11	13	
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	115	.	110	.	3	.	.	.	.	27	1	.	3	197	228
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	8,306	5,884	93,267	64,800	14,148	.	.	628	1,328	64,216	1,666	8,591	78,948	31,028	186,405	
<i>Anchoa</i> spp.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	30	2	78	13	12	567	254	.	.	63	179	28	25	661	956	
<i>Archosargus rhomboidalis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	5
<i>Arius felis</i>	4	3	7	1	.	645	303	.	1	300	169	137	1	355	963	
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	2	6
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	2,290	229	2,016	.	.	370	107	3	138	1,651	538	105	.	2,577	5,012	
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	.	.	9	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	9	12
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	895	9	799	9,933	2,374	87	155	.	.	603	860	15	12,307	467	14,252	
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	4	2	20	138	3	84	35	.	.	34	3	1	141	107	286	
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	.	.	5	1	3	223	134	.	.	17	23	134	4	188	366	
<i>Caranx latus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	5	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	3	6	
<i>Centropomus ensiferus</i>	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	4
<i>Centropomus parallelus</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Centropomus</i> spp.	.	.	.	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	.	23
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	.	1	45	177	84	213	48	.	.	23	31	7	261	246	568	

Appendix IR02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata							Zone								Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		A	B	C	D	E	F	H		
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover									
	E=113	E=53	E=217	E=50	E=22	E=144	E=86	E=16	E=15	685	E=168	E=64	E=72	E=181	E=685	
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	1	.	.	.	.	53	39	.	.	65	2	2	.	24	93
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	47	1	82	1	.	.	.	2	2	43	41	1	1	41	131	
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	5	1	3	.	.	68	74	.	2	60	14	22	.	53	151	
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	1	10
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	1	.	5	7	.	11	12	.	.	9	.	.	7	20	36	
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	398	21	284	.	2	141	32	27	185	199	112	28	2	325	878	
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	20	.	.	21	.	.	.	.	21
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	2	4
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	11	.	857	.	.	.	.	12	8	118	394	336	.	.	868
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	12	10	15	3	.	565	306	2	2	219	439	142	3	104	911	
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	2	.	.	1	.	37	35	.	.	15	15	21	1	23	75	
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	221	578	2,966	1,509	1,607	1,474	890	2	105	1,433	250	80	3,116	4,259	9,245	
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	.	1	.	28	33	10	5	.	.	7	.	3	61	6	77	
<i>Dormitator maculatus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	8	4	8	2	.	191	38	1	.	47	85	48	2	68	251	
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	206	5	585	5	.	439	91	.	1	98	20	172	5	1,035	1,331	
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	58	24	642	453	855	862	197	7	5	419	661	189	1,308	502	3,091	
<i>Eucinostomus jonesi</i>	17	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	24
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	3,920	374	5,312	4,153	3,213	.	3	57	61	574	28	340	7,366	8,549	16,975	
<i>Evorthodus lyricus</i>	.	.	3	166	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	167	3	170
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	2	.	140	4	.	.	.	.	.	8	.	.	4	134	146
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	209	8	1,795	93	5	10	5	.	1	66	7	1	98	1,952	2,125	
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	48	.	282	20	2	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	22	327	352	
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	1,440	307	9,619	.	.	5	.	353	390	1,802	4,791	3,986	.	49	11,371	

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Species	Gear and Strata							Zone							Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		A	B	C	D	E	F	H	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover								
	E=113	E=53	E=217	E=50	E=22	E=144	E=86	E=16	E=15	685	E=168	E=64	E=72	E=181		E=685
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	.	.	20	.	.	39	12	3	1	2	62	.	.	3	71
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	1	.	17	285	197	.	.	.	.	.	18	.	482	.	500
<i>Gerres cinereus</i>	.	.	4	.	2	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	2	9	11
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	4
<i>Gobiomorus dormitor</i>	.	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	5
<i>Gobionellus boleosoma</i>	23	1	49	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	73	75
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	.	.	1	16	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	4	20
<i>Gobionellus shufeldti</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	12	1	13	97	25	.	.	.	.	10	.	.	122	16	148
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	630	112	971	36	8	.	.	39	158	271	349	229	44	667	1,757
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	5	.	63	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	71	71
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	2,093	.	547	.	.	67	180	.	.	457	38	2	.	2,390	2,887
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	4	.	.	.	6
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	19	1	5	.	.	.	.	9	.	.	12	1	.	3	25
<i>Histrio histrio</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Hoplosternum littorale</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	16	19	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	15	17	.	.	5	37
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	.	.	.	85	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	90	.	90
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	2
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	1,293	11	1,391	5	14	11,323	4,673	2	16	1,943	6,278	2,082	19	8,370	18,710

Appendix IR02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata							Zone							Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		A	B	C	D	E	F	H	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover								
	E=113	E=53	E=217	E=50	E=22	E=144	E=86	E=16	E=15	685	E=168	E=64	E=72	E=181		E=685
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	28	4	15,558	150	82	203	85	.	.	14,154	46	15	232	1,663	16,110
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	5	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	5	.	6
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	.	.	.	18	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	.	24
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	11	6	.	1	3	5	9	.	.	18
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	2	.	35	1	.	1	.	.	.	12	.	1	1	25	39
<i>Lophogobius cyprinoides</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Lucania goodei</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Lucania parva</i>	13,989	354	17,500	41	14	.	.	2,494	5,367	1,068	21,250	755	55	909	31,898
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	3	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	6
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	22	.	41	8	4	103	36	.	.	21	15	.	12	166	214
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	1	.	43	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	47
<i>Membras martinica</i>	96	3	69	.	.	.	.	21	.	104	3	40	.	.	168
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	2,309	105	3,936	231	205	.	1	726	149	1,252	3,799	97	436	328	6,787
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	23	24	127	.	.	20	15	.	3	171	.	9	.	26	209
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	1,730	170	2,136	53	.	.	.	760	284	525	993	1,129	53	345	4,089
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	3	4
<i>Micropphis brachyurus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	67	3	5,094	125	391	55	70	.	.	1,541	.	.	516	3,748	5,805
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	.	.	.	32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	.	32
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	17	1	42	.	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	61	63
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1	5	783	10	18	818	834	.	5	1,109	613	157	28	557	2,469
<i>Mugil curema</i>	2	8	280	12	57	982	1,250	3	4	1,184	325	445	69	561	2,591

Appendix IR02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata							Zone							Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		A	B	C	D	E	F	H	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover								
	E=113	E=53	E=217	E=50	E=22	E=144	E=86	E=16	E=15	685	E=168	E=64	E=72	E=181		E=685
<i>Mugil</i> spp.	.	.	46	1	.	.	.	.	.	46	.	.	1	.	47
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	6
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Notropis maculatus</i>	.	.	.	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	.	10
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	32	11	177	15	14	42	37	7	4	135	39	20	29	94	328
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	124	.	192	.	.	72	182	.	.	226	2	42	.	300	570
<i>Opsanus tau</i>	1	.	.	.	.	3	2	.	.	1	2	1	.	2	6
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	601	41	569	.	.	247	38	.	.	77	23	2	.	1,394	1,496
<i>Paraclinus marmoratus</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	3	.	10	.	.	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	26	26
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	3
<i>Penaeidae</i> spp.	.	.	28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28	28
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	8	1	1,370	3	3	.	.	.	.	12	1,363	3	6	1	1,385
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	.	.	1	.	.	131	10	.	.	.	115	2	.	25	142
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	1	.	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	2	4
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	14	.	.	15	.	.	.	.	15
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	3	4
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	35	26	474	4	12	132	85	1	9	132	111	43	16	456	768
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	3	6	.	.	1	.	.	.	9	10
<i>Scomberomorus regalis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Scorpaena plumieri</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Selene vomer</i>	1	.	.	.	1	67	9	.	.	2	1	.	1	74	78
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	.	.	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	13

Appendix IR02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata							Zone							Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		A	B	C	D	E	F	H	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore	Over	Nonover	Over	Nonover								
	E=113	E=53	E=217	E=50	E=22	E=144	E=86	E=16	E=15	685	E=168	E=64	E=72	E=181		E=685
<i>Sphaeroides nephelus</i>	28	10	38	.	.	438	406	1	1	172	449	237	.	60	920
<i>Sphaeroides spengleri</i>	1	.	4	.	.	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	10
<i>Sphaeroides testudineus</i>	5	.	13	.	.	14	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	47
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	1	.	7	.	.	9	5	.	.	.	1	.	.	21	22
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Sphyraena guachancho</i>	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	.	.	1	1	1	2	1	.	.	1	1	.	2	2	6
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	29	17	370	4	4	38	6	3	6	204	168	13	8	66	468
<i>Strongylura spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	5	1	26	3	3	.	.	.	.	1	26	1	6	4	38
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Syngnathus fuscus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	25	4	33	.	.	.	.	4	.	18	9	1	.	30	62
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	323	45	380	1	.	.	.	28	29	102	282	57	1	250	749
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	2	.	3	.	1	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	1	13	14
<i>Tilapia melanotheron</i>	.	.	21	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	21	.	.	.	22
<i>Tilapia spp.</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	5	3	.	.	4	3	1	.	.	8
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	1	1	49	.	.	10	8	.	.	5	5	1	.	58	69
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	.	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	3	.	4
Totals	41,884	8,455	171,560	82,807	23,428	20,978	10,815	5,198	8,270	97,187	46,788	19,791	106,235	76,458	359,927

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Cedar Key

Cedar Key is located along the Gulf coast of Florida within the area known as the Big Bend. Unusual characteristics of the area include its relatively undeveloped shorelines and the absence of an enclosed estuary. The Suwannee River empties directly into the Gulf of Mexico forming an open estuary that extends 12.9 km north of the river mouth, southeastward to the islands comprising the Cedar Keys, and extends approximately 8.0 km offshore (Suwannee River Water Management District, unpublished data). The area is characterized by large expanses of saltmarsh, tidal creeks, oyster bars, mud flats, and seagrasses (predominately surrounding the keys). Details of the sampling area (Figure CK02-01) are given in the 1996 FIM Program Annual Data Summary.

The Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program has conducted intensive fisheries sampling in the Cedar Key area since 1996. The sampling area (731 km²) was divided into three zones (Figure CK02-01). Zone B encompassed the northern portion of the sampling universe and included the mouth of the Suwannee River and all tidal creeks. Zone C encompassed the southern portion of the sampling universe and included the area containing the Cedar Keys. Zone F contained the lower Suwannee River from the mouth upstream to the vicinity of Monden Creek. Several grids are contained in both Zone B and F. The gear selected determines zone selection. Without a shoreline surrounding an enclosed bay, the seaward demarcation for sampling is the 3-nm line on NOAA Chart 11408. Monthly stratified-random sampling (SRS) was conducted year-round using 21.3-m river seines, 21.3-m bay seines, 183-m haul seines, and 6.1-m otter trawls. The 21.3-m river seine was used in tidal creeks (Zone B) and the lower Suwannee River (Zone F) where other gears and deployment methods could not be used effectively. This section summarizes FIM data collected in Cedar Key area during 2002. All methods were identical to those described in the Methods section of this report.

Stratified-Random Sampling

A total of 134,119 fishes (141 taxa) and selected invertebrates (4 taxa) were collected in 2002 (Table CK02-01, Appendices CK02-01 and -02). The highest monthly catch occurred in September (n=20,089; Appendix CK02-01). The lowest catch occurred in December (n=3,442). Collections in 2002 included five species new to the Cedar Key FIM collection. These species were: *Lobotes surinamensis* (tripletail), *Micropterus notius* (Suwannee bass), *Ophidion holbrooki* (bank cusk-eel), *Raja texana* (Roundel skate), and *Sparisoma radians* (bucktooth parrotfish).

Bay Sampling

21.3-m Bay Seines: A total of 31,401 animals were collected in 252 bay seine samples (Table CK02-01 and -02). The mean density estimate for this gear was 89 animals/100 m². *Anchoa mitchilli* was the most abundant species collected (n=10,686) followed by *Membras martinica* (n=3,019). *Anchoa mitchilli* accounted for 34.0% of the total 21.3-m bay seine catch. *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=2,365), *Anchoa hepsetus* (n=2,343), and *Bairdiella chrysoura* (n=2,309) were the next three most abundant species collected.

A total of 2,658 animals representing 21 Selected Taxa were collected (Table CK02-03), accounting for 8.5% of the total 21.3-m bay seine catch. *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=1,615) was the most abundant of the Selected Taxa and comprised 60.8% of the total Selected Taxa captured. *Cynoscion arenarius* (n=262), *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* (n=198), and *Callinectes sapidus* (n=148) were the next three most abundant Selected Taxa. Mean densities were less than one animal/100 m² for 20 of the 21 Selected Taxa collected.

183-m Haul Seines: A total of 31,095 animals were collected in 192 hauls with the 183-m haul seine (Table CK02-01 and -04). The mean catch-per-unit-effort for this gear was 162 animals per set. *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=8,615) was the most dominant species collected, followed by *B. chrysoura* (n=8,601). Together these two species accounted for 55.4% of the total catch with this gear.

A total of 25 Selected Taxa were collected in the 183-m haul seine samples (Table CK02-05). Selected Taxa comprised 19.3% of the total 183-m haul seine catch

and *L. xanthurus* and *M. cephalus* accounted for 70.2% of the Selected Taxa individuals collected.

6.1-m Bay Otter Trawl: A total of 11,919 animals were collected in 120 tows with the 6.1-m bay otter trawl (Table CK02-06). The mean density estimate for this gear was 7 animals/100-m². *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=3,721) was the dominant species caught, followed by *L. rhomboides* (n=1,469) and *B. chrysoura* (n=1,253).

A total of 13 Selected Taxa were collected in 6.1-m bay otter trawl samples (CK02-07). *Cynoscion arenarius* (n=986) was the most abundant taxa accounting for 52.1% of the Selected Taxa individuals caught. *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=260), *Menippe* spp. (n=168), and *Menticirrhus americanus* (n=152) were the next three most abundant Selected Taxa caught.

River Sampling

21.3-m River Seines: A total of 39,947 animals were collected in 108 21.3-m river seine samples taken in Zone B tidal creeks (Table CK02-01 and -08). The mean density estimate for this gear was 544 animals/100 m². *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=26,647) dominated the catch, comprising 66.7% of the total catch and occurring in 57.4% of the 21.3-m river seine samples taken. *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=2,648), *Menidia* spp. (n=2,213), and *Eucinostomus* spp. (n=1,617) were the next three most abundant taxa.

Seventeen Selected Taxa were collected in river seines with *L. xanthurus* (n=2,648) accounting for 71.1% of the Selected Taxa individuals captured (Table CK02-09). *Callinectes sapidus* (n=286), *Mugil cephalus* (n=198), and *F. duorarum* (n=197) were the next three most abundant Selected Taxa.

Lower Suwannee River: Sampling (Zone F) consisted of 60 6.1-m river otter trawls and 60 21.3-m river seines, and captured a total of 19,757 animals representing 67 taxa (Table CK02-01 and Appendix CK02-02). *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=9,013) accounted for 45.6% of the total number of individuals captured in the lower Suwannee River. *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=2,477) was the second most abundant species caught representing 12.5% of the total catch.

The 21.3-m river seine caught a total of 9,359 animals, accounting for 47.4% of the total Lower Suwannee River collections (Table CK02-01 and -10). The overall

mean density estimate for animals captured in this gear was 229 animals/100-m². *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=3,839) accounted for 41.0% of the total catch. *Menidia* spp. (n=1,428), *L. rhomboides* (n=1,082), and *Eucinostomus* spp. (n=1,007) were the next three most abundant taxa collected.

Twelve Selected Taxa (n=747) accounted for 8.0% of the total Lower Suwannee River seine catch (Table CK02-11). *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=581) comprised the majority (77.8%) of the Selected Taxa captured.

6.1-m River Otter Trawl: A total of 10,398 animals were collected in 6.1-m river otter trawl samples and accounted for 52.6% of the total number of individuals captured during lower Suwannee River sampling (Table CK02-01 and -12). The overall mean density estimate for animals captured in this gear was 24 animals/100-m². *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=5,174) dominated the catch (49.8% of the total catch) followed by *L. xanthurus* (n=1,658) and *L. rhomboides* (n=1,395).

Eleven Selected Taxa (n=2,763) accounted for 26.6% of the total lower Suwannee River trawl catch (Table CK02-13). *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=1,658) comprised 60.0% of the Selected Taxa captured. *Callinectes sapidus* (n=450), *F. duorarum* (n=221), and *C. arenarius* (n=212) were the next three most abundant species.

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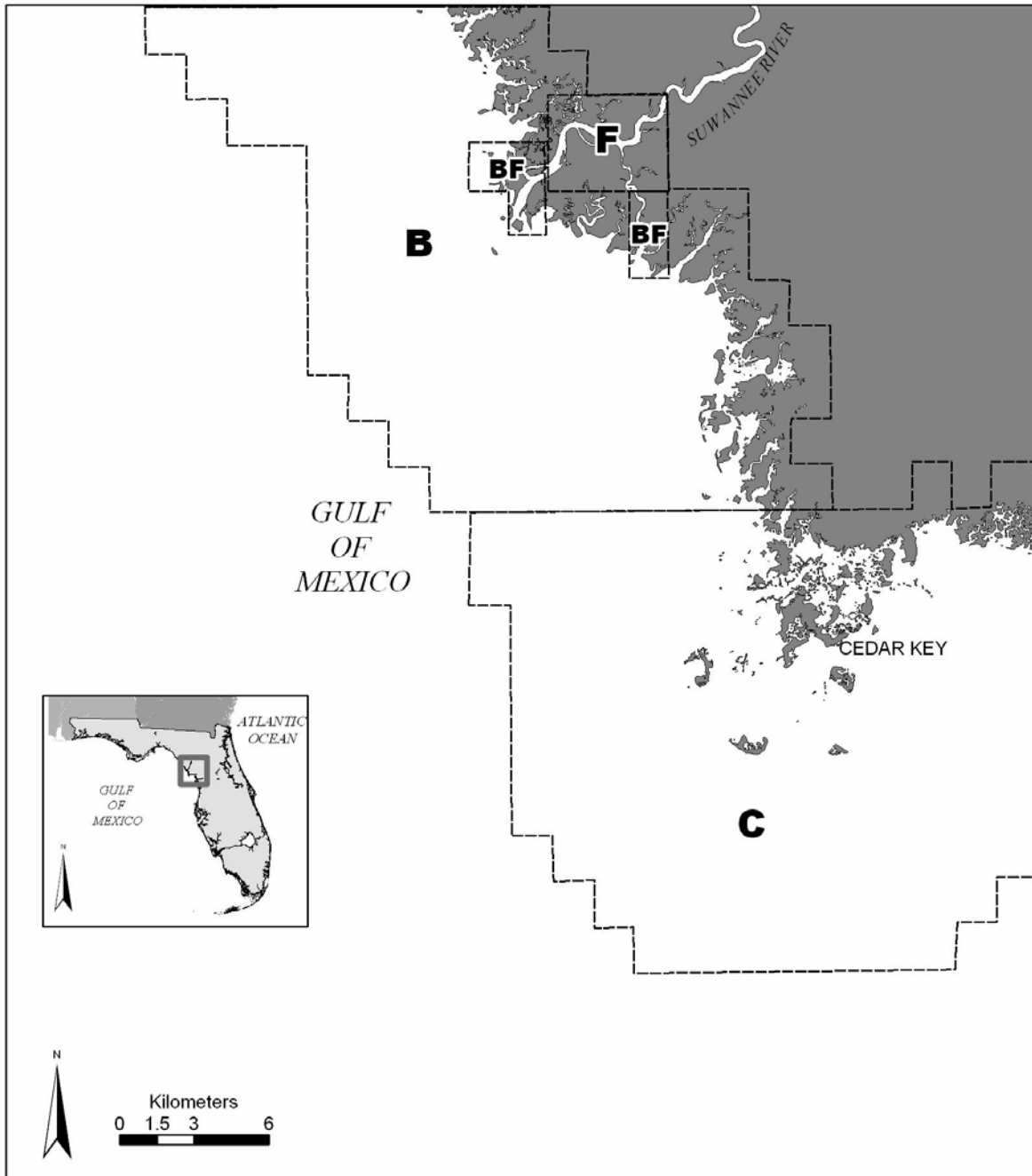


Figure CK02-01. Map of Cedar Key sampling area. Zones are labeled B, C, and F.

Table CK02-01. Summary of catch and effort data for Cedar Key and lower Suwannee River stratified-random sampling, 2002.

Zone	21.3-m bay seine		21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		6.1-m otter trawl		Totals	
	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls
B	17,163	120	39,947	108	13,869	96	6,925	61	77,904	385
C	14,238	132	.	.	17,226	96	4,994	59	36,458	287
F	.	.	9,359	60	.	.	10,398	60	19,757	120
Totals	31,401	252	49,306	168	31,095	192	22,317	180	134,119	792

Table CK02-02. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 252 21.3-m bay seine samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)			Standard Length (mm)				
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	10,686	34.0	34.5	30.29	8.21	430.13	970.00	36	0.08	16	81
<i>Membras martinica</i>	3,019	9.6	15.5	8.56	4.72	876.24	894.29	41	0.20	18	96
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	2,365	7.5	51.2	6.70	1.51	358.76	308.57	37	0.45	11	148
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	2,343	7.5	17.1	6.64	2.99	713.68	497.14	33	0.18	12	106
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	2,309	7.4	13.1	6.54	3.33	808.73	628.57	47	0.62	9	167
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	2,262	7.2	38.9	6.41	1.31	323.20	169.29	59	0.29	20	103
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	1,628	5.2	27.4	4.61	1.20	411.79	170.71	27	0.17	11	45
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,615	5.1	26.2	4.58	1.28	442.72	232.14	33	0.49	9	194
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	750	2.4	12.7	2.13	0.86	644.12	175.00	47	0.36	19	126
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	707	2.3	10.3	2.00	0.92	729.50	189.29	39	0.69	15	169
Subtotal	27,684	88.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	194
Totals	31,401	100.0	.	89.01	11.83	211.04	1,274.29	.	.	2	718

Table CK02-03. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 252 21.3-m bay seine samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,615	5.1	26.2	4.58	1.28	442.72	232.14	33	0.49	9	194
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	262	0.8	7.1	0.74	0.41	871.09	97.86	38	0.71	13	89
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	198	0.6	15.9	0.56	0.15	431.15	22.14	10	0.33	2	32
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	148	0.5	22.6	0.42	0.09	345.77	17.86	24	2.09	5	142
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	123	0.4	12.3	0.35	0.09	404.20	13.57	52	3.76	16	204
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	73	0.2	8.7	0.21	0.07	520.14	12.14	72	7.81	19	284
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	51	0.2	11.9	0.14	0.04	392.87	6.43	72	9.37	14	299
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	44	0.1	4.8	0.12	0.06	811.83	15.00	31	5.16	13	184
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	30	0.1	6.7	0.09	0.02	418.92	2.86	43	4.81	14	108
<i>Mugil curema</i>	27	0.1	0.4	0.08	0.08	1,587.45	19.29	44	1.05	37	57
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	26	0.1	4.4	0.07	0.03	695.70	6.43	40	7.64	15	148
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	17	0.1	2.8	0.05	0.03	836.11	5.71	85	20.02	22	319
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	11	0.0	2.0	0.03	0.02	849.58	3.57	43	6.99	19	94

Table CK02-03. (Continued)

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	9	0.0	1.6	0.03	0.02	978.90	3.57	33	3.34	23	57
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	8	0.0	2.4	0.02	0.01	681.43	1.43	139	30.38	76	313
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	5	0.0	0.8	0.01	0.01	1,142.62	2.14	38	1.96	34	45
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	4	0.0	1.6	0.01	0.01	788.97	0.71	18	7.32	7	39
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	4	0.0	1.6	0.01	0.01	788.97	0.71	34	5.04	23	47
<i>Elops saurus</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,587.45	0.71	221	.	221	221
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,587.45	0.71	179	.	179	179
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,587.45	0.71	205	.	205	205
Totals	2,658	8.5	61.9	7.53	1.39	292.39	235.71	.	.	2	319

Table CK02-04. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 192 183-m haul seine samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		%	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	8,615	27.7	80.2	44.87	6.71	207.24	630.00	101	0.30	45	231
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	8,601	27.7	33.9	44.80	24.03	743.14	4,513.00	122	0.23	55	195
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,403	7.7	49.5	12.52	2.74	302.90	389.00	122	0.70	20	261
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,817	5.8	76.0	9.46	1.27	186.10	132.00	234	1.47	30	424
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	1,672	5.4	73.4	8.71	1.35	214.84	193.00	223	1.04	68	450
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	1,128	3.6	20.3	5.88	2.30	541.88	364.00	121	0.87	46	441
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	1,046	3.4	30.7	5.45	1.54	392.07	245.00	94	0.49	64	200
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	633	2.0	28.6	3.30	0.75	316.99	83.00	103	1.13	50	198
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	547	1.8	25.5	2.85	0.71	343.49	74.00	130	1.36	76	252
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	506	1.6	25.5	2.64	0.54	284.65	48.00	152	1.19	40	270
Subtotal	26,968	86.7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	450
Totals	31,095	100.0	.	161.95	25.91	221.64	4,536.00	.	.	13	1200

Table CK02-05. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 192 183-m haul seine samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		%	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,403	7.7	49.5	12.52	2.74	302.90	389.00	122	0.70	20	261
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,817	5.8	76.0	9.46	1.27	186.10	132.00	234	1.47	30	424
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	192	0.6	39.6	1.00	0.14	190.34	9.00	390	10.19	64	678
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	182	0.6	28.6	0.95	0.20	292.22	31.00	495	22.82	60	900
<i>Elops saurus</i>	179	0.6	32.3	0.93	0.24	360.39	40.00	273	4.51	82	450
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	176	0.6	10.4	0.92	0.33	501.89	46.00	154	1.73	79	205
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	151	0.5	36.5	0.79	0.11	196.09	9.00	147	5.60	40	401
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	138	0.4	19.3	0.72	0.14	276.58	15.00	180	3.94	91	297
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	128	0.4	26.6	0.67	0.12	251.90	11.00	327	8.78	54	501
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	125	0.4	25.5	0.65	0.15	325.48	22.00	206	7.29	56	527
<i>Mugil curema</i>	121	0.4	13.5	0.63	0.17	383.69	16.00	173	3.96	49	336
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	113	0.4	21.4	0.59	0.14	317.87	15.00	87	4.07	19	179
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	90	0.3	8.3	0.47	0.20	604.94	30.00	147	3.56	75	232
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	44	0.1	5.2	0.23	0.15	928.04	29.00	185	4.62	128	247

Table CK02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		%	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	36	0.1	7.8	0.19	0.06	435.32	8.00	26	1.05	13	38
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	35	0.1	4.2	0.18	0.14	1,038.58	26.00	173	5.80	41	246
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	35	0.1	9.9	0.18	0.05	413.69	7.00	200	19.51	112	482
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	23	0.1	4.7	0.12	0.05	598.70	7.00	86	6.74	40	168
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	16	0.1	6.8	0.08	0.02	394.73	2.00	277	18.30	131	371
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	2	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	2.00	186	16.00	170	202
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	2	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.01	977.23	1.00	104	0.50	103	104
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	2	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	2.00	134	7.50	126	141
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	975	.	975	975
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	379	.	379	379
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	87	.	87	87
Totals	6,013	19.3	96.9	31.32	3.24	143.37	403.00	.	.	13	975

Table CK02-06. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 120 bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	3,721	31.2	22.5	2.09	0.91	475.13	96.33	49	0.16	15	80
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	1,469	12.3	45.0	0.83	0.34	444.48	32.78	82	0.63	15	136
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	1,253	10.5	28.3	0.70	0.21	332.76	19.43	104	0.75	20	162
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	1,016	8.5	40.0	0.57	0.16	309.74	12.55	96	1.00	10	190
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	986	8.3	10.8	0.55	0.31	615.46	25.70	55	1.00	12	204
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	331	2.8	55.8	0.19	0.03	190.93	2.90	77	1.20	23	140
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	306	2.6	50.0	0.17	0.03	190.87	1.96	96	1.54	26	159
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	276	2.3	19.2	0.16	0.05	365.58	3.78	78	0.61	26	100
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	260	2.2	18.3	0.15	0.06	485.19	6.14	94	1.97	13	198
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	185	1.6	19.2	0.10	0.05	484.56	4.86	63	1.19	25	128
Subtotal	9,803	82.3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	204
Totals	11,919	100.0	.	6.70	1.34	218.62	102.20	.	.	4	1150

Table CK02-07. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 120 bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	986	8.3	10.8	0.55	0.31	615.46	25.70	55	1.00	12	204
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	260	2.2	18.3	0.15	0.06	485.19	6.14	94	1.97	13	198
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	168	1.4	38.3	0.09	0.02	253.32	1.82	30	0.87	4	73
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	152	1.3	20.0	0.09	0.03	330.02	1.69	76	4.71	13	241
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	123	1.0	19.2	0.07	0.03	415.74	2.29	19	0.59	7	40
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	92	0.8	3.3	0.05	0.04	944.18	5.33	87	2.10	72	165
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	54	0.5	27.5	0.03	0.01	188.58	0.20	122	6.57	42	268
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	28	0.2	9.2	0.02	0.01	358.93	0.34	76	4.68	18	122
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	10	0.1	5.0	0.01	0.00	455.78	0.13	98	16.33	34	184
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	10	0.1	5.0	0.01	0.00	529.47	0.27	94	18.04	25	183
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	4	0.0	1.7	0.00	0.00	863.84	0.20	78	18.70	24	109
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	3	0.0	0.8	0.00	0.00	1,095.45	0.20	200	5.51	194	211
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	1	0.0	0.8	0.00	0.00	1,095.45	0.07	156	.	156	156
Totals	1,891	15.9	72.5	1.06	0.42	437.32	38.38	.	.	4	268

Table CK02-08. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 108 21.3-m river seine samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	26,647	66.7	57.4	362.84	145.24	415.98	11,929.41	32	0.05	13	74
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,648	6.6	54.6	36.06	9.01	259.58	532.35	27	0.23	11	131
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	2,213	5.5	83.3	30.13	5.07	175.01	357.35	51	0.27	16	100
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	1,617	4.0	44.4	22.02	5.05	238.29	305.88	30	0.16	10	44
<i>Membras martinica</i>	1,218	3.0	15.7	16.58	7.08	443.77	555.88	36	0.41	21	90
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	1,184	3.0	18.5	16.12	7.93	511.03	680.88	51	0.35	21	84
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	997	2.5	68.5	13.58	2.06	157.75	120.59	40	0.78	11	167
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	711	1.8	24.1	9.68	3.29	352.95	280.88	62	0.83	9	114
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	350	0.9	25.0	4.77	1.40	305.90	108.82	53	0.46	40	74
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	286	0.7	44.4	3.89	1.05	279.76	94.12	26	1.86	6	177
Subtotal	37,871	94.7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	177
Totals	39,947	100.0	.	543.94	147.02	280.90	11,986.76	.	.	4	482

Table CK02-09. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 108 21.3-m river seine samples during Cedar Key stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,648	6.6	54.6	36.06	9.01	259.58	532.35	27	0.23	11	131
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	286	0.7	44.4	3.89	1.05	279.76	94.12	26	1.86	6	177
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	198	0.5	17.6	2.70	1.41	543.64	145.59	32	1.54	18	136
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	197	0.5	26.9	2.68	1.01	392.32	97.06	10	0.26	4	23
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	180	0.5	23.1	2.45	0.67	284.75	48.53	43	1.04	13	93
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	107	0.3	26.9	1.46	0.32	225.27	17.65	49	2.72	13	152
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	30	0.1	14.8	0.41	0.13	329.55	8.82	82	19.83	13	482
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	27	0.1	6.5	0.37	0.18	501.59	16.18	38	2.91	14	69
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	13	0.0	7.4	0.18	0.08	464.40	7.35	85	26.27	25	298
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	9	0.0	1.9	0.12	0.11	929.88	11.76	24	1.18	22	33
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	7	0.0	4.6	0.10	0.05	528.31	4.41	36	10.04	12	74
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	7	0.0	5.6	0.10	0.04	436.04	2.94	24	5.19	10	53
<i>Mugil curema</i>	6	0.0	0.9	0.08	0.08	1,039.23	8.82	53	2.63	42	59
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	5	0.0	4.6	0.07	0.03	455.99	1.47	198	60.22	96	391
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	4	0.0	3.7	0.05	0.03	512.28	1.47	267	10.15	245	294
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	1	0.0	0.9	0.01	0.01	1,039.23	1.47	38	.	38	38
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	1	0.0	0.9	0.01	0.01	1,039.23	1.47	23	.	23	23
Totals	3,726	9.3	86.1	50.74	9.63	197.15	564.71	.	.	4	482

Table CK02-10. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 60 21.3-m river seine samples during lower Suwannee River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	3,839	41.0	31.7	94.09	46.67	384.17	2,564.71	30	0.11	12	60
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	1,428	15.3	65.0	35.00	11.19	247.56	492.65	53	0.54	11	100
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	1,082	11.6	56.7	26.52	13.68	399.63	755.88	30	0.46	11	102
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	1,007	10.8	35.0	24.68	10.09	316.71	436.76	28	0.18	12	40
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	581	6.2	23.3	14.24	7.42	403.45	295.59	27	0.47	12	115
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	219	2.3	40.0	5.37	2.61	376.49	145.59	59	0.68	31	93
<i>Lucania parva</i>	197	2.1	21.7	4.83	1.71	273.74	67.65	25	0.38	8	36
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	180	1.9	13.3	4.41	2.24	392.78	92.65	30	0.48	16	43
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	163	1.7	11.7	4.00	3.44	666.28	205.88	101	1.34	36	128
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	124	1.3	46.7	3.04	0.66	168.30	23.53	39	3.42	5	173
Subtotal	8,820	94.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	173
Totals	9,359	100.0	.	229.39	53.79	181.63	2,710.29	.	.	5	405

Table CK02-11. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 60 21.3-m river seine samples during lower Suwannee River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)			Standard Length (mm)				
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	581	6.2	23.3	14.24	7.42	403.45	295.59	27	0.47	12	115
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	124	1.3	46.7	3.04	0.66	168.30	23.53	39	3.42	5	173
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	15	0.2	5.0	0.37	0.24	513.55	11.76	40	3.10	18	62
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	13	0.1	11.7	0.32	0.15	361.44	7.35	55	8.85	12	115
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	4	0.0	3.3	0.10	0.08	609.25	4.41	125	93.47	27	405
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3	0.0	3.3	0.07	0.05	573.42	2.94	68	41.00	26	150
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	2	0.0	3.3	0.05	0.03	543.06	1.47	34	2.00	32	36
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	1	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.02	774.60	1.47	10	.	10	10
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	1	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.02	774.60	1.47	147	.	147	147
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.02	774.60	1.47	21	.	21	21
<i>Mugil curema</i>	1	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.02	774.60	1.47	22	.	22	22
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	1	0.0	1.7	0.02	0.02	774.60	1.47	89	.	89	89
Totals	747	8.0	61.7	18.31	7.75	328.00	313.24	.	.	5	405

Table CK02-12. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 60 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during lower Suwannee River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur				Standard Length (mm)				
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	5,174	49.8	45.0	11.64	5.05	335.90	264.17	31	0.16	16	65
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,658	15.9	31.7	3.74	1.39	287.43	60.98	22	0.30	9	151
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	1,395	13.4	31.7	3.14	1.62	398.52	73.26	19	0.18	12	94
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	617	5.9	33.3	1.39	0.59	328.30	30.36	23	0.24	10	39
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	450	4.3	76.7	1.03	0.23	175.48	9.85	57	2.67	2	189
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	221	2.1	33.3	0.54	0.22	309.71	11.97	11	0.20	4	23
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	212	2.0	30.0	0.54	0.32	459.45	16.70	44	0.88	15	89
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	123	1.2	21.7	0.33	0.26	618.58	15.85	39	2.29	13	294
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	128	1.2	25.0	0.30	0.12	301.73	5.40	40	1.31	16	137
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	74	0.7	30.0	0.17	0.06	273.26	2.70	56	1.44	40	100
Subtotal	10,052	96.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	294
Totals	10,398	100.0	.	23.60	5.90	193.52	285.89	.	.	2	1035

Table CK02-13. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 60 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during lower Suwannee River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%				Standard Length (mm)				
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,658	15.9	31.7	3.74	1.39	287.43	60.98	22	0.30	9	151
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	450	4.3	76.7	1.03	0.23	175.48	9.85	57	2.67	2	189
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	221	2.1	33.3	0.54	0.22	309.71	11.97	11	0.20	4	23
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	212	2.0	30.0	0.54	0.32	459.45	16.70	44	0.88	15	89
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	123	1.2	21.7	0.33	0.26	618.58	15.85	39	2.29	13	294
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	36	0.3	21.7	0.08	0.03	262.54	1.08	73	4.66	15	172
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	26	0.3	13.3	0.06	0.02	327.37	1.08	31	2.99	16	88
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	17	0.2	18.3	0.04	0.01	260.83	0.54	148	22.43	34	332
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	15	0.1	11.7	0.04	0.02	383.14	0.94	50	17.86	12	264
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	3	0.0	5.0	0.01	0.00	439.57	0.13	201	76.00	97	349
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	2	0.0	3.3	0.00	0.00	543.06	0.13	142	22.50	119	164
Totals	2,763	26.6	93.3	6.40	1.53	185.42	64.49	.	.	2	349

Appendix CK02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Cedar Key and lower Suwannee River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Month												Totals E=792
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	5	5	3	.	.	15
<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Adinia xenica</i>	39	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	130	3	174
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	3
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>	2	.	.	.	3	2	6	2	.	4	.	.	19
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	1	2	.	2	1	.	3	10
<i>Anarchopterus criniger</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	.	6	3	10	2,054	149	120	80	33	75	7	.	2,537
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	1,319	1,181	69	1,842	1,238	9,110	1,395	8,814	10,643	10,768	3,598	90	50,067
<i>Ancylopsetta quadrocellata</i>	.	2	2	5	1	.	2	.	2	4	.	.	18
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	3	14	17	11	14	9	9	13	11	17	11	9	138
<i>Arius felis</i>	3	13	16	29	32	25	87	231	289	303	71	1	1,100
<i>Astroscopus y-graecum</i>	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	.	.	.	5	1	35	491	639	94	42	.	1,307
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	4,592	96	363	238	1,979	1,264	466	1,108	983	714	1,145	123	13,071
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	3	3	1	12
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	1	65	29	239	21	5	25	72	83	74	116	8	738
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	3	.	.	.	.	1	15	.	3	29	1	2	54
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	46	180	93	74	37	52	82	62	47	70	135	253	1,131
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	5	6	9	.	.	22
<i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	12	.	.	.	.	.	13
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	8	6	2	1	1	15	36	2	33	42	3	1	150
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	5	.	.	.	.	13	11	20	36	34	8	.	127
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	3	1	.	.	.	7
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	2	8	13	13	6	15	17	7	6	13	7	6	113

Appendix CK02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=792
<i>Chilomycterus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	46	19	11	.	87
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	4	.	.	6	487	222	56	762	80	49	19	1	1,686
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	6	10	27	3	10	15	47	52	51	12	35	34	302
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	6	12	9	.	3	6	6	.	.	.	1	.	43
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	85	34	106	155	104	149	115	241	251	153	454	69	1,916
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	.	6	6	11	5	7	14	21	12	.	.	82
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	2	.	.	4
<i>Diplodus holbrooki</i>	2	.	.	.	14	7	9	.	1	2	.	1	36
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	4
<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	.	.	.	.	1	2	4	1	1	1	.	.	10
<i>Echeneis neucratoides</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	4	14	5	.	27
<i>Elops saurus</i>	40	.	.	13	12	14	9	12	24	25	28	3	180
<i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	29	19	13	44	1	31	59	161	166	70	168	28	789
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	114	206	208	120	80	730
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	9	1	.	7	11	.	22	240	240	89	278	39	936
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	9	.	.	.	.	74	817	1,132	1,320	426	992	105	4,875
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	.	3	15	32	6	23	109	207	181	70	118	12	776
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	20	32	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	4	5
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	32	34	27	1	2	7	43	.	.	.	126	83	355
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	81	53	101	52	15	18	42	27	11	3	3	85	491

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=792
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	.	9	.	.	.	.	48	2	6	1	12	7	85
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	1	12	.	.	.	.	37	.	2	.	1	130	183
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	.	8	8	2	2	2	36	12	6	37	11	12	136
<i>Gobiosoma longipala</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	1	.	.	11	.	2	1	8	.	.	.	.	23
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	.	.	1	1	1	13	2	6	18	1	5	5	53
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	.	3	11	11	11	17	17	5	2	.	77
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	.	2	.	90	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	93
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	1	.	.	3	3	.	.	7
<i>Halichoeres bivittatus</i>	8	1	.	.	9
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	.	.	2	73	57	45	36	1,382	474	469	129	402	3,069
<i>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</i>	1	.	.	1
<i>Heterandria formosa</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Hypleurochilus caudovittatus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	5	1	2	3	.	.	12
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	7	.	1	1	3	1	.	.	13
<i>Hyporhamphus unifasciatus</i>	1	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	.	.	1	2	.	12	2	.	.	1	.	.	18
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	3	.	10	3	.	7	8	.	2	11	.	4	48
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	834	1,615	2,259	1,828	741	1,263	1,322	613	1,254	1,668	1,828	698	15,923
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	103	2,680	2,851	606	481	771	348	494	474	158	156	43	9,165
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	.	.	.	1	2	.	1	2	2	4	1	4	17
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	2	.	1	.	.	.	3

Appendix CK02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=792
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	36	37
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	.	.	1	3	2	.	.	.	7	.	.	.	13
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	1	13	.	1	.	24
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	4	3	4	12	1	.	1	.	5	3	10	1	44
<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Lucania goodei</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	7	8
<i>Lucania parva</i>	1	1	9	1	1	.	57	26	16	.	3	93	208
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	.	.	4	1	3	.	30	7	46	16	20	8	135
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	11	16	7	1	41
<i>Membras martinica</i>	.	.	14	.	786	2,704	298	191	261	7	1	.	4,262
<i>Menidia spp.</i>	58	264	426	531	169	676	434	890	865	577	551	463	5,904
<i>Menippe spp.</i>	2	13	32	13	3	11	40	15	14	13	1	16	173
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	2	1	7	14	39	51	61	220	83	44	41	1	564
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	1	1	2	10	1	8	42	10	8	6	14	15	118
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	4	4	14	.	1	25
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	.	.	.	.	79	6	42	42	94	6	.	.	269
<i>Micropterus notius</i>	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	.	.	.	2	2	.	5	.	3	.	.	.	12
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	7	14	1	1	1	25	11	1	12	26	.	3	102
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	.	1	.	.	11	29	112	9	23	16	8	.	209
<i>Monacanthus setifer</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	271	266	340	427	104	115	123	45	36	65	82	217	2,091
<i>Mugil curema</i>	12	7	14	23	2	52	1	.	3	13	20	8	155
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	.	.	4	.	.	8	3	8	4	14	40	42	123

Appendix CK02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=792
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	5
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Narcine brasiliensis</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	.	75	19	86	22	68	51	43	27	102	76	39	608
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	.	.	.	.	3	40	40	22	56	44	56	.	261
<i>Ophidion holbrooki</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	.	.	.	.	34	3	.	11	90	15	14	2	169
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	.	1	2	3	1	1	9	5	4	9	3	.	38
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	24	.	3	30	558	220	478	143	360	393	136	28	2,373
<i>Parablennius marmoratus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	1	.	.	.	4
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	4	24	27	24	36	32	20	34	25	27	29	5	287
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	.	1	.	23
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	.	.	4	6	.	2	.	.	.	.	12
<i>Peprilus burti</i>	.	.	3	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	24	.	29
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	7
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	6	6	.	10	20	12	40	36	15	28	12	5	190
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	9	5	8	10	9	30	26	13	53	32	120	23	338
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	7	13	6	11	2	4	3	11	25	12	22	3	119
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Raja texana</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	.	.	1	16	30	37	14	34	55	12	6	.	205
<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	27	23	30	21	19	20	31	7	11	14	37	33	273
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	1	.	.	1	1	3	.	15	18	2	7	.	48
<i>Selene vomer</i>	4	14	2	9	3	.	.	32

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=66	E=792
<i>Serraniculus pumilio</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	3
<i>Serranus subligarius</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	3
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	2
<i>Sphaeroides nephelus</i>	3	4	3	7	88	21	12	3	12	13	23	1	189
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Sphyraena guachancho</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	1	.	4	7	2	7	15	9	3	.	48
<i>Starksia ocellata</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	12	13	12	6	3	113	15	12	7	4	12	2	211
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	4
<i>Strongylura</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	7	.	8	2	.	.	.	.	17
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	1	.	.	1	7	10	24	9	8	1	.	.	61
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	3	7	7	44	2	8	26	60	17	25	63	4	266
<i>Syngnathidae</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	4	20	2	6	5	22	25	4	21	23	9	15	156
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	.	.	.	3	4	.	5	.	1	7	5	.	25
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	3	6	2	.	15	31	15	.	2	8	12	3	97
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	1	1	.	6	10	23	20	10	13	19	18	3	124
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	6
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	5	10	6	2	2	32
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	.	.	3	2	4	4	15	12	11	4	28	9	92
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	3	10	13	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
Totals	7,758	6,882	7,057	6,744	9,478	17,796	7,718	18,412	20,089	17,432	11,311	3,442	134,119

Appendix CK02-02. Summary by gear, stratum, and zone of species collected during Cedar Key and lower Suwannee River stratified-random sampling, 2002. Sampling with 21.3-m bay seine and were not pre-stratified. Offshore sets were post-stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with 6.1-m otter trawl was not stratified. Zone B encompassed the northern portion of the universe and included all tidal creeks; Zone C encompassed the southern portion of the universe; and Zone F encompassed the lower Suwannee River. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	B	C	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=27	E=117	E=108	E=168	E=192	E=180	E=385	E=287	E=120		E=792
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	.	2	10	2	.	1	12	3	.	15
<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1
<i>Adinia xenica</i>	.	.	.	174	.	.	174	.	.	174
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	1	.	.	2	.	2	1	.	3
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>	1	.	.	.	.	18	4	15	.	19
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	.	.	.	4	.	6	.	.	10	10
<i>Anarchopterus criniger</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	.	1	3
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	54	1,611	678	125	1	68	391	2,135	11	2,537
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	42	6,092	4,552	30,486	.	8,895	36,884	4,170	9,013	50,067
<i>Ancylopsetta quadrocellata</i>	.	.	.	.	10	8	5	13	.	18
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	.	.	.	6	128	4	112	22	4	138
<i>Arius felis</i>	1	323	172	1	432	171	293	802	5	1,100
<i>Astroscopus y-graecum</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	120	10	.	1,128	49	307	1,000	.	1,307
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	300	941	1,068	874	8,601	1,287	7,785	5,089	197	13,071
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	.	.	2	10	.	.	11	.	1	12
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	.	18	9	127	547	37	325	369	44	738
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	2	.	.	.	.	52	.	54	.	54
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	2	75	71	410	113	460	453	104	574	1,131
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	.	.	.	.	22	.	17	5	.	22
<i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i>	.	.	.	.	13	.	2	11	.	13

Appendix CK02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	B	C	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=27	E=117	E=108	E=168	E=192	E=180	E=385	E=287	E=120		E=792
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	17	5	1	.	2	125	23	127	.	150
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	1	.	1	4	74	47	73	52	2	127
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	.	2	4	.	.	1	2	5	.	7
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	7	4	6	1	13	82	31	82	.	113
<i>Chilomycterus</i> spp.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	.	13	20	15	4	35	79	8	.	87
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3	.	3
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	.	20	242	182	44	1,198	1,326	146	214	1,686
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	2	9	19	122	125	25	177	95	30	302
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	.	1	18	22	2	.	21	21	1	43
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	1	26	34	1	1,672	182	835	1,056	25	1,916
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	4	.	.	73	5	29	53	.	82
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	3	.	4
<i>Diplodus holbrooki</i>	21	.	.	.	2	13	1	35	.	36
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	.	.	.	.	4	.	3	1	.	4
<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	.	.	.	.	8	2	4	4	2	10
<i>Echeneis neucratoides</i>	.	2	.	.	24	1	16	11	.	27
<i>Elops saurus</i>	.	.	1	.	179	.	118	62	.	180
<i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	.	12	16	6	414	341	328	451	10	789
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	9	55	68	157	160	281	421	292	17	730
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	11	55	149	569	64	88	471	172	293	936
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	61	456	1,111	2,624	.	623	2,323	928	1,624	4,875
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	30	49	119	198	36	344	377	177	222	776
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	11	2	4	2	10	25	5	30	19	54
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	.	.	1	4	.	.	4	1	.	5
<i>Fundulus confluentus</i>	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	3	3
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	.	2	60	240	53	.	268	65	22	355

Appendix CK02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	B	C	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=27	E=117	E=108	E=168	E=192	E=180	E=385	E=287	E=120		E=792
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	.	5	219	109	158	.	243	248	.	491
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	.	.	.	85	.	.	3	.	82	85
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	.	.	.	183	.	.	3	.	180	183
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	.	17	11	98	.	10	84	1	51	136
<i>Gobiosoma longipala</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	2	2	4	1	.	14	2	9	12	23
<i>Gobiosoma spp.</i>	.	8	12	29	.	4	30	7	16	53
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	3	.	56	18	35	42	.	77
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	27	10	23	.	.	33	67	26	.	93
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	2	1	.	.	.	4	.	7	.	7
<i>Halichoeres bivittatus</i>	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	9	.	9
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	20	491	239	1,268	1,046	5	2,376	608	85	3,069
<i>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Heterandria formosa</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	2
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Hypleurochilus caudovittatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	12	10	2	.	12
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	1	4	6	.	2	.	3	10	.	13
<i>Hyporhamphus unifasciatus</i>	1	.	17	.	.	.	.	18	.	18
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	6	2	.	.	.	10	11	7	.	18
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	3	3
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	2	1	.	.	8	37	16	32	.	48
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	430	352	1,583	2,079	8,615	2,864	4,966	8,480	2,477	15,923
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	5	327	1,283	3,229	2,403	1,918	5,237	1,689	2,239	9,165
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	.	.	.	1	14	2	14	2	1	17
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	1	2	3
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	.	.	.	37	.	.	.	.	37	37
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	.	.	.	13	.	.	.	.	13	13

Appendix CK02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	B	C	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=27	E=117	E=108	E=168	E=192	E=180	E=385	E=287	E=120		E=792
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	3	3
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	.	.	.	24	.	.	.	.	24	24
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	.	.	.	.	39	5	28	16	.	44
<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Lucania goodei</i>	.	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	8	8
<i>Lucania parva</i>	.	1	.	207	.	.	11	.	197	208
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	.	4	40	20	35	36	61	25	49	135
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	9	2	.	1	1	28	22	19	.	41
<i>Membras martinica</i>	1	399	2,619	1,243	.	.	2,738	1,499	25	4,262
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	.	430	1,832	3,641	1	.	3,318	1,158	1,428	5,904
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	1	1	2	1	.	168	120	53	.	173
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	44	78	28	138	275	279	161	124	564
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	1	39	22	51	.	5	96	3	19	118
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	.	3	22	.	.	.	7	18	.	25
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	.	.	1	.	176	92	109	160	.	269
<i>Micropterus notius</i>	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	.	.	.	12	.	.	2	.	10	12
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	36	2	.	.	.	64	9	93	.	102
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	18	.	6	.	.	185	16	193	.	209
<i>Monacanthus setifer</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	.	17	56	201	1,817	.	1,549	539	3	2,091
<i>Mugil curema</i>	.	.	27	7	121	.	81	73	1	155
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	.	3	23	7	90	.	41	82	.	123
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	5	.	5
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1
<i>Narcine brasiliensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	.	1	.	.	506	101	56	552	.	608
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	2	5	130	110	14	.	165	63	33	261

Appendix CK02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	B	C	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=27	E=117	E=108	E=168	E=192	E=180	E=385	E=287	E=120		E=792
<i>Ophidion holbrookii</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	.	1	2	2	158	6	78	91	.	169
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	1	1	.	4	6	26	17	15	6	38
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	534	62	111	9	633	1,024	868	1,497	8	2,373
<i>Parablennius marmoratus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	3	1	.	4
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	5	18	28	14	151	71	120	149	18	287
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	.	1	.	4	16	2	16	5	2	23
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	.	.	12	.	6	6	.	12
<i>Peprilus burti</i>	.	.	.	.	26	3	19	10	.	29
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	.	.	.	7	.	.	5	.	2	7
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	.	1	7	.	182	.	107	83	.	190
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	1	.	2
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	1	18	1	3	6	309	178	157	3	338
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	.	5	21	11	45	37	69	49	1	119
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Raja texana</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	.	1	.	1	203	.	47	158	.	205
<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	.	.	17	34	192	30	177	66	30	273
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	1	3	9	35	.	34	14	.	48
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	1	1	.	27	3	13	19	.	32
<i>Serraniculus pumilio</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	2	.	3
<i>Serranus subligarius</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	.	.	3
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	2
<i>Sphaeroides nephelus</i>	33	18	78	14	19	27	80	107	2	189
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	2
<i>Sphyraena guachancho</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	.	.	47	1	19	29	.	48
<i>Starksia ocellata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	2

Appendix CK02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	B	C	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=27	E=117	E=108	E=168	E=192	E=180	E=385	E=287	E=120		E=792
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	.	8	125	7	71	.	162	48	1	211
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	1	.	1	2	.	.	2	2	.	4
<i>Strongylura</i> spp.	3	.	9	5	.	.	4	10	3	17
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	.	.	34	26	1	.	29	26	6	61
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	1	30	26	29	7	173	109	28	129	266
Syngnathidae spp.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	63	33	7	5	.	48	21	128	7	156
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	8	1	2	.	.	14	8	17	.	25
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	30	43	3	12	1	8	62	22	13	97
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	1	16	23	24	6	54	53	56	15	124
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	5	.	1	.	2	4	.	6
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	.	.	9	.	23	.	12	20	.	32
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	.	4	1	11	14	62	27	27	38	92
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	4	3	2	.	2	17	20	8	.	28
Totals	1,836	12,344	17,221	49,306	31,095	22,317	77,904	36,458	19,757	134,119

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Apalachicola Bay

Apalachicola Bay is a shallow, semi-enclosed estuary bounded by a barrier island complex that includes St. Vincent Island, Cape St. George Island, St. George Island, and Dog Island. The bay is connected to the Gulf of Mexico through three naturally occurring passes: St. Vincent Pass, West Pass, and East Pass; and a man-made pass at Sikes Cut on St. George Island. On the eastern end, the bay is connected to the Gulf through Dog Island Sound. The Apalachicola Bay system is one of the least developed estuaries in the state, surrounded by approximately 48,000 acres of state and federal reserves (ANERR 1998). The towns of Apalachicola, East Point, and Carrabelle are the only substantial areas of development on the bay and support a population of approximately 12,000 people. Apalachicola Bay receives the majority of its freshwater from the Apalachicola River, which drains an area of approximately 50,660 km². The Apalachicola River has the highest flow rate (690 m³/s at Chattahoochee, Florida) and the broadest flood plain (450 km²) of any river in Florida (Livingston 1983).

The sampling universe for the Apalachicola Bay system is divided into four geographical zones, A, B, C, and D (Figure AP02-01). Zone A is an estuarine habitat that consists of St. Vincent Sound, Apalachicola Bay, and East Bay, and is greatly influenced by freshwater input from the Apalachicola River. Habitats in Zone A are dominated by oyster bars, mud-oyster, sand, and mud bottom types, and to a lesser extent, seagrass beds. Zone B consists of St. George Sound and is characterized as a stable marine environment due to minimal freshwater input. Bottom substrates consist primarily of sand although some oyster and mud bottom types exist. Shallow areas near the mainland and the barrier islands are made up of seagrass meadows of varying density consisting of *Halodule wrightii*, *Thalassia testudinum*, and *Syringodium filiforme*. Zone C consists of the lower Apalachicola River and its tributaries, the St. Marks, the Little St. Marks, and the East rivers. Zone D consists of the Carrabelle River, which lies near the eastern end of the sampling universe.

This section summarizes Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program data collected in the Apalachicola Bay region during 2002. Monthly stratified-random

sampling (SRS) was conducted year-round in all four geographic zones. Zones A and B were sampled using a 21.3-m bay seine, a 6.1-m otter trawl, and a 183-m haul seine. Zones C and D were sampled using a 21.3-m river seine and a 6.1-m otter trawl. All sampling methods were the same as those described in the Methods section of this report.

Stratified-Random Sampling

A total of 146,597 fishes and selected invertebrates, representing 166 taxa, were collected in 852 samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling (Table AP02-01; Appendices AP02-01 and AP02-02). There were 10 species new to SRS collections in 2002. These species were *Ophidion welschi* (crested cusk-eel), *Notropis maculatus* (taillight shiner), *Notropis texanus* (weed shiner), *Notropis cummingsae* (dusky shiner), *Notropis chalybaeus* (ironcolor shiner), *Paraclinus marmoratus* (marbled blenny), *Cynoscion nothus* (silver seatrout), *Calamus arctifrons* (grass porgy), *Hypsoblennius ionthas* (freckled blenny), and *Sphyræna guachancho* (guaguanche). The most abundant taxon collected in Apalachicola SRS collections was *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=28,054), accounting for 19.1% of the total catch. Other commonly captured taxa included *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=26,389), *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=20,221), *Brevoortia* spp. (n=7,696), *Harengula jaguana* (n=6,978), and *Menidia* spp. (n=6,875). Together with *A. mitchilli*, these species represented 65.6% of the total catch.

Thirty-two Selected Taxa (n=48,895 animals) were collected, accounting for 33.4% of the total catch. The most abundant Selected Taxa were *L. xanthurus* (n=26,389), *Micropogonias undulatus* (n=5,619), *Mugil cephalus* (n=5,493), and *Cynoscion arenarius* (n=3,134). Other commonly collected Selected Taxa included *Farfantepenaeus* spp. (n=1,572), *Callinectes sapidus* (n=785), *Sciaenops ocellatus* (n=765), *Litopenaeus setiferus* (n=737), and *Menticirrhus americanus* (n=613).

Bay Sampling

21.3-m Bay Seines. There were 48,885 fishes and selected invertebrates collected in 240 21.3-m bay seine samples, accounting for 33.3% of the total SRS catch (Table AP02-02, Appendix AP02-02). The mean density estimate for the 21.3-m bay

seine was 146 animals/100 m². The dominant taxa collected in bay seine samples were *L. xanthurus* (n=15,509) and *L. rhomboides* (n=7,905). These taxa accounted for 47.9% of the total catch with this gear. There were 15,737 animals collected in 76 offshore-vegetated collections, accounting for 32.2% of the total 21.3-m bay seine catch. One hundred and seven shoreline collections yielded 24,705 animals, which accounted for 50.5% of the bay seine catch. Fifty-seven samples were taken from offshore-unvegetated sites yielding 8,447 animals, accounting for 17.3% of the total catch with this gear.

A total of 21,748 animals classified as Selected Taxa were collected with the 21.3-m bay seine (Table AP02-03). Selected Taxa (n=25) represented 44.5% of the total catch with this gear. The most abundant Selected Taxa collected in bay seine samples was *L. xanthurus* (n=15,509), followed by *M. cephalus* (n=3,507).

183-m Haul Seines. A total of 34,652 fishes and selected invertebrates were collected in 216 183-m haul seine samples, accounting for 23.6% of the total catch from 2002 SRS collections (Table AP02-04). The mean catch-per-unit-effort for the 183-m haul seine was 161 animals/set. The two most abundant taxa, *L. rhomboides* (n=10,639) and *H. jaguana* (n=6,591), accounted for 49.7% of the total catch with this gear. *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=3,149) and *Bairdiella chrysoura* (n=3,115) accounted for an additional 18.1% of the 183-m haul seine catch. The ten most abundant taxa accounted for 88.5% of the total catch with this gear.

A total of 29 Selected Taxa were collected with the 183-m haul seine. Selected Taxa represented 24.3% (n=8,410) of the total catch with this gear (Table AP02-05). The most abundant Selected Taxa collected in haul seine samples were *L. xanthurus* (n=3,149) and *M. cephalus* (n=1,880), accounting for 14.5% of the total 183-m haul seine catch. Other common Selected Taxa collected with this gear included *M. undulatus* (n=1,335) and *Mugil curema* (n=455).

6.1-m Bay Otter Trawls. A total of 18,667 fishes and selected invertebrates were collected in 144 6.1-m bay otter trawl samples, accounting for 12.8% of the total 2002 SRS collection (Table AP02-06). The mean density estimate for 6.1-m bay otter trawl samples was 8.8 animals/100 m². *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=3,518) was the most abundant species in collections with this gear, accounting for 18.7% of the total 6.1-m

bay otter trawl catch. The 11 most dominant taxa represented 83.8% of the total catch with this gear.

A total of 7,674 animals designated as Selected Taxa were collected in 6.1-m bay otter trawl samples (Table AP02-07). Selected Taxa (n=19) made up 40.9% of the total catch with this gear. The most abundant Selected Taxa included *L. xanthurus* (n=2,973), *M. undulatus* (n=2,206), *C. arenarius* (n=1,141), and *Farfantepenaeus aztecus* (n=376).

River Sampling

21.3-m River Seines. There were 36,124 fishes and selected invertebrates collected in 168 21.3-m river seine samples, accounting for 24.6% of the total SRS catch for 2002 (Table AP02-08). The mean density estimate for river seine collections was 316 animals/100 m². The most abundant taxon was *A. mitchilli* (n=19,031), accounting for 52.7% of the total catch with this gear in the rivers. The 10 most abundant taxa accounted for 91.1% of the total 21.3-m river seine collection.

Selected Taxa (n=18) collected from 21.3-m river seine samples made up 13.3% (n=4,789) of the total catch with this gear in the rivers (Table AP02-09). *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=4,281), *C. sapidus* (n=255), and *M. cephalus* (n=103) were among the most abundant Selected Taxa, making up 96.9% of the Selected Taxa collected in river seine samples.

6.1-m River Otter Trawls. A total of 8,269 fishes and selected invertebrates were collected in 84 river otter trawl samples, accounting for 5.7% of the total 2002 SRS collection (Table AP02-10). Mean density estimate for river otter trawls was 13 animals/100 m². The ten most dominant taxa represented 90.3% of the total catch with this gear in the rivers. *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=1,943), the most abundant species, accounted for 23.4% of the total 6.1-m river otter trawl catch.

There were 4,180 animals designated as Selected Taxa (n=17 taxa) collected in river otter trawl samples, representing 50.3% of the total trawl catch (Table AP02-11). The most abundant Selected Taxa were *M. undulatus* (n=1,590) and *C. arenarius* (n=1,543). These species accounted for 75.0% of the Selected Taxa collected in the river otter trawl samples.

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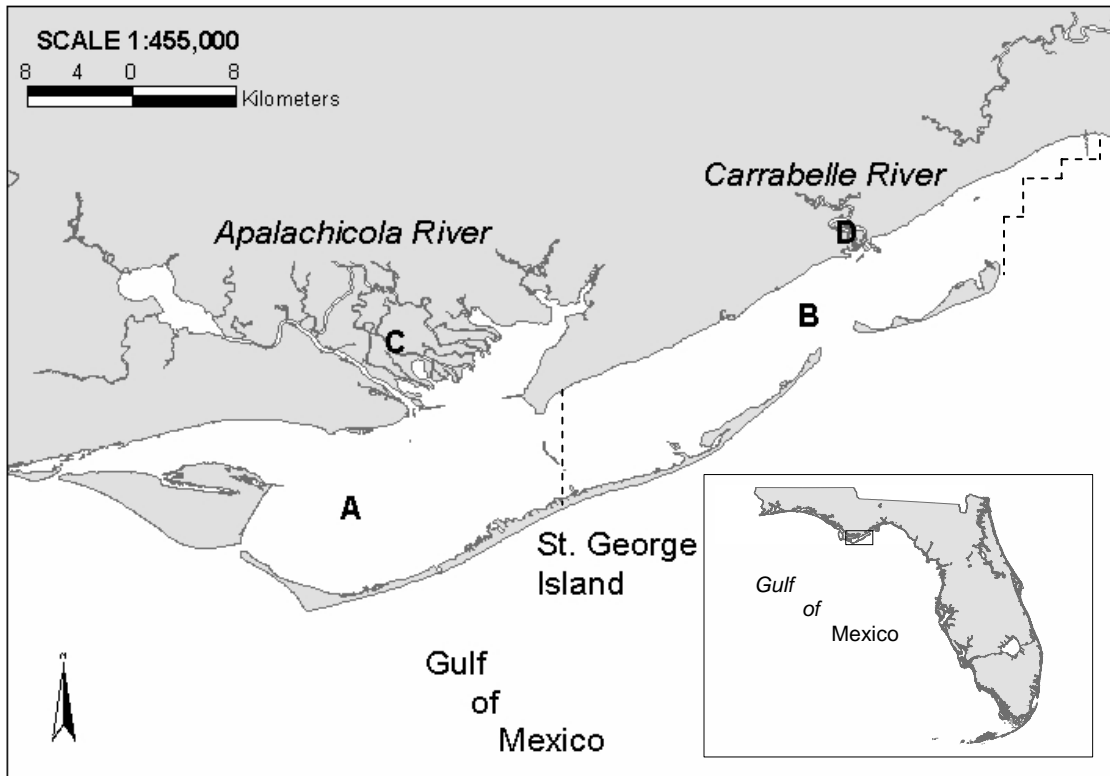


Figure AP02-01. Apalachicola Field Lab sampling universe. Zones are labeled A–D.

Table AP02-01. Summary of catch and effort data for Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002.

Zone	21.3-m bay seine		21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		6.1-m otter trawl		Totals	
	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls
A	31,740	120	.	.	16,936	108	13,236	72	61,912	300
B	17,145	120	.	.	17,716	108	5,431	72	40,292	300
C	.	.	17,576	96	.	.	5,094	48	22,670	144
D	.	.	18,548	72	.	.	3,175	36	21,723	108
Totals	48,885	240	36,124	168	34,652	216	26,936	228	146,597	852

Table AP02-02. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 240 21.3-m bay seine samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	15,509	31.7	40.0	46.16	16.28	546.49	3,271.43	23	0.07	9	168
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	7,905	16.2	59.6	23.53	6.62	436.09	1,211.43	30	0.21	9	157
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	5,156	10.5	16.7	15.35	6.76	682.58	1,280.00	26	0.06	19	122
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	3,562	7.3	26.3	10.60	2.76	403.78	325.71	32	0.13	17	74
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,507	7.2	17.5	10.44	5.14	762.48	1,165.71	29	0.22	16	300
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	1,678	3.4	32.9	4.99	1.99	616.88	444.29	47	0.33	20	96
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	1,396	2.9	21.7	4.15	1.14	426.16	148.57	43	0.44	17	182
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	1,371	2.8	20.0	4.08	1.40	532.31	250.71	38	0.62	10	188
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	1,282	2.6	25.8	3.82	0.95	384.08	126.43	10	0.06	4	16
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	1,032	2.1	32.5	3.07	0.55	275.92	61.43	25	0.22	8	53
Subtotal	42,398	86.7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	300
Totals	48,885	100.0	.	145.50	23.54	250.65	4,501.43	.	.	3	600

Table AP02-03. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 240 21.3-m bay seine samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	15,509	31.7	40.0	46.16	16.28	546.49	3,271.43	23	0.07	9	168
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,507	7.2	17.5	10.44	5.14	762.48	1,165.71	29	0.22	16	300
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	473	1.0	9.6	1.41	0.58	635.11	111.43	23	0.73	8	184
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	460	0.9	8.8	1.37	0.55	619.89	81.43	24	1.77	9	480
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	447	0.9	10.8	1.33	0.50	584.48	87.14	26	0.51	9	75
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	332	0.7	12.1	0.99	0.56	880.17	132.14	35	0.83	15	118
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	216	0.4	11.3	0.64	0.22	532.12	35.71	13	0.48	3	37
<i>Mugil curema</i>	138	0.3	7.1	0.41	0.18	668.44	34.29	32	1.58	18	136
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	136	0.3	17.9	0.40	0.09	325.86	10.71	40	2.07	15	162
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	126	0.3	14.6	0.38	0.08	347.15	12.14	18	0.32	9	31
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	115	0.2	9.6	0.34	0.12	526.63	19.29	28	0.96	14	62
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	100	0.2	18.3	0.30	0.06	288.07	7.14	21	2.87	3	185
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	40	0.1	4.2	0.12	0.05	627.41	8.57	29	2.51	12	76
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	37	0.1	7.9	0.11	0.03	462.10	4.29	59	10.16	16	265
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	31	0.1	3.8	0.09	0.04	611.28	6.43	18	0.57	11	25
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	23	0.0	1.7	0.07	0.04	882.11	7.14	35	5.82	12	109

Table AP02-03. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	11	0.0	2.9	0.03	0.01	606.96	1.43	100	41.47	10	345
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	8	0.0	2.9	0.02	0.01	605.41	1.43	16	3.00	7	33
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	8	0.0	2.9	0.02	0.01	605.41	1.43	139	14.00	75	184
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	8	0.0	0.8	0.02	0.02	1,223.21	4.29	46	6.03	21	70
<i>Paralichthys squamilentus</i>	8	0.0	0.8	0.02	0.02	1,368.50	5.00	27	3.31	20	49
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	7	0.0	2.5	0.02	0.01	657.74	1.43	59	27.69	16	224
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	6	0.0	2.1	0.02	0.01	724.93	1.43	74	35.52	17	249
<i>Elops saurus</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,549.19	0.71	82	.	82	82
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	1	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,549.19	0.71	23	.	23	23
Totals	21,748	44.5	81.7	64.73	20.73	496.10	4,437.14	.	.	3	480

Table AP02-04. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 216 183-m haul seine samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	10,639	30.7	77.8	49.25	4.94	147.36	552.00	101	0.27	31	212
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	6,591	19.0	22.7	30.51	14.01	674.62	2,520.00	87	0.16	47	143
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	3,149	9.1	58.3	14.58	2.83	284.95	395.00	129	0.62	34	237
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	3,115	9.0	31.0	14.42	4.76	485.54	789.00	129	0.34	40	258
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,880	5.4	67.6	8.70	2.36	398.09	489.00	211	2.01	72	455
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	1,776	5.1	8.8	8.22	5.21	930.77	827.00	81	0.38	40	168
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	1,335	3.9	15.7	6.18	2.53	602.44	381.00	167	1.10	61	268
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	815	2.4	65.3	3.77	0.45	173.54	48.00	233	1.47	92	400
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	783	2.3	28.7	3.63	0.90	365.51	149.00	117	1.32	47	250
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	551	1.6	0.9	2.55	2.55	1,467.02	550.00	45	0.21	40	139
Subtotal	30,634	88.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31	455
Totals	34,652	100.0	.	160.43	20.01	183.33	2,612.00	.	.	10	815

Table AP02-05. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 216 183-m haul seine samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	3,149	9.1	58.3	14.58	2.83	284.95	395.00	129	0.62	34	237
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,880	5.4	67.6	8.70	2.36	398.09	489.00	211	2.01	72	455
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	1,335	3.9	15.7	6.18	2.53	602.44	381.00	167	1.10	61	268
<i>Mugil curema</i>	455	1.3	30.1	2.11	0.58	403.71	98.00	154	1.93	55	360
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	258	0.7	36.1	1.19	0.15	188.15	12.00	356	7.02	60	615
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	191	0.6	32.9	0.88	0.14	239.48	19.00	139	4.77	45	365
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	144	0.4	6.9	0.67	0.31	675.79	55.00	50	0.92	29	116
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	139	0.4	26.4	0.64	0.13	299.67	19.00	217	8.85	66	593
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	131	0.4	24.5	0.61	0.12	279.45	17.00	299	5.51	61	449
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	117	0.3	17.6	0.54	0.12	336.81	14.00	97	4.15	14	277
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	112	0.3	6.5	0.52	0.39	1,096.81	83.00	21	0.41	12	40
<i>Elops saurus</i>	89	0.3	13.4	0.41	0.12	412.25	17.00	281	5.42	172	450
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	78	0.2	10.6	0.36	0.09	360.24	10.00	132	4.99	51	257
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	75	0.2	8.8	0.35	0.13	543.24	23.00	177	5.44	47	380
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	71	0.2	6.0	0.33	0.18	817.29	37.00	114	1.89	80	189
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	54	0.2	12.0	0.25	0.06	334.66	6.00	179	11.52	50	405

Table AP02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	46	0.1	6.0	0.21	0.11	774.03	23.00	78	5.00	36	251
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	22	0.1	5.1	0.10	0.05	720.43	10.00	26	1.55	15	45
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	18	0.1	2.8	0.08	0.04	778.55	7.00	195	26.37	72	460
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	12	0.0	3.2	0.06	0.03	708.75	5.00	154	20.26	85	290
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	11	0.0	5.1	0.05	0.01	432.70	1.00	223	26.20	131	370
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	7	0.0	1.9	0.03	0.02	911.81	4.00	74	6.02	44	94
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	6	0.0	2.8	0.03	0.01	592.98	1.00	68	10.54	35	106
<i>Paralichthys squamilentus</i>	3	0.0	1.4	0.01	0.01	844.57	1.00	102	26.96	71	156
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,469.69	2.00	27	1.00	26	28
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	2	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,469.69	2.00	110	0.00	110	110
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.00	1,469.69	1.00	22	.	22	22
<i>Megalops atlanticus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.00	1,469.69	1.00	310	.	310	310
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.00	0.00	1,469.69	1.00	197	.	197	197
Totals	8,410	24.3	94.4	38.94	5.07	191.40	608.00	.	.	12	615

Table AP02-06. Catch statistics for 11 dominant taxa collected in 144 bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	3,518	18.7	32.6	1.65	0.63	459.10	78.93	46	0.43	11	217
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,973	15.8	56.9	1.40	0.65	558.12	90.46	38	0.66	8	187
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	2,206	11.7	40.3	1.03	0.24	283.39	18.08	35	0.57	8	199
<i>Stellifer lanceolatus</i>	1,869	10.0	1.4	0.88	0.87	1,198.06	125.88	17	0.07	15	50
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	1,323	7.0	41.7	0.62	0.31	592.25	35.75	55	1.02	14	146
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,141	6.1	28.5	0.53	0.20	439.20	21.72	35	0.54	10	171
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	785	4.2	50.7	0.37	0.06	198.39	5.33	70	0.61	22	118
<i>Arius felis</i>	696	3.7	37.5	0.33	0.07	275.77	6.95	85	1.40	28	305
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	483	2.6	30.6	0.23	0.08	423.51	10.39	86	1.38	19	180
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	376	2.0	20.8	0.18	0.06	382.56	6.27	84	1.55	12	154
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	376	2.0	26.4	0.18	0.04	296.18	3.04	25	0.27	14	44
Subtotal	15,746	84.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	305
Totals	18,667	100.0	.	8.75	1.60	218.79	151.17	.	.	4	740

Table AP02-07. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 144 bay 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,973	15.8	56.9	1.40	0.65	558.12	90.46	38	0.66	8	187
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	2,206	11.7	40.3	1.03	0.24	283.39	18.08	35	0.57	8	199
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,141	6.1	28.5	0.53	0.20	439.20	21.72	35	0.54	10	171
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	376	2.0	26.4	0.18	0.04	296.18	3.04	25	0.27	14	44
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	239	1.3	27.8	0.11	0.04	398.78	4.79	23	0.55	4	44
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	230	1.2	38.9	0.11	0.02	269.60	2.63	26	0.46	13	44
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	160	0.9	19.4	0.07	0.03	453.21	3.44	47	2.56	13	265
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	140	0.7	29.2	0.07	0.01	270.52	1.48	51	3.22	11	200
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	65	0.3	21.5	0.03	0.01	272.90	0.61	138	7.11	60	340
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	45	0.2	16.0	0.02	0.01	287.32	0.34	50	4.15	13	110
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	35	0.2	1.4	0.02	0.02	1,165.98	2.29	26	1.17	13	46
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	27	0.1	9.0	0.01	0.01	476.06	0.61	23	4.09	5	90
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	13	0.1	2.8	0.01	0.00	804.58	0.54	79	16.00	16	223
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	11	0.1	6.3	0.01	0.00	411.94	0.13	204	17.66	120	340
<i>Cynoscion nothus</i>	5	0.0	2.1	0.00	0.00	715.51	0.13	25	3.22	17	35
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3	0.0	1.4	0.00	0.00	891.92	0.13	23	0.58	22	24
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	2	0.0	1.4	0.00	0.00	845.56	0.07	35	18.50	16	53
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	2	0.0	0.7	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.13	353	27.50	325	380
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	1	0.0	0.7	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.07	85	.	85	85
Totals	7,674	41.1	89.6	3.60	0.76	253.43	90.60	.	.	4	380

Table AP02-08. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 168 21.3-m river seine samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	19,031	52.7	25.0	166.59	86.14	670.24	11,105.88	32	0.07	15	65
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	5,188	14.4	51.2	45.41	8.10	231.13	710.29	45	0.16	18	97
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	4,281	11.8	23.8	37.47	18.47	638.70	2,480.88	20	0.14	11	103
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	1,289	3.6	33.9	11.28	2.60	299.07	313.24	25	0.23	10	44
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	859	2.4	15.5	7.52	2.72	468.18	351.47	55	0.75	12	145
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	702	1.9	11.3	6.14	3.30	696.94	470.59	23	0.09	20	32
<i>Notropis petersoni</i>	504	1.4	19.6	4.41	1.09	319.45	101.47	38	0.35	16	57
<i>Lucania parva</i>	399	1.1	27.4	3.49	0.83	308.68	82.35	22	0.22	10	38
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	351	1.0	26.8	3.07	0.75	315.75	92.65	55	2.54	16	311
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	293	0.8	33.3	2.56	0.63	318.60	77.94	49	1.23	12	135
Subtotal	32,897	91.1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	311
Totals	36,124	100.0	.	316.21	89.09	365.17	11,180.88	.	.	4	520

Table AP02-09. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 168 21.3-m river seine samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	4,281	11.8	23.8	37.47	18.47	638.70	2,480.88	20	0.14	11	103
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	255	0.7	44.6	2.23	0.34	195.99	20.59	33	1.85	4	138
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	103	0.3	14.9	0.90	0.28	407.79	38.24	31	2.27	21	146
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	43	0.1	7.7	0.38	0.17	593.98	22.06	57	9.32	14	308
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	22	0.1	8.9	0.19	0.05	369.59	5.88	42	3.61	14	70
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	20	0.1	7.1	0.18	0.05	398.68	4.41	59	5.44	20	110
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	15	0.0	2.4	0.13	0.08	753.87	8.82	34	7.50	9	101
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	10	0.0	4.2	0.09	0.03	510.24	2.94	96	29.14	27	273
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	10	0.0	5.4	0.09	0.03	439.03	2.94	163	19.72	18	230
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	9	0.0	2.4	0.08	0.04	715.24	5.88	18	0.72	15	21
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	8	0.0	4.2	0.07	0.03	504.00	2.94	8	1.19	4	14
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	4	0.0	1.8	0.04	0.02	789.75	2.94	19	0.87	16	20
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	3	0.0	1.2	0.03	0.02	963.78	2.94	33	4.51	28	42
<i>Mugil curema</i>	2	0.0	1.2	0.02	0.01	913.77	1.47	89	31.50	57	120
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	1	0.0	0.6	0.01	0.01	1,296.15	1.47	6	.	6	6
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	1	0.0	0.6	0.01	0.01	1,296.15	1.47	51	.	51	51
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	1	0.0	0.6	0.01	0.01	1,296.15	1.47	44	.	44	44
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	1	0.0	0.6	0.01	0.01	1,296.15	1.47	17	.	17	17
Totals	4,789	13.3	71.4	41.92	18.49	571.59	2,483.82	.	.	4	308

Table AP02-10. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 84 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	1,943	23.4	50.0	3.12	0.95	278.79	55.72	33	0.20	17	98
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	1,590	19.2	39.3	2.55	1.30	467.91	104.29	34	0.44	9	191
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,543	18.6	38.1	2.49	0.73	270.95	30.76	42	0.46	13	245
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	1,016	12.2	41.7	1.63	0.72	405.04	43.31	24	0.52	6	132
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	477	5.7	34.5	0.77	0.35	420.13	26.44	54	1.71	10	212
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	302	3.6	19.0	0.49	0.26	489.50	16.46	79	1.24	51	153
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	173	2.1	44.0	0.27	0.07	227.74	3.78	58	3.56	2	180
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	164	2.0	23.8	0.26	0.09	317.09	5.40	50	2.31	14	160
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	162	2.0	22.6	0.25	0.08	306.26	4.72	13	0.57	3	45
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	126	1.5	17.9	0.19	0.08	359.14	4.32	10	0.27	4	15
Subtotal	7,496	90.8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	245
Totals	8,269	100.0	.	13.24	2.12	146.75	109.15	.	.	2	673

Table AP02-11. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 84 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	1,590	19.2	39.3	2.55	1.30	467.91	104.29	34	0.44	9	191
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	1,543	18.6	38.1	2.49	0.73	270.95	30.76	42	0.46	13	245
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	477	5.7	34.5	0.77	0.35	420.13	26.44	54	1.71	10	212
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	173	2.1	44.0	0.27	0.07	227.74	3.78	58	3.56	2	180
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	162	2.0	22.6	0.25	0.08	306.26	4.72	13	0.57	3	45
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	111	1.3	20.2	0.18	0.08	443.23	6.21	26	0.64	14	41
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	43	0.5	19.0	0.07	0.02	332.07	1.62	42	6.37	16	223
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	26	0.3	4.8	0.04	0.03	630.34	2.29	25	1.37	16	45
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	24	0.3	15.5	0.04	0.01	274.74	0.54	140	13.64	35	247
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	10	0.1	9.5	0.02	0.01	354.82	0.40	71	10.66	33	131
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	6	0.1	2.4	0.01	0.01	798.64	0.84	34	7.22	15	61
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	6	0.1	6.0	0.01	0.00	422.84	0.27	228	30.92	143	370
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	4	0.0	2.4	0.01	0.01	721.95	0.40	24	11.93	11	60
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	2	0.0	1.2	0.00	0.00	916.52	0.27	83	32.00	51	115
<i>Elops saurus</i>	1	0.0	1.2	0.00	0.00	916.52	0.13	37	.	37	37
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	1	0.0	1.2	0.00	0.00	916.52	0.13	42	.	42	42
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	1	0.0	1.2	0.00	0.00	916.52	0.07	38	.	38	38
Totals	4,180	50.6	76.2	6.70	1.62	221.61	106.72	.	.	2	370

Appendix AP02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Month												Totals E=852
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	
<i>Adinia xenica</i>	61	27	1	.	.	7	1	.	.	5	11	4	117
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Alosa alabamae</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>	.	.	2	9	2	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	17
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
<i>Amia calva</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	.	.	1	5	558	133	20	32	10	2	3	1	765
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	504	214	254	531	1,218	2,016	9,032	2,175	2,234	821	8,421	634	28,054
<i>Ancylopsetta quadrocellata</i>	3	3	2	1	5	5	.	1	1	.	1	2	24
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	4	6	10	25	16	26	15	15	9	12	18	4	160
<i>Arius felis</i>	5	1	117	55	30	212	173	235	327	197	47	15	1,414
<i>Astroscopus y-graecum</i>	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	.	1	1	5	4	26	38	27	1	.	.	103
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	150	75	21	520	878	951	798	303	573	644	861	249	6,023
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	3	2,186	2,147	1,053	480	48	84	1,640	28	2	2	23	7,696
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	6	.	.	10
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	66	94	63	40	108	54	87	26	20	40	90	97	785
<i>Callinectes</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Caranx crysos</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	13	73	2	.	91
<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	1	1
<i>Centropristis philadelphica</i>	2	.	.	2	2	1	3	2	12
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	.	1	2	.	.	.	3

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=852
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	9	11	3	2	.	29
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	.	.	.	4	2	3	11	2	7	4	1	.	34
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	.	3	1	7	12	11	8	9	17	19	10	3	100
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	18	4	778	26	.	827
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	1	.	12	33	47	10	6	4	14	5	4	136
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	.	.	2	2	11	22	25	10	4	1	.	.	77
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	10	3	.	15	677	393	755	767	348	96	67	3	3,134
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	7	3	8	6	37	32	38	57	43	29	31	27	318
<i>Cynoscion nothus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	.	5
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	1	5	7	1	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	1	24
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	13	39	151	72	84	90	166	82	73	84	49	21	924
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	.	.	16	3	15	10	5	9	5	1	.	64
<i>Diplectrum bivittatum</i>	.	.	.	161	.	.	3	2	11	2	1	.	180
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	5
<i>Dormitator maculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	.	.	.	1	5	.	8	.	.	.	1	.	15
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	3
<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Echeneis spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	.	1	.	1	13	6	10	21	21	2	15	1	91
<i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	12	2	.	2	.	.	1	18
<i>Esox niger</i>	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	7	4	9	48	11	9	80	209	295	171	98	46	987
<i>Etropus microstomus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	5
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	2	.	.	.	3	.	14	58	73	51	99	6	306
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	22	81	111	121	85	106	40	566

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=852
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	66	346	675	362	239	630	157	2,475
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	.	1	2	23	227	94	33	15	20	23	.	.	438
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	13	49	70	35	73	37	52	42	31	38	40	18	498
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	2	24	.	11	256	137	256	106	391	275	110	4	1,572
<i>Fundulus chrysotus</i>	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	16	24	30	1	5	1	6	3	.	54	69	18	227
<i>Fundulus jenkinsi</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	1	7	157	5	57	46	13	.	.	.	11	148	445
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	148	26	3	.	.	1	.	.	1	16	48	1	244
<i>Gobionellus boleosoma</i>	19	42	8	52	166	17	11	72	65	59	78	9	598
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	.	.	.	2	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	4	9	2	3	82	24	19	3	4	15	61	9	235
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	.	2	1	.	8	1	3	.	2	.	1	.	18
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	.	22	2	.	1	4	.	2	.	.	31
<i>Halichoeres bivittatus</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	.	.	.	3,786	412	482	34	184	339	1,738	3	.	6,978
<i>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	4	6	1	.	.	16
<i>Heterandria formosa</i>	.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	8
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	3	.	2	1	9
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	.	.	.	.	1	2	7	.	5	1	.	.	16
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Hypsoblennius ionthas</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	2	7	6	1	1	3	2	12	4	27	6	2	73
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	.	1	12	.	.	.	8	17	38

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Species	Month												Totals E=852
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	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	1	7	.	3	.	14
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	127	2,706	1,705	3,512	2,019	1,833	1,330	2,201	1,948	1,671	916	253	20,221
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,077	15,815	2,581	1,848	787	1,085	617	549	263	604	144	19	26,389
<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	4
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	3	2	.	1	10
<i>Lepomis gulosus</i>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	2	5	14	17	15	25	8	8	16	12	11	8	141
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	16	2	20	14	3	8	.	6	25	27	29	.	150
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	15	2	5	6	2	6	1	4	26	12	15	2	96
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	.	.	5	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	9
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	5	6	9	29	1	88	94	59	220	60	120	46	737
<i>Lucania parva</i>	2	74	17	16	27	106	34	14	54	108	66	4	522
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	4	26	27	11	.	70
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	6	70	55	19	15	2	168
<i>Megalops atlanticus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Membras martinica</i>	.	.	.	205	3	52	5	2	8	1	7	2	285
<i>Membras spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	166	.	.	.	.	170
<i>Menidia spp.</i>	39	342	67	47	313	849	2,141	1,191	494	578	617	197	6,875
<i>Menippe spp.</i>	5	2	2	3	6	4	.	7	2	2	10	1	44
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	.	6	1	28	73	51	49	67	70	222	44	2	613
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	.	1	.	4	35	2	2	2	1	.	1	5	53
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	.	6	.	10	7	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	26
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	.	1	.	.	22	9	7	5	50	1	11	4	110
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	1	.	5	15	3	5	4	3	23	13	10	.	82
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	290	153	344	2,022	449	199	758	482	71	4	60	787	5,619
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	5	3	6	36	168	60	13	7	28	13	17	1	357

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	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=852
<i>Minytrema melanops</i>	1	1
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	10	7	5	.	22
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	3	14	16	3	12	12	10	1	71
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	1	1
<i>Morone saxatilis x chrysops</i>	1	.	1
<i>Moxostoma</i> spp.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	422	2,028	1,252	238	126	86	78	73	71	135	245	739	5,493
<i>Mugil curema</i>	.	45	134	53	15	33	10	3	31	54	180	37	595
<i>Mugil</i> spp.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	.	.	1	3	5	7	40	11	18	.	.	85
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	6	.	87	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	94
<i>Narcine brasiliensis</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	2
<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	1	.	.	1	4	71	.	4	26	.	.	.	107
<i>Notropis chalybaeus</i>	1	1
<i>Notropis cummingsae</i>	37	.	37
<i>Notropis maculatus</i>	.	3	.	6	.	40	1	.	8	.	.	.	58
<i>Notropis petersoni</i>	.	89	64	62	13	74	47	18	36	92	.	9	504
<i>Notropis</i> spp.	13	.	.	.	.	.	215	.	.	.	.	4	232
<i>Notropis texanus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	4	3	1	11
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	.	.	1	5	1	3	5	11	23	27	6	.	82
<i>Ophichthus gomesi</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Ophidion welshi</i>	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	7	2	6	.	.	21
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	.	2	.	3	3	5	3	5	8	3	.	2	34

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	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	.	1	.	62	733	482	303	238	344	380	88	39	2,670
<i>Paraclinus marmoratus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	10	16	18	40	44	47	26	42	17	19	7	9	295
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	9	11	13	4	20	7	7	8	10	7	2	8	106
<i>Paralichthys squamilentus</i>	.	7	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
<i>Pepilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	1	1	10
<i>Pepilus burti</i>	.	8	4	22	1	.	5	.	.	1	.	.	41
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	9
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	2	1	4	2	11
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	1	64	4	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	72
<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Porichthys plectrodon</i>	.	.	.	3	6	7	6	4	.	.	.	.	26
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	12	6	2	1	3	7	15	16	5	27	8	13	115
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	11	12	11	12	3	7	5	9	37	7	12	26	152
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	.	.	5	.	5	8	.	1	.	.	.	.	19
<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Sardinella aurita</i>	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	29	.	.	.	.	32
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	12	36	26	29	24	32	10	22	27	247	43	257	765
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	8	.	.	19
<i>Scorpaena brasiliensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	1	1	1	.	6
<i>Serraniculus pumilio</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	3	.	1	.	7
<i>Serranus subligarius</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	3	.	2	1	10
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	2	1	2	1	4	2	8	4	12	7	9	1	53
<i>Sphoeroides parvus</i>	2	.	2	.	2	4	.	2	3	9	20	.	44

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=71	E=852
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	4
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Sphyraena guachancho</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	2
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	.	5	.	.	2	5	.	.	.	.	12
<i>Stellifer lanceolatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1,869	.	.	.	.	1,873
<i>Stenotomus caprinus</i>	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	5
<i>Stomolophus meleagris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	2
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	12	8	9	3	11	49	23	18	7	13	13	9	175
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	.	.	.	.	1	3	.	1	2	.	2	.	9
<i>Strongylura spp.</i>	.	.	.	5	18	10	.	.	3	.	.	.	36
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	8	42	23	14	18	22	74	36	80	38	37	17	409
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	.	3	.	4	2	4	8	5	8	10	5	1	50
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	1	2	1	.	2	5	10	2	11	5	3	2	44
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	9	18	7	24	30	24	27	20	27	26	21	9	242
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	5	.	1	6	72	54	17	27	29	24	16	8	259
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	36	9	6	1	.	1	55
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	17	15	110	.	144
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	5	25	30	107	49	29	75	219	128	608	69	69	1,413
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	5	12	23	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
<i>Urophycis regia</i>	1	18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Totals	4,202	24,394	9,602	15,147	10,651	10,560	18,401	14,564	9,946	10,840	14,112	4,172	146,597

Appendix AP02-02. Summary by gear, stratum, and zone of species collected during Apalachicola Bay stratified-random sampling, 2002. Sampling with 21.3-m bay seine was stratified by the presence or absence of a shoreline ('Shore' or 'offshore') within 5-m. Offshore sets were post-stratified by the presence or absence of bottom vegetation ('Veg' or 'Unveg'). Sampling with 21.3-m river seine, 183-m haul seine, and 6.1-m otter trawl were not stratified. Zones A and B were located in Apalachicola Bay, and Zone F encompassed the lower Apalachicola (C) and Carrabelle (D) Rivers. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=76	E=57	E=107	E=168	E=216	E=228	E=300	E=300	E=252		E=852
<i>Adinia xenica</i>	.	.	4	113	.	.	.	4	113	117
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Alosa alabamae</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>	.	.	2	1	14	.	11	5	1	17
<i>Aluterus schoepfi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	.	6	6
<i>Amia calva</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	601	61	30	58	1	14	663	40	62	765
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	1,019	378	2,165	19,031	.	5,461	6,077	1,003	20,974	28,054
<i>Ancylosetta quadrocellata</i>	.	.	.	.	5	19	13	11	.	24
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	6	3	2	10	131	8	67	77	16	160
<i>Arius felis</i>	65	155	145	.	331	718	1,114	278	22	1,414
<i>Astroscopus y-graecum</i>	1	1	.	.	.	2	1	3	.	4
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	1	2	.	67	33	96	3	4	103
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	1,088	123	160	859	3,115	678	1,949	2,913	1,161	6,023
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	39	3,984	1,133	702	1,776	62	6,648	301	747	7,696
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	1	.	.	.	6	3	.	10	.	10
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	11	27	62	255	117	313	294	63	428	785
<i>Callinectes</i> spp.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Caranx crysos</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	1	.	.	1	89	.	6	84	1	91
<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Centropristis philadelphica</i>	.	.	1	.	.	11	1	11	.	12
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	3	.	3
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	1	.	4	1	1	22	11	17	1	29
<i>Chasmodes saburrae</i>	22	1	5	.	5	1	1	33	.	34
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	17	4	4	.	49	26	26	74	.	100
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	2	1	1	.	551	272	53	773	1	827
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	1	1	5	.	44	85	87	42	7	136

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Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=76	E=57	E=107	E=168	E=216	E=228	E=300	E=300	E=252		E=852
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	.	2	1	2	23	49	64	7	6	77
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	126	193	128	3	.	2,684	1,556	32	1,546	3,134
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	100	6	30	20	139	23	146	142	30	318
<i>Cynoscion nothus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	5	3	2	.	5
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	.	.	2	4	18	.	12	8	4	24
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	8	7	22	.	815	72	576	339	9	924
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	2	.	.	59	3	15	48	1	64
<i>Diplectrum bivittatum</i>	114	.	.	.	.	3	63	170	10	180
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	.	1	.	.	.	1	3	.	4	5
<i>Dormitator maculatus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	.	.	.	.	15	.	15	.	.	15
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	2	1	3
<i>Echeneis naucrates</i>	.	.	.	.	3	.	2	1	.	3
<i>Echeneis spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Elops saurus</i>	1	.	.	.	89	1	61	29	1	91
<i>Enneacanthus gloriosus</i>	.	.	.	18	.	.	.	.	18	18
<i>Esox niger</i>	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	.	4	2	.	177	804	715	253	19	987
<i>Etropus microstomus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	5	.	5
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	36	8	86	2	119	55	43	261	2	306
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	40	26	95	173	108	124	148	183	235	566
<i>Eucinostomus spp.</i>	593	109	330	1,289	2	152	394	701	1,380	2,475
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	6	4	21	4	1	402	349	59	30	438
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	72	16	38	9	22	341	248	130	120	498
<i>Farfantepenaeus spp.</i>	631	147	504	51	2	237	852	543	177	1,572
<i>Fundulus chrysotus</i>	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	.	.	2	167	58	.	18	42	167	227
<i>Fundulus jenkinsi</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	.	.	12	174	259	.	64	207	174	445
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	.	.	.	244	.	.	.	.	244	244
<i>Gobionellus boleosoma</i>	226	67	67	203	.	35	290	97	211	598
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	.	.	.	3	.	2	2	.	3	5
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	106	6	15	100	.	8	122	5	108	235
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	13	3	1	.	.	1	.	18	.	18
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	2	.	25	4	1	30	.	31
<i>Halichoeres bivittatus</i>	4	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	4
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	366	2	6	6	6,591	7	4,234	2,731	13	6,978

Appendix AP02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=76	E=57	E=107	E=168	E=216	E=228	E=300	E=300	E=252		E=852
<i>Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus</i>	6	.	1	4	3	2	3	9	4	16
<i>Heterandria formosa</i>	.	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	8	8
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	.	2	1	.	1	5	3	6	.	9
<i>Hippocampus zosterae</i>	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	1	.	1	.	14	.	1	15	.	16
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Hypsoblennius ionthas</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	73	.	.	73	73
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	.	.	.	38	.	.	.	.	38	38
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	.	.	.	.	3	11	.	14	.	14
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	6,780	381	744	293	10,639	1,384	6,755	13,112	354	20,221
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,304	1,672	12,533	4,281	3,149	3,450	12,096	9,535	4,758	26,389
<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	.	.	.	2	4	4	4	1	5	10
<i>Lepomis gulosus</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	.	.	.	141	.	.	.	.	141	141
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	.	.	.	149	.	1	.	.	150	150
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	.	.	.	94	.	2	.	.	96	96
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	.	.	1	.	8	.	.	9	.	9
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	26	65	125	8	112	401	523	44	170	737
<i>Lucania parva</i>	70	.	51	399	.	2	38	83	401	522
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	25	.	15	22	6	2	10	36	24	70
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	100	5	10	.	7	46	27	140	1	168
<i>Megalops atlanticus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Membras martinica</i>	7	13	217	48	.	.	231	6	48	285
<i>Membras spp.</i>	.	169	1	.	.	.	170	.	.	170
<i>Menidia spp.</i>	114	141	1,423	5,188	9	.	1,293	394	5,188	6,875
<i>Menippe spp.</i>	1	2	5	1	2	33	14	23	7	44
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	14	317	.	78	203	298	272	43	613
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	.	4	2	.	12	35	39	14	.	53
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	.	6	17	.	2	1	10	16	.	26
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	15	40	4	29	.	22	57	2	51	110
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	11	9	2	.	.	60	67	11	4	82
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	197	117	159	15	1,335	3,796	3,936	78	1,605	5,619
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	.	.	6	351	.	.	6	.	351	357
<i>Minytrema melanops</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1

Appendix AP02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=76	E=57	E=107	E=168	E=216	E=228	E=300	E=300	E=252		E=852
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	4	.	.	.	11	7	.	22	.	22
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	19	1	3	3	10	35	12	55	4	71
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1
<i>Morone saxatilis x chrysops</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Moxostoma</i> spp.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	88	264	3,155	103	1,880	3	4,691	699	103	5,493
<i>Mugil curema</i>	.	1	137	2	455	.	292	301	2	595
<i>Mugil</i> spp.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	8	.	.	.	75	2	56	29	.	85
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	93	90	4	.	94
<i>Narcine brasiliensis</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	.	.	.	107	.	.	.	.	107	107
<i>Notropis chalybaeus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Notropis cummingsae</i>	.	.	.	37	.	.	.	.	37	37
<i>Notropis maculatus</i>	.	.	.	58	.	.	.	.	58	58
<i>Notropis petersoni</i>	.	.	.	504	.	.	.	.	504	504
<i>Notropis</i> spp.	.	.	.	232	.	.	.	.	232	232
<i>Notropis texanus</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	.	.	.	.	5	6	2	8	1	11
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	4	6	31	16	24	1	18	47	17	82
<i>Ophichthus gomesi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	.	2
<i>Ophidion welshi</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	2	.	1	.	18	.	6	15	.	21
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	3	.	4	.	12	15	12	20	2	34
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	1,306	31	59	6	783	485	558	2,104	8	2,670
<i>Paraclinus marmoratus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	14	3	20	1	191	66	119	174	2	295
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	.	3	4	10	54	35	63	9	34	106
<i>Paralichthys squamilentus</i>	.	1	7	.	3	.	10	1	.	11
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	.	.	4	6	5	5	.	10
<i>Peprilus burti</i>	.	.	.	.	11	30	25	15	1	41
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	9	9
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	.	.	.	.	11	.	9	2	.	11
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	.	1	.	71	.	60	12	.	72
<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Porichthys plectrodon</i>	.	3	1	.	.	22	21	2	3	26

Appendix AP02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata						Zone			Totals
	21.3-m bay seine			21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	F	
	Veg	Unveg	Shore							
	E=76	E=57	E=107	E=168	E=216	E=228	E=300	E=300	E=252		E=852
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	2	4	7	.	15	87	31	80	4	115
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	1	11	12	3	24	101	107	24	21	152
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	8	.	.	.	11	.	8	11	.	19
<i>Rhizoprionodon terraenovae</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Sardinella aurita</i>	29	.	.	.	3	.	.	32	.	32
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	14	68	378	43	258	4	499	219	47	765
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	.	.	1	18	.	2	16	1	19
<i>Scorpaena brasiliensis</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	.	2	.	3	1	1	5	.	6
<i>Serraniculus pumilio</i>	.	.	.	.	.	7	2	3	2	7
<i>Serranus subligarius</i>	.	.	2	.	.	8	2	7	1	10
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	10	2	11	2	13	15	11	37	5	53
<i>Sphoeroides parvus</i>	4	4	21	2	5	8	11	28	5	44
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	4	.	4
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Sphyraena guachancho</i>	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	.	.	11	1	1	11	.	12
<i>Stellifer lanceolatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1,873	1,869	.	4	1,873
<i>Stenotomus caprinus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	5	.	5
<i>Stomolophus meleagris</i>	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	2
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	19	5	28	14	109	.	51	110	14	175
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	.	1	.	1	7	.	6	2	1	9
<i>Strongylura</i> spp.	3	1	3	29	.	.	4	3	29	36
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	4	12	28	14	6	345	182	49	178	409
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	39	2	3	2	1	3	.	48	2	50
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	14	.	1	.	.	29	11	32	1	44
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	119	20	18	63	.	22	54	118	70	242
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	30	11	22	23	42	131	89	135	35	259
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	8	1	46	.	3	51	1	55
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	.	.	.	.	144	.	37	107	.	144
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	1	6	1	239	81	1,085	34	124	1,255	1,413
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	2	.	3	.	1	39	26	16	3	45
<i>Urophycis regia</i>	4	1	3	.	1	11	11	9	.	20
Totals	15,736	8,447	24,702	36,124	34,652	26,936	61,912	40,292	44,393	146,597

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Southern Indian River Lagoon

The southern Indian River Lagoon (IRL) system is a narrow estuary, which extends from Vero Beach south to Jupiter Inlet and has an average approximate depth of 1.5 m deep with the maximum depths occurring dredged channels and harbors. The Intra-Coastal Waterway runs the entire length of the IRL. Riverine systems that feed into the southern Indian River Lagoon include the St. Lucie and Loxahatchee Rivers. This lagoon system also has three ocean inlets, Ft. Pierce, St. Lucie, and Jupiter. This area has also been referred to as the Tequesta region (Gilmore 1977).

The sampling universe for the southern IRL is divided into three geographic zones, Zones I, J, and T (Figure TQ02-01). Zone I is an estuarine zone that stretches from Vero Beach south to Ankona. Zone J is another estuarine zone that extends from Ankona south to just north of Jupiter Inlet. Zone T is the only riverine zone, which encompasses the St. Lucie River.

The FIM program has been conducting monthly sampling in the southern Indian River Lagoon system since January 1997. Sampling sites were randomly selected, regardless of habitat type. Four samples per month were collected in both Zones I and J. In April 1998, the FIM program expanded sampling to include the St. Lucie River (8 samples/month; Zone T) because of an increase in the incidence of lesioned fish in this system. All sampling methods were the same as those described in the Methods section of this report.

Stratified-Random Sampling

183-m Haul seines. A total of 23,371 fishes and selected invertebrates were collected in 192 samples, representing 102 taxa (Table TQ02-01, Appendices TQ02-01 and -02). Samples from Zones I and J (n=48 hauls per zone) contained 9,978 and 10,359 individuals, respectively. In Zone T, 3,034 individuals were collected from 96 samples. Monthly catch totals (all species) ranged from 736 to 4,398 specimens, with a peak catch in the month of August. The lowest monthly catch total was recorded in February.

The ten dominant taxa (n=18,507) accounted for 79.2% of the total number of animals collected in the 183-m haul seines during monthly stratified-random sampling in 2002 (Table TQ02-02). *Lagodon rhomboides* (n=8,871) was the most abundant species collected, accounting for 38.0% of the total catch and occurring in 43.2% of the samples. Other abundant species included *Diapterus auratus* (n=4,429), *Mugil curema* (n=1,163), and *Archosargus probatocephalus* (n=816).

Thirty Selected Taxa (n=4,424) accounted for 18.9% of the overall 183-m haul seine catch (Table TQ02-03). Four species, *M. curema* (n=1,163), *A. probatocephalus* (n=816), *M. cephalus* (n=606), and *C. undecimalis* (n=566), accounted for 71.3% of the Selected Taxa collected. All four of these species occurred in >50% of the hauls. Other abundant Selected Taxa in the 183-m haul seine samples included *Elops saurus* (n=273), *Micropogonias undulatus* (n=263), *Lutjanus synagris* (n=165), and *Lutjanus griseus* (n=146).

There were 5 species new to SRS collections in 2002. These species were *Aulostomus maculatus* (trumpetfish), *Diodon holocanthus* (ballonfish), *Epinephelus morio* (red grouper), *Menippe* spp. (stonecrab), and *Rhinobatos lentiginosus* (guitarfish).

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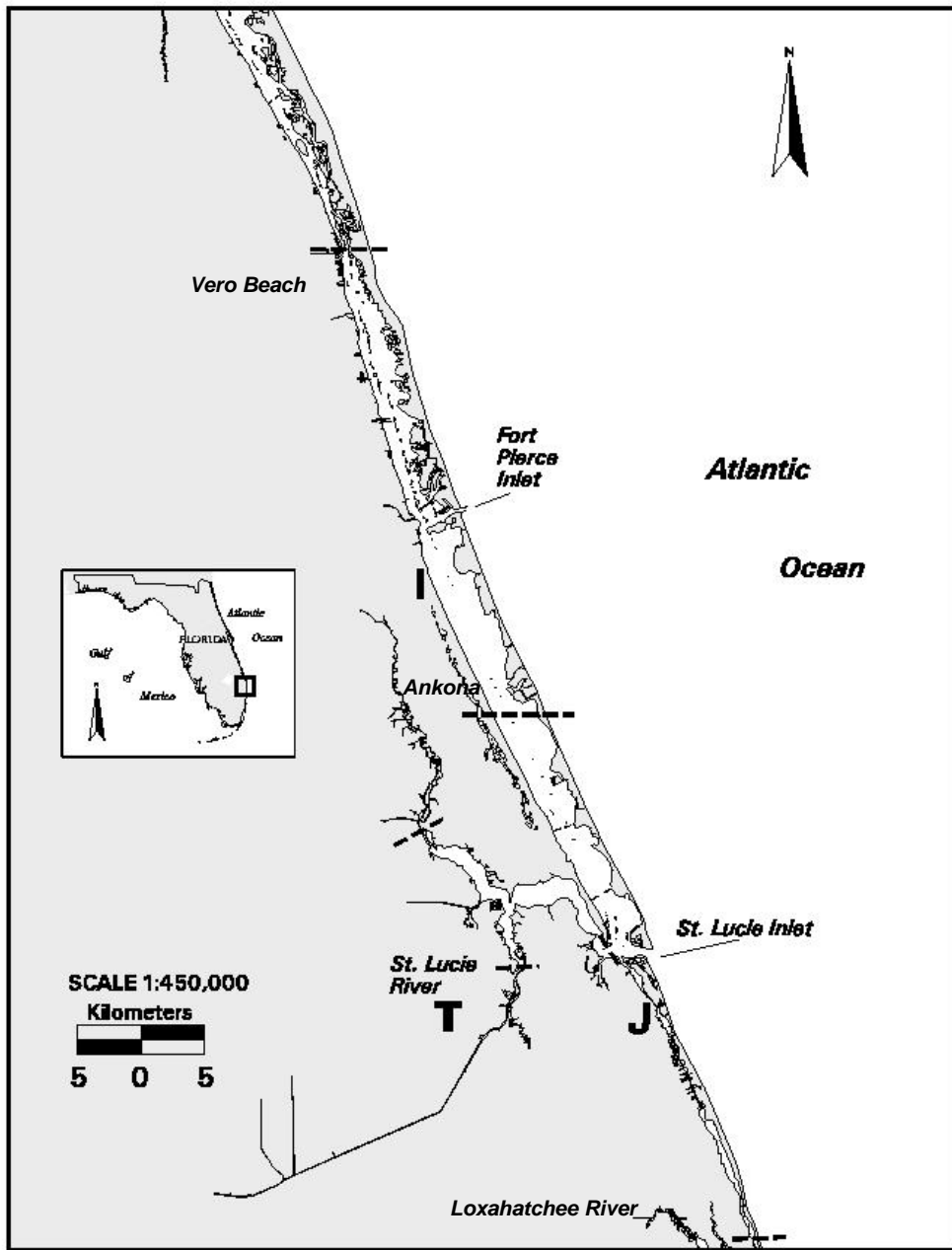


Figure TQ02-01. Map of southern Indian River Lagoon sampling area. Zones are I, J, and T.

Table TQ02-01. Summary of catch and effort data for southern Indian River Lagoon stratified-random sampling, 2002.

Zone	183-m river seine	
	Animals	Hauls
I	9,978	48
J	10,359	48
T	3,034	96
Totals	23,371	192

TQ02-02. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 192 183-m haul seine samples during Tequesta stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	8,871	38.0	43.2	46.20	10.85	325.40	1,316.00	96	0.37	39	198
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	4,429	19.0	70.8	23.07	5.82	349.79	987.00	147	0.64	37	315
<i>Mugil curema</i>	1,163	5.0	66.1	6.06	0.92	210.29	80.00	182	1.60	60	347
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	816	3.5	72.9	4.25	0.46	149.22	38.00	255	2.25	41	414
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	757	3.2	30.7	3.94	1.16	409.42	194.00	73	0.39	42	107
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	606	2.6	54.2	3.16	0.46	201.84	37.00	267	2.74	81	438
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	566	2.4	62.5	2.95	0.34	161.02	35.00	434	6.02	116	936
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	451	1.9	12.0	2.35	1.69	994.98	320.00	91	0.68	51	164
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	450	1.9	7.8	2.34	1.40	825.49	231.00	126	4.03	50	301
<i>Arius felis</i>	398	1.7	50.0	2.07	0.30	199.03	25.00	295	2.45	72	402
Subtotal	18,507	79.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37	936
Totals	23,371	100.0	.	121.72	15.26	173.68	1,419.00	.	.	15	1230

Table TQ02-03. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in . 183-m haul seine samples during Tequesta stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

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<i>Elops saurus</i>	273	1.2	29.7	1.42	0.35	340.57	35.00	293	3.88	123	497
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	263	1.1	15.1	1.37	0.62	631.56	100.00	273	2.89	50	389
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	165	0.7	10.9	0.86	0.33	534.19	45.00	93	1.57	49	160
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	146	0.6	23.4	0.76	0.19	350.01	25.00	163	3.84	55	280
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	131	0.6	19.8	0.68	0.16	324.39	18.00	144	3.99	70	331
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	55	0.2	12.0	0.29	0.10	498.35	18.00	365	13.63	127	702
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	50	0.2	7.3	0.26	0.11	574.14	16.00	173	10.75	94	369
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	46	0.2	7.8	0.24	0.12	719.13	23.00	286	11.98	149	457
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	31	0.1	13.0	0.16	0.03	290.42	3.00	127	5.37	80	197
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	17	0.1	6.3	0.09	0.03	428.51	3.00	182	17.91	72	308
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	15	0.1	5.2	0.08	0.03	505.83	4.00	270	30.20	66	420
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	14	0.1	4.2	0.07	0.03	552.32	4.00	100	28.95	46	454

Table TQ02-03. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	14	0.1	2.6	0.07	0.05	859.26	8.00	92	10.20	62	206
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	11	0.0	3.6	0.06	0.02	597.34	3.00	200	31.34	67	439
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	10	0.0	4.2	0.05	0.02	546.59	3.00	329	26.28	171	507
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	8	0.0	2.6	0.04	0.02	770.12	4.00	48	7.22	15	78
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	5	0.0	1.6	0.03	0.02	916.06	3.00	30	0.86	27	32
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	4	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.02	1,093.72	3.00	193	39.12	130	307
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	4	0.0	2.1	0.02	0.01	687.36	1.00	339	81.16	98	447
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	3	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.01	1,030.63	2.00	397	27.06	361	450
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	2	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.01	977.23	1.00	243	72.00	171	315
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	118	.	118	118
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	144	.	144	144
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	87	.	87	87
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	112	.	112	112
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	302	.	302	302
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	295	.	295	295
Totals	4,424	18.9	97.9	23.04	1.77	106.70	132.00	.	.	15	936

Appendix TQ02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Tequesta stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Month												Totals E=192
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	4
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	52	68	62	65	63	30	122	102	55	46	96	55	816
<i>Archosargus rhomboidalis</i>	6	11	19	6	5	5	10	10	4	6	6	5	93
<i>Arius felis</i>	2	27	38	51	27	34	72	38	29	24	30	26	398
<i>Aulostomus maculatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	4
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	.	1	1	14	.	8	12	213	19	1	2	26	297
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	.	.	.	26	262	21	1	1	4	.	2	133	450
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	.	1	4	2	1	7	2	3	1	6	1	3	31
<i>Caranx crysos</i>	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	97	8	10	15	8	7	6	1	12	1	25	21	211
<i>Caranx latus</i>	.	.	5	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	8
<i>Caranx</i> spp.	.	.	.	1	1	2	.	.	1	4	1	.	10
<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Centropomus parallelus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	4
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	64	38	82	34	53	31	25	68	46	38	53	34	566
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	.	.	.	1	1	.	4	2	3	14	.	.	25
<i>Chilomycterus antennatus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	13	3	8	12	17	18	2	6	17	3	23	8	130
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	.	.	.	2	.	6	1	4	2	5	1	2	23
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	5	.	.	3	11

Appendix TQ02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=192
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	.	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	19	34	16	32	43	16	33	33	8	22	23	23	302
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	4	.	1	5	8	5	1	3	2	15	14	6	64
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	65	142	267	1,148	228	98	382	506	465	533	287	308	4,429
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	1	2	.	3	19	1	7	1	5	6	2	4	51
<i>Diodon holocanthus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Diodon hystrix</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Diplodus</i> spp.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Dorosoma</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	4
<i>Elops saurus</i>	36	6	33	56	2	5	15	6	8	14	74	18	273
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Eucinostomus argenteus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	6
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	4	13	3	48	85	6	79	51	239	32	89	108	757
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	1	1	1	5	29	8	4	4	.	20	11	.	84
<i>Eucinostomus jonesi</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	4
<i>Eucinostomus melanopterus</i>	.	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	.	.	.	29	.	.	.	.	12	3	.	.	44
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3	5
<i>Gerres cinereus</i>	25	7	25	4	3	9	3	.	4	1	3	.	84
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	9	3	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	1	20
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	5	5	10	2	2	1	27
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	6
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	5	.	.	.	.	9
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	4	7

Appendix TQ02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=192
<i>Halichoeres</i> spp.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	.	7	5	61	10	11	3	2	2	6	322	22	451
<i>Hemiramphus brasiliensis</i>	.	.	.	2	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	.	.	.	7	.	6	2	14	.	.	.	1	30
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	3
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	1	1	.	.	.	3	6	5	2	1	5	.	24
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	291	189	64	293	350	800	1,104	2,820	1,350	366	188	1,056	8,871
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	.	.	.	8	3	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	14
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	2	1	.	21	4	14	13	17	22	9	27	1	131
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	2	1	5	8	15	15	18	12	7	37	3	23	146
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	.	.	.	40	16	15	16	11	3	8	8	48	165
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	.	.	6	69	.	12	.	122	7	34	11	2	263
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	.	.	.	9	.	4	4	5	.	.	2	3	27
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	104	31	38	39	17	4	26	39	67	71	38	132	606
<i>Mugil curema</i>	151	81	152	59	38	20	22	23	268	96	75	178	1,163
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	.	2	1	.	6	13	19	3	1	.	5	50
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	.	.	.	3	3	14	3	6	.	.	.	1	30
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	.	.	.	.	3	.	3	28	15	8	9	84	150
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	1	.	.	12	2	.	18	5	.	5	11	133	187

Appendix TQ02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=192
<i>Opsanus tau</i>	1	2	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	1	.	1	8
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	.	4	.	5	63	106	58	52	28	1	5	48	370
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	1	2	8
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	.	.	1	.	7	.	3	4	.	1	1	.	17
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	.	.	.	.	1	4	.	3	.	1	1	.	10
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	3	.	4	4	.	1	1	1	1	25	3	3	46
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	4
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	1	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Rhinobatos lentiginosus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	19	8	5	2	.	.	4	.	7	1	4	5	55
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	1	1	2	.	.	3	1	1	4	.	2	15
<i>Scorpaena grandicornis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Scorpaena plumieri</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	5	5	.	1	1	16
<i>Selene vomer</i>	21	6	27	50	17	19	24	12	46	54	44	53	373
<i>Sparisoma chrysopteron</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38	.	.	1	.	39
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	16	.	.	14	.	37
<i>Sparisoma spp.</i>	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	19	12	10	2	4	15	17	19	15	10	10	9	142
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	1	1	2	1	.	3	4	2	3	1	4	3	25
<i>Sphoeroides testudineus</i>	21	7	14	10	7	11	15	24	16	12	2	16	155
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	6	6	6	.	6	3	13	10	49	65	21	18	203
<i>Sphyraena picudilla</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	21	4	3	5	38	1	5	4	6	12	65	6	170
<i>Strongylura spp.</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Appendix TQ02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=16	E=192
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	8	.	.	1	2	3	15
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	2	.	2	.	.	.	4	2	1	2	.	1	14
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	1	2	1	.	2	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	8
Totals	1,069	736	927	2,289	1,490	1,419	2,223	4,398	2,882	1,637	1,637	2,664	23,371

Appendix TQ02-02. Summary by gear, stratum, and zone of species collected during Tequesta stratified-random sampling, 2002. Sampling with the 183-m haul seine was post-stratified by the presence or absence of overhanging vegetation ('Over' or 'Nonover'). Zones I and J were located in the Indian River, and Zone T encompassed the lower St. Lucie River. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Gear and Strata		Zone			Totals
	183-m haul seine		I	J	T	
	Over	Nonover				
	E=146	E=46	E=48	E=48	E=96		E=192
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Albula vulpes</i>	1	3	.	1	3	4
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	643	173	167	207	442	816
<i>Archosargus rhomboidalis</i>	70	23	36	57	.	93
<i>Arius felis</i>	313	85	92	128	178	398
<i>Aulostomus maculatus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	2	2	.	.	4	4
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	263	34	233	64	.	297
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	185	265	137	29	284	450
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	3	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	29	2	6	9	16	31
<i>Caranx crysos</i>	5	.	.	5	.	5
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	170	41	112	56	43	211
<i>Caranx latus</i>	2	6	.	8	.	8
<i>Caranx</i> spp.	7	3	6	4	.	10
<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Centropomus parallelus</i>	4	.	.	1	3	4
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	448	118	260	206	100	566
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	23	2	19	6	.	25
<i>Chilomycterus antennatus</i>	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	90	40	31	85	14	130
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	2	2	1	1	2	4
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	18	5	1	5	17	23
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	3	8	6	5	.	11
<i>Cynoscion</i> spp.	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Dasyatis americana</i>	1	2	2	1	.	3
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	241	61	37	103	162	302
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	54	10	25	36	3	64
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	3,653	776	1,047	2,686	696	4,429
<i>Diapterus plumieri</i>	42	9	.	20	31	51
<i>Diodon holocanthus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1

Appendix TQ02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata		Zone			Totals
	183-m haul seine		I	J	T	
	Over	Nonover				
	E=146	E=46	E=48	E=48	E=96	E=192
<i>Diodon hystrix</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Diplodus spp.</i>	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Dorosoma spp.</i>	4	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Elops saurus</i>	176	97	88	87	98	273
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	1	1	2	.	.	2
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Eucinostomus argenteus</i>	6	.	3	3	.	6
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	451	306	150	588	19	757
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	46	38	29	25	30	84
<i>Eucinostomus jonesi</i>	3	1	.	3	1	4
<i>Eucinostomus melanopterus</i>	6	.	.	1	5	6
<i>Eucinostomus spp.</i>	21	23	3	35	6	44
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	1	4	5	.	.	5
<i>Gerres cinereus</i>	48	36	4	68	12	84
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	17	3	1	3	16	20
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	26	1	9	18	.	27
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	6	.	.	6	.	6
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	2	7	5	4	.	9
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	5	2	.	7	.	7
<i>Halichoeres spp.</i>	.	2	.	2	.	2
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	365	86	24	411	16	451
<i>Hemiramphus brasiliensis</i>	5	5	7	3	.	10
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	10	20	3	27	.	30
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	3	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	20	4	5	17	2	24
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	7,551	1,320	5,695	3,172	4	8,871
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	14	.	2	12	.	14
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	1	.	.	1	1
<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	96	35	66	62	3	131
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	121	25	57	80	9	146
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	88	77	39	121	5	165
<i>Menippe spp.</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	258	5	1	207	55	263
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	14	13	3	24	.	27

Appendix TQ02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata		Zone			Totals
	183-m haul seine		I	J	T	
	Over	Nonover				
	E=146	E=46	E=48	E=48	E=96	E=192
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	406	200	245	175	186	606
<i>Mugil curema</i>	749	414	274	503	386	1,163
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	40	10	30	20	.	50
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	6	24	17	13	.	30
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	1	2	1	2	.	3
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	132	18	83	66	1	150
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	185	2	151	30	6	187
<i>Opsanus tau</i>	7	1	5	3	.	8
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	305	65	217	153	.	370
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	4	4	2	6	.	8
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	15	2	7	8	2	17
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	10	.	.	4	6	10
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	38	8	34	10	2	46
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	3	1	.	2	2	4
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	4	.	.	2	2	4
<i>Rhinobatos lentiginosus</i>	1	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	51	4	38	5	12	55
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	11	4	1	6	8	15
<i>Scorpaena grandicornis</i>	1	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Scorpaena plumieri</i>	10	6	3	12	1	16
<i>Selene vomer</i>	271	102	66	223	84	373
<i>Sparisoma chrysopteryum</i>	1	38	.	39	.	39
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	21	16	7	30	.	37
<i>Sparisoma</i> spp.	.	4	.	4	.	4
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	116	26	82	59	1	142
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	21	4	8	16	1	25
<i>Sphoeroides testudineus</i>	123	32	58	66	31	155
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	152	51	105	93	5	203
<i>Sphyraena picudilla</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	1	1	1	.	1	2
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	140	30	114	54	2	170
<i>Strongylura</i> spp.	.	1	.	.	1	1
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	.	1	.	.	1	1
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	15	.	1	14	.	15
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	3	.	.	2	1	3

Appendix TQ02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata		Zone			Totals
	183-m haul seine		I	J	T	
	Over	Nonover				E=48
	E=146	E=46	E=48	E=48	E=96	E=192
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	5	9	2	9	3	14
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	8	.	3	2	3	8
Totals	18,505	4,866	9,978	10,359	3,034	23,371

Florida Keys

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) is one of the country's largest marine sanctuaries (9,500 km²) and includes the only living barrier coral reef in the continental United States. The Florida Keys are a chain of limestone islands running to the south and then west from the tip of the Florida peninsula, extending from Key Biscayne on the southeastern mainland coast to the Dry Tortugas, over 360 km to the southwest. The coastal and marine areas adjacent to the Keys contain many mangrove islands and extensive seagrass meadows, while to the south and east is the Florida Reef Tract, the third largest barrier reef system in the world (Jaap 1984).

Over 80,000 people reside permanently in the Keys, and more than four million visitors come to the islands annually. Over 70% of these visitors are estimated to use FKNMS waters for fishing, diving, boating, and other ecotourism activities (U.S. Dept. of Commerce 1996). Concerns that over-development of the islands and over-utilization of the surrounding marine environment were leading to environmental degradation were the principal reasons for the formation of the FKNMS (created in 1990). The ecological uniqueness of the area contained within the FKNMS is clearly evidenced by the fact that within its boundaries there are over a dozen previously established marine sanctuaries, wildlife refuges, aquatic preserves and state and national parks.

The FIM program was identified in the FKNMS Final Management Plan (U.S. Dept. of Commerce 1996) as a major component of the Sanctuary's long term fisheries monitoring program. The major program elements continued in 2002 consisted of a fall trawl survey, designed to identify nursery areas and monitor juvenile abundance, and a seasonal (spring through fall) visual census-based survey, designed to assess the relative abundance and population size structure of important reef fish species (primarily the snapper/grouper complex).

The trawl program consists of a single seasonal sampling event conducted from September through October with an objective of monitoring long-term trends in habitat utilization and extreme changes in relative juvenile abundances. Seasonal sampling takes place during late summer and early fall when overall abundances, as well as abundances of the majority of Selected Taxa, are at annual maximums.

The visual survey program consists of a seasonal (spring through fall) sampling period utilizing point count methodology to assess the relative size and abundance of recreationally and commercially important reef fish species. Visual point counts are conducted on the reef from April through October. Visual surveys are not conducted during the winter months due to the increased occurrence of turbidity and inclement weather during this time of year.

The trawling and visual survey programs are based on the standard FIM stratified-random sampling design. A habitat-based site selection process, based on the Florida Keys Benthic Habitat Geographical Information System (FDEP/NOAA 1998), was also employed. Grids containing bottom habitat mapped as continuous or patchy seagrass (with the exception of patchy seagrass habitat in backreef areas, which our reconnaissance surveys showed to contain too many intermixed corals and sponges to allow trawling operations) were included in the trawl survey sampling universe, whereas grids with bottom habitat mapped as reef were included in the visual survey sampling universe.

Trawl sampling was conducted in Zones B, C, and D in September and October 2002 (Figure KY02-01). One three-minute trawl was conducted at each selected site, with a total of 80 sites sampled in September and October. The visual sampling program began in April 2002 and was conducted monthly in Zones A-D through October 2002. Four 5-m radius circular point counts were conducted at each of the 39 selected sites per month, with a total of 273 sites sampled from April through October. Divers enumerated and assigned to distinct size intervals all snappers, groupers, grunts, hogfish, triggerfish, and selected major tropical ornamental species (Table KY02-01). This section summarizes the fourth year of routine Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program sampling in the coastal and oceanic waters of the FKNMS.

Stratified-Random Sampling

A total of 46,225 fishes and selected invertebrates, representing 115 taxa, were collected or recorded during 80 trawl collections and 1,092 visual surveys in 2002 (Table KY02-02; Appendices KY02-01, -02, -03 and -04).

6.1-m Otter Trawls. A total of 5,369 fish and selected invertebrates, representing 73 taxa, were collected in 80 trawl samples in the FKNMS in 2002 (Table KY02-03; Appendices KY02-01 and -02). *Monacanthus ciliatus* (n=941) dominated the overall catch while *Haemulon plumieri* (n=877) dominated the Selected Taxa caught (Tables KY02-03 and -04). This was a change from the 2001 season in which *H. plumieri* dominated both the overall and selected species. Only two other Selected Taxa, *Lutjanus synagris* and *Lutjanus griseus*, were among the ten dominant taxa and accounted for only 3.1%, and 1.4% of the total catch, respectively. In addition to *M. ciliatus* and *H. plumieri*, overall trawl catches were dominated by *Eucinostomus* spp., *Lagodon rhomboides*, and *Eucinostomus gula*, each of which constituted between 12.5% and 16.5% percent of the total catch. Selected Taxa (n=1,294) (which include species from both the statewide FIM Selected Taxa list and the Selected Reef Fish list) comprised 24.1% of the total individuals caught.

There were very clear spatial differences in abundance between areas sampled (Appendix KY02-02). Similar to results seen in 2001, the overall number of animals collected in the Gulfside stratum (G) was more than four times higher than those in the Oceanside stratum (O). The number of animals collected in Zones C and D were more than three times those collected in Zone B. These collections were slightly higher than those reported for the same zones in 2001. However, in 2002 the zone with the highest number of animals collected shifted from C to D. These findings again confirm that the very large seagrass beds in southwestern Florida Bay may be exceptionally important finfish nursery areas within the FKNMS.

Visual Censuses. A total of 40,856 animals of Selected Reef Fish species were recorded during 1,092 5-m radius point counts in 2002 (Tables KY02-02 and -05; Appendices KY02-03 and -04). During point count surveys, 51 of the 53 Selected Reef Fish Species were observed. Overall mean densities observed from point counts were about 48-animals/100 m² and most of these fish were from the smallest size classes (Table KY02-05 and -06).

Once again haemulids strongly dominated the point count observations, accounting for 74.4% of the individuals recorded, with *H. plumieri*, *Haemulon flavolineatum*, *Haemulon aurolineatum*, and *Haemulon sciurus* comprising 61.7% of the

total number of individuals (Table KY02-05). The other major dominant species in the point count surveys was *Ocyurus chrysurus* (8.4% of all individuals; 32.9% of non-grunt species). *Lutjanus griseus*, *Lachnolaimus maximus*, and *Lutjanus apodus* were the second through fourth most abundant non-grunt species. These three species, in addition to *O. chrysurus*, accounted for 62.5% of the non-grunt species observed in point count surveys. Two selected species that had not been reported in previous point counts, *Lutjanus buccanella* and *Mycteroperca interstitialis* were observed for the first time in 2002. Adults of both species are reportedly primarily found in deep water and rarely seen near shore, although juveniles may occasionally be seen on the reefs.

Overall length-frequencies observed during point counts have been largely similar between years for most species. Length ranges and size distributions for economically important species such as *O. chrysurus*, *L. griseus*, *L. maximus*, *Epinephelus morio*, and *Mycteroperca bonaci* shown in Table KY02-06 are typical of what has been observed in previous years. An important exception, however, has been observed in species of *Haemulon*, which have shown large fluctuations in the numbers and proportions of the smallest size class (< 5 cm TL) within species between years. These fluctuations may be, in part, a reflection of true inter-annual differences in juvenile recruitment, but are also clearly influenced by identification problems associated with the presence of large schools of very small individuals. Unless at least some members of these schools are large enough to be visually positively identified to the species level, these fishes can only be recorded to the genus level (*Haemulon* spp.). As a result, numbers reported for this smallest size class should be considered as incomplete on a species by species basis. This issue has not been a problem for the non-haemulid species surveyed, which all appear to recruit to reef habitats at sizes which allow for conclusive visual identification.

Overall numbers of fishes recorded during visual point count surveys were higher during late summer (August and September) than during the other five months in which sampling was completed, but there was limited evidence of distinct seasonal changes in abundance of individual species (Appendix KY02-03). The lowest overall numbers of animals were recorded in April and June (4,405 and 4,627 animals per month,

respectively), while peak numbers were observed during August and September (8,580 and 7,067 animals per month).

Most of the more abundant species were present during all months sampled and exhibited monthly fluctuations that did not show any consistent trends, however two haemulids did show an exception to this pattern. *Haemulon aurolineatum* was present in relatively large numbers in August and September, and *H. flavolineatum* showed a strong peak during August as well (Appendix KY02-03). This summer peak indicates a potentially crucial time period for grunt recruitment and settlement in the Keys.

With respect to sampling areas, Zone D had the highest overall mean count per survey of 93 animals/sample, while Zone B had the lowest at 29 animals/sample (Appendix KY02-04). This was a slight change from 2001 during which Zone C had the highest overall mean count of 47 animals/sample, and Zone D had the lowest at 27 animals/sample. The visual survey results are once again consistent with those obtained by the trawl sampling program in that the largest number of animals/sample were collected in the Middle Keys, indicating the relative importance of the Middle Keys for fish abundance.

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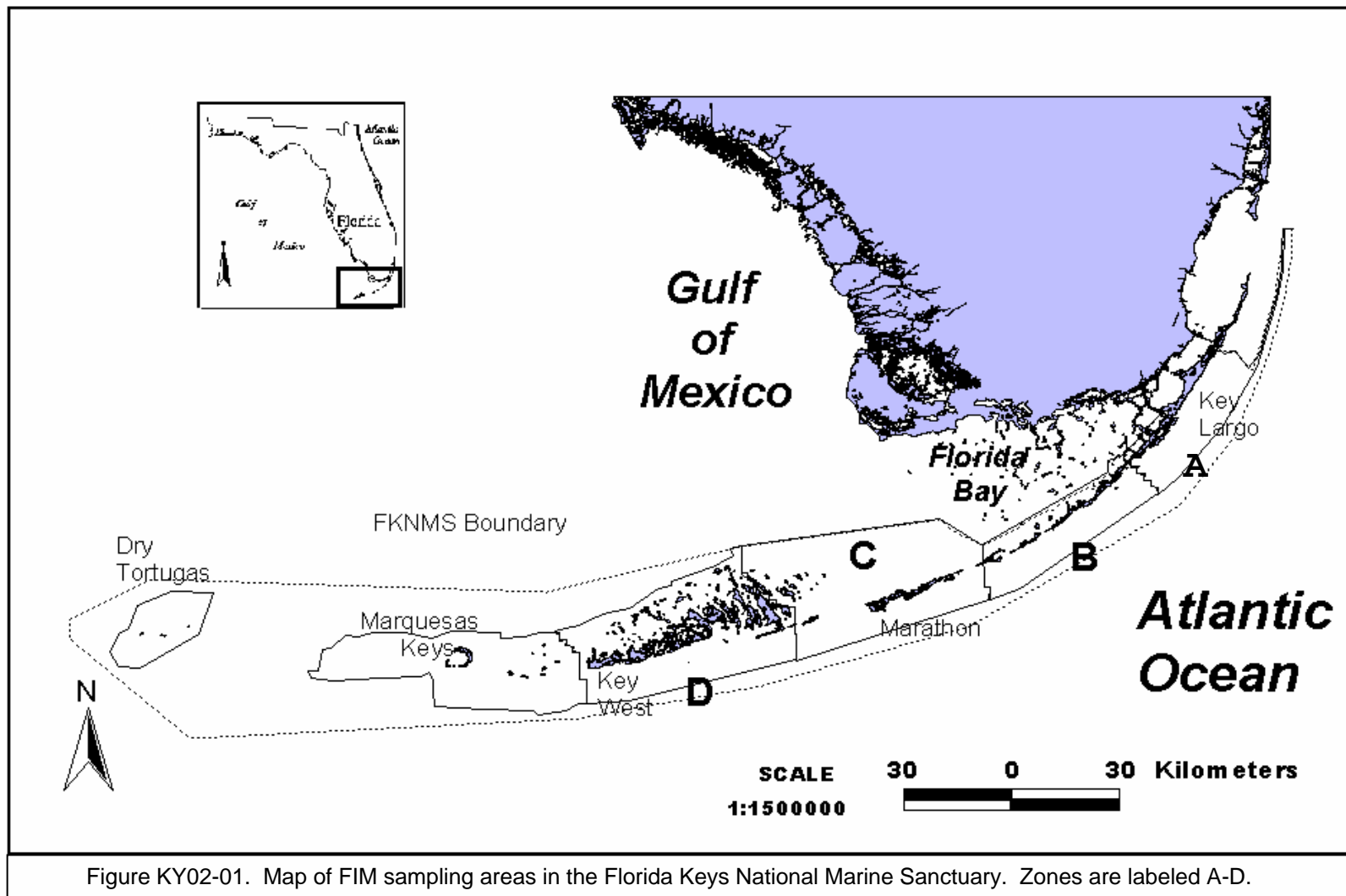


Table KY02-01. Animals designated as Selected Reef Fish Species because of their recreational or commercial importance.

	Scientific Name	Common Name
1	<i>Anisotremus surinamensis</i>	black margate
2	<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	porkfish
3	<i>Balistes capriscus</i>	gray triggerfish
4	<i>Balistes vetula</i>	queen triggerfish
5	<i>Bodianus pulchellus</i>	spotfin hogfish
6	<i>Bodianus rufus</i>	Spanish hogfish
7	<i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i>	ocean triggerfish
8	<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	four-eye butterflyfish
9	<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	spotfin butterflyfish
10	<i>Chaetodon sedentarius</i>	reef butterflyfish
11	<i>Chaetodon striatus</i>	banded butterflyfish
12	<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>	rock hind
13	<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>	graysby
14	<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	coney
15	<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	red hind
16	<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	goliath grouper
17	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	red grouper
18	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	Nassau grouper
19	<i>Haemulon album</i>	margate
20	<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	tomtate
21	<i>Haemulon carbonarium</i>	caesar grunt
22	<i>Haemulon chrysargyreum</i>	smallmouth grunt
23	<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	French grunt
24	<i>Haemulon macrostomum</i>	Spanish grunt
25	<i>Haemulon melanurum</i>	cottonwick
26	<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	sailors choice
27	<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	white grunt
28	<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	bluestriped grunt
29	<i>Haemulon striatum</i>	striped grunt
30	<i>Holacanthus bermudensis</i>	blue angelfish
31	<i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i>	queen angelfish
32	<i>Holacanthus tricolor</i>	rock beauty
33	<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	hogfish
34	<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	mutton snapper
35	<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	schoolmaster
36	<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	blackfin snapper
37	<i>Lutjanus cyanopterus</i>	cupera snapper
38	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	gray snapper
39	<i>Lutjanus jocu</i>	dog snapper
40	<i>Lutjanus mahogoni</i>	mahogany snapper
41	<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	lane snapper
42	<i>Melichthys niger</i>	black durgon
43	<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	black grouper

Table KY02-01. (Continued)

	Scientific Name	Common Name
44	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	gag grouper
45	<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	scamp
46	<i>Mycteroperca tigris</i>	tiger grouper
47	<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	yellowfin grouper
48	<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	yellowmouth grouper
49	<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	yellowtail snapper
50	<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	gray angelfish
51	<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	French angelfish
52	<i>Priacanthus arenatus</i>	bigeye
53	<i>Priacanthus cruentatus</i>	glasseye snapper

Table KY02-02. Summary of effort and catch data for Florida Keys stratified-random sampling, 2002. Zones were located linearly along the Keys island chain from the Upper Keys (Zone A) through the Lower Keys (Zone D).

Zone	6.1-m Otter Trawl		Visual Census		Totals	
	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Counts	Animals	Samples
A			12,253	376	12,253	376
B	518	18	8,079	264	8,597	282
C	2,051	32	10,917	176	12,968	208
D	2,800	30	9,607	276	12,407	306
Totals	5,369	80	40,856	1,092	46,225	1,172

Table KY02-03. Catch statistics for ten dominant taxa collected in 80 seasonal 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Florida Keys stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percentage of the total catch represented by that species; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which the species was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	941	17.5	80.8	2.71	0.36	116.46	14.39	58	0.47	10	104
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	886	16.5	42.3	2.55	0.86	295.65	48.35	28	0.20	15	40
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	877	16.3	70.5	2.53	0.42	146.61	19.11	73	0.96	18	172
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	742	13.8	55.1	2.14	0.38	157.23	19.56	81	0.53	42	147
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	671	12.5	43.6	1.93	0.48	220.94	28.33	53	0.46	40	95
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	169	3.1	46.2	0.49	0.13	233.38	8.77	76	1.94	12	138
<i>Calamus</i> spp.	98	1.8	28.2	0.28	0.06	202.59	2.70	74	1.98	32	165
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	81	1.5	34.6	0.23	0.06	213.61	3.37	127	2.52	62	185
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	75	1.4	29.5	0.22	0.06	246.59	3.60	129	5.11	29	280
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	75	1.4	52.6	0.22	0.03	127.03	1.12	101	3.92	9	181
Subtotal	4,615	85.8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	280
Totals	5,369	100.0	.	15.09	2.03	120.41	88.15	.	.	5	625

Table KY02-04. Catch statistics for Selected taxa collected in 80 seasonal 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Florida Keys stratified random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that species; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which the species was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	877	16.3	70.5	2.53	0.41	146.60	19.11	73	0.96	18	172
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	169	3.1	46.2	0.49	0.12	233.38	8.76	76	1.93	12	138
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	75	1.4	29.5	0.22	0.06	246.58	3.59	129	5.10	29	280
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	30	0.6	12.8	0.08	0.03	353.65	1.79	128	4.55	87	182
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	30	0.6	16.7	0.08	0.02	299.92	1.79	119	8.78	31	235
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	24	0.4	17.9	0.06	0.01	247.38	0.89	48	3.30	17	84
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	18	0.3	11.5	0.05	0.02	348.65	1.12	14	1.20	6	26
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	18	0.3	2.6	0.05	0.04	834.91	3.82	29	1.20	19	39
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	17	0.3	12.8	0.04	0.01	301.71	0.67	72	8.18	34	161
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	9	0.2	1.3	0.02	0.02	883.17	2.02	21	0.63	19	25
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	6	0.1	2.6	0.01	0.01	748.67	1.12	118	12.99	66	152
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	5	0.1	5.1	0.01	0.00	459.46	0.44	42	22.49	5	125
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	5	0.1	5.1	0.01	0.00	459.46	0.44	177	13.07	145	215
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	4	0.1	3.8	0.01	0.00	534.94	0.44	217	36.55	122	295

Table KY02-04. (Continued)

Species	Number		%	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%	Occur	Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	2	0.0	2.6	0.00	0.00	620.43	0.22	104	61.50	42	165
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1	0.0	1.3	0.00	0.00	883.17	0.22	157	.	157	157
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	1	0.0	1.3	0.00	0.00	883.17	0.22	119	.	119	119
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	1	0.0	1.3	0.00	0.00	883.17	0.22	66	.	66	66
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	1	0.0	1.3	0.00	0.00	883.17	0.22	57	.	57	57
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	1	0.0	1.3	0.00	0.00	883.17	0.22	28	.	28	28
Totals	1,294	100.0	.	3.63	0.55	135.62	23.61	.	.	5	295

Table KY02-05. Catch statistics for Selected Reef Fish Species observed in 1,092 point counts during Florida Keys sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percentage of total observations represented by that species; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which the species was observed; CV is the coefficient of variation. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	8,343	20.4	52.1	9.73	0.74	251.54	393.43
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	5,803	14.2	22.7	6.77	1.01	494.33	522.03
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	5,783	14.2	7.2	6.74	1.20	588.59	636.62
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	5,275	12.9	26.5	6.15	0.61	326.28	254.65
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	3,440	8.4	38.6	4.01	0.36	298.16	178.25
<i>Haemulon spp.</i>	2,316	5.7	2.4	2.70	0.82	997.76	636.62
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	1,598	3.9	19.0	1.86	0.23	412.08	101.86
<i>Haemulon chrysargyreum</i>	830	2.0	1.9	0.97	0.36	1,218.55	254.65
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	798	2.0	38.0	0.93	0.05	189.80	17.83
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	710	1.7	7.5	0.83	0.19	770.50	165.52
<i>Haemulon melanurum</i>	685	1.7	2.5	0.80	0.30	1,235.84	222.82
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	652	1.6	19.6	0.76	0.12	519.06	87.85
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	568	1.4	25.5	0.66	0.04	195.53	7.64
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	529	1.3	28.7	0.62	0.04	210.15	16.55
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	395	1.0	20.1	0.46	0.03	214.39	7.64
<i>Haemulon carbonarium</i>	390	1.0	1.3	0.45	0.26	1,913.35	254.65

Table KY02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max
<i>Chaetodon sedentarius</i>	326	0.8	16.8	0.38	0.03	251.02	7.64
<i>Holacanthus tricolor</i>	274	0.7	15.4	0.32	0.03	285.85	8.91
<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>	237	0.6	16.7	0.28	0.02	249.37	3.82
<i>Bodianus rufus</i>	214	0.5	13.8	0.25	0.02	296.39	7.64
<i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i>	200	0.5	13.6	0.23	0.02	279.24	5.09
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	171	0.4	12.7	0.20	0.02	288.21	5.09
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	149	0.4	10.5	0.17	0.02	326.60	5.09
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	148	0.4	10.0	0.17	0.02	347.46	5.09
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	130	0.3	1.6	0.15	0.06	1,264.55	44.56
<i>Holacanthus bermudensis</i>	120	0.3	8.5	0.14	0.02	364.26	5.09
<i>Chaetodon striatus</i>	117	0.3	6.9	0.14	0.02	398.08	5.09
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	104	0.3	7.2	0.12	0.01	389.46	5.09
<i>Haemulon macrostomum</i>	104	0.3	2.2	0.12	0.06	1,575.43	57.30
<i>Haemulon striatum</i>	100	0.2	0.2	0.12	0.08	2,335.59	63.66
<i>Balistes capriscus</i>	71	0.2	3.2	0.08	0.02	712.88	10.19
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	59	0.1	1.6	0.07	0.03	1,321.06	25.46
<i>Anisotremus surinamensis</i>	30	0.1	1.1	0.03	0.02	1,433.37	14.01
<i>Lutjanus mahogoni</i>	29	0.1	1.1	0.03	0.01	1,250.02	8.91

Table KY02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max
<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>	19	0.0	1.6	0.02	0.01	828.47	2.55
<i>Haemulon album</i>	17	0.0	0.5	0.02	0.01	2,119.10	12.73
<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	15	0.0	0.8	0.02	0.01	1,262.16	3.82
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	14	0.0	1.3	0.02	0.00	877.90	1.27
<i>Lutjanus jocu</i>	13	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.00	1,043.77	2.55
<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	11	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.00	991.78	1.27
<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	11	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.00	991.78	1.27
<i>Balistes vetula</i>	11	0.0	0.9	0.01	0.00	1,079.02	2.55
<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	10	0.0	0.7	0.01	0.00	1,318.63	3.82
<i>Bodianus pulchellus</i>	7	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.00	1,413.34	2.55
<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	6	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.00	1,555.28	2.55
<i>Priacanthus arenatus</i>	4	0.0	0.4	0.00	0.00	1,650.00	1.27
<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	4	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	3,304.54	5.09
<i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i>	4	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	2,022.06	2.55
<i>Melichthys niger</i>	4	0.0	0.2	0.00	0.00	2,335.59	2.55
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	3	0.0	0.2	0.00	0.00	2,462.16	2.55
<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	3	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,906.13	1.27
<i>Priacanthus cruentatus</i>	2	0.0	0.2	0.00	0.00	2,335.59	1.27

Table KY02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max
Haemulids	30,387	74.4	.	35.43			
Other Species	10,469	25.6	.	12.21			
Totals	40,856	100.0	.	47.64	2.61	181.25	739.75

Table KY02-06. Size distribution of Selected Reef Fishes recorded during 1,092 visual point count surveys in the Florida Keys during 2002.

Scientific Name	ESTIMATED TOTAL LENGTHS (cm)																Totals	
	< 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100		100+
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	872	451	1,720	3,002	1,879	396	23											8,343
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	2,518	714	1,795	714	61	1												5,803
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	4,343	703	478	254	5													5,783
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	81	175	920	2,469	1,319	279	32											5,275
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	7	233	409	1,141	947	440	173	71	17		2							3,440
<i>Haemulon spp.</i>	2,316																	2,316
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>		9	108	216	381	409	227	124	68	27	12	17						1,598
<i>Haemulon chrysargyreum</i>	330	88	294	118														830
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>		2	20	196	304	166	72	23	10	1	2	1	1					798
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>		7	38	159	235	96	118	23	34									710
<i>Haemulon melanurum</i>	333	73	200	52	27													685
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	43	19	67	201	244	67	10	1										652
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	35	495	37		1													568
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>		6	11	47	95	151	151	53	15									529
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>		69	324	2														395
<i>Haemulon carbonarium</i>	35	289	25	24	16	1												390
<i>Chaetodon sedentarius</i>	37	242	39	8														326
<i>Holacanthus tricolor</i>	58	89	82	42	2		1											274
<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>		14	55	102	51	10	4	1										237
<i>Bodianus rufus</i>	70	37	22	25	30	22	8											214
<i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i>	9	6	25	30	55	38	26	8	2	1								200
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>			1		4	12	32	41	33	19	9	9	10	1				171
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>				4	21	11	25	28	18	10	7	10	6	5	3		1	149
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>				3		6	13	23	30	23	17	17	12	3		1		148
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>		3	13	55	49	8	2											130
<i>Holacanthus bermudensis</i>	3	1	3	8	17	36	26	22	4									120
<i>Chaetodon striatus</i>	5	52	56	4														117
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	1	2	8	10	23	28	23	5	3	1								104
<i>Haemulon macrostomum</i>	7	10	2	8	29	32	14	1	1									104
<i>Haemulon striatum</i>	80	20																100
<i>Balistes capriscus</i>			12	24	23	6	3	2	1									71
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	20	1	4	3	13	18												59
<i>Anisotremus surinamensis</i>				4		3	9	4	7	2	1							30
<i>Lutjanus mahogoni</i>			1		8	4	8	6		2								29
<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>				1	5	8	2	2	1									19
<i>Haemulon album</i>					4	10		1		1	1							17
<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>			1	3	2	3	3	1	1	1								15
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>							1	3	3	1	2	1	2	1				14

Table KY02-06. (Continued)

Scientific Name	ESTIMATED TOTAL LENGTHS (cm)														Totals			
	< 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-70	70-80		80-90	90-100	100+
<i>Lutjanus jocu</i>				1			3	6		2		1						13
<i>Balistes vetula</i>				1	1	1	3	3	2									11
<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>						1		2		1	2	1	4					11
<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>		3	4	3		1												11
<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>					2		1	2	2	2	1							10
<i>Bodianus pulchellus</i>		5	2															7
<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>						2					1	3						6
<i>Priacanthus arenatus</i>				1	1		1			1								4
<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	4																	4
<i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i>							2	2										4
<i>Melichthys niger</i>					2	2												4
<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>					1	1		1										3
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>													1			1	1	3
<i>Priacanthus cruentatus</i>						1		1										2
Totals	11,207	3,818	6,776	8,935	5,857	2,270	1,016	460	252	95	57	60	36	10	3	2	2	40,856

Appendix KY02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Florida Keys stratified-random sampling, 2002. Listing is sorted alphabetically by taxa. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'.

Species	Month		
	Sep	Oct	Totals
	E=39	E=41	E=80
<i>Ahlia egmontis</i>	.	1	1
<i>Anarchopterus criniger</i>	.	1	1
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	5	1	6
<i>Archosargus rhomboidalis</i>	12	13	25
<i>Astrapogon stellatus</i>	.	1	1
<i>Bairdiella batabana</i>	2	3	5
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	1	14	15
<i>Bothus ocellatus</i>	5	5	10
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	17	8	25
<i>Calamus proridens</i>	3	2	5
<i>Calamus</i> spp.	68	30	98
<i>Caranx ruber</i>	1.		1
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	1.		1
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	1.		1
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	15	16	31
<i>Cosmocampus albirostris</i>	1	1	2
<i>Cryptotomus roseus</i>	.	8	8
<i>Diodon holocanthus</i>	1	6	7
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	9	2	11
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	4	1	5
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	535	136	671
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	811	75	886
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	14	4	18
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	1.		1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	1.		1
<i>Gobiosoma macrodon</i>	.	1	1
<i>Gymnothorax saxicola</i>	.	1	1
<i>Gymnothorax vicinus</i>	.	1	1
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	.	9	9
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	1	17	18
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	488	389	877

Appendix KY02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month		
	Sep	Oct	Totals
	E=39	E=41	E=80
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	26	4	30
<i>Haemulon</i> spp.	4	10	14
<i>Halichoeres bivittatus</i>	.	4	4
<i>Hemipteronotus splendens</i>	.	1	1
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	3	2	5
<i>Hypoplectrus unicolor</i>	22	18	40
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	2	28	30
<i>Lactophrys bicaudalis</i>	.	1	1
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	36	39	75
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	7	1	8
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	470	272	742
<i>Lucania parva</i>	15	8	23
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	1	.	1
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	59	16	75
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	128	41	169
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	4	1	5
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	485	456	941
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	31	21	52
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1	.	1
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	33	48	81
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	8	9	17
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	.	1	1
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	29	19	48
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	38	11	49
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	16	8	24
<i>Paraclinus fasciatus</i>	1	.	1
<i>Paraclinus marmoratus</i>	1	.	1
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	4	.	4
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	.	1	1
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	.	2	2
<i>Pseudupeneus maculatus</i>	.	1	1
Scaridae spp.	.	6	6
<i>Scarus</i> spp.	.	7	7
<i>Scarus taeniopterus</i>	3	.	3

Appendix KY02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month		
	Sep	Oct	Totals
	E=39	E=41	E=80
<i>Scorpaena brasiliensis</i>	3	7	10
<i>Scorpaena grandicornis</i>	1	.	1
<i>Sparisoma chrysopterum</i>	22	33	55
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	1	5	6
<i>Sparisoma rubripinne</i>	.	1	1
<i>Sparisoma spp.</i>	6	1	7
<i>Sparisoma viride</i>	.	3	3
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	7	24	31
<i>Starksia ocellata</i>	.	1	1
<i>Syacium papillosum</i>	.	1	1
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	13	12	25
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	1	.	1
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	16	2	18
<i>Urolophus jamaicensis</i>	1	2	3
Totals	3495	1874	5369

Appendix KY02-02. Summary by stratum (G = Gulfside, O = Oceanside) and zone of species collected during Florida Keys stratified-random seasonal 6.1-m otter trawl sampling, 2002. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are listed in alphabetical order.

Species	Gear		Zone			Totals
	6.1-m otter trawl		B	C	D	
	Gulf	Ocean				
	E=51	E=29	E=18	E=32	E=30		E=80
<i>Ahlia egmontis</i>	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Anarchopterus criniger</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	6	.	.	1	5	6
<i>Archosargus rhomboidalis</i>	25	.	.	22	3	25
<i>Astrapogon stellatus</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Bairdiella batabana</i>	5	.	.	4	1	5
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	15	.	.	15	.	15
<i>Bothus ocellatus</i>	4	6	4	1	5	10
<i>Calamus arctifrons</i>	25	.	1	9	15	25
<i>Calamus proridens</i>	4	1	1	1	3	5
<i>Calamus</i> spp.	98	.	.	36	62	98
<i>Caranx ruber</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	24	7	12	8	11	31
<i>Cosmocampus albirostris</i>	2	.	1	.	1	2
<i>Cryptotomus roseus</i>	.	8	2	6	.	8
<i>Diodon holocanthus</i>	.	7	3	3	1	7
<i>Diplectrum formosum</i>	9	2	2	.	9	11
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	2	3	1	.	4	5
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	668	3	3	198	470	671
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	884	2	.	120	766	886
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	15	3	4	.	14	18
<i>Floridichthys carpio</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Gobiosoma macrodon</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Gymnothorax saxicola</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Gymnothorax vicinus</i>	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	.	9	9	.	.	9
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	1	17	17	.	1	18

Appendix KY02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear		Zone			Totals
	6.1-m otter trawl		B	C	D	
	Gulf	Ocean				E=18
	E=51	E=29	E=18	E=32	E=30	E=80
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	697	180	163	361	353	877
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	22	8	1	4	25	30
<i>Haemulon</i> spp.	4	10	10	.	4	14
<i>Halichoeres bivittatus</i>	.	4	4	.	.	4
<i>Hemipteronotus splendens</i>	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	3	2	2	.	3	5
<i>Hypoplectrus unicolor</i>	40	.	.	27	13	40
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	30	.	1	29	.	30
<i>Lactophrys bicaudalis</i>	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Lactophrys quadricornis</i>	56	19	11	35	29	75
<i>Lactophrys trigonus</i>	7	1	1	.	7	8
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	712	30	12	424	306	742
<i>Lucania parva</i>	23	.	.	23	.	23
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	75	.	.	28	47	75
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	151	18	.	57	112	169
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	4	1	1	.	4	5
<i>Monacanthus ciliatus</i>	789	152	158	439	344	941
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	41	11	6	22	24	52
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Nicholsina usta</i>	81	.	.	66	15	81
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	13	4	3	10	4	17
<i>Ogcocephalus radiatus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Opsanus beta</i>	38	10	8	22	18	48
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	49	.	.	17	32	49
<i>Panulirus argus</i>	21	3	5	6	13	24
<i>Paraclinus fasciatus</i>	1	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Paraclinus marmoratus</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	4	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	.	2	2	.	.	2
<i>Pseudupeneus maculatus</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
Scaridae spp.	.	6	6	.	.	6

Appendix KY02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear		Zone			Totals
	6.1-m otter trawl		B	C	D	
	Gulf	Ocean				
	E=51	E=29	E=18	E=32	E=30	E=80
<i>Scarus</i> spp.	1	6	7	.	.	7
<i>Scarus taeniopterus</i>	.	3	.	.	3	3
<i>Scorpaena brasiliensis</i>	3	7	6	2	2	10
<i>Scorpaena grandicornis</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Sparisoma chrysopterygum</i>	33	22	16	20	19	55
<i>Sparisoma radians</i>	3	3	5	1	.	6
<i>Sparisoma rubripinne</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Sparisoma</i> spp.	.	7	.	1	6	7
<i>Sparisoma viride</i>	2	1	1	2	.	3
<i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i>	12	19	16	8	7	31
<i>Starksia ocellata</i>	.	1	1	.	.	1
<i>Syacium papillosum</i>	.	1	.	1	.	1
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	20	5	6	7	12	25
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	1	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	18	.	1	2	15	18
<i>Urolophus jamaicensis</i>	2	1	.	3	.	3
Totals	4,755	614	518	2,051	2,800	5,369

Appendix KY02-03. Monthly summary of Selected Reef species observed during Florida Keys visual surveys (point counts) 2002. Effort, or total number of surveys, is labeled "E". Taxa are listed in alphabetical order.

Species	Month							Totals E=1,092
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	
<i>Anisotremus surinamensis</i>	1	6	.	2	3	3	15	30
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	216	81	70	61	101	77	46	652
<i>Balistes capriscus</i>	14	18	3	12	18	5	1	71
<i>Balistes vetula</i>	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	11
<i>Bodianus pulchellus</i>	1	3	.	.	.	2	1	7
<i>Bodianus rufus</i>	29	31	22	31	38	35	28	214
<i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i>	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	84	62	80	74	82	97	89	568
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	53	61	55	58	73	44	51	395
<i>Chaetodon sedentarius</i>	61	40	39	41	54	52	39	326
<i>Chaetodon striatus</i>	17	14	7	18	22	20	19	117
<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>	4	5	3	2	4	1	.	19
<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>	49	26	32	22	42	42	24	237
<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	1	1	1	4	1	2	1	11
<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	.	7	4	1	.	3	.	15
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	3
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	30	34	29	17	21	25	15	171
<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	5	2	.	.	1	1	2	11
<i>Haemulon album</i>	5	1	.	.	10	.	1	17
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	264	190	775	809	1,515	1,617	613	5,783
<i>Haemulon carbonarium</i>	4	20	49	2	.	212	103	390
<i>Haemulon chrysargyreum</i>	74	296	58	25	202	85	90	830
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	532	1,026	376	395	2,306	489	679	5,803
<i>Haemulon macrostomum</i>	5	15	19	46	3	3	13	104

Appendix KY02-03. (Continued)

Species	Month							
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Totals
	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=1,092
<i>Haemulon melanurum</i>	.	295	5	8	59	153	165	685
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	9	6	5	.	30	9	.	59
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	880	1,041	1,389	967	1,406	1,477	1,183	8,343
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	595	652	692	587	981	1,171	597	5,275
<i>Haemulon spp.</i>	.	658	36	765	232	541	84	2,316
<i>Haemulon striatum</i>	.	.	.	100	.	.	.	100
<i>Holacanthus bermudensis</i>	22	12	14	11	19	23	19	120
<i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i>	23	41	27	19	27	29	34	200
<i>Holacanthus tricolor</i>	30	37	29	34	47	52	45	274
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	105	94	125	135	164	83	92	798
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	28	32	15	9	34	19	11	148
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	176	87	18	224	112	71	22	710
<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	4
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	310	128	197	169	266	79	449	1,598
<i>Lutjanus jocu</i>	2	.	1	3	3	3	1	13
<i>Lutjanus mahogoni</i>	5	1	.	10	8	2	3	29
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	10	32	3	.	49	7	29	130
<i>Melichthys niger</i>	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	4
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	30	22	18	15	25	22	17	149
<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	3
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	4	2	5	1	1	1	.	14
<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	6	1	.	.	1	1	1	10
<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	4	.	.	1	.	1	.	6
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	613	355	338	749	473	417	495	3,440
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	81	63	71	65	121	70	58	529
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	13	17	15	12	18	15	14	104

Appendix KY02-03. (Continued)

Species	Month							
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Totals
	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=156	E=1,092
<i>Priacanthus arenatus</i>	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	4
<i>Priacanthus cruentatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2
Totals	4,405	5,519	4,627	5,507	8,580	7,067	5,151	40,856

Appendix KY02-04. Summary by zone of species collected during Florida Keys visual surveys (point counts), 2002. Effort, or total number of surveys, is labeled "E".

Species	Zone				Point Count
	A	B	C	D	Totals
	E=376	E=264	E=176	E=276	E=1092
<i>Anisotremus surinamensis</i>	19	8	2	1	30
<i>Anisotremus virginicus</i>	134	228	111	179	652
<i>Balistes capriscus</i>	13	44	6	8	71
<i>Balistes vetula</i>	8	2	1	.	11
<i>Bodianus pulchellus</i>	.	.	2	5	7
<i>Bodianus rufus</i>	54	50	45	65	214
<i>Canthidermis sufflamen</i>	1	2	.	1	4
<i>Chaetodon capistratus</i>	76	123	92	277	568
<i>Chaetodon ocellatus</i>	66	107	80	142	395
<i>Chaetodon sedentarius</i>	84	91	25	126	326
<i>Chaetodon striatus</i>	25	19	19	54	117
<i>Epinephelus adscensionis</i>	.	3	5	11	19
<i>Epinephelus cruentatus</i>	39	90	43	65	237
<i>Epinephelus fulvus</i>	.	2	6	3	11
<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	6	2	3	4	15
<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	.	.	2	1	3
<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	71	52	21	27	171
<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	4	1	4	2	11
<i>Haemulon album</i>	1	5	11	.	17
<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	1,623	620	3,023	517	5,783
<i>Haemulon carbonarium</i>	335	36	14	5	390
<i>Haemulon chrysargyreum</i>	201	180	433	16	830
<i>Haemulon flavolineatum</i>	1,518	1,595	1,427	1,263	5,803
<i>Haemulon macrostomum</i>	5	68	22	9	104
<i>Haemulon melanurum</i>	465	8	54	158	685
<i>Haemulon parrai</i>	30	21	2	6	59
<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	3,119	1,481	1,947	1,796	8,343
<i>Haemulon sciurus</i>	1,412	1,623	1,258	982	5,275
<i>Haemulon spp.</i>	665	126	674	851	2,316
<i>Haemulon striatum</i>	.	50	.	50	100
<i>Holacanthus bermudensis</i>	24	17	27	52	120

Appendix KY02-04. (Continued)

Species	Zone				Point Count
	A	B	C	D	Totals
	E=376	E=264	E=176	E=276	E=1092
<i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i>	75	31	31	63	200
<i>Holacanthus tricolor</i>	61	74	46	93	274
<i>Lachnolaimus maximus</i>	207	234	179	178	798
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	89	25	17	17	148
<i>Lutjanus apodus</i>	100	284	160	166	710
<i>Lutjanus buccanella</i>	4	.	.	.	4
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	498	201	366	533	1,598
<i>Lutjanus jocu</i>	8	.	2	3	13
<i>Lutjanus mahogoni</i>	3	2	14	10	29
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	.	25	59	46	130
<i>Melichthys niger</i>	4	.	.	.	4
<i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i>	31	50	33	35	149
<i>Mycteroperca interstitialis</i>	.	2	.	1	3
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	3	4	7	14
<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	1	3	.	6	10
<i>Mycteroperca venenosa</i>	1	.	.	5	6
<i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i>	929	351	552	1,608	3,440
<i>Pomacanthus arcuatus</i>	207	110	80	132	529
<i>Pomacanthus paru</i>	36	29	14	25	104
<i>Priacanthus arenatus</i>	.	.	1	3	4
<i>Priacanthus cruentatus</i>	1	1	.	.	2
Totals	12,253	8,079	10,917	9,607	40,856

Northeast Florida

Northeast Florida is located in the southern region of the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Within this area lie three distinct waterways sampled by the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program: the lower St. Marys River Basin, the lower Nassau River Basin, and the lower St. Johns River Basin (Figure JX02-01). The lower St. Marys River Basin (4,092 km²) encompasses the St. Marys River, Cumberland Sound, Amelia River (Intracoastal Waterway), and numerous tributaries. The lower Nassau River Basin (1,114 km²) encompasses the Nassau River, Ft. George River, and many smaller tributaries. The lower St. Johns River Basin (7,123 km²) is the drainage area for two sub-basins: the upper St. Johns River Basin and the Oklawaha River (Durako et al. 1988). The lower St. Johns is also commonly referred to as the St. Johns Estuary, indicating the area's potential importance as breeding and feeding grounds to local species of fish and wildlife (FIM Annual Report, 2001).

This section summarizes the monthly stratified-random sampling (SRS) data collected by the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program in northeast Florida during 2002. The sampling area included five zones: the lower St. Marys River Basin (Zone A), the lower Nassau River Basin (Zone B), and the lower St. Johns River (Zones C, D and E; Figure JX02-01). Monthly SRS was conducted using 21.3-m river seines, 183-m haul seines, and 6.1-m otter trawls. Eighty sites were sampled per month throughout the sampling universe with all gear types used in all zones. All gear deployment methods were the same as those described in the Methods section of this report. Several grids were eliminated from the sampling universe for each of the three gear types beginning January 2002. The grids were eliminated because they could not be sampled due to excessive water depth, mud depth, lack of proper shoreline, or the waterway was too narrow for the gear to be deployed properly.

Stratified-Random Sampling

A total of 198,370 fish and selected invertebrates were collected during northeast Florida SRS in 2002 (Table JX02-01; Appendices JX02-01 and -02). One hundred forty-five species were represented in 959 samples. *Anchoa mitchilli* were the most abundant fish collected (n=77,268), comprising 39.0 % of the 2002 total catch. Other small forage

fishes were also among the most dominant species, including *Menidia menidia* (n=25,195), *Anchoa hepsetus* (n=21,852), *Menidia* spp. (n=8,880), *Brevoortia* spp. (n=5,693), and *Fundulus heteroclitus* (n=5,000). Four Selected Taxa were among the 10 dominant taxa collected: *Litopenaeus setiferus* (n=9,436), *Mugil cephalus* (n=6,391), *Micropogonias undulatus* (n=4,896), *Stellifer lanceolatus* (n=4,676), and *Leiostomus xanthurus* (n=2,921), accounted for 11.9% of the total catch.

21.3-m River Seines. A total of 148,219 animals were collected in 384 21.3-m river seine samples, representing 74.7 % of the total annual SRS catch (Tables JX02-01 and -02). The most abundant species was *A. mitchilli* (n=62,522) accounting for 42.2 % of the total catch. *Menida menidia* (n=25,195), *A. hepsetus* (n=21,565) and *Menidia* spp. (n=8,880) were also collected in large numbers. The ten most abundant taxa accounted for 94 % of the total catch with this gear (Table JX02-02).

Selected Taxa (n=14,812; 29 taxa) accounted for 10 % of the animals collected in 21.3-m river seines (Table JX02-03). *Litopenaeus setiferus* (n=7,136) was the most numerous of the Selected Taxa, occurring in 31.5 % of 21.3-m river seines. *Mugil cephalus* (n=3,337), *L. xanthurus* (n=1,729), *M. undulatus* (n=499), *Farfantepenaeus duorarum* (n=430), *Mugil curema* (n=373), *Callinectes sapidus* (n=330) and *Trachinotus carolinus* (n=310) were also abundant among the Selected Taxa.

183-m Haul Seines. A total of 17,628 animals were collected in 192 seine hauls (Tables JX02-01 and -04). The two most abundant taxa collected with the 183-m haul seine were *Brevoortia* spp. (n=5,587) and *M. cephalus* (n=3,052). These two taxa accounted for 49.0 % of the total catch with this gear.

There were 29 Selected Taxa represented in 183-m haul seine samples (Table JX02-05). In addition to *M. cephalus* (n=3,052), the other abundant Selected Taxa collected were *L. xanthurus* (n=904), *M. curema* (n=674), *C. sapidus* (n=241), *L. setiferus* (n=236) and *Cynoscion nebulosus* (n=225).

6.1-m Otter trawls. A total of 32,523 fish and selected invertebrates were collected in 383 samples (Tables JX02-01 and -06). *Anchoa mitchilli* (n=14,746) was the most abundant, accounting for 45.3 % of the total catch. *Stellifer lanceolatus*, (n=4,669), *M. undulatus* (n=4,285) and *L. setiferus* (n=2,064) were also collected in large numbers. Three taxa, *Cynoscion regalis* (n=651), *S. lanceolatus* (n=4,669), and *M. undulatus*

(n=4,285), were more abundant in otter trawl collections compared to the other gears (Appendix JX02-02).

Twenty-five Selected Taxa (n=9,120) were collected in 6.1-m otter trawls, comprising 28.0 % of the total catch (Table JX02-07). The most numerous were *M. undulatus* (n=4,285) and *L. setiferus* (n=2,064). *Cynoscion regalis* (n=651), *C. sapidus* (n=597), *Menticirrhus americanus* (n=458), and *F. duorarum* (n=437) were also present in large numbers.

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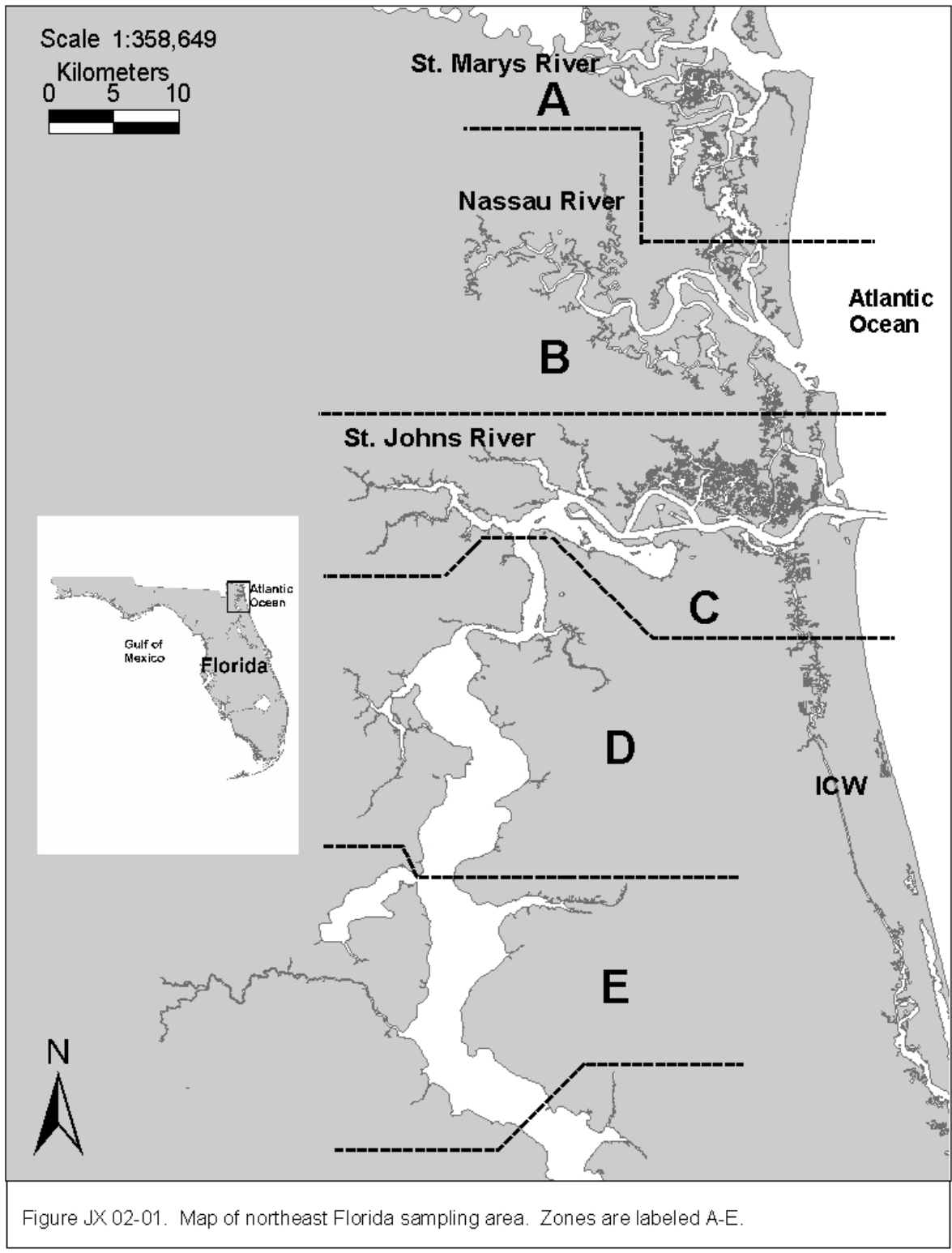


Table JX02-01. Summary of catch and effort data for Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002.

Zone	21.3-m river seine		183-m haul seine		6.1-m otter trawl		Totals	
	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls	Animals	Hauls
A	44,333	96	4,648	48	15,113	96	64,094	240
B	32,891	96	3,677	47	6,982	95	43,550	238
C	54,818	96	8,073	49	4,725	96	67,616	241
D	12,164	49	397	24	2,765	50	15,326	123
E	4,013	47	833	24	2,938	46	7,784	117
Totals	148,219	384	17,628	192	32,523	383	198,370	959

Table JX02-02. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 384 21.3-m river seine samples during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	62,522	42.2	56.5	239.44	45.02	368.49	10,070.59	33	0.03	16	71
<i>Menidia menidia</i>	25,195	17.0	28.4	96.49	40.03	812.93	13,505.88	34	0.06	21	85
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	21,565	14.5	28.9	82.59	27.39	649.87	6,263.24	34	0.06	10	92
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	8,880	6.0	47.4	34.01	7.11	409.72	1,470.59	42	0.15	12	88
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	7,136	4.8	31.5	27.33	5.13	367.93	941.18	12	0.05	2	29
<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>	4,997	3.4	26.8	19.14	6.70	685.94	1,917.65	38	0.16	14	83
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,337	2.3	31.8	12.78	4.26	653.20	1,242.65	29	0.54	16	312
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	2,129	1.4	14.6	8.15	3.66	879.21	1,157.35	34	0.33	7	151
<i>Membras martinica</i>	1,791	1.2	8.1	6.86	2.88	823.73	792.65	38	0.25	14	62
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,729	1.2	30.5	6.62	1.20	355.86	202.94	32	0.52	6	157
Subtotal	139,281	94.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	312
Totals	148,219	100.0	.	567.63	80.17	276.76	18,585.29	.	.	2	689

Table JX02-03. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 384 21.3-m river seine samples during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	7,136	4.8	31.5	27.33	5.13	367.93	941.18	12	0.05	2	29
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,337	2.3	31.8	12.78	4.26	653.20	1,242.65	29	0.54	16	312
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,729	1.2	30.5	6.62	1.20	355.86	202.94	32	0.52	6	157
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	499	0.3	19.8	1.91	0.57	584.78	189.71	30	0.80	10	158
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	430	0.3	13.5	1.65	0.51	606.85	155.88	11	0.16	4	22
<i>Mugil curema</i>	373	0.3	13.5	1.43	0.43	591.58	116.18	46	1.66	18	182
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	330	0.2	22.9	1.26	0.18	285.55	39.71	46	2.03	6	182
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	310	0.2	3.6	1.19	0.45	750.46	86.76	30	0.84	10	69
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	139	0.1	12.0	0.53	0.12	447.88	30.88	48	3.16	12	217
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	88	0.1	10.7	0.34	0.07	407.39	13.24	53	7.06	10	330
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	72	0.0	1.6	0.28	0.25	1,770.86	95.59	40	1.86	16	105
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	70	0.0	3.4	0.27	0.12	906.24	42.65	12	0.57	5	23
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	47	0.0	3.4	0.18	0.07	710.02	16.18	29	2.21	10	64
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	44	0.0	4.7	0.17	0.06	695.10	16.18	33	3.44	11	124
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	40	0.0	6.5	0.15	0.04	490.13	10.29	70	7.64	16	203
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	37	0.0	3.1	0.14	0.06	796.23	14.71	58	4.17	18	103

Table JX02-03. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	33	0.0	6.0	0.13	0.03	490.90	7.35	108	17.14	11	293
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	20	0.0	1.0	0.08	0.05	1,213.36	16.18	63	2.94	34	90
<i>Elops saurus</i>	18	0.0	2.9	0.07	0.03	732.52	7.35	63	6.56	30	121
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	15	0.0	1.0	0.06	0.04	1,243.82	11.76	42	5.35	23	93
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	14	0.0	3.1	0.05	0.02	586.13	2.94	133	28.72	16	436
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	9	0.0	1.3	0.03	0.02	1,169.78	7.35	46	8.66	20	86
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	9	0.0	1.8	0.03	0.01	838.42	4.41	139	17.02	80	211
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	7	0.0	0.5	0.03	0.02	1,702.10	8.82	85	7.71	41	101
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,383.83	1.47	45	31.00	14	76
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,959.59	1.47	95	.	95	95
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,959.59	1.47	155	.	155	155
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,959.59	1.47	19	.	19	19
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,959.59	1.47	55	.	55	55
Totals	14,812	10.0	84.1	56.72	7.21	249.05	1,247.06	.	.	2	436

Table JX02-04. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 192 183-m haul seine samples during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	5,587	31.7	20.3	29.10	21.18	1,008.59	3,922.00	112	0.26	40	225
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,052	17.3	72.4	15.90	4.68	407.64	854.00	199	0.76	23	396
<i>Stomolophus meleagris</i>	1,422	8.1	10.9	7.41	6.49	1,213.86	1,243.00	63	0.29	35	125
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	1,024	5.8	54.2	5.33	0.80	208.67	89.00	226	1.77	97	661
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	904	5.1	42.7	4.71	1.42	417.15	201.00	121	0.81	75	250
<i>Mugil curema</i>	674	3.8	35.4	3.51	0.72	285.30	66.00	143	1.40	103	337
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	651	3.7	34.4	3.39	0.83	338.35	125.00	104	0.87	63	180
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	411	2.3	21.4	2.14	0.65	423.26	80.00	124	0.80	98	175
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	374	2.1	9.4	1.95	1.47	1,045.72	278.00	119	1.13	13	184
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	241	1.4	30.2	1.26	0.25	274.68	24.00	97	2.53	30	222
Subtotal	14,340	81.3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	661
Totals	17,628	100.0	.	91.81	22.92	345.93	3,952.00	.	.	11	1213

Table JX02-05. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 192 183-m haul seine samples during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean catch-per-unit-effort.

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,052	17.3	72.4	15.90	4.68	407.64	854.00	199	0.76	23	396
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	904	5.1	42.7	4.71	1.42	417.15	201.00	121	0.81	75	250
<i>Mugil curema</i>	674	3.8	35.4	3.51	0.72	285.30	66.00	143	1.40	103	337
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	241	1.4	30.2	1.26	0.25	274.68	24.00	97	2.53	30	222
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	236	1.3	7.8	1.23	0.68	760.96	104.00	24	0.30	11	37
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	225	1.3	28.6	1.17	0.25	300.93	35.00	267	4.90	117	568
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	214	1.2	29.2	1.11	0.22	275.08	26.00	276	6.26	67	483
<i>Elops saurus</i>	191	1.1	24.5	0.99	0.23	322.76	28.00	287	5.69	126	532
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	122	0.7	20.3	0.64	0.13	285.93	11.00	361	8.76	108	631
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	112	0.6	12.0	0.58	0.24	577.38	41.00	158	3.93	85	275
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	111	0.6	21.4	0.58	0.14	331.81	19.00	193	7.16	75	347
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	108	0.6	14.1	0.56	0.15	366.84	16.00	211	6.24	81	391
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	70	0.4	15.6	0.36	0.09	350.83	13.00	219	10.02	129	497
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	61	0.3	2.1	0.32	0.26	1,125.83	49.00	121	5.25	71	265
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	54	0.3	10.9	0.28	0.09	421.81	10.00	241	9.29	86	361
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	26	0.1	2.6	0.14	0.09	916.93	16.00	23	0.74	11	31

Table JX02-05. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Catch-per-unit-effort (animals/set)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	25	0.1	7.3	0.13	0.05	555.00	9.00	186	10.37	112	275
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	23	0.1	10.9	0.12	0.03	309.44	3.00	124	7.49	65	186
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	15	0.1	4.2	0.08	0.03	522.52	3.00	158	12.90	85	230
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	15	0.1	4.2	0.08	0.03	584.50	5.00	153	7.76	125	241
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	11	0.1	2.1	0.06	0.04	860.02	6.00	165	21.07	52	271
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	4	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.01	977.23	2.00	32	0.25	32	33
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	4	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.02	1,093.72	3.00	103	6.84	90	121
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	3	0.0	1.0	0.02	0.01	1,030.63	2.00	171	16.18	148	202
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	3	0.0	1.6	0.02	0.01	795.80	1.00	266	116.43	125	497
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.01	977.23	1.00	69	32.50	36	101
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	2	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	2.00	225	45.00	180	270
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	2	0.0	1.0	0.01	0.01	977.23	1.00	209	26.50	182	235
<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>	1	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	1,385.64	1.00	153	.	153	153
Totals	6,511	36.9	93.8	33.91	5.55	226.84	940.00	.	.	11	631

Table JX02-06. Catch statistics for 10 dominant taxa collected in 383 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	14,746	45.3	52.7	5.20	1.02	384.04	192.12	38	0.07	10	78
<i>Stellifer lanceolatus</i>	4,669	14.4	10.4	1.65	1.03	1,224.61	318.81	19	0.16	11	100
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	4,285	13.2	42.6	1.53	0.33	416.97	100.78	36	0.31	8	230
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	2,064	6.3	46.0	0.73	0.12	322.60	30.49	17	0.13	2	45
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	674	2.1	25.6	0.25	0.06	455.56	12.82	44	0.80	8	153
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	651	2.0	22.7	0.23	0.05	444.51	10.52	43	0.92	9	220
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	597	1.8	40.5	0.21	0.02	218.99	4.05	77	1.70	10	195
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	458	1.4	20.4	0.16	0.04	506.45	10.39	36	1.03	11	240
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	437	1.3	27.7	0.16	0.02	297.39	3.78	17	0.35	4	39
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	361	1.1	18.5	0.13	0.03	479.25	7.69	75	0.90	24	124
Subtotal	28,942	88.9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	240
Totals	32,523	100.0	.	11.51	1.55	263.14	333.38	.	.	2	722

Table JX02-07. Catch statistics for Selected Taxa collected in 383 river 6.1-m otter trawl samples during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Percent (%) is the percent of the total catch represented by that taxon; percent occurrence (% Occur) is the percentage of samples in which that taxon was collected; CV is the coefficient of variation of the mean. Taxa are ranked in order of decreasing mean density.

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	4,285	13.2	42.6	1.53	0.33	416.97	100.78	36	0.31	8	230
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	2,064	6.3	46.0	0.73	0.12	322.60	30.49	17	0.13	2	45
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	651	2.0	22.7	0.23	0.05	444.51	10.52	43	0.92	9	220
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	597	1.8	40.5	0.21	0.02	218.99	4.05	77	1.70	10	195
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	458	1.4	20.4	0.16	0.04	506.45	10.39	36	1.03	11	240
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	437	1.3	27.7	0.16	0.02	297.39	3.78	17	0.35	4	39
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	288	0.9	20.1	0.10	0.02	318.41	2.83	92	1.98	12	173
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	112	0.3	6.0	0.04	0.01	605.90	2.70	21	0.61	9	34
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	62	0.2	11.5	0.02	0.00	330.83	0.67	176	9.61	18	354
<i>Mugil curema</i>	32	0.1	0.8	0.01	0.01	1,836.44	4.05	96	1.70	79	120
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	28	0.1	5.7	0.01	0.00	494.64	0.67	207	19.30	75	392
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	25	0.1	4.7	0.01	0.00	516.19	0.40	121	13.23	16	215
<i>Elops saurus</i>	15	0.0	1.6	0.01	0.00	1,039.43	1.12	39	1.13	31	46
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	12	0.0	2.3	0.00	0.00	723.40	0.40	91	18.14	23	205
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	10	0.0	1.6	0.00	0.00	870.62	0.40	47	6.83	28	106
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	9	0.0	1.8	0.00	0.00	829.71	0.40	178	6.22	147	210

Table JX02-07. (Continued)

Species	Number		% Occur	Density Estimate (animals/100m ²)				Standard Length (mm)			
	No.	%		Mean	Stderr	CV	Max	Mean	Stderr	Min	Max
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	8	0.0	1.8	0.00	0.00	768.10	0.27	53	11.79	17	110
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	8	0.0	1.0	0.00	0.00	1,144.54	0.54	23	3.30	15	43
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	7	0.0	1.8	0.00	0.00	733.86	0.13	171	53.56	60	422
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	5	0.0	1.3	0.00	0.00	870.62	0.13	55	12.56	22	97
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	3	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.40	16	0.88	14	17
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	2	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.27	183	1.50	181	184
<i>Penaeidae spp.</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.13	20	.	20	20
<i>Farfantepenaeus brasiliensis</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.13	14	.	14	14
<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>	1	0.0	0.3	0.00	0.00	1,957.04	0.13	225	.	225	225
Totals	9,121	28.0	88.0	3.24	0.37	225.61	102.00	.	.	2	422

Appendix JX02-01. Monthly summary of species collected during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=80	E=80	E=79	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=959
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	6	2	7	5	4	5	1	2	7	11	6	2	58
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Alosa mediocris</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Aluterus monoceros</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	4	6	11	3	3	.	1	.	3	34	19	60	144
<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	2	1	.	.	.	16
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	1	.	6	147	6,349	7,012	7,174	1,077	49	22	15	.	21,852
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	5,630	988	3,341	5,703	4,780	5,345	14,462	9,336	3,626	11,214	6,428	6,415	77,268
<i>Anchoa nasuta</i>	.	.	.	.	17	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	21
<i>Anchoa</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	1	.	160	.	37	1	12	.	211
<i>Ancylosetta quadrocellata</i>	.	1	5	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	31	9	18	13	33	38	22	5	38	20	18	11	256
<i>Arius felis</i>	.	.	1	2	11	.	5	.	2	10	10	3	44
<i>Astroscopus y-graecum</i>	2	.	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	6
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	2	1	9	3	1	.	.	17
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	11	118	156	9	1,634	396	96	24	35	85	120	92	2,776
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	4	1	1	8
<i>Bothidae</i> spp.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	5	1,070	418	35	26	2	104	3,940	11	31	29	22	5,693
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	84	70	155	126	159	157	123	61	96	53	36	48	1,168
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	12	6	41	12	16	6	2	.	95
<i>Caranx latus</i>	1	2	.	3
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	2	1	3

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=80	E=80	E=79	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=959
<i>Centropristis philadelphica</i>	1	.	.	3	2	1	.	1	2	.	3	.	13
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	.	1	.	.	13	10	26	39	40	5	2	.	136
<i>Chasmodes bosquianus</i>	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	6
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	1	.	36	21	.	52	14	8	12	10	9	.	163
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	.	.	.	1	5	.	175	30	49	33	12	.	305
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	.	2	1	59	75	73	61	55	50	6	.	.	382
<i>Citharichthys spp.</i>	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	7	16	49	4	34	22	39	35	46	43	22	59	376
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	1	1	.	11	193	260	43	63	74	22	8	5	681
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	7	.	5	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	16
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	9	28	136	97	86	172	246	79	92	72	33	86	1,136
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	.	9	13	5	15	7	2	4	5	.	.	60
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	8	23	9	12	56
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	1	.	4	11	.	16	5	3	4	.	.	1	45
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	2	.	14
<i>Elops saurus</i>	8	2	7	12	20	26	13	53	43	35	2	3	224
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	18	5	113	9	1	29	22	67	159	40	22	12	497
<i>Eucinostomus argenteus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	.	.	.	.	17	2	18	6	9	11	12	9	84
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	4	7	3	9	26	109	274	70	65	92	129	64	852
<i>Eucinostomus spp.</i>	2	2	.	4	39	173	107	32	65	394	702	209	1,729
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	142	31	2	5	4	2	.	186
<i>Farfantepenaeus brasiliensis</i>	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	5	14	28	193	280	67	56	127	104	7	3	9	893

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=80	E=80	E=79	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=959
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	99	12	3	117
<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>	346	7	83	49	92	332	915	25	2,286	532	27	306	5,000
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	15	3	7	3	11	21	35	48	7	9	22	22	203
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	11	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	17
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	1	.	5	1	.	.	1	.	85	8	.	9	110
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	3	.	1	.	.	.	3	.	1	.	.	.	8
<i>Gobiidae</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Gobioides broussoneti</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Gobionellus boleosoma</i>	4	24	20	22	9	5	7	15	6	12	5	5	134
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	8
<i>Gobionellus shufeldti</i>	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	5	2	12
<i>Gobionellus smaragdus</i>	2	.	.	.	3	.	2	.	.	30	1	1	39
<i>Gobionellus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3
<i>Gobionellus stigmaticus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	1	7	16	20	4	4	6	.	4	1	8	4	75
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	3	.	1	3	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	2	12
<i>Gobiosoma</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	41	2	1	6	21	1	1	73
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	.	.	2	10	10	9	23	3	4	2	.	1	64
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	.	1	.	.	5
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	3
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	14	19	14	2	.	.	.	4	8	1	10	19	91
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	1	23	.	4	5	7	3	1	3	.	1	61	109
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	16	25	98	59	108	60	165	76	223	69	106	18	1,023
<i>Larimus fasciatus</i>	52	.	.	16	.	.	.	68

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=80	E=80	E=79	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=959
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	120	731	480	247	510	129	364	48	190	16	57	29	2,921
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	1	.	11	5	4	.	1	4	23	5	20	3	77
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	.	.	.	4	3	2	2	9	.	1	3	2	26
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	7	8	3	.	1	.	1	22	2	2	1	1	48
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	98	39	18	24	8	.	5	6	7	34	7	11	257
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	21	11	18	9	.	.	10	4	.	17	19	7	116
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	3	.	.	18	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	27
<i>Lepophidium brevibarbe</i>	.	3	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	1	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	6	15
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	260	44	125	33	5	1,383	1,510	835	2,481	1,363	1,115	282	9,436
<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Lucania parva</i>	.	.	.	36	2	.	1	1	2	1	.	.	43
<i>Lutjanidae</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	2	.	.	.	.	2	4	27	15	9	4	1	64
<i>Lutjanus</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	2
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	7	6	3	2	21
<i>Membras martinica</i>	8	.	.	.	34	761	332	616	24	17	3	.	1,795
<i>Menidia menidia</i>	.	.	.	.	.	13,417	7,217	2,460	520	299	861	421	25,195
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	483	849	886	435	3,050	680	81	32	94	879	1,071	340	8,880
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	.	1	.	2	6	1	2	.	1	.	1	.	14
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	4	1	1	10	147	102	126	29	64	25	6	5	520
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	7	65	3	.	.	78
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	1	.	1	1	7	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	12
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	5	5	1	27	3	21	.	4	8	105	2	3	184
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	.	.	.	4	.	2	9	5	12	29	3	10	74

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=80	E=80	E=79	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=959
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	495	505	1,442	1,158	530	61	72	50	17	164	218	184	4,896
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	6	.	.	76	17	8	1	2	.	2	.	.	112
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	.	.	1	10	7	10	2	1	2	.	3	.	36
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	473	2,569	611	202	74	292	129	101	1,249	52	211	428	6,391
<i>Mugil curema</i>	7	71	4	81	56	142	74	37	203	49	123	232	1,079
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	2	1	1	.	1	5	1	.	.	.	1	.	12
<i>Negaprion brevirostris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Noturus gyrinus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Ogcocephalus</i> spp.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	5
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	12	13	5	9	24	1	.	64
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	1	.	.	18	8	557	124	458	18	2	15	.	1,201
<i>Opsanus tau</i>	5	2	7	13	2	1	9	1	4	.	5	1	50
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	.	.	.	172	140	88	67	5	10	2	1	.	485
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	6	11	11	14	7	7	10	4	8	8	.	2	88
<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	2
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	7	7	39	19	12	20	47	12	11	21	5	6	206
<i>Paralichthys</i> spp.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Penaeidae</i> spp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	11	.	1	1	.	.	14
<i>Peprilus</i> spp.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	5
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	28	.	.	3	34
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	4	.	2	.	4	.	7	6	19	16	11	19	88
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	.	2	24	4	11	6	4	4	.	4	2	.	61
<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	.	.	1	1	.	2

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Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=80	E=80	E=79	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=959
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	.	.	2	13	15	18	10	4	9	2	2	.	75
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	3	5	25	19	9	6	4	2	3	4	8	3	91
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Rhinobatos lentiginosus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	4
<i>Sciaenidae spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	3	5
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	28	19	16	6	33	2	9	12	20	29	22	21	217
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	.	.	3	23	15	16	53	1	12	5	.	.	128
<i>Selene vomer</i>	.	.	.	.	1	8	13	6	2	8	2	2	42
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	5	2	3	7	6	33	24	2	11	14	4	7	118
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	1	.	.	5
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	.	.	.	1	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	.	.	.	1	2	5	3	1	2	.	.	14
<i>Stellifer lanceolatus</i>	4	10	.	1	.	4,071	343	6	133	54	15	39	4,676
<i>Stomolophus meleagris</i>	45	6	19	22	4	3	.	.	.	1,243	28	207	1,577
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	2	1	1	10	9	18	3	1	7	4	9	6	71
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Strongylura spp.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	2	.	.	.	.	9
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	.	.	.	2	5	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	10
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	28	16	73	46	12	84	30	30	101	42	100	29	591
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	6
<i>Syngnathus fuscus</i>	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	6
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	2	.	5	5	6	28	12	2	8	4	.	1	73
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	2	.	2	7	12	2	18	9	4	7	.	.	63
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	2	2	1	2	15	21	18	6	7	2	4	2	82
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	.	.	.	4	60	120	8	97	53	28	1	.	371

Appendix JX02-01. (Continued)

Species	Month												Totals
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	E=80	E=80	E=79	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=80	E=959
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	.	.	.	.	5	7	3	9	5	17	12	.	58
<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	144	81	42	122	5	16	8	35	32	78	93	48	704
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Totals	8,552	7,461	8,655	9,607	18,943	36,851	35,325	20,357	12,919	17,796	11,951	9,953	198,370

Appendix JX02-02. Summary by gear, stratum, and zone of species collected during Northeast Florida stratified-random sampling, 2002. Effort, or the total number of hauls, is labeled 'E'. Taxa are arranged alphabetically.

Species	Gear and Strata			Zone					Totals
	21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	E	
	E=384	E=192	E=383	E=240	E=238	E=241	E=123	E=117	E=959
<i>Achirus lineatus</i>	7	15	36	13	14	24	7	.	58
<i>Aetobatis narinari</i>	.	2	.	.	1	1	.	.	2
<i>Alosa aestivalis</i>	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Alosa mediocris</i>	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Aluterus monoceros</i>	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	2	16	126	4	25	23	38	54	144
<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	.	13	3	.	.	.	.	16	16
<i>Anchoa hepsetus</i>	21,565	.	287	4,799	3,314	8,801	4,773	165	21,852
<i>Anchoa mitchilli</i>	62,522	.	14,746	29,753	15,849	24,689	4,845	2,132	77,268
<i>Anchoa nasuta</i>	17	.	4	16	1	4	.	.	21
<i>Anchoa</i> spp.	173	.	38	48	2	161	.	.	211
<i>Ancylopsetta quadrocellata</i>	.	4	10	9	2	3	.	.	14
<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	14	214	28	44	69	106	24	13	256
<i>Arius felis</i>	.	28	16	23	12	9	.	.	44
<i>Astroscopus y-graecum</i>	.	3	3	.	4	1	1	.	6
<i>Bagre marinus</i>	.	10	7	5	11	1	.	.	17
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	2,129	411	236	899	1,381	421	54	21	2,776
<i>Bathygobius soporator</i>	8	.	.	.	6	2	.	.	8
<i>Bothidae</i> spp.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	102	5,587	4	530	1,120	3,993	8	42	5,693
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	330	241	597	420	438	178	85	47	1,168
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	5	90	.	26	41	21	1	6	95
<i>Caranx latus</i>	1	2	.	.	1	1	1	.	3
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1	2	.	.	1	2	.	.	3
<i>Centropristis philadelphica</i>	.	.	13	11	.	2	.	.	13
<i>Centropristis striata</i>	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	16	49	71	38	85	12	1	.	136
<i>Chasmodes bosquianus</i>	3	.	3	.	5	1	.	.	6
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	45	90	28	86	14	61	2	.	163
<i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i>	11	226	68	40	40	225	.	.	305
<i>Citharichthys macrops</i>	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i>	110	85	187	132	101	106	18	25	382
<i>Citharichthys</i> spp.	4	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	4

Appendix JX02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata			Zone					Totals
	21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	E	
	E=384	E=192	E=383	E=240	E=238	E=241	E=123	E=117	E=959
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	139	225	12	118	120	96	32	10	376
<i>Cynoscion regalis</i>	15	15	651	440	113	39	56	33	681
<i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i>	16	.	.	.	7	9	.	.	16
<i>Dasyatis sabina</i>	26	1,024	86	441	352	219	54	70	1,136
<i>Dasyatis say</i>	.	53	7	36	17	7	.	.	60
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	12	35	9	10	13	29	4	.	56
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	3	41	1	1	8	5	14	17	45
<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>	.	14	.	2	1	10	.	1	14
<i>Elops saurus</i>	18	191	15	50	56	89	11	18	224
<i>Etropus crossotus</i>	46	90	361	348	94	54	1	.	497
<i>Eucinostomus argenteus</i>	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	39	25	20	19	25	34	6	.	84
<i>Eucinostomus harengulus</i>	625	33	194	101	108	317	166	160	852
<i>Eucinostomus</i> spp.	1,555	.	174	163	641	678	198	49	1,729
<i>Farfantepenaeus aztecus</i>	70	4	112	78	36	14	52	6	186
<i>Farfantepenaeus brasiliensis</i>	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Farfantepenaeus duorarum</i>	430	26	437	241	279	246	94	33	893
<i>Farfantepenaeus</i> spp.	70	.	47	3	63	50	.	1	117
<i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i>	4,997	.	3	3,298	566	1,135	1	.	5,000
<i>Fundulus majalis</i>	203	.	.	58	40	104	.	1	203
<i>Fundulus seminolis</i>	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	17	17
<i>Gambusia holbrooki</i>	110	.	.	4	91	3	8	4	110
<i>Gobiesox strumosus</i>	3	.	5	2	5	1	.	.	8
<i>Gobiidae</i> spp.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Gobioides broussoneti</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Gobionellus boleosoma</i>	115	.	19	16	32	64	19	3	134
<i>Gobionellus oceanicus</i>	2	.	6	1	1	6	.	.	8
<i>Gobionellus shufeldti</i>	10	.	2	3	1	.	1	7	12
<i>Gobionellus smaragdus</i>	7	.	32	1	3	35	.	.	39
<i>Gobionellus</i> spp.	3	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3
<i>Gobionellus stigmaticus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Gobiosoma bosc</i>	53	.	22	13	5	39	8	10	75
<i>Gobiosoma robustum</i>	9	.	3	.	5	4	2	1	12
<i>Gobiosoma</i> spp.	67	.	6	3	4	33	3	30	73
<i>Gymnura micrura</i>	1	42	21	19	42	3	.	.	64
<i>Harengula jaguana</i>	4	1	.	1	2	2	.	.	5

Appendix JX02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata			Zone					Totals
	21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	E	
	E=384	E=192	E=383	E=240	E=238	E=241	E=123	E=117	E=959
<i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Hyporhamphus meeki</i>	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Hypsoblennius hentzi</i>	2	1	.	2	1	.	.	.	3
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	1	57	33	.	6	.	24	61	91
<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>	108	.	1	.	.	.	5	104	109
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	318	651	54	177	117	543	82	104	1,023
<i>Larimus fasciatus</i>	.	.	68	64	4	.	.	.	68
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	1,729	904	288	827	515	779	284	516	2,921
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	1	76	.	31	32	.	2	12	77
<i>Lepisosteus platyrhincus</i>	1	25	.	.	1	.	12	13	26
<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	28	20	.	.	.	.	1	47	48
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	95	145	17	.	.	.	31	226	257
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	29	83	4	.	.	.	7	109	116
<i>Lepomis punctatus</i>	21	6	.	.	.	.	21	6	27
<i>Lepophidium brevibarbe</i>	.	.	7	3	1	3	.	.	7
<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	.	4	11	11	3	1	.	.	15
<i>Litopenaeus setiferus</i>	7,136	236	2,064	2,474	4,575	1,523	552	312	9,436
<i>Lobotes surinamensis</i>	.	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	2
<i>Lucania parva</i>	43	.	.	.	.	1	1	41	43
<i>Lutjanidae</i> spp.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Lutjanus analis</i>	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	44	15	5	13	38	10	2	1	64
<i>Lutjanus</i> spp.	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
<i>Lutjanus synagris</i>	9	4	8	9	9	3	.	.	21
<i>Membras martinica</i>	1,791	.	4	1,550	140	100	3	2	1,795
<i>Menidia menidia</i>	25,195	.	.	4,695	5,225	15,185	87	3	25,195
<i>Menidia</i> spp.	8,880	.	.	2,045	3,380	1,898	507	1,050	8,880
<i>Menippe</i> spp.	2	2	10	9	1	3	1	.	14
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	37	25	458	165	283	72	.	.	520
<i>Menticirrhus littoralis</i>	72	3	3	5	71	2	.	.	78
<i>Menticirrhus saxatilis</i>	1	3	8	2	4	5	1	.	12
<i>Microgobius gulosus</i>	167	.	17	7	1	1	33	142	184
<i>Microgobius thalassinus</i>	6	.	68	1	4	69	.	.	74
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	499	112	4,285	1,099	1,231	372	1,244	950	4,896
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	100	12	7	105	112
<i>Monacanthus hispidus</i>	10	.	26	15	10	11	.	.	36

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Species	Gear and Strata			Zone					Totals
	21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	E	
	E=384	E=192	E=383	E=240	E=238	E=241	E=123	E=117	E=959
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,337	3,052	2	2,379	915	1,187	1,201	709	6,391
<i>Mugil curema</i>	373	674	32	419	276	334	13	37	1,079
<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Myrophis punctatus</i>	4	.	8	6	.	1	5	.	12
<i>Negaprion brevirostris</i>	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Noturus gyrinus</i>	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1
<i>Ogocephalus</i> spp.	.	1	4	1	3	1	.	.	5
<i>Oligoplites saurus</i>	62	2	.	10	15	28	11	.	64
<i>Opisthonema oglinum</i>	826	374	1	59	115	911	115	1	1,201
<i>Opsanus tau</i>	9	7	34	14	20	14	2	.	50
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	340	61	84	127	69	278	11	.	485
<i>Paralichthys albigutta</i>	40	23	25	37	25	25	1	.	88
<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>	.	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	2
<i>Paralichthys lethostigma</i>	33	111	62	56	64	40	13	33	206
<i>Paralichthys</i> spp.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1
<i>Penaeidae</i> spp.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	1
<i>Peprilus alepidotus</i>	.	9	5	7	7	.	.	.	14
<i>Peprilus</i> spp.	.	3	2	3	.	2	.	.	5
<i>Poecilia latipinna</i>	34	.	.	.	31	3	.	.	34
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	9	70	9	29	24	30	5	.	88
<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	7	54	.	37	18	6	.	.	61
<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	2
<i>Prionotus scitulus</i>	14	4	57	50	13	10	2	.	75
<i>Prionotus tribulus</i>	11	16	64	56	20	15	.	.	91
<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>	.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	2
<i>Rhinobatos lentiginosus</i>	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1
<i>Rhinoptera bonasus</i>	.	4	.	3	.	1	.	.	4
<i>Sciaenidae</i> spp.	2	.	3	.	2	3	.	.	5
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	88	122	7	33	16	122	14	32	217
<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>	20	108	.	46	49	33	.	.	128
<i>Selene vomer</i>	3	23	16	15	17	10	.	.	42
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	20	46	52	37	31	42	8	.	118
<i>Sphyraena barracuda</i>	.	4	1	1	.	4	.	.	5
<i>Sphyraena borealis</i>	2	.	2	.	2	2	.	.	4
<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>	.	14	.	8	6	.	.	.	14

Appendix JX02-02. (Continued)

Species	Gear and Strata			Zone					Totals
	21.3-m river seine	183-m haul seine	6.1-m otter trawl	A	B	C	D	E	
	E=384	E=192	E=383	E=240	E=238	E=241	E=123	E=117	E=959
<i>Stellifer lanceolatus</i>	.	7	4,669	4,388	221	43	19	5	4,676
<i>Stomolophus meleagris</i>	18	1,422	137	129	13	1,433	2	.	1,577
<i>Strongylura marina</i>	39	32	.	13	9	25	6	18	71
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	4
<i>Strongylura</i> spp.	9	.	.	1	1	.	6	1	9
<i>Strongylura timucu</i>	7	3	.	5	5	.	.	.	10
<i>Symphurus plagiusa</i>	313	3	275	266	243	64	18	.	591
<i>Syngnathus floridae</i>	4	.	2	2	.	.	3	1	6
<i>Syngnathus fuscus</i>	.	.	6	5	1	.	.	.	6
<i>Syngnathus louisianae</i>	54	.	19	31	11	11	18	2	73
<i>Syngnathus scovelli</i>	50	.	13	3	14	2	16	28	63
<i>Synodus foetens</i>	37	3	42	36	20	23	3	.	82
<i>Trachinotus carolinus</i>	310	61	.	133	178	60	.	.	371
<i>Trachinotus falcatus</i>	47	11	.	23	31	4	.	.	58
<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	.	1	3	2	.	2	.	.	4
<i>Trinectes maculatus</i>	29	1	674	37	134	86	333	114	704
<i>Urophycis floridana</i>	.	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	3
Totals	148,219	17,628	32,523	64,094	43,550	67,616	15,326	7,784	198,370

Directed Sampling

Introduction

The Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program conducted a seasonal directed sampling project for striped mullet (*Mugil cephalus*) in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor. Data obtained from directed sampling were used cooperatively by a number of Florida Marine Research Institute (FMRI) research groups, including Fisheries Stock Assessment and Fish Biology, to provide stock assessments on this species. The objectives of directed sampling were to determine the size, age, and sex composition of localized populations of striped mullet in select Florida estuaries. This report summarizes data collected from January 1 to February 14, 2002 and from September 15 to December 31, 2002.

Methods

Tampa Bay. Directed sampling for striped mullet was conducted in Tampa Bay using a 366-m monofilament trammel net with 308-mm stretch outer mesh and 71-mm stretch inner mesh. The net was set on visually-detected schools of mullet in water <3 m deep. Fish collected from January to February 2002 were considered part of the 2001 sampling season's data, while fish collected from September through December 2002 represented part of the 2002 sampling season. The study period was divided into five 4-week sampling windows (September 15-October 14, October 15-November 14, November 15-December 14, December 15-January 14, and January 15-February 14), with at least two days of sampling being conducted within each window.

During each sampling window, two primary and two secondary sampling areas were assigned (one primary and one secondary area on the east and west sides of the bay) from the six possible sampling zones (Figure DR02-01). Primary sampling areas were searched for a maximum of two hours or until at least 200 striped mullet had been measured and 50 fish culled (for age and sex determination-). Secondary areas were sampled only if the minimum number of mullet were not collected in the primary areas. Additional sampling days were added as necessary to procure the required amount of culled (100 fish retained for age and sex determination) and measured mullet (400 fish)

per sampling window. To increase the probability of successful collections, primary zones were non-randomly selected because striped mullet were generally found in the upper reaches of estuaries prior to the spawning season and moved closer to the mouth of the bay as the spawning season progressed. Therefore, sampling was directed toward upper areas of Tampa Bay early in the season and shifted to lower Tampa Bay later in the winter season.

Charlotte Harbor. A similar sampling design and collection method was used in Charlotte Harbor. The sampling period was divided into four 4-week sampling windows (October 15-November 14, November 15-December 14, December 15-January 14, and January 15-February 14). Fall 2002 sampling was conducted from October 15 to December 31. For analysis purposes, sampling conducted from January 1, 2002 to February 14, 2002 was considered part of the 2001 sampling season.

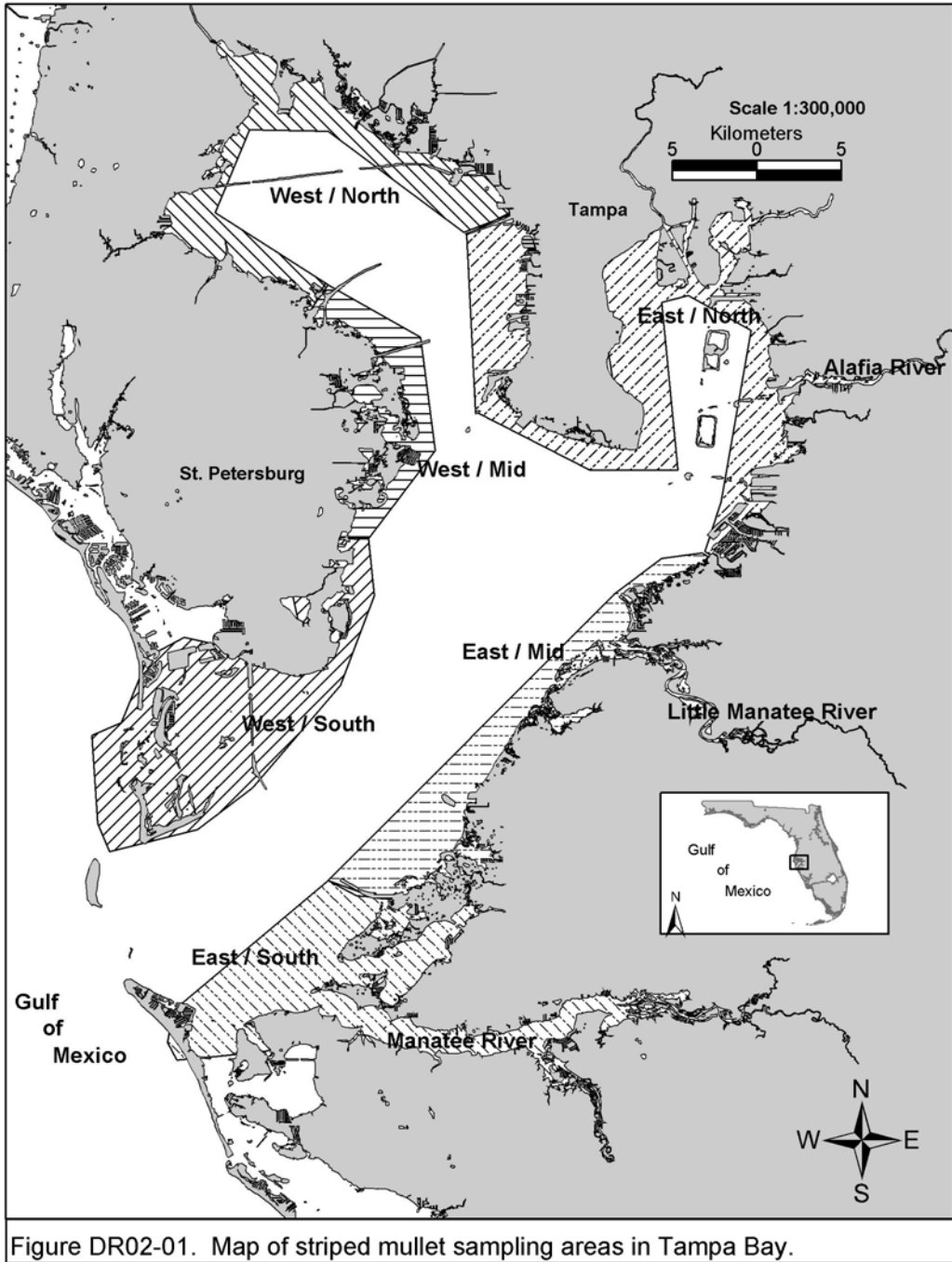
During each sampling window, two primary and two secondary sampling areas were assigned (one primary and one secondary area on the north and south sides of the harbor) from the four possible sampling zones (Figure DR02-02). Additional sampling days were added as necessary to procure the required amount of culled (160 fish retained for age and sex composition) and measured mullet (400 fish) per sampling window.

Results and Discussion

Tampa Bay. A total of 3,334 striped mullet were collected during 23 sampling trips (77 net sets) in 2002 (Table DR02-01). For the fall 2002 season (Sept.-Dec.), a total of 1,808 striped mullet were collected from 13 trips and 48 hauls (Table DR02-02). Striped mullet were collected throughout all months of the fall survey. Although striped mullet were collected in most sampling zones, the greatest number was collected in the west/north zone (n=665, 36.8%). None were collected in the east/mid zone this season (Table DR02-02, Figure DR02-01). In the 2002 fall season, striped mullet lengths ranged from 225 to 565 mm fork length (FL) with a single mode occurring at 355 mm FL (Figure DR02-03).

Charlotte Harbor. A total of 23 sampling trips occurred during 2002 (35 net sets), collecting 1,742 striped mullet (Table DR02-01). For the fall 2002 season (Oct.-

Dec.), a total of 901 striped mullet were collected from 14 trips and 20 hauls. The majority (n=498, 55.3%) of striped mullet were collected in the southeast zone (Table DR02-02; Figure DR02-02). Mullet lengths during the fall 2002 season ranged from 225 to 575 mm FL (Figure DR02-03).



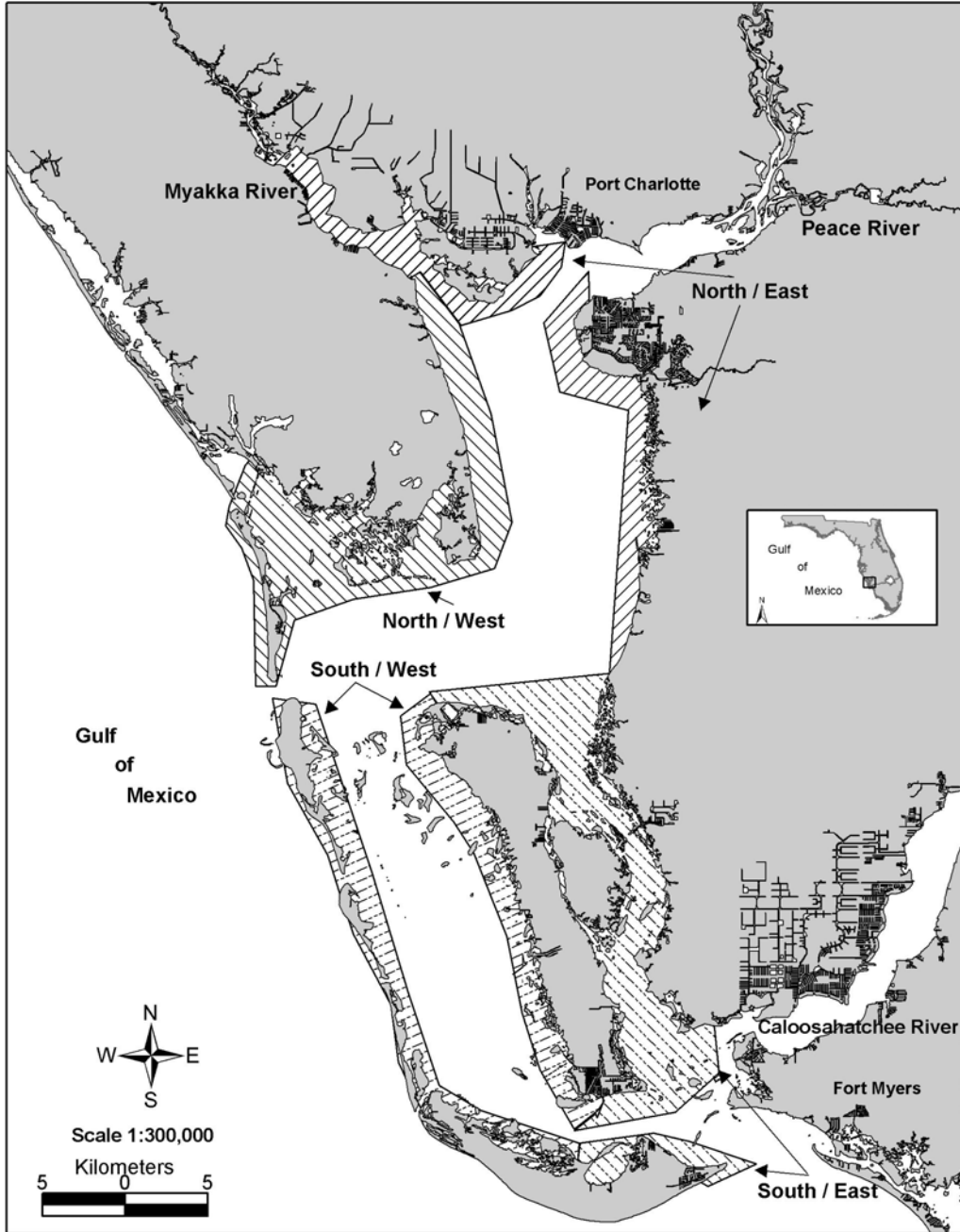


Figure DR02-02. Map of striped mullet sampling areas in Charlotte Harbor.

Table DR02-01. Summary of effort and catch data for directed striped mullet sampling in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor, 2002. Collections for the 2002 sampling season were initiated in mid-October for Charlotte Harbor. Number of Trips denotes the number of times a sampling area was visited.

Sampling Period	Tampa Bay			Charlotte Harbor		
	No. of Trips	No. of Hauls	No. of Mullet	No. of Trips	No. of Hauls	No. of Mullet
January 1 – 14*	1	2	98	3	5	370
January 15 – February 14*	9	27	1,428	6	10	471
September 15 – October 14	2	7	423	-	-	-
October 15 – November 14	4	14	721	5	12	424
November 15 – December 14	4	11	192	7	7	470
December 15 – 31	3	16	472	2	1	7
Sub-Total (Jan. – Feb.)	10	29	1,526	9	15	841
Sub-Total (Sept. – Dec.)	13	48	1,808	14	20	901
Grand Total(2002 Calendar Year)	23	77	3,334	23	35	1,742

* Fish collected in Jan. – Feb., 2002 were treated as part of the 2001 sampling season.

Table DR02-02. Striped mullet sampling and capture locations in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor, fall 2002. Sampling areas are defined in Figures DR02-01 and DR02-02. Number of trips denotes the number of times the sampling areas were visited.

Bay	Sampling Area	No. of Trips	No. of Hauls	No. of Mullet
Tampa Bay	West/North: Old Tampa Bay south to Howard Franklin Bridge	3	11	665
	West/Mid: Howard Franklin Bridge south to St. Pete Pier	2	7	146
	West/South: St. Pete Pier south to Mullet Key	1	1	37
	East/North: Hillsborough Bay south to Apollo Beach	3	9	650
	East/Mid: Apollo Beach south to Piney Point	1	0	0
	East/South: Piney Point south to Manatee River	3	20	310
Charlotte Harbor	North/East: Myakka River south to Burnt Store	3	3	65
	North/West: Bull Bay/Turtle Bay	6	10	321
	South/East: Burnt Store south to Matlacha Pass	4	6	498
	South/West: south of Boca Grande Pass, including Pine Island Sound to York Island	1	1	17

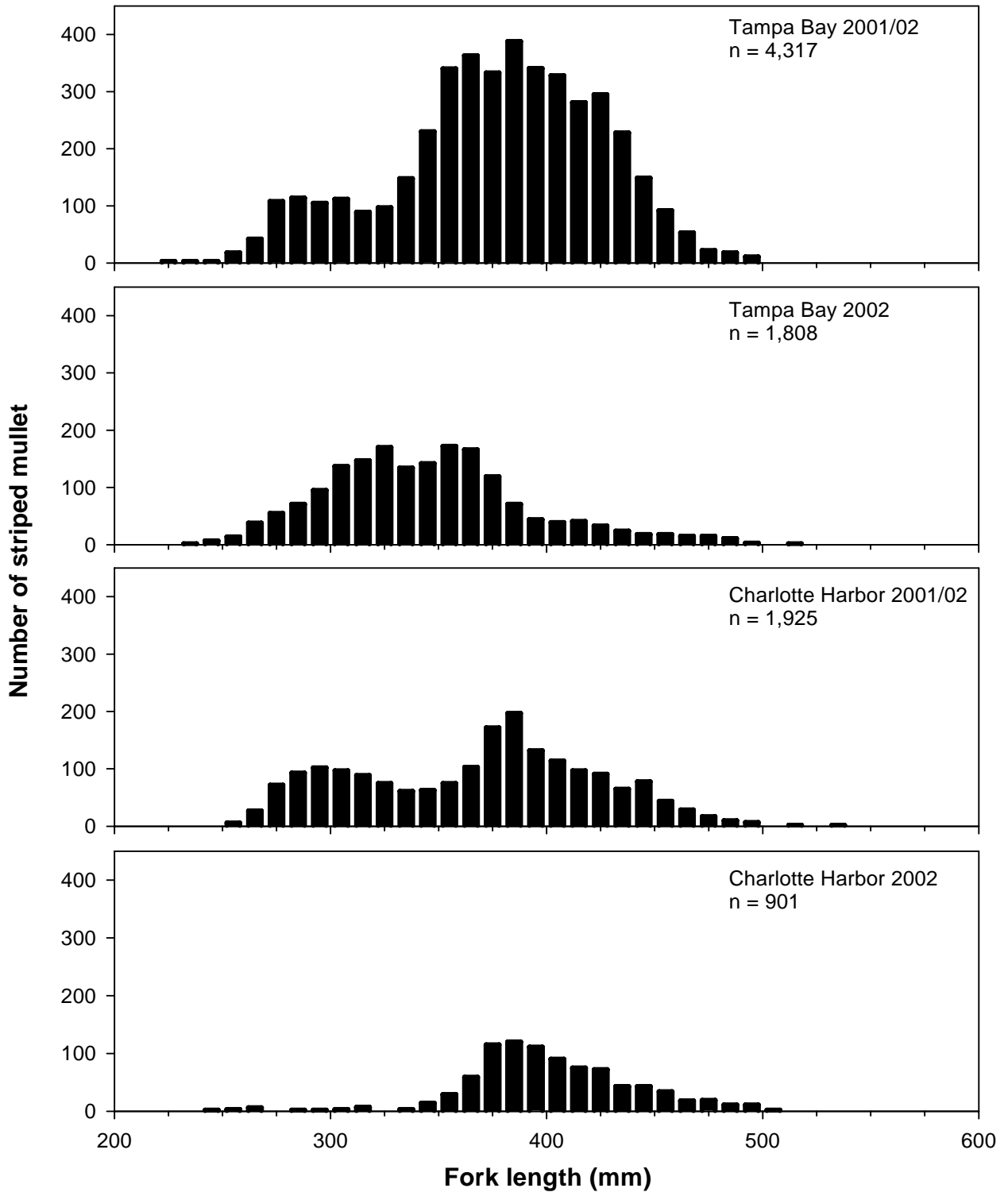


Figure DR02-03. Size distributions of striped mullet collected during trammel net surveys in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor, 2001-2002. The 2001/02 graphs represent striped mullet collected from September 2001 to February 2002. The 2002 graphs represent striped mullet collected from September 2002 to December 2002.

Fish Health Monitoring

Introduction

Long-term, multi-gear, and multi-habitat sampling approach of fisheries-independent monitoring programs not only provides stock information to fisheries managers, but also helps document changes and evaluate the effects of natural and anthropogenic disturbances to ecosystems (Wolfe et al. 1987). Increased urban development in coastal areas has made adjacent aquatic ecosystems (estuaries, bays, and tidal rivers) some of the most intensively fertilized environments on earth (Cloern et al. 1995). This influx of nutrients and other materials commonly associated with development and industry has led to concerns about the concomitant eutrophication and degradation of water quality in Florida's coastal systems. Evidence of a correlation between environmental degradation and occurrence of certain diseases in fish continues to accumulate (Sinderman 1979). The incidence of gross external abnormalities in marine species, defined as those illnesses or deformations easily observed in the field, provides valuable information on the level of environmental stress placed on species in estuarine and coastal waters (Fournie et al. 1996). Baseline information on the frequency of occurrence of external abnormalities is necessary to monitor changes in the ecological health of Florida's estuaries, particularly when attempting to correlate specific fish kills to ecosystem degradation.

In April 1998, the Florida Marine Research Institute's (FMRI) Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program began to document gross external abnormalities (including parasites) of fish and select invertebrates in Florida's estuaries. The main objectives of the fish health monitoring component of the FIM program are to categorize prominent types of gross external abnormalities observed, document which species are most susceptible, and document normal background levels of fish health problems. This report summarizes the occurrence of gross external abnormalities in fish and select invertebrates collected primarily from adult stratified-random sampling (SRS) in select Florida estuaries from January to December 2002.

Methods

Fish health monitoring was conducted in all estuarine waters sampled by the FIM program. Methods for fish health monitoring in the Florida Keys were finalized in June of 2002 and fish health monitoring was integrated into their sampling design (FIM Procedure Manual 2002). In all study locations, affected specimens were identified and recorded from all gear types, but only specimens ≥ 75 mm standard length (SL) were actively examined for external abnormalities. Some abnormalities were opportunistically observed for fish < 75 mm SL and these occurrences were also recorded. Affected specimens were assigned a “Fish Health Code” (FHC) in the field by FIM program staff, packed on ice and returned to the lab. These specimens were sent to the FMRI’s Aquatic Health Group (AHG) in St. Petersburg for detailed diagnosis. Specimens from other field labs were either fixed in 10% Formalin or shipped on ice to the AHG. After evaluation, the AHG assigned an Aquatic Health Code (AHC) to each specimen and provided this data to the FIM program for input into a database. The following codes were used:

- B Red or bloody areas (no scale loss)
- E Scale loss or erosion (only epidermis or dermis involved, muscle tissue not affected).
- F Fin rot (inflamed or frayed fins)
- S Skeletal abnormalities (vertebral, opercular, or fin deformities)
- T Raised area (tumor, cyst)
- U Ulcer or lesion (muscle tissue affected)
- O Other (condition not specifically listed)
- P Parasitic infestation

For the purposes of this report, the assigned FHC and its corresponding AHC were compared to produce a final “Health Code” (HC), which was used for all data analysis. In those instances when fish were not returned to the fish pathologist and therefor, not assigned an AHC, the HC was determined according to the FHC assigned. In instances where specimens were returned to the fish pathologist and the FHC and

the AHC differed, the HC was assigned the AHC. In all other instances when the FHC and the AHC assigned agreed, the HC was the same.

Results and Discussion

A total of 297,774 fish and select invertebrates ≥ 75 mm SL were collected during FIM program sampling in 2002 (Table FH02-01). Of these fish and select invertebrates, 170 specimens (0.06%) had gross external abnormalities. Northeast Florida had the highest percent occurrence of affected specimens collected (0.15%), whereas Cedar Key had the lowest occurrence of affected specimens collected (0.02%). Of the fish observed *M. cephalus* and *Brevoortia* spp. occurred most frequently with gross external abnormalities (n=42 and 40, respectively). *Mugil cephalus* were collected from six field labs, whereas *Brevoortia* spp. was collected from only three field labs. Parasitic infestation was the dominant abnormality observed from all species (n=59, 35%) but was only detected from four of the field labs. Ulcers (37 specimens) were observed in all field labs except Cedar Key and the Keys.

Incidence by Lab

Apalachicola Bay: Apalachicola staff collected 35,722 fish ≥ 75 mm SL (Table FH02-01). Sixteen of these fish (0.04%), belonging to 10 taxa, had gross external abnormalities (Table FH02-02). The most common abnormality was the presence of parasites (n=7, 43.8%).

Cedar Key: Cedar Key staff collected 38,229 fish ≥ 75 mm SL (Table FH02-01). Eight of these fish (0.02%), belonging to six taxa, had gross external abnormalities (Table FH02-03). The most common deformity observed was fin rot and skeletal irregularities (HC=F and S, n=3; respectively).

Charlotte Harbor: Charlotte Harbor staff collected 58,327 fish ≥ 75 mm SL (Table FH02-01). Thirty-nine of these fish (0.07%), belonging to six taxa, had gross external abnormalities (Table FH02-04). Parasitic infestation was the most prominent external abnormality observed (n=27, 69%) and mainly affected *Brevoortia* spp. (n=26).

Northern Indian River Lagoon: Indian River staff collected 33,942 fish ≥ 75 mm SL (Table FH02-01). Twenty-eight of these fish (0.08%), belonging to 11 taxa, had gross external abnormalities (Table FH02-05). The most common abnormalities observed were skeletal irregularities including scoliosis and upper jaw deformity (n=11, 39.3%).

Northeast Florida: Jacksonville staff collected 19,416 fish ≥ 75 mm SL (Table FH02-01). Thirty of these fish (0.15%), belonging to eight taxa, had gross external abnormalities (Table FH02-06). Half of the abnormalities observed were ulcers (n=15), affecting *M. cephalus* (n= 9) the most.

Florida Keys: Florida Keys staff collected 2,284 fish ≥ 75 mm. None of these fish had any observed gross external abnormalities. During directed snapper sampling from January through April Keys staff observed *Ocyurus chrysurus* (frequency of occurrence= 0.07%), *Lutjanus synagris* (frequency of occurrence= 0.06%), and *Lutjanus analis* (frequency of occurrence= 0.02%) with parasitized gonads.

Tampa Bay: Tampa Bay staff collected 91,786 fish ≥ 75 mm SL (Table FH02-01). Thirty-nine of these fish (0.04%), belonging to 20 taxa, were observed with gross external abnormalities (Table FH02-07). Parasitic infestation (n=24, 61.5%), primarily associated with *Brevoortia* spp. (n=10), was the most common abnormality observed.

Southern Indian River Lagoon: Tequesta staff collected 18,068 fish ≥ 75 mm SL (Table FH02-01). Ten of these fish (0.06%), belonging to six taxa, were observed with abnormalities (Table FH02-08). Ulcers were the most common abnormality (n=5, 50%) predominately affecting *Mugil* spp. (n=3).

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Table FH02-01.

Incidence of external abnormalities in fish collected during stratified-random sampling at each FIM field lab during 2002. Data are based only on fish ≥ 75 mm SL and include total number collected, number affected by abnormalities, and percentage affected by abnormalities.

Field Laboratory	Number Collected	Number Affected	Percent Affected
Apalachicola Bay	35,722	16	0.04
Cedar Key	38,229	8	0.02
Charlotte Harbor	58,327	39	0.07
N. Indian River Lagoon	33,942	28	0.08
Northeast Florida	19,416	30	0.15
Florida Keys	2,284	.	.
Tampa Bay	91,786	39	0.04
S. Indian River Lagoon	18,068	10	0.06
Totals	297,774	170	0.06

Table FH02-02. Alphabetical list of taxa having gross external abnormalities collected in Apalachicola Bay during stratified-random sampling, 2002. Number collected = total number of each species collected. Number affected = total number of individuals with abnormalities by health code. Percent affected = number affected / number collected * 100.

Scientific Name	Number Collected (≥75-mm SL)	Number Affected (≥75-mm SL)	Health Code*							Percent Affected	
			P	B	F	U	E	S	T		O
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	149	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.67
<i>Arius felis</i>	954	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.31
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	3,751	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.03
<i>Fundulus grandis</i>	52	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1.92
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	9,354	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	0.01
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	3,793	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	0.08
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	11	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.09
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	108	2	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1.85
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	1,652	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	0.12
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	1,032	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.1
Totals	.	16	7	.	1	3	.	2	3	.	.

* P = Parasitic infestation; B = red or bloody areas; F = fin rot; U = ulcer or lesion; E = erosion or scale loss; S = skeletal abnormalities; T = tumor or cyst; O = other

Table FH02-03. Alphabetical list of taxa having gross external abnormalities collected in Cedar Key during stratified-random sampling, 2002. Number collected = total number of each species collected. Number affected = total number of individuals with abnormalities by health code. Percent affected = number affected / number collected * 100.

Scientific Name	Number Collected (≥75-mm SL)	Number Affected (≥75-mm SL)	Health Code*								Percent Affected
			P	B	F	U	E	S	T	O	
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	497	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	0.4
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,625	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.04
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,882	2	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.11
<i>Mugil curema</i>	119	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	0.84
<i>Mugil gyrans</i>	102	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.98
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	1,497	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.07
Totals	.	8	1	1	3	.	.	3	.	.	.

* P = Parasitic infestation; B = red or bloody areas; F = fin rot; U = ulcer or lesion; E = erosion or scale loss; S = skeletal abnormalities; T = tumor or cyst; O = other

Table FH02-04. Alphabetical list of taxa having gross external abnormalities collected in Charlotte Harbor during stratified-random sampling, 2002. Number collected = total number of each species collected. Number affected = total number of individuals with abnormalities by health code. Percent affected = number affected / number collected * 100.

Scientific Name	Number Collected (≥75-mm SL)	Number Affected (≥75-mm SL)	Health Code*							Percent Affected	
			P	B	F	U	E	S	T		O
<i>Arius felis</i>	626	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.16
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	168	28	26	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	16.67
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	904	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.11
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	367	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0.27
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,972	7	.	.	.	6	.	.	1	.	0.35
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	309	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.32
Totals	.	39	27	1	2	7	.	.	1	1	.

* P = Parasitic infestation; B = red or bloody areas; F = fin rot; U = ulcer or lesion; E = erosion or scale loss; S = skeletal abnormalities; T = tumor or cyst; O = other

Table FH02-05. Alphabetical list of taxa having gross external abnormalities collected in the Northern Indian River Lagoon during stratified-random sampling, 2002. Number collected = total number of each species collected. Number affected = total number of individuals with abnormalities by health code. Percent affected = number affected / number collected * 100.

Scientific Name	Number Collected (≥75-mm SL)	Number Affected (≥75-mm SL)	Health Code*								Percent Affected
			P	B	F	U	E	S	T	O	
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	846	3	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	0.35
<i>Arius felis</i>	979	2	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	0.2
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	357	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	0.28
<i>Chaetodipterus faber</i>	90	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1.11
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	2,407	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	0.04
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	16,098	5	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	2	0.03
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	1,698	7	.	.	5	1	1	.	.	.	0.41
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	144	2	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1.39
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	229	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.44
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	905	3	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	0.33
<i>Strongylura notata</i>	376	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	0.53
Totals	.	28	.	.	6	3	2	11	3	3	.

* P = Parasitic infestation; B = red or bloody areas; F = fin rot; U = ulcer or lesion; E = erosion or scale loss; S = skeletal abnormalities; T = tumor or cyst; O = other

Table FH02-06. Alphabetical list of taxa having gross external abnormalities collected in Northeast Florida during stratified-random sampling, 2002. Number collected = total number of each species collected. Number affected = total number of individuals with abnormalities by health code. Percent affected = number affected / number collected * 100.

Scientific Name	Number Collected (≥75-mm SL)	Number Affected (≥75-mm SL)	Health Code*								Percent Affected
			P	B	F	U	E	S	T	O	
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	249	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.4
<i>Bairdiella chrysoura</i>	656	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.15
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	5,539	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.02
<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>	45	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2.22
<i>Micropogonias undulatus</i>	381	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.26
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	3,170	22	.	11	2	9	.	.	.	.	0.69
<i>Pogonias cromis</i>	88	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	2.27
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	141	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.71
Totals	.	30	.	12	2	15	.	1	.	.	.

* P = Parasitic infestation; B = red or bloody areas; F = fin rot; U = ulcer or lesion; E = erosion or scale loss; S = skeletal abnormalities; T = tumor or cyst; O = other

Table FH02-07. Alphabetical list of taxa having gross external abnormalities collected in Tampa Bay during stratified-random sampling, 2002.
 Number collected = total number of each species collected. Number affected = total number of individuals with abnormalities by health code. Percent affected = number affected / number collected * 100.

Scientific Name	Number Collected (≥75-mm SL)	Number Affected (≥75-mm SL)	Health Code*								Percent Affected	
			P	B	F	U	E	S	T	O		
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	715	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.14
<i>Arius felis</i>	6,072	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	0.02
<i>Brevoortia</i> spp.	919	11	10	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1.2
<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	870	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.34
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	166	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.6
<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>	1,754	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.06
<i>Chilomycterus schoepfi</i>	490	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	0.41
<i>Cynoscion arenarius</i>	446	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.45
<i>Cynoscion nebulosus</i>	557	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	0.18
<i>Elops saurus</i>	4,163	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	0.02
<i>Eucinostomus gula</i>	5,044	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.02
<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	18,186	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	.	.	0.02
<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>	2,149	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0.05
<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>	17	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.88
<i>Menticirrhus americanus</i>	784	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	0.26
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	5,051	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.02
<i>Mugil curema</i>	350	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.57
<i>Orthopristis chrysoptera</i>	1,170	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.09
<i>Sciaenops ocellatus</i>	896	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.11
<i>Sphoeroides nephelus</i>	189	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.53
Totals	.	39	24	.	.	1	4	.	8	1	1	.

* P = Parasitic infestation; B = red or bloody areas; F = fin rot; U = ulcer or lesion; E = erosion or scale loss; S = skeletal abnormalities; T = tumor or cyst; O = other

Table FH02-08. Alphabetical list of taxa having gross external abnormalities collected in Southern Indian River Lagoon during stratified-random sampling, 2002. Number collected = total number of each species collected. Number affected = total number of individuals with abnormalities by health code. Percent affected = number affected / number collected * 100.

Scientific Name	Number Collected (≥75-mm SL)	Number Affected (≥75-mm SL)	Health Code*							Percent Affected	
			P	B	F	U	E	S	T		O
<i>Archosargus probatocephalus</i>	806	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.25
<i>Arius felis</i>	391	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	0.26
<i>Caranx hippos</i>	214	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.47
<i>Diapterus auratus</i>	3,960	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	0.03
<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	606	3	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	0.5
<i>Mugil curema</i>	1,148	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	0.17
Totals	.	10	.	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.

* P = Parasitic infestation; B = red or bloody areas; F = fin rot; U = ulcer or lesion; E = erosion or scale loss; S = skeletal abnormalities; T = tumor or cyst; O = other

Species Profiles

Introduction

An important use of Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program data is to track relative abundance of fish stocks and provide information that can be used in species management plans, including information on the abundance of juvenile fish. Juvenile abundance indices measure the relative abundance of newly-recruiting or young-of-the-year (YOY) fish and may be used to describe recruitment processes and forecast population trends. When combined with data on adult fish, a comprehensive picture of the relative condition of a fish population can be constructed. This section provides profiles of species that are routinely collected in FIM program sampling and are of recreational or commercial importance in Florida, including red drum, spotted seatrout, sheepshead, striped mullet, pinfish, and blue crabs.

Similar analyses were used for developing recruitment indices for each species. Data from stratified-random or fixed station sampling were used to assess abundance of newly-recruiting or YOY target species. Study areas included in the analyses were selected based on adequate sample sizes of the target species or years of available data, and separate indices were calculated for each study area. The specific time periods and sizes of specimens included in the analyses varied among species based on their individual patterns of recruitment and growth. Length-frequency histograms were examined to determine the time period and size at which the target species fully recruited to the sampling gears. In general, only months of peak abundance were included in the analyses. Larger sizes of fish were typically omitted from the YOY analyses because they were considered not to be YOY. Therefore sub-adult and adult sized fish were analyzed separately.

Annual recruitment or YOY abundance indices were computed using an Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) (Sokal and Rohlf 1981; Hilborn and Walters 1992) to reduce spatial and temporal variability between sets. Location, time, and environmental variables were treated as either classification variables (zone, year, month, gear, deployment technique, sediment type, and presence / absence of bottom vegetation) or covariates (water temperature, salinity, and percent cover of bottom vegetation) in the

ANCOVA analyses. The PROC GLM procedure (SAS Institute 1989) was used to complete all ANCOVA analyses. In order to normalize the data, water temperature, salinity, percent bottom vegetation, and number of animals per haul were natural log transformed [$\ln(X+1)$] prior to analysis. Variables, except year, that were not significant at $\alpha=0.05$ were dropped and the analysis repeated. With the ANCOVA analysis, least squares adjusted means and standard errors were calculated for each year.

Relative abundance was calculated as the median annual number of fish per haul. Median values were determined from the least-squares adjusted means by multiplying the standard error by a random normal deviate ($\mu=0$, $\sigma=1$) and adding it to the least-squares mean. These data were then back-transformed (e^x-1). The process was repeated 500 times for each year to create a sampling distribution of back-transformed means. Summary statistics (10, 25, 75, and 90 percentiles) were then calculated (Sokal and Rohlf 1981).

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Red Drum, *Sciaenops ocellatus*

The red drum, *Sciaenops ocellatus*, is an estuarine-dependent species inhabiting coastal waters from Massachusetts to northern Mexico (Yokel 1966, Reagan 1985). This species supports important recreational fisheries throughout the U.S. south Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts. In Florida, dramatic stock reductions in the mid 1980s resulted in a 1986 moratorium on both commercial and recreational red drum fisheries. In 1989, the fishery was reopened with strict size and bag limits, as well as a no-sale provision that effectively eliminated the commercial red drum fishery in Florida (Goodyear 1987). Since that time, red drum stocks have shown signs of recovery, and in 1994, abundances were equal to or slightly greater than those observed in the early to mid 1980s (Muller and Murphy 1994). The current status of Florida's red drum populations is uncertain, as fishing mortality estimates have steadily increased since the early 1990s, and model predictions for age-specific indices have spanned the 30% escapement threshold prescribed by current management (Murphy 2002).

In Florida, adult red drum spawn from mid-August through late November (Yokel 1966). Spawning occurs primarily near bay mouths or inlets and over nearshore continental shelf waters (Mercer 1984; Murphy and Taylor 1990), and in some locations inside estuaries (Murphy and Taylor 1990; Johnson and Funicelli 1991). In Florida estuaries, recruitment of juveniles begins in September and continues through January, with peaks occurring in October and November (Reagan 1985; Peters and McMichael 1987; Daniel 1988). Data collected by the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program from 1989 to 1996 indicated that settlement of juvenile red drum less than 33 mm standard length (SL) typically occurred in the middle or upper reaches of the estuaries away from ocean inlets or passes, and was strongly influenced by the availability of low to moderate salinity habitats (FDEP-FMRI 1996).

In an effort to monitor year-class strength and to improve the ability to predict future adult red drum abundances, the FIM program develops indices of juvenile red drum recruitment for selected Florida estuaries. Data from stratified-

random 21.3-m seine samples were examined to assess the recruitment of juvenile red drum in five Florida estuaries: Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, northern Indian River Lagoon, Cedar Key, and Apalachicola Bay. Indices of abundance for juvenile red drum were not calculated for Florida Bay due to the low numbers of fish collected, nor from northeast Florida due to the limited sampling time series available. Historical length-frequency data indicated that red drum less than 40 mm SL recruited to habitats sampled with our 21.3-m seines in these estuaries primarily from October - December (September - December in Cedar Key).

On Florida's southwest coast between 1989 and 2002, median estimates of relative abundance for juvenile red drum followed similar trends in both Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor (Figure SP02-01A). During this period, relative abundance estimates generally exhibited only small fluctuations, although there were pronounced increases in abundance estimates in both of these systems in 1995 and 2002. Specific reasons for these increases are currently unknown and may be related to natural recruitment cycles, fluctuations in adult spawning success, or abiotic recruitment-related processes. The fact that similar patterns were observed in these disjunct estuarine systems suggested that red drum recruitment on this section of Florida's Gulf coast may have been influenced by factors which operated over regional scales. On Florida's northwest coast, relative abundances of juvenile red drum in Cedar Key between 1996 and 2002 reached a peak in 1997 and have fluctuated at lower levels through 2002 (Figure SP02-01B). In Apalachicola Bay, estimates of abundance were relatively low and varied without trend between 1998 and 2001, but exhibited an increase in 2002 (Figure SP02-01B).

In the northern Indian River Lagoon on Florida's east coast, relative abundance estimates for juvenile red drum remained stable from 1990-1997, exhibited an apparent increase in 1998, and declined sharply during 1999 (Figure SP02-01C). Beginning in 1998, the sampling area was revised to include some of the more productive juvenile red drum nursery habitats located in the vicinity of the St. Sebastian River, and the increase in relative abundances observed in the

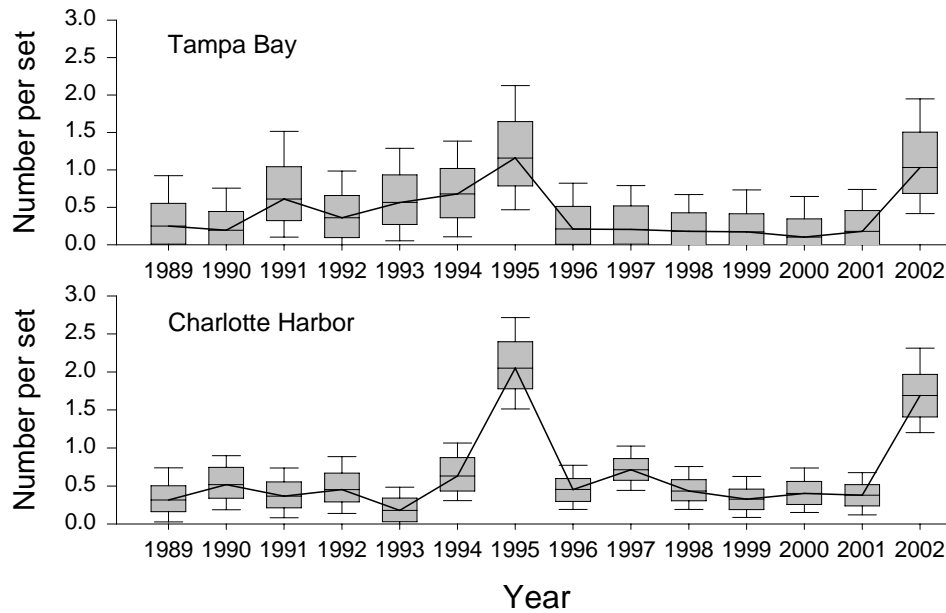
Indian River Lagoon during 1998 may have reflected this shift in sampling emphasis. If so, then the low abundances observed in these same sampling areas during 1999 may actually represent a considerable decline in recruitment success for this year class. Since then, estimates of relative abundance have increased, but have not reached the abundances observed in 1998.

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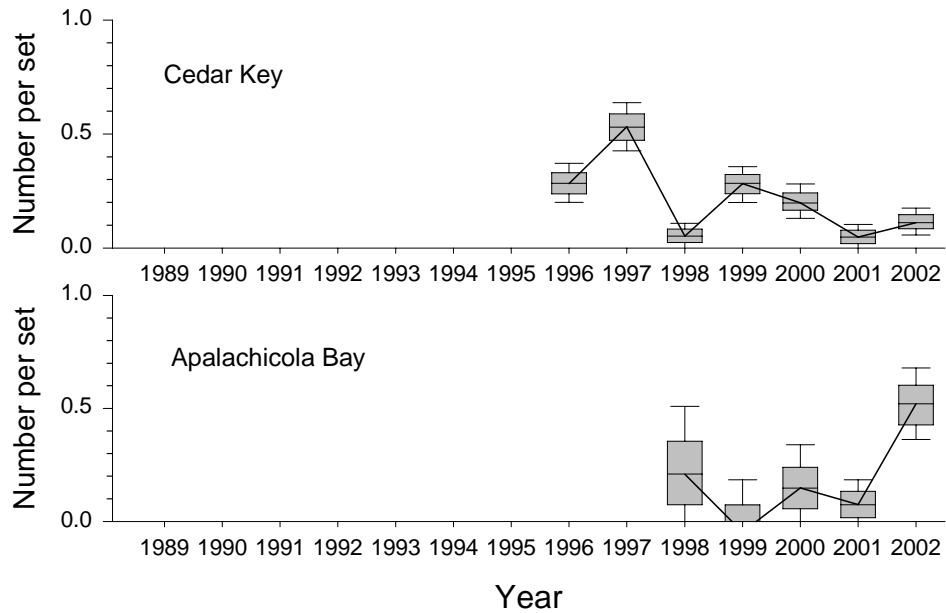


Figure SP02-01. Indices of relative abundance for juvenile red drum (< 40 mm SL) collected in 21.3-m seines during stratified-random sampling between September and January from five Florida estuarine systems located on Florida's **(A)** Southwest Coast, **(B)** Northwest Coast, and **(C)** East Coast between 1989 and 2002. The box represents the 25th – 75th percentiles, the vertical line extends from the 10th – 90th percentiles, and the horizontal line within each box indicates the median estimate. The broken line between 1997 and 1998 for Indian River Lagoon represents the change in sampling universe in this estuary.

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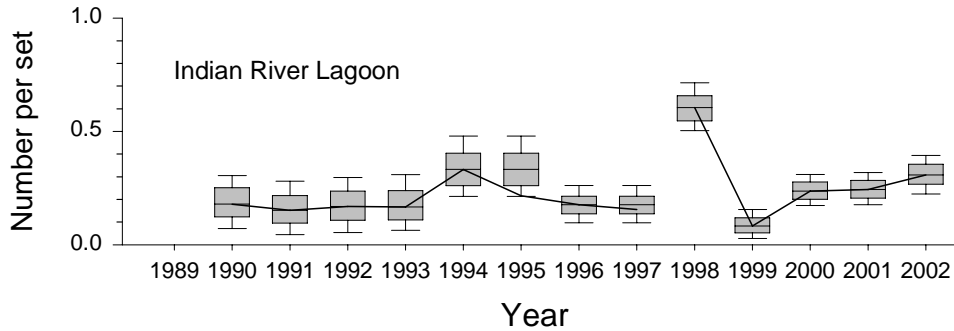


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Spotted Seatrout, *Cynoscion nebulosus*

Spotted seatrout, *Cynoscion nebulosus*, occur in temperate to tropical estuarine waters on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts of the United States (Bortone, 2002). In Florida, spotted seatrout have supported economically important recreational and commercial fisheries. Commercial fishing regulations adopted in 1995 that have affected Florida's spotted seatrout fishery include the reduction of entangling nets, a slot limit of 15 – 24 inches, and a 75-fish daily bag limit (Murphy et al., 1999). Regional slot and bag limits were also imposed on the recreational fishery in 1996 (Murphy et al., 1999). With these regulatory changes, the spotted seatrout fishery has moved from what was a mixed-sector fishery with about 20% of the landings made by commercial fishers to an almost exclusive (>95% by weight) recreational fishery (Murphy et al., 2001). Average commercial landings from 1996 – 1998 were only 8% of those from 1990 – 1994, while recreational landings fell by approximately 34% over the same period (Murphy et al., 1999). Standardized total-catch rates (catch per trip) for recreational anglers have been increasing since 1996 on the Gulf Coast, with the exception of a dip in 2000; levels on the Atlantic coast increased in 1990 – 1991 and have fluctuated at these higher levels over the last decade (Murphy et al., 2001).

Adult spotted seatrout begin to spawn in March/April in southwestern Florida estuaries (i.e., Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor; McMichael and Peters 1989) and in April/May in the more northerly Florida estuarine areas (i.e., the northern Indian River Lagoon (Tabb, 1961), Cedar Key (Moody, 1950), and Apalachicola Bay (Devries et al., 2002)). Protracted spawning for spotted seatrout continues throughout the summer and into late September or October depending on location (Murphy et al., 1999). Spawning generally occurs during the evening hours in deep channels and depressions near grass flats in saline estuarine areas of water temperature >21°C (Tabb, 1966; Helser et al., 1993). Recruitment of juveniles into estuarine areas is evident from April to October in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor, and later at higher latitudes, lasting from May to November in the Indian River Lagoon and Cedar Key. In the Apalachicola Bay region, young-of-the-year spotted seatrout recruitment does not begin until June, continuing through October (Devries et al., 1997).

The Florida Marine Research Institute's Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program's data were used to generate indices of relative abundance (IOA) for young-of-

the-year (YOY) and adult spotted seatrout in select Florida estuaries. These data allow us to monitor relative year-class strength, to improve the ability to predict future adult spotted seatrout abundances, and attempt to correlate juvenile abundances with subsequent adult spotted seatrout. Data from stratified-random 21.3-m seine sampling were used to assess the recruitment of juvenile spotted seatrout (≤ 100 mm standard length (SL)) from select estuarine areas (i.e., Tampa Bay (TB), Charlotte Harbor (CH), the northern Indian River Lagoon (IR), Cedar Key (CK), and Apalachicola Bay (AP)). The “recruitment windows” used for examining YOY spotted seatrout moving into an estuarine area varied depending on latitude (April-October in TB and CH; May-November in IR and CK; and June-October in AP). These time periods coincide with the known recruitment windows for YOY spotted seatrout (Moody, 1950; Nelson and Leffler, 2001; FWC-FMRI, unpublished data).

Overall, annual relative abundance estimates from all estuarine systems appear relatively stable over the past 4 – 5 years (Figure SP02-02). Relative abundance estimates from Tampa Bay fluctuated widely prior to 1996, becoming less variable following a strong recruitment class in that year. A slight downward trend in Tampa Bay relative abundance estimates since 1996 is evident. Charlotte Harbor YOY spotted seatrout relative abundance indices declined from 1991 to 1993, then increased to levels similar to 1991 to those levels in 1997. A subsequent decline to levels akin to those of the early 1990s was seen by 1999, and the last four years of the dataset suggest a slight increase in relative abundance. Results from the Northern Indian River Lagoon showed clear indication of one very strong recruitment year in 1995 followed by a gradual decline in recruitment through 2000 (Figure SP02-02). The past three years show evidence of an increase in relative abundance, with 2002 values of 0.90 fish/set being the highest since 1999. Apalachicola Bay YOY spotted seatrout relative abundance estimates declined slightly from 1998 – 2000, with little difference between 2001 and 2002 data. Indices of YOY relative abundance from Cedar Key exhibited greatest stability of all the estuarine systems considered: a minor peak in 1998 was followed by a linear increase from 1999 – 2002, similar to Charlotte Harbor.

Monthly stratified-random sampling with 183-m haul (0-2.5 m water depths) and purse seines (1-3.3 m water depth) was included in the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring program beginning in 1996 and 1997, respectively. Sampling with the 183-m haul seine was established in all estuarine sampling areas, while purse-seine sampling

began only in Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor and Apalachicola Bay (Table SP02-01; purse seine data not included for Apalachicola Bay as sampling only ran from 2000 - 2001). The haul seine was deployed along shallow-water shoreline areas, while the purse net fished the slightly deeper, offshore seagrass beds and sand flats. Data collected from both 183-m seine nets (January-December) were used to assess the relative abundance of the larger sized spotted seatrout (>100 mm SL) from the following estuarine areas: Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, Northern Indian River Lagoon, Cedar Key, and Apalachicola Bay (Figure SP01-02). Collections from the Southern Indian River Lagoon were not analyzed for adult relative abundance due to very low numbers of spotted seatrout and the lack of 21.3-m seine sampling for YOY comparisons. Annual relative abundance estimates of larger spotted seatrout were generally more stable than the juvenile indices in all estuarine areas, except in Cedar Key where a strong peak was observed in 1998. Fewer large spotted seatrout were caught per set than YOY individuals, with the exception of Cedar Key (1997 – 2001). Preliminary analysis suggests few clear correlations exist between large and YOY spotted seatrout relative abundances in Florida. The indices correlate well in Tampa Bay when the same years are compared. In contrast, data from Apalachicola Bay show a strong negative correlation when YOY indices are compared to adult data from the previous year; a strong positive correlation is evident when YOY are associated with adult abundances in the following year. Catch per unit effort (CPUE) by 183-m purse seines was greater than 183-m haul seines in Tampa Bay for all years, but the same was not true for Charlotte Harbor (Table SP02-01).

Length-frequency data collected by 183-m haul and purse seines show that these gears provide valuable information on adult and sub-adult spotted seatrout (Figure SP02-03). While within each bay system (Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor) there were no statistical differences in the length composition between the two gear types (Kolmogorov-Smirnov 2-sample tests, $P > 0.05$) with each collecting the majority of fish of approximately 175 – 245 mm SL, the 183-m haul seines sampled a greater proportion of fish below and above this size range than the 183-m purse net (Figure SP02-03). Charlotte Harbor 183-m haul seine data differed from those of Tampa Bay in that a greater proportion of fish sampled were within the recreational slot size than below the minimum legal size. Data from the 183-m haul seine collections in all the remaining estuarine systems (N.Indian River lagoon, S. Indian River lagoon,

Apalachicola Bay) were similar to those from Tampa Bay in terms of consisting of a greater proportion of prefishery individuals. Trends evident over the past 3 – 4 years in Apalachicola Bay, Tampa Bay and S. Indian River Lagoon suggest that there is a higher percentage of smaller fish collected than in the previous 3 – 4 year cycle (Table SP02-01). Mean length of fish taken by 183-m purse seine was also at a minimum in 2002 in Tampa Bay, although the same was not true in Charlotte Harbor.

Knowledge and understanding of the number and size of adult spotted seatrout populations in Florida waters have been increasing since the inception of monthly stratified-random sampling in 1996 using the larger 183-m seines. Stronger management regulations in the past few years have limited both recreational and commercial harvesting of spotted seatrout. These new regulations may have directly influenced the adult populations by limiting exploitation in Florida waters; however, various environmental and biological factors may also have influenced the growth and mortality of adult spotted seatrout.

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Table SP02-01. Number of spotted seatrout collected per haul (CPUE) using 183-m seines in six estuarine systems. The number in parentheses is the mean standard length (SL, mm).

	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Gears	Haul	Purse	Haul	Purse	Haul	Purse	Haul	Purse	Haul	Purse	Haul	Purse	Haul	Purse
Bays	CPUE		CPUE		CPUE		CPUE		CPUE		CPUE		CPUE	
	(SL)		(SL)		(SL)		(SL)		(SL)		(SL)		(SL)	
Apalachicola Bay	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.56 (253)	N/A	1.35 (254)	N/A	0.88 (245)	N/A	0.54 (233)	N/A	0.64 (217)	N/A
Cedar Key	N/A	N/A	1.08 (239)	N/A	4.13 (235)	N/A	2.06 (202)	N/A	1.03 (261)	N/A	0.99 (222)	N/A	0.65 (206)	N/A
Tampa Bay	0.81 (254)	N/A	0.46 (226)	1.04 (247)	0.54 (227)	0.95 (249)	1.04 (279)	1.07 (247)	0.31 (241)	1.27 (254)	0.68 (228)	1.00 (261)	0.47 (200)	1.10 (226)
Charlotte Harbor	0.45 (205)	N/A	0.43 (280)	N/A	0.19 (230)	0.42 (270)	0.46 (304)	0.38 (251)	0.30 (248)	0.39 (238)	0.28 (258)	0.38 (227)	1.06 (260)	0.42 (255)
South Indian River	N/A	N/A	0.10 (314)	N/A	0.11 (299)	N/A	0.16 (308)	N/A	0.07 (382)	N/A	0.09 (261)	N/A	0.06 (200)	N/A
North Indian River	N/A	N/A	0.33 (246)	N/A	0.47 (243)	N/A	0.54 (211)	N/A	0.50 (206)	N/A	0.40 (203)	N/A	0.75 (221)	N/A

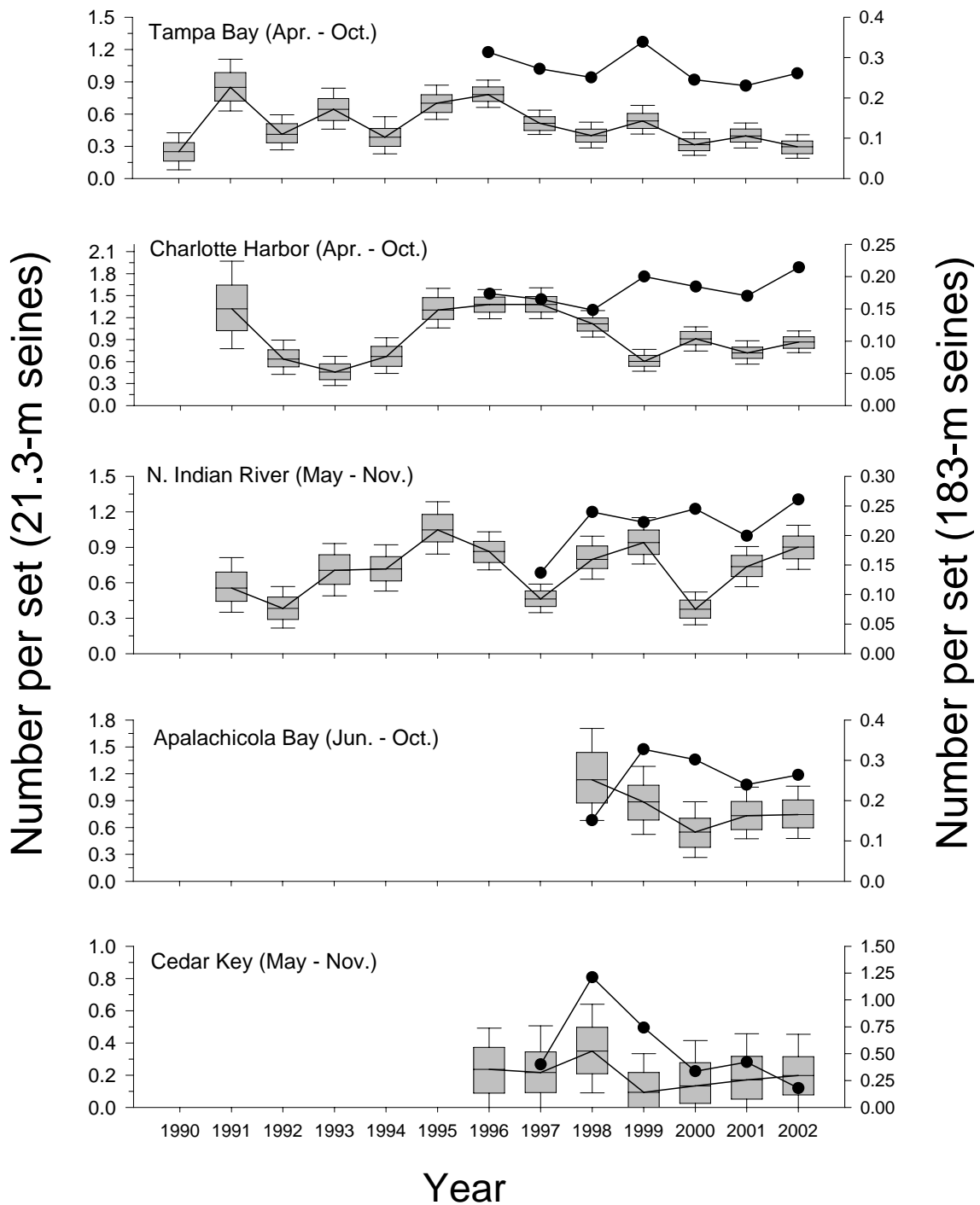


Figure SP02-02. Relative abundance of spotted seatrout (≤ 100 mm SL) collected during 1990-2002 using 21.3-m seines. The box represents the 25th and 75th percentiles, the vertical line extends from the 10th-90th percentiles, and the horizontal line indicates the median estimate. The line and scatter

plot (●) represents median relative abundance of adult spotted seatrout (>100 mm SL) collected using 183-m seines. Note different scales.

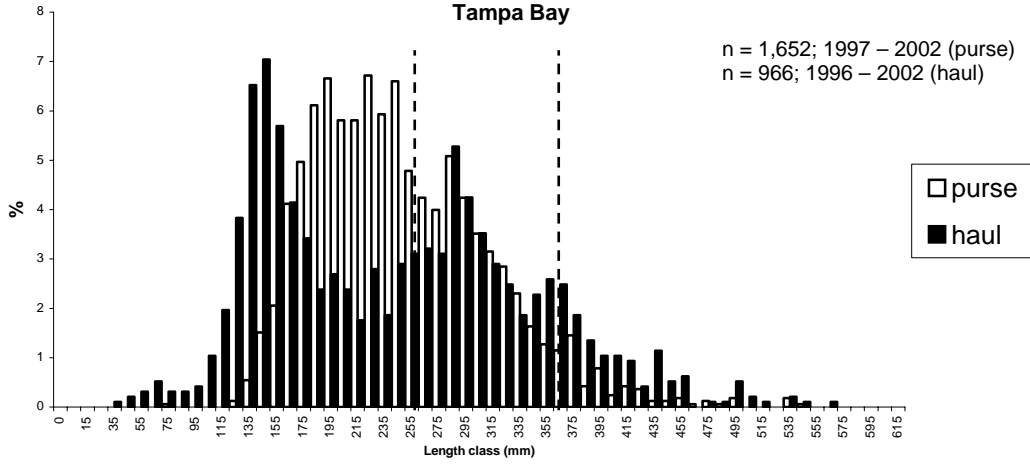
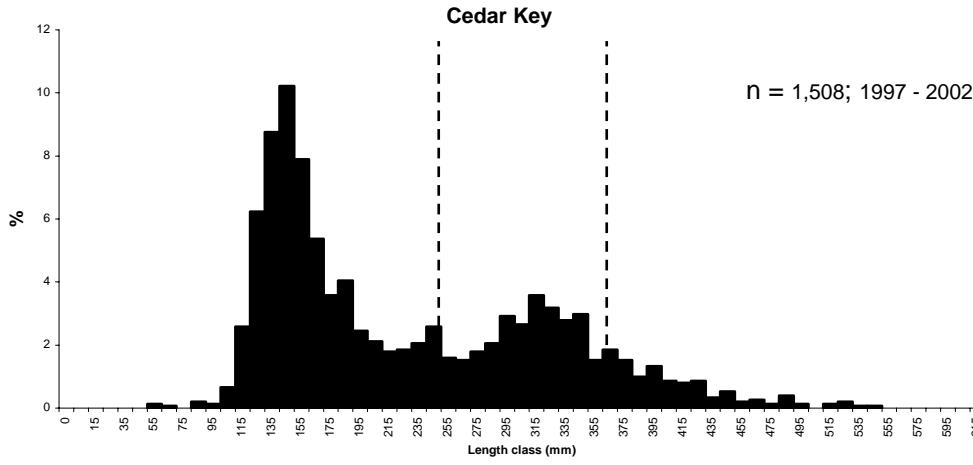
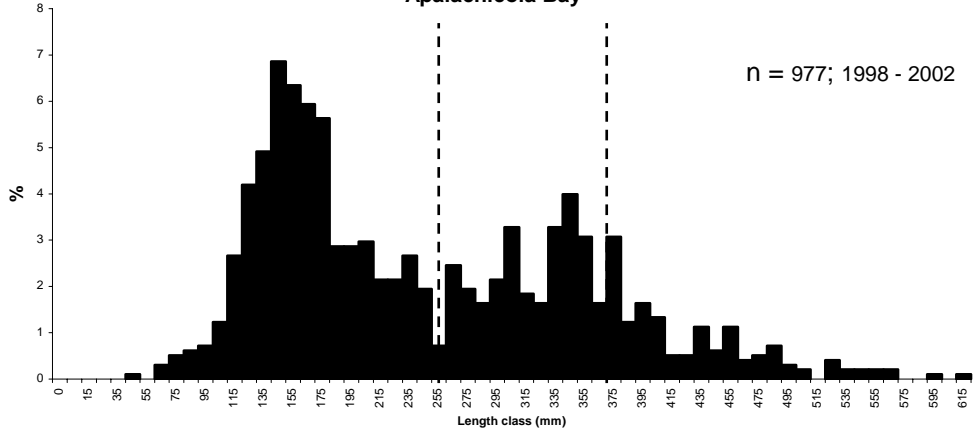


Figure SP02-03. Length frequency diagrams of spotted sea trout collected using 183-m haul (■) or purse (□) seines. Dashed lines (- - -) indicate approximate recreational fishing slot limits. All lengths are standard length (SL).

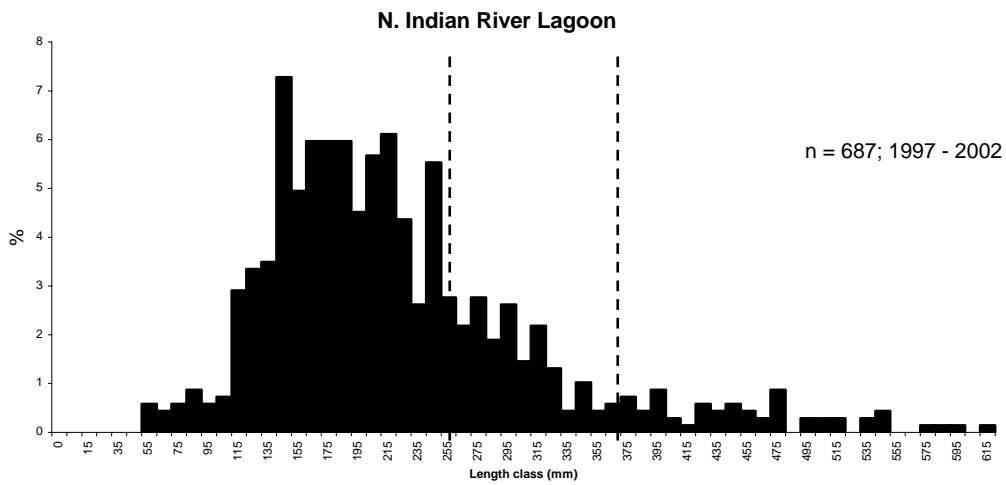
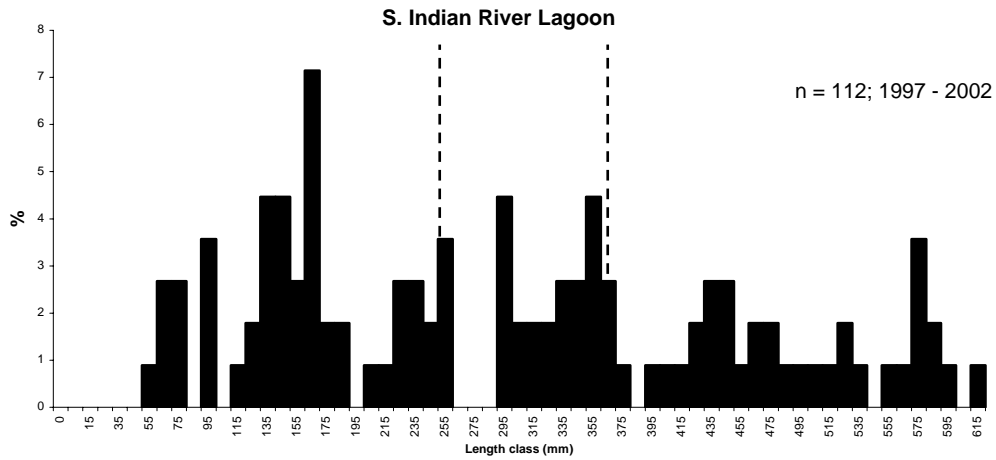
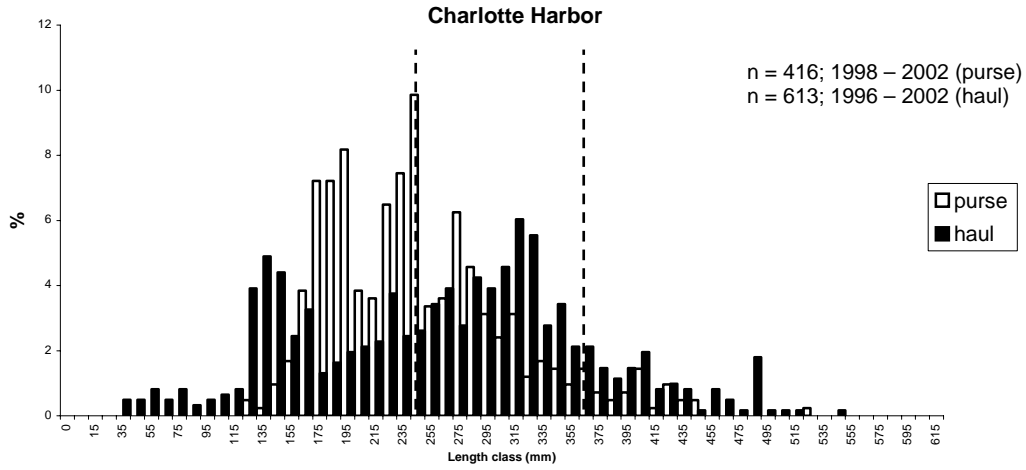


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Sheepshead, *Archosargus probatocephalus*

The sheepshead, *Archosargus probatocephalus*, is common in coastal estuarine and inner- to mid-shelf waters from Cape Cod to Brazil (Jennings 1985). Recreational and commercial fishermen in Florida commonly harvest sheepshead, with the majority taken by the recreational fishery from 1986 – 1999 (Murphy and MacDonald 2000). Recreational fisherman captured 89% and 96% of the total number of individuals landed on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, respectively, in 1999 (Murphy and MacDonald 2000). Sheepshead in Florida waters are currently regulated by size (12" fork length, 268 mm standard length) and bag (15 fish/day) limits. Although the most recent stock assessment indicates that growth overfishing is unlikely, the potential for recruitment overfishing remains for Atlantic Coast sheepshead (Murphy et al. 1997). Annual estimates of relative abundance for sheepshead during various life stages (young-of-the-year, pre-fishery, and fully recruited) are valuable tools for fine-tuning virtual population models developed for stock assessments and can be used to investigate associations between young-of-the-year and adult abundances.

Adult sheepshead reproduce between February and April in Florida waters, and the newly recruited young-of-the-year (YOY) are most abundant in shallow estuarine areas between April and July. Young-of-the-year sheepshead grow to approximately 40 mm standard length (SL) by June and 130 mm SL by April of the following year (age 1). Sheepshead in Florida waters enter the fishery at 268 mm SL, which typically corresponds to an age of 3-6 years (Dutka-Gianelli and Murie 2001; MacDonald unpublished data). Based upon data from Louisiana, sheepshead reach sexual maturity at two years of age (Render and Wilson 1992), shortly before they recruit into the fishery in Florida waters.

Catch data from the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program's stratified-random sampling surveys were examined to assess sheepshead relative abundances during four life history stages (early YOY, late YOY, pre-fishery, and fully recruited); gear types and months examined varied for each life history stage (Table SP02-02). In each estuary, sheepshead ≤ 40 mm SL represented early YOY (Figure SP02-04), while sheepshead between 50 and 95 mm SL represented late YOY (Figure SP02-05). Analyses were conducted separately for sheepshead that had not yet entered the fishery (131 to 267 mm SL) and for those that were fully recruited to the fishery (≥ 268 mm SL; Figure SP02-

04). Relatively few YOY sheepshead were collected in either Cedar Key or Apalachicola Bay (Figures SP02-04 and -05), so annual estimates of relative abundance were not prepared for either early or late YOY sheepshead in these estuaries. Similarly, annual estimates for early YOY sheepshead were not available for the Southern Indian River Lagoon where 21.3-m seine samples were not collected.

Annual estimates of relative abundance for early YOY sheepshead have been fairly constant on the Atlantic Coast between 1997 and 2002, while exhibiting cyclical patterns on the Gulf Coast (Figure SP02-05). In Tampa Bay, two years of low to moderate abundance estimates have typically been followed by a year of higher relative abundance (1991, 1994, 1997 and 2000). Data for Charlotte Harbor followed the same trend as Tampa Bay until 1997, when years of alternating high and low abundance commenced, continuing through 2002. Annual estimates of relative abundance for the Northern Indian River Lagoon have fluctuated around 0.08 fish/set with a peak of 0.11 fish/set in 2000.

Late YOY sheepshead estimates of relative abundance were fairly stable on the Gulf Coast through 2000, and on the Atlantic Coast through 1999 (Figure SP02-05). Clear peaks in abundance were evident in the Northern and Southern Indian River Lagoon in 2000, followed by decreases to levels at or slightly greater than pre-2000. Annual abundance estimates for late YOY in Tampa Bay were lowest in 1996 (0.02 fish/set) and highest in 2002 (0.18 fish/set) with a median abundance estimate of 0.09 fish/set across all years. Charlotte Harbor abundance estimates were also highest in 2002 (0.14 fish/set), while they were lowest in 2001 (0.00 fish/set).

Pre-fishery and fully recruited size-classes of sheepshead along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts of Florida had estuarine-specific trends in abundance estimates. Evidence of a slight decline in numbers of fully recruited individuals exists for Cedar Key and Tampa Bay (Figure SP02-06). Charlotte Harbor and Apalachicola have had increasing trends in abundance estimates of both pre-fishery and fully recruited sheepshead since sampling began (1996 and 1998, respectively). The Southern Indian River Lagoon had a decreasing trend in annual abundance estimates for pre-fishery sheepshead from 1998 – 2001, with an increase occurring in 2002 (although data for the remaining three months of the 2002-2003 biological year are not yet available). The Northern Indian River Lagoon has had relatively stable abundance estimates for fully recruited sheepshead. Pre-fishery individuals showed little variation in abundance from 1997-1999, then increased to substantially greater

numbers in 2000 and have remained stable at this higher level through 2002.

Comparisons between estuaries for pre-fishery sheepshead show that abundance estimates were highest in the Northern and Southern Indian River Lagoon (0.14 to 0.79 fish/set); intermediate in Charlotte Harbor, Tampa Bay, and Apalachicola (0.18 to 0.44 fish/set); and lowest in Cedar Key (0.04 to 0.14 fish/set). Estimates of relative abundance for fully recruited sheepshead, however, were higher in Cedar Key (0.53–0.79 fish/set) than in most of the other estuaries sampled, with the exception of the Southern Indian River Lagoon. The latter region showed less stability, with values from 1998-2000 higher than the maximum for Cedar Key, while levels in 2001-2002 were below that of the Cedar Key minimum.

The Pearson correlation coefficient between early and late YOY annual abundance estimates was positive and relatively high for the Northern Indian River Lagoon (0.86; $P < 0.05$). No other estuary showed high correlation between the two groups of YOY analyzed. With the inclusion of environmental parameters in regression models and the accumulation of additional years of abundance estimates, the correlation between early and late YOY should become more apparent. Correlating relative abundance estimates among other size-classes will be more difficult, probably requiring the inclusion of age data, since the pre-fishery and fully recruited size classes represent wide ranges of overlapping ages (Beckman et al. 1991; Dutka-Gianelli and Murie 2001; MacDonald unpublished data).

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Table SP02-02. Size ranges, gear types, and months examined when calculating annual relative abundance estimates for each life history stage of sheepshead.

Life History Stage	Size Range (mm SL)	Gear types	Months
Early YOY	0-40	21.3-m bay and river seines	April-July
Late YOY	50-95	183-m haul seine	August-December
Pre-fishery	131-267	183-m haul seine	April-March
Full Recruited	≥268	183-m haul seine	April-March

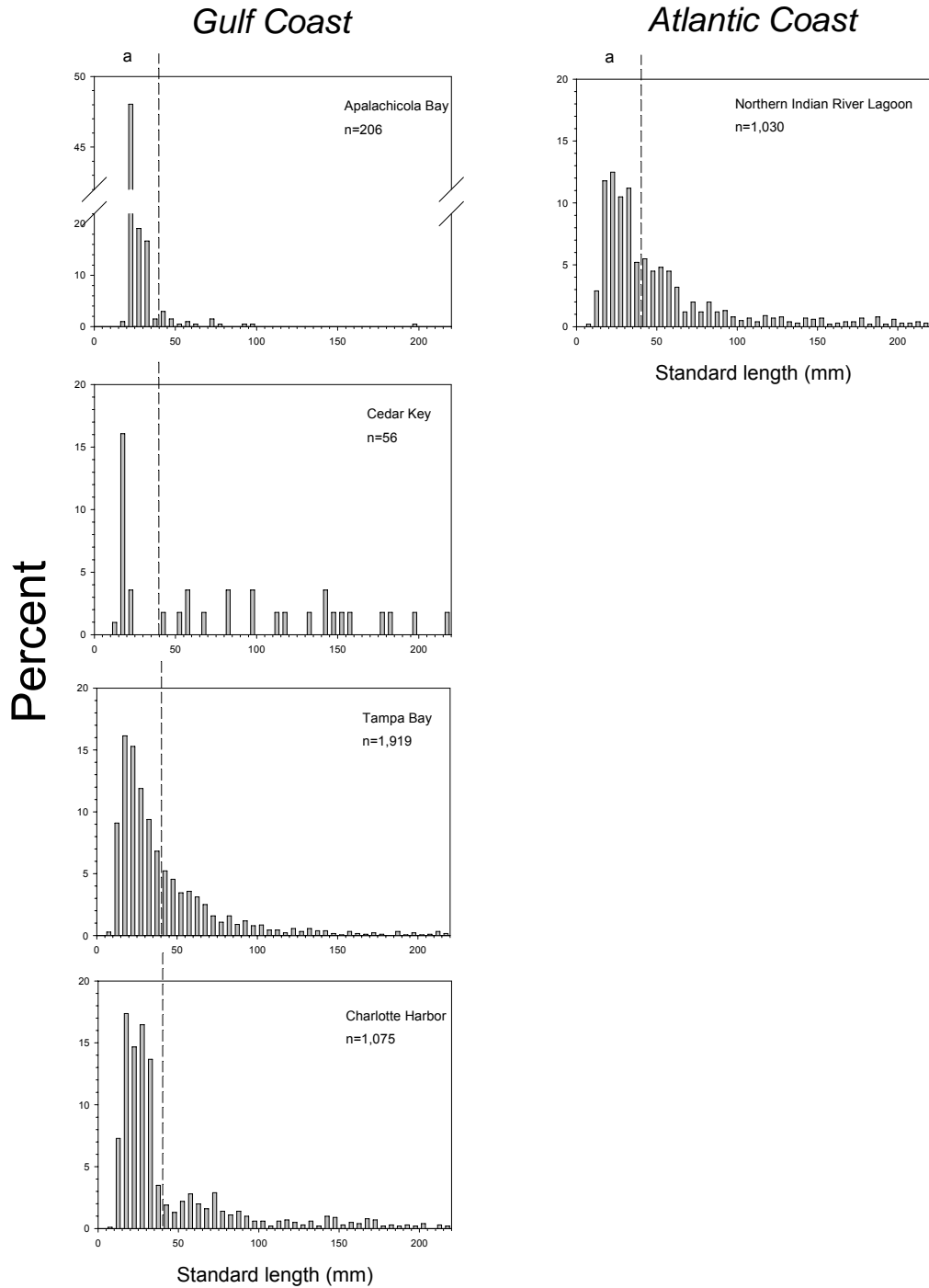


Figure SP02-04. Length frequency distribution of sheephead collected during 21.3-m seine stratified-random sampling in each of the estuaries surveyed by the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring program. Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay were surveyed from 1989 to 2002; the Northern Indian River was surveyed from 1990 to 2002; Cedar Key was surveyed from 1996 to 2002; and Apalachicola was surveyed between 1998 and 2002. The southern Indian River was not surveyed with 21.3-m seines. The vertical dotted line and letter (a) denotes the early young-of-year size class. n=number of fish.

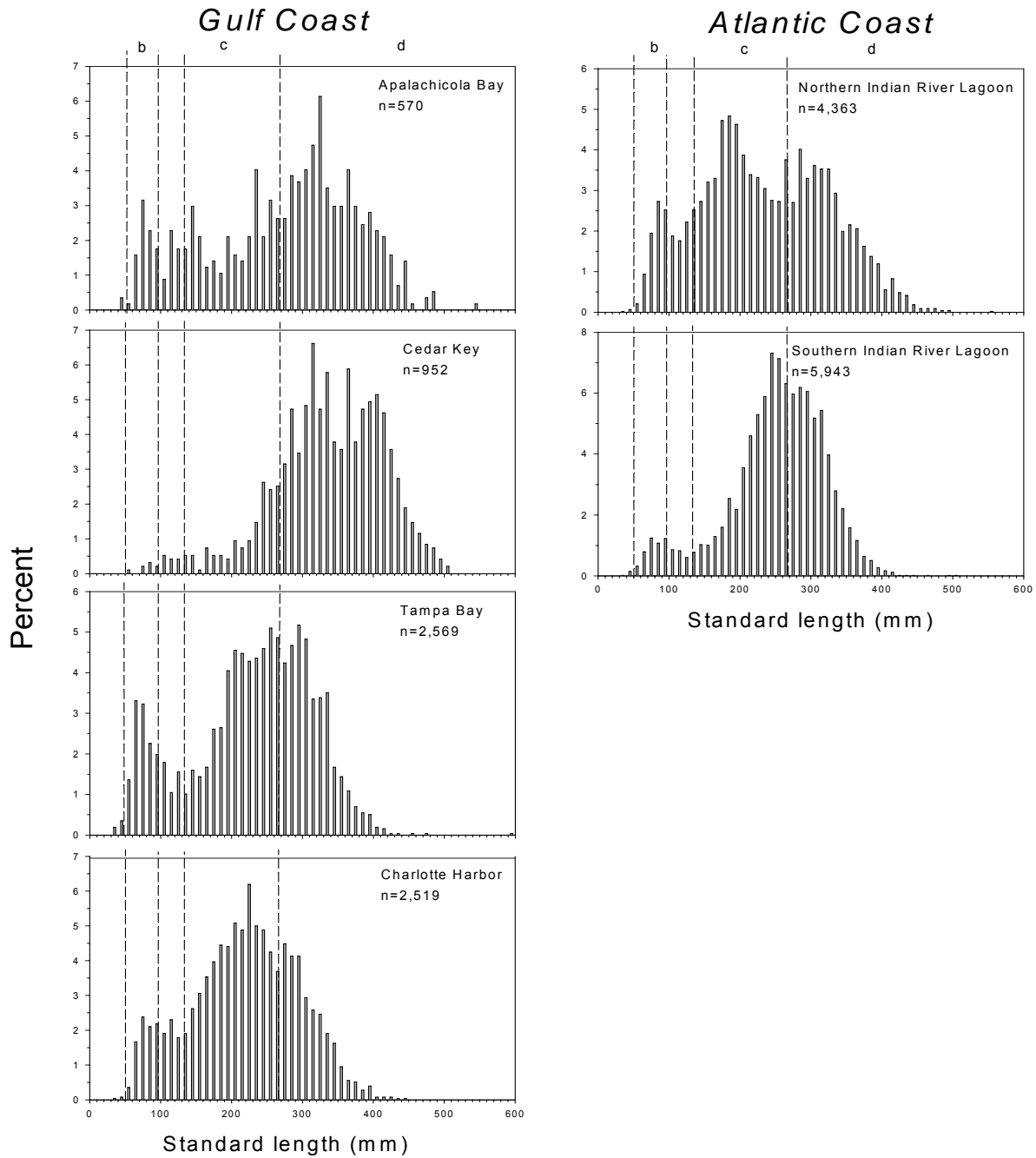


Figure SP02-05. Length frequency distribution of sheepshead collected during 183-m haul seine stratified-random sampling surveys in each of the estuaries surveyed by the Fisheries-Independent Monitoring program. Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay were surveyed from 1996 to 2002; Southern and Northern Indian River Lagoon, and Cedar Key were surveyed from 1997 to 2002; and Apalachicola Bay was surveyed from 1998 to 2002. The dotted vertical lines and letters designate three of the size classes analyzed: b) late young-of-year, c) pre-fishery, and d) fully recruited. n = number of fish.

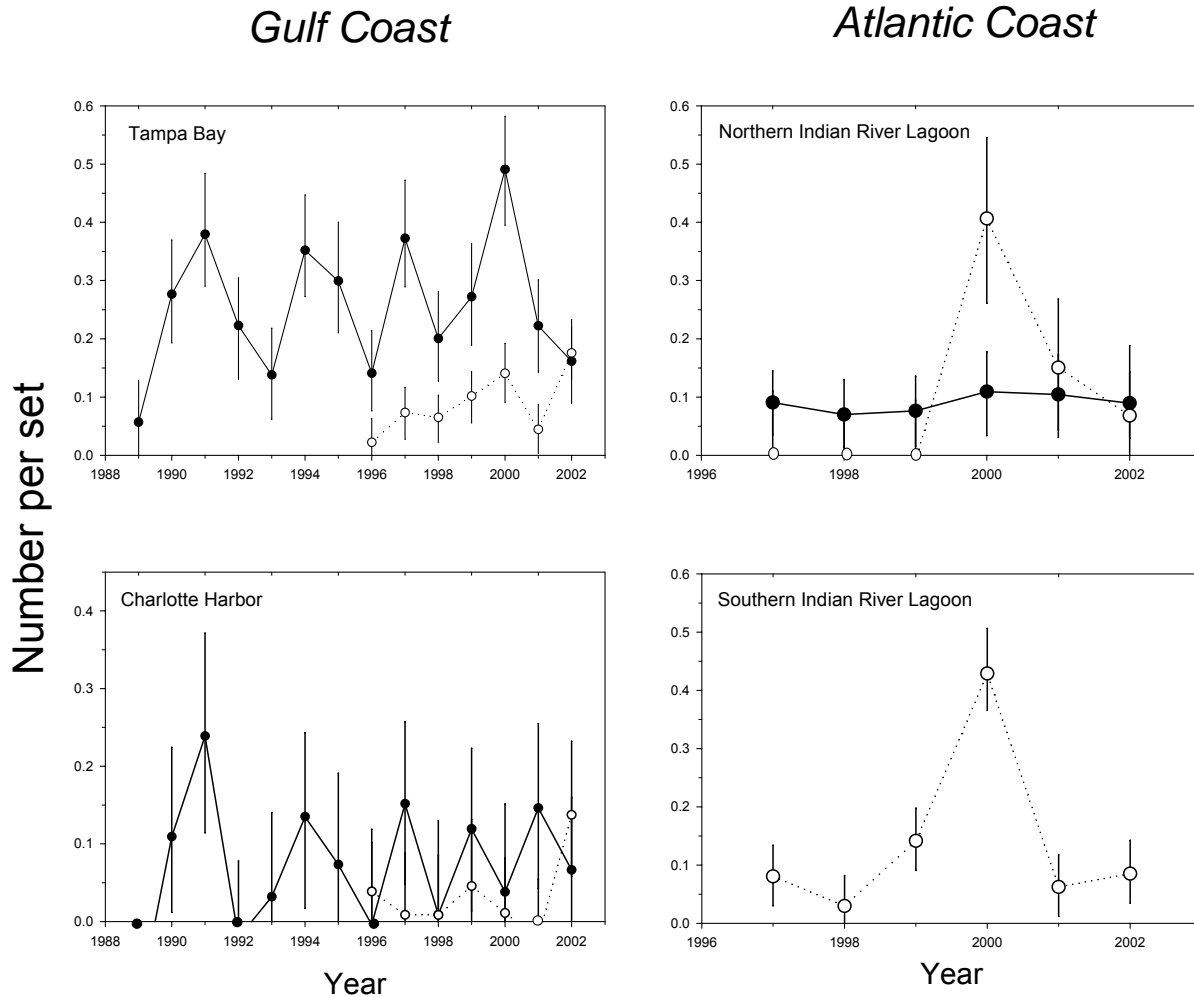


Figure SP02-06. Annual relative abundance estimates for young-of-the-year sheephead collected during stratified-random sampling surveys in estuaries along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts of Florida. Early YOY sheephead (≤ 40 mm SL, collected in 21.3-m seines between April and July) are represented by filled circles and solid lines. The dotted lines and open circles represent late YOY sheephead (50 to 95 mm SL) collected in 183-m haul seines between August and December. Symbols (opened and filled circles) represent median values and vertical lines represent interquartile ranges.

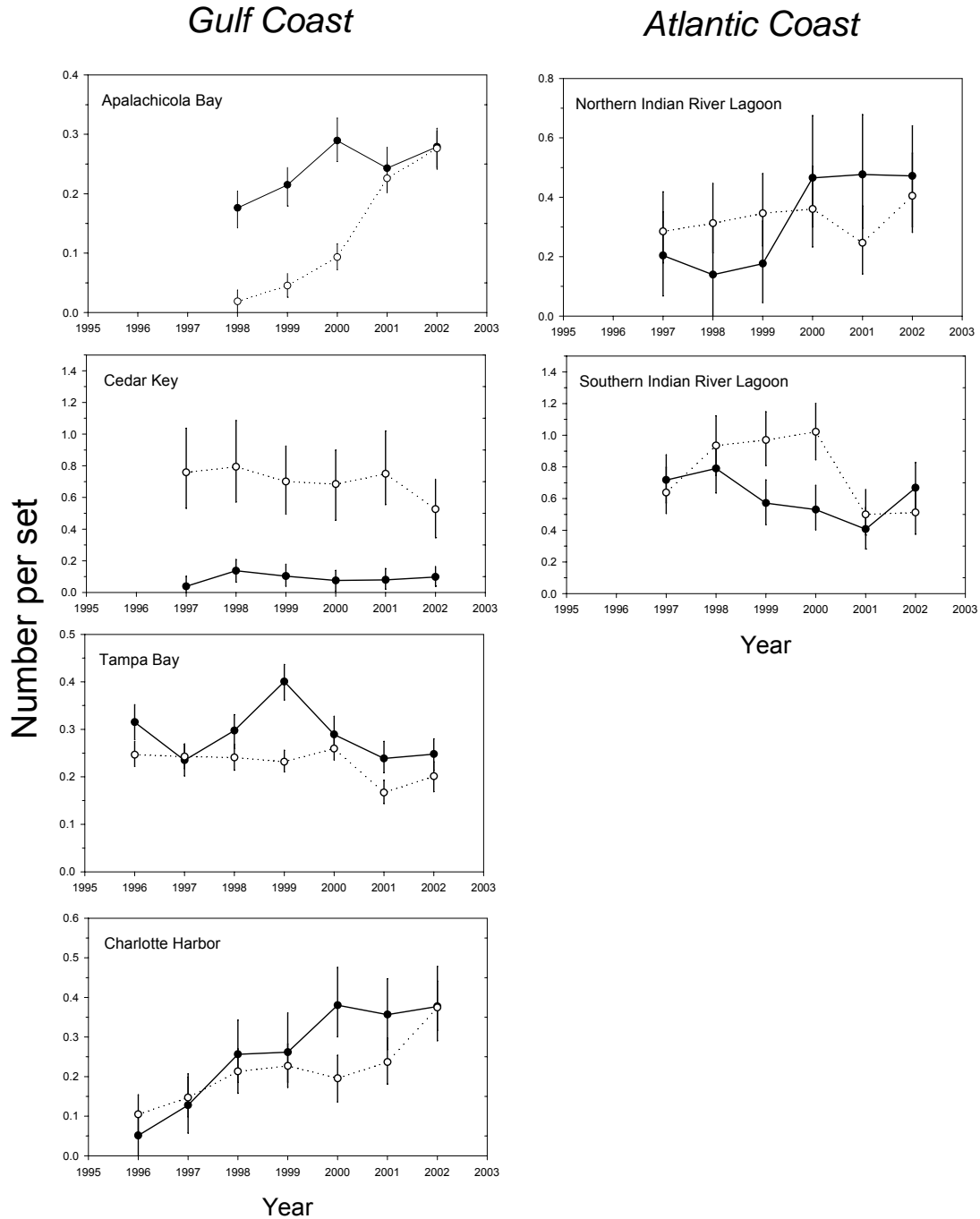


Figure SP02-07. Annual relative abundance estimates for pre-fishery (131 to 267 mm SL) and fully recruited (≥ 268 mm SL) sheephead collected during stratified-random sampling surveys in estuaries along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts of Florida. Pre-fishery sheephead are represented by filled circles and solid lines, while the dotted lines and open circles represent sheephead that have recruited into the fishery. Year represents a biological year (April–March); abundance estimates for 2002, therefore, are based on a partial year since January–March 2003 data were not available for analysis. Symbols (opened and filled circles) represent median values and vertical lines represent interquartile ranges.

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Striped Mullet, *Mugil cephalus*

Striped mullet, *Mugil cephalus*, is one of Florida's most abundant and widespread estuarine-dependent fish species (Odum 1970; Leard et al. 1995). Recreational anglers capture striped mullet for bait and food. Striped mullet supported a valuable commercial fishery from the early 1960s to the late 1980s, with approximately 90% of all U.S. production occurring in the Gulf of Mexico and over 80% of all commercially caught striped mullet landed in Florida waters (Rivas 1980; Leard et al. 1995). However, from 1991 to 1994 commercial striped mullet landings severely declined in Florida from 79% to 46% of the total Gulf production (Leard et al. 1995). With the implementation of the Florida net limitation referendum (July 1, 1995), which eliminated the use of entangling nets within three miles of the Atlantic coast and nine miles of the Gulf coast in Florida, striped mullet commercial landings were reduced by 80% (Mahmoudi 1997). Currently, only cast nets are used in both the recreational and commercial fisheries.

Striped mullet form large schools in estuarine and nearshore waters from October to December prior to their migration offshore. These schools migrate to offshore spawning areas over the outer continental shelf and slope during the passage of weather fronts from October through February. Recruitment of young-of-the-year (YOY) striped mullet to the estuary usually begins in January and continues through April, with peaks of abundance in February and March; however, FIM length-frequency data have indicated that recruitment can occur in Florida's estuaries as early as the end of December. Typically, YOY striped mullet recruit into Florida's estuaries at 20 to 35 mm standard length (Kilby 1949; Futch 1966).

Recruitment indices for YOY striped mullet were developed in select Florida estuaries to assess long-term trends in the YOY abundance in order to predict future stock fluctuations in the adult population. Using 21.3-m bay seines, YOY striped mullet were collected at fixed-stations from 1989 to 1995 (Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor and the Northern Indian River Lagoon only), and at stratified-random sampling (SRS) sites from 1989 through 2002. Data from January to April of each year were used to examine the recruitment of YOY (>35 mm SL) striped mullet in Tampa Bay (1989 - 2002), Charlotte Harbor (1991 - 2002), Northern Indian River Lagoon (1991 - 2002), Cedar Key (1997 -

2002), and Apalachicola Bay (1998 - 2002).

Fluctuations in YOY striped mullet abundance were detected in fixed-station sampling from Tampa Bay between 1989 and 1993, with abundance estimates peaking in 1994 and 1995 (Figure SP02-08). Collection of mullet through SRS showed that abundance estimates were stable from 1989 through 2002, with peaks in 1995, 1998 and 2001. Relative abundance of YOY striped mullet in Charlotte Harbor fixed-station sampling fluctuated slightly from 1991 through 1994, but increased sharply in 1995. Stratified-random sampling results indicated that relative abundance estimates for YOY striped mullet were stable in Charlotte Harbor, showing a similar pattern compared to that found in Tampa Bay with recruitment peaks observed during 1998 and 2001. Fixed-station sampling in the Northern Indian River Lagoon from 1991 through 1995 indicated an upward trend in abundance estimates of YOY striped mullet; however, SRS YOY abundance estimates have been cyclic in the Indian River Lagoon. Initiation of SRS began in 1997 in Cedar Key and relative abundance estimates of YOY striped mullet showed a stable trend through 2002. Apalachicola SRS began in 1998 and YOY abundance estimates have been stable with the exception of 2000. In all five areas, abundance estimates for YOY striped mullet have shown a similar pattern with recruitment peaks during 1998 and 2001 and a decline in abundance estimates during 2002.

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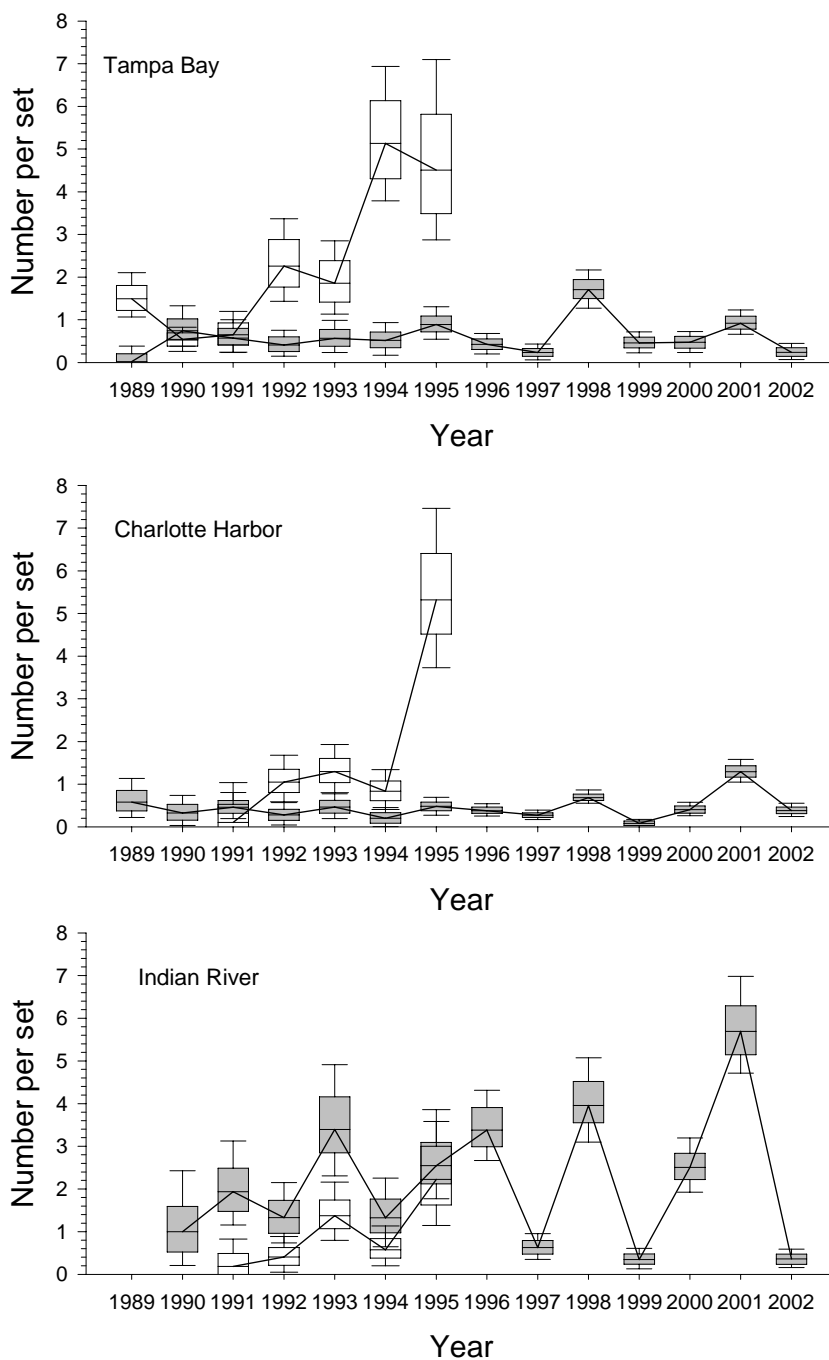


Figure SP02-08. Indices of relative abundance for young-of-the-year striped mullet (>35 mm SL) collected using the 21.3-m bay seine during fixed-station sampling (January - April, 1989 – 1995) and stratified-random sampling (January - April, 1989 – 2002) surveys in Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, and Indian River Lagoon. Fixed-station sampling is indicated with open boxes and SRS is indicated with filled boxes. The box represents the 25th to 75th percentiles, the vertical line represents the 10th to 90th percentiles, and the horizontal line represents the median estimate.

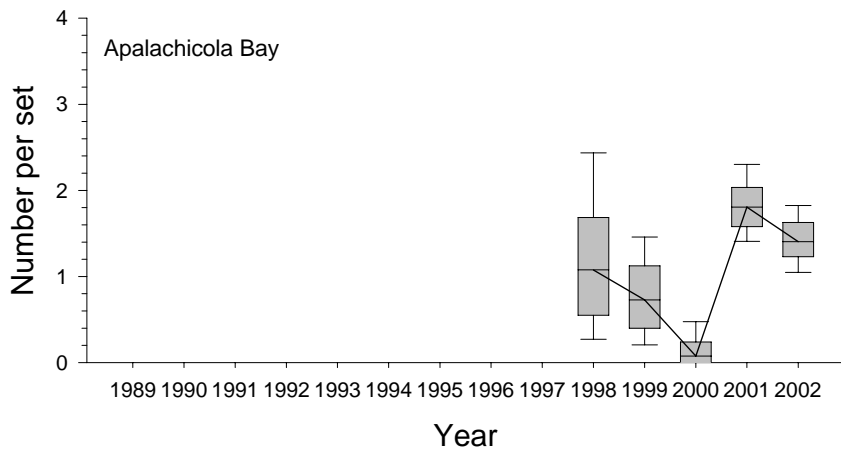
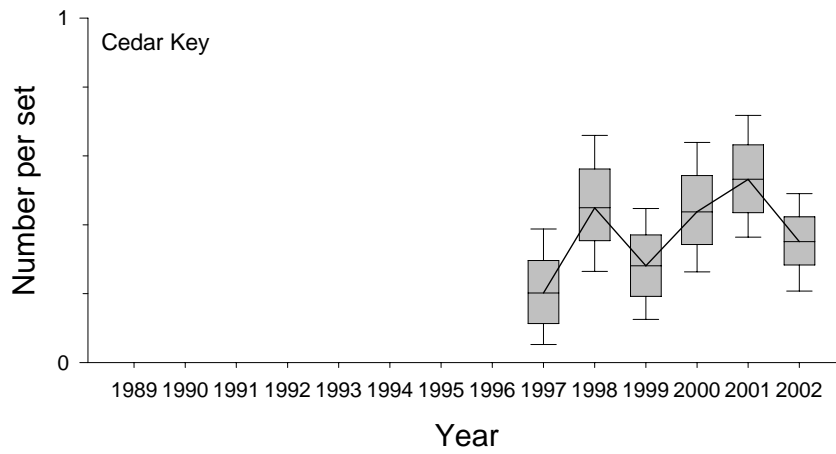


Figure SP02-08. (Continued). Indices of relative abundance for young-of-the-year striped mullet (>35 mm SL) collected using the 21.3-m bay seine during stratified-random sampling surveys in Cedar Key (January – April, 1997 - 2002) and Apalachicola Bay (January – April, 1998 - 2002). The box represents the 25th to 75th percentiles, the vertical line represents the 10th to 90th percentiles, and the horizontal line represents the median estimate. Note the different abundance scales for each system.

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Pinfish, *Lagodon rhomboides*

The pinfish, *Lagodon rhomboides*, is an ecologically and recreationally important sparid found in marine and estuarine waters from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Texas (Bigelow and Schroeder 1953; Caldwell 1957). It is one of the most abundant species captured in estuaries of the northeastern Gulf of Mexico (Hoese and Jones 1963; Hansen 1970; Ogren and Brusher 1977). Studies have shown that predation by pinfish plays a role in the organization of seagrass macrobenthic faunal assemblages (Young et al. 1976; Young and Young 1977). The pinfish is also a major link between primary and secondary production as individuals >60 mm standard length (SL) consume and digest seagrasses and encrusting epiphytes (Stoner 1980; Weinstein et al. 1982; Montgomery and Targett 1992). Pinfish of all sizes are commonly targeted by anglers for use as bait when fishing for recreationally important species such as sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*), red drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*), spotted seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*), southern flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*), snook (*Centropomus undecimalis*), and gag grouper (*Mycteroperca microlepis*).

To understand the mechanisms influencing young-of-the-year (YOY) recruitment, annual indices of abundance were generated to determine if similar trends in YOY densities were evident in Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, northern Indian River Lagoon, Cedar Key, and Apalachicola Bay. Only 21.3-m seine data from January-June stratified-random sampling was used because this period covered peak YOY recruitment into the estuaries (Nelson 1998). Only individuals measuring less than 80 mm SL were used in the analysis. This length represents the average maximum size that individuals of YOY cohorts attain through June (Nelson 1998). Due to historical changes in sampling design, certain zones in each estuary, which were sampled consistently, were included to generate annual indices of abundance (Tampa Bay and Cedar Key = all zones; Charlotte Harbor = A, B, and C; Indian River Lagoon = C, D, and E; Apalachicola Bay = A and B).

Trends of relative abundance varied among estuaries. In Tampa Bay, indices of relative abundance (median fish/haul) showed that YOY pinfish abundance fluctuated between 15.4 fish/haul and 3.4 fish/haul (Figure SP02-09). Abundance peaked in 1992 and 2001 with 15.4 fish/haul and 10.2 fish/haul, respectively. In Charlotte Harbor, relative abundance was much higher and fluctuated between 206.4 fish/haul and 26.4 fish/haul with peaks in 1994 (206.4 fish/haul), 1995 (190.7 fish/haul), and 1998 (117.8 fish/haul). In the northern Indian River Lagoon, relative abundance of YOY pinfish remained at a consistently low level of less than 2 fish/haul with the highest abundance in 1992 (1.6 fish/haul). In Cedar Key, pinfish abundance peaked at 3.8 fish/haul in 2000 and fluctuated between 2.1 fish/haul and 0.2 fish/haul in other years. In Apalachicola Bay, YOY pinfish abundance peaked in 2001 at 9.0 fish/haul and dropped to 5.6 fish/haul in 2002.

Inter-bay comparisons revealed that the relative abundance of YOY pinfish was generally highest in Charlotte Harbor, followed by Tampa Bay, Cedar Key, Apalachicola Bay, and the northern Indian River Lagoon. Relative abundances of YOY pinfish in the northern Indian River Lagoon and Cedar Key showed slight increases in 2002 while abundances decreased in other estuaries. A four-year cycle of pinfish abundance was observed in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor (Figure SP02-09): 1990-1993, 1993-1996, 1996-1999, 1999-2002. The magnitude and timing of the peak abundances varied among cycles. Pinfish catch rates from FMRI offshore baitfish cruises exhibited the same cycles as the Gulf of Mexico cycles (Tsou pers. obs.). Additional years of sampling and further studies are required to verify the periodicity and to identify the mechanisms behind these observations.

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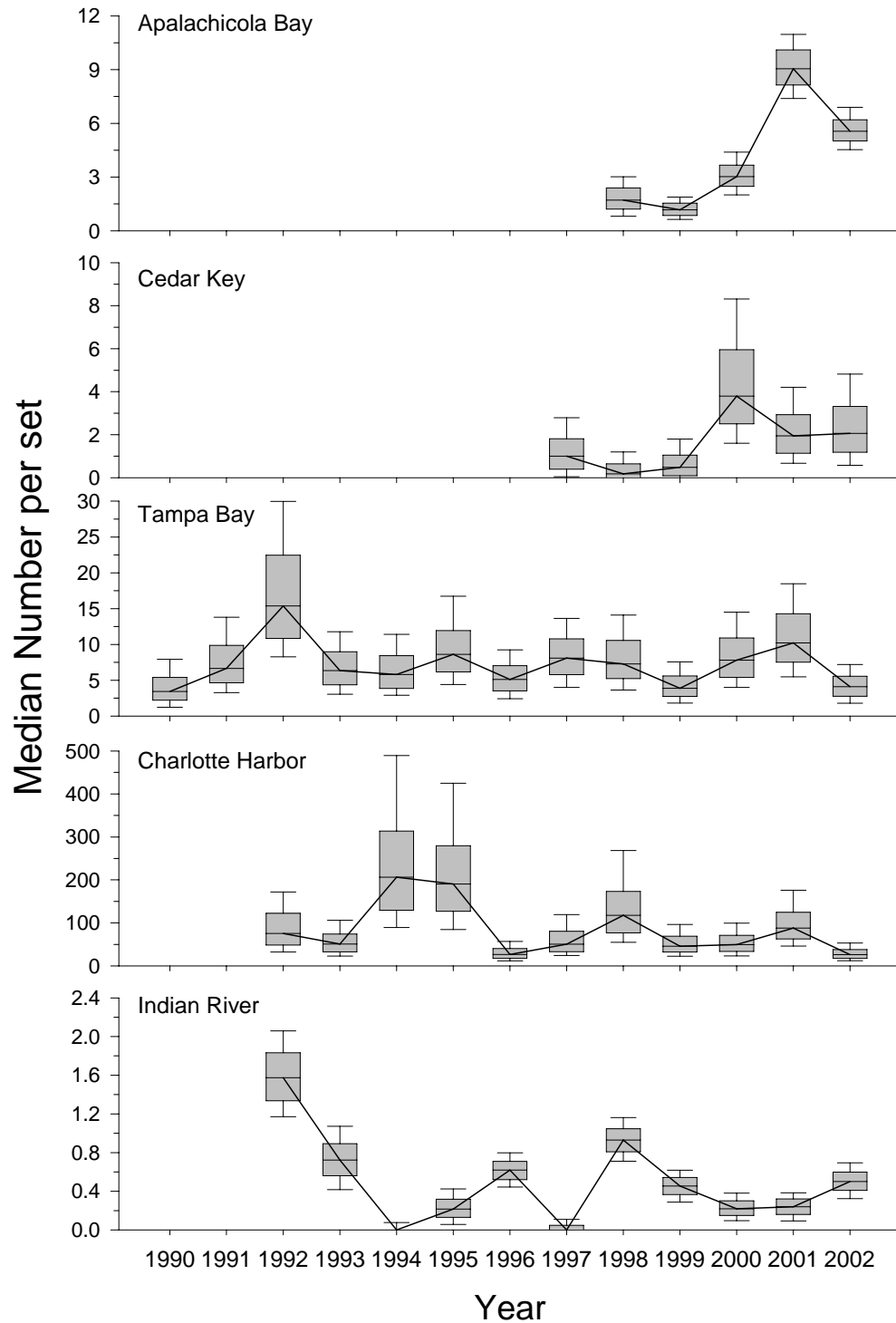


Figure SP02-09. Relative abundance of pinfish (<80 mm SL) collected in Jan.-Jun. in Apalachicola, Cedar Key, Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, and Indian River lagoon, 1990 – 2001. The box represents the 25th – 75th percentiles, the vertical line extends from the 10th – 90th percentiles, and the horizontal line indicates the median estimate.

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Blue Crab, *Callinectes sapidus*

Along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States, valuable commercial and recreational fisheries exist for blue crabs (*Callinectes sapidus*). Florida's Gulf Coast commercial landings over the period 1990 through 2001 averaged 8.4 million pounds worth an estimated 5.3 million dollars (NMFS, landings statistics). Gulf landings peaked in the late 1990's at almost 13 million pounds, but have declined in recent years. Although fishing effort has been limited in recent years by the number of restricted species permits issued, there are no quotas for blue crab landings. The entanglement net limitation in 1995 raised concern that blue crab populations may experience increased fishing pressure, from former net fishers seeking income from other fisheries resources, namely blue crabs.

Blue crabs are an integral part of the estuarine ecosystem. Blue crabs are both scavengers and predators, feeding on juvenile fishes, molluscs, and crustaceans. They may also play a valuable role in controlling populations of other estuarine species. For example, in areas with depleted blue crab populations, molluscs that graze on *Spartina alterniflora* have multiplied enough to contribute to salt marsh die-offs (Sillman and Bertness 2002). At the same time, many important gamefish species such as black drum (Simmons and Breuer 1962), red drum (Gunter 1945; Scharf and Schlicht 2000), snook (Blewett, FIM unpublished data), and cobia (Meyer and Franks 1996) have been shown to feed on blue crabs. In addition to predation and harvest by man, populations of blue crabs are affected by a myriad of other factors such as fresh water inflows (Wilber 1994), pesticides, disease, and habitat alteration. It is for these reasons that baseline data are necessary to monitor changes in the blue crab population.

Juvenile blue crabs (≤ 65 -mm carapace width (CW)) are frequently captured in offshore, beach, and river set 21.3-m seine sampling in Fisheries-Independent Monitoring (FIM) program study areas. Smaller blue crabs are abundant in FIM seine samples from August through March; and stratified-random sampling data from these months were used to calculate juvenile abundance indices for Apalachicola Bay, Cedar Key, Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor, and the Indian River Lagoon. The recruitment window of August through March was chosen because analysis of monthly length

frequency data indicate that few if any small blue crabs (≤ 15 mm CW) appear in 21.3-m seine catches from April through July. Therefore; data from August to December of each year were combined with data from January to March of the following year to create biological years of data (data collected prior to 1996 includes September through December and March seasonal data only). This method produced a 2001 index that includes data from both 2001 and 2002. The juvenile index value for 2002 did not include spring 2003 data, which were not yet available.

The indices of abundance for juvenile blue crabs demonstrate no consistent trends at Cedar Key, Tampa Bay, or Charlotte Harbor (all 21.3-m seine sets combined). These indices all show peaks in abundance during 1998 and 1999, with subsequent declines almost every year since (Figure SP02-10). Apalachicola Bay's first full year of sampling started in 1998, and the index for that area has declined since then as well. Although only four years of complete data exist for Apalachicola Bay, the catch rates are the highest calculated from around the state, followed closely by Cedar Key. In the Northern Indian River Lagoon, relative abundance peaked in 1991, then declined and remained relatively stable through 1997.

Data collected from 183-m seine nets were used to assess the abundance of larger blue crabs (>70 mm CW). Data from January through December stratified-random sampling were used to calculate abundance indices for the larger crabs. The adult relative indices of abundance for all areas peaked in 1998. Compared to the juvenile abundance estimates, the adult catches were lower for Apalachicola Bay, and higher for Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor and the Indian River Lagoon. Overall the highest adult abundance estimates occurred in Charlotte Harbor.

Due to the time lag in the calculation of juvenile indices (August through March), the large crabs from a given year will most likely be the parents of the juveniles in that year's index. This convention is supported by the way the two separate indices track each other relatively well.

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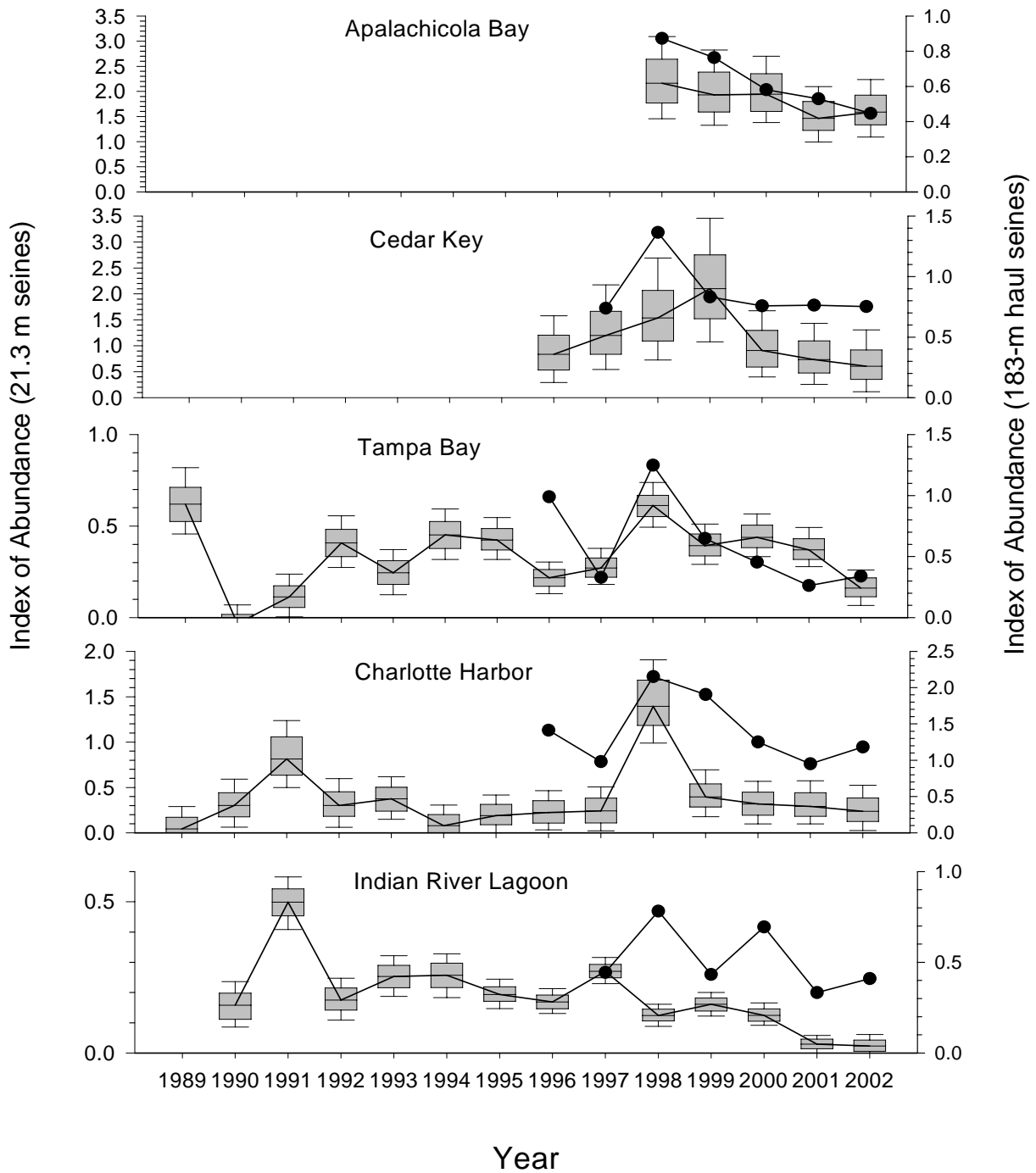


Figure SP02-10. Indices of relative abundance of juvenile blue crab (≤ 65 mm CW) collected in offshore, shore, and boat-set 21.3-m seines from August-March SRS, 1989 - 2002. The 2002 index does not include data from January-March of 2003. The box represents the 25th - 75th percentiles, the vertical line extends from the 10th - 90th percentiles, and the horizontal line represents the median value. The line and scatter plot (●) represents median relative abundance of larger blue crabs (>70mm CW) collected using 183-m haul seines. Please note the change of axis on all of the graphs.