Whole-gear efficiency of a benthic survey trawl for flatfish



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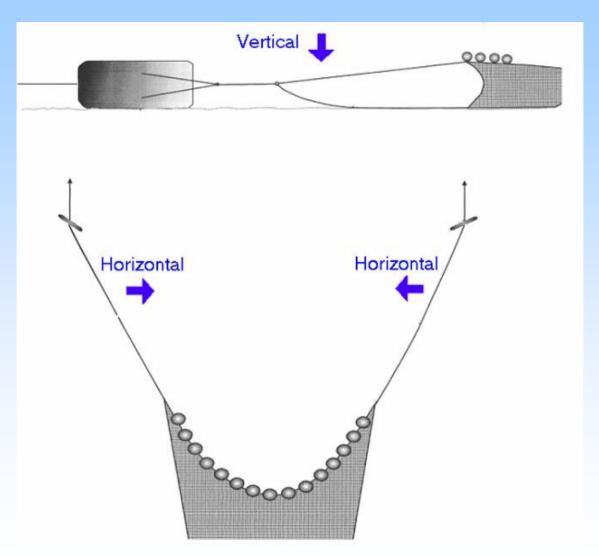
$$B = (1/q) U$$

For bottom trawl surveys

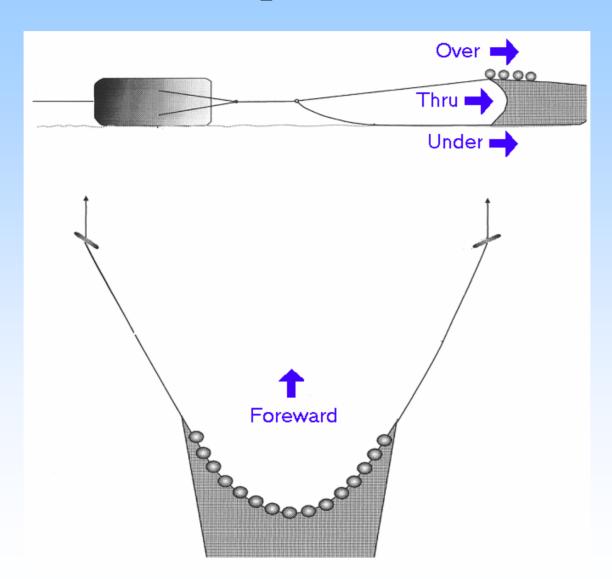
q = (availability)(efficiency)

Fish catching processes

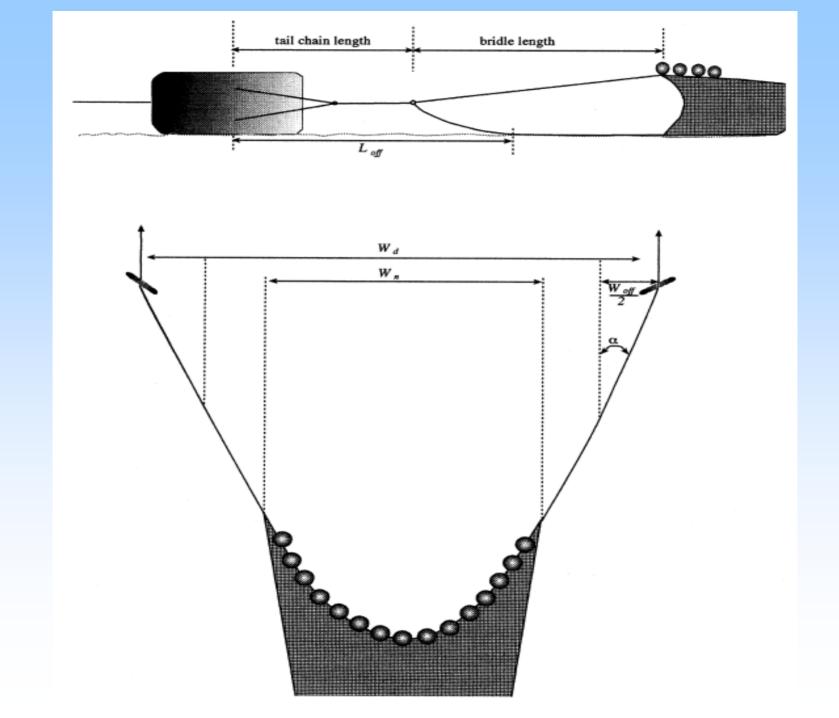
Herding

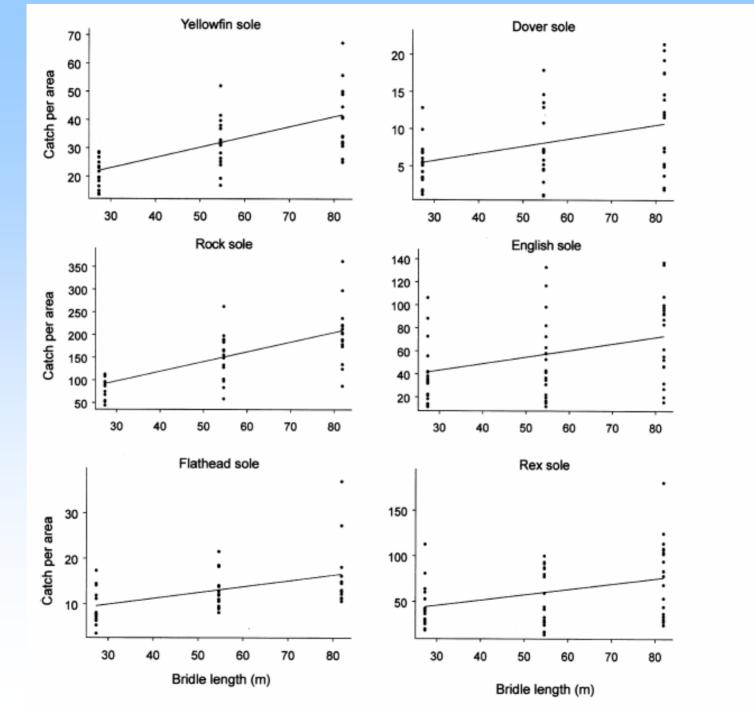


Escapement



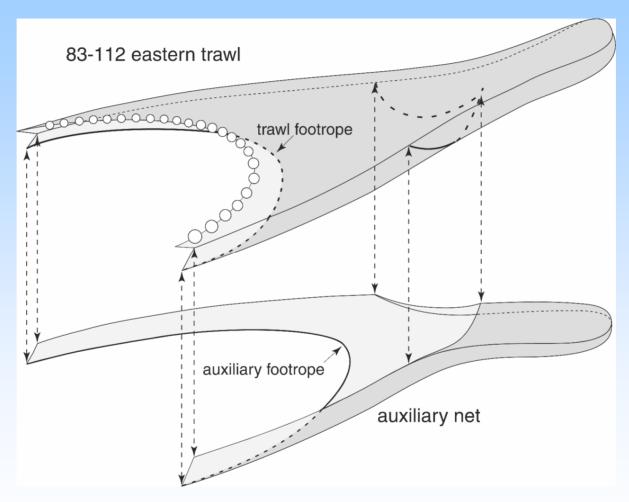
Herding experiments

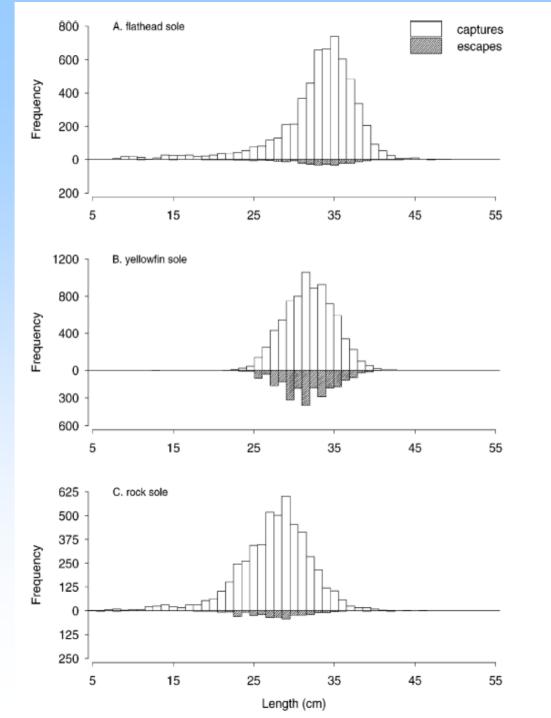


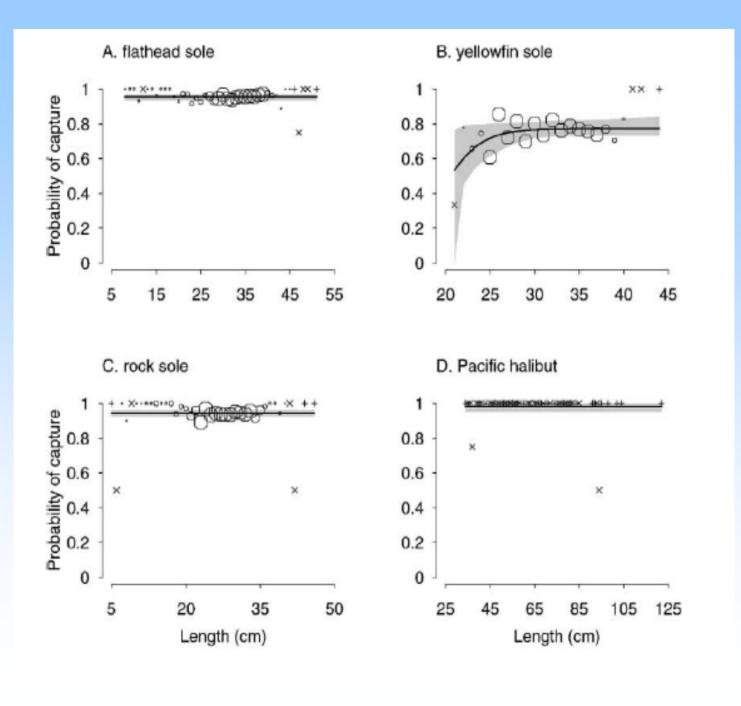


Footrope escapement experiments

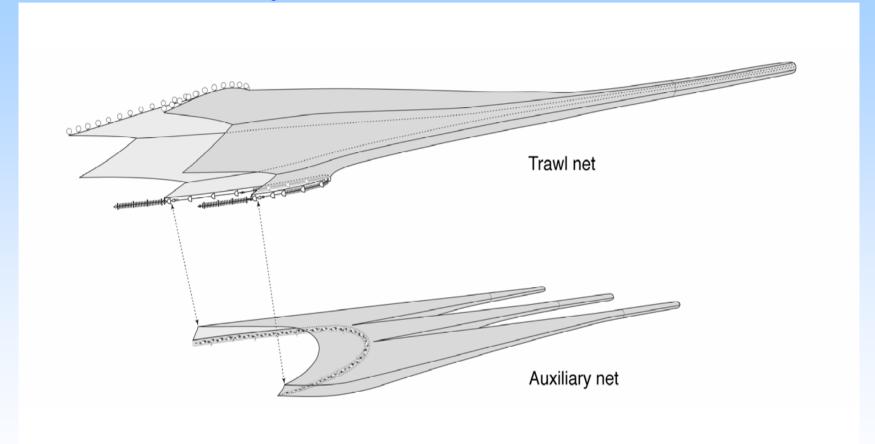
83-112 eastern trawl

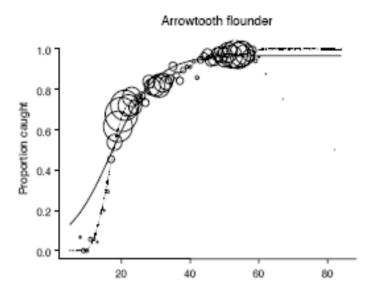


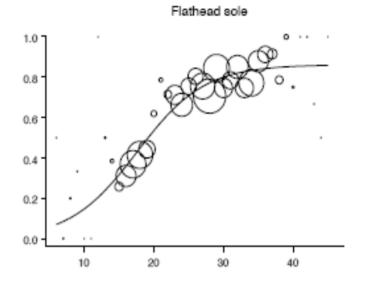


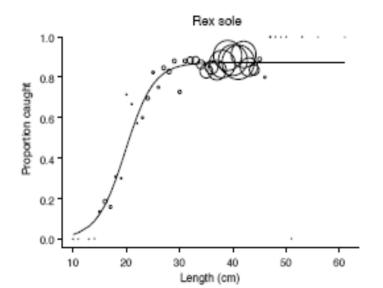


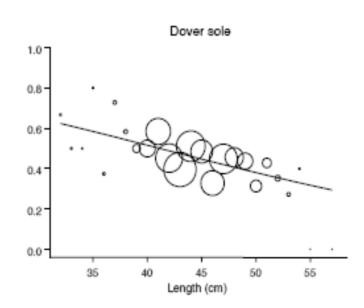
Poly Nor'eastern trawl



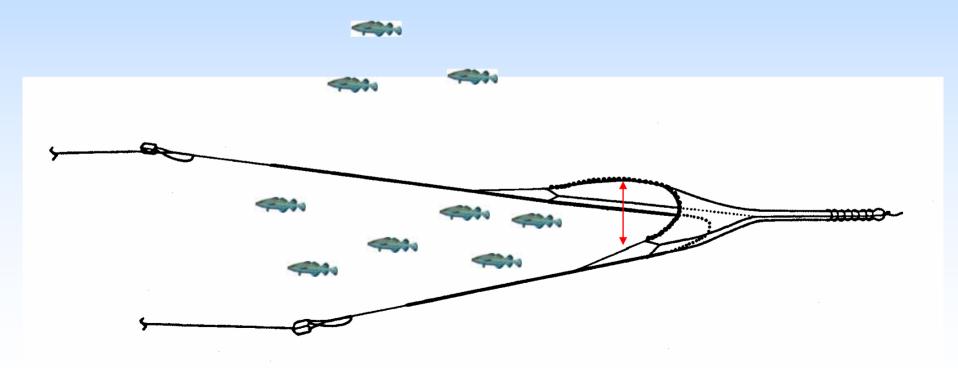




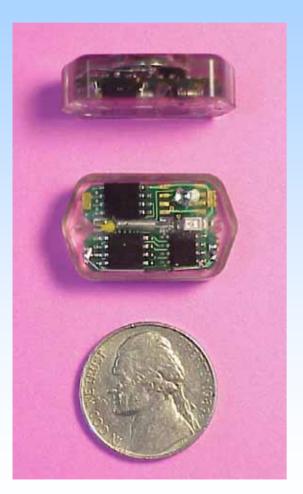




Vertical availability



AFSC archival tagging program





Whole-gearTrawl efficiency for the poly Nor'eastern trawl

Trawl efficiency model

$$E = \frac{k_n(W_n + hW_{on})}{W_d}$$

 k_n = net capture probability h = herding coefficient W_d = door width W_n =net width W_{on} = on bottom width

