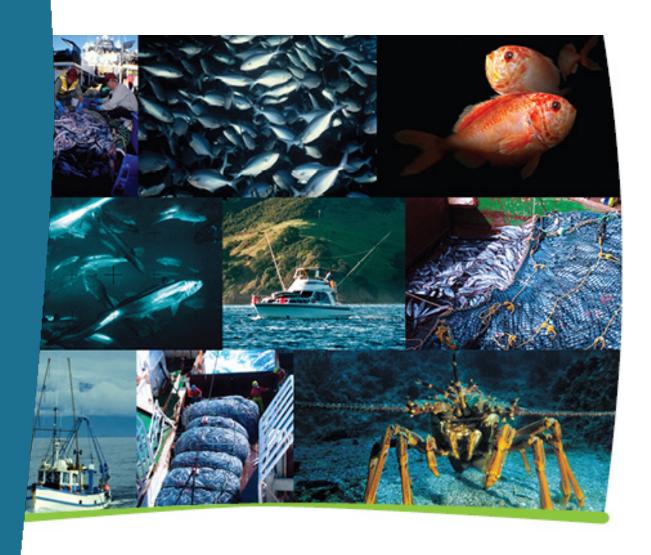
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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Squid require a different approach to fisheries management than longer living species. They only live around one year, spawn and then die. The result of this is an entirely different stock each year, with little relationship in stock size between years.

It is possible to estimate the amount a squid stock has been depleted within a season using a depletion model. This approach is being used successfully elsewhere including the Falkland Islands. We have applied the model used for the *Loligo gahi* fishery in the Falkland Islands to the *Nototodarus sloanii* fisheries in the Snares and Auckland Islands in New Zealand for all years from 1990-2014. The depletion model requires CPUE, catches, natural mortality, and timings of population pulses as inputs. It estimates catchability, initial abundance in numbers, and abundance in numbers for all subsequent population pulses within the season. We fitted the CPUE in tonnes per hour towed. Mean weights were estimated from length data and length to weight conversion parameters from the fisheries observer data. These were used to convert the CPUE and catches into numbers. Timings of pulses in the population within each season were estimated from the CPUE. We considered using length frequency data to inform timings of recruitment pulses, but the signals from these are not clear for many seasons for both areas. These may be more useful with more information on the life cycle and perhaps growth rates of *N. sloanni* in New Zealand.

The depletion model failed to converge for several seasons for both the Snares and Auckland Islands. In the Falkland Islands, a pre-season survey is used to inform the prior on initial abundance. New Zealand does not have a pre-season survey and in the work here, an uninformative prior was used for initial abundance. It is likely for depletion modelling to be successful for the New Zealand squid fisheries, further information is required to inform the prior on initial abundance.

## 1. Introduction

Modelling population size in fish typically relies on a mathematical model that keeps track of the number of fish in each age class across years. As fish grow older in the model, they move from one age class to the next, subject to assumed or estimated patterns of growth and mortality. For a typical, relatively long-lived fish with low natural mortality, there will be many age classes in the water and the population size will tend to change relatively slowly, with incoming recruitment providing only a small increment to the stock size in most years.

Squid have a very different life-cycle that does not fit with standard fish population modelling approaches. Most squid live for around one year, spawn and then die. The result of this is an entirely new stock each year, the size of which tends to be driven by environmental factors. In numbers, the population is largest when it exists as eggs. The earliest estimation of population size can be made on recruits using either a recruit survey or back-calculating from the fishery driven depletion. It is this latter approach that we are investigating for the New Zealand Snares and Auckland Islands squid fisheries.

Assessing squid stocks in-season is possible and has been done for a small number of fisheries. Hurst et al. (2012) carried out a detailed characterisation of SQU 6T (Auckland Islands) and SQU 1T (Snares Islands) fisheries and a preliminary evaluation of potential in-season management approaches. McGregor & Tingley (2016) further developed these analyses and the depletion method as described in Roa-Ureta (2012), using the Auckland Islands 2008 data as a case study. This method is being further developed in the current project, and applied to each fishery (the Snares and Auckland Islands) and each fishing year (1990–2014).

## 2. Methods

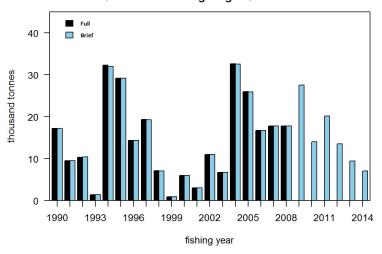
## 2.1. Grooming catch and effort data

Applying depletion modelling in-season will require grooming to be carried out on the catch and effort data as they arrive in real-time. There will be insufficient time to carry out a full grooming process where missing or outlier values are imputed, hence a minimal grooming process will be used. Also, early in the season there is unlikely to be sufficient data to adequately impute required values. To test the effects of minimal grooming compared with a full grooming process, we carried out 'brief' grooming on the data from each fishing year and area, then compared the resulting datasets with those that had been through the full grooming process, as described in Hurst et al. 2012. We applied the following process in our automated 'brief' grooming

- Formated the date fields
- Assigned fishing year and fishing date using the formatted start date field
- Assigned area based on start latitude and longitude, then kept only data in the area of interest (Snares or Auckland Islands)
- Removed non-TCEPR data
- Removed rows containing one or more outliers

The catch and effort (number of tows) from tows that targeted squid remained very similar for the Auckland Islands fishery, but dropped a small amount in the Snares fishery (Figures 1 and 2). We carried out a CPUE for the 'brief-groomed' datasets for fishing years 1990 and 2008 for the Snares and 2008 for the Auckland Islands. These were sufficiently similar to those fitted to the fully groomed datasets to support the use of the brief grooming process in the in-season modelling (Figures 3–5).

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#### SQU effort: tows targeting SQU in auck area

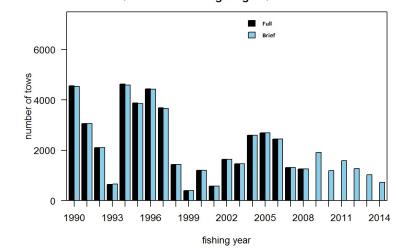
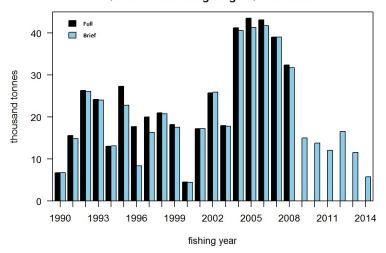


Figure 1: Auckland Islands catch in tonnes (top) and number of tows (bottom) that targeted squid for each fishing year 1990–2008 for the fully groomed dataset from Hurst et al. (2012) (black bars) and the dataset following 'brief' grooming as described above for fishing years 1990–2014 (blue bars).

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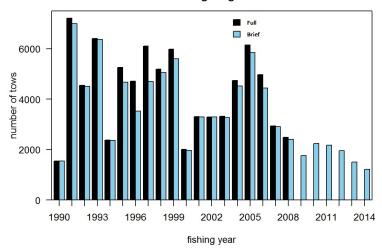


Figure 2: Snares catch in tonnes (top) and number of tows (bottom) that targeted squid for each fishing year 1990–2008 for the fully groomed dataset from Hurst et al. (2012) (black bars) and the dataset following 'brief' grooming as described above for fishing years 1990–2014 (blue bars).

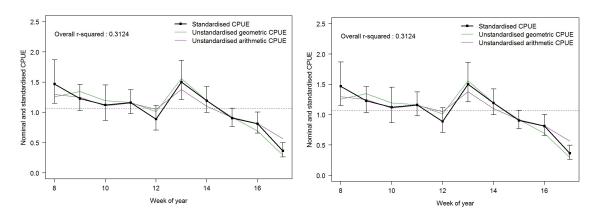


Figure 3: CPUE for the Auckland Islands, fishing year 2008 for the fully groomed dataset (left) and the 'brief' groomed dataset (right).

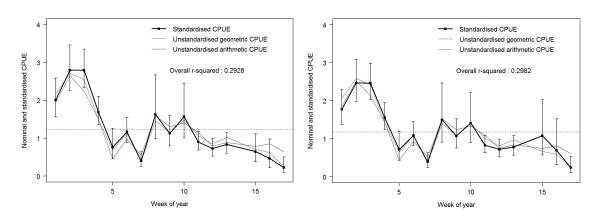


Figure 4: CPUE for the Snares, fishing year 1990 for the fully groomed dataset (left) and the 'brief' groomed dataset (right).

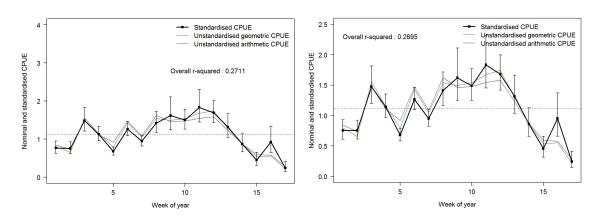


Figure 5: CPUE for the Snares, fishing year 2008 for the fully groomed dataset (left) and the 'brief' groomed dataset (right).

## 2.2. **CPUE**

## 2.2.1. Target species

Only tows that targeted squid were selected for fitting the CPUE. This kept most of the catch, and for the weeks where most of the catch was taken, it kept most of the effort (Figures 6 and 7).

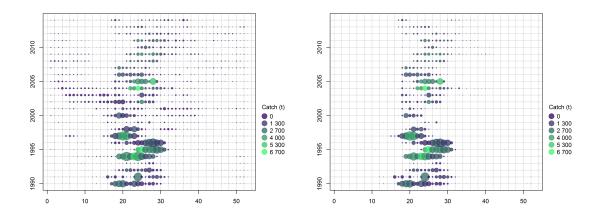


Figure 6: Auckland Islands catch (circle colour) and number of tows (circle area) for all tows (left) and only tows that targeted squid (right).

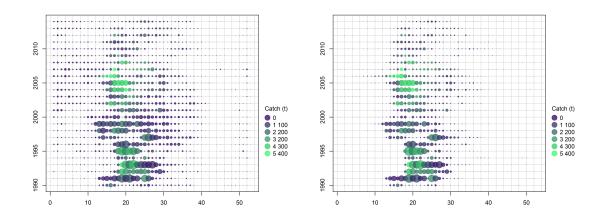


Figure 7: Snares catch (circle colour) and number of tows (circle area) for all tows (left) and only tows that targeted squid (right).

#### 2.2.2. Core vessel selection

In the previous report (McGregor & Tingley, 2016), two core vessel selections were proposed. Selection criteria 1 required vessels to have records in at least four of the fishing weeks with at least four tows recorded in each of these weeks. Selection criteria 2 required vessels to have records in at least three weeks, with at least six tows recorded in each week (Table 1). We ran both selection criteria on each fishing year and area. There was little difference in the proportion of catch or number of tows retained (Tables 2 and 3). For the work that follows, core vessels were selected using selection criteria 1.

Table 1: Core vessel selection criteria for selection criteria 1 and selection criteria 2. Number of weeks is the minimum number of weeks a core vessel must be in the dataset with at least the stated number of records in each week.

	Number of weeks	Number of records
Selection 1	4	4
Selection 2	3	6

Table 2: Proportion of catch (weight) and effort (number of tows) retained from core vessel selection criterias 1 and 2 for the Snares for fishing years 1990–2014.

		Catch		Effort
years	Selection 1	Selection 2	Selection 1	Selection 2
1990	0.76	0.71	0.69	0.63
1991	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.98
1992	0.94	0.95	0.94	0.94
1993	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00
1994	0.82	0.85	0.85	0.87
1995	0.96	0.95	0.96	0.95
1996	0.93	0.98	0.89	0.97
1997	0.97	0.95	0.97	0.96
1998	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99
1999	1.00	0.98	0.99	0.98
2000	0.95	0.96	0.94	0.97
2001	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
2002	0.99	0.99	0.97	0.97
2003	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.00
2004	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.99
2005	0.99	1.00	0.98	1.00
2006	1.00	0.98	0.99	0.97
2007	1.00	0.98	0.99	0.97
2008	0.97	1.00	0.95	1.00
2009	0.88	0.93	0.85	0.91
2010	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
2011	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.95
2012	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
2013	0.95	0.94	0.96	0.94
2014	0.91	0.9	0.89	0.88
Mean	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.95
Minimum	0.76	0.71	0.69	0.63
Maximum	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Table 3: Proportion of catch (weight) and effort (number of tows) retained from core vessel selection criteria 1 and 2 for Auckland Islands for fishing years 1990–2014.

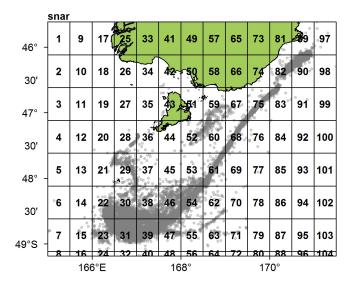
		Catch		Effort
years	Selection 1	Selection 2	Selection 1	Selection 2
1990	0.98	0.94	0.97	0.92
1991	0.91	0.91	0.9	0.9
1992	0.8	0.75	0.81	0.73
1993	0.36	0.36	0.44	0.44
1994	1.00	0.98	1	0.97
1995	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
1996	0.95	0.93	0.97	0.96
1997	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.96
1998	0.72	0.71	0.77	0.78
1999	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.26
2000	0.77	0.67	0.77	0.68
2001	0.61	0.38	0.55	0.36
2002	0.93	0.89	0.92	0.9
2003	0.87	0.84	0.84	0.83
2004	0.95	0.95	0.94	0.94
2005	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.98
2006	0.98	0.94	0.97	0.93
2007	0.85	0.84	0.85	0.83
2008	0.99	0.93	0.98	0.94
2009	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
2010	0.91	0.9	0.85	0.84
2011	0.94	0.97	0.94	0.98
2012	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.97
2013	0.93	0.93	0.89	0.89
2014	0.89	0.78	0.85	0.75
Mean	0.86	0.83	0.85	0.83
Minimum	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.26
Maximum	1.00	0.99	1.00	0.99

#### 2.2.3. Fitting CPUE

CPUE as catch in weight per tow duration (tonnes/hour) were fitted as if in real time to the groomed core dataset for each fishing year and area, providing this dataset held at least two unique vessels. The explanatory variables offered in each case were a subset of {vessel, method, depth, headline height, latitude, longitude, grid box and time} (see Table 4 for more details). Interaction terms offered were vessel.key:grid.box and vessel.key:fish.day. The categorical spatial explanatory variable, grid.box, was offered in the alt1 model only. These were the boxes that resulted from placing a 5-degree square grid over the model area (Figure 8). Variables that were factors were only offered where there were at least two unique values for them in the data. Variables that were polynomials of degree three required at least four unique values. Variable fish.day was forced into each model. Additional explanatory variables were then added based on the largest increase in  $r^2$  and with the requirement that the increase in  $r^2$  as a result of each additional variable was greater than 0.01. Figures 9 and 10 show the selected explanatory variables for each of the datasets for the base and alt1 models. Most of the explanatory power for both models and both areas came from the day effect (fish.day). The start time of the tow (time.start) was often selected for the base model for both areas, and for Auckland Islands using the alt1 model. For the alt1 model in the Snares, grid.box was usually selected. The  $r^2$ values were generally higher for the base model (Figure 11). Diagnostic plots showed assumptions of variance and normality of errors were sufficiently met (Figure 12 as an example, and Appendix A for further diagnostic plots).

Table 4: Variables offered for CPUE models. fish.day was forced into every model. grid.box was only offered in the alt1 model.

Variable name	Variable description	Variable format
fish.day	day of the fishing year (day 1 corresponds to 1 October)	categorical (forced)
vessel.key	vessel unique key	categorical
primary.method	fishing method used	categorical
grid.box	box within 5 degree grid	categorical
effort.depth	depth of the net	polynomial, degree 3
effort.width	width of the trawl	polynomial, degree 3
effort.height	headline height	polynomial, degree 3
start.latitude	latitude for start position of tow	polynomial, degree 3
start.longitude	longitude for start position of tow	polynomial, degree 3
time.start	start time of fishing	polynomial, degree 3



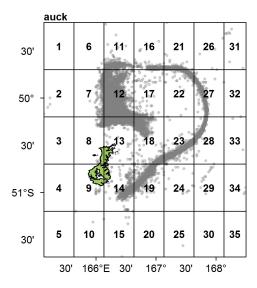


Figure 8: Grid box of 5 degree squares over the Snares (top) and Auckland Islands (bottom). Grey dots are the locations for the start of each tow where squid were targeted in years 1990–2014.

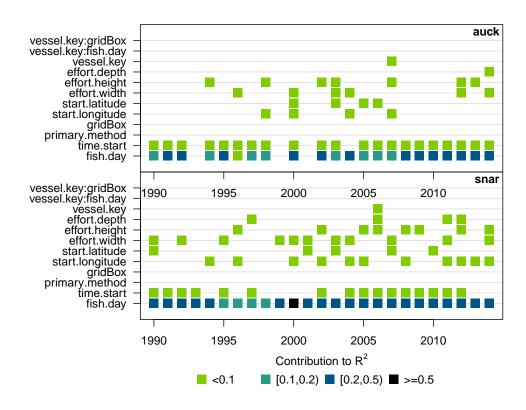


Figure 9: Variables selected for each dataset (area/year) for the base model, with the contribution to  $r^2$  for each variable as indicated by the colour of each square.

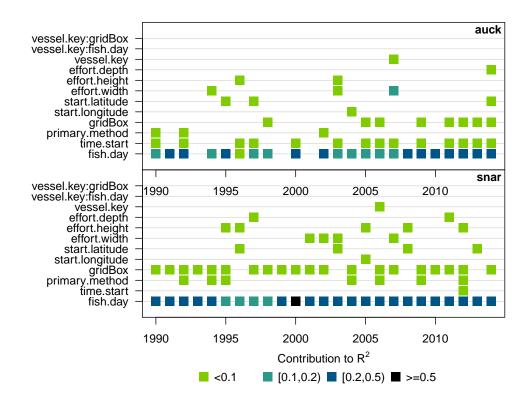


Figure 10: Variables selected for each dataset (area/year) for the alt1 model, with the contribution to  $r^2$  for each variable as indicated by the colour of each square.

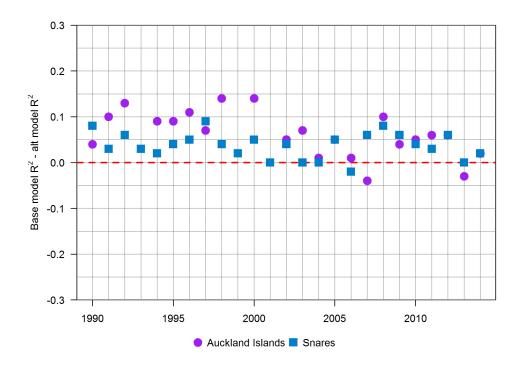


Figure 11: Base model  $r^2$  — alt1 model  $r^2$  for Auckland Islands (purple circles) and the Snares (blue squares). Points above zero (marked with red dashed line) show higher  $r^2$  from the base model, points below zero show higher  $r^2$  from the alt1 model.

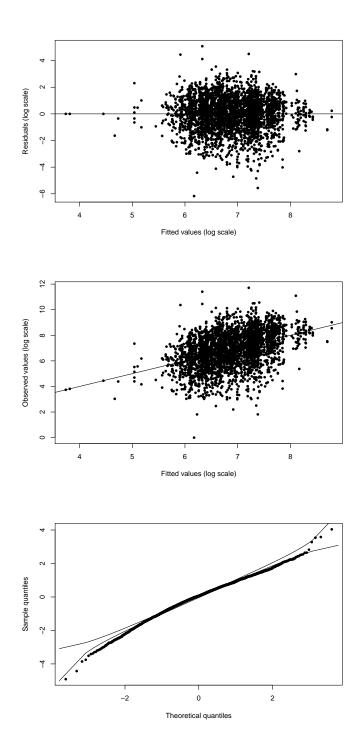


Figure 12: Diagnostic plots for Auckland Islands 1997 CPUE.

#### 2.2.4. Mean weight by day

Mean weights by day (or some other appropriate time step) are required to convert catches and CPUEs from weights to numbers as it is numbers that are tracked through the depletion model. We estimated the mean weight using data from the Ministry for Primary Industries Observer Programme (OP). This data consists of squid length observations since 1986 (except from 2000–01 to 2006–07), and length and weight observations from 2007–08 to present from the Auckland Islands and Snares fisheries (Table 5). The sample sizes for weight are around one tenth those for length. The mean weights by day from the weight samples are highly variable (Figures 13 and 14), which is probably a result of small sample sizes.

For the work that follows in this report, the length samples were used with length to weight conversion parameters to obtain mean weight by day following the method used in McGregor and Tingley (2016). For years where there were no observed length data (2000–01–2006–07) we used the mean of the mean weights from the other years. Within years with length data, there were still days where there were catch and effort data but no length data. In these cases, the mean of the two values, one on either side of each missing value was used. Figure 15 shows the mean weights from the OP, with the completed mean weights for the Auckland Islands fishery 1991 data. The full set of figures are in Appendix B.

Table 5: Number of samples measured for length or weight from the Snares and Auckland Islands fisheries for fishing years 1990–2014.

Fishing year	Auckland length	Auckland weight	Snares length	Snares weight
1990	265		62	
1991	128		326	
1992	101		172	
1993	54		487	
1994	172		102	
1995	111		134	
1996	224		40	
1997	152		92	
1998	60		75	
1999	26		74	
2000	47		71	
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2007				
2008	259	32	305	41
2009	489	54	282	28
2010	173	28	385	43
2011	378	31	404	40
2012	289	32	352	27
2013	560	48	753	45
2014	380	30	545	44

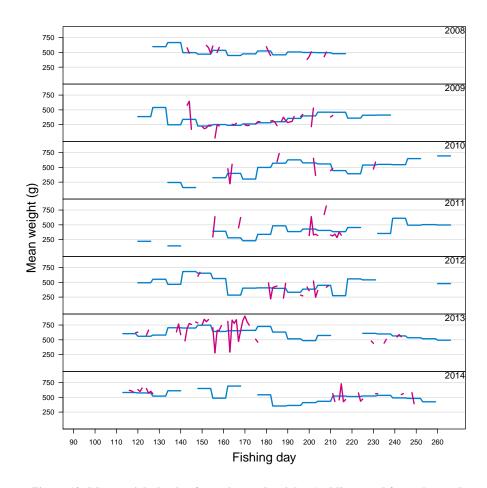


Figure 13: Mean weight by day from observed weights (red lines) and from observed lengths (blue line) for the Auckland Islands for fishing years 2008–2014.

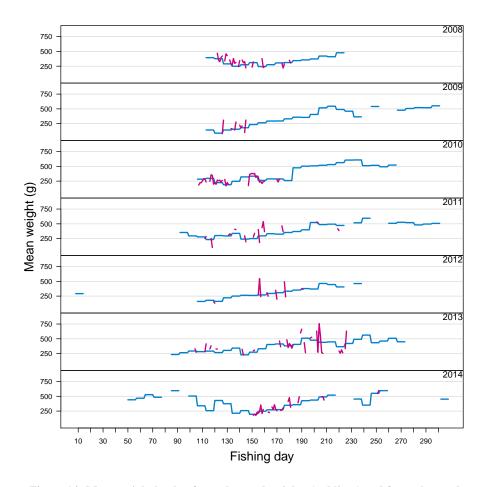


Figure 14: Mean weight by day from observed weights (red lines) and from observed lengths (blue line) for the Snares for fishing years 2008-2014.

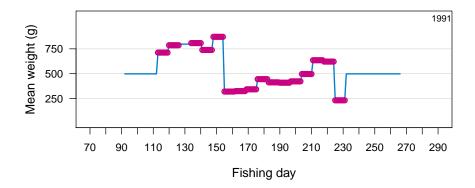


Figure 15: Auckland Islands 1991 mean weight by day (red circles), with missing data filled in using the method described above to get the full mean weight by day series (blue line).

#### 2.2.5. Catch in numbers

Catches and standardised CPUEs were converted to numbers per hour by dividing by the mean weight by day (Equation 1). The CPUE in numbers by day plots are in Appendix C.

$$CPUE_{numbers/hour} = CPUE_{weight/hour} \times \frac{1}{\mu_{weight}}$$
 (1)

## 2.3. Timing of population pulses

The depletion model requires timings of population pulses to be entered as an input. These include possible recruitment pulses and possible pulses of fish migrating into the fishery. These were estimated using the peaks and troughs in the CPUE. This was done by smoothing the CPUE using the R function *lowess()*, then attributing local maxima to pulses in the population if they were at least some minimum number of days apart and at least some minimum proportion of height increase from the previous local minima. The minimum days apart and minimum proportional increase were defined here as 5 and 0.33 respectively, however further research into the biological aspects of the species may suggest other values for these. Figure 16 shows an example of this process.

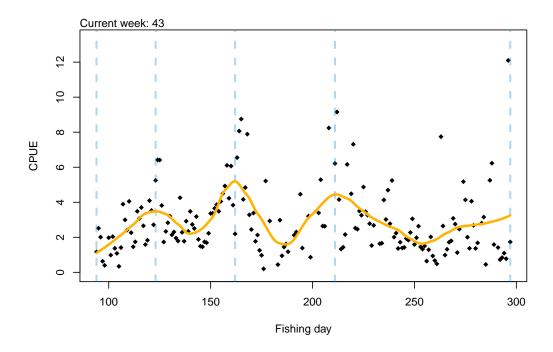


Figure 16: Population pulse timings (blue dashed lines) estimated from CPUE (black dots) by using the smoothed CPUE (orange line).

## 2.3.1. Recruitment pulses from length frequencies

Length frequency plots were investigated as these have the potential to be informative on timings of recruiment pulses to the fishery. The Auckland Islands seem to have either one or two recruitment pulses, although there does not seem to be a pattern to when they occur (Figures 17 and 18). The Snares show one, two, or three recruitment pulses within the fishery and no apparent pattern to these between seasons (Figures 19 and 20). Because there is little consistency in the recruitment pulses as apparent in the length frequency plots, the work that follows considers only the general population pulses, which are assumed to include recruitment pulses, as estimated from the CPUE.

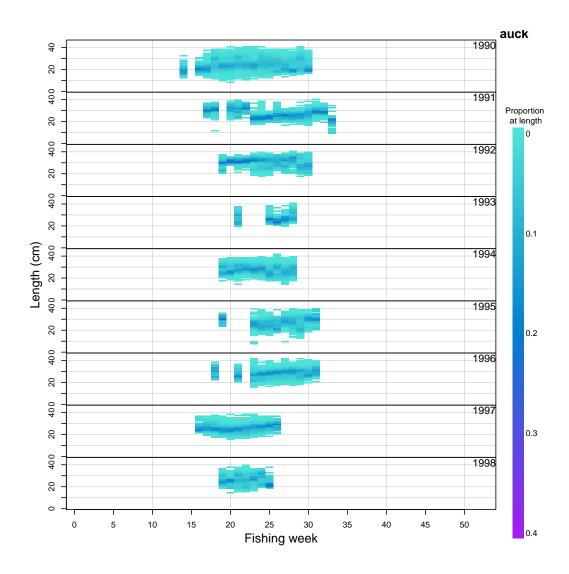


Figure 17: Length frequency plots for the Auckland Islands fisheries observer data for fishing years 1990–1998. Colour indicates the proportion at each length for each fishing week (zero starting at very light blue, through to purple for 0.4).

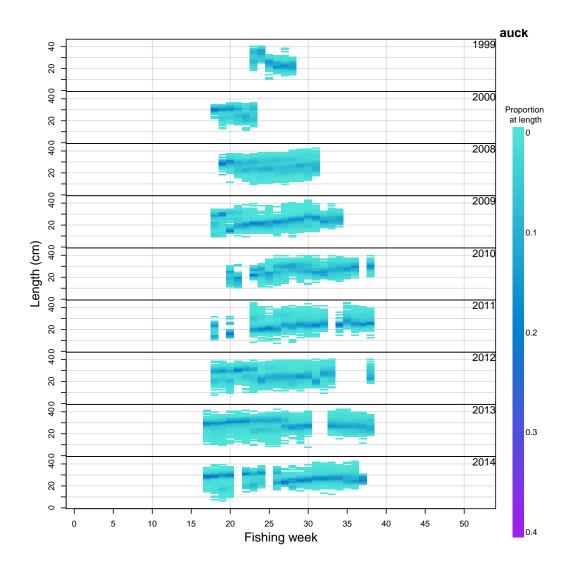


Figure 18: Length frequency plots for the Auckland Islands fisheries observer data for fishing years 1999–2014. Colour indicates the proportion at each length for each fishing week (zero starting at very light blue, through to purple for 0.4).

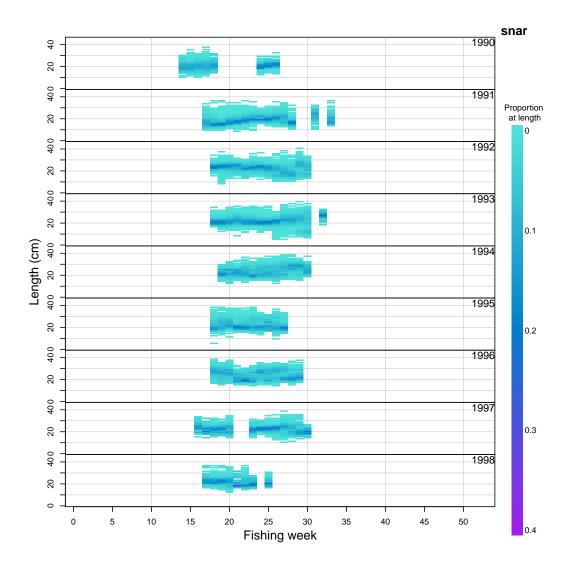


Figure 19: Length frequency plots for the Snares fisheries observer data for fishing years 1990–1998. Colour indicates the proportion at each length for each fishing week (zero starting at very light blue, through to purple for 0.4).

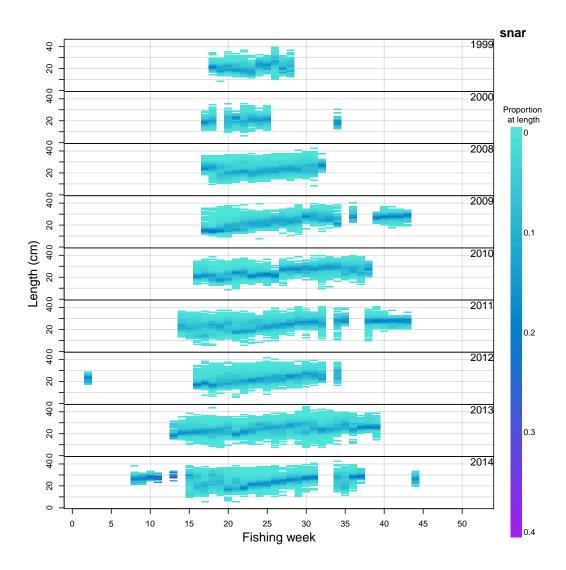


Figure 20: Length frequency plots for the Snares fisheries observer data for fishing years 1999–2014. Colour indicates the proportion at each length for each fishing week (zero starting at very light blue, through to purple for 0.4).

## 2.4. Depletion model

The depletion model is based on that used for the *L. gahi* fishery in the Falkland Islands (Roa-Ureta & Arkhipkin, 2007). It requires CPUE, catches, natural mortality, and timing of population pulses as inputs. It estimates abundance and catchability (Equation 2, Table 6). For each fishing year and area combination, we fitted the depletion model at the conclusion of each week to mimic modelling the fishery in real time.

$$CPUE_{t} = q \left( N_{0}e^{-Mt} + \sum_{j} \left[ P_{j} \mathbb{I}_{D_{j} < t} e^{-M(t-D_{j})} \right] - e^{-M/2} \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \left[ C_{i}e^{-M(t-i-1)} \right] \right) e^{-M/2}$$
 (2)

$$\mathbb{I}_{D_j < t} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1, & D_j \leq t; \\ 0, & otherwise. \end{array} \right.$$

Table 6: Parameters in the depletion model.

Parameter	Description	<b>Model Input</b>	Model Estimate
$CPUE_t$	CPUE (numbers/hour) for the $t^{th}$ time step	Yes	No
$C_i$	Catch (numbers) for the <i>i</i> <sup>th</sup> time step	Yes	No
$N_0$	Initial numbers	No	Yes
$P_{j}$	Population pulse (in numbers) for the $j^{th}$ population pulse	No	Yes
$D_j$	Timing (day) of the $j^{th}$ population pulse	Yes	No
M	Natural mortality	Yes	No
q	Catchability	No	Yes

Depletion was calculated from the model estimates, following (Equation 3), where population was in numbers.

$$1 - \frac{Population|fishing}{Population|nofishing} \tag{3}$$

## 3. Results

## 3.1. Population pulses

The timings of population pulses were generally estimated to be earlier in the season for the Snares than the Auckland Islands (Figure 21), which was expected given that the Snares fishery generally started earlier. The numbers estimated to enter the fishery were generally much greater for the Snares fishery than for the Auckland Islands fishery, which is most apparent in Figure 22. This figure also shows considerable inconsistencey between fishing years in the numbers estimated to enter the fishery—more so than the between year variation in landings would suggest (Figures 1 and 2). For example, the 2008 fishing year had fairly high catches from both areas, but the depletion model has estimated very low abundance into both fisheries compared to most other years. In contrast, the 2010 fishing year estimated very high abundance into the Snares fishery, but catches were much lower than those in 2008 for the Snares. If this were true it would suggest the catches had a much greater effect on the abundance (indicated by the CPUE) in 2008 than in 2010, but this does not appear to be the case (Figures 23, 24). It is possible that lack of consistency is due to a failure in the model to converge, even when a good fit to the data appears to have occurred.

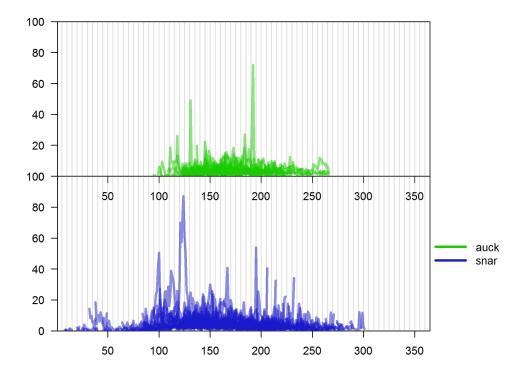


Figure 21: Population pulse abundance and timings for the Snares (blue) and the Auckland Islands (green) for fishing years 1990–2014.

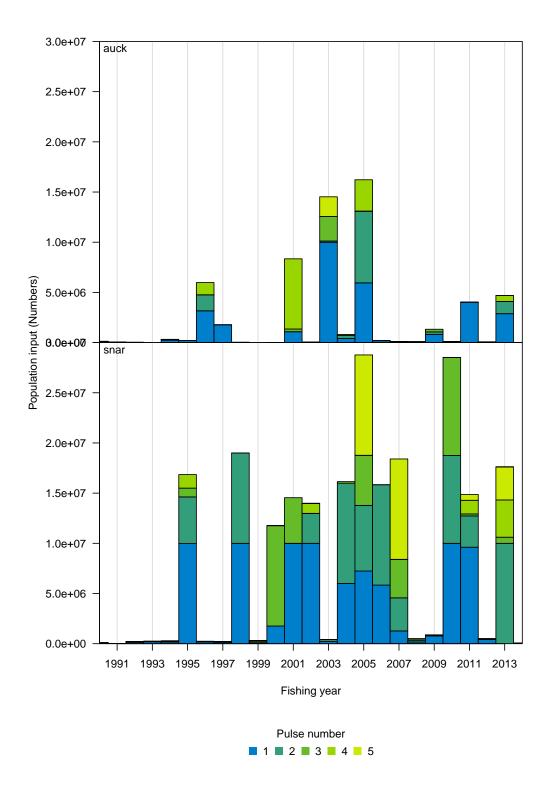


Figure 22: Abundance (numbers) estimated for population pulses by the depletion model for the Auckland Islands (top) and the Snares (bottom) for fishing years 1990–2014.

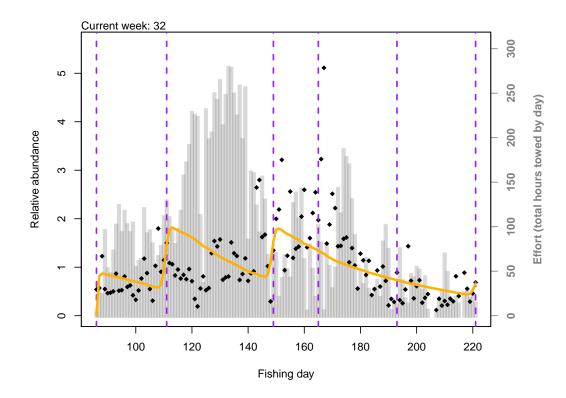


Figure 23: Relative CPUE (black dots), expected relative abundance from the depletion model (orange line), timings of population pulses (purple dashed lines), observed effort (grey bars) for the Snares 2008 fishery.

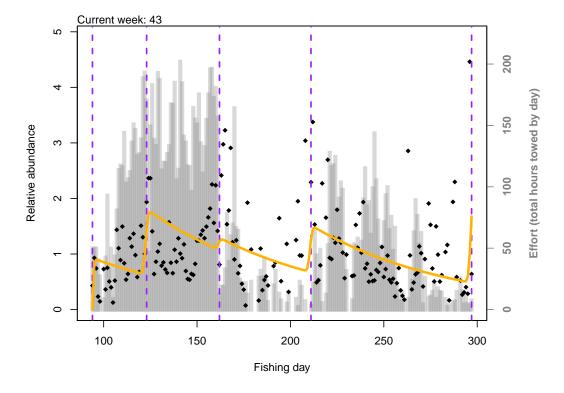


Figure 24: Relative CPUE (black dots), expected relative abundance from the depletion model (orange line), timings of population pulses (purple dashed lines), observed effort (grey bars) for the Snares 2010 fishery.

## 3.2. Model ability to fit the data

The model failed to fit to the data for many of the year/area/week datasets (Figure 25), where week is the last week included in the dataset, mimicking fitting the model in real-time. There were cases where convergence occurred when some weeks were included in the data, and failed when an additional week was added, such as the Auckland Islands, 2009. In such cases, including an additional week may have confused the signal from the data, resulting in failure of the model to converge.

When the model did fit to the data, the estimated catches matched the observed catches well (Figure 26 is an example, further examples are in Appendix D).

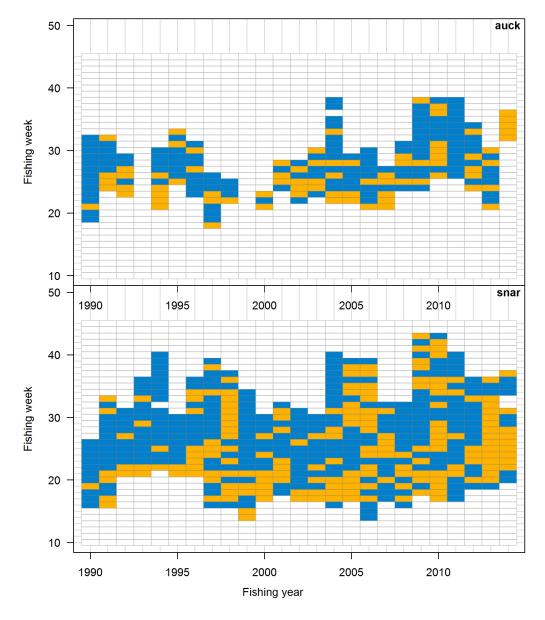


Figure 25: Summary of model convergence for the Auckland Islands (top) and the Snares (bottom) for all years. Models that converged are shown in blue, models that did not converge are shown in orange, and models that were not attempted due to insufficient catch and effort data are white. The fishing year and fishing week axes line up with the centre points of the polygons to which they relate.

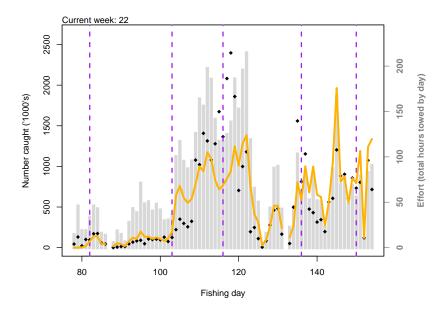


Figure 26: Estimated catch (orange line), actual catch (black dots) and effort (grey bars) for the Snares 2007, up to and including fishing week 22. Fishing week 1 corresponds to the first week in October and fishing day 1 to the 1st of October.

## 3.3. Depletion

The depletions as fitted in mimicked real time generally converged well throughout the season (example in Figure 27, the full set in Appendix E).

The estimated depletions varied greatly across the years and between areas. For many of the years and both areas the model estimated the depletion to have exceeded 40% and some even exceeded 60% and 80% (Figure 28). In some cases, depletion remains close to zero for the entire season. Where this has occurred it is likely that the CPUE is fairly flat, suggesting that removing the catches from the population had little effect on the population, hence the population must have been fairly high. This can also happen when there is a lot of noise in the CPUE or a time-series that is not long enough to detect any decreases in the CPUE.

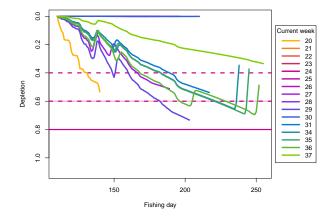


Figure 27: Estimated depletion from the model as it moved through the fishing season mimicking real time, for the Snares 2014. Red horizontal lines mark 80%, 60% and 40% depletion.

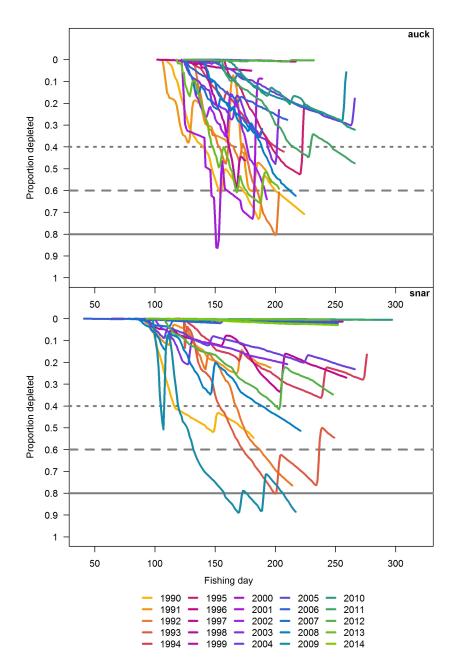


Figure 28: Summary of depletion estimated for the Auckland Islands (top) and the Snares (bottom) for all years. Grey horizontal lines mark 80%, 60% and 40% depletion.

## 4. Discussion

The model applied here struggled to fit to the data for many of the datasets. A typical season is quite short, so there is not a very long time-series of data for the model to get enough signal to converge correctly, estimating the parameters that provide the best fit to the data. It is possible that there are multiple solutions that give very similar results. Further, even when the model converged, inconsistencies in abundance estimates between seasons suggest that true global maxima may not have been reached in all cases. This model has been adapted from that used in the Falkland Islands, where it is successfully used to manage squid stocks in-season. The Falkland Islands have a pre-season survey which is used to inform the prior on initial abundance, which we do not have for the Auckland Islands or the Snares. It is likely that an informative prior on initial abundance greatly improves the ability of the model to optimise correctly. In the absence of a pre-season survey, it seems necessary to help inform the model in some other way.

A possible connection between pre-season chlorophyll records and catches of squid from the Auckland Islands has been found (Jim Roberts (NIWA), *pers. comm.*). Further investigation into this relationship may provide sufficient information for a prior on initial abundance in the Auckland Islands. The Auckland Islands generally has a shorter fishing season than the Snares, and hence is most problematic for model optimisation. It may be there is also a link between chlorophyll or some other environmental indicator and abundance in the Snares.

Length frequency distributions from fisheries observers may be useful for informing the timing of recruitment pulses within a season. However, while signals from length frequency distributions were sometimes quite clear, they lack any pattern or consistency between seasons and areas. It is possible that this data may be more informative with more information on the biology and ecology of *N. sloanii* in New Zealand, in particular when and where they spawn, growth rates, and migration. The use of a constant mean weight for years without length data (2000–01 to 2006–07) limits the value of analyses for those years.

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# **Appendix**

## .1. Appendix A CPUE Diagnostic Plots

## .1.1. Auckland Islands

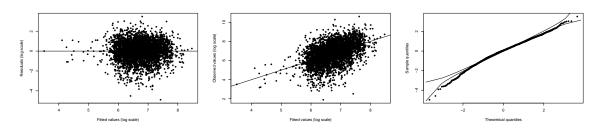


Figure A1: Diagnostic plots for CPUE model for Auckland Islands 1990, up to and including fishing week 35. Fishing week 1 corresponds to the first week in October.

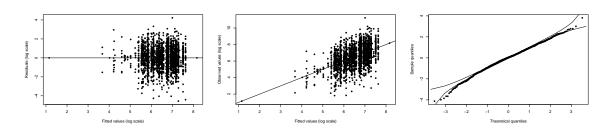


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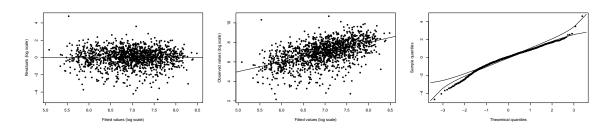


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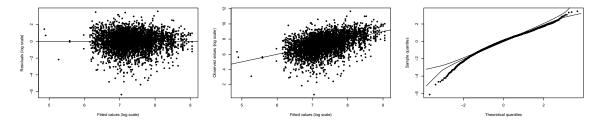


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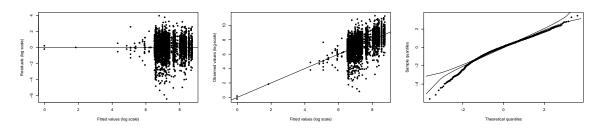


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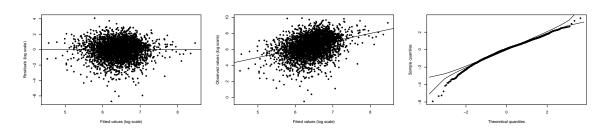


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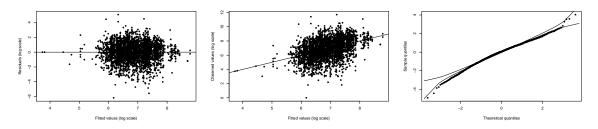


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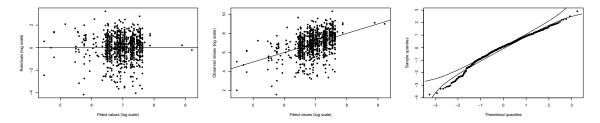


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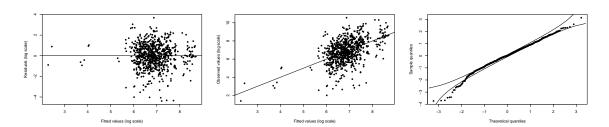


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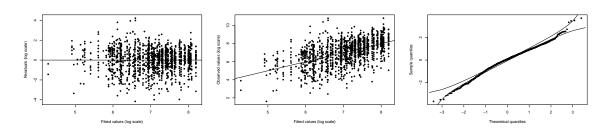


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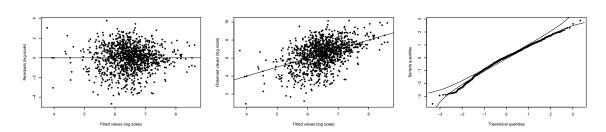


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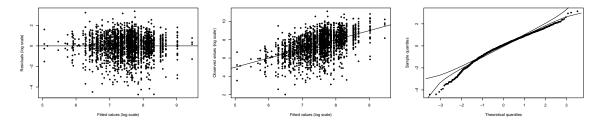


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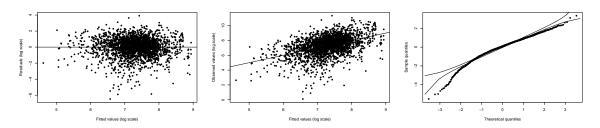


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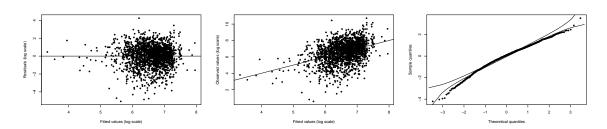


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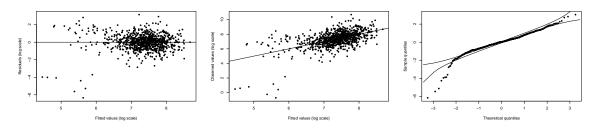


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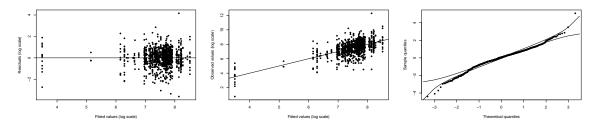


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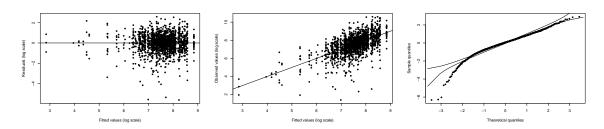


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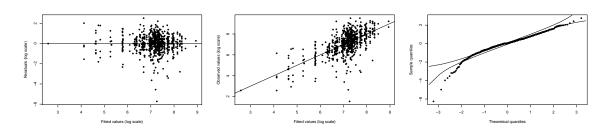


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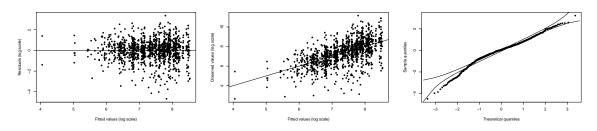


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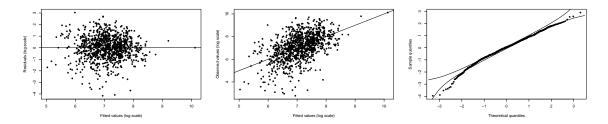


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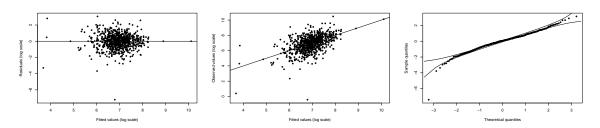


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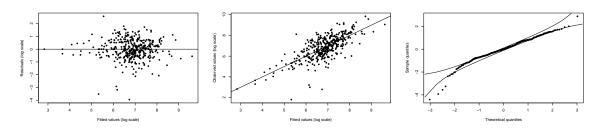


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### .1.2. The Snares

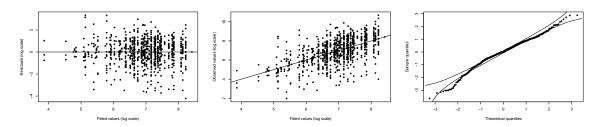


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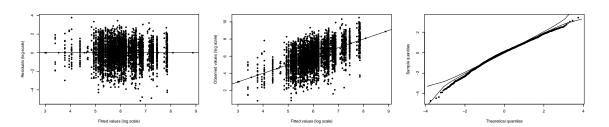


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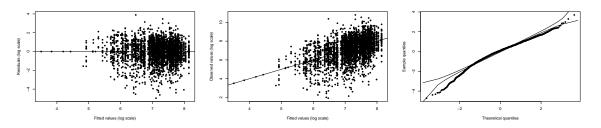


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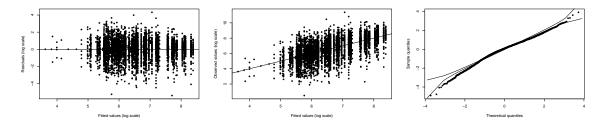


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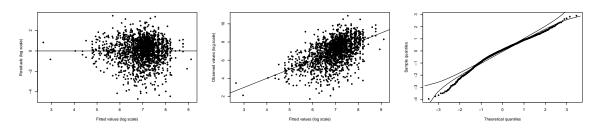


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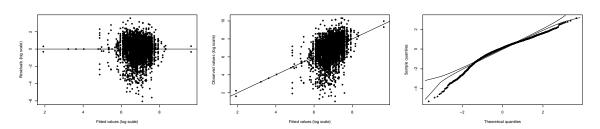


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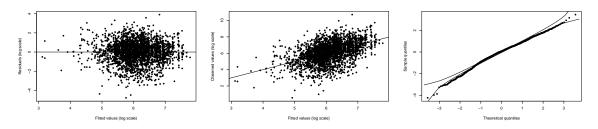


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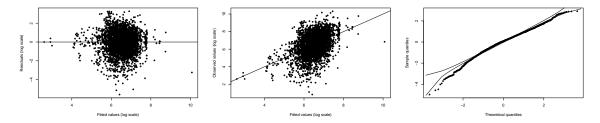


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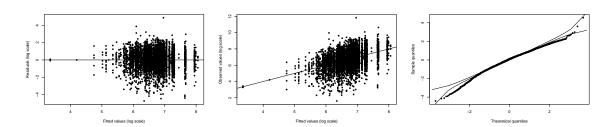


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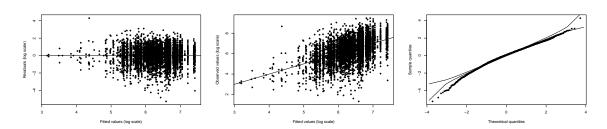


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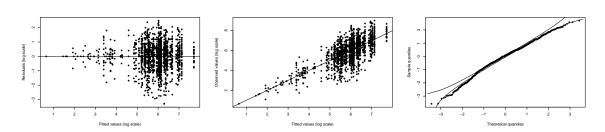


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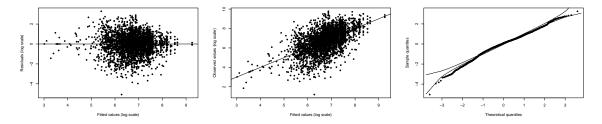


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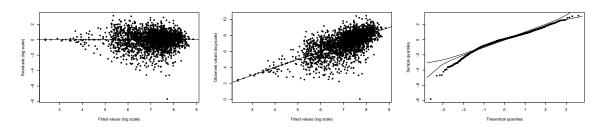


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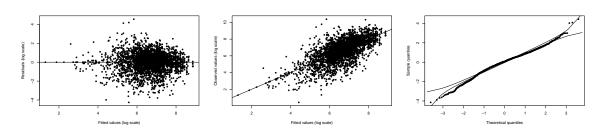


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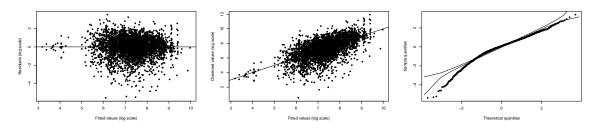


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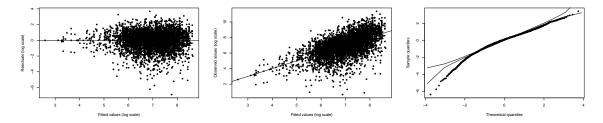


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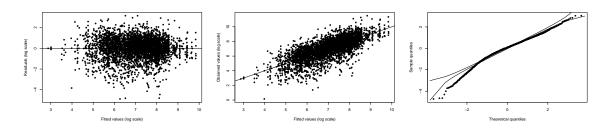


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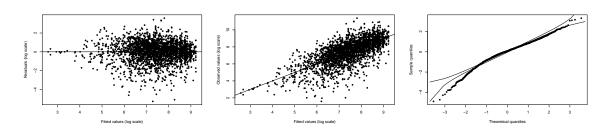


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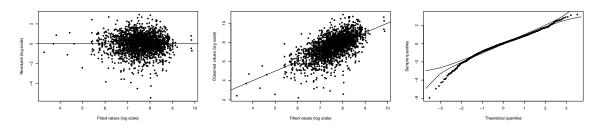


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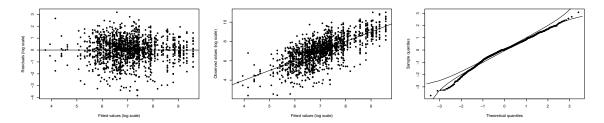


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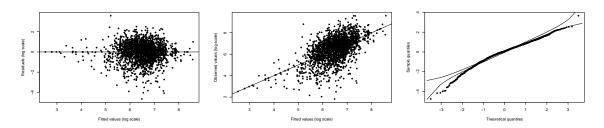


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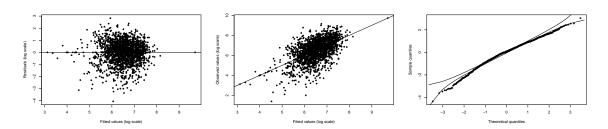


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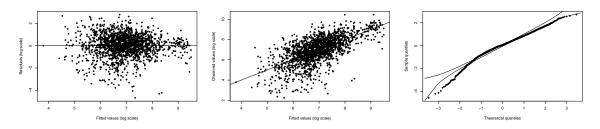


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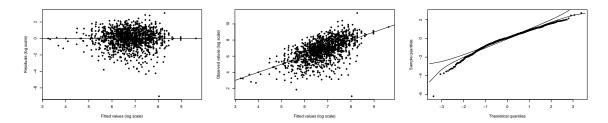


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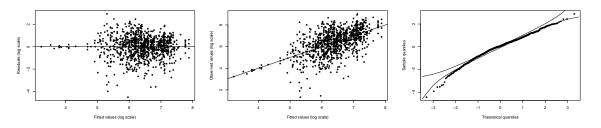


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## .2. Appendix B Mean weights

### .2.1. Auckland Islands

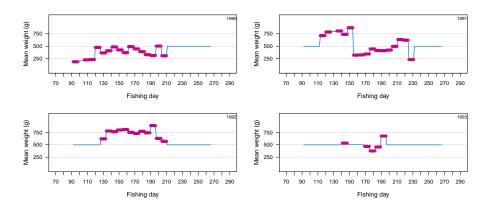


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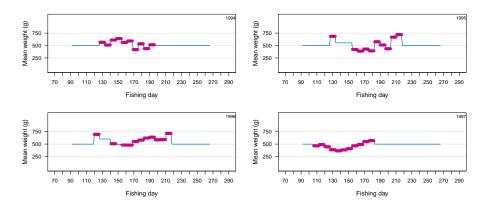


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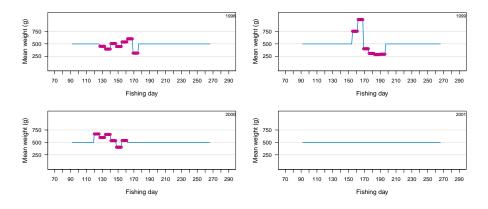


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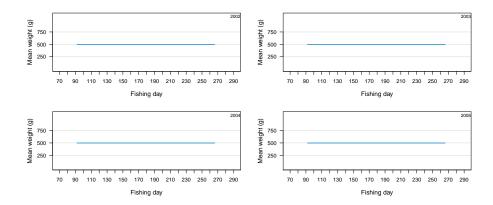


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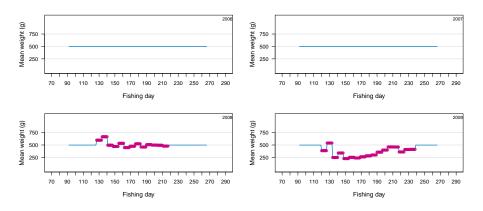


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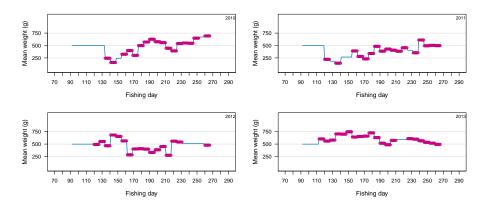


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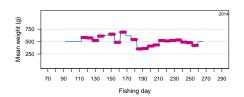


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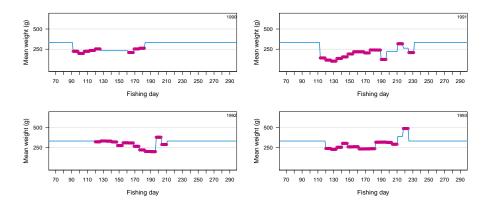


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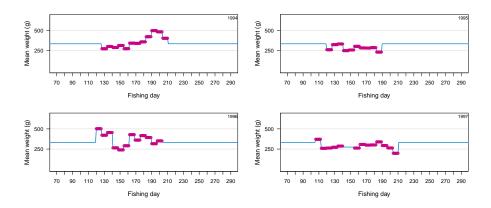


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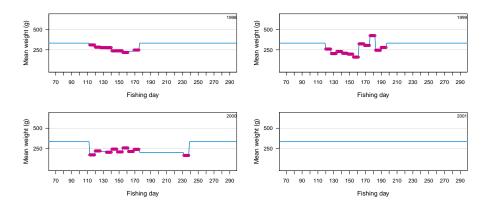


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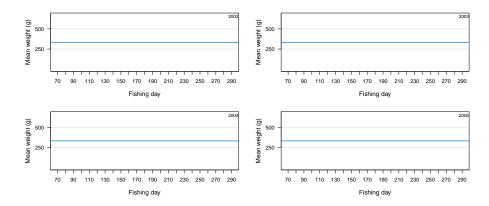


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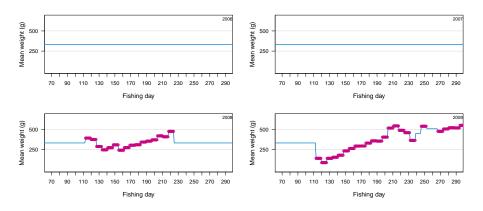


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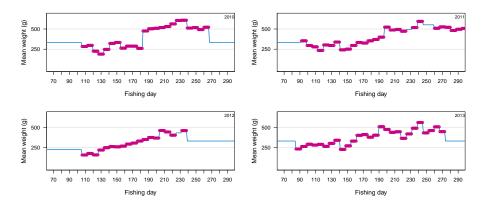


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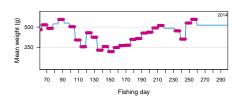


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# .3. Appendix C CPUE

## .3.1. Auckland Islands

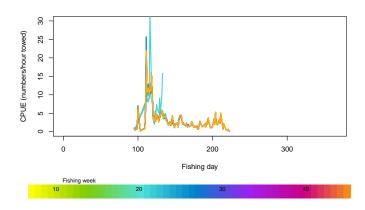


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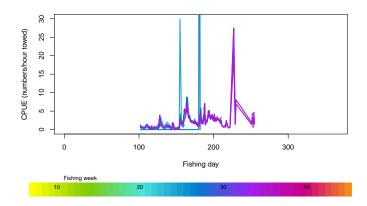


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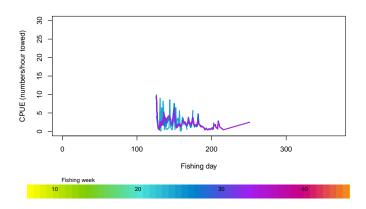


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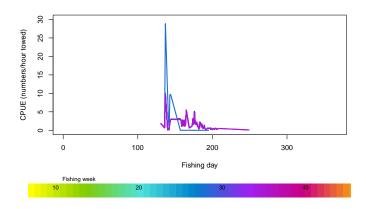


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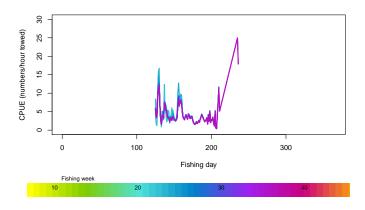


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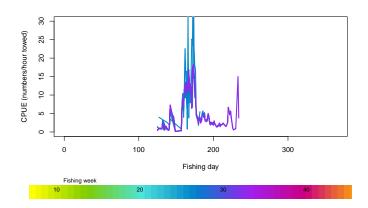


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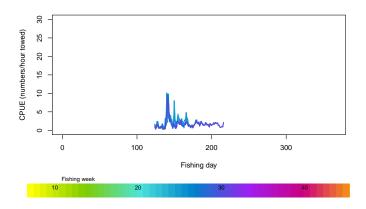


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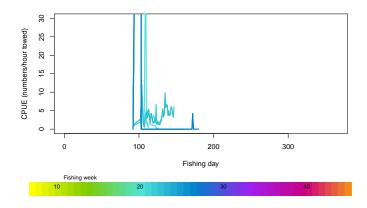


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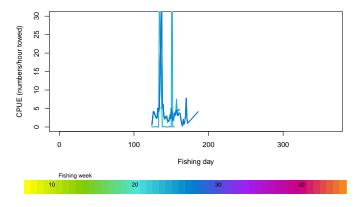


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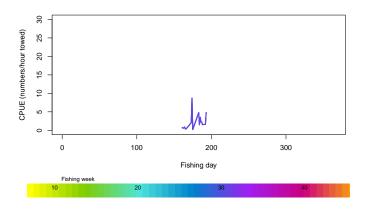


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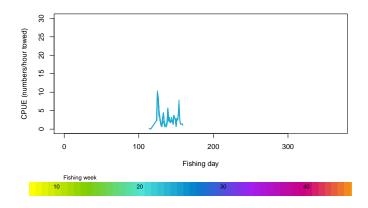


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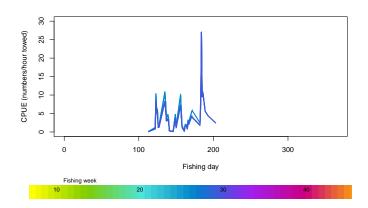


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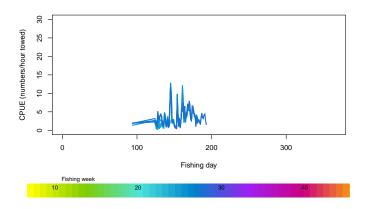


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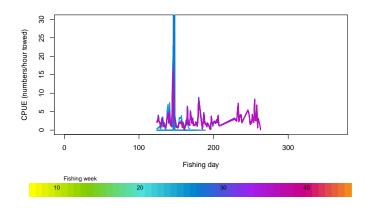


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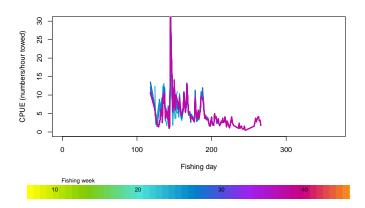


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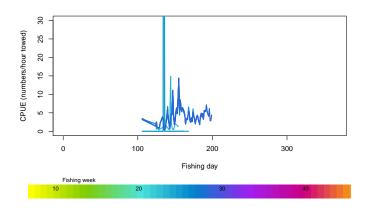


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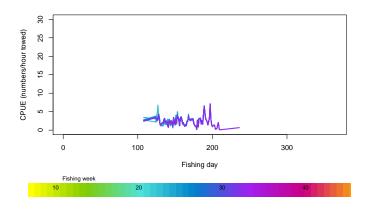


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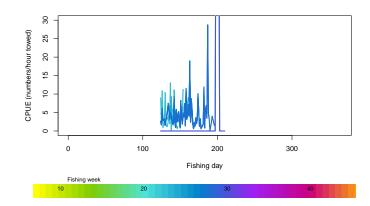


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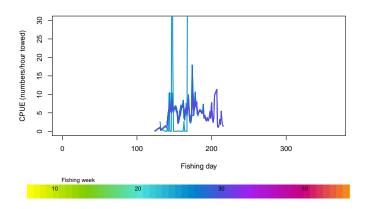


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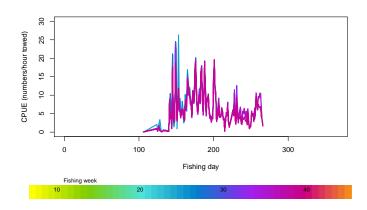


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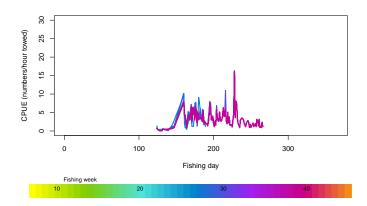


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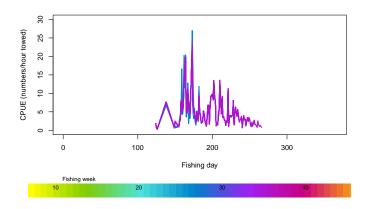


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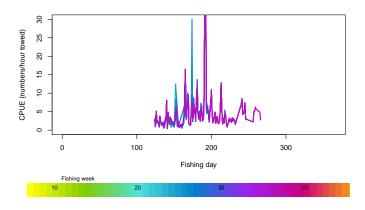


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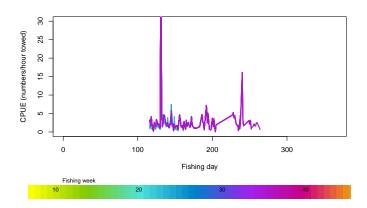


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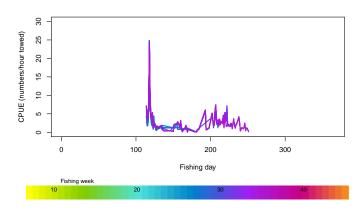


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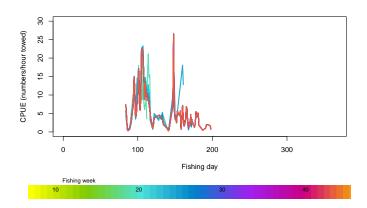


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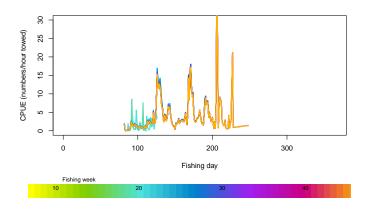


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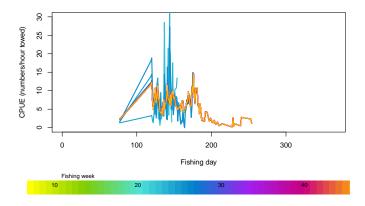


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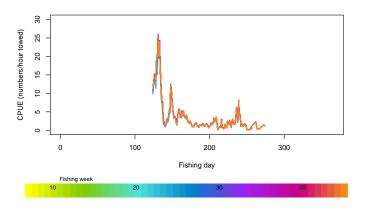


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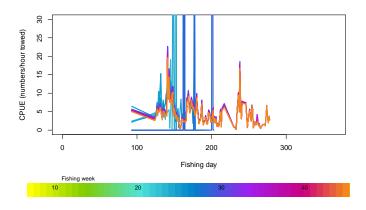


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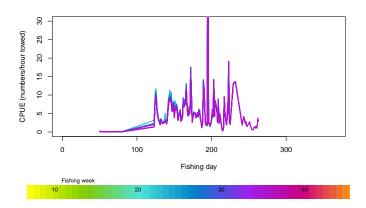


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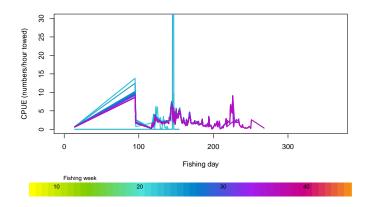


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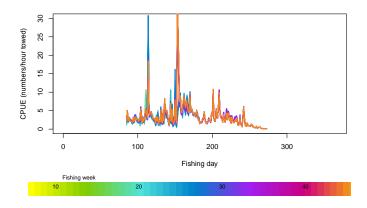


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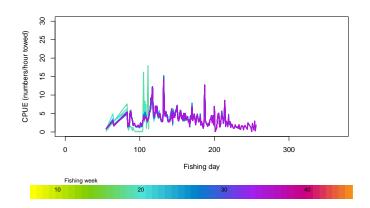


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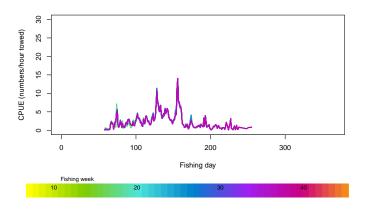


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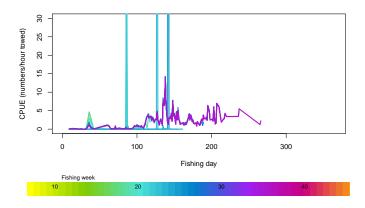


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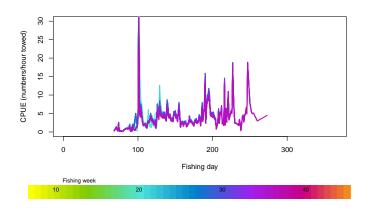


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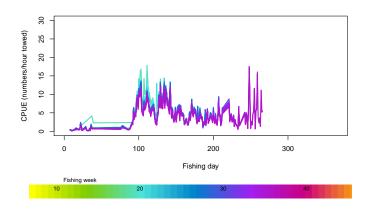


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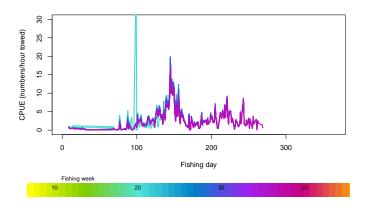


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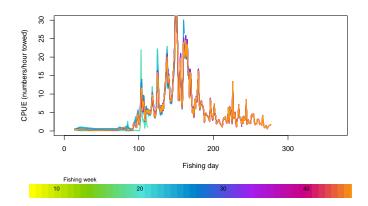


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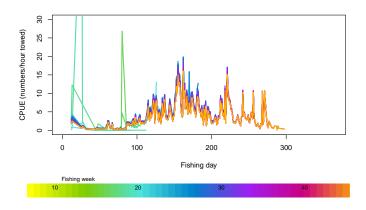


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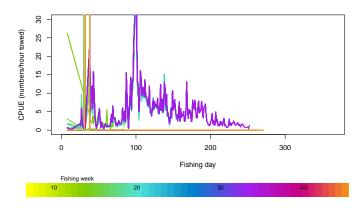


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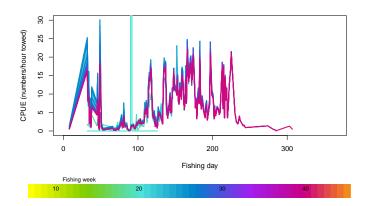


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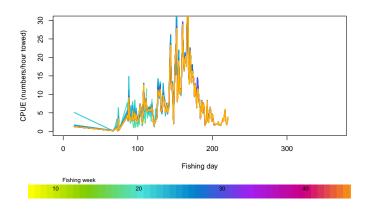


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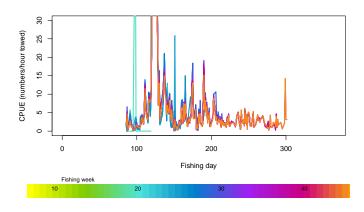


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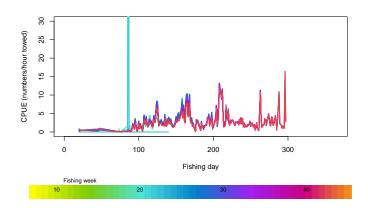


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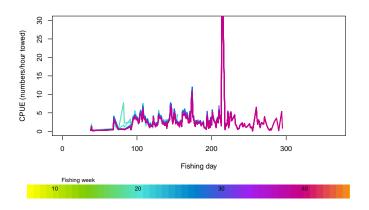


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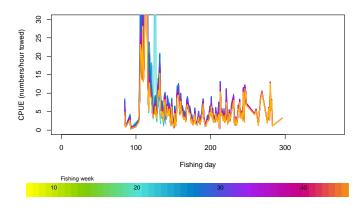


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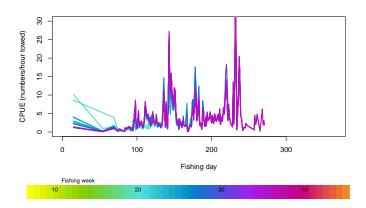


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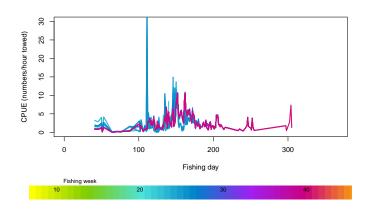


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## .4. Appendix D Depletion model fits to observed catches

### .4.1. Auckland Islands

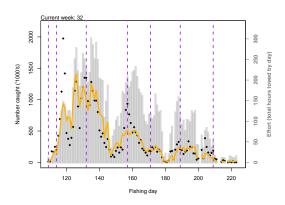


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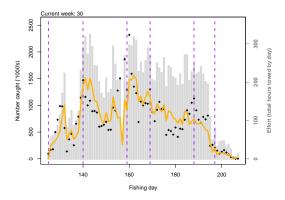


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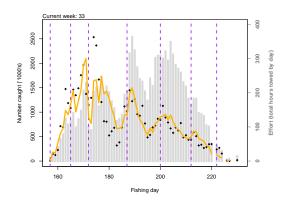


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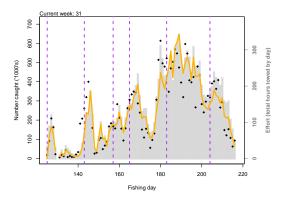


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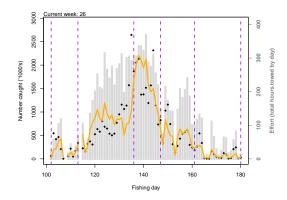


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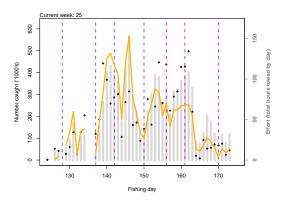


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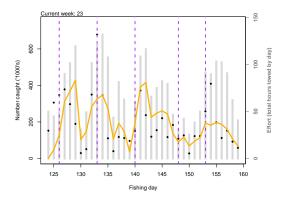


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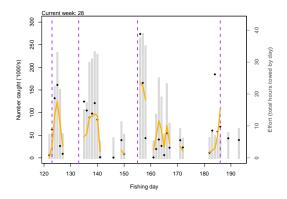


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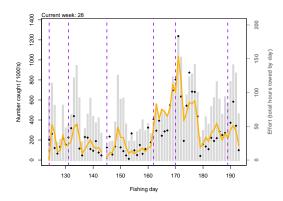


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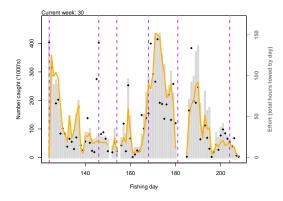


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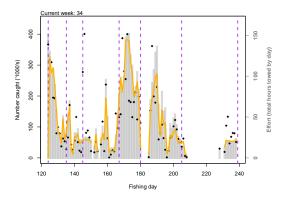


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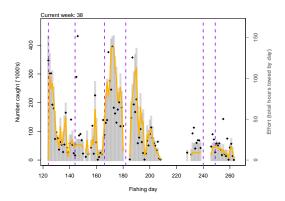


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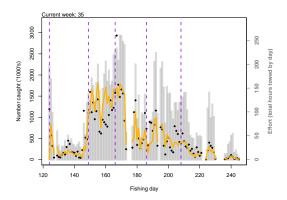


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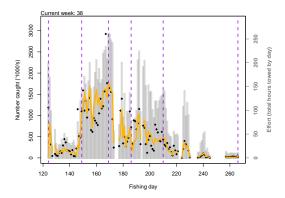


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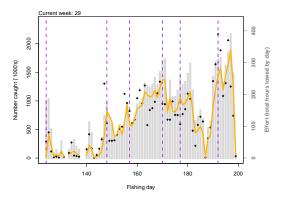


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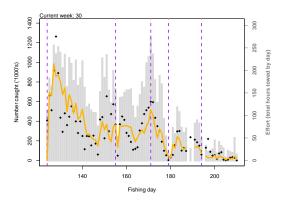


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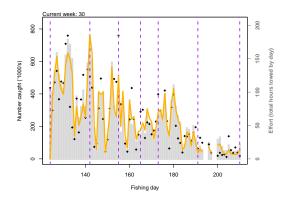


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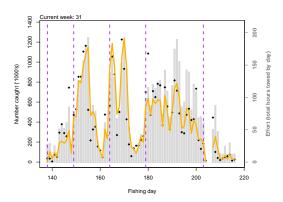


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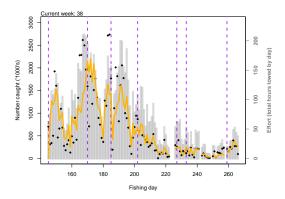


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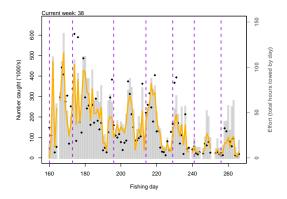


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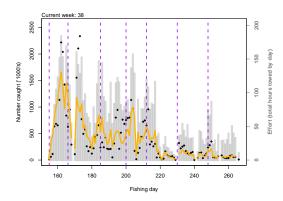


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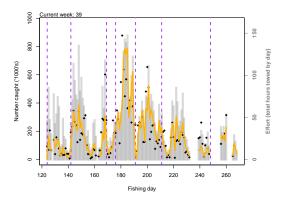


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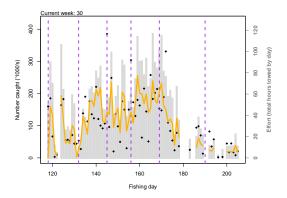


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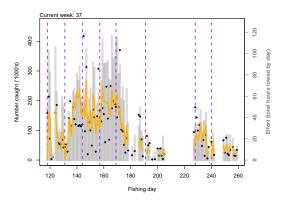


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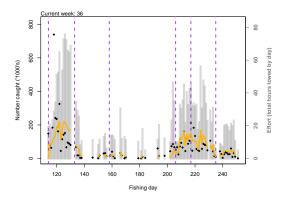


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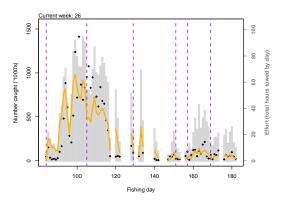


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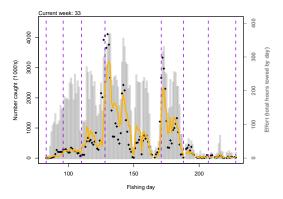


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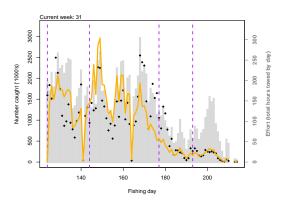


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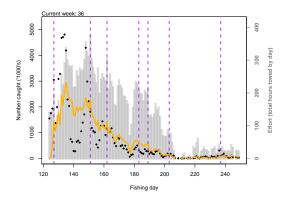


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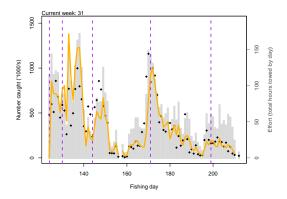


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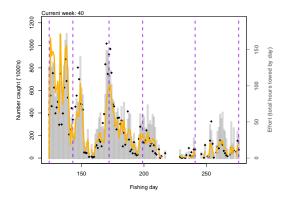


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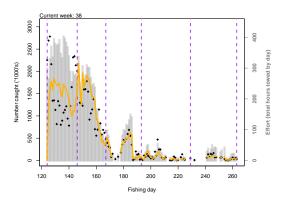


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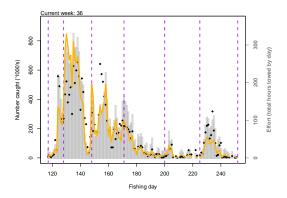


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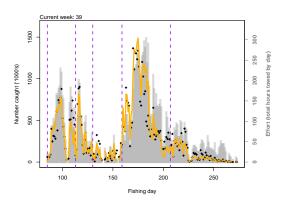


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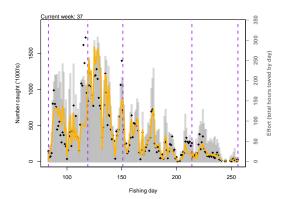


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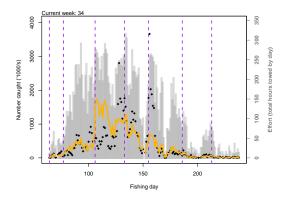


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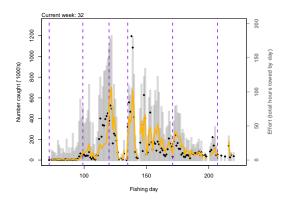


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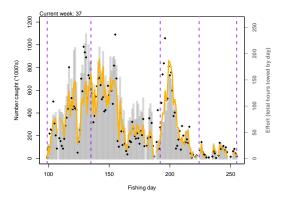


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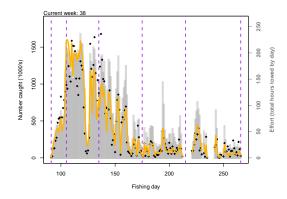


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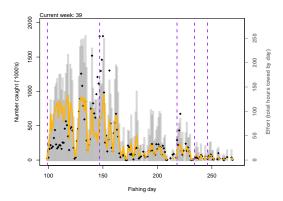


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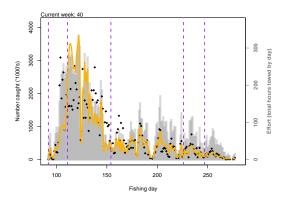


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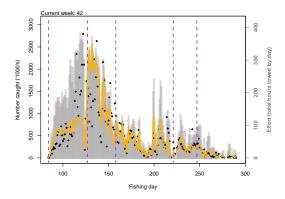


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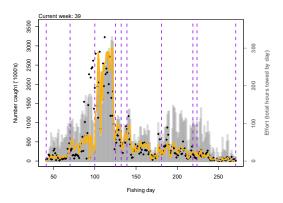


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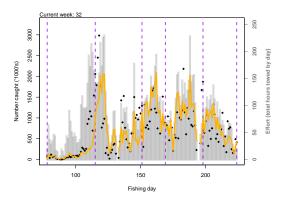


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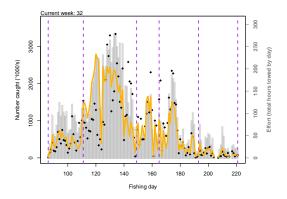


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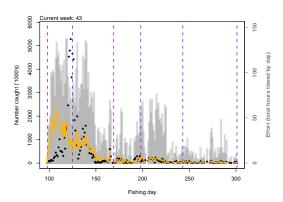


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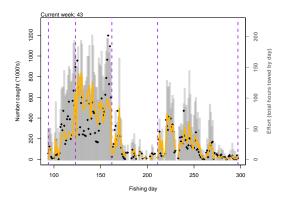


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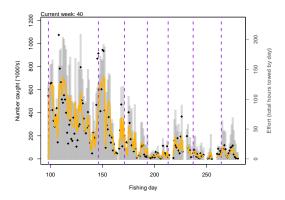


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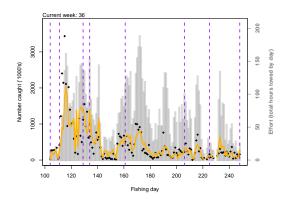


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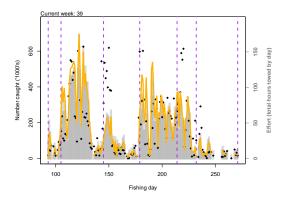


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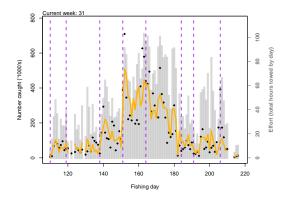


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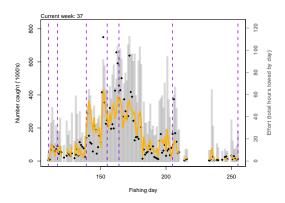


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## .5. Appendix E Depletion estimates

## .5.1. Auckland Islands

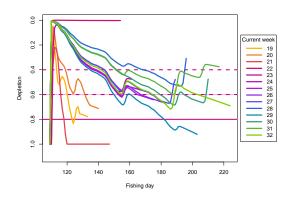


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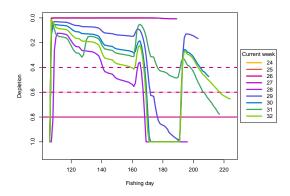


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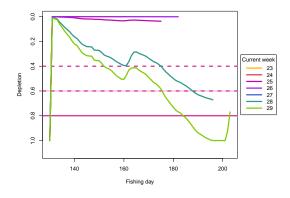


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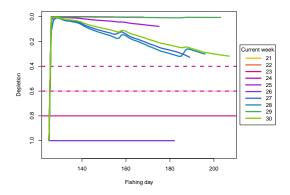


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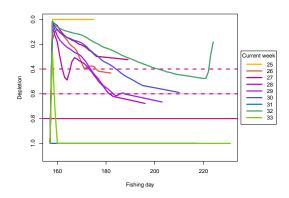


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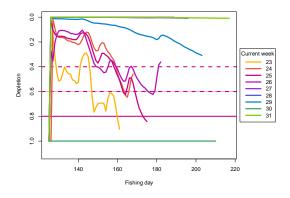


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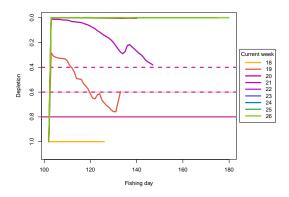


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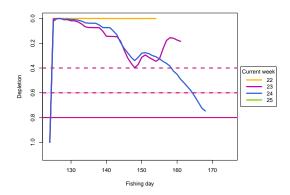


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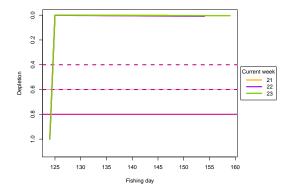


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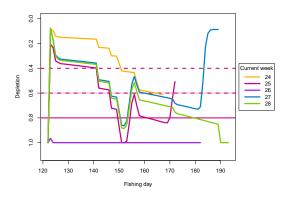


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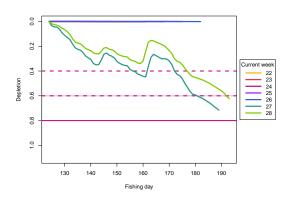


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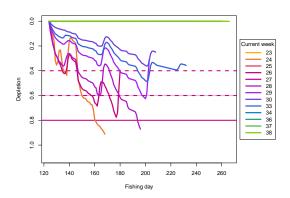


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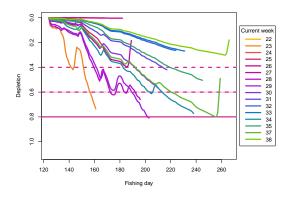


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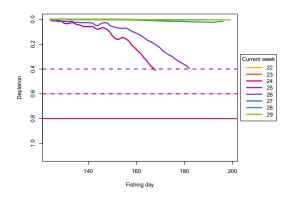


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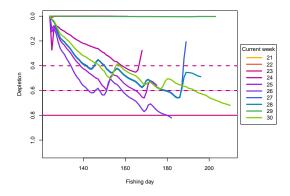


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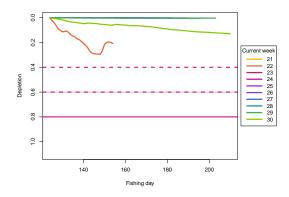


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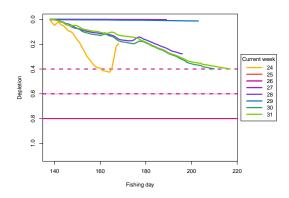


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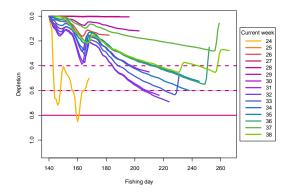


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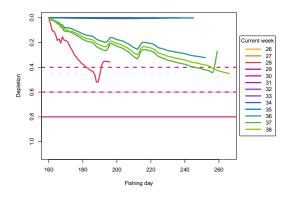


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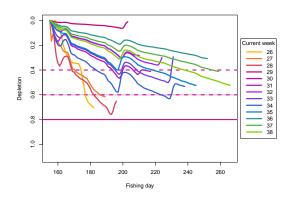


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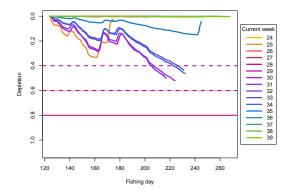


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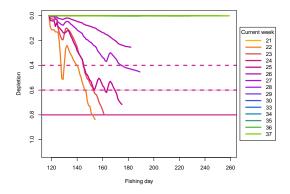


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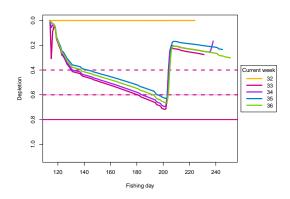


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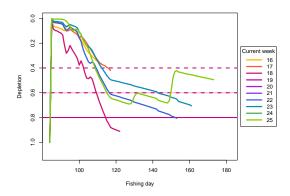


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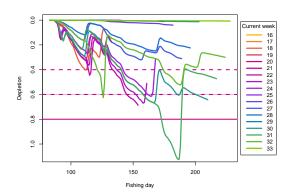


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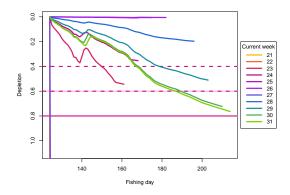


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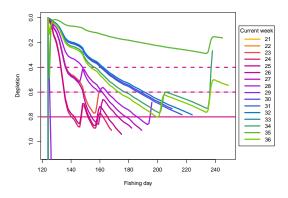


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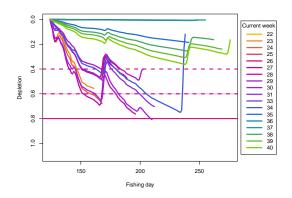


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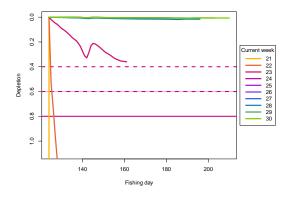


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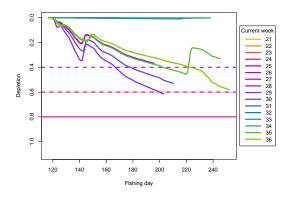


Figure E30: Estimated depletion for each 'current' week (mimicking real-time) for the Snares 1996.

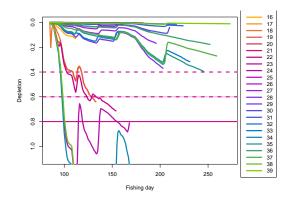


Figure E31: Estimated depletion for each 'current' week (mimicking real-time) for the Snares 1997.

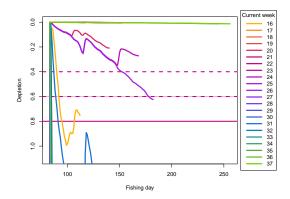


Figure E32: Estimated depletion for each 'current' week (mimicking real-time) for the Snares 1998.

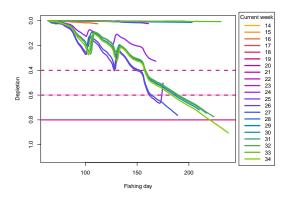


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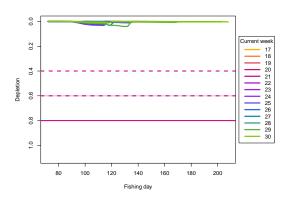


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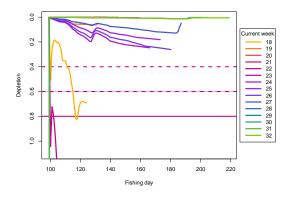


Figure E35: Estimated depletion for each 'current' week (mimicking real-time) for the Snares 2001.

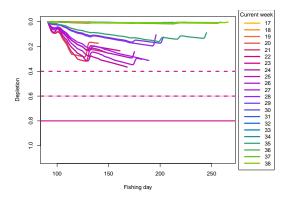


Figure E36: Estimated depletion for each 'current' week (mimicking real-time) for the Snares 2002.

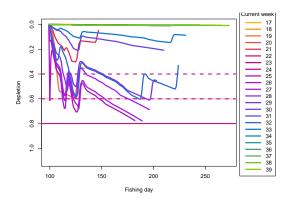


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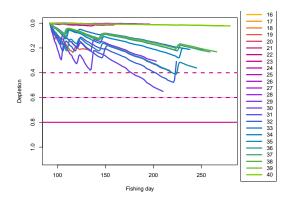


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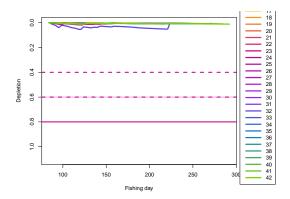


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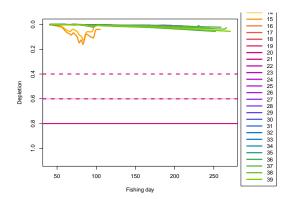


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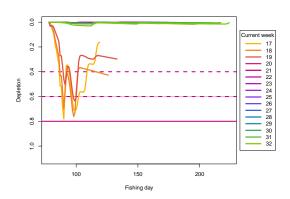


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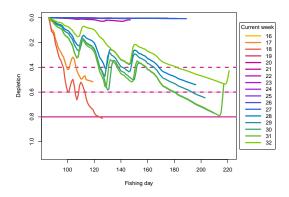


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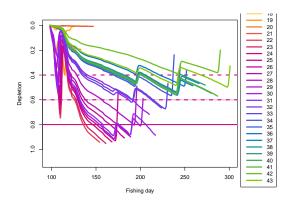


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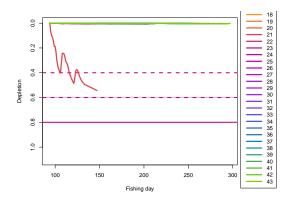


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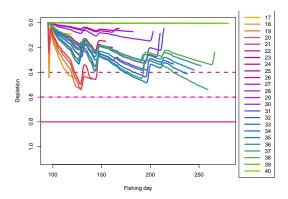


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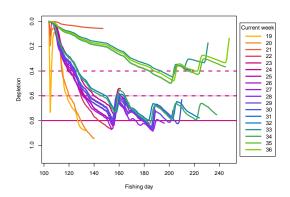


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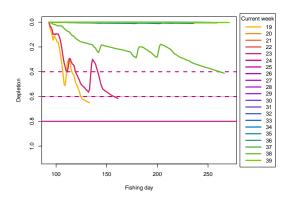


Figure E47: Estimated depletion for each 'current' week (mimicking real-time) for the Snares 2013.

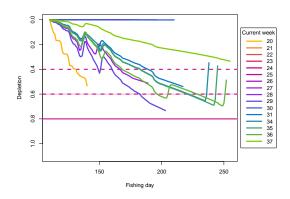


Figure E48: Estimated depletion for each 'current' week (mimicking real-time) for the Snares 2014.