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Supplemental NWFSC PPT 1
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Groundfish Science Report

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Overview

- Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey Vessel Funding Update
- At-sea Hake Fishery Updates



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Four Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey Vessels Funded – FY20

Early summer



Late summer



2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020



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2020 Hake Management Process

- Pacific Hake/Whiting Treaty's Scientific Review Group Feb 25-28, 2020, Seattle, WA:
 - Reviewed 2020 Hake assessment, Accomplishments of the Management Strategy Evaluation Technical Team over the past year, and related science including 2019 acoustic/trawl survey.
 - SRG Endorsed the 2020 assessment as the best scientific information available for managing this year's fishery.
 - The SRG Report and the Final 2020 hake stock assessment are now available :

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/laws-and-policies/pacific-hake-whiting-treaty>



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2020 Hake Management Process

- Joint Management Committee Meeting scheduled March 11-13, 2020, The Graduate Hotel, Seattle, WA.
 - Review the new science and SRG Report
 - Adopt a TAC for 2020, which will be reported to the Council in April.



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Sampling in the At-sea Hake Fishery



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Thank you



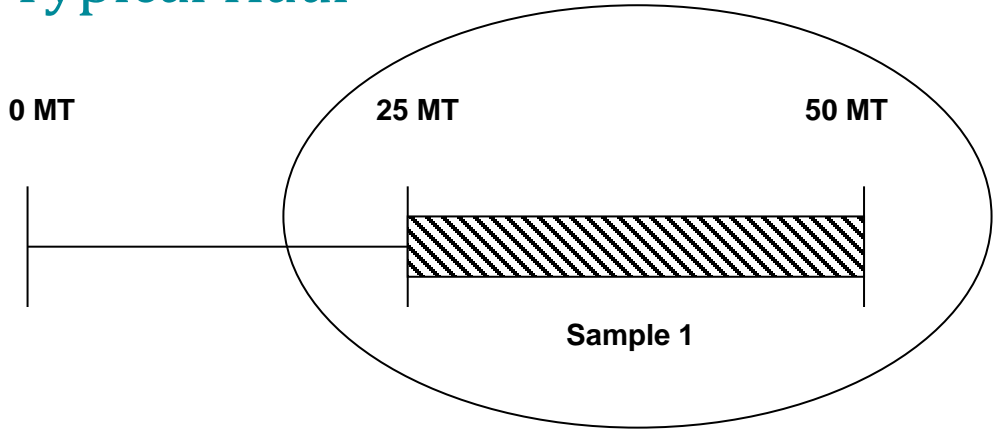
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Additional Slides



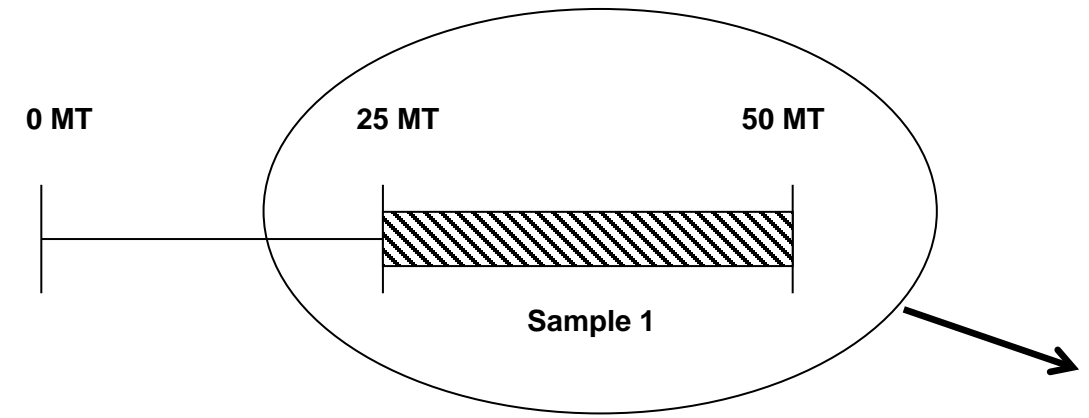
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Typical Haul

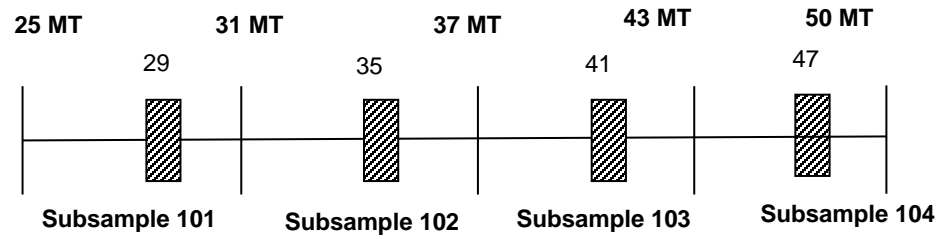


~50% of haul sampled for species composition (all species).

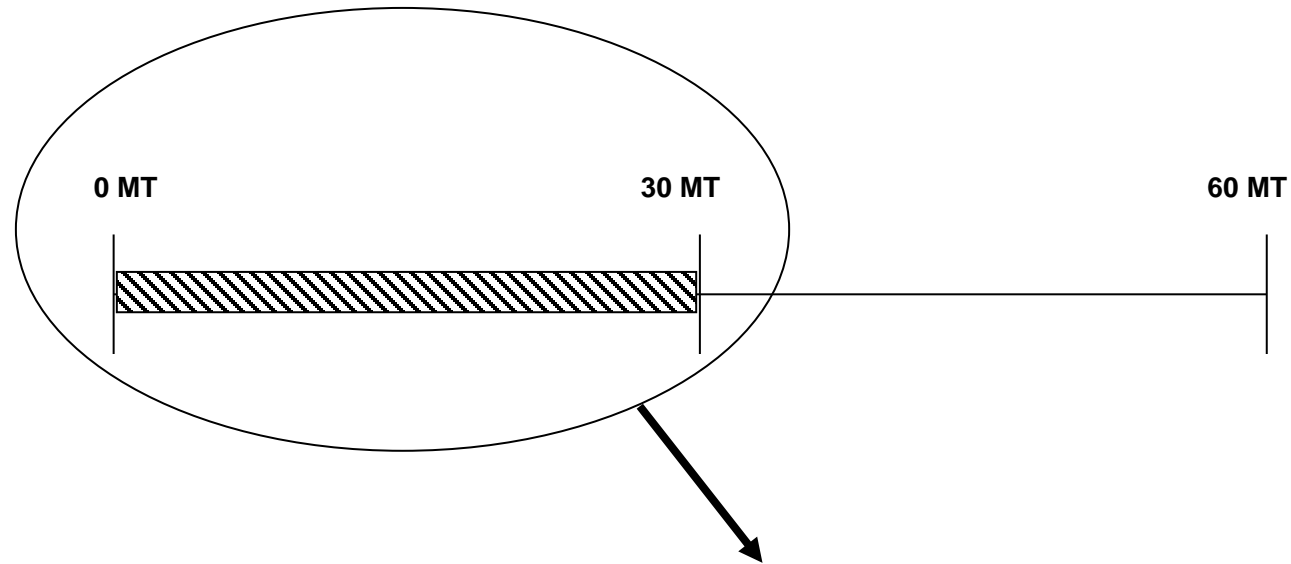
Two-predominate Species Subsample (example Hake + dogfish)



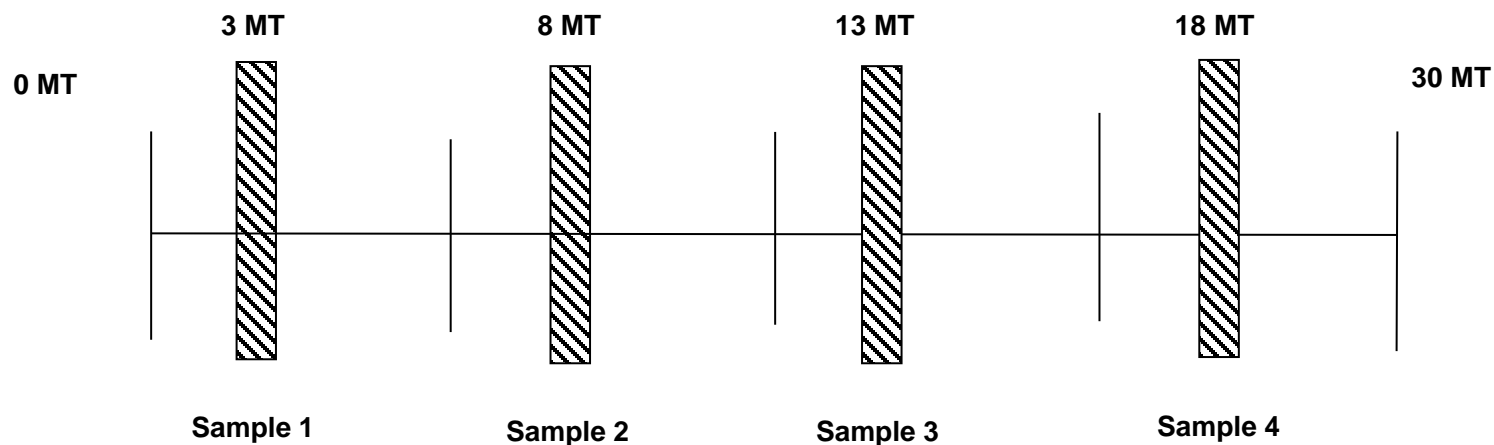
~50% of haul sampled for species composition, 2 species in highest abundance are subsampled to determine the relative proportion.



Random Systematic Samples (for high species diversity)

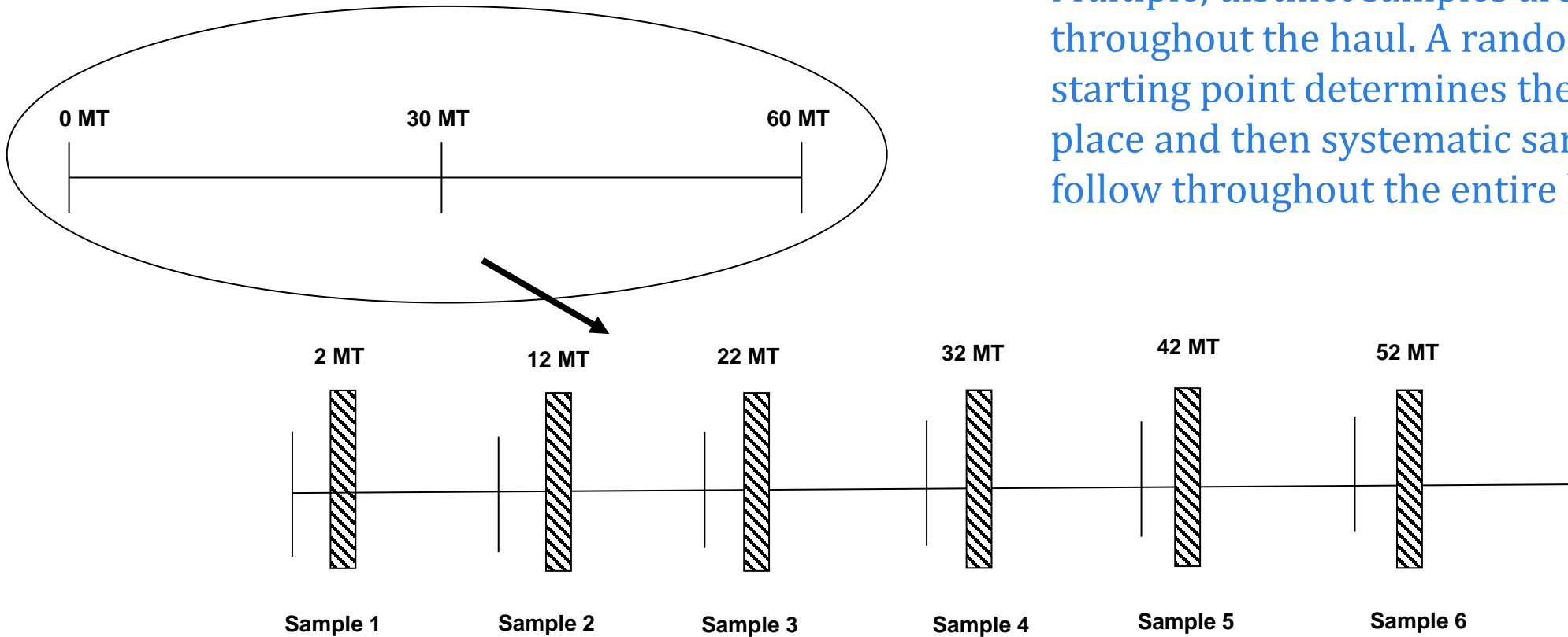


Multiple, distinct samples are taken throughout the randomly chosen half. A random starting point determines the starting place and then systematic samples follow throughout the half.

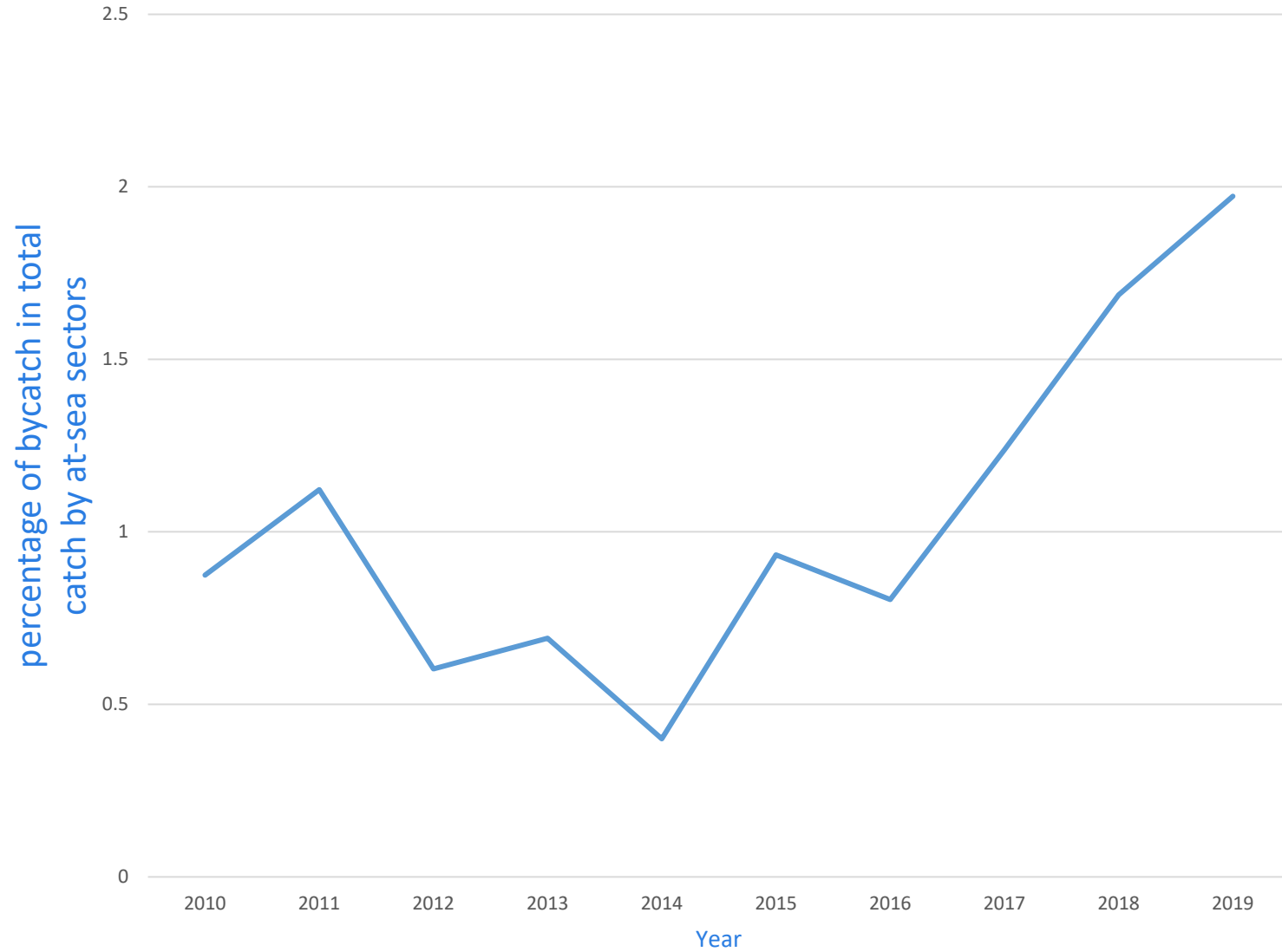


Random Systematic Samples (for high species diversity)

Multiple, distinct samples are taken throughout the haul. A random starting point determines the starting place and then systematic samples follow throughout the entire haul.

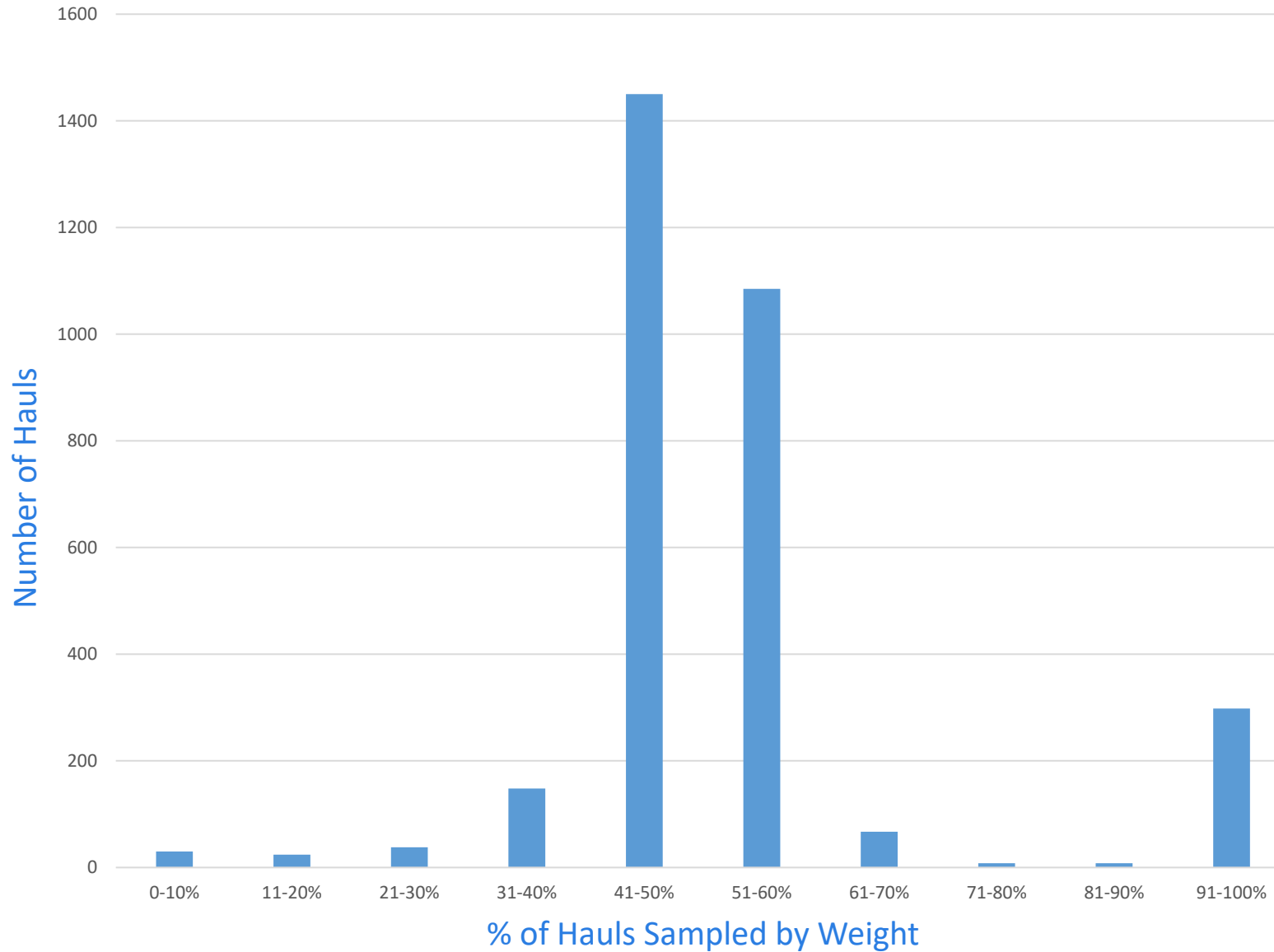


Bycatch as a % of Total Catch

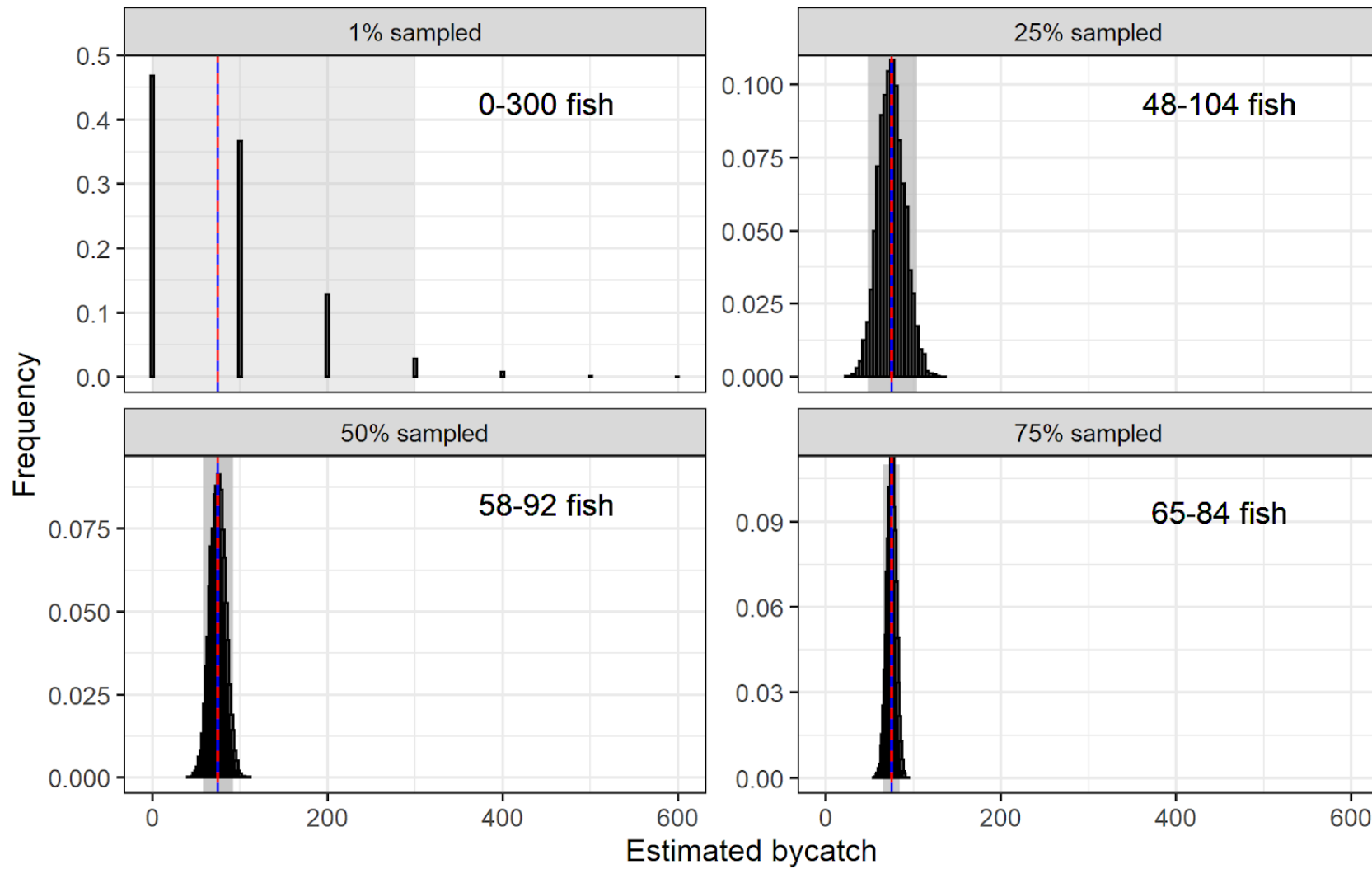


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Sampling Rate 2019



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| Mean estimated bycatch | True bycatch (75 fish)

