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INTRODUCTION

Following a request made by the Liaison Committee at the 1967 Council Meeting, the North-Western Working Group was reconvened under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Jones. The meeting was held in Copenhagen from December 4th to 13th, 1967, and the following members participated:-

- R. Jones (U. K.) Chairman
- J. Jónsson (Iceland)
- A. Schumacher (Germany)
- A. Meyer (Germany)) part-time H. Knudsen (Denmark))

The primary task of the Group was to further assess the state of the fish stocks at Iceland with particular reference to the determination of the effect of changes in fishing effort on the Iceland cod and haddock fisheries.

ICELAND COD

Statistics relating to the landings of Iceland cod have been brought up to date in Tables 1 to 3. Total landings have continued to decline and in 1966 amounted to 357,000 tons. The catches per unit effort by both English and Iceland trawlers decreased but this was due to the fact that much of the German trawler effort was directed to catching redfish. Estimates of total effort in English trawler units showed a decline in 1966.

Fluctuations in the total yield of Iceland cod cannot be interpreted directly in relation to fluctuations in fishing effort, however. This is because landings are also influenced by the level of recruitment. This is illustrated by the data in Figure 1. These show the total landings of Iceland cod for the past thirty-five years. Also shown are the contributions to the landings (in millions of fish) of the year classes spawned eight years previously. The agreement is good. In particular it is seen that the high yield from 1930 to 1933 was associated with the good year classes of 1922 and 1924. Again, in 1954 landings were very high and can be associated with the good year class of 1945. Since then there have been fluctuations due to fluctuations in the level of year class strength, and for the future it is known that all year classes after 1959 are poor or very poor in Iceland experimental trawling material (Jonsson, unpublished data). These results show that fluctuations in year class strength can cause fluctuations in the landings large enough to mask the possible effects of changes in fishing effort. Assessments of the effects of changes in fishing effort cannot therefore be obtained from commercial statistics directly, but have to be obtained indirectly. This is done by first estimating the level of mortality in the stock due to fishing. The effect of changes in this fishing mortality on the expected yield can then be calculated and this is the method of assessment used in this report.

Numbers of Fish Landed

The Iceland cod stock is fished by several countries, some of which use different gears.

English trawlers land mainly immature cod, i.e. cod seven or less years of age. German trawlers land proportionately fewer young cod. Of the Iceland landings about 80% by weight come from a fishery operated by various gears centred on the spawning concentration of mature cod. This fishery lasts from January to May.

Estimates of the numbers of fish landed at each age are given in Tables 4 to 6 for the English and German trawl fisheries and for the Iceland spawning fisheries. These fisheries account for 83% of the landings by weight. A further 12% is landed by Iceland vessels not directed at the spawning fishery and 5% by other countries. The numbers of cod landed by these vessels were estimated indirectly. For the Iceland non-spawning fishery estimates were made using the age composition of the landings by German trawlers. For other countries, the age composition of the landings by English and German trawlers combined was used. In this way estimates of the numbers landed by all gears were obtained (Table 7).

Mortality Rates

Previous estimates of the mortality rate of Iceland cod have suggested that this might be quite high and of the order of 60-70% for all ages. In the previous report of the North-Western Working Group 1) a value of 60% among immature cod is quoted, based on the age composition of the landings by English trawlers.

Among older cod a mortality rate of 70% per year is referred to in the previous report. This was obtained by determining the rate of decline in the numbers of fish from one spawning class to the next in the Iceland spawning fishery. In this way an estimate of the mortality rate operating within that fishery was derived.

The fact that mortality within the various fisheries is about 60-70% annually does not necessarily mean that it is as high as this throughout the entire stock. In fact, analysis of the numbers of cod landed at each age suggests that it is not. This is shown by comparing the number of 3-6 years old cod landed, with the number of 7 years and older cod landed. These, for all gears, amount to 73 and 36 million fish, respectively. Calculation shows that from a stock that experiences a 60% annual mortality, the number of 3-6 years old and the number of 7 years and older fish caught should be in the ratio of 1:0.026, i.e. corresponding to 73 million 3-6 years old fish there should only be 2 million 7 years and older fish landed. To account for 36 million 7 years and older cod it is necessary to postulate that the mortality rate on younger fish as a whole is really much smaller than this. If, therefore, some young fish experience a mortality of 60% within the trawl fisheries there must be a further source of young fish that are not fully exploited until they are 7 years old. More correctly the time of transition from being unexploited to being exploited is most likely to occur at the time of maturity, rather than at a particular age such as 7 years. It is in fact known that cod go on maturing up to at least 10 years of age and that there is a recruitment of cod up to at least this age to the Iceland spawning fishery every year.

The question then is: "Where do these fish come from"? In some years, mature cod have been known to migrate from Greenland to Iceland. This almost certainly happened in the case of the 1956 year class in 1963 and 1964. Recruitment from Greenland is not thought to account for the whole Iceland spawning fishery every year however. This means, therefore, that the fishery is also dependent on cod that, when immature, are situated around Iceland in areas not normally exploited by trawlers.

The mortality rate of the immature cod at Iceland can then be assessed in either of two ways according to the degree of mixing of the exploited and unexploited parts of the stock. In the extreme situation where no movement occurs at all, the immature stock could be treated in two

¹⁾ Coop. Res. Rep. Ser. B, 1966, Annex 1.

parts. One part would experience a mortality rate of about 60% annually and the other part would experience natural mortality only. The alternative is that there is some interchange of fish between the two parts of the stock possibly coupled with some movement away from the trawling grounds as the fish mature.

In order to determine the mortality rate on the stock as a whole in the case of the second alternative, the method described in the Appendix (p. 10) was used. This was applied to the numbers landed in Table 7, excluding the landings of the 1956 year class, because of the influence on this of immigration from Greenland.

The mortality rates are shown in Table 8 for three values of the natural mortality rate (M) of 0.05, 0.15 and 0.30. The values given are for the total instantaneous mortality coefficient (Z) and the values of 1.2 shown for eleven and twelve years old fish are equivalent to 70% annually. It should be noted that below eleven years of age, the estimates which apply to the stock as a whole are lower than the estimates obtained within the individual fisheries. This is especially so in the case of the younger fish.

Fishing mortality, and its subdivision into components due to the Iceland spawning fishery and to "Others" is shown in Table 9.

Effects of Changes in Growth and Recruitment

Since changes in effort would lead to changes in the size of the stock it is possible that this in turn could influence such stock characteristics as growth, recruitment or natural mortality. There are no data on the effect of changes in stock density on natural mortality but there are some relating to growth and recruitment.

In the case of growth, Jónsson (unpublished data) has related stock density (in terms of landings per unit effort by Iceland trawlers) to the mean length of the 8-12 years old cod in the Iceland spawning fishery. The mean lengths have been converted to weights, and the results are plotted in Figure 2. They show that there has been an increase in the mean weights of 8-12 years old cod since 1930. In the period 1960-64, for example, 8-12 years old cod were 31% heavier, age for age, than 8-12 years old cod in the period 1930-1934.

In the case of recruitment and stock size, further data from the Iceland spawning fishery suggest that the output from year classes spawned when the stock density was high, were higher than the output when the density was lower (Jonsson, 1966). Changing from a low to a high stock density could, therefore, be associated with changes in growth and recruitment acting in opposite directions. Their effects could partly offset each other, although the data indicate that the gains from increased recruitment could easily exceed the losses from reduced growth rates.

Applying these results is more difficult since both the growth and recruitment data have been collected over a period during which there have been changes in, for example, the temperature and salinity of the Arctic. There is no way of knowing, therefore, to what extent a reversal of the process, i.e. a return to higher stock densities, would in fact lead to either a decrease in growth rate or an increase in recruitment.

No account has therefore been taken of this factor in the assessments but it is useful to note the effect this would have if it did occur. With a reduction in effort, the gains would become higher than those shown in the tables of assessments. With an increase in effort the gains would become lower.

Changes in Effort

Assessments have been made of the effects of changes in fishing using the mortality estimates in Table 8 and the method of Jones (1961). As a first approximation, it was supposed that

a given change in effort would affect the fishing mortality rate at each age by the same proportion. This is equivalent to making the second of the two hypotheses above, i.e. that there is mixing between the exploited and unexploited parts of the immature stock.

Assessments

Assessments depend on the assumptions made about the distribution of the immature fish.

Either (a) there is mixing between the exploited and unexploited parts

of the immature stock

or (b) the exploited and unexploited parts are independent until maturity is reached. (Note the unexploited part of the immature stock may then be either at Iceland or at Greenland).

In the time available to the Group it was only possible to make detailed assessments for alternative (a) and these are described below. Whereever possible, the probable effects of adopting alternative (b) are also given.

According to alternative (a) the Iceland cod stock as a whole is not subject to so high a mortality rate as has been supposed in previous reports. The assessments suggest that at the 1960-1966 level of effort, the yield per recruit is much closer to the theoretical optimum than would be concluded if mortality rates of 60-70% were thought to apply to the stock as a whole.

According to alternative (b) the exploited part of the immature stock supports a fishery with a relatively high rate of mortality. The yield per recruit in this fishery is therefore likely to be lower than the theoretical maximum with a lower fishing effort. However, it is quite possible that a reduction in effort, by allowing more fish to survive to maturity would allow more fish to reach the Iceland spawning fishery.

There are various ways in which fishing effort may be varied and four of these have been treated in detail.

- Iceland spawning fishery kept constant.
 Changes in effort by other gears only (Table 10).
- 2. Effort on the Iceland spawning fishery varied.
 Other gears kept constant (Table 11).
- 3. Equal changes in effort by all gears (Table 12 and Figure 3).
- 4. An increase in the effort at Iceland due to the arrival of trawlers from outside that area (Table 13).

Assessments for alternative (a) are given in Tables 10 to 13. The values in Tables 10 to 12 show the expected changes (as percentages) in the yield per recruit in the various fisheries. These are given for various percentage changes in the mean fishing mortality rate from the mean level operating from 1960-1966. For practical purposes these can be interpreted as percentage changes in fishing effort from the mean 1960-1966 value. Assessments are given for three values of natural mortality (M) equal to 0.05, 0.15 and 0.30. Data supplied by Jónsson to the previous North-Western Working Group report suggest that the natural mortality rate of mature cod in the Iceland spawning fishery lies between 0.15 and 0.30. Assessments were also made for a natural mortality rate of 0.05, however, to allow for the possibility that the natural mortality rate of immature cod was lower than that of mature cod. The values given therefore provide a range of assessments for each category of change.

1. <u>Icelandic spawning fishery kept constant</u>. <u>Effort changed in all other gears</u>. Assessments of the effects of changes in effort by all gears other than those engaged in the Iceland spawning fishery are given in Table 10 for alternative (a).

English and German trawlers; alternative (a): A decrease in effort would decrease the yield.

Alternative (b): A reduction in effort could increase the yield for values of M = 0.05 and 0.15. If something between alternatives (a) and (b) is taken as the most realistic position it can be concluded that a reduction in effort would decrease the yield, but not as much as in Table 10. Similarly an increase in effort would not increase the yield as much as in Table 10.

I celand spawning fishery; alternative (a): A reduction in effort by other gears would increase the yield. An increase in effort would decrease the yield. If alternative (b) is adopted the losses and gains would not be as great as those shown in Table 10.

All gears; alternative (a): A reduction in effort would increase the yield. An increase in effort would decrease the yield.

Alternative (b): For a reduction in effort, alternative (b) would reduce the losses in the trawl fishery but would also reduce the gains to the Iceland spawning fishery. The effect on the values in Table 10, for either a reduction or an increase in effort can only be determined by further assessments.

2. Changes in effort in the Iceland spawning fishery only. These assessments, for alternative (a) are given in Table 11. It is not likely that alternative (b) will affect these assessments very much and as a first approximation the assessments in Table 11 can be used for both alternatives.

For the English and German trawlers, a decrease in effort on the Iceland spawning fishery would increase their yield. An increase in effort would decrease it.

For the Iceland spawning fishery, a decrease in effort would decrease its yield. An increase in effort would increase it.

For all gears a reduction in effort on the Iceland spawning fishery would lead to very small changes. An increase would lead to negligible gains.

3. Changes in effort by all gears equally. Assessments for alternative (a) are given in Table 12 and Figure 3.

English and German trawlers; alternative (a): A reduction in effort would reduce the yield. An increase in effort would increase the yield. The adoption of alternative (b) would reduce both the losses and the gains.

I celand spawning fishery; alternative (a): A reduction in effort would increase the yield. An increase in effort would reduce the yield. Adoption of alternative (b) would reduce both the losses and the gains.

All gears; alternative (a): The effect of changes in effort are critically affected by the level of natural mortality adopted. Either increases or decreases in the total yield could result from a change of effort in either direction. The effect of alternative (b) on these assessments can only be determined by further calculations.

4. An increase in trawler effort due to the arrival of vessels from outside Iceland (Table 13). Here the situation is considered in which the Iceland effort is increased due to the participation in the fishery there of trawlers previously fishing elsewhere, such as in the north-eastern Arctic. Adopting alternative (a) the effect on total yields can, to a first approximation be seen from the values tabulated in Table 10. All vessels previously fishing at Iceland would however experience a decrease in catch per unit effort and the extent of this, for the various classes of vessel, is shown in Table 13.

If alternative (b) is adopted, English and German trawlers would experience greater losses in catch per unit effort than those shown in the Table. Catches per unit effort in the Iceland spawning fishery would not decline so much however.

In these calculations it has been assumed that any increase in effort would be equivalent to an increase in both English and German trawler efforts by equal amounts.

Effect on Catch per Unit Effort and the Size Composition of the Catches. In all cases, the catch per unit effort would increase, when the fishing effort decreased and would decrease when the fishing effort increased.

In all cases, where effort was increased, the catch would contain relatively more young and fewer old fish. Conversely a decrease in effort would give relatively more old and fewer young fish (Figure 4).

Mesh Assessments

Mesh assessments for Iceland cod were made in the previous report of the North-Western Working Group. These depended on estimates of the parameter E that measures the proportion of the fish released by a larger mesh that would subsequently be recaptured in the fishery. Because of the much lower values of mortality calculated in this report for the young cod, estimates of E have had to be revised and have been found to be about 0.25, 0.5 and 0.8 according to the values of natural mortality adopted (0.30, 0.15, 0.05 respectively). In the previous report, values of E of 0.6 and 0.8 were used. If values of M of 0.15 or 0.30 are adopted, the values of E are lower than the previous ones, and this means that the small gains predicted in the previous report will be too large and that the correct values will be a few percent lower. Similarly, any long-term losses would become a few percent greater. Only if one accepts the very low value of M = 0.05 does E become 0.8 permitting the estimates in the previous report to remain unchanged. Mesh assessments from the previous report are shown in Table 14.

ICELAND HADDOCK

The basic data relating to the landings of Iceland haddock and the fishing effort to which it is subject have been brought up-to-date in Tables 15 and 16. Estimates of the numbers of haddock landed at each age are given in Tables 17 to 19 for the landings by English, German and Scottish trawlers. The numbers landed by all other gears have had to be estimated from these. This was done by using the German trawler age-composition data to estimate the numbers landed by Iceland trawlers and long-liners, and by using the English trawler data to estimate the numbers landed by Iceland Danish seine and all other countries. In this way estimates of the total numbers landed at each age were obtained (Table 20).

Mortality Estimates

Mortality estimates were determined from the estimated total numbers landed at each age using the same methods as were used for cod. Total mortality estimates (Z) were determined for two values of M (0.15 and 0.30), and the results are shown in Table 21. These are higher at all ages than those obtained for cod.

Changes in Effort

The effects of various percentage changes in effort from the mean 1960-66 level were determined, assuming that the changes in each case affected all gears equally. The results are shown in Table 22 and Figure 5 for English and German trawlers. The results depend on the value of natural mortality adopted. With a value of M = 0.30, the yield appears to be close to its maximum value at the 1960-66 level of effort. For M = 0.15 gains up to 4% are predicted for 40% reduction in effort. The actual value of the natural mortality rate is not known, but it was felt that this value should lie somewhere between 0.15 and 0.30.

As in the case of cod any changes in stock density resulting from a change in effort could influence the growth rate, and recruitment. The magnitude of such effects cannot be computed exactly, but they should nevertheless be kept in mind as factors that could influence the estimates in Table 22. As was found for cod, fluctuations in recruitment can influence the landings of haddock very considerably. The high yield from 1961-63 for example (Table 15) was due to the influence of the very good year class of 1957, and the subsequent decline in landings is mainly due to the gradual disappearance of this year class from the fishery.

Another factor that must be taken into account is that direct estimates of the numbers landed at each age were only available for about 50% of the total landings. Estimation of Iceland long-line catches of haddock using German trawler age-composition data, for example, may have led to bias in the estimates. These estimates, therefore, should be revised once more extensive data can be obtained.

Mesh Assessments

Mesh assessments for Iceland haddock were made in the previous report of the North-Western Working Group. As in the case of cod, these depend on the values, 0.6 and 0.8, used for the parameter E. Revised estimates suggest that for 2 to 3 years old fish, E should not differ much from 0.6. Mesh assessments in the previous report for values of E = 0.6 are likely therefore to be the more appropriate ones to take and these are shown in Table 23.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The North-Western Working Group <u>recommended</u> that further effort should be made to collect age-composition data from the landings of Iceland haddock and cod from the Iceland non-spawning fishery.

The Group further <u>recommended</u> that after these data have been collected for at least two years, that the effort assessments for the Iceland cod and haddock should be re-assessed.

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APPENDIX

For determining mortality rates when F varies with age, a modification of the methods described by Jones (1961) and by Gulland (1965) has been used. The method described by Gulland (1965) for determining the fishing mortality rate makes use of the ratios of the numbers of fish caught at a particular age to the numbers subsequently caught at older ages.

If Cn is the catch of a particular year class at age n and V_{n+1} is the number caught at age n+1 and all subsequent ages it is the ratio $\frac{Cn}{V_{n+1}}$ or more conveniently its reciprocal

 $\frac{V_{n+1}}{Cn}$ that is used as the basis for the assessments.

This is incorporated in the relationship,

$$\frac{Zn e^{-Zn}}{Fn (1-e^{-Zn})} = \frac{V_{n+1}}{Cn E_{n+1}}$$
 (1)

to determine values of Fn and Zn for any value of M.

In this equation the parameter En is defined by

$$E_n = \frac{F_n (1-e^{-Z_n})}{Z_n} + e^{-Z_n} E_{n+1}...$$
 (2)

Given E_{n+1} , Equation (1) can be solved for Fn and Zn and then Equation (2) can be used to give En and so on.

If a year class has not passed completely through a fishery, or if it is appropriate to use the data from a year class in two successive years only, the values of Vn will be unknown. In that case it is appropriate to consider the ratio of the catches of a year class in two successive years (i. e. Cn and C_{n+1}). Then let

$$Cn = \frac{Fn}{Zn} (1-e^{-Zn}) Nn$$

where Nn is the number alive at the beginning of age n, and similarly let

$$C_{n+1} = \frac{F_{n+1}}{Z_{n+1}} (1 - e^{-Z_{n+1}}) N_{n+1}$$

but
$$N_{n+1} = Nn e^{-Zn}$$
 so that $C_{n+1} = \frac{F_{n+1}}{Z_{n+1}} (1 - e^{-Z_{n+1}}) e^{-Z_{n}} Nn$

Now, consider their ratio

$$\frac{C_{n+1}}{Cn} = \frac{A_{n+1} e^{-Zn}}{An}$$

where

An =
$$\frac{Fn}{Zn}$$
 (1-e^{-Zn}).....(3)

or on re-arranging terms

$$\frac{e^{-Zn}}{An} = \frac{C_{n+1}}{Cn \cdot A_{n+1}} \tag{4}$$

Thus given A_{n+1} , Equation (4) can be solved for Fn and Zn, and Equation (3) can be used for determining An and so on.

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France	2,862	2,841	3,487	3,967	2,505	3,567	2,812	5,230	8,739							6,070			1,905	2,830	1,538	86	579										77	100					,
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Germany	15,450	32,662	30,980	37,292	40,071	52,530	37,467	45,034	49,345	55,413	49,935	28,442	36,440	39,184	36,294	42,136	ָרָנ [ָ]	110611	10,817	11,193	24,120	30,327	33,805	41,808	56,005	45,253	48,236	20,071	23,292	37,849	35, 562	37,939	21,776	34,157	33,034	19,336	15.274	9,851	
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Table 1. Total landings of cod from Iceland (Round fresh Weight in metric tons)

* Estimated. ** Including 1,995 - U.S.S.R.

Table 2. Catches per unit effort of Iceland cod.

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Years	England	Germany	Iceland	England	Germany
1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936	1,337 1,559 1,327 1,209 1,073 1,021 1,343 1,328 1,635 1,562 1,390 1,416 1,398 1,088	2.5 2.6 2.9 2.7 3.5 4.7 4.3 2.6 3.0 3.2		1,096 1,278 1,088 0,991 0,880 0,837 1,101 1,089 1,340 1,280 1,139 1,161 1,146 0,892 1,115	0,746 0,657 0,776 0,866 0,687 0,806 0,985 1,045 1,403 1,284 0,776 0,955 0,896 0,955 1,015
1938 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1955 1956 1957 1958 1961 1962 1963 1964 1966	1,361 2,310 1,766 1,527 1,397 1,190 1,155 1,116 1,353 1,237 1,272 1,249 993 980 622 701 569 611 626 546 567 604	3.4 5.1 3.8 3.0 3.3 3.2 4.0 3.2 4.5 3.6 3.8 4.2 3.8 4.7 4.0 2.1 1.5 1.0x)	1,185 663 462 365 411 475 517	1,893 1,448 1,252 1,145 0,975 0,947 0,915 1,109 1,014 1,043 1,024 0,814 0,803 0,674 0,575 0,466 0,501 0,513 0,448 0,465 0,495	1,522 1,134 0,896 0,985 0,985 0,955 0,955 1,194 0,955 1,343 1,045 0,776 1,134 1,253 1,134 0,806 1,284 1,194 0,624 0,447 0,299

A: Tons per million ton hours (steam trawlers)

B: Tons per day fished

C: Tons per million ton hours.

x) German value low because effort mainly directed towards redfish.

Years	A England	B Germany	C Iceland	Total effort
1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937	53,599 53,553 59,178 76,918 89,909 91,540 85,773 103,807 99,717 100,325 104,202 107,724 100,420 132,650 94,167	12,962 13,899 14,617 13,834 14,526 14,055 13,833 14,003 11,726 11,691 10,840 11,278 12,966 11,432 12,274		208,768 194,183 212,390 274,367 327,449 373,209 357,698 360,833 305,732 342,309 328,549 299,257 223,736 301,381 236,736
1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1963 1964 1965	15,952 29,543 59,306 65,202 91,510 89,109 83,825 128,143 133,521 108,789 101,840 144,229 153,601 137,455 157,309 171,282 177,962 210,897 234,447 225,425 181,784	2,174 2,858 3,725 7,117 8,851 9,957 11,732 13,349 13,546 10,442 8,307 8,375 9,865 8,683 9,731 7,795 7,938 8,371 9,185 9,965 9,630	38,300 46,139 28,038 39,116 36,735 43,609 38,708	115,971 163,373 222,635 259,504 305,369 300,030 354,496 387,889 441,153 422,101 383,122 451,725 519,171 551,744 668,563 664,745 663,663 664,745 653,832 688,157 823,612 694,095 591,717

A: Thousand ton hours. Motor and steam trawlers combined.

B: Days fishing.

C: Thousand ton hours.

Table 4. Numbers of cod landed (millions) from Iceland by English trawlers.

Age Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
2	0.7	1.6	0.5	0.8	1.7	1.2	1.7	8.2
3	6.7	10.8	7.1	8.8	10.6	13.4	9.6	67.0
4	16.6	12.4	16.7	18.0	16.6	22.0	20.1	122.4
5	12.5	10.1	8.8	11.7	12.9	13.4	12.9	82.3
6	4.4	4.5	6.4	5.1	5.9	5•4	5.5	37.2
7	1.5	2.2	2.6	4.9	2.3	3.0	1.8	18.3
8	0.40	1.0	1.0	1.3	2.3	1.2	1.0	8.2
9	0.52	0.60	1.0	0.57	0.58	1.3	0.27	4.8
10	0.41	0.33	0.23	0.53	0.09	0.23	0.43	2.2
11	0.42	0,43	0.12	0.15	0.07	- 0.04	0.06	1.3
½ 2	0.18	0.14	0.25	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.8
13+	0.06	0.07	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.08	0.02	0.6
Total	44.4	44.2	44.8	52.1	53.2	61.4	53•4	353.3
Equivalent weight landed (000' tons)	109.4	96.5	105.1	123.2	122.2	128.1	109.0	

Table 5. Numbers of cod landed (millions) from Iceland by German trawlers.

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Age Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
2	-	<u>-</u>	_	-	0.04	0.08	0.01	0.13
3	0.25	0.27	0.30	1.63	0.19	0.54	0.44	3.62
4	1.81	0.63	2.90	2.08	0.91	0.94	0.84	10.11
5	1.63	0.90	1.46	2.04	1.14	0.49	0.35	8.01
6	0.66	0.56	1.47	0.93	0.92	0.35	0.11	5.00
7	0.98	0.28	0.79	1.85	0.41	0.41	0.05	4.77
8	0.72	0.85	0.19	0.35	1.60	0.19	0.51	4.41
9	0.60	0.29	1.01	0.11	0.12	0.74	0.09	2.96
10	2.10	0.27	0.44	0.49	0.02	0.03	0.22	3.57
11	0.62	0.65	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.01	0.01	1.65
12	0.04	0.17	0.37	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.66
13+	0.02	0.02	0.10	0.14	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.37
Total	9•43	4.89	9.18	9.78	5.52	3.81	2.65	45.26
Equivalent weight landed (000' tons)	37•9	21.8	34.2	33.0	19.4	15.3	9•9	

Table 6. Numbers of cod landed (millions) from Iceland by the Iceland spawning fishery.

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Age Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
2	_	-	_	_	_	-	-	-
3	0.2	_	-	0.4	0.8	5•7	0.6	7.7
4	1.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	2.3;	3.6	2.2	11.3
5	6.2	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.6	3.0	2.8	17.9
6	3.9	5•5	2.6	2.2	2.9	2.4	4.6	24.1
7	4.3	3.9	7.0	6.3	4•4	3.6	3.5	33.0
8	4•3	4•5	2.6	5•3	12.5	3.8	6.5	39-5
9	4.7	3.0	6.5	2.0	7•3	7.9	1.9	33.3
10	8.1	2.5	2.1	5•4	1.6	1.0	5.2	25.9
11	2.5	5•7	1.6	1.4	2.9	0.82	0.28	15.2
12	0.48	0.94	2.9	0.86	0.72	0.59	0.14	6.63
13+	0.04	0.31	0.37	1.5	1.7	0.56	0.14	4.62
Total	36.1	28.4	27.3	27.8	38.7	33.0	27.9	219.15
Equivalent weight landed (000's tons)	229.2	179.3	176.6	176.9	240•9	195.2	168.1	

Table 7. Numbers of cod landed (millions) from Iceland by all countries.

Age Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
2	0.8	1.9	0.6	0.9	2.0	1.7	2.0	9.9
3	8.6	13.9	9.2	14.5	13.0	22.9	13.9	96.0
4	25.7	17.5	27•4	26.3	23.2	32.0	29.6	181.7
5	25.3	17.1	15.3	19.8	18.9	19.9	19.2	135.5
6	11.0	12.9	13.8	10.2	12.0	9•9	11.3	81.1
7	8.9	7.6	12.0	16.8	8.1	8.6	5•9	67.9
8	6.8	8.8	4.3	7.6	19.5	5.8	10.5	63.3
9	7.0	4•7	10.2	2.9	5•3	12.4	2.7	45.2
10	14.7	3.9	3.5	7•4	1.8	1.4	7.0	39•7
11	4.8	8.6	2.1	1.8	3.3	0.9	0.4	21.9
12	0.8	1.7	4.1	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.2	9,•4
13+	0.7	0.5	0.9	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.2	7.0
Total	115.1	99.1	103.4	111.3	109.9	116.9	102.9	758.6

Table 8. Iceland cod. Showing estimates of the total instantaneous mortality rate (Z) at different ages.

		Age 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	. 9	10	11	12
	(0.05	0.06	0.19	0.39	0.43	0.37	0.40	0.50	0.68	0.86	1.2	1.2
M	(0.15	<0.16	0.25	0.41	0.44	0.40	0.44	0.54	0.71	0.88	1.2	1.2
	(0.30	<0.31	0.36	0.46	0.49	0.47	0.51	0.60	0.75	0.91	1.2	1.2

Table 9. Iceland Cod.

Estimates of fishing mortality (F) due to various gears.

(N = Negligible)

	1	M = .05		M = 0.15	· · · · · ·	1	M = .30)	
Age	Iceland spawning	Others	Total	Iceland spawning	0 thers	Total	Iceland spawning	Others	fotal
2		•01	.01	•	N	N	-	N	N
3	.011	.129	.14	•008	.092	.10	•005	.055	.06
4	.021	.319	.34	.016	.244	.26	.010	.150	.16
5	•O 5O	. 330	.38	.038	.252	.29	.025	.165	.19
6	.095	.225	.32	.074	.176	.25	.051	.119	.17
7	.170	.180	. 35	.141	.149	.29	.102	.108	.21
8	.280	.170	.45	.242	.148	. 39	. 186	.114	. 30
9	.421	.209	.63	.375	.185	. 56	.301	.149	.45
1 0	.532	.278	.81	•479	.251	.73	.401	.209	.61
11	.798	.352	1.15	.729	.321	1.05	.625	.275	.90
12	.799	.351	1.15	.729	.321	1.05	.625	.275	.90
13+	.850	. 300	1.15	.776	.274	1.05	.665	.235	•90

Table 10. Iceland Cod. Effect of changes in effort by all gears other than those engaged in the Icelandic spawning fishery.

	1	hamme rapm				
			% change fro	om 1960-1966	fishing mort	ality rate
Gear	M	-60	-40	-20	+20	+40
Eng land	.05	-37	-20	-8	+5	+11
	.15	-44	-26	-11	+8	+15
	• 30	- 5 0	-31	-14	+11	+23
Germany	.05	-31	-14	-6	+2	+2
	.15	-39	-22	-10	+6	+10
	•30	-47	-27	-14	+10	+18
Iceland	.05	+136	+76	+32	-24	-41
spawning	.15	+97	+56	+24	-19	-34
	• 30	+59	+35	+16	-13	-25
All gears	.05	+47	+27	+12	-10	-16
	.15	+25	+14	+ 6	-5	-13
	•30	+3	+2	1 0	-1	-1

Table 11. Iceland Cod. Effect of changes in offort by the Iceland spawning fishery only.

			% change from	1960-1966 fis	hing mortali	ty rate
Gear	М	-60	-40	-20	+20	+40
England	.05	+17	+10	+4	-3	-7
	.15	+13	+8	+3	-3	-6
	.30	+9	+5	+3	-2	-4
Germany	.05	+26	+15	+7	-5	-10
	.15	+20	+12	+5	-4	-9
	.30	÷15	+9	+4	-4	-7
Iceland spawning	.05 .15 .30	-24 -31 -40	-11 -16 -23	-5 -7 -10	+3 +6 +8	+5 +10 +15
All gears	.05	-1	+1	0	-1	-2
	.15	-7	-3	-1	+1	+1
	.30	-13	-8	-3	+2	+4

Table 12. Iceland Cod. Effect of changes in effort by all gears equally.

M .05 .15 .30 .05 .15	-60 -18 -32 -44	-40 -9 -18 -26 +2	-20 -3 -7 -12 +2	+20 +1 +6 +10 -2	+40 +2 +10 +19
.15 .30	-32 -44 -2	-18 -26	-7 -12	+6 +10	+10 +19
.30	-44	-26	-12	+10	+19
.30	-2	-26			
	1	+2	+2	-2	-6
-15	3.0				
	-18	-10	-2	+2	+2
.30	-39	-24	-6	+6	+10
•05	+72*	+52*	+28	-20	-34
	+52*		+17	-13	-25
.30	+5	+9	+5	-6	-11
Ò.5	+37	+23	+30	-i-8	-14
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^{*} These values computed approximately.

Table 13. Iceland Cod. Effect on the existing Lisheries of increase in effort due to the arrival of trawlers from outside the Iceland area.

(expressed as percentages decline in the landings per unit effort by boats fishing at Iceland before the change)

		% change from 1960-	-1966 fishing mortality rate
Gear	M	+20	+40
England	.05	-13	-23
	.15	-10	-18
* .	.30	-7	-12
Germany	.05	-16	-28
	.15	-12	-22
	• 30	-8	- 3.5
Iceland	.05	- 24	-41
spawning	.15	-19	- 34
	.30	-13	-25
All gears	•05	-17	-31
J	.15	-14	-25
	.30	-10	-18

Table 14. Percentage change in yield per recruit for various changes in mesh-size.

Gear				Changing	effective me	esh-size i	rom 100 i	n to
Group			E	110	120	130	140	160
England	Immediate	Loss		0.7	1.8	3.8	6.2	13.3
. •	Long-term	_	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.8	0	-2.8
1 ,	Gain		0.8	0.5	1.7	2.4	2.1	0.7
Germany	Immediate	L oss		0.1	0.3	0.7	1.3	3.3
I celand	Long-term		0.6	1.0	2.4	4.1	5.2	8.4
(non-	Gain		0.8	1.4	3.3	5.7	7.3	12.4
spawning)			·					
Iceland	Immediate	loss		-	_	0.1	0.2	0.5
	Long-term	reposition to	0.6	1.1	2.7	4.7	6.4	11.6
fishery	Gain		0.8	1.5	3.6	6.3	8.6	15.6
Other	Immediate	1.0					_	
(non-	Long-term	Man 2 2	0.6	1.1	2.7	4.8	6.6	12.1
trawl)	Gain		0.8	1.5	3.6	6.4	8.8	16.2
gears	UR III		0.0	1.0	0.0	0.1		
<i>m</i>	Immediate	l ios s		0.3	0.7	1.4	1.9	4.2
Total	Long-term		0.6	0.8	2.0	3.3	4.6	7.4
•	Gain		0.8	1.2	2.9	4.9	6.7	11.3

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Table 16. Landings per unit effort of haddock from Iceland.

1	A	В	C		e C.P.U.E
Years	England	Germany	Iceland	England	Germany
1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937	373 378 391 469 414 359 350 264 224 167 170 173 172 131	0.6 0.5 0.6 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.7 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.4 0.4		1,323 1,340 1,387 1,663 1,468 1,273 1,241 0,936 0,794 0,592 0,603 0,613 0,610 0,464 0,670	0,870 0,724 0,870 1,304 1,159 1,014 1,014 0,870 0,870 0,724 0,580 0,580 0,724 0,580
1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966	757 496 393 435 288 238 220 220 216 258 233 201 178 219 211 260 268 152 111 126 74	2.2 1.3 2.0 1.4 0.8 0.5 0.6 0.4 0.5 0.6 1.1 0.7 0.6 5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.6 0.7	221 212 274 223 227 201 158	2,684 1,759 1,393 1,543 1,021 0,844 0,780 0,760 0,915 0,826 0,713 0,631 0,777 0,748 0,922 0,950 0,539 0,394 0,446 0,262	2,899 1,884 2,899 2,029 1,159 0,724 0,870 0,580 0,724 0,870 1,595 1,014 0,870 0,724 0,435 0,724 0,724 0,580 0,290 0,290 0,145

A: Tons per million ton hours (steam trawlers)

B: Tons per day fished

C: Tons per million ton hours

Table 17. Numbers of haddock landed (millions) from Iceland by English trawlers.

Age Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
1						0.02	0.06	0.08
2	2.70	2.12	0.76	1.06	1,06	0.84	0.77	9.31
3	24.69	5.23	3.45	8.32	3.22	5.24	1.81	51.96
4	16.69	18.67	6,67	2.64	9.14	3.51	2.50	59.82
5	2.95	6.94	18.55	3.71	2.78	11.63	2.44	49.00
6	0.35	1.42	3.88	8.28	1.32	1.22	3.55	20.02
7	0.16	0.09	0.38	1.76	3.15	0.70	0.44	6.68
8	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.61	1.09	0.15	2.13
9	0.04	0.08	0.09	-	0.09	0.12	0.15	0.57
10+	0.06	0.13	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.47
Total	47.70	34.74	33.87	25.94	21.42	24.42	11.95	200.04

Table 18. Numbers of haddock landed (millions) from Iceland by German trawlers.

Age Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
2		0.21			0.02		0.02	0.25
3		0.13	0.35	0.38	0.08	0.21	0.03	1.18
4	2.00	0.73	0.38	0.24	0.15	0.10	0.05	3.65
5	1.20	1.04	1.18	0.26	0.12	0.18	0.03	4.01
6	0.20	0.19	0.50	0.90	0.08	0.06	0.20	2.13
7	0.10	0.02	0.11	0.16	0.37	0.05	0.02	0.83
8	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.19	0.01	0.41
9	0.13	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.21
10+	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.10
Total	3.74	2.36	2.54	1.96	0.93	0.85	0.39	12.77
Equivalent weight landed (000's tons)	6.24	4.07	3.97	3.06	2.08	1.75	1.14	22.31

Table 19. Numbers of haddock landed (millions) from Iceland by Scottish trawlers.

AgeYear	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
1.	-	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.20
2	_	0.25	0.90	0.87	0.57	0.22	0.19	3.00
3	0.01	0.80	0.22	2.24	0.64	0.54	0.24	4.69
4	0.40	0.90	0.65	0.12	0.96	0.40	0.26	3.69
5	0.13	0.60	1.35	0.29	0.23	0.74	0.10	3.44
6	0.02	0.08	0.30	0.61	0.43	0.09	0.22	1.75
7	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.14	0.43	0.17	0.01	0.84
8+	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.15	0.27	0.05	0.59
Total	0.62	2.71	3.52	4.34	3.42	2.50	1.09	18.20
Equivalent weight landed (000' sons)	0.79	2.01	3.50	3.32	4.25	3.28	1.30	

Table 20. Numbers of haddock landed (millions) from Iceland by all countries.

Age	Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Total
1				0.03	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.10	0.21
2	3,84	3.27	5.28 7,18	1.86	2.23	2.32	1.28	1.95	18.19
3	35,08	29.89	8.37 11,38	8.84	18.92	6.89	12.94	3.63	89.48
4	41,03	34.96	33.2145,11	13.82	7.25	16.46	7.53	5.38	118.61
5	14,48	12.34	21.39 1901	39.36	9,08	6.72	20.47	4.55	113.91
6	273	1.90	4.09 5,5%	11.32	25.46	4.13	3.32	11.65	61.87
. 7	1,01	0.93	0.34 1,41	1.90	4.99	13.72	2.38	1.10	25.36
8	069	0.59	0.32	0.20	0.39	3.35	6.82	0.57	12.24
9	1,16	0.99	0.27 0,37	0.13	0.03	0.20	1.55	1.02	4.19
10+	0,40	0.34	0.27 0,37	0.13	0.15	0.22	0.28	0.25	1.64
Total	L \$75,6	85.21	73.54	77.59	68.54	54.02	56.60	30.20	445.70

Table 21. Iceland haddock. Showing estimates of the total mortality rate (Z) at different ages.

-	Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	. 2
-	0.15	0,19	0.40	0.64	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.96	1.17	0,73
	M 0.30	0.33	.0•49	0.69	0.86	0.87	0.86	1.02	1.28	0,80

Table 22. Iceland haddock. Effect of changes in effort by all gears equally.

		% change from 1960-1966 fishing mortality rate								
Gear	M	-60	-40	-20	+20	+40				
English and	0.15	-4	+4	+3	- 5	-10				
German trawl	0.30	- 20	-8	-2	+0.4	+0.2				

- (1) Estimates for English and German trawlers were similar and so mean values are given in the Table.
- (2) Owing to the lack of comprehensive age composition data the trawl estimates above must also be used as the best estimates for "all gears".

Table 23. Iceland Haddock. Percentage change in yield per recruit for various changes in mesh-size.

				Changing	effective me	oh sigo fram	100 m #a
. [Gear Group		E	110	120	130	140 m to
	England	Immediate loss Long-term Gain	0.6	2.5	8.0 -2.6	15.9 -6.7	25.1 -12.3
	Germany	Immediate loss Long-term Gain	0.6	0.6	4.1 1.6	6.9 3.2	12.5 2.5
	Scotland	Immediate loss Long-term Gain	0.6	3.1 -2.4	8.2 -2.8	14.5 -5.2	21.5 -8.1
	Danish seine	Immediate loss Long-term Gain	0.6	0.3 1.4	3.5 2.2	8.2 .1.7	16.4 -2.1
	Other (non-trawl) gears	Immediate loss Long-term Gain	0.6	1.7	5. 9	10.9	17.1
	Total	Immediate loss Long-term Gain	0.6	1.5	4.7 0.9	9.6 O	15.3 -0.8

Table 24. Age/length/weight relationship of Iceland cod and haddock - fresh gutted weights (German and Iceland date).

Age	C	HADDOCK		
(years)*	Length (cm)	Weight (g)	Length (cm)	Weight (g)
1	20.0	80.	25.0	180
2	37.2	4.50	36.0	430
3	50.7	1235	46.0	975
4	60.9	2005	52.0	1410
5	69.2	2875	56.0	1760
6	75.7	3600	60.0	2220
7	81.2	4300	64.0	2705
8	85.2	4770	67.0	3075
9	88.2	5240	69.0	3325
10	90.4	5610	70.5	3535
11	92.4	5990	72.0	3770
12	94.2	6320		
13	96.0	6670		•
14	98.0	7060		

^{*} Data given for about July-September in each case and averaged for all areas.

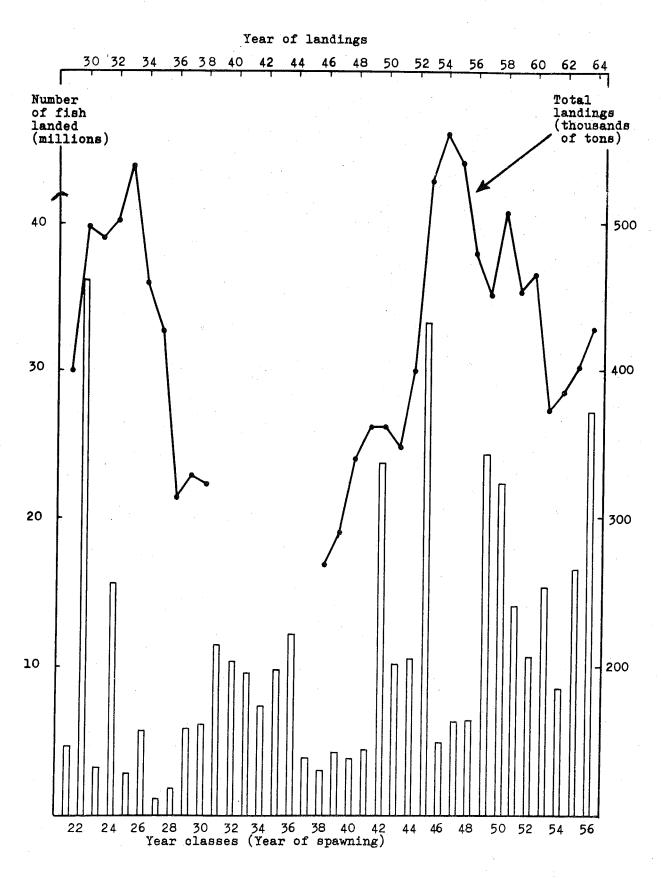
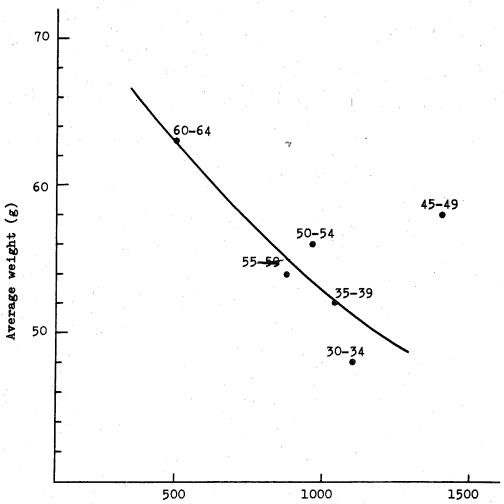
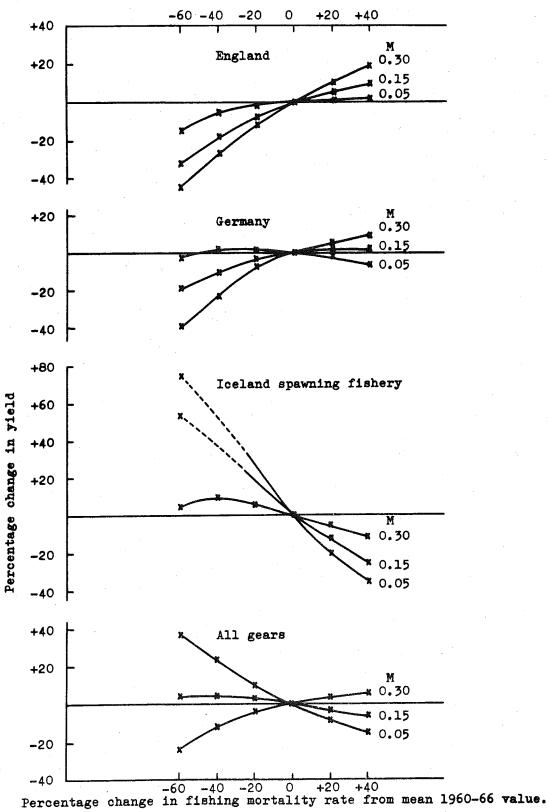


Figure 1. Iceland cod. Relationship between total yield and year class strength.



Relative catches per day's fishing by Iceland trawlers

Figure 2. Iceland cod. Relationship between mean weight of 8-12 year old fish and size of stock.



Percentage change in fishing mortality rate from mean 1960-66 value.

Figure 3. Iceland cod. Assessments for changes in effort by all gears.

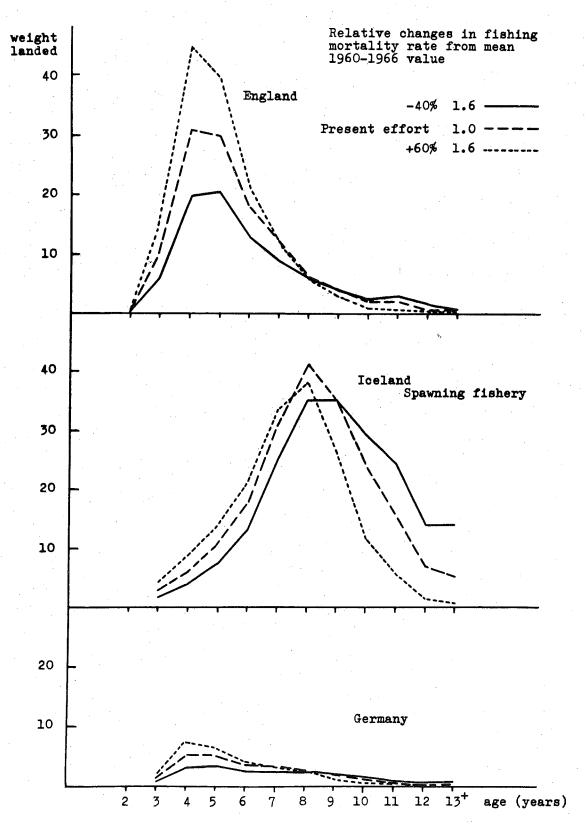
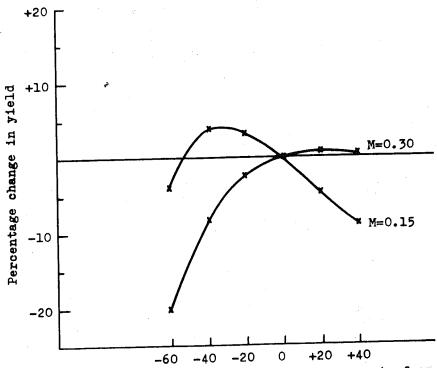


Figure 4. Iceland cod. Predicted weights landed at each age for various changes in effort (M=0.15)



Percentage change in fishing mortality rate from mean 1960-1966 value

Figure 5. Iceland haddock. Effort assessments for trawlers.