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Evaluation of combinations of minimum legal size and bag limits used to manage the recreational harvest from SNA 1
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Two independent survey methods were used to estimate of the recreational harvest from SNA 1 in 2011-12, and the estimates that they provided were both in the order of 3800 t . The aerial-access methods used to provide one of the 2011-12 harvest estimates (of 3754 t) were also used in 200405 , when the recreational harvest from SNA 1 was estimated to be 2419 t . These results suggest that there has been a significant increase in the recreational harvest from SNA 1 in recent years, and characterisations of standardised boat ramp interview data collected since 1991 suggest that this increase has been largely due to increased catch rates and an increasing trend in the size of snapper landed by amateur fishers. The recreational catch from SNA 1 is therefore far higher than the current allocation for this sector of 2300 t , and a recent stock assessment suggests that continued harvesting at this level would undermine the intended rebuild of the SNA 1 stock to $40 \%$ of B0.

The Ministry of Primary Industries therefore asked NIWA to evaluate the extent to which alternative combinations of decreasing daily bag limits and increasing minimum legal size limits could be used to constrain future recreational harvests from SNA 1. These evaluations were based primarily on data provided by boat based fishers interviewed when they returned to boat ramps throughout 2011-12. Management options were evaluated by initially removing fish smaller than a given minimum legal size limit (increasing from 27 cm to 40 cm ) from each fisher's recorded catch, and then constraining any remaining catch so that it did not exceed a given daily bag limit (decreasing from 9 to 1 fish for each given size limit). These simulations suggest that appreciable increases in size limits and decreases in bag limits would have been required to reduce the recreational catch from SNA 1 in 2011-12 to 2300 t . The estimates provided do not appear to be sensitive to alternative interpretations of whether or not fishers in the same boat pool their daily bag limit. Simulation results are also provided based on data collected in 2004-05, but fisheries managers should base their considerations on the analyses of the more up-to-date data collected in 2011-12.

The relative merits of increasing minimum legal size limits and decreasing daily bag limits are discussed, as associated issues such as release mortality should also be considered when determining regulation settings.

## OBJECTIVE

1) Assess the potential impact of changes to recreational bag limits and minimum legal size limits on levels of recreational harvesting based on data collected throughout the year in 2004-05 and 2011-12.

## METHODS AND RESULTS

Information available to undertake an analysis potential impact of changes to recreational catch limits in SNA 1.

Extensive boat ramp surveys have been conducted intermittently throughout three regions of FMA 1 (East Northland, the Hauraki Gulf, and the Bay of Plenty) since 1991 (Table 1). These surveys were conducted for a wide variety of purposes, over periods ranging from four to twelve months. For the present study, therefore, the available data have therefore been pared down to ensure that all analyses are based on framework of temporally and spatially consistent data.

Data collected during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 have been dropped from the dataset because the surveys conducted at those times were small scale, with most interview effort taking place at ramps that have rarely been surveyed since. Interview data collected over a further 6711 hours at 54 minor ramps were also dropped from the dataset because those ramps were only surveyed in a small number of years, and their inclusion could have led to some form of temporal bias. The dataset was therefore restricted to data collected at 23 key boat ramps located throughout FMA 1, that have been surveyed during most, if not all, surveys conducted since 1991 (Figure 1).

Table 1: Boat ramp surveys of recreational fishers conducted since 1991

| Survey | Survey period | Interview duration (h) | Survey purpose |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1990-91$ | $17 / 11 / 90-28 / 07 / 91$ | 4 | Fishery characterisation |
| $1993-94$ | $02 / 01 / 94-26 / 06 / 94$ | 4 | Telephone/diary validation |
| $1995-97$ | $30 / 12 / 95-02 / 01 / 97$ | 2 | Mean fish weight estimates |
| $1997-98$ | $01 / 12 / 97-19 / 12 / 98$ | 2 | Small 3 ramp characterisation |
| $1999-00$ | $11 / 12 / 99-30 / 11 / 00$ | $1-3$ | Mean fish weight estimates - KMA |
| 2001 | $03 / 01 / 01-29 / 04 / 01$ | $4-6$ | Kahawai length \& age composition |
| 2002 | $02 / 01 / 02-09 / 05 / 02$ | $4-6$ | Kahawai length \& age composition |
| 2003 | $01 / 01 / 03-27 / 04 / 03$ | $4-6$ | Kahawai length \& age composition |
| $2003-04$ | $01 / 12 / 03-30 / 11 / 04$ | All daylight hours | Harvest estimates and kahawai catch composition |
| $2004-05$ | $01 / 12 / 04-30 / 11 / 05$ | All daylight hours | Harvest estimates and kahawai catch composition |
| 2006 | $01 / 01 / 06-27 / 04 / 06$ | $4-6$ | Kahawai length \& age composition |
| 2007 | $01 / 01 / 07-27 / 04 / 07$ | $4-6$ | Kahawai length \& age composition |
| 2008 | $01 / 01 / 08-27 / 04 / 08$ | $4-6$ | Kahawai length \& age composition |
| 2011 | $01 / 01 / 11-27 / 04 / 11$ | $4-6$ | Kahawai length \& age composition |
| $2011-12$ | $01 / 10 / 11-30 / 09 / 12$ | All daylight hours | Harvest estimates and kahawai catch composition |

Although these surveys have been conducted for a wide variety of purposes, a consistent creel survey interview methodology has been used in all surveys conducted by NIWA (and formerly MAF Fisheries) over this time. Interviewers recorded data on: the date fished, weather conditions on that day, the number of fishers in each party, vessel type, the time at which the vessel returned to the access point, the location of the access point, the methods used by each fisher, species targeted, areas fished, time spent fishing, fisher experience, fisher age and sex, the number of each species caught,
the method by which each fish was caught, whether each fish was retained or released, and the size of the landed fish. Fishers were asked to identify which fish they personally caught, although it is likely that some fish were in fact caught by other members of the same fishing party.

The phrasing of the questions actually asked during these interviews is given in Appendix 1.


Figure 1: Location of key boat ramps where fishers have been interviewed in most, if not all, surveys conducted since 1991.

## Resolution of available data

Most surveys were conducted over a relatively short period, but data are available for the first four months of each survey year (January to April), and these have been used to describe long term trends in catch composition since 1991 (Table 2). Seasonal trends in catch composition were also examined, based on data collected over two continuous 12 month periods, in 2004-05 and 2011-12.

Table 2：Number of hours during which interviewers were present at key boat ramps in in FMA 1，by month，by fishing year．Red vertical boxes delineate data that have been used to compare long term regional trends in bag size and fish size composition，and blue horizontal boxes delineate data used to evaluate alternative management measures．

| Region | Fishing year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { b. } \\ & \text { ò } \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{D} \\ & \text { I } \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & Z \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \ddot{5} \\ & \text { EU } \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & 0 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 宸 } \\ & \text { تٍ } \\ & \text { ت} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 岕 } \\ & \text { 己 } \\ & 0 \\ & \text { 0} \end{aligned}$ |  | 言 | $\sum_{\Sigma}^{\text {İ }}$ | $\equiv$ | $\stackrel{\lambda}{\Xi}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{0} \\ & \text { an } \\ & 0 \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | Total hours | Number of ramps |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| East | 1990－91 | － | － | 22 | 106 | 8 | －135 | $\overline{8} 1$ | 76 | 46 | － | － | － | 475 | 4 |
| Northland | 1993－94 | － | － | －I | 63 | 66 | 70 | 86 | 46 | 54 | － | － | － | 384 | 4 |
|  | 1995－96 | － | － | 8 | 72 | 71 | 95 | 114 | 41 | 23 | 23 | 12 | 6 | 464 | 5 |
|  | 1996－97 | － | 4 | 4 | 4 | － | － | －1 | － | － | － | － | － | 12 | 1 |
|  | 1997－98 | － | － | 22． | 18 | 14 | 24 | 26 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 12 | 190 | 1 |
|  | 1998－99 | 20 | 18 | －I | － | － | － | －I | － | － | － | － | － | 38 | 1 |
|  | 1999－00 | － | － | 451 | 115 | 77 | 63 | 66 | 31 | 31 | 33 | 36 | 33 | 529 | 4 |
|  | 2000－01 | 36 | 65 | － | 255 | 259 | 261 | 289 | － | － | － | － | － | 1164 | 8 |
|  | 2001－02 | － | － | － | 356 | 263 | 283 | 210 | － | － | － | － | － | 1111 | 8 |
|  | 2002－03 | － | － | － | 286 | 272 | 264 | 239 | － | － | － | － | － | 1060 | 8 |
|  | 2003－04 | － | － | － | 204 | 155 | 326 | 411 | － | － | － | － | － | 1096 | 8 |
|  | 2004－05 |  |  | 307 | 624 | 443 | 522 | 517 | 70 | 201 | 181 | 210 | 61 | 3135 | 8 |
|  | 2005－06 | 127 | 192 | － | 336 | 222 | 244 | 280 | － | － | － | － | － | 1402 | 8 |
|  | 2006－07 | － | － | － | 263 | 285 | 221 | 281 | － | － | － | － | － | 1049 | 8 |
|  | 2007－08 | － | － | － | 325 | 242 | 301 | 194 | － | － | － | － | － | 1063 | 8 |
|  | 2010－11 | － | － | － | 293 | 231 | 148 | 434 | － | － | － | － | － | 1105 | 6 |
|  | 2011－12 | 386 | 321 | 346 | 341 | 325 | 408 | 378 | 232 | 116 | 195 | 207 | 209 | 3463 | 6 |
|  | Total | 569 | 601 | 753 | 3661 | 2930 | 3364 | 3606 | 516 | 488 | 450 | 482 | 321 | 17740 |  |
| Hauraki | 1990－91 | － | 1 | $40^{1}$ | $13 \overline{8}$ | 38 | $2 \overline{83}$ | － 167 | 127 | 22 | － | － | － | 816 | 8 |
| Gulf | 1993－94 | － | － | － | 151 | 165 | 377 | 434 | 319 | 313 | － | － | － | 1759 | 8 |
|  | 1995－96 | － | － | －I | 44 | 46 | 41 | 69 | 64 | 32 | 19 | 14 | 8 | 337 | 8 |
|  | 1996－97 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 4 | － | － | －I | － | － | － | － | － | 21 | 4 |
|  | 1999－00 | － | － | 14 | 62 | 45 | 38 | 56 | 37 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 18 | 329 | 4 |
|  | 2000－01 | 16 | 32 | － | 257 | 207 | 201 | 213 | － | － | － | － | － | 926 | 8 |
|  | 2001－02 | － | － | － | 325 | 292 | 274 | 236 | 6 | － | － | － | － | 1133 | 9 |
|  | 2002－03 | － | － | － | 342 | 281 | 299 | 263 | － | － | － | － | － | 1184 | 9 |
|  | 2003－04 |  |  | 578 | 783 | 596 | 399 | 429 | 140 | 82 | 77 | 286 | 386 | 3755 | 9 |
|  | 2004－05 | 184 | 111 | 354 | 805 | 613 | 678 | 685 | 107 | 230 | 236 | 225 | 80 | 4307 | 9 |
|  | 2005－06 | 171 | 244 | － | 345 | 249 | 328 | 298 | － | － | － | － | － | 1635 | 9 |
|  | 2006－07 | 61 | 262 | 236 | 443 | 490 | 349 | 423 | 97 | 106 | 170 | 112 | 220 | 2968 | 9 |
|  | 2007－08 | 177 | 253 | 327 | 560 | 440 | 478 | 351 | － | － | － | － | － | 2586 | 9 |
|  | 2010－11 | － | － | － | 246 | 156 | 222 | 276 | － | － | － | － | － | 900 | 8 |
|  | 2011－12 | 645 | 525 | 562 | 568 | 521 | 647 | 611 | 352 | 208 | 323 | 333 | 347 | 5639 | 9 |
|  | Total | 1262 | 1433 | 2112 | 5073 | 4138 | 4614 | 4509 | 1250 | 1017 | 844 | 985 | 1058 | 28295 |  |
| Bay of | 1990－91 | － | － | 42＇ | $1 \overline{67}$ | 35 |  | $13 \overline{8}$ | 109 | 35 | 14 | － | － | 707 | 6 |
| Plenty | 1993－94 | － | － | －I | 98 | 62 | 73 | 1191 | 128 | 140 | － | － | － | 620 | 5 |
|  | 1995－96 | － | － | －I | 70 | 62 | 77 | 61 | 38 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 17 | 404 | 6 |
|  | 1996－97 | 4 | 4 | 2 | － | － | － | － | － | － | － | － | － | 10 | 2 |
|  | 1997－98 | － | － | 16 | 10 | 2 | 48 | 52． | 42 | 18 | 28 | 24 | 10 | 250 | 3 |
|  | 1998－99 | 22 | 18 | 121 | － | － | － | －1 | － | － | － | － | － | 52 | 2 |
|  | 1999－00 | － | － | 511 | 70 | 107 | 55 | 90 | 36 | 30 | 40 | 48 | 45 | 570 | 6 |
|  | 2000－01 | 34 | 65 | － | 40 | 57 | 48 | 75 | － | － | － | － | － | 319 | 6 |
|  | 2001－02 | － | － | － | 77 | 50 | 79 | 127 | 3 | － | － | － | － | 336 | 6 |
|  | 2002－03 | － | － | － | 62 | 70 | 90 | 134 | － | － | － | － | － | 355 | 6 |
|  | 2003－04 | － | － | － | 46 | 40 | 92 | 114 | － | － | － | － | － | 292 | 5 |
|  | 2004－05 |  |  | 267 | 529 | 409 | 448 | 470 | 45 | 145 | 150 | 145 | 47 | 2654 | 5 |
|  | 2005－06 | 127 | 174 |  | 116 | 68 | 80 | 85 | － | － | － | － | － | 650 | 5 |
|  | 2006－07 | － | － | － | 77 | 85 | 66 | 109 | － | － | － | － | － | 338 | 5 |
|  | 2007－08 | － | － | 2 | 99 | 77 | 124 | 115 | － | － | － | － | － | 417 | 5 |
|  | 2010－11 | － | － | － | 139 | 112 | 133 | 171 | － | － | － | － | － | 555 | 6 |
|  | 2011－12 | 418 | 370 | 387 | 372 | 370 | 450 | 417 | 233 | 151 | 220 | 221 | 213 | 3820 | 6 |
|  | Total | 605 | 631 | 778 | 1972 | 1606 | 2031 | 2274 | 634 | 546 | 477 | 463 | 332 | 12350 |  |
| Grand Total |  | 2437 | 2664 | 3644 | 10706 | 8674 | 10008 | 10389 | 2400 | 2051 | 1771 | 1930 | 1711 | 58384 | 25 |

NB－does not include 6711 hours of intervieving conducted at 54 other ramps that were surveyed during only a few surveys

Long term regional trends in fisher catch composition have been described based on creel survey data collected in the first four months of each survey year, since 1991. All available data were selected for these analyses, regardless of the fishing method used during a fishing trip, to ensure that descriptive summaries fully represented all landings encountered by boat ramp interviewers.

The size composition of snapper landed in all three regions has gradually increased since 1991 (Figure 2). The minimum legal size limit for snapper was increased from 25 cm to 27 cm on 1 October 1994, and a substantial proportion of recreational landings at that time was comprised of fish less than 30 cm in length. There has been a gradual increase in regional length frequency modes over the past 20 years, with small but still legal snapper accounting for a lower portion of the catch in recent years. This trend corroborates anecdotal reports of fishers increasingly preferring to release fish that are a few cm larger than the minimum legal size limit.

The number of snapper landed per fisher trip has also gradually increased in the Hauraki Gulf and, to a much lesser, extent in East Northland and the Bay of Plenty (Figure 3). The legal daily bag limit before 1 October 1994 allowed for 20 snapper per fisher, but only a very small proportion of fishers landed more than 6 fish at that time. The daily bag limit was decreased to 15 fish in 1994, and further reduced to 9 on 1 October 1997. Increased fisher success has been most evident in the Hauraki Gulf, where there were almost as many taking their daily bag limit of 9 fish as there were zero catch trips in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Increased average fisher success is also evident in other trip catch metrics (Figure 4). The average size (and corresponding average weight) of snapper landed has increased in each region since 1991. There has been a widespread gradual decline in the proportion of trips that were unsuccessful, and a recent increase in the proportion of fishers who landed their limit of 9 snapper.

A subset of the available data were also used to compare long term regional trends in recreational catch rate statistics with those reported by the commercial longline fishery. Rod and reel catch effort data collected in the first four months of each calendar year was used to generate two unstandardized recreational catch rate indices: one based on the average weight of snapper landed per hour fished, and another based on the average number of snapper landed per trip. Fishing events involving the use of soft plastic baits were excluded from this data set because this method has only been widely used since around 2006. The two recreational CPUE indices were compared with the standardised regional commercial bottom longline indices used in the 2013 SNA 1 stock assessment (McKenzie et al., unpub. data). All three indices follow similar trends in each region (Figure 5). There has only been a modest increase in fishing success in East Northland since 1991, but catch rates have increased to a greater extent on the Bay of Plenty, and far more noticeably in the Hauraki Gulf.


Figure 2: Length frequencies of snapper landed by recreational fishers in three sub-areas of SNA 1, by fishing year. The red dashed vertical line denotes the legal size limit at the time of sampling.


Figure 3: Number of snapper landed per trip by recreational fishers in three sub-areas of SNA 1, by fishing year. The red dashed vertical line denotes the legal daily bag limit at the time of sampling.


Figure 4: Trends in length and bag size composition based on summary statistics for three sub-areas of SNA 1, by fishing year.


Figure 5: Unstandardised recreational and standardised commercial catch rate indices for three regions of SNA 1.

These trends in trip catch data largely explain the difference between the 2004-05 and 2011-12 recreational harvest estimates for SNA 1, which were provided by aerial-access surveys (Table 3; Hartill et al. 2007, Hartill et al. 2013). These estimates suggest that the recreational harvest from SNA 1 has increased by about $55 \%$ over the last seven years, with most of the increase occurring in the Hauraki Gulf, with more modest increases occurring in East Northland and the Bay of Plenty. The harvest estimates provided by the 2011-12 aerial-access survey are comparable with those provided by a concurrent but independent national panel survey conducted by the National Research Bureau (NRB; Wynne-Jones et al. 2013), which suggest that the aerial-access harvest estimates are reasonably accurate (Table 3, Figure 6).

Table 3: Estimates of recreational harvests from SNA 1 by region, for the 2004-05 and 2011-12 fishing years and coefficient of variation (in brackets). These estimates account for all forms of noncommercial harvesting except those taken from charter boats, by customary fishers, and those taken from commercial fishing vessels where are reported under S. 111 of the 1996 Fisheries Act. Panel survey data suggests that these additional sources of harvest would approximately account for a further 200 tonnes.

|  |  | Aerial-access |  | Panel survey |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $2004-05$ | $2011-12$ |  | $2011-12$ |
| East Northland | $557(0.13)$ | $718(0.14)$ |  | $869(0.13)$ |
| Hauraki Gulf | $1345(0.10)$ | $2490(0.08)$ |  | $2254(0.12)$ |
| Bay of Plenty | $517(0.10)$ | $546(0.12)$ |  | $669(0.12)$ |
| SNA 1 | $2419(0.06)$ | $3754(0.06)$ |  | $3792(0.08)$ |



Figure 6: Comparison of aerial-access and panel survey estimates of the recreational harvest of snapper from regions of SNA 1 for the 2011-12 fishing year.

The regional recreational catch histories used in the 2013 stock assessment for SNA 1 were based on the harvest estimates given in Table 3 and the catch rate indices shown in Figure 5 (Figure 7). It is assumed that levels of recreational fishing effort have remained constant since at least 1991. The aerial-access estimates for 2004-05 and 2011-12 were of a broadly similar magnitude.


Figure 7: Regional recreational catch histories used in the 2013 assessment of the SNA 1 stock (Hauraki Gulf in red, East Northland in blue, and the Bay of Plenty in green). Open circles denote aerial-access survey estimates, closed circles denote recreational kg per trip indices scaled to the geometric mean of the aerial-access estimates, solid curved lines denote exponential fits to the scaled kg per trip indices which were used to predict harvests for those years for which creel survey data were not available, and dashed lines denote linear interpolations between 1990 and 1970 (when harvests were assumed to be at $70 \%$ of that predicted for 1990).

The recreational harvest estimates discussed above are greater than the current non-commercial catch allowance for SNA 1 of $2600 \mathrm{t}(2300 \mathrm{t}$ for the recreational sector and 300 t for customary fishers) and there is good evidence to suggest that the catch landed by this sector has trended upwards in recent years. NIWA was therefore asked to evaluate the potential influence that changes to recreational bag limits and minimum legal size limits could have on levels of recreational harvesting in the future.

These evaluations were primarily based on interview data collected throughout 2011-12, which is the most recent year in which fishers were interviewed over a full twelve month period. The following analyses were also repeated using data collected throughout 2004-05 (see Appendix 3) which provide an indication of how management limits could influence recreational harvests when the fishery was in a different state. The impact of changes to limits was assessed separately for each region, as size compositions and bag distributions differ by region (Figure 8).


Figure 8: The length composition of snapper landed by fishers interviewed in each region of SNA 1 during the 2011-12 fishing year (top panels) and associated distributions of the number of snapper landed by these fishers (bottom panel).

Regional length frequency and bag distribution data were initially summarised by month, to determine whether seasonal trends in fisher behaviour and snapper availability could influence the composition of recreational landings throughout the year. Only slight seasonal differences in catch composition were apparent in all three regions, with larger fish and bag sizes more evident during the first few months of the fishing year (Figures 9 and 10 respectively). Regional evaluations of potential changes to recreational bag and size limits were therefore further stratified by season (summer - 1 October to 30 April, and winter - 1 May to 30 September). The definitions of these seasonal strata match those used in the 2011-12 aerial access survey design.


Figure 9: Length frequencies of snapper landed by recreational fishers in three sub-areas of SNA 1 in 2011-12, by month.


Figure 10: Number of snapper landed per trip by recreational fishers in three sub-areas of SNA 1 in 2011-12, by month.

The impact of differing combinations of reduced daily bag limits and increased minimum legal size limits was assessed by adjusting observed fisher catch data by region, by season. Although boat ramp interviewers attempt to measure all fish landed by interviewed fishers, this is not always possible because fishers are sometimes reluctant of wait around for their fish to be measured, given the time that the interview had already taken. Interviewers were also instructed to just count fish when there were many fishers returning to the ramp, to maximise the number of interviews attained. This meant that there were many landings for which counts of fish were available, for which there were no corresponding fish lengths. It was therefore necessary to assign fish length data to these unmeasured landings, to determine the impact that any change to the minimum legal size limit would have on those landed catches. Simply removing unmeasured landings from the data set was not an option as there was a lower likelihood of a landing being measured when a greater number of fish were landed (Figure 11).


Figure 11: Frequency of 2011-12 landings where snapper were measured and where they were not measured by the interviewer, by region.

Length data from measured landings were therefore sampled without replacement, and assigned to unmeasured landings that were encountered within the same region and season. Length data for unmeasured landings were only sampled from measured landings of the same bag size, as the length composition of landings of large numbers of fish could conceivably differ from the length composition of landings of small numbers of fish. In some instances lengths from measured landings were resampled without replacement for a second time, as the number of unmeasured landings of a given bag size was greater than the number of measured landings.

Weights of individual fish were estimated using the length-weight relationship

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\begin{equation*}
\text { Weight }=0.04467 * \text { Length }{ }^{2.793} \tag{Paul1976}
\end{equation*}
$$

and these estimates were used to calculate the mean weight of the fish landed by each fisher. This estimate was used for two purposes.

Firstly, because some interviewed fishers landed more than 9 fish and a mean weight estimate was required for each fisher so that we could remove the weight of these excess fish in an unbiased fashion. Fish taken in excess of the current daily bag limit of 9 fish, and those that were less than the current minimum legal size limit accounted for $1.3 \%$ of the directly observed harvest in 201112 and $3.0 \%$ in $2004-05$. These fish were removed from our data set because it is necessary to assume that fishers will fully comply with regulatory limits when evaluating alternative scenarios, including those currently in force.

Secondly, because the annual catch allowance for the recreational sector is specified in terms of landed weight (currently 2300 t ), and the impact of any change in minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits should therefore be expressed in terms of weight, rather than numbers of fish still caught.

The impact of changes in minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits was assessed by adjusting the reported catch of each interviewed fisher so that it reflected that which would have been landed given an alternative regulatory regime, for each combination of region and season. Incremental adjustments were applied to each fisher's catch, by first removing fish smaller than a revised minimum legal size limit (increasing from 27 cm to 40 cm in 1 cm increments), and then for each minimum legal size limit, reducing the remaining catch if the number of fish exceed a revised bag limit (decreasing incrementally from 9 to 1 fish).

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p_{s^{\prime}, b^{\prime}}=\frac{\sum_{F} c_{F, s^{\prime}, b^{\prime}}}{\sum_{F} c_{F, s, b}}
$$

where $p_{s^{\prime}, b^{\prime}}$ is the proportional change in total catch landed under a revised minimum legal size limit $s^{\prime}$ and daily bag limit $b^{\prime}$, and $c_{F, s, b}$ is the catch c of fisher $F$ taken under the current size limit $s$ of 27 cm given the current bag limit $b$ of 9 fish.

The relative influence of changes to management controls differs by region (Figure 12, Table 4). Differences are most apparent when estimates of proportional change for East Northland and the Hauraki Gulf are compared. Reductions in daily bag limits and increases in minimum legal sizes have a far greater effect on levels of recreational harvesting in the Hauraki Gulf than in East Northland, because smaller fish make up a greater proportion of the catch in the Gulf, where larger bag sizes are also more commonly landed.

Changes to the daily bag limit have less effect if the minimum legal size limit is also increased, as some of the smaller fish associated with larger bag sizes in 2011-12 would no longer be retained if they were deemed to be under size. Two thirds of the estimated harvest from SNA 1 in 2011-12 was taken from the Hauraki Gulf, and consequently the relative trends predicted for SNA 1 are largely determined by those predicted for the Hauraki Gulf.


Figure 12: Estimates of the proportional change in the total weight of snapper landed in each region of SNA 1 in 2011-12 for alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , for daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2011-12, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.

Table 4: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest from SNA 1 in 2011-12 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2011-12, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.

|  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.69 |
| ENLD | 2 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.55 | 0.57 |
| ENLD | 3 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.49 | 0.52 |
| ENLD | 4 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.49 |
| ENLD | 5 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.48 |
| ENLD | 6 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.47 |
| ENLD | 7 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| ENLD | 8 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| ENLD | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| HAGU | 2 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.68 | 0.70 |
| HAGU | 3 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.63 | 0.66 |
| HAGU | 4 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.60 | 0.64 |
| HAGU | 5 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.63 |
| HAGU | 6 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| HAGU | 7 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| HAGU | 8 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| HAGU | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| BPLE | 2 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.51 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.72 |
| BPLE | 3 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.68 |
| BPLE | 4 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.64 | 0.67 |
| BPLE | 5 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.63 | 0.66 |
| BPLE | 6 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.63 | 0.66 |
| BPLE | 7 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.62 | 0.66 |
| BPLE | 8 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.62 | 0.65 |
| BPLE | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.19 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.38 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.62 | 0.65 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.78 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.68 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.61 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.60 |

These estimates of proportional change in harvest weight (relative to the current minimum legal size limit of 27 cm and bag limit of 9) were then scaled by aerial-access estimates of the tonnage harvested from each region in each season, to provide an estimate of the harvest tonnage taken by all fishers, not just those interviewed.

$$
h_{s^{\prime}, b^{\prime}}^{a}=p_{s^{\prime}, b^{\prime}} \cdot h^{a}
$$

where $h_{s^{\prime}, b^{\prime}}^{a}$ is the estimated harvest taken under a revised minimum legal size limit $s^{\prime}$ and daily bag limit $b^{\prime}$, and $h^{a}$ is the 2011-12 aerial-access harvest estimate for the same region in the same season. The total annual harvest estimate for SNA 1 taken under a revised minimum legal size limit and daily bag limit is the sum of all regional and seasonal estimates of $h_{s^{\prime}, b^{\prime}}^{a}$

Table 5: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat based fishers in SNA 1 in 2011-12 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2011-12, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates. These harvest estimates do not include any provision for harvest taken by shore based fishers, which are included in the estimates given in Table 6.

|  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 215 | 214 | 214 | 214 | 213 | 213 | 211 | 210 | 207 | 204 | 200 | 197 | 191 | 187 |
| ENLD | 2 | 346 | 345 | 341 | 339 | 334 | 329 | 321 | 317 | 310 | 301 | 291 | 281 | 269 | 258 |
| ENLD | 3 | 435 | 433 | 427 | 422 | 412 | 404 | 392 | 384 | 371 | 355 | 338 | 323 | 306 | 290 |
| ENLD | 4 | 494 | 492 | 484 | 475 | 463 | 452 | 435 | 422 | 407 | 386 | 364 | 344 | 326 | 307 |
| ENLD | 5 | 534 | 532 | 522 | 511 | 496 | 482 | 462 | 445 | 427 | 403 | 378 | 355 | 335 | 314 |
| ENLD | 6 | 562 | 560 | 549 | 536 | 519 | 502 | 478 | 459 | 438 | 412 | 385 | 360 | 340 | 318 |
| ENLD | 7 | 582 | 579 | 566 | 552 | 534 | 514 | 488 | 468 | 446 | 417 | 390 | 364 | 343 | 320 |
| ENLD | 8 | 595 | 592 | 579 | 564 | 544 | 522 | 493 | 472 | 449 | 418 | 391 | 365 | 344 | 321 |
| ENLD | 9 | 603 | 600 | 587 | 570 | 547 | 525 | 495 | 473 | 450 | 419 | 392 | 366 | 345 | 322 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 564 | 565 | 569 | 573 | 577 | 580 | 580 | 579 | 571 | 562 | 550 | 532 | 506 | 484 |
| HAGU | 2 | 1019 | 1019 | 1019 | 1021 | 1017 | 1009 | 994 | 974 | 942 | 906 | 862 | 813 | 753 | 700 |
| HAGU | 3 | 1381 | 1379 | 1375 | 1368 | 1349 | 1324 | 1285 | 1241 | 1179 | 1115 | 1038 | 963 | 874 | 801 |
| HAGU | 4 | 1663 | 1658 | 1647 | 1630 | 1596 | 1553 | 1490 | 1420 | 1330 | 1239 | 1138 | 1043 | 936 | 850 |
| HAGU | 5 | 1882 | 1874 | 1856 | 1829 | 1779 | 1717 | 1630 | 1537 | 1422 | 1312 | 1194 | 1087 | 968 | 876 |
| HAGU | 6 | 2052 | 2041 | 2015 | 1978 | 1913 | 1832 | 1724 | 1612 | 1479 | 1356 | 1227 | 1113 | 986 | 890 |
| HAGU | 7 | 2185 | 2172 | 2140 | 2091 | 2009 | 1912 | 1786 | 1658 | 1513 | 1382 | 1245 | 1127 | 995 | 896 |
| HAGU | 8 | 2290 | 2274 | 2234 | 2171 | 2073 | 1963 | 1824 | 1685 | 1532 | 1396 | 1255 | 1133 | 1000 | 899 |
| HAGU | 9 | 2369 | 2349 | 2299 | 2222 | 2112 | 1992 | 1845 | 1700 | 1542 | 1403 | 1260 | 1136 | 1002 | 900 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 128 | 128 | 128 | 128 | 125 | 124 | 121 | 119 | 114 | 109 | 103 | 98 | 92 | 88 |
| BPLE | 2 | 219 | 218 | 217 | 213 | 207 | 202 | 194 | 187 | 177 | 167 | 156 | 145 | 131 | 123 |
| BPLE | 3 | 284 | 282 | 278 | 272 | 261 | 253 | 240 | 230 | 215 | 200 | 183 | 169 | 149 | 138 |
| BPLE | 4 | 330 | 328 | 322 | 313 | 300 | 288 | 271 | 257 | 238 | 219 | 198 | 180 | 157 | 144 |
| BPLE | 5 | 365 | 361 | 355 | 344 | 327 | 313 | 292 | 275 | 252 | 229 | 206 | 186 | 160 | 147 |
| BPLE | 6 | 391 | 387 | 379 | 366 | 346 | 330 | 304 | 286 | 260 | 235 | 210 | 189 | 163 | 149 |
| BPLE | 7 | 411 | 406 | 397 | 382 | 360 | 341 | 313 | 292 | 265 | 238 | 213 | 191 | 164 | 150 |
| BPLE | 8 | 426 | 420 | 410 | 393 | 368 | 348 | 317 | 296 | 268 | 240 | 214 | 192 | 165 | 151 |
| BPLE | 9 | 435 | 429 | 417 | 399 | 372 | 351 | 320 | 298 | 269 | 241 | 215 | 192 | 165 | 151 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 906 | 908 | 911 | 915 | 915 | 916 | 912 | 908 | 893 | 875 | 853 | 827 | 789 | 759 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 1583 | 1582 | 1577 | 1573 | 1558 | 1539 | 1509 | 1478 | 1429 | 1374 | 1309 | 1239 | 1154 | 1081 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 2100 | 2094 | 2080 | 2061 | 2022 | 1980 | 1918 | 1855 | 1765 | 1670 | 1560 | 1454 | 1330 | 1229 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 2488 | 2478 | 2453 | 2419 | 2359 | 2293 | 2196 | 2099 | 1975 | 1844 | 1701 | 1567 | 1419 | 1301 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 2781 | 2767 | 2732 | 2683 | 2602 | 2511 | 2383 | 2257 | 2101 | 1944 | 1778 | 1628 | 1463 | 1337 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 3005 | 2988 | 2943 | 2879 | 2778 | 2664 | 2506 | 2356 | 2178 | 2003 | 1822 | 1662 | 1488 | 1356 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 3178 | 3157 | 3104 | 3025 | 2902 | 2767 | 2587 | 2418 | 2224 | 2037 | 1848 | 1681 | 1502 | 1366 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 3311 | 3286 | 3223 | 3128 | 2985 | 2833 | 2634 | 2453 | 2248 | 2055 | 1861 | 1690 | 1508 | 1371 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 3408 | 3378 | 3303 | 3191 | 3032 | 2868 | 2660 | 2471 | 2261 | 2063 | 1867 | 1694 | 1511 | 1373 |

The aerial-access harvest estimates used to scale the estimates of relative change given in Table 4 do not include any provision for the harvest taken by shore based fishers, because the data these estimates were based on were solely derived from interviews with boat based fishers. The adjusted harvest tonnage estimates given in Table 5 do not, therefore, include any provision for harvests taken by shore based fishers.

Shore based fishers usually land fewer fish per trip than boat based fishers (Figure 13) and any likely reduction of the current daily bag limit would probably have little impact on harvests taken by this type of fisher. It is therefore assumed that any likely change to recreational catch regulations would have little impact on levels of harvesting by these fishers, and unadjusted regional harvest estimates for shore based fishers were simply added to all of the tonnage estimates given in Table 5 (Table 6). Any evaluation of the impact of an alternative minimum legal size limit on levels of shore based harvesting is not possible, because there are no length data available from onsite interviews of shore based fishers.

The regional estimates of the shore based harvest added to the tonnage estimates given in Table 5 were based on estimates provided by an offsite panel survey conducted by the National Research Bureau in 2011-12 (Wynne-Jones 2013).


Figure 13: Comparison of bag size distributions reported by boat based and shore based fishers in each region of SNA 1, by season. These data were provided by a panel survey provided by the National Research Bureau in 2011-12.

The tonnage estimates given in Table 6 therefore provide the best available estimates of the likely impact that alternative combinations of alternative minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits might have had on the majority of the recreational harvest taken from each region of SNA 1 in 2011-12. These estimates do not, however, include any provision for harvests taken by recreational fishers from charter boats, which are likely to be in the order of 200 t (NRB, unpub. data).

Table 6: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2011-12 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to $\mathbf{4 0} \mathbf{c m}$, and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.

|  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 319 | 318 | 317 | 316 | 313 | 310 | 306 | 303 | 297 | 293 |
| ENLD | 2 | 451 | 450 | 447 | 445 | 440 | 434 | 427 | 423 | 416 | 407 | 396 | 387 | 375 | 364 |
| ENLD | 3 | 541 | 539 | 533 | 527 | 518 | 509 | 498 | 490 | 477 | 461 | 444 | 429 | 412 | 396 |
| ENLD | 4 | 600 | 598 | 590 | 581 | 569 | 558 | 541 | 528 | 513 | 492 | 470 | 450 | 432 | 413 |
| ENLD | 5 | 640 | 638 | 628 | 617 | 602 | 587 | 568 | 551 | 533 | 509 | 484 | 461 | 441 | 419 |
| ENLD | 6 | 668 | 666 | 654 | 642 | 625 | 608 | 583 | 564 | 544 | 517 | 491 | 466 | 446 | 424 |
| ENLD | 7 | 688 | 684 | 672 | 658 | 640 | 620 | 594 | 574 | 551 | 522 | 495 | 470 | 449 | 426 |
| ENLD | 8 | 701 | 698 | 685 | 670 | 649 | 628 | 599 | 578 | 554 | 524 | 497 | 471 | 450 | 427 |
| ENLD | 9 | 709 | 706 | 692 | 676 | 653 | 631 | 601 | 579 | 556 | 525 | 498 | 472 | 450 | 427 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 654 | 656 | 659 | 664 | 668 | 671 | 671 | 670 | 661 | 653 | 640 | 622 | 597 | 574 |
| HAGU | 2 | 1110 | 1110 | 1110 | 1112 | 1108 | 1100 | 1084 | 1065 | 1032 | 997 | 953 | 904 | 844 | 791 |
| HAGU | 3 | 1472 | 1470 | 1465 | 1458 | 1440 | 1414 | 1376 | 1332 | 1270 | 1205 | 1129 | 1053 | 965 | 892 |
| HAGU | 4 | 1754 | 1748 | 1738 | 1721 | 1687 | 1643 | 1580 | 1510 | 1421 | 1330 | 1229 | 1133 | 1027 | 941 |
| HAGU | 5 | 1973 | 1964 | 1946 | 1919 | 1869 | 1807 | 1720 | 1627 | 1513 | 1402 | 1284 | 1178 | 1058 | 967 |
| HAGU | 6 | 2142 | 2132 | 2106 | 2068 | 2003 | 1923 | 1815 | 1702 | 1570 | 1447 | 1318 | 1204 | 1076 | 980 |
| HAGU | 7 | 2276 | 2263 | 2231 | 2181 | 2099 | 2003 | 1877 | 1748 | 1604 | 1473 | 1336 | 1217 | 1086 | 987 |
| HAGU | 8 | 2381 | 2364 | 2324 | 2262 | 2164 | 2053 | 1914 | 1776 | 1623 | 1487 | 1346 | 1223 | 1090 | 990 |
| HAGU | 9 | 2460 | 2440 | 2389 | 2313 | 2202 | 2082 | 1935 | 1790 | 1633 | 1493 | 1350 | 1226 | 1092 | 991 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 229 | 230 | 230 | 229 | 227 | 225 | 222 | 220 | 216 | 210 | 205 | 200 | 193 | 189 |
| BPLE | 2 | 320 | 320 | 318 | 315 | 308 | 303 | 295 | 289 | 279 | 268 | 257 | 246 | 233 | 224 |
| BPLE | 3 | 385 | 383 | 380 | 373 | 363 | 354 | 342 | 331 | 316 | 301 | 285 | 270 | 251 | 239 |
| BPLE | 4 | 432 | 429 | 424 | 415 | 401 | 389 | 372 | 359 | 339 | 320 | 300 | 281 | 258 | 245 |
| BPLE | 5 | 466 | 463 | 456 | 445 | 429 | 414 | 393 | 377 | 353 | 331 | 307 | 287 | 262 | 248 |
| BPLE | 6 | 492 | 488 | 480 | 467 | 448 | 431 | 406 | 387 | 361 | 336 | 311 | 290 | 264 | 250 |
| BPLE | 7 | 512 | 508 | 498 | 484 | 461 | 442 | 414 | 394 | 366 | 340 | 314 | 292 | 265 | 251 |
| BPLE | 8 | 527 | 522 | 511 | 494 | 470 | 449 | 419 | 397 | 369 | 342 | 315 | 293 | 266 | 252 |
| BPLE | 9 | 537 | 530 | 519 | 501 | 474 | 453 | 421 | 399 | 370 | 343 | 316 | 294 | 266 | 252 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 1204 | 1206 | 1209 | 1212 | 1213 | 1214 | 1210 | 1206 | 1190 | 1173 | 1151 | 1125 | 1087 | 1057 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 1881 | 1880 | 1875 | 1871 | 1856 | 1837 | 1807 | 1776 | 1727 | 1672 | 1606 | 1537 | 1451 | 1379 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 2398 | 2392 | 2378 | 2359 | 2320 | 2278 | 2216 | 2153 | 2063 | 1968 | 1858 | 1752 | 1628 | 1527 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 2786 | 2775 | 2751 | 2716 | 2657 | 2590 | 2494 | 2397 | 2273 | 2142 | 1998 | 1865 | 1716 | 1599 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 3079 | 3065 | 3030 | 2981 | 2900 | 2809 | 2681 | 2555 | 2399 | 2242 | 2075 | 1925 | 1761 | 1635 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 3303 | 3286 | 3241 | 3177 | 3076 | 2961 | 2804 | 2654 | 2475 | 2301 | 2120 | 1960 | 1786 | 1654 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 3476 | 3455 | 3402 | 3323 | 3200 | 3065 | 2884 | 2715 | 2522 | 2335 | 2146 | 1979 | 1800 | 1664 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 3609 | 3584 | 3521 | 3426 | 3283 | 3130 | 2932 | 2751 | 2546 | 2353 | 2158 | 1988 | 1806 | 1669 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 3705 | 3676 | 3601 | 3489 | 3329 | 3166 | 2957 | 2769 | 2559 | 2361 | 2164 | 1992 | 1809 | 1671 |

Table 7: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2011-12 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.

|  |  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | ENLD |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD |  | 1 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.59 |
| ENLD |  | 2 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.49 |
| ENLD |  | 3 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.44 |
| ENLD |  | 4 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.39 | 0.42 |
| ENLD |  | 5 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.41 |
| ENLD |  | 6 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| ENLD |  | 7 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| ENLD |  | 8 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| ENLD |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.40 |
| region | HAGU |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU |  | 1 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.77 |
| HAGU |  | 2 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.66 | 0.68 |
| HAGU |  | 3 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| HAGU |  | 4 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| HAGU |  | 5 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.61 |
| HAGU |  | 6 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| HAGU |  | 7 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| HAGU |  | 8 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| HAGU |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| region | BPLE |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE |  | 1 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.65 |
| BPLE |  | 2 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.57 | 0.58 |
| BPLE |  | 3 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.55 |
| BPLE |  | 4 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.54 |
| BPLE |  | 5 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| BPLE |  | 6 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.53 |
| BPLE |  | 7 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.53 |
| BPLE |  | 8 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.53 |
| BPLE |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.53 |
| region | SNA 1 |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 |  | 1 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.71 |
| SNA 1 |  | 2 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.51 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.59 | 0.61 | 0.63 |
| SNA 1 |  | 3 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.59 |
| SNA 1 |  | 4 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.57 |
| SNA 1 |  | 5 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.56 |
| SNA 1 |  | 6 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.55 |
| SNA 1 |  | 7 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.55 |
| SNA 1 |  | 8 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.55 |
| SNA 1 |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.55 |

## Co-fishers pooling bag limits

The analyses presented so far were based on catch-per-fisher data as reported to the interviewer in 2011-12. The assumption has been made that the catch of each fisher was constrained by their personal daily bag limit, regardless of the uncaught bag allowance of others fishing from the same boat. This "independent harvesting" behaviour is most likely in situations where fishers fish competitively, or when fishing with strangers from a charter boat. Although this assumption may be valid for most interviewed fishers, it is less likely to hold true when at least one fisher in a party reaches the current daily bag limit of 9 fish.

Fishers in other parties will often fish together, sharing any fish caught, and essentially pooling their daily bag limits. This "co-fisher harvesting" behaviour is more likely when there is a strong social bond between fishers, e.g. when a family fishes together. A scenario comparing the outcome of these two behaviours is shown in (Figure 14).


Figure 14: Schematic representation of two ways that a party of three fishers might interpret how the current daily bag limit of 9 snapper per fisher constrains their catch. Under the independent harvesting scenario, fisher 1 discards the last 3 fish they caught (or stops fishing early), to stay within their daily bag limit. Under the co-fisher harvesting scenario, all fishers in a party can retain fish as long as they stay within their combined daily bag limit, and there is therefore no need to discard any fish in this instance.

Most fishers do not currently land their daily bag limit of 9 fish, and the incidence of co-fisher harvesting behaviour will therefore not be as pronounced as it would be if a lower daily bag limit was set.

The impact of alternative combinations of increased minimum legal size limits and decreased daily bag limits was therefore reassessed, based on 2011-12 boat catch data reconfigured to reflect that which would have been reported if co-fishers in the same party had pooled their daily catch limits.

Under this scenario, any uncaught component of a fisher's daily bag allowance was allocated between other fishers in the same party in the following manner. If there are $n$ fishers in a surveyed boat $v$, and the fishers' catch bags are $c_{1}, c_{2}, \ldots, c_{m}, \ldots, c_{n}$ and $c_{1}{ }^{\prime}, c_{2}{ }^{\prime}, \ldots, c_{m}^{\prime}, \ldots, c_{n}{ }^{\prime}$ before and after applying bag limit $b$, and the mean catch of the $n$ fishers is $\bar{c}=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{i}$ and $c_{1}, c_{2}, \ldots, c_{m}$ are larger than $b$, then when $\bar{c} \leq b, c_{1}^{\prime}=c_{1}, c_{2}^{\prime}=c_{2}, \ldots, c_{m}^{\prime}=c_{m} \ldots,=c_{n}$.

When $\bar{c}>b$ however, the excess catch for boat $v$ is $\mathrm{c}^{\mathrm{o}}=\sum_{\mathrm{i}=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{n} \cdot \mathrm{b}$, which has to be deducted from the $m$ fishers' bags. To do this, we generate a vector $k=\left\{f_{1}, f_{1}, \ldots, f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{2}, f_{m}, \ldots, f_{m}\right\}$, in which the numbers of $f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{m}$ are respectively $c_{1}, c_{2}, \ldots, c_{m}$. Then we randomly sample the vector $k \mathrm{c}^{0}$ times and calculate the subtotal for $1,2, \ldots, \mathrm{~m}$, i.e., $\mathrm{c}_{1}^{\mathrm{o}}, \mathrm{c}_{2}^{0}, \ldots, \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{m}}^{\mathrm{o}}$. The bags after applying the bag limit will be $c_{1}^{\prime}=c_{1}-c_{1}^{0}, c_{2}^{\prime}=c_{2}-c_{2}^{0}, \ldots, c_{m}^{\prime}=c_{m}-c_{m}^{0}, c_{m+1}^{\prime}=c_{m+1}, \ldots$, $\mathrm{c}_{n}^{\prime}=\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{n}}$.

An example of this uncaught bag reallocation process is given in Figure 15.


Figure 15: Schematic representation of the reallocation of an uncaught daily bag allowance to other fishers in the same party whose catch would have been constrained by a bag limit of six fish. In this scenario, fisher 3 under caught their daily bag limit by 4 fish, and this uncaught allowance was randomly allocated to fishers 1 and 2 , who only had to discard part of their over catch of the daily bag limit.

The interview data collected in 2011-12 were reconfigured in this manner, for alternative combinations of increasing minimum legal size limit and decreasing daily bag limit. This reallocation process followed the initial removal of snapper smaller than the candidate minimum legal size, as before, when independent harvesting behaviour was assumed.

Tables and figures of regional changes in harvest tonnage and proportion of total catch landed under alternative combinations of minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour, are given in Appendix 2. Predicted catches under this scenario are very similar but higher than those initially derived from unaltered boat ramp interview data collected in 2011-12, when independent harvesting behaviour was assumed. Estimates of the proportional change in total harvest tonnage assuming independent and co-fishing behaviour are compared for three different minimum legal size limits in Figure 16. These plots suggest that alternative interpretations of fisher harvesting behaviour would have little influence on the predicted impact of
any combination of the two management controls assessed here, given the manner in which interviewed fishers reported the apportioning of their catch in 2011-12.

Figure 16: Comparison of estimates of proportional change in the total weight of snapper landed in 2011-12, given $27 \mathrm{~cm}, 30 \mathrm{~cm}$ and 33 cm minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish, when fishers are assumed to harvest independently of each other, and when they pool their daily bag limits with co-fishers.


All of the analyses of data collected in 2011-12 were repeated using data collected in 2004-05, to give some indication of how alternative management controls might affect levels of recreational harvesting when the availability of snapper to recreational fishers in SNA 1 is lower, and smaller snapper were more commonly landed (Figure 17; see Figures 4 and 5 also).


Figure 17: The length composition of snapper landed by fishers interviewed in each region of SNA 1 during the 2004-05 fishing year (top panels) and associated distributions of the number of snapper landed by these fishers (bottom panel).

Interview data are available for a continuous twelve month period in 2004-05, although the aerialaccess survey at that time ran from 1 December 2004 to 30 November 2005, which did not conform to the standard fishing year. Only slight seasonal differences in catch composition were apparent in all three sub-areas, where larger fish were more evident during the winter months of June to January (Figure 18), and larger bag sizes were more likely during autumn, between February and May (Figure 19).

Tables and figures of regional changes in harvest tonnage and proportion of total catch landed under alternative combinations of minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits, based on data collected in 2004-05 are given in Appendices 3 (when independent fisher harvesting behaviour is assumed) and Appendix 4 (when co-fisher fisher harvesting behaviour is assumed). As in 2011-12, assumed harvesting behaviour appears to have little influence on predictions of relative change in harvesting levels under different regulatory scenarios (Figure 20).


Figure 18: Length frequencies of snapper landed by recreational fishers in three sub-areas of SNA 1 in 2004-05, by month.


Figure 19: Number of snapper landed per trip by recreational fishers in three sub-areas of SNA 1 in 2004-05, by month.


Figure 20: Comparison of estimates of proportional change in the total weight of snapper landed in 2004-05, given $27 \mathrm{~cm}, 30 \mathrm{~cm}$ and 33 cm minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish, when fishers are assumed to harvest independently of each other, and when they pool their daily bag limits with co-fishers.

Although the harvest tonnages predicted under differing management regimes in 2004-05 probably underestimate the likely level of landings taken by recreational fishers in the immediate future, they do give some insight into the influence of changes to daily bag limits relative to changes in minimum legal size limits (Figure 21).

The most evident difference is that changes in minimum legal size limits in 2004-05 have a far greater influence on levels of recreational harvetesting than they do in 2011-12, i.e. the spread between predictions for minimum size limits ranging from 27 cm to 33 cm was much greater in 2004-05. This is because fish in the smaller length classes accounted for a greater proportion of recreational landings in 2004-05.


Figure 21: Comparison of estimates of proportional change in the total weight of snapper landed in 2004-05 and in 2011-12, given $27 \mathrm{~cm}, 30 \mathrm{~cm}$ and 33 cm minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Independent fisher behaviour was assumed in both years.

The relative efficacy of size and bag limits also differed by year. There was a greater interannual degree of discrepancy between estimates of change at lower daily bag sizes when the MLS was set to 27 cm , and at higher bag sizes when the MLS was set to 33 cm . Predicting the future influence of differing combinations of size and bag limit controls on levels of recreational harvesting is therefore limited by the extent to which we can accurately predict the availability of snapper and the size structure of recreational landings in the future.

The results of the recent SNA 1 stock assessment and the public reaction to proposed changes in recreational fishing regulations has led to considerable speculation about the relative and spatial impact of recreational and commercial fishers on the SNA 1 stock. The spatial distribution of the four main methods of harvesting in SNA 1 is provided here, to help assess the degree of overlap between the recreational and commercial sectors.

Vessel location data from aerial surveys provides high resolution information on the spatial distribution of recreational fishing effort. The most recent information on recreational fishing effort comes from an aerial overflight survey conducted in 2011-12 (Hartill et al. 2013). Flights were scheduled to take place during the late morning, which broadly corresponds to the period of peak fishing effort. Aerial observers recorded the approximate location of each vessel, and assigned each boat to a vessel category (trailer boats, launches, yachts, kayaks, and jet skis). Only stationary boats considered to be fishing were counted, as snapper are only very rarely caught from mobile vessels.

The spatial distribution of recreational fishing effort in 2011-12 in the Hauraki Gulf is shown in the top left panel of Figure 22, and for the whole of SNA 1, in the top left panel of Figure 23. Recreational fishing boats were observed along the entire coastal margin of north-eastern New Zealand, with most effort concentrated close to large population centres, especially Auckland, Tauranga and Whangarei. Densities of fishing vessels were particularly high in the Motuihie Channel, Rangitoto Channel, within large mussel farms off the western Coromandel coast, and in the inner Waitematā Harbour.


Figure 22: The spatial distribution of recreational fishing boats observed in the Hauraki Gulf from the air in 2011-12 (top left panel) compared to the spatial distribution of snapper catches taken by three commercial fishing methods during the same fishing year. Yellow squares denote areas that are lightly fished, whereas dark red squares denote the areas that were most intensively fished by that method.

The range of values associated with each colour differs by panel, as data ranges differ by fishing method.
Smaller scale seasonal shifts in the distribution of effort were also evident from the air. Large numbers of boats launched in Auckland, for example, were seen in open waters north of Rangitoto Island in the spring of 2011-12, with effort shifting further inshore during the warmer months. Fishing effort in the inner Waitematā Harbour was very intense in February and early March. The spatial distribution of fishing effort in 2011-12 was very similar to that seen in 2004-05, although less effort was observed in the inner Waitematā Harbour and in the large mussel farm in the northeastern Firth of Thames in the earlier survey.


Figure 23: The spatial distribution of recreational fishing boats observed in SNA 1 from the air in 2011-12 (top left panel) compared to the spatial distribution of snapper catches taken by three commercial fishing methods during the same fishing year. Yellow squares denote areas that are lightly fished, whereas dark red squares denote the areas that were most intensively fished by that method. The range of values associated with each colour differs by panel, as data ranges differ by fishing method.

Figures 22 and 23 also given an indication of the degree of spatial overlap between the recreational fishery and the main snapper harvesting components of the commercial fishery. The greatest degree of overlap occurs with the longline fishery, although the seasonal closure of waters inside the inner

Hauraki Gulf Islands to commercial fishing during summer months reduces the extent of any spatial conflict with the recreational fleet. Danish seiners are not permitted to fish in statistical reporting area 007 (the inner Hauraki Gulf) but the seine fleet fishes as close as it can to Auckland in the southern waters of area 006 . The only area of appreciable overlap with the commercial fishery occurs on the north-eastern Coromandel coast. Most of the area fished by both recreational fishers and trawlers falls outside of the Hauraki Gulf because only smaller trawlers can fish the outer waters of area 006 and most trawling in the Gulf occurs in the deeper waters of statistical reporting area 005 .

## DISCUSSION

The availability and size of snapper caught by recreational fishers in parts of SNA 1 has increased substantially in recent years, and current daily bag and minimum legal size limits no longer constrain recreational landings within the sector's current catch allocation of 2300 t . Creel survey data collected throughout 2004-05 and 2011-12 have been used to estimate the harvest that would have been expected in those years, if alternative combinations of reduced daily bag limits and increased minimum legal size limits had been in force at that time. The estimates of projected change in harvest tonnage based on 2011-12 data should be far more relevant to fisheries managers at this time, as these data are more likely to reflect the state of the SNA 1 fishery in the near future. Anecdotal reports suggest that the fishing in the Hauraki Gulf during the summer of 2012-13 was not as good as in 2011-12, but the weather last summer was more conducive to fishing, and any resulting increase in effort will have at least partially offset any reduction in the average catch landed per trip.

Almost all of the recent increase in the harvest has occurred in the Hauraki Gulf, where a large proportion of fishers now land several snapper per trip and many catch their daily bag limit of 9 fish. Consequently, any decrease in the daily bag limit will have the greatest effect on fishers in the Gulf, as a far smaller proportion of East Northland and Bay of Plenty fishers land bags approaching 9 fish. Modest decreases to the daily bag limit will have a limited impact on levels of recreational harvesting throughout SNA 1, because most fishes land a fraction of the current bag limit and those who currently land 9 fish from a trip will still be able to land most of their catch if the daily limit is reduced.

A modest increase in the minimum legal size limit would also have only a limited impact on levels of recreational harvesting, for two reasons. Firstly, because the weight of a snapper increases exponentially with increasing length, and fish that are only slightly larger than the current minimum legal size limit account for a relatively low proportion of the total weight harvested. Secondly, because the length distribution of snapper landed in all three regions in 2011-12 peaked several cm higher than the current minimum legal size limit of 27 cm , which suggests that many fishers already release smaller legal sized fish.

A simplistic yield-per-recruit model with a single method knife-edge selectivity ogive was completed many years ago, which suggested that the maximum yield occurred somewhere in the region of 27 cm to 30 cm (Jeremy McKenzie, NIWA Fisheries Scientist, pers. comm.). Any attempt to assess yield-per-recruit trends should be should be implemented in CASAL, however, to properly account for all forms of fishing selectivity, given our current knowledge of snapper biology. The current minimum legal size limit of 27 cm is well above the size at which the onset of sexual maturity occurs, at about 23 cm .

Multiple combinations of bag and size limit settings could be used to achieve a given reduction in levels of recreational harvesting, but the best options are not immediately apparent. There are also other potential issues to consider when choosing regulation settings. Any increase in the minimum legal size limit will result in more fish being caught and released, which will lead to increased levels of incidental discard mortality. Conversely, decreasing the daily bag limit should decrease discard
mortality levels, as some fishers will catch their limit sooner, and stop fishing. Some fishers may change their selectivity, however, to maximise the weight of fish landed given a reduced bag limit. Any attempt to quantify the implications of assumed fisher behaviour in response to future changes in size and bag limits would be speculative, however, as fisher responses will vary to an unknown and unpredictable degree.

The current level of release mortality attributable to the recreational fishery is likely to be relatively low. Holdsworth and Boyd (2008a and 2008b) used data on release fish length, hook location and condition reported by boat based fishers and independently observed on charter boats to estimate the level of release mortality occurring in all three regions of SNA 1 , in 2004-05, 2005-06, and in 2006-07. Estimates of the additional mortality associated with released snapper in 2006-07 ranged from $2.7 \%$ by weight (if all floating, gut hooked and floating fish died after their release) to $8.2 \%$ (if the potential effects of barotrauma given capture depth were also taken into account). Corresponding estimates for 2005-06 were $3.6 \%$ and $7.5 \%$ respectively.

This report therefore provides indicative estimates of the potential level of recreational harvesting that could occur in the near future given alternative daily bag and minimum legal size limit settings. These estimates are based on extensive volumes of survey data collected throughout the most recent fishing year, which have also been used to generate regional harvest estimates that are considered to be reasonably accurate and unbiased. Recreational harvests will probably continue to exceed their current annual allocation of 2300 t for some time, if changes are not made to current daily bag and minimum size limit settings, such as those considered here.

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## DATA MANAGEMENT

No data have been generated as part of this programme.

## Appendix 1: Questions routinely asked by interviewers during boat ramp surveys conducted by NIWA to date

- "Hello, my name is .... and I am doing a recreational fishing scientific research survey for NIWA on behalf of the Ministry of Fisheries. Can I ask you a few questions about your fishing today? "
- "How many people were fishing today?"
- "Roughly, where did you do most of your fishing today?" A laminated map (with codes) defining each fishing location is provided.
- "What was the main fishing method used today?" "Was it with bait, soft plastic bait, lures?"
- "Were you fishing for any particular species of fish today?"
- "At what time did you put your fishing lines in the water and start to fish today?"
- "At what time did you finish fishing today?"
- "Were you all fishing for approximately the same amount of time today?"
- "In between the time you first put your lines in the water, and last took them out, were there times that you were not fishing eg, water skiing, gone ashore for lunch"
- "How many days have you been fishing in the last year, a year being the previous 12 months?"
- "Can I please measure your fish?"
- "As best you can remember, can you please divide this catch up amongst each of you who caught the fish?"
- "Did your group catch today any fish that
. . . were filleted (including headed fish)?"
. . . were used for bait?"
. . . were thrown back?"
. . . were they undersized or legal sized?"
. . . if undersized, how many where thrown back dead or alive?

Appendix 2: Evaluation of the impact alternative combinations of minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits on the recreational harvest from SNA 1, based on interview data collected in 2011-12, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 2a: Estimates of the proportional change in the total weight of snapper landed in each region of SNA 1 in 2011-12 for alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , for daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2011-12, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.


Appendix 2: continued -based on interview data collected in 2011-12, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 2b: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest from SNA 1 in 2011-12 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2011-12, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.

|  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.69 |
| ENLD | 2 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.56 |
| ENLD | 3 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.51 |
| ENLD | 4 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.49 |
| ENLD | 5 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.48 |
| ENLD | 6 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| ENLD | 7 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| ENLD | 8 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| ENLD | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| HAGU | 2 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.69 |
| HAGU | 3 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.65 |
| HAGU | 4 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 0.60 | 0.63 |
| HAGU | 5 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.33 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.59 | 0.63 |
| HAGU | 6 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.18 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| HAGU | 7 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.30 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| HAGU | 8 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| HAGU | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.62 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.78 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| BPLE | 2 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.69 | 0.71 |
| BPLE | 3 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.39 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.65 | 0.68 |
| BPLE | 4 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.30 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.64 | 0.67 |
| BPLE | 5 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.63 | 0.66 |
| BPLE | 6 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.63 | 0.66 |
| BPLE | 7 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.63 | 0.66 |
| BPLE | 8 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.62 | 0.66 |
| BPLE | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.62 | 0.66 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.78 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.67 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.49 | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.60 | 0.63 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.61 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.61 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |

Appendix 2: continued -based on interview data collected in 2011-12, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 2c: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat based fishers in SNA 1 in 2011-12 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to $\mathbf{4 0} \mathbf{~ c m}$, and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2011-12, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates. These harvest estimates do not include any provision for harvest taken by shore based fishers, which are included in the estimates given in Appendix 2d.

|  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 214 | 214 | 214 | 214 | 213 | 212 | 211 | 211 | 207 | 204 | 200 | 198 | 191 | 187 |
| ENLD | 2 | 352 | 351 | 349 | 347 | 343 | 338 | 332 | 328 | 320 | 312 | 303 | 293 | 281 | 269 |
| ENLD | 3 | 444 | 442 | 437 | 431 | 423 | 415 | 404 | 396 | 383 | 368 | 351 | 336 | 318 | 300 |
| ENLD | 4 | 503 | 501 | 492 | 484 | 472 | 461 | 447 | 434 | 418 | 398 | 375 | 354 | 333 | 312 |
| ENLD | 5 | 541 | 538 | 529 | 518 | 504 | 491 | 472 | 454 | 435 | 411 | 385 | 361 | 339 | 317 |
| ENLD | 6 | 568 | 565 | 554 | 542 | 525 | 509 | 485 | 465 | 444 | 416 | 390 | 364 | 343 | 320 |
| ENLD | 7 | 587 | 583 | 571 | 557 | 539 | 520 | 492 | 471 | 449 | 419 | 392 | 366 | 344 | 321 |
| ENLD | 8 | 599 | 596 | 583 | 568 | 547 | 525 | 496 | 474 | 451 | 420 | 393 | 367 | 345 | 322 |
| ENLD | 9 | 606 | 603 | 589 | 573 | 550 | 528 | 497 | 475 | 451 | 421 | 393 | 367 | 345 | 322 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 564 | 565 | 569 | 574 | 578 | 581 | 580 | 579 | 571 | 562 | 550 | 531 | 506 | 483 |
| HAGU | 2 | 1031 | 1033 | 1036 | 1040 | 1041 | 1036 | 1027 | 1012 | 984 | 949 | 906 | 857 | 793 | 738 |
| HAGU | 3 | 1400 | 1400 | 1397 | 1394 | 1381 | 1363 | 1332 | 1293 | 1233 | 1167 | 1091 | 1009 | 912 | 833 |
| HAGU | 4 | 1687 | 1683 | 1674 | 1661 | 1634 | 1597 | 1540 | 1473 | 1383 | 1286 | 1179 | 1077 | 960 | 871 |
| HAGU | 5 | 1907 | 1900 | 1884 | 1861 | 1818 | 1761 | 1679 | 1584 | 1465 | 1347 | 1221 | 1108 | 983 | 887 |
| HAGU | 6 | 2076 | 2066 | 2043 | 2010 | 1951 | 1873 | 1763 | 1646 | 1508 | 1378 | 1243 | 1124 | 993 | 895 |
| HAGU | 7 | 2207 | 2195 | 2166 | 2121 | 2042 | 1943 | 1812 | 1679 | 1529 | 1394 | 1254 | 1132 | 999 | 899 |
| HAGU | 8 | 2308 | 2293 | 2256 | 2195 | 2094 | 1980 | 1836 | 1695 | 1539 | 1401 | 1259 | 1135 | 1001 | 900 |
| HAGU | 9 | 2382 | 2361 | 2310 | 2231 | 2118 | 1996 | 1848 | 1702 | 1544 | 1404 | 1261 | 1136 | 1002 | 901 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 128 | 128 | 128 | 127 | 125 | 123 | 121 | 119 | 114 | 109 | 103 | 98 | 91 | 88 |
| BPLE | 2 | 222 | 221 | 220 | 218 | 212 | 206 | 199 | 193 | 182 | 171 | 160 | 149 | 135 | 126 |
| BPLE | 3 | 288 | 286 | 283 | 277 | 267 | 259 | 246 | 236 | 221 | 205 | 188 | 173 | 152 | 140 |
| BPLE | 4 | 335 | 333 | 328 | 320 | 306 | 295 | 277 | 264 | 243 | 223 | 201 | 182 | 158 | 145 |
| BPLE | 5 | 371 | 367 | 361 | 350 | 333 | 319 | 297 | 280 | 255 | 232 | 208 | 187 | 161 | 147 |
| BPLE | 6 | 397 | 393 | 385 | 372 | 351 | 334 | 309 | 289 | 262 | 237 | 211 | 189 | 163 | 149 |
| BPLE | 7 | 416 | 411 | 402 | 387 | 364 | 345 | 316 | 294 | 266 | 240 | 213 | 191 | 164 | 150 |
| BPLE | 8 | 429 | 424 | 414 | 397 | 371 | 350 | 319 | 297 | 269 | 241 | 214 | 192 | 165 | 151 |
| BPLE | 9 | 439 | 432 | 420 | 402 | 374 | 353 | 321 | 299 | 270 | 242 | 215 | 193 | 165 | 151 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 906 | 908 | 911 | 915 | 916 | 916 | 912 | 909 | 892 | 875 | 854 | 828 | 789 | 758 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 1605 | 1606 | 1604 | 1604 | 1595 | 1581 | 1558 | 1532 | 1487 | 1433 | 1369 | 1298 | 1209 | 1133 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 2132 | 2129 | 2117 | 2103 | 2072 | 2036 | 1982 | 1925 | 1837 | 1741 | 1629 | 1518 | 1383 | 1274 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 2525 | 2517 | 2494 | 2465 | 2412 | 2353 | 2264 | 2171 | 2043 | 1907 | 1755 | 1613 | 1452 | 1327 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 2819 | 2806 | 2774 | 2729 | 2655 | 2571 | 2447 | 2319 | 2156 | 1989 | 1814 | 1656 | 1483 | 1351 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 3040 | 3023 | 2982 | 2924 | 2827 | 2717 | 2557 | 2401 | 2214 | 2031 | 1844 | 1678 | 1499 | 1364 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 3209 | 3189 | 3139 | 3065 | 2945 | 2808 | 2620 | 2444 | 2243 | 2052 | 1859 | 1688 | 1507 | 1370 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 3337 | 3312 | 3253 | 3160 | 3013 | 2855 | 2652 | 2466 | 2258 | 2062 | 1866 | 1694 | 1511 | 1373 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 3427 | 3396 | 3319 | 3205 | 3042 | 2877 | 2666 | 2476 | 2265 | 2066 | 1869 | 1696 | 1512 | 1374 |

Appendix 2: continued -based on interview data collected in 2011-12, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 2d: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2011-12 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.

|  |  | Minimum legal siz |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | ENLD |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD |  | 1 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 319 | 318 | 317 | 317 | 313 | 310 | 306 | 304 | 297 | 293 |
| ENLD |  | 2 | 458 | 457 | 454 | 452 | 449 | 444 | 438 | 434 | 426 | 418 | 409 | 399 | 387 | 375 |
| ENLD |  | 3 | 550 | 548 | 542 | 537 | 529 | 521 | 510 | 502 | 489 | 474 | 457 | 442 | 424 | 405 |
| ENLD |  | 4 | 609 | 606 | 598 | 590 | 578 | 567 | 553 | 539 | 523 | 504 | 481 | 460 | 439 | 417 |
| ENLD |  | 5 | 647 | 644 | 635 | 623 | 610 | 597 | 578 | 560 | 541 | 516 | 491 | 467 | 445 | 423 |
| ENLD |  | 6 | 674 | 671 | 660 | 648 | 631 | 615 | 591 | 571 | 550 | 522 | 496 | 470 | 448 | 426 |
| ENLD |  | 7 | 692 | 689 | 677 | 663 | 645 | 625 | 598 | 577 | 554 | 525 | 498 | 472 | 450 | 427 |
| ENLD |  | 8 | 705 | 702 | 689 | 674 | 653 | 631 | 602 | 580 | 557 | 526 | 499 | 473 | 451 | 427 |
| ENLD |  | 9 | 712 | 708 | 695 | 679 | 656 | 633 | 603 | 581 | 557 | 527 | 499 | 473 | 451 | 428 |
| region | HAGU |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU |  | 1 | 654 | 656 | 659 | 664 | 668 | 671 | 671 | 670 | 661 | 653 | 641 | 622 | 597 | 574 |
| HAGU |  | 2 | 1121 | 1124 | 1126 | 1130 | 1132 | 1127 | 1117 | 1103 | 1075 | 1040 | 997 | 947 | 884 | 828 |
| HAGU |  | 3 | 1491 | 1490 | 1488 | 1484 | 1472 | 1454 | 1422 | 1383 | 1323 | 1258 | 1181 | 1100 | 1003 | 924 |
| HAGU |  | 4 | 1778 | 1773 | 1765 | 1751 | 1724 | 1687 | 1630 | 1564 | 1473 | 1377 | 1270 | 1167 | 1051 | 961 |
| HAGU |  | 5 | 1998 | 1990 | 1975 | 1952 | 1908 | 1852 | 1769 | 1675 | 1555 | 1437 | 1312 | 1199 | 1073 | 978 |
| HAGU |  | 6 | 2166 | 2156 | 2133 | 2101 | 2041 | 1964 | 1854 | 1737 | 1598 | 1469 | 1333 | 1215 | 1084 | 986 |
| HAGU |  | 7 | 2298 | 2286 | 2256 | 2211 | 2133 | 2034 | 1903 | 1770 | 1619 | 1484 | 1344 | 1222 | 1089 | 989 |
| HAGU |  | 8 | 2399 | 2383 | 2346 | 2286 | 2185 | 2070 | 1927 | 1786 | 1629 | 1492 | 1349 | 1225 | 1092 | 991 |
| HAGU |  | 9 | 2473 | 2452 | 2400 | 2321 | 2208 | 2087 | 1938 | 1793 | 1634 | 1495 | 1351 | 1227 | 1093 | 992 |
| region | BPLE |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE |  | 1 | 229 | 230 | 229 | 229 | 227 | 225 | 222 | 220 | 216 | 210 | 205 | 200 | 193 | 189 |
| BPLE |  | 2 | 323 | 323 | 322 | 319 | 313 | 308 | 300 | 294 | 284 | 272 | 261 | 250 | 237 | 227 |
| BPLE |  | 3 | 389 | 388 | 385 | 379 | 369 | 360 | 348 | 338 | 323 | 307 | 289 | 274 | 254 | 242 |
| BPLE |  | 4 | 437 | 434 | 430 | 421 | 408 | 396 | 379 | 365 | 344 | 324 | 303 | 284 | 260 | 247 |
| BPLE |  | 5 | 472 | 469 | 462 | 452 | 435 | 420 | 398 | 381 | 357 | 333 | 309 | 288 | 262 | 249 |
| BPLE |  | 6 | 498 | 494 | 486 | 473 | 452 | 436 | 410 | 391 | 364 | 338 | 313 | 291 | 264 | 250 |
| BPLE |  | 7 | 517 | 512 | 503 | 488 | 465 | 446 | 417 | 396 | 367 | 341 | 315 | 292 | 265 | 251 |
| BPLE |  | 8 | 531 | 526 | 515 | 498 | 473 | 452 | 421 | 399 | 370 | 342 | 316 | 293 | 266 | 252 |
| BPLE |  | 9 | 540 | 533 | 522 | 503 | 476 | 454 | 422 | 400 | 371 | 343 | 316 | 294 | 266 | 252 |
| region | SNA 1 |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 |  | 1 | 1204 | 1206 | 1209 | 1213 | 1214 | 1214 | 1210 | 1207 | 1190 | 1173 | 1151 | 1126 | 1087 | 1056 |
| SNA 1 |  | 2 | 1902 | 1904 | 1902 | 1902 | 1893 | 1879 | 1856 | 1830 | 1785 | 1730 | 1667 | 1596 | 1507 | 1431 |
| SNA 1 |  | 3 | 2430 | 2426 | 2415 | 2400 | 2370 | 2334 | 2280 | 2223 | 2135 | 2039 | 1927 | 1816 | 1681 | 1571 |
| SNA 1 |  | 4 | 2823 | 2814 | 2792 | 2763 | 2710 | 2650 | 2562 | 2468 | 2341 | 2205 | 2053 | 1911 | 1750 | 1625 |
| SNA 1 |  | 5 | 3117 | 3103 | 3071 | 3027 | 2953 | 2869 | 2745 | 2616 | 2453 | 2287 | 2112 | 1954 | 1781 | 1649 |
| SNA 1 |  | 6 | 3338 | 3321 | 3279 | 3221 | 3125 | 3015 | 2855 | 2699 | 2511 | 2329 | 2142 | 1975 | 1796 | 1661 |
| SNA 1 |  | 7 | 3507 | 3487 | 3436 | 3363 | 3243 | 3105 | 2917 | 2742 | 2541 | 2350 | 2157 | 1986 | 1805 | 1667 |
| SNA 1 |  | 8 | 3635 | 3610 | 3550 | 3458 | 3310 | 3153 | 2949 | 2764 | 2556 | 2360 | 2164 | 1992 | 1808 | 1670 |
| SNA 1 |  | 9 | 3725 | 3694 | 3617 | 3503 | 3340 | 3175 | 2963 | 2773 | 2562 | 2364 | 2167 | 1993 | 1810 | 1671 |

Appendix 2: continued -based on interview data collected in 2011-12, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 2e: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2011-12 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.

|  |  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | ENLD |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD |  | 1 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.59 |
| ENLD |  | 2 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.47 |
| ENLD |  | 3 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.40 | 0.43 |
| ENLD |  | 4 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.41 |
| ENLD |  | 5 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.41 |
| ENLD |  | 6 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| ENLD |  | 7 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| ENLD |  | 8 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| ENLD |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| region | HAGU |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU |  | 1 | 0.74 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.77 |
| HAGU |  | 2 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.66 |
| HAGU |  | 3 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.49 | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.63 |
| HAGU |  | 4 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 |
| HAGU |  | 5 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.60 |
| HAGU |  | 6 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| HAGU |  | 7 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| HAGU |  | 8 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| HAGU |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.60 |
| region | BPLE |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE |  | 1 | 0.58 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.65 |
| BPLE |  | 2 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.56 | 0.58 |
| BPLE |  | 3 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.55 |
| BPLE |  | 4 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.54 |
| BPLE |  | 5 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| BPLE |  | 6 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| BPLE |  | 7 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.53 |
| BPLE |  | 8 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.53 |
| BPLE |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.53 |
| region | SNA 1 |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 |  | 1 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.72 |
| SNA 1 |  | 2 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.51 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.60 | 0.62 |
| SNA 1 |  | 3 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.45 | 0.48 | 0.51 | 0.55 | 0.58 |
| SNA 1 |  | 4 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.31 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.56 |
| SNA 1 |  | 5 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.56 |
| SNA 1 |  | 6 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.55 |
| SNA 1 |  | 7 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.52 | 0.55 |
| SNA 1 |  | 8 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.55 |
| SNA 1 |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.55 |

Appendix 3: Evaluation of the impact alternative combinations of minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits on the recreational harvest from SNA 1, based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming independent fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 3a: Estimates of the proportional change in the total weight of snapper landed in each region of SNA 1 in 2011-12 for alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , for daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2004-05, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.


Appendix 3: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming independent fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 3b: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest from SNA 1 in 2004-05 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2004-05, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.

|  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.68 | 0.69 |
| ENLD | 2 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.59 |
| ENLD | 3 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.56 |
| ENLD | 4 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 5 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 6 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 7 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 8 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.50 | 0.53 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 0.81 | 0.83 | 0.84 |
| HAGU | 2 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.74 | 0.77 | 0.79 |
| HAGU | 3 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.51 | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.74 | 0.77 |
| HAGU | 4 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.77 |
| HAGU | 5 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.65 | 0.69 | 0.73 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 6 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.33 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.59 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 7 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.31 | 0.38 | 0.45 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 8 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.20 | 0.28 | 0.37 | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| BPLE | 2 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.48 | 0.49 | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.66 | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.74 |
| BPLE | 3 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.71 |
| BPLE | 4 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.63 | 0.67 | 0.70 |
| BPLE | 5 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 6 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.38 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 7 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.23 | 0.30 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 8 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.49 | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.55 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.66 | 0.69 | 0.71 | 0.74 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.68 | 0.71 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.60 | 0.63 | 0.67 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.30 | 0.37 | 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.69 |

Appendix 3: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming independent fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 3c: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat based fishers in SNA 1 in 2004-05 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to $\mathbf{4 0} \mathbf{~ c m}$, and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2004-05, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates. These harvest estimates do not include any provision for harvest taken by shore based fishers, which are included in the estimates given in Appendix 3d.

|  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 209 | 208 | 207 | 205 | 204 | 201 | 197 | 190 | 187 | 182 | 175 | 170 | 164 | 158 |
| ENLD | 2 | 325 | 324 | 320 | 313 | 304 | 294 | 284 | 271 | 262 | 251 | 238 | 230 | 217 | 206 |
| ENLD | 3 | 395 | 393 | 386 | 373 | 358 | 342 | 325 | 308 | 294 | 278 | 263 | 252 | 236 | 224 |
| ENLD | 4 | 438 | 434 | 424 | 408 | 387 | 367 | 347 | 327 | 309 | 292 | 275 | 263 | 245 | 231 |
| ENLD | 5 | 464 | 459 | 447 | 429 | 405 | 381 | 358 | 336 | 316 | 297 | 279 | 266 | 248 | 233 |
| ENLD | 6 | 481 | 475 | 461 | 440 | 414 | 388 | 364 | 341 | 320 | 300 | 282 | 268 | 249 | 234 |
| ENLD | 7 | 493 | 486 | 470 | 447 | 420 | 393 | 368 | 343 | 322 | 301 | 283 | 269 | 250 | 234 |
| ENLD | 8 | 501 | 494 | 476 | 452 | 424 | 396 | 370 | 344 | 323 | 302 | 284 | 270 | 250 | 235 |
| ENLD | 9 | 506 | 498 | 479 | 455 | 426 | 397 | 371 | 345 | 323 | 303 | 284 | 270 | 251 | 235 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 360 | 361 | 360 | 356 | 351 | 342 | 330 | 318 | 297 | 278 | 255 | 236 | 218 | 200 |
| HAGU | 2 | 613 | 610 | 602 | 587 | 566 | 541 | 509 | 480 | 439 | 400 | 359 | 326 | 293 | 262 |
| HAGU | 3 | 800 | 792 | 774 | 747 | 708 | 665 | 617 | 574 | 517 | 461 | 408 | 366 | 325 | 286 |
| HAGU | 4 | 943 | 930 | 903 | 861 | 807 | 751 | 686 | 629 | 561 | 495 | 436 | 387 | 341 | 297 |
| HAGU | 5 | 1047 | 1029 | 995 | 946 | 880 | 810 | 730 | 665 | 587 | 515 | 450 | 397 | 347 | 301 |
| HAGU | 6 | 1125 | 1106 | 1066 | 1009 | 932 | 852 | 761 | 689 | 604 | 526 | 459 | 402 | 350 | 302 |
| HAGU | 7 | 1185 | 1164 | 1118 | 1056 | 971 | 881 | 781 | 703 | 614 | 533 | 464 | 405 | 351 | 303 |
| HAGU | 8 | 1233 | 1210 | 1159 | 1090 | 996 | 899 | 793 | 712 | 620 | 536 | 467 | 406 | 352 | 304 |
| HAGU | 9 | 1268 | 1242 | 1185 | 1110 | 1009 | 909 | 800 | 716 | 623 | 538 | 468 | 407 | 352 | 304 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 140 | 139 | 139 | 138 | 136 | 133 | 129 | 124 | 120 | 115 | 108 | 102 | 95 | 88 |
| BPLE | 2 | 236 | 234 | 231 | 226 | 219 | 209 | 198 | 187 | 176 | 164 | 152 | 141 | 128 | 118 |
| BPLE | 3 | 306 | 303 | 297 | 287 | 272 | 256 | 237 | 220 | 205 | 188 | 173 | 159 | 142 | 129 |
| BPLE | 4 | 354 | 349 | 341 | 324 | 304 | 281 | 257 | 236 | 218 | 200 | 181 | 166 | 148 | 135 |
| BPLE | 5 | 387 | 382 | 369 | 348 | 323 | 297 | 269 | 245 | 225 | 205 | 185 | 170 | 151 | 137 |
| BPLE | 6 | 410 | 403 | 388 | 364 | 335 | 307 | 275 | 251 | 229 | 207 | 188 | 171 | 152 | 138 |
| BPLE | 7 | 426 | 419 | 402 | 375 | 344 | 313 | 280 | 254 | 231 | 209 | 189 | 172 | 153 | 138 |
| BPLE | 8 | 439 | 431 | 412 | 382 | 349 | 317 | 282 | 255 | 232 | 210 | 190 | 173 | 153 | 138 |
| BPLE | 9 | 447 | 438 | 418 | 386 | 352 | 318 | 282 | 256 | 233 | 210 | 190 | 173 | 153 | 138 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 709 | 709 | 706 | 700 | 690 | 676 | 655 | 632 | 604 | 575 | 539 | 508 | 476 | 446 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 1174 | 1168 | 1152 | 1126 | 1088 | 1044 | 991 | 937 | 877 | 815 | 749 | 696 | 638 | 586 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 1501 | 1488 | 1457 | 1406 | 1339 | 1264 | 1179 | 1102 | 1015 | 928 | 844 | 777 | 704 | 639 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 1735 | 1713 | 1667 | 1594 | 1498 | 1399 | 1290 | 1193 | 1088 | 987 | 892 | 816 | 734 | 662 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 1898 | 1870 | 1811 | 1722 | 1608 | 1488 | 1357 | 1246 | 1128 | 1017 | 915 | 833 | 746 | 671 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 2016 | 1983 | 1915 | 1813 | 1682 | 1547 | 1400 | 1280 | 1153 | 1033 | 928 | 841 | 751 | 674 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 2104 | 2068 | 1990 | 1878 | 1734 | 1587 | 1429 | 1300 | 1167 | 1044 | 936 | 847 | 754 | 676 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 2173 | 2134 | 2047 | 1924 | 1769 | 1612 | 1445 | 1311 | 1175 | 1049 | 940 | 849 | 755 | 677 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 2221 | 2177 | 2082 | 1951 | 1787 | 1624 | 1453 | 1316 | 1179 | 1051 | 942 | 850 | 756 | 678 |

Appendix 3: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming independent fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 3d: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2004-05 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.


Appendix 3: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming independent fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 3e: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2004-05 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.


Appendix 4: Evaluation of the impact alternative combinations of minimum legal size limits and daily bag limits on the recreational harvest from SNA 1, based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 4a: Estimates of the proportional change in the total weight of snapper landed in each region of SNA 1 in 2004-05 for alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , for daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2004-05, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.


Appendix 4: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 4b: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest from SNA 1 in 2004-05 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2004-05, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates.

|  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.69 |
| ENLD | 2 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.39 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.49 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.56 | 0.58 |
| ENLD | 3 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.56 |
| ENLD | 4 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.55 |
| ENLD | 5 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.48 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 6 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 7 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 8 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| ENLD | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 0.81 | 0.83 | 0.84 |
| HAGU | 2 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.56 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.76 | 0.79 |
| HAGU | 3 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.62 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.74 | 0.77 |
| HAGU | 4 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.60 | 0.65 | 0.69 | 0.73 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 5 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.21 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.53 | 0.59 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.73 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 6 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 7 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.23 | 0.30 | 0.38 | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 8 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| HAGU | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.20 | 0.28 | 0.37 | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| BPLE | 2 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.57 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.73 |
| BPLE | 3 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.70 |
| BPLE | 4 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| BPLE | 5 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.33 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 6 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.31 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 7 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.23 | 0.30 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 8 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| BPLE | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.69 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.68 | 0.70 | 0.73 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.71 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.63 | 0.67 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.23 | 0.30 | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.21 | 0.28 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.70 |

Appendix 4: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 4c: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat based fishers in SNA 1 in 2004-05 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to $\mathbf{4 0} \mathbf{~ c m}$, and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish. Seasonal estimates of proportional change for each region have been weighted together given aerial-access estimates of the weight of fish landed in each season in 2004-05, and the same harvest estimates have been used to weight together regional estimates. These harvest estimates do not include any provision for harvest taken by shore based fishers, which are included in the estimates given in Appendix 4d.

|  |  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD | 1 | 209 | 208 | 207 | 206 | 204 | 201 | 197 | 190 | 188 | 181 | 175 | 170 | 164 | 158 |
| ENLD | 2 | 332 | 330 | 326 | 321 | 312 | 301 | 290 | 277 | 268 | 257 | 245 | 235 | 221 | 211 |
| ENLD | 3 | 399 | 397 | 390 | 378 | 363 | 346 | 331 | 313 | 299 | 282 | 266 | 255 | 239 | 226 |
| ENLD | 4 | 442 | 438 | 428 | 412 | 392 | 371 | 352 | 331 | 313 | 294 | 276 | 264 | 246 | 231 |
| ENLD | 5 | 468 | 463 | 451 | 432 | 409 | 385 | 362 | 338 | 318 | 298 | 280 | 267 | 248 | 233 |
| ENLD | 6 | 485 | 479 | 465 | 445 | 418 | 391 | 366 | 342 | 321 | 300 | 282 | 269 | 249 | 234 |
| ENLD | 7 | 497 | 490 | 474 | 451 | 423 | 394 | 369 | 344 | 322 | 302 | 283 | 270 | 251 | 235 |
| ENLD | 8 | 504 | 497 | 479 | 454 | 425 | 396 | 370 | 345 | 323 | 303 | 284 | 270 | 251 | 236 |
| ENLD | 9 | 509 | 500 | 481 | 456 | 426 | 398 | 371 | 346 | 324 | 303 | 285 | 271 | 251 | 236 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU | 1 | 360 | 361 | 360 | 356 | 350 | 342 | 330 | 319 | 297 | 278 | 255 | 236 | 218 | 200 |
| HAGU | 2 | 624 | 623 | 616 | 604 | 584 | 559 | 528 | 499 | 458 | 417 | 375 | 338 | 304 | 270 |
| HAGU | 3 | 812 | 806 | 791 | 766 | 728 | 686 | 638 | 597 | 541 | 481 | 423 | 377 | 332 | 291 |
| HAGU | 4 | 954 | 942 | 916 | 879 | 826 | 770 | 706 | 653 | 580 | 510 | 447 | 394 | 345 | 299 |
| HAGU | 5 | 1056 | 1040 | 1007 | 959 | 896 | 828 | 750 | 683 | 600 | 524 | 458 | 402 | 349 | 302 |
| HAGU | 6 | 1134 | 1116 | 1076 | 1021 | 947 | 869 | 776 | 700 | 613 | 532 | 464 | 405 | 351 | 303 |
| HAGU | 7 | 1192 | 1171 | 1128 | 1065 | 982 | 893 | 790 | 710 | 619 | 536 | 466 | 406 | 352 | 304 |
| HAGU | 8 | 1238 | 1215 | 1165 | 1097 | 1003 | 905 | 798 | 715 | 622 | 538 | 468 | 407 | 352 | 304 |
| HAGU | 9 | 1271 | 1244 | 1188 | 1112 | 1011 | 910 | 801 | 717 | 623 | 538 | 468 | 407 | 352 | 304 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE | 1 | 140 | 140 | 139 | 138 | 136 | 133 | 129 | 124 | 120 | 115 | 108 | 102 | 95 | 88 |
| BPLE | 2 | 240 | 238 | 235 | 232 | 225 | 217 | 205 | 194 | 184 | 171 | 157 | 146 | 132 | 121 |
| BPLE | 3 | 311 | 309 | 304 | 295 | 281 | 265 | 245 | 227 | 211 | 193 | 177 | 163 | 146 | 132 |
| BPLE | 4 | 359 | 355 | 347 | 331 | 311 | 288 | 263 | 241 | 222 | 203 | 185 | 169 | 151 | 136 |
| BPLE | 5 | 391 | 386 | 374 | 354 | 329 | 302 | 273 | 249 | 229 | 208 | 188 | 172 | 152 | 138 |
| BPLE | 6 | 414 | 407 | 393 | 368 | 340 | 310 | 278 | 253 | 231 | 210 | 189 | 172 | 153 | 138 |
| BPLE | 7 | 430 | 422 | 406 | 378 | 347 | 315 | 282 | 255 | 232 | 210 | 190 | 173 | 153 | 138 |
| BPLE | 8 | 441 | 433 | 414 | 384 | 351 | 318 | 282 | 255 | 233 | 210 | 190 | 173 | 153 | 138 |
| BPLE | 9 | 448 | 439 | 419 | 387 | 352 | 318 | 282 | 256 | 233 | 210 | 190 | 173 | 153 | 138 |
| region | baglimit | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 | 1 | 708 | 709 | 706 | 700 | 690 | 676 | 656 | 633 | 605 | 574 | 539 | 508 | 476 | 447 |
| SNA 1 | 2 | 1195 | 1191 | 1177 | 1156 | 1121 | 1077 | 1023 | 970 | 910 | 845 | 777 | 719 | 657 | 602 |
| SNA 1 | 3 | 1523 | 1512 | 1485 | 1440 | 1373 | 1298 | 1214 | 1137 | 1051 | 957 | 866 | 794 | 717 | 649 |
| SNA 1 | 4 | 1755 | 1735 | 1691 | 1622 | 1529 | 1429 | 1321 | 1225 | 1115 | 1006 | 908 | 827 | 741 | 667 |
| SNA 1 | 5 | 1916 | 1888 | 1832 | 1745 | 1634 | 1515 | 1385 | 1271 | 1146 | 1030 | 926 | 841 | 750 | 673 |
| SNA 1 | 6 | 2033 | 2002 | 1934 | 1834 | 1705 | 1571 | 1420 | 1295 | 1165 | 1042 | 935 | 846 | 753 | 676 |
| SNA 1 | 7 | 2118 | 2083 | 2007 | 1894 | 1751 | 1603 | 1440 | 1309 | 1174 | 1048 | 939 | 848 | 755 | 677 |
| SNA 1 | 8 | 2183 | 2145 | 2058 | 1936 | 1779 | 1619 | 1450 | 1315 | 1178 | 1051 | 942 | 850 | 756 | 678 |
| SNA 1 | 9 | 2228 | 2184 | 2088 | 1955 | 1789 | 1626 | 1454 | 1318 | 1180 | 1052 | 942 | 851 | 757 | 678 |

Appendix 4: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 4d: Estimates of the regional tonnage of snapper landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2004-05 given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.

|  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | ENLD |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD |  | 1 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 |
| ENLD |  | 2 | 255 | 254 | 253 | 252 | 250 | 247 | 243 | 237 | 234 | 227 | 222 | 216 | 210 | 204 |
| ENLD |  | 3 | 378 | 376 | 372 | 367 | 358 | 347 | 336 | 323 | 314 | 303 | 291 | 281 | 268 | 257 |
| ENLD |  | 4 | 446 | 443 | 436 | 425 | 409 | 392 | 377 | 360 | 345 | 329 | 312 | 301 | 285 | 272 |
| ENLD |  | 5 | 488 | 485 | 475 | 458 | 438 | 417 | 398 | 377 | 359 | 340 | 322 | 310 | 292 | 278 |
| ENLD |  | 6 | 514 | 509 | 497 | 478 | 455 | 431 | 408 | 384 | 364 | 344 | 326 | 313 | 294 | 279 |
| ENLD |  | 7 | 531 | 525 | 511 | 491 | 465 | 438 | 412 | 388 | 367 | 347 | 328 | 315 | 296 | 281 |
| ENLD |  | 8 | 543 | 536 | 520 | 497 | 469 | 441 | 415 | 390 | 368 | 348 | 330 | 316 | 297 | 282 |
| ENLD |  | 9 | 550 | 543 | 525 | 501 | 471 | 443 | 416 | 391 | 369 | 349 | 330 | 317 | 298 | 282 |
| region | HAGU |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU |  | 1 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 |
| HAGU |  | 2 | 423 | 425 | 423 | 420 | 414 | 405 | 394 | 382 | 360 | 341 | 319 | 299 | 281 | 263 |
| HAGU |  | 3 | 687 | 686 | 679 | 667 | 647 | 622 | 591 | 562 | 521 | 480 | 438 | 402 | 367 | 333 |
| HAGU |  | 4 | 875 | 869 | 854 | 829 | 791 | 750 | 702 | 660 | 604 | 545 | 487 | 440 | 395 | 354 |
| HAGU |  | 5 | 1018 | 1005 | 979 | 942 | 889 | 833 | 770 | 716 | 643 | 573 | 510 | 457 | 408 | 362 |
| HAGU |  | 6 | 1120 | 1103 | 1070 | 1022 | 959 | 891 | 814 | 746 | 663 | 588 | 521 | 465 | 412 | 365 |
| HAGU |  | 7 | 1198 | 1179 | 1140 | 1084 | 1010 | 932 | 839 | 763 | 676 | 595 | 527 | 468 | 414 | 366 |
| HAGU |  | 8 | 1256 | 1235 | 1191 | 1129 | 1046 | 956 | 853 | 773 | 683 | 599 | 530 | 469 | 415 | 367 |
| HAGU |  | 9 | 1301 | 1278 | 1228 | 1160 | 1066 | 968 | 861 | 778 | 685 | 601 | 531 | 470 | 415 | 367 |
| region | BPLE |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE |  | 1 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 105 |
| BPLE |  | 2 | 205 | 205 | 204 | 203 | 201 | 198 | 194 | 189 | 185 | 180 | 173 | 167 | 160 | 153 |
| BPLE |  | 3 | 305 | 303 | 300 | 297 | 290 | 282 | 270 | 259 | 249 | 236 | 222 | 211 | 197 | 186 |
| BPLE |  | 4 | 376 | 374 | 369 | 360 | 346 | 330 | 310 | 292 | 276 | 258 | 242 | 228 | 211 | 197 |
| BPLE |  | 5 | 424 | 420 | 412 | 396 | 376 | 353 | 328 | 306 | 287 | 268 | 250 | 234 | 216 | 201 |
| BPLE |  | 6 | 456 | 451 | 439 | 419 | 394 | 367 | 338 | 314 | 294 | 273 | 253 | 237 | 217 | 203 |
| BPLE |  | 7 | 479 | 472 | 458 | 433 | 405 | 375 | 343 | 318 | 296 | 275 | 254 | 237 | 218 | 203 |
| BPLE |  | 8 | 495 | 487 | 471 | 443 | 412 | 380 | 347 | 320 | 297 | 275 | 255 | 238 | 218 | 203 |
| BPLE |  | 9 | 506 | 498 | 479 | 449 | 416 | 383 | 347 | 320 | 298 | 275 | 255 | 238 | 218 | 203 |
| region | SNA 1 |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 |  | 1 | 255 | 258 | 261 | 264 | 267 | 270 | 273 | 276 | 279 | 282 | 285 | 288 | 291 | 294 |
| SNA 1 |  | 2 | 883 | 883 | 880 | 875 | 865 | 850 | 830 | 807 | 780 | 749 | 713 | 682 | 650 | 621 |
| SNA 1 |  | 3 | 1370 | 1366 | 1352 | 1330 | 1296 | 1251 | 1198 | 1144 | 1084 | 1019 | 952 | 894 | 832 | 777 |
| SNA 1 |  | 4 | 1697 | 1686 | 1659 | 1614 | 1547 | 1472 | 1388 | 1312 | 1225 | 1132 | 1041 | 969 | 891 | 823 |
| SNA 1 |  | 5 | 1929 | 1909 | 1865 | 1796 | 1703 | 1603 | 1496 | 1399 | 1289 | 1181 | 1082 | 1002 | 916 | 841 |
| SNA 1 |  | 6 | 2090 | 2063 | 2006 | 1919 | 1808 | 1689 | 1559 | 1445 | 1321 | 1205 | 1101 | 1015 | 924 | 848 |
| SNA 1 |  | 7 | 2208 | 2177 | 2109 | 2008 | 1879 | 1745 | 1595 | 1470 | 1339 | 1217 | 1110 | 1020 | 928 | 850 |
| SNA 1 |  | 8 | 2293 | 2258 | 2181 | 2069 | 1926 | 1777 | 1615 | 1483 | 1348 | 1222 | 1114 | 1023 | 930 | 852 |
| SNA 1 |  | 9 | 2358 | 2319 | 2232 | 2110 | 1953 | 1794 | 1625 | 1490 | 1352 | 1225 | 1116 | 1024 | 931 | 852 |

Appendix 4: continued -based on interview data collected in 2004-05, assuming co-fisher harvesting behaviour.

Appendix 4e: Estimates of the proportion by which the regional recreational harvest landed by boat and shore based fishers in SNA 1 in 2004-05 would have been reduced given alternative minimum legal size limits ranging from 27 to 40 cm , and daily bag limits ranging from 1 to 9 fish.

|  | Minimum legal size |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| region | ENLD |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| ENLD |  | 1 | 0.87 | 0.87 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.84 |
| ENLD |  | 2 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 0.63 |
| ENLD |  | 3 | 0.31 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.39 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.49 | 0.51 | 0.53 |
| ENLD |  | 4 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.45 | 0.48 | 0.51 |
| ENLD |  | 5 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.50 |
| ENLD |  | 6 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.49 |
| ENLD |  | 7 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.49 |
| ENLD |  | 8 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.49 |
| ENLD |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.49 |
| region | HAGU |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| HAGU |  | 1 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 |
| HAGU |  | 2 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.80 |
| HAGU |  | 3 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.60 | 0.63 | 0.66 | 0.69 | 0.72 | 0.74 |
| HAGU |  | 4 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.63 | 0.66 | 0.70 | 0.73 |
| HAGU |  | 5 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.56 | 0.61 | 0.65 | 0.69 | 0.72 |
| HAGU |  | 6 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.21 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.49 | 0.55 | 0.60 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.72 |
| HAGU |  | 7 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.48 | 0.54 | 0.60 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.72 |
| HAGU |  | 8 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.20 | 0.27 | 0.34 | 0.41 | 0.48 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.72 |
| HAGU |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.26 | 0.34 | 0.40 | 0.47 | 0.54 | 0.59 | 0.64 | 0.68 | 0.72 |
| region | BPLE |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| BPLE |  | 1 | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.79 | 0.79 |
| BPLE |  | 2 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.70 |
| BPLE |  | 3 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.49 | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.63 |
| BPLE |  | 4 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.49 | 0.52 | 0.55 | 0.58 | 0.61 |
| BPLE |  | 5 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.57 | 0.60 |
| BPLE |  | 6 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.33 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.60 |
| BPLE |  | 7 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.60 |
| BPLE |  | 8 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.60 |
| BPLE |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.24 | 0.31 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.60 |
| region | SNA 1 |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| SNA 1 |  | 1 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| SNA 1 |  | 2 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.74 |
| SNA 1 |  | 3 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.49 | 0.51 | 0.54 | 0.57 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.67 |
| SNA 1 |  | 4 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.65 |
| SNA 1 |  | 5 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| SNA 1 |  | 6 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.49 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| SNA 1 |  | 7 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| SNA 1 |  | 8 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.18 | 0.25 | 0.32 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| SNA 1 |  | 9 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.17 | 0.24 | 0.31 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.64 |

