

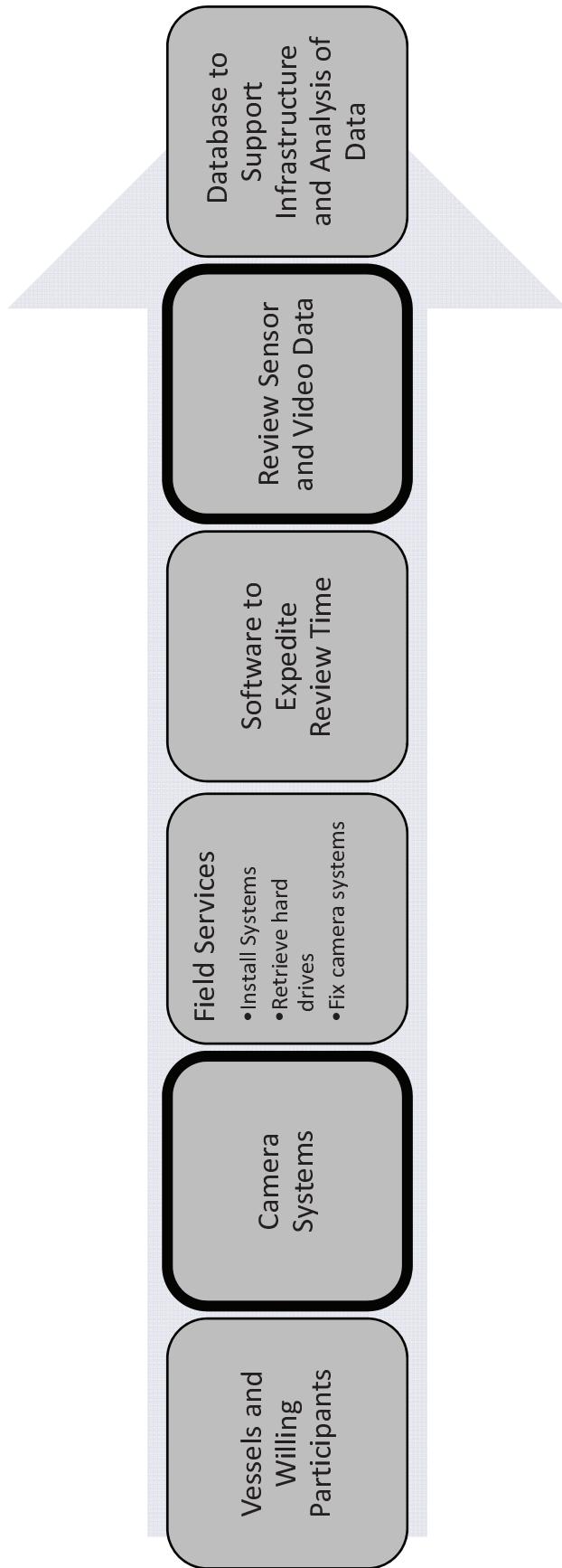
# Electronic Monitoring Field Program

## Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014



# Moving parts of an EM Program



## Basic design features

- All participants were volunteer vessels
- All trips had an observer onboard
- All observers conducted science sampling tasks as well as IFQ species compliance monitoring
  - Compliance monitoring: estimating the at-sea discards of vessels for the purposes of effectively debiting quota accounts throughout the fishing season

## Working Definitions

### Catch:

- Anything that we see that breaks the surface, excluding sea birds and marine mammals that are swimming freely alongside the vessel
- If we see it, we count it

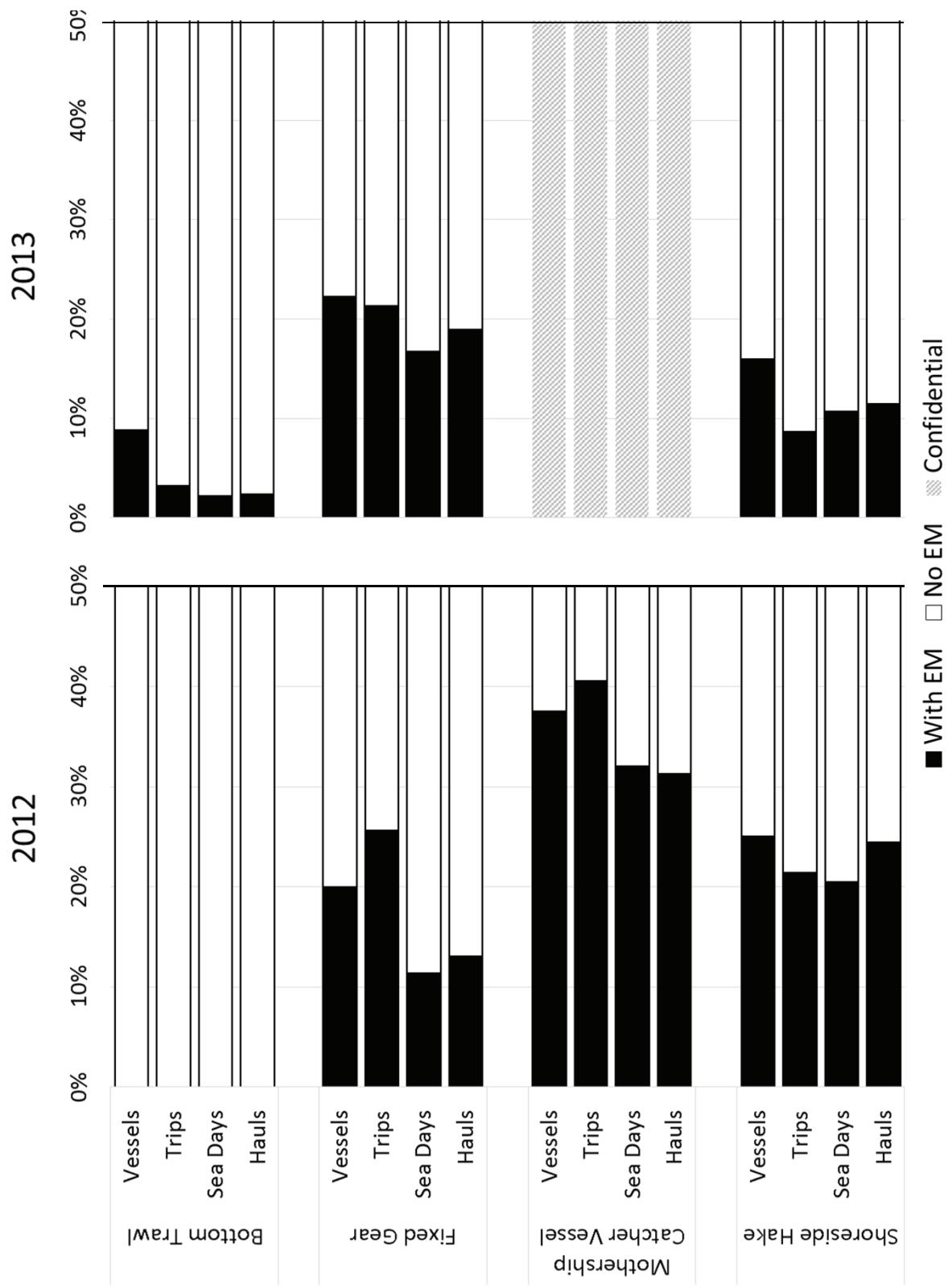
### Retained:

- Catch that is kept on the vessel

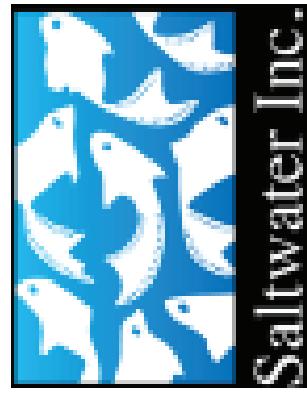
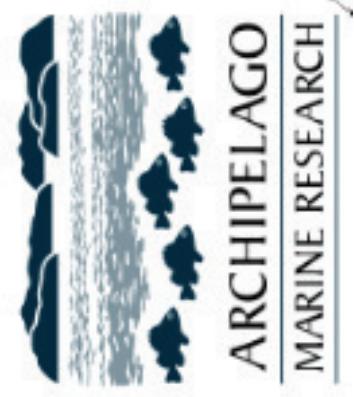
### Discard:

- Catch that is not kept on the vessel
- Discard includes marine organisms that wash out of the net before the net comes onboard the vessel, that fall off or out of fishing gear before it makes it on the vessel, or are free floating on the surface

# Proportion of Fleet with EM Coverage



# Two camera providers



# Saltwater Inc.'s Camera System

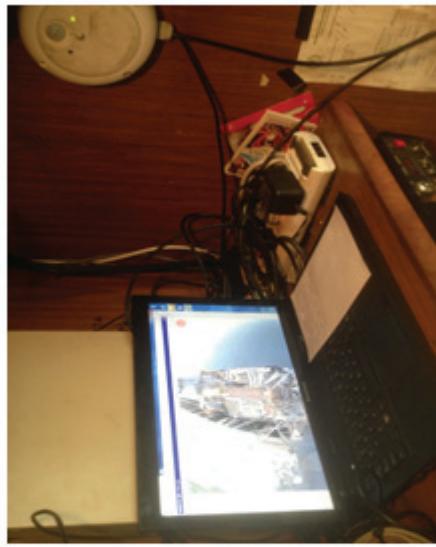
EMS Camera, GPS and Motion  
Sensor (2 per vessel)



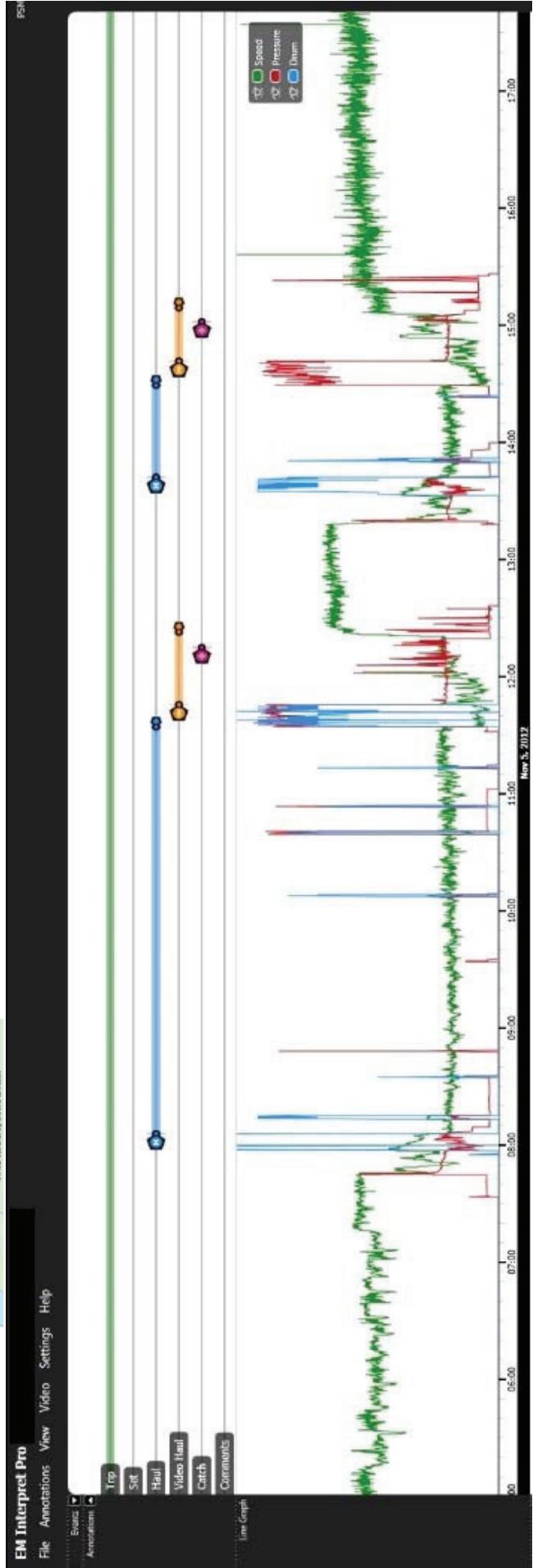
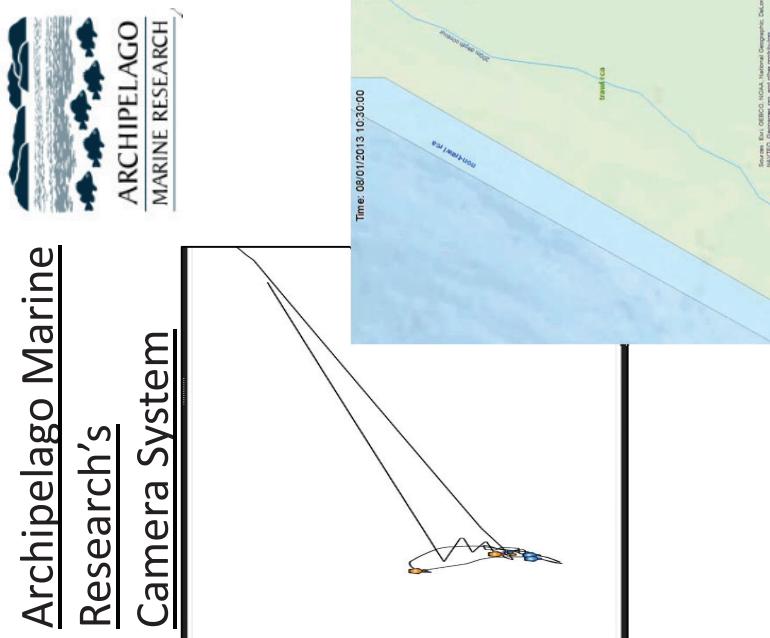
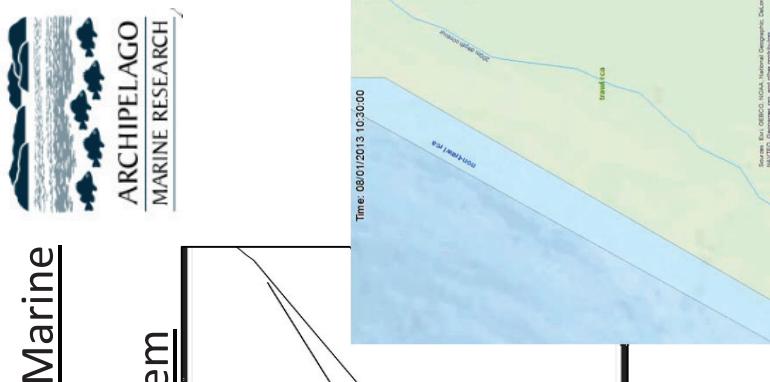
Hydraulic Pressure Transducer



Control Point/User Interface



# Archipelago Marine Research's Camera System



## Demonstration of AMR and Saltwater Software

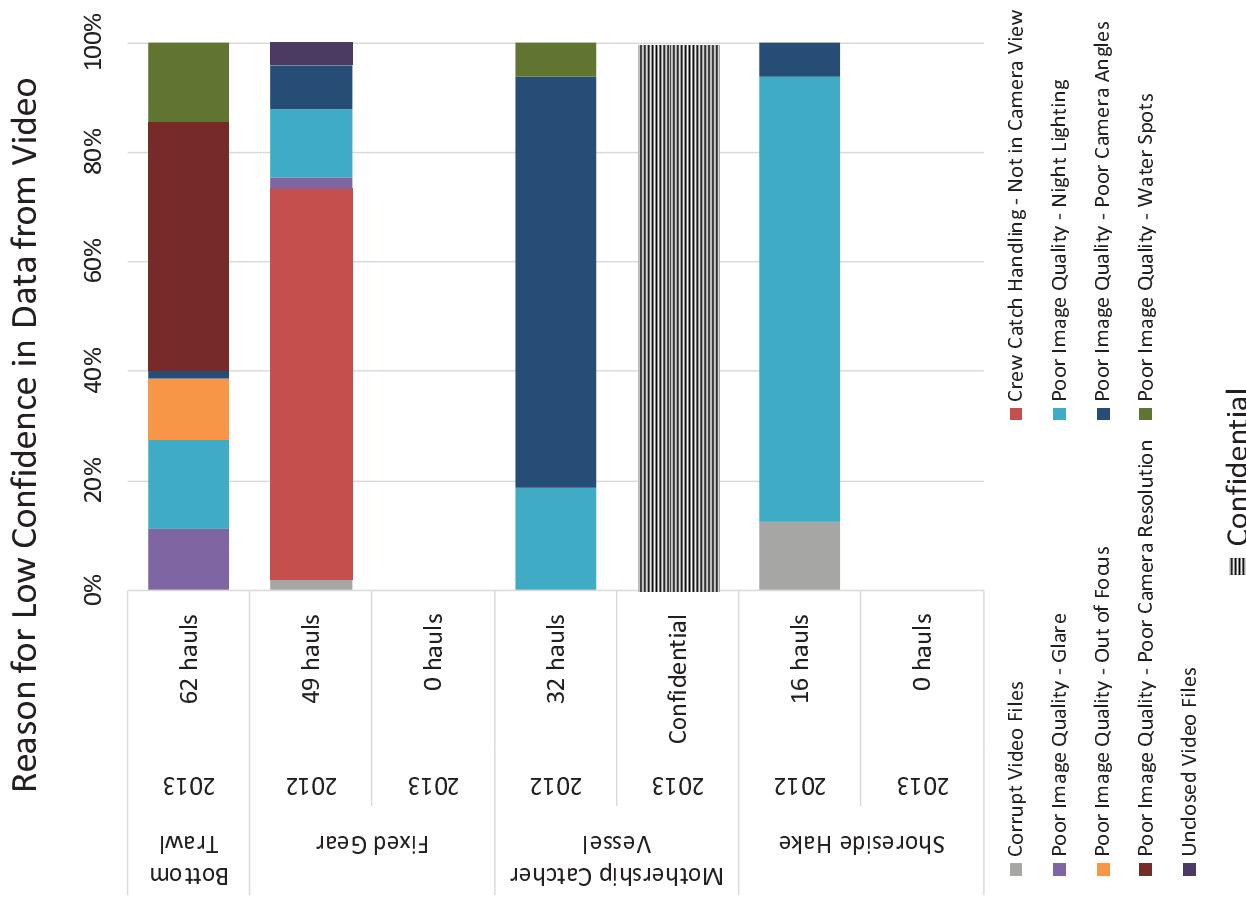
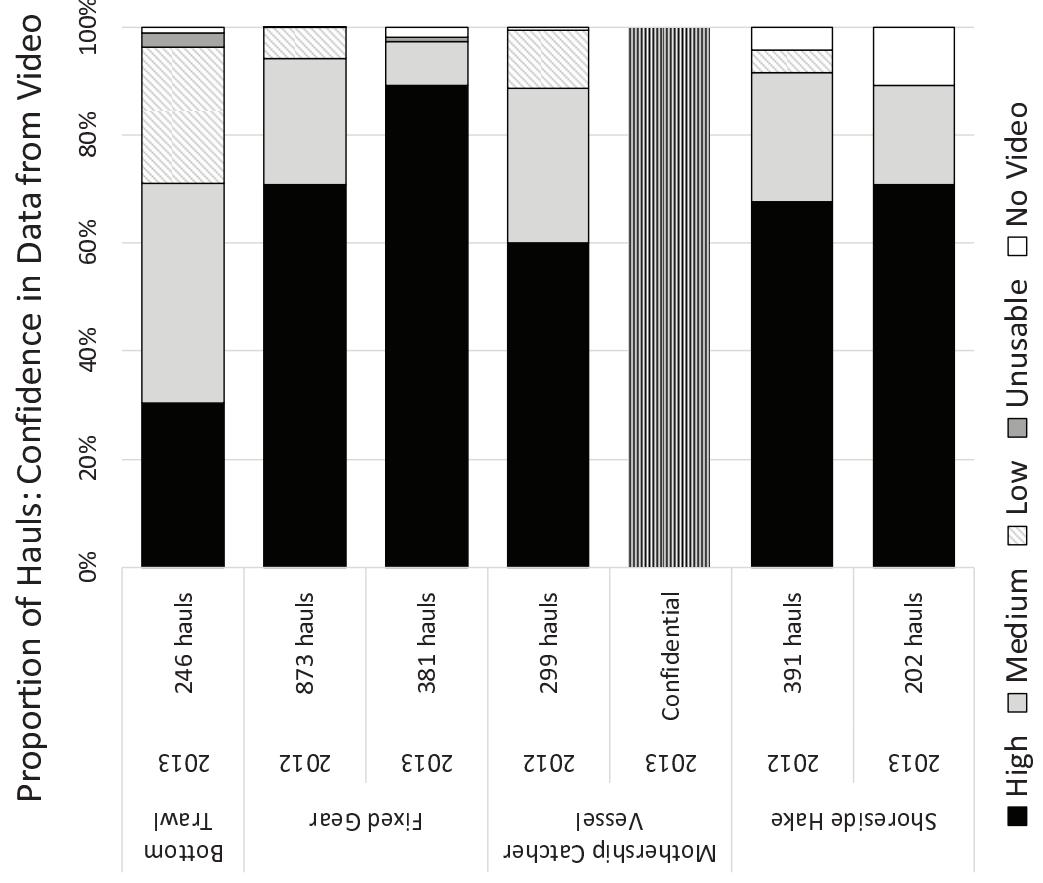
[Saltwater Video](#)

[Archipelago Video](#)

## Confidence in Data from Video

- Can be:
  - High
  - Medium
  - Low or
  - Unusable
- Qualitative measures

It is not the quality of the video – it is the confidence in the data that is captured from the video



Glare



[Bottom Trawl Video](#)

## Night Lighting

### Bottom Trawl Video



### MSCV Video



## Water Spots



[Bottom Trawl Video](#)

[MSCV Video](#) (Water spots and Night lighting)

[Shoreside Hake Video](#) (Water spots and Night lighting)

# Alternatives

- 1 - Status Quo: Human Observers Estimate Discard
- 2 - Camera Recordings Used to Estimate Discard (Video is data source)
- 3 - Logbooks Use to Estimate Discard, with Camera Audits

## Alternatives 2 and 3

- Can't speak to effectiveness yet of logbook auditing (Alternative 3)
- Has been used in the BC fishery effectively

### **The advantages of an audit over a census approach to the review of video imagery in fishery monitoring**

Richard D. Stanley<sup>1\*</sup>, Howard McElderry<sup>2</sup>, Tameezan Mawani<sup>3</sup>, and John Koolman<sup>4</sup>  
Stanley, R.D., McElderry, H., Mawani, T., and Koolman, J. The advantages of an audit over a census approach to the review of video imagery in  
fishery monitoring – ICES Journal of Marine Science, doi:10.1093/icesjms/fsr058.

Received 18 October 2010; accepted 10 March 2011

- Logbooks are being collected – future analysis to come.
- Program currently working under Alternative 2 – 100% video review

# Alternatives 2 and 3

## Component: Discard Requirements

### All Options

- Allow selective discard of trash, mud, coral, etc.
- Require selective discards of prohibited species (except whiting trips);
- Require selective discards of ESA and MMPA species (i.e., protected species).
- Non-selective discard for e.g., safety, "bleeding net", zipper accidentally opened, fish came off hook, gilled in net

**Note:** Different options may be selected for different sectors & gears.

### Option A: Maximized Retention

- No selective discard for catch share species, non-catch share groundfish species
- No selective discard for non-groundfish species

### Option B: Optimize Retention of Catch Share Species - Limited Discards.

- Discard sub options are not mutually exclusive; all species approved for discard would need to be verifiable with cameras

Subopt 1: flatfish

Subopt 2: lingcod & sablefish

Subopt 3: non-rockfish groundfish

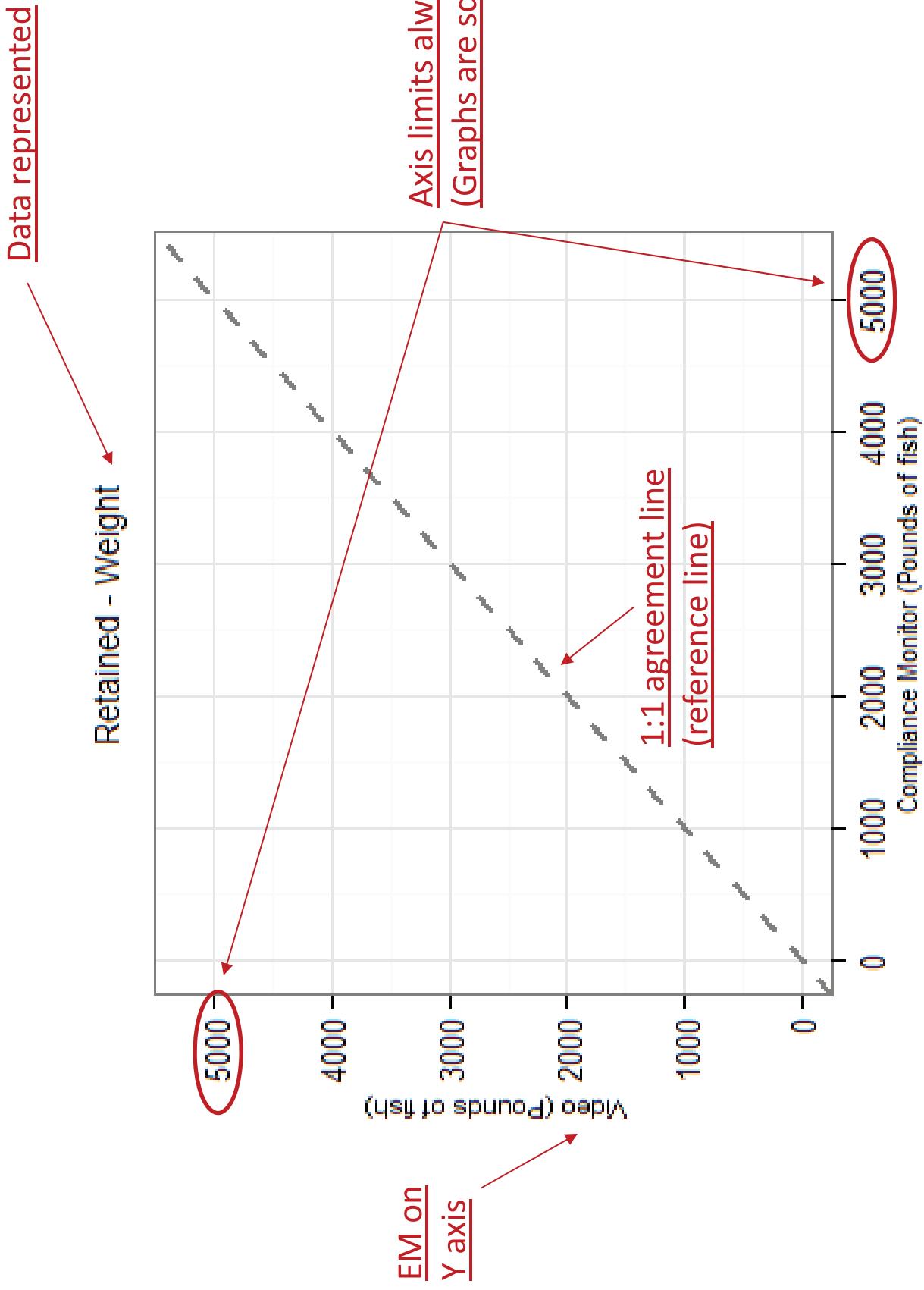
Subopt 4: spp verifiable with cameras

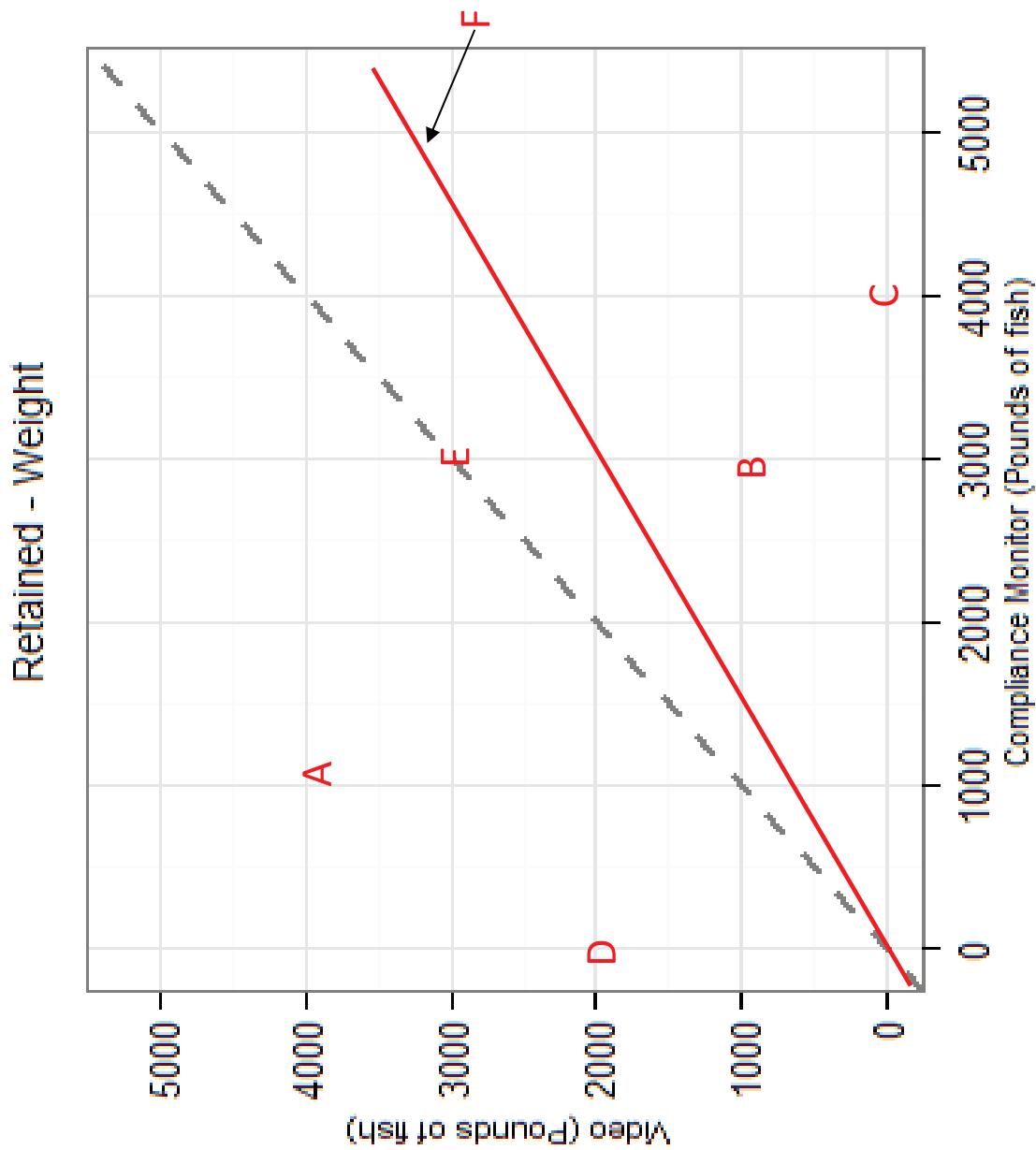
Subopt 5: all nongroundfish spp

### Option C: Discard at will (status quo)

## Shoreside Hake

- Option B & C (Selective discarding) aren't applicable
  - Fishery currently working under Option A (Maximized retention)
  - EM Data generally supports discard detection of larger discards (> 2,000 pounds)
- Discards are typically from the deck
- Could not speciate well enough to support any selective discarding (Options B or C) with current configuration





Shoreside Hake  
Discarded Catch  
Haul Level - EM vs CM

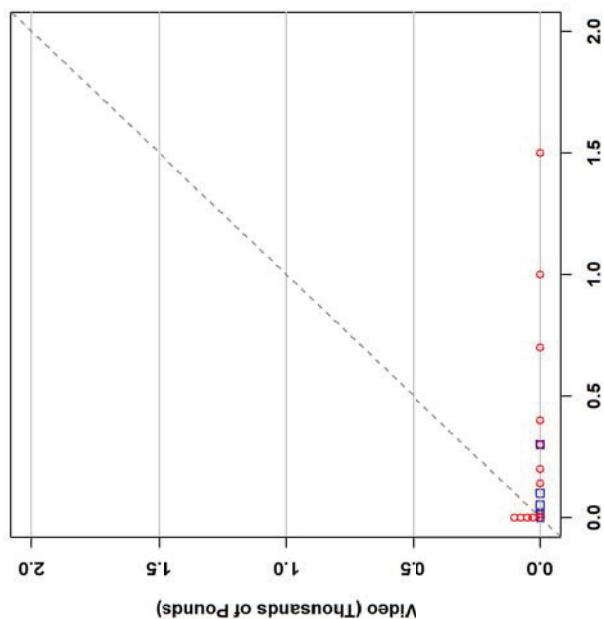
2012 Discards



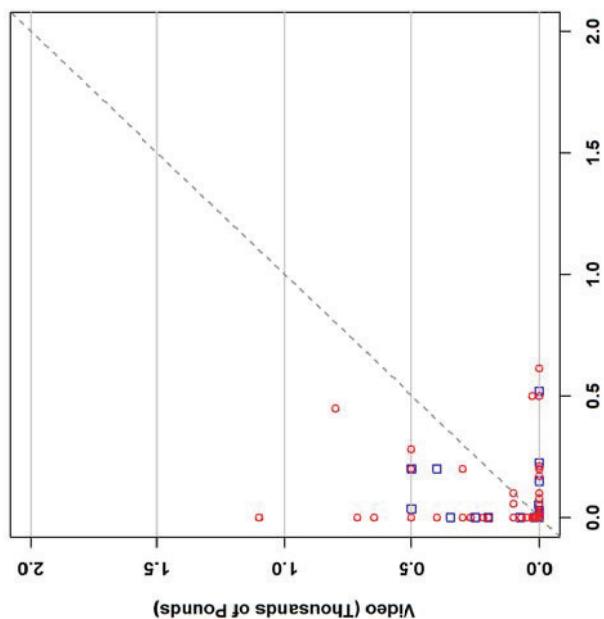
2013 Discards  
 Deck wash



EM vs CM, < 2000 lbs Discard



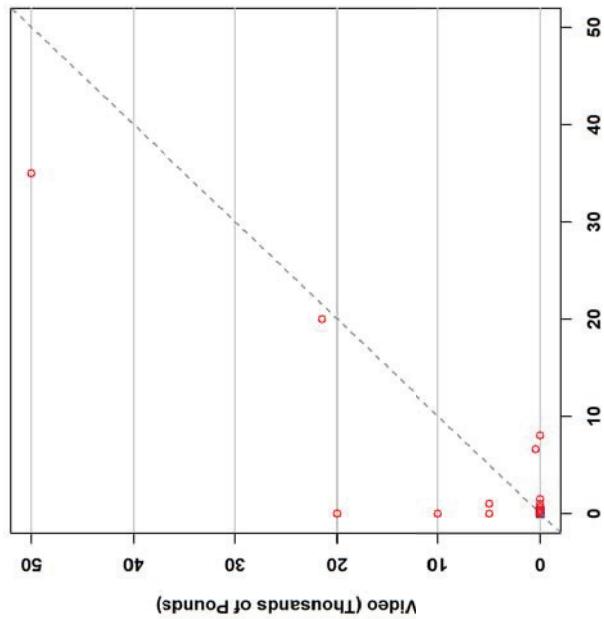
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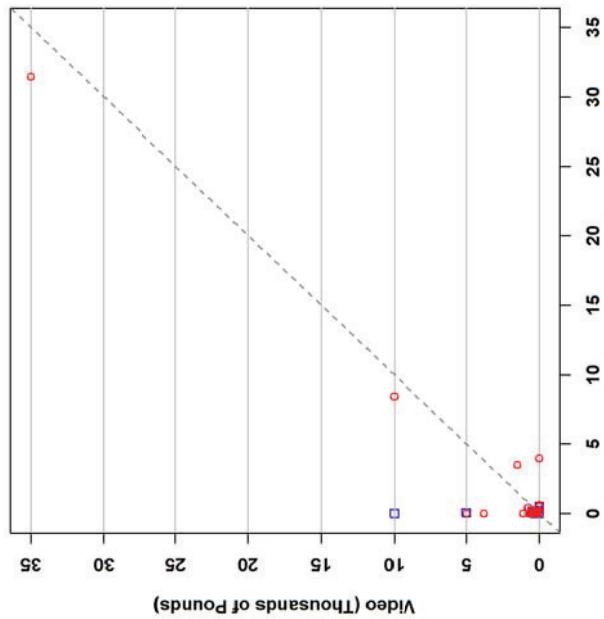
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EM vs CM



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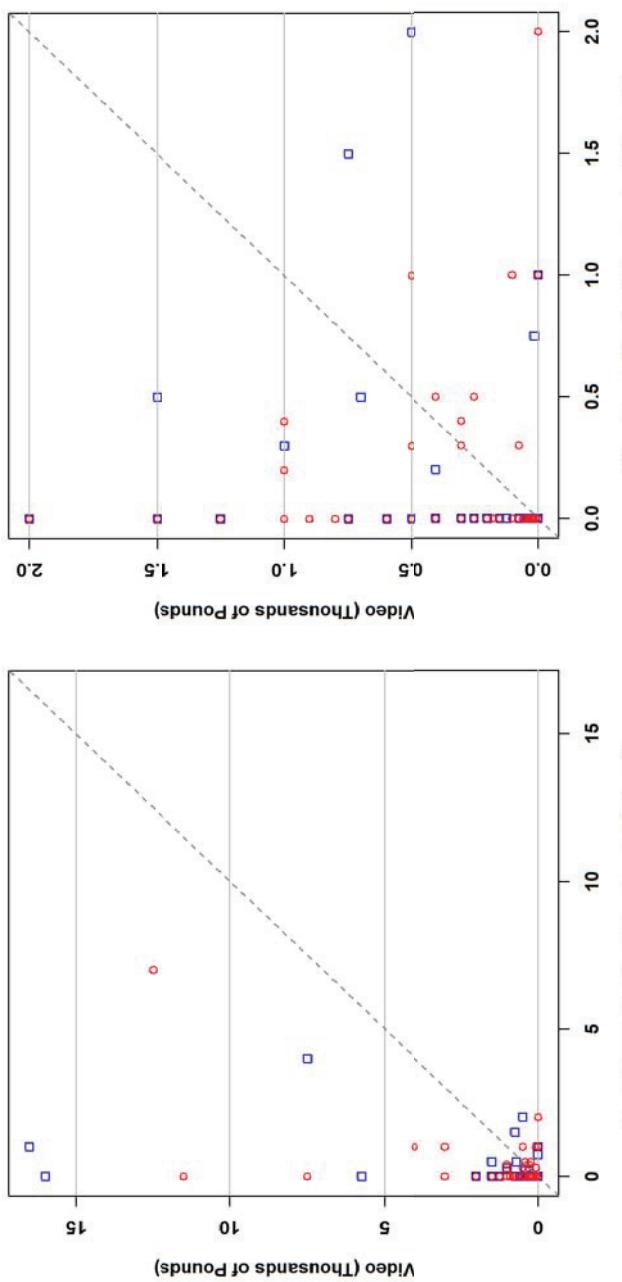
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## At-sea Hake

- Option B & C (Selective discarding) aren't applicable
  - Fishery currently working under Option A - Maximized retention
  - EM Data supports discard detection of larger discards (> 2,000 pounds)
- Discards are typically from the trawl alley or in the water
- Could not speciate well enough to support any selective discarding (Options B or C) with current configuration

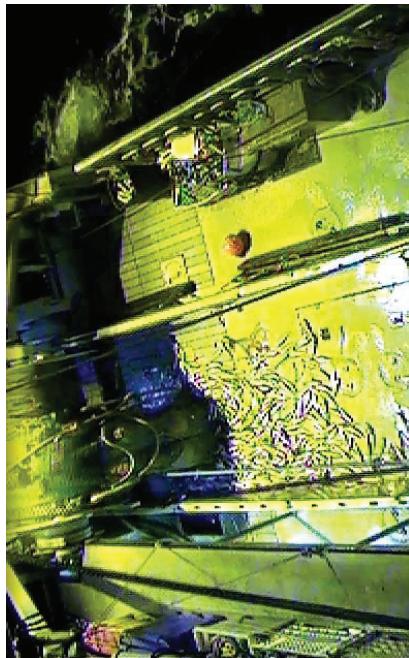
At-sea Hake  
Discarded Catch  
Haul Level - EM vs CM

EM vs CM

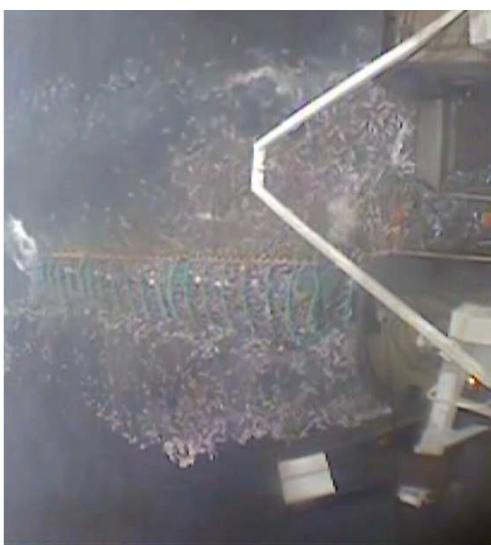


2012 Discards  
(2013 Discards  
confidential)

Remaining fish after zippered  
codend removed



Blowout Panel

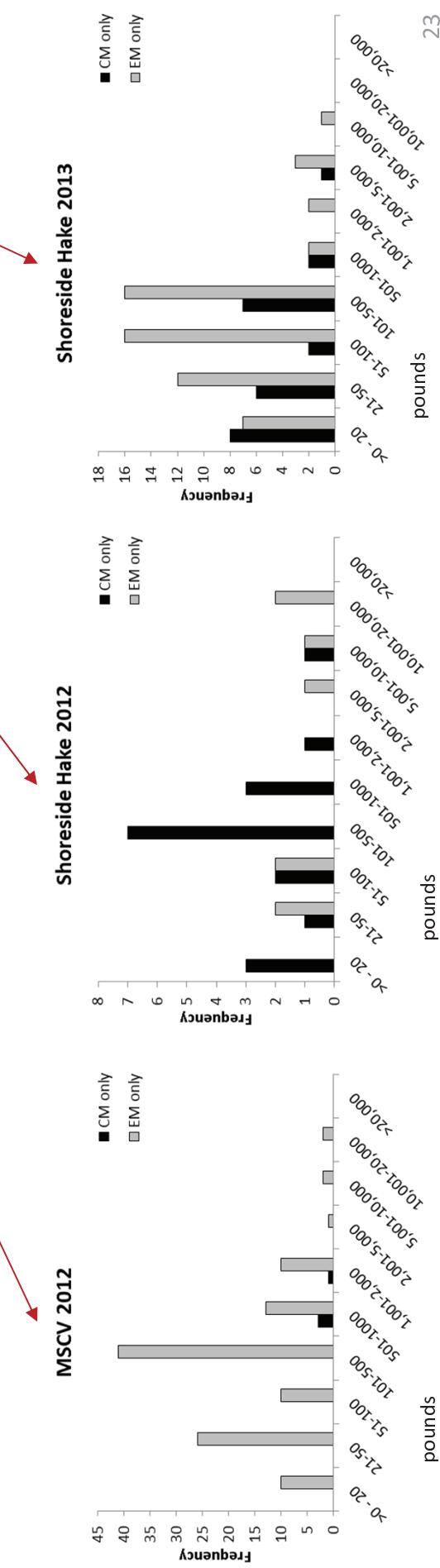


Zippering full codend



## Option A - Maximized retention EM Data generally supports discard detection of larger discards (> 2,000 pounds)

Hauls with Discards in	Mothership Catcher Vessel - 2012		Shoreside Hake - 2012		Shoreside Hake - 2013	
	Number of Discard Events	Discard (lbs)	Number of Discard Events	Discard (lbs)	Number of Discard Events	Discard (lbs)
Both Datasets	22	24,650	4	62,690	15	45,709
Compliance Monitor		52,790		77,000		55,233
Video	4	5,000	18	14,499	26	7,579
<b>the Compliance Monitor Dataset but not the Video Dataset</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>83,420</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>55,255</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>34,500</b>
<b>Total Number of Discard Events in Each Dataset</b>	<b>Compliance Monitor</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29,650</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>77,189</b>	<b>41</b>
	<b>Video</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>136,210</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>132,255</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Total Retained Weight</b>	<b>Compliance Monitor</b>	<b>21,146,048</b>	<b>33,800,751</b>	<b>39,131,500</b>	<b>21,374,800</b>	<b>20,892,094</b>
	<b>Video</b>	<b>17,450,700</b>				



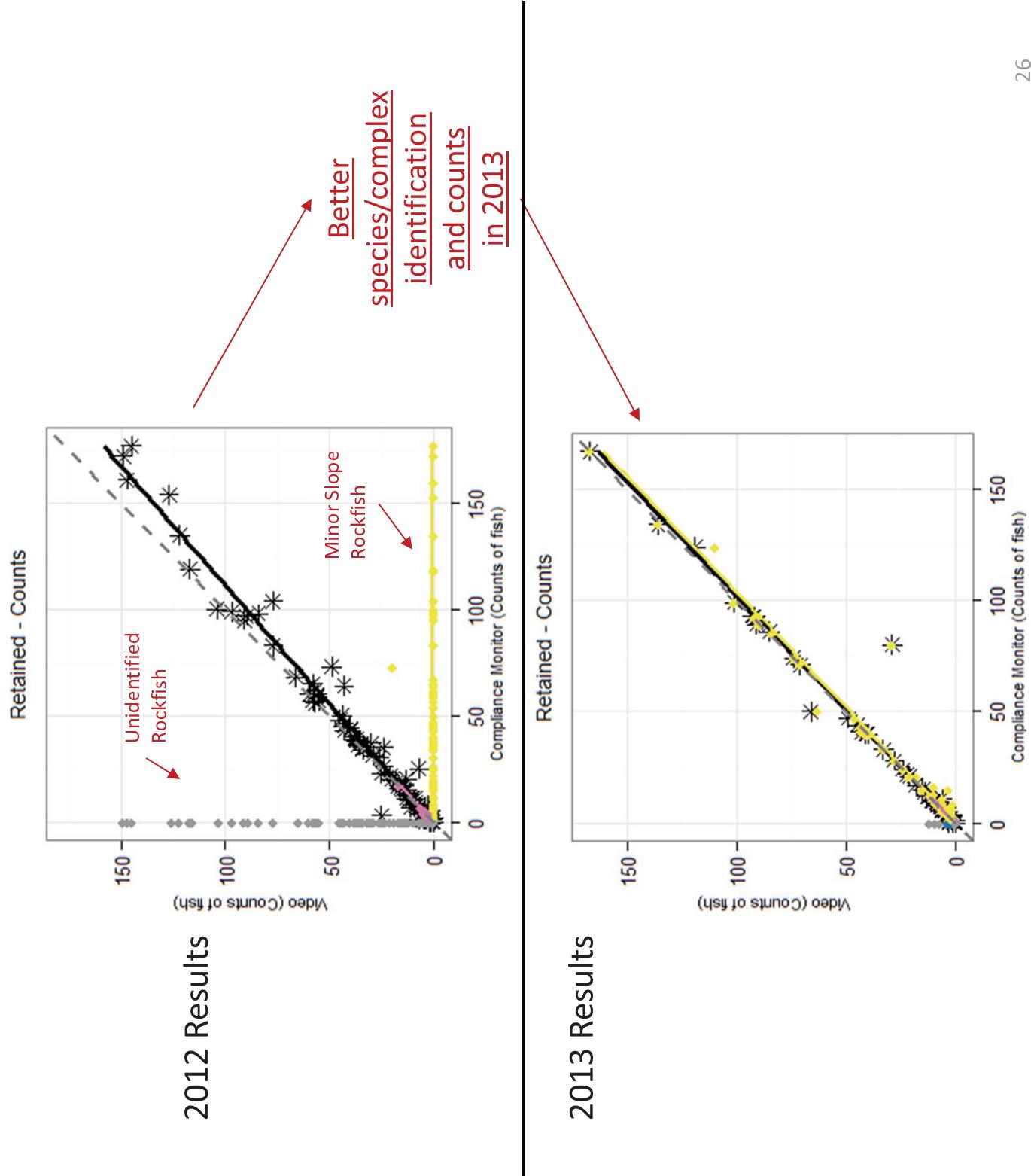
## Take Home: Hake

- Under maximized retention (Option A) EM can generally detect large discards



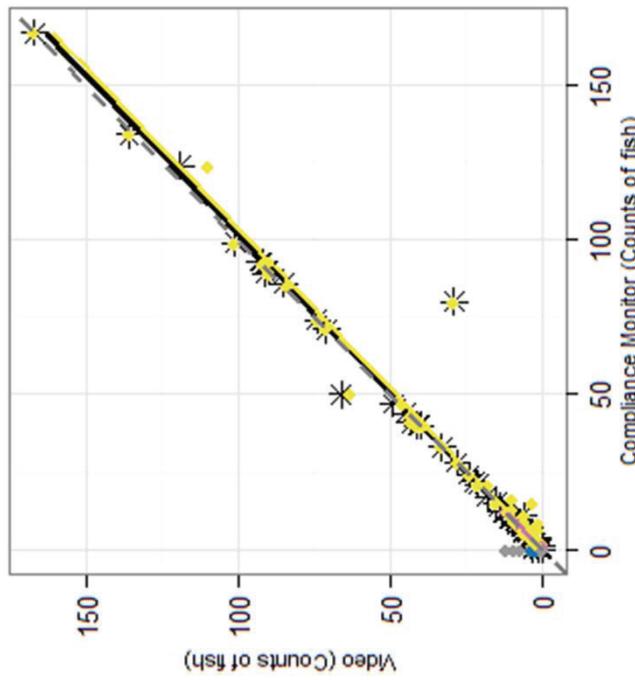
## Fixed Gear

- Functioning under Option C – Discard At Will
- Things to keep in mind:
  - CM was often in a corner of the deck where a good view by video was not available
  - 7% of hauls were sub-sampled by the CM
    - These hauls were not fully sorted prior to discard
    - Data from these hauls were not included in the following graphs
  - Comparisons in the 2013 report are at the haul level
    - 2012 report was at the trip level

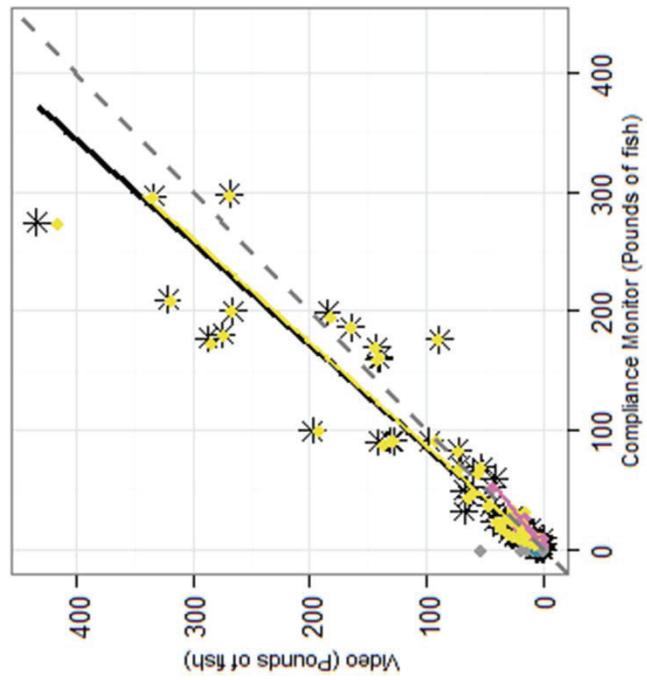


## 2013 Results

Retained - Counts

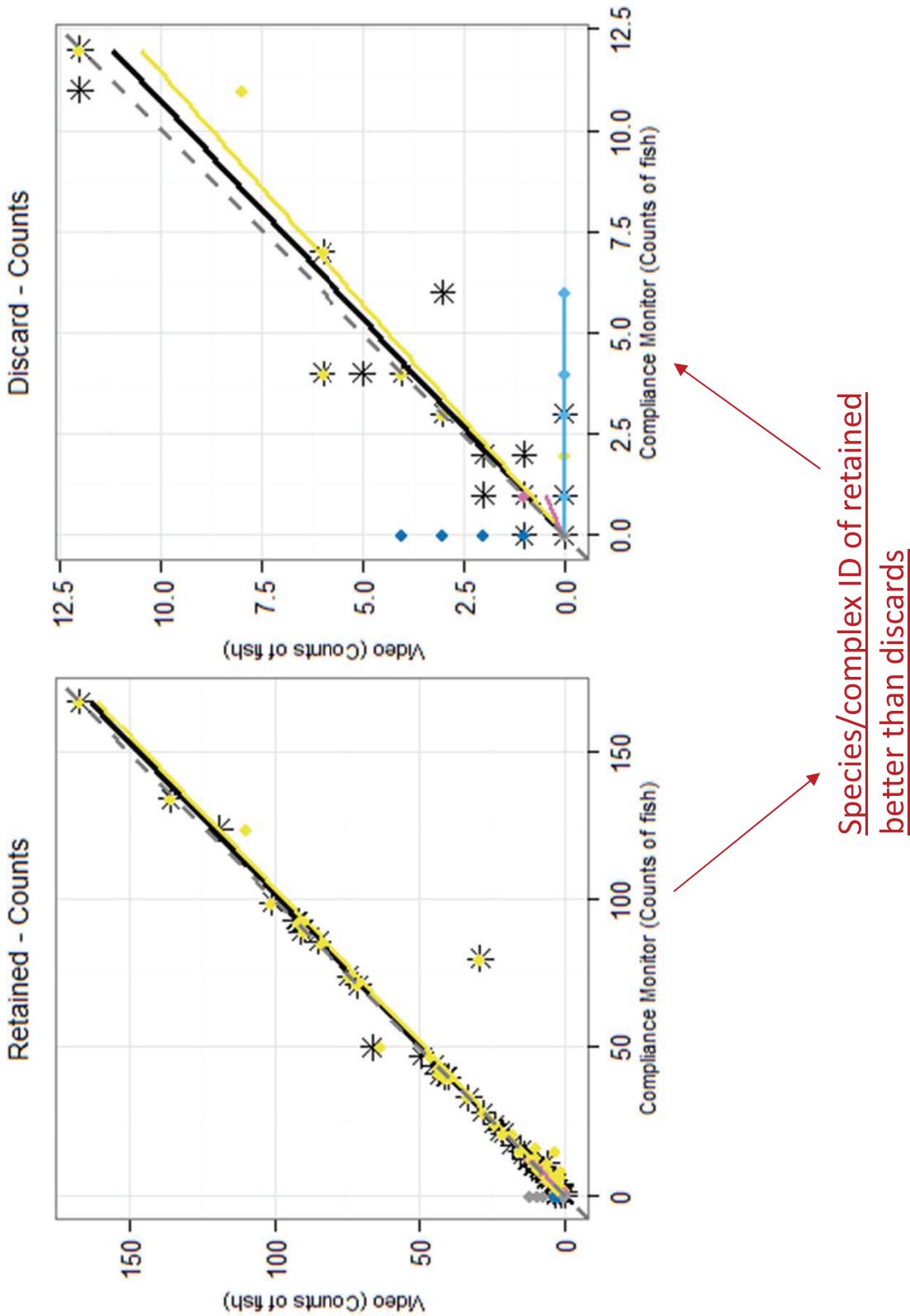


Retained - Weight



Counts more  
precise than weights

## 2013 Results



# Rockfish and Thornyheads

IFQ Complex level identification

## 2013 Results

IFQ Complex	Count			Discarded			Weight		
	Discarded	Retained		CM	Video	CM	Video	CM	Video
<b>Rockfish</b>									
Darkblotched Rockfish						5			
Pacific Ocean Perch Rockfish						1			
Minor Shelf Rockfish						1			
Minor Slope Rockfish	55	44	1,947	1,834	110	90	4,112	4,820	
<b>Rockfish Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>4,834</b>	
<b>Thornyheads</b>									
Longspine Thornyhead	38					16			
Shortspine Thornyhead	11	8	57	48	43	48	222	154	
Mixed Thornyhead		23		14		13		26	
<b>Thornyheads Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>179</b>	
Unidentified Rockfish		17		77		25		184	
<b>Rockfish and Thornyheads Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4,336</b>	<b>5,197</b>	

# Flatfish

(Option B, Subopt 1)  
IFQ Complex level identification

## 2013 Results

IFQ Complex	Count			Weight		
	Discarded		Retained	Discarded		Retained
	CM	Video	CM	Video	CM	Video
Flatfish						
Arrowtooth Flounder	1			15		6
Dover Sole	28	22	88	86	55	49
English Sole						
Petrale Sole*	2		9		3	14
Starry Flounder	3		1	13	2	1
Other Flatfish						24
Unidentified Flatfish					1	1
NonIFQ	5	3	1	1	6	6
<b>Flatfish Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>55</b>
						<b>182</b>

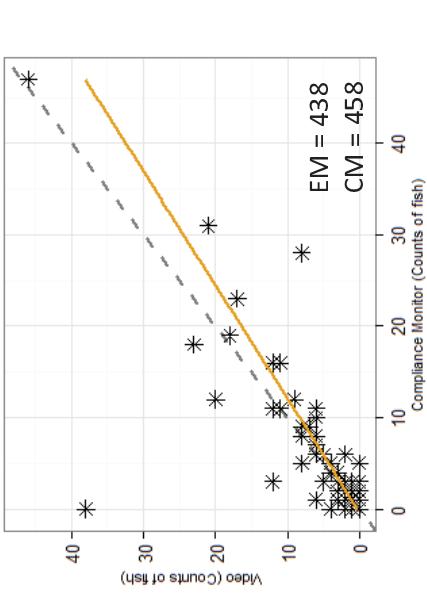
# Target Species

## Sablefish

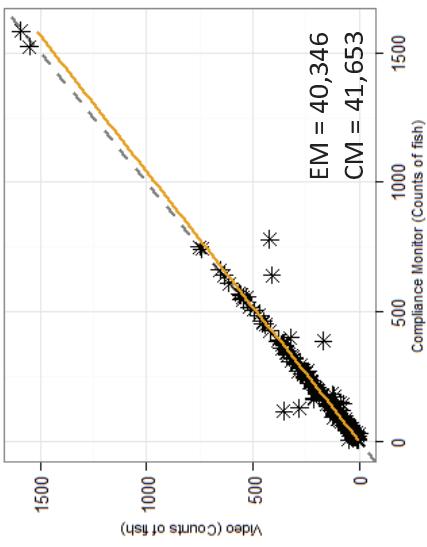
(Option B, Subopt 2)

2012 Results

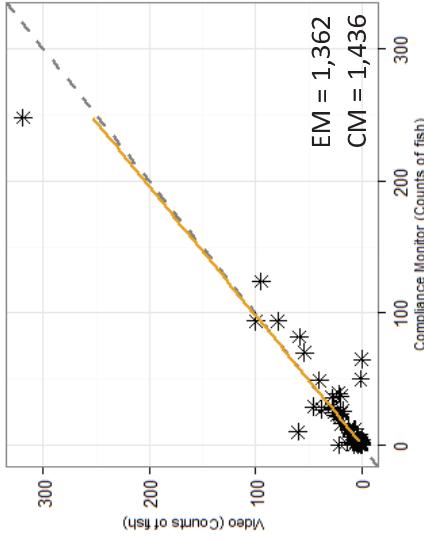
Discard - Counts



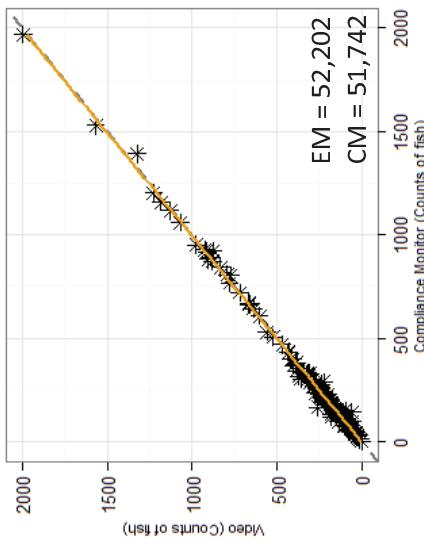
Retained - Counts



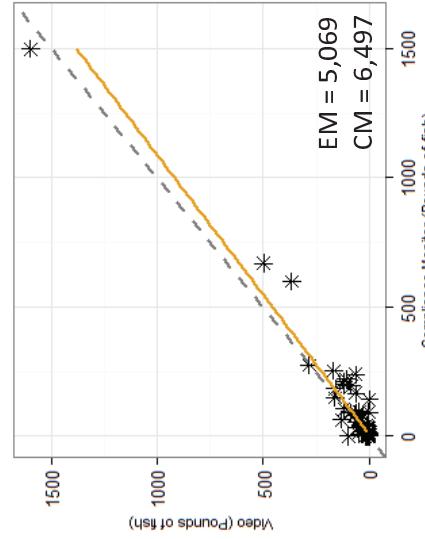
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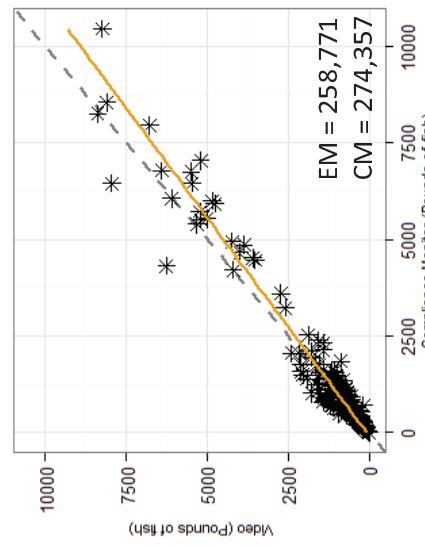
Retained - Counts



Discard - Weight



Retained - Weight



2013 Results

## Take Home: Fixed Gear

- Three Patterns:
  - Better ID and counts in 2013
  - Counts better than weights
  - Retained estimates better than discarded
- Subopt 1 (Flatfish):
  - Petrale not identifiable
    - CM 2 discards + 9 retained recorded as 10 retained “Petrale & Flathead” by video reviewer
  - Discard & retained disposition problem
- Subopt 2 (Sablefish + Lingcod):
  - Sablefish: Target species retained and discards successfully quantified (counts better than weights)
  - Lingcod: Did not see any lingcod – Cannot speak to ability to detect
- Rockfish almost all minor slope
  - Most are identified successfully in 2013
  - Video agrees with CM 73% of Discarded and 96% of Retained
- Could not identify any Longspine Thornyheads

## Bottom Trawl

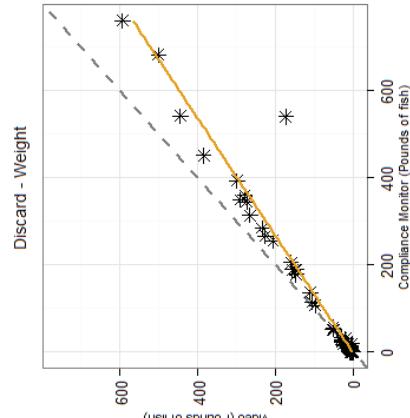
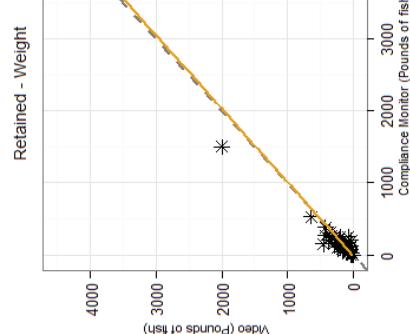
- Functioning under Option C – Discard At Will
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  - 18% of hauls were sub-sampled by the CM
    - These hauls were not fully sorted prior to discard
    - Data from these hauls were included in the following graphs
    - When discards are not sorted camera reviewers cannot speciate
  - No counts; only weight estimates

# Flatfish

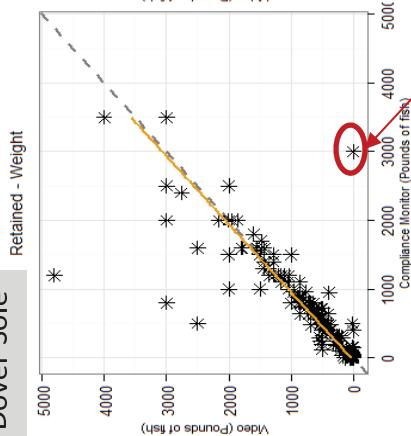
(Option B - Optimized Retention, Subopt 1)  
IFQ Complex level identification

Retained = Sorted next to camera

Arrowtooth Flounder



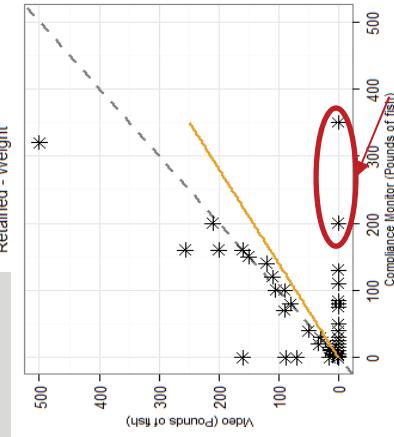
Dover Sole



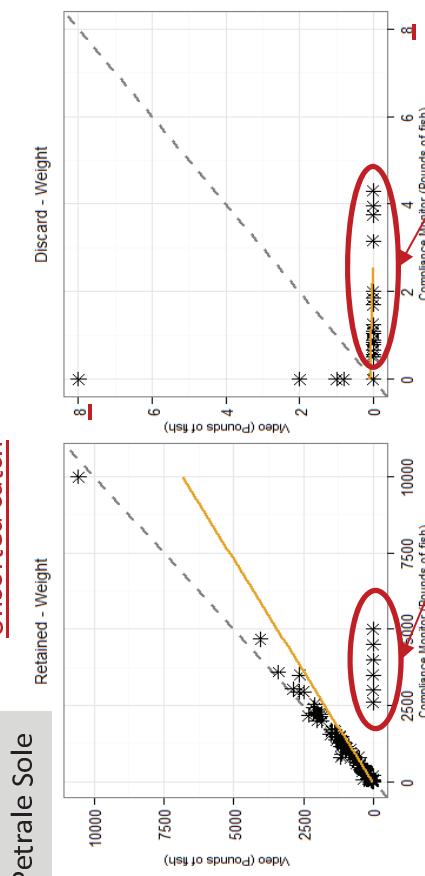
Unsorted catch

When catch not sorted camera reviewers cannot speciate

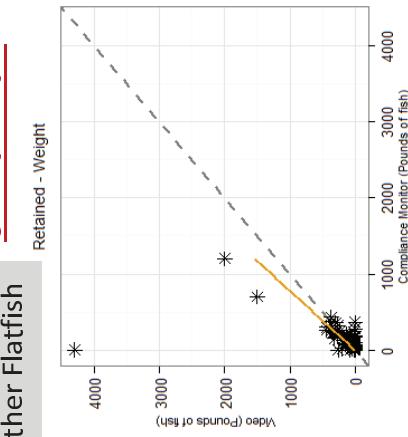
English Sole



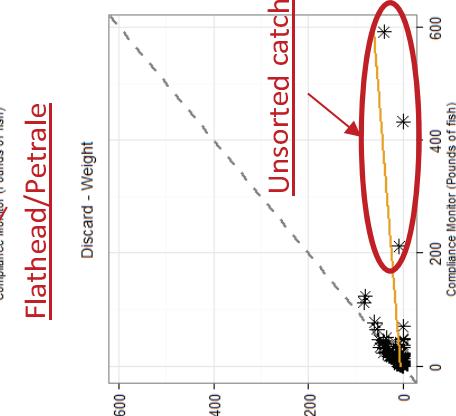
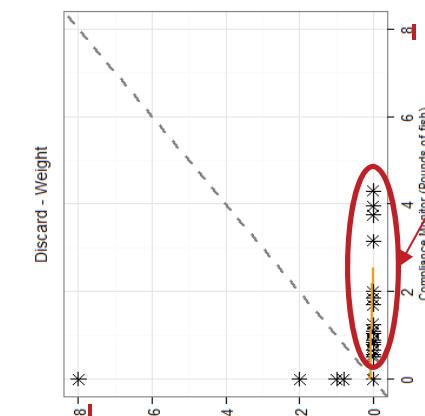
Unsorted catch



Other Flatfish



When catch not sorted camera reviewers cannot speciate



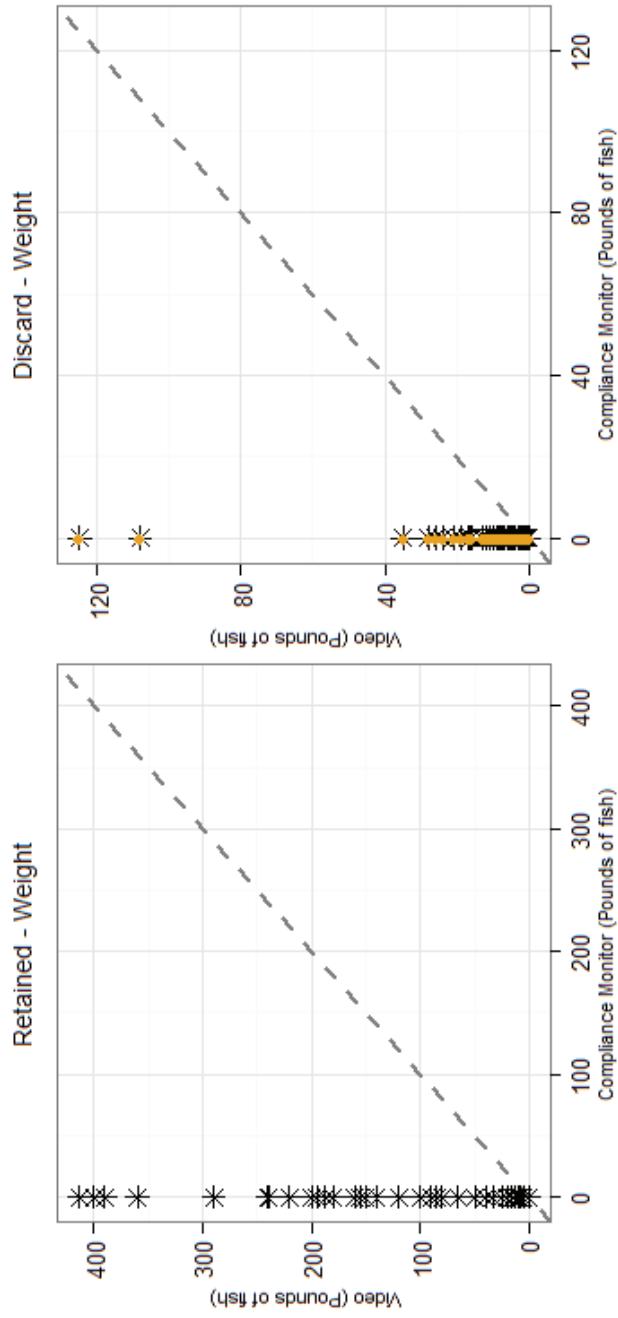
Flathead/Petrale

Unsorted catch

# Flatfish

(Option B - Optimized Retention, Subopt 1)  
IFQ Complex level identification

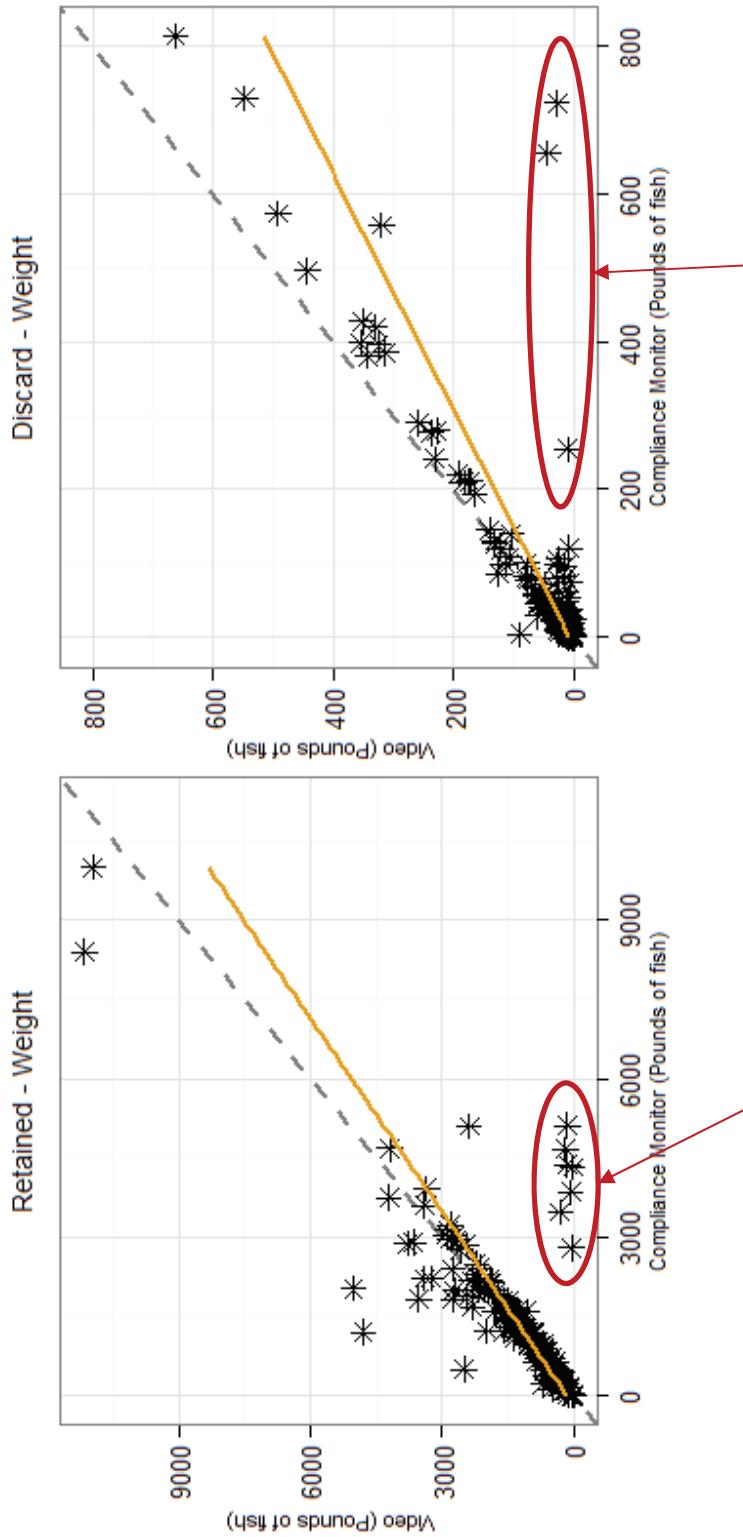
## Unidentified Flatfish



## Flatfish

(Option B - Optimized Retention, Subopt 1)

Can EM tell us a flatfish is a flatfish?



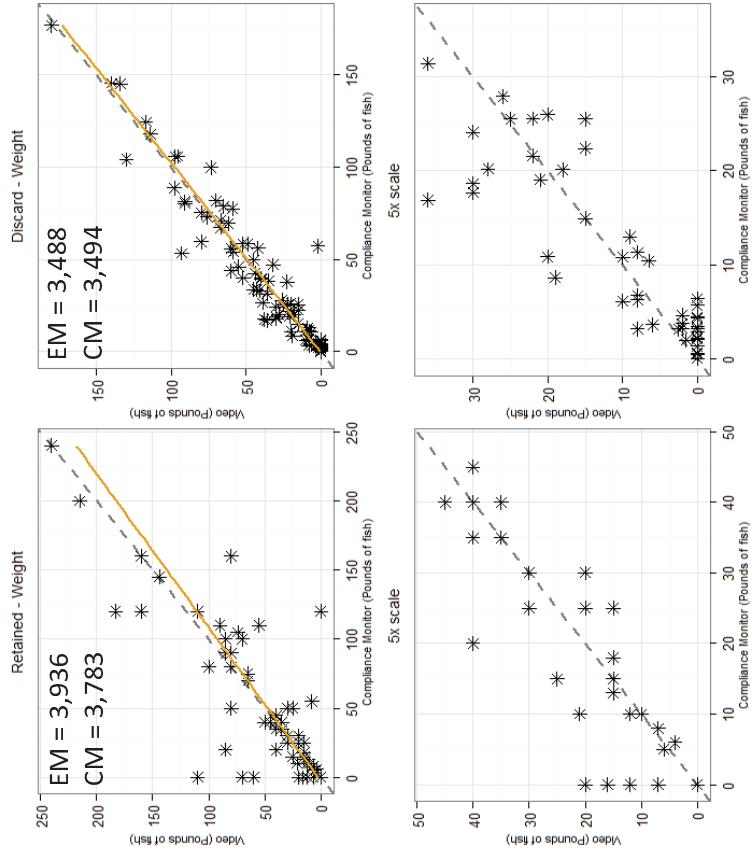
Groundfish Unid – Fish not sorted prior to placing in hold

Fish Unid – discards subsampled – not fully sorted prior to discarding

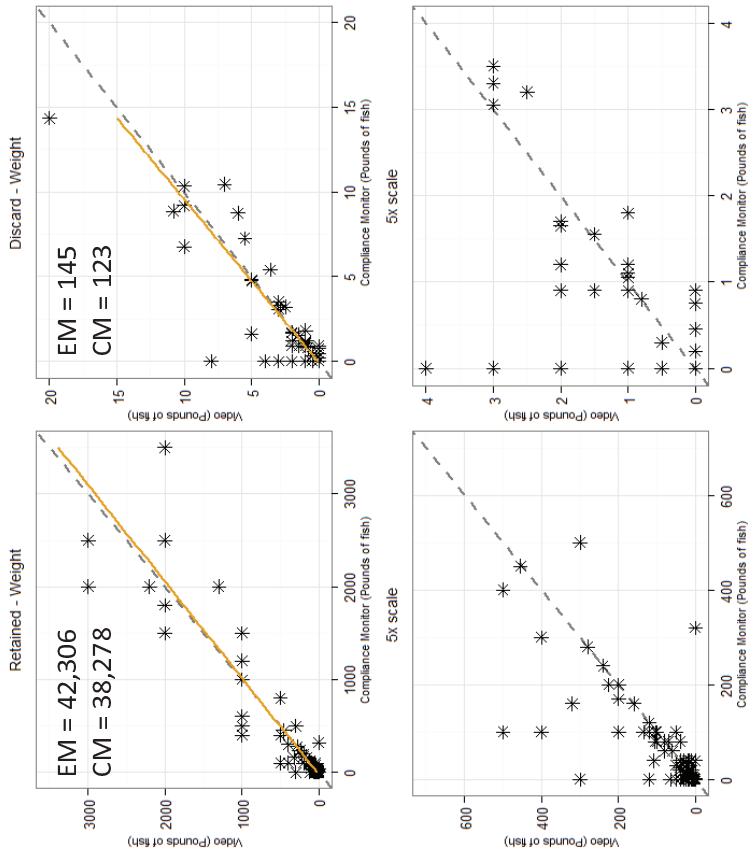
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# Sablefish + Lingcod (Option B, Subopt 2)

## Lingcod



## Sablefish



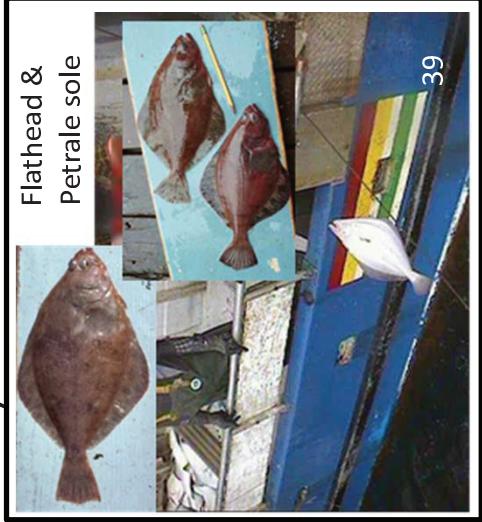
## Take Home: Bottom Trawl

- Some species are problematic for speciation
- Estimates of retained catch is better than discarded catch
  - Retained catch is sorted more thoroughly
  - Retained sorted closer to the camera
  - With sorting of discards and/or control discard points it may be possible to discard IFQ catch of some species

# Problem species

IFQ complexes that are not readily identifiable in retained and discarded catch:

- Longspine thornyheads
- Longspine & small Shortspine thornyheads
- Splitnose RF
- Splitnose & Aurora RF (Slope)
- Rougheye & Shortrakcer RF (both Slope Rock)
- Small Arrowtooth & English sole
- Sanddab (Other flat) & Slender sole (not IFQ)
- Yellowmouth (Slope) & Aurora (Slope) & POP (Slope S 40-10)
- Small Dover & Rex sole (Other flats)
- Petrale & Flathead (Other flats) & English sole
- Canary & Vermillion RF (Shelf)
- Yellowtail (Shelf S 40-10) & Widow RF
- Boccacio (Shelf N 40-10) & Silvergray RF (Shelf)
- Any small fish



# Review of At-Sea Sorting - Costs

Costs are based on Archipelago System

**Hake fishery:** Option 1 - Maximized retention

**Fixed gear and Bottom Trawl:** Option 3 – Can discard freely



	Fishery	Bottom Trawl	Longline	Pot	MS Catcher	Vessel	Shoreside	Hake
Average Sea Days per Trip*		3.55	3.59	3.88		13.57		2.17
Average Hauls per Trip*		8.37	7.41	11.67		27.65		1.86
Average Sort Minutes per Haul		133.92	66.46	37.7		40.28		60.57
Average Review Minutes per Haul		159.25	67.5	21.47		15.04		17.53
Average Review Minutes per Sort Minute		1.19	1.02	0.57		0.37		0.29
100% Review (Review Hours per Trip)		22.22	8.34	4.17		6.93		0.54
Cost per trip for review time only (100%)	\$ 1,136.00	\$ 442.00	\$ 233.50	\$	\$ 371.50	\$ 52.00		
Cost per sea day for review time only (100%)	\$ 320.00	\$ 123.12	\$ 60.18	\$	\$ 27.38	\$ 23.96		
20% Review - Number of hauls reviewed		2	2	3		6		1
20% Review (Review Hours per Trip)	5.31	2.25	1.07			1.5		0.29
Cost per average trip for review time only (20%)	\$ 290.42	\$ 137.50	\$ 78.68	\$	\$ 100.20	\$ 39.61		
Cost per average sea day for review time only (20%)	\$ 81.81	\$ 38.30	\$ 20.28	\$	\$ 7.38	\$ 18.25		
Fraction of 100% review cost per sea day	26%	31%	34%			27%		76%

\* Source 2013 WCGOP dataset

# Discard Chute Study on Bottom Trawl

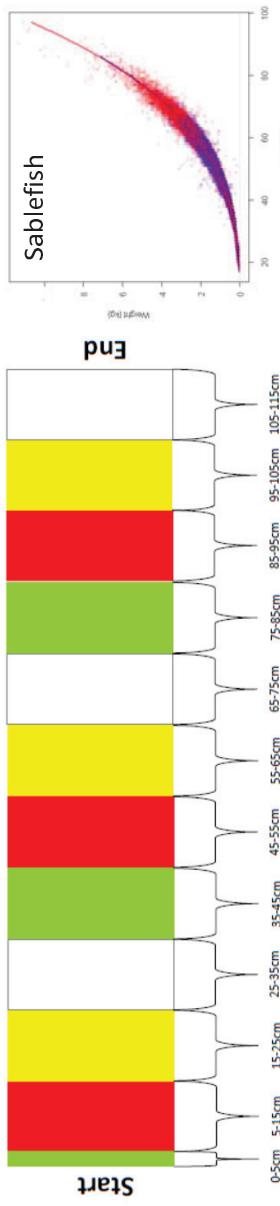
Testing ability to:

- Identify IFQ species and
- Obtain lengths to convert to weights

Will speak to Option B, Subopt 4 (Discard species verifiable with cameras) when a discard chute is used



## Length-Weight Relationships



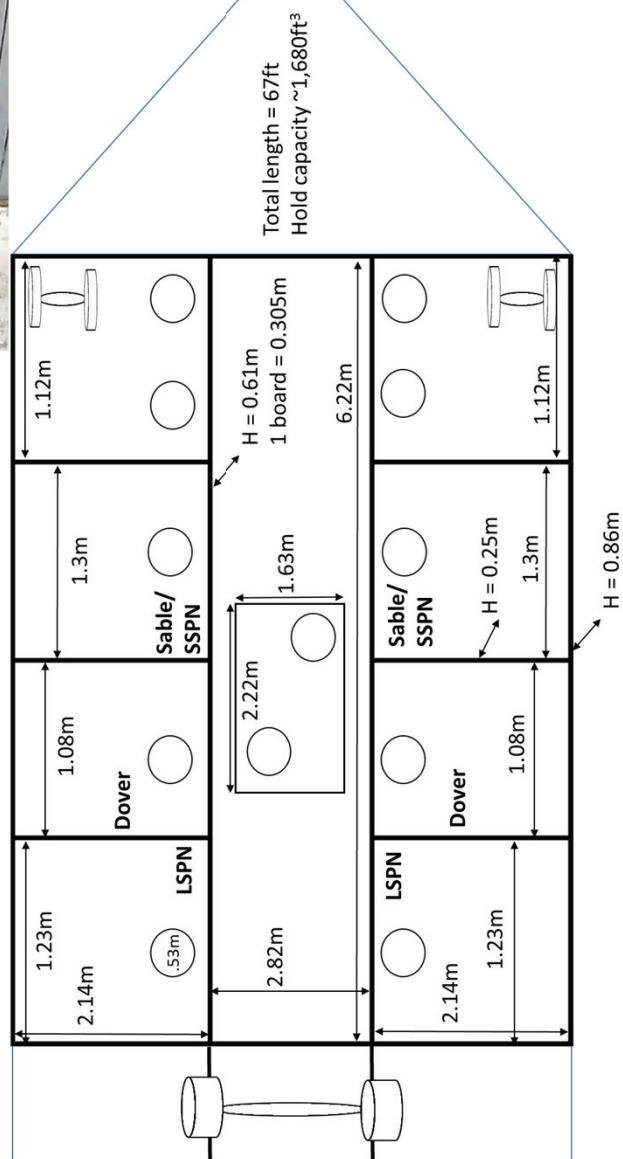
Stewart, J.J., J.T. Thorson, and C. Wetzel 2011. Status of the U.S.  
Sablefish resource in 2011. NOAA-NMFS-NWFSC

## Volumetric Density Study

Dockside sampling to determine density of IFQ species.  
Average weight/volume



If discards are sorted into bins before going overboard, volumetric weight estimation may be usable when there are large amounts of discards





Trawl Discard Logbook

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Vessel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Departure: Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time

Port \_\_\_\_\_

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WOC Logbook

Return: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time

Port \_\_\_\_\_

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