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Data about the Herring Analyses Prepared for the
Meeting of the North Sea Herring Assessment Group
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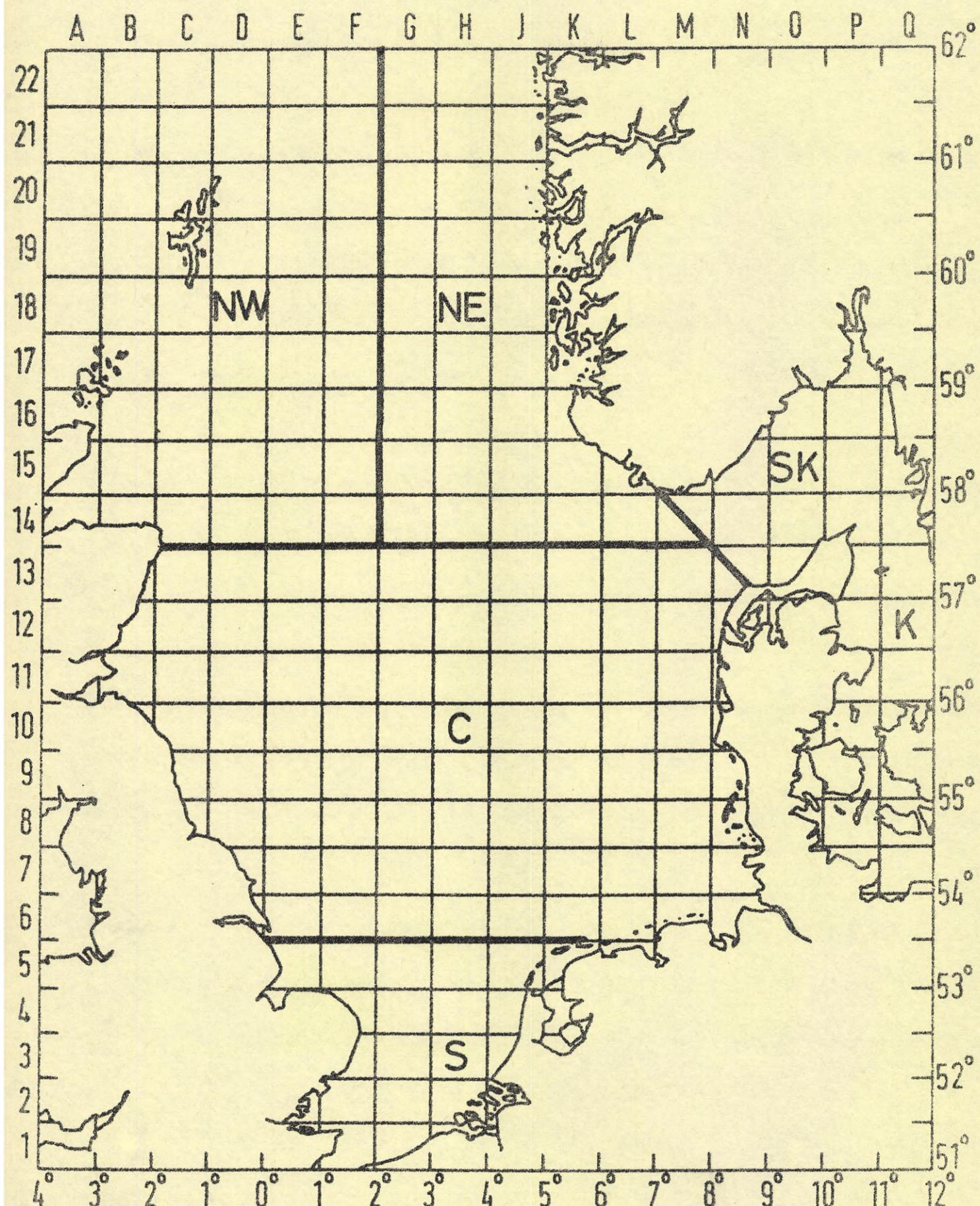
INTRODUCTION

According to the chairman of the North Sea Herring Assessment Group more detailed information of the autumn spawning herring is wanted. The data presented at the meeting of the Assessment Group in Copenhagen (January, 1969) should be completed.

Sweden has therefore asked fishermen to give all available data about catches 1960-1968 from the North Sea, Skagerak and Kattegat. Unfortunately we have not yet got the information.

In this paper, however, we have given all our data about mean weight of herring and age composition with reference to each sub-area, NW-, NE- and C North Sea, Skagerak and Kattegat in order to give the Assessment Group supplementary information for its conversion of the total catches in numbers by age-groups. Each sample consists of at least 100 herrings and most of the samples of 150-200 herrings. Information about VS, l_1 , etc. is not included because the data have been published in Statistical News Letters.

The samples have been analysed at the Institute of Marine Research during 1960-1969. Dr Hans Höglund has been responsible for the investigations 1960-1966 and the author 1967-1969. The chief assistant for the whole period has been Mrs Britt-Maj Karlsson.



The division of the North Sea into sub-areas (NW-, NE-, C- and S) and the distribution of these areas, the Skagerak and the Kattegat with regard to fishery investigations.

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Analyses of commercial herring samples (only autumn spawners) of NW-, NE- and C North Sea, Skagerak and Kattegat with regard to age groups and weight. The figures indicate page. Number of samples in brackets.

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
<u>1960</u>												
NW							6(2)	6(3)	6(1)			
NE	7(1)						7(1)					7(1)
C												
SK												
K												
<u>1961</u>												
NW							9(3)	9(2)	9(1)			
NE	10(1)				10(2)							10(1)
C												
SK												
K												
<u>1962</u>												
NW												
NE	12(1)				12(1)							12(1)
C												13(2)
SK												
K												

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NW NE C SK K

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Area: NW North Sea

Year: 1960

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 % gr	1 % gr	2 % gr	3 % gr	4 % gr	5 % gr	6 % gr	7 % gr	8 % gr	9 % gr	> 10 % gr	? % gr
21.7 E 17	120.0 0.5	152.9 10.5	175.5 66.0	183.8 13.0	192.2 9.0	265.0 1.0						
29.7 F 17	160.7 14.8	188.4 42.8	205.5 14.3	216.5 9.0	215.0 5.3	240.0 5.8	273.3 1.6	253.3 3.2	243.3 1.6	276.7 1.6		
5.6 E 19	150.0 0.6	197.6 34.5	207.5 7.1	219.6 24.4	224.8 13.7	237.5 7.1	243.7 4.6	245.0 4.8	270.0 2.4	250.0 0.6		
25.8 E 14	138.1 8.0	153.0 69.0	163.1 8.0	176.7 4.5	175.0 3.0	197.5 4.0	180.0 0.5	240.0 0.5	235.0 2.0	230.0 0.5		
27.6 E 17	130.0 7.0	145.0 70.0	158.9 9.0	190.0 2.0	223.3 3.0	236.0 5.0	203.3 3.0	270.0 1.0				
9.9 E 20	60.0 0.4	147.3 4.5	161.9 68.0	164.4 10.2	184.1 7.0	210.0 3.3	205.0 3.3	195.7 2.9	250.0 0.4			

Arcus: NE North Sea

Year: 1960

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date	statistical square	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	> 10
	%	gr	%	gr	%	gr	%	gr	%	gr	%	gr	%
15.1	J 15	79.2	112.4	114.2	144.0	156.7	160.0	170.0	180.0	160.0	190.0	180.0	
		6.0	78.5	5.0	5.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
18.3	H 16	78.3	100.7	121.0	135.5	151.4	142.9	140.0	170.0	170.0	175.0	190.0	
		36.2	44.8	4.8	4.3	3.3	3.3	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.5
16.8	G 17	170.0	185.4	167.0	215.8	216.2	238.5	216.7	216.7	263.3	240.0	235.0	
		5.1	65.1	5.7	6.9	4.6	7.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.6	1.2	
18.11	H 16	100.0	153.0	157.7	184.6	192.3	233.3	233.3	220.0	180.0	216.7	216.7	
		8.4	61.3			8.4	5.8	5.8	3.9	3.9	0.6	1.0	

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Area: Kattegat

Year: 1960

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date Statistical square	0			1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			> 10			
	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%	gr	%	%
28.9 Q 13	105.9 13.7	12.4	132.5 47.2	192.0 2.5	220.0 14.3	244.3 3.1	254.0 5.6	285.5 0.6	290.0 0.6	310.0 0.6																					
12.10 Q 13	115.7 9.6	4.1	145.0 69.2	196.5 2.7	230.0 8.9	240.7 4.8	264.3 4.8	264.3 0.7	264.3 0.7	264.3 0.7																					

Ages: NW North Sea

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% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date	0 statistical square	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	> 10 %
	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr
2.8 E 18			180.0 5.8	207.7 12.3	219.3 33.3	234.4 6.5	230.5 13.0	257.9 10.1	263.9 10.1	264.0 3.6	270.0 2.9	283.3 2.2
12.8 E 18	60.0 0.7	165.0 5.5	207.3 15.2	258.4 46.2	230.0 6.9	239.4 11.7	243.0 9.0	250.0 2.8	240.0 0.7	240.0 0.7	275.0 1.4	
18.8 E 18			172.0 28.9	173.3 42.1	193.6 9.2	210.0 7.2	234.4 5.9	206.0 3.3	266.0 3.3			
1.9 F 16	80.0 0.5	160.3 4.7	167.0 8.8	172.8 65.8	205.0 8.3	201.0 5.2	205.0 3.1	223.3 1.5	263.3 1.5	270.0 0.5		
9.9 E 17			157.2 14.3	162.6 61.6	174.4 47.7	180.0 4.7				180.0 2.6	190.0 2.6	240.0 0.5

Area: NE North Sea

Year 1961

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date	statistical square	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	> 10
		% gr	% gr										
14.1	H 17	88.3	136.2	143.6	150.8	165.0	188.0	166.8	186.0	195.0	200.0	190.0	
		2.7	9.5	58.6	5.5	12.7	2.3	3.6	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	
2.2	H 17	86.7	124.7	142.6	152.7	170.0	180.0	190.0	190.0	170.0	170.0	170.0	
		1.5	15.2	62.1	7.6	5.5	3.0	3.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	
18.2	H 17	115.0	121.7	132.3	148.0	156.7	164.0	170.0	178.3	180.0	212.5	173.3	
		1.9	11.0	47.4	7.2	10.5	9.5	5.3	2.9	1.0	1.9	1.4	
19.11	J 15	20.0	81.8	138.1	144.2	136.3	166.7	176.7	183.3	180.0	200.0	200.0	
		0.4	21.7	31.2	17.1	42.5	3.7	1.2	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	

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Year 1962

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

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Date statistical square	0 %	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	> 10 %	?	gr %	gr %	gr %	gr %
E 17	9.8					16.1	205.9	202.3	203.0	225.5	242.7		238.6	247.8	237.5	250.0
E 18	1.9					3.1	224.0	210.8	191.5	191.8	204.4		224.3	225.0	213.3	300.0

Area: NE North Sea

Year: 1962

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 %	1 % gr	2 % gr	3 % gr	4 % gr	5 % gr	6 % gr	7 % gr	8 % gr	9 % gr	10 % gr	> 10 % gr
19.1 J 15	86.0 4.9	179.7 11.7	160.6 48.8	159.4 10.2	167.6 3.9	165.0 1.5	186.7 1.9	205.0 0.5	190.0 0.5	196.7 1.5		
26.2 H 19	76.7 1.4	160.8 6.2	151.7 8.6	152.5 58.1	165.0 5.7	163.2 9.0	176.3 7.6	190.0 1.4	180.0 1.4	180.0 0.5		
23.3 H 18	76.7 1.5	139.3 7.3	152.5 7.6	158.0 48.0	161.6 5.4	173.0 11.3	179.4 7.6	182.2 4.4		193.3 1.5	185.0 1.0	
23.11 J 15	120.0 5.1	165.5 6.2	219.1 10.2	175.5 54.2	181.8 6.2	201.8 7.9	186.4 3.4	201.7 0.6	230.0 0.6	220.0 0.6	200.0 0.6	

Area: C North Sea

Year: 1962

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 % gr	1 % gr	2 % gr	3 % gr.	4 % gr.	5 % gr	6 % gr	7 % gr	8 % gr	9 % gr	10 % gr	> 10 % gr	?% gr
4.9 G 13	117.6 9.3	171.4 18.1	214.1 19.9	198.3 10.6	199.4 22.6	227.3 9.7	226.4 4.9	210.0 1.3	246.0 1.6	310.0 0.9	265.0 0.8		
21.9 G 13	120.0 0.5	102.6 85.5	137.0 5.0	180.0 1.0	173.3 1.5	193.3 4.5	180.0 1.0	270.0 0.5			250.0 0.5		

Area: NW North Sea Year: 1963

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	Age groups										> 10 ? gr			
	0 gr	1 gr	2 gr	3 gr	4 gr	5 gr	6 gr	7 gr	8 gr	9 gr	> 10 gr	? gr		
6.6 E 18	90.9	2.0	129.9	175.0	185.0	213.3	218.3							
28.6 F 17	71.3	2.6	155.7	190.0	238.0	230.0	261.9	286.7	295.0					
						2.6	18.5	1.5						

Area: NE North Sea

Year: 1963

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 gr	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	% gr	
												% gr	% gr
22.1 H 16	97.1 58.8	14.5 14.5	4.2 4.2	160.0 164.4	5.4 11.5	163.7 2.4	165.0 2.4	170.0 2.4	170.0 2.4	180.0 0.6	180.0 0.6		
30.7 G 17	180.3 87.7	213.3 3.8	241.4 2.4	280.0 1.4	265.7 3.3					250.0 0.5	295.0 0.9		
11.10 K 14	114.4 114.4	156.7 75.9	191.4 4.0	205.0 1.1	195.0 1.1	208.0 2.9	208.0 2.9	220.0 0.6	220.0 0.6				

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Year: 1963

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); aut wt = grammers

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Year 1963

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Notes: Category

Year : 1963

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn specimens

Area: NW North Sea
Year: 1964

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn: snowbird

Date	statistical square	0 %	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	> 10 %	
		% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	
4.6	E 17			136.9 12.8	170.7 73.4	172.9 3.4	202.2 4.4	228.0 2.5	234.3 3.4					
4.7	E 17	153.4 26.4	196.9 64.2	203.3 3.0	258.3 1.5					243.3 3.0	270.0 1.5	250.0 0.5		
16.7	F 17	166.7 7.4	205.0 79.1	246.0 3.1	245.0 3.7	265.0 1.2	200.0 1.8	270.0 1.8	273.8 1.2		270.0 1.2	273.8 1.8	260.0 0.6	
14.8	E 14	90.0 1.6	166.6 20.8	200.6 57.4	180.0 1.6	258.0 2.7	230.0 4.9	235.9 9.3	285.0 1.1		310.0 0.5			

Ayes: NE North Sea

Year: 1964

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr):

Area: C North Sea

Year: 1964

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr):

Date statistical square	0 %	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	> 10 %	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	
7.9 F 13	38.6	49.3	162.6	195.0	240.0	245.0	205.0	235.4	325.0	325.0	210.0	210.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
10.9 F 12	47.3	46.0	166.8	197.6	216.7	220.0	260.0	221.4	230.0	230.0	250.0	250.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

Area: NE North Sea

Year: 1965

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	% of age groups (no. of rings)										> 10 ? gr				
	0 %	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	gr	> 10 %	? %	gr	
4.2 K 15	88.2 18.6	140.2 28.9	176.6 36.3	190.0 1.5	217.5 2.0	205.0 2.9	199.4 8.3	210.0 0.5	195.0 1.0						
16.2 I 14	67.8 17.6	139.8 25.4	162.0 35.6	185.0 5.8	202.0 2.4	225.0 1.0	196.8 10.7	225.0 1.0	210.0 0.5						
11.3 J 15	100.6 8.0	141.5 19.4	170.3 52.7	175.7 3.5	186.7 1.5	202.0 2.5	205.2 10.4	205.2 1.0	200.0 0.5	180.0 0.5					
12.4 J 15	94.0 9.9	127.6 20.2	164.1 45.8	178.5 6.4	193.7 1.5	195.0 3.9	198.6 10.3	210.0 1.0	210.0 1.0						
14.6 H 14	140.5 29.8	173.1 29.8	220.5 27.5	214.0 3.8	237.5 3.0	230.0 1.5	285.0 3.0	285.0 0.8	270.0 0.8						
7.10 L 14	108.0 3.0	166.7 7.3	200.8 30.3	242.9 24.9	244.3 4.2	277.1 4.2	233.3 1.8	258.6 21.9	263.3 1.8	240.0 0.6					

Area: C North Sea

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% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Area: Skagerrak

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% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

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Year: 1965

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

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Date statistical square	0 % gr	1 % gr	2 % gr	3 % gr	4 % gr	5 % gr	6 % gr	7 % gr	8 % gr	9 % gr	10 % gr	> 10 % gr	? % gr
6.10 Q 13				183.3 3.0	219.0 10.5	239.9 64.0	272.5 2.0	288.7 8.0	310.0 1.5	314.7 0.5	300.0 0.5	360.0 0.5	310.0 1.5
6.10 Q 13	25.7 6.3	62.2 85.6	132.5 3.6		213.3 2.7		213.3 0.9	280.0 0.9	240.0 0.9				
7.10 Q 13	90.0 0.9	140.0 7.0	208.7 13.2	220.0 59.7	256.7 2.6	313.3 2.6	276.7 5.3	276.7 6.1	295.7 0.9	250.0 0.9	270.0 1.7		

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Year 1966

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date	statistical square	0 gr	1 gr	2 gr	3 gr	4 gr	5 gr	6 gr	7 gr	8 gr	9 gr	10 gr	> 10 gr
10.6	D 16			117.0	123.0	160.0							
9.7	D 19	81.7	17.4	150.0	223.7	266.3	274.9	268.0	291.7	270.0	303.3	330.0	290.0
17.8	E 18	1.6	6.4	1.6	15.3	36.3	8.1	4.8	3.2	21.8	1.6	0.8	

Address: NE Monte Sea

Year: 1966

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date	statistical square	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	> 10	?	?
		% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr	% gr
7.2	J 16	88.4	141.4	179.6	200.8	208.0	214.0	213.3	208.6	210.0	223.3				
		33.1	14.4	11.4	24.9	2.5	3.0	1.5	7.0	0.5	1.5				
28.4	K 15	62.5	118.2	164.1	182.8	190.0	200.0	193.3	200.0	1.0	0.7				
		30.0	7.3	9.0	8.3	0.7									
8.9	H 16	80.0	163.8	183.5	211.9	241.1	257.5	250.0	270.0	251.8	210.0				
		0.5	58.8	14.8	7.6	8.6	2.0	1.4	0.5	5.3	0.5				

Range: C North Sea

Year 1966

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

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% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr): autumn spawners

Area: Kattégat

Year: 1966

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Area: NW North Sea

Year: 1967

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 % gr	1 % gr	2 % gr	3 % gr	4 % gr	5 % gr	6 % gr	7 % gr	8 % gr	9 % gr	10 % gr	> 10 % gr	?% gr
29.6 E 18	106.4 27.7	176.7 11.9	196.7 35.6	226.4 5.4	245.0 4.0	273.0 4.9	257.6 4.5	246.0 2.5	265.0 2.0	270.0 0.5	260.0 1.0		
13.10 E 17	170.0 18.3	201.9 58.3	210.5 10.3	223.6 6.3	247.5 4.6	245.0 1.1						245.0 1.1	

Area: NE North Sea

Year: 1967

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 %	1 % gr	2 % gr	3 % gr	4 % gr	5 % gr	6 % gr	7 % gr	8 % gr	9 % gr	10 % gr	> 10 % gr	?% gr
26.4 G 20				139.4 10.7	170.0 6.0	202.7 17.3	202.9 22.7	216.9 6.7	212.0 6.7	229.5 13.3	233.3 10.0	210.0 0.7	223.3 4.0
12.10 J 15				179.4 9.8	207.6 41.5	226.5 12.6	245.4 13.1	261.1 9.8	256.9 4.9	257.5 2.2	246.3 3.3	252.0 2.7	
17.11 L 14				110.2 68.3	160.4 11.7	187.8 13.2	186.7 4.4	246.7 1.5		280.0 1.0			

Area: Skagerak Year: 1967

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Year: 1967
Area: Kattegat

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Area: Kattegat Year : 1968

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Area: NE North Sea

Years: 1969

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 % gr	1 % gr	2 % gr	3 % gr	4 % gr	5 % gr	6 % gr	7 % gr	8 % gr	9 % gr	10 % gr	> 10 % gr
16.1 J 15	96.2 40.0	142.4 21.0	161.4 7.0	180.0 13.0	205.0 4.0	227.5 8.0	230.0 2.0	202.5 4.0	240.0 1.0			
11.2 J 15	96.6 74.0	149.3 15.0	167.5 4.0	186.7 3.0	140.0 1.0	205.0 2.0	210.0 1.0					
24.3 H 18	99.1 67.3	127.1 14.0	166.7 4.0	176.5 11.3	195.0 2.7		210.0 0.7					
29.3 H 17	110.0 2.7	159.4 10.7	183.3 14.0	185.8 28.7	202.7 17.3	212.9 11.3	213.3 6.0	228.6 4.7	216.0 3.3	200.0 0.7	210.0 0.7	
4.8 J 15	205.2 51.3	239.8 26.2	287.6 10.6	330.0 0.6	330.0 3.1	364.0 3.1	408.3 3.8					395.0 1.3

Area: Skagerak
Year: 1969

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

Date statistical square	0 %	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	> 10 %	?	gr
17.1 Q 15	54.0	11.7	46.6	104.0	230.0	1.0								
18.2 P 14	56.7	31.1	68.4	111.8	10.6									
19.2 P 14	87.0	30.8	53.3	70.0	1.0									
20.2 O 14	86.7	34.5	48.2											
28.8 P 15	62.7	120.3	151.3	177.8	185.0	6.0	1.3							
6.10 Q 16	48.0	81.9	165.5	200.0	274.0	3.3	0.7	310.0	290.0	1.3				

Area: Kattesat

Year: 1969

% of age groups (no. of rings) and mean weight (gr); autumn spawners

