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**Report from the second meeting of the
Working Group of the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission on
allocation keys for the Northeast Arctic Greenland halibut stock**

4-5 June 2009, Bergen

According to the Protocol of the 36th Session of the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission (JNRFC), item 8.1.3, the Parties agreed to establish a Working Group of JNRFC on allocation keys for the Northeast Arctic Greenland halibut stock.

The Working Group had its first meeting 25-28 August 2008 in Murmansk and the report from the meeting was presented to the 37th Session of JNRFC. Based on this reporting JNRFC clarified the mandate of the Working Group under item 8.1.3 of the Protocol from the 37th Session (Appendix 3).

The Working Group met again 4-5 June in Bergen co-chaired by Peter Gullestad from Norway and Evgeny Shamray from Russia. The members of the delegations are presented in Appendix 1.

The Parties agreed on the Agenda for the second Working Group meeting (Appendix 2).

1. Management Strategy and Harvest Control Rule for the stock

The Parties took note of the protocol from the joint Russian-Norwegian scientist meeting in Murmansk in March 2009.

The Working Group realizes that there is presently no international scientific agreement on the basic ageing, growth and mortality processes for Greenland halibut. The parties foresee that the current research activities may lead to an agreed ageing method in the coming years. After such an agreement is reached it will still take some time before analytical assessments based on an agreed method will be available. Until then it is not possible to use such biological target reference points as biomass or fishing mortality for stock management, since all relevant population models depend on growth information in some way or another. Pending the development of such reference points, the Parties agreed that at the initial stage a management strategy and a harvest control rule should be based on keeping the TAC within limits that have proved sustainable in the past.

In this intermediate period, TAC should be adjusted according to some rules relating to trends in abundance indices and size, sex and maturity compositions, as evaluated by ICES. A set of criteria should be developed with corresponding response levels. The Working Group requests the scientists to develop suggestions for such criteria before its next meeting.

In order to prepare the ground for future improved management of Greenland halibut after the intermediate period, the Working Group recognises the need for scientists to continue to analyse data and publish results from the research program to improve the understanding of the species biology and behaviour.

2. Distribution of the stock – zonal attachment

The Parties agreed to update Table 2 of the Kirkenes report. The update will be undertaken by email before the end of June 2009 and will be annexed to this report (Appendix 4).

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The update of the zonal distribution of biomass and abundance per length group shall cover each year in the period 2004-2008. Both swept area estimates from survey data and estimates adjusted for areas not covered by the surveys shall be presented. Uncertainties and assumptions should be explained.

3. Quota allocation keys – discussion of relevant parameters

At the first meeting of the Working Group in Murmansk the Parties agreed on the relevant elements to be considered when establishing an allocation key for the Greenland halibut stock. The Parties did not however reach any conclusion with regard to how these criteria and principles should be applied. The Parties therefore put forward their respective proposals as reflected in the report from the first meeting of the Working Group of 28 August 2008.

At the present meeting of the Working Group, the Parties further explored and explained their respective proposals without reaching a common position at this stage.

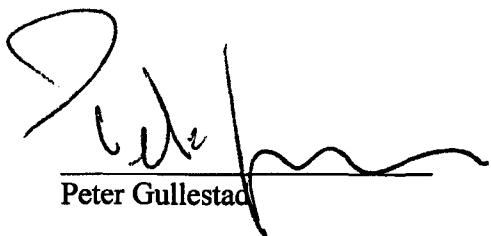
4. Work plan until final reporting to JNRFC in autumn 2010

The Parties agreed to have another meeting in spring 2010. A detailed work plan will be decided after the 38th Session of JNRFC in October 2009.

5. Progress report to be presented to JNRFC in autumn 2009

The Parties agreed that the report of the second meeting of the Working Group will be presented for the 38th Session of JNRFC in English and that the report will be presented to the co-chairs of JNRFC as soon as Appendix 4 has been completed.

Signed by



Peter Gullestad



Evgeny Shamray

Bergen, 5 June 2009



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APPENDIX 1

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APPENDIX 2

AGENDA for the second meeting of the Working Group of the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission on allocation keys for the Northeast Arctic Greenland halibut stock

4-5 June 2009, Bergen

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Report from the March 2009 meeting of scientists in Murmansk**
- 4. Management Strategy and Harvest Control Rule for the stock**
- 5. Distribution of the stock – zonal attachment**
- 6. Quota allocation key – discussion of relevant parameters**
- 7. Working plan until final reporting to the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission in autumn 2010**
- 8. Progress report to the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission in autumn 2009**
- 9. Any other business**
- 10. Closure of the meeting**

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APPENDIX 3

8.1.3 Om felles tiltak for regulering av blåkveite som grenseoverskridende bestand

Basert på data fra det treårige felles forskningsprogrammet for 2002–2004 erkjente Partene at blåkveitebestanden er utbredt i hele Barentshavet.

I samsvar med vedtak fra 36. sesjon i Den blandete norsk-russiske fiskerikommisjon ble det i 2008 avholdt et møte i arbeidsgruppen for etablering av fordelingsnøkkelen for bestanden av nordøst-arktisk blåkveite.

Partene godkjente arbeidsgruppens foreløpige rapport, jf. Vedlegg 11.

Partene presiserte at gruppen skal:

- utrede metoder for beregning av omforente kriterier for fastsettelse av en fordelingsnøkkelen for TAC av blåkveite;
- diskutere ”Optimal langsiktig strategi for fisket etter blåkveite”, som ble presentert i samsvar med ”Program for felles norsk-russisk forskning på blåkveite”.

Gruppen skal levere rapport til fiskerikommisjonen på dens 38. sesjon. Den endelige rapporten skal leveres i 2010.

Gruppen skal rapportere til formennene i fiskerikommisjonen. Formennene vil på grunnlag av den endelige rapporten fra arbeidsgruppen ta stilling til videre arbeid i denne gruppen.

8.1.3 О совместных мерах регулирования запаса синекорого палтуса как трансграничного запаса

На основании данных трехлетней совместной программы исследований (2002–2005 гг.) Стороны согласились с тем, что запас синекорого палтуса распространяется на всей акватории Баренцева моря.

В соответствии с решением 36-й сессии Смешанной Российской-Норвежской комиссии по рыболовству в 2008 году состоялось заседание Рабочей группы по определению ключей распределения для запаса синекорого палтуса.

Стороны одобрили предварительный отчет указанной Рабочей группы (Приложение 11). Стороны уточнили, что Рабочая группа должна:

- разработать методы расчета согласованных критериев для определения ключа распределения ОДУ запаса синекорого палтуса;
- рассмотреть представленную в соответствии с Программой совместных российско-норвежских исследований синекорого палтуса «Оптимальную долгосрочную стратегию вылова синекорого палтуса».

Рабочая группа должна представить отчет на 38-й сессии Смешанной Российской-Норвежской комиссии по рыболовству, а окончательный отчет - в 2010 году.

Рабочая группа должна отчитываться перед сопредседателями Смешанной Российской-Норвежской комиссии по рыболовству. На основании окончательного отчета Рабочей группы сопредседатели рассмотрят вопрос о ее дальнейшей деятельности.

Update of the Kirkenes Report concerning the distribution of Greenland halibut in the Barents Sea and adjacent areas.

Distribution

The main new inclusion to the perspective of the distribution of Northeast Arctic Greenland halibut is the research cruises conducted by Russia in 2007 and 2008 in the Kara Sea. In 2007 only 19 valid hauls were taken, but in 2008 the area to the far north and east were covered quite well with 50 stations. The catches of the cruise in 2008 were merged with the other surveys covering the stock in the same period and the distribution map were redrawn (Fig. 1). This far northeastern part shows up as an equally important juvenile area, as the area between Spitsbergen and Franz Josef Land. Unfortunately the ice coverage in 2008 was quite extensive east of Svalbard and this area was not covered in 2008. This area is shown to be an important juvenile area by surveys in earlier years (Fig. 2).

Swept area estimates

A revision of the swept area analysis was done for the years 2004 and 2005, and extended with the years 2006-2008.

The biomass results for each subarea run in the analyses are given for the year 2008 (Table 1). The subareas used are also shown in Figure 3. These subareas are combined into the different main zones and the results for each year in the period 2004 – 2008 are given in Table 2.

This period is the same as the joint eco-system survey has been run, and this together with the Norwegian slope survey is regarded as the best coverage of the stock (with inclusion of the information from the Kara Sea). The southern part of the Norwegian slope was only covered in 2004 and the estimate for this part of the slope was calculated the other years by using the abundance and biomass distribution between the southern slope and the northern slope in 2004. The same ratios were used to recalculate the part of the stock abundance and biomass between 62N and 68N. The northern part (i.e. from 68 N) is covered every year. The same procedure was used to include the Kara Sea in the years before 2008. The new area was compared with an area in the northern part of the Russian EEZ and Svalbard area covered every year and this proportion was added to the earlier years estimates. The recalculated distribution of abundance and biomass in different zones in the time period is given in Table 3.

The Russian EEZ is most important for the smallest fish (up to 35 cm). The Norwegian EEZ is most important for the mature larger fish (larger than 45 cm). The International area (Loop hole) and the disputed area (Grey Zone) are of minor importance. The swept area estimates in NEZ varies between 73 000 - 108 000 t (biomass) and 56 – 109 mill. spec. (abundance) with no trend, and the Svalbard area are more or less constant during the period within limits of 47 000 – 87 000 t or 101 – 261 mill. spec. The biomass estimates from REZ steadily increases from 16 000 tons in 2004 to 77 000 tons in 2008 and the same trend is seen in the Grey zone and the Loop hole. Larger fish are also present and more common in REZ in the last years. The highest abundance in REZ (440 mill. spec.) occurred in 2006.

The main result seen from this update seems to be a gradual increasing in Greenland halibut biomass distributed in the eastern areas during the period. The reasons of this increasing are not quite clear due to absence of observations back in time, and it probably may be explained not only by warming of the Barents Sea waters.

The results from the whole period 2004 – 2008 were summarized and a mean value table was constructed (Table 4).

Compared with the preliminary report from Kirkenes the 2004 and 2005 results show some differences in the proportions in each zone. The data files from the ecosystem survey have been updated and evaluated since that report was produced and changes in valid hauls have changed the swept area estimates. In the original report all hauls were incorporated in the analyses, but later evaluation of the stations show that some of them should be excluded because they were part of small experiments done during the survey. Also overlaps between vessels have now been taken into consideration and stations have been removed from the analysis. In addition an error discovered in the algorithm used in the preliminary analysis presented in the Kirkenes report has now been corrected. The result for 2005 from the Norwegian EEZ was in the preliminary report recalculated for no coverage in the southern slope area and is thus not comparable with table 2 in this update.

Another problem with the data files is that they are constructed using data both from Norwegian and Russian sources and there have been some difficulties with conversion of data between the various databases. These problems have been addressed in the group working with the joint ecosystem survey and the conversion program has been improved. The work is continuing and there might still be slight changes to the data files. These problems are not assumed to have major impact to the main result here, but there can still be slight changes in the actual numbers when this work is proceeding forward. This update is assumed to be the best possible at the time being.

It should be emphasized that estimated proportions are imprecise because they are based on the survey data, which always have some uncertainty, and that they will also vary in dependence on environmental conditions and stock dynamics, i.e. the estimates are influenced by several factors such as performance of trawl, catchability of Greenland halibut, area coverage, distribution of fish, ice conditions, weather conditions etc. In some years and areas the estimates may be driven by one or a few large hauls and this is most pronounced in the juvenile areas. The variability in catch sizes is given by Coefficient of Variation (CV) to the abundance estimates done directly from the surveys (Table 2). These were mostly well below 0.1 (meaning that Standard deviation was less than 10% of the estimated value). In the juvenile areas CV was occasionally larger, with the largest value at 0.33 (33%). The problem of large hauls is not easily addressed, but there are some arguments for excluding extremely rich catches from the analyses (Pennington, 1983, 1996). The Greenland halibut distribution is patchy, implying that some areas have large concentrations of fish. It is neither right nor wrong to include or exclude such hauls from the analyses and it was therefore decided that these hauls should be included.

There is inconclusive information on seasonal variations in distribution and the variation observed seems to be of minor importance even if there are observed some tendency for mature fish to concentrate in the slope area in the spawning time, i.e. Nov-Dec. Due to ice conditions, the young fish areas may only be surveyed during late summer. The snapshot done every year in August – September each year is therefore assumed to give a relatively good picture of the distribution of the stock.

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APPENDIX 4

Table 1. Swept area estimate of Greenland halibut biomass in different areas in August 2008 based on the ecosystem survey and the Norwegian Greenland halibut survey along the slope. The shaded areas are recalculated given that these areas were not covered in 2008. L.gr is midpoint in 5 cm length groups.

Period	L.gr	DISPUT	INTERN	NORW	RUS-N	RUS-S	SVA-NE	SVA-SW	N	NM	SM	SN	SorA	SorB	Total	
Aug 2008	12.5			183		2	6								191	
	17.5			347		12	4								363	
	22.5			2 005	15	98	27								2 145	
	27.5			7 227	173	298	26	170	38	9					7 940	
	32.5	136	160	178	21 843	615	2 705	99	3 656	1 163	695	323	305	697	32 576	
	37.5	509	1 093	646	17 087	899	5 294	1 643	8 703	3 659	3 124	1 773	639	1 639	46 708	
	42.5	616	1 746	803	7 477	2 695	2 594	1 784	8 453	4 672	5 170	3 420	1 387	2 933	43 750	
	47.5	1 478	1 253	410	2 190	2 544	870	6 588	4 715	3 104	5 678	4 394	1 060	2 073	36 358	
	52.5	1 774	1 552	4 599	901	2 755	42	4 588	2 528	2 626	6 224	4 799	1 039	2 762	36 190	
	57.5	2 855	352	1 959	642	2 614		1 718	1 363	1 526	4 548	3 572	1 382	1 693	24 224	
	62.5	1 330	974	151	191	1 920			514	1 012	1 036	2 948	1 134	1 265	747	13 222
	67.5	1 643	608		164	1 190	115	1 461	887	790	2 688	821	752	428	11 547	
	72.5				750			300	476	441	1 388	272	197	120	3 945	
	77.5				417				420	135	474	110	53		1 610	
	82.5								223	106	239		46	21	635	
	87.5								975	67	172				1 213	
	92.5										77				77	
	97.5															
	102.5															
	107.5															
	Total	10 340	7 738	8 746	60 257	16 588	12 029	18 759	33 582	19 363	33 437	20 617	8 125	13 113	262 694	

Table 2. Biomass (t) and abundance ('000) distribution of Greenland halibut in different zones in August – September in the years 2004 – 2008 based on swept area estimates. Direct estimates from the surveys, no recalculating of areas not covered were conducted. Relative values in right columns. L.gr is midpoint in 5 cm length groups.

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2004	12.5		121	189			39	61	
	17.5		455	1 113			29	71	
	22.5		1 922	3 245			37	63	
	27.5	17	2 773	3 155		0	47	53	
	32.5	299	2 804	1 922		6	56	38	
	37.5	1 779	6 059	61	684	21	71	1	8
	42.5	4 069	7 005	124	633	34	59	1	5
	47.5	13 306	8 817	718	721	56	37	3	3
	52.5	29 446	6 566		1 145	79	18		3
	57.5	25 968	3 901		195	86	13		1
	62.5	14 938	3 077			83	17		
	67.5	8 922	2 094		380	78	18		3
	72.5	5 572	828			87	13		
	77.5	1 841	303			86	14		
	82.5	1 270	195			87	13		
	87.5	271	40			87	13		
	92.5								
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	107 697	46 960	10 527	3 757	64	28	6	2

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2004	12.5		6 389	10 494			38	62	
	17.5		11 611	18 250			39	61	
	22.5		21 543	34 892			38	62	
	27.5	117	17 167	21 872		0	44	56	
	32.5	967	10 006	5 650		6	60	34	
	37.5	4 072	13 532	132	1 448	21	71	1	8
	42.5	6 247	10 695	169	1 029	34	59	1	6
	47.5	14 282	9 400	871	792	56	37	3	3
	52.5	23 504	5 062		859	80	17		3
	57.5	14 941	2 200		98	87	13		1
	62.5	6 860	1 388			83	17		
	67.5	3 125	795		124	77	20		3
	72.5	1 406	229			86	14		
	77.5	396	65			86	14		
	82.5	201	31			86	14		
	87.5	38	5			88	12		
	92.5								
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	76 154	110 120	92 329	4 349	27	39	33	2
	CV	0.099	0.077	0.067	0.153				

Table 2 (cont.)

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2005	12.5		1 476	1 694			47	53	
	17.5	1	1 142	769		0	60	40	
	22.5		694	672			51	49	
	27.5	12	1 864	3 046	136	0	38	62	
	32.5	234	6 854	4 859		2	57	41	
	37.5	897	13 030	2 314	1782	5	80	14	1
	42.5	2 065	18 840	1 548	1 277	9	78	6	7
	47.5	3 967	16 363	2 379		17	68	5	10
	52.5	7 581	12 458	2 344		34	56		10
	57.5	7 404	4 938	2 144		51	34		15
	62.5	5 709	3 805	1 593		51	34		14
	67.5	4 575	3 031	874		54	36		10
	72.5	2 517	1 268			67	33		
	77.5	1 297	509			72	28		
	82.5	641	268			71	29		
	87.5	158	118			57	43		
	92.5	187	109			63	37		
	97.5	62				100			
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		37 306	86 767	16 180	11 251		25	57	11
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Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2005	12.5		91 006	118 925			43	57	
	17.5	31	35 362	25 961		0	58	42	
	22.5		7 039	7 361			49	51	
	27.5	79	10 864	17 884		0	38	62	
	32.5	785	24 347	17 399		2	57	41	
	37.5	1 955	28 880	5 207	282	5	80	14	1
	42.5	3 211	29 244	2 330	2 674	9	78	6	7
	47.5	4 109	18 234	1 410	2 585	16	69	5	10
	52.5	6 065	9 665		1 917	34	55		11
	57.5	4 379	2 934		1 261	51	34		15
	62.5	2 637	1 778		762	51	34		15
	67.5	1 669	1 018		315	56	34		10
	72.5	665	342			66	34		
	77.5	259	97			73	27		
	82.5	108	44			71	29		
	87.5	21	14			59	41		
	92.5	18	10			64	36		
	97.5	4				100			
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		25 996	260 878	196 478	9 796		5	53	40
CV		0.087	0.075	0.172	0.196				2

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Table 2 (cont.)

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2006	12.5	18	274	1 040		1	21	78	
	17.5	4	411	5 125	4	0	7	92	0
	22.5		3 807	17 632	12		18	82	0
	27.5		3 666	4 559			45	55	
	32.5	219	2 766	1 114		5	67	27	
	37.5	1 785	10 620	2 792	487	11	68	18	3
	42.5	3 351	14 929	1 077	1 617	16	71	5	8
	47.5	6 746	14 621	1 420	2 368	27	58	6	9
	52.5	11 225	9 841	1 882	1 821	45	40	8	7
	57.5	14 476	4 942	1 820	2 110	62	21	8	9
	62.5	9 597	3 408	1 816	358	63	22	12	2
	67.5	6 289	2 705	306	614	63	27	3	6
	72.5	3 108	1 218			72	28		
	77.5	2 069	631		570	63	19		17
	82.5	1 328	437			75	25		
	87.5	221	263			46	54		
	92.5	86	29			75	25		
	97.5		16				100		
	102.5		72			100			
	107.5								
	Total	60 593	74 585	40 582	9 960	33	40	22	5

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2006	12.5	1 558	16 175	55 451		2	22	76	
	17.5	223	10 415	121 719	80	0	8	92	0
	22.5		41 547	204 200	160		17	83	0
	27.5		23 728	33 604			41	59	
	32.5	31	6 770	3 718		0	64	35	
	37.5	1 627	14 178	5 561	1 097	7	63	25	5
	42.5	4 380	21 901	1 534	2 539	14	72	5	8
	47.5	5 215	18 097	1 469	2 528	19	66	5	9
	52.5	7 389	13 126	1 354	1 476	32	56	6	6
	57.5	10 195	5 845	1 048	1 226	56	32	6	7
	62.5	7 284	2 578	866	176	67	24	8	2
	67.5	3 628	1 477	105	201	67	27	2	4
	72.5	1 864	790			70	30		
	77.5	1 011	322		124	69	22		8
	82.5	365	136			73	27		
	87.5	144	74			66	34		
	92.5	32	34			49	51		
	97.5	10	3			75	25		
	102.5		2			100			
	107.5		5						
	Total	44 961	177 198	430 629	9 606	7	27	65	1
	CV	0.076	0.052	0.330	0.086				

Table 2 (cont.)

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2007	12.5		268	207			56	44	
	17.5		529	350			60	40	
	22.5		1 191	1 666	15		41	58	1
	27.5	20	2 779	7 469	74	0	27	72	1
	32.5	726	8 602	4 446		5	62	32	
	37.5	7 920	17 941	3 440	459	27	60	12	2
	42.5	13 142	21 909	2 219	1 315	34	57	6	3
	47.5	14 117	16 128	988	1 484	43	49	3	5
	52.5	17 334	6 858	2 121	1 593	62	25	8	6
	57.5	11 918	4 299	1 889	2 460	58	21	9	12
	62.5	6 442	2 228	795	2 071	56	19	7	18
	67.5	4 510	1 810	715	414	61	24	10	6
	72.5	2 285	738		866	59	19		22
	77.5		618	408			60	40	
	82.5		334	317			51	49	
	87.5		127	269			32	68	
	92.5			35				100	
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	79 494	86 308	26 306	10 750	39	43	13	5

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2007	12.5		18 731	14 115			57	43	
	17.5		14 425	9 698			60	40	
	22.5		13 498	16 650	120		45	55	0
	27.5	121	16 136	42 312	371	0	27	72	1
	32.5	2 668	29 953	15 908		5	62	33	
	37.5	18 000	39 593	6 864	1 058	27	60	10	2
	42.5	20 414	34 843	3 167	1 883	34	58	5	3
	47.5	15 675	17 310	1 032	1 550	44	49	3	4
	52.5	13 371	5 508	1 613	1 392	61	25	7	6
	57.5	7 033	2 638	1 071	1 268	59	22	9	11
	62.5	2 916	1 011	339	918	56	20	7	18
	67.5	1 658	655	259	216	59	23	9	8
	72.5	622	197		231	59	19		22
	77.5	141	81			64	36		
	82.5	55	49			53	47		
	87.5	17	33			34	66		
	92.5		4				100		
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	82 691	194 665	113 028	9 008	21	49	28	2
	CV	0.066	0.041	0.071	0.126				

Table 2 (cont.)

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2008	12.5		8	183			4	96	
	17.5		16	347			4	96	
	22.5		124	2 021			6	94	
	27.5	9	532	7 400		0	7	93	
	32.5	1 197	7 623	22 459	296		4	24	71
	37.5	5 543	19 299	17 986	1 602		12	43	40
	42.5	9 392	17 504	10 172	2 361		24	44	26
	47.5	10 482	15 278	4 733	2 732		32	46	14
	52.5	15 623	9 784	3 655	3 326		48	30	11
	57.5	10 079	4 607	3 256	3 207		48	22	15
	62.5	4 233	2 562	2 111	2 304		38	23	19
	67.5	3 509	3 254	1 354	2 251		34	31	13
	72.5	1 661	1 217	750			46	34	21
	77.5	584	555	417			38	36	27
	82.5	239	329				42	58	
	87.5	172	1 041				14	86	
	92.5	77				100			
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		62 800	83 733	76 844	18 078		26	35	32
									7

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2008	12.5		675	12 824			5	95	
	17.5		352	10 310			3	97	
	22.5		1 566	23 842			6	94	
	27.5	48	2 929	44 647		0	6	94	
	32.5	3 927	25 035	77 747	962		4	23	72
	37.5	11 844	41 066	40 788	3 245		12	42	42
	42.5	14 577	26 972	15 315	3 471		24	45	25
	47.5	11 393	16 261	5 099	2 885		32	46	14
	52.5	12 112	7 507	2 743	2 454		49	30	10
	57.5	5 871	2 614	1 893	1 748		48	22	16
	62.5	1 852	1 159	887	1 015		38	24	18
	67.5	1 250	1 100	435	756		35	31	21
	72.5	428	326	213			44	34	22
	77.5	121	114	101			36	34	30
	82.5	40	51				44	56	
	87.5	23	157				13	87	
	92.5	9				100			
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		63 494	127 883	236 845	16 538		14	29	53
CV		0.084	0.039	0.046	0.130				4

Table 3. Biomass (t) and abundance ('000) distribution of Greenland halibut in different zones in August – September in the years 2004 – 2008 based on swept area estimates. Recalculated estimates incorporating areas not covered in the surveys (i.e. including the proportion increase due to coverage in the Kara Sea and the area south of 68 N at the Norwegian slope). Relative values in right columns. L.gr is midpoint in 5 cm length groups.

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2004	12.5		121	189			39	61	
	17.5		455	1 120			29	71	
	22.5		1 922	3 352			36	64	
	27.5	17	2 773	7 557		0	27	73	
	32.5	299	2 804	2 227		6	53	42	
	37.5	1 779	6 059	244	684	20	69	3	8
	42.5	4 069	7 005	200	633	34	59	2	5
	47.5	13 306	8 817	718	721	56	37	3	3
	52.5	29 446	6 566		1 145	79	18		3
	57.5	25 968	3 901		195	86	13		1
	62.5	14 938	3 077			83	17		
	67.5	8 922	2 094		380	78	18		3
	72.5	5 572	828			87	13		
	77.5	1 841	303			86	14		
	82.5	1 270	195			87	13		
	87.5	271	40			87	13		
	92.5								
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		107 697	46 960	15 606	3 757	62	27	9	2

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2004	12.5		6 389	10 494			38	62	
	17.5		11 611	18 422			39	61	
	22.5		21 543	36 076			37	63	
	27.5	117	17 167	51 916		0	25	75	
	32.5	967	10 006	6 783		5	56	38	
	37.5	4 072	13 532	591	1 448	21	69	3	7
	42.5	6 247	10 695	289	1 029	34	59	2	6
	47.5	14 282	9 400	1 242	792	56	37	5	3
	52.5	23 504	5 062		859	80	17		3
	57.5	14 941	2 200		98	87	13		1
	62.5	6 860	1 388			83	17		
	67.5	3 125	795		124	77	20		3
	72.5	1 406	229			86	14		
	77.5	396	65			86	14		
	82.5	201	31			86	14		
	87.5	38	5			88	12		
	92.5								
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		76 154	110 120	125 812	4 349	24	35	40	1

APPENDIX 4

Table 3 (cont.)

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2005	12.5		1 476	1 754			46	54	
	17.5	1	1 142	769		0	60	40	
	22.5		694	672			51	49	
	27.5	12	1 864	9 684		0	16	84	
	32.5	599	6 854	6 347		4	50	46	
	37.5	2 061	13 030	3 105	136	11	71	17	1
	42.5	5 166	18 840	1 790	1 782	19	68	6	6
	47.5	9 209	16 363	1 277	2 379	32	56	4	8
	52.5	15 984	12 458		2 344	52	40		8
	57.5	15 607	4 938		2 144	69	22		9
	62.5	10 741	3 805		1 593	67	24		10
	67.5	7 352	3 031		874	65	27		8
	72.5	3 575	1 268			74	26		
	77.5	1 642	509			76	24		
	82.5	990	268			79	21		
	87.5	181	118			61	39		
	92.5	187	109			63	37		
	97.5	62				100			
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	73 369	86 767	25 398	11 251		37	44	13
									6

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2005	12.5		91 006	122 933			43	57	
	17.5	31	35 362	25 961		0	58	42	
	22.5		7 039	7 361			49	51	
	27.5	79	10 864	59 069		0	16	84	
	32.5	2 002	24 347	23 197		4	49	47	
	37.5	4 515	28 880	7 114	282	11	71	17	1
	42.5	7 880	29 244	2 655	2 674	19	69	6	6
	47.5	9 859	18 234	1 410	2 585	31	57	4	8
	52.5	12 892	9 665		1 917	53	39		8
	57.5	9 347	2 934		1 261	69	22		9
	62.5	4 898	1 778		762	66	24		10
	67.5	2 601	1 018		315	66	26		8
	72.5	934	342			73	27		
	77.5	324	97			77	23		
	82.5	165	44			79	21		
	87.5	24	14			63	37		
	92.5	18	10			64	36		
	97.5	4				100			
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	55 573	260 878	249 700	9 796		10	45	43
									2

Table 3 (cont.)**Biomass**

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2006	12.5	18	274	1 100		1	20	79	
	17.5	4	411	5 158	4	0	7	92	0
	22.5		3 807	17 676	12		18	82	0
	27.5		3 666	4 559			45	55	
	32.5	389	2 766	1 478		8	60	32	
	37.5	2 671	10 620	3 934	487	15	60	22	3
	42.5	5 490	14 929	1 077	1 617	24	65	5	7
	47.5	9 375	14 621	2 020	2 368	33	52	7	8
	52.5	14 953	9 841	1 882	1 821	52	35	7	6
	57.5	18 491	4 942	1 820	2 110	68	18	7	8
	62.5	12 863	3 408	1 816	358	70	18	10	2
	67.5	8 030	2 705	306	614	69	23	3	5
	72.5	3 640	1 218			75	25		
	77.5	2 159	631		570	64	19		17
	82.5	1 479	437			77	23		
	87.5	221	263			46	54		
	92.5	86	29			75	25		
	97.5		16				100		
	102.5		72			100			
	107.5								
	Total	79 941	74 585	42 825	9 960	39	36	21	5

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2006	12.5	1 558	16 175	58 796		2	21	77	
	17.5	223	10 415	122 519	80	0	8	92	0
	22.5		41 547	204 677	160		17	83	0
	27.5		23 728	33 604			41	59	
	32.5	31	6 770	5 030		0	57	43	
	37.5	2 080	14 178	8 054	1 097	8	56	32	4
	42.5	7 134	21 901	1 534	2 539	22	66	5	8
	47.5	8 150	18 097	2 138	2 528	26	59	7	8
	52.5	11 205	13 126	1 354	1 476	41	48	5	5
	57.5	13 915	5 845	1 048	1 226	63	27	5	6
	62.5	9 898	2 578	866	176	73	19	6	1
	67.5	4 656	1 477	105	201	72	23	2	3
	72.5	2 191	790			73	27		
	77.5	1 064	322		124	70	21		8
	82.5	408	136			75	25		
	87.5	144	74			66	34		
	92.5	32	34			49	51		
	97.5	10	3			75	25		
	102.5		2			100			
	107.5		5						
	Total	62 702	177 198	439 725	9 606	9	26	64	1

Table 3 (cont.)

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2007	12.5		268	331			45	55	
	17.5		529	387			58	42	
	22.5		1 191	1 819	15		39	60	0
	27.5	20	2 779	25 839	74	0	10	90	0
	32.5	1 166	8 602	5 672		8	56	37	
	37.5	10 730	17 941	4 010	459	32	54	12	1
	42.5	18 360	21 909	3 157	1 315	41	49	7	3
	47.5	17 584	16 128	1 185	1 484	48	44	3	4
	52.5	21 237	6 858	2 121	1 593	67	22	7	5
	57.5	15 220	4 299	1 889	2 460	64	18	8	10
	62.5	8 851	2 228	795	2 071	63	16	6	15
	67.5	5 577	1 810	715	414	65	21	8	5
	72.5	2 567	738		866	62	18		21
	77.5		654	408		62		38	
	82.5		410	317		56		44	
	87.5		127	269		32		68	
	92.5			35				100	
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	102 503	86 308	47 918	10 750	41	35	19	4

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2007	12.5		18 731	22 744			45	55	
	17.5		14 425	10 722			57	43	
	22.5		13 498	18 172	120		42	57	0
	27.5	121	16 136	153 929	371	0	9	90	0
	32.5	4 198	29 953	20 524		8	55	38	
	37.5	24 535	39 593	8 163	1 058	33	54	11	1
	42.5	28 291	34 843	4 520	1 883	41	50	6	3
	47.5	19 637	17 310	1 237	1 550	49	44	3	4
	52.5	16 415	5 508	1 613	1 392	66	22	6	6
	57.5	9 039	2 638	1 071	1 268	64	19	8	9
	62.5	3 953	1 011	339	918	64	16	5	15
	67.5	2 041	655	259	216	64	21	8	7
	72.5	699	197		231	62	17		21
	77.5	149	81			65		35	
	82.5	66	49			57		43	
	87.5	17	33			34		66	
	92.5		4					100	
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
	Total	109 160	194 665	243 293	9 008	20	35	44	2

Table 3 (cont.)

Biomass

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2008	12.5		8	183			4	96	
	17.5		16	347			4	96	
	22.5		124	2 021			6	94	
	27.5	9	532	7 400		0	7	93	
	32.5	2 198	7 623	22 459	296	7	23	69	1
	37.5	7 821	19 299	17 986	1 602	17	41	39	3
	42.5	13 713	17 504	10 172	2 361	31	40	23	5
	47.5	13 615	15 278	4 733	2 732	37	42	13	8
	52.5	19 424	9 784	3 655	3 326	54	27	10	9
	57.5	13 154	4 607	3 256	3 207	54	19	13	13
	62.5	6 245	2 562	2 111	2 304	47	19	16	17
	67.5	4 689	3 254	1 354	2 251	41	28	12	19
	72.5	1 978	1 217	750		50	31	19	
	77.5	637	555	417		40	34	26	
	82.5	306	329			48	52		
	87.5	172	1 041			14	86		
	92.5	77				100			
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		84 038	83 733	76 844	18 078	32	32	29	7

Abundance

Period	L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
Aug 2008	12.5		675	12 824			5	95	
	17.5		352	10 310			3	97	
	22.5		1 566	23 842			6	94	
	27.5	48	2 929	44 647		0	6	94	
	32.5	7 218	25 035	77 747	962	7	23	70	1
	37.5	17 017	41 066	40 788	3 245	17	40	40	3
	42.5	20 956	26 972	15 315	3 471	31	40	23	5
	47.5	14 944	16 261	5 099	2 885	38	41	13	7
	52.5	15 100	7 507	2 743	2 454	54	27	10	9
	57.5	7 672	2 614	1 893	1 748	55	19	14	13
	62.5	2 678	1 159	887	1 015	47	20	15	18
	67.5	1 657	1 100	435	756	42	28	11	19
	72.5	511	326	213		49	31	20	
	77.5	132	114	101		38	33	29	
	82.5	49	51			49	51		
	87.5	23	157			13	87		
	92.5	9				100			
	97.5								
	102.5								
	107.5								
Total		88 013	127 883	236 845	16 538	19	27	50	4

Table 4. Biomass (t) and abundance ('000) distribution in different zones based on swept area estimates. Mean values of the recalculated estimates for the period 2004-2008. Relative values in right columns. L.gr is midpoint in 5 cm length groups.

Biomass

Mean August 2004 - 2008

L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
12.5	4	430	711	0	0	38	62	0
17.5	1	510	1 556	1	0	25	75	0
22.5	0	1 548	5 108	5	0	23	77	0
27.5	12	2 323	11 008	15	0	17	82	0
32.5	930	5 730	7 636	59	6	40	53	0
37.5	5 012	13 390	5 856	673	20	54	23	3
42.5	9 359	16 037	3 279	1 541	31	53	11	5
47.5	12 618	14 241	1 987	1 937	41	46	6	6
52.5	20 209	9 101	1 532	2 045	61	28	5	6
57.5	17 688	4 537	1 393	2 023	69	18	5	8
62.5	10 728	3 016	944	1 265	67	19	6	8
67.5	6 914	2 578	475	907	64	24	4	8
72.5	3 466	1 054	150	173	72	22	3	4
77.5	1 387	481	83	114	67	23	4	6
82.5	891	309	0	0	74	26	0	0
87.5	194	346	0	0	36	64	0	0
92.5	70	35	0	0	67	33	0	0
97.5	12	3	0	0	79	21	0	0
102.5	14	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
107.5	0	0	0	0				
Total	89 510	75 671	41 718	10 759	41	35	19	5

Abundance

Mean August 2004 - 2008

L.gr	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey	NEZ	Sval	REZ	Int&Grey
12.5	312	26 595	45 558	0	0	37	63	0
17.5	51	14 433	37 587	16	0	28	72	0
22.5	0	17 039	58 026	56	0	23	77	0
27.5	73	14 165	68 633	74	0	17	83	0
32.5	2 883	19 222	26 656	192	6	39	54	0
37.5	10 444	27 450	12 942	1 426	20	53	25	3
42.5	14 101	24 731	4 863	2 319	31	54	11	5
47.5	13 374	15 861	2 225	2 068	40	47	7	6
52.5	15 823	8 174	1 142	1 620	59	31	4	6
57.5	10 983	3 246	802	1 120	68	20	5	7
62.5	5 657	1 583	418	574	69	19	5	7
67.5	2 816	1 009	160	322	65	23	4	7
72.5	1 148	377	43	46	71	23	3	3
77.5	413	136	20	25	70	23	3	4
82.5	178	62	0	0	74	26	0	0
87.5	49	57	0	0	46	54	0	0
92.5	12	10	0	0	55	45	0	0
97.5	3	1	0	0	81	19	0	0
102.5	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
107.5	1	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
Total	78 321	174 149	259 075	9 859	15	33	50	2

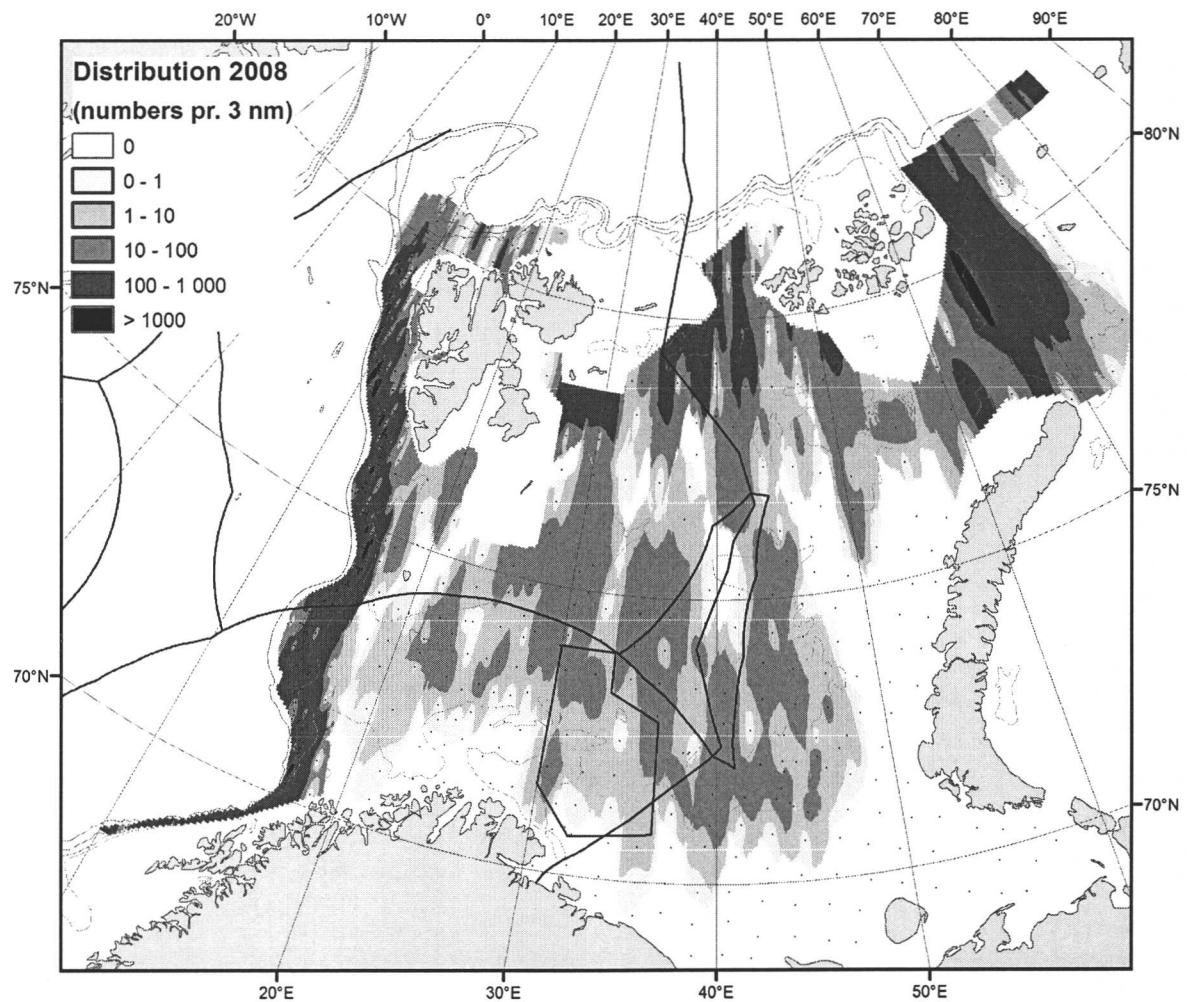


Figure 1. Total distribution of Greenland halibut in August-September 2008. The catches were standardized to numbers pr. 3 nm (a proxy for numbers pr. trawl hour).

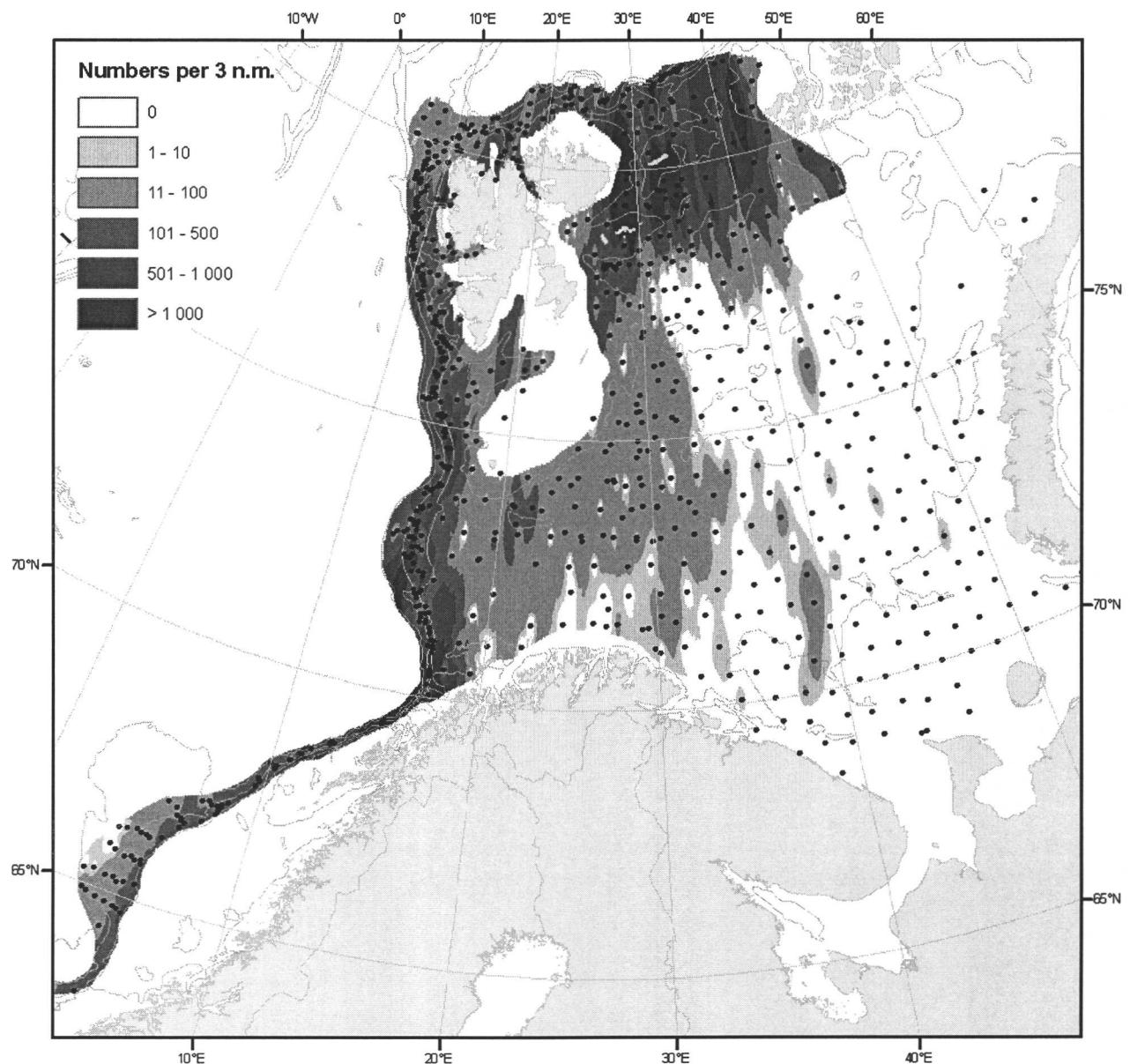


Figure 2. Total distribution of Greenland halibut in August-September 2004. The catches were standardized to numbers pr. 3 nm (taken from the original report).

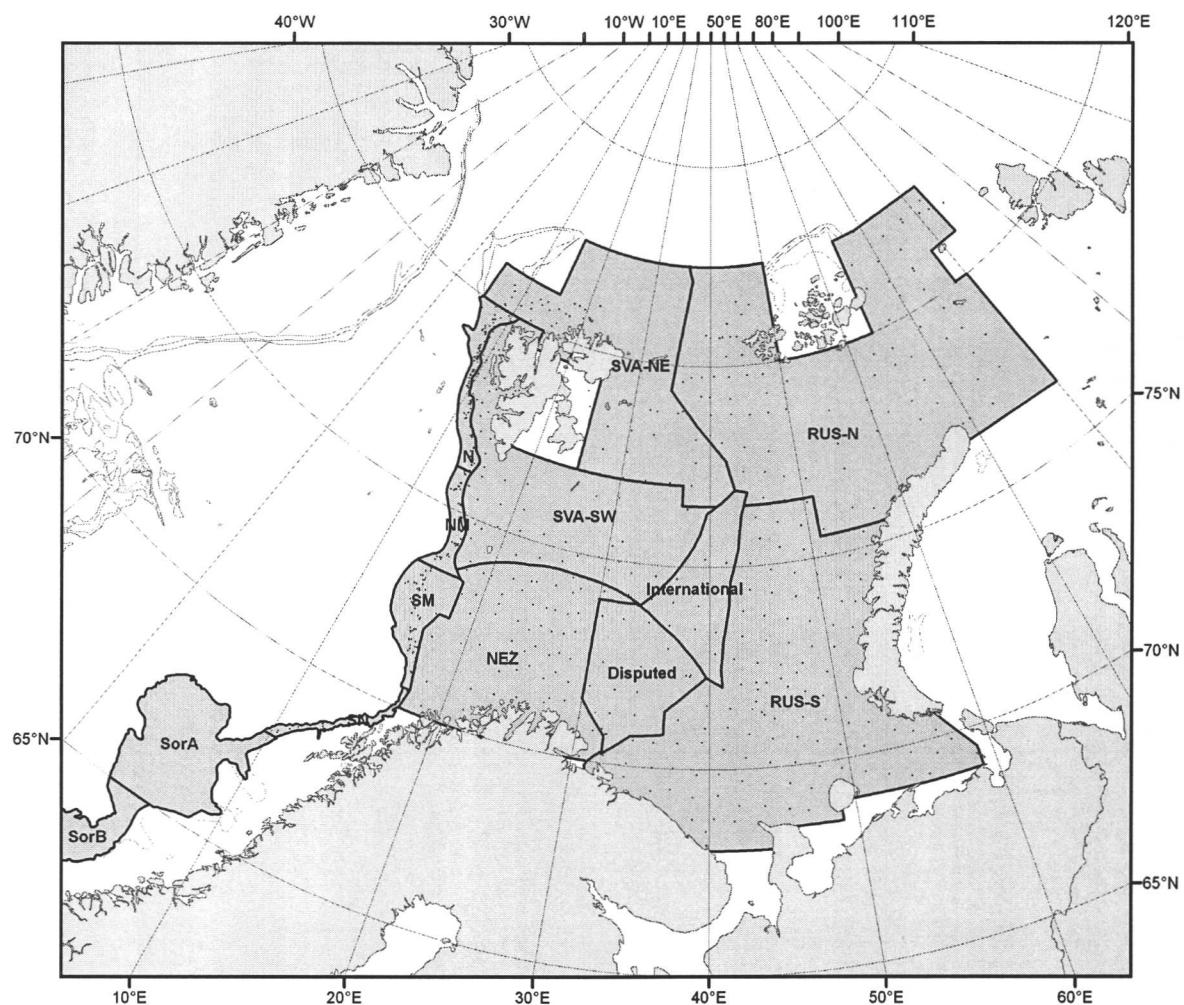


Figure 3. Sub-areas used for summarizing the results from the swept area analyses. Black dots are stations in 2008.