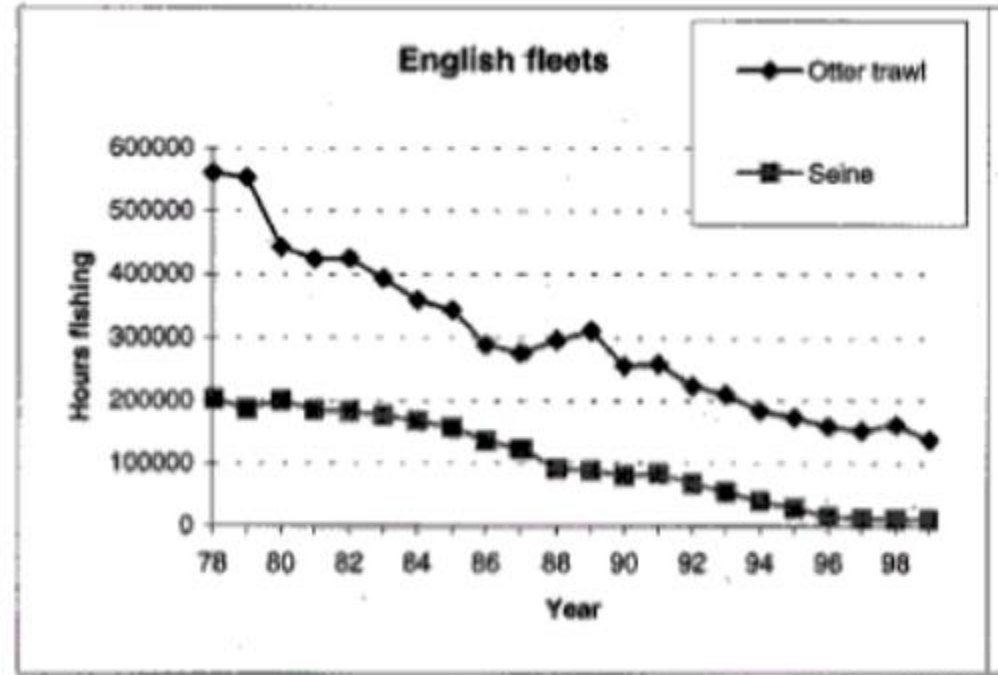
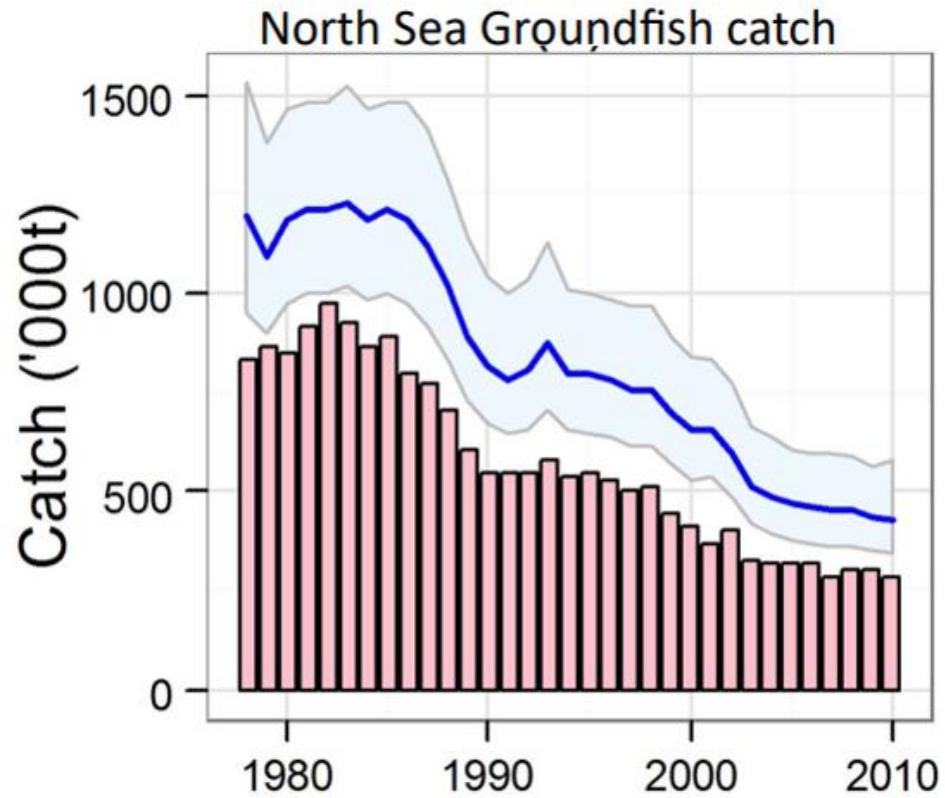


Norðursjór



Fishing pressure is vastly reduced as can be seen in the graph above.

Fish were starving in the North Sea 2003

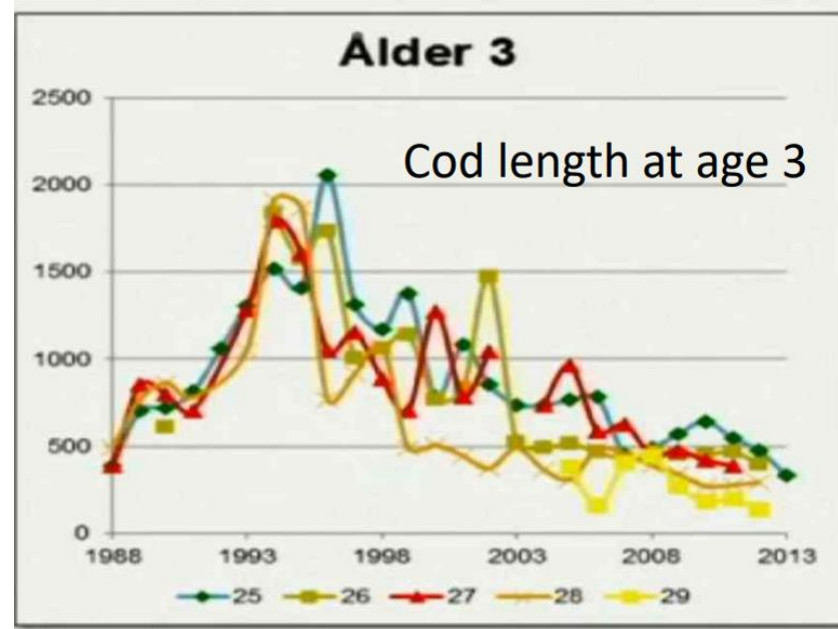
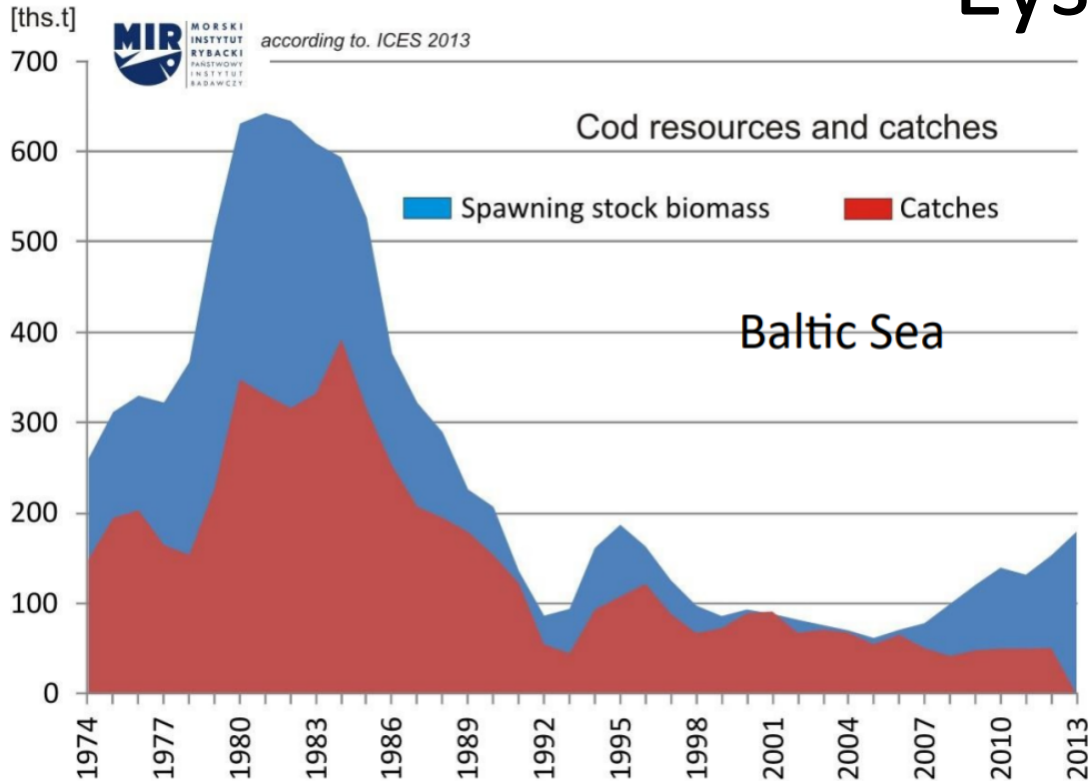
27 cm mature 4 years old Haddock from the North Sea in 2003.



Cod of same size was also thin. There is a food competition between cod and haddock of the same size



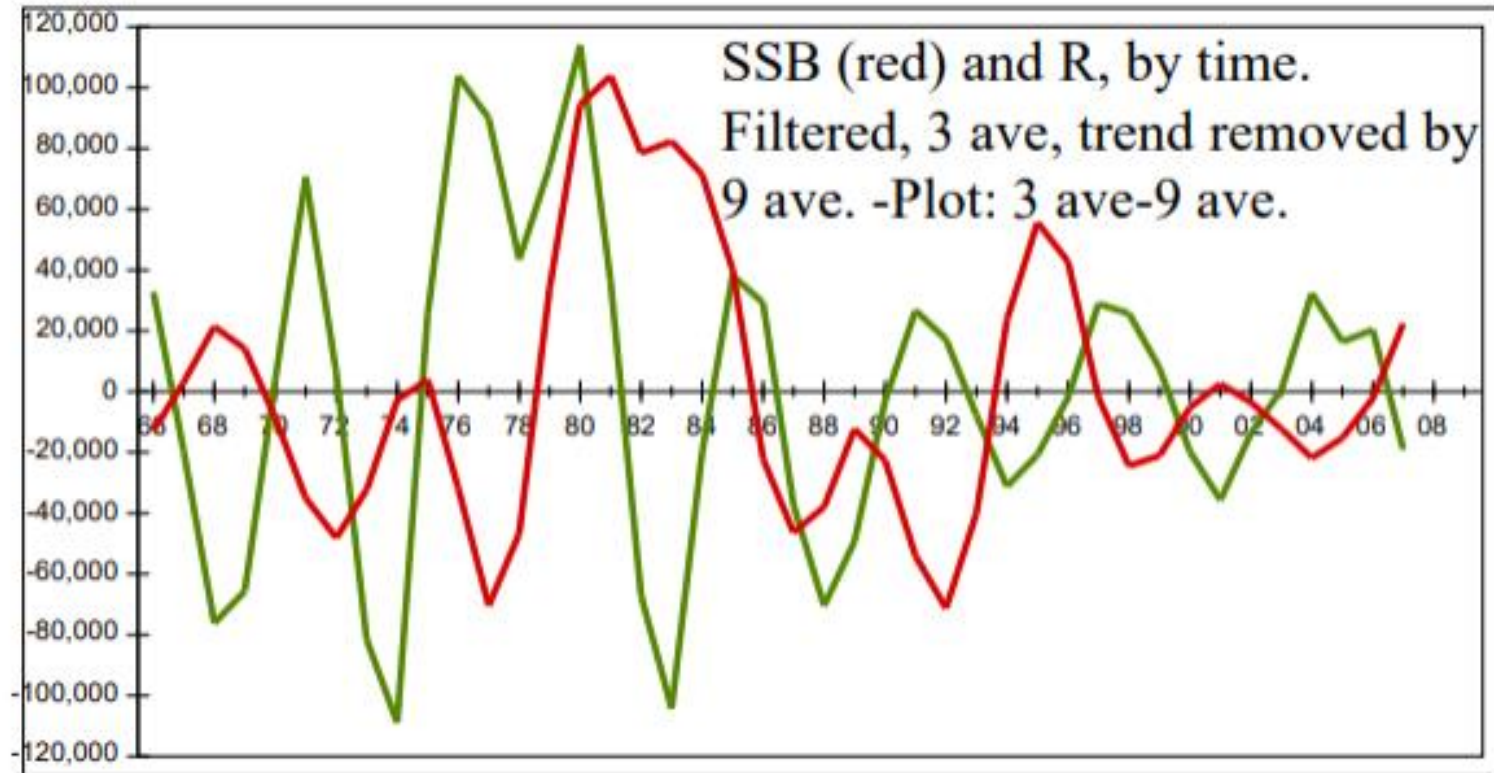
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Growth of Cod is vastly reduced in recent years



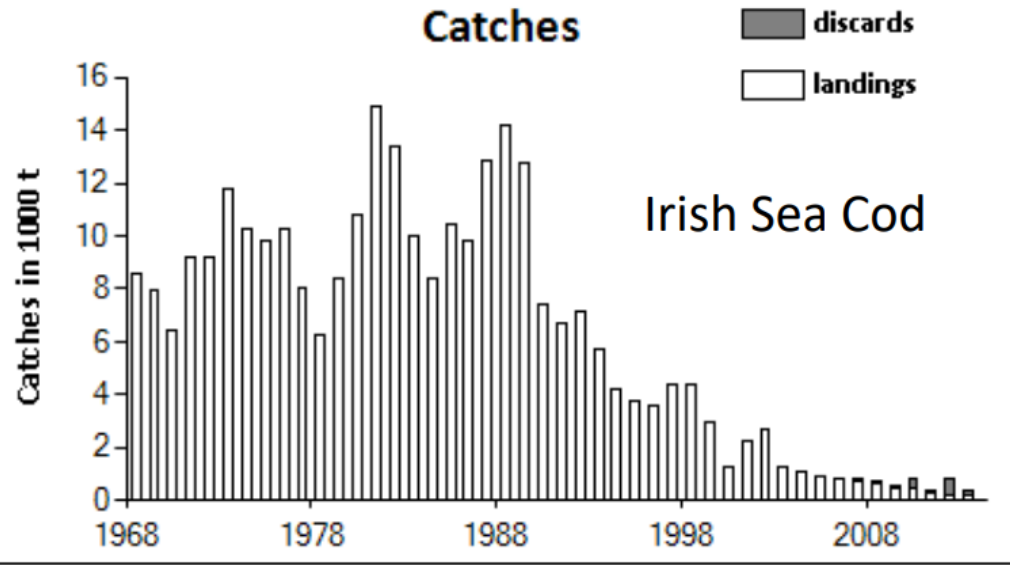
Mesh sizes in fishing gear have been increased in recent years to increase selectivity that is let more small fish escape from he fishery and increase pressure, relatively of big fish. If the results from the age reading are near to be correct, this is wrong management policy that will lead to less catch and poor state of the stock in the long run. This will (as history shows) lead to further restrictions in the fishery.



By removing the long time trend we can use nine year running average. If now the short term (3 year running) average is placed upon the long term average (9 year average), it shows how spawning stock and recruitment are related by time:

They are in anti phase, which means that small spawning stock gives good recruitment and vice versa.

Something to think about?

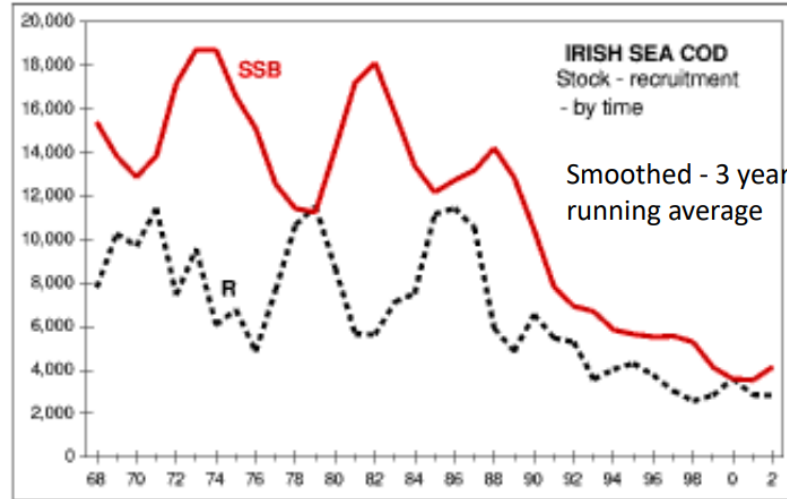


Cod saving plan implemented from 2000.

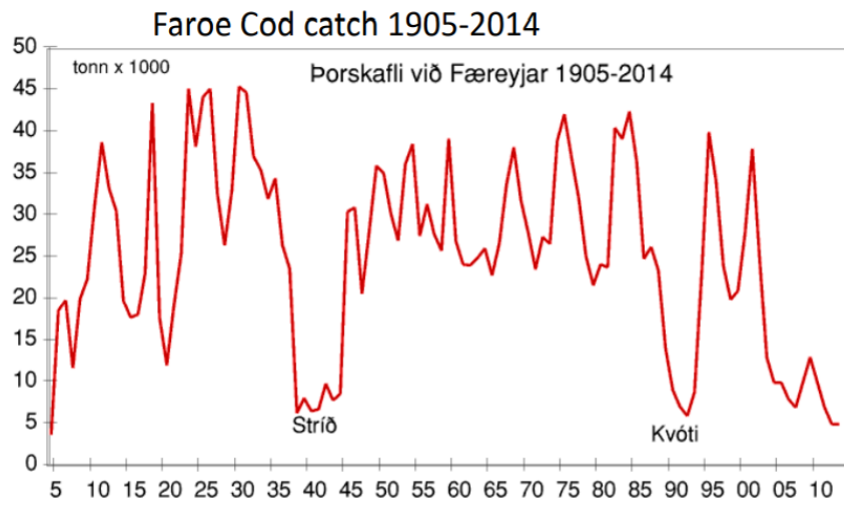
In 2003 there were 30-40 trawlers fishing for whitefish (whiting, cod, haddock) . No direct cod fishing is allowed at the present.

Spawning/ recruitment relationship in the Irish Sea.

Large spawning stock gives low recruitment and vice versa.



When the fishery is unregulated, there is an inverse relationship between the spawning stock and the recruitment. When the fishery becomes regulated with quotas and cut downs, the regularity goes out of balance. The fishermen start black landings and mis-reporting to save their own skin.



Færeyjar

There was no increase in the cod catch since 1939-1945. What was not caught during

The fishing effort in Faeroe has been vastly reduced since 1990 but ICES still blames over fishing for the bad state of demersal stocks and recommends reduction in effort.



Allocated fishing days 1996-2016



Large areas are protected from trawl fishing (trawling spots indicated by green dots).

New competitor on the stage: Mackerel

