THE EXPERIENCE OF USING GIS TECHNOLOGY FOR STOCK ASSESSMENTS OF MARINE FISHES

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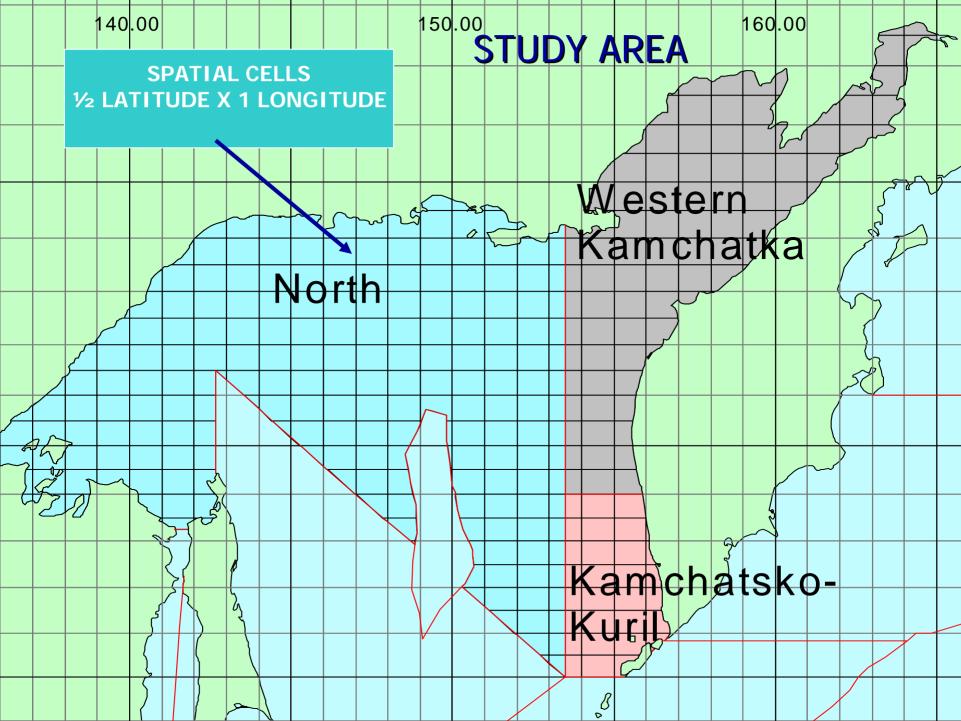
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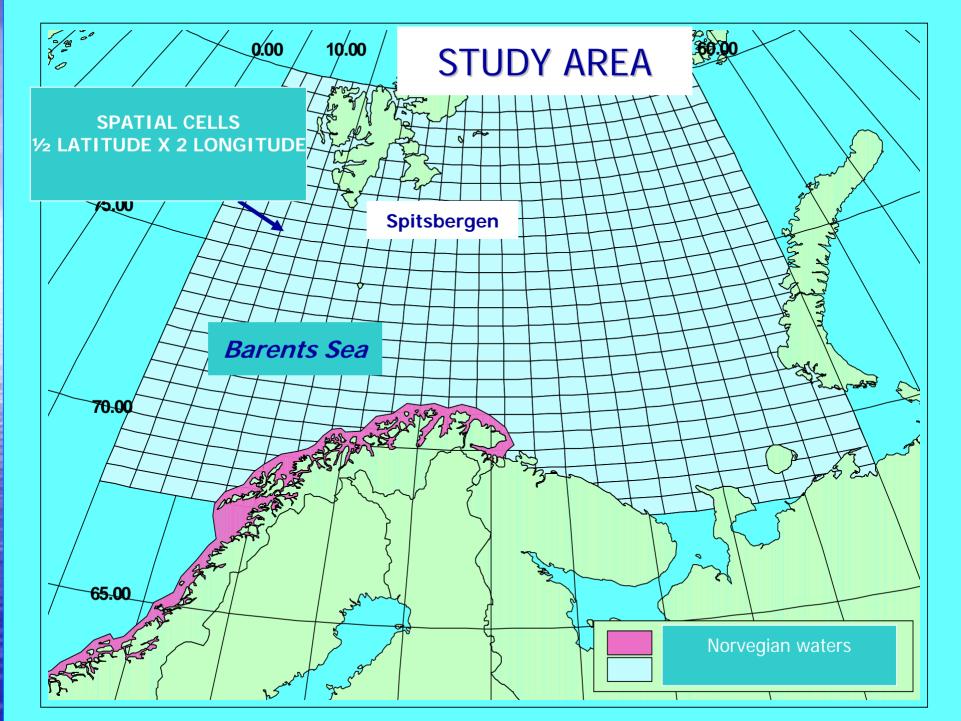
to assess the fishable biomass of main commercial marine fishes by use GIS technology

VESSELS DAILY REPORT (VDR) INCLUDE FOLLOW INFORMATION:

SPECIES: WALLEYE POLLOCK, NORTH-EAST ARCTIC COD, GREENLAND HALIBUT

- DATE OF REPORT
 - LATITUDE
 - LONGITUDE
- TARGET SPECIES
- CATCH AMOUNT
- TYPE OF FISHING VESSELS (large and medium)
- TYPE OF FISHING GEARS(bottom and midwater)
 - TIME OF THE FISHING OPERATION





SPECIES	REGION	YEARS	NUMBER OF VDR
Walleye pollock	The Sea of Okhotsk	1998-2007	> 31,000
Arctic Cod	Barents Sea	2000-2007	> 202,000
Greenland Halibut	Barents Sea	2003-2008	> 2,400

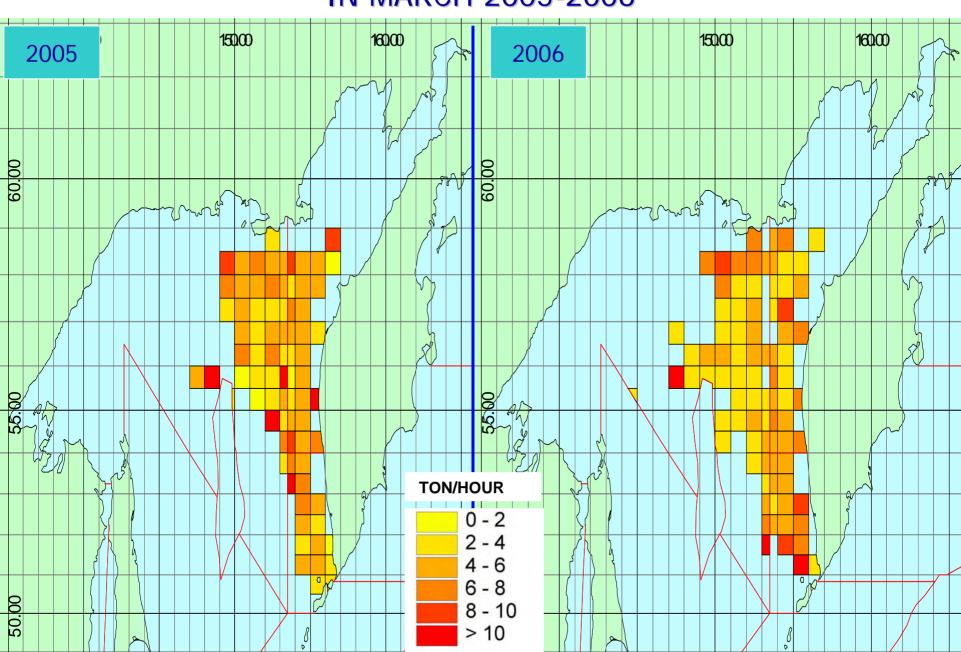
$$P = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{Q_i \times x_i}{q \times k} \right);$$

- P is the fishable biomass, tons;
- Q(i) is the spatial cell square (i), km2;
- x(i) is the mean actual catch in each cell (i), t/h of trawling;
- q is the area of trawling (determined through multiplication of the trawl horizontal opening by the distance covered), km²
- k is the catchability coefficient (0,2 for Greenland halibut, 0,3 for Arctic cod and 0,4 for Walleye pollock)

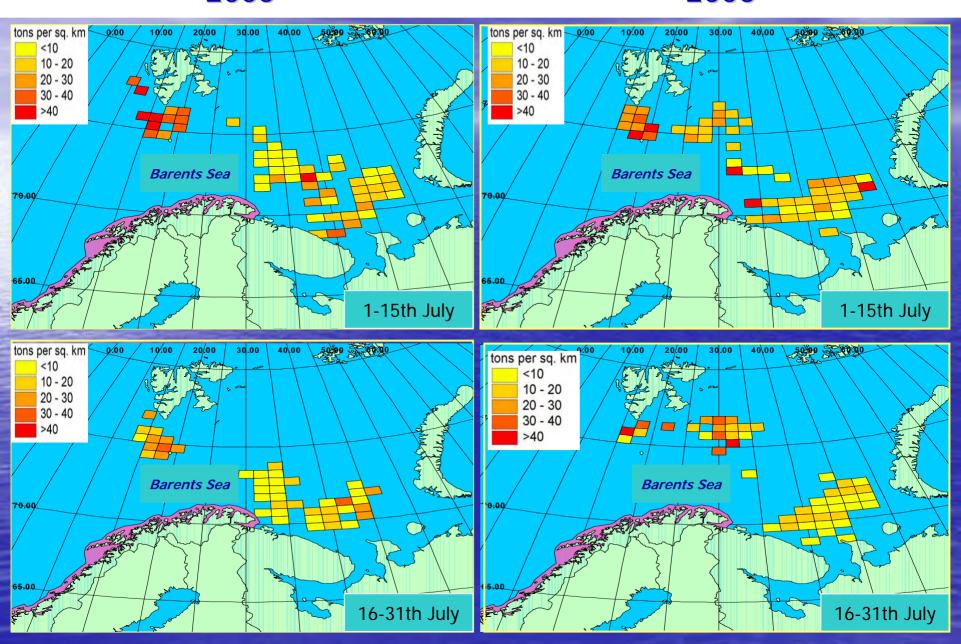
Areas of spatial cells were determined with the GIS software ArcView 3.2 (ESRI)

- The monthly biomass was found as the arithmetic mean biomass for 15-days (cod, GH) and 10-days (walleye pollock)
- The annually biomass was found as the arithmetic mean biomass for each month (Walleye Pollock-January-April, Arctic Cod-April-August, Greenland Halibut-September-December)

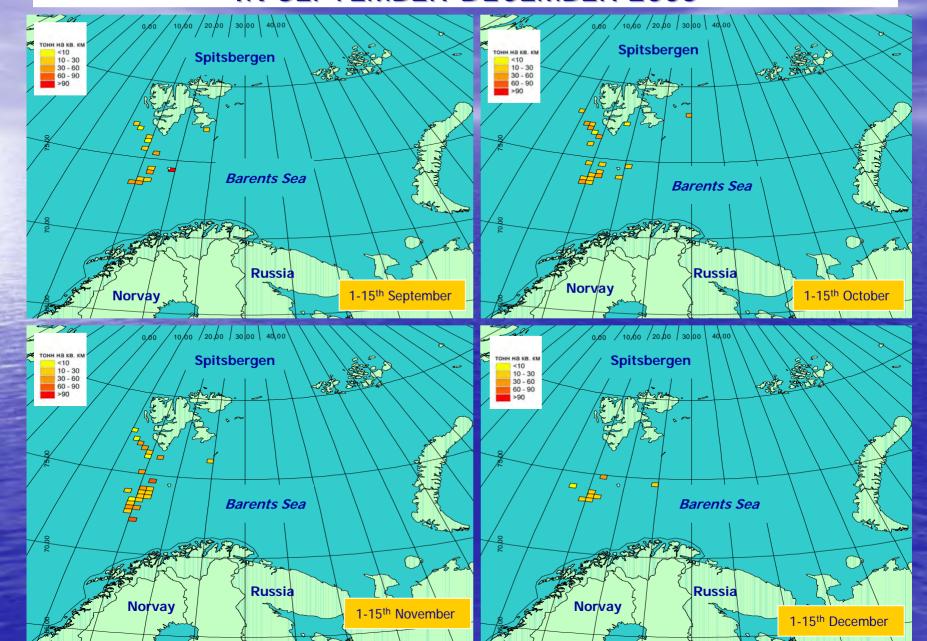
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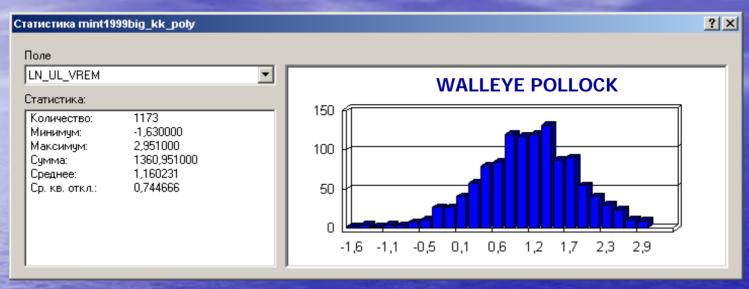
DENSITY DISTRIBUTION OF ARCTIC COD CATCHES IN 2005

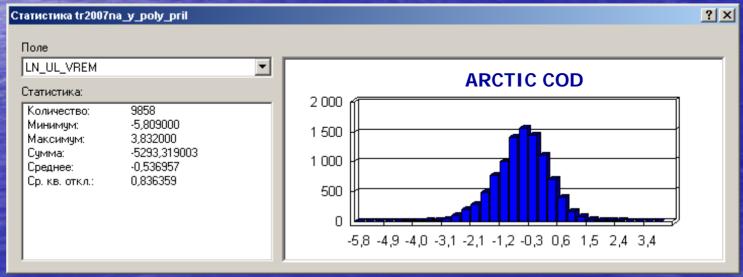


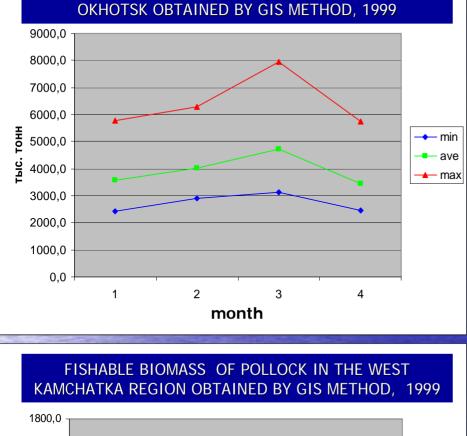
DENSITY DISTRIBUTION OF GREENLAND HALIBUT IN SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2005



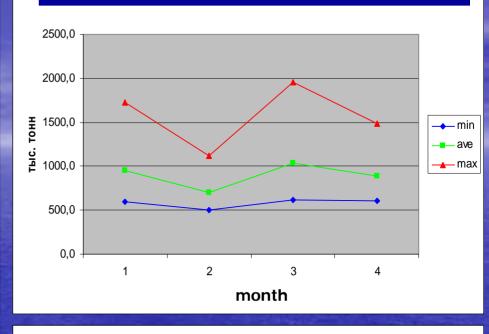
FREEQUENCY DISRIBUTION OF WALLEYE POLLOCK AND ARCTIC COD IN COMMERCIAL CATCHES (logarithm scale, ton/hour)





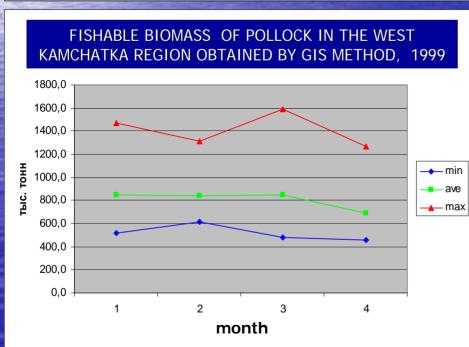


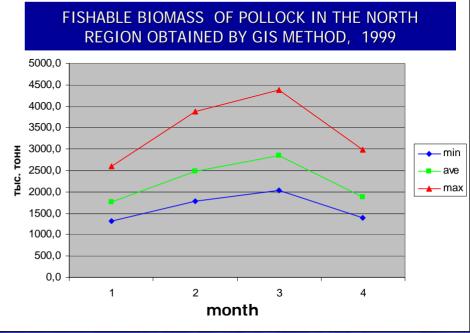
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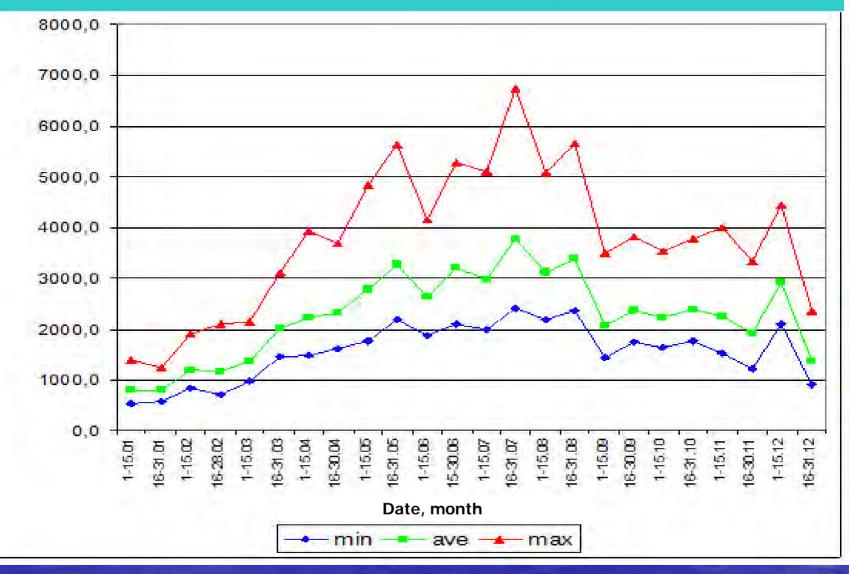
FISHABLE BIOMASS OF POLLOCK IN KURIL-KAMCHATKA

REGION OBTAINED BY GIS METHOD, 1999

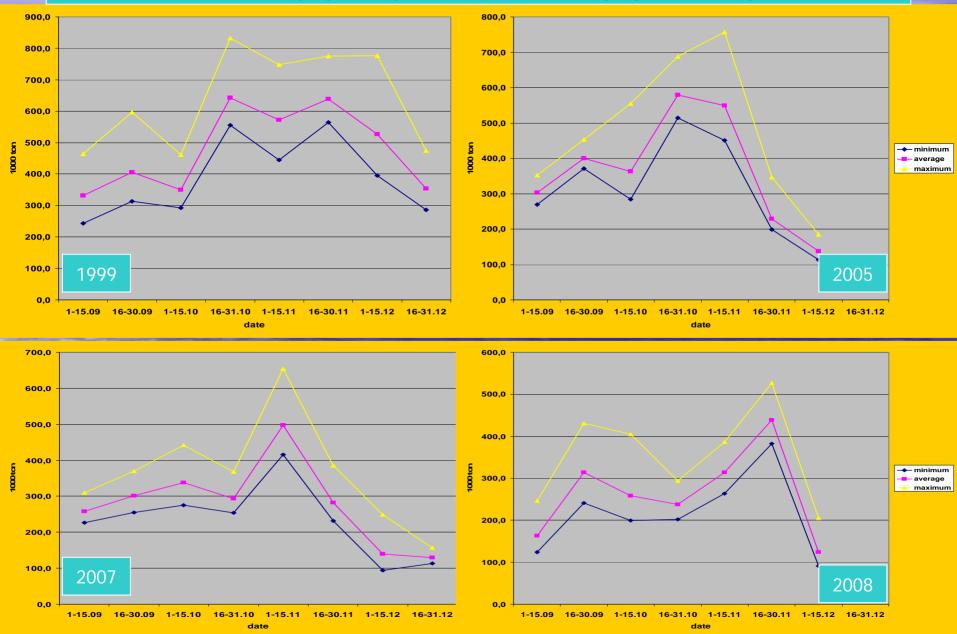




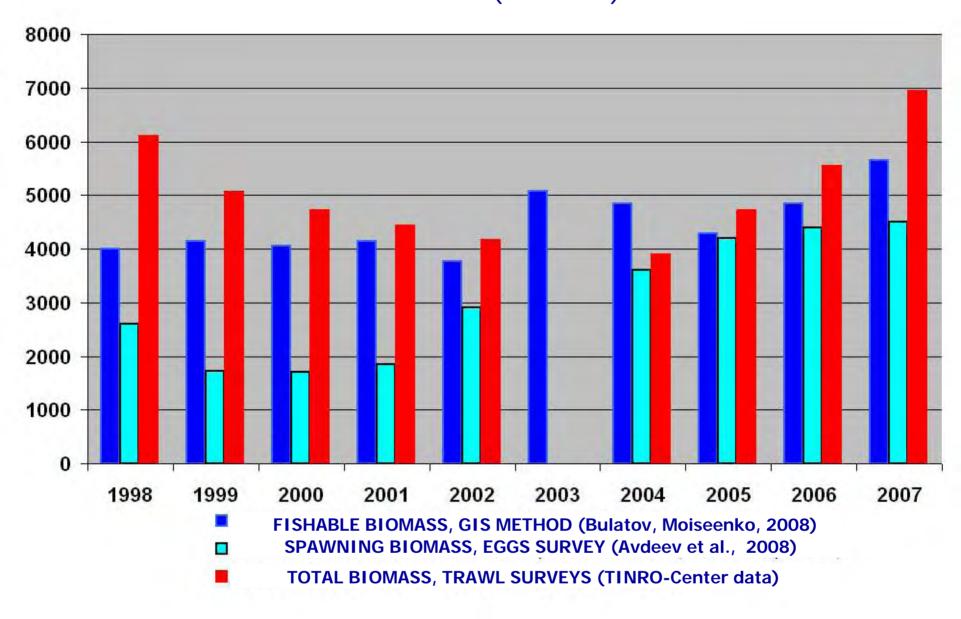
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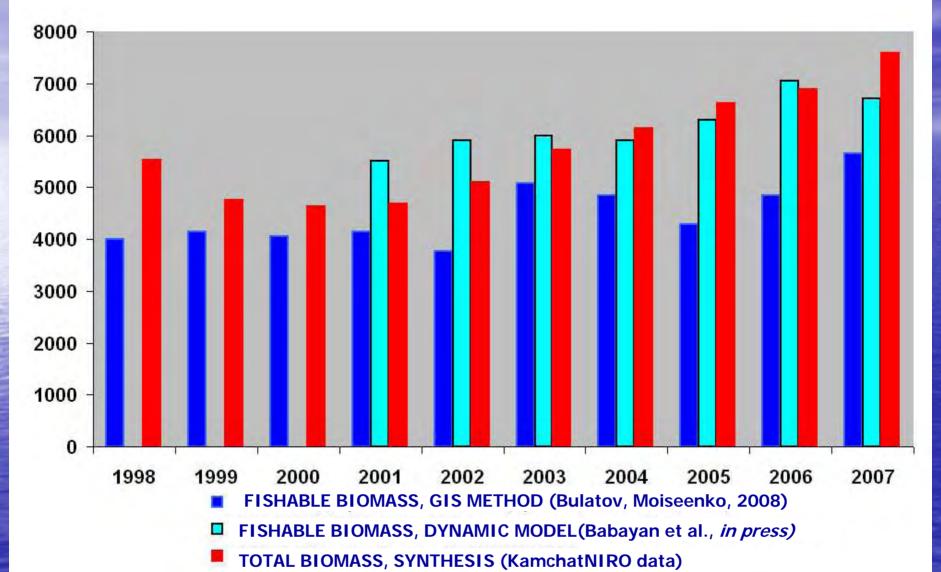
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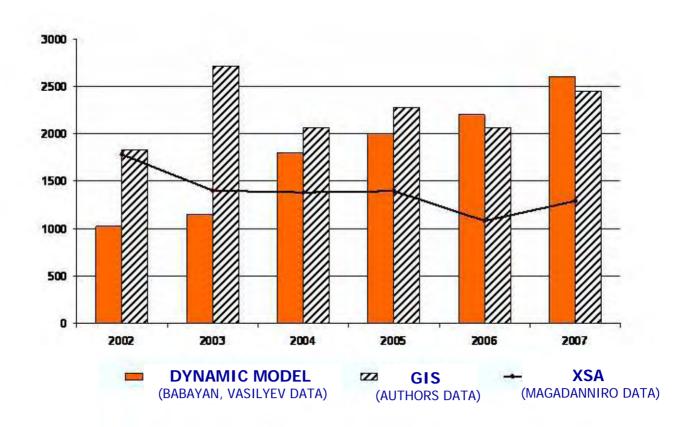
BIOMASS OF WALLEYE POLLOCK IN THE SEA OF OKHOTSK, 1998-2007 (THOUS.T)



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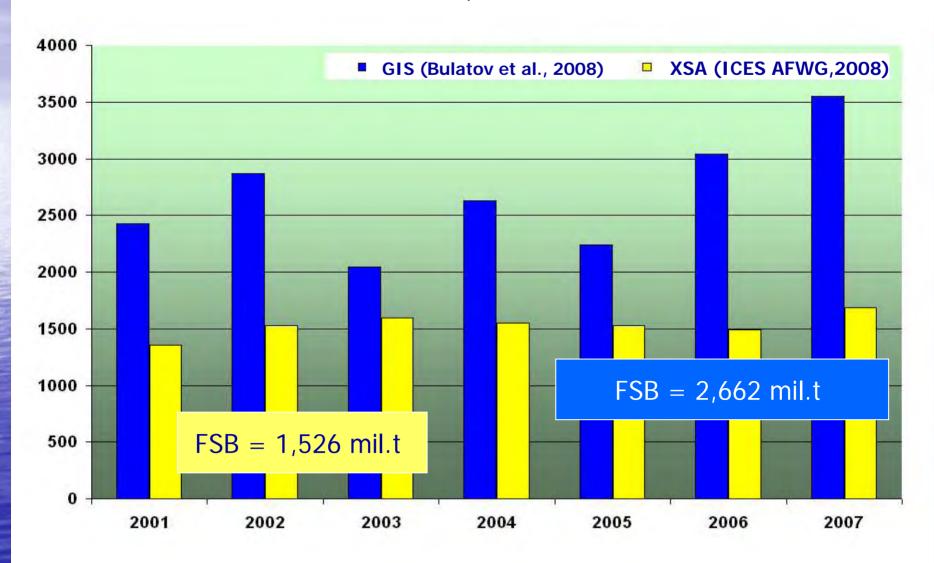


ASSESSMENT OF FISHABLE BIOMASS OF WALLEYE POLLOCK IN THE NORTH OF OKHOTSK SEA BY DIFFERENT METHODS (thousands ton)

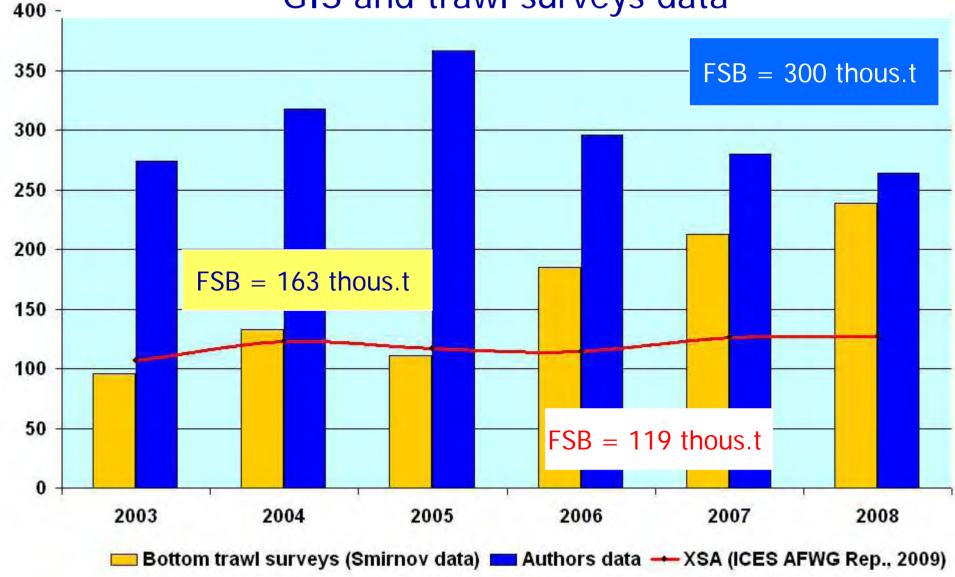


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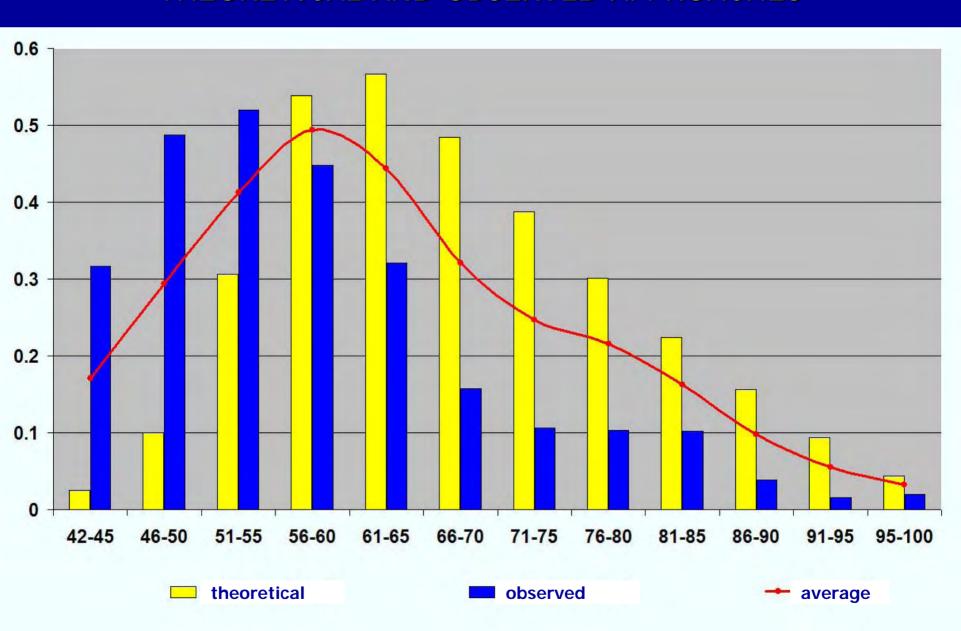
STOCK ASSESSMENT BIOMASS OF COD OBTAINED BY GIS AND XSA, THOUS.T



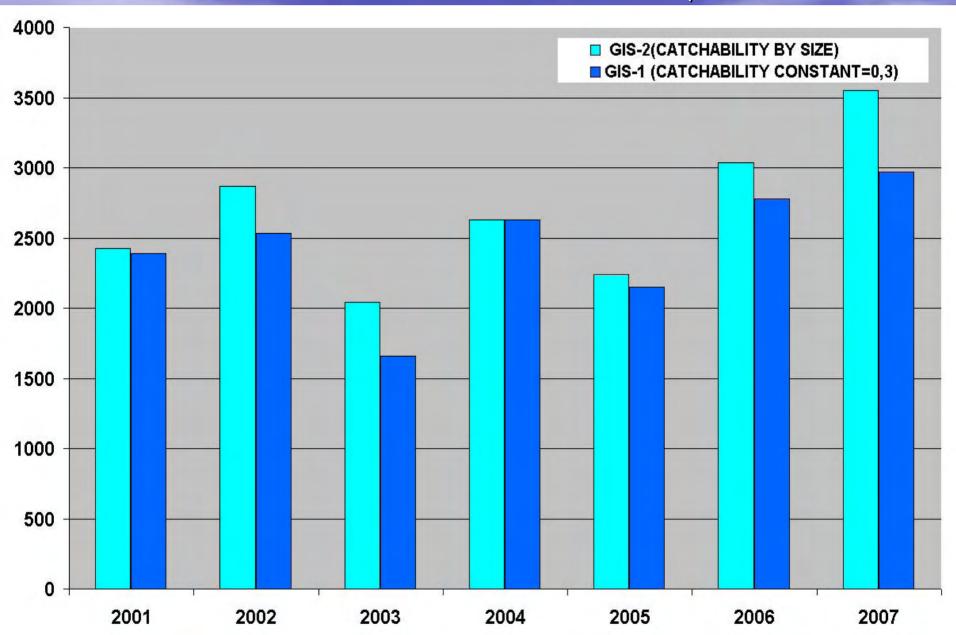
Greenland Halibut biomass value obtained by XSA, GIS and trawl surveys data



CATCHABILITY COEFFICIENT VALUES ACCORDING TO THEORETICAL AND OBSERVED APPROACHES



STOCK ASSESSMENT FISHABLE BIOMASS OF ARCTIC COD ACCORDING GIS-1 AND GIS-2 VERSIONS, thous. tons



Conclusions

- Comparison of GIS with trawl and ichthyoplankton surveys demonstrated that the results of stock assessment biomass were very close.
- Comparison of GIS with analytical approaches XSA and TISVPA shows that the biomass estimate for GIS is much larger. However, the comparison of GIS with analytical approaches dynamic model and SYNTHESIS, shows that the results of stock assessment biomass were very close.
- The improved GIS version, which includes catchability coefficient based on the group size of cod, shows higher accuracy in results compare to the 1-st version of GIS.
- Applying the GIS technology allows us to do the stock assessment estimates not only for Walleye pollock, Arctic cod and Greenland halibut, but also for other commercial fishes.

