



2024 Fishery Management Plan Annual Monitoring

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Marine Fisheries

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Overview



FMP History



Data Collection and Analysis



FMP Review Process



Examples



Management



Draft FMP Schedule



History of Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)

Fisheries Reform Act of 1997

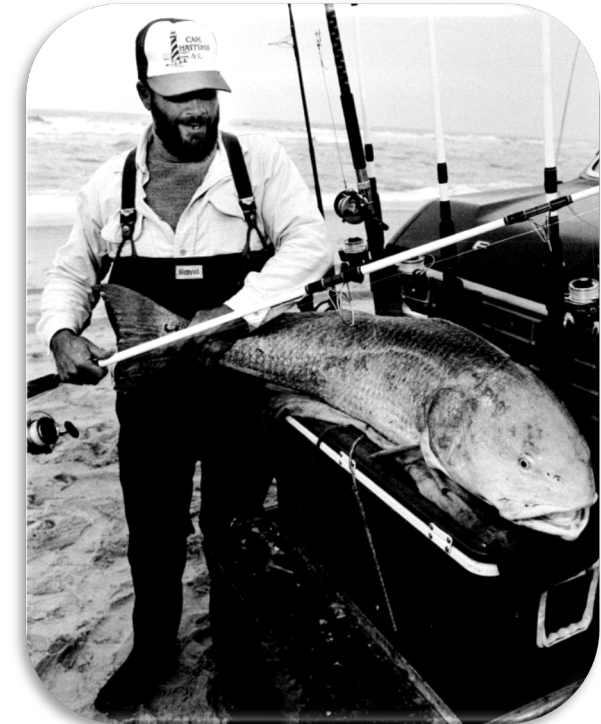
To ensure the long-term viability of fisheries in North Carolina

Fishery Management Plans

Guides management using the goal of the FRA

DMF Mission:

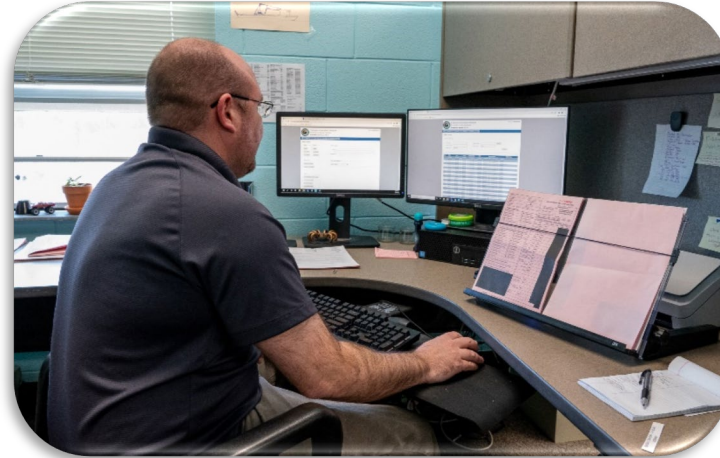
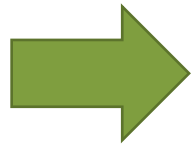
“Dedication to ensuring sustainable marine and estuarine fisheries and habitats for the benefit of the people of North Carolina”



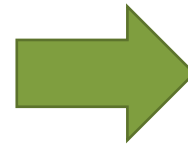
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Analysis and FMP Updates



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What Data Do We Collect?



Sex and Maturity

Water Quality



Habitat



How Do We Collect The Data?

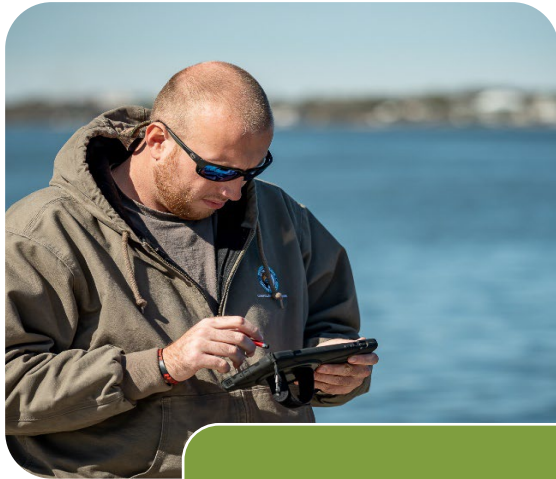
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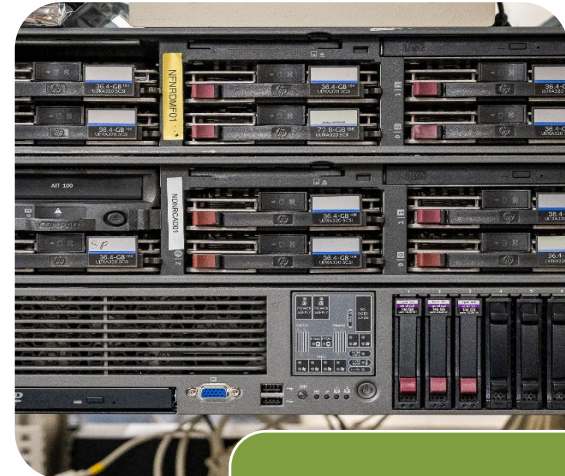
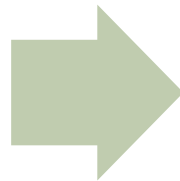
Data Processing and Storage



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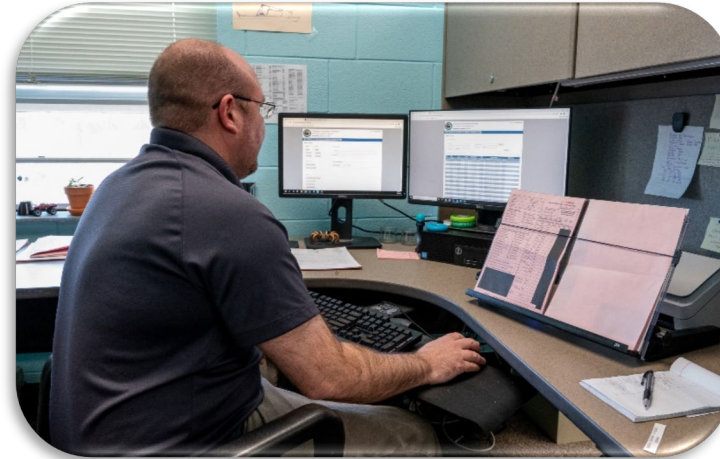
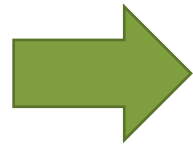
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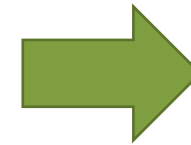
Analysis and Annual FMP Review Fisheries Monitoring Flow



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Analysis and Annual FMP Review

Each year, data compiled by DMF informs our annual FMP Review.

Individual reports done for:

- 13 state-managed species or species groups
- 21 ASMFC or federal species or species groups

For each species or species group:

- Summarize data annually for each report
- Update and review trends in data
- Draft updated report
- Review and assess management based on data



What is included in the FMP Review?

**North Carolina
Division of Marine Fisheries
2023 Fishery Management Plan
Review**

August 2024



- Presented during August MFC meeting
- Available on the website
- For each species:
 - History of the plan;
 - Management unit;
 - Goal and objectives;
 - Description of the stock;
 - Description of the fishery;
 - Monitoring program data;
 - Research needs;
 - Management strategy; and
 - Recommendation for timing of next FMP Review

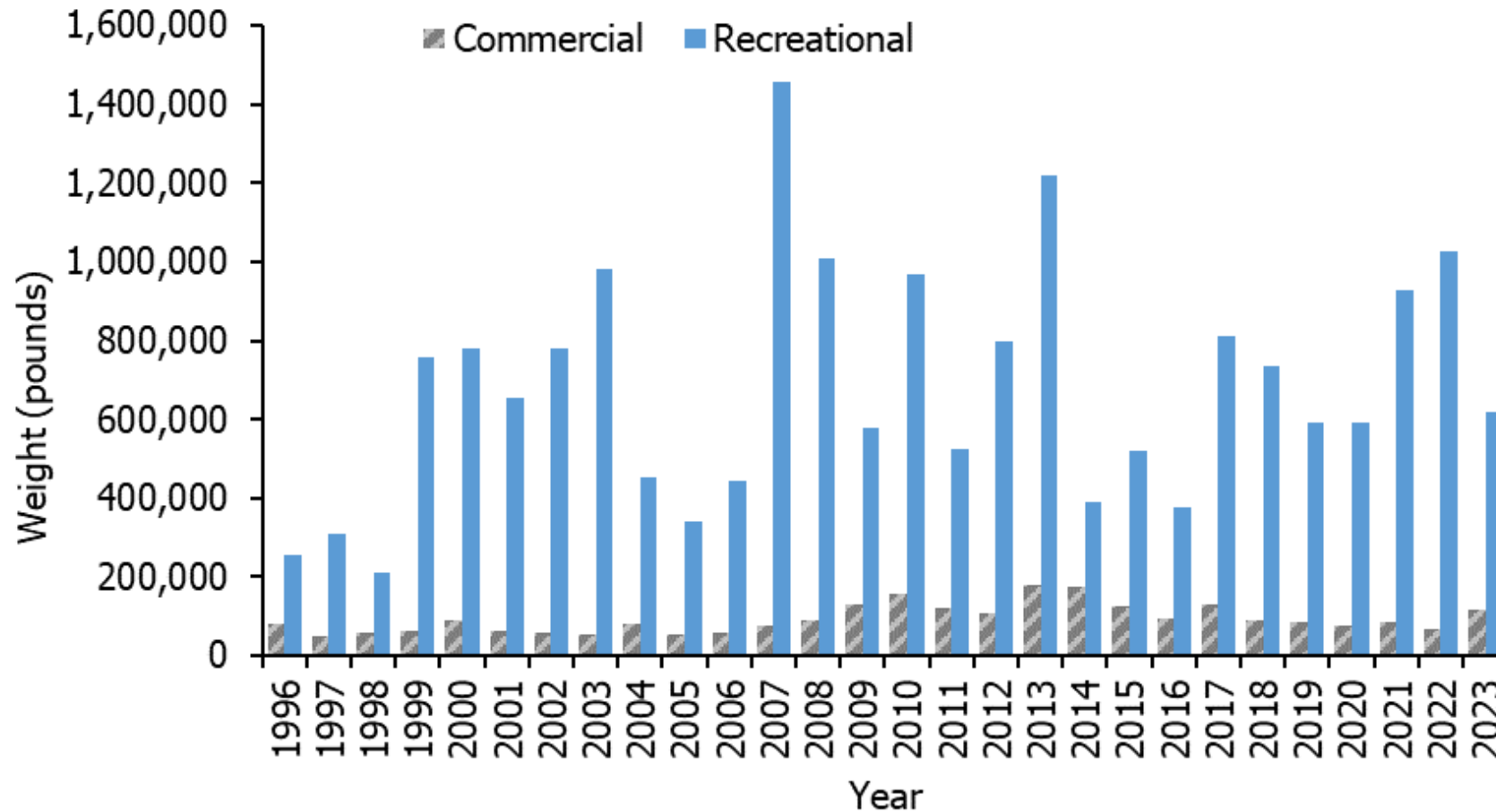


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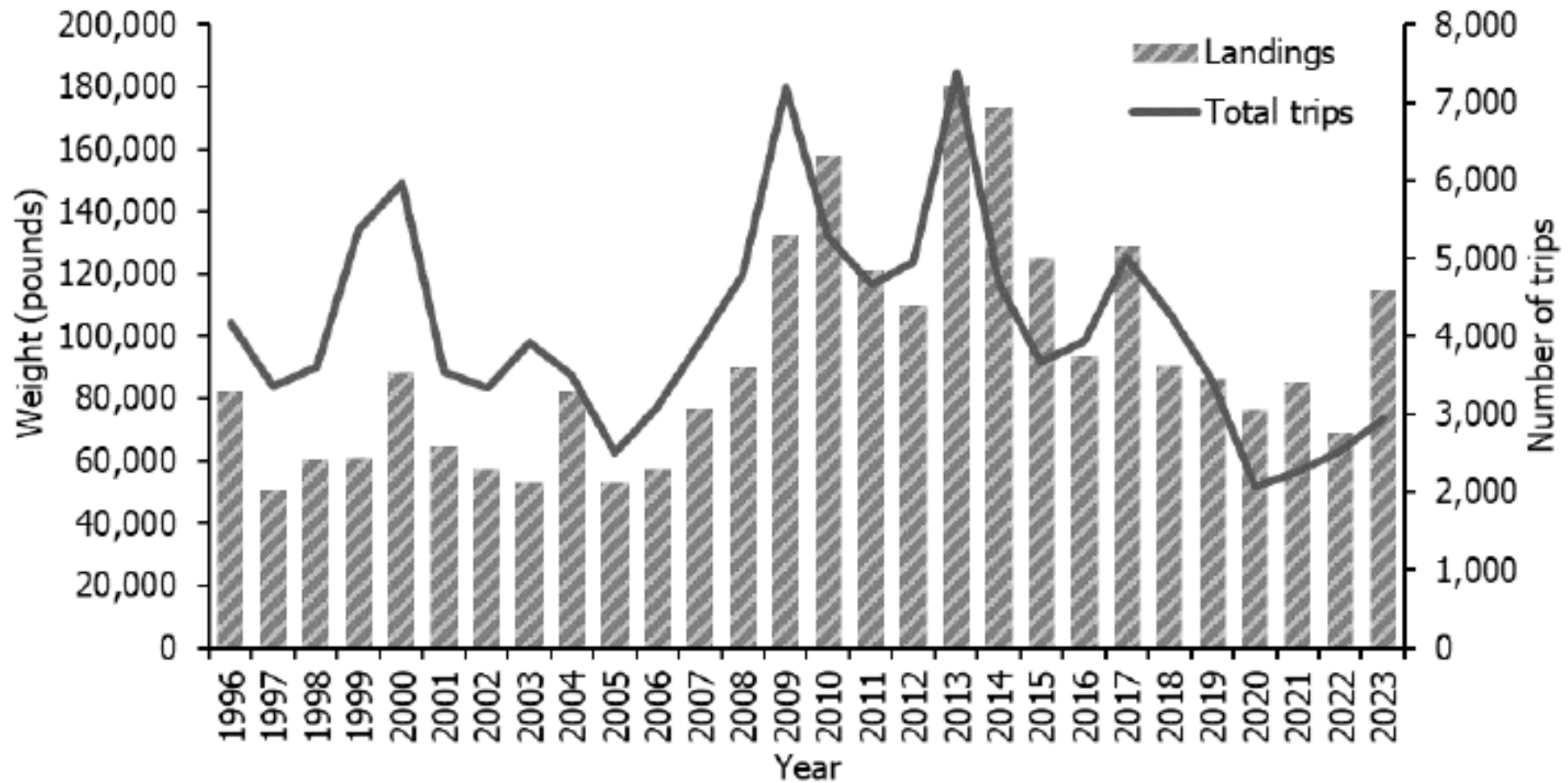
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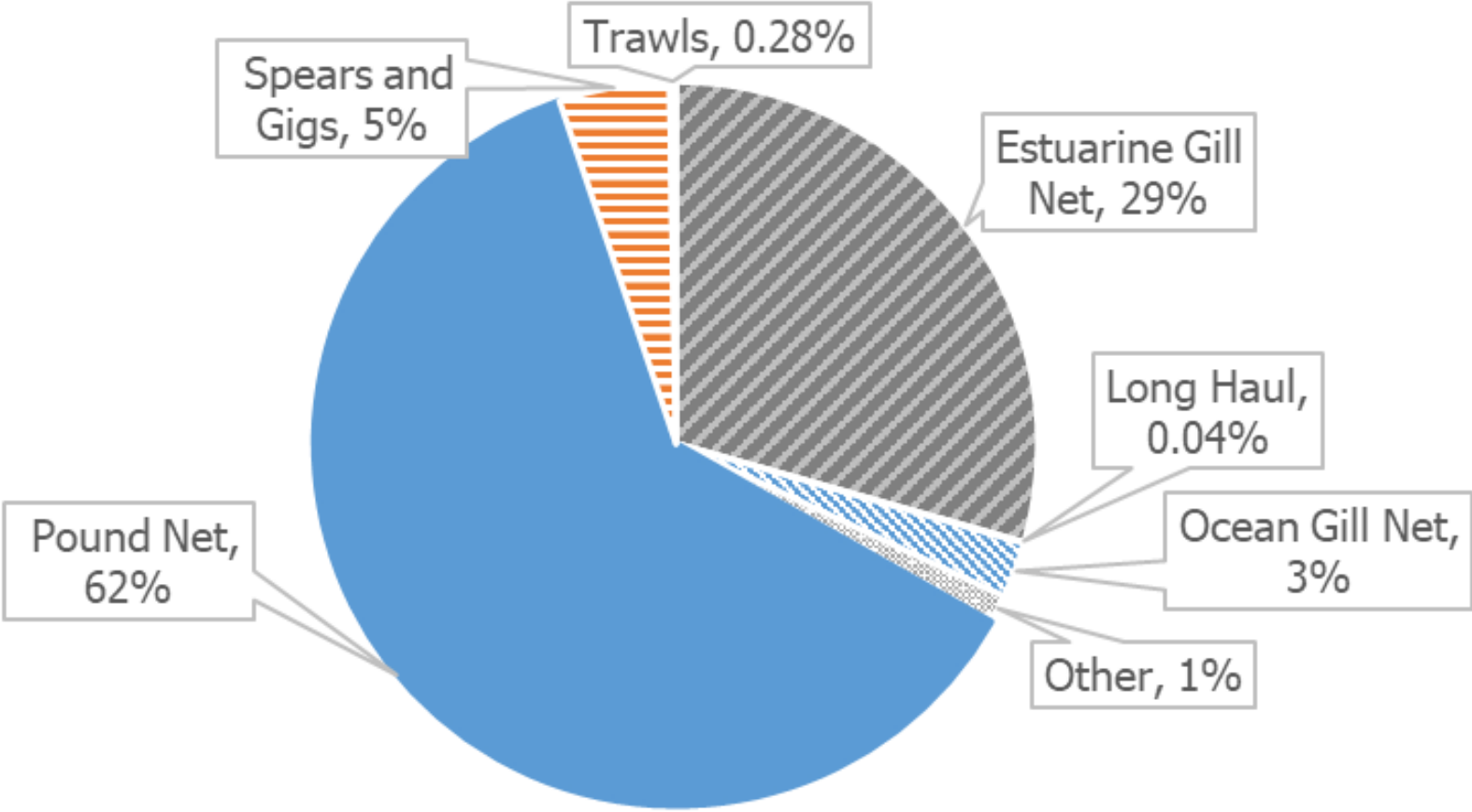
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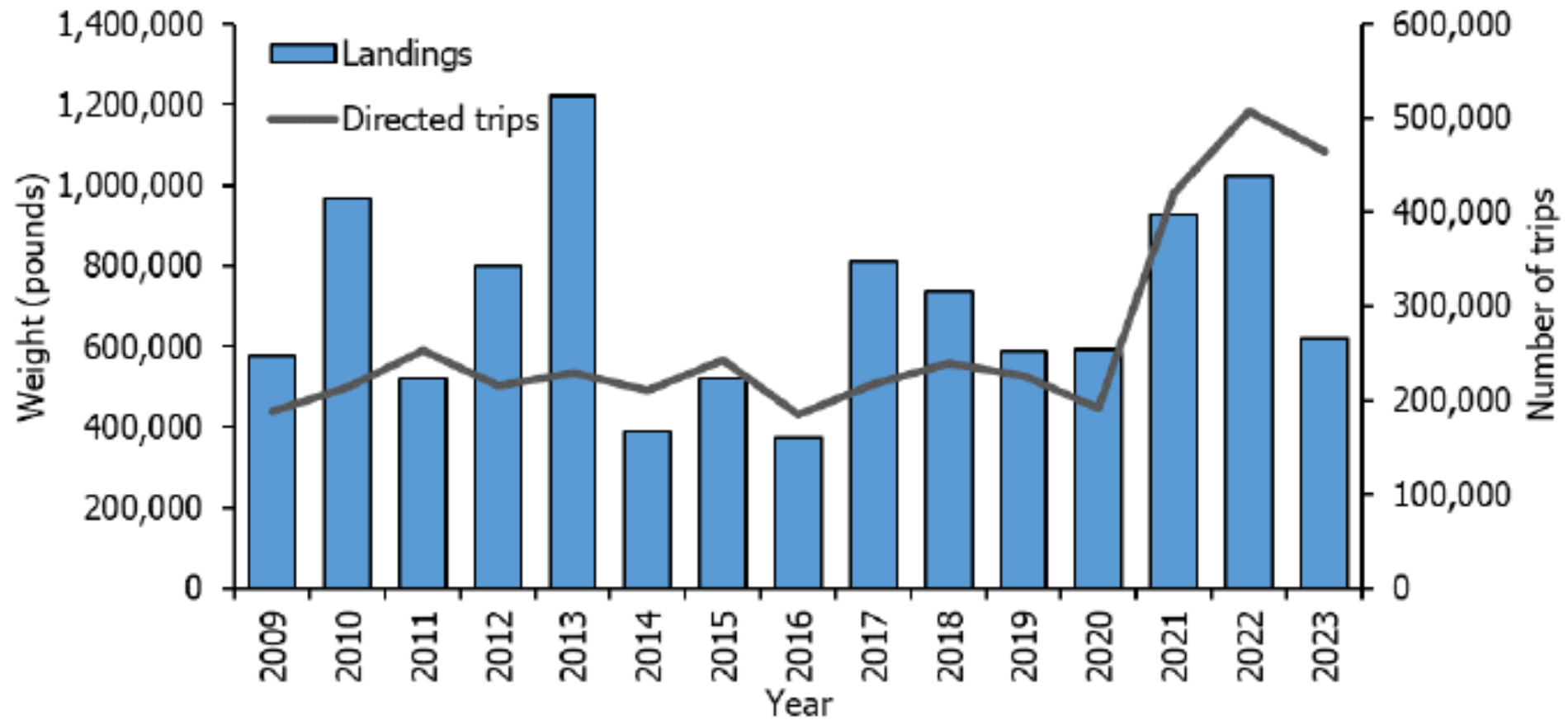
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Annual Commercial Landings By Gear, 2023

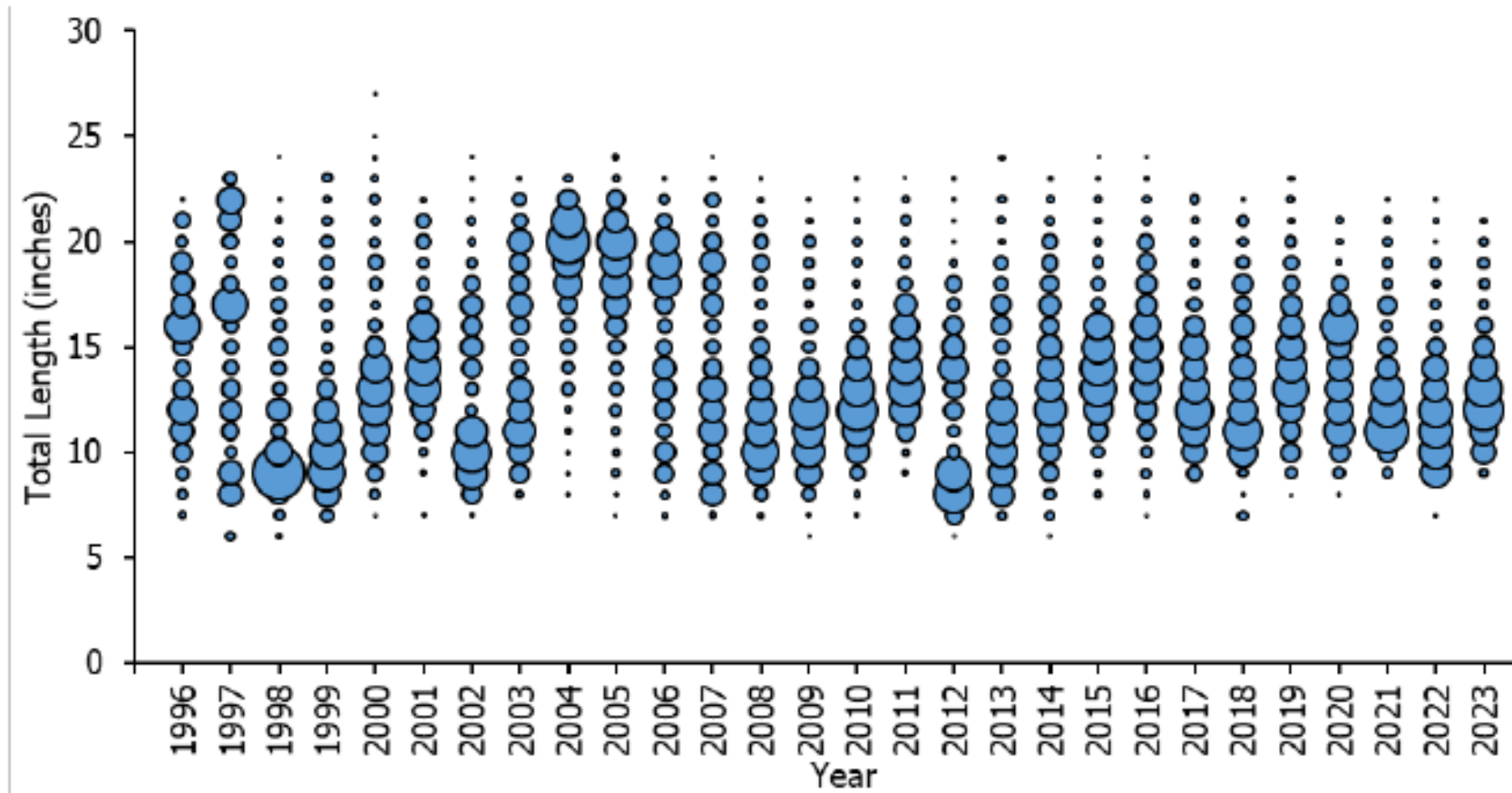


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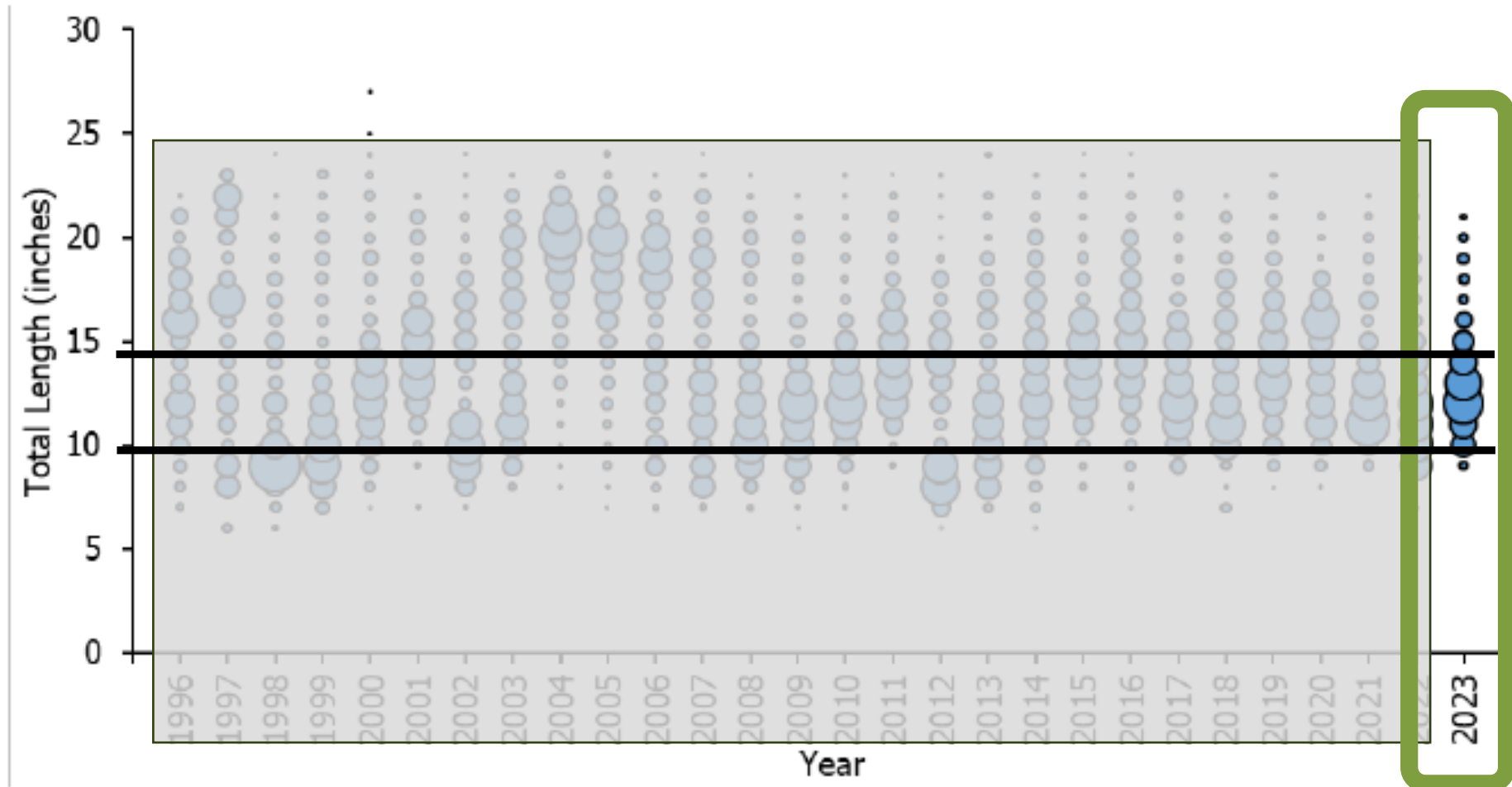
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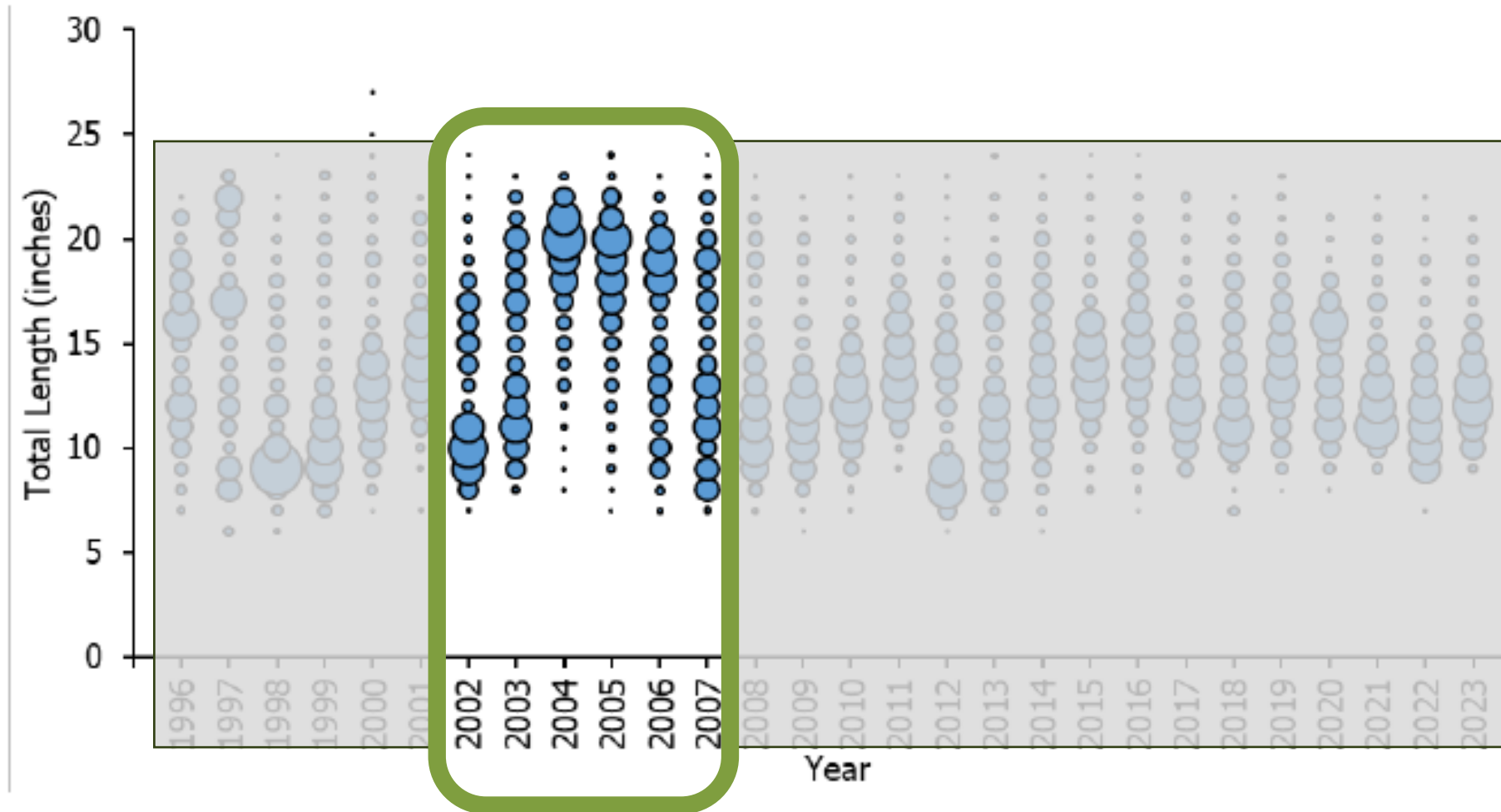
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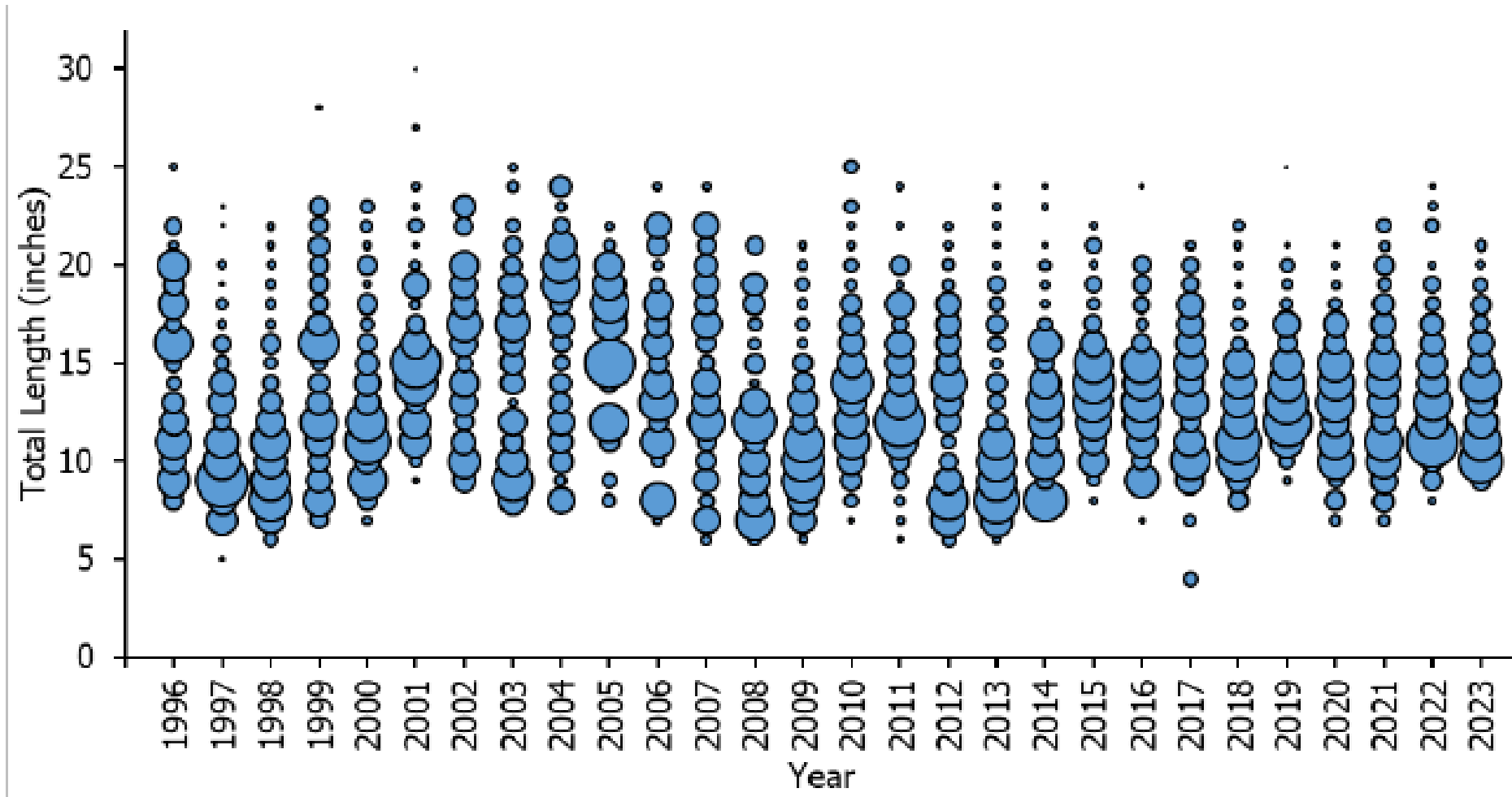


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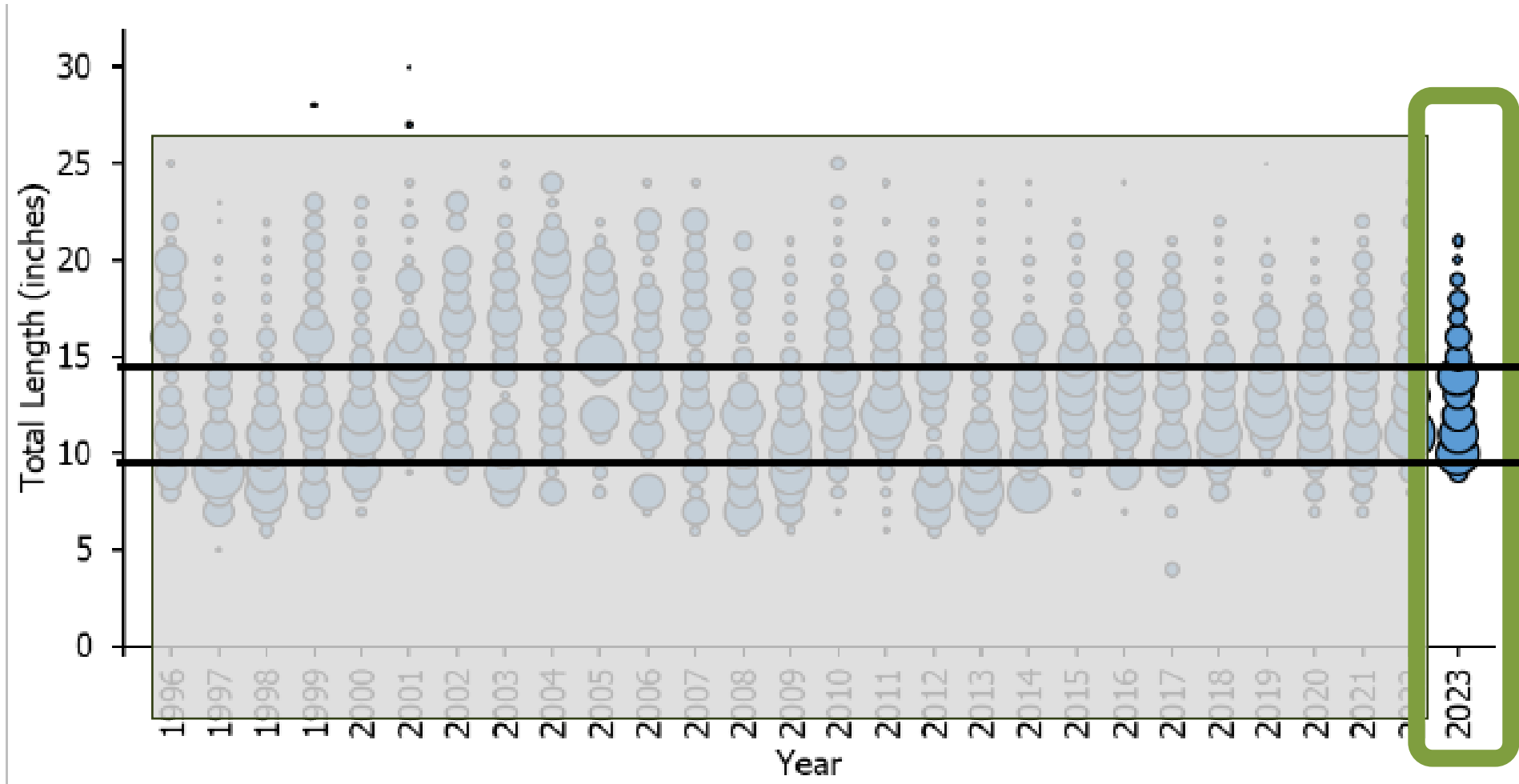
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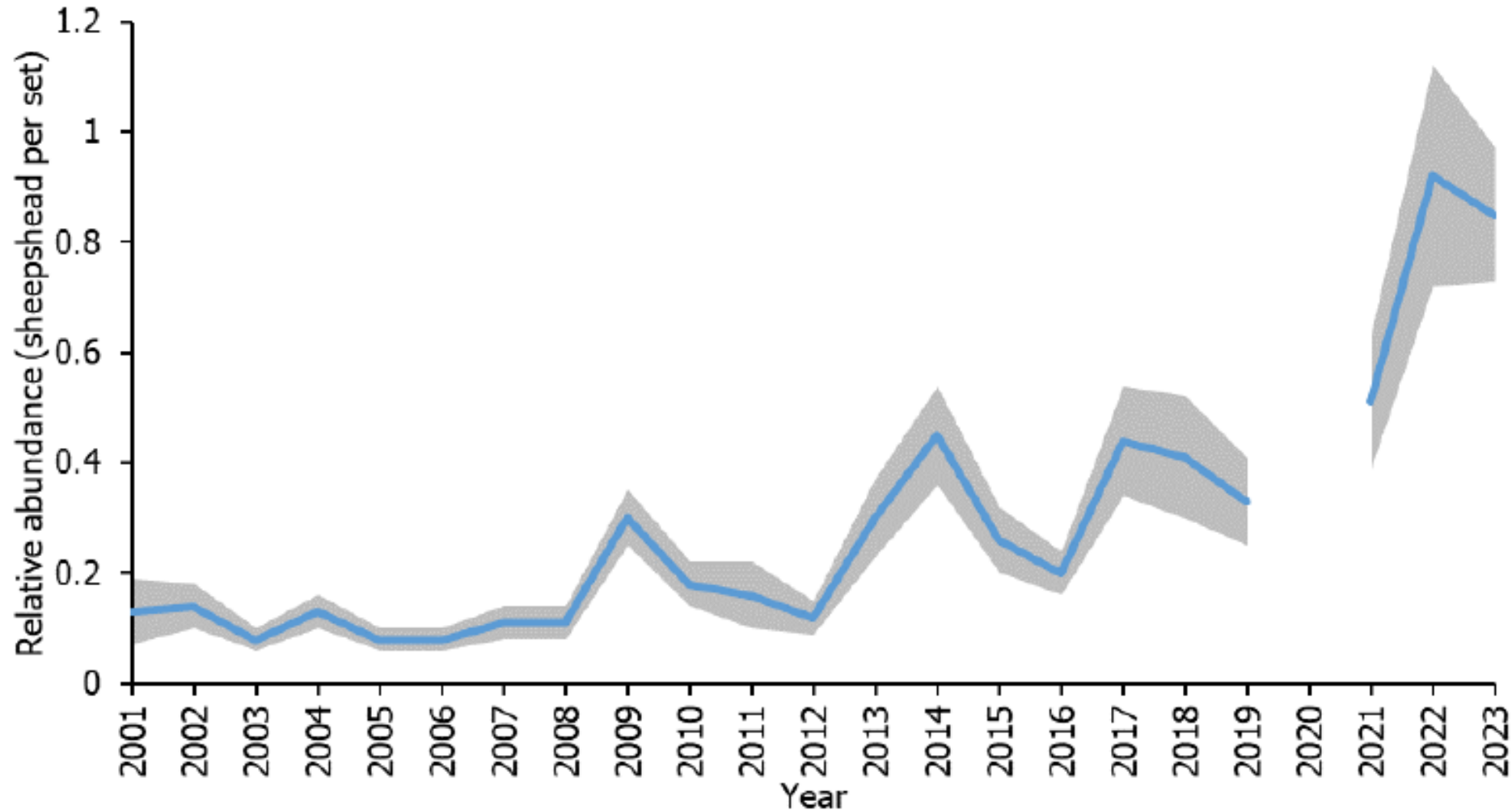
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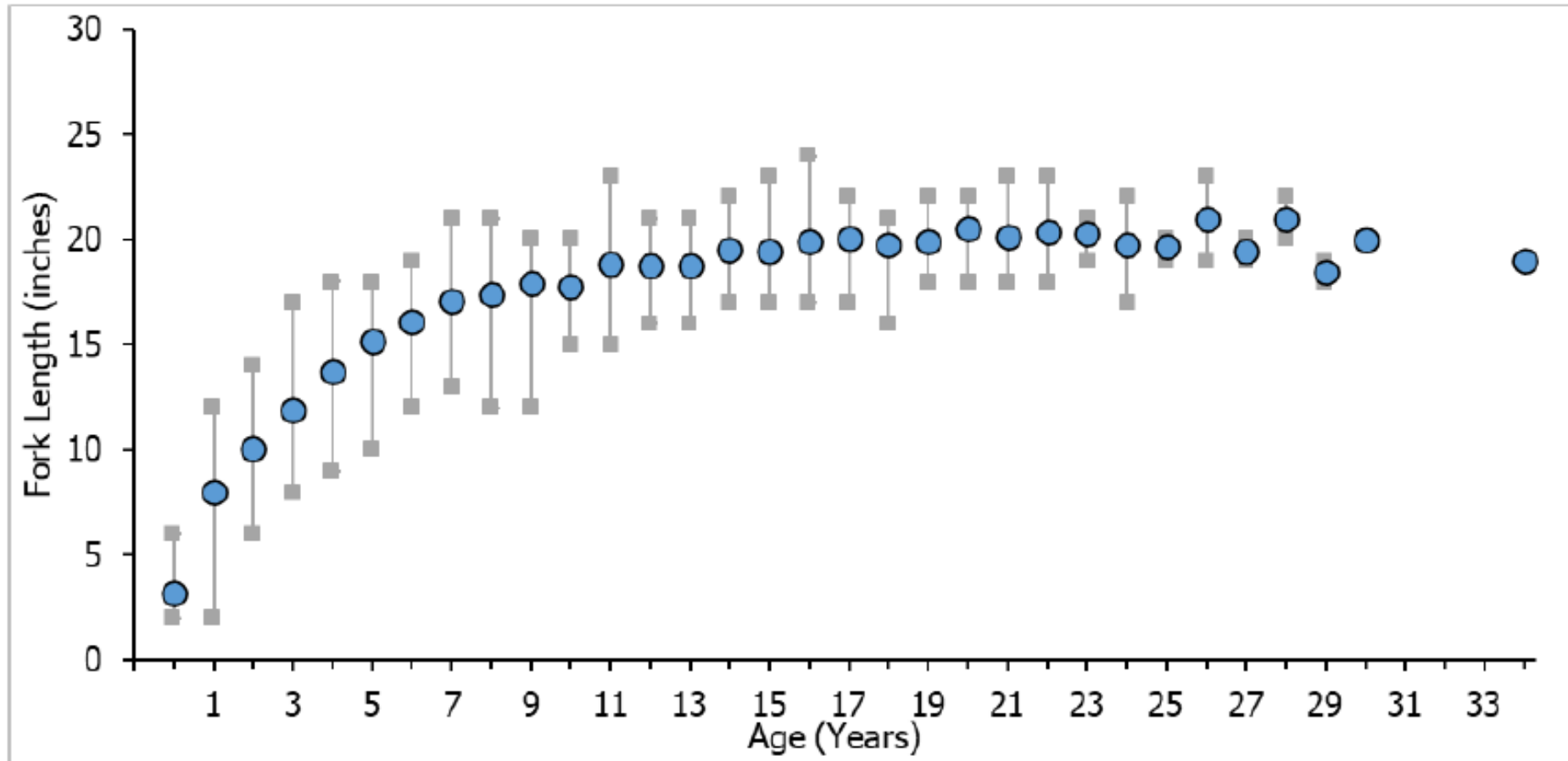
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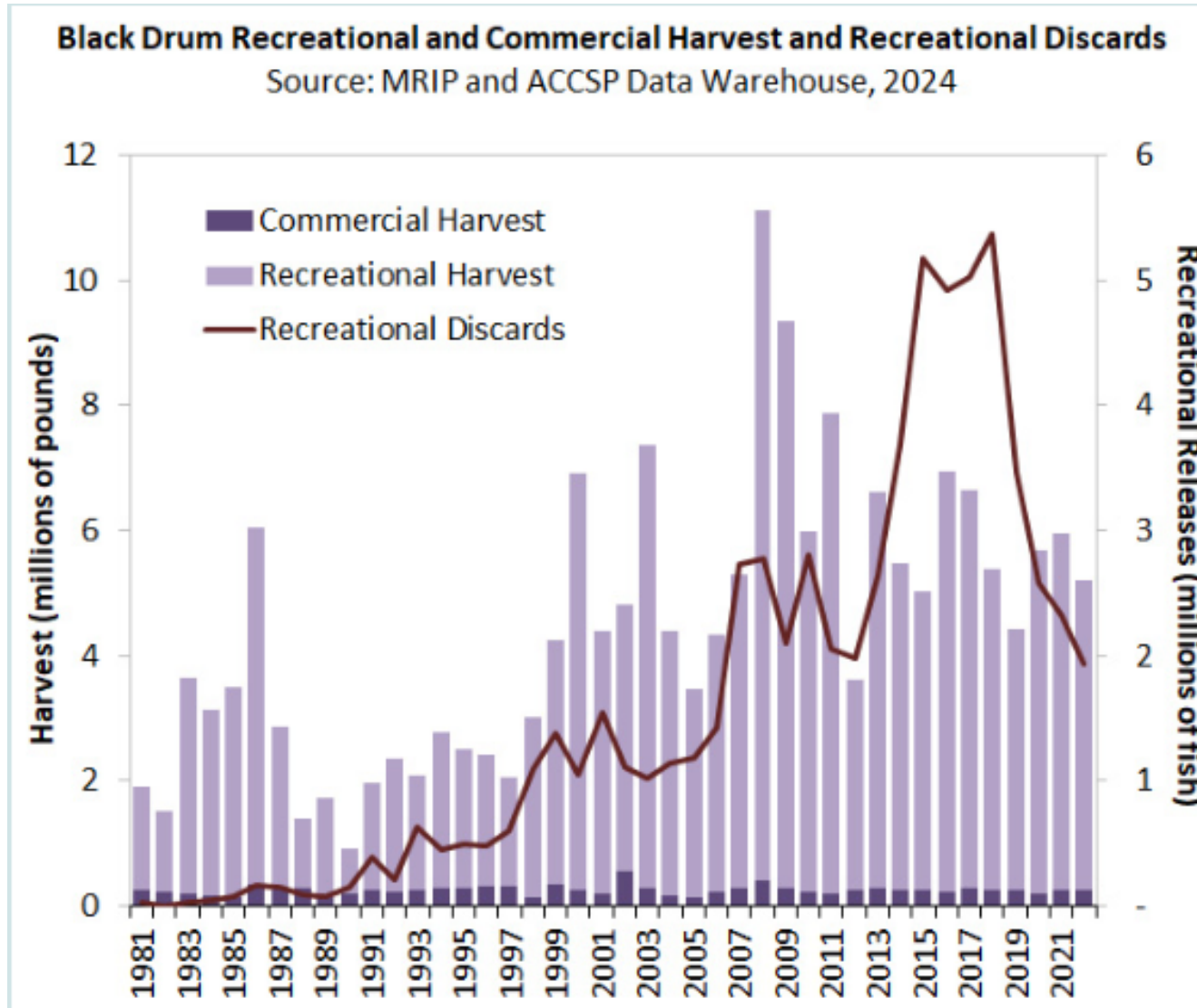


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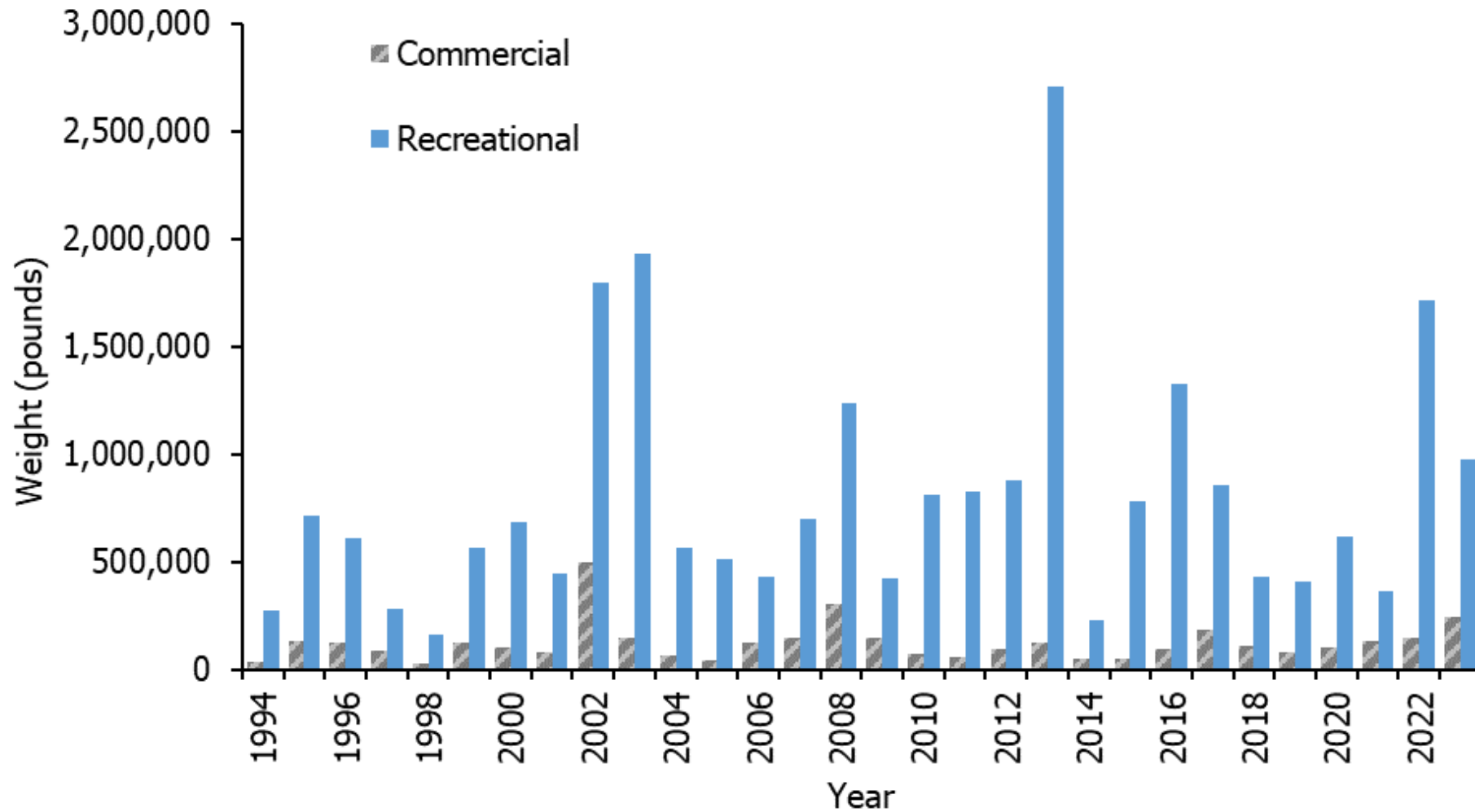
Black Drum FMP Update example - ASMFC Webpage

Annual Coastwide Black Drum Landings, 1994–2022



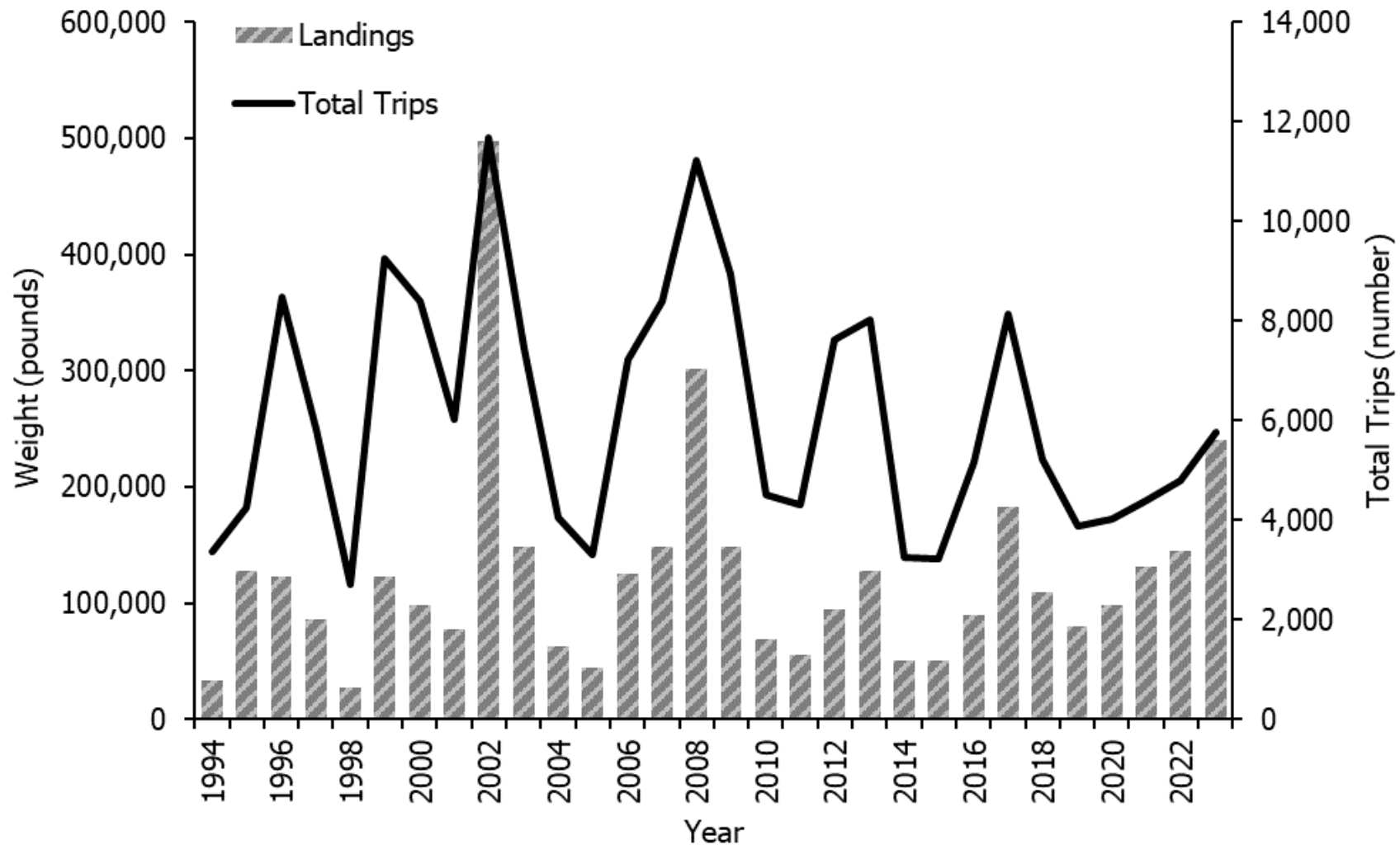
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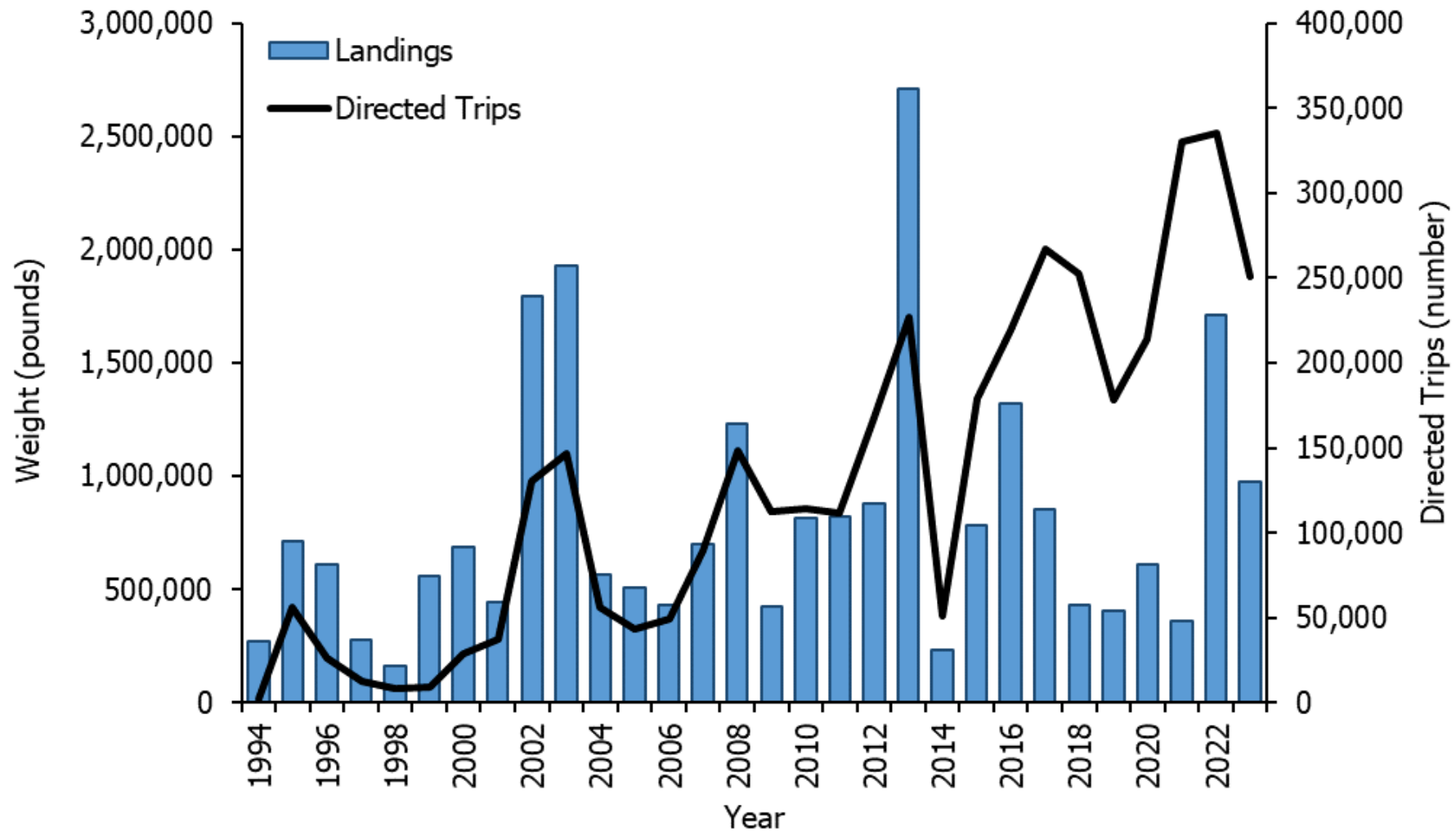
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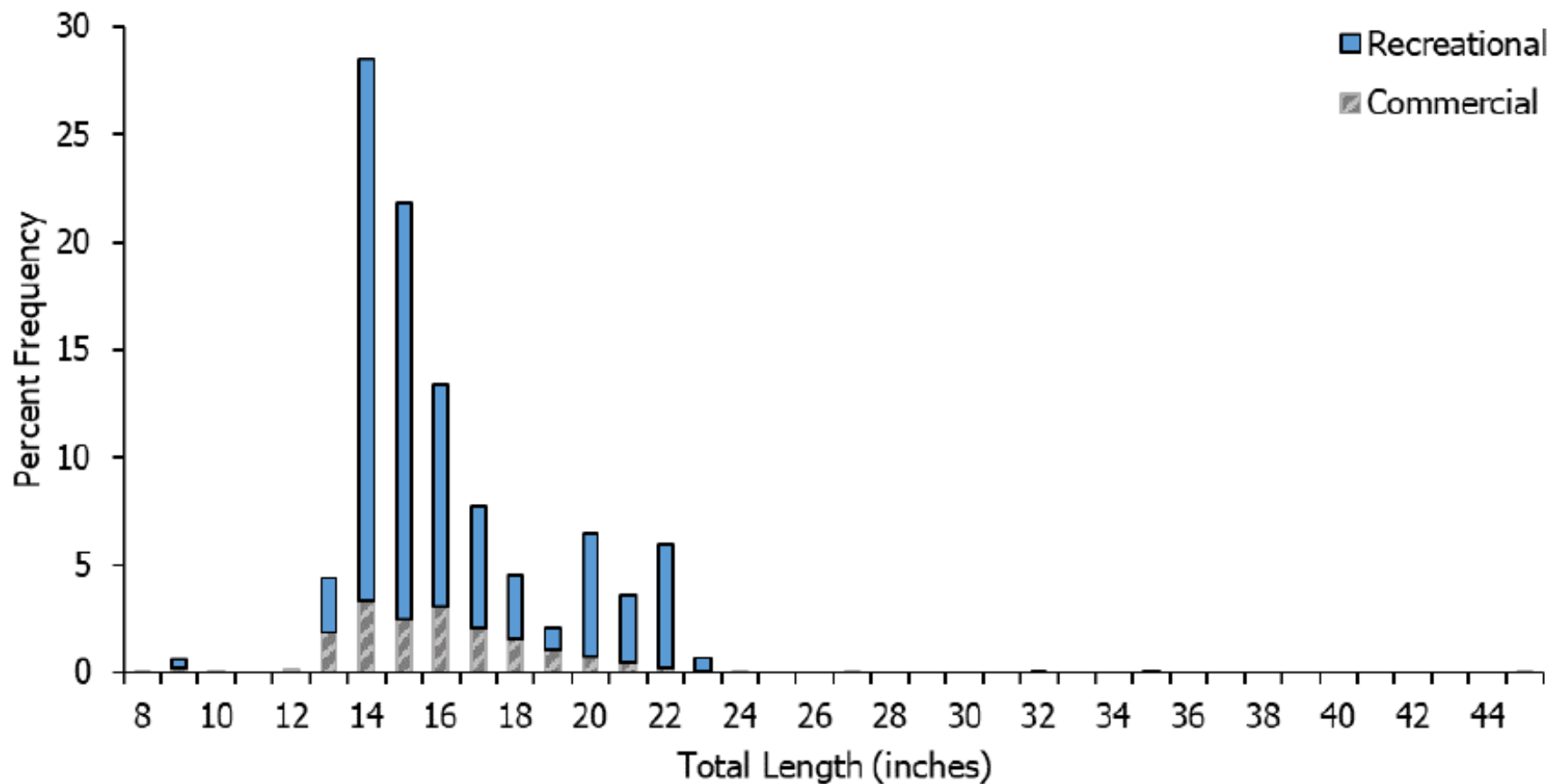
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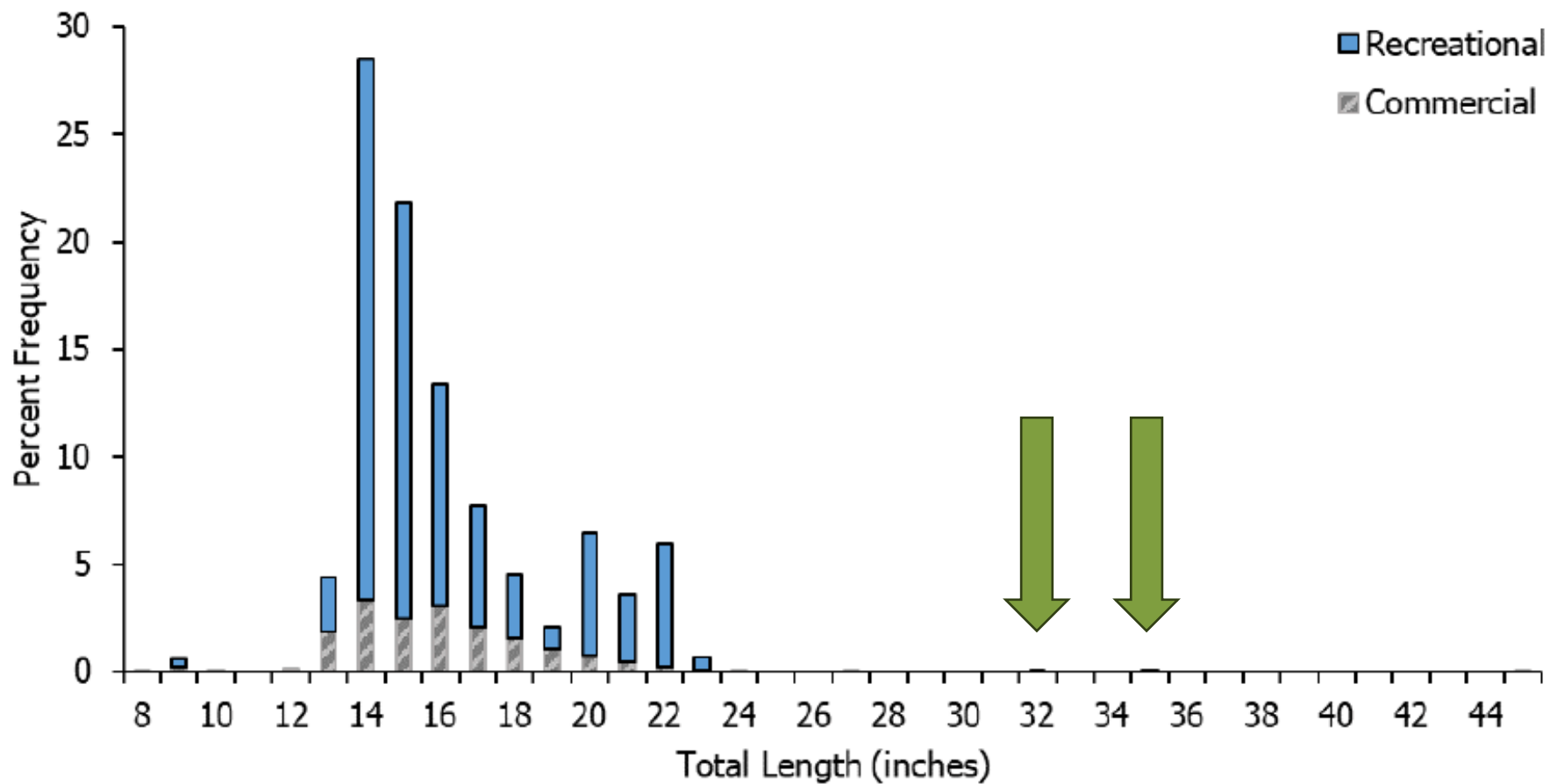
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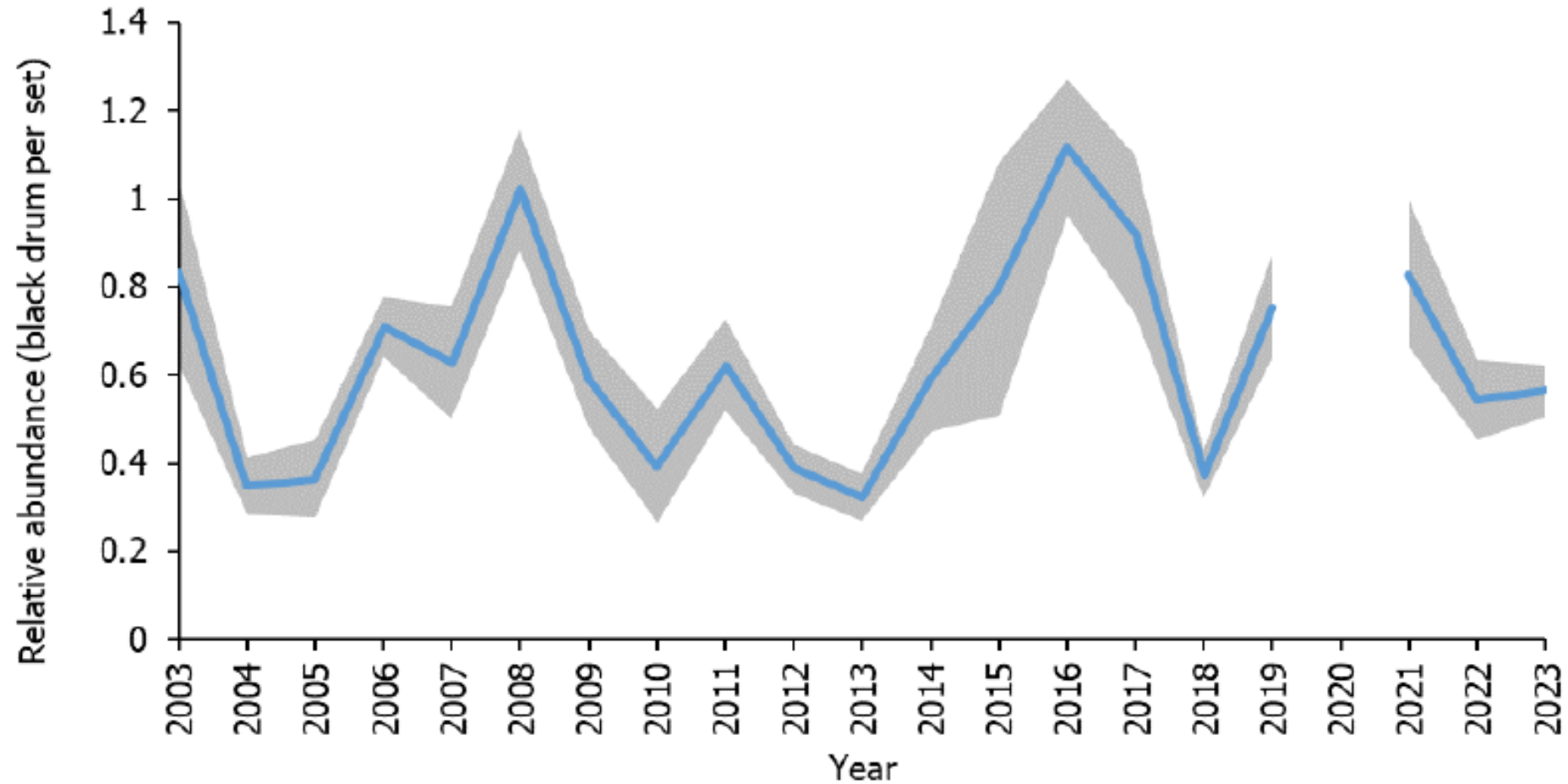
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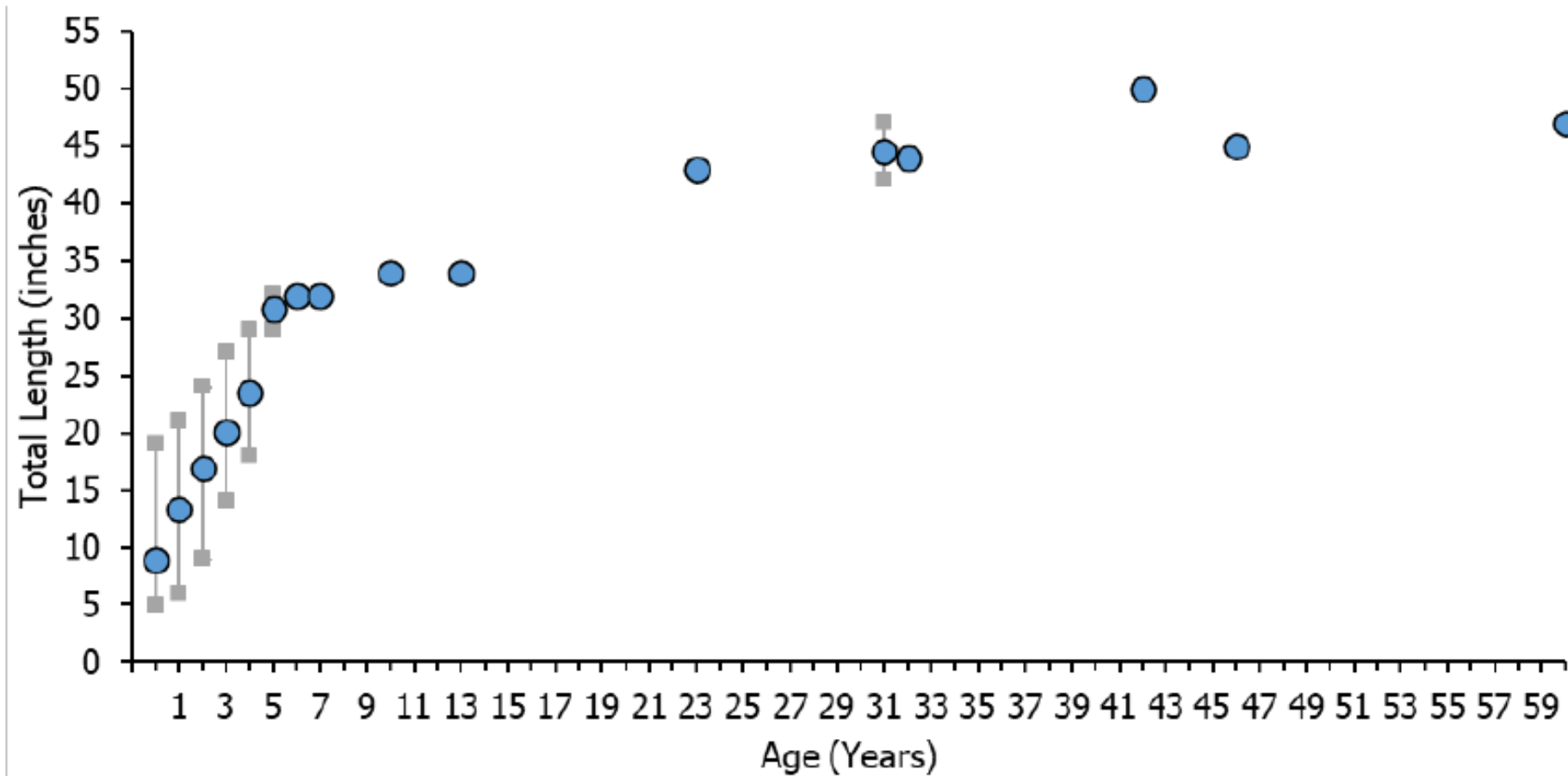
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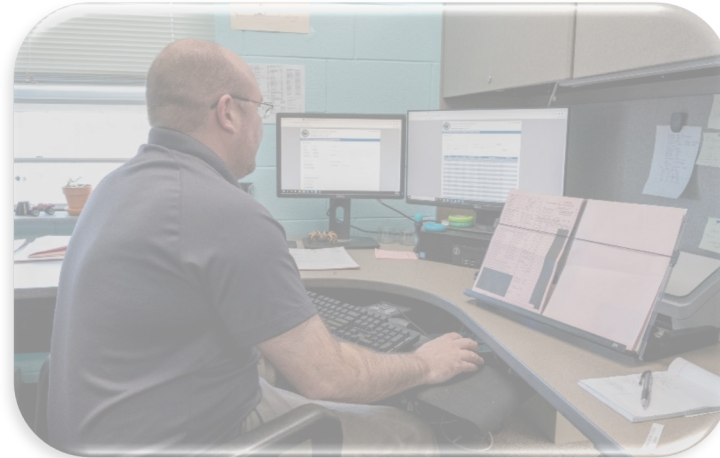
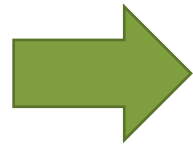
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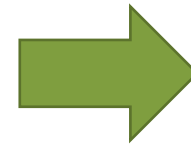
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