



Progress under the North Sea conservation plan

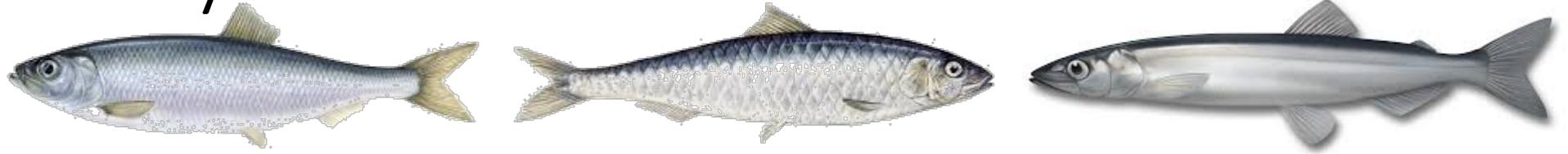
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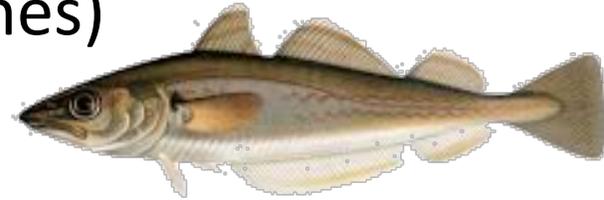
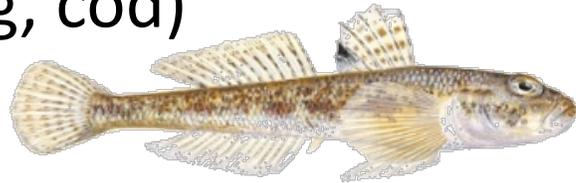
Life history summary

- Seasonal reproduction – calving mainly in May-Aug, peak in June-July
- Age at sexual maturity – 3-5 years of age
- Life expectancy – 5.70 years in the North Sea (females)
- Pregnancy rate – 0.4-0.98
- Annual adult mortality – 0.09-0.20 depending on study and age class

Diet summary



- Each population/study seem to have 2-4 main prey species
- Clupeids etc (herring, sprat, capelin, sardines)
- Gadoids (whiting, cod)
- Gobids, sandeel
- Less common but important in some areas
 - Cephalopods
 - flatfish
 - hagfish



How can we make further progress?

- What would be the most prioritized action under each action?
- What could be done right now?
- Who would be the main actor for that action?

- What would be the most useful way to develop the progress report?
- Is there anything that could be done or expedited by the coordinator?

