

A large lobster, likely a European lobster, is shown resting on a bed of smooth, rounded stones. The lobster's body is a mottled brown and black, with its large claws prominently displayed in the foreground. The background is a dense field of similar stones, creating a textured, naturalistic setting.

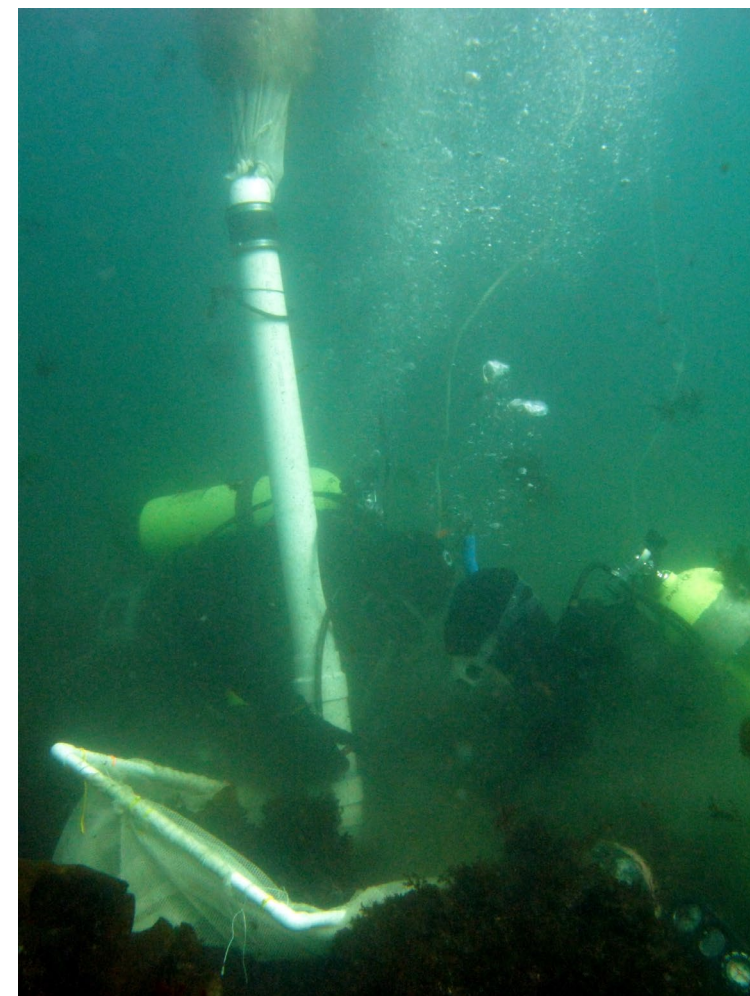
DMF Data Update – MLA weekend 2025

Photo: V. Manfredi



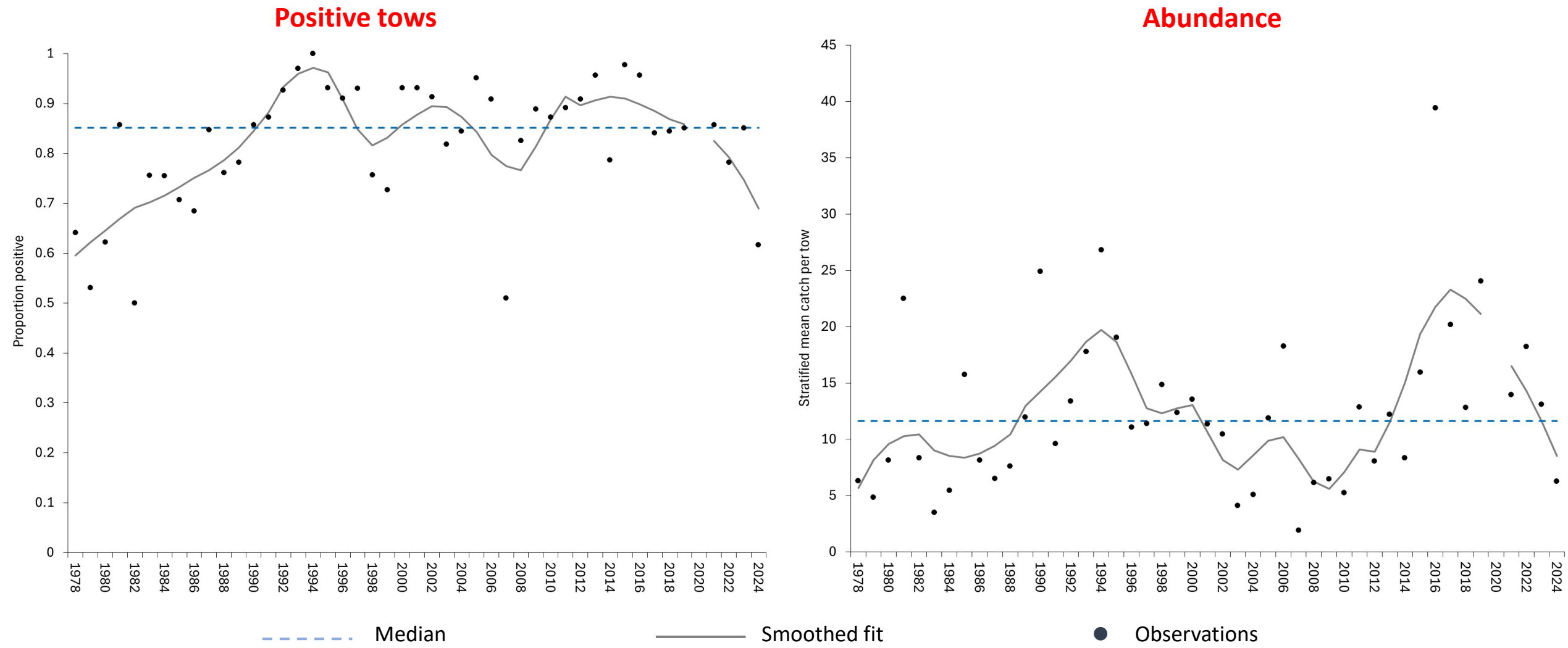
Survey indices

- Trawl Survey
- Ventless Trap Survey
- YOY survey



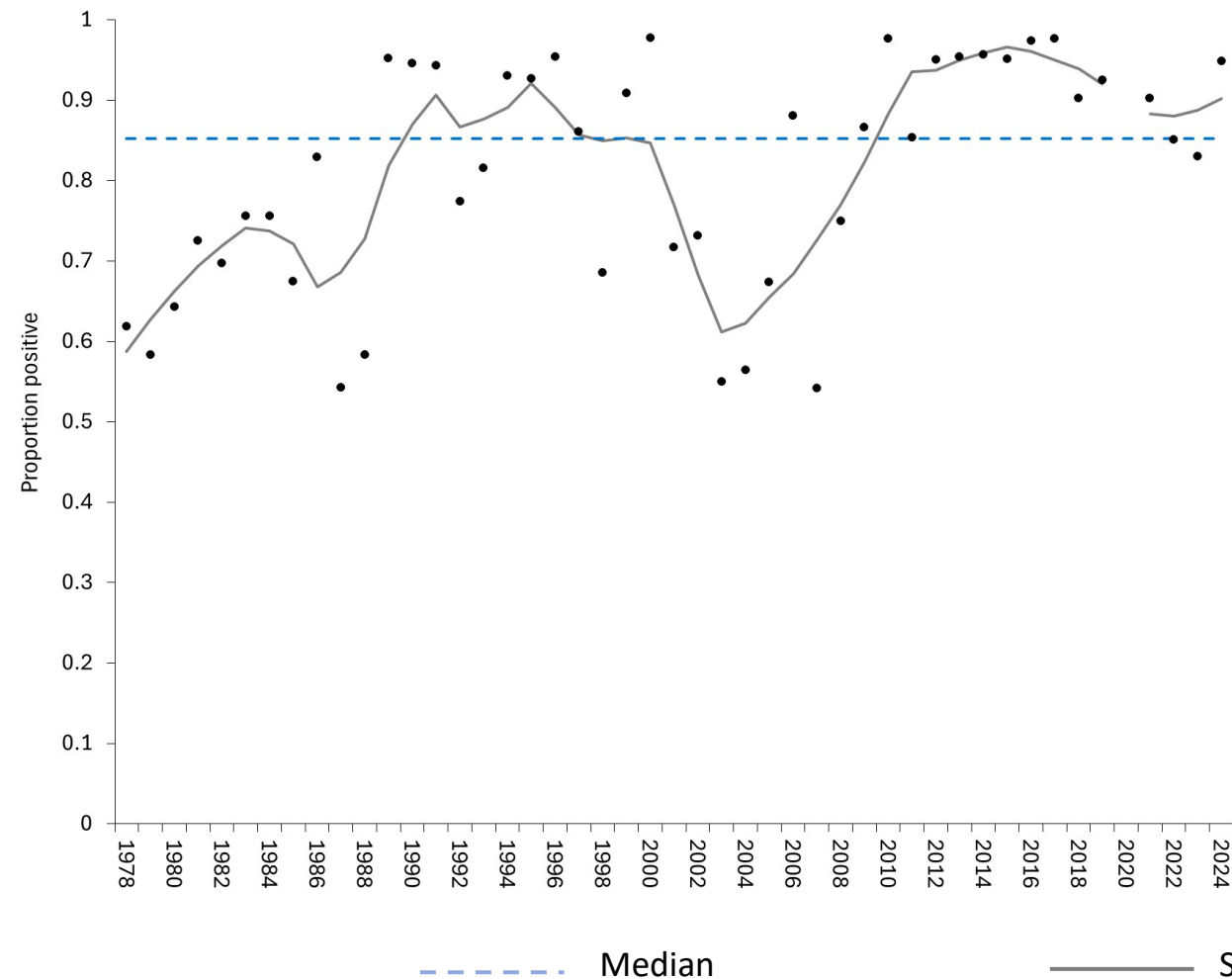
MA - Gulf of Maine

Trawl Survey Lobster Catches – GOM Spring

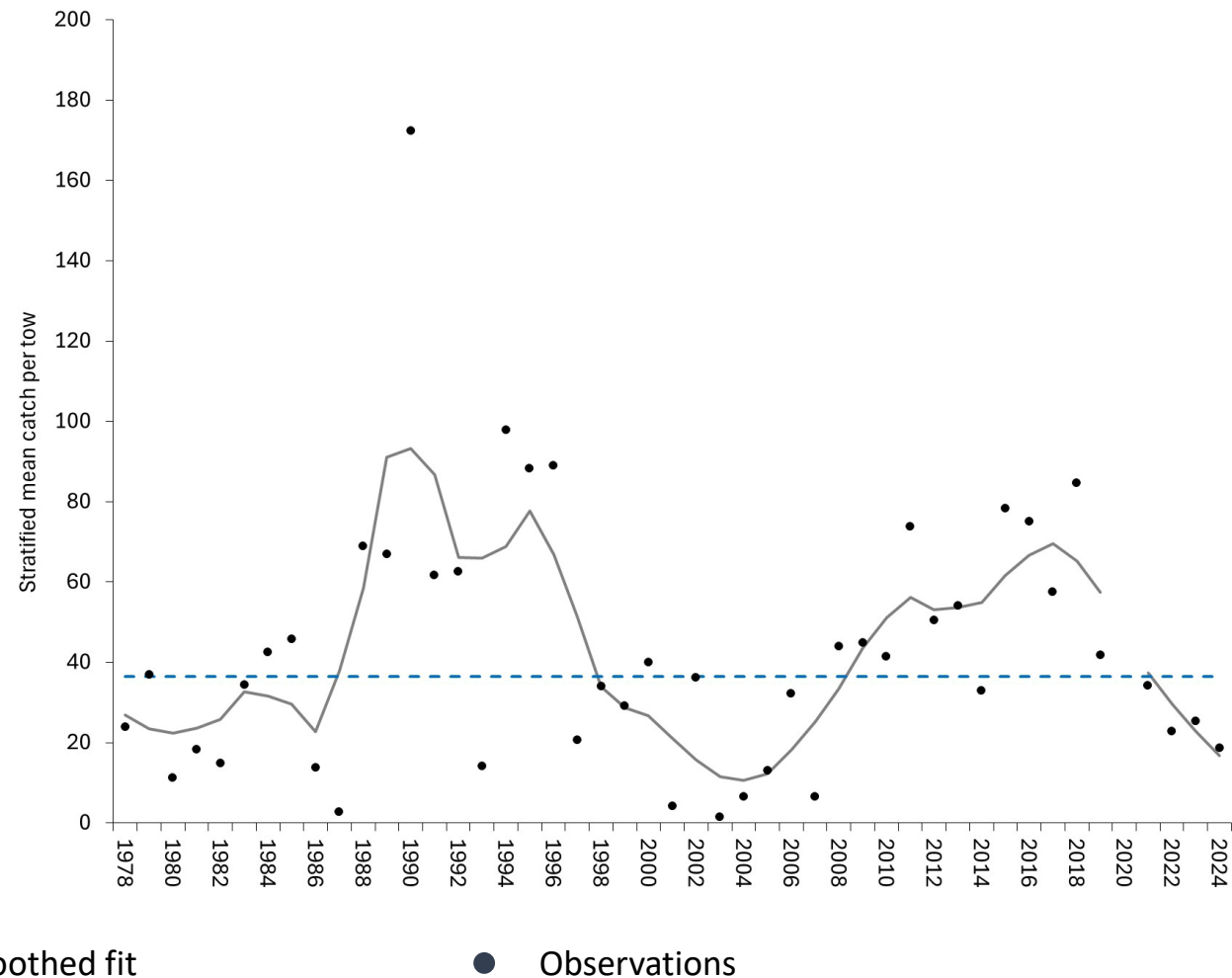


Trawl Survey Lobster Catches – GOM Fall

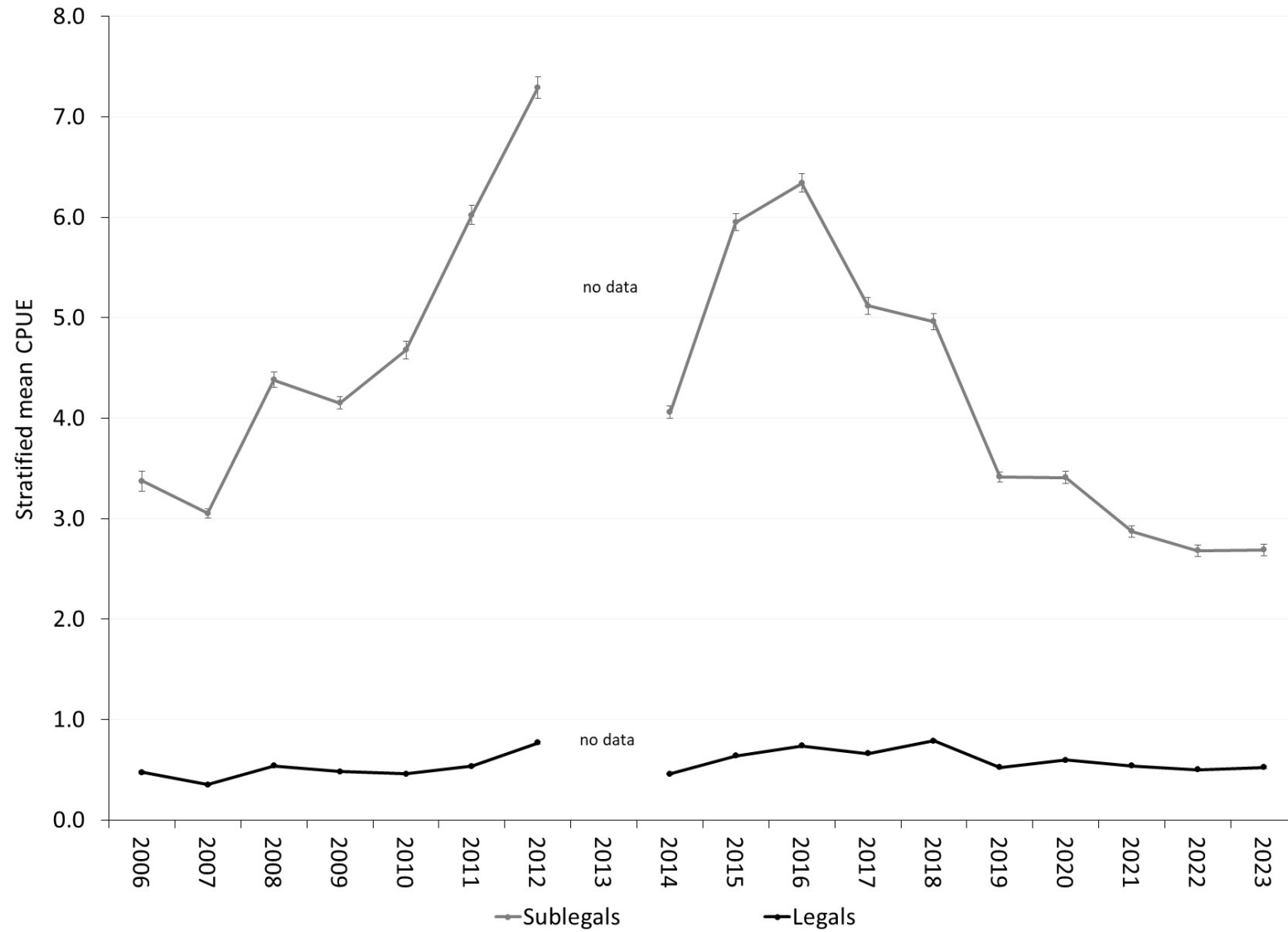
Positive tows



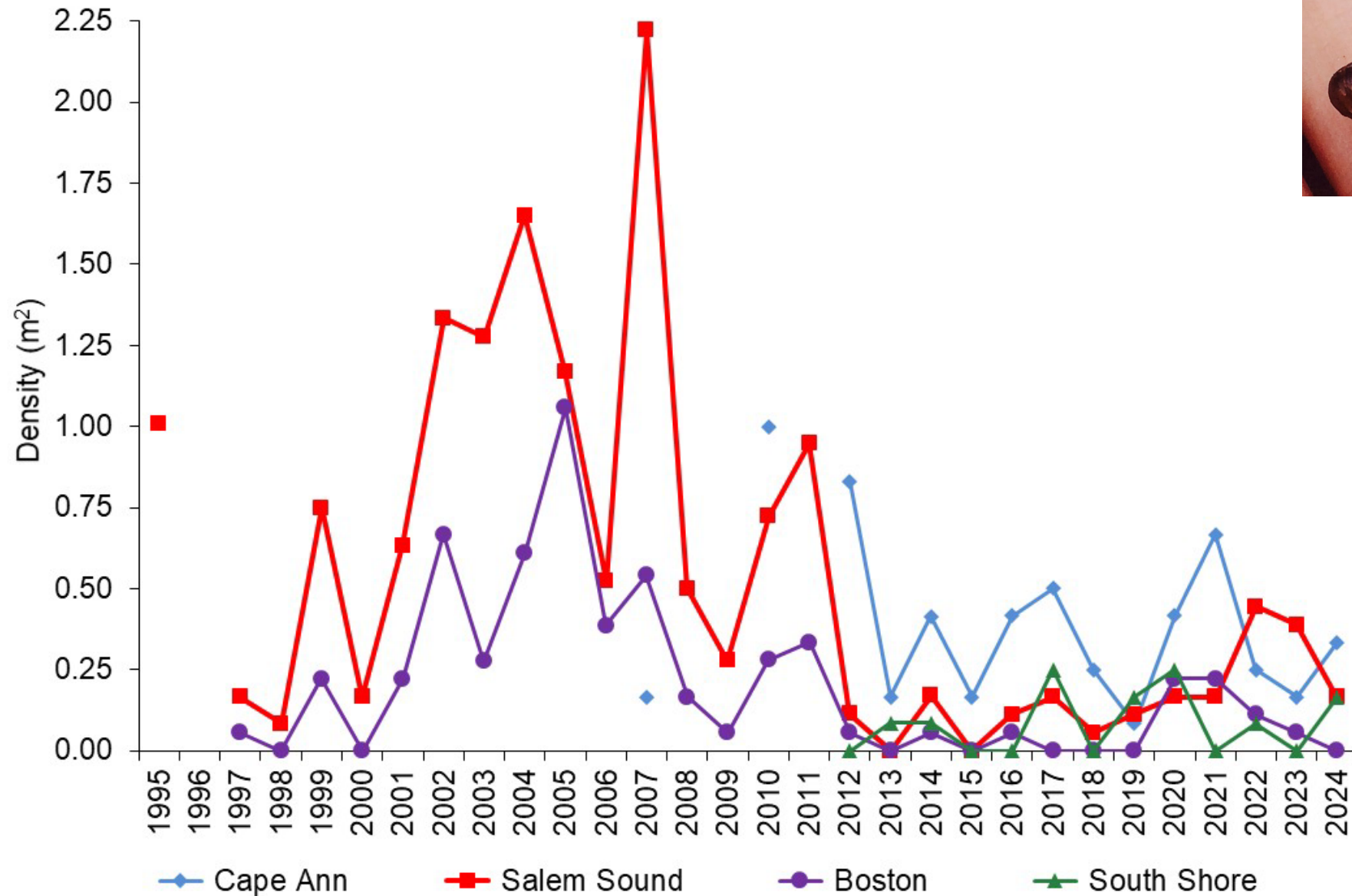
Abundance



Ventless Trap Survey – MA GOM abundance



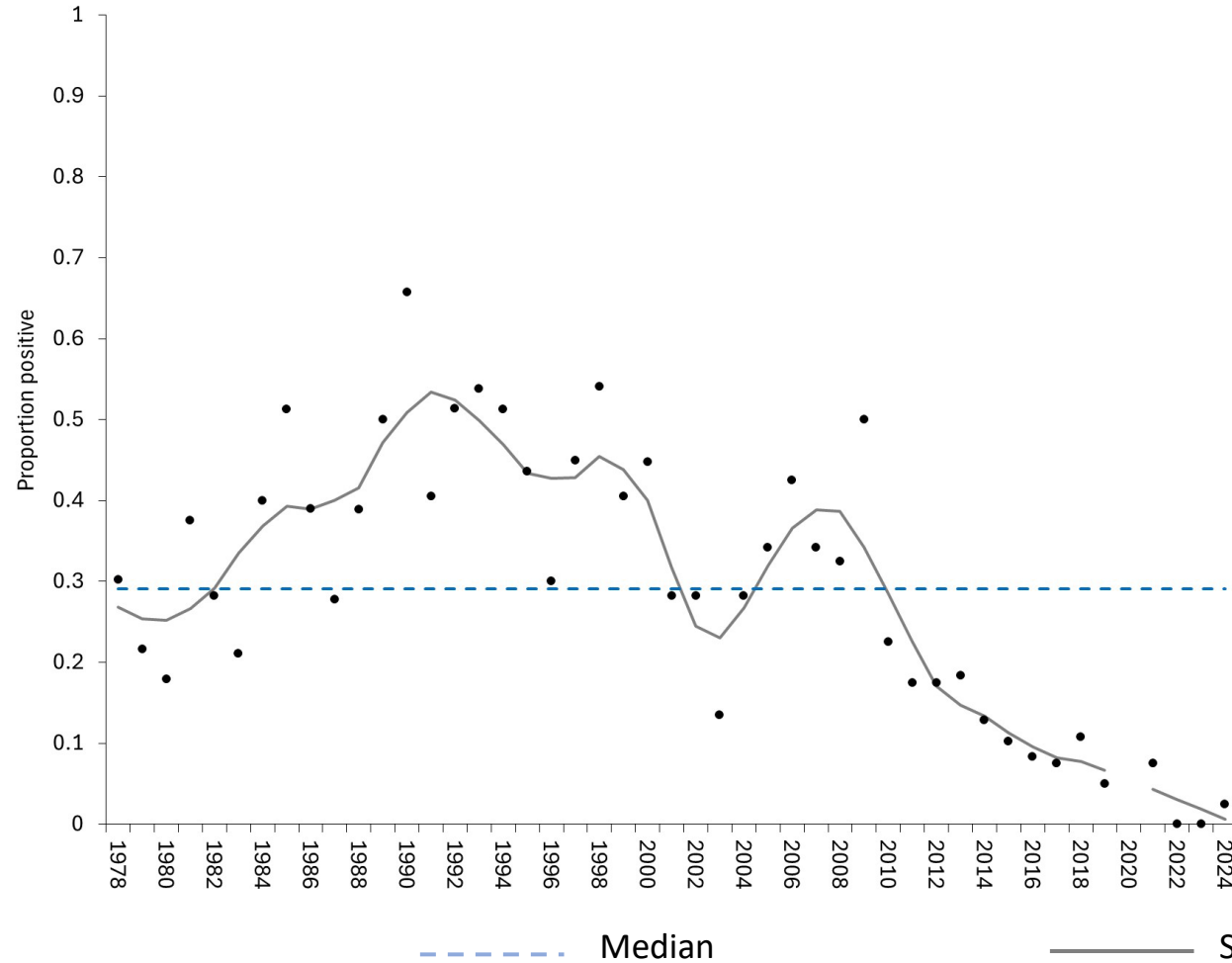
Densities of YOY lobsters (MA GOM)



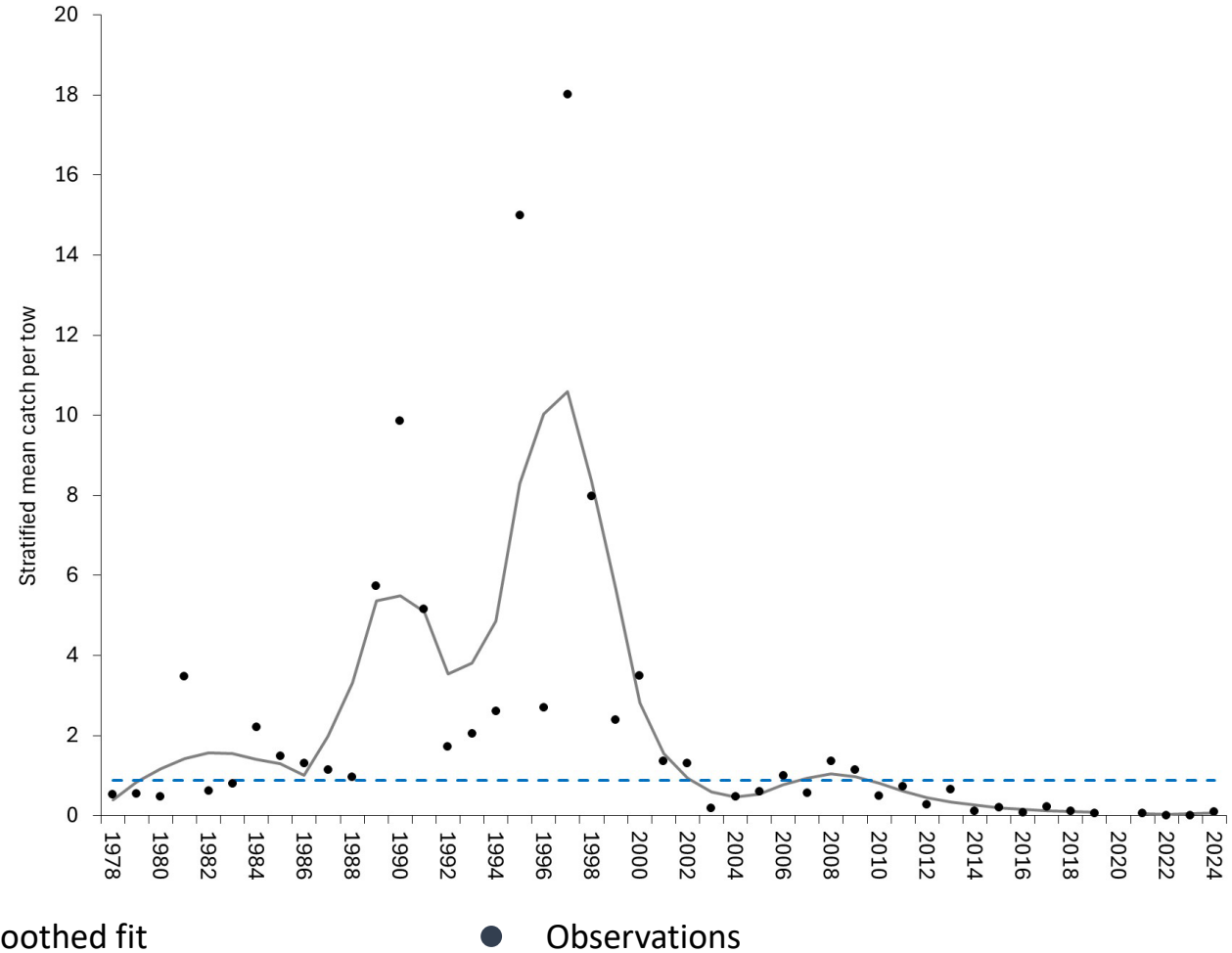
MA – Southern New England

Trawl Survey Lobster Catches – SNE Spring

Positive tows

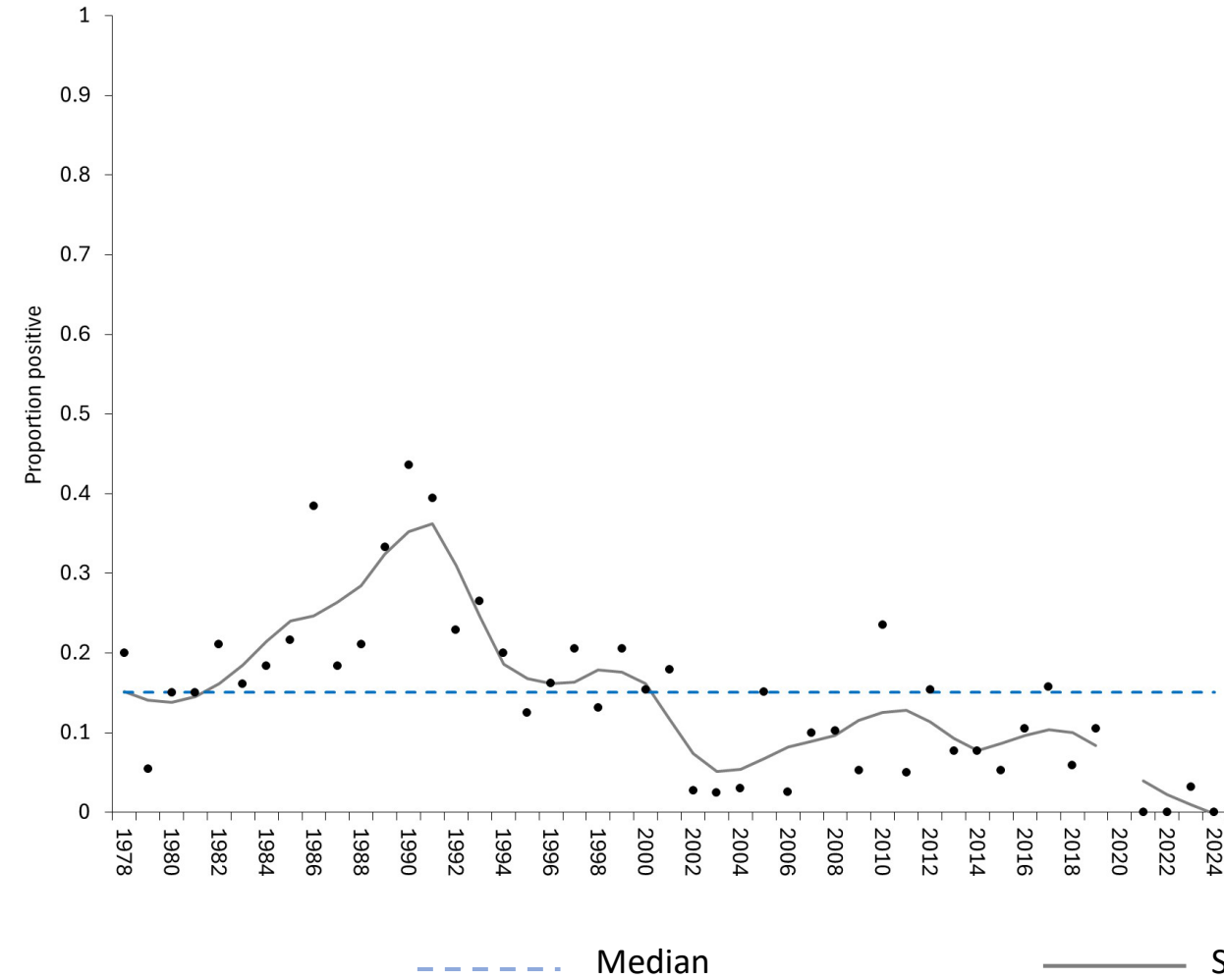


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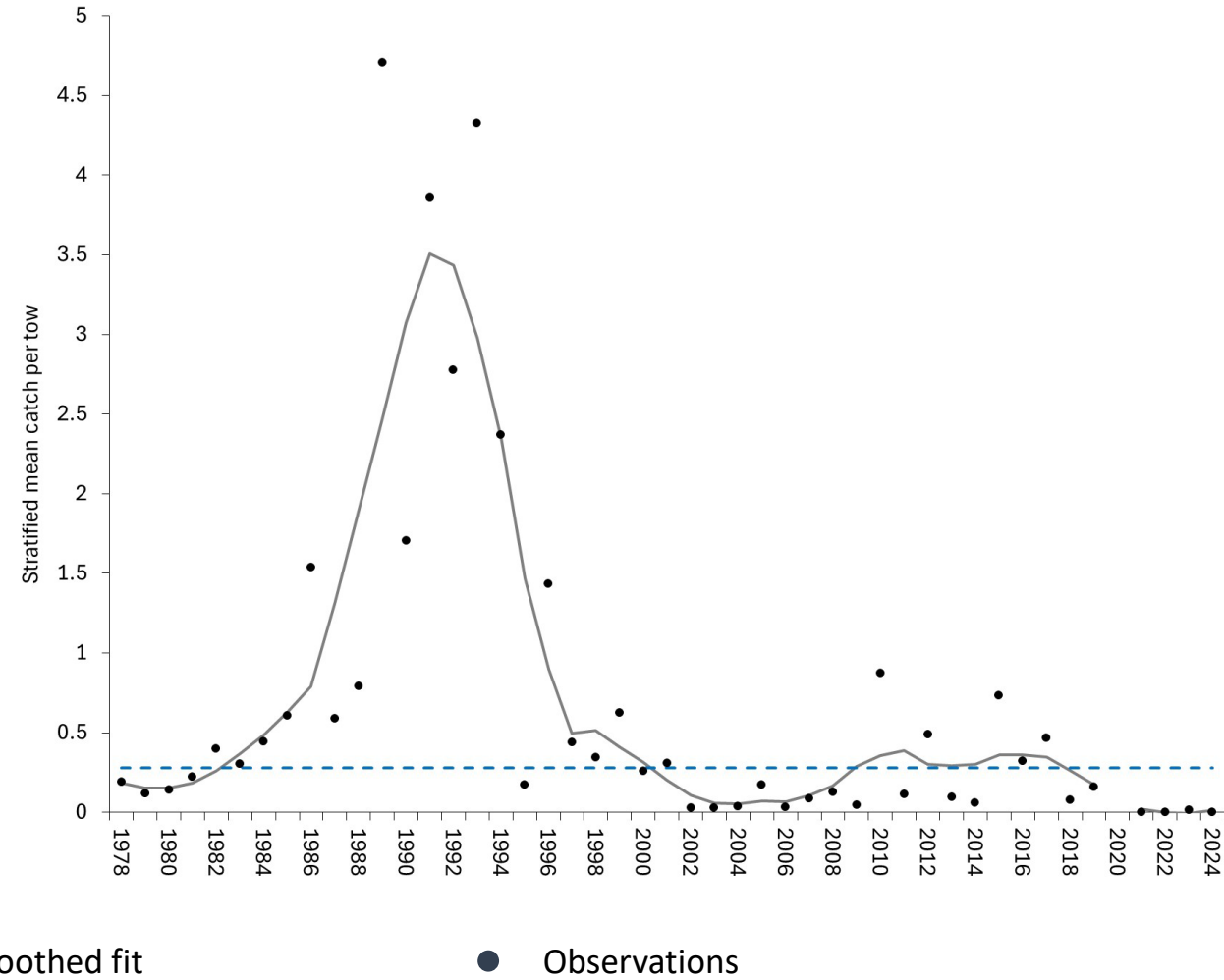


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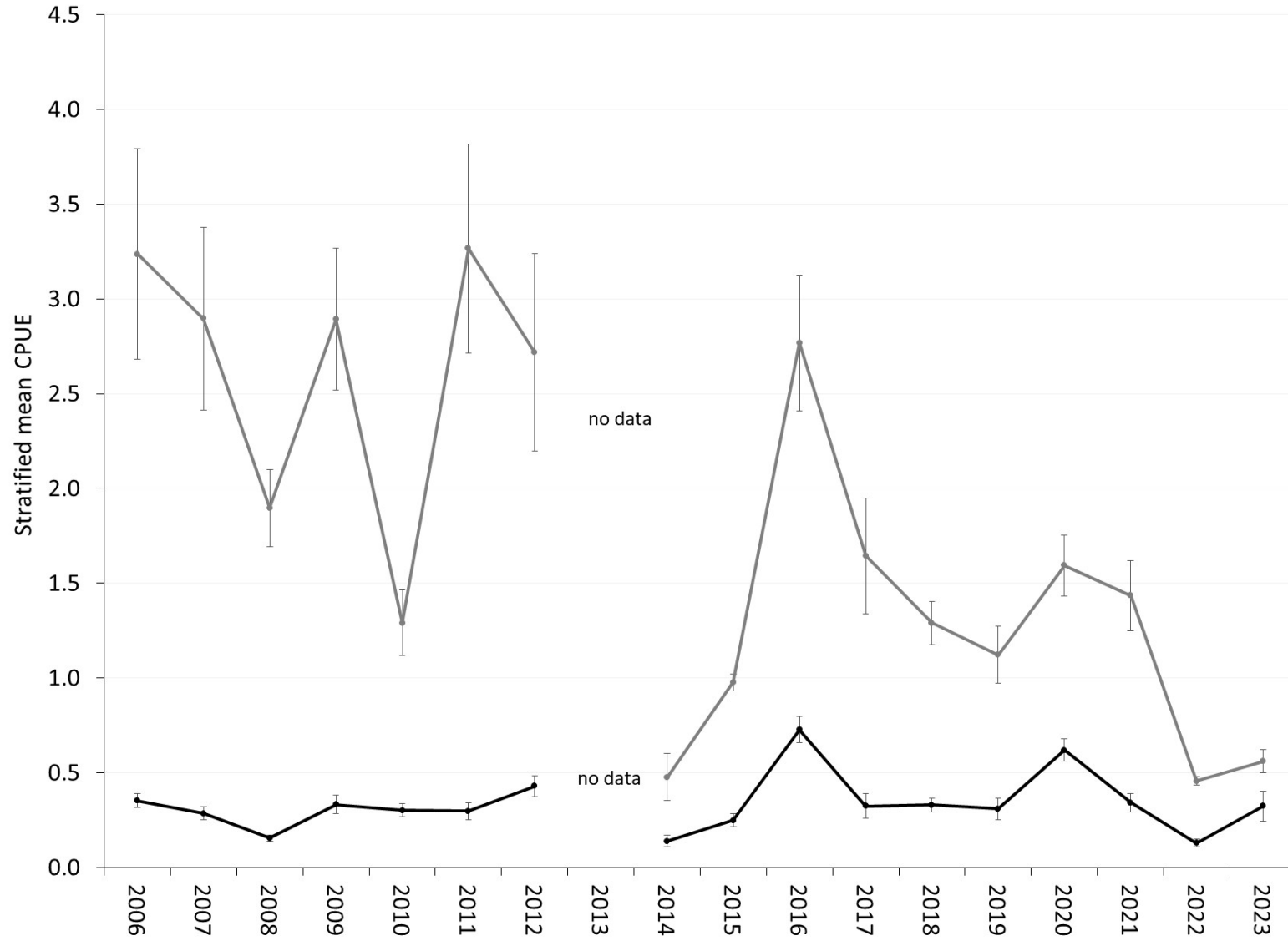
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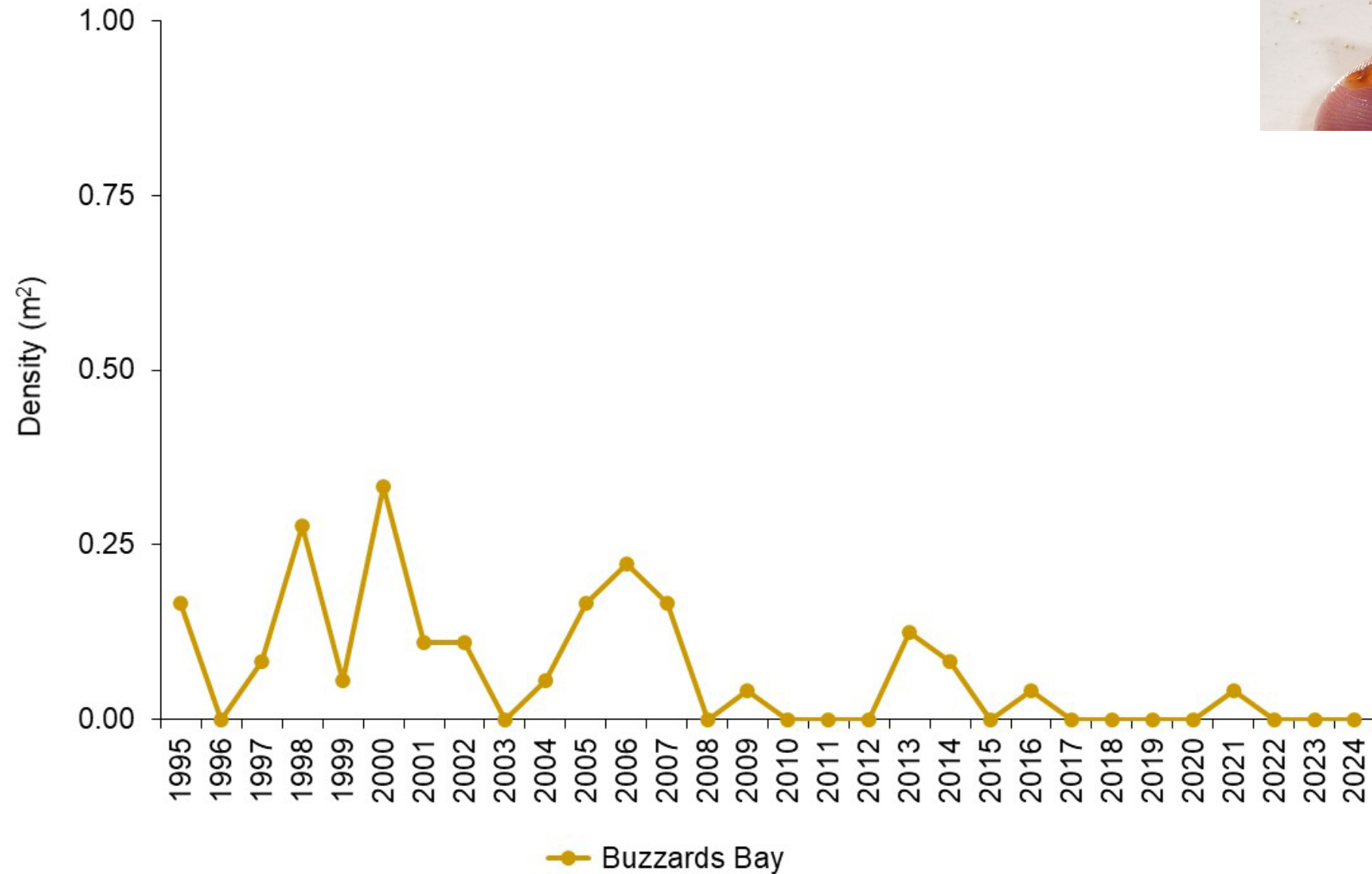
Abundance



Ventless Trap Survey (SNE) – abundance

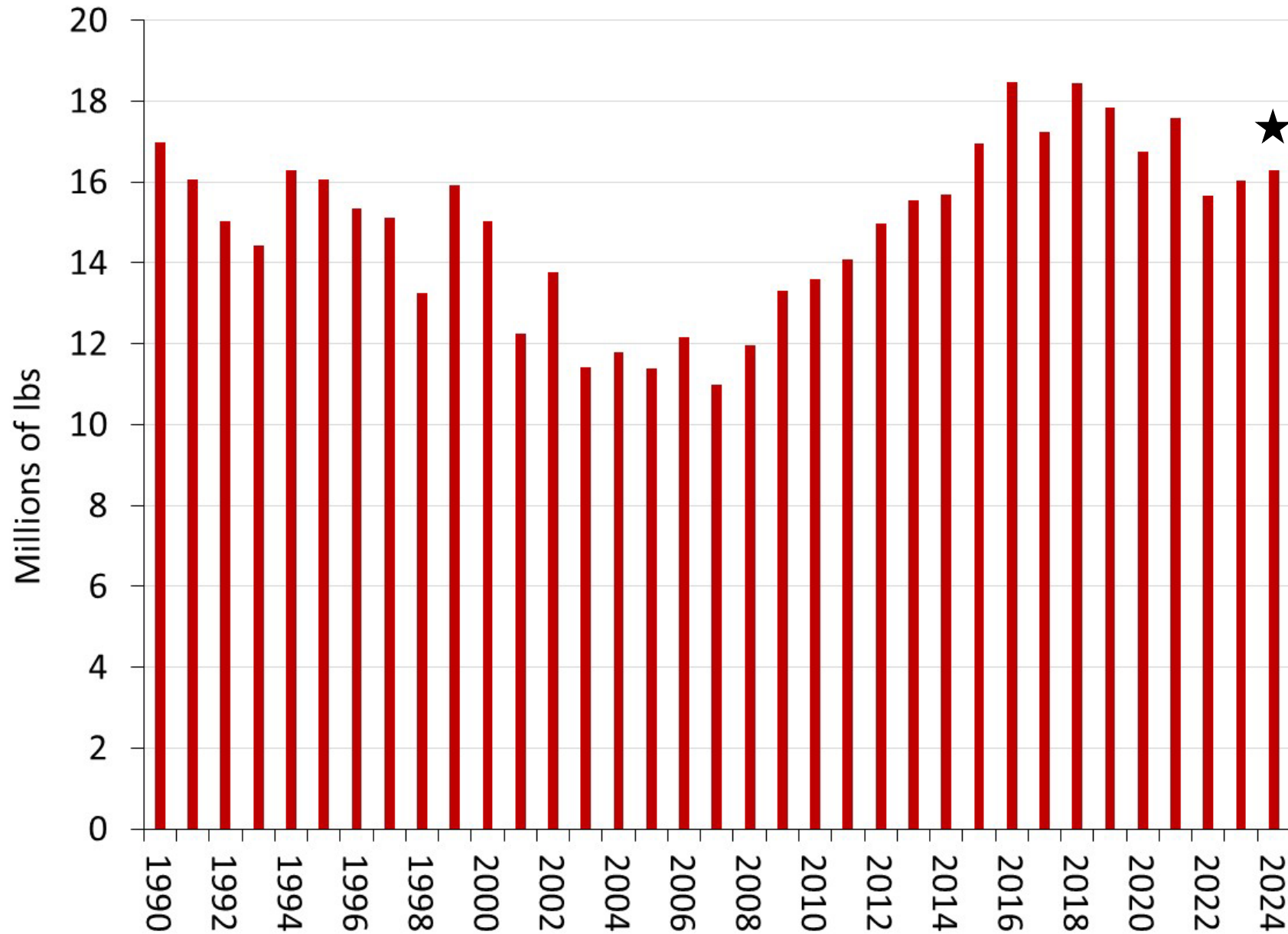


Densities of YOY lobsters (MA SNE)



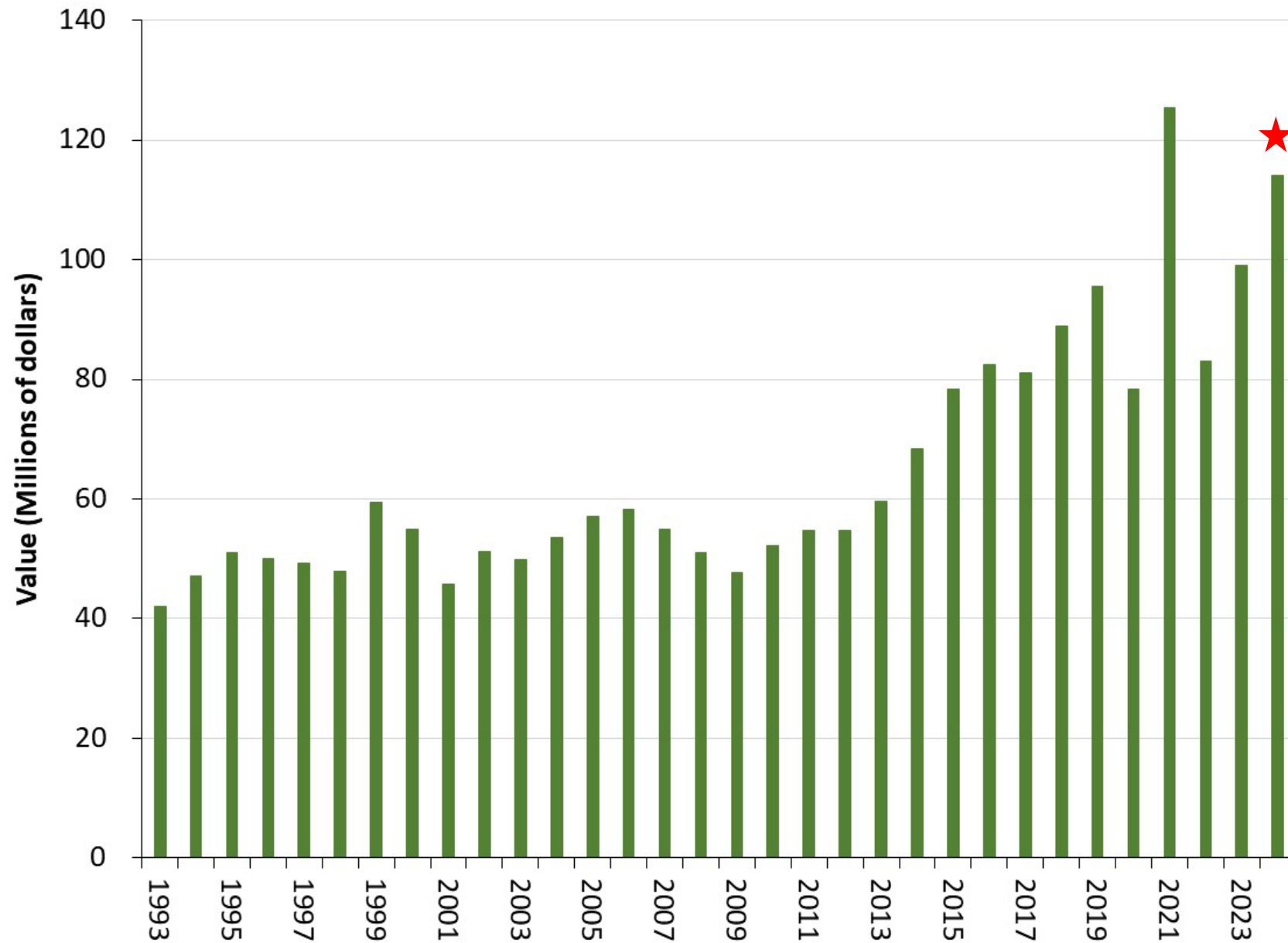
Landings & effort

Total Massachusetts Landings

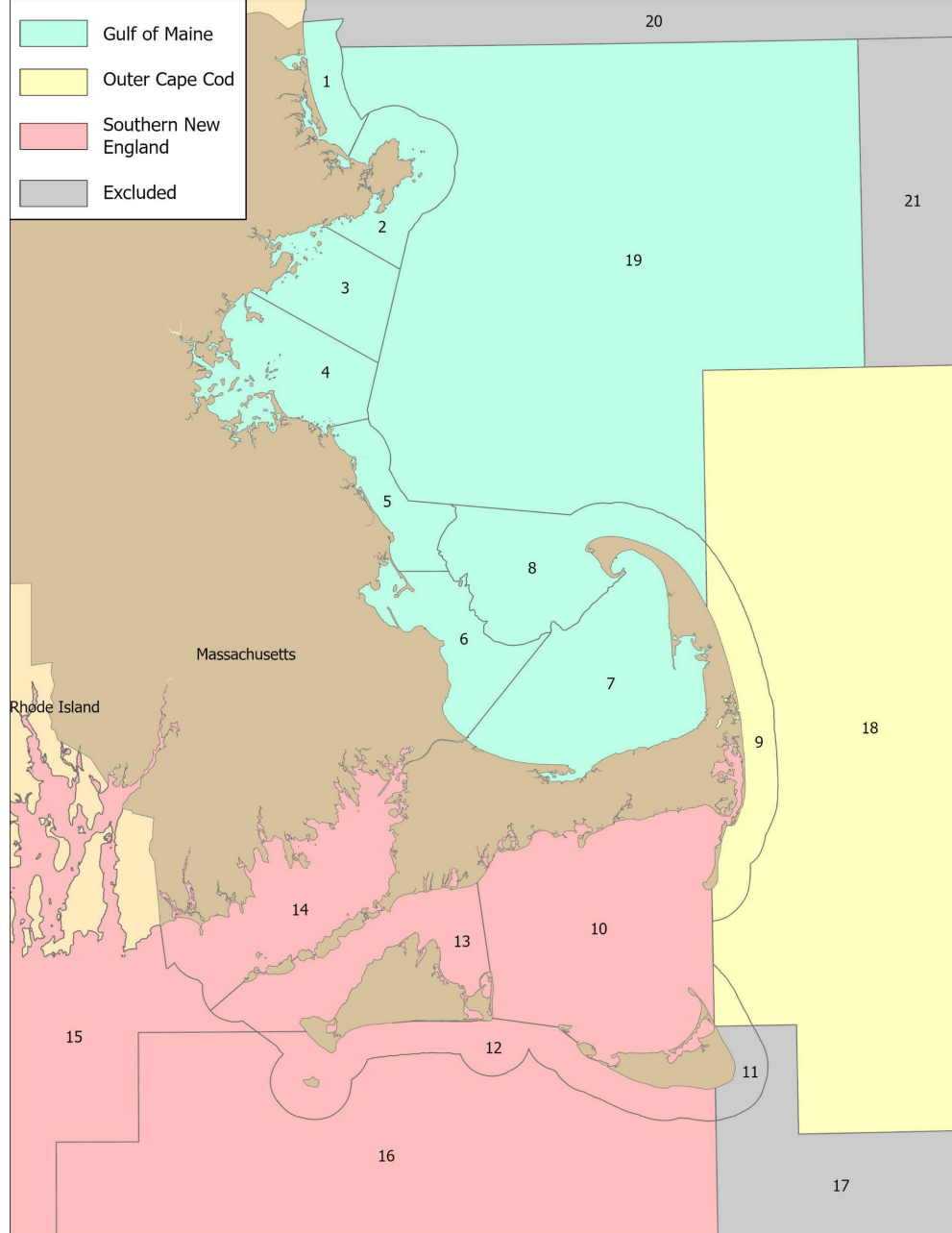


- Total landings from all gear types
- Trap landings are ~95% of all landings
- **2024 value is preliminary**

Massachusetts lobster value (millions of dollars)



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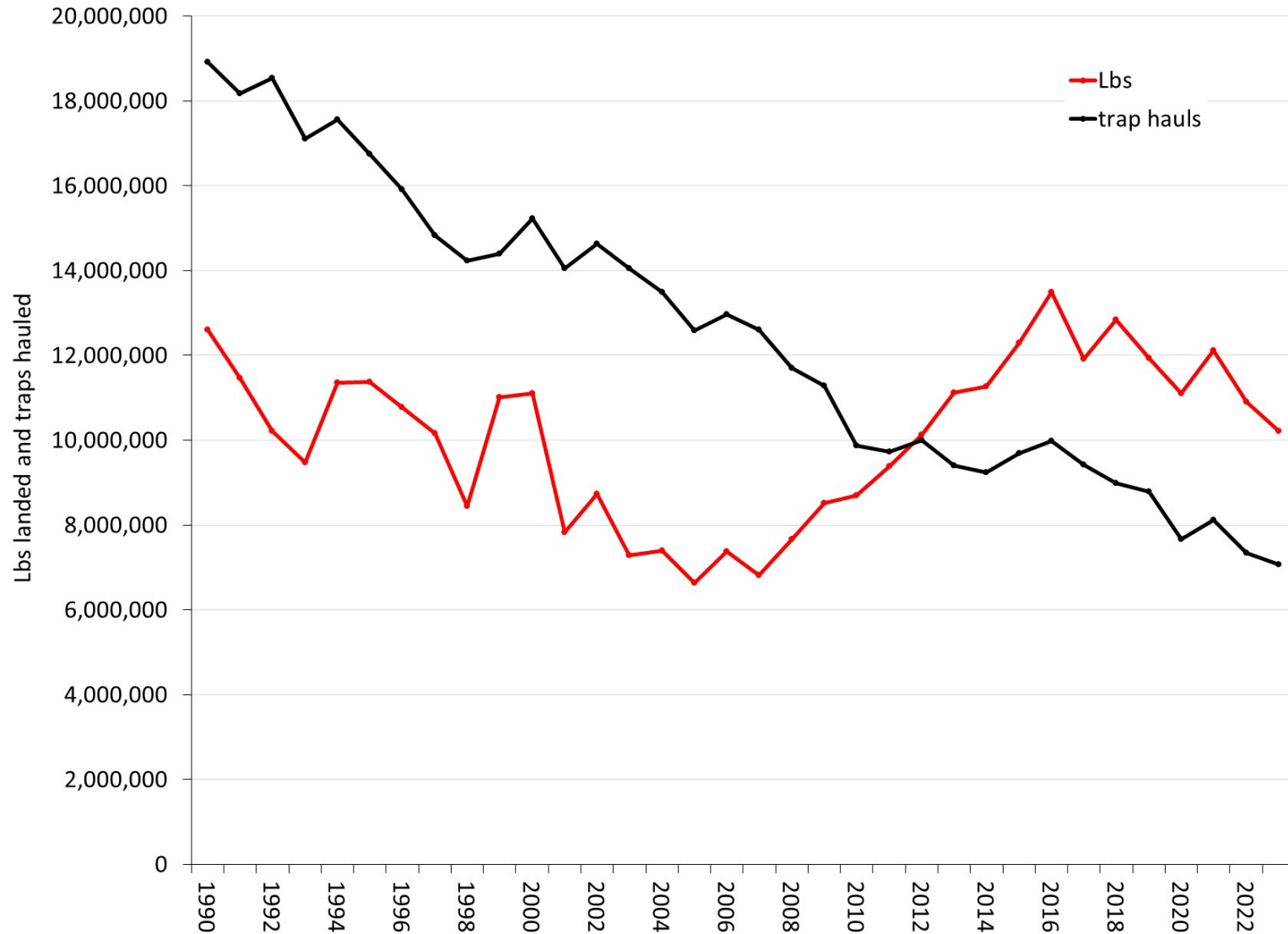
- MA Landings and traps hauled data by region
- Data are from harvester reports
- “Nearshore” reporting areas
- Updated through 2023

Breakdown of landings from these regions

Region	DMF SRAs	2023 Trap lbs	2023 % of nearshore	Mean % lasts 10 yrs
GOM	1-8, 19	10,224,743	86.3	86.7
OCC	9, 18	1,226,967	10.4	8.4
SNE	10, 12-16	401,478	3.4	4.9

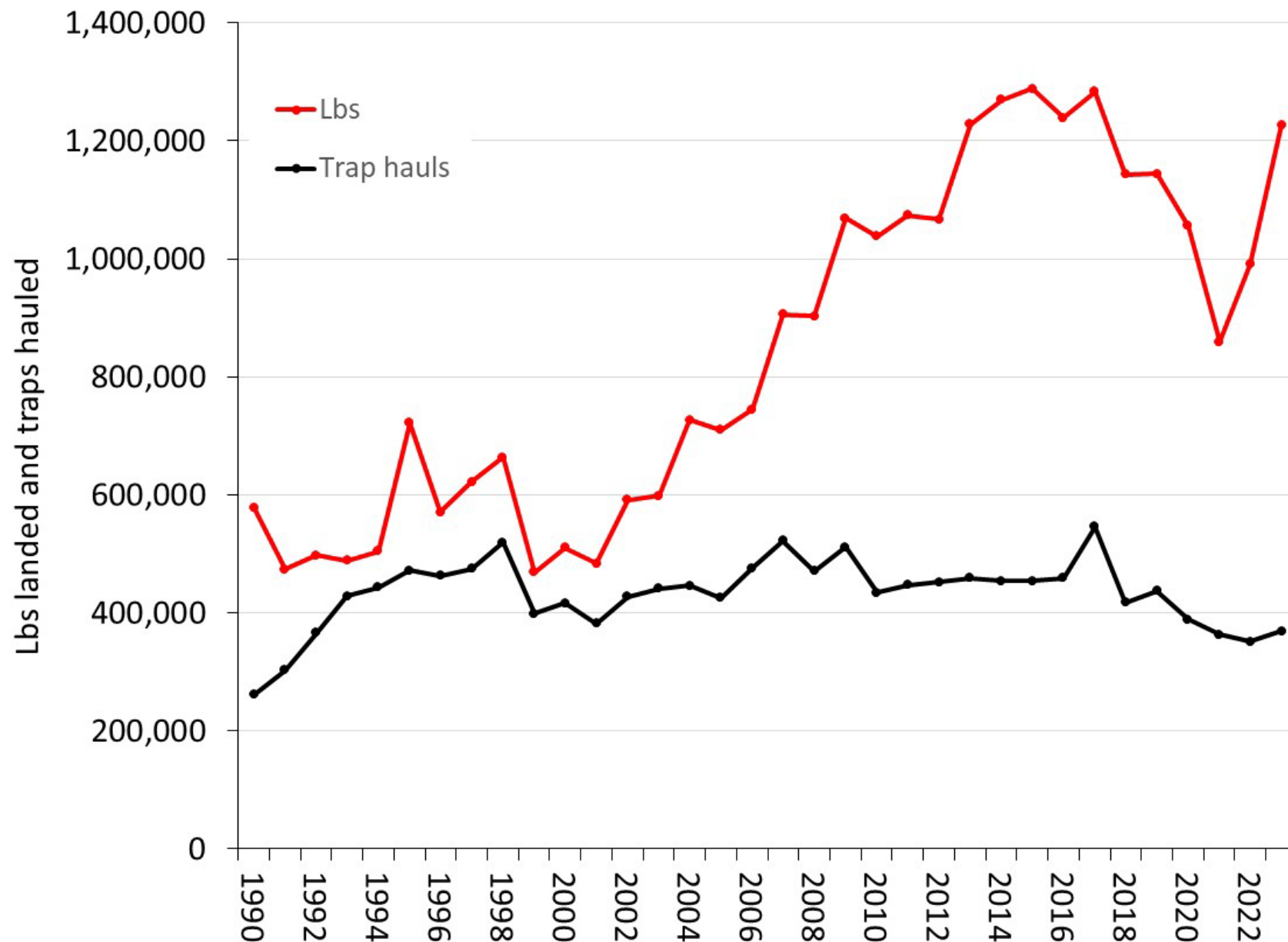
Data Source: Massachusetts trip-level reports & federal vessel trip reports, as of Jan 2025.

MA GOM landings and effort



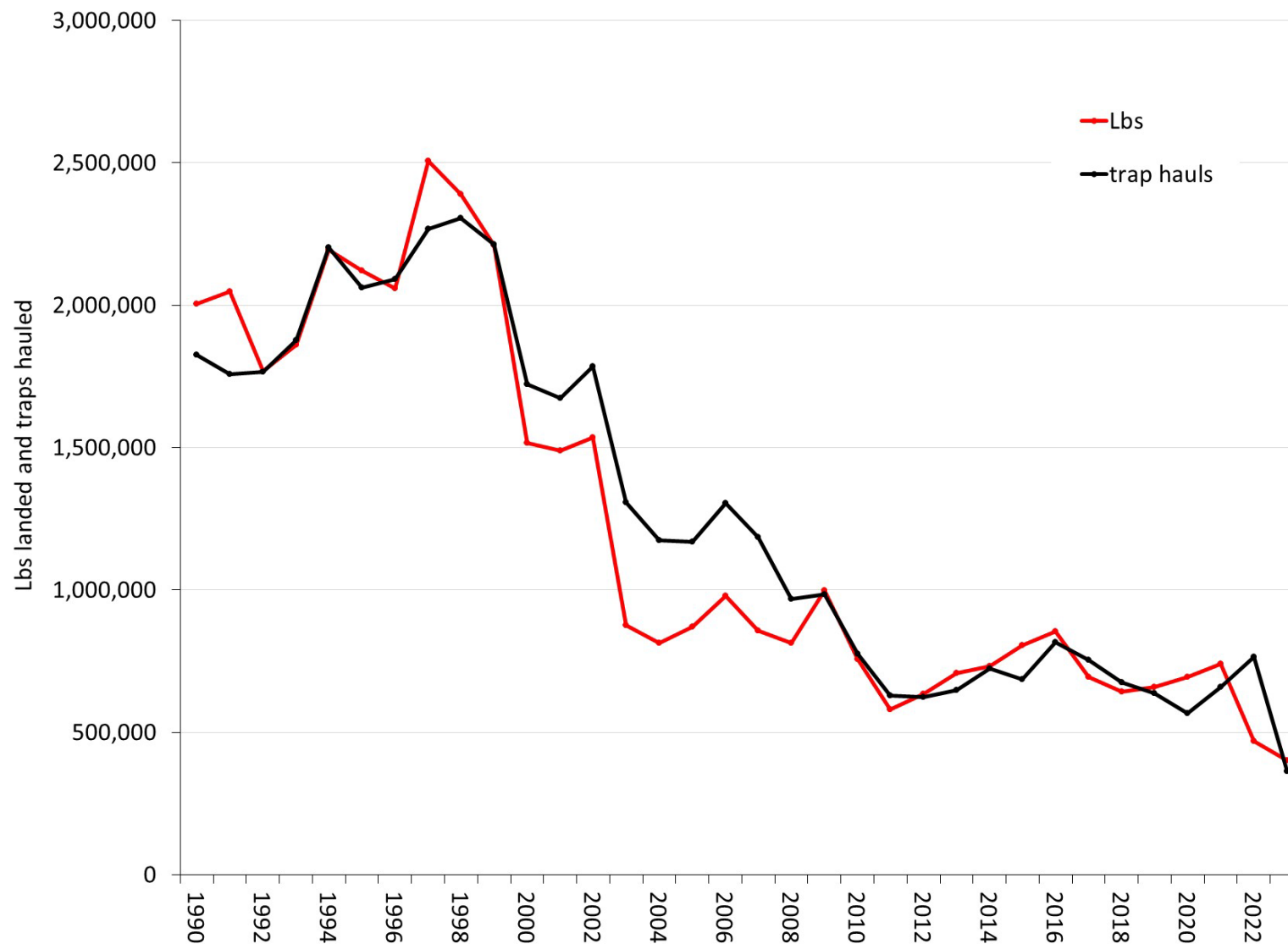
NMFS Area 514
DMF SRAs 1-8, 19

MA OCC landings and effort



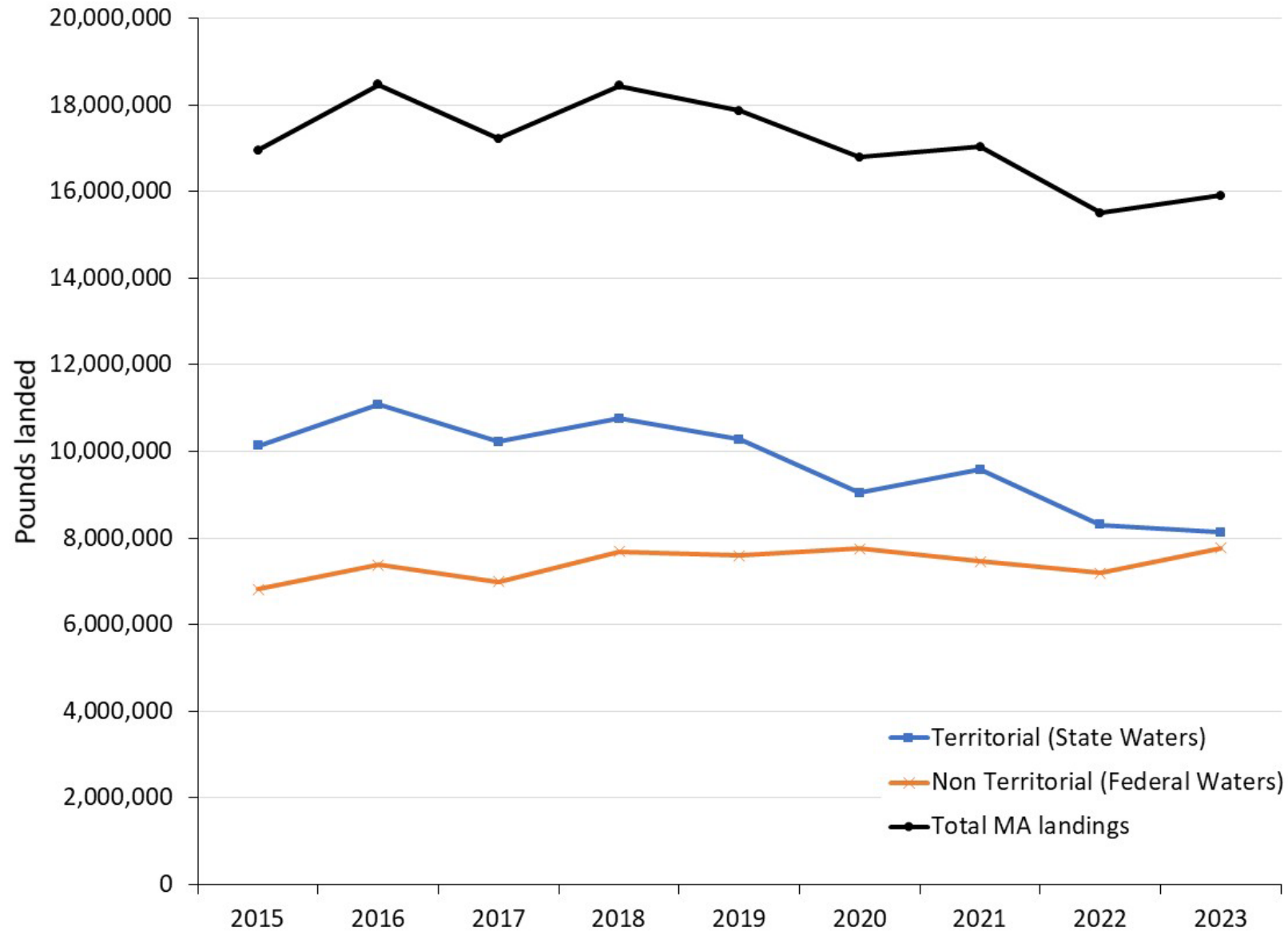
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DMF SRAs 9 & 18

MA SNE landings and effort

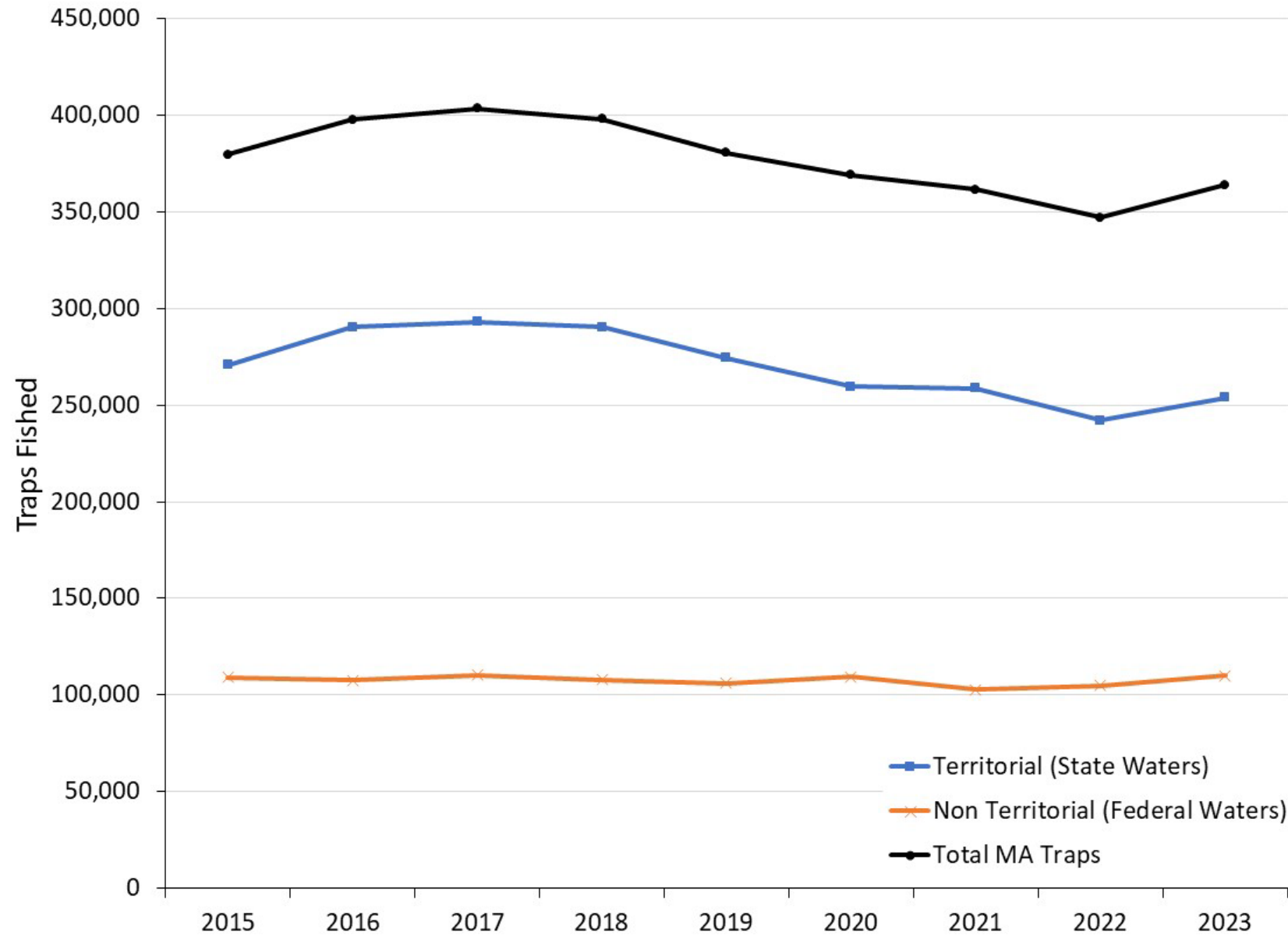


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DMF SRAs 10, 12-16

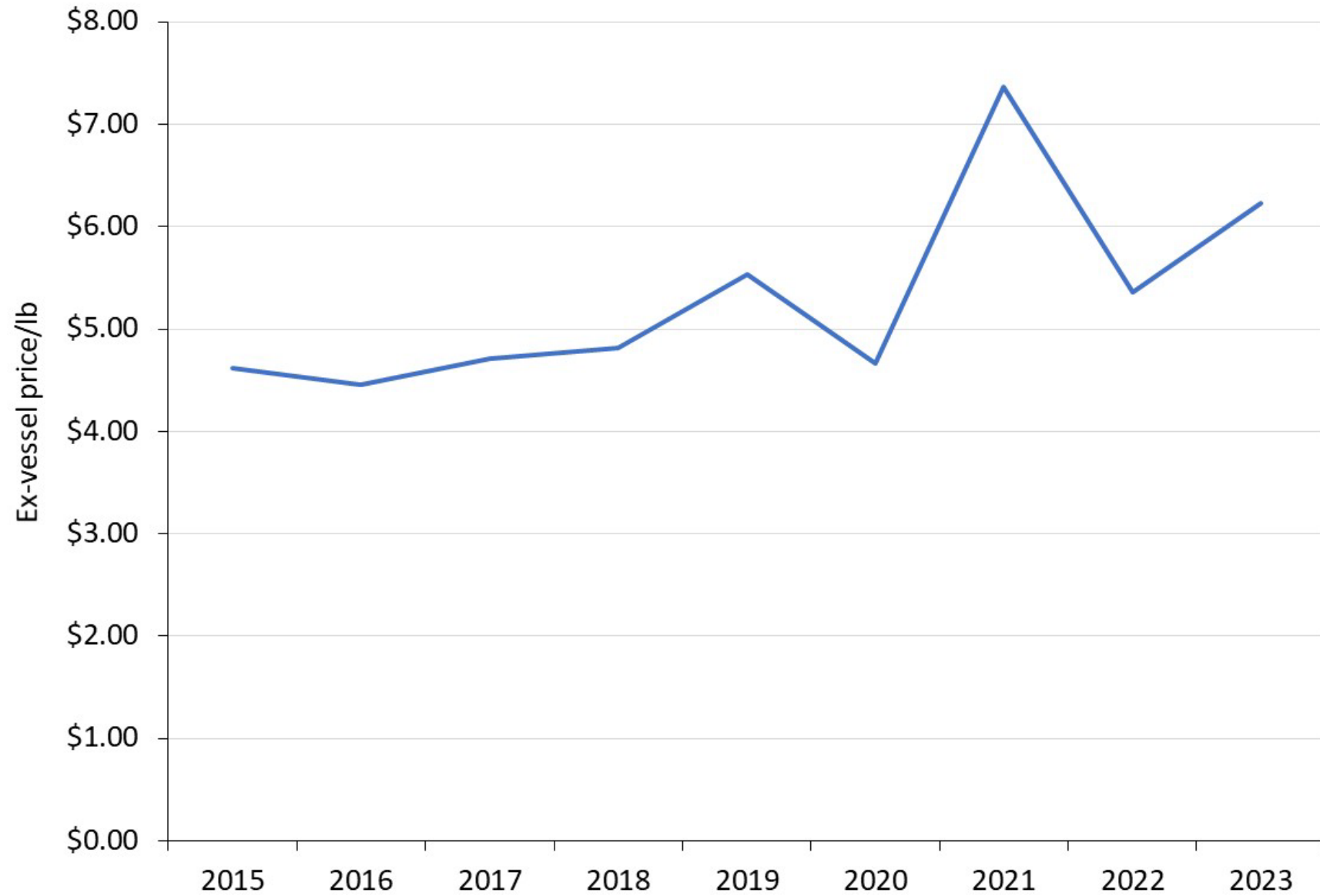
MA Landings – State & Federal Waters



MA Traps Fished – State & Federal Waters



MA Average price per pound



Questions?