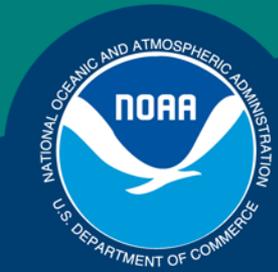


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# Silk Snapper – Re - Analysis of size- frequency

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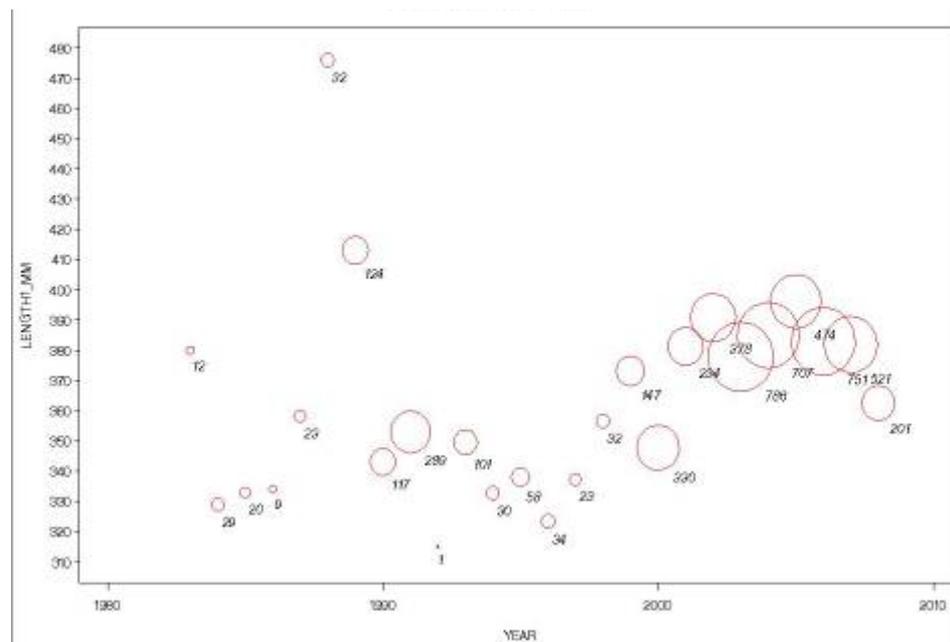
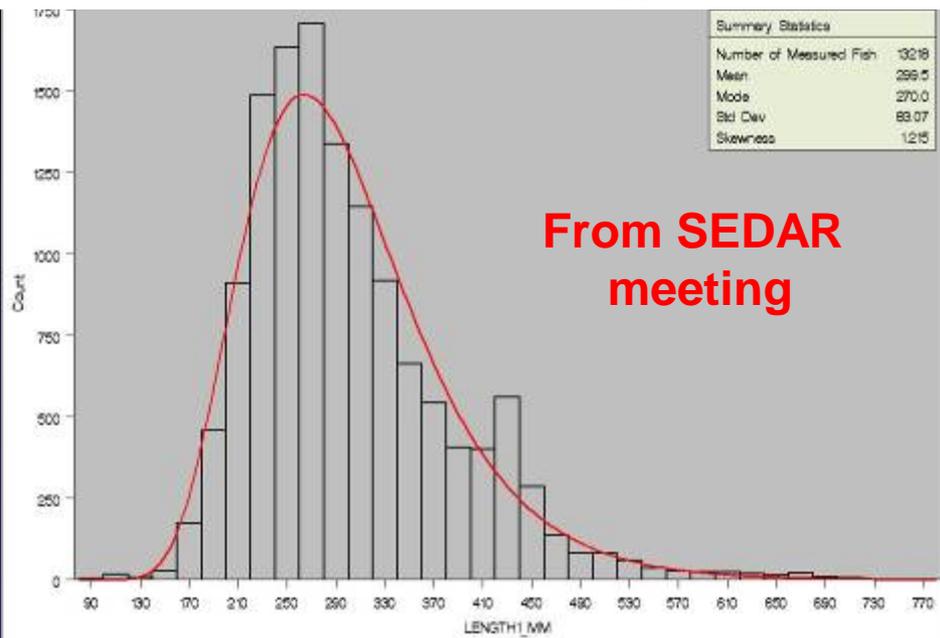
# Beverton-Holt mean length mortality estimator

$$Z = \frac{K(L_{\infty} - \bar{L})}{\bar{L} - L_c}$$

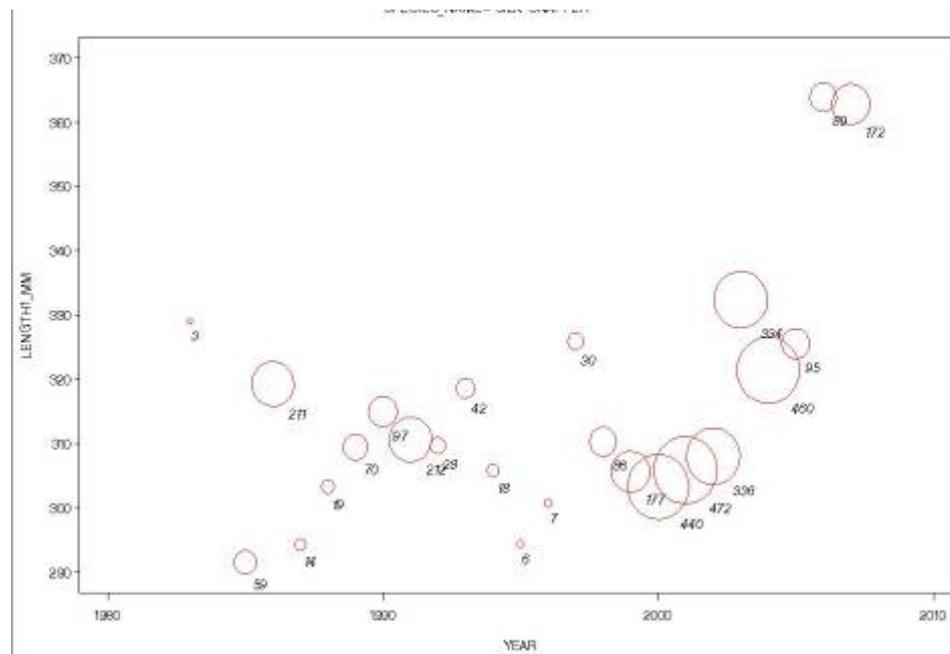
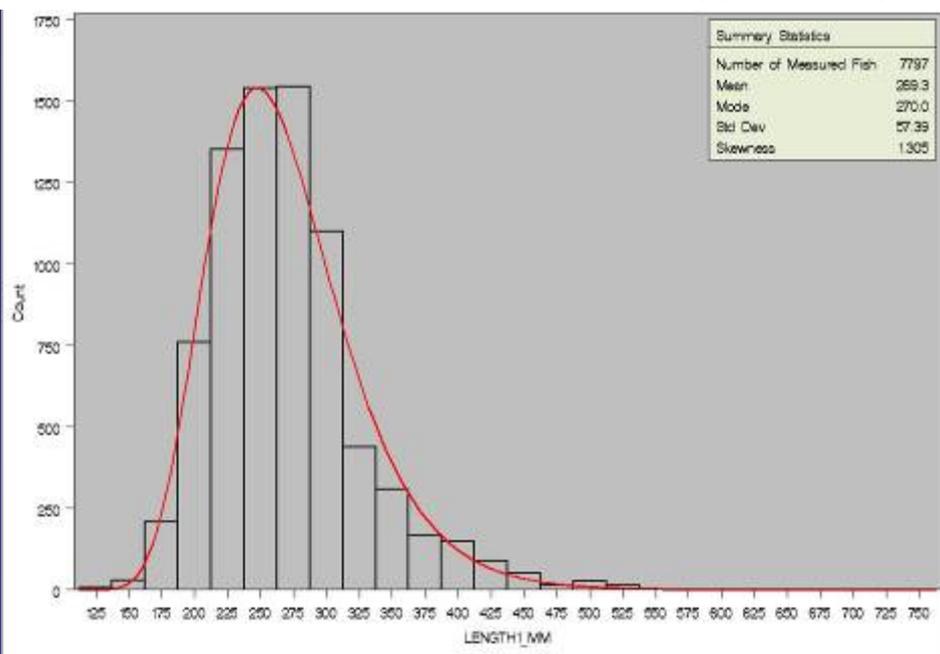
## 5 assumptions:

1. Asymptotic growth,  $K$  and  $L_{\infty}$  known & constant over time.
2. No individual variability in growth.
3. Constant & continuous recruitment over time.
4. **Mortality constant with age.**
5. Mortality constant over time  $\rightarrow$  Population in equilibrium (mean length reflects mortality)

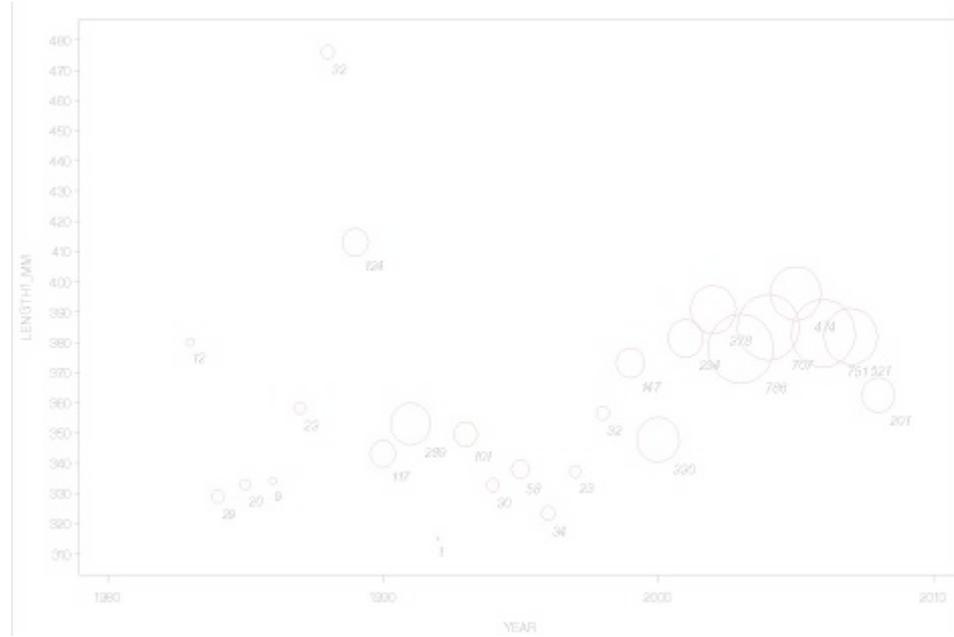
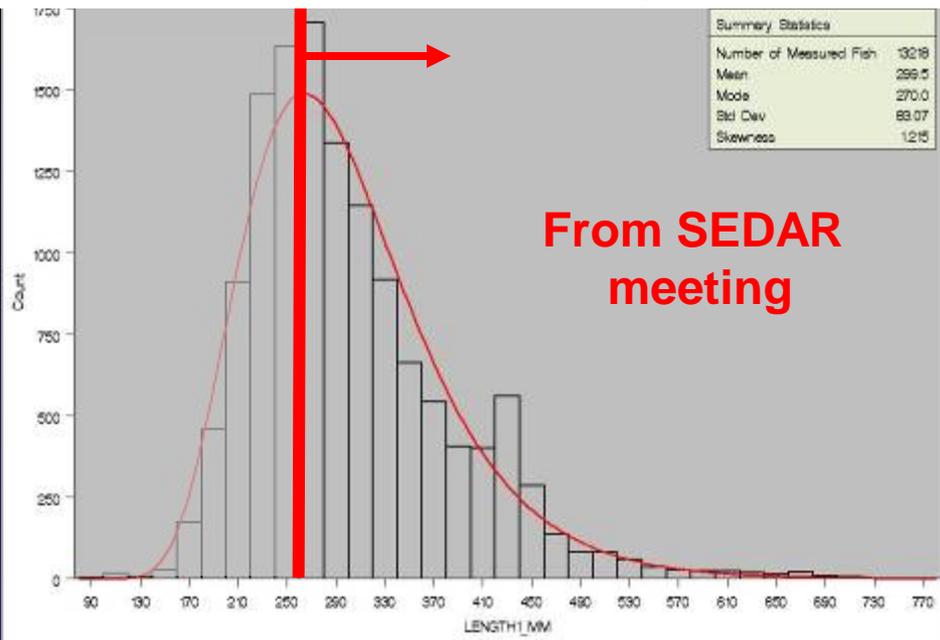
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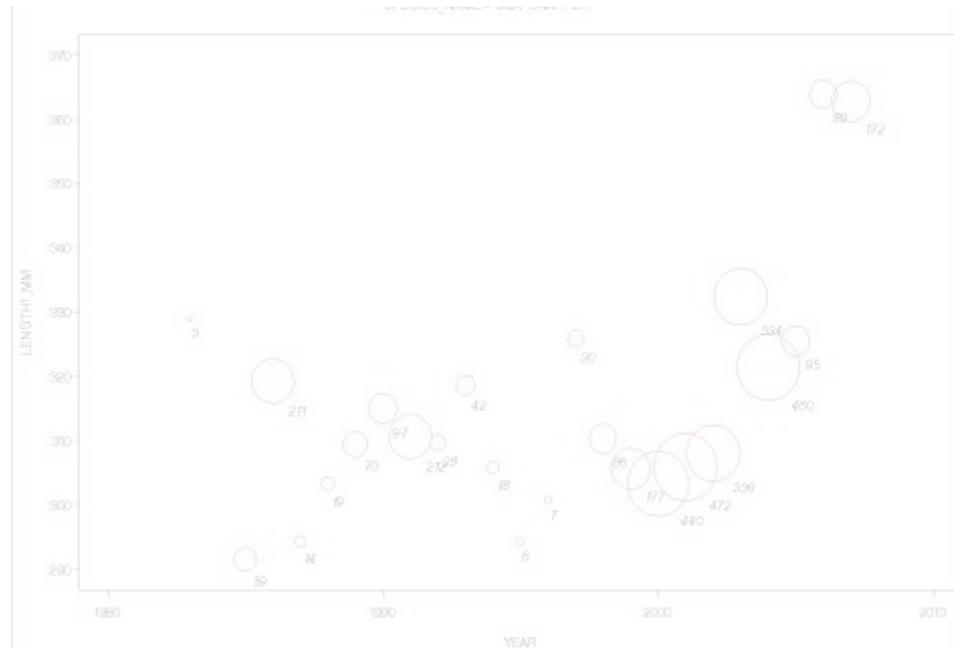
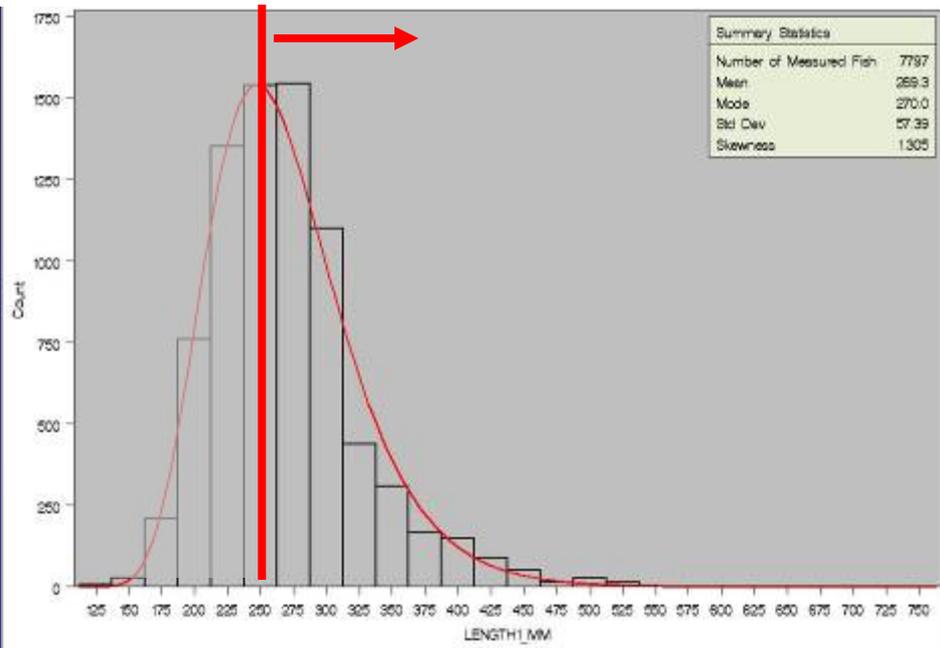
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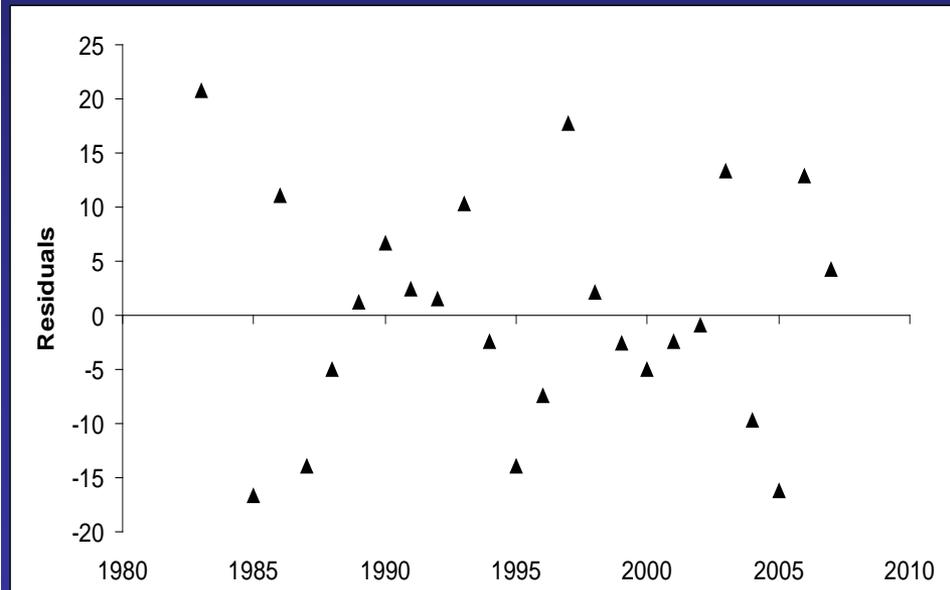
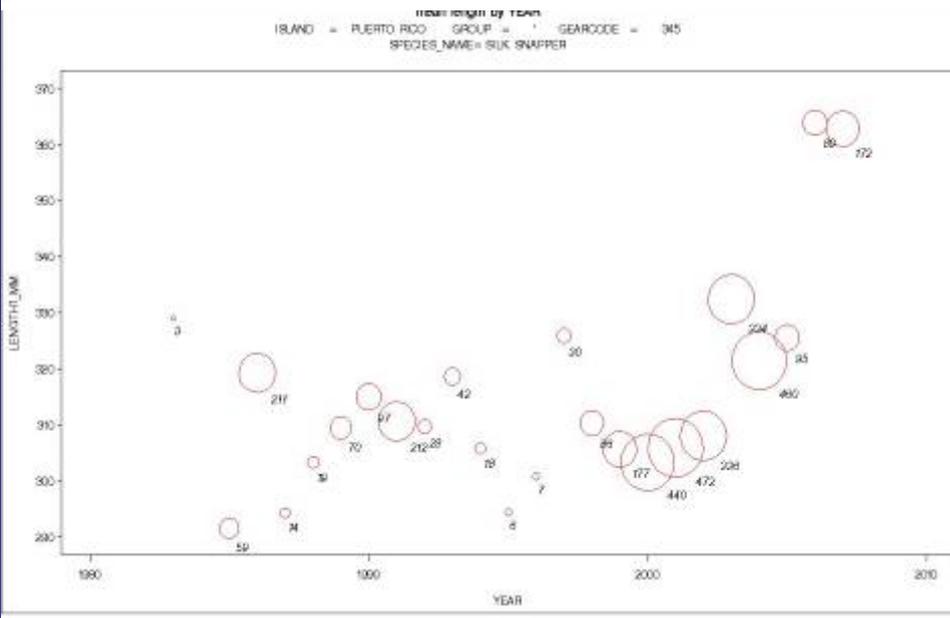
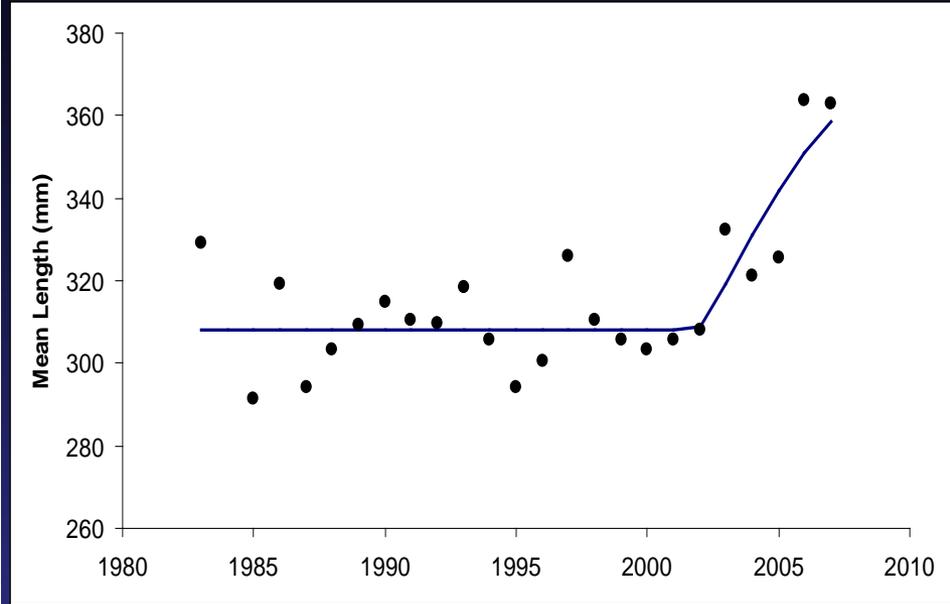
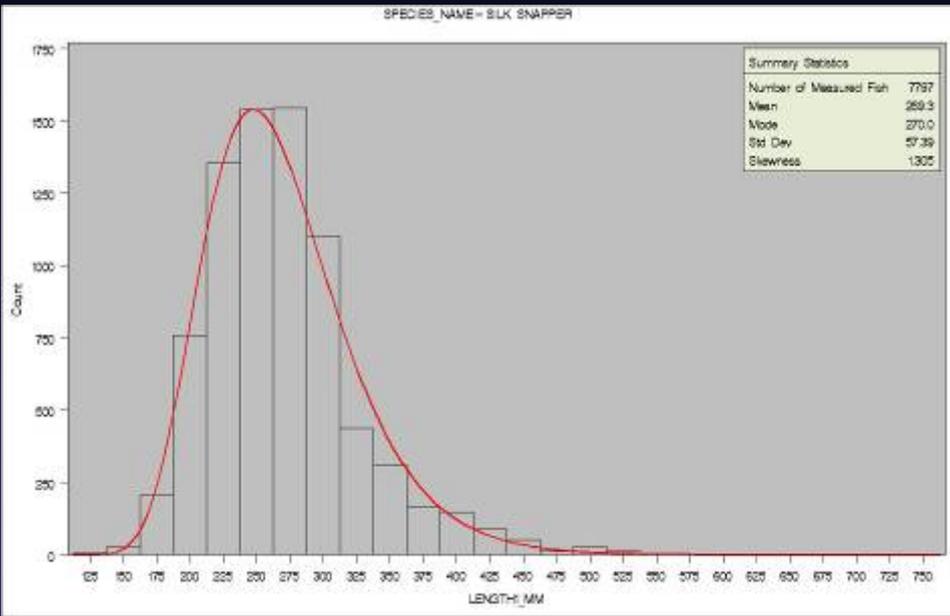


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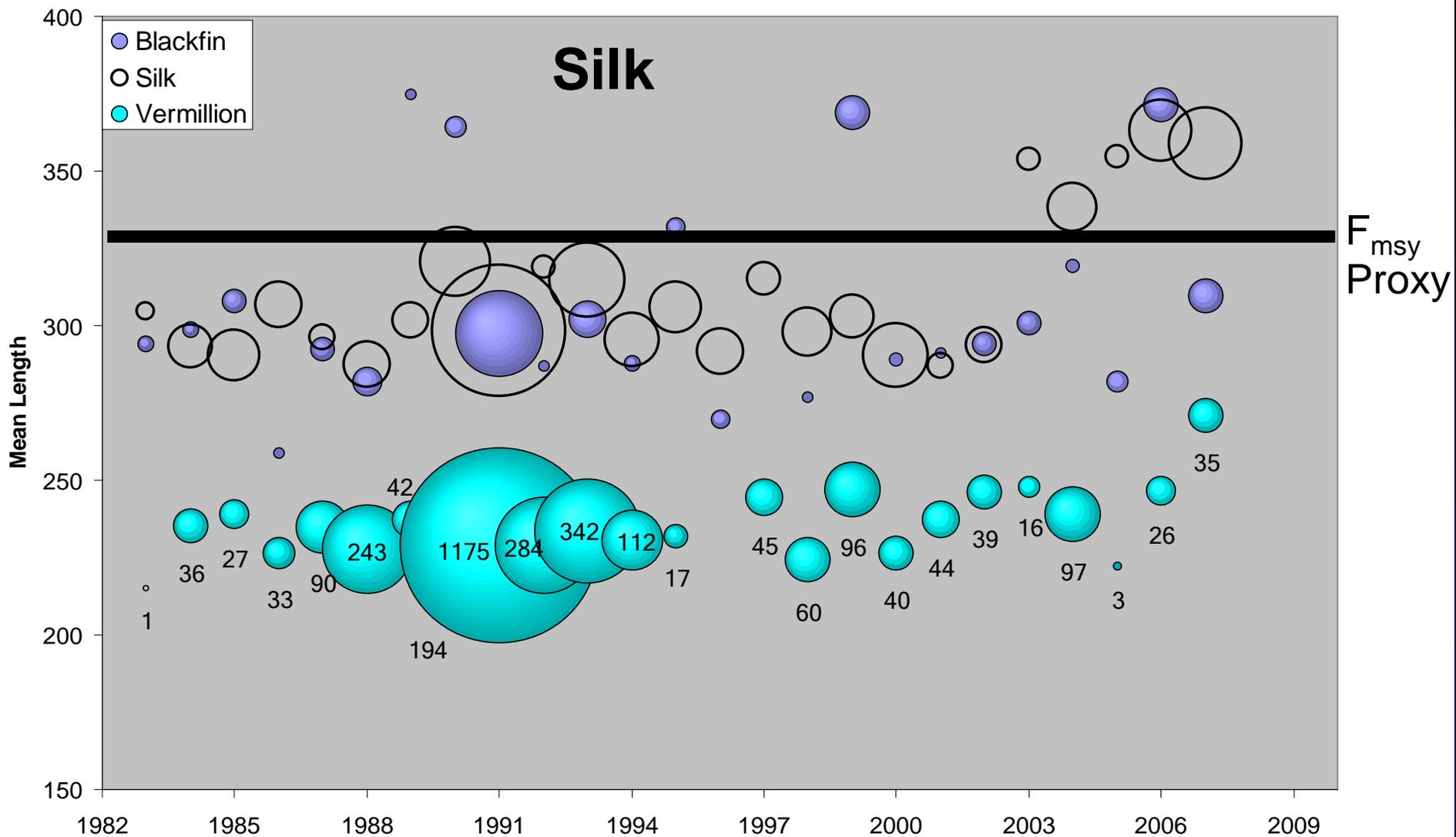


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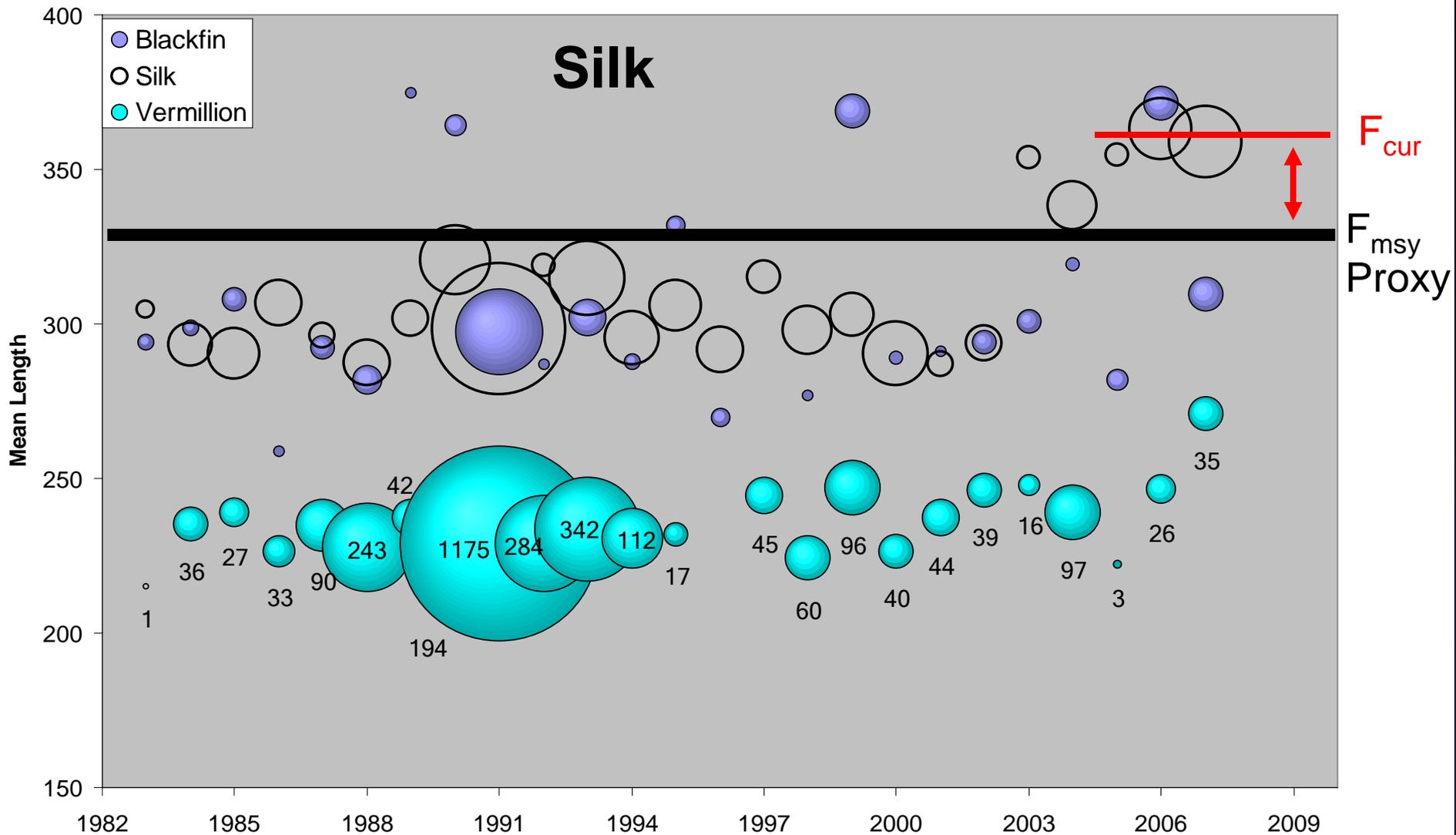
$Z = 1.12 \rightarrow 0.31$  in 2001.8



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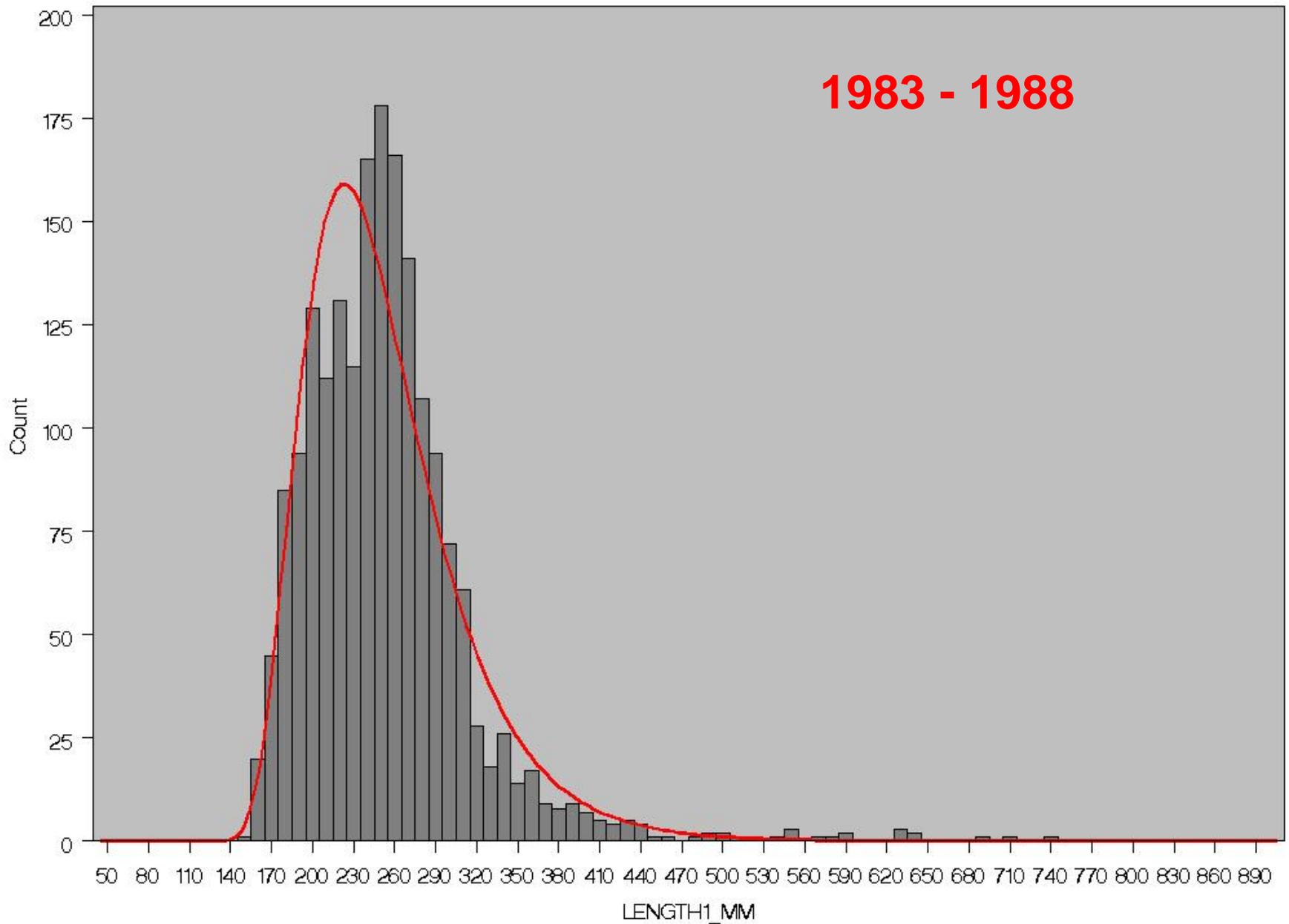


# Detailed inspection of size composition over time

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10 cm bins

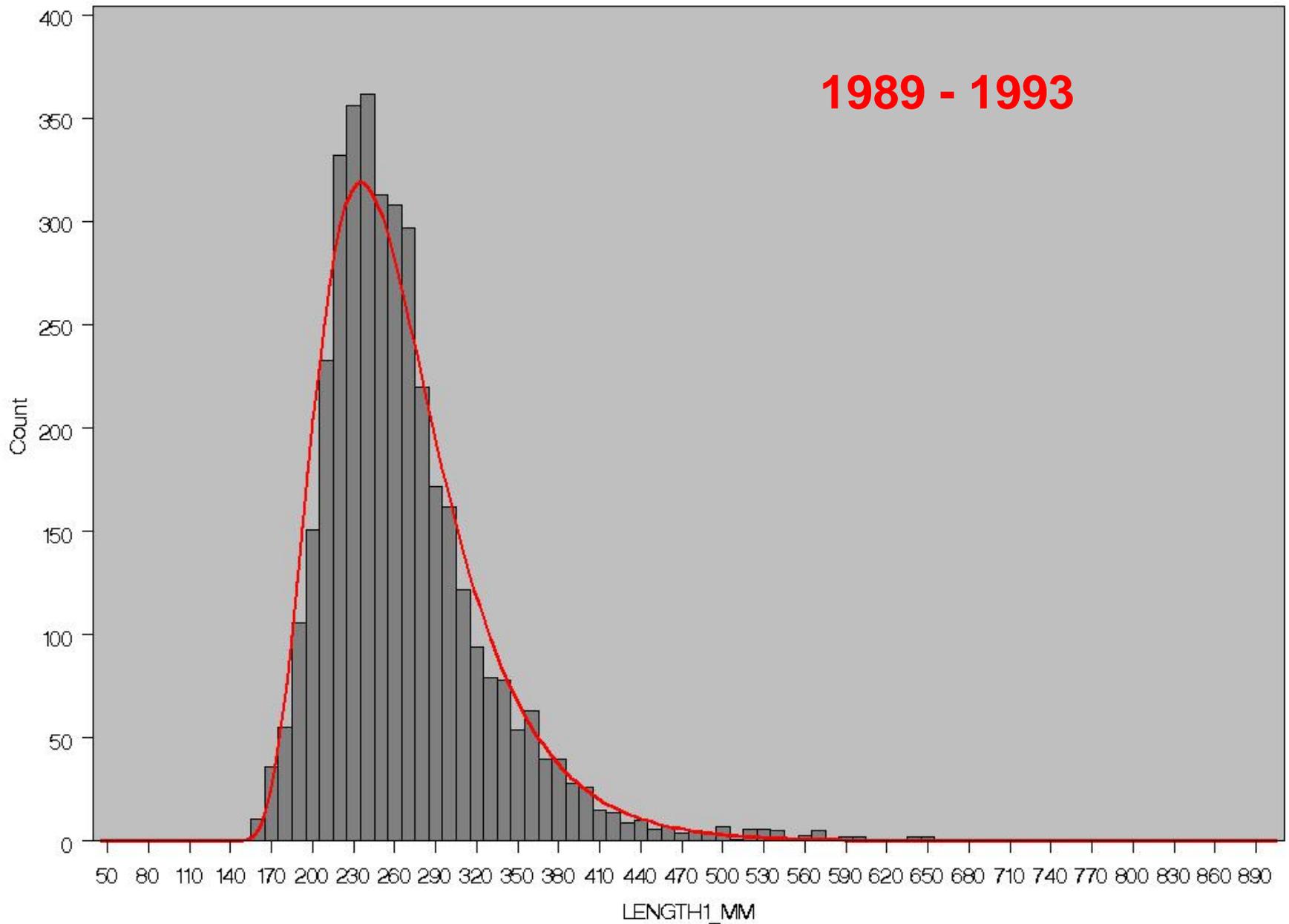
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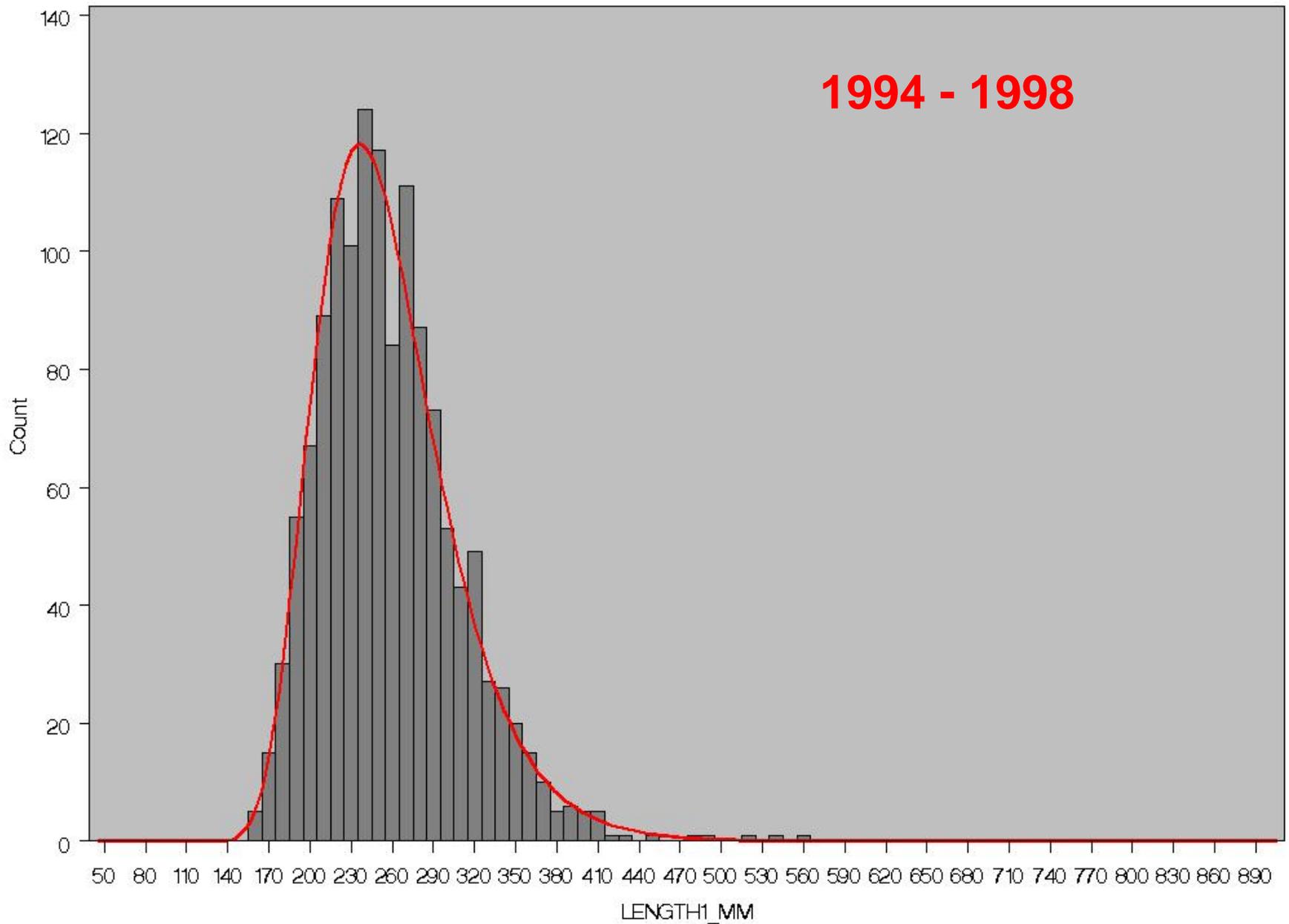
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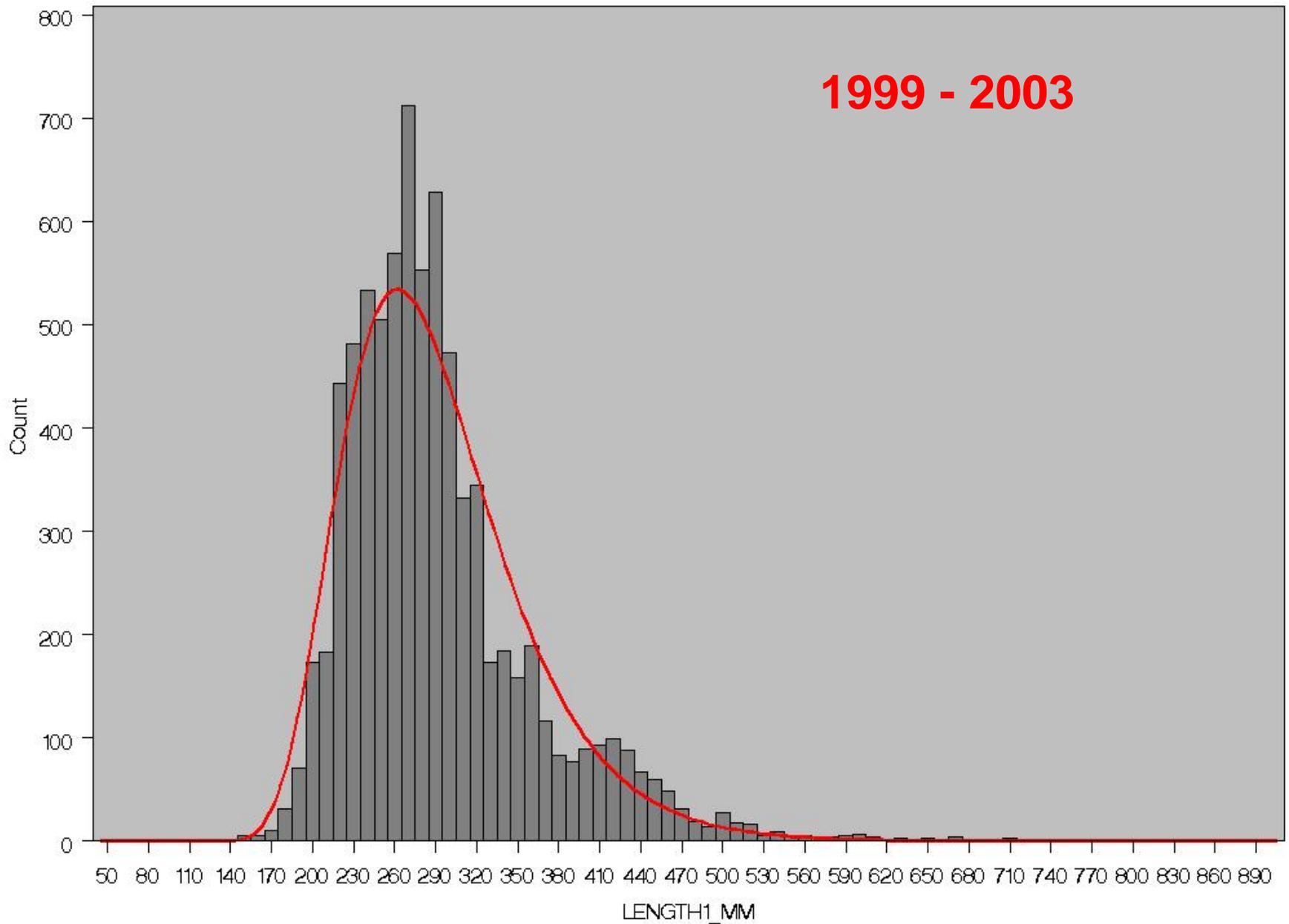
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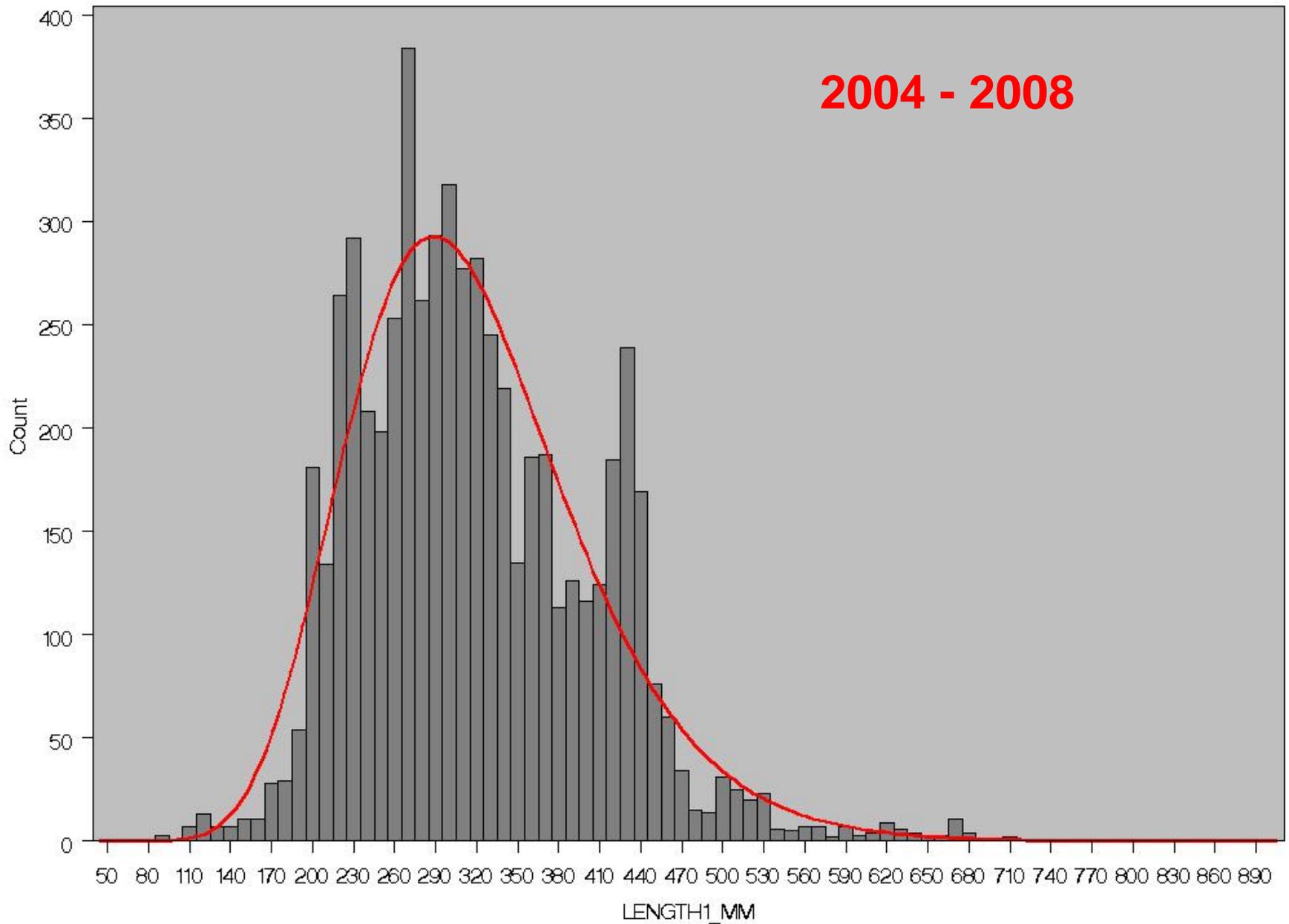
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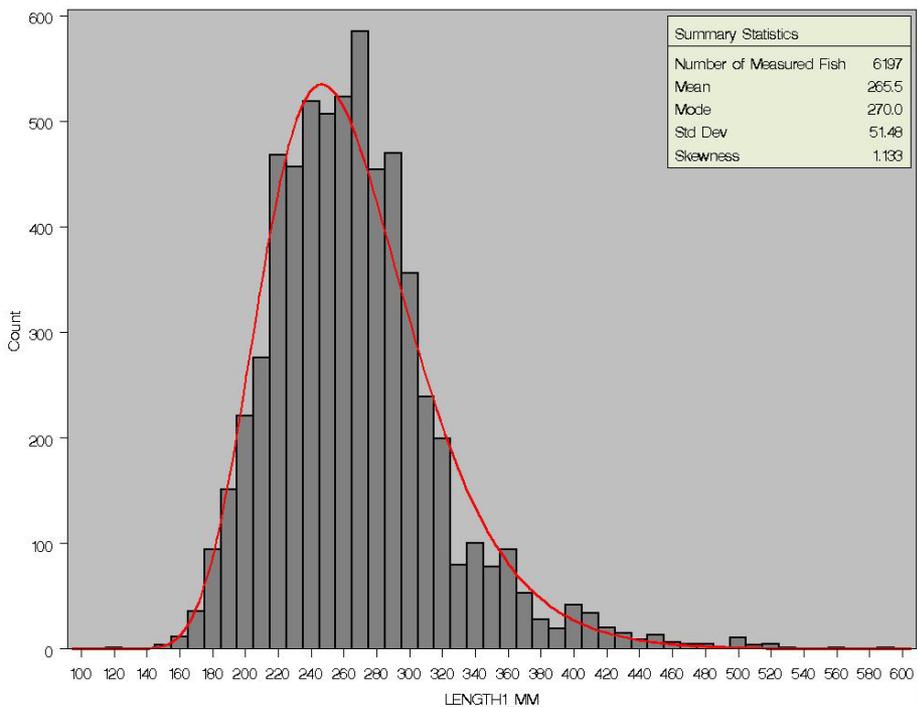
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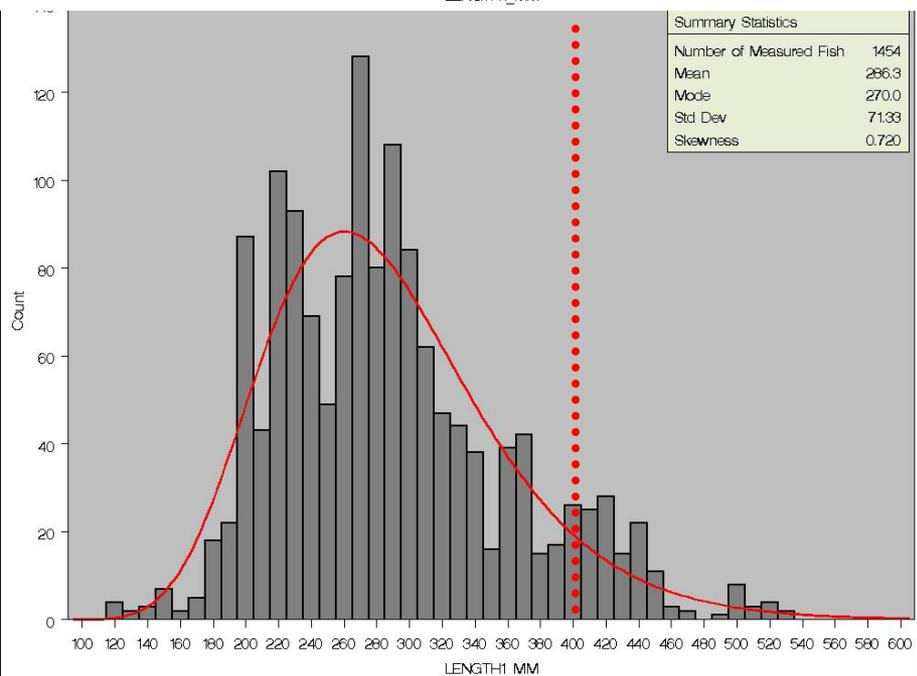
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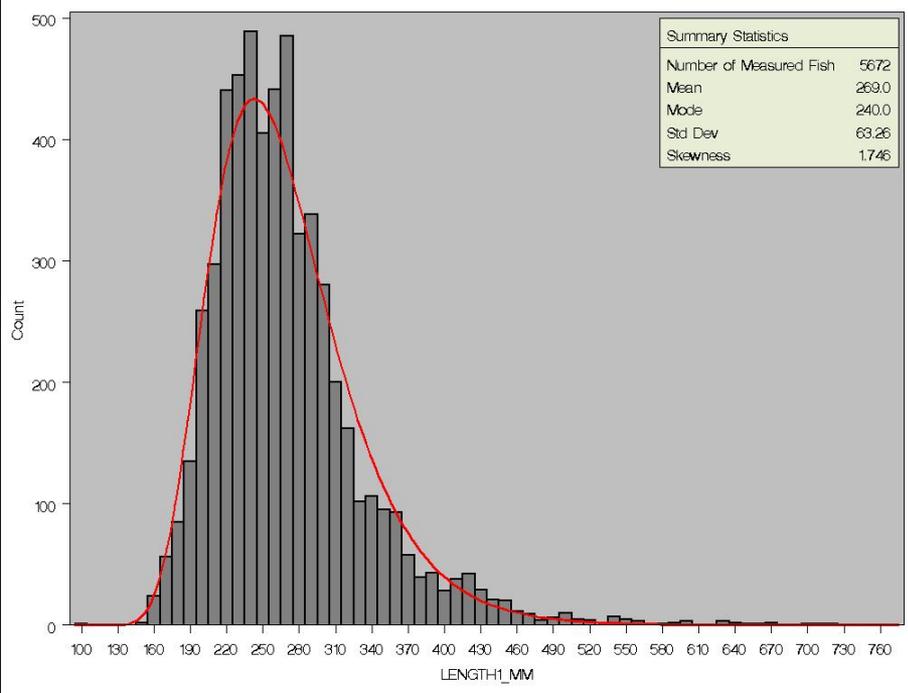
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1983-2003



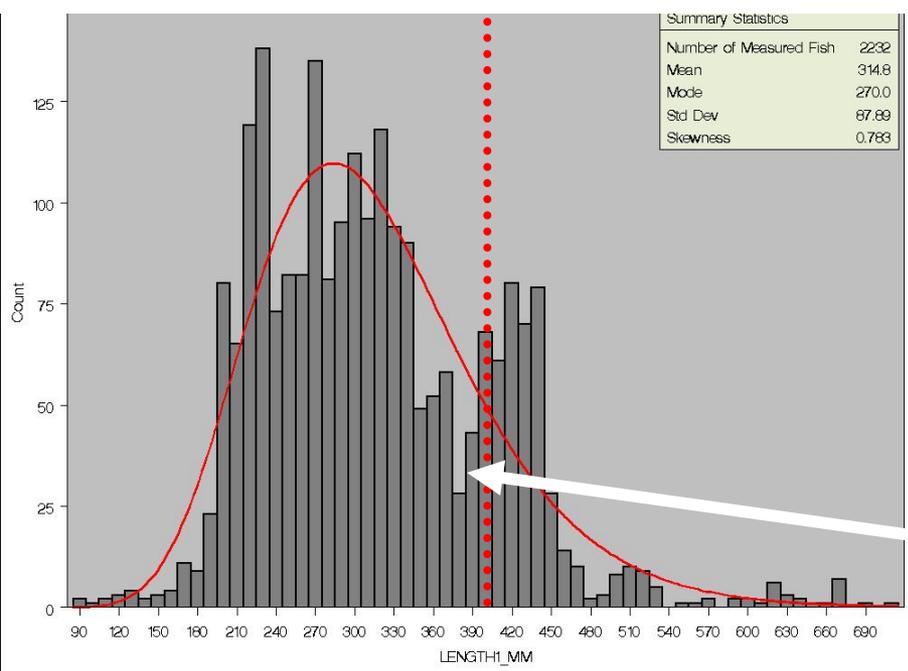
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years = 1983-2003



# Hook and Line – No WNW

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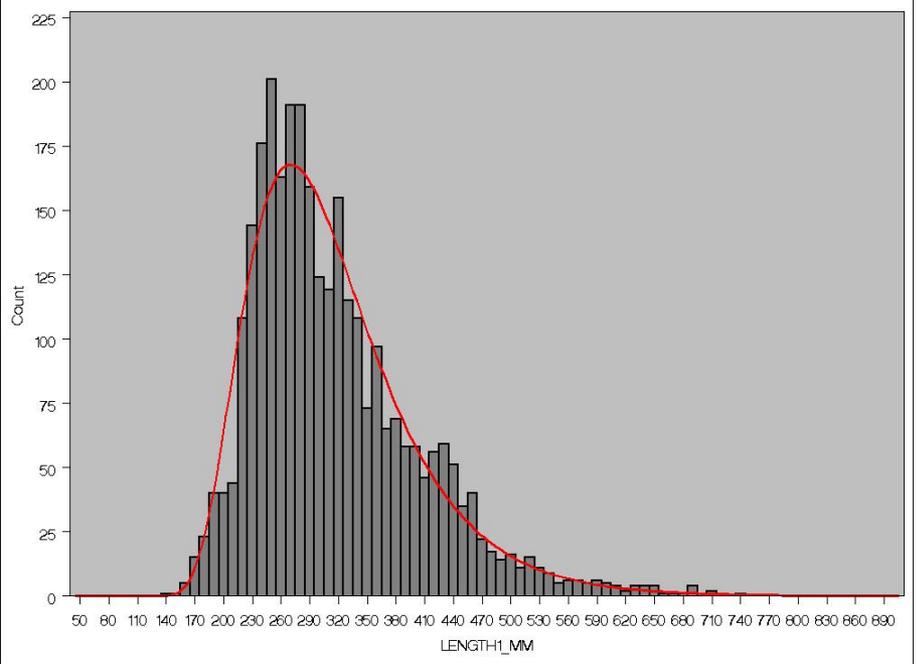


## 2004-2008

Note: dip before min size

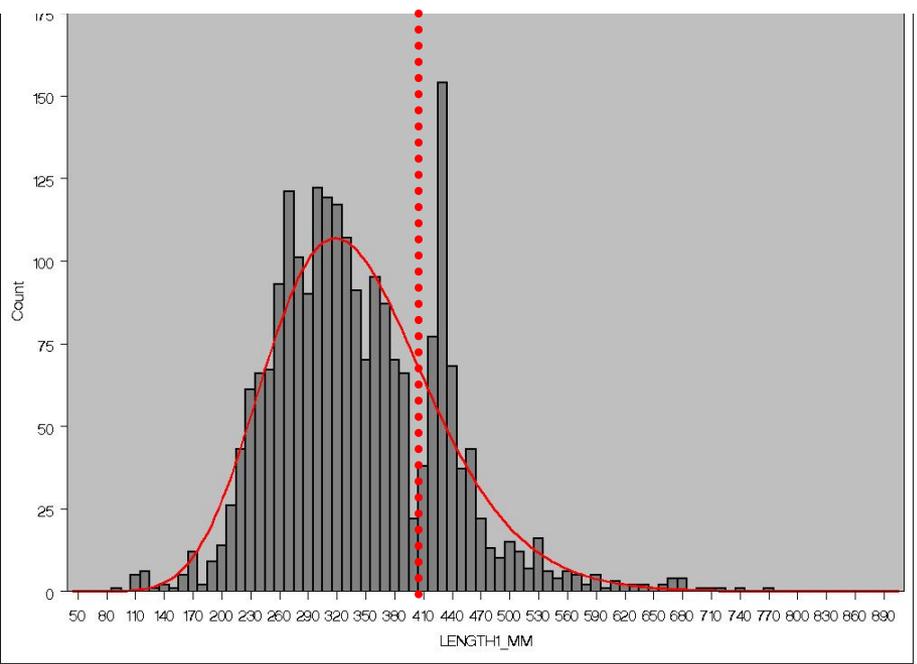
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10 cm bins  
yrs = 1983-2003



# Hook and Line –WNW only

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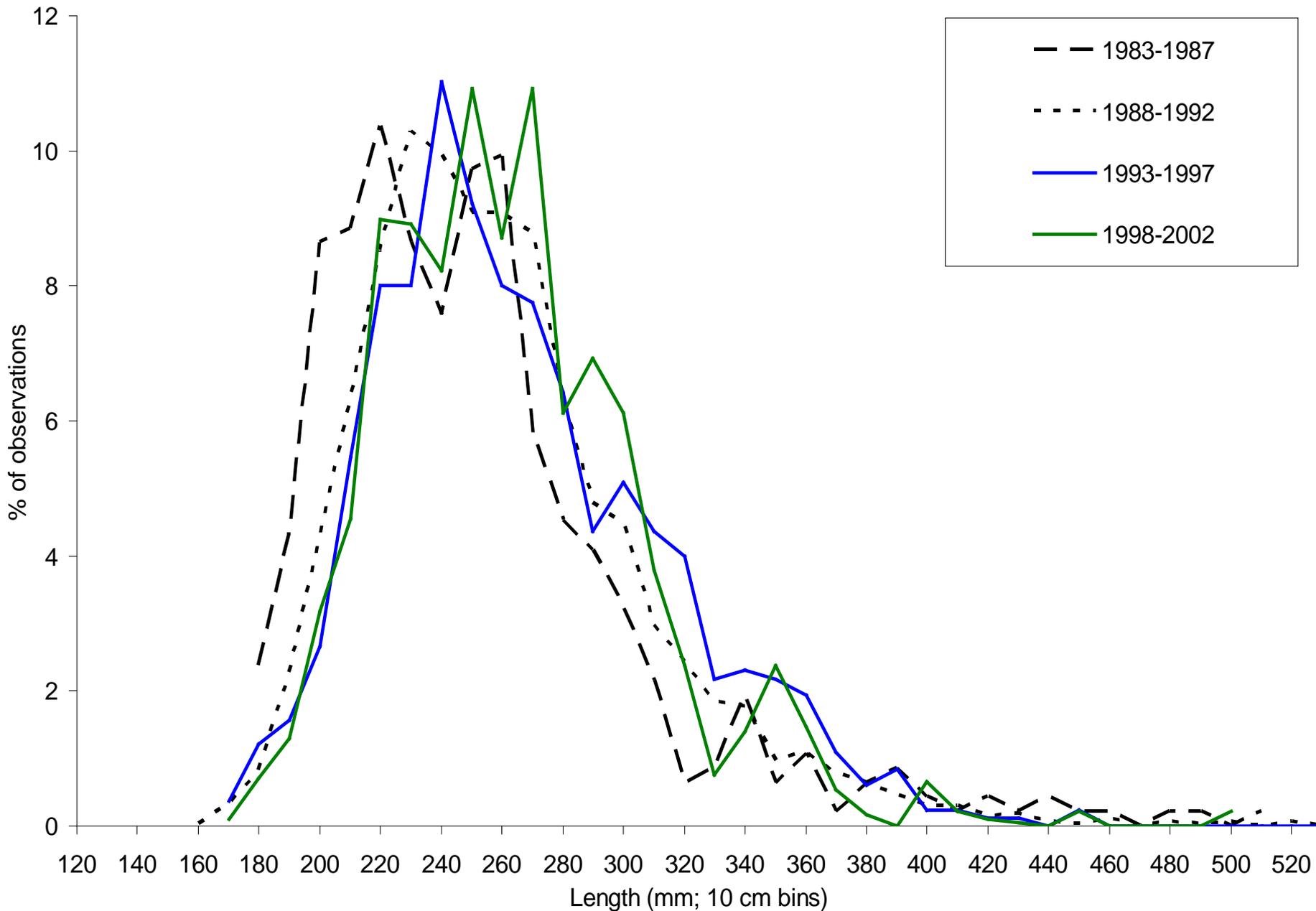


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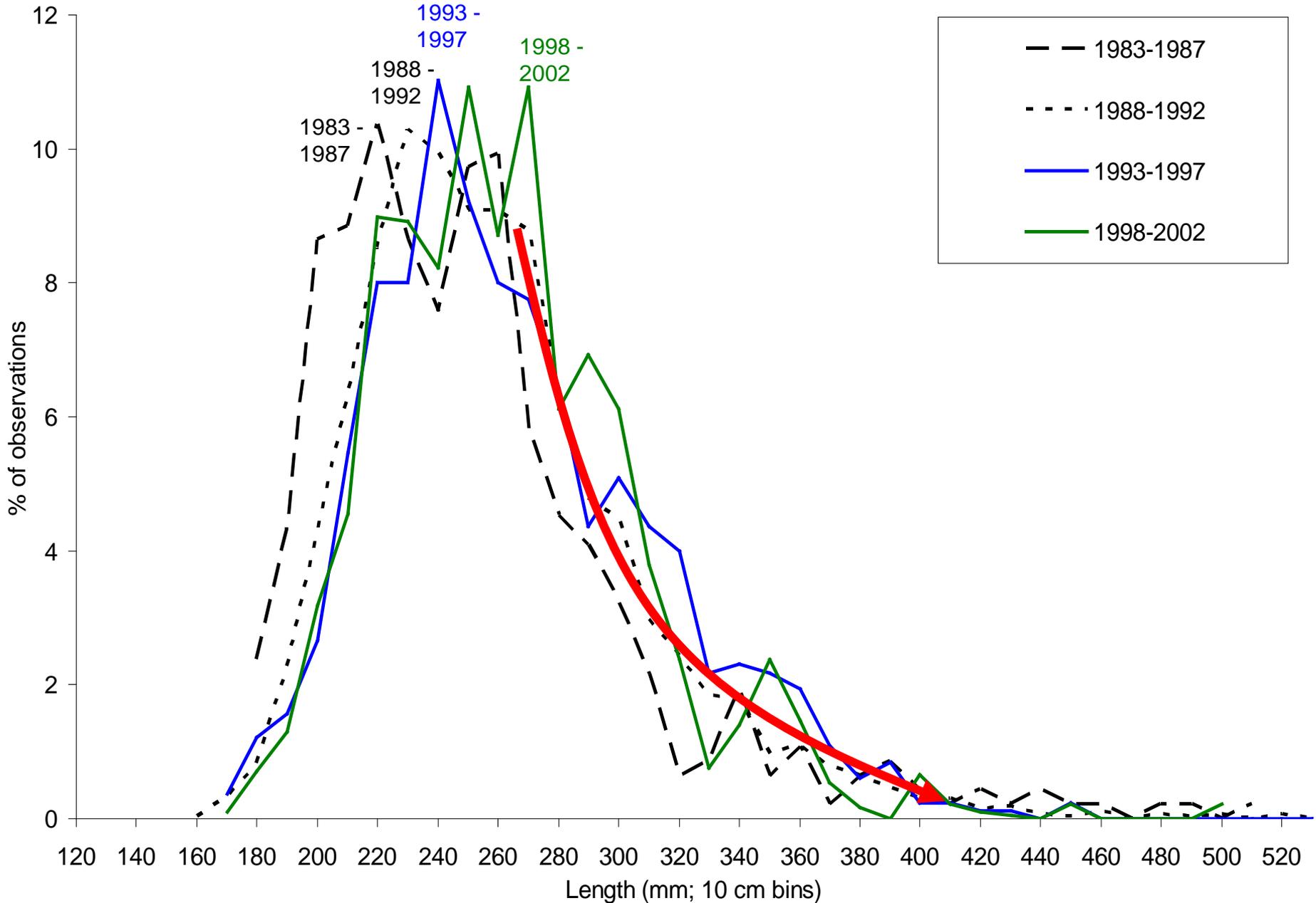
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1983-2004**

**Selection of  $L_c$**

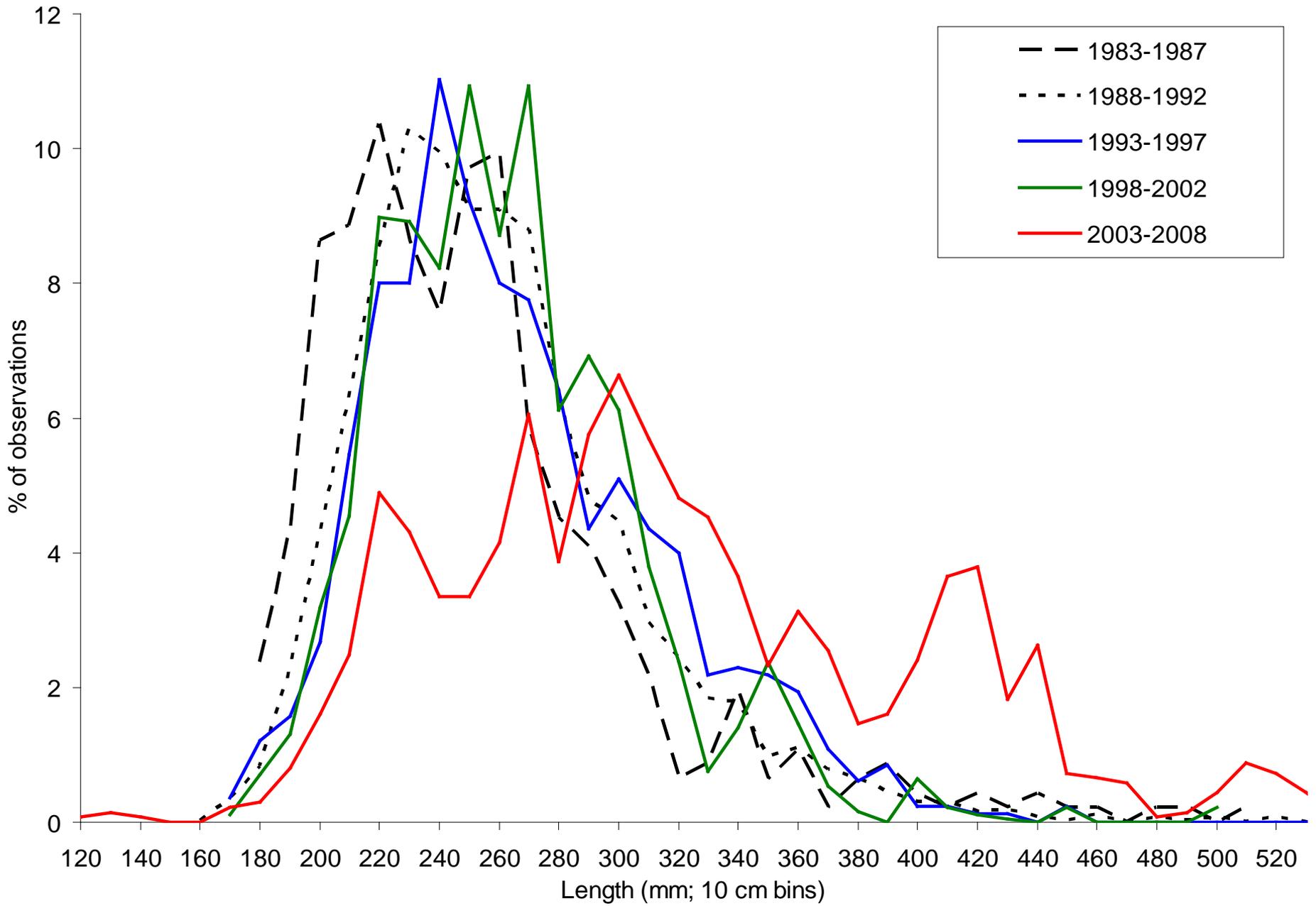
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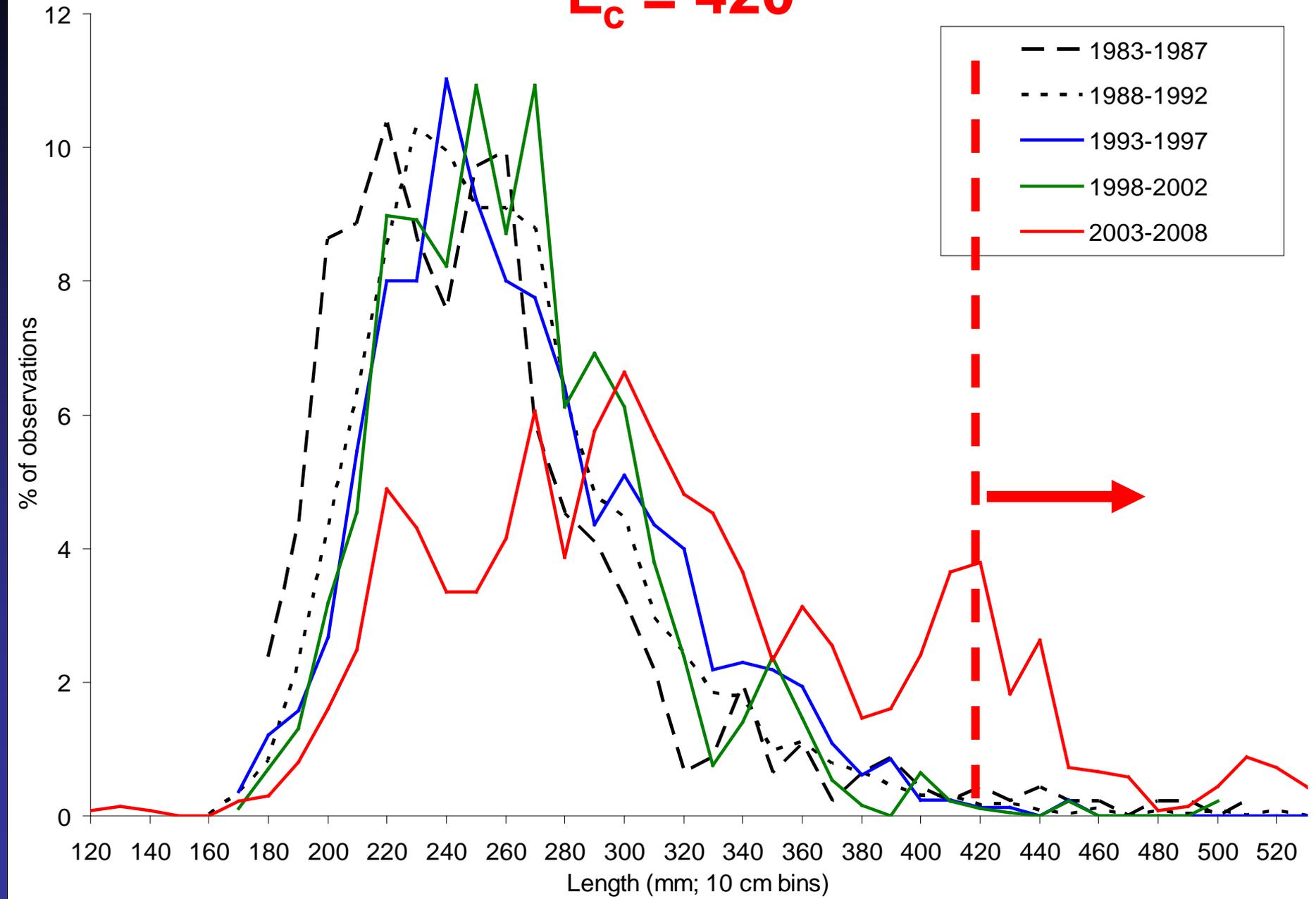


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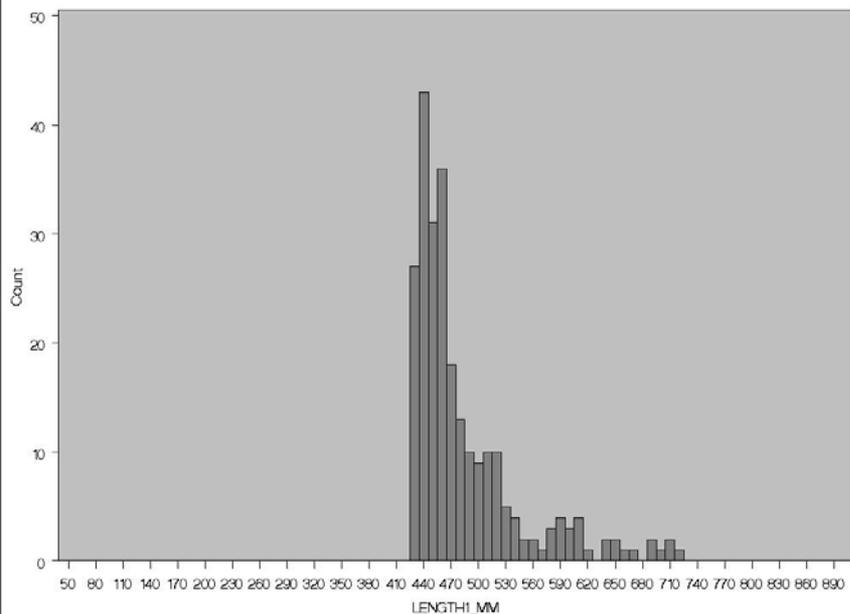


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**$L_c = 420$**



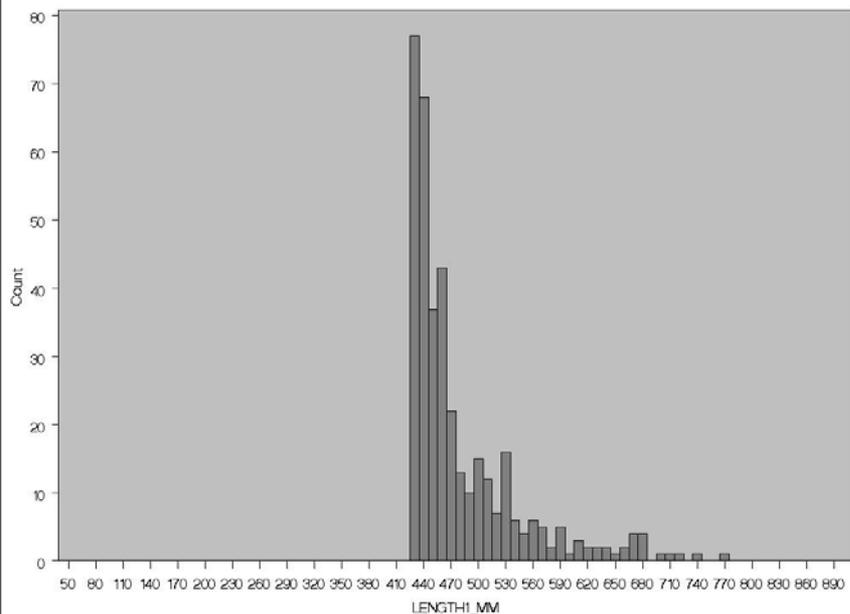
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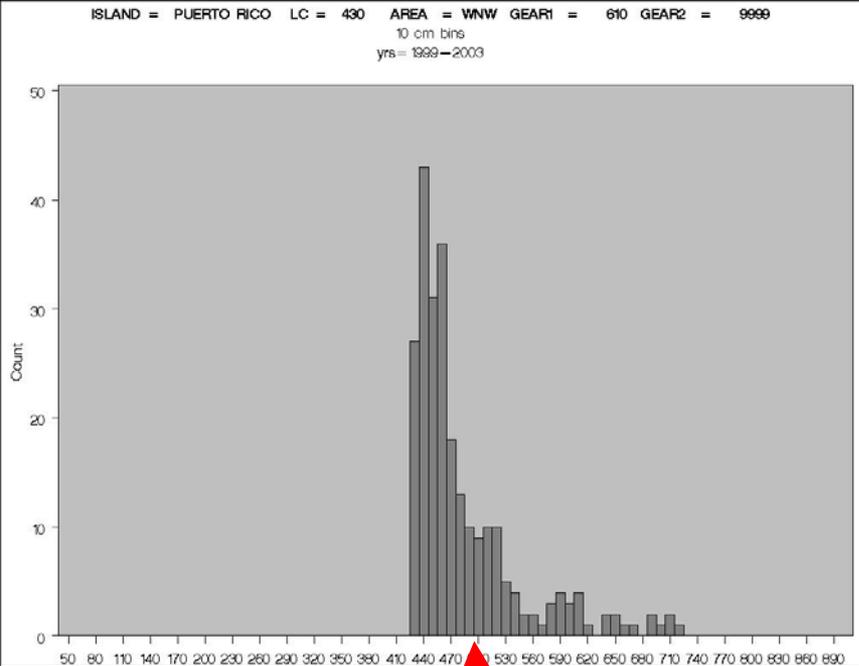
**Hook and Line – WNW Only  
Minimum Size of 420 mm**

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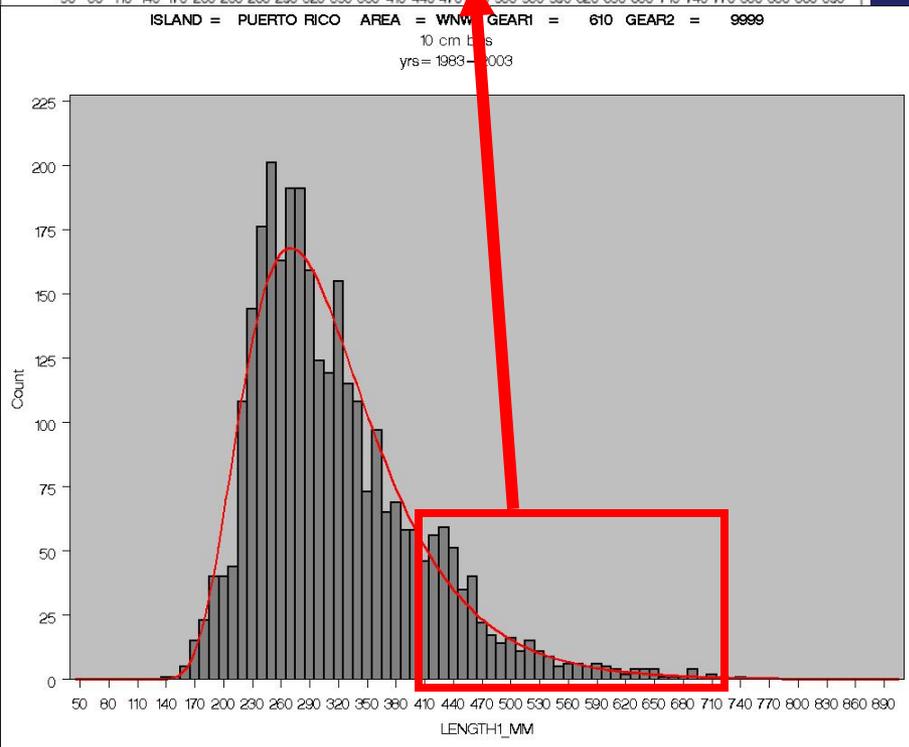


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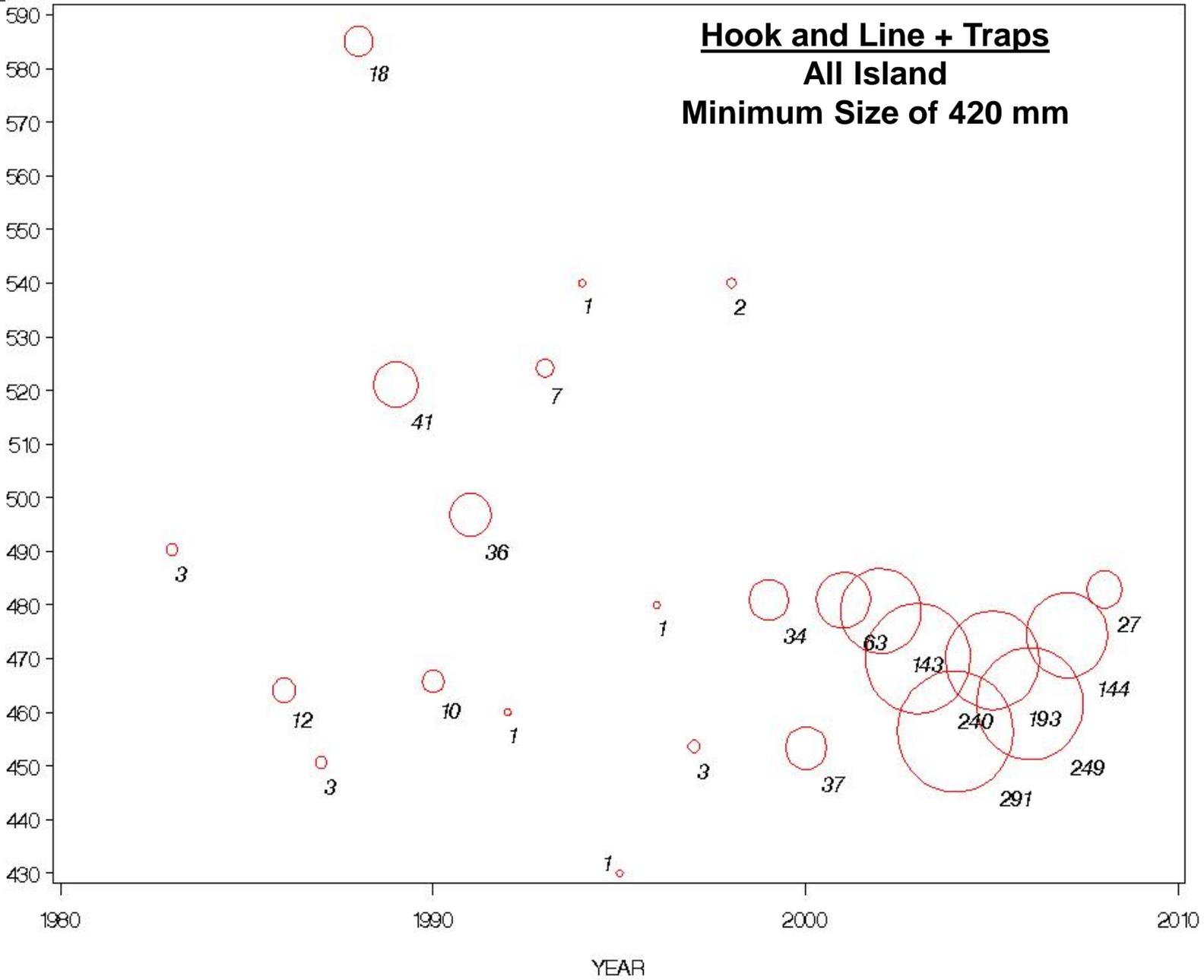
Hook and Line – WNW Only  
Minimum Size of 420 mm

1983-2003



LENGTH1\_MM

**Hook and Line + Traps**  
**All Island**  
**Minimum Size of 420 mm**

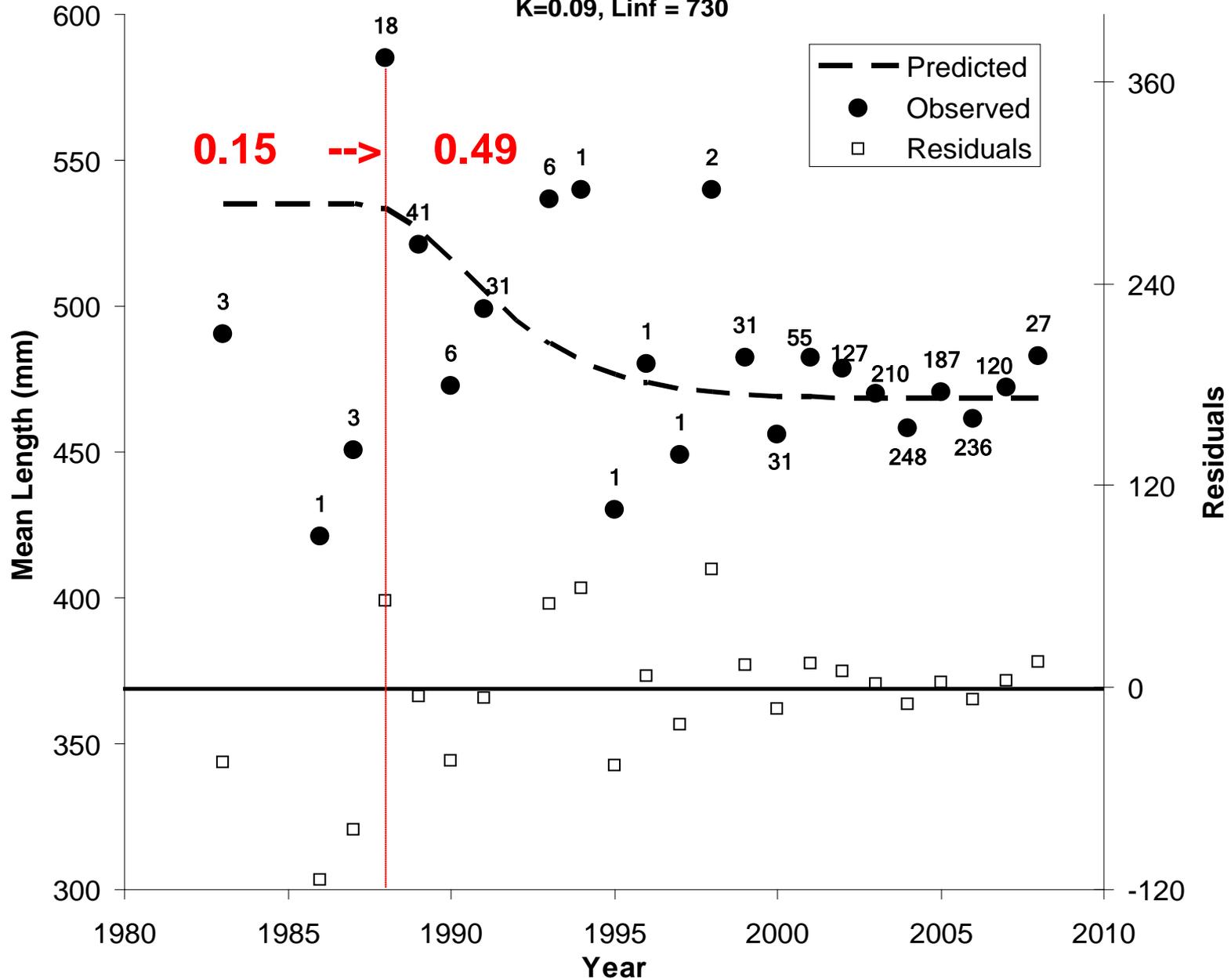


# **Applying Gedamke and Hoenig Method**

**(Detecting changes in Mortality)**

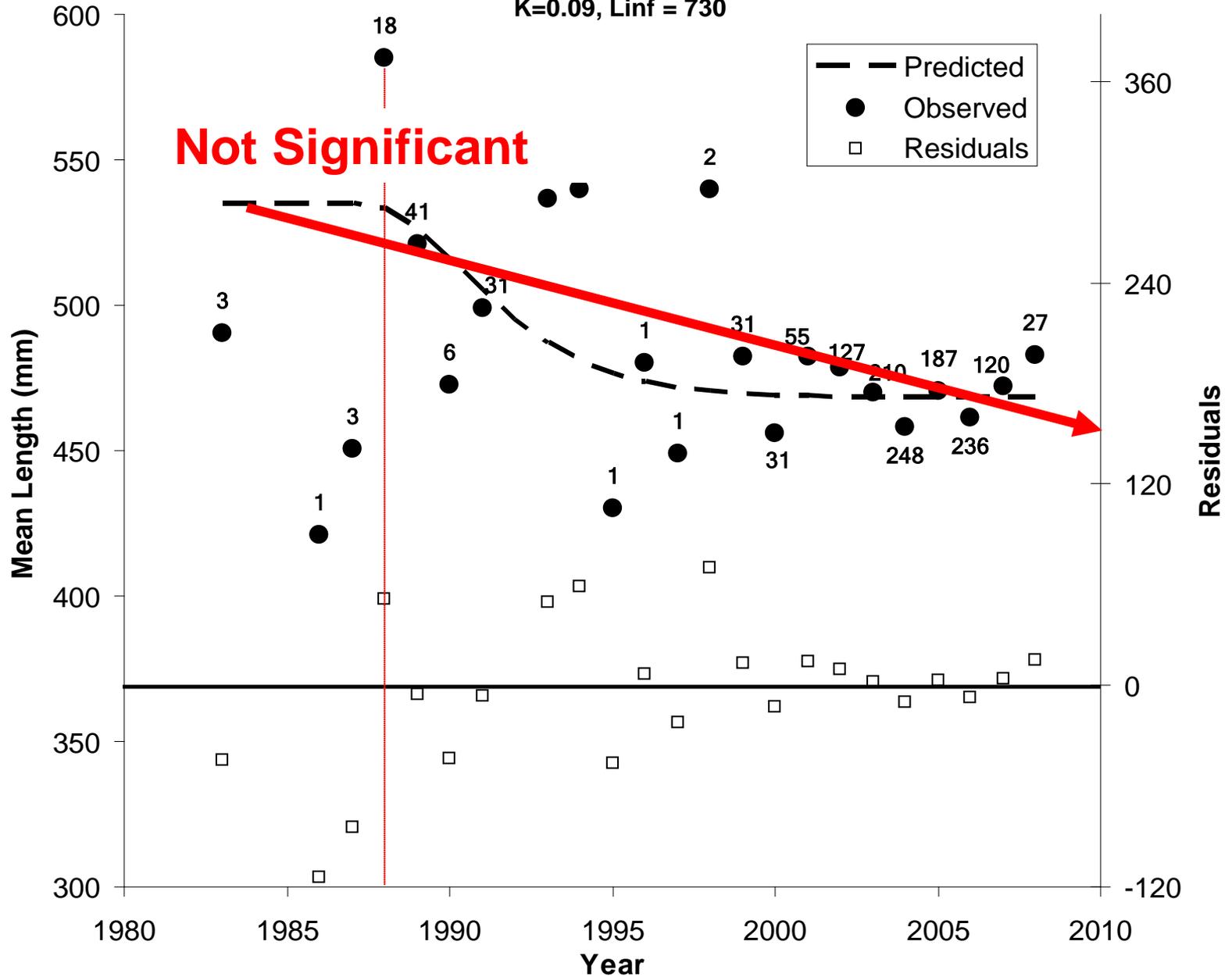
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$K=0.09, L_{inf} = 730$



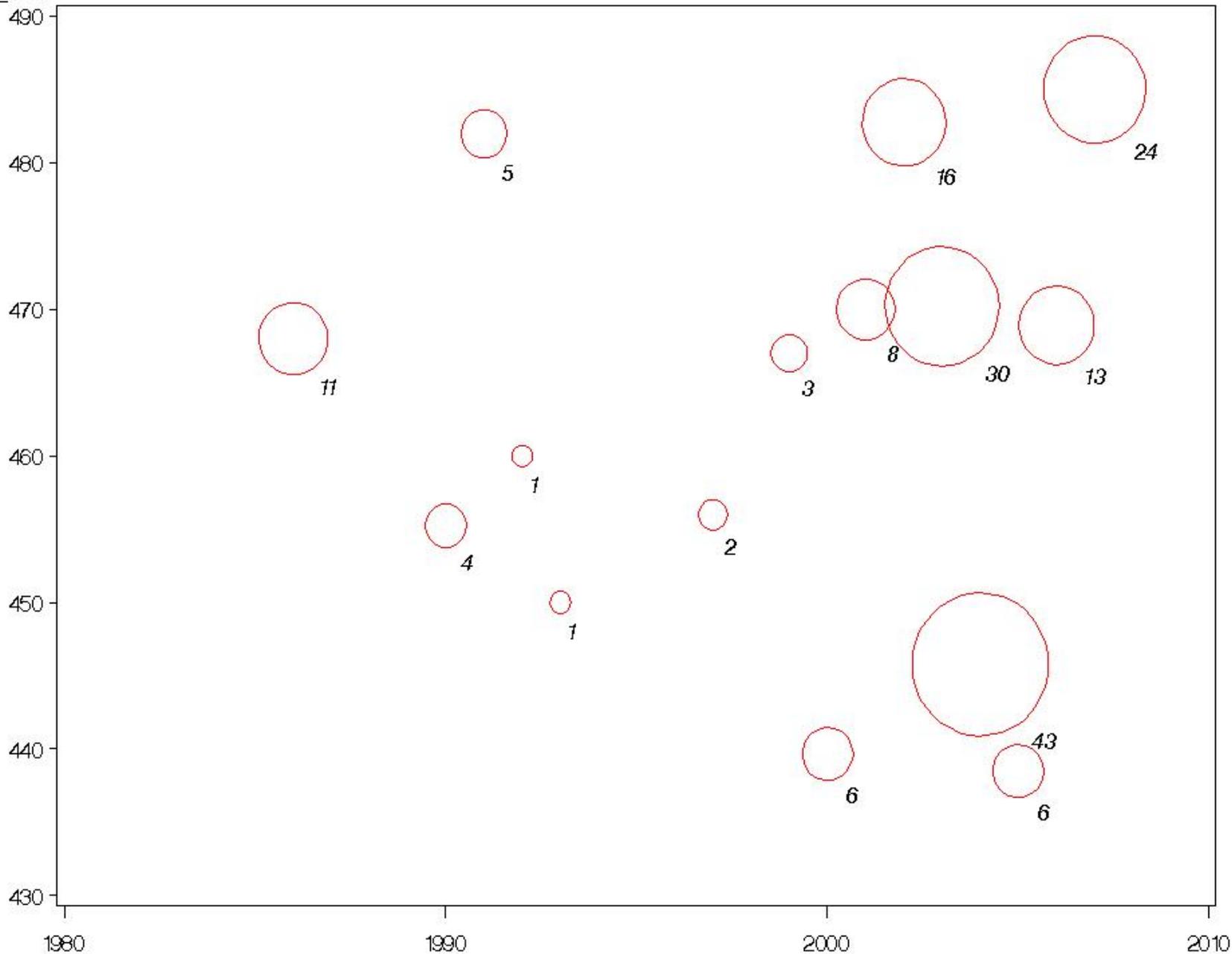
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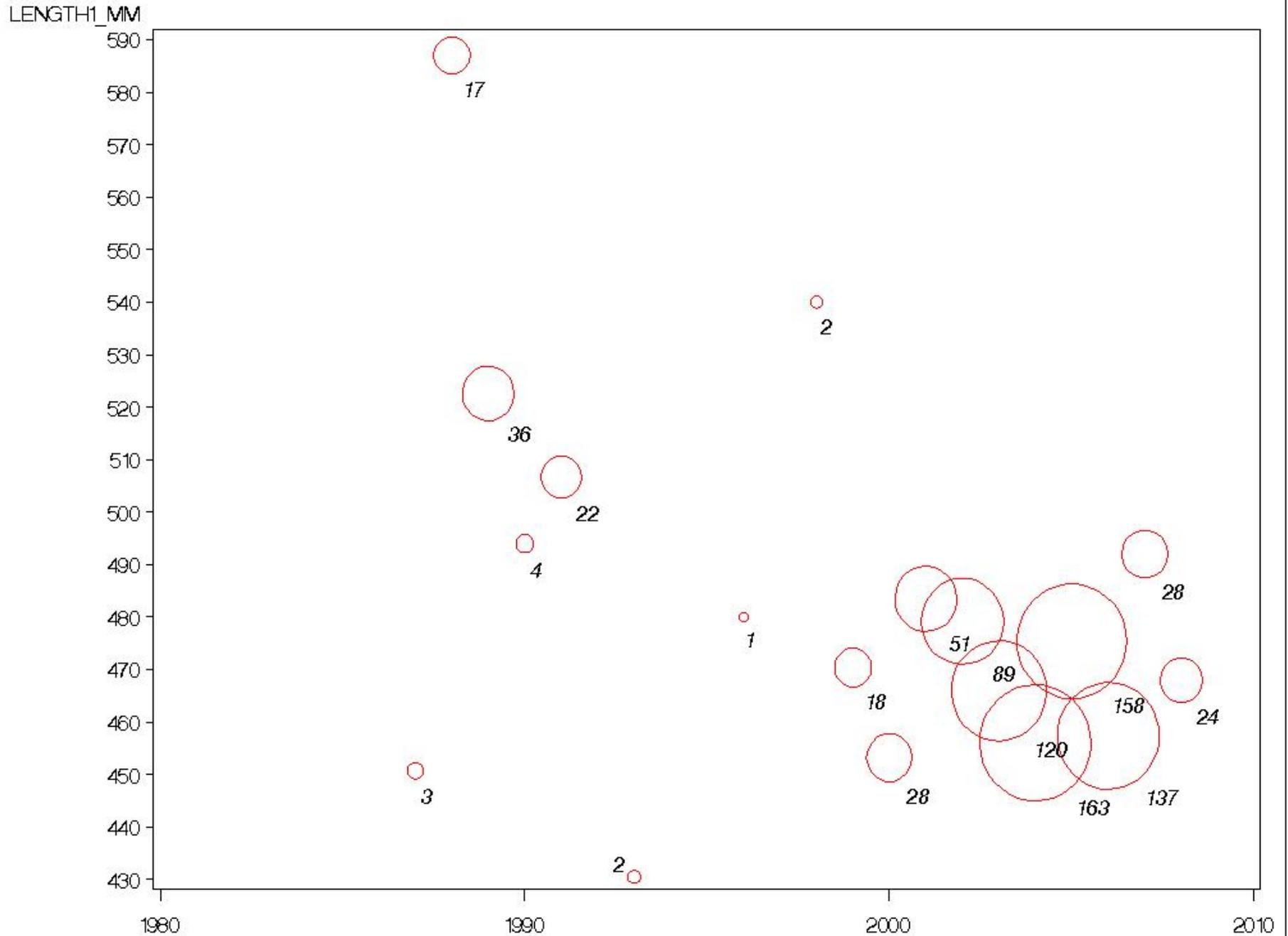


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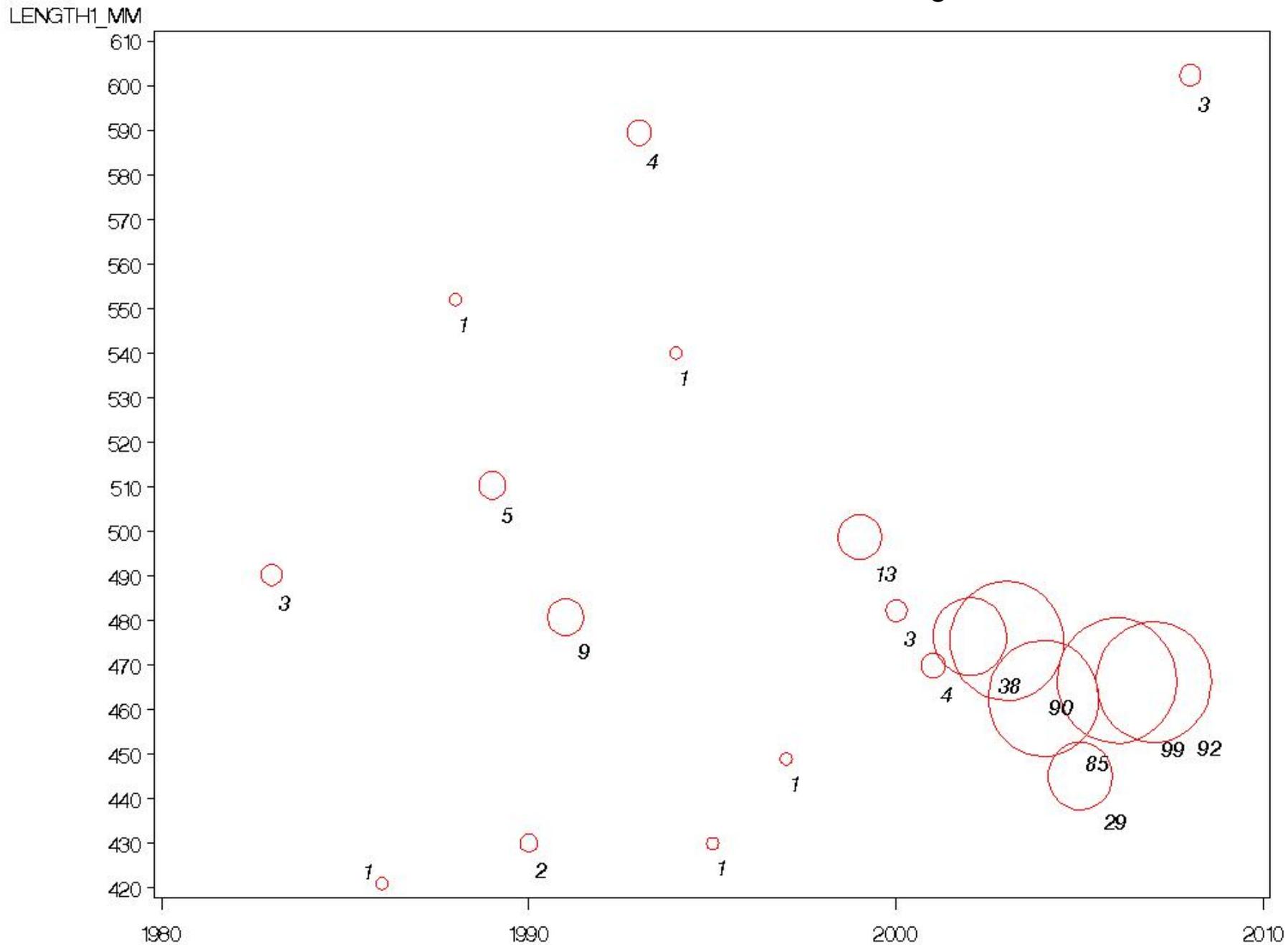
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# Hook and Line – WNW Only – $L_c = 420$

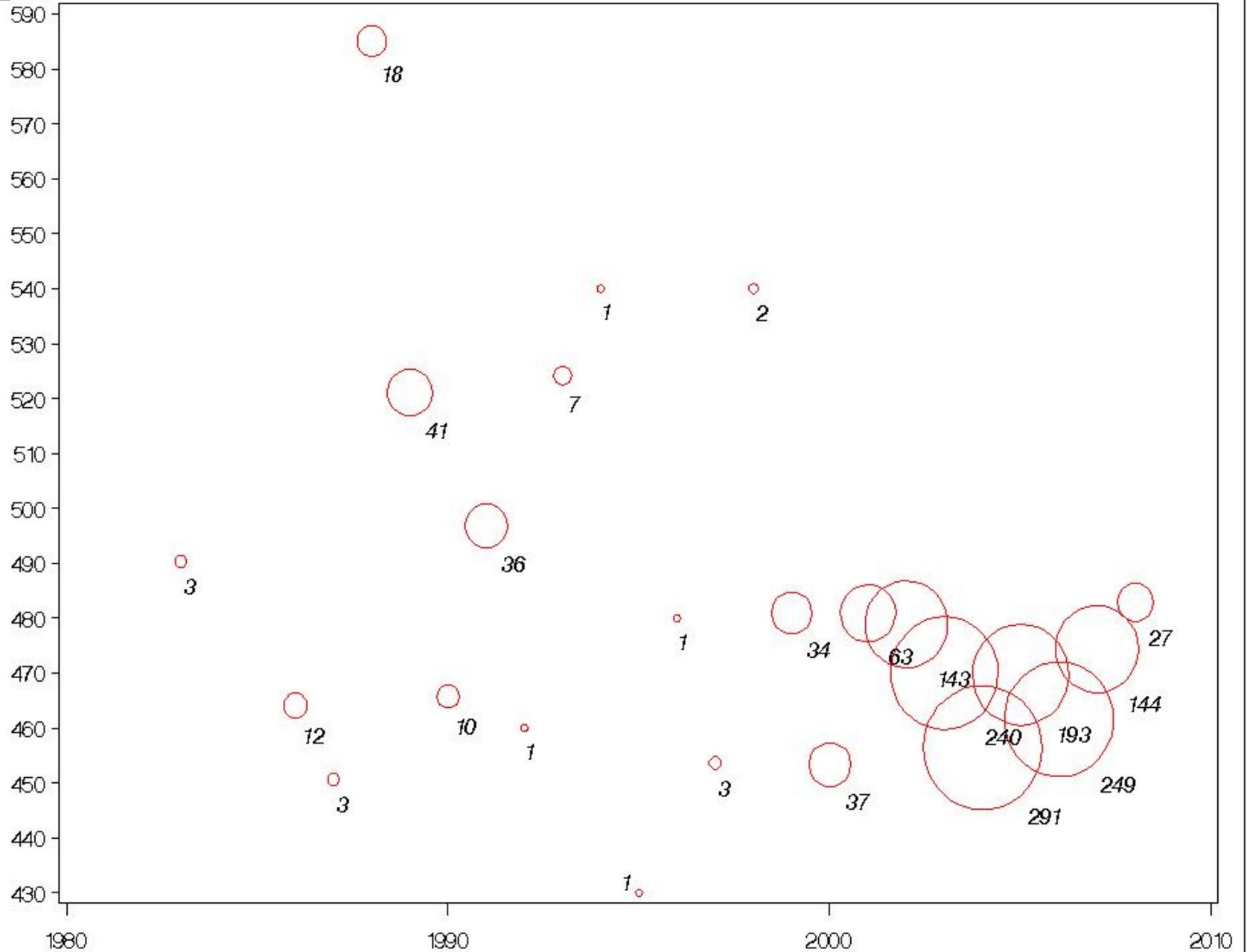


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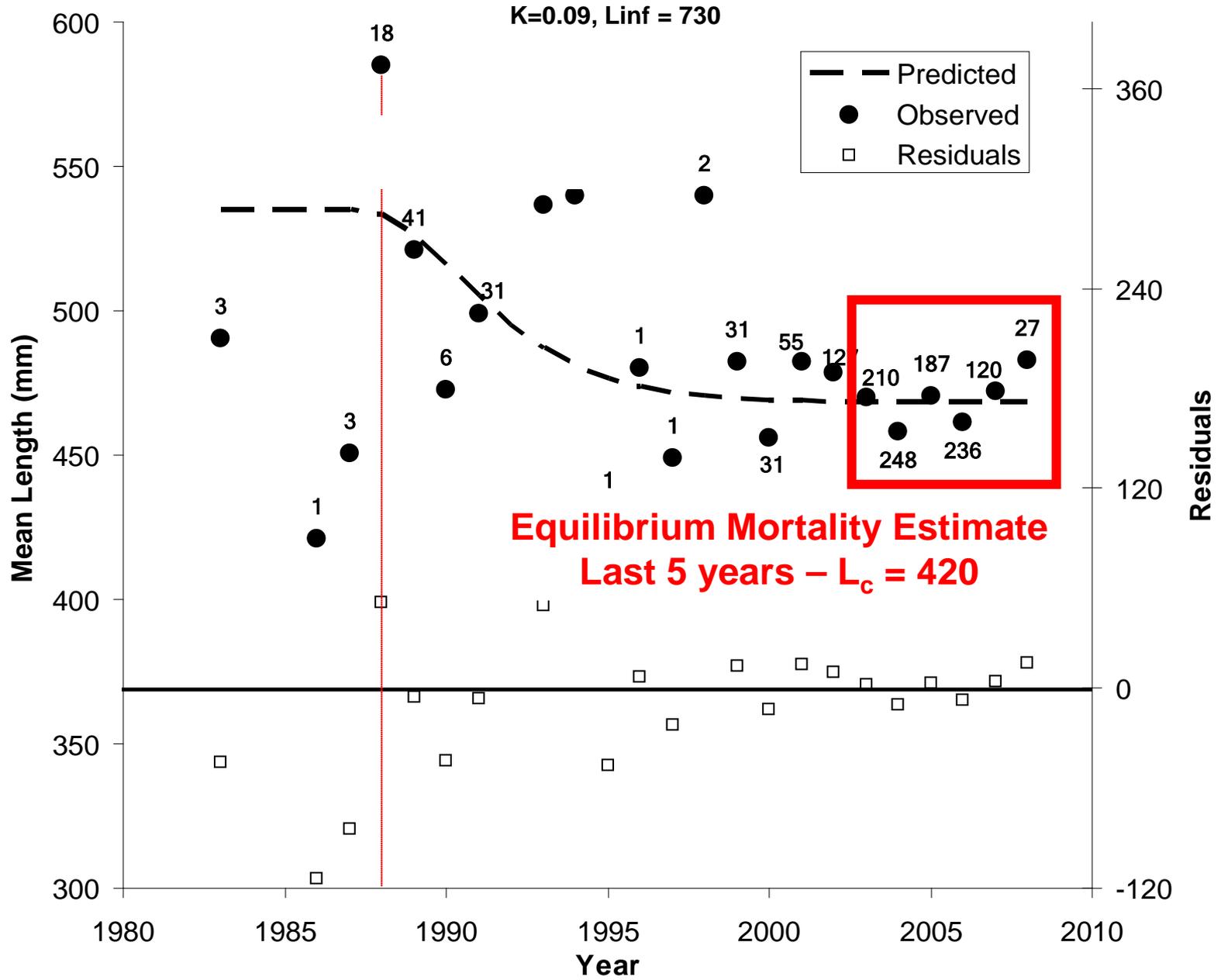


# Hook and Line and Traps - All PR – $L_c = 420$

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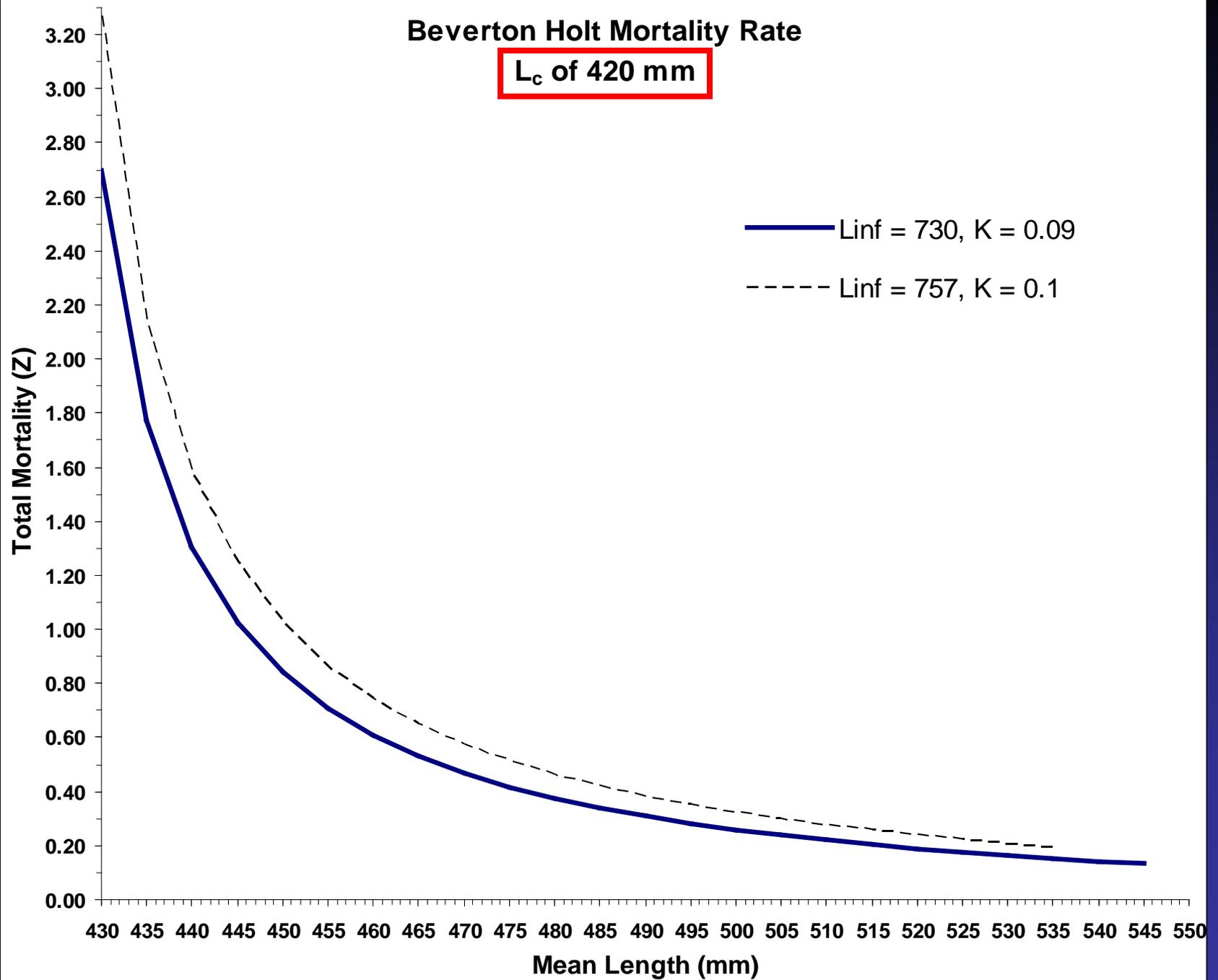


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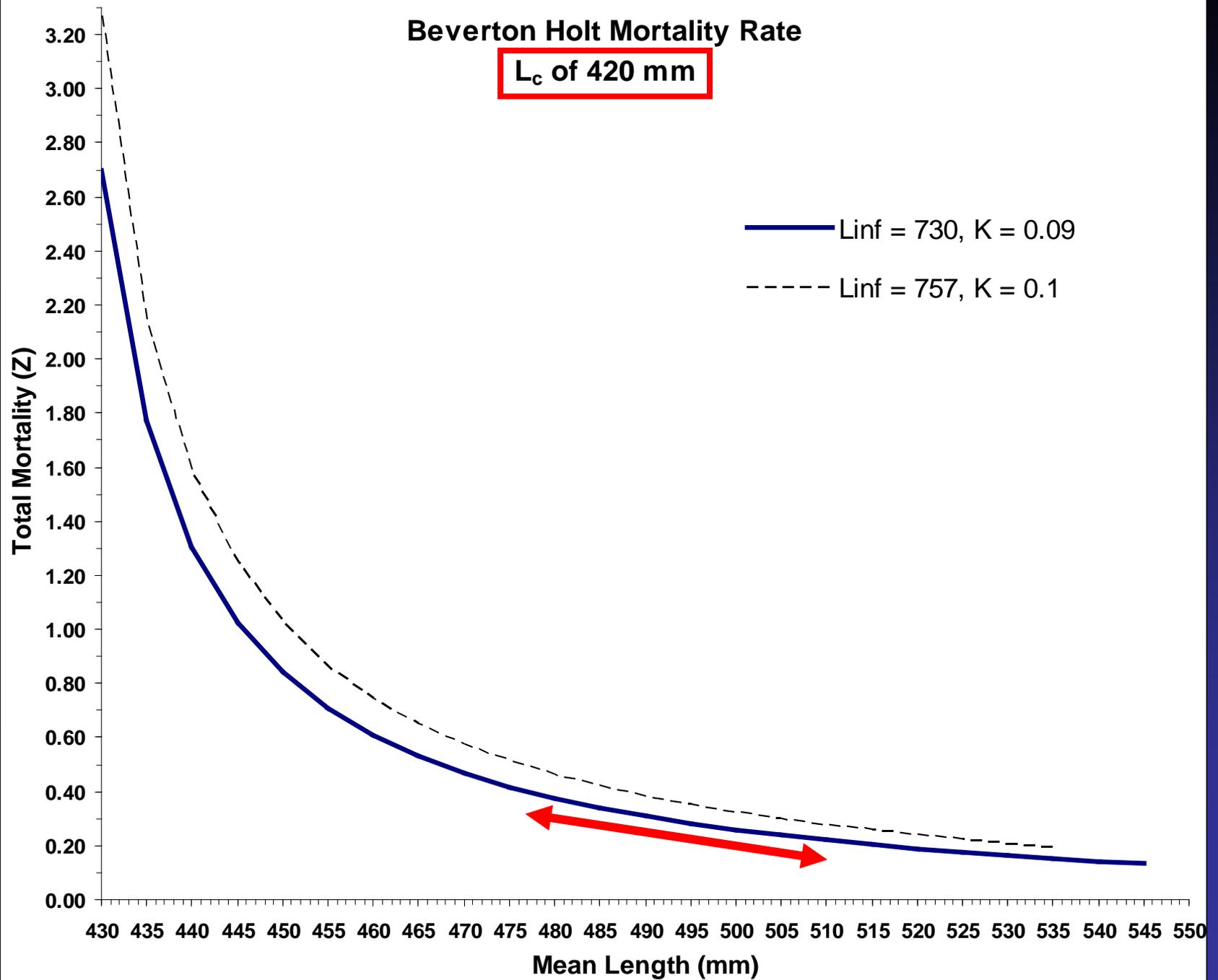
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# Natural Mortality Estimates

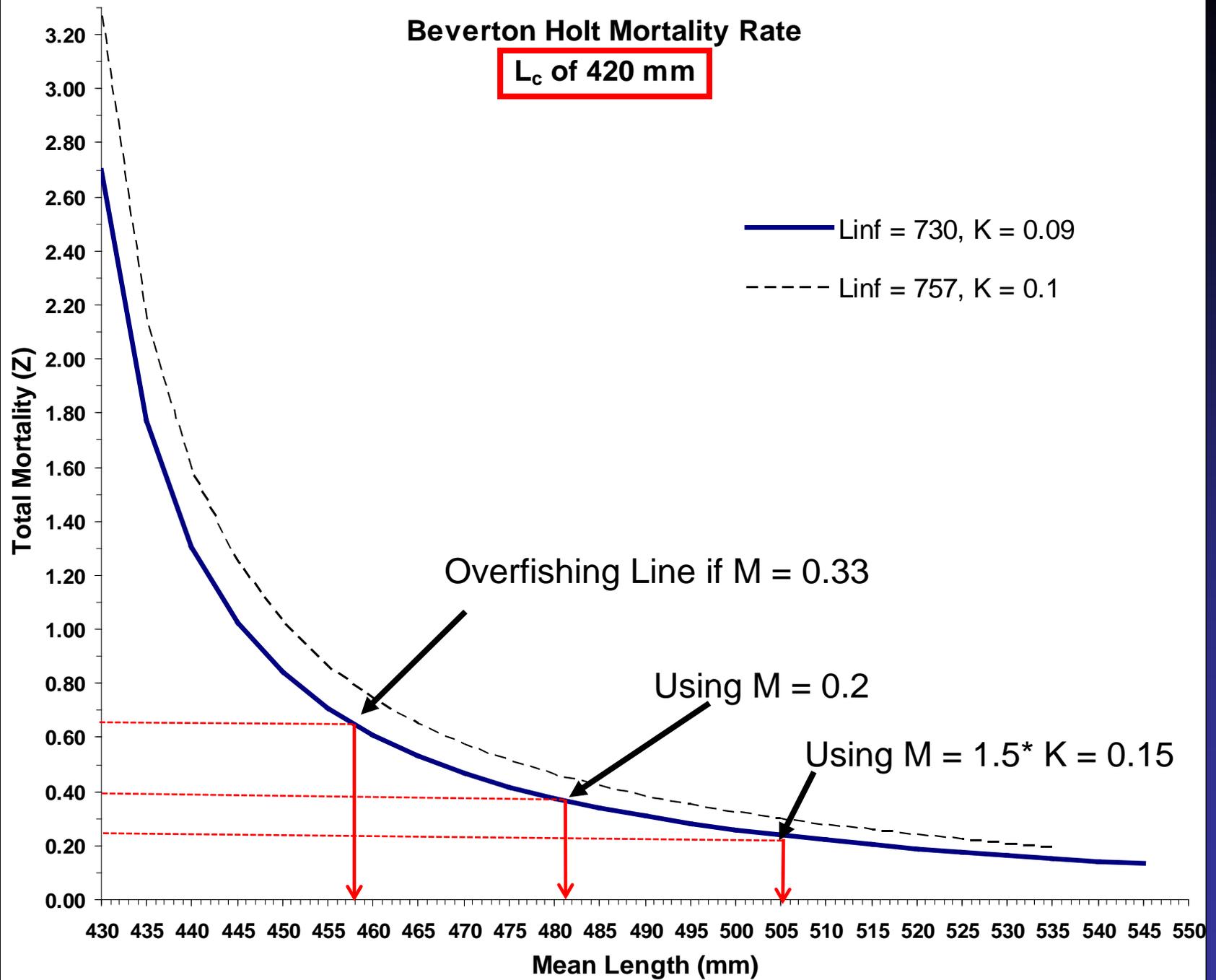
Results similar for available growth parameters ( $L_{inf} = 730$ ,  $K = 0.09$  and  $L_{inf} = 757$ ,  $K = 0.1$ )

Hoenig (max. age 20)	Pauly (water temp) (26.5 C)	Chen & Watanabe (adult M)	Jensen (tmat) (8 yrs)	Jensen (K) (0.1)	Ault 2008 (Age Max) (9 yrs)
0.21	0.16	0.16	0.21	0.15	0.33

**Mean of 0.2 yr<sup>-1</sup>**

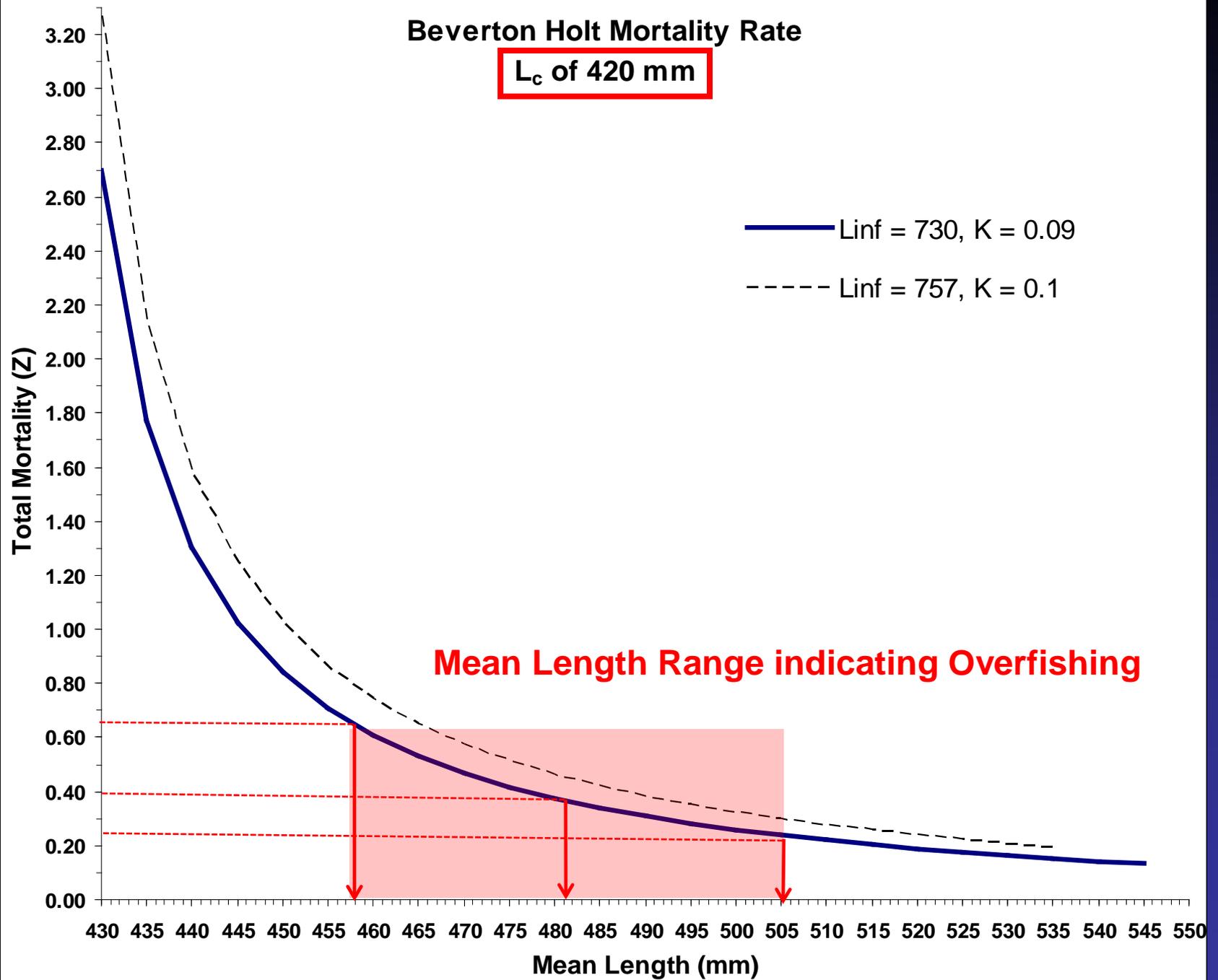
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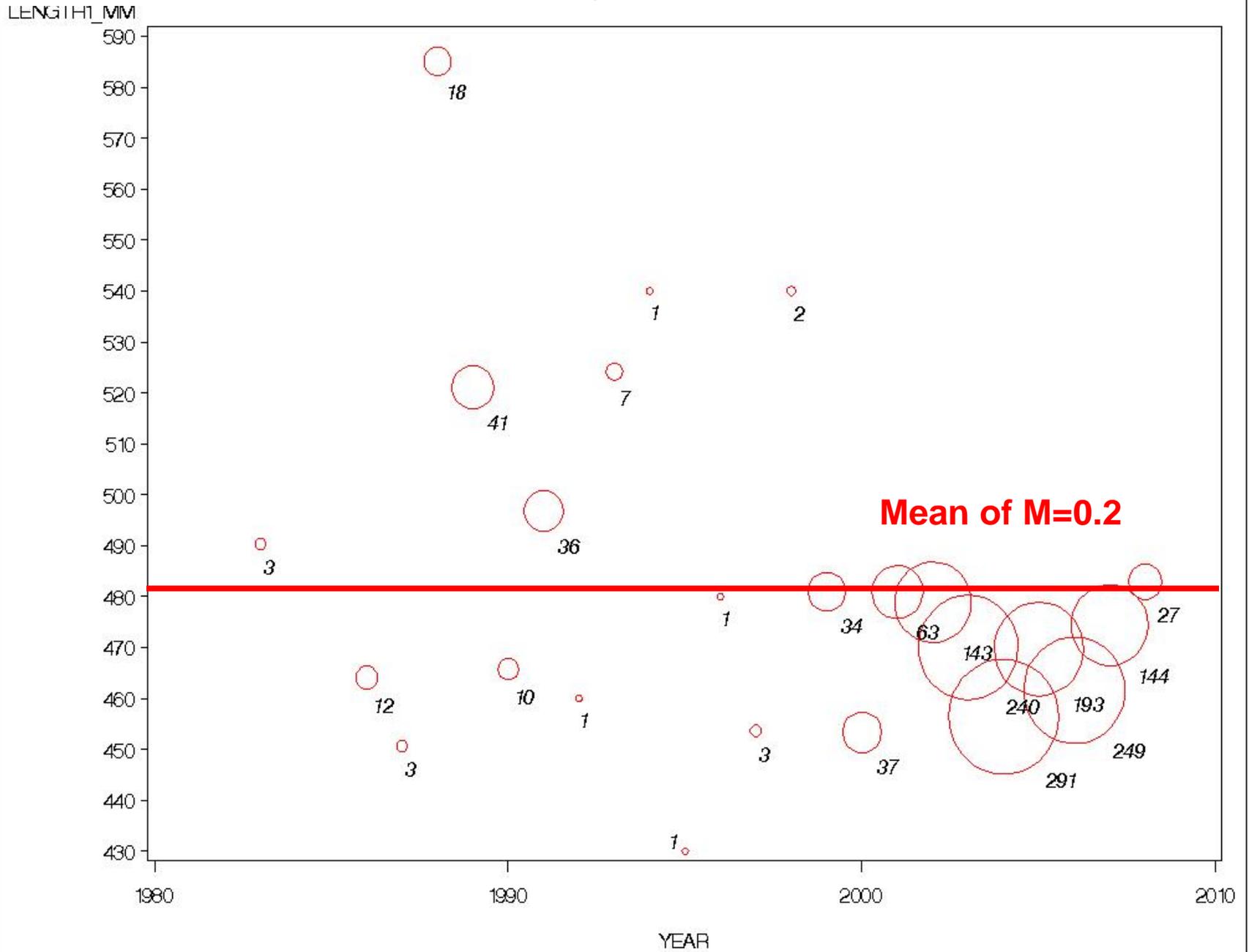


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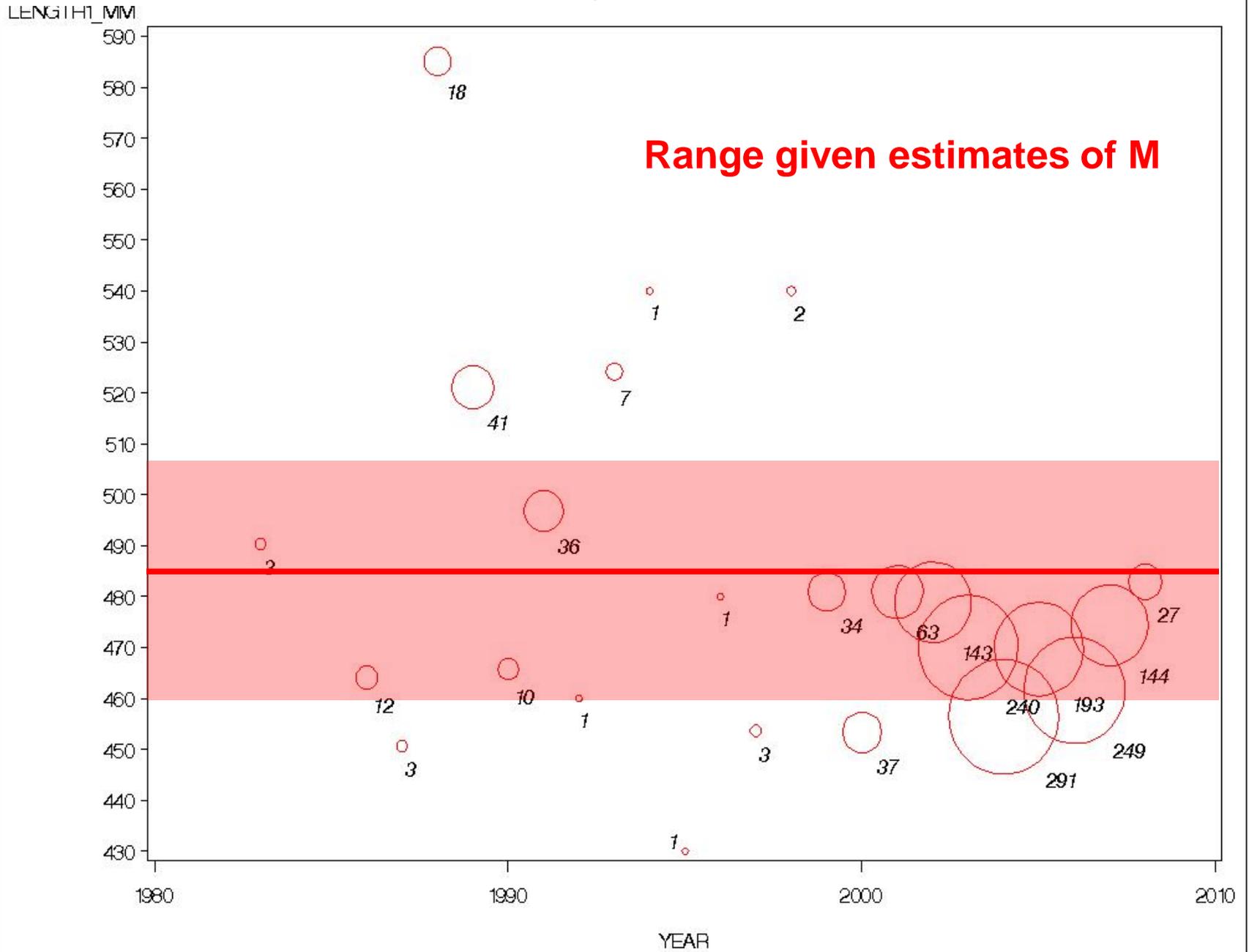
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# Mean lengths over time - $L_c = 420$ – Hook/Line and Traps



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# Results of Base Case Scenario ( $L_c = 420$ )

## Mean Lengths Generated from all measured fish $\geq 2004$

GEAR1	GEAR2	AREA	N	lc	Mean Length	uclm	lclm	K	Linf	BH - Z	uclm bh-z	lclm bh-z
Hook and Line		NO_WNW	308	420	465	472	458	0.09	730	0.53	0.45	0.65
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Hook and Line		WNW	510	420	465	470	460	0.1	757	0.65	0.57	0.75
Hook and Line	Traps	ALL PR	904	420	464	468	460	0.09	730	0.54	0.49	0.60
Hook and Line	Traps	ALL PR	904	420	464	468	460	0.1	757	0.66	0.60	0.73
	Traps	ALL PR	86	420	460	471	449	0.09	730	0.61	0.46	0.89
	Traps	ALL PR	86	420	460	471	449	0.1	757	0.75	0.56	1.08

### Hook and Line Only

Range of Z estimates from Mean Length = 0.53 → 0.66

Range from Confidence intervals = 0.45 → 0.79

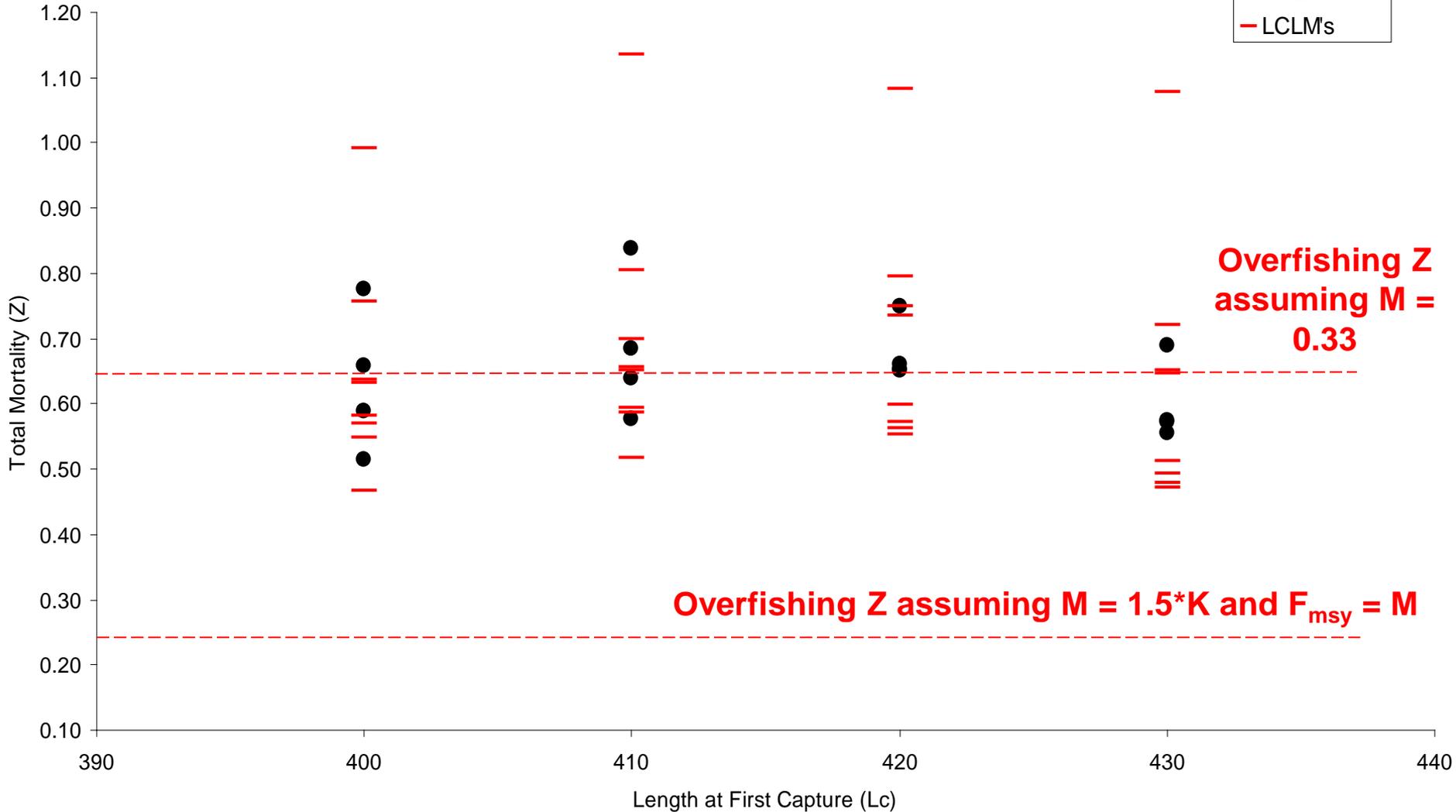
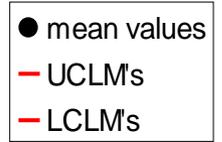
# **Sensitivity Analysis**

**(selection of  $L_c$ , growth parameters, and  
uncertainty in Mean Lengths (95% CI's used))**

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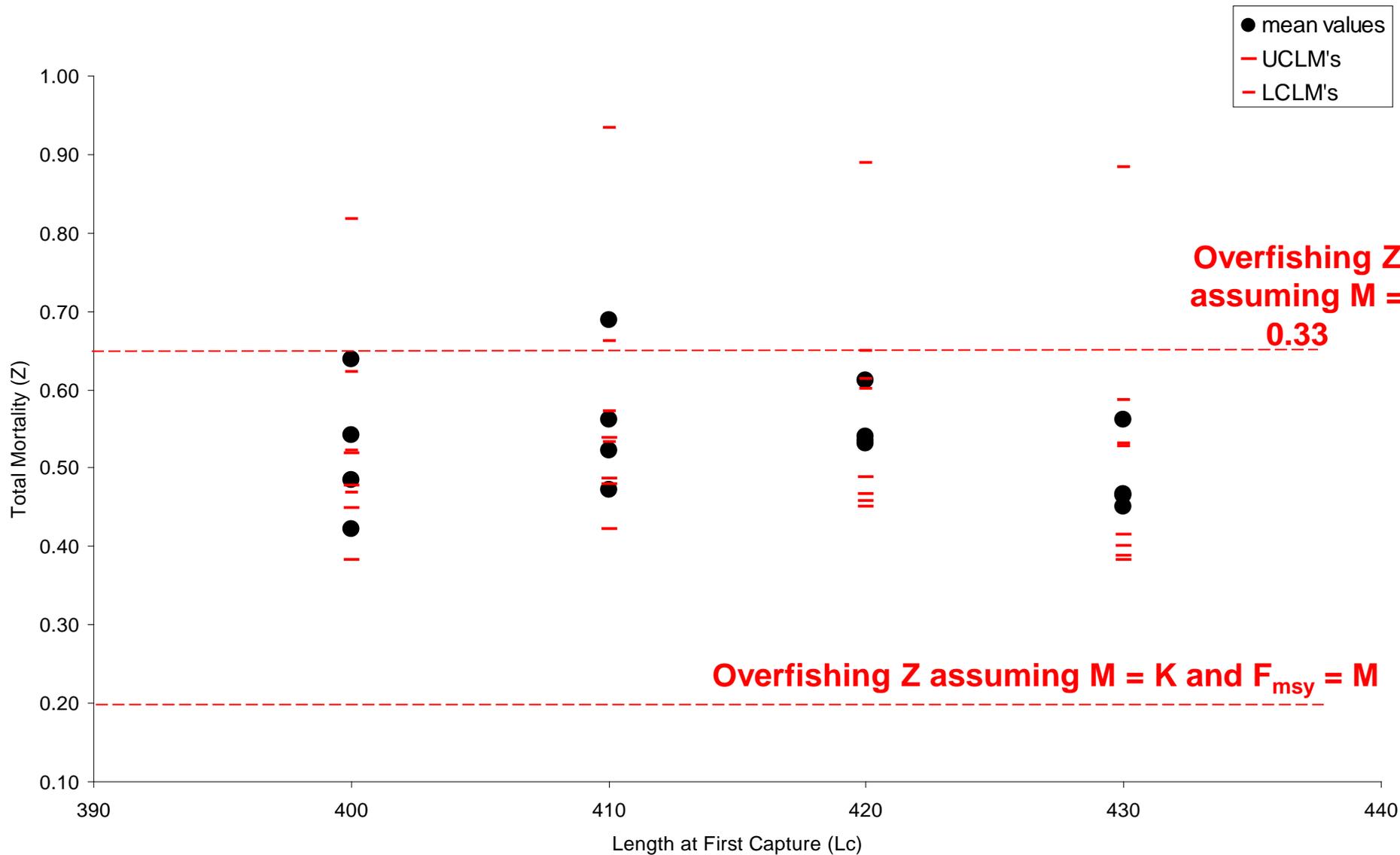
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