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## BOAT ACCESSORIES

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## MATE WANTED

**MATE WANTED** for the upcoming summer season, live-aboard in **southeast Alaska**, May to mid-to-late Sept. Involves working closely w/boat owner, help w/fishing, fish cleaning, tackle maintenance, salmon trolling, etc. Also boat cleaning/basic maintenance between trips. Exec opportunity for someone w/dependable nature and basic fishing knowledge to gain experience and time on the water. Air Transport & living aboard boat is provided. Boat is 62' Hampton power yacht. If interested please contact Paul Kennedy at 401-487-2322 or paulkgonefishing@yahoo.com



## FISHING TACKLE

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## OUTBOARDS FOR SALE

**2.3 HP Honda Outboard Motor.** like new and starts very easy. Will deliver to RI or CT. \$550. Call Steve at 860-712-8891

## NOAA: HOME RESEARCHERS (from page 28)

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### Commercial Fishermen Collect Needed Samples

Each flounder species studied has three stocks: Southern New England and Mid-Atlantic, Gulf of Maine, and Georges Bank. Both species spawn in winter to spring. All stocks have been in decline in the recent past.

At first, center researchers asked if fecundity varied among the three stocks for each flounder species. They observed different rates of reproductive productivity in multiple years. Among years, there was relatively little variation; however, they had only collected a few years of samples.

The team needed more years of data to show significant variations over time and locations, and continued collecting samples through 2019.

Those samples came from commercial fishermen who participate in the center's Cooperative Research Program's Study Fleet, and from the center's Industry Cooperative Sweep Comparison Study. Supplemental samples were obtained from trawl surveys conducted by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and the University of Rhode Island.

With enough focused sampling, researchers can begin to fill in gaps in knowledge about the species' life histories. We can also address other questions related to stock assessments, such as how environmental factors might influence projected populations.

### 10-Year Study an Important Advance for Fishery Management

"This is a high-risk, high-reward study with a unique time series, but it is one step in the process," said Rich McBride, chief of the center's Population Biology Branch. "Fecundity data aren't typically available for a species because these data are hard to get, and many researchers thought they would find little variation. It wasn't until the team really got into the years of data they had collected that the variations started showing."

A recently funded project will use this dataset to explore the links between regional environmental factors and the potential to predict fecundity in these stocks.

"Our data comes from warm and cold years and different locations. Our preliminary analyses suggest regional variations in stocks and year effects," Wuenschel said. "Further studies may indicate why the fecundity rates vary in relation to local environmental factors, and the importance of variations on the populations."

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