

Table 12. Comparison of commercial fishery dealer reported landings (metric tons; mt) of summer flounder with estimates of summer flounder commercial landings from landings rates of Northeast Region (NER) Fishery Observer sampling and commercial fishing effort (days fished) reported on commercial Vessel Trip Reports (VTR). Dealer and Landings estimates prior to 1997 do not reflect North Carolina landings and effort.

Year	VTR Days Fished (>000)	Observed Landings Estimate (mt)	Dealer landings Estimate (mt)	Percent Difference (Obs-Dealer)
1989	19,805	7,255	5,817	25
1990	15,980	2,959	2,749	8
1991	26,096	4,123	4,355	-5
1992	18,148	5,343	6,066	-12
1993	19,947	4,032	3,995	1
1994	18,402	6,004	4,968	21
1995	14,168	5,891	4,911	20
1996	10,351	5,024	3,718	35
1997	10,975	2,663	3,994	-33
1998	15,267	3,677	5,076	-28
1999	20,670	7,396	4,820	53
2000	11,268	6,702	5,085	32
2001	11,421	1,509	4,970	-70
2002	12,268	6,609	6,573	1
2003	13,415	5,786	6,450	-10
2004	9,288	4,997	8,228	-39
2005	13,215	3,478	7,826	-56
2006	11,856	1,794	6,262	-71
2007	8,872	1,012	4,431	-77
2008	7,615	1,445	4,143	-65
2009	7,294	1,277	4,848	-74
2010	6,639	2,605	5,930	-56
2011	6,965	1,466	7,511	-81