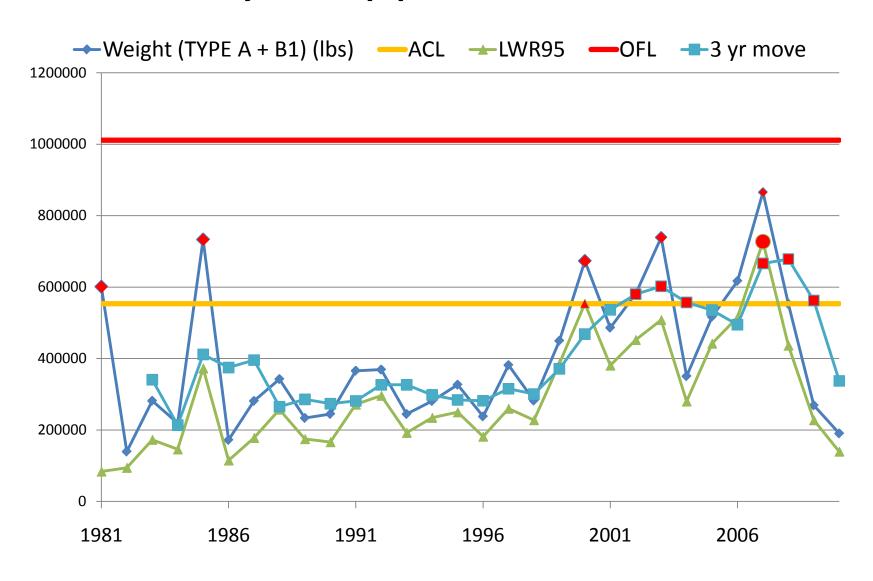
# Example 1. Gray Snapper

ABC based on SSC recommendation

OFL = ABC/0.75

(Mac's approximation)

# **Gray Snapper Overview**



## Compare approaches

- Base shows numerous ACL overages
- 3 yr move: Declares ACL overages in 6 years.
- Confidence Bound: Declares ACL overage in 2 years
  - 1 year it is over by 121 pounds

# 2007 Outcomes (the high year)

- Base measure Over ACL.
  - regulatory change needed.
- 3 year move: Over the ACL
  - Regulatory change needed
- Confidence bound: Over ACL.
  - Would trigger management consideration for 2008.
  - Triggers further evaluation in the proposed alternative.

# **Further Evaluation Options**

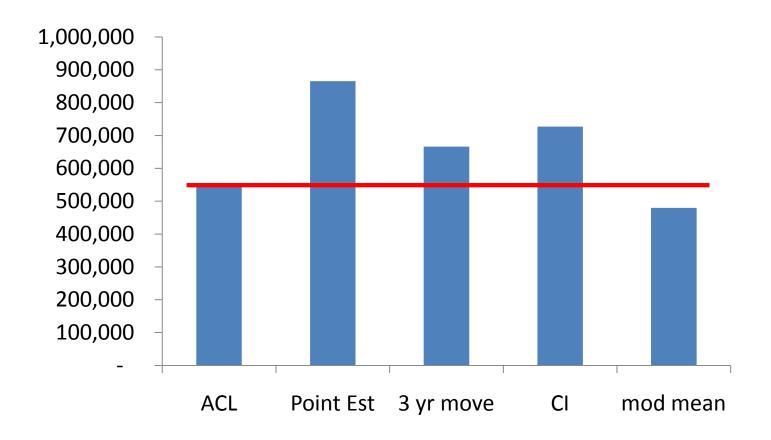
#### 1. Establish rules a priori

- 5 year mean, less low and high
- a modification of the moving average
- If modified mean exceeds ACL, management triggered

#### 2. Establish review team

- Reviews trends and uncertainty in data sources
- Reviews things that might influence (management, data collection changes)
- determines appropriate years for evaluating management need
- Provides recommendations to RA

#### Further Evaluation 2007

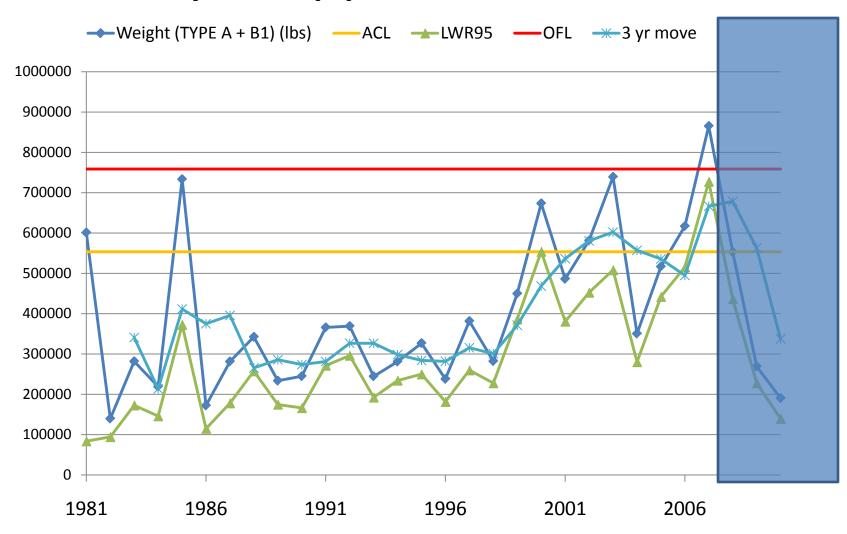


"Modified Mean" = uses last 5 years, drops high and low. Conclusion: No management changes needed

## Review Committee Charge

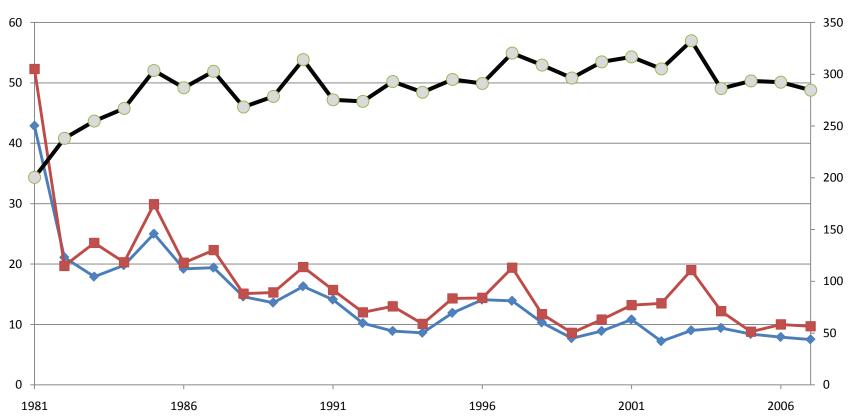
- Review data trends
- Review measures of uncertainty
- Consider current and possibly impending management actions
- Recommend a period of years to be used in comparing current conditions to ACL
- Comment on possibility for future overages given current conditions (?)

# **Gray Snapper Overview**

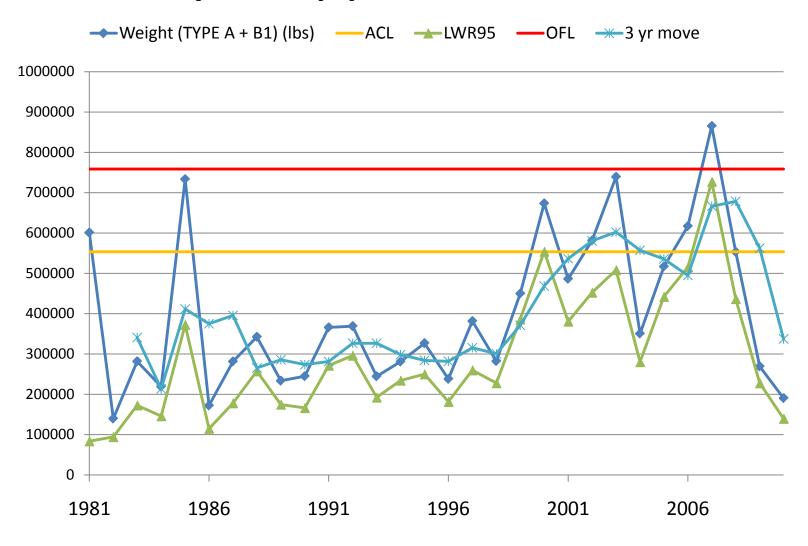


# PSE and Mean Length





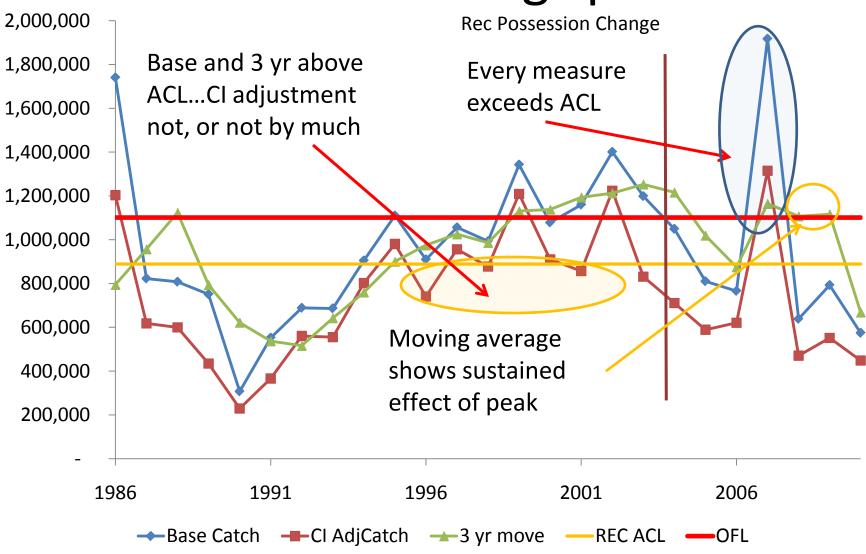
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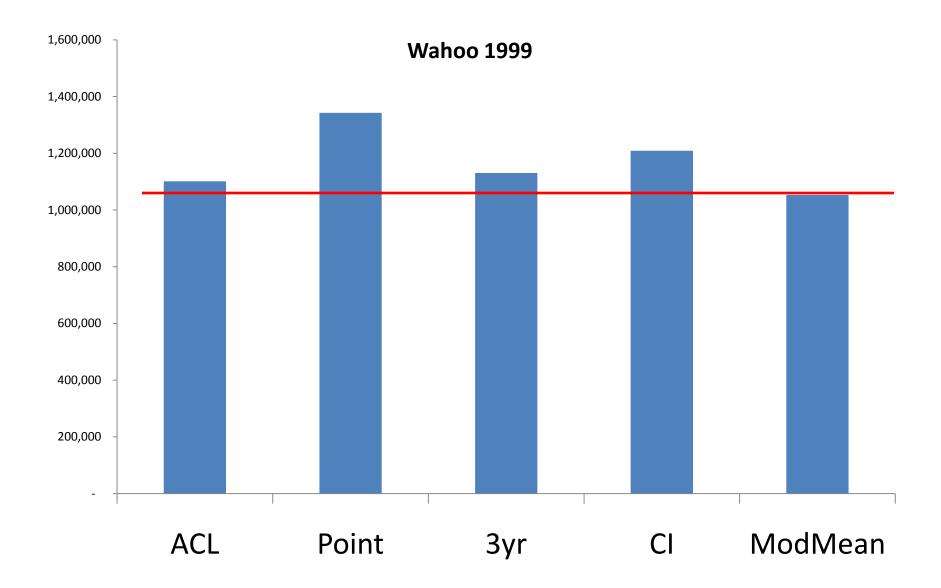


## 2008 – 1 year after peak

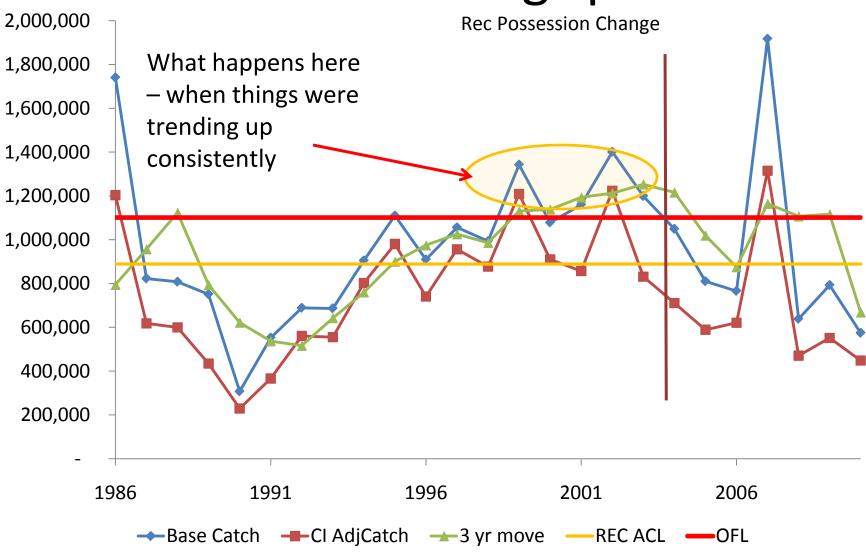
- Base measure Below ACL
  - no triggers pulled
- 3 year move: Above ACL
  - lag effect of high 2007 value.
  - would trigger action, in this case erroneously.
  - This is the moving average danger.
  - Remains above ACL in 2009 also
- Confidence bound: Under ACL
  - No triggers pulled

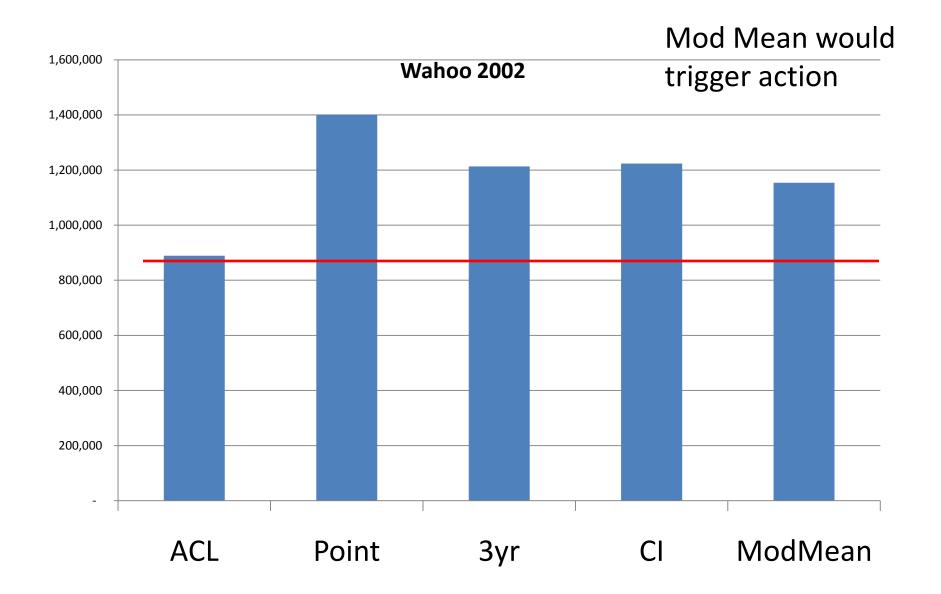
## WAHOO – 1 big spike





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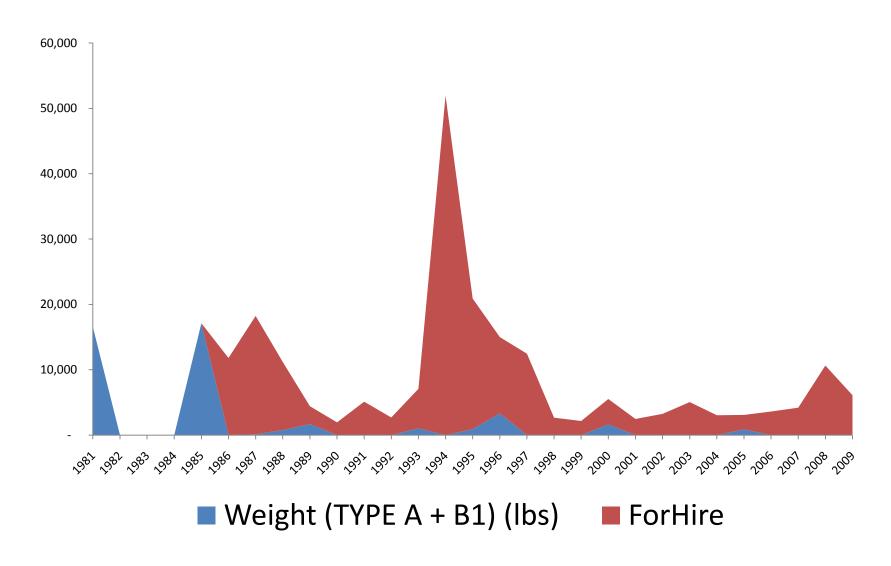




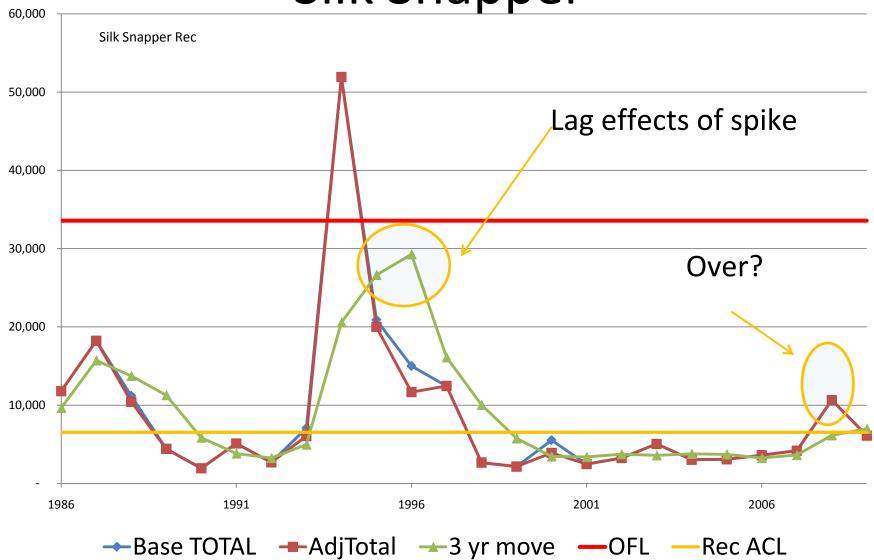
# Interesting Example – Silk Snapper

- Lots of Private zero observations
- Very low landings

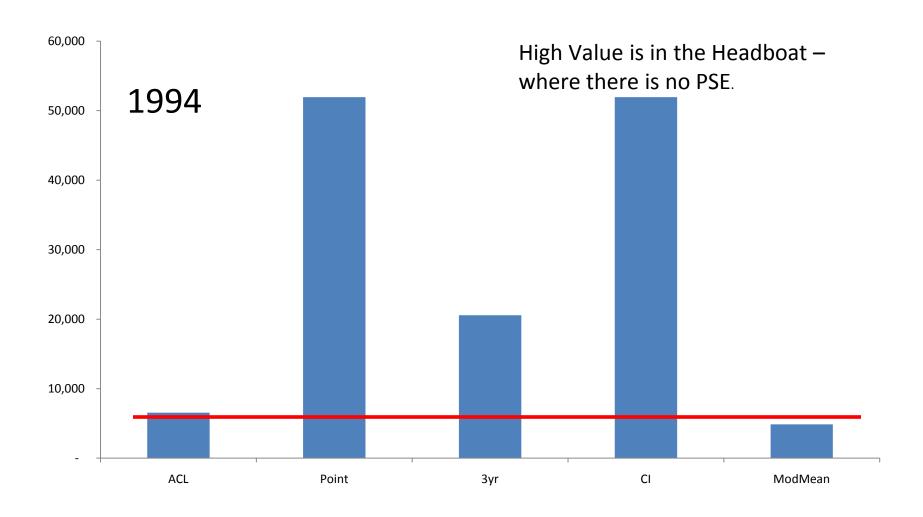
# Silk Snapper Landings



Silk Snapper



# Silk Snapper Opts Compared



# Silk Snapper Outcome

- Since Private Rec values typically 0, using the CI on the Private rec estimates has little impact
- Moving average reflects largely the headboat
- Headboat is a census (essentially), so there are no error measures.
  - Could assume a CV...as done in assessments.

The Goal is to devise a robust approach that will avoid triggering actions due to normal and expected annual variation in catch estimates...while compelling action when there is evidence of an increasing trend

#### Conclusions...??

- Accounting for the uncertainty in private recreational estimates, by use of confidence intervals, may outperform the moving average
- Years and circumstances may occur that require expert judgment to avoid triggering management action in response to measurement error
  - or maybe it is not measurement error.
- The "Modified Mean" appears a good standard for most circumstances