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### **Abstract**

Daily salmon catches for small, medium and large salmon make it possible to analyze long-term changes in the median date of capture within and between areas more precisely than the weekly catches from the accumulated data. Daily accumulation of catches for small, medium and large salmon presented with cumulative curves or with medium dates of capture makes it more accurately to observe temporal and spatial differences in the timing of catches. Medium dates of capture and cumulative catch curves are differing significantly between municipalities in Finnmark and these differences are valid for small, medium and large salmon. Generally, medium dates of capture for small, medium and large salmon are varying temporally and simultaneously in the municipalities In the same way. Temporal changes in the median dates of capture are caused by normal variations in the annual migration timing of salmon caused for example by sea temperatures. Changes in fishing restrictions like the start and closing date in fishing and allowed fishing days weekly are affecting the cumulative catch curves and thus also the medium date of capture.

### **Key words:**

Median capture date, cumulative catches, salmon migration, Atlantic salmon, *Salmo salar*, Finnmark

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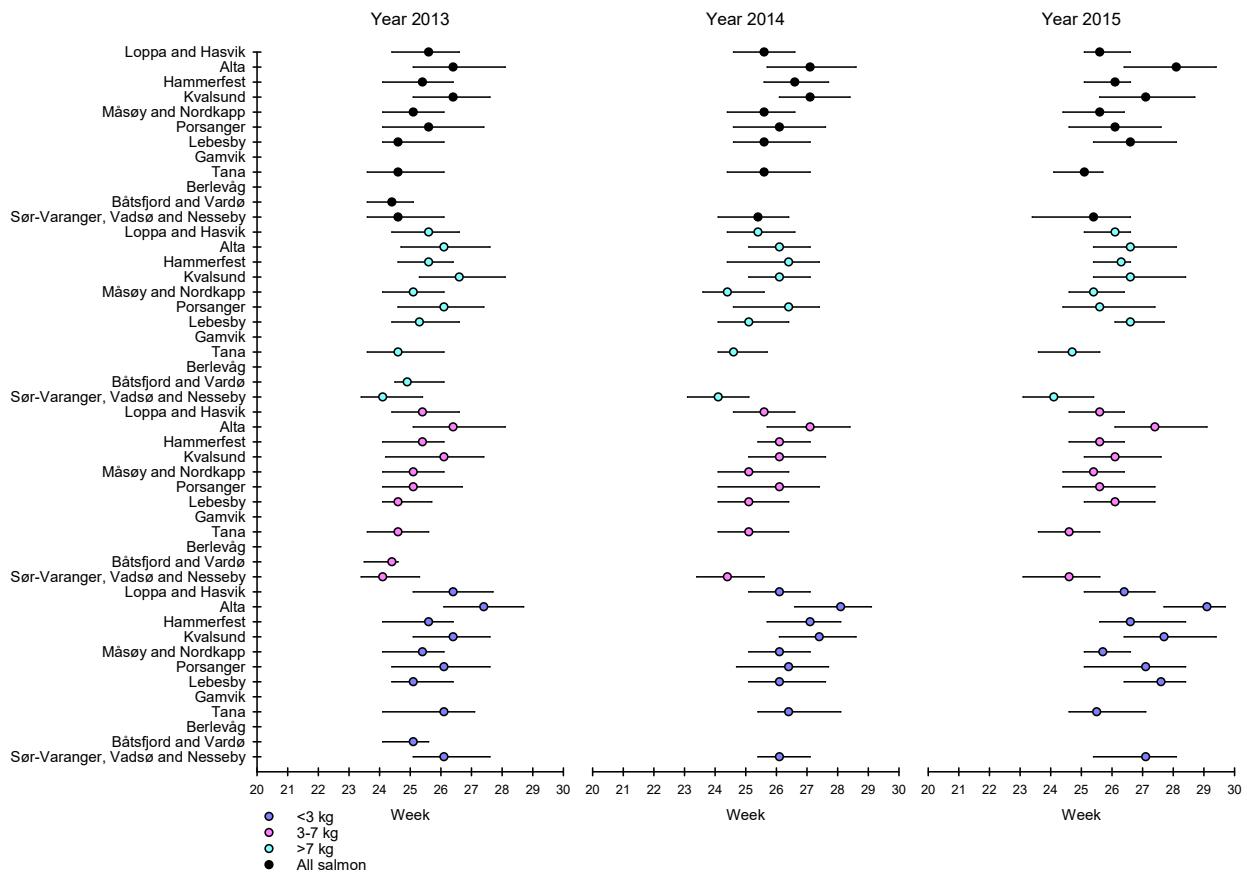


Figure 1. Median dates of salmon capture with lower and upper quartiles for small, medium and large salmon in the years 2013-2015 in Finnmark municipalities. Source; SSB

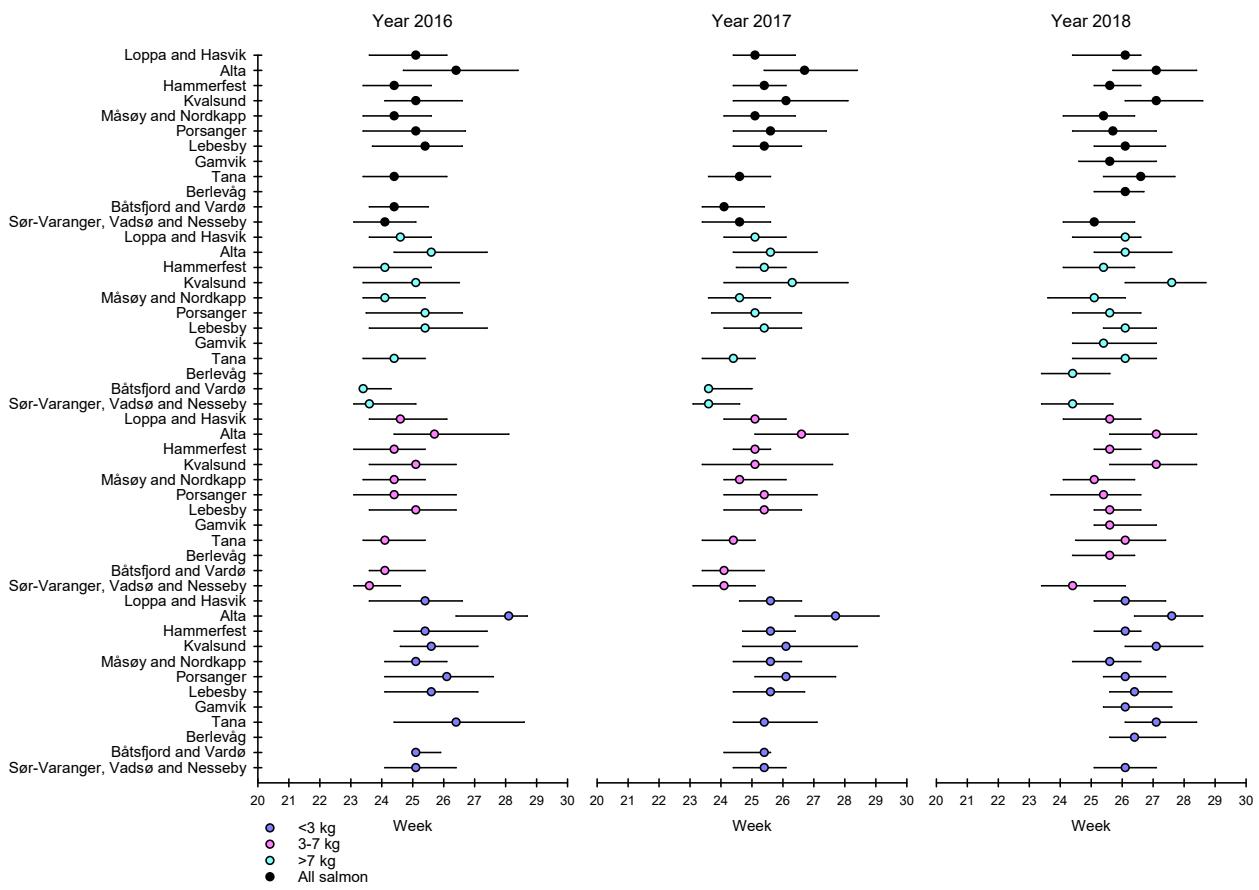


Figure 2. Median dates of salmon capture with lower and upper quartiles for small, medium and large salmon in the years 2016-2018 in Finnmark municipalities. Source; SSB

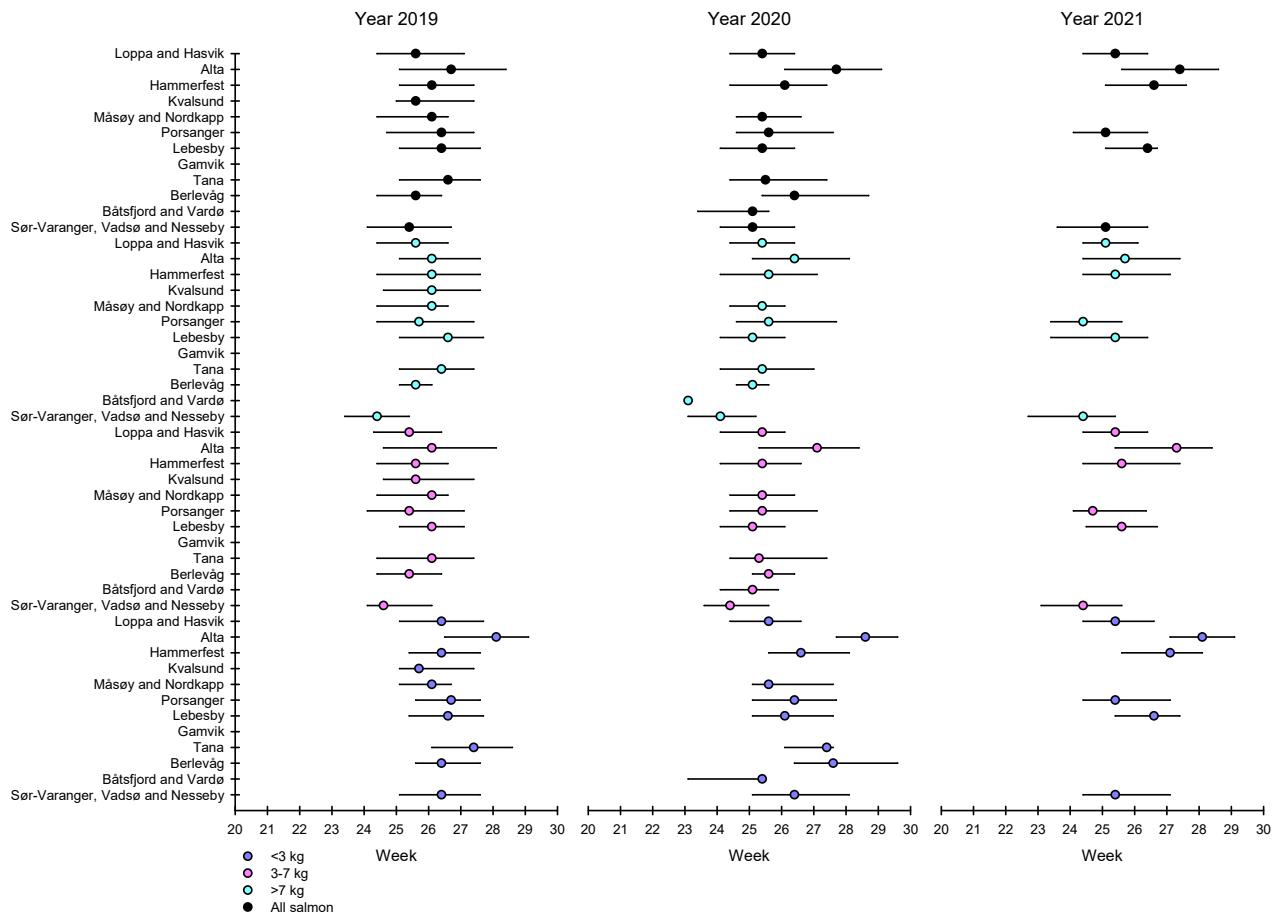


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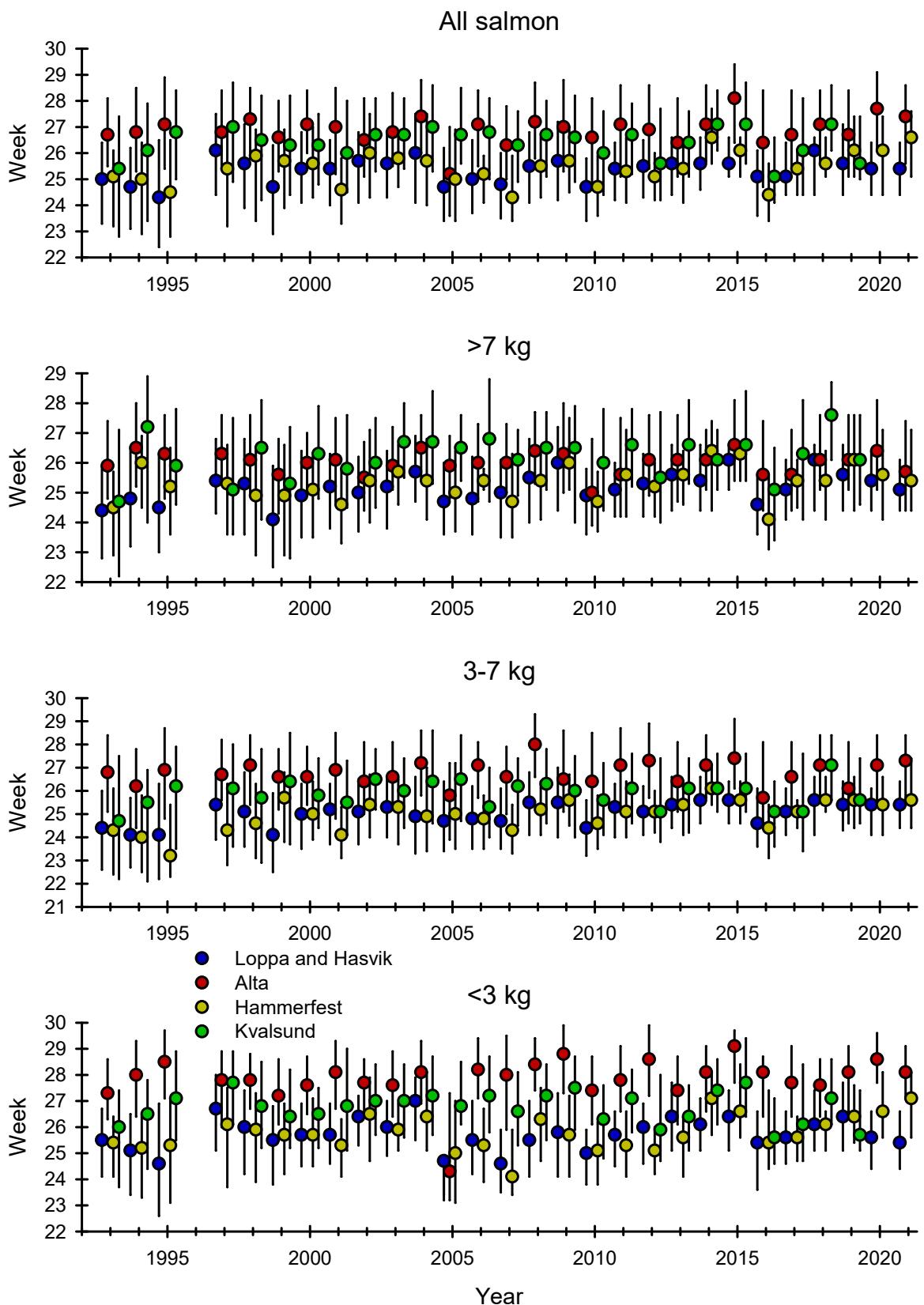


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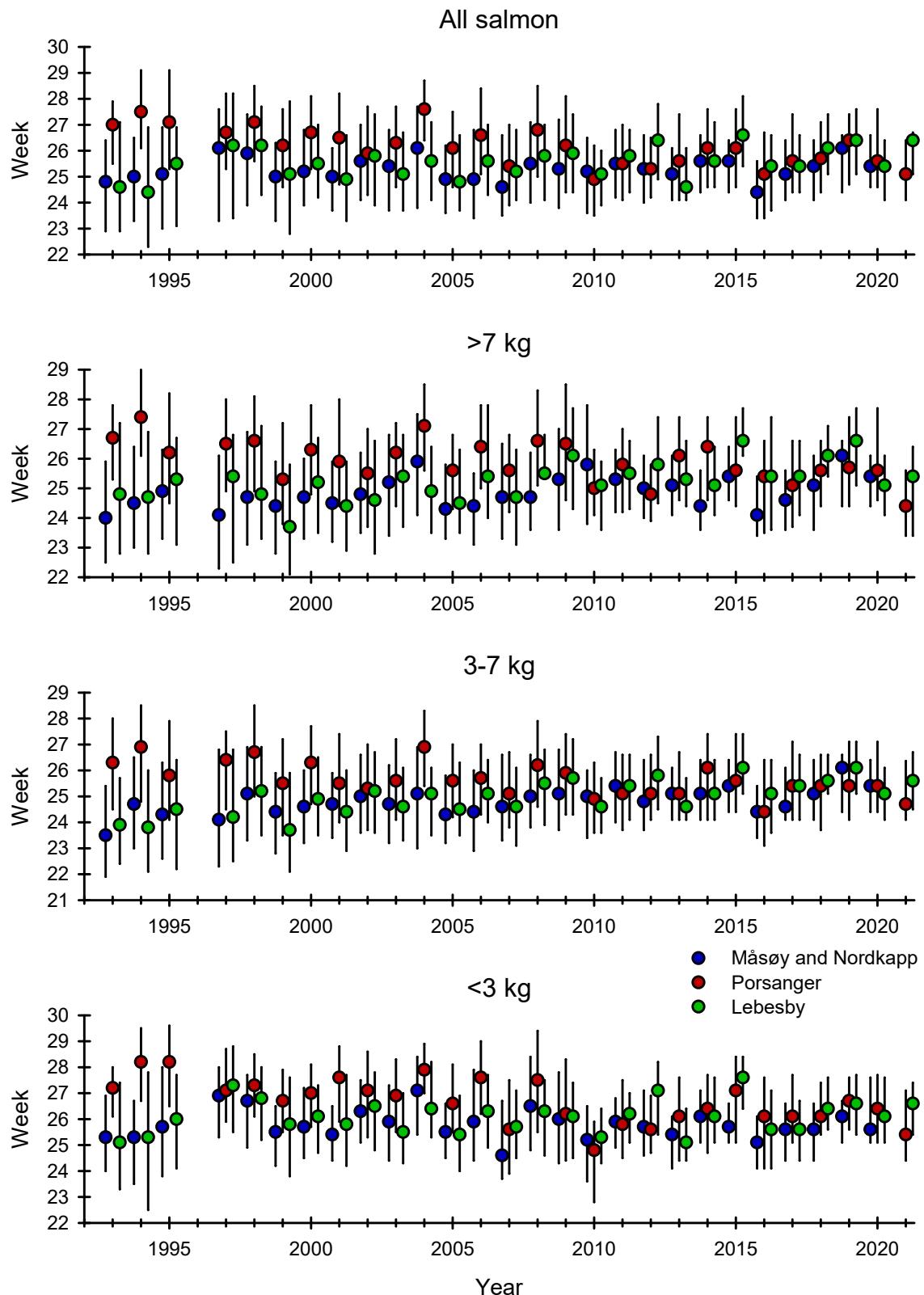


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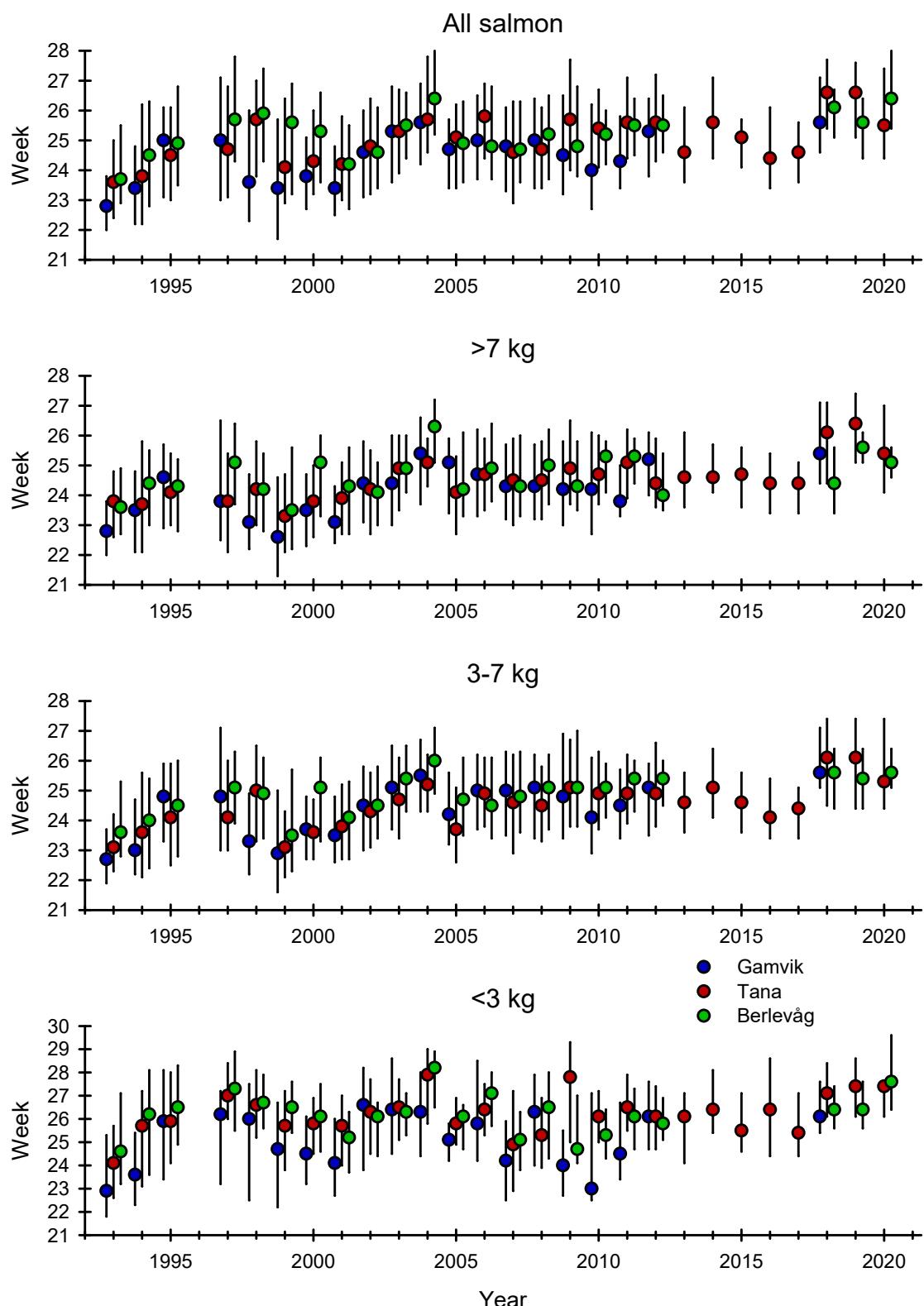


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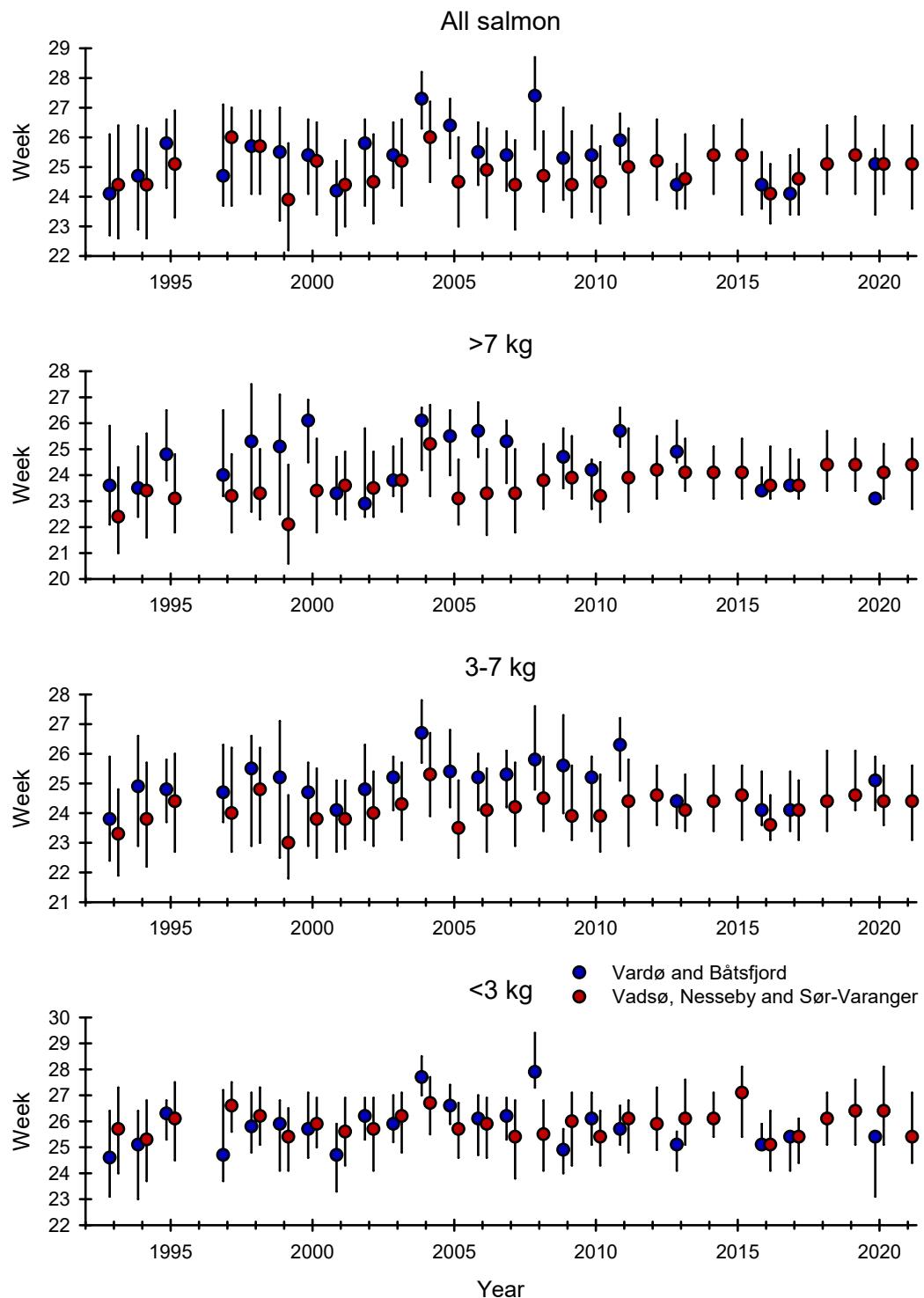


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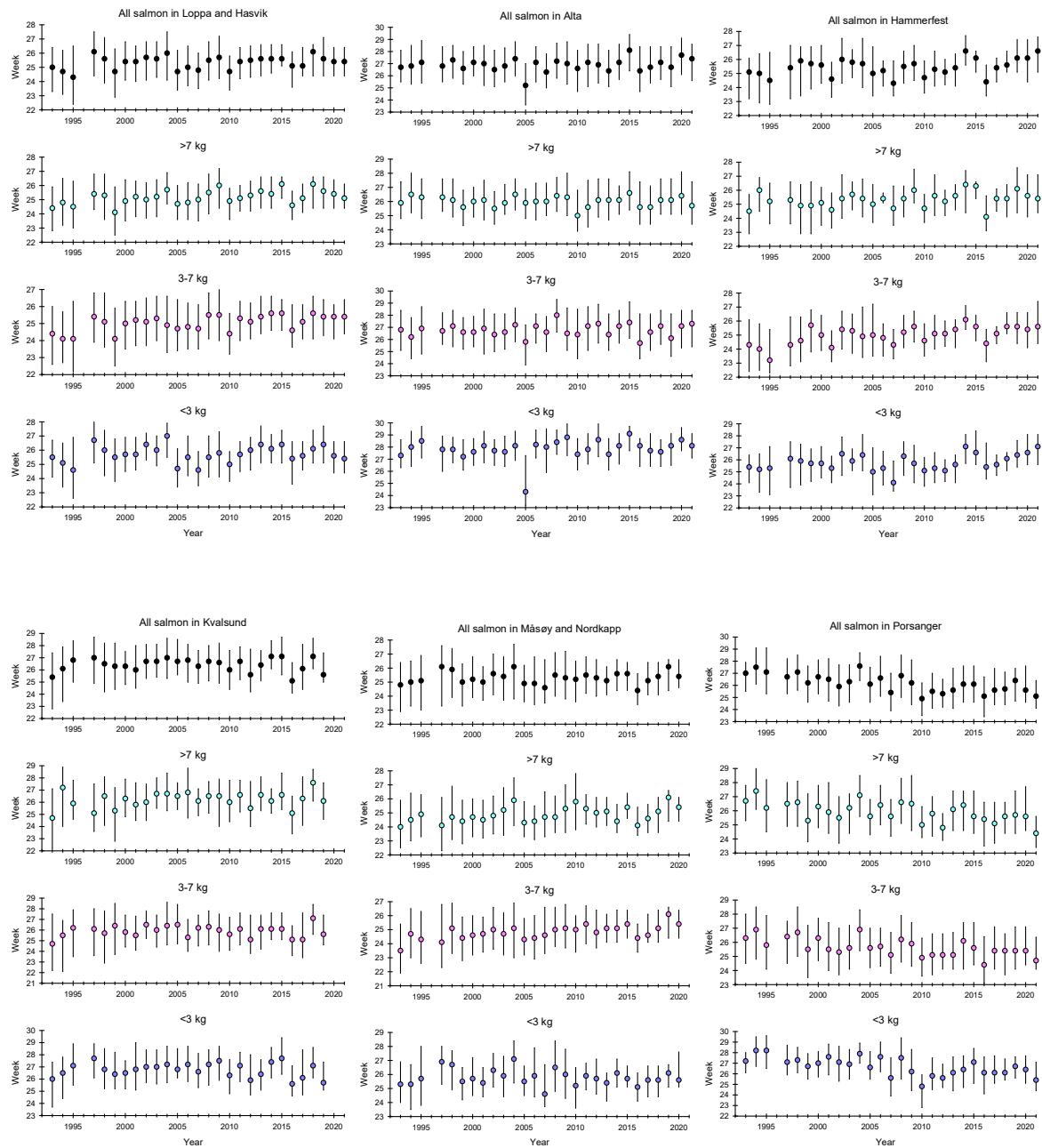


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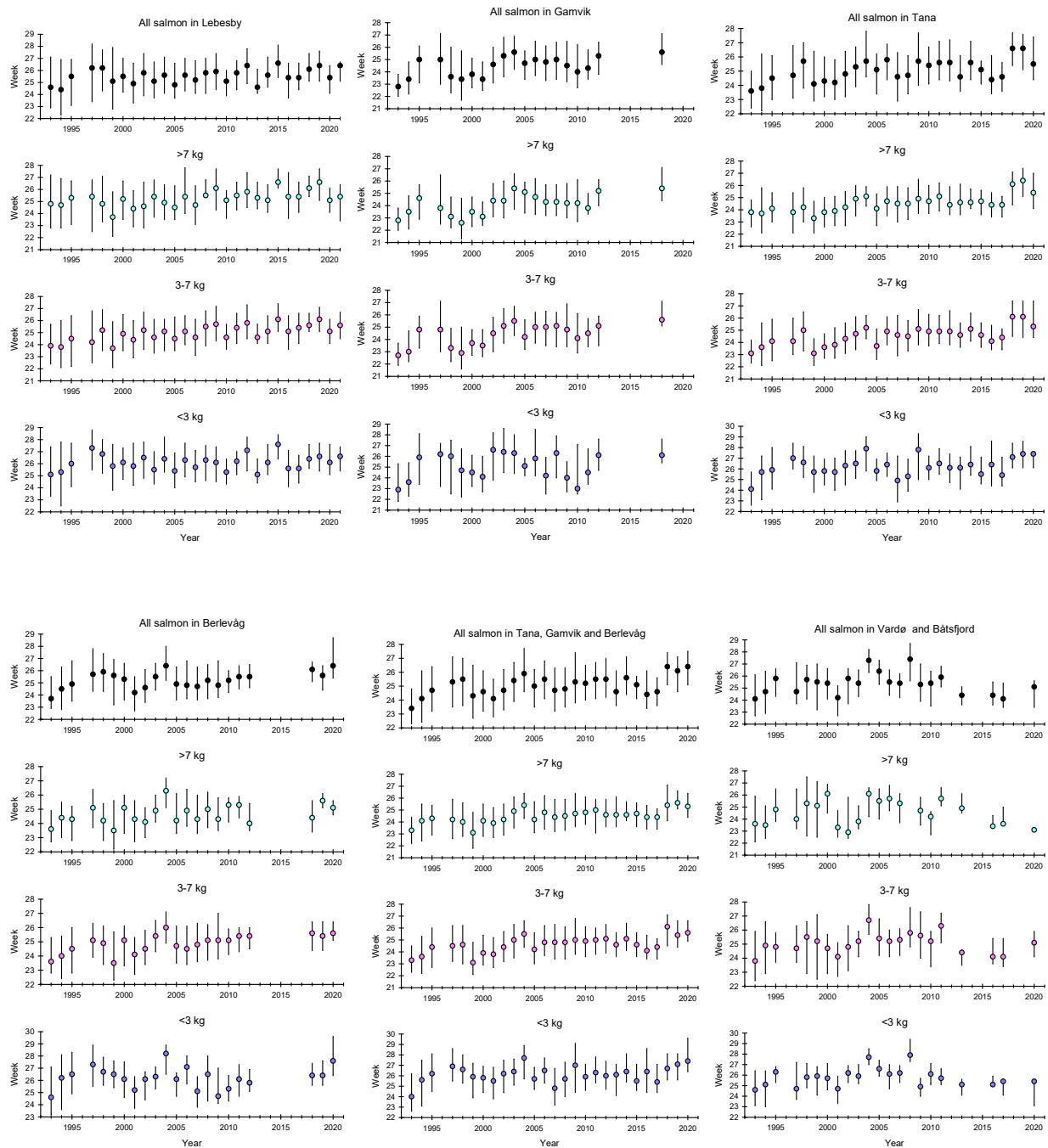


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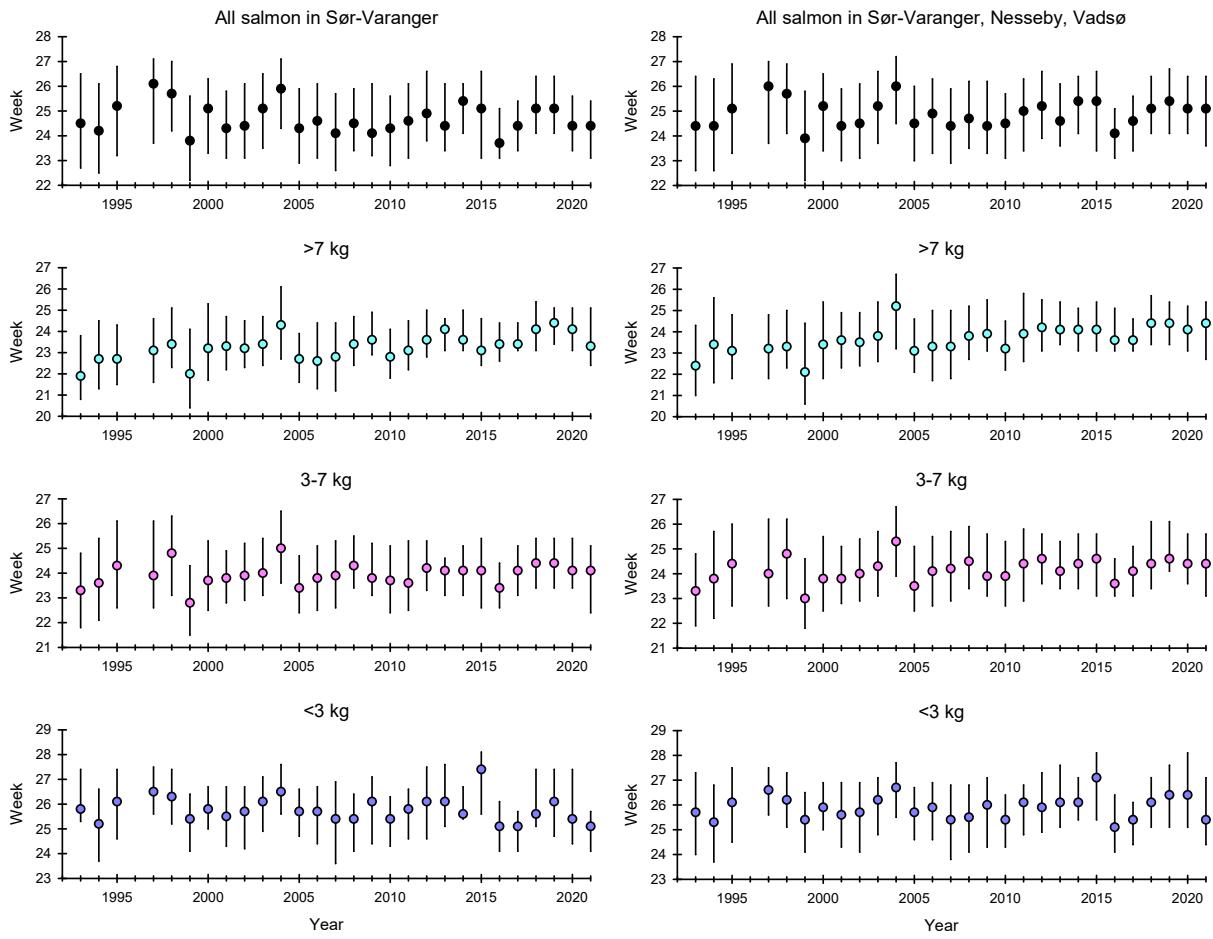


Figure 10. Long-term annual variations in the median dates of capture with lower and upper quartiles in municipalities in Finnmark in the years 1993-2021. Source; SSB

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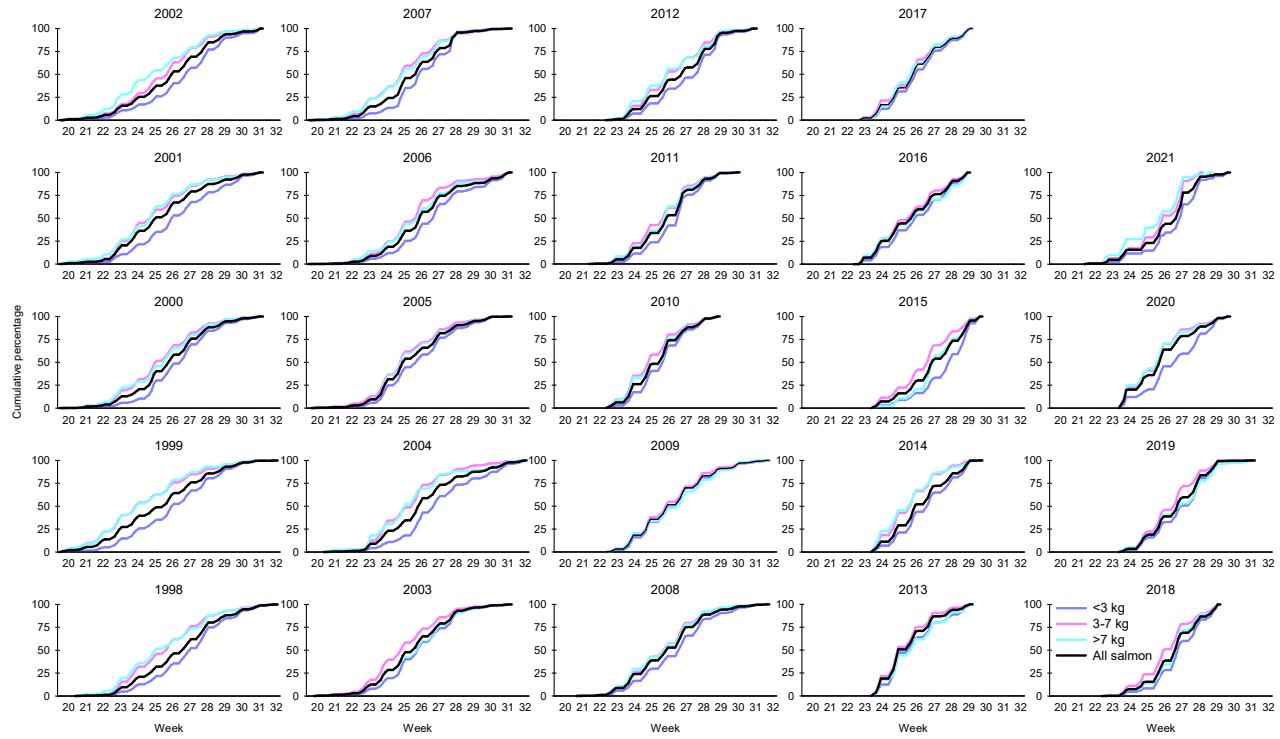


Figure 11. Annual cumulative catches (%) for small, medium and large salmon in Loppa municipality in the years 1998-2021. Source; SSB

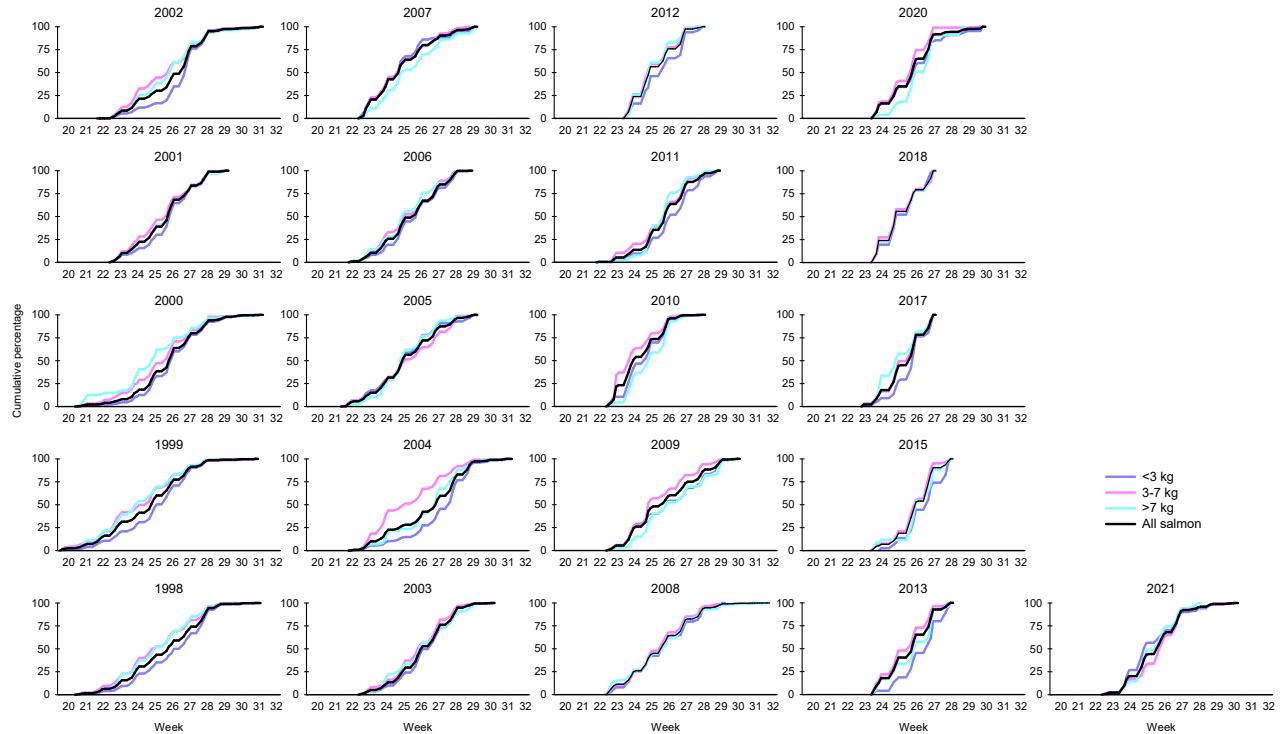


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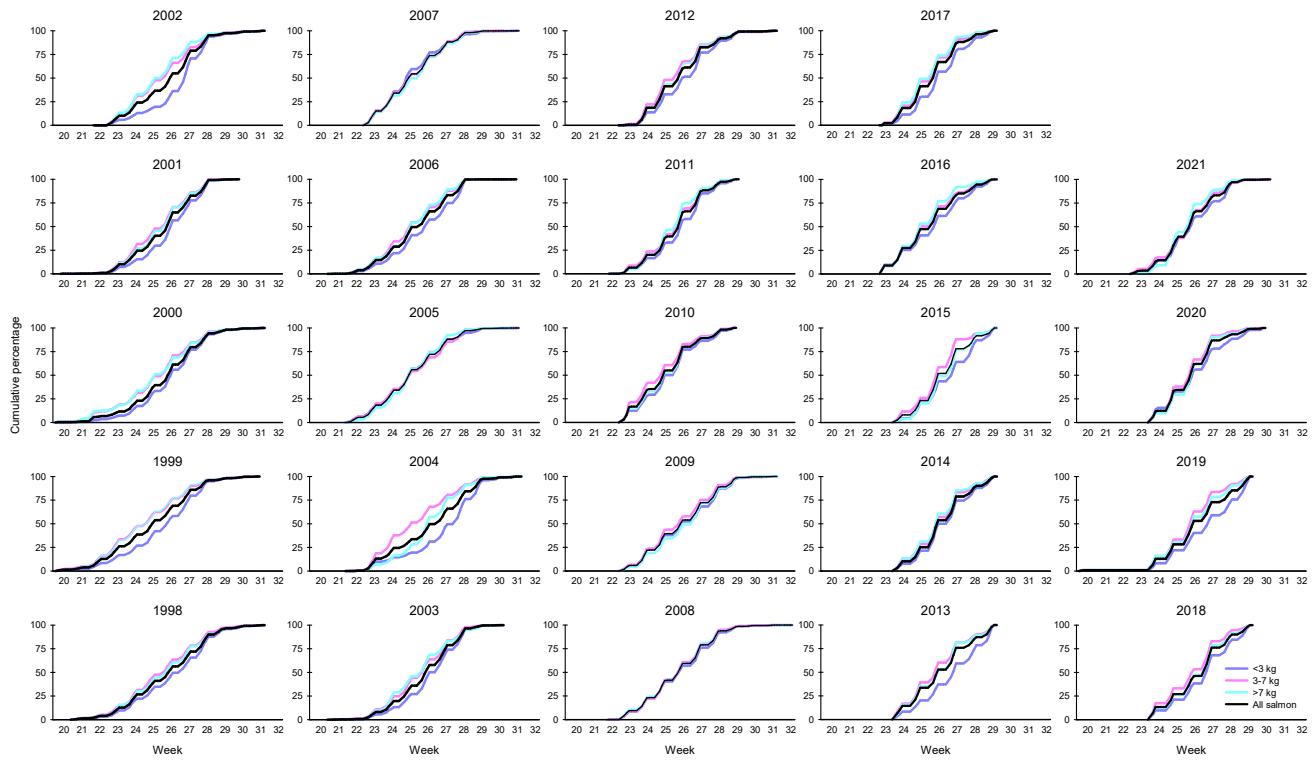


Figure 13. Annual cumulative catches (%) in Loppa and Hasvik municipalities in the years 1998-2021. Source; SSB

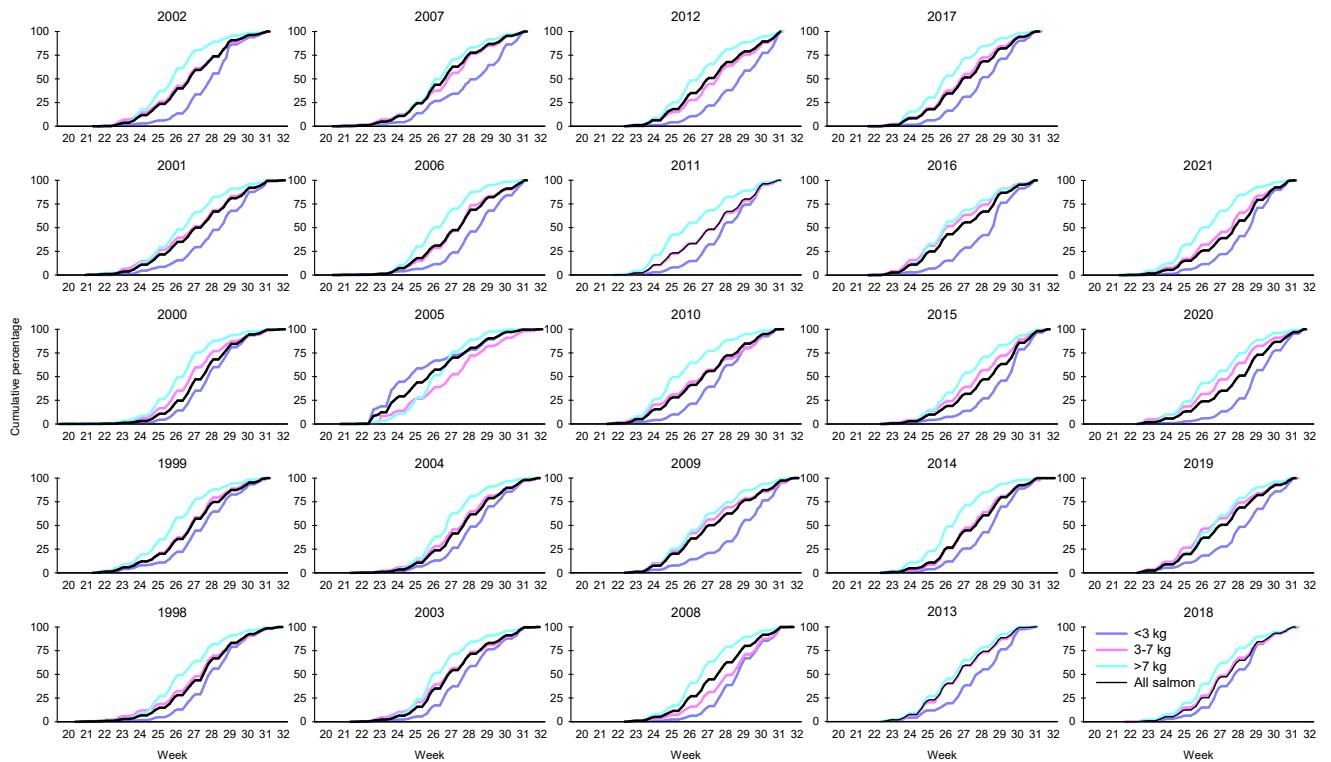


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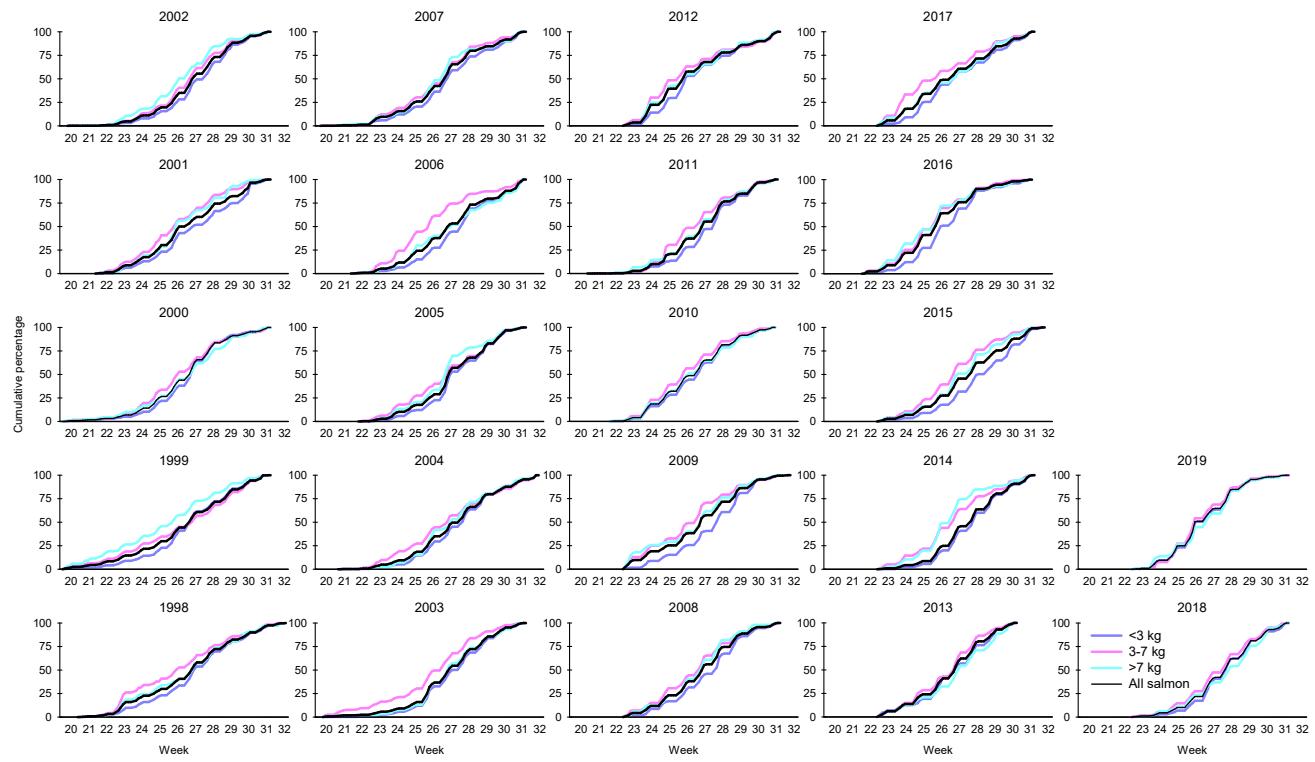


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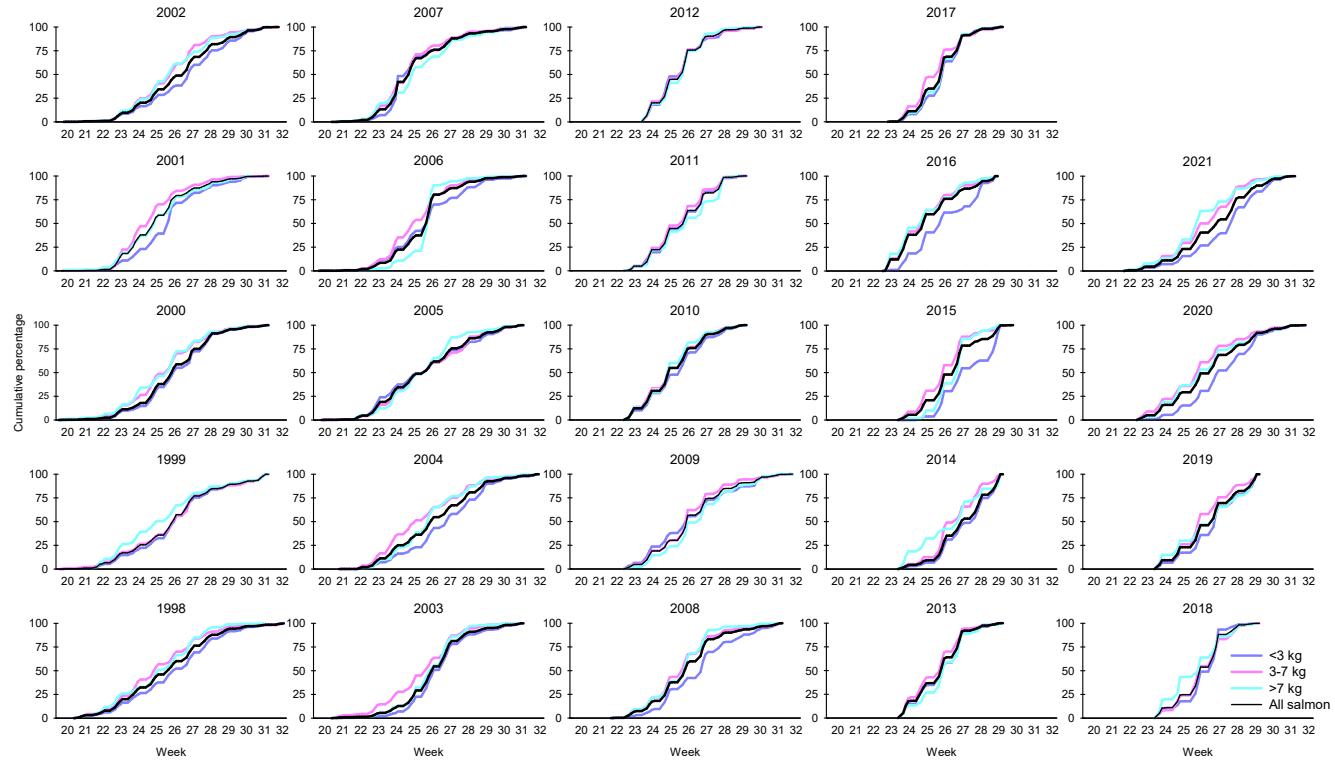


Figure 16. Annual cumulative catches (%) in Hammerfest municipality in the years 1998-2021. Source; SSB

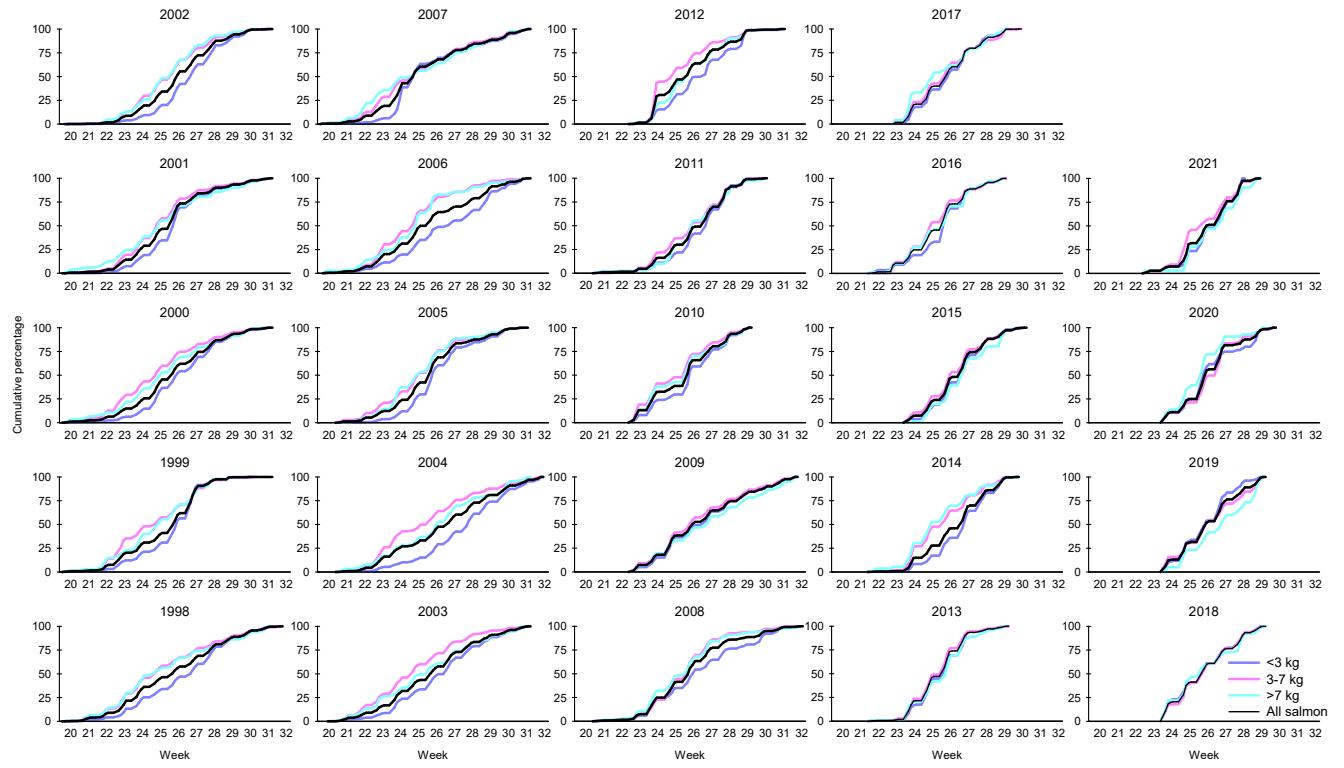


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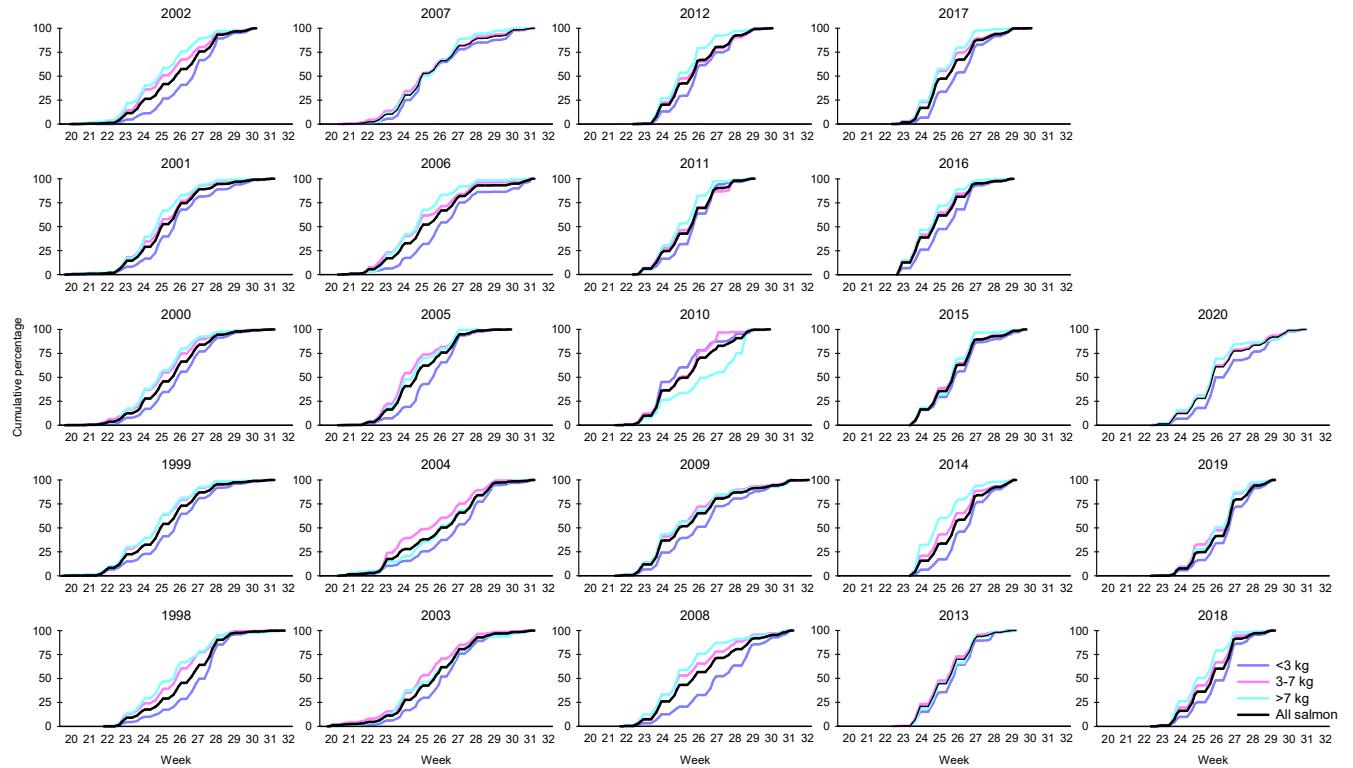


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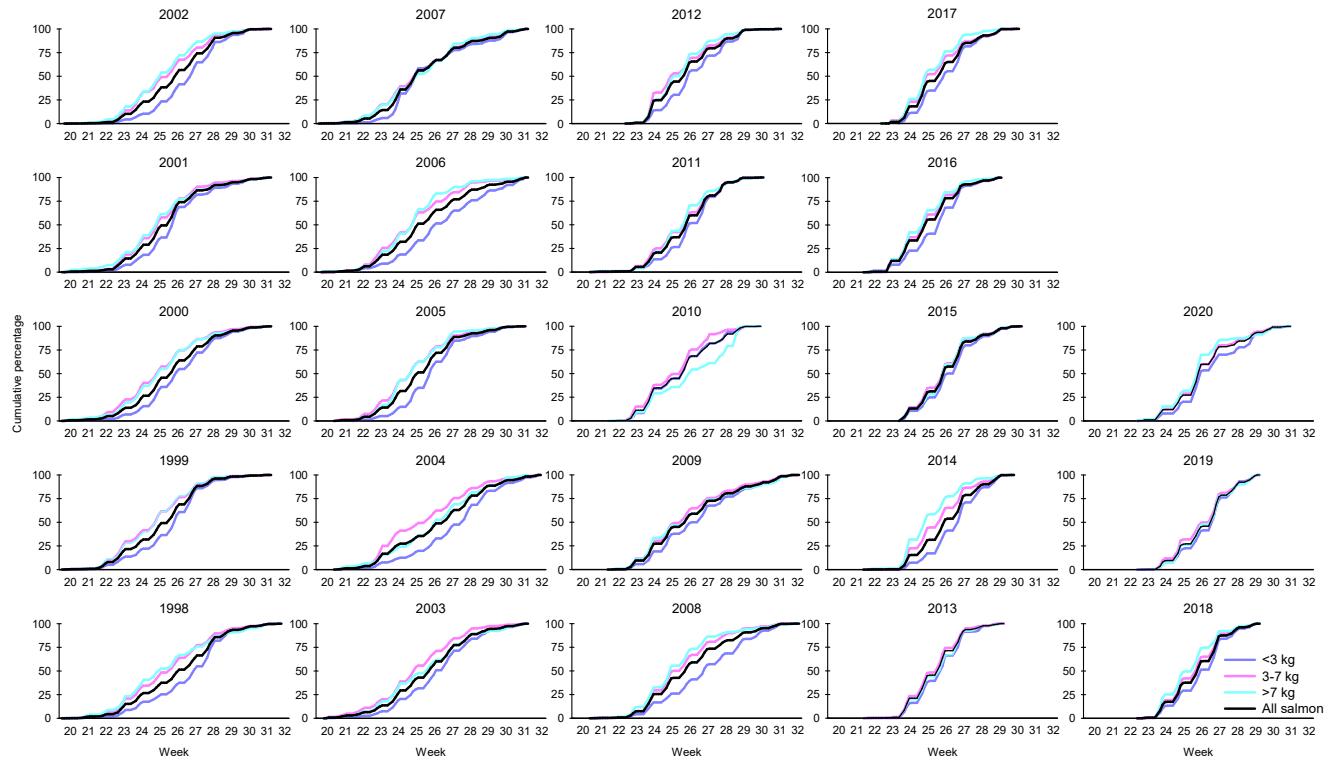


Figure 19. Annual cumulative catches (%) in Måsøy and Nordkapp municipalities in the years 1998-2020. Source; SSB

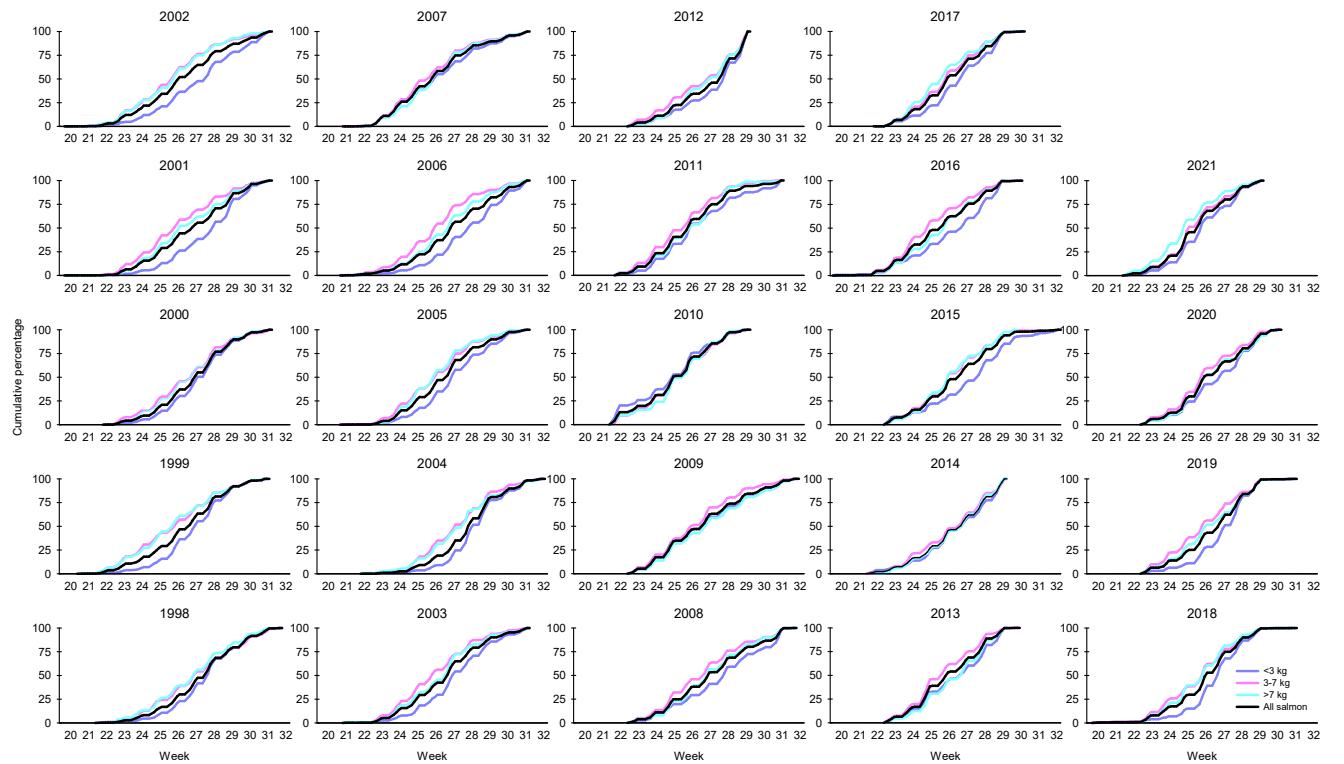


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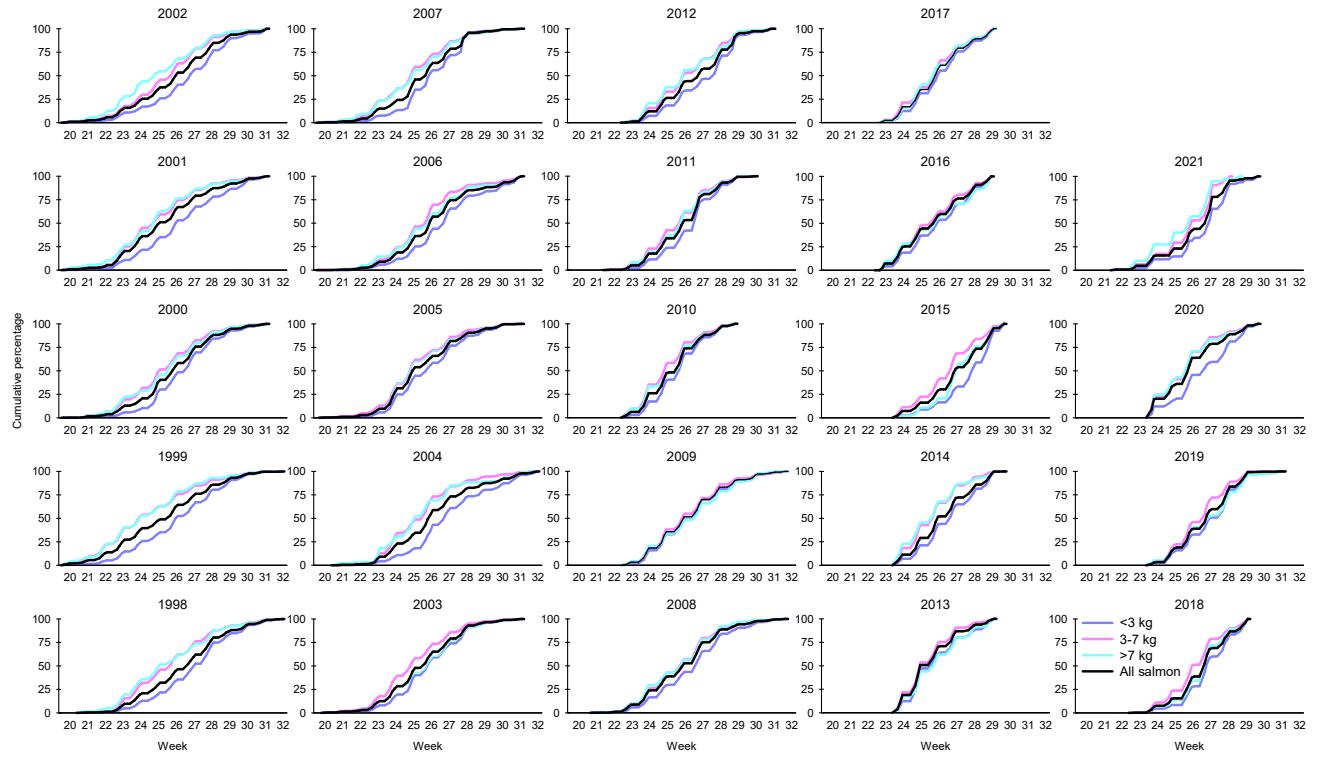


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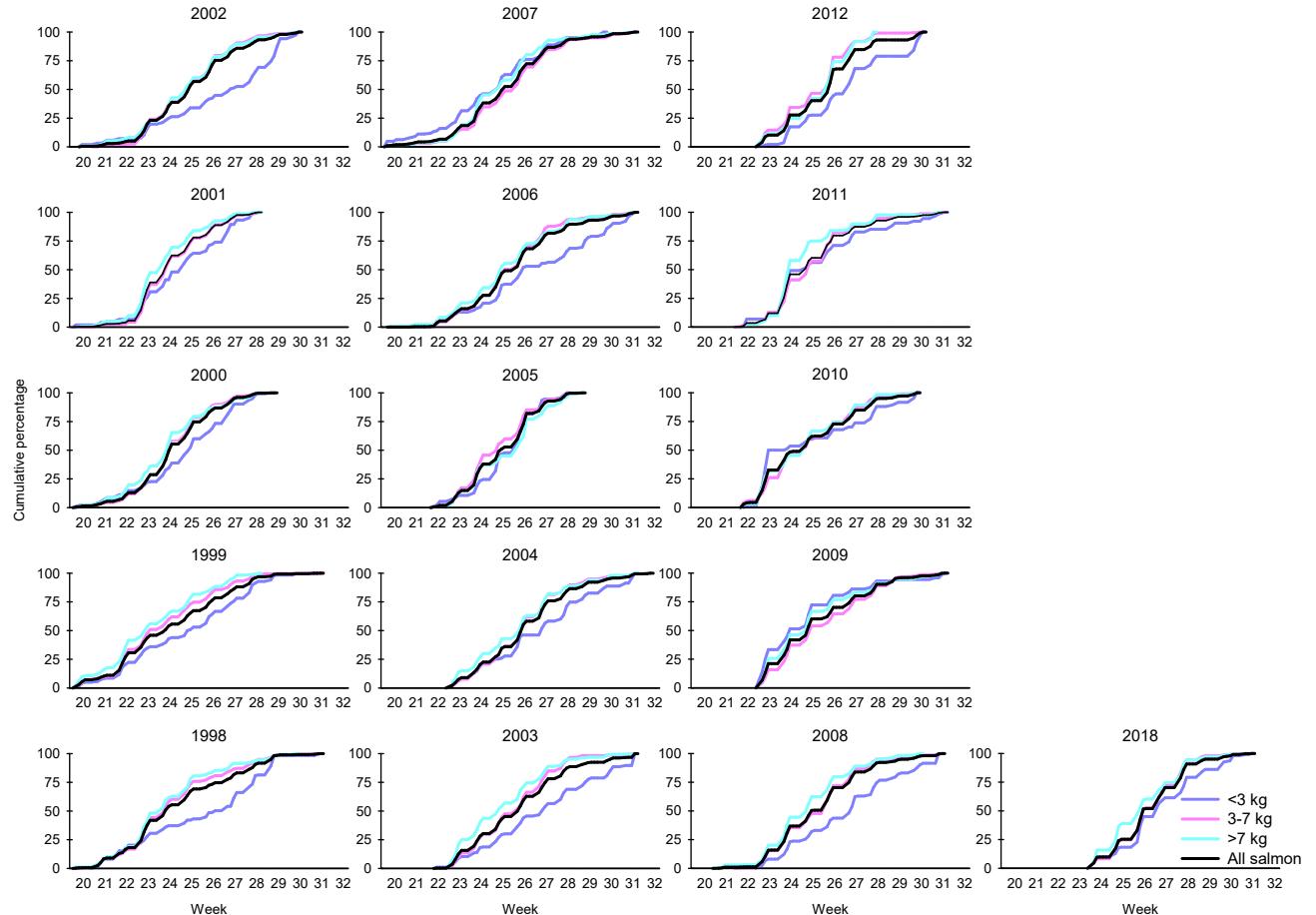


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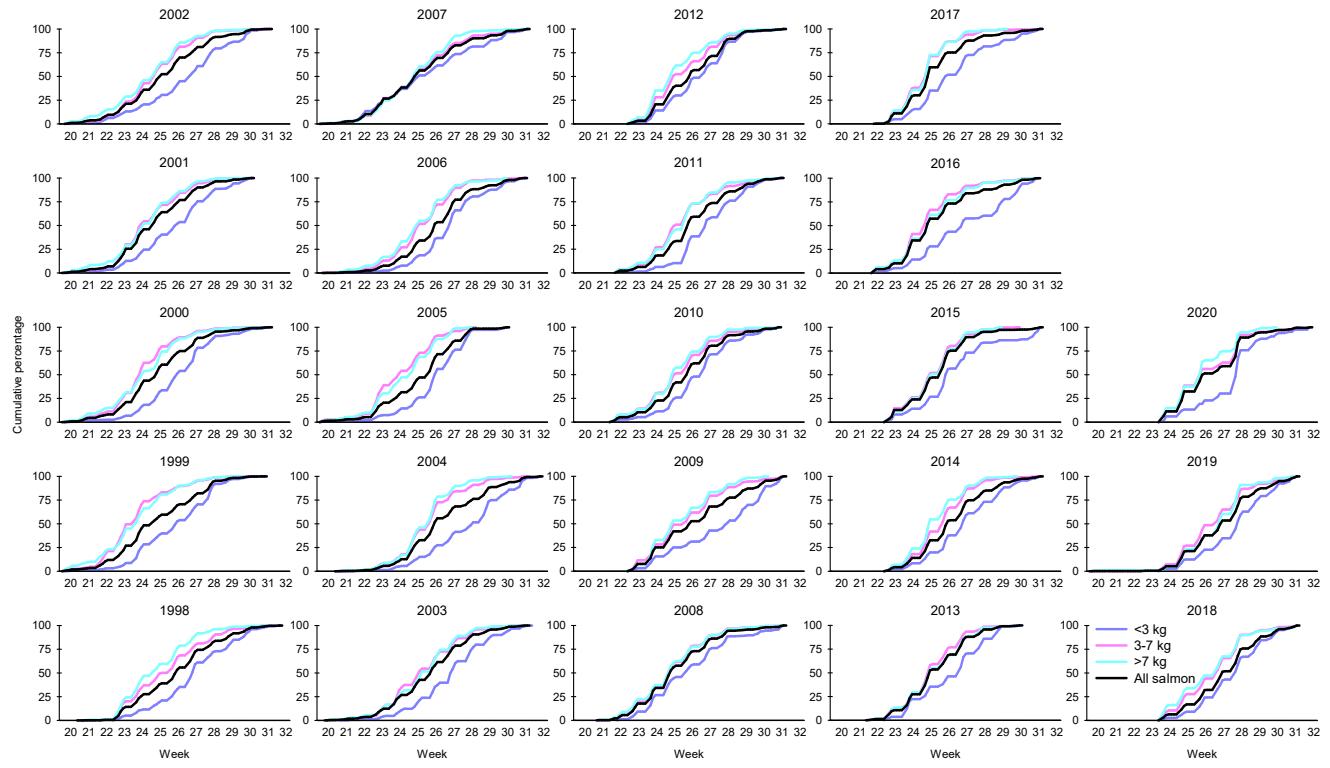


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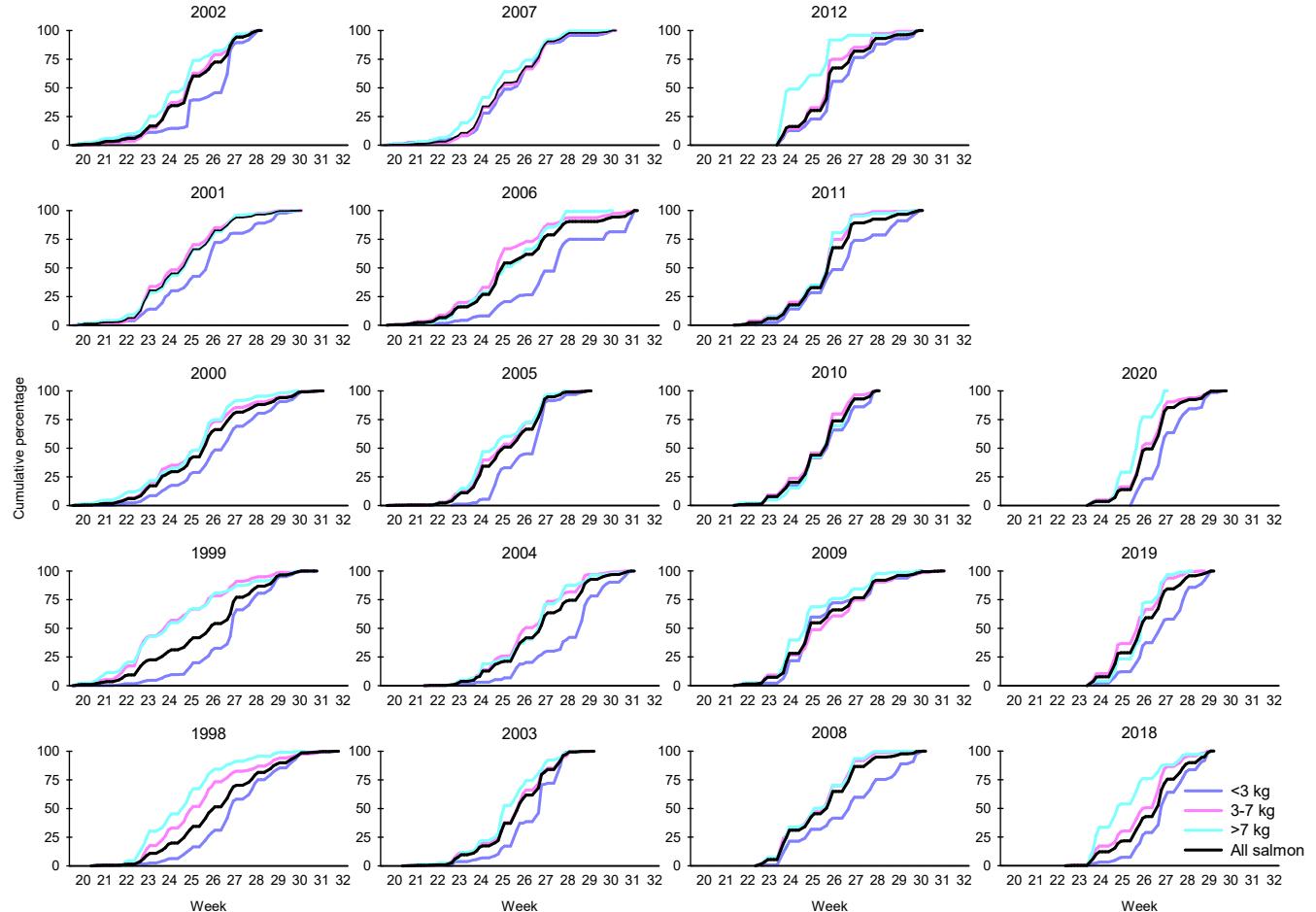


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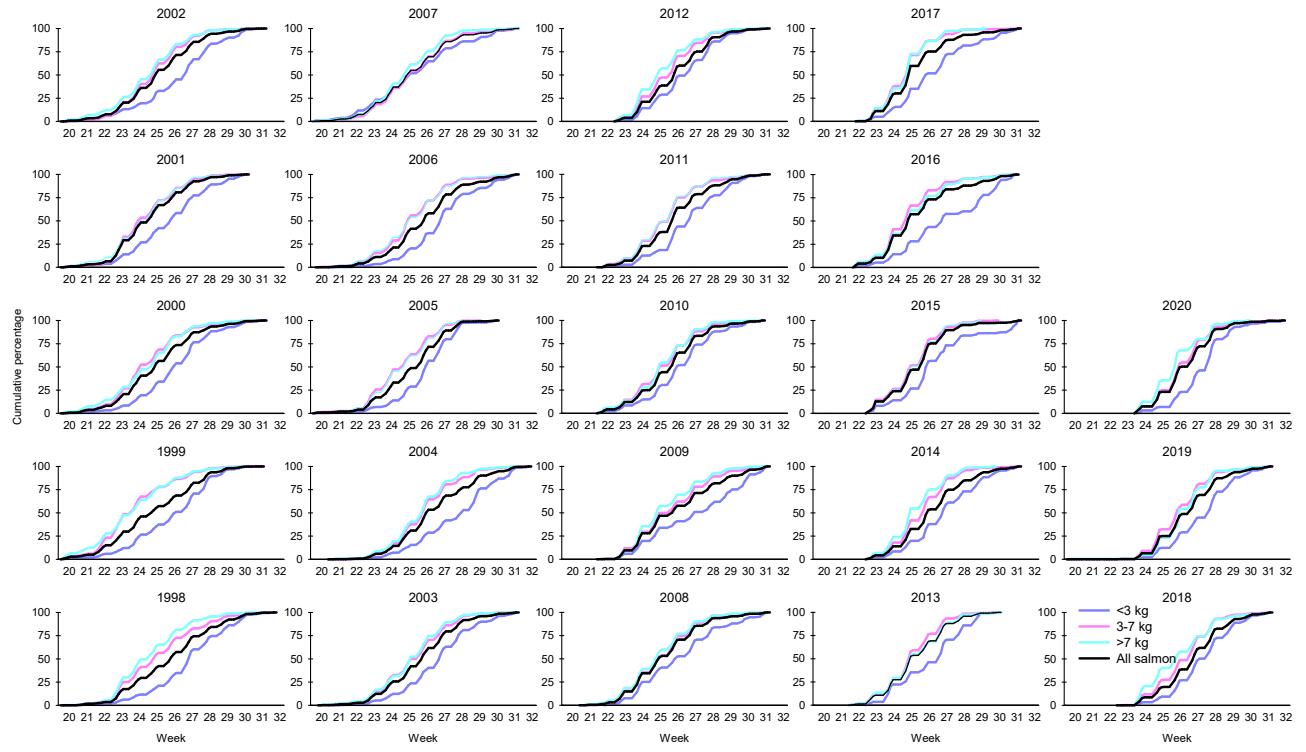


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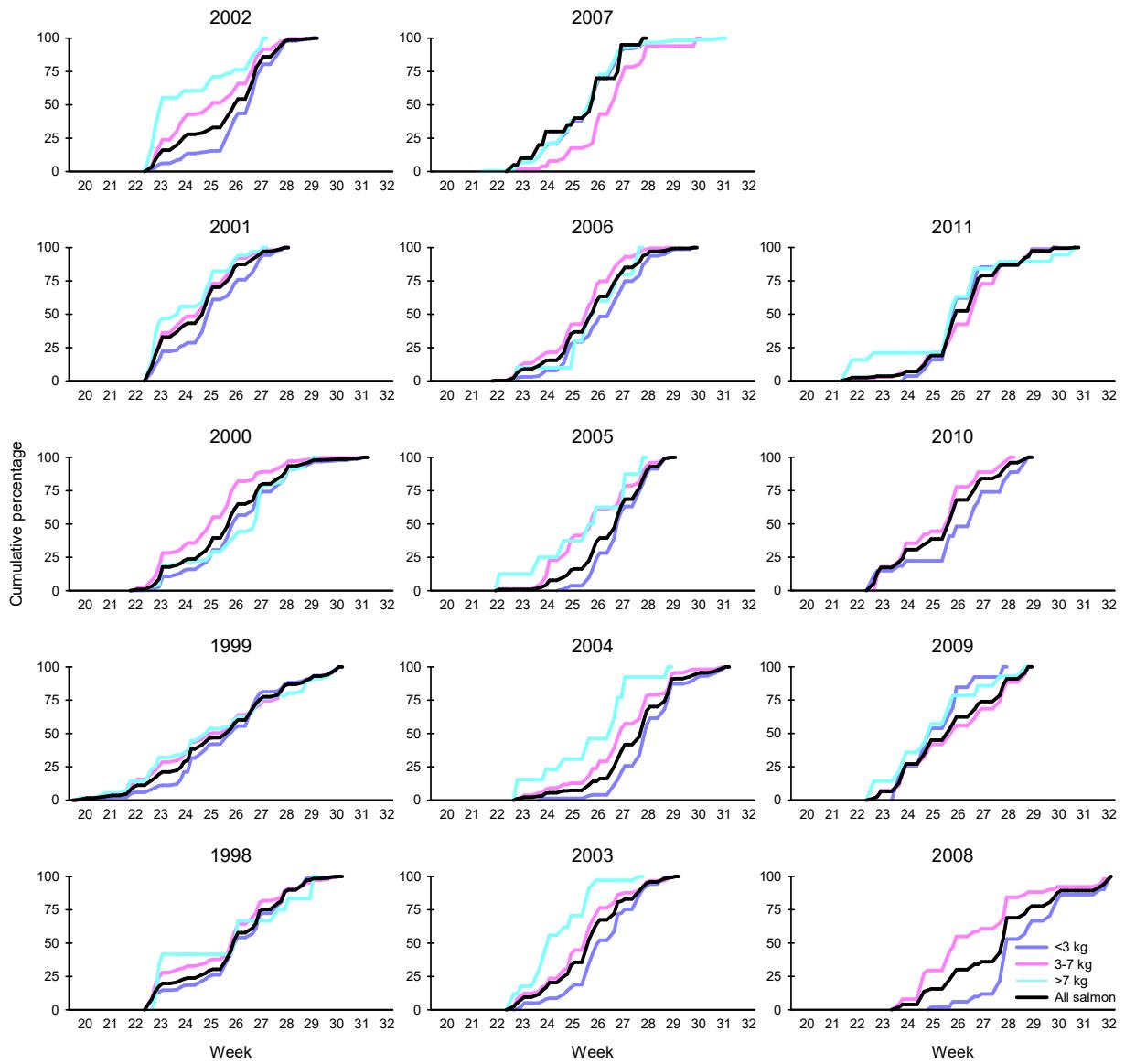


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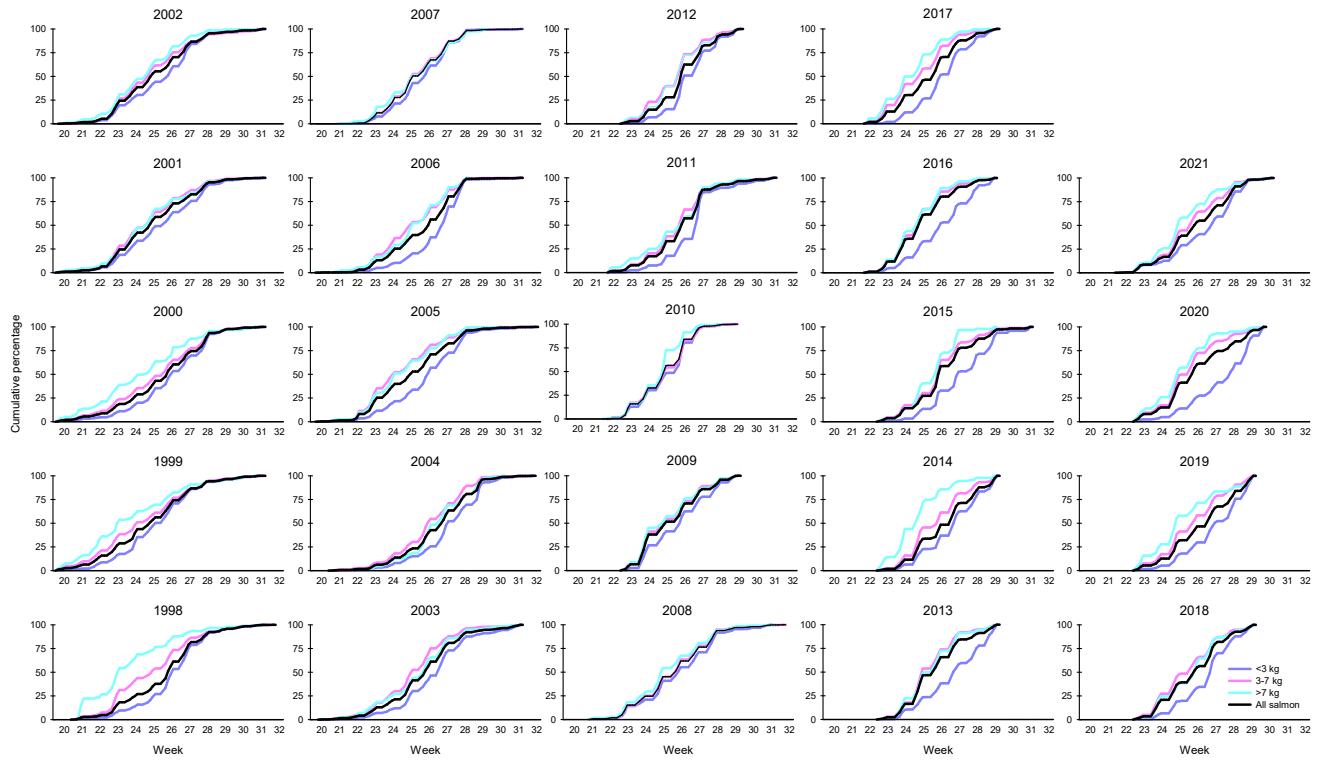


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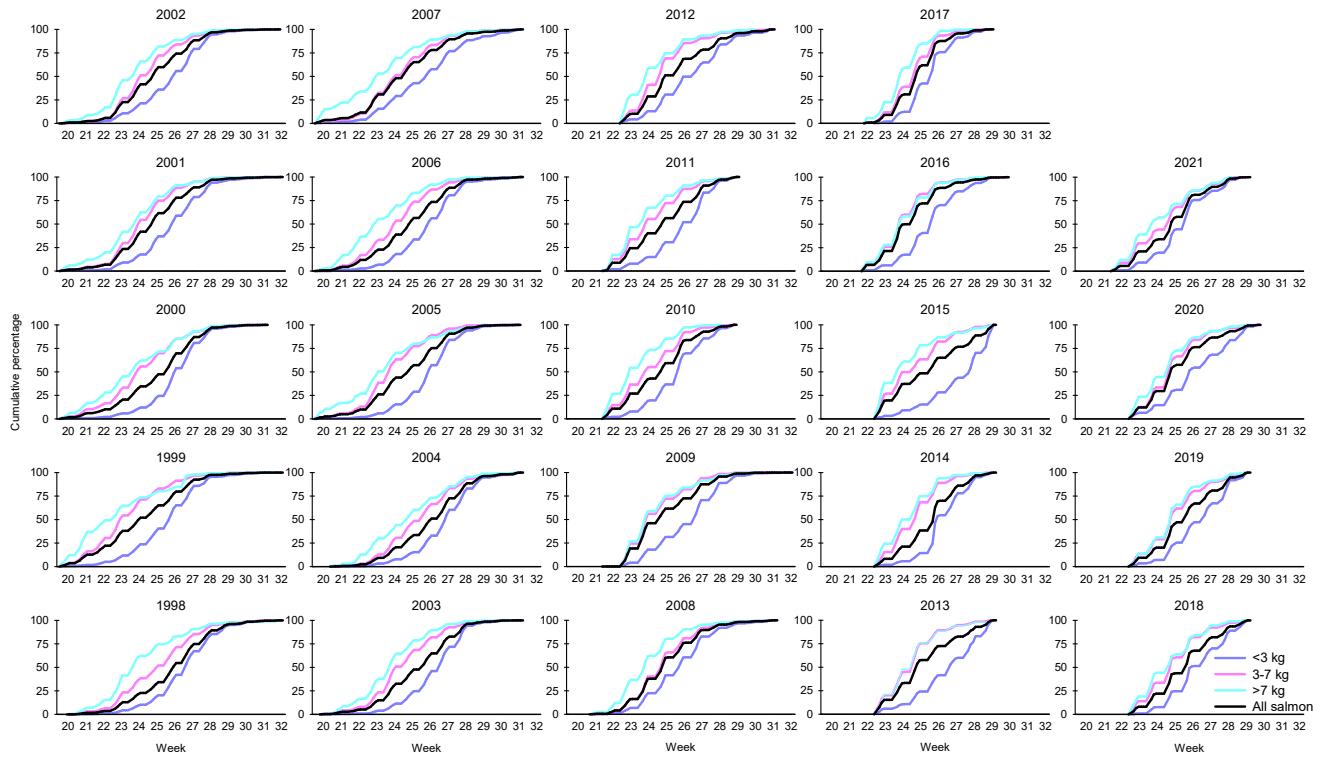


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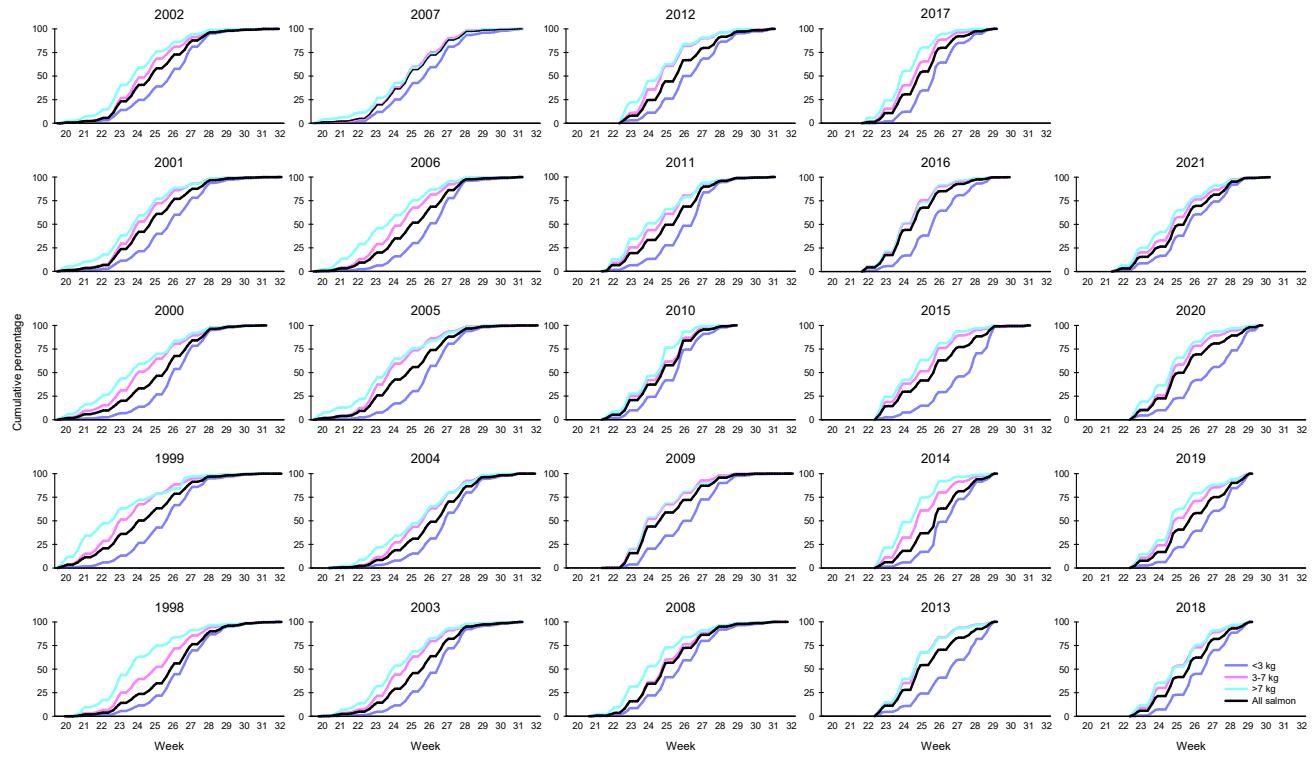


Figure 29. Annual cumulative catches (%) in Vadsø, Nesseby and Sør-Varanger municipalities in the years 1998-2021.

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