

Fig. S1. Relationship between observed proportional shrinkage (open symbols) and mean predicted proportional shrinkage (filled symbols) ( $\pm$  standard error (SE), lines) (y-axis) vs. elapsed time after collection (days) (x-axis) for *Fundulus heteroclitus* from five tidal creeks in coastal North Carolina (USA) that were preserved in 95% ethanol. Observed points are jittered around their true x-values to avoid overlap with the symbols for predicted values.

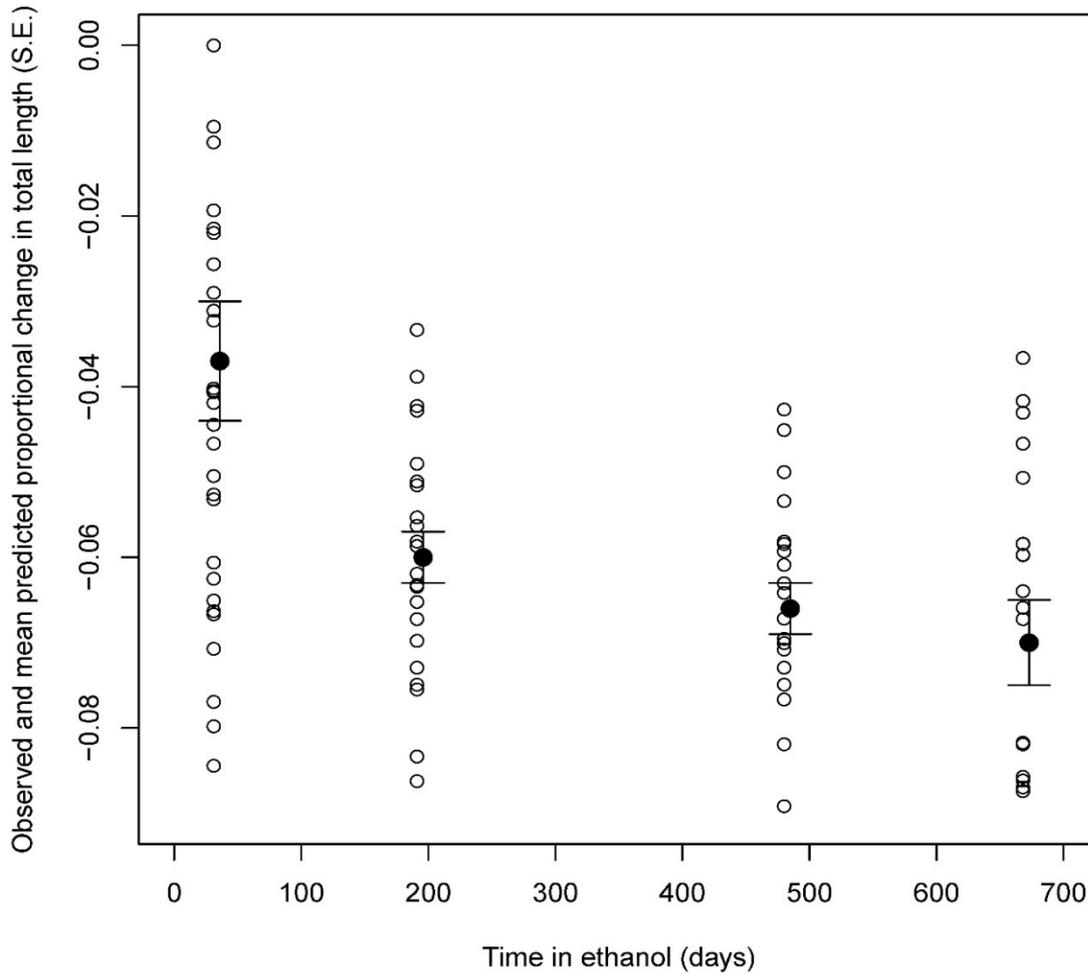


Fig. S2. Non-linear relationships between observed dry weight (g) (open symbols) and predicted dry weight (line) and the total length (mm) (x-axis) for *Fundulus heteroclitus* captured from five tidal creeks in coastal North Carolina (USA). The ranges of the x and y axes are identical among panels.

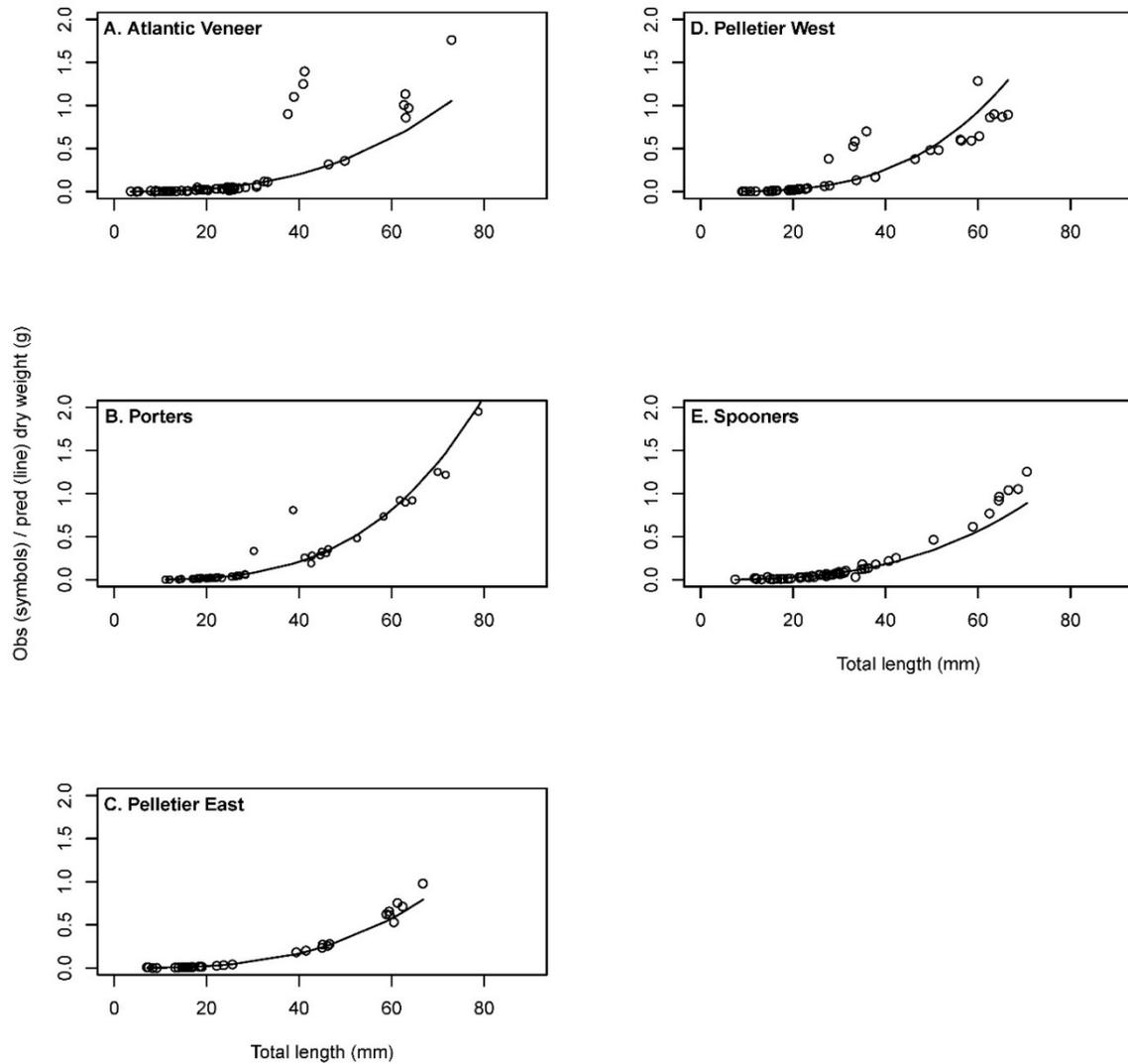


Fig. S3. Numbers of *Fundulus heteroclitus* captured by deploying a 1 m<sup>2</sup> throw trap on the marsh surface (y-axis) by total length (3 mm length bins) (x-axis). Data were collected in five tidal creeks in coastal North Carolina (USA) from April through October, 2012-13. The x axes are identical among panels within- and among creeks. The y axes are identical among the five panels within each creek and year combination. Ellipses and lines show each cohort tracked from one month to the next to calculate cohort-specific growth rates. The number of cohorts that were tracked differed among creeks and months.

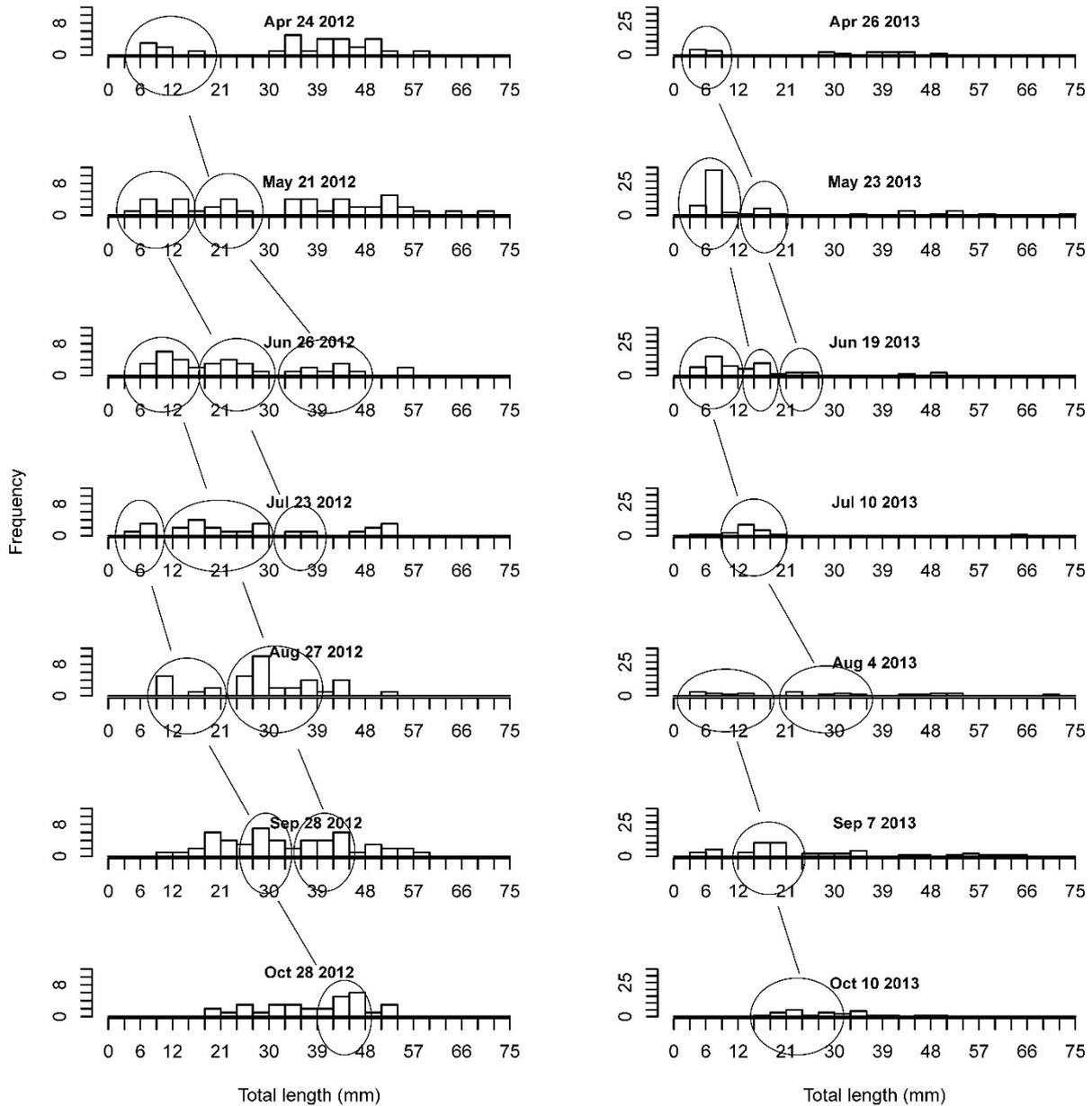


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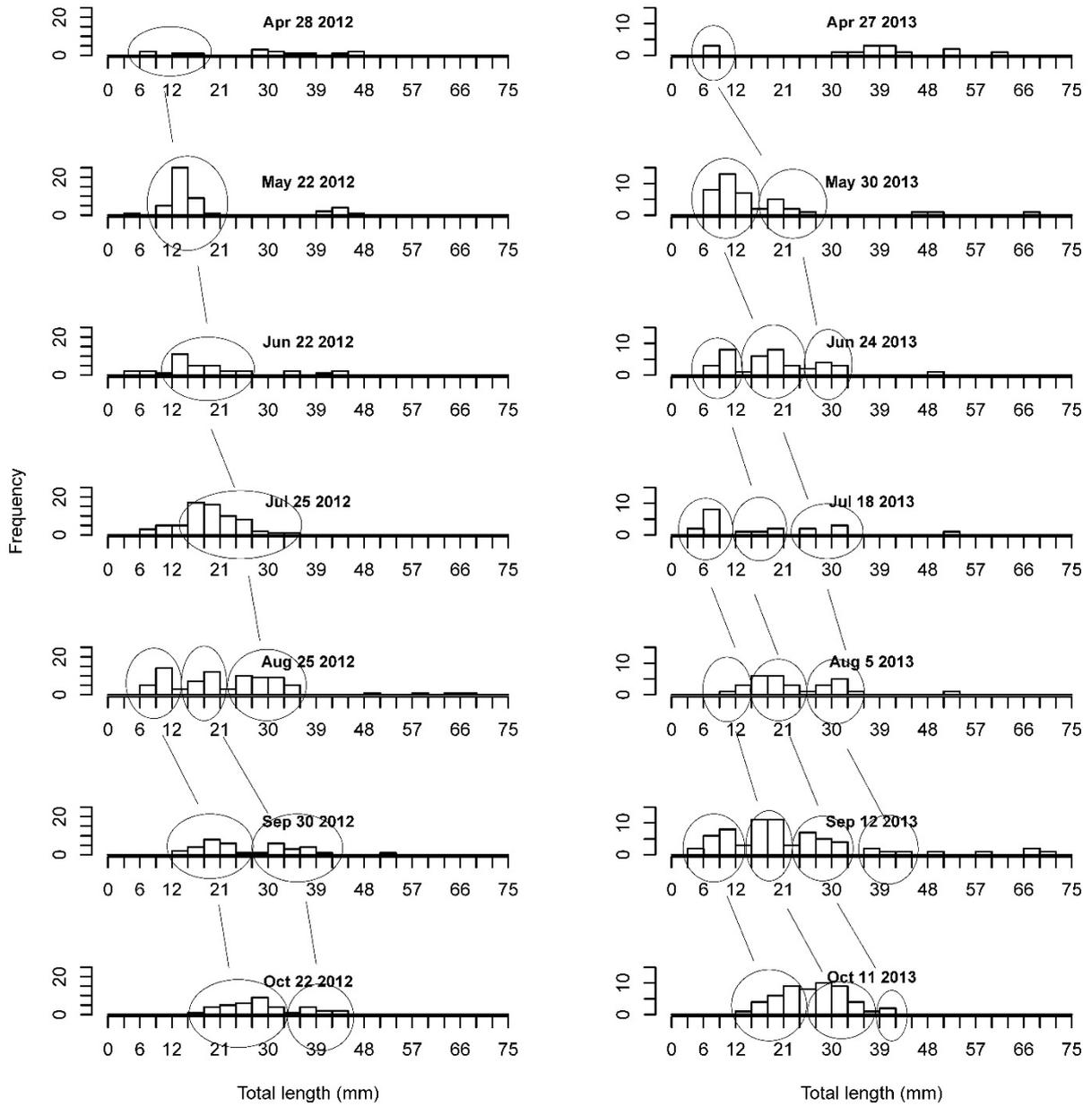


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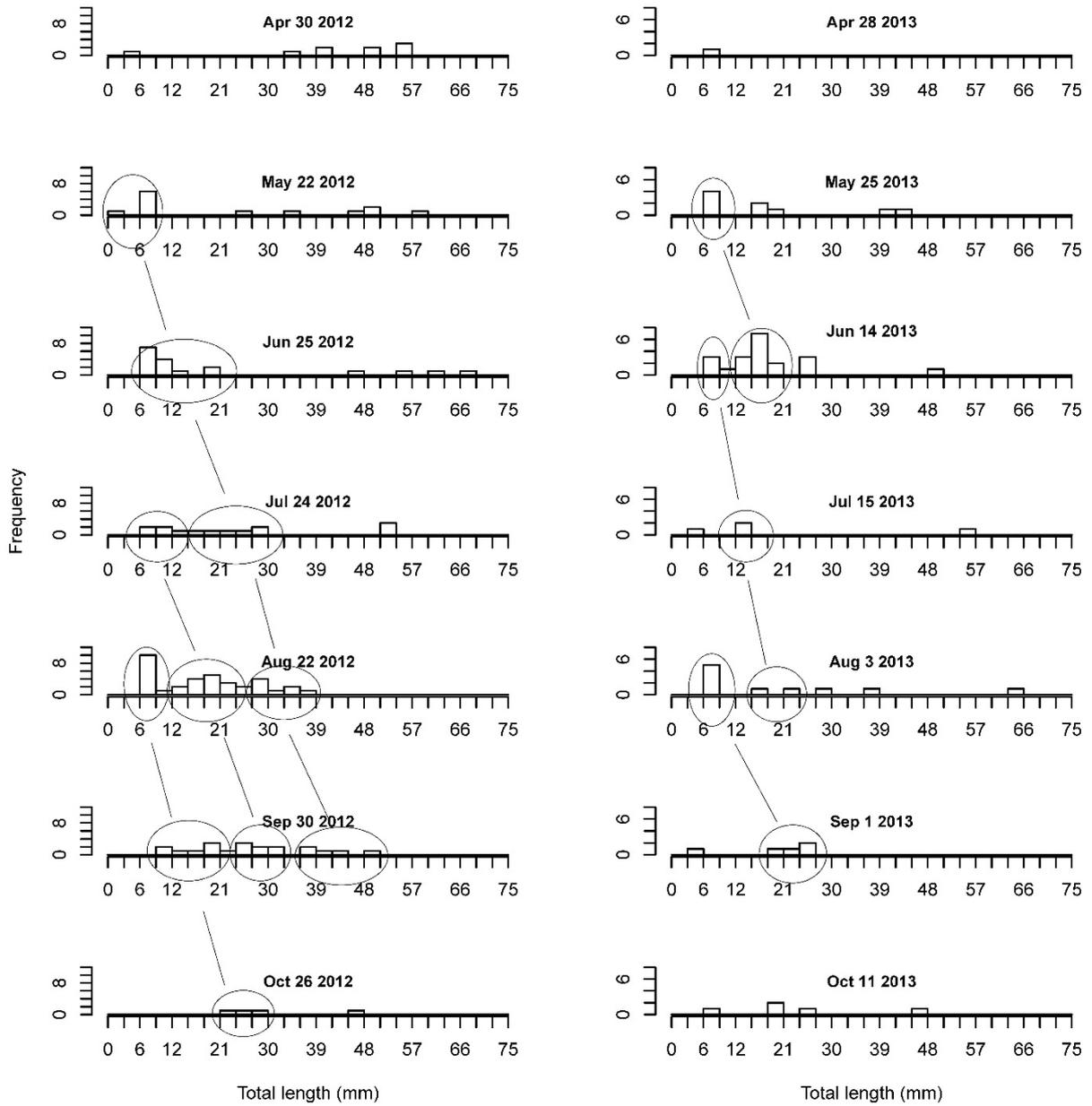


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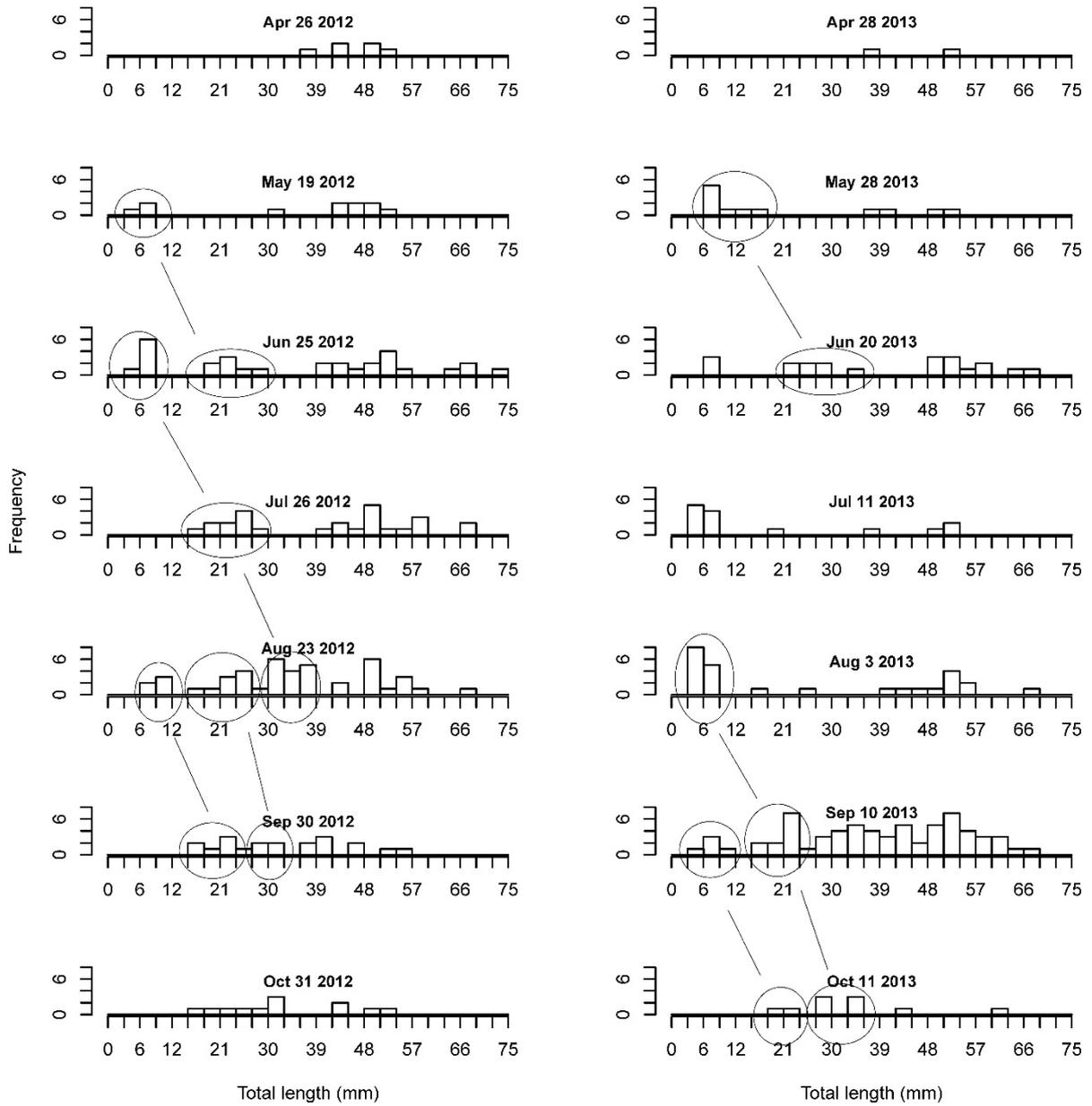


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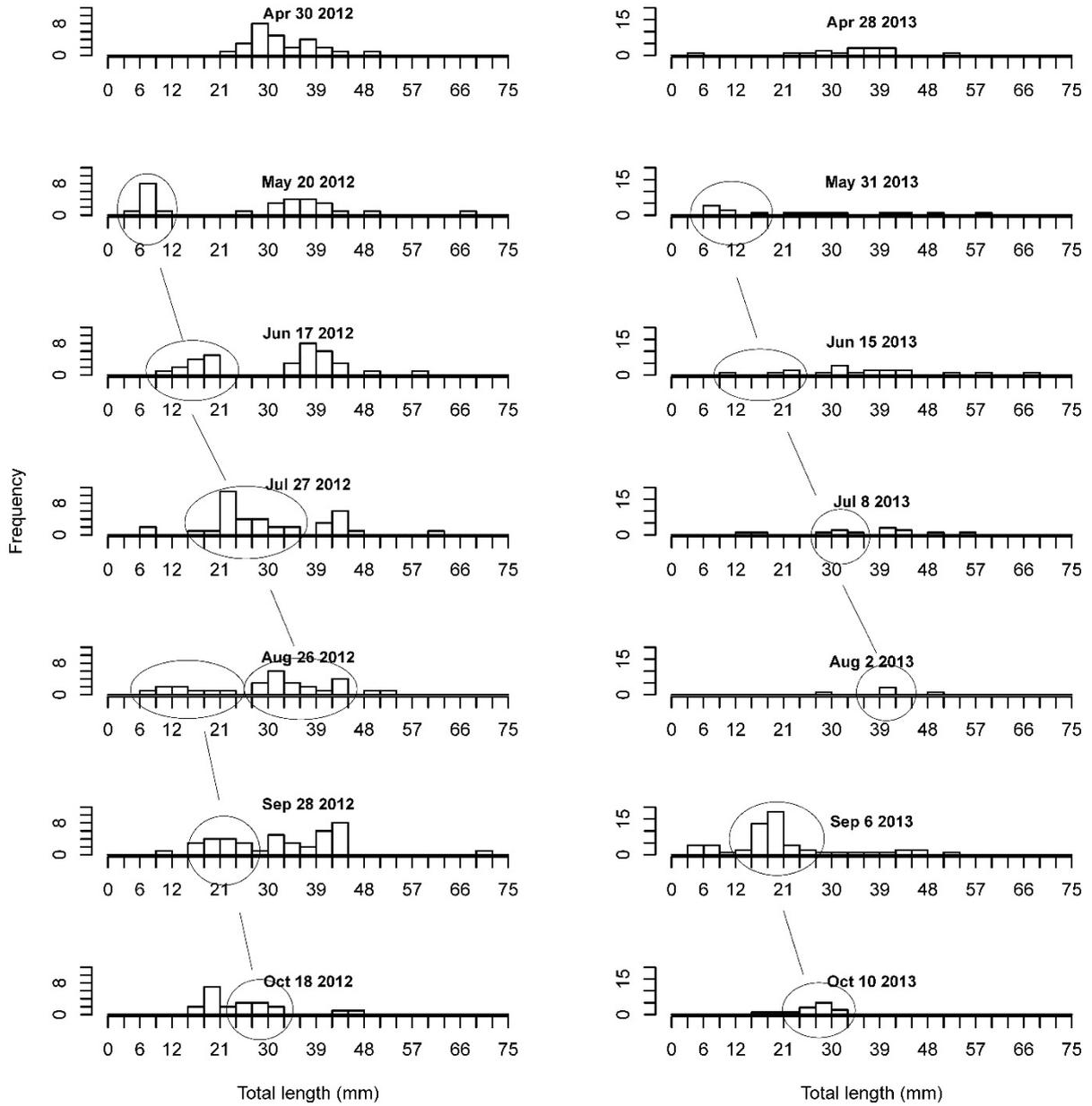


Table S1. Cohort-specific growth and density data used to estimate production of *Fundulus heteroclitus* sampled with a 1 m<sup>2</sup> throw trap from April through October, 2012-13 in salt marsh of five tidal creeks in coastal North Carolina. Data include: span (days) between successive samples, mean estimated total length (TL, mm) and dry weight (DW, g), mean absolute growth in length (Growth, mm/day), mean estimated

Creek	Year	Months	Span	TL <sub>1</sub>	TL <sub>2</sub>	Growth	DW <sub>1</sub>	DW <sub>2</sub>	$G_{inst}$	$N_1$	$N_2$	
AV	2012	Apr-May	27	10.1	21.9	0.44	0.0061	0.0333	0.0629	0.60 (0 - 1.26)	0.70 (0 - 1.53)	
		May-Jun	36	10.1	23.0	0.36	0.0061	0.0370	0.0501	1.10 (0.16 - 2.04)	1.20 (0.24 - 2.16)	
		May-Jun	36	21.9	41.4	0.54	0.0333	0.1426	0.0404	0.70 (0 - 1.53)	0.80 (0 - 2.16)	
		Jun-Jul	27	10.6	20.6	0.37	0.0063	0.0306	0.0585	1.40 (0.12 - 2.68)	1.30 (0.36 - 2.24)	
		Jun-Jul	27	23.0	36.1	0.49	0.0370	0.1021	0.0376	1.20 (0.24 - 2.16)	0.20 (0 - 0.59)	
		Jul-Aug	35	7.1	14.1	0.20	0.0025	0.0125	0.0460	0.40 (0 - 0.83)	0.80 (0.16 - 1.44)	
		Jul-Aug	35	20.6	30.2	0.27	0.0306	0.0693	0.0234	1.30 (0.32 - 2.27)	2.30 (1.13 - 3.47)	
		Aug-Sep	32	14.1	30.1	0.50	0.0135	0.0944	0.0608	0.80 (0.16 - 1.44)	1.40 (0.42 - 2.38)	
		Aug-Sep	32	30.2	41.4	0.35	0.0977	0.2250	0.0261	2.30 (1.13 - 3.47)	1.50 (0.66 - 2.34)	
		Sep-Oct	30	30.1	44.5	0.48	0.0944	0.2727	0.0354	1.40 (0.42 - 2.38)	1.30 (0.13 - 2.47)	
		2013	Apr-May	27	6.6	16.6	0.37	0.0020	0.0170	0.0793	0.70 (0 - 1.42)	0.80 (0 - 1.72)
			May-Jun	27	6.6	16.1	0.35	0.0020	0.0156	0.0761	4.20 (1.94 - 6.46)	1.30 (0 - 2.81)
			May-Jun	27	16.6	23.8	0.27	0.0170	0.0389	0.0307	0.80 (0 - 1.72)	0.40 (0 - 1.00)
			Jun-Jul	21	7.7	14.3	0.31	0.0032	0.0122	0.0637	2.90 (0.42 - 4.38)	1.50 (0.71 - 2.29)
			Jul-Aug	25	14.3	27.5	0.53	0.0122	0.0565	0.0613	1.50 (0.71 - 2.29)	0.70 (0 - 1.47)
Aug-Sep	34		6.7	17.4	0.31	0.0019	0.0211	0.0708	0.60 (0.17 - 1.03)	2.30 (0.73 - 3.87)		
P	2012	Sep-Oct	33	17.4	24.0	0.20	0.0211	0.0530	0.0279	2.30 (0.73 - 3.87)	1.40 (0.51 - 2.29)	
		Apr-May	24	11.8	13.9	0.09	0.0047	0.0055	0.0065	0.40 (0 - 1.00)	4.00 (0.22 - 7.77)	
		May-Jun	31	13.9	17.4	0.11	0.0055	0.0154	0.0332	4.00 (0.22 - 7.77)	2.50 (0.86 - 4.14)	
		Jun-Jul	33	17.4	20.7	0.10	0.0154	0.0306	0.0208	2.50 (0.86 - 4.14)	5.50 (0.89 - 10.11)	
		Jul-Aug	31	20.7	29.4	0.28	0.0306	0.0971	0.0372	5.50 (0.89 - 10.11)	3.30 (1.17 - 5.43)	
		Aug-Sep	36	9.7	19.3	0.27	0.0019	0.0200	0.0654	1.90 (0.49 - 3.31)	2.10 (0.57 - 3.63)	
		Aug-Sep	36	18.5	33.3	0.41	0.0167	0.1161	0.0539	2.50 (0.43 - 4.57)	1.50 (0.71 - 2.29)	
		Sep-Oct	22	19.3	25.6	0.29	0.0200	0.0517	0.0432	2.10 (0.57 - 3.63)	2.90 (0.52 - 5.28)	
		Sep-Oct	22	33.3	38.8	0.25	0.1161	0.1928	0.0231	1.50 (0.71 - 2.29)	0.90 (0.10 - 1.70)	
		2013	Apr-May	33	7.1	20.4	0.40	0.0004	0.0234	0.1233	0.30 (0 - 0.89)	1.00 (0.49 - 1.51)
			May-Jun	25	10.6	18.8	0.41	0.0021	0.0180	0.0859	2.80 (0.38 - 5.22)	1.90 (0.65 - 3.15)
			May-Jun	25	20.4	29.4	0.36	0.0234	0.0942	0.0557	1.00 (0.49 - 1.51)	0.80 (0 - 1.80)
			Jun-Jul	24	9.4	17.0	0.32	0.0012	0.0126	0.0980	1.10 (0.42 - 1.78)	0.40 (0 - 0.83)
			Jun-Jul	24	18.8	29.2	0.43	0.0180	0.0946	0.0691	1.90 (0.65 - 3.15)	0.50 (0.06 - 0.94)
			Jul-Aug	18	6.6	12.9	0.35	0.0003	0.0040	0.1439	1.00 (0.22 - 1.77)	0.40 (0 - 0.83)
Jul-Aug	18		17.0	19.2	0.12	0.0126	0.0194	0.0240	0.40 (0 - 0.83)	1.60 (0.87 - 2.33)		
Jul-Aug	18		29.2	30.7	0.08	0.0946	0.1109	0.0088	0.50 (0.06 - 0.94)	0.90 (0 - 1.93)		
Aug-Sep	38		12.9	17.8	0.13	0.0049	0.0144	0.0284	0.40 (0 - 0.83)	2.60 (0.95 - 4.25)		
Aug-Sep	38	19.2	27.2	0.21	0.0192	0.0600	0.0300	1.60 (0.87 - 2.33)	1.80 (0.64 - 2.96)			

		Aug-Sep	38	30.7	39.6	0.23	0.0877	0.2046	0.0223	0.90 (0 - 1.93)	0.40 (0.08 - 0.72)
		Sep-Oct	29	9.1	20.7	0.40	0.0017	0.0243	0.0917	1.60 (0.54 - 2.66)	2.30 (1.02 - 3.58)
		Sep-Oct	29	17.8	29.8	0.41	0.0144	0.0802	0.0592	2.60 (0.84 - 4.25)	2.80 (1.03 - 4.57)
		Sep-Oct	29	27.2	39.6	0.43	0.0600	0.2026	0.0420	1.80 (0.65 - 2.96)	0.30 (0 - 0.60)
PE	2012	May-Jun	34	7.0	19.3	0.36	0.0013	0.0158	0.0735	0.40 (0.15 - 1.85)	0.55 (0 - 0.88)
		Jun-Jul	30	10.3	23.1	0.43	0.0043	0.0268	0.0610	2.80 (0.53 - 5.07)	1.00 (0 - 2.34)
		Jul-Aug	29	10.6	18.5	0.27	0.0036	0.0151	0.0494	0.83 (0 - 1.77)	2.00 (0 - 4.14)
		Jul-Aug	29	23.1	30.0	0.24	0.0268	0.0510	0.0222	1.00 (0 - 2.34)	1.43 (0.70 - 2.16)
		Aug-Sep	39	8.1	16.4	0.21	0.0013	0.0128	0.0586	1.57 (0 - 3.38)	1.00 (0 - 2.04)
		Aug-Sep	39	18.5	27.4	0.23	0.0175	0.0548	0.0293	2.00 (0 - 4.14)	1.14 (0.35 - 1.93)
		Aug-Sep	39	30.0	42.4	0.32	0.0733	0.2034	0.0262	1.43 (0.70 - 2.16)	0.71 (0 - 1.53)
		Sep-Oct	26	16.4	24.6	0.32	0.0128	0.0389	0.0428	1.00 (0 - 2.04)	0.43 (0 - 1.27)
	2013	May-Jun	20	7.1	16.6	0.48	0.0012	0.0110	0.1108	1.00 (0 - 2.38)	2.40 (0 - 5.35)
		Jun-Jul	32	9.1	13.2	0.13	0.0023	0.006	0.0300	0.40 (0 - 0.88)	0.33 (0 - 0.75)
		Jul-Aug	19	13.2	18.6	0.28	0.0060	0.0154	0.0496	0.33 (0 - 0.75)	0.40 (0 - 0.88)
		Aug-Sep	29	7.5	23.9	0.57	0.0011	0.0364	0.1207	1.00 (0 - 2.96)	0.67 (0.01 - 1.33)
PW	2012	May-Jun	23	6.5	23.0	0.72	0.0005	0.0548	0.2042	0.30 (0 - 0.72)	0.70 (0 - 1.47)
		Jun-Jul	32	6.5	23.3	0.53	0.0004	0.0604	0.1568	0.70 (0.34 - 1.05)	1.00 (0 - 2.17)
		Jul-Aug	28	23.3	34.2	0.39	0.0604	0.2313	0.0480	1.00 (0 - 2.17)	1.50 (0.52 - 2.48)
		Aug-Sep	38	8.9	20.9	0.32	0.0020	0.0332	0.0739	0.50 (0 - 0.94)	0.70 (0.04 - 1.36)
		Aug-Sep	38	23.0	30.0	0.18	0.0488	0.1000	0.0189	0.90 (0.10 - 1.70)	0.40 (0.08 - 0.72)
	2013	May-Jun	23	9.7	25.3	0.68	0.0032	0.0758	0.1376	0.80 (0 - 1.72)	0.60 (0.17 - 1.03)
		Aug-Sep	38	5.8	20.7	0.39	0.0005	0.0311	0.1087	1.30 (0.58 - 2.02)	1.10 (0.25 - 1.95)
		Sep-Oct	31	7.5	21.1	0.44	0.0012	0.0316	0.1055	0.50 (0 - 1.17)	0.20 (0 - 0.46)
		Sep-Oct	31	20.7	31.5	0.35	0.0311	0.1194	0.0434	1.10 (0.25 - 1.95)	0.60 (0.17 - 1.03)
S	2012	May-Jun	28	7.0	16.6	0.34	0.0022	0.0171	0.0732	1.00 (0 - 2.20)	1.20 (0 - 2.74)
		Jun-Jul	40	16.6	25.4	0.22	0.0171	0.0477	0.0256	1.20 (0 - 2.74)	2.50 (0.98 - 4.02)
		Jul-Aug	30	25.4	34.8	0.31	0.0477	0.0990	0.0243	2.50 (0.98 - 4.02)	1.90 (0.61 - 3.19)
		Aug-Sep	33	14.5	21.2	0.20	0.0128	0.0322	0.0280	0.80 (0.07 - 1.53)	1.40 (0.26 - 2.54)
		Sep-Oct	20	21.2	27.7	0.33	0.0322	0.0663	0.0361	1.40 (0.26 - 2.54)	0.90 (0.05 - 1.75)
	2013	May-Jun	15	10.4	18.6	0.55	0.0062	0.0233	0.0883	0.70 (0 - 1.87)	0.40 (0.08 - 0.72)
		Jun-Jul	23	18.6	32.1	0.59	0.0233	0.0803	0.0538	0.40 (0.08 - 0.72)	0.40 (0.08 - 0.72)
		Jul-Aug	25	32.1	40.2	0.32	0.0803	0.1347	0.0207	0.40 (0.08 - 0.72)	0.30 (0 - 0.60)
		Sep-Oct	34	18.7	27.4	0.26	0.0228	0.0643	0.0305	4.00 (2.00 - 6.00)	1.10 (0.03 - 2.17)