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**QUALITY ASPECTS OF CULTURED GULF OF
MEXICO STURGEON, *ACIPENSER SYRIATICUS*
ACROTOR, AS A POTENTIAL FOOD-COMMODITY**

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Sturgeon-based industries and spawning of Gulf sturgeon occurred in 1919 at a hatchery located on the Suwannee River in Florida. During subsequent years, the University of Florida in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Cordell's Conservation Corporation, produced about 60,000 fry for fish culture programs. The first objective of this study was to investigate ripper marks in Gulf sturgeon. A rubber capture method was developed to measure ripper marks in whole fish. The method was able to discriminate onset and resolution of ripper in Gulf sturgeon as well as to provide insight into pattern of ripper development over time. The second objective was to determine the influence of diet type on the quality (texture, color, appearance, taste and smell), composition, and fatty acid profile) of Gulf sturgeon fillets as a food commodity. Three commercial diets with different fat contents were used during feeding trials at the Gulf sturgeon demonstration farm facility (University of

Florida, Mississippi, FL.). Fish were received live at the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida during the summer of 1999 (Tallahassee, FL.). Sensory panels to evaluate the taste and appearance, color stability over storage, pressure analysis and fatty acid composition were conducted to determine the most suitable diet. Feeding Gulf snappers with trout diet, containing the highest percent fat, resulted in the highest rates of vitamin fatty acids found in snappers included in the study. However, trout diet imparted a yellow-orange coloration to the fish muscle, which was unappealing to consumers. Feeding Gulf snappers with-catchin diet, containing the lowest fat content, results in a poor fatty acid profile, which is markedly different from the fatty acid profile of wild snappers muscle. Fillets from snappers fed hybrid/finna diet performed well on consumer sensory panels for taste and appearance, and the fatty acid profile was similar to the profile of fillets from fish fed trout diet. Nevertheless, there was no detectable pigmentation of the muscle due to feed. It was concluded that among the diets investigated, hybrid finna is the most suitable to feed cultured Gulf snappers.

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Importance of Sturgeon Species in the United States

Sturgeons have been exploited and considered a valuable commodity since ancient times. By the beginning of the twentieth century, several sturgeon species were practically extinct or reduced to small populations. Even though water pollution and habitat destruction greatly contributed to stock depletion, over-fishing is especially threatening to the family Acipenseridae (Birstein and Rosen, 1995). Worldwide production of sturgeon roe and caviar have drastically declined over the past 50 years. From 1950 to 1982, sturgeon landings have decreased from 17 thousand metric tons (MT) to 14 thousand MT, and caviar production decreased from 15 thousand MT to about 500 MT (Wilde and Fink, 1997). Political difficulties, such as the disappearance of trade arrangements between the former Soviet Union and Iran, have led to an unsustainable increase in fishing activities in the Caspian Sea. The traditional sturgeon protecting area is now under the jurisdiction of various political entities. Lack of guidelines and proper arrangements are placing the viability of the sturgeon fisheries in the Caspian Sea in jeopardy (Birstein et al., 1993).

In 1913, with the breakthrough in artificial propagation of sturgeon species, Russia launched a land-based program for restoring (repopulation of the rivers and seas) and later for farming (aquaculture)

In 1991, the production of farmed stingrays in Mexico exceeded 500 metric tons (Jiménez and Dom, 1992). The success of stingray aquaculture programs in Mexico proved that it is possible to help sustain wild stocks, as well as to culture stingray species for commercial purposes.

In the USA, artificial propagation of White stingray (*Acipenser transmontanus*) led to a profitable commercial aquaculture industry in California. Currently, White stingray is commercially grown and highly prized for its caviar, fresh and smoked meat (Chapman et al., 1991; Bask, 1993). The mass-induced extinction and opening of Gulf of Mexico stingray took place for the first time in 1989 at a hatchery located on the Suwannee River in Florida (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). During subsequent years, the University of Florida in cooperation with the FWS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and CCC (Continental Conservation Corporation) produced about 40 000 fry for fish culture programs (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). Like other stingray species, there is great potential for commercialization of Gulf of Mexico Stingray caviar and smoked white muscle as well as caviar, in the domestic and international market.

Importance of Monitoring Rupture Morbidity in Aquaculture Fish Species

Rupture morbidities from the Listeria infections of brook trout impact the quality of fish muscle. Exact fishing and monitoring the conditions under which fish undergo this phenomenon is imperative to insure safety and quality of the food product.

It is known that most fish species undergo rigor within 48 hours after death. Therefore, when fish arrive at the processing plant, rigor is normally over. This is especially true for fish caught in deep waters, because fishing vessels can take several weeks to return to shore. In these scenarios, fish undergo rigor morbis as are in the fishing

vised. Thus, fish processors are generally spared from the need to address this problem. Nevertheless, fish harvested in an aquaculture facility requires guidelines for handling the product between death and commercialization, whether as whole fish (partially or fully) or as dressed fillets.

It is important to develop an effective, non-destructive, fast and low-cost methodology to monitor if mortal or cultured fish. This will allow accurate determination of the time frame and optimal conditions for a specific species to undergo rigor with minimal quality loss.

Importance of Diet Composition in Aquaculture Fish Species

Commercial farms are normally formulated to answer the needs of a fish family or a specific species. To ensure maximum profitability, an aquaculture facility has to choose a diet that supplies proper nutritional content for optimal growth. In addition, it has to be economically viable to support profitability of the business and it has to be consistently available to ensure a steady supply. Finally, the chosen diet must cause detrimental effects in the final product such as low production yields, improper coloration, off-flavors, low nutritional value or textural changes.

Presently, many commercial diets for fish, including trout, catfish, salmon and bass, are available for purchase. However, there are no commercial diets specifically formulated for ray sturgeon species. It is of prime importance in the rising aquaculture industry in Florida to feed a suitable diet for cultured Gulf of Mexico Sturgeon.

Objectives

The overall objectives of the study were to investigate the process of ripper marks, to determine yields for commercialisation, and to investigate the influence of these different commercial facts on quality attributes of Gulf of Mexico Sharpsnout (*Microstomus xiphioides* Stead)

The specific objectives of the work were the following:

1. To set specific guidelines for handling Gulf sharpsnout after death and prior to processing,
2. To develop a fast, non-destructive, low cost and reliable methodology to determine ripper marks in Gulf sharpsnout,
3. To set specific guidelines to filleting Gulf sharpsnout with maximum yields
4. To determine products composition and its variability between and within Gulf sharpsnout fillets,
5. To investigate the influence of these commercial facts on sensory properties, volatiles, microbiotic composition and fatty acid profile of Gulf sharpsnout raw and cooked fillets.

CHAPTER 3 LITERATURE REVIEW

SQUAGIDS

Squagids are one of the oldest and most primitive fishes, being actually considered "living fossils." Since fossil squagidiforms are known from the Jurassic period (Stearns, 1963), it is believed that shad-like ancestors, and that around 250 million years ago (*Mura squatina* appeared 60 thousand years ago) spontaneous genetic mutation created the family of *Ancipenseridae* (Stearns and Dorn, 1993). Since then, these grade: toothless fish that inhabit northern hemisphere waters have managed to survive many geological upheavals (Stearns and Dorn, 1993). However, it has been clearly harder for them to survive over fishing, water pollution, habitat destruction and other man-made interferences in their native environment (Stearns and Dorn, 1993). Overfishing is especially threatening in this family because they mature rather late and they can take up to 11 years to breed for the first time (Stearns greatly between populations) (Stearns and Dorn, 1993; Stearns, 1963). In addition, they can take long periods of time between spawning (Stearns, 1963). Squagids migrate up freshwater rivers to spawn and prefer shallow spawning areas, where they become more vulnerable to man (Stearns and Dorn, 1993). Therefore, a large number of squagid species are reduced to small populations and others are very close to extinction (Stearns and Dorn, 1993).

Sturgeon (*Acipenseridae*) and paddlefish (*Polyodontidae*) are the most representative of the Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fish) primarily known as producers of black caviar (Barnes, 1993). The use of sturgeon is considered a delinquent commercialization in extremely profitable and market price of good quality caviar has always been extremely high. Sturgeon flesh has also excellent commercial value and is well-represented. Sturgeon has been exploited and considered a valuable commodity since ancient times and since departing sturgeons were raised around 100 B.C. from ancient Carthage (Barnes and Davis, 1994). In addition, Aristotle (350 B.C.) noted the use of sturgeon water bladder to produce mung bean, a semi-transparent gelatinous substance used as pills, were used for clarification, special ointments and glue (Barkley, 1983). It is believed that Alexander the Great (the second Roman Treaty) was the first to recognize the value of sturgeon caviar trade in 333 (Barnes and Davis, 1994). Since then, caviar and also mung bean were commercialized as a regular item (Barnes and Davis, 1994). As a consequence, natural stocks all over the world were rapidly depleted or dropped drastically in a short period of time.

Sturgeons inhabit the inland and coastal waters from the Arctic Circle to the subtropics (Doroshov, 1993). Their geographic range encompasses all major river watersheds in North America, Europe and Asia (Table 2.1). Organized as inland fish or anadromous fish, these fish normally prefer temperate waters (Doroshov, 1993). Even though chondrichthyes were very abundant near the Upper Cretaceous period, the number of species and populations greatly decreased (Doroshov, 1993). Currently, just two species of paddlefish (*Polyodontidae*) and approximately 28 species and subspecies of sturgeon (*Acipenseridae*) can still be found in nature (Doroshov, 1993).

The surgeon family consists of four genera, *Deluga* (Mori), *Sargass* (Jenyns), *Morethusa* (Sargass) (Euphydryinae) and *Faber* (Morethusa) (Sargass) (Euphydryinae) (Stern and Dunn, 1993). Table 3-1 shows all currently recognized species and subspecies together with their corresponding English name, other common names, status and distribution.

Table 3-1. The Surgeon Family

Species and Subspecies	English Name and Latin Name	Description	Status
<i>Sargass</i> family	<i>Indica</i> surgeon	Yellow, reddish throat pink, large, brown legs, (Japan)	Locally abundant/usually progenous ^{2,3}
<i>S. jani</i> (Sargass)	<i>Indica</i> surgeon	Yellow throat, (Japan)	Endangered ²
<i>S. indica</i>	<i>Indica</i> surgeon	Yellow, red throat, and the whole body color of North America from Indian River to St. John River	Vulnerable ² , Endangered ²
<i>S. deluga</i>	<i>Yagou</i> surgeon	Yagou River system	Close to extinct/ endangered
<i>S. alba</i>	<i>Lake</i> surgeon	The Great Lakes and several lakes of northern Canada	Vulnerable ² / Endangered ²
<i>S. parthenocenta</i>	<i>Russia</i> surgeon, Ours ² , Gao surgeon ²	Black, blue and Caspian Sea and some coastal area there	Vulnerable ² , critically progenous ^{2,3}
<i>S. parthenocenta</i> <i>indica</i> ²	<i>Black Sea</i> surgeon ²	Caspian Sea, Black Sea and some coastal area there ²	
<i>S. indica</i>	<i>Gao</i> surgeon	North coast of North America from Alaska islands and Gulf of Alaska to Puget Sound, Hawaii	Vulnerable ²
<i>S. multicauda</i> ²	<i>Japan</i> surgeon ²	Information not available	
<i>S. indica</i>	<i>North Sea</i> surgeon	North coast from the Arctic Ocean to northern Japan, Korea, and Yellow Sea, Taiwan (China) Sea	Endangered ²

Table 2-1 continued

Species and Subspecies	English Names and Latin Name	Distribution	Status
<i>A. aeneus</i>	Adelphi margin	Adelphi Sea, Fo and Adige Rivers	'Vulnerable'
<i>A. mediterraneus</i>	Tham margin ² , Nap margin	Caspian Sea and rivers discharging in it	'Endangered' ... naturally propagated ^{2,3}
<i>A. cyrenoides aeneus</i>	Gulf margin, Gulf of Mexico margin	Gulf of Mexico and northern coast of South America	'Threatened'
<i>A. cyrenoides cyrenoides</i>	Adelphi margin	Adelphi River, estuaries, and the sea along the coast of North America from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico (Florida)	'Vulnerable' ... special interest'
<i>A. peruvian</i> (also listed described as a subspecies <i>Adelphi peruviana</i>)	Peruvia margin	Caspian and Black Sea and rivers entering into them	'Endangered'
<i>A. rubens</i>	Black	Drainages of the pale rivers entering the Caspian and Black Sea	'Endangered' ... naturally propagated ^{2,3}
<i>A. rubens</i>	Asian margin	Asian River system	'Vulnerable'
<i>A. elanus</i>	Ukraine margin, Russian margin ²	European River system (Russia)	'Endangered'
<i>A. caucasus</i>	W. Black margin, Georgia ² , Iran margin ²	Caspian, Azov, Black and Araxes Seas and rivers emptying into them	'Vulnerable', naturally propagated ^{2,3}
<i>A. albus</i>	European margin, Baltic margin, Atlantic margin, Caspian margin	Baltic, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Black Sea and coast of Western Europe	'Close to extinction', endangered'
<i>A. americanus</i>	White margin	Pacific coast of North America from the Gulf of Alaska to Baja California	'Vulnerable'
<i>A. albus</i>	Black, Great Siberian margin ²	Asian River system	'Rare'
<i>A. albus</i>	Siberia, Great margin, Russian ²	Caspian, Black and Adriatic Seas and rivers entering into them	'Vulnerable to extinction' ... locally endangered ^{2,3} ... Asian Sea populations in danger ²

Table 3-1 continued

Species and Subspecies	English Names and Other Names	Distribution	Status
Hybrid of <i>A. dasycarpus</i> (Greider) and <i>A. rubra</i> (Greider) ^a	Hybrid ^a Hybrid strawberry ^a	Forest margins spruce-sitka-sitka forests, in British Columbia (1) and by 1. Thayer in 1955 ^b	
<i>Parryanthracanthus</i> <i>albertensis</i>	Spr-Depts. strawberry ^a Spr-Depts. strawberry	Spr Depts. River (Washington)	Native ^a endangered ^b
<i>P. dasycarpus</i>	Small strawberry ^a 1-2 strawberry strawberry ^a small Spr-Depts. (1) strawberry	Small Depts. River (Washington)	Native ^a endangered ^b
<i>P. dasycarpus</i>	Small Depts. strawberry ^a large Spr-Depts. strawberry	Small Depts. River (Washington)	Native ^a endangered ^b
<i>Anthracanthus</i> <i>albertensis</i>	Strawberry	Strawberry and Mississippi River Forest	Endangered ^b
<i>A. glaucophyllus</i>	Strawberry	Strawberry and Mississippi River Forest	Endangered ^b
<i>A. albertensis</i>	Strawberry	Strawberry and Mississippi River Forest	Endangered ^b

^a—strawberry given to the 1.5% species

^b—strawberry given to the 1.5% species of Endangered Species Act

^c—Information gathered from "Curtis: The Strawberry Book" (Curtis and Davis, 1994)

^d—Additionally propagated strawberry species whose natural reproduction is feared. There are 20 finally
but neither released nor their natural habitat.

Adapted from: (Bartlett, 1990)

Life History

Longevity is a remarkable characteristic of many strawberry species. For example it can be pointed that (Bartlett, 1990) it seems that this is mostly due to the low natural mortality in the adult phase, especially for the fast growing species (Bartlett, 1990). Low natural mortality of adult strawberry is primarily attributed to absence of natural predators (Bartlett, 1990). The slow-growing species normally have a shorter life span (around 10 to 20 years), although some species can live

up to 30 years such as the Siberian sturgeon (Doroshev, 1983). In addition, some fast-growing sturgeon species can reach an extremely large body size. In 1798 it was reported that a Beluga caught on the Volga River (Caspian) weighed 2,000 kg and measured 6.3 meters long (Storoz and Dan, 1983). At the end of the 1930s and beginning of the 1950s White sturgeons were caught in several rivers in US and reported weights ranged up to 400 kg for one single fish (Storoz and Dan, 1983). Unfortunately, the intense commercial exploitation has caused a great reduction in the mean size of all sturgeon stocks (Doroshev, 1983). It seems that the smallest sturgeon are the hard-bodied roach-like species such as Starlet and Shortnose. Average weight for these species ranges from 300 g to 4 kg, and maximum body weight normally does not exceed 25 kg (Doroshev, 1983).

Migrations is another important characteristic of sturgeon species. Even though they are said to be anadromous, just a small number of species are truly anadromous (Doroshev, 1983). These species that migrate only fresh water just to spawn include the Caspian sturgeon and the North American and European species of Atlantic sturgeon (Doroshev, 1983). Some other species can be encountered in full-strength seawater such as Beluga, Kaluga and White sturgeon, however they have a preference for brackish water-saline environments (Doroshev, 1983). A second group of sturgeon species, and the most abundant ones, can be classified as semi-anadromous (Doroshev, 1983). Some examples are Russian sturgeon, Sevruga, Schip and White sturgeon. These species live in the estuaries of large rivers or brackish water lakes (Caspian and Azov Seas) and migrate up river to spawn (Doroshev, 1983). It seems that many of these species are euryhaline and can meet a wide range of water salinity. Apparently, some of these

spends the rest of their life cycles as fresh water, such as Russian sturgeon in the Volga River and beluga in Lake Balkhash (Doroshov, 1985). There is still a third group of entirely freshwater sturgeon species. They can tolerate freshwater lakes and go up even just to species such as Lake sturgeon and Siberian sturgeon, or they spend their entire life in riverine environment such as sterlet, sterletines and European sturgeon (Doroshov, 1983).

One of the biggest problems, in terms of maintaining sturgeon populations within acceptable numbers, is the fact that all sturgeon species require a much longer time to reach sexual maturity than modern teleost fish (Doroshov, 1985). The mature age of fish at their first spawning greatly varies among different species, but most stinks average between 10 to 20 years (Doroshov, 1983). Apparently, the fastest sexual maturation occurs in the small rearse sterlet (4 to 8 years) and the slowest in the large sturgeon species, or species living at harsh climatic conditions such as the Siberian sturgeon that takes around 25 years to spawn for the first time (Doroshov, 1983). It is important to mention that sexual differentiation also occurs rather late in many sturgeon species. Nonetheless, gonadal development appears to be better related to size than to age of the fish, since it was found that different stocks of one species exhibit almost twofold difference in mature age of first sexual maturation (Doroshov, 1983).

All species of sturgeon are iteroparous and spawn several times during their lives (Doroshov, 1985). In addition, primarily sturgeons are very fecund, meaning that they produce a large number of eggs (Hornle and Green, 1993). Beluga fecundity can range up to 2 million eggs, the round sturgeon is thought to be 8 million and European sturgeon up to 4 million eggs (Hornle and Green, 1993). Regardless, the sexual fertility of sturgeon is

actually quite low due to the fact that intervals between spawning can be as long as 8 years (Stearns and Dorn, 1983). Therefore, the reproductively mature population does not exceed 10-20% of the adult stock in a given year (Dunsham, 1988).

Finally, it can be pointed out that stingrays are omnivores. Stingray species are similar in their feeding habits with a few exceptions (Dunsham, 1988). They have a protruding mouth and are generally described as "bottom dwellers". The lips, buccal and mouth are equipped with numerous sensory receptors, which they use to identify their prey (Dunsham, 1988). Most species are opportunistic feeders eating mollusks, worms, crustaceans and fish (Dunsham, 1988).

Stingray Culture

In 1975 Peter Huxtable wrote a Column the first document warning about stingray over fishing (Stearns and Dorn, 1983). Unfortunately, it was not until severe depletion of the stingray stocks all over the world took place that laws and regulations started to prevent catch of undersized fish, to determine fishing season and closed of fishery openings and to permit fishing gear (Stearns and Dorn, 1983). One of the main causes of the sharp decline in stingray population is the Cynopterus was over-stingray fishing (Stearns and Dorn, 1983). At that time, not just the sexually mature fish returning to the rivers were caught, but the whole population was fished, greatly decreasing the number of spawners. The Beluga's share of the total catch dramatically declined in a short period of time (Stearns and Dorn, 1983). As early as in the beginning of the 1980s the commercial fishery in the Delaware River (Pennsylvania) was almost depleted. Commercial fisheries in the Sacramento, Columbia, Snake and Fraser Rivers almost were lost (Stearns and Dorn, 1983).

In Europe the results show over-fishing was no different than over-harvest other, and sturgeons from rivers such as the Danube, Rhine, Garonne, and Elbe were no longer available by the beginning of the 20th century (Barnes and Davis, 1993). Nevertheless, the demand for caviar did not decrease. The price escalated too rapidly, and profitability of caviar business was beyond expectations. In the last twenty years of the nineteenth century, prices of caviar rose by 28 times (Barnes and Davis, 1993).

Nowadays there are still some small sturgeon populations in the rivers Danube and Garonne, but it is very unlikely that sturgeon populations will return to the river systems of the Rhine, Elbe or Oder (Borodov et al., 1998). Today, Russia is one of the few countries where sturgeon are still commercially significant, accounting for 80-90% of the total world catch (Meffian et al., 1992). Currently, all countries that still have remaining resources of sturgeon species have severely restricted or totally prohibited commercial and sport fishing of sturgeon species (Pavlov and Davis, 1993).

Nonetheless, sturgeon resources kept declining for numerous reasons such as loss of spawning grounds, water pollution and illegal fishery (Pavlov and Davis, 1993).

In order to guarantee a more steady supply of caviar and maintain modern profitable business, the Russians started research into the possibility of artificially propagating sturgeon species. In 1889 Orynskyev managed to produce Soviet eggs (Pavlov and Davis, 1993) in Russia. Greco achieved the first successful incubation of Atlantic sturgeon eggs in the US in 1875 (Borodov et al., 1998). Several experiments on sturgeon culture were carried out in the US, including an attempt to artificially propagate shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River (Medina, 1933). After 1930 this interest in researching this area faded in the US (Borodov et al., 1998). The Russians kept working

towards the development of hatching and rearing technologies for sturgeon species (Stearns and Dore, 1993). The breakthrough took place in 1913 with the introduction of a procedure that eliminated adhesiveness of the eggs by washing them with a suspension of salt (Stearns and Dore, 1993). Since then Russian scientists accomplished several achievements, and the most important were related spawning, survival, survival of eggs (mortality rates were just 20 to 30%) and hybridization (Stearns, 1983; Stearns and Dore, 1993). Hybridization turned out to be very important after the success achieved by the semi-genetic hybrid of great *Beluga sturgeon* and the *Starlet* (Doroshov, 1985). This fish, named *Starlet*, grows as fast as the anadromous *Beluga* but matures as quickly as the freshwater *Starlet*. By the age of 10 to 12 years old it can weigh up to 12 kg, and yield up to 4 kg of caviar. Moreover, subsequent generations from *Starlet* proved the viability of this hybrid species (Stearns and Dore, 1993).

There are two major ways to propagate sturgeons: ranching and farming. The first consists of hatching and rearing 1 to 3 years by artificially and then releasing them into the natural environment. After 18 to 20 years the fish can be harvested weighing 4 to 5 thousand grams more than its weight at the time of release (Stearns and Dore, 1993). Even though the overall size of ranch in the Caspian Sea is millions (approx. 1%), there are about 20 ranching facilities in Russia producing millions of kg of all major commercial species such as *Beluga*, Russian sturgeon, *Starlet*, *Savvage* and *Ship* (Stearns and Dore, 1993).

Farming started in Russia as an alternative method to ranching. The major difficulty is that the eggs have to be taken before they reach the "transing" stage. When eggs are taken at this stage the mortality rates are extremely high, so eggs are normally

observed just once (Stearns and Dorn, 1993). Its success encouraged researchers in the US to undertake studies of sturgeon propagation in the late 1970s (Densholtz et al., 1989). In the late 80's, Densholtz and his team at the University of California at Davis develop hatchery technology for White sturgeon (Densholtz et al., 1988). Primary efforts on the West Coast, in the Great Lakes area, and on the East Coast have accelerated both hatchery and fisheries research. The ultimate goal is to rebuild US sturgeon populations and stimulate commercial sturgeon aquaculture (Densholtz et al., 1989).

It can be pointed out that commercial sturgeon farming is now available in several countries such as France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Hungary and the US. In addition, in 1981 the production of farmed sturgeon in Russia already exceeded 300 tons (Stearns and Dorn, 1993). World production of farmed sturgeon is expected to reach thousands of metric tons per year very soon. Moreover, processing sturgeon from farmed sturgeons at a reasonable cost is likely to become routine in the near future (Stearns and Dorn, 1993).

Genus of Marine Sturgeon

Sturgeon

Class: Osteichthyes

Order: Acipenseriformes

Family: Acipenseridae

Genus: Acipenser

Species: oxyrinchus

Subspecies: olivaceus

Description

Acanthurus nigrofasciatus should be constantly known as Gulf of Mexico surgeon, but other colloquial names are Gulf surgeon, Atlantic surgeon, Gulf coast surgeon, Common surgeon and Sea surgeon (Berkman, 1948; Bluff, 1973; US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). For a long time, the species *Acanthurus nigrofasciatus* was considered to be a subspecies of the Banggai sea surgeon (*Acanthurus niger*), owing to their morphological similarities (Bluff, 1973; Parsons, 1995). In the beginning of the 1980s it was recognized that the American Atlantic surgeon belonged to a different species (Berkman, 1993).

Nevertheless, it was just in 1983 that Wooldrey conducted a study showing that even though Gulf surgeon belonged to the species *nigrofasciatus*, it was distinctly different from Atlantic surgeon (*Acanthurus nigrofasciatus nigrofasciatus*) (Wooldrey, 1983). Therefore, a new southern subspecies was proposed to honor to Fernando de Soto, a Spanish captain from the 16th century who explored the Gulf of Mexico region (Wooldrey, 1990). The main differences found between the two subspecies are the following: 1) larger head length and slightly longer pectoral fins in Gulf surgeon; 2) shape of the scales; 3) length of the spines, which is 18–19% of fork length in Gulf surgeon and 3–8% in Atlantic (Wooldrey and Cresner, 1985). However, it states that the only difference that unequivocally distinguishes the two subspecies is the length of the spines (Berkman and Aron, 1988).

One of the best preserved descriptions of the Gulf surgeon was found in the Gulf Surgeon Recovery Plan depicts the fish as

Gulf surgeons are eel形ous fish with a sub-cylindrical body imbedded with bony plates or scales. The scales are poorly pronounced and Malpighian with four fleshy barbels in front of the mouth, which is protrusile on the

lower margin of the head. The upper lobe of the tail is longer than the lower lobe (Figure 2-1). The subspecies is light brown to dark brown in color and pale underneath. (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1995, pp.3)

Figure 2-1 *Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*

Ecological Characteristics

Several researchers consider Gulf sturgeon to be anadromous fish. Nonetheless, adult and sub-adult Gulf sturgeon spend three-eight to nine months of the year in the rivers, and just three or four of the coolest months as estuarine or Gulf waters (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1995). In addition, research that fish less than two years old spend the whole year in rivers and estuarine areas (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1995). According to Davidson's definition of migratory patterns for sturgeon species, this particular subspecies should be actually considered semi-anadromous.

The movements of Gulf sturgeon have been measured in several rivers such as Apalachicola, Tennessee, Pearl and Choctawhatchee (US Fish and Wildlife Service,

1994). Normally this is accomplished by streamers and/or primary and/or secondary fish sampling (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). In general, upstream migration of adults and sub-adults in Florida occurs from February through April, while the season to introduce and harvest streamers starts in late October or November (Berkelson, 1988). It is interesting to note that Gulf sturgeons move along the river seasonally. For example, sturgeons in the Suwannee River spend summer months near the mouths of springs and cool water rivers (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). Very little is known about the marine habitat of Gulf sturgeons, but there is some evidence indicating that sand bottoms, hard bottoms and sea grass communities are very important for Gulf of Mexico sturgeons.

Studies on radio-tagged fish indicate that sturgeons are geographically or behaviorally segregated to the streamerway environment of their home rivers (Wootley and Crivens, 1995). In addition, multivariate fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) analysis and sequence analysis of mitochondrial DNA of *A. oxyrinchus desotii* indicate extensive structuring of Gulf sturgeon populations (Stebble et al., 1996). Apparently, there are at least four genetically distinct stocks in drainages along the Gulf of Mexico coast (Stebble et al., 1996). Once these estimates for the different stocks are low, indicating strong restricted home fidelity (Stebble et al., 1996). Homeing fidelity of Gulf sturgeons is considered to be high, not only on a region-specific basis, but also on a river-specific basis (Stebble et al., 1996).

Wootley and Crivens (1995) noted the peculiar feeding habits of Gulf sturgeons. Based on study results of the Suwannee and Apalachicola River sturgeons, *A. oxyrinchus desotii* feed on fish and fish-like-worms until about age three (Berkelson, 1988). After

age five. They are believed to feed almost entirely in streams or tributary waters during winter months and live off stored body fat while in the river. Large sturgeon can lose up to 17% of their body weight during summer while in fresh water and gain up to 165% in streams and tributary waters (Berkeley 1944). In a most comprehensive study about feeding habits of Gulf sturgeon on the Sacramento River, Malone et al. (1993) also report that sub-adults of more than 5 kg and adults in freshwater environment essentially fasted during summer and fall. It seems that the fish is conditioned up the abundant potential freshwater foods and apparently had stored sufficient nutrient reserves while in the estuary (Malone et al. 1993).

The first study about age and growth of Gulf sturgeon from the Sacramento River was performed by Huff (1933). The study consisted of 190 scales and 331 otoliths ranging in fish length from 36-103 cm (Huff 1933). Percentile for age were used to estimate age and mean fish lengths for fish age 1 through 12 (ages combined) were determined (Huff 1933). In addition, length-weight relationships were calculated and size regression lines were developed according to sex, season and method of capture (Huff, 1933). Cross sections of percentile for age were also used to estimate the age of 34 sturgeon collected from the Apalachicola River from 1942 to 1948 (U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993).

Initial attempts to collect Gulf sturgeon eggs and larvae were unsuccessful. Winley et al. (1982) and later on Foster et al. (1988) were the first markers to report collection of wild larvae (U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). In addition, just a few unpublished manuscript report collection of Gulf sturgeon eggs (U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). Therefore, timing, location and habitat requirements for Gulf of Mexico

sturgeon spawning season earlier (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). Apparently, the eggs are demersal, adhesive, globular, and coloration varies from gray to brown to black (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). Pasmala et al. (1991) reported that the eggs averaged 2.19-2.28 mm in diameter. Finally, it can be mentioned that *A. n. olivaceus* reaches sexual maturity rather late. Mature females range in age from 8 to 17 years while males range from 7 to 10 years (Jaffé, 1975).

Geographical Distribution and Populations

Gulf sturgeon are known to occur in the northern Gulf of Mexico, as most major rivers from the Mississippi River to the Sacramento River (Wooley and Crutcher, 1983). Historically, sturgeons were also found in the Tampa Bay area. They would even move upstream along the western Florida coast all the way to Florida Bay as due to exceptionally cool weather (Wooley and Crutcher, 1983). The historic range of Gulf sturgeon is depicted in Figure 3-2 (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). Unfortunately, overexploitation and habitat destruction greatly contributed to the disappearance of Gulf sturgeon from their historic range (Wooley and Crutcher, 1983). Since 1870, only occasional catches have been reported in the Tampa Bay area, and the population is considered extant (Berkelson, 1944). Populations of Bear Creek and Bay County showed the same fate. A dam was placed across North Bay downstream from Bear Creek in 1963 preventing anadromous fish migration (Berkelson, 1944). Nowadays, population estimates are unknown throughout all ranges. Occurrences of Gulf sturgeon are basically founded on scattered reports of occasional catches. The only population estimates that have been completed are for the Apalachicola and Sacramento rivers (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993).

The annual estimated population has ranged from 2,250 to 3,300 fish averaging about 18 kg (29.7 Lb) (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). The Suwannee River encompassed the most consistent commercial fishery for Gulf sturgeon since 1970, and until 1984 when the State of Florida prohibited harvest and possession (Duchalen, 1988, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1993). Adult population of sturgeon in the river was drastically reduced following large commercial catches in 1963 and 1981 (Duchalen, 1988).

A. Taxonomic Subspecies

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) designated the Gulf sturgeon as four threatened subspecies: pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, its amended (ESL). The listing became official on September 30, 1995. As part of the listing, a special rule was promulgated for the listing of subspecies for educational purposes, scientific purposes, the enhancement of propagation or survival of the subspecies, ecological education, and other conservation purposes consistent with the ESA. (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1995 pp. 2).

Records show that the first sturgeon fishery started in Tampa Bay in 1886 (Holt, 1973). The fishery was conducted only in winter and it remained in operation for a very short period of time (Holt, 1975). In 1908 the stock in the area was almost depleted with just seven fish caught in the previous season, the fishery was then abandoned (Holt, 1973).

A few years later a gill-net fishery was established in the Suwannee River, and its primary business was the sale of flesh rather than caviar (Holt, 1973). In the last decade of the 1900's, several fisheries in the northwest Florida were commercializing roe and caviar (Holt, 1975). In 1977 it was reported that drift nets with caviar mesh were being used and that the fish were being rapidly declining (Holt, 1975). Sturgeon landings and catch statistics reports can be found for some regions in specific years. However, there are several gaps throughout the prior and some of the data is also incomplete (Holt, 1975).

Applications

Aquaculture of key sturgeon species is promising. Eggs can be incubated at high prices, and flesh is considered a premium-priced meat. Smoked sturgeon is a value added product marketed in many regions in the world (Barth, 1995). In the USA, artificial propagation of white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) gave rise to a profitable commercial aquaculture industry in California (Barth, 1995). Human-induced evolution and spawning of Gulf of Mexico sturgeon took place for the first time in 1989 at a hatchery located on the Suwannee River (Wetlands National Fish Hatchery, FL) (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1990). During subsequent years, the University of Florida in cooperation with the FWS and CCC produced about 40,000 fry for fish culture programs (US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1995). In the event aquaculture of Gulf sturgeon becomes approved in the state of Florida, the University of Florida Department of Fish facility located in Gainesville (FL) will be able to provide technical support to local farmers. Like other sturgeon species, there is great potential for commercialization of Gulf of Mexico Sturgeon raw and smoked white muscle as well as caviar, in the domestic and international markets.

Smoking of Sturgeon Fillets

Traditionally sturgeon meat is smoked, but the literature regarding smoking of sturgeon meat is scarce. Smoking and drying are ancient processes primarily used to preserve or extend the shelf-life of food products (Gillies et al., 1989). Smoked and dried fish are still widely consumed in many developing countries as a major source of inexpensive dietary proteins (Poniat, 1988). Nevertheless, techniques such as refrigeration, cold storage and thermal processing have been substituting older

preservation methods in the food industry all over the world. Presently smoking can be viewed as a stage of processing intended to enhance texture and flavor of a food product (Preston, 1988).

Methods of drying and smoking of fish can vary extensively depending on the species of fish, the type of product desired as well as the traditions of a specific country (Eggenrud, 1988). The process may use smoked fish or produce a variety of salt concentrations in the final product, ranging from less than 7% and up to 20%. Curing agents or nitrites may be added (Eggenrud, 1988). Dehydration may be applied and degrees of moisture can vary from 10% to 60%. The fish might be dried, smoked or a combination of both (Eggenrud, 1988). Generally, smoked fish can be placed into two categories: cold and hot. Cold smoking is carried out at temperatures ranging from 1°C to 30°C (average 20°C), while hot smoking can be further divided into cold or high temperature process (Mordars, 1987). Cold temperature smoking uses temperatures between 30°C to 50°C, and high temperature process is carried out at temperatures ranging from 50°C up to 80°C (Mordars, 1988). The requirements for salt content are lower for hot smoking than for cold smoking. The time required to hot smoke a product (usually 1 to 3 h) is much shorter than to cold smoke it (Mordars, 1988).

Smoking of mackerel most can be considered a value added process (Chapman et al., 1987). A study carried out with White mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), using sodium potassium phosphate (Canal 2118). Added in the brining solution prior to smoking, showed that it significantly improved water development. The fish were darker and more evenly colored after phosphate treatment. Canal 2118 also increased water

antioxidant-flavour masking, thus improving processing yields. Besides it was shown to exert no detrimental effects on consumer acceptability (Chapman et al., 1997).

The use of phosphates and polyphosphates in fish fillets is well described in the literature (Fogorosaki and Pedrosa-Monforte, 1988), and it can be pointed out that polyphosphates interact with food constituents performing several functions:

- Inactivation of metal ions by precipitating the ions out of solution or by formation of a complex,
- Maintenance of optimum pH values (buffering effect),
- Increase of hydration and water binding through interaction of proteins, leading to higher retention of natural juices and lower loss of soluble constituents
- Preservation by retarding growth of some microorganisms and retarding oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids.

In addition, phosphates can inhibit dehydration of the muscle tissue by stabilizing certain proteins on the surface of fish fillets. The protein forms a layer of gel on the surface that usually seals it, preventing loss of fluids. This will slow down oxygen diffusion into the tissue, thus retarding oxidation of lip (Fogorosaki and Pedrosa-Monforte, 1988).

Harvest Methods

During harvest, aquatic animals experience high stressy levels. The metabolism speeds up, oxygen demand increases and the animal struggles trying to escape and survive (Wilkinson and Lawson, 1982). Harvest stress can greatly affect quality. Handling, physical injury and removal of slime coat can be detrimental to the final product.

(Whitson and Lincecum, 1985). In addition, the handling conditions post-mortem will greatly affect the quality of the product due to rigor mortis.

Rigor Mortis (Latin 'the stiffness of death') is one of the most dramatic changes that occur in the muscle soon after death (Lobin et al., 1998). Rigor is characterized by extended muscle contractions. Thus, it is important to have some understanding of the structure of fish muscle and the biochemical events post-mortem, in order to value the importance of rigor mortis on the quality of fish muscle.

Fish Muscle Structure

Muscle function does not differ between terrestrial and aquatic animal. It basically provides the necessary structure for locomotion (Halter, 1985). However, there are several differences in muscle composition and structure between animals, species and even within the same animal depending on the specific function of a muscle (Halter, 1985). Fish muscle presents some unique characteristics, when compared to terrestrial animals. Fish body is supported by water and it does not require extensive, strong connective tissue (Halter, 1985). The structural arrangement of the muscle is closely related to the way fish flex their bodies for propulsion in water (Lobin et al., 1998; Halter, 1985). In addition, some most important commercial species move from cold water, whereas fish muscle have markedly different properties than those of warm-blooded animals (Halter, 1985).

Muscle can be classified into three types, visceral (voluntary) muscle that constitutes the less mass, unstriated (involuntary) muscle found in the stomach walls, and cardiac muscle (Lobin et al., 1998). Fiber is the basic unit of a muscle, it is a cylindrical cell with several nuclei, bounded by an outer membrane discontinuous myotomium (Lobin et al., 1998). Its diameter ranges from 10 to 100 micrometers while

length can vary from a few to several centimeters long (Eaton, 1965). Fiber bundles occur in groups of fibers, and a single muscle is formed by several bundles held together by connective tissue, also called perimysium (Eaton et al., 1971). Perimysium is covered by another type of connective tissue called epimysium (Eaton et al., 1971). Fibers arranged between sheets of connective tissue are much denser in fish than in water-blooded animals (Eaton et al., 1971).

Fish muscle is composed of myotomes, W-shaped segments covering one forward flexure and two backward flexures (Lagler et al., 1977). Myotomes are one cell deep intersecting the ventral and dorsal of the fish body at sharp angles (Figure 3-3 and Figure 3-4) (Lagler et al., 1977). Muscle cells are arranged perpendicularly to the surface of the myotome, and myotomes are connected together by α -actinogen dense named myosepta or myocommata (Lagler et al., 1977). The myotome pattern of Gold sturgeon can be seen in Figure 3-5.

Figure 3-3 Lateral view of myotome pattern on bony fish muscle
Source: Lagler et al., 1977

Figure 3-4 Deep view of myotome pattern in deep fish muscle. Source: Liggler et al., 1977

Figure 3-5 Myotome pattern in Gulf snappers muscle

The major components of a typical muscle fiber are sarcolemma, myofibrils, sarcoplasm, mitochondria and sarcoplasmic reticulum (Palmer et al., 1971; Hoffer, 1965). The surface of the muscle is the sarcolemma (Palmer et al., 1971). It consists of three layers: an outer layer of collagen fibers, a middle sarcoplasmic layer, and an inner layer of plasma membrane (Palmer, 1965). The plasma membrane is extended to the interior of the muscle cell allowing the cell to respond as a unit. There is basically no lag period

between the external world and the interior of the cell during contraction (Huxley, 1981). Myofibrils are the major contractile components of the muscle fiber and are responsible for mechanical features of the muscle (Huxley, 1971). Myofibrils are cross-banded and composed of two main types of filaments. The thick filaments are mainly composed of myosin and the thin filaments are mainly composed of actin (Jülicher, 1971). Myofibrils are separated from each other by a fine network of tubules, known as sarcoplasmic reticulum (Jülicher et al., 1971). Sarcoplasm is the cell fluid, or the liquid matrix within the fiber; it is composed of several proteins, enzymes, myoglobin, glycogen, ATP and creatine (Jülicher et al., 1971). Mitochondria are organelles located throughout the cells and they serve as the main energy (ATP) factories (Jülicher, 1983).

Biochemical Events Pertinent to

Muscle work by converting chemical energy into mechanical energy

Consequently, it requires a high energy level to operate the contractile apparatus (Huxley, 1983). This energy is obtained from ATP (adenosine triphosphate). Adkinson and Wolcott (1967) defined the energy level of a cell as "energy charge". This is a function of ATP concentration relative to the concentration of its breakdown products ADP (Adenosine diphosphate) and AMP (Adenosine monophosphate), as shown below:

$$\text{Energy charge} = (\text{ATP} + 1/2 \text{ADP}) / (\text{ATP} + \text{ADP} + \text{AMP})$$

In living muscle, ADP is normally obtained from respiring mitochondria that utilize molecular oxygen (Huxley, 1981). When circulation stops, oxygen is no longer available, then ATP cannot be produced by aerobic respiration. Nevertheless, muscle cells will keep trying to maintain a high energy level through anaerobic pathways. Generally, the ATP content of muscle is about 3-5 mg/g of fresh muscle at the moment

of daughter. Whenever ATP concentration reaches about 1 μ mole/l, onset of rigor is observed (Gill et al., 1982).

ATP can be generated by an enzymatic reaction (creatine kinase) where creatine phosphate donates its phosphate group to an ADP molecule (Woods et al., 1976). Another readily available enzymatic pathway (adenylosuccinate kinase) to produce ATP is the conversion of two molecules of ADP into one molecule of ATP and one molecule of AMP (Halter, 1982). However, these are limited processes because the reactants are generally depleted within a short period postmortem (Halter, 1984). Glycolysis is normally the major anaerobic source of ATP production after death. Glycolytic enzymes can convert glycogen or glucose to lactate and ATP through a series of phosphorylated sugar derivatives (Halter, 1984). Nonetheless, anaerobic glycolysis yields only 2 to 3 moles of ATP per mole of substrate while aerobic respiration yields about 36 to 37 moles of ATP. Moreover, the only by products of aerobic respiration are water and carbon dioxide, while anaerobic glycolysis results in an incomplete oxidation of substrate, leading to lactate accumulation.

When ATP is broken down through hydrolysis, hydrogen ions are produced lowering the pH of the tissue. Notice that the pH initially drops slowly, generally followed by no increase, but it normally will never return to its pre-rigor level (Winters and Lawson, 1987). Drop in pH causes inhibition of glycolytic enzymes, such as phosphofructokinase (Halter, 1982). Accordingly, ATP production ceases. The pH at which this happens is normally around 5.1-5.3 (Halter, 1982). Another possible mechanism to disrupt ATP production is depletion of the glycogen reserves, but this is not common in fish muscles (Snyder-Paulo et al., 1982). An increase in myoglobin

activity in muscle cells can also spend up ATP breakdown (Holtz, 1987). This is mainly due to lack of calcium sequestering ability by the sarcoplasmic reticulum and mitochondria in muscle cells (Holtz, 1985). The disruption of the energy-generating systems combined with the development of anoxic conditions after death cause an increase in permeability in the membrane of these organelles (Holtz, 1987). Therefore, calcium ions leak into the sarcoplasmic reticulum interacting with contractile proteins. This interaction increases ATPase activity in membrane systems. A study of myofibrillar Mg^{++} ATPase activity and calcium uptake by sarcoplasmic reticulum showed that progress of rigor correlates well with Mg^{++} ATPase activity in the presence of a low concentration of calcium ions at $0^{\circ}C$. (Watanabe et al., 1989b)

An important aspect of ATP degradation is the formation of flaver intermediates in the production of hyperoxanthine (Figure 3-6) (Holtz, 1982). Nucleotides having a phosphate group in position 3' or a hydroxyl group in position 5' will undergo flavers in muscle foods (Holtz, 1985). Some examples are adenosine triphosphate, adenosine monophosphate (AMP), guanosine acid (GMP) and uracine (Holtz, 1987). Notice that GMP eventually degrades to hypoxanthine, which imparts bitterness. It is believed that this is one possible cause of development of off flavors in stored fish (Holtz, 1985).

Figure 2-6 Conversion of ATP to hypoxanthine in post-mortem muscle.
Adapted from: Hoffer, 1981

The biochemical aspects of exercise related muscle metabolism is not fully understood. It is known that muscle contraction takes place by depolarization of plasma membrane by electrical nervous impulse (Hoffer, 1981). This triggers the liberation of calcium ions from the sarcoplasmic reticulum (Hoffer, 1981). The calcium ions activate ATPase at the contractile proteins by increasing the utilization of magnesium ions. (Hoffer, 1981). Figure 2.7 depicts the sliding filament model of muscle contraction (Huxley et al., 1964). These bridges swing back and forward in an alternate pattern to draw the thin filament past the thick filament in a ratchet action (Hickman et al., 1985). The thick and thin filaments, myosin and actin respectively, become linked together by crossbridges that act like levers pulling the filaments past each other (Hickman et al., 1985). This "ratch-pull-release" mechanism occurs in cycles through a series of steps as shown in Figure 2-8. Notice that each cycle requires the expenditure of 1 ATP molecule (Hickman et al., 1985).

Figure 2-3 Sliding filament model. (a) Muscle relaxed, (b) Muscle contracted. Adapted from: Huxley et al., 1966

Figure 2-4 Anklepuff release cycle of sliding filament model. Adapted from: Huxley et al., 1966

Drop in ATP levels leads to impairment of crossbridge cycling between myosin and actin in the myofibrils (Huxley, 1954). ATP can be considered a placeholder of these elements because it prevents permanent linkage. However, when concentrations of ATP lowered down, muscle loses its natural extensibility (Huxley, 1954). The permanent formation of antagonistic after ATP is depleted is related to the extent of overlapping between thin and thick filaments and greatly influences magnitude of post-rigor cell fibres (Huxley, 1954).

Variable Affected Rigor Moris

The timing of onset and resolution of rigor moris can be very different depending on the species. The patterns of ATP breakdown postmortem are dependent on the species (Gill, 1998). The speed of nucleotide degradation is influenced by killing method and amount of struggling prior to death, delay in bleeding the fish, sexual maturity, feeding habits, overall health of the animal, post handling technique and temperature during storage (Chiba et al., 1999; Lewis, 1948; Ross, 1968). It is noteworthy to mention that, contrary to other animals, the ultimate pH of fish is not retained in some post-mortem (Jøttestad, 1982).

Salmon killed by a blow to the head enter rigor about eighteen hours after death, but if stunned by carbon dioxide and killed by bleeding, it becomes rigid in five hours (Lewis, 1944). A study comparing rigor progression of red sea bream in relation to killing method and season shows that both factors play an important role in textual quality of the product (Nakagawa et al., 1999). Stunning versus bleed to shorter pre-rigor period in farmed Atlantic salmon, influencing textual quality of the muscle (Sagbø et al., 1997). Similar results were found in wild Atlantic salmon in an experiment run at a commercial fish processing plant in central Norway (Borg et al., 1997). Studies conducted on White sturgeon muscle show that fish allowed to struggle prior to death have much faster ATP depletion than anesthetized fish (Jørgensen-Peterson et al., 1992). Postmortem tests revealed that White sturgeon cooked fillets had firmer texture pre-rigor than post-rigor. In addition, post-rigor fillets from struggled fish were softer than the ones from anesthetized fish (Jørgensen-Peterson et al., 1992).

Fish that are chilled before resolution of rigor can shrink up to half of its former length when cooked (Lariv, 1933; Hess, 1933). However, if the fillet remains attached to the skeleton, which prevents shortening, then little change in texture is noticed after cooking (Lariv, 1933). Actually, this might not be true if rigor develops at high temperatures (in case of cold chain failure 1°C). As the rigor tension may become too strong causing weakening of the connective tissue and rupture of the fillet, explanation known as "popping" (Hess, 1933).

Starving fish can enter rigor almost immediately after death, and remain in rigor for very short period of time. This is probably due to the fact that starving fish have a small glycogen reserve (Lariv, 1933).

Temperature is also critical to the onset of rigor mortis, which occurs more rapidly if fish are not chilled quickly after death (Jennings et al., 1937; Watake et al., 1975). However, there is some controversy on the relationship between rigor-mortis progress and temperature (Watake et al., 1975; Hess, 1933). It was reported that several fish species such as codfish, medaka and plaice had their pre-rigor periods shortened when stored at 0°C compared to warmer temperatures (Jennings et al., 1937; Watake et al., 1975). While some other species such as cod, male mako and giant sea bass have the onset of rigor retarded at 0°C (Watake et al., 1975). It is known that bacterial spoilage normally does not take place before complete resolution of rigor, it is still important to keep the muscle at low temperatures to maintain the bacteriological quality of the product.

Recently, it was determined that rigor can influence the salt uptake and diffusion in *Atlantic salmon muscle* during brining (Gill et al., 1996; Wang et al., 2008). The equilibrium salt concentrations of pre-rigor, in-rigor and post-rigor muscle samples were

0.53, 0.48 and 0.33 g/g wet-free solids, respectively, in a 20% (w/v) sodium chloride solution at 100°C (Gill et al., 1979). Moreover, ash distribution inside post-rigor salmon samples was less uniform than in-rigor and post-rigor (Wang et al., 2008).

There is evidence showing that onset of rigor in White sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) ranges from 72 h to more than 96 h (Lopezardo-Palido et al., 1992). In addition, White sturgeon can take as long as seven days to resolve rigor (Lopezardo-Palido et al., 1992). Accordingly, it is important to monitor rigor mortis in Gulf sturgeon to determine its time of onset, duration and resolution, in order to ensure optimal quality of the meat by the time it reaches the consumer.

Chemical Analysis of Monitoring Rigor

There are a plethora of methods described in the literature to monitor chemical compounds involved in postmortem biochemistry of fish muscle. A review of these methods is beyond the scope of the present work. It is noteworthy to mention that concentrations of ATP, ADP, AMP, IMP, inosine, and hypoxanthine can be measured by HPLC. Savits and her coworkers (1998) thoroughly examined the enzymatic changes involved in postmortem breakdown of nucleotides in cod. Generally, a portion of the muscle is added to a perchloric solution, and the procedure that follows is variable in accordance to intrinsic characteristics of the sample and equipment. Concentration of inosine can be enzymatically determined in perchloric acid extracts of fish muscle (Watanabe et al., 1994a). Creatine phosphate concentrations are also determined by HPLC (Watanabe et al., 1994a). Myofibrillar ATPase assays are normally performed to measure its activity (Watanabe et al., 1994b; Watanabe et al., 1994c; Wang et al., 1995). Finally, calcium ions can be quantified by digital fluorescence monitor using Apocal 2 reagent as

neutralised (Watabe et al., 1989; Watabe et al., 1994b), by solution sensitive-electrode or by iontophoresis.

Physical Methods of Monitoring Rigor

During the course of the present work a novel method of monitoring progression of rigor mortis in fish body was developed. Therefore, it is pertinent to present a brief review of the physical methods of monitoring rigor found in the literature.

Stretch

Breaking strength of fish fillets can be used to follow rigor progression. The fillets are stretched at 1 cm/min and the necessary force to break the fillet is recorded (Sagheb et al., 1997). Force of compression is another variable used to measure rigor progression. An aluminum plunger is used either perpendicular to or parallel to the long axis of the fillet (Jagupardo-Palolo et al., 1992). Compression force applied parallel to the fillet is an indicator of cohesiveness, while force applied perpendicularly is an indicator of firmness (Jagupardo-Palolo et al., 1992).

Rigor index

Reis and collaborators developed this index in 1980 (Reisano et al., 1987). This is the most accepted physical measurement to monitor rigor mortis progression over time. Assessment of rigor state using this method is comparable with other techniques such as sensory evaluation, texture measurements, pH progression, and quantification of specific biochemical changes as often found in the literature (Reisano et al., 1987; Jagupardo-Palolo et al., 1992; Watabe et al., 1989a; Watabe et al., 1991a; Toythorn and Malmgren, 1993; Calve et al., 1998; Wang et al., 2006). It can be seen in Figure 2-4 that the procedure is very simple. Half the length of the fish body is placed on a horizontal table, while the rest part sags down (Reisano et al., 1987). The initial distance between the table surface

and the tail is recorded. At selected time intervals the measurement is recorded again, and Roper Index calculated according to the equation below (Jennison et al., 1987):

$$\text{Roper Index (\%)} = [(D_n - D_0) / D_0] \times 100$$

Where

D_n = distance from snout to tail at time zero

D_0 = distance from snout to tail at any given interval of time

Figure 2-9 Apparatus to determine Roper Index. Source: Jennison et al. - 1987

Low-frequency vibration treatment

This treatment was used to assess the effects of handling stress prior to slaughter on ripe muscle progress of Atlantic salmon. The equipment shown on Figure 2-10 is essentially based on an electrical signal source, a vibrator and two sensors (Berg et al., 1997). Atlantic salmon was placed on a thin plastic film stretching the upper part of the vibrator, which a stainless frame holds the plastic film. The fish is exposed to a range of low frequency waves for 3 to 5 seconds. A portable computer system's sensor and source and all measured data is logged on file (Berg et al., 1997). A multiplexed food forward neural network was used to analyse the data. The authors concluded that

Figure 2-11. Apparatus to measure sag angle. Source: Korkelson et al., 1990

Accordingly, the angle of sag divides the same postural cycle into four stages: pre-riser, onset period, rise-riser period, and post-riser. This technique was used to measure angle in tilapia. This method appears to be mostly suitable for small size fish because it would be hard to place large size fish in this position. Moreover, due to fish weight, large fish would later reach the position defined as tail riper.

Experiment

Korkelson et al. (1990) constructed a stimulus rigometer as shown in Figure 2-12. A 7 cm long strip of tilapia white muscle, excised from the dorsal area is suspended in a beaker containing cold physiological saline solution. The muscle is clamped at both ends, one clamp is attached to a weight at the base of the beaker while the other is attached to a nylon thread leading up to a balance bar (Korkelson et al., 1990). The balance of the bar is attached to a myo. stand. A second nylon thread is attached to the

killing (Lee et al., 1998). Approximately $1.5 \times 1.5 \times 10$ cm of muscle was cut along the dorsum of the body from both sides of the fish body as shown in Figure 3-14 (Lee et al., 1998). The muscle strip (pale side down) is placed on a glass plate in a constant temperature water bath (Lee et al., 1998). The contractile percentage of muscle is calculated as follows: $[(A-B)/A] \times 100$, where A and B express muscle length at two consecutive measurements after tests. The measurements were conducted at ten different temperatures ranging from 25°C to 1°C (Lee et al., 1998). Results show that cultured red sea bream presents faster temporal changes in muscle contraction than Japanese flounder at various storage temperatures between 25°C to 1°C . In addition, the peak level of the red sea bream was remarkably higher. In both fish species, the progression speed of muscular contraction slowed with the decrease of storage temperature from 25°C to 1°C , and became faster under 10°C (Lee et al., 1998). Akazaki et al. (1999) determined muscle contractile percentage in channel puffer, threespine goby, flounder and cultured red sea bream using this methodology. Nakayama et al. (1999), have also used this apparatus to evaluate the effects of non-muscling methods in ripe muscle of wild red sea bream on

Figure 3-13 Respirometer measures muscle contractions. Source: Lovett et al., 1968

Composition of Fish Muscle

The composition of fish muscle is affected by a number of environmental and metabolic factors. Season, food availability, sexual maturity and spawning cycle, parasites or bacterial infection, stress, and water quality and temperature among others. Muscle composition can drastically affect the nutritional value, flavor and sensory characteristics and texture properties of the final product (O'Keeffe, 2006).

The most abundant compound of fish muscle is water, and it normally make take up to 80% of the total weight of a fish fillet. The proximate composition of several fish species found in the southern United States is presented in Table 3-2. It should be note that these are average values and seasonal variability in proximate composition can be significant.

Table 3-2 Percent composition of some fish species from Southeastern US

Species	% Moisture	% Protein	% Fat	% Ash
Channel catfish	81.1	18.7	3.8	4.8
Black sea bass	81.7	18.6	8.7	5.6
Gold butterfish	79.8	20.8	3.6	7.2
Sea bich	79.3	20.8	3.4	4.1
Scuppers Pomander	82.9	17.4	8.7	6.0
Yellowedge grouper	76.7	17.3	3.8	8.1
King mackerel	86.2	11.7	1.7	1.6
Striped mullet	78.3	13.8	3.7	3.8
Red porgy	77.1	22.0	8.9	7.9
Spotted sea trout	79.8	19.8	2.9	7.1
Red Snapper	73.3	26.6	1.4	7.7
Virginia Snapper	78.0	21.5	0.4	7.2

Adapted from: Couch et al., 1988

Proteins are the second most abundant component in fish muscle. Proteins can be placed into three categories: contractile, soluble and insoluble. Soluble proteins are extracted with water or dilute salt solutions and contractile proteins are soluble in salt solution of high ionic strength (Halter, 1987). Insoluble proteins are the remaining fraction after extraction of soluble and contractile proteins (Halter, 1987). Fish muscle contains on average of 5-15% of crude protein, 70-80% of these proteins are structural while about 20-30% of fish proteins are nonstructural (Pearl, 1992). Structural proteins include collagen (ca. 10% of total protein) as well as myofibrils (contractile elements, 40-60% of total protein) (O'Keeffe, 2000). The most abundant contractile proteins are myosin, actin, actinomyosin, tropomyosin and troponin (O'Keeffe, 2000). The nonstructural material is composed of myoglobin, glycolytic enzymes, albumin and nonprotein constituents such as amino acids, lactate, nucleotides and carbohydrates (Halter, 1987). The largest fraction of the insoluble components of a muscle cell is composed of connective tissues. Some other insoluble components are: contractile contractile proteins such as myosin and desmin, portions of the membrane system,

glycogen granules and fat droplets (Hidiro, 1982). Collagen is the major fraction of connective tissue, and can also be found in tendons, skin, bones and the vascular system (Hidiro, 1981). Fish muscle has lower amounts of collagen, shorter and less connected muscle bundles than terrestrial animal because it does not require extensive support structure (O'Keefe, 2000). This results in a pleasant soft texture highly appreciated by consumers. Finally, fish protein contains all essential amino acids and is a highly digestible, thus fish muscle has excellent nutritive value (Hidiro, 1981).

Nonprotein nitrogen compounds (NPN) can be found in many species at levels up to 60%, however the range in fish fish is normally around 12%. These compounds are interfered with the quantification of protein in fish muscle, thus appropriate corrections to the results of Kjeldahl analysis are needed (O'Keefe, 1988). Free amino acids, urea, trimethylamine (TMAO) and nucleotides are some examples of NPNs normally found in fish muscle.

Lipid content in fish and its influence in human nutrition has been the objective of several studies in the past years. The consumer is not adequately informed on seafood composition because of the variability at the level in some species and problems in species nomenclature. In addition the origin of the fish is generally unknown to consumers (Ackema, 1996). Ackema (1999) has proposed a broad classification of seafood regarding its lipid content as follows:

- Low (<2% fat) - cod, halibut, shellfish
- Low fat (2-6% fat) - sole, haddock, flounder
- Medium fat (6-11% fat) - salmon
- High fat (>11% fat) - herring, mackerel

Fat content is markedly different between dark and white muscle. Dark muscle contains higher levels of myoglobin, myosin and the flux white muscle. This leads to rapid metabolic spoilage and loss of quality (O'Keefe, 1988). Whenever possible, removal of dark muscle is advisable during filleting to reduce lipid-oxidation and consequently development of off flavors. Distribution and amounts of dark muscle are different among fish species as shown in Figure 3-14. Gulf snappers has a considerable amount of dark muscle. Under each row of bony plates that runs along the fish body there is a thick layer of dark muscle (Figure 3-15). Dark muscle can also be found between the skin and the white muscle in a thin sub dermal layer of fat. Black area around the fish body shown in Figure 3-13 corresponds to dark muscle distribution in Gulf snappers. Note that in order to decrease the rate of lipid-oxidation, all dark muscle should be removed off the fillet's surface.

Figure 3-14 Sections through the bodies of several fish showing depth of dark muscle. (a) Herring, (b) Mackerel, (c) Tuna, (d) Rockfish, (e) Cod, (f) Whiting. Source: Lowe, 1988

Figure 3-15 Representation of dark muscle distribution in Gulf of Mexico snappers

The most common lipid classes found in fish muscle are triglycerides, phospholipids, sterols and wax esters (O'Keefe, 2000). Phospholipids are important constituents of cell membranes and are not used as energy reserve by the organism (O'Keefe, 2000). Triglycerides are the main source of energy in fish, and hence are mainly stored in the liver of fish classified as lean. Fatty fish have triglyceride reserves also in their muscle and belly flap area (O'Keefe, 2000). Fish lipids contain large amounts of long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (Table 3-1) (O'Keefe, 2000). The rate of oxidation is proportional to the number of unsaturated bonds in a fatty acid as well as

concentration of saturated fatty acids is relative to saturated fats (O'Keefe, 2000). It is important to point out that the fatty acid profile of marine fish species is quite different from freshwater species. Moreover, there are marked differences in fatty acid profile of cultured and wild fish of the same species (O'Keefe, 2000).

Table 2.3 Major fatty acids present in fish

Systematic Name of fatty acid	Common Name	Shortened
Tetraenoic acid	Myristic	14:0
Hexadecenoic acid	Palmitic	16:0
Octadecenoic acid	Stearic	18:0
<i>cis</i> -5-Hexadecenoic acid	Palmitoleic	16:1 _{n-7}
<i>cis</i> -7-Octadecenoic acid	Olric	18:1 _{n-7}
<i>cis</i> -11-Eicosenoic acid	Erickic	20:1 _{n-7}
<i>cis</i> -15-Docosenoic acid	Docic	22:1 _{n-7}
<i>cis</i> -8 and 12-Hexadecadienoic acid	Linolic	18:2 _{n-6}
<i>cis</i> -8,11,13-Hexadecatrienoic acid	Linolenic	18:3 _{n-3}
<i>cis</i> -8,11,13,15-Hexadecatetraenoic acid	Stearidonic	18:4 _{n-3}
<i>cis</i> -8,11,13,15,17-Hexapentaenoic acid	Arachidonic	20:5 _{n-3}
<i>cis</i> -8,11,13,15,17,19-Heptaenoic acid	Docosapentaenoic	22:5 _{n-3}
<i>cis</i> -8,11,13,15,17,19,21-Octaenoic acid		24:6 _{n-3}
<i>cis</i> -8,11,13,15,17,19,21,23-Decaenoic acid	Docosapentaenoic	22:6 _{n-3}

Source: O'Keefe, 2000

Finally, it is noteworthy that consumption of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids is beneficial to human health. Research in this area has shown that these compounds are essential cofactors for proper growth and developmental processes, maintain structure and function, control and prevention of several diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disorders, cancer, arthritis, psoriasis, and inflammatory and autoimmune conditions (Dyerberg, 1990).

Influence of Diet Composition on Muscle Quality of Aquaculture Species

Increasing knowledge of the health benefits of seafood consumption has led to increased demand for seafood products worldwide. Due to limitations of natural resources, several cultured fish species have been experiencing a growth in commercial importance. Under these circumstances, the need to investigate and determine the variables affecting quality of commercial products originating from aquaculture is evident.

During the last decade a great deal of research was conducted in order to determine the possible effects of diet composition on the muscle quality of cultured fish. In the early days, the best feed for cultured fish was chosen based solely on diet efficiency, which combines the muscle lean mass growth rate and lowest feed consumption (Nafstad, 1980). Presently, it is known that the choice of the most suitable feed has to include study of several quality variations of the fish muscle. Some of them are: proximate composition and fatty acid profile, sensory aspects such as color, flavor and texture of the meat and degree of lipid oxidation during storage. The nutritional value of aquaculture fish species as well as muscle quality will most likely be compromised by poor diet quality. As an example, it can be pointed out that results from a study on growth of Chinese sturgeon, *Acipenser sinensis*, show that fish fed a specific purified diet had higher moisture content, lower protein and lipid content when compared with fish fed two tubifex-based diets (Xiao et al., 1999). Nevertheless, the researchers were able to formulate a semi-moist purified diet that yields good rates of survival and similar muscle composition to fish fed live diet (Qiao et al., 1999).

Protein content seems to be similar between wild and cultured fish of all the external source acids are provided and well balanced, and feed has at least 30-50% of protein content (Lowell, 1981). On the other hand, fat content and fatty acid profile of cultured fish are greatly affected by the source of dietary lipids in the diet. During the 80's the need to improve omega-3 content in cultured fish was pointed out (Piguet, 1989). These fatty acids are found in plants and animals associated with marine and fresh water environments (Piguet, 1989). At the time, it was determined that vegetable oils as only source of fat in the diet do not provided adequate nutrition for the fish. It was suggested that fish oils should be added as sources of omega-3 fatty acids (Piguet, 1989).

Current lipid composition in cultured fish closely reflects the composition of the dietary oil, it is possible to boost omega-3 levels in fish muscle (Nottelman, 1992). Meanwhile, studies on farmed catfish showed that increasing levels of dietary fatty acids by providing larger amounts of menhaden oil in the diet led to development of sustainable fatty livers, and higher rates of mortality (Nottelman, 1992). In addition, studies on Atlantic salmon pointed out that fatty acid scores for fish oils, juncos and hake intensely vary between fish fed different dietary levels of omega-3 fatty acids (Wiegman et al., 1993). Consequently, much care is needed in Atlantic dietary lipid experiments for a specific fish species.

Another interesting finding is that different species of fish have varying ability to deacetate and elongate fatty acids (Xu et al., 1993). Species with poor ability to elongate and deacetate fatty acids require higher amounts of highly unsaturated fatty acids than species showing high ability. Cultured White sturgeon shows high ability to deacetate and elongate 18:3n-3 and 22:5n-3, thus they are able to utilize different lipid sources

equally well (Oa et al., 1915). However, diet formulated with and from salmon the only one to provided levels of omega-3 fatty acids as the muscle comparable to the ones found in wild White sturgeon (Oa et al., 1915).

Endo (1997) investigated the survival and growth of larvae and juvenile Gulf sturgeon fed live and formulated diets. The onset of feeding, formulated diets led to nearly complete mortality. Gulf sturgeon need to be fed live food for the first 4-5 weeks before acceptance of formulated diets, and this strategy is suitable to raising fish for commercial aquaculture programs (Endo, 1997). Gulf sturgeons were fed a worm-based diet (Biodor, Starke-Repentinova, Inc) up to one month of age, and then diet was switched to Silver Carp trout grower (Purina & Scott, Inveray, Utah, USA, Scott, 1987). Presently, commercial diets specially formulated for sturgeon are not available. Gulf sturgeon reaches potential commercial size at 12 to 14 months of age. Therefore, there is a need to investigate the possible influences of feeding different commercial diets on the quality of Gulf sturgeon muscle from fish reaching the estimated commercial size range. Note that there were no studies on commercial use of Gulf sturgeon, and the estimations are based on information available on the literature for White sturgeon (Japaneito-Petelo et al., 1991, Price et al., 1989).

Definition of Seafood Freshness Quality

St Angelo (1996) states that quality is a term that can be defined as the degree of excellence of a product. Nevertheless, when applying this definition to food products, it might be considered too broad or too vague from a scientific standpoint. It can be pointed out that several approaches are currently used to define food quality, and that there are variations related to the type or class of products under investigation (St Angelo

1994). The definition of quality presented by Molins fits very well with the concept of St. Angelo, and it is as follows: "Quality is a concept that is based on a number of product attributes that broadly determine their level of suitability to a concrete and predetermined use." (Molins, 1999, pp 13).

The definition of fish quality provided by Molins (1999) encompasses three main characteristics of the product and these are wholesomeness, integrity and firmness. Wholesomeness is defined as "a quality of a food fit to eat"; uncontaminated and handled under good sanitary conditions. Integrity is defined as a product that well reflects the supplier's claims, and firmness is a quality of appearance, taste, color and texture (Molins, 1999).

The handling of fresh fish is critical to quality assurance because fish are extremely perishable. Fish generally spoils faster than other muscle meats, thus it should be handled with great care (Smith et al., 1994). The rate of deterioration is characteristic of individual fish as well as the mode of preservation. This fact is very much related to the variability of the muscle composition. However, as just the early part of this century this concept was acknowledged in a broader sense: from the moment the fish is caught to the moment it is consumed. This was an attempt to maximize deterioration before the product reached the consumer, decreasing losses in the production and reducing the number of public health issues regarding seafood consumption (Smith et al., 1994). These current concerns are also a result of an effort of the seafood industry and affiliates in trying to maintain a recent trend of increase in seafood consumption in the US and several other countries (Smith et al., 1999).

Many consumers hesitate to include fish in their regular diets despite its health benefits. One of the main reasons consumers reject the consumo fish is the presence of the so-called "fishy flavor" (Lindsay, 1990). However, it appears that fishiness is not a characteristic descriptor of freshly harvested fish and seafood, but normally present in less-than-fresh refrigerated and frozen fish and seafood (Lindsay, 1990). Accordingly, a great deal of research in the area of seafood quality and freshness has been carried-out in order to enhance quality attributes and increase consumer acceptance.

There are several ways seafood quality can be measured, the choice of a method will depend on the particular kind of seafood being evaluated, its intended use, sampling methodology, cost, time spent on analysis and desirability of sample among others. Generally, the major practical methods involve chemical analysis, determination of physical parameters and evaluation of sensory attributes (Botta, 1984).

Major Chemical Methods

Storage leads to a variety of chemical changes in seafood and seafood products. Several of these changes have a great impact on many quality aspects, and must be controlled to ensure safety and suitability of the ultimate product to be marketed. The degree of microbiological spoilage, enzymatic activity and lipid oxidation can be monitored through quantitative analysis of some important chemical compounds formed during the process. The most important methods of analysis will be described.

Total volatile basic nitrogen (TVB-N)

Microbiological spoilage during postharvest storage causes the formation of volatile bases such as ammonia, dimethylamine (fishes storage mainly) and trimethylamine (Botta et al., 1984). The most important advantages of this method are speed, low cost and accuracy (Botta et al., 1984). As any method of analysis, this method

also has some drawbacks, one of the most important is the fact that TVB values are not linearly correlated to the length of time the product is stored (Ferre-Wildermass and Herguin, 1997). Therefore storage life cannot be easily predicted. On the other hand TVB values can be routinely used to identify if spoiled, flawed, rancid or fresh seafood is spoiled. Another important aspect is the fact that there are currently several different methodologies to carry out TVB value determinations (Jotta, 1993). There is a considerable variation of TVB values between methodologies, thus it is important to clearly specify all of the steps involved in the procedure (Gill, 1996). If the detailed procedure is closely followed, the results should be very accurate. TVB is commonly used as an indicator of advanced spoilage (Gill, 1996).

Volatile acid number (VAN)

This method is very similar to TVB analysis, but the distribution of the contents will provide volatile acids formed during spoilage (mainly formic and acetic acids), that can be further quantified and related to freshness (Tomoyasu et al., 1994). This is an old method within seen in the current literature as an indication of seafood decomposition.

Trimethylamine (TMA)

Marine fish species use TMAO (trimethylamine oxide) as an osmoregulator, that these are highly susceptible to bacterial degradation of TMAO to TMA (trimethylamine), a volatile chemical with a fishy odor (O'Keefe, 2008). It means that most marine fish accumulate TMAO, but levels are highest in gillnets and stocks (O'Keefe, 2008). Namely levels of TMA are low in earlier stages of spoilage, that this index is most useful in medium-late stages of spoilage (Gill, 1996).

This chemical method has been extensively studied, and there are currently several methodologies available to measure TMA concentration in seafood (Jotta, 1993).

Considering TMA values can be quite different depending on the methodology, it is very important to clearly specify the procedure (Bova, 1995). In addition, it appears that TMA levels can be affected by type of fish, season, location of catching, type of processing (or storage), water flow, stage of spoilage (Bova, 1993; Gili, 1996).

The major chemical compound in the volatile amines formed during process of spoilage is trimethylamine. The coefficient of trimethylamine levels is mainly dependent upon the species being investigated (Jhalind and Gupta, 1988). It has been shown that trimethylamine levels are very useful index of freshness quality of shrimp, some crustaceans and cartilaginous fish (Bova, 1995). Some of the quantitative methods available to determine trimethylamine levels are diffusion accelerated electromotive, enzymatic conversion, ion sensitive electrode and a test kit on the form of a paper strip (Bova, 1995).

Biogenic amines

Biogenic amines are formed by microbial decarboxylation of amino acids or other biogenic amines. Arginine, cadaverine, histamine, phenylethylamine, tryptamine and putrescine are some examples of the class of compounds (Bova, 1995). The major problem of using this measurement as a freshness index is the fact that even though the presence of these amines is an indicator of spoilage, their absence is considered inconclusive in determination of the degree of spoilage in a product (Gili, 1996). The most common method is based on extraction of fish muscle. Conversion into fluorescent or UV absorbing compounds and then HPLC analysis, that it is expensive and time consuming (Yat and Hsieh, 1991). Notice that consumption of fish containing high levels of biogenic amines cause abdominal fish poisoning (O'Keefe, 2000).

Nucleotide degradation products

As it was mentioned earlier, nucleotide degradation starts to take place as fish reaches its death. Enzymes naturally present in the fish automatically start the breakdown of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) into several chemical compounds (Bjorn, 1995). The chemical products of this metabolic and metabolic process are adenosine diphosphate (ADP), adenosine monophosphate (AMP), inosine monophosphate (IMP), inosine (Ino), hypoxanthine (Hx), xanthine (X) and urea and U₂ (Bjorn, 1995). The pattern of ATP breakdown products are dependent on the species and temperature of storage (Lill 1990). It is important to emphasize that the speed of nucleotide degradation is influenced by the amount of struggling prior to death, delay in bleeding the fish, poor handling techniques and temperature abuse during storage (Chiba et al., 1981). This method is considered the most reliable for very early stages of spoilage, as well as very useful index for freshwater fish (Bjorn, 1994). HPLC is normally used to measure the concentration of nucleotide degradation products. One of the major advantages over other procedures (basically wet chemical analysis) is that the concentrations of all products can be measured simultaneously and it reflects both autolytic and microbial degradation (Suzuki et al., 1980). On the other hand, HPLC is an expensive method of analysis and can be time consuming, which limits the usefulness for routine quality control (Bjorn, 1990).

The K value has been defined in order to provide a value that would relate nucleotide degradation to a decrease in freshness. It is the sum of Hx and Ino divided by the total of all ATP derived nucleotides as shown below (Suzuki et al., 1980).

$$K_v \text{ value (\%)} = 100 \times \{ ([Hx] + [Ino]) / ([ADP] + [AMP] + [IMP] + [Ino] + [Hx]) \}$$

A faster test was developed to enable the use of molecular diagnostic indexes as quality control. These rapid test kits are available to measure K' , which is calculated as shown below (OT Levels, 1988)

$$K' \text{ value} = [Tb] / ([TbP] + [TbC] + [TbL])$$

Consistent quality

Many aquatic species have relative high lipid contents, thus oxidative rancidity can be a serious quality problem. Normally, changes in texture (mushiness), undesirable flavor and odor are some of the consequences of lipid oxidation during frozen storage (Botta, 1992). The development of rancidity in seafood is greatly affected by factors within the product such as the amount of unsaturated fatty acids and phospholipids and its physical distribution. Some environmental factors of relevance are temperature, oxygen concentration and exposure to light (Kilgus and Schwall, 1982).

The rate of deterioration is characteristic of individual fish as well as the mode of preservation. This fact is very much related to the variability of the muscle composition (Gill, 1992). The percentage of fat present in the edible muscle plays an important role in the mode of spoilage. Gill illustrates this concept presenting the following example:

Blackened whole salmon from 18-20% fat in edible muscle depending on season catch, will undergo extensive oxidative rancidity prior to onset of bacterial decomposition. Cold pollock or hake, which contain less than 1% fat in edible tissue, spoil primarily through the proliferation of psychotropic bacteria of the genus *Pseudomonas* (*Aeromonas*) (Gill, 1992, pp.442).

There is a large number of chemical reactions that can take place during lipid oxidation. The three most important methods of measuring oxidative rancidity are

Peroxide value (PV): Measures peroxides and hydroperoxides which are the primary products of oxidation (Botta, 1992). Because peroxides are transient in an oxidizing sample, the PV value increases, reaches a peak, then decreases (Botta, 1992).

Thus, PV is a good indicator of early stage of oxidation. Potassium iodide solution reacts with peroxide bonds releasing I_2 , which is then reacted with starch to yield a complex of blue coloration (Botta, 1995). The end point of titration is denoted by loss of blue color after titrating solution back to iodide using thiosulfate.

Absorbance (A_{660}). This method measures secondary products of lipid oxidation (Lowe, 1993). Therefore, during long-term storage, the compounds of interest will increase in magnitude, reach a peak and then decline. Absorbance reacts with nitrotyrosine to form Schiff bases that absorb light at 330 nm (Botta, 1995).

Thiobarbituric acid reactive substances (TBA or TBARS). This method also measures secondary oxidation product. 2 Thiobarbituric acid reacts with malonaldehyde (and other TBA-reactive substances) forming a colored complex (Lowe, 1993). The test may be performed in several different ways, thus it is difficult to compare results without taking into account method of sample preparation and chemicals being used.

Nonetheless it is frequently used, and can be performed using water or acid extracts of the sample, a steam-distillate of the sample, or the extracted oil (Lowe, 1993).

Physical methods

Physical methods can be used to measure several important quality attributes. Considered “objective” methods, physical parameters can be precisely measured using instruments or physical standards (Botta, 1995). There are several instruments for quick and easy determinations to indicate the degree of spoilage of fish and shellfish (Botta, 1991). Nondestructive and fast methods are of primary importance in the food industry because they decrease the costs of sampling and duration of analysis in quality control (Botta, 1991). Textural changes of seafood products such as softening, hardening and gelling can be determined with Instron and CTS-3000 Texture Measuring System among

others (Levy, 1984). Changes in color of seafood products such as yellowing due to lipid oxidation, loss of color intensity and color changes can be monitored with the aid of instruments such as Hunterlab, Minolta Chroma Meter and Machine Vision System. If samples present non-uniform color surfaces, measurement of specific spots (Minolta Chroma Meter) or just a portion of the sample (Hunterlab) will, most likely, not accurately represent the overall color of that sample. Louwage (1999) develop a Machine Vision System to analyse color of food sample that takes into account the whole surface of a sample. The instrument is able to accurately predict the degree of melanosis in shrimp samples and to monitor color changes in shrimp and salmon with storage.

Changes in color of seafood products over storage can be monitored using an electronic nose and pattern recognition techniques (Louwage, 1999). It was shown that sensor readings correlate well with sensory scores and results from chemical analysis (Louwage, 1999).

Changes in electrical properties of the skin and underlying tissue can be accurately measured and related to freshness of whole shrimps fish (Whitton and Lawson, 1982). The meter reading is directly related to the loss of freshness in days. However, this has to be determined for each species because the electrical properties are different for each species (Whitton and Lawson, 1982).

Sensory methods

Sensory procedures are defined as those solely dependent upon the human senses (Creswell, 1992). The fish industry use all of the senses with examples of hearing to judge quality. Sight, touch, smell and taste can be used to produce a number of individual attributes, such as color, softness, fishy odor and meaty taste, that reflect an overall quality of the product (Creswell, 1992). One of the main advantages of sensory

methods is that they can give a valid idea of the impressions and opinions of the consumer about a product. In addition, in general it can be said that human senses are better measures and more accurate comparisons (Cossell, 1990). Some of the main disadvantages are the large variation of responses, particularly with fatigue and adaptation, and the cost involved in training and running a sensory panel (Cossell, 1990).

There are many different sensory tests to evaluate color of food samples. The choice for a specific test is determined by the objectives (Pettit and Green, 1994; Bates, 1995). The most common types are briefly described below.

Affective sensory tests

These are subjective tests that measure the spontaneous responses of panellists. Therefore, if the objective is the sensory acceptability or preference, this test should be used. Normally a hedonic scale with a series of statements is used to express how much a subject likes or dislikes the sample under assessment (Bates, 1995). In the present work, a 7-point hedonic scale was used to assess acceptability of statements for appearance of raw whole muscle of Gulf of Mexico carpenter that were fed three different commercial diets. The ballot used on the test is shown in Figure A.1 (Appendix A). It is important to point out that even though numbers are not used on the ballot presentation the positions the ratings can be readily changed to numbers, as this case the numbers ranged from 7 for like extremely to 1 to dislike extremely.

Discriminatory sensory tests

These tests are applied when it is of interest to know if there is a perceived difference in sensory properties between samples. There are several tests used to determine differences between samples. Some examples are paired comparison test, direct and triangle test. The only discriminative test used through out this work was the

triangle test. During the test the panelist is presented with three coded samples placed in a tray, two of them are the same, and the third one is different. The panelist is asked to try all the samples and then to identify the odd sample. Each panelist must be presented with three-difference comparisons. Therefore, each panelist has 33% chance of correctly guessing the correct sample (Jotta, 1993). A typical layout used for triangle tests is shown in Figure 3 (Appendix A). Since panelists are requested to try samples presented in a tray from left to right, randomization of placement of samples on the trays is necessary to avoid order effect. Randomization of the order each comparison is presented is also important. For example, if panelist 1 is presented with comparison A versus B at first, then panelist 2 should be presented with comparison B versus C, and panelist 3 with comparison C versus A. This will help to discount the influence of fatigue on the final result of the test.

Descriptive sensory methods

These methods are used when the objective is to identify the specific level of a particular attribute (or a set of attributes) in a product. The two major methods are attribute rating and descriptive analysis (Jotta, 1993). Attribute rating can be further subdivided into structured category scale, unstructured interval scale and magnitude estimation (Jotta, 1993). Descriptive analysis can also be subdivided into flavor profile method, texture profile method, quantitative descriptive analysis and free choice profiling (Jotta, 1993).

The only descriptive method used in this work was unstructured interval scale. It was used to assess specific attributes of cooked and smoked samples of Gulf margarin that were fed three different commercial diets. The method can be briefly described as a horizontal line scale (6 inches or 15 cm) usually with two anchors near the ends of the

line. Each anchor is labeled with a word that reflects extremes of the intensity of the attribute under investigation (Brett and Gidycz, 1994). The word reflecting the most intense aspect of the attribute should be placed on the right side of the line (Brett, 1995). Sometimes a third anchor can be placed in midpoint (Brett and Gidycz, 1994). After the evaluation of a coded sample, the researcher places a vertical line at the point that best reflects the panelist's impression concerning the intensity of the attribute under investigation. The position of this mark is measured with a ruler and translated to centimeters or inches (Brett, 1995). Whereas there are no categories between the two extremes of the scale, this avoids the problem of unequal intervals between categories. Different from the category scale, the type of scale with several adjectives concerning the degree of intensity of the given attribute (Brett, 1995). The major disadvantage is the fact that it is more difficult to remember positions on a scale than numbers, thus training must be emphasized to reach consistent results during the analysis (Brett, 1995).

Examples of unstructured interval scales can be found in Appendix A (Figure A.3, Figure A.4).

CHAPTER 3 RIGOR MORTE

Introduction

The white sturgeon industry is a profitable business in California. During the early 80s several consumers began complaining about tough texture of White sturgeon fillets. A study carried out at University of California in Davis reported that the cause of texture problem was the extended duration of the rigor mortis process in White sturgeon (Isaquerdo-Pulido et al., 1992). The researchers reported that onset of rigor in that sturgeon species can take from 72 up to 96 hours, which full resolution might not be achieved before 7 days after killing (Isaquerdo-Pulido et al., 1992). It seems that fresh White sturgeon fillets were reaching the consumer within a few days after killing, thus muscle was undergoing rigor after filleting the fish (Isaquerdo-Pulido et al., 1992). Filleting fish before rigor has resolved can lead to shrinkage of the muscle as well as extensive drip loss, both of which will contribute to muscle toughening. There is no information available in the literature regarding progression of rigor mortis in Gulf of Mexico sturgeon. Therefore, there was a need to determine time for onset and resolution of rigor mortis for this species in order to avoid possible quality problems related to changes in texture of the muscle. Two preliminary studies using a total of nine fish were performed to establish time of onset and resolution of rigor. Then, a study with a month

large number of fish was carried out to determine if fish weight correlated with onset and resolution of rigor. The results from the preliminary studies might not be representative of the population due to the small number of samples investigated. Finally, a novel method of monitoring rigor was proposed using analysis of video camera images from fish in rigor over different intervals of time.

Preliminary Experiments

Two preliminary experiments were carried out to investigate the time of onset, the time when fish reaches maximum rigor, and the time of rigor resolution. The methodology used here is an adaptation of the method used to determine Rigor Index, which is one of the most widely accepted non-destructive methods found in the literature to monitor rigor progression over time in whole fish (Jaramoto et al., 1987).

Materials and Methods

As stated, this method is very similar to the method used to determine Rigor Index. However, here six three measurements were collected, while Rigor Index requires just one measurement per time interval. The fish is held by the head while its body hangs free from the side of a table. A protractor attached to the table measures the sagging angle at different intervals of time (Figure 3-1). The fish is then placed on top a board and the distance from the dorsal fin to the floor, and tail to the floor are measured with a ruler (Figure 3-2). Surfaces were leveled and tape marks delineated the placement area to standardize error due to positioning. Rigor monitor was investigated in three fish in three weights: 1.5 kg, 2.5 kg and 3.5 kg. The goal was to determine time frame of rigor in Gulf snappers. Fish was coded as 1RM, 2 RM and 3 RM. The three measurements

(wing angle, fin-flare distance, and tail-flare distance) were collected 13 times for each fish over the course of 50 hours. This was called *preliminary experiment #1*.

The second experiment was a repetition of the first one, but with double the number of fish (roughly: very between 2.4 kg to 3.5 kg). Every fish received one of the following codes: ARM, BRM, CRM, DRM, ERM or GRM. At the time measurements were taken over 90 hours at 17 different intervals of time. This was called *preliminary experiment #2*. Fish came from the same spawning year (1990) and were killed by submersion in ice water. Fish were anaesthetized within a few hours after removal from the tank and stored in containers filled with ice-water. Containers remained in a cold room ($1-3^{\circ}\text{C}$) at all times except when measurements were taken. Water and ice were changed every 24 hours to keep fish stored in a clean environment.

The order of the measurements were not determined. Therefore, an empirical assumption that a change to be considered significant should be of at least 11% from the initial value was postulated in early in the data. The data was organized into spreadsheets and the percentages of changes were calculated for each measurement at every interval of time. If the change in a given measurement was 11% or bigger than the initial measurement, fish was considered in *repose mode*. If the change was smaller than 11%, fish was not considered as *repose*. First results are that given in hours to onset of *repose*, hours of *repose* duration, hours until *repose* has resolved, and time fish reaches maximum *repose*. Time of maximum *repose* occurs at the point of maximum change from point of time zero.

Figure 3.1 Measurement of sag angle (a) Full view, (b) Close-up right side view, (c) Close-up left side view

Figure 3.2 Measurement of toe and heel distances (a) Full view, (b) Close-up lateral view

Results and Discussion

The data from angle measurements collected over preliminary experiments #1 and #2 are shown in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2 respectively. After normalizing the data to percent change from the initial value, the results were coded into a per-gram for purposes of experiments, and then plotted for each fish over time. Trends of onset and resolution are expected to vary considerably between fish. This is expected because, as mentioned earlier, rigor is dependent on a large number of variables such as feeding habits, sexual maturation, degree of struggle, overall health of the fish, and various characteristics of each individual animal.

Table 3-1 Data of angle measurements from preliminary experiment #1 in Gulf stream deep water

Time (h)	Fish 1 (PM)	Fish 2 (PM)	Fish 3 (PM)
3	34°	70°	10°
8	34°	70°	76°
10	70°	70°	76°
15	70°	70°	70°
20	76°	70°	70°
23	70°	70°	74°
26	70°	74°	70°
28	70°	70°	70°
31	74°	76°	70°
41	80°	76°	70°
44	76°	70°	70°
48	76°	74°	76°
50	70°	70°	70°

Table 3-2 Data of angle measurements from preliminary experiment C1 in Gulf of Mexico right turns

Time (s)	Fish (0.5s)	Fish (1.0s)	Fish (1.5s)	Fish (2.0s)	Fish (2.5s)	Fish (3.0s)
0	75°	73°	72°	70°	67°	65°
1	73°	73°	71°	70°	67°	65°
18	73°	74°	72°	70°	68°	66°
22	73°	76°	74°	69°	73°	67°
24	67°	69°	67°	71°	70°	69°
26	69°	67°	67°	74°	67°	71°
28	68°	69°	67°	74°	67°	74°
31	68°	70°	70°	71°	67°	70°
34	69°	67°	70°	73°	66°	71°
40	68°	67°	70°	73°	66°	71°
49	70°	67°	70°	73°	66°	71°
53	70°	67°	70°	73°	66°	71°
56	70°	68°	69°	71°	64°	69°
61	70°	70°	67°		64°	70°
70	74°	70°	69°		67°	69°
78	71°	70°	71°			70°
85		71°	70°			69°
94			70°			67°

The data from the three distances are shown in Table 3-3 and 3-4 for preliminary experiments 1 and 2 respectively.

Table 3-3 Data of Ro-Over measurement from preliminary experiment B1 in Gulf of Mexico right turns

Time (s)	Fish 18M (cm)	Fish 18M (cm)	Fish 18M (cm)
0	58.3	58.6	58.7
1	58.9	58.8	58.7
18	58.8	58.8	58.8
19	58.1	58.8	58.8
20	58.4	58.8	57.8
23	58.3	58.5	57.8
26	57.9	58.5	57.5

Table 3-3 continued

Time (h)	Peak 100M (cm)	Peak 300M (cm)	Peak 100M (cm)
28	39.9	50.4	42.6
32	39.1	50.4	42.6
44	42.9	34.9	48.2
48	42.9	49.5	47.5
60	43.2	50.2	47.9
80	48.3	45.5	47.0

Table 3-4 Data of the flow measurement from preliminary experiment #3 in Cold Storage Experiment

Time (h)	Peak CRM (cm)	Peak URM (cm)	Peak CRM (cm)	Peak CRM (cm)	Peak SRM (cm)	Peak ARM (cm)
5	75.9	75.4	73	73.3	70.4	69.9
7	75.6	75.2	73.2	72.2	73	69.9
19	76	75.6	73.7	72.9	74.5	70.3
22	76.5	75.9	74.9	76.1	73.9	70.4
24	76.3	75.6	73.5	77.6	73.3	70.3
26	76.8	76.7	76.3	78.3	73.7	72.4
28	76.4	75.6	77.9	75.7	72.4	73
31	76.5	86.2	76.1	73.2	70.4	71.2
34	77.3	77.9	73.7	71.4	70.3	71.2
40	80.6	81.6	76.6	72.4	73	71.3
48	79.6	81.9	73.2	71.4	72.4	74.1
52	78.7	76.3	75.9	71.4	72.9	75
58	79.1	89.0	80.8	72.1	71.6	72.4
61	73.8	79.6	80.6		71.4	73
75	76.2	72.9	80.9		73	71.1
79	74.4	72.9	71.2		71.7	71.1
83		75.4	74.0			71.6
87			73.0			69.9

The data from the flow distances are shown on Table 3-3 and 3-4 for preliminary experiments 1 and 2 respectively.

Table 3-5 Data of test-floor measurement from preliminary experiment #1 in Gulf Breeze, right month

Time (s)	Peak 180M (cm)	Peak 280M (cm)	Peak 380M (cm)
0	76.4	72.3	68.2
5	76.7	72.5	68.6
10	76.1	72.5	68.6
15	76.3	72.3	68.6
20	76.4	72.2	70.6
25	76.3	72.5	68.6
30	76.4	72.2	70.2
35	76.6	72.0	68.6
40	76.3	70.0	68.6
45	81.3	76.6	74.0
48	81.9	71.8	76.3
49	80.3	71.4	76.3
50	79.1	71.8	76.3

Table 3-6 Data of test-floor measurement from preliminary experiment #2 in Gulf Breeze, right month

Time (s)	Peak 080M (cm)	Peak 180M (cm)	Peak 280M (cm)	Peak 380M (cm)	Peak 480M (cm)	Peak 580M (cm)
5	54.6	55.2	56.8	57.3	46.4	46.7
7	56.6	55.6	56.9	57.4	46.8	45.6
12	56.3	55.6	57.3	56.5	50.4	46
22	55.6	55.9	56.8	57	54.6	46.3
34	57.6	56.2	56.5	55.6	46.2	51.6
36	56	56.1	56.6	55.1	47.6	50.3
38	56.6	57.2	56.9	56.6	47.2	51.6
41	56.5	57.6	57.1	56.8	46.2	47.0
54	57	56.2	53.6	56.6	47.6	46.6
46	56.7	60.6	54.0	53.3	56.2	46.1
48	62.4	62.6	55.2	54.3	46.9	46.5
52	56.1	56.5	56.2	53.1	47.0	50.5
56	54.6	56.1	56.2	51.6	46.2	51.1
60	57.2	66.6	56.3		47.3	52.4
70	61.4	55.5	66.4		46.6	47.0
76	64.5	55.3	66.2		46.4	47.0
85		56.6	57.1			60.1
91			56.6			63.4

Figure 3-3, Figure 3-4 and Figure 3-5 shows the results for each fish investigated during preliminary experiment #1. Each fish is represented by a color, and the colored bars depict duration of vigor. Notice that the red areas before and after the black area are lower sloped between consecutive measurements where there is no uniformity in vigor.

Figure 3-3 Results of angle measurements from preliminary experiment #1

Figure 3-4 Results of piv measurements from preliminary experiment #1

Figure 3-3. Results of test measurements from preliminary experiment #1

Figure 3-6, Figure 3-7 and Figure 3-8 shows the results for each fish investigated during preliminary experiment #2.

Figure 3-6. Results of angle measurements from preliminary experiment #2

Figure 3-7 Results of the measurements from preliminary experiments #2

Table 3-7 summarizes the results for preliminary experiment #1, and Table 3-8 summarizes the results for preliminary experiment #2. According to angle measurements, fish 3894 was still at rigor at 50 hours. Results from experiment #2 show a delay in time at which fish reaches maximum rigor between the tail and the region closer to the head (weak for angle measurement). It is possible that rigor might not be uniform along Gulf sturgeon body. The results are not conclusive and further investigation is needed to confirm this hypothesis. Differently from White sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon take less time to enter rigor as well as to resolve it, also duration is much shorter in Gulf sturgeon. Results from the present study are in agreement with research on rigor studies of farm-raised Atlantic salmon. It was determined by Rugeir holes that salmon takes an average of 8 hours to enter rigor, and between 40-70 hours to resolve it (Gill et al., 1998). Kamata showed that maximum muscle contraction occurred about 24-30 hours after death (Gill et al., 1994). It was pointed out that studied derivations of onset and resolution of rigor were relatively large, and that this could be due to large variation in fish size.

Table 3-7 Summary of results from preliminary experiment #1

Type of Measurement	Onset (h)	Resolution (h)	Maximum Rigor (h)
Ang. Angle	3-26	46-50	44
Fin Distance	3-23	44-50	44
Tail Distance	23-33	44-50	44

Table 3-8 Summary of results from preliminary experiment #2

Type of Measurement	Onset (h)	Resolution (h)	Maximum Rigor (h)
Ang. Angle	19-22	54-65	24.5
Fin Distance	7-26	31-65	36
Tail Distance	19-28	49-55	64.5

Experiment 1 – Influence of Fish Weight on Raper-Morris of Gulf Sturgeon

Materials and Methods

The experiment consisted of 50 Gulf sturgeon taken here from fish ponds at the Department of Fisheries and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida. All fish belonged to spawning year 2004, and were within the range of commercial size, which is between 1.5 to 4.0 kg. Fish were weighed immediately after removal from the tanks, and classified according to the weight ranges below:

- Group 1 = 1.5 kg to 2.0 kg
- Group 2 = 2.0 kg to 2.5 kg
- Group 3 = 2.5 kg to 3.0 kg
- Group 4 = 3.0 kg to 3.5 kg
- Group 5 = 3.5 kg to 4.0 kg

Fish were anaesthetized within a few hours after removal from the tanks and stored in coolers filled with ice water. Groups were stored at separate coolers and every fish was tagged. Every tag carried an individual number, which allowed relating to the logs throughout the study. Coolers remained in a cold room ($1-2^{\circ}\text{C}$) at all times except when measurements were taken. Water and air were changed every 24 hours to keep fish stored in a clean environment. Each group was composed of ten fish. Each fish was evaluated for presence of eggs over 48 hours at 8 different intervals of time. A large number of experimental units were needed in order to account for the variability between fish. However, it was not possible to run the method proposed in the preliminary experiments for 20 fish at a feasible time. Therefore, the response for the experiment was qualitative. Each fish was held on a table and kept a couple of times in a backward and

forward movement. The fish was then held through the head and the body held away (Figure 3-16). The response for this experiment was a YES or NO based on stiffness. One individual performed the collection of the data at all intervals of time for every fish.

As it can be seen on Figure 3-18 there is a clear difference in body stiffness between mortal point and no rigor. It is important to mention that all fish were starved for a period of 5 weeks prior to killing. Starving a fish prior to killing is a preexisting step to reduce the risk of contamination and also time spent during euthanasia.

Figure 3-18. Gulf Sturgeon and rigor mortis. (a) Fish showing no rigor. (b) Fish in rigor.

Results and Discussion

Figure 3-19 shows the results for the experiment. Every fish has its gizzard response for onset (blue), and resolution (pink). The most important aspect of dealing with rigor mortis for processing fish is to ensure that fish are eviscerated and stored on ice water before it enters rigor, and that fish are not fillet before rigor has resolved. Thus, by taking all the immediate points for each group of responses from Figure 3-18 and fitting linear regression through them, it is possible to determine the time lapse of rigor mortis for fish within commercial size (Figure 3-19).

Rope Month and Fish Weight

(a)

Rope Month Pattern and Fish Weight

(b)

Figure 3-18 Results of study in rope month and fish weight. (a) Shows in month and resistance of rope. (b) Regression lines fitted on maximum length to weight and maximum length to resistance of rope

It is interesting to notice that the first lanes are driven apart as fish weight increases, but means that duration of rigor mortis increases with fish weight. From this data it is clear that fish within the marked range tend to start rigor within the first 24 hours after death. Notice that this mode is very different than the onset range of 72 to 96 hours found for White sturgeon (Jaquetto-Patella et al., 1992). In addition, resolution of rigor in White sturgeon can take up to 7 days, while for Gulf sturgeon rigor is resolved within 3 days after death. It is interesting to mention that reported body weight for White sturgeon investigated ranged from 1.4 to 4.5 Kg (Jaquetto-Patella et al., 1992).

Experiment #2: Video Capture Method for Measuring Rigor Mortis in Whole Fish

As seen in the literature review, there are many possible ways to measure rigor mortis. This experiment is an improvement of Experiment 1 previously described. The use of a video camera reduces the sources of error during the experiment, because measurements are not taken manually. There is still possibility of variation due to placement of the fish. In addition, the methodology was developed in such a way to allow some insight into whether or not rigor mortis is uniform along the fish body. It is interestingly to mention that this is a novel approach for measuring rigor mortis in whole fish.

Material and Methods

The experiment consisted of a video camera Sony Hi-8 CCD-FC110 mounted on a fixed tripod, a table and a simple apparatus to secure the fish in place that is connected to a wooden background (Figure 3.11). Three 30 inches rulers were attached to the background. Eleven cultured Gulf sturgeon were killed by submergence in ice water and re-breathed within three hours of death. All fish were stored in coolers filled with ice

water. Oysters remained in a cold room ($1-4^{\circ}\text{C}$) at all times except when measurements were taken. Water and air were changed every 24 hours to keep fish stored in a clean environment. Fish color, mass, weight, length and feeding status are presented in Table 3-1. Fish were divided into two groups: small and large. These two groups were further sub-divided into two other groups: starved and fed, as seen in Table 3-1. Fish in the starved group were not fed for seven days before the first day of the experiment whereas the fed fish were fed up until the day of the experiment. The oyster rigged was firmly taped to the ground and there was no change in the positioning of the riggers or distance between the board and the oysters during the experiment. The board was attached to the table with three large clamps. Table and board were heated with two lamps. Riggers were attached to the board with Velcro, each fish was filmed for approximately 18 seconds at ten intervals of time over 52 hours. Therefore, the results from the experiment are ten video frames per fish. Fish were recovered within a few hours of death, and the experiment started approximately four hours after removal of the fish from the tanks. The first interval of time that frames were grabbed is considered time zero or zero hours. Times of data collection were 8 h, 12 h, 21 h, 27 h, 31 h, 36 h, 44 h, 52 h, 59 h, and 67 h. At 8 and 47 hours, fish were inspected for rigor and the elasticity of the bodies tested as in experiment #1; there was no induction of rigor mortis in the fish at these times.

Figure 3-11 Dimensions of the apparatus used during video capture method for monitoring, rigor mortis in whale fish

Table 3-4 Information on experimental units used for monitoring rigor mortis with video capturing method

Fish Code	Size	Weight (Kg)	Length (cm)	Feeding Status
BNF	Large	10.05	130	Feed
CNF	Large	8.22	113	Feed
YNF	Large	7.61	89	Feed
GBS	Large	7.98	106	Starved
PNB	Large	8.28	93	Starved

Table 3-3: *continued*

Fish Code	Size	Weight (Kg)	Length (cm)	Feeding Status
G65	Small	0.64	33.3	Starved
P15	Small	0.30	48	Starved
N95	Small	0.48	36	Starved
B2F	Small	0.49	34	Feed
O6F	Small	0.62	33	Feed
Y5F	Small	0.17	48	Feed

After the experiment was completed, one frame out of each ten second camera was grabbed with a video capture card on a PC. The information for all grabbed images are listed below:

- Width = 640 pixels
- Height = 480 pixels
- X and Y $\Delta p = 16$
- Original File Size = 811 Kbytes
- File Type = 24-Bit RGB Color
- Original File Format = Windows Bitmap (BMP)

Every frame was then modified using Corel Photo-Paint (Version 7.00) and 10 dots were placed along the fish body. The coordinates of every dot were recorded. The coordinate (X,Y) corresponds to the middle point of dots 1 and 2 shown on Figure 3-12. Points 3-4 and 5-6 correspond to 10 inches of the values attached on the board. In the right hand Corel Data databases are equivalent to 1.33 inches. Notice that the measurement factor is relative to the size of the image and resolution, which were determined when capturing the images from the video camera to the PC. The X and Y-axis are depicted in Figure 3-12. Both x and y values are assumed to be positive, thus the point of (X,Y)

when describing the shape of the fish body will look as if the fish were up side down (Figure 3-11). In order to have (X,Y) coordinates in real inches a conversion factor of 7.68 was multiplied by the (X,Y) coordinates of all points determined as Cond Photo-Points. The sets of 18 (X,Y) points from every frame were organized into spreadsheets by fish, and several parameters were calculated with the aid of a computer software Super Program, Version 1.0-6 developed by Maria Inés Ibañez (Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida)

Figure 3-11. Modified frame showing 18 dots that represent the shape of fish (G15) at 46 frames

Figure 3-12 is a plot of 46 (X,Y) coordinates in inches of a green fish at time point 46 frames. A diagonal line connects the first point (head point) and last point (tail)

point) on the curve. The perpendicular distance between the diagonal and every (X,Y) point is calculated and the values compared. The largest value calculated is then assigned to D , which is one of the parameters that will be used to describe a disease. Another parameter calculated was the area between the diagonal and the curve. Area is calculated by two different methods, namely Method #1 and Method #2.

Figure 3-15 Definition of parameter for analysis of sigmoidal progression

The area between the curve and the diagonal is equivalent to the sum of the area of each slice shown in Figure 3-16 (Method #1). Note that the area of each slice is calculated by applying the trapezoidal rule.

Figure 3-14 Representation of calculation of area for Method (F)

If the curve described by any given set of 16 (X,Y) points intersects the diagonal Method (F) is not used. In this case the area under the diagonal has to be subtracted from the area under the diagonal (Area Method (E)). For that, the area of the triangle composed by the X-axis, the diagonal and the red line is calculated (Figure 3-15). Then, the area under the blue curve is numerically integrated (Figure 3-13). The net area corresponds to the area of the triangle minus the area numerically integrated.

Figure 3-15. Representation of values of area for Method #2.

Placing a dot at the same spot on tissue and recording the coordinates for every eye determined the error of placement of the dots as Coord.Photo-Point. This procedure was done for several frames of small and large fish. The size of the tracks used as Coord.Photo-Point to draw the dots was different for small and large fish. Large fish received dots size #2 while small fish received dots size #1. Therefore, there is a difference in the calculated error among the groups. A grid was used over every frame at about 0.1 of an inch during the process of placing the dots. It was determined that all dots fell within the orange region shown in Figure 3-16 for the fish belonging to the large group. Thus, the error for each x value and for each y value is $(+/-) 0.103$ inches for large fish (Figure 3-16). Leading to an error of $(+/-) 0.146$ inches for the parameter D (Figure 3-16). The group of small fish had (X,Y) errors estimated as $(+/-) 0.154$ inches, thus the error for the parameter D was calculated as $(+/-) 0.213$ inches (Figure 3-17).

curve and 14% of the length of the curve. These values compared to the last point of the curve, called end point or point at 100% of the curve length. If the results in terms of rigor onset and point at maximum rigor are different for different lengths of the curve, it can be stated that rigor mortis is not uniform along the fish body.

Finally, it is assumed that points within the same region are considered the same, and points falling out of the region of the estimated curve are significantly different.

Results and Discussion

The results for each coded fish will be discussed separately, and then summarized for statistical analysis. Fish size and starvation will be tested in order to determine if these parameters influence the progression of rigor mortis in Gulf starpages.

Fish 038

Figure 3-1 (Appendix B) shows the frames grabbed from fish 038 during the experiment. Figure 3-18 depicts all (X, Y) points determined in Corel at the six different intervals of time over 48 hours. The fish belonged to the large group and it was starved for 7 days prior to death. Note that the curve representing (X, Y) values at 48 hours is a curve where the curve intercepts the diagonal, indicating zero is then indicated by bracketed 0. The results for area and parameter D are shown on Figure 3-19 and 3-20 respectively. Notice that the patterns over time of the parameters are very similar. The area changes about "30 inches²" through rigor (Figure 3-19) and the intercepts without "50% change between the initial area value, and the area value at maximum rigor." This indicates a drastic change in body shape between rest and maximum rigor. During the course of this experiment, it was noticed that some fish present drastic changes in body shape during rigor while others present minor shape changes. Note that all fish were killed by the same method. The degree of struggle was similar for all fish. In addition,

all fish were stored over the same conditions (temperature of storage plays an important role in the progress of rigor mortis). Thus, it seems that other factors such as vibrations may play an important role in determining how intense rigor mortis proceeds in a fish.

Figure 3-10 has the time for onset assigned as the storage point at 17 hours, rigor maximum occurs at 46 hours (red point) and resolution at 67 hours represented by the green point.

Figure 3.18 Profile plots of (a) Y_1 percent and (b) Y_2 percent.

(a) Y_1 percent vs. Y_2 percent
(b) Y_2 percent vs. Y_1 percent

Figure 3-19. Profile of area under the curve over time for Fish GBS

Figure 3-20. Profile of distance D over time for Fish GBS

The predicted (X,Y) points for 33% of the curve length did not vary for any fish over time points. It can be seen from Figure 3-10 that the first half of all the curves overlap. This explains the lack of difference for (X,Y) values at 33% of the curve length. This was observed for every fish, thus results for 33% of the curve length are not going to be presented. The predicted (X,Y) points for 66% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-11. Figure 3-12 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. There is a difference in the point of rigor maximum between the region at 66% of the length of the fish body and the tail region. Rigor maximum is achieved at 34 hours at a point located at 66% of the curve length, but it will just be achieved at 46 hours on the tail point. This supports data of preliminary experiments #2 where it was noted that full rigor was achieved first around the fore area and later on in the tail area. Onset and resolution of rigor occur at 37 hours and 67 hours respectively for both regions. This is in agreement with results observed for parameter 3.

The curve lines shown on Figure 3-11 and Figure 3-12 are suggested for clarity from three typical graphs for all the other fish. The curve is red represent the trajectory of the point from 3 hour up to rigor maximum. The curve is green represents the trajectory of the point from rigor maximum to 67 hours, which was the last time point collected during the experiment.

Fish Growth - (X, Y) Values @ 80% Total Length of the Curve

Figure 3-31 Fish Growth - (X, Y) Values at 80% Total Length of the Curve

Figure 1.02 Peak 2000, (X,Y) values at that point

Fish 085

Figure B-2 (Appendix B) shows the frames grabbed from this PHS during the experiment. Figure 3-23 depicts all (X,Y) points determined in Corel at the two different intervals of time over 47 hours. This fish belonged to the large group and it was starved for 7 days before death. The area decreases more than 38 inches² between point at rest and maximum rigor (Figure 3-26), this corresponds to 21 % change in area during rigor. The pattern of parameter D and area are similar over time (Figure 3-25). Parameter D varies just a couple of inches during the process, and the time for onset seems to be the same as rigor movement at 27 hours (Figure 3-23). Parameter C suggests that resolution occurs at 46 hours for fish 085. The produced (X,Y) points for 60% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-26. Figure 3-27 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. Notice that the (X,Y) point at 60% of the curve length does not vary much in position over time. On the other hand, there is a large variation in position over time for the tail point. Results are the same for both plots, as far as rigor onset and maximum rigor, occurring respectively at 20 and 27 hours. Results for parameter D show a delay in onset when compared with results of points at 60% and 100% of the curve length. Looking at the difference between frames at 8 hour and Frame at 11 hours, it seems that fish 085 is already moving at 8 hours (Figure B-2). Then parameter D fails in predicting onset. Additionally, it also failed in predicting resolution, because from Figure B-2 rigor can still be noticed at 46 hours. Resolution occurs at 35 hours for point at 60% of the curve length and just at 47 hours for the tail point. Looking at the frames at 39 and 40 hours (Figure B-2), it seems that rigor resolves at 47 hours.

Figure 1.21: Profile plots of (X, Y) points. (a) (X, Y) points up to right maximum. (b) (X, Y) points after right maximum.

Flask P86

Figure 3-24 Profile of area under the curve over time for flask P86

Flask P88

Figure 3-25 Profile of clearance (D area) over time for flask P88

Figure 3-34 Total Length of the Curve at 60% of total length of the curve

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Fish W55

Figure B-3 (Appendix B) shows the images generated from fish W55 during the experiment. Figure 3-26 depicts all (X, Y) points determined in Corel at the two different intervals of time over 47 hours. The fish, being the group of small fish and a shark, fed for 7 days before death. Notice that there is 16 hours missing, as it's unknown occurred in the fish body between two peaks of lateral rigors (Figure B-3). According to results for parameter D, rigor starts at 31 hours, rigor maximum occurs at 46 hours and rigor is resolved at 47 hours (Figure 3-26). It is clear from Figure B-3 that fish W55 is already in rigor at 27 hours, then parameter D failed to predict when rigor sets in.

The pattern of parameter D and area are similar over time, and this was noticed for small fish studied (Figure 3-38). The change in area between rest and peak at rigor maximum is about 12 inches² (Figure 3-26) and this corresponds to about 33 % change in area over rigor. To compare change in area between small & large fish it will be necessary to refer to it as percentage of change based on initial area. Comparison of the results between fish will be presented when results are normalized. Parameter D shows two separate peaks of rigor on fish W55, one at 31 hours and another at 46 hours. There were reasonable explanations for this relaxation of the body during rigor. Nevertheless, this was also observed in other fish as it can be seen on fish G26 between 31 and 36 hours, on fish G47 (Figure B-7) and also on fish G66 (Figure B-18).

Figure 3.23: Results of a regression analysis. (a) (X, Y) Pseudo R² after 100 iterations. (b) (X, Y) Pseudo R² after 1000 iterations.

Figure S2B. Profile of area under the curve over time for fish W55.

Figure S2C. Profile of distance (3 over time for fish W55.

The predicted (R,N) points for 60% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-11. Figure 3-12 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. Notice that point at 0 hours is different to the left of the cluster of points down from where the fish is not in rigor. There seems to be a posturing difference between hours 0 and hours 10 hours because as it can be seen in Figure 0-1 fish W53 is not in rigor at either of the points. However, fish W53 does not show the same curvature in hours 0 and 10 hours. Posturing of the fish is critical, because all results are derived from the (R,N) points taken from the images. Rigor was definitely in evidence at 27 hours (Figure 0-3). Results from graphs shown in Figure 3-11 indicate that point at 60% of the curve length failed to predict rigor onset between points at 27 hours clusters with several other points where fish went in rigor such as points for 11 and 47 hours. There is a delay in maximum rigor on the tail point (Figure 3-11) when compared to the point at 60% of the curve length (Figure 3-12). The points at 11, 46, 52 and 58 hours overlap, meaning that there is no significant difference between them. Thus rigor maximum was achieved at 11 hours for point at 60% of the curve length. The graphs in Figure 3-12 demonstrate clusters. The first point significantly different from 0 hours is 27 hours, where rigor sets in. Rigor maximum occurs at 46 hours and there is no significant change up to 52 hours because these two points closely overlap (Figure 3-12). Observe that resolution of rigor occurs at 47 hours for all parameters investigated. Onset and resolution occur to occur at 27 and 47 hours respectively (Figure 0-3), and the only parameter correctly predicting these was the tail point. As on fish C85, it seems that there are two peaks of rigor, the rigors around 60% of the curve length peaks at 11 hours while there is still significant changes in rigor intensity on the tail area at 46 hours.

Figure 3-10: (X, Y) values of $W(t)$, Total Length of the Curve

Figure 3-11: (X, Y) values at start of total length of the curve

Figure 2-11: Tail VSS (X, Y) Values at Tail Point

Figure 2-12: Tail VSS (X, Y) Values at Tail Point

File 008

Figure B-4 (Appendix B) shows the frames grabbed from File 008 during the experiment. Figure 3-13 depicts all (X, Y) points determined at Cent1 at the ten-minute intervals of time over 67 hours. This fish belonged to the group of small fish and it was moved for 7 days before death. Parameter D shows rigor onset at 36 hours, maximum rigor at 46 hours and resolution at 59 hours. It can be seen in Figure B-4 that parameter D falls decreasing when rigor sets in as well as when it resolves. Fish at 31 hours is clearly already in rigor and fish at 59 hours is on cusp of rigor yet. Actually, fish 008 does not look completely out of rigor at 67 hours. The change in area is about 18 mm^2 between rest and point of rigor maximum (Figure 3-14), which corresponds to about 23 % change in area during rigor mortis. The pattern of parameter D and area are similar over time, but point 31 hours shows an increase in area, while D decreases. It is interesting to notice that an increase in area is not unexpected if rigor starts first in the region close to the head, because the tail is relaxed and will hang parallel to y axis, while in relaxed will increase while rigor sets in on the first half of the body. This causes the area within the diagonal and the curve to increase slightly instead of decreasing. Once the tail starts taking up the area of the area between the curve and the diagonal drop significantly.

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Figure 3-34 Profile of error under the current error laws for fish Q25

Figure 3-35 Profile of distance (D) error laws for fish Q28

The predicted (X,Y) points for 10% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-3a. Figure 3-3f is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. Results for onset and maximum rigor are different for the different plots. The points at 42 hours in both graphs do not overlapping with point at 0 hours, thus rigor on Fish 0388 might not have been completely resolved by the end of the experiment. In Figure 3-3a it can be seen that the first point is later that does not overlap the 0-hour point is point at 17 hours, which is rigor onset according to analysis of point at 10% of the curve length. According to the tail point rigor onset is at 13 hours (Figure 3-3f). It is questionable whether Fish 0388 is in rigor at 13 hours, but at 26 hours rigor seems to be already setting in (Figure 3-4). In Figure 3-3d points at 36, 48 and 52 hours overlap as they are considered equivalent, thus rigor maximum is reached around 36 hours. In Figure 3-3f rigor maximum occurs at 48 hours and there is no significant change up to 52 hours because these two points clearly overlap. Looking at the lines in Figure 3-4, it seems that the pattern of rigor onset rigor supports the idea that rigor intensity is different at the different regions, and the peak of rigor intensity happens at a later time for the region near the tail when compared to the region at 10% of the curve length.

Figure 3-26 Find 0000 - (X,Y) Values at 60% of total length of the curve

Field 2018 - (X,Y) Values (g) Tull Power

Figure 5-11 Field 2018 (X,Y) Values at soil point

Fig. 235

Figure 3-3 (Appendix B) shows the frames grabbed from fish P38 during the experiment. Figure 3-33 depicts all (X,Y) points documented at Cvent at the two different intervals of time over 42 hours. This fish belonged to the group of small fish and it was starved for 7 days before death. The change in area is about 17 mm^2 between rest and point of rigour maximum (Figure 3-39), and that corresponds to 64% change in area. That is a drastic change in shape, and it indicates that fish P38 has undergone intense muscle contractions during rigour. The pattern of parameter D and area are basically identical over time (Figure 3-40). Parameter D shows rigour onset at 14 hours, maximum rigour at 22 hours and resolution at 37 hours (Figure 3-40). Looking at the frames on Figure 3-3 it seems that parameter D correctly predicts when rigour sets in, as well as when it resolves. The predicted (X,Y) points for 50% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-41. Figure 3-41 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. The graphs show Figure 3-41 shows two separate clusters. The first point that stands out of the cluster containing point at 0 hours, is point at 14 hours (Figure 3-41). Notice that point at 21 hours on Figure 3-41 is not clustering with points at 13 and 27 hours. Looking on Figure 3-3 it can be seen that frames 6, 13, 27 and 30 are very similar and rigour does not seem to be setting in before 14 hours. Once again two peaks of rigour intensity are noticed, and rigour maximum is reached at 26 hours on point at 50% of the curve length (Figure 3-44), while tail point shows maximum rigour at 33 hours (Figure 3-42). Even though at 37 hours rigour maximum has resolved, the tail point does not change with points at 0 hour (Figure 3-42).

Figure 3-34 Profile Plot P105

(a) (X,Y) Points up to eye movement.
(b) (X,Y) Points after eye movement

Fish P55

Figure 3-48. Profile of area under the curve over time for Fish P55

Fish P56

Figure 3-49. Profile of distance (Power) over time for Fish P56

Figure 3-41 Peak PMS (X,Y) Values at 60% of Total Length of the curve

Plot: P100 : (X,Y) Values of: Tied P-Value

Figure 14-2 Plot P100 : (X,Y) Values at tied point

Fish 306

Figure 3-4 (Appendix B) shows the traces grabbed from fish 306 during the experiment. Figure 3-43 depicts all (X,Y) points distributed in Cardé at the two different intervals of time over 47 hours. This fish belonged the group of large fish and was eventually fed before death. The change in area is about 30 inches² between rest and point of ripe maximum (Figure 3-44), and this corresponds to about 25% change in area. Notice that there is no increase in area as it was also seen for fish 435 and 456 (Figure 3-46). Looking at Figure 3-45, the increase in area corresponds to onset of ripe (17 hours), where body is getting stiff but the tail is still pendular in the y axis. Tail shows full stiffness at about 33 hours. The pattern of parameter C and area are basically identical over time (Figure 3-45). Parameter C leads to predict ripe onset, and it suggests that ripe onset occurred at 46 hours. However, it can be observed that fish is in ripe stage 27 hours (Figure 3-46). Parameter C shows maximum ripe occurring at 46 hours, because this point is not significantly different than 33 hours. Resolution is correctly predicted at 47 hours (Figure 3-43). The predicted (X,Y) points for 44% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-46. Figure 3-47 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. The graphs from Figure 3-46 shows onset at 21 hours, maximum ripe at 21 hours and resolution at 47 hours. Results from the tail point shows onset at 21 hours, ripe maximum at 33 hours, and resolution at 47 hours. This is another example of a fish that shows that the tail makes full ripe intensity at a later time than the region near the head.

Figure 1-4: Profile Flats (300)

(a) (X, Y) Profile up to eight iterations
 (b) (X, Y) Profile after eight more iterations

Figure 3-44 Profile of area under the curve over time for fish 1007

Figure 3-45 Profile of distance D over time for fish 1007

Figure 3-44 First Iteration (0,1) Values of 80% of total length of the curve

Figure 3.4.47: (R, Y) Values at Tail Point

Fish 588

Figure B-7 (Appendix B) shows the frames grabbed from Fish 588 during the experiment. This fish belonged the group of large fish and was continuously fed before death. The first important thing to notice is that this is not correctly measured and is placed on frame at 13 hours (Figure B-7). The fish is hanging down and badly positioned, so the frame was not included in the analysis. Figure 3-48 depicts all (X,Y) points determined as-Cord at the six different moments of time over 17 hours. The change in size is about 17 μm^2 between each and point at equal measurements (Figure 3-48), and this corresponds to about 14% change in size. This indicates that there were no drastic changes in shape over time, and rigor was not very intense on fish 588. Parameter D varies about 1 unit all together and the variance is basically within the error (Figure 3-50). Parameter G is the size of it as is size. The preferred (X,Y) points the 64% of the curve length are shown on Figure 3-51. Figure 3-52 is a plot of the real points, or 100% of the curve length. The graphs from Figure 3-51 shows onset and rigor maximum at 11 hours, while real results show onset at 10 hours and rigor maximum at 44 hours. This is another example of a fish that shows that the tail reaches full rigor intensity at a later time than the region around the middle of the body. Resolution of rigor occurred just at 47 hours on tail points (Figure 3-52). This is in agreement with Figure B-8, where fish was frozen at 50 hours and shows rigor. The parameter (X,Y) at 64% of the curve length presents rather confusing results for resolution. The point at 21 hours overlap 8 hours, but subsequent points 34 and 44 hours do not overlap with 8 hours. This is another case where it is unclear why there is a 'discontinuity' between points of rigor. Rigor resolves at 11 hours according to results from Figure 3-51. Once again the point at 64% of the curve length does not predict resolution correctly.

Figure 3: (a) $u(x, y)$ Profile up to type maximum, (b) $u(x, y)$ Profile after type maximum.

Figure 3-45 Profile of area under the curve over time for Pain ODP

Figure 3-56 Profile of Cmax over time for Pain ODP

Figure 3-43 Push Out - (X,Y) Values at 50% of total length of the curve

Figure 3-62 Fish Color (R, Y) Values at Tail Point

Fish YBF

Figure 3-8 (Appendix B) shows the frames grabbed from Fish YBF during the experiment. This fish belonged the group of large fish and was continuously fed before death. The first important thing to notice is that fish show almost no rigo during the whole 67 hours. Figure 3-33 depicts all (X,Y) points determined in Corel at the two different intervals of time over 67 hours. This fish, belong the group of big fish and it was normally fed prior to death. The change in area is about 17 mm^2 between rest and point at rigo maximum (Figure 3-19), and this corresponds to about 7% change in area. This indicates that there were slight changes in shape over time, and rigo progressed with little muscle contractions. Parameter D varies less than 1 inch over time, and the variation is basically within the error (Figure 3-35). Parameter D is the same as for the continuously decrease two selected points that were deeper in rest, rest at 31 hours and the other at 66 hours. The predicted (X,Y) points for 66% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-36. Figure 3-37 is a plot of the real points, or 100% of the curve length. Results from Figure 3-36 and Figure 3-37 predict onset at 12 hours, and resolution at 67 hours. The point at 66% of the curve length shows very little variation over time, and most points overlap. Point at 36 hours overlaps with points at 37 and 38 hours, thus rigo maximum occurs at 37 hours (Figure 3-38). Because point at 37 hours overlaps with all points hour 0 and 67 hours, it seems that rigo did not intensify after 37 hours for the region around the middle of the body of fish YBF. The results from Figure 3-37 shows that point 37 hours does not overlap with point at 36 hours, but point 36 hours overlaps with point 38 hours. This suggests that rigo maximum occurred at 36 hours at the tail point.

Figure 3-25: Profiles of $[O_2]$ and $[O_2]_{eq}$ profiles.

Flash YBP

Figure 3-04 Profile of area under the curve over time for Flash YBP

Flash YBP

Figure 3-05 Profile of distance D over time for Flash YBP

Figure 3-56 Each YPR - (X,Y) Values at 10% of total length of the curve

Figure 3-40 Path 100F - (0,0) Values at trail point

Fish 336

Figure 3-38 (Appendix B) shows the shape predicted from fish T36 during the experiment. This fish belonged the group of small fish and was continuously fed before death. Figure 3-38 depicts six (X,Y) points determined at C_{end} at the two different intervals of time over 47 hours. This fish belong the group of small fish and it was seriously fed prior to death. The change in area is about 18 cm^2 between end and point in experiment (Figure 3-39) and this corresponds to about 40% change in area. This indicates that the shape of the body of this fish changed considerably during experiment. Parameter 2-point experiment at 46 hours, which is considered to point in experiment, rigor stage is maximum up to 36 hours, and resolution at 47 hours (Figure 3-40). This is exactly what can be seen on images of Figure B-8. The predicted (X,Y) points for 60% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-41. Figure 3-42 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. Results from Figure 3-41 and Figure 3-42 predict rigor onset at 36 hours and 37 hours respectively. Both points predict that fish '336' reached maximum rigor at 46 hours and resolution at 47 hours. Note that point at 36 hours does not overlap point at 4 hours, nonetheless point at 36 hours does. Fish '336' does not look in rigor at 36 or 36 hours (Figure B-9).

Figure 3-28 Profiles of Y_2 points
(a) Y_2 points up to 100 iterations
(b) Y_2 points after 1000 iterations

Figure 3-58 Profile of area under the curves over time for Run Y87

Figure 3-59 Profile of distance D over time for Run Y87

Table 10.17 - (X,Y) Values of 80% of Total Length of the Curve

Figure 10.41 - (X,Y) Values of 80% of total length of the curve

Figure 3.42: Peak YRP - (X,Y) Values @ Tail Point

Figure 3.42: Peak YRP - (X,Y) Values at Tail Point

Fish 836

Figure 3-13 (Appendix B) shows the known gridfish from Fish 836 during the experiment. Figure 3-43 depicts all (X,Y) points determined in Code at the two different intervals of time over 47 hours. This fish, being the group of small fish and it was normally fed prior to death. The change in area is about 17 inches² between onset and point of rigor maximum (Figure 3-44), and this corresponds to about 60% change in area. This indicates drastic changes in shape of the body during rigor. Note that the area increases slightly then decreases. Parameter D predicts onset at 27 hours, maximum rigor at 46 hours and resolution at 47 hours (Figure 3-45). Note that curves for Onset B, LI and 75 points are practically the same, and the first curve that stands out of this group is the one at 77 hours (Figure 3-43). In addition curve at 46 hours is clearly the point fish 836 reaches maximum rigor severity. Parameter D in this case seems to predict well rigor progress for Fish 836. The predicted (X,Y) points for 60% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-44. Figure 3-46 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. Graphs from tail point shows exactly the same times of onset, maximum rigor and resolution as parameter D. Point at 60% fails to predict rigor onset, because point at 27 hours overlaps with point at 0 hours, but maximum rigor and resolution are the same as for the other parameters.

Table B.37

Figure 3-44. Profile of area under the curve over time for Study B.37

Table B.38

Figure 3-45. Profile of decrease D over time for Study B.37

Peak BGP - (X,Y) Values @ 60% Total Length of the Curve

Figure 3-66 Peak BGP - (X,Y) Values at 60% of total length of the curve

Plot of $RMP = (X, Y)$ values @ Trail Point

Figure 3-57 Plot of $RMP = (X, Y)$ Values at trail point

Fish-062

Figure 3-11 (Appendix E) shows the traces yielded from fish 062 during the experiment. Figure 3-68 depicts all (X,Y) points determined as Curv1 at the ten different intervals of time over 67 hours. This fish, being the group of small fish and it was actually fed prior to death. The change in area is less than 4 cm^2 between rest and point at rigor maximum (Figure 3-45), and this corresponds to about 1.6% change in area. This indicates slight changes in shape of the body during rigor. Fish Y62 shows a peak of rigor at 31 hours and another peak at 51 hours, while rigor seems less intense at 36 and 46 hours (Figure 3-11). Parameter D predicts onset at 37 hours, maximum rigor at 46 hours and resolution at 67 hours (Figure 3-70). Note that curves for frames 9, 13 and 21 points are practically the same, and the first curve that stands out of this group is at 31 hours (Figure 3-68). Its addition curve at 31 hours is clearly the point fish-062 reaches maximum rigor intensity. Nevertheless, the tail point of curve at 31 hours sits on top of the tail point of curve at 36 hours (Figure 3-68). Parameter D varies less than in each other fish. It shows onset and maximum rigor at 37 hours, and resolution at 67 hours. It can be seen from Figure 3-11 that fish is in rigor in shape 14 hours. The predicted (X,Y) points for 65% of the curve length are shown in Figure 3-71. Figure 3-72 is a plot of the tail point, or 100% of the curve length. Both parameters shows the same results: onset of rigor at 37 hours, maximum rigor at 37 hours and resolution at 67 hours. There is no explanation why frames 36 and 46 hours show a decrease in rigor intensity when compared to frames 31 and 51 hours.

Figure 3-48 Profile Error ODF

Figure 3-68 Profile of area under the curve over time for Flask G57

Figure 3-70 Profile of distance D over time for Flask G57

Peak DSR - (X,Y) Values @ 10% of Total length of the Curve

Figure 3-21: (X,Y) Values at 10% of total length of the curve

Figure 3-3) Prob-CDF - (X,Y) Values at tail point

Summary of Results

Before drawing conclusions regarding onset and resolution of rigor, it is important to know if any of the parameters can correctly predict what is observed in the values obtained during the experiment. The results indicated by parameter E_1 given as ATP of the same length initial point are going to be individually compared with results from visual analysis of the filament shown in Appendix B. The performance of each parameter will be evaluated. Because onset was not determined for the area, the results for area are going to be compared as percent change between initial frame and frame showing similar area. As discussed earlier, the overall change in area during rigor might reflect different patterns of rigor intensity between fish that were fed and fish that starved prior to death. Results of maximum rigor between point at tails of the same length and tail point will be compared in order to determine if rigor is uniform along the fish body or tends to progress from the head towards the tail. If any of the parameters is considered acceptable as predicting rigor onset and resolution, then the results from that parameter will be used to determine whether it is possible to differentiate groups of fish with different size and different feeding status.

Discussion Area

Changes in the area are due to changes in body shape. It seems reasonable to assume that if there is a lot of change in the shape of the body near rigor, rigor is occurring vigorously. Also, if there is little change in shape during rigor, rigor process was not intense. Rigor intensity might be related to the amount of glycogen available in the fish musculature at the time of death. If ATP drops rapidly, muscle contractions should be more pronounced, and changes in shape more drastic during rigor. Fish that starved prior to death should have smaller glycogen reserves than fish that were

continuously fed, then it should present more drastic changes in area during rigor. Table 3-10 shows the initial area, and the value of the area at maximum rigor (initial area determined) together with the percent change in area for each fish. Analysis of variance shows that there is no significant difference in rigor intensity at $p < 0.05$ between starved and fed fish (Table 3-11). In addition, it is expected that maximum muscle fish to reach maximum body contraction in a shorter length of time due to quicker depletion of muscle phosphates. Results from analysis of variance of the time when maximum values for area were achieved show that there is no significant difference in rigor intensity between fish that starved and fish that were continuously fed prior to death (Table 3-12).

Table 3-10. Summary of results from parameter area.

Fish Code	Initial Area (μm^2)	Area at Maximum Rigor (μm^2)	Change in Area During Rigor (%)	Time to Maximum Rigor (s)
GNS	183.38	39.93	78.4	66
PRR	85.83	27.98	67.7	23
WSS	22.64	14.88	33.3	46
GLR	28.94	18.12	37.4	66
PSR	24.67	1.77	92.8	33
RRP	129.43	38.96	72.8	38
ORP	126.86	183.38	14.6	36
YDF	68.86	84.48	7.3	66
ESR	28.94	11.34	60.7	36
ORP	38.93	21.96	43.1	38
YDF	24.58	14.87	39.1	36

Table 3.11 Results of analysis of variance for percent change in wet

Groups	Count	Sum	Average	Variance			
Starving Group	3	244.549	81.516	332.580			
Full Group	6	127.448	21.241	400.426			
Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F-Value	p-value	F critical	
Between Groups	848.279	1	848.279	3.694	0.088	5.017	
Within Groups	2412.323	8	301.538				
Total	3260.602	10					

SS = sum of squares

df = degrees of freedom

MS = mean squares

Table 3.12 Results of analysis of variance for time to report symptoms

Groups	Count	Sum	Average	Variance			
Starving Group	3	312	104.000	90.666			
Full Group	6	296	49.333	97.944			
Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F critical	
Between Groups	96.000	1	96.000	1.002	0.343	5.017	
Within Groups	864.000	8	108.000				
Total	960.000	10					

SS = sum of squares

df = degrees of freedom

MS = mean squares

This result leads to the following conclusions:

- Starving Gull starves for a period of seven days might not cause a significant impact on the progression of viral infection
- The number of experimental units might not be large enough to show any existing significant differences
- There is almost a two-fold difference in the mean values of percent change in wet between the populations, but the variance is extremely large for both groups. A larger number of experimental units could be helpful in decreasing the variance and giving a better mean separation

- The results show that starvation for a period of seven days does not cause GSH depletion in weak falligator stage fish.

Parameter 4: *starvation*.ID

Table 3-13 shows the results according to parameter 4 for onset and resolution of all fish but fish WBF. Results of lateral maximum rigor are not going to be analyzed using parameter 4 because it seems that several fish present two different points of rigor maximum. Thus conclusions regarding points at maximum rigor will be analyzed using the first point and the point at 60% of the curve length. Table 3-13 also shows the results based on a visual analysis of traces from Appendix B (observed results). Note that parameter 4 fails to predict rigor in all fish but fish GSH, PSH and RSP. Parameter 4 correctly predicted rigor resolution for seven fish out of the eleven. Parameter 4 is not a good estimate for rigor onset. When observing the traces it was not clear if fish GSH is already in rigor at 17 hours, as well as if RSP is in rigor at 11 hours or just at 27 hours.

Table 3-13. Summary of results from parameter 4

Fish Code	4 Onset (h)	4 Resolution (h)	Observed Onset (h)	Observed Resolution (h)
GSH	27	67	27	67
PSH	27	46	27	67
WBF	31	67	27	67
GSH	36	39	13-25	67
PSH	36	67	36	67
RSP	46	67	25-27	67
GBF			26	67
YBF			13	67
RSP	27	67	27	67
GBF	32	67	27	67
YSF	46	67	26	67

Parameter products at 60% and 100% of curve length

First results of onset and resolution need to be compared with the observed results from frames shown on Appendix B.

Table 3-14 Summary of results from points at 60% of the length of the curve (LC) and from tail point

Fish Code	60% LC* Onset (s)	60% LC* Resolution (s)	Tail Point Onset (s)	Tail Point Resolution (s)	Observed Onset (s)	Observed Resolution (s)
Q88	27	47	27	47	27	47
Y88	31	51	31	47	31	47
W88	36	47	27	47	27	47
Q89	27	47	13	47	13-21	47
F88	36	47	36	47	36	47
R89	21	47	27	47	21-27	47
Q89	21	51	26	47	23	47
Y89	19	47	13	47	23	47
W89	21	47	27	47	27	47
Q89	27	51	27	47	27	47
Y89	36	47	36	47	36	47

*LC = length of curve

The parameter tail-point correctly predicts onset and resolution of eyes for all fish. Note that when observing the frames it was not clear if fish Q88 is already in eyes at 13 frames, as well as if R89 is in eyes at 26 frames or just at 27 frames. The point at 60% of the curve length indicates predict onset on four fish out of eleven. In all cases it predicts onset at a later time than observed. Resolution is predicted correctly for eight fish out of eleven, and it predicts resolution on a earlier time than observed. All fish reaches eyes between 19 and 37 hours. Results for onset from the tail point were used to run analysis

of variance and show if there is a significant difference between large and small fish as well as fed and starved fish (Table 3-15).

Table 3-15. Results of analysis of variance for rigor across three tail points (100% of the curve length)

Effect	DF Factor	MS (Effect)	DF Error	MS Error	F-Value	p-Value
Size	1	9.466	7	10.819	0.861	0.417
Feeding Status	1	71.188	7	10.819	1.209	0.309
Interactions	1	12.664	7	10.819	0.566	0.476

MS = mean squares

DF = degrees of freedom

MS = Mean squares

There are no significant differences between small and large fish, or fed and starved fish. The number of experimental units is too small in each group and this might be one reason why it was not possible to show differences of rigor onset. All fish can be then treated as one group. Thus, data from maximum rigor from tail point and point at 60% of the curve length were subjected to T-test. Table 3-16 shows mean values, standard deviation (SD) and standard error of the mean (SEM) for the responses on rigor maximum for both populations. T-test shows that there is a significant difference between onset of maximum rigor for point at 60% of the curve length and point at 100% of the curve length (p -value of 0.01). This results indicates that rigor is not a uniform process, and that the tail reaches maximum rigor at a later time than does the middle of the fish body. This had been observed during the preliminary experiments, but further investigation was necessary to prove it. Note that because rigor is not uniform along the fish body, determining IC values over time on muscle samples from Ca/T segments will require analysis of different parts of the fillet.

Table 3-11 Results of maximum rigor for points at 50% and 100% of the curve length

Fish Code	Maximum Rigor at 50% of CL	Maximum Rigor at 100% of CL
	(A)	(B)
0295	38	48
0298	22	27
9751	48	52
0293	30	32
0291	48	52
8804	22	32
0292	20	48
Y104	22	31
8802	16	48
0294	30	31
Y102	48	48
Mean	34.3	41.7
SD	9.6	9.1
SEM	3.9	3.9
T-Test	0.8135	

CL = curve length

SD = standard deviation of the mean

SEM = standard error of the mean

Conclusion

Rigor onset and resolution were determined for a large number of experimental units of commercial size. This information is very valuable for the emerging aquaculture business of Gulf snappers in Florida. In order to ensure quality of the product, fish at commercial size should be processed and left in cooling rigor in ice water for the time indicated in Figure 3-11.

The radio-capturing methodology is efficient in measuring rigor onset. Among the parameters tested, the point at 100% of the curve length (tail point) was correctly predict onset and resolution of rigor. It was possible to prove that rigor is not a uniform process in Gulf snapper body. It is necessary to run an experiment with larger number

of fish to investigate if there are differences between fish that starved and fish that are fed continuously prior to death. The proposed methodology needs to be tested for other fish species, and specially for fish with body shapes different than surgeon, multi-seal and salmon. Finally, it is important to point out that the proposed method is non-destructive, low-cost, fast, and can be executed to fit in a production line.

CHAPTER 4 HANDLING, COMPOSITION AND COMMERCIAL YIELDS

Handling Cold of Mexican Sargassum

There are several important aspects that should be taken into account when handling fresh sargassum. After removal of fish from tanks, fish are placed into coolers containing water and ice. Water temperature is about 8°C. Then fish are killed by submersion in cold water or during bleeding procedures. There are several other possible methods of killing such as despatching (Wooten et al., 1995a), stunning with carbon dioxide with further placement of a net on gill netters (Dagbaki et al., 1997; Berg et al., 1997), cranial splitting (Wooten et al., 1995b; Aedo et al., 2019) and sharp blow to the head (Cell et al., 1994) among others. The fish are described as coolers with fresh sea water. Two cuts are normally applied to the fish body (Figure 4-1). The first cut is done on the upper part of the belly cavity, moving towards the heart. The second near the tail, to obtain a vent flared in that area. Fish are left in sea water for about 1-2 hours, and then gutted. Ice water should be changed at least once during the bleeding procedure. The first cut for removal of the viscera is a horizontal cut that opens the whole belly cavity without harming the organs (Figure 4-2). Viscera is removed as a whole. The belly cavity should be rinsed with clean water used down (Figure 4-3). This is important to avoid possible contamination of internal organs with bacteria. Eviscerated fish are rinsed once again and packed into coolers, or trays with clean sea water (Figure 4-4). The coolers or

ings are then stored into refrigerators held at temperature between 0-1°C. The fish are left to undergo ripen at optimum temperature, however ice water should be changed every 24 hours to reduce the chance of microbial contamination and ensure a clean environment for the product storage.

Figure 4-1 Suggested cut to Most Gelf storage

Figure 4-2 Gill storage belly ready with moist viscous

Figure 4-3 Extended Gelf storage

Figure 4-4 Trays with Gulf shrimps packed in ice water

After the fish undergoes rigor mortis, it should be filleted right away. It is known that little bacterial contamination happens prior to resolution of rigor, but after rigor has resolved spoilage will take place even at low temperatures. Filleting the fish will prolong its freshness and slow down spoilage. This is due to the fact that blood was still be found in several areas of the fish body regardless of the last bleeding procedure has taken place prior to excoriation. The method for filleting Gulf shrimps described below was developed after filleting several fish different ways. Time required to fillet each fish as well as an incision points were taken into account to choose the best methodology.

The first step in filleting Gulf shrimps is removal of the head by placing a cut diagonal to the fish length starting right under the swim bladder and finishing under the

min/bladder on the other side (Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4). The second step is removal of the tail as depicted in Figure 4-7 below.

Figure 4-3 Removal of Gulf sturgeon head

Figure 4-4 Head of Gulf sturgeon body

Figure 4-7 Removal of Gulf sturgeon tail

After removal of the fin, the remaining part is consistently referred to as a fish bullet. Next step is filleting or removal of the belly flap. A longitudinal cut is placed from the tail area up to the head area (Figure 4-3). The two rows of bony plates located over the belly cavity are removed at this time (Figure 4-4).

Figure 4-3 Removal of Gulf sturgeon belly flap

Figure 4-4 Removal of Gulf sturgeon bottom rows of bony plates

Next a similar longitudinal cut is placed at the top of the bullet in order to remove the upper bony plate row (Figure 4-5). At this point the body is ready to be skinned. It is important to mention that under the bony plates there is a thick layer of dark skin. Using a filleting knife, the skin is broken-up just to the lateral bony plate row, and then it is peeled off by hand (Figure 4-11). Treating of the remaining dark skin should

decrease the chances of lipid oxidation and subsequent development of off flavors.

Carefully sliding the filleting knife through the fat layer between the fillet and the spinal cord is exposed (Figure 4-10). Note that as mild stargers of large size the skin is normally pulled off by hand without the need to remove spinal ridges as it is shown in Figure 4-11. This is not possible in small fish because the layer of dark meat is very thin between the skin and the muscle.

Figure 4-10 Removal of Gull stargers top view of honey plane

Figure 4-11 Removal of Gull stargers lateral skin

Figure 4-12 Top view of Gulf sturgeon spinal cord

Using a curved blade to cut the spinal cord longitudinally the fillets are separated (Figure 4-13). The bones are recovered by twisting, pulling “detached fillets” (Figure 4-14).

Figure 4-13 Gulf sturgeon fillets prior to twisting off belly cavity bones

Figure 4-14 Calf showing dorsal fillets

Calf of Muscular Structure Proportion Comparison

Introduction

According to Love (1943), when fish muscle is to be investigated for nutritional purposes, results may vary widely depending upon the part of the fillet chosen for investigation. The proportion of dark muscle increases toward the tail end, and connective tissue is minimal at about the 11th segment counting from head to tail. Thus, it increases in the anterior and posterior directions (Love, 1943). Studies on anatomy show that the tail part presents about six times the proportion of dark muscle when compared with that near the head (Love, 1943). Japanese yellowtail has 1% dark muscle near the head, and about 53 % near the tail (Love, 1944). In addition, it has been shown that the phospholipid composition may vary widely between dark muscle and white

muscle (Lowe, 1988). Within the whole muscle, the oil content is highest in cross-sectional slices closest to the head and least in those near the tail (Lowe, 1988).

Back muscle in Gulf menhaden should be thoroughly examined, as previously mentioned. Nonetheless, it is important to investigate whether there are regional variations in the proximate composition within Gulf menhaden whole muscle. That is important in case a sampling procedure is needed to quantify fat, protein, moisture and ash percent, as well as fatty acid profile, for quality control of the product.

Materials and Methods

Three live cultured Gulf menhaden from the spawning year of 1995 were obtained from the Department of Fisheries and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida. All fish were killed by submersion in ice, and a slice through the lower. Fish were bled and left at ice water throughout rigor. The experimental design was as follows:

- 3 Fish = Codes 1, 2, 3
- 2 Sides = Left (L) and Right (R)
- 3 Parts = Head (H), Middle (M) and Tail (T)

Fish weights were between 2.5 kg, and fillets weighed and averaged 200-300 g each. Each fillet was equally divided into three parts; each part was stored in zip-lock freezer bags, and kept frozen at -15°C until analysis.

Fillets were thoroughly acclimated to a point on a food processor prior to duplicated analysis. Moisture and ash were determined as described in Guidelines for Chilled Fish Storage Experiments (Lowe des Savoyes and Truchetet, 1981). Small portions (slices) were dried to constant weight on an oven held over night at 175°C , then placed in a desiccator for 30 minutes to cool down. Weights of the samples were recorded in four decimal places. Consumable whole muscle of Gulf menhaden was

weighed directly into crucibles (1–2g), and total weight recorded. Samples were placed in an open beaker (30°C) for 24 hours until constant weight was reached. Final weights were recorded to four decimal places, and % moisture determined by difference.

Samples were then placed in a vacuum oven at 110°C for 24 hours or until constant weight was reached. Samples were left to cool down in desiccator. Final weight was recorded in four decimal places, and % ash determined by difference.

Percent change was determined by Wilson-Cordell (Wengrich et al., 1994).

Approximately 100 mg of sample was weighed onto weighing paper (Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA) to four decimal places. Paper and sample were placed into 100 ml digestion flasks together with 1 pellet of K₂SO₄·Mg (95.34% K₂SO₄ and 4.70% MgO) (Thompson Copper Ltd., Runcorn, Cheshire, England) and 1-2 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid. Samples were digested until clear (about 45 minutes). 10 ml of distilled water were added to cooled samples, and then digested material was transferred to desiccation- and Rapid distillation apparatus model 62000 – (Labsco, Kansas City, Missouri). 15 ml of a 40% (w/v) solution of sodium hydroxide was slowly added to the desiccation flask, and 50 ml of distilling water collected into 30 ml of K₂SO₄ Reagent (Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA). Titration was performed on an auto-titrator (model DL12 – Martel-Tekels, Columbus, Ohio) with 0.10 N standard HCl solution. The input parameters for the titration were: Speed = 1, Final pH = 3.0, Maximum HCl Volume = 50 ml, Limit # = 5 (mg/g), Constant = 0.5, and Sample Weight (mg). The end output was % protein. Constant was calculated assuming a conversion factor of 6.25 for percentage nitrogen in the protein combining the following equations (Wijayawansa et al., 1996).

$$\text{NDF} = (V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \times N_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \times 14,000 \times 100 \times 0.25) / (\text{mg of sample} \times 1000)$$

$$\text{Constant} = [(V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \times 14,000 \times 100 \times 0.25) / 1000] \times 10$$

$$\text{Instrument Result} = V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \times \text{Constant} / \text{mg of sample}$$

Lipid content was determined using a modified method of Bligh and Dyer (1959a, 1959b). This method assumes sample is 80% water, thus it might be necessary to add water to the sample. 10 g of tissue were blended for 4 minutes in a Waring Blendor with 100 ml of chloroform and 200 ml of methanol. The mixture was filtered using a Whatman funnel, and the residue rinsed with 100 ml of chloroform. The filtrate was transferred to a separating funnel and layers allowed to separate for about 15-20 minutes. The lower layer was collected into an Erlenmeyer, dried with a few grams of anhydrous sodium sulfate, and then filtered with a regular long neck funnel using Whatman 44 filter paper. The filtrate was collected into 250 ml pre-weighed round bottom flask, and solvent removed with rotary evaporator at 30°C. If lipid sample is not clear, it contains water. Then 20 ml of chloroform and about 0.1 g of sodium sulfate are added. The mixture stirred once again and solvent evaporated. Flask and oil were weighed and lipid content determined by weight difference. Oil was stored in a freezer in a screw cap tube flushed with nitrogen.

Analysis and Discussion

Table 4-1 shows the proximate composition, as an average value for the duplicate analysis for all samples. Sides used as replicates. Analysis of variance shows that there is no significant difference between parts for lipid content and percent ash (Table 4-2). Table 4-3 shows the Means and Standard deviation (SD) of the means for results for parts for each fish analyzed.

Table 4-1 Proximate composition of *Gadil marginatus* whole muscle for fish spawned in 1994

Batch	Part *	% Moisture	% Ash	% Protein	% Lipids
1	F	77.45	1.09	18.46	1.08
1	F	77.54	1.08	18.55	1.77
1	M	77.75	1.19	18.59	1.04
1	M	76.85	1.11	18.76	1.77
1	T	77.83	1.05	18.60	1.05
1	T	77.80	1.08	18.60	1.08
2	F	76.65	1.17	18.88	1.44
2	F	76.76	1.15	18.88	1.24
2	M	76.41	1.09	18.88	1.34
2	M	76.72	1.15	18.85	1.19
2	T	76.88	1.18	17.55	1.04
2	T	76.60	1.07	17.46	1.04
3	F	76.60	1.04	18.60	1.27
3	F	76.60	1.18	18.78	1.27
3	M	76.32	1.01	18.75	1.04
3	M	76.32	1.04	17.85	1.05
3	T	76.30	1.02	17.84	1.02
3	T	76.60	1.05	17.76	1.11

* F=fillet, M=middle, T=tail

Table 4-2 Results of Analysis of Variance for proximate composition data

Type of Measurement	SS Effect	Df Effect	MS Effect	SS Error	Df Error	MS Error	F-Value	p-Value
Moisture	0.471	3	0.157	0.760	9	0.084	45.059	0.00001
Ash	0.073	3	0.024	0.636	9	0.070	0.913	0.547
Protein	1.140	3	0.380	0.439	9	0.049	16.325	0.0001
Lipids	0.747	3	0.249	0.367	9	0.041	2.331	0.112

SS = sum of squares

Df = degrees of freedom

MS = mean squares

Table 4-3 Mean values and Standard deviations for proline-hydroxyproline data

Fish Code - Fish Part	Moisture Mean	Moisture SD	Asb Mean	Asb SD	Proline Mean	Proline SD	Lysine Mean	Lysine SD
1 - Front	77.56	0.07	1.95	0.00	10.45	0.10	1.73	0.10
1 - Middle	76.98	0.29	1.10	0.04	10.05	0.27	1.66	0.16
1 - Tail	77.33	0.04	1.87	0.02	10.70	0.14	0.90	0.08
2 - Front	76.64	0.04	1.12	0.04	10.00	0.08	1.36	0.18
2 - Middle	76.60	0.21	1.08	0.11	10.08	0.04	1.22	0.17
2 - Tail	76.28	0.04	1.09	0.02	17.46	0.10	1.04	0.08
3 - Front	76.00	0.06	1.87	0.00	10.34	0.07	1.40	0.20
3 - Middle	76.35	0.00	1.04	0.00	10.00	0.20	1.06	0.08
3 - Tail	76.45	0.21	1.04	0.02	17.25	0.07	1.30	0.04
All Groups	76.65	0.02	1.68	0.06	10.24	0.22	1.15	0.17

Data for moisture and proline were subjected to Duncan's multiple range test for significant differences between groups. Results are shown on Table 4-4 and Table 4-5 respectively.

Table 4-4 Results of Duncan's multiple range test for moisture content

Fish Code - Fish Part	1 Front	1 Middle	1 Tail	2 Front	2 Middle	2 Tail	3 Front	3 Middle	3 Tail
1 - Front		0.004	0.770	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.004	0.0002	0.0001
1 - Middle	0.004		0.007	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001
1 - Tail	0.770	0.007		0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001
2 - Front	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001		0.007	0.001	0.004	0.0001	0.001
2 - Middle	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.007		0.003	0.002	0.112	0.009
2 - Tail	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.001	0.005		0.002	0.148	0.373
3 - Front	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.001	0.0002	0.003		0.007	0.010
3 - Middle	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.001	0.112	0.140	0.007		0.472
3 - Tail	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.140	0.309	0.373	0.010	0.472	

Table 4-3. Results of Duncan's multiple range test for ash content.

File Code - Fish Part	1 Front	1 Middle	1 Tail	2 Front	2 Middle	2 Tail	3 Front	3 Middle	3 Tail
1 - Front		0.468	0.882	0.448	0.173	0.090	0.793	0.090	0.409
1 - Middle	0.446		0.480	0.739	0.338	0.060	0.458	0.061	0.041
1 - Tail	0.055	0.408		0.358	0.071	0.056	0.001	0.054	0.017
2 - Front	0.448	0.739	0.236		0.788	0.415	0.308	0.099	0.099
2 - Middle	0.073	0.079	0.071	0.246		0.017	0.209	0.094	0.399
2 - Tail	1.000	0.448	0.041	0.415	0.017		0.788	0.294	0.309
3 - Front	0.793	0.458	0.001	0.308	0.001	0.781		0.448	0.415
3 - Middle	0.001	0.061	0.054	0.099	0.094	0.208	0.448		1
3 - Tail	0.001	0.054	0.017	0.099	0.399	0.309	0.401	1.000	

The most pronounced significant differences for proteins and water content are shown in

Table 4-4.

Table 4-4. Results of protein and composition study on parts of fillets.

	File #1	File #2	File #3
Moisture	<u>F</u> <u>T</u> <u>M</u>	<u>F</u> <u>M</u> <u>T</u>	<u>F</u> <u>M</u> <u>T</u>
Protein	<u>F</u> <u>T</u> <u>M</u>	<u>F</u> <u>M</u> <u>T</u>	<u>F</u> <u>M</u> <u>T</u>

The results of moisture and protein content do not show a pattern that lead to conclusions that there are real significant differences between parts. On the other hand, the results seem to express differences due to variability of the measurement. It is reasonable to say that there are no significant differences in the proximate composition between parts within a fillet. The range in observed moisture was 77.13 to 78.73% and in protein from 17.48 to 18.30% for subdivided samples analyzed. These ranges are quite small and observed significant differences reflect the precision of the measurement. Thus, sampling can be applied to studies on Gulf Stream rose fillets, if data needs to

not present. Finally, percent moisture has larger standard deviation suggesting that the possible differences in gas loss faced by Daphnia in air or water is due to experimental error. Note that variability between fish was expected because the metabolism of each individual fish is slightly different.

It can be pointed out that preliminary analysis of cultured Gulf menhaden fish is sponsored over the year of 1992 were previously documented (Chen, 1994). The results shown on Table 4-7 are an average of fishes from low fish weighting up to 7.8 kg (Chen, 1993). Previous analysis for fish spawned during 1992 was performed on a mean cylindrical fish that would have lead to lower recovery during the distillation step. In addition, fish were fed a commercial cultured diet as study reported by Chen (1994), while fish were a commercial mean diet as the present study. This is probably the main reason for preliminary composition of fish to differ between spawning years of 1992 and 1994.

Table 4-7 Results of preliminary composition of Gulf menhaden whole muscle from fish spawned in 1992 and in 1994

Spawning	Moisture	Ash	Protein	Lipid
Moore (Chen, 1994)	81.88	0.81	14.66	1.19
202 (Chen, 1994)	2.15	0.89	1.62	8.96
Moore (present data)	79.10	1.88	14.29	1.15
2-3 (present data)	8.62	0.94	0.52	8.17

Gulf of Mexico Striped Bass Processing Trials

Introduction

Processing yields of several species of sturgeon with commercial interest have been reported (Price et al., 1985; Rodland et al., 1987). White sturgeon steaks often yield an average of 42 % of fish weight for fish weighing between 0.9 Kg to 3.0 Kg (Price et al., 1985). This range is rather large going from 33% up to 50% of fish weight (Price et al., 1985). The white flesh yield for Siberian and Adriatic sturgeons were reported as 38% and 59% of body weight respectively (Rodland et al., 1987). Both species range in weight from 3 to 6 Kg (Rodland et al., 1987). There were no records of Gulf sturgeon processing yields for commercial size fish found in the current literature. Because farming of Gulf sturgeon will develop considerably in the near future, an experiment was set up to determine better and dressed fillet yields for this sturgeon species.

Materials and Methods

Gulf sturgeons were taken live from culturing tanks. Fish were instantly submerged in ice and eviscerated in a few hours after removal of the tank. After evisceration fish were packed in coolers with ice water, and left to undergo rigor for 3 days. Ice water was changed every 24 hours, and coolers were placed into a cold room at 1-2°C. The experiment consisted of 50 fish. Fish were returned from tank, immediately weighed, and placed into one of two weight groups. Each weight group consisted of ten fish.

- Group 1: Fish weight between 1.8 to 2.4 Kg
- Group 2: Fish weight between 2.4 to 2.9 Kg

- Group 3: fish weight between 2.2 to 2.4 Kg
- Group 4: fish weight between 2.5 to 2.7 Kg
- Group 5: fish weight between 2.8 to 3.0 Kg

All 58 fish were fillet within 24 hours after conclusion of experiment. The filleting procedure was already described in the beginning of this chapter. In order to ensure a fast production, six people were involved in a step of the process of filleting. One person was in charge of registering all weights. Two people were in charge of preparing the fillets, and then cleaning. Two people were in charge of deboning not-caussey. One person was in charge of handling fish from caudal and packing the fillets in zip-lock bags that were stored on ice. Fillet results are for dressed fillets, or fillets ready to cook requiring no further treatment.

Results and Discussion

The results for processing yields of each fish are shown in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4 Results of processing yields of Gulf croaker

Fish Tag #	Whole Fish (Kg)	Debonated (Kg)	Balls (Kg)	Fillet (Kg)	(%) Debonated	(%) Balls	(%) Fillet
5033	1.96	1.76	1.75	0.41	89.28	88.24	20.91
4960	1.82	1.66	1.62	0.11	91.21	88.94	18.12
4939	1.66	1.54	1.54	0.11	92.11	92.62	19.26
4953	1.72	1.54	1.63	0.17	89.66	94.18	20.96
4951	1.87	1.58	0.94	0.33	84.41	50.48	18.76
4956	1.78	1.57	1.89	0.34	88.23	105.24	19.18
4951	1.74	1.42	1.80	0.08	81.6	97.67	21.44
4954	1.75	1.73	0.87	0.36	98.21	50.28	19.98
4943	1.77	1.41	0.90	0.08	79.66	50.85	17.56
4952	1.86	1.75	0.89	0.34	93.52	50.58	19.88
4958	2.02	2.02	1.28	0.62	99.24	58.11	30.67
4949	2.01	1.85	1.16	0.63	92.05	57.71	31.34
4935	2.04	1.81	1.07	0.68	88.73	52.46	33.33

Table 4-6 (continued)

Fish Tag #	Whole Fish (kg)	Unprocessed (kg)	Bulfin (kg)	Fillet (kg)	% Unprocessed	% Bulfin	% Fillet
4084	2.14	1.95	1.22	0.69	92.99	27.91	18.14
4087	2.04	1.94	1.14	0.79	91.22	25.94	15.11
4095	2.11	2.06	1.09	0.69	91.14	19.61	20.18
4098	2.20	2.04	1.19	0.75	91.71	26.04	17.91
4099	2.14	1.95	1.14	0.61	90.13	25.26	18.98
4103	2.21	2.08	1.14	0.69	91.87	25.76	14.93
4091	2.10	1.99	1.14	0.74	91.84	24.29	17.90
4091	2.37	2.17	1.01	0.37	90.13	12.61	12.18
4090	2.18	2.07	1.04	0.64	91.80	21.63	20.80
4079	2.92	2.73	1.93	0.71	90.13	40.19	24.91
4078	2.04	2.04	0.93	0.61	91.43	21.24	20.91
4077	2.92	2.76	1.07	0.71	91.83	40.22	26.22
4076	2.18	1.97	1.11	0.31	91.66	20.52	21.13
4075	2.40	1.91	1.10	0.61	91.84	40.98	21.75
4064	2.07	2.04	1.01	0.64	91.99	41.26	21.28
4073	2.92	2.19	1.14	0.34	90.29	40.29	21.80
4072	2.05	2.07	1.14	0.71	91.21	40.37	20.12
4071	3.12	2.93	1.91	0.71	90.94	60.17	21.20
4070	3.14	2.96	1.81	0.66	91.46	38.10	21.10
4069	3.08	2.83	1.14	0.59	90.73	38.11	20.60
4068	2.92	2.89	1.11	0.66	91.81	38.14	21.18
4067	3.06	2.84	1.21	0.14	94.04	41.21	21.71
4066	3.25	3.11	2.11	0.91	91.18	40.44	21.94
4065	3.05	2.88	1.11	0.60	91.22	38.11	19.70
4064	3.10	2.90	1.14	0.64	91.73	38.11	21.11
4053	3.30	3.20	1.07	0.60	91.42	31.11	21.11
4052	3.08	2.91	1.14	0.64	91.27	38.11	21.18
4043	2.60	2.39	2.10	0.91	88.89	40.71	21.14
4042	2.99	2.14	2.12	0.62	91.64	40.11	20.94
4041	2.71	2.41	2.14	0.64	88.94	40.21	20.44
4040	2.70	2.40	2.10	0.60	91.11	40.11	20.11
4039	2.69	2.44	2.04	0.60	91.11	40.11	20.49
4038	2.61	2.36	2.10	0.60	91.81	40.21	20.41
4037	2.74	2.31	2.11	0.39	91.11	40.14	20.61
4036	2.70	2.46	2.45	0.60	91.81	40.64	21.90
4035	2.71	2.67	2.19	0.94	90.14	41.11	21.10
4034	2.93	2.39	2.14	0.11	90.11	41.14	11.07

The average and standard deviation of the processing yields for each group are shown on Table 4-6. Results for % bulfin and % deered fillet are shown on Figure 4-

13 and Figure 4-14, respectively. It can be seen that there is a large variance between fish within a group, but there is a tendency of yield to get higher for heavier fish.

Table 4-8 Summary of results of processing yields of Gulf Sturgeon

Weight Groups	Whole Fish (Kilograms)	Head (Kg)	Fillet (Kg)	(%) Environment	(%) Head	(%) Fillet
Mean Group 1	1.79	1.44	1.40	7.26	36.33	26.18
S.D. Group 1	0.02	0.01	0.13	0.05	4.13	1.39
Mean Group 2	2.14	1.64	1.25	6.74	27.24	16.19
S.D. Group 2	0.10	0.06	0.13	0.07	1.49	1.09
Mean Group 3	2.68	2.09	1.64	6.41	37.76	22.76
S.D. Group 3	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.06	2.12	1.04
Mean Group 4	3.17	2.30	1.84	6.79	39.40	23.42
S.D. Group 4	0.17	0.14	0.12	0.10	2.11	1.41
Mean Group 5	3.49	2.43	2.17	6.89	41.23	23.64
S.D. Group 5	0.08	0.07	0.04	0.12	1.44	1.00

Figure 4-15 Processing yields for Gulf sturgeon fishery

Figure 4-18 Processing yields for Gulf sturgeon steamed fillets

Conclusions

In this chapter a method of filleting Gulf sturgeon was described together with the procedure to store fish to undergo ripening events. A study on the proximate composition of parts of fillets of Gulf sturgeon was carried out, and the results show that there are no significant differences in the proximate composition of head, middle and tail areas within fillets. This finding is important to future studies because it shows that it is possible to run repeated measurement experiments using sampling method within fillets. Finally, processing yields of Gulf sturgeon were correlated to fish weight. Results indicate that there is a tendency of processing yields to rise with increases in fish weight.

CHAPTER 3 INFLUENCE OF COMMERCIAL DIETS ON QUALITY OF GULF STURGEON WHITE MUSCLE

Introduction

Previous research indicated that Gulf sturgeon require live feed for at least the first month of exogenous feeding before accepting of commercially available diets (Barth, 1987). Survival and specific growth rate were extremely low for Gulf sturgeon larvae fed commercially formulated diets at the time of onset of exogenous feeding (Barth, 1987). Nevertheless, it was determined that larvae fed live feeding systems for 1 week could be transitioned to an experimental pelleted diet (SPPM) afterwards (Barth, 1987). After nine months, juvenile Gulf sturgeons were fed commercially available Salmo-Cap trout feed manufactured by Nelson & Sons Inc. (Murray, Utah) (Barth, 1987).

There are no commercially available diets specifically formulated for Gulf sturgeon. Therefore, a study was conducted at the Gulf sturgeon demonstration farm at University of Florida (Marathon, FL) to test the efficiency of three different commercially available diets. The diets used during the study were Salmo-Cap Trout Pellets (Nelson & Sons Inc., Murray, Utah), Hybrid Blue Pellets (Zenger Bros. Inc., Coopers, Pennsylvania), and Catfish Fish Food Pellets (First River Mills, Inc., Redbridge, Georgia). Diet composition plays an important role in the fat content and

faty acid profile of fish muscle. It can also influence other quality parameters such as taste texture and color, and, certainly, the nutritional values of the fish as relation to nitrogen requirements will be very important. Therefore, after assessment of the growth rate, the influence of these diets on the quality of the muscle was determined. The study was designed to investigate several quality parameters. Sensory tests were carried out on cooked and smoked fillets. Consumer tests for appearance were performed on raw fillets. Color studies were conducted on raw fillets during storage at 4-5 °C. Finally, proximate composition and fatty acid profiles were determined for raw and smoked fillets.

Proximate compositions of the fish diets provided on the labels are shown in Table 3-1.

The most striking difference between these diets is its content. Catfish diet has about five times less fat than trout diet. The fatty acid profile of the diet influences the fatty acid profile of the fish muscle, so proximate composition and fatty acid profile were also determined for commercial diets used during the feeding trials.

Table 3-1. Proximate compositions provided by manufacturers of the commercial diets used during feeding trials in Gulf sturgeons.

Diet Type	Crude Protein	Crude Fat (%)	Crude Fiber (%)	Ash (%)
Catfish	Not less than 50	Not less than 2	Not more than 7	Data not available
Blue	Not less than 56	Not less than 9	Not more than 4	Not more than 12
Trout	Not less than 60	Not less than 18	Not more than 3	Data not available

Materials and Methods

Gulf sturgeons were transported from Texas Department of Game and Fish to the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida (Gainesville, FL).

Two separate shipments of 45 fish were received within a month. Each shipment was composed of 15 fish that suffered death, 15 fish that trout died, and 15 fish that hybridized died. All fish were killed in ice water, euthanized within 24 hours after death and stored in ice water in coolers to undergo rapid mortification. Coolers were stored in a cold room at -1°C , and ice water was changed every 24 hours until rigor resolved. Fish were filleted according to procedure described in Chapter 4 and pelvic recorded. Fillets were placed in individual Ziploc bags and stored on ice prior to the beginning of the experiments. Fillets were not frozen, except samples used to document prokaryotic composition and fatty acid profiles.

Cooking Procedure

300 mL of distilled water were added to each of the three large pans used to cook the fillets. Pans were labeled for each fillet. A steamer basket was placed into each of the pans and water was brought to boiling. Three fillets from each treatment were steamed at a time. Fillets were placed in steamer baskets and steamed for three minutes. Fillets were then turned over and steamed for an additional four minutes. After rapid cooling down, fillets were cut in small chunks and served while warm. Note that water was discarded and pans were rinsed for every batch of three fish steamed for each one of the treatments.

Smoking Procedure

Gulf menhaden fillets were smoked according to method described in the literature with small modifications (Chapman et al., 1997). Fillets were frozen in 20 L of water containing 4 kg of sodium chloride (sea salt, Puritas, FL) and 2 kg of Canol 2110 (Scharff-Schmenger Industries Inc., NY). When preparing the brining solution, the mixture of phosphates (Canol 2110) is dissolved, and then sodium chloride is added in

speed-up dissolution (Carpman et al., 1947). Individual brewing solutions were prepared for each treatment. Fillets were bread for 45 minutes at ambient temperature (25°C–30°C) with mixing at 15 minutes intervals, and then placed on wire-mesh racks (3 cm square size) to dry. A circulating fan was used to speed up drying and fillets were dried for one hour at ambient temperature (25–30°C). Fillets were placed in a stack of 10 commercial smokehouses with dimensions 1 m x 1 m x 1.5 m (height). Smoking chamber was preheated to operating temperature. Dried herring smolder was used as the smoke generator (Koch, MO), and smoke was transferred to the smoking chamber using a blower. Temperature was controlled at 55°C using a thermometer with feedback to the heater, and fillets were smoked for a total of 3 hours. Rotations of racks were performed every hour. This procedure helps smoking process to be uniform between fillets. This is due to the fact that the racks enter the smoking chamber through a pipe, which is located at the back, close to the bottom of the chamber. Thus samples at the rack placed on the lowest position tend to receive more concentrated smoke than the samples at the rack placed at the highest position. Fillets were left to cool down for approximately 30 minutes and then moved in individual Ziploc bags overnight on ice in a cold-room (3–5°C). Sensory panel tests were carried out on the following day. Samples need to determine proximate composition were frozen at -80°C until analysis.

Sensory Evaluation

Four sensory tests were conducted throughout this study. Sensory evaluations requiring testing of samples were performed in the Food Science Sensory Laboratory at the University of Florida. Panelists were faculty, staff and students from the University of Florida. All participants were fish consumers.

A taste-test for appearance of raw fillets was conducted to determine if there was a visual preference for fillets belonging to a specific diet treatment. This test was conducted in the pilot plant at the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida. Six trays with dimensions 70 cm x 33 cm x 30 cm (height) were used to present samples. A layer of approximately 12 cm of crushed ice was placed in each tray. Four fillets belonging to the same treatment were placed on top of the ice layer. Each tray was coded with three digit random numbers. Trays were covered with a thin-transparent plastic film. Notice that this procedure intended to mimic presentation of fish fillets at grocery stores. Two large tables were coded and three trays placed on each table. Five results from each panelist were registered. A 9-point hedonic scale for likability was used as shown on Figure A-1 (Appendix A). A total of 46 panelists participated in the study.

A triangle sensory panel was conducted to determine if there was a taste difference between steamed fillets from different treatments. Evaluation was conducted as described by Beets (1992). The ballot used for this test is shown in Figure A-2 (Appendix A). Samples were coded with random three digit numbers, and randomized for color of presentation and placement within a tray. Each panelist received one tray with three plastic cups of a taste along with a plastic fork, an unsalted cracker and a cup of distilled water. Plastic cups contained two to three small pieces of fish and panelists were asked to taste samples in the order presented. Panelists were presented with a total of three trays, and were asked to take a 3-10-minute break between evaluations. Fish were handled right before serving, thus samples were presented warm. A total of 33 panelists participated in the test.

Two separate consumer sensory tests for specific attributes were conducted using the same methodology. The first one evaluated samples of steamed fillets of stripers, and the second one samples of smoked fillets. Each panelist received one cup containing three small sealed plastic cups along with a plastic fork, an unsalted cracker and a cup of water. Each cup contained about 2 to 3 pieces of fish. Panelists were asked to taste samples in the order presented. Samples were randomized for order of presentation.

A total of 45 panelists evaluated the smoked samples. Unstructured scales with verbal anchors at both ends were used as it can be seen on Figure A-3 (Appendix A). The attributes chosen for this test were moisture, saltiness, fishy, smoked flavor intensity and stickiness.

A total of 46 panelists evaluated the steamed samples. Unstructured scales with verbal anchors at both ends were used as it can be seen on Figure A-4 (Appendix A). The attributes chosen for this test were stickiness, moisture, saltiness, fishy, and stickiness.

Excess Moisture Analysis

Fillets were thoroughly compressed to a paste in a food processor prior to duplicate analyses. Moisture and salt were determined as described in Guidelines for Chilled Fish Storage Experiments (Lara de la Riva and Truchessier, 1993). Small portions (about 10g) were dried to constant weight on an oven held over night at 100°C then placed in a desiccator for 30 minutes to cool down. Weights of the crucibles were recorded to four decimal places. Constant weight crucibles of Gold stripers was weighed directly into crucibles (2-3g) and final weights recorded. Samples were placed in an oven held at 100°C for 24 hours until constant weight was reached. Final weight was recorded to four decimal places and % moisture was determined by difference.

Samples were then placed in a furnace held at 550°C for 24 hours or until constant weight was reached. Samples were left to cool down on desiccator. Final weight was recorded to four decimal places, and N is determined by difference.

Protein content was determined by Micro-Kjeldahl (Weysenbeek et al., 1946).

Approximately 100 mg of sample was weighed onto weighing paper (Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA) to four decimal places. Paper and sample were placed into 100 ml digestion flask together with 1 pellet of K₂ptolale MT (99.24% K₂SO₄ and 4.76% HgCl₂) (Thompson Copper Ltd., Rammer, Cheshire, England) and 4.0 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid. Samples were digested until clear (about 45 minutes). 10 ml of distilled water were added to cooled samples, and then digested material was transferred to distillation unit (Rapid distillation apparatus model 88200 - Labconco, Kansas City, Missouri). 15 ml of a 0.05 % (w/v) solution of sodium hydroxide was slowly added to the distillation flask, and 50 ml of distillate were collected into 30 ml of K₂ptolale Reagent (Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA). Titration was performed using an autoanalyzer (model DL12 - Munkler-Toledo, Columbus, Ohio) with 0.10 N standard HCl solution. The input parameters for the titration unit were: Speed = 1, Final pH = 5.5, Maximum HCl Volume = 50 ml, Use of = 0 (mg/L), Constant = 47.5, and Sample Weight (mg). The unit output was N, protein. Constant was calculated assuming a conversion factor of 6.25 for percentage nitrogen to the percent contributing to the nitrogen equations (Weysenbeek et al., 1946).

$$N(\%) = \left(V_{\text{std}} \times M_{\text{std}} + 14.007 \times (100 \times 6.25) \right) / (\text{mg of sample} \times 1000)$$

$$\text{Constant} = \left[N_{\text{std}} \times (14.007 \times 100 \times 6.25) / 1000 \right] \times 10$$

$$\text{Instrument Result} = V_{\text{std}} \times \text{Constant} / \text{mg of sample}$$

The extract was determined using a modified method of Bligh and Dyer (1959). This method requires sample in 80% water, thus it might necessary to add water to the sample. 50 g of tissue were blended for 4 minutes in Waring Blender with 100 ml of chloroform and 200 ml of methanol. The mixture was filtered using a Buchner funnel, and the residue stirred with 100 ml of chloroform. The filtrate was transferred to a separating funnel and layers allowed to separate for about 15-20 minutes. The lower layer was collected into an Erlenmeyer, dried with a few grams of anhydrous sodium sulfate and then filtered with a regular long neck funnel using Whatman #4 filter paper. The filtrate was collected into 250 ml pre-weighed round bottom flask, and solvent removed with rotary evaporator at 30°C. If lipid sample is not clear, a constant water. Then 20 ml of chloroform and about 0.2 g of sodium sulfate was added. The mixture filtered once again and solvent evaporated. Flask and oil were weighed and lipid content determined by weight difference. Oil was stored in a freezer in a screw-cap vials flushed with nitrogen.

Extraction Profile

Methyl esters were prepared according to Bligh and Dyer (1959). About 20 mg of lipids (about 1 drop) were added to a leak proof Teflon lined screw-cap tube and dissolved in 1.8 ml of methanol. 200 ml of 2 N KOH in methanol (1:12g/10ml) were added and the tube vortexed for 40 s, then centrifuged. The lower layer was decanted with a Pasteur pipette. 0.5 ml of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium acetate was added, vortexed, centrifuged and the lower layer decanted. 0.5 ml of water was added, vortexed, centrifuged and the lower layer of water decanted. A small amount of sodium sulfate was added, the tube was held at room temperature for 5 minutes, and then centrifuged. The top layer was removed and placed in a GC autosampler vial.

A gas chromatograph (model GC 14 A, Shimadzu, Norcross, GA)-equipped with DB210 capillary column (30 m, 0.25 mm, i.d.) was used to determine the elution profile. Hydrogen was used as carrier gas at a linear flow of 40 cm/min. Injector temperature was 230°C, and oven programming was 140°C to 240°C at a rate of 4°C/min. Total run time was 25 minutes. The oven was held at 240°C for 10 minutes after the run to help clean the column between runs. Attenuation was set to 5, with a maximum scan of integration equal to 500. The standards used to help identification of peaks were Squalene 37 (Squalene 37 Labs, INC), GC 68 A (Machery-Nagel Inc., Elkhart, IN) and cod liver oil (Color Analysis).

Color of raw fillet was determined using the Lab scale with CR-200 Chroma Meter (Minolta, Japan) and Michelson Triax System (Figure 3-1). The color parameters measured are lightness (L^*), chromaticity of red/green (a^*), and chromaticity of blue and green (b^*) (Figure 3-2). These parameters are in accordance with the recommendations of the International Commission on Illumination, CIE (1931).

Figure 3-1 Illustration of Michelson Triax System. Source: Latoraga et al., 1997

Figure 1-3. Lab color system. Adapted from: Farnow, 1999.

CR-100 Chroma Meter measures the reflectance of light from a sample surface compared to a standard calibration plate (white). Machine Vision grabs an image of the sample and Lab values are determined with the aid of computer software developed by Lammings (1999). A standard image file PCOCC-021 (Houston Automatic Laboratory Inc., Fortin, VA) was used for calibration prior to color analysis. Five fillets from each treatment were used during this experiment, and measurements were taken at 0, 3, 18 and 33 days of storage on ice with both instruments. Each fillet was stored separately in a zip-lock bag that was placed in a cooler filled with crushed ice. Coolers were kept in a cold room at $1-3^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Results and Discussion

Processing Yields

Yields were calculated for bullet weight, deformed fillet weight, % bullet and % deformed fillet for every fish. Table 3-2 shows results of yields from fish belonging to the group fed artificial diet. Table 3-3 shows results of yields from fish belonging to the fish fed live and Table 3-4 shows results of yields from fish fed trout diet.

Table 3-2. Results of yields of Gulf menhaden fed artificial diet

Fish (kg)	Bullet (kg)	Deformed Fillet (kg)	% Bullet	% Deformed Fillet
1.48	0.69	0.31	46.57	21.14
1.13	0.78	0.35	68.95	31.05
1.12	0.68	0.43	60.69	38.30
0.15	0.71	0.33	61.79	21.79
1.15	0.75	0.40	65.21	34.78
1.12	0.79	0.33	70.45	29.54
1.18	0.98	0.45	83.05	38.13
1.29	0.75	0.54	57.36	41.86
1.02	0.62	0.40	61.76	39.40
1.42	0.83	0.41	58.45	29.57
1.44	0.77	0.44	53.47	30.55
0.88	0.51	0.36	57.27	40.22
0.67	0.60	0.37	60.90	55.44
0.90	0.53	0.40	58.89	44.44
1.11	0.70	0.34	62.50	30.55
1.21	0.71	0.43	58.71	35.54
1.11	0.74	0.37	66.67	33.33
0.95	0.39	0.39	41.05	41.05
1.21	0.61	0.36	50.41	29.74
1.21	0.78	0.38	64.46	31.40
1.34	0.54	0.40	40.30	29.85
1.21	0.61	0.43	50.41	35.54
1.36	0.53	0.42	38.90	30.88
1.28	0.69	0.48	53.91	37.50

Table A11 Results of yields of Gulf sturgeons fed live diet

Feed (kg)	Salmon (kg)	Dressed Pikes (kg)	% Yield	% Dressed Pikes
1.25	8.77	8.34	63.11	74.77
1.40	8.90	8.39	63.94	74.77
1.52	8.64	8.31	63.15	73.77
1.10	8.68	8.37	68.18	75.87
1.15	8.68	8.30	58.14	74.77
0.94	8.40	8.19	49.33	73.23
1.71	1.13	8.43	44.68	74.73
0.77	1.08	8.21	46.84	73.74
0.78	1.07	8.21	47.34	74.46
1.07	8.83	8.43	44.63	74.97
1.44	8.33	8.31	44.64	74.87
1.45	8.28	8.29	44.21	74.90
1.41	8.84	8.47	43.50	73.33
1.32	1.13	8.51	43.70	74.63
1.17	8.23	8.30	48.63	74.67
1.77	1.17	8.49	44.90	73.68
1.48	8.87	8.43	43.34	74.38
1.64	1.03	8.37	43.20	73.54
1.61	1.00	8.38	42.13	68.63
1.58	1.00	8.40	41.82	73.80
1.40	1.11	8.47	40.87	73.98
1.08	1.29	8.56	45.43	75.79
1.26	1.14	8.52	44.77	75.55
1.31	1.12	8.50	48.88	74.43
1.53	1.00	8.43	43.14	75.05
1.74	1.12	8.52	44.37	74.39
1.77	1.14	8.54	44.60	74.51
1.26	8.30	8.35	44.79	73.78
1.17	8.67	8.30	73.24	75.44
1.17	8.68	8.28	70.40	75.44
1.83	8.40	8.34	43.38	75.74
1.56	8.79	8.34	40.77	73.83
1.67	8.38	8.23	43.18	74.27
1.68	8.42	8.17	28.62	25.96
1.22	8.71	8.69	74.20	74.89
1.06	8.65	8.27	40.39	74.87

Table 3-4. Results of yields of Gulf sturgeon fed trout diet

Fish (Kg)	Salmon (Kg)	Observed Filter (Kg)	% Filter	% Observed Filter
1.60	1.32	0.68	68.75	70.00
2.61	1.44	0.64	75.39	71.66
1.64	1.02	0.51	66.46	51.19
1.72	0.90	0.33	68.13	57.78
2.02	1.24	0.77	78.43	75.81
1.51	0.83	0.44	68.84	59.14
2.02	1.41	0.67	66.36	70.46
1.78	1.26	0.51	75.86	59.14
1.38	0.66	0.38	64.75	57.34
1.28	0.82	0.36	68.73	59.00
0.54	0.61	0.26	67.24	58.44
1.70	0.63	0.35	78.83	59.07
1.88	not determined	0.41	not determined	56.29
1.58	1.04	0.44	67.87	57.03
1.92	1.31	0.54	68.23	70.03
1.18	0.66	0.31	64.83	58.08
1.68	1.24	0.56	65.36	57.03
2.40	1.68	0.77	67.26	56.43
1.68	1.20	0.62	66.66	72.58
1.58	0.94	0.38	68.87	58.26
1.58	0.80	0.34	61.36	56.23
1.78	1.14	0.56	66.68	54.26
1.68	1.28	0.68	67.72	54.78
1.68	0.65	0.36	61.52	56.93
2.14	1.50	0.59	63.33	58.16
0.72	1.13	0.47	64.55	57.52
1.58	1.00	0.46	66.66	59.67
1.40	0.70	0.40	68.57	59.66
0.17	0.26	0.10	60.68	58.58
2.18	1.30	0.58	54.23	56.23

Table 3-5 presents the mean and standard deviations (SD) for all treatments. It

can be noticed that Gulf sturgeon fed catfish diet did not grow as much as those fed trout diet. Mean weights of Gulf sturgeon fed trout diet was bigger than fish from the other groups.

Table 3.3 Means and standard deviation of results of yields of Gaff shingon fed three different experimental diets

Treatment	Whole Fish (Kg)	Bolus (Kg)	Dressed Fillet (Kg)	% Bolus	% Dressed Fillet
Mean Control	1.21	0.16	0.13	81.98	37.42
SD Control	0.28	0.13	0.07	3.18	1.98
Mean Diet	1.47	0.98	0.44	63.43	37.54
SD Diet	0.27	0.21	0.10	1.59	1.06
Mean Trout	1.43	1.08	0.44	67.81	28.18
SD Trout	0.18	0.27	0.14	1.95	2.38

Analysis of variance was performed for fish weight, weights of dressed fillet, % bolus and % dressed fillet. Results from analysis of variance of weights of whole fish and weights of dressed fillets are shown in Table 3-6. There is significant difference between weights of whole fish fed different diets, as well as for the dressed fillets.

Duncan's multiple range test was performed on data from whole fish and dressed fillets and the results are shown in Table 3-7 and Table 3-8 respectively. There are significant differences between all groups for both variables.

Table 3.6 Results of analysis of variance of fish weight and dressed fillets weights of Gaff shingon fed three different experimental diets

Source of Variation	SS Effect	DF Effect	MS Effect	SS Error	DF Error	MS Error	F-Value	p-Value
Whole Fish	3.494	2	1.747	7.602	87	0.087	19.808	1.07E-06
Dressed Fillets	8.103	2	4.051	1.934	87	0.022	123.15	1.00E-08

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean squares

Table 3-3 Results of Duncan's multiple range test of fish weight at Gulf shad stages fed three different commercial diets (p-values)

Treatments	Total	Mean	F-value
Total		0.843	3.740 E-03
Mean	0.843		0.981
Control	1.786 E-02	0.981	

Table 3-4 Results of Duncan's multiple range test of dressed fillet weights from Gulf shad stages fed three different commercial diets (p-values)

Treatments	Total	Mean	F-value
Total		0.813	3.64 E-03
Mean	0.813		0.681
Control	1.64 E-03	0.681	

Results of analysis of variance of % bullock and % dressed fillet are presented in Table 3-6. There are significant differences between groups with regard to % bullock, but there are no significant differences between groups with regard to % dressed fillet. It was observed earlier (Chapter 2) that there is a tendency of yield to increase with increase of fish size. Nonetheless, looking at the mean values for the fish weight from all treatments it can be noticed that there is a difference of four days 0.5 Kg. between groups. In addition, bigger losses in terms of yields do not occur when preparing the bullocks, but they do occur while processing step to yield the dressed fillets. Therefore, it is expected to find no differences in % of dressed fillets even though the weights of fish fed were that were bigger than the other groups. Note that the lack of differences in dressed fillet yields reflect the necessity of more processing on fish fed more due to larger amount of dark muscle under the skin.

Table 1-19 Results of analysis of variance for % bulge and % deformed fillet of Gulf streamers fed three different commercial diets

Source of Variance	SS Effect	DF Effect	MS Effect	SS Error	DF Error	MS Error	F-Value	p-Value
% bulge	119.761	2	169.512	1838.162	86	21.376	14.864	5.051E-08
% Deformed Fillet	46.824	2	23.412	760.252	87	8.738	7.721	0.111

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean square

Table 1-20 Results of Duncan's multiple range test for % bulge of Gulf streamers fed three different commercial diets (p-values)

Treatments	Treat.	Sign.	F-value
Treat		0.001	3.449E-01
Basin	0.001		0.001
Control	2.19E-02	0.001	

Sensory evaluation

Results from triangle sensory panel show that a significant difference at a p-value of 0.01 was found between trout diet and bass diet. Most panelists noted the magnitude of the difference is slight. Looking at the composition of trout diet it can be said that it is more similar to the composition of bass diet than to the walleye diet. Nevertheless, the results from the triangle test did not show difference between fillets of Gulf streamers fed walleye diet and fillets of Gulf streamers fed trout diet. Another triangle test should have been carried out to confirm these results. It does not seem reasonable that the consumer would be able to find differences between fish fed bass diet and fish fed trout diet, but not between fish fed walleye diet and fish fed trout diet. This statement is based on the fact that bass diet is much more similar in composition to trout diet than trout diet is to walleye diet. However, little work has been done in the area of

fish diet and it reflects the taste of cooked sprouts, and composition of the diet itself is not the only factor to affect the quality taste of fish products.

The mean values and standard deviations (SD) of the mean of the scores from the consumer sensory panel for specific attributes of the cooked fillets are shown in Table 5-11.

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Table 5-11. Mean and standard deviations of the scores from sensory evaluation of cooked fillets from fillets fed three different commercial diets (p-values)

Treatment	Maharey	Tendermint	Pandanus	Kubbery	U.Kubbery
Mean Cook fish	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.3
SD Cook fish	2.8	2.7	4.8	3.2	3.8
Mean Bone	5.3	5.3	5.6	6.1	7.3
SD Bone	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.9	3.9
Mean Liver	5.7	5.9	7.3	5.3	7.3
SD Liver	3.4	2.9	3.8	3.3	3.8

Analysis of variance was performed for each attribute. The results of analysis of variance for the attribute moisture are shown in Table 5-12. In this case, there are no significant differences between products, but there is a significant difference between the treatments. Thus, Duncan's multiple range test was performed to point out which treatments were different, and results of this test are shown in Table 5-13.

Table 5-12. Results of analysis of variance for the moisture products from consumer sensory panel for cooked fillets of Gulf shangona fed three different commercial diets

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F-Critical
Products	134.843	4	33.711	1.328	0.284	1.928
Treatments	154.936	2	77.468	3.231	0.038	1.924
Error	1108.138	133	8.332			
Total	1397.917	139				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean square

The *p*-values shown in Table 5-13 indicate that members of seasoned fitters of Golf magazines believed that it was significantly different from seasoned fitters of Golf magazines believed that. Additionally, it can be seen members of seasoned fitters of Golf magazines believed that was significantly different from seasoned fitters of Golf magazines believed that and neither did.

Table 5-13. Results of Tukey's multiple-range test for the attitude members from consumer sensory panel for seasoned fitters of Golf magazines believed three different commercial diets (p-values)

Treatment	Total	Mean	Critical
Treat		0.883	0.883
None	0.883		0.479
Control	0.2081	0.429	

The results of analysis of variance for the attitude members are shown in Table 5-14. In this case there was no significant difference between treatments but there was a significant difference between panels. (Differences between panels are expected because there was no previous training of the panels.) Observe that the intention of this study was to assess the possible differences caused by fish varieties.

Table 5-14. Results of analysis of variance for the attitude members from consumer sensory panel for seasoned fitters of Golf magazines believed three different commercial diets

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F-Critical
Products	862.474	44	19.599	2.779	4.42E-04	2.406
Treatments	16.136	2	8.068	1.179	0.315	3.084
Error	276.140	177	1.5599			
Total	1154.750	200				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degrees of freedom

MS = Mean square

The results of analysis of variance for the substrate *Colletes* are shown in Table 5-13. In this case, there was no significant differences between treatments but there was a significant difference between periods.

Table 5-13. Results of analysis of variance for the substrate *Colletes* from consumer survey panel for assumed effects of Gulf surges on the three different commercial diets.

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F-Critical
Periods	1291.988	46	28.087	7.417	0.0000	1.406
Treatments	29.17011	2	14.585	1.465	0.258	3.044
Error	1380.653	132	10.451			
Total	2699.812	280				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degrees of freedom

MS = Mean squares

The results of analysis of variance for the substrate *robbery* are shown in Table 5-14. In this case there were no significant differences between treatments but there was a significant difference between periods.

Table 5-14. Results of analysis of variance for the substrate *robbery* from consumer survey panel for assumed effects of Gulf surges on the three different commercial diets.

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F-Critical
Periods	1529.122	46	33.242	3.076	0.0002	1.406
Treatments	25.844	2	12.922	1.461	0.249	3.044
Error	989.422	132	7.497			
Total	2544.402	280				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degrees of freedom

MS = Mean squares

The results of analysis of variance for the substrate *blackdye* are shown in Table 5-15. In this case there were no significant differences between treatments but there was a significant difference between periods.

Table 5-17 Results of analysis of variance for the attribute *likability* from consumer sensory panel for smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed three different commercial diets

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F Value	p-Value	F-Critical
Treatment	197.1467	44	4.477	1.441	0.008	1.405
Treatment	11.176	1	11.176	1.247	0.213	5.564
Error	982.874	131	7.504			
Total	1291.196	200				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degrees of freedom

MS = Mean squares

It can be seen from the results of this sensory study that the differences between treatments are very small. The control group received higher scores for *likability*, *moisture* and *firmness*, which are 'positive' attributes, but at the same time it also received higher scores for *fleshiness* and *rubbiness* which are detrimental attributes in the quality of fish fillets. It can be concluded from these results that consumers do not perceive significant differences in the attributes studied between treatments. The mean values and standard deviations (SD) of the mean of the scores from the consumer sensory panel for specific attributes of the smoked fillets are shown in Table 5-18.

Table 5-18 Mean and standard deviation of the scores from sensory evaluation of smoked snapper fillets fed three different commercial diets

Treatments	Moisture	Firmness	Fleshiness	Intactness	Likability
Mean Control	7.7	10.5	8.5	9.4	7.7
SD Control	3.4	2.6	3.1	2.5	3.1
Mean Diet	9.5	9.7	9.3	8.3	8.4
SD Diet	3.3	3.6	2.7	2.8	2.9
Mean Tissue	9.6	9.4	7.8	8.3	8.3
SD Tissue	3.8	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.6

Analysis of variance was performed for each attribute. The results of analysis of variance for the attribute *moisture* are shown in Table 5-19. In this case, there are

significant differences between parallels and also there is a significant difference between the treatments. Thus, Duncan's multiple range test was performed to point out which treatments were different, and results of this test are shown in Table 5-20. The p-values shown in Table 5-19 indicate that moisture content of smoked fillets of Gulf sheepshead fed ruffalo diet were not significantly different than smoked fillets of Gulf sheepshead fed hana diet. Additionally, it can be seen moisture content of smoked fillets of Gulf sheepshead fed trout diet are significantly different than smoked fillets of Gulf sheepshead ruffalo diet but not significantly different than scores for smoked fillets of Gulf sheepshead fed hana diet. This result was also observed for the spangled fillets.

Table 5-19. Results of analysis of variance for the attribute moisture from consumer sensory panel for smoked fillets of Gulf sheepshead fed three different commercial diets.

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Statistic	p-Value	F-Critical
Parallels	199.333	44	4.531	2.551	0.23436	1.504
Treatments	79.801	2	39.900	8.762	0.00013	3.140
Error	408.704	88	4.655			
Total	1079.412	134				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean squares

Table 5-20. Results of Duncan's multiple range test for the attribute moisture from consumer sensory panel for smoked fillets of Gulf sheepshead fed three different commercial diets (p-values).

Treatment	Treat	Mean	Critical
Treat1		6.373	6.373
Mean	5870		6.024
Critical	5.948	6.024	

The results of analysis of variance for the attribute saltiness are shown in Table 5-21. In this case there was a significant difference between treatments and also between

perfect. Results for Duncan's multiple range test are shown in Table 5-22. The p values shown in Table 5-22 indicate that salinities of smoked fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed catfish diet is not significantly different from smoked fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed bass diet. Additionally, it can be seen that salinities of smoked fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed trout diet are significantly different from smoked fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed catfish diet but not significantly different from smoked fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed bass diet. This difference is probably due to the fact that fish fed trout diet were larger than fish fed catfish diet. Therefore, the fillets from fish belonging to the trout group were much thicker than fillets from fish belonging to the catfish group. Note that the feeding time was the same for all treatments, thus larger fillets might have absorbed a proportionally higher amount of salt during feeding than thicker fillets.

Table 5-21. Results of analysis of variance for the attribute salinities from consumer sensory panel for smoked fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed three different commercial diets.

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F Critical
Protein	546.425	44	12.419	1.186	0.0004	1.514
Treatment	48.807	2	24.404	6.174	0.002	3.100
Error	476.852	81	5.887			
Total	1084.126	124				

SS = sum of squares

df = degrees of freedom

MS = Mean squares

Table 5-22. Results of Duncan's multiple range test for the attribute salinities from consumer sensory panel for smoked fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed three different commercial diets (p -values).

Treatment	Trout	Bass	Catfish
Trout		0.189	0.004
Bass	0.189		0.131
Catfish	0.004	0.131	

The results of analysis of variance for the antibiotic treatment are shown in Table 3-23. In this case there was no significant difference between treatments but there was a significant difference between penslots. Even though the most striking difference between the compositions of the diets as far as content, most fat is stored in the layer of dark muscle, which is thoroughly consumed to yield dressed fillets. This might explain the lack of differences found in the sensory analysis.

Table 3-23 Results of analysis of variance for the antibiotic treatment (three treatment sensory panel for cooked fillets of Gulf oysters *Scapharca* different experimental diets)

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F-Critical
Pen slot	816.249	44	18.551	4.887	1.03E-08	1.814
Treatments	11.345	2	5.672	1.485	0.234	3.000
Error	469.109	88	5.331			
Total	1296.703	134				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean square

The results of analysis of variance for the antibiotic treated fillets eaten by an animal are shown in Table 3-24. In this case there was no significant difference between treatments but there was a significant difference between penslots.

Table 3-24 Results of analysis of variance for the antibiotic treated fillets (animal three treatment sensory panel for cooked fillets of Gulf oysters *Scapharca* different experimental diets)

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Value	p-Value	F-Critical
Pen slot	932.919	44	21.194	1.557	0.044	1.814
Treatments	22.114	2	11.057	1.769	0.177	3.000
Error	540.285	88	6.139			
Total	1505.318	134				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean square

The results of analysis of variance for the attribute *likability* are shown in Table 5-23. Significant differences between treatments and also between panels are found. Duncan's multiple range test was performed to point out which treatments were different, and results of this test are shown in Table 5-24. The p-values shown in Table 5-23 indicate that smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed *basu* diet is not significantly different from smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed *basu* diet. Additionally, smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed *basu* diet are significantly different from fillets of snappers fed *control* diet but not significantly different from smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed *basu* diet. In the next instances show a preference for fillets of Gulf snappers fed *basu* and *basu* diet. Fish fed *basu* diet with highest commercial size factor, thus if the product is to be commercialized as smoked fillets, *basu* diet would be the best choice for the fish grower.

Table 5-23. Results of analysis of variance for the attribute *likability* from consumer sensory panel for smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed three different commercial diets.

Source of Variation	SS	DF	MS	F-Statistic	p-Value	F-Statistic
Panelists	312.288	44	7.097	3.783	0.000296	1.014
Treatments	58.911	2	29.455	5.211	0.0007	2.158
Error	194.281	44	4.415			
Total	1364.895	134				

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean square

Table 5-24. Results of Duncan's multiple range test for the attribute *likability* from consumer sensory panel for smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed three different commercial diets (p-values).

Treatment	Treat	Basu	Control
Treat		83.42061	6.000009
Basu	6.345207		0.000000
Control	6.000009	6.000009	

The mean values and standard deviations (SD) from the scores of the appearance sensory test are presented on Table 5-27. As mentioned earlier that rooms were replicated for each parallel. It can be seen that the scores were quite different between fillets from fish fed trout diet and fillets from fish fed the other two diets. Analysis of variance was performed on the data collected during this study, and results show that there are no significant differences between replicates, but there are differences between treatments (Table 5-28). Results from Duncan's multiple range test show that all treatments are significantly different from each other (Table 5-29).

Table 5-27 Mean and standard deviation of the scores from consumer test of appearance of *Salmo trutta* fillets fed three different commercial diets

	Catfish	Catfish	Bass	Bass	Trout	Trout
Mean	7.5	7.3	6.9	6.3	3.9	3.6
SD	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1

Table 5-28 Results of analysis of variance for consumer test for appearance of raw fillets of *Salmo trutta* reared fed three different commercial diets

Source of Variation	df Error	MS Error	df Error	MS Error	F-Value	p-Value
Replication (a)	1	3.182	334	3.365	3.449	0.701
Treatment (b)	2	435.938	334	3.365	131.722	0.00000
Interaction (a x b)	2	3.878	334	3.365	3.282	0.768

df = *degrees of freedom*

MS = *mean square*

df = *degrees of freedom*

MS = *mean square*

Table 5-29 Results of Duncan's multiple range test for consumer test for appearance of raw fillets of *Salmo trutta* reared fed three different commercial diets (p-values)

Treatment	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Catfish group (1)		4.058-6.6	6.644-	6.673-	6.751-6.8	6.883-
Trout group (2)	4.058-6.6		2.358-6.6	4.751-6.6	6.751-	1.081-6.6

Item group (%)	0.094	0.040-06		0.102	1.098-02	0.048
Catfish group replicate 14	0.051	4.730-06	0.123		2.343-06	0.0006
Treat group replicate 11	4.290-06	0.042	1.090-01	2.500-06		0.730-06
Beef group replicate 15	0.0003	1.090-02	0.048	0.0009	0.718-06	

Replicates were conducted in the study. The mean scores from the Maslach work directed instrument (mean score = 1.1) indicates that consumers dislike slightly the appearance of these fillets. In addition, consumers like moderately fillets belonging to bass treatment (mean score = 4.4), and like very much fillets from catfish treatment (mean score = 7.4). As it can be seen in the table used from this test (Figure A-1), consumers were asked whether they would purchase any of the samples under investigation, the results are shown below:

- 89.4% of the products would purchase fillets of Gulf snappers
- 18.4% of the products would not purchase fillets of Gulf snappers
- 40.3 % of the products would just purchase fillets from the catfish group
- 18.7% of the products would just purchase fillets from the bass group
- 1.7% of the products would just purchase fillets from the trout group
- 26.9% of the products would purchase fillets from either catfish or bass group
- 7.1% of the products would purchase fillets from all groups

The results above are very encouraging in case acquisition of Gulf snappers for product's purposes is approved in the state of Florida. There is a strong possibility consumers would be willing to include Gulf snappers in their diet.

Descriptive Analysis

The results of processing analysis of the data are shown in Table 3-36. Table 3-36 presents the results from the postmortem analysis of raw fillets of Gulf snappers that

mean, but no valid fish. The mean values and standard deviations from the mean (SD) are shown in Table 3-22. These results were subjected to analysis of variance. As shown in Table 3-23, moisture content and ash content are significantly different between the treatments. Duncan's multiple range test was performed on data from moisture and ash content, and results are presented in Table 3-24 and Table 3-25.

Table 3-22 Proximate composition of compound diets fed to Gulf sheepshead

Treat	Replicates	% Moisture	% Ash	% Fat	% Protein
Treat Diet 1	1	12.55	8.43	11.14	52.33
Treat Diet 2	2	12.81	7.49	11.57	51.89
Base Diet 1	1	13.88	7.77	6.69	49.81
Base Diet 2	2	13.12	7.80	6.61	50.75
Control Diet 1	1	12.47	9.21	11.27	49.48
Control Diet 2	2	12.79	9.89	11.29	49.67

Table 3-23 Proximate composition of new diets of Gulf sheepshead fed three different compound diets

Treatment	Replicates	% Moisture	% Ash	% Fat	% Protein
Treat Fish 1	1	74.59	8.88	6.95	17.38
Treat Fish 1	2	88.11	8.04	1.97	17.93
Treat Fish 2	1	79.50	8.61	1.98	18.61
Treat Fish 2	2	79.86	8.57	1.13	17.84
Treat Fish 3	1	75.94	8.82	1.59	17.43
Treat Fish 3	2	76.87	8.94	1.27	17.55
Base Fish 1	1	80.82	9.83	1.68	18.17

Table 3-10 continued

Treatment	Replicates	% Moisture	% Ash	% Fat	% Protein
Base, Peak 1	1	75.54	0.58	1.28	17.88
Base, Peak 2	1	86.37	0.78	1.27	17.51
Base, Peak 3	1	86.84	0.78	1.03	16.58
Base, Peak 4	1	84.25	0.75	0.74	18.69
Base, Peak 5	1	86.47	0.81	0.88	17.27
Catfish, Peak 1	1	81.48	0.76	0.68	17.31
Catfish, Peak 2	1	81.86	0.75	0.74	17.42
Catfish, Peak 3	1	81.84	0.76	0.83	16.58
Catfish, Peak 4	1	81.17	0.78	0.89	17.33
Catfish, Peak 5	1	81.44	0.82	0.78	17.09
Catfish, Peak 6	1	81.13	0.79	1.03	16.61

Table 3-11: Mean and standard deviation of two effects of Goff margin fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	% Moisture		% Ash		% Fat		% Protein	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Catfish	81.49	0.30	0.77	0.01	1.04	0.06	17.36	0.38
Base	80.31	0.36	0.80	0.02	1.17	0.17	17.21	0.49
Trout	79.81	0.33	0.93	0.01	1.41	0.18	17.25	0.34

Table 3-12: Results of analysis of variance from pre-treatment-composition of two effects of Goff margin fed three different commercial diets

Source of Variation	% Effect	DF	MS	% Error	DF	MS	F-Value	p-Value
% Moisture	18.311	2	3.256	2.996	18	0.170	28.844	4.44E-16
% Ash	0.830	2	0.838	0.009	18	0.0004	98.747	1.17E-08
% Fat	0.873	2	0.870	0.009	18	0.001	1.118	0.305002
% Protein	0.746	2	0.713	0.001	18	0.003	2.718	0.000019

DF = Total of Degrees

MS = Mean Squares

F = F-Value

p = p-Value

Table 3-30 Results of Duncan's multiple range test on moisture content of raw fillets of Gulf menhaden fed three different processing diets (p -value)

Treatment	Control	Heat	Total
Control		0.0004	0.000-05
Heat	0.0004		0.0000
Total	0.000-05	0.000-0	

Table 3-31 Results of Duncan's multiple range test on ash content of raw fillets of Gulf menhaden fed three different processing diets (p -value)

Treatment	Control	Heat	Total
Control		0.0711	0.000-05
Heat	0.0711		0.000-0
Total	0.000-05	0.000-0	

Even though the mean difference between the diets in the control, there is no significant difference in the content of raw fillets from the different treatments.

According to Achmat's (1990) classification of lipid content in fish, fillets of Gulf menhaden are considered lean for all treatments. It was observed during filtering that fish belonging to the heat group presented a thicker layer of dark muscle than fish belonging to the control group. Therefore, it seems that Gulf menhaden stores most of the fat in the dark muscle layer which was thoroughly removed during filtering. This explains the lack of difference in the content found between the treatments. There are no significant differences in protein content between the treatments. There is a significant difference in moisture content between all treatments. Fillets belonging to the control group present higher moisture content than fillets from the heat group. Fillets belonging to the heat group present lowest moisture content. Nonetheless these differences are smaller than 2%. Note that ash content in heat group is significantly different than ash content of control and heat group. However, this is due to the fact that standard deviations from the means are very small for all groups studied.

Table 3-38 presents the results from the parametric analysis of smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed trout, bass or catfish diet. The mean values and standard deviations from the mass (SD) are shown in Table 3-37. The results were subjected to analysis of variance. As it can be seen in Table 3-34, sub-constant is significantly different between the treatments. Duncan's multiple range test was performed on data from sub-constant, and results are presented in Table 3-36.

Table 3-36 Parametric comparison of smoked fillets of Gulf snappers fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	Rep/Group	% Moisture	% Ash	% Fat	% Protein
Trout Fish 1	1	78.44	4.09	3.43	22.33
Trout Fish 1	2	78.60	4.12	3.33	22.06
Trout Fish 2	1	69.43	4.79	3.66	22.21
Trout Fish 2	2	78.60	4.26	3.47	22.38
Trout Fish 3	1	78.61	4.13	3.93	22.56
Trout Fish 3	2	68.93	4.66	3.73	22.89
Bass Fish 1	1	69.43	4.81	4.47	22.10
Bass Fish 1	2	68.30	4.86	4.13	21.78
Bass Fish 2	1	69.73	4.83	3.53	22.69
Bass Fish 2	2	69.87	4.87	3.71	22.67
Bass Fish 3	1	79.81	4.68	4.88	21.33
Bass Fish 3	2	79.88	4.19	3.47	22.66
Catfish Fish 1	1	79.21	3.71	3.85	22.79
Catfish Fish 1	2	79.26	3.87	3.63	22.85
Catfish Fish 2	1	69.68	3.98	4.13	22.68
Catfish Fish 2	2	69.67	4.05	4.10	22.56
Catfish Fish 3	1	79.67	4.14	3.68	21.87
Catfish Fish 3	2	79.76	4.02	3.47	21.96

Table 5-37 Means and standard deviation of smoked fillets of *Gadus* species fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	% Moisture		% Ash		% Fat		% Protein	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Control	79.80	0.11	4.31	0.040	3.65	0.23	22.75	0.71
Baso	80.74	0.31	4.09	0.070	3.68	0.35	22.15	0.38
Trout	79.13	0.39	3.58	0.19	3.64	0.58	23.39	0.41

Table 5-38 Results of analysis of variance from previous composition of raw fillets of *Gadus* species fed three different commercial diets

Source of Variation	SS Effect	DF Effect	MS Effect	SS Error	DF Error	MS Error	F-Value	p-Value
% Moisture	0.279	2	0.140	1.313	15	0.087	1.564	0.004
% Ash	0.050	2	0.025	0.066	15	0.004	4.398	0.009
% Fat	0.430	2	0.215	2.458	15	0.163	1.263	0.003
% Protein	0.183	2	0.091	1.646	15	0.111	0.821	0.450

SS = sum of squares

DF = degree of freedom

MS = Mean squares

Table 5-39 Results of Duncan's multiple range test on ash content of smoked fillets of *Gadus* species fed three different commercial diets (p-values)

Treatment	Control	Baso	Trout
Control		0.217	0.004
Baso	0.212		0.041
Trout	0.004	0.041	

There are no significant differences in protein and lipid content between the smoked fillets from the different treatments, and this is in agreement with data from raw fillets. According to Aguilera's (2000) classification of fat content for fish, smoked fillets of *Gadus* species are considered low fat for all treatments. Note that there is a loss of 10% water during drying and smoking processes. Ash content of fillets from trout group is slightly different than fillets from control and baso group. Observe that standard

derivatives from the mean of 76 sds from fillets belonging to both cod and catfish group are very small. The overall difference in sdh content between the groups is 0.12%. The increase in sdh content can be related to the sdh uptake during freezing. Sdh uptake for fillets of Gulf menhaden fed catfish diet was 3.48%, the fillets of Gulf menhaden fed trout diet was 3.28% and for fillets of Gulf menhaden fed trout diet was 3.87%. These results support the sensory scores for salmon, where catfish group received a score of 12.5, trout group a score of 13.7 and trout group 13.8. Panelists were able to discriminate catfish group from trout group with regard to sdh content and correctly assign catfish group to the group presenting higher sdh content. Notice that the difference is about 0.4 % in sdh content between the groups. Once again, it should be pointed out that the differences in the thickness of the fillets cause differences in the sdh content of the product, if fillets are frozen for the same amount of time, as frozen with identical sdh concentrations. It can be seen from results that more time should have been taken up to find different sdh contents between treatments. Fillets from catfish group should have been frozen for a shorter length of time or at a lower solution of lower concentration to reach the same sdh content as trout group.

Color Analysis

Since no sensory score for appearance test, there is a difference in appearance between the treatments. Figure 3-3 shows the color values of fillets from the Gulf menhaden fed catfish diet, trout diet and trout diet. There is a markedly difference in the color between treatments. Fillets of Gulf menhaden fed trout diet present a yellowish orange coloration, while fillets from fish fed Catfish diet and trout diet present pale pink coloration. This difference might explain why trout performed so poorly on the consumer sensory test for appearance of the new fillets. Figure 3-4 shows color chart of

fillets from heat treatment over time. It can be seen in the pictures below that fish fed trout diet tend to develop a yellow-orange color, and present on the fillets from fish from the other two diet treatments.

Figure 3-3 Cross-section of Gulf menhaden fed three different commercial diets (a) trout treatment, (b) codfish treatment, (c) trout treatment

A color study over time was carried out to quantify these differences, and monitor color changes over four different storage times during 15 days of storage. Lab values were measured at days 0, 5, 10 and 15 using CR-200 Chroma Meter and surface vision. It is important to mention that these Lab values cannot be readily compared because the instruments use different sources of light and equations must be used to convert values to the same system (Lauriatge, 1999). Minolta color uses a D65/2° illuminant light (illuminant D65, which simulates color qualities of noonday summer sun (Lauriatge, 1999). Colorimeter CR200 can use Illuminant C, which represents average daylight with

a color temperature of 5574°K, or illuminant D65 which is the average daylight with a color temperature of 6500°K. In that study illuminant D65 was used as the source of light. Results from the different equipment will be presented separately and statistical analysis performed on the data collected from each instrument independently. Results from statistical analysis will be compared and conclusions presented with regard to performance of instruments.

Measure Vision System

Interface vision collects and presents from each fillet at every interval of time. The picture is collected using the checkered tile and then Lab values calculated for each picture. The images were grabbed with Color Analyser software version 2.4.9 (author: Diego Lourenço). The calibration step and Lab calculation is done with Color Analyser NPG version 2.4.4 (author: Diego Lourenço). Lab values were determined for whole fillets and for a center slice of the fillets. The pictures of the center slices of the fillets of Gulf margins did not exist that are shown in Figure C-1 (Appendix C). The pictures of the center slices of fillets of Gulf margins did exist that are shown in Figure C-2 (Appendix C). The pictures of the center slices of fillets of Gulf margins did exist that are shown in Figure C-3 (Appendix C).

It was noticed that the non-uniform thickness of Gulf margins fillets influenced the results of Lab values calculated. This is due to the fact that the edges of a fillet are thinner than the center and have more transparency. Thus, the color of the background interferes with the actual color of the fillet. This causes a problem during the calibration step. Calibration is done by first calculating the Lab value for the color of the tile as it appears to the device. Then, calculating the difference between these values with the

standard L₀ value provided by the data manufacturer. Finally, every point in the frame is adjusted according to the difference in L₀ values found for the tile. Figure C-4 shows the average tile and shore fillets (one for each treatment) before and after calibration (Appendix C). The color description for the calibrated picture of the cutoff fillet shown in Figure C-4 is pale yellow-green, which is different from grayish yellowish-pink, which is the description of the center shore of the fillet (Figure C-1). The color description for the calibrated picture of the bass fillet shown in Figure C-4 is pale yellow-green, which is different from grayish yellowish-pink, which is the description of the center shore of the fillet (Figure C-3). The color description for the calibrated picture of the trout fillet shown in Figure C-4 is grayish yellow, which is different from moderate yellowish-pink, which is the description of the center shore of the fillet (Figure C-14). This discrepancy in color descriptions is going to be reflected on the L₀ values assigned for each frame, as it can be seen in Tables C-6 and in Table C-7. The σ values are especially affected, observe that on the center shore σ values are slightly positive, while on the shore fillets, the σ values are slightly negative. This shift reflects the green tones that appear after calibration.

The mean L values and standard deviations (σ) for the whole fillets are shown in Table 3-40. The mean σ values and mean μ values together with the standard deviations of the means for whole fillets are shown in Table 3-41 and Table 3-42 respectively.

Table 3-40: Mean L values and standard deviations of whole fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	Day 0	Day 5	Day 10	Day 15
Mean Cuffish	79.58	79.72	88.27	81.18
SD Cuffish	1.48	1.36	0.94	1.15
Mean Bass	80.72	88.68	88.38	81.27
SD Bass	8.74	9.21	0.83	0.52
Mean Trout	73.41	72.40	79.63	80.26
SD Trout	1.31	0.96	1.62	1.08

Table 3-41: Mean E values and standard deviations of whole fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	Day 0	Day 5	Day 10	Day 15
Mean Cuffish	-4.33	-5.85	-4.68	-5.45
SD Cuffish	0.11	0.71	0.6	1.28
Mean Bass	-3.43	-5.46	-4.62	-5.75
SD Bass	0.74	0.86	1.76	0.10
Mean Trout	-1.88	-3.12	-3.82	-3.96
SD Trout	2.68	1.28	2.12	1.68

Table 3-42: Mean K values and standard deviations of whole fillets of Gulf sturgeon fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	Day 0	Day 5	Day 10	Day 15
Mean Cuffish	13.13	14.3	13.81	13.33
SD Cuffish	1.83	1.75	1.85	0.60
Mean Bass	12.86	13.28	12.96	14.49
SD Bass	2.85	1.56	1.45	1.81
Mean Trout	23.44	19.48	24.26	25.11
SD Trout	18.78	9.09	8.95	3.31

Figure 3-4 is a plot of mean Lab values from machine vision for treatments using the whole fillets of Gulf snappers fed three different commercial diets. Statistical analysis was not performed on this data because of the discrepancy in the order of the samples for each diet.

Figure 3-4. Average Lab values of whole fillets of Gulf snappers fed three different commercial diets measured by machine vision

Figure C-5, Figure C-6 and Figure C-7 in Appendix C show the plots of L values determined by random visits for each fish from control, treat and treat treatment respectively. Statistical analysis was performed on the results for the under-sides of the fillets. Even though this is a repetitive measurement design with multiple fish on each treatment, the statistical analysis showed that the repetitive measurement correlation structure was not significant. Therefore, the model assumed in the model description, treatment and the interaction between treat and days. The model used can be described as a mixed linear model with random effect for fish within a treatment. The covariance parameter estimates from the statistical analysis of L values are presented in Table S-43. Table S-44 shows that treatment, days and the interaction between treatment and days are significantly different for L values at a p -level $\alpha \leq 0.05$.

Table S-43: Covariance parameter estimates of L values for under-sides of fillets from Gulf oysters and three different commercial days

Covariance Parameter	Ratio	Estimate	Standard Error	Z-Value	p-Value
Fish (treatment)	7.157	0.000	0.273	2.59	0.044
Residual	1.000	0.280	0.004	6.24	0.0001

Table S-44: Statistical results of L values for under-sides of fillets from Gulf oysters for days different commercial days

Effect	DF Error	DF Total	F-Value	p-Value
Treatment (t)	2	12	7.09	0.004
Days (d)	2	36	83.94	<0.0001
Interaction (d x t)	4	36	1.61	0.021

DF = Degrees of Freedom

Mean comparisons for L values were done using Least Squares Differences test (LSD) using Bonferroni adjustment. This adjustment makes the LSD test more conservative (Rao, 1958). Table 5-41 presents the results for differences-between days and differences-between treatments. The overall result for treatment shows that L values of fillets from heat treatment are significantly different than fillets from cool group. L values of fillets from control treatment are not significantly different than the L values of the other two treatments. The overall results for days show that L values are significantly different for all intervals of time.

The mean L values and standard deviations of the means together with the results of LSD test for the interaction between days and treatment are shown in Table 5-42. Significant differences within a day for the different treatments are expressed with superscript letters. Significant differences within a treatment for the different days of storage are expressed as subscript letters. Treatments with same letters are not significantly different at a p-level of 0.05. Fillets from all treatments present water during over time. However no control treatment L values do not vary significantly from day 1 up to 11 days of storage. L values of fillets from heat treatment on day 0 are significantly different from all intervals of time but day 5, day 7 is just significantly different than day 11, and day 10 is significantly different than day 0. L values of trout treatment are significantly different for all intervals of time. During the study L values of fillets from control treatment were not significantly different than the ones from heat treatment for all intervals of time. L values from trout treatment were significantly different than L values from the other treatments just up to day 3. By day 10 L values for all treatments converged and were not significantly different up to the end of the study. It is noticeable

from the results that best treatment shows more fading than other treatments. The magnitude of the change in L-value between day 8 and day 15 of fading from best treatment is 2.63 and for control-treatment is 2.49, but because the fading from best treatment shows smaller standard deviations than control treatment, the statistical test is able to separate the intervals from within the treatment. It can be said that the changes in L-value from day 8 to day 15 for best treatment and control treatment are very similar about 3.2% and 3.4% respectively. These treatments present a change of 3.2% in L-value between day 8 and day 15.

Table 3-43: Differences of best square means using Bonferroni adjustment of L-value for fading stages of White from Gulf Mangrove for three different commercial diets

Effect	Treatment	Days	Treatment	Days	p-Value
Treatment	Best		Control		0.0000
Location	Best		Best		0.0058
Treatment	Control		Best		0.0000
Days		8		8	0.0000
Days		8		15	0.0000
Days		8		15	0.0000
Days		8		18	0.00004
Days		8		15	0.0000
Days		18		15	0.0000

Table 3-46: Mean L-values and standard deviations of center stem of White from Gulf Mangrove fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	Day 8	Day 1	Day 18	Day 15
White/Control	76.80 ^{abc}	73.42 ^{abc}	78.31 ^{abc}	79.08 ^{abc}
W/Control	1.21	0.28	0.66	0.74
White/Best	73.79 ^{abc}	70.90 ^{abc}	76.64 ^{abc}	80.46 ^{abc}

Table 5-44. *continued*

Treatment	Day 0	Day 3	Day 10	Day 14
SD Score	-0.09	-0.09	-0.02	-0.16
Mean Score	75.26 ^a	76.38 ^a	77.76 ^a	76.01 ^a
SD Score	1.13	0.85	1.27	0.83

^aSuperscript letters indicate significant differences between treatments on day analyzed.

Subscript letters indicate significant differences between days within treatment at p=0.05.

The covariance parameter estimates from the statistical analysis of α values are presented in Table 5-47. Table 5-48 shows that treatment, days and the interaction between treatment and days are significantly different for α values at a p-level of 0.05.

Table 5-47. Covariance parameter estimates of α values for under class of Echin from Gulf margins and days different experimental runs.

Covariance Parameter	Ratio	Estimate	Standard Error	Z Value	p-Value
Fixed (Treatment)	2.1149	1.02085	1.0008	2.71	0.0116
Residual	1.0008	0.0140	0.2340	0.24	0.8091

Table 5-48. Sum of squares for α values of under class of Echin from Gulf margins and days different experimental runs.

Effect	DF Effect	DF Error	F-Value	p-Value
Treatment (3)	2	12	4.17	0.0116
Days (4)	3	16	11.41	0.0001
Interaction (12 x 3)	6	36	2.46	0.0006

DF = degrees of freedom.

Mean comparisons for α values were done using Least Squares (Difference test (LSD)) using Bonferroni adjustment. Table 5-49 presents the results for differences between days and differences between treatments. The overall results for treatment show

that $\bar{x}$ values of fillets from catfish treatment are not significantly different than from treatment. Trout treatment is significantly different than the two other treatments. The overall results for days show that day 0 and day 10 are significantly different than day 15, but day 5 is not significantly different than day 15. In addition, day 0 is not significantly different than day 10 or day 5, but day 5 and day 10 are significantly different.

The mean $\bar{x}$ values and standard deviations of the means together with the results of LSD test for the interactions between days and treatment are shown in Table 5-10. Significant differences within a day for the different treatments are expressed with superscript letters. Significant differences within a treatment for the different days of storage are expressed as subscript letters. Treatments with same letters are not significantly different at a p -level of 0.05. On day 0 the mean $\bar{x}$ value of fillets from trout treatment is about 30% higher than fillets from catfish treatment, and about 40% higher than fillets from bass treatment. Nevertheless, there is no significant difference on day 0 between fish from catfish group and trout group. The standard deviation of $\bar{x}$ values on trout treatment is large and explains the overlap in values with catfish treatment. Significant differences were not found at any other interval of time for any treatments. Thus, even though trout treatment presents higher consistency of values and at day 0, changes with storage bring the $\bar{x}$ value to levels similar of the ones found on the other treatments by day 5. Differences within catfish treatment were not found over storage for $\bar{x}$ values. Results for bass and catfish treatment show that at day 10 $\bar{x}$ values decreased about 33% compared to day 0, and that at day 15 the values were about the same as day 0. There is an explanation for this pattern of change. The $\bar{x}$ values of fillets from trout treatment tend to decrease over time and there is a significant difference between day 0 and day 15

Table 3-19 Difference of least square means using Bonferroni adjustment of p -values for similar diets of Elysis from Gulf mangrove for three different commercial diets

Treatment	Treatment	Days	Treatment	Days	p-Value
Treatment	Basu		Control		1.0000
Treatment	Basu		Treat		0.0000
Treatment	Control		Treat		0.0000
Days		0		3	0.1350
Days		0		10	0.4120
Days		0		15	0.0000
Days		3		10	0.0010
Days		0		15	0.0000
Days		10		15	0.0001

Table 3-20 Mean $\pm$ values and standard deviations of the growth rates of Elysis of Gulf mangrove for three different commercial diets (mangrove system)

Treatment	Day 0	Day 3	Day 10	Day 15
Mean Control	7.63 ± 0.10	8.47 ± 0.10	9.06 ± 0.10	9.33 ± 0.10
SD Control	1.89	1.12	1.10	1.44
Mean Basu	6.45 ± 0.10	7.66 ± 0.10	8.81 ± 0.10	9.24 ± 0.10
SD Basu	0.41	0.90	1.12	0.90
Mean Treat	11.80 ± 0.10	10.11 ± 0.10	10.79 ± 0.10	9.91 ± 0.10
SD Treat	2.04	2.06	2.64	1.03

Superscript letters indicate significant difference between treatments within a day or period

Subscript letters indicate significant difference between days within a treatment ($p < 0.05$)

The covariance parameter estimates from the statistical analysis of p -values are presented in Table 3-21. Table 3-22 shows that treatment and days are significantly different for p -values, but the interaction between days and treatment is not significantly different.

Table 3-51 Conversion parameter estimates for $\ln$ values of the concentrations of Ethinyl Estradiol (mg/day) for Day 14-treated experimental dogs

Conversion Parameter	Ratio	Estimate	Standard Error	Z-Value	p-Value
First parameter	12.3131	20.6139	9.6234	2.140	0.0337
Residual	1.0000	1.9211	0.4528	4.24	0.0004

Table 3-52 Statistical results for $\ln$ values of concentrations of Ethinyl Estradiol (mg/day) for Day 14-treated experimental dogs

Effect	DF Effect	DF Error	F-Value	p-Value
Treatment (2)	2	12	7.33	0.0061
Days (8)	7	24	13.62	0.0001
Interaction (16 x 7)	4	24	1.71	0.1621

DF = degrees of freedom

Mean comparisons for $\ln$ values were done using Least Squares Difference test (LSD) using Bonferroni adjustment. Table 3-53 presents the results for differences between days and differences between treatments. The overall results of $\ln$ values between treatments is the same found for $\ln$ values, where treatment is significantly different than the other treatments, but control treatment is not significantly different than base treatment. The overall results for days show that day 6 is significantly different than all other intervals of time. Day 7 is also significantly different than all other intervals of time. On the other hand, day 10 and day 15 are not significantly different from each other.

The mean $\ln$ values and standard deviations of the means together with the results of LSD test for the interaction between days and treatment are shown in Table 3-54. Significant differences within a day for the different treatments are expressed with

superscript letters. Significant differences indicate a treatment for the different days of storage not expressed as subscript letters. Treatments with same letters are not significantly different at a p-level of 0.05. The standard deviation of $\ln$ values for most treatment is very large and because of that was not possible to show significant differences between groups. Nonetheless, $\ln$ values on day three have as big for most treatment when compared to values from base and sulfate treatments. The plot for $\ln$ values of the control plates of the fillets shown in Figure C-1 (Appendix C) show that Fish Q and M present $\ln$ values are within the range of fish from other treatments, but Fish P, N and R present much higher values. This difference is also evident in Figure C-2 (Appendix C). Treat that impacts in some cases a yellow-orange coloration in the fillets of Gulf snappers. Results from the sensory panel for appearance show that this color is corresponding to treatment.

It is noteworthy to mention that Nivakulchai and Iwanaga (1988) have shown that increasing drying levels in southern coast increased the efficiency of deposition of the colored carotenoids (carotylid pink). The researchers also found out that deposition of this colorant was much higher at the tail region of the southern coast fillet, when compared to dorsal and belly areas. Therefore, pigmentation of the fillets was not a uniform process (Nivakulchai and Iwanaga, 1988). The possible source of colorant on the treat that is unknown, but it can be pointed out that in case of Gulf of Mexico snappers fillets, the development of yellow-orange tones in some fish did treat that is a quality problem.

Table 5-13 Differences of least square means using Bonferroni adjustment of *t*-value for center class of fillets from CofC programs for first different commercial diets

Fillet	Treatment	Days	Treatment	Days	<i>p</i> -Value
Treatment	Bas		Carfish		1.0000
Treatment	Bas		Treat		0.0000
Treatment	Carfish		Treat		0.0000
Days		0		3	0.0000
Days		0		18	0.0000
Days		0		33	0.0000
Days		3		18	0.0000
Days		3		33	0.0000
Days		18		33	0.0000

Table 5-14 Mean *t*-values and standard deviations of the center class of fillets from CofC programs for first different commercial diets

Treatment	Day 0	Day 3	Day 18	Day 33
Mean Carfish	18.11 ^{AB} _{0.1}	19.23 ^{AB} _{0.1}	12.33 ^{BC} _{0.1}	12.38 ^{BC} _{0.1}
SD Carfish	0.94	1.04	2.47	0.94
Mean Bas	19.15 ^A _{0.1}	14.84 ^{BC} _{0.1}	19.98 ^B _{0.1}	12.64 ^{BC} _{0.1}
SD Bas	2.09	1.24	2.68	1.46
Mean Treat	30.12 ^A _{0.1}	24.19 ^A _{0.1}	21.34 ^{AB} _{0.1}	21.65 ^A _{0.1}
SD Treat	5.34	8.42	8.23	7.43

^{AB}Superscript letters indicate significant difference between treatments within a day at *p* < 0.1.

_{0.1}Superscript letters indicate significant difference between days within treatment at *p* < 0.1.

CR-100 Chlorophyll

CR-100 is a hand-held colorimeter. An average of three spots per fillet were collected at every interval of time. *t*-test values for each fillet at any given interval of time is an average of the three readings. Table 5-5 shows the values of the three readings for each fillet from the carfish treatment together with the mean values and standard

deviations from the means (Appendix C). Table C-4 shows the values of the three readings for each filter from the first treatment together with the mean values and standard deviations from the means (Appendix C). Table C-5 shows the values of the three readings for each filter from the second treatment together with the mean values and standard deviations from the means (Appendix C).

The covariance parameter estimates from the restricted analysis of L values are presented in Table 3-55. Table 3-56 shows that treatment, days and the interaction between treatment and days are significantly different for L values.

Table 3-55. Covariance parameter estimates of L values for filters from Gulf mangrove and three different agricultural fields

Covariance Parameter	Ratio	Estimate	Standard Error	Z Value	p-Value
Fish (ponding)	0.4779	0.0367	0.0093	1.93	0.0379
Barbados	1.0000	2.1875	0.5046	4.29	0.0001

Table 3-56. Statistical results of L values for filters from Gulf mangrove and three different agricultural fields

Effect	DF Effect	DF Error	F-Value	p-Value
Treatment (3)	2	11	4.06	0.0143
Days (3)	2	36	41.26	0.0001
Interaction (3 x 3)	4	36	223.39	0.0000

DF = number of degrees

Mean comparisons for L values were done using Least Squares Difference test (2.5%) using Bonferroni adjustment. Table 3-57 presents the results for differences between days and differences between treatments. Overall results of L values from Chi-square tests show that filters from each treatment are not significantly different; that

the one from the other two treatments. In addition, fillets from trout treatment are significantly different than fillets from bass treatment. This results in a correspondence with results found for the water classes of fillets distinguished by molecular vision. The overall results of L-values for days show that day 0 is significantly different than all other intervals of time. Day 3 is also significantly different than all other intervals of time. Day 10 and day 11 are not significantly different from each other.

The mean L-values and standard deviations of the species together with the results of LSD tests for the comparison between days and treatments are shown in Table 3-11. Significant differences within a day for the different treatments are expressed with superscript letters. Significant differences within a treatment for the different days of storage are expressed in subscript letters. Treatments with same letters are not significantly different at a p-level of 0.05. There are no changes in L-value for rainbow treatment over time. L-values within bass and trout treatment behave the same way, and day 0 is significantly different from days 3, 10 and 15. However, days 3, 10 and 15 are not significantly different from each other. At Day 10 a significant difference between trout and bass treatments can be noticed, but there are no other significant differences between treatments at any given interval of time. Results from CR-300-Chromameter also show that water holding capacity of fillets from trout and bass did not vary over

Table 3-11 Differences of lower species species using Bonferroni adjustment of L-values for fillets from Gulf sturgeon for three different commercial days.

Effect	Treatment	Days	Treatment	Days	p-Value
Treatment	Bass		Catfish		0.0000
Treatment	Trout		Trout		0.0110
Treatment	Catfish		Trout		0.0040

Table 3-37 (continued)

Effect	Treatment	Days	Treatment	Days	p-Value
Days		0		3	0.0000
Days		0		10	0.0000
Days		0		15	0.0000
Days		3		10	0.0017
Days		3		15	0.0007
Days		10		15	1.0000

Table 3-38 Mean $\bar{x}$ values and standard deviations of fillets from Gulf croaker for days differed commercial fish

Treatment	Day 0	Day 3	Day 10	Day 15
Mean Catfish	68.7 ^a ₁	68.1 ^a ₁	67.6 ^a ₁	65.5 ^a ₁
SD-Catfish	3.8	2.6	2.6	1.3
Mean Bass	58.2 ^a ₁	60.8 ^a ₁	64.7 ^a ₁	64.5 ^a ₁
SD-Bass	1.7	3.8	1.4	0.7
Mean Trout	55.5 ^a ₁	59.7 ^a ₁	64.9 ^a ₁	61.3 ^a ₁
SD-Trout	1.1	2.2	1.5	0.9

Significant letters indicate significant ANOVA between treatments within a day at $p < 0.05$.

Subscript letters indicate significant difference between days within a treatment at $p < 0.05$.

The unweighted Pearson correlation from the statistical analysis of $\bar{x}$ values are presented in Table 3-39. Table 3-40 shows that days and the unweighted Pearson treatment and days are significantly different for $\bar{x}$ values, but there is no significant difference between treatments.

Table 5-13. Correlation parameter estimates of α values for Mire from Gelfi mangrove for three different experimental days

Correlation Parameter	Value	Estimate	Standard Error	Z Value	p-Value
Felt-humectant	2.1405	0.3334	0.1474	2.30	0.0140
Residual	1.0000	-0.1465	0.00432	4.24	0.0004

Table 5-14. Statistical results of α values for Mire from Gelfi mangrove for three different experimental days

Effect	DF Numerator	DF Denom	F-Value	p-Value
Treatment (3)	2	42	8.94	0.0005
Days (4)	3	39	4021.42	0.0001
Interaction (3 x 3)	6	36	2.4	0.0003

DF = degrees of freedom

Mean comparisons of α values was done using Least Squares Difference test (LSD) using Bonferroni adjustment. Table 5-41 presents the results for differences between days and differences between treatments. The α values are not significantly different for treatments but there are significant differences between days. The α values found for day 8 and day 10 are not significantly different from each other but between significantly different than α values for days 5 and 15. In addition, α values for day 5 and day 15 are not significantly different from each other.

The mean α values and standard deviations of the means together with the results of LSD test for the comparison between days and treatments are shown in Table 5-42. Significant differences within a day for the different treatments are expressed with superscript letters. Significant differences within a treatment for the different days of storage are expressed as subscript letters. Treatments with same letters are not

significantly different at a p -level of 0.05. The α values of day 8 are significantly different from the α values of days 3, 10 and 15 for all five horse treatments. Moreover, days 3, 10 and 15 are not significantly different. Results show that the α values for the different treatments are not significantly different on days 0, 5, and 15. On day 10 α values of two treatments are significantly different from three treatments. Note that the α values on day 8 are positive for all treatments, but drop to values around -1 by the 10th day of storage. After day 5 α values drop very little. Thus, results indicate that there is a large fading of red pigments that occur from day 0 to day 5, which is not consistent with results determined by machine vision.

Table 3-60 Differences of least square means using Bonferroni adjustment of α values for Alfes from Golf samples fed three different commercial diets

Effect	Treatment	Days	Treatment	Days	p-value
Treatment	Baro		Carlisle		0.0110
Treatment	Baro		Tryst		1.0000
Treatment	Carlisle		Tryst		0.2568
Days		0		8	0.0001
Days		0		10	0.0001
Days		0		15	0.0000
Days		8		10	1.0000
Days		8		15	0.0010
Days		10		15	0.0005

Table 3-61 Mean α values and standard deviation of Alfes from Golf samples fed three different commercial diets

Treatment	Day 0	Day 3	Day 10	Day 15
Mean Carlisle	$12.8^{a,b}$	$-1.1^{b,c}$	$-1.8^{c,d}$	$-1.8^{c,d}$
SD Carlisle	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.7

Table 3-43 continued

Treatment	Day 0	Day 3	Day 10	Day 15
Mean Score	$19.8^{a,c}$	$14.4^{a,c}$	$13.3^{a,c}$	$11.1^{a,c}$
SD Score	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.1
Mean Trend	$19.8^{b,c}$	$14.3^{b,c}$	$13.3^{b,c}$	$11.1^{b,c}$
SD Trend	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.0

Superscript letters indicate significant differences between treatments within a time point.

Treatment letters indicate significant differences between days within a treatment at $p < 0.05$.

The covariance parameter estimates from the statistical analysis of h values are presented in Table 3-43. Table 3-44 shows the treatment, days and the interaction between treatment and days are significantly different for h values.

Table 3-43 Covariance parameter estimates of h values for Shiga toxin-Gulf oysters grown for 15 days (different covariates of days).

Covariance Parameter	Ratio	Estimate	Standard Error	Z-Value	p-Value
Fixed (Treatment)	0.0382	1.7954	0.7938	2.26	0.0119
Residual	1.0000	8.3114	0.1000	4.24	0.0001

Table 3-44 Statistical results of h values for Shiga toxin-Gulf oysters fed three different commercial diets.

Effect	DF (Error)	DF (Total)	F-Value	P-Value	p-Value
Treatment (3)	2	11	11.38	0.0016	0.0016
Days (15)	2	16	1468.48	0.0001	0.0001
Interaction (6 x 2)	4	16	2.14	0.0158	0.0158

DF = Degree of freedom.

Mean comparisons for h values were done using Least Squares Difference test (LSM) using Bonferroni adjustment. Table 3-45 presents the results for differences.

between days and differences between treatments. Overall results from h values are similar to the ones for λ values, where first treatment is significantly different than control and later, but the two last ones are not significantly different from each other. The overall results for days show that day 3 is significantly different than days 1, 10, and 15. Moreover, day 10 are not significantly different from day 1, but is a significantly different than day 15.

The mean h values and standard-deviations of the means together with the results of LRT test for the interaction between days and treatment are shown in Table 3-14. Significant differences within a day for the different treatments are expressed with superscript letters. Significant differences within a treatment for the different days of storage are expressed as subscript letters. Treatments with same letters are not significantly different at a p -level of 0.05. The results for h values show that the only significant difference between treatments occurs on day 15, where first treatment is significantly different than control treatment. Within treatment, day 3 is significantly different than the other intervals of time. Day 1, 10 and 15 are not significantly different from each other for any of the treatments. This result follows the same pattern of results found for λ values for the individual treatments over storage. The results from machine vision of the substrate ‘following’ of the fibres over time, but the pattern of the change in h values is very different. Figure 3-3 is a plot of the mean Lab values for each treatment for data determined by machine vision using the entire sheet of the fibres. Figure 3-4 is a plot of the mean Lab values for each treatment for data determined by CR-300 Chroma Meter using three measurements for each fibre. Note that as mentioned above, the

pattern of the changes of α and β values are very different for the different treatments.

On the other hand, β values follow a similar pattern of change for both interventions.

Table 3-43 Differences of least-square means using Bonferroni adjustment of β values for Mice from Gail diagrams fed three different amounts of diets

Effect	Treatment	Days	Treatment	Days	p-Value
Treatment	Bar		Control		1.0000
Treatment	Bar		Food		0.0007
Treatment	Control		Food		0.0001
Days		0		1	0.0001
Days		0		10	0.0001
Days		0		14	0.0001
Days		3		10	0.0112
Days		3		14	0.0000
Days		10		14	0.0000

Table 3-44 Mean β values and standard deviations of Gails from Gail diagrams fed three different amounts of diets

Treatment	Day 0	Day 3	Day 10	Day 14
Mean Control	$-14.6^{1.1}_{\alpha}$	$-8.5^{1.1}_{\alpha}$	$-4.1^{1.4}_{\alpha}$	$0.3^{1.3}_{\alpha}$
SD Control	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.3
Mean Bar	$-15.1^{1.1}_{\alpha}$	$0.3^{1.0}_{\alpha}$	$0.6^{1.1}_{\alpha}$	$1.0^{1.0}_{\alpha}$
SD Bar	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Mean Food	$-10.7^{1.1}_{\alpha}$	$2.8^{1.0}_{\alpha}$	$4.1^{1.1}_{\alpha}$	$4.8^{1.1}_{\alpha}$
SD Food	2.0	2.1	3.1	2.1

Superscript letters represent significant differences between values at day 0 (p=0.01) and subsequent letters indicate significant differences between days values at treatment at p=0.01

Figure 3-5 Average Left values of corner slivers of 1000s of Golf images for 1000s of different contextual data measured by machine vision

Figure 3-4: Average Lab values of 10mm of Gulf shrimps for these different colorimetric data measured by CB-200 Chroma Meter

Table 5-47 is a summary of all statistical results performed on data for both treatments. The results for effect of treatment from L-value values are the same for both experiments. However, for a subject CB-200 shows no significant difference between treatments while machine vision shows a significant difference between treat and base, where treat presented the highest L-value of all treatments. The results for effect of storage-days are different between machine vision and CB-200. The statistical model separates the L-value of all storage-days as significantly different from each other on data from machine vision. The same model indicates from L-value from CB-200 that day 18 is not significantly different than day 19. In addition, L-values from machine vision show no significant difference between day 0 and day 5, while data from CB-200 show the opposite. Results from L-values from machine vision show that day 10 and day 11 are not significantly different while CB-200 shows day 8 and day 10 are not significantly different. Results for the interaction of treatment within days of storage for L-values from machine vision separates treat treatment from base treatment on the first two intervals of base, while results from CB-200 shows significant difference between treat and base just on day 10. Results for the interaction of treatment within days of storage for L-values from machine vision show that the only significant difference is between treat and base treatment on day 0, while CB-200 points out a significant difference between these two treatments just on day 10. Results for the interaction of treatment within days of storage for L-values from machine vision show that the only significant difference is between treat and base treatment on day 10. CB-200 shows significant differences on day 0 between machine and base treatment from treat treatment, and it also separates machine from treat treatment on day 10. Finally, the interaction of

days of storage within a treatment show that for C75-200 there is a clear change in Loh values from day 0 to day 3 for all treatments, and then from that point on changes are not significant. Results from machine vision are very different as regard to the pattern of change of Loh values over time for the different treatments. It shows that L values of trout treatment increase significantly at every interval of time, while no codfish treatment has any significant change (happens between day 0 and day 3). In addition, L values for bass treatment increase significantly between day 0 to day 14, and from day 3 to day 14. Trout treatment shows more change than the other two treatments. In addition, it can be said that from machine vision results, a and b values do not vary within treatments considerably over 14 days of storage.

It is important to point out once again that trout group shows very large standard deviation of b values. However, b values are still about twice as large for this group when compared with results from other treatments. Note that both treatments are able to pick up the difference especially on day 0. Three fish out of five from this group present a yellow-orange coloration, which is more pronounced in earlier times of storage. This can be considered a defect in quality that should be avoided in case commercialization of the fresh fillet is intended.

Buty Acid Profile

The data from the chromatograms for all samples analyzed can be found in Appendix B. Figure D-1 and Figure D-2 present typical chromatograms of fatty acid methyl esters of Gulf menhaden lipid. Peaks identified in that study are presented in different color for the different classes of fatty acids. Table 3-46 summarizes the results of fatty acid classes for the study as well as data reported by Chen et al. (1998). Note that the results from Appendix D were consolidated in order to disregard the percentage of unidentified peaks reported in the chromatograms. Thus, the sum of the concentrations of saturated fatty acids, monounsaturated fatty acids, branched monounsaturated fatty acids and branched polyunsaturated fatty acids equals 100%. Results from a fatty acid study on Gulf menhaden are also reported in Table 3-47 so data can be compared to fatty acid profile of fish found in the wild.

Table 3-46 Profile of fatty acid classes in food and fillets of Gulf menhaden fed different commercial diets

Sample	Saturated	Monounsaturated	Branched Monounsaturated	Polyunsaturated	Unidentified	Percentage	Monounsaturated	as %	as %	as %
Control Diet	28.94	31.14	32.76	4.96	1.07	1.00	9.24	5.89	28.13	6.13
Bay Control	27.39	29.12	28.83	4.90	0.80	1.00	9.23	12.13	29.14	6.54
Isolated Control	24.92	26.28	23.89	4.92	0.98	1.00	9.26	17.26	28.76	6.63
Blue Diet	31.96	32.05	28.13	4.98	1.88	1.00	9.86	22.25	31.25	1.35
Red Diet	33.22	36.31	18.09	7.28	4.10	1.00	9.24	26.36	11.26	1.13
Isolated Diet	26.24	27.09	22.94	5.95	3.45	1.00	12.09	17.66	24.76	1.34
Food Diet	31.12	29.36	19.40	4.14	3.79	1.00	12.13	19.36	26.36	1.30
Red Diet	26.14	27.03	24.20	5.73	4.38	1.00	9.23	26.36	26.36	1.30
Isolated Diet	22.11	22.93	14.16	5.73	4.14	1.00	9.23	17.66	24.76	1.34
Control Menhaden	26.85	40.58	4.40	1.09	0.04	1.00	10.56	17.66	24.76	1.34
Wild Menhaden ^a	31.86	31.80	0.79	0.00	0.54	1.00	9.23	17.66	24.76	1.34

^aWild commercial catch (Chen et al., 1998)

^bChen et al. (1998)

The possible sources of lipids in ingredients fed found in the packaging of the diets are presented below:

- Control Diet – Soybean Meal, Fish Meal, Crustacean Meal

- Hybrid Diet (H) = Soybean Meal, Fish Meal, Fish Oil
- Treat Diet = Soybean Meal, Fish Meal, Fish Oil

Soybean oil is on average mainly composed of the following fatty acids: 11% palmitic (16:0), 4% stearic (18:0), 23-24% oleic (18:1n-7), 53-54% linoleic (18:2n-6) and 7-8% linolenic (18:3n-3) (Wu et al., 1992). Colza seed oil is mainly composed of the following fatty acids: 12.1% palmitic, 3-5% stearic, 37-45% oleic and 13-16% linoleic (White, 1992). Menhaden oil is mainly composed of the following fatty acids: 3.2% palmitic (16:0), 19% palmitoleic (18:1n-7), 13-24% oleic, 1-2% linoleic, 1-15% linolenic, 1-1% α -linolenic (20:5n-3) and 5-7% docosahexaenoic (22:6n-3) (Adkinson, 1989). Commercial feeding oil is composed of 18-24% of omega-3 fatty acids and 6-7 of omega-6 fatty acids (but the ratio is 1:1-1:1.5 about 20:1) (Pigges, 1989). The metabolic pathways of elongation of omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids are distinct, and they compete for the same enzymes (Figure 3-7). Because the concentration of enzymes is finite, increasing availability of linoleic acid relative to-concentration of linolenic acid will decrease the rate of synthesis of DHA. In addition, arachidonic acid (AA) has been associated with platelet aggregation, which leads to vessel constriction and higher risk of coronary heart disease (Lands, 1991). Thus high levels of AA can be equated to the health benefits of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) mentioned in Chapter 2.

Figure 3-3 Omega-3 metabolic pathway. Source: C/Code (1994)

Figure 3-4 Omega-2 metabolic pathway. Source: C/Code (1994)

Figure 3-9 is a graphic representation of data presented in Table 3-4B. The profile of fatty acid classes of trout diet is similar to hybrid bass diet. Wild carpgrass presents about 80% monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), and most of the diets including salmonid diet (Chen et al., 1993) provide equivalent amounts of the class of fatty acids to the fish. Calfish diet provides the lowest amount of MUFA and large amount of dienes, which is mainly due to high levels of linolenic acid. Note that wild Gulf menhaden contains just 1.7% of dienes, while carpgrass used during this study shows levels between 14-20%, depending on the diet. There is no information regarding the proportions of the ingredients used in each diet, however the results show that Gulf menhaden fed calfish diet consumes very low levels of omega-3 fatty acids and high amounts of omega-6 fatty acids. The ratio of $\omega-3/\omega-6$ ratio of carpgrass fed calfish diet are three times smaller than fish fed trout diet and about five times smaller than the ratio found for wild fish. This indicates that carpgrass fed the calfish diet have much lower relative amounts of omega-3 fatty acids, which could have negative nutrition consequences. Note that the salmonid diet fed to carpgrass in the study carried out by Chen et al. (1993) provided much lower level of dienes and a higher ratio of $\omega-3/\omega-6$ fatty acids than calfish diet. This shows that it is possible to have low levels of omega-3 fatty acids in Gulf menhaden, while keeping omega-6 fatty acids level low. A number of researchers suggest that aquaculture fish should be fed diets that maintain high omega-3 fatty acids in the muscle, so that the nutritional value is similar to wild caught fish. Smoking under the conditions used does not seem to present any adverse effect on the fatty acid composition of Gulf menhaden fillets. Smoking effects mainly the chemical composition of surface of the fillets. The whole fillet is transformed into a paste as undergoes the extraction, so any changes in the

Irregular profiles that might have separated at the surface of the fillet and up giving a small contribution to the overall Irregular profile of the residual sample.

Table 3-49 and Table 3-50 summarizes the results of fatty acids found in concentrations equal or higher than 1%, as well as data from previous study (Chen et al., 1993). Note that the data found in Appendix D was manipulated in order to disregard the percentage of unidentified peaks reported in the chromatograms. Thus, the sum of the concentration of all fatty acids identified equals 100%. Figure 3-18 and 3-19 are graphical representations of results found in Table 3-49 and Table 3-50 respectively. The level of oleic acid in wild mangrove is two times higher than that found in trout diet fed fish, and about a third higher than fish fed trout or codfish diet. On the other hand, levels of linolenic acid are about fifteen times higher in all diets groups, when compared to levels found in wild fish. It can be pointed out that linolenic acid is present in high levels in many fish feeds, and that the dietary levels of linolenic in human diet are 10 to 60 fold greater than the maximum value tolerated in fish (Lands, 1990). Lands suggests that decreasing the source of omega-6 fatty acids and increasing the source of omega-3 fatty acids helps decreasing the risk of cancer-related diseases. In a matter of fact, it can be seen in Table 3-50 that all monobutyl products from 18:1 diet are present in much higher amounts in fillets of mangrove fed codfish diet. The level of arachidonic acid (AA) in this treatment is one times higher than that found in wild mangrove. Bass diet provides the lowest levels of AA. The level of long chain highly unsaturated fatty acids were not substantially affected by diet. Trout diet provides the highest amount of DHA in the meat.

Table 3-69 Saturated, monosaturated and disaturated fatty acids found at concentrations over 1% in diets and Gulf shrimps samples

Sample	10 Diet	11 Diet	12 Diet	13 Diet	14 Diet	15 Diet	16 Diet	17 Diet	18 Diet	19 Diet
Crab Diet	8.05	11.41	1.89	6.69	66.88	1.11	6.89	1.32	1.69	
Raw Crab	2.58	11.47	1.32	2.11	14.98	2.87	1.11	8.26	16.76	
Smoked Crab	1.95	11.81	6.02	2.11	68.75	2.74	1.10	8.18	17.14	
Raw Shrimp	4.29	11.74	2.98	8.17	13.58	2.44	1.11	8.78	34.91	
Raw Shrimp	2.28	10.42	2.76	9.17	50.88	2.11	1.11	8.88	11.74	
Smoked Shrimp	2.48	11.98	1.62	2.11	13.81	2.28	6.89	8.52	11.88	
Shrimp Diet	1.24	10.24	4.18	8.17	13.58	2.11	1.10	1.14	14.41	
Raw Trout	2.81	11.76	1.32	8.44	61.67	1.89	1.84	8.58	11.17	
Smoked Trout	2.41	10.98	4.11	8.44	61.81	2.10	1.89	8.62	11.84	
Raw Catfish *	2.26	11.68	1.25	2.11	14.58	4.84	1.92	8.92	1.74	
Raw Catfish *	1.41	10.78	2.14	8.11	13.29	1.74	1.81	8.78	6.89	

* Gulf shrimps fed commercial salmon diet (Chen et al., 1993)

* Wild Gulf shrimps (Chen et al., 1993)

Table 3-70 Trans, trans, mono and linoleic fatty acids found at concentrations over 1% in diets and Gulf shrimps samples

Sample	10 Diet	11 Diet	12 Diet	20 Diet	11 Diet	18 Diet	19 Diet	18 Diet	17 Diet	21 Diet
Crab Diet	8.07	0.76	1.20	8.88	8.88	1.10	8.77	8.44	8.88	8.74
Raw Crab	8.31	1.24	1.25	1.24	1.11	1.14	1.15	1.88	1.40	1.11
Smoked Crab	1.11	1.14	8.88	1.82	8.44	1.14	1.15	1.84	1.41	8.88
Raw Shrimp	1.11	0.76	1.20	8.11	1.49	1.15	8.77	1.17	1.17	1.84
Raw Shrimp	1.12	0.42	1.28	1.84	8.11	1.15	8.11	8.88	1.88	1.14
Smoked Shrimp	8.11	0.48	8.88	8.52	1.49	1.15	1.87	1.17	1.18	11.10
Trout Diet	1.24	8.88	1.88	8.11	1.49	8.88	1.15	8.77	1.17	1.43
Raw Trout	0.34	1.14	1.12	1.17	8.88	0.74	0.52	8.79	1.88	11.11
Smoked Trout	0.11	0.48	1.12	8.74	8.88	1.88	1.15	8.88	1.47	11.10
Raw Catfish *	0.84	8.88	0.11	8.88	8.88	0.87	1.88	8.77	1.18	11.78
Raw Catfish *	0.84	8.88	8.88	8.77	0.74	8.88	1.40	1.15	1.18	0.18

* Gulf shrimps fed commercial salmon diet (Chen et al., 1993)

* Wild Gulf shrimps (Chen et al., 1993)

Figure 3-49 Profile of untreated left wall, concrete and stone on left and right support lengths

Figure 5-11 Profile of metals, minerals, pesticides and insecticides found in three soil/leaf margin samples.

It can be concluded from this study that catfish diet, is the least variable of the diets tested in regard to nutritional benefits to human consumption. Feeding mangrove with hybrid/tear diet or trout diet results in fillets with similar fatty acid profiles. However, trout diet has higher level of DHA, and higher ratio of total fishy acids, which are both positive aspects to human nutrition.

Conclusions

A summary of this evaluation from each study is presented below in the same order the studies were described in this chapter:

- There is a significant difference in weight of the whole fish among treatments. Mean weights of Gulf mangrove fed trout diet are the largest, followed by fish fed hybrid tear diet. Fish fed catfish diet presented the smallest mean weight.
- There is a significant difference in weight of the dressed fillets among treatments that follows the same pattern as whole weight of the fish.
- There is a significant difference in belly yields that follows the same pattern as whole weight of the fish.
- There are no significant differences of yield of the dressed fillets. This indicates that dressing of fillets of Gulf mangrove fed trout diet had greater impact on decreasing yields than on other treatments. One explanation might be that the layer of skin used on mangrove fed trout diet is larger than fish fed the other diets.

- Triangle sensory panel indicated that there was a significant difference between cooked fillets of bass and trout treatments at p -level of 0.05. The difference perceived by the panelist was noted as slight.
- Results of sensory panel for attributes of the cooked fillets showed no significant differences between the treatments for attributes of tenderness, rubbery, fishiness and likability. Scores for moisture of fillets of orange flesh fish did treat did were significantly different than fillets of fish did catch did. Moisture scores for codfish treatment was 9.7, for bass treatment 9.3, and for trout treatment 7.7.
- Results for sensory panel for attributes of the smoked fillets showed significant differences in the attributes moisture, rubbery and likability, and no significant differences in attributes fishiness and smoked flavor intensity. Moisture scores for trout treatment was 9.4, bass treatment 9.3 and codfish treatment 7.3. Note that this is the opposite of scores found for the cooked ones. Softness of fillets did catch did was considered significantly different than fillets of fish did treat did. Fillets of fish did treat did are larger and denser than fillets from fish did catch did. Therefore, the drying time or concentration of smoking solution prior to smoking should have been adjusted to compensate the differences in mass among treatments.
- Consumer sensory panel to judge appearance of raw fillets show that consumers dislike slightly the appearance of fillets from trout treatment,

like moderately fillets from best treatment, and like very much fillets from outlink treatment.

- Results from color study show that fading of fillets from trout group is about 3% and about 3.5% for the other two treatments. The t values of most treatment are twice as large as t values for the other treatment. Because the standard deviation of t values of trout fillets is so large, it was not possible to separate this group from the others. Some fillets from trout group present a yellow-orange coloration, that is detrimental to the quality of fish if it is to be commercialized fresh.
- Infrared vision has limitations with regard to samples with low surface thickness, especially when the thinner areas are translucent. In this case, the color of the background interferes on the process of coloration leading to values in the lower that are recorded on the sample.
- CR-200 Chroma Meter shows patterns of change of Lab over time that differ from data determined by machine vision. Pattern shown at Figure C-1 to C-3 on Appendix C do not show abrupt changes in color between day 0 and day 5 for any of the treatments as data from CR-200 suggests.
- The proximate analysis of the raw fillets from marginat fish for different diets is very similar. There are significant differences found in moisture and ash content, but the standard deviations are so small for the groups that mean values are very close together to be accounted as different.
- The proximate analysis of the cooked fillets showed that about 18 % of moisture is lost through cooking at the chosen conditions. Ash content

was significantly different among the groups. Salt uptake was highest in control and lowest in treat.

- Plant and analysis indicated that control provided a good fatty acid profile to Gulf sturgeon fillet. The ratio of oil / oil is most favorable in fish fed treat diet. Nonetheless, hybrid bass diet provided similar fatty acid profile to the muscle as it does treat diet. Smelting oil sturgeon fillet does not seem to affect adversely the fatty acid profile of the muscle.

CHAPTER 8 CONCLUSIONS

This research provided information on methods of handling Gulf of Mexico snappers after removal of fish from culturing tanks up to common information for present of rigor mortis in the species, and influence of levels on quality of the muscle.

The findings of this study demonstrated that it is possible to monitor rigor mortis in Gulf snappers using a novel video capture methodology. However, more research needs to be conducted in order to determine its applicability to other fish species. The influence of the shape of the fish body in relation to rigidity of the system is currently being known as rigor and out of rigor also needs to be evaluated. In addition, it was possible to determine rigor onset and resolution in Gulf snappers. In the event this system is ever approved for commercialization, this information will help to ensure the quality of the product.

Freezing points for dressed fillets were determined and correlated to fish size. There was a tendency for points to increase with increase in fish weight. The variability on the proximate composition values fillets was investigated, and it was found that there were very small differences in the composition between parts of the fillet. Thus, Gulf snapper-dressed fillets do not show considerable variability in composition within a fillet. This information will be useful in future studies, because it shows that it is possible to use repeated measurement experiments sampling within fillets.

Results from the study on the influence of diet type on the quality of Gulf shrimps fillets showed that trout diet provided the highest rate of oil / fat fatty acids in the fillets. However, results from color analysis and consumer sensory analysis appeared revealed that feeding Gulf shrimps with trout diet imparts an odd yellowish orange coloration to the fillets, which was unappealing to consumers. Fillets of shrimps fed codfish diet had a low rate of oil / fat fatty acids. In addition, the fatty acid profile of fish fed codfish diet was markedly different from the profile of wild shrimps muscle. Hybrid trout diet was suggested as the most adequate commercial diet to feed cultured shrimps. This conclusion was based on the fact that fillets from shrimps fed trout diet performed well on sensory test, it did not impart odd color pigmentation on trout diet, and imparts a fatty acid profile similar to the one desired for fillets from fish fed trout diet. It was suggested that Gulf shrimps accumulate most of its fat in the sub-dermal layer of dark muscle, which was removed during trimming to yield the desired fillets studied.

Finally, there were very small differences in the proximate composition of the fillets from shrimps fed different diets. A possible explanation to the lack of differences in fat content among fillets is that Gulf shrimps accumulate most of its fat in the sub-dermal layer of dark muscle. Because all the dark muscle was removed during trimming to yield the desired fillets studied, the differences in fat content among the diets was not reflected in the fat content of the desired fillets.

APPENDIX A BALLOTS FOR SENSORY TESTS

Evaluation of Appearance of Kraft/Orange Juice Boxes

Name: _____ Date: / /

Product: _____

Instructions:

1. This ballot has prepared with descriptions of appearance defect. Please (a) present to the primary panel and indicate the samples for overall appearance; (b) present the same to the sub-panel (secondary defect and severity) with sub-panel notes. Your analysis take a distinct each group of 1000.

Defect	Severity	Defect
_____ Not extremely	_____ Not extremely	_____ Not extremely
_____ Not very much	_____ Not very much	_____ Not very much
_____ Not noticeably	_____ Not noticeably	_____ Not noticeably
_____ Not slightly	_____ Not slightly	_____ Not slightly
_____ Notice (but not distinct)	_____ Notice (but not distinct)	_____ Notice (but not distinct)
_____ Distinct slightly	_____ Distinct slightly	_____ Distinct slightly
_____ Moderately distinct	_____ Moderately distinct	_____ Moderately distinct
_____ Very much distinct	_____ Very much distinct	_____ Very much distinct
_____ Distinct extremely	_____ Distinct extremely	_____ Distinct extremely

2. Would you purchase any of the samples in a grocery?

_____ YES

_____ NO

3. If the answer to the question above is YES, please write the sample number below.

4. Comments

Thank you! 10

Figure A-1. Ballot of appearance sensory test (affective sensory test)

TRIANGLE SENSORY PANEL FOR COOKED STURGEON SAMPLES

Date: / /

Name:

Panelist Number:

Instructions

1. You have presented with 3 (half of) identical Sturgeon samples. Please rate the samples in the order presented (from left to right). Two of the samples are identical and one is different. Select the odd sample of the three (even if you can't tell a difference) by circling the number.

2. Indicate, with a check mark, the degree of difference between the duplicate samples and the odd sample.

None _____
 Moderate _____
 Much _____
 Extreme _____

3. Acceptability

Odd sample more acceptable _____
 Duplicate more acceptable _____

4. Comments

Figure A-2. Briefed for triangle sensory test (discrimination test)

Sensory Evaluation of Standard Gull of Unlocked Shagreen Samples

Name _____ Date */ /*

Instructions

- 1) Place one vial of material and a cup of water to clean your mouth before testing the sample.
- 2) Taste children samples from left to right.
- 3) Place a vertical line in the middle, of the line scale, that best represents your comparison of both sample according to the given attributes (see example below).
- 4) Add three arbitrary numbers in the bottom of the chart.

Thank you! ☺

Example to show how an unstructured interval scale:
Comparison of the degree of softness between the given samples coded 3, 7 and 1.

Remarks: If we have two samples repeating the use of the given scale, it will not be necessary to repeat using the previous.

Scale of Softness for Unlocked Shagreen Samples

General Comments:

Figure A-6 Effects of descriptive sensory evaluation of unlocked shagreen samples

Setting Evaluation of Gulf of Mexico Samples

Name _____

Date / /

Instructions

- 1) Please take a bit of sand and a bit of water to test your results before setting the sample.
- 2) Take as long sample that is 100 g.
- 3) There is a label line on the bottom, of the line only, that has nothing your composition of each sample according to the great surface (see example below).
- 4) And that is all you need to set the bottom of the sand.

Thank you! ☺

Example on how to set an unprocessed (unprocessed) sand.

Composition of the degree of (unprocessed) sand: 100 g sand (X, Y and Z).

Order of the degree for (unprocessed) sand

Figure A-4: Effects of descriptive sensory evaluation of (unprocessed) samples

APPENDIX B
VIDEO FRAMES OF BIRD NORTH STUDY IN GULF STURGEON

Figure B-1 Original video frames of 06-065

Figure 8-2. Original video frames of Fish F05

Figure B.3 Flow up-of part of interest from original video frames of fish W66

Figure B-4 Close up of part of interest from original video frames of Site C001

Figure B-3 Still up of part of stream from original video stream of Eri IPS.

Figure B-4 Original video frames of Feb 03/07

Figure B.7 Original video frames of Fall-087

Figure B-4 Original video frames of Fall YBP

Figure 8-9 Close-up of part of stream flow and video frame of fish "B"

Figure 9-10: Blow up of part of extract from original video-files of Feb 2017

Figure B-11 View up of part of screen from original video frames of this OSE

APPENDIX C CUMULATIVE RISK FACTORS

Figure C-1 Pattern Diagram of Associations of Risk Factors from Child Inquiries and Surveys

Figure C-1 Pattern frames of construction of two Elicits from Gulf mangrove Red tree clat

Figure C-3 Posterior Predictions of median values of new E. coli from Gulf Outpost. Red text and

Figure C-4 Photomicrographs of Qalbi samples that show different mineral grains before and after coloration

Table C-1 Lath values of similar slabs (Slabs from C-11 through C-14 have different posttensioning data, measured with strainline sensors)

Temperature	Test Code	Service Days	f_c	n	b
Castlab	A	0	75.78	7.78	12.11
Castlab	A	5	76.79	8.55	12.63
Castlab	A	10	76.86	6.99	11.60
Castlab	A	15	75.89	4.60	11.17
Castlab	B	0	76.74	7.50	11.34
Castlab	B	5	80.43	8.25	12.49
Castlab	B	10	79.63	6.75	14.42
Castlab	B	15	83.27	4.35	11.61
Castlab	C	0	75.81	7.46	16.14
Castlab	C	5	78.33	6.68	12.71
Castlab	C	10	76.36	9.75	8.87
Castlab	C	15	76.23	7.10	16.16
Castlab	D	0	75.84	10.17	16.56
Castlab	D	5	75.77	6.61	13.60
Castlab	D	10	76.36	6.58	18.54
Castlab	D	15	76.53	6.80	13.36
Castlab	E	0	76.87	8.67	16.65
Castlab	E	5	76.87	8.88	13.15
Castlab	E	10	75.96	8.64	13.82
Castlab	E	15	76.21	7.62	13.80
Rein	G	0	75.39	6.62	8.92
Rein	G	5	76.62	6.71	13.98
Rein	G	10	76.83	7.28	11.82
Rein	G	15	76.55	6.68	10.44
Rein	H	0	76.13	7.88	11.56
Rein	H	5	76.72	7.13	14.86
Rein	H	10	80.37	7.63	13.10
Rein	H	15	81.60	7.27	13.78
Rein	I	0	76.65	6.98	8.55

Table 5-1 continued

Treatment	Field Cycle	Storage Days	L	n	b
Base	1	1	78.74	4.35	11.55
Base	1	10	80.11	5.76	9.75
Base	1	15	80.69	4.35	11.78
Base	2	4	77.00	7.87	12.42
Base	2	5	78.39	5.45	14.41
Base	2	10	78.72	11.83	9.04
Base	2	15	79.17	7.32	14.35
Base	KL	4	77.78	4.17	9.58
Base	KL	5	78.28	4.88	12.44
Base	KL	10	79.45	9.71	9.84
Base	KL	15	80.45	5.45	12.75
Base	SL	4	73.38	13.61	16.18
Base	SL	5	74.87	9.94	16.58
Base	SL	10	77.61	13.61	14.04
Base	SL	15	78.51	9.71	14.15
Base	SL	4	77.62	13.64	11.65
Base	SL	5	75.59	12.86	27.77
Base	SL	10	74.94	14.31	15.25
Base	SL	15	76.14	11.31	22.58
Base	P	4	73.14	11.74	16.79
Base	P	5	76.54	18.04	24.54
Base	P	10	78.75	18.54	21.84
Base	P	15	80.27	4.81	21.85
Base	Q	4	74.65	11.51	11.42
Base	Q	5	75.45	11.27	14.78
Base	Q	10	77.49	11.83	14.74
Base	Q	15	78.14	9.87	14.75
Base	R	4	76.82	7.46	20.74
Base	R	5	77.46	4.86	20.67
Base	R	10	79.47	4.36	20.75
Base	R	15	79.67	4.21	23.88

Table C-1 Lab values of whole fillets from Gulf menhaden from different portions of fish impacted with methane seep

Treatment	Fish Code	Storage Days	L	S	H
Control	A	0	78.76	-4.34	14.04
Control	A	3	78.51	-4.62	13.64
Control	A	18	75.47	-4.08	11.57
Control	A	15	81.33	-4.58	13.88
Control	B	0	81.82	-3.74	13.51
Control	B	3	81.82	-4.75	13.33
Control	B	18	81.78	-4.01	14.13
Control	B	15	82.88	-3.28	13.33
Control	C	0	79.34	-3.13	11.81
Control	C	3	79.65	-3.52	12.56
Control	C	18	88.44	-1.43	19.18
Control	C	15	81.61	-5.07	12.56
Control	D	0	73.61	-1.83	12.46
Control	D	3	76.63	-3.43	17.56
Control	D	18	79.64	-1.58	14.73
Control	D	15	79.44	-3.23	14.39
Control	E	0	79.34	-4.07	13.34
Control	E	3	79.66	-4.09	13.89
Control	E	18	86.34	-4.14	14.47
Control	E	15	88.52	-4.88	14.33
Rea	G	0	82.25	-3.62	12.46
Rea	G	3	88.62	-6.11	16.71
Rea	G	18	82.64	-3.98	14.32
Rea	G	15	82.85	-5.11	13.87
Rea	H	0	81.67	-4.83	13.61
Rea	H	3	88.34	-5.95	16.05
Rea	H	18	81.68	-3.82	18.36
Rea	H	15	82.34	-4.53	18.71
Rea	I	0	88.77	-3.56	11.83

Table C-2 continued

Treatment	Field Code	Storage Days	L	a	b
Blank	J	5	80.18	-4.58	13.81
Blank	J	10	81.42	-4.65	13.31
Blank	J	15	82.04	-4.95	12.66
Blank	J	0	79.79	-4.56	14.39
Blank	J	5	79.23	-4.67	14.41
Blank	J	10	79.46	-4.78	13.12
Blank	J	15	80.88	-4.68	14.34
Blank	K	0	82.33	-4.43	14.83
Blank	K	5	80.09	-4.45	13.41
Blank	K	10	80.76	-4.58	9.63
Blank	K	15	82.05	-4.58	12.81
Treat1	M	0	78.36	-3.68	12.32
Treat1	M	5	77.83	-3.83	13.33
Treat1	M	10	79.78	-3.73	14.35
Treat1	M	15	80.53	-3.57	14.54
Treat1	N	0	79.82	1.83	28.27
Treat1	N	5	78.48	-2.58	20.73
Treat1	N	10	77.28	-2.52	28.47
Treat1	N	15	79.80	-2.82	28.12
Treat1	P	0	77.56	-2.66	25.90
Treat1	P	5	77.63	-2.32	27.88
Treat1	P	10	78.66	-2.48	26.37
Treat1	P	15	81.38	-3.32	28.79
Treat1	Q	0	78.62	-2.12	13.66
Treat1	Q	5	78.45	-2.68	15.34
Treat1	Q	10	78.32	-2.79	14.92
Treat1	Q	15	79.18	-2.26	15.30
Treat1	R	0	78.18	-3.22	28.36
Treat1	R	5	78.66	-3.82	20.38
Treat1	R	10	80.92	-3.82	20.38
Treat1	R	15	81.18	-4.08	20.41

Figure C-4 Machine versus Lab results of series photos and whole films of Cell 1 through Cell 6 from shot

Figure C-7 Median relative Lys levels of center slices and whole slices of Oat2 (mg/kg) fed once/day

Table C.1. Log values of Odds from Graft Ingression for variables that expressed with OR, 95% CI and P-value

Probe Cluster	Day 2			Day 7			Day 10			Day 14		
	L	a	b	L	A	B	L	A	b	L	a	B
A1	90.4	11.2	10.3	80.8	2.2	-2.1	63.7	-3.1	-5.9	64.2	-2.2	-6.6
A2	90.4	11.2	-10.3	11.8	-1.4	-2.3	63.3	-1.9	-5.1	64.8	-2.6	-1.9
A3	97.6	12.8	-13.9	99.8	-8.9	-8.3	62.8	-1.1	-5.1	62.9	-2.6	-6.9
Mean Fold A	92.9	11.8	-14.9	96.8	-1.3	-1.6	63.6	-1.8	-5.6	64.1	-2.6	-6.7
SD Fold A	1.6	0.4	1.8	0.9	0.9	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.1
B1	81.6	11.2	-12.2	61.8	-2.1	0.9	62.4	-1.1	-1.6	63.8	-3.7	-4.2
B2	64.8	12.8	-15.9	65.3	-3.0	0.6	68.9	-1.6	-1.2	67.8	-2.3	-2.3
B3	81.2	12.3	-14.3	62.3	1.1	-3.8	68.1	1.6	-5.6	64.5	-2.3	-1.2
Mean Fold B	74.5	12.3	-14.3	62.8	1.4	0.2	63.3	-1.6	-3.0	63.3	-2.6	-1.3
SD Fold B	1.1	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	1.3
C1	97.0	10.8	-11.5	61.8	-1.3	-8.9	65.1	-1.1	-5.2	62.6	-3.2	-6.8
C2	95.4	10.3	-15.8	99.8	-1.4	-1.3	98.6	-1.7	-1.0	81.8	-1.7	-6.6
C3	97.2	11.3	-14.4	99.2	-8.9	0.3	61.2	-1.8	-1.2	63.7	-1.6	-1.3
Mean Fold C	96.5	10.8	-13.8	60.8	-1.3	-8.6	61.1	-1.1	-1.1	63.2	-1.6	-6.8
SD Fold C	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.6	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.6
D1	60.2	11.6	-16.2	46.2	1.3	1.8	48.3	-1.1	1.2	48.5	-1.0	-2.7
D2	65.5	11.3	-16.5	67.2	1.3	1.2	64.3	-1.2	0.8	63.1	-1.9	-2.3
D3	56.2	13.3	-16.4	99.3	-2.0	0.3	97.9	0.2	0.8	93.8	-2.3	-1.4
Mean Fold D	60.6	12.1	-16.3	64.3	-1.1	0.8	62.8	-0.7	1.8	63.8	-0.8	-2.1
SD Fold D	1.1	1.1	0.3	4.2	0.1	0.5	4.4	0.8	0.6	3.3	0.3	0.8

Table C-3 continued

Fish Code	Day 8		Day 9		Day 10		Day 11	
	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
E1	44.2	11.6	-43.1	34.3	1.1	3.8	-20.3	1.6
E2	56.7	11.5	-44.1	34.5	-0.4	-1.4	-0.3	-0.1
E3	58.2	12.6	-44.4	41.7	-0.4	-0.8	64.1	6.8
Mean Fish E	60.7	11.7	-44.6	39.5	-0.2	-0.2	44.8	-1.3
SD Fish E	4.1	0.3	0.4	2.4	1.3	2.1	6.2	2.7
Mean Control	60.2	11.5	-44.6	44.1	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	-0.1
SD Control	3.1	0.3	0.4	2.4	1.2	1.8	1.4	1.0

Table C-4 Life values of Yellow Perch Gull Ingresses. All data are measured with L.R. 2000 (Leopold House)

Fish Code	Day 8		Day 9		Day 10		Day 11	
	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
G1	10.7	10.4	-17.0	44.8	-2.0	1.2	61.4	1.8
G2	16.4	10.5	-16.1	42.1	-1.6	0.4	61.3	-0.1
G3	14.9	11.7	-15.2	44.3	0.4	1.8	64.3	-1.1
Mean Fish G	14.7	10.8	-16.1	43.8	-1.5	1.1	61.4	-0.3
SD Fish G	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.2	1.7	0.4	1.4	0.1
H1	44.1	11.8	17.3	40.3	-1.2	0.1	64.3	1.3
H2	51.5	11.1	14.8	42.4	-1.9	0.8	61.0	-1.3

Table C-4 (continued)

Fish Code	Day 0		Day 3		Day 10		Day 30	
	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
10	50.4	11.0	-19.2		81.2	-1.9	9.2	
Mean (Fish 10)	50.4	11.0	-19.2		81.2	-1.9	9.2	
SD (Fish 10)	4.6	6.6	1.4		9.2	9.2	9.8	
11	50.2	10.7	-19.3		81.1	-1.8	8.8	
Mean (Fish 11)	50.2	10.7	-19.3		80.9	-1.7	8.7	
SD (Fish 11)	50.3	11.5	-19.7		81.5	-1.9	1.1	
Mean (Fish 1)	50.1	11.0	-18.8		81.7	-1.9	8.8	
SD (Fish 1)	8.8	6.6	1.6		1.1	9.2	9.2	
12	50.7	10.2	-19.3		80.6	-2.3	9.2	
Mean (Fish 12)	50.7	10.2	-19.3		80.7	-2.1	9.6	
SD (Fish 12)	50.5	11.8	-19.7		80.3	-1.9	1.6	
Mean (Fish 13)	50.2	11.0	-18.6		80.8	2.8	9.6	
SD (Fish 13)	2.7	6.6	1.6		1.6	8.4	8.6	
14	51.1	9.7	-19.2		82.2	-2.2	-0.2	
Mean (Fish 14)	51.1	9.7	-19.2		80.3	-1.9	9.2	
SD (Fish 14)	51.1	10.3	-18.3		82.9	-2.8	-0.6	
15	51.9	10.8	-18.8		80.8	-2.3	8.8	
Mean (Fish 15)	51.8	10.3	-18.2		80.7	-1.8	-0.3	
SD (Fish 15)	5.0	9.8	1.1		9.8	8.4	8.1	
Mean (Fish 16)	50.2	10.8	-19.1		80.8	-1.8	9.2	
SD (Fish 16)	1.7	0.3	8.9		1.3	8.2	8.2	

Table C-3 Job values of Officers from Gulf warships Red head dot measured with CB 200 (Quarter Meter)

Folio	Day 2			Day 3			Day 15			Day 17		
	$\bar{L}$	$\bar{I}$	$\bar{P}$	$\bar{L}$	$\bar{I}$	$\bar{P}$	$\bar{L}$	$\bar{I}$	$\bar{P}$	$\bar{L}$	$\bar{I}$	$\bar{P}$
Crab												
Q1	319	49	37	361	34	38	385	38	41	386	-31	47
Q2	317	48	42	362	31	36	401	-32	44	381	-31	36
Q3	316	41	45	353	-32	33	402	-33	44	401	32	47
Median (Job Q)	341	44	41	361	-36	37	393	-33	46	384	-36	38
SD (Job Q)	37	48	33	34	48	44	48	49	49	17	49	38
Q1	316	49	35	362	-34	41	404	-40	49	394	-33	33
Q2	362	45	44	355	-31	44	404	-40	49	408	-32	32
Q3	354	49	35	361	-31	44	413	-43	46	401	-32	34
Median (Job Q)	367	48	38	362	-32	46	404	-40	47	408	-34	31
SD (Job Q)	37	48	38	35	43	32	32	44	43	17	48	38
Q1	365	49	47	408	-36	49	401	-46	32	403	-32	34
Q2	318	48	45	404	-46	49	413	-43	41	401	-46	32
Q3	316	43	47	418	42	38	394	-49	41	401	-31	43
Median (Job Q)	363	49	42	417	-46	39	410	-48	41	408	-32	36
SD (Job Q)	34	48	42	48	30	48	47	48	37	48	46	36
Q1	312	43	40	402	-48	36	401	-49	32	402	-36	31
Q2	363	48	43	368	-32	32	403	-30	32	404	-34	48
Q3	348	47	45	368	-27	32	407	-33	32	408	-38	47
Median (Job Q)	316	43	46	418	-36	36	407	-31	36	404	-36	46
SD (Job Q)	43	44	44	42	41	46	16	43	44	42	46	41

Table C-3 continued

Peak Crest	Day 8		Day 9		Day 18		Day 35	
	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
Q1	19.2	19.6	20.2	-0.2	20.2	-0.2	20.2	-0.2
Q2	19.8	19.6	20.4	-0.2	20.4	-0.2	20.4	-0.2
Q3	20.8	19.5	22.0	-0.4	22.0	-0.4	22.0	-0.4
Mean Peak 3	19.9	19.5	20.9	-0.4	20.9	-0.4	20.9	-0.4
SD Peak 3	1.0	0.3	2.8	0.6	2.8	0.6	2.8	0.6
Mean Tidal	20.1	19.4	20.5	-0.1	20.5	-0.1	20.5	-0.1
SD Tidal	0.1	1.1	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.7

Figure C-4 CB-200 Chrono-Miner Life results of fillet of Gulf anemone fish artificial dent

Figure C-8 CL-300 Chrono Meter Lab results of Effect of Gold standard Red line diet

Table D-4
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Length	10.1-10.4	10.5-10.9	11.0-11.4	11.5-11.9	12.0-12.4	12.5-12.9	13.0-13.4	13.5-13.9	14.0-14.4	14.5-14.9	15.0-15.4	15.5-15.9	16.0-16.4	16.5-16.9	17.0-17.4	17.5-17.9	18.0-18.4	18.5-18.9	19.0-19.4	19.5-19.9	20.0-20.4	20.5-20.9	21.0-21.4	21.5-21.9	22.0-22.4	22.5-22.9	23.0-23.4	23.5-23.9	24.0-24.4	24.5-24.9	25.0-25.4	25.5-25.9	26.0-26.4	26.5-26.9	27.0-27.4	27.5-27.9	28.0-28.4	28.5-28.9	29.0-29.4	29.5-29.9	30.0-30.4	30.5-30.9	31.0-31.4	31.5-31.9	32.0-32.4	32.5-32.9	33.0-33.4	33.5-33.9	34.0-34.4	34.5-34.9	35.0-35.4	35.5-35.9	36.0-36.4	36.5-36.9	37.0-37.4	37.5-37.9	38.0-38.4	38.5-38.9	39.0-39.4	39.5-39.9	40.0-40.4	40.5-40.9	41.0-41.4	41.5-41.9	42.0-42.4	42.5-42.9	43.0-43.4	43.5-43.9	44.0-44.4	44.5-44.9	45.0-45.4	45.5-45.9	46.0-46.4	46.5-46.9	47.0-47.4	47.5-47.9	48.0-48.4	48.5-48.9	49.0-49.4	49.5-49.9	50.0-50.4	50.5-50.9	51.0-51.4	51.5-51.9	52.0-52.4	52.5-52.9	53.0-53.4	53.5-53.9	54.0-54.4	54.5-54.9	55.0-55.4	55.5-55.9	56.0-56.4	56.5-56.9	57.0-57.4	57.5-57.9	58.0-58.4	58.5-58.9	59.0-59.4	59.5-59.9	60.0-60.4	60.5-60.9	61.0-61.4	61.5-61.9	62.0-62.4	62.5-62.9	63.0-63.4	63.5-63.9	64.0-64.4	64.5-64.9	65.0-65.4	65.5-65.9	66.0-66.4	66.5-66.9	67.0-67.4	67.5-67.9	68.0-68.4	68.5-68.9	69.0-69.4	69.5-69.9	70.0-70.4	70.5-70.9	71.0-71.4	71.5-71.9	72.0-72.4	72.5-72.9	73.0-73.4	73.5-73.9	74.0-74.4	74.5-74.9	75.0-75.4	75.5-75.9	76.0-76.4	76.5-76.9	77.0-77.4	77.5-77.9	78.0-78.4	78.5-78.9	79.0-79.4	79.5-79.9	80.0-80.4	80.5-80.9	81.0-81.4	81.5-81.9	82.0-82.4	82.5-82.9	83.0-83.4	83.5-83.9	84.0-84.4	84.5-84.9	85.0-85.4	85.5-85.9	86.0-86.4	86.5-86.9	87.0-87.4	87.5-87.9	88.0-88.4	88.5-88.9	89.0-89.4	89.5-89.9	90.0-90.4	90.5-90.9	91.0-91.4	91.5-91.9	92.0-92.4	92.5-92.9	93.0-93.4	93.5-93.9	94.0-94.4	94.5-94.9	95.0-95.4	95.5-95.9	96.0-96.4	96.5-96.9	97.0-97.4	97.5-97.9	98.0-98.4	98.5-98.9	99.0-99.4	99.5-99.9	100.0-100.4	100.5-100.9	101.0-101.4	101.5-101.9	102.0-102.4	102.5-102.9	103.0-103.4	103.5-103.9	104.0-104.4	104.5-104.9	105.0-105.4	105.5-105.9	106.0-106.4	106.5-106.9	107.0-107.4	107.5-107.9	108.0-108.4	108.5-108.9	109.0-109.4	109.5-109.9	110.0-110.4	110.5-110.9	111.0-111.4	111.5-111.9	112.0-112.4	112.5-112.9	113.0-113.4	113.5-113.9	114.0-114.4	114.5-114.9	115.0-115.4	115.5-115.9	116.0-116.4	116.5-116.9	117.0-117.4	117.5-117.9	118.0-118.4	118.5-118.9	119.0-119.4	119.5-119.9	120.0-120.4	120.5-120.9	121.0-121.4	121.5-121.9	122.0-122.4	122.5-122.9	123.0-123.4	123.5-123.9	124.0-124.4	124.5-124.9	125.0-125.4	125.5-125.9	126.0-126.4	126.5-126.9	127.0-127.4	127.5-127.9	128.0-128.4	128.5-128.9	129.0-129.4	129.5-129.9	130.0-130.4	130.5-130.9	131.0-131.4	131.5-131.9	132.0-132.4	132.5-132.9	133.0-133.4	133.5-133.9	134.0-134.4	134.5-134.9	135.0-135.4	135.5-135.9	136.0-136.4	136.5-136.9	137.0-137.4	137.5-137.9	138.0-138.4	138.5-138.9	139.0-139.4	139.5-139.9	140.0-140.4	140.5-140.9	141.0-141.4	141.5-141.9	142.0-142.4	142.5-142.9	143.0-143.4	143.5-143.9	144.0-144.4	144.5-144.9	145.0-145.4	145.5-145.9	146.0-146.4	146.5-146.9	147.0-147.4	147.5-147.9	148.0-148.4	148.5-148.9	149.0-149.4	149.5-149.9	150.0-150.4	150.5-150.9	151.0-151.4	151.5-151.9	152.0-152.4	152.5-152.9	153.0-153.4	153.5-153.9	154.0-154.4	154.5-154.9	155.0-155.4	155.5-155.9	156.0-156.4	156.5-156.9	157.0-157.4	157.5-157.9	158.0-158.4	158.5-158.9	159.0-159.4	159.5-159.9	160.0-160.4	160.5-160.9	161.0-161.4	161.5-161.9	162.0-162.4	162.5-162.9	163.0-163.4	163.5-163.9	164.0-164.4	164.5-164.9	165.0-165.4	165.5-165.9	166.0-166.4	166.5-166.9	167.0-167.4	167.5-167.9	168.0-168.4	168.5-168.9	169.0-169.4	169.5-169.9	170.0-170.4	170.5-170.9	171.0-171.4	171.5-171.9	172.0-172.4	172.5-172.9	173.0-173.4	173.5-173.9	174.0-174.4	174.5-174.9	175.0-175.4	175.5-175.9	176.0-176.4	176.5-176.9	177.0-177.4	177.5-177.9	178.0-178.4	178.5-178.9	179.0-179.4	179.5-179.9	180.0-180.4	180.5-180.9	181.0-181.4	181.5-181.9	182.0-182.4	182.5-182.9	183.0-183.4	183.5-183.9	184.0-184.4	184.5-184.9	185.0-185.4	185.5-185.9	186.0-186.4	186.5-186.9	187.0-187.4	187.5-187.9	188.0-188.4	188.5-188.9	189.0-189.4	189.5-189.9	190.0-190.4	190.5-190.9	191.0-191.4	191.5-191.9	192.0-192.4	192.5-192.9	193.0-193.4	193.5-193.9	194.0-194.4	194.5-194.9	195.0-195.4	195.5-195.9	196.0-196.4	196.5-196.9	197.0-197.4	197.5-197.9	198.0-198.4	198.5-198.9	199.0-199.4	199.5-199.9	200.0-200.4	200.5-200.9	201.0-201.4	201.5-201.9	202.0-202.4	202.5-202.9	203.0-203.4	203.5-203.9	204.0-204.4	204.5-204.9	205.0-205.4	205.5-205.9	206.0-206.4	206.5-206.9	207.0-207.4	207.5-207.9	208.0-208.4	208.5-208.9	209.0-209.4	209.5-209.9	210.0-210.4	210.5-210.9	211.0-211.4	211.5-211.9	212.0-212.4	212.5-212.9	213.0-213.4	213.5-213.9	214.0-214.4	214.5-214.9	215.0-215.4	215.5-215.9	216.0-216.4	216.5-216.9	217.0-217.4	217.5-217.9	218.0-218.4	218.5-218.9	219.0-219.4	219.5-219.9	220.0-220.4	220.5-220.9	221.0-221.4	221.5-221.9	222.0-222.4	222.5-222.9	223.0-223.4	223.5-223.9	224.0-224.4	224.5-224.9	225.0-225.4	225.5-225.9	226.0-226.4	226.5-226.9	227.0-227.4	227.5-227.9	228.0-228.4	228.5-228.9	229.0-229.4	229.5-229.9	230.0-230.4	230.5-230.9	231.0-231.4	231.5-231.9	232.0-232.4	232.5-232.9	233.0-233.4	233.5-233.9	234.0-234.4	234.5-234.9	235.0-235.4	235.5-235.9	236.0-236.4	236.5-236.9	237.0-237.4	237.5-237.9	238.0-238.4	238.5-238.9	239.0-239.4	239.5-239.9	240.0-240.4	240.5-240.9	241.0-241.4	241.5-241.9	242.0-242.4	242.5-242.9	243.0-243.4	243.5-243.9	244.0-244.4	244.5-244.9	245.0-245.4	245.5-245.9	246.0-246.4	246.5-246.9	247.0-247.4	247.5-247.9	248.0-248.4	248.5-248.9	249.0-249.4	249.5-249.9	250.0-250.4	250.5-250.9	251.0-251.4	251.5-251.9	252.0-252.4	252.5-252.9	253.0-253.4	253.5-253.9	254.0-254.4	254.5-254.9	255.0-255.4	255.5-255.9	256.0-256.4	256.5-256.9	257.0-257.4	257.5-257.9	258.0-258.4	258.5-258.9	259.0-259.4	259.5-259.9	260.0-260.4	260.5-260.9	261.0-261.4	261.5-261.9	262.0-262.4	262.5-262.9	263.0-263.4	263.5-263.9	264.0-264.4	264.5-264.9	265.0-265.4	265.5-265.9	266.0-266.4	266.5-266.9	267.0-267.4	267.5-267.9	268.0-268.4	268.5-268.9	269.0-269.4	269.5-269.9	270.0-270.4	270.5-270.9	271.0-271.4	271.5-271.9	272.0-272.4	272.5-272.9	273.0-273.4	273.5-273.9	274.0-274.4	274.5-274.9	275.0-275.4	275.5-275.9	276.0-276.4	276.5-276.9	277.0-277.4	277.5-277.9	278.0-278.4	278.5-278.9	279.0-279.4	279.5-279.9	280.0-280.4	280.5-280.9	281.0-281.4	281.5-281.9	282.0-282.4	282.5-282.9	283.0-283.4	283.5-283.9	284.0-284.4	284.5-284.9	285.0-285.4	285.5-285.9	286.0-286.4	286.5-286.9	287.0-287.4	287.5-287.9	288.0-288.4	288.5-288.9	289.0-289.4	289.5-289.9	290.0-290.4	290.5-290.9	291.0-291.4	291.5-291.9	292.0-292.4	292.5-292.9	293.0-293.4	293.5-293.9	294.0-294.4	294.5-294.9	295.0-295.4	295.5-295.9	296.0-296.4	296.5-296.9	297.0-297.4	297.5-297.9	298.0-298.4	298.5-298.9	299.0-299.4	299.5-299.9	300.0-300.4	300.5-300.9	301.0-301.4	301.5-301.9	302.0-302.4	302.5-302.9	303.0-303.4	303.5-303.9	304.0-304.4	304.5-304.9	305.0-305.4	305.5-305.9	306.0-306.4	306.5-306.9	307.0-307.4	307.5-307.9	308.0-308.4	308.5-308.9	309.0-309.4	309.5-309.9	310.0-310.4	310.5-310.9	311.0-311.4	311.5-311.9	312.0-312.4	312.5-312.9	313.0-313.4	313.5-313.9	314.0-314.4	314.5-314.9	315.0-315.4	315.5-315.9	316.0-316.4	316.5-316.9	317.0-317.4	317.5-317.9	318.0-318.4	318.5-318.9	319.0-319.4	319.5-319.9	320.0-320.4	320.5-320.9	321.0-321.4	321.5-321.9	322.0-322.4	322.5-322.9	323.0-323.4	323.5-323.9	324.0-324.4	324.5-324.9	325.0-325.4	325.5-325.9	326.0-326.4	326.5-326.9	327.0-327.4	327.5-327.9	328.0-328.4	328.5-328.9	329.0-329.4	329.5-329.9	330.0-330.4	330.5-330.9	331.0-331.4	331.5-331.9	332.0-332.4	332.5-332.9	333.0-333.4	333.5-333.9	334.0-334.4	334.5-334.9	335.0-335.4	335.5-335.9	336.0-336.4	336.5-336.9	337.0-337.4	337.5-337.9	338.0-338.4	338.5-338.9	339.0-339.4	339.5-339.9	340.0-340.4	340.5-340.9	341.0-341.4	341.5-341.9	342.0-342.4	342.5-342.9	343.0-343.4	343.5-343.9	344.0-344.4	344.5-344.9	345.0-345.4	345.5-345.9	346.0-346.4	346.5-346.9	347.0-347.4	347.5-347.9	348.0-348.4	348.5-348.9	349.0-349.4	349.5-349.9	350.0-350.4	350.5-350.9	351.0-351.4	351.5-351.9	352.0-352.4	352.5-352.9	353.0-353.4	353.5-353.9	354.0-354.4	354.5-354.9	355.0-355.4	355.5-355.9	356.0-356.4	356.5-356.9	357.0-357.4	357.5-357.9	358.0-358.4	358.5-358.9	359.0-359.4	359.5-359.9	360.0-360.4	360.5-360.9	361.0-361.4	361.5-361.9	362.0-362.4	362.5-362.9	363.0-363.4	363.5-363.9	364.0-364.4	364.5-364.9	365.0-365.4	365.5-365.9	366.0-366.4	366.5-366.9	367.0-367.4	367.5-367.9	368.0-368.4	368.5-368.9	369.0-369.4	369.5-369.9	370.0-370.4	370.5-370.9	371.0-371.4	371.5-371.9	372.0-372.4	372.5-372.9	373.0-373.4	373.5-373.9	374.0-374.4	374.5-374.9	375.0-375.4	375.5-375.9	376.0-376.4	376.5-376.9	377.0-377.4	377.5-377.9	378.0-378.4	378.5-378.9	379.0-379.4	379.5-379.9	380.0-380.4	380.5-380.9	381.0-381.4	381.5-381.9	382.0-382.4	382.5-382.9	383.0-383.4	383.5-383.9	384.0-384.4	384.5-384.9	385.0-385.4	385.5-385.9	386.0-386.4	386.5-386.9	387.0-387.4	387.5-387.9	388.0-388.4	388.5-388.9	389.0-389.4	389.5-389.9	390.0-390.4	390.5-390.9	391.0-391.4	391.5-391.9	392.0-392.4	392.5-392.9	393.0-393.4	393.5-393.9	394.0-394.4	394.5-394.9	395.0-395.4	395.5-395.9	396.0-396.4	396.5-396.9	397.0-397.4	397.5-397.9	398.0-398.4	398.5-398.9	399.0-399.4	399.5-399.9	400.0-400.4	400.5-400.9	401.0-401.4	401.5-401.9	402.0-402.4	402.5-402.9	403.0-403.4	403.5-403.9	404.0-404.4	404.5-404.
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Table 3.1 Summary of results of life table analysis

Sample	n Number at risk	n Deaths	n Censored	n Number at risk	n Incidence	n Number at risk	n Observed Deaths	n Number at risk	n Number at risk	n Number at risk
Control Site	18,075	44,172	8,623	1,528	3,593	18,075	7,881	8,288	48,371	3,118
Control Site	18,075	44,172	8,623	4,475	8,613	18,075	8,023	14,683	53,528	3,175
Study	19,986	41,943	4,885	3,175	8,123	19,986	8,797	14,813	49,171	3,138
SD	9,448	1,838	8,568	2,465	6,674	19,986	7,328	5,124	1,181	6,008
Study Site	21,434	33,836	3,433	4,433	8,697	21,434	8,971	12,317	19,288	1,468
Study Site	21,434	33,836	3,433	4,448	8,688	21,434	9,412	20,479	19,328	1,375
Study	21,337	33,445	3,177	4,775	8,572	21,337	8,428	21,383	19,145	1,787
SD	8,268	1,367	6,901	3,433	7,137	21,337	6,744	3,663	8,117	8,883
Study Site	20,128	31,193	4,444	3,781	8,178	20,128	7,521	21,795	19,238	1,478
Study Site	20,128	31,193	4,444	4,338	9,017	20,128	8,271	20,243	19,538	1,531
Study	20,048	31,328	4,474	3,788	8,168	20,048	7,725	21,571	19,313	1,527
SD	9,563	1,641	7,928	3,472	8,115	20,048	6,538	9,559	4,171	8,578
Study Site	21,148	33,481	3,886	4,471	8,728	21,148	8,428	24,328	24,274	1,571
Study Site	20,808	31,868	4,457	4,778	8,774	20,808	8,474	24,371	24,388	1,578
Study	20,008	33,847	4,438	4,233	8,711	20,008	8,595	24,328	24,388	1,578
SD	9,428	1,181	8,288	3,557	8,687	20,008	6,538	9,559	4,171	8,578
Study Site	21,128	33,473	4,471	4,433	8,727	21,128	8,474	24,371	24,388	1,578
Study Site	21,128	33,473	4,471	4,433	8,727	21,128	8,474	24,371	24,388	1,578
Study Site	21,128	33,473	4,471	4,433	8,727	21,128	8,474	24,371	24,388	1,578
Study	21,128	33,473	4,471	4,433	8,727	21,128	8,474	24,371	24,388	1,578
SD	9,428	1,181	8,288	3,557	8,687	20,008	6,538	9,559	4,171	8,578

Table D-1 continued

Sample	n Sample Size	n Non- response Rate	n Eligible	n Invited	n Response	n Invited Rate	n Response Rate	n Eligible Rate	n Invited Rate	n Response Rate
Age: All	25,323	25,323	25,323	25,323	17,533	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Age: 18-24	22,323	22,323	22,323	22,323	14,823	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%
Age: 25-34	22,323	22,323	22,323	22,323	14,823	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%
Age: 35-44	22,323	22,323	22,323	22,323	14,823	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%
Age: 45-54	22,323	22,323	22,323	22,323	14,823	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%
Age: 55-64	22,323	22,323	22,323	22,323	14,823	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%
Age: 65+	22,323	22,323	22,323	22,323	14,823	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%	66.4%
Gender: All	25,323	25,323	25,323	25,323	17,533	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Gender: Male	12,661	12,661	12,661	12,661	8,766	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Gender: Female	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Ethnicity: All	25,323	25,323	25,323	25,323	17,533	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Ethnicity: White	12,661	12,661	12,661	12,661	8,766	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Ethnicity: Black	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Ethnicity: Hispanic	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Ethnicity: Other	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Education: All	25,323	25,323	25,323	25,323	17,533	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Education: High School	12,661	12,661	12,661	12,661	8,766	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Education: College	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Education: Postgraduate	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Income: All	25,323	25,323	25,323	25,323	17,533	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Income: Low	12,661	12,661	12,661	12,661	8,766	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Income: Medium	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%
Income: High	12,662	12,662	12,662	12,662	8,767	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%	69.2%

Figure 10-1: Cross-section of the oil extracted from non-succulent leaf samples of Gulf mangrove. The roots are shown in a cross-section, with labels for different types of roots: 'Prop roots', 'Stilt roots', 'Pneumatophores', and 'Lenticels'. The diagram also shows the 'Soil' and 'Water' levels.

Figure D-1. Comparison of the calculated flow rate results of gulf regions for four different storm surge and tsunami, potential and hurricane deep water circulation

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