

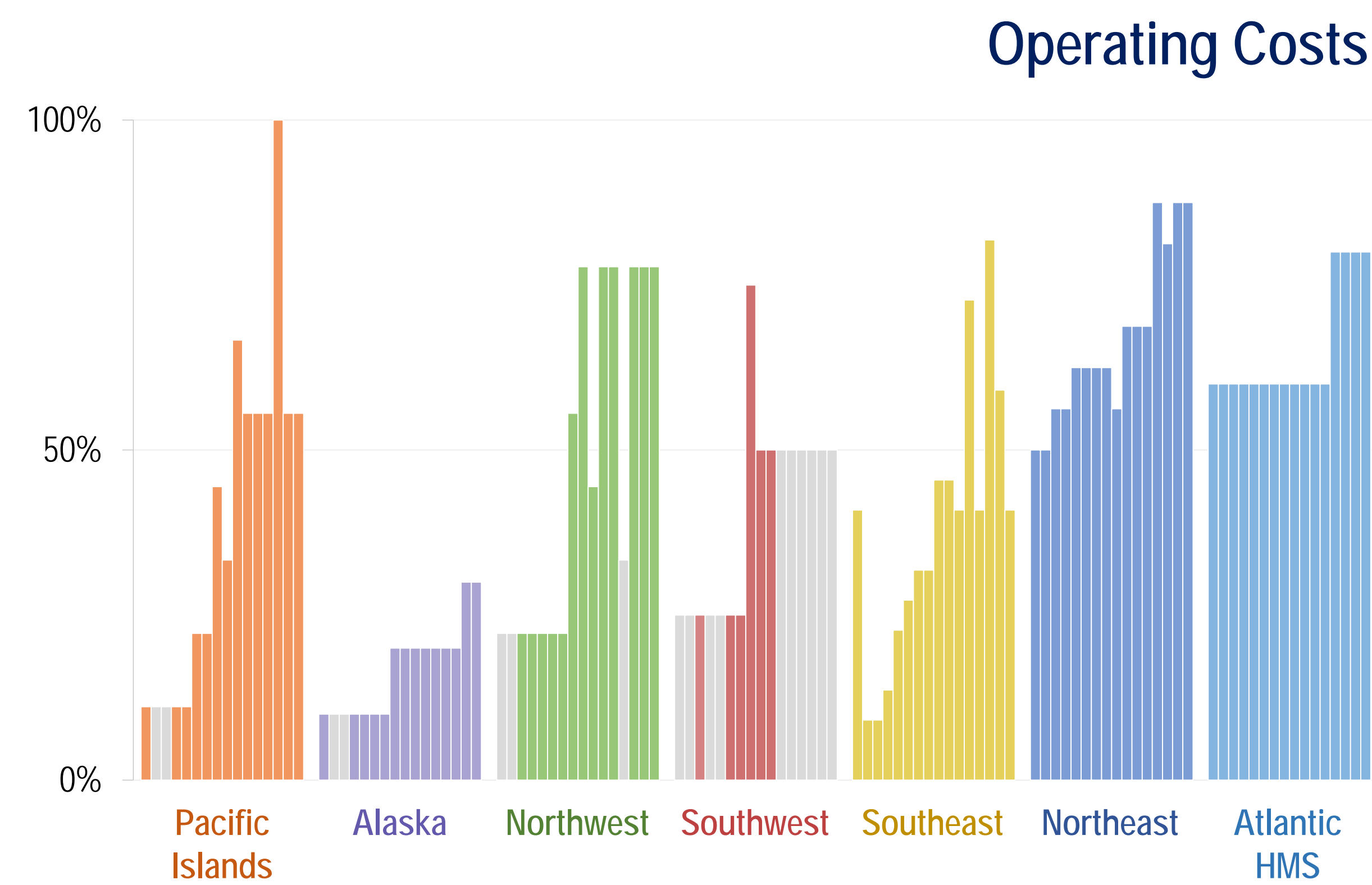
NOAA FISHERIES Collection of U.S. Commercial Fisheries Costs

Overview In 2001, NOAA Fisheries implemented a strategic initiative to improve commercial fisheries economic data. Prior to 2001, cost data collections were sporadic with no data collected in some regions. **All regions have improved their cost data coverage.** As of 2016, operating cost data is available for 30% or more of fisheries in most regions and 80% or more in the Northeast and in Atlantic highly migratory species. Fixed cost data is available at coverage rates of 20% or more in most regions and at rates of 80% or more in some regions.

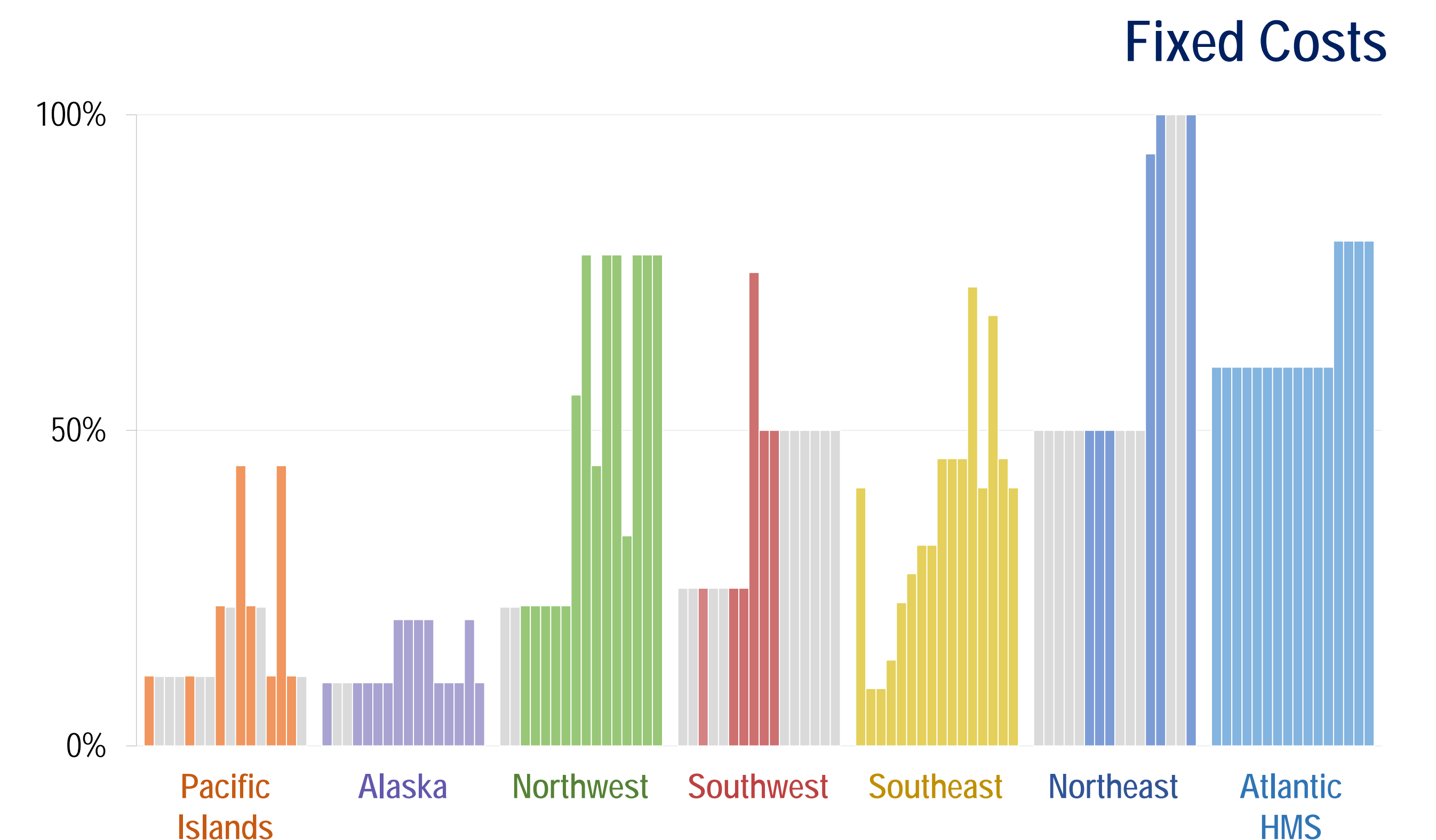
Cost data are collected using a variety of methods. Surveys vehicles such as mail, telephone, in-person, web, and add-ons to existing logbook and observer programs are used. Some surveys are mandatory while others are voluntary. For some fisheries, a census of trips are surveyed but most are sampled. All fixed costs are collected at an annual level. Operating costs are collected at a trip level for some fisheries and at an annual level for others. Some collections are ongoing (logbook/observer programs) while others are one to seven year intervals.

Regional Overview: Percent of Fisheries with Fishing Vessel Cost Data (2001-2016)

No Data Collected



OPERATING COSTS = Expenses that vary with the length and number of fishing trips. Examples: Cost of fuel, food, fishing supplies, hired crew, etc. Actual cost items collected may differ among regions.

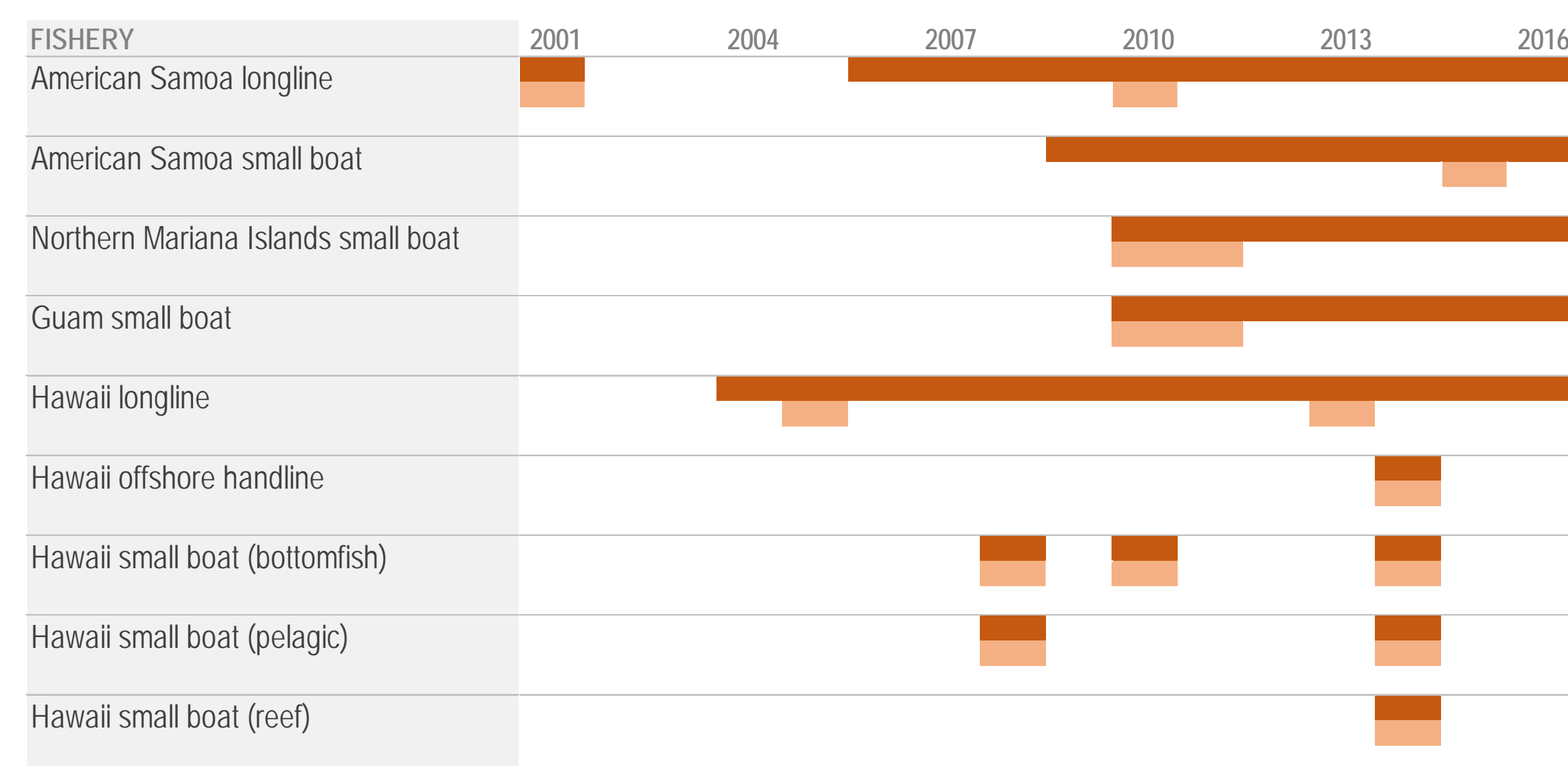


FIXED COSTS = Expenses that are incurred regardless of the level of fishing effort. Examples: Cost of insurance, interest, accounting/legal fees, etc. Actual cost items collected may differ among regions.

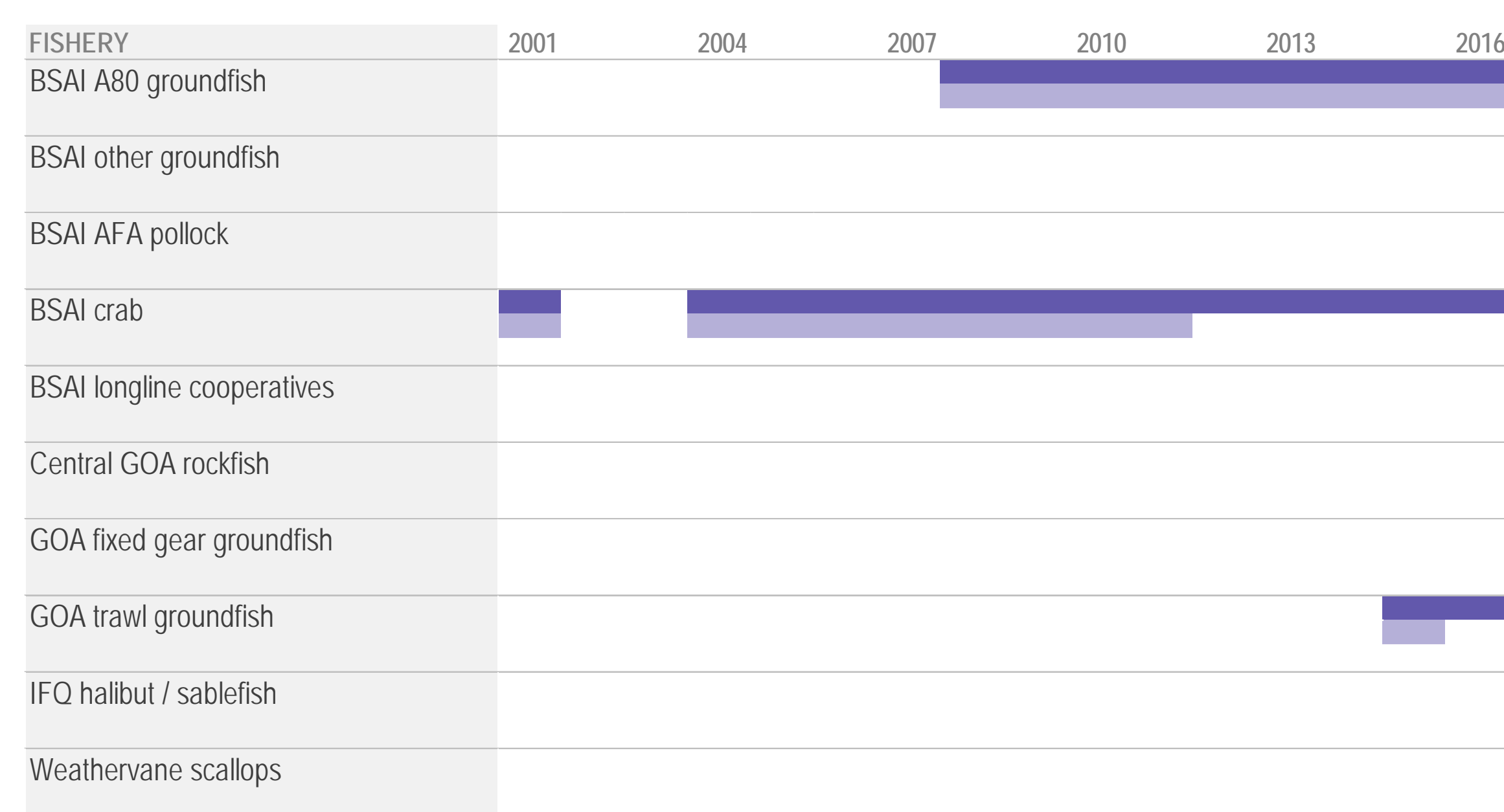
Fishing Vessel Cost Data Collections by Region (2001-2016)

LEGEND Bars = Data Collected | **FOR EACH FISHERY:** Operating Cost = Top bars | Fixed Cost = Bottom bars

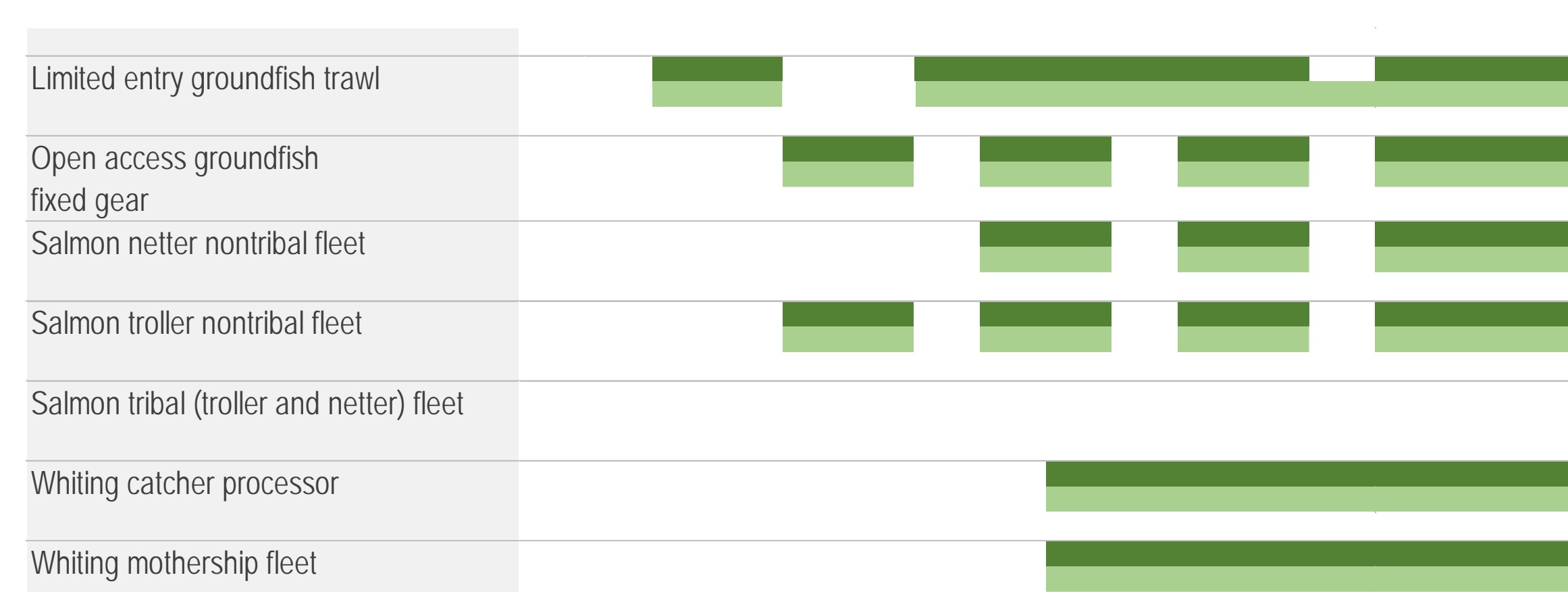
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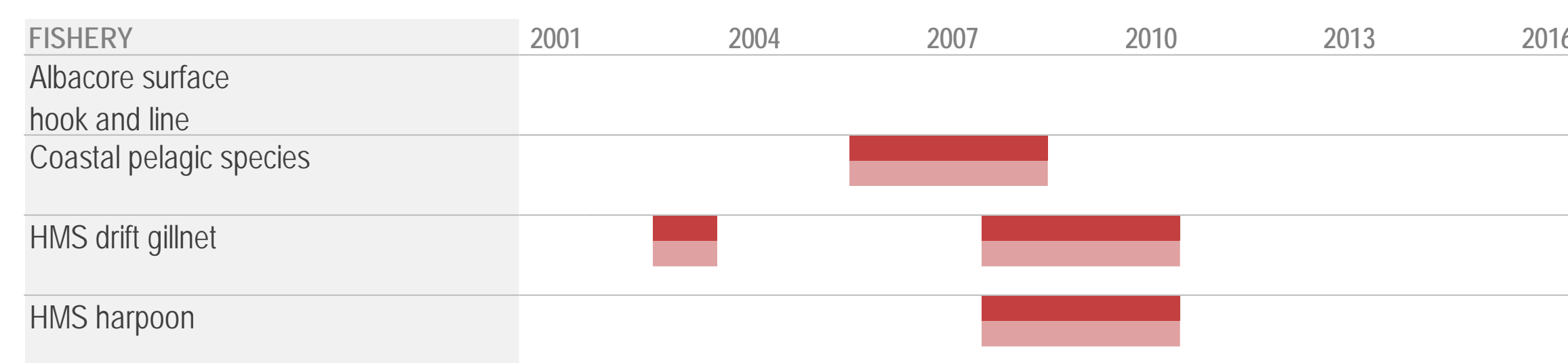
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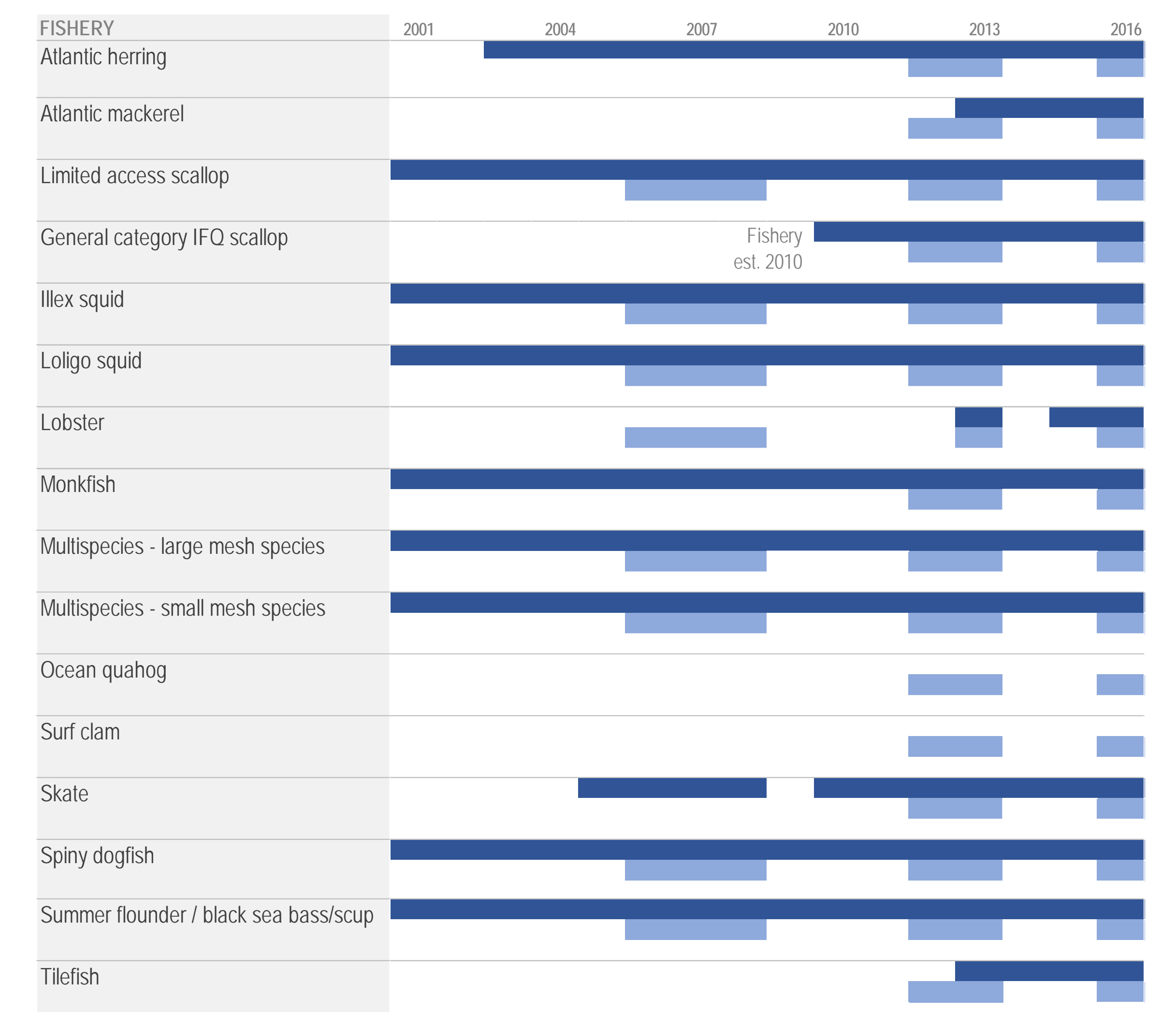
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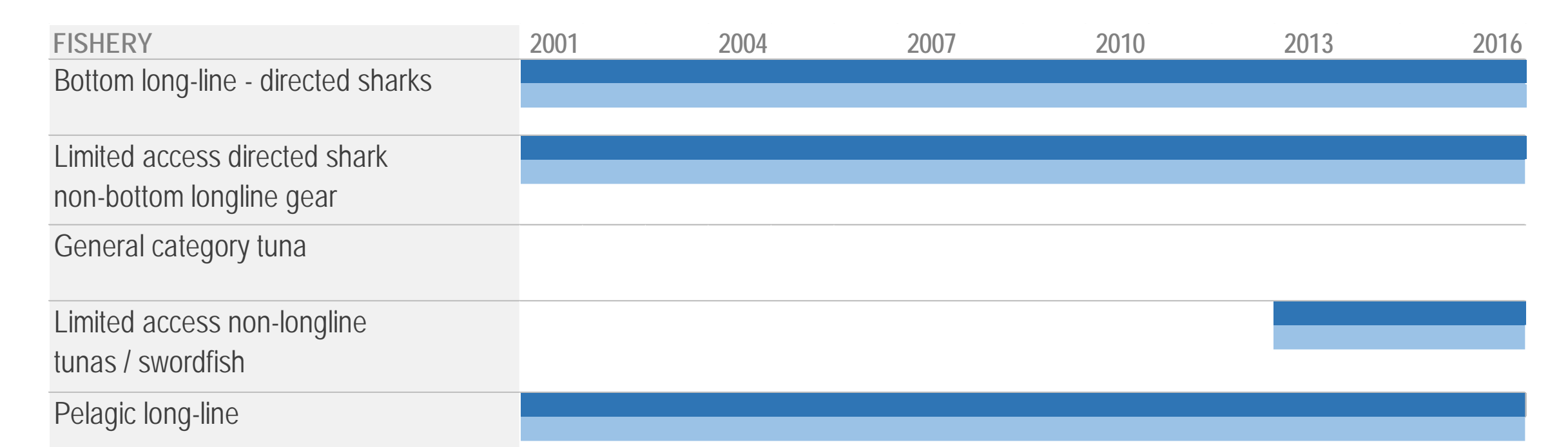
Southeast



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