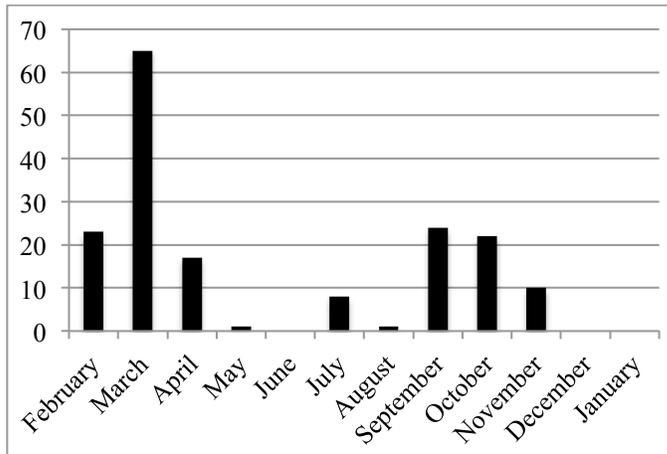
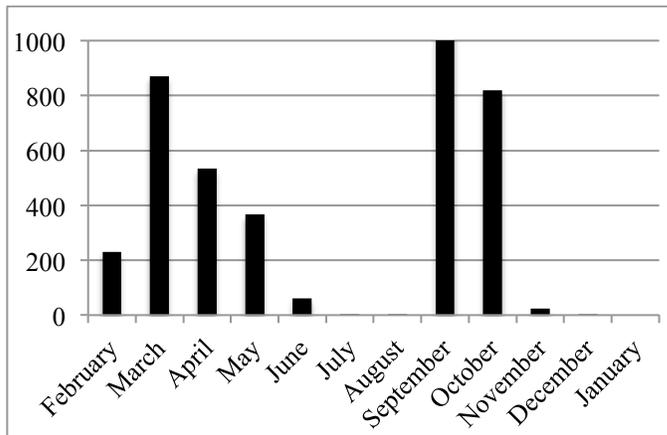


Methods S2: NOAA Long-term bottom trawl survey of the Mid-Atlantic Bight (i.e., Virginia province)

Aggregated monthly catch totals from the Virginia province conducted from 1972-2008 for *Hippocampus erectus* and *Syngnathus fuscus*. Peaks in monthly catch totals of *H. erectus* correspond to inshore-offshore local intercontinental shelf migration reported for *S. fuscus*. For additional details on specific migration rates of *S. fuscus* across latitudes see [1]. >90% of samples were collected off the coast of Chesapeake Bay to Cape Cod, MA., at a depth 10-20m. Dependent on latitude the majority of both species are found in nearshore zones and estuaries between the months of April-October, with higher latitudes resulting in earlier off-shore catch abundance.



H. erectus monthly non-coastal catch totals from 1972-2008



S. fuscus monthly non-coastal catch totals from 1972-2008.

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