

Memorandum

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Subject: 2017 Index of Delta Smelt Relative Abundance from the Spring Kodiak Trawl

2017 Results

The 2017 Spring Kodiak Trawl (SKT) index is 3.8 and a slight increase from the record-low 2016 SKT index (Figure 1). The SKT monitors the adult spawning stock of Delta Smelt, and this year's low index indicates that the number of spawners remains relatively low. Twenty five adult Delta Smelt were collected at 17 stations contributing to the index in 2017 (Figure 2).

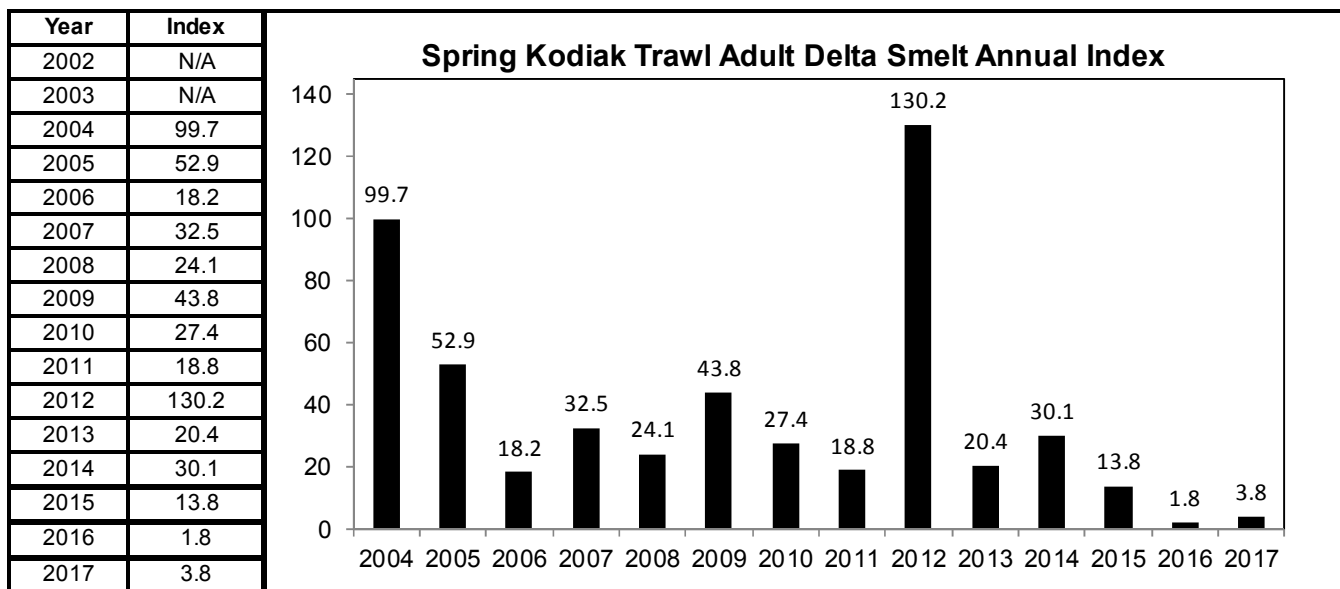


Figure 1. The CDFW's Spring Kodiak Trawl Delta Smelt index over the period of record, 2004-2017.

