

Map 4. Geographic distribution and sampling frequency of cruises conducted by Recruitment Processes Program 1972-1979, 1980-1989, 1990-1999, and 2000-2005. Area sampled is divided into 625 km<sup>2</sup> cells; 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s data overlaid by 2000s data. For 2000s data, light brown cells were each sampled 1-10 times, medium brown cells were each sampled 11-50 times, and dark brown cells were each sampled 51-129 times. Graph at right shows monthly distribution and number of tows in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, and the two regions combined for the 2000s.

