Map 3. Geographic distribution and sampling frequency of cruises conducted by Recruitment Processes Program 1972-1979, 1980-1989, and 1990-1999. Area sampled is divided into 625 km² cells; 1970s and 1980s data overlaid by 1990s data. For 1990s data, light blue cells were each sampled 1-10 times, medium blue cells were each sampled 11-50 times, and dark blue cells were each sampled 51-129 times. Graph at right shows monthly distribution and number of tows in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and the two regions combined for the 1990s.