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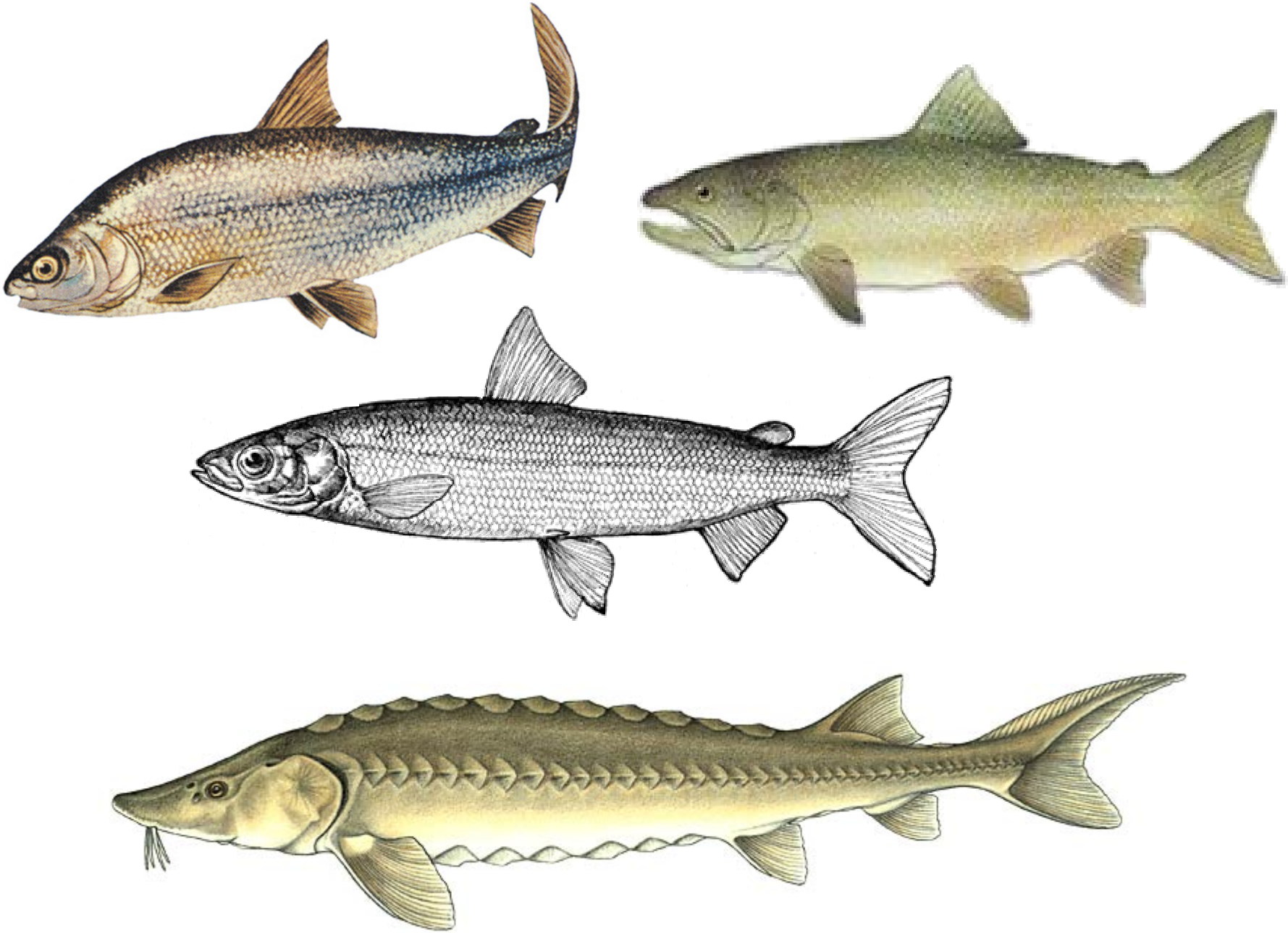

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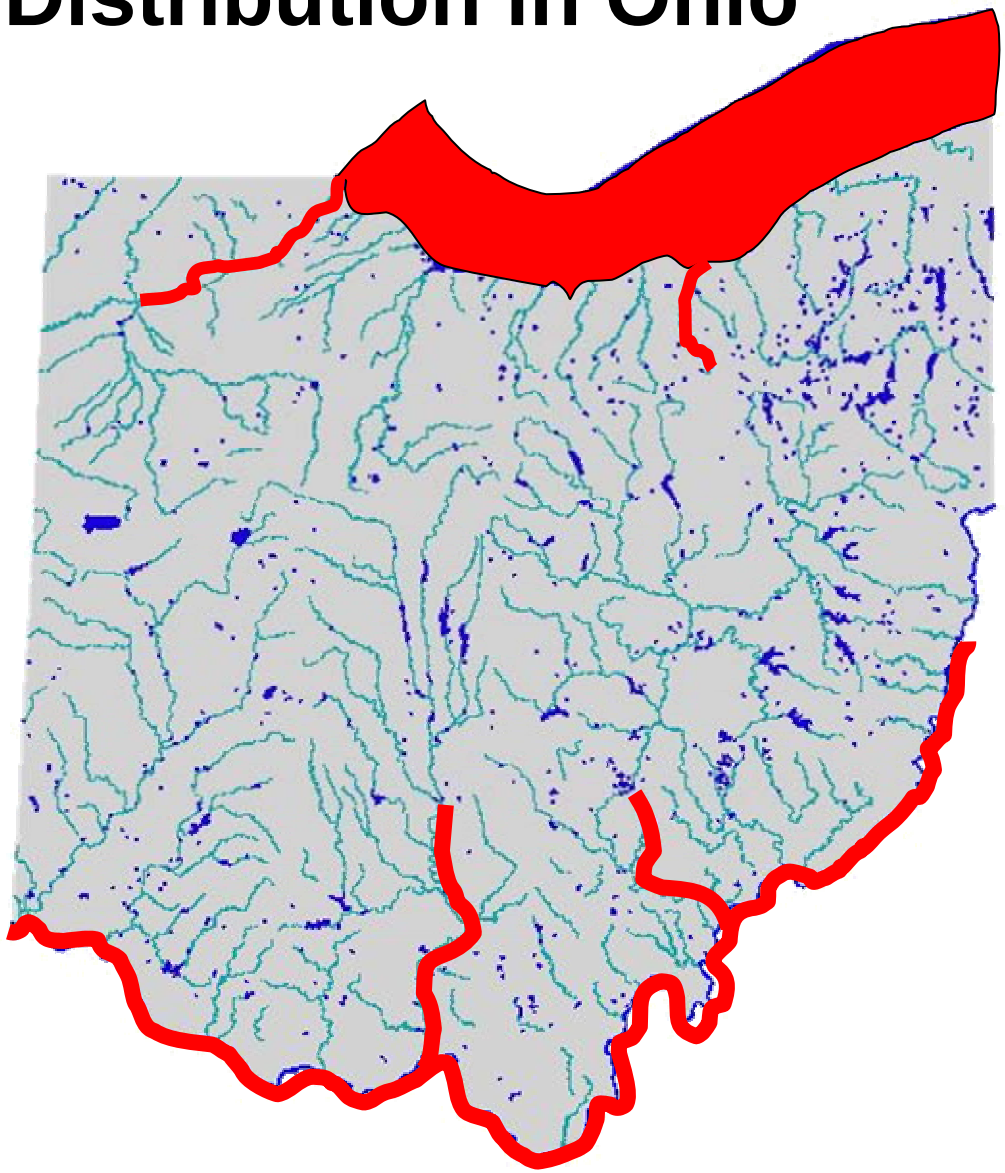

History of Lake Erie

1870 — *Time of rapid changes…* — 1900

History of Lake Erie

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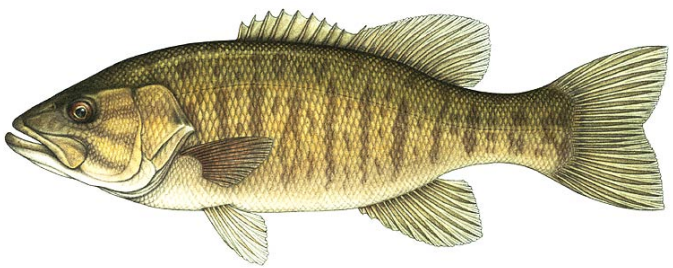
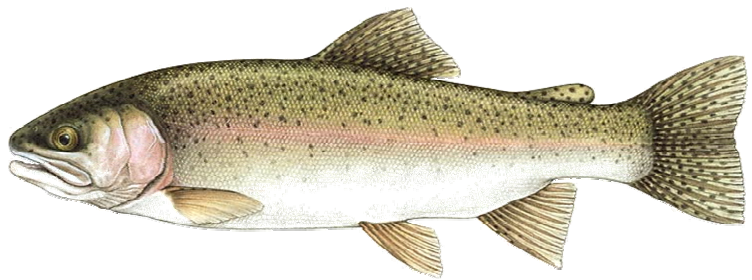
Today



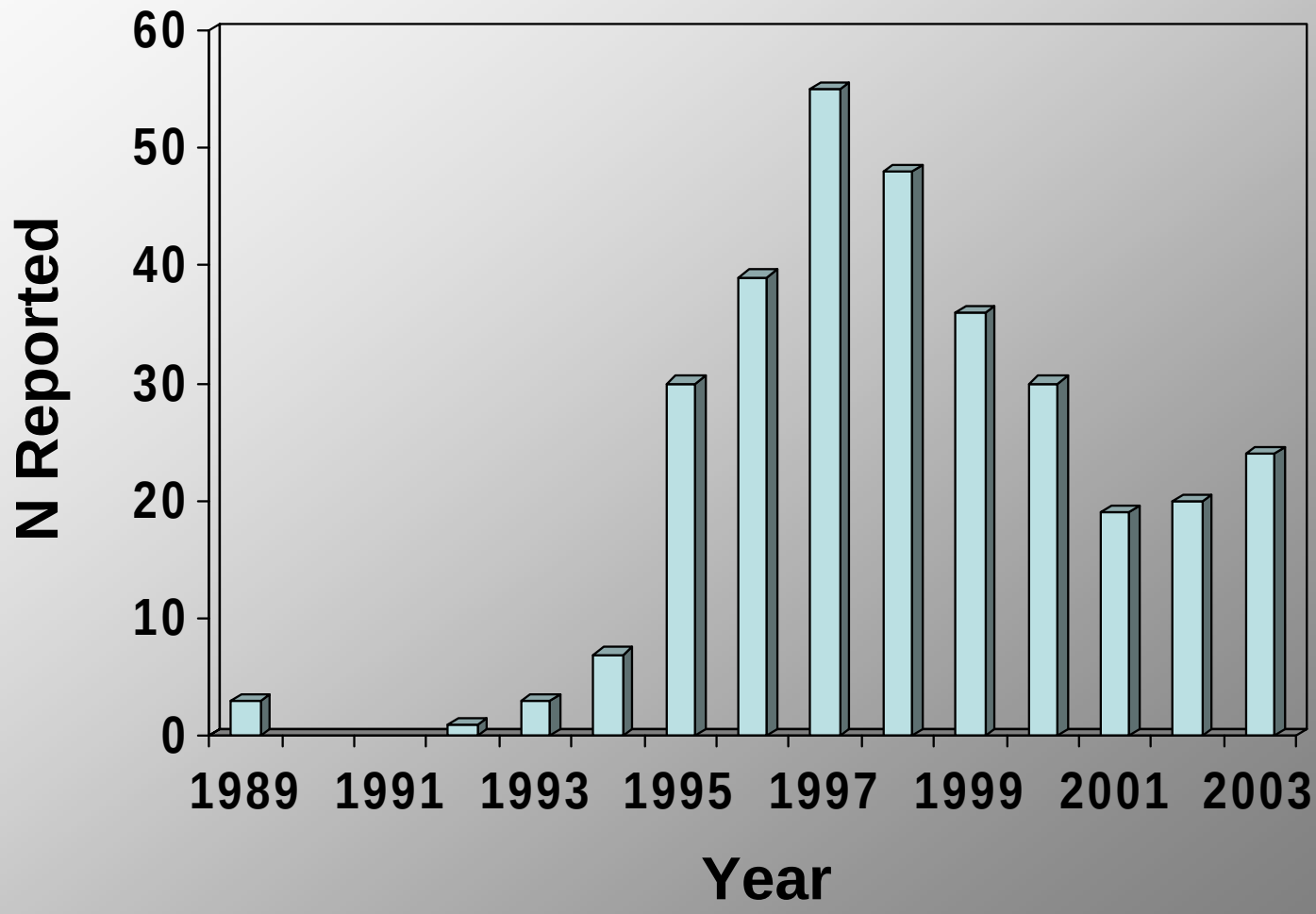


The Lake Erie Monster!

Voluntary Reporting System

- 315 sturgeon sightings in Lake Erie since 1989

Lake Erie Sturgeon Sightings



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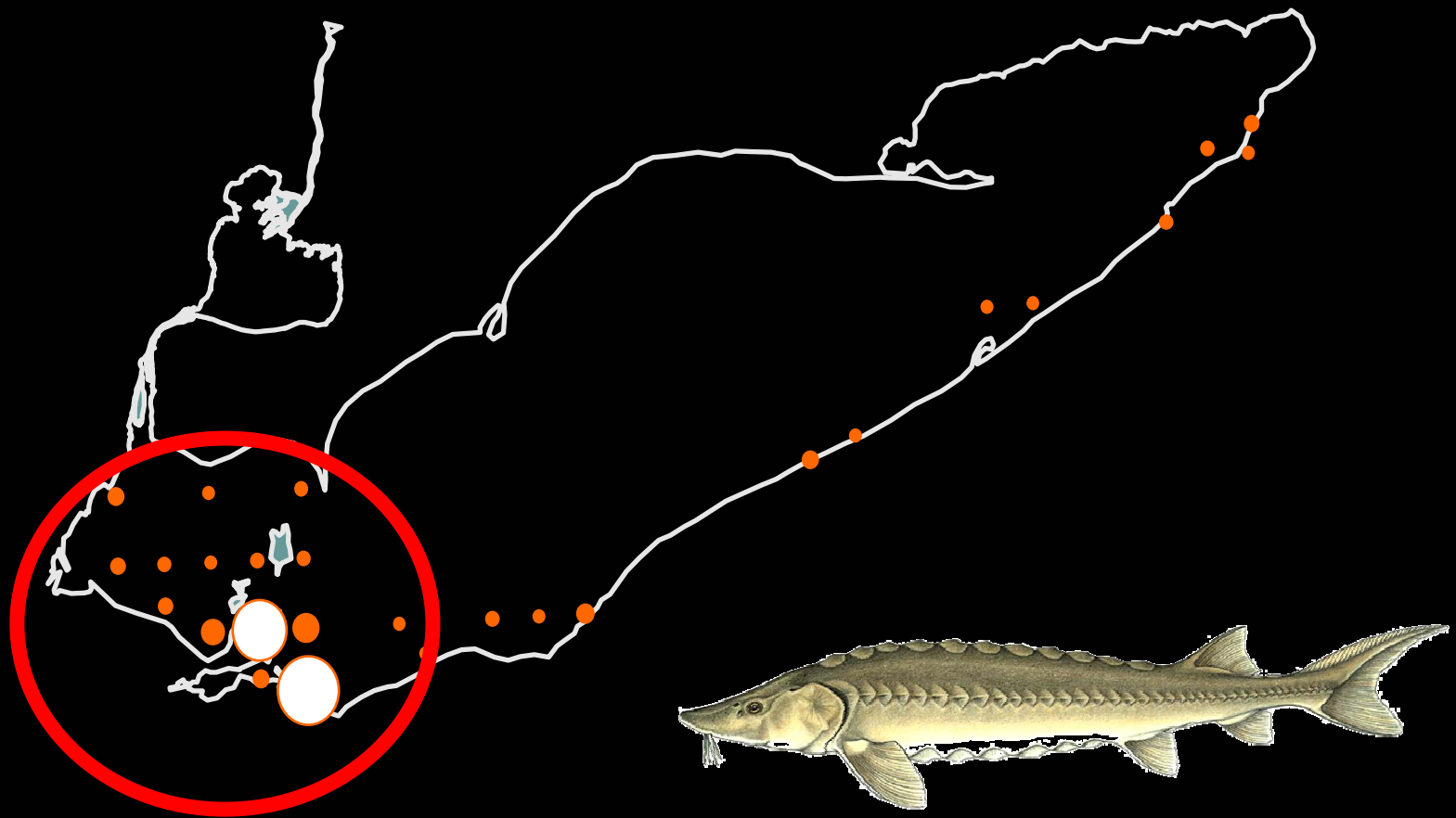

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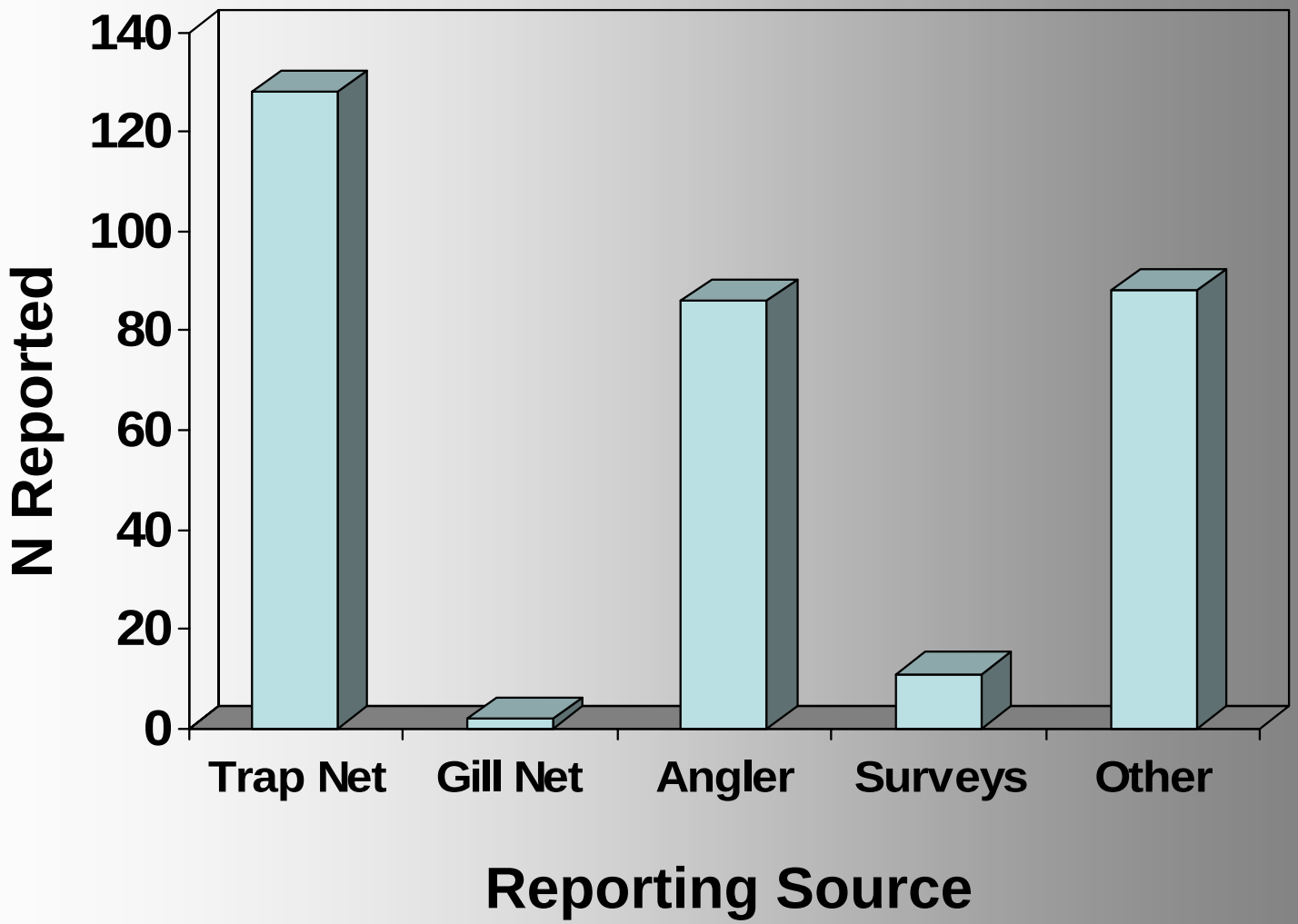

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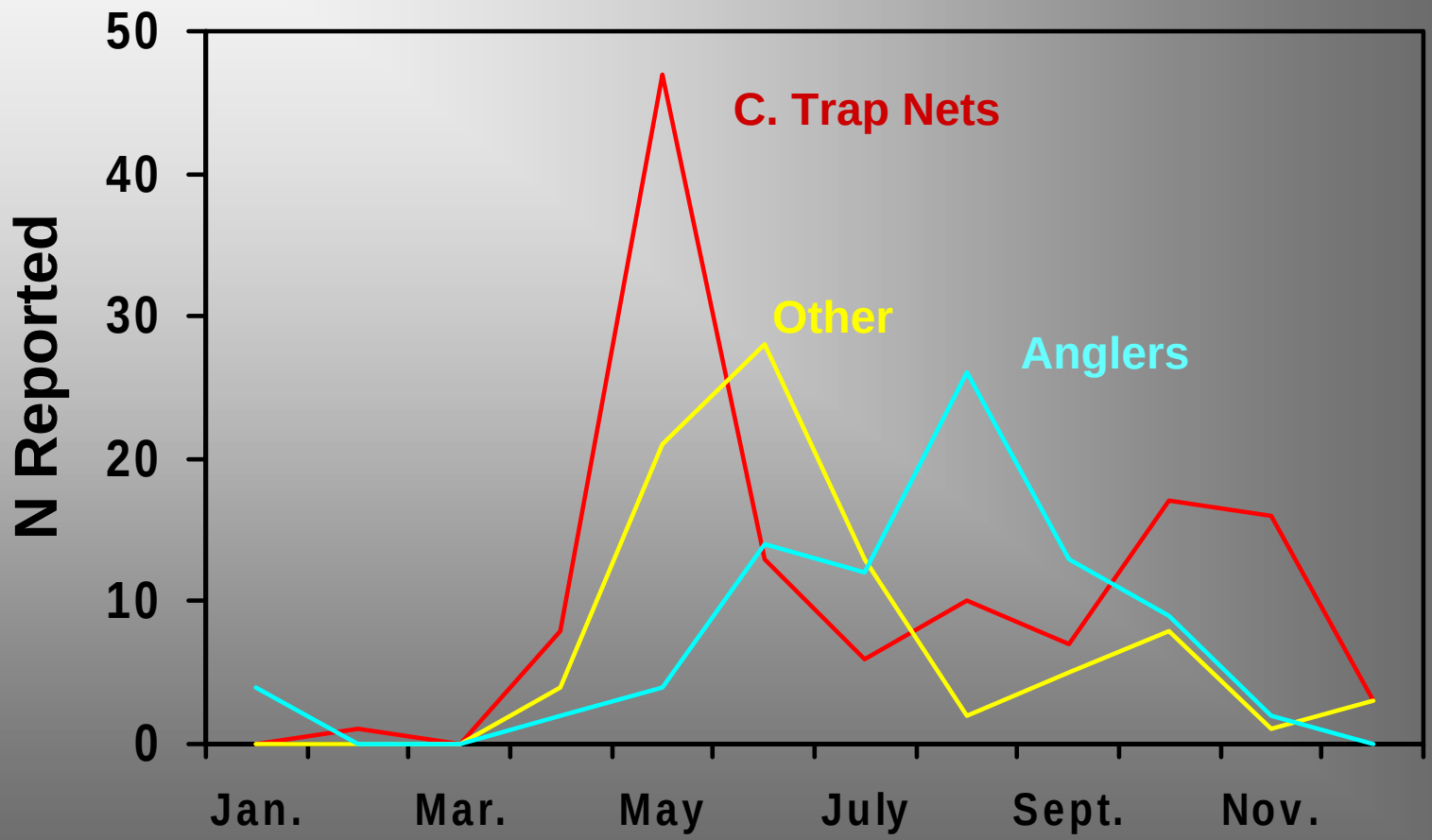

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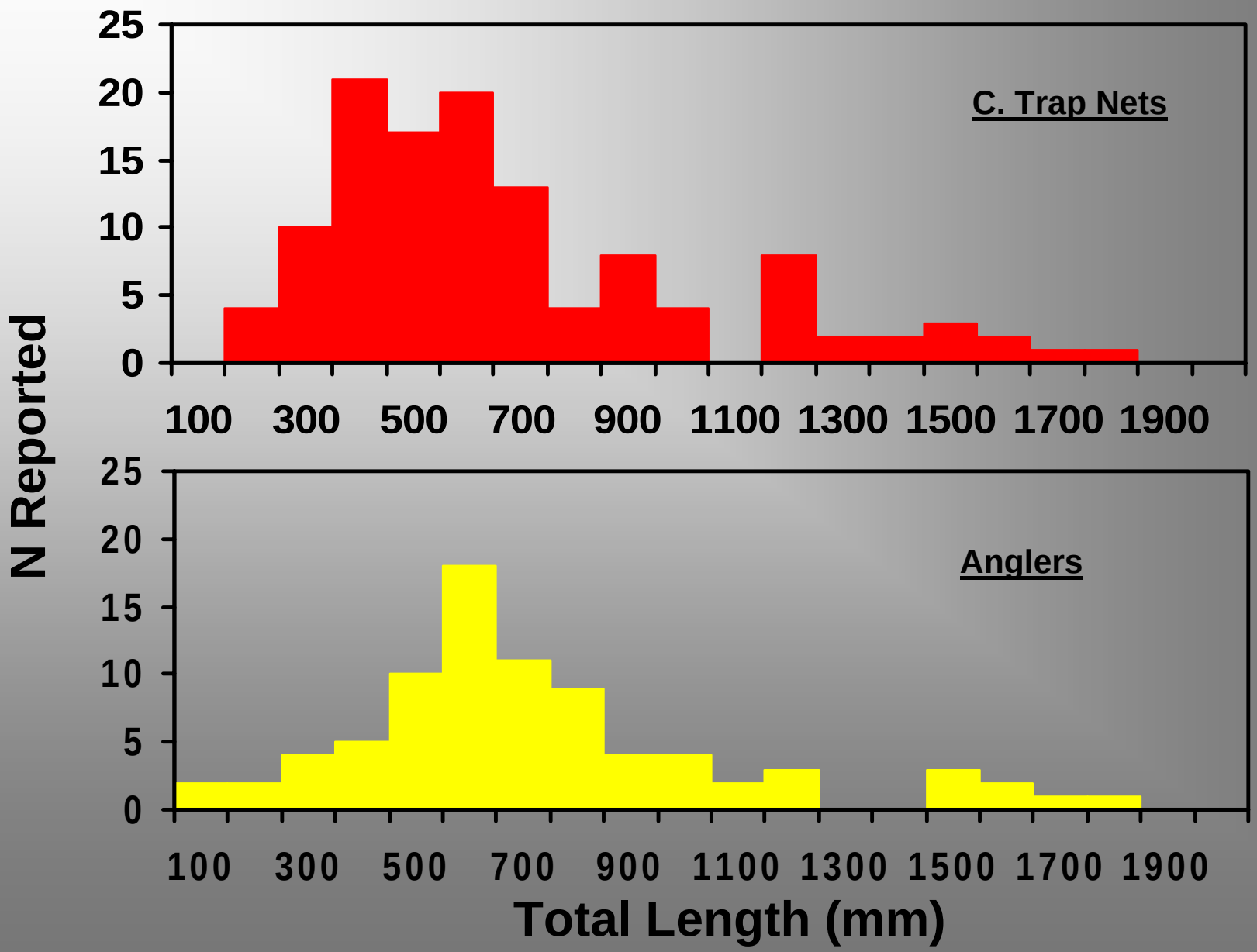

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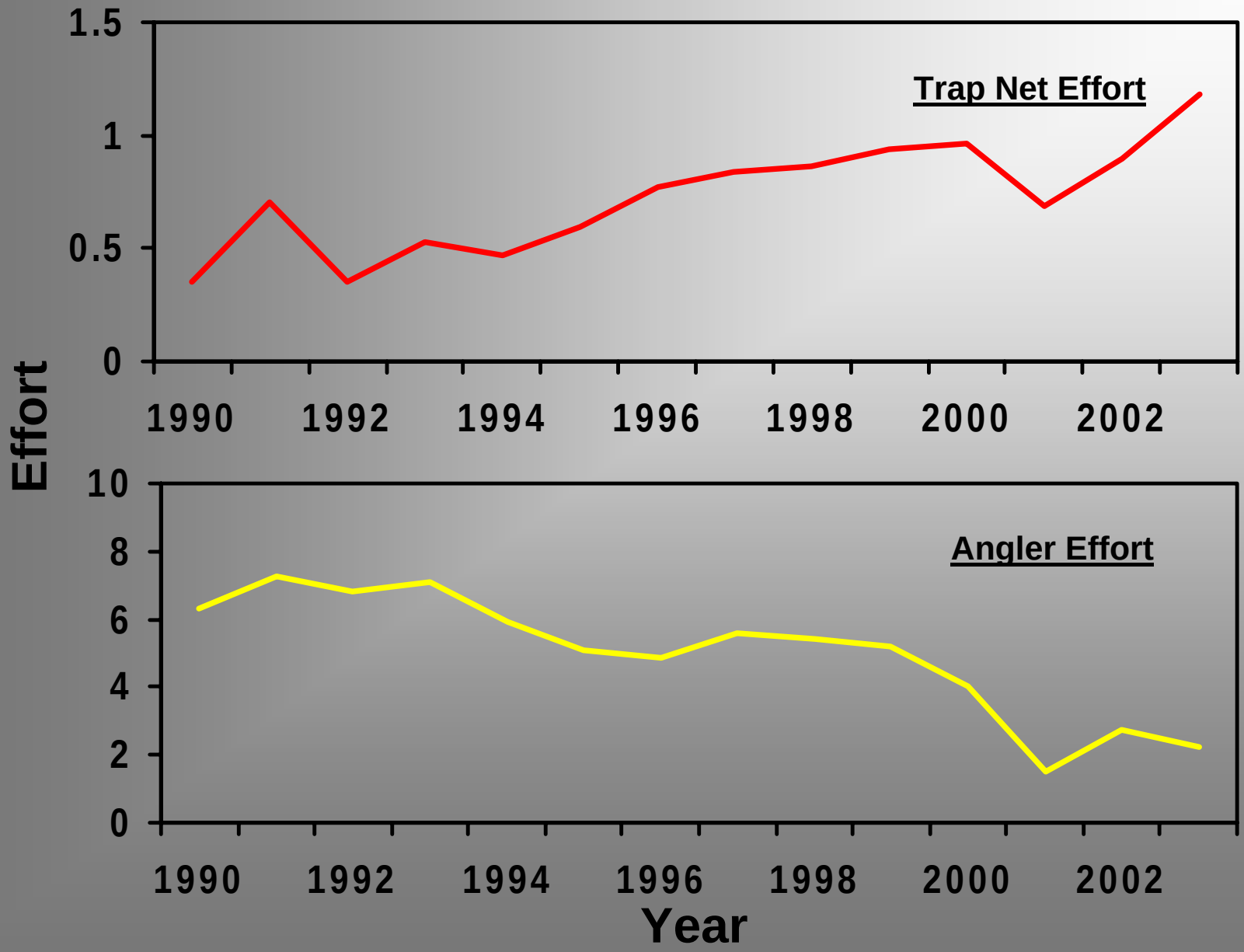

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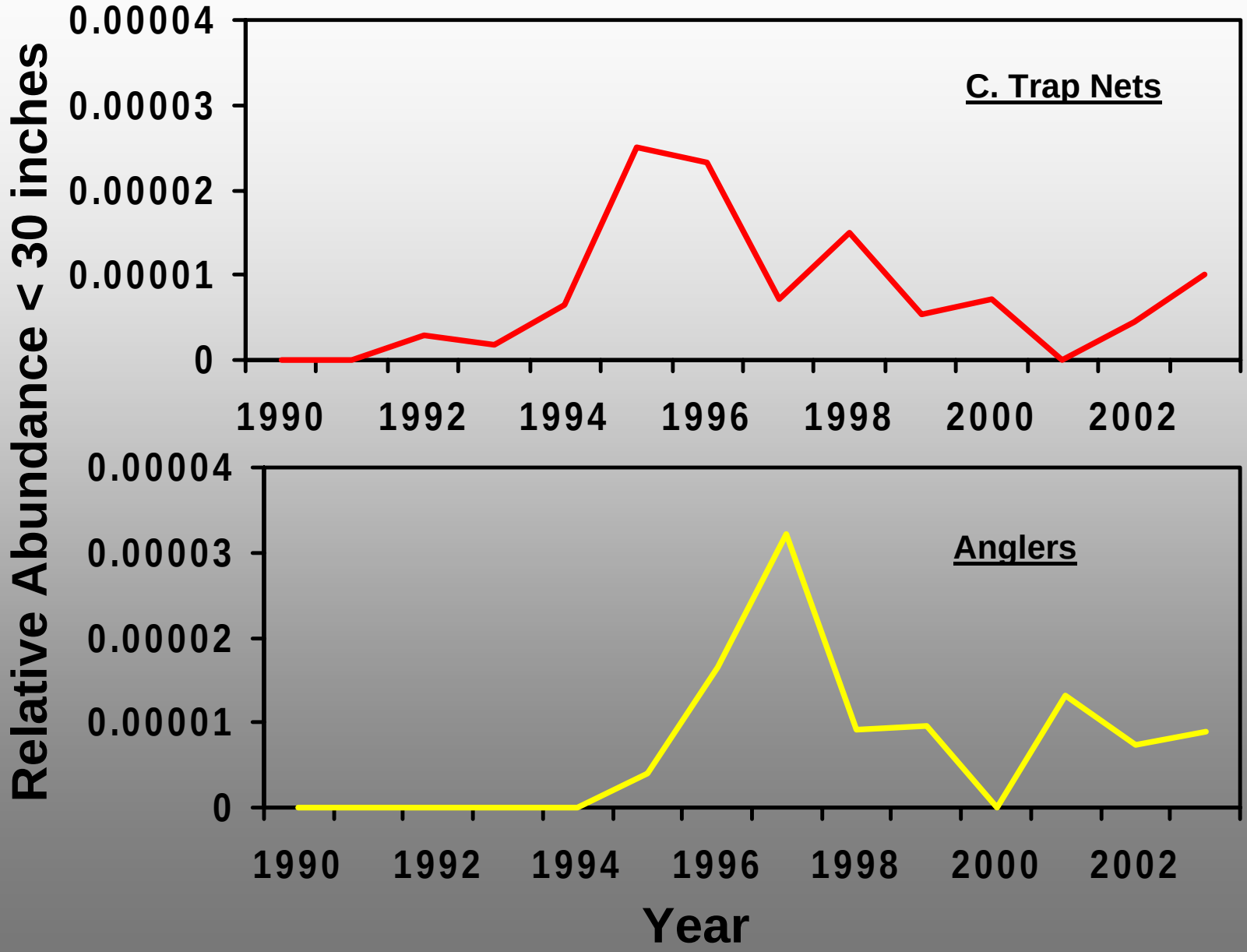

Origin of Lake Erie Sturgeon?

Future of Lake Erie Sturgeon?

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