

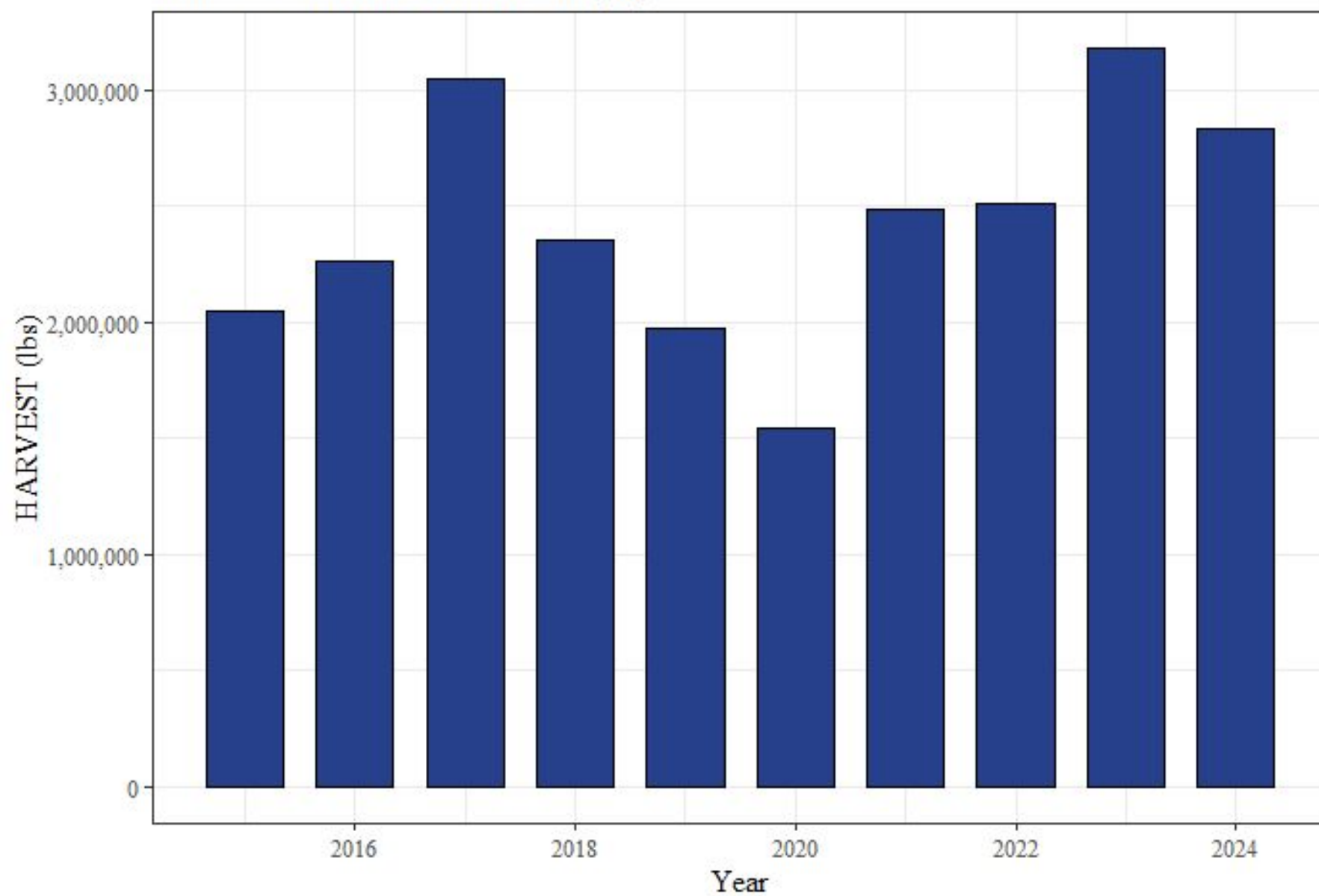
Virginia Blue Catfish Updates



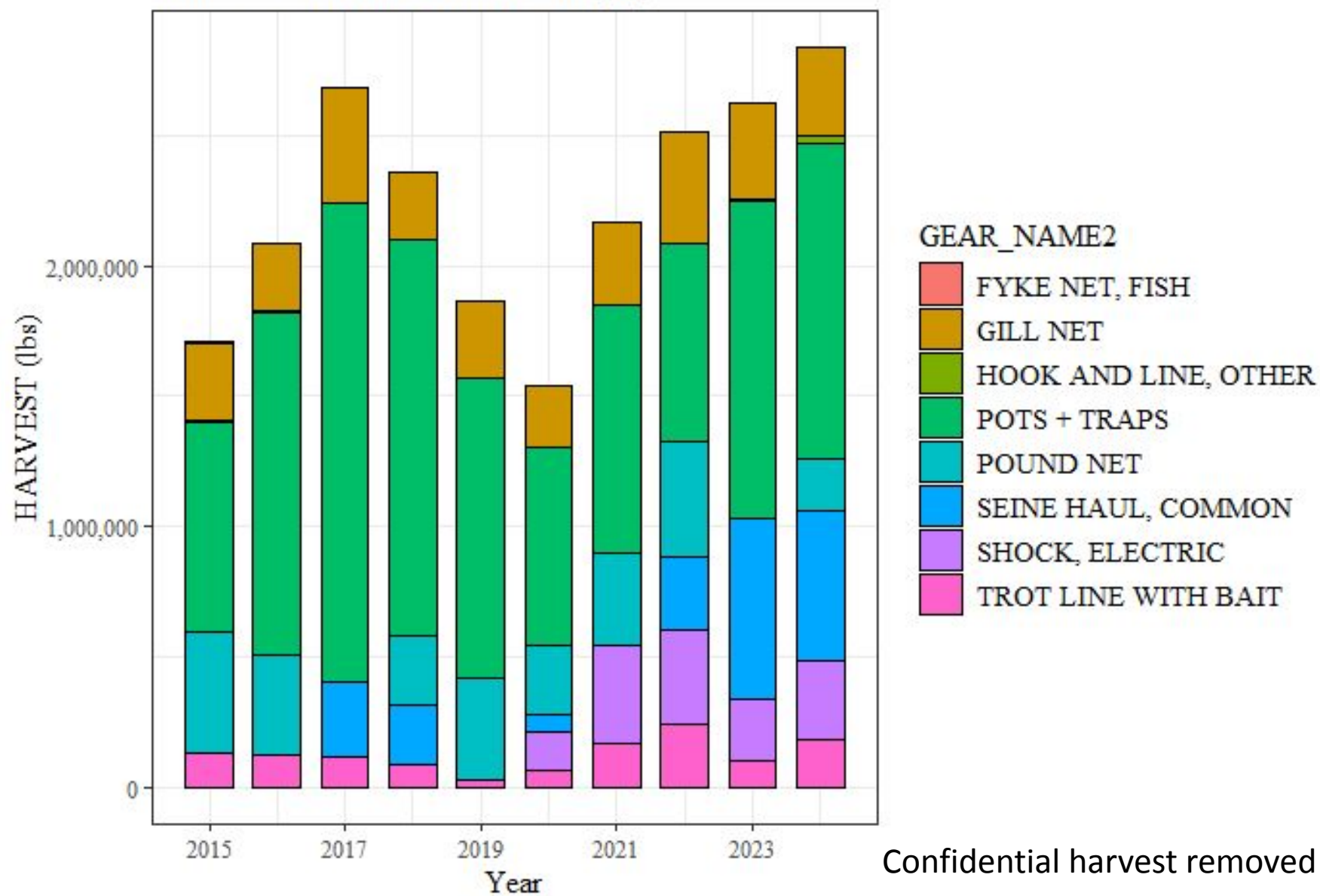
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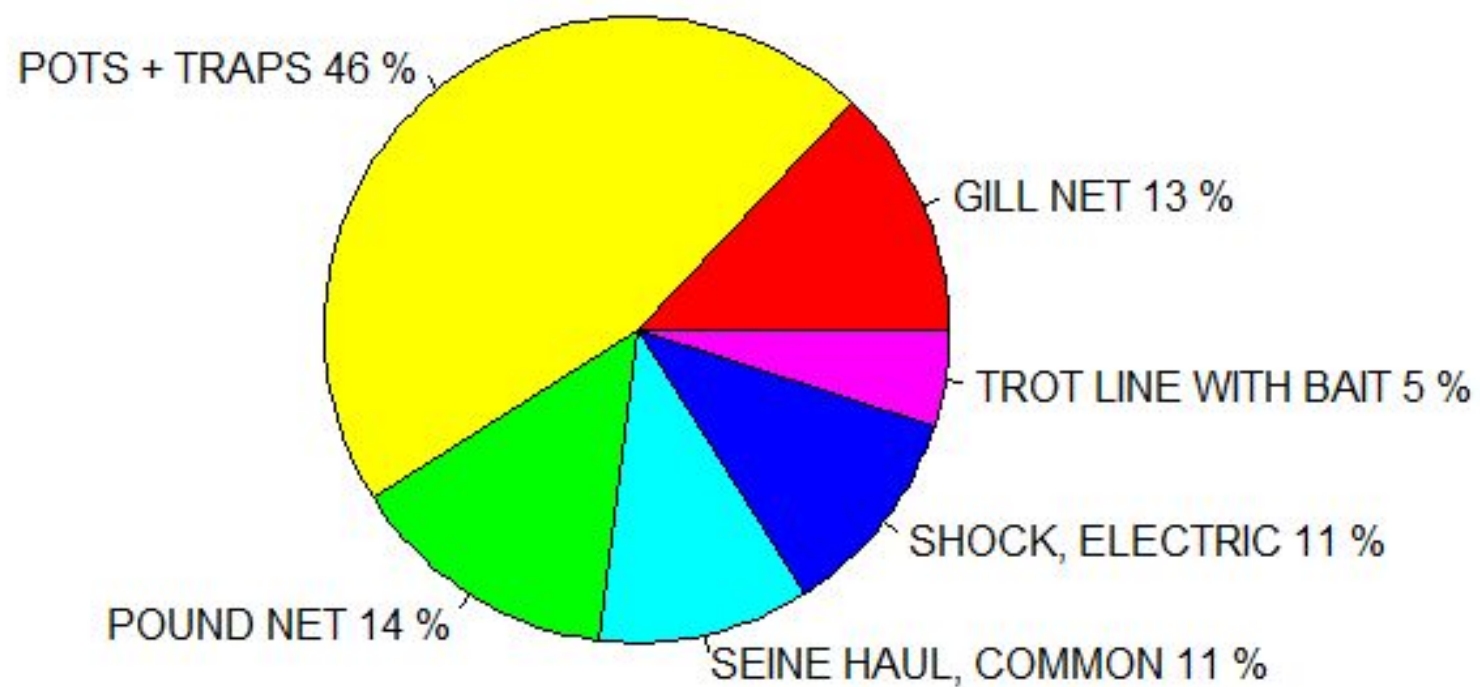
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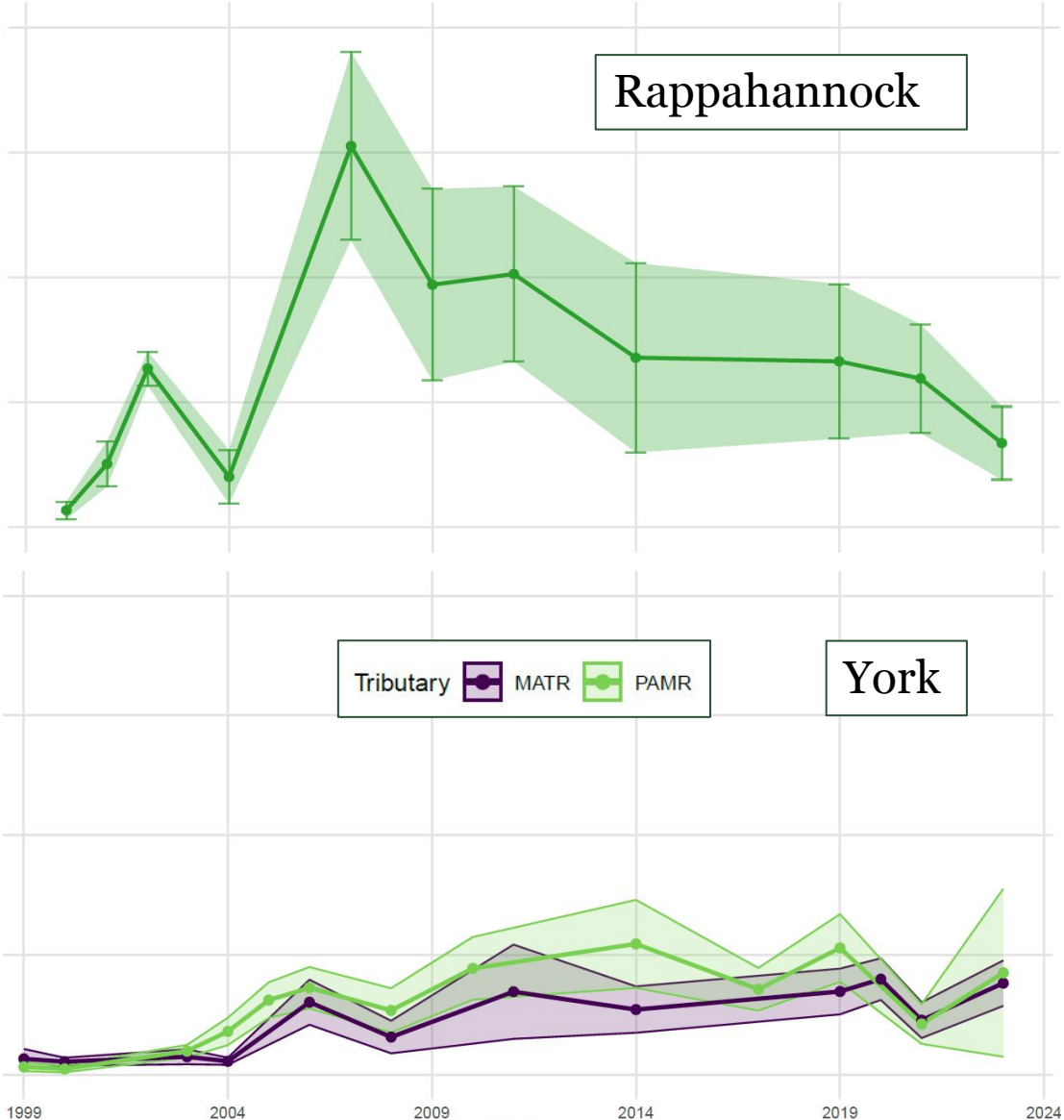
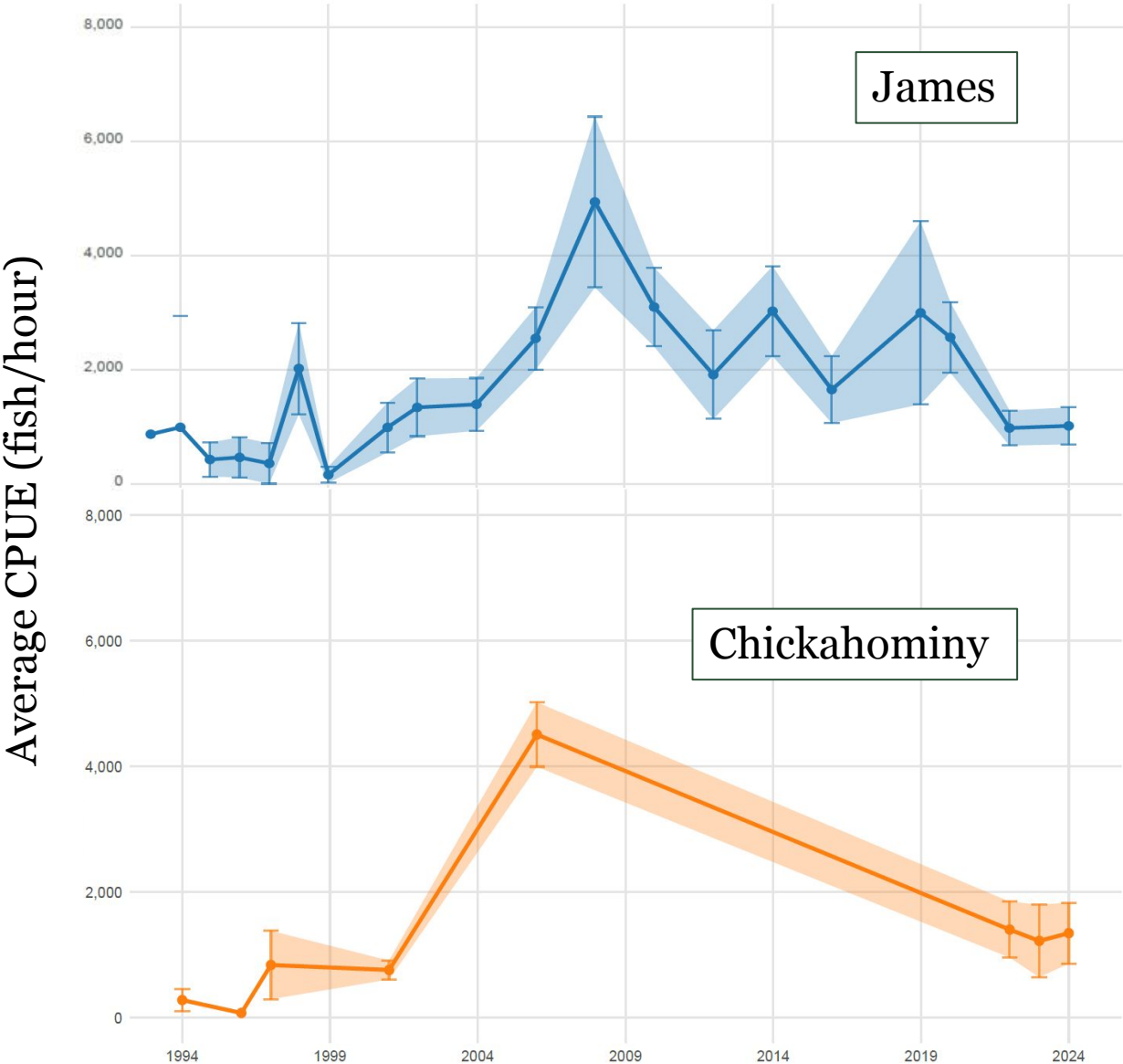
Average Percent of Harvest by Gear, 2015-2024



VA Commercial Catfish Updates

- In 2020, VMRC issued 3 electrofishing licenses
 - Limited to blue and flathead catfish, 25" maximum length
- In 2025, VMRC proposed expansion to 10 licenses
 - Commission decided against expanding licenses, removed maximum size limit

Blue catfish trends in Virginia's tidal rivers



Year

James River size distribution

