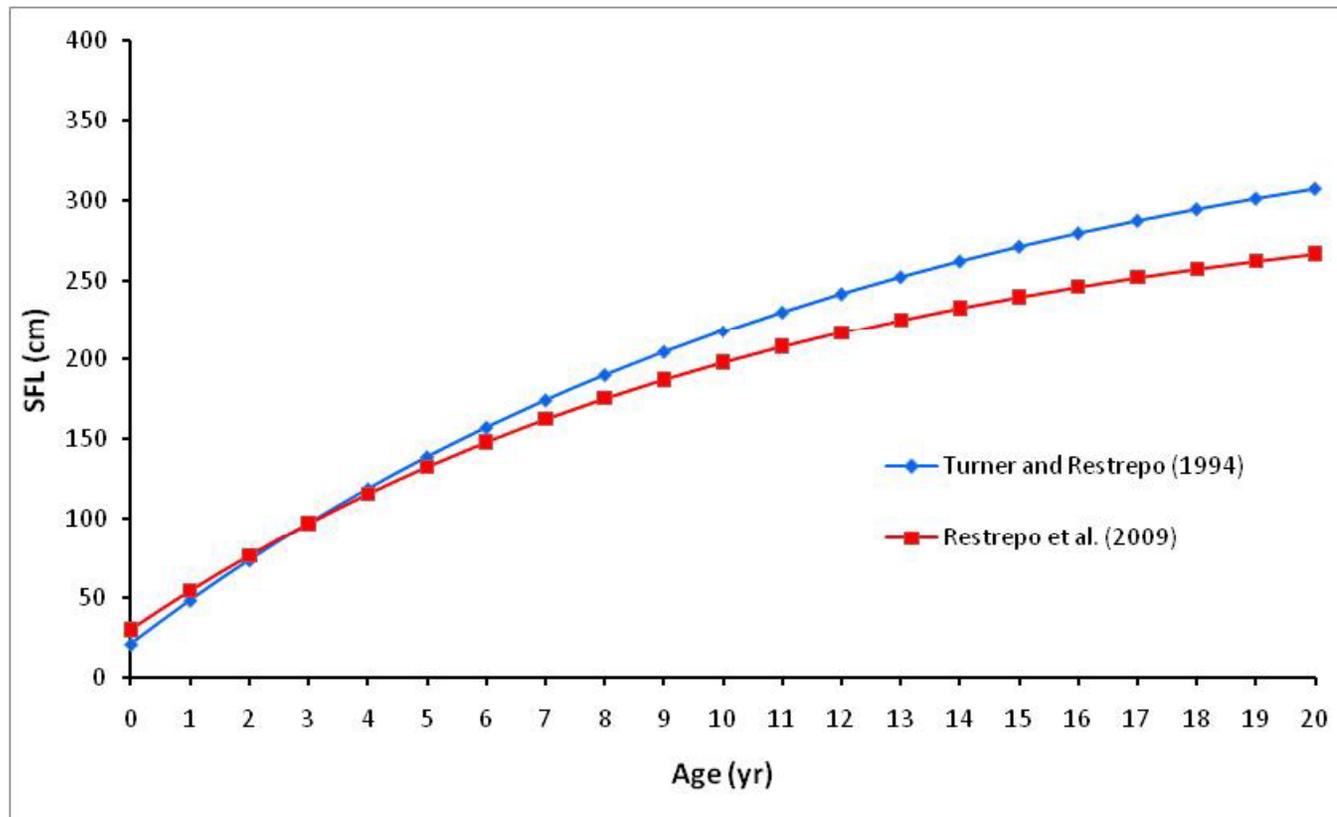




Western Atlantic bluefin tuna growth curves





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- Updated growth curve
- Change in 50% maturity from 8 to 9 yr
- Change in 'plus group' from 10+ to 16+

Sources of uncertainty

- Mixing
- Recruitment (high vs. low)
- Maturity

Preliminary results indicate that the adoption of the updated growth curve seem to have a significant impact on the perception of stock Status. Final results available after SCRS Plenary meeting Oct. 4-8.