

FUNDAMENTALS OF SURVEY SAMPLING

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Clearly Stated Objectives

How many fish are harvested by anglers?

Has recreational CPUE declined?

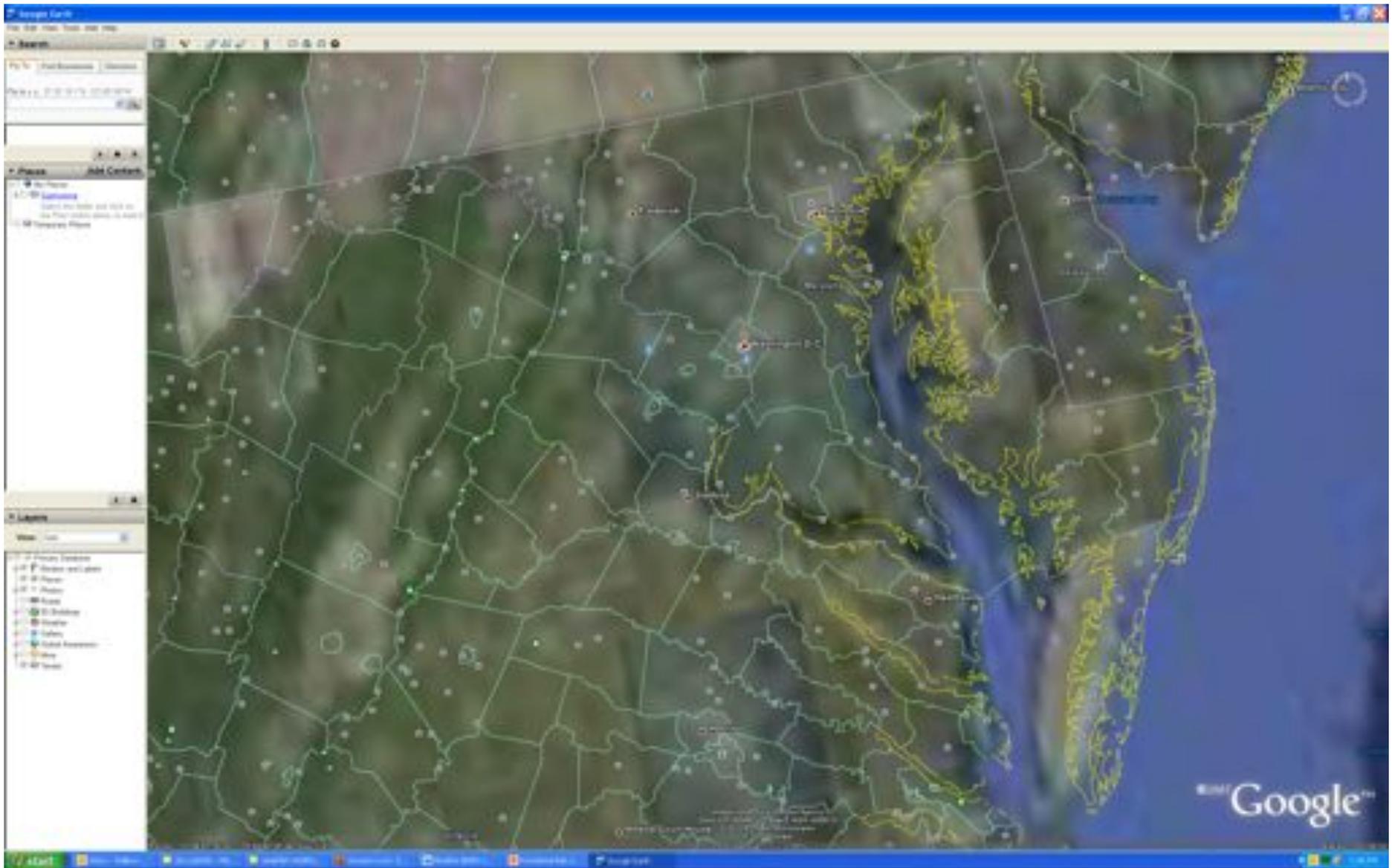
What is the proportion of recreational
Harvest compared to commercial?

WHAT IS FISH LENGTH FREQUENCY?

How quickly are the estimates needed?



Census versus Survey



Whether to sample depends of properties of the fishery

Commercial fisheries have few people catching large numbers of fish

- Own larger vessels

- Berth in larger, defined locations with services

- Report as a requirement for licensure

Recreational fisheries have many people catching few fish

- Variety of vessels from charter to private, shore and piers

- Enter fishery through defined and diffuse access

- Marine anglers have not historically had licenses

- Heterogeneity of skill at catching fish

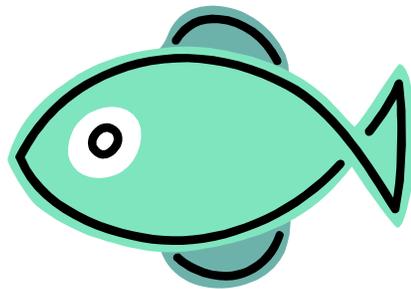


How and what we sample depends on objectives

Primarily, we sample people to obtain information



Secondarily, we handle the catch and sample fish



Concept of the Sampling Frame

In many practical situations the frame is a matter of choice to the survey planner, and sometimes a critical one. [...] Some very worthwhile investigations are not undertaken at all because of the lack of an apparent frame; others, because of faulty frames, have ended in a disaster or in cloud of doubt.

—Raymond James Jessen



Concept of the Sampling Frame

An ideal sampling frame will have the following qualities:

1. All units have a logical, numerical identifier
2. All units can be found - their contact information, map location or other relevant information is present
3. The frame is organized in a logical, systematic fashion
4. The frame has additional information about the units that allow the use of more advanced sampling frames
5. Every element of the population of interest is present in the frame
6. Every element of the population is present *only once* in the frame
7. No elements from outside the population of interest are present in the frame

Systematic sample from list frame

Daubenspeck T 2763 Burning Tree Ln Suffolk ----- 538-1942
 W M 6001 Vineyard Ln Suffolk ----- 484-8547
 Dauber B H 3982 Wyckoff Dr Virginia Beach ----- 431-2134
 Daubers , Inc 5255 Henneman Dr Norfolk ----- 833-4097
 Daubert James 8013 Baywood Dr Norfolk ----- 588-2628
 James 3013 Pewter Rd Virginia Beach ----- 486-0367
 Kevin 4017 Vaughan Town Ct Virginia Beach ----- 689-0141
 Tim & Maureen 8246 Andrew Ln Norfolk ----- 480-3074
 Dauda Edwin 8900 Old Ocean View Rd Norfolk ----- 228-3722
 Dauer Christopher 5348 Chatham Lake Dr
 Virginia Beach ----- 495-3847
 Daniel 3660 Kanhuku Trl Chesapeake ----- 486-6057
 Matthew 3557 Chesapeake Blvd Norfolk ----- 623-0043
 Pamela 3224 E Ocean View Av Norfolk ----- 962-1119
 Thomas & Amy 521 Carneo Terr Chesapeake ----- 382-0732
 Wesley J 5701 Constance Ct Virginia Beach ----- 490-9765
 Dauge Bernadette 4832 Cliffony Dr Virginia Beach -- 495-5955
 Daughdrill M J 3100 Shore Dr Virginia Beach ----- 496-1404
 Oliver 1561 Willimantic Dr Virginia Beach ----- 467-5794
 Daughdrille John & Cheryl 840 Old Bridge Ln
 Chesapeake ----- 819-7597
 Daugherty Associates Architects 248 W Bute Ste 200
 Norfolk ----- 623-0051
 Daugherty B H 1327 Hodges Ferry Rd Portsmouth -- 465-5410
 ----- 689-9418
 ----- 658-0977
 Brian & Kelly 2312 Shorebird Ct Chesapeake ----- 558-1248
 Brian & Susann 1513 Captains Ct Virginia Beach ----- 467-6318
 Bruce 27264 Spivey Town Rd ----- 242-3162
 Carl 115 N Main St Franklin ----- 569-1171
 Christopher 1634 Sword Dancer Dr Virginia Beach -- 301-6511
 Dale 122 Kimberly Ln Norfolk ----- 271-4447
 Dale 122 Kimberly Ln Norfolk ----- 271-8790
 Darlene 20380 Garrison Dr Wind ----- 242-6636
 David W & Nancey A 1625 Mill Landing Rd
 Virginia Beach ----- 721-5027
 Dawn 500 Dunkirk Ct Virginia Beach ----- 703-9300
 ----- 401-2990
 Doug 3024 Glastonbury Dr Virginia Beach ----- 468-5380
 Earl 6315 Adair Av Norfolk ----- 466-1792
 Ethan ----- 275-9373
 G W ----- 430-9052
 George S 1041 Baker Rd ----- 464-5502
 Guy E & Sherry 1700 Catherine Ct Virginia Beach -- 481-7916
 Hunter 1725 Meredith Rd Virginia Beach ----- 460-3399
 J 6726 Hightower Rd Portsmouth ----- 671-6816
 J B 293 Corporate Blvd Norfolk ----- 803-9254
 J S 5044 Rugby Rd Virginia Beach ----- 233-0444
 James 2552 Elson Green Av Virginia Beach ----- 721-2079
 James W 244 Lucille Av ----- 623-9529
 Jennifer 1756 Aquamarine Dr Virginia Beach ----- 321-0389
 John & Linda 313 46th St Virginia Beach ----- 962-7290
 K J 710 Roosevelt Av Virginia Beach ----- 306-1205
 Kimberly 2869 Augusta Cir Virginia Beach ----- 301-9484
 Kimberly 3496 Thurston St Norfolk ----- 853-3534
 Lalka 2621 Harline Dr Chesapeake ----- 963-7520
 ----- 063-1094
 Larry R 748 Waters Dr Virginia Beach ----- 495-4290
 Melissa 1021 Bowling Green Tr Chesapeake ----- 410-9195
 Misty ----- 233-9735
 Mitch ----- 491-2350
 P N 900 Le Cove Dr Virginia Beach ----- 420-6870
 Phillip 4321 Two Woods Rd Virginia Beach ----- 460-7855
 Raymond 901 Northwood Dr Chesapeake ----- 546-5035
 Roger A 1332 Roanoke Arch Chesapeake ----- 482-1867
 S Clark 311 Suburban Pkwy Norfolk ----- 531-8058
 Scott 843 Park Place Dr Virginia Beach ----- 428-5111
 Seiden F 4420 Cambria St Virginia Beach ----- 687-6517
 T R ----- 498-0416
 Vicky 408 Constitution Dr Virginia Beach ----- 473-1640
 Daugherty Bobbie 1235 Picadilly St Norfolk ----- 853-6518
 J C 4816 Manor Av Portsmouth ----- 484-1367
 Joseph 2000 Pine Tree Ct Suffolk ----- 934-1146
 Pamela 453 Ballhack Rd Chesapeake ----- 204-4817
 Robert 1221 Renoir Ct ----- 427-9038



Area-Time Frame



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Frame Coverage

Undercoverage By RDD
*Anglers without phones or
with non-coastal area
codes*

Overcoverage By RDD

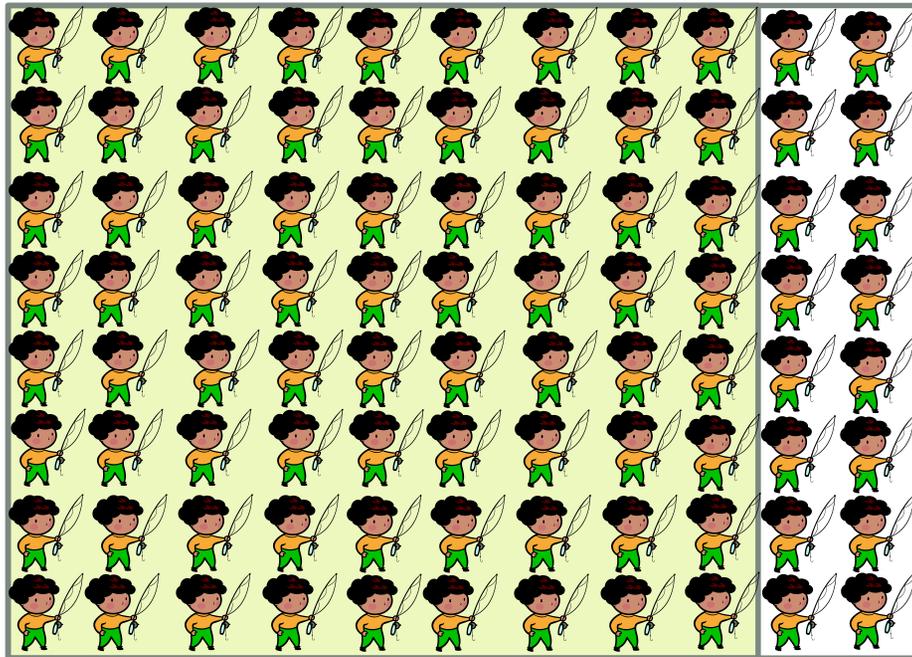
*Random Dialing to coastal area codes
(Landline and Cell)*

*Anglers with coastal area
codes
(Landline and cell)*



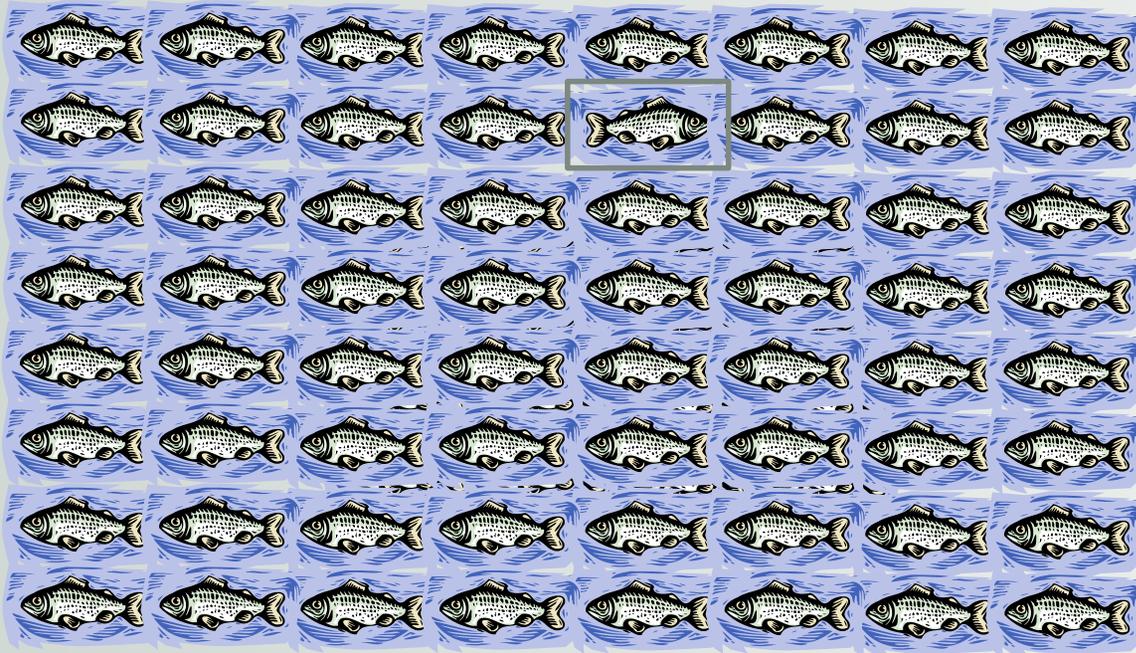
Concepts of the target population, sampling frame, and sampling unit

All of the anglers in the large rectangle are the *target population* that we wish to sample. However, the *sampling frame* for our survey method, e.g. a list of licensed anglers (shaded area) does not include unlicensed anglers. A better method would include all anglers. For our method, the sampling unit is the individual angler.

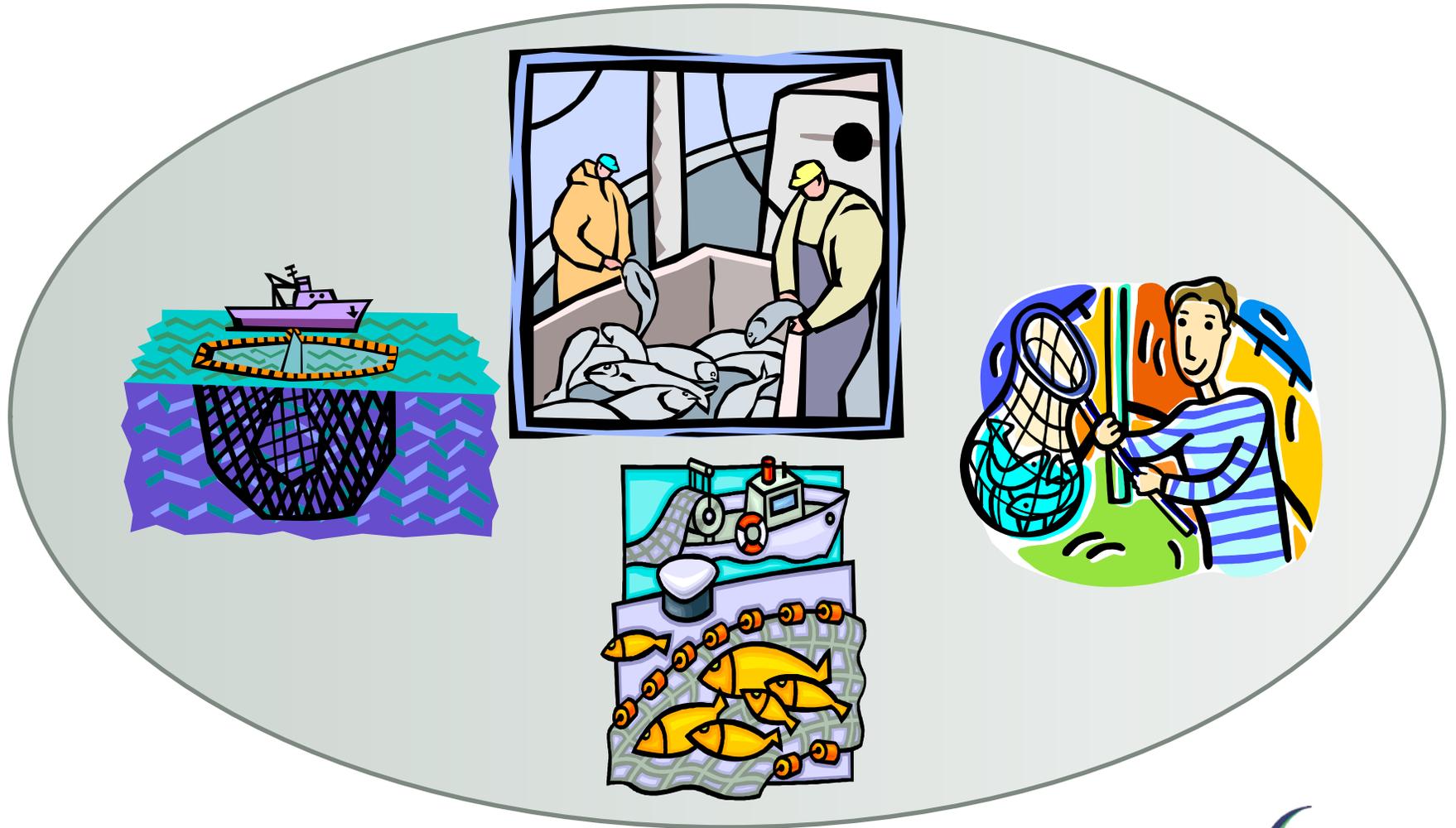


 = sampling unit

Concept of the Sampling Unit



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Choosing a Sampling Unit

In a design-based study, the sampling unit is chosen with a known probability

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \pi_i = n$$

For example, in a list of angler names we might chose every 10th name resulting in each having a one in ten chance of being contacted

Or we can choose a sample of 15 out of 30 using a random number generator:

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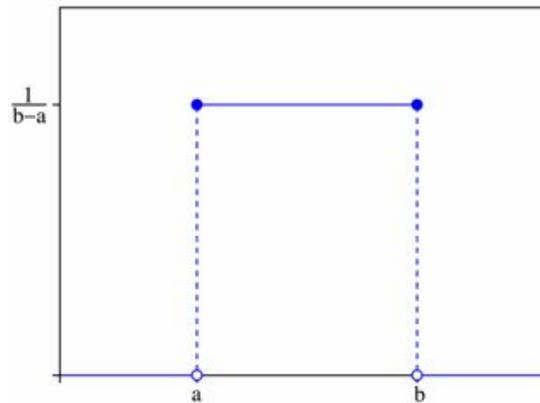


Choosing a Sampling Unit

In a design-based study, the sampling unit is chosen with a known probability:

Depends on the distribution

In a uniform distribution there is an equal chance



In an area-time frame, there are several ways to draw a sample:

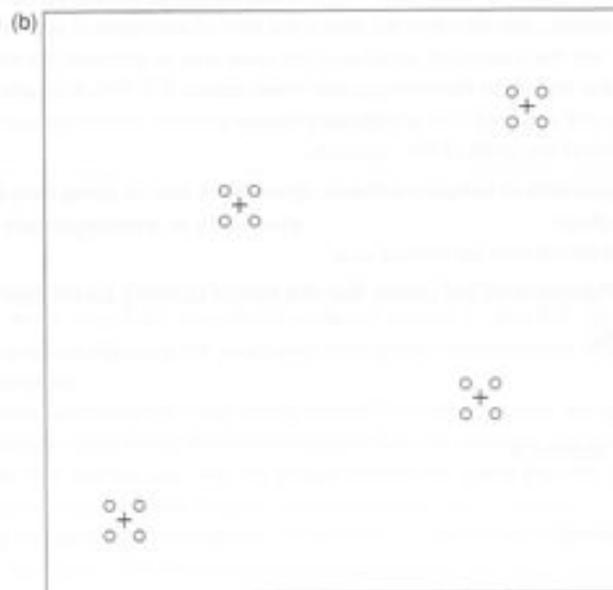
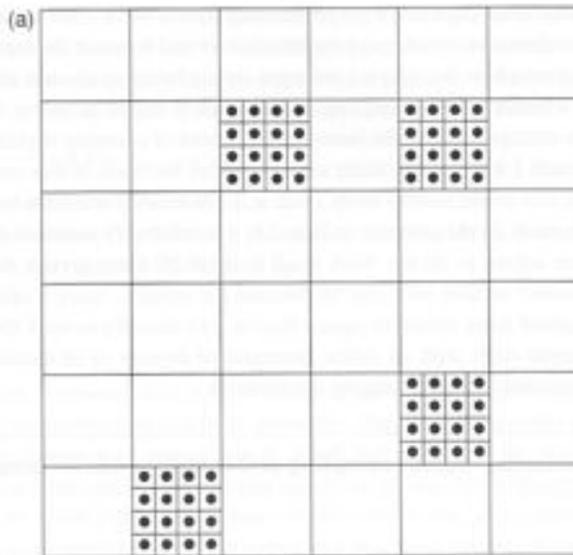


Figure 2.5 Two forms of cluster sampling: (a) cluster areas (the large squares) are chosen at random and all sample units (small squares) in each are sampled; (b) points are chosen at random (+) and samples (o) taken in a fixed pattern relative to each.

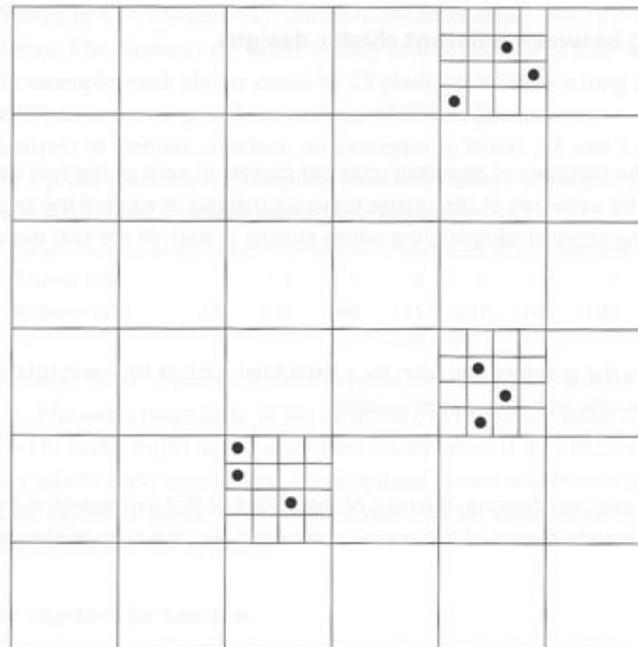


Figure 2.6 Two-stage sampling: major units (large squares) are randomly chosen and minor units (small squares) sampled at random within each.

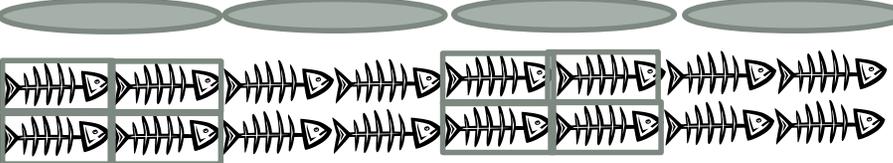
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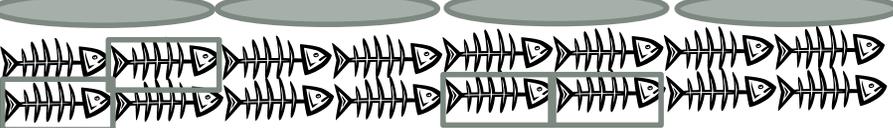
Estimation

Simple Random Sample 

Stratified Random Sample 

Systematic Random Sample 

Cluster Sample 

Multi-stage Sample 

Estimation

Simple Random Sample $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

Stratified Random Sample $\bar{y}_h = \frac{1}{n_h} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} y_{hi}$

$$\bar{y}_{st} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{h=1}^L N_h \bar{y}_h$$



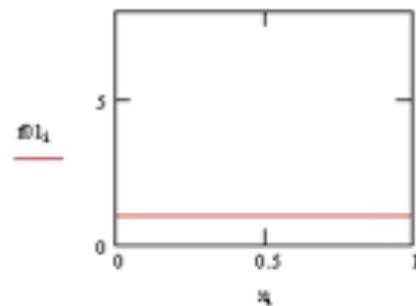
Estimation of Population Mean

<http://www.math.csusb.edu/faculty/stanton/probstat/clk.html>

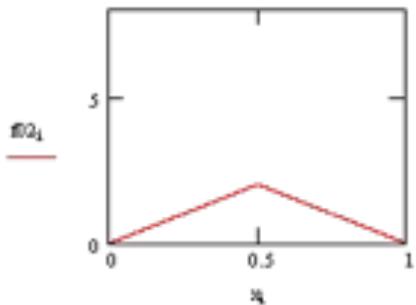


Estimation of Population Mean

Mean of uniform distribution $\frac{a+b}{2}$



NonNormal Distribution of X



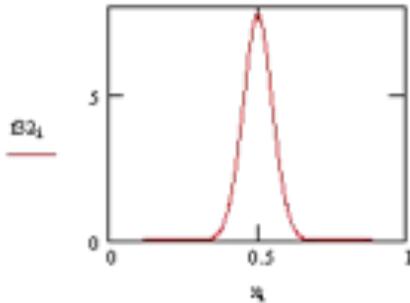
Distribution of Xbar when sample size is 2

The **uniform** distribution on the left is obviously *non*-Normal. Call that the parent distribution.

To compute an average, Xbar, **two** samples are drawn, at random, from the parent distribution and averaged. Then another sample of two is drawn and another value of Xbar computed. This process is repeated, over and over, and averages of two are computed. The distribution of averages of two is shown on the left.

Estimation of Population Mean

Mean of uniform distribution $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)$



Distribution of Xbar when sample size is 32

Repeatedly taking **thirty-two** from the parent distribution, and computing the averages, produces the probability density on the left.

Reduce Variance

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- Increase sample size
- Match sampling design to population characteristics
 - Components of variability, e.g. stratify
 - Sample proportional to greatest variability, e.g. more sampling where disparities are greatest (ppx)

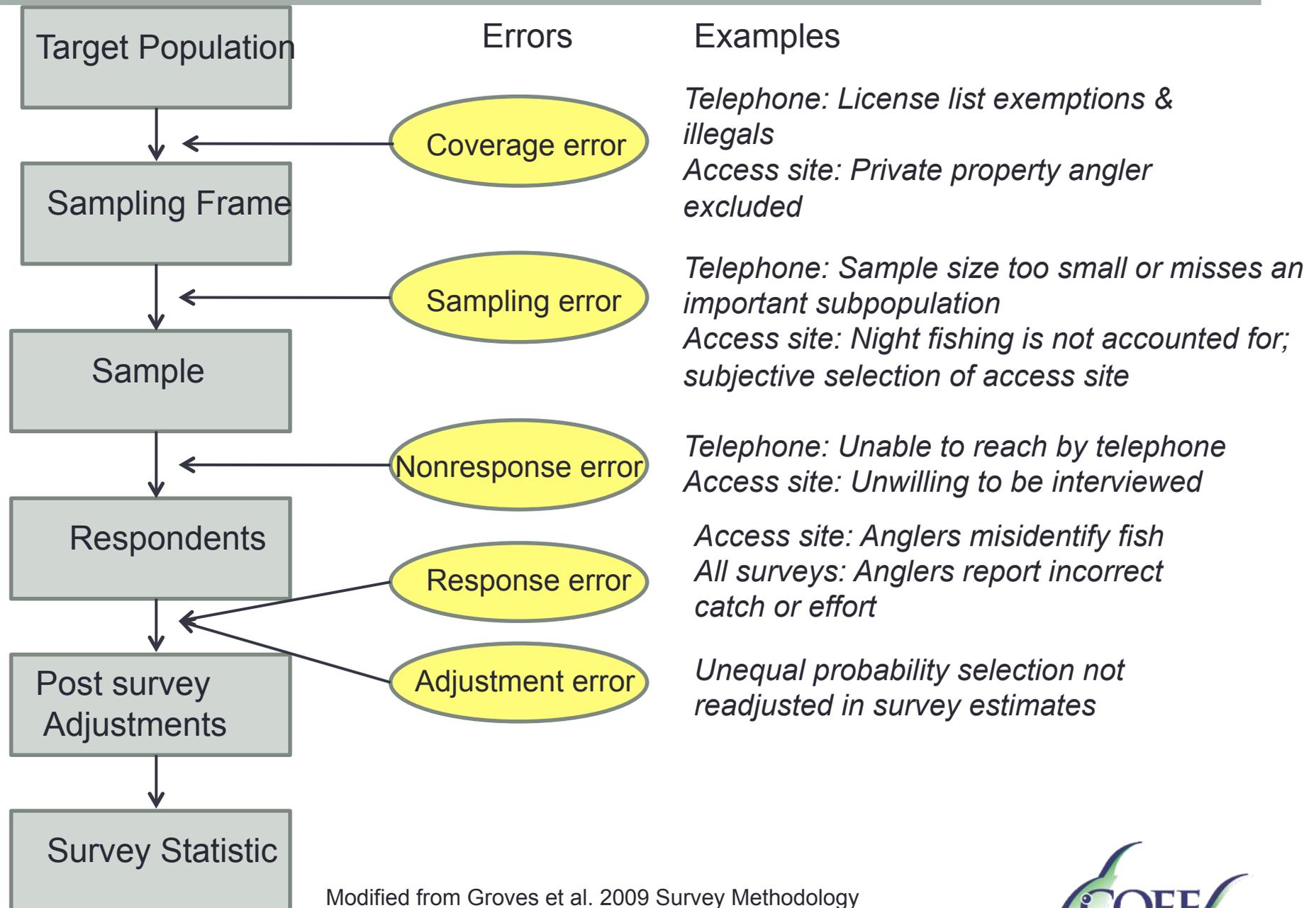


Survey Biases & Errors

Biases

- Non-response
- Prestige
- Recall
- Visibility





Modified from Groves et al. 2009 Survey Methodology



In Summary

- Census versus Sample
- Sampling Frames
- Survey Objectives
- Addressing potential bias

