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2023 Texas Recreational Red Snapper Summary

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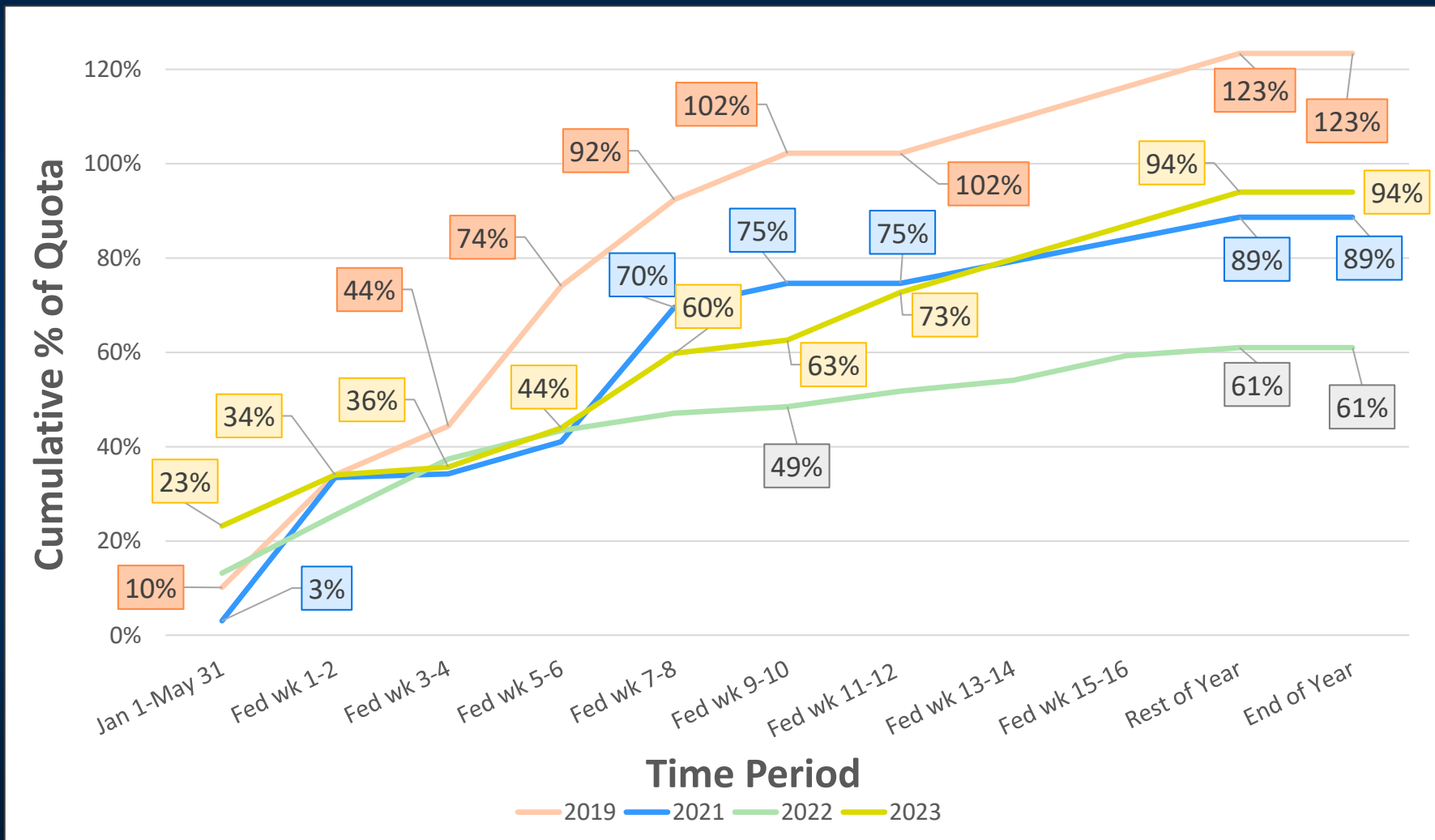
2023 RED SNAPPER SEASON



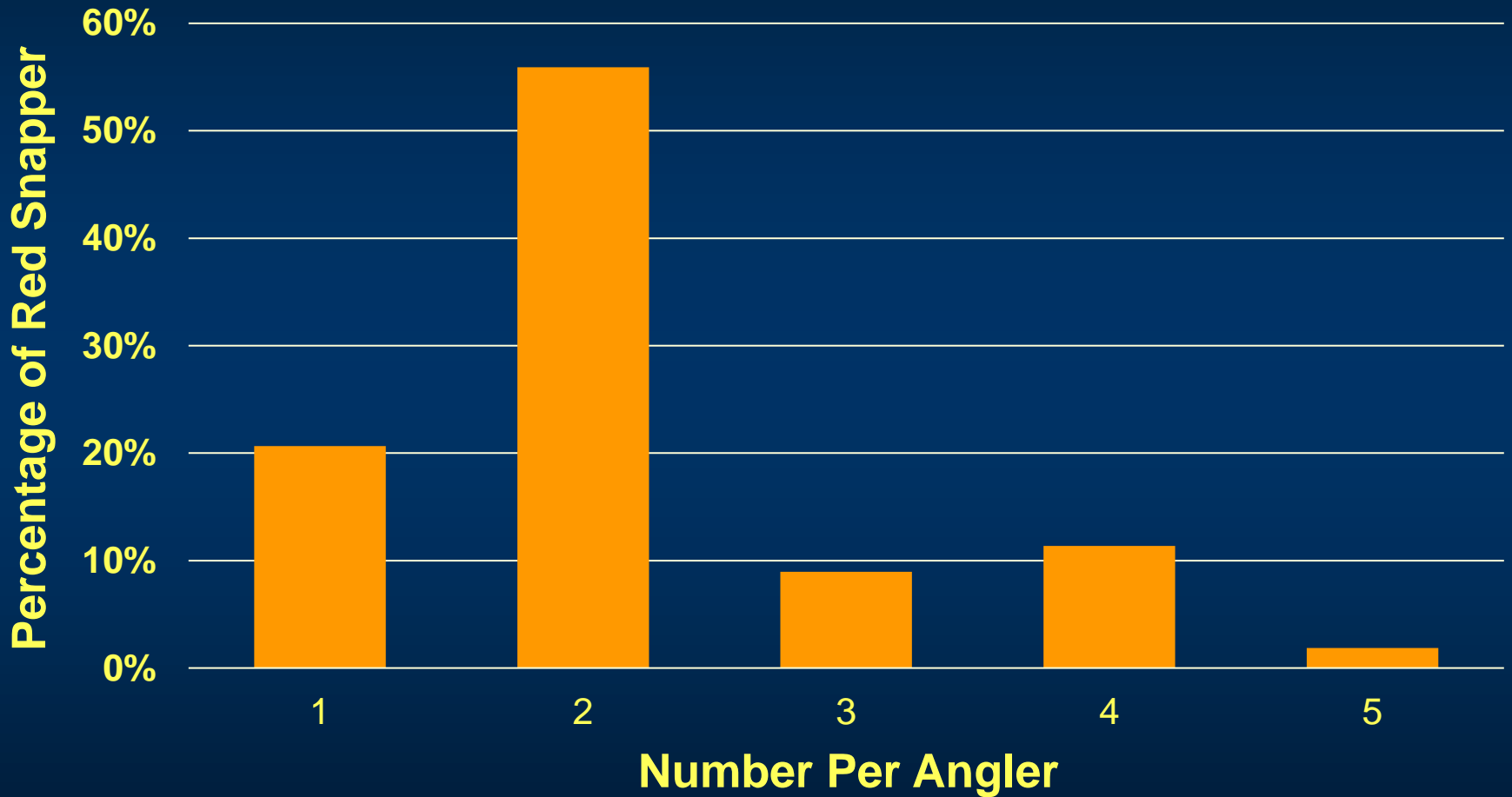
- State water opened January 1; Federal water opened June 1
- 2023 quota - 286,363 pounds
- Season Lengths
 - 92 Day Federal water season (closed September 1st)
 - State water closed November 20th
- 2023 landings = 267,721 pounds (94% of quota)
 - 259,086 lbs private rec., 8,635 lbs headboat



2023 Season Cumulative Percent of Quota Landed

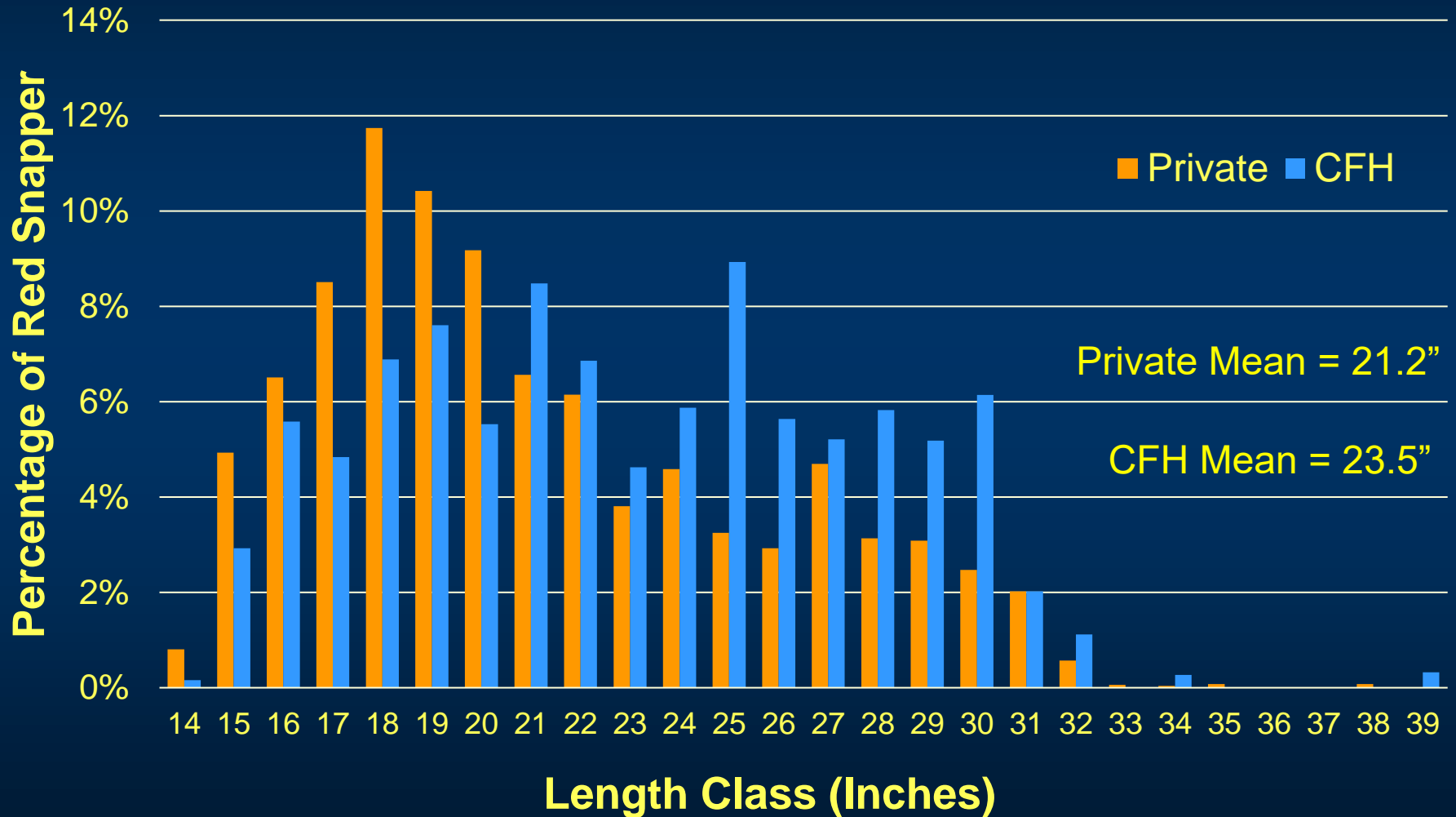


2023 Red Snapper Private Boat Bag Distribution*



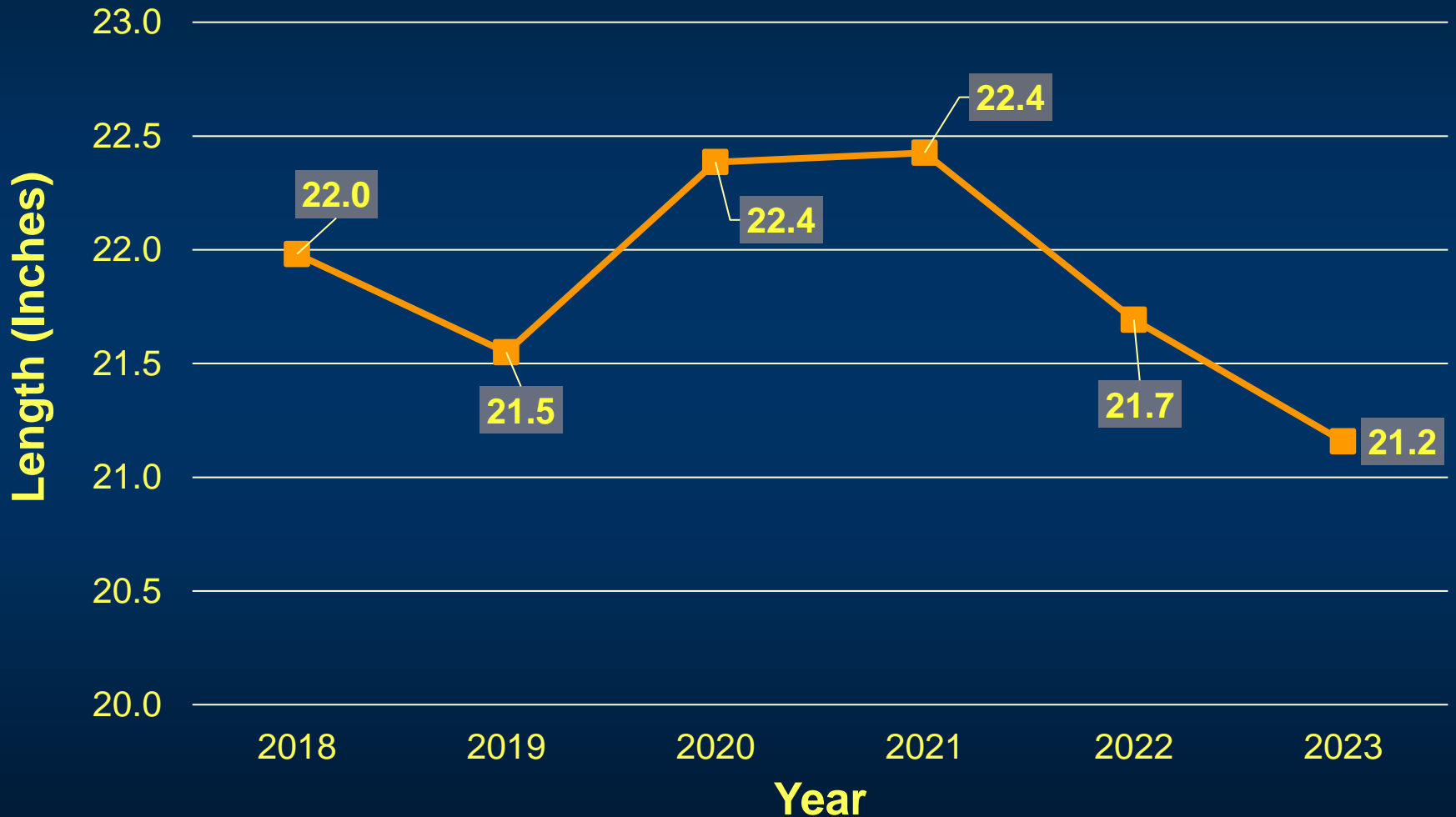
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2023 Recreational Red Snapper Length-Frequency

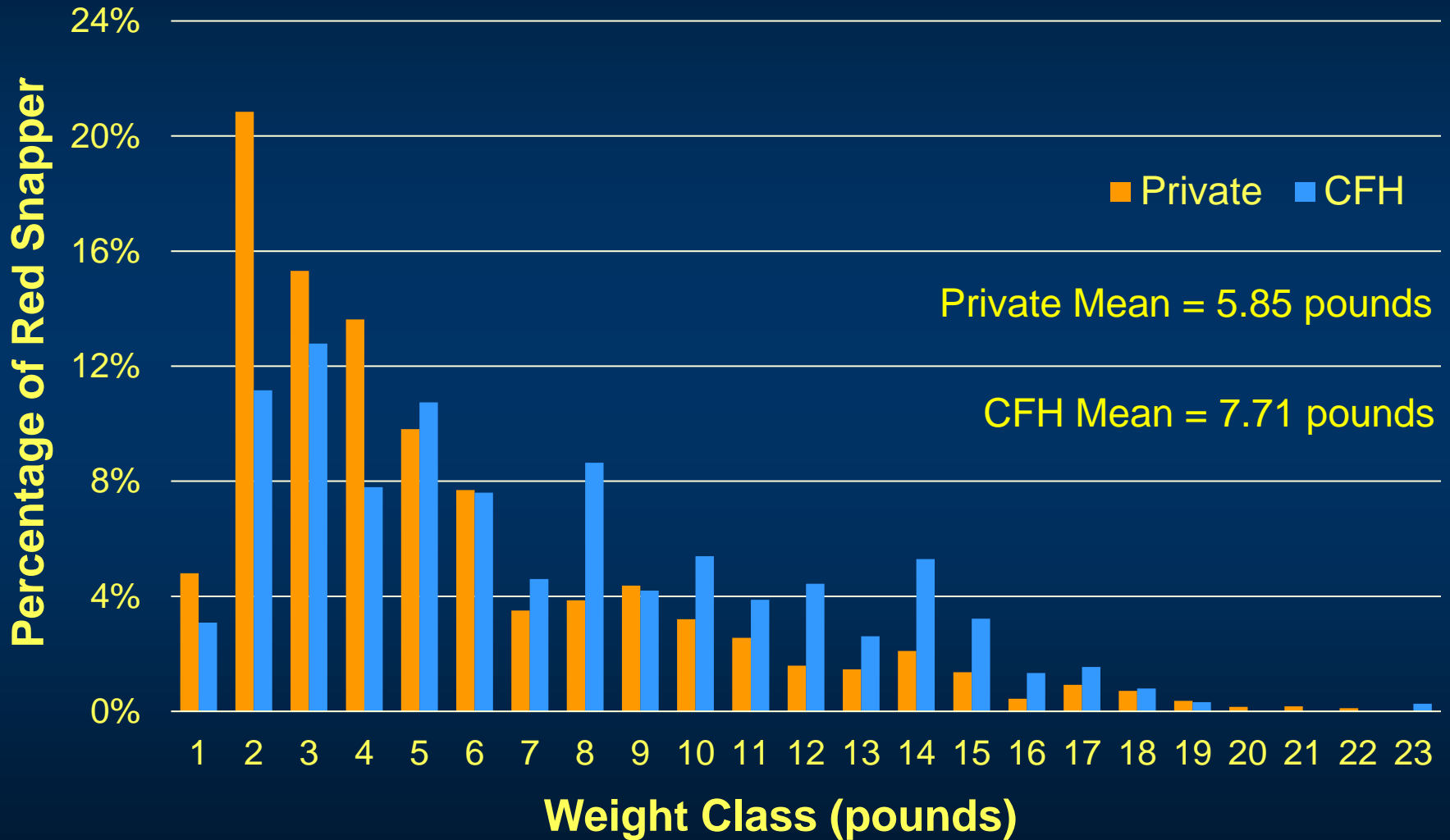


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Red Snapper Mean Length Private Anglers



2023 Recreational Red Snapper Weight-Frequency



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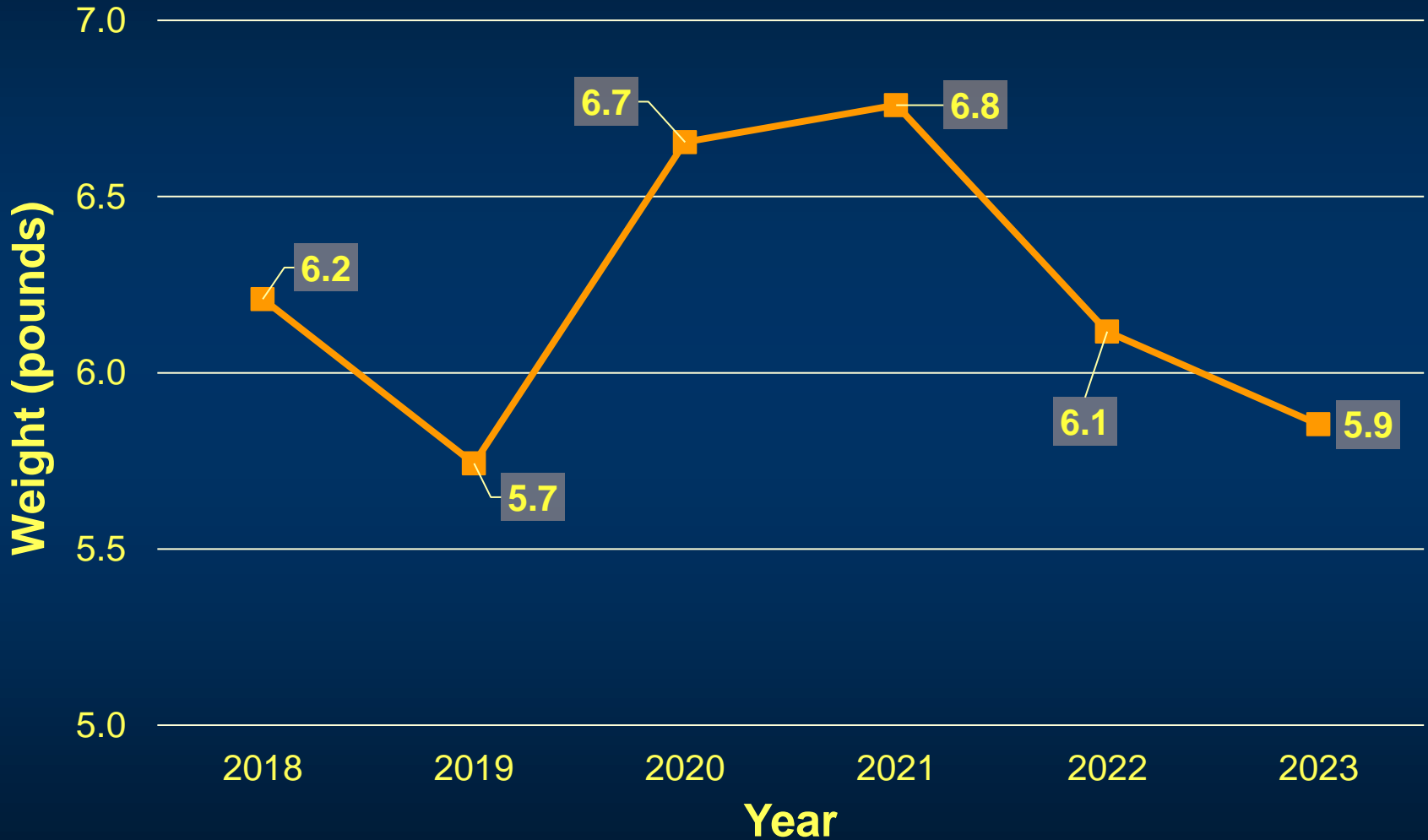
Bag Distribution per Angler Trip*



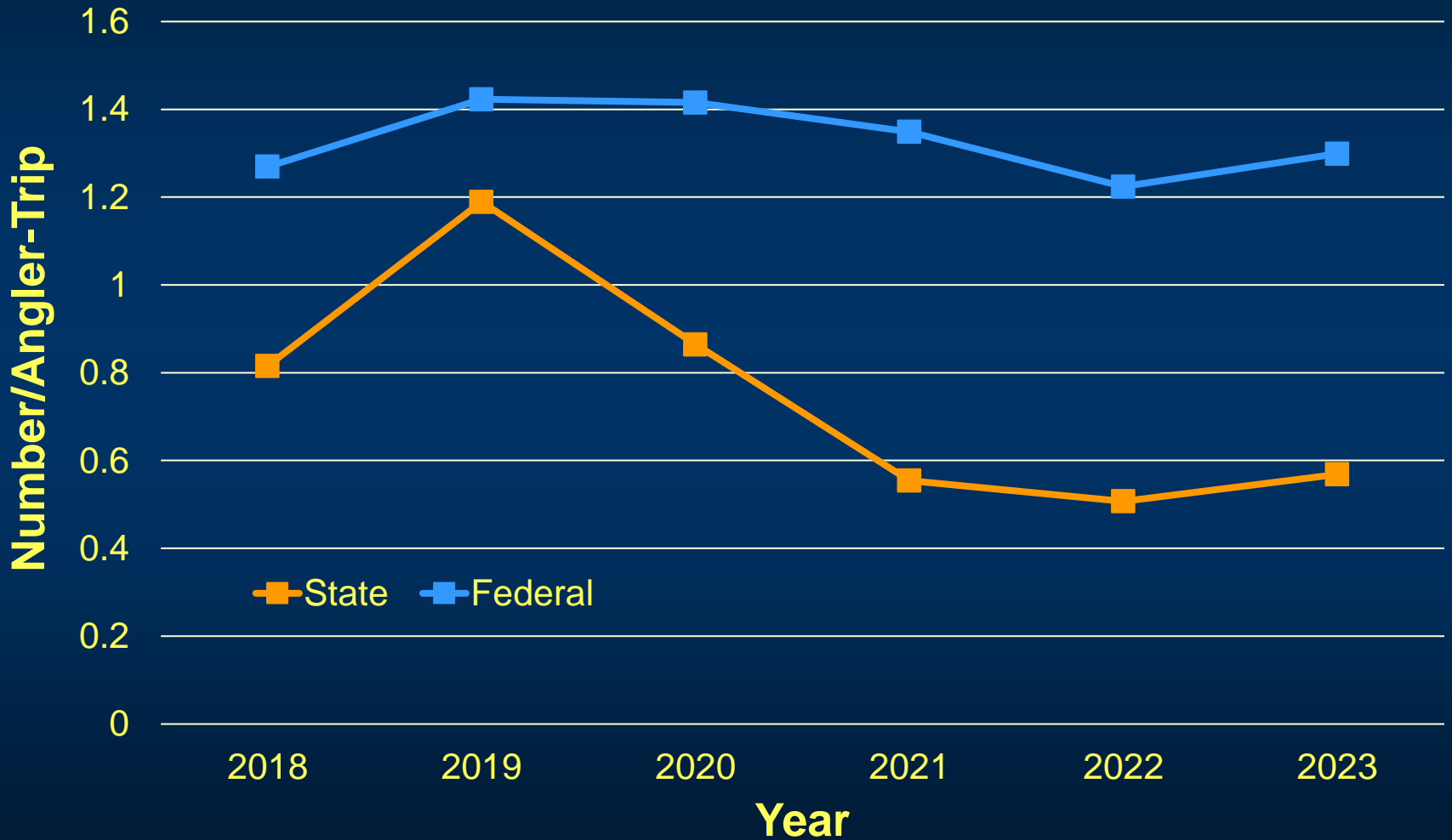
Area	Number of snapper per angler trip	Pounds of snapper per angler trip
Federal	1.30	8.45
State	0.57	2.86

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Red Snapper Mean Weight Private Anglers



Red Snapper CPUE Private Anglers



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2023 Red Snapper Sampling



- 1,121 creel survey days in 2023
 - 432 during federal season
- 457 angler-trips had red snapper
 - 371 during federal season
- 128 roving surveys annually
 - 32 during federal season

