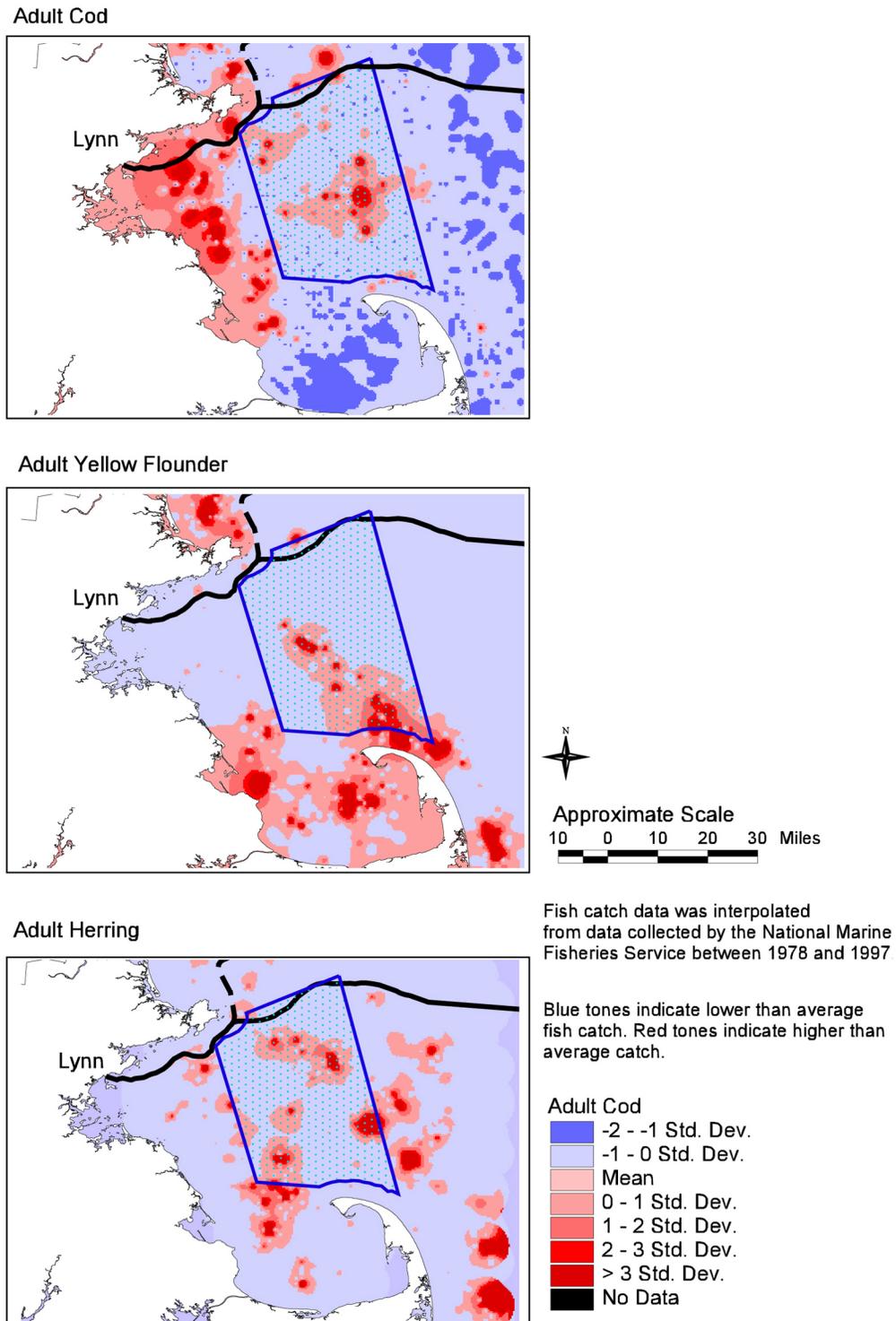


Figure 3-2: Massachusetts Bay Fish Species Habitat (USGS 2000)



The Atlantic cod is a demersal to midwater fish, ranging from surf to 366 m (Pett and McKay 1990, cited in Earth Tech 1999). Cod can grow to 90 kilograms (kg); however, in the area, they generally do not grow larger than 7 kg or 8 kg. Cod can reach an age of 22 years. They prefer rocky or pebbly bottoms. These