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# The Implicit Prices of Finfish and Shellfish Attributes and Retail Promotion Strategies: Hedonic Analysis of Weekly Scanner Data in the U.S. 

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#### Abstract

Using AC Neilson retail scanner data on U.S. frozen finfish and shellfish sales from 2007-2010, hedonic models of each market estimated price discounts following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and as a result of promotional activities, and premiums and discounts for select products labeled "wild" and "imported", respectively.


## Introduction

The US seafood industry is composed of a plethora of heterogeneous products. Much research and analysis has been performed to understand what drives sales and prices of various products within this industry. We know from past research that consumers place value on a variety of seafood attributes and qualities (Roheim, Gardiner, and Asche, 2007; McConnell and Strand, 2000). Attributes that have been shown to affect price include product quality (McConnell and Strand, 2000), form, brand, species, size and processing (Roheim, Gardiner, and Asche, 2007). Leek and Maddock (2000) study the "situational determinants" that may encourage consumers' choice to buy.

The objective of this paper is to expand on these commonly accepted factors by introducing promotional, labeling and situational variables to a hedonic model of seafood prices. This study hypothesizes that $P=f(X, Y)$, where $X$ is a vector of promotional, labeling and situational variables and $Y$ is a vector of product attributes.

At its simplest division, the seafood industry is composed of finfish and shellfish. This study will estimate pricing models for both markets which provide a base to make comparisons between the shellfish and finfish markets in the United States. The shellfish market (not including shrimp), with an average weekly revenue of $40 \%$ that of the finfish market, serves as
an appropriate comparison group providing both similarities and differences in product, promotional labeling and situational attributes (A.C. Neilson). Albeit less average weekly revenue than finfish, the shellfish market obtains $40 \%$ the revenue with approximately one third the average weekly volume sold (in packages) (A.C. Neilson).

Attributes of most interest in this study are the following: promotional effects on pricing, seasonality effects of Christmas and Lent holidays, impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill, and the effect of labeling products as "imported" or "wild".

The effect of labeling products as wild is of particular interest due to the recent push towards the development and implementation of eco-labeling programs within the seafood industry. With both governments and consumer groups pressuring the industry to act in a more sustainable way, an understanding of the price effects these popular labels have on seafood could be used to help justify industry standards and/or policy decisions. Research by Roheim, Asche and Santos (2011) recently calculated the marginal increase of a consumers' willingness to pay for MSC-certified frozen processed Alaska Pollock in the London metropolitan area in the UK market.

The most common method of learning consumers' preferences toward fish has been through conjoint analysis (Anderson and Brooks, 1986; Sylvia and Larkin, 1994). Using hedonic analysis, implicit prices of various product attributes can be calculated (McConnell and Strand, 2000). Due to the availability of retail scanner data, more recent studies have been able to use hedonic analysis to calculate the revealed preferences of consumers (Roheim, Gardiner, and Asche, 2007). This study of the US finfish and shellfish market will serve as a platform for which other more focused research studies may follow.

## The Hedonic Model

The basis of the hedonic model is the assumption that a product is composed of a variety of specific attributes or characteristics that the consumer values independently. Generally, first degree hedonic models ignore production and demand effects on a goods' price, however, changes in production and demand may be picked up through the use of seasonal attributes (such as increased sunscreen sales in hotter months) in a hedonic model.

The hedonic model estimates the shadow (or implicit) price of each individual attribute. The total price of a product is calculated as the sum of the shadow prices of each attribute. In this study, retail scanner data supplies the market prices of the various unbreaded frozen fish and shellfish goods examined in this study.

The model results are used to identify the statistically significant variables and the sign and magnitude of the associated parameter estimates. A negative parameter estimate indicates that the attribute lowered the overall price of the good in the market and time periods covered. Conversely, a positive parameter estimate for a specific attribute indicates that the attribute increased the overall price of a good. Ultimately, consumer preferences as observed in the retail market are extracted for various product characteristics.

## Data

Retail scanner data for all frozen unbreaded fish and shellfish ("unbreaded remaining") products were obtained from AC Neilson. The focus on unbreaded products was designed to capture those that the producer may have more control over. Unbreaded products, in general, have less processing performed than their breaded counterparts and perhaps fewer middlemen between the harvester and consumer.

To reduce the amount of noise in the data, products that did not sell for at least $1 / 3$ of the time frame are removed from the data set. This method was previously applied by Roheim, Gardiner, and Asche (2007). Some species not typically considered seafood were also removed, such as frogs

The data contains weekly sales of an individual products (as defined by UPC code) aggregated from grocery stores with at least 2 million dollars in annual sales, and that are located within metro areas of the United States. The data begins with the week ending June 17, 2007 and ends with the week ending June 12, 2010. Each observation contains qualitative variables on UPC, brand, product (i.e., species), form, size description and type; and quantitative variables on week, year, rank, size, dollars (i.e., sales), units (i.e., packages), promotional dollars, and promotional units. For a sale to qualify as promotional, it must either be made during a time of advertisement, with or without a price adjustment; or sold at an adjusted price without advertisement.

Total Dollars is the weekly revenue of each product. It is calculated by taking the sum of promotional dollars and non-promotional dollars. The average weekly revenue for shellfish is $\$ 4,074$ and $\$ 9,572$ for finfish. The maximum total weekly revenue for shellfish is $\$ 374,152$ and $\$ 991,375$ for finfish. The maximum non-promotional dollars is about half the maximum promotional dollars in both markets. Average weekly revenues are also examined by "proportion of promotional sales" groups. This will be expanded on later.

Total Package is a measurement of product volume. It is calculated by taking the sum of promotional packages and non-promotional packages sold during a given week. The average weekly packages sold are 638 for shellfish and 1,800 for finfish. The weekly maximum non-
promotional packages sold was about one fourth the weekly maximum promotional packages sold for both markets.

Through calculations made with dollars, units, promotional dollars, promotional units and size variables, the dependent variable "adjusted weighted price per pound" was calculated. Price was weighted by the proportion of sales made under promotion. The price per pound is adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index, base 2007. The dependent variable has a mean value of $\$ 9.09$ for shellfish and $\$ 5.17$ for finfish. The maximum adjusted weighted price per pound was $\$ 86$ for shellfish and $\$ 148$ for finfish. This relatively high values are associated with specialty products in small (i.e., <= 10 ounce packages).

The proportion of sales made under promotion variable, PROP , is a continuous number between 0 and 1. It is calculated using packages sold, to determine the proportion of sales made under promotion for each weekly observation. For example, this variable does not pick up proportions between products sold fully promotional one week of the month, and fully nonpromotional the remaining three weeks. The PROP variable can then be assigned to one of four PROP groups: $\mathrm{PROP}=0, \mathrm{PROP}<0.5, \mathrm{PROP} \geq 0.5$ and $\mathrm{PROP}=1$. Observations which fall into the middle groups are considered to be strategically promoted because the products are only promoted in certain cities or stores, and not promoted everywhere else, during that week. Observations which fall into the $\mathrm{PROP}=0$ or $\mathrm{PROP}=1$ group are either not promoted or fully promoted across the entire U.S. market during that week. Products that are strategically promoted with more promotional than non-promotional sales fall into the group PROP $\geq 0.5$. This group has the highest average total dollars for shellfish and finfish, $\$ 11,873$ and $\$ 24,817$, respectively. The mean of the PROP variable indicates that $17 \%$ of the shellfish and $22 \%$ of the finfish observation were sold under promotion.

Three time event variables were specified (OS, LENT, and CMAS) in order to capture sales made during the weeks following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, two weeks in February (capturing the onset of the Lent season and Valentines' Day sales collectively), and the two weeks prior to Christmas, respectively. Each of these variables in each model (finfish and shellfish) accounted for $3 \%$ to $5 \%$ of the observations.

The brand variable, NameBrand identifies products that were sold under a private label versus under the stores' label. Approximately $90 \%$ of shellfish and $81 \%$ of finish were sold under private labels.

The special attribute category, Labeling, reveals information pertaining to location of catch, whether the product was imported, and some product form information that was speciesspecific. The finfish market has a higher percentage of products that do not have any additional special attributes (50\%) than the shellfish market (25\%). In terms of special labels, $36 \%$ of the shellfish market was comprised of imported products. Unfortunately, this label is not included on any of the finfish products. However, over 7\% of the finfish market over the period covered was comprised of products that were labeled as "wild".

The size variable, Size, has a mean of 21 ounces for both shellfish and finfish. It is notable, given the previously mentioned finding that smaller packages occasionally were associated with relatively high prices on a per pound basis, that $16 \%$ of the shellfish market and $14 \%$ of the finfish market was composed of products with a package size less of than or equal to 10 oz . An examination of the outliers, from a statistical basis (i.e., products with an adjusted weighted price per pound outside two standard deviations from the mean), revealed that these products cost more than $\$ 19.47 / \mathrm{lb}$ and $\$ 26.39 / \mathrm{lb}$ for finfish and shellfish, respectively. In the
finfish and shellfish markets these outlier products comprise $92 \%$ and $85 \%$, respectively, of the products that are less than or equal to 10 ounces.

The species grouping variables are limited to the inclusion of groupings that account for at least $1 \%$ of the market. Many of the species with less than $1 \%$ market share are accounted for as a subgroup within a more dominant species group.

## Estimation and Model Specification

Hedonic regression analysis is used to calculate the implicit prices of several product, promotional and labeling attributes. Separate models were estimated for finfish and shellfish since the data sets contained different variables. For example, in the shellfish model, the "type" variable contains information that identifies a product as imported. This variable does not contain this information in the finfish model, so combining these data would make the assumption that all finfish were domestically produced. This would be an incorrect assumption.

Initially, regression analysis is performed in SAS using the PROC REG procedure. Both heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation are identified as issues with Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression. The HETERO statement is applied to correct for Heteroscedasticity by assuming it is related to the package size variable. According to Sayrs (1989), heteroscedasticity must be corrected for prior to the detection of autocorrelation. An assumption of the OLS regression is that the variances remain consistent across all values of a variable. This is not true along the values of the size variable due to inconsistencies in product (species) size offerings as well as increased variability in smaller package sizes. For example, the most common package size has high "adjusted weighted price per pound" variability because many different products are offered at that size package.

The time variables week and year are used to assign dummy variables to seasonal trends determined by calculating PROP means by week. In other words, an examination of the average PROP per week indicated seasonality related to major U.S. holidays when fish and shellfish products are more or less likely to be on promotion.

A comparative chart of the 3-year average PROP is particularly interesting (Figure 1). In the shellfish market, Christmas is the time of heaviest average proportion of promotional behavior. In the finfish market, Lent is the time of heaviest proportion of promotional behavior. Shellfish promotion in February peaks prior to finfish, which may be due to promotions encompassing Valentines' Day. These peaks are captured with dummy variables to understand how price is affected during these times of promotional behavior change.

The labeling variables differed between models. The finfish market includes labeling of "Wild" products as well as regions of harvest. Smoked fish is also a popular type of processing not present in the shellfish market. The shellfish market does include information pertaining to the import of particular products. In both models, species-specific product labeling is accounted for through the use of interaction terms. These interaction terms are necessary account for particular price differences associated with distinct product (e.g., lobster tails versus crawfish tails). Labeling variables may be applied to a large number of products (such as wild or regular) or product specific (such as bay versus sea scallops). Imported shellfish and wild finfish are most important to this study.

The base product in the finfish model is a whole, name brand Whitefish lacking any special attribute labeling and not sold under promotion or during any of the "situational influence" time-periods. The base is the mean package size as well as not sold in a small package size.

The base product in the shellfish model is a whole, name brand Scallop lacking any special attribute labeling and not sold under promotion or during and of the "situational influence" time-periods. The base product is the mean for package size as well as not sold in a small package size.

## Results

Tables 1 and 2 contain the regression results of the finfish and shellfish models, respectively, estimated in SAS and corrected for autocorrelation as described previously. The finfish model used 111,873 observations and had an underlying $R^{2}$ value of 0.33 , and 32 of the 33 variables were statistically significant at the $99 \%$ level. The shellfish model uses 44,272 observations and had an underlying R2 of 0.80 , and 19 of the 22 variables were statistically significant at the $99 \%$ level of confidence (not including the HET0 and HET1 variables, but note that the latter variable is statistically significant in both models indicating that heteroskedasticity was present).

The intercept value is larger in the shellfish model than the finfish model, $\$ 9.48$ and \$2.97, respectively, indicating that the average price of the base shellfish product was over three times that of finfish, which is to be expected (especially in an unbreaded frozen market). The magnitude of parameter estimates with respect to the intercept will be reported.

The proportion of promotional sales variable, PROP, has a negative influence in both models. The magnitude is larger in the shellfish model than the finfish model, $19.8 \%$ and $16.7 \%$ respectively.

The oil spill variable, OS, had a negative influence on price in both models. The finfish market shows an average price cut of $\$ 0.22$ per pound and the shellfish shows a price cut of
$\$ 0.33$. The magnitude is larger in the finfish model than in the shellfish model, $7.3 \%$ and $3.5 \%$ respectively.

LENT had a higher significant parameter estimate in the finfish model than in the shellfish model. Both estimates are negative. The parameter estimates for the finfish and shellfish model are -0.21 and -0.14 , respectively, and equates to a marginal change of $7 \%$ and $1.4 \%$ with respect to the intercept.

CMAS had a positive influence in both the finfish and shellfish models. The estimate is only significant at the $80 \%$ level in the shellfish model. The parameter estimates are 0.50 in the finfish and 0.05 in the shellfish. This equates to a $16.7 \%$ and $0.6 \%$ marginally higher price.

In the finfish market, labeling products as "wild" had a positive influence on price. The parameter estimates is 1.64 . The magnitude is $55 \%$. The interaction term between wild and piece is used to distinguish more highly prized pieces of a larger wild fish from less valued smaller pieces, such as nuggets. A product form of piece labeled as wild has a parameter estimate of $\$ 5.77$, which was a $195 \%$ increase over the base price.

In the shellfish market, products labeled as imported have a negative influence on price. The imported parameter estimate is -0.10 . This equates to a $1 \%$ discount on imported products.

The size variable has a negative influence in both models. The parameter estimates are 0.0083 and -0.0473 in the finfish and shellfish models, respectively. This equates to a $-0.3 \%$ change per ounce of package size in the finfish model and $0.5 \%$ change per ounce of package size in the shellfish model, with respect to the intercept.

The variable to capture products sold in a small package size of less than 10 ounces, SmallPack, has a positive influence on price in both models. The parameter estimates are 1.90 in
the finfish model and 4.26 in the shellfish model. This equates to a marginal change of $144 \%$ in the finfish model and $20 \%$ in the shellfish model, with respect to the intercept.

The product form variables are more extensive in the finfish model than the shellfish. As expected, consumers on average pay more for product forms which are more processed and contain less waste.

The species groups' variables are included in the models to correct for price influences due to the species of the product being sold. Removing the species groups has a dramatic negative effect on the explanatory power of the models. In the shellfish model, all of the species group parameter estimates are significant at a $99 \%$ level of confidence. With respect to the base product of Scallop (not labeled as Bay), Lobster is the only parameter estimate with a positive value. In the finfish model, Trout is the only group not significant at the $99 \%$ level ( $t$-value 2.51 ).

## Conclusions

By examining the average revenues by PROP group, it can be determined that promotional efforts by the finfish and shellfish retailers are successful in increasing the average revenues in both markets. Highly strategized promotional behavior has the highest weekly average revenue, with more than half of the products sold being promoted, but not encompassing a "blanket" promotional strategy for the week. The finfish market is more heavily involved in promotional behavior than the shellfish market, however, shellfish products sold under promotion are discounted by a higher margin than finfish, $20 \%$ and $17 \%$ respectively. Both shellfish and finfish adjusted weighted price per pound decreases as proportion of promotional sales increases. A higher percentage of finfish products are sold under promotion than shellfish products. A large number of products in both markets are "lightly" promoted; this is determined by a PROP mean
of 0.19 in the PROP < 0.5 group for both markets. This may be explained by companies testing specific regional markets in an attempt to identify those which more heavily promotion may be successful.

The $4 \%$ and $7 \%$ average decrease in price following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, may be explained by retailers and producers attempt to increase demand for seafood during a time in which its safety in question. Some may debate that the oil spill had just started during this time period, and all the products on the shelf had more than likely been harvested prior to this disaster. However, such an event acts as a reminder to consumers of past disasters, and revives past questioning of seafood's safety. For example, the Exxon Valdez disaster happened more than 20 years ago, but consumers may begin to question Alaskan seafood once again because they are reminded of safety concerns due to the new oil spill far from the Alaskan fisheries. According to a review in the Journal of Environmental Health Perspectives, NOAA initiates the first fisheries closures on May $2^{\text {nd }}$, and expands closures to nearly 84 thousand square miles by the beginning of July (Gohlke, 2011). This data ends prior to the reopening of closed areas, which begins on June $23^{\text {rd }}$.

The finfish market is more heavily involved in promotions during the Lent season. The pricing behavior is more clearly estimated in this market than the shellfish. The average marginal change is much larger, at $-7 \%$. This may be explained by the popularity of fish as a substitute for beef rather than shellfish. This could be further explained by the popularity of shellfish, lobster in particular, during Valentines' Day.

Christmas is also a more significant holiday for the finfish market than the shellfish market with regards to pricing. The finfish market exhibits an average price hike of $17 \%$. This could be explained by the higher level of promotional sales made during this time for shellfish,
and lower level of promotional sales for finfish. Fish is not a popular dinner item during the Christmas season. The high parameter estimate during Christmas could also be explained by an increase in the sale of specialty fish products, such as the smoked varieties.

Finfish products labeled as wild demand a price premium in comparison to products not exhibiting any special attribute information. This evidence could be used to support a movement by the industry to fully adopt an Eco-Labeling certification program such as the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). Although this variable encompasses products not certified, the results are in line with similar studies done on the value of Eco-Labeled products in the literature (Roheim, Asche and Santos 2011).

Imported products in the shellfish market are sold at a price discount. The magnitude of price change is relatively small.

## Discussion

These models serve as an overall representation of the United States market for shellfish and finfish. Specific regional, promotional, labeling and time event models are necessary to reveal intricacies unable to be detected by these general models. The Simpson Paradox is a phenomenon which "occurs when a relationship that exists for all subgroups of a population disappears when the data are aggregated for the whole population" (Klass, 2008). Breaking this data apart and analyzing specific subgroups of interest could yield more explanatory results. Recommendations for future studies include:

Improving the calculation of proportion of promotions (PROP) based on a monthly aggregate of promotional and non-promotional sales. This will allow for the capture of week to
week changes in "blanket" promotional and non-promotional strategies which this model does not capture.

The labeling variables wild and imported could be closer examined. By focusing in on specific species or regions the explanatory power of the models will be improved. To better estimate the consumers' willingness to pay for a wild caught labeling, models of individual species may be required, as done by Roheim, Asche and Santos (2011). This methodology could also be applied to estimate the average price discount on products labeled imported. Wild and imported labeling may also have a higher impact on price in specific regions.

Expand on the holiday variables to better capture or expand on the points of interest in time. Dummy variables could be assigned to the exact weeks Lent occurs over the three year period rather than just capturing the onset. Thanksgiving is another trough in the finfish promotions that could be estimated.

The Oil Spill coefficient can be expanded on and better understood through more current, encompassing data. This data runs through June 2010, at which point the oil spill was still flowing and the public concern was continuing to grow. The $3.5 \%$ and $7 \%$ price discount determined by this model may very well be a conservative estimate, and data running through the end of 2010 may reveal more drastic price cuts by retailers to increase demand for seafood products.

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Figure 1. Proportion of promotional sales for shellfish and finfish by week

Table 1. Total U.S. Finfish Model Variables, Means, and Results ( $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{2}}=\mathbf{0 . 3 4}$, $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 1 1 , 8 7 3}$ )

| Variable | Description | Mean | Model Results |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Parameter | Std. Err. | t-value |
| Dependent Variable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Price | Weighted price adjusted by CPI (Base 2007), \$/lb | 6.660 |  |  |  |
| Independent Variables |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercept |  |  | 2.966 | 0.052 | 57.58 |
| Promotional and Labeling |  |  |  |  |  |
| PROP | Share of sales under promotion (\%) | 0.224 | -0.495 | 0.002 | -284.02 |
| Time Events |  |  |  |  |  |
| OS | $=1$ after oil spill | 0.046 | -0.218 | 0.016 | -13.29 |
| LENT | $=1$ for 2 weeks in late-February | 0.040 | -0.207 | 0.020 | -10.55 |
| CMAS | $=1$ for 2 weeks before Christmas | 0.038 | 0.496 | 0.003 | 151.98 |
| Branding |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name | $=1$ if national retail brands | 0.802 | BASE |  |  |
| Store | $=1$ if private label brand | 0.198 | 0.602 | 0.041 | 14.84 |
| Labeling |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular | Lacking special attribute info. | 0.511 | BASE |  |  |
| Wild | $=1$ if wild in description | 0.074 | 1.639 | 0.070 | 23.45 |
| WildPiece | Interaction Term = Wild*Piece | 0.007 | 5.773 | 0.136 | 42.49 |
| Alaskan | $=1$ if Alaska in description | 0.062 | 0.611 | 0.087 | 7.03 |
| Pacific | $=1$ if Pacific in description | 0.045 | -1.233 | 0.062 | -19.87 |
| Atlantic | $=1$ if Atlantic in description | 0.028 | 0.328 | 0.053 | 6.22 |

## Product Specific

| Size | Size of package, ounces | 21.047 | -0.008 | $6.4 \mathrm{E}-05$ | -128.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SmallPack | Size $\leq 10$ oz. | 0.142 | 4.262 | 0.054 | 78.3 |
| Form |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whole | $=1$ if whole or headless | 0.042 | BASE |  |  |
| Fillet | $=1$ if fillet, loin or portion | 0.764 | 0.947 | 0.052 | 18.25 |
| Piece | $=1$ if piece, chunk, nugget, cube | 0.095 | -0.243 | 0.062 | -3.96 |
| Steak | $=1$ if steak, cut, medallion | 0.071 | 2.094 | 0.126 | 16.68 |


| Sliced | $=1$ if sliced or strip | 0.039 | 1.278 | 0.083 | 15.39 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Boneless | $=1$ if boneless | 0.241 | 0.419 | 0.023 | 18.33 |
| Smoked | $=1$ if smoked | 0.036 | 9.519 | 0.087 | 109.62 |

## Fish Groups

| Whitefish | =1 if cod, whiting, pollock, hake, or <br> haddock <br>  <br> Salmon | 0.24 if nova, king, lox, or salmon |  | BASE |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| gefilte |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tilapia | $=1$ if tilapia | 0.200 | 2.385 | 0.037 | 63.75 |
|  | $=1$ if catfish, channel catfish, swai, | 0.123 | -0.317 | 0.0240 | -13.26 |
| Catfish | or basa | 0.091 | 0.349 | 0.038 | 9.16 |
| Flounder | $=1$ if flounder or sole | 0.079 | 0.387 | 0.076 | 5.09 |
| Perch | $=1$ if perch, ocean perch, walleye | 0.050 | 0.898 | 0.088 | 10.16 |
| Tuna | $=1$ if tuna | 0.035 | 2.085 | 0.166 | 12.55 |
| MahiMahi | $=1$ if mahi-mahi | 0.031 | 2.333 | 0.133 | 17.57 |
| Swordfish | $=1$ if swordfish | 0.030 | 3.245 | 0.153 | 21.17 |
| Halibut | $=1$ if halibut | 0.025 | 7.708 | 0.090 | 85.99 |
| ORoughy | $=1$ if orange roughy | 0.024 | 5.260 | 0.217 | 24.21 |
| Smelt | $=1$ if smelt, herring, sardine, or | 0.017 | 1.031 | 0.291 | 3.54 |
| Grouper | $=1$ anchovy |  | 0.015 | 5.573 | 0.087 |
| Trout | $=1$ if trout, sea trout, rainbow trout | 0.014 | 0.446 | 0.178 | 2.51 |
| Snapper | $=1$ if snapper or red snapper | 0.013 | 3.258 | 0.196 | 16.61 |

## Heteroskedasticity Parameters

| HET0 | Sigma | 6.446 | 0.005 | 1298.64 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HET1 | Parameter on size | -0.046 | $1.6 \mathrm{E}-05$ | -2858.7 |

Note: Remaining products (in order of declining frequency): Croaker, Fish, Sea Trout, Mackerel, Rockfish, Hoki, Shark, Barramundi, Porgy, Redfish, Kingfish, Yellowtail, Pike, Walleye Pike, Carapau, Blue Stickleback, Scrod, Dory, Milkfish, Cusk, Bocourti, Sillago.

Table 2. Total U.S. Shellfish Model Variables, Means, and Results ( $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{2}}=\mathbf{0 . 8 0}, \mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 4 , 2 7 2}$ )

| Variable | Description | Mean | Model Results |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Parameter | Std. Err. | t-value |
| Dependent Variable |  |  |  |  |  |
| Price | Weighted price adjusted by CPI (Base 2007), \$/lb | 8.863 |  |  |  |
| Independent Variables |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercept |  |  | 9.483 | 0.043 | 221.3 |
| Promotional and Labeling |  |  |  |  |  |
| PROP | Share of sales under promotion (\%) | 0.169 | -1.873 | 0.034 | $-55.23$ |
| Time Events |  |  |  |  |  |
| OS | $=1$ after oil spill | 0.042 | -0.334 | 0.066 | -5.05 |
| LENT | $=1$ for 2 weeks mid-February | 0.040 | -0.138 | 0.052 | -2.65 |
| CMAS | $=1$ for 2 weeks before Christmas | 0.041 | 0.053 | 0.037 | 1.41 |
| Branding |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name | $=1$ if national retail brands | 0.905 | BASE |  |  |
| Store | $=1$ if private label brand | 0.095 | 0.398 | 0.038 | 10.53 |
| Labeling |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regular | Lacking special attribute info. | 0.259 | BASE |  |  |
| Imported | $=1$ if imported | 0.356 | -0.102 | 0.028 | -3.71 |
| Atlantic | $=1$ if Atlantic | 0.010 | 3.621 | 0.029 | 124.52 |
| Dressed | $=1$ if dressed | 0.099 | 0.596 | 0.095 | 6.30 |
| BScallop | Interaction term = bay*scallop | 0.087 | -1.729 | 0.055 | -31.44 |
| CTail | Interaction term $=$ crawfish*tail | 0.075 | -7.294 | 0.158 | -46.31 |
| Product Specific |  |  |  |  |  |
| Size | Size of package, ounces | 21.019 | -0.047 | 0.0006 | -80.51 |
| SmallPack | Size $\leq 10$ oz. | 0.158 | 1.903 | 0.051 | 37.37 |
| Form |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whole | $=1$ if whole or tube | 0.573 | BASE |  |  |
| Piece | $=1$ if piece, ring, claw, chunk, or cut | 0.265 | 0.123 | 0.044 | 2.78 |
| Tail | $=1$ if tail | 0.163 | 11.355 | 0.063 | 180.39 |
| Fish Groups |  |  |  |  |  |


| Scallop | $=1$ if scallop | 0.292 | BASE |  |  |
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| SOC | $=1$ if squid, octopus, calamari | 0.263 | -4.444 | 0.052 | -85.85 |
| Lob | $=1$ if lobster, lobster meat | 0.156 | 8.744 | 0.052 | 169.7 |
| Mussel | $=1$ if mussel | 0.115 | -4.538 | 0.127 | -35.71 |
| Craw | $=1$ if crawfish | 0.086 | -3.397 | 0.070 | -48.53 |
| Clam | $=1$ if clam, little neck | 0.072 | -3.933 | 0.120 | -32.75 |
| Heteroskedasticity Parameters |  |  |  |  |  |
| HET0 | Sigma |  | 5.878 | 0.015 | 393.06 |
| HET1 | Parameter on size |  | -0.055 | 0.0001 | -529.84 |

