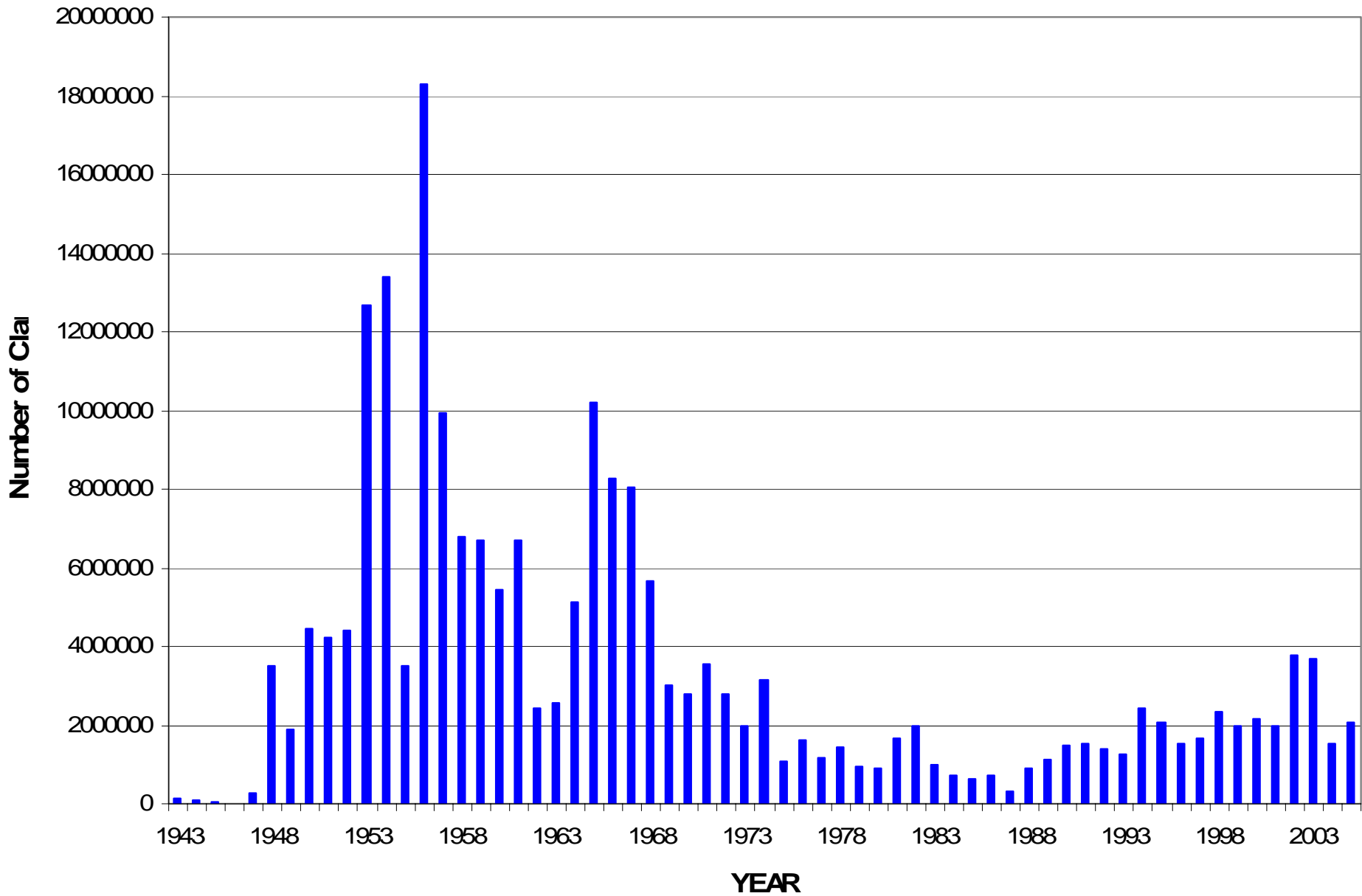


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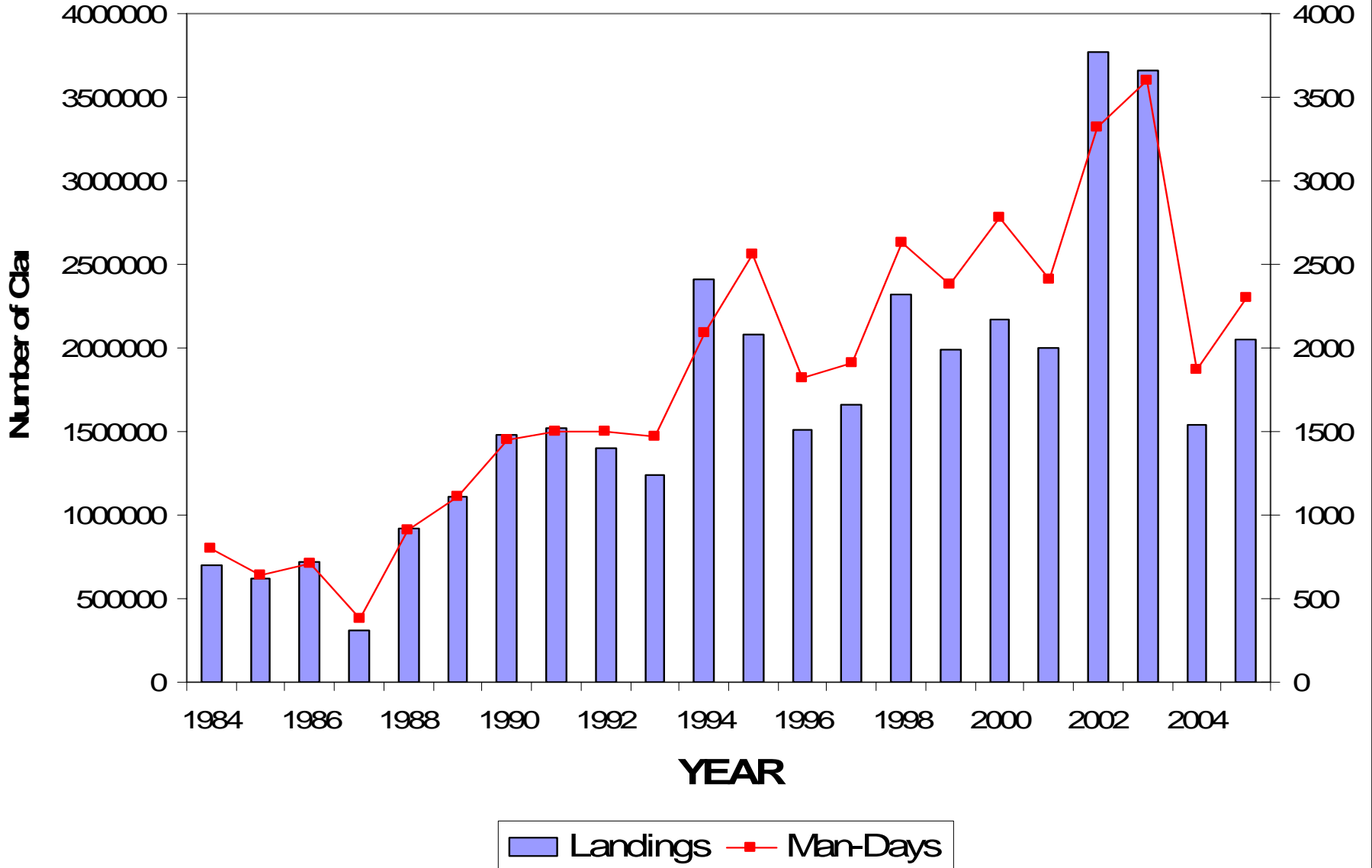


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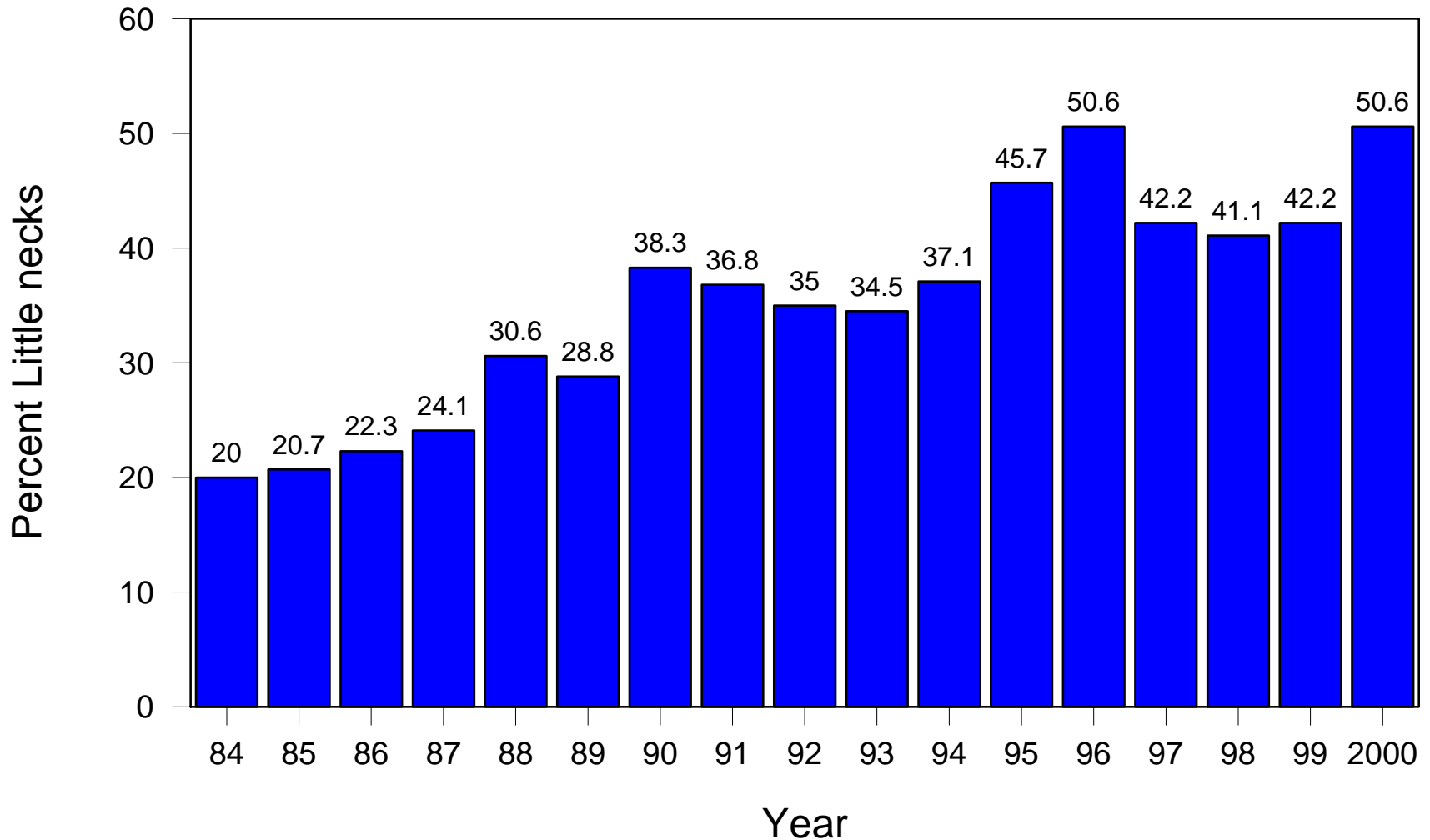
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Annual hard clam landings and directed effort in the commercial clam tong and rake fishery in Delaware, 1984-2005



Annual percentage of little necks harvested in the commercial clam tong and rake fishery in Delaware, 1984-2000.



Baywide Oyster Surveys

- 1.) Humphries & Daiber (UofD) 1968 – oyster tongs – 5 square ft. – 393 stations
- 2.) Cole & Spence (DFW) – 1977 – venturi sampler – 1 square meter
- 3.) O'Malley (EPA) – 1986 – venturi sampler – 1 square meter

RECREATIONAL CLAMMER DATA

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Catch / hour</u>	<u>Total Effort</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>IRB:RB</u>
1979	25.1	16,555 Clammer-days	978,292	71 – 29
1985	29.1	5,988 Clammer-days	185,711	41 – 59

