



Figure 1a. Comparison of nominal scale (top) and fourth root transformation (bottom) of **NE multispecies (large-mesh) discards** (pounds) and **kept weight** of all species (pounds) from 2004 observed large mesh ( $\geq 5.5$  in) otter trawl trips in New England; each dot represents a trip.

Figure 1b. Comparison of nominal scale (top) and fourth root transformation (bottom) of **squid-butterfish-mackerel discards** (pounds) and **kept weight** of all species (pounds) from 2004 observed small mesh ( $< 5.5$  in) otter trawl trips in New England; each dot represents a trip.