

Herring Advisory Panel (AP) Meeting

April 2, 2014

April 2-3, 2014 Herring AP/OS Meeting

Dealer Weighing Provisions

MOTION: SPENCER FULLER/PETER BAKER

To support Dealer Alternative 3 with consideration of additional entities to perform measurements

Carried Unanimously 9-0-0

DEALER ALTERNATIVE 3

- Some AP members expressed support for this alternative because it would provide a system for cross-checking and verifying estimates of total catch. Some expressed support to address perceptions that the industry is mis-reporting.
- Lengthy discussion about adding sampling/measuring responsibilities to the observer once the vessel lands
- Concern expressed about performing measurements (sticking the tanks) while the vessel is steaming; should be dockside to allow fish/water in tanks to settle
- AP support for flexibility to allow other entities to measure the tanks when the vessel lands (portside samplers, port agents, state agents), provided it does not disrupt/delay offloading

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

DEALER ALTERNATIVES

- Motion was also made to support Alternative 4 but was withdrawn after some further discussion; many AP members felt that it would be redundant after supporting Alternative 3
- The AP discussed the option in Alternative 2 to require vessel fish holds to be empty before leaving the dock. No motion was made, no consensus was reached.

Measures to Address Slippage

MOTION: PETER BAKER/DON SWANSON

To support Gear Damage Option A in the clarifications to current management measures (gear damage would fall under mechanical failure)

Carried Unanimously 9-0-0

Measures to Address Net Slippage

- Motion (Peter Baker/Don Swanson) to support Operational Discard Option B (prohibit operational discards in all areas) failed 2-7-0.
- AP Consensus to support staff recommendation that fish that fall out of gear would not be subject to slippage measures.
- AP Consensus to support requirement for VMS notification of slippage events

Measures to Address Slippage

MOTION: SPENCER FULLER/GERRY O'NEILL

To support Slippage Alternative 5, Section 2.2.2.5, p. 23

(no move-along; trip termination for non-allowable slippage events)

Carried 7-2-0.

SLIPPAGE ALTERNATIVE 5

- Some AP members expressed support for this alternative because it is consistent with the MA Council's recommendations for additional slippage measures in the mackerel fishery.
- The AP support for the trip termination option was mixed. However, most of the AP members support this option for cases when the vessel operator refuses to let the observer see the catch.

Measures to Address Slippage

MOTION: PETER BAKER/DON SWANSON

That the measures to address net slippage should apply to Category A and B vessels only

FAILED 2-7-0

MOTION: SPENCER FULLER/JENNIE BICHREST

That the measures to address net slippage should apply to all limited access vessels (A/B/C)

CARRIED 7-2-0