

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FW8 MEASURES, POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND INPUT FROM COMMITTEE AND AP

Decision (FW8 page #)	Description	Summary of Impacts and Analyses	AP and Committee Input
DAS ALLOCATIONS AND TRIP LIMITS			
NMA DAS and Trip Limit Specifications (Alternatives 1-3; p. 24-25)	FW8 considers 3 alternatives for DAS and trip limit specifications for the NMA for FY 2014-2016; all alternatives have the same directed fishery trip limits, but DAS and incidental landings limit vary	All alts. maintain catch at a level not to exceed status quo ACT, biological impacts similar to current specifications; increasing landings may impact prices, any modification to NMA landings will impact SMA revenues; increasing DAS or possession limits will allow fishery to come closer to achieving OY and increased landings will increase overall revenues	Both AP and Committee support Alt 3 (increased incidental trip limits with status quo DAS allocations) as preferred – Alternative 2.2.3
SMA DAS and Trip Limit Specifications (Alternatives 1-4; p. 26-27)	FW 8 considers 4 alternatives for DAS and trip limits for the SMA for FY 2014-2016; all alternatives maintain status quo incidental trip limits, but DAS and directed fishery trip limits vary	All alts. maintain catch at a level not to exceed status quo ACT, biological impacts similar to current specifications; increasing landings may impact prices, any modification to SMA landings will impact NMA revenues; increasing DAS or possession limits will allow fishery to come closer to achieving OY and increased landings will increase overall revenues	Both AP and Committee support Alt 2 (increased directed fishery trip limits and increased DAS allocations to 32) as preferred – Alternative 2.3.2
MONKFISH DAS USAGE REQUIREMENTS			
Modification of monkfish DAS usage requirements (Alternatives 1-2; p. 27-28)	FW 8 considers changing the current monkfish-only DAS usage for the SMA	Potential increased flexibility for SMA vessels to target monkfish and groundfish seasonally; minimal biological impacts; potentially increased monkfish landings due to accessibility earlier in fishing year could lead to increased revenues	Both AP and Committee support Alt 2 (modified monkfish DAS usage) as preferred – Alternative 2.4.2
PERMIT CATEGORY H FISHING BOUNDARY			
Modification of boundary for permit Category H vessels (Alternatives 1-2; p. 28-29)	FW 8 considers moving the fishing boundary for permit Category H vessels to allow fishing throughout the entire SMA	Potential increased harvest opportunities for Category H vessels in the SMA; minimal biological impacts due to low number of permits and active vessels; potentially increased revenues from increased harvest opportunities	Both AP and Committee support Alt 2 (modified Category H fishing boundary) as preferred – Alternative 2.5.2

Trip Limits/DAS Allocations

Management Area	Alternative	Incidental Landing Limit (lb/DAS)	A,C daily landing limit (lb/DAS)	B,D (H – SFMA only) daily landing limit (lb/DAS)	DAS
NFMA	1 - No Action	25% of landings onboard, not to exceed 300	1250	600	40
	2	25% of landings onboard, not to exceed 300	1250	600	64
	3 (preferred)	600 for A,C permit and 500 for B,D permit when fishing under a groundfish DAS (implied elimination of 25% landings threshold)	1250	600	40
SFMA	1 - No Action	Status quo	550	450	28
	2 (preferred)	Status quo	610	500	32
	3	Status quo	550	450	51
	4	Status quo	610	500	28

Monkfish DAS Usage Requirements

Alternative	Monkfish DAS Usage Requirements	
1 - No Action	Vessels allocated both monkfish and groundfish DAS must use groundfish DAS in combination with monkfish DAS	Once a vessel’s allocation of groundfish DAS is used up, a vessel may then use monkfish-only DAS
2 (preferred)	Vessels allocated both monkfish and groundfish DAS can use monkfish-only DAS at any time in the SMA	Once a vessel’s allocation of groundfish DAS equals the remaining monkfish DAS, the vessel must use both monkfish and groundfish DAS in combination

Permit Category H Fishery Boundary

Alternative	Permit Category H Fishery Boundary
1 - No Action	Vessels issued a monkfish Category H permit may only fish on a monkfish DAS south of 38°40’ N Lat.
2 (preferred)	Vessels issued a monkfish Category H permit may fish on a monkfish DAS throughout the SFMA