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Monkfish Amendment 5 Decision Table – 6/7/09

Measure	Description/Alts.	Comment	No Action	Decision Status
MSY	MSY = $F_{\text{threshold}} \times B_{\text{target}}$	Nominal estimates of MSY (derived from F_{max} and estimates of B_{target} calculated as average of exploitable biomass (1980-2006) from the SCALE model) N: 17,053 mt S: 25,487 mt PDT report item 1	Not Defined	OS recommended PDT recommended, SSC approved AP concurs
OFL	OFL = $F_{\text{threshold}} \times B_{\text{current}}$	derived from F_{max} and estimates of exploitable biomass $B_{\text{current}}(2006)$ from the SCALE model. N: 22,729 mt S: 28,263 mt, PDT Report item 1	Not Defined – based on $F_{\text{threshold}}$ only	OS recommended PDT recommended SSC approved AP concurs
ABC	ABC (interim) = product of ave. expl. rate 1999-2006 (N) and 2000 – 2006 (S) and current (2006) exploitable biomass	Period during stable or rising biomass. Interim because not based on estimates of uncertainty in calculation of OFL N: 17,485 mt S: 13,326 mt. PDT Report item 2	Not Defined	SSC recommendation OS recommended AP concurs
ACL	ACL = ABC	No technical basis for setting ACL < ABC		OS recommended PDT recommended SSC approved AP concurs
OY	“MSY reduced by relevant economic, social and ecological factors” OY < MSY	Specification of OY has not been discussed by the Council Committee, or PDT.		OS consensu s to develop over the summer AP concurs

Reactive AMs	Deduct ACL overage weight from ACT; adjust mgmt. measures in 2 nd year after overage year; if Councils do not take appropriate action, RA will use formulaic approach to adjust DAS and trip limits and implement by notice action.	PDT Report item 7. Complete description of proposal in 5/27/09 OS meeting summary.	Not Defined	OS recommended AP concurs
Proactive AM (ACT) North	1) 5,375 mt (current TAC plus discards) 2) 8,063 mt (50% increase in TAC plus discards) 3) 10,750 mt (100% increase in TAC plus discards)	Buffer of ABC = 70% (1), 54% (2), and 39% (3). PDT Report item 3 & 4	Not Defined, current TAC based on Landings	OS recommended PDT provided options 1 & 2, OS added 3 AP supports options 2 and 3
Proactive AM (ACT) South	1) 6,579 mt (current TAC plus discards) 2) 9,211 mt (40% increase in TAC plus discards) 3) 11,469 mt (75% increase in TAC plus discards)	Buffer of ABC = 50% (1), 30% (2), and 13% (3) Under option 1, DAS and trip limits would need to be recalculated due to overage in 2007 and probably 2008; under option 2, DAS and trip limits would remain at current levels despite increase in TAC PDT Report item 3 & 4	Not Defined, current TAC based on Landings	OS recommended PDT provided options 1 & 2, OS added 3 AP supports options 2 and 3
Specifications Period	No change proposed	Status quo. Should be integrated with assessment schedule so specs. are based on newest information.	3-yrs. With auto extension	OS recommended AP concurs

Specifications of DAS/trip limits	DEIS to provide range of DAS, trip limit combinations to achieve ACT alts.	Specification requires setting ACT. Method for analysis will be same as no action. Using updated catch landings and effort data	Current method of setting DAS, trip limits options.	Need OS – To be discussed over the summer. AP concurs
Prior Notice Landing>trip limit	Allow vessels to exceed trip limit for one day, or two, provided vessel reports via VMS or cell; vessel's DAS account would be charged.	PDT Report item 10. PDT recommends only 1-day overage. 3 accounting options: 2x15 hrs.; 2x24 hrs.; 24 hrs. + 1 min..	Vessel must not return to port until sufficient time has elapsed, discard overage, or leave fish in nets	OS recommended PDT options AP supports allowing excess of 1 day only; concurs with 3 counting options
Allow C & D vessels to choose when to use GF DAS in conjunction with MF DAS.	If vessel's MF DAS allocation > GF DAS, it can decide when to use MF only, or combination MF/GF DAS		When vessel calls in MF DAS, GF DAS are charged until used up, then MF only DAS used.	OS recommended AP concurs
RSA DAS carryover	Allow vessels to carryover RSA compensation DAS	PDT recommends two options: allow carryover for one year, allow carryover for three months. PDT Report item 14	RSA DAS not used in current year are lost	OS recommended PDT options AP concurs
Framework RSA adjustments	Include adjustments to RSA program in list of frameworkable actions		Adjustments to RSA must be done through amendment	OS recommended AP concurs
SMA trip gillnet incidental limit when on a GF but not a MF DAS	Set trip gillnet incidental limit when on a GF but not a MF DAS in the SMA the same as trawl vessels, 300 lbs. tail wt. per DAS		50 lb. tail wt. per DAS	OS recommended AP requested consideration

NMA Incidental limit write on a GF, but not MF DAS	500 lbs. per day (tail wt.)		Up to 25% (tail wt.) of total weight of fish on board, not to exceed 300 lbs., when on a GF but not a MF DAS; up to 5% (tail wt.) of total weight of fish on board when not on any DAS.	OS consensus (3/31) that PDT analyze range of trip limit and DAS options that considers the increased incidental catch limit. AP concurs
Scallop dredge incidental limit when on a scallop, but not a MF DAS	Option 1: 400 lbs. (tail wt.) per DAS Option 2: 500 lbs.	No PDT recommendation. Intent is to reduce discards.	300 lbs. (tail wt.) per DAS, or per day in Access Areas	OS recommended
DAS usage in GF sectors	GF vessels in GF sector do not have to use a GF DAS when on a MF DAS in NMA (Option 1), or in either area (Option 2)		Vessels must use a GF DAS when on a MF DAS. If vessel has more MF DAS than GF allocation, balance can be used as MF only, but must be in exempted fishery	OS recommended AP recommends consideration for both mgmt areas OS agreed with AP
Monkish catch in GF Sectors (not on a GF or MF DAS)	Option 1: Remove 5% limit, replace with 500 lb. (tail wt.) per day Option 2: Vessels would fish under monkfish ACE in lieu of DAS, trip or incidental catch limits	No PDT recommendation. Option 1 would apply if Option 2 not adopted. Option 2 ACE based on landings 1999-2008, or, for SMA only, 2003-2008 or 2005-2008.	5% (tail wt.) of total catch of fish on board	OS recommended AP recommends catch share allocation

MF vessels with GF permits joining GF Sectors	Cat. C&D vessels with GF permit may join GF Sectors for the purpose of using MF ACE in 2011 and beyond	No PDT recommendation	No MF ACE would be allocated. Vessels would use MF DAS or fish under applicable incidental limit	OS recommended
All MF vessels joining GF sectors – Joint Amendment with NEMS	Designate Am. 5 as a joint amendment with NE Multispecies and allow LA MF vessels to join GF Sectors for the purpose of using MF ACE in 2011 and beyond		Vessels must hold a LA permit in the fishery to be able to join a sector	OS recommended
Mandatory VMS	All monkfish LA permitted vessels must have VMS. Could apply in one or both areas		VMS not required, except on vessels holding scallop or GF permits	OS recommended AP seeks rationale; supports power down option
Monkish heads	Allow vessels to land monkfish heads, provided there is an appropriate head-to-tail ratio		Landing of monkfish heads, unattached, is prohibited per NMFS Enforcement	OS recommended AP requested consideration
Different Mgmt. Strategy NIMA/SMA	Council may adopt different mgmt. strategies in the two areas.	Would allow for sectors and/or ITQs in one, but not the other area. PDT Report items 6, 8 & 16.	DAS and trip limits apply in both areas	OS consensus (3/31) to advise Council that it is considering this. AP concurs
Monkish Sectors		PDT Report item 6 & 16 See strawman for details and options		OS Approved 3/31 AP supports OS refined 6/3
Monkish ITQs		PDT Report item 6 & 16 See strawman for details and options		OS Approved 3/31 AP supports OS refined 6/3