

Framework Adjustment 52

Windowpane Flounder Accountability Measures

Groundfish Fishery Management Plan

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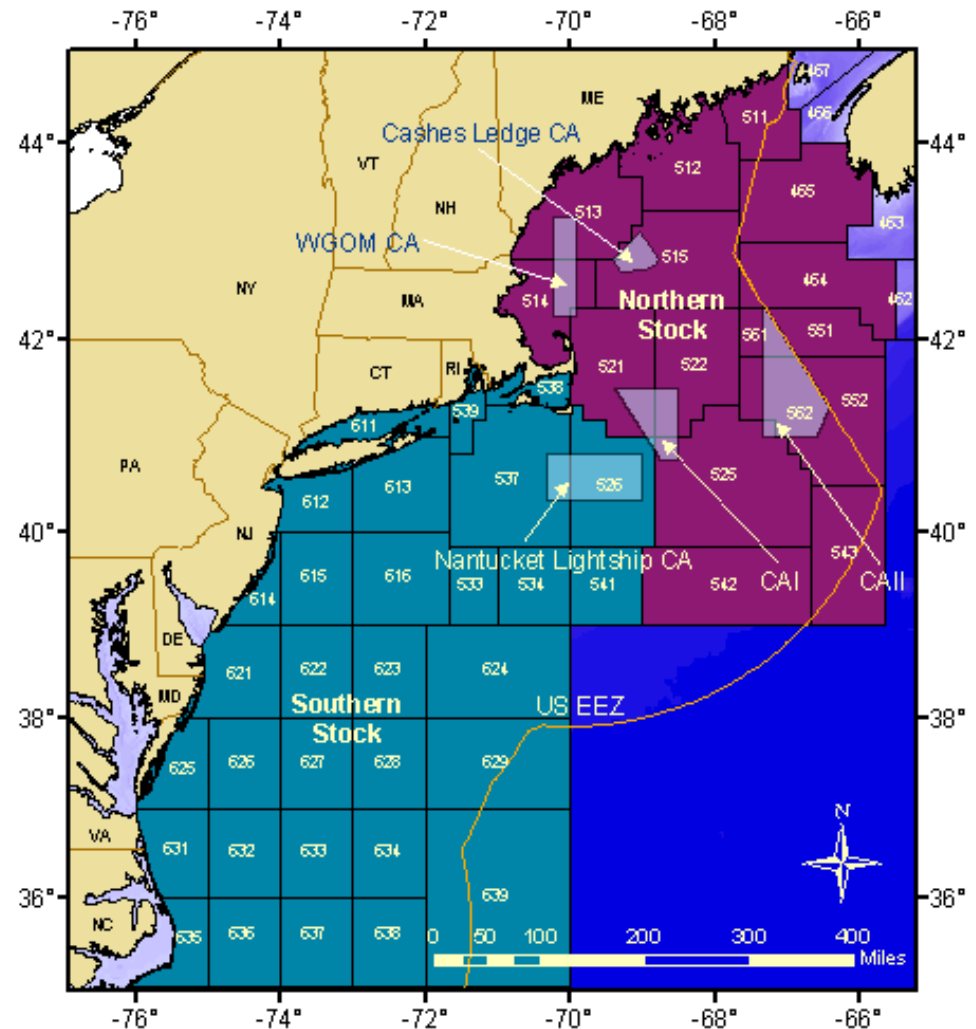
Timeline

2014	Feb	Council initiates FW52
	Mar-Apr	Develop measures
	Apr	Council selects measures to include in FW52
	Apr-Jun	Develop NEPA analysis
	Jun	Council takes final action on FW52



Purpose

To revise AMs for the commercial groundfish fishery for southern and northern windowpane flounder stocks.



Overages in FY 2012

The current AMs were triggered for FY 2014 due to overages of the overall annual catch limits (ACLs) in FY 2012 for both windowpane stocks.

Stock	OFL (mt)	ABC (mt)	Total ACL (mt)	Catch (mt)				% of Catch Limit Caught
				Total	Groundfish Fishery	State Waters	Non-Groundfish Fisheries	
Northern windowpane flounder	230	173	163	209	130	2	77	128%
Southern windowpane flounder	515	386	381	521	107	34	380	136%

The Council requested that any revision to the current AMs be applied retroactive to FY 2014, or any overages that occurred prior to FY 2014.



Preliminary FY 2013 Catches

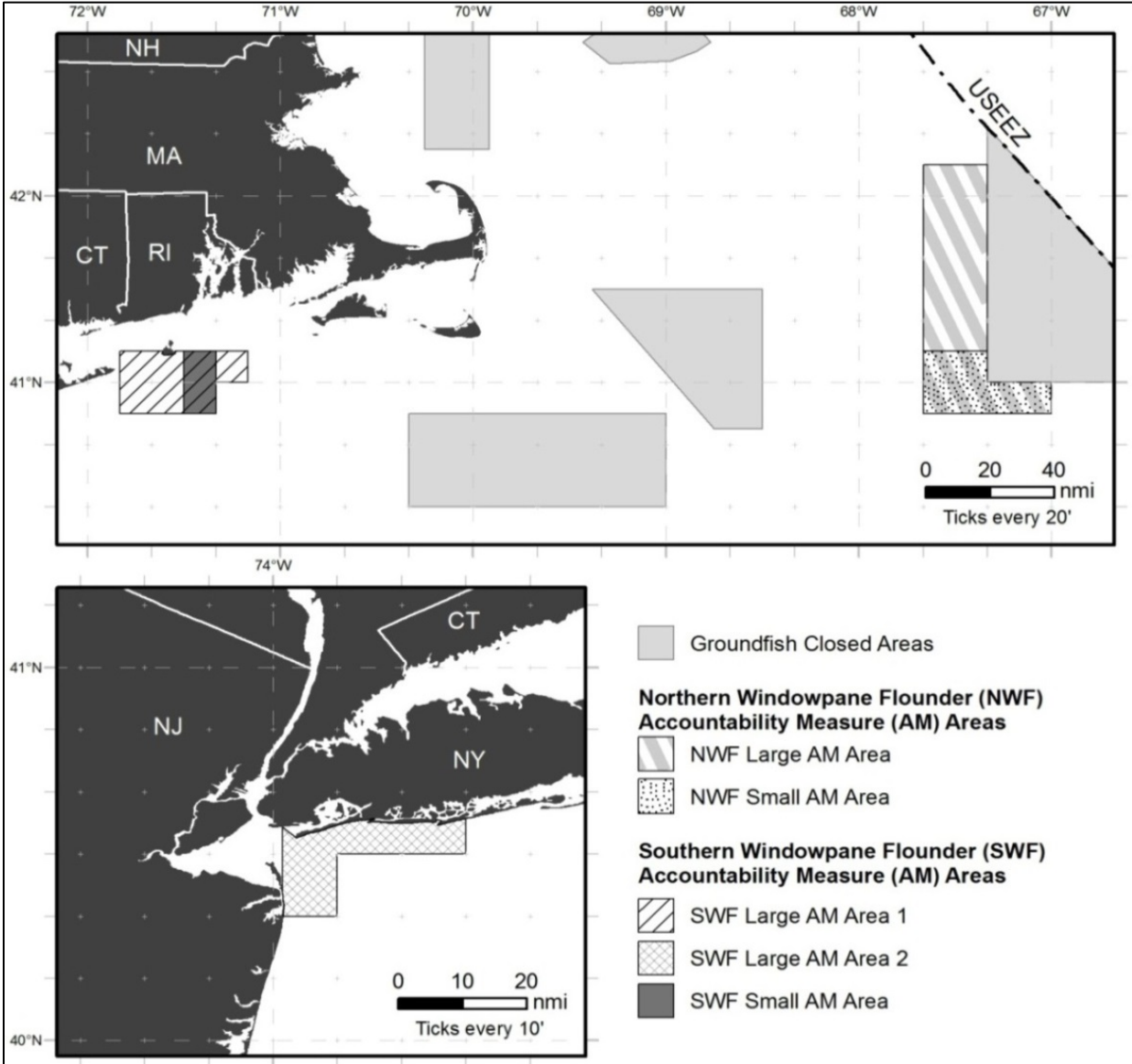
Preliminary FY 2013 windowpane flounder catches, data as reported 3/19/2014

Stock		Total	Groundfish	Scallop	State Waters	Other sub-component
Northern windowpane	Catch Limit	144	98	NA	2	44
	Preliminary FY 2013 Catch	227	227	NA	NA	NA
Southern windowpane	Catch Limit	527	102	183	55	186
	Preliminary FY 2013 Catch	215	106	104	NA	NA

Stock	Year	OFL	ABC	Total ACL	Groundfish	Scallop	State Waters	Other sub-component
Northern windowpane	2013	202	151	144	98	NA	2	44
	2014							
	2015							
Southern windowpane	2013	730	548	527	102	183	55	186
	2014							
	2015							



AM Areas



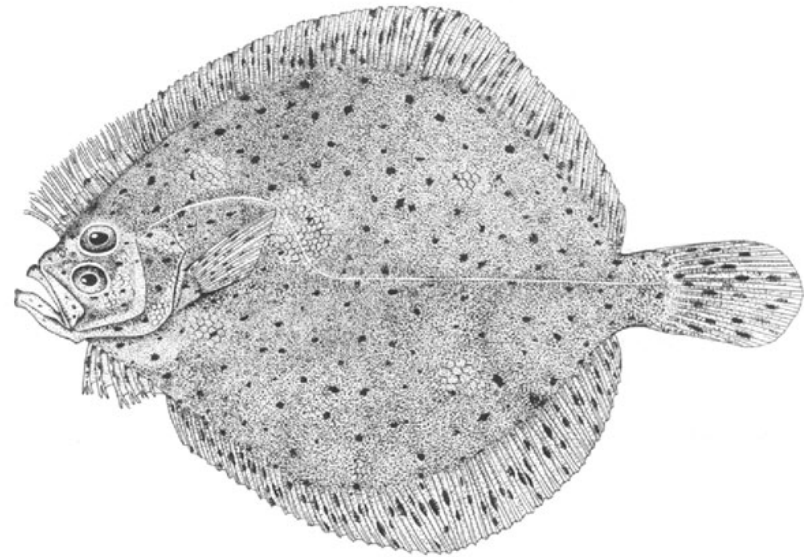
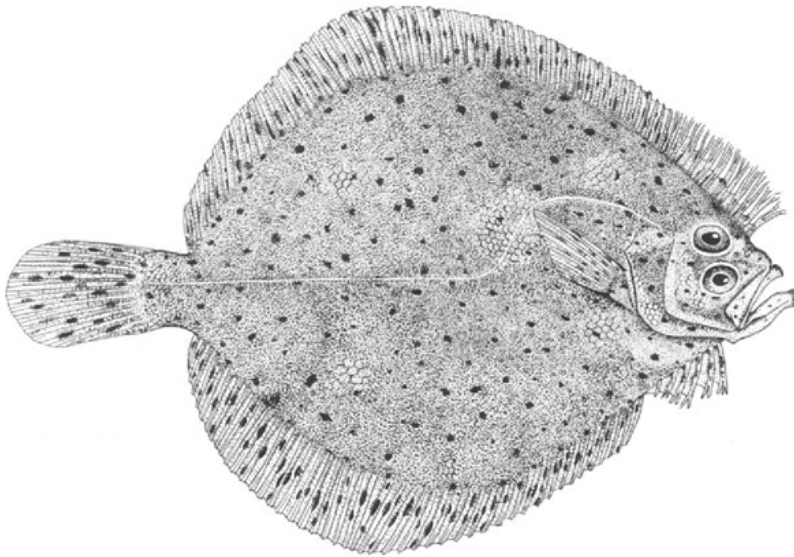
Status of the Stocks

Northern Windowpane Flounder

- Overfished
- Overfishing is occurring

Southern Windowpane Flounder

- Not overfished
- Overfishing is not occurring



Summary of PDT Findings, PDT Memo

Discards:

The PDT reviewed the discard methodology and did not have any major concerns.

The PDT would like to continue to examine FY 2013 trips with high discards.

Surveys:

The updated biomass indices suggest stock increases.

These are not a replacement for the stock assessment.

Ideas on Revising the AMs:

The PDT discussed ideas for revising the AM triggers by taking into account stock status, using survey information, and utilizing catch performance (see Idea 1 & 2 and Appendix 1).

The PDT also discussed revising the AM areas to seasonal gear-based modification areas (Idea 3 and Appendix 2).



Groundfish Oversight Committee 4/4

- Reviewed PDT Memo version 2, and Groundfish Advisory Panel Motions from 4/1/14

- Committee made two motions:

1. To develop alternatives to revise windowpane accountability measure (AM) triggers by taking into account stock status using survey information and utilizing catch performance according to the approaches provided as PDT Ideas #1 and #2, and AM areas be revised to seasonal gear-based modification areas according to PDT Idea #3 (see PDT memo 4/3/14).

*Motion **carried** on a show of hands (9/1/11).*

2. To initiate another framework to further allocate the windowpane flounder ACL to be expanded to other components of the fishery, and develop AMs for these components.

*Motion **carried** on a show of hands (10/0/1).*



Draft Alternatives, Council Staff Memo

4.2.1.1 Option 1: No Action, Area-Based Accountability Measures for Windowpane Flounder

4.2.1.2 Option 2: Revise the accountability measure trigger

Two options are being considered to revise the trigger for the accountability measure. All other aspects of the current AM would remain the same.

Sub-Option A: AM trigger that incorporates stock status/biomass

Sub-Option B: Account for Year 2 performance when an AM has been triggered for Year 3

4.2.1.3 Option 3: Revise the accountability measure areas to be seasonal

All other aspects of the current AM would remain the same.



Next Steps

For today's Council Meeting:

- Review information/recommendations from the Plan Development Team, Groundfish Advisory Panel, Groundfish Oversight Committee , and Council staff

- Possibly select alternatives for inclusion in the Draft Environmental Assessment

