

# GOM Cod Planning

New England Fishery Management  
Council

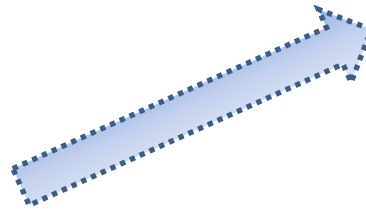
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# Deadlines - GOM Cod

- November, 2012: action to adopt new ABC
- May 1, 2013: implement catch limit that ends overfishing
- November, 2013: action to adopt new rebuilding plan and FY 2014-2016 ABCs
- May 1, 2014: implement modified rebuilding plan

# Outstanding Issues

- CPUE/LPUE
- Discard mortality
- MRIP Data
- S/R
- Stock structure



# Possible Paths

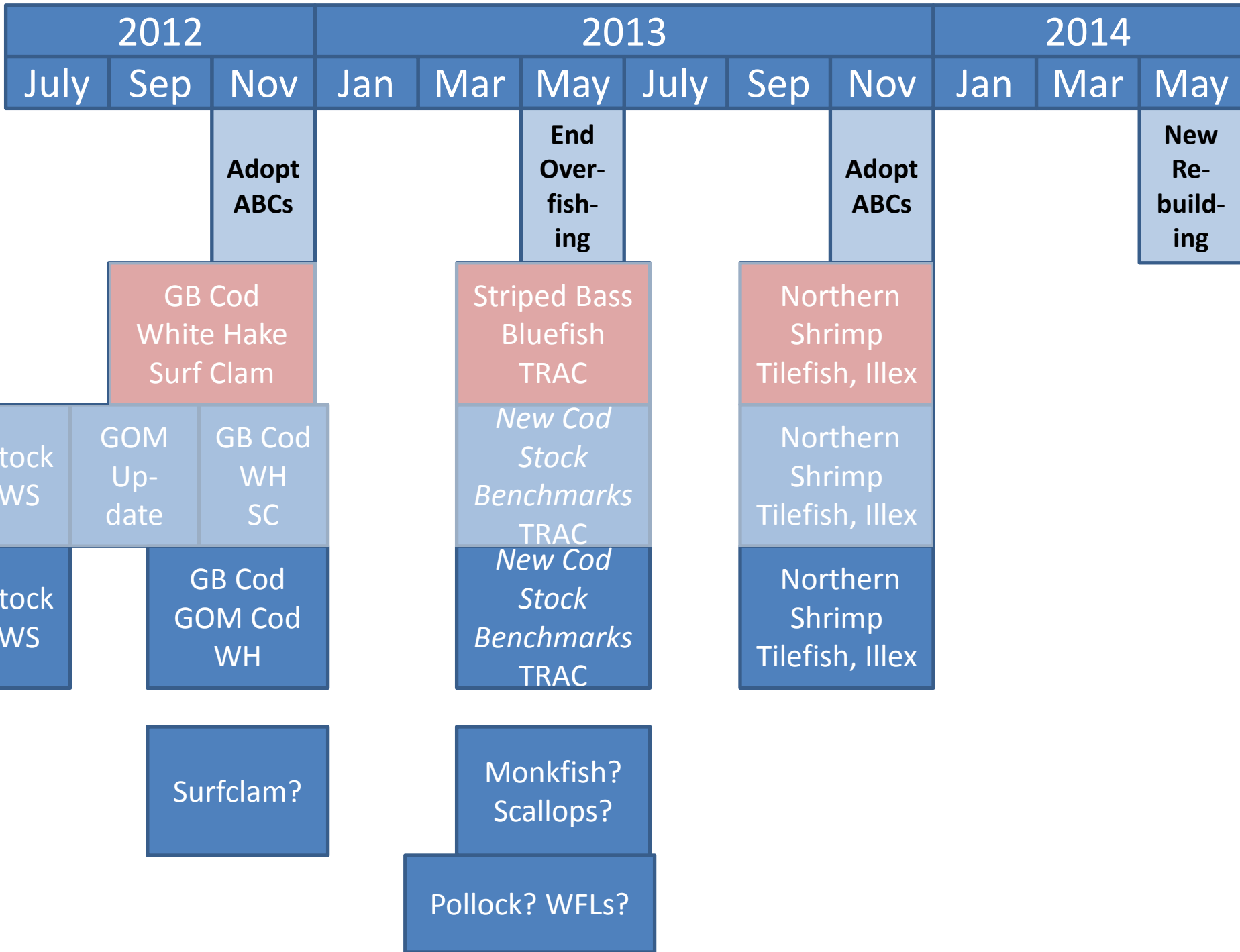
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- *No white hake assessment for ABCs*
- *Multiple cod benchmarks over 18-24 months*
- *Little time for management system to adopt to new stock structure*

# Other Factors

- How will ABCs be set if there is a delay between a new understanding of stock structure and benchmark assessments?
- What will be the basis for 2014-2016 ABCs?
- What about assessments for other stocks?
- When will TMGC coordination occur?





What does the Council prefer for 2013:  
a GOM cod update or a benchmark?

Questions?