

A photograph of fishing gear on the deck of a boat. In the foreground, there are several dark, spherical floats and a section of a net with a mesh pattern. A thick, black, braided rope runs across the deck. In the background, a large, rusted metal trawl net is visible, partially covered with a white, powdery substance. The deck is made of dark, wet planks.

# Northeast Multispecies FMP Framework Adjustment 44

New England Fishery  
Management Council  
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# Purpose and Need

- Set specifications for FY 2010 – FY 2012
  - ACLs/Incidental Catch TACs (YTF allocation)
  - US/Canada TACs
- Modify management measures to ensure overfishing does not occur
  - Adjust common pool trip limits
  - Adjust DAS counting
  - Provide RA in-season change authority

# Status of Framework

- Draft options including No Action
- Affected environment nearly complete
- Biological, economic, social impacts of proposed action
- EFH, protected species, cumulative effects analyses remain; do not anticipate substantial impacts on these VECs

# Specifications

- OFLs/ABCs/ACLs
  - Explained at September Council Meeting
  - Table 1 in draft document
  - YTF allocation to scallops and groundfish
  - US/CA TACs (voted in September)
- Possible updates in fall 2010
  - US/CA TACs
  - Pollock assessment(?)
  - Scallop updated access areas

# Impacts

- Biological
  - Increase likelihood of achieving mortality targets
  - Thirteen stocks should not be overfished
- Economic
  - Potential revenues \$228-\$248 million (more likely \$130 – \$170 million) (***if all landed***)

# Modify Management Measures

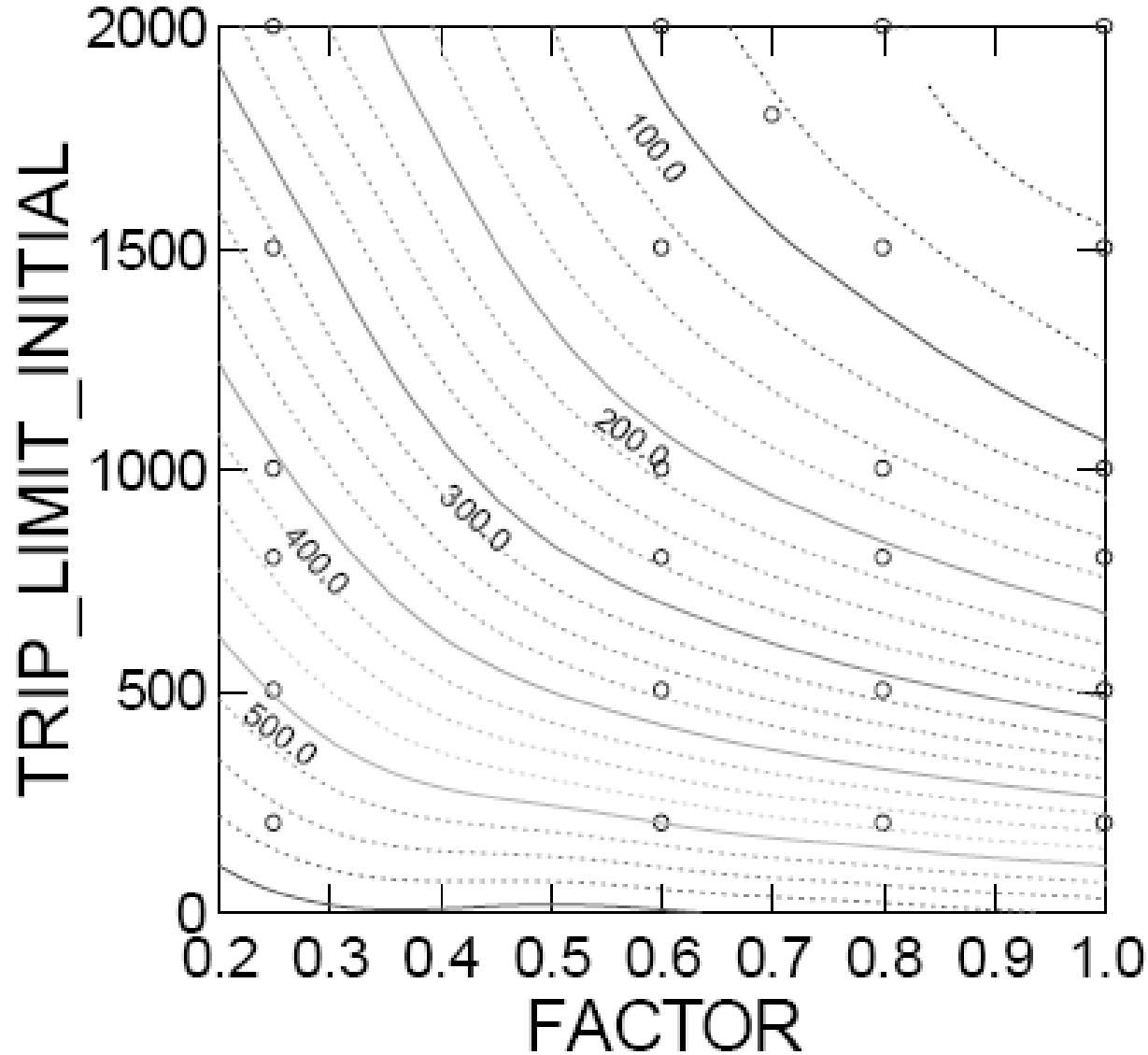
- Concern common pool measures not sufficiently restrictive
- Focused on GOM cod and pollock
- Based on September 1, 2009 sector rosters

# Who is in the common pool\*?

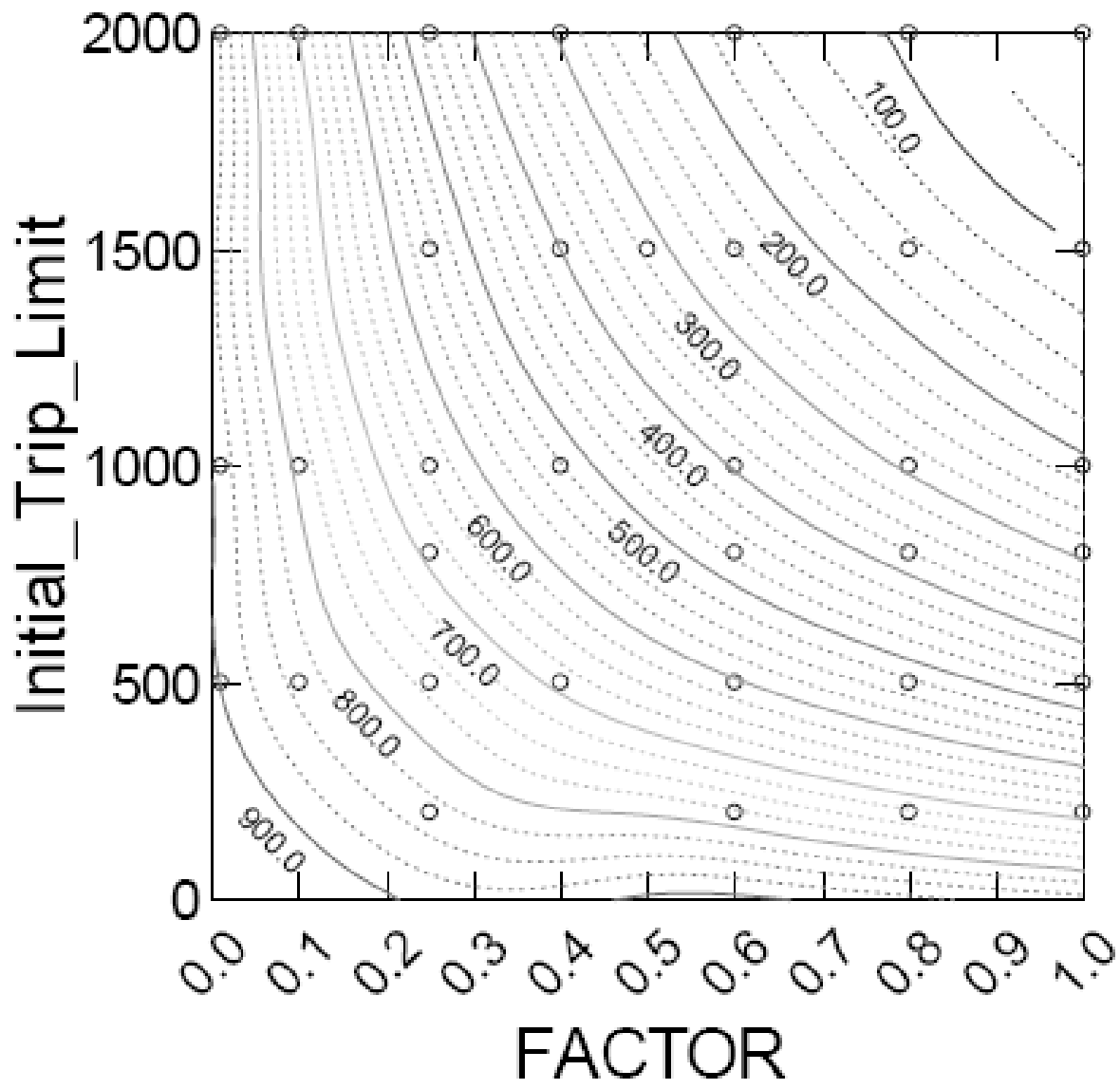
- 757 permits, 3,600 DAS, 39.7 ft avg. length
- 477 with NO DAS; remainder average 12.8 DAS
- Of 280 permits with DAS, 105 never landed a GOM cod
- 79 never fished in FY 2007
- 98 never landed groundfish, monkfish, or skates in FY 2007

\*So far

# What's the Issue?

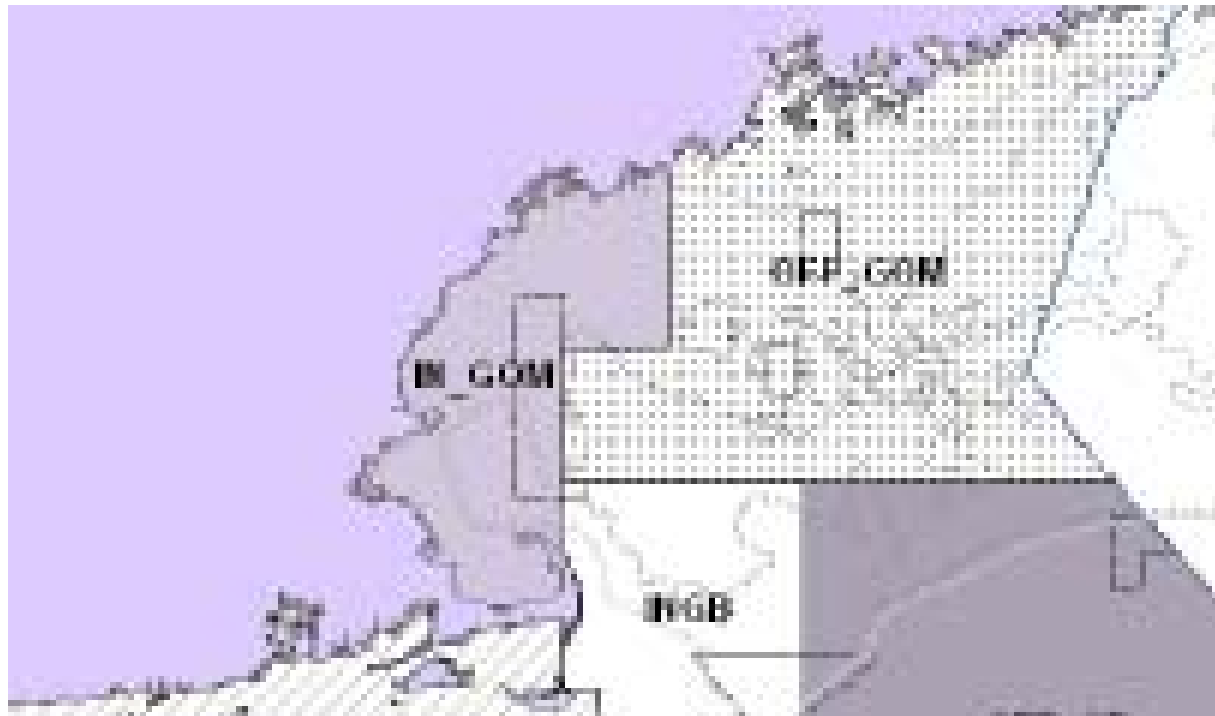






# Proposed Measures

- Trip limit changes:
  - GOM cod DAS trip limit: 800 lbs./DAS to 4,000 lbs/trip (Handgear 300 lbs./75 lbs.)
  - Pollock: 1,000 lbs./DAS to 10,000 lbs./trip
- 2:1 differential DAS counting in inshore GOM
- RA authority to adjust trip limits and differential DAS

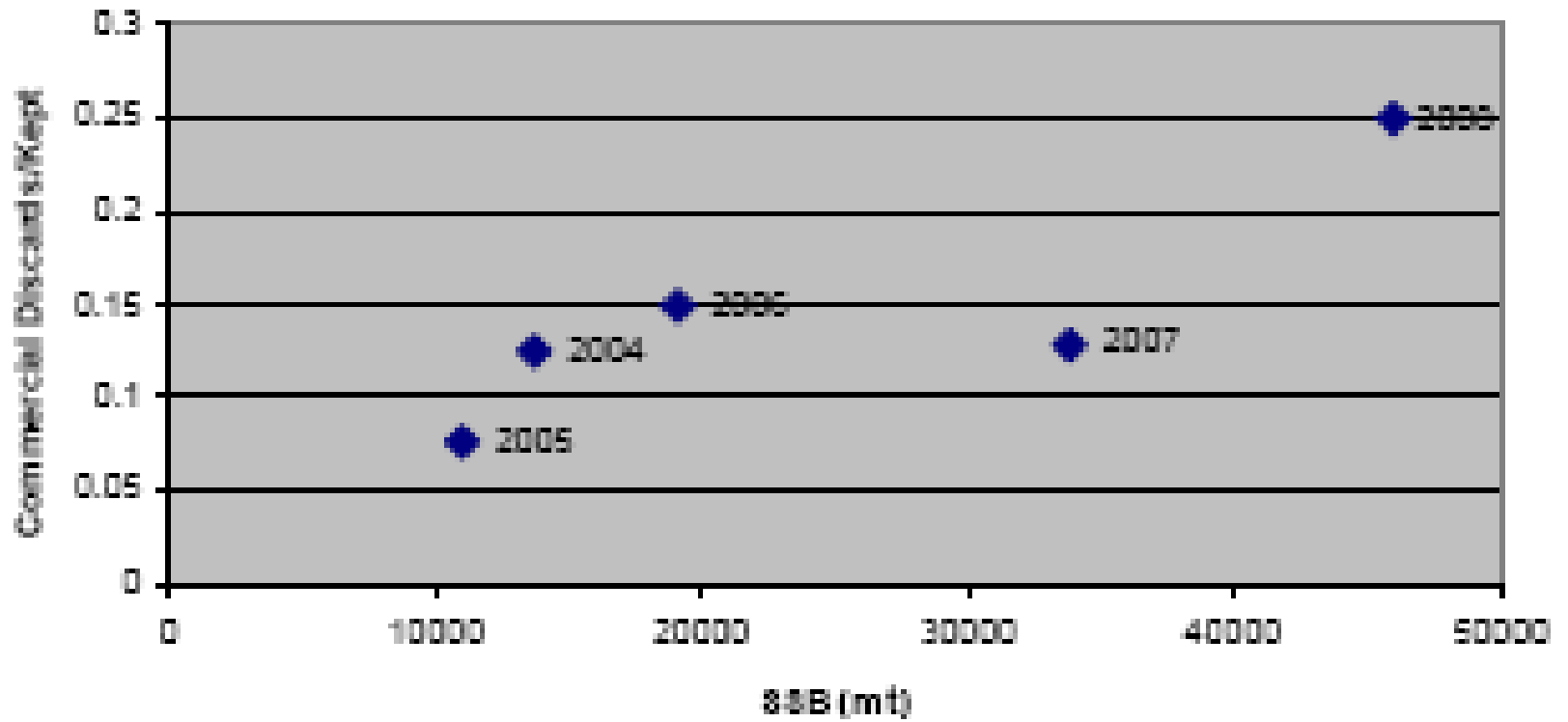


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# Biological Impacts

- Reduces but does not eliminate difference between GOM cod ACL and possible landings
- Caps possible pollock landings
- Will probably increase GOM cod and pollock discard rates for vessels in the common pool

### GOM Cod



# Economic Impacts (1)

- 104 current common pool permits (after discounting permits that aren't fishing for GF)
  - 93 not affected because:
    - 1) did not fish for groundfish in the GOM
    - 2) landed relatively low quantities of pollock
    - 3) had sufficient DAS allocations so they were not constrained by DAS or
    - 4) some combination of the three

# Economic Impacts (2)

- For 9 affected vessels reduction in total revenue ranged from 10% to nearly 70%.
  - Estimated losses for about half of the vessels less than 15%; losses for others was much larger from 33% and 70%.

# Social Impacts

- Very difficult to predict across the board
- Social Impact factors described in A13
  - Regulatory discards
  - Changes in occupational opportunities
  - Safety
  - Disruptions in daily living
  - Formation of attitudes
- No Action: Impacts as described in A16
  - Social impacts will be determined by the amount of permits that fish in sectors



# Social Impacts (2)

- Modification of Trip Limits
  - Likely to increase regulatory discarding for GOM cod and pollock
  - YTF discards will decrease if required to land
- Modification to DAS counting
  - Could lead to effort shifts, potential safety issue if it causes derby fishery
- RA Authority Measure
  - Might affect attitudes
  - Will increase safety and minimize disruptions to lifestyle if it can prevent a derby fishery

Questions?