



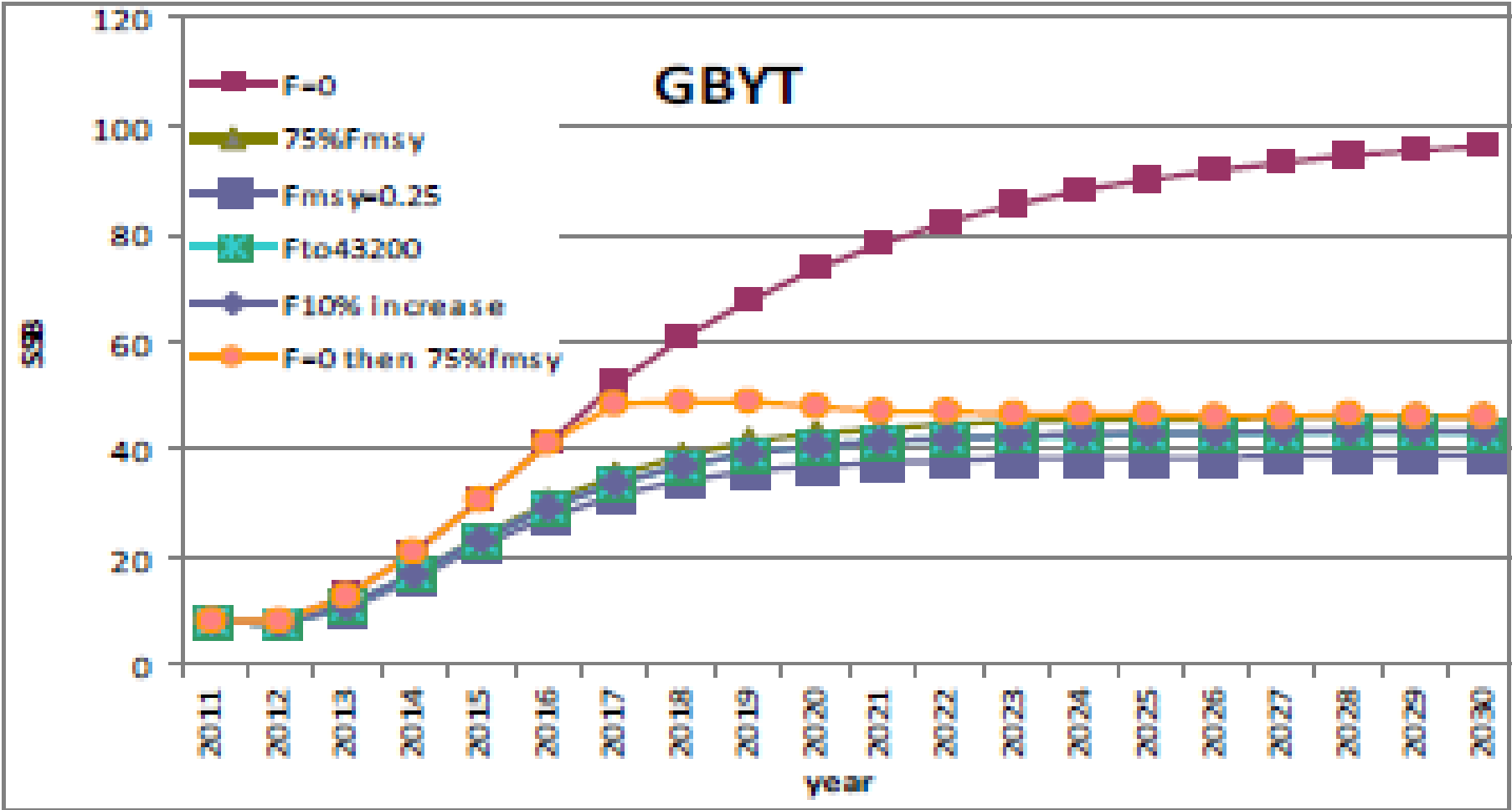
FRAMEWORK ADJUSTMENT 47

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Framework 47

- Updates to SDCs, Rebuilding, Specifications
 - Changes to administration of scallop sub-ACLs
- Commercial and Recreational Fishery Measures
 - SNE/MA winter flounder
 - Access area caps for scallop fishery
 - Accountability measures for several stocks

GB YTF Rebuilding



US/CA TACs

- Adopt TACs for US/CA Area

- EGB Cod 675 mt total / 162 mt US
- EGB Haddock 16,000 mt total / 6,880 mt US
- GB YTF 1,250 mt total / 564 mt US

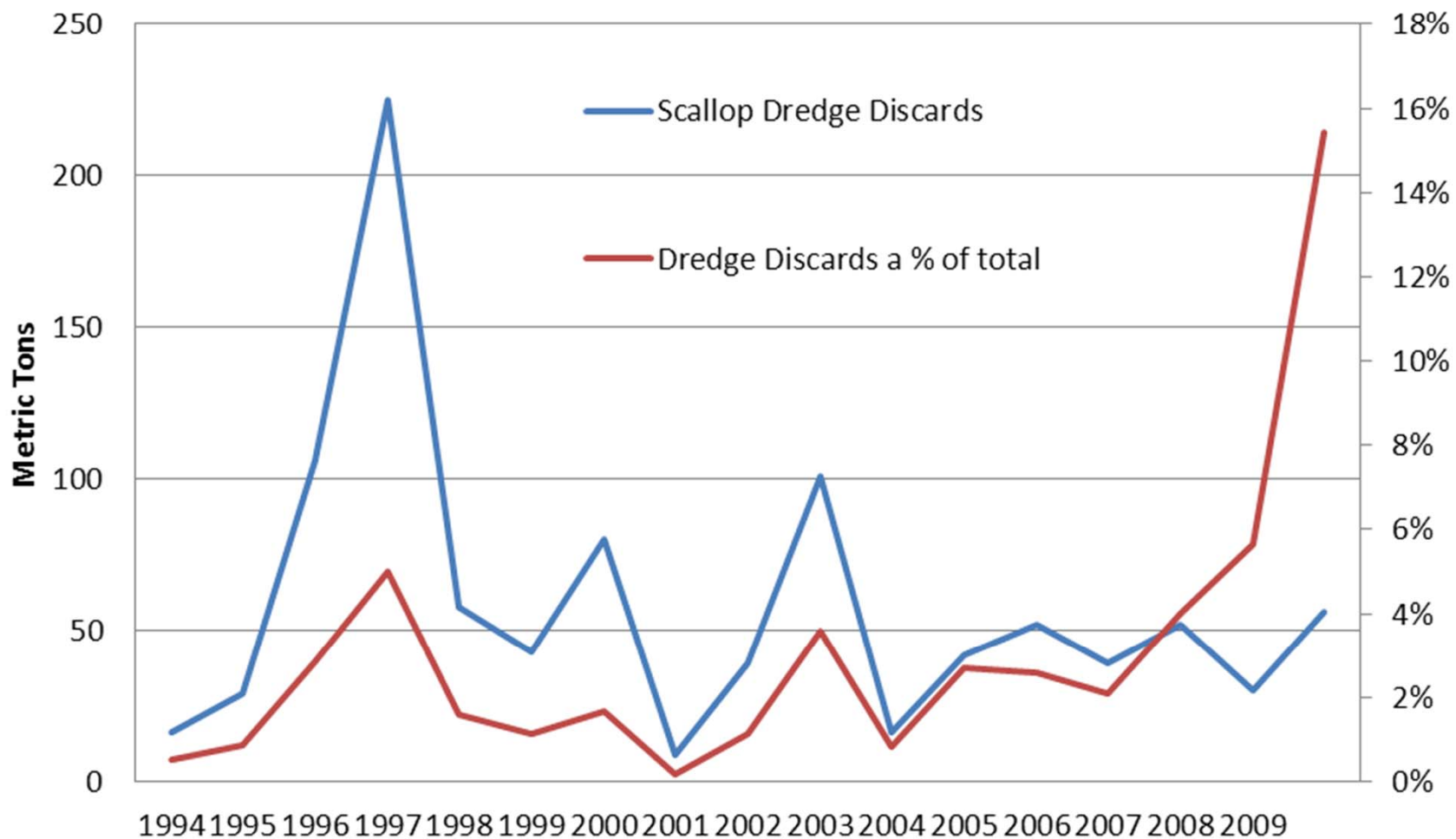
Scallop ACL Administration

- Option 1/No Action
- Option 2: Scallop fishery AM only triggered if:
 - Overall ACL exceeded
 - Scallop ACL exceeded by 50 ct or more
- Option 3: Scallop fishery sub-ACL is re-estimated in January and re-specified if it will not be caught

New OFLs/ABCs/ACLs

- Revised OFLs/ABCs/ACLs for several stocks
- GOM cod: range described in the document to cover possible outcomes of the December assessment.

Scallop Dredge Discards of SNEMA Winter Flounder



Other Measures

- Mixed stock exception for SNE/MA windowpane flounder
- Additional SNE/MAB windowpane flounder sub-ACLs
- SNE/MA winter flounder sub-ACL for the scallop fishery

3.1.1 Revised GB YTF Rebuilding

- Option 1/No Action: Rebuild by 2016 with median probability
- Option 2: Revised strategy
 - Sub A: 2023 with median probability
 - Sub B: 2032 with median probability

GAP recommends Option 2B

3.1.3 New Sub-ACLs

- Option 1/No Action
- Option 2: New sub-ACLs for SNE/MAB windowpane flounder:
 - Large mesh multispecies
 - Scallop fishery
 - Other TBD

Stock	Change	Effect on Groundfish
GB cod	Assign rec to other	None
GOM haddock	State 2%; other 3%	None
GB YTF	Other 4%	Increase ~5.6 mt
CC/GOM YTF	State 3%; other 2%	None
Witch	State 3%	Decrease ~33 mt
SNEMA WFL	State 28%; other 20%	Decrease ~220 mt
White hake	State 2%; other 3%	None
N Windowpane	Other 19%	Increase ~17 mt
S Windowpane	State 10%; other 70 pct	Decrease ~193 mt

Measures Removed

- SNE/MAB windowpane flounder sub-ACLs for scallop fishery and “other TBD”
- SNMEA winter flounder sub-ACL for the scallop fishery
- MSE for SNE/MAB windowpane flounder

Fishery Measures

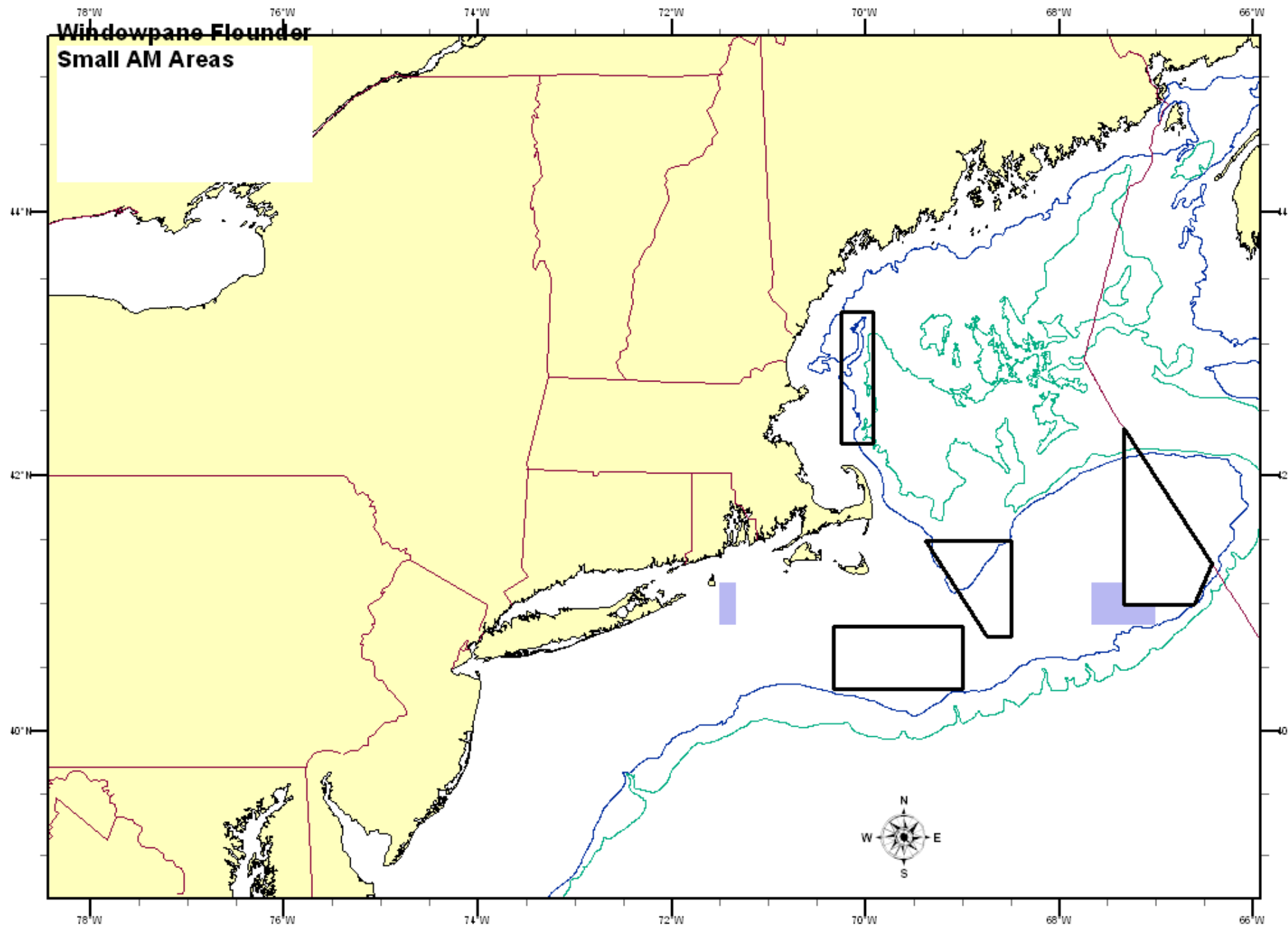
- SNEMA winter flounder measures
- Scallop catch of YTF in GB access areas
- Wolffish landing limit
- Common pool RGAs
- Accountability measures

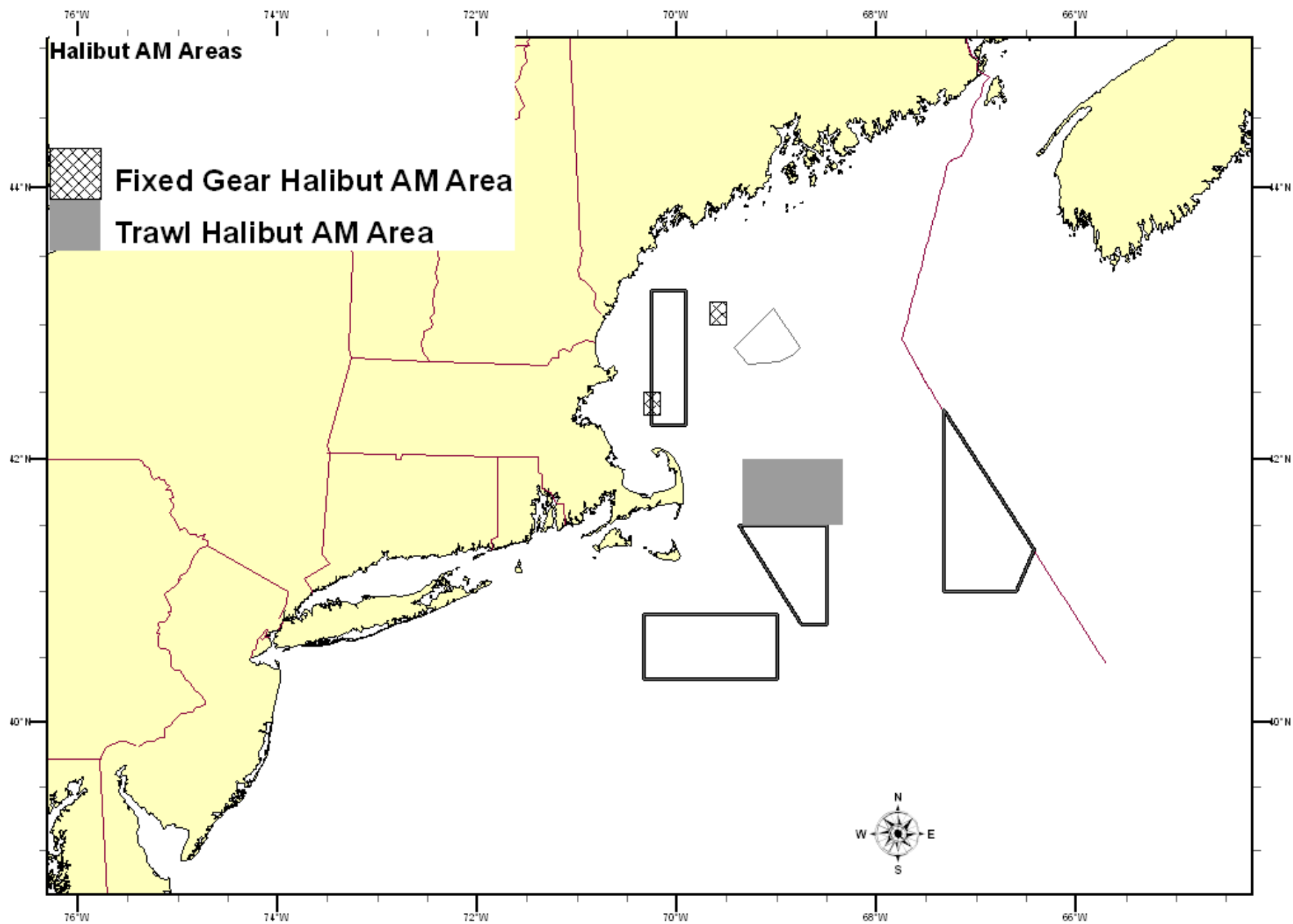
Accountability Measures

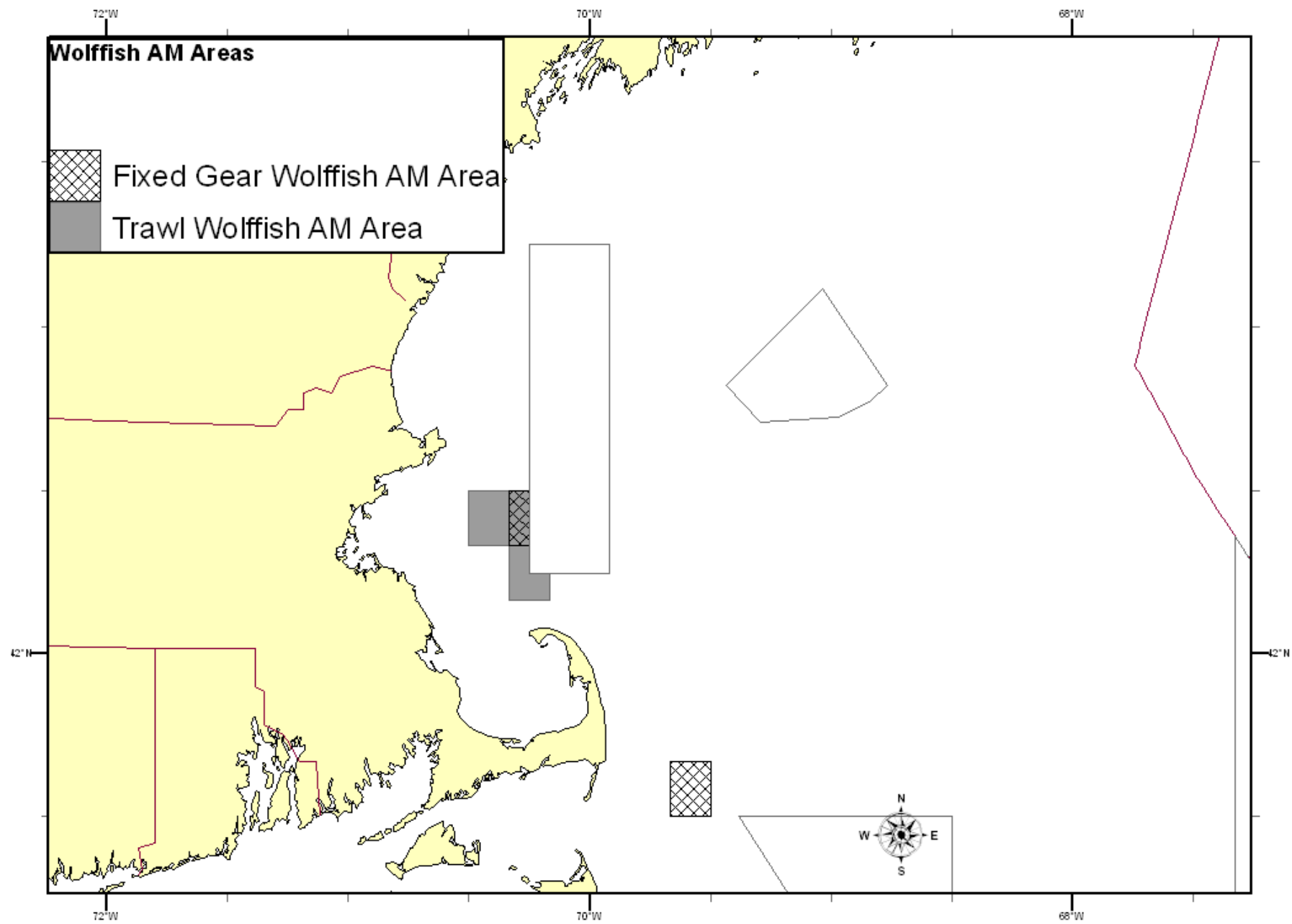
- Option 1/No Action AMs beginning in FY 2012
 - Ocean pout, windowpane flounders, halibut: adjust trip limits for common pool
 - SNEMA winter flounder, wolffish: close areas to common pool when 90 pct of ACL caught in a trimester

Option 2 AMs

- Area based measures for ocean pout, windowpane flounders
 - Trawl only: selective gear areas
- Area based measures for wolffish, halibut
 - Trawl: selective gear areas
 - Gillnet/lonngline: closed areas







AM Options 3 and 4

- Option 3: Halibut no possession/landing
- Option 4: Wolffish no possession/landing

Impacts

- Major revenue impacts are driven by ABCs/ACLs:
 - GOM cod is driver of economic impacts
 - Low GOM cod ACL dramatically reduces revenues
 - Negative Impacts primarily on NH, Gloucester 30-50 ft vessels

Questions?

3.1.1 SDCs for WFL and GOM Cod

- Option 1: No Action: SDCs adopted by Amendment 13
- Option 2: Revised SDCs based on WFL assessments and GOM cod assessment
 - Note WFL changes

GAP recommends Option 2

SDCs for WFL and GOM Cod

Stock	Biomass Target (SSB_{MSY} or proxy)	Minimum Biomass Threshold	Maximum Fishing Mortality Threshold (F_{MSY} or proxy)
Gulf of Maine Winter Flounder	Undefined	Undefined	F40%MSP
GB Winter Flounder	SSB_{MSY}	$\frac{1}{2} SSB_{MSY}$	F_{MSY}
SNE/MA Winter Flounder	SSB_{MSY}	$\frac{1}{2} SSB_{MSY}$	F_{MSY}
GOM Cod	SSB_{MSY} or a proxy for SSB_{MSY}	$\frac{1}{2} SSB_{MSY}$ or the SSB_{MSY} proxy	F_{MSY} or a proxy for F_{MSY}

3.1.2 Revised GB YTF Rebuilding

- Option 1/No Action: Rebuild by 2016 with median probability
- Option 2: Revised strategy
 - Sub A: 2023 with median probability
 - Sub B: 2032 with median probability

GAP recommends Option 2B

SNE/MAB Windowpane

- Scallop fishery catch estimate being revised
 - Errors in observer database led to over-estimate of FY 2010 catches
 - Final estimate pends; expect new number to be about 180 mt (vice 258 mt)
 - PDT recommends percentage of catch from 2001
 - 2010 time period as basis
- Other components still being identified

No GAP recommendation

SNEMA WFL

- PDT recommends 2001-2010 time period
- 12 percent accounts for dredge discards; need to allow for trawl discards

No GAP recommendation

3.1.4 US/CA TACs

- Option 1/No Action
- Option 2: Revised TACs recommended by TMGC

GAP recommends Option 2

3.1.5 MSE for SNE/MAB Windowpane

- Option 1/No Action
- Option 2: Apply MSE to SNE/MAB windowpane
 - Analyses not completed

GAP supports Option 2

3.1.6 Sub-ACL Admin

- Option 1/No Action
- Option 2: Scallop AM triggered only if overall ACL exceeded

GAP recommends adding “or if sub-ACL exceeded by more than 50 percent”

- Option 3: In-season re-estimation of GB YTF sub-ACL

GAP recommends Option 3

3.1.7 ACLs

- Option 1/No Action
- Option 2: New ACLs
 - Review PDT suggested changes

GAP recommends Option 2

3.2.1 SNE/MA Winter Flounder Measures

- Option 1/No Action
- Option 2: Allocated SNE/MA WFL to the fishery
 - See Table 6: SNE/MA WFL groundfish sub-ACL 303 mt total (common pool and sector)

No GAP recommendation

3.2.2 Access Area YTF Measures

- Option 1/no Action: Scallop fishery YTF catches in GB access areas limited to 10 percent of ACL
- Option 2: No cap on scallop fishery YTF catches in GB access areas

No gap recommendation

3.2.3 Wolffish Landing Limit

3.2.4 Common Pol RGAs

- Wolffish
 - Option 1: No Action
 - Option 2: One fish per trip

GAP recommends Option 2
- RGAs
 - Option 1/No Action
 - Option 2: Remove RGAs

GAP recommends Option 2

3.2.5 AMs

- Option 1: No Action
- Option 2: Revised Ams
 - Area based
 - Sub-option A: Year 2 implementation
 - Sub-option B: Year 3 implementation
 - Wolffish no possession limit
 - Halibut no possession limit

GAP recommends wolffish and halibut no possession limit

Bio Impacts of No Action AM on SNEMA WFL

- Depends on share of ACL in common pool
- At best 10% of commercial groundfish catches
- ~1-2 pct of overall catches

Other GAP FW 47 Recommendations

- For FW 47 to expand the list of sector universal exemptions to include all the exemptions that have been analyzed and approved by NMFS:
 - 120-Day Block Requirement Out of the Fishery for Day Gillnet Vessels
 - 20-Day Spawning Block Requirement
 - Limitation on the Number of Gillnets for Day Gillnet Vessels
 - Prohibition on a Vessel Hauling Another Vessel's Gillnet Gear
 - Limitation on the Number of Gillnets that May be Hauled on Georges Bank when Fishing under a Groundfish/Monkfish DAS
 - Limit on the Number of Hooks that may be Fished
 - Length and Horsepower Restrictions of the DAS Leasing Program
 - Gulf of Maine Sink Gillnet Program
 - Prohibition on discarding of legal-sized regulated species allocated to sectors

Other GAP FW 47 Recommendations

- To establish a research set aside process for an amount of SNEMA winter flounder from the 2012 fishing year to be available to sectors. Sectors would be able to apply for the set-aside to conduct research.

GAP Council Priorities

- Prepare framework to address new assessment information for 9 stocks
- 2) Take action to eliminate all or part of rolling, seasonal and year round mortality closures
- 3) Develop a cost-effective sector monitoring plan, that includes options for electronic monitoring of discards (including a full retention policy for allocated stocks), phasing in industry cost-share over a 5-10 year timeframe
- 4) Develop options to move unused ACE between scallops/groundfish fleets and between groundfish commercial and recreation fleets
- 5) Increase rollover percentage
- 6) Address LAGC yellowtail AMs
- 7) Other effort controls including minimum fish sizes
- 8) Consider Amendment 18 on accumulation limits and fleet diversity including refining definition of fleet diversity

Other GAP Recommendations

- In order to address the stability needs of sectors, the GAP recommends the Council does not create new allocation options
- to recommend the Council ask NMFS to explore ways to extend the GOM Cod rebuilding period beyond 2014.
- In order to address stability needs of sectors the GAP recommends that the Council not impose restrictions on ACE trading between vessel size classes or input controls (such as trip limits or species-specific closures).