Completed Items

- Changes to Fish-On-Line
  - Change "success" color on DNF report submission from red to something else
- Changes to SIMM
  - New login names and passwords to meet security requirements
  - Eliminate FY 2010 information
  - Update to accept xlsx format – been modified to accept xlsx, but not to download in xlsx, because of performance issues. Can still open workbook file in Excel 2010 and save as xlsx.
  - Fix fish-for-fish ACE transfer compensation bug
  - Add E-VTR to VTR download
- Reconciliation and QA/QC
  - Get inseason reconciliation down to last 4-5 weeks' worth of trips
  - Account for short trips (<2.5 hours) in quota monitoring - We are monitoring and accounting for these trips, they are captured in DMIS because they have a groundfish declaration
  - Using VMS track lines to verify area fished for imputed trips – This can't be easily automated, but we do use VMS track lines already in QA/QC on an ad-hoc basis
  - Checking JIRA for lingering action items – We are doing this on a regular basis
  - Add additional column to Sector Summary Comparison Report (SSCR) for carry-over
  - Add additional column to RTL report for carry-over
  - Investigate difference between run date and actual date in SSCR
  - Change days to hours in orphan report
- Revisit reporting compliance as relates to ACE trade approval – Implemented threshold for VTR compliance on 95% of sector trips.

Items in Progress

- Changes to Fish-On-Line
  - Flashing banner on homepage when vessel not VTR compliant – currently in testing phase. Will show general VTR compliance (not just VTRs for sector trips)
  - Create a VTR non-compliance download
  - Build a viewer that would allow vessel operators to view processed VTRs, and possibly also make corrections to VTRs
- Changes to SIMM
  - Update contact info to match new logins
- Guidance Documents
  - Document explaining RTL output reports, how to use reports (e.g., raw trip level reports, imputed trip report, summary comparison report).
  - Document explaining current VTR send-back process

  - Clarify what sector points of contact are needed for NMFS-sector interactions – we are updating operations plan guidance
  - General fact sheets about sectors
  - Reporting guidance for trips that don't offload, or offload multiple trips at once
- Reconciliation and QA/QC
  - Tie send-back tracker in with RTL to screen out send-backs. Tie in Discoverer to screen out investigated trips. – Given that sector managers have a send-back list to check RTL reports (orphan lists) against, is this still an issue for sector managers?
  - Implement consistent nomenclature in RTL outputs
  - Change the regulations to reflect current method for accounting for home consumption – guidance documents are correct, SFD is working on proposing changes to the regulations
  - Improve handling of combined trips in quota monitoring (e.g., multiple trips with 1 VTR, trips with multiple VTRs and 1 dealer report)
- Improve Accuracy and Timing of Dealer and Vessel Reports
  - Improve dealer data timeliness, compliance, quality
- Streamline Reporting Requirements
  - Revisit necessity of sector-level and individual sector vessel reporting requirements – Many of the sector and sector vessel reporting requirements were established by Amendment 16 and would require Council action to change. Sector managers could brainstorm with us changes we could jointly recommend to the Council to streamline sector reporting requirements. Would sector managers be interested in a workshop-type meeting to re-evaluate reporting and data management requirements?
  - Develop alternate methods of VTR submission (e.g., fillable PDF, online form, accept scanned and emailed paper VTR)

Action items that may no longer be relevant – Can sector managers clarify if they still want these changes?

- Let sector managers make VTR corrections and/or submit VTRs for sector members –We are ok with sector managers submitting VTRs and corrected VTRs. But we need to continue to send send-backs directly to the permit holder, to minimize our administrative burden. If a change could be made so that the send-backs came directly to the sector manager, it would have to be for all VTRs for the sector, not just sector trips. Other projects to improve VTR quality and reporting compliance (e.g., online corrections, fillable forms) might alleviate the issues behind this action items. Do sector managers agree that it might be worth tabling this item for the time being, and diverting our efforts into these other projects that might largely fix the problem? We can revisit at a later date if continues to be an issue.
- NMFS notify vessel owners of imputed trips – We would prefer to continue to work directly with sector managers to resolve imputed trips. But if a sector manager would like us to explain imputations and trip-matching to their members, we can set up a presentation for their sector.

- Accepting a sector manager's copy of a dealer weigh-out slip – What is the genesis of this action item? Does the issue still exist?
- Simplifying discard calculations/method – The current way discards are accounted for by sectors was specified in Amendment 16. Changing the strata, or the way discards are accounted for in the fishery, would require Council action. The Council is beginning development of a framework that may consider modifications to the existing at-sea monitoring program requirements and discard methodology. Are sector managers still interested in exploring ways to reduce the burden of discard calculation updates for FY 2012, based on the existing method, if the program requirements might change in FY 2012 or for FY 2013?
- What is meant by "clarify documentation on how to prepare reports"
- What is meant by "need instructions on what should be done in the sector detailed report"

Action items we cannot accommodate at this time

- Due to performance issues with the new format, we cannot update Fish-On-Line to use xlsx format. But you can download the workbook file and open it in Excel 2010 and save as xlsx.
- Look at out-sourcing data management – We cannot accommodate this change at this time, as this project would be beyond the scope of just the groundfish fishery, and even the Northeast Region.
- Send observer data automatically to the permit holder after completion of an observed trip – Observer data is already available for all observed trips on Fish-On-Line. The Northeast Fishery Observer Program does not have the resources at this time to automatically send copies of paper data logs to every observed vessel. NEFOP will continue to send copies to vessels upon request.

Other on-going and related projects

- E-VTRs
- Electronic monitoring
- NMFS at-sea monitoring program