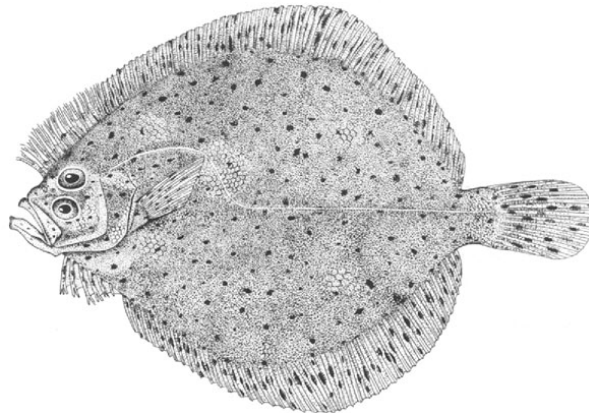


Development of Framework 52 to the Multispecies FMP

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Outline

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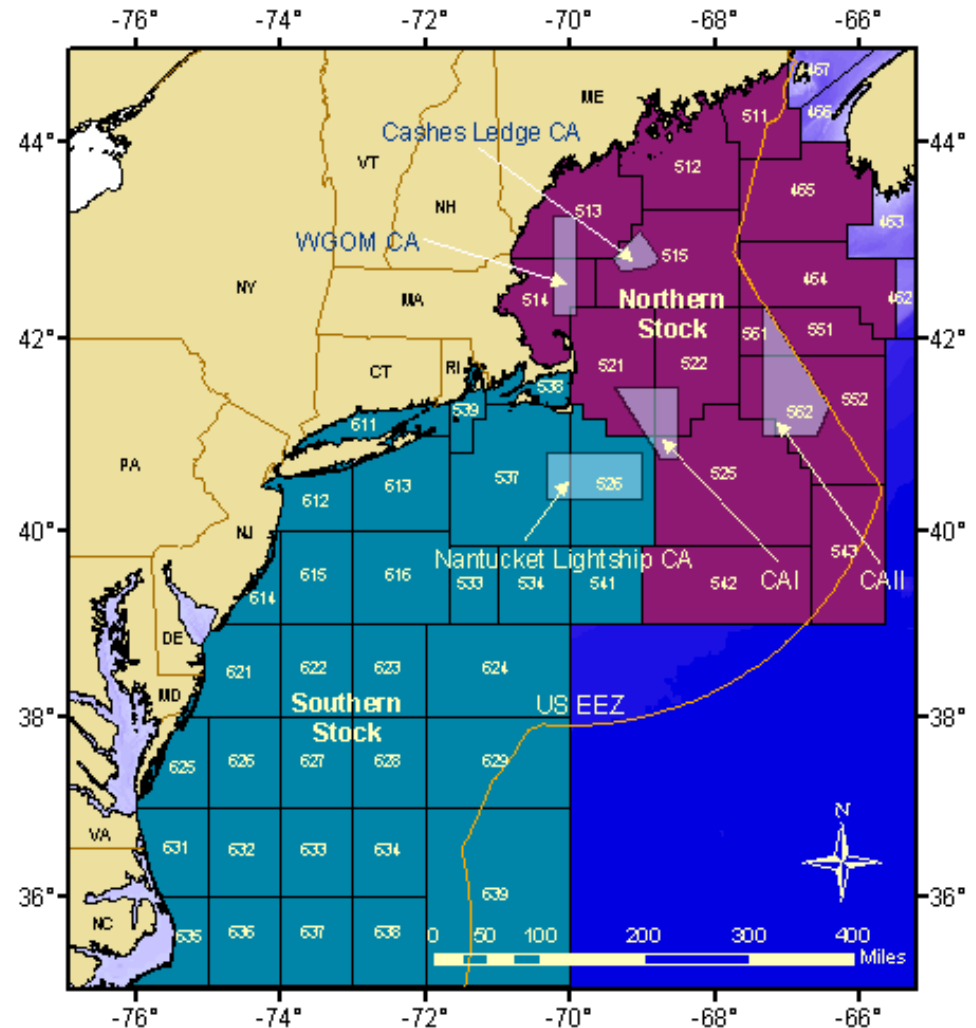
Timeline

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

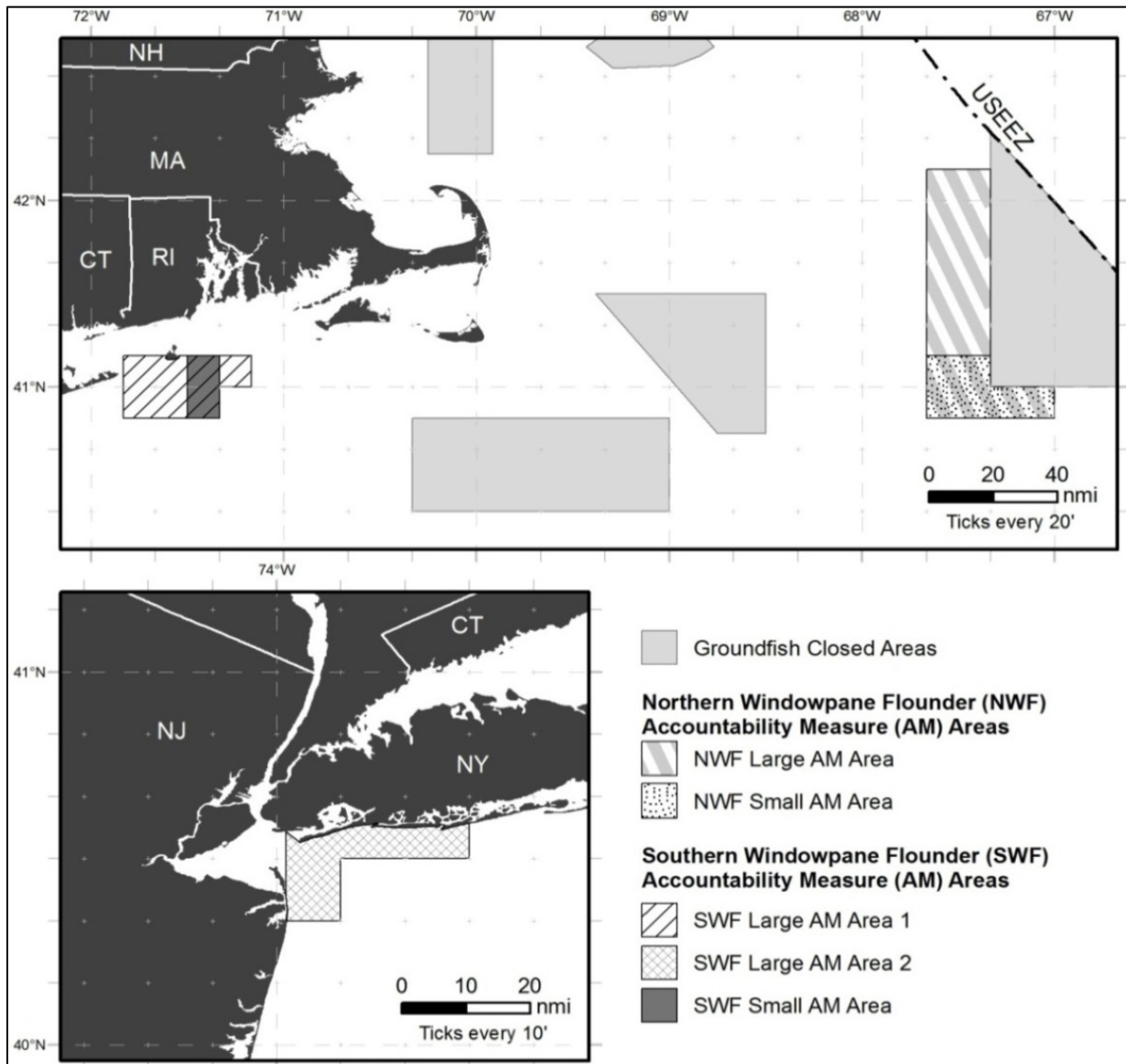
Preliminary FY 2013 windowpane flounder catches, data as reported 3/19/2014

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
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Southern windowpane	2013	730	548	527	102	183	55	186
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AM Areas



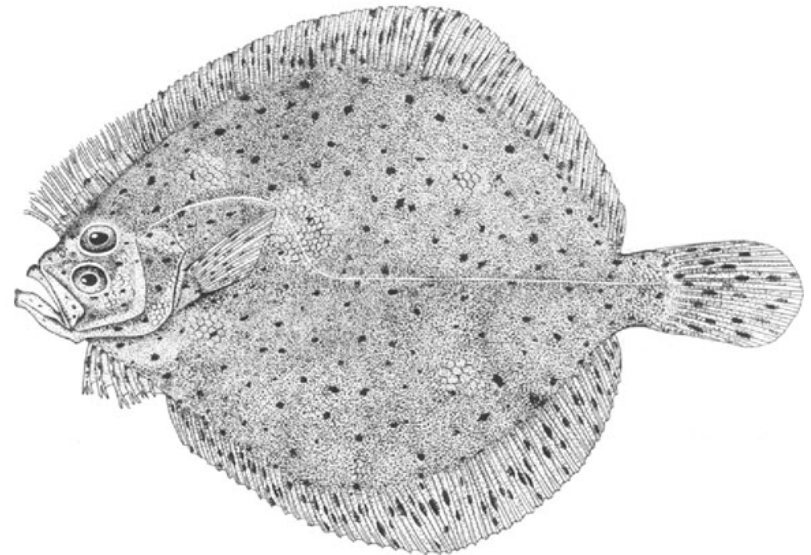
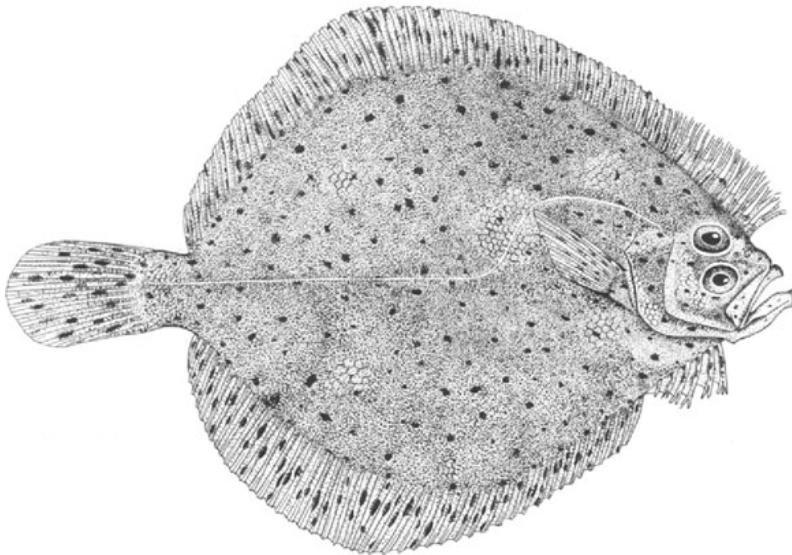
Status of the Stocks

Northern Windowpane Flounder

- Overfished
- Overfishing is occurring

Southern Windowpane Flounder

- Not overfished
- Overfishing is not occurring



Summary of PDT meeting; 3/31/2014

- **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 Options A & B and Appendix 1).
- The PDT also discussed revising the AM areas to seasonal gear-based modification areas (Option C and Appendix 2).



Ideas on Revising the AMs

Trigger-based:

Idea 1: AM trigger that incorporates stock status/biomass

If certain stock criteria are met (e.g., stock is rebuilt or on its rebuilding trajectory, stock is increasing, etc.), the duration and/or size of the gear-restricted areas could be adjusted

Idea 2: Account for Year 2 performance when an AM has been triggered for Year 3

If a subsequent overage does not occur in Year 2, or if the Year 2 ACL is underharvested by the amount of the overage, consider not implementing the gear-restricted areas in Year 3.

Time/Area based:

Idea 3: Seasonal Gear-Restricted Areas

Develop a seasonal aspect to the gear-restricted areas



Next Steps

- **For today's OSC meeting 4/4:**
 - Review updated PDT memo
 - Review information provided by GAP
 - Further develop alternatives
- **Council meeting 4/24:**
 - Review updated PDT memo and GF OSC motions
 - Possibly select alternatives for NEPA analysis

