

2007 Priorities/Committee Tasking (rev. 11/14/06)

FMP Management Actions / # of Committee Meetings:

- Multispecies (5) 1. Develop new Groundfish Amendment 16 to develop rebuilding strategies
- Sea Scallop (5) 1. Continue General Category Scallop Amendment 11
2. Develop new Framework 19, DAS and TACs for 2008 and 2009
3. Develop new Amendment to address observer coverage
- Whiting (5) 1. Continue Whiting Amendment 15. Control date March 2003
(Limited Entry, hard TACS, dedicated access privileges)
- Habitat (5) 1. Continue Habitat Omnibus Amendment
- Skates (5) 1. Develop new Skate framework/amendment to address skate complex rebuilding
- Sector Omnibus Amendment (4) 1. Develop Amendment to standardize sector policy in all FMPs
- SBRM (Council Action only)** 1. Continue the development of Omnibus Amendment 15 to implement new Standard Bycatch Reporting Methods for all FMPs (NMFS lead)

Other Management Actions:

- Magnuson (2) 1. Continue to provide input to MSA reauthorization
- Research Steering (6) 1. Continue w/program, which has been funded thru Apr 2007
- TMGC (4) 1. Continue to support transboundary management w/CA
- Trawl Survey (3) 1. Continue to support Multispecies and Sea Scallop Advisory Committees
- VMS, Enforcement & Safety (5) 1. Develop new policy to maximize benefits of VMS, Enforcement & Safety
(Funding provided by NMFS)

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- Herring 1. Conduct review of herring specs for 2008 and 2009 and develop new spec package with an EA if necessary
- Multispecies 1. Develop new Amendment to develop Party & Charter Boat Fleet limited entry
2. Develop FW44 for issues cut from FW 42:
- Expanding the area for the CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP
 - Changes to the CAII YTF SAP (this SAP is not likely to open in FY 2006, so the changes were delayed)
 - Extending the Eastern US/CA Haddock SAP to a year round SAP, or a ten-month SAP
 - Allowing longline gear in the Eastern US/CA Haddock SAP (this gear may still be authorized by the RA if experimental results support using the gear)
 - Establishing a longline SAP in the WGOM Closed Area
 - Modifying seasonal closed areas in the GOM to address safety concerns
 - Changes to permit eligibility for scallop vessels
 - Removal of spawning blocks of time out of the groundfish fishery
 - Allowing a permit conversion for limited access DAS vessels that used handgear

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| Red Crab | 1. Continue to develop new Amendment to establish Harvesting Cooperatives |
| Ecosystem Plan | 1. Develop new Ecosystem Plan |
| Hagfish | 1. Develop new Hagfish FMP (Control date August 2002) |
| Monkfish | 1. Some Committee and AP members interested in the development of a Framework to implement a monkfish DAS leasing program |